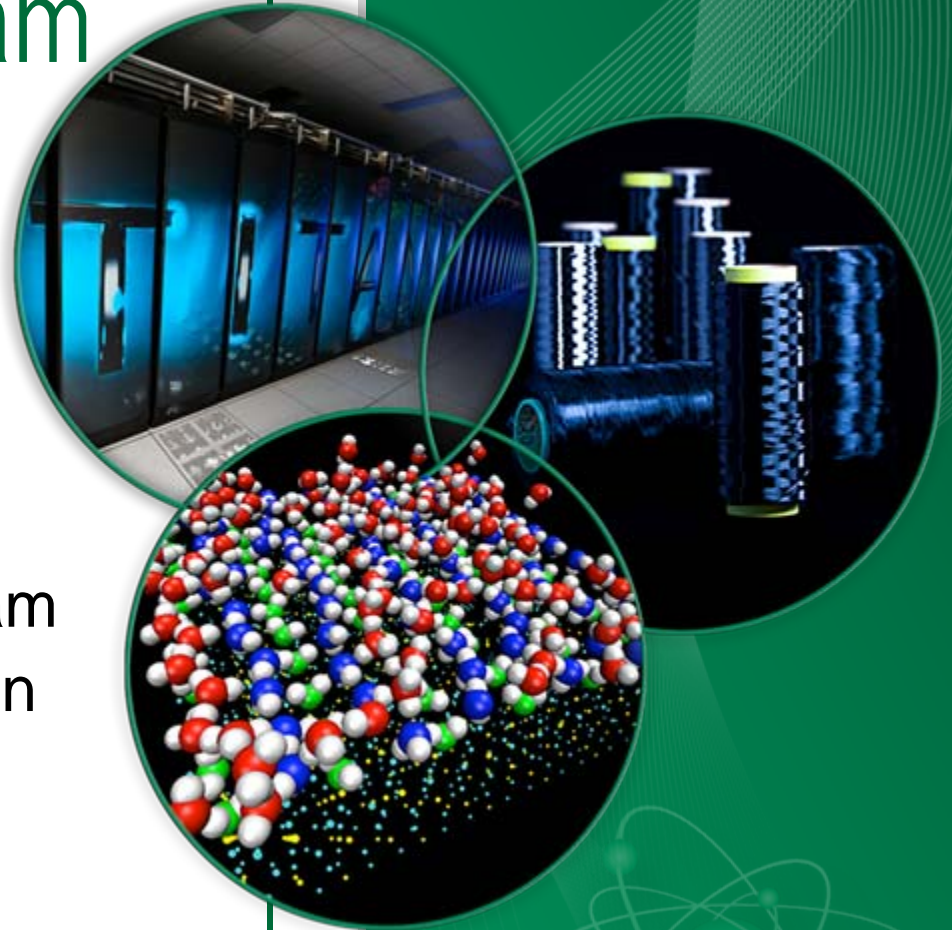


Laser Based H- Beam Diagnostics

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Outline

- Overview of laser based H- beam diagnostics
- SCL laser wire profile monitor
- HEBT laser emittance scanner
- MEBT laser bunch shape monitor
- Commissioning experience
- Conclusion

Laser Based Beam Instrumentation at the SNS Accelerator Complex

- ① MEBT Laser Bunch Shape Monitor
- ② SCL Laser Wire Profile Monitor
- ③ HEBT Laser Emittance Scanner
- ④ Laser Assisted H- Stripping

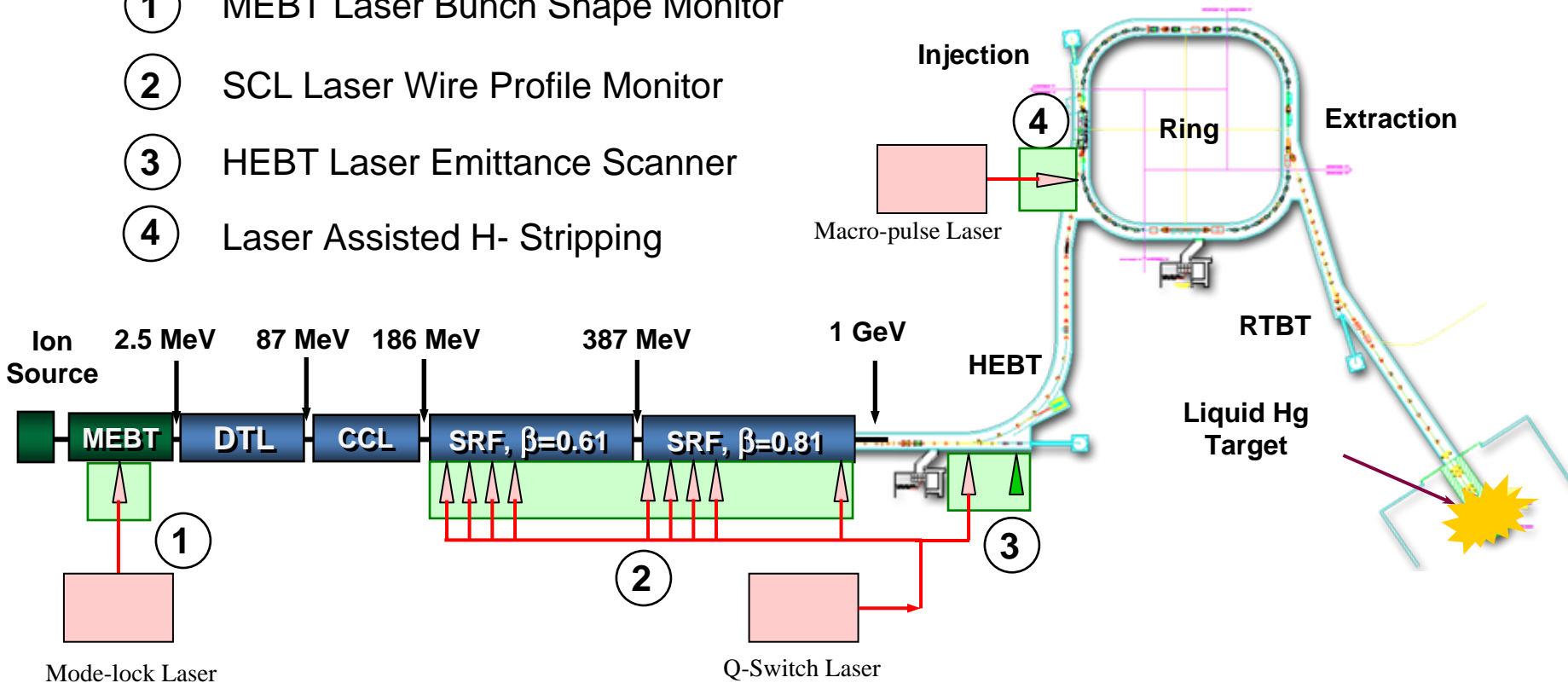
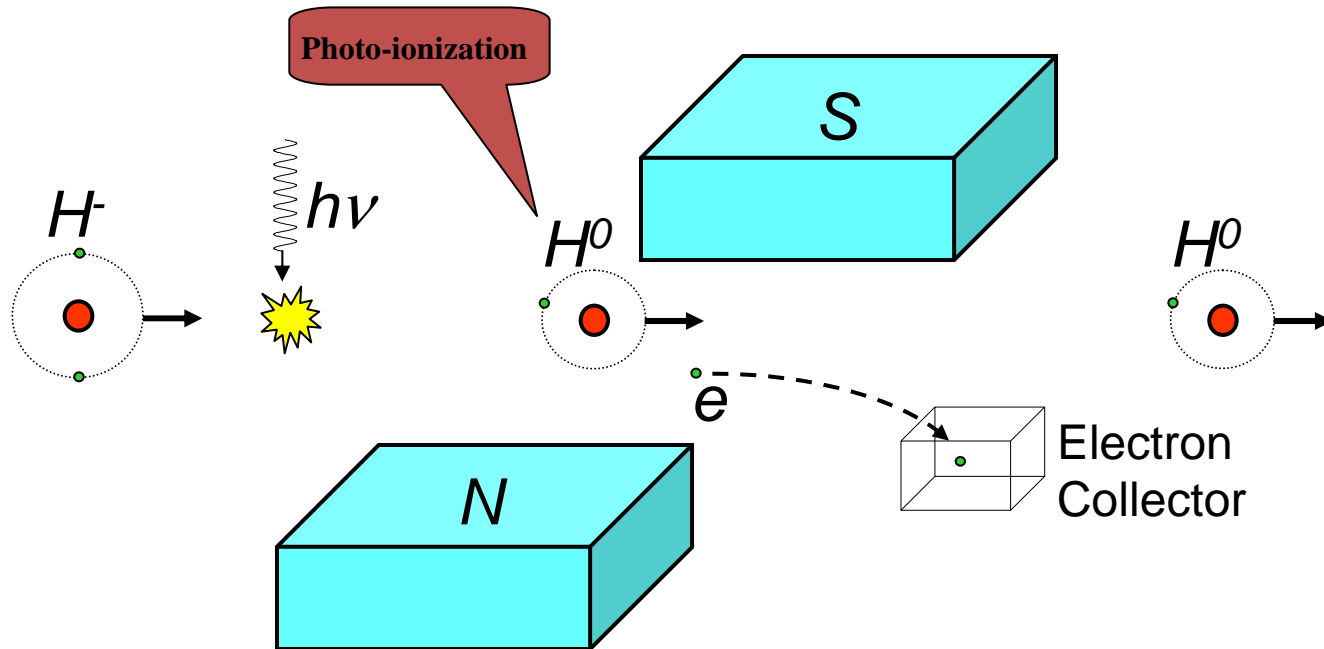
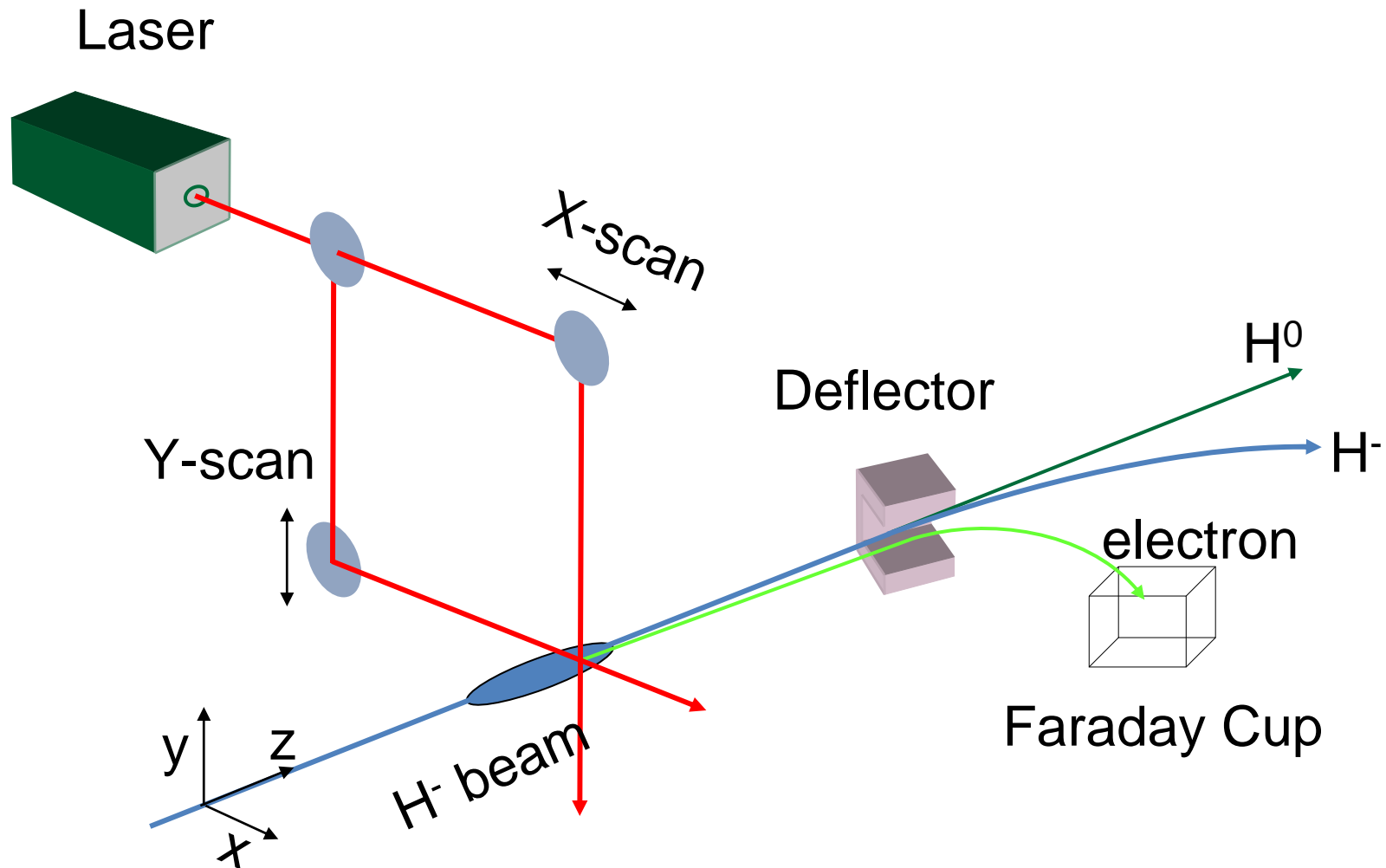


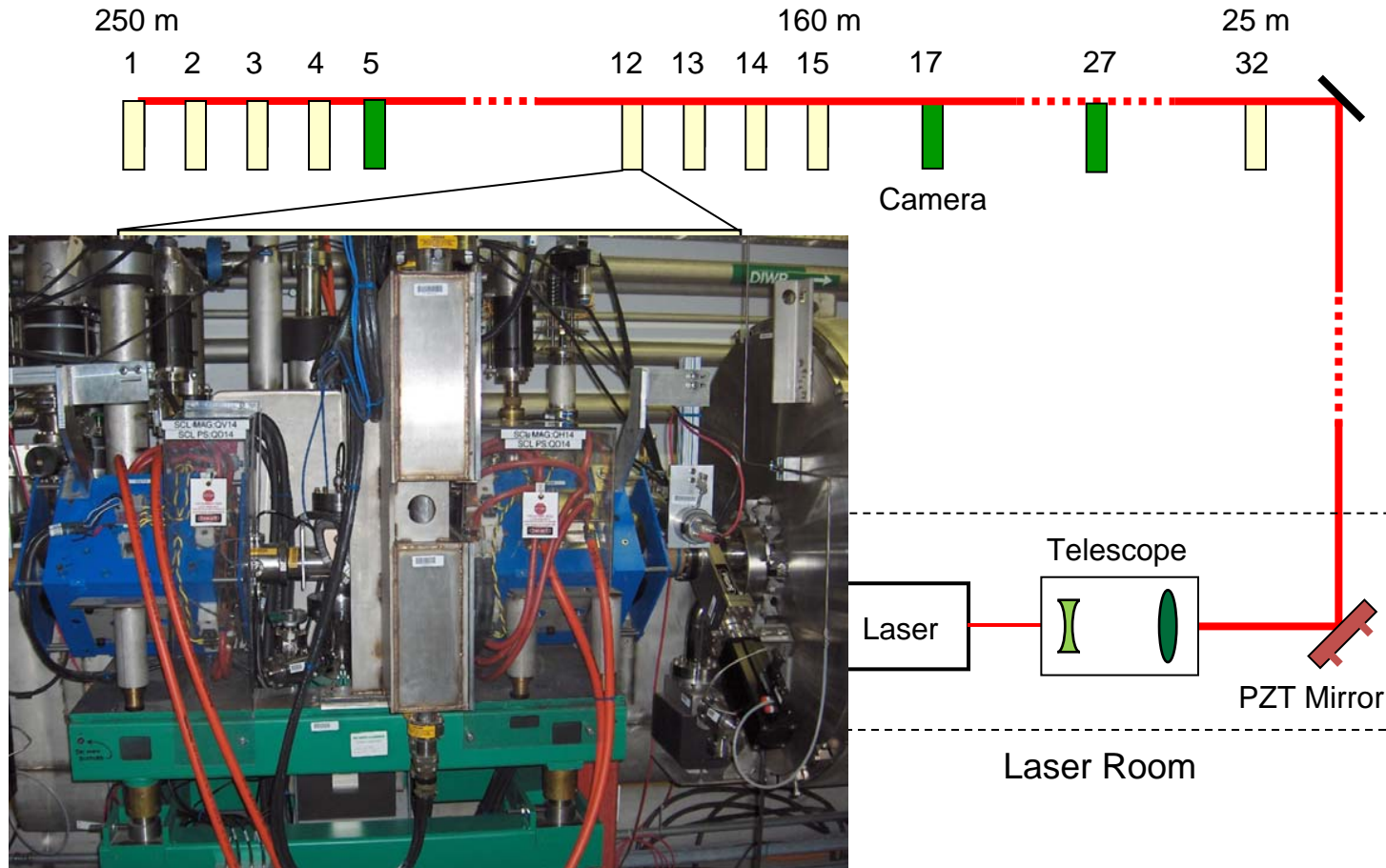
Photo-ionization – Physics behind Laser Based Ion Beam Diagnostics



Laser Wire Profile Monitor



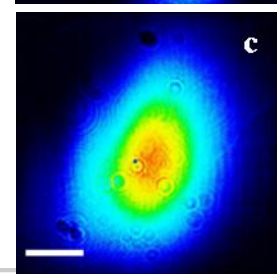
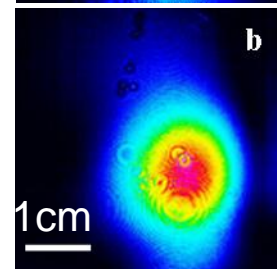
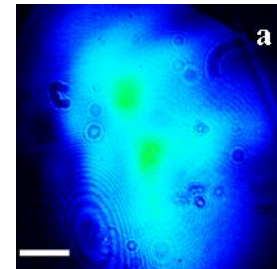
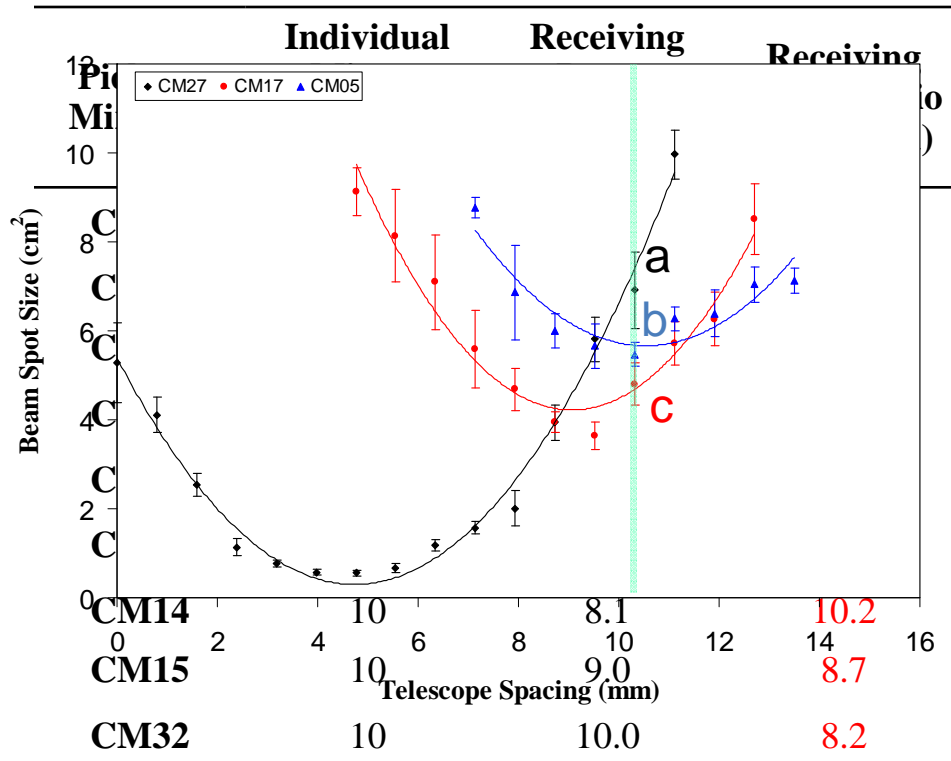
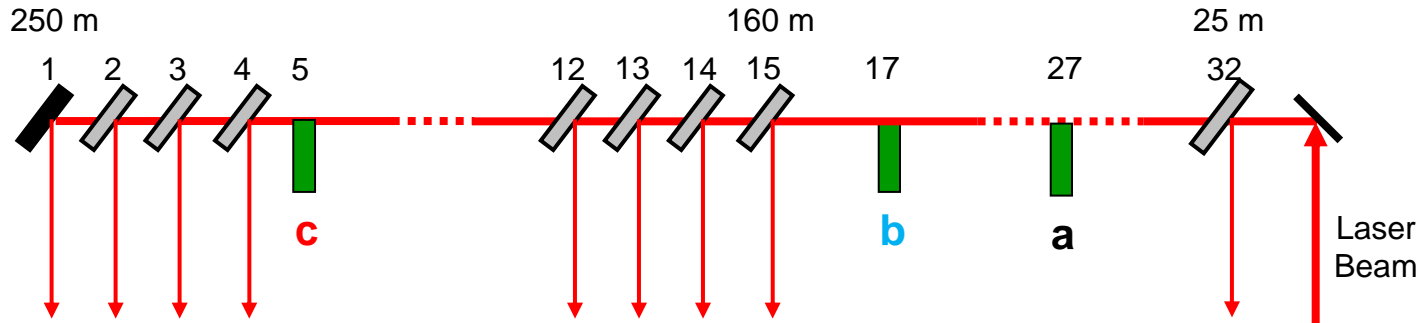
SCL Laser Wire Profile Measurement System



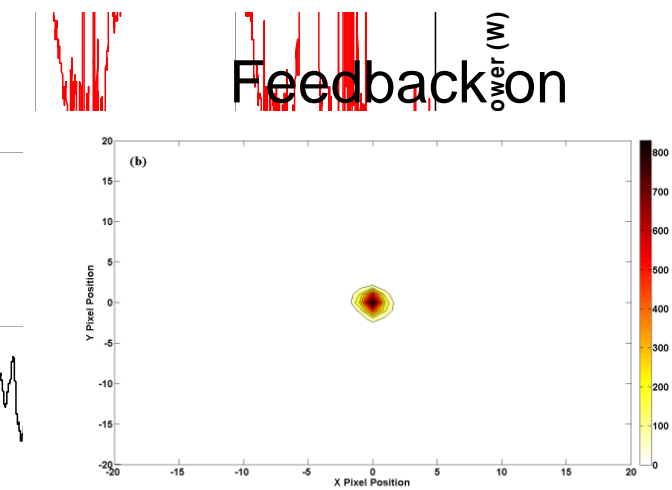
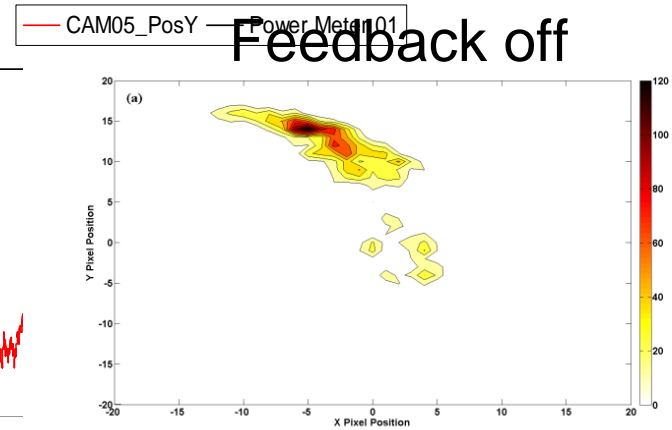
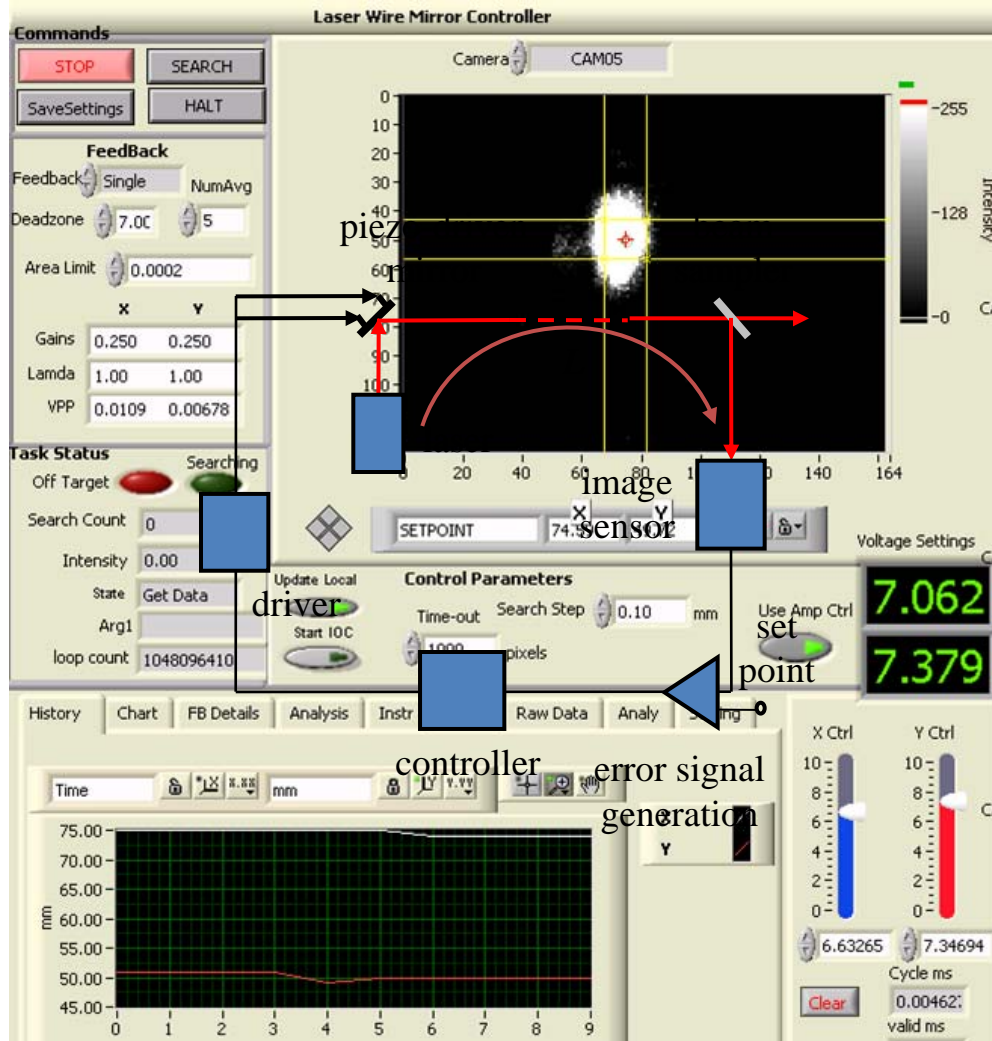
[Liu et al, NIMA 612 \(2010\) 241–253;](#)

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Laser Transport Line



Laser Beam Pointing Stabilization

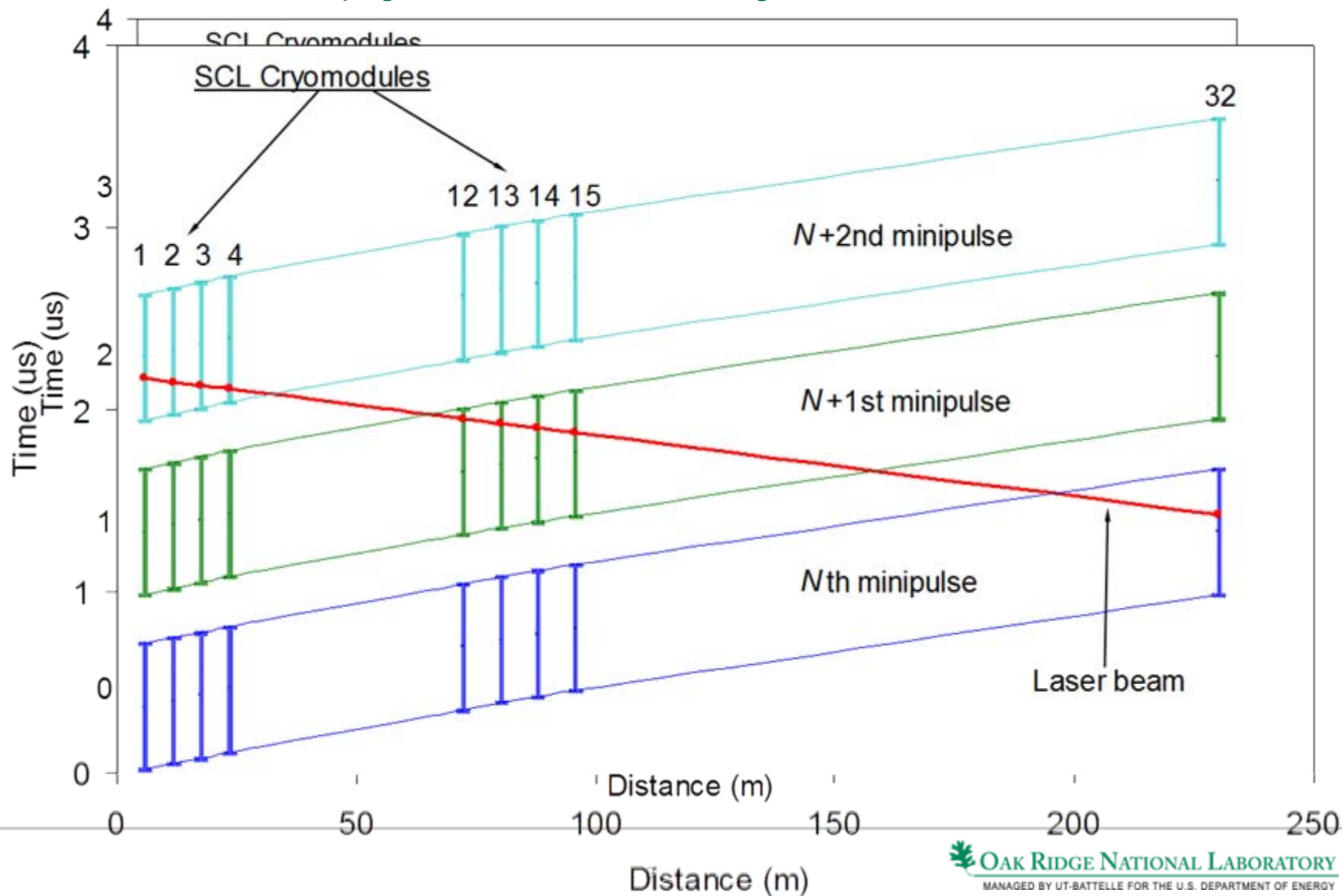


$\pm 1.25 \text{ mm} @ 250 \text{ m}$

Hardin et al, *Opt. Express* 19 (2011) 2874-2885.

Phase Tuning between Laser and H- Pulses

Propagation of Ion Beam and Light Beam



EDM Screens for Laser Wire System



From EPICS, user can select one, multiple, or all scanners

From EPICS, user can select scan range, step size, average number. Fitting is automatically conducted.

Simultaneous Profile Scan

	LW01		LW02		LW03		LW04		LW12		LW13		LW14		LW15		LW32	
nipulse #	951		951		951		951		950		950		950		950		949	
amples/Point	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Start mm	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000	5.000
Stop mm	40.000	40.000	40.000	40.000	40.000	40.000	40.000	40.000	40.000	40.000	40.000	40.000	40.000	40.000	40.000	40.000	40.000	40.000
Delta mm	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500
Horizontal Mean	18.971		13.243		22.233		32.037		26.148		21.002		30.433		20.554		25.510	
Vertical Mean	28.033		25.313		35.246		24.203		27.005		27.000		23.068		23.295		18.210	

Set All Stations

nipulse #

amples/Point

Start mm

Stop mm

Delta mm

Horizontal

Vertical

01 Fit

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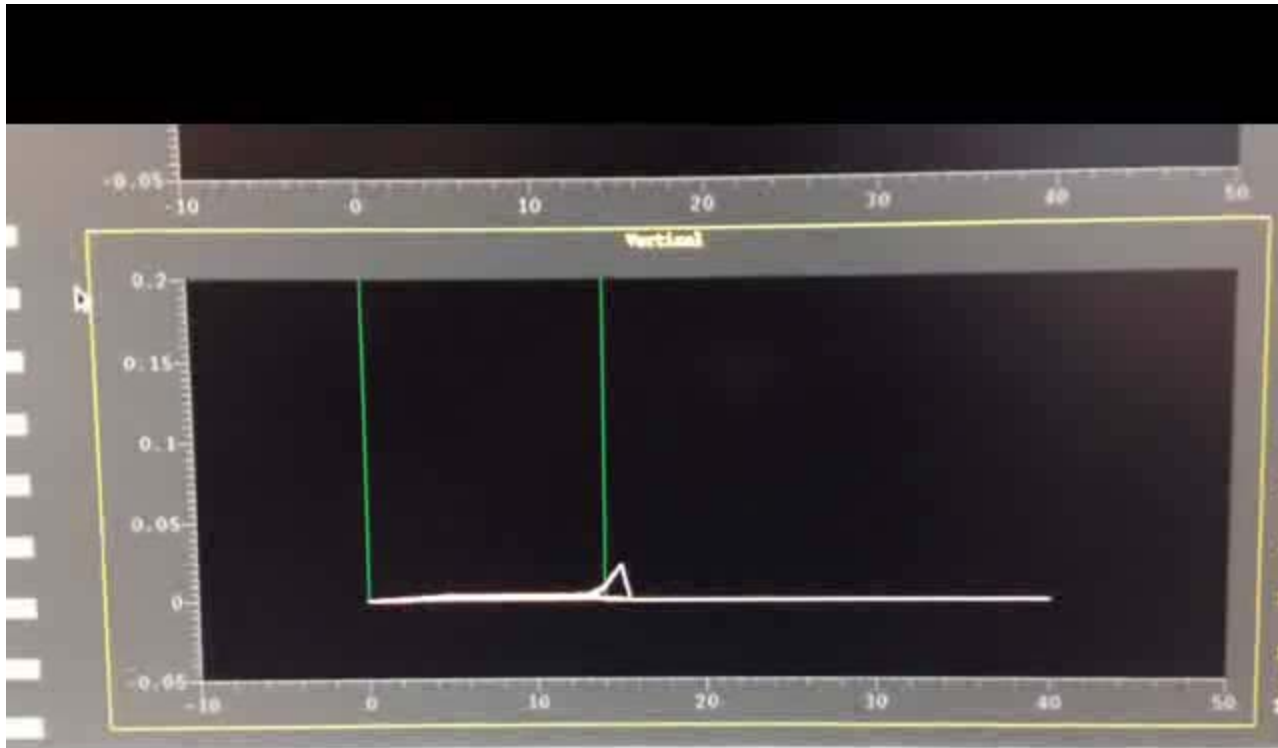
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32 Fit

32 Raw

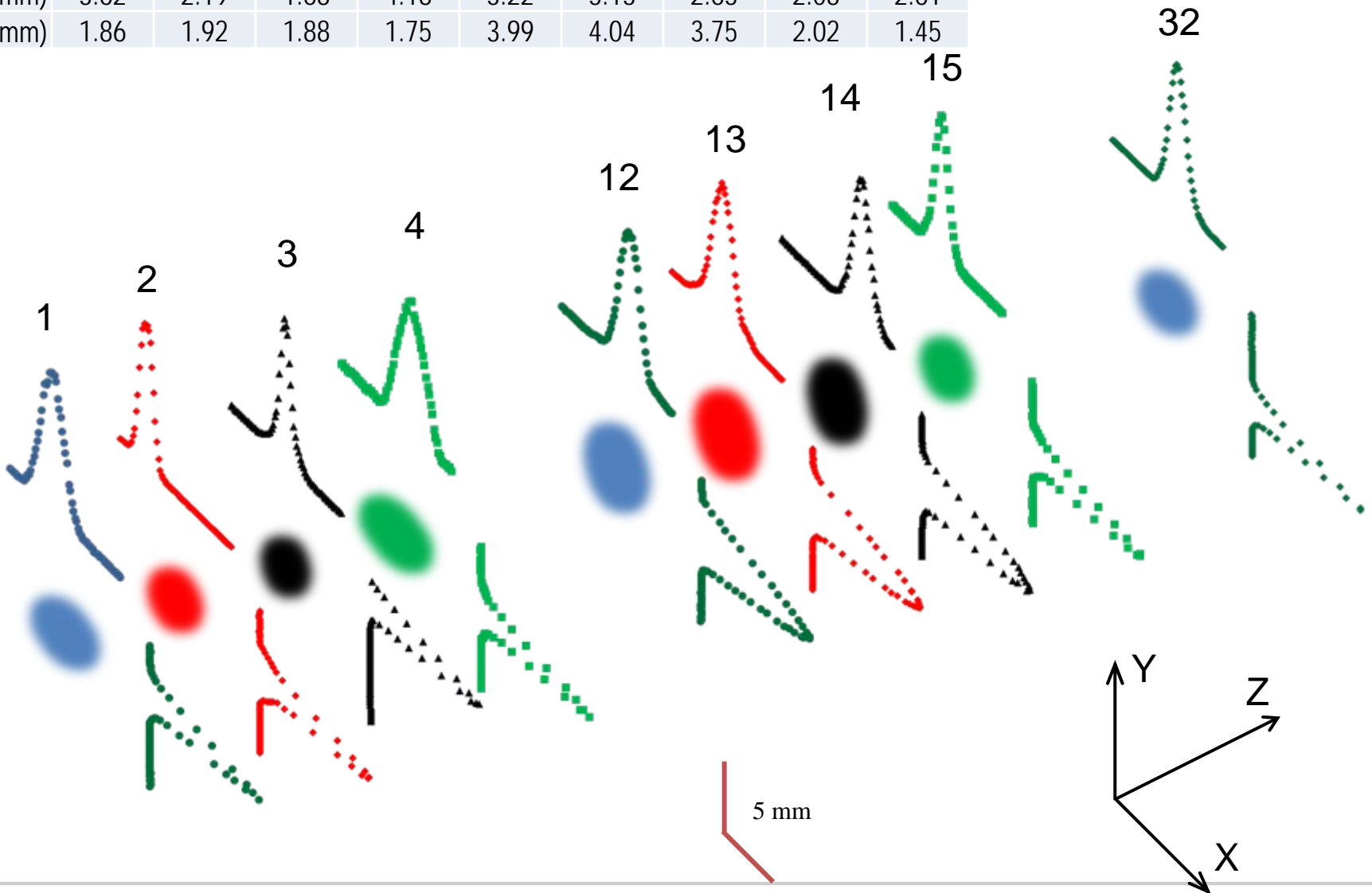
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Simultaneous Profile Scan



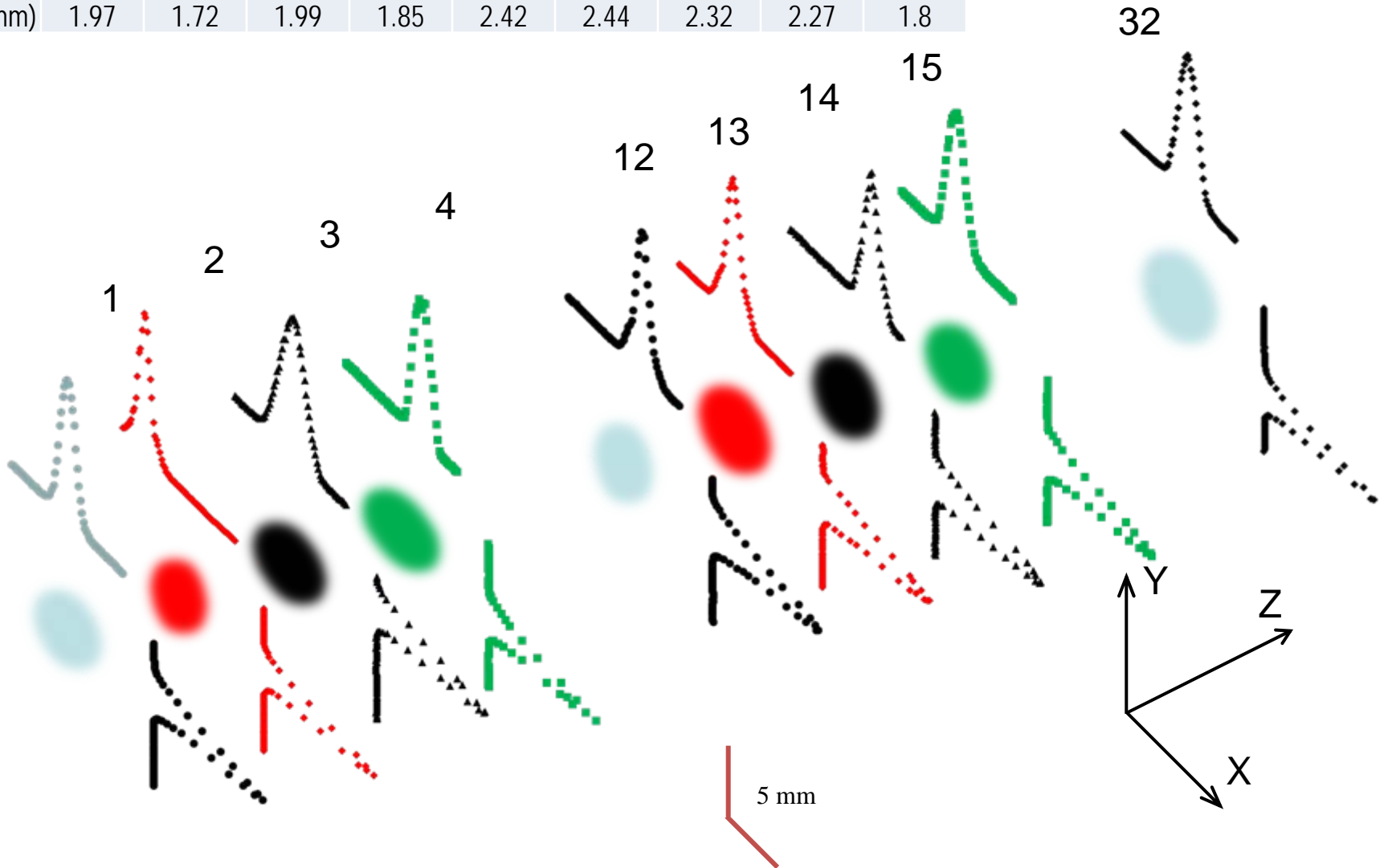
SCL H- Profiles (1150 KW, Sept. 20, 2013)

	1	2	3	4	12	13	14	15	32
σ_x (mm)	3.62	2.19	1.68	4.18	3.22	3.13	2.63	2.08	2.61
σ_y (mm)	1.86	1.92	1.88	1.75	3.99	4.04	3.75	2.02	1.45



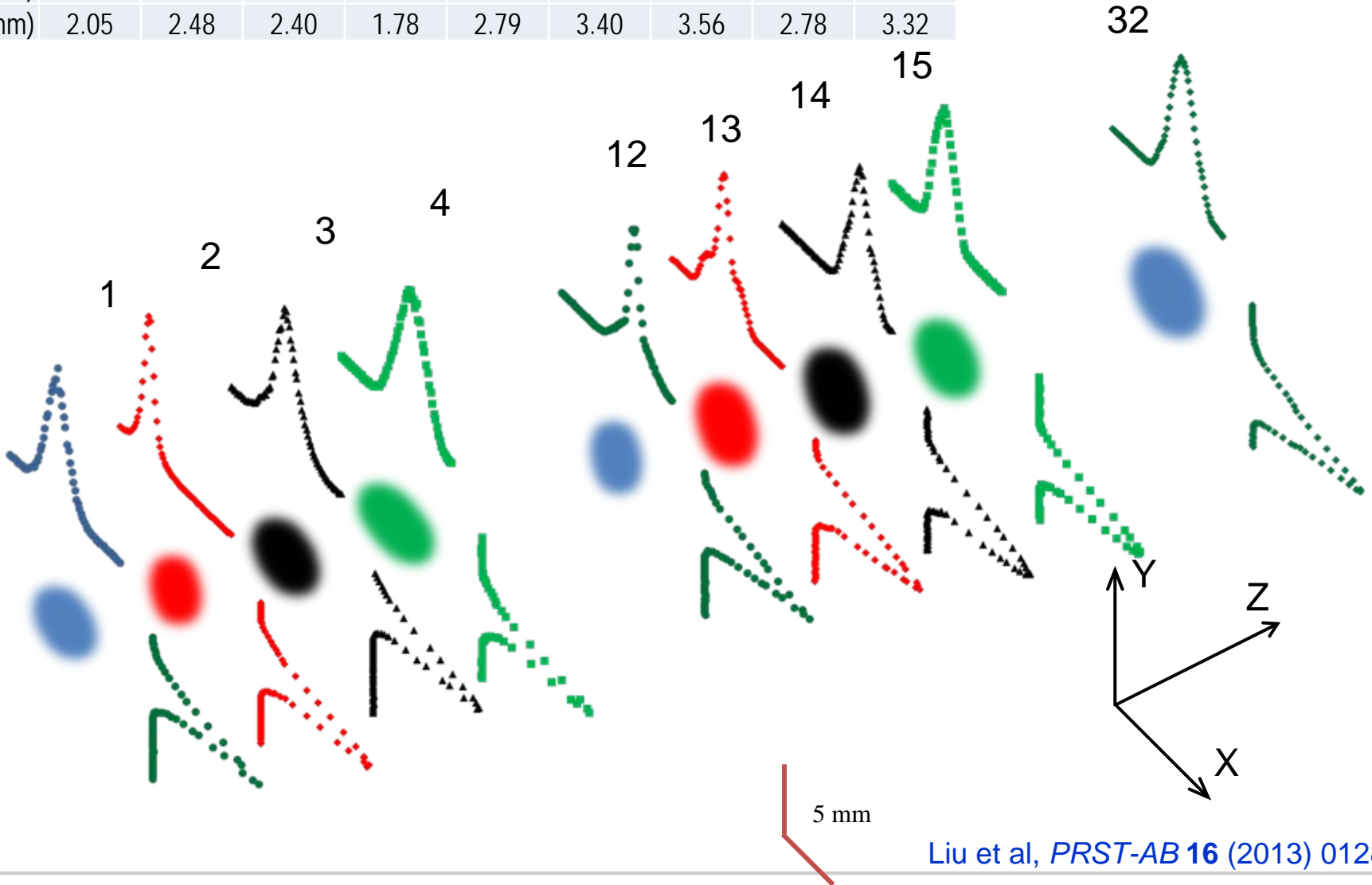
SCL H- Profiles (850 KW, April 15, 2013)

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σ_x (mm)	2.32	2.45	3.79	2.3	2.23	2.58	2.47	2.73	2.8
σ_y (mm)	1.97	1.72	1.99	1.85	2.42	2.44	2.32	2.27	1.8



SCL H- Profiles (950 KW, Sept. 13, 2012)

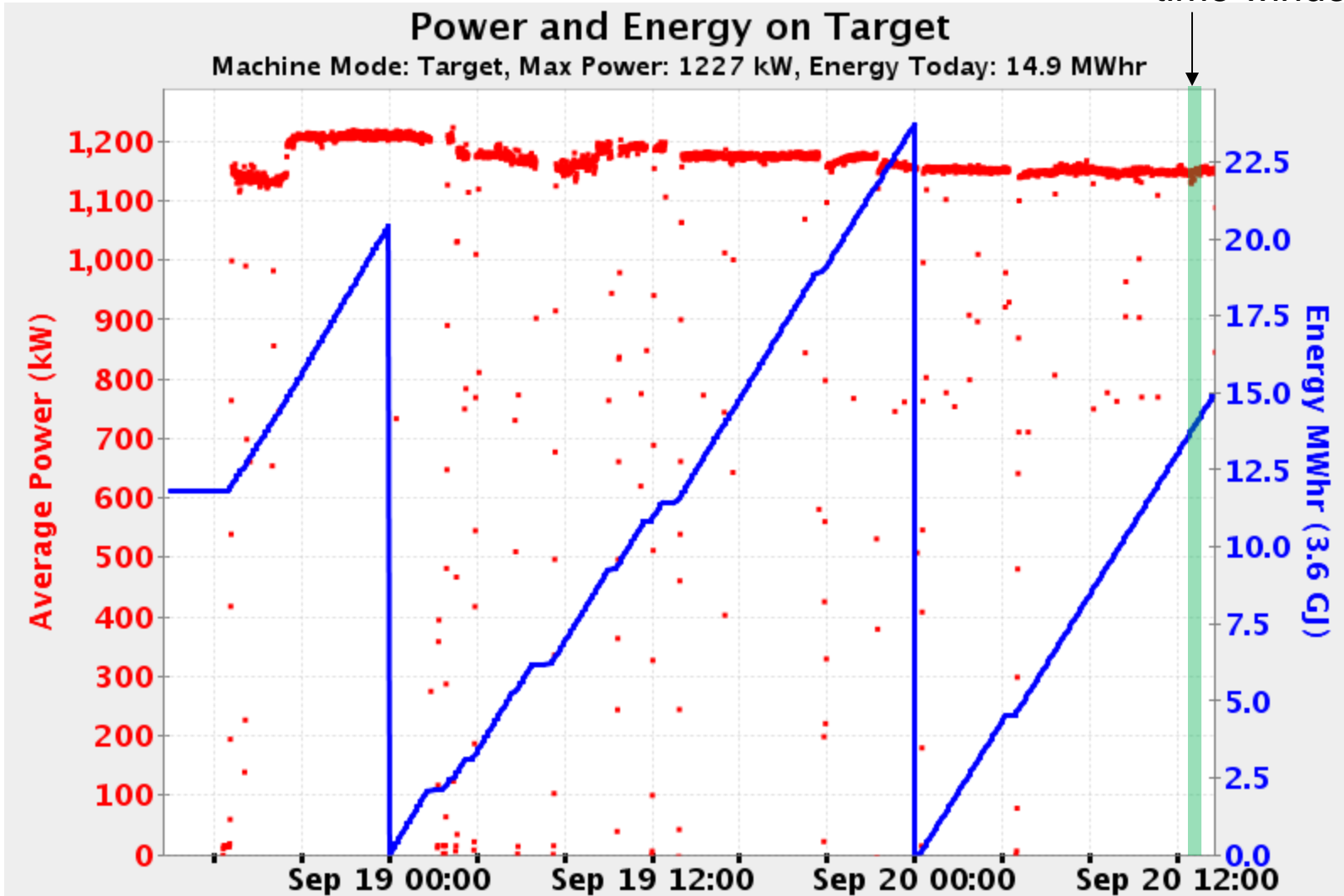
	1	2	3	4	12	13	14	15	32
σ_x (mm)	3.02	1.65	3.34	4.39	1.70	2.75	3.12	3.10	3.89
σ_y (mm)	2.05	2.48	2.40	1.78	2.79	3.40	3.56	2.78	3.32



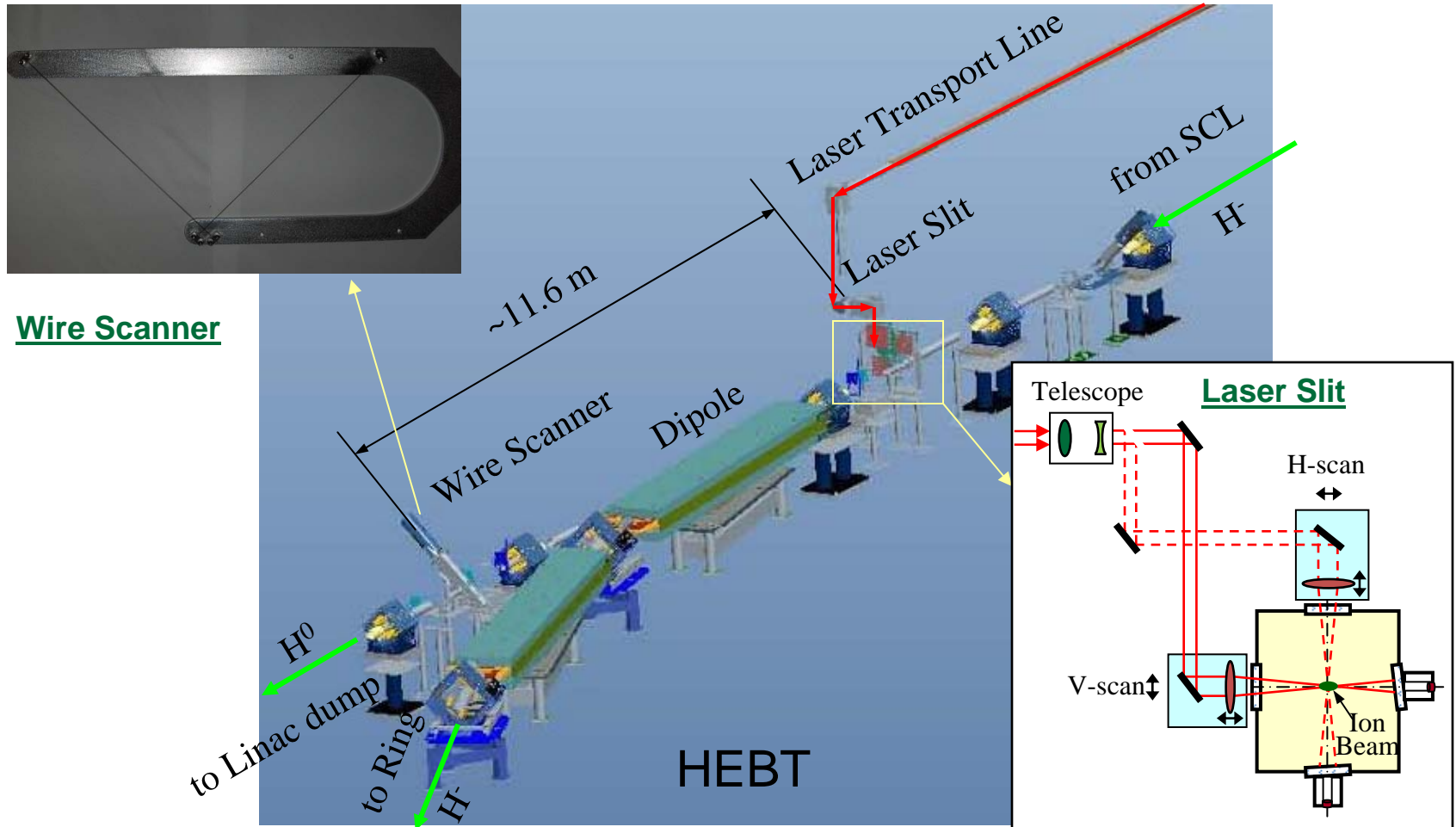
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Beam Status during LW Measurement

Measurement
time window



HEBT Laser Emittance Scanner

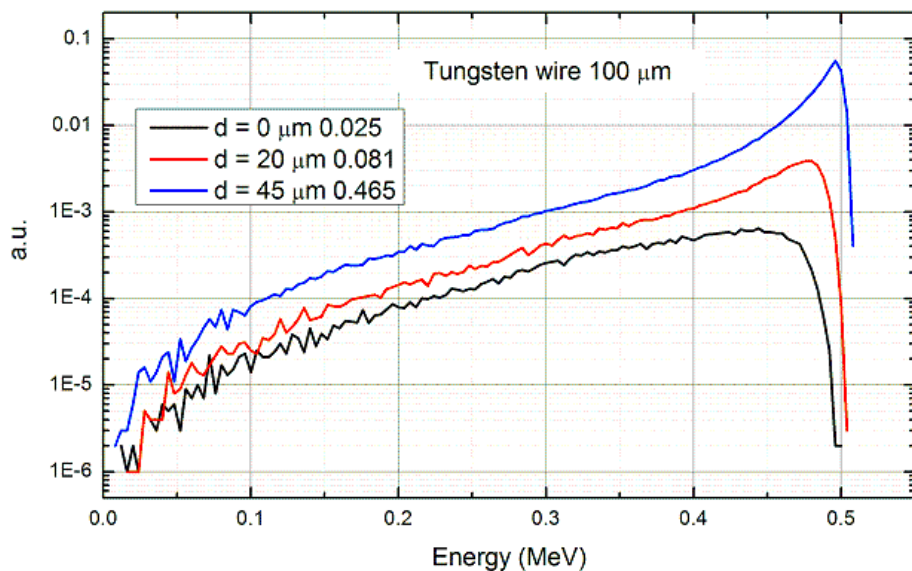


- Laser wire scanner converts a narrow channel of H⁻ beam into H⁰ beam
- Titanium wire scanner measures divergence of the H⁰ beam released from laser slit
- Measurement is nonintrusive.

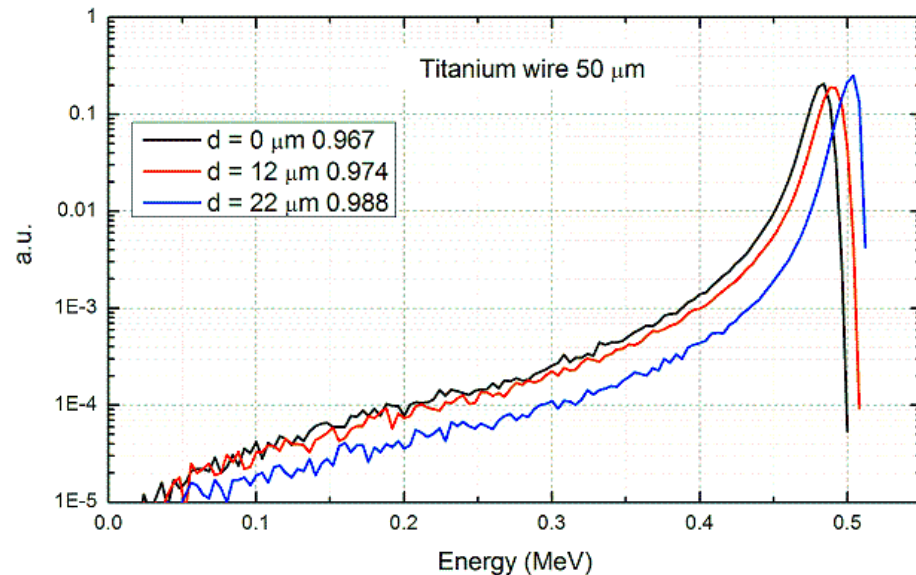
Performance Evaluation of Wires

Fraction of electrons passing through the wire

100-um Tungsten Wire



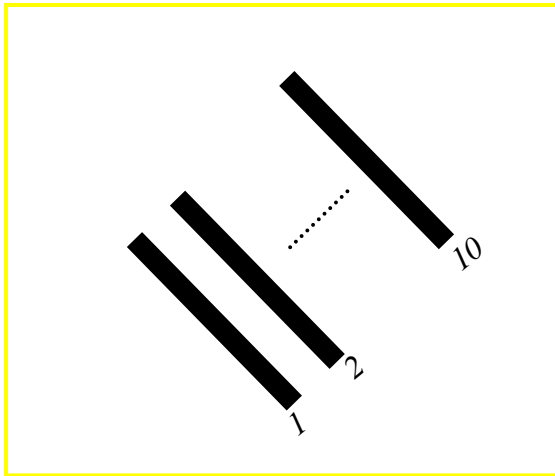
50-um Titanium Wire



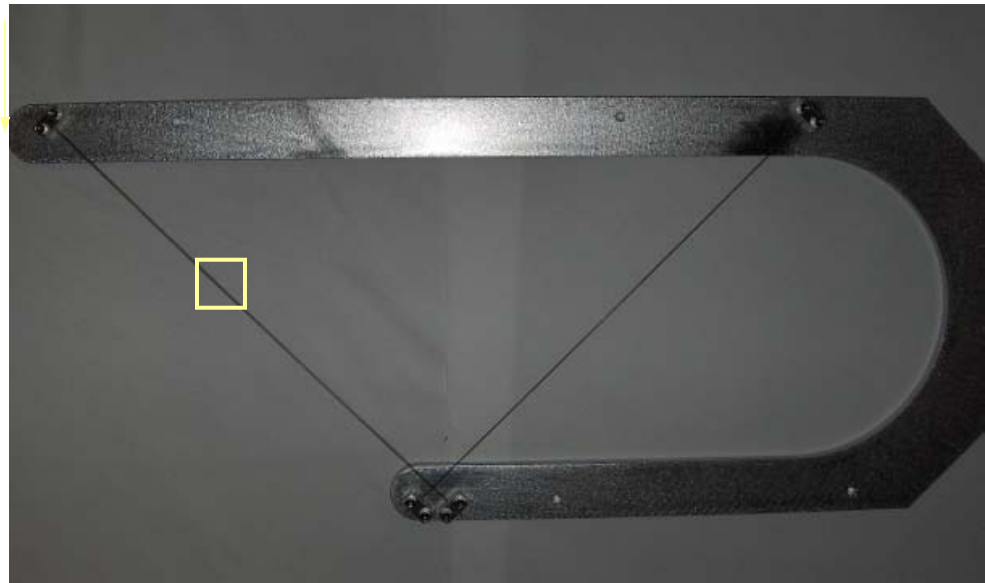
Multi-wire Ti Scanner

Wire thickness: $50\ \mu\text{m}$

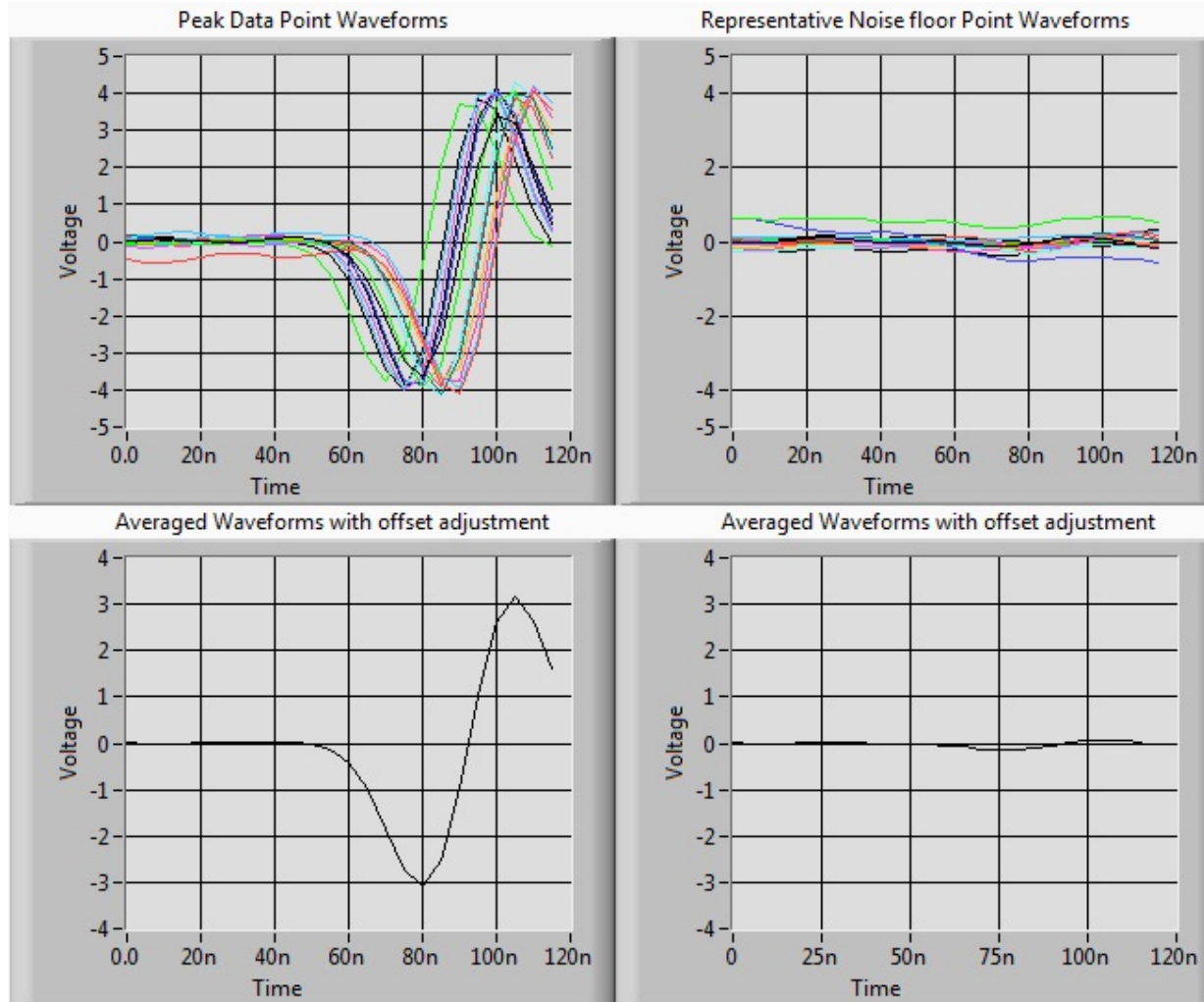
Wire spacing: $25\ \mu\text{m}$



Ti Wire Bundle

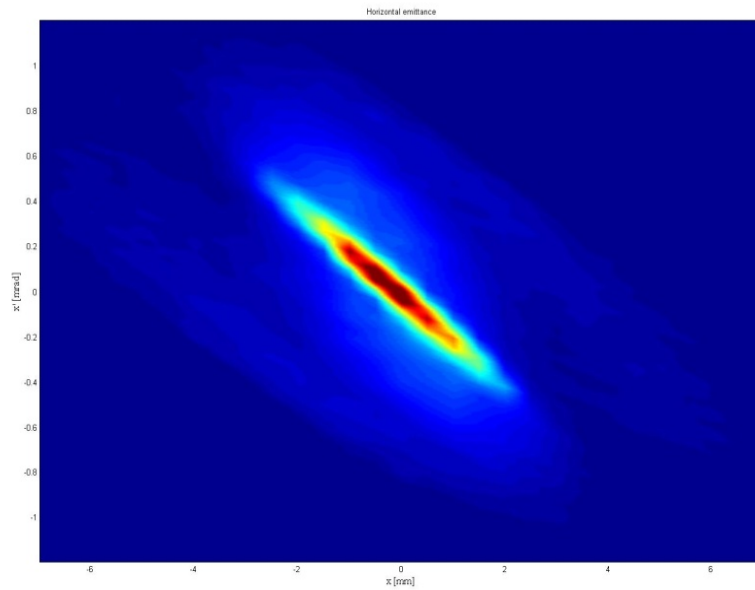


Raw Signal from Improved System

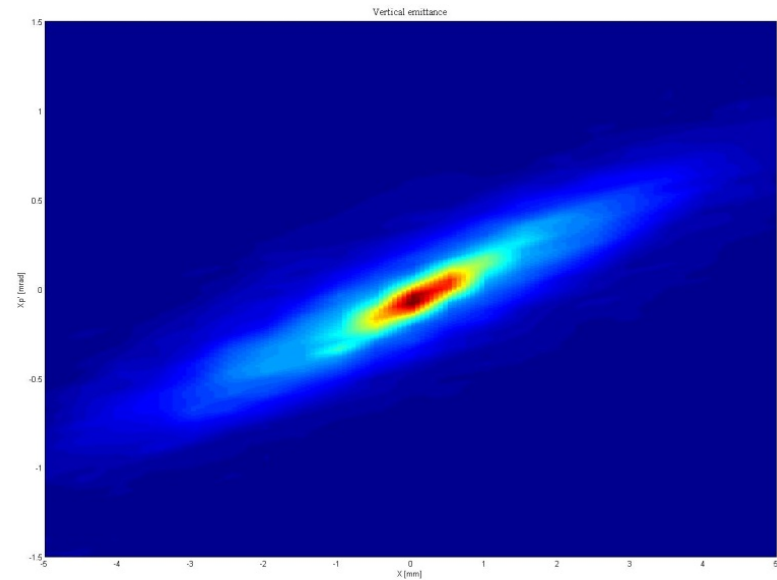


Emittance Measurement with Improved System

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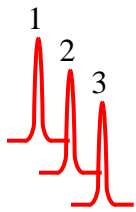
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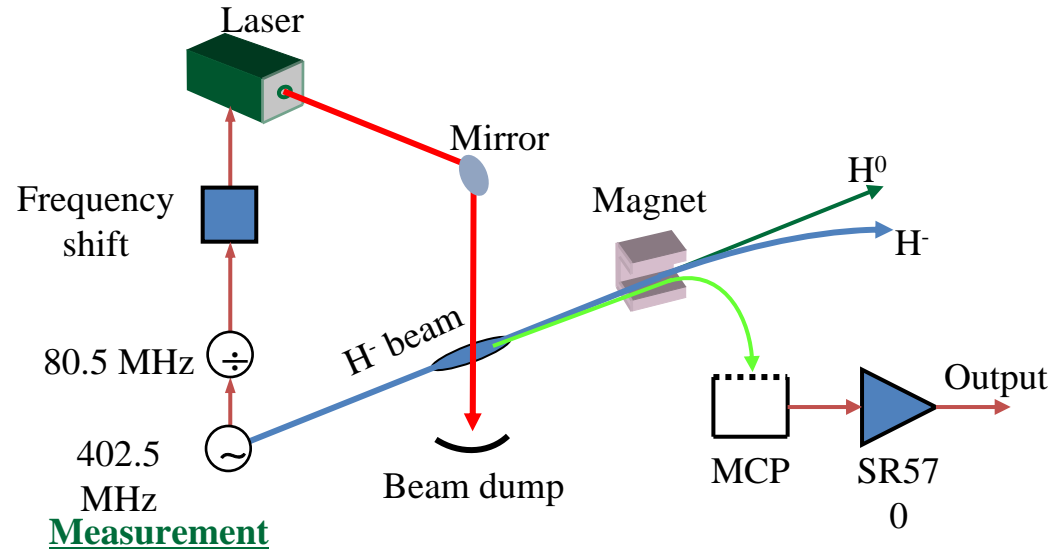
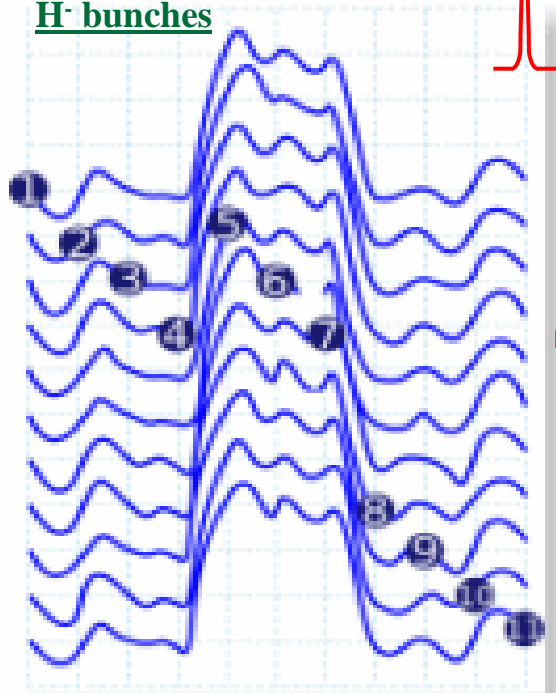
[Liu et al, NIMA 675 \(2012\) 97–102](#)

Laser Based Longitudinal Profile Measurement

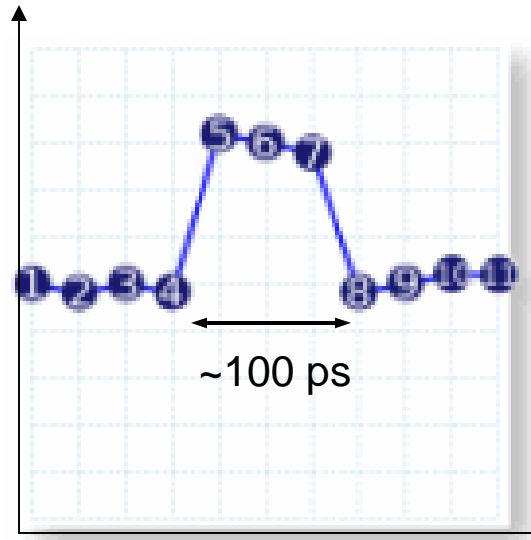
Pico-second laser pulses



H⁻ bunches

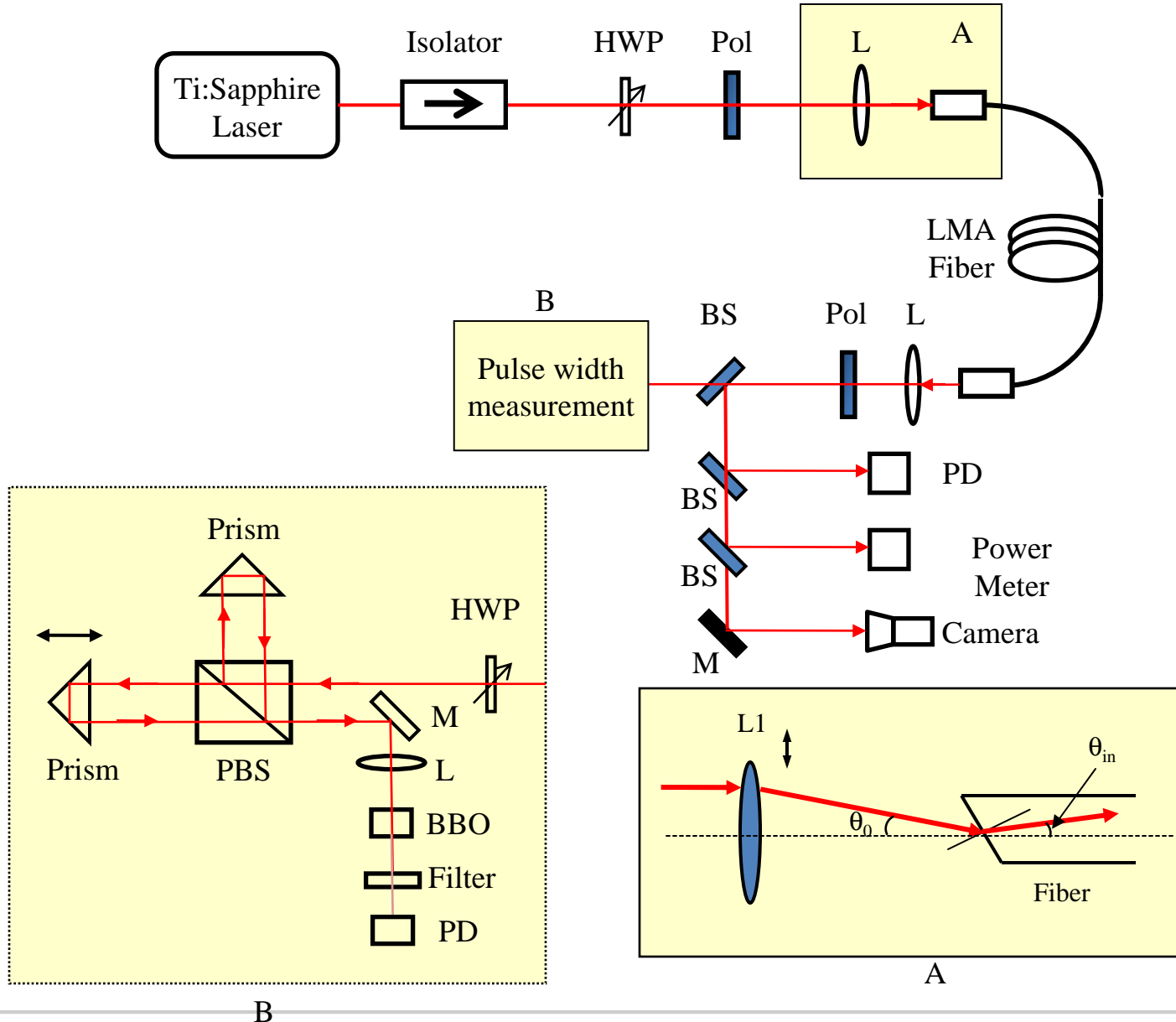


Measurement



- **Laser source: Ti:Sapphire mode-locked laser**
- **Externally locked to accelerator clock**
- **Pulse width: 2.5 ps**
- **Repetition rate: 80.5 MHz (5th subharmonic of RF frequency)**

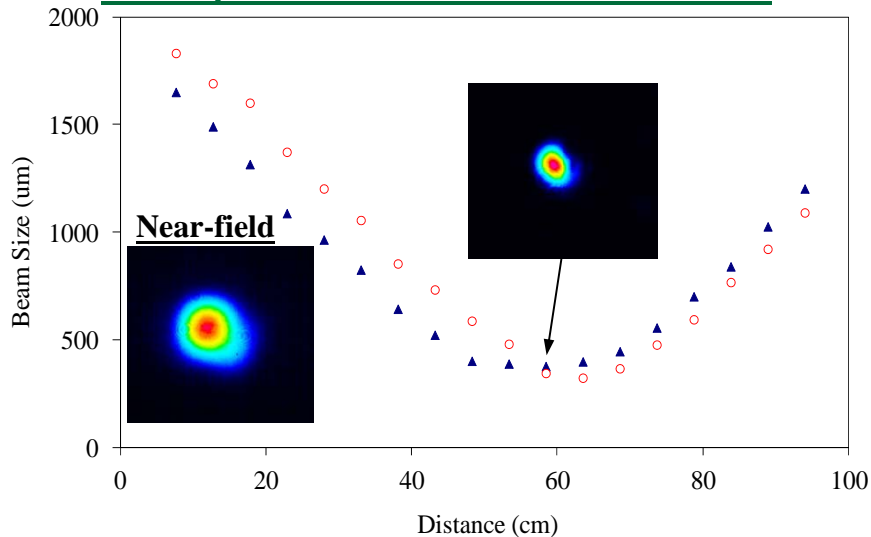
R&D: Fiber Transmission of ps Laser Pulses



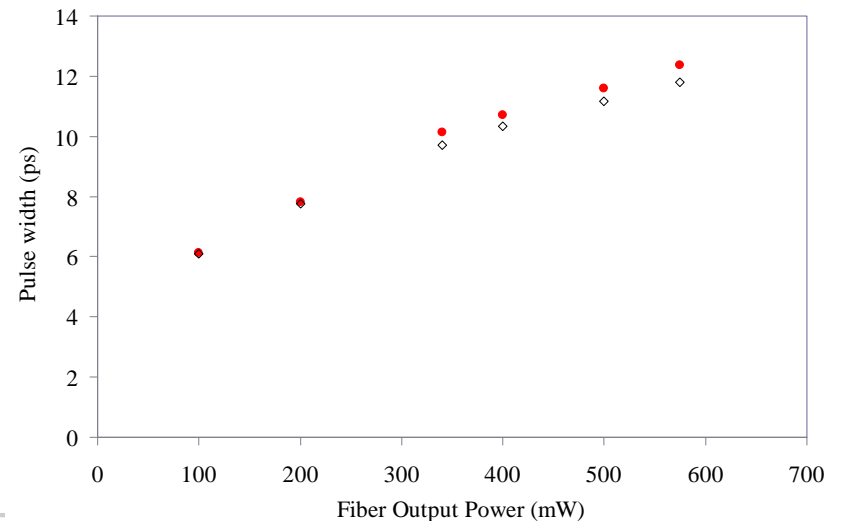
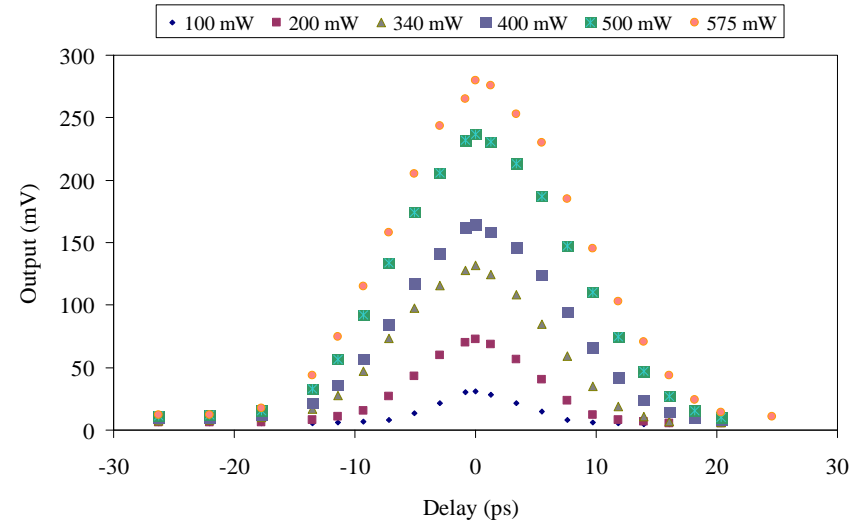
Transmission of ps Laser Pulses through LMA Fiber

- Over 85% of overall transmission efficiency through a 30 m fiber
- Nearly diffraction-limited output beam
- A beam diameter of less than 400 μm at a working distance of 600 mm
- At 3 KW transmitted (peak) power, pulse width broadens to 11.6 ps

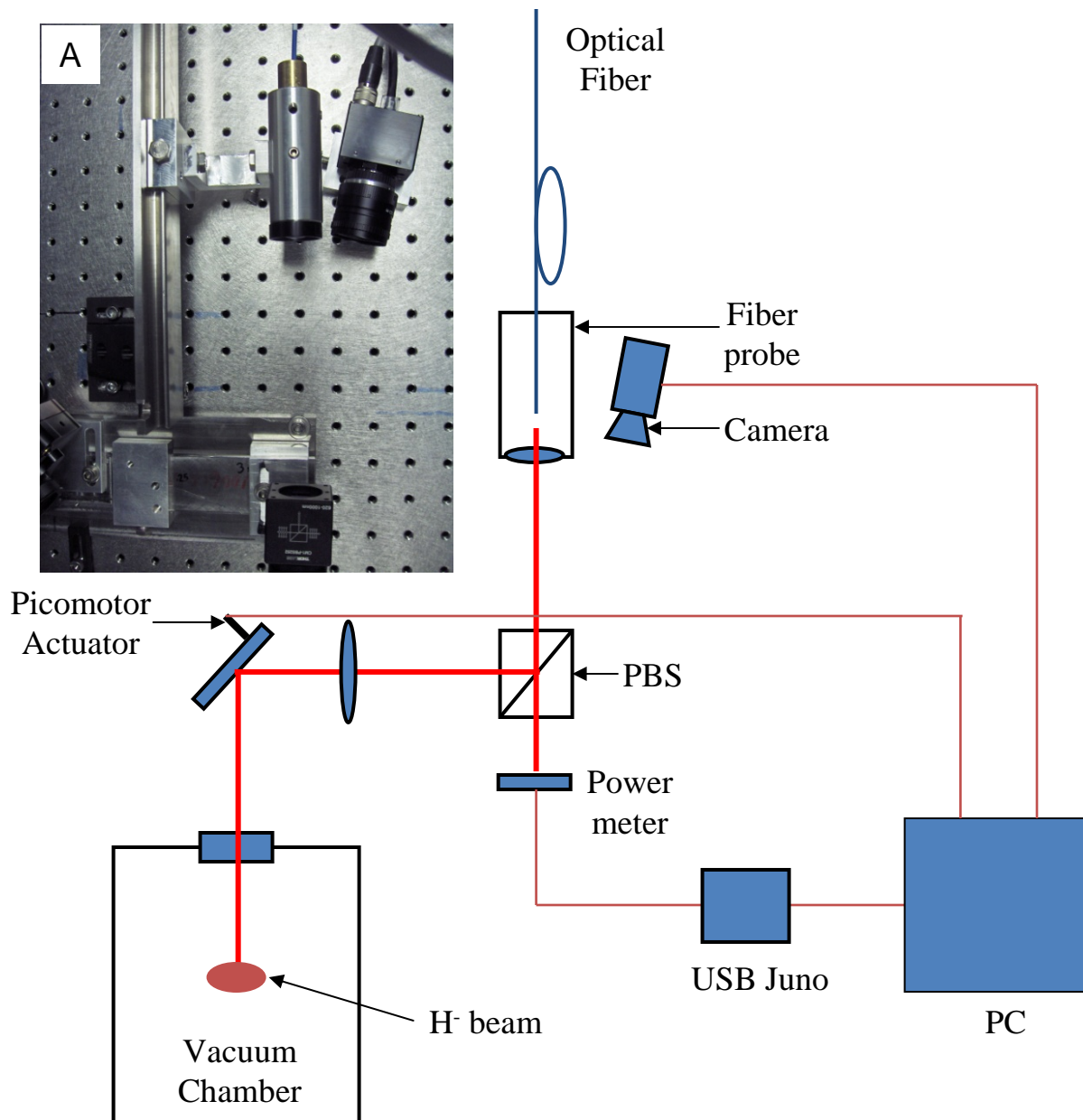
Beam profiles after fiber transmission



Pulse width broadening



Setup Installed at SNS MEBT



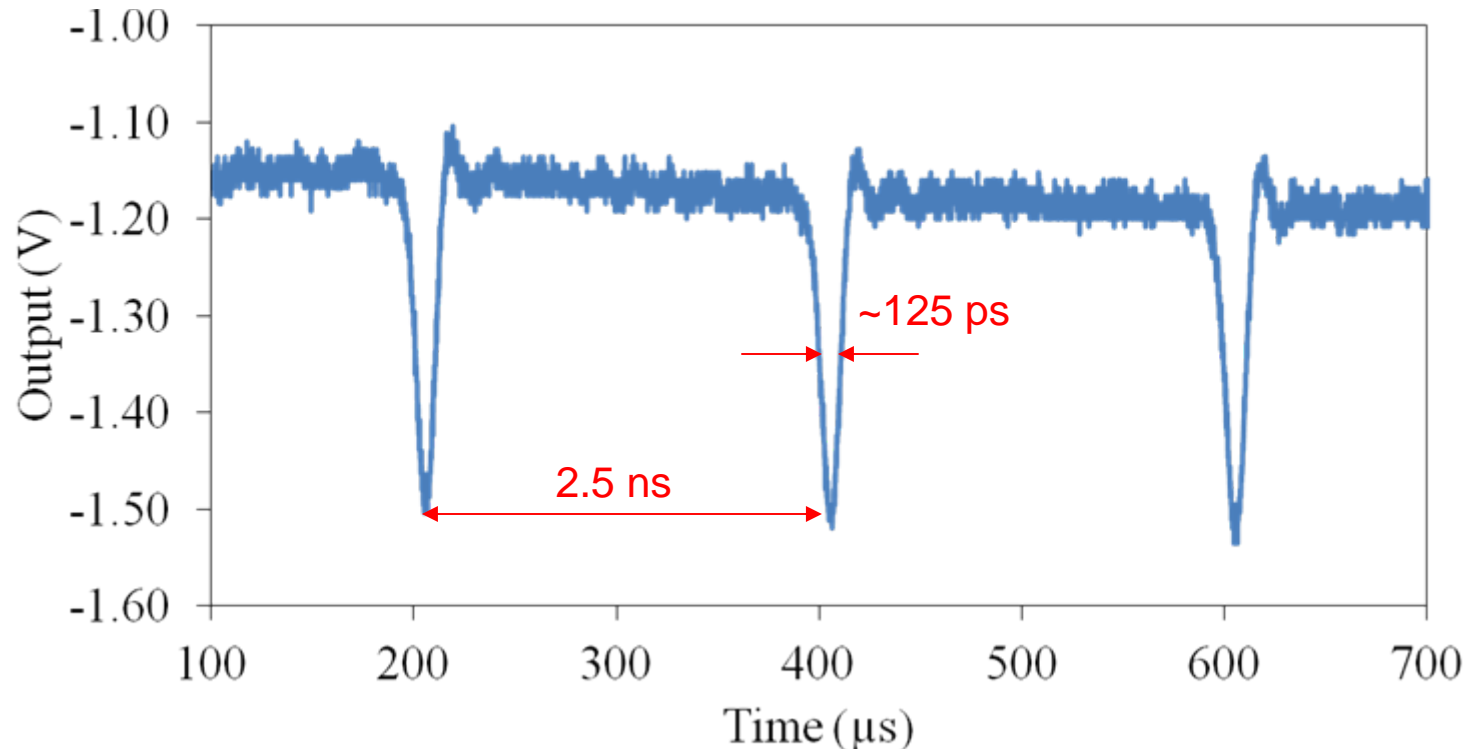
Measurement Results – Frequency Offset Mode

Instantaneous measurement

H- beam RF frequency: 402.5 MHz

Laser repetition rate: 80.501 MHz

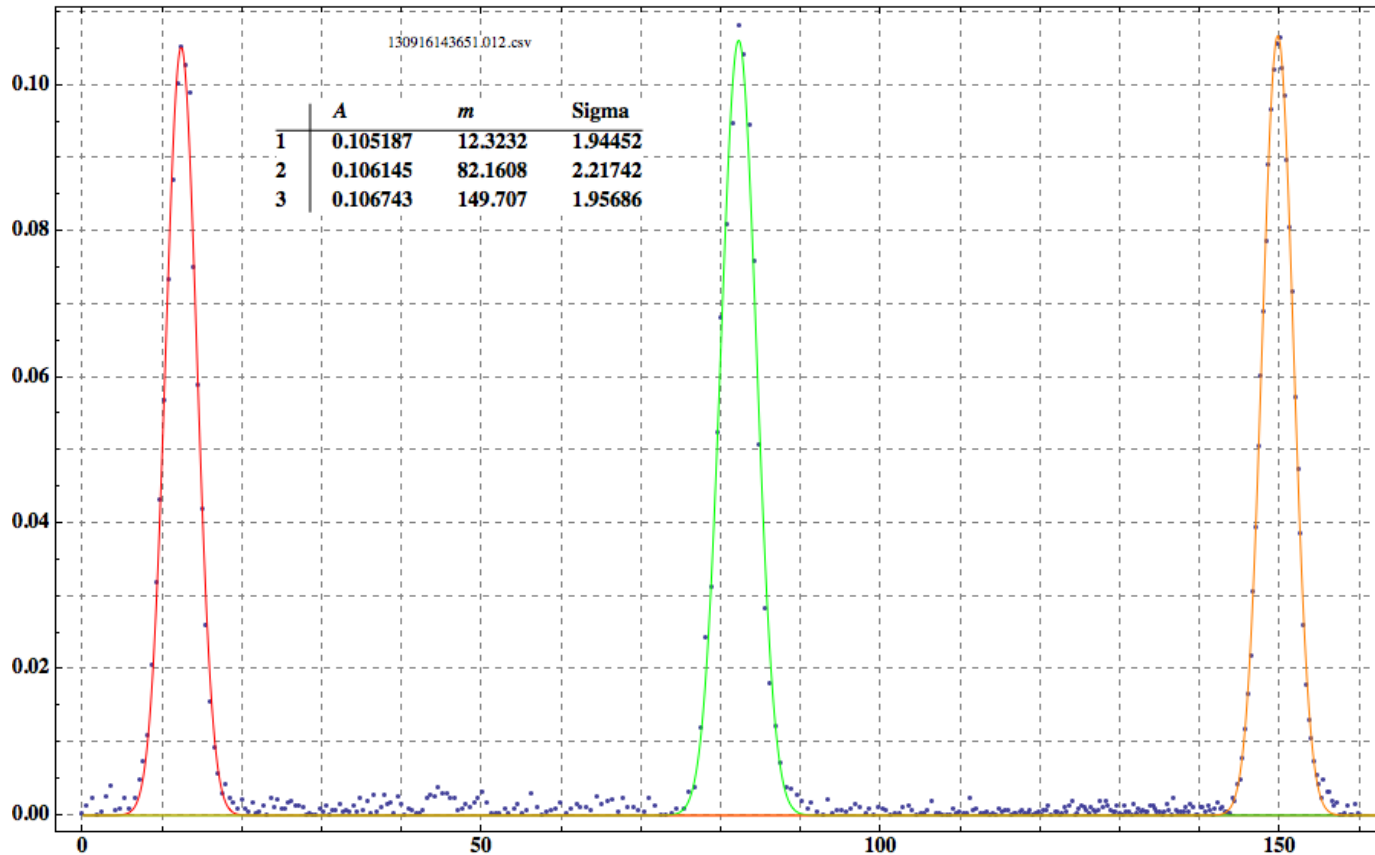
Measured waveform is a magnified (in time domain) picture of the H- beam microbunch. The magnification factor is $f_0/Df \sim 80,500$.



[Huang et al., Appl. Opt. \(2013\)](#)

Measurement Results – Phase Scan Mode

Measurement time depends on H- beam frequency: 20 seconds for 60 Hz beam and 5 minutes for 1 Hz beam.



Commissioning Experience

Item	Findings	Solution
Laser Transport Line	Drift and vibration	Beam stabilization using active feedback Optical fiber based transport line (for low power)
Laser fluence	Over focusing of laser beam caused vacuum window breakdown	Avoid beam collimation optics close to measurement station. Ensure laser fluence below 1 J/cm ² .
Influence on beam	Electron collection magnets can cause tiny beam deflection	Correction magnet installed Orbit correction
Radiation hardness of laser	Laser driver (> 6 m from beam line) damaged in 1-2 days Unclear about laser head	Laser should be located outside the beamline for hadron machine
Image sensors	Gigabit Ethernet cameras (> 1.5 m from beamline)	Have to replace every 1-2 years
Motion control	Stepper motor (~ 30 cm from beam line); Picomotor actuators (1.5 m from beamline)	Stepper motors are very robust Open-loop picomotors have to be used

SUMMARY

- World-first demonstration of simultaneous H- beam profile scan using a single laser source. The system has been brought to operation level – a single push-button initiates profile scan at 9 locations of SCL (corresponding to energy levels of 200 MeV -1 GeV).
- Laser emittance scanner has been commissioned at SNS HEBT.
- Longitudinal profile measurement system has been developed using optical fiber transmission of picosecond laser pulses.
- Laser based beam diagnostics at accelerator facilities is reliable and realistic and provides a useful tool for beam tuning and physics study.