

# Self-locked time-resolved measurements with a passive streaker

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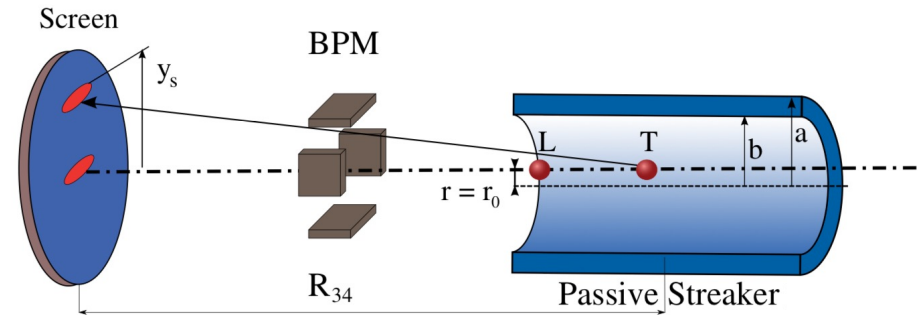
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# Introduction to the method

# Time-resolved diagnostics of electron beam with passive structure

## Idea:

- Electron beam moving off-axis excites strong transverse wakefields in a corrugated or dielectric structure
- Wakefields give a time-dependent transverse kick to the electrons
- This allows to resolve the time profile of the e-beam on the screen



Experimental demonstration at SwissFEL Injector Test Facility (dielectric structure):  
[S. Bettoni et al., PRAB 19, 021304 \(2016\)](#)

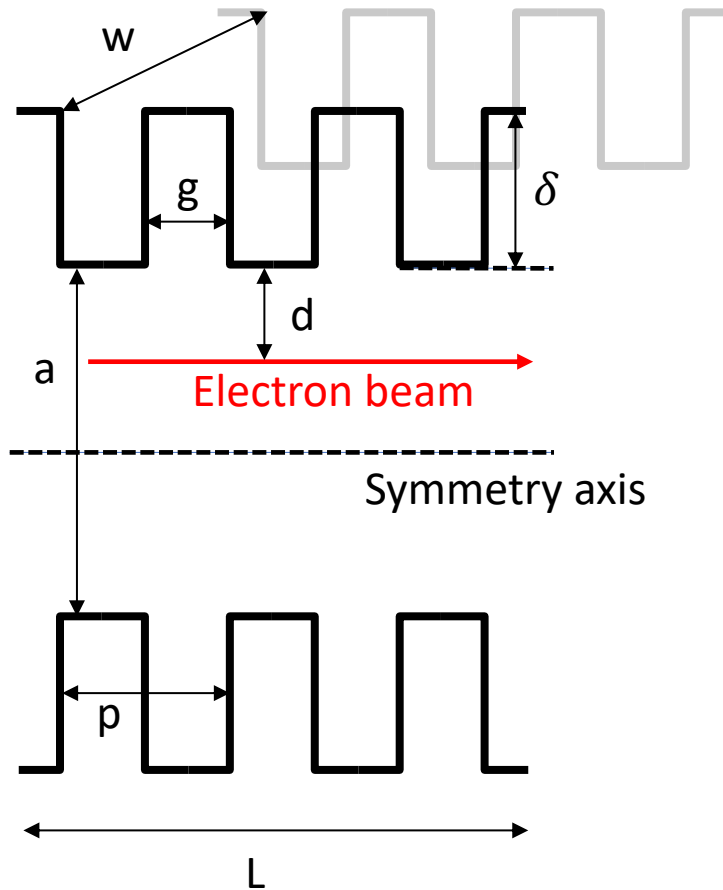
## Advantages:

- Cheap and simple: manufacture and operation (self-driven)
- Self-locked: no RF phase or arrival time jitter effects

## Disadvantages:

- Head is not resolved
- Orbit jitter sensitivity
- Nonlinear streaking: reconstruction is sophisticated

# Geometric parameters of the corrugated passive structure (example for SwissFEL structure)



## Fixed parameters:

- $\delta = 250 \mu\text{m}$  (corrugation depth)
- $p = 500 \mu\text{m}$  (period)
- $g = 250 \mu\text{m}$  (longitudinal gap)
- $w = 10 \text{ mm}$  (plate width)
- $L = 1 \text{ m}$  (length of the structure)

## Variable parameters:

- $a =$  variable gap (typically 6 -10 mm)
- $d =$  offset (beam distance to the jaw)

Transverse and Longitudinal wakefield models for this geometry is very well developed!  
For example: [Bane, Stupakov and Zagorodnov: PRAB 19, 084401 \(2016\)](#)

# Wakefield model (dipole approximation)

Single-particle transverse wakefield (from [PRAB 19, 084401, 2016](#)):

$$w_{xd}(s, x) \approx \frac{Z_0 c}{4\pi} \frac{\pi^3}{4a^3} \sec^2\left(\frac{\pi x}{2a}\right) \tan\left(\frac{\pi x}{2a}\right) s_{0yd} \left[ 1 - \left( 1 + \sqrt{\frac{s}{s_{0d}}} \right) e^{-\sqrt{\frac{s}{s_{0d}}}} \right] \quad \text{Unit: V/C/m}$$

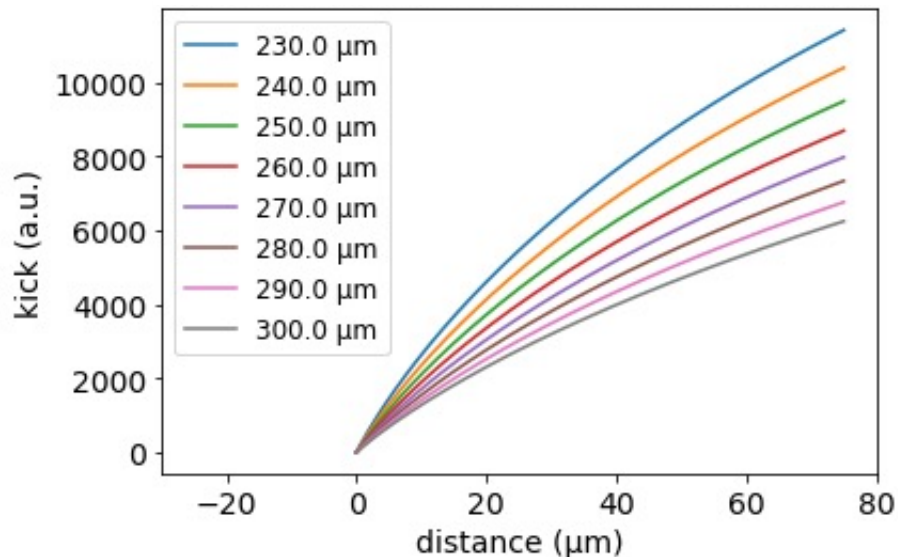
Equivalent distance scale factor:

$$s_{0yd}(x) = 4s_{0r} \left[ \frac{3}{2} + \frac{\pi x}{a} \csc\left(\frac{\pi x}{a}\right) - \frac{\pi x}{2a} \cot\left(\frac{\pi x}{a}\right) \right]^{-2}$$

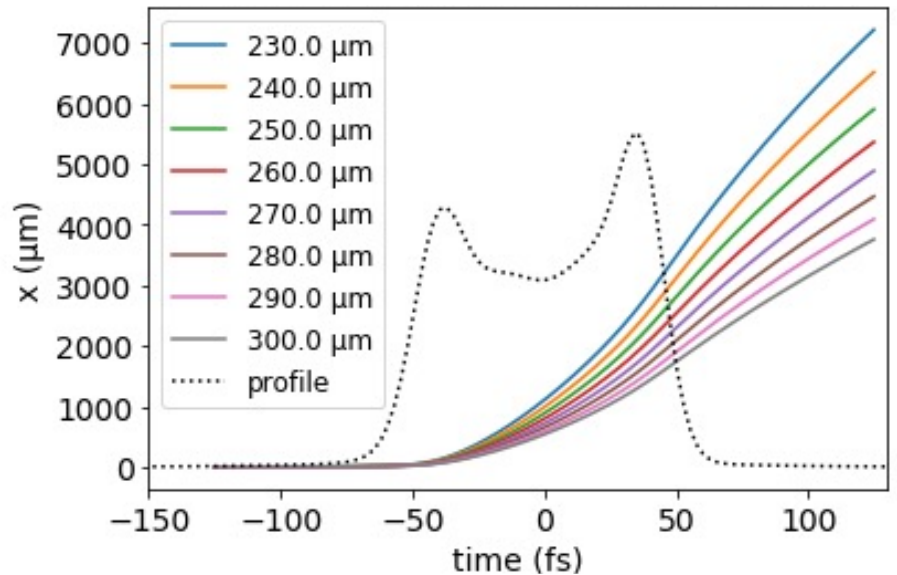
Distance scale factor [m]:

$$s_{0r} = \frac{a^2 \delta}{2\pi \alpha^2 p^2}$$

Single-particle wake (200 pC bunch)



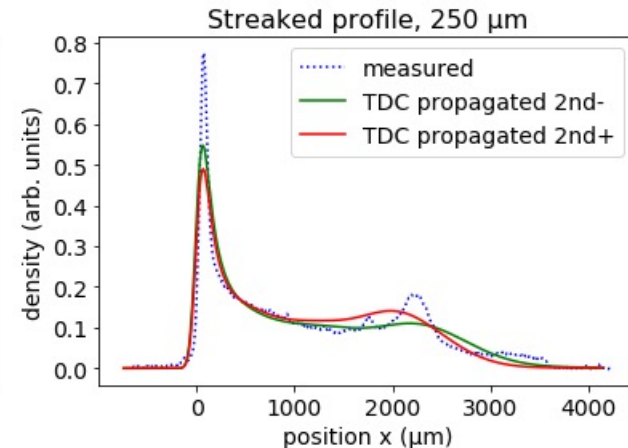
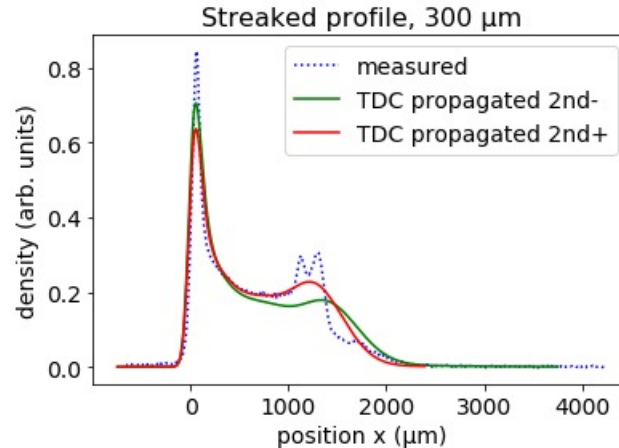
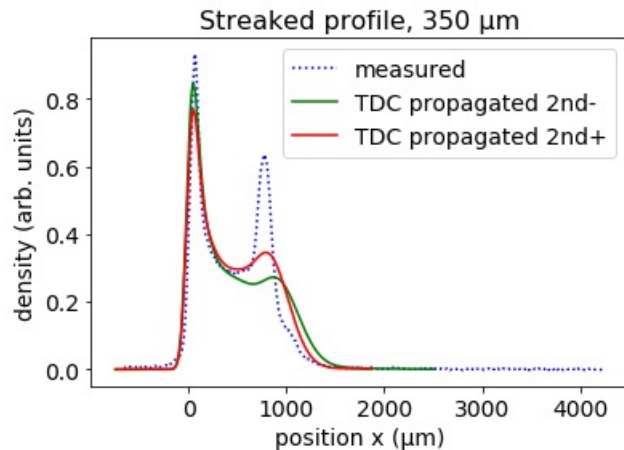
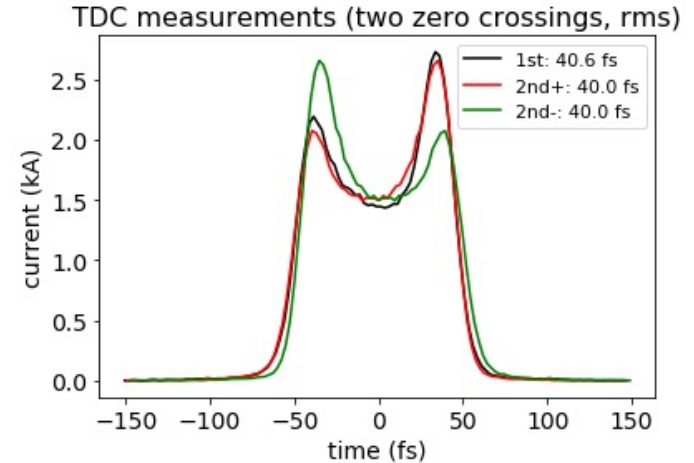
Offset from the convolved wakefield kick



# Predictions and measurements for the passive streaking

Benchmarking the model:

- Measure current profile with transverse deflector
- Calculate transverse wakefield kick by convolving single particle wake with current profile
- Using the calculated offset at the screen, map the current profile to the measurement screen including the screen resolution and natural beam size
- Repeat the procedure for different offsets
- Compare with measurements

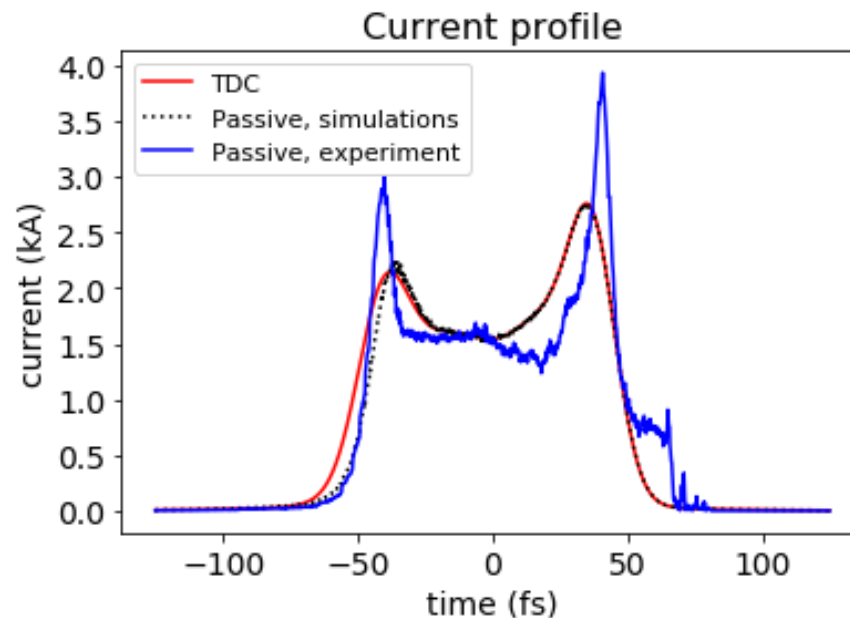


(The results are from the actual first measurements at SwissFEL in 2020)

# Reconstruction of the current profile with TDC-based calibration

Strategy:

- Calculate wakefield mapping for the current profile measured with TDC (2 slides ago)
- Use it to back-propagate the measured distribution to the time domain
- Why is it useful:
  - Cross-check the model
  - Reconstruct time-resolved properties of the bunch downstream the TDC



- Single shot
- Max streak

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# Time-resolved diagnostics of photon beam from electron beam for XFELs

Two signatures of an FEL process:

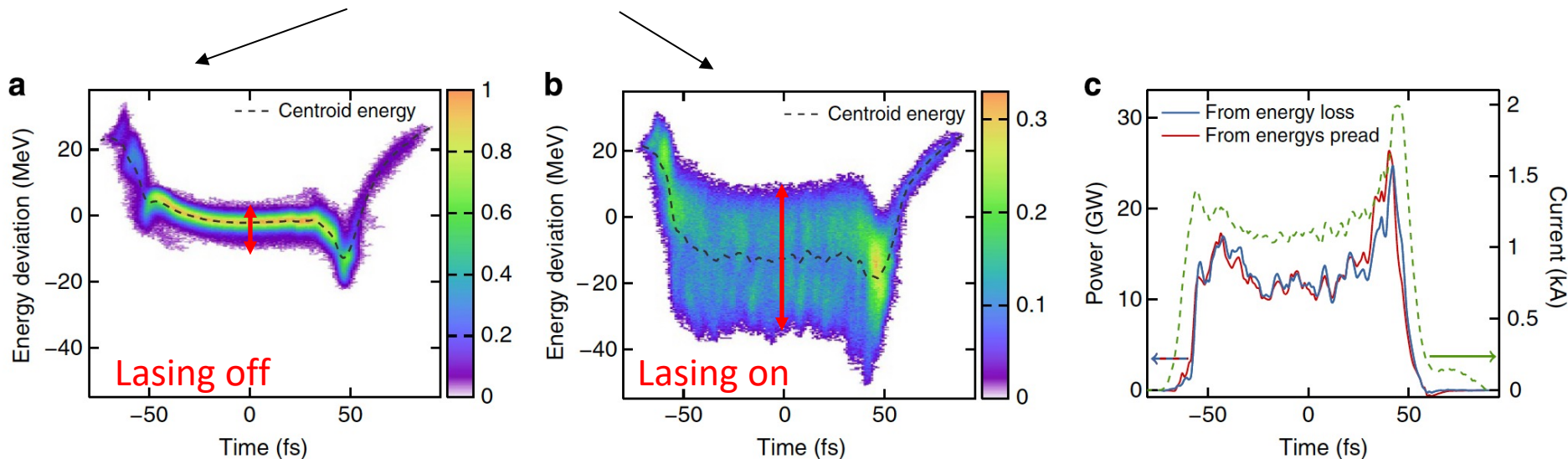
- electrons lose energy (emitted with X-ray)
- the slice energy spread of the lasing part increases

$$P_{c.e.} = I(E_{off} - E_{on})$$

$$P_{e.s.} \sim I(t)^{2/3} * (\sigma_{on}^2 - \sigma_{off}^2)$$

**Idea:** measure the FEL-induced lasing effects imprinted on the electron beam longitudinal phase space: Y. Ding et al., PRAB 14, 120701 (2011)

Post-undulator measurements are required



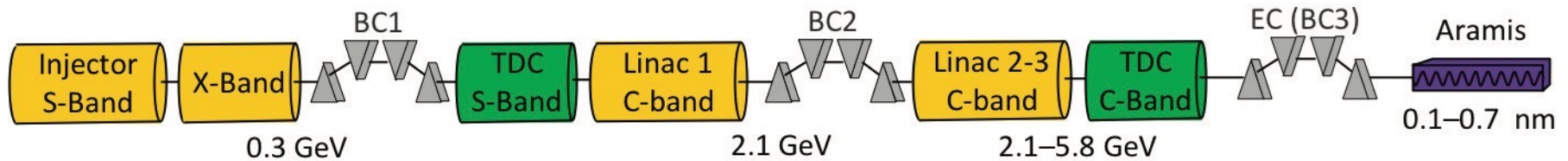
First experimental demonstration at LCLS with X-band active deflector:  
C. Behrens et al., Nat. Communications 5, 3762 (2014)

Method should also work with a passive deflector instead of an active one!

# Review of the results at SwissFEL (PSI)

# Standard time-resolved diagnostics at SwissFEL: Hard X-ray brunch Aramis

Time-resolved diagnostics of electron and photon beams are essential for the FEL performance and user's experiments!



## Electron beam:

- Measuring electron beam current profile and longitudinal phase space (in the dispersive sections) with **S-band and C-band transverse deflecting cavities (TDC)** before the undulator entrance

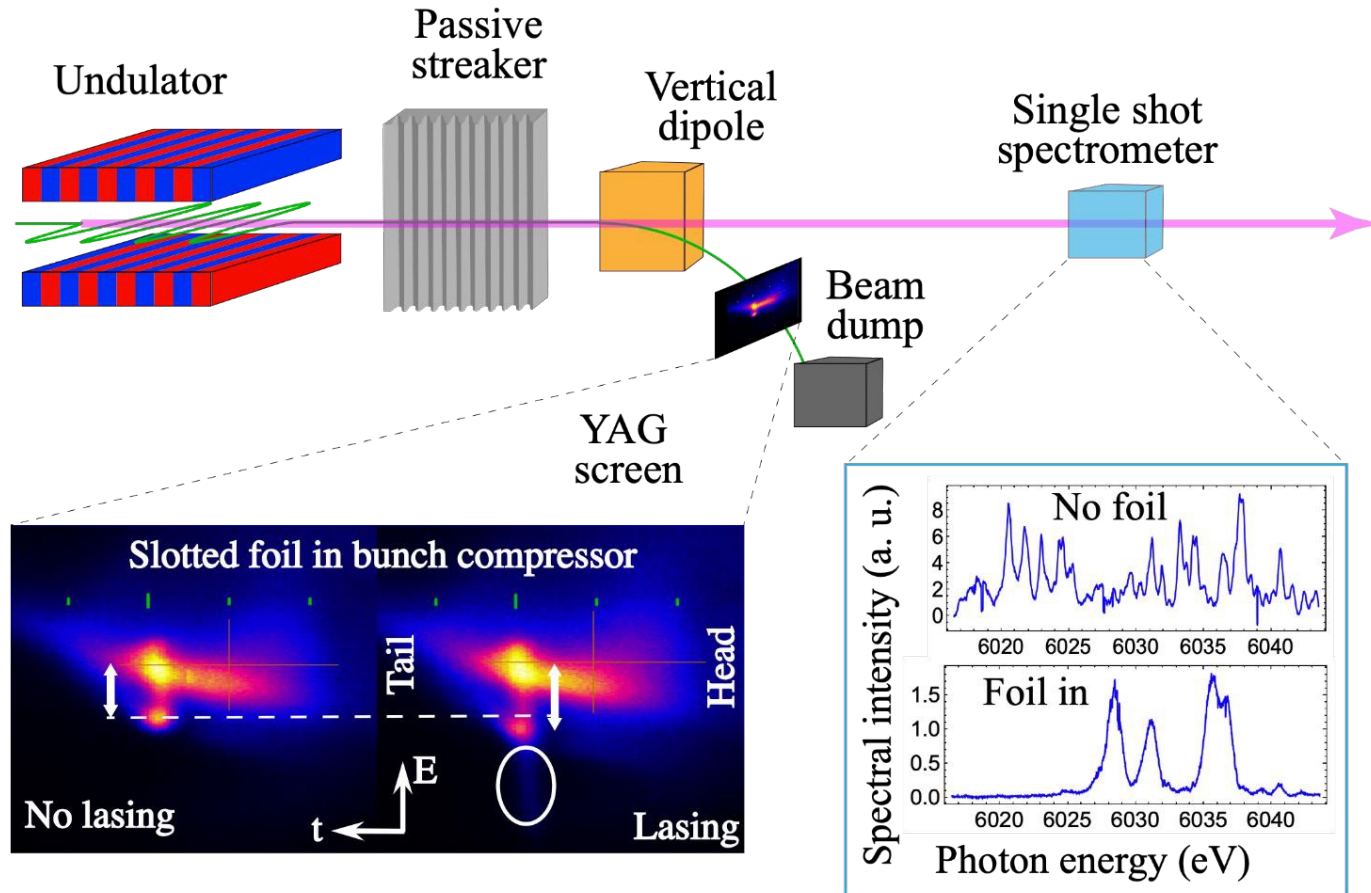
## Photon beam:

- Direct streaking of the X-rays (very complicated approach)
- Spectral measurements with PSSS:
  - Spike number and width (works for short pulses)
  - Auto-correlation function (average pulse duration)

## Potential solution:

- Post-undulator time-resolved diagnostics
- An active deflector with high resolution is quite expensive
- **Passive corrugated streaker can be an elegant and cheap solution**

# Post-undulator measurements with passive structure: first results for the lasing off/on:



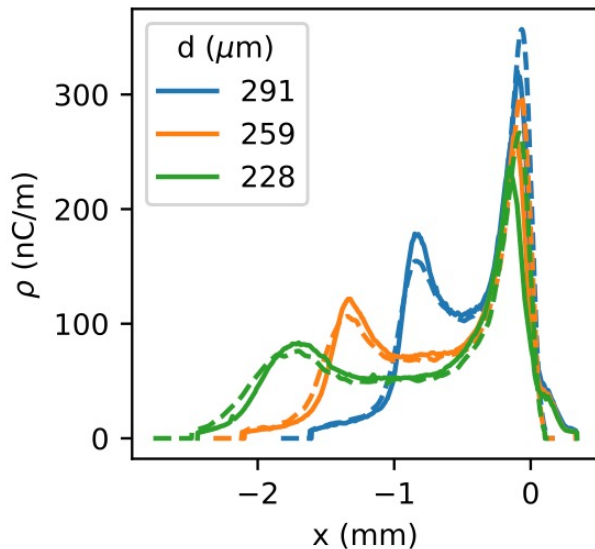
Right after installation of the device we have seen the first results, showing different longitudinal phase (nonlinear in time) for lasing off/on

# Self-calibrated reconstruction approach

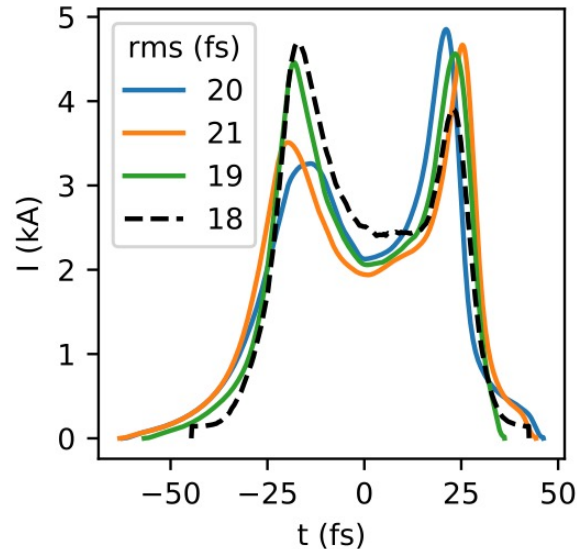
- It is essential to use passive streaker diagnostics if transverse deflector (or any other time-resolved diagnostics) is not available
- Self-calibration and reconstruction is possible utilizing an iterative procedure:
  1. Calculate mapping  $x(t)$  assuming an initial gaussian current profile of the certain size  $\sigma_t$
  2. Obtain  $t(x)$  and transform the screen distribution  $\rho_M(x)$  to obtain an intermediate reconstructed current profile  $I_R^*(t)$
  3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 by calculating the  $x(t)$  profile for the  $x(t)$  estimation recalculated for the intermediate current profile  $I_R^*(t)$  to get  $I_R(t)$
  4. Forward propagate  $I_R(t)$  to get the distribution  $\rho_R(x)$  at the measurement screen
  5. Repeat 1-4 for different  $\sigma_t$  and find for which one the centroid of reconstructed  $\langle \rho_R(x) \rangle$  and measured  $\langle \rho_M(x) \rangle$  are in the best agreement for all streaker offsets

# Self-calibrated reconstruction approach: results

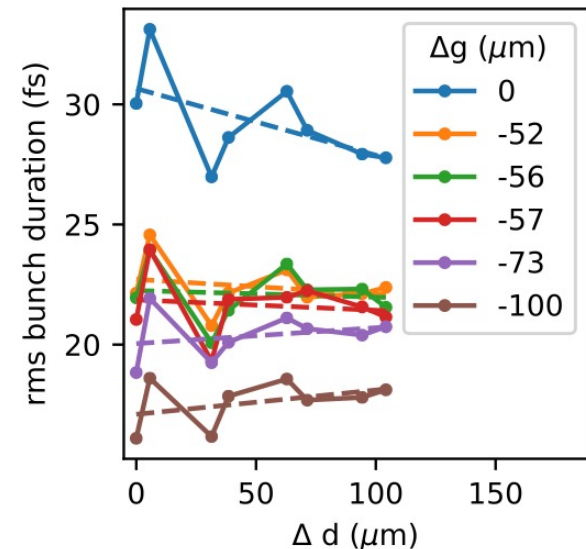
Measured (solid) and predicted profiles at the screen:  
 $\rho_M(x)$  and  $\rho_R(x)$



Measured with TDC (dashed) and reconstructed profiles:

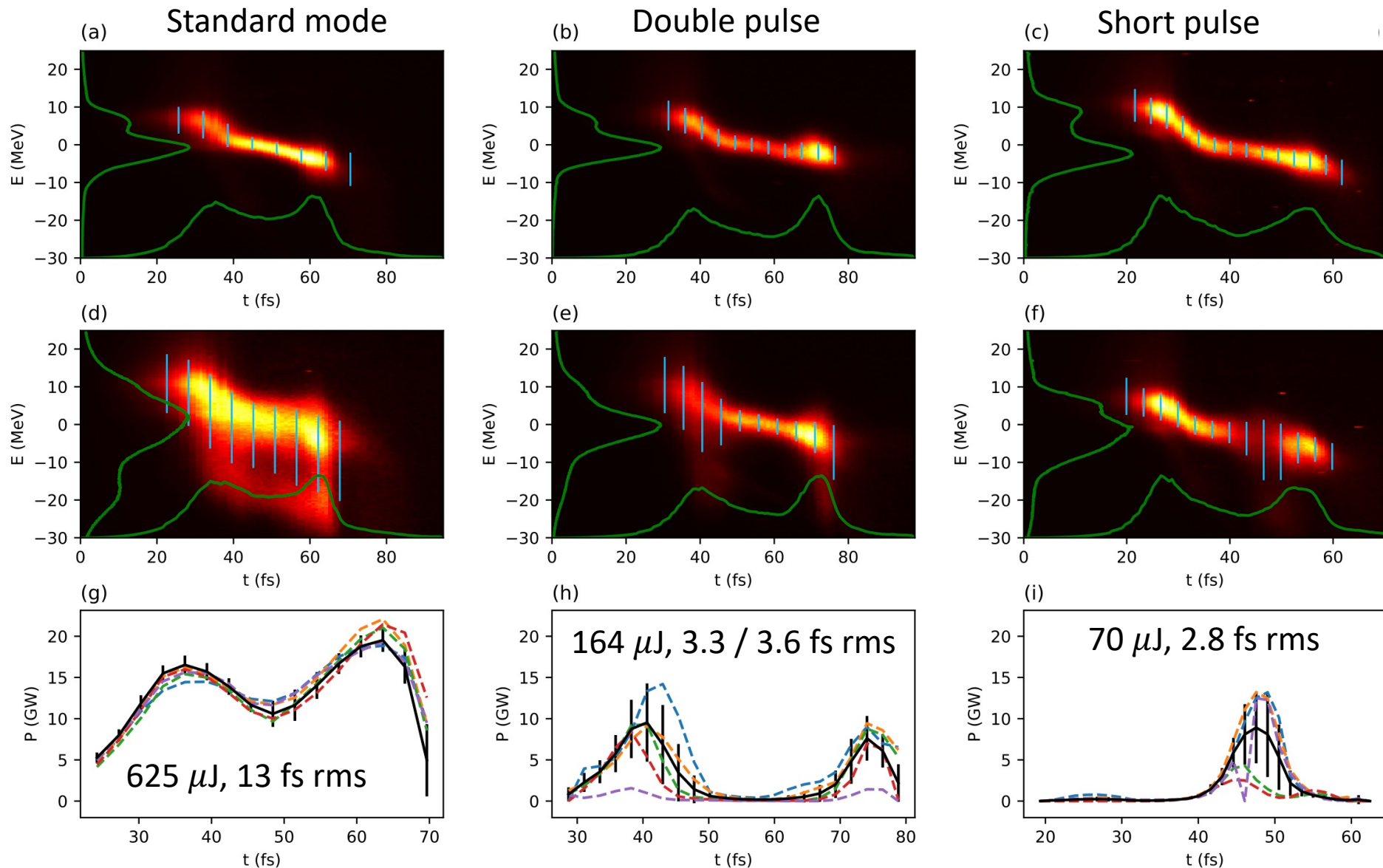


Gap reconstruction:



- The center of the structure is hard to define
- Distance of the beam to the corrugated plate,  $d$ , critically depends on it and strongly affects the reconstruction
- We add a correction factor  $\Delta g$  and find its optimum value assuming the reconstruction profiles should be similar for different offsets,  $d$

# Diagnostics of variable lasing modes at SwissFEL

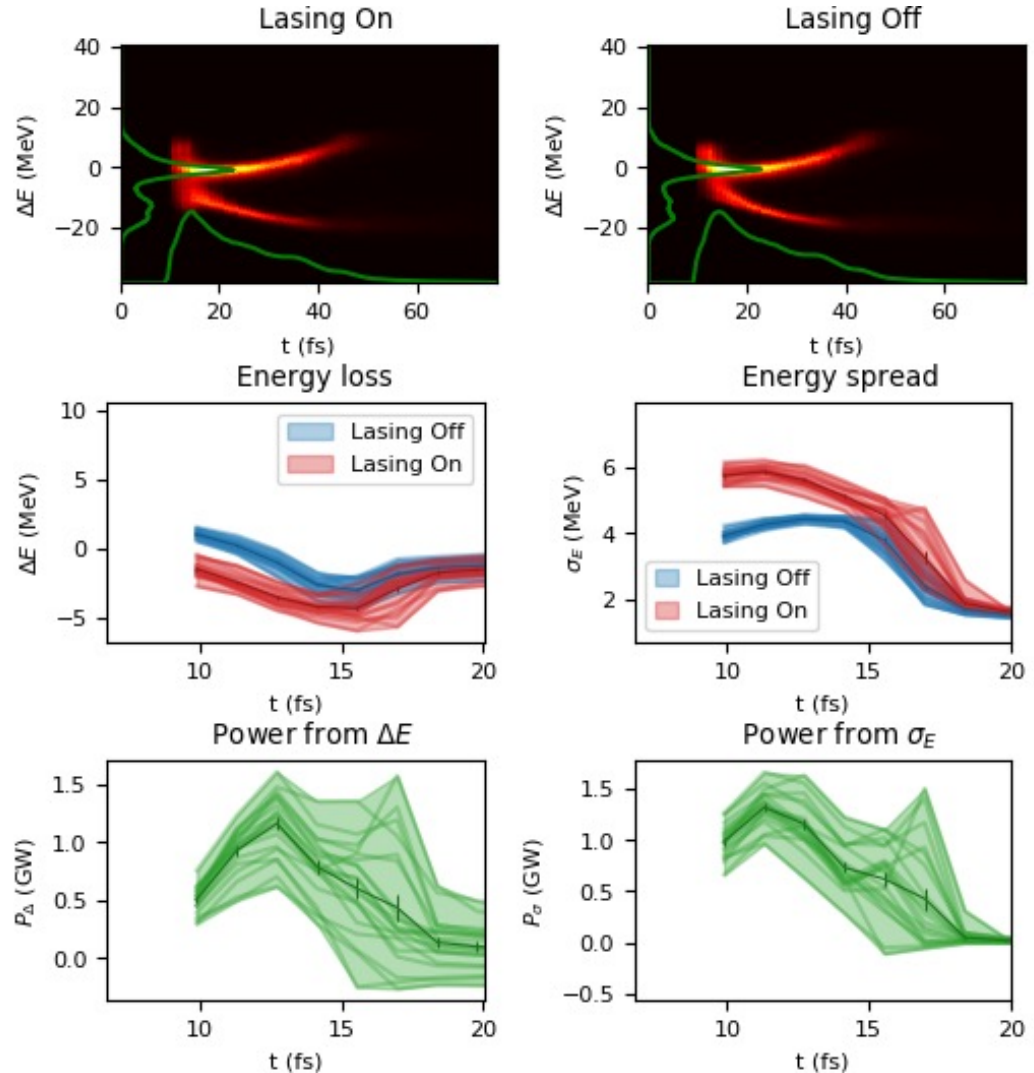
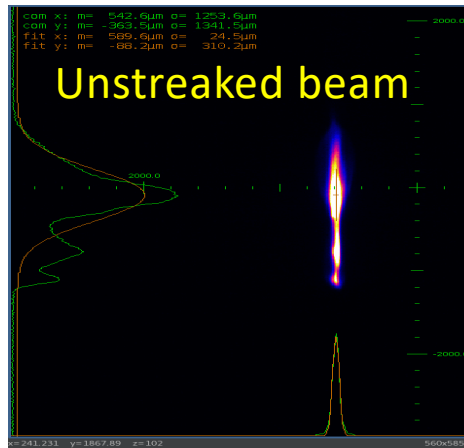


(more information: P. Dijkstal et al., *PRR 2, 042018(R), 2020*)



# Recent results of the passive streaking: short 10 pC bunch

- The beam is prepared for generation of ultra-short pulses with non-linear compression (more information: [Malyzhenkov et al., PRR 2, 042018\(R\), 2020](#))
- For this setup 10 pC bunch is strongly compressed and one expects to see a “K-shape” in the LPS due to Longitudinal Space Charge effects



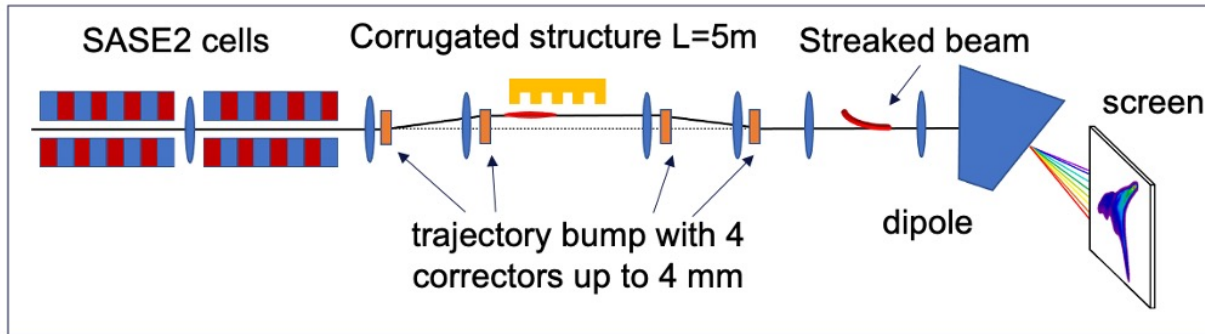
- ✓ Post-undulator passive structure can streak the 10-pC beam enough as well!
- ✓ Lasing effects are visible
- ✓ Reconstructed lasing part is longer than expected from spectral information (Insufficient resolution)



# Brief look into the results at European X-ray Free Electron Laser (XFEL) at DESY

# Passive wakefield streaker (“dechirper”) diagnostics after SASE2

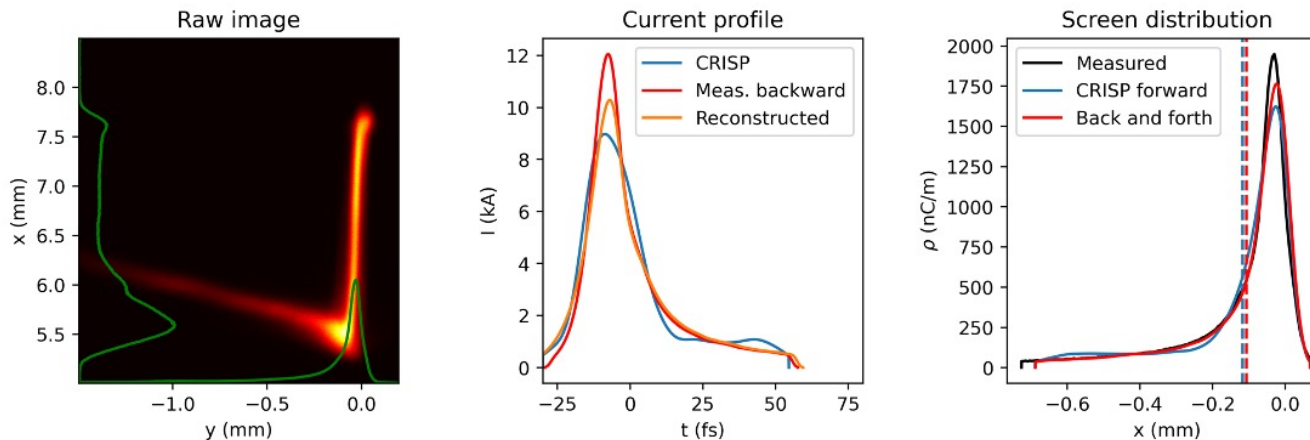
Layout: S. Tomin et al., [IPAC 2022, MOPOPT020](#)



Features:

- Corrugated plate is fixed
- Instead, beam is moved with correctors
- Dispersion ( $R_{26}$ ) is negligible

Structure calibration based on CRISP online diagnostics



Calibration: vary structure plate position in calculations until c.o.m. of forward propagated CRISP current profile [N. Lockmann et al., Phys. Rev. Accel. Beams **23**, 112801 (2020)] matches that of the measurement (right plot). Orange current profile in center plot is the result of the current profile reconstruction following

P. Dijkstal et al., Phys. Rev. Res. **4**, 013017 (2022).

European XFEL

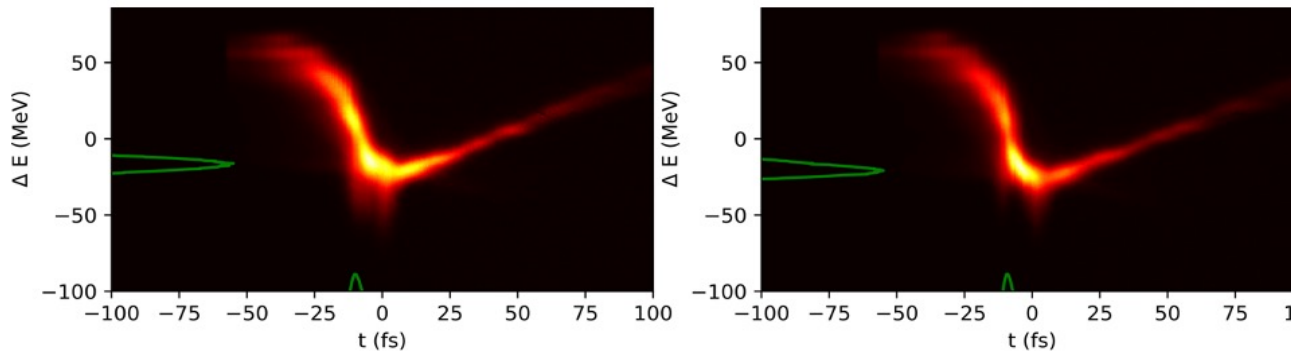
Courtesy of  
P. Dijkstal  
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## LPS diagnostics, following example of LCLS rf deflector:

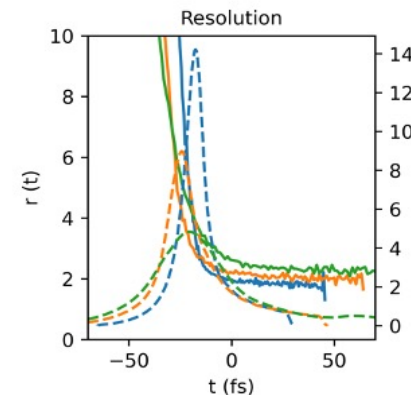
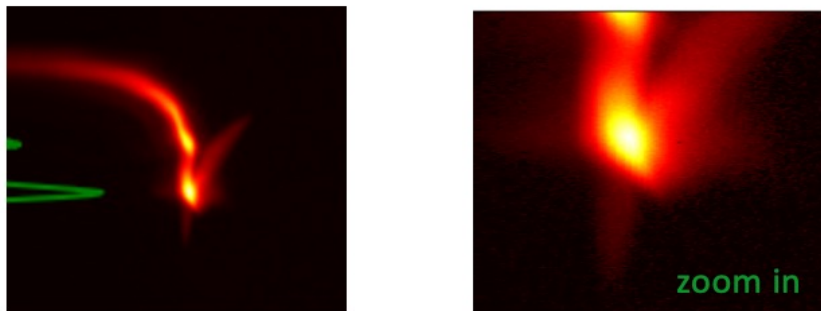
- convert streaked axis from  $y$  to  $t$  according to dipole wakefield potential: K. Bane et al, Phys. Rev. Accel. Beams **19**, 084401 (2016).
- linearly convert dispersive axis from  $x$  to energy.

### Example LPS measurements

1. diagnosing problem with self-seeding setup. Here: sometimes two lasing regions, also seen in photon spectrum.



2. Short FEL pulses, here after strong compression at 250 pC. Rrms width of lasing region of few fs. Right: expected rms time resolution is also few fs for most of the bunch [P. Craievich and A. Lutman, NIM-A **865**, 55-59 (2017)].

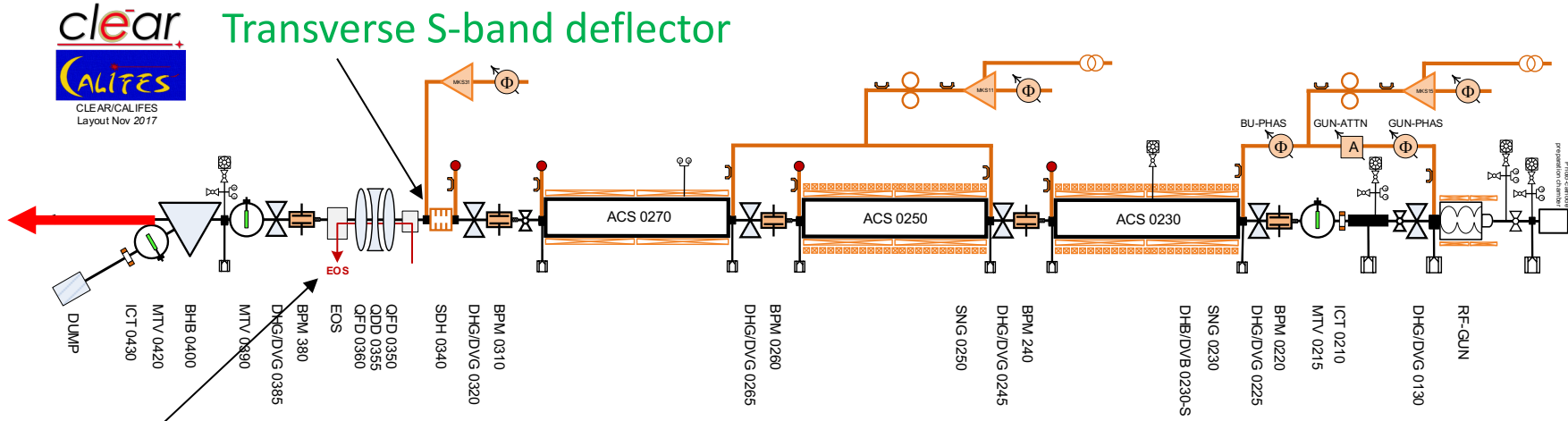


Development of the new device for CLEAR (CERN)

CLEAR = Compact Linear Electron Accelerator for Research

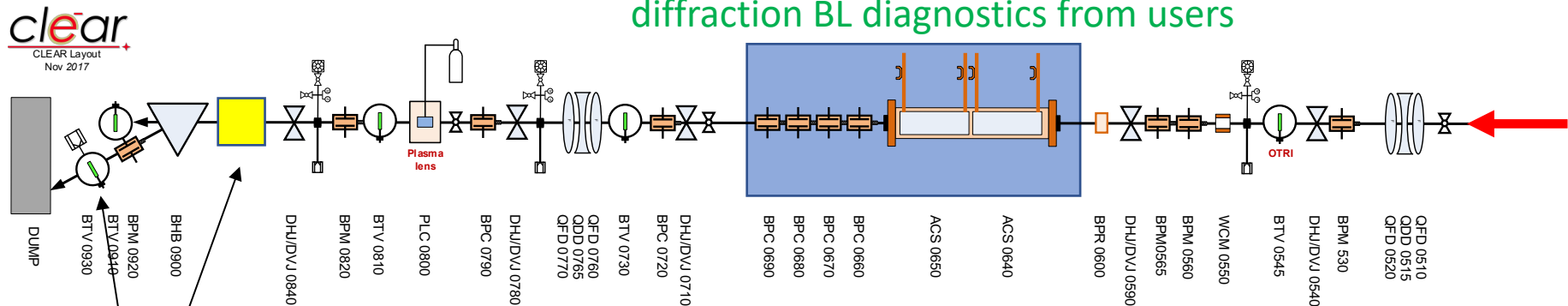
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Layout (beam from right to left):



## Electro-optical sampling

## CLIC Test area: some Cherenkov diffraction BL diagnostics from users



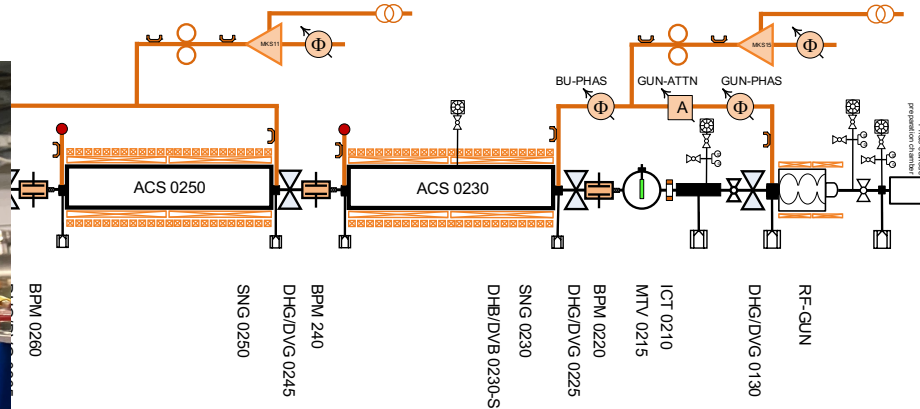
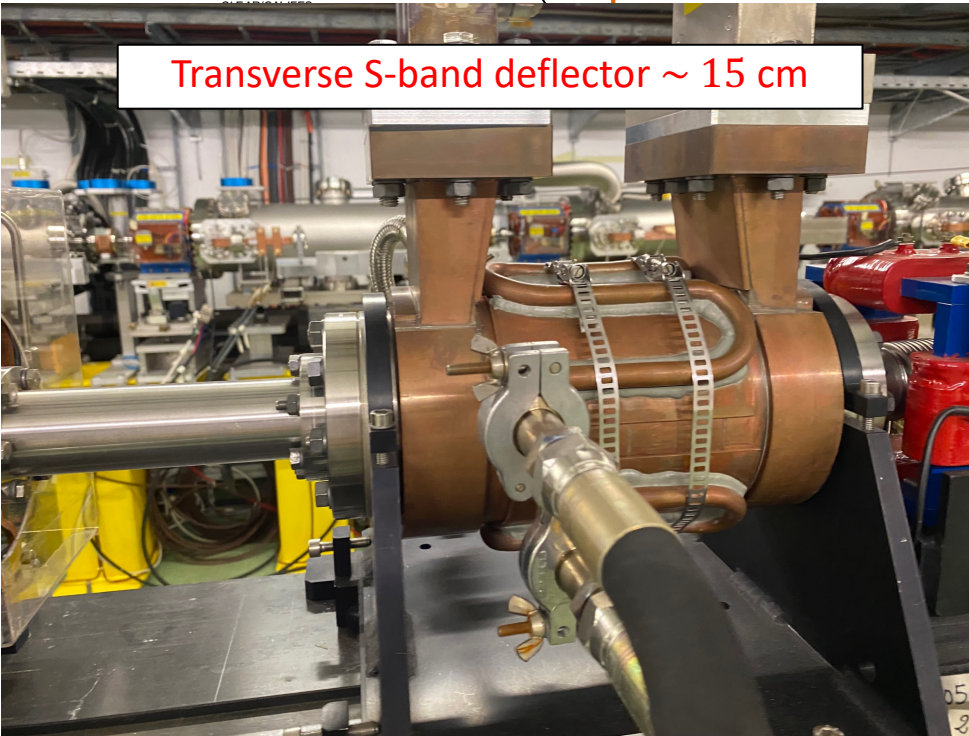
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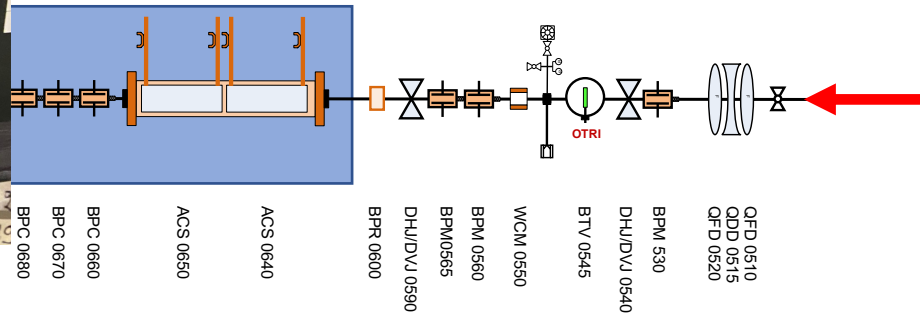
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Transverse S-band deflector ~ 15 cm



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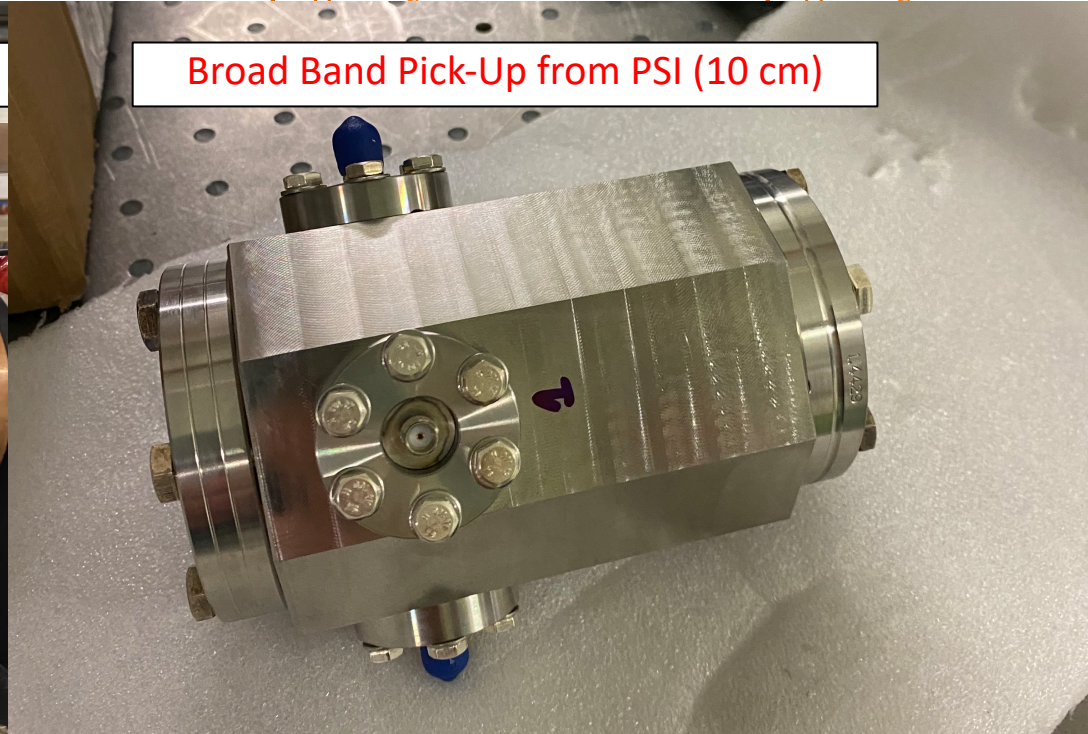
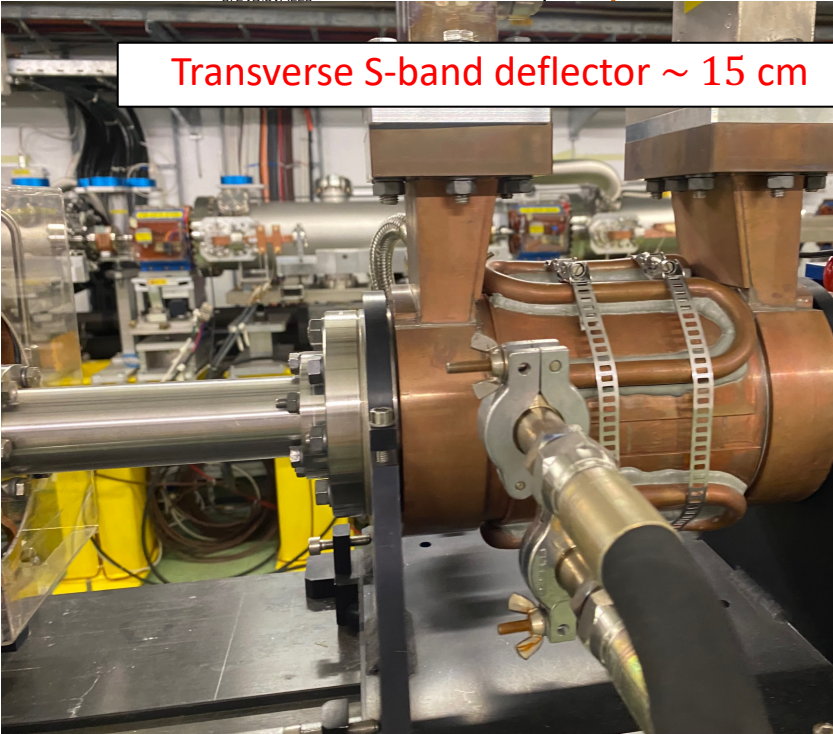
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Transverse S-band deflector ~ 15 cm

Broad Band Pick-Up from PSI (10 cm)

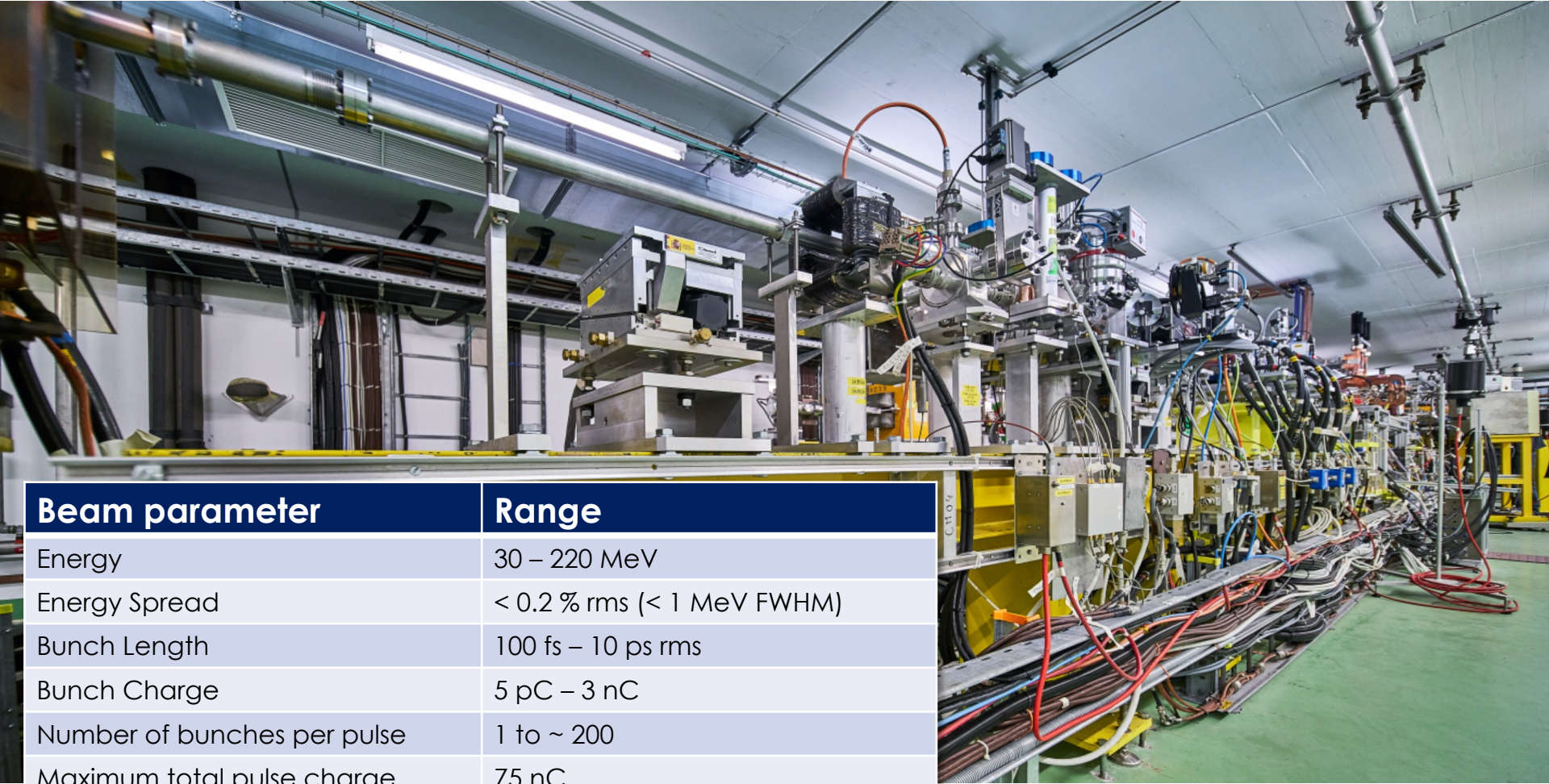


BBP (new development for electron-positron source temporal diagnostics):

- To be tested in November 2023 at CLEAR by PSI Team
- Current profile reconstruction should be feasible
- For more details contact Nicolas Valis ([nicolas.vallis@psi.ch](mailto:nicolas.vallis@psi.ch)) and Paolo Craievich ([paolo.craievich@psi.ch](mailto:paolo.craievich@psi.ch))



# CLEAR beam parameters

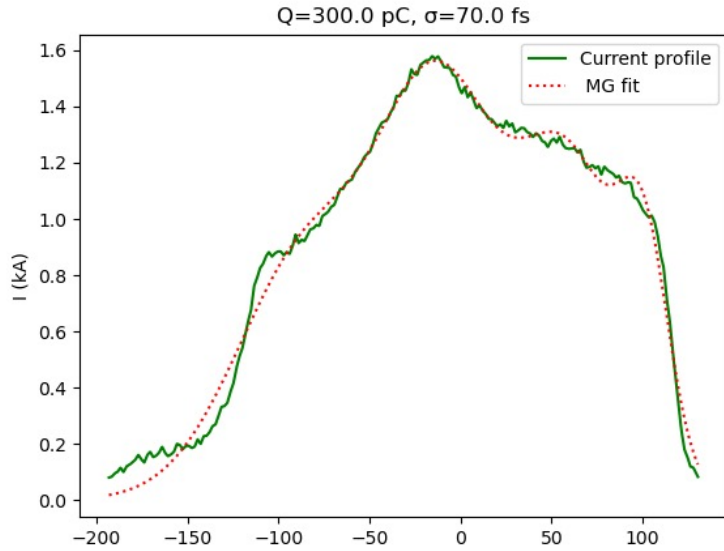


Beam parameter	Range
Energy	30 – 220 MeV
Energy Spread	< 0.2 % rms (< 1 MeV FWHM)
Bunch Length	100 fs – 10 ps rms
Bunch Charge	5 pC – 3 nC
Number of bunches per pulse	1 to ~ 200
Maximum total pulse charge	75 nC
Normalized emittances	3 $\mu\text{m}$ to 30 $\mu\text{m}$ (bunch charge dependent)
Repetition rate	0.8 to 10 Hz
Bunch spacing	1.5 GHz (from Laser) – 3.0 GHz (Double mode)

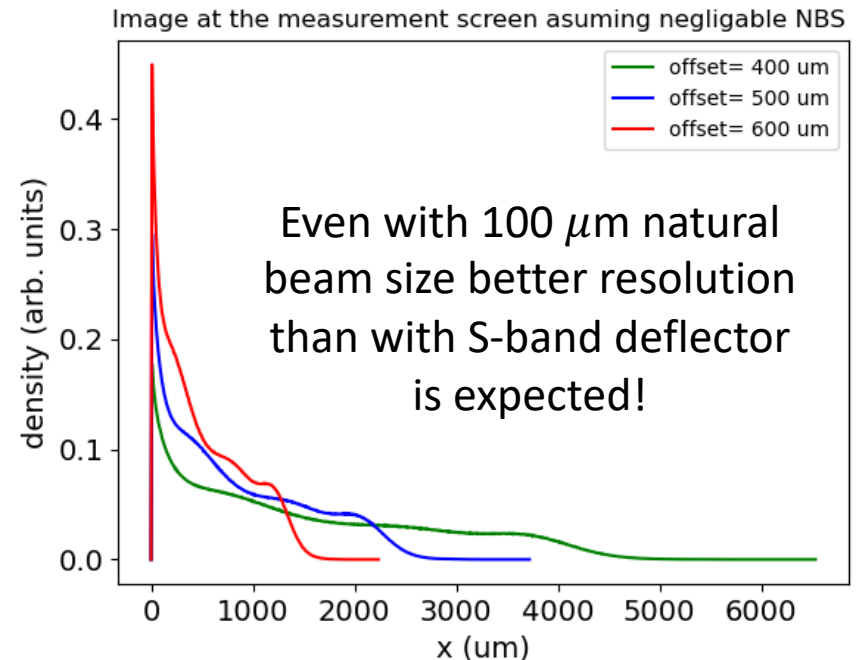
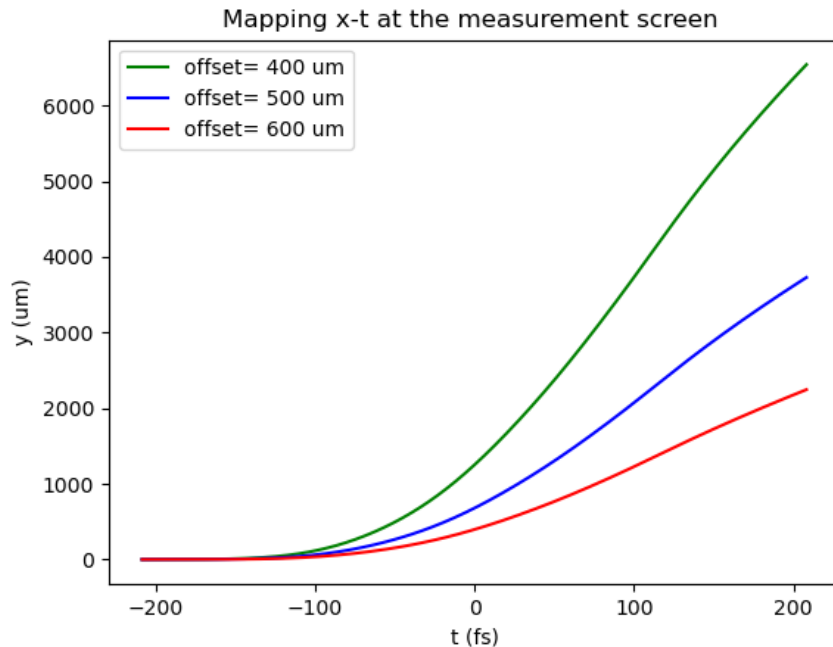
Optimization of the corrugated streaker parameters is essential to maximize the performance in the whole range of parameters



# Wakefield calculations and streaking for short pulses



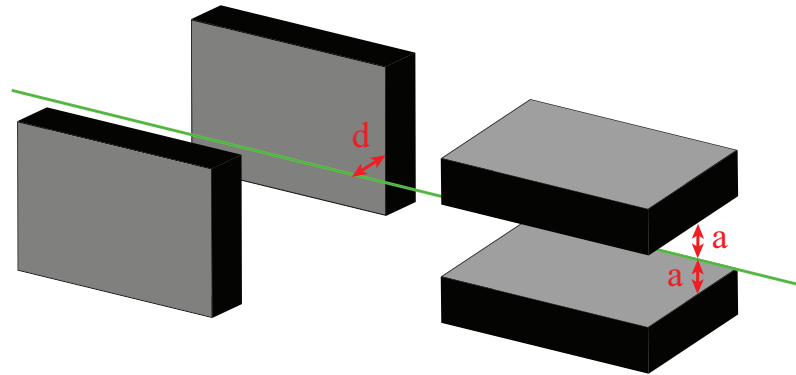
- Assuming 20 cm length of the streaker
- 500 / 1000  $\mu\text{m}$  corrugated depth / period
- Corrugated plates will be machined at CERN workshop (practically for free thanks to the apprenticeship program)



# New things which can be tried experimentally at CLEAR

Quadrupole effect compensation with two orthogonal structures:

- First structure (off-axis) streaks the beam horizontally
- Second orthogonal structure (on-axis) compensates quadrupole effect from the previous structure when semi-gap  $a$  is optimized for each  $d$



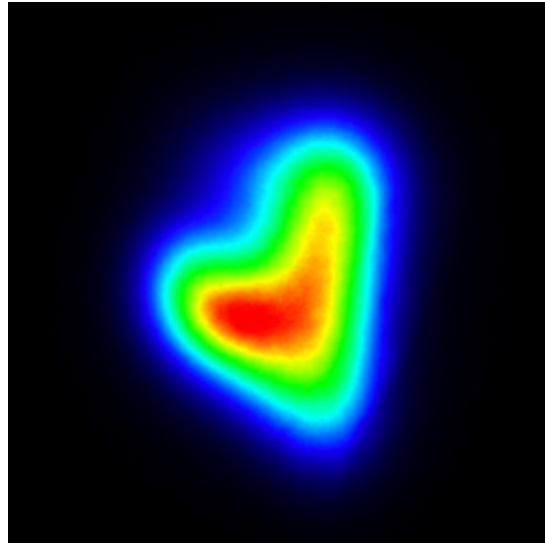
Two consequent electron bunches from two laser pulses:

- 1<sup>st</sup> bunch initiates transverse wake while moving off-axis
- 2<sup>nd</sup> bunch experience a large transverse kick and get streaked
- Since we can control charge in both bunches independently and time separation the resolving power of such streaking can be very large

## Conclusion & next steps

- ✓ Time-resolved diagnostic with passive streaking has been advanced and works great!
- ✓ It is also an order of magnitude cheaper than active deflector and does not require a power supply
- ✓ It is now routinely used at SwissFEL at PSI (and at EXFEL)
- ✓ The method still has a potential to be improved: resolution optimization, elimination of quad effects with two structures
- ✓ The corrugated passive streaker optimized for CLEAR beam parameters is under-development and soon to be fabricated, assembled, and tested (stay tuned!)

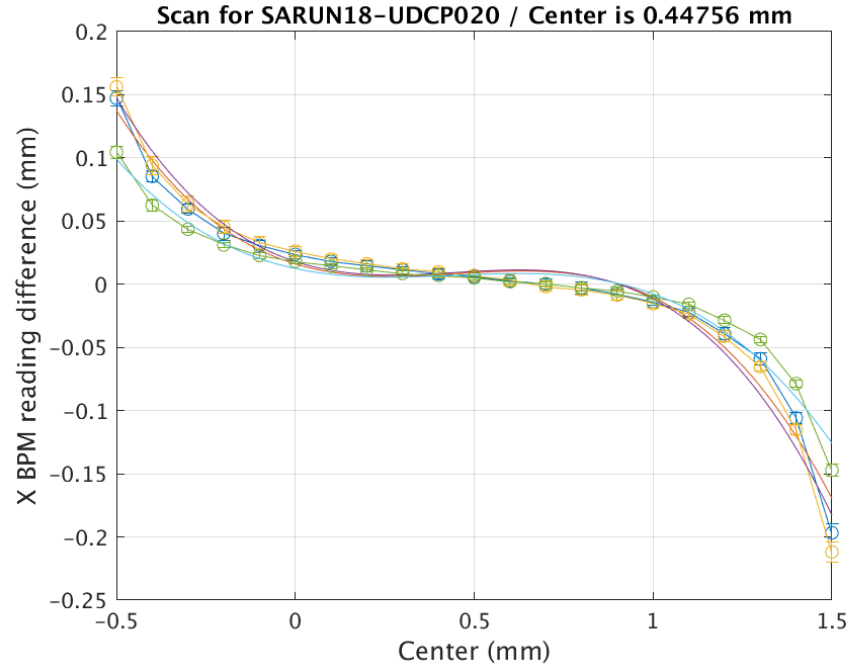
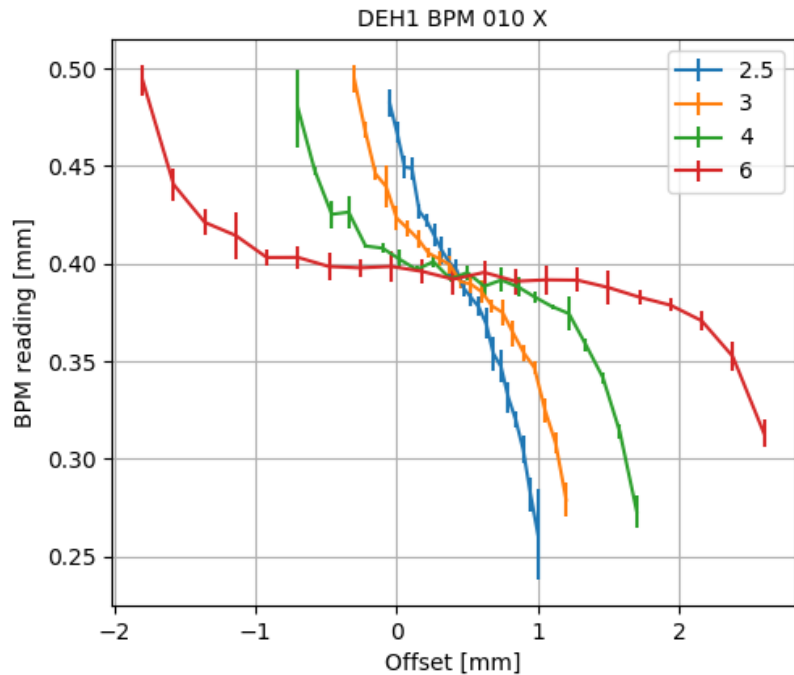
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Back up slides

# Defining the geometric center of the structure:

Measuring the centroid kick for different offsets at different BPMs:  
Geometric center = no kick (no transverse wakefields excited)



Geometric center is roughly at 500  $\mu\text{m}$  off axis

It is easy to make a mistake of 10-30  $\mu\text{m}$ : **uncertainty of the actual distance to the jaw!**

Need proper fit for the reconstruction

# Resolution: formulas

“Effects of the quadrupole wakefields in a passive streaker”, P. Craievich and A.A. Lutman, NIM A **865**, 55 (2017):

Resolution:

$$\sigma_{res}(t) = \frac{\sqrt{\sigma_{scr}^2 + \sigma_{NBS}^2 + \sigma_q(t)^2}}{dx/dt}$$

- $\sigma_{scr}$  - screen resolution, can be mitigated by choosing larger  $R_{12}$
- $\sigma_{NBS} = \sqrt{\epsilon_x \left( \frac{R_{12}^2}{\beta} + (R_{12}\alpha - R_{11}\beta)^2 \right)} \rightarrow \min(\sigma_{NBS}) = \frac{\epsilon_x R_{12}}{\sigma_0}$ , if  $R_{12}\alpha = -R_{11}\beta$
- $R$  – linear transport matrix from the passive structure to the measurement screen,  $\beta$ ,  $\alpha$  and  $\sigma_0$  – horizontal twiss parameters and bunch size at the passive structure
- Quadrupole effects:  $\sigma_q(t) = \sqrt{\epsilon_x (K_1(t)^2 R_{12}^2 \beta - 2K_1(t) R_{12} (R_{12}\alpha - R_{11}\beta))}$
- For minimum of  $\sigma_{NBS}$  we have:  $\sigma_q(t) = K_1(t) R_{12} \sigma_0$
- $\frac{dx}{dt} = R_{12} \frac{dK_0(t)}{dt}$
- $K_0(t)$  and  $K_1(t)$  - dipole and quadrupole kicks of the passive

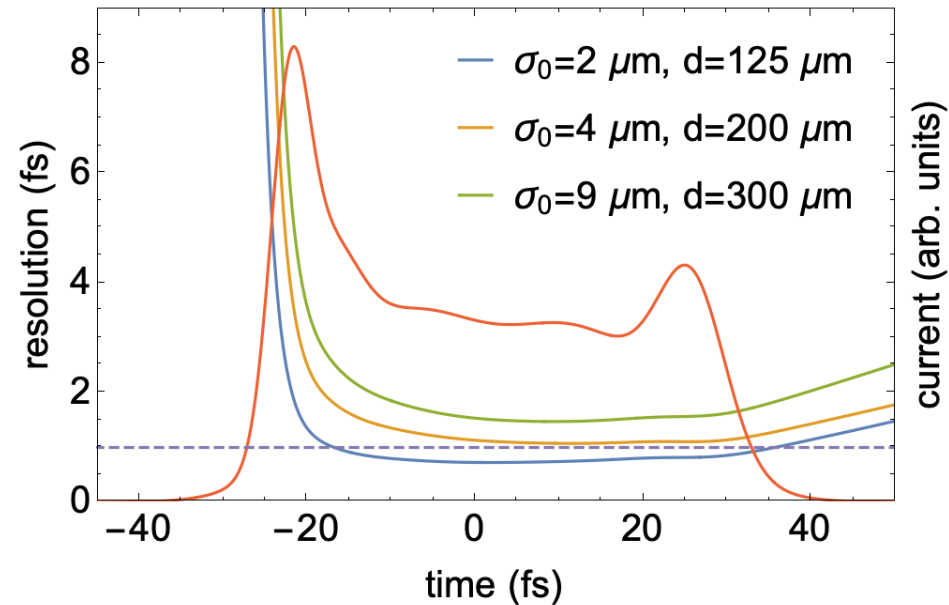
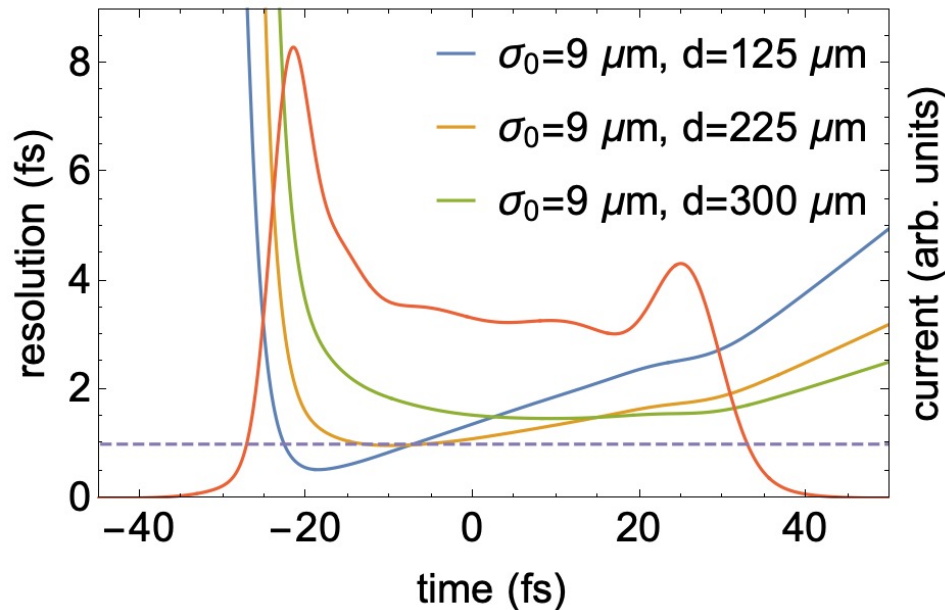
# Resolution: optimization $\sigma_0$ and $d$

Resolution depends on:

- Distance to the jaw,  $d$
- Bunch size at the passive streaker,  $\sigma_0$
- Bunch size at the screen,  $\sigma_{NBS}$
- Optics optimization\*:  $R_{12}\alpha = -R_{11}\beta$ ,  
 $\beta, \alpha$  horizontal twiss parameters at the passive structure, R – transport matrix

$$\sigma_{res}(t) = \frac{\sqrt{\sigma_{scr}^2 + \sigma_{NBS}^2 + \sigma_q(t)^2}}{dx/dt}$$

\*minimum size at the screen for fixed size at the streaker



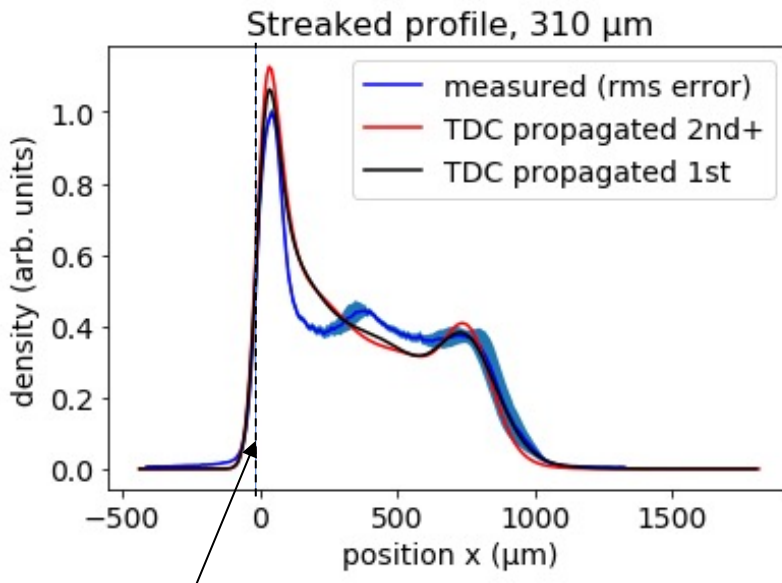
Getting closer to the jaw and picking the smallest possible size at the streaker location  
 = better resolution!



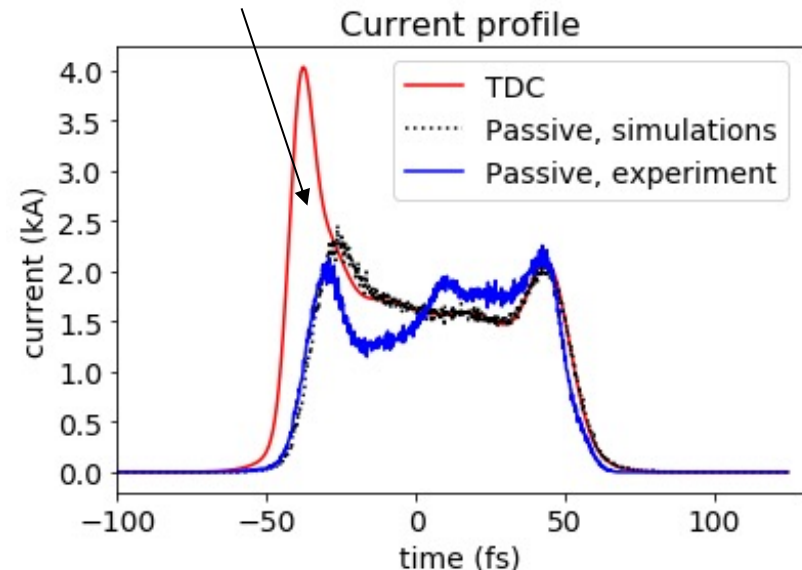
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- Benchmark the theoretical model (Bane et al., PRAB 19, 084401, 2016) at the measurement screen location
- Use it to back-propagate the measured distribution to the time domain, using TDC-based calibration

Poor resolution in the head of the bunch, because particles for  $x < 0$  are lost



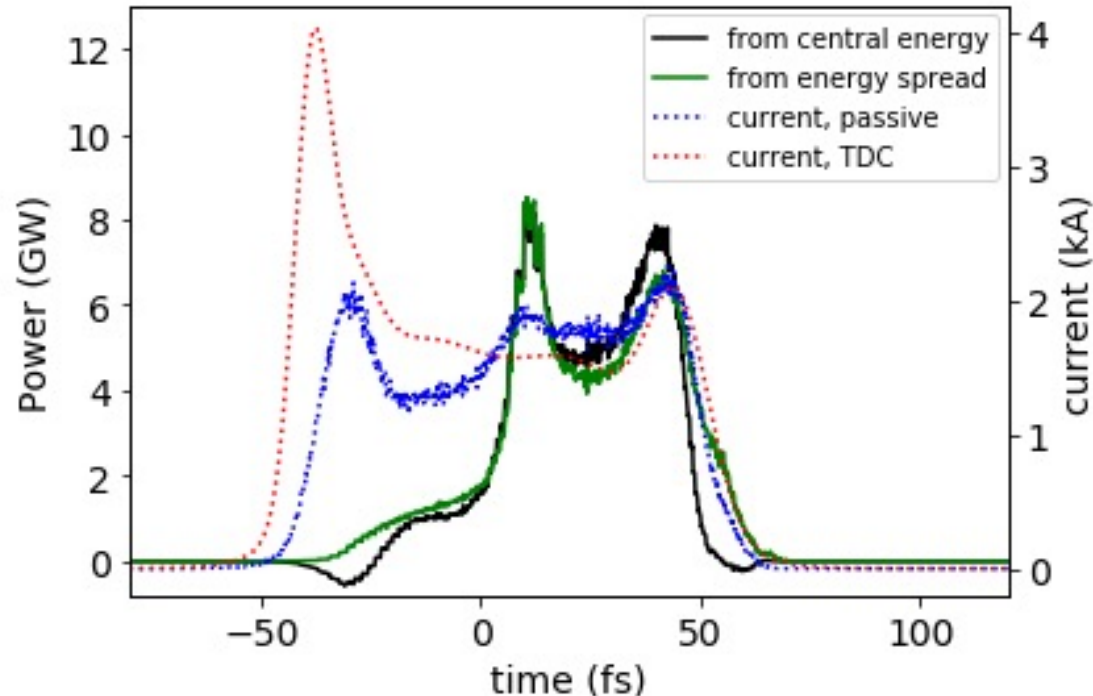
Defined by the centroid of the unstreaked beam



Good agreement between measurements and simulations!

# First reconstruction of the power profile

After doing a proper slice analysis along the bunch, we reconstruct the lasing power profile with two method:



## Pulse energy:

- **280  $\mu\text{J}$**  from gas detector
- **287  $\mu\text{J}$**  from central energy (absolute)
- **310  $\mu\text{J}$**  from energy spread (peak power matched)

## Pulse duration

- Electron beam: **40 fs rms**
- Photon beam: **18 fs rms**