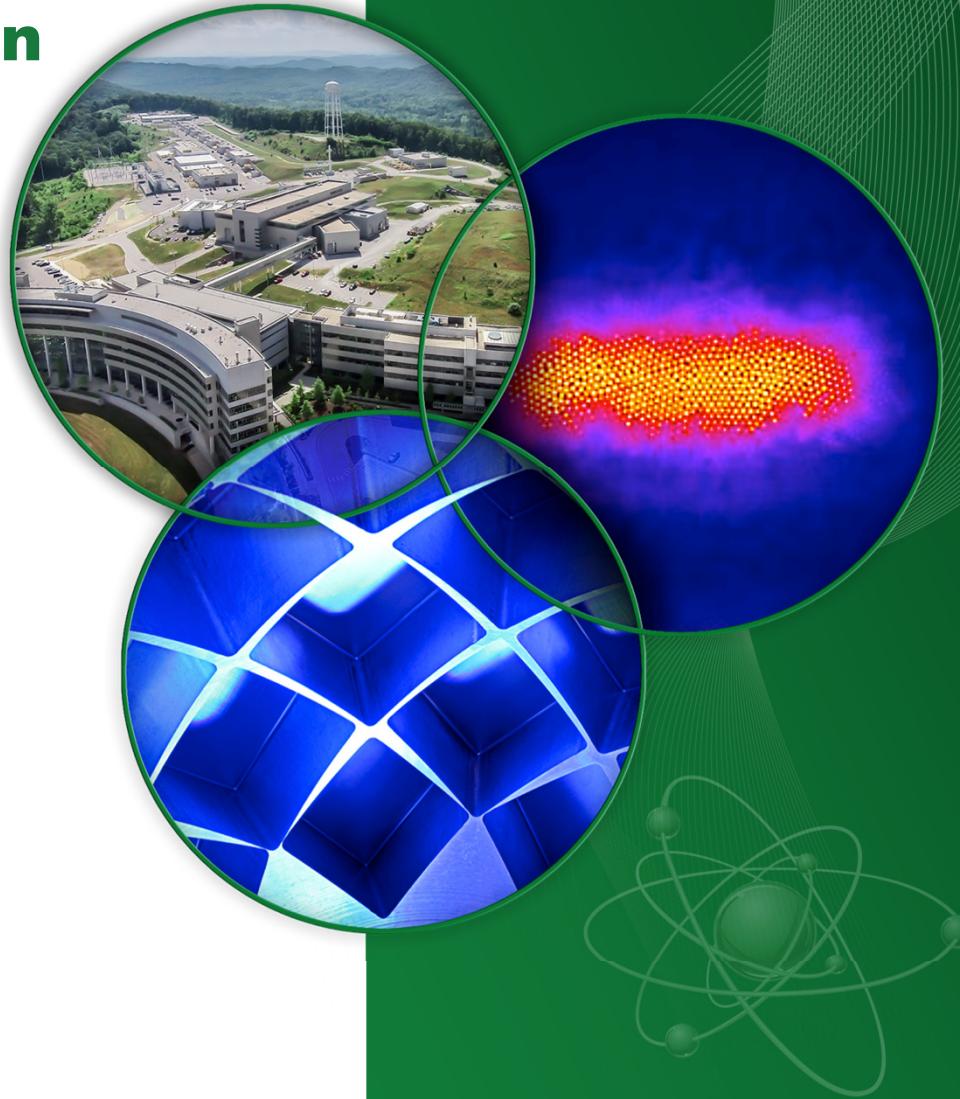


# Path to beam loss reduction in the SNS linac using measurements, simulation and collimation

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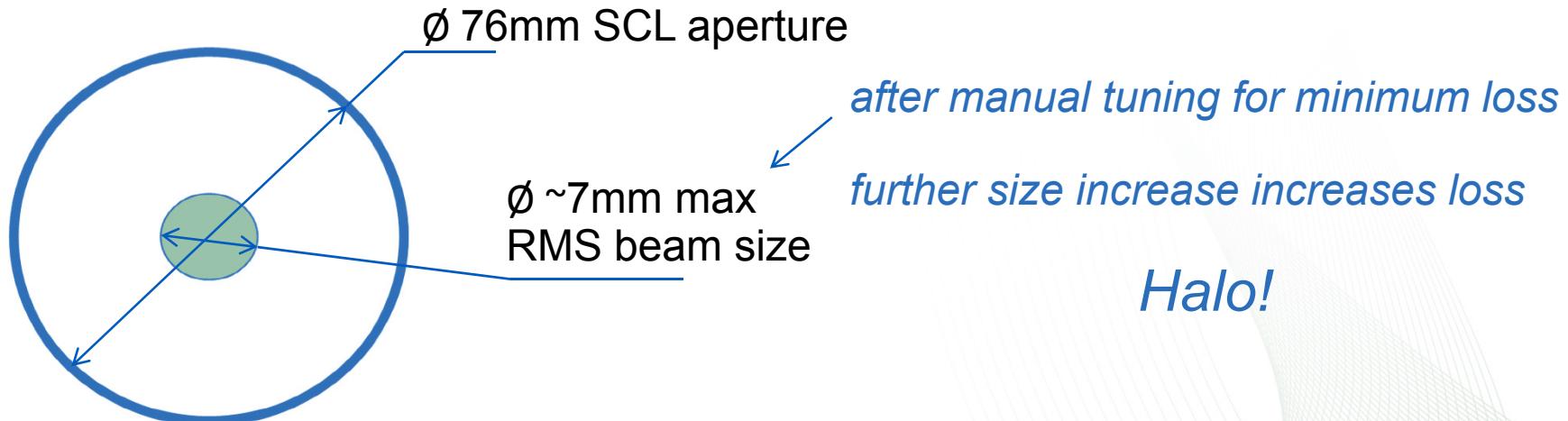


# Why do we care about loss reduction and model based methods development

- Beam spill in SNS Linac does not limit operational beam power but still causes issues in long term
  - Equipment damage (cables, hoses, gate valves, etc.)
  - SC cavities performance degradation is suspected
- Last step in low-loss linac set up involves manual tweaking of many parameters
  - Poorly documented and based on a few people experience
  - Time consuming if significant changes to linac configuration are made
- Plan to double beam power and add new pulse ‘flavor’
  - Need to reduce beam spill
  - Need to reduce machine set up time
- Model-based low-loss tuning is crucial for future high power linacs
  - SNS is ideal test bench for beam instrumentation and modeling development

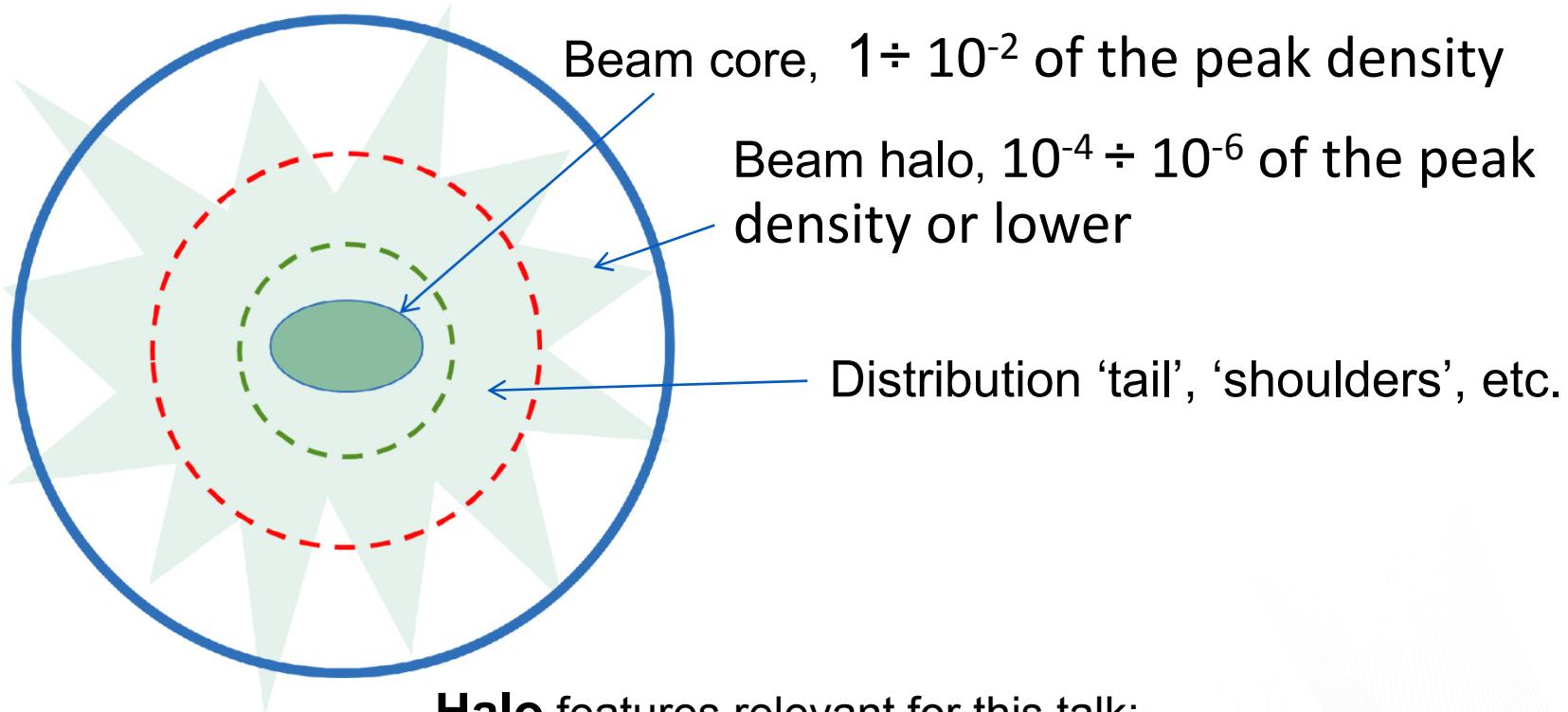
# Intra-beam stripping loss reduction in SCL is our first target

- Stripping rate is inversely proportional to bunch density.  
Increasing bunch size should reduce beam loss
- Requires precise control of 3D bunch size
  - Laser Wire, Beam Shape Monitors, BPMs, modeling techniques
    - We believe we have all these ingredients (Andrey Shishlo's talk)
- Requires reducing halo to allow for bunch core expansion



# What we call ‘halo’

- We adopt agreement from [Workshop on Beam Halo Monitoring](#), SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory following IBIC 2014

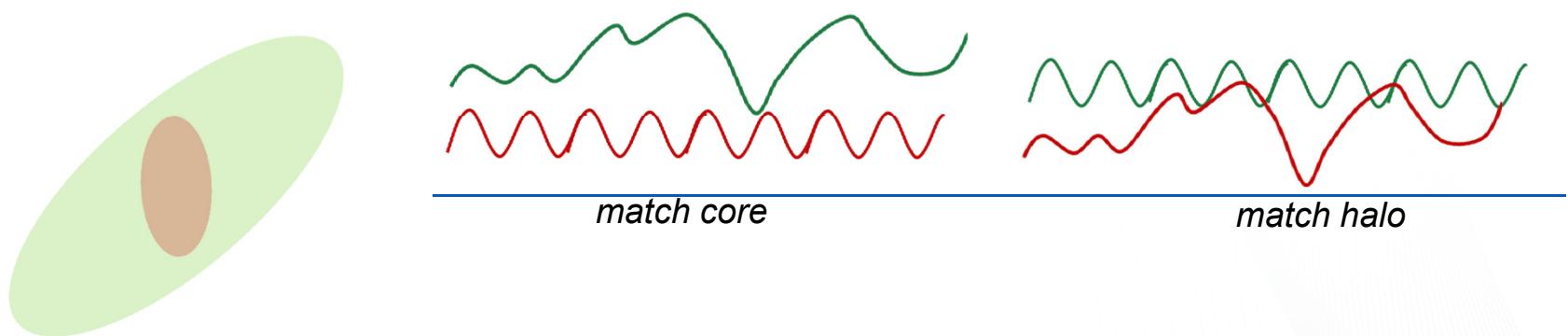


**Halo features relevant for this talk:**

Low intensity  
Far from core => creates problems => requires mitigation

# How we can reduce halo in SCL

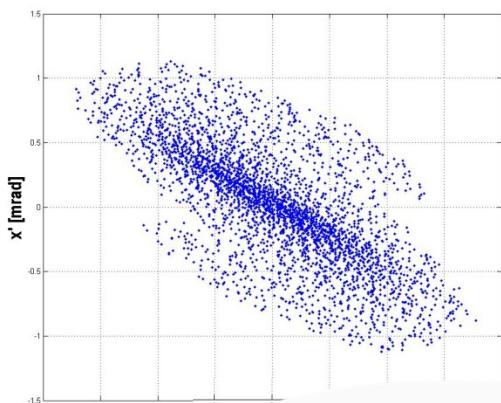
- Halo collimation
  - Only practical at low energy i.e. 2.5MeV MEBT
  - Removes halo created in injector (IS + RFQ)
- Matching between linac sections: MEBT-DTL, DTL – CCL, etc.
  - Bunch core RMS matching prevents halo formation (a proposition, never proved experimentally in real linac)
  - Halo matching reduces maximum beam size
  - Trade off between RMS and halo matching to minimize overall beam spill



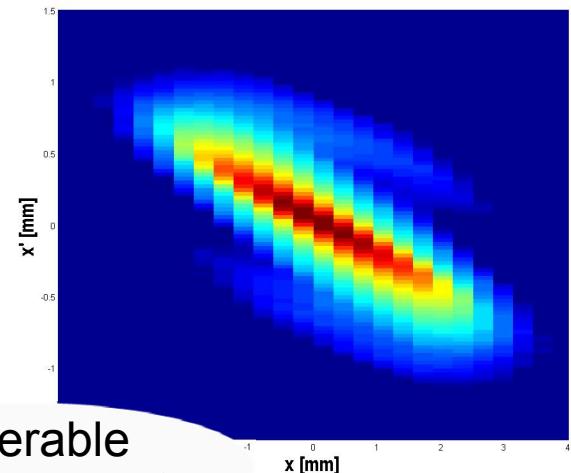
- Halo measurements
  - Needs to be in a form usable for modeling
  - Required for halo matching
  - Useful for collimation optimization

# What we call “measuring halo”

- Detecting lost particles or monitoring is not halo measurement in context of this talk
  - BLMs, ‘Halo rings’, etc.
  - Do provide some quantitate measure: ‘more’, ‘less’
  - Useful tool for empirical loss minimization
- We need data in form usable for beam modeling
  - Particle-In-Cell codes require detailed particle distribution as input
  - Can be produced from measured 6D phase space distribution or
    - under certain assumptions, from 2D projections or even 1D projections

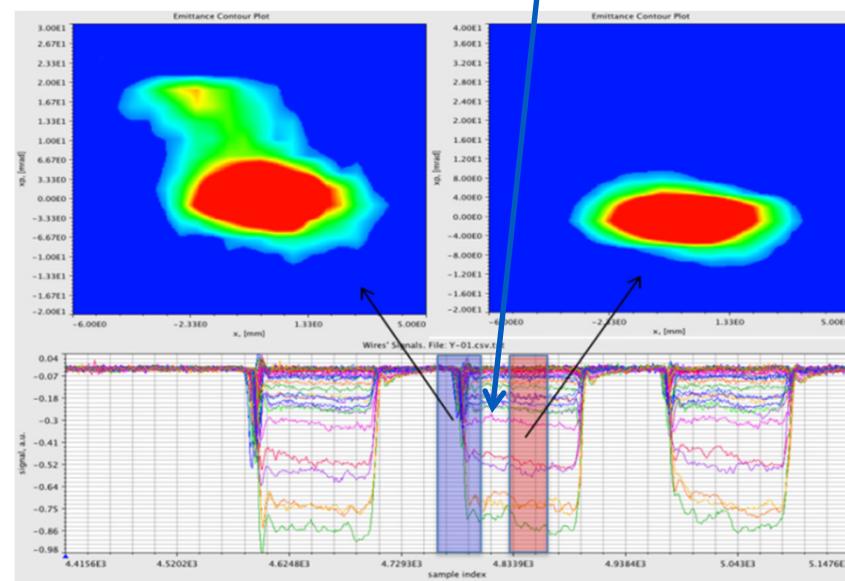
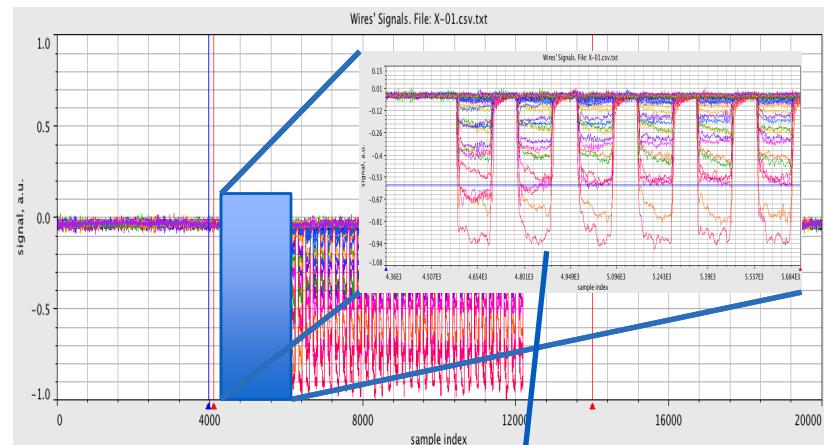
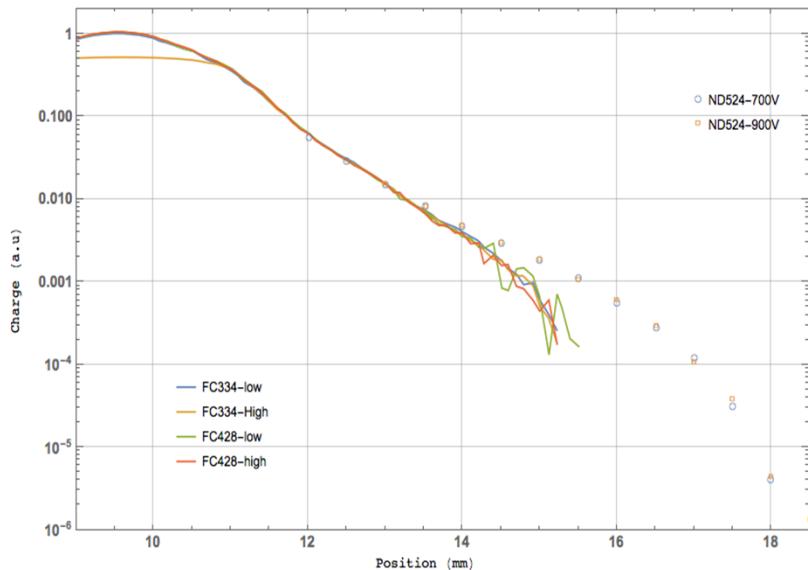
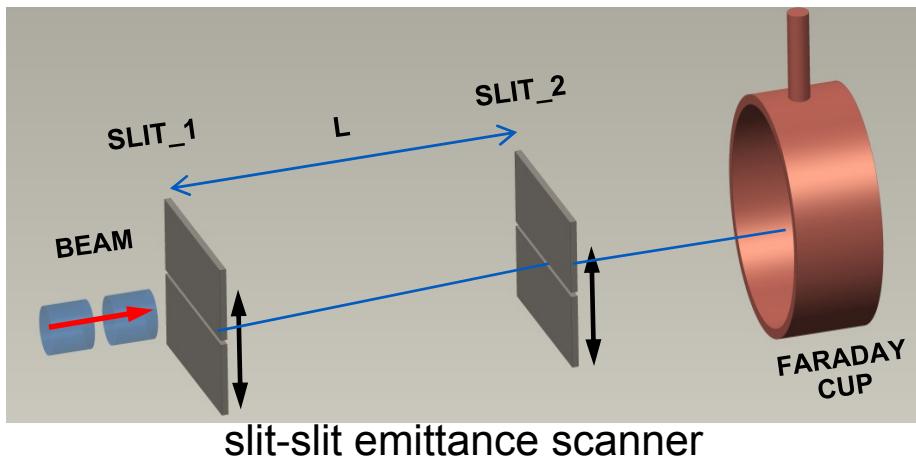


required  
characterization



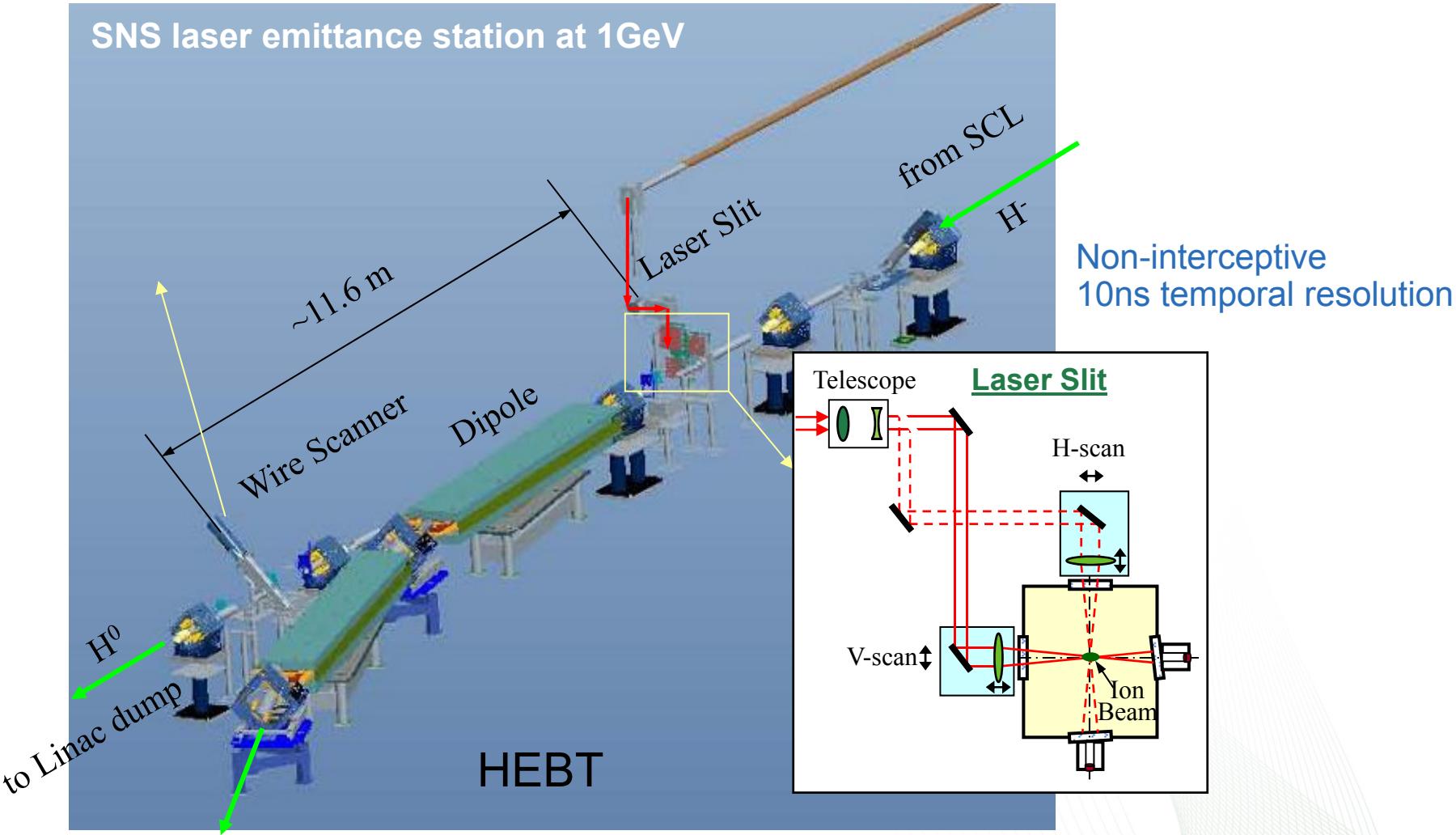
preferable  
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# Measuring 2D phase space at low energy



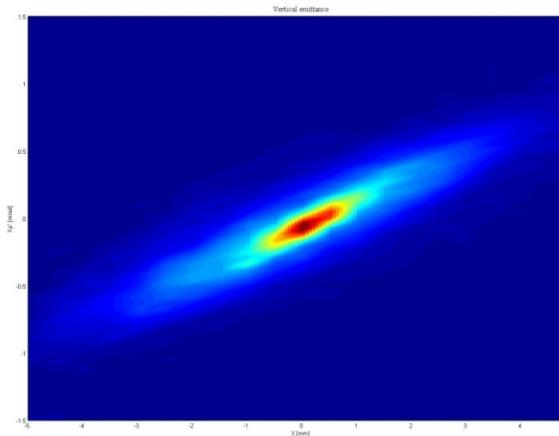
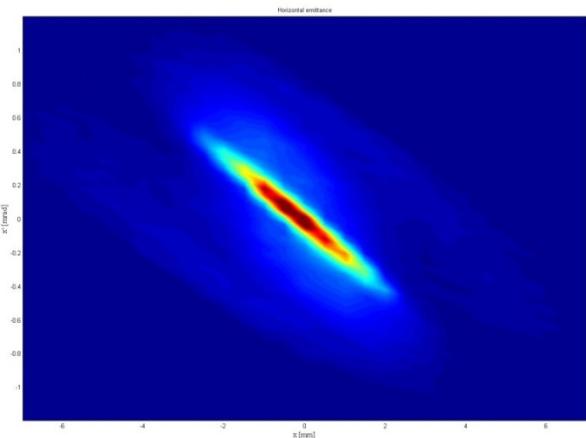
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# Measuring 2-d at high energy: laser wire emittance measurement for H<sup>-</sup> beam

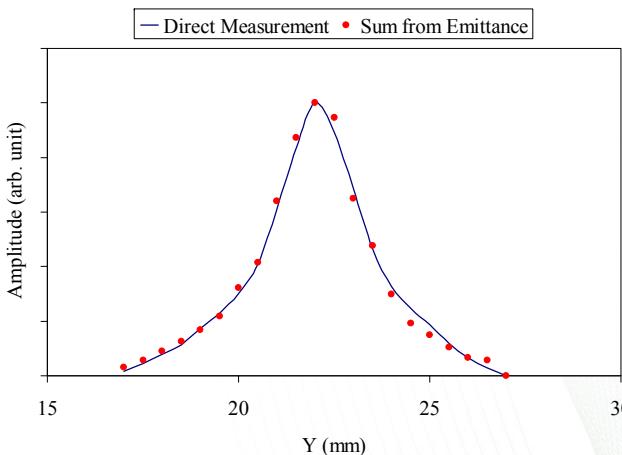
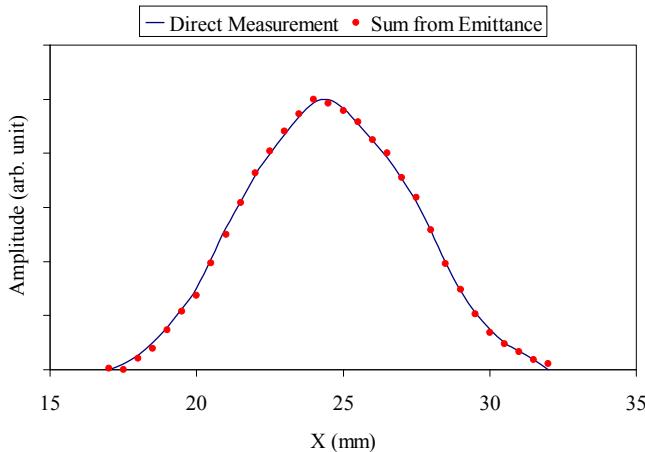


# State-of-the art diagnostics require robust verification methods

$$\varepsilon_{HEBT} \approx \frac{1}{25} \varepsilon_{MEBT}$$



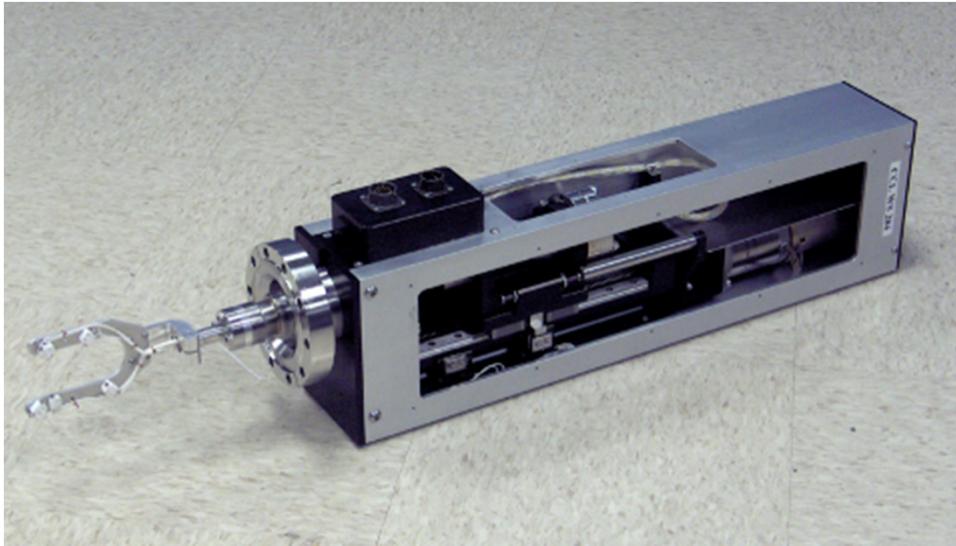
Self-consistency check – comparison between the integration of the emittance (over the angle) with the directly measured profiles



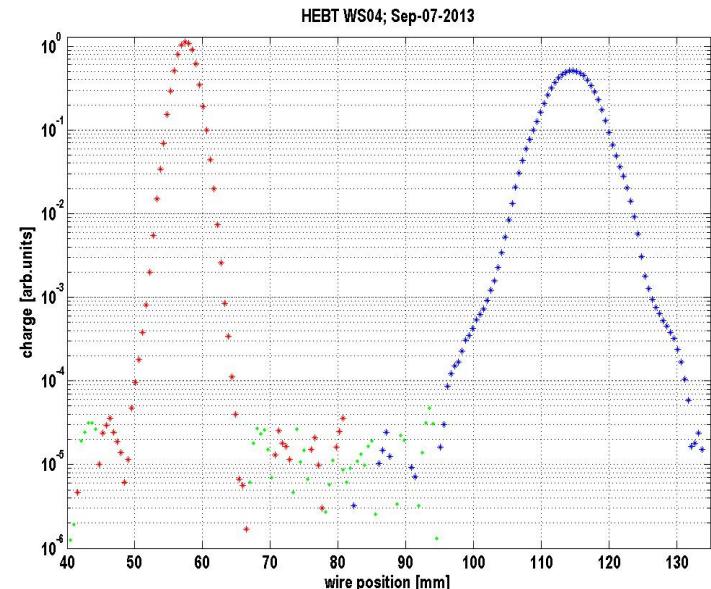
~  $10^3$  dynamic range demonstrated  
expect to improve by ~1 order of magnitude

Courtesy of Y. Liu, SNS

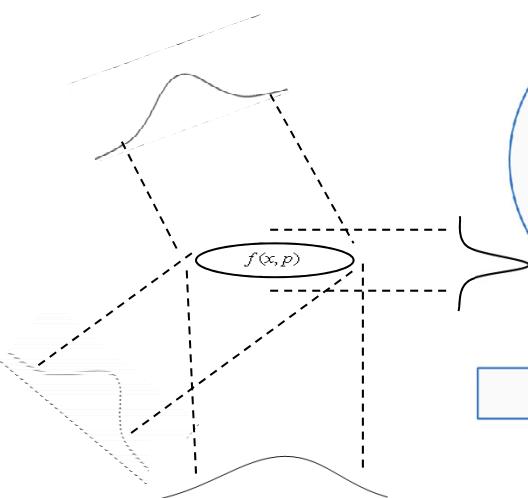
# Halo Measurement Using Large Dynamic Range Wire Scanners (1D projection)



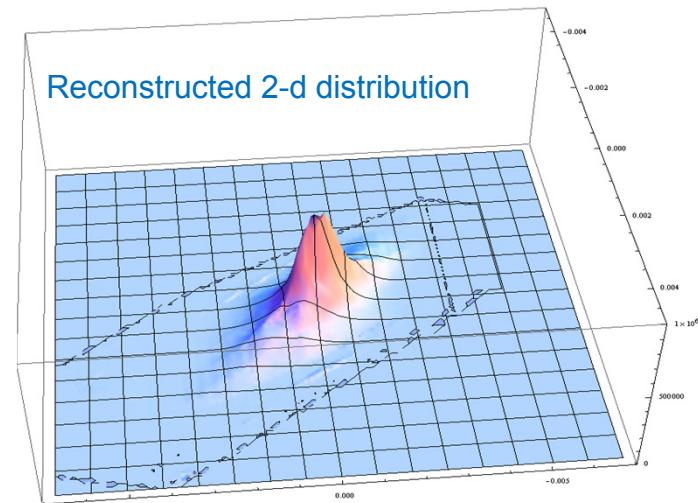
- SNS Wire scanner
  - *charge collected on wire*
- Factors limiting dynamic range
  - *Capacitive coupling to beam core*
  - *Residual gas ionization*
  - *Nearby beam loss*



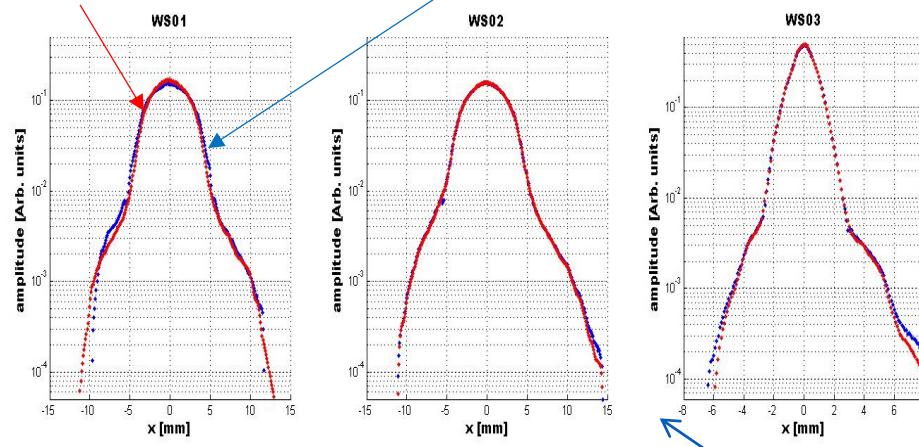
# Reconstruction of 2D distributions from 1D profiles



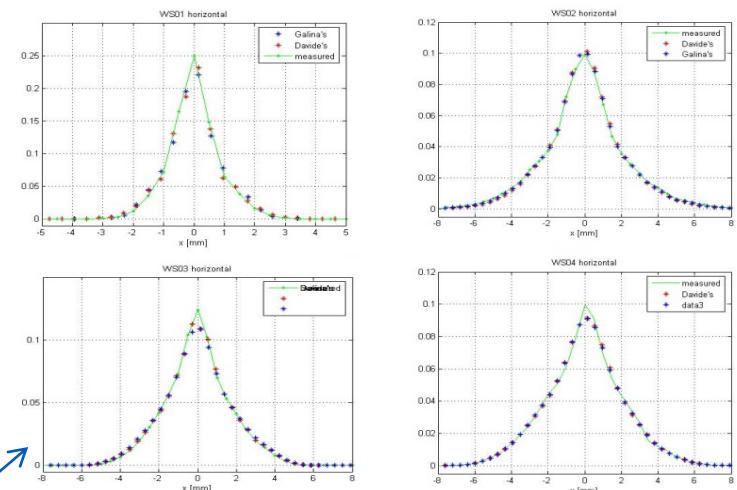
Various  
tomography  
algorithms  
are in use  
and being  
developed



red – measured profile; blue – projection of reconstructed 2D



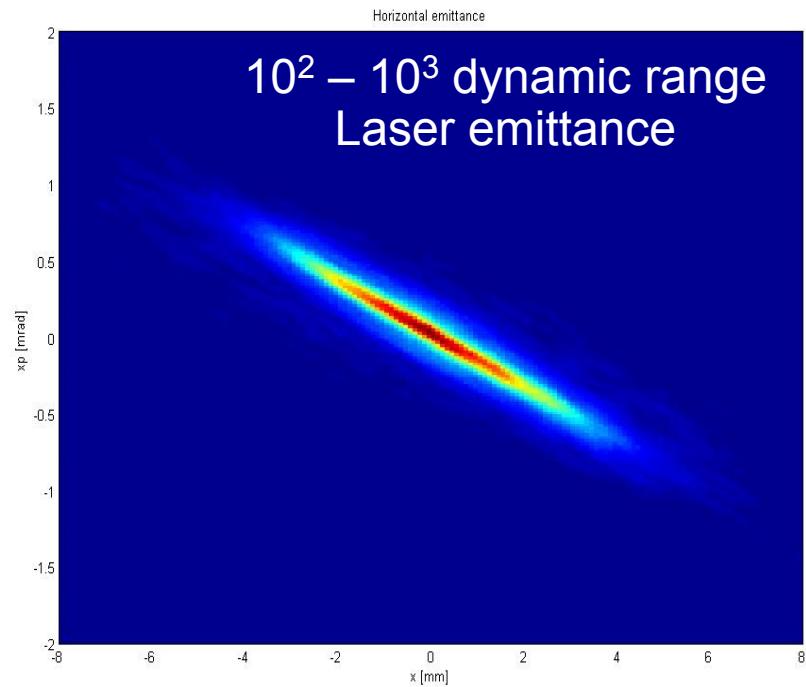
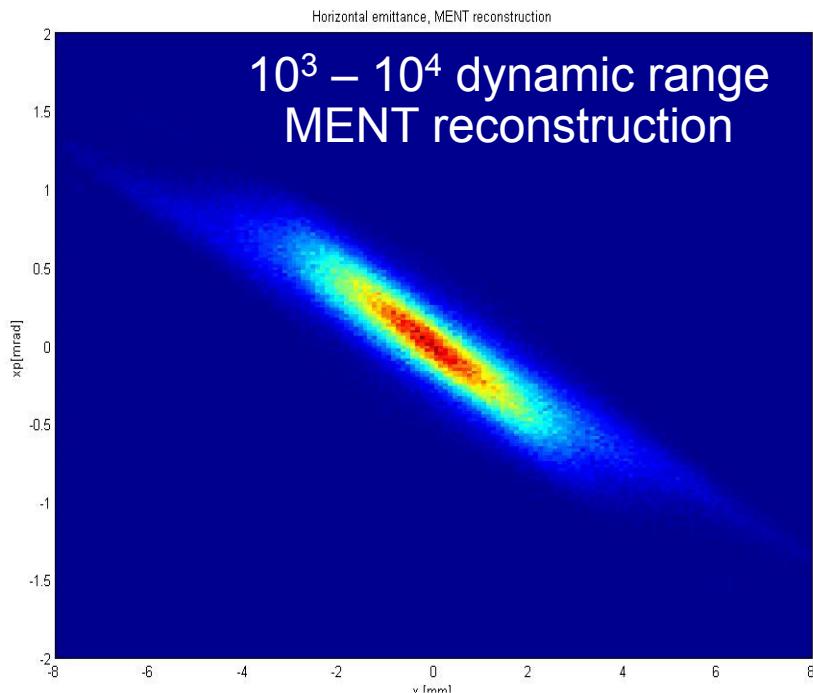
Log scale  
Linear scale



Comparison of measured and reconstructed profiles using modified MENT algorithm

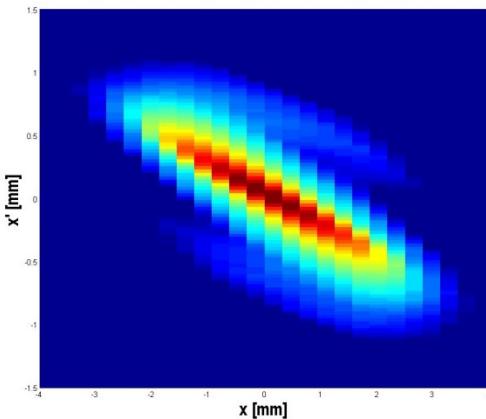
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# MENT reconstruction vs. Laser Emittance measurement

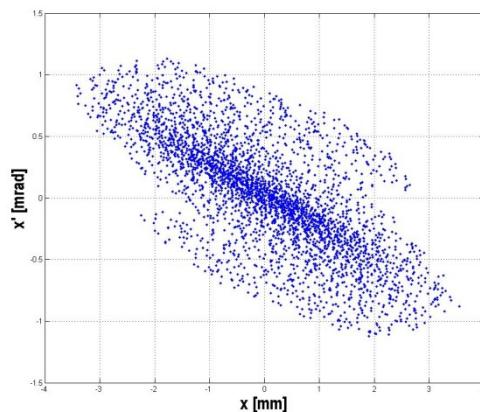


	RMS Emittance [mm*mrad]	$\alpha$	$\beta$ [m]
Laser emittance	.42	2.49	15.9
MENT reconstruction	.41	2.47	13.4

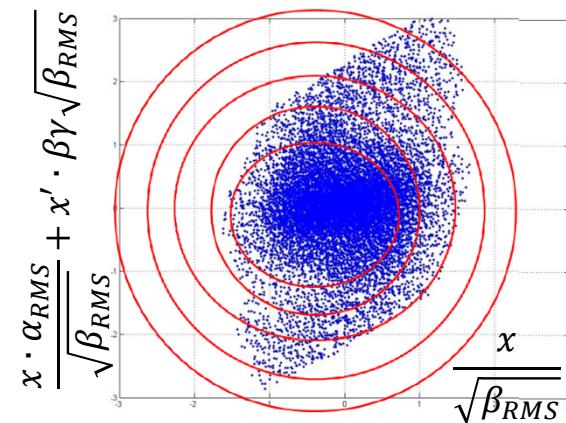
# Phase space density plot for distribution characterization



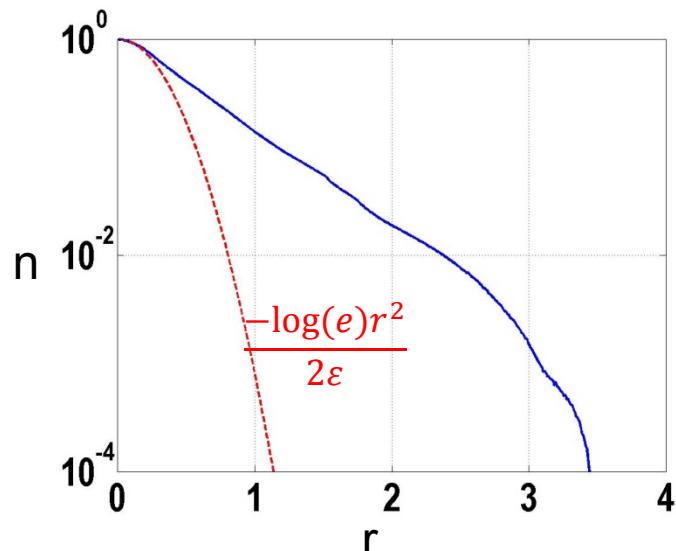
measure



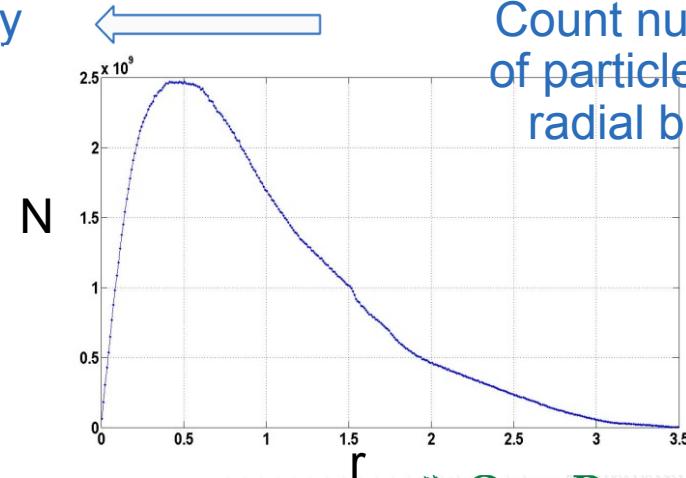
generate  
particles



Transform to  
normalized coordinates

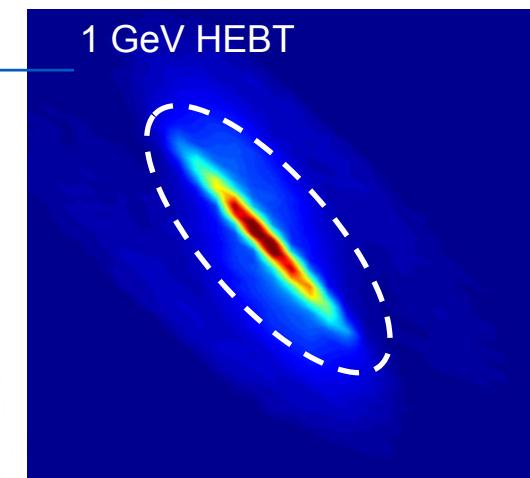
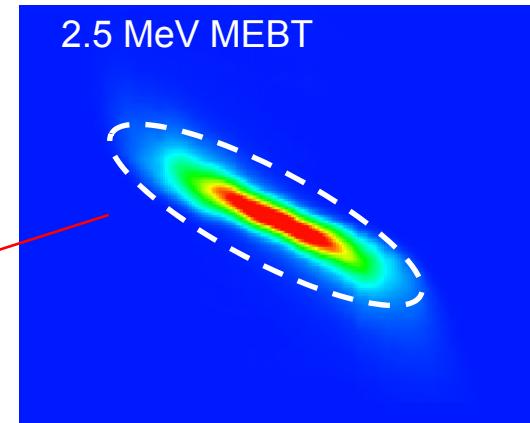
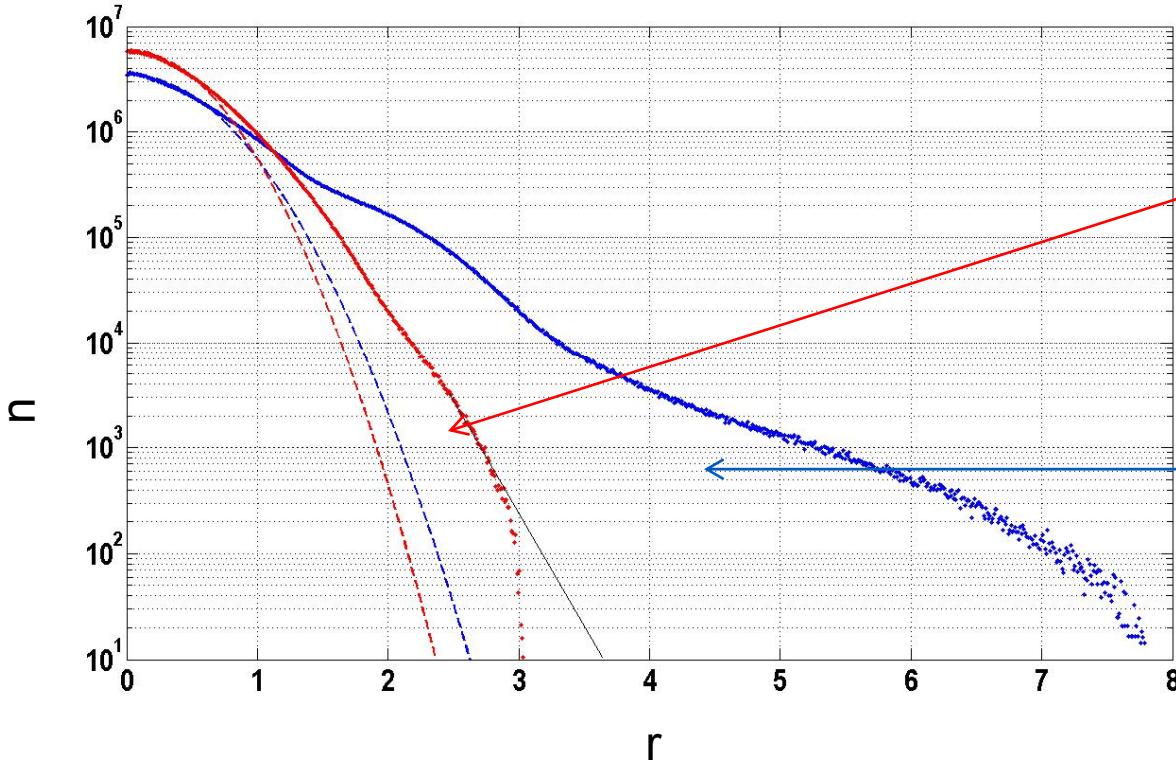


Normalize by  
band area



Count number  
of particles per  
radial band

# Example: comparison of phase space density measured at SNS MEBT and HEBT



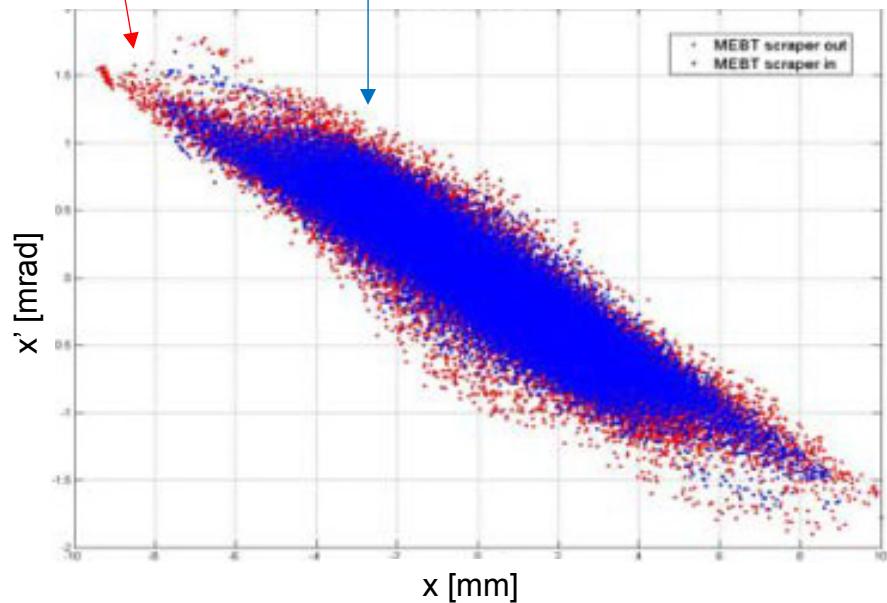
Phase space density plot is independent of

- beam energy
- beam line optics
- measurement technique or simulation

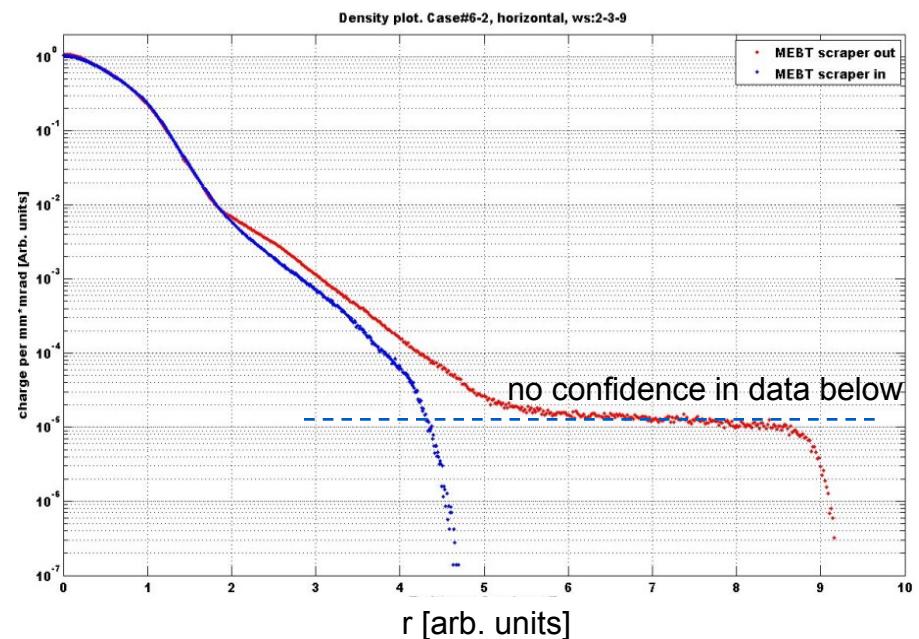
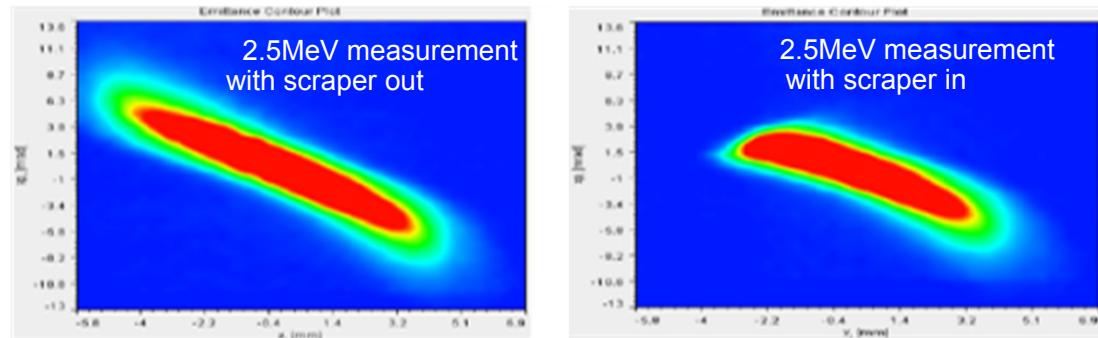
# 2D reconstruction example: SNS 1GeV HEBT

Red - no scrapers inserted

Blue – left scraper inserted in 2.5MeV MEBT

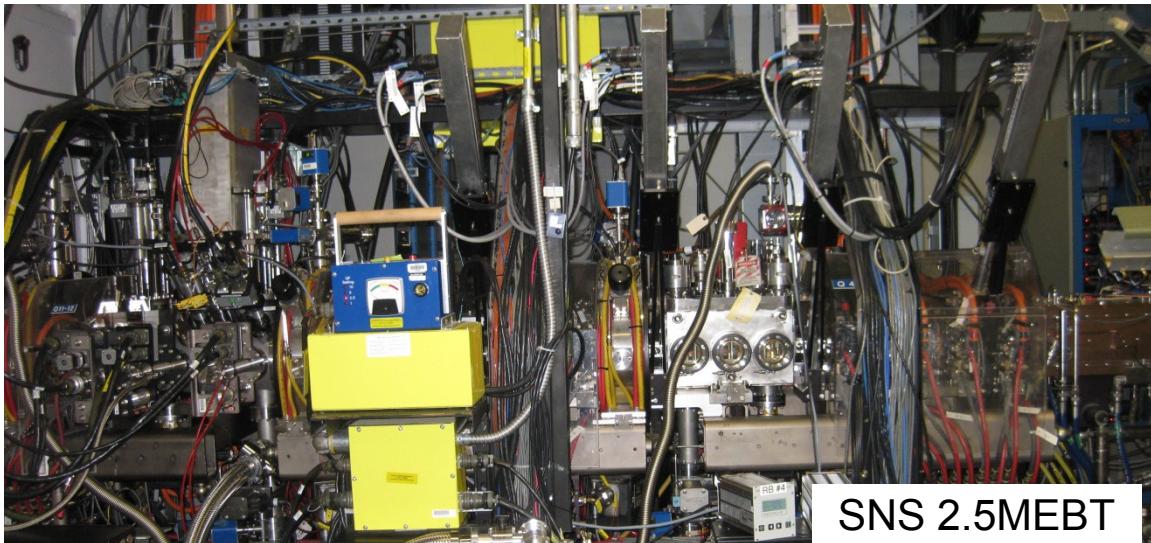
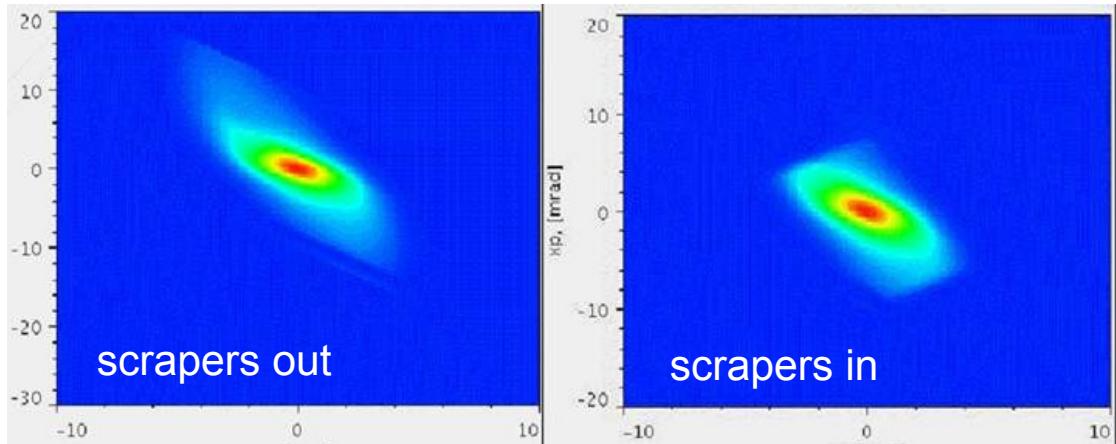
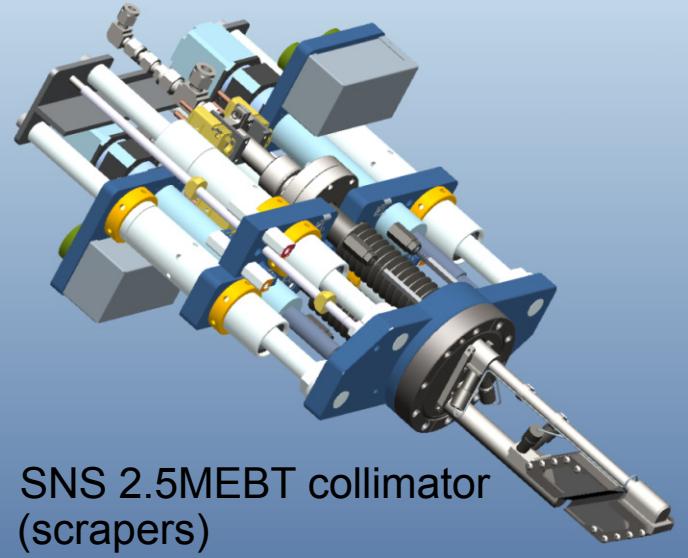


Particles generated from  
reconstructed 2D distribution.  
Modified MENT algorithm with 4 projections



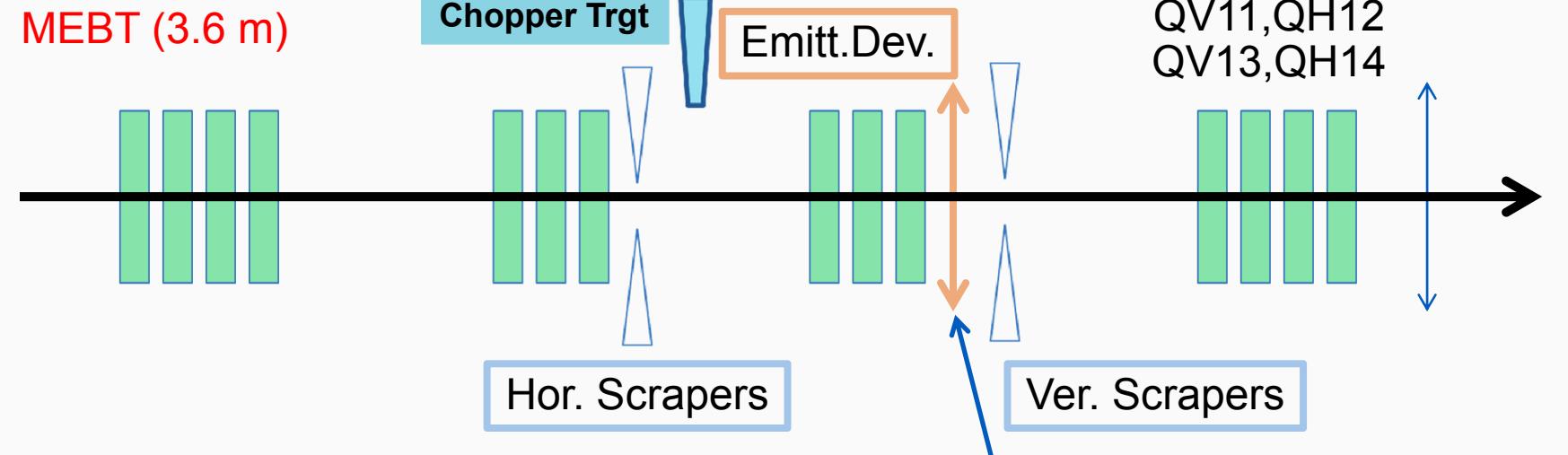
Phase space density plot

# Halo Mitigation: *Collimation at low energy*

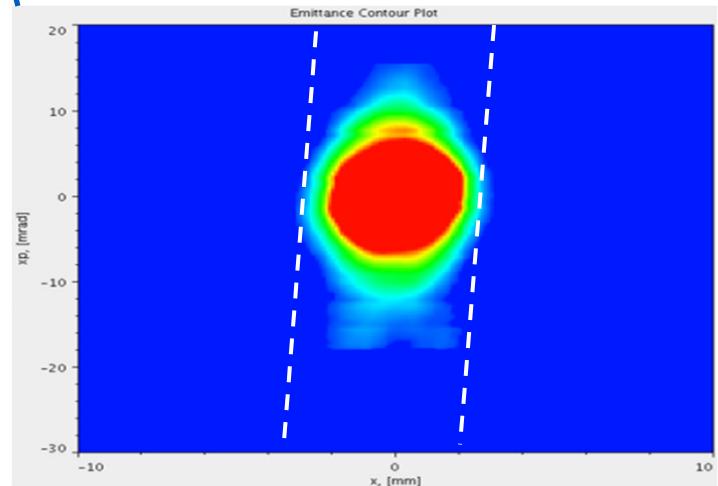


Simple concept and implementation but often hard to find space,  
Halo measurement can help to optimize scraper location

# Example: improving collimation in SNS MEBT

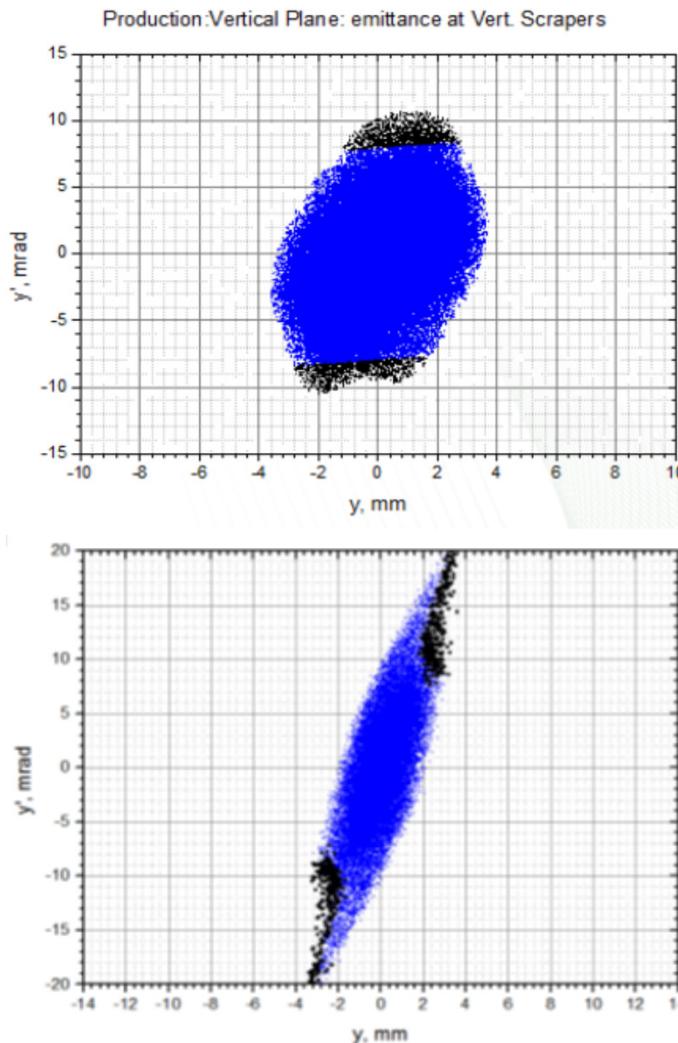


- Vertical scraper is not effective at current location with base line beam optics
- Measurements show halo at 90° to scrapers
- Modify optics to rotate vertical halo and satisfy other constraints
  - Horizontal scraper effectiveness
  - RFQ matching
  - DTL matching
- Virtually impossible to find a solution without measurements and model

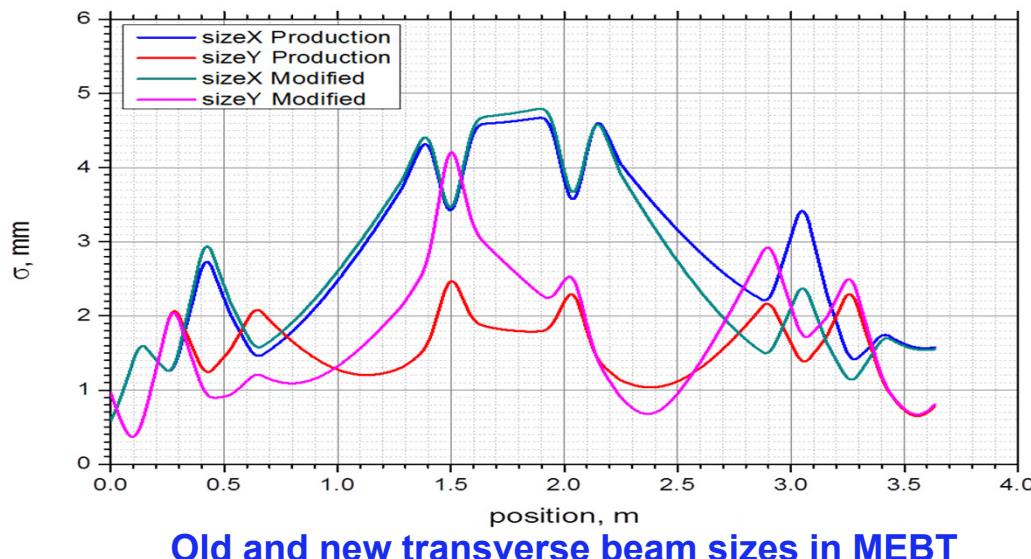


Vertical emittance

# MEBT optics adjustment to improve collimation



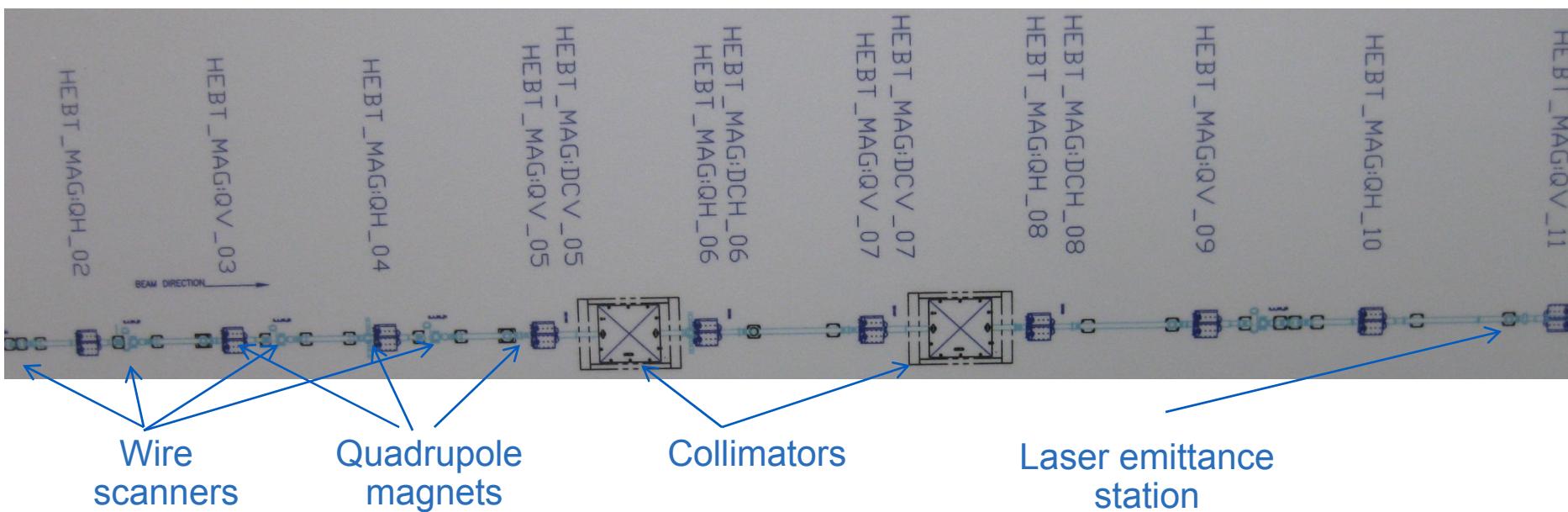
Derived from measurements,  
'bad' particles are in black



Calculated distribution for modified optics

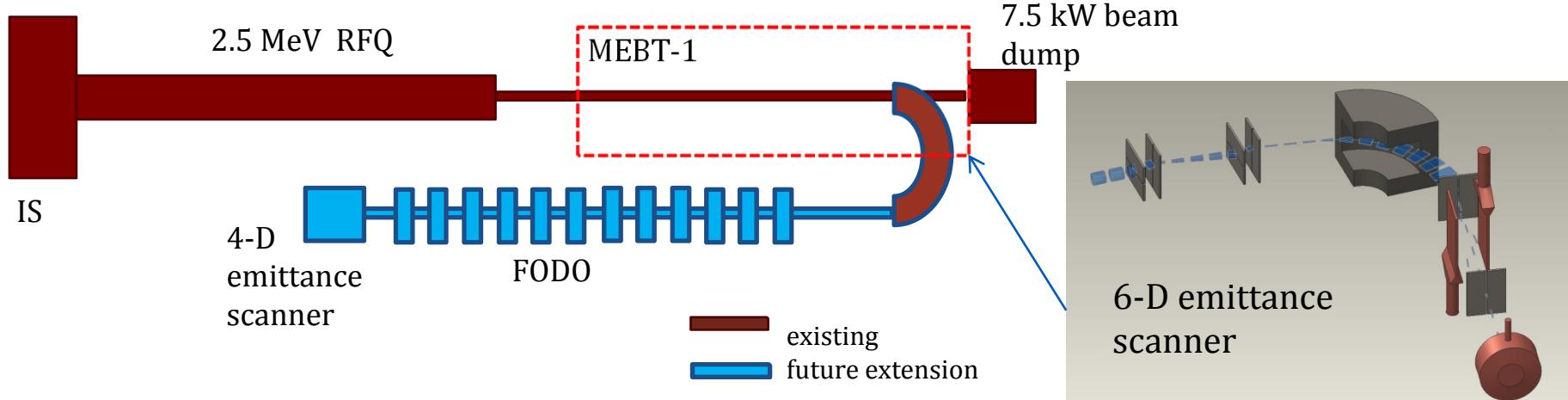
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# SNS 1 GEV HEBT beam line is well equipped large dynamic range tomography development test bench



- Five high dynamic range wire scanners
- FODO line with independent magnet controls
- Laser emittance station for reconstruction validation
- Two 2-stage collimation sections as application test case

# SNS 2.5MeV Beam Test Facility (BTF)

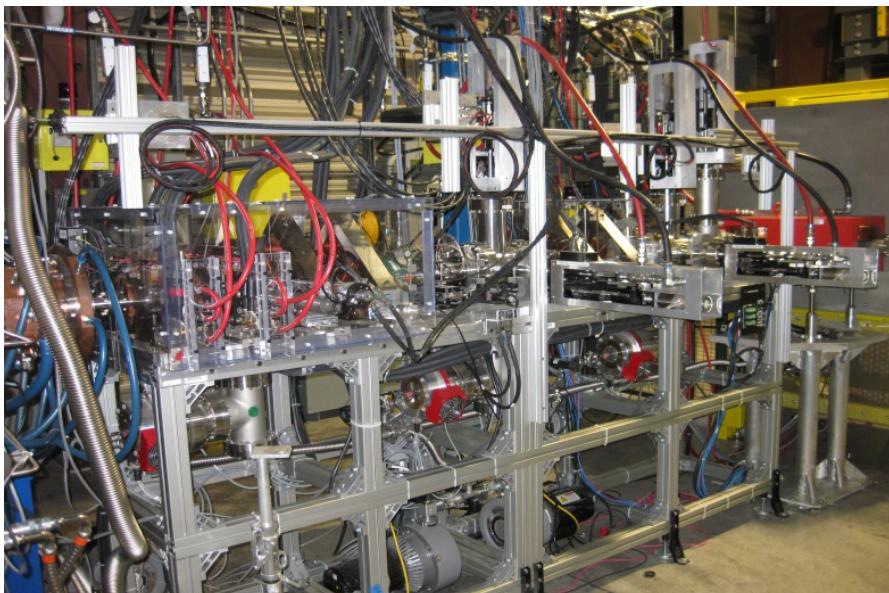


## Experimental answer to:

**1. How to construct 6D from 1D,2D,4D?**

**2. Does mismatch create halo?**

- Instrumentation for direct measurement of 6D distribution function
  - summer 2016 commissioning
- Halo development experiment
  - LEDA-style FODO line
  - in planning for 2017 – 2018



# Summary

- Model-based loss reduction is an attractive capability for SNS operation and future LINACs
- Requires accurate RMS and halo diagnostics integrated with model
- SNS linac is a good test bench for new methods development
  - Large dynamic range emittance and profile measurements
  - 2D phase space reconstruction from 1D profiles
  - 6D PIC input distribution generation from measured data
  - more
- Collimation is a proven method for loss reduction
  - Measurements and modeling provide tool for tuning for efficient operation
- Reducing beam loss due to intra-beam stripping in SNS SCL is realistic first goal to demonstrate the approach
- A lot of work in progress and future plans

# **Thank you for your attention!**