

# High-dimensional and ultra-sensitive diagnostics for electron beams

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# Accelerators enable new scientific discoveries

Essential for fundamental research, the production of photon pulses, medical applications ...

“An accelerator is just as good as its diagnostics”

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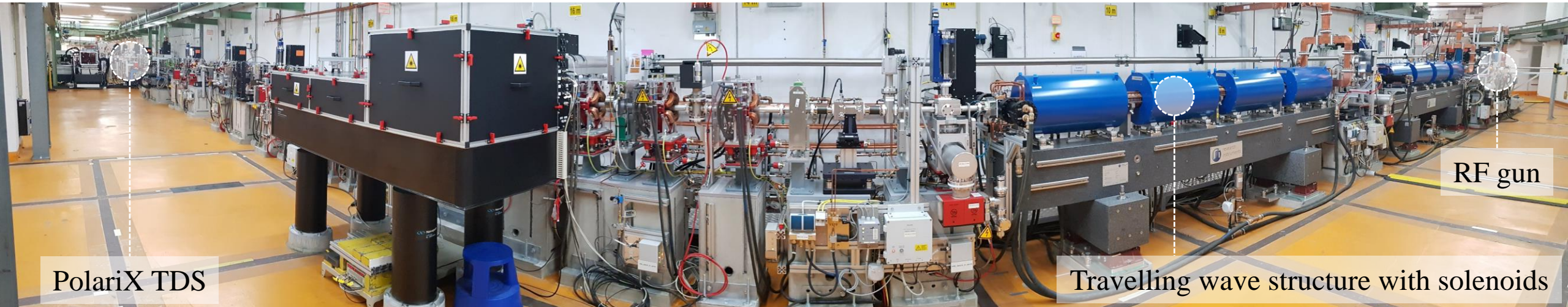
**High-energy physics** experiment:  
Example event at the ATLAS detector <sup>[1]</sup>.

The free-electron laser FLASH produces **electron bunches** of **high brightness** for the production of photon pulses.

**Novel diagnostics are key to advance accelerator technology.**

# The ARES linac is designed for accelerator R&D [2-5]

Accelerator test facility for novel diagnostics, advanced acceleration schemes, medical applications, ...



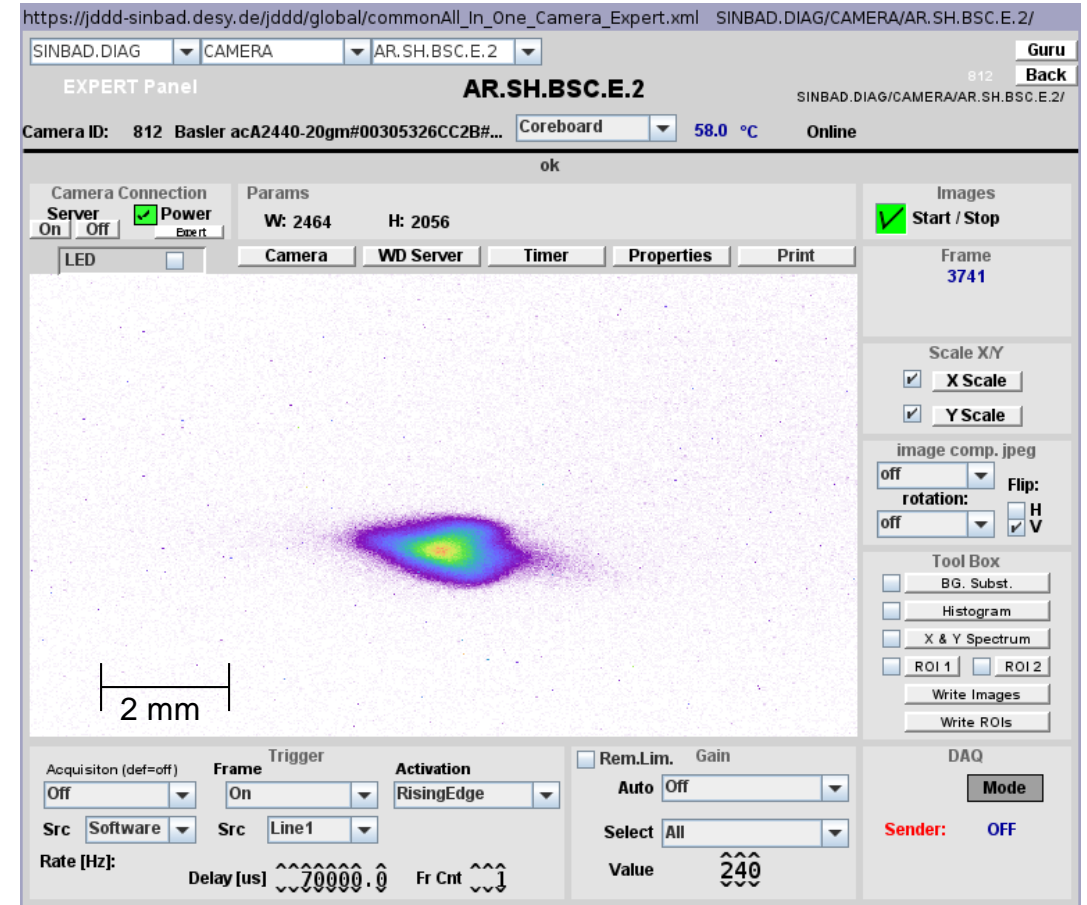
- Designed to produce and characterize bunches of **high quality** with **sub-fs** duration.
- Applications using **sub-pC** charge beams.
- Drive towards high-precision **longitudinal** diagnostics, detailed **phase-space characterization**, and **highly sensitive** diagnostic tools.
- **Advanced diagnostics** also useful for **free-electron lasers** or beam-driven **plasma acceleration** facilities.

# Characterizing particle beams

Beam diagnostics provide an insight into the phase-space distribution

- Particle beam is described by **6D phase space**:  
Spatial positions  $x, y, z$ ;  
Transverse divergences  $x', y'$ ;  
Energy  $E$ .
- **Ideally**: As much information as possible about this distribution.
- Diagnostics are limited to **lower dimensions** and have a limited charge **sensitivity**.

Screen image example ( $\sim 1\text{pC} / 10^7 e^-$ ):  $(x, y)$  projection





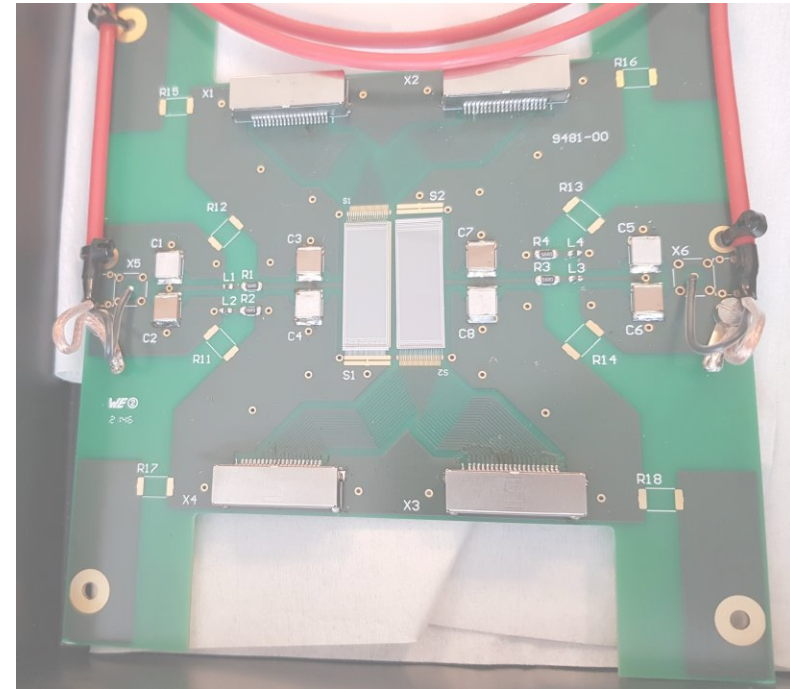
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Novel method for **5D phase space** reconstruction

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Ultra-sensitive **silicon-based** profile monitor



# State of the art

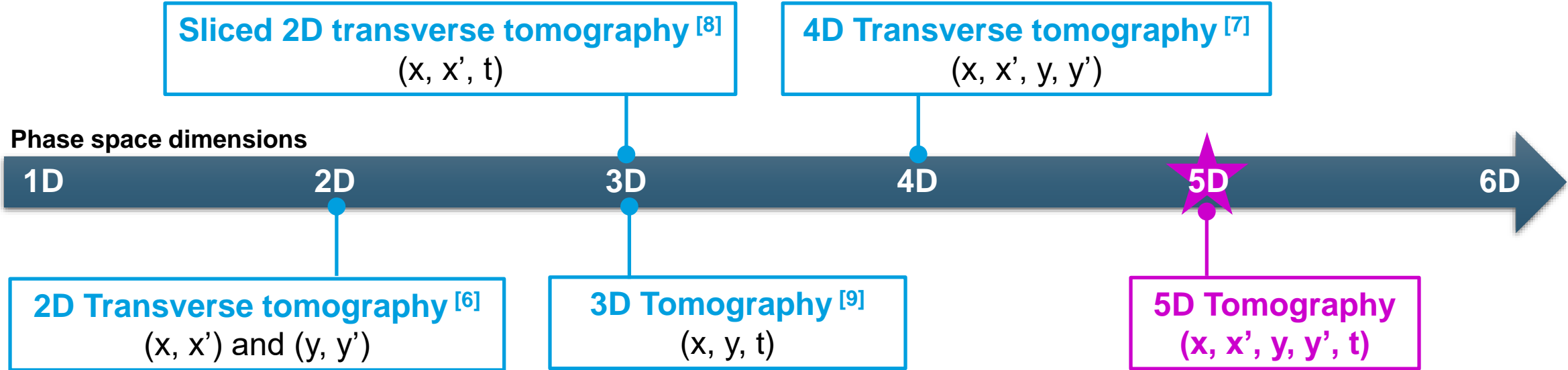
## Various methods exist to obtain higher-dimensional information about particle beams

A variety of methods exist to obtain information about the phase space:

- Slit scans <sup>[10]</sup>, machine learning approaches <sup>[11,12, 20]</sup>.

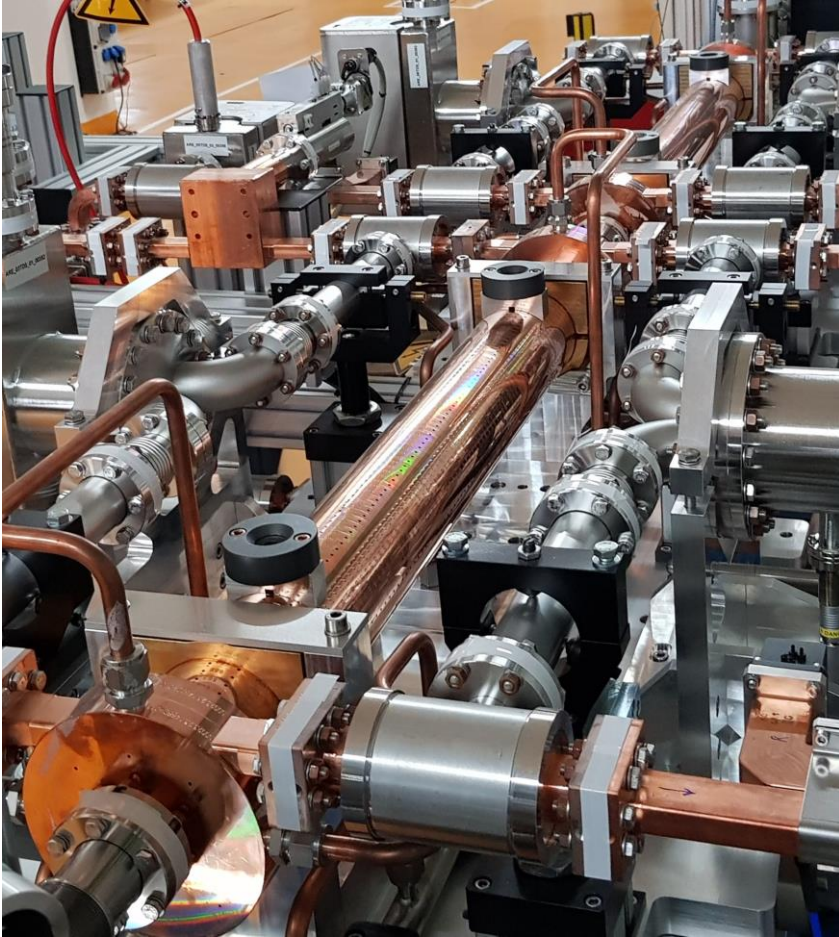
### Phase-space tomography:

- A phase-space tomography uses lower-dimensional **projections** to obtain higher dimensional information.



# Polarizable X-band transverse deflection structure (TDS)

PolariX enables new diagnostic methods and allows for sub-fs longitudinal resolution



PolariX TDS installed at the ARES linac.

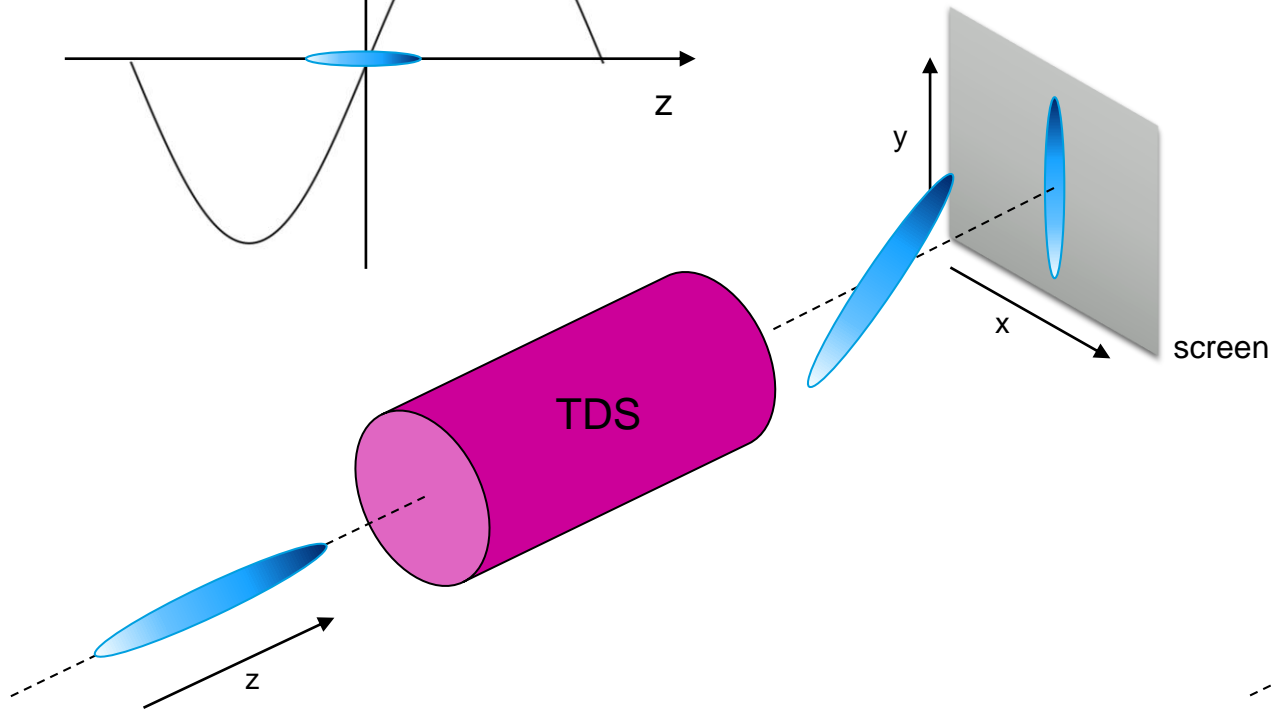
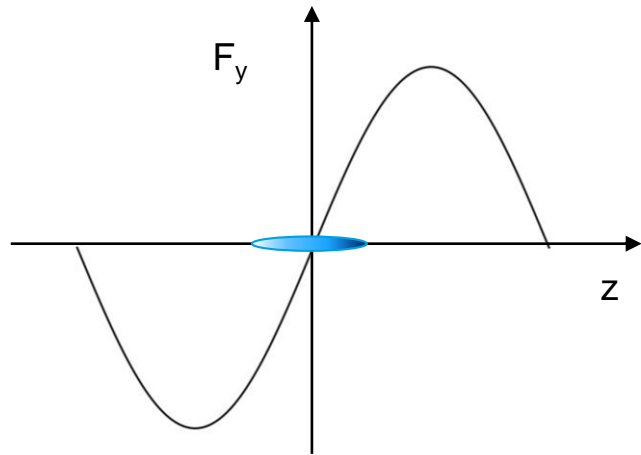


- Designed in **collaboration** between CERN, PSI and DESY [13-15].
- Installed: FLASH 2, FLASHForward, ARES, SwissFEL.
- **Sub-fs** resolution.
- Unique feature: **Variable** streaking angle.

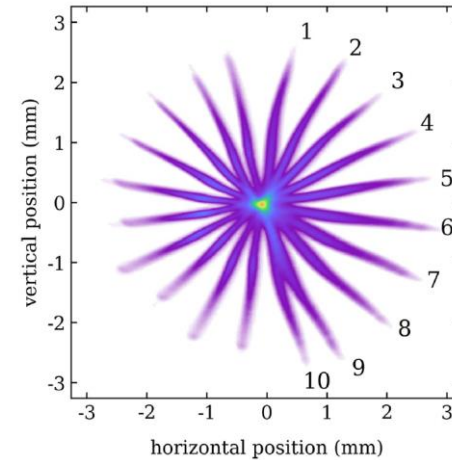
# A TDS provides longitudinal information of the bunch

A time-dependent transverse kick is applied to map the longitudinal profile on a transverse plane

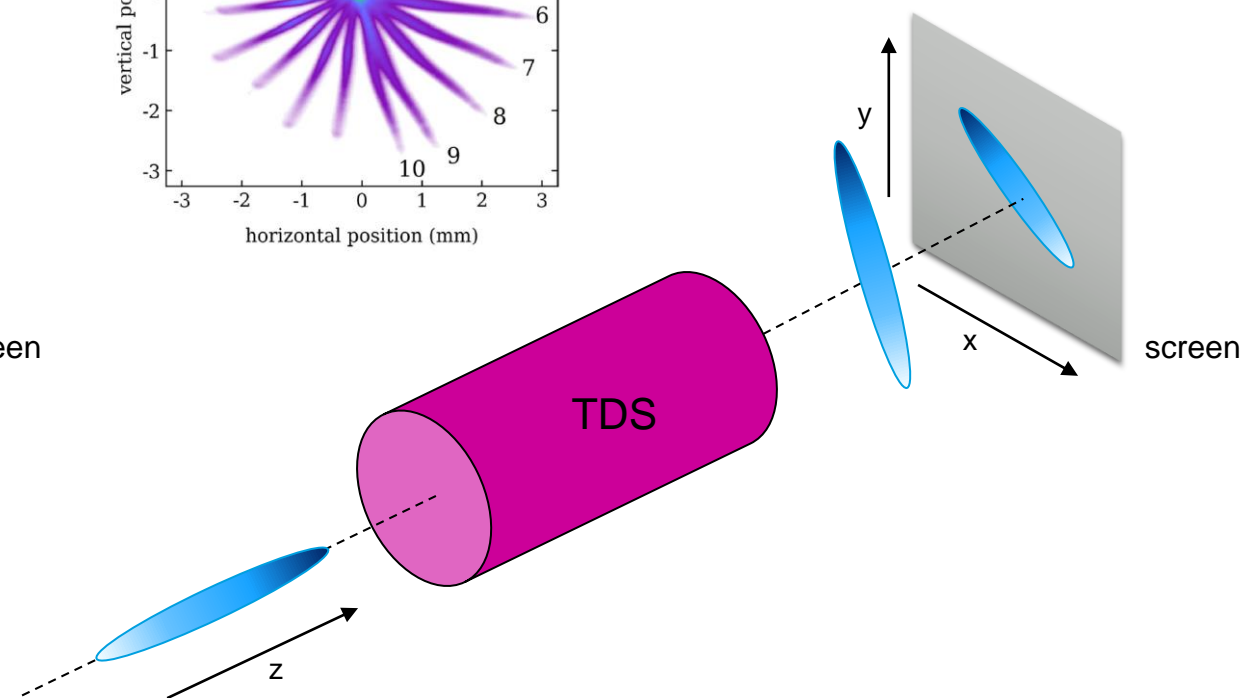
- Standard TDS: streaking in a **fixed** direction (e.g., vertical)



- PolariX TDS: streaking in **any** direction



B. Marchetti et al.,  
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# The 5D phase-space tomography method

Reconstructing the full transverse phase-space of each longitudinal slice

4D transverse tomography <sup>[7]</sup>

Many transverse phase-space rotations

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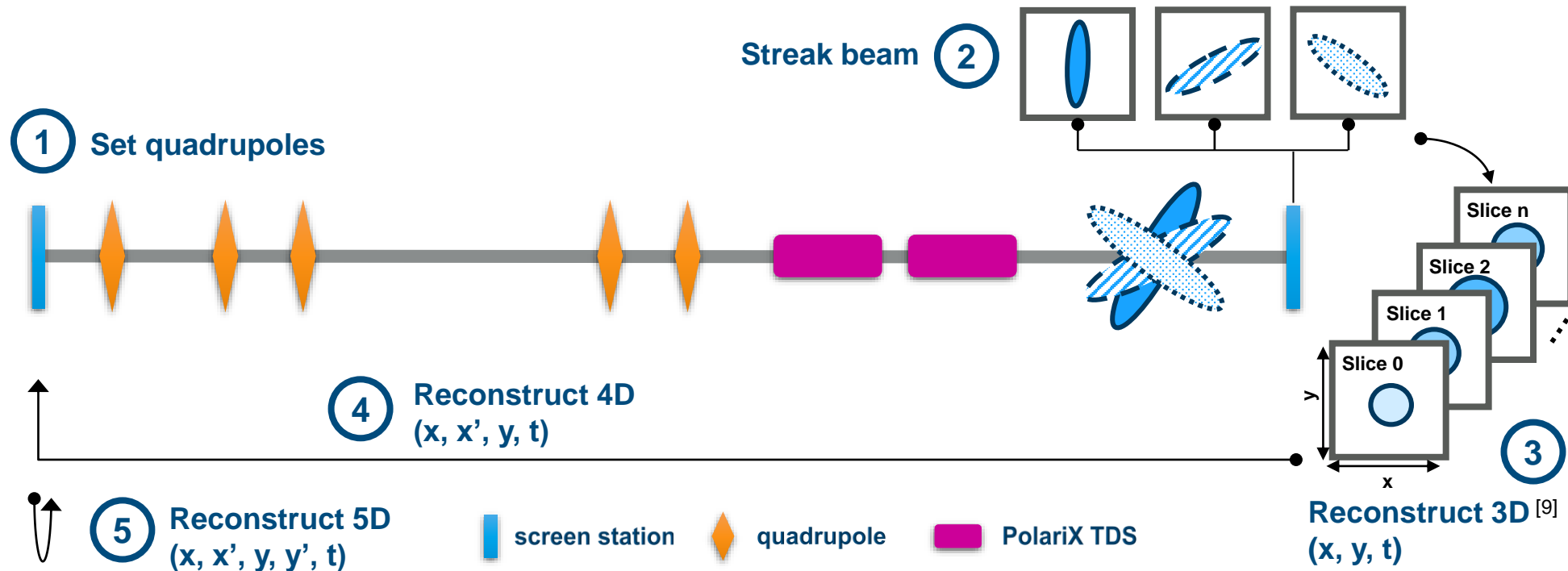
PolariX TDS <sup>[13]</sup>

Many streaking angles



Full 5D  $(x, x', y, y', t)$  reconstruction.

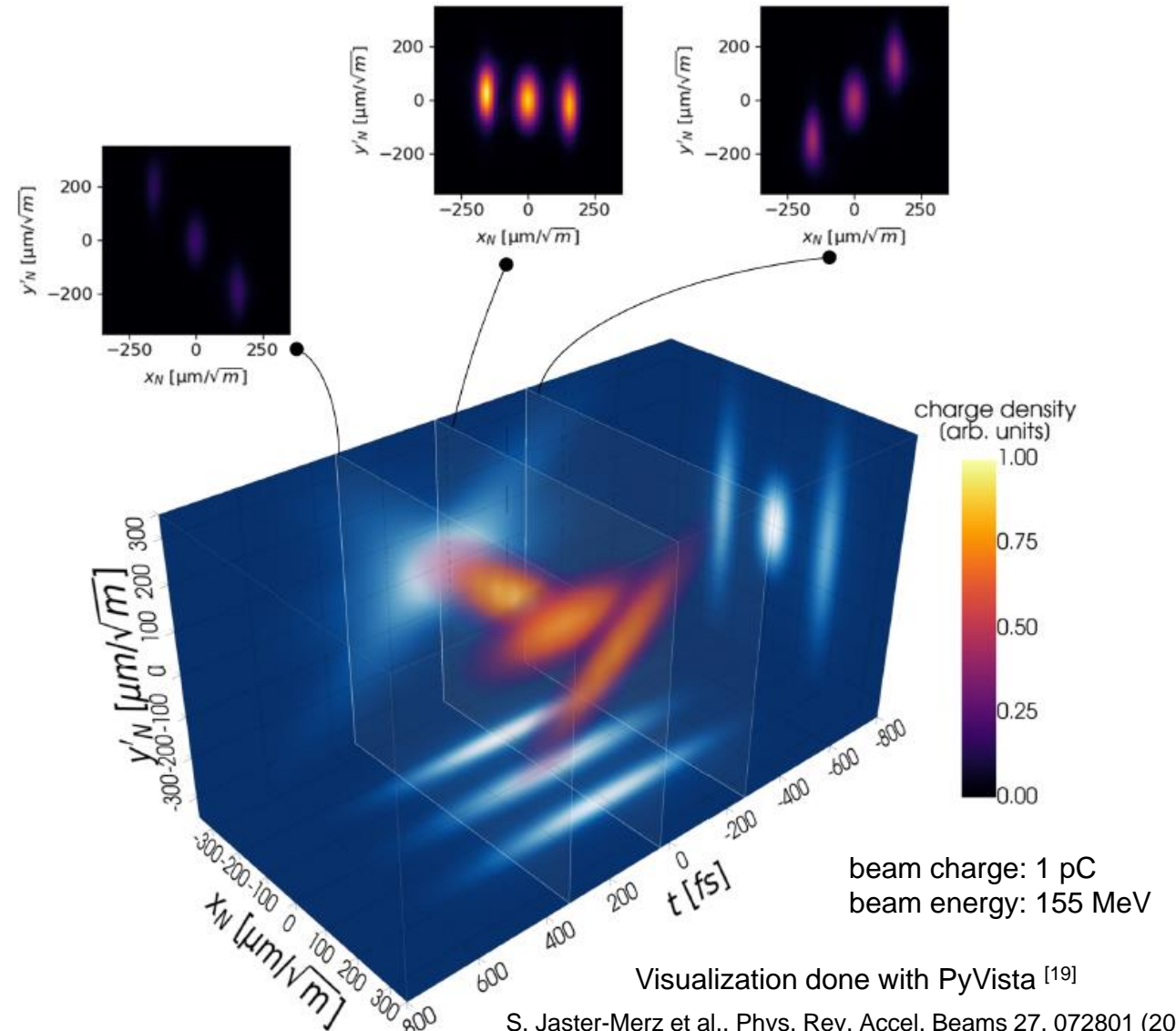
Longitudinally-sliced 4D transverse tomography



# Excellent performance demonstrated in simulations

## Proof-of-principle simulation studies with test distributions using the ARES beamline

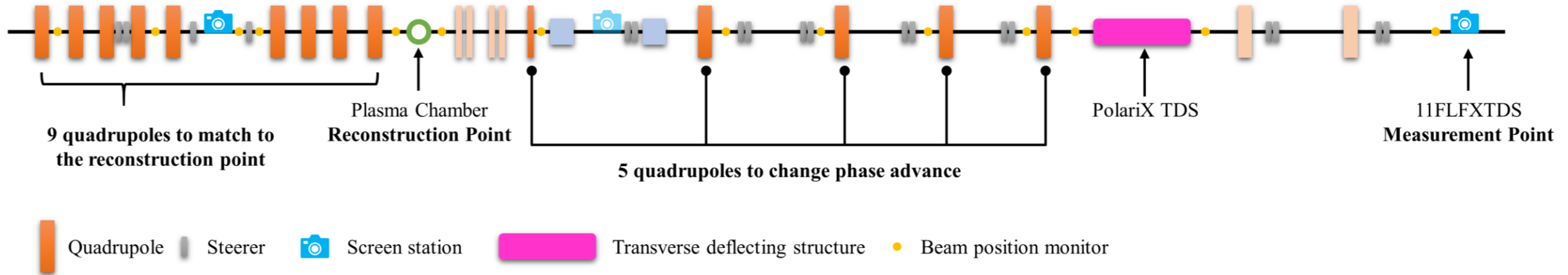
- **Full 5D** reconstruction of Gaussian and highly complex phase spaces.
- Beam parameters reconstructed with  $\lesssim 5\%$  discrepancies.
- Extraction of **sliced** beam parameters and the **4D slice emittance** possible.



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# Experimental demonstration at FLASHForward

Fully commissioned PolariX TDS and flexible diagnostic beamline available

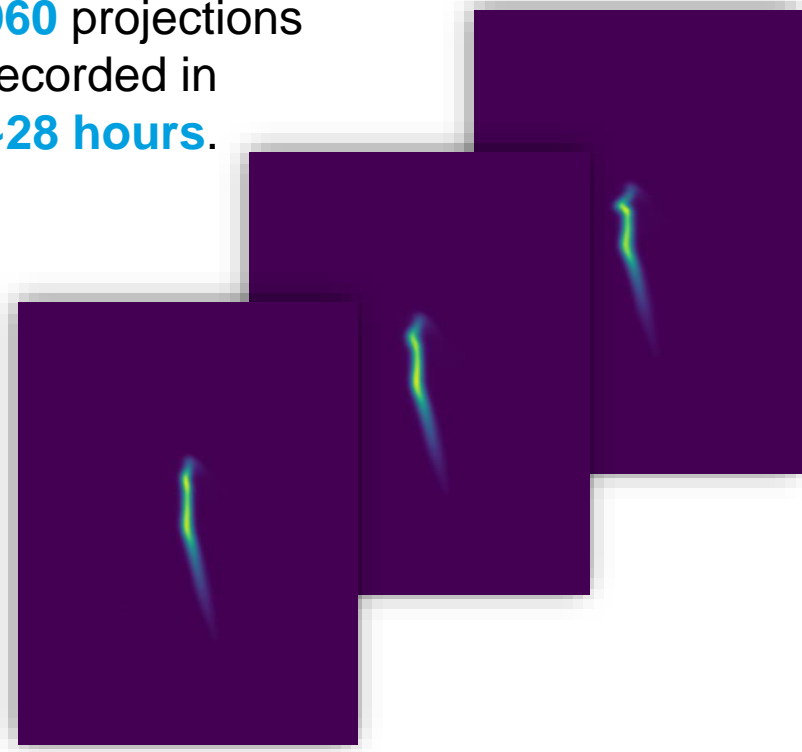


- Experimental facility dedicated to **beam driven plasma acceleration** experiments [16].
- Uses up to 1.3 GeV electron beams from the **FLASH linac** [17, 18].
- Measurement performed with 10 Hz **single bunch** operation, **~1.1 GeV** energy, **~0.3 nC** charge, and **~200 fs** RMS bunch duration.

# First experimental 5D reconstruction

Feasibility of conducting a 5D tomography measurement is demonstrated for the first time

960 projections  
recorded in  
~28 hours.



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- Average longitudinal resolution of **20 fs**.
- Reconstruction of **72 bins** in the **longitudinal** plane and **301 bins** ( $3.3 \mu\text{m}/\sqrt{m}$ ) per **transverse** plane.



# Reconstructed 5D phase space enables new insights

Previously hidden transverse-longitudinal correlations are retrieved

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- **Full 5D** phase-space distribution enables improved **accelerator modelling**, **benchmarking** of simulation codes.
- **All 2D projections** of the 5D phase space obtained from the reconstruction.
- Transverse phase space reconstruction **validated** against dedicated **4D tomography** measurement.

# Extraction of sliced beam parameters from reconstruction

Information about both transverse planes can be obtained simultaneously

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**In addition** to the full 5D phase space distribution the reconstruction allows to obtain:

- Sliced transverse beam parameters,
- Bunch duration and current profile,
- Sliced 4D emittance.
- Projected transverse beam parameters.

Projected quantities **validated** against multi-quadrupole scan and TDS bunch duration measurements.

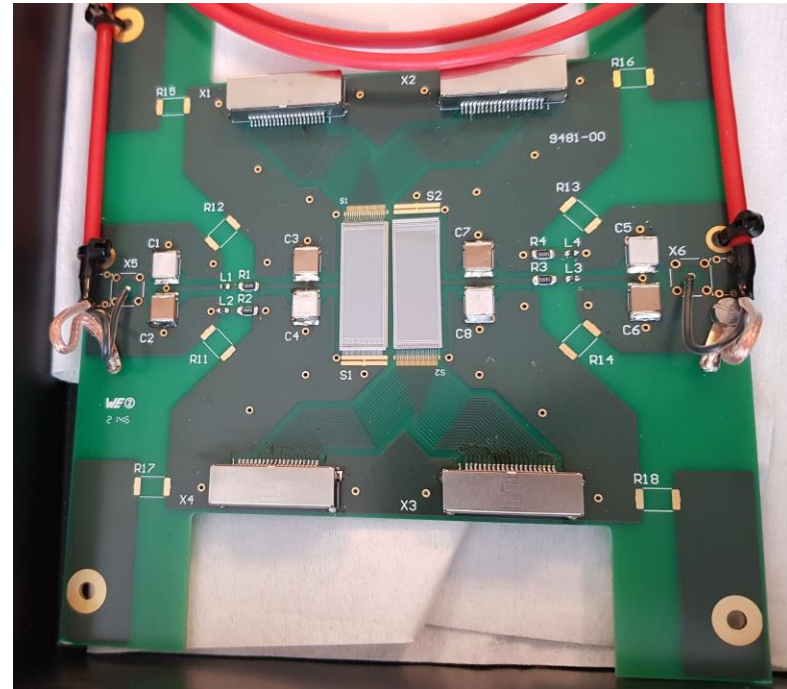
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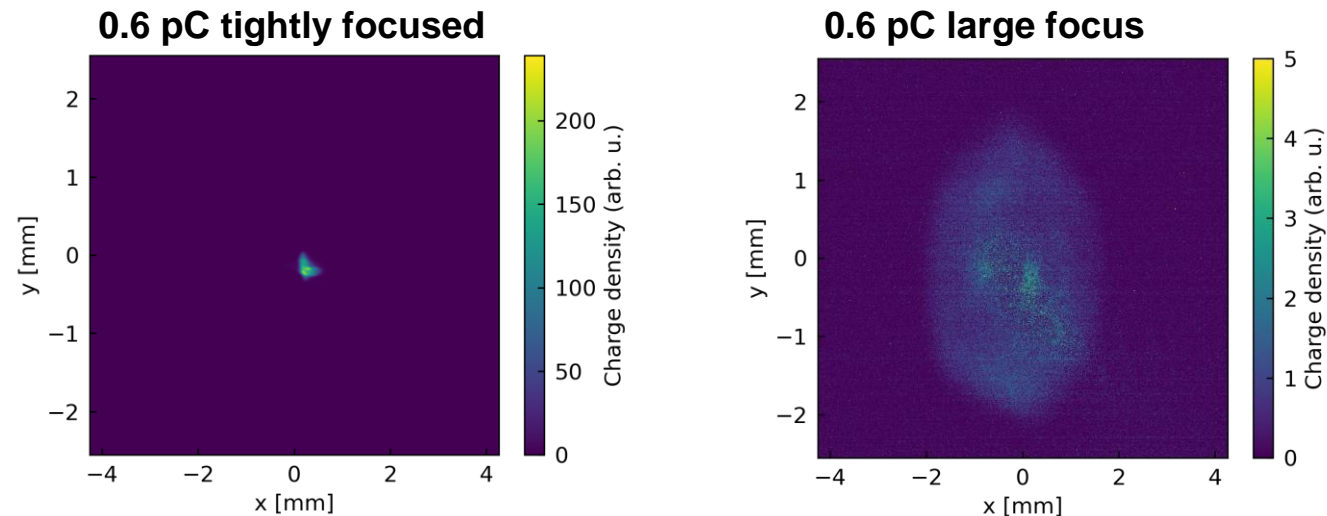
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# Measuring fC charge beams

## Conventional beam diagnostic tools are limited in charge sensitivity

- Beams with **fC charge** required, e.g., for dielectric laser acceleration and medical applications.
- Conventional beam diagnostics are not sensitive in the **fC-range** ( $10^4 - 10^6 e^-$ ).
- ARES **scintillating screens** specified for  $> 0.5$  pC:



How can the charge sensitivity be increased further?



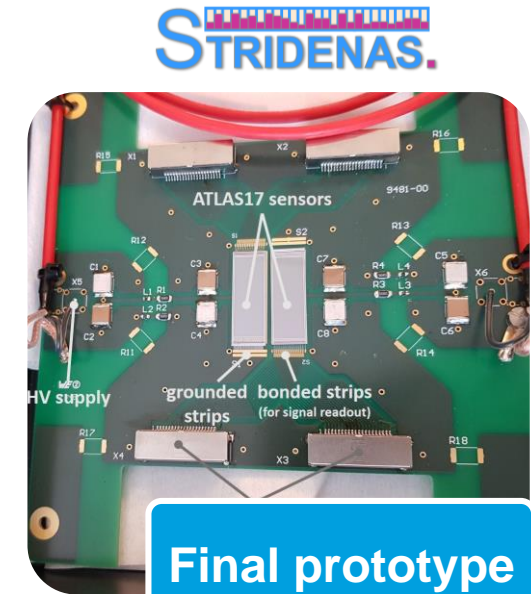
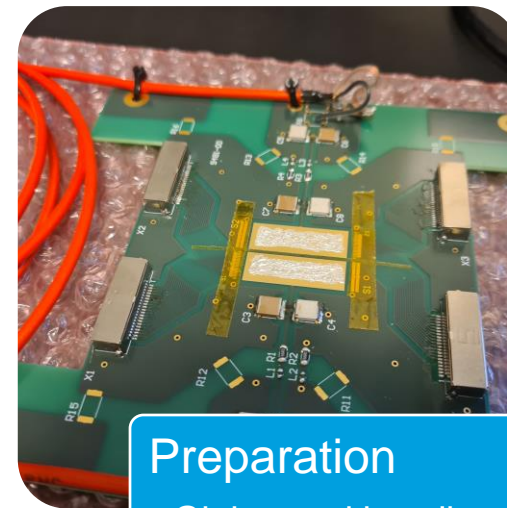
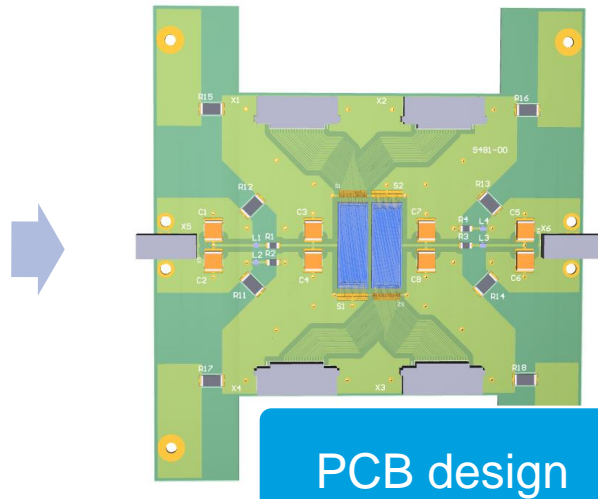
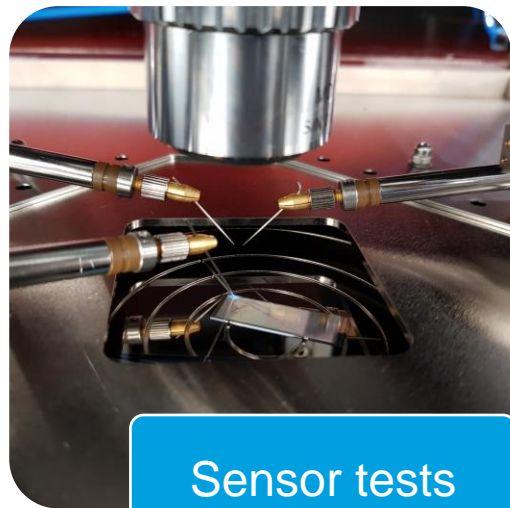
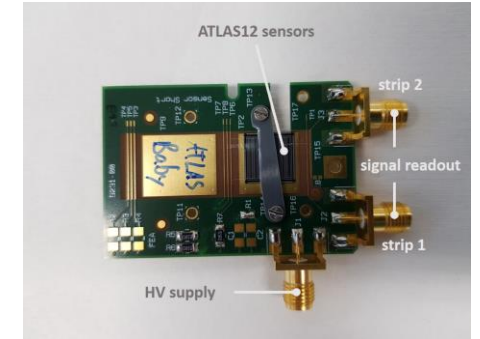
# STRIDENAS – Strip Detector for Novel Accelerators at Sinbad

A device to detect fC beams

Using **silicon sensors** to characterize fC-beams in accelerators:

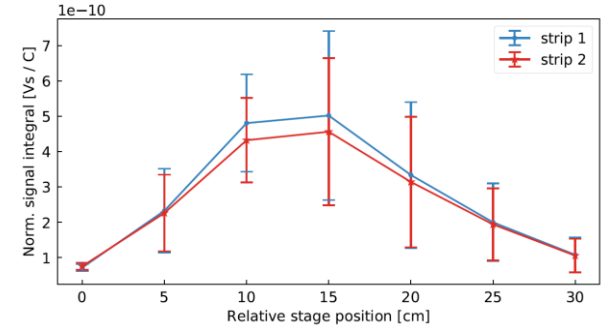
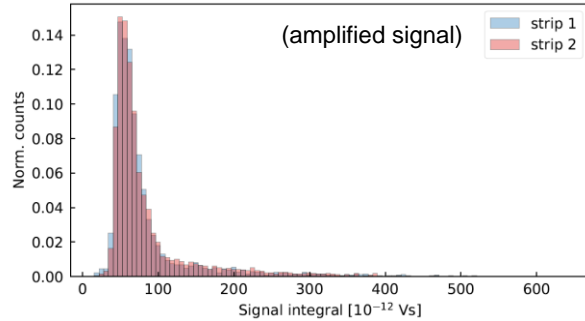
- Two silicon strip sensors from ATLAS (LHC).
- Sensor size: **0.88 cm x 2.53 cm**.
- **104 strips** per sensor, **75.5  $\mu\text{m}$  pitch**.
- Every **3<sup>rd</sup>** strip bonded for readout.

In addition: Early prototype using a smaller sensor.

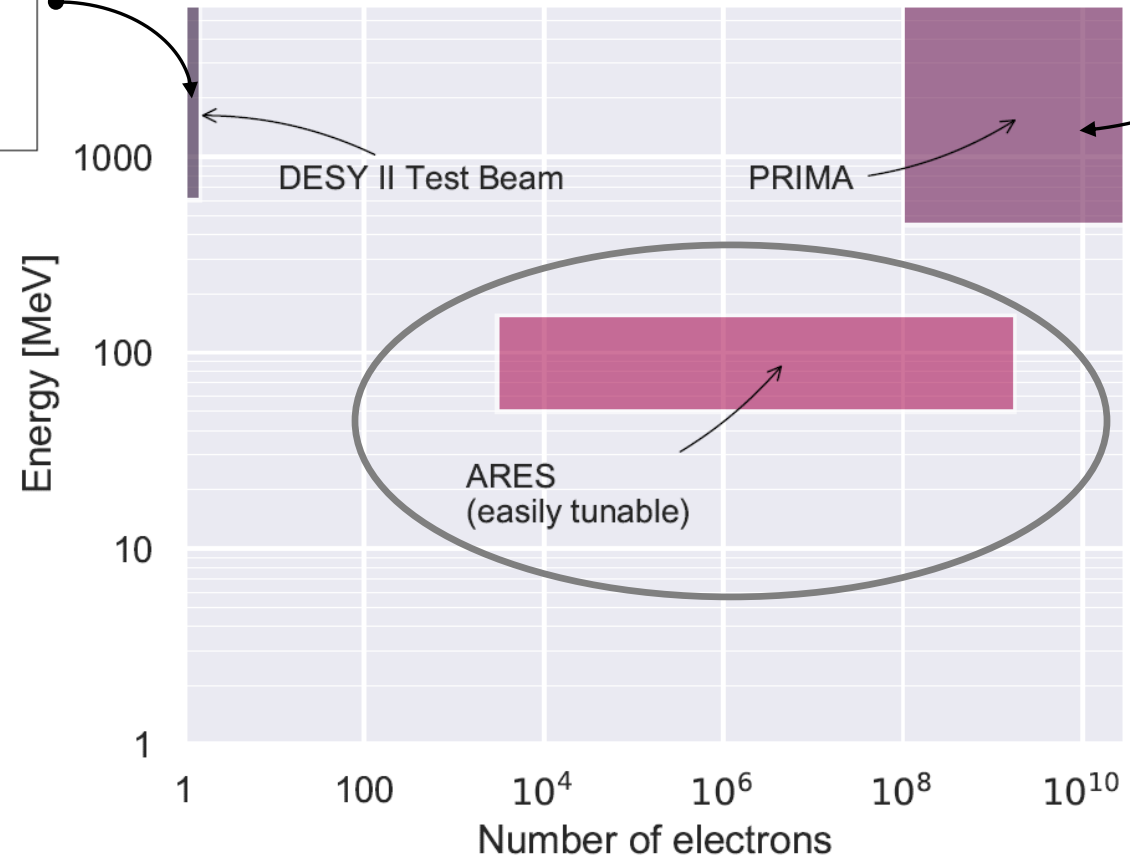


# STRIDENAS tests were performed for various beam intensities

DESY provides test sites ranging from single electrons to high-intensity beams

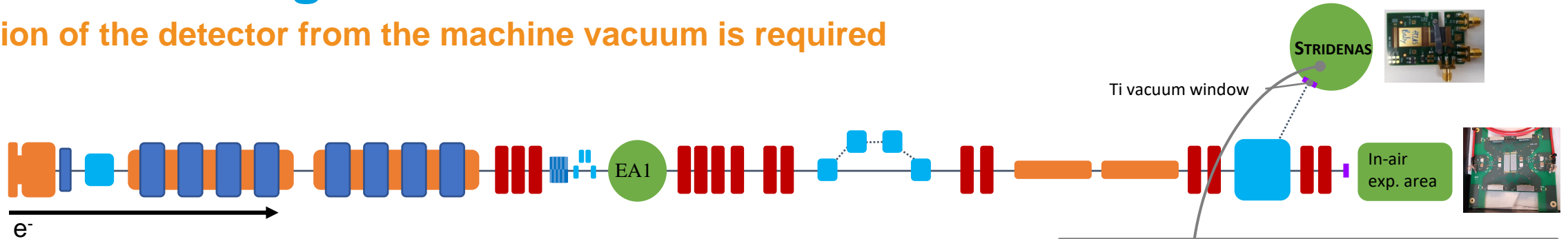


- **Single electron** detection tests (DESY II).
- **High-intensity** proof-of-concept tests (PRIMA beam halo).
- Detailed studies for **various** intensities at ARES.



# STRIDENAS integration into the ARES accelerator

Isolation of the detector from the machine vacuum is required



1. 50  $\mu\text{m}$  titanium vacuum window.
2. UHV compatible and light-shielded vacuum chamber.

Energy profiles can be measured with STRIDENAS

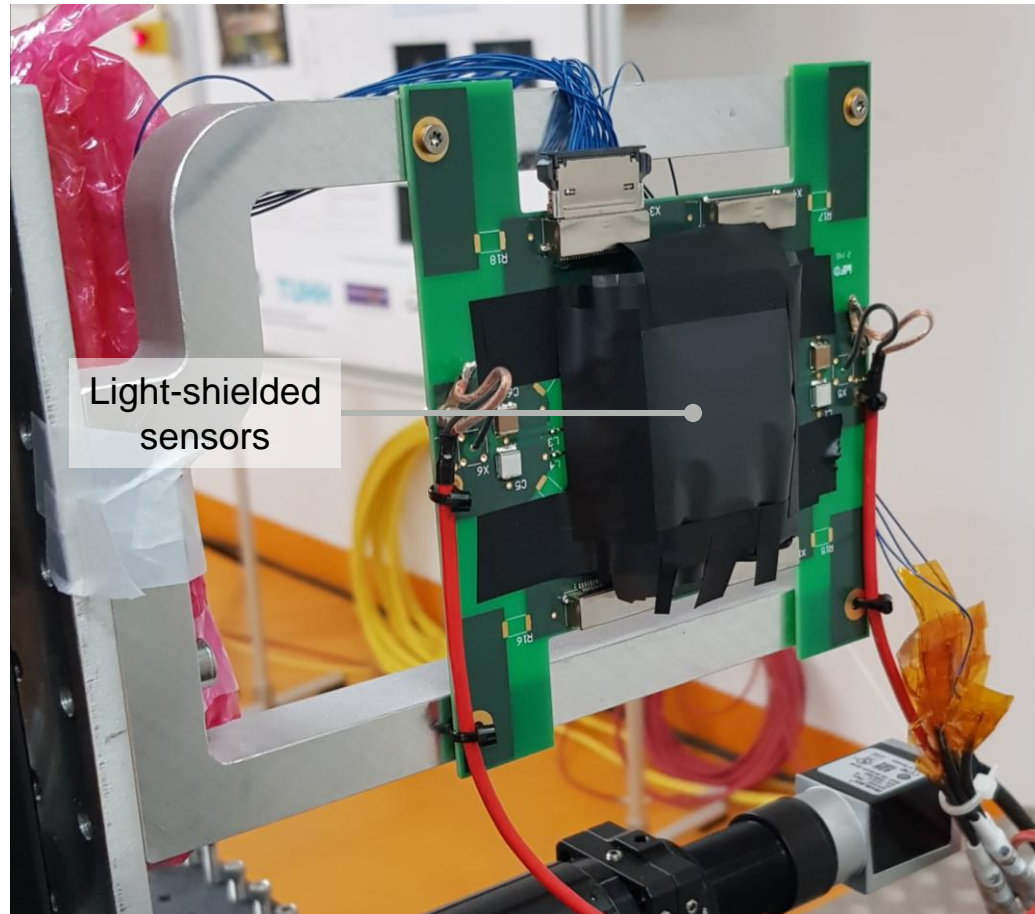
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- Electron beam with 85 fC charge and 150 MeV energy.
- Profile obtained by scanning the dipole strength.



# STRIDENAS beam profile is in excellent agreement with camera

Beam profile recorded by sweeping the STRIDENAS board transversely through the electron beam



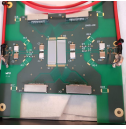
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- Electron beam with **33 fC** charge (no signal amplification).



# Successful single shot beam profile measurements

Profiles were recorded for a charge range from 30 fC to 700 fC

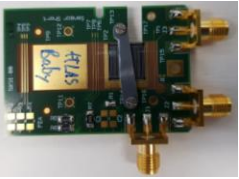


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- **Four** sensor strips are connected for readout (limited by oscilloscope channels).
- Up to **104 channels** per sensor will be possible with improved PCB and readout.
- ~330 fC beam compared with a camera image shows **excellent agreement**.

# STRIDENAS enables time-resolved studies

Measurement of the time-resolved dark current and photo-pulse timing

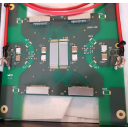


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- Average over 500 shots.
- **Excellent agreement** with gun RF pulse duration (900 ns).
- Beam at ~680 ns after RF pulse start.

# Silicon sensors for beam charge measurements

Demonstrated ability to measure beam charges from 14 fC to 2.5 pC



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- **Leakage current** of the sensor depends linearly on beam charge.
- By changing the **bias voltage** a wide range of beam charges can be covered.

# Summary and outlook

The developed diagnostic methods and tools enable new insights into the properties of particle beams

## 5D phase space tomography

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- First **experimental demonstration** of the 5D phase space tomography method.  
( $\leq 5\%$  discrepancies in the beam parameters in simulations).
- Reveals previously unavailable **information**.
- Future measurement with **high accuracy**.
- Enables highly realistic **simulations**.

## Silicon-based beam profile monitor

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- STRIDENAS enables **ultra-sensitive** electron beam diagnostics from single electrons to pC beams.
- **Silicon strip sensors** are versatile beam diagnostics:
  - **Time-resolved** and **beam profile** measurements.
  - Leakage current based **beam charge** measurement.
- Future upgrades:
  - Readout of **every** strip with **direct digitization**.
  - Fully **vacuum compatible** design.

# Thank you

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