

# The Hall A Compton Polarimeter Upgrade

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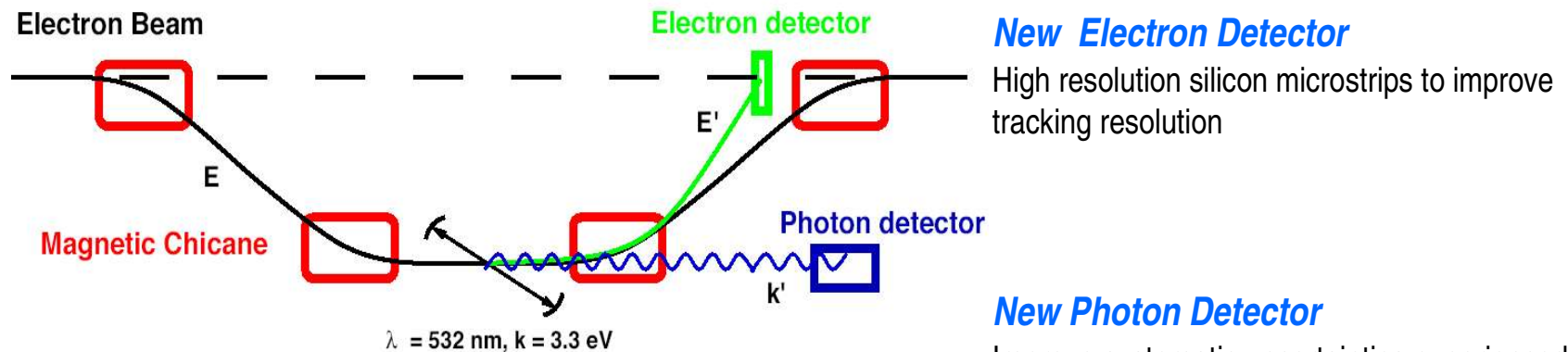


# The Hall A Compton Polarimeter Upgrade

## Motivation:

Improve accuracy of polarization experiments by providing 1% beam polarimetry down to 1 GeV. High precision Parity violating experiments are feasible with this upgrade

## Scope:



### *New Electron Detector*

High resolution silicon microstrips to improve tracking resolution

### *New Photon Detector*

Improve systematic uncertainties experienced in the counting method  
While preserving counting abilities

### *High Power Green Fabry-Perot Cavity*

Twice the Analyzing power of present IR cavity

➔ **Four-fold increase in Figure-of-Merit**

**Participating Institutions:** Jefferson Lab, Saclay, Syracuse, Clermont-Ferrand, Uva, Duke, Carnegie-Mellon

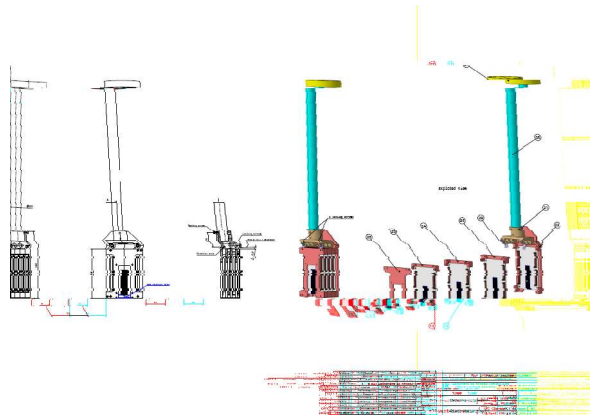


# Electron Detector

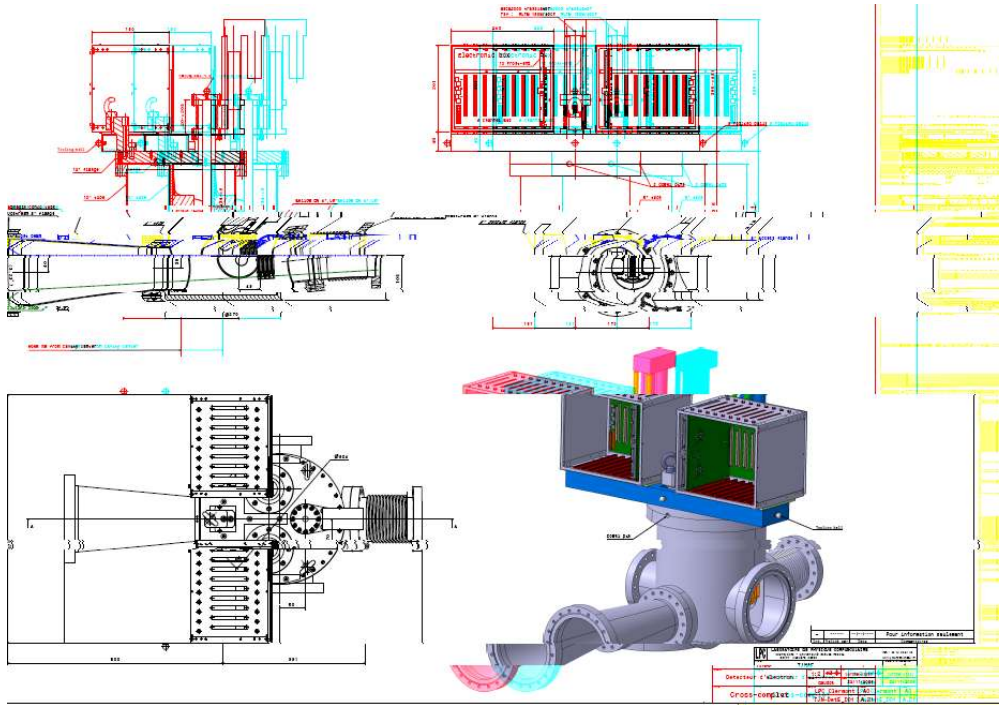
LPC Clermont-Ferrand (contact: B. Michel)

- **Scope**

- 768 ch 240  $\mu\text{m}$  pitch silicon  $\mu\text{strips}$
- 4 Planes, 192 strips/plane, 1 cm spacing between planes
- 120 mm Vertical motion to allow coverage of Compton edge from 0.8-11 GeV
- New custom front-end, FPGA trigger module (ETROC)
- New DAQ and Analysis Software



# Electron Detector Assembly



# Electron Detector Status

- **Detector & Electronics** (*Michel Brossard*)
  - Four planes of Silicon microstrips delivered by Canberra Systems
  - Defects found in the detector's connectors after tests at Clermont (Brossard)
  - Canberra is to replace with new detectors in time for Feb 08 Installation
- **Mechanical** (*Francois Daudon*)
  - Detector chamber and mechanics manufactured
  - Parts assembled and tested at Clermont-FD
- **Controls** (*Jack Segal, Sue Witherspoon*)
  - Vertical Motion controller being configured
  - EPICS interface being developed
  - Use existing beam FSD interlock electronics
- **DAQ** (*Bob, Alex etc...*)
  - CODA readout for new ETROC
  - New electron event decoder (?)
  - New Analyzer (?)
  - *The new detector will be compatible with old DAQ and Analysis with only 48 strips active, Just in case...*
- **Support Structure and Installation** (*Alan Gavalya, Tim Whitlach*)
  - Survey alignment scheme finalized
  - Support structure in design
  - Preliminary installation plan developed

Installation begins February 08



# Photon Detector

Carnegie-Mellon University (Contact: Gregg Franklin)

- Calorimeter

- Single crystal GSO, 6 $\phi$ x15 cm cylinder, Single PMT
- High light output, fast decay time (less than 60 ns)
- Can do triggered counting as well as integration.
- GSO Crystal ordered from Hitachi Chem. Delivery this month
- Mechanical support in design phase
- Tests planned at CMU (Diana)

- Integrating DAQ

- New Flash ADC ordered (Bob)
- Beam tests in Feb 08



# Green Fabry-Perot Cavity

Jefferson Lab (contact: SN)

- **Specification**

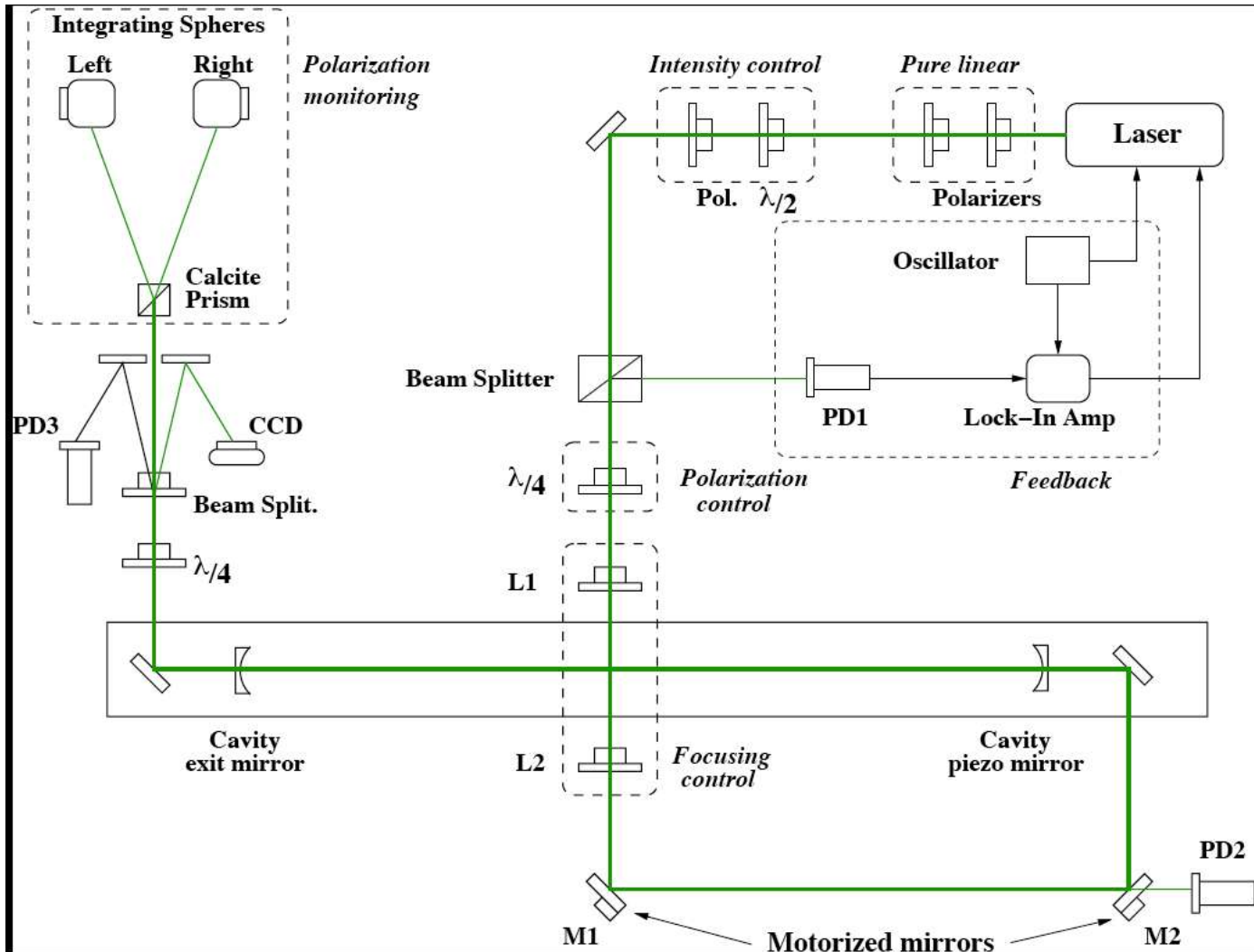
- Intracavity power      1.5 kW
- Wavelength              532 nm
- Mode                      CW, TEM<sub>00</sub>
- CIP Spot size ( $\sigma$ )      65  $\mu\text{m}$
- Locking                    PDH

- **Solutions**

- Primary: a) Tunable “smart” single pass Green Laser -> “Passive” High Finesse cavity
  - » Feedback to laser
- b) Tunable “smart” IR Laser + single pass PPLN SHG -> “Passive” High Finesse cavity
  - » Feedback to laser
- Alternate: non-tunable “dumb” Green Laser + Electro-optic modulator -> “Active” low Finesse cavity
  - » Feedback to cavity

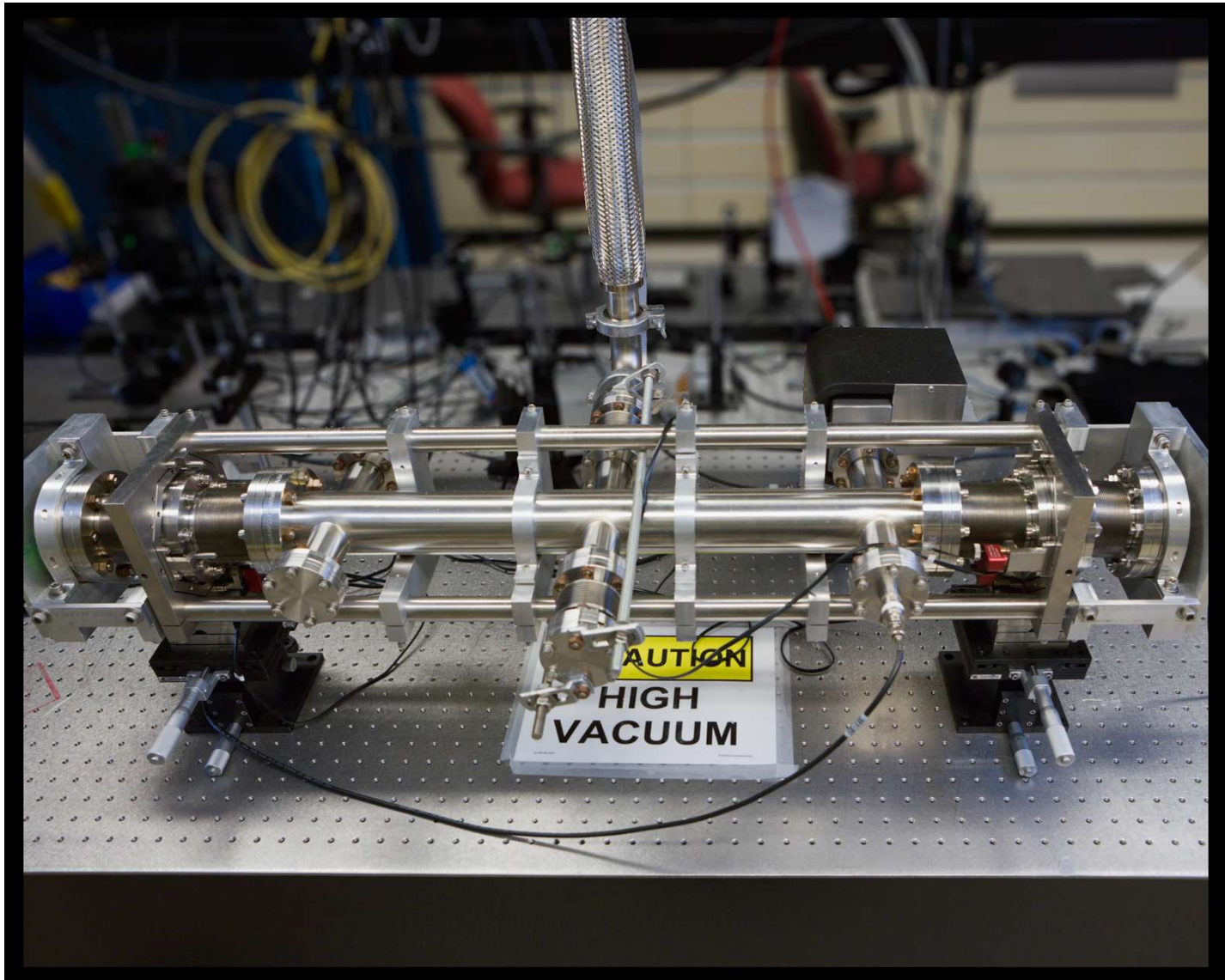


# Optical Setup





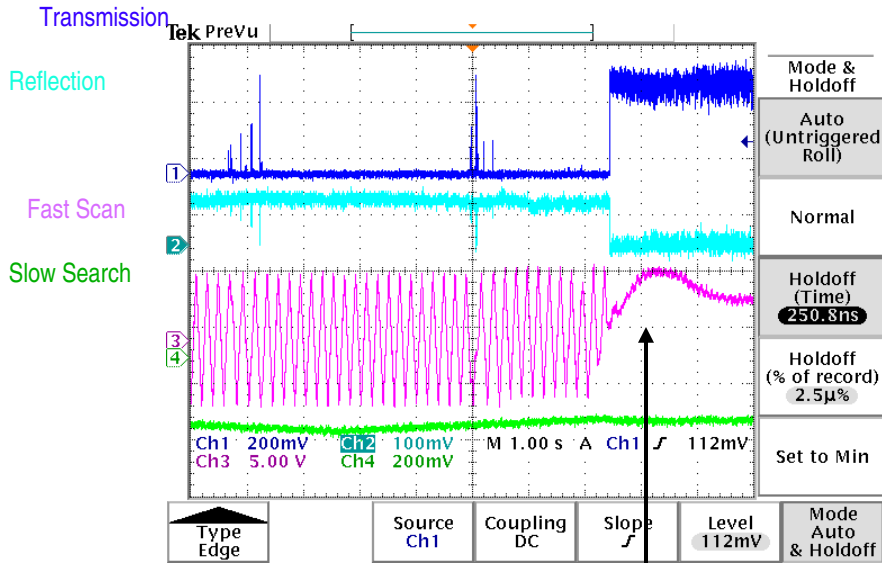
# Assembled Cavity



Photograph: Alan Gavalya

# Cavity Locking Algorithm

10-sec Scope Trace



Lock Command

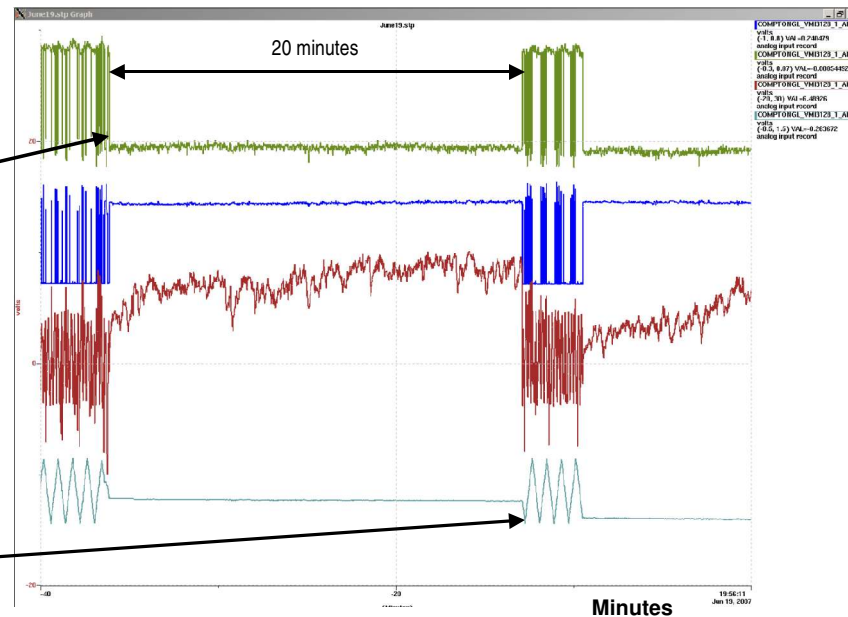
Fast Ramp + Error Signal

Unlock Command

## Locking@low finesse

- On-demand lock with homemade Cavlock
- Stable and reliable Lock for hours
- Production version being implemented (Fernado Barbosa)

40-min Strip Chart



# PPLN Doubler

- **Passive SHG with periodically poled (PP) Lithium Niobate (LN)**

- Use the Lightwave Nd:YAG laser as 1064 nm pump
- Double frequency with Quasi-phase matching of pole period
- LN is more efficient than KTP used in the Prometheus laser

- **PPLN double progress**

- QPM is sensitive to temperature
- Homemade TEC based stabilization with < 10 mK temperature long term stability
- Better than 20 mK temp uniformity along a 50 mm crystal
- Better mode matching of beam waist and better alignment

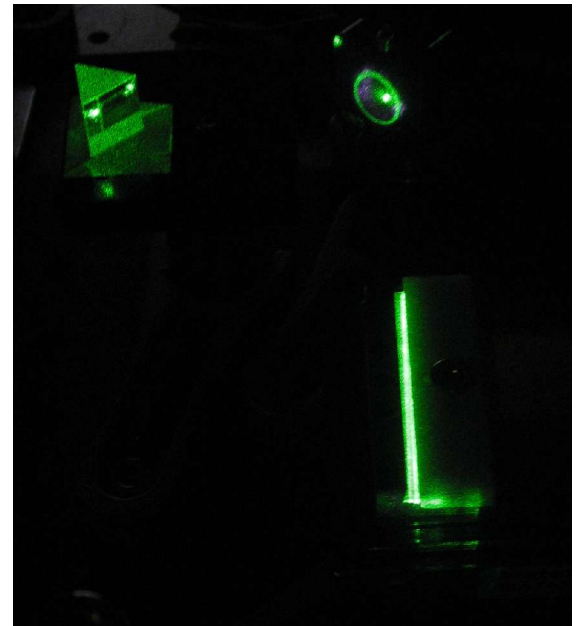
- Net result:

We have achieved 17%/W conversion efficiency.

*Far better than published results!*

- **PPLN preserves the IR laser's linewidth, feedback abilities**

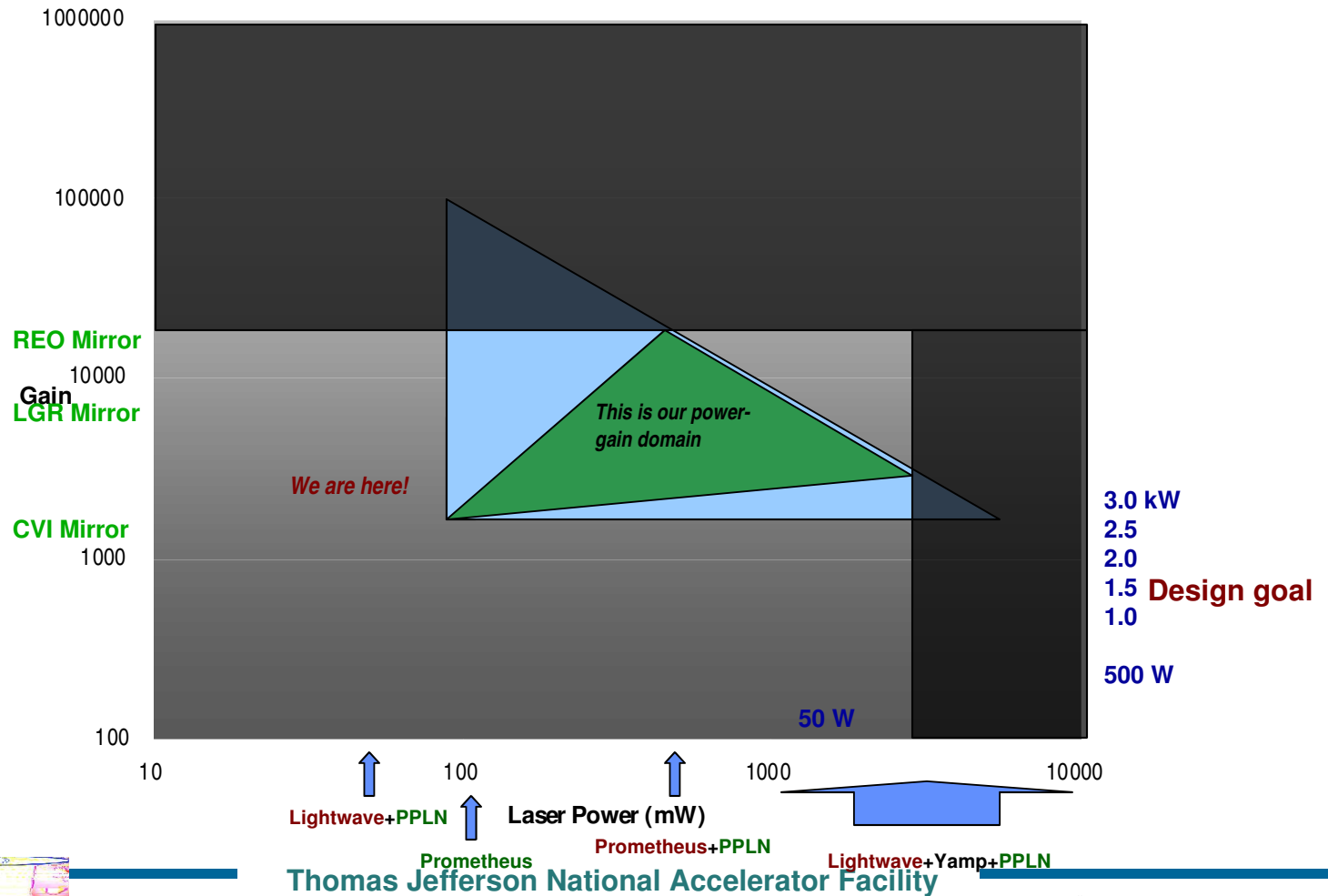
- We can use existing laser control system
- We can use existing locking electronics
- Remaining technical issues:
  - Coupling free space laser to a fiber
  - Coupling to a 10W Ytterbium Fiber Amplifier
  - Mitigating with high power damage, safety issues



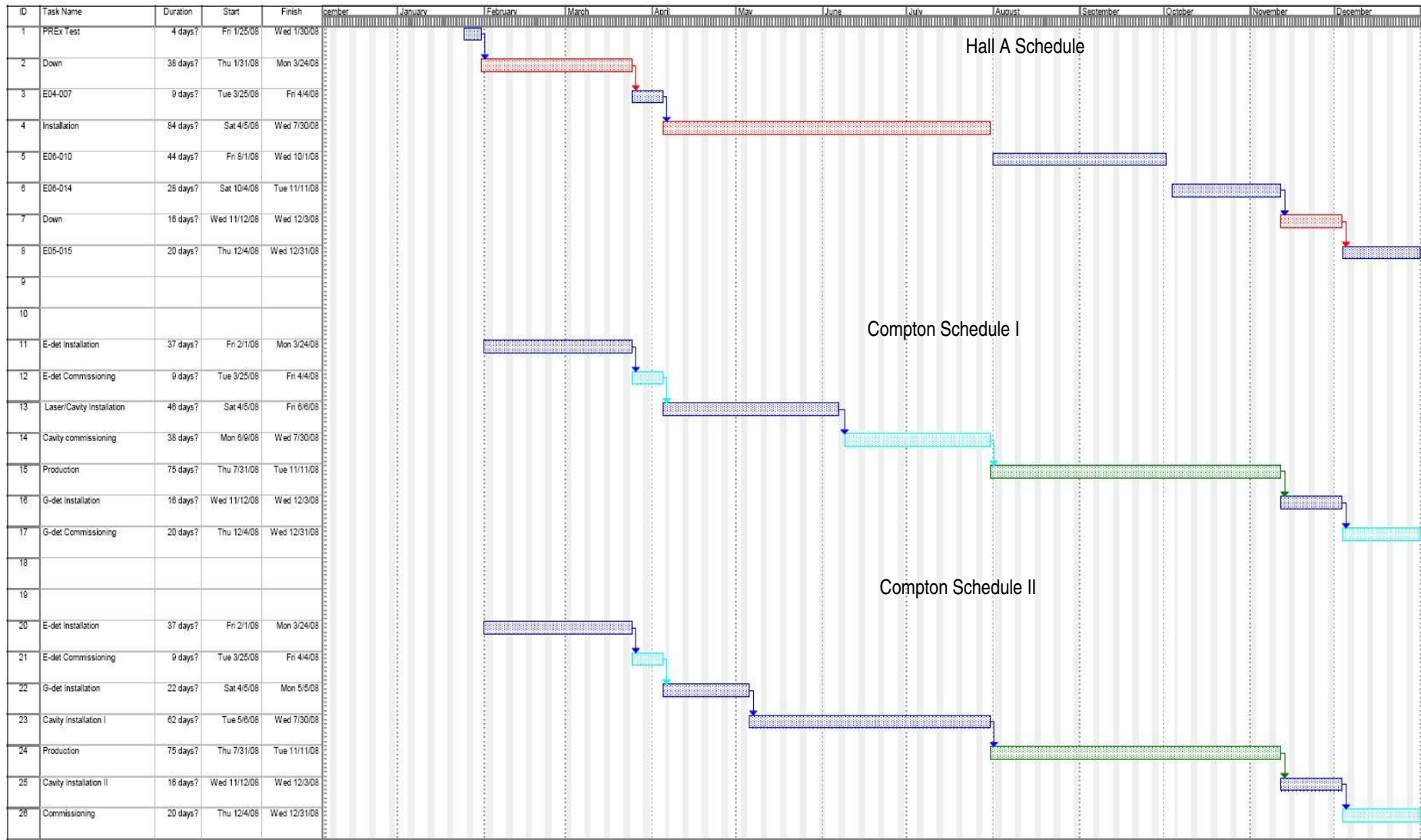
# INTRA-CAVITY POWER: *The challenge*

$$P_{\text{cav}} = \alpha \cdot \beta \cdot g \cdot P_{\text{laser}}$$

where  $\alpha$  = Optics transport efficiency (~72%)  
 $\beta$  = Cavity Coupling efficiency (~25%)  
 $g$  = Cavity gain  
**Cavity Power Balance**



# Schedule



# Summary

- **Electron detector ready for Feb 08 Installation**
- **Photon detector ahead of schedule, will be ready for Summer 08 installation**
- **Green FP Cavity facing technical challenges** *e.g. locking, power gain*
- **Progress with Green FP cavity**
  - Robust locking at low finesse has been achieved
  - Lock feedback loop tune in progress at medium finesse,
    - short locks achieved
  - High finesse setup to follow
- **PPLN doubler is a success story! Likely candidate with Y fiber Amp for our production solution**

Funds are adequate. Project is manpower Limited!  
In search of an expert on laser/photronics instrumentation...

