

# World-Wide Experience with SRF facilities

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# Maximum Gradients

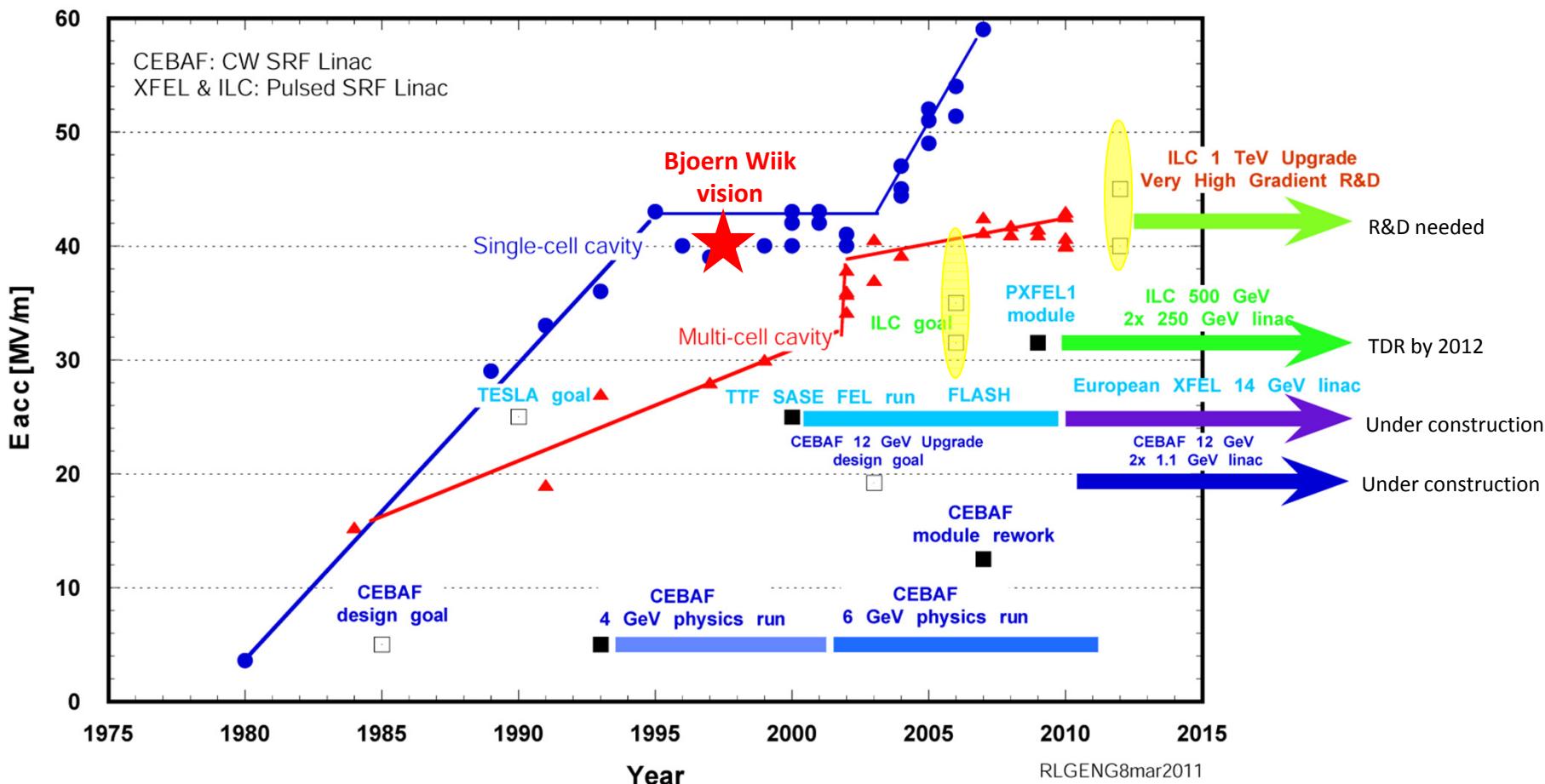
- SRF has a long history
  - HEPL, Stanford in the sixties
- There are two main areas of utilization
  - Linacs
    - CW for stable beams
    - Pulsed for maximum energy
  - Rings
    - High beam currents up to several Amps

# Maximum Gradients

- Early cavities operated at a gradient of a few MV/m
  - Recent cavities produced for the International Linear Collider (ILC) are achieving 35 MV/m
- Limit of pure Niobium is probably around 50-60 MV/m
  - Depends on detailed cavity shape
- Other materials or thin films are under study
  - Not operational yet

# SRF Cavity Gradient Progress

## L-Band SRF Niobium Cavity Gradient Envelope and Gradient R&D Impact to SRF Linacs



Steady progress in SRF cavity gradient makes SRF an enabling technology  
SRF based electron linacs (CW & pulsed) have track record of successful operations

Courtesy Rong-Li Geng

# Operating Gradients

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- The optimum operating gradient is determined by:
  - Maximum capability of the cavity
  - Cryogenic load
  - Reliability demanded by the Users
- Linacs
  - Pulsed – ILC spec is **31.5 MV/m** average
  - CW – JLab 12 GeV Upgrade spec is **19 MV/m** average
    - Focus on minimizing **duration** of trips
- Rings – KEKB operates at around **4.5 MV/m**

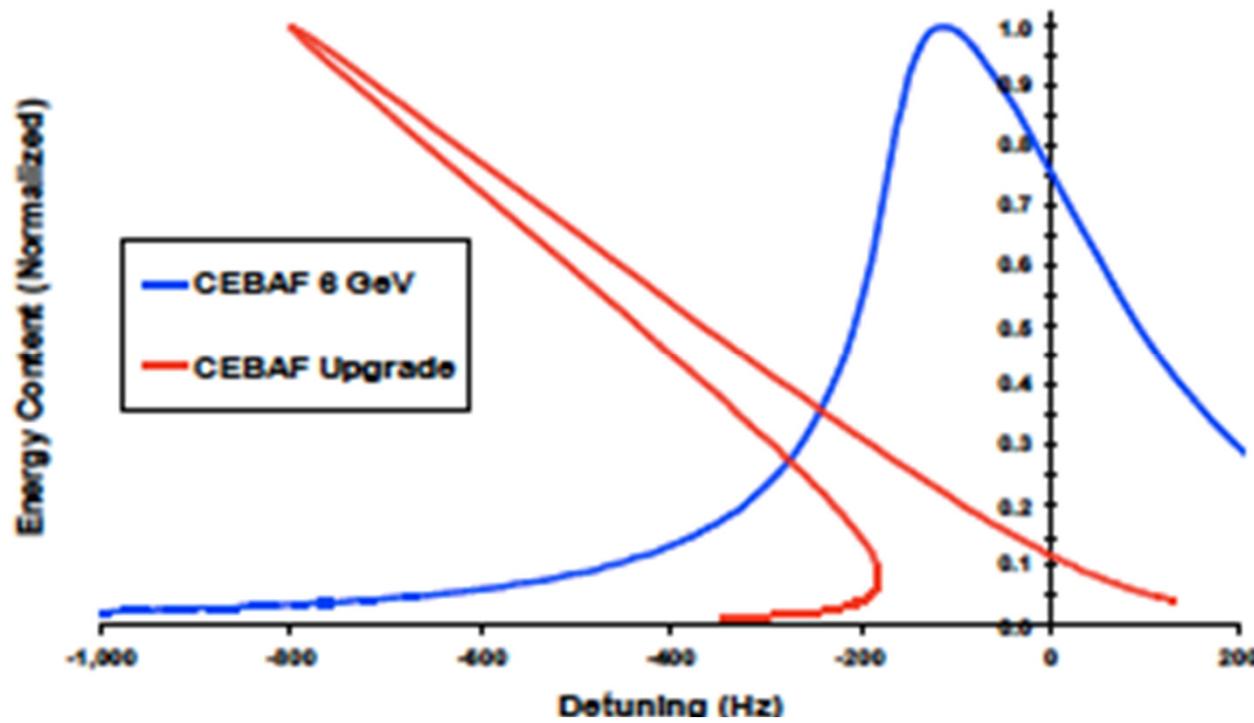
- Provide accelerated particles as an injector or for fixed target experiments
- Over-riding concern has been to increase gradient, often at the expense of availability
  - In CEBAF, the requirements of the experiments are to keep the RF trip rate below **15 per hour**
    - Operating energy is adjusted accordingly
- CEBAF now operates with energy 50% above design
  - Maximizes physics experimentation

# Pulsed versus CW Operation

- In Linacs, SRF cavities operate pulsed or CW
- Higher gradients can be achieved operationally in pulsed operation than in CW operation
  - Primarily driven by cryogenic capacity
    - Dynamic cryogenic losses proportional to gradient for a given maximum energy
  - SNS, FLASH, XFEL
- CW operation provides better beam stability
  - CEBAF, future light sources

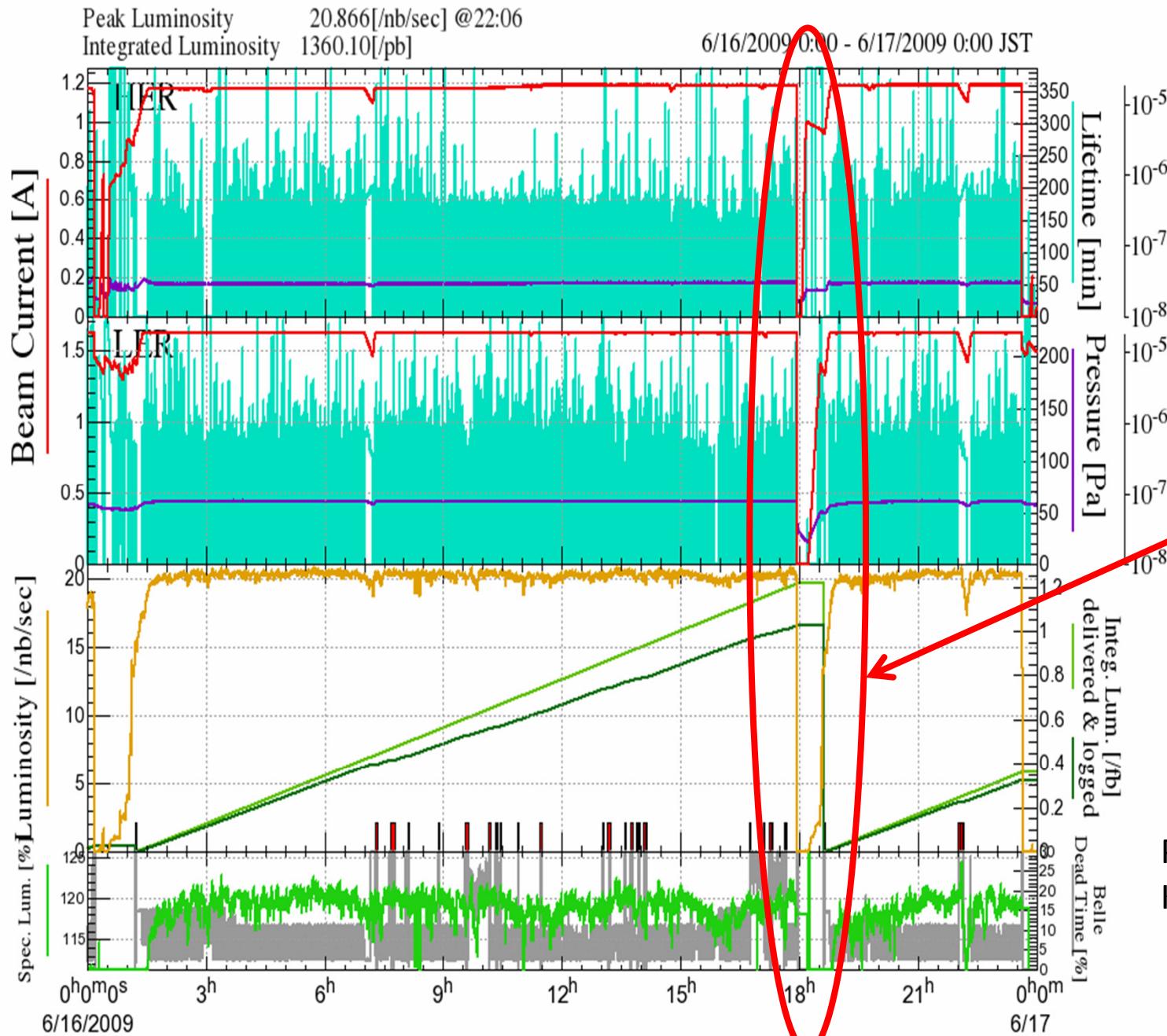
# Lorentz Detuning

- Gradients in SRF cavities are now so high that Lorenz detuning is a real problem
  - Control algorithms become complicated
  - Pulsed operation requires feed-forward



- Modern storage rings, operate in top-up mode
  - Both colliding beam experiments and synchrotron light sources
  - Continuous injection maintains beam current constant
    - Must avoid losing the stored beam
- RF trip leads to a loss of the stored beam
  - Refilling the stored beam leads to a significant loss of operating time
  - Optimum average operating gradient is lower than in Linacs to keep the trip rate at an acceptable level

# KEK One Day Data



Plot courtesy of  
Katsunori Akai, KEK



# Integrated Operating Experience

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- Define a unit – the Cryomodule Century (CC)
  - Ten cryomodules operating for a decade, or 50 of them operating for two years, yield 1 CC
- Total world's integrated SRF operating experience in the world is about **20 CC**

# Integrated Operating Experience

Facility	Cryomodule Centuries
ATLAS at ANL	3
CEBAF at JLab	6
CESR at Cornell	1
FLASH/TTF at DESY	1
HERA at DESY	1
KEKB at KEK	1
LEP-II at CERN	4
Tristan at KEK	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>~20</b>

# Future Operations

- The XFEL at DESY will accumulate 10 CC in the first decade of operation
  - Half the total experience to date
  - Similar to what JLab will have accumulated by then
    - Present experience is valid
- ILC will accumulate 186 CC in the first decade
  - Order of magnitude greater than present experience
  - Need to extrapolate present experience to plan ILC

# SRF Survey

- In preparation for this paper, an SRF Survey was prepared to gather information on the current state of worldwide SRF technology use
- The primary focus of the survey was on the availability and reliability of the main SRF technology
  - SRF cavities and cryomodules
  - Supporting technologies
    - Cryogenics, RF, vacuum, protection systems
- Secondary focus was performance and pervasiveness of SRF technology

- The survey was split into two separate questionnaires, one brief and one in-depth
- The brief questionnaire was designed to assess the use of SRF technology in laboratories around the world
- The in-depth questionnaire focused on:
  - Number of cryomodules
  - Installation date
  - Particles accelerated
  - Performance information
  - Reliability information

# Survey Responses

<b>Number of Surveys sent out</b>	<b>67</b>
Number of Responses Received	22
Number of Laboratories not using SRF	16
Number of laboratories using SRF	4
Number of laboratories planning to use SRF	2

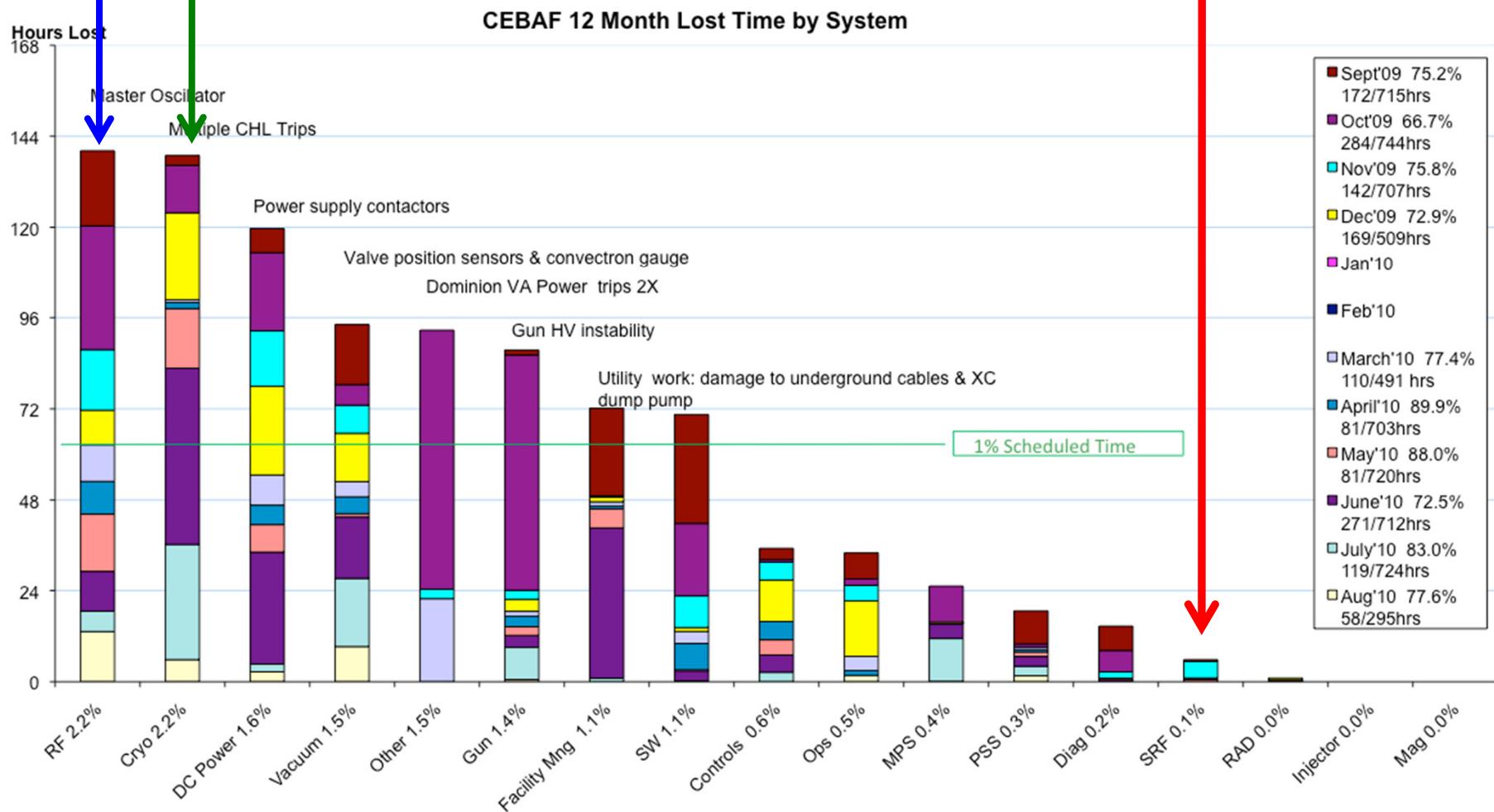
# SRF Availability

- Downtime from SRF and support systems was compared to operating time
  - Average downtime was 3.7%
  - Highest downtime was CEBAF 7.5%
- Downtime appears to scale with number of cavities
  - CEBAF 338
  - SNS 80
  - CESR 4
- Downtime primarily from support systems
  - SRF cavities and cryomodules a small fraction

# CEBAF Downtime from All Sources

**RF Cryo**

**SRF**



# Common Issues with Support Systems

- High-voltage modulators that supply power
  - Results in downtimes from <1 hour to <1 week
- RF control instabilities
- Vacuum valve and pump failures
- Cryogenics issues
  - Failed turbines
  - Unstable cryogenic liquid levels
- Fast shut down or protection interlock trips

# Future Reliability Direction

- Focus on **improving support systems** will increase reliability more than the total time lost due to failures with the cavities and cryomodules
  - Will be the next major push to improve reliability of SRF based accelerators
- Survey still open at [https://cebaf.jlab.org/srf-survey/main\\_survey](https://cebaf.jlab.org/srf-survey/main_survey)
- Results, including raw data, available at <https://cebaf.jlab.org/srf-survey/home>

# Fast RF Trips

## Accelerator and Target Technology for Accelerator Driven Transmutation and Energy Production

### *White Paper Working Group Report*

- A Table of trip requirements for an ADS accelerator was produced by the Working Group for this White Paper

# Trip Requirements for ADS

	Transmutation Demonstration	Industrial Scale Transmutation	Industrial Scale Power Generation with Energy Storage	Industrial Scale Power Generation without Energy Storage
Beam Power	1-2 MW	10-75 MW	10-75 MW	10-75 MW
Beam Energy	0.5-3 GeV	1-2 GeV	1-2 GeV	1-2 GeV
Beam Time Structure	CW/pulsed (?)	CW	CW	CW
Beam trips ( $t < 1$ sec)	N/A	< 25000/year	<25000/year	<25000/year
Beam trips ( $1 < t < 10$ sec)	< 2500/year	< 2500/year	<2500/year	<2500/year
Beam trips ( $10\text{ s} < t < 5\text{ min}$ )	< 2500/year	< 2500/year	< 2500/year	< 250/year
Beam trips ( $t > 5\text{ min}$ )	< 50/year	< 50/year	< 50/year	< 3/year
Availability	> 50%	> 70%	> 80%	> 85%

Initial requirement per cryomodule per year is  
 100 trips< 10 seconds, 100 trips <5 minutes,  
 2 per year >5 min

# Fast Shut-Down Systems at CEBAF

- CEBAF has a complex Machine Protection System (MPS) to protect the SRF cavities during operation
  - All other SRF installations have similar systems
- The MPS includes a suite of automated Fast Shut Down (FSD) procedures
  - Designed to detect the presence of an arc
  - Remove RF power and the electron beam before the cavity is damaged
    - Both of these sources can supply enough energy to the cavity to maintain an arc indefinitely

# CEBAF RF Trip Analysis

- FSDs evaluated for a one-year period from August 2009 to September 2010.
- CEBAF was operating with:
  - **29** of the original C-20 cryomodules
    - Designed for a total acceleration of 20 MV each
  - **9** C-50 cryomodules producing 50 MV each
    - Original cryomodules that were reworked to:
      - Increase the average accelerating gradient
      - Modify the input power waveguides to prevent field-emitted electrons from hitting RF window

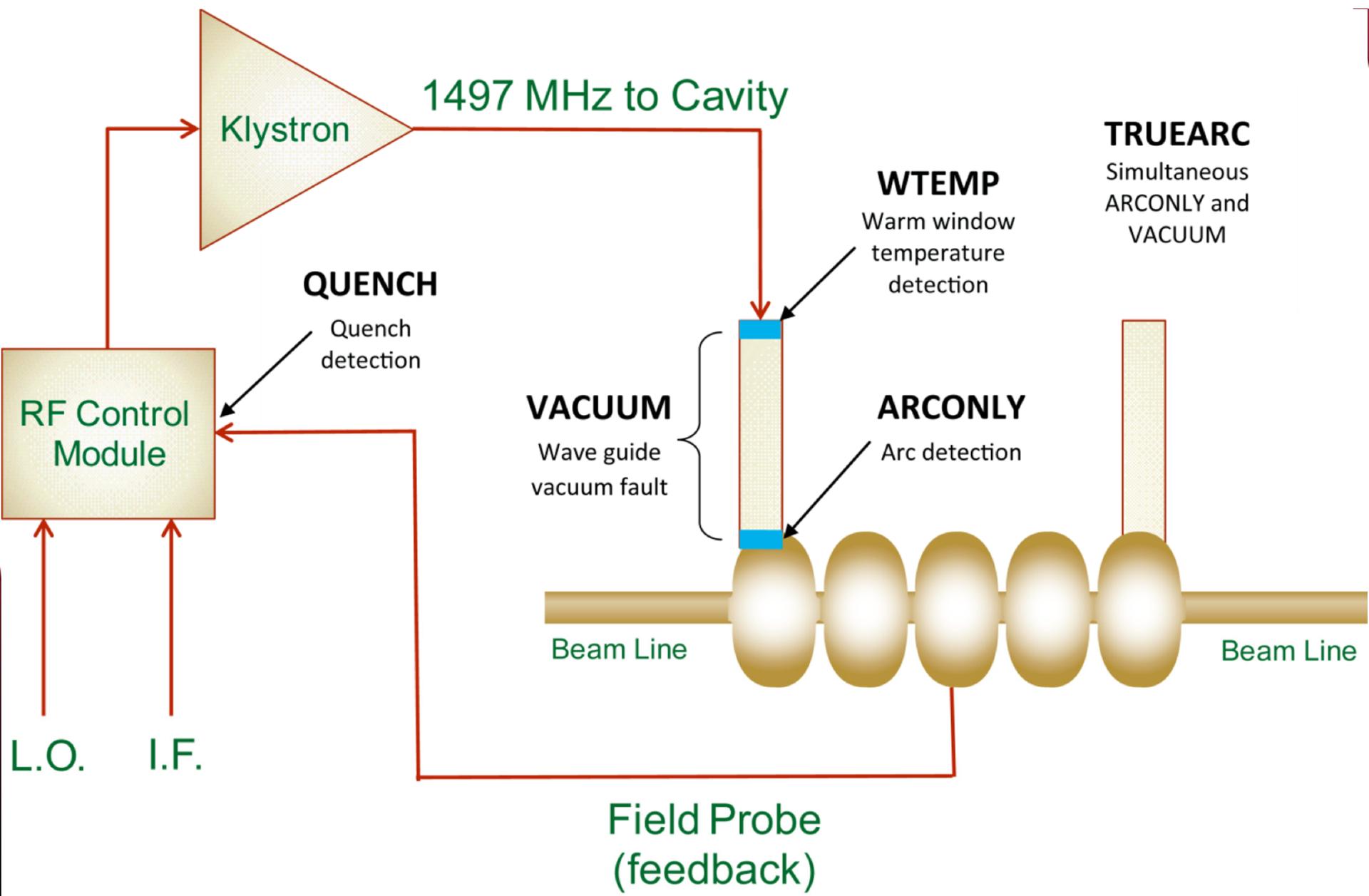
# Total FSD Trip Rate

- CEBAF was operating at 50% above design (6 GeV)
- C-20 cryomodules had an average gradient of 9.4 MV/m
  - Average trip rate: **516.3** per cryomodule per year
- C-50 cryomodules operate at around 12.1 MV/m
  - Average trip rate: **579** per cryomodule per year
- Difference is not statistically significant
- Operationally, gradients evolved to equalize FSD trip rates

Compare to ADS requirement of  
<100 per cryomodule per year



# FSD Schematic



- **ARCONLY** faults – signal from a photodiode, to detect an arc flash at the cryomodule window
- **WTEMP** faults – increase in cryomodule window temperature
- **QUENCH** faults - sudden change in field in the SRF cavities implying a loss of superconductivity
- **VACUUM** faults - pressure increase in the RF waveguide
- **TRUEARC** faults are those that have triggered both **ARCONLY** and **VACUUM** faults simultaneously
  - Two independent systems – real arc
    - But others may be real arcs too!

# Summary of RF Trip Data

	C-20	C-50
Total	516.3	579.0
TRUEARC	278.4	24.8
VACUUM	66.4	166.0
ARCONLY	81.75	20.0
QUENCH	100.71	359.9
WTEMP	16.2	17.1

# Arc Trips

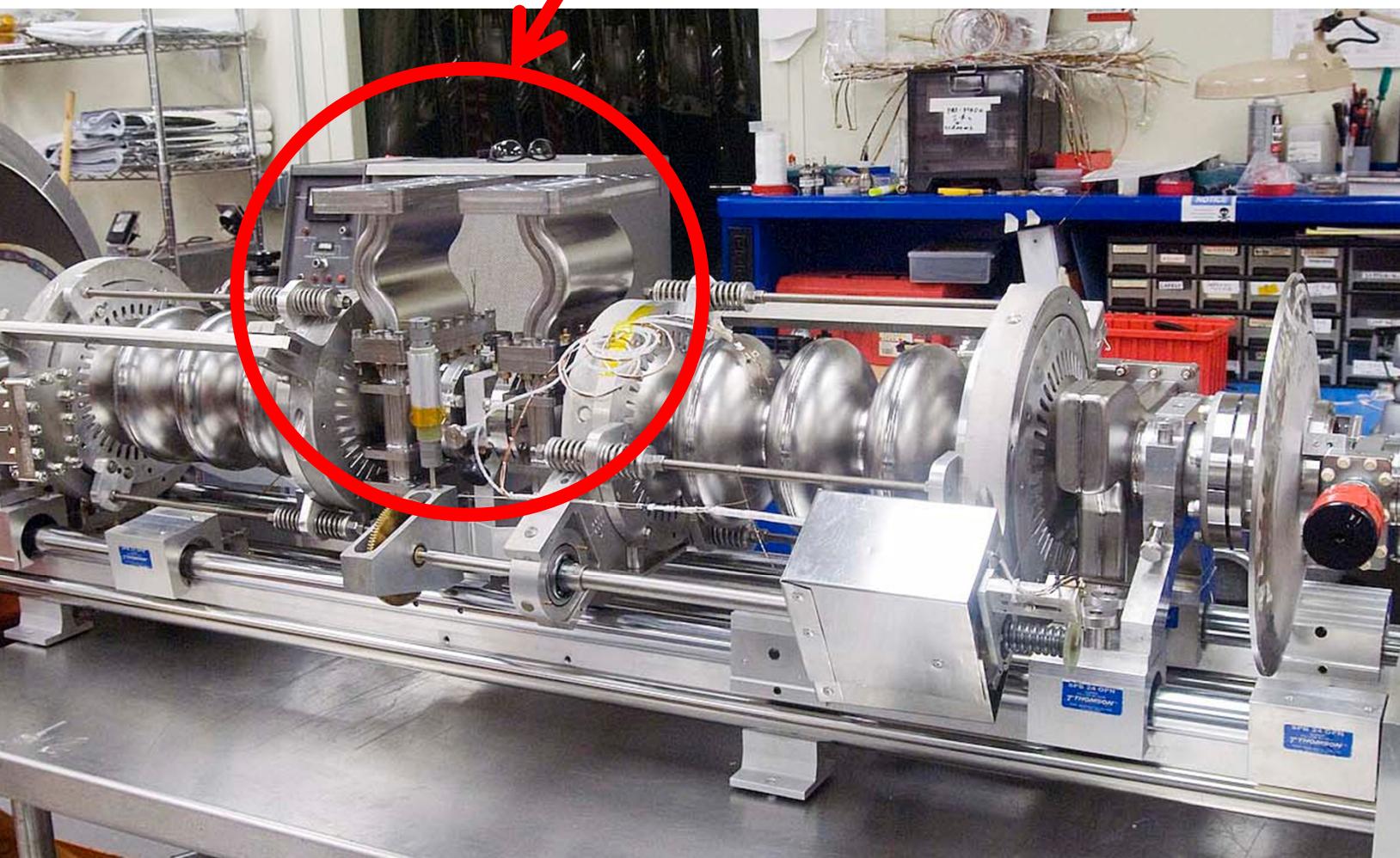
- **TRUEARC** faults were significantly lower in C-50 cryomodules compared to C-20 cryomodules
  - C-20    **278.3** trips per cryomodule per year
  - C-50    **24.8** trips per cryomodule per year
- This was due to the addition of a “dogleg to prevent electrons emitted in the cavity from striking the waveguide window
  - Modification was successful!

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# C-50 Waveguide Modification

“Dogleg” prevents field emitted electrons from hitting the waveguide window



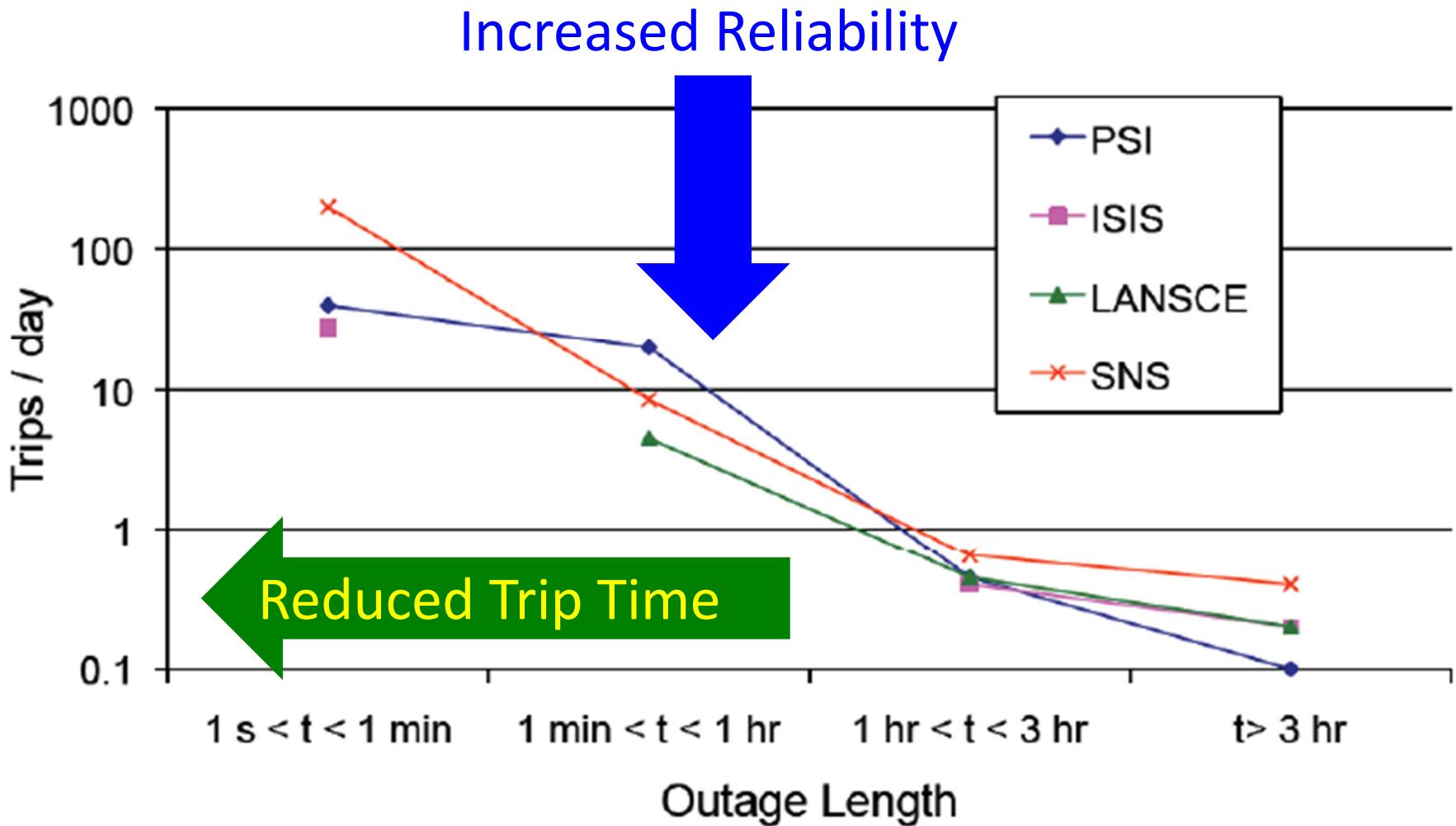
# Quench Faults

- **QUENCH** faults account for **20.0** percent of all **C-20** trips and **62.2** percent of all **C-50** trips
- Maximum cavity gradient is limited to 1 MV/m below the gradient at which each cavity quenches, as recorded during commissioning,
  - It is unlikely that they are real quenches
- Increased QUENCH faults are likely due to the greater stress placed on the RF power sources of the C-50 cryomodules
  - QUENCH faults will be targeted for future reliability and performance enhancements

# Vacuum and Waveguide Temperature Faults

- **VACUUM** faults account for **13.2** percent of all C-20 trips and **28.7** percent of all C-50 trips
  - The increased VACUUM faults are a mystery
  - The implication is that some new behavior may be present, e.g.
    - Arcing in the cavity where the arc sensor is blind
    - Erroneous readings (unlikely to be so widespread)
    - Something else?
- **WTEMP** faults remained relatively constant and represent only a minor amount of all faults

# Trip Frequency for Proton Accelerators



J. Galambos, T. Koseki and M. Seidel, Proc. 2008 ICFA Workshop on High-Intensity High-Brightness Hadron Beams (HB2008), p. 489

# Conclusions 1

- SRF has become a widespread technology
- Future projects that will use SRF include
  - 12 GeV Upgrade at JLab (under construction)
  - FRIB at MSU
  - Project X at Fermilab
  - SNS Power Upgrade Project at ORNL
  - SuperKEKB at KEK (under construction)
  - XFEL at DESY (under construction)
  - European Spallation Source at Lund
  - ILC
  - ADS accelerators?

# Conclusions

- The operating experience that has already been accumulated is invaluable to help plan future projects
- Problem areas will be different
  - We will fix the things we know
  - We will find new limitations!
- Availability and trip rates can be reduced to acceptable levels if the requirement is sufficiently strong
  - Ring experience supports this
- New projects should plan on replacing ~1-2% of accelerating gradient each year of operation

A big thank you to everyone  
who filled in the Survey

It's not too late if you haven't!