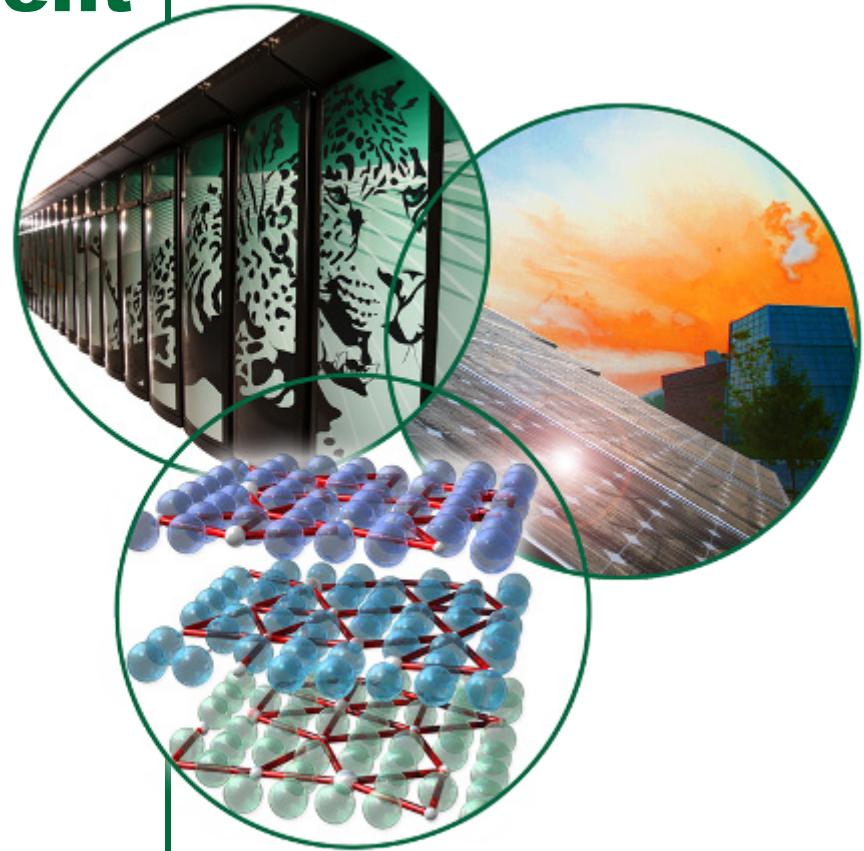


# A novel scheme for quasi-non-interceptive beam profile measurement in a linac.

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# Outline

- Motivation
- Method
- Hardware requirements
- Advantages
- Limitations
- Experimental data from SNS linac

# **Why non-interceptive profile diagnostics is desirable?**

1. Can measure during productive operation
2. Not limited by intercepted beam power and losses
3. No risk of contaminating nearby structures
  - E.g. superconducting RF cavities

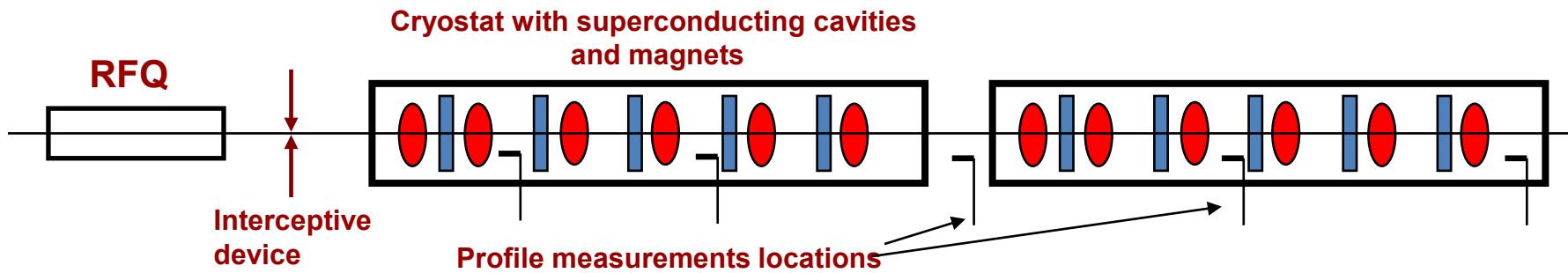
**All this is very attractive but difficult to achieve**

**Our goal is to device a method which:**

- Fulfils at least some of the above requirements
- Allows simultaneous measurements at multiple locations
- Is practical = relatively inexpensive

# Quasi-non-interceptive measurements

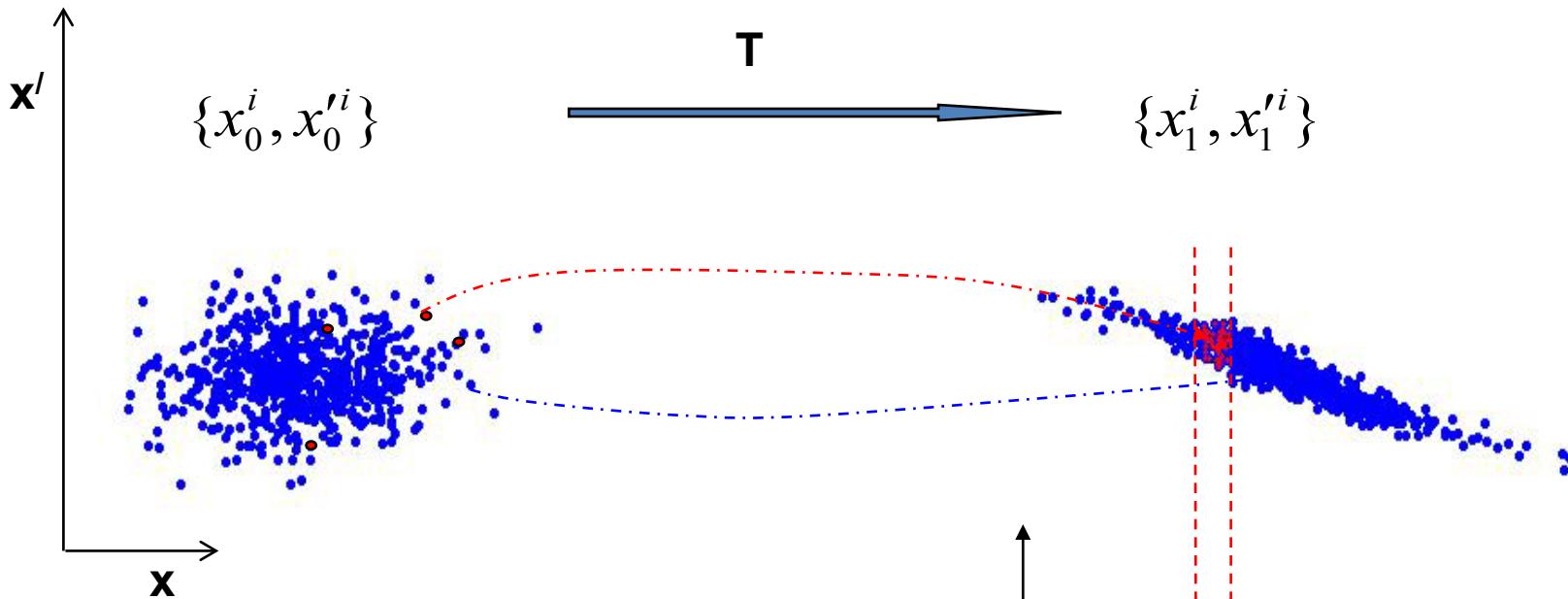
1. Beam is not intercepted at locations of profile measurement
  - no risk of contaminating nearby structures
2. Beam is intercepted at low energy (in injector)
  - Intercepted beam power and radiation is low
3. Measurement disrupts productive operation



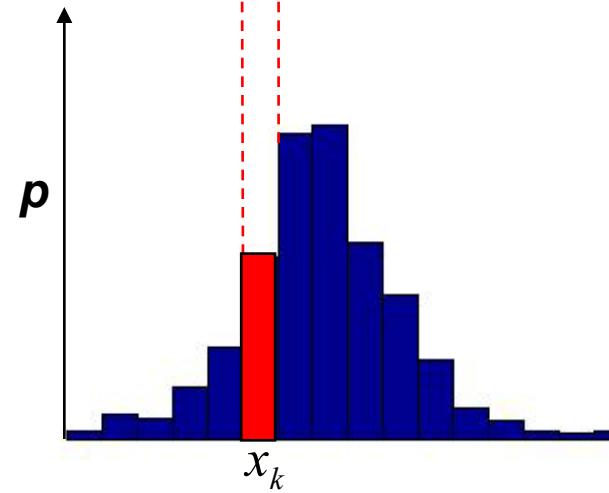
example: Facility for Rare Isotope Beams (FRIB)

- CW superconducting linac, heavy ions, 400kW
- long cryo-modules with focusing solenoids inside
- high intensity but no space charge

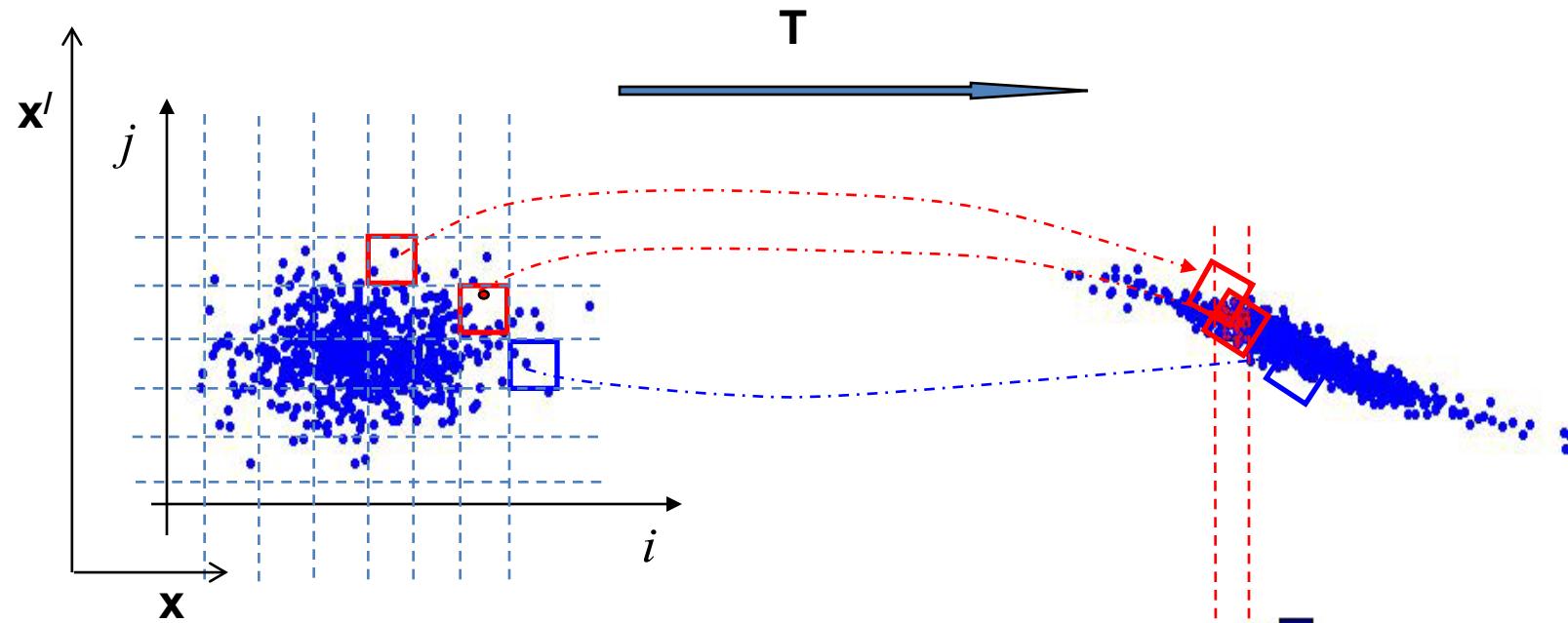
# How we calculate beam profile in tracking codes



$$p_k = \sum_i q \cdot [x_k - \Delta < x_1^i < x_k + \Delta]$$

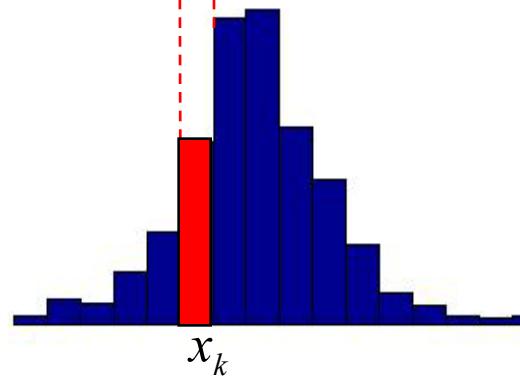


# We can measure beam profile in similar way

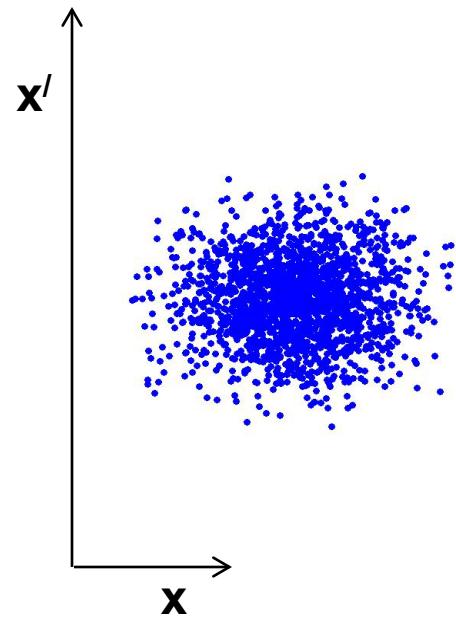


$$p_k = \sum_{i,j} \lambda_0^{i,j} \cdot [x_k - \Delta < x_{1c.g.}^{i,j} < x_k + \Delta] =$$

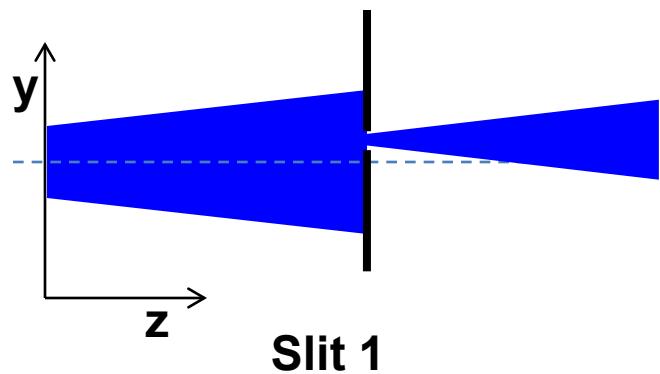
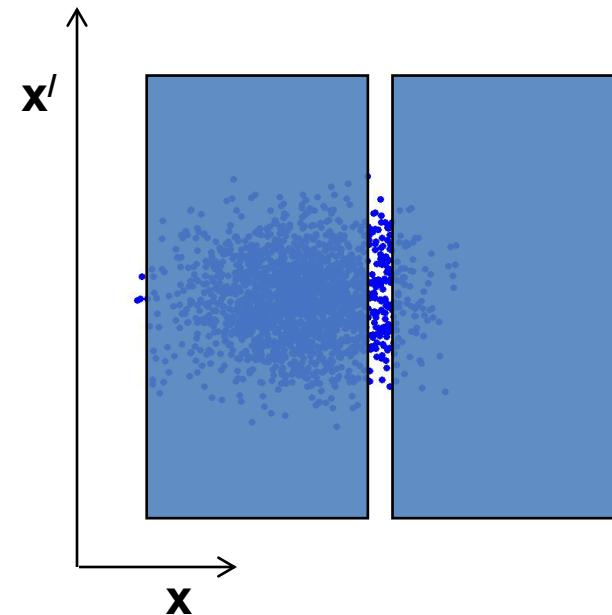
$$= \sum_{i,j} \lambda_0^{i,j} \cdot T_{k,i,j}$$



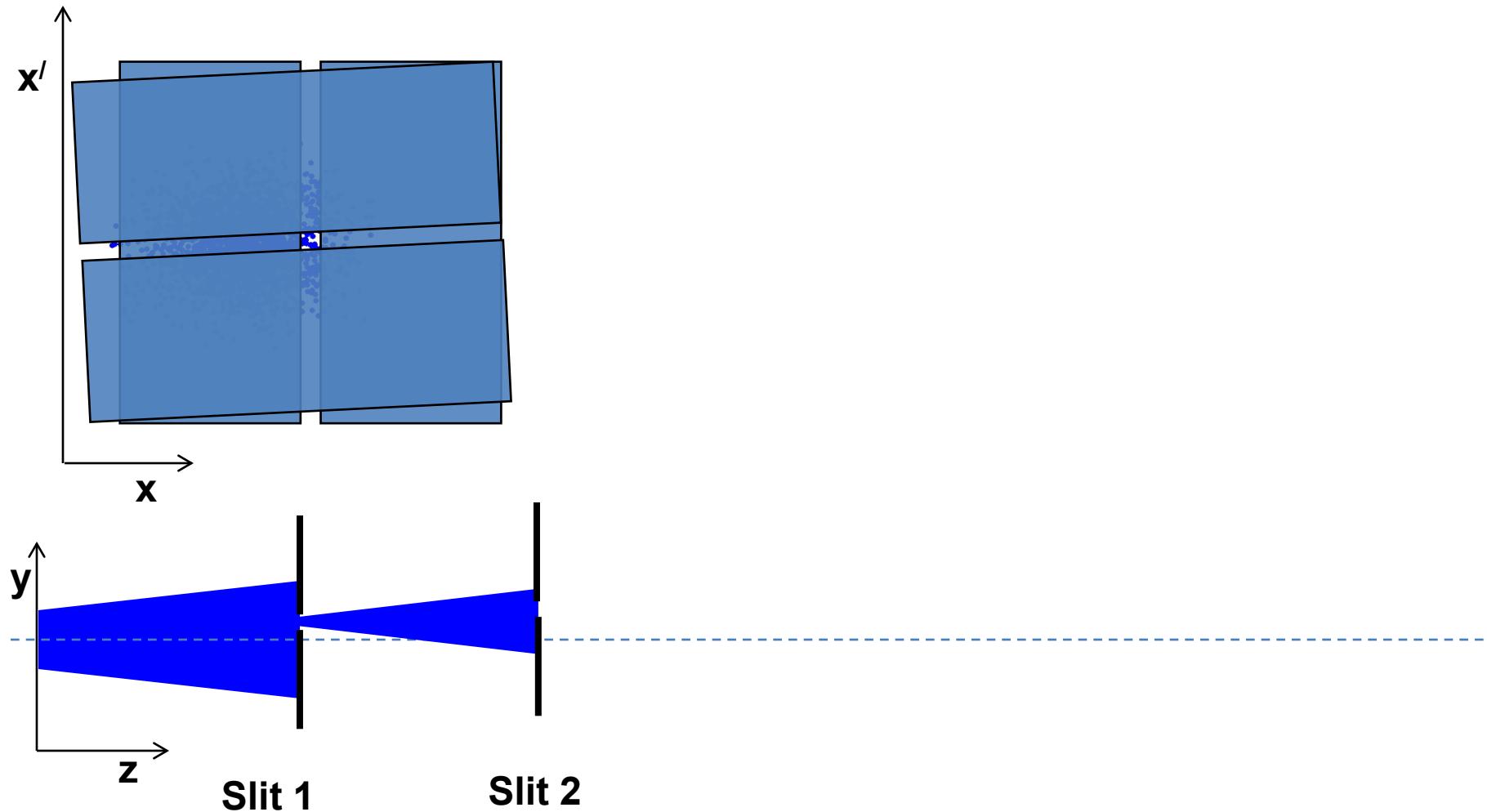
# Practical implementation



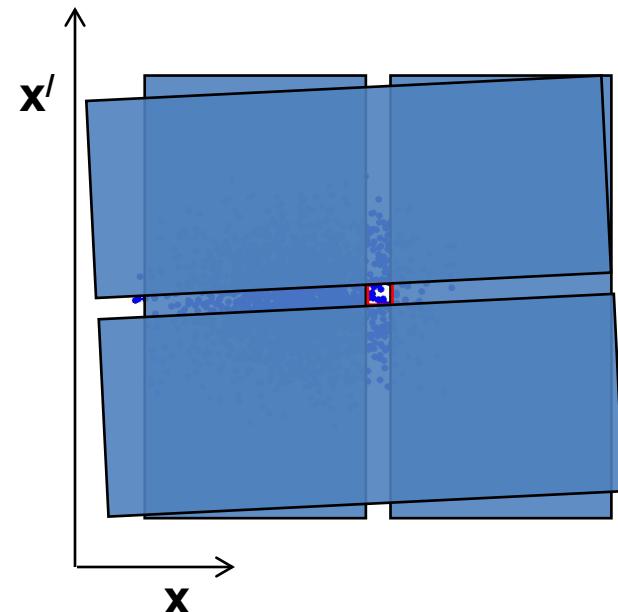
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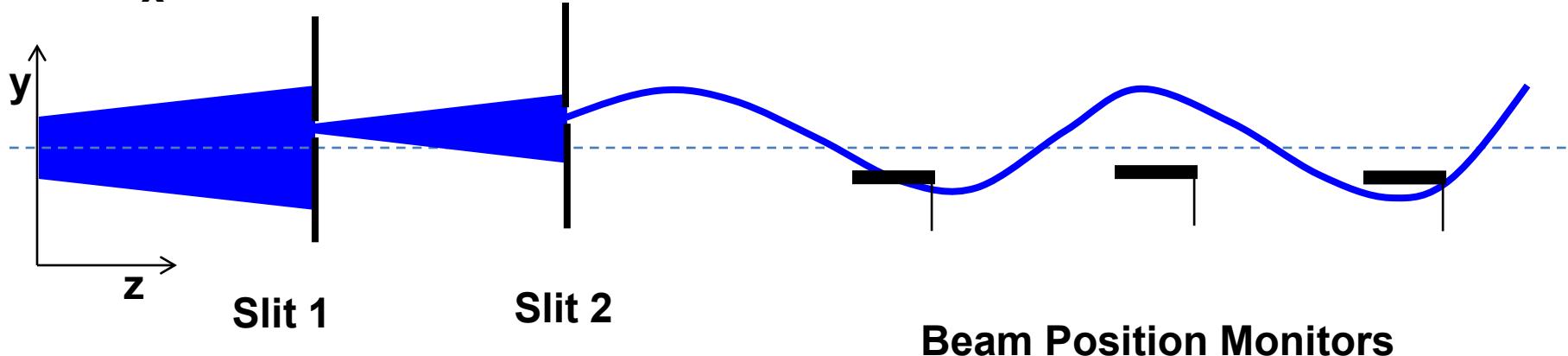
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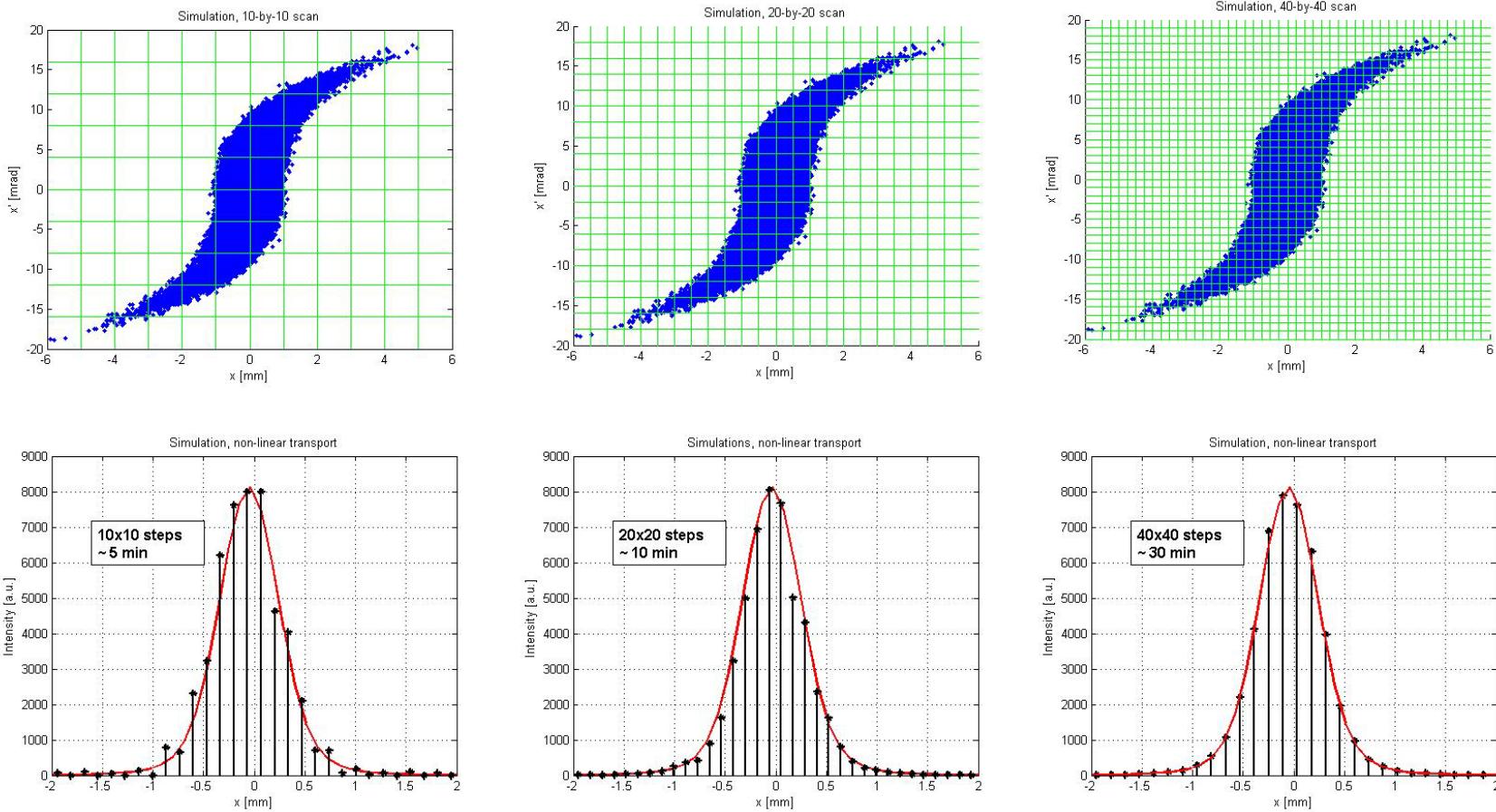
# Practical implementation



1. Define  $(x_0, x'_0)$  with 2 slits in front end
2. Measure position  $x$  with BPMs
3. Repeat 1. and 2. to cover whole phase space
4. Calculate profiles for all BPMs (simultaneously)



# Hardware requirements - slits



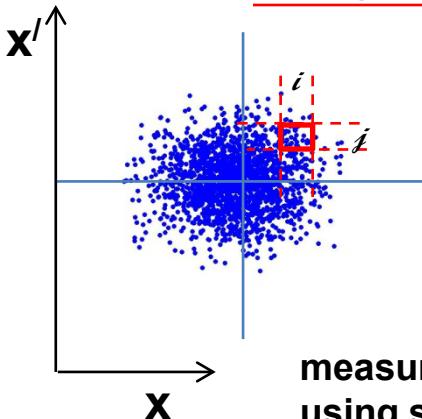
**Slit size is 100-200  $\mu\text{m}$  for a typical rms beam size of 1mm x 1mrad**

# Hardware requirements - BPMs

- Resolution and accuracy
  - No special requirements, but good mapping is essential
- Beam current dynamic range
  - Major concern

$$I_{\text{slit}} = \frac{I_0 \Delta_x \Delta_{x'}}{2\pi \sigma_x \sigma_{x'}} \cong \frac{I_0}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{0.1 \div 0.2}{1.} \cdot \frac{0.1 \div 0.2}{1.} = \boxed{1.6 \div 6.4 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot I_0}$$

- No higher dynamic range for measuring beam tails is required

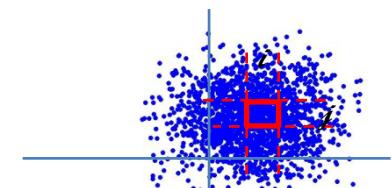


measure charge distribution  
using sensitive Faraday Cup  
(emittance measurement)

$$p_k = \sum_{i,j} \lambda_0^{i,j} \cdot T_{k,i,j}$$

measure transport coefficients using BPMs.

keep beam centered on the slits during  
measurement with upstream correctors



# Potential advantages of the method vs. usual profile scan (I)

Direct measurement of transport matrix coefficients

$$x_{1(1)} = t_{11} \cdot x_{0(1)} + t_{12} \cdot x'_{0(1)} + t_{111} \cdot x_{0(1)}^2 + t_{112} \cdot x_{0(1)} \cdot x'_{0(1)} + \dots$$

$$x_{1(2)} = t_{11} \cdot x_{0(2)} + t_{12} \cdot x'_{0(2)} + t_{111} \cdot x_{0(2)}^2 + t_{112} \cdot x_{0(2)} \cdot x'_{0(2)} + \dots$$

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$$x_{1(N)} = t_{11} \cdot x_{0(N)} + t_{12} \cdot x'_{0(N)} + t_{111} \cdot x_{0(N)}^2 + t_{112} \cdot x_{0(N)} \cdot x'_{0(N)} + \dots$$

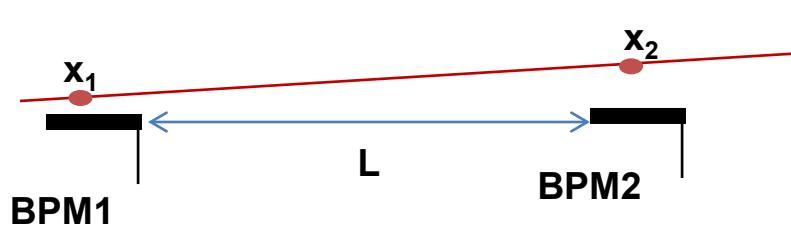
$$\vec{x_1} = X_0 \cdot \vec{t} \rightarrow \boxed{\vec{t} = X_0^{-1} \cdot \vec{x_1}}$$

Accuracy depends on properties of matrix  $X_0$

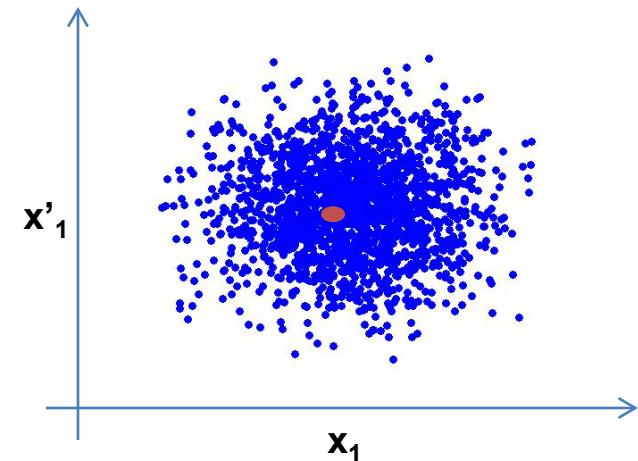
- Hard to predict in general case
- Simulation for SNS linac shows good results up to 3<sup>d</sup> order

# Potential advantages of the method vs. usual profile scan (II)

- Measurement of 2-D phase space at BPMs locations
  - If there is a pair of BPMs separated by a free space

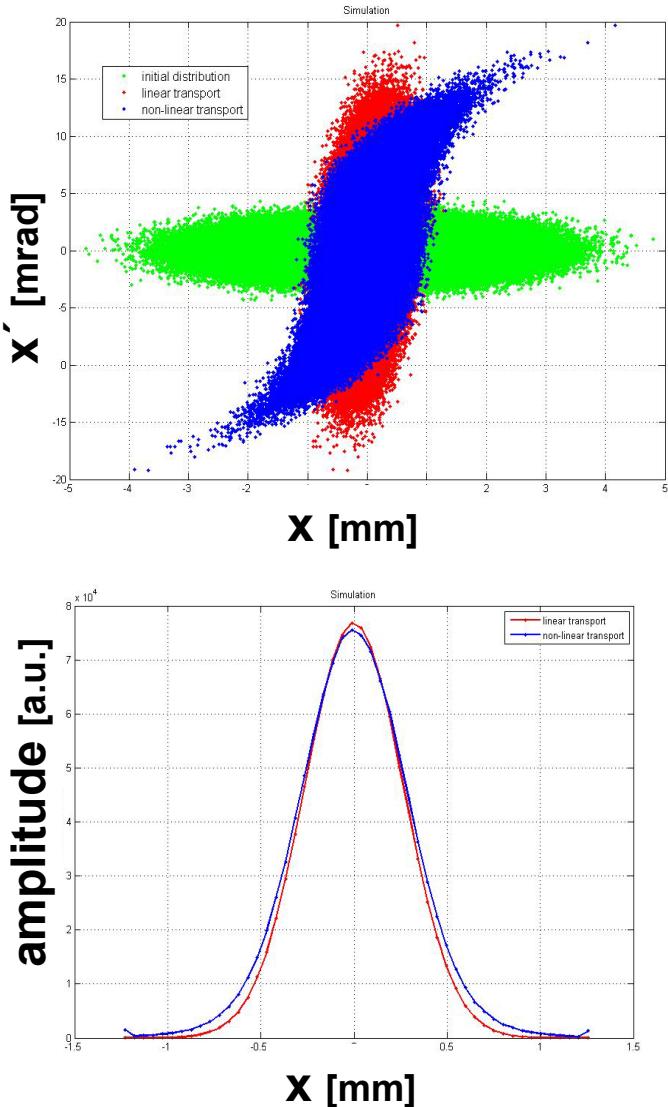


$$x'_1 = \frac{x_2 - x_1}{L}$$



- Measurements of  $(x, x', y, y')$  correlations in 4-D phase space
  - By using 2 pairs of slits in horizontal and vertical planes simultaneously
  - Can be problematic due to BPM dynamic range and measurement time constraints

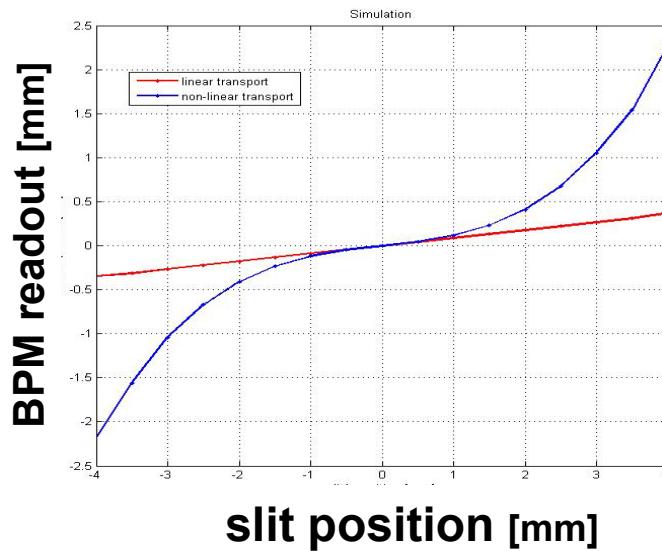
# Simulation example



Why we measure beam profiles :

To characterize beam

To characterize beam transport  
line

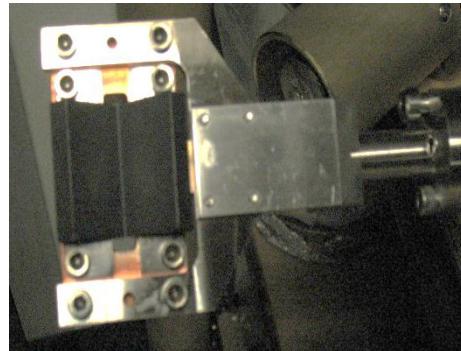
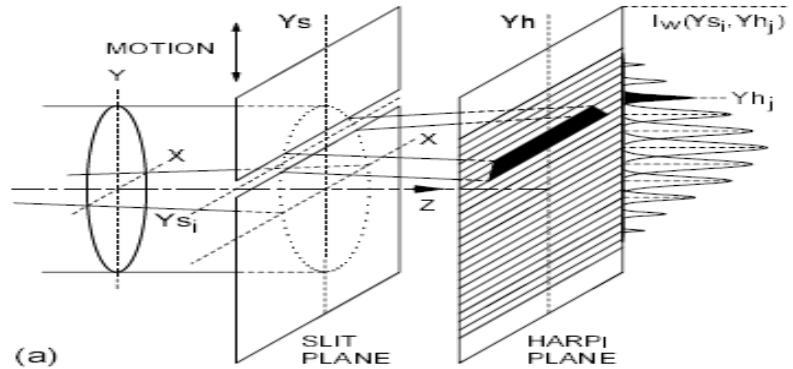


# Limitations of the method

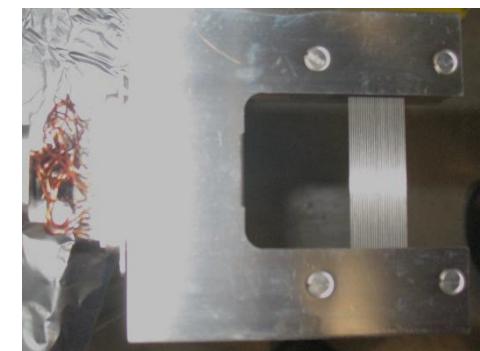
- Collective effects
  - space charge, wake fields
  - method is still useful for measuring zero-current transport
- Diffusion (phase space density is not conserved )
  - multiple scattering, synchrotron radiation, strong filamentation
  - needs study
- Coupling between planes
  - OK for linear coupling
  - needs study for non-linear coupling
  - 4D scan will work

# SNS hardware for proof-of-principle experiment

- Emittance device in MEBT
  - 100 $\mu\text{m}$  slit and 32-wire harp
  - No second slit
- 85 BPMs in linac and HEBT
  - 100 $\mu\text{m}$  resolution
  - 5  $\div$  50mA dynamic range



slit



harp

Have been planning to install a second slit  
..... still waiting for an opportunity

# What can be done with single slit?

$$x_1 = m_{11} \cdot x_0 + m_{12} x_0' + \dots$$

for each particle

$$\langle x_1 \rangle = m_{11} \cdot \langle x_0 \rangle + m_{12} \langle x_0' \rangle + \dots$$

for an ensemble

$$x_{BPM} = m_{11} \cdot s + m_{12} \langle x_0' \rangle_s + \dots$$

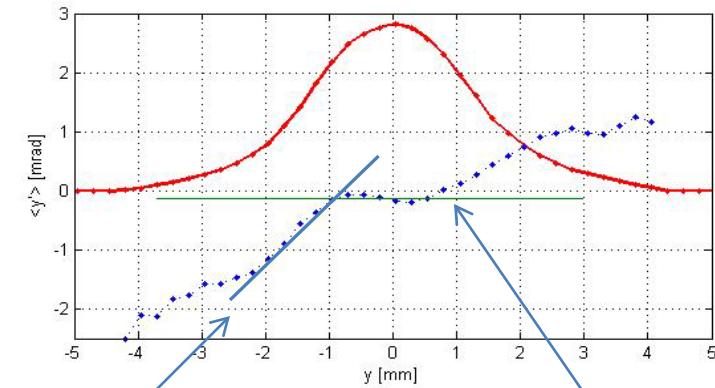
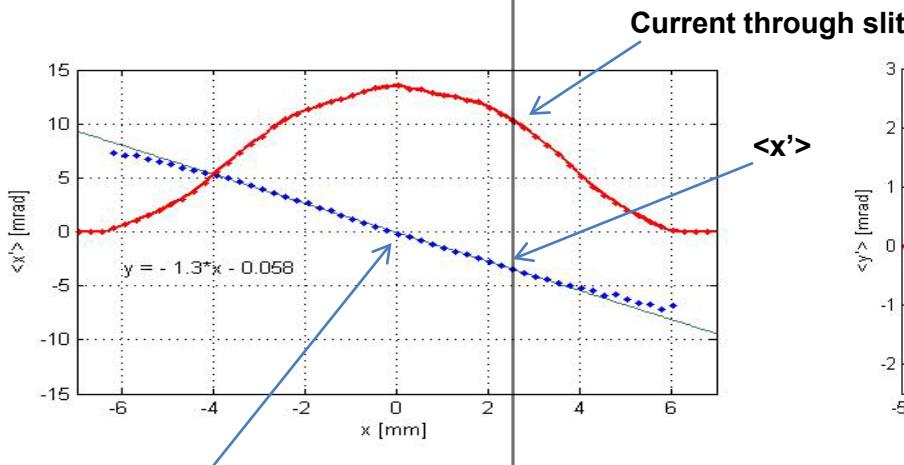
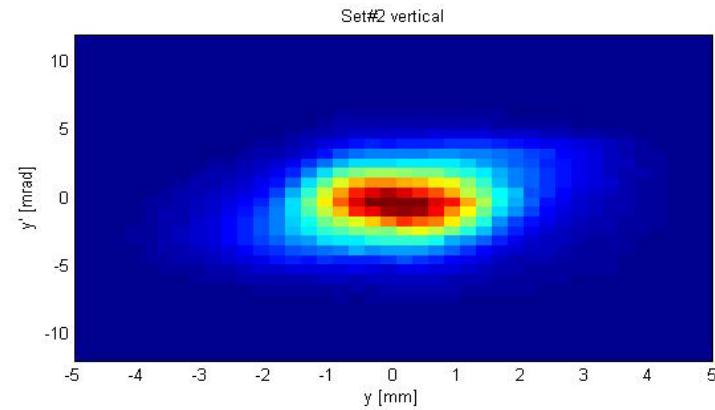
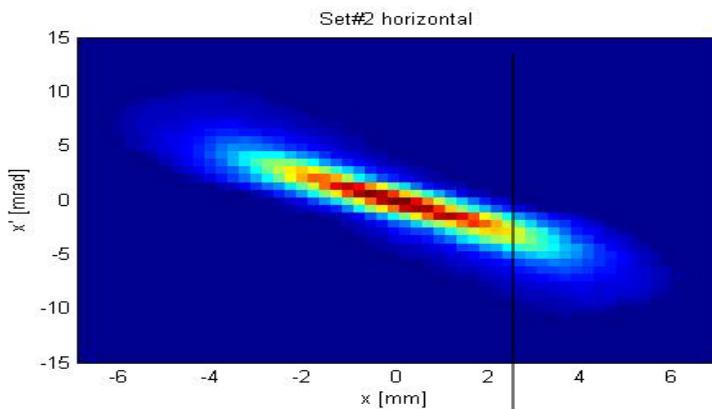
BPM readout when slit is at position s

$$\frac{dx_{BPM}}{ds} = \underline{m_{11}} + \underline{m_{12}} \frac{d \langle x_0' \rangle_s}{ds} + \dots$$

Measure with  
BPMs

Measure with  
emittance scanner

# Emittance scans

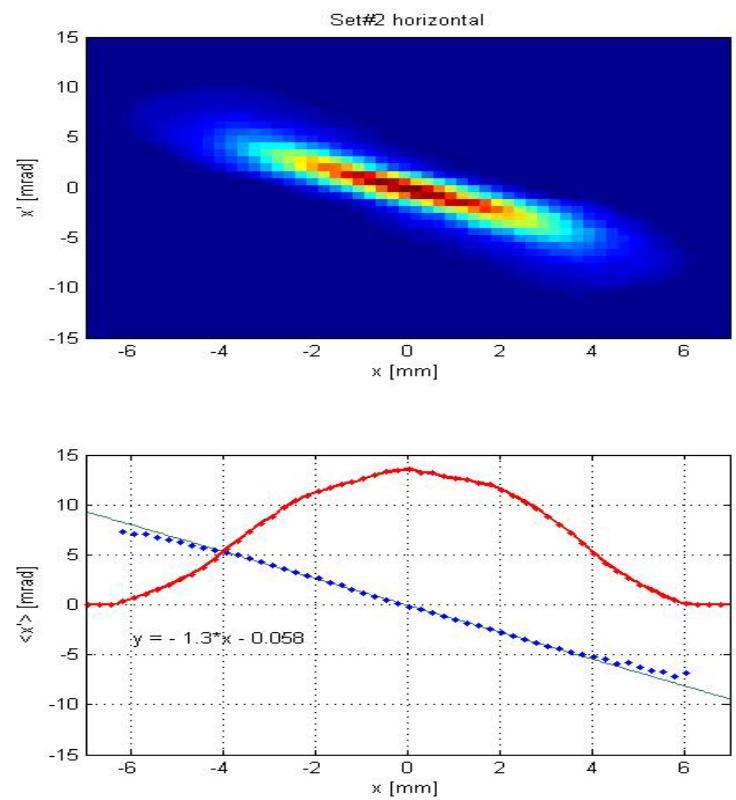
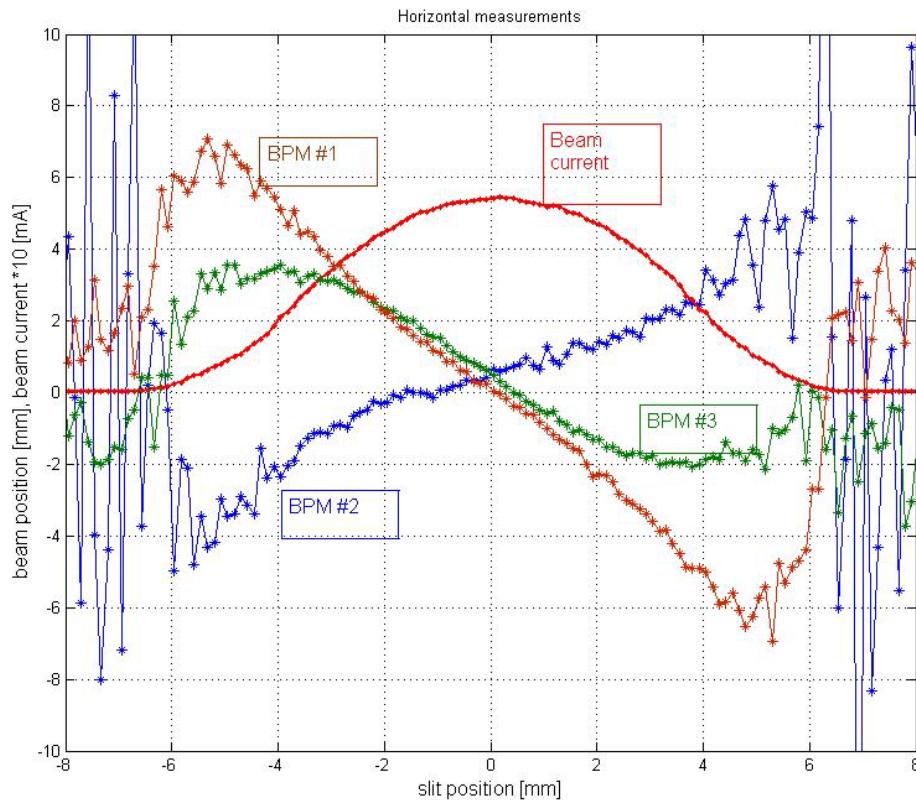


$$\frac{dx_{BPM}}{ds} = m_{11} - 1.3 \cdot m_{12}$$

$$\frac{dy_{BPM}}{ds} = m_{11} + 0.9 \cdot m_{12}$$

$$\frac{dy_{BPM}}{ds} = m_{11}$$

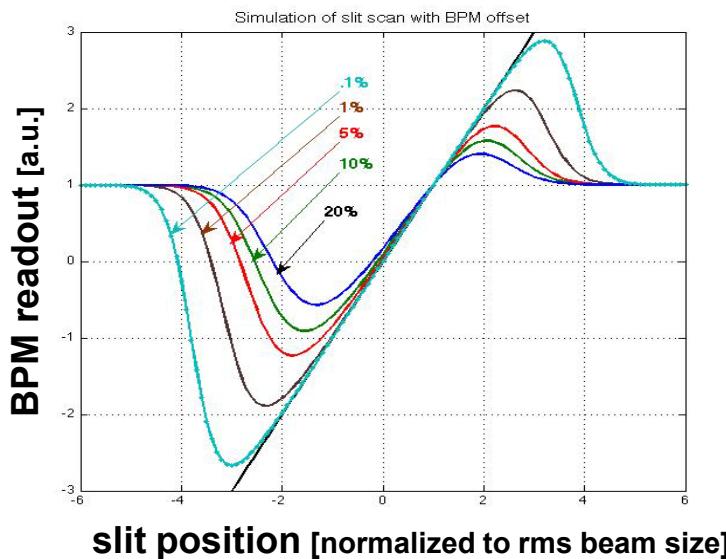
# Experimental slit scans -horizontal



$$x_{BPM} = \frac{u_l - u_r}{u_l + u_r}$$

# Dynamic range limitation

Simple model of slit scan with offset in BPM electronics



$$x_{beam} = a \cdot s$$

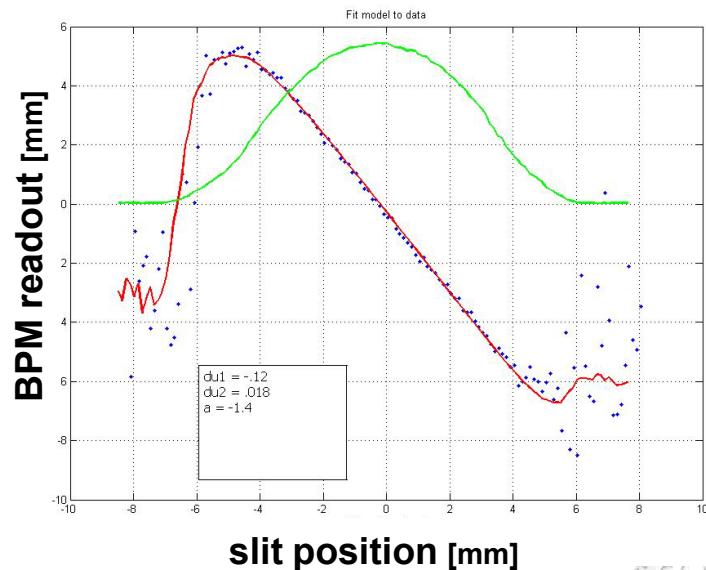
$$x_{BPM} = \frac{u_t - u_b}{u_t + u_b} \cong g \frac{I \cdot x_{beam} + \delta_1}{I + \delta_2} = g \frac{I(s) \cdot a \cdot s + \delta_1}{I(s) + \delta_2}$$

Slope determination error:

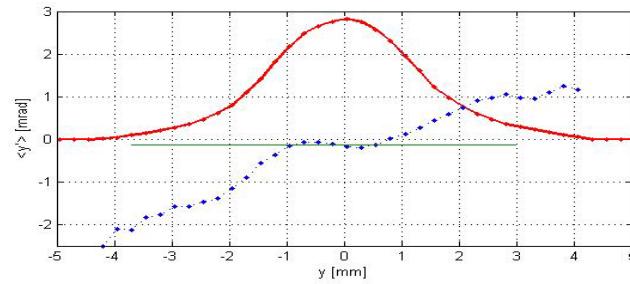
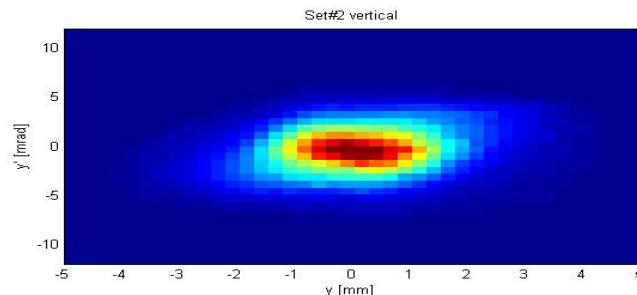
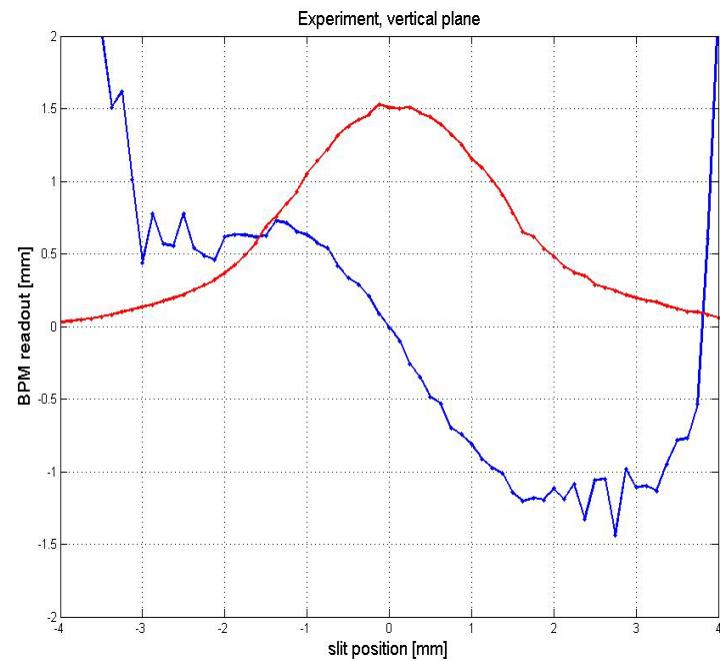
$$\delta a \approx \frac{\delta_{1,2}}{I_0}$$

Simple model fit to measured data:

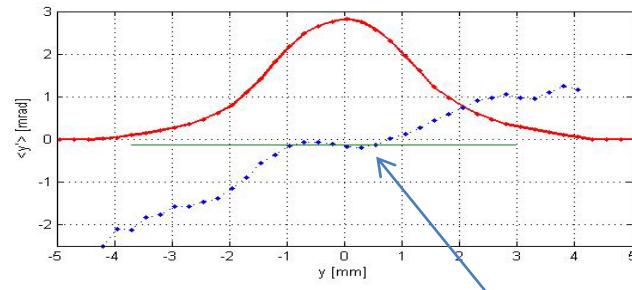
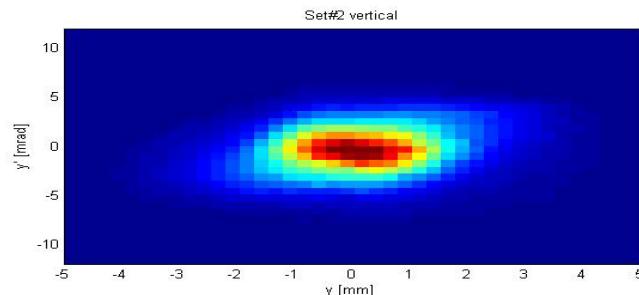
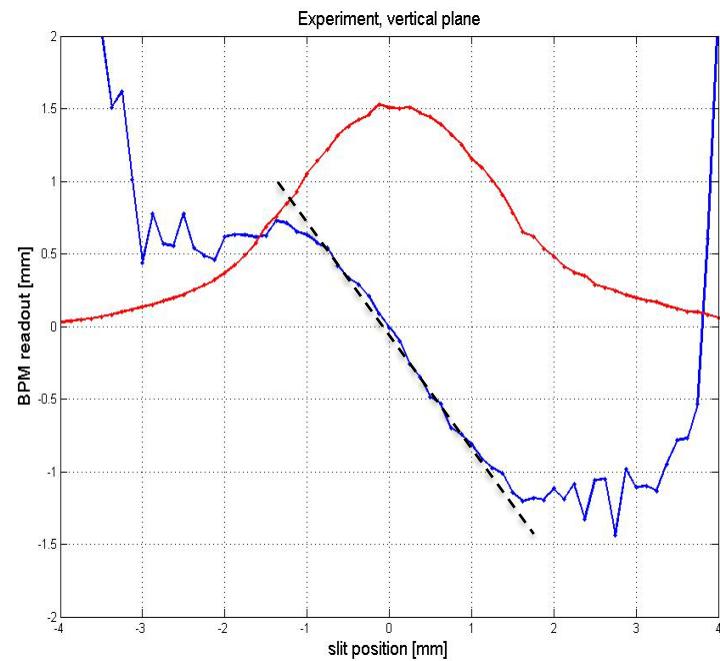
- Typical slope error of 5%-10%
- Maybe sufficient for linear transport
- Not feasible for non-linear transport (too many model parameters: offsets, BPM nonlinearity, transport non-linearity)



# Experimental slit scans -vertical

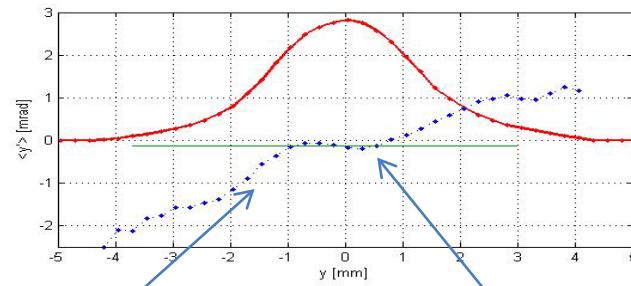
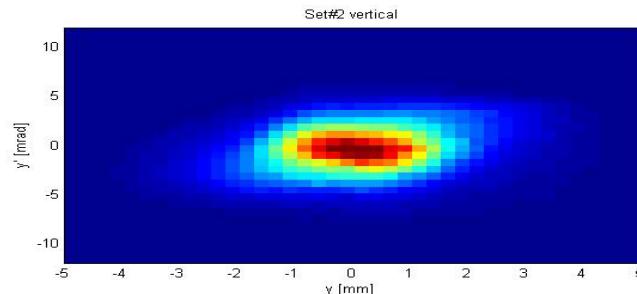
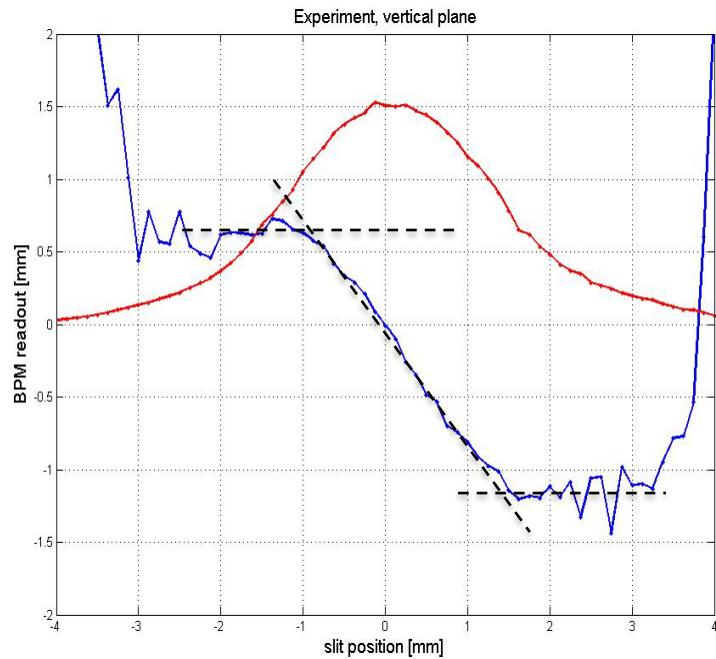


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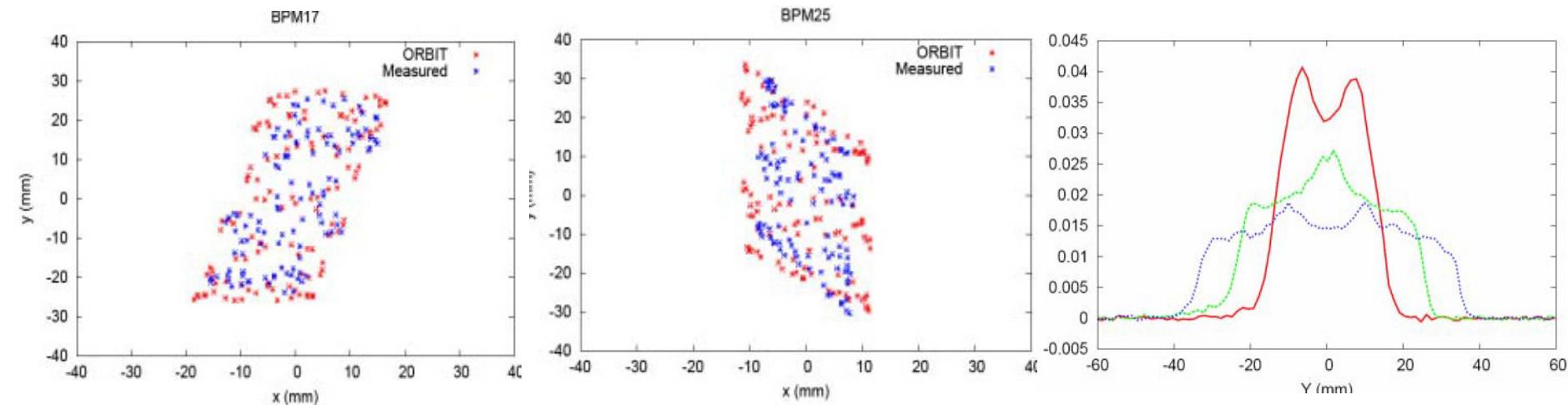
$$\frac{dy_{BPM}}{ds} = m_{11}$$

We have to conclude that base line SNS linac BPMs do not have dynamic range sufficient for these measurements

Do better BPMs exist?

# SNS RTBT transport line measurements

- SNS accumulator ring and RTBT BPMs have dynamic range of  $\sim 10^4$ 
  - Switchable gain
- Have been used for 2D beam cross-section measurement at 1GeV
  - Idea is similar to what we presented above: sampling of phase space
  - Manipulation of ring injection/extraction parameters instead of slits



Figures are reproduced from:

S. Cousineau, T. Pelaia, M. A. Plum, "APPLICATIONS OF A BPM-BASED TECHNIQUE FOR MEASURING REAL SPACE DISTRIBUTIONS IN THE SPALLATION NEUTRON SOURCE RING AND TRANSPORT LINES", Proceedings of EPAC08, Genoa, Italy

# Summary and future plans

- We propose a method of measuring beam transport parameters using set of slits and BPMs
- Beam is not intercepted at the points of measurement, therefore the method can be suitable for superconducting RF Linacs
- In absence of collective effects, the method provides as much information as direct profile measurements and, potentially, more
- The main hardware requirement is sufficient dynamic range of BPMs
- Tails of the distribution can be measured as well
- Preliminary experiments at SNS linac show expected results but full demonstration is to be done yet
  - Will install an additional slit in the MEBT
  - Will replace one set of SNS linac BPM electronics with a higher gain version