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Measuring transverse momentum space of alkali-antimonide photocathodes with the Cornell cryo-MTE-meter

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The brightness of the beam in any linear accelerator can be no greater than at its source. Thus characterization of source initial conditions, including spatial and momentum distributions, is then critical to understand brightness evolution in a linac. Often measurement of the initial momentum distribution and closely related quantities such as the mean transverse energy (MTE) is hampered by imperfect knowledge of either the spatial source distribution or the downstream particle optics. Here, we experimentally demonstrate a method* that reconstructs the initial transverse momentum space without the aforementioned limitations, only assuming the beam transport is linear. This method entails scanning the excitation laser across the photocathode and simultaneously measuring the 4D phase space of the beam via aperture scans. We also measure the transverse momentum space and MTE with other methods, including solenoid scans and $m_{11}=0$ imaging, and compare the results. Lastly, we will discuss the measurements of initial transverse momentum spaces across a spectrum of photocathode temperatures and excitation energies for an alkali-antimonide photocathode.

Footnotes

- C. Zhang et al., “Reconstructing 4D source momentum space via aperture scans”, in Proc. IPAC’23, Venice, Italy, May 2023, pp. 4595-4597. doi:10.18429/JACoW-IPAC2023-THPL071

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