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## FERMI-PSI collaboration on nano-fabricated wire-scanners with sub- $\mu\text{m}$ resolution: developments and measurements

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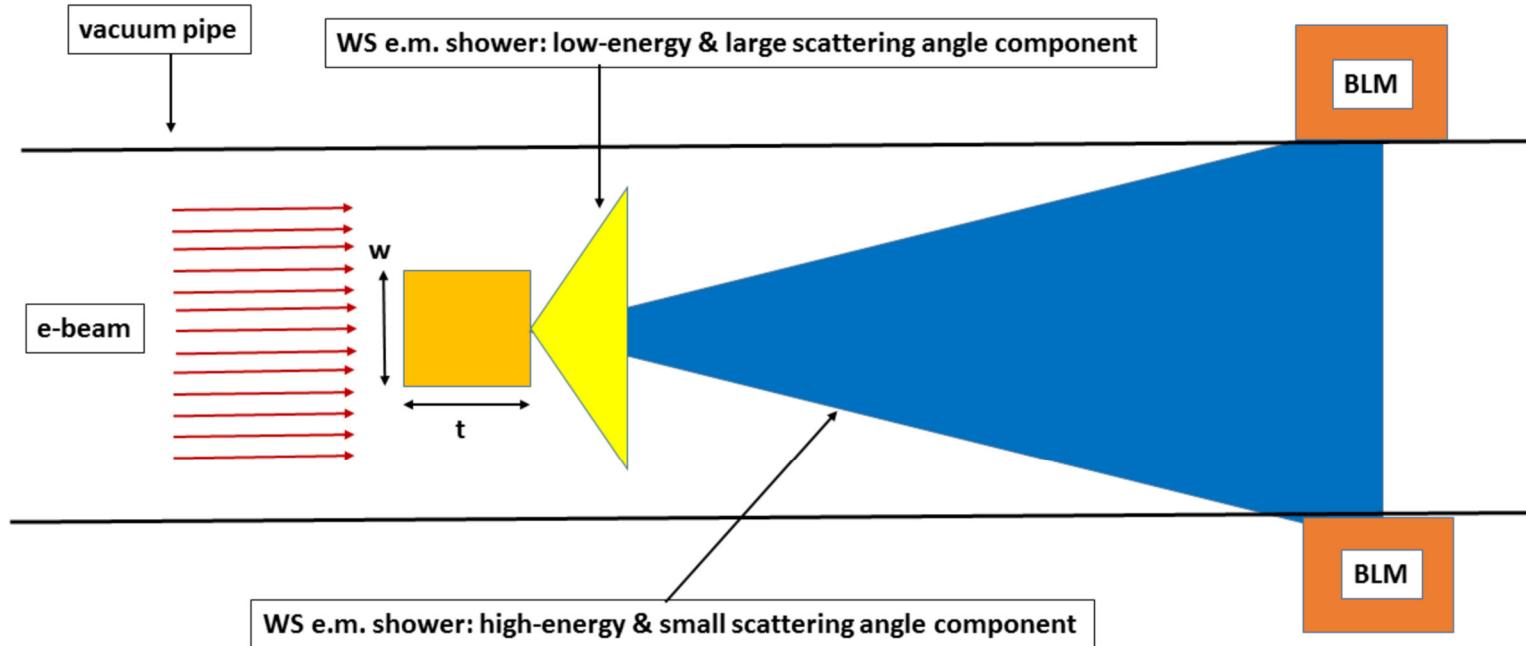
# Wire-Scanners (WS) in a FEL: brief introduction (1/3)

## WS in a linac driven free electron laser (FEL):

- Diagnostics of the beam transverse profile
- Beam-probe: metallic wire intercepting different portions of the beam transverse profile at every RF shot
- Probe-signal (“wire-signal”):
  - e.m. shower (e-,e+,photons...) produced by the wire partially detected by a beam-loss-monitor (BLM)
  - BLM signal proportional to the number of particles sampled by the wire at every RF shot
- Profile reconstruction: beam synchronous correlation of BLM signal and encoder readout of wire position
- Spatial resolution:
  - Beam charge and transverse position jitter (corrected by BPM readouts and magnetics optics in between)
  - Encoder resolution
  - Mechanical vibration of the wire
  - Geometrical resolution (normally dominating): rms size of the wire width
- Performance:
  - Multi-shot and 1-dimensional reconstruction of the beam profile
  - High resolution and minimally invasive diagnostics

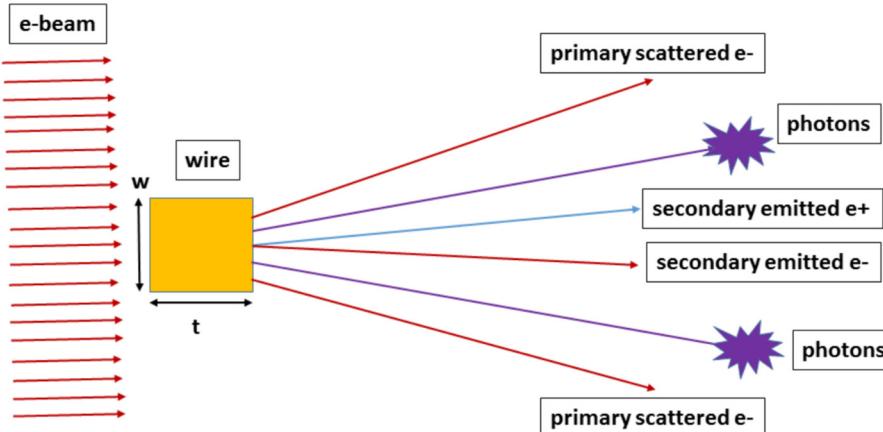
# Wire-Scanners (WS) in a FEL: brief introduction (3/3)

**WS signal in a FEL (e.g., SwissFEL): energy loss detected by BLM**



# Wire-Scanners (WS) in a FEL: brief introduction (2/3)

- e.m. shower (WS signal):
  - mainly composed by primary scattered e- and secondary emitted particles (e+,e-,photons)
- energy loss depending on:
  - Density and atomic number of the material
  - Wire width (w) determine wire impact surface  $\leftrightarrow$  number of primary scattered electrons
  - Wire thickness (t) determine:
    - Amount energy loss (bremsstrahlung) per scattered electron
    - Mean angular spreading per electron by multiple Coulomb scattering
    - Minimize t  $\leftrightarrow$  improve matching of scattered beam with machine energy and angular acceptance

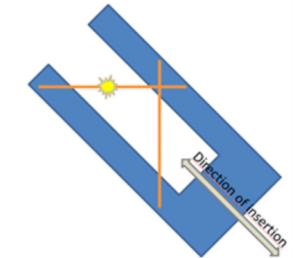


## Design goal of WS in a FEL:

- Minimize w and t  $\rightarrow$  w:
  - High geometrical resolution
  - Minimal invasiveness to the beam (machine protection)
  - High transparency to the lasing
- wire material with low density and atomic number...
  - ...but adequate signal-to-noise ratio of BLM needed...
  - ...then optimize thickness (t) to possibly compensate

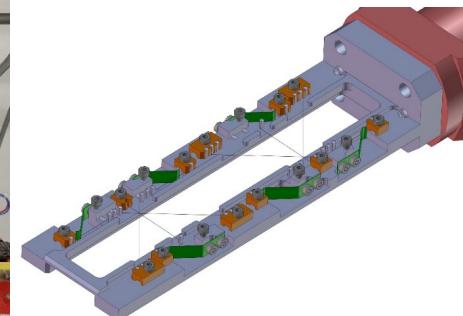
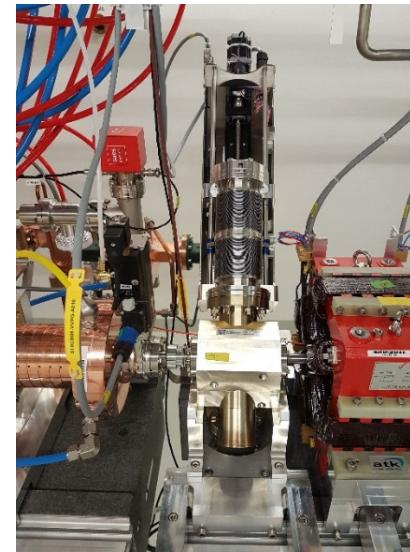
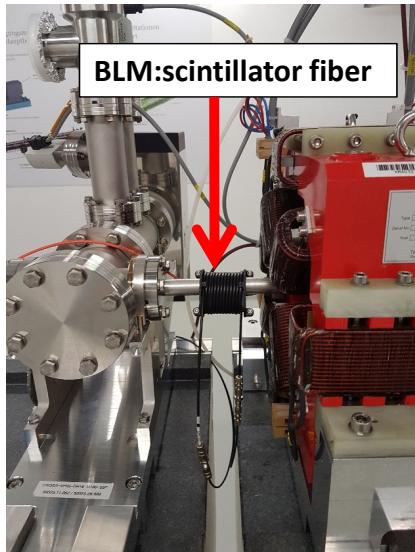
# Motivations and Goals of “WS nano-fabrication”

- Diagnostics with sub- $\mu\text{m}$  resolution needed for:
  - Low-charge and low emittance FEL operations
  - Novel laser and plasma driven accelerator
- WS top ranked diagnostics ➔ high spatial resolution and minimal invasivity
- Conventional WS (cylindrical metallic wires stretched onto a fork): spatial resolution limit  $\sim 1\mu\text{m}$  (rms)
- Higher WS spatial resolution  $\leftrightarrow$  thinner wire  $\leftrightarrow$  smaller number of perturbed electrons  $\leftrightarrow$  minimal beam invasivity and higher lasing transparency
- New techniques to fabricate WS with resolution beyond the  $1\mu\text{m}$  (rms) limit
  - ➔ Nano-lithography (integration wire+fork in unique structure)
- Nowadays, free-standing WS independently nano-fabricated at PSI and FERMI and tested at SwissFEL:
  - sub- $\mu\text{m}$  spatial resolution ( $\sim 250\text{ nm}$ )
  - beam clearance  $\sim 2\text{mm}$
- Near future, nano-fabricated free-standing WS with sub- $\mu\text{m}$  resolution and beam clearance  $\sim 10\text{mm}$
- Final goal, free-standing sub- $\mu\text{m}$  wires (X,Y scan) integrated into a fork as standard WS solution for a FEL.



## SwissFEL WS:

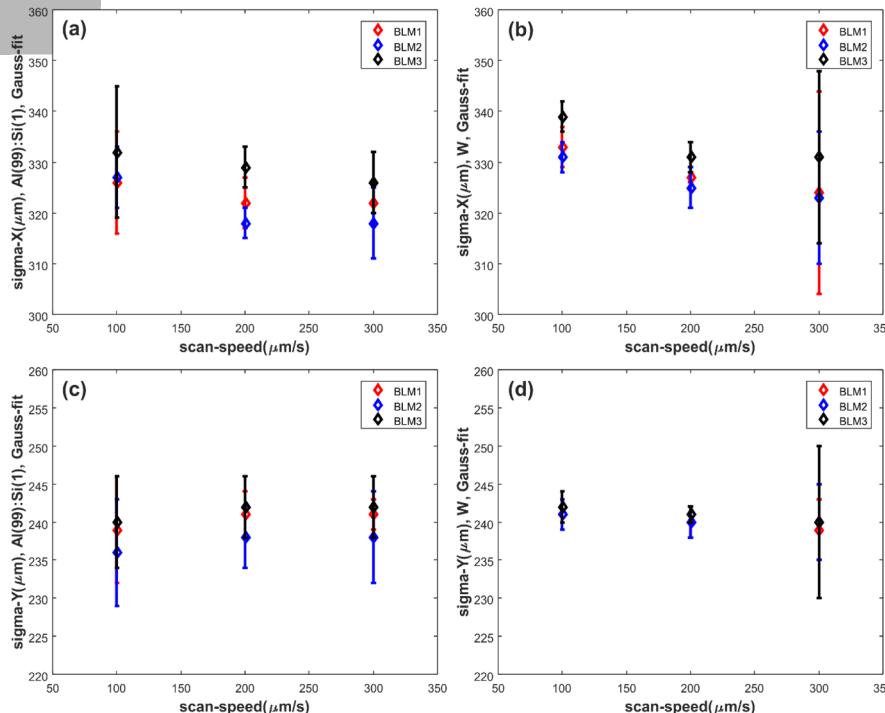
- Conventional WS design (metallic wire stretched onto a fork)
- ~20 WS installed all along the machine for beam profile monitoring and emittance measurements
- Fork equipped with 2 pairs of wires (5 µm W and 12.5 µm Al(99):Si(1) wires)
- SwissFEL, WS-relevant parameters: 200/10 pC, 0.300-5.8 GeV, beam-size 5-500 µm (rms)
- Geometrical resolution (5 µm W wire): 1.25 µm
- Beam profile reconstruction: beam synchronous acquisition of encoder position and BLM signal
- BLM: scintillator fiber+POF+PMT



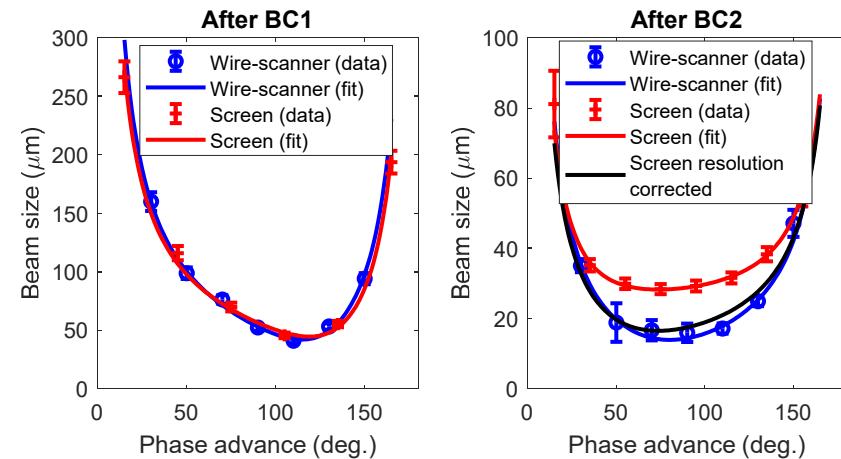
# Conventional WS: resolution and invasivity constraints (2/3)

## Beam profile measurements at SwissFEL

- Beam energy 300 MeV, charge 20 pC, rep.rate 10Hz
- 5  $\mu\text{m}$  W wire: scan\_X (b) ; scan\_Y (d)
- 12.5  $\mu\text{m}$  Al(99):Si(1) wire: scan\_X (a) ; scan\_Y (c)



## Beam charge 10 pC, beam energy after BC1 ~300MeV, BC2~5.8 GeV



**Emittance measurements at SwissFEL: WS vs YAG screen,**  
Ph. Dijkstal talk at FEL2019 conference, Hamburg, Germany  
THB03 *Emittance Measurements and Minimization at SwissFEL*

# Conventional WS: resolution and invasivity constraints (3/3)

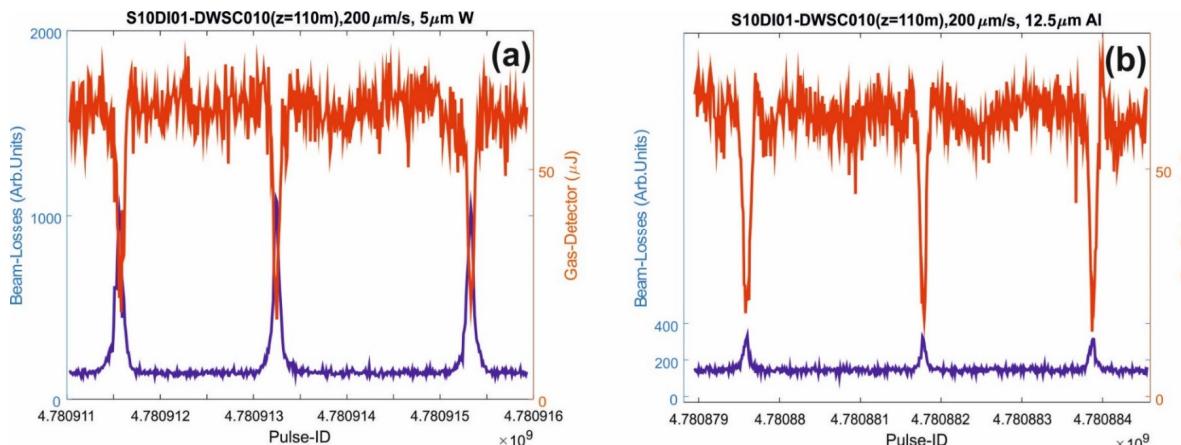
## Simultaneous WS and laser pulse energy measurements with gas detector (\*):

Scan electron beam with  $5\mu\text{m}$  W wire and  $12.5\mu\text{m}$  Al(99):Si(1) wire and, in parallel, measure laser pulse energy

Al(99):Si(1) vs W wire → beam-loss reduction by a factor 3-4 (beneficial to machine protection)

Al(99):Si(1) vs W wire → despite lower density and atomic number, larger impact surface detrimental to lasing transparency

**Higher WS geometrical resolution of the wire → better wire transparency to the lasing**



Beam-synchronous measurements of laser pulse energy (Gas-Detector) and e-beam profile (WS):

(a)  $5\mu\text{m}$  W wire;

(b)  $12.5\mu\text{m}$  Al(99):Si(1) wire.

Bunch charge  $\sim 200$  pC, beam energy  $\sim 300$  MeV at the WS location, 2.6 GeV at the undulator beamline, photon energy 2.488 keV (wavelength=4.983Å).

**Energy ( $dE$ ) radiated by single electron with energy  $E$  in a thickness  $dX$  of matter with radiation length  $L_R$**

$$\frac{dE}{E} = \frac{dX}{L_R}$$

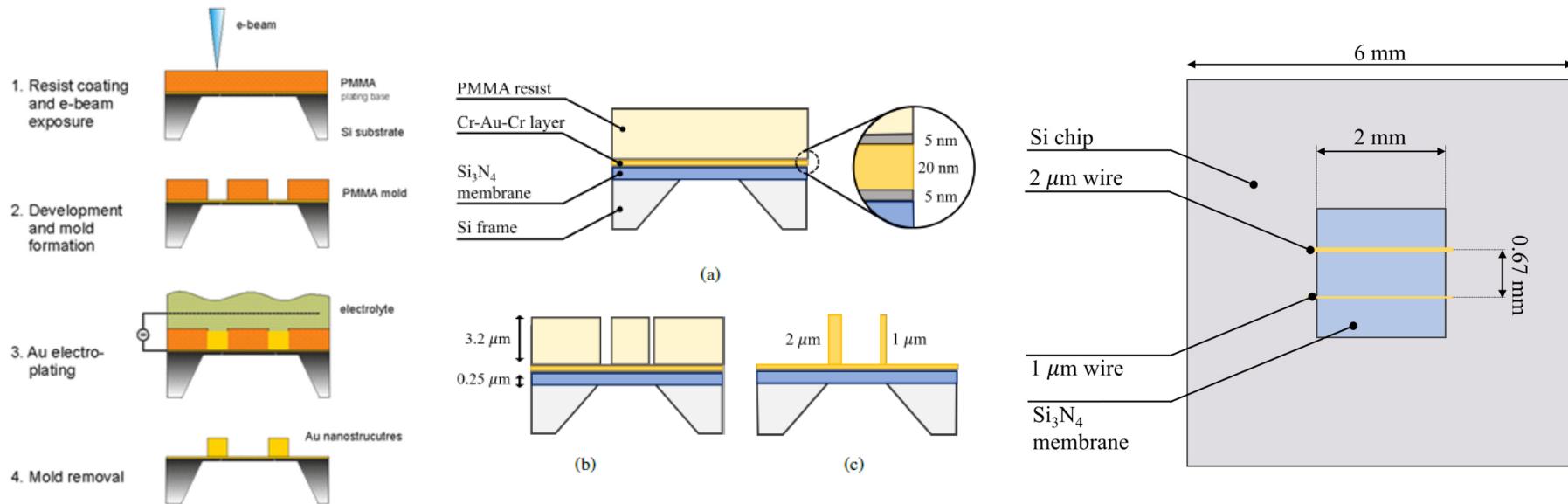
$$\frac{\Delta E_W}{\Delta E_{Al}} = R_{W/Al} \frac{X_W}{L_W} \frac{L_{Al}}{X_{Al}} = 4.1$$

$$R_{W/Al} = 0.4$$

$$L_{Al} = 8.9 \text{ cm}$$

$$L_W = 0.35 \text{ cm}$$

# First nano-fabricated WS at PSI: WS on-a-membrane with sub- $\mu\text{m}$ resolution

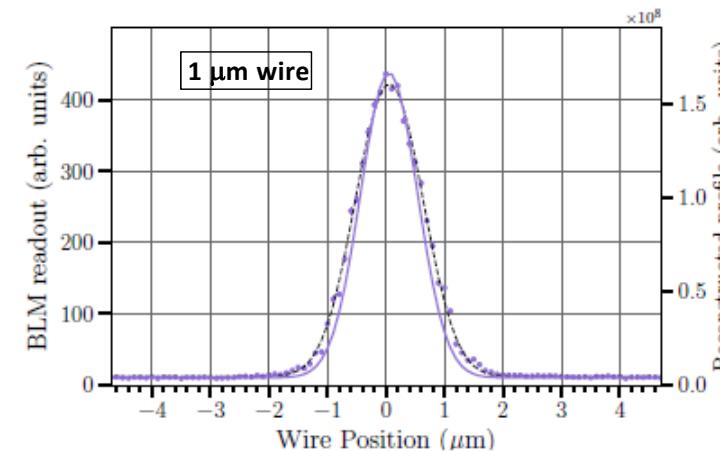
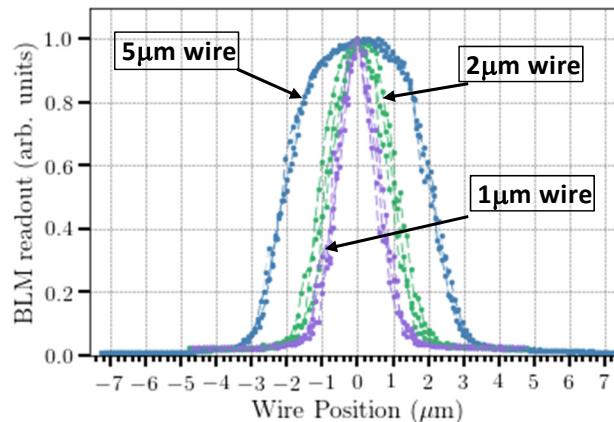


**WS nano-fabrication at Laboratory for Micro- and Nanotechnology (LMN, PSI):**

- (a)  $\text{Si}_3\text{N}_4$  membrane + Cr-Au-Cr coating + PMMA resist spin-coating
- (b) e-beam lithography of PMMA to write parallel stripes (isopropanol+water treatment to develop exposed resist)
- (c) Developed membrane trenches filled with Au by electroplating (PMMA resist removed by oxygen-plasma)

# Sub- $\mu\text{m}$ WS on-a-membrane: e-beam test at SwissFEL (\*)

- Low charge and emittance machine setting: 330MeV, <1pC, emittance  $\sim$ 50 nm, vertical beam size  $\sim$ 500 nm
- Beam profile analysis: fit with a Gaussian profile convoluted with a rectangular shaped distribution function



	5 $\mu\text{m}$ W	2 $\mu\text{m}$ Au	1 $\mu\text{m}$ Au
Resolution (nm)	1250	600	300
$\sigma_{\text{rms}}$ (nm)	$1967 \pm 16$	$890 \pm 2$	$449 \pm 32$
$\sigma_y$ (nm)	$462 \pm 11$	$491 \pm 4$	$491 \pm 5$

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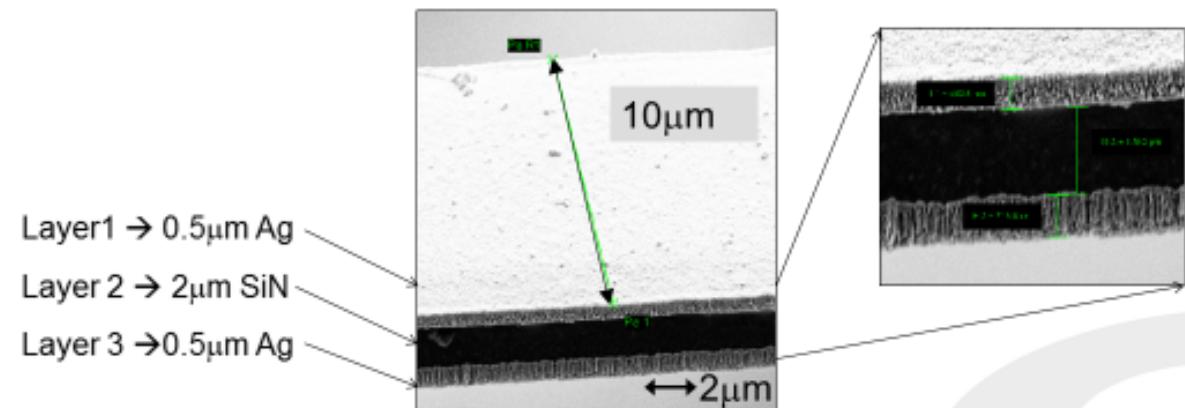
## NF WIRE STRUCTURE

Our device has 3 layers:

**Free-standing WS nano-fabricated by IOM-CNR and tested at FERMI: geometrical resolution 2.9  $\mu\text{m}$**

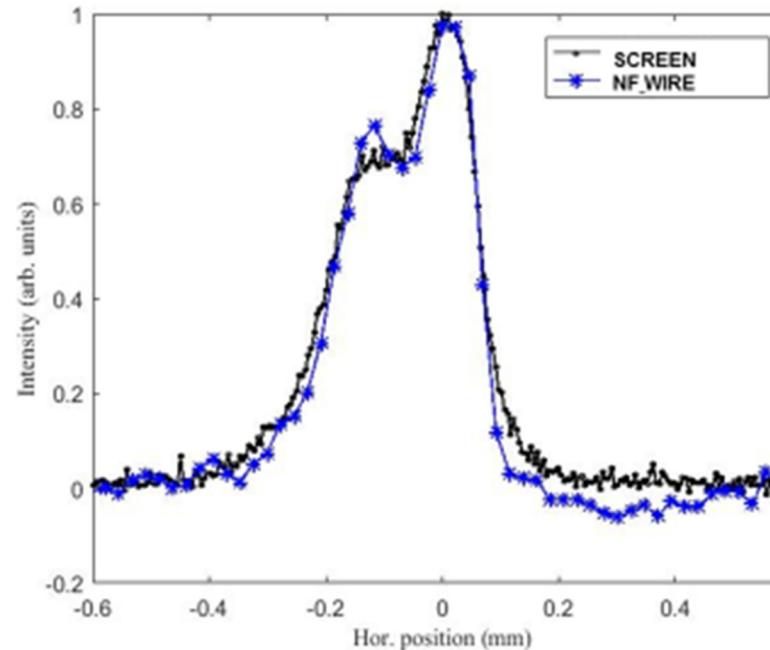
SiN NF wires with size  $2\mu\text{m} \times 10\mu\text{m}$  (thickness x width) + Ag coating on both sides.

Two side coating balance stress and improve signal.



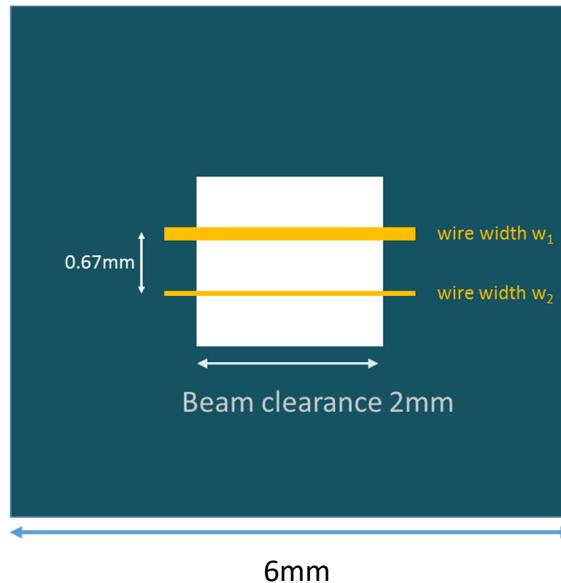
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## NF WIRE VS HIGH RESOLUTION SCREEN

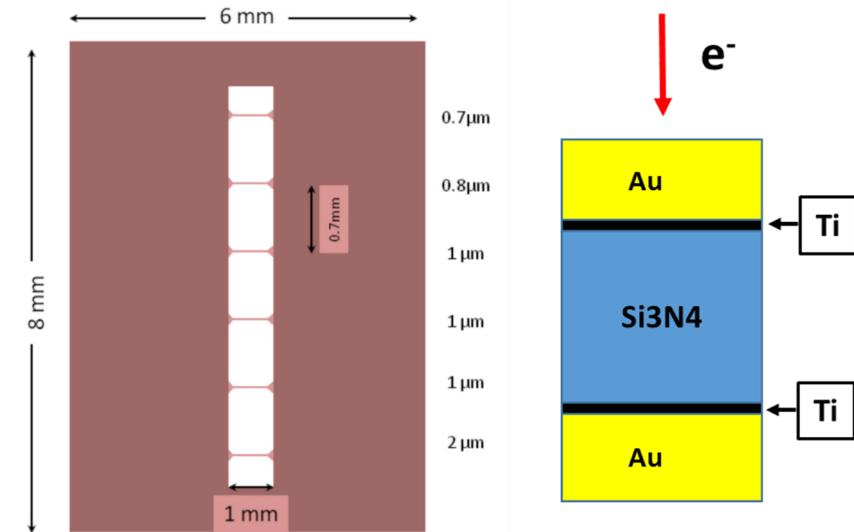


# PSI and FERMI nano-fabricated free-standing WS

**PSI WS chip: bulk Au stripe; width 800nm and 500nm; thickness ~2 $\mu$ m**



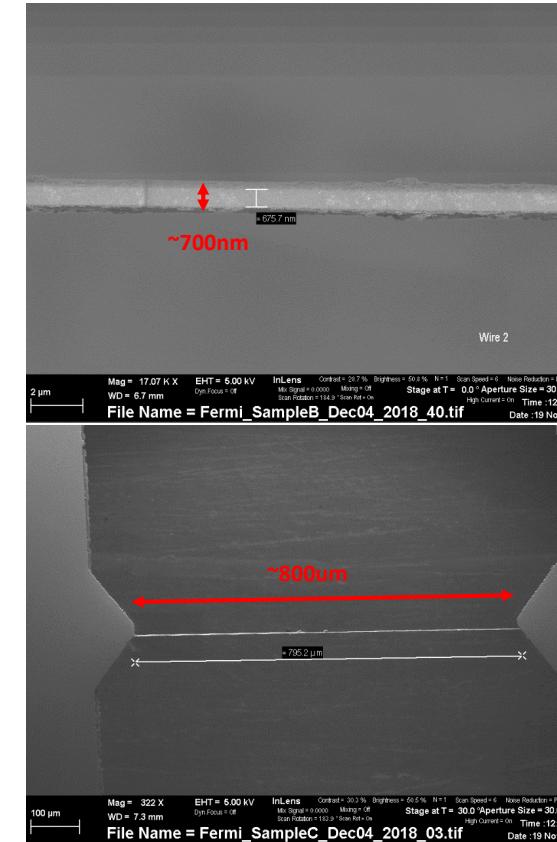
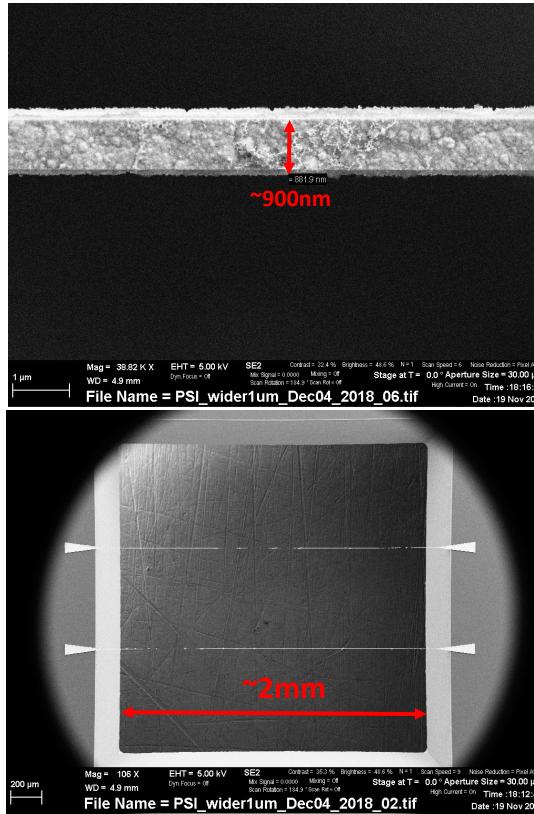
**FERMI WS chip: sandwich Au/Si3N4/Au; thickness ~3 $\mu$ m [Au(1 $\mu$ m),Si3N4(2 $\mu$ m),Ti(20nm)]**



## Bulk Au vs sandwich Au/Si3N4/Au:

- Higher signal-to-noise ratio (see WS measurement slide)
- Possible minor mechanical stability when increasing the beam clearance

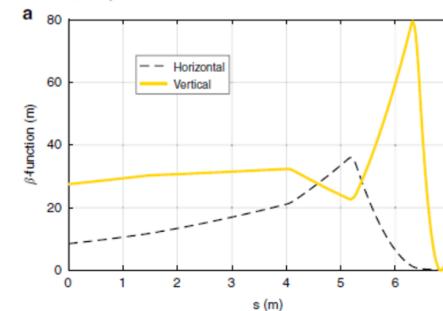
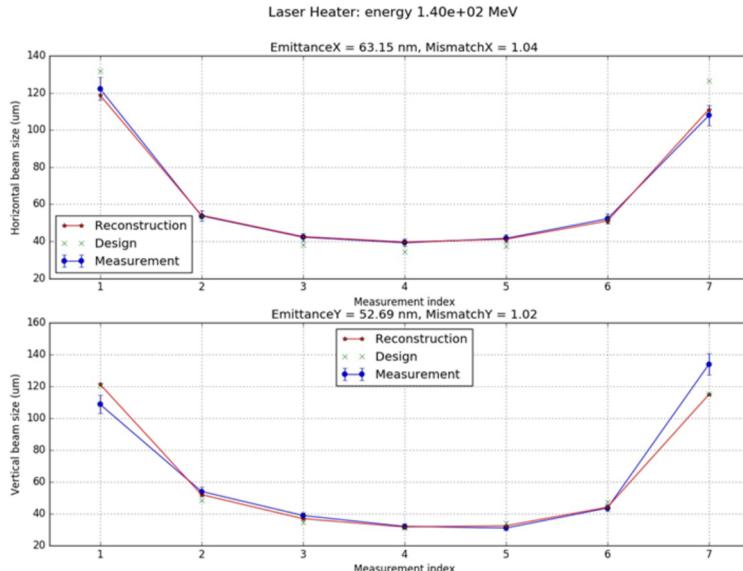
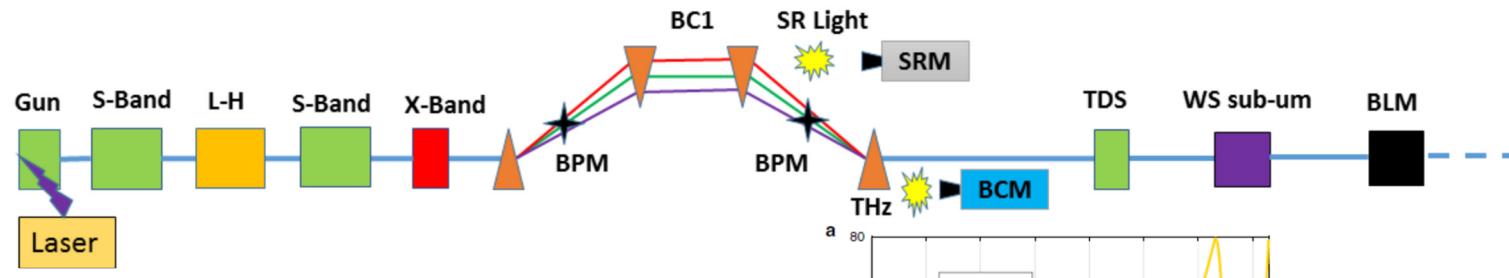
# SEM images of the nano-fabricated WS structures



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**FERMI WSC nano-fabrication,  
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# Experimental set-up at SwissFEL



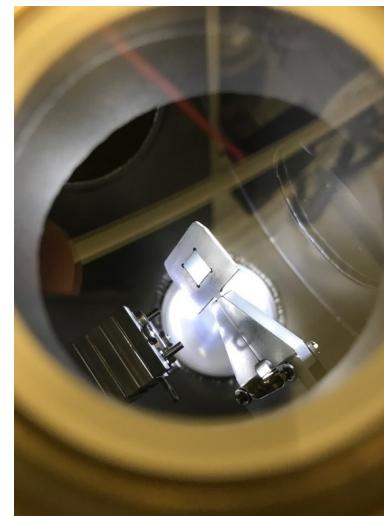
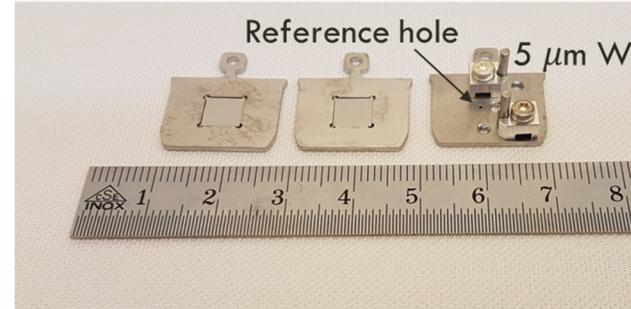
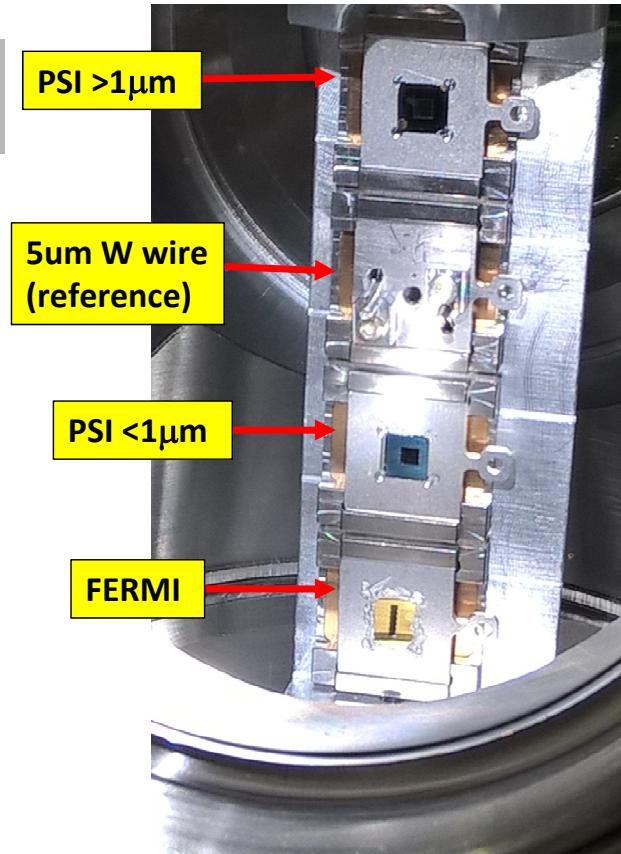
**beam vertical size at the WS position: ~500nm**

$\beta_x, \beta_y$  evolution between BC1 and WS sub- $\mu$ m

**Table 2 Beam parameters**

E (MeV)	Q (pC)	$\beta$ -functions		Emittances	
		$\beta_x$ (m)	$\beta_y$ (mm)	$\epsilon_{nx}$ (nm)	$\epsilon_{ny}$ (nm)
300	<1	0.273	2.61	42	53

# Sub-um WS set-up in the sample holder of the “ACHIP” vacuum-chamber



**WS chips mounted on a 4-slot sample holder.**

**ACHIP vacuum chamber equipped with:**

- Load-lock pre-vacuum chamber
- UHV feed-through
- Stepper motor
- Encoder (0.1  $\mu\text{m}$  resolution)

**Only vertical WS measurements are possible!**

# Free-standing sub- $\mu\text{m}$ WS: experimental test at SwissFEL (\*)

WS type	stripe width(nm)	geom. res.(nm)	beam size (nm, Dec 2018)	beam size (nm, Mar 2019)
PSI-WS	800	230	$488 \pm 20$	$434 \pm 7$
FERMI-WS	900	260	$477 \pm 70$	$443 \pm 33$

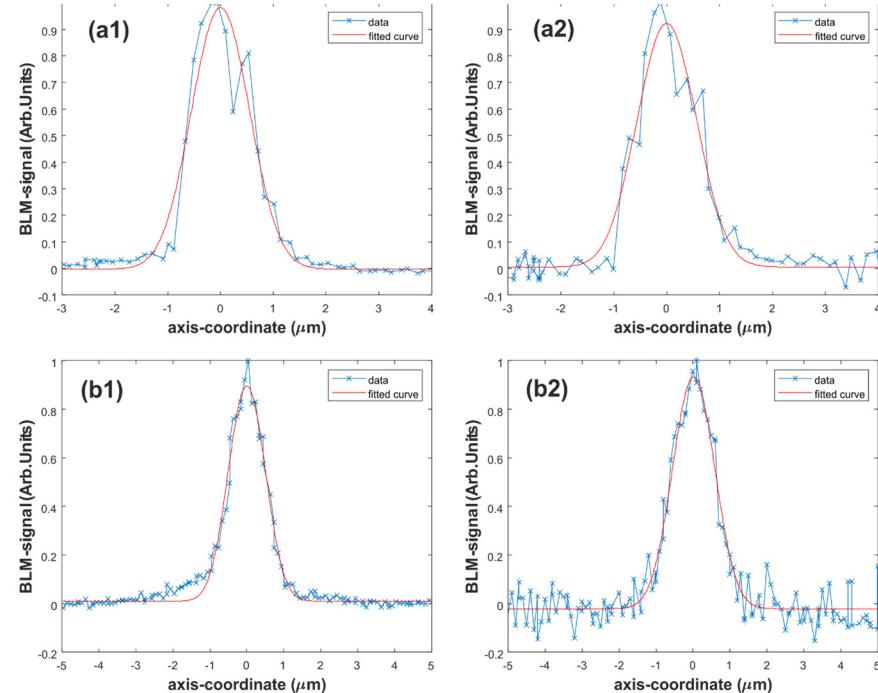
Beam profiles acquired with PSI (1) and FERMI (2) WS  
in two different measurement sessions (a, b):

- low-charge ( $<1\text{pC}$ )
- low emittance ( $\varepsilon_y \sim 55\text{ nm}$ ) → beam size  $\sim 500\text{ nm}$
- beam energy  $\sim 300\text{ MeV}$

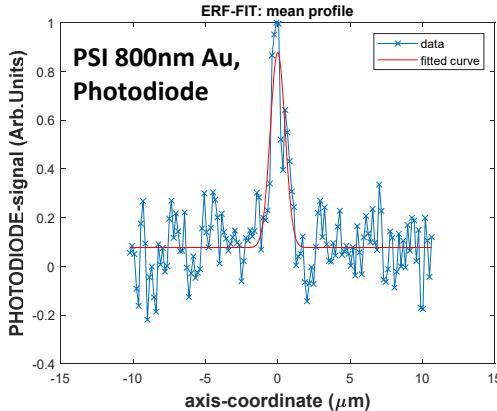
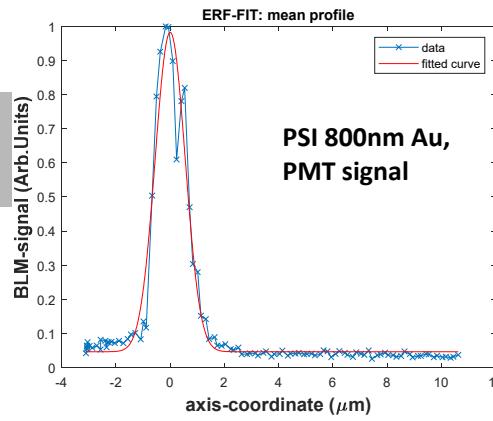
Error-function-fit: convolution of Gaussian distribution  
with rectangular shaped distribution with a width  $w$ :

$$\text{erf-fit}(x) = a \times [\text{erf}([x - c + w/2]/\sqrt{2}/\sigma) + \\ - \text{erf}([x - c - w/2]/\sqrt{2}/\sigma)] + b,$$

Heat-loading resilience test (200 pC, 1Hz): no damage  
observed in WS structures

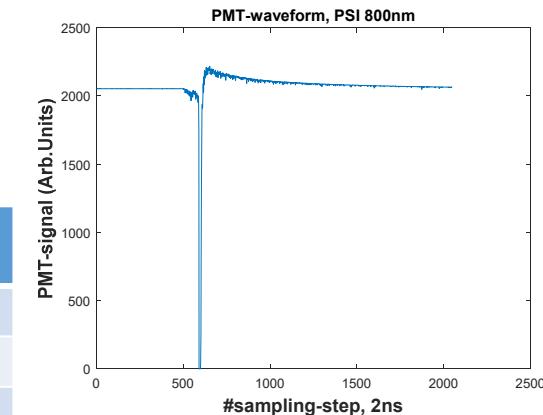


# Satellite measurements: PMT vs photo-diode WS profile reconstruction

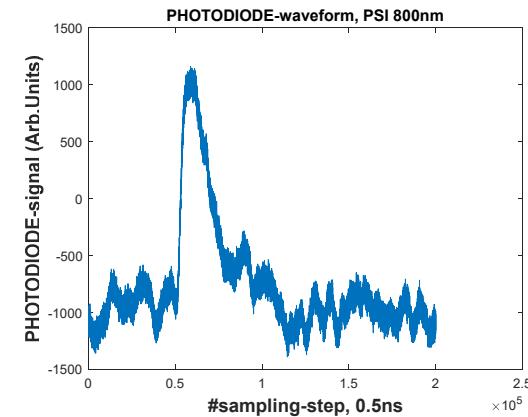


**Tests of new detection solutions of the beam-loss signal: photo-diode vs PMT**

WIRE	FIT	SIGMA (nm)	BEAM-LOSS-DETECTOR
PSI 800nm	ERF fit	488+/-20	PMT
FERMI 900nm	ERF fit	477+/-70	PMT
PSI 800nm	ERF fit	498+/-134	Photodiode



$$[\text{S/N}_\text{Ratio(PMT)}]/[\text{S/N}_\text{Ratio(PHOTODIODE)}] \sim 10$$



## Conclusions and Outlook

- Innovative free-standing WS structure - nano-fabricated at PSI and FERMI-IOM-CNR - with unprecedented sub-micrometer geometrical resolution ( $\sim 250\text{nm}$ )
- Successful and statistically consistent experimental tests at SwissFEL of free-standing WS at low charge ( $<1\text{pC}$ ,  $\sigma \sim 500\text{nm}$ , 300MeV) and high charge (200 pC, heat-loading resilience test)
- Fruitful collaboration between FERMI-IOM-CNR and PSI: possible synergy in nano-fabrication and joint experimental activities
- Long terms goal:
  - Make nano-fabricated WS with sub-micrometer resolution a standard diagnostics solution for a FEL:
    - Increase the WS beam clearance from the present 2mm up to 10mm, at least.
    - Nano-fabricated WS fork with integrated free-standing stripe pair for X,Y scanning
    - Mechanical stability studies: bulk metal or metal-silicon-nitride sandwich stripe?
    - Beam-loss signal-to-noise ratio: optimize ratio thickness-to-width of the stripe (from 1 up)

**Thank you for your attention**

