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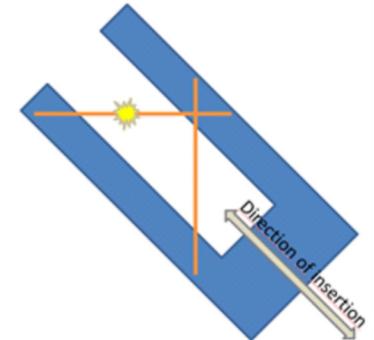
## Wire-Scanners (WS) with Sub-Micrometer Resolution: Developments and Measurements

## Overview

- *Motivations and Goals*
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- *Nano-fabrication of free-standing sub- $\mu\text{m}$  WS at PSI and FERMI*
- *Free-standing sub- $\mu\text{m}$  WS: experimental test at SwissFEL*
- *Conclusions and Outlook*

# Motivations and Goals

- Diagnostics with sub- $\mu\text{m}$  resolution needed for:
  - Low-charge and low emittance FEL operations
  - Novel laser and plasma driven accelerator
- WS top ranked beam profile monitors ➔ spatial resolution and minimal invasivity
- Conventional WS (cylindrical metallic wires stretched onto a fork): spatial resolution limit  $\sim 1\mu\text{m}$  (rms)
- Higher WS spatial resolution  $\leftrightarrow$  thinner wire  $\leftrightarrow$  smaller number of perturbed electrons  $\leftrightarrow$  minimal beam invasivity and higher lasing transparency
- New techniques to fabricate WS with resolution beyond the  $1\mu\text{m}$  (rms) limit
  - ➔ Nano-lithography (integration wire+fork in unique structure)
- Nowadays, free-standing WS independently nano-fabricated at PSI and FERMI and tested at SwissFEL:
  - sub- $\mu\text{m}$  spatial resolution ( $\sim 250\text{ nm}$ )
  - beam clearance  $\sim 2\text{mm}$
- Near future, nano-fabricated free-standing WS with sub- $\mu\text{m}$  resolution and beam clearance  $\sim 10\text{mm}$
- Final goal, free-standing sub- $\mu\text{m}$  wires (X,Y scan) integrated into a fork as standard WS solution for a FEL.

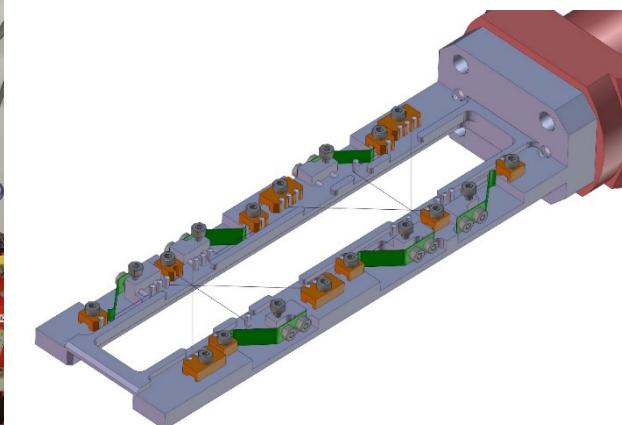
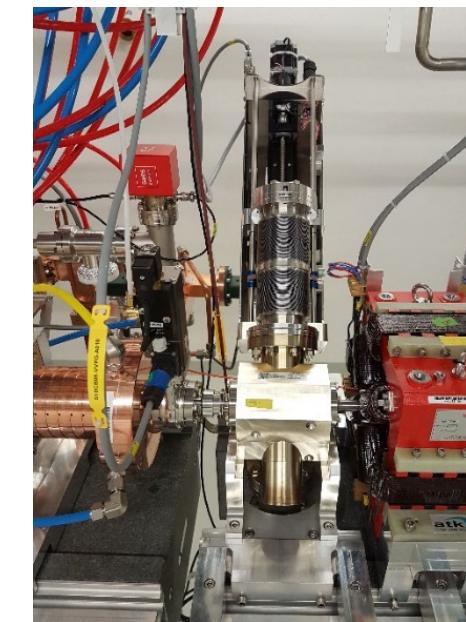
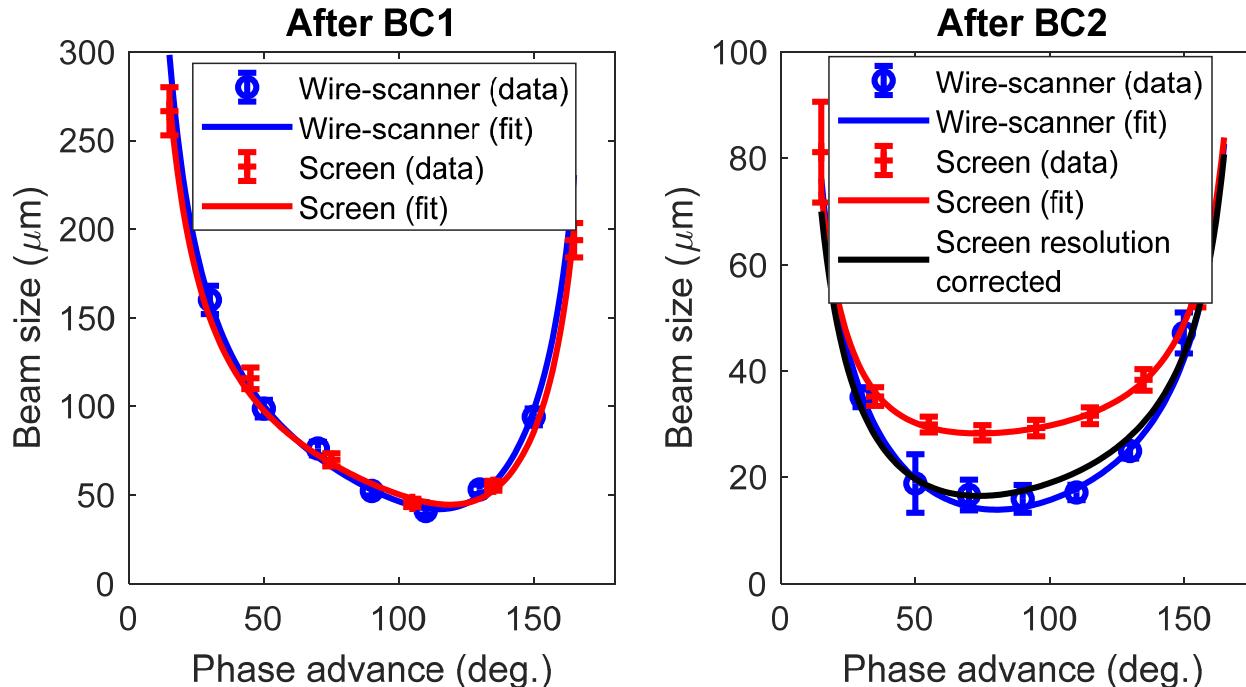


# Conventional WS: resolution and invasivity constraints (1/2)

## SwissFEL WS:

- Conventional WS design (metallic wire stretched onto a fork)
- ~20 WS installed all along the machine for beam profile monitoring and emittance measurements
- Fork equipped with 2 pairs of wires (5  $\mu\text{m}$  W and 12.5  $\mu\text{m}$  Al(99):Si(1) wires)
- SwissFEL, WS-relevant parameters: 200/10 pC, 0.300-5.8 GeV, beam-size 5-500  $\mu\text{m}$  (rms)
- Geometrical resolution (5  $\mu\text{m}$  W wire): 1.25  $\mu\text{m}$

**Beam charge 10 pC, beam energy after BC1 ~300MeV, BC2~5.5 GeV**



**Emittance measurements at SwissFEL: WS vs YAG screen,**  
in this conference, Ph. Dijkstal talk

THB03 *Emittance Measurements and Minimization at SwissFEL*

# Conventional WS: resolution and invasivity constraints (2/2)

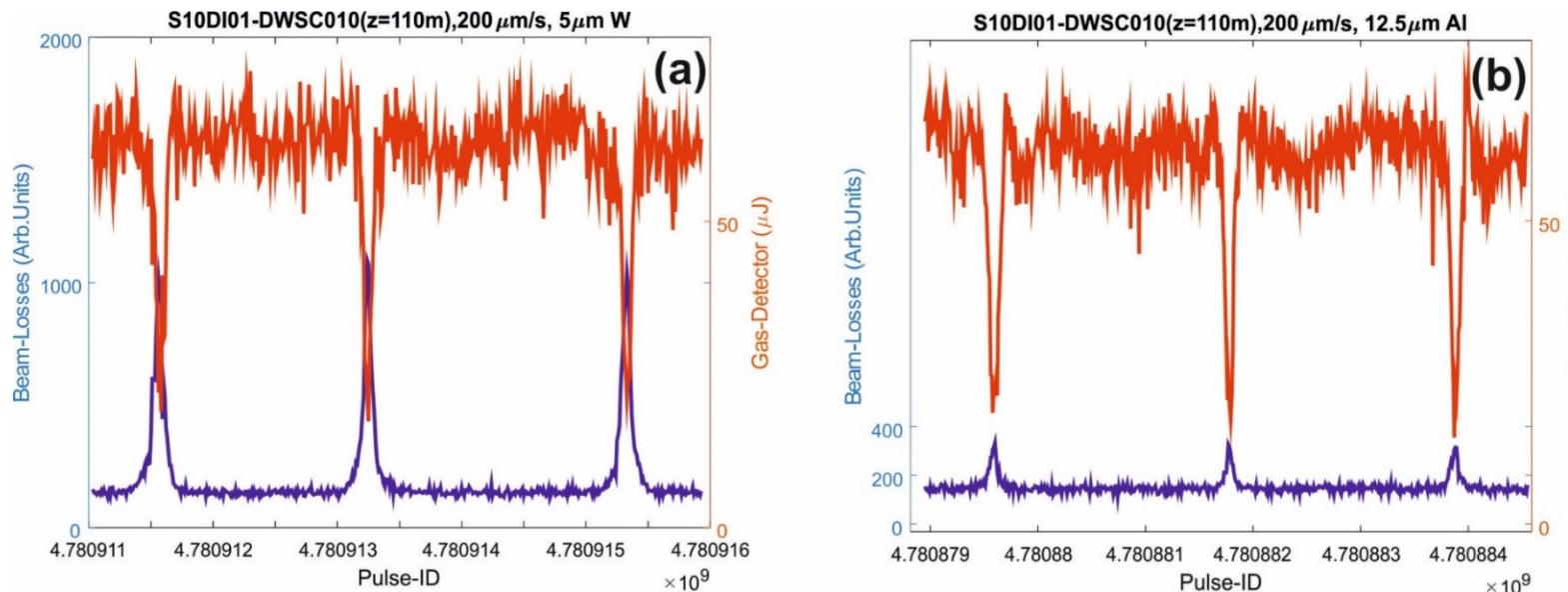
## Simultaneous WS and laser pulse energy measurements with gas detector (\*):

Scan electron beam with 5 $\mu\text{m}$  W wire and 12.5 $\mu\text{m}$  Al(99):Si(1) wire and, in parallel, measure laser pulse energy

Al(99):Si(1) vs W wire → beam-loss reduction by a factor 3-4 (beneficial to machine protection)

Al(99):Si(1) vs W wire → despite lower density and atomic number, larger impact surface detrimental to lasing transparency

**Higher WS geometrical resolution of the wire → better wire transparency to the lasing**



### Beam-synchronous measurements of laser pulse energy (Gas-Detector) and e-beam profile (WS):

- (a) 5  $\mu\text{m}$  W wire;
- (b) 12.5  $\mu\text{m}$  Al(99):Si(1) wire.

Bunch charge ~200 pC, beam energy ~300 MeV at the WS location, 2.6 GeV at the undulator beamline, photon energy 2.488 keV (wavelength=4.983 Å).

**Energy ( $dE$ ) radiated by single electron with energy E in a thickness  $dX$  of matter with radiation length  $L_R$**

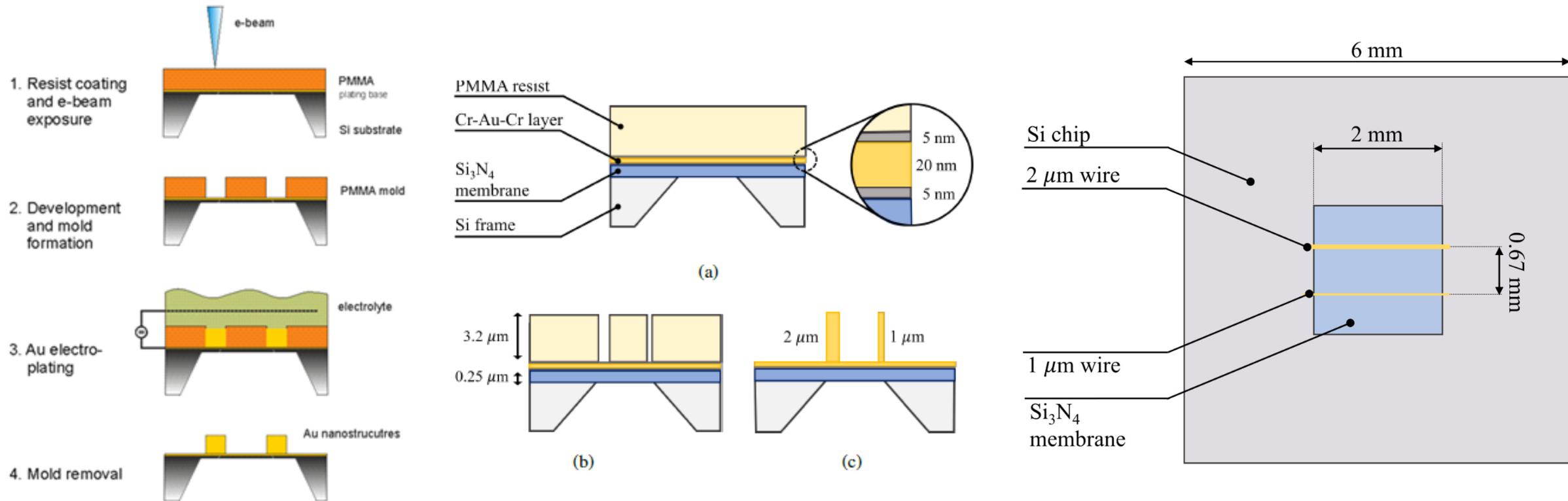
$$\frac{dE}{E} = \frac{dX}{L_R}$$

$$\frac{\Delta E_W}{\Delta E_{Al}} = R_{W/Al} \frac{X_W}{L_W} \frac{L_{Al}}{X_{Al}} = 4.1$$

$$R_{W/Al} = 0.4$$

$$L_{Al} = 8.9 \text{ cm}$$

$$L_W = 0.35 \text{ cm}$$

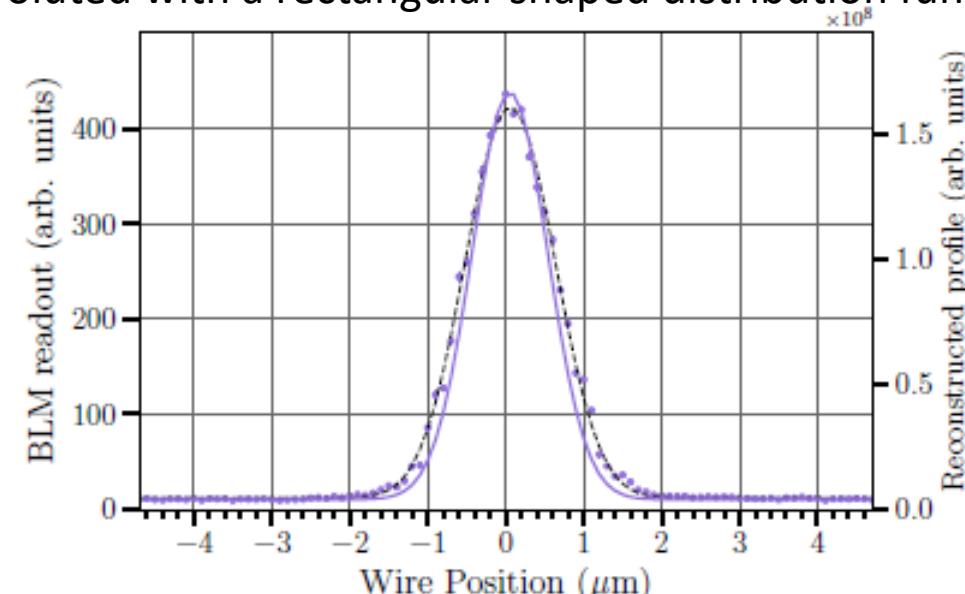
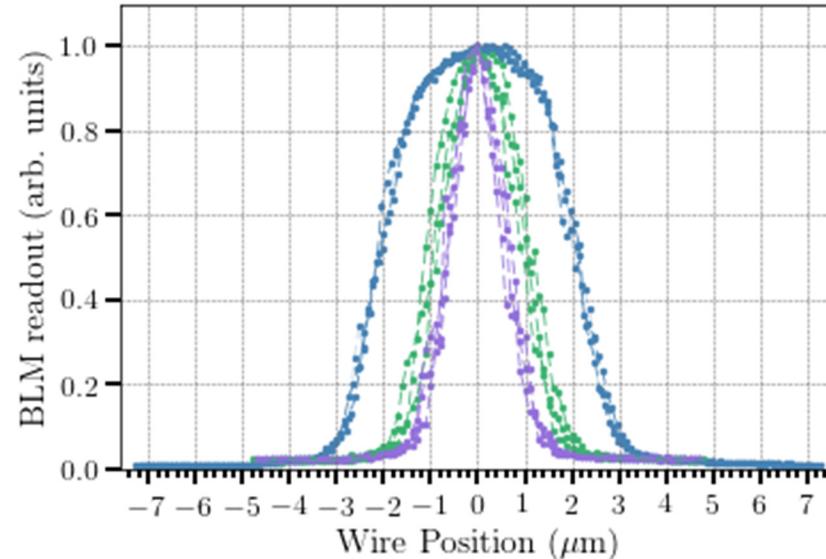


## WS nano-fabrication at Laboratory for Micro- and Nanotechnology (LMN, PSI):

- (a)  $\text{Si}_3\text{N}_4$  membrane + Cr-Au-Cr coating + PMMA resist spin-coating
- (b) e-beam lithography of PMMA to write parallel stripes (isopropanol+water treatment to develop exposed resist)
- (c) Developed membrane trenches filled with Au by electroplating (PMMA resist removed by oxygen-plasma)

# Sub- $\mu\text{m}$ WS on-a-membrane: e-beam test at SwissFEL (\*)

- Low charge and emittance machine setting: 330MeV, <1pC, emittance  $\sim$ 50 nm, vertical beam size  $\sim$ 500 nm
- Beam profile analysis: fit with a Gaussian profile convoluted with a rectangular shaped distribution function



	5 $\mu\text{m}$ W	2 $\mu\text{m}$ Au	1 $\mu\text{m}$ Au
Resolution (nm)	1250	600	300
$\sigma_{\text{rms}}$ (nm)	$1967 \pm 16$	$890 \pm 2$	$449 \pm 32$
$\sigma_y$ (nm)	$462 \pm 11$	$491 \pm 4$	$491 \pm 5$

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*Generation and Measurement of Sub-Micrometer Relativistic Electron Beams*,  
Communications Physics-Nature, 1, 52 (2018).

# First nano-fabricated WS at FERMI-IOM-CNR: free-standing WS (\*)



## NF WIRE STRUCTURE

Our device has 3 layers:

**Free-standing WS nano-fabricated by IOM-CNR and tested at FERMI: geometrical resolution 2.9  $\mu\text{m}$**

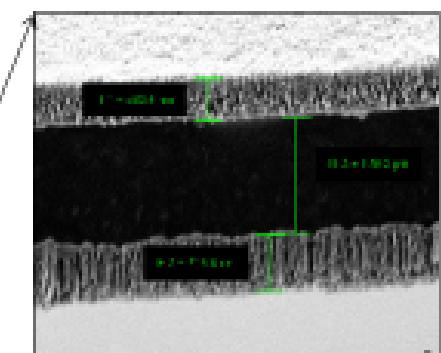
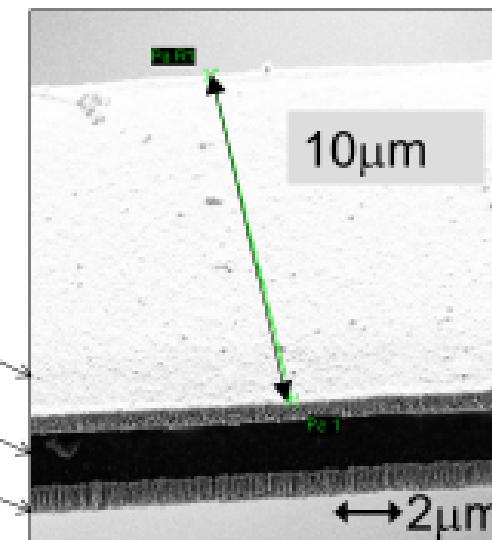
SiN NF wires with size  $2\mu\text{m} \times 10\mu\text{m}$  (thickness x width) + Ag coating on both sides.

Two side coating balance stress and improve signal.

Layer1  $\rightarrow 0.5\mu\text{m}$  Ag

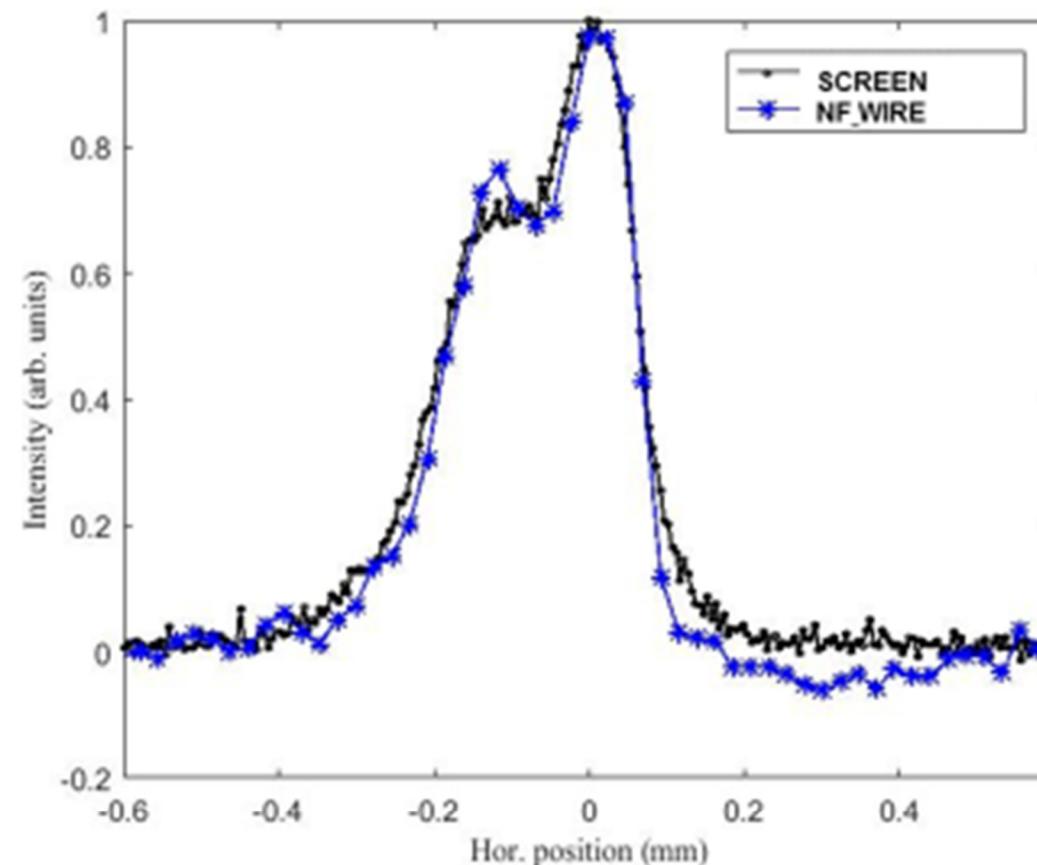
Layer 2  $\rightarrow 2\mu\text{m}$  SiN

Layer 3  $\rightarrow 0.5\mu\text{m}$  Ag



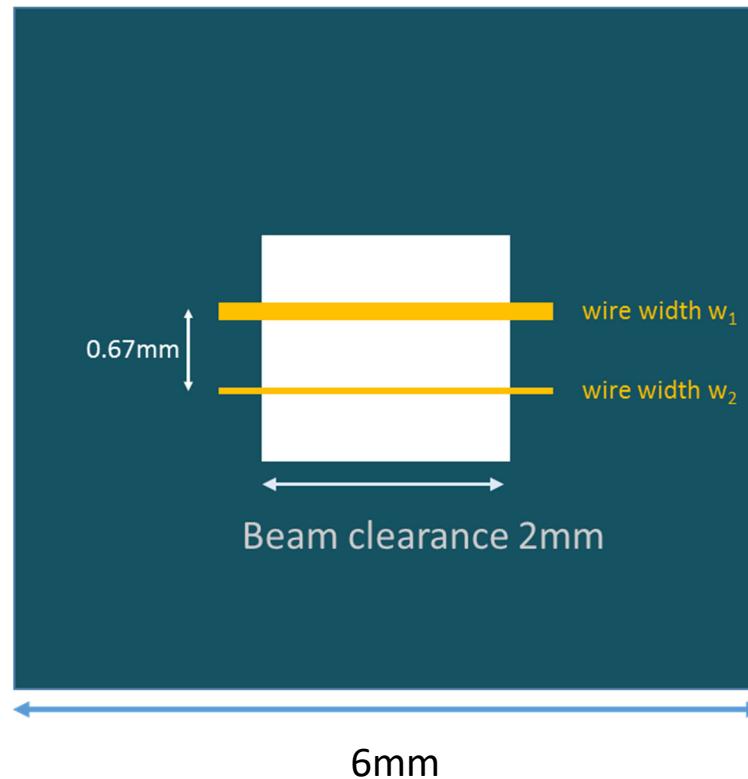
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## Free-standing nano-fabricated WS (IOM-CNR): e-beam test at FERMI

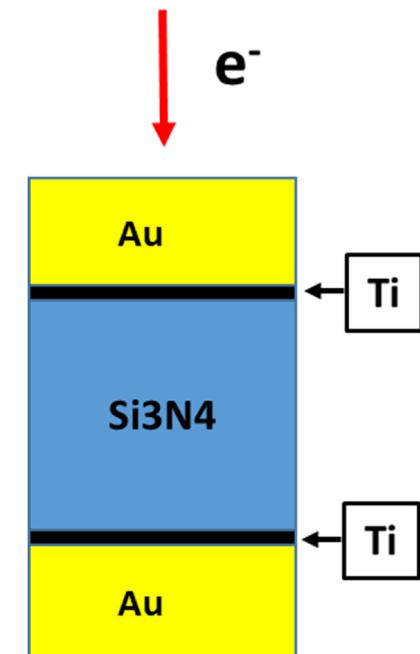
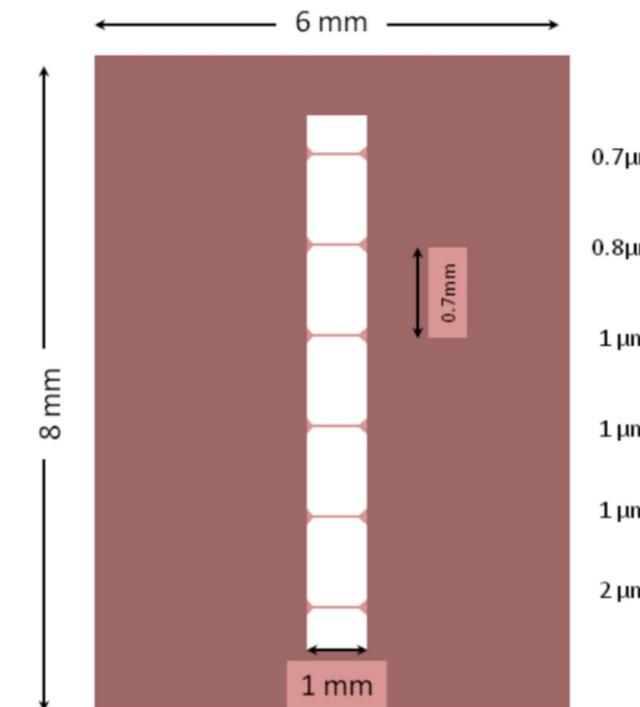
Elettra  
Sincrotrone  
Trieste**NF WIRE VS HIGH RESOLUTION SCREEN**

# PSI and FERMI nano-fabricated free-standing WS

**PSI WS chip: bulk Au stripe; width 800nm and 500nm; thickness ~2 $\mu$ m**



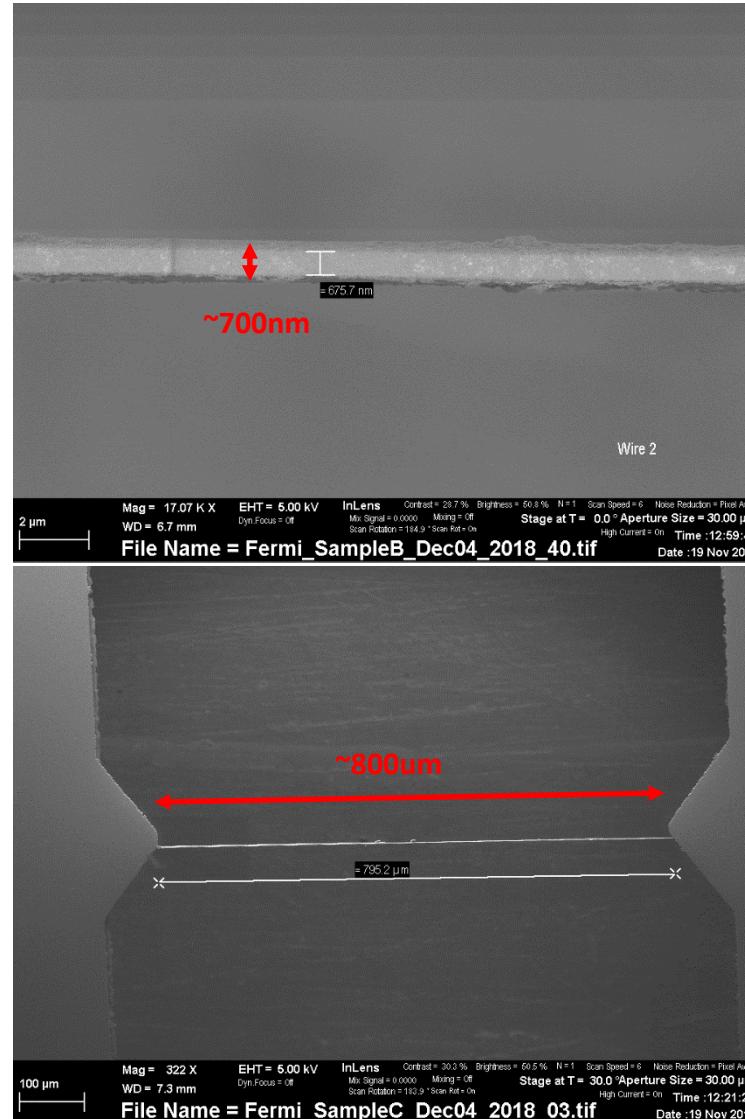
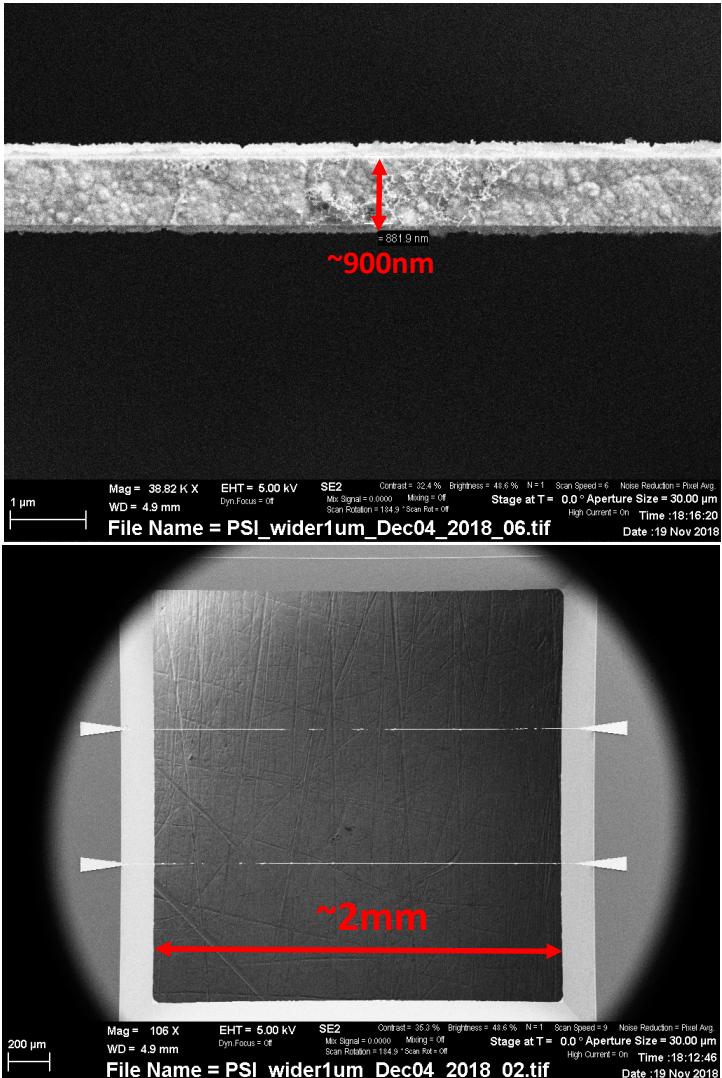
**FERMI WS chip: sandwich Au/Si<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>/Au; thickness ~3 $\mu$ m [Au(1 $\mu$ m),Si<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>(2 $\mu$ m),Ti(20nm)]**



## Bulk Au vs sandwich Au/Si<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>/Au:

- Higher signal-to-noise ratio (see WS measurement slide)
- Possible minor mechanical stability when increasing the beam clearance

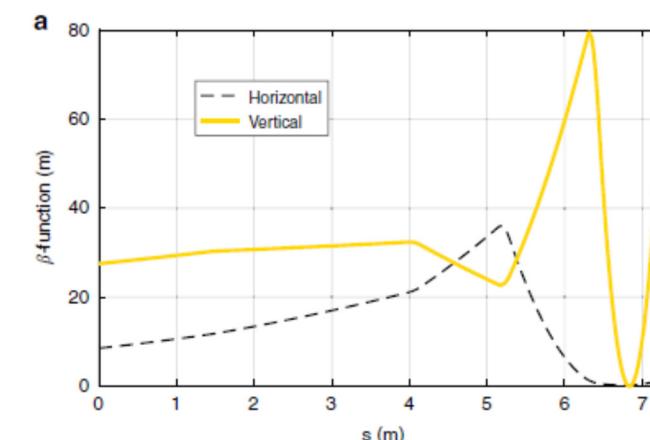
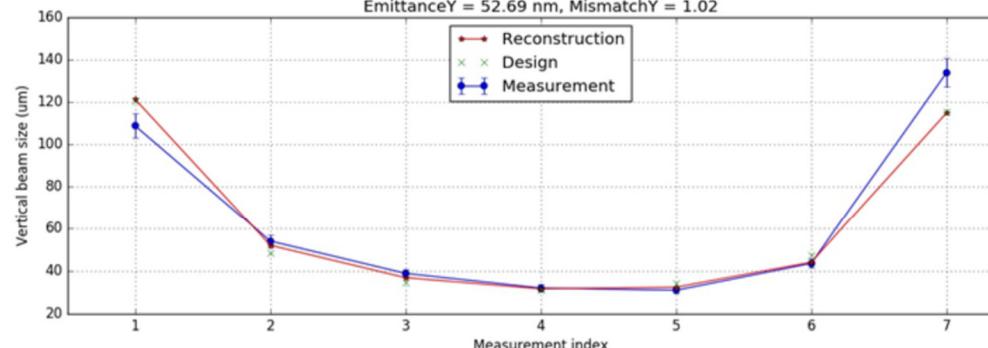
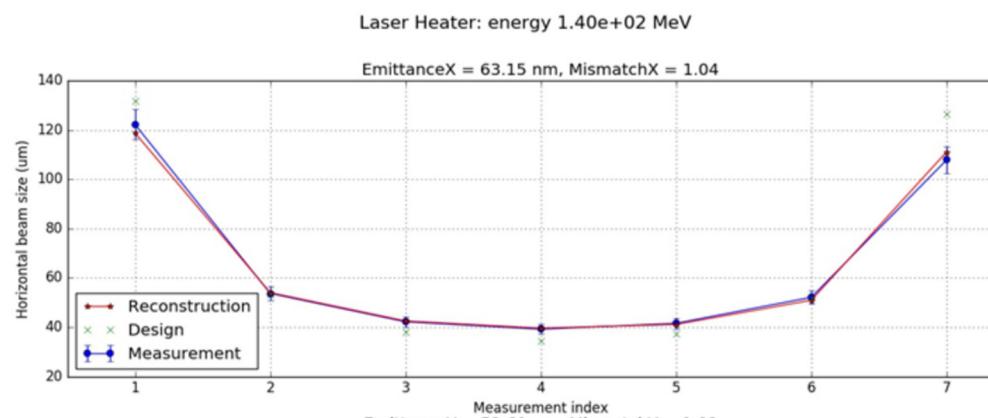
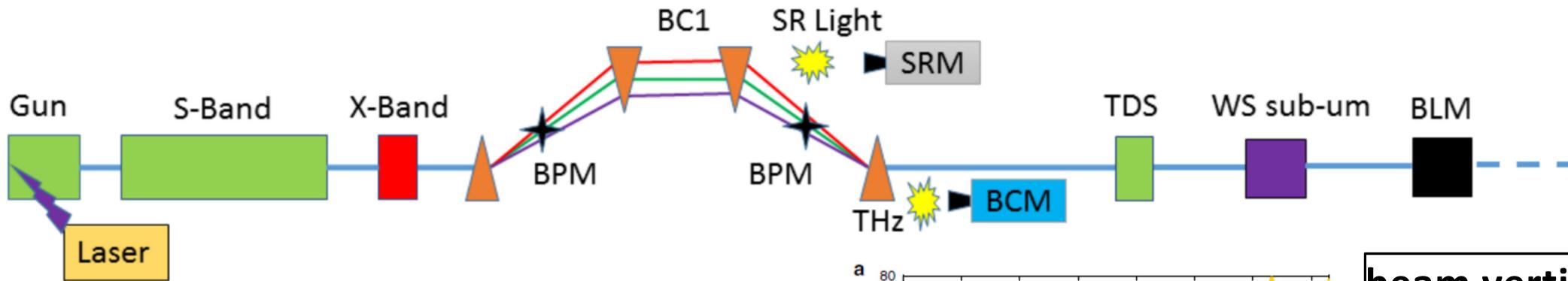
# SEM images of the nano-fabricated WS structures



**PSI WS nano-fabrication,  
Laboratory for Micro- and Nanotechnology, LMN, PSI**

**FERMI WSC nano-fabrication,  
IOM-CNR, Trieste, Italy**

# Experimental set-up at SwissFEL



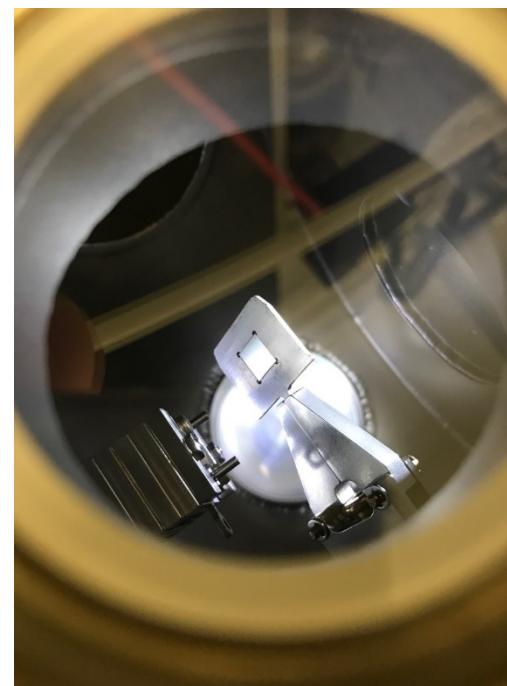
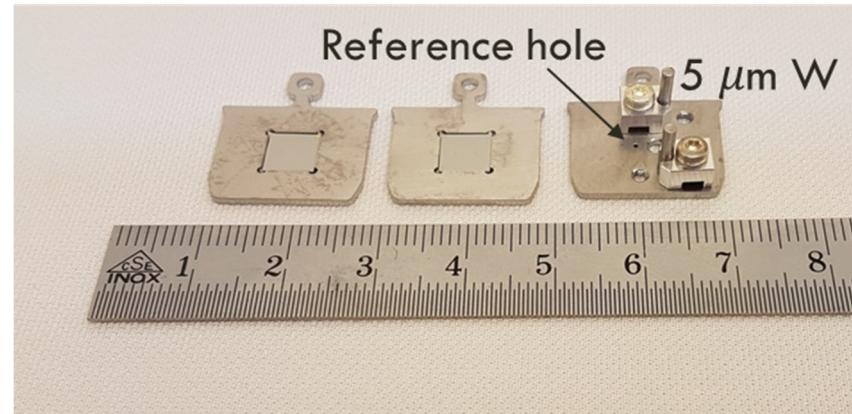
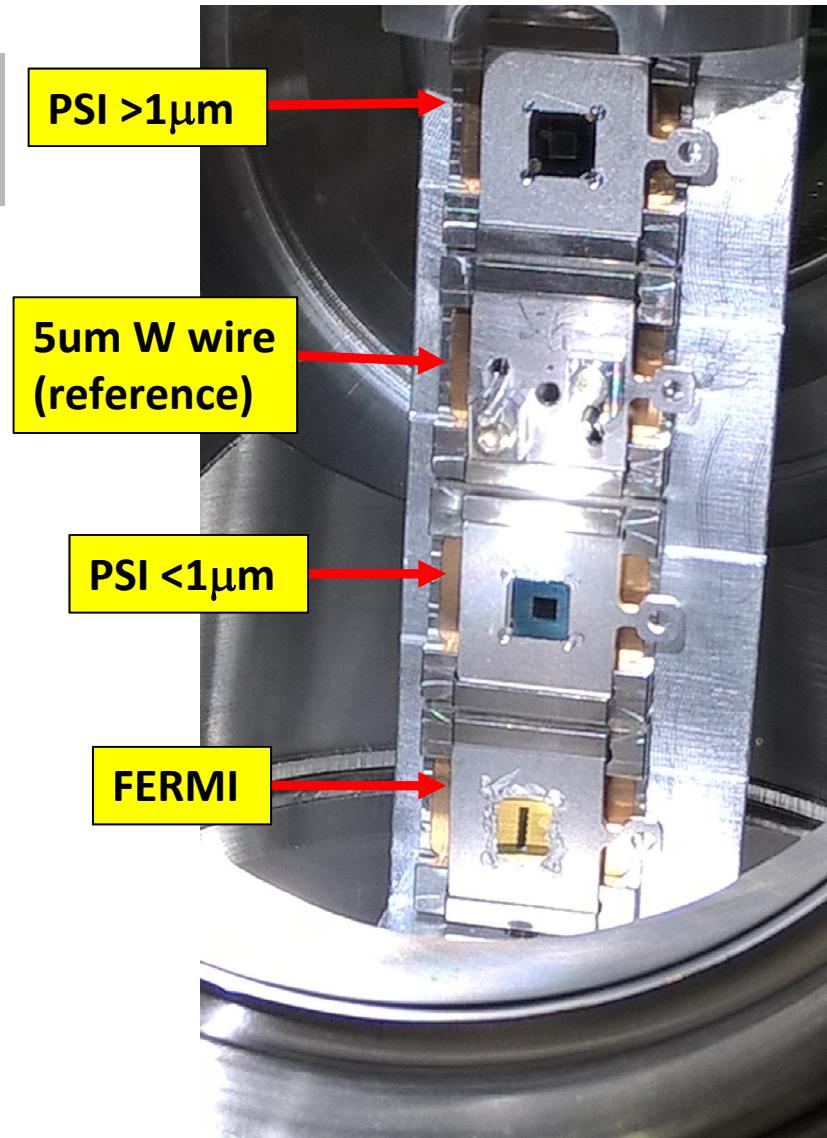
$\beta_x, \beta_y$  evolution between BC1 and WS sub- $\mu$ m

**beam vertical size at the WS position:  $\sim 500$ nm**

**Table 2 Beam parameters**

<b>E (MeV)</b>	<b>Q (pC)</b>	<b><math>\beta</math>-functions</b>		<b>Emittances</b>	
		$\beta_x$ (m)	$\beta_y$ (mm)	$\epsilon_{n,x}$ (nm)	$\epsilon_{n,y}$ (nm)
300	<1	0.273	2.61	42	53

# Sub-um WS set-up in the sample holder of the “ACHIP” vacuum-chamber



**WS chips mounted on a 4-slot sample holder.**

**ACHIP vacuum chamber equipped with:**

- Load-lock pre-vacuum chamber
- UHV feed-through
- Stepper motor
- Encoder (0.1  $\mu\text{m}$  resolution)

**Only vertical WS measurements are possible!**

# Free-standing sub- $\mu\text{m}$ WS: experimental test at SwissFEL (\*)

WS type	stripe width(nm)	geom. res.(nm)	beam size (nm, Dec 2018)	beam size (nm, Mar 2019)
PSI-WS	800	230	488 $\pm$ 20	434 $\pm$ 7
FERMI-WS	900	260	477 $\pm$ 70	443 $\pm$ 33

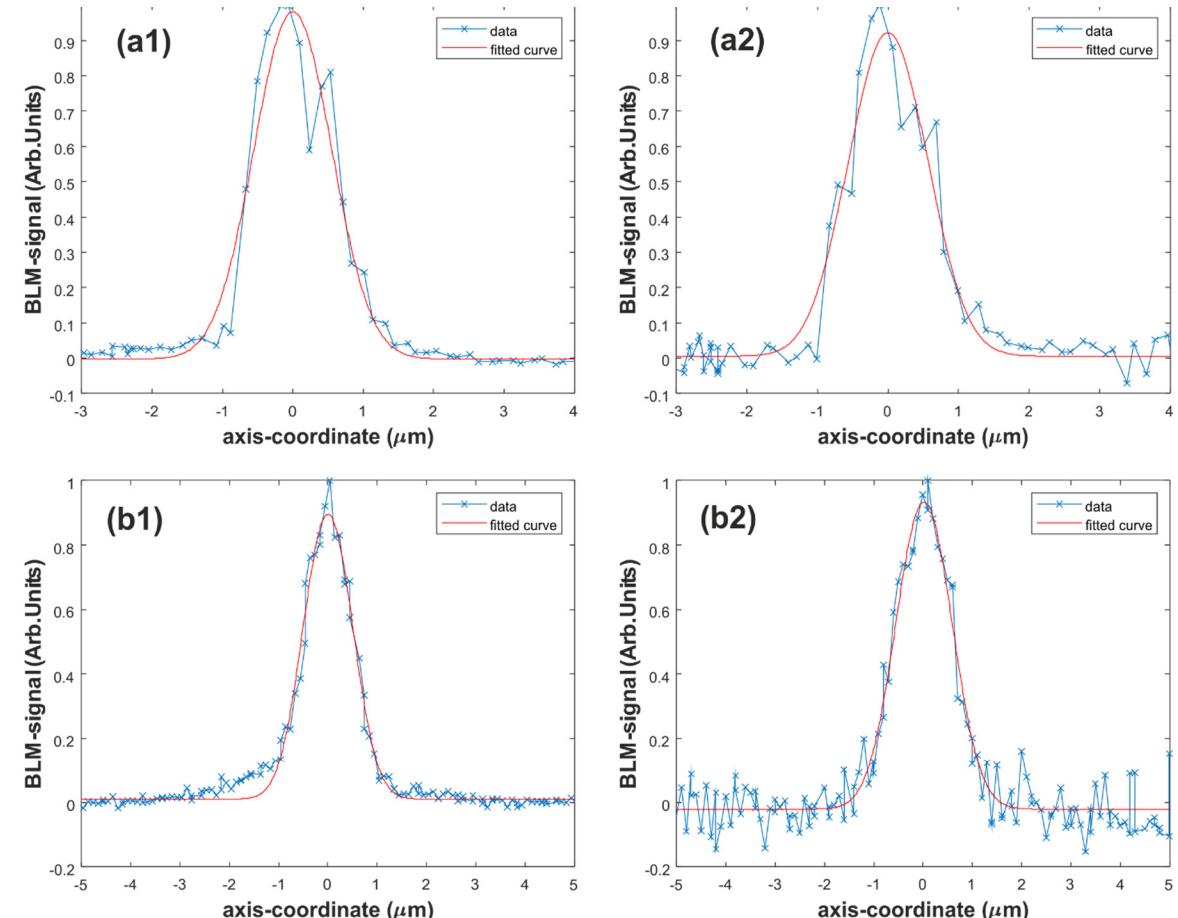
Beam profiles acquired with PSI (1) and FERMI (2) WS in two different measurement sessions (a, b):

- low-charge (<1pC)
- low emittance ( $\varepsilon_y \sim 55$  nm) → beam size  $\sim 500$  nm
- beam energy  $\sim 300$  MeV

Error-function-fit: convolution of Gaussian distribution with rectangular shaped distribution with a width w:

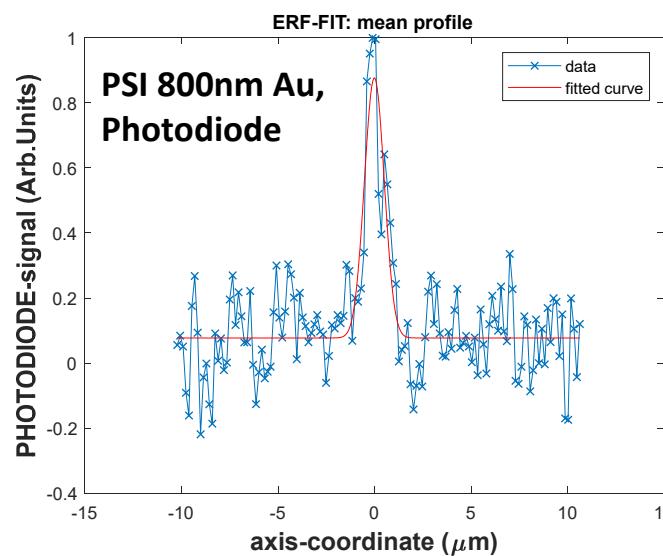
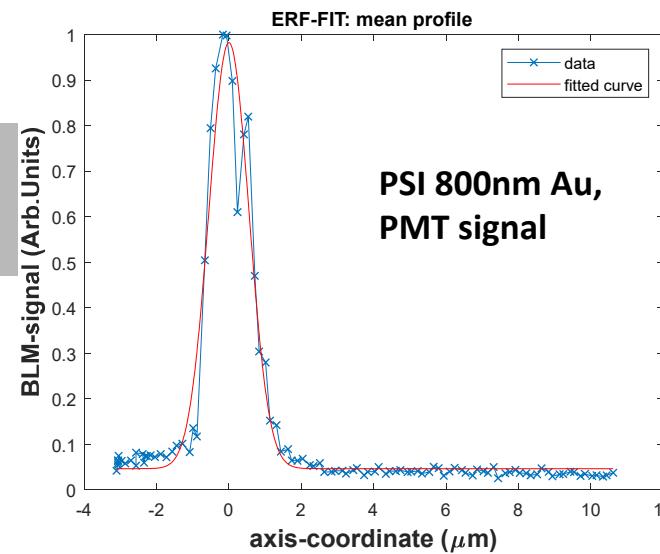
$$\text{erf-fit}(x) = a \times [\text{erf}([x - c + w/2]/\sqrt{2}/\sigma) + -\text{erf}([x - c - w/2]/\sqrt{2}/\sigma)] + b,$$

A heat-loading resilience test: no damage observed in WS structures at 200 pC



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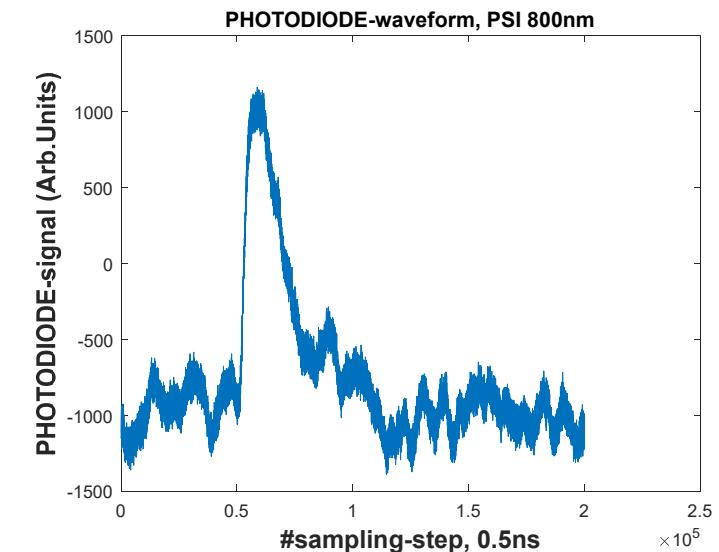
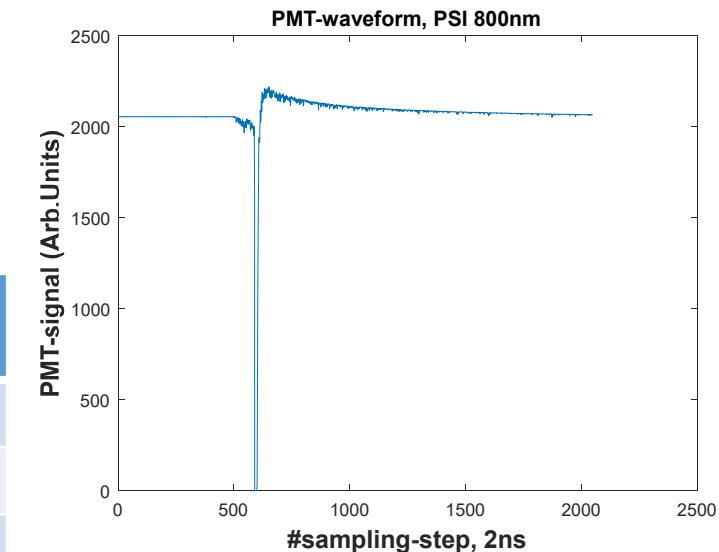
# Satellite measurements: PMT vs photo-diode WS profile reconstruction



**Tests of new detection solutions of the beam-loss signal: photo-diode vs PMT**

WIRE	FIT	SIGMA (nm)	BEAM-LOSS-DETECTOR
PSI 800nm	ERF fit	488+/-20	PMT
FERMI 900nm	ERF fit	477+/-70	PMT
PSI 800nm	ERF fit	498+/-134	Photodiode

$$[\text{S/N}_\text{Ratio(PMT)}]/[\text{S/N}_\text{Ratio(PHOTODIODE)}] \sim 10$$



# Conclusions and Outlook

- Innovative free-standing WS structure - nano-fabricated at PSI and FERMI-IOM-CNR - with unprecedented sub-micrometer geometrical resolution ( $\sim 250\text{nm}$ )
- Successful and statistically consistent experimental tests at SwissFEL of free-standing WS at low charge (<1pC,  $\sigma \sim 500\text{nm}$ , 300MeV) and high charge (200 pC, heat-loading resilience test)
- Fruitful collaboration between FERMI-IOM-CNR and PSI: possible synergy in nano-fabrication and joint experimental activities
- Long terms goal:
  - Make nano-fabricated WS with sub-micrometer resolution a standard diagnostics solution for a FEL:
    - Increase the WS beam clearance from the present 2mm up to 10mm, at least.
    - Nano-fabricated WS fork with integrated free-standing stripe pair for X,Y scanning
    - Mechanical stability studies: bulk metal or metal-silicon-nitride sandwich stripe?
    - Beam-loss signal-to-noise ratio: optimize ratio thickness-to-width of the stripe (from 1 up)

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