



Phase-space characterization of SPIDER beam using an Allison type emittance scanner

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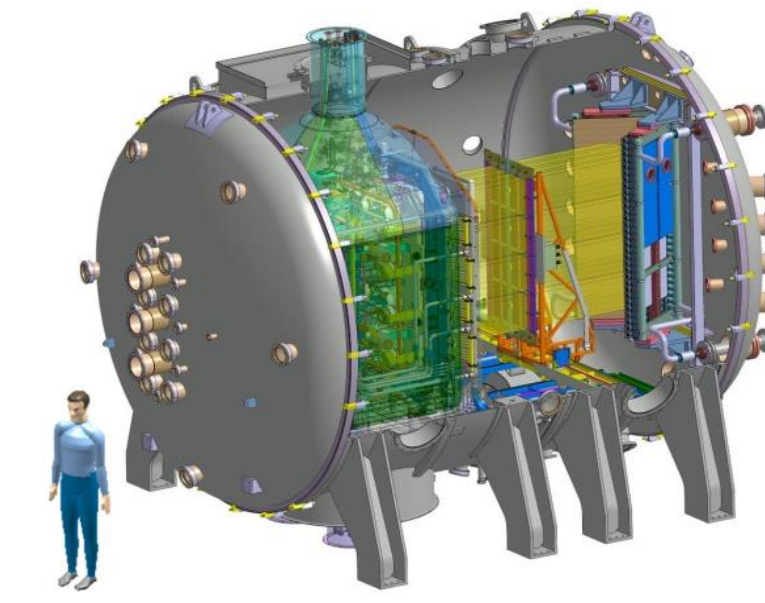
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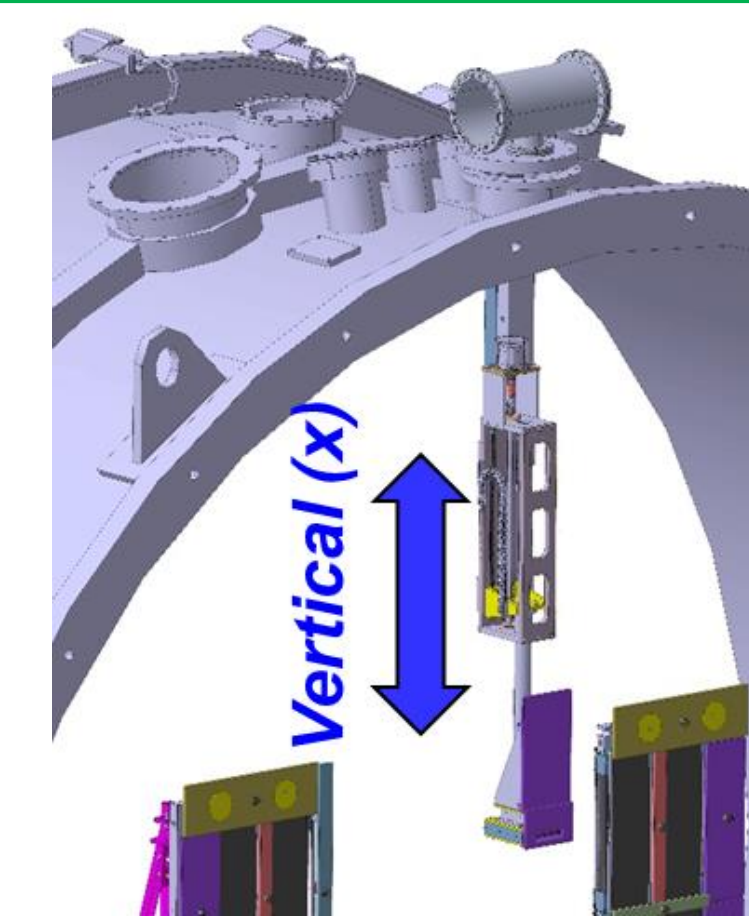
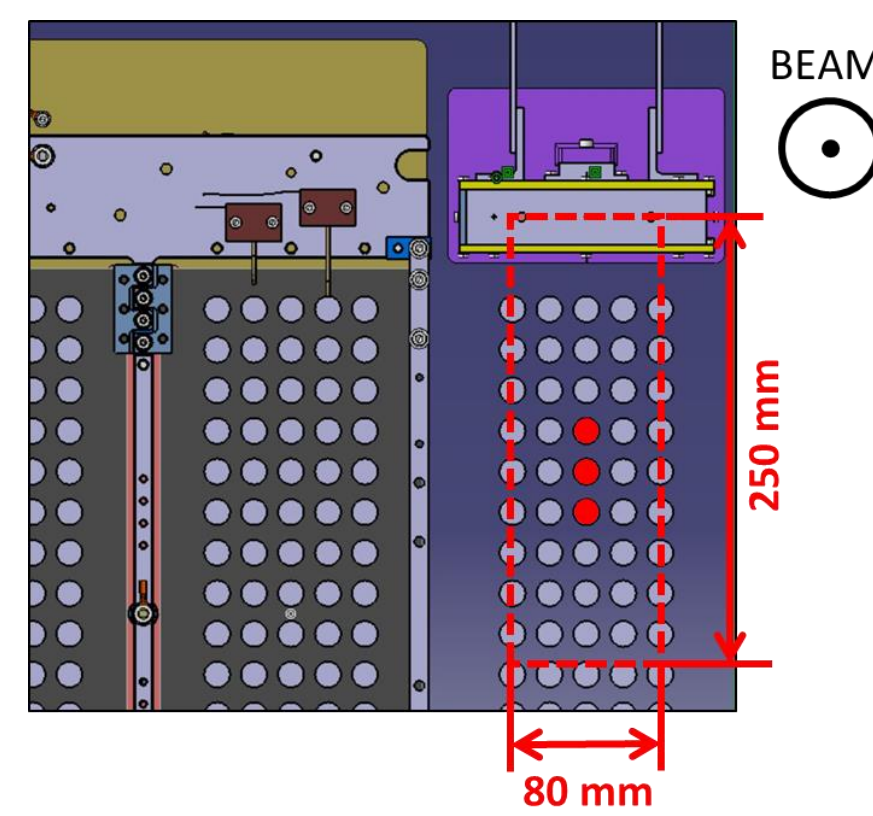
INTRODUCTION

- SPIDER [1] is the prototype RF ion source for ITER Heating and Diagnostic Neutral Beams
- Up to 350 A/m² of H⁻ with an energy up to 100 keV, multibeamlet, electrostatic accelerator
 - Currently operating in "isolated beamlet" configuration (28 apertures)
 - H/DNBs have strict requirements on beam optics (divergence < 7 mrad e-fold)
- There are several diagnostics [2] to assess beam divergence (BES, CFC tiles, optical cameras)
- No simultaneous measure of beamlet position and velocity distributions
 - An Allison emittance scanner [3] was developed and installed in the source
 - It directly measures the vertical phase-space distribution of the beamlets in the top segment



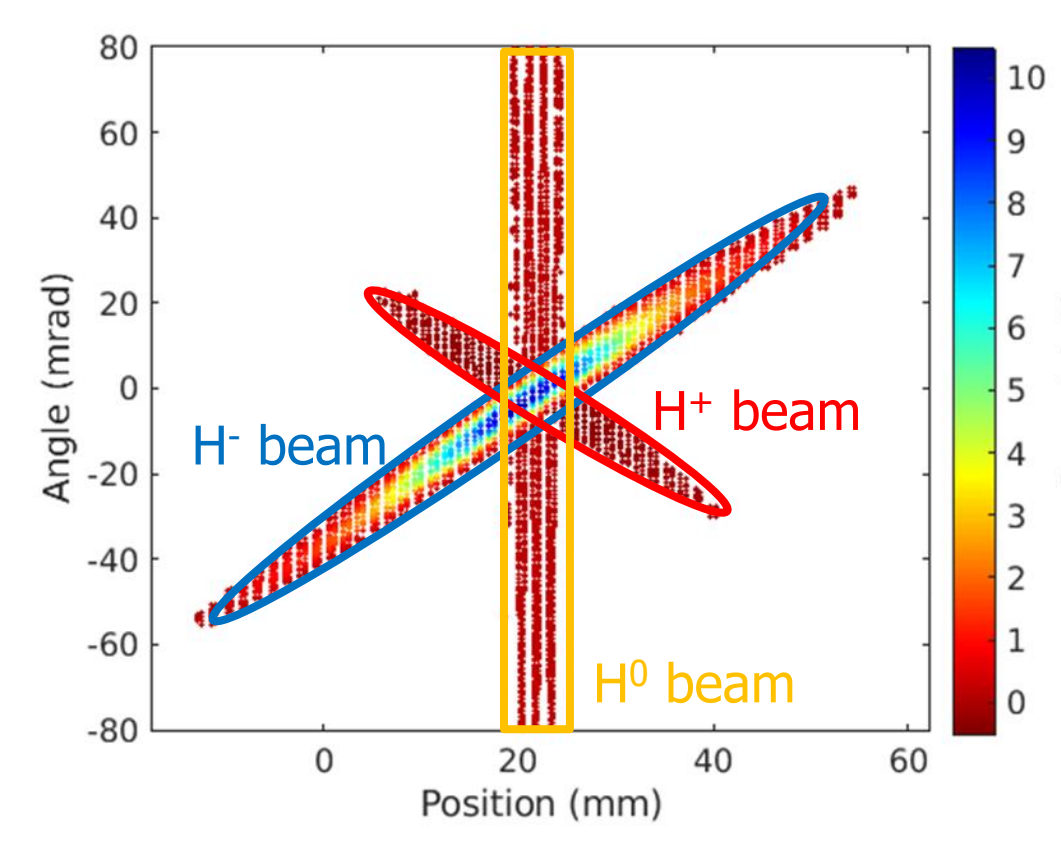
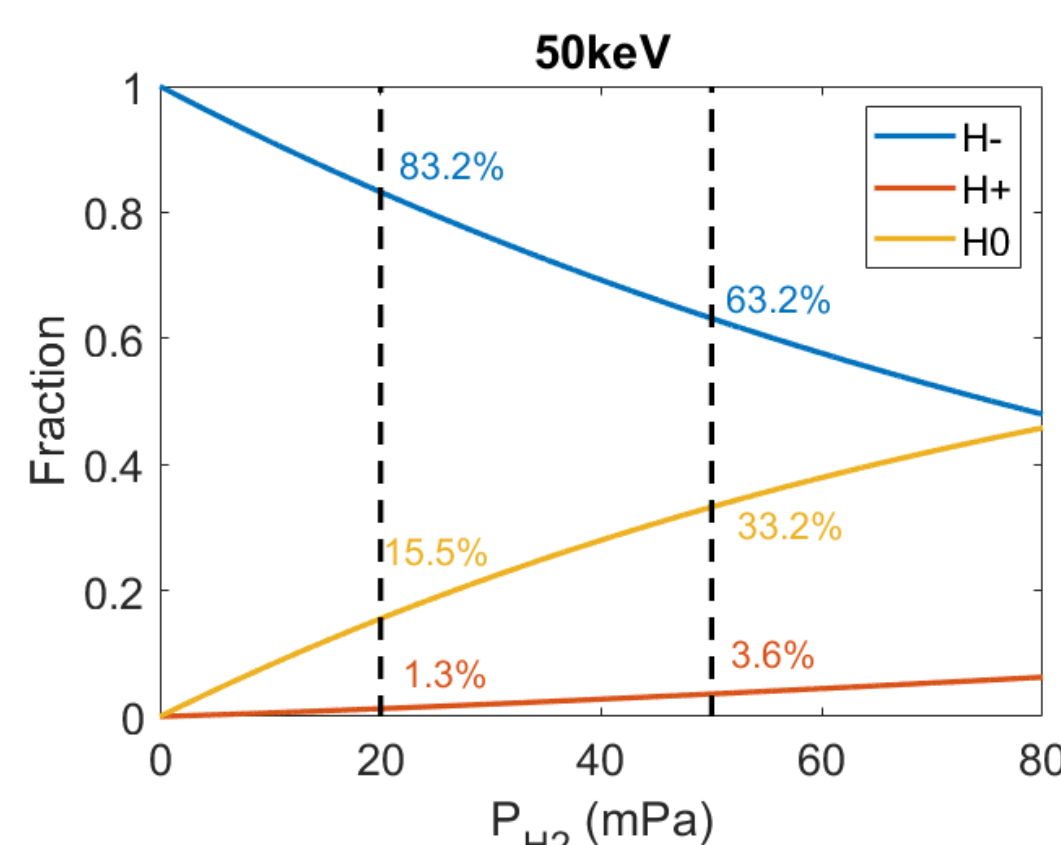
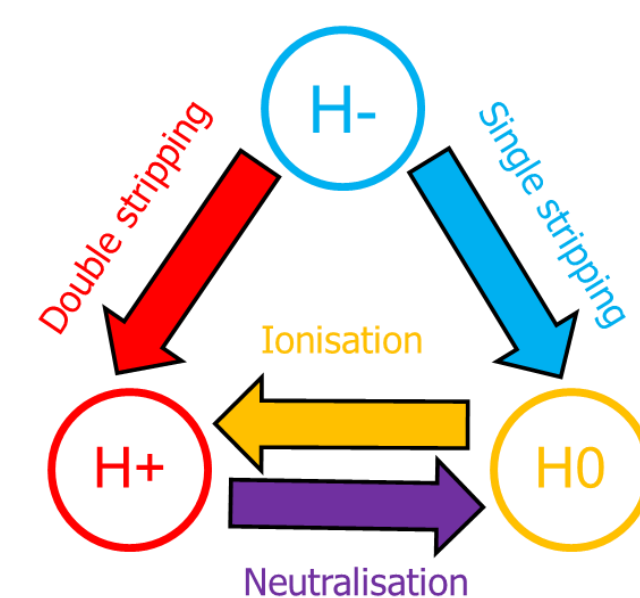
SPIDER ALLISON SCANNER

- Placed at 600 mm from the grounded grid [4]
- Centered on a top beamlet group
- Total vertical run of 330 mm (250 mm exposed to the beam)
- Linear speed of 15 mm/s, with resolution of 15 μm/step, requiring 4s to scan 1 beamlet row
- Geometrical acceptance: ±123 mrad
- Angular resolution: 0.6 mrad
- 12 bit ADC current meter, with noise as low as 50 nA
- Currently it can measure three neighboring beamlets



DETECTION OF STRIPPED PARTICLES

- Pressure in the vessel is between 20 – 50 mPa
- Significant amount of stripped negative ions (H⁰→H⁰, H⁺) for a beam energy between 20 – 50 keV [5]

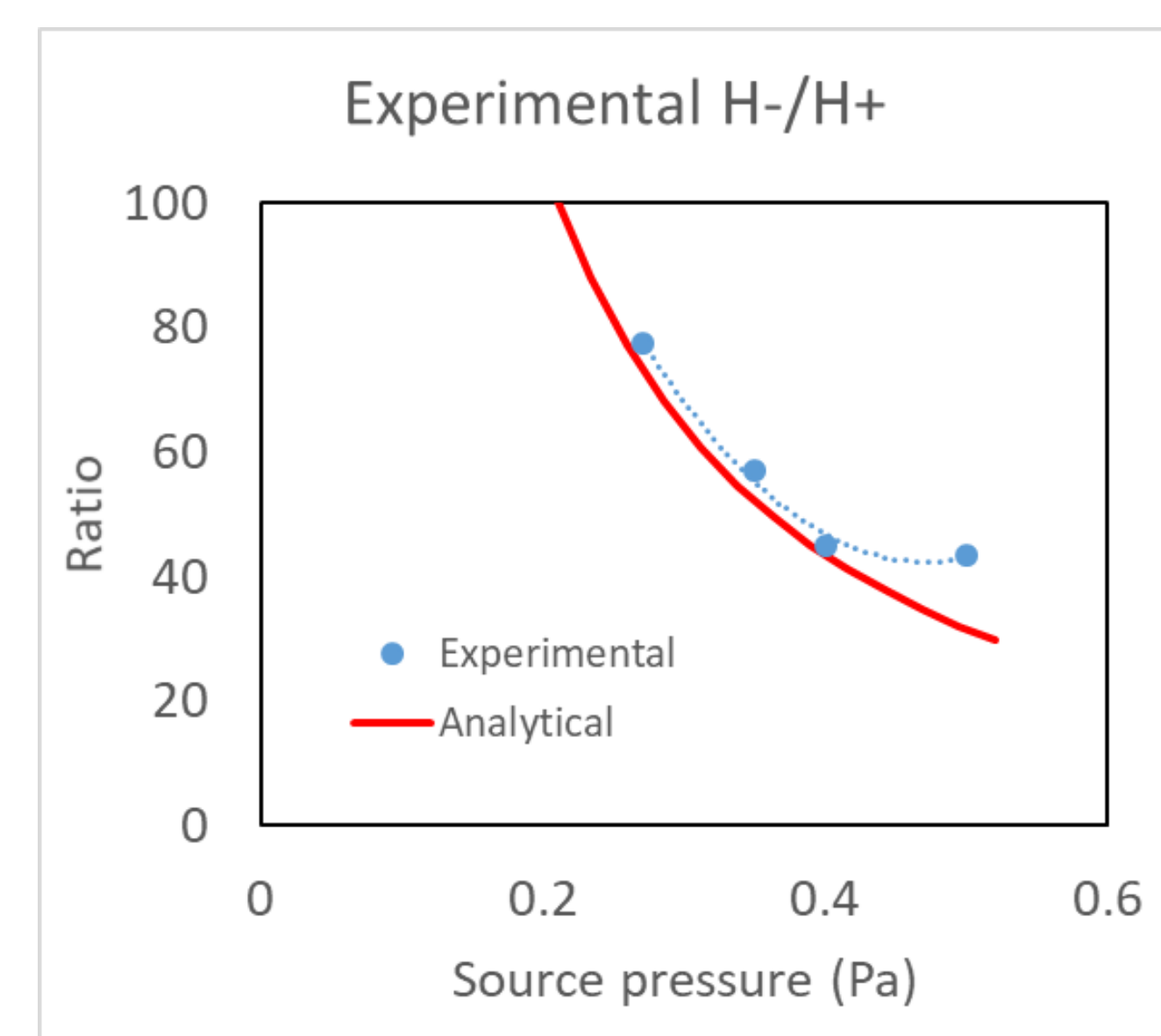


- Oppositely charged particles are detected at opposite angles by the emittance scanner, as expected [6]
- The neutral particles are detected by backscattering of neutrals on the Faraday cup collector → no angular dependence and low intensity (<1% of the main beam)
- The H⁻/H⁺ ratio is in good agreement with the expected values

To find the fractions, the system is

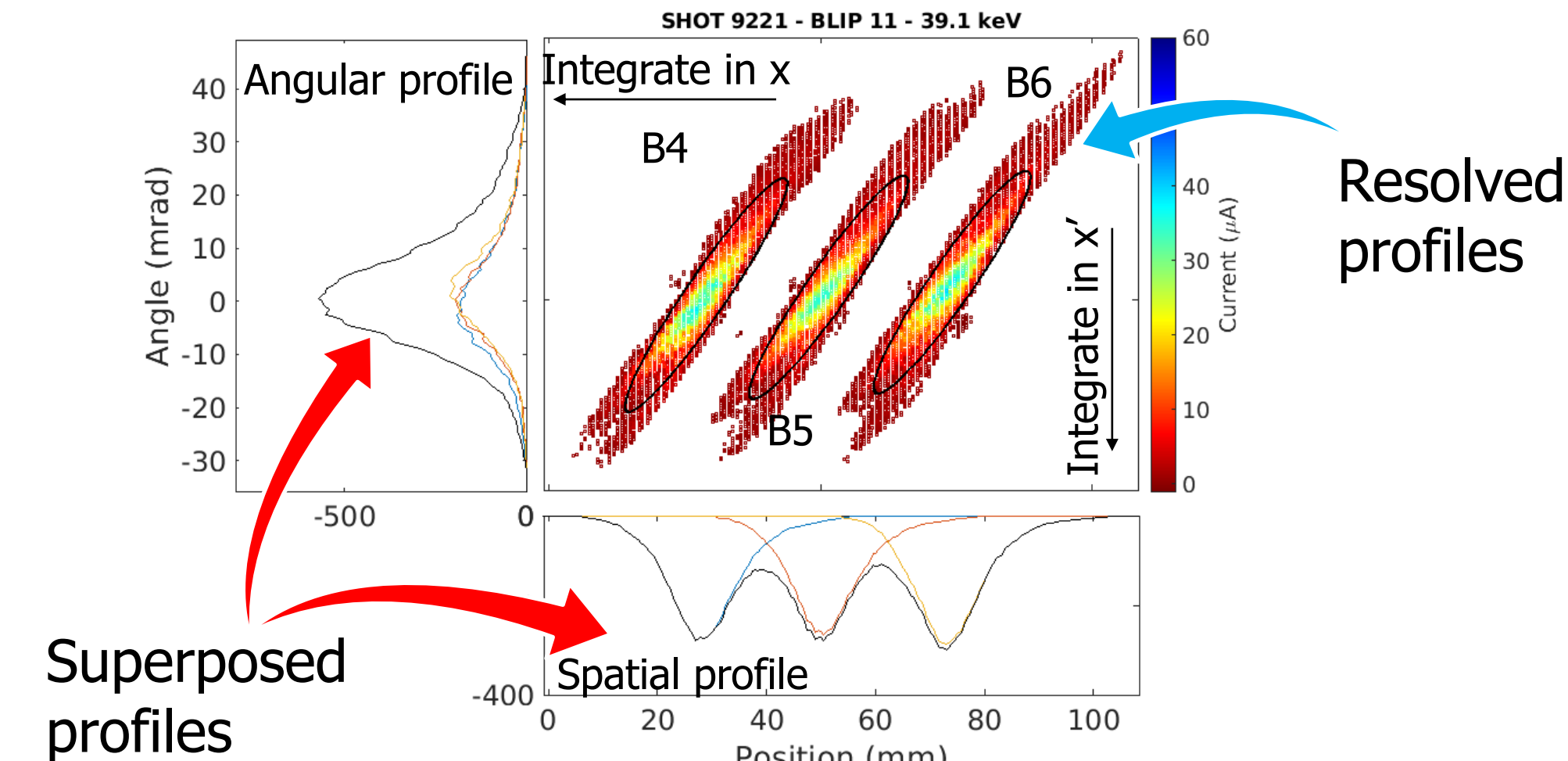
$$\begin{cases} dI_-(t) = -n_g I_-(\sigma_{ss}(E) + \sigma_{ds}(E))vdt \\ dI_+(t) = -n_g I_+(\sigma_{cx}(E))vdt + n_g(I_-\sigma_{ds}(E) + I_0\sigma_{iz})vdt \\ dI_0(t) = -n_g I_0\sigma_{iz}(E)vdt + n_g(I_-\sigma_{ss}(E) + I_+\sigma_{cx})vdt \end{cases}$$

with σ_{ss} , σ_{ds} , σ_{iz} , σ_{cx} the cross sections for single stripping, double stripping, ionization and neutralization, energy dependent.



SPIDER BEAMLET OPTICS

$$V_{ext} = 3.7kV, V_{acc} = 35kV, P_{RF} = 4 \times 45kW, p = 0.4Pa, \\ B_{filter} = 1.6mT, V_{PG} = 33.7V, V_{BP} = 26.6V$$

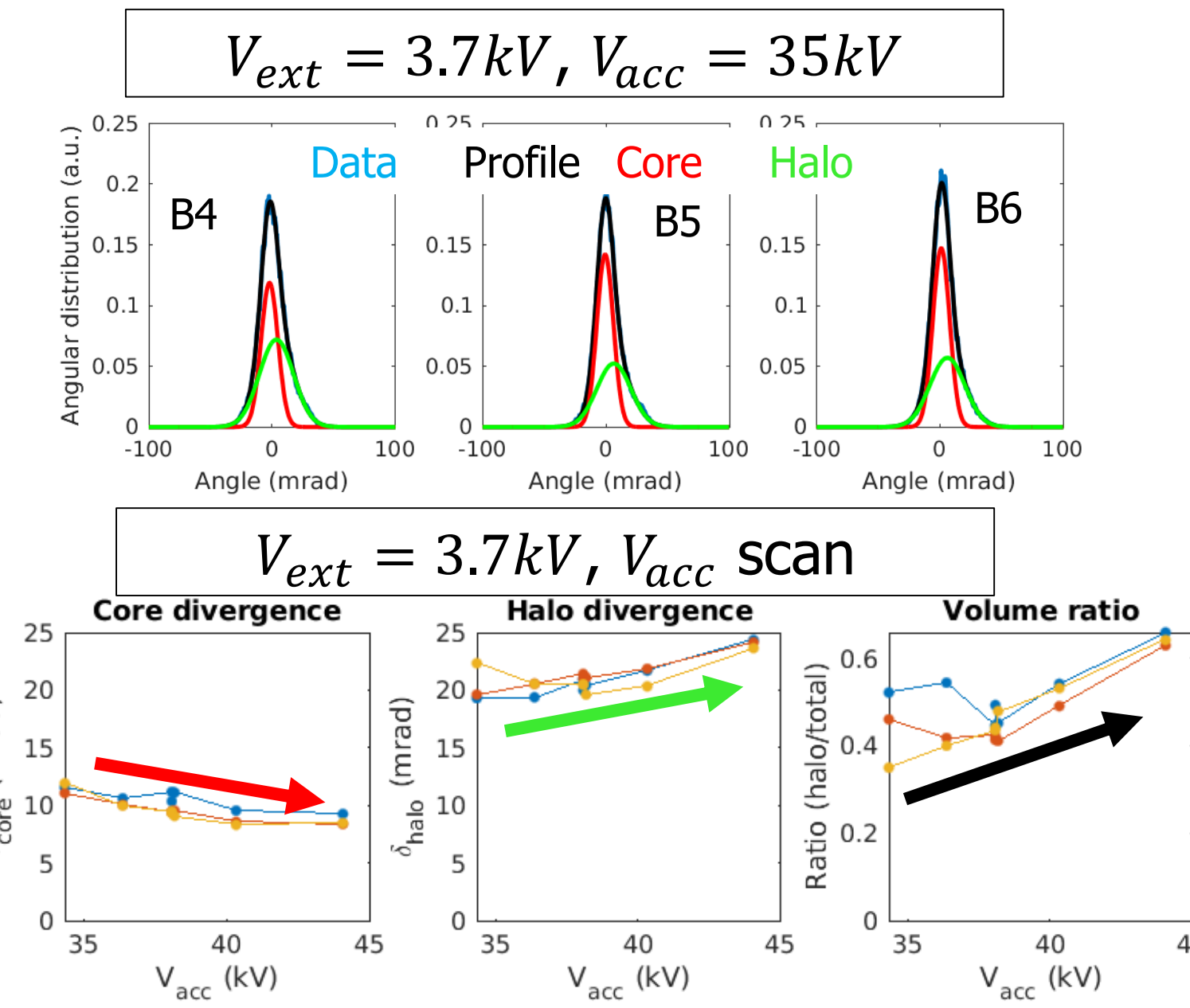


ANALYSIS METHOD

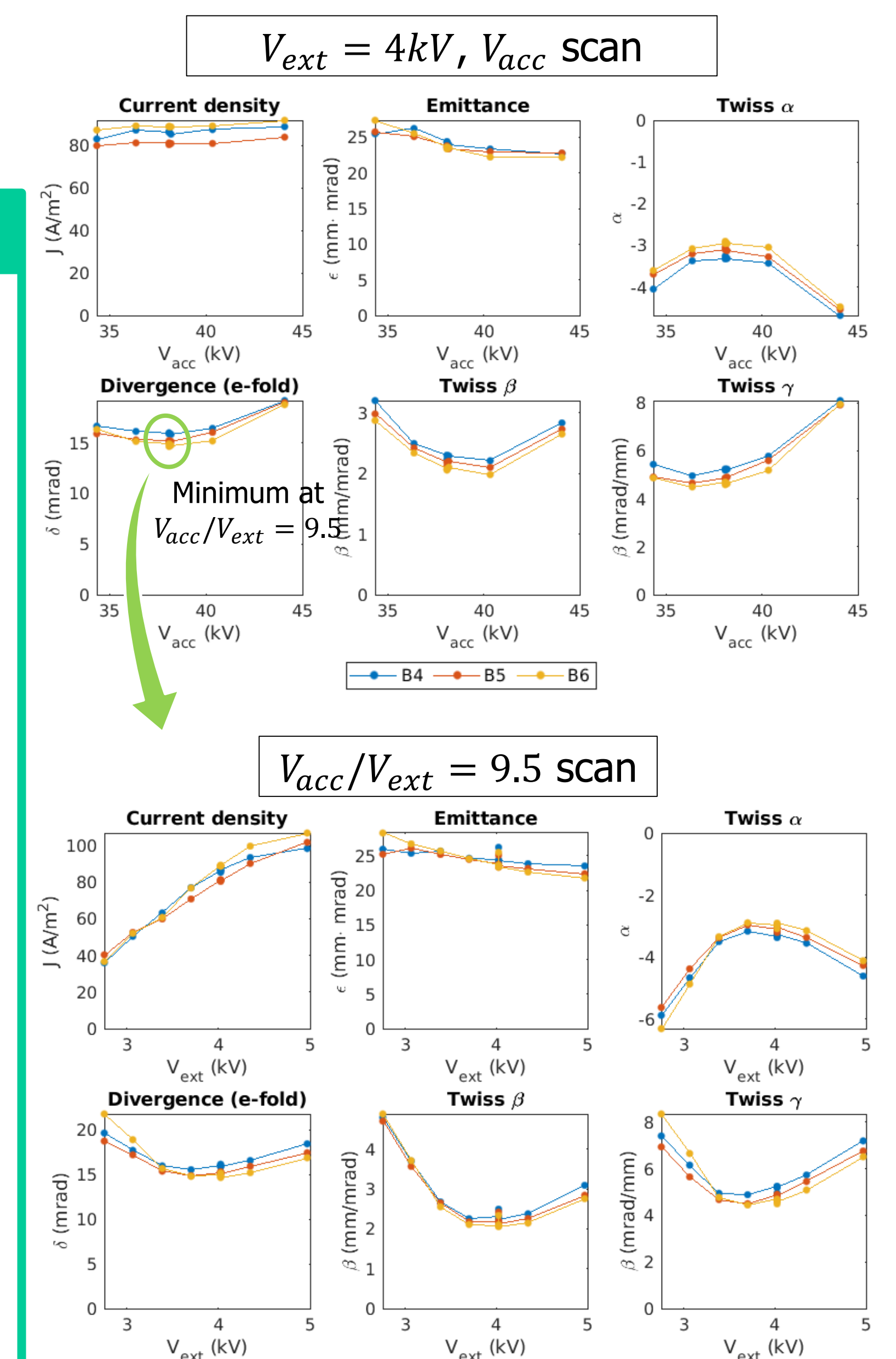
- The three beamlets are identified with an automatic procedure (neglecting H⁺ and H⁰)
- The Twiss parameters are calculated from the covariance matrix
- The beamlet current is estimated by integrating in the 2D phase-space
- Position and angular projections are obtained by integrating in the other coordinate

NON-LINEARITIES IN THE DISTRIBUTIONS

- Angular profile: presence of asymmetric tails
- First attempt: superposition of two bidimensional gaussians (*core*, with lower divergence, and *halo*, with larger divergence).
 - Start from fitting the spatial and angular profiles separately and then combine them to obtain the emittance of the two gaussians
 - The volume is defined as the product of the emittance and amplitude of the gaussians.



Core divergence reaches values as low as 8mrad, but correspondingly the halo contribution to the total current increases. However, with this approach it was not possible to correctly reproduce the tails of the measured phase-space distribution (which appear *swallow-tail* like), and further investigations are ongoing.



CONCLUSIONS

- The SPIDER Allison scanner proved capable to directly measure the phase-space structure of SPIDER neighboring beamlets.
- It measures a stationary point of Twiss parameters and divergence at a ratio $V_{acc}/V_{ext} = 9.5$, in agreement with the design values.
- The presence of non-linearities was highlighted, and a first attempt to interpret them as *core* and *halo* was made, showing a decrease of core divergence with acceleration voltage, and an increase of the halo component, which becomes dominant.
- Further investigations will assess the origin of the non-linearities, also with the use of ray-tracing simulations.

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