

# ALBA BEAM DIAGNOSTICS

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- ❑ **Beam Characterization** is done by:
  - ❑ direct measurements of beam parameters
    - **Beam position:** horizontal and vertical position inside the chamber
    - **Beam size:** transverse and longitudinal beam bunch distribution
    - **Beam current:** circulating intensity and bunch by bunch charge
  - ❑ and global (or indirect) measurements of beam parameters
    - **emittance, energy, tunes, chroms...**
  
- ❑ How do we measure these parameters?
  - ❑ Using the particle beam interactions with its surrounding.

1. Introduction
2. Measuring beam position
3. Measuring beam size
4. Measuring beam charge/current

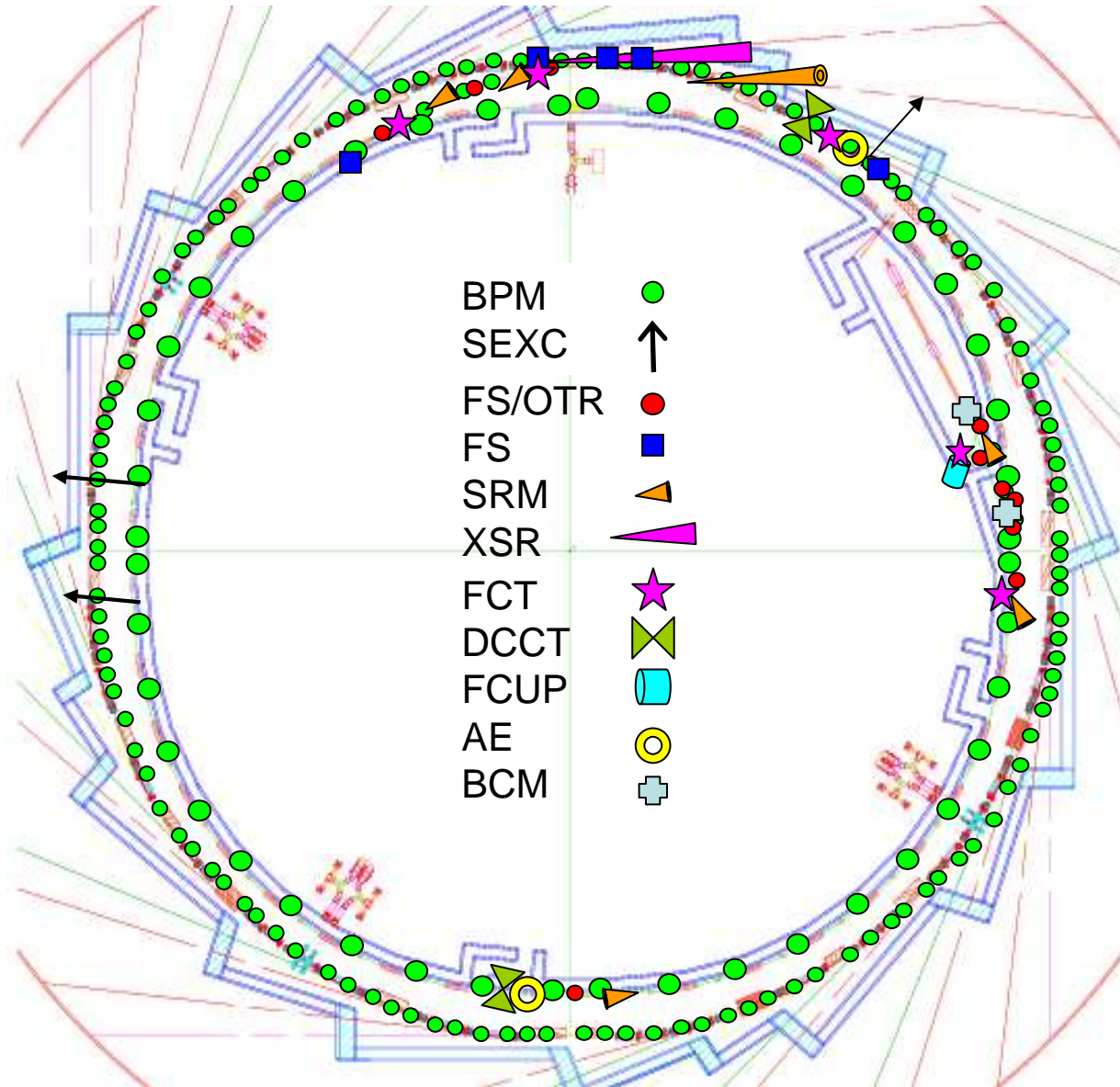
Beam parameter	SNS	RHIC	ALBA
<b>Species</b>	protons	Au ions	Electrons
<b>Bunch rms length</b>	35m	1.25 – 0.3 m	15mm
<b>Bunch Hor. rms</b>	10mm	2mm	60 – 200 um
<b>Bunch Ver. rms</b>	10mm	2mm	5 – 30 um
<b>Bunch charge</b>	2e14  e	7.9e10  e	5.6e9  e
<b>Bunch spacing (min)</b>	...	107 ns	2 ns
<b># of bunches (max)</b>	1	112	400
<b>Circumference</b>	248 m	3.8 km	268 m
<b>Energy</b>	1.9 GeV	10 - 105 GeV	3 GeV
<b>Chamber semi-axes</b>	10 – 10 cm	6 - 6 cm	36 – 14 mm

**Different beams → different techniques**



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# ALBA Beam Diagnostics



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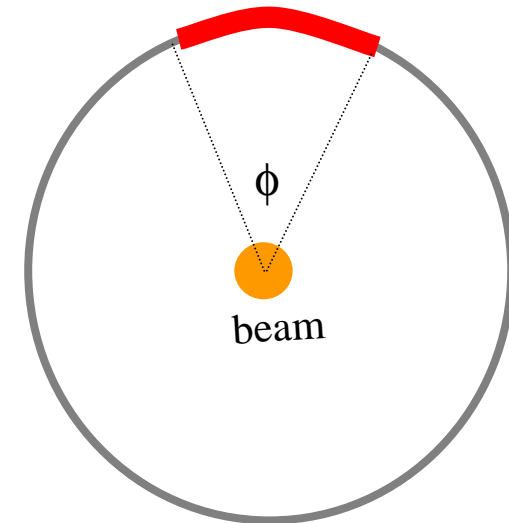
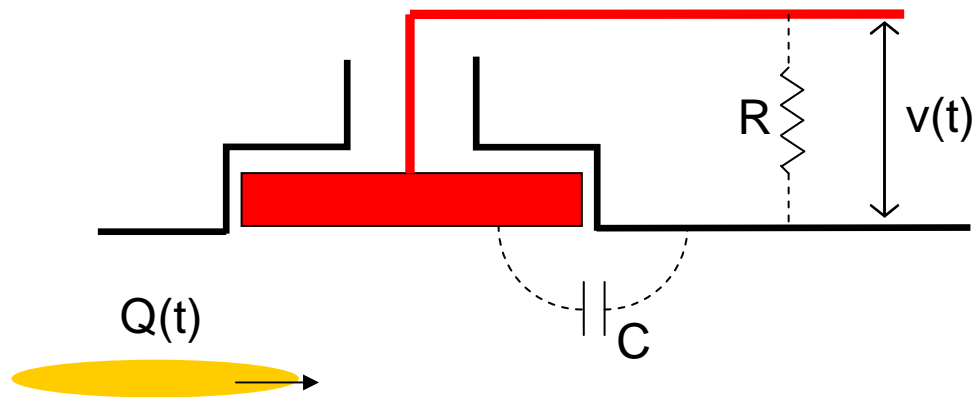
	<i>Instrument Name</i>	<i>Acronym</i>	<i>LTB</i>	<i>Booster</i>	<i>BTS</i>	<i>SR</i>
Position	Beam Position Monitor	<b>BPM</b>	4	44	4	120+3
	Stripline BPM	<b>Stripline</b>	0	2	0	1
Charge	Faraday Cup	<b>FCUP</b>	1	0	0	0
	Fast Current Transformer	<b>FCT</b>	3	1	2	1
	Beam Charge Monitor	<b>BCM</b>	2	0	0	0
	DC Current Transformer	<b>DCCT</b>	0	1	0	1
	Annular Electrode	<b>AE</b>	0	1	0	1
Size	Fluorescent Screen	<b>FS</b>	0	1	0	4
	Fluorescent Screen / OTR	<b>FS/OTR</b>	4	4	3	2
	Synch. Rad. Monitor	<b>SRM</b>	1	3	2	2*
Others...	Scrapers	<b>SCR</b>	2	0	0	2
	Fast FeedBack Kickers	<b>FFK</b>	0	0	0	2

XSR

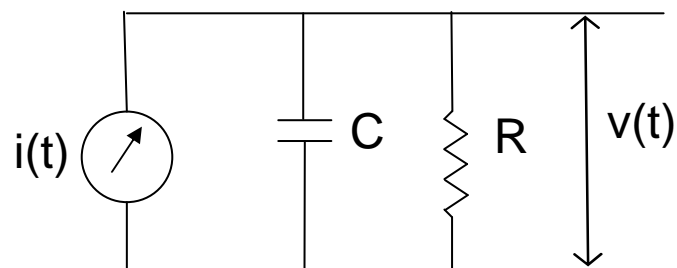
VSR

# Beam Position Monitor (BPM)

## Signal Treatment



### RC Equivalent Circuit:



Current source  $\leftrightarrow$  beam image charge captured by the electrode:

$$i(t) = (\phi/2\pi) dQ(t) / dt$$

Transfer function:  
(freq. domain)

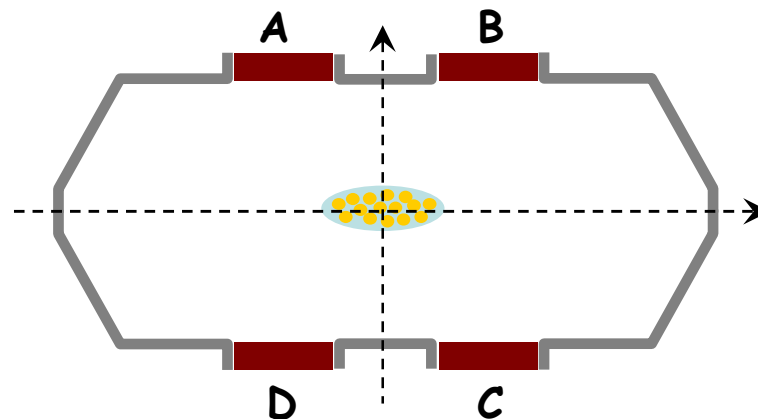
$$Z = \frac{R}{1 + i\omega RC}$$

# BPMs at ALBA SR

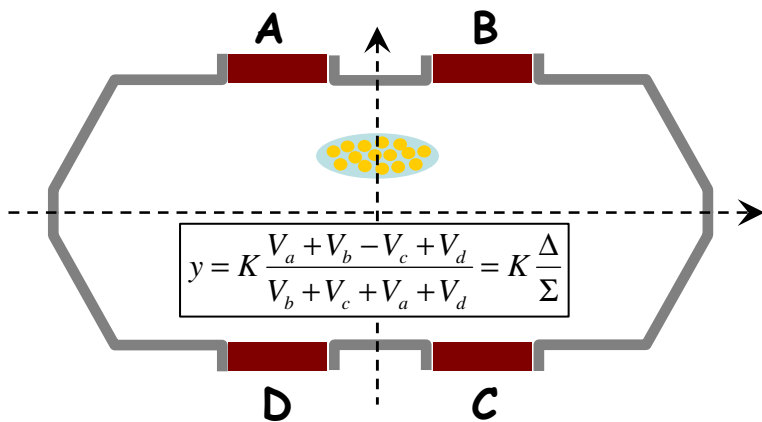
Four buttons are located at the vacuum chamber

- If the beam is centered  $(x, y) = (0, 0)$  signal at all buttons is the same:

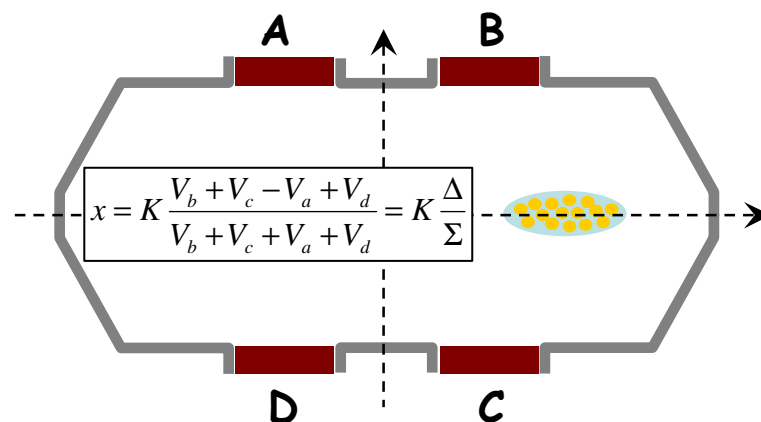
$$V_a = V_b = V_c = V_d$$



- If the beam is displaced  $y > 0$ :  
( $V_a$  and  $V_b$ )  $>$  ( $V_c$  and  $V_d$ )



- If the beam is displaced  $x > 0$ :  
( $V_b$  and  $V_c$ )  $>$  ( $V_a$  and  $V_d$ )





# BPMs at ALBA SR

Sub-micron resolution is achieved!

We constantly read the signal from the 4 buttons and compute its position.

We usually do so at three different rates:

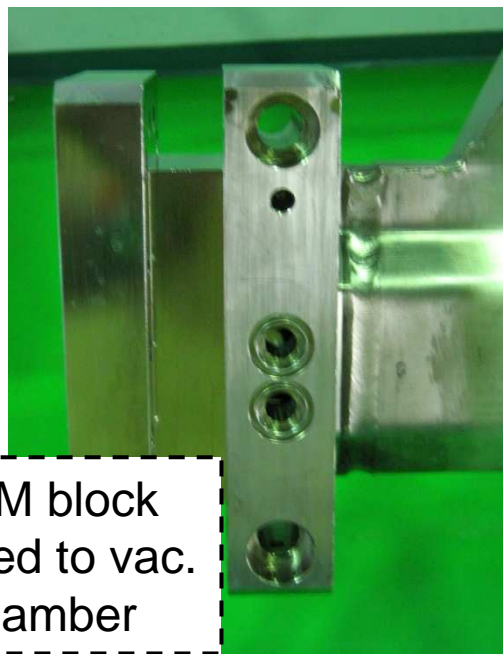
- > Turn By Turn (1.1MHz every 896ns)
- > Fast Acquisition Rate (10 kHz - every 1ms)
- > Slow Acquisition Rate (10 Hz – every 0.1s)



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BPM buttons before  
assembly at BPM Block



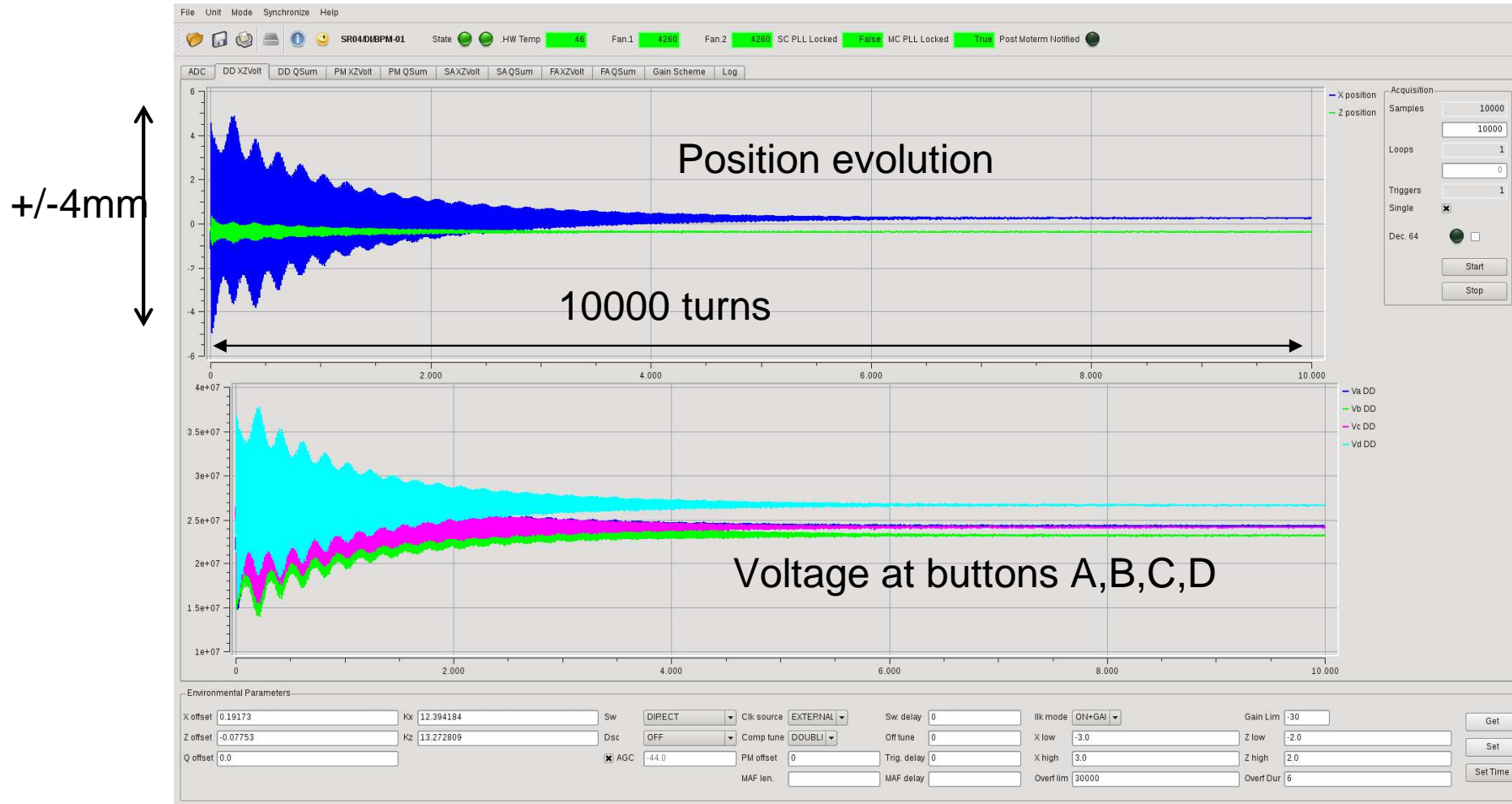
BPM block  
welded to vac.  
chamber



BPM at SR

# BPMs: Turn by Turn Meas.

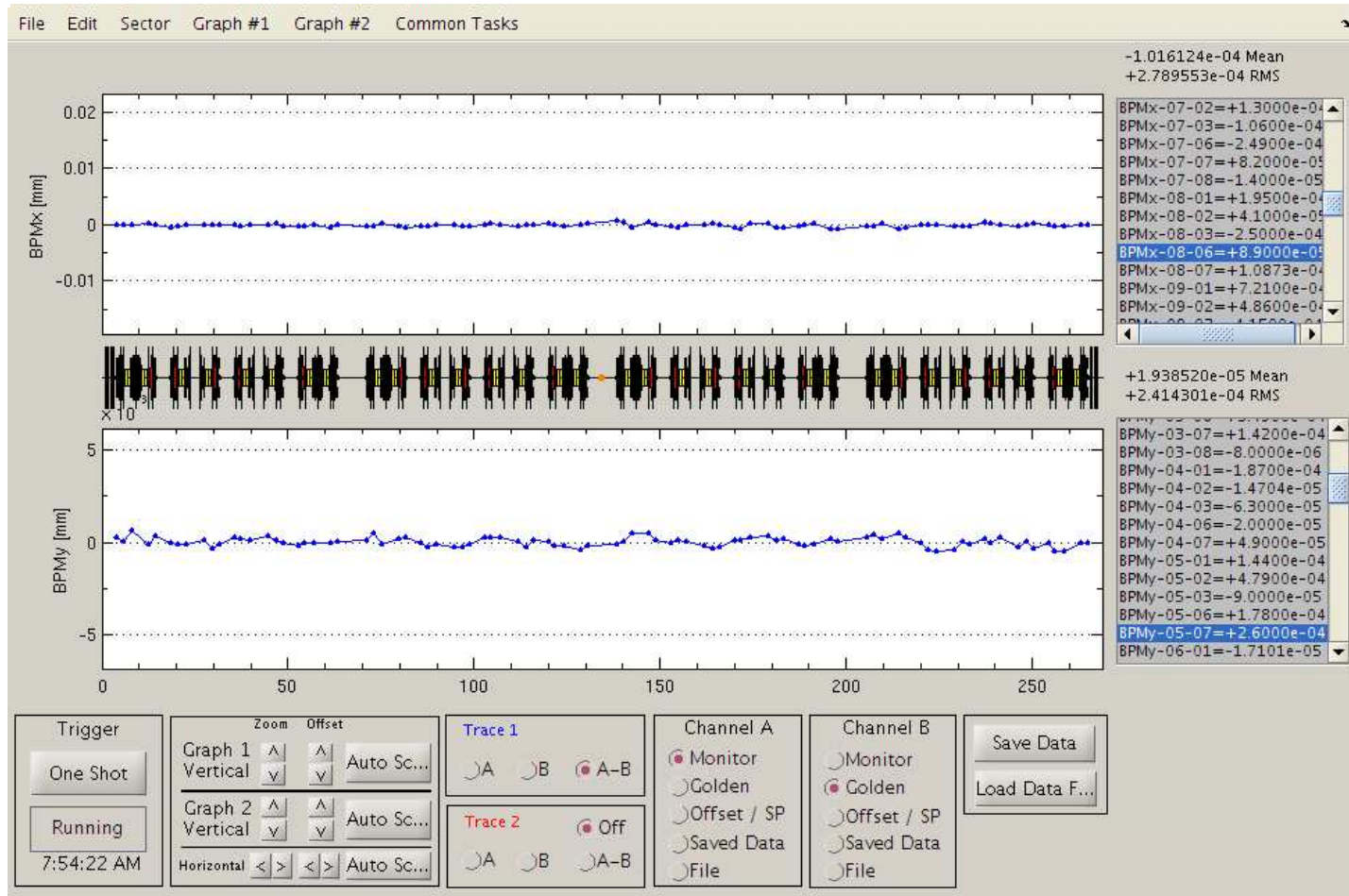
## Damping time after injection into SR



# BPMs: Orbit Control

HOR  
+/-20um

VER  
+/-5um

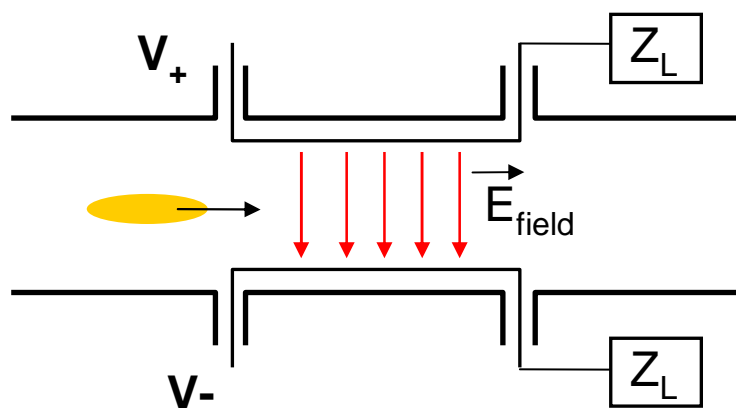


# Stripline Beam Position Monitors (BPM)

- TEM stripline (length  $\gg$  button)  $\rightarrow$  more sensitivity than a button BPM
- Used for both **\*beam excitation\*** and **\*position measurements\***,

A. **Beam excitation:** Load Matched to line impedance at port B  
 $\rightarrow Z_L = 50\Omega$

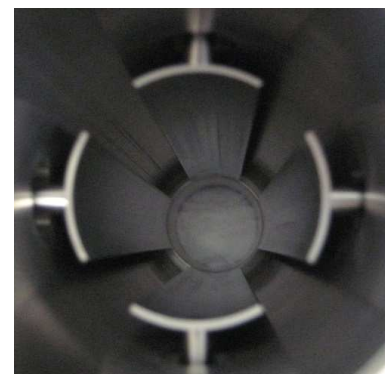
Voltage of different polarities at each electrode



**Reflection coefficient:**

$$\rho = \frac{Z_L - Z_0}{Z_L + Z_0}$$

$Z_L = 50\Omega \rightarrow \rho = 0 \rightarrow$  Power is absorbed



Inside view

## B. Position Measurements: Short-circuit at downstream port (B) $\rightarrow Z_L = 0\Omega$

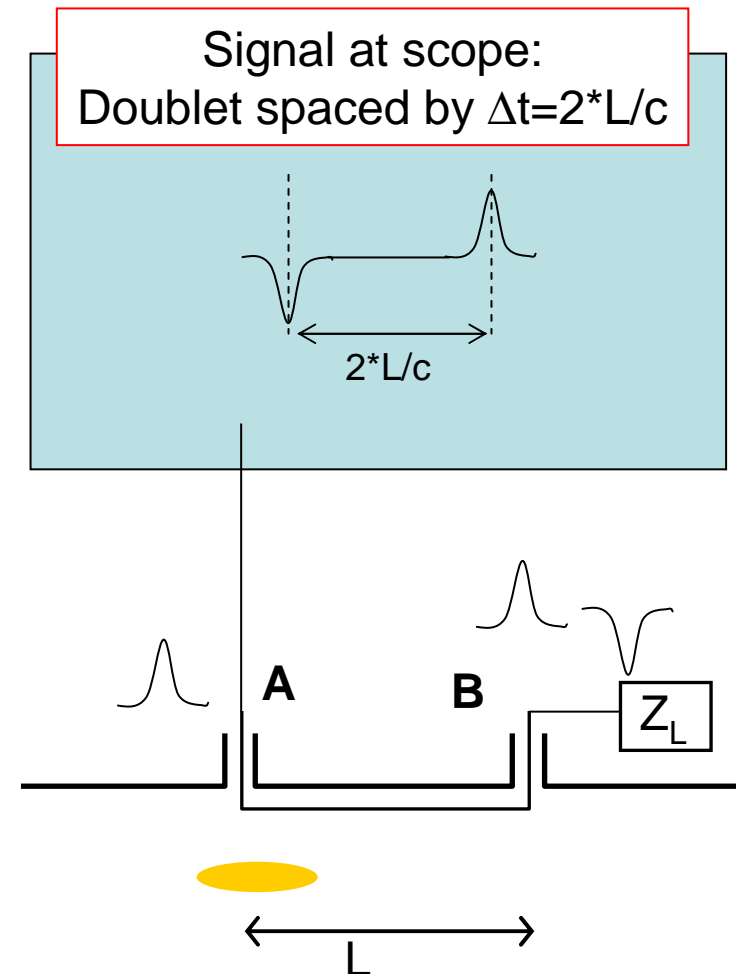
**At  $t=0$ ,** signal goes through the port-A towards scope

**At  $t=L/c$ ,** bunch arrives at port B, and the signal travels towards the load

$$\rho = \frac{Z_L - Z_0}{Z_L + Z_0}$$

Since  $Z_L=0\Omega \rightarrow \rho=-1 \rightarrow$  **Signal reflected!!**

**At  $t=2L/c$ ,** reflected signal from port-B arrives at port-A and goes towards scope



## Measuring beam size

- Fluorescent Screens
- Optical Transition Radiation
- Synchrotron Radiation Monitors:
- The Pinhole Camera
- Long. Meas: Streak Camera

# Fluorescent Screen (FS)

- Electron beam hits a fluorescent screen (placed at center chamber)
- The emitted light is directed towards a CCD camera
- **Destructive method:** beam is fatally affected after the collision
- Widely used during commissioning periods

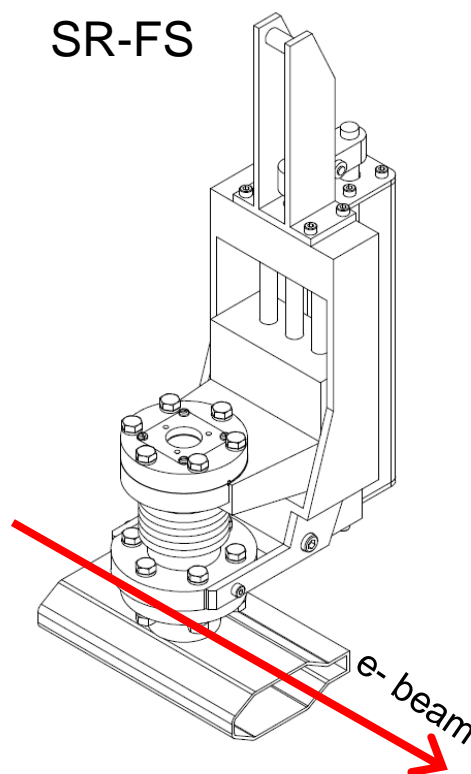
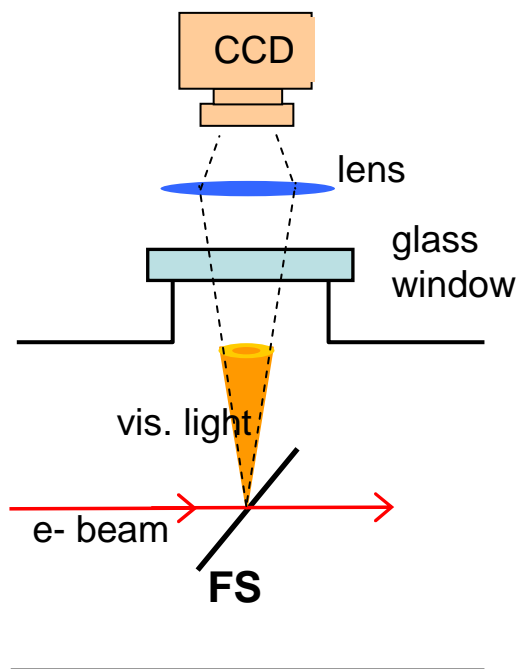
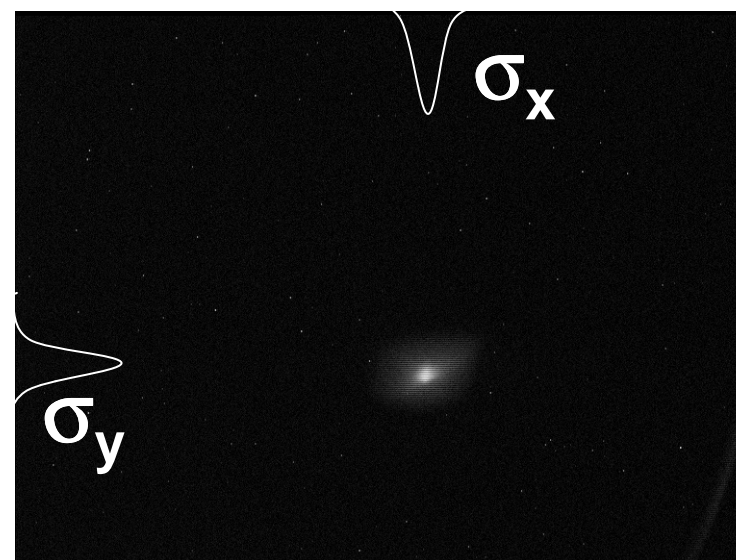


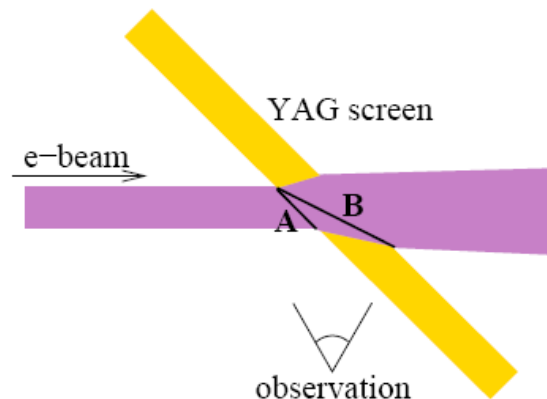
Image analysis to infer beam size and position:



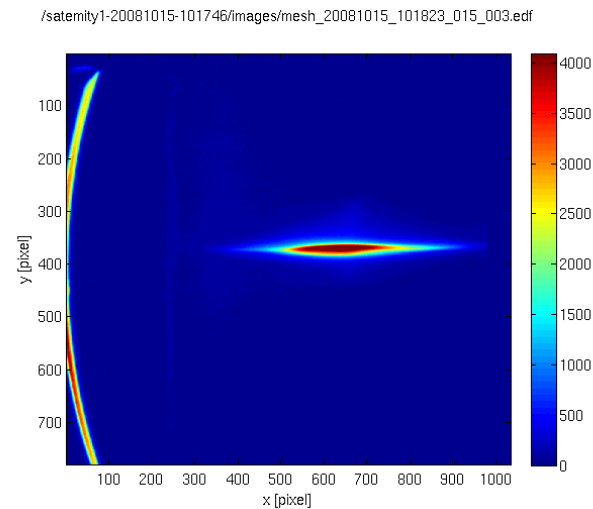
# Fluorescent Screen (FS)

**Advantages:** Lots of light

**Disadvantage:** Beam size enlargement for beam sizes  $\sim$  FS thickness  
 FS saturation for large beam densities  
 Such large amount of light can saturate:  
 the CCD camera (easily detected)  
 the fluorescence emission (no longer linear)



The distance A appears from the observation point as B due to multiple scattering

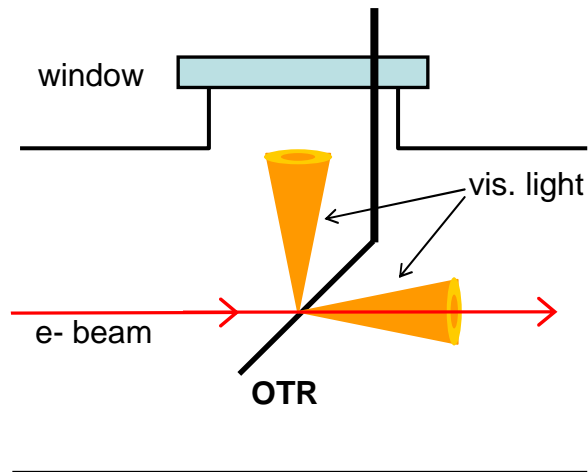


Example at Linac: image fully saturated (pixels 4095!)

Need another mechanism to image the beam without saturation:  
**→ Optical Transition Radiation (OTR)**



# Optical Transition Radiation (OTR)



- Transition Radiation is emitted when a charged particle crosses the interface of two media with different permittivities  $\epsilon$
- Intensity proportional to beam intensity and  $\ln(\gamma)$
- Intensity cone with angle  $\sim \gamma^{-1}$
- Light is emitted towards a CCD camera
- **Destructive method** as well

**Advantage:** No saturation (as opposed to the FS)  
Instantaneous effect (no decay time)

**Disadvantage:** Little vis. light is produced for low beam currents

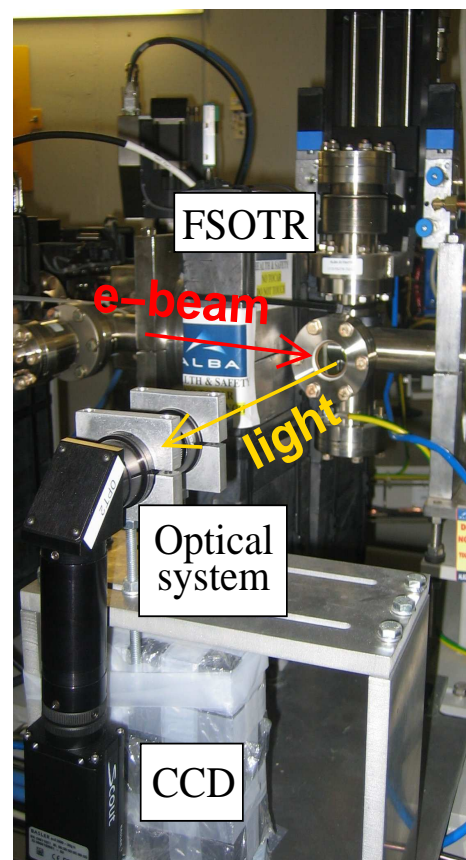
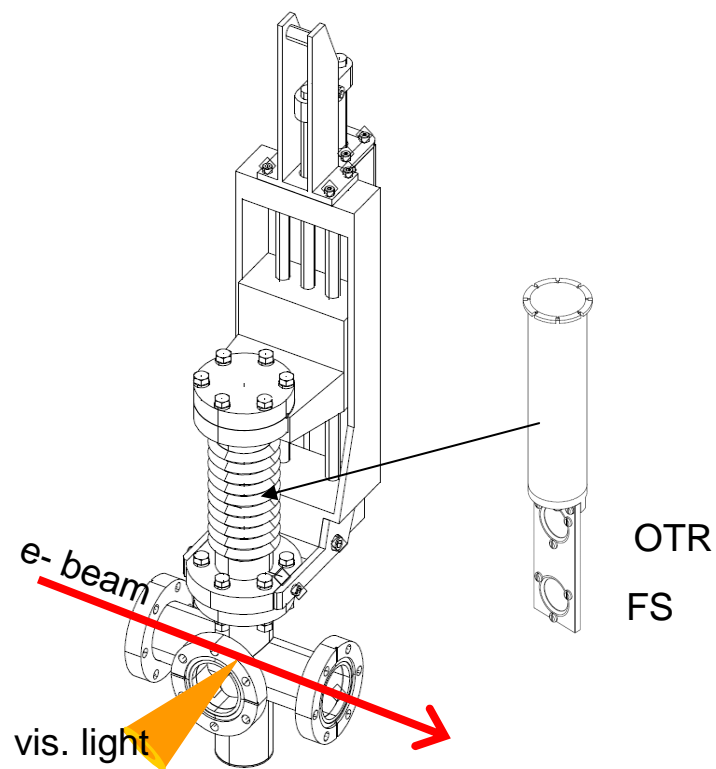
# → ALBA solution: Use of FS/OTR

Two screens (FS and OTR) are held in the same support:

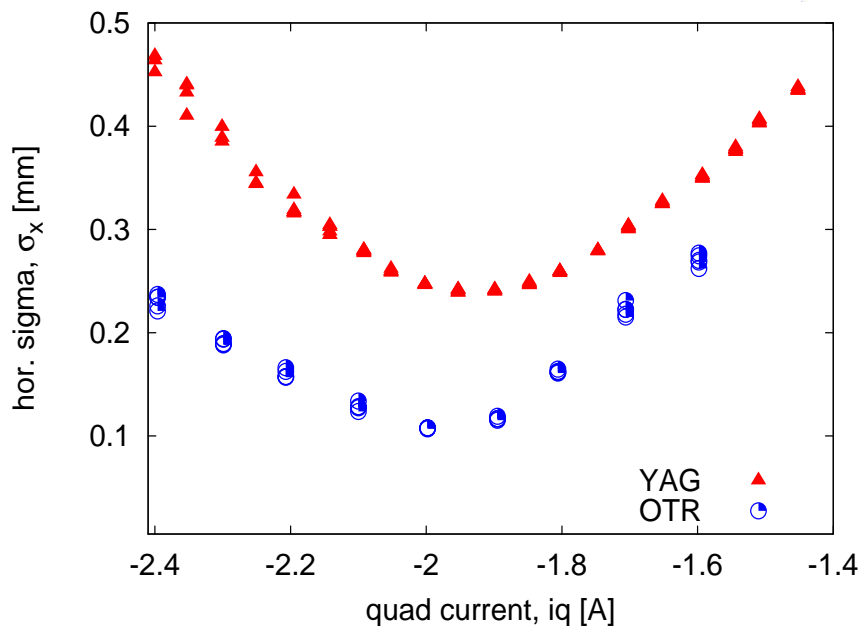
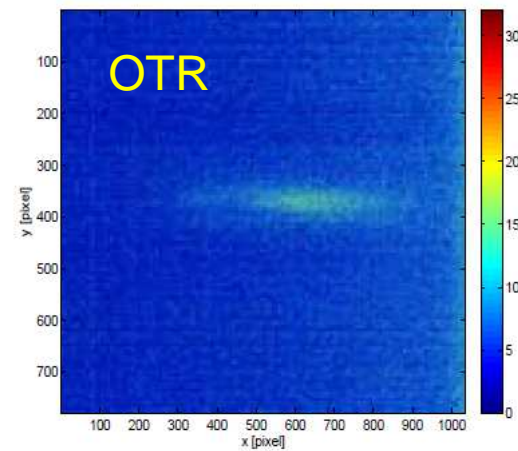
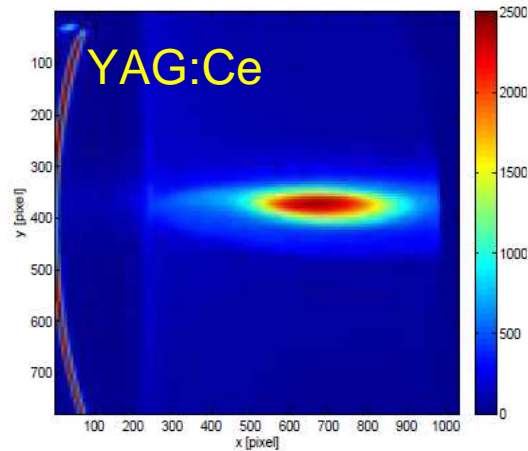
- FS usage for low beam intensities
- OTR usage for high intensity beams

**FS:** YAG:Ce

**OTR:** Al-foil of 100nm



# Comparison FS vs OTR



## Comparison:

Using the YAG screen the beam sizes can be twice as large

→ Need OTR screen to perform precise beam size measurements

→ Use YAG screen more often for routine operation

Essential element to perform the 1<sup>st</sup> turn at SR Commissioning

➤ Recabling Quads (14h00)

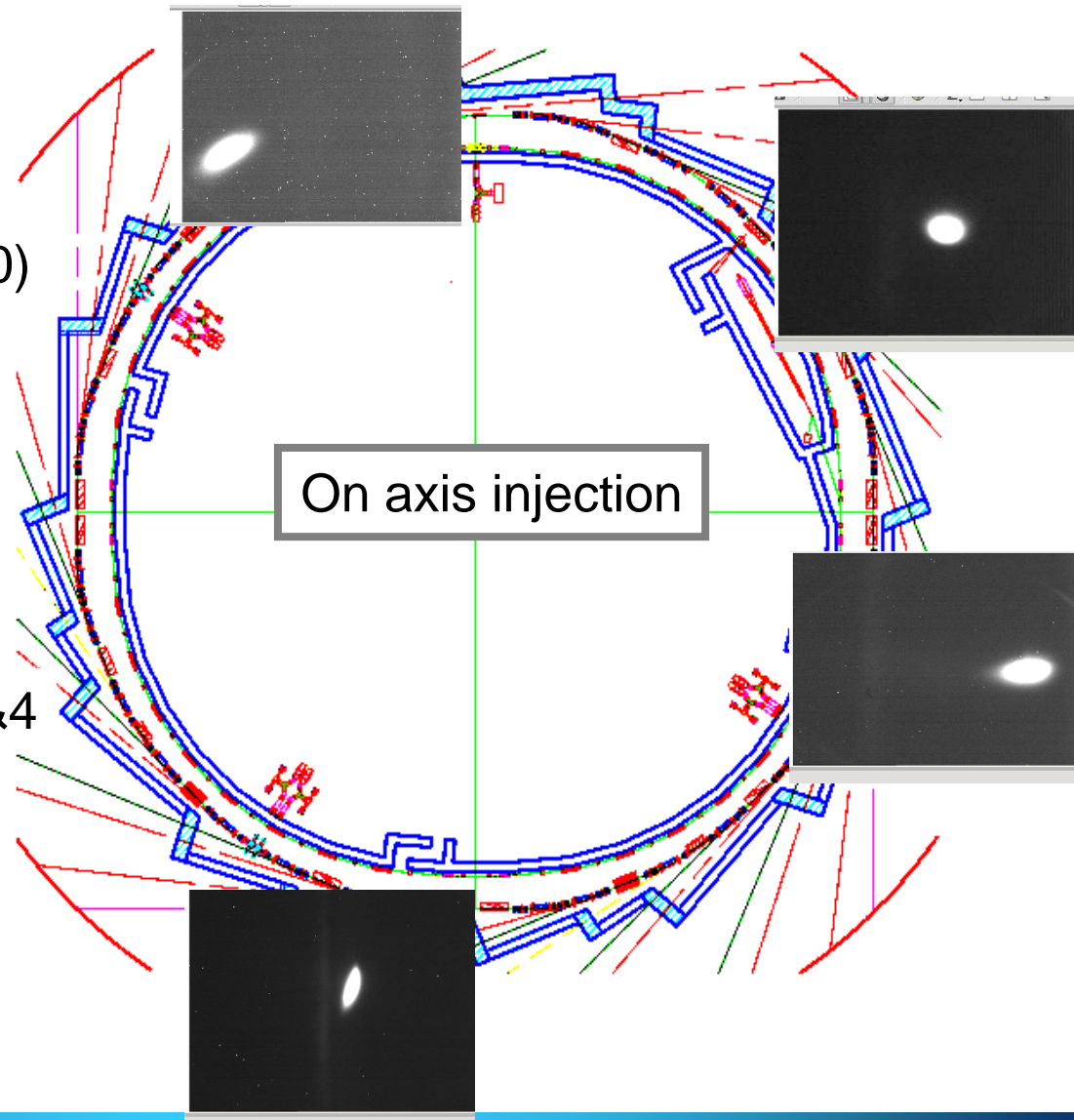
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✓ Quadrant 1

✓ Quadrant 2

✓ Quadrants 3&4

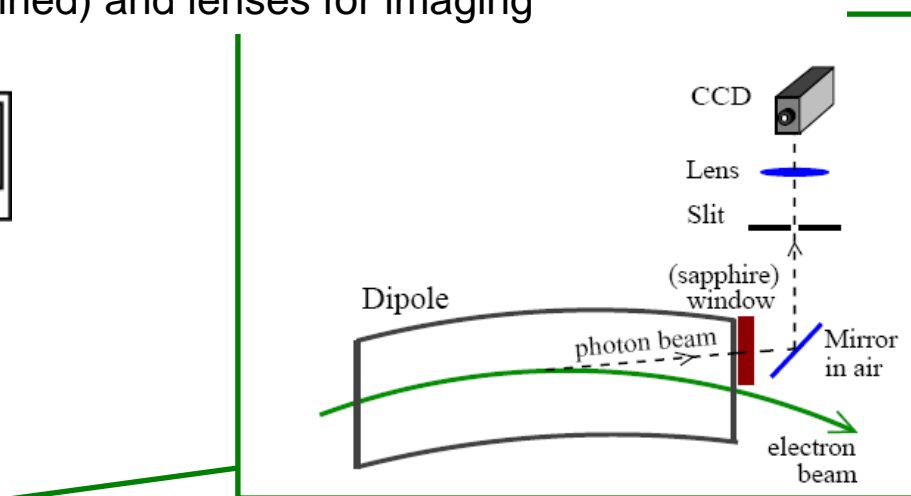
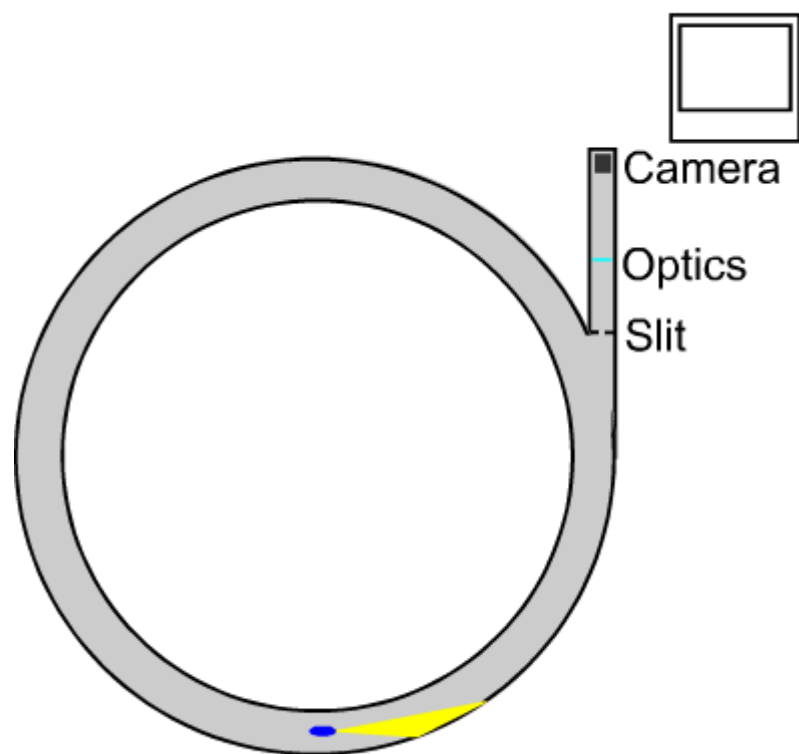
19h35: 1st turn !



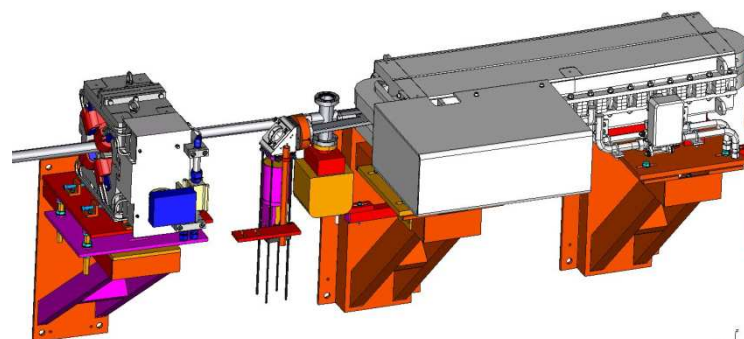
# Synchrotron Radiation Monitors (SRM)

## How:

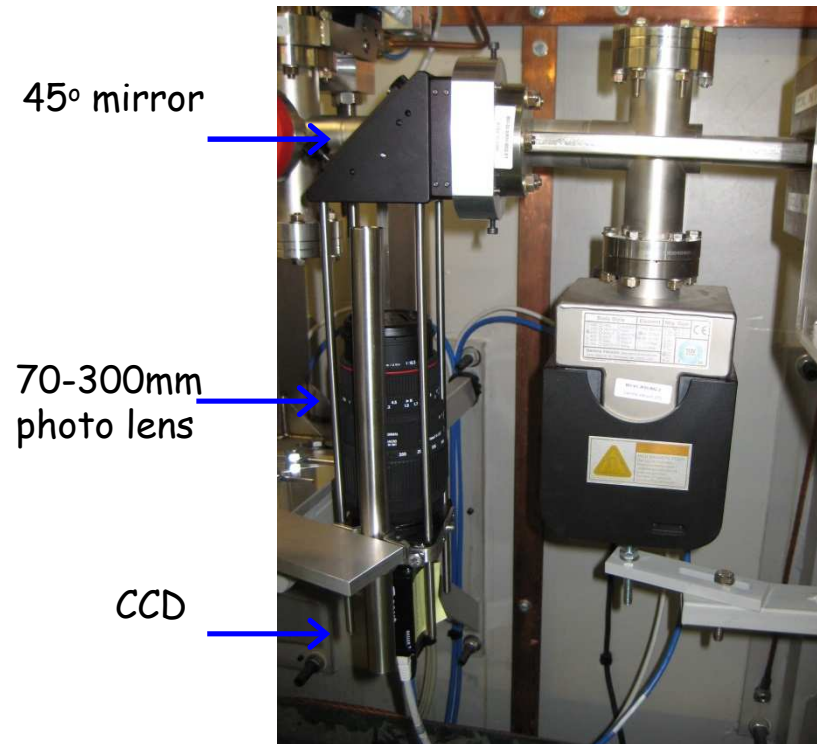
- Use of the synchrotron radiation produced when the e- beam traverses a bending magnet to image the e-beam **transverse** profile
- Need slit (image source not well determined) and lenses for imaging



SRM - Booster



## Lateral view:



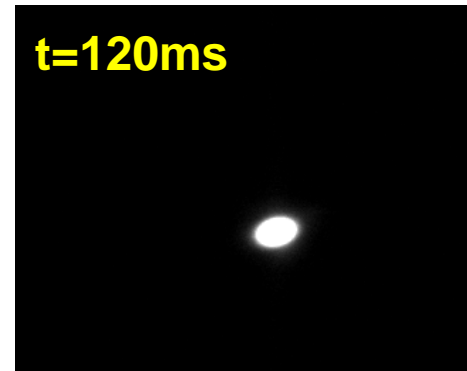
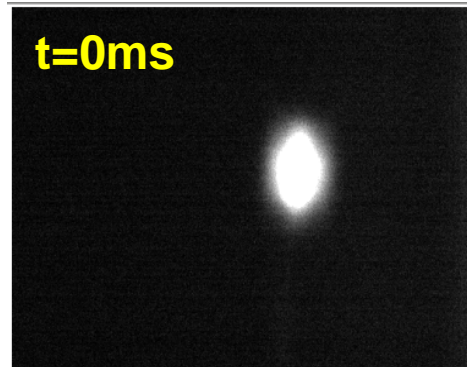
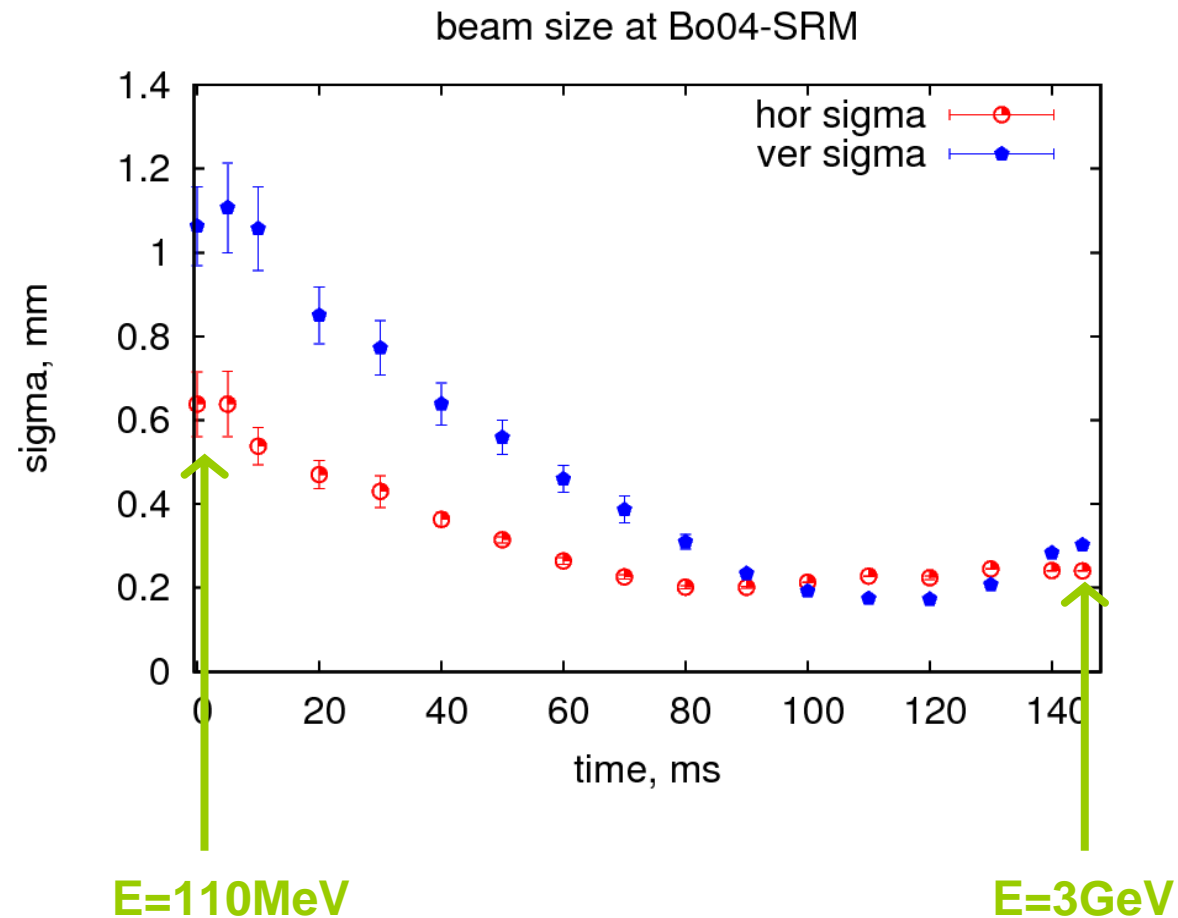
### **Advantages:**

- Non-destructive method (e- beam continues its path)

### **Disadvantages:**

- Due to angular nature of synchrotron radiation, image is **diffraction limited**
- In the Storage Ring, we require a “beamline” for the setup – see **Pinhole System**

# Beam size during Booster Ramp

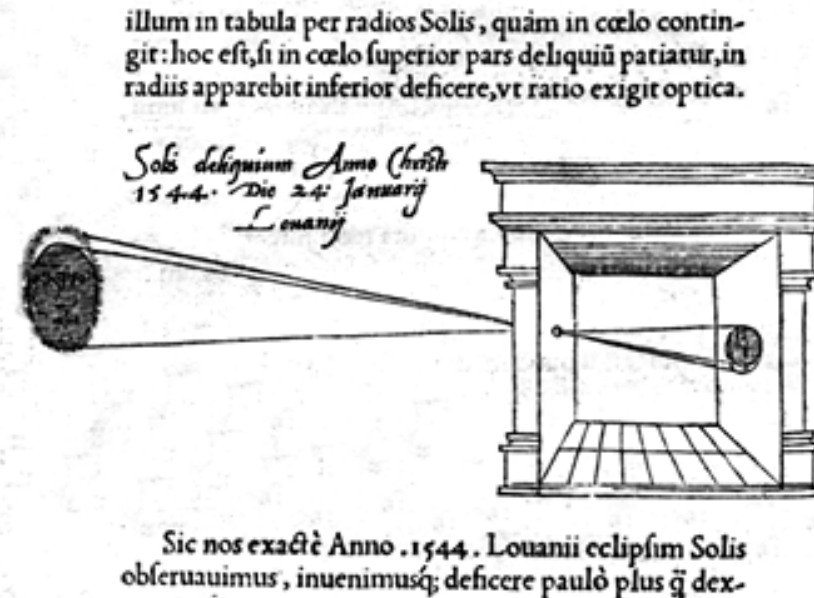


# The Pinhole Camera

Pinhole, or camera obscura, a “camera without lens”.

Light going through a small hole, image keeps source properties

Used since **XVI century** to image solar eclipses

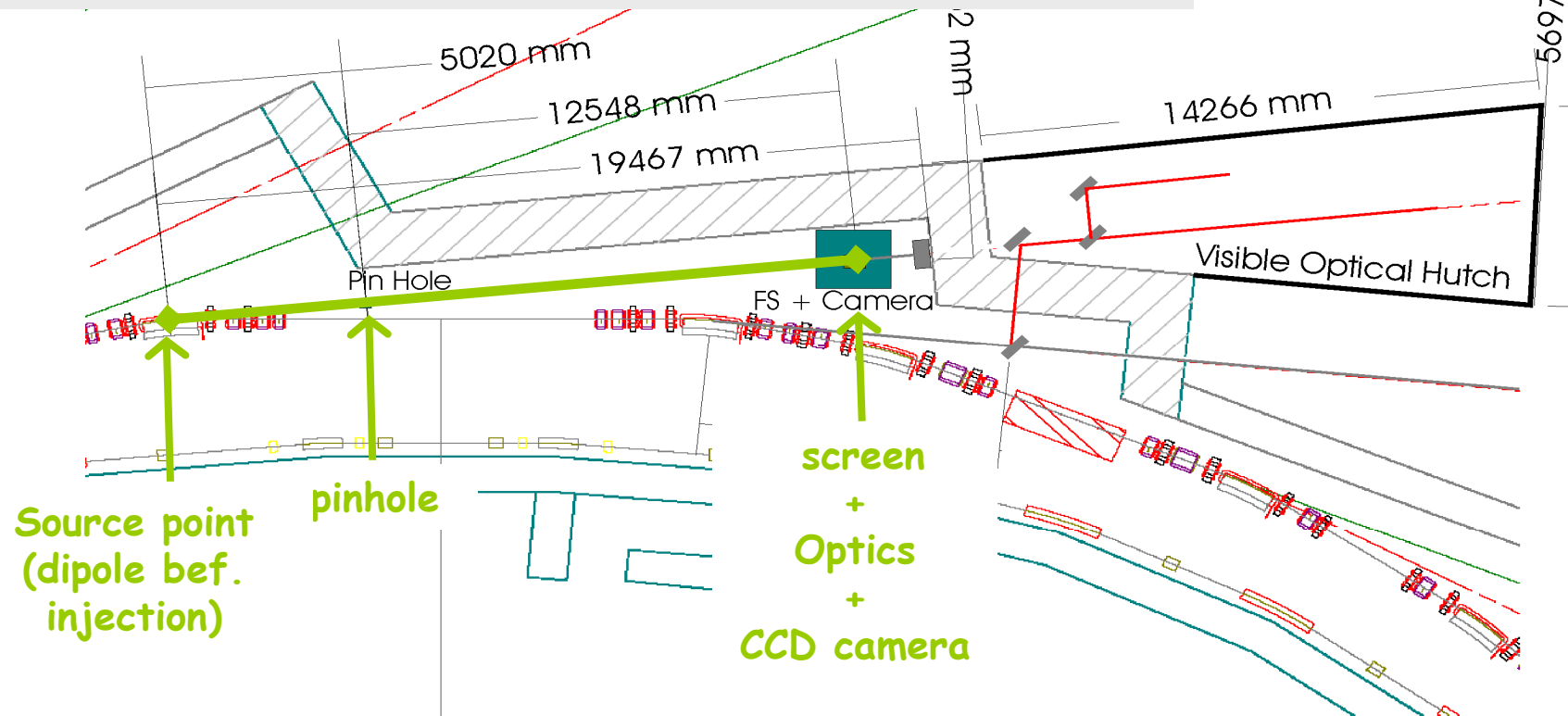


The same principle is widely used in e- machines!!!  
(NSLS, ESRF, SPEAR, APS, BESSY-II, ALS, SLS, Elettra, PEP-II, Soleil, Diamond...)



# ALBA XSRM (Pinhole) Layout

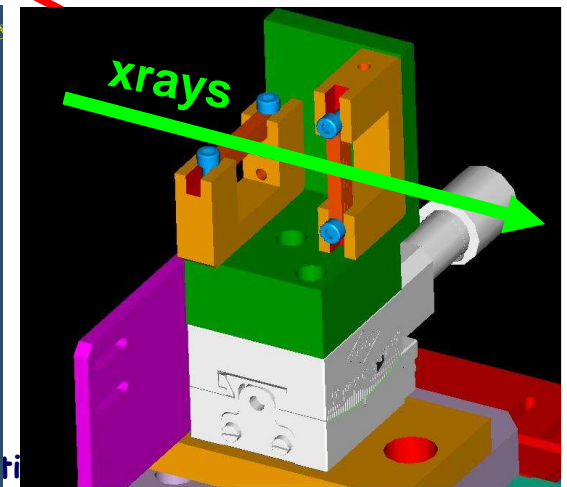
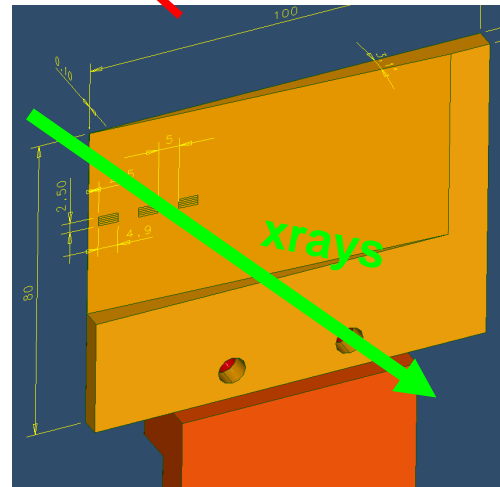
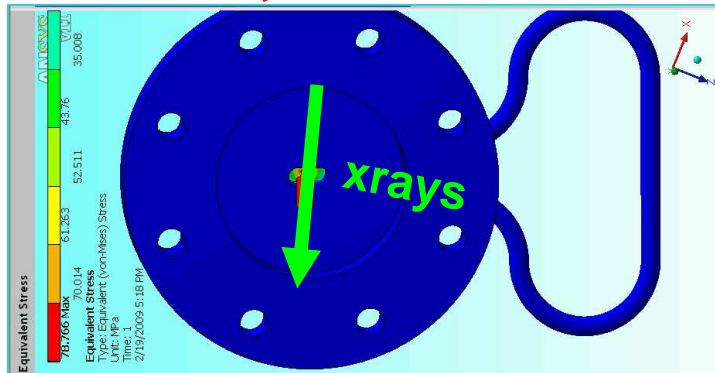
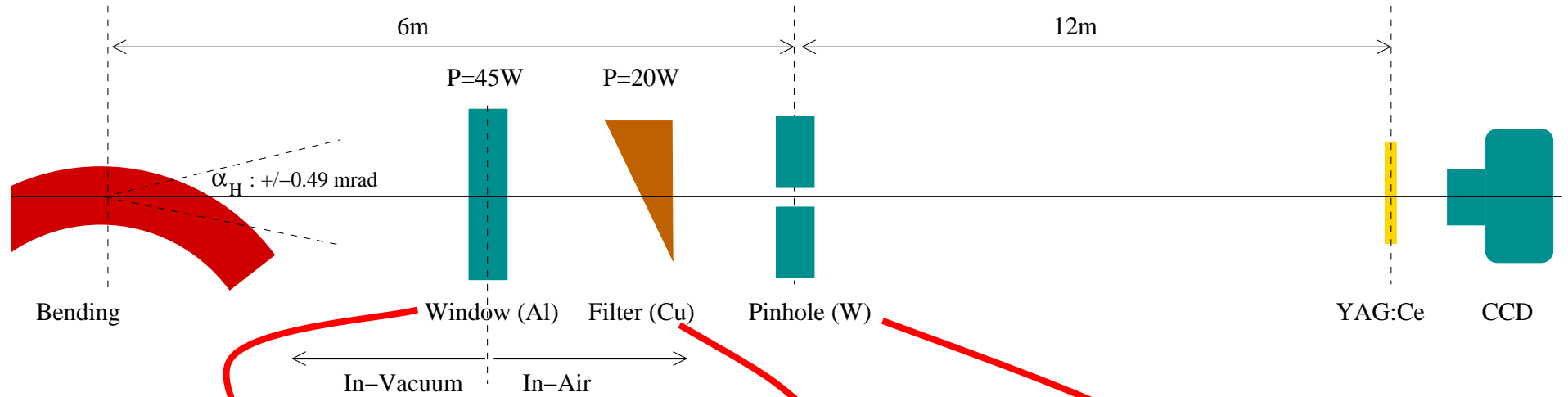
- Pinhole material: Tungsten (to withstand radiation)
- Magnification factor:  $L_2/L_1 \sim 2.25$
- Al vacuum window + Cu material to filter xrays  $> 10$  keV
- X-rays passed to vis. light using scintillators (YAG)





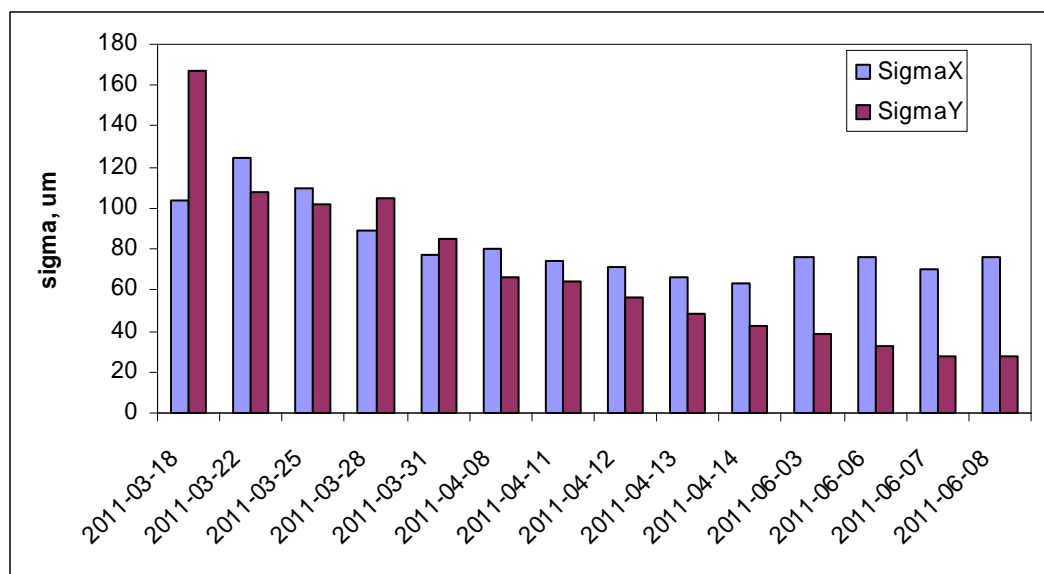
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# X-Ray Pinhole Camera

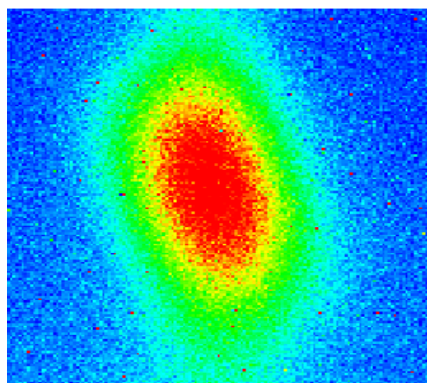


## Beam size evolution during Commissioning March – June 2011:

Day-1:  
(105, 160)um



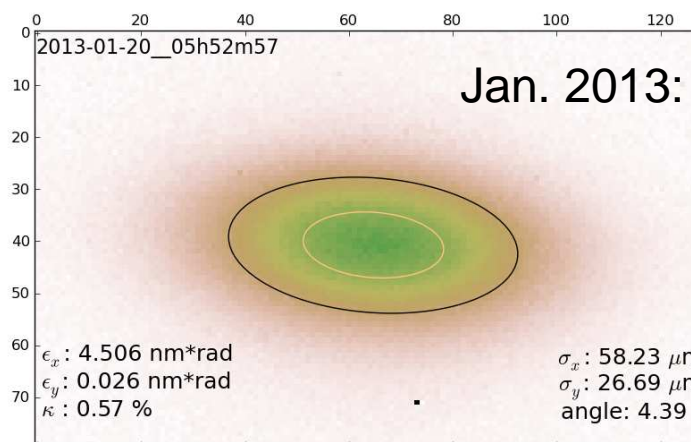
Last Day:  
(64, 29)um



March 2011:

$$\sigma_x = 121 \mu\text{m}$$

$$\sigma_y = 218 \mu\text{m}$$

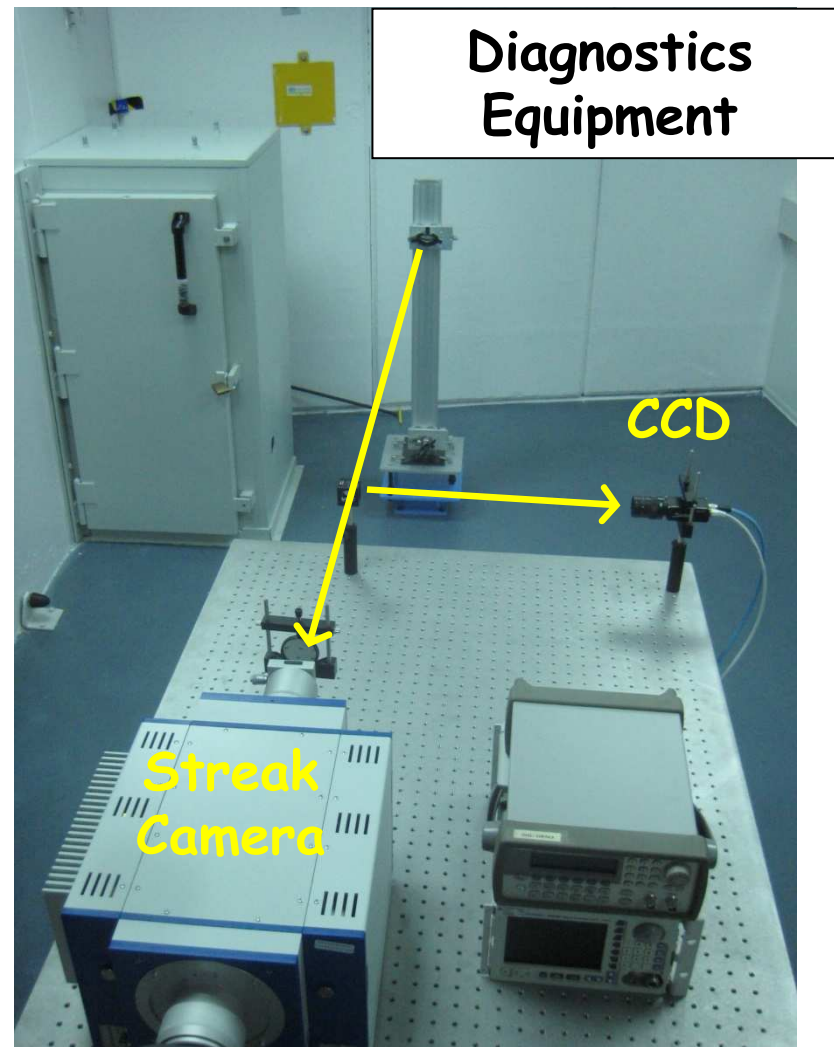


# Diagnostics BeamLine

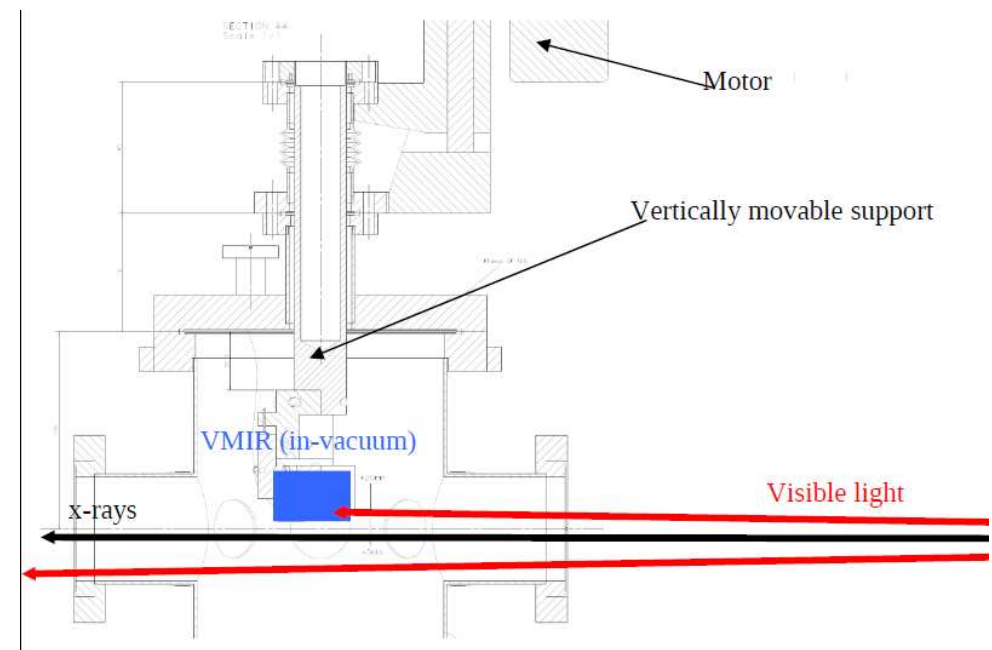
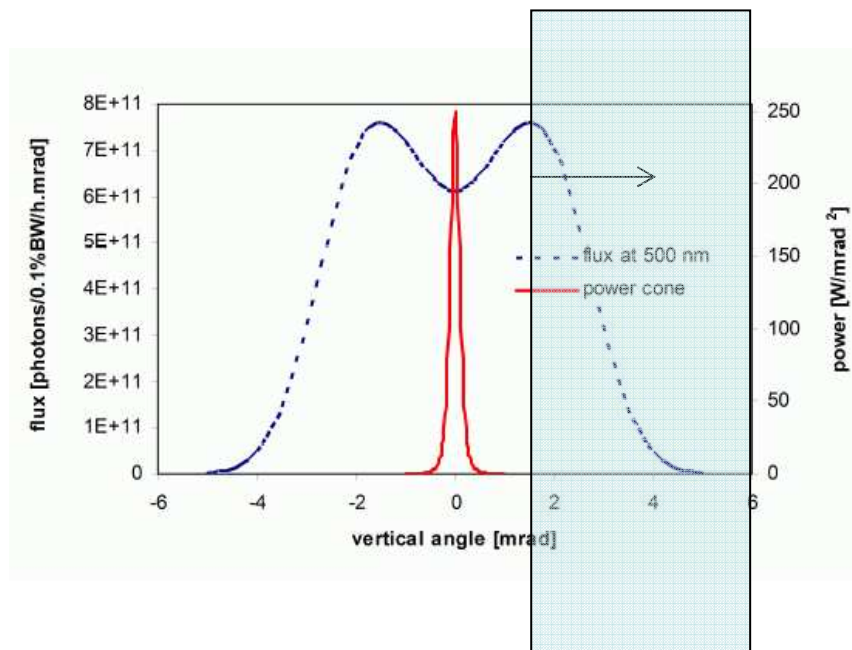


**In-Vacuum Mirror**

**DIAGNOSTICS BeamLine**



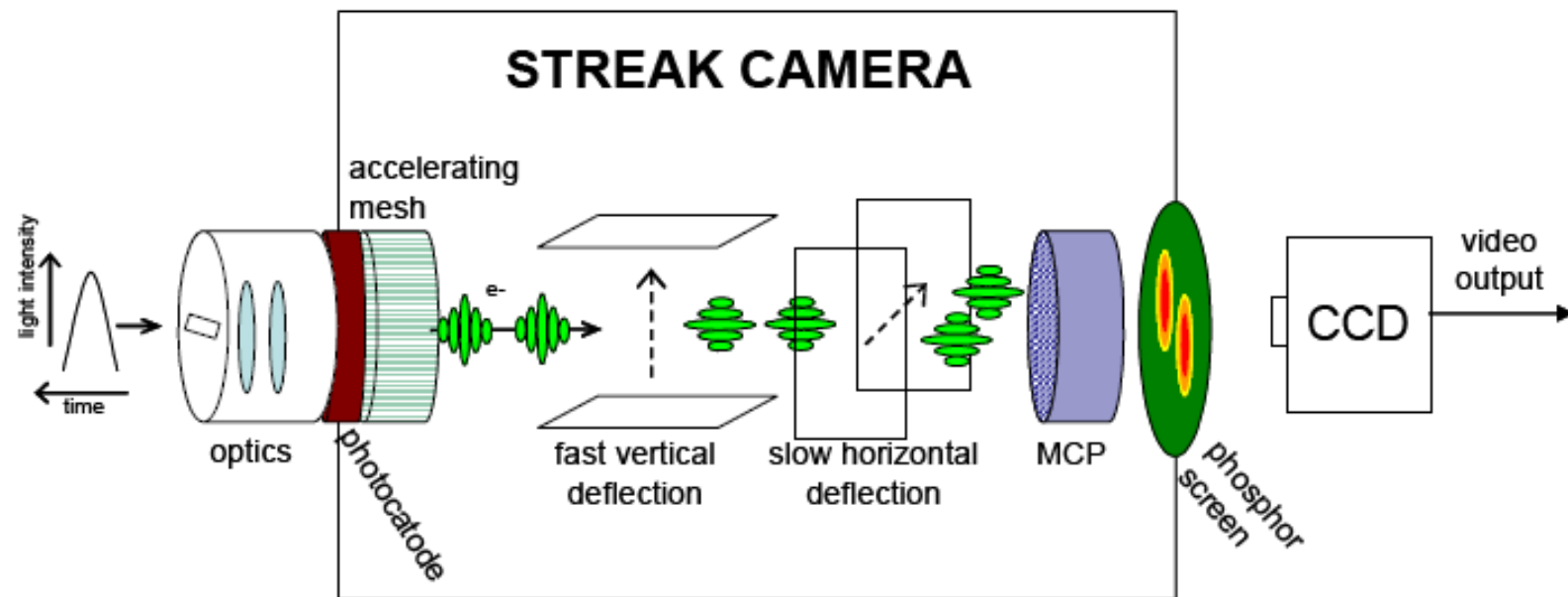
## Wavelength Selection at In-Vacuum Mirror



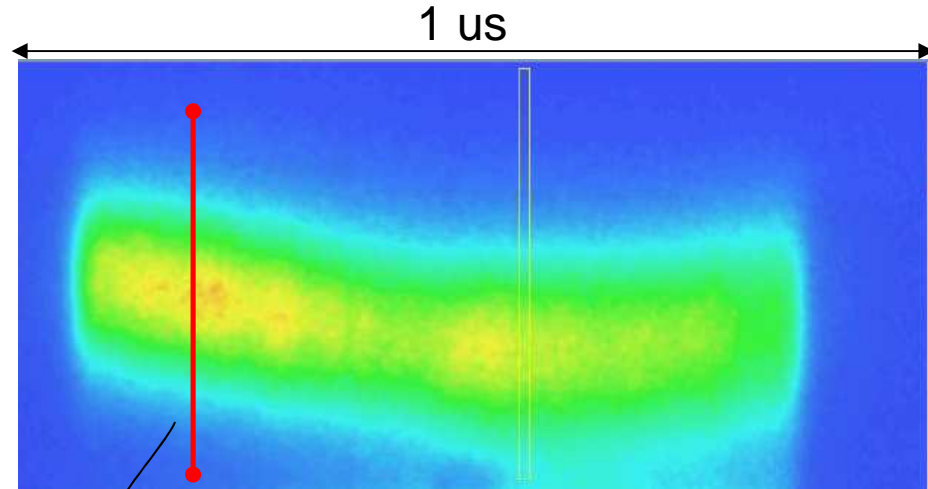
# Bunch Length - Streak Camera

## Working Principle:

- use visible radiation coming from a SR (same long. structure as e-beam)
- the streak camera:
  1. converts photons into e- at photocathode
  2. deflects the e- with fast electric sweeps and separates them spatially
  3. converts the e- into photons, and takes an image



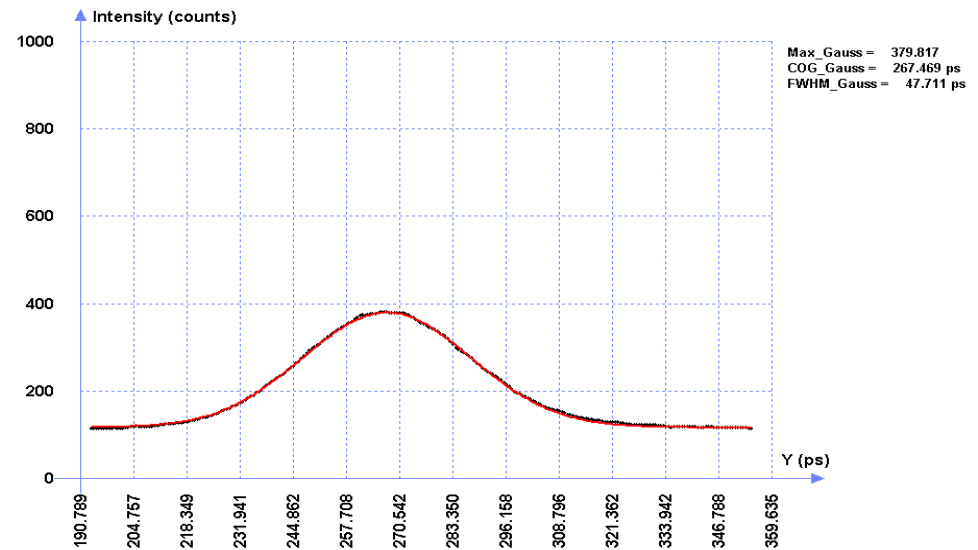
# Example



The starting shape (becoming like a banana)  
Means the rf phase is not the same for all bunches and  
We are starting to have a beam instability

In any case, the vertical projection provides the bunch length:

FWHM~47ps



## Measuring beam charge/current

- Fast Current Transformer
- DC Current Transformer
- Faraday Cup



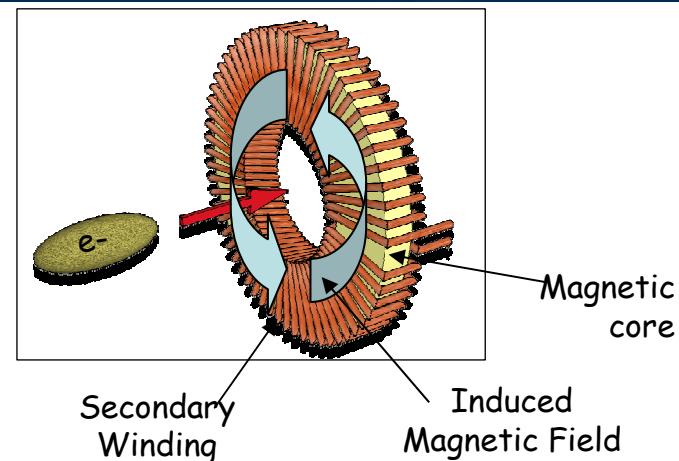
# Fast Current Transformer (FCT)

Ferromagnetic core surrounded by a winding embedded in the vacuum chamber.

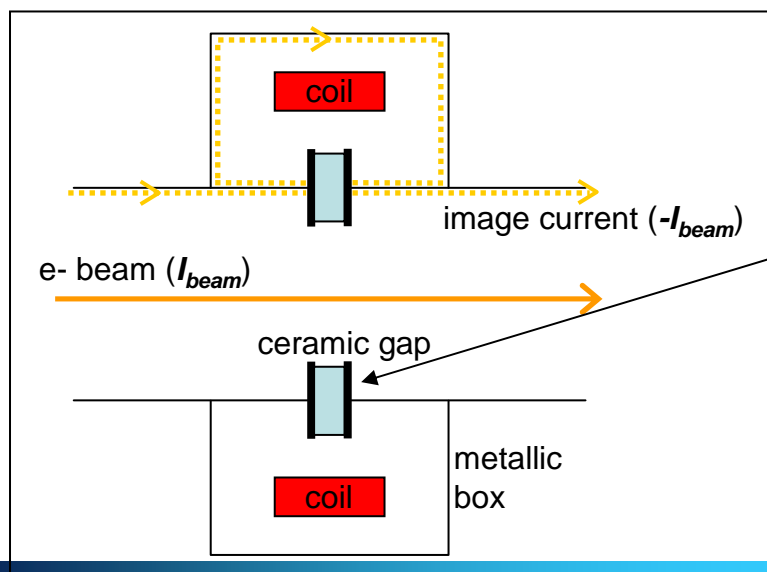
The e-beam acts as 1ary coil and induces a magnetic field in the core.

The induced signal is captured by the winding (2ary coil), and then read by a scope

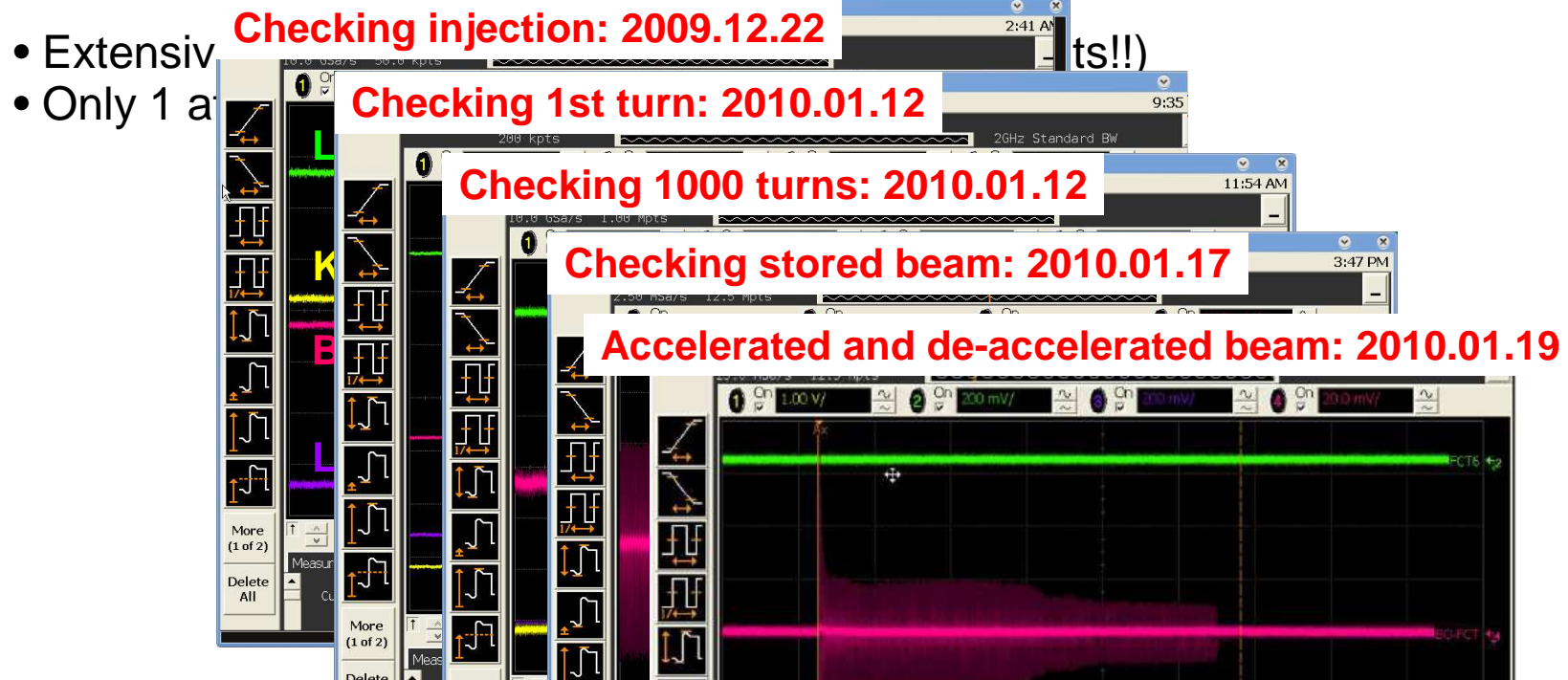
The relation between the 1ary (e-beam) and 2ary currents is  $N$  is the number of turns around the coil



$$I_{beam} = N I_{coil}$$



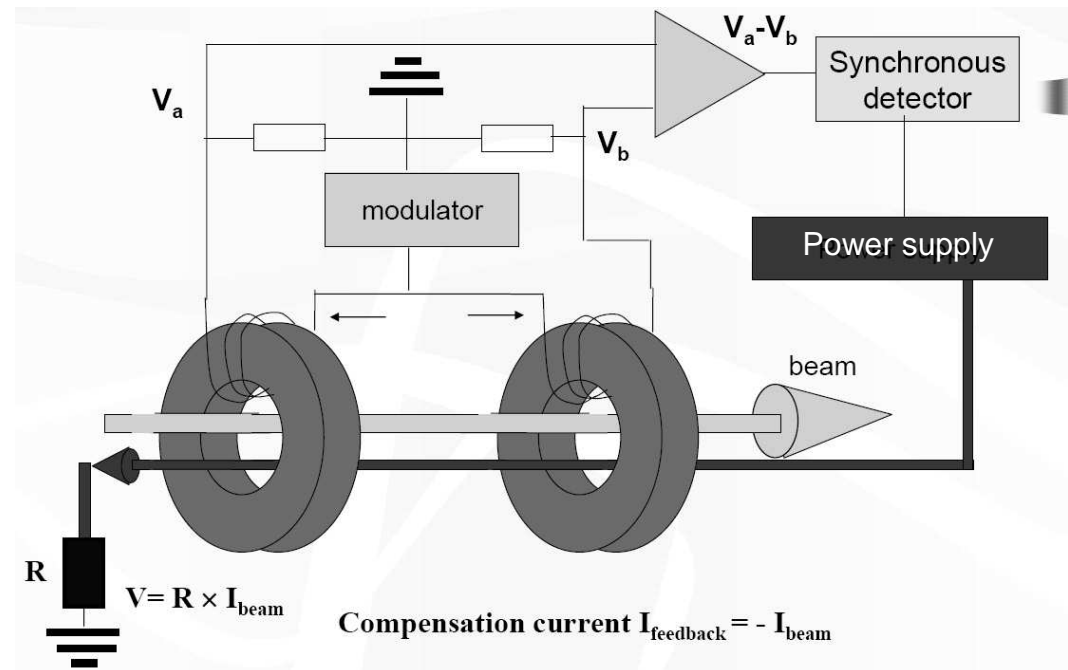
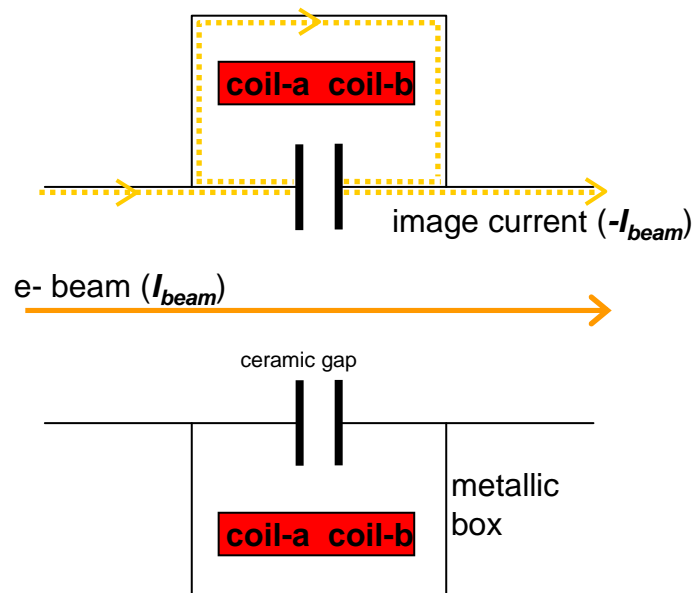
→ Need to cut the electrical conductivity using ceramic break to allow image currents be caught by coil



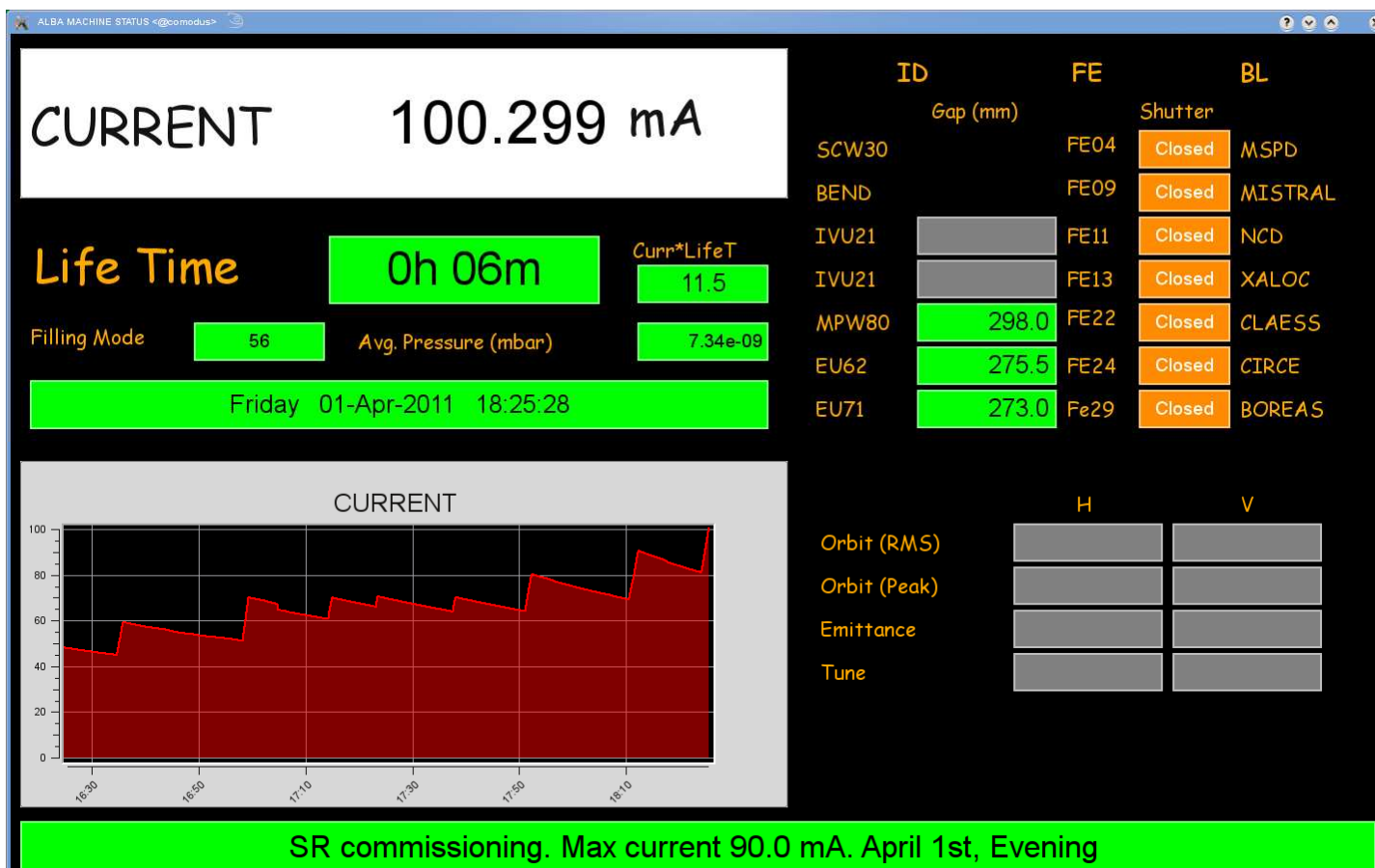
But this is a qualitative measure of the beam current.  
Recall that signal is distorted depending on the frequency, and DC currents are not detected!

For quantitative analysis, need the **DC Current Transformer → DCCT**

# DC Current Transformer (DCCT)



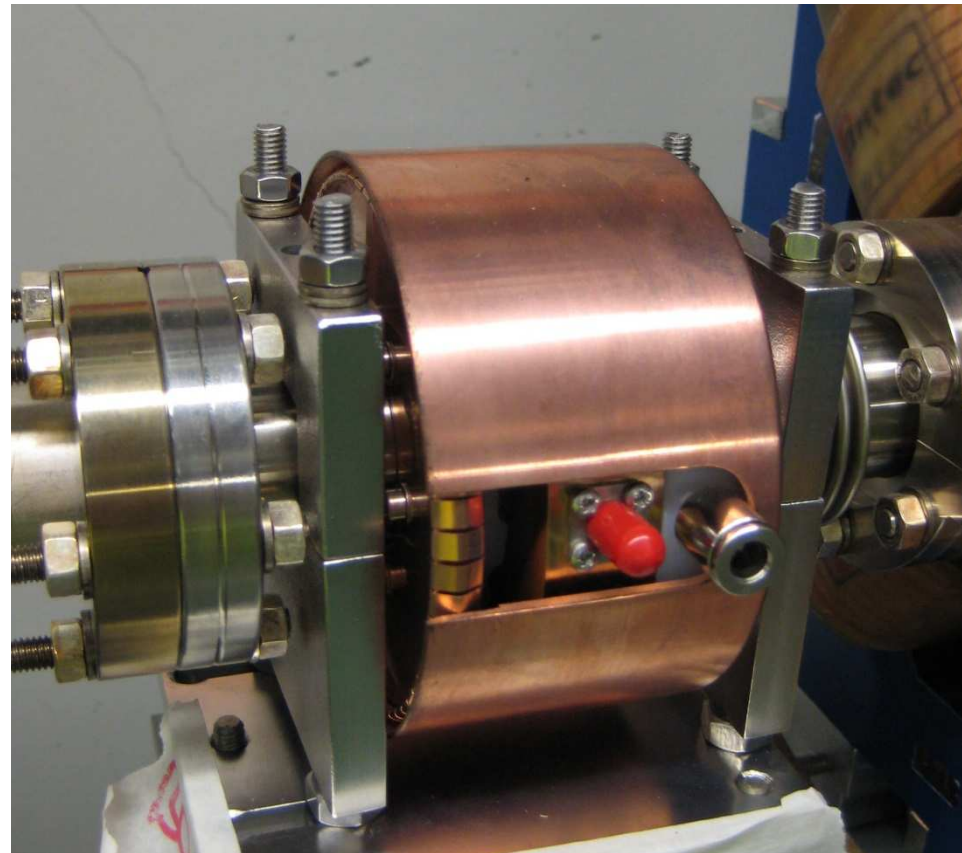
- As the FCT, but the DCCT includes (at least) two coils to get the **compensating magnetic** flux (“zero” flux).
- Coils are made of a ferromagnetic material (hysteresis B-H)



SR - DCCT

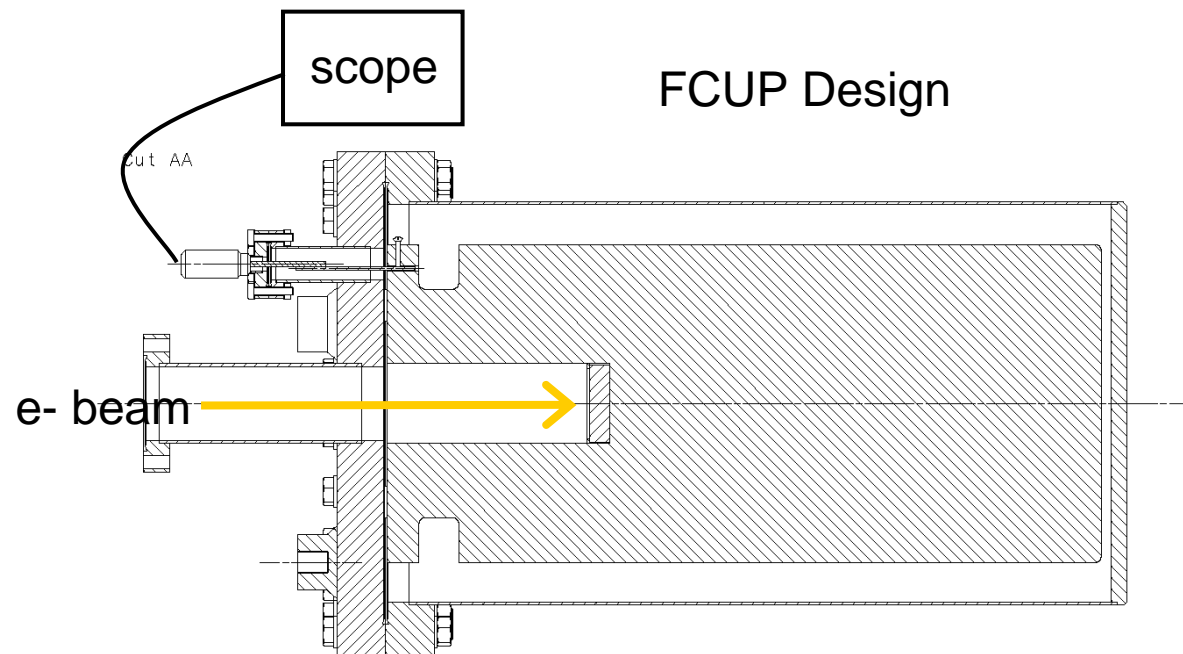


BO - FCT



# Faraday Cup (FCUP)

- The e- beam hits a metallic block-electrode (Faraday Cup), which collects all beam's charge.
- This charge flows them to the scope, or multimeter.
- Totally destructive method (at ALBA only one in the Linac Diagnostics Beamline).



- Quantify and locate particles lost by the beam
- Particles lost detected using **BLM** from Bergoz

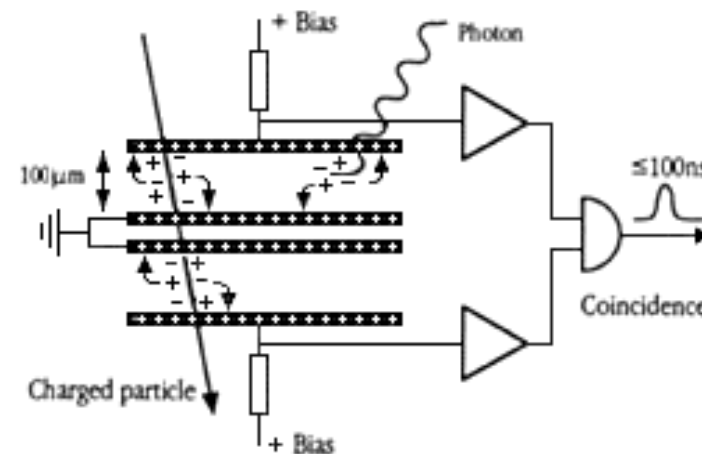


## Operating Principle:

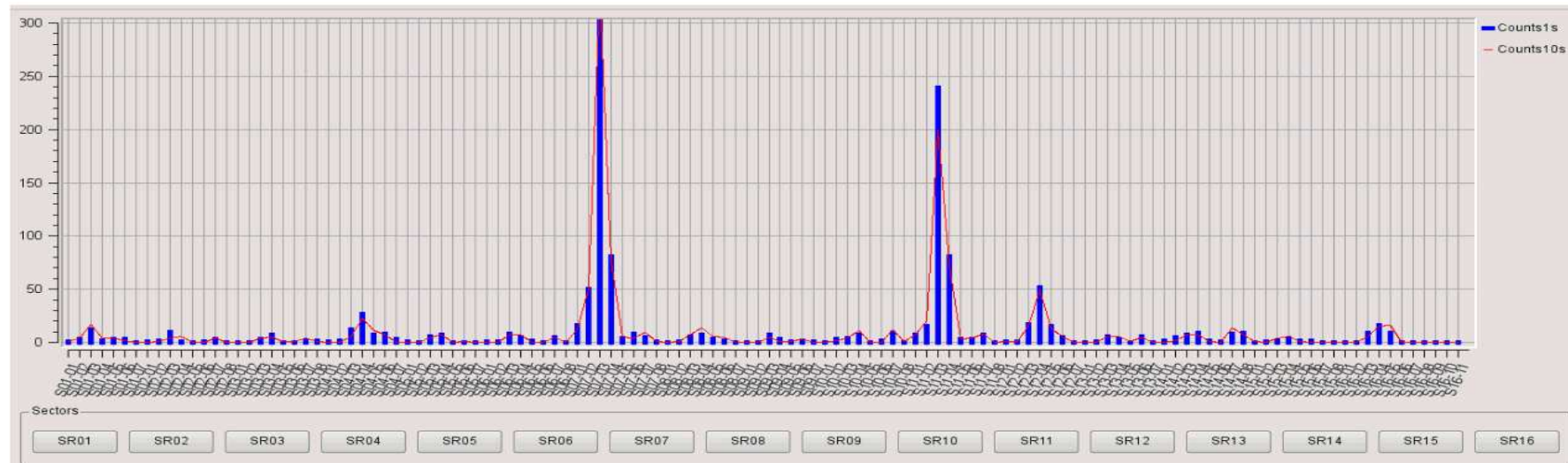
- Two pin-diodes mounted face to face produce electrical charge when a MIP\* crosses a diode.
- The electronic board includes an **AND** gate that counts coincidence rates “Coincidence” implies photons will not be counted

\*MIP = Minimum Ionizing Particle.

## Operating principle



- 7/8 BLM/cell  $\rightarrow$  120 BLMs
- Located at same location as the BPMs
- We can follow the places where the e-beam is lost:



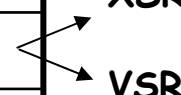
Example 2011.12.14:

Finding an explanation for a Low Lifetime (2h only!)  
Critical locations S07-03 (Xaloc) and S11-03 (MPW)  
Realize that correction tables for MPW were not ok



# SUMMARY

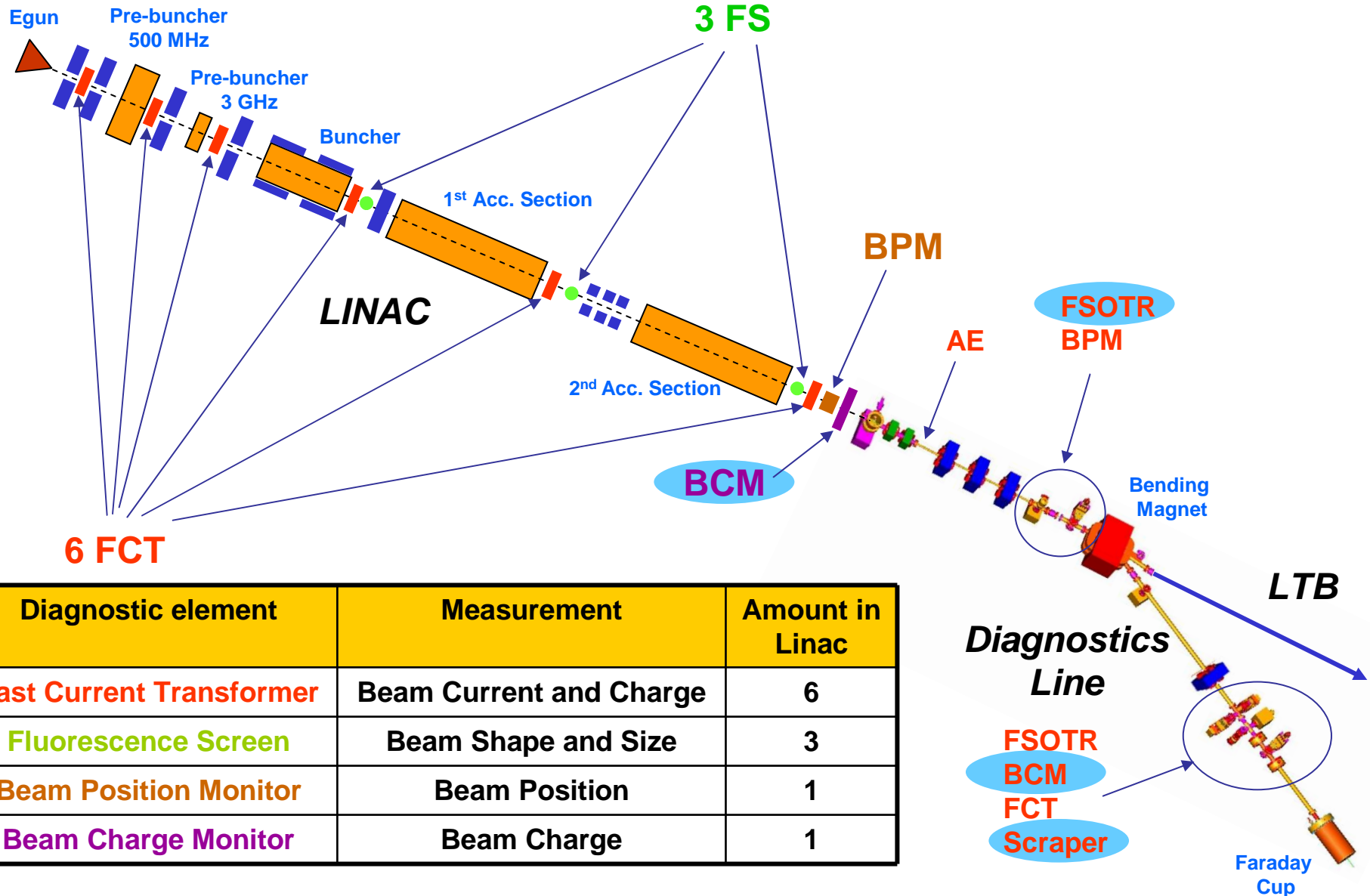
	<i>Instrument Name</i>	<i>Acronym</i>	<i>LTB</i>	<i>Booster</i>	<i>BTS</i>	<i>SR</i>
Position	Beam Position Monitor	<b>BPM</b>	4	44	4	120+3
	Stripline BPM	<b>Stripline</b>	0	2	0	1
Charge	Faraday Cup	<b>FCUP</b>	1	0	0	0
	Fast Current Transformer	<b>FCT</b>	3	1	2	1
	Beam Charge Monitor	<b>BCM</b>	2	0	0	0
	DC Current Transformer	<b>DCCT</b>	0	1	0	1
	Annular Electrode	<b>AE</b>	0	1	0	1
Size	Fluorescent Screen	<b>FS</b>	0	1	0	4
	Fluorescent Screen / OTR	<b>FS/OTR</b>	4	4	3	2
	Synch. Rad. Monitor	<b>SRM</b>	1	3	2	2*
Others...	Scrapers	<b>SCR</b>	2	0	0	2
	Fast FeedBack Kickers	<b>FFK</b>	0	0	0	2


  
XSR  
VSR



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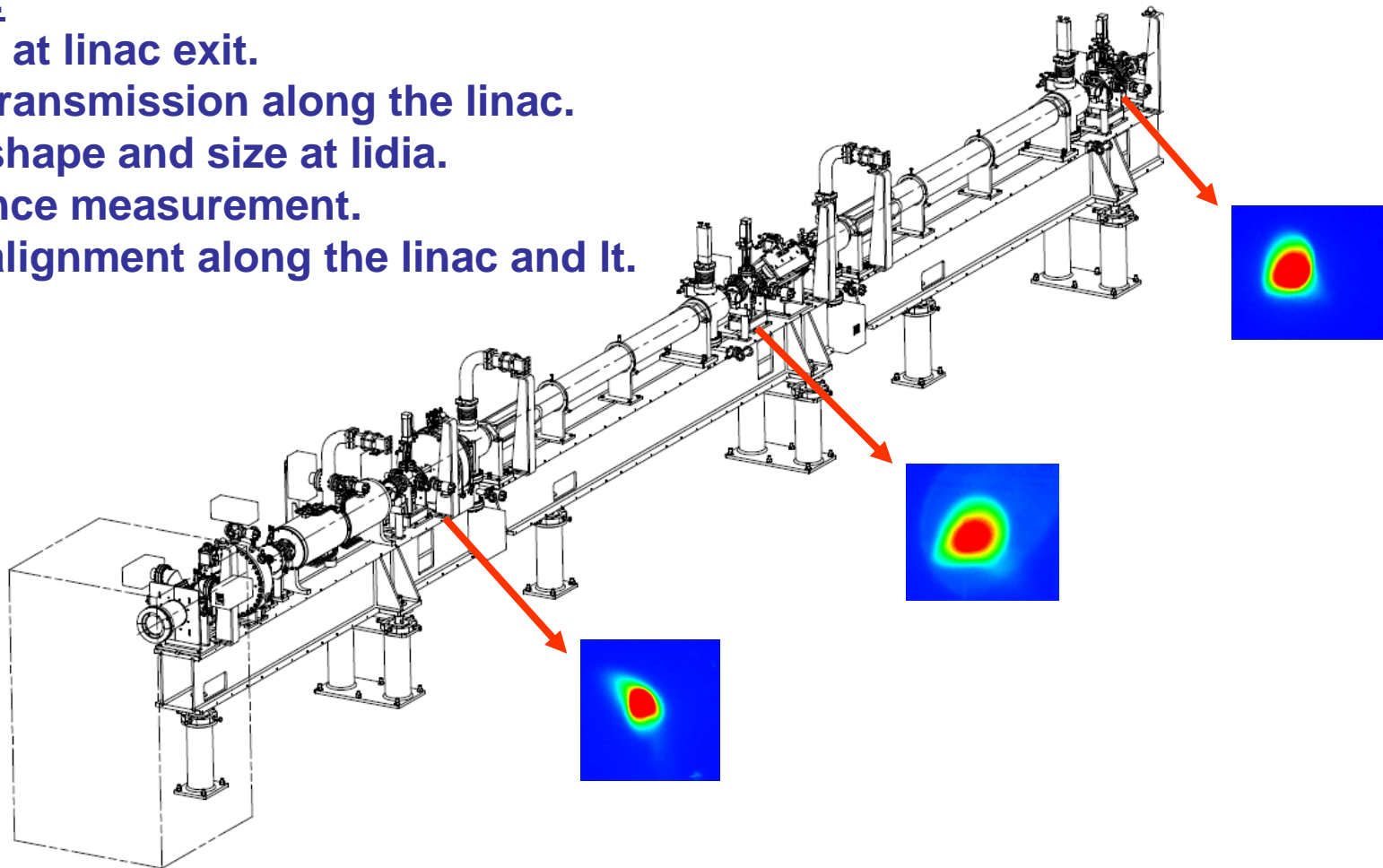
# Linac Diagnostic elements



Diagnostic element	Measurement	Amount in Linac
Fast Current Transformer	Beam Current and Charge	6
Fluorescence Screen	Beam Shape and Size	3
Beam Position Monitor	Beam Position	1
Beam Charge Monitor	Beam Charge	1

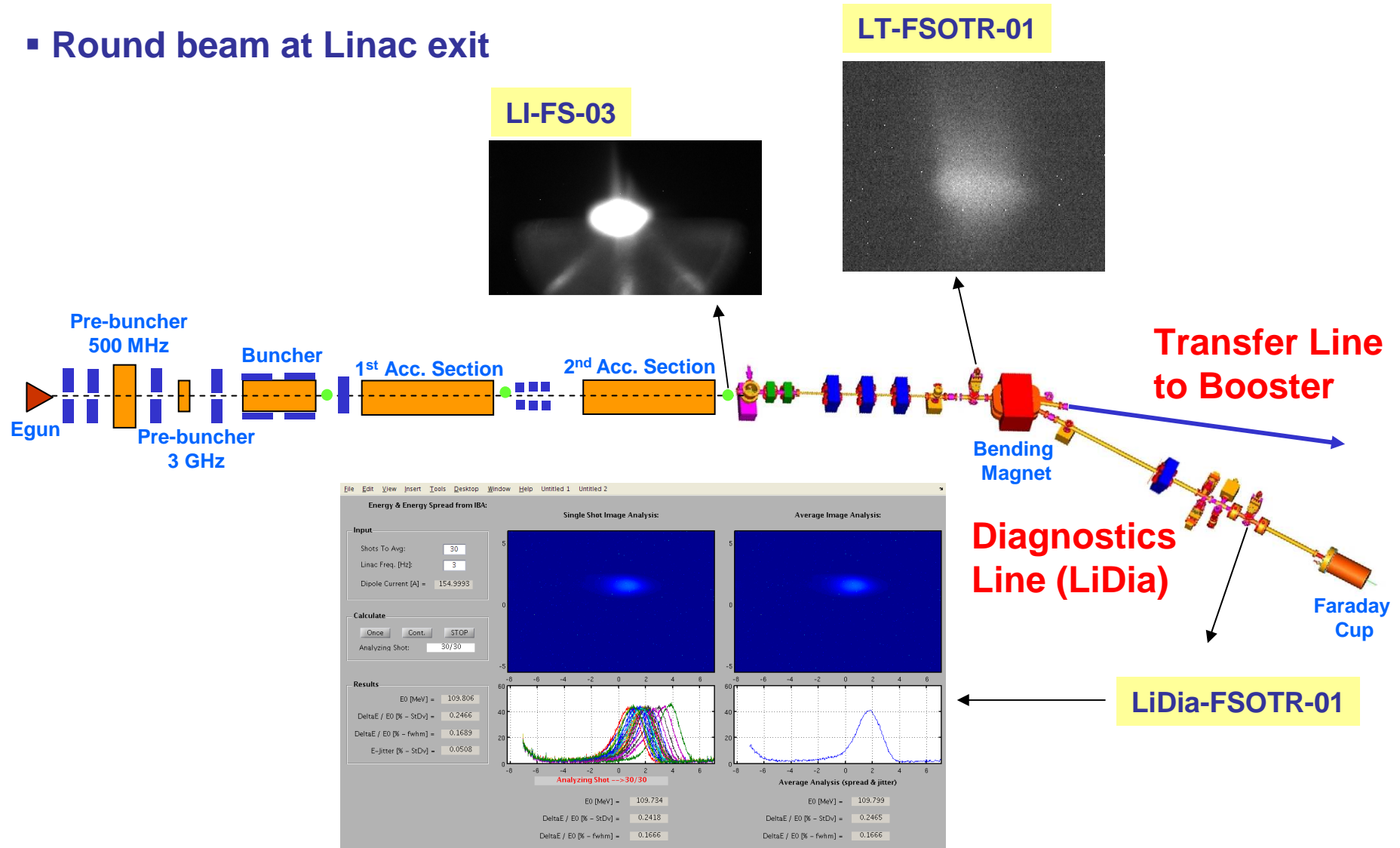
## Checks:

- Charge at linac exit.
- Beam transmission along the linac.
- Beam shape and size at lida.
- Emittance measurement.
- Beam alignment along the linac and It.



# Beam Optimization

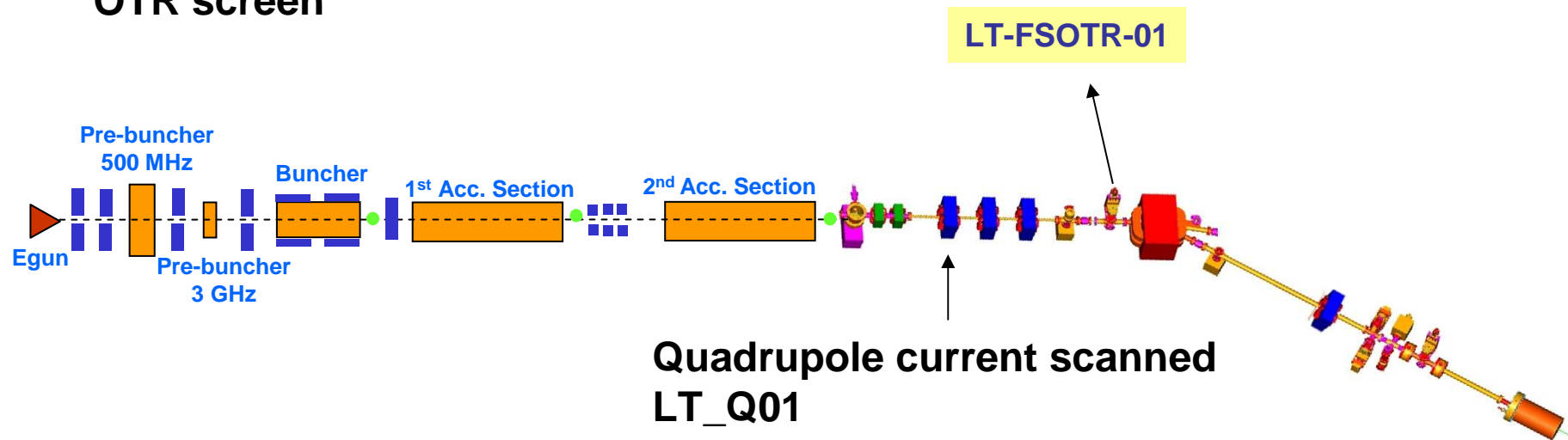
- Round beam at Linac exit



Fast energy and energy spread measurement

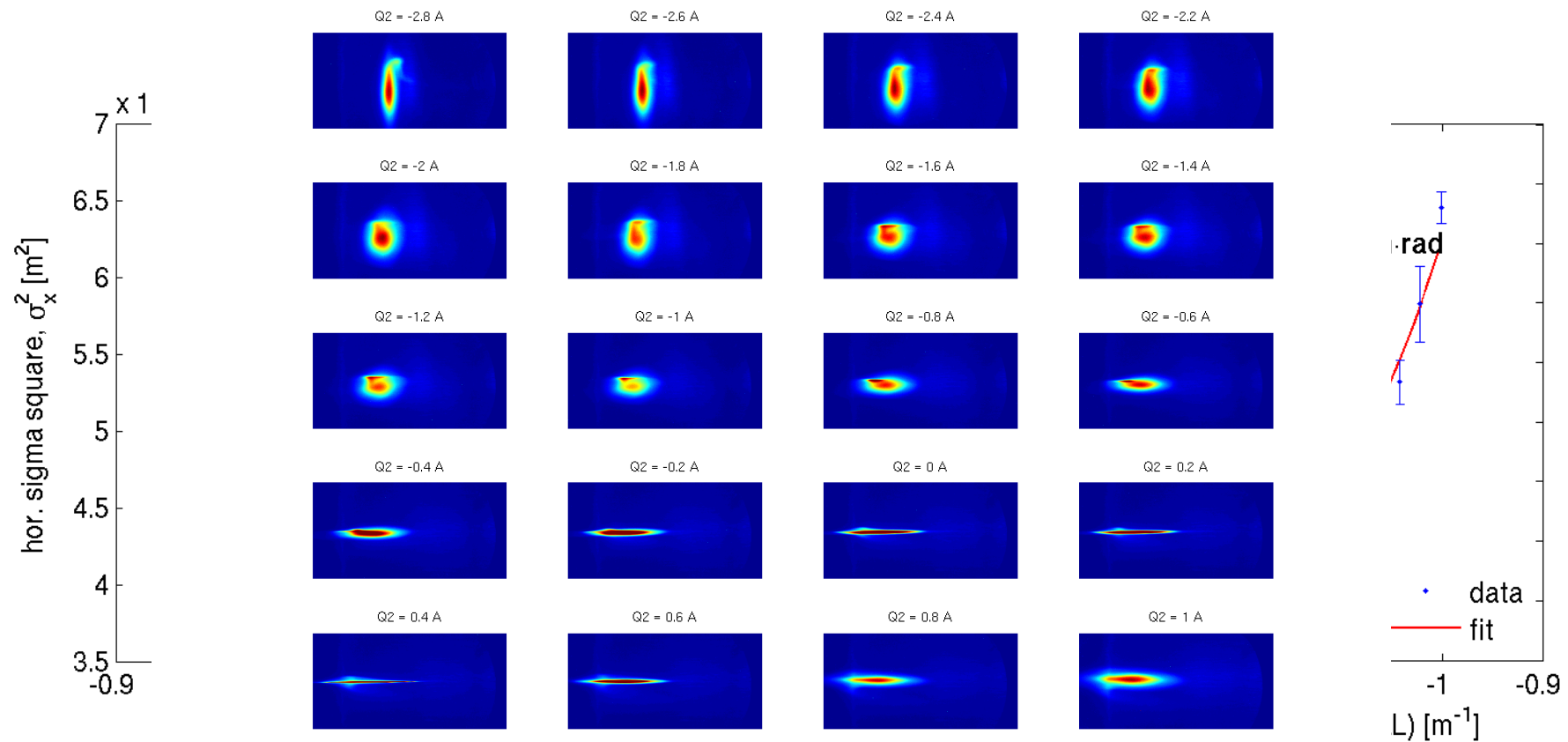
## Quadrupole scan method

1) Beam size as a function of the quadrupole field strength recorded with OTR screen

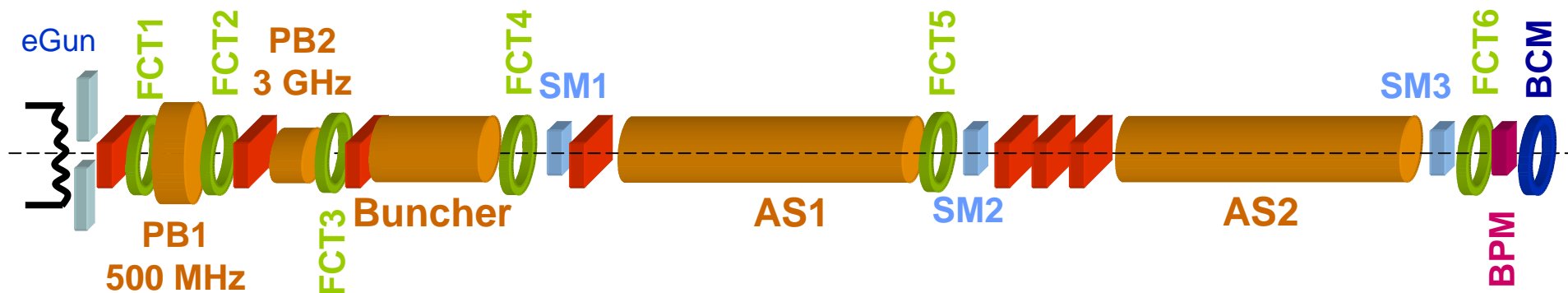


2) Parabola is fitted to extract the emittance from the fit parameters.

- Emittance measurements: MBM, 112 ns, 4 nC, 105 MeV, 1 Hz



# Beam transmission



MBM, measured transmission, 70 MeV

Beam mode	Buncher exit	AS1 exit
500 MHz & 3 GHz	96%	66%
3 GHz	83	58
500 MHz	80	47
No cavities	64	37

