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Beam Loss Monitoring at SwissFEL

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Purpose of the machine protection system (MPS):

- Protection of the machine (Undulators, electronics, etc)
- Facilitates operation of the machine

Alarm Levels

Level 0 alarm (screen insertion):

• Repetition rate limited to 10Hz

Level 1 alarm (minor):

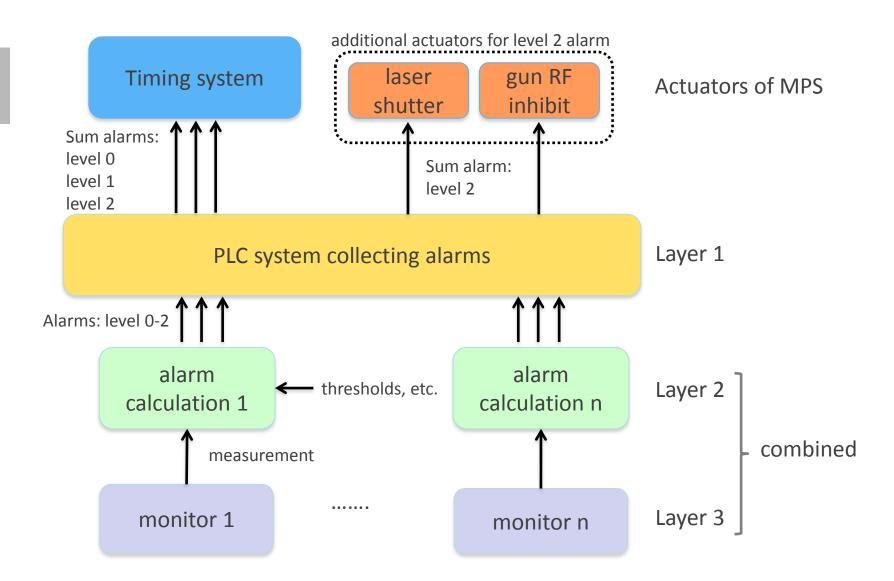
- Gun RF timing shifted by 10µs
 - No beam generated
 - Gun dark current not accelerated

Level 2 alarm (major):

- Machine will be stopped
 - Laser shutter closed
 - Gun RF turned off



Principle of the MPS





Monitors used in the MPS

Device	Alarms on	
Beam loss monitors	Beam loss exceeding set alarm threshold	•
Beam position monitors	х, у, Q	
Charge monitors (ICT)	Q	
Screen monitors	Inserted/undefined state	
RF stations	Interlock	
Magnet power supply controllers	Magnet error	
Vacuum system	Vacuum error	
Machine mode monitor	Undefined machine mode	
Dose monitors	Exceeded dose per hour/day	
Differential charge monitoring		
Charge monitors	Total Q in 1 hour	

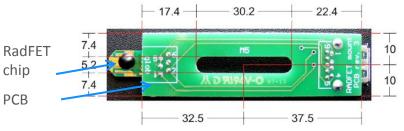
Hardware protection

Software protection



Dose monitoring





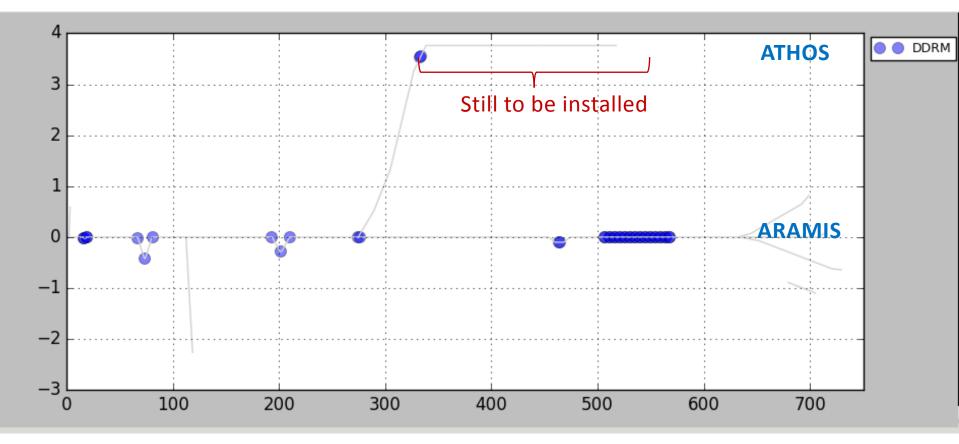
- To track accumulated dose
- Tested at the SITF around Undulator
- Distance of RadFET to the beam pipe flange is ~1mm
- Operated in 25V bias mode * for Undulators
- Minimum integration time 20 seconds
- Undulator protection:

Closes MPS shutter if permitted dose rate (eg, 0.05Gy/20s) or daily dose limit is exceeded

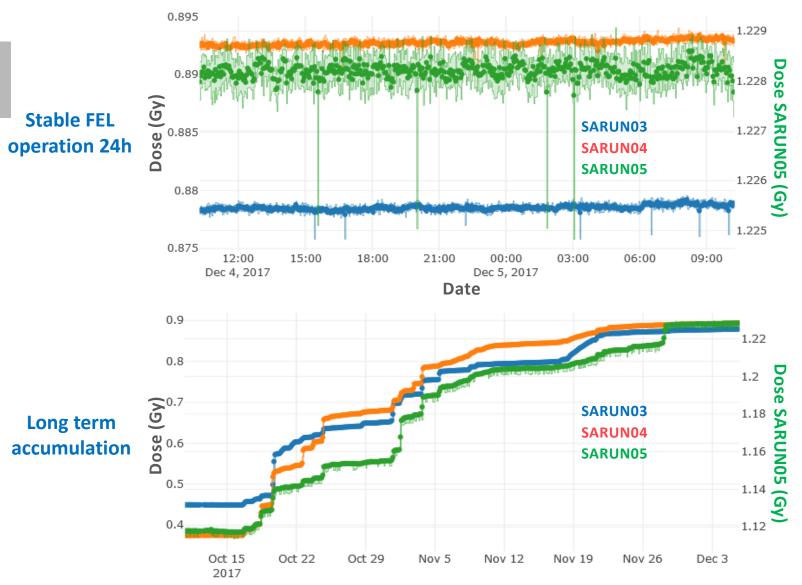




- ARAMIS: 42x RadFETs \rightarrow 13 DOSFET controllers
- ATHOS: 18x RadFETs → 4 DOSFET controllers





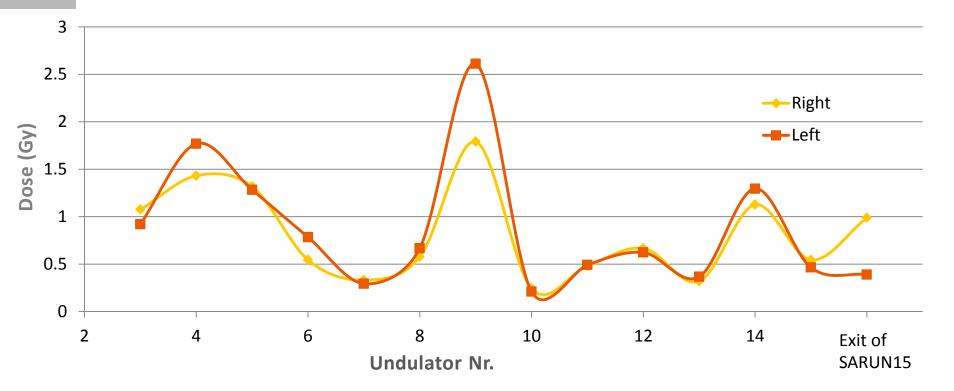


Date



Dose rate distribution

Accumulated dose until 19.02.2018 @ 11:10am





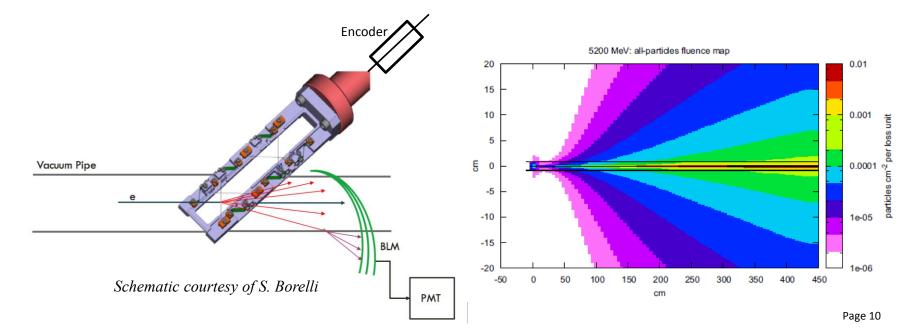
ATHOS Installation

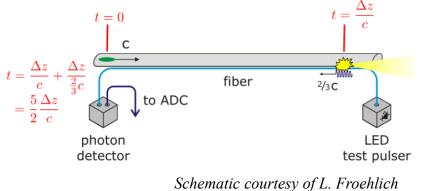
- Ordered:
 - custom USB3.0 cables (50m)
 - DOSFET controllers
- Installation:
 - Cabling from rack to tunnel
 - DOSFET controllers in racks
 - RadFETs on their PCB holders (in-house)
- Configuration & checks



Loss monitors at SwissFEL

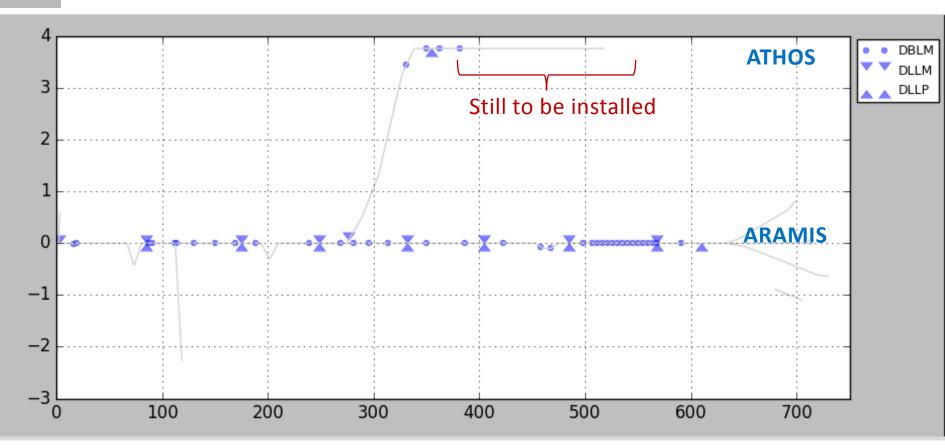
- Loss tracking due to:
 - Insertion of screens, collimators, slits $t = \frac{\Delta z}{c} + \frac{\Delta z}{\frac{2}{3}c}$
 - Beam alignment
 - Wire insertions
- Two types of loss monitors:
 - Scintillator based, for localized losses (BLM)
 - Optical fiber for tracking loss positions along the machine (LLM)



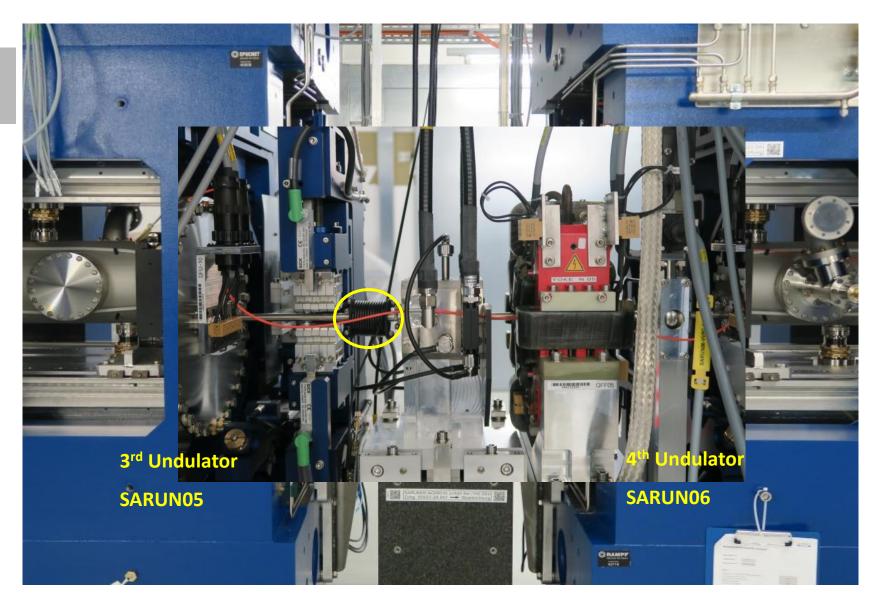




- ARAMIS: 38x BLM + 8x LLM
- ATHOS: 17x BLM + 4x LLM

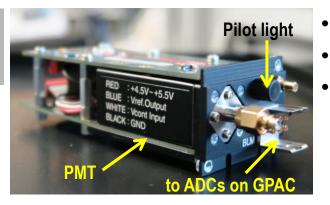






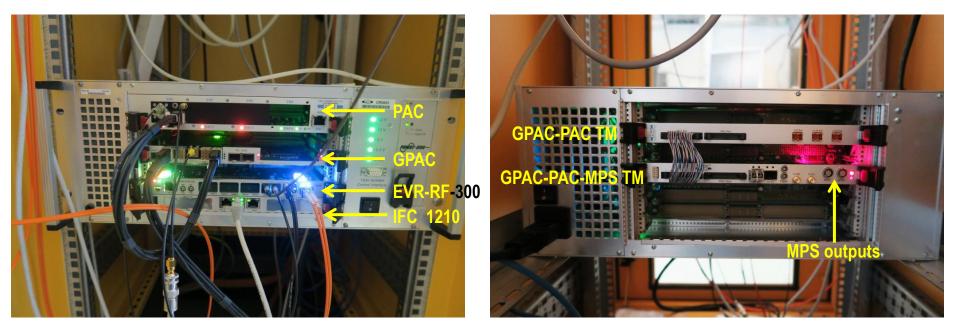


DAQ System Overview

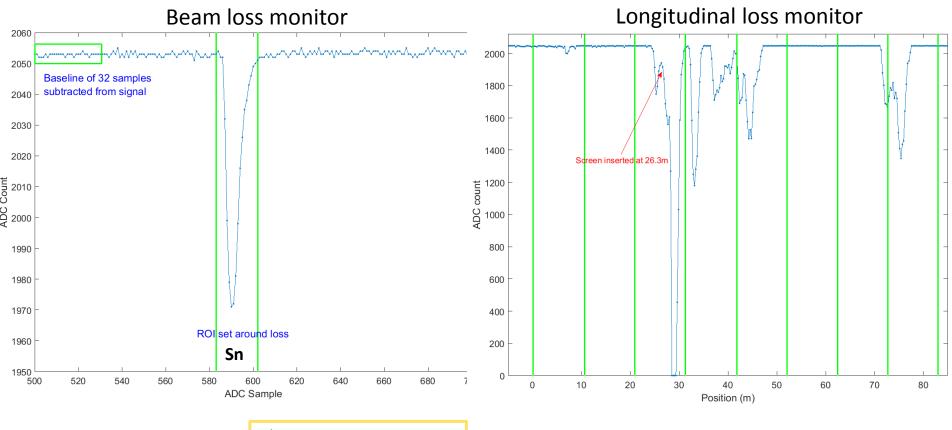


- Analog front-end & digital backend developed at PSI
- Cost reduction: using same readout chain for all Common firmware and software solutions

ARAMIS + ATHOS = 28 Systems







MPS Algorithm:

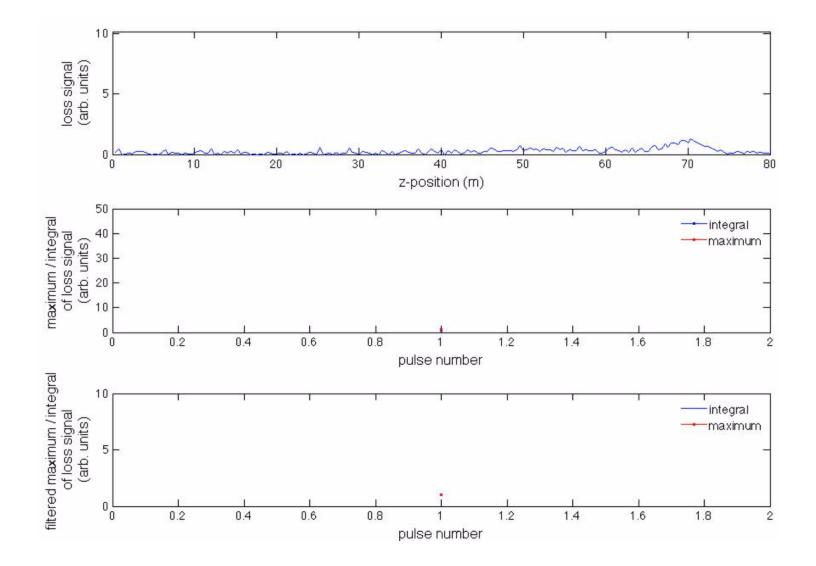
$$\frac{1}{2K} (avg_n \cdot (K-1) + S_n)$$

S_n: sum of PMT pulse from single bunch loss
avg_n: previously calculated sum
K: factor for weighted average (filter length)

- Once generated Alarm remains active until condition is no longer fulfilled
- Calculations performed at 100Hz, independent of beam repetition rate



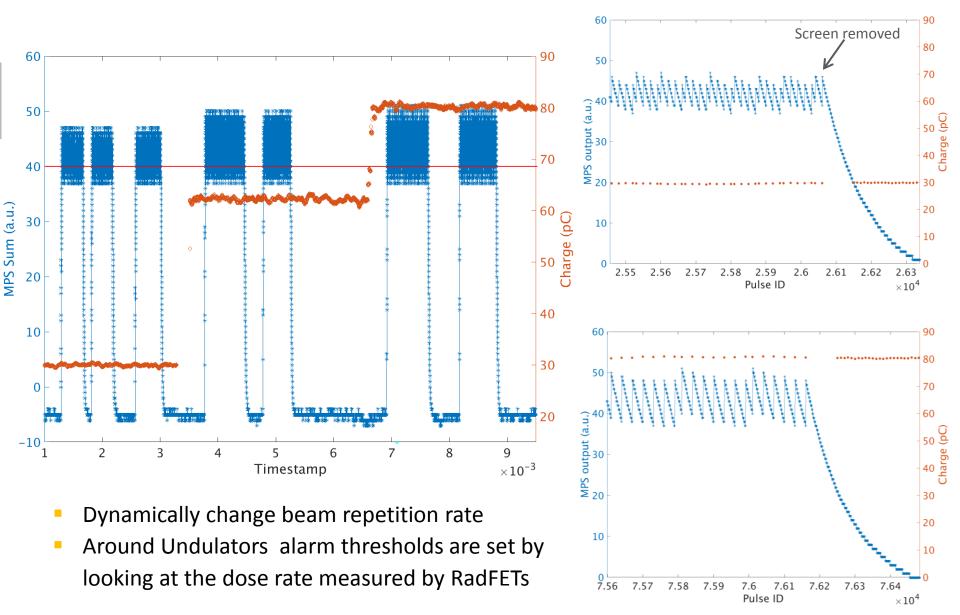
Rate reduction concept



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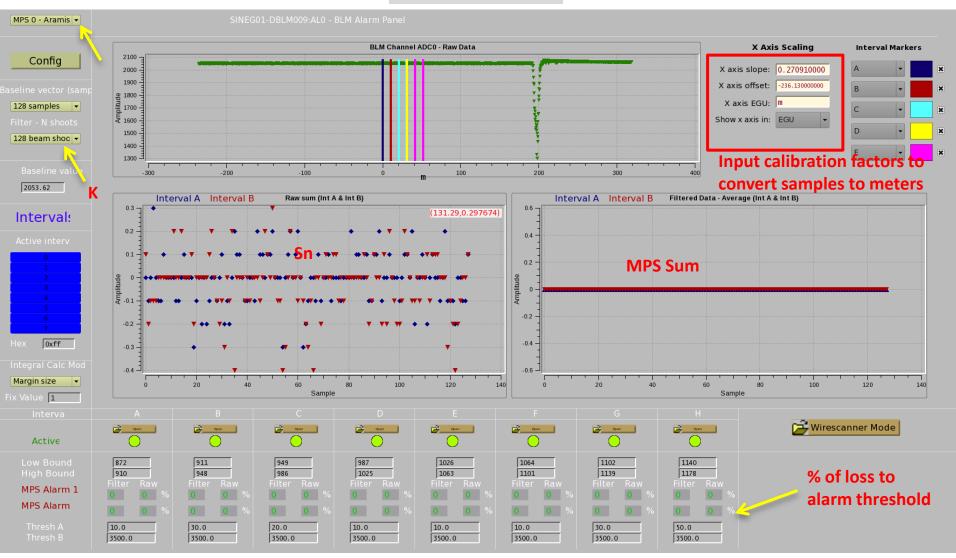
Rate reduction in practice





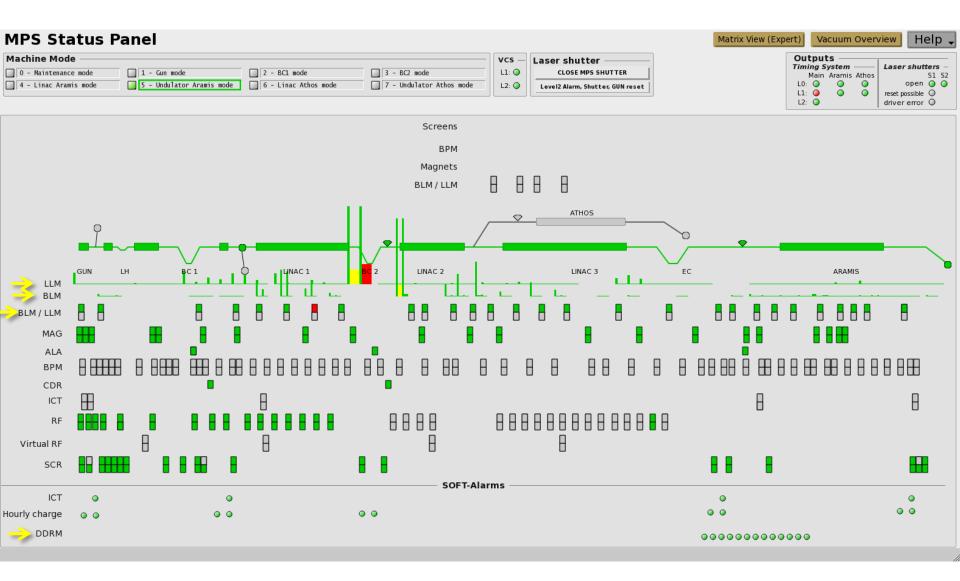
Loss Monitor Panel

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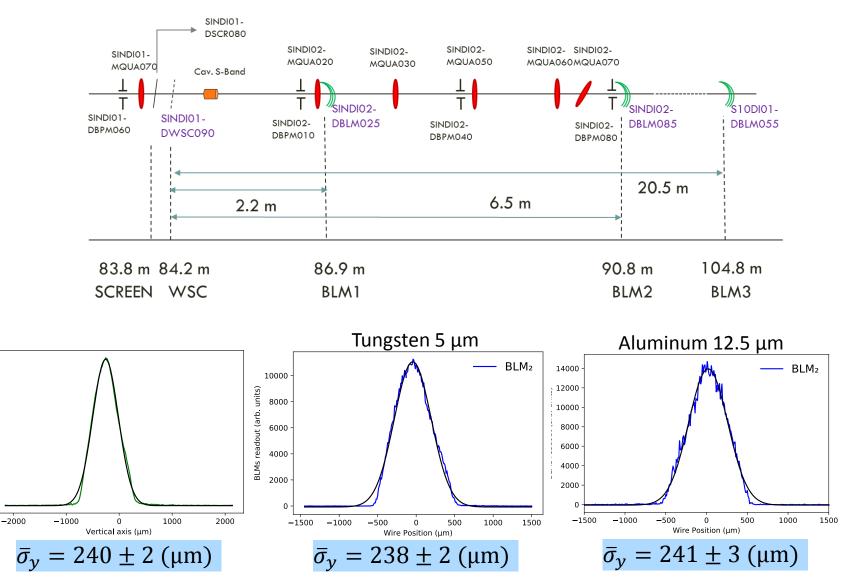
MPS Status Panel





Intensity (arb.units)

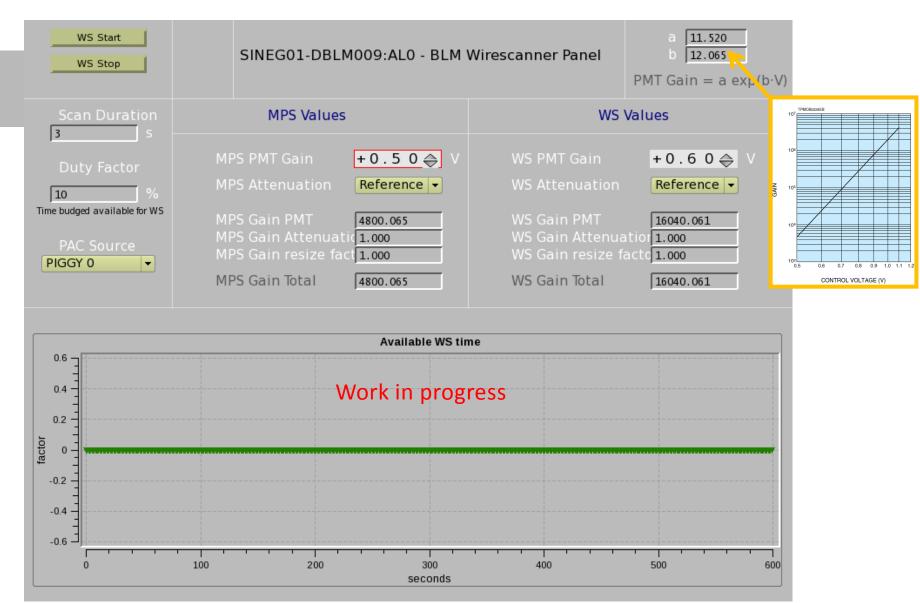
Beam profile measurements wire scanner standard



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Loss monitor functionality : Mode Switching





ATHOS Installation

- Installation of remaining:
 - Scintillator fibers and POF (rack to tunnel) for 17x BLMs (3x dogleg installed)
 - OF for 4x LLM (rack to tunnel and along beam pipe)
- Will use existing crates in technical gallery
- To be ordered: PAC piggy boards
- In-house: PMT detectors
- Configuration & checks



Operational Aspects

- Loss monitoring systems actively protecting ARAMIS from Day 1
 - ightarrow Systems handed over to Operations

Important to remember:

- Certain channels are write protected \rightarrow List of cleared personnel
- Work on timing system or restarting crates can mean changes are not configured on the firmware level → Requires intervention by cleared personnel
- After every system restart, have to make sure MPS settings are loaded correctly & systems initialized → Only cleared personnel!
- Setting gains for the first time requires careful observation of losses (invasive)
- Setting alarm thresholds is not straightforward and only refined through experience → ATHOS will require observation till beam reaches dump (2019)
- Sad demise of two PMTs → maintenance during shutdown helps recognizing issues that otherwise cannot be determined from control room



Other than installation along ATHOS ...

- Firmware Upgrade:
 - Normalization by PMT gain factor (ready April 2018)
 - Mode switching (ready April 2018)
- 2-bunch commissioning at ARAMIS
- 100 Hz commissioning at ARAMIS: Minor adjustments to alarm thresholds
- Commissioning of ATHOS loss monitors: setting gains, setting ROIs (incl. 2-bunch), alarm thresholds
- Commissioning of ATHOS dose rate monitors:

Check if all monitors are accumulating when losses are generated

Depends on how far the beam is transmitted and if Undulators are ready for use



We create knowledge - today for tomorrow

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