

# Optimization of Lasers in Electron Accelerator Applications (WEAO03)

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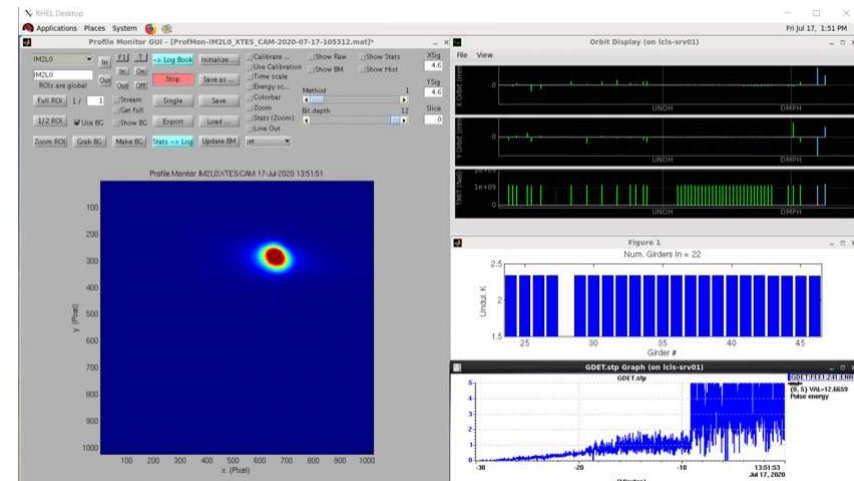
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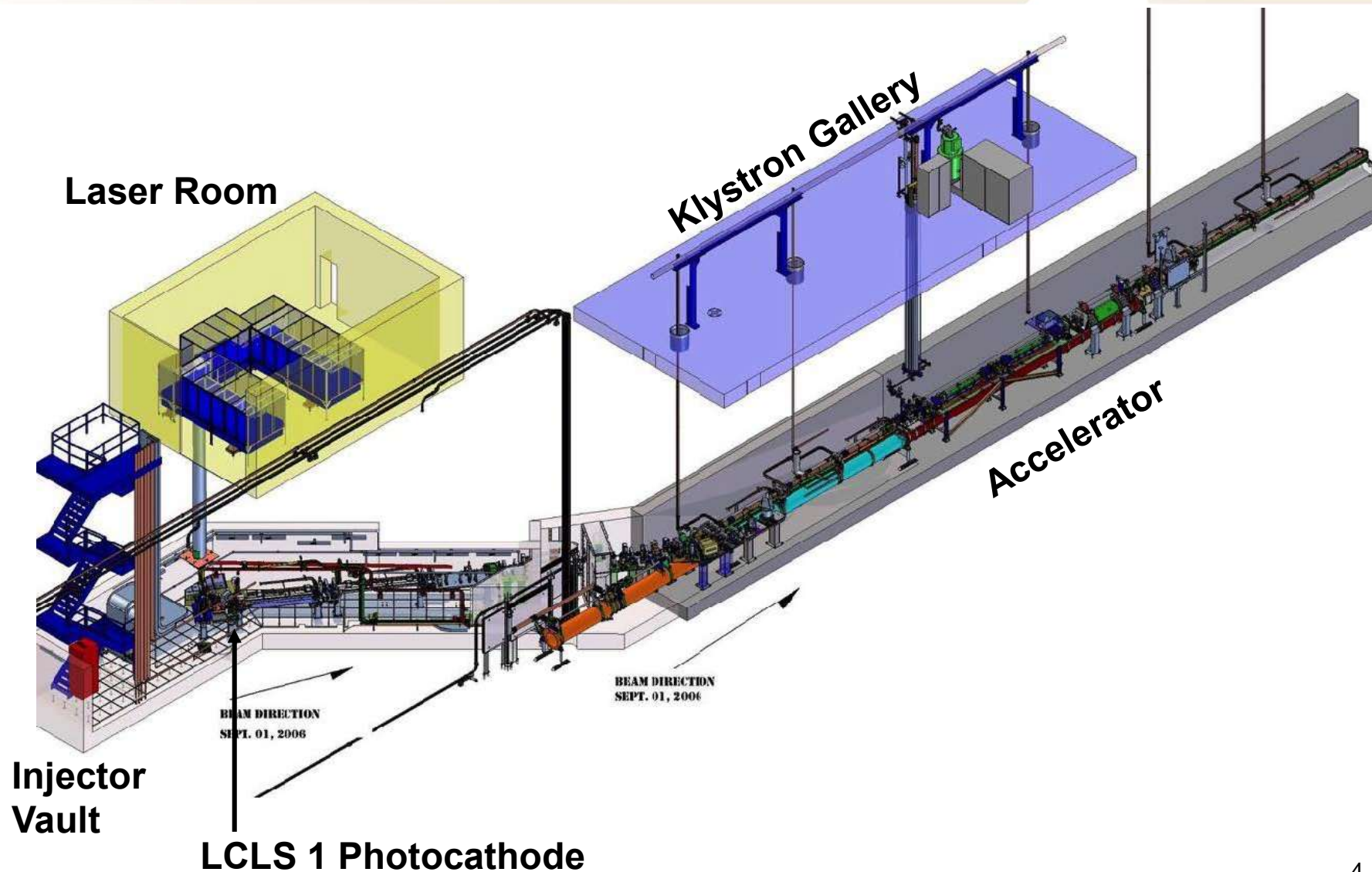


- LCLS 1 Laser Room and Injector Vault
- Located in the last 3<sup>rd</sup> of the 2 km LINAC
- First Light April 2009.....and again in July 2020!



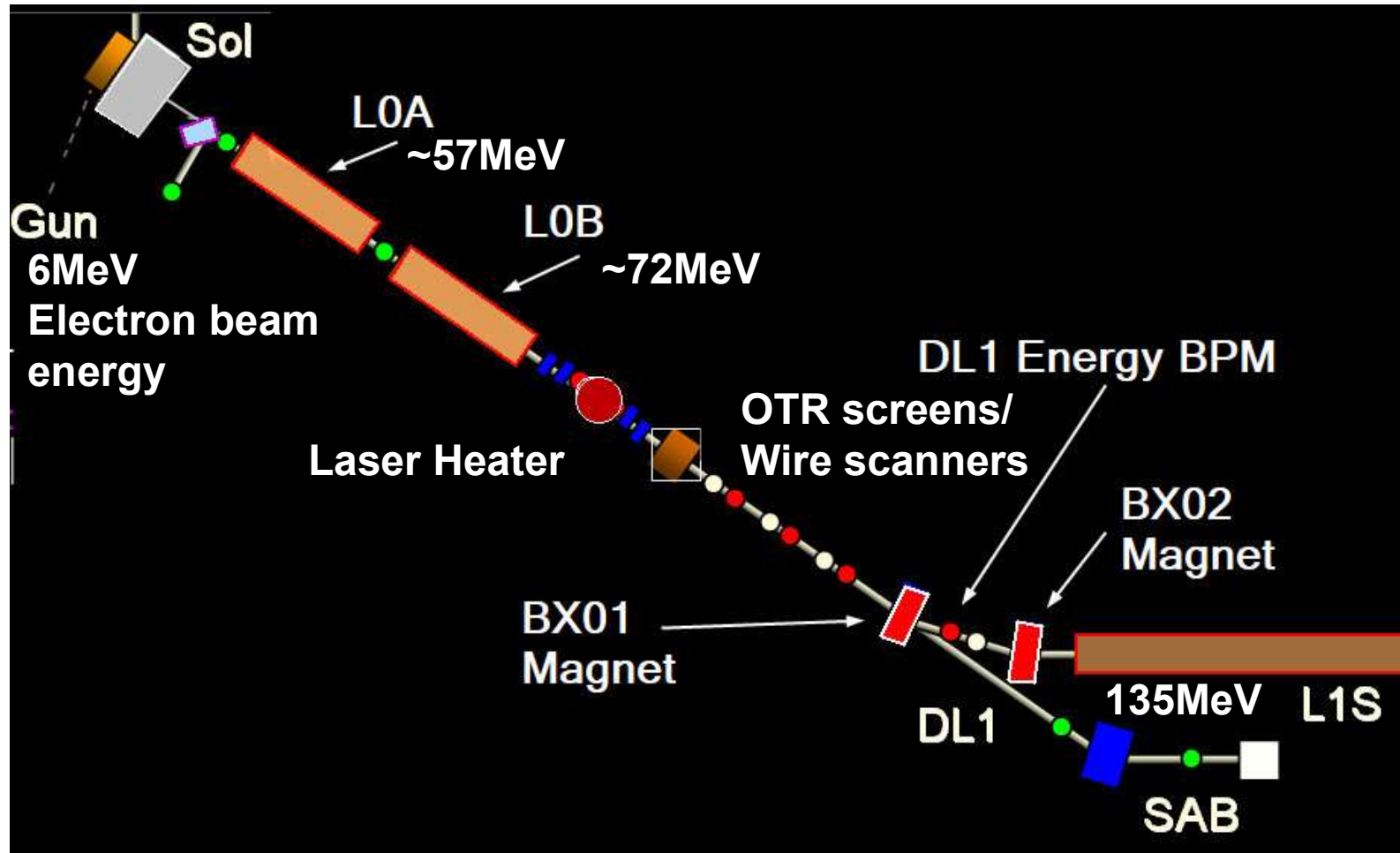


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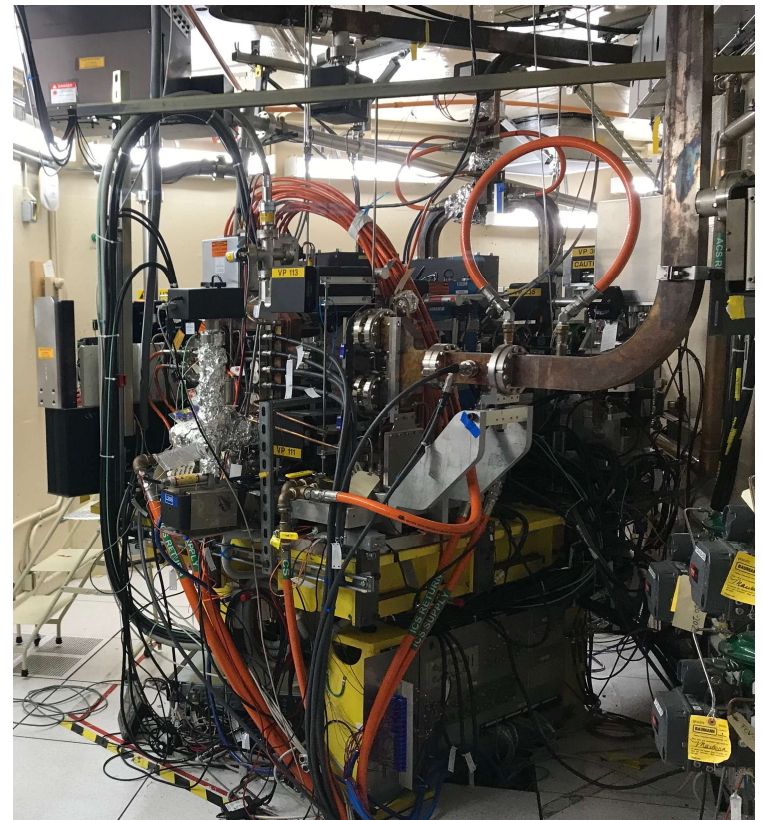
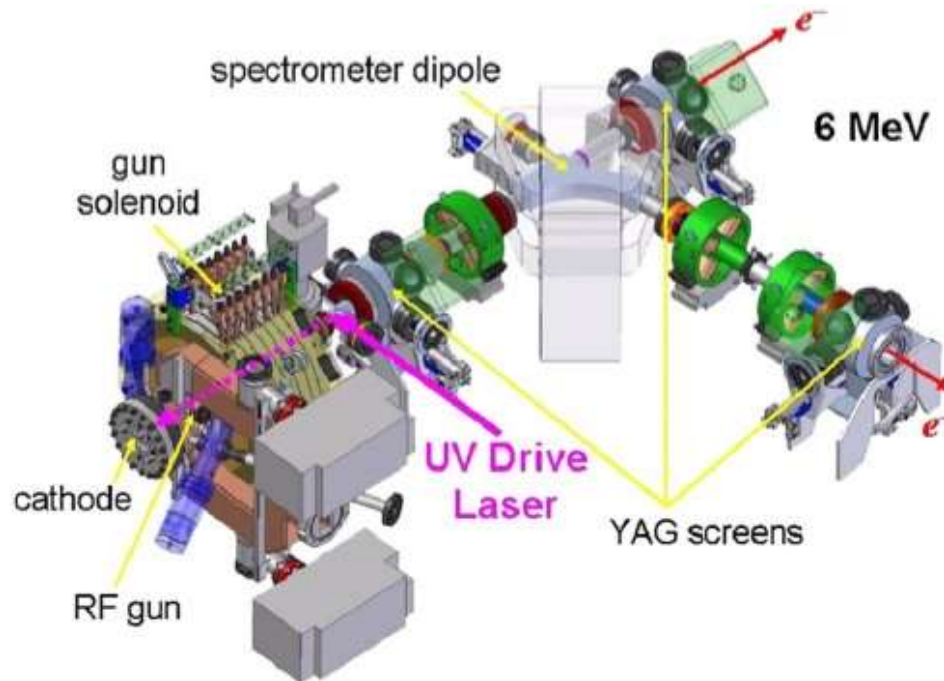
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- LCLS 1 referred to as the Cu Linac or NC Linac
- Laser transport under vacuum,  $\sim 3.5 \times 10^{-6}$  Torr

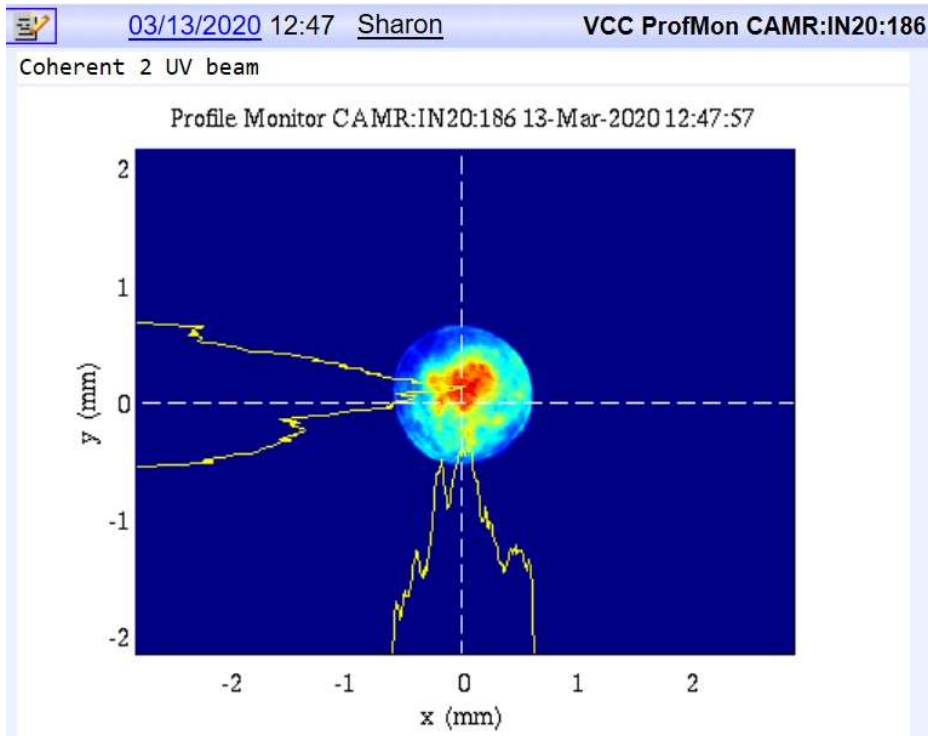
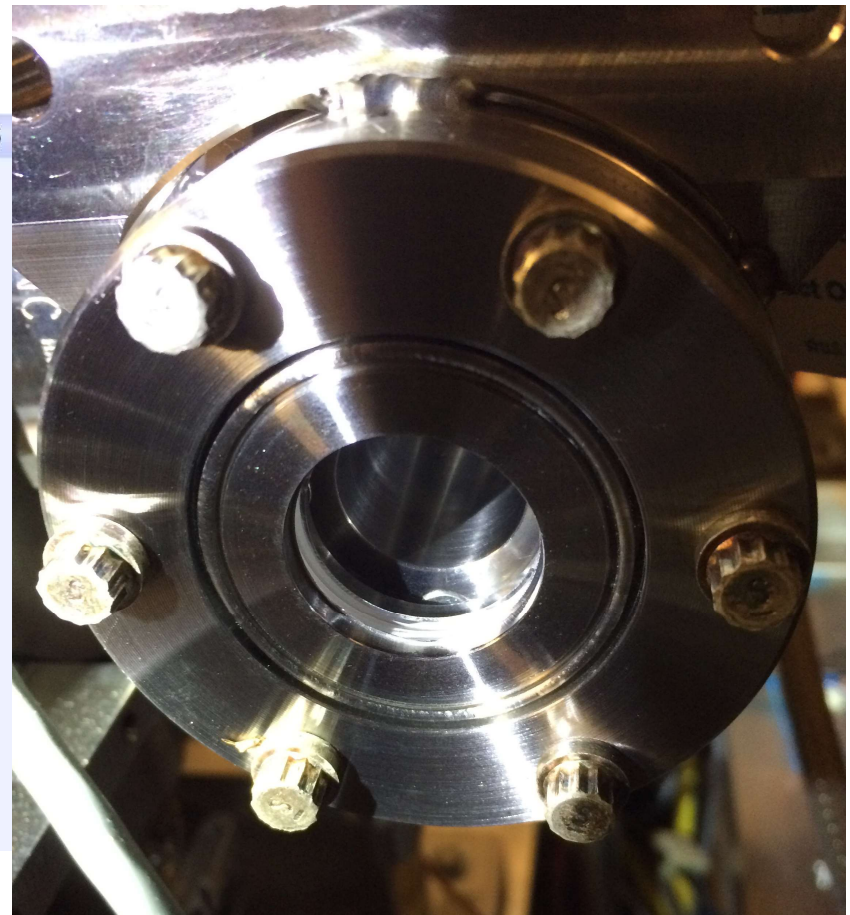


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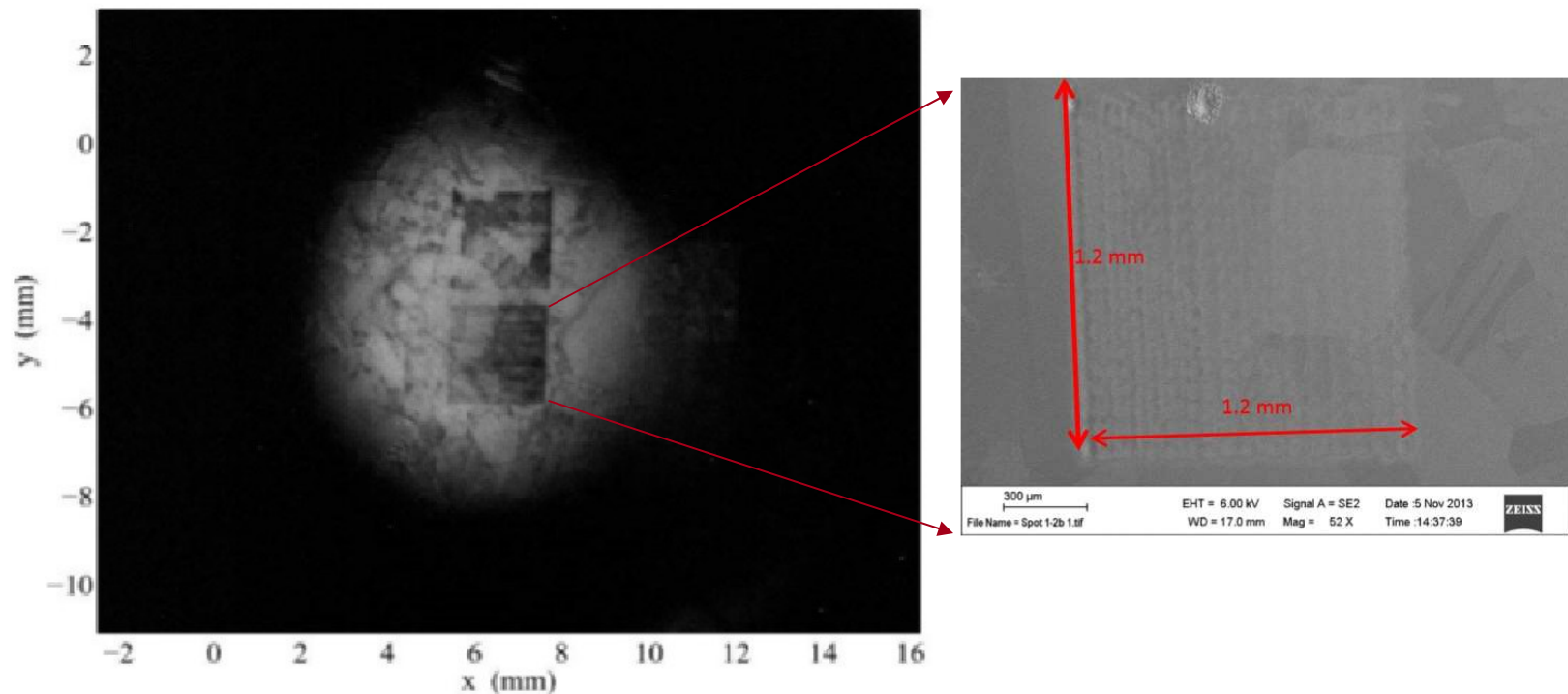
- Virtual Cathode Camera (VCC) – Pulnix camera, in vault next to gun higher radiation area
- Window to Cathode





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- QE  $\sim 4 \times 10^{-5}$  ( $-e/\text{photon}$ )
- Cu cathode – third cathode since 2007 (First: 2007-Jul 2008, Second: Jul 2008 – May 2011, Third: May 2011 – present)
- Accelerator Structure Test Area (ASTA) program – cathode cleaning



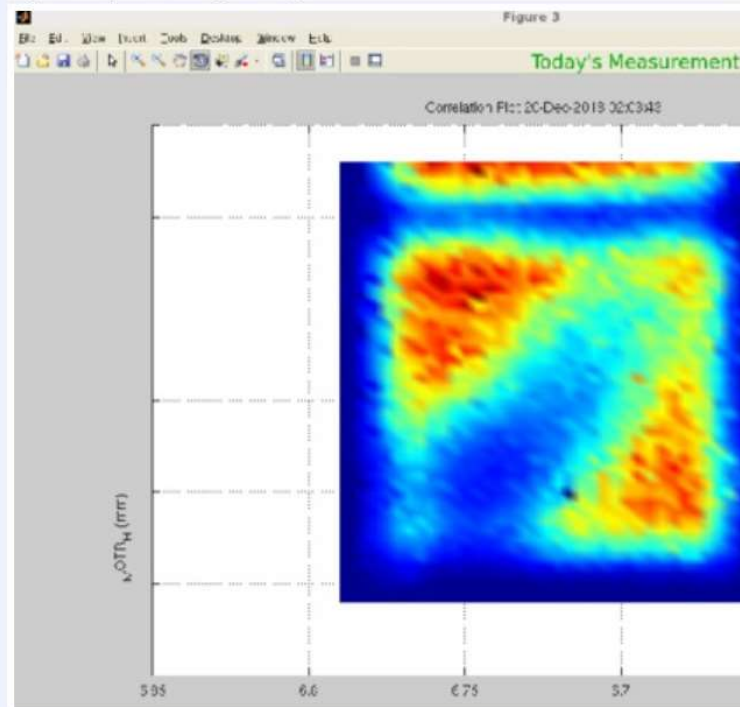


- QE mapping of the Cu Cathode

12/20/2018 03:28 Gibbs, Shtalenkova Comparison of tonight's scan vs. the one done in August

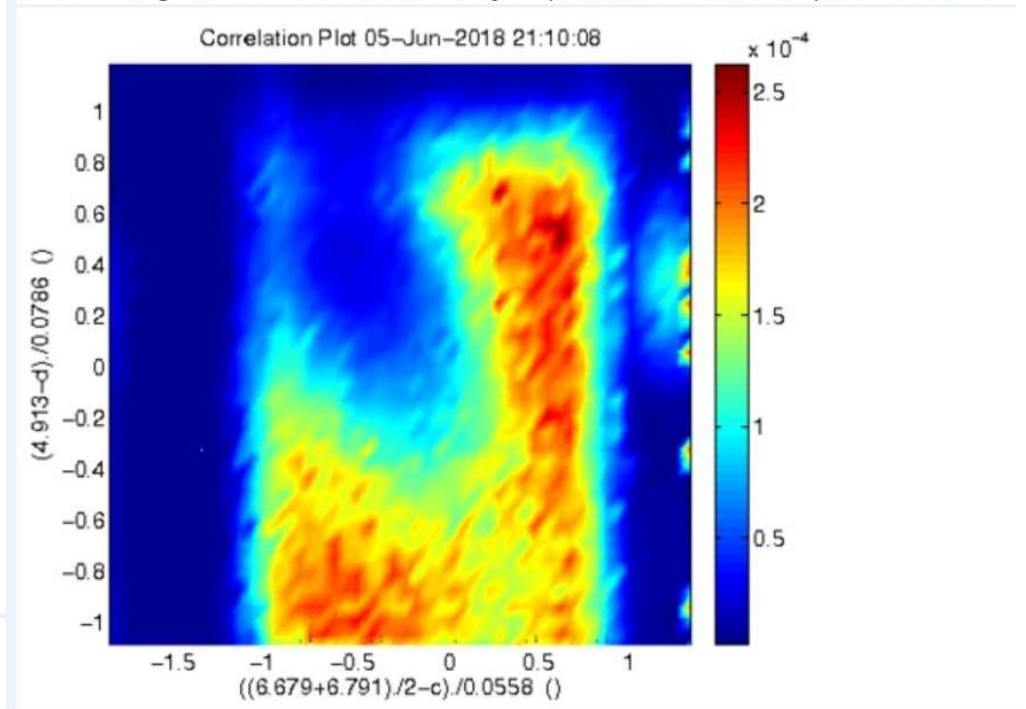
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Comparison of tonight's scan vs. the one done in August. Generally the same shape, but the low QE 'canyon' is growing.



06/06/2018 14:05 Zhou, Sheppard, (Maxwell) Scaled QE scan

With scaling from John, here see the QE map with axes in mm of position on VCC.



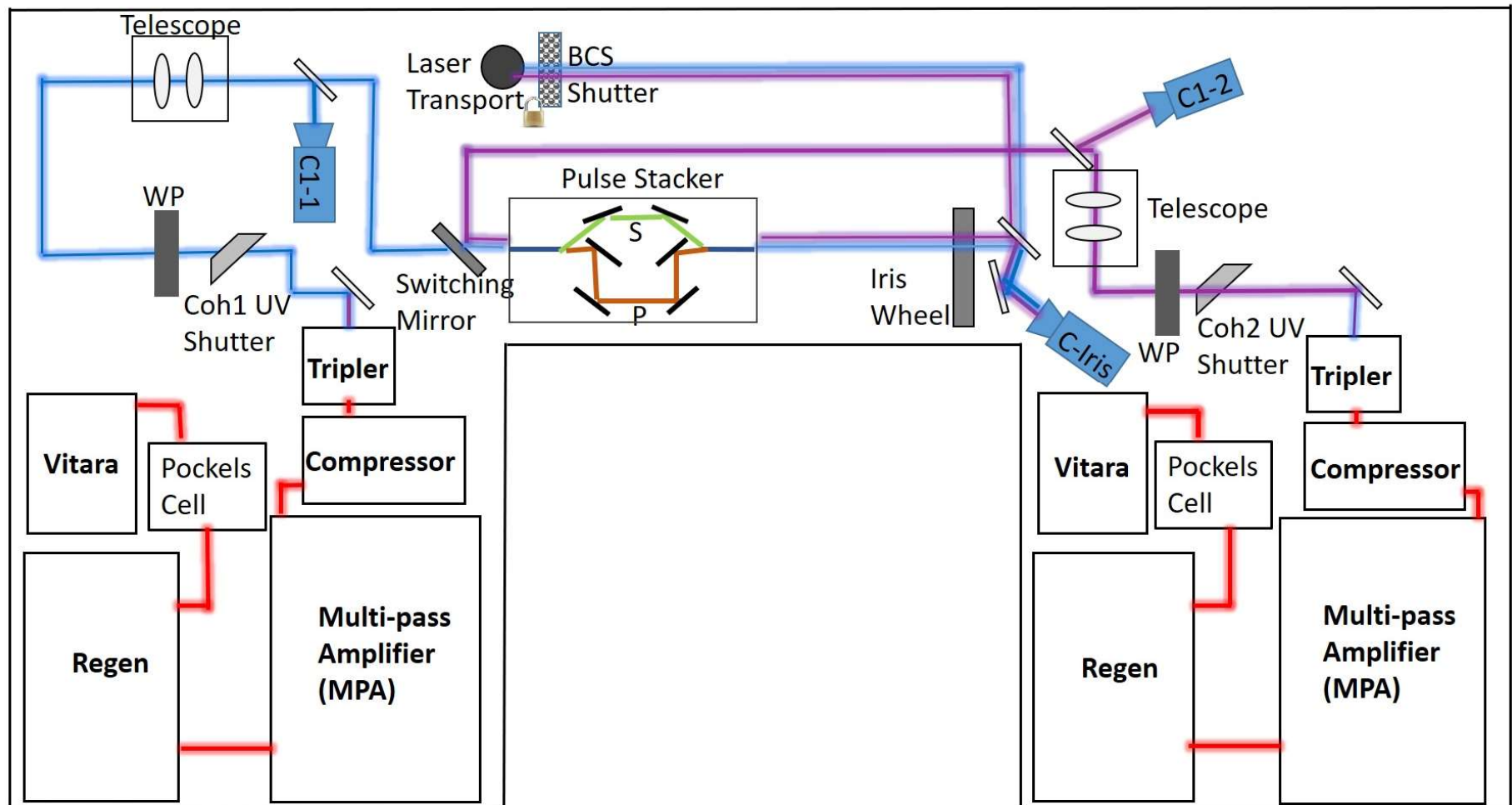


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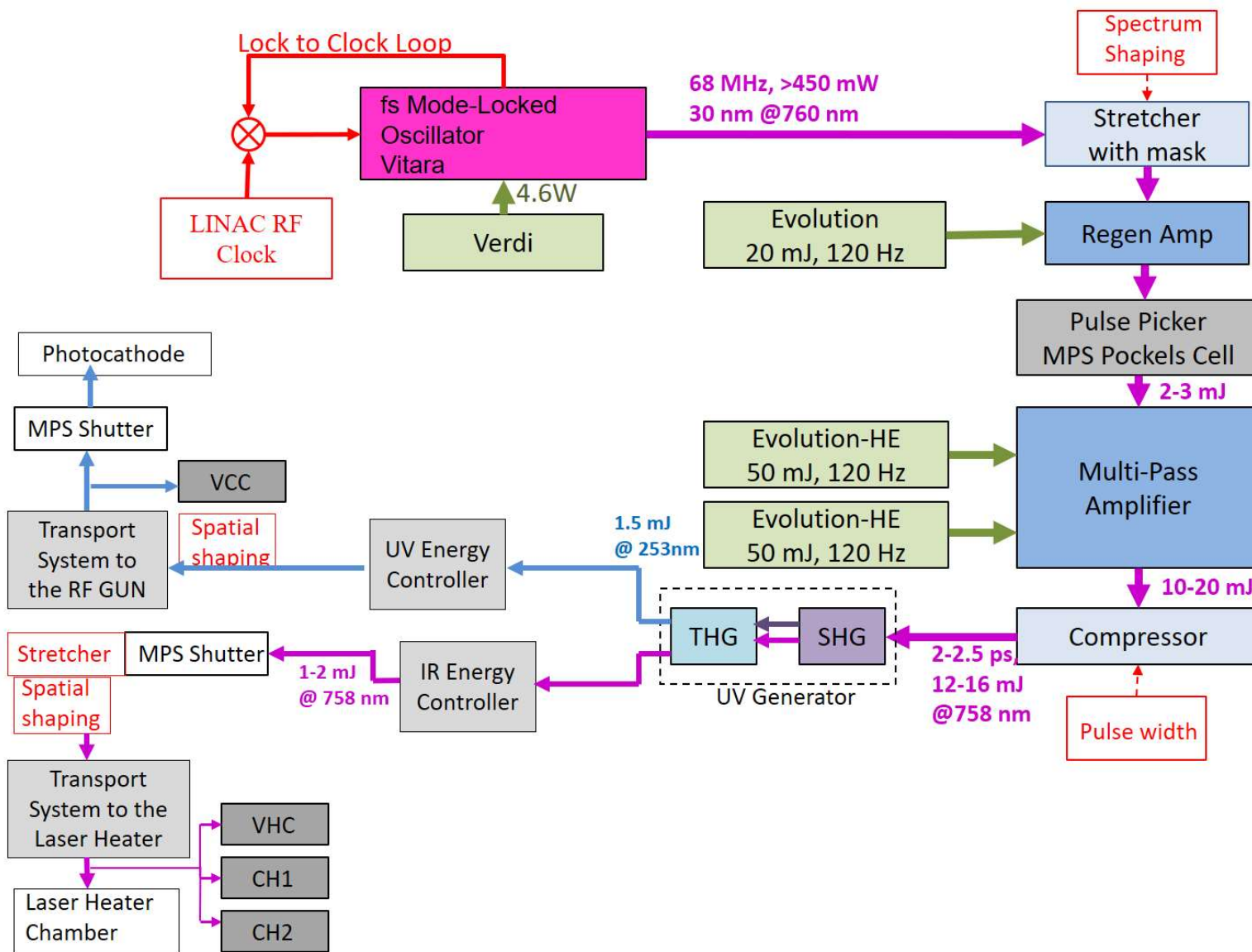
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## LCLS Photo-Injector Drive Laser





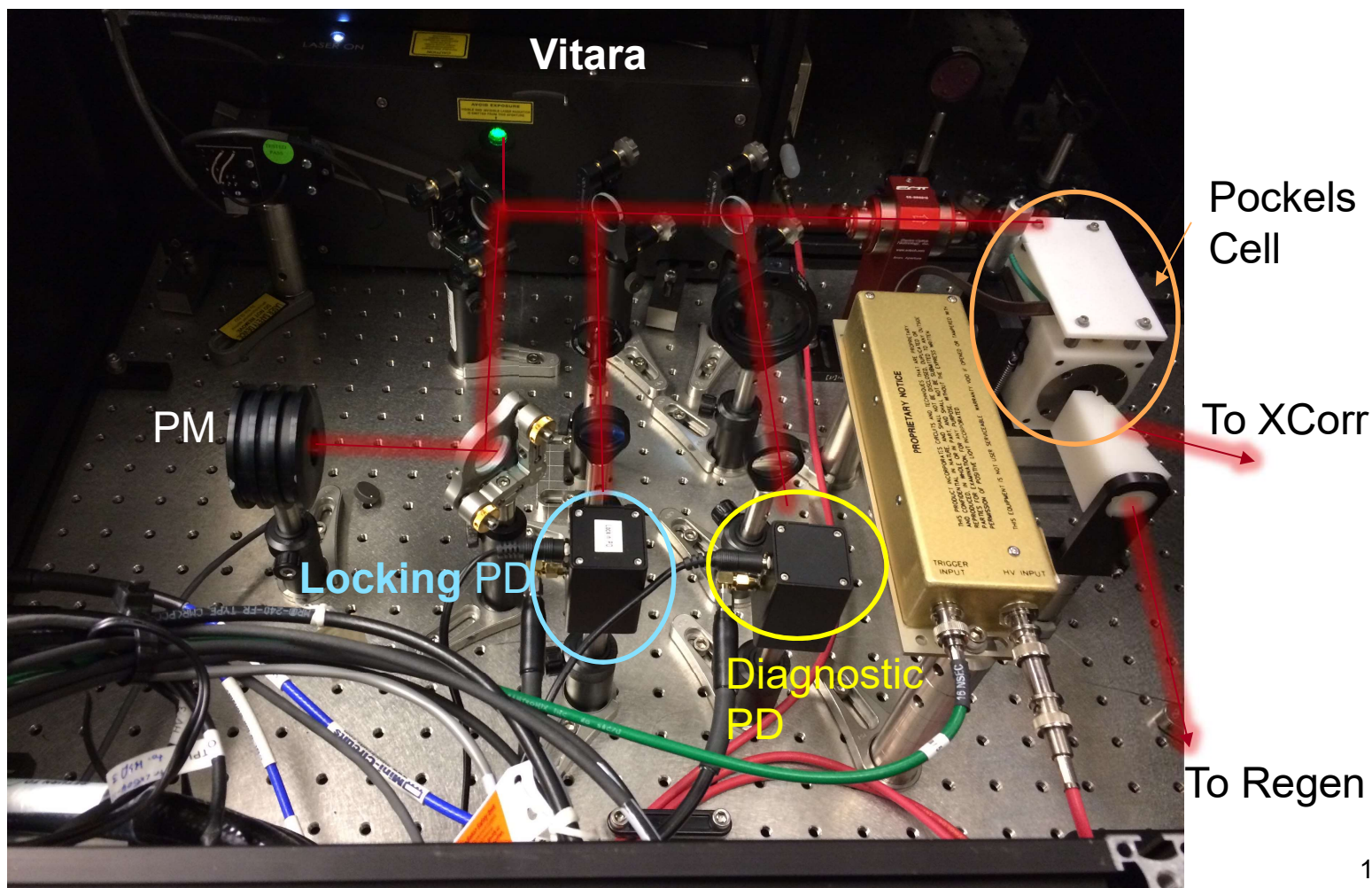
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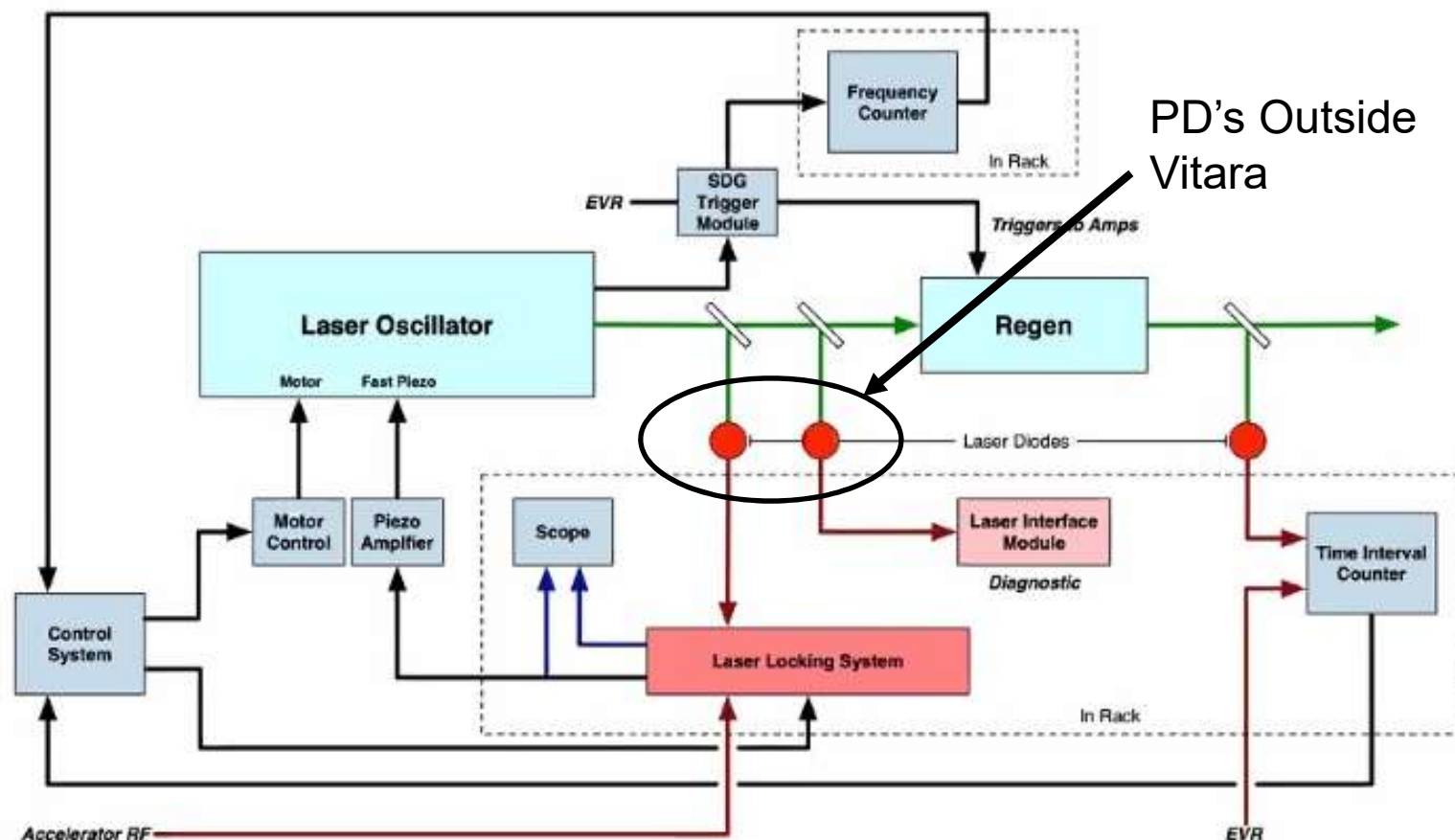
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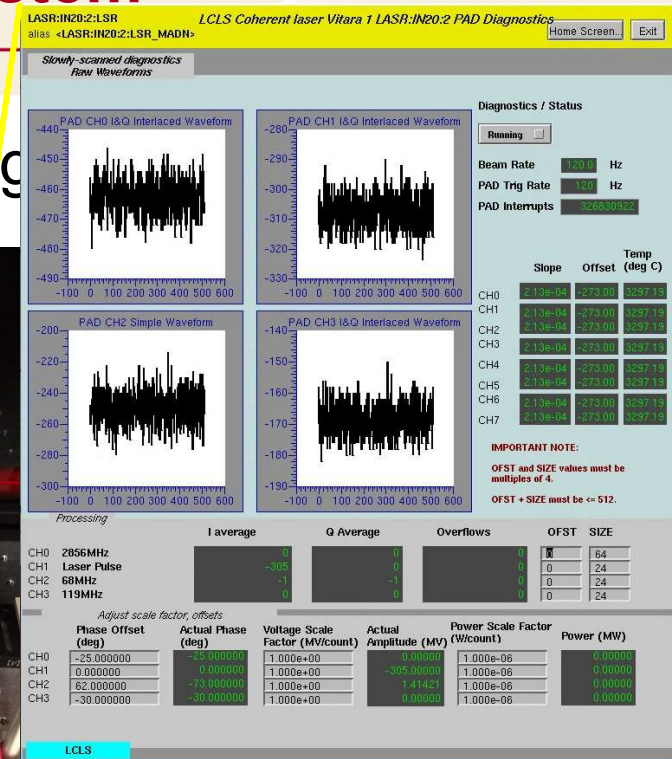
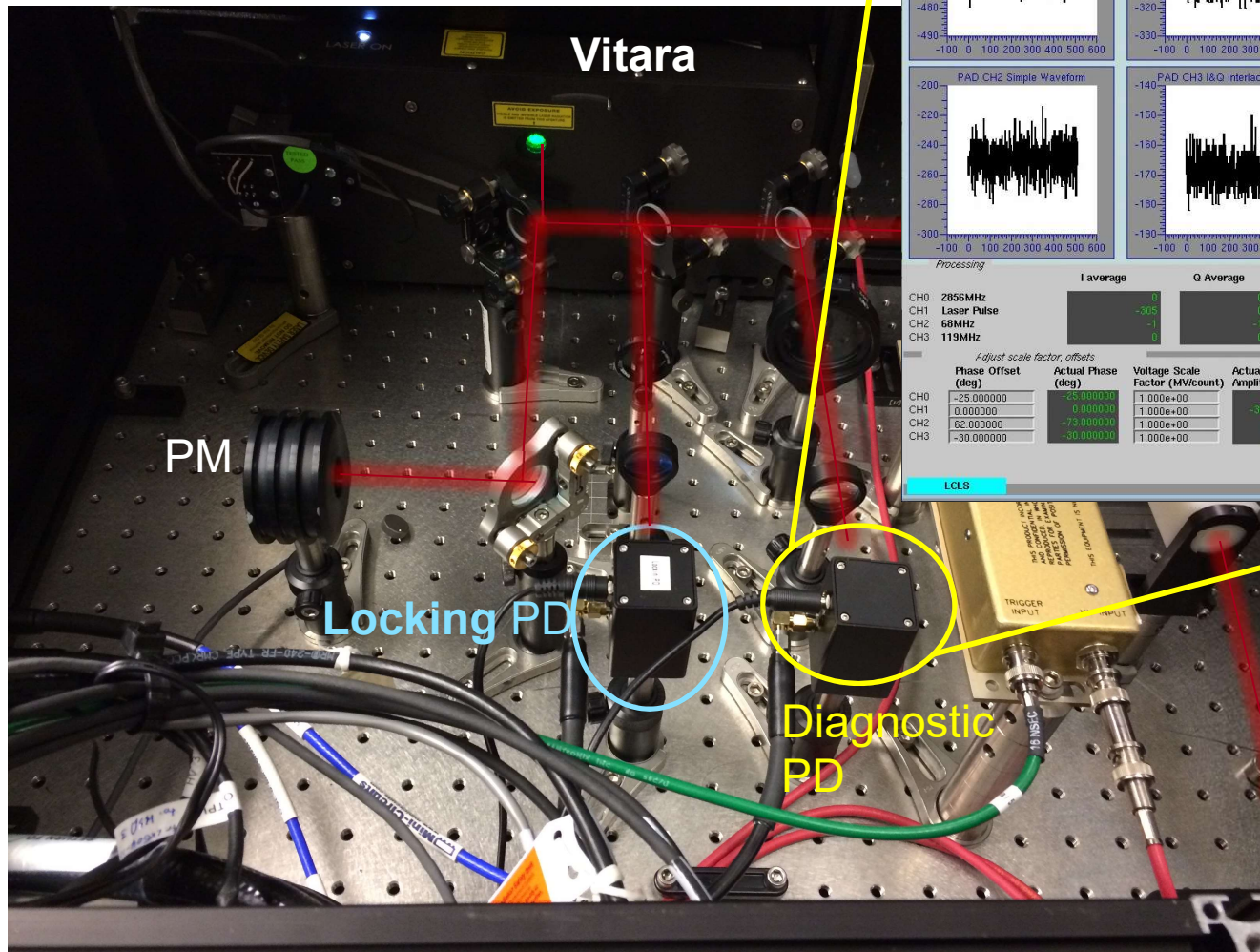


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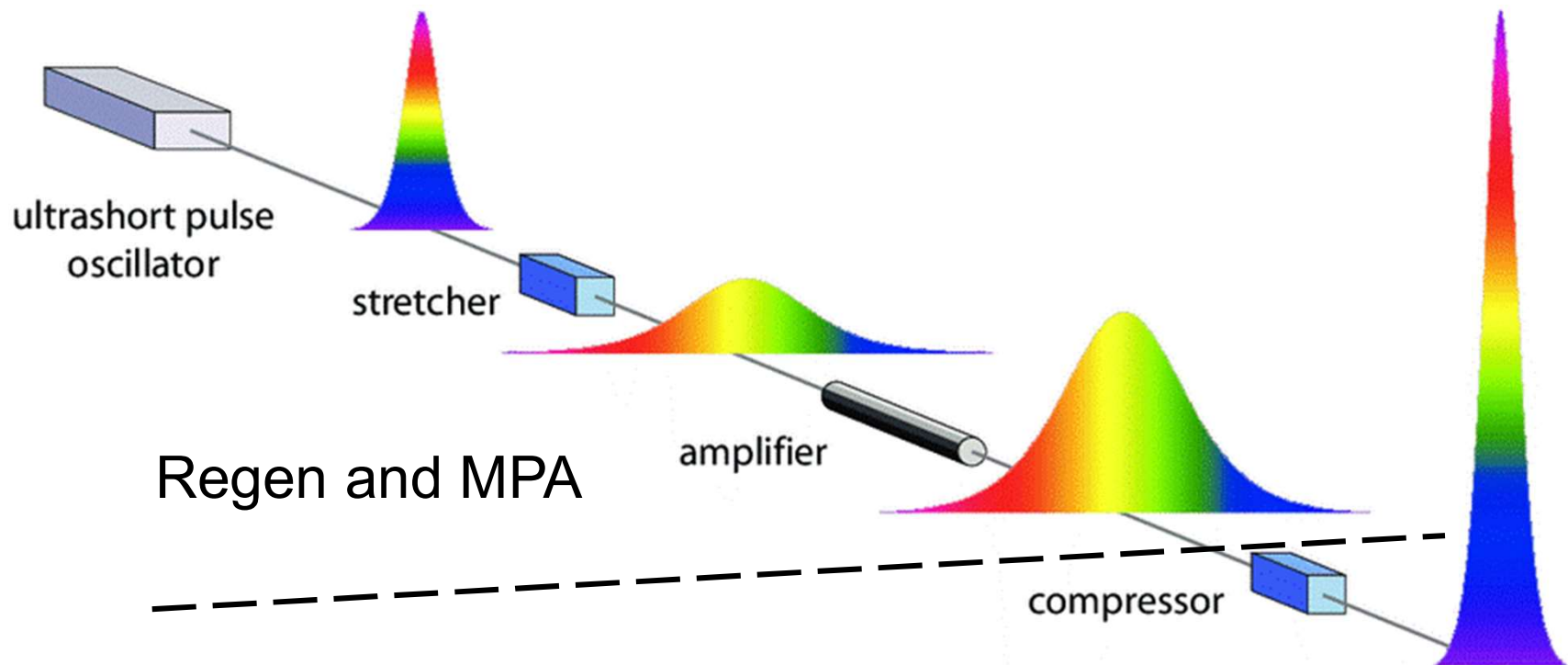


To Regen



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- Chirped Pulse Amplification – Strickland and Mourou, 2018 Nobel Prize

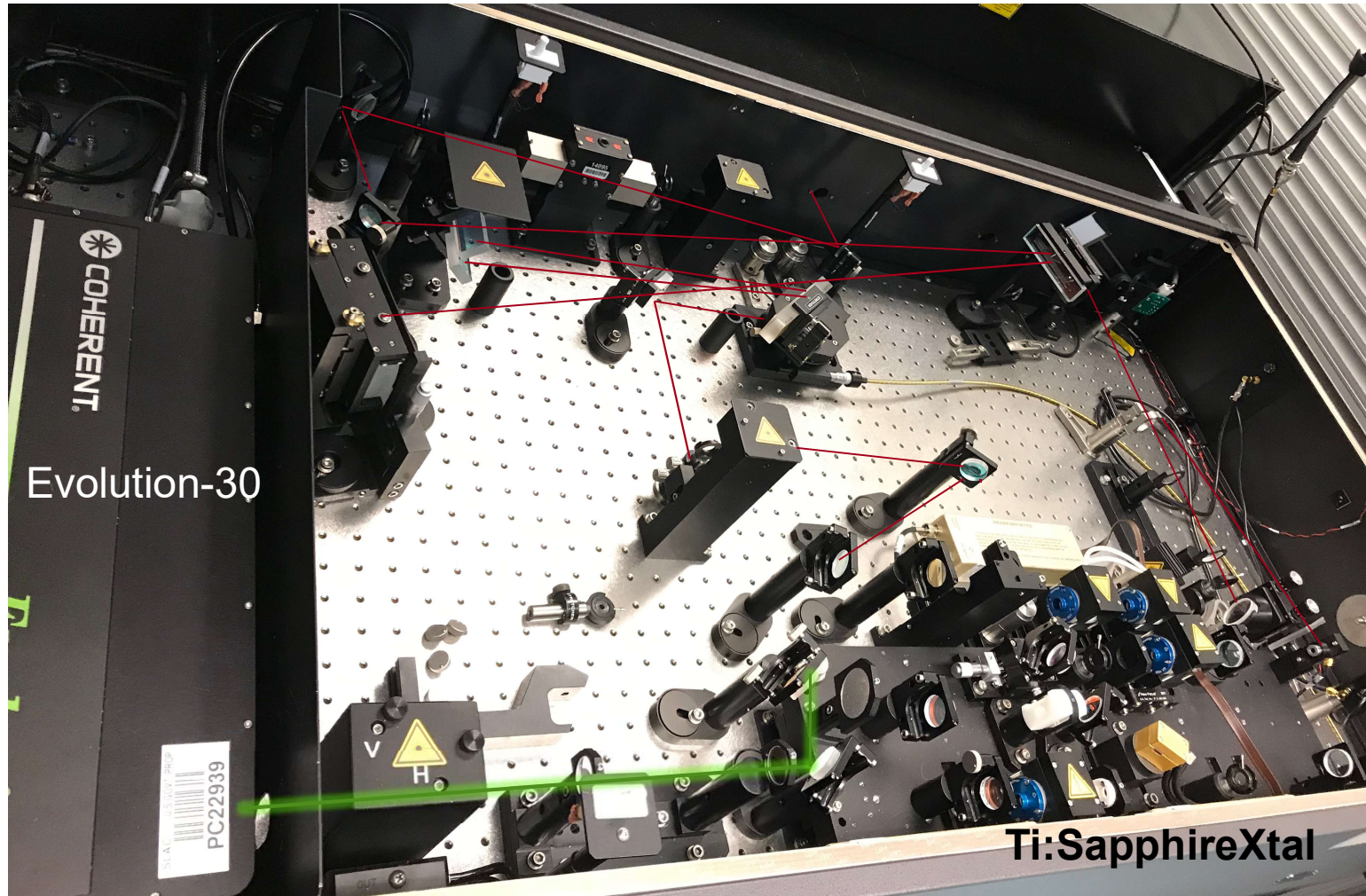


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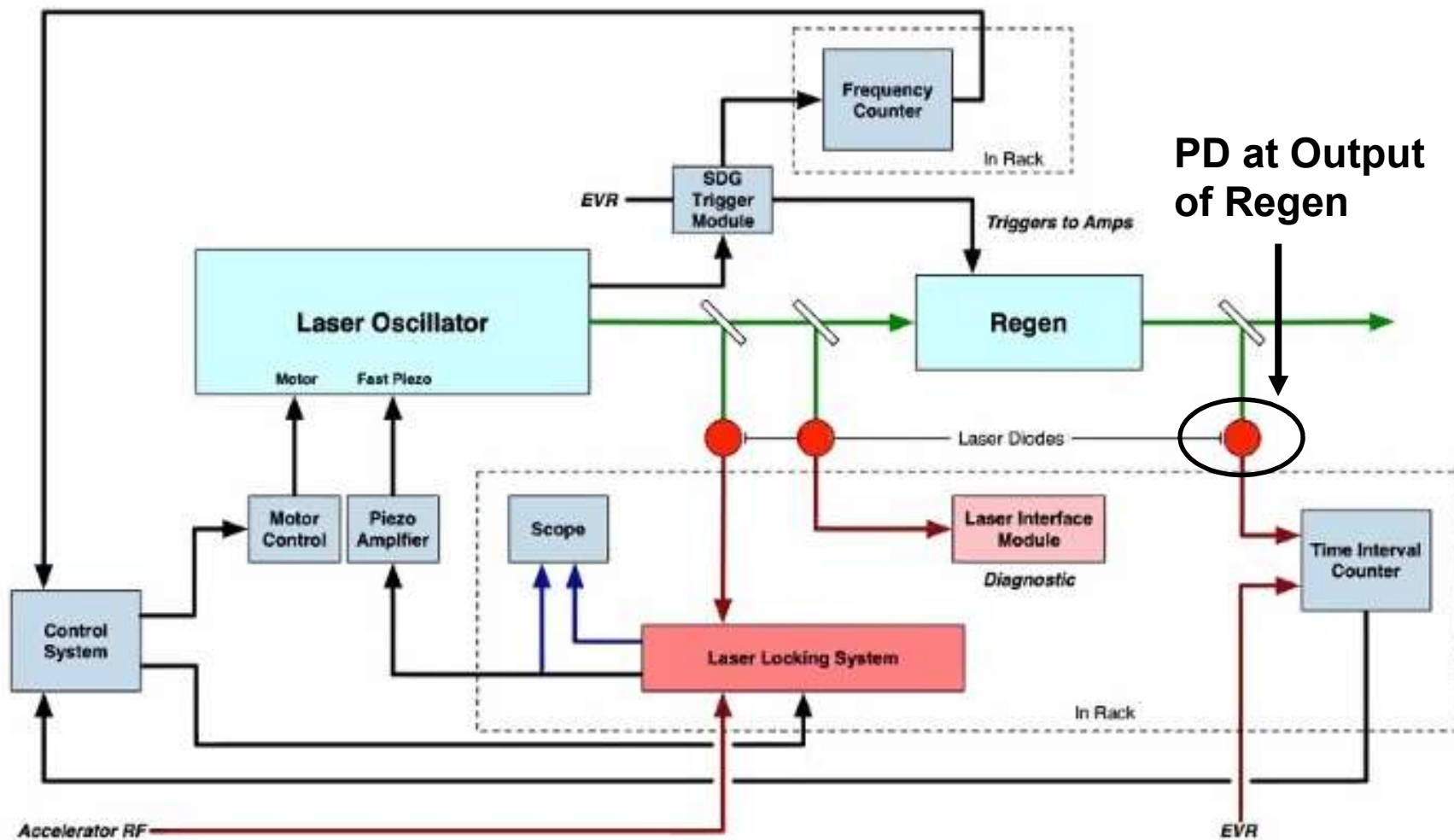
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- Regenerative Amplifier (Regen) aka Legend





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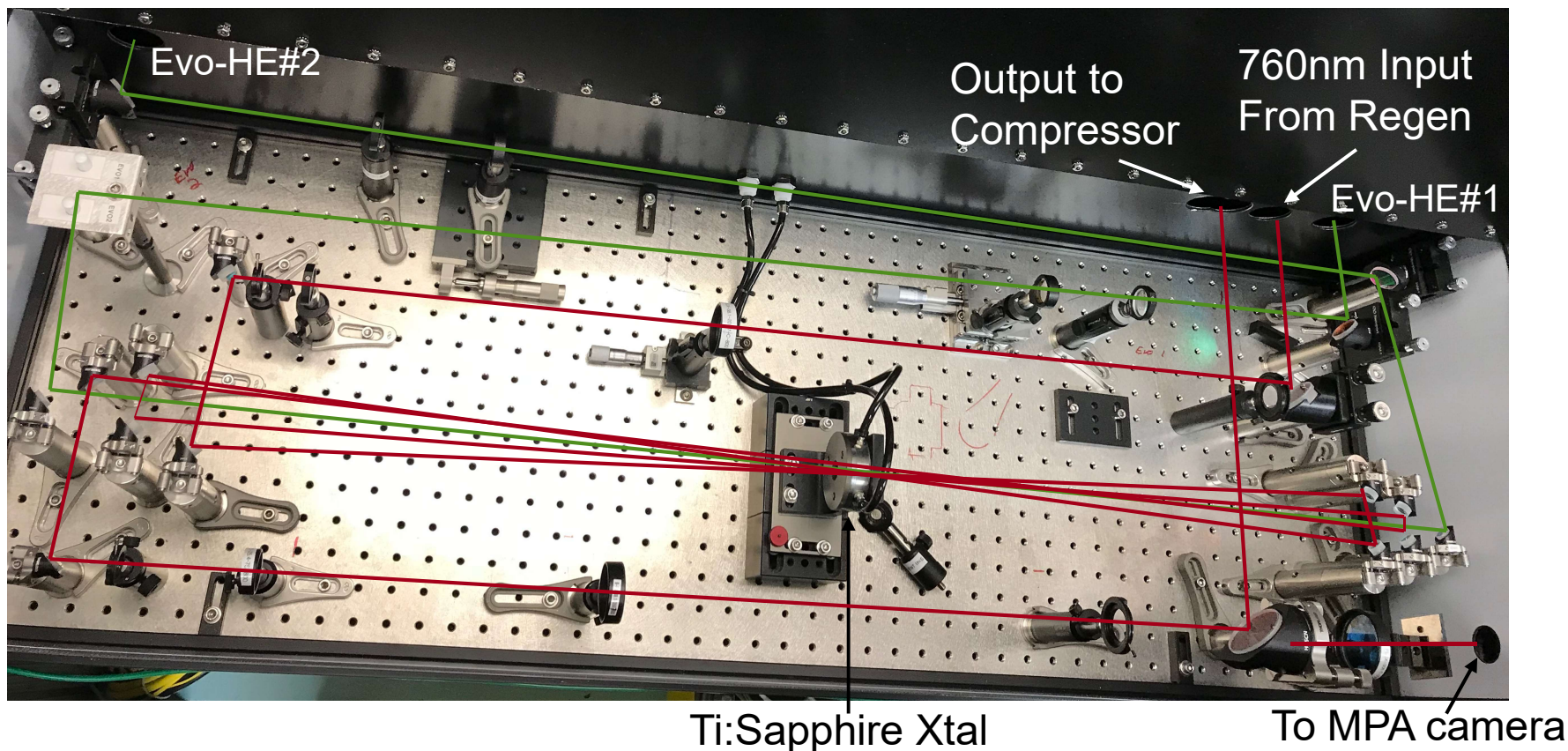


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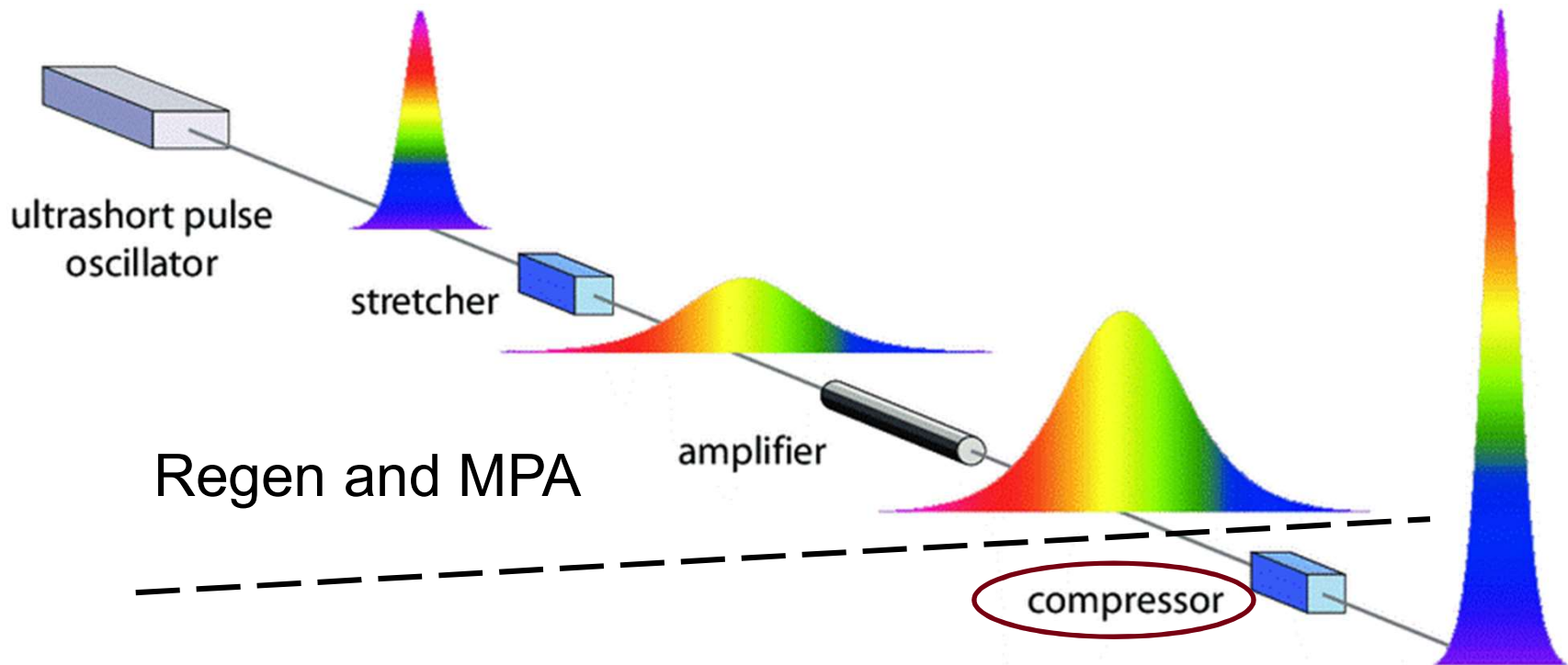
- Multi-Pass Amplifier (MPA)





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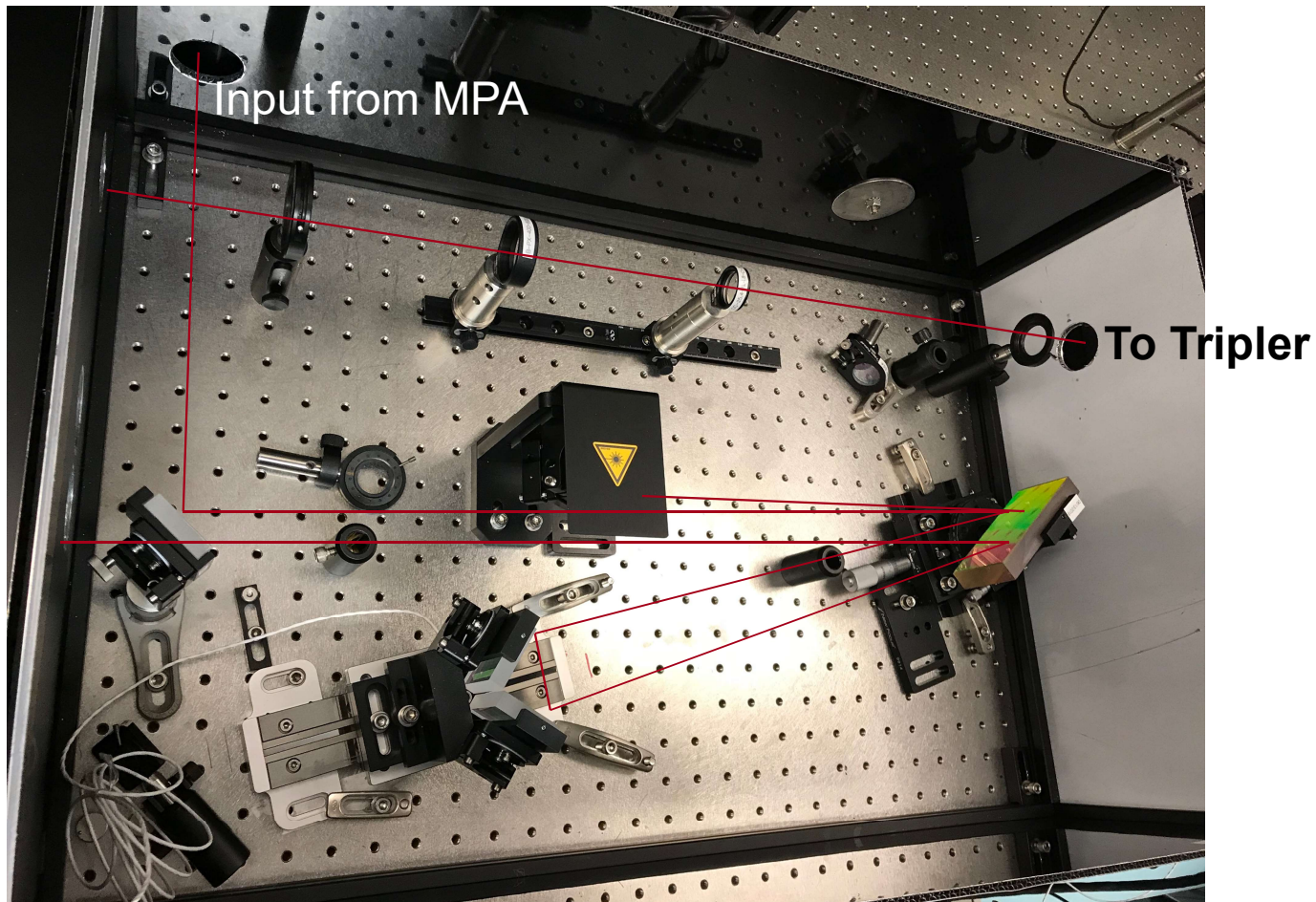
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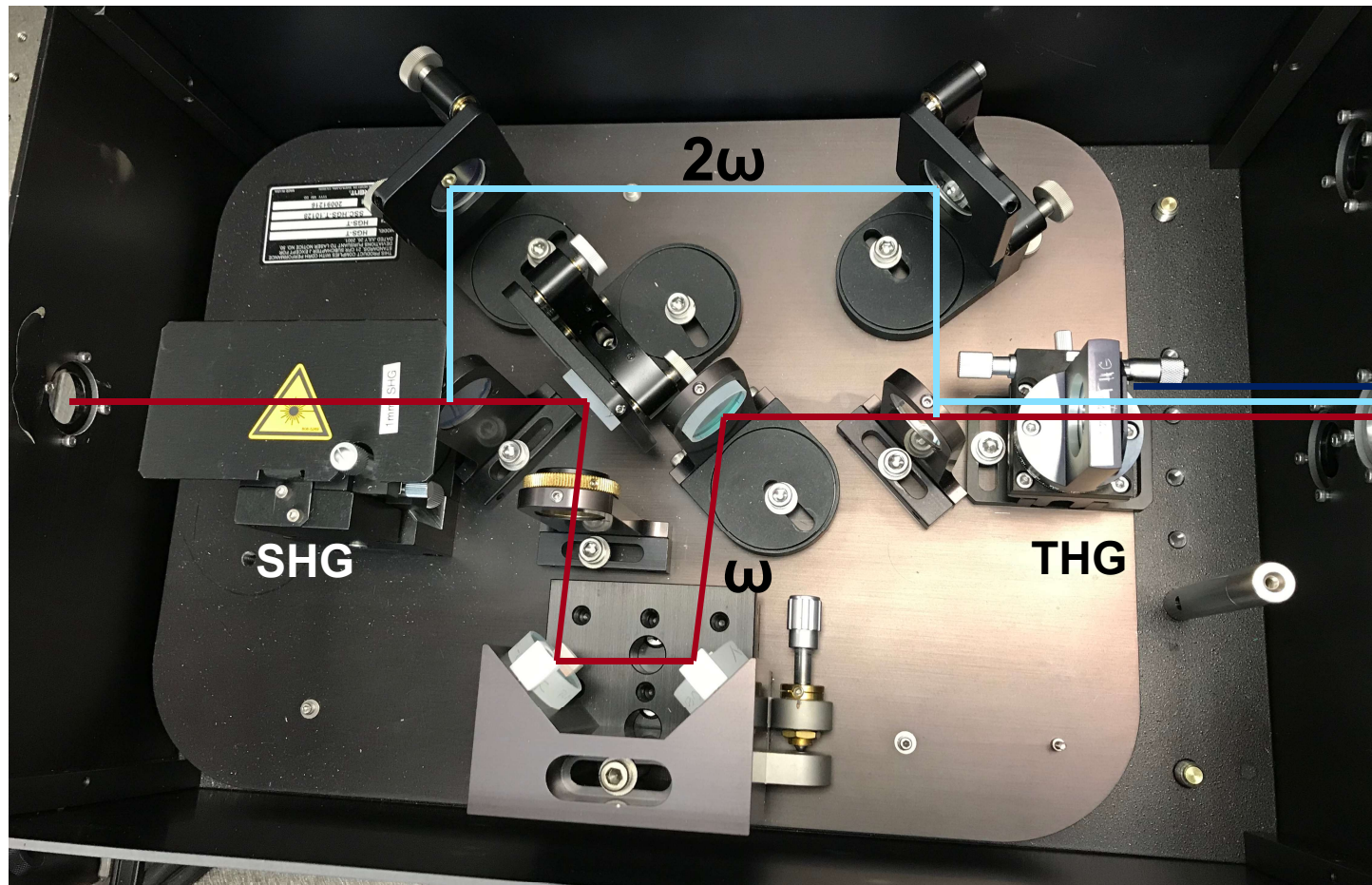
- Compressor – specification of 2-2.5ps UV pulse length





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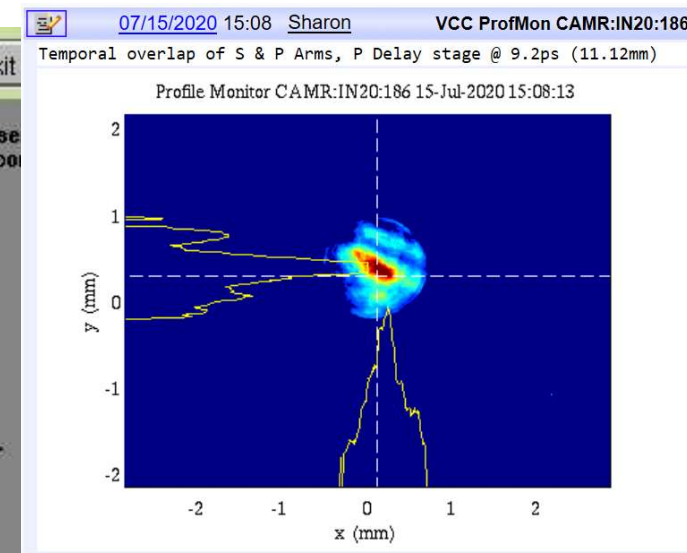
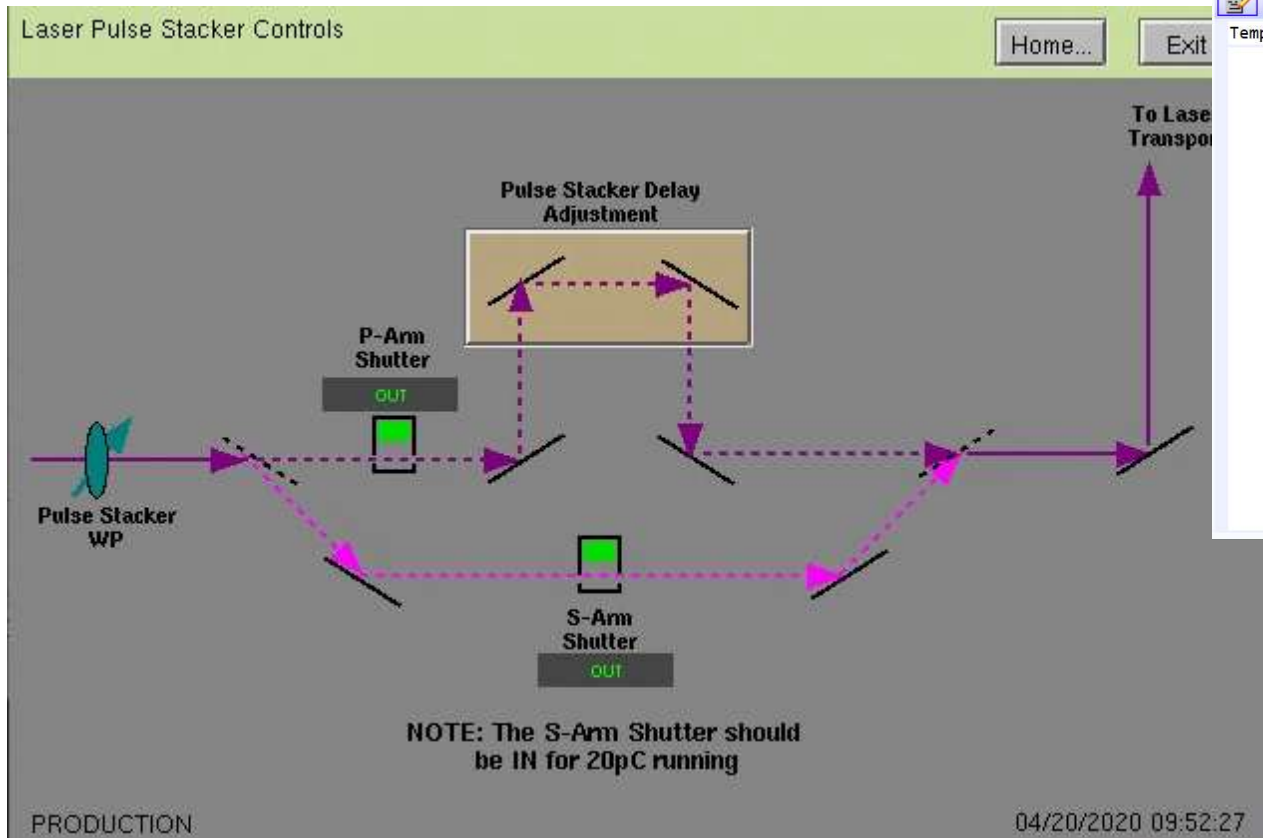
- Tripler – BBO crystals to achieve 253nm, ~10% efficiency





# Laser Room Layout – Drive Laser System

- Pulse Stacker – temporal profile requirement for the cathode, ~2ps stacked pulses provides ~4 ps (sharper rise/fall times) and better projected cathode emittance



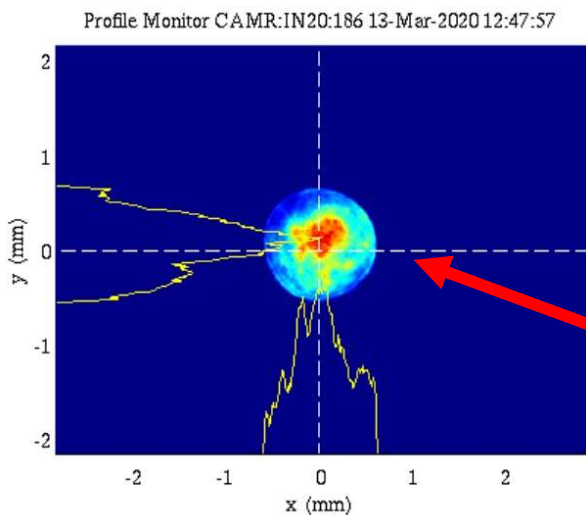
Fringe pattern –  
Temporal overlap



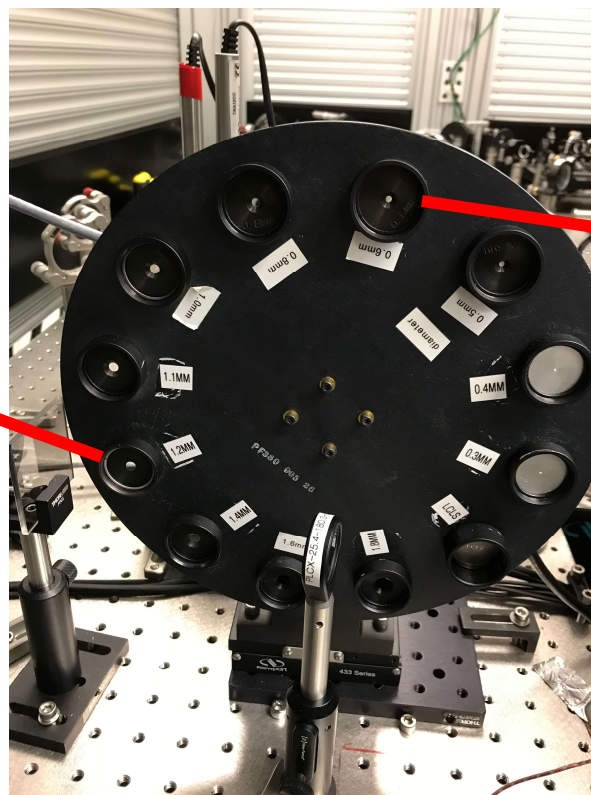
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- Iris Wheel – Imaging system to the cathode (4:1)
- Nominal charge of 250pC, iris size 1.2mm
- Lower charge such as 20pC, smaller iris size

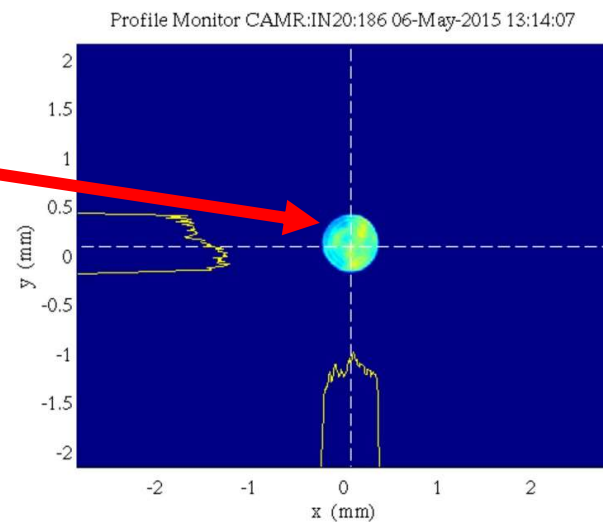
1.2mm Iris



VCC



0.6mm Iris



VCC



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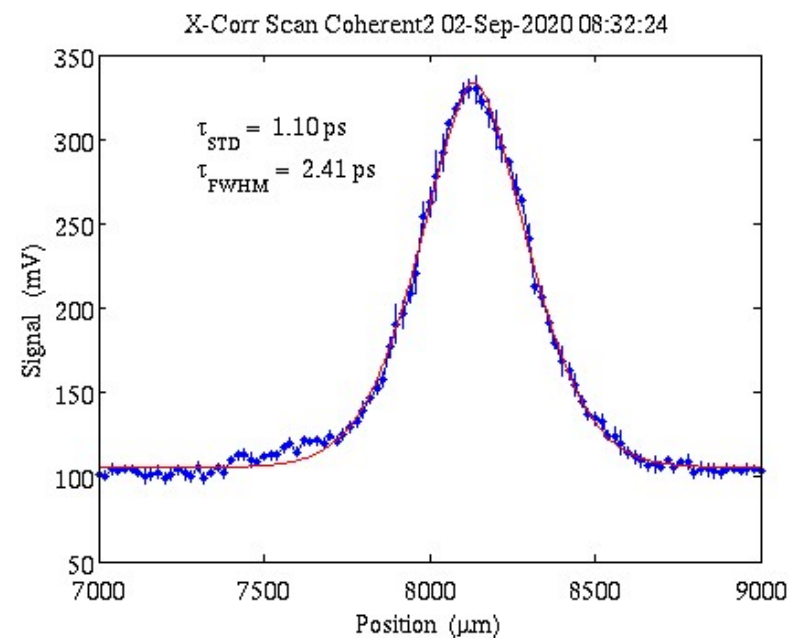
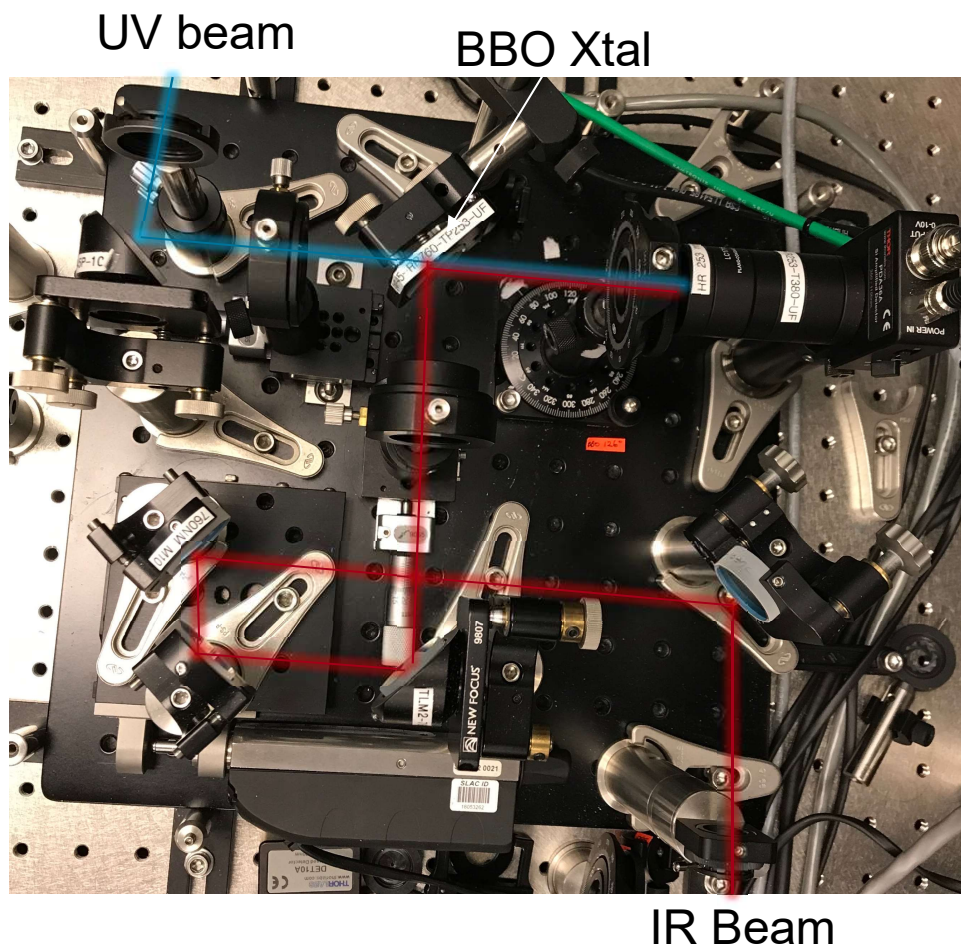
- Cameras – Manta cameras, Pulnix cameras in Vault for VCC, CH1 & VHC
- Power Meters- Coherent





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- Cross-Correlator – measurement of UV pulse length



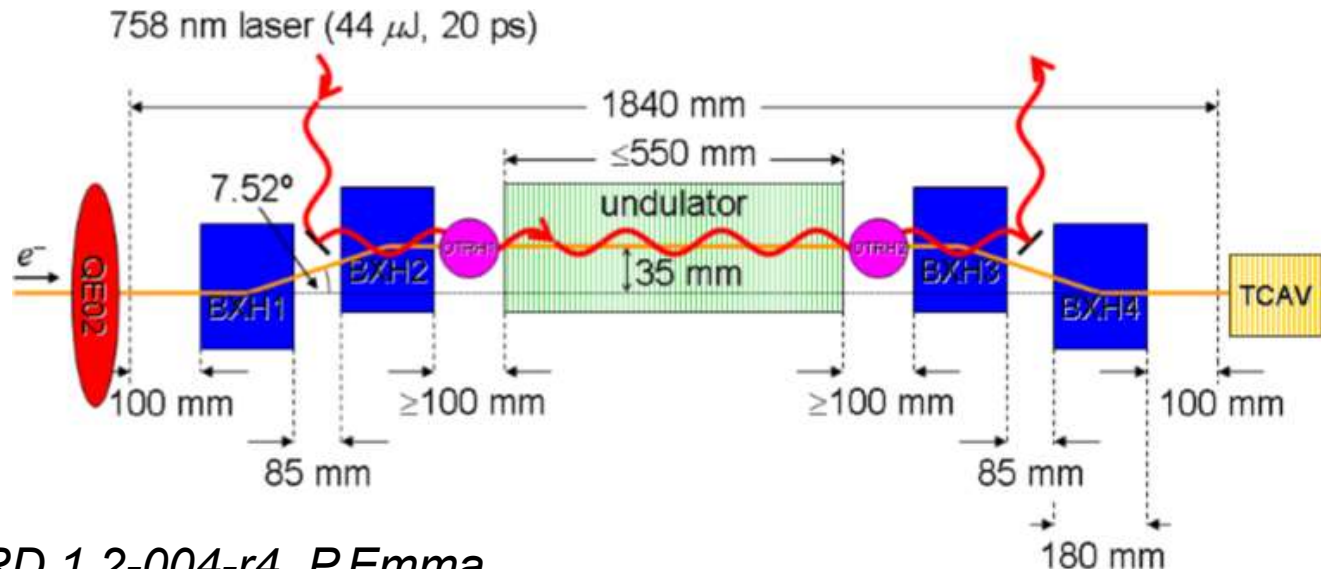


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## LCLS Laser System – Laser Heater System

- Why do we need the laser heater?
- Microbunching instabilities (MBI)
- Overlap of laser and electron beam gives energy modulation
- growth of slice energy spread to suppress instabilities and make the longitudinal phase space more manageable



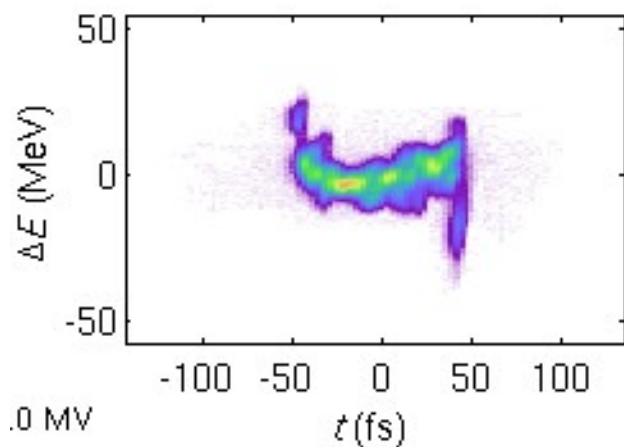
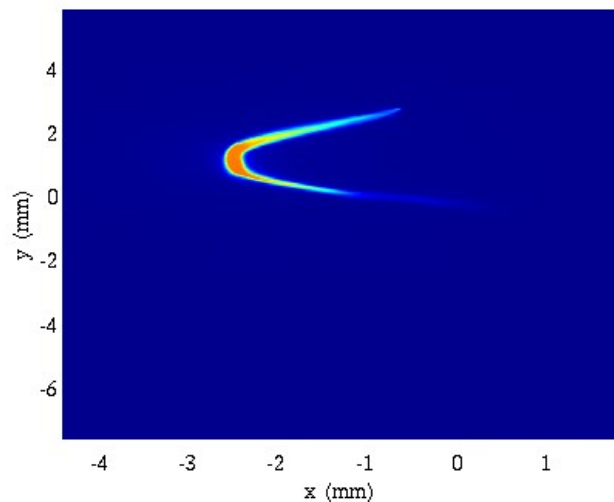
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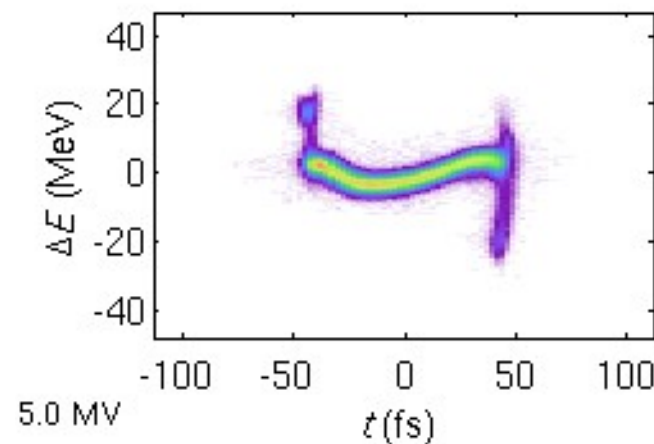
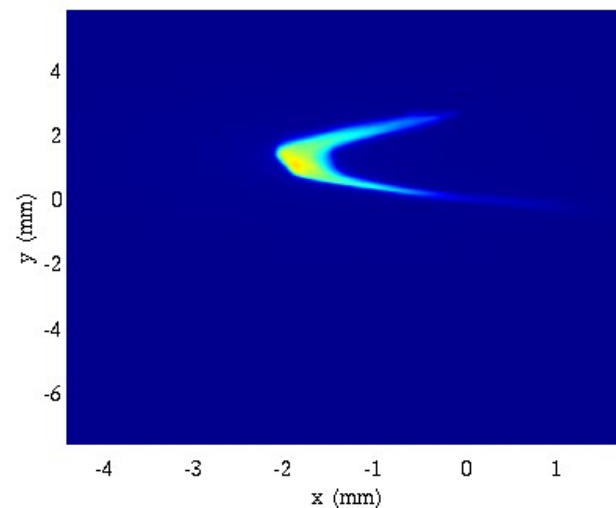
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- Laser Heater OFF vs Laser Heater ON

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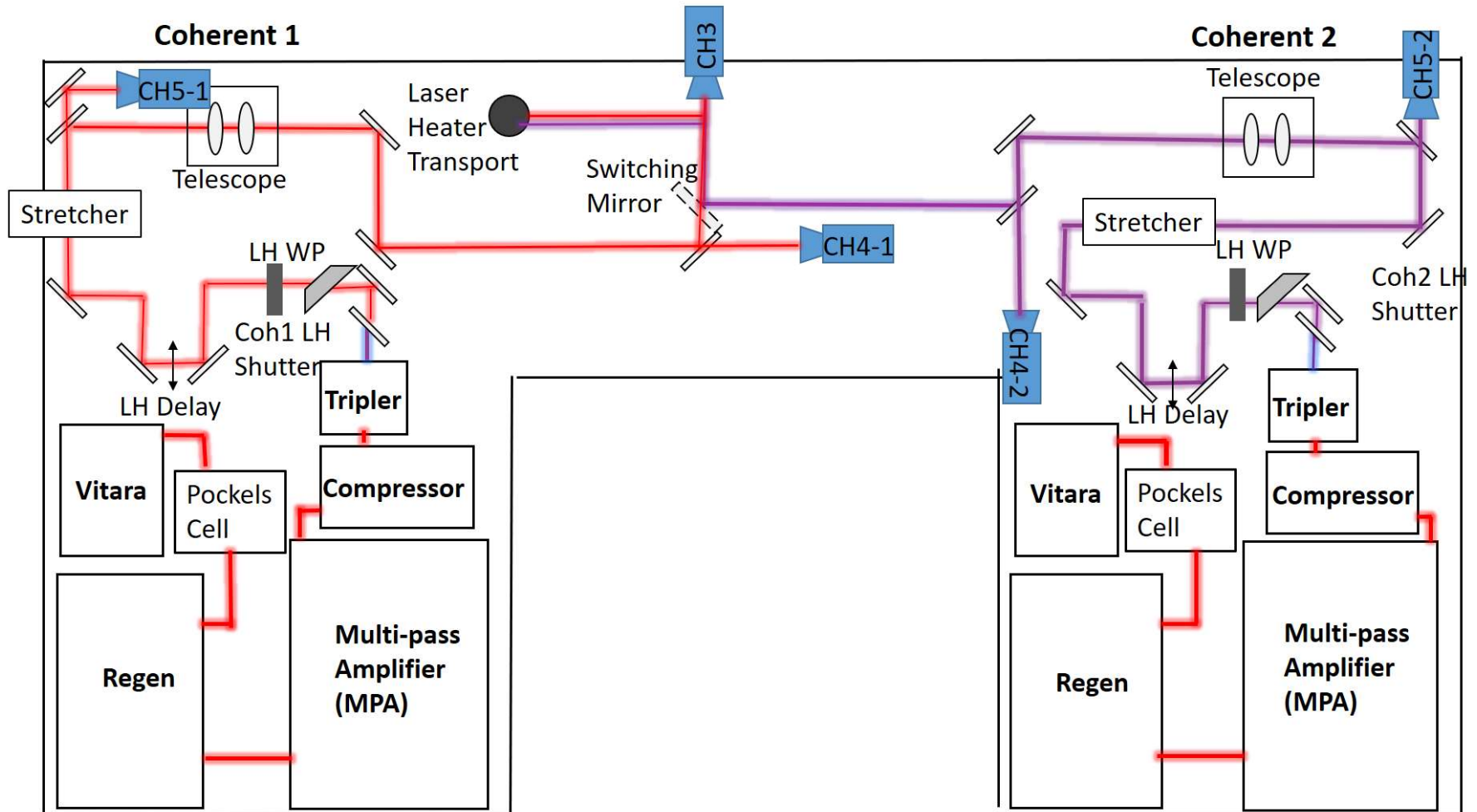


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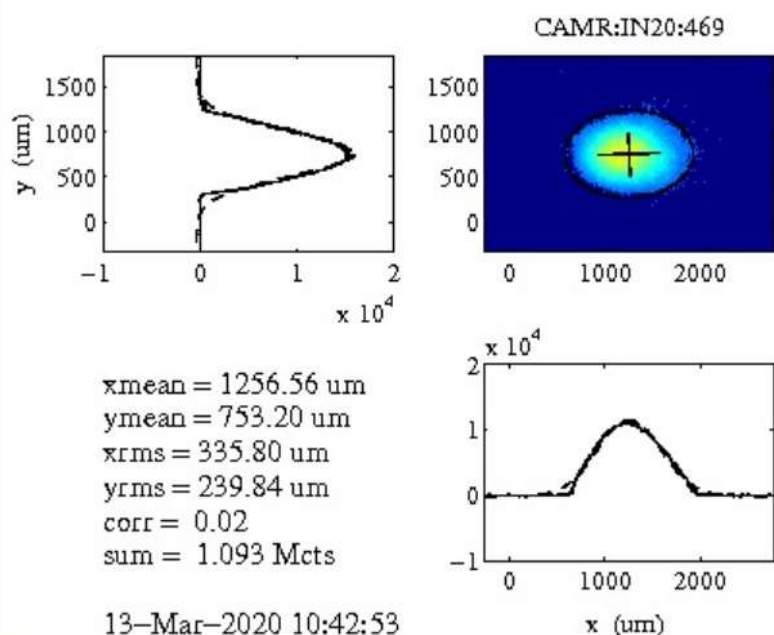




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- VHC – Image of beam inside the undulator

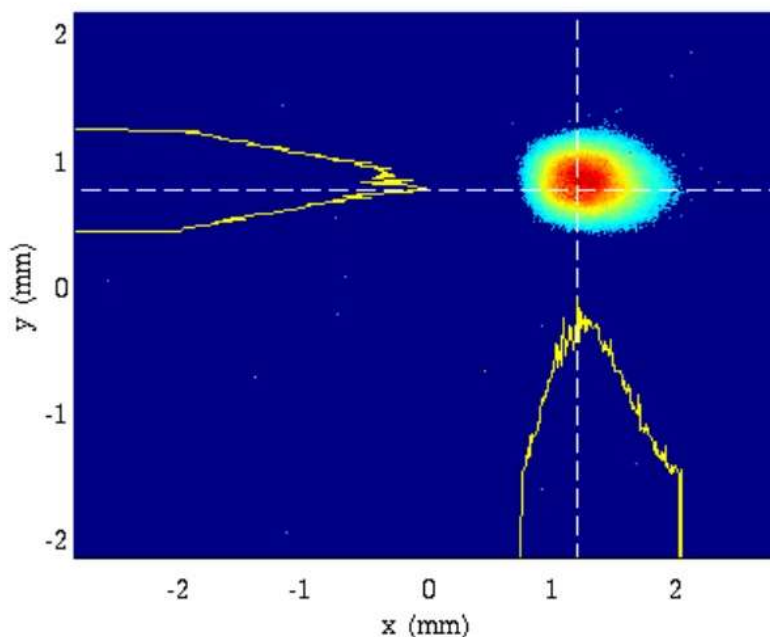
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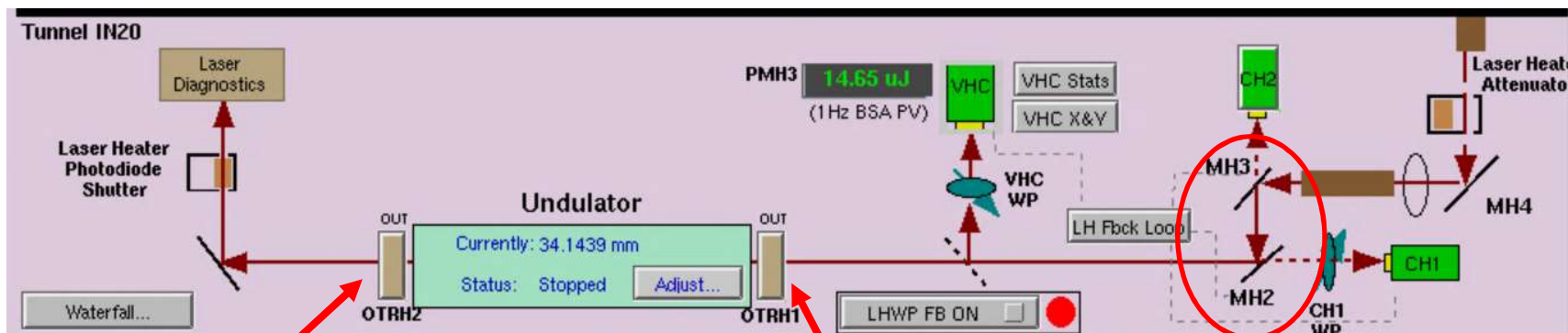
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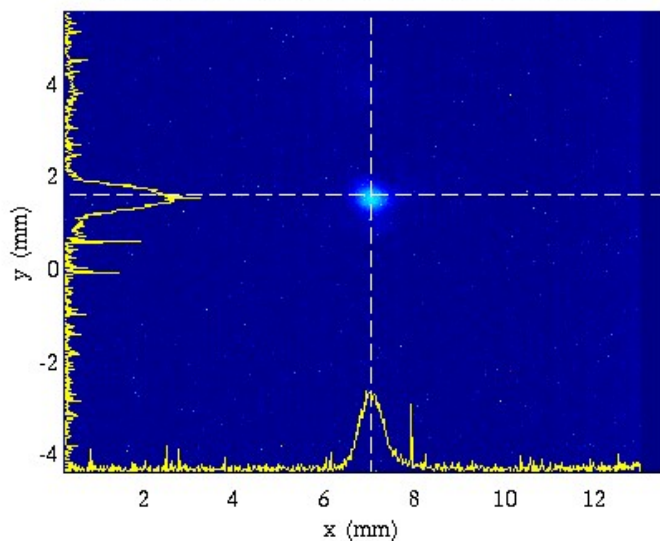


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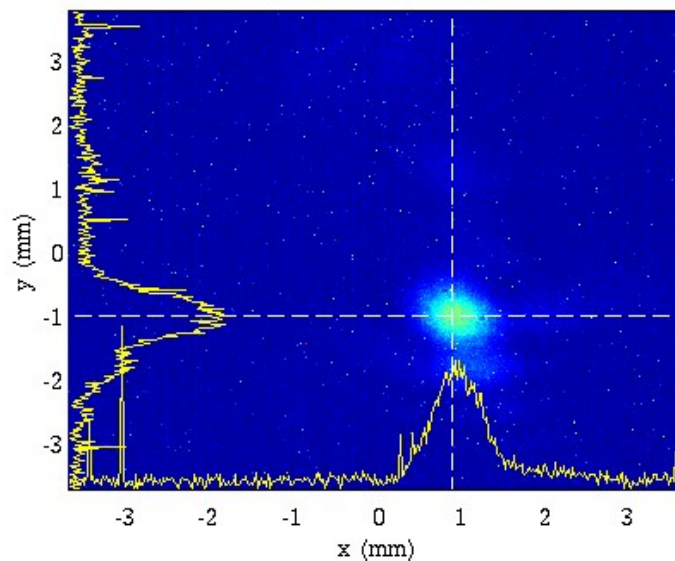
- Laser Heater Transverse alignment



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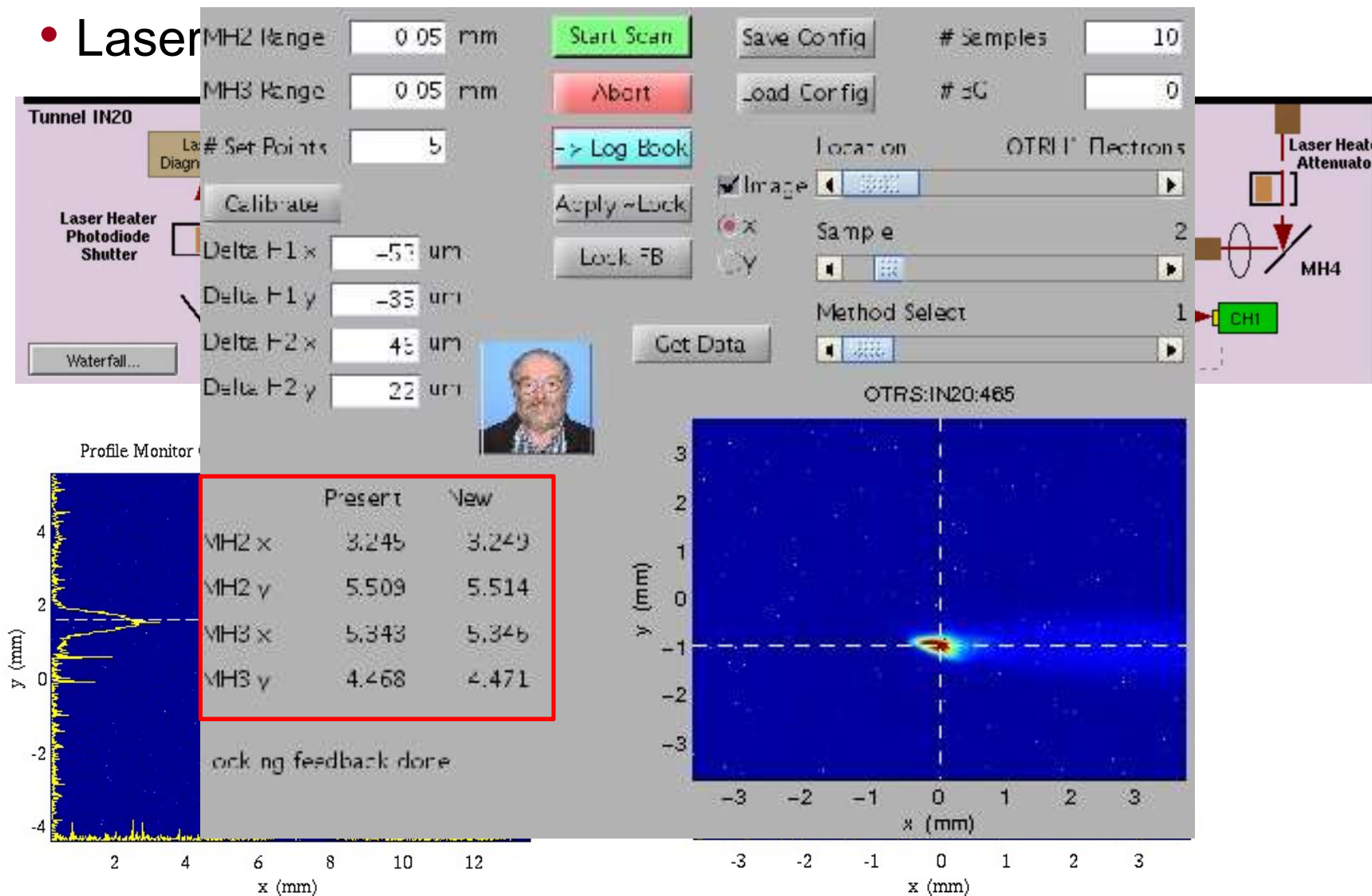
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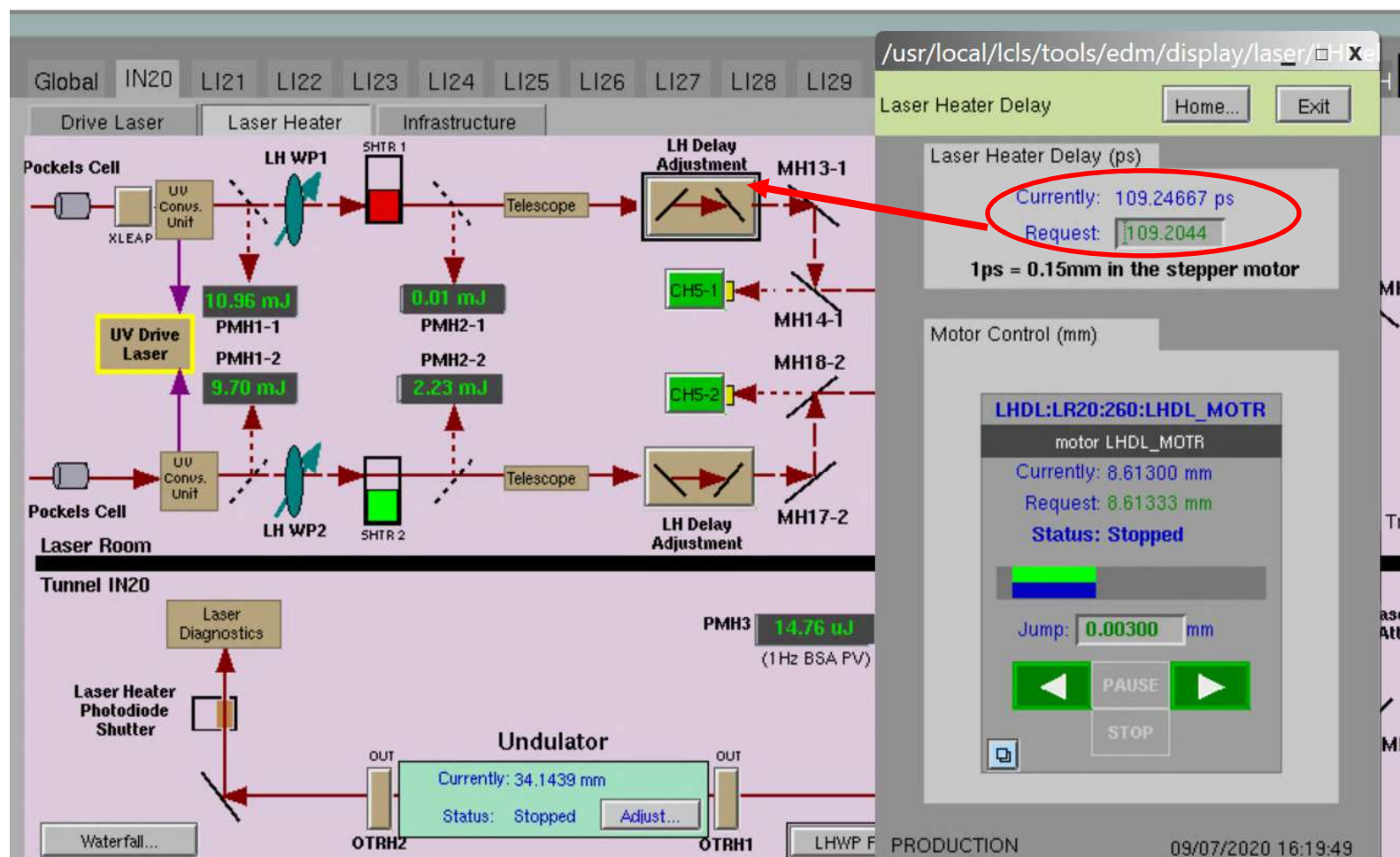
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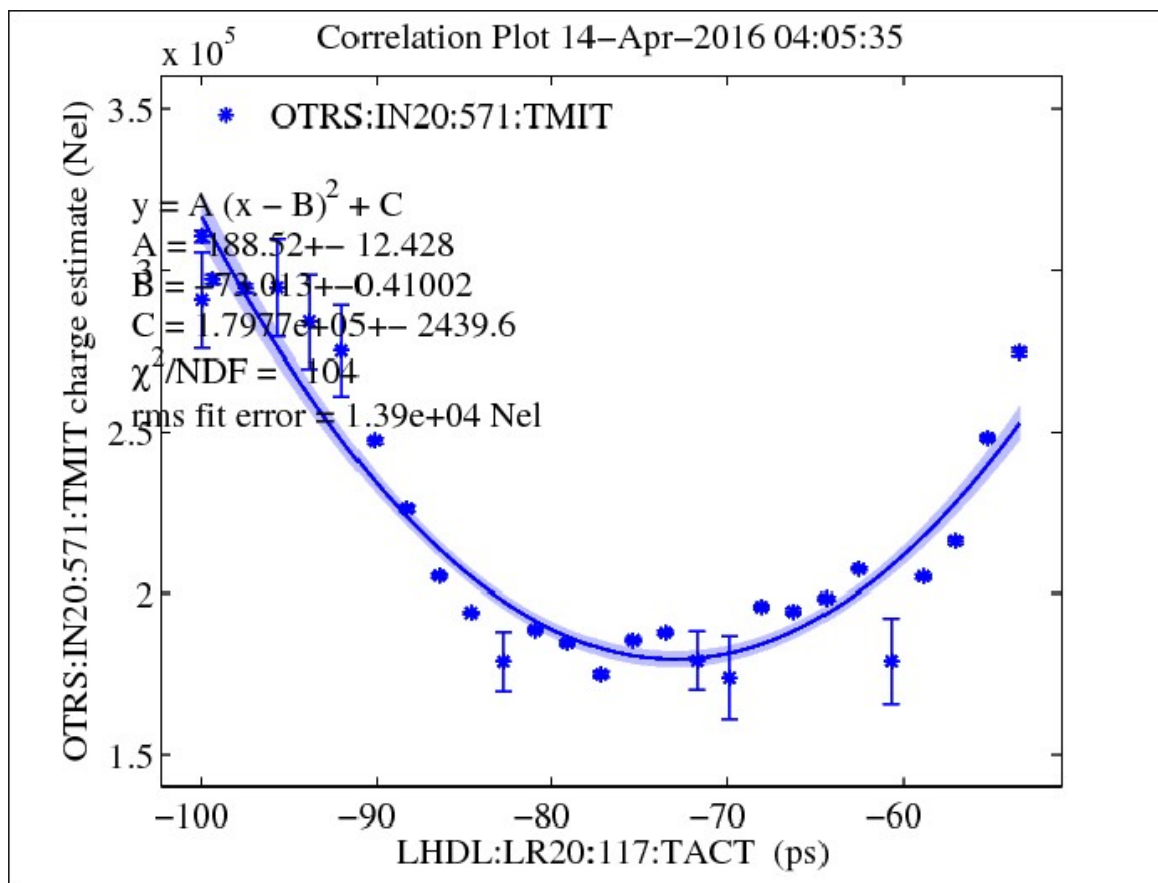
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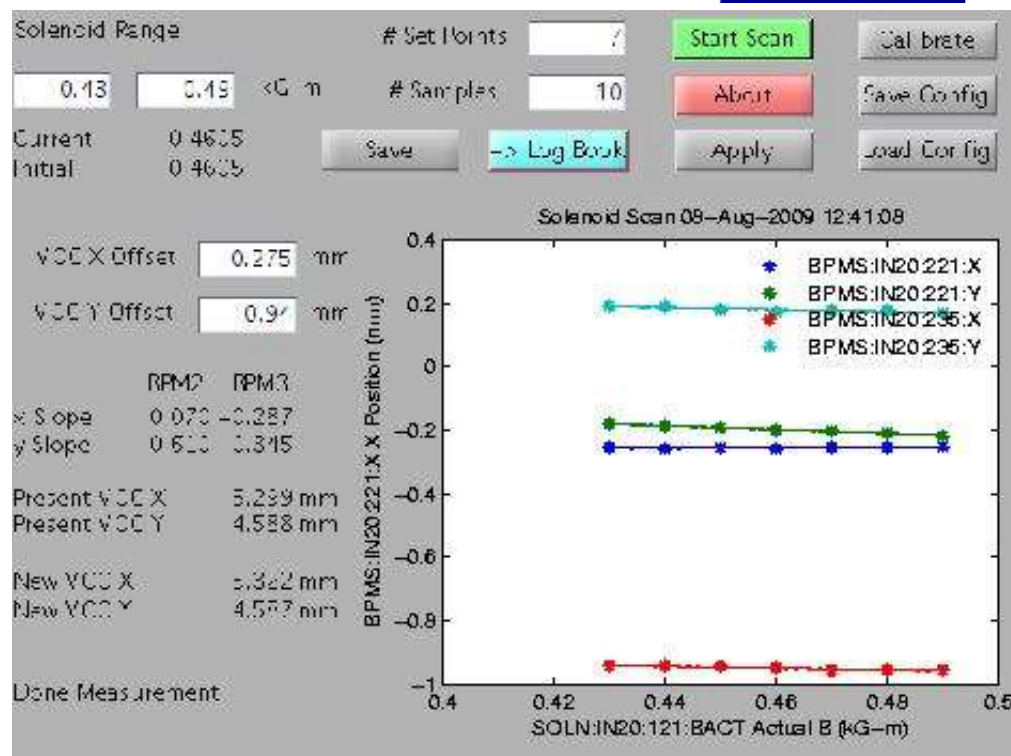
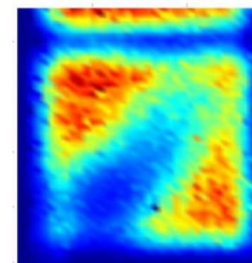


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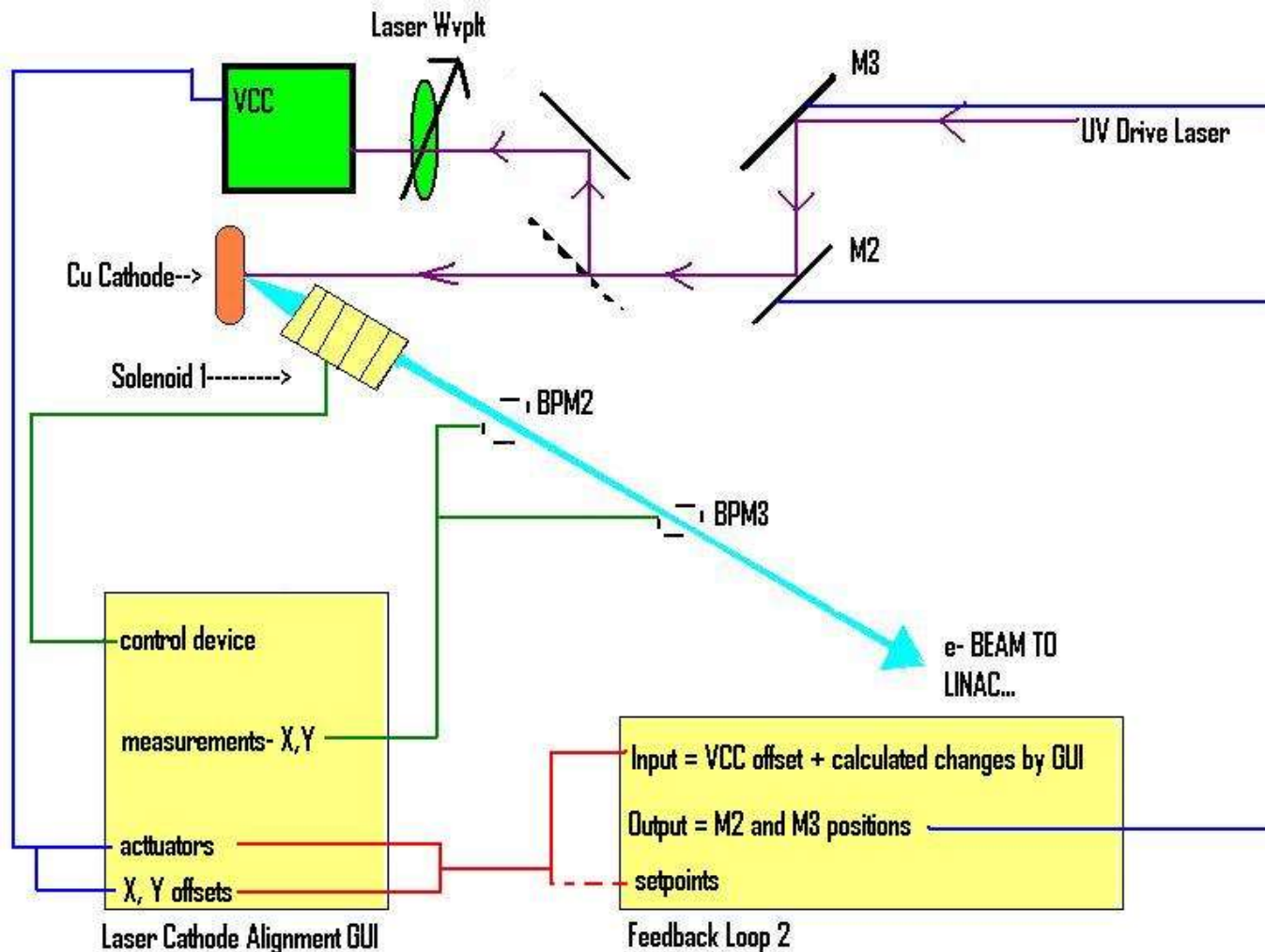
# Laser and e-Beam Performance

- Cathode alignment
  - Laser position on the cathode in an area with good QE performance
  - Electron beam position using BPM's and the solenoid strength, when the drive laser is well-aligned, the electron beam will be in the middle of the solenoid (no transverse field)





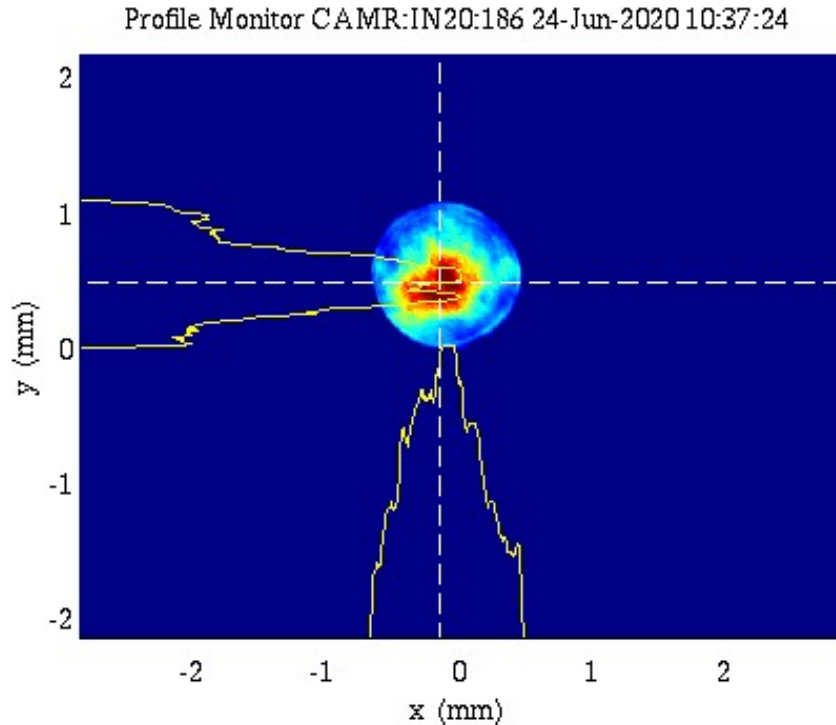
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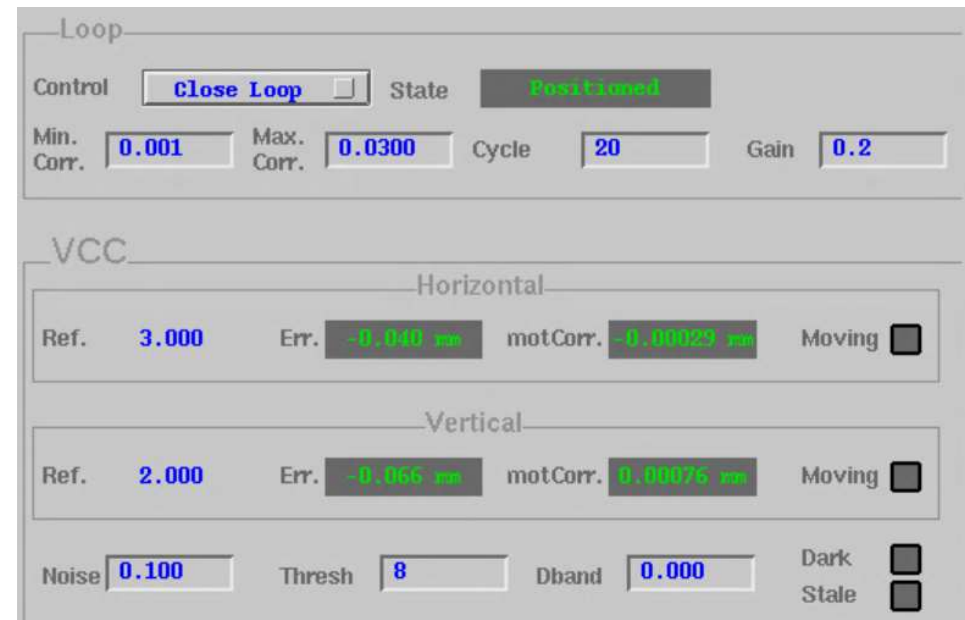


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- Laser Profile – cut-Gaussian
- Filling the iris with a uniform beam, lose lots of laser energy

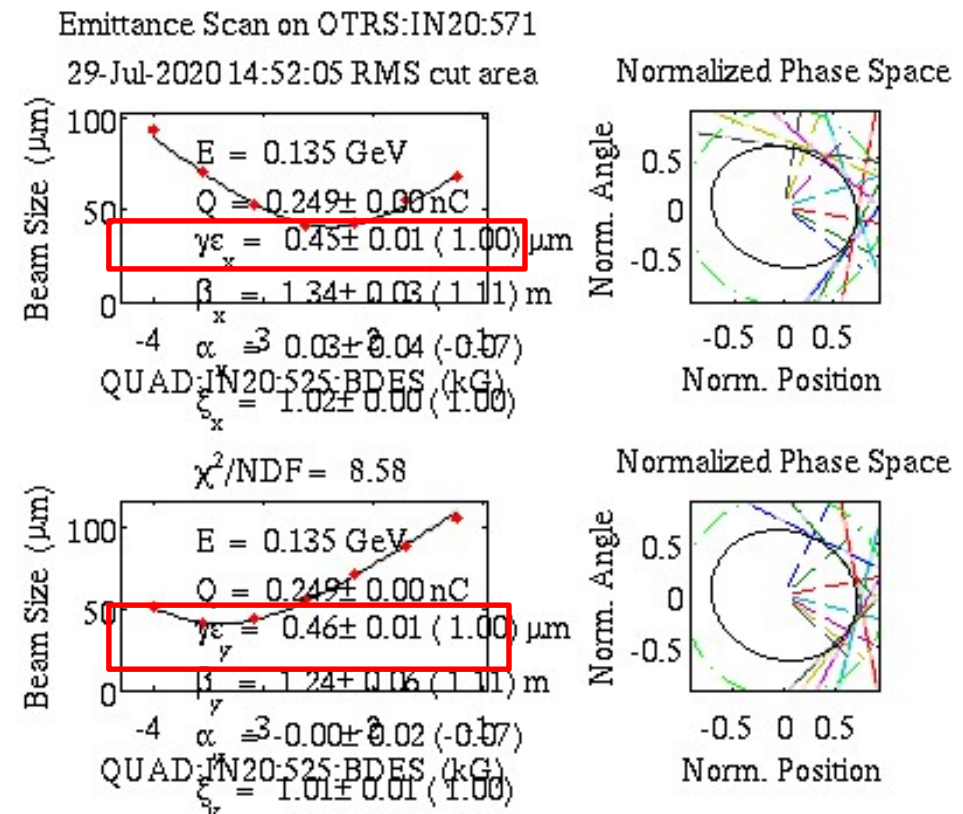
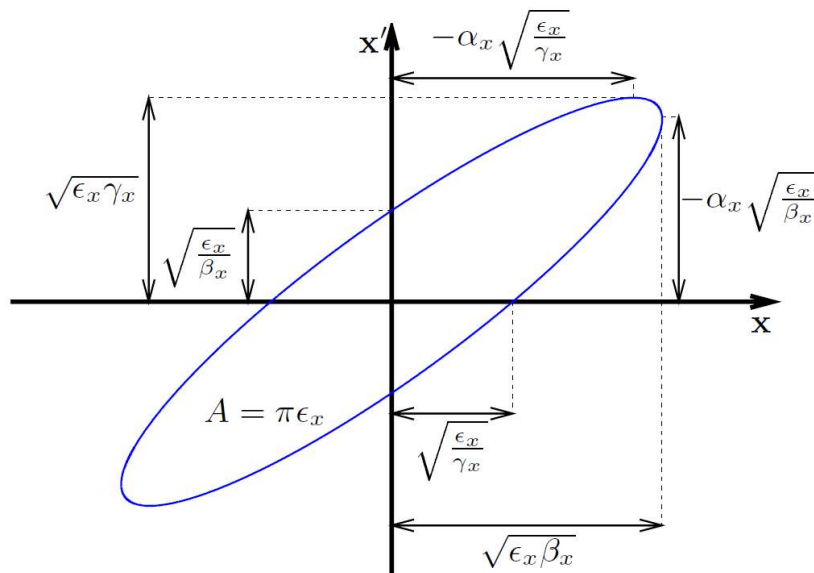
- Laser Feedback to maintain beam position on cathode





# Laser and e-Beam Performance

- Emittance measurements – aim for  $\epsilon_{x,y} \sim 0.4 \mu\text{m}$
- Beam orientation described by the Twiss parameters  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$





# Laser Room Layout – Drive Laser System

- Bunch Charge Feedback and the Laser Percentage

**BUNCH CHARGE FEEDBACK and LASER POWER** Help... Exit

Status Control Open Hostname Restore Actuators Configuration

Feedback: 73003 Start Disable Stop Enable icls-srv03 Restore Actuators Config / Ref. Orbit

No change, laser or VCC waveplate error

*UV Waveplate regulation*

GUN laser power BPM2

Laser Power Set Laser Power 42.92 percent

Camera Intensity 2.575 percent

Note: If cam intensity is greater than Laser Power, VCC WP will go to max.

State charge Legend used in feedback not used in feedback

	Setpoint	Lower Limit	Current Value	Upper Limit	
State Charge	0.2500	-0.1000	0.2497	2.0000	nC
Measurement BPM2 TMIT		5.0000e+07	1.5587e+09	1.0000e+11	Nel
Actuator Laser Power Control		2.0000000	42.8767131	100.0000000	%



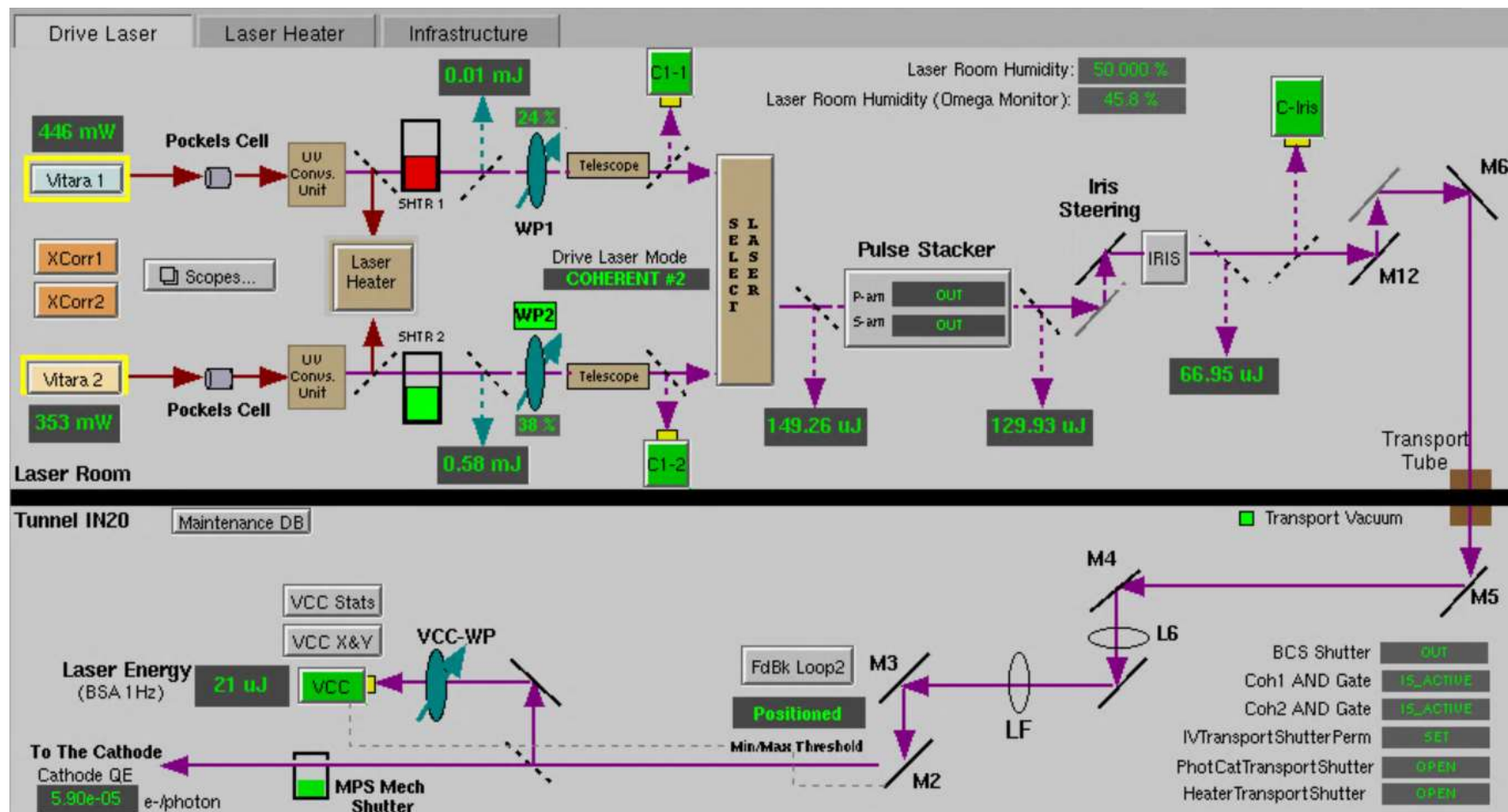
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- User Delivery schedule typically Thurs-Mon, User Run 18 started August 11<sup>th</sup> with an emphasis on Coronavirus experiments
- MD and Maintenance times Tues/Wed/Thurs
- Laser support 24/7, with shifts DAY 9am-9pm/NIGHT 9pm-9am
- Potential to switch lasers if needed to minimize downtime
- So what gets monitored during delivery? Power, laser spatial shape on the cathode, pulse length

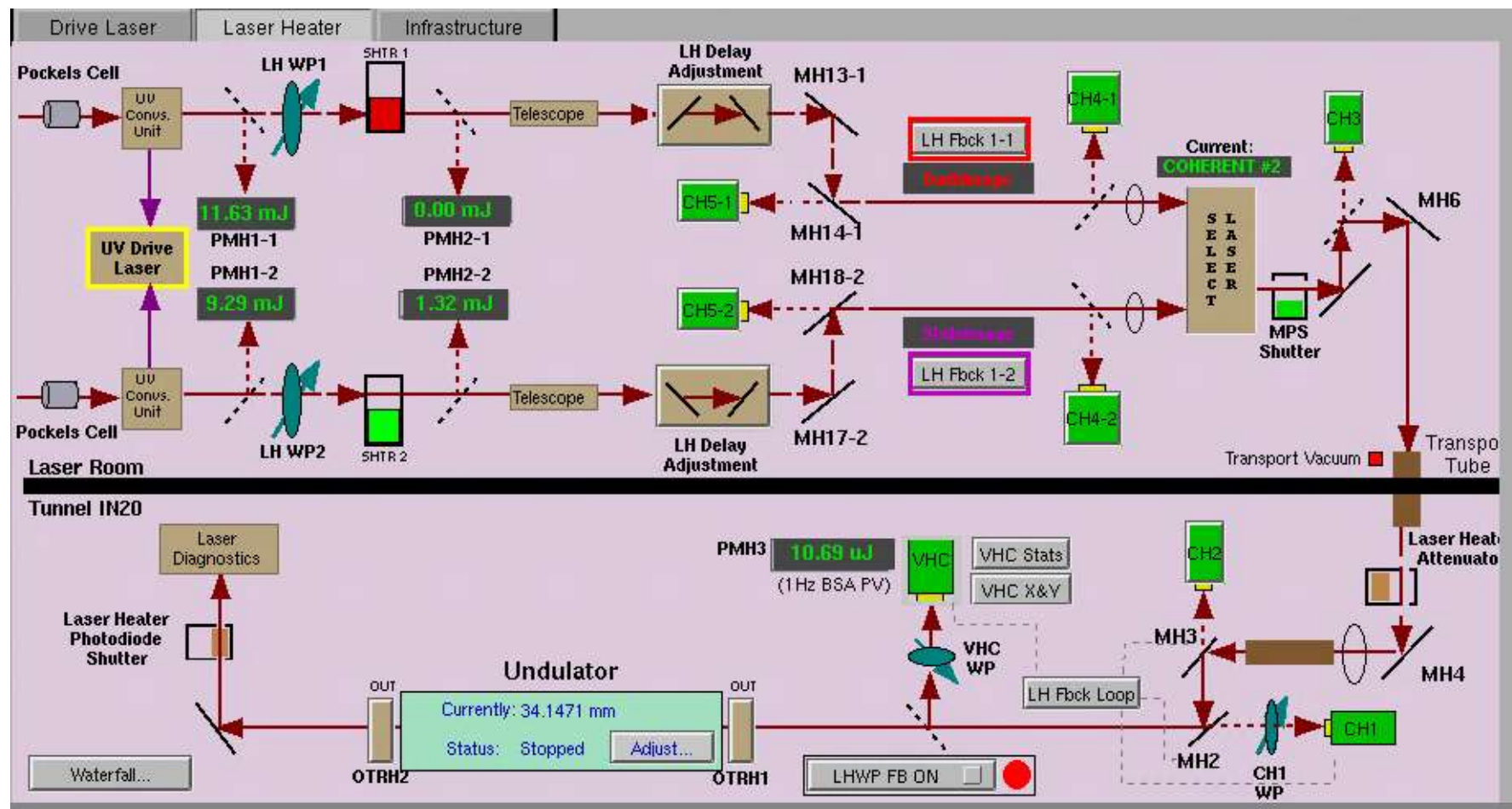


# LCLS Operation and User Delivery





# Normal Operation and User Delivery





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## Laser Maintenance GUI

Abort
Run Full
Get Noninvasive

	Status	Run Timestamp	Action Performed	Data Collected	PV used
1	Complete	11/05/2014 - 10:25:46	Current laser name	Coherent 2	MIRR.LR20:111.M19.STATE
2	Complete	11/05/2014 - 10:25:46	Mode-Locked Power for Vitara 1	450.325927734	PMTR.LR20:20.PWR
3	Complete	11/05/2014 - 10:25:47	Mode-Locked Power for Vitara 2	386.401367188	PMTR.LR20:10.PWR
4	Complete	11/05/2014 - 10:25:47	Pulse Stacker Waveplate Angle	124.0	WPLT.LR20:117.PSWP_ANGLE
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6	Complete	11/05/2014 - 10:25:47	Iris Diameter	1.0 mm	IRIS.LR20:118.CONFIG_SEL
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	Status	Run Timestamp	Action Performed	Data Collected	PV used
1	Complete	11/05/2014 - 10:26:26	PM1 power average	0.497	PMTR.LR20:112.AVG
2	Complete	11/05/2014 - 10:26:26	PM1 power standard deviation	0.006	PMTR.LR20:112.STDE
3	Complete	11/05/2014 - 10:26:53	Drive laser WP at 100% laser power	59.6	WPLT.LR20:116.WP2
4	Complete	11/05/2014 - 10:26:53	PM2 power	0.135154724121	PMTR.LR20:117.PWR
5	Complete	11/05/2014 - 10:27:09	PM3 power	0.0597267150879	PMTR.LR20:119.PWR
6	Complete	11/05/2014 - 10:27:25	Cathode power	42.6583007812	LASR.IN20:196.PWR
7	Complete	11/05/2014 - 10:28:00	Heater WP angle at 50% transmission	117.5	WPLT.LR20:117.LHWP
8	Complete	11/05/2014 - 10:27:37	LH PM1 power	5.64994812012	PMTR.LR20:115.PWR
9	Complete	11/05/2014 - 10:28:00	LH PM2 power	0.595092773438	PMTR.LR20:118.PWR
10	Complete	11/05/2014 - 10:28:16	LH PM3 power	52.5819702148	LASR.IN20:475.PWR

Open DB
Data to Database
Operator: 
Comment:

## Current Laser: Coherent 2

### Camera VHC Image - 11/05/2014 - 10:25:48

☒ Auto-log all images after scan  
Logbook Image

	Log Timestamp	Log Message
122	2014-11-05 10:28:14	CAPUT: TRIG.LR20:LS01:TCTL: 1
123	2014-11-05 10:28:14	Starting clock to wait 2 seconds
124	2014-11-05 10:28:16	PMH3 power = 52.5819702148
125	2014-11-05 10:28:16	Moving heater waveplate to start position: 101.5 degrees
126	2014-11-05 10:28:17	CAPUT: WPLT.LR20:117.LHWP_ANGLE: 101.5
127	2014-11-05 10:28:17	Checking status for PV changes: Timeout = 15 seconds...
128	2014-11-05 10:28:23	Change complete, all PVs converged in 6.192 seconds
129	2014-11-05 10:28:23	CAPUT: TRIG.LR20:LS01:TCTL: 1
130	2014-11-05 10:28:24	Invasive scan successfully completed



# LCLS Operation and User Delivery

Snapshot of the machine  
Created by Tonee Smith

FEL performance  
and User Delivery

Drive Laser and setup

VCC and C-Iris Images





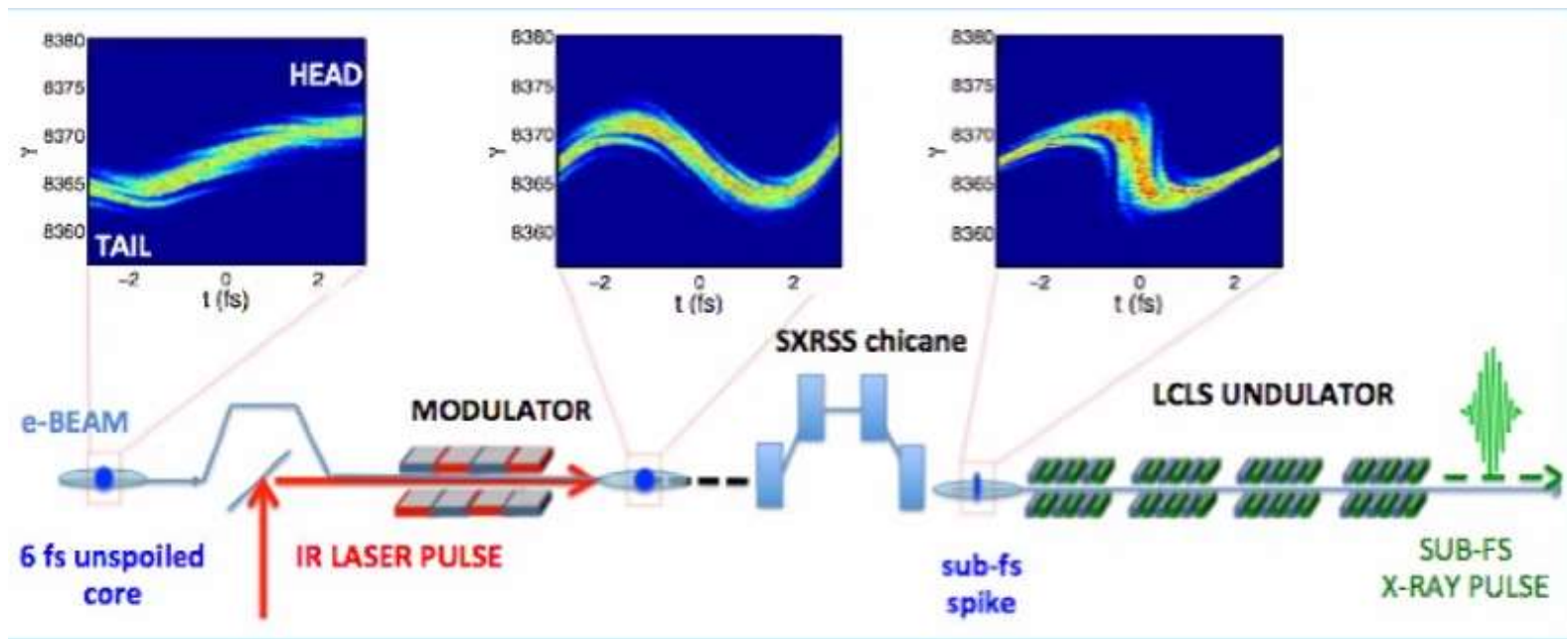
- SLAC's LCLS Photoinjector
- LCLS Laser System
  - ❖ Drive Laser System
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  - ❖ **xLEAP**
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  - ❖ **Machine Learning**



# Future Developments

## xLEAP

- XLEAP – X-Ray Laser Enhanced Attosecond Pulse Generation



- Ago Marinelli and Joe Duris using the xLEAP wiggler to produce sub-fs X-Ray pulses

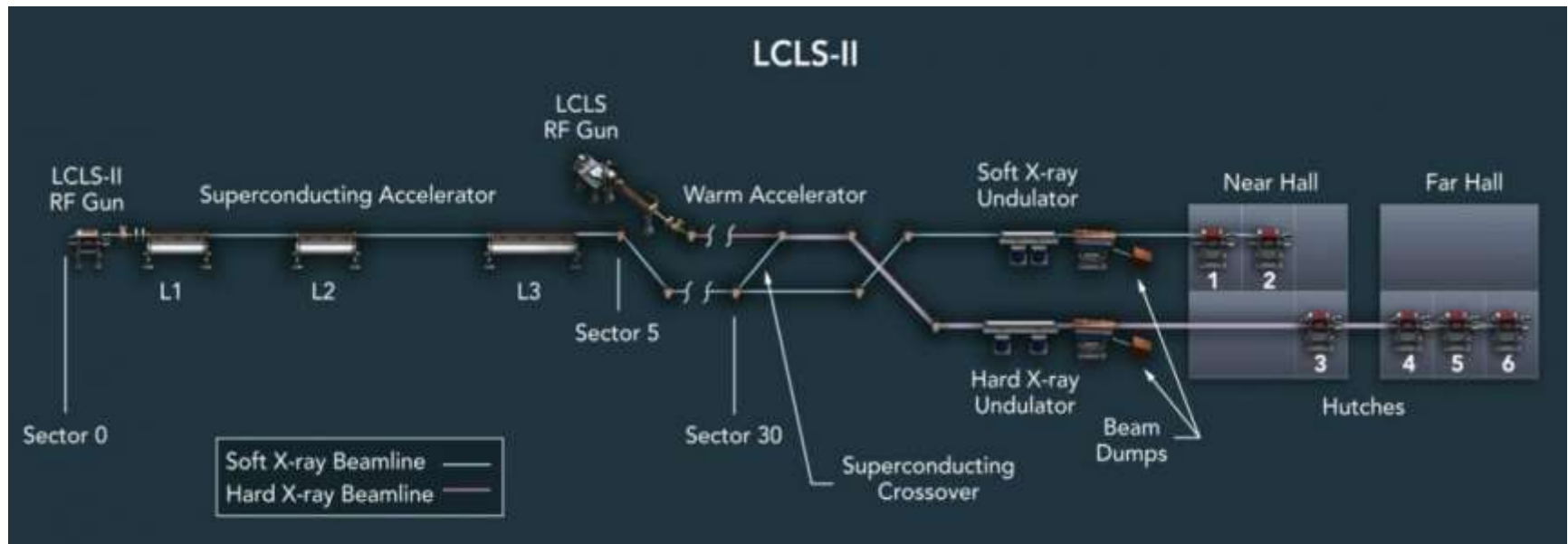


# Future Developments

## LCLS II

Cs<sub>2</sub>Te cathode, ~1 MHz Operation

LCLS II laser system is an Amplitude fiber oscillator and amplifier  
~50 W of class IV IR (1030 nm) radiation with UV conversion to  
produce the 4th harmonic (257.5 nm) of the IR beam





# Future Developments

## Machine Learning

- Advances into Machine Learning at SLAC for Accelerator Operations

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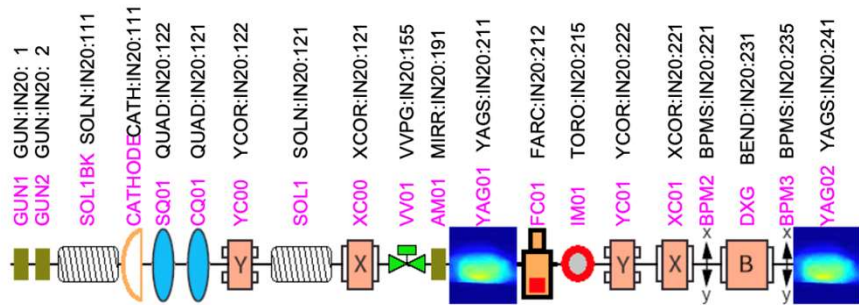
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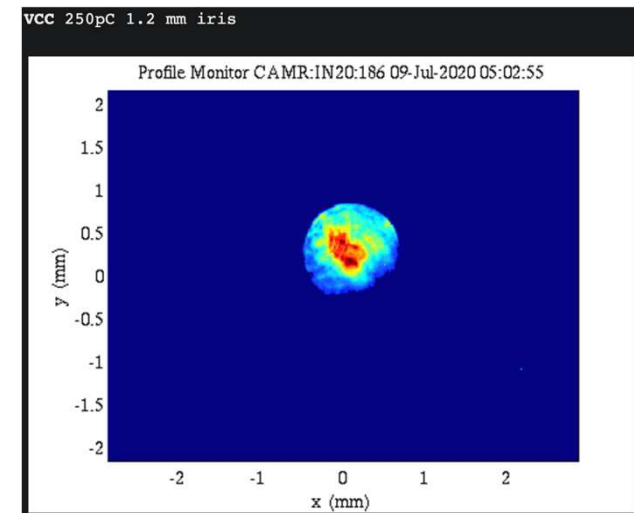
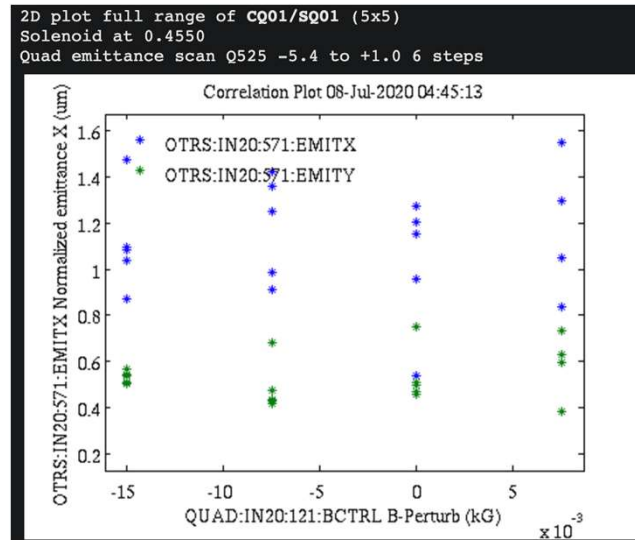
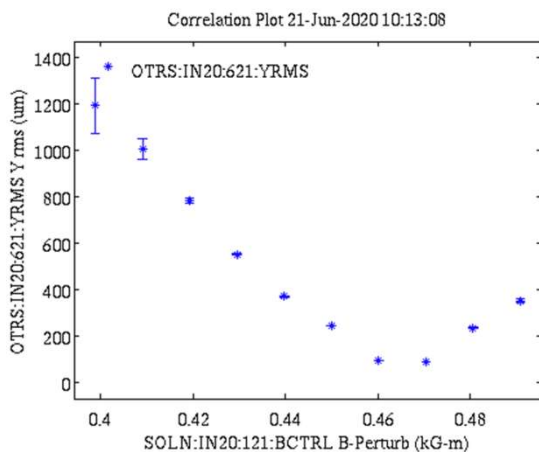
## Machine Learning

- Example of datasets collected on Injector tuning for simulations and ML models



Injector

Variables	MAD Name	PV Name
Iris diameter		IRIS:LR20:130:MOTR_ANGLE
Solenoid	SOL1	SOLN:IN20:121:BDES
Corrector quad	CQ01	QUAD:IN20:121:BDES
Skew quad	SQ01	QUAD:IN21





Hope you have a better understanding of the LCLS 1 Injector Laser System and Photoinjector

Appreciation LCLS Operation for User Delivery

Future developments for LCLS with Attosecond X-Ray pulse generation, LCLS II and Machine Learning





**THANK YOU!**

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