

# Real time feedback on plasma radiation at W7-X

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## What's the bolometer at W7-X?

- a two camera system using metal film resistive detector arrays to measure plasma radiation based on thermal effects

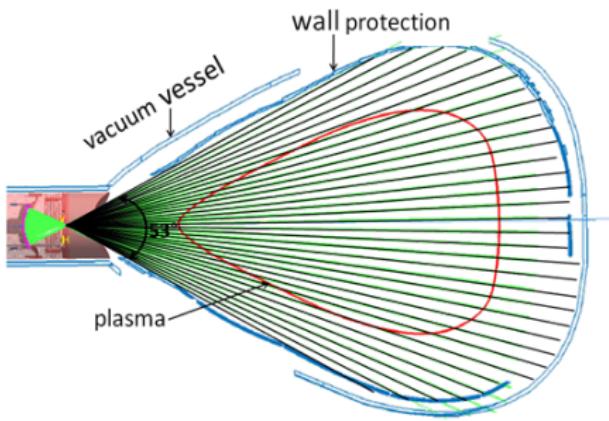
## Goals:

1. - global power balance: investigation of total radiation power loss, mainly from impurities, and its distribution
2. - local power balance: radiation profiles for transport studies (using tomographic inversion)

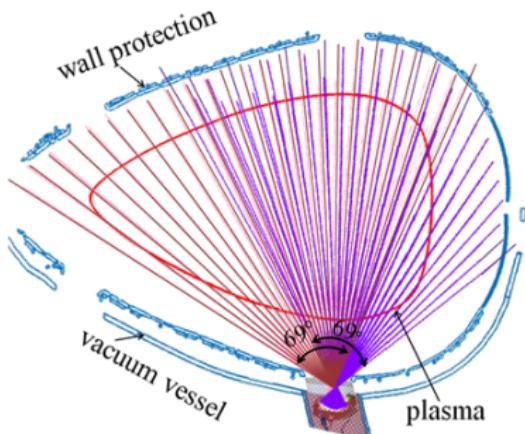
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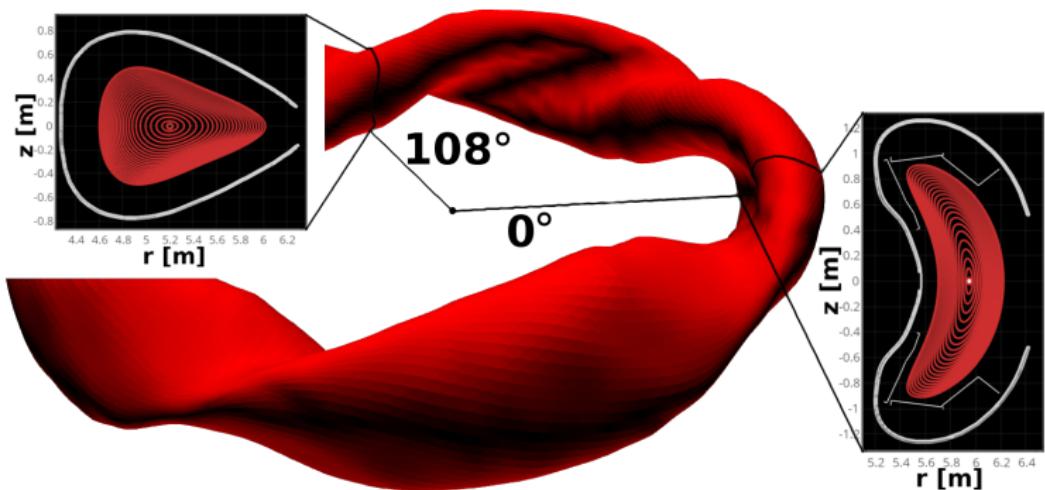
VBCr/VBCI



(Lines of sight with individual apertures, retracted into the vacuum vessel)

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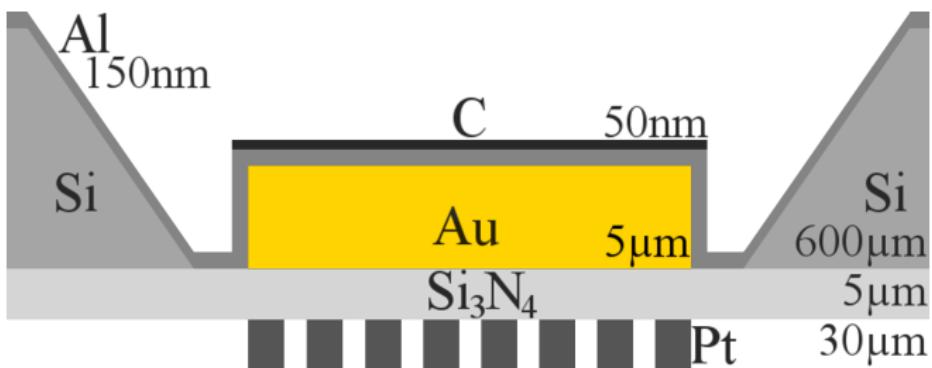
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(W7-X equilibrium fluxsurfaces from VMEC)

## Recapitulation: Performance

- + spatial resolution of 5 cm & temporal resolution of 0.8 ms to 6.4 ms, spectral range between 600 nm to 0.2 nm
- + detectors of gold-foil absorbers with carbon coating on silicon-nitrate substrate and gold meander for 200 nW resolution



(Single detector channel scheme with holder), D. Zhang, P. Hacker et al.

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$$P_{rad,bolo} \propto \sum_Z n_e \cdot n_Z \cdot L_Z$$

$L_Z$ : line radiation function of impurity  $Z$   
 $\dots = f(T_e, T_i, T_Z, \text{wall material/conditions}, \dots)$

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$V_{ch}$ : polygon volume of detector  $ch$

$V_{P,tor}$ : estimated plasma volume (EMC3/VMEC simulation)

$K_{ch}$ : geometrical factor for channel  $ch$

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$\Delta U \propto \Delta T$  the change in absorber temperature

$F_{ch} = f$  (detector electrical properties, excitation, cables ...)

$f_\tau = f$  (detector impedance, heat capacity ...)

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channel & cable resistances  $R_{ch} \approx 1 \text{ k}\Omega$ ,  $R_{cab} \approx 40 \Omega$

cooling/relaxation time of the gold foil  $\tau_{ch} \approx 110 \text{ ms}$

heat capacity  $\kappa_{ch} \approx 0.8 \text{ mW/k}\Omega$

scaling  $f_\tau \approx 1$

temporal sampling in measurement  $1.6 \text{ ms}$

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⇒ for non-collapsing plasma scenarios:  $\Delta U \approx 10^{-3} V$   
signal derivative for sampling time  $d(\Delta U) \approx 10^{-5} V$

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## Feedback

- 1.- adjust heat loads, investigate radiation regimes, maybe improved detachment
- 2.- find gas puff to radiation scaling law, i.e. importance of intrinsic/extrinsic impurities

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plasma radiation & DAQ



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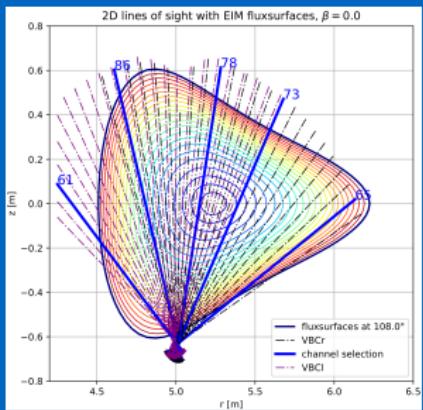
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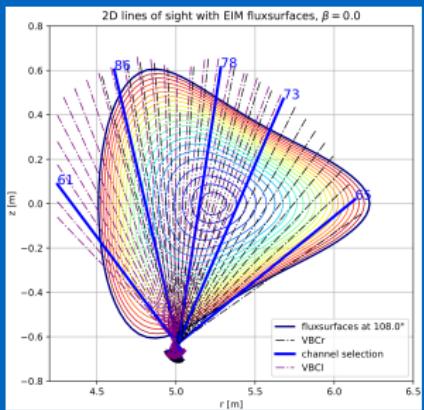
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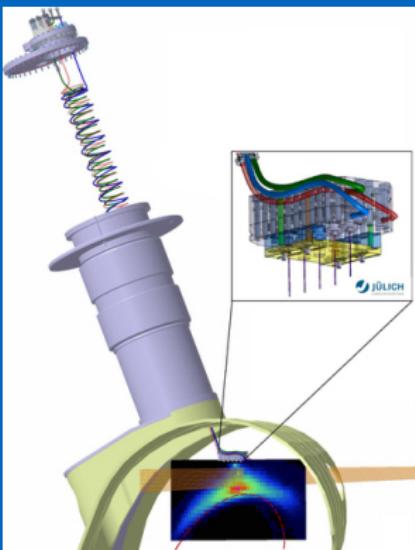
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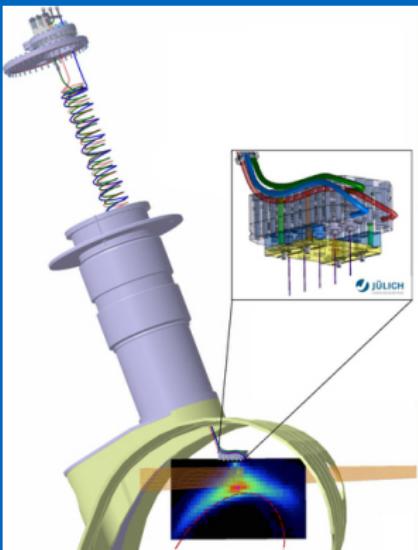
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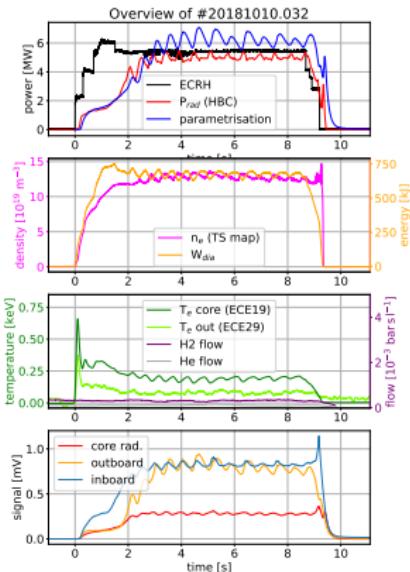
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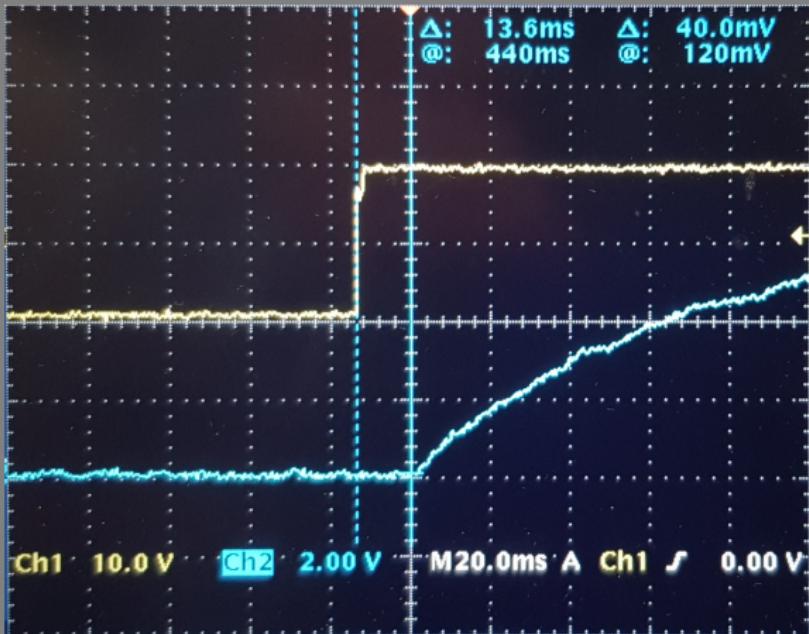


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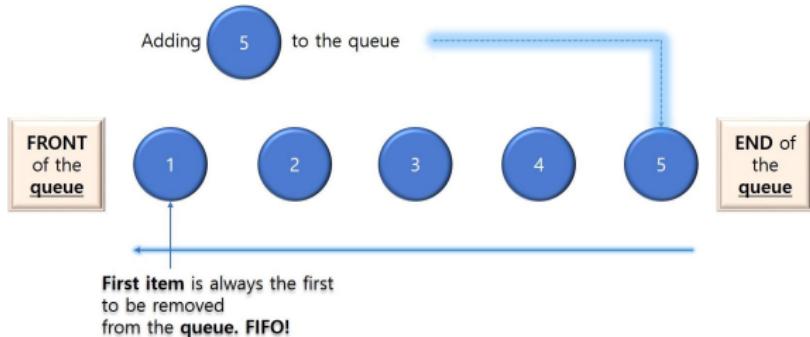
(Testing feedback system internally prior to campaign, using an oscilloscope and closely defined 7 mW laser pulse)

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## Semi-experimental scaling

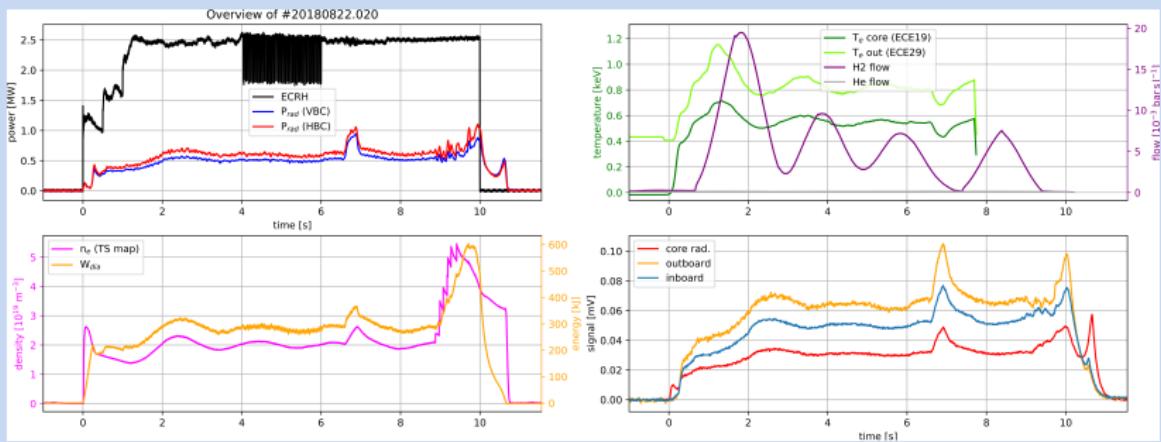
- + find scaling between ECRH, density, fueling and radiation,  
i.e. instead of expensive & slow feedback
- + making simple 3 parameter  $\{a, b, c\}$  inference assumption like:

$$P_{rad}[\text{MW}] \propto a\{n_e[10^{19} \text{m}^{-3}]\}^b \{P_{ECRH}[\text{MW}]\}^c$$

or

$$\propto a\{f_{H2}[\text{mbar s/l}]\}^b \{P_{ECRH}[\text{MW}]\}^c$$

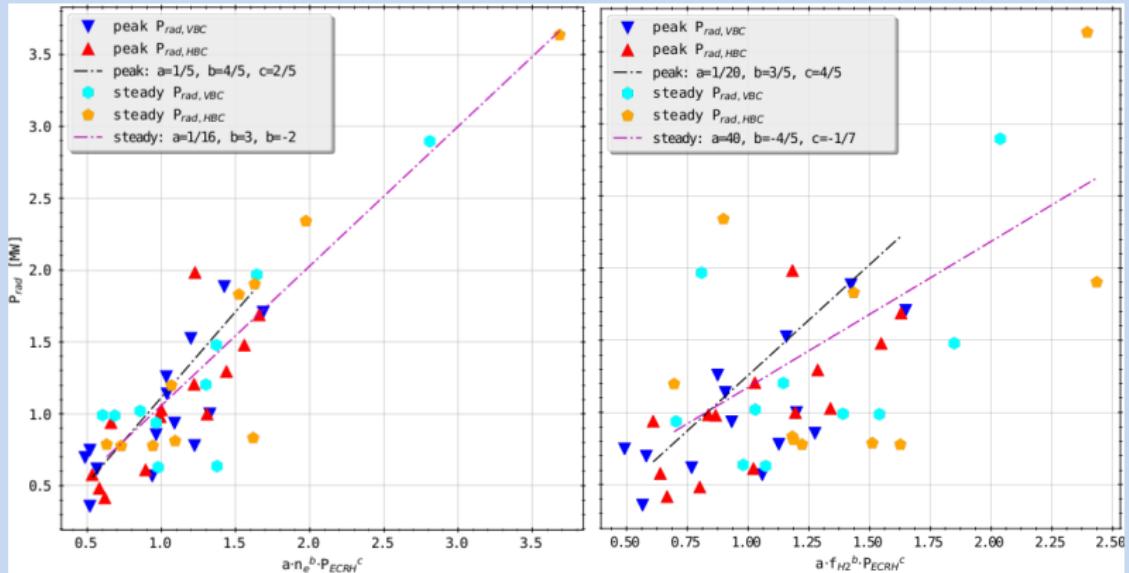
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Example of discharges in dataset for analysis, P.Hacker et al.

# To find or not to find...

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Possible scaling between ECRH, density/main gas fueling in  $H_2$  and radiation loss, P.Hacker et al.

- + no common scaling found, parameters all over the place
- + further analysis would maybe require to find additional dependencies, but that would be the “needle in the hay stack”
- + originally foreseen scaling based off of thermal helium gas inlet too complicated for now
- ALSO: differentiation between intrinsic/extrinsic impurities totally neglected here, but seriously important anyhow

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## Correlation analysis

- + find most relevant channel combination to predict  $P_{rad}$ , i.e. the best channels for divertor gas insertion experiments
- + localisation and sensitivity of channels in response divertor valves, maybe  $n_e(P_{rad})$ ,  $P_{rad}(n_e)$   
⇒ spatial sensitivity for tomography?

$$P_{prediction} = \frac{V_{P,tor}}{V_S} \cdot \sum_{ch}^S \frac{V_{ch}}{K_{ch}} \cdot \frac{P_{ch}}{53\%}$$

$$V_S = \sum_{ch}^S V_{ch}$$

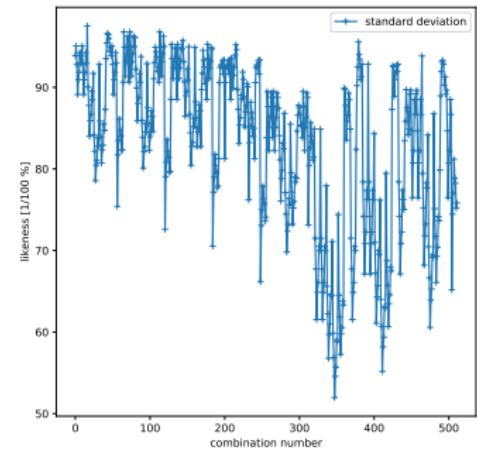
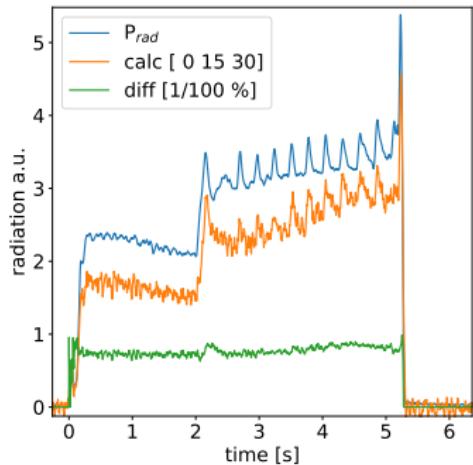
## Example: “Standard deviation” -method

$$d_{diff}(t) = \|P_{rad}(t) - P_{prediction}(t)\|$$

$$\varepsilon(t) = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{d_{diff}(t)}{P_{rad}(t)} & , \ d_{diff} < P_{rad} \\ 0 & , \ \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$\vartheta = \overline{\varepsilon(t)}$$

## Example: testing against $P_{rad}$ (HBCm)



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- 2.- local sensitivity analysis of bolometer system with regards to feedback and configuration/scenarios

Thank you for your attention.  
Now: questions.

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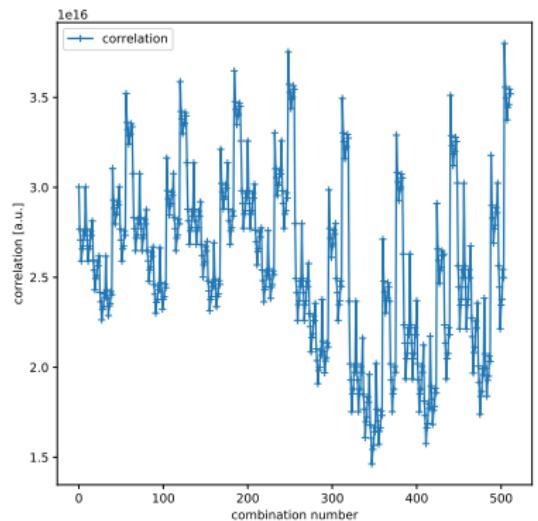


## Cross correlation-method

$$\begin{aligned} C_{corr} &= \int (P_{rad} * P_{prediction})(\tau) d\tau \\ &= \iint P_{rad}(t) P_{prediction}(t + \tau) dt d\tau \end{aligned}$$

# Correlation: Cross correlation

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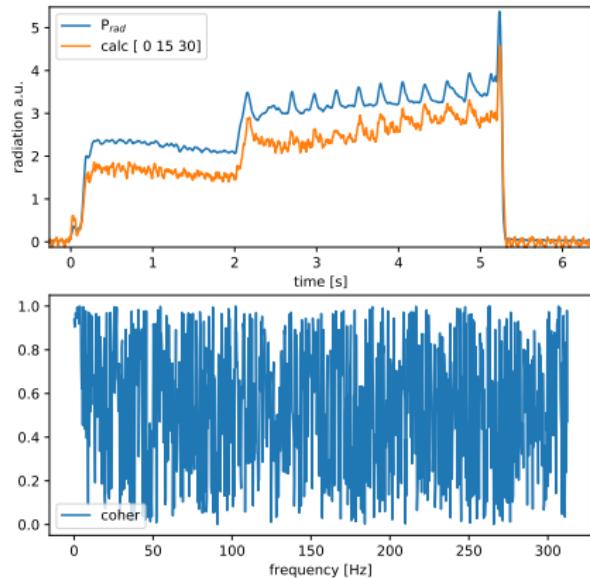


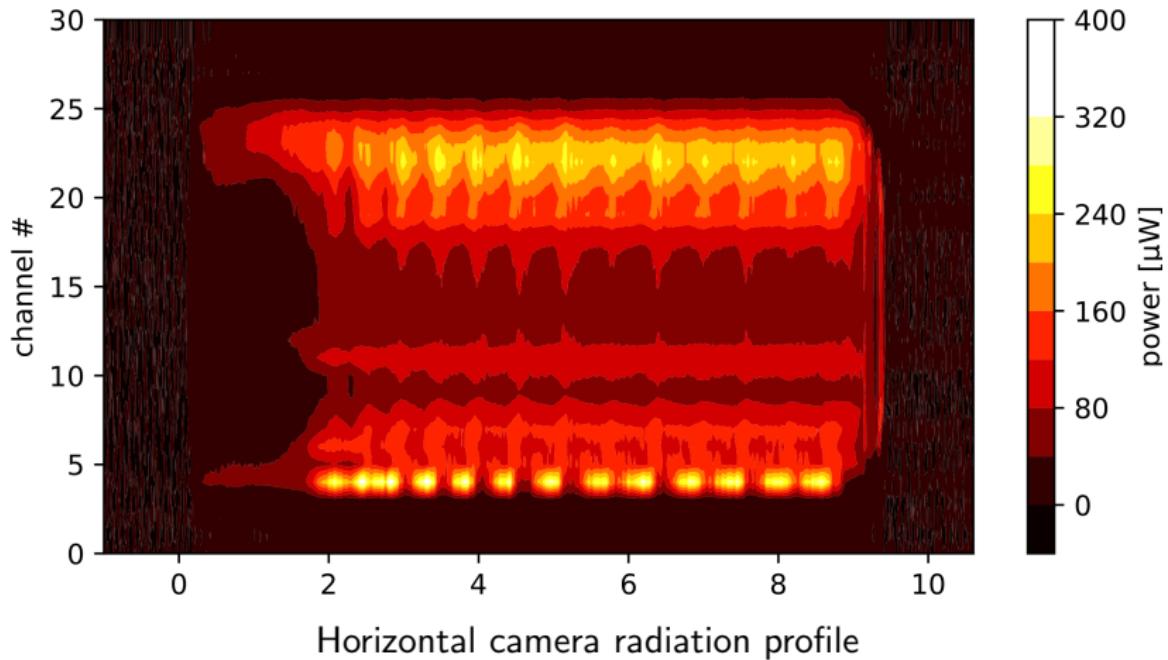
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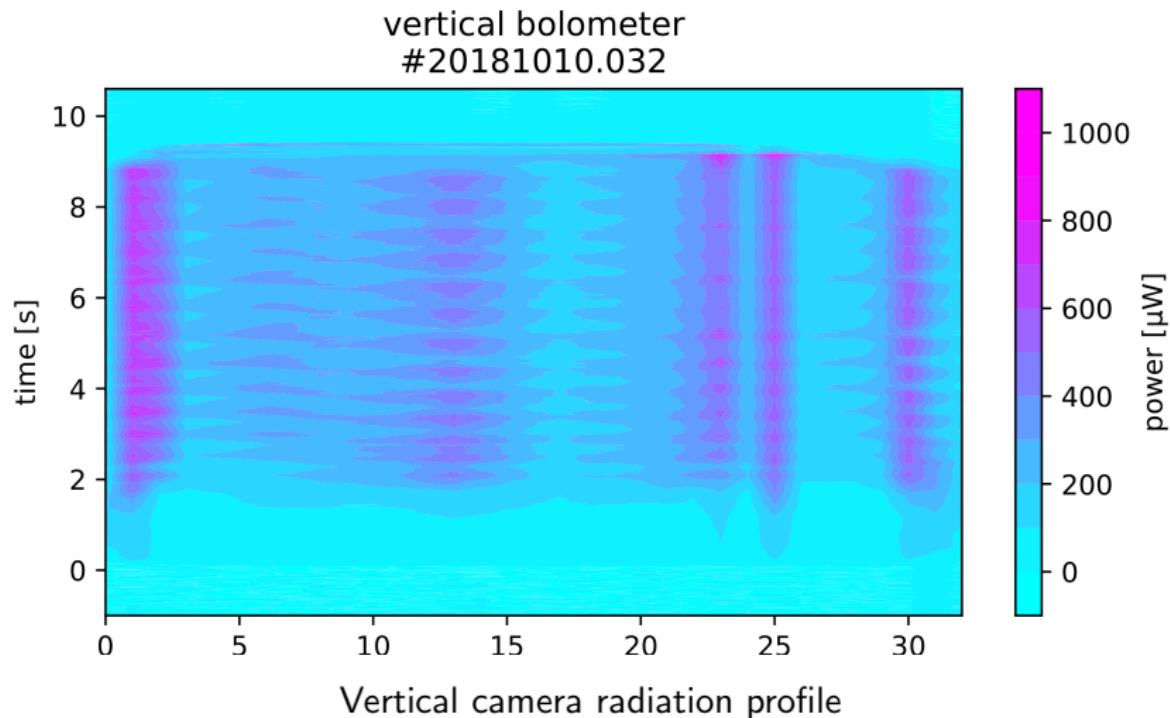
$$C_{x,y} = \frac{\|(P_{x,y}\|)^2}{P_{x,x} \cdot P_{y,y}}$$

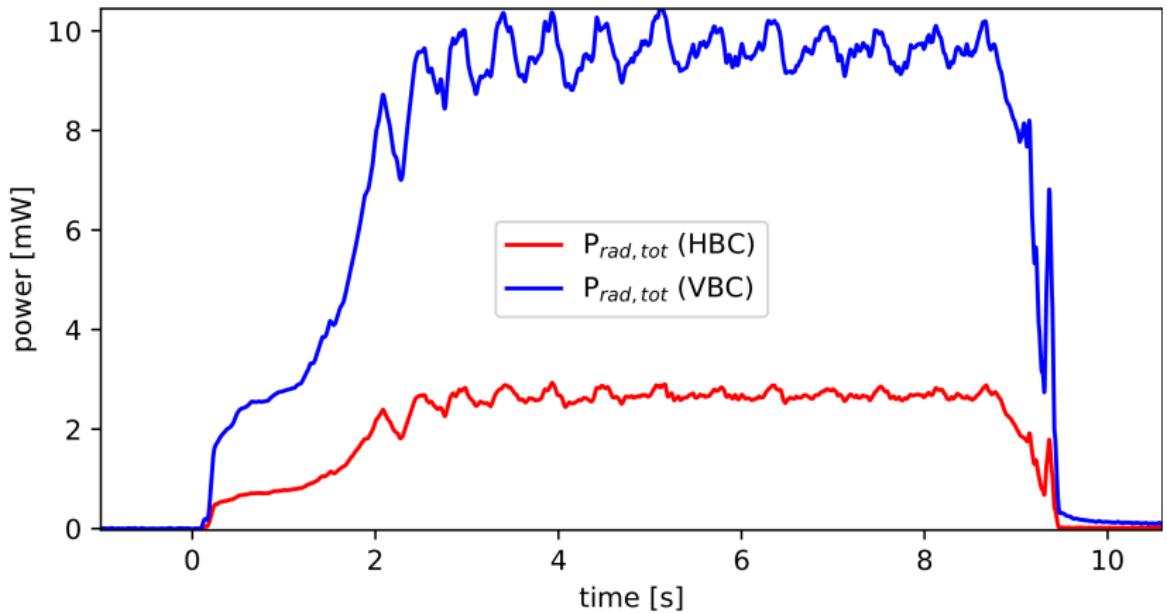
$P_{x,x}$  and  $P_{y,y}$  are power spectral density estimates of  $X = P_{rad}$   
and  $Y = P_{prediction}$ ,  
and  $P_{x,y}$  is the cross spectral density estimate of X,Y

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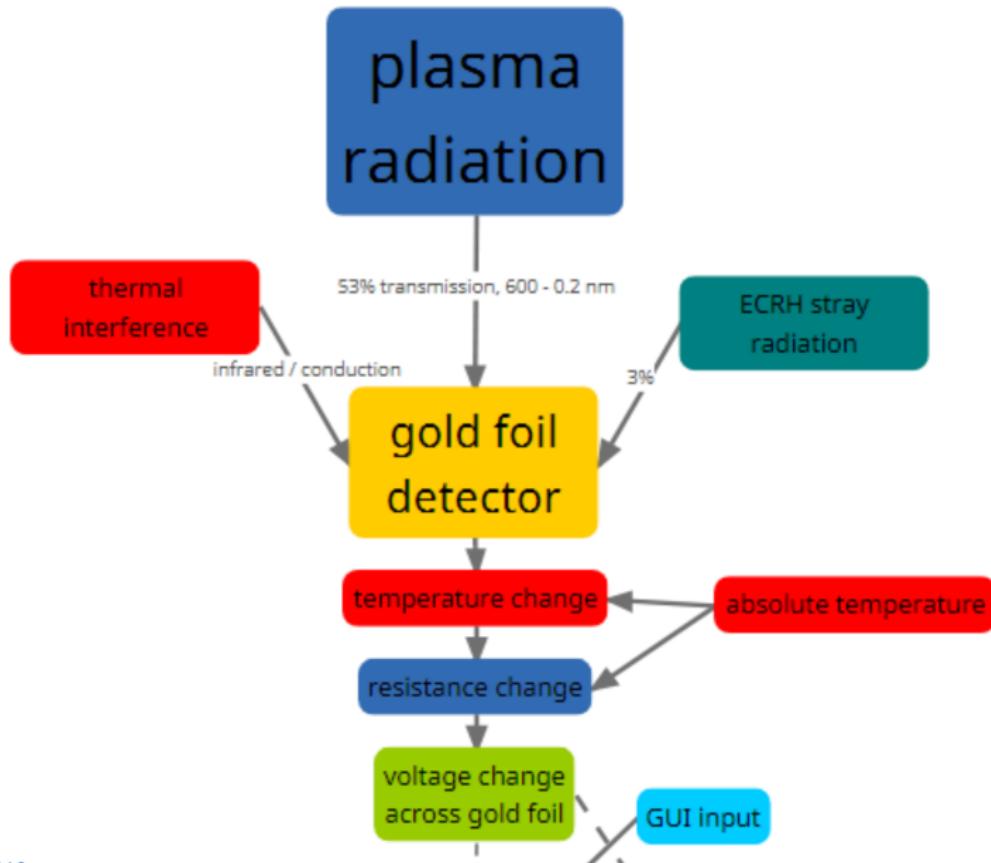


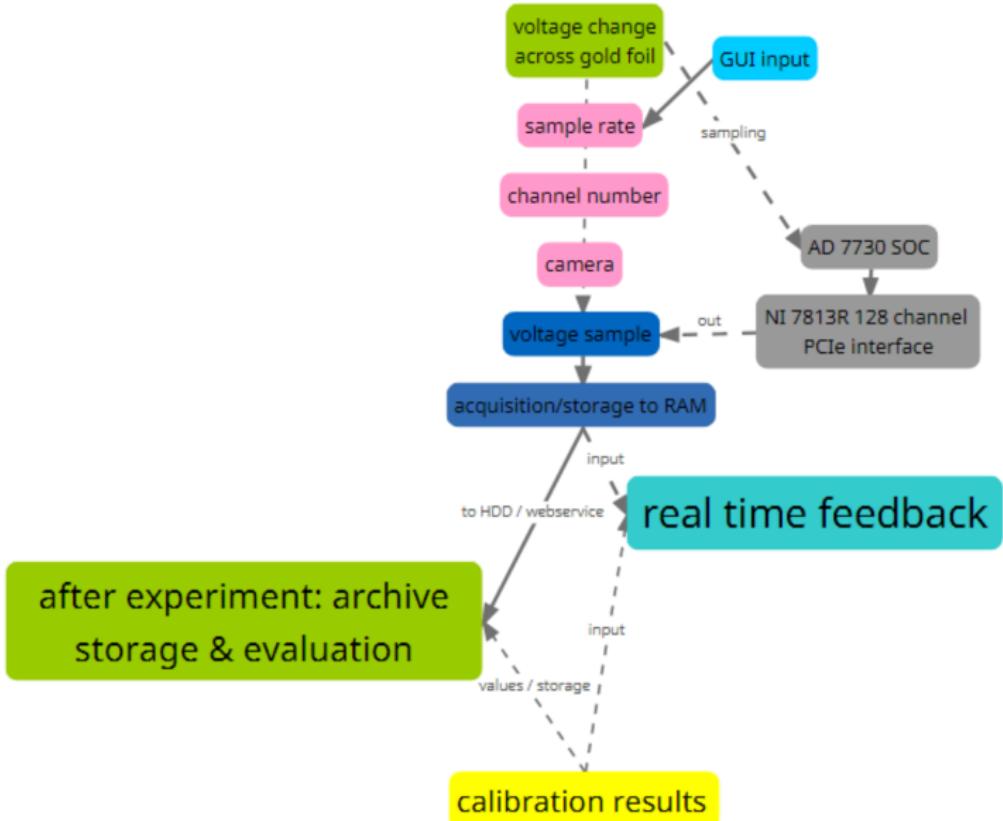






Line integrated power for each camera





# System schematics

