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Fourth generation light sources require high brightness electron beams. To achieve this a cathode with a high quantum efficiency and low intrinsic emittance is required while also being robust with a long lifetime and low dark current. Alkali-metal photocathodes have the potential to fulfil these requirements and, as such, are an important area of research for the accelerator physics community.

A Cs-Te photocathode grown at STFC Daresbury Laboratory is presented. Important photoemissive properties such as quantum efficiency (QE), mean transverse energy (MTE) and lifetime have been investigated using the Transverse Energy Spread Spectrometer (TESS). Elevated MTE beyond the Cs₂Te photoemission threshold is reported as well the QE decrease and MTE increase when a Cs-Te photocathode is subject to progressive oxygen degradation.

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