

# Beam Diagnostics for Decelerator HITRAP

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Low Energy and Low Current Diagnostic Methods

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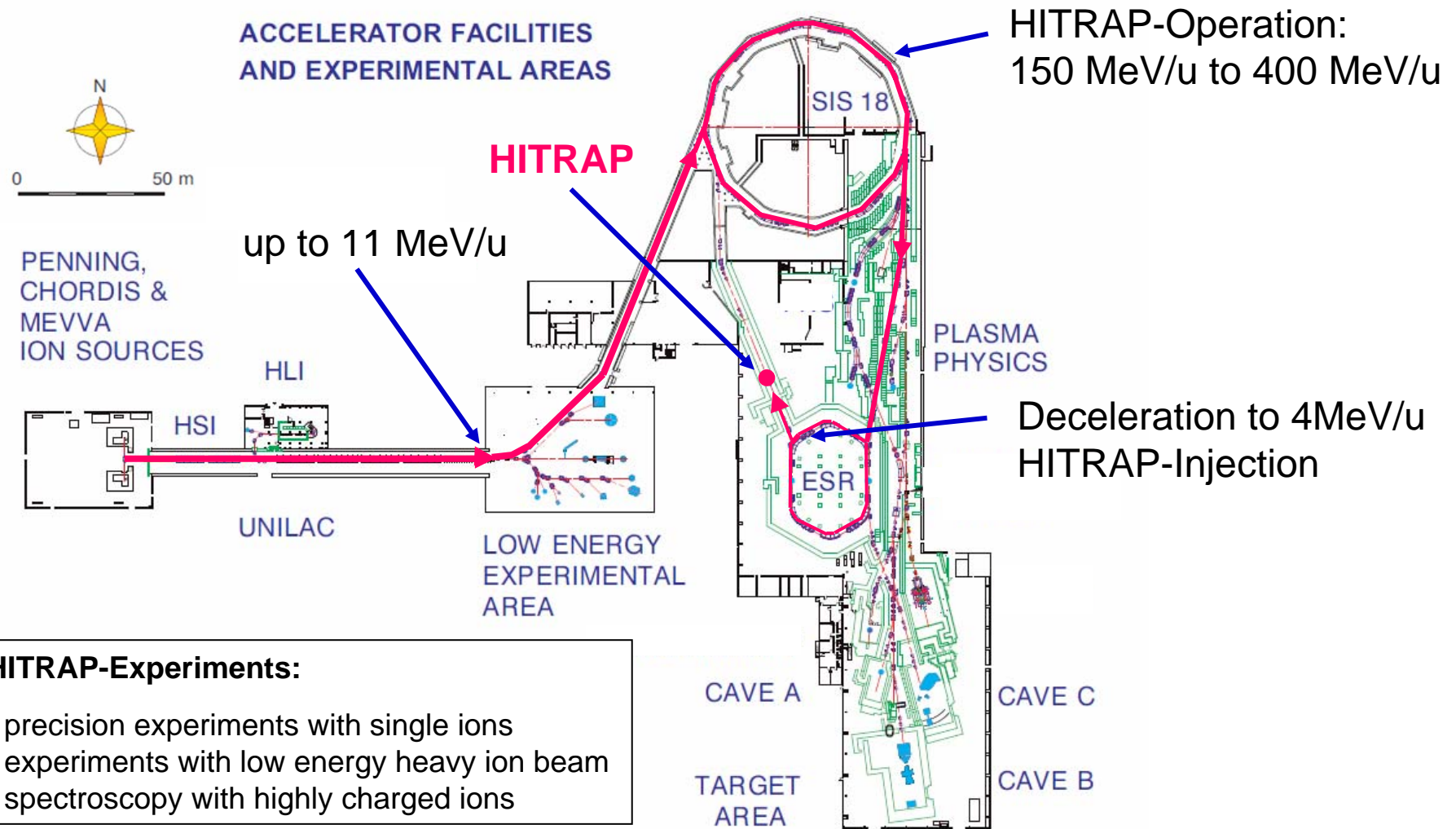
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## Overview

- HITRAP-facility
- Beam Diagnostic Devices
- Measurement-Results
- Summary and Outlook

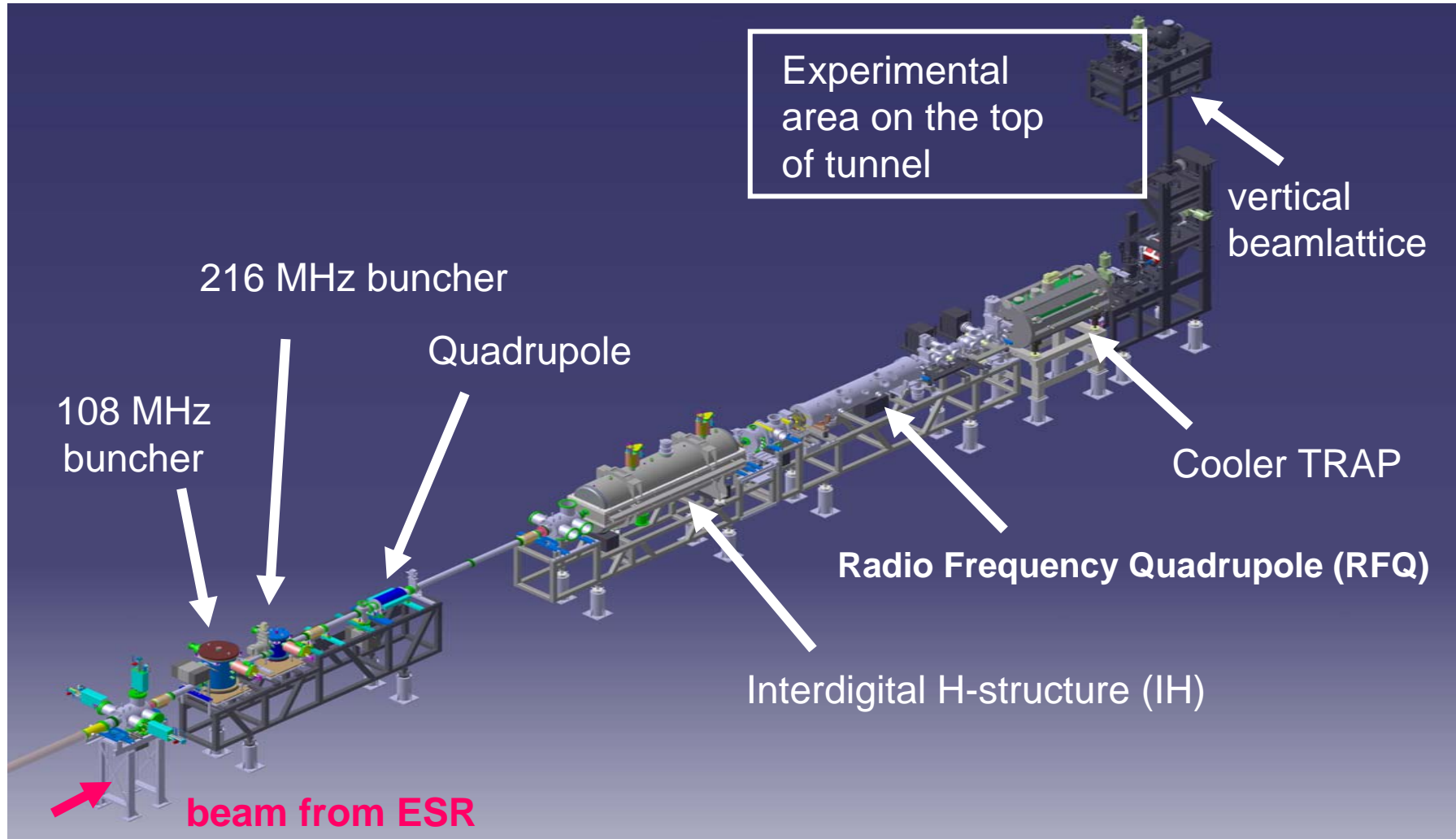
# HITRAP



## HITRAP-Experiments:

- precision experiments with single ions
- experiments with low energy heavy ion beam
- spectroscopy with highly charged ions

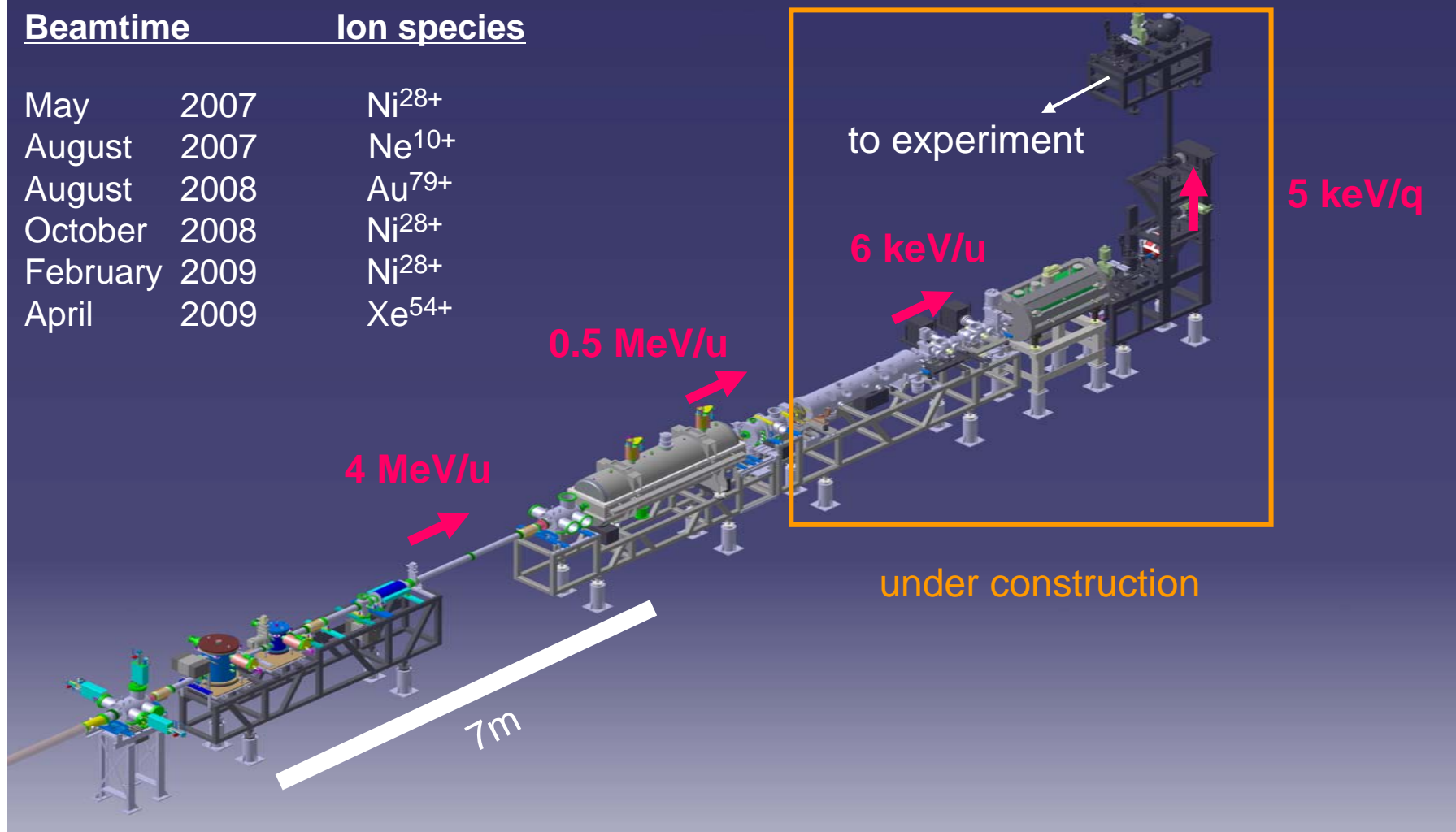
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Beamtime                      Ion species

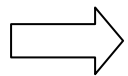
May	2007	Ni <sup>28+</sup>
August	2007	Ne <sup>10+</sup>
August	2008	Au <sup>79+</sup>
October	2008	Ni <sup>28+</sup>
February	2009	Ni <sup>28+</sup>
April	2009	Xe <sup>54+</sup>



# Beam Diagnostics of HITRAP

## Objectives of Beam Diagnostics (BD) for HITRAP:

- beam intensity (transmission through beamline)
  - ▶ Faraday cups
- beam position and profile
  - ▶ scintillation screens, harp systems
- detection of particles and energy
  - ▶ Faraday cups, capacitive pick ups








Different beam diagnostic devices are necessary

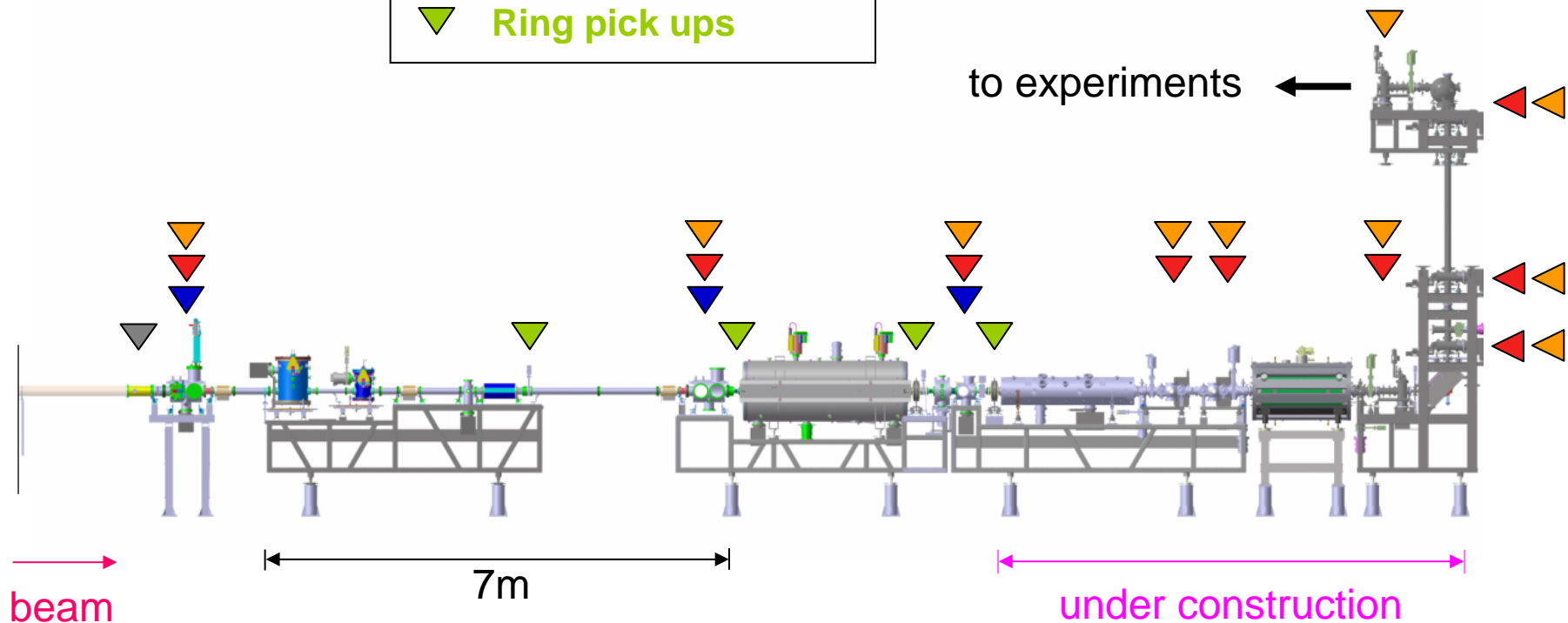
### Challenges:

- low beam intensity ( $\sim 1E6$  ions / pulse;  $\mu A$  -range)
- low repetition rate (1 pulse in  $\sim 70$  sec., via ESR)
- single beam pulse with length of  $3 \mu s$

# Locations of HITRAP Beam Diagnostic

Overview:

-  Faraday cups
-  Scintillation screens
-  Harps
-  „Tubular” pick ups
-  Ring pick ups



two bunchers

IH-structure

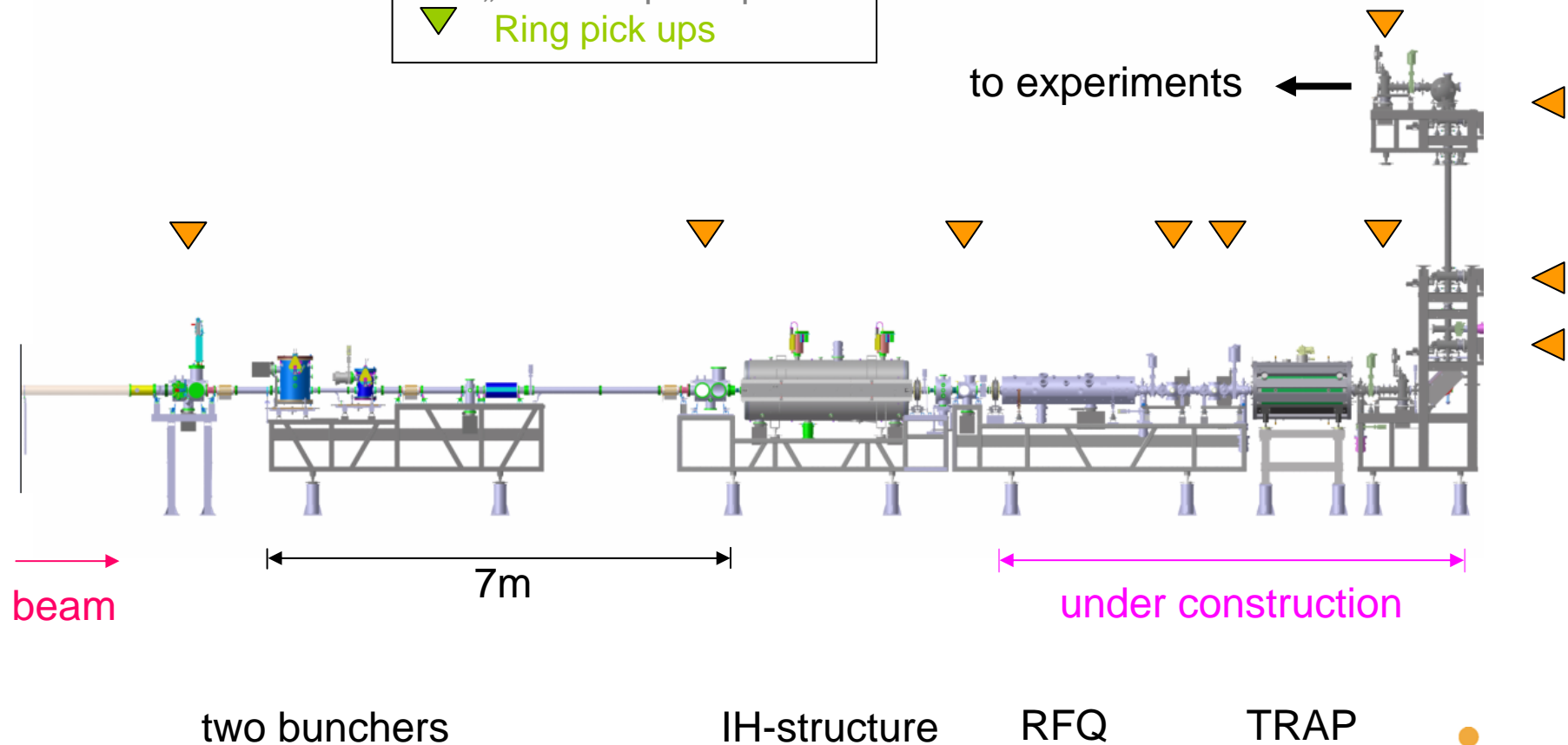
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# Locations of Faraday Cups over HITRAP Lattice

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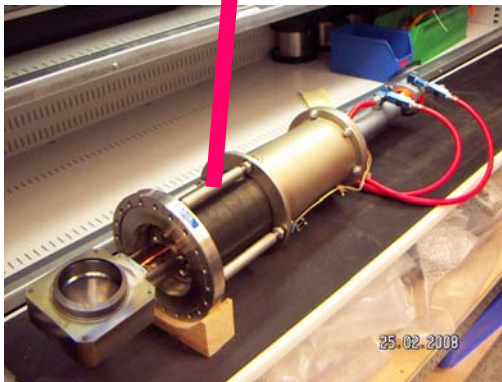
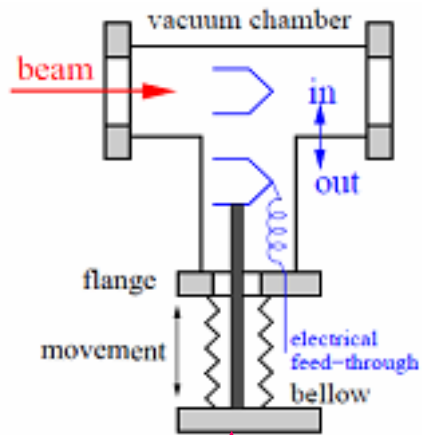
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# Faraday Cup

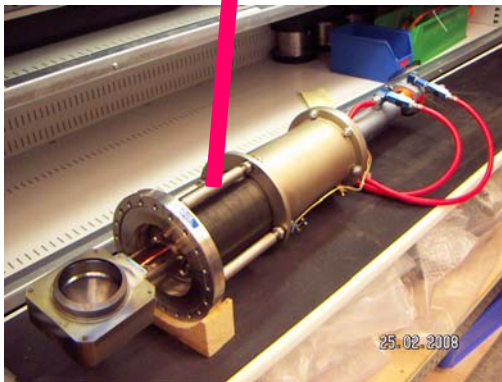
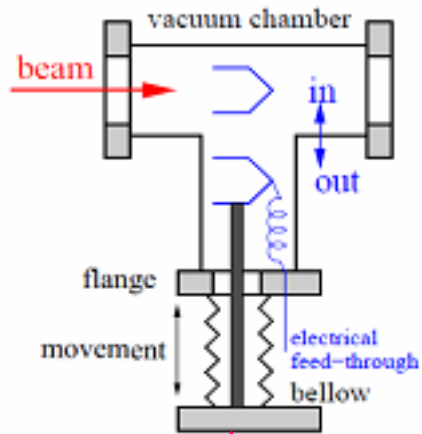
## Mechanics



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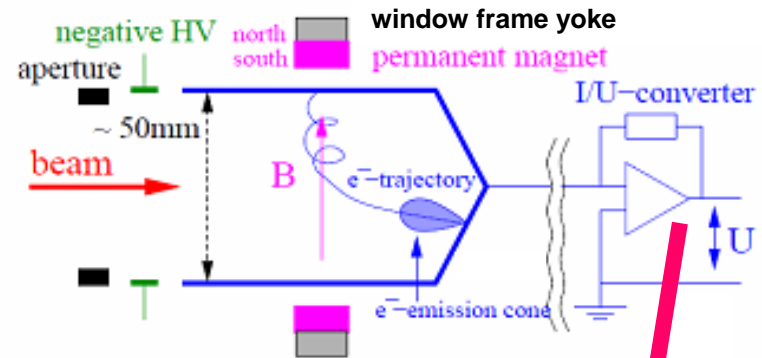
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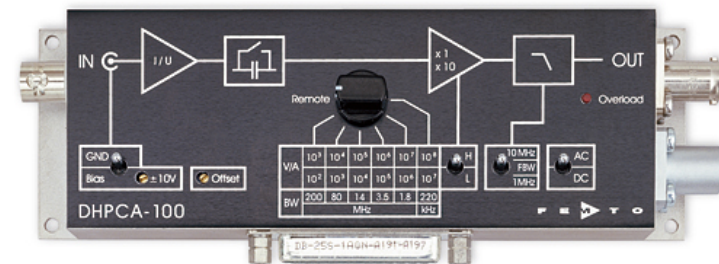


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## Electronics



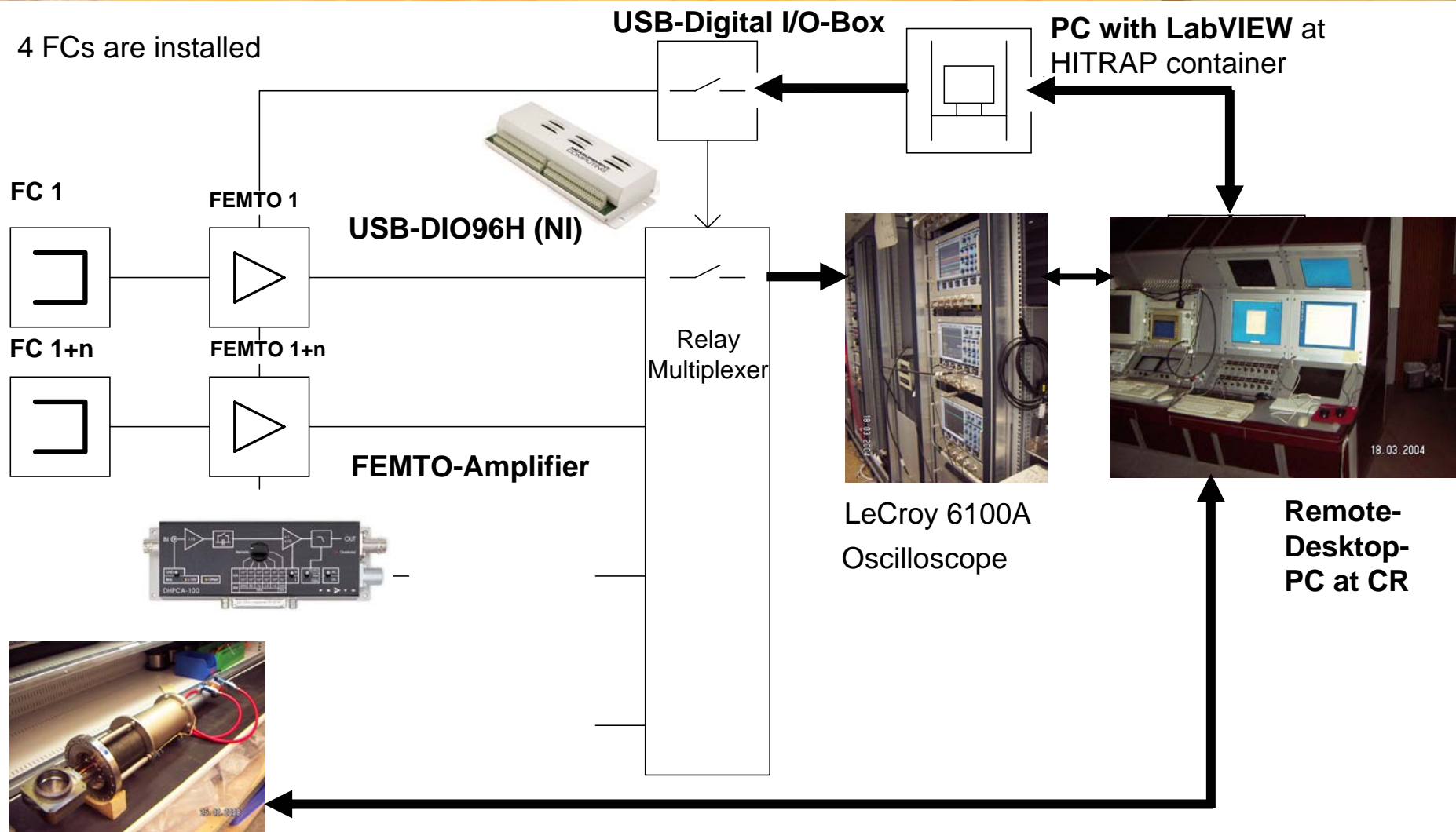
Scheme of Faraday cup



transimpedance amplifier from FEMTO (Berlin)

Range: 10nA to 10mA Output: 1V f.s. (50 Ω load)

# Farady Cup – Data Acquisition

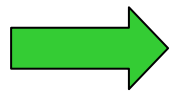
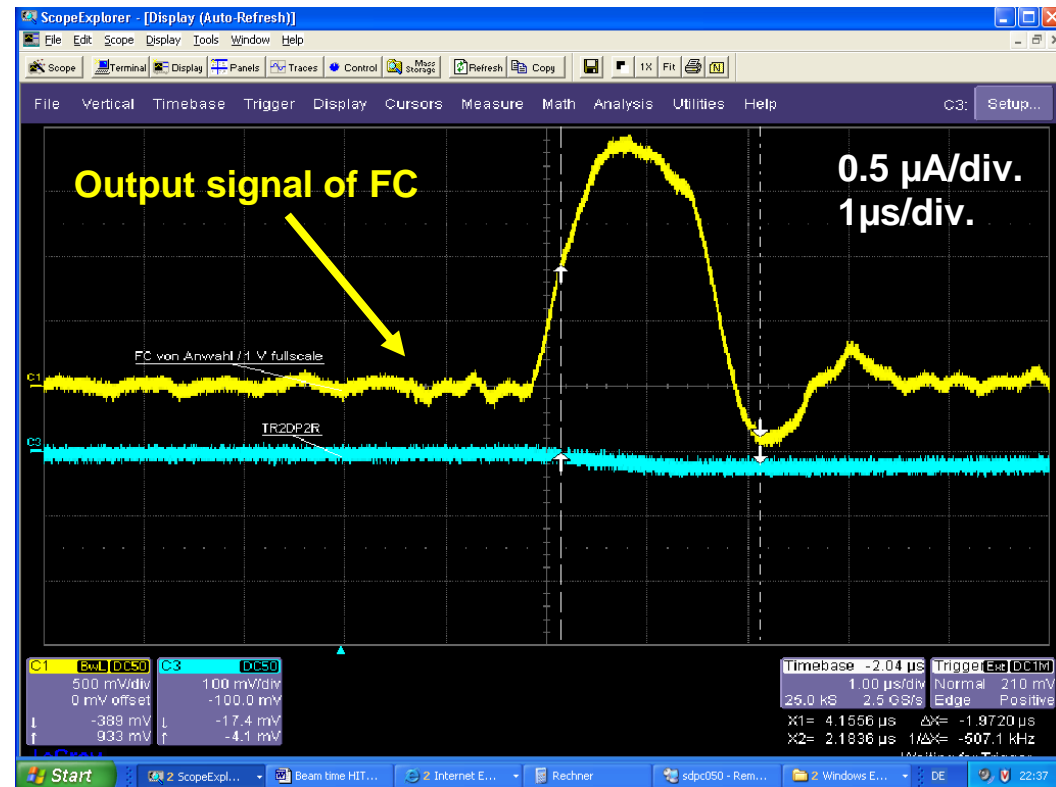


Pneumatic drives are controlled by operator at control room (CR).

# FC-Measurement-Results

Ne<sup>10+</sup>, ~1.8E6 particles, 1.5μA

- Hardware was reliably operating
- Time-resolved measurements of low currents
- Transmissions can be calculated

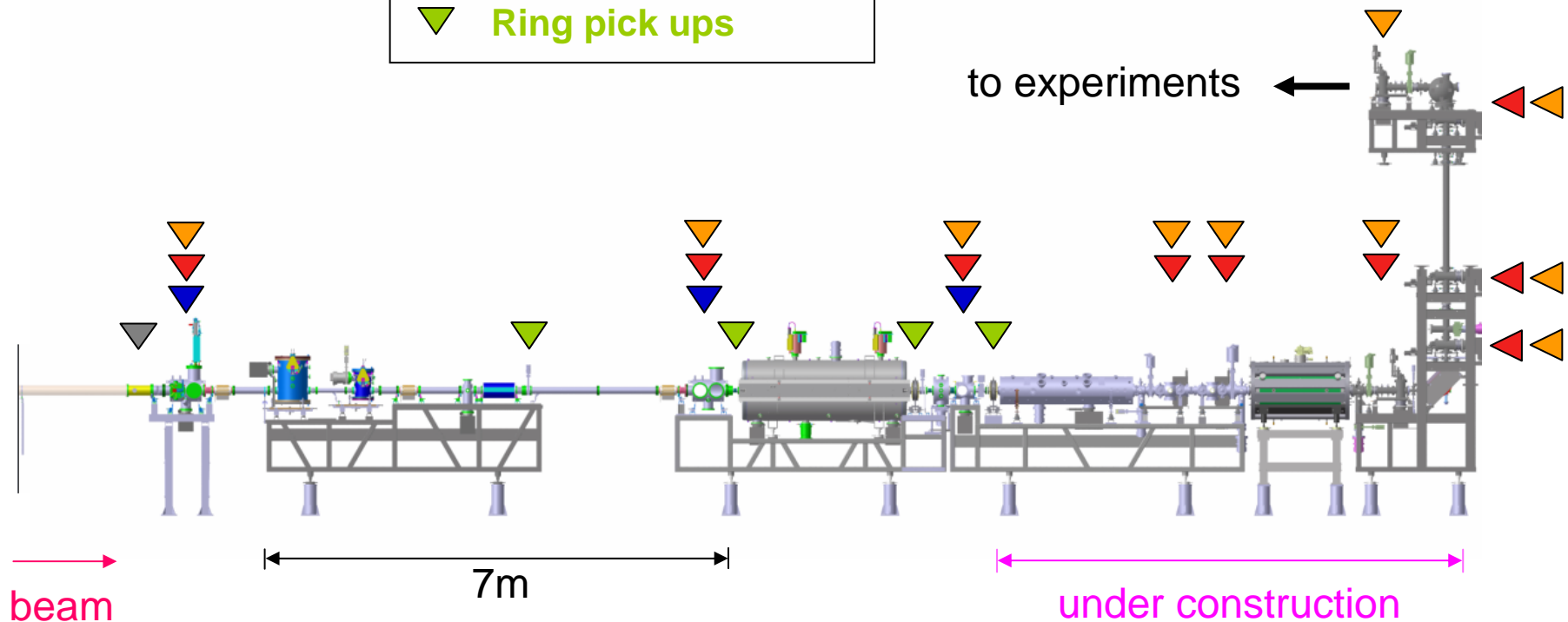


Faraday cups are very helpful for beamline setups

# Locations of HITRAP Beam Diagnostic

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- ▼ Scintillation screens
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- ▼ „Tubular" pick ups
- ▼ Ring pick ups



two bunchers






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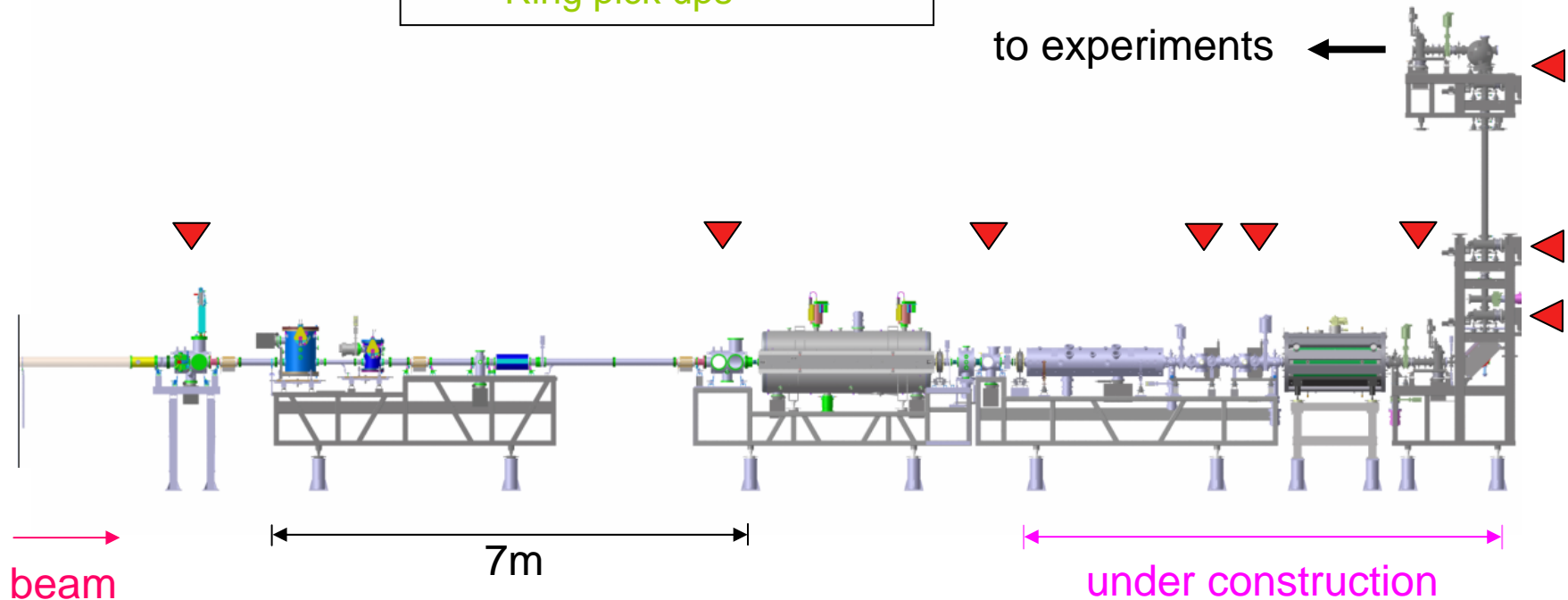
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# Locations of Scintillation Screens over HITRAP Lattice

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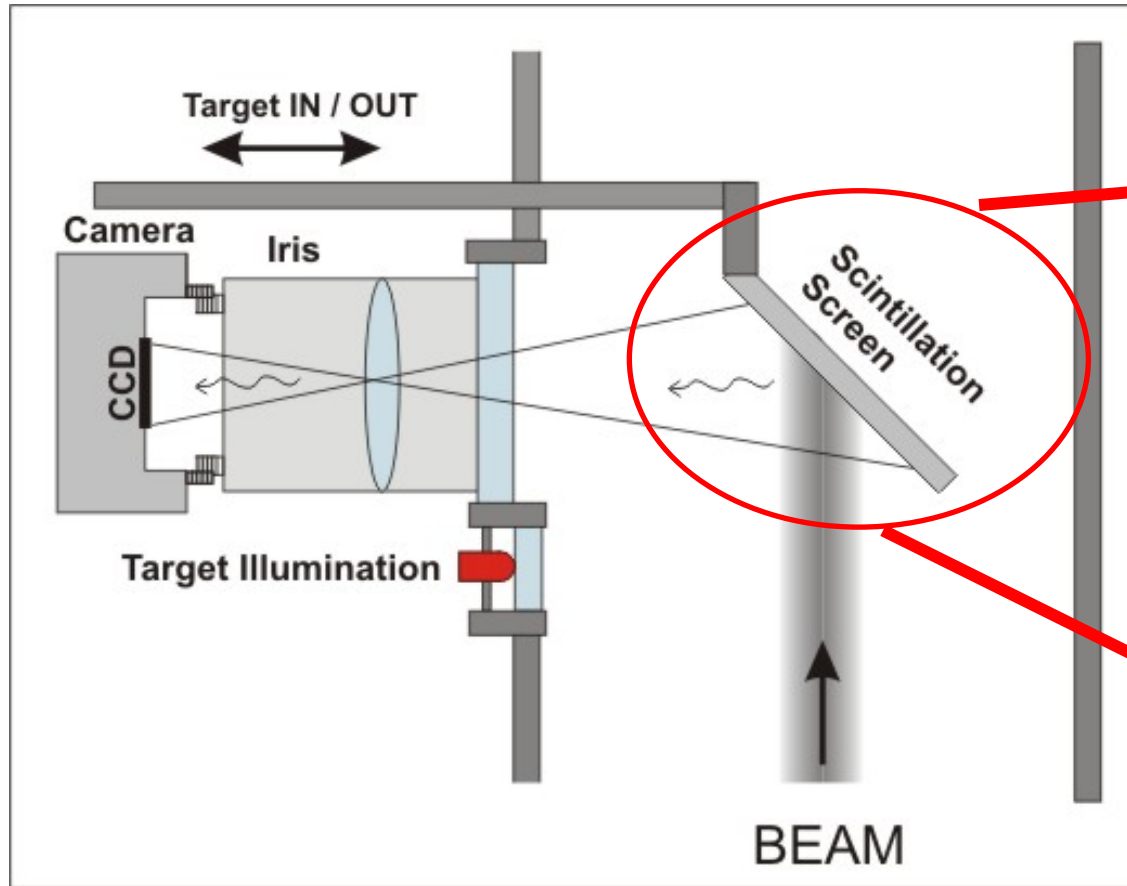
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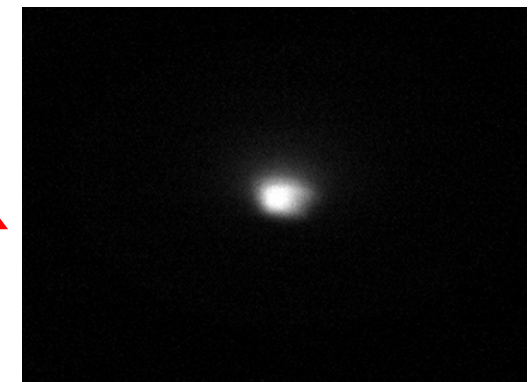
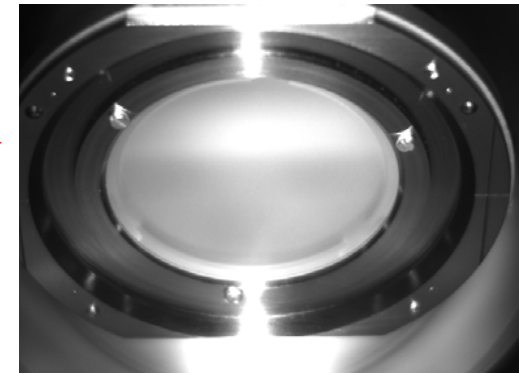
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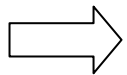
# Scintillation Screen - Setup



Screen illuminated:



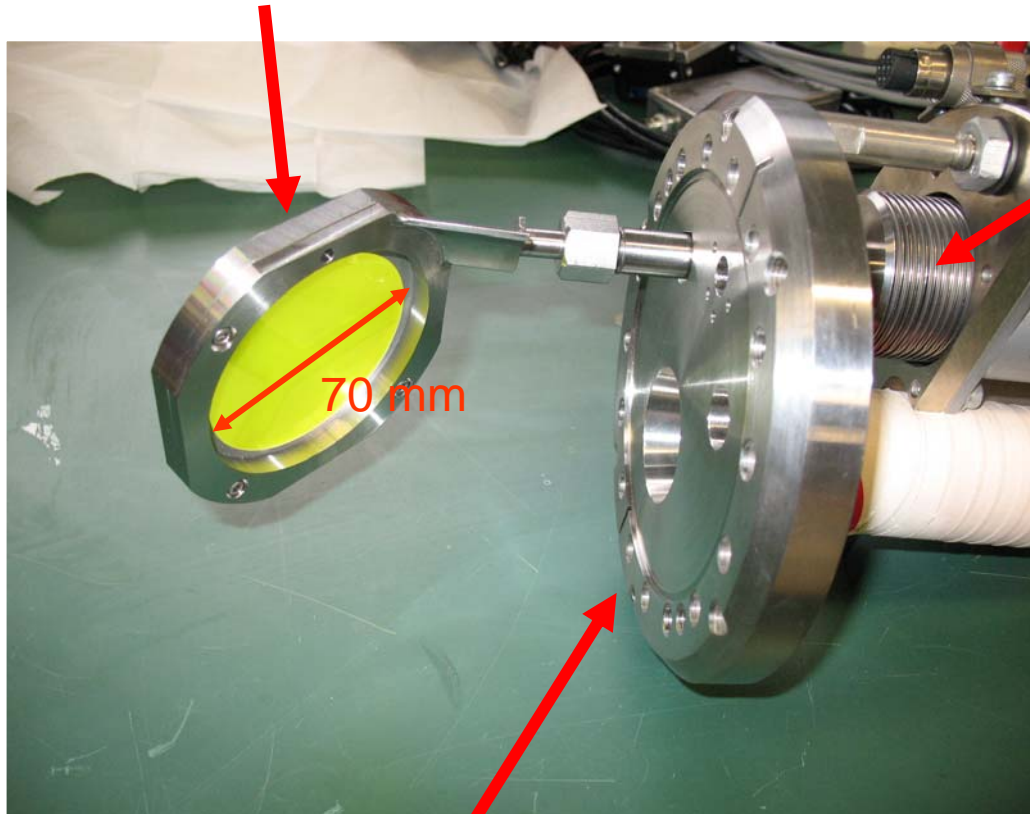
Beam spot on screen



For beam profile measurements

# Scintillation Screen - Mechanic

## Scintillation screen



Part of the  
pneumatic drive

Scintillation screen:

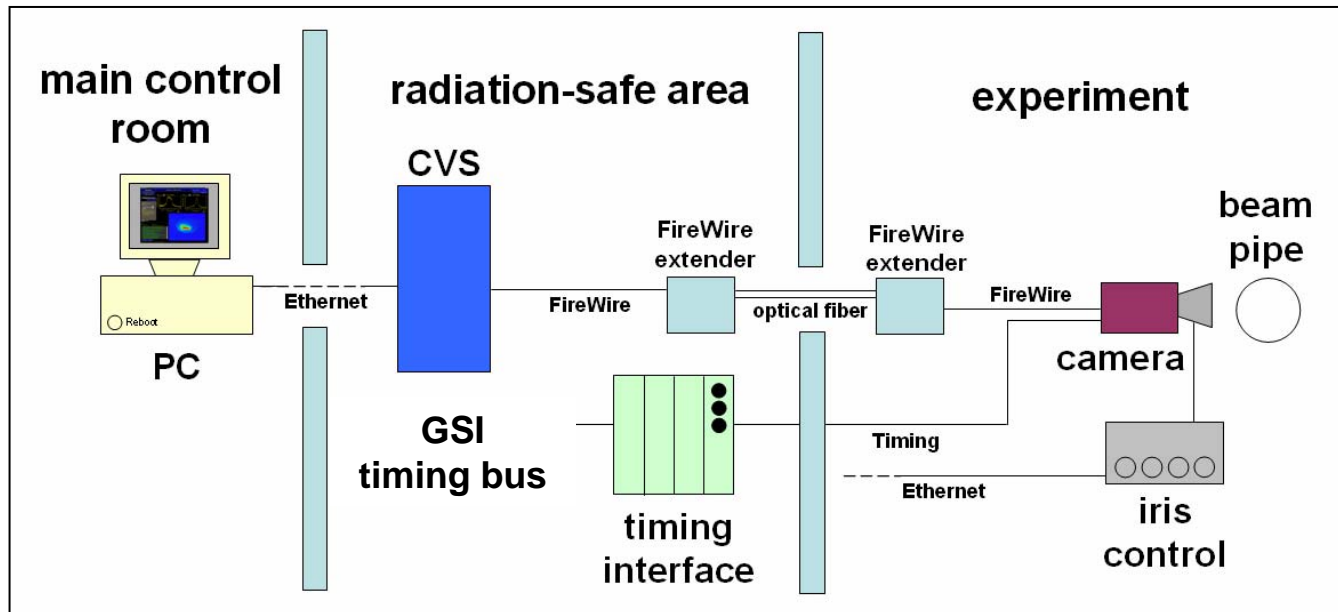
- YAG ( $\text{Y}_3\text{Al}_5\text{O}_{12}$ )  
Yttrium-Aluminium-Garnet
- mono crystalline

Flange diameter 100 mm, CF 100

Good light yield at low energy



# Data Acquisition for Scintillation Screens



Digital-Camera on diagnostic chamber

- ➔ CCD Digital Camera for precise triggering:
- fast scintillation material can be used
  - short pulses can be detected

optical fiber for long-distance (> 1km)  
 FireWire (IEEE1394): up to 5 meters



Digital-Camera with CVS

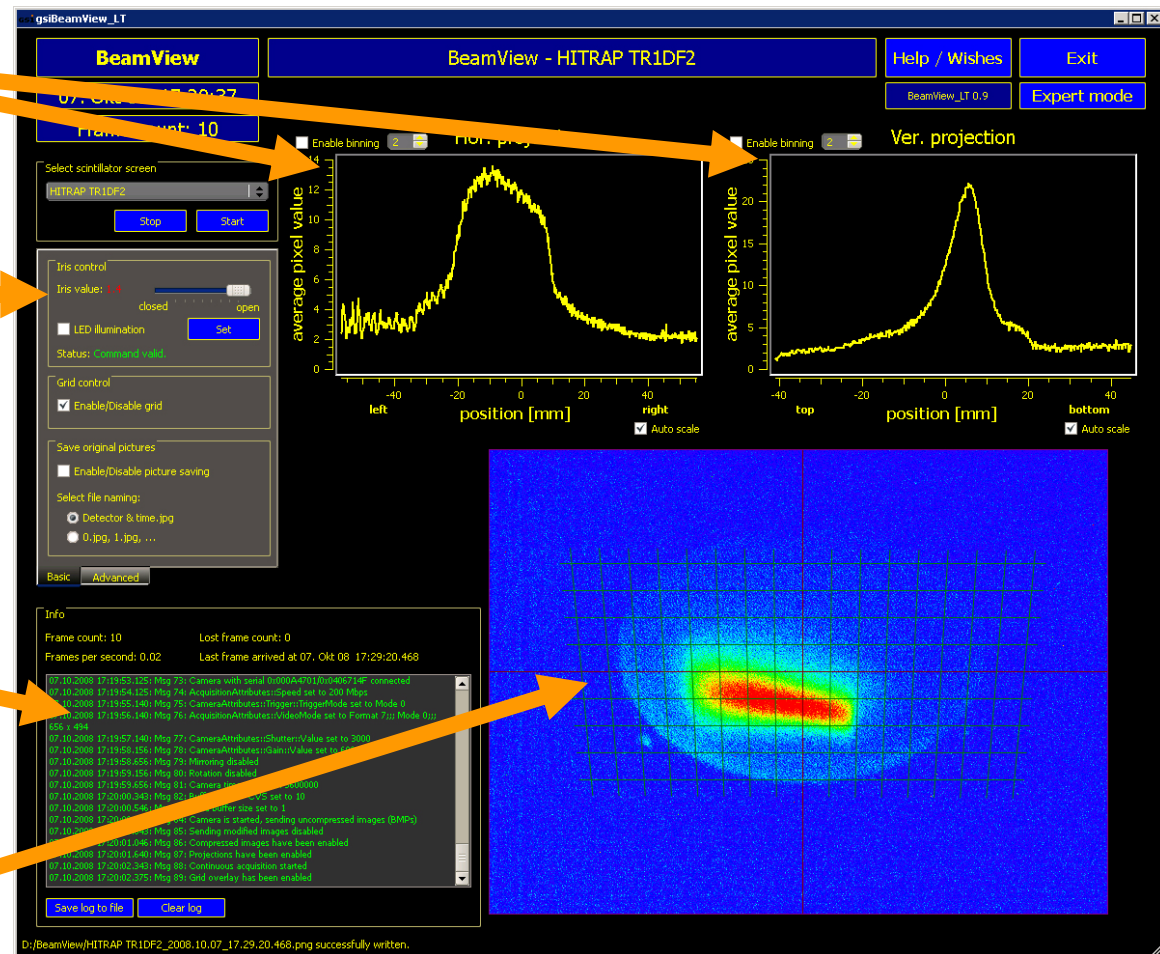
# Scintillation Screens Software - "BeamView"

horizontal and vertical projection

camera controls

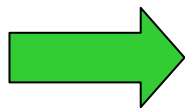
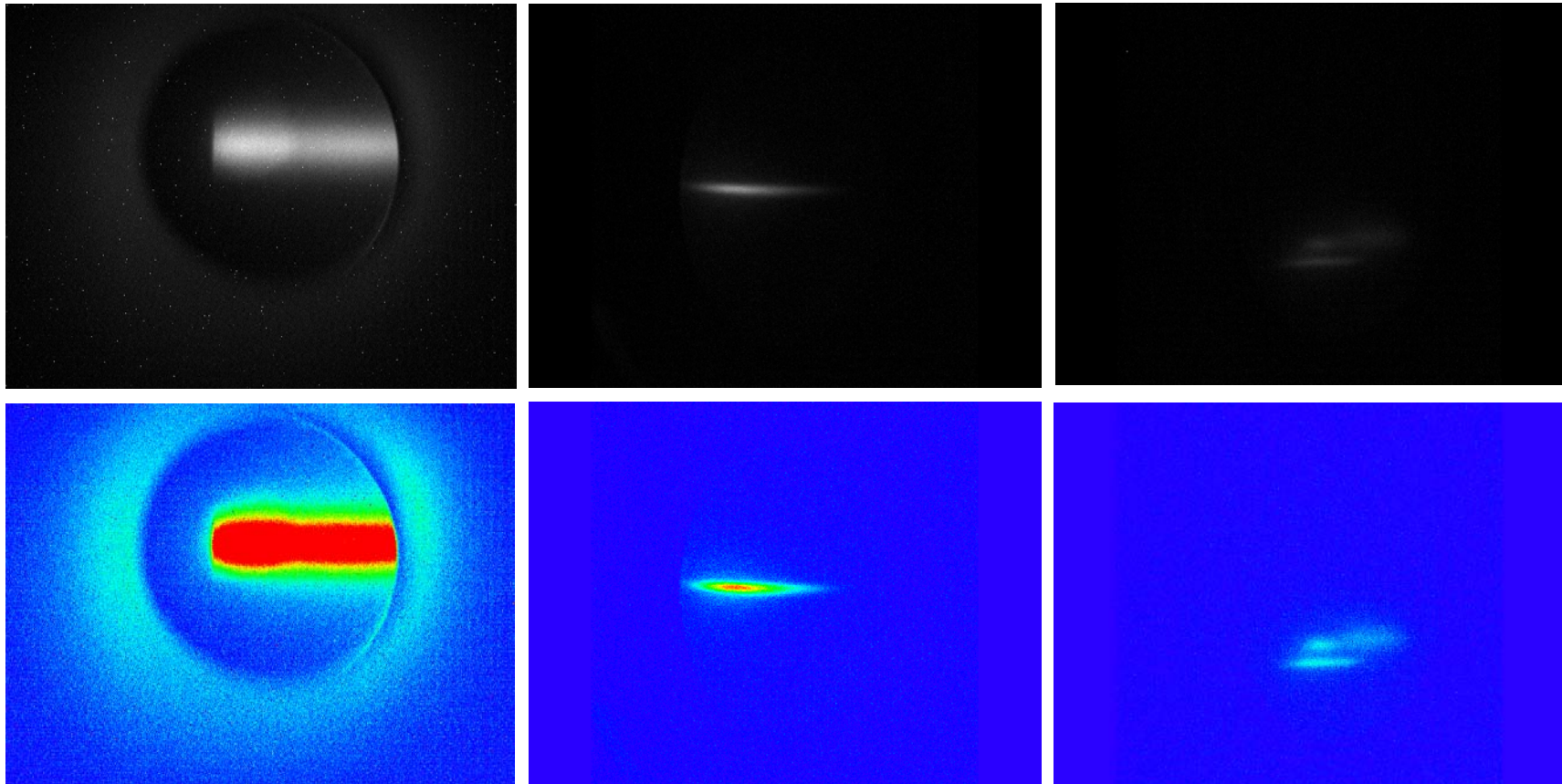
log window and image information

live image with up to 35 frames/s



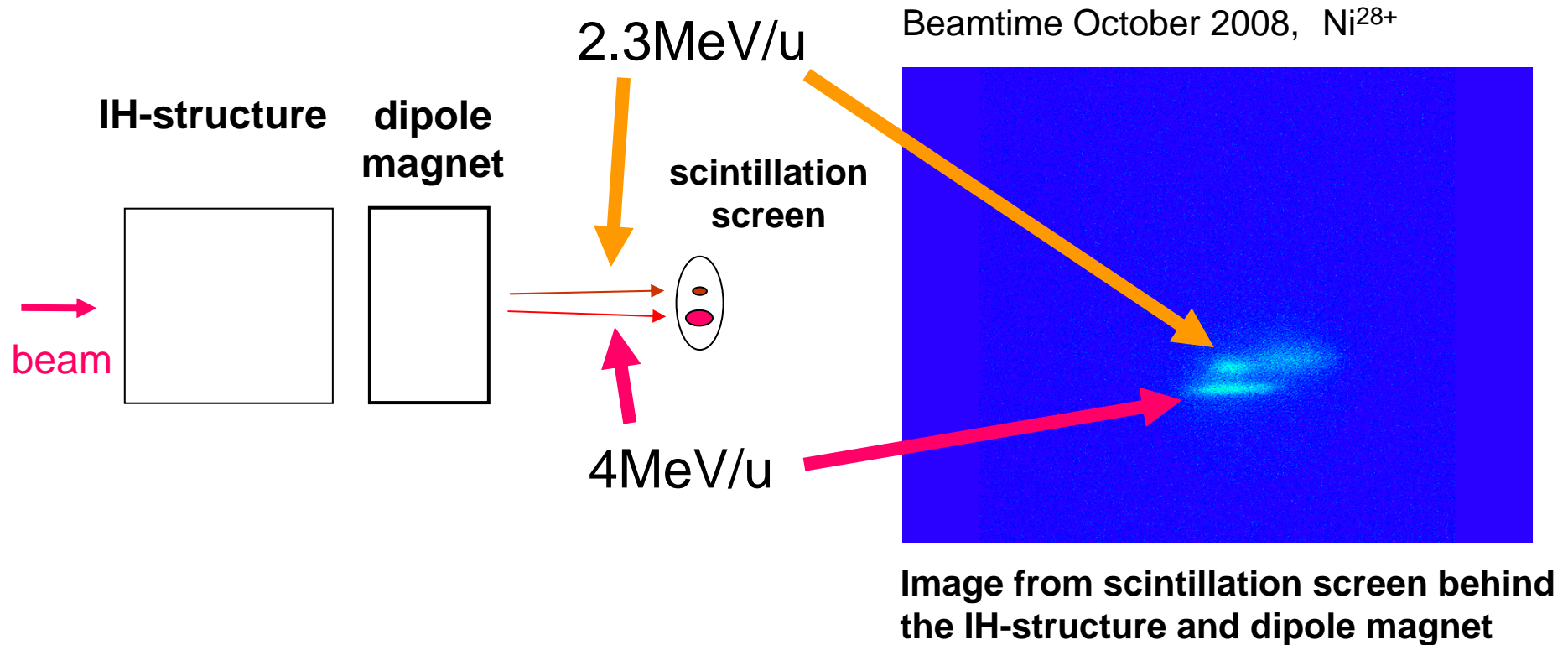
# Scintillation Screens

## Examples of measurements



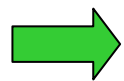
False colour pictures show more details

# Scintillation Screens Measurements-Results



Separated spots represent different energies

Not detectable with harp systems and ring pick ups

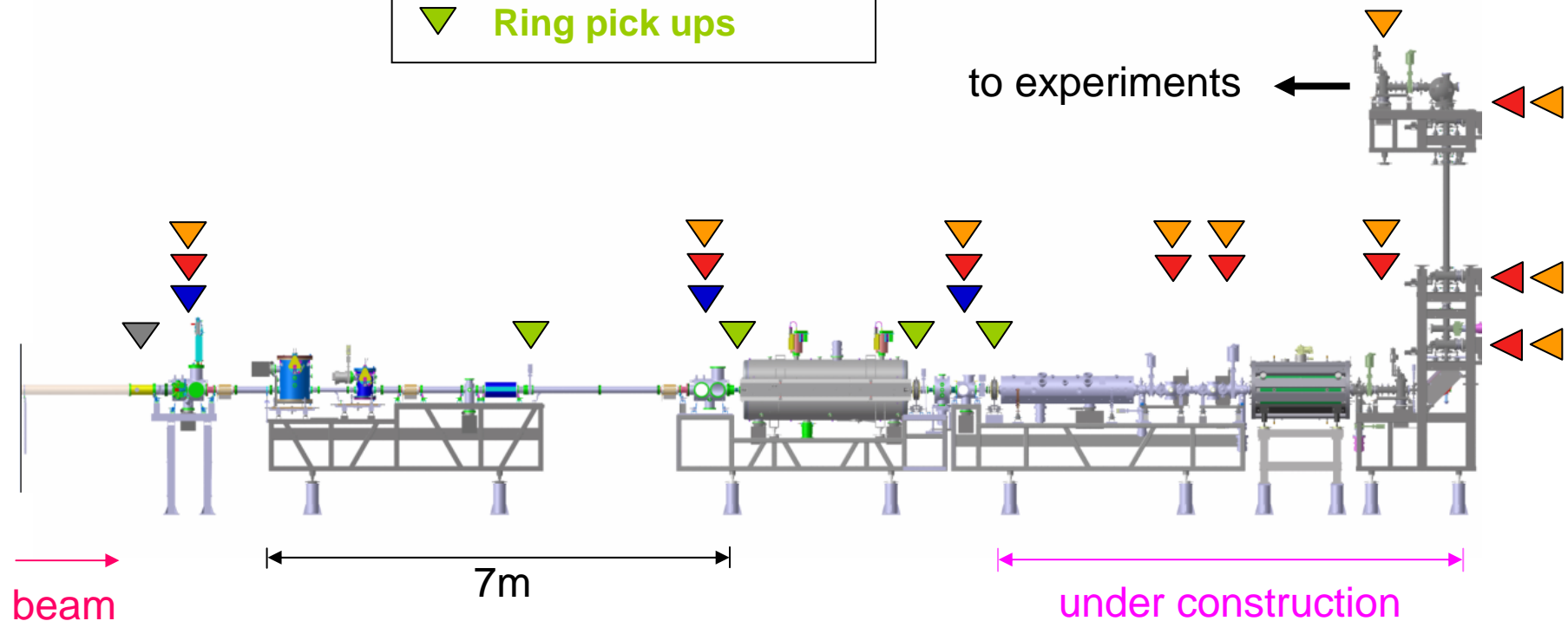


**The scintillator screens are very helpful for operating !**

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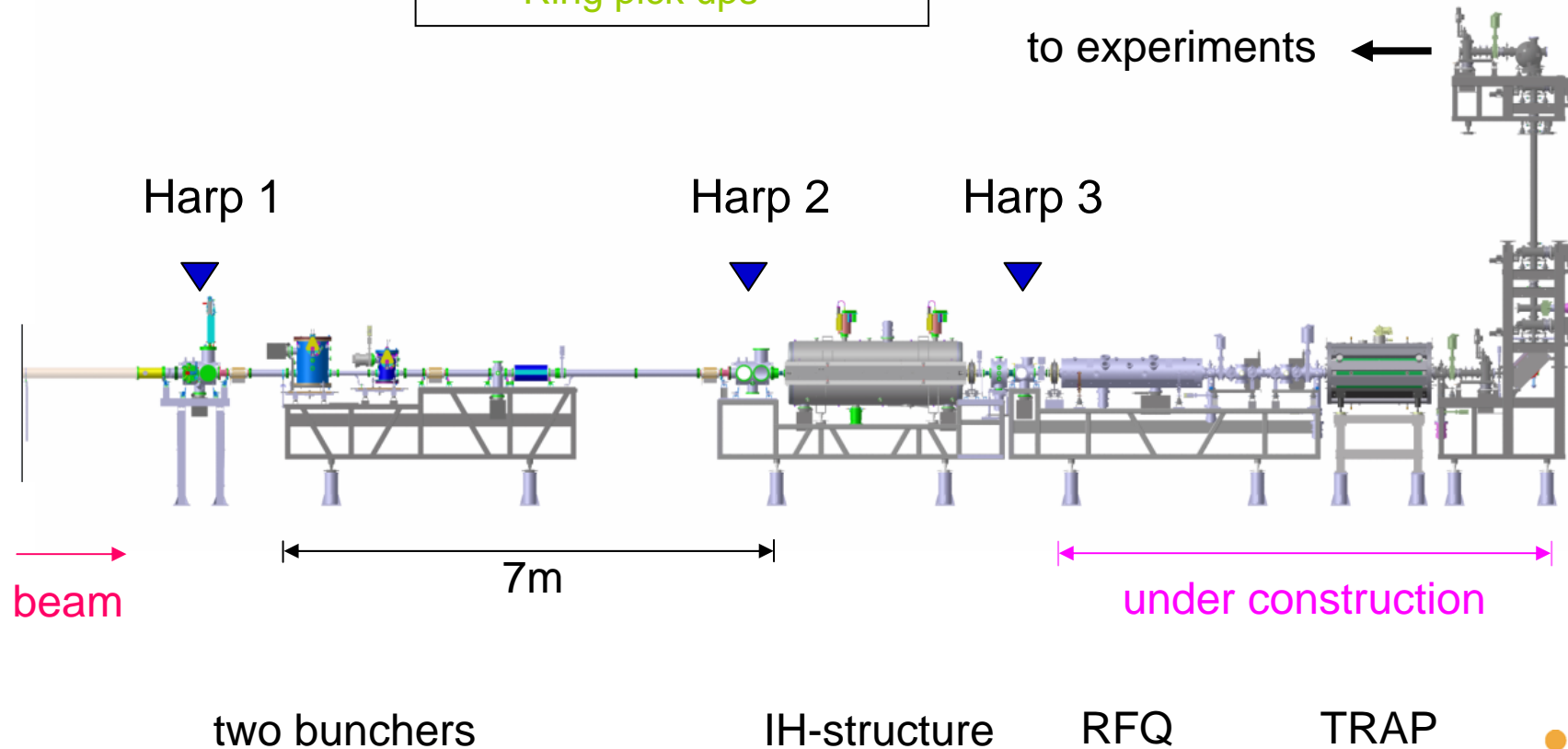
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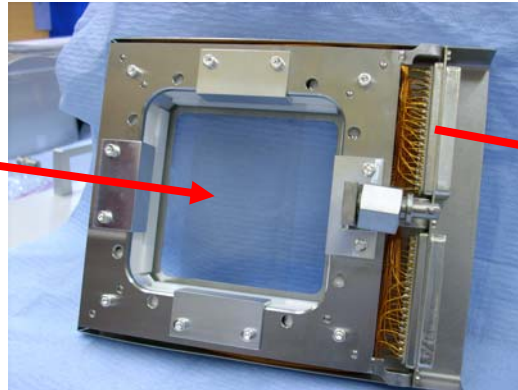
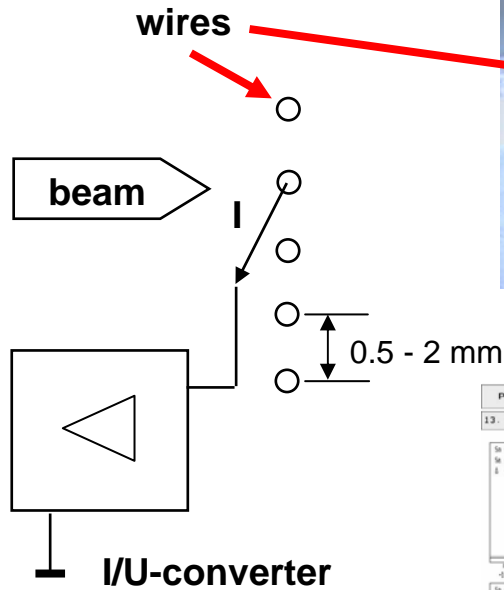
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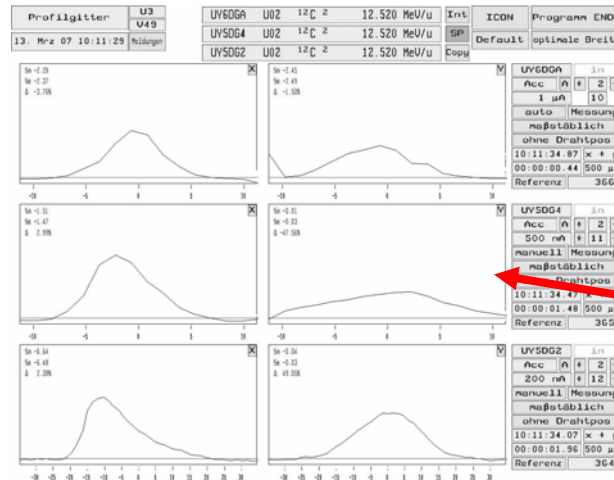
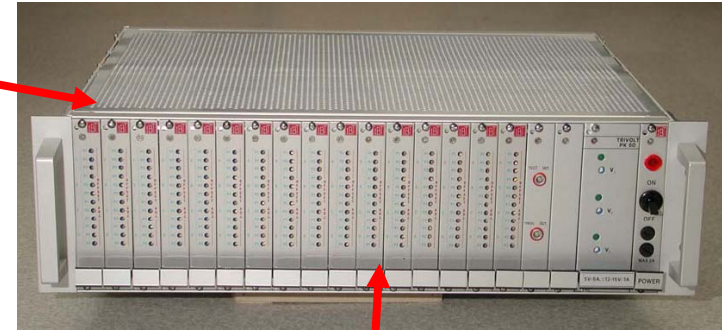
# Harp Systems - Layout

function diagram



harp assembly

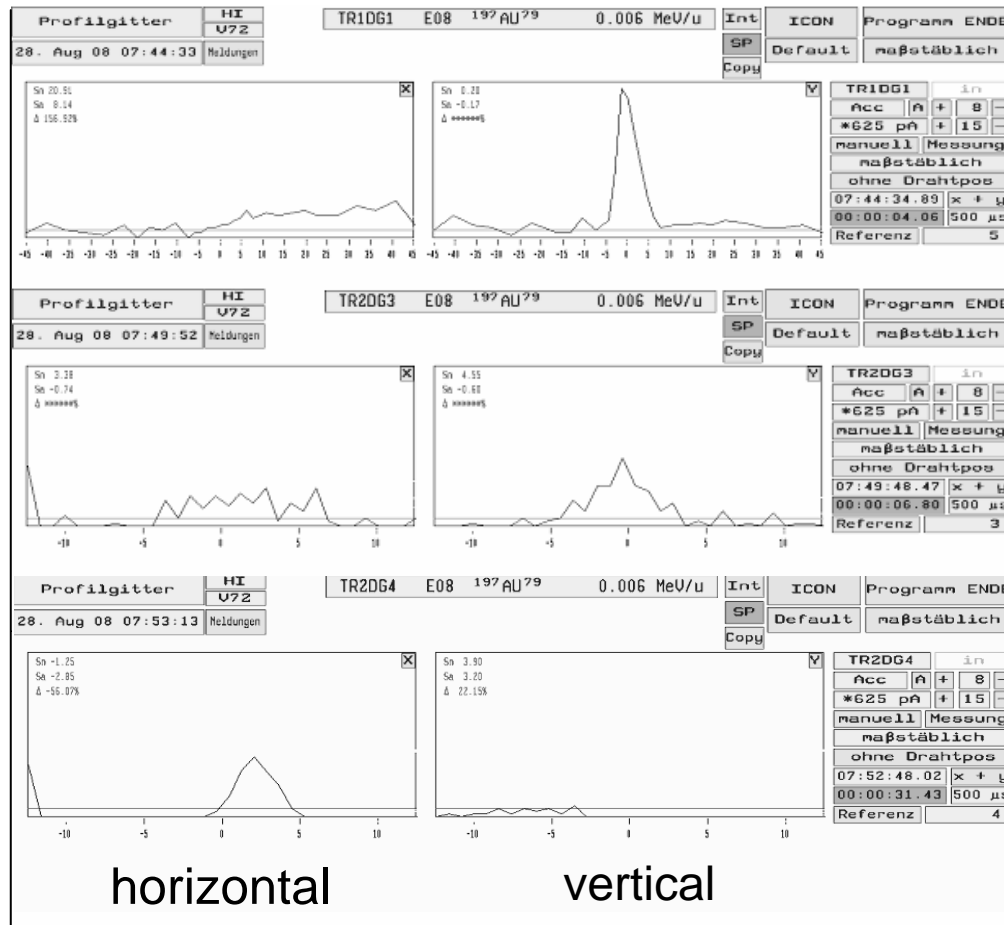
analog and control devices



Harp systems are not destructive !

control program on screen at CR

# Harps Results – Measured Profiles



Profiles were measured in August 2008 ( Au<sup>79+</sup>)

HARP 1

Range: 2nA/V 20nA f.s.



HARP 2

Results:

- intensities were too low
- Measurements useful only in lowest range (625 pA „Soft“-zoom necessary)

HARP 3

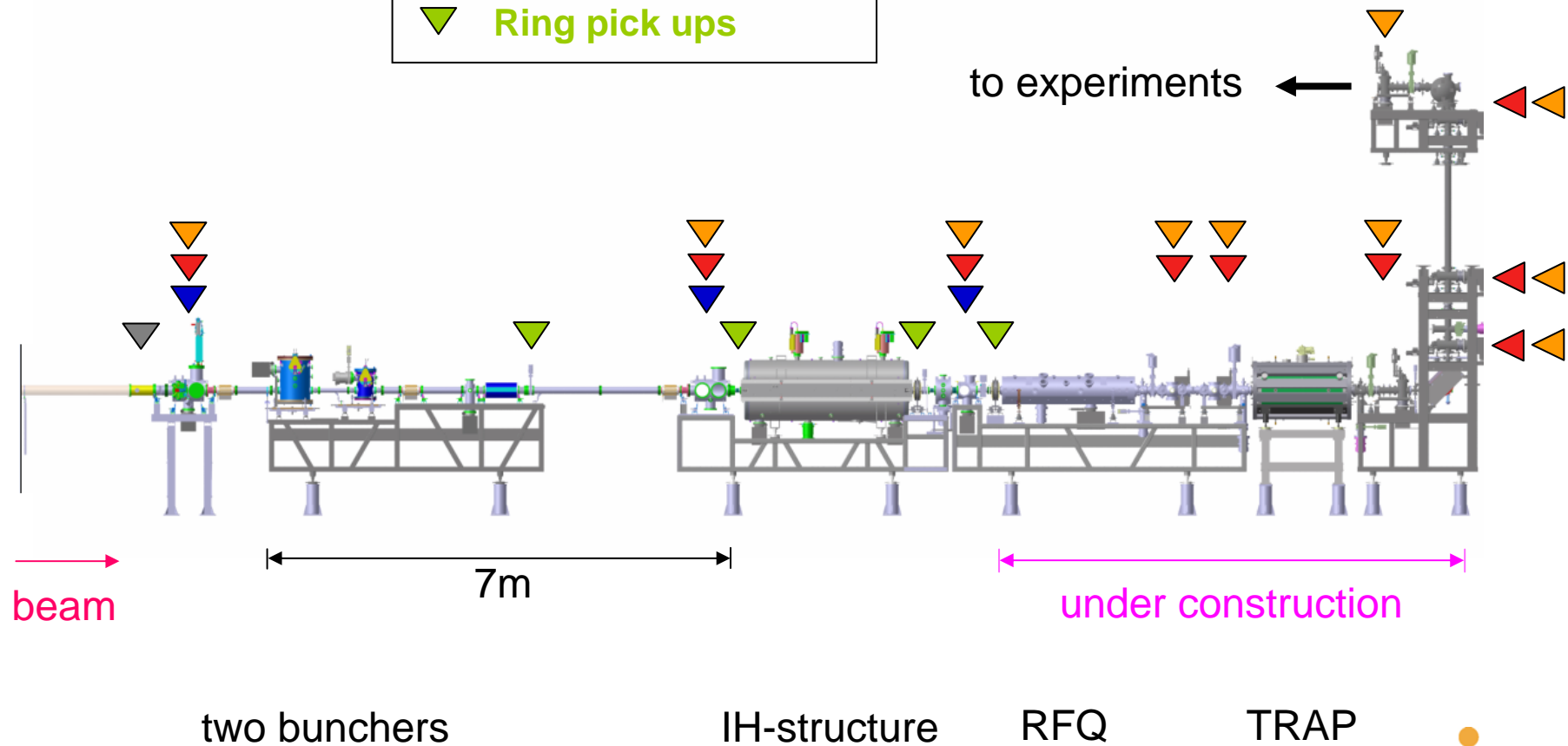
Operating was heavily affected



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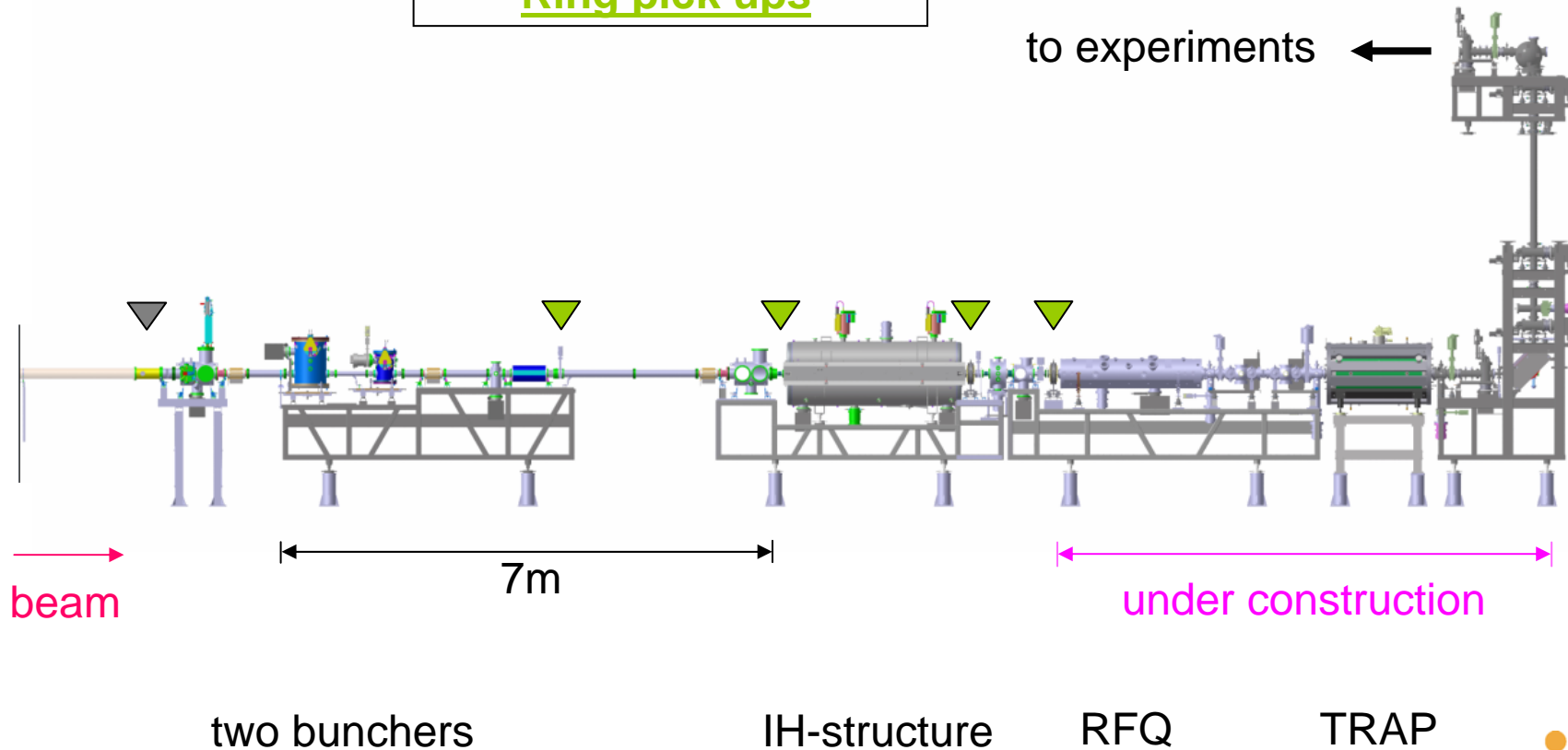
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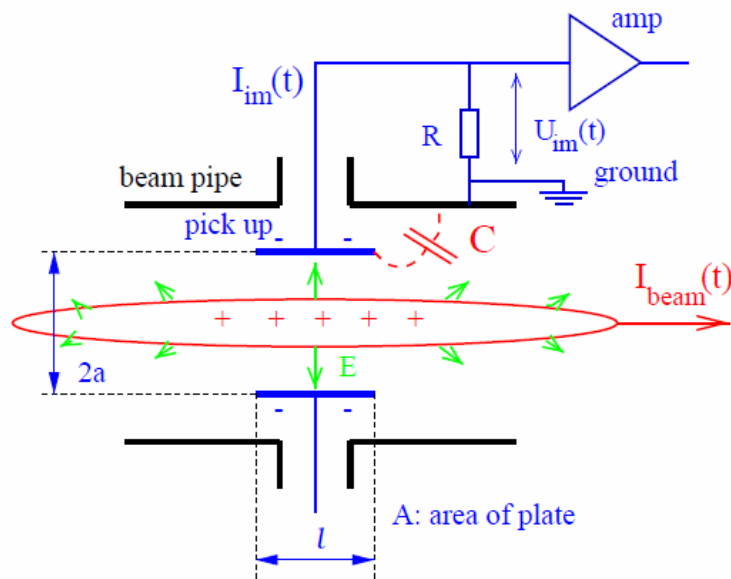
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# Capacitive Pick Up – Function Diagram



Time-of-Flight (TOF) measurement is possible with two pick ups

⇒ determination of beam energy

$$u_{noise,RMS} = \sqrt{4kTBR}$$

$B$  = bandwidth

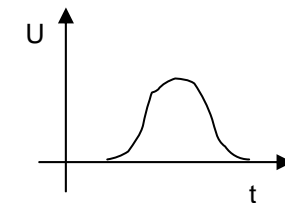
$$\omega_{Cut} = \frac{1}{RC}$$

- Beam (ion bunch) influences charge on the pick up plates
- Charge (current) flows over the pick up plates through R into ground

High impedance

High frequency range  $\omega \gg \omega_{cut}$  :

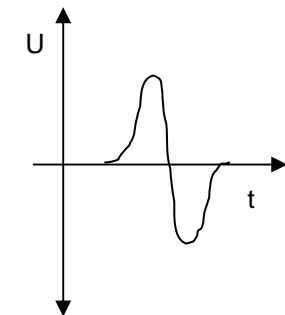
$$U_{im}(t) = \frac{1}{\beta c C} \cdot \frac{A}{2\pi a} \cdot I_{beam}(t)$$



Low impedance

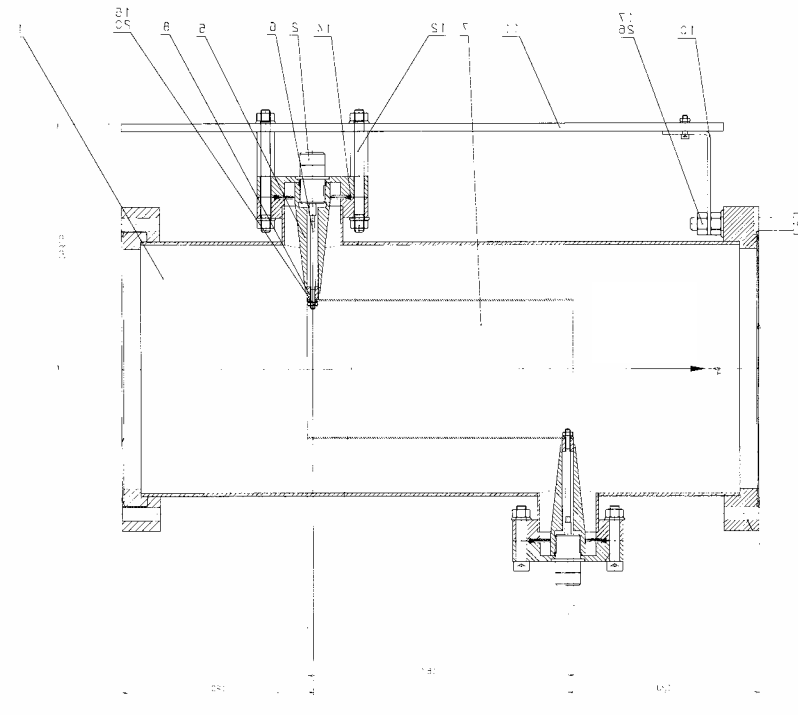
Low frequency range  $\omega \ll \omega_{cut}$  :

$$U_{im}(t) = \frac{R}{\beta c} \cdot \frac{A}{2\pi a} \cdot \frac{dI_{beam}}{dt}$$



# High Impedance „Tubular“ Pick Up

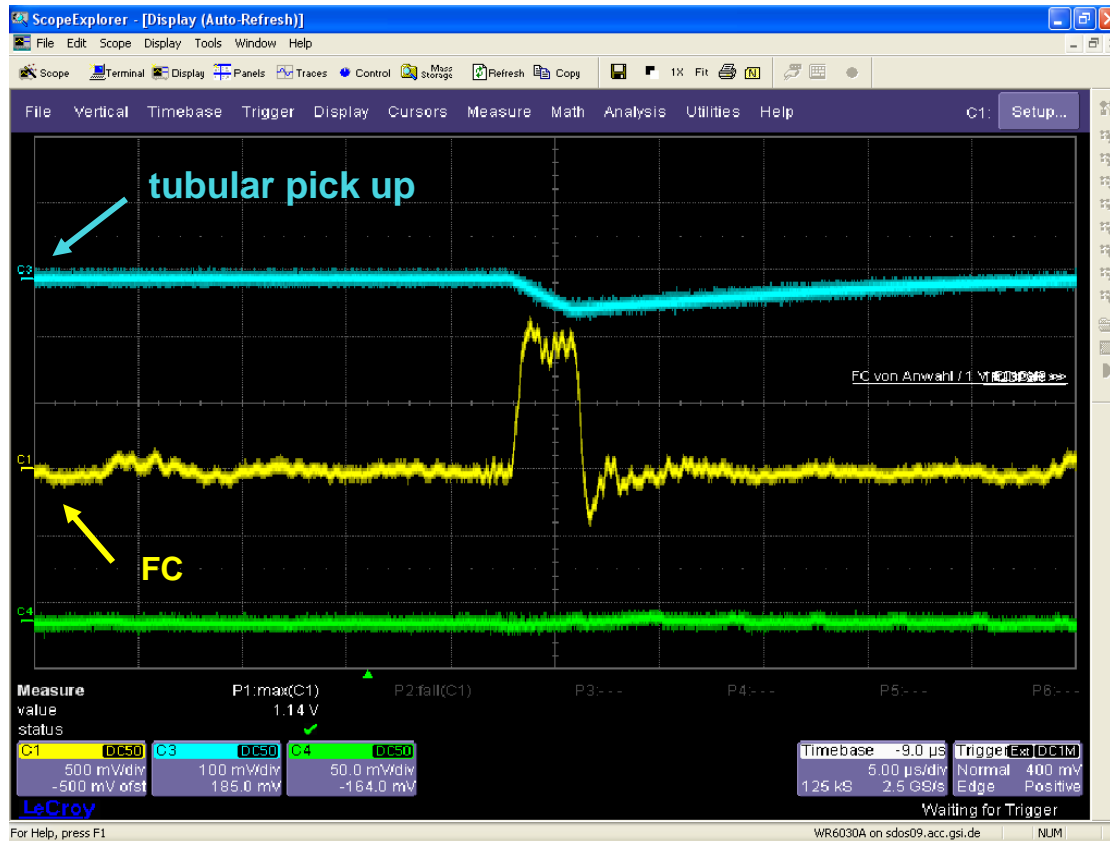
high-impedance amplifier (1M $\Omega$ , 10 MHz Bandwidth)



„Tubular“ pick up in the HITRAP beamline

# Tubular Pick Up - Measurement-Results

Beamtime February 2009 (Ni<sup>28+</sup>)



Yellow trace: 500mV/div.; 5  $\mu$ s/div.

Blue trace: 100mV/div.; 5  $\mu$ s/div.

● Output signal of the tubular pick up should look similar to a FC-signal.

● The tubular pick up did not show signal induced by the extracted ESR-beam.

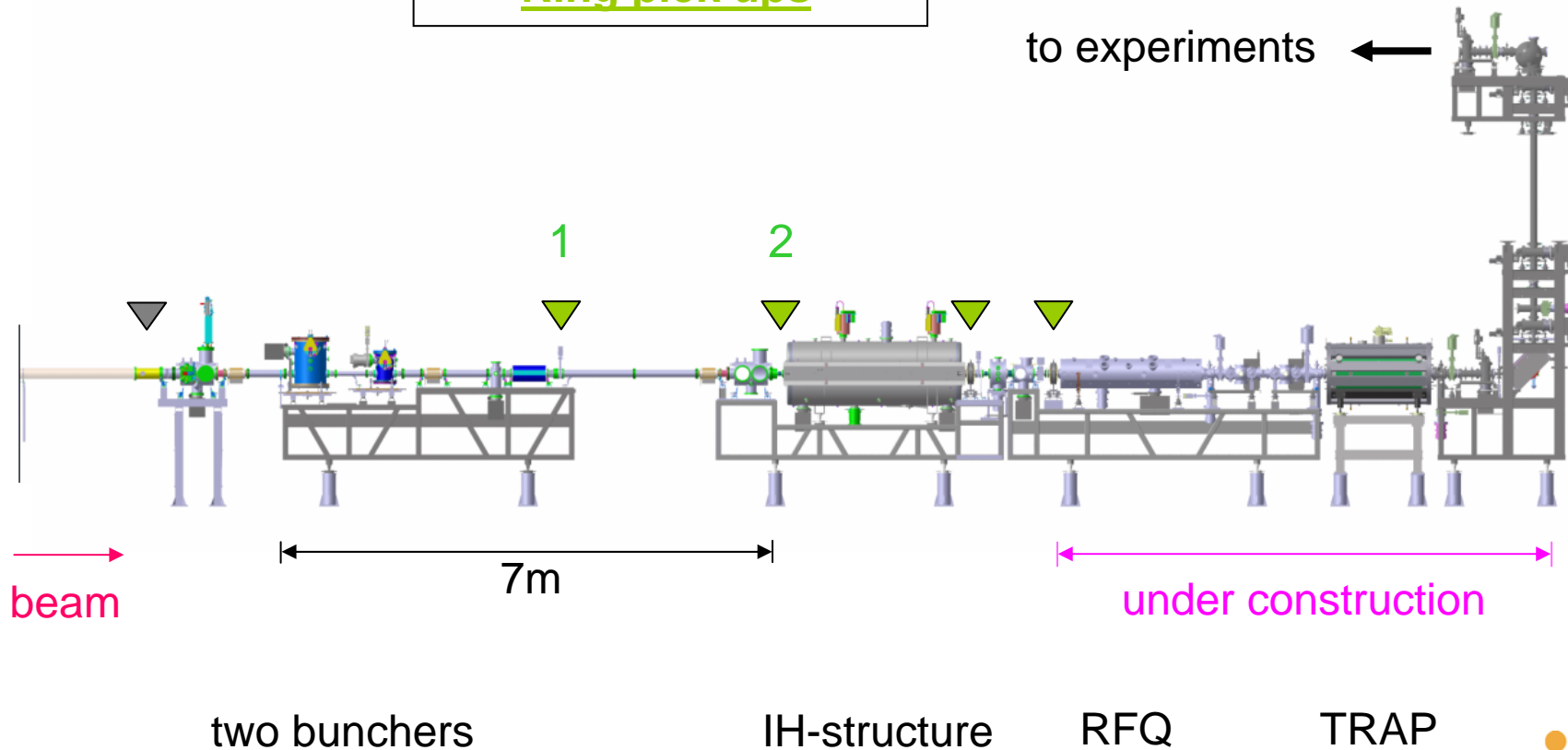
➔ direct irradiation of pick up plate

● Suggestion: reduced-length tubular pick up should help

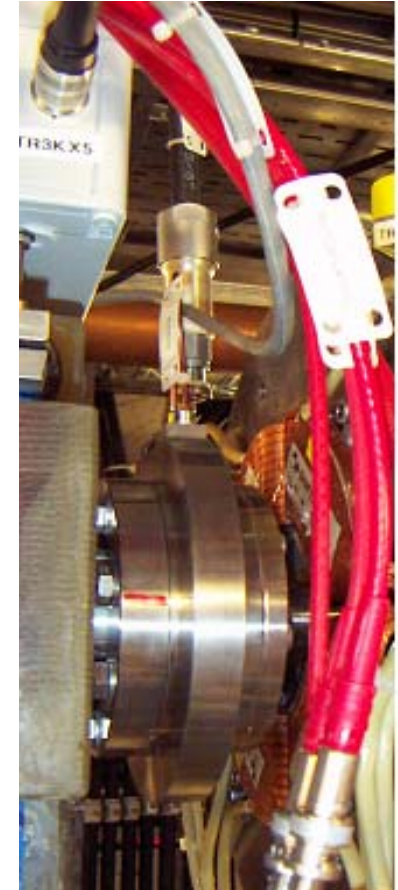
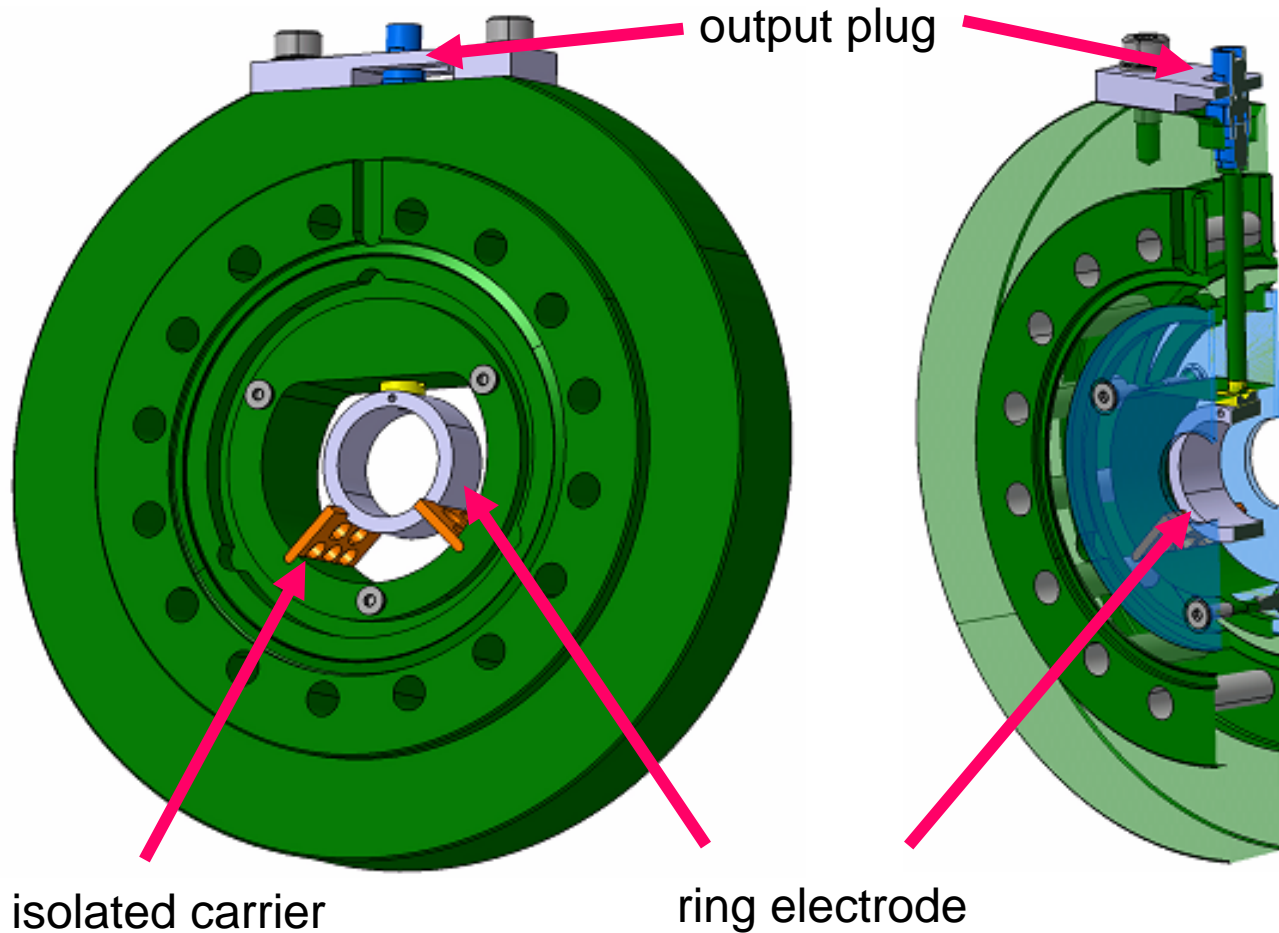
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# Ring Pick Up – Design Mechanic



pick up at  
HITRAP

Ring pick up: design optimized for 50 Ohm impedance

# Capacitive Ring Pick Ups - Results

Beamtime October 2008 (Ni<sup>28+</sup>)



- Image shows typical signals of beam bunches

→ TOF-calculations possible

but

- The pick up signals could only be detected with averaging of 6 measurements

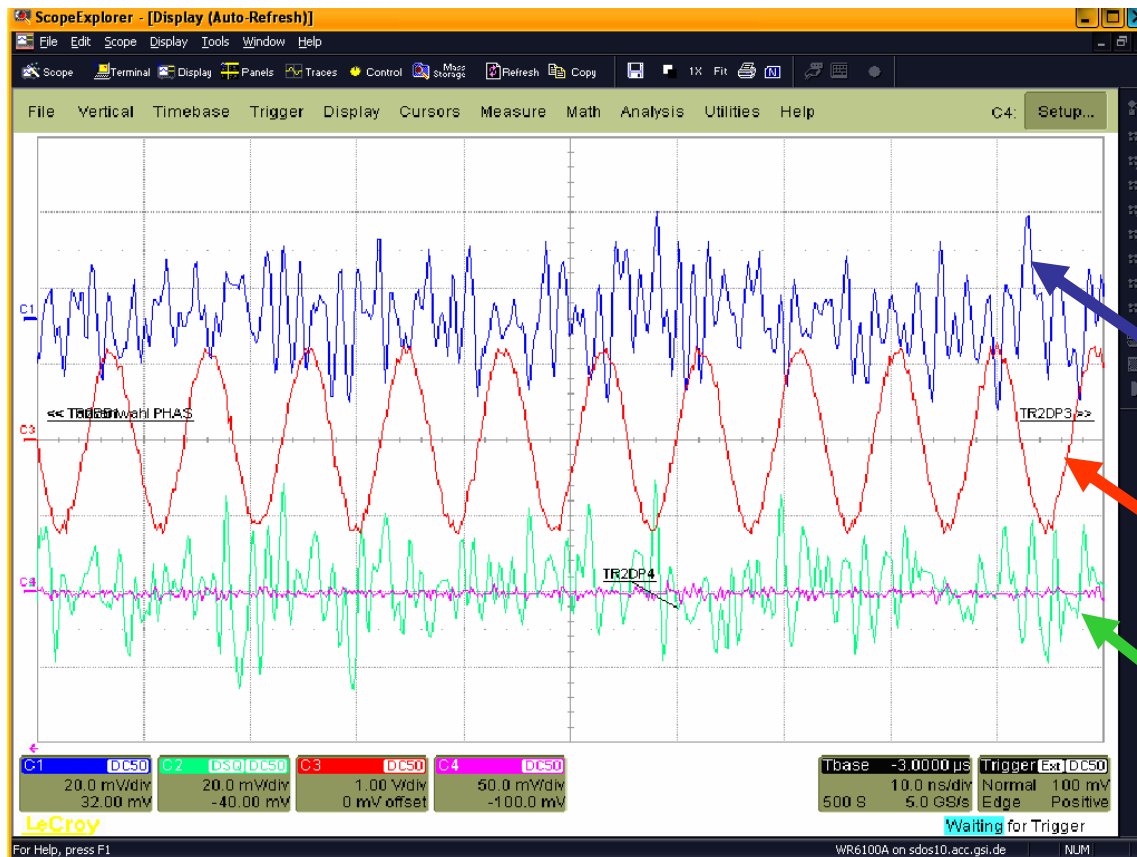
→ Long waiting period (here 7 minutes)

Note: 20mV/Div. and 5ns/Div.; beam current was > 1,5  $\mu$ A



# Capacitive Ring Pick Ups - Results

Beamtime October 2008 (Ni<sup>28+</sup>)



➔ Unfortunately in most of the cases measurements are not possible

➔ Sensitivity of the system is not high enough (signal/noise ratio too low)

Pick up 1 after quadrupole

RF-reference

Pick up 2 in front of IH

Note: red trace: 50mV/div.; 10 ns/div.; blue and green traces: 20mV/div.; 10 ns/div.

# Summary and Outlook

- ➔ With Faraday-cups we can detect the low energy / intensity beams !  
(Calculation of transmissions, time-resolved measurement)
- ➔ The scintillator screens are essential for operating !  
(detection of position up to 300 nA and  $< 2 \mu\text{s}$  beam pulse)
- ➔ Pick ups are important for operating, but the sensitivity presently is not high enough (signal/noise ratio to low)

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Next beamtime



Modify tubular pick up ?



Suggestion for ring pick ups:  
low-noise head amplifiers between pick ups  
and transmission lines to improve S/N ratio  
(not yet decided)



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