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Minimal invasive nano-fabricated wire scanner with sub-micrometer spatial resolution for FEL operation

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The development of a sub-micrometer spatial resolution and minimal invasive wire scanner has been pursued at the Paul Scherrer Institute with a twofold aim. Providing for on-line monitoring of the SwissFEL electron beam transverse size and emittance during lasing operation while paving, at the same time, the way for the production of a new generation of customisable wire scanners, suitable for low and ultra-low emittance beam and superconductive machine.

Taking advantage of the experience gained in the past, nanotechnologies have been further investigated and photolithography through direct laser writing has been used to produce sub-micrometer low stress silicon nitride (Si3N4) wires free standing on a c-shape silicon fork. Each fork hosts two perpendicular wires for the reconstruction of the XY beam profile. The wires are 1um wide and only 200 nm tick while their length matches the SwissFEL beam clearance.

Several prototypes have been successfully produced and installed in the SwissFEL.

We describe the wire scanner design and fabrication and first on beam performance.

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