

Radiation Field Studies around the 130 m long SASE 3 Undulators at the European XFEL by a modified LB 6419 probe mounted on the MARWIN4 robot

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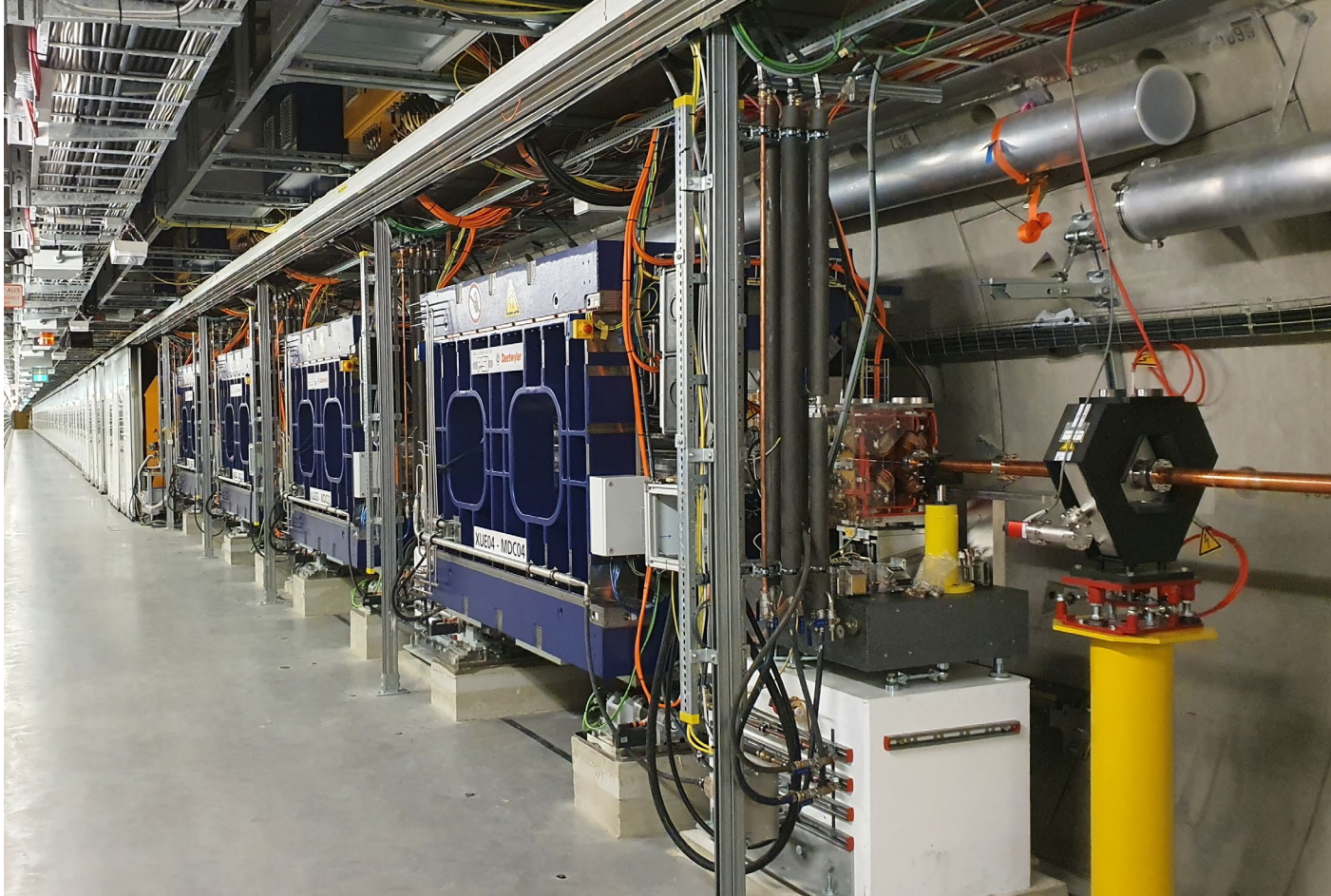
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Radiation Damage at the APPLE-X Undulators

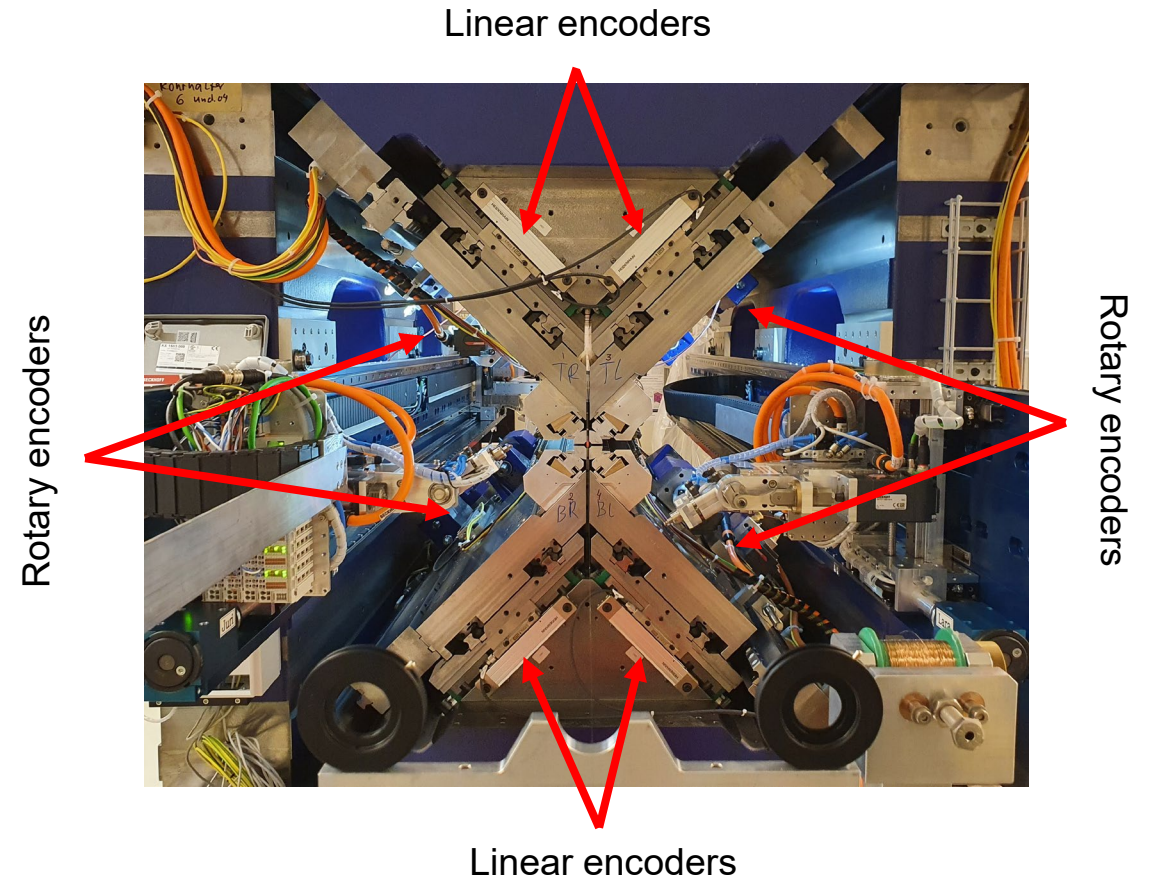
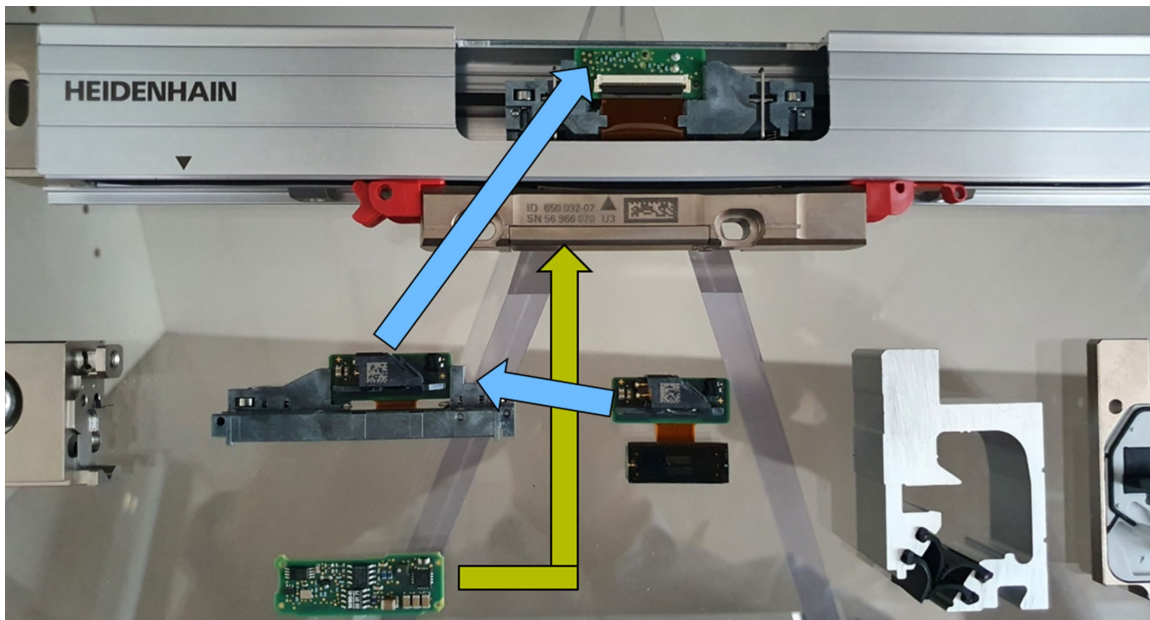
SASE3 with APPLE-X afterburner



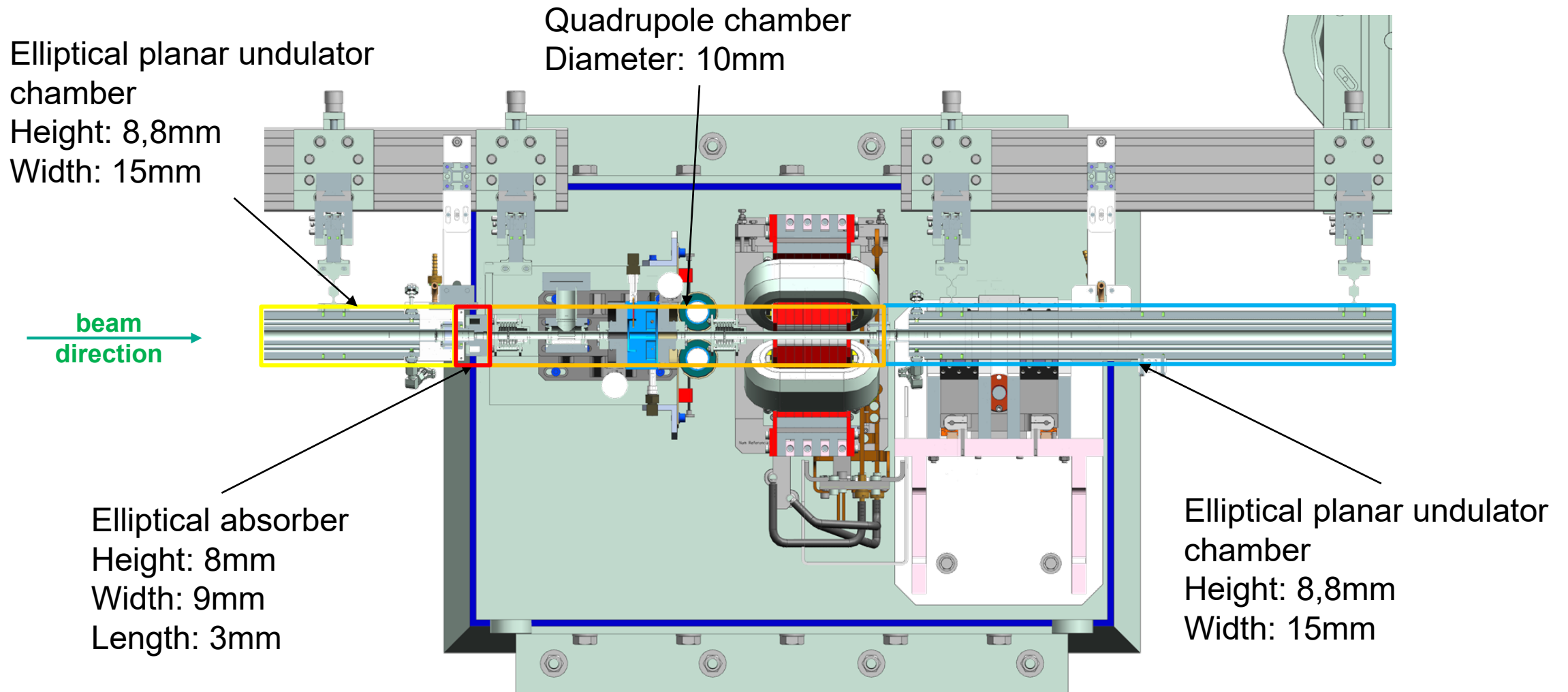
- All APPLE-X undulators were installed in the tunnel during the 21/22 winter shutdown
- The undulators and the intersection components were aligned using a laser tracker
- They were connected to the control system and integrated into the control network
- The helical afterburner was prepared for the first beam through
- APPLE-X undulators were set to the so-called Zero Light Mode to minimize the impact on the beam trajectory
- The very first beam with an energy of 14 GeV reached the beam dump without any losses.

APPLE-X: Location of the affected components

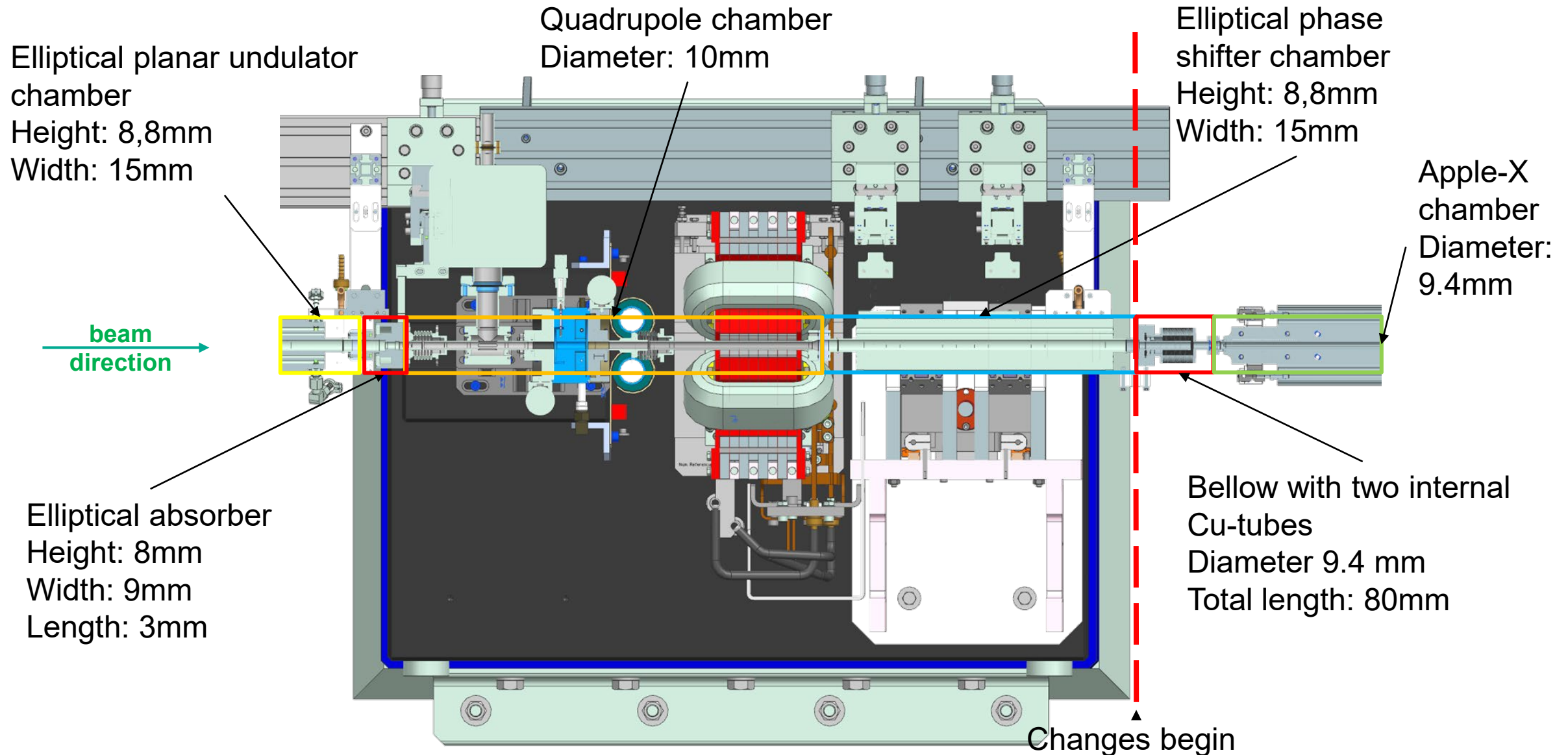
- Linear encoders are located on the downstream side of the undulator, ~30 cm away from the electron beam
- Rotary encoders are mounted on the motors. They are located on the sides of the undulator at a distance of ~30-40 cm from the electron beam.



Geometry of the vacuum system: Planar undulator– Intersection–Planar undulator



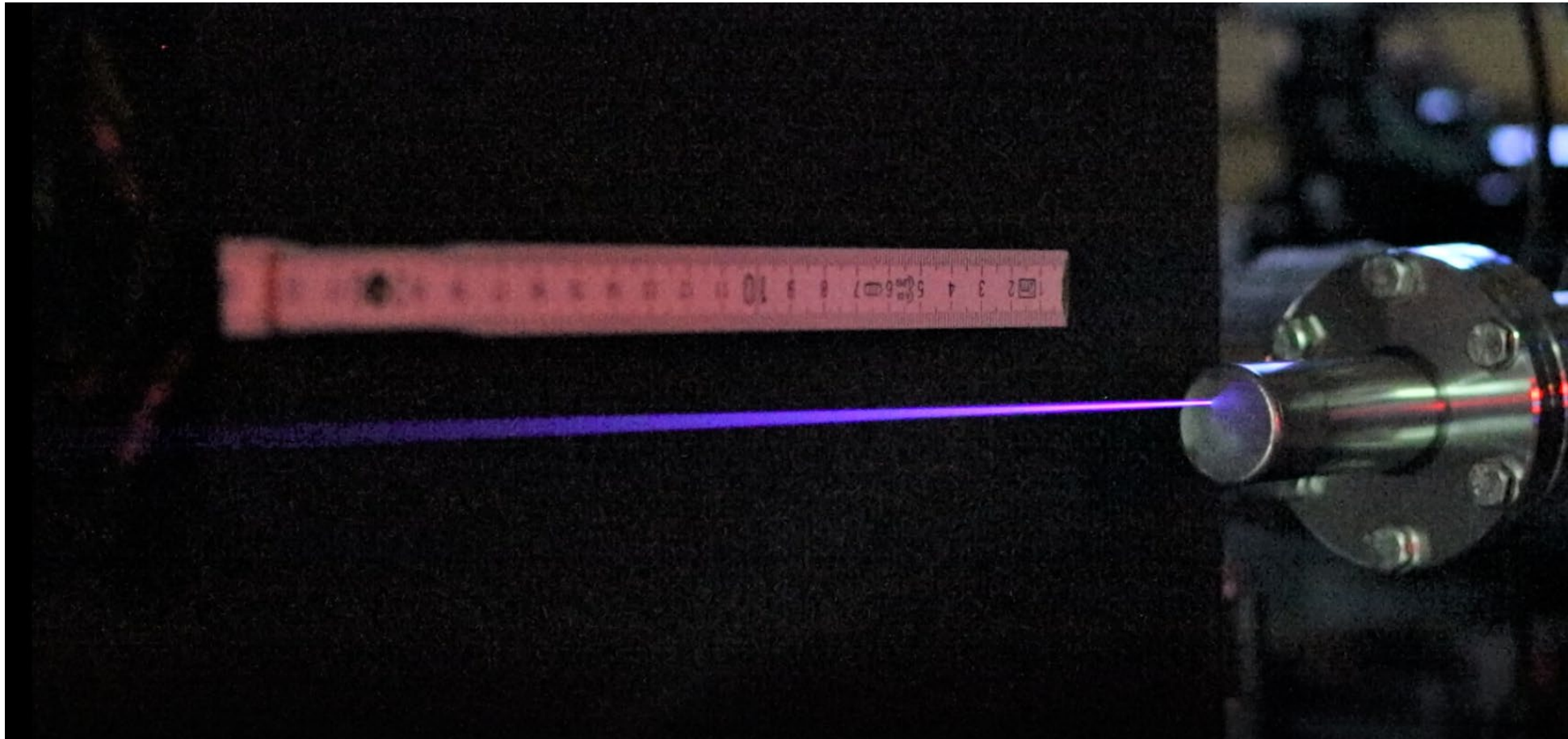
Geometry of the vacuum system: Planar undulator– Intersection–Apple-X undulator



Challenges for Active Dose Rate Meters

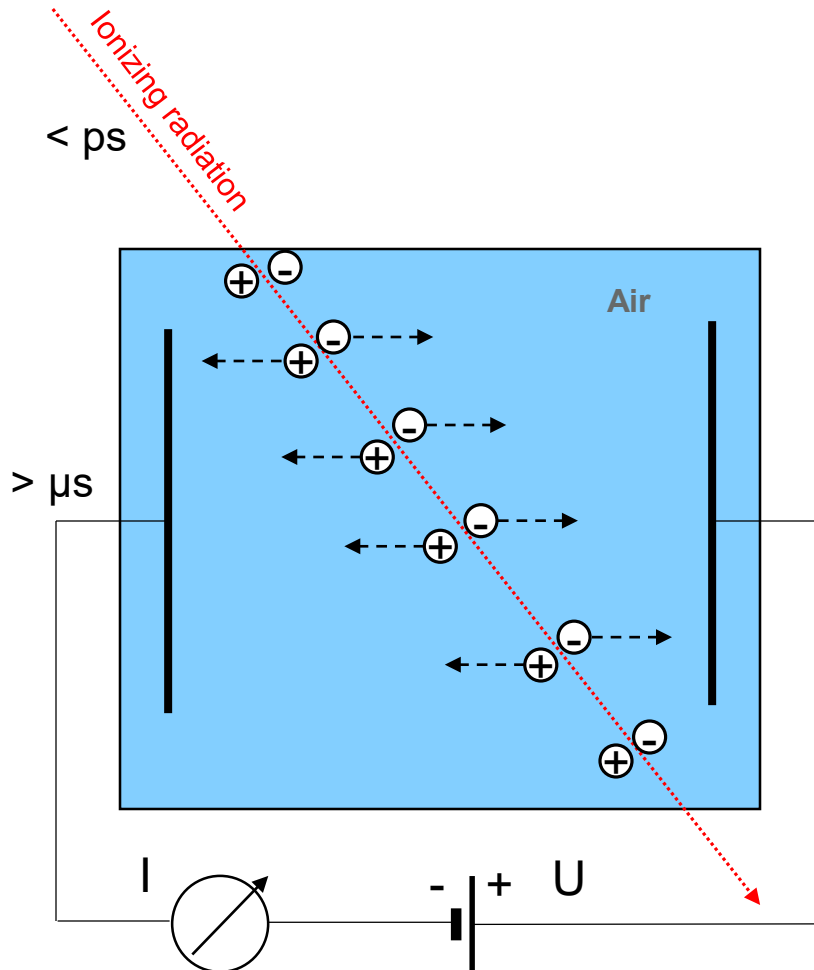
- Free electron lasers and laser driven accelerators generate photon pulses shorter than a picosecond.
- Leads to pileup of many photons to a single response.
- Leads to saturation.
- Leads to fake neutron counts due to photon pileup, separation of true neutrons

X-ray Laser Sword

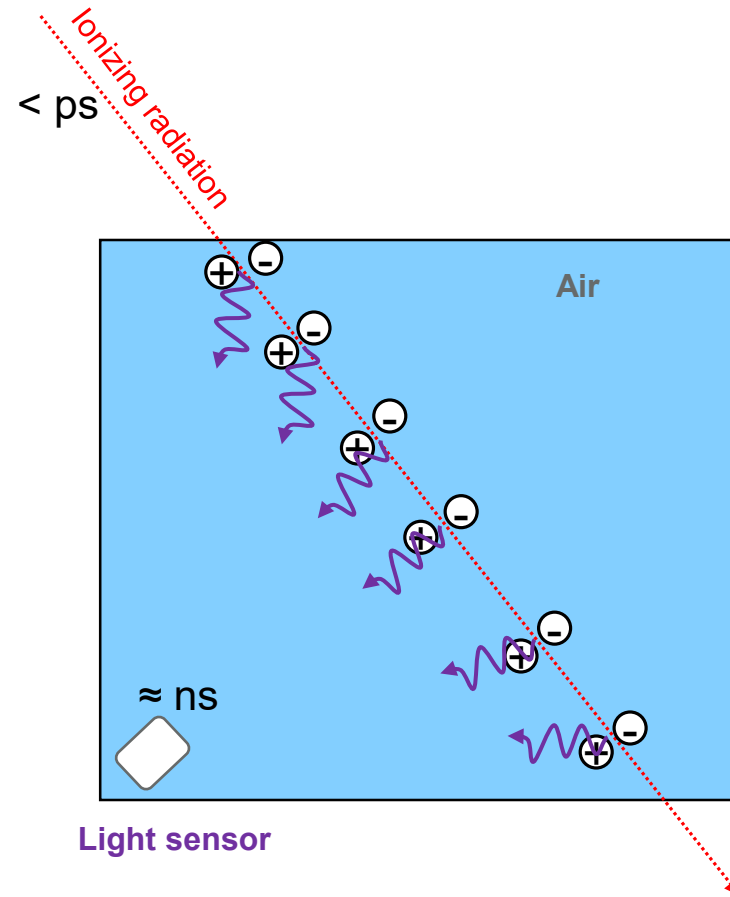


In the experimental hall at the European XFEL: The X-ray laser beam of 2.66 keV photons comes from the right, drills through the 2mm steel cap and generates a violet light phenomenon

Ionization / Fluorescence chamber



The measured quantity current I is a measure of the dose rate.



The fluorescence light intensity is a measure of dose rate.

Fluorescence Dosimeter – a modified LB 6419



Plastic tube filled with air

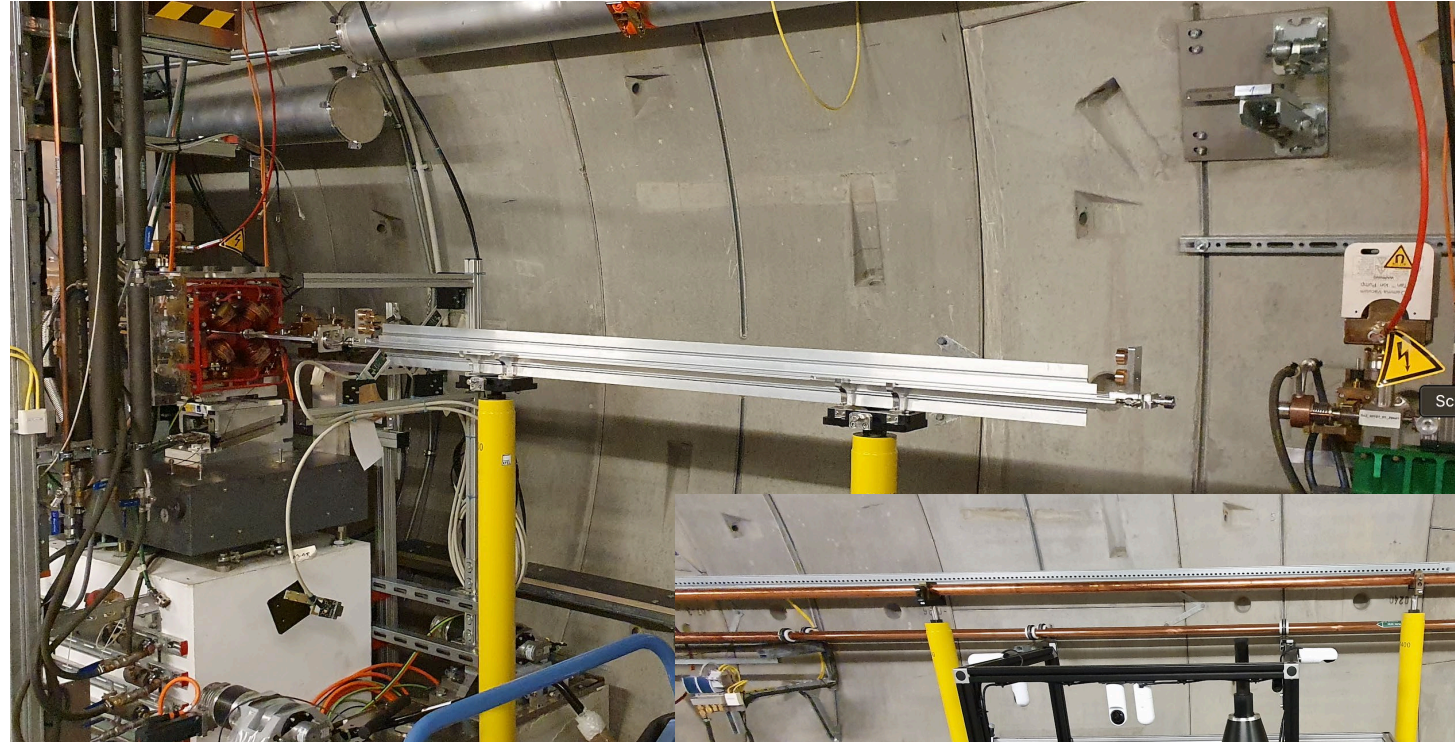
Photomultiplier

Moderated rem counter: ^3He -tube

Why to put it on top of a LB 6419: Replacing the plastic scintillator by an air-filled light-tight tube was the easiest way for this test of principle. The complete measuring chain from the light sensor (photomultiplier) to data acquisition, archiving and data analysis is available.

Installations in the tunnel during the winter shutdown 22/23

- A robot equipped with PANDORA (Photon And Neutron Dose Rate meter for Accelerators) detector was installed in the tunnel during the winter shutdown 22/23
- In Cell 24, located after the last planar undulator, a phase shifter vacuum chamber + bellow + an Apple-X vacuum chamber were installed



Beam losses or synchrotron radiation ?



2994 m

Marwin4's run way

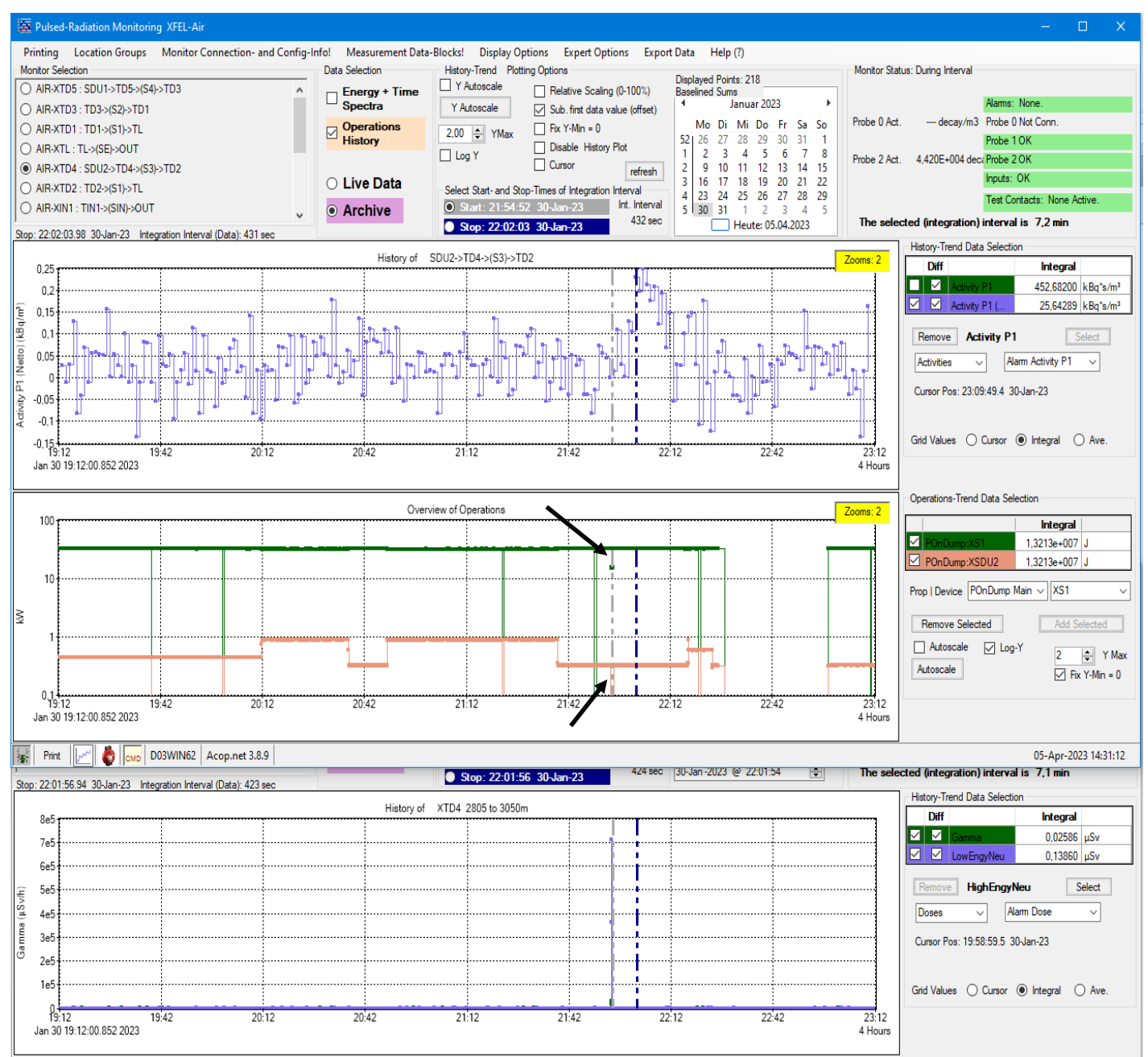
Beam Loss

How does it look like ?

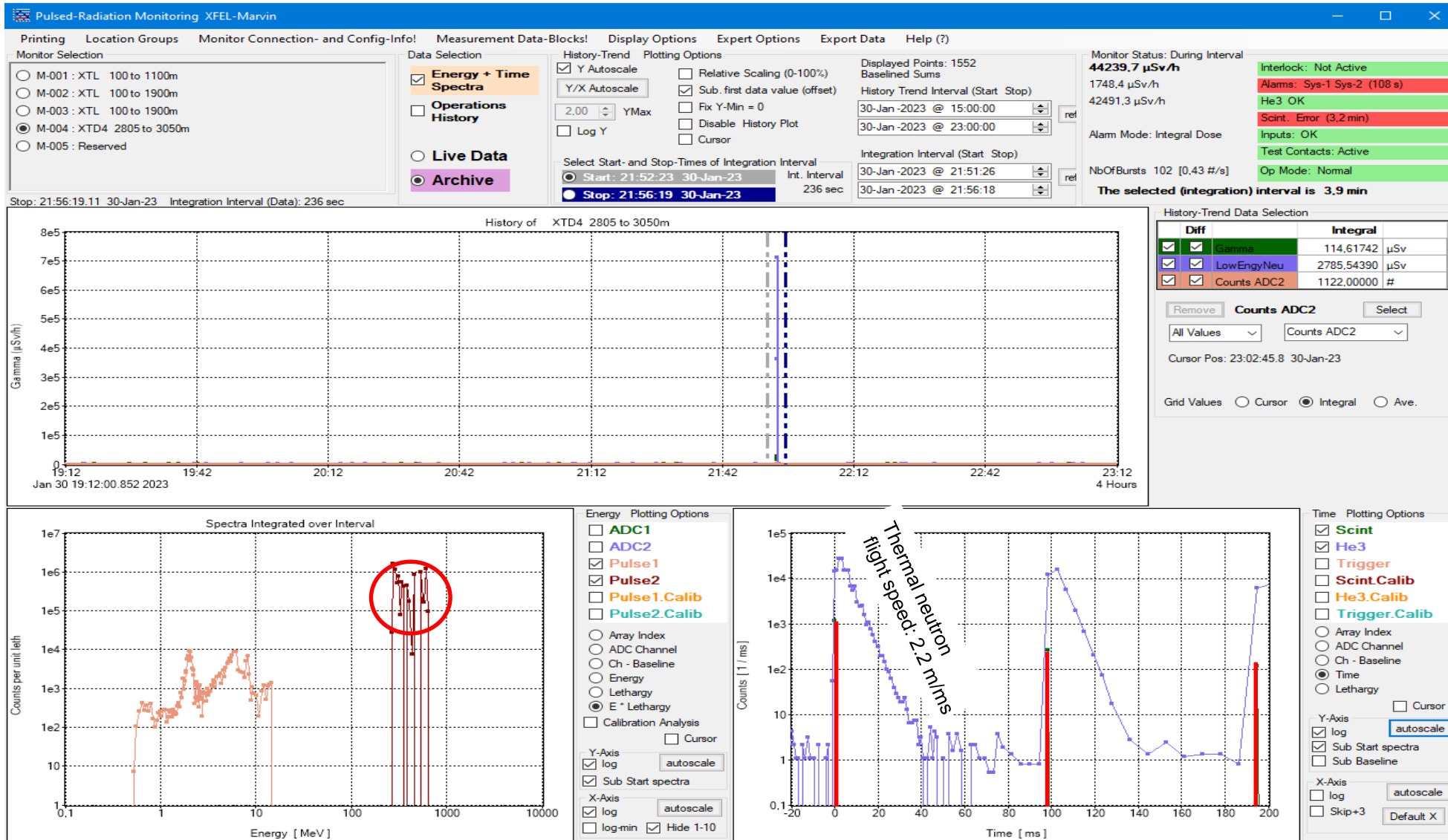
Icing on the cake:
 Airborne Activity measured by a beta-probe
 In the XS3 air shaft with a delay of 7 min,
 Distance \approx 200 m, air speed 0.5 m/s !

Missing power of the XS1 AND XDU2
 dumps

Response of MARWIN4's Pandora
 on charger station

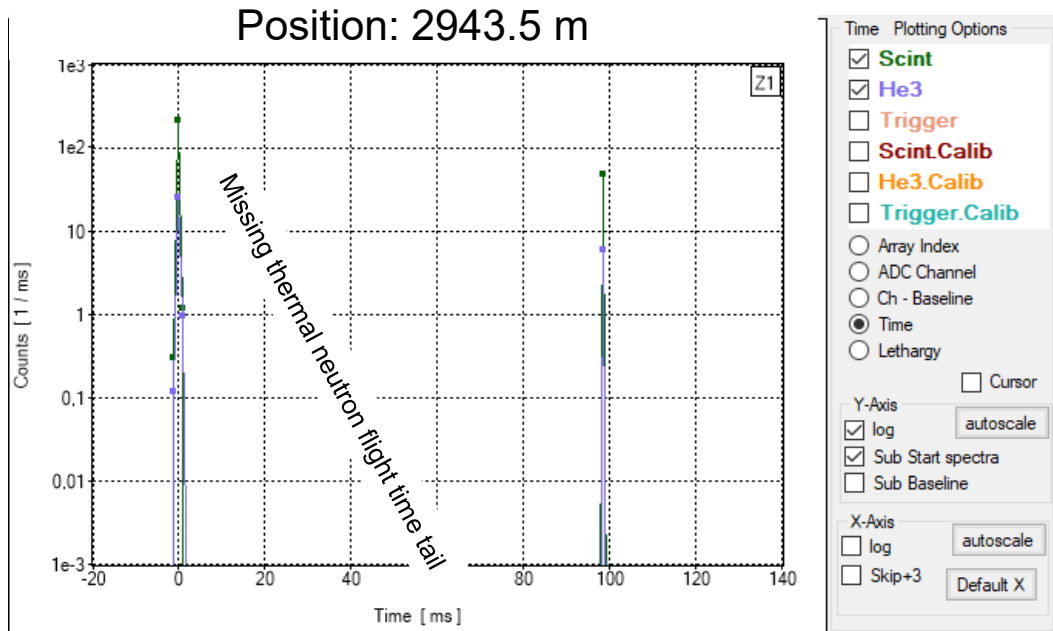


Beam Loss: 102 trains à 11 Bunches

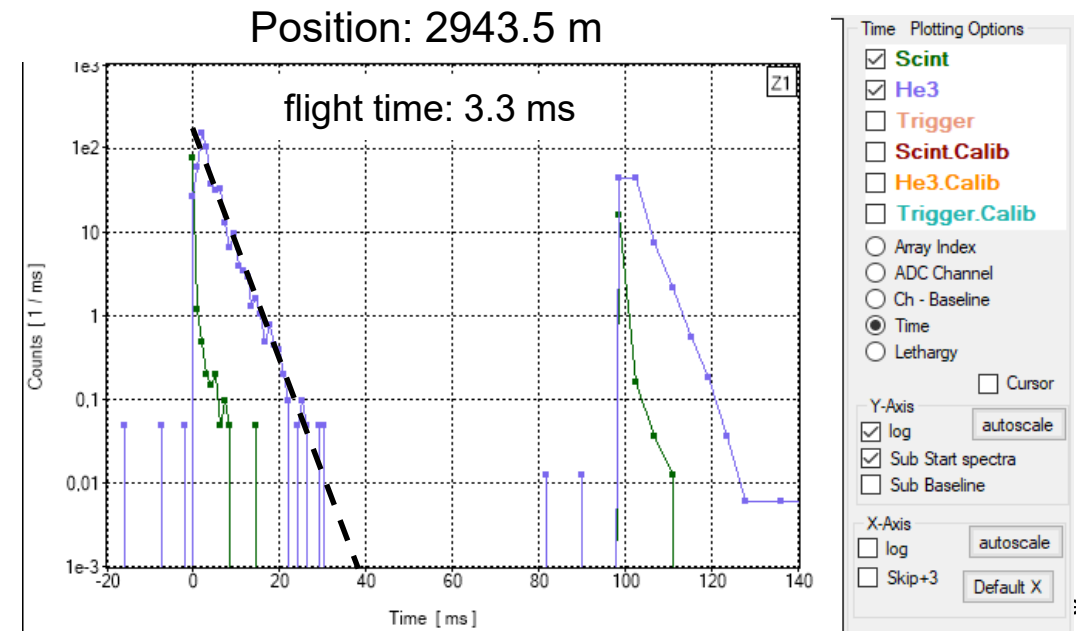
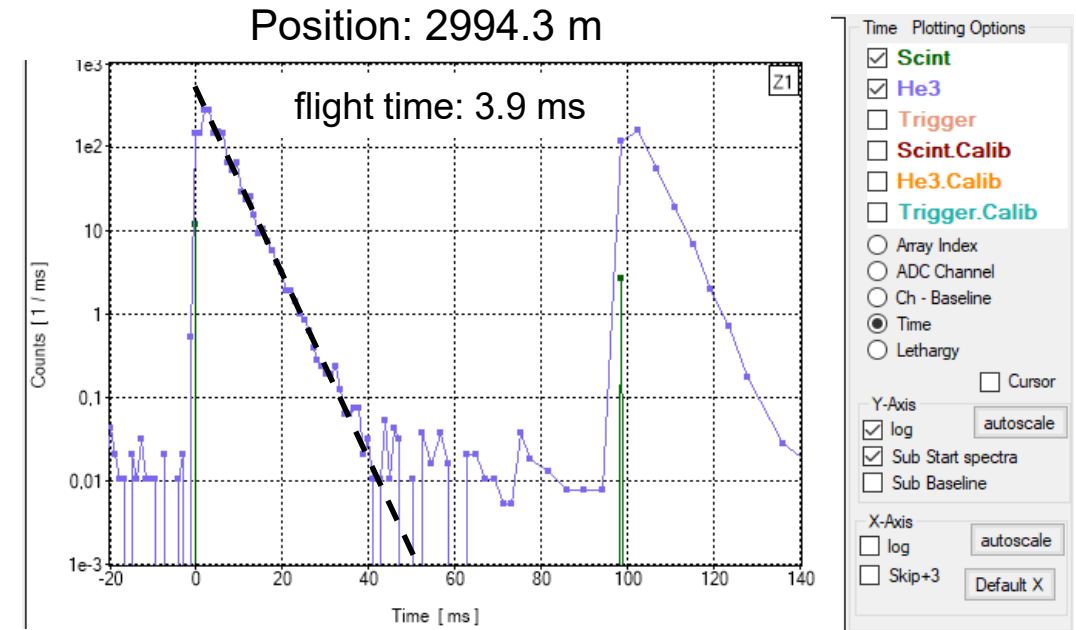


Synchrotron Radiation vs Beam Loss

Counts per pulse train

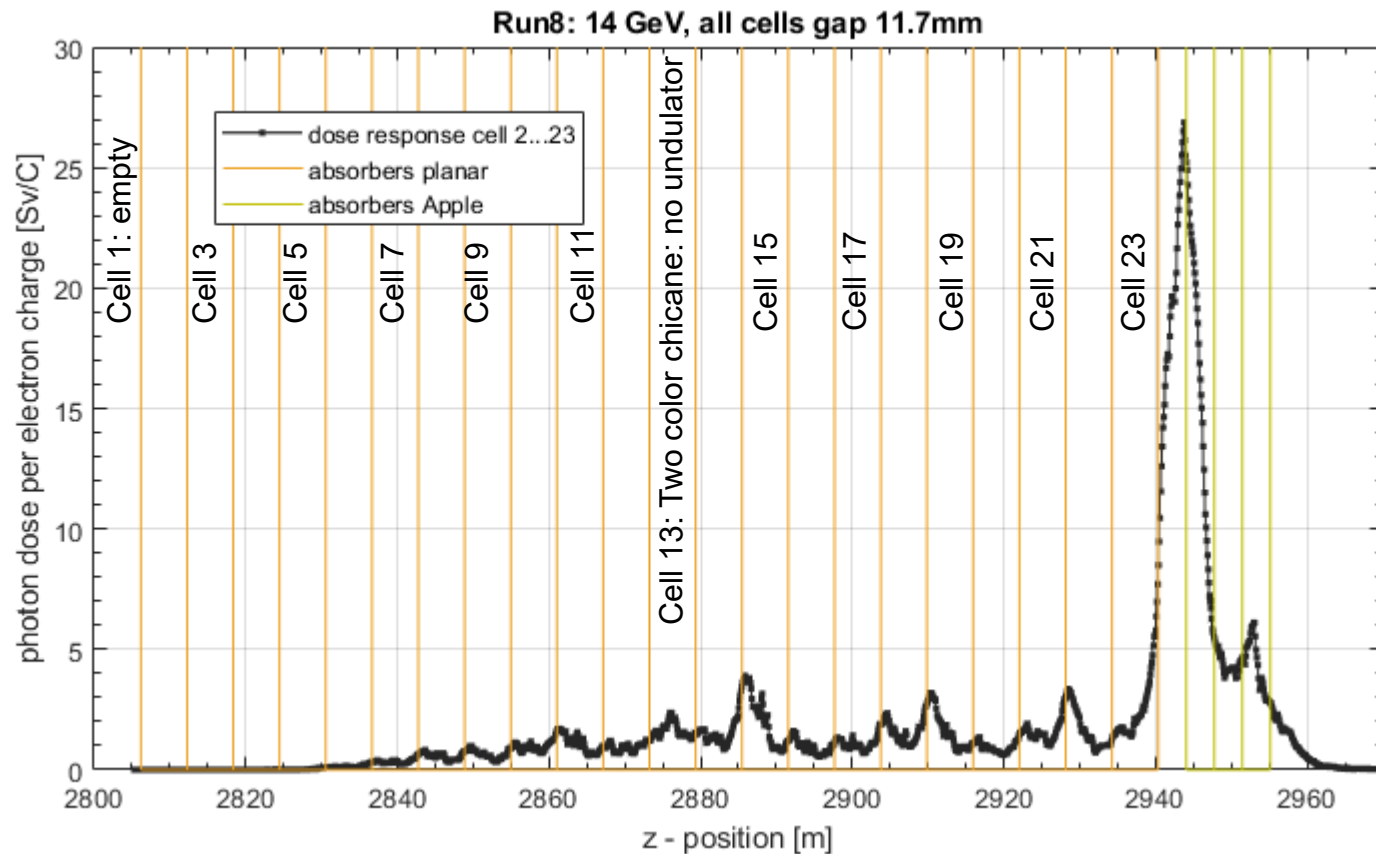


^3He tube counts photon pile ups
but no neutrons !



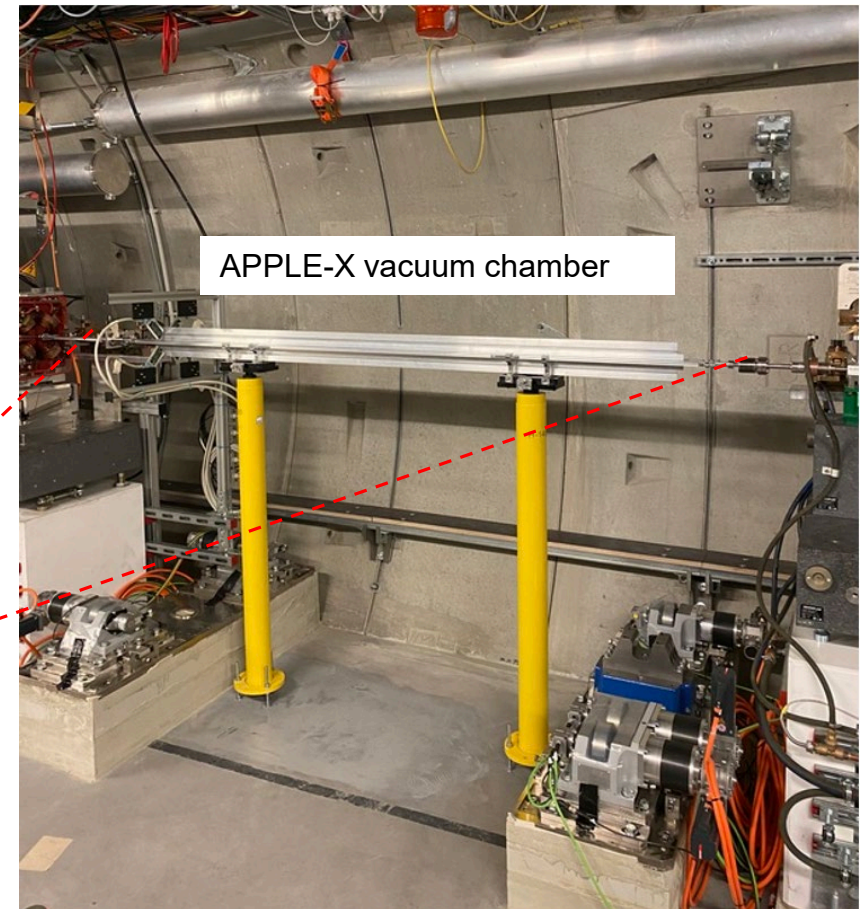
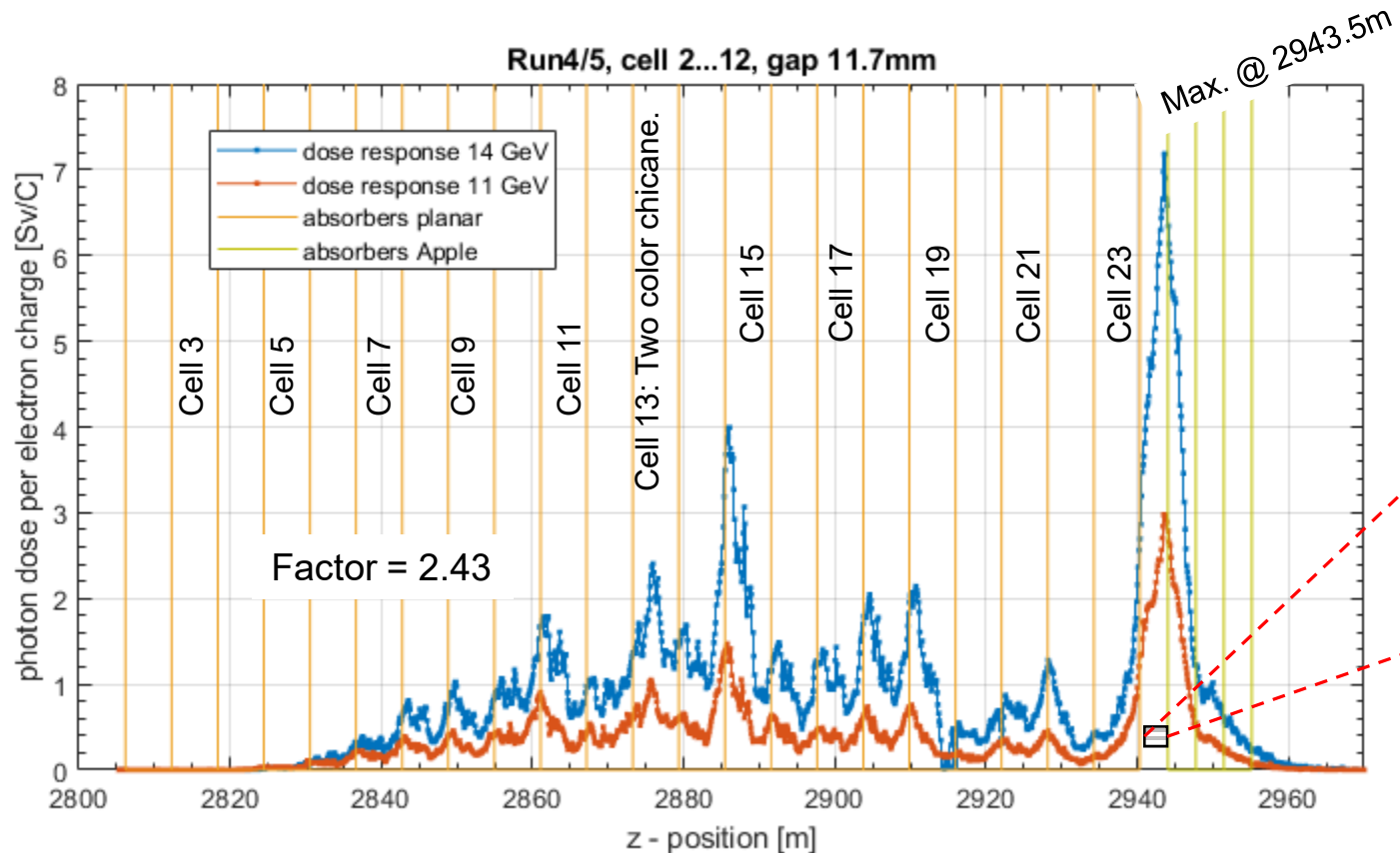
Beam losses haven't been the cause for damage. What about synchrotron radiation ?

- First harmonics: 0.787 keV, critical energy: 190 keV (K=8.2)
- Radiation profile is reproducible, not noisy.
- Radiation profile is independent from lasing.



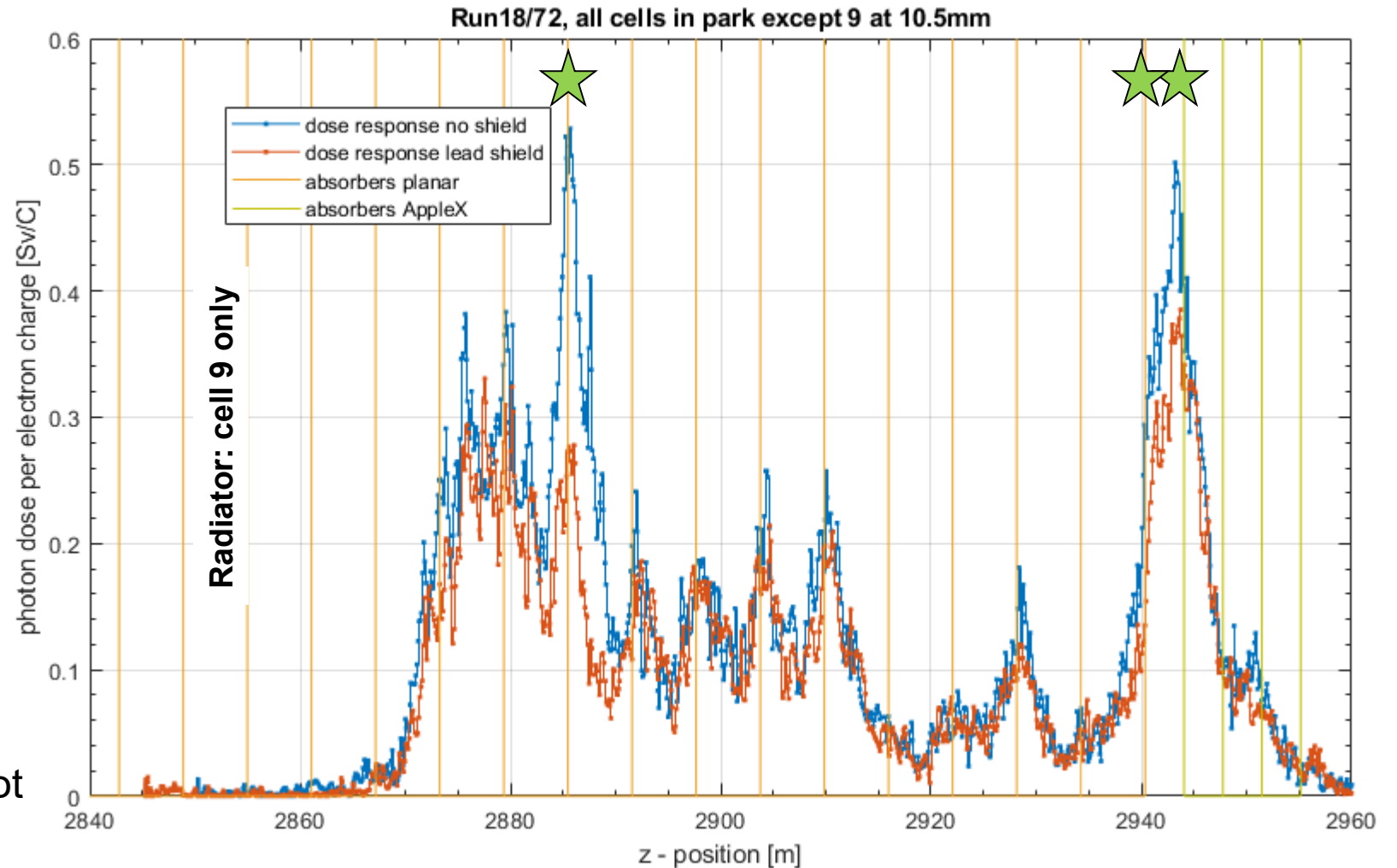
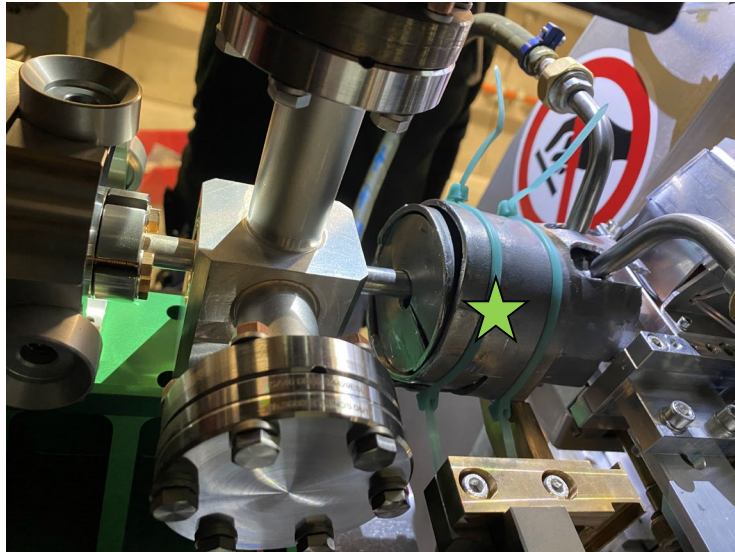
Marwin4 Runs 4/5: 11.5 GeV vs. 14 GeV @ 11.7mm gap (i.e. first harmonics 531eV and 787eV)

- Radiation peaks in planar undulators area coincide with the position of the absorbers
- Maximum peak observed at the location of the Apple-X vacuum chamber



Marwin4 Runs 18/72: 14 GeV, cell 9 @ 10.5mm gap 3 absorbers (★) shielded with 6mm lead

6 mm lead @ 500 keV
half value layer thickness



- Yes, it works in planar section.
- Lower impact in the APPL-X vacuum chamber region, perhaps because the radiation generated in the absorber is not the main source in that area.

Findings and Assumptions

Findings:

- Synchrotron radiation in the energy range 100 keV to 1 MeV is detected but no beam losses
- Planar section: A 6mm lead shield of the absorbers reduces the stray radiation by a factor of 2. So the absorber scatters the radiation out.
- APPLE-X section: A 6mm lead shield of the absorbers has almost no effect. The absorber doesn't scatter.

Assumptions:

- APPLE-X: Most likely, the source of the strong radiation produced in the APPLE-X section is due to the interaction of the spontaneous radiation with the bellows tubes of 9.4 mm diameter and with the vacuum chamber, which have the same inner diameter.
- APPLE-X: Redesign of the absorber scheme for the horizontal plane (cells 16...21 contribute most) . Absorbers of the 2nd half must be modified.

Thank you

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