

# Bunch Length Measurements at the Swiss Light Source (SLS) Linac at the PSI using Electro-Optical Sampling

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Miniworkshop on XFEL Short Bunch Measurement and Timing

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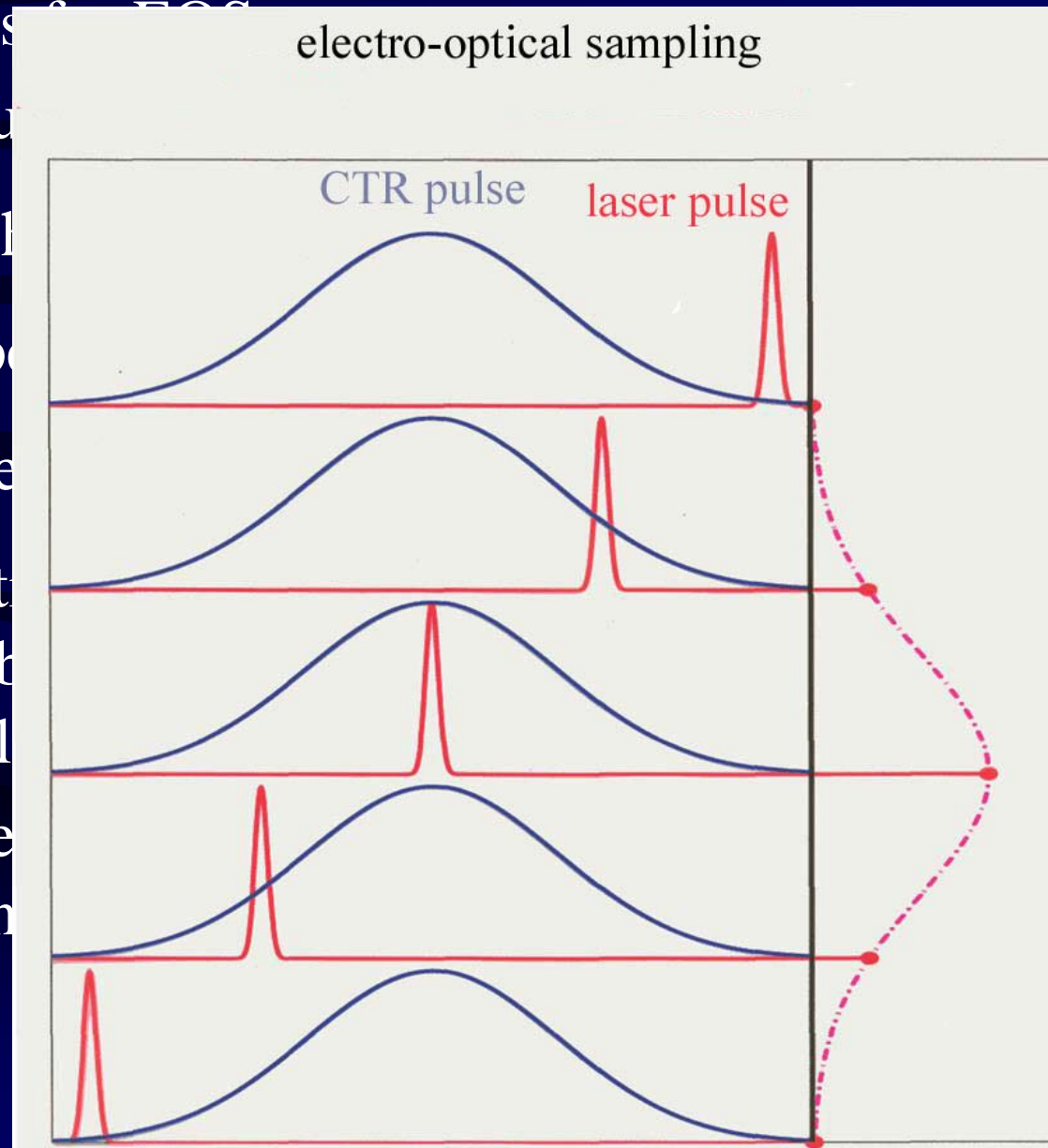


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# Motivation

- Requirements of FOC
  - resolution
  - few steps
  - independent
  - nondestructive
- feasible solution: a short laser pulse due to the electric field of the electron (E) reflected out
- this experiment is a demonstration of the vacuum



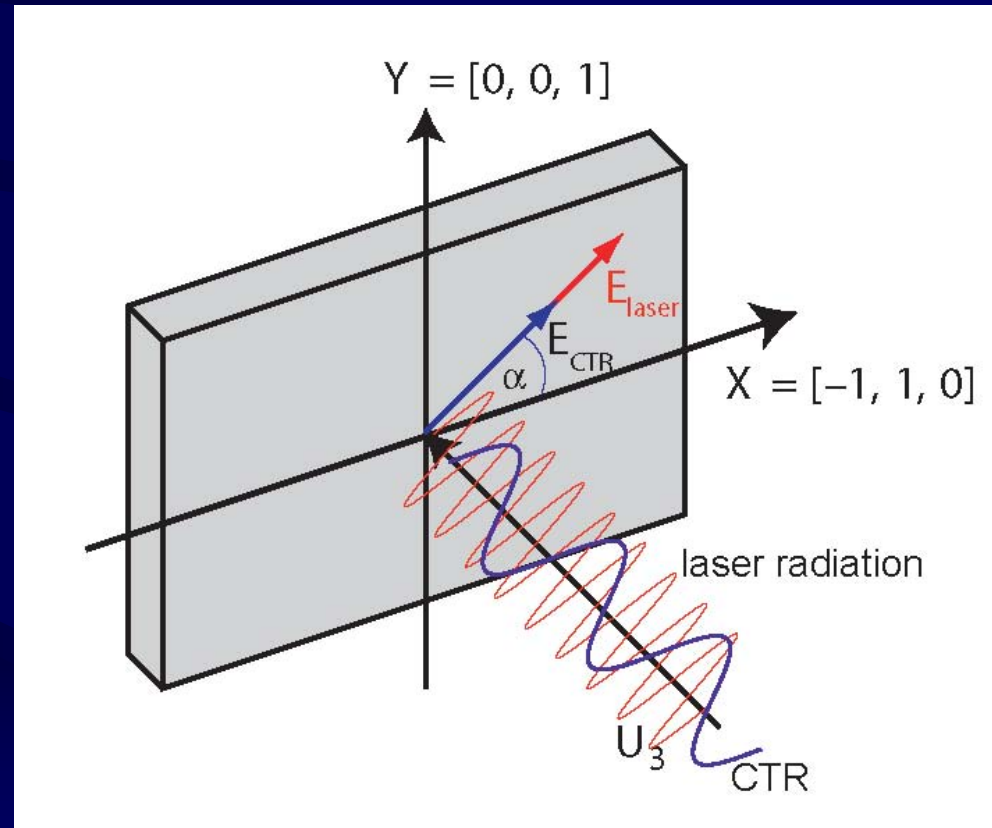
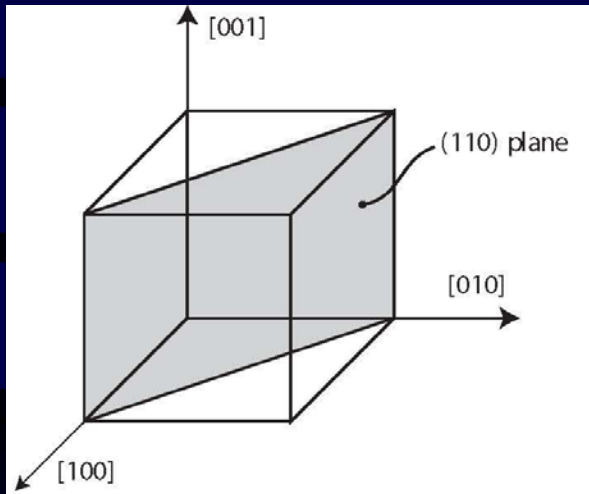
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# General Remarks

- Zinc-telluride crystal cut parallel to (110)-plane
- incident electric vector of CTR and probe laser pulse perpendicular to XY-plane
- $E_{\text{CTR}}$  and  $E_{\text{TiSa}}$  lie in the (110)-plane with angle  $\alpha$  with respect to X-axis

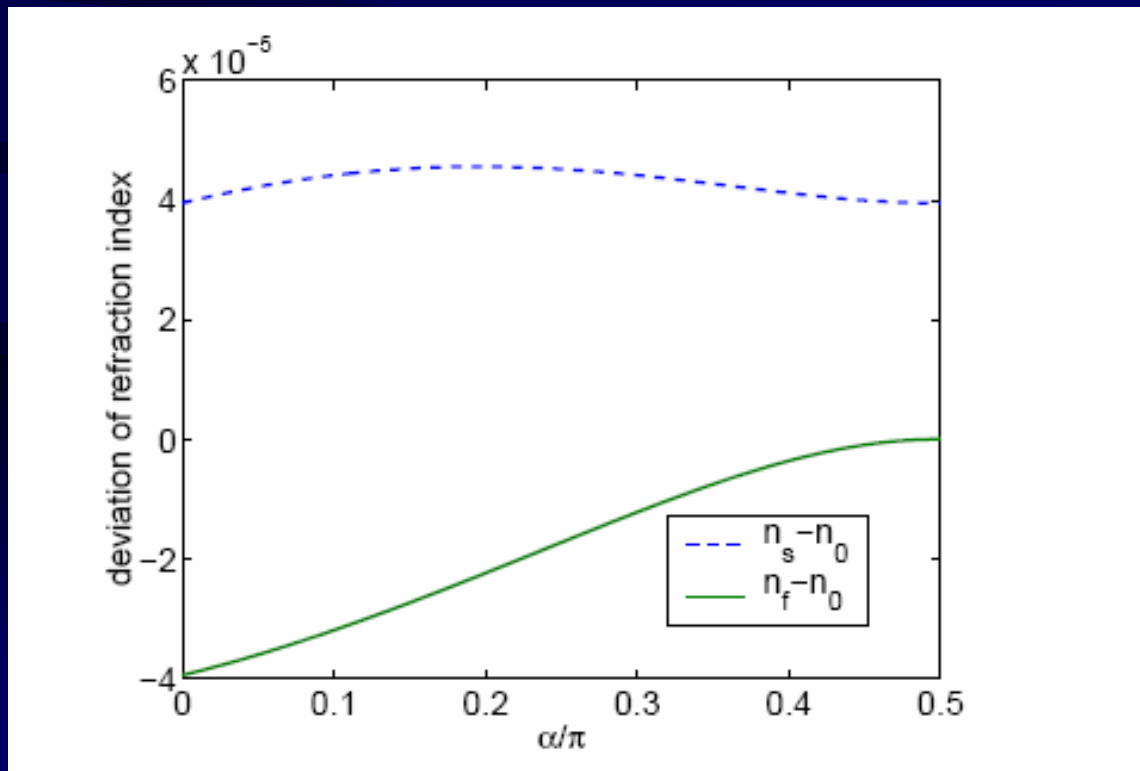


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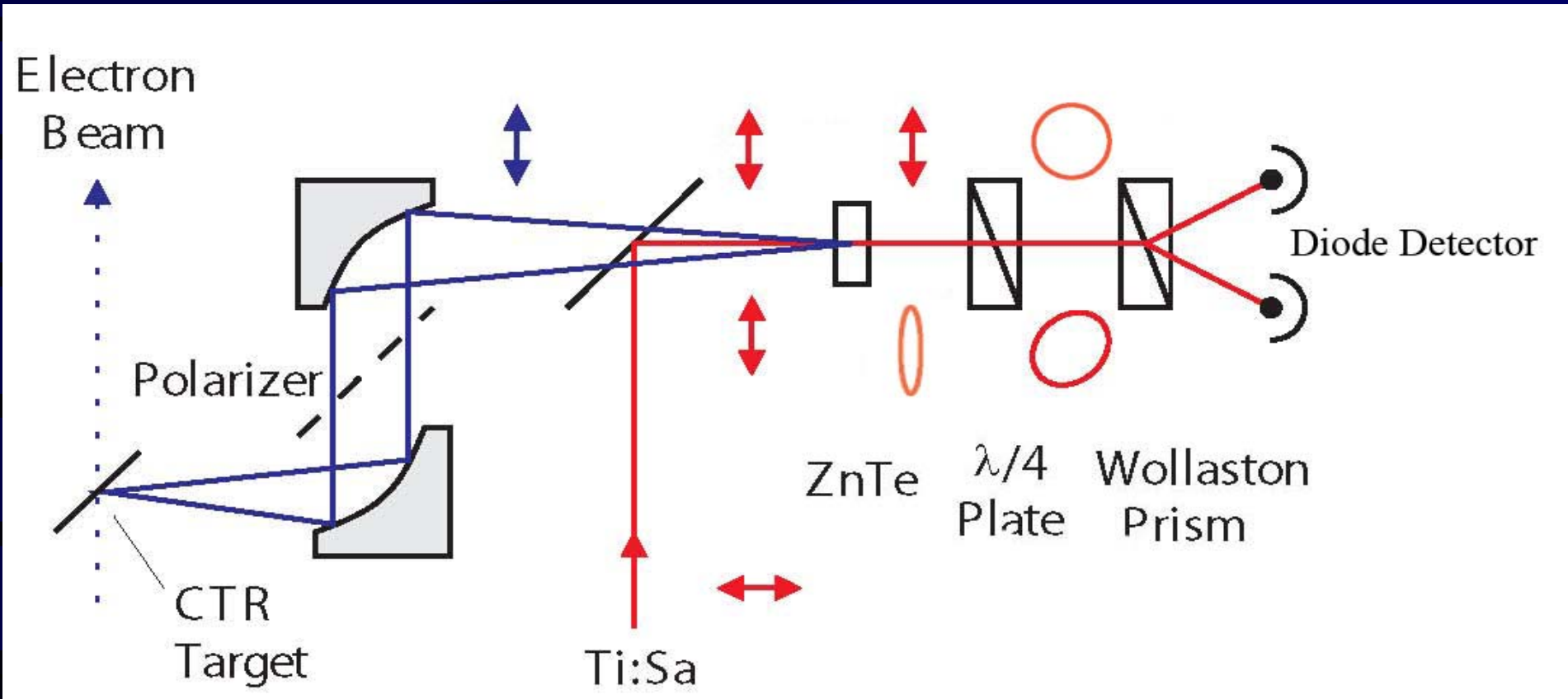
- due to the Pockels effect induced by the CTR, the probe laser pulse will experience a change in polarisation

Phase shift:

$$\Gamma(\alpha) = \frac{\omega d}{c} (n_1 - n_2) = \frac{\omega d}{c} n_0^3 r_{41} E_{CTR} \sqrt{1 + 3 \cos^2 \alpha}$$



# Polarization of Laser and CTR



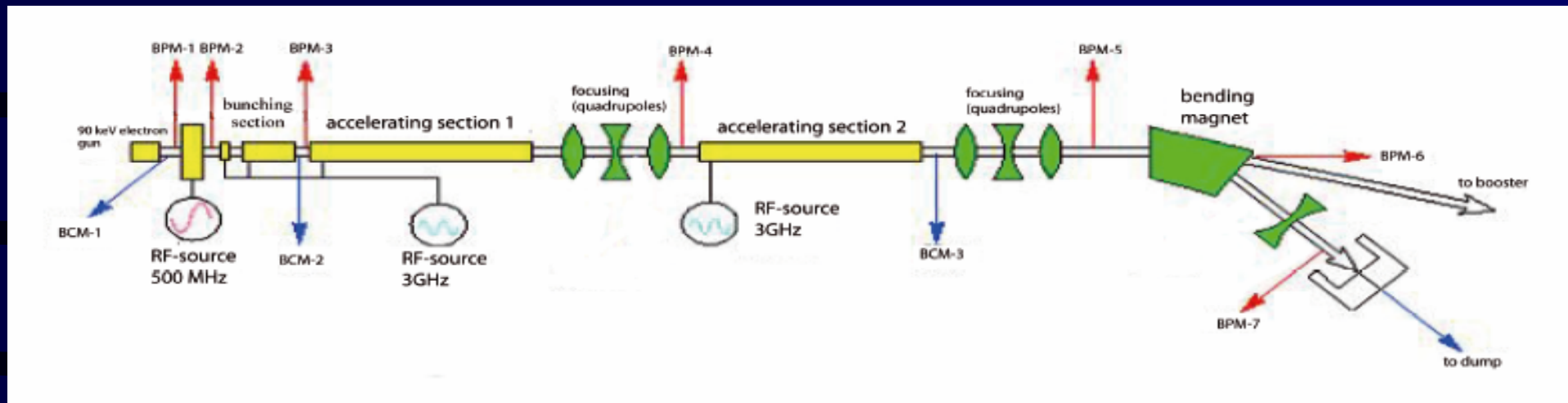
- Laser and CTR are horizontally polarized
  - laser polarisation is slightly elliptical after ZnTe crystal
  - elliptical (close to linear) laser polarisation is converted to an elliptical (close to circular) polarisation by quarter wave plate
  - signal of balanced detector:  $I \propto \sin(\Gamma)$  (remember:  $\Gamma$  is phaseshift)
- Axel Winter, 2004

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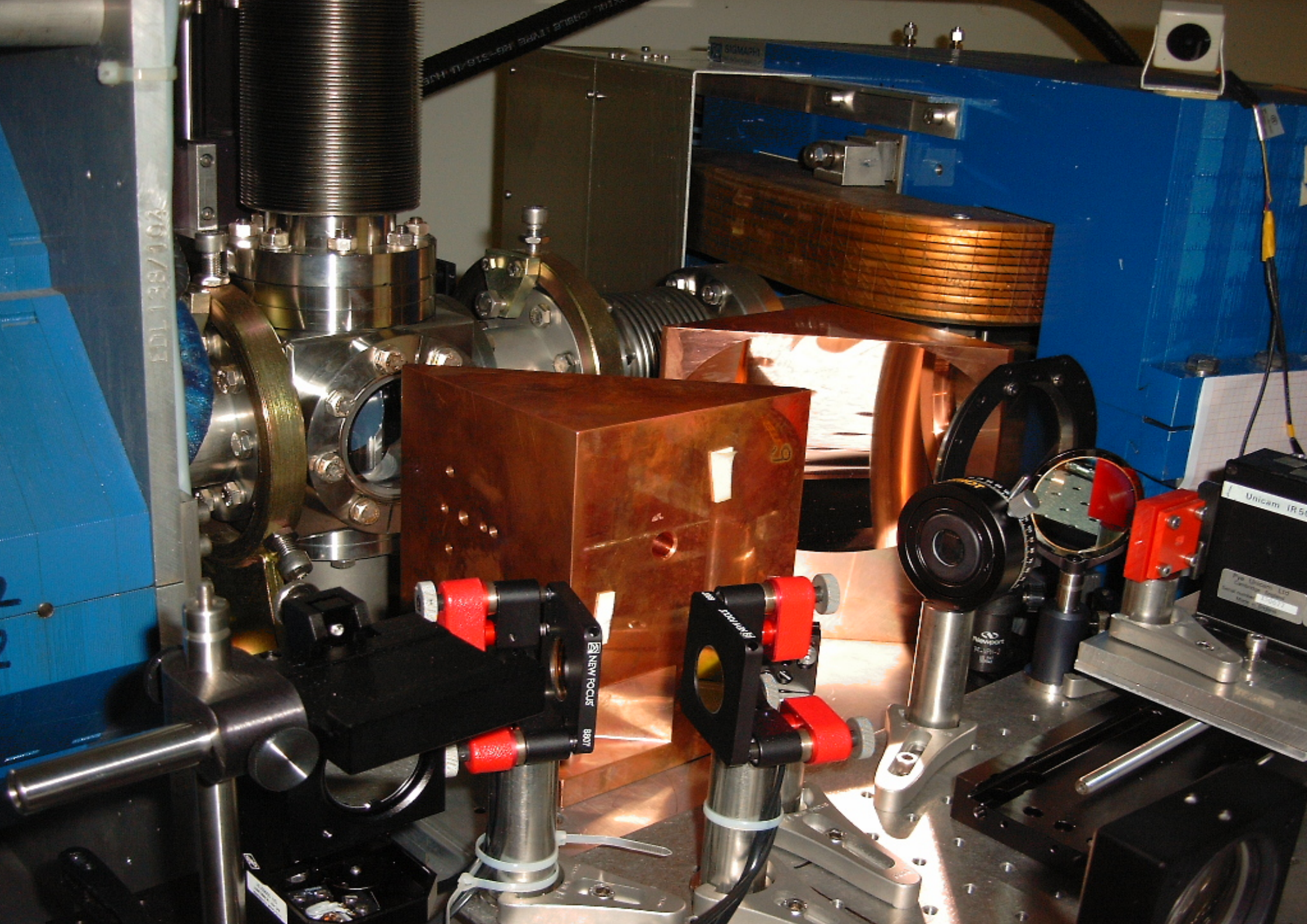
# The SLS Linac



- electron accelerator used as injector for the SLS storage ring
- final energy: 100 MeV through two 3 GHz travelling wave structures
- bunch length of a few picoseconds







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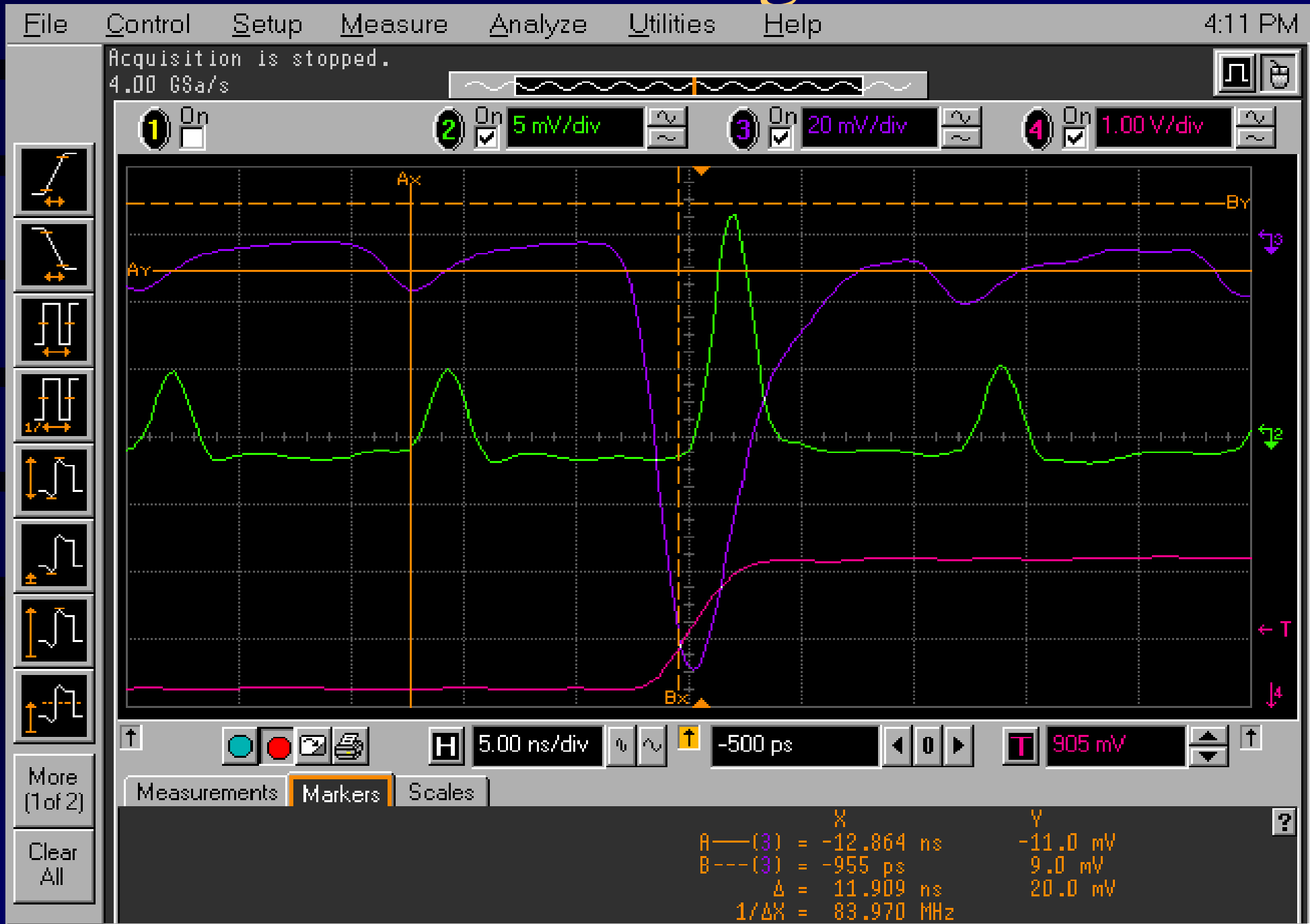
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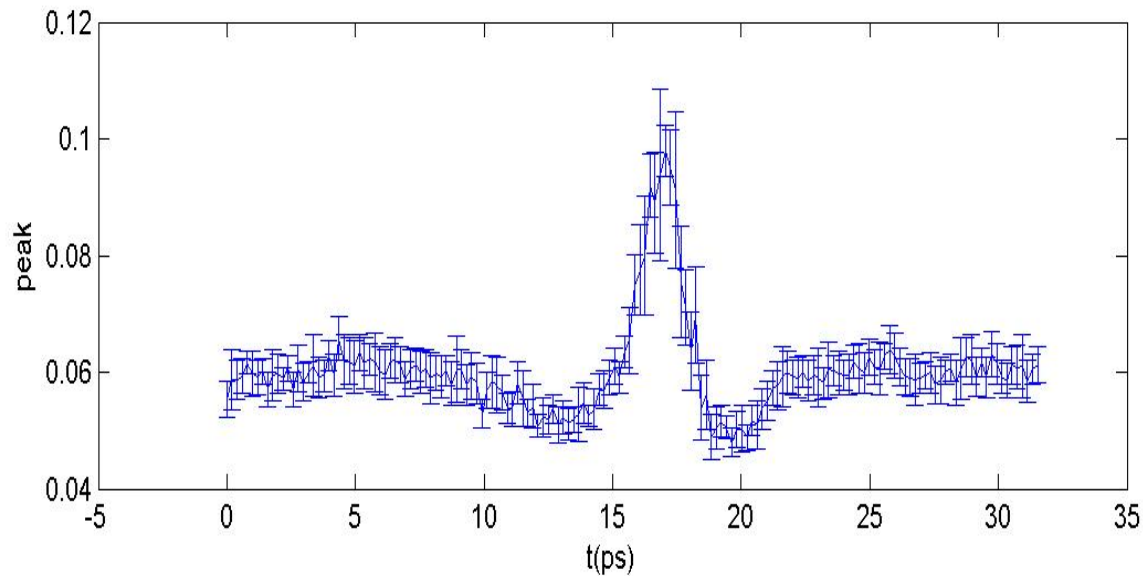
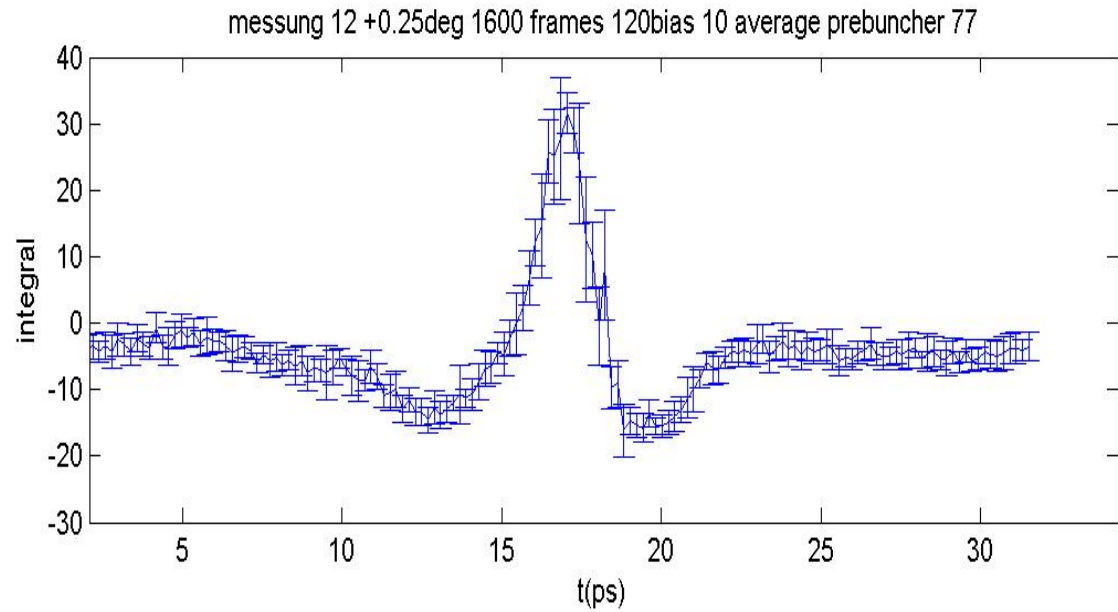
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# First Signal



# Data



- scanning step width: 200fs

- averaged over 10 measurements per step

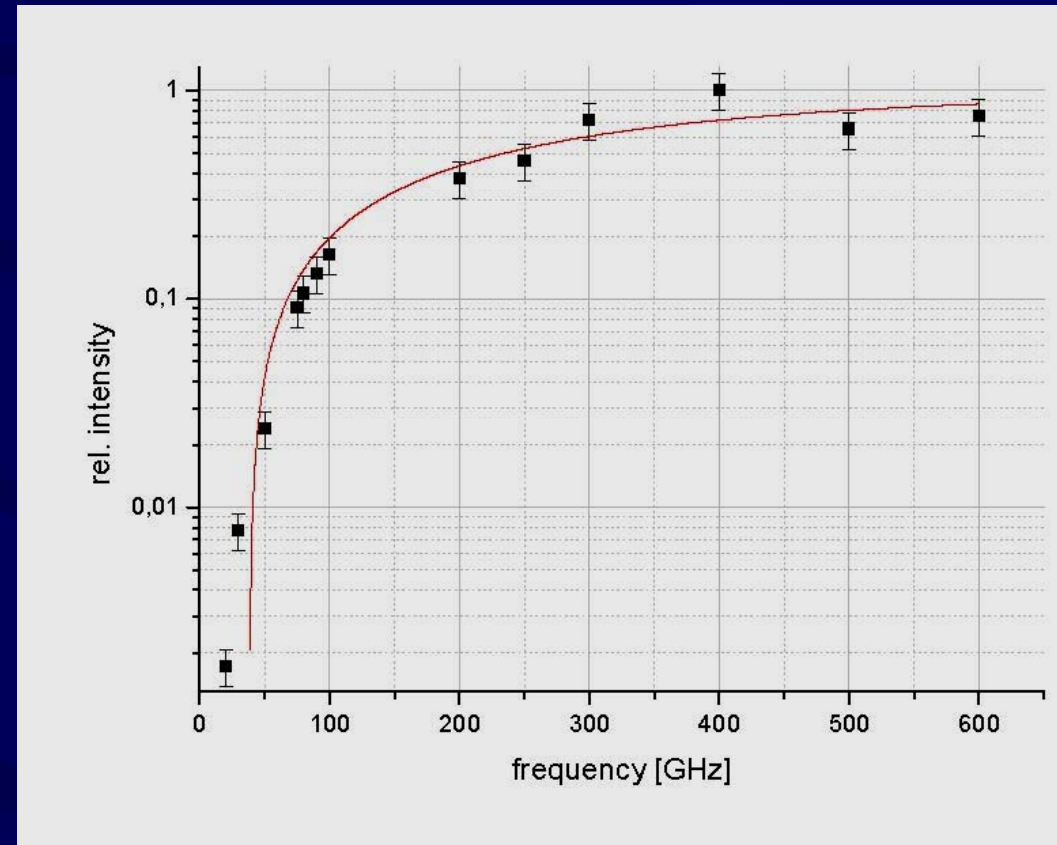
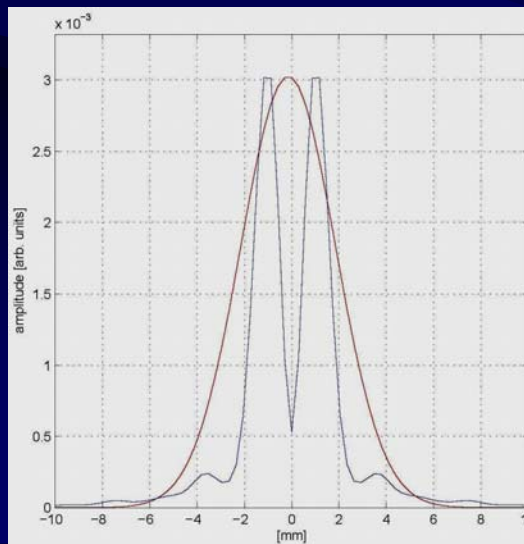
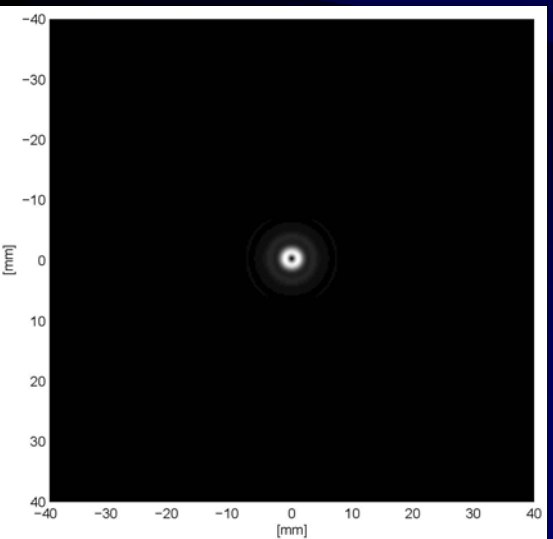
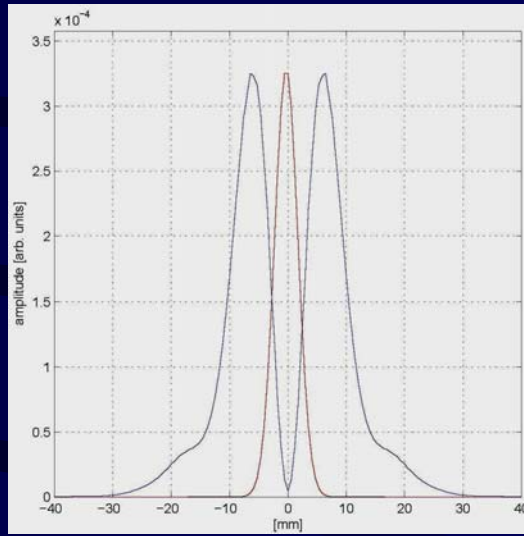
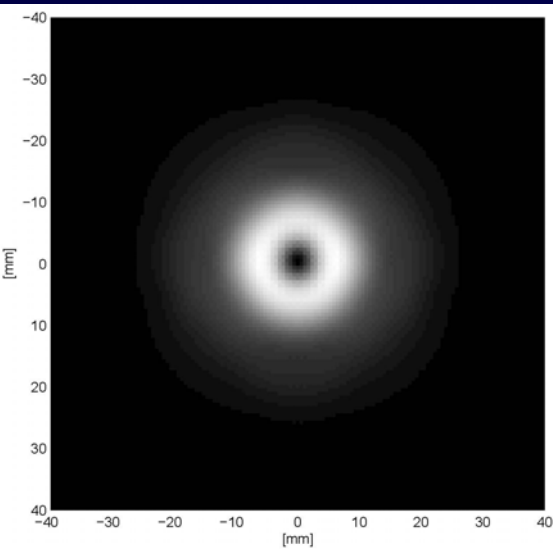
- expected bunch length from interferometric measurement with Golay-cell: 3ps-5ps FWHM

good agreement with expected bunch length

# CTR Transfer Function

Model of CTR transfer function from source to crystal using ZEMAX:

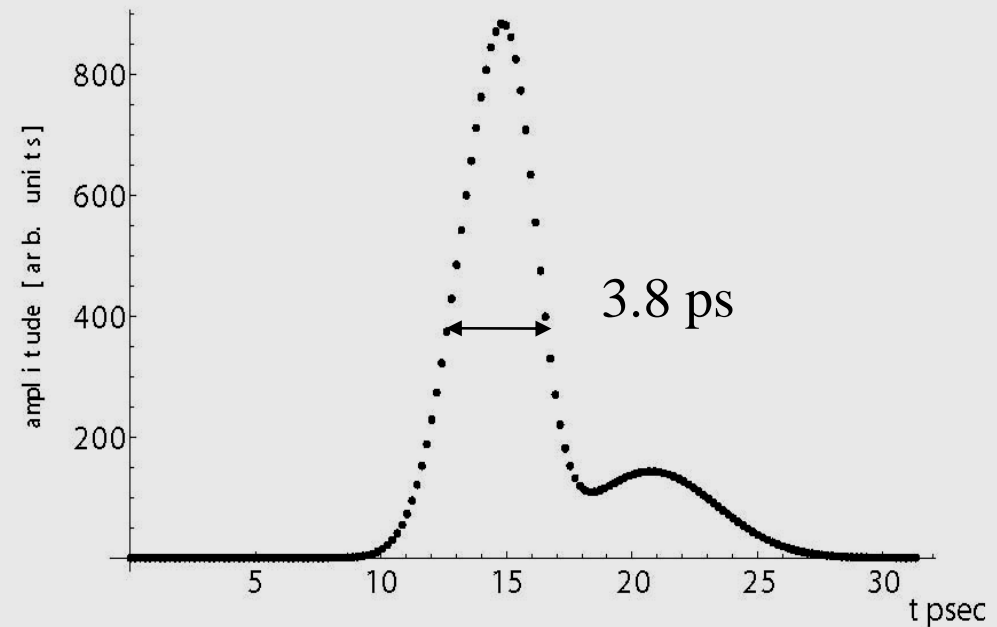
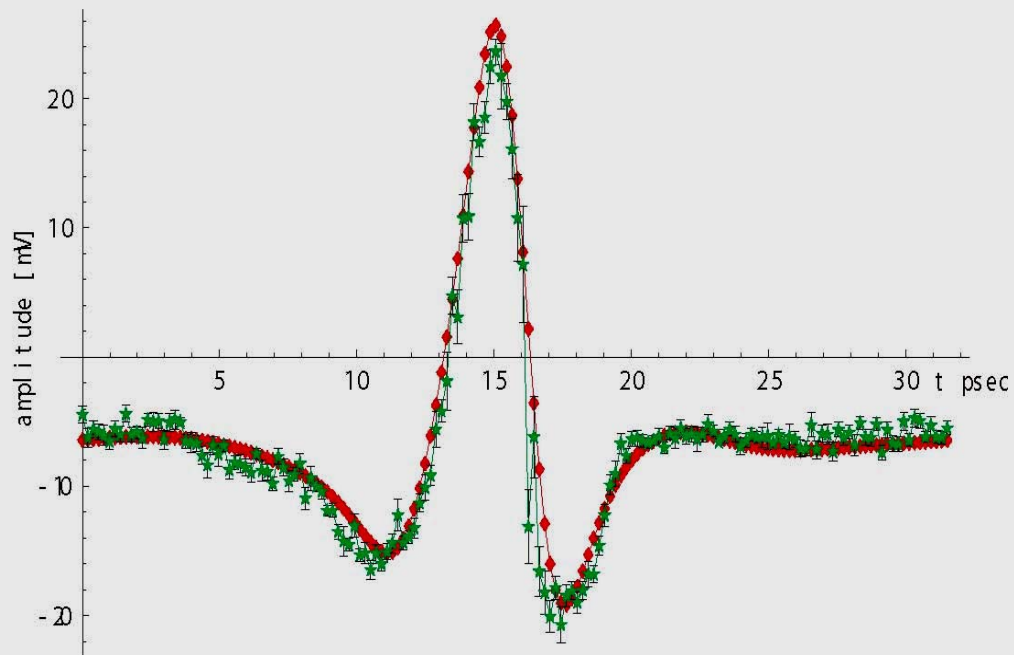
- aperture of vacuum window cuts frequencies below 30 GHz
- frequencies below 80 GHz do not contribute to signal due to laser spot size (diameter:2 mm) on crystal





# Fits

- Model for bunch shape: superposition of 2 or 3 Gaussians
  - apply Fourier transformation
  - convolute transfer function
  - transfer back into time domain and compare to data

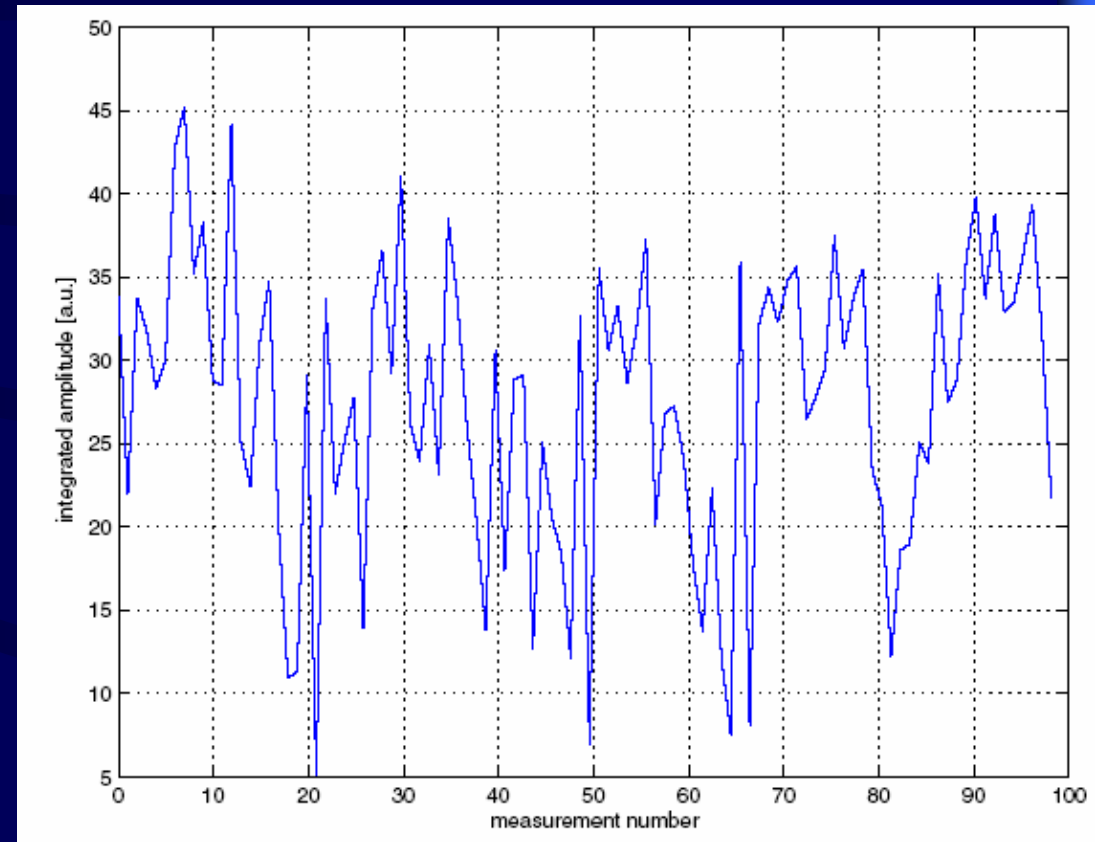


# Temporal Resolution

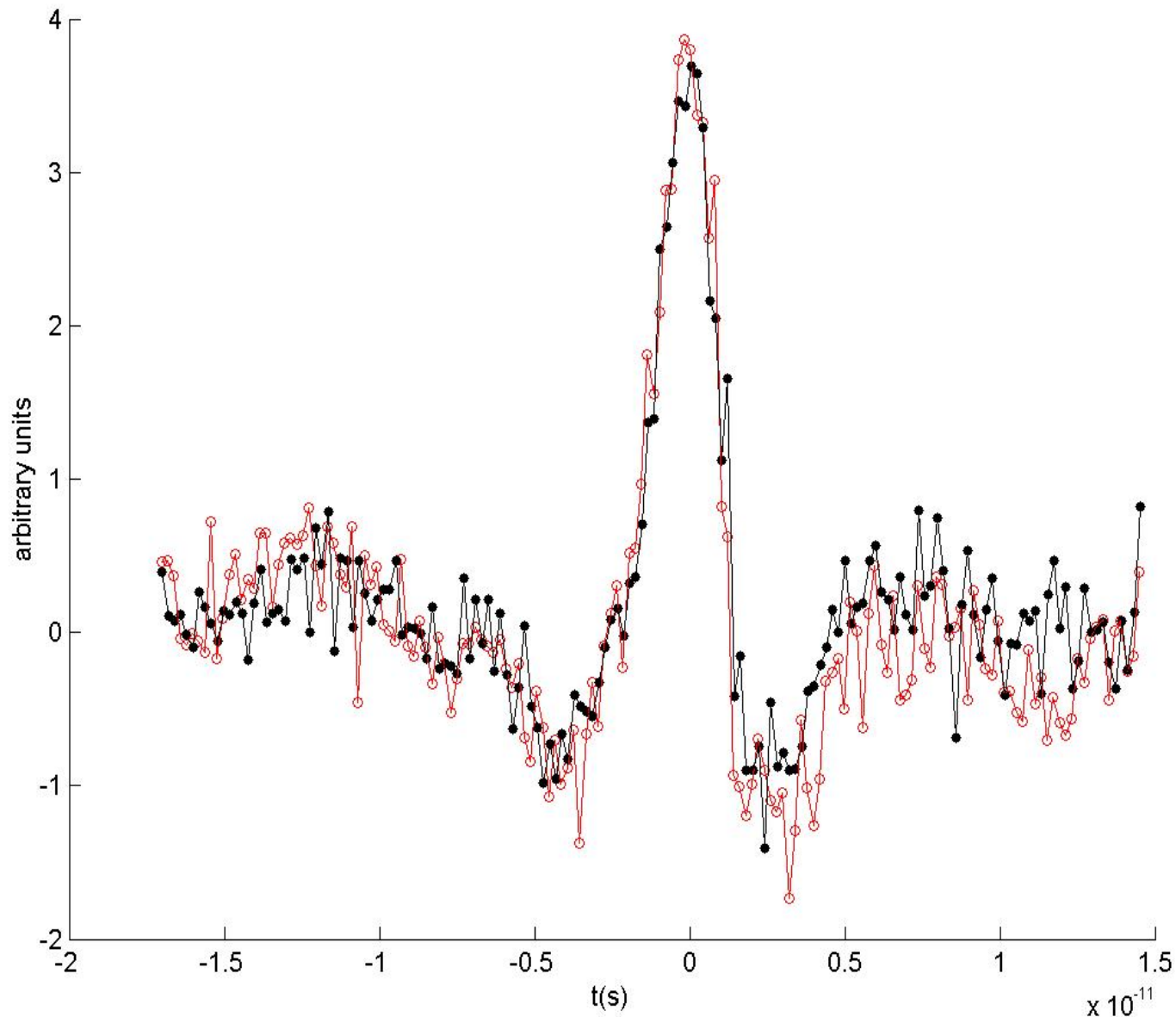
- phase between laser pulse and bunch is such, that the laser pulse is at the rising or falling edge of the CTR signal.
- amplitude jitter is dominated by arrival time jitter of consecutive electron bunches
- 100 bunches at 3.125 Hz

temporal resolution:

330 fs (rms)



# Reproducibility of Measurements



red and black: scans with  
pos. and neg. phase steps  
taken directly one after  
the other

# Summary and Outlook

- first EOS-signal seen in February 2004 in good accordance with expected SLS bunch length
- synchronisation between laser and RF with resolution of better than 40 fs achieved
- temporal resolution of EOS experiment better than 350 fs
- further EOS experiments to be conducted at DESY VUV-FEL in 2004/2005

Thank you for your attention !!

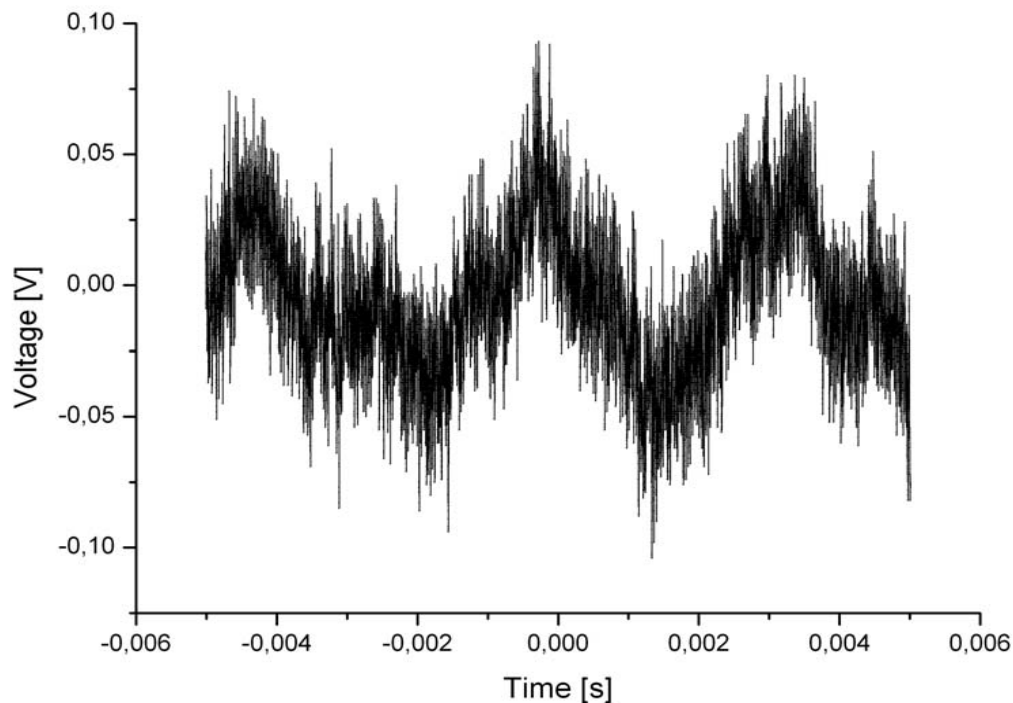
# Contributions and Thanks

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# Synchronisation Stability

- open loop: 230mV rms for 45° phase shift  
that is 5.1mV per degree phase shift  
at 3.5 GHz: 1°~793 fs, so 1 mV per 155 fs jitter



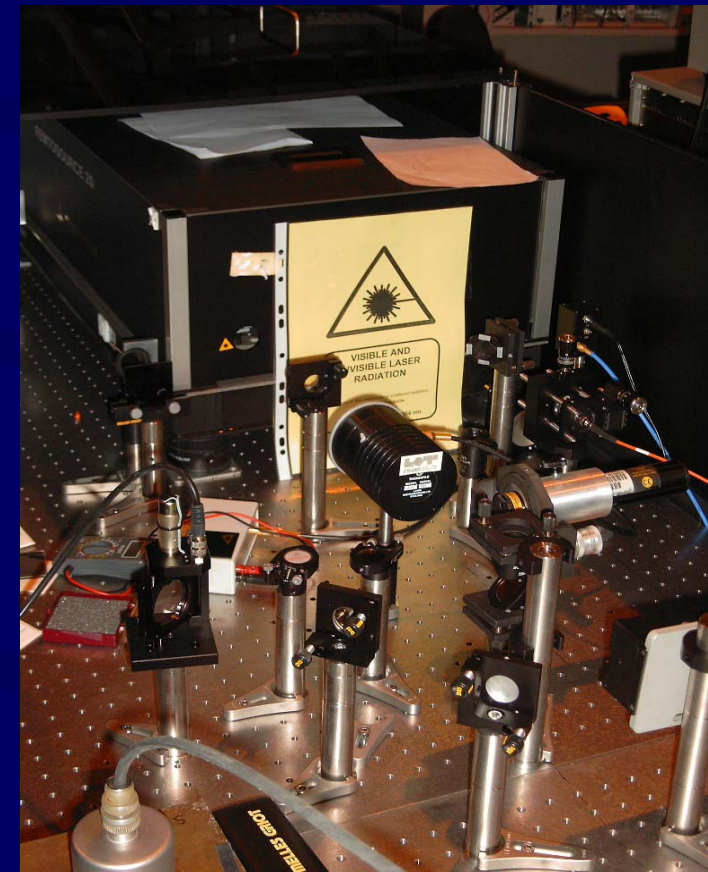
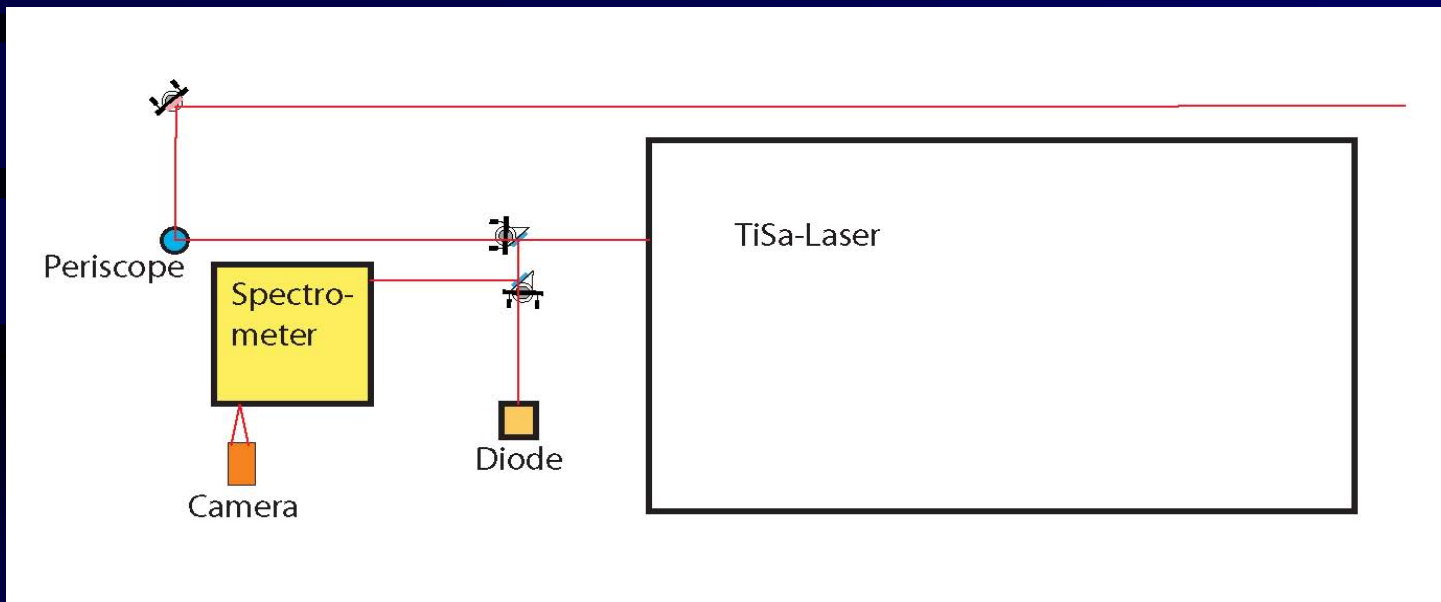
measured rms value: 260  $\mu$ V

**short term**

**stability of 37 fs reached**

# Outside Schematic

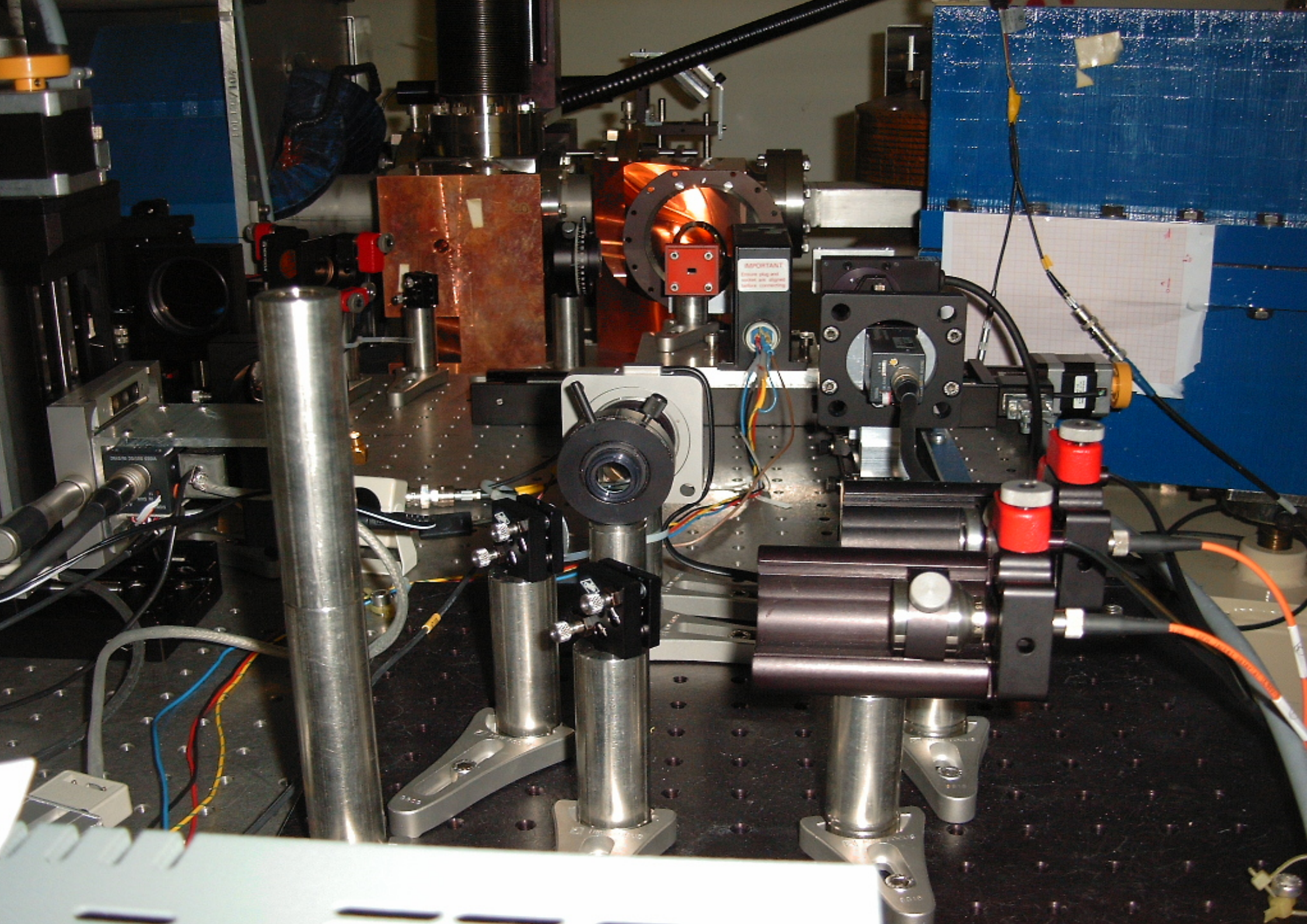
- optical table outside linac bunker with the fs-Laser
- area is temperature stabilized to 24°





# experimental procedure

- scan interval of 12.5 ns with 1ps stepwidth @3.125 Hz: measurement time of 1 hour!
- solution: find coarse overlap between OTR and bunch (accuracy of about 100ps) and scan with high accuracy around that spot.



# Timing

- only every 7th laser pulse is at the same spot relative to the linac RF (every 43rd RF cycle)
- problem: linac trigger must be synchronized to laser
- solution: downconverting of 81MHz to 11.65MHz ( $=81\text{MHz}/7$ )  
synchronising that to the 3.125 Hz Linac trigger

# Data II

