

# ARES Linac @ SINBAD

A Precision Tool for Accelerator Science, Technology and Application Developments

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# ARES – in a nutshell

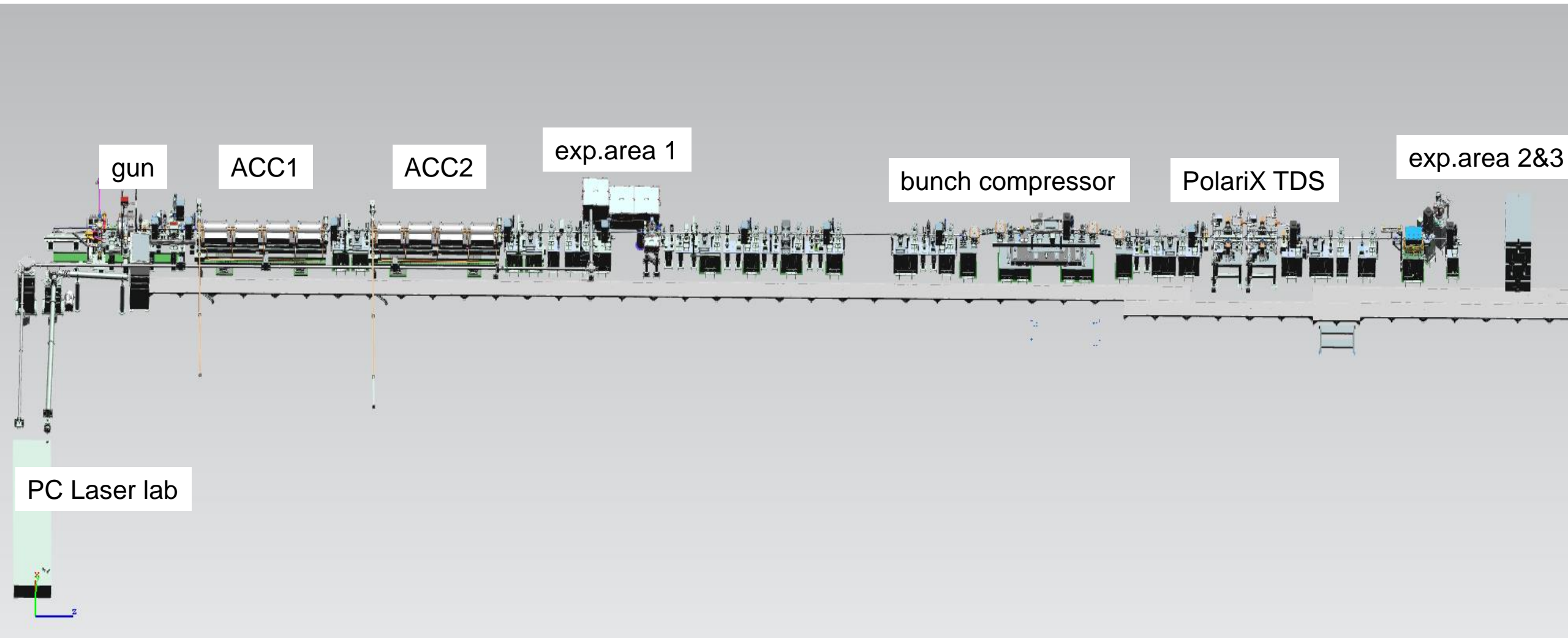
In operation since 2020

- Normal conducting 160 MeV electron linac for the production of **ultra-short electron bunches and diagnostics development**
- **Novel acceleration techniques / beam manipulation testbed (dielectric laser acceleration)**
- **Accelerator components R&D and medical applications (VHEE and diagnostics)**



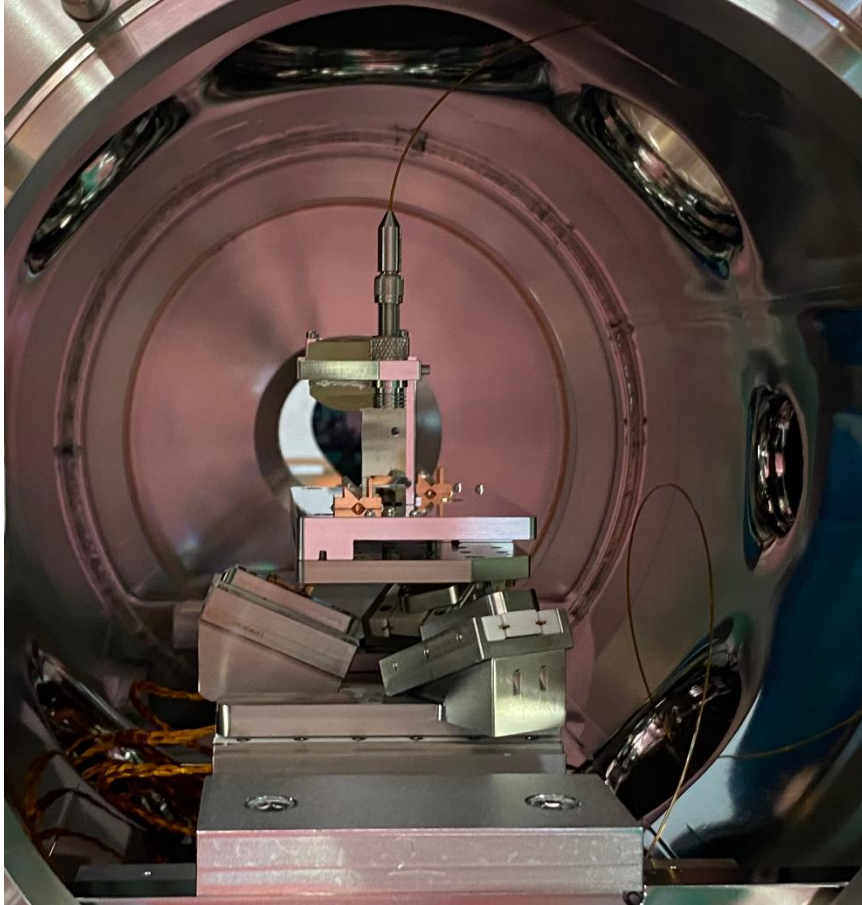
# ARES in a nutshell

48 m of conventional accelerator technology

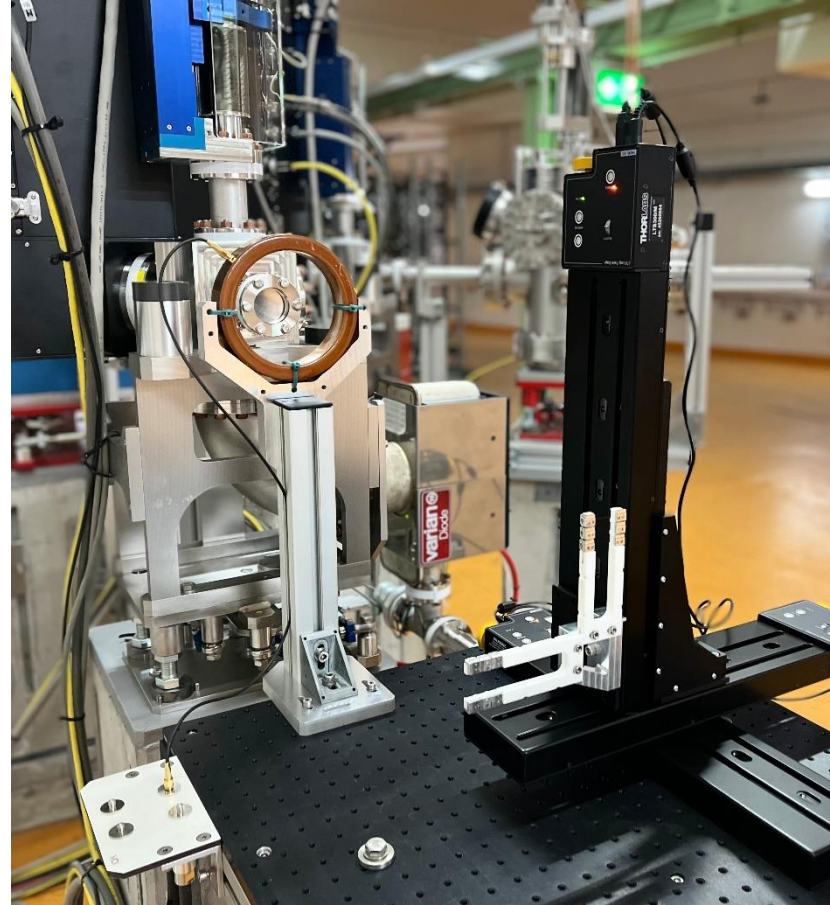


# Three experimental areas available for users

Full flexibility



In UHV, highest precision, best beam control.



In air, highest flexibility.



In low pressure vacuum,  
FH & M detector test stand.

# Already close to nominal parameters

waiting for XBand PolariX TDS.

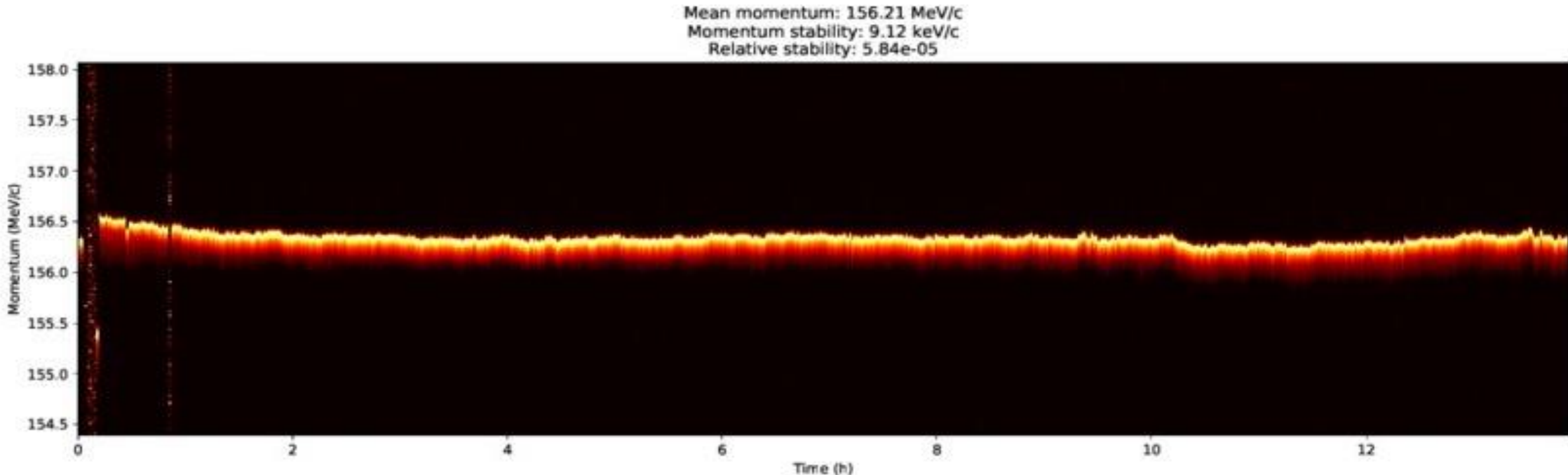
Parameter	Design parameters	Actual commissioning parameters
Energy	50 – 160 MeV	20 – 160 MeV
Charge/pulse	0.5 – 200 pC	0.001 – 280 pC
Rep. rate	Single pulse @ 50 Hz (*)	50 Hz
Bunch length	few fs / sub-fs pulse length	20 fs (resolution limited)
Momentum spread	$10^{-4}$	$10^{-4}$ (resolution limited)
Normalized transverse emittance	105 nm (ASTRA)	$102.7 \pm 3.8$ nm

\*arrival time jitter of <10 fs rms

# Unprecedented stability at ARES

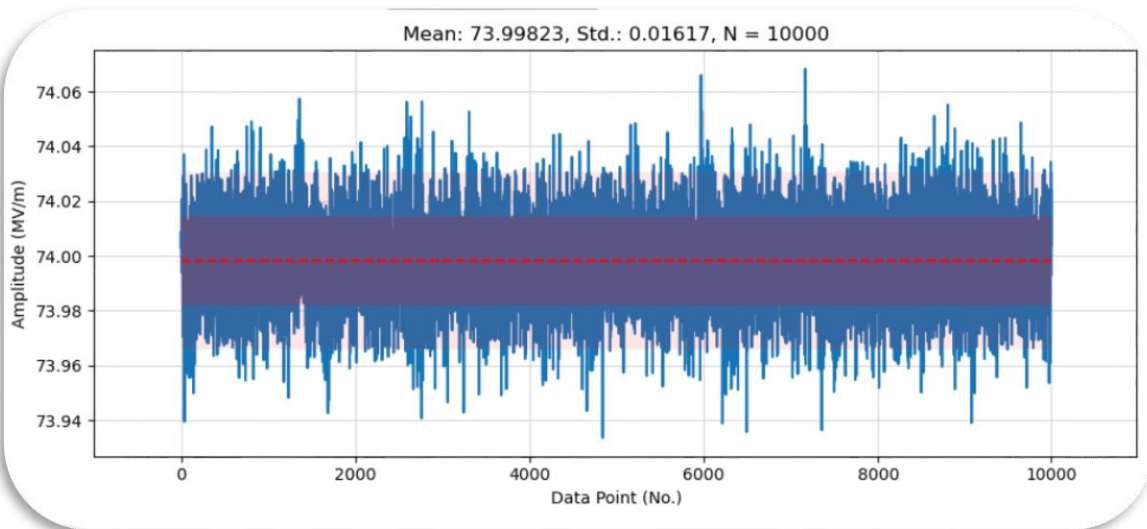
High precision temperature and modulator stabilization has resulted in excellent stability and reproducibility:

- 17  $\mu\text{m}$  rms position jitter (5% of  $\sigma_{x/y}$ )
- **5.8e-5 rms relative energy stability** over 14 hours (average over 3 days: 2.4e-4) – still room for improvement.



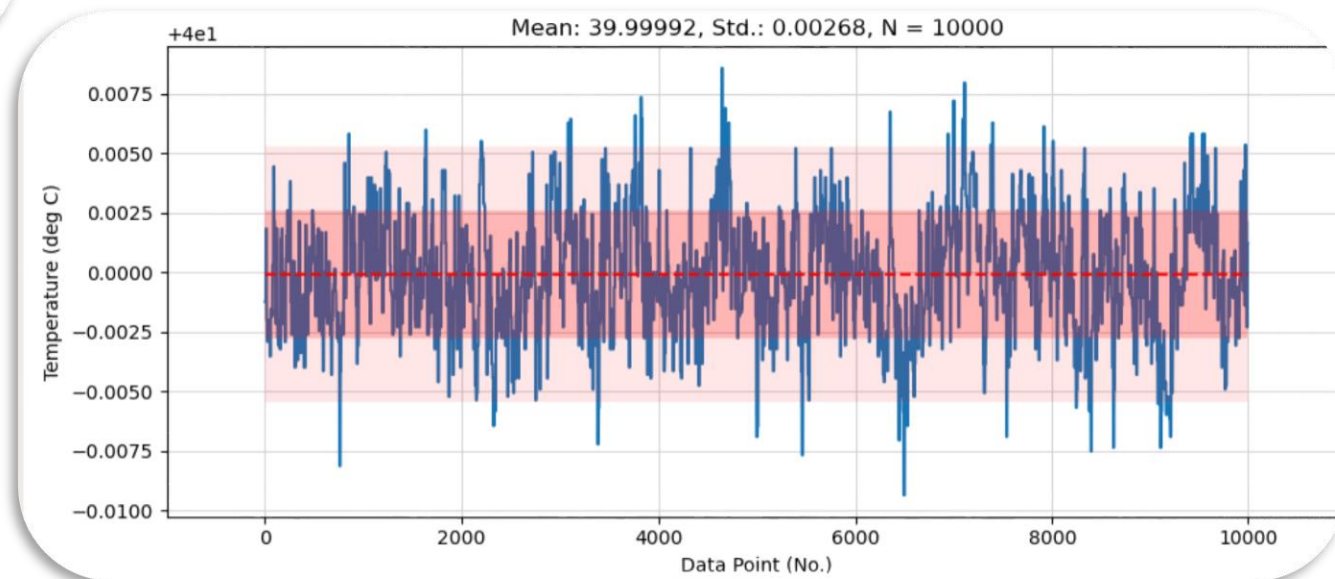
# Stable infrastructures (RF power and water cooling)

Excellent engineering



*Gun Modulator from Scandinova.  
Gun RF power calibrated to gradient. Std: 0.016 MV/m*

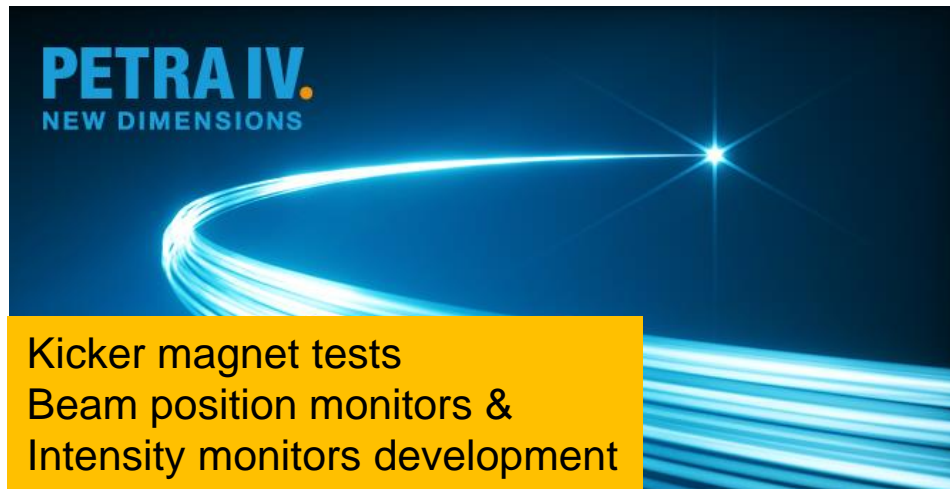
measured over 2.7 h



*Gun precision water cooling, Std: 0.0027 deg C*

# A unique R&D platform

Test components and beam properties with ultra-short, high brightness beams



## State of the art beam controls & diagnostics

- fs synchronization
- Beam tomography studies
- Machine learning towards autonomous accelerators
- Neural network for emittance analysis
- Beam diagnostics in the frame of EIC pathfinder project TWAC

...

## Advanced accelerator components R&D

- Vacuum windows
- High stability infrastructures
- Prototyping & 3D printing
- Photocathode Laser development
- ...



*PolariX - State of the art beam diagnostics*



*Autonomous accelerators workshop with collaboration partners from KIT*



**detector development**



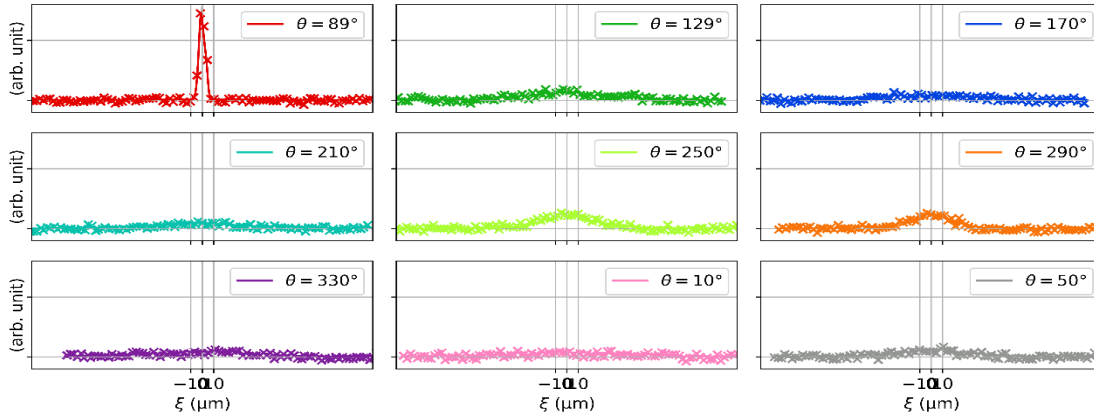
# First successful external user experiments

high resolution beam reconstruction and high stability irradiation

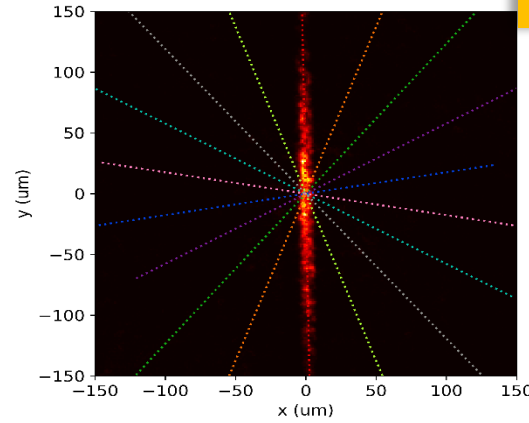


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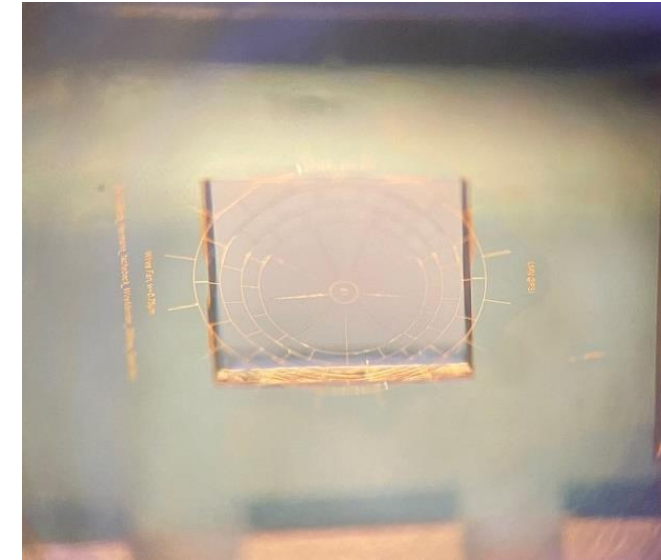
In total: 242 h of beam time for externals



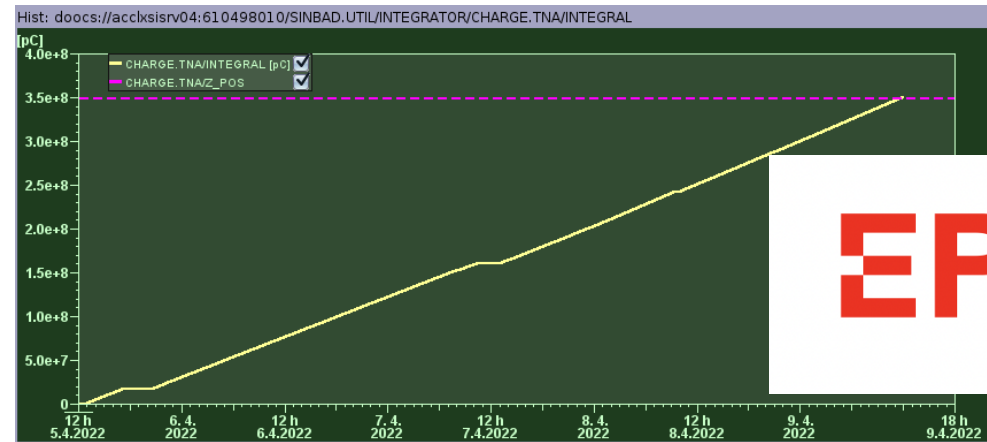
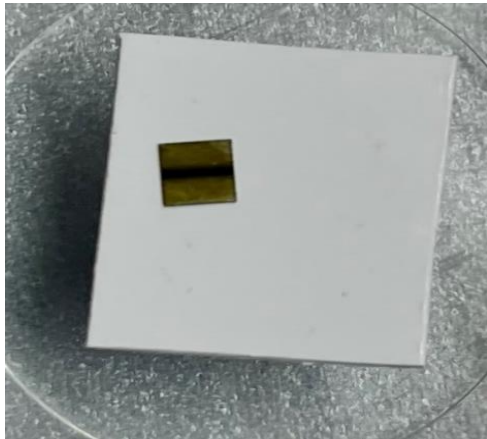
Measured beam losses



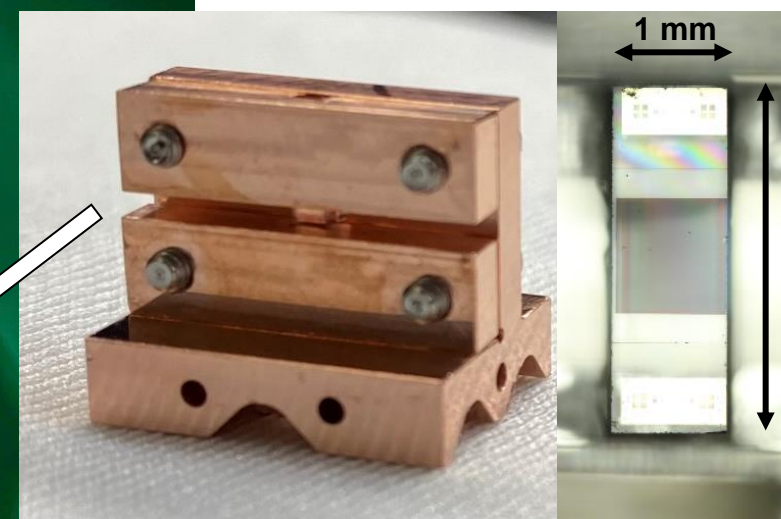
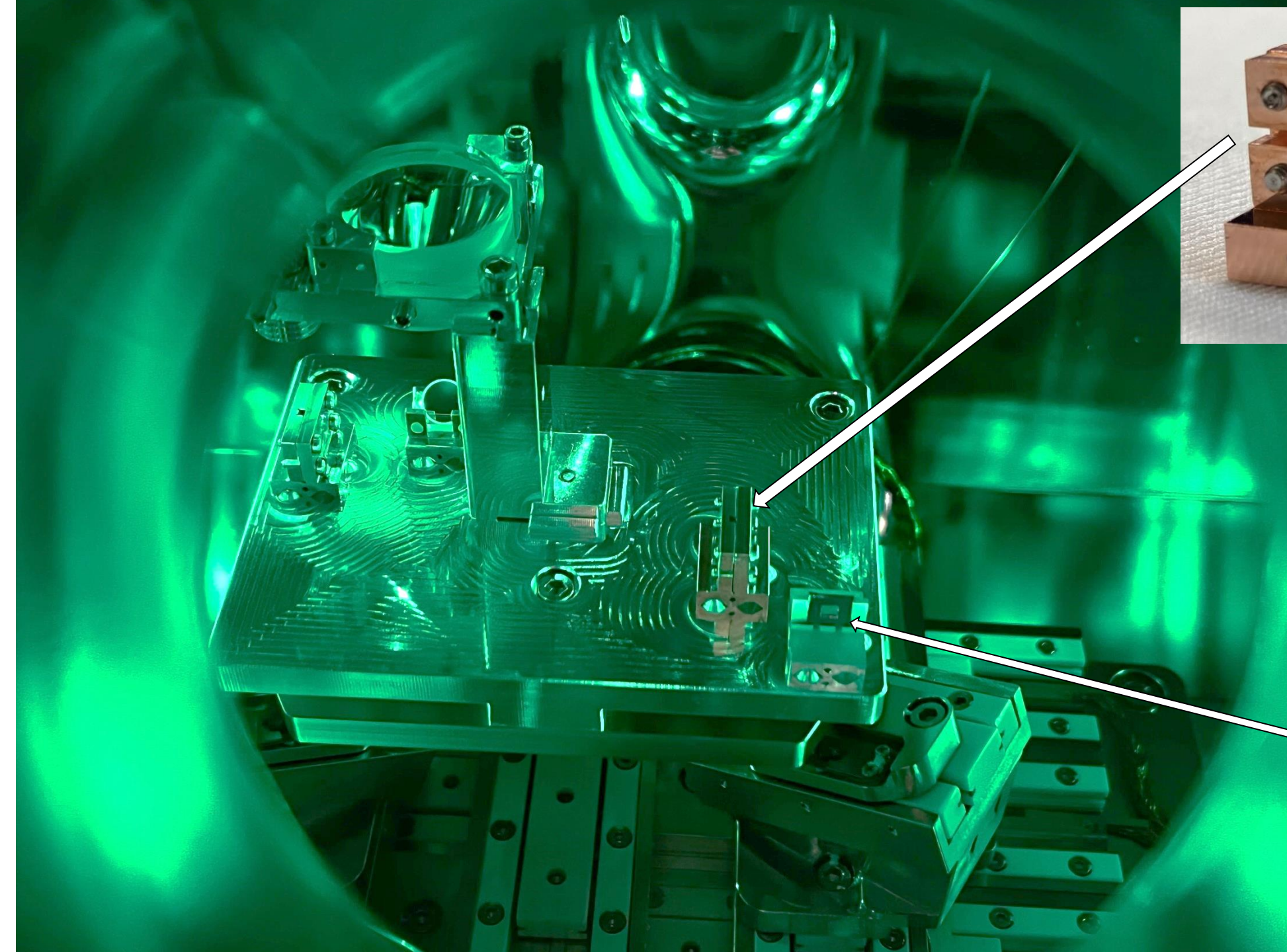
Reconstructed beam



Micro-wirescanner  
1 micron thick gold wires



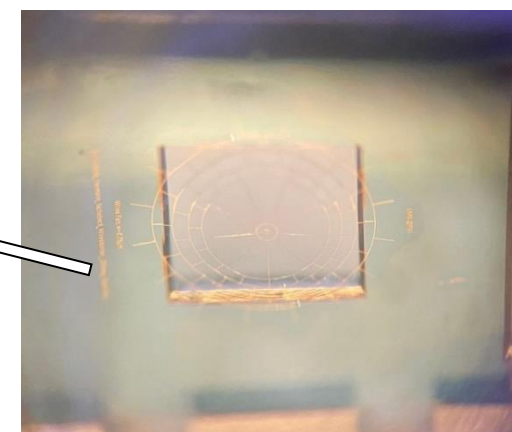
Around 4 days continuous beamtime to irradiate a 300 mu thick diamond sample with  $2E15 e^-$ .



**Novel acceleration techniques**



Aperture: 1 $\mu$ m!



*Micro-wirescanner*

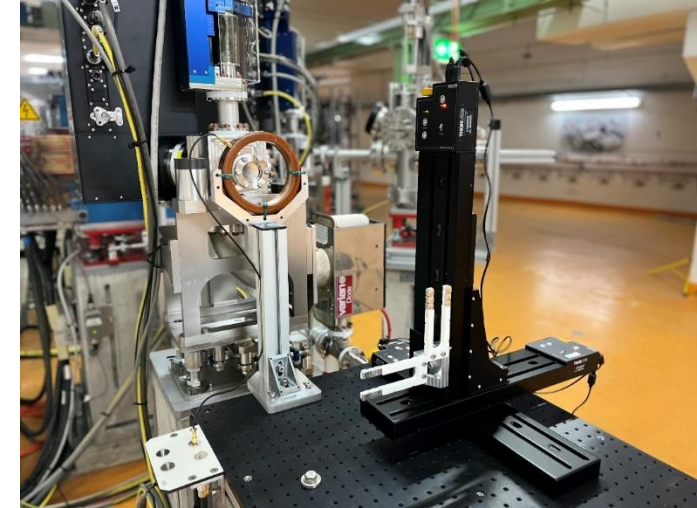
# New opportunities – new fields

Started to adapt ARES to the needs of medical research

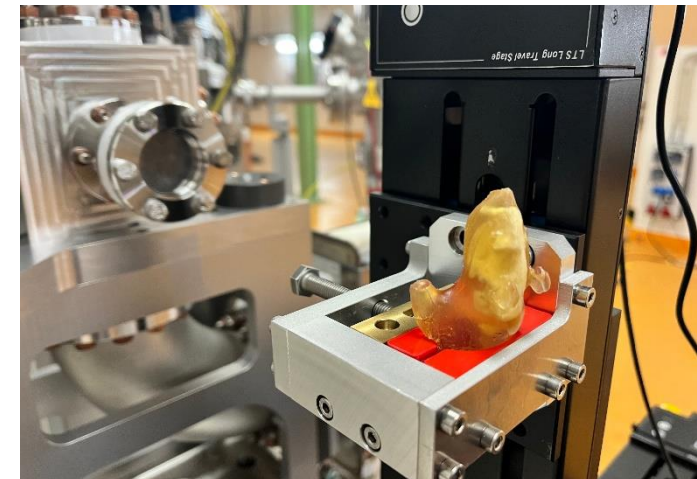
- Up to 160 MeV high precision electron beams for **research & development**.
  - **Cutting-edge stability** of the electron pulse energy
  - **Excellent beam control**
  - **Ideally suited for medical applications (very high electron energy treatment)**
- Setting up collaborations and infrastructure.
- **Collaboration with UKE Hamburg and University Manchester** started to study **novel cancer treatment** methods (VHEE, FLASH RT)
  - Diagnostics (dose measurements) development.
  - First benchmarking of simulations.
  - Studies on cancer treatments.



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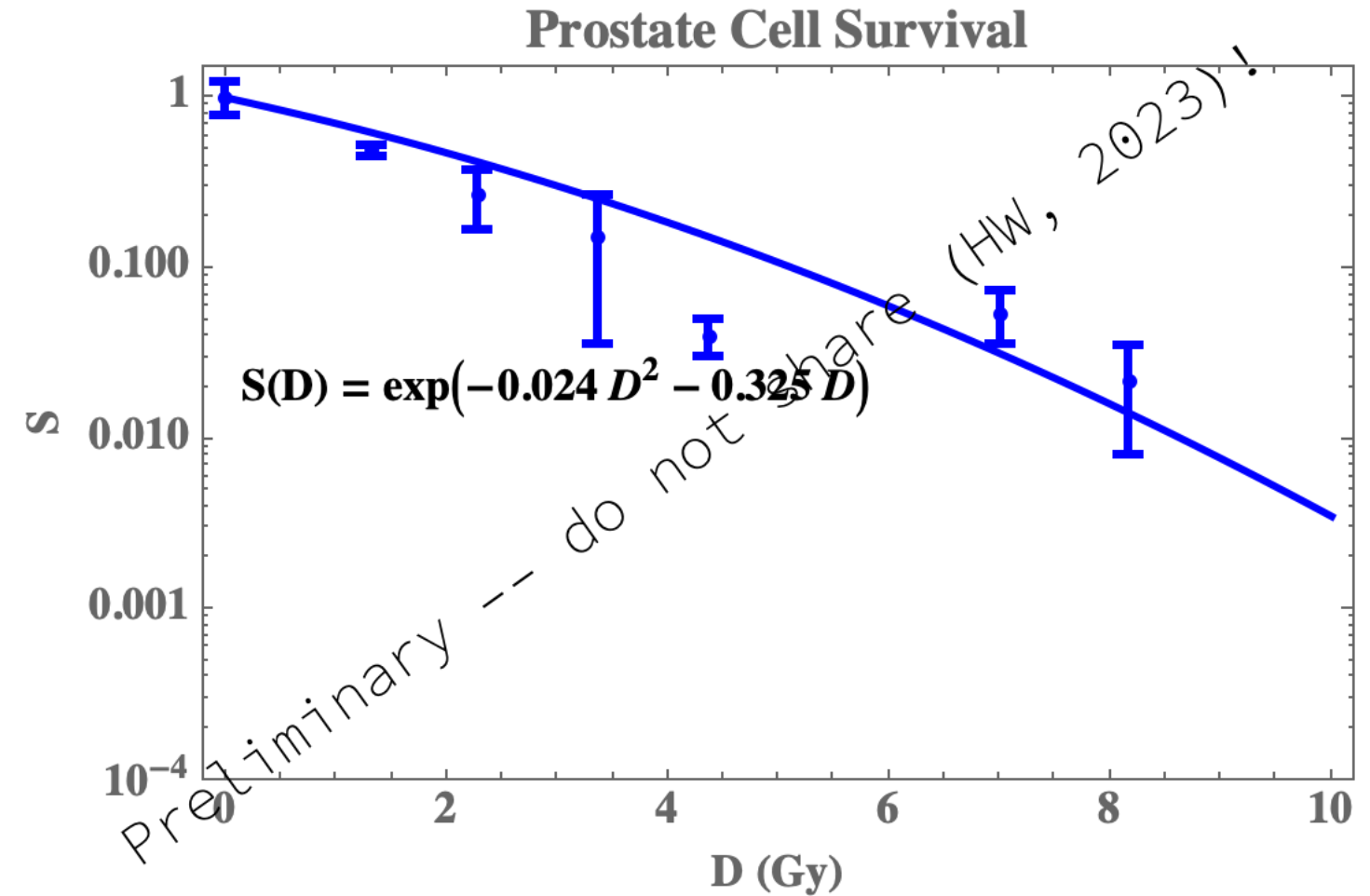
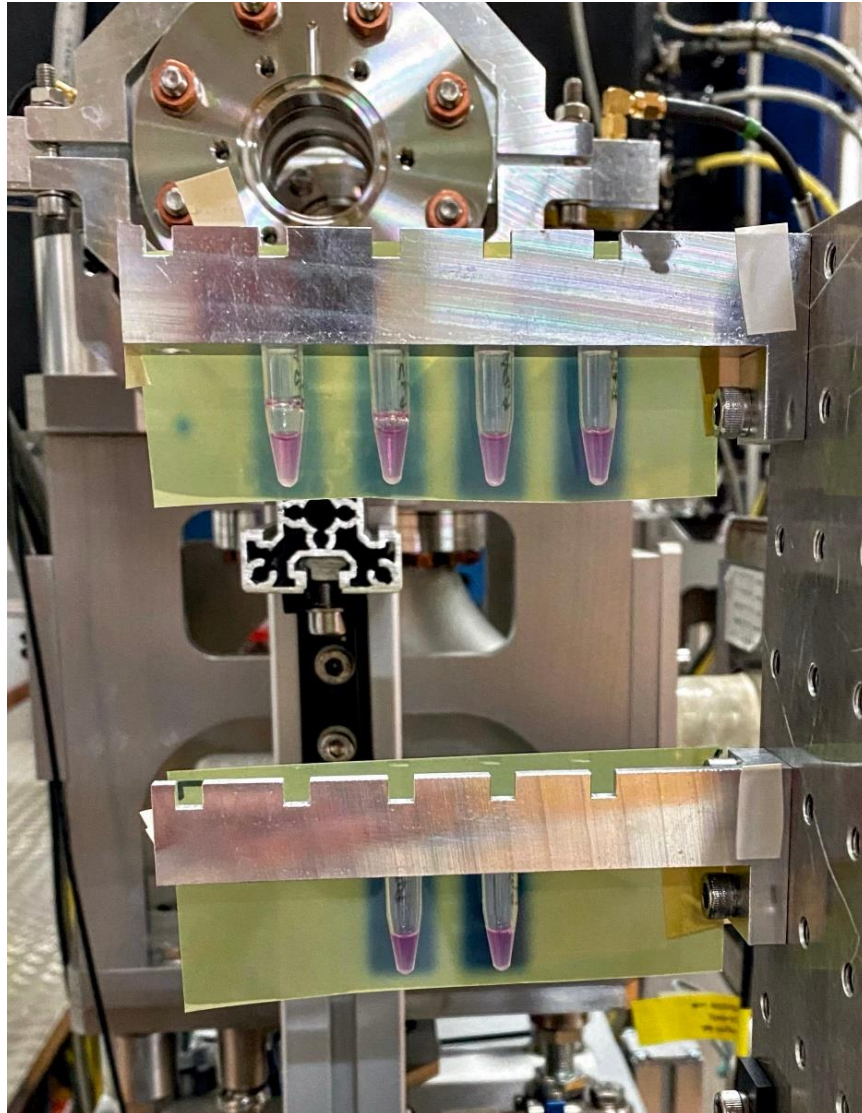
*Experimental station designed for medical research*



*Mouse phantom for electron CT studies*

# Worldwide first VHEE experiments with living cells!

Prof. Roger Jones, Hannah Wanstall



More experiments scheduled for May.

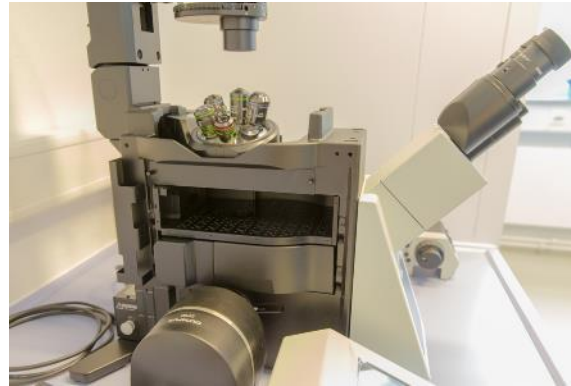
→ Towards „real“ VHEE experiments with bigger animal phantoms

# S2 Bio lab next to ARES

Used for medical experiments at ARES. 5 min walking distance



*Work place in the Bio-Laboratory.*



*inverse fluorescence microscope.*



photo by courtesy of M. Osterhoff

*BSL2 safety workbench equipped with a mini centrifuge, vortexer, vacuum pump,...*

***Provides all the necessary equipment to cultivate, store, manipulate and analyse biological agents***



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*Project leader biological safety, approval of biosafety declarations*

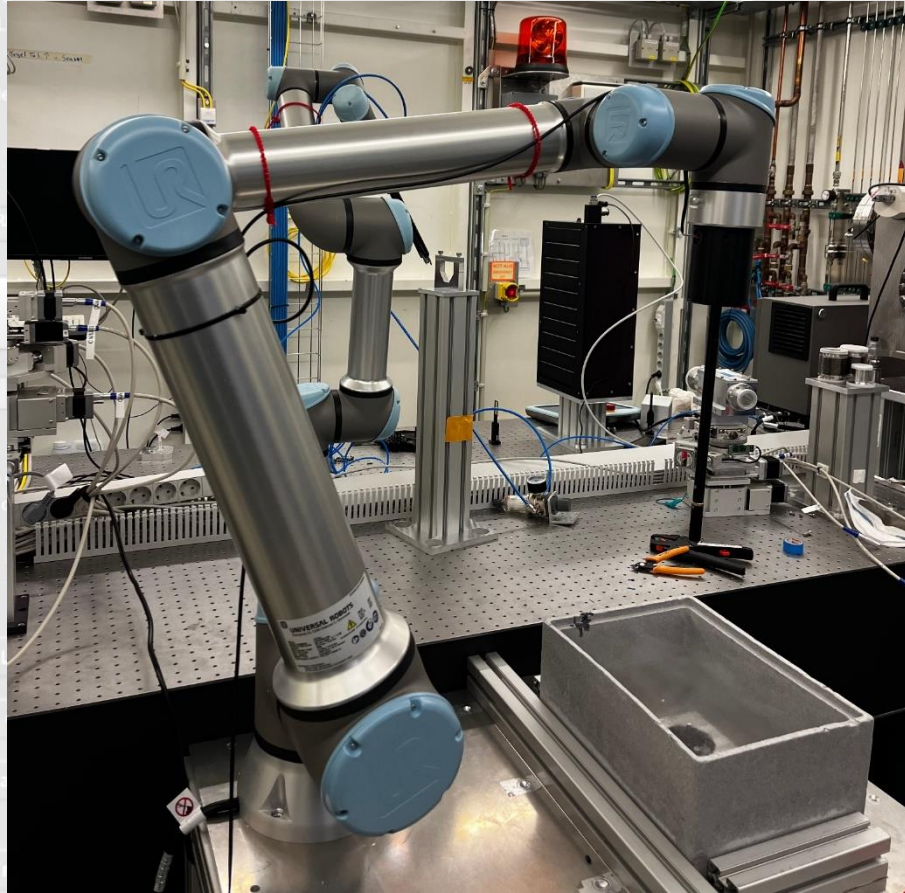
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# Automation, machine learning, robotics

Ease the user operation & gain efficiency

## ARES Cockpit



Robot arm currently located at PETRA III, Installation at ARES foreseen mid 2023.



Visit of the RoboCup team (TU HH).



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# Stop if the z stage position is not correct
assert \
    1e-3 > abs(176 - doo.read('doocs://mpyub23592:610493367/SINBAD_EXP/THORLABS_STAGE/FLLINEARSTAGE.Z/POSITION.RBV')['data']), \
    'wrong z stage position'

todayNow = datetime.today().strftime('%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S')
dataFileName = f'pulse-mode-shot-serpentine_{todayNow}.log'

with open(dataFileName, 'a') as fh:
    print(f'#target_no position_x_mm position_y_mm empty_shots_before beam_shots_fired beam_charge_pC', file=fh)

def saveDataSet(measurementData):
    with open(dataFileName, 'ba') as fh: # 'b' mode is needed for old numpy versions (before 1.14.0)
        np.savetxt(fh, [measurementData], fmt='%d %2f %2f %d %d %2f') # if used without [], each number is written into a new line

# The main loop: loop over the targets
print(f'Starting the measurement: ', dataFileNames)
for tar_no, (target, shots) in enumerate(tqdm(target_centres, desc='Target'), target_pulse_shots):
    setup_pulse_shot_mode(shots) # This sets up the pulse shot mode with the requested number of pulses

# compile list of snake positions
snakePositions = []
scan_direction = 1 # snake movement: invert direction after each row
for horizontal in scan_positions[0]:
    for vertical in scan_positions[1]:
        snakePositions.append(tuple((horizontal*target[0], vertical*target[1])))
    scan_direction *= -1

# Do the actual measurement
# move following the snake pattern and shoot at every position
for idx, pos in enumerate(tqdm(snakePositions, desc='Position on target')):
    # print(f'{(idx+1)//len(snakePositions)} ', end='')
    moveStages(pos)
    saveDataSet(tuple((tar_no+1, *pos, *shoot)))

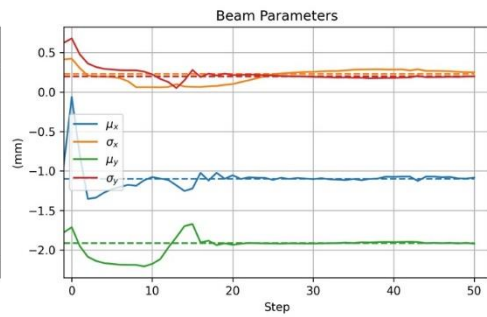
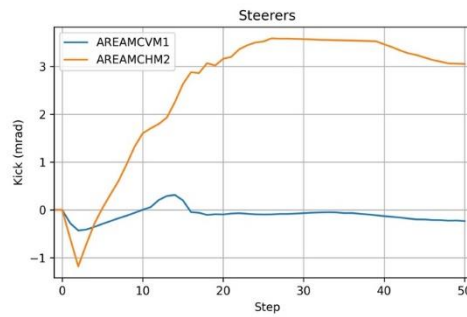
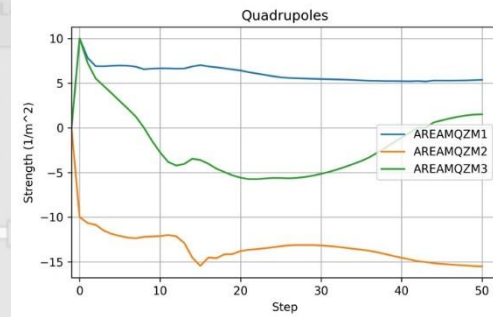
# write an empty line to the logfile to separate the different targets
with open(dataFileName, 'a') as fh:
    fh.write('\n')

# Clean up after the measurement
print('\nMeasurement finished, ramping down Gun and moving target out of beam...')
doo.write('SINBAD_RF/LLRF_CONTROLLER/CTRL.AR.LI.RSB.G.1/SP.AMPL', 40) # ramp down gun
moveStages((280, 300)) # safe position far above the sample holder

send_to_elog(authors='pulse_shot_mode_serpentine.py', title='Measurement finished', message=f'Data file: {dataFileName}')

Starting the measurement: pulse-mode-shot-serpentine_2023-01-27_10-55-14.log
Targets: 0/4 [0/00:07, 71t/s]
Position on target: 0% | 0/105 [00:00:07, 71t/s]
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Movementscripts for irradiation patterns

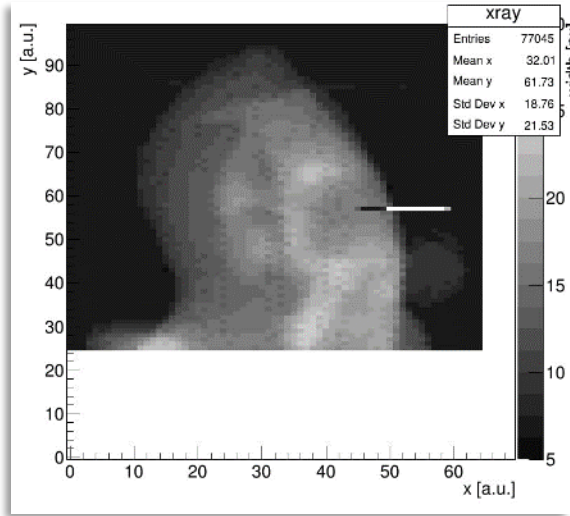


Machine learning to improve orbit feedback

# Electron CT experiments

DESY internal collaboration with M-FH-ITT

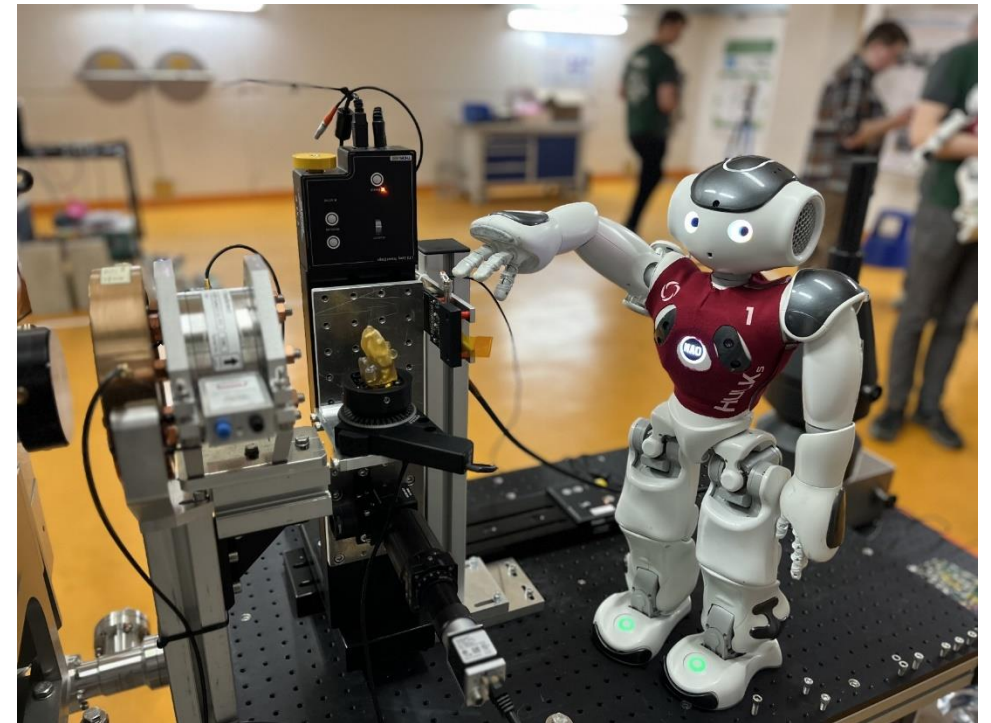
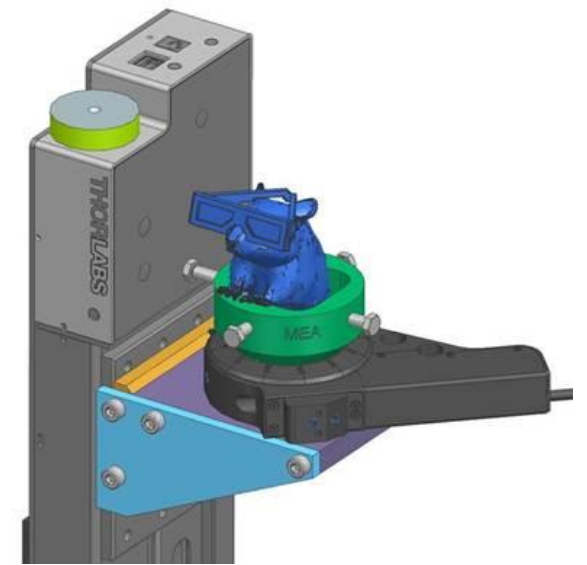
See talk from Simon!



Simon Spannagel, Paul Schütze (FH)

First proof-of-principle successful  
But much more homework to do:

- Real tomography
- Optimize charge / dose
- Optimize resolution
- Scan procedure
- ...



Beam time last week...

# Summary and Outlook

- **ARES is operational and open for internal and external users.**
- **Portfolio from component R&D, diagnostics development over detector tests to medical applications.**
- Started to adapt ARES to the needs of **medical research**.
- **Infrastructure is available** and strong support from bio safety and radiation protection.
- **Worldwide first VHEE experiments** with living cells were done!  
→ more experiments with water and animal phantoms in preparation.
- **Regular beam time** for users scheduled– **users extremely happy!**

**Hope to see you at ARES!**



**Thank you!**

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