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Identification and Mitigation of Smoke-Ring Effects in Scintillator-based Electron Beam Images at the European XFEL

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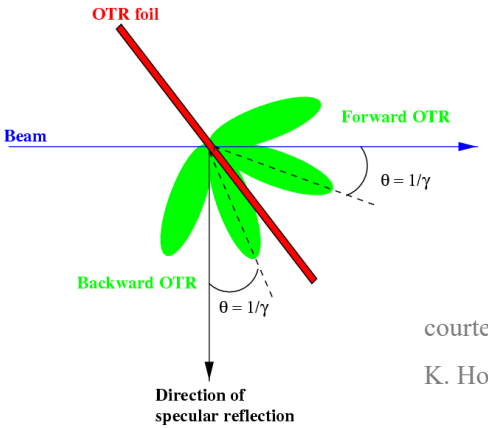
- Introduction
- Scintillator Experience from HEP
- Quenching Model for XFEL Measurements
- Conclusion and Outlook

OTR Transverse Beam Profiling

- Optical Transition Radiation (OTR) for beam diagnostics
  - backward OTR: reflection of virtual photons
    → instantaneous process
  - single shot measurement
  - full transverse (2D) profile information

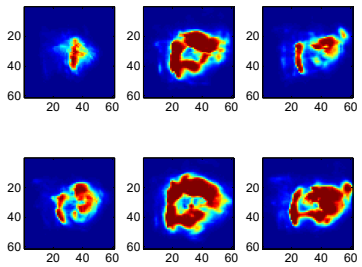


courtesy:
K. Honkavaara (DESY)

- Coherent OTR observation at LCLS (SLAC)

R. Akre et al., Phys. Rev. ST Accel. Beams **11** (2008) 030703, H. Loos et al., Proc. FEL 2008, Gyeongju, Korea, p.485.

- OTR 12



- OTR 22

- strong shot-to-shot fluctuations
- doughnut structure
- change of spectral contents

→ measured spot is no beam image!

- interpretation of coherent formation in terms of "Microbunching Instability"

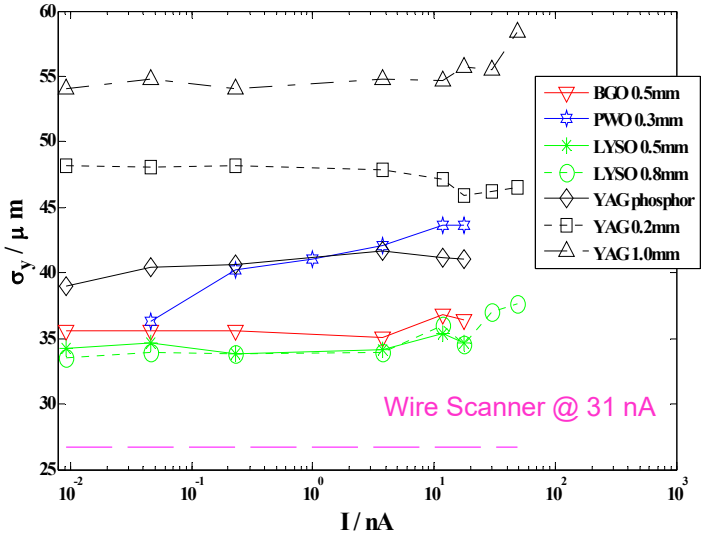
E.L. Saldin et al., NIM **A483** (2002) 516 Z. Huang and K. Kim, Phys. Rev. ST Accel. Beams **5** (2002) 074401

- alternative schemes for beam profile diagnostics
  - stochastic radiation emission (destruction of coherence)

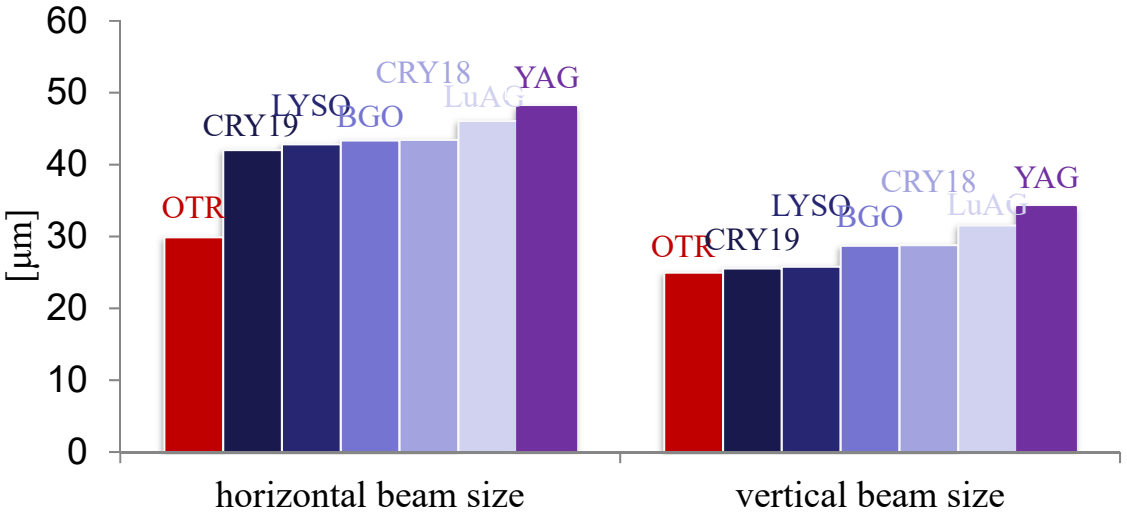
→ multi-stage emission process: scintillator

LYSO:Ce as Scintillator Material

- series of measurements at Mainz Microtron MAMI (Univ. Mainz, Germany)

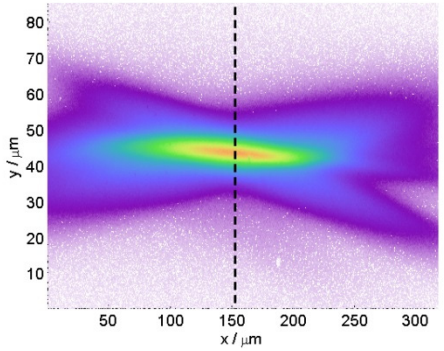


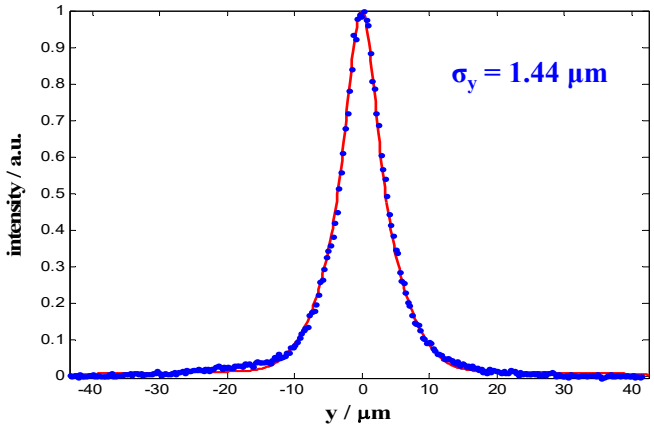
G. Kube et al., Proc. IPAC'10, Kyoto (Japan), 2010, p.906



G. Kube et al., Proc. IPAC'12, New Orleans (USA), 2012, p.2119

- **LYSO:Ce** best spatial resolution





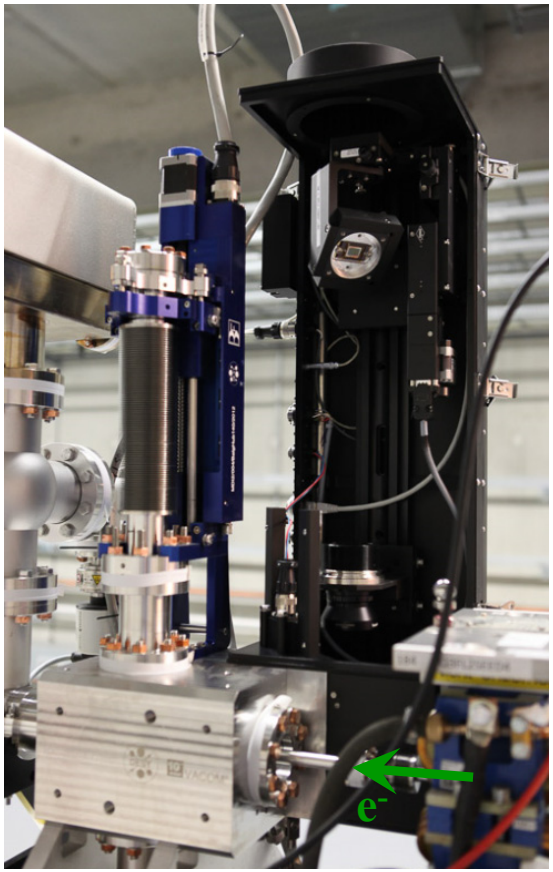
- beam size in excellent agreement with independent OTR measurement

G. Kube et al., Proc. IBIC'15, Melbourne (Australia), 2015, p.330

XFEL Screen Monitors

- monitor setup

Ch. Wiebers, M. Holz, G. Kube et al., Proc. IBIC 2013, Oxford, UK (2013) WEPF03



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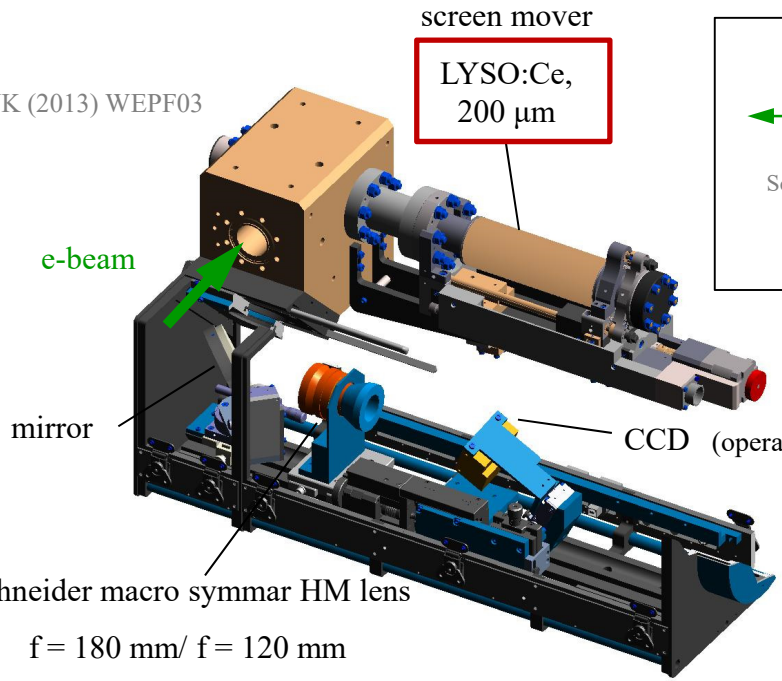

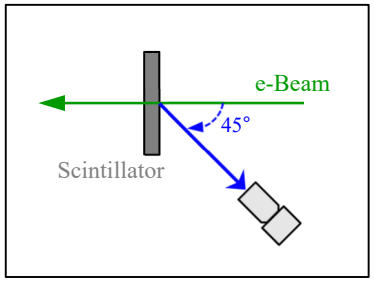

courtesy:
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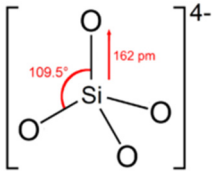
- LYSO:Ce scintillator
  - Lutetium Yttrium (Oxi-)Orthosilicate
    → $Lu_{2(1-x)}Y_{2x}SiO_5$:Ce
  - Yttrium: stabilize crystal growth (x ~ 0.1)
    → easier and cheaper to grow
    → similar properties than LSO scintillators
  - orthosilicate ion: $[SiO_4]^{4-}$



→ ~ 70 monitors in operation

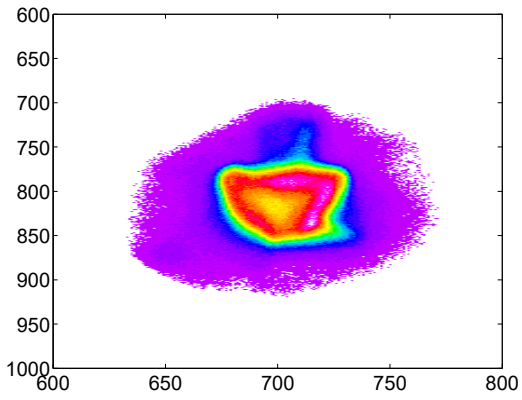
Beam Profile Observation

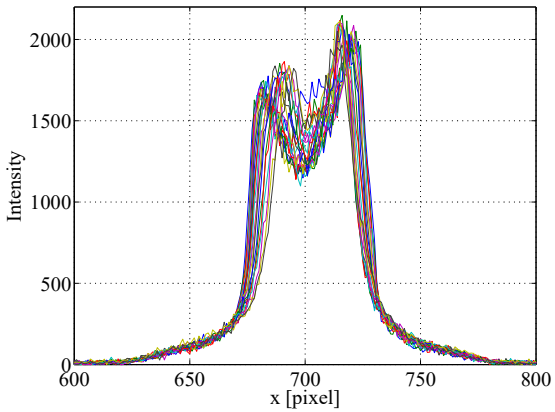
- "smoke-ring" shaped beam profiles @ XFEL
  - projected emittances larger than expected

    injector: ~ 1 mm.mrad

    BC1, BC2: > 2 mm.mrad

    downstream L3: > 4 mm.mrad
  - same origin of large emittance and „smoke-ring" shaped profiles ?





- appear on all screens along the XFEL beamline

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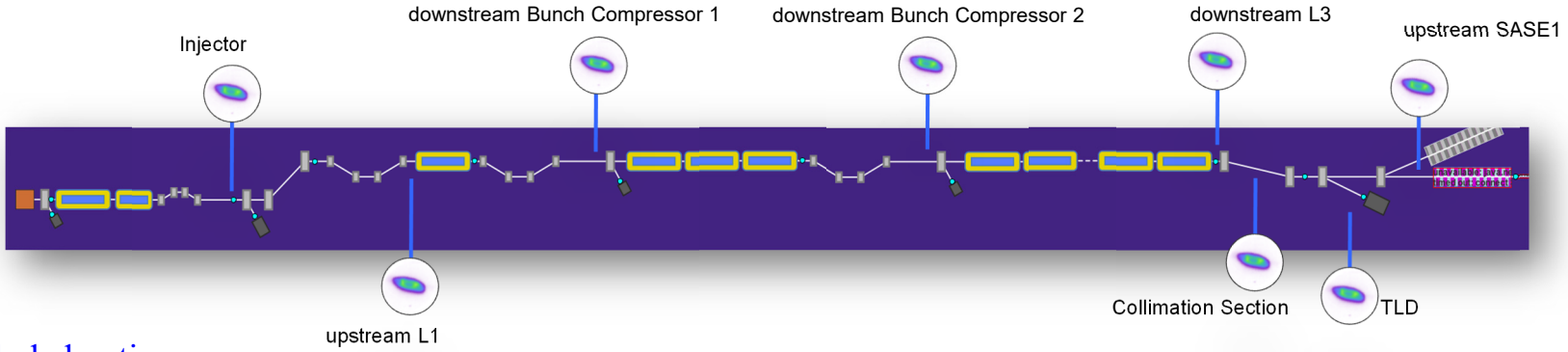


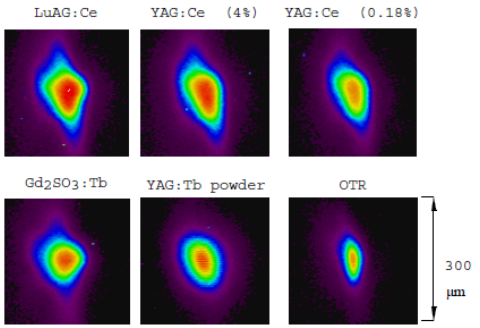
- excluded options
  - COTR contribution → linear intensity dependence, stable signal
  - space charge effects from gun might lead to depopulation of bunch center

    → should not be visible on all screens (dedicated phase advance required)
  - CCD saturation effects

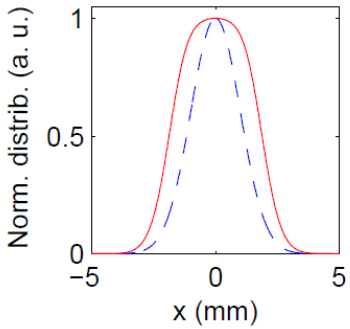
→ **suspicious:** effect of scintillator

Screen Saturation: $e^{+/-}$ Beams

- A. Murokh et al., in *The Physics of High Brightness Beams*, World Scientific (2000), p.564.
  A. Murokh et al., Proc. PAC'01, Chicago, USA (2001) p.1333



- T. F. Silva et al., Proc. PAC'09 , Vancouver, Canada (2009) p.4039

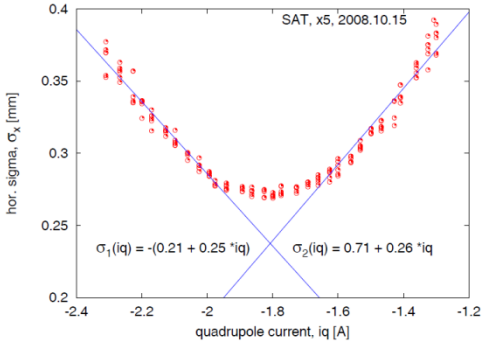


model for saturated beam profiles:

$$I(x) = I_{max}\left[1 - \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}\frac{\lambda i_0}{\sigma}\exp\left(-\frac{x}{2\sigma^2}\right)\right)\right]$$

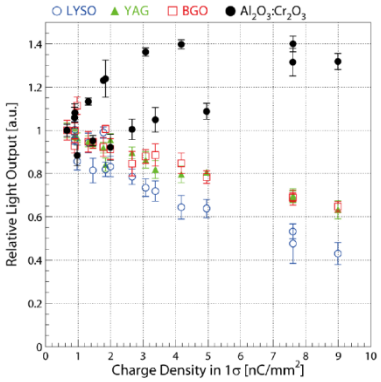
- F. Miyahara et al., Proc. IPAC'17 , Copenhagen, Denmark (2017) p. 268

- U. Iriso et al., Proc. DIPAC'09 , Basel, Switzerland (2009), p.200



YAG:Ce / OTR measurements at ALBA

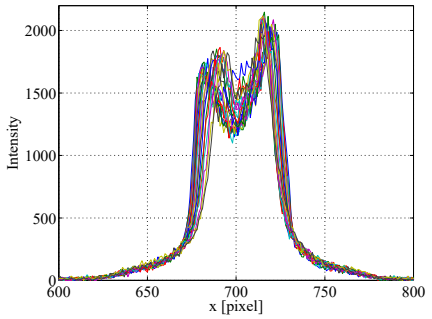
measurements at KEK injector linac



- R. Ischebeck, FEL'17 Santa Fe, USA (2017) WEP039

saturation of scintillators in profile monitors

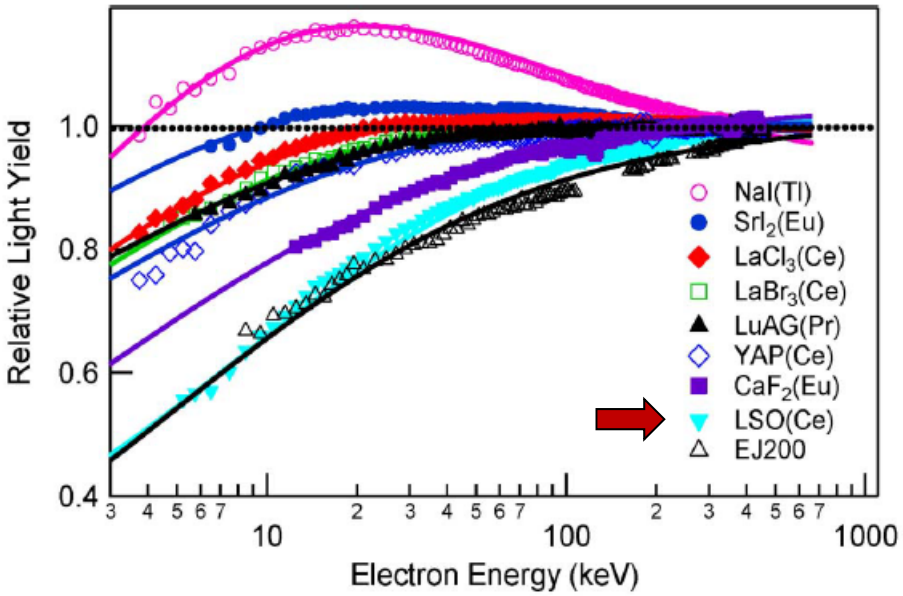
- **XFEL**



no saturation

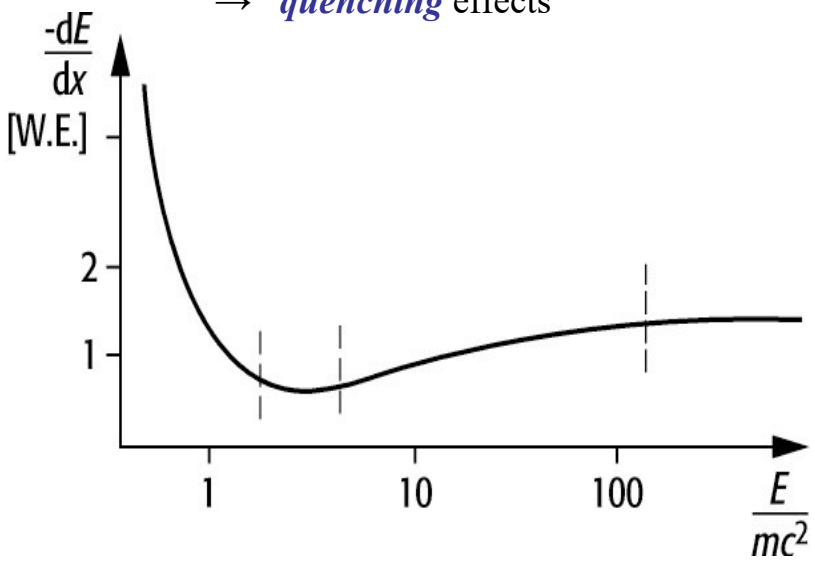
HEP Scintillator Experience

- application of inorganic scintillators in HEP
  - calorimetry
    - → non-linearity in energy resolution



S.A. Payne et al., IEEE Trans. Nucl. Sci. **58** (2011) 3392

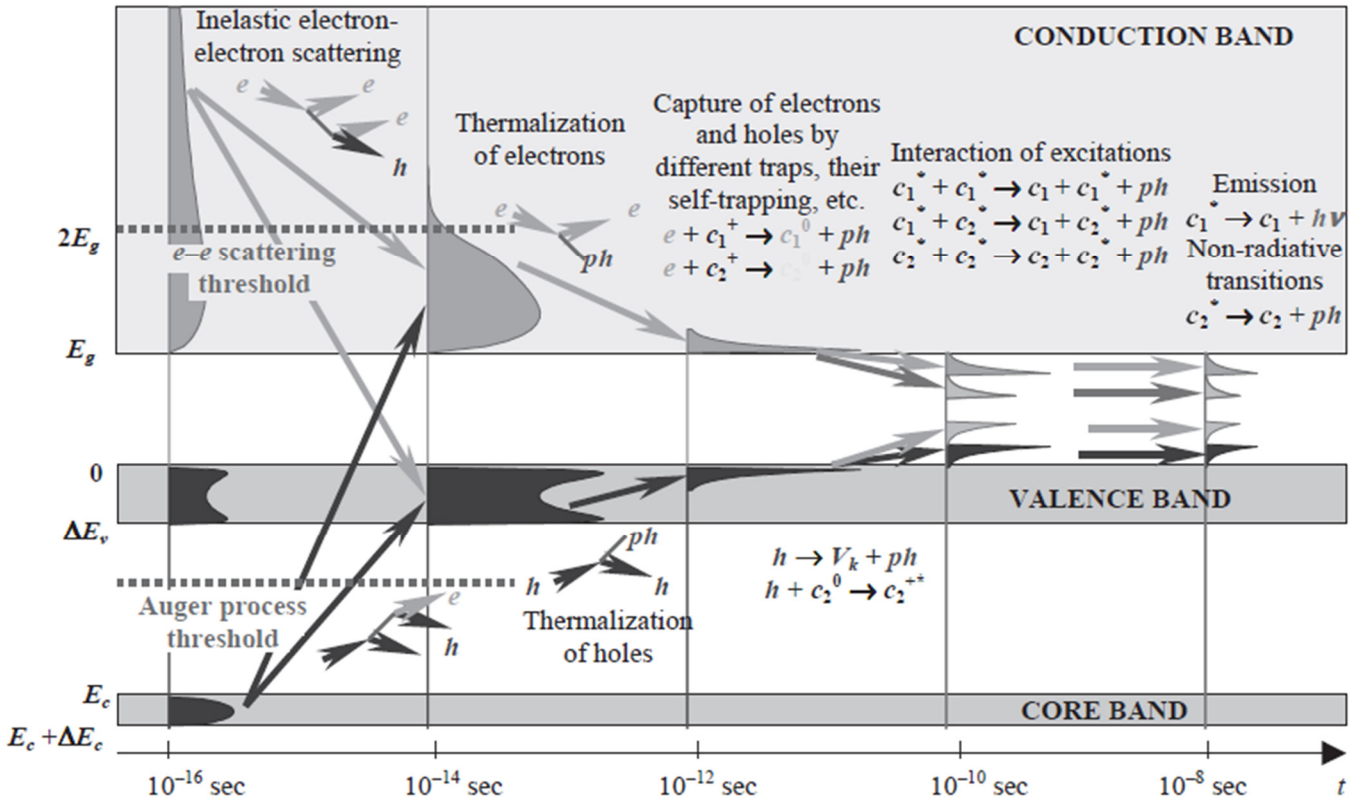
- explanation in terms of energy loss
  - creation of el.magn. shower in target
  - end of shower: low energy particles
  - low energy: high energy loss
    - → ***high ionization density*** in track
    - → ***quenching*** effects



- critical parameter: ***ionization density in particle track***
  - resolution studies @ MAMI
    - → cw-beam with low charge density
  - XFEL
    - → up to 10^{10} particles / bunch

Scintillation Light Generation

- multi stage process



- energy conversion
- thermalization
- localization
- transfer to luminescent centers
- radiative relaxation

A.N. Vasil'ev, Proc. SCINT'99, Moscow (Russia), 1999, p.43

- stage responsible for density effects, non-linearity effects, …
  - high density in ionization track (for calorimetry @ low shower particle energies)

➡ Auger-like non-radiative recombination of excitation states (e/h pairs, excitons)

quenching

Transfer to Beam Profile Diagnostics

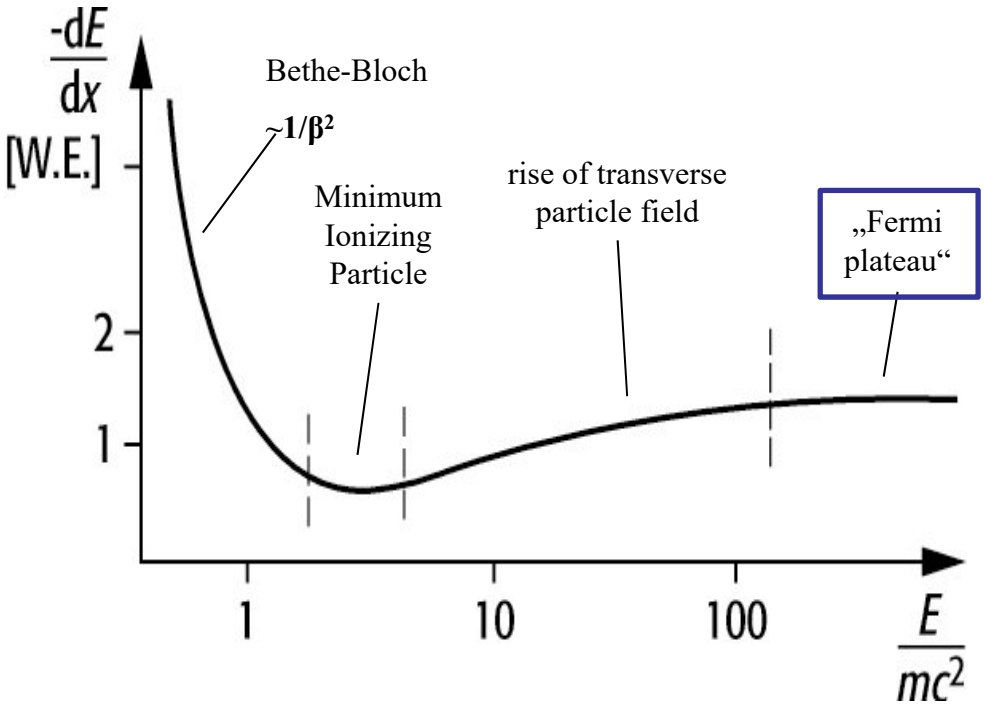
- collisional stopping power
- Fermi plateau:
  - saturation polarization of target material by particle field
  - transverse field range → ***Fermi radius***

$$R_F = \frac{\hbar c}{\hbar \omega_p}$$

$\hbar\omega_p$: plasma energy

  - R_F: radius of ionization track

    → $R_F(LSO) \sim 3.85\ nm$



- radiative stopping power (thin targets)
  - LYSO screen thickness @ XFEL → t = 200 µm
  - Bremsstrahlung mean free path length → λ_{BS} = 1.24 mm

➡ no el. magn. shower evolution

- scintillator non-linearity → ionization track density
  - beam profile diagnostics: determined by **density of primary beam particles** (ultra relativistic $e^{-/+}$)

→ not by ***shower particle energies*** (calorimetry for HEP)

Ionization Track Density

- beam interaction with target material (scintillator)
  - inelastic scattering (impact ionization): $\sigma_{ion} \sim E_{kin}^{-1} \cdot \ln(C \cdot E_{kin})$

    → energy loss @ Fermi plateau

LSO: $\frac{dE}{dx} \approx 1.8 \frac{\text{MeVcm}^2}{\text{g}}$ $\varrho = 7.4 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{cm}^3}$ ➡ $\Delta E \approx 266$ keV

t = 0.2 mm

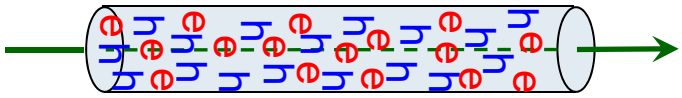
  - multiple scattering

LSO: ~ 900 scattering events in 200 µm thick scintillator

→ mean path length between scattering events >> ionization track radius

~220 nm >> ~3.8 nm

➡ electron passage modeled as *straight tube* of ionization with *radius* R_F

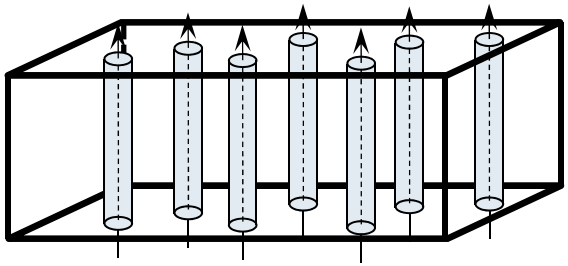


- time scales
  - particle flight time: $< 10^{-12}$ s
  - bunch lengths (uncompressed): $\sim 10^{-12}$ s
  - dynamical processes in scintillator: 10^{-12} - 10^{-10} s

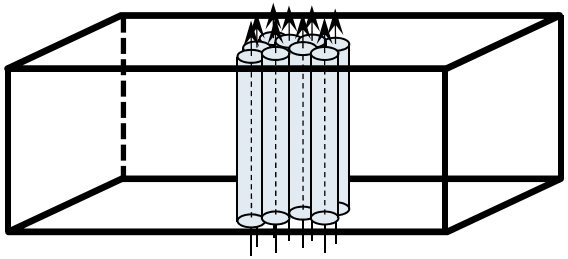
➡ static and homogeneous ionization tube (w.r.t. particle beam dynamics)

Ionization Track Density (2)

- electron passage through scintillator
  - low charge density beam

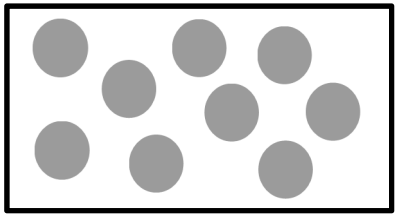


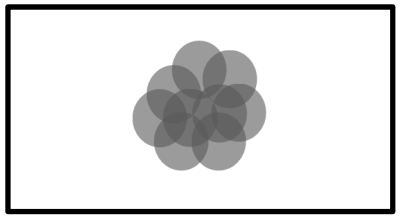
  - high charge density beam



static homogeneous ionization tubes:

2D representation sufficient

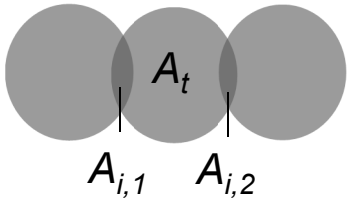




- scintillator non-linearity
  - driven by ionization track density
  - measure for track density

→ area of track circle A_t

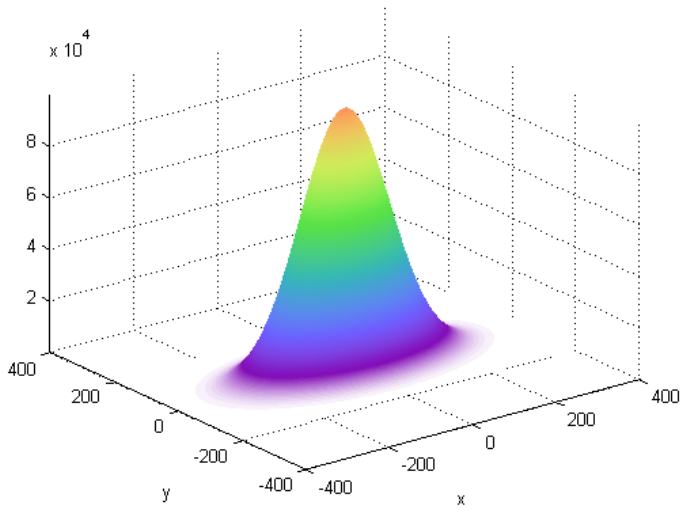
+ area of intersection(s) A_i



$$n_t \propto A_t + \sum_k A_{i,k}$$

Quenching Model for Beam Profiles

- starting point: Gaussian beam profile



- transform into 2D surface density profile

- derive mean distance between ionization tracks
  - considering nearest neighbour distribution

- calculate measure for ionization track density n_t
  - area of track circle + sum of intersections

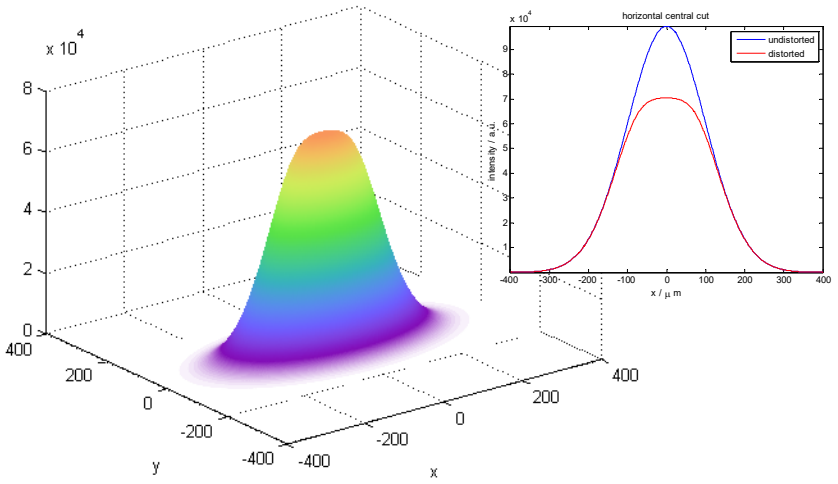
- weight factor for each point of beam profile
  - Birks-type weight factor for scintillator non-linearity

J.B. Birks, Proc. Phys. Soc. **A64** (1951) 874

$$w = \frac{1}{1 + \alpha \frac{\mathrm{d}E}{\mathrm{d}x}} \quad \text{with} \quad \frac{\mathrm{d}E}{\mathrm{d}x} \propto (n_t)^3$$

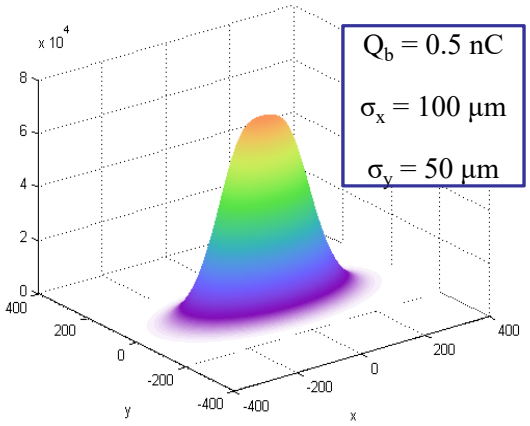
→ α: free adjustable parameter (quenching strength)

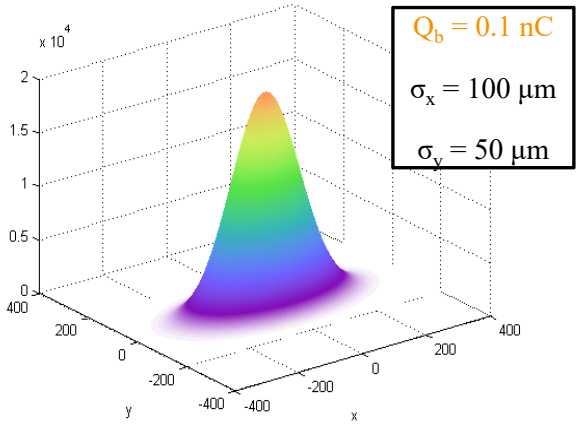
- distorted beam profile ($\alpha = 6.4 \times 10^{-5}$)

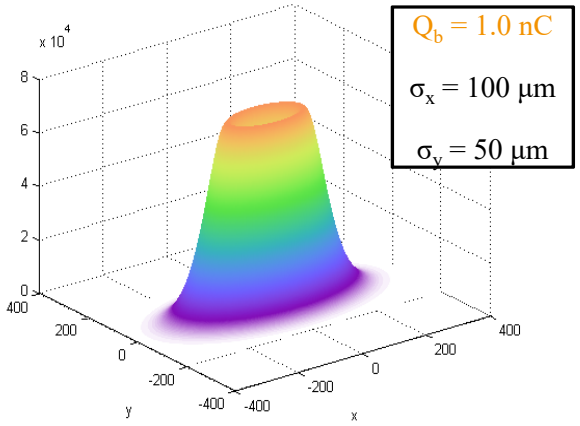


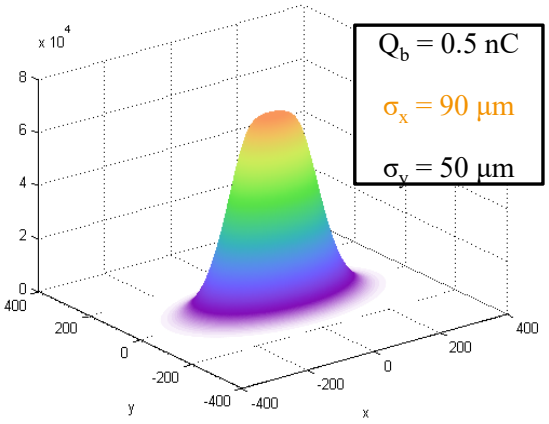
Model Calculations

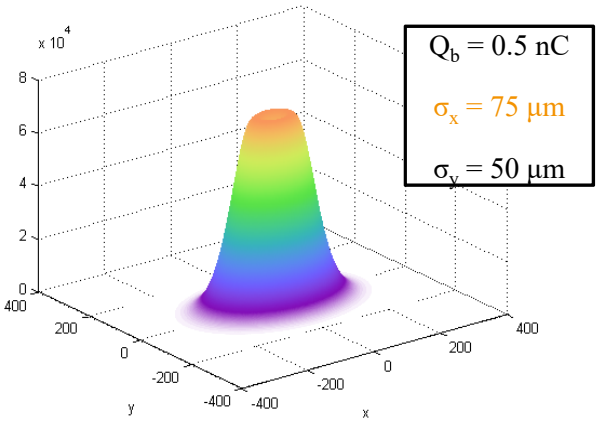
- starting point

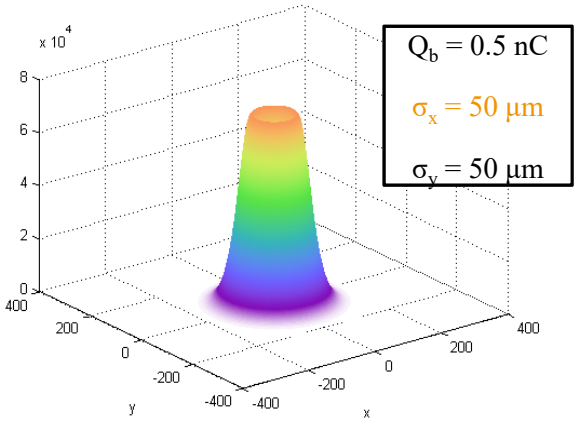






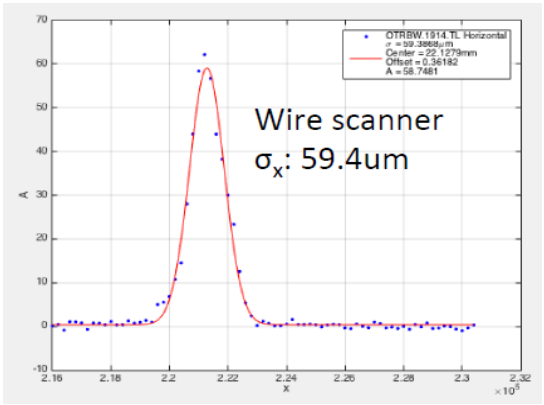


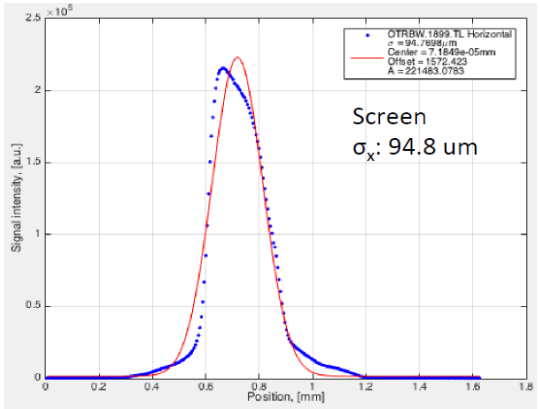


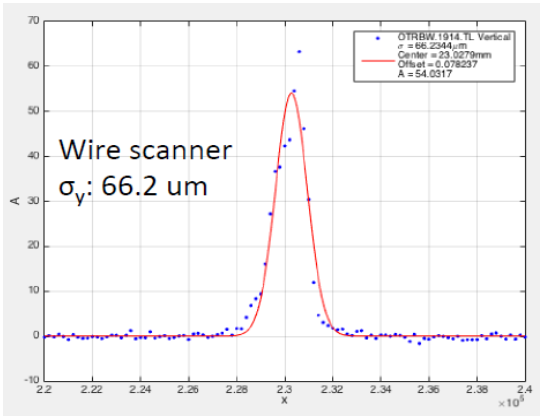


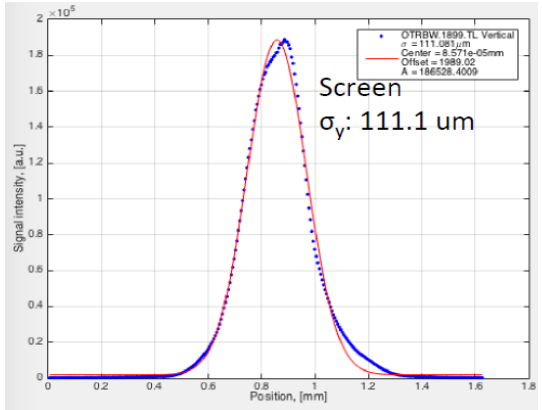
Comparison Screen / Wire Scanner

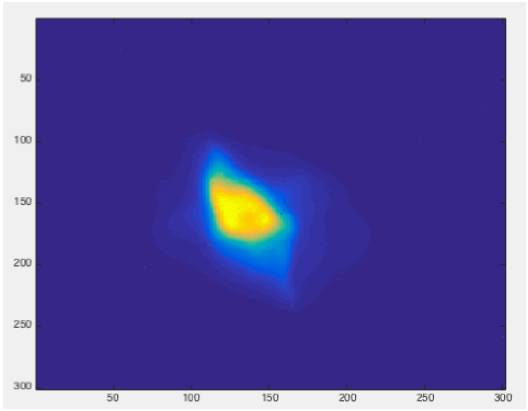
- screen station OTRBW.1914.TL
  - bunch charge: $Q_b = 500$ pC











- model calculation
  - input: 2D-Gaussian with WS beam sizes
  - fit projections with Gaussian distribution:

$\sigma_x = 97\ \mu m,\ \sigma_y = 108\ \mu m$

→ larger discrepancies with other measurements

Conclusion and Outlook

- XFEL screen monitors: observation of perturbed beam profiles
  - measured emittance values larger than expected
- $Lu_{2(1-x)}Y_{2x}SiO_5$:Ce as scintillator material
  - recent studies showed that LYSO has very low Birks parameter α → non-linear light yield
  - property of silicate based scintillators → oxygen is intimately bound to the silicon as a SiO_4^{4-} moiety
- development of quenching model
  - caused by high *ionization track density* due to *primary beam density* → quenching of *excitation carriers*
  - could explain appearance of smoke ring shaped beams
- quest for suitable scintillator material: fall back on experience in HEP
  - Gadolinium-based scintillators

    → expected that charge carriers/excitons rapidly transfer their energy to excited state of gadolinium

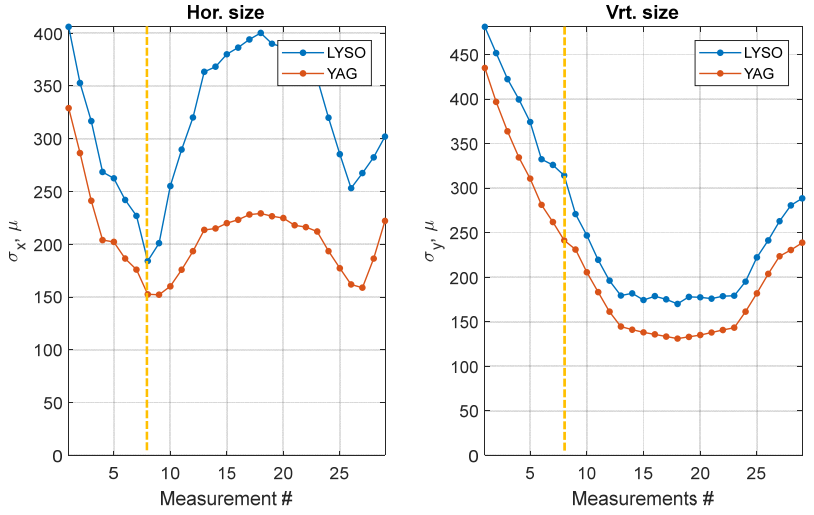
    → should improve linearity
  - Yttrium Aluminium Perovskite (YAP)

    → high mobility of excitation carriers → reduced quenching probability

⇒ ongoing investigation at DESY (both theoretical and experimental)

YAG / LYSO Comparison

- first test experiments @ XFEL
  - both scintillators mounted in screen station OTRBW.1635.L3
  - E = 14 GeV, Q_b = 1 nC
  - series of measurements → changing beam sizes in both dimensions



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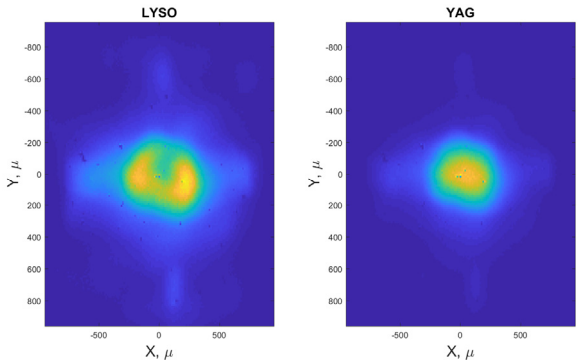
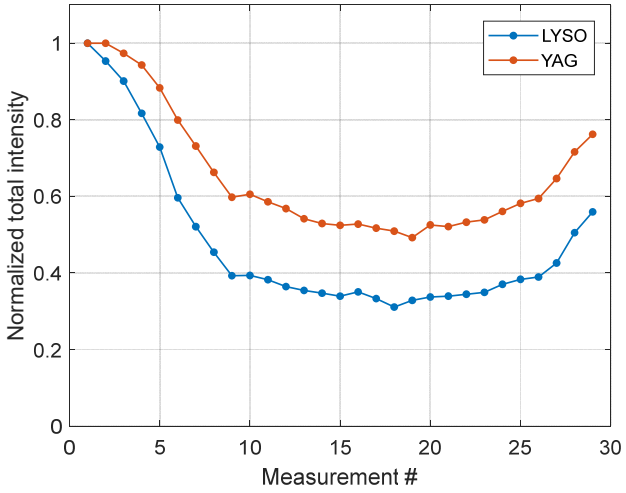


- quenching → relative intensity change



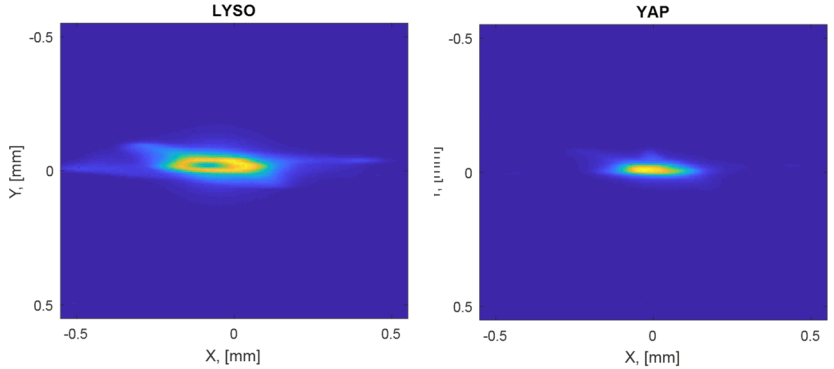
→ maximum peak charge density

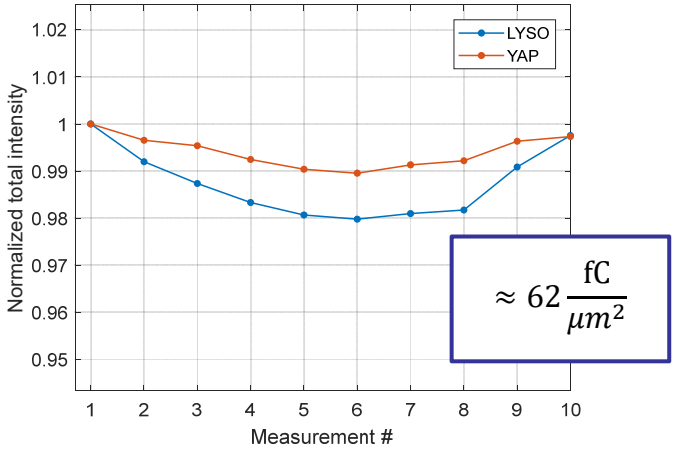
$$\approx 5.3 \frac{\mathrm{fC}}{\mu m^2}$$

YAP / GAGG and LYSO

- first test experiments @ XFEL
  - scintillators mounted together with LYSO in screen stations
  - Q_b = 0.45 nC → beam focussed down in vertical direction

- YAP and LYSO





(LYSO: quenching observed already @ measurement #1)

- GAGG and LYSO