



Progress & challenges associated with large scale laser surface treatment for SEY reduction

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Outline

1. Laser treatment for SEY reduction: from proof of principle to possible treatments of LHC beam screens
2. Fundamental studies and their conclusions
3. How far have we come ?

LESS (laser engineered surface structuring) = LASE

History of LESS for low SEY & E-cloud mitigation

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Low secondary electron yield engineered surface for electron cloud mitigation

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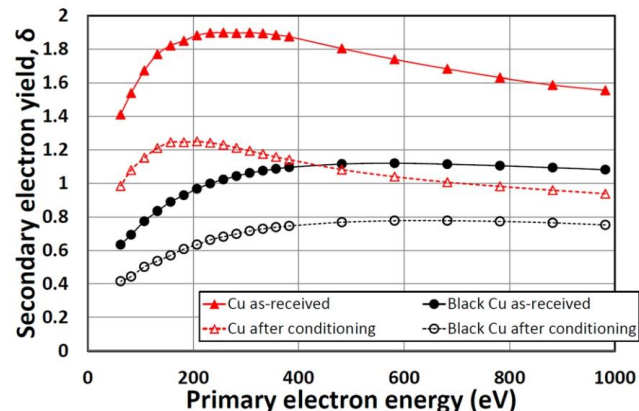
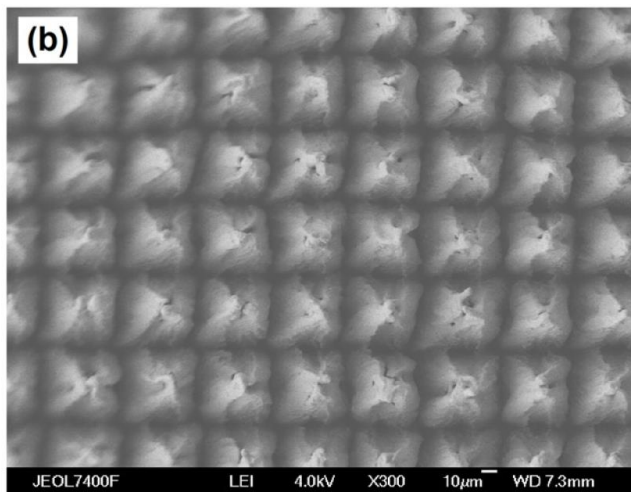
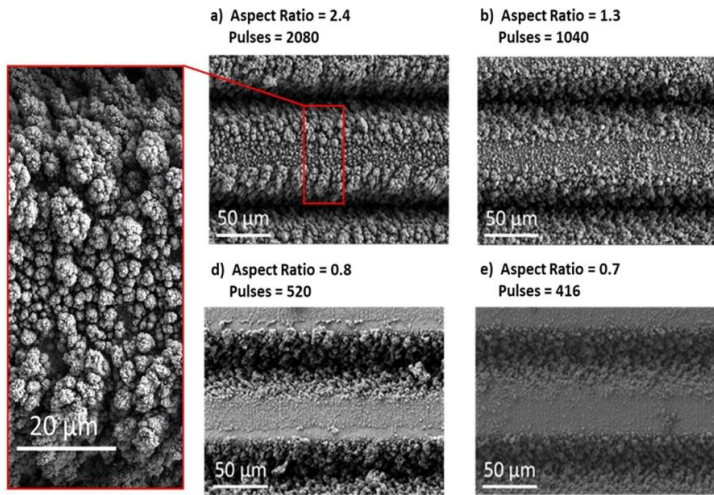
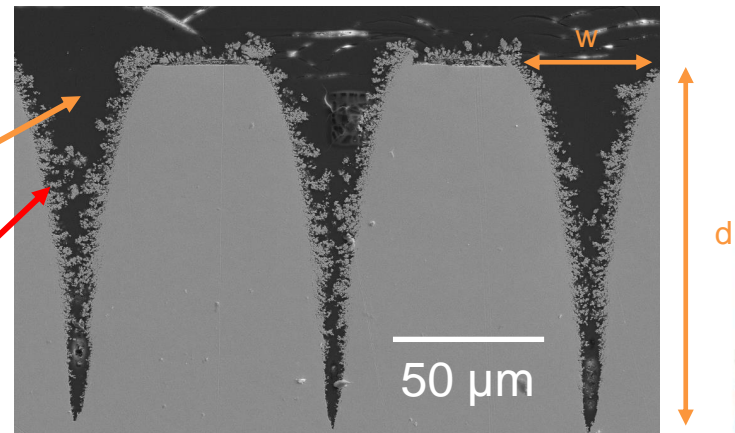


FIG. 3. SEY for Cu as a function of incident electron energy: Cu—untreated surface, black Cu—laser treated surface, and conditioning—electron bombardment with a dose of $1.0 \times 10^{-2} \text{ C}\cdot\text{mm}^{-2}$ for Cu and $3.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ C}\cdot\text{mm}^{-2}$ for black Cu.

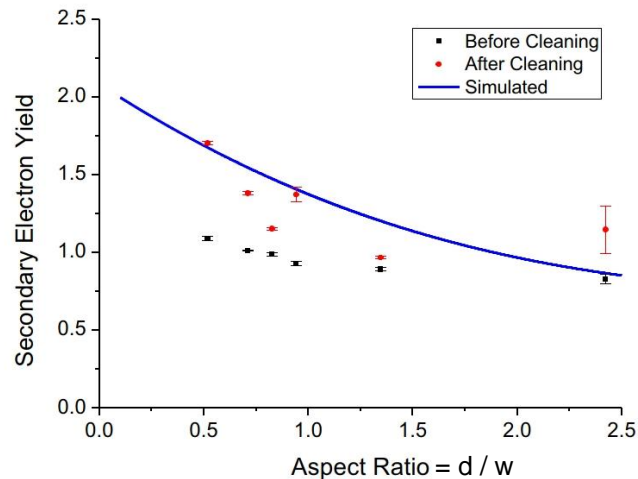
LESS studies



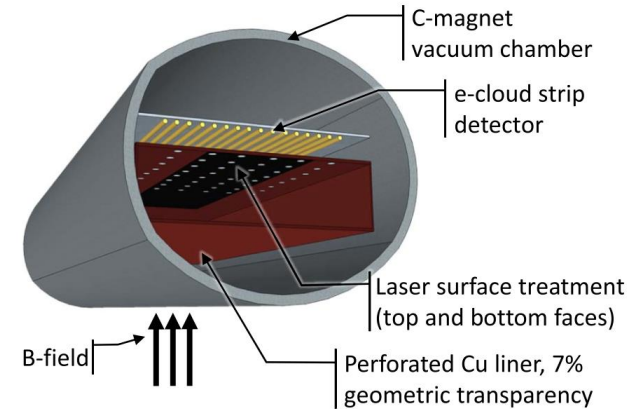
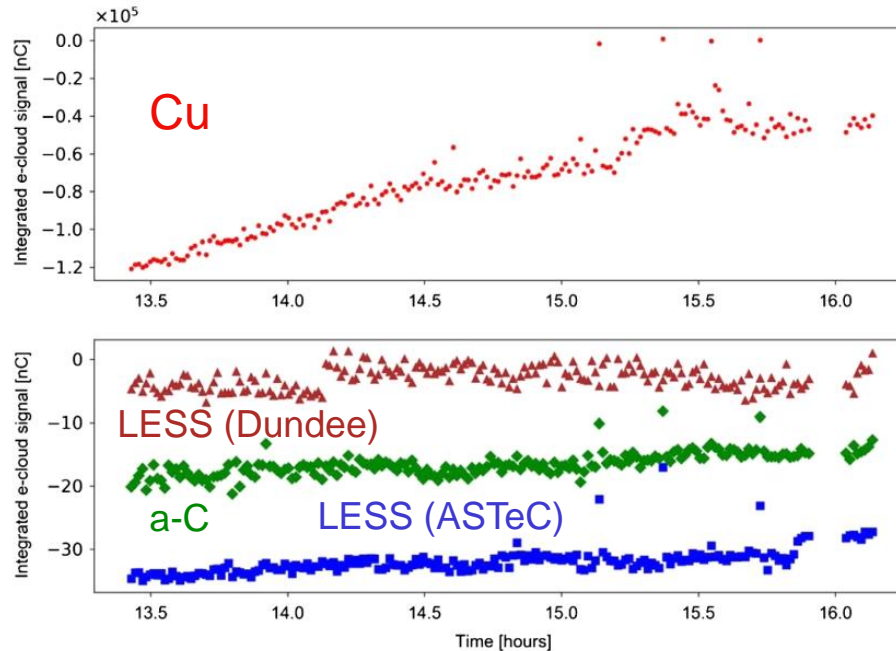
ablated volume
redeposited dendritic nanoparticle layer



Ablation depth, trench distance and SEY can be tuned via laser parameter adjustment



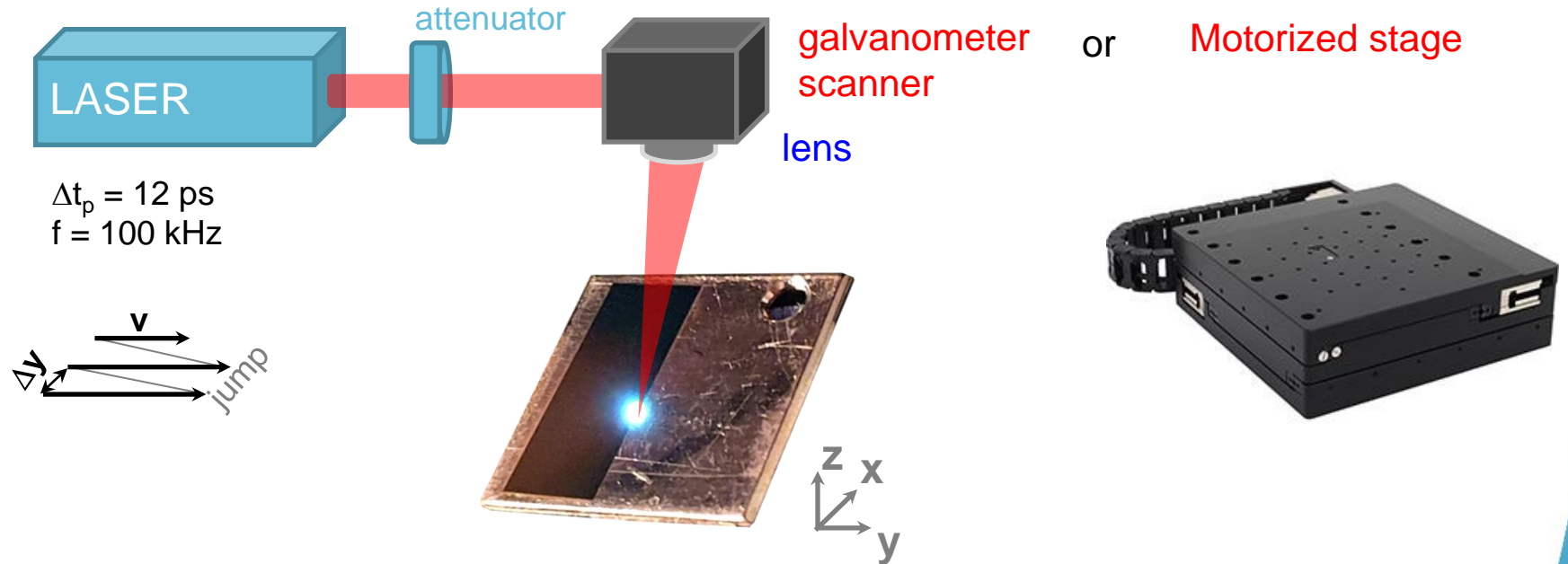
E-cloud monitoring in the SPS



a-C coating and LESS of Cu enable electron cloud suppression

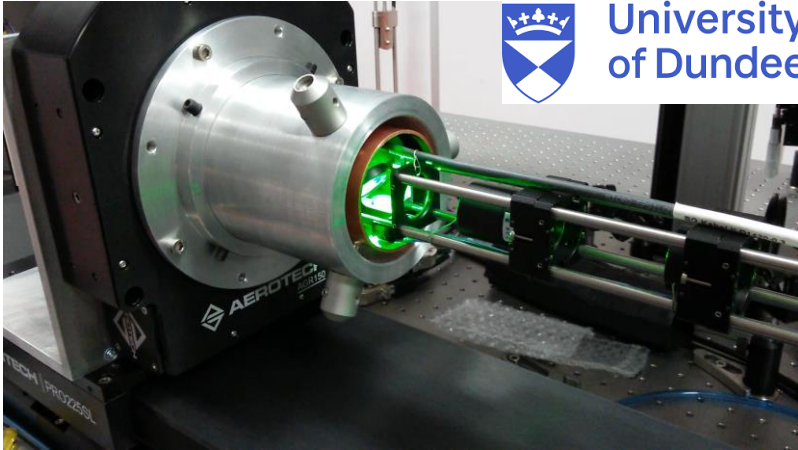
FIG. 12. Integrated signals from the ECMs during the total duration of the experiment in the SPS. (top) Reference copper liner; (bottom) liners with e-cloud mitigation: blue squares—treated by ASTeC, brown triangles—treated at the University of Dundee and green lozenges—a-C coating. Note the difference in vertical scales.

Laser surface processing & scale-up



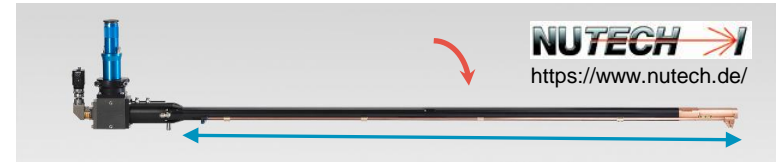
Treatment of inner surfaces ?

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Difficulty: guide the laser light towards the surface to be treated and define the spot size and focus

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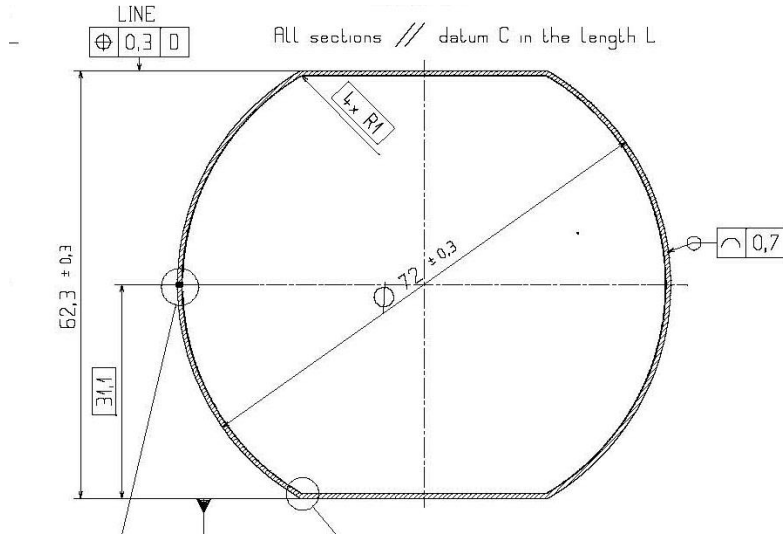


up to 2 meter insertion depth

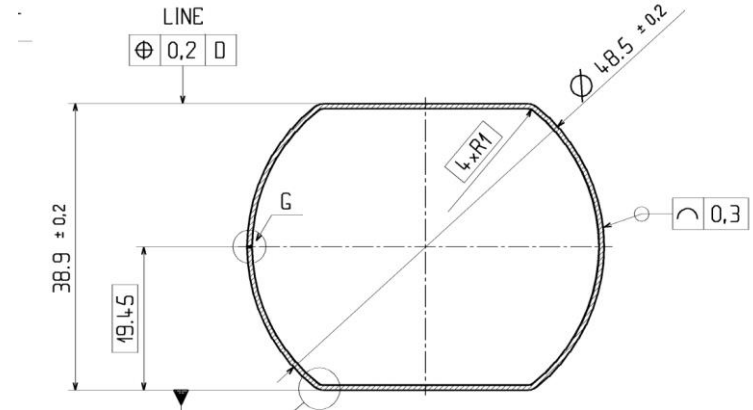
- Limitations:
- tube has to be rotated
 - minimal inner diameter
 - maximal insertion depth
 - circular cross-sections only

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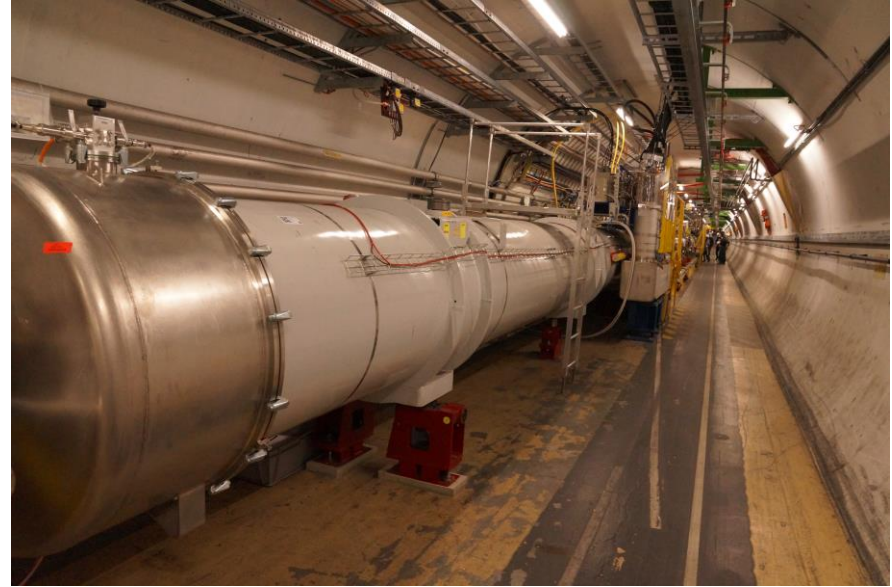
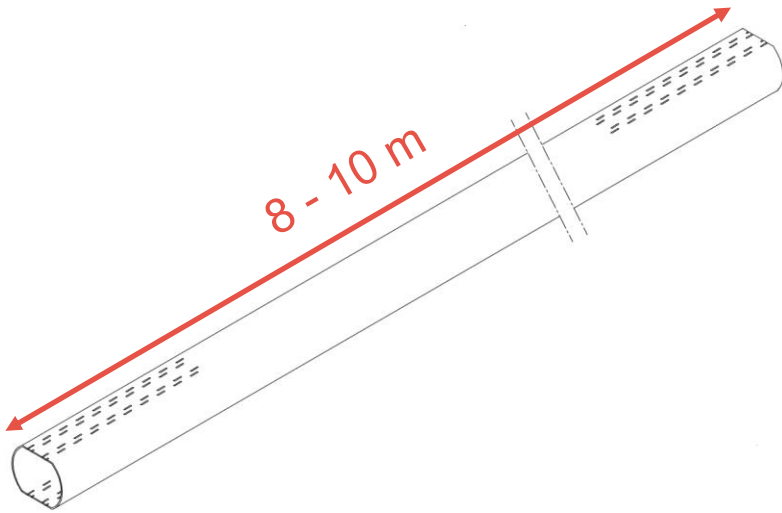
LHC Triplet magnets BS



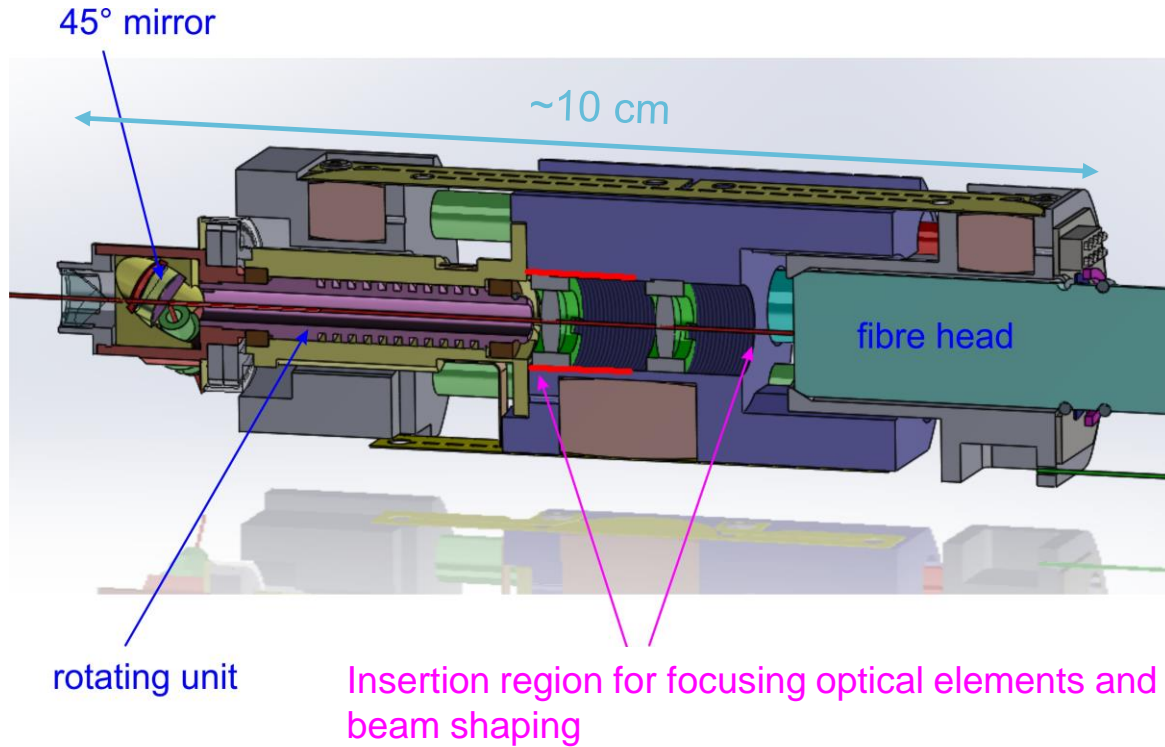
LHC Q5 standalone magnet BS



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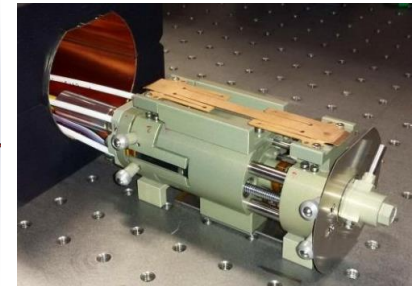
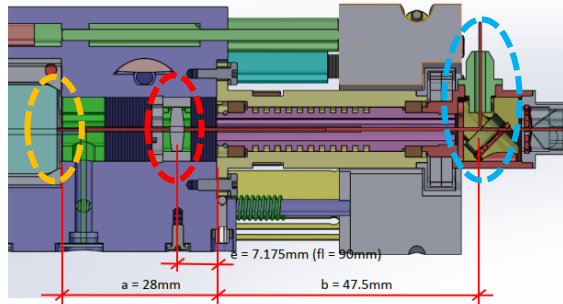
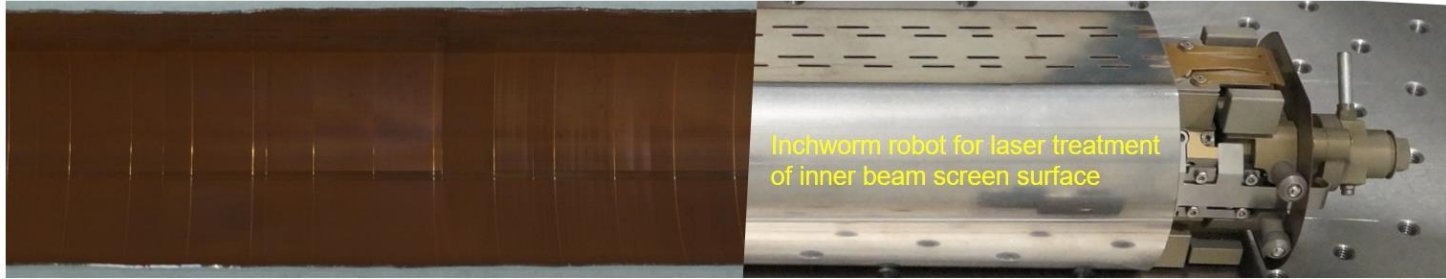
Inchworm robot for high-precision movement



 **Waygate Technologies**
Inspection Robotics

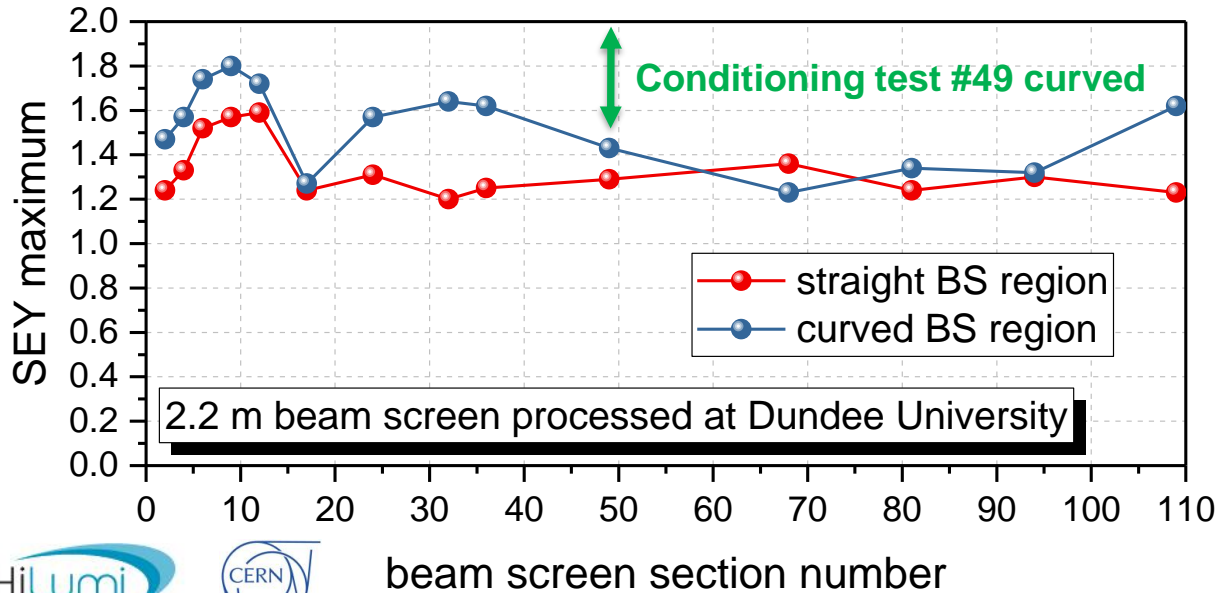
HiLUMI-UK collaboration

- (In-situ) treatment of Triplet magnet beam screens → now targeting standalone magnets with cryosorbers

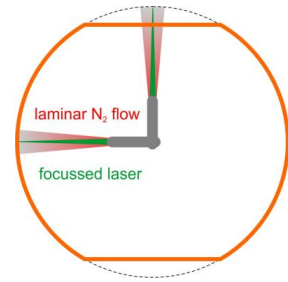


SEY analysis of laser-treated beam screen

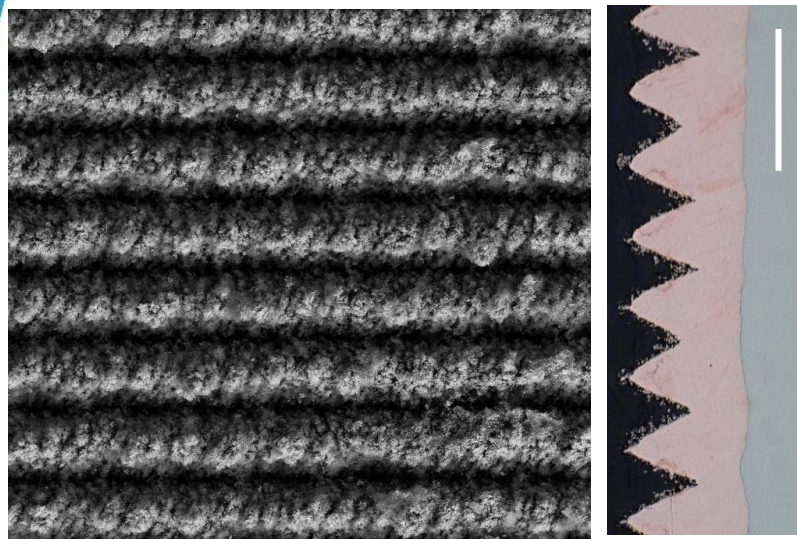
timeline of treatment including, focus & parameter optimization



Beam screen SEY after LESS:
1.2 – 1.6

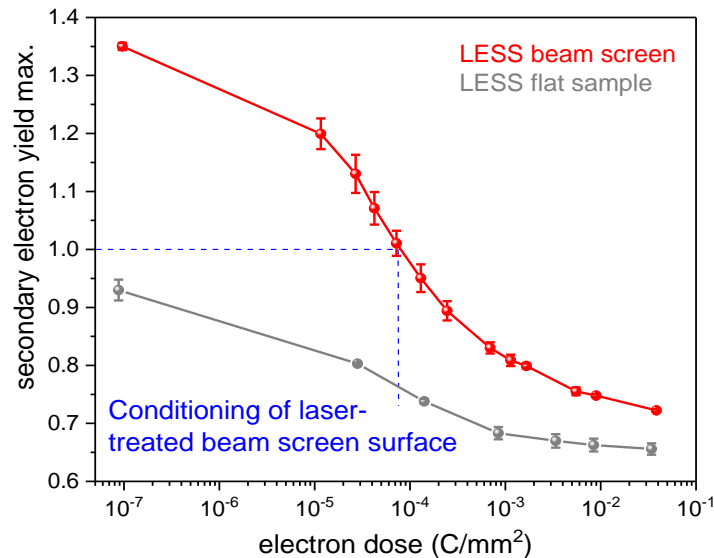


LESS beam screen characteristics



100 µm

- homogeneous stripe pattern achieved
- inhomogeneities in curved regions
- ablation depth too high (> 25 µm)

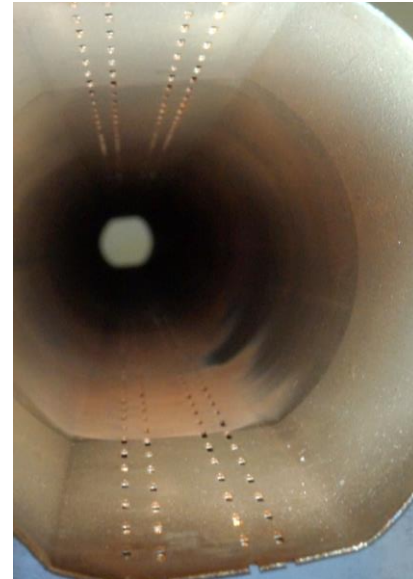
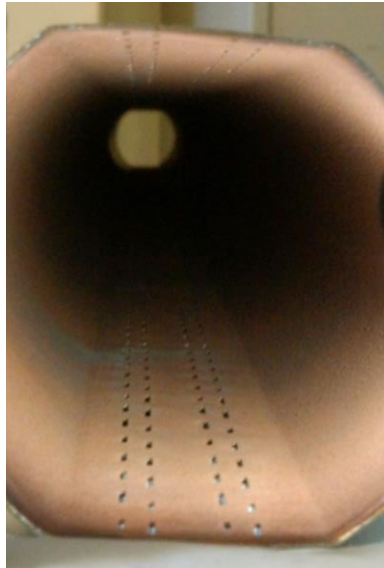
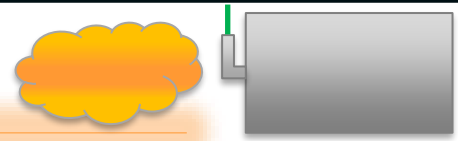


- SEY higher compared to flat samples
- surface conditions to SEY < 1 for electron doses < 10⁻⁴ C/mm² @ 250 eV
- ➔ promising to find optimized conditions in terms of treatment speed, ablation depth and final SEY after conditioning

Particle generation and dust in beam screen



Vacuum
Extraction
Unit

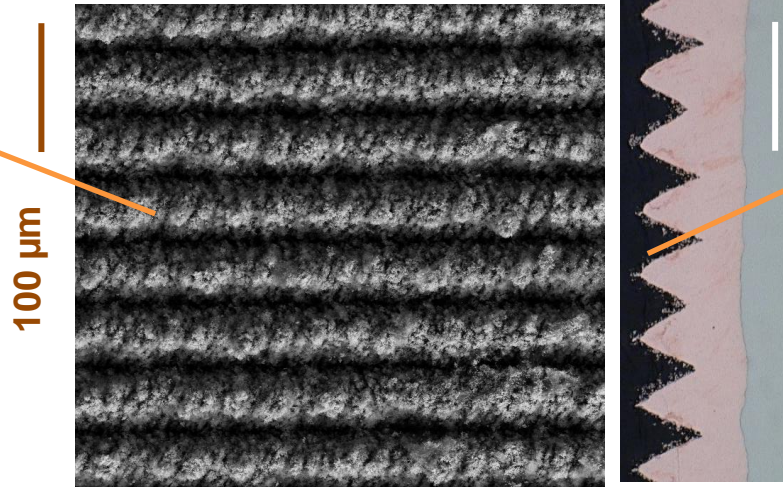


Lessons learnt and aspects to be improved

- Laser-fibre coupling was unstable and caused several damages on the fibre that required maintenance at the factory (long down-time)
- SEY of the surface was inhomogeneous due to partial treatment out of focus
- Amount of lying particles on the bottom unacceptable
- Ablation depth too large (target $< 25 \mu\text{m}$)
- Effective treatment speed quite low

LESS: Main concerns

ablated dust
&
adhering particles
as risk to fall and
interact
with the proton
beam



ablation of material
&
influence on
surface
impedance
(particles & grooves)

Cryosorbers in standalone magnets

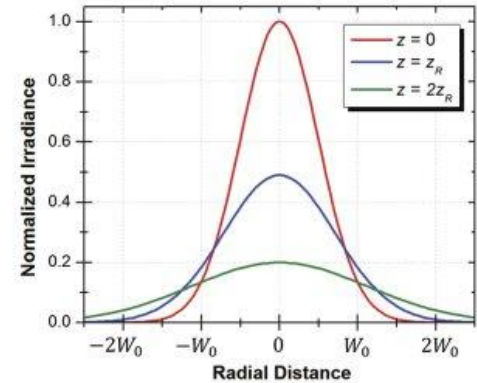
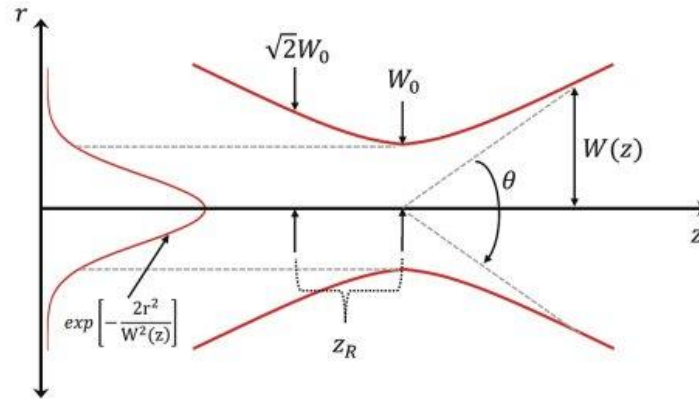
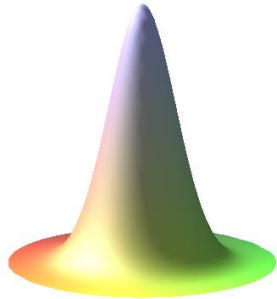
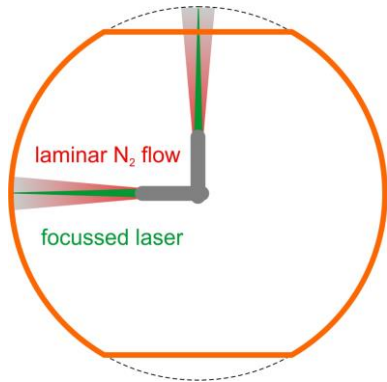


- Magnets operated at 4.2 K are equipped with cryosorbers
- In-situ a-C coating in presence of installed cryosorbers is almost impossible due to warm-up and gas release during plasma deposition
- Target: treatment of Q5 magnet from IP1 and IP5 on surface

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Effects of Gaussian beams of out-of-focus

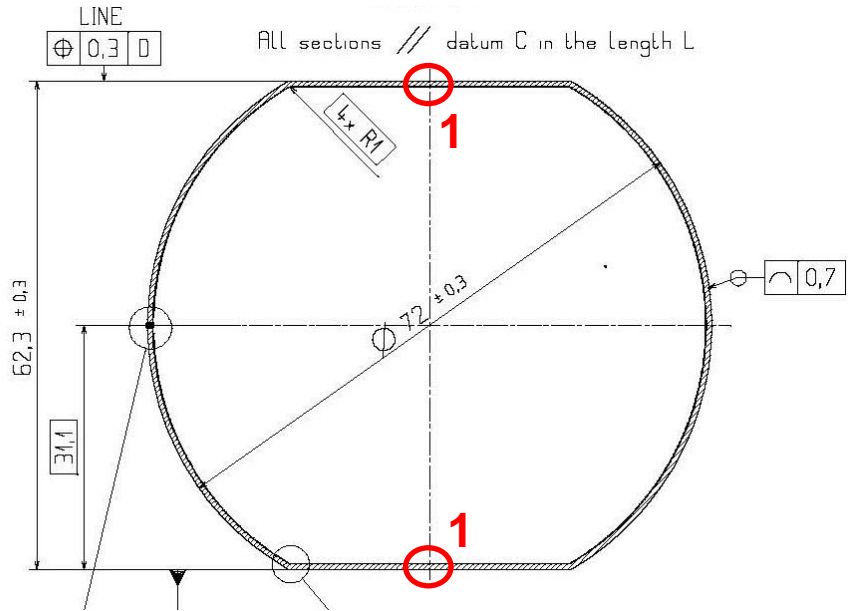


$$W_0 = \frac{\lambda \cdot f_l \cdot M^2}{\pi \cdot W_{in}}$$

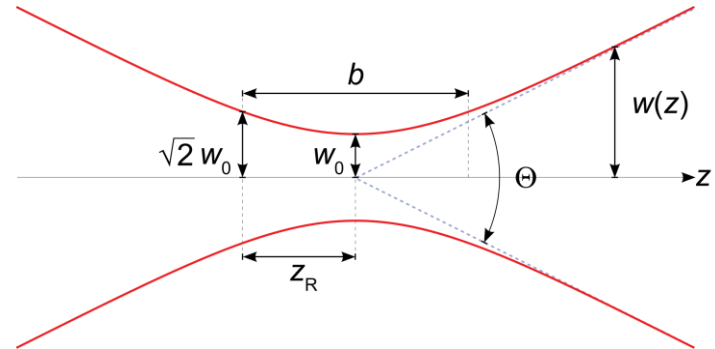
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BS shape and laser focussing



- Radius difference between curved BS part and **point 1** is 4.85 mm
- If focus is set in-between, the max. focus offset would be ± 2.43 mm
- Current lens settings: $f = 90 \text{ mm}$
 $2w_0 = 52 \mu\text{m}$, $z_R = 3.2 \text{ mm}$
- at z_R , intensity is only 50% of that in focus

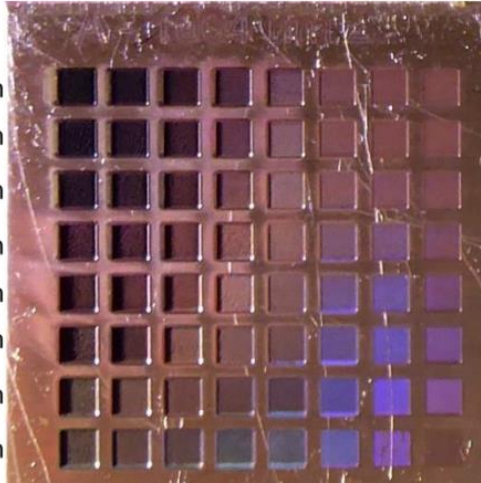


Focus size dependence
of a Gaussian Beam

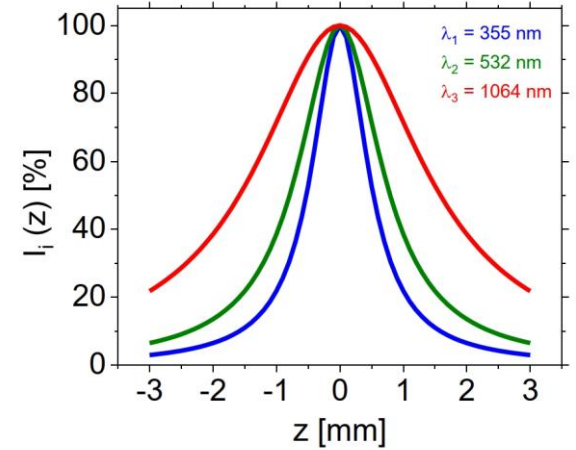
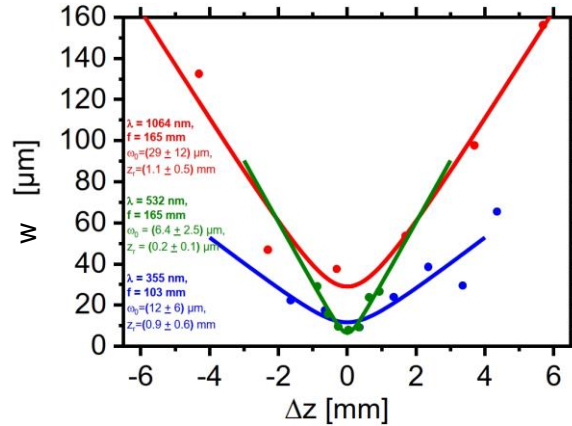
BS shape and laser focussing

1 mm/s
2 mm/s
5 mm/s
10 mm/s
20 mm/s
50 mm/s
100 mm/s
200 mm/s

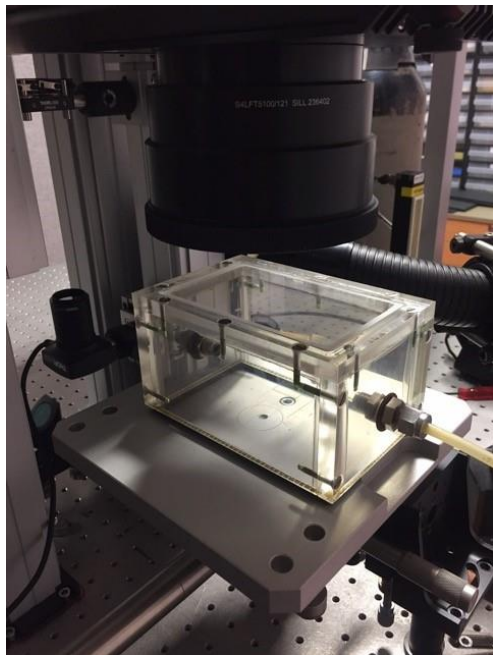
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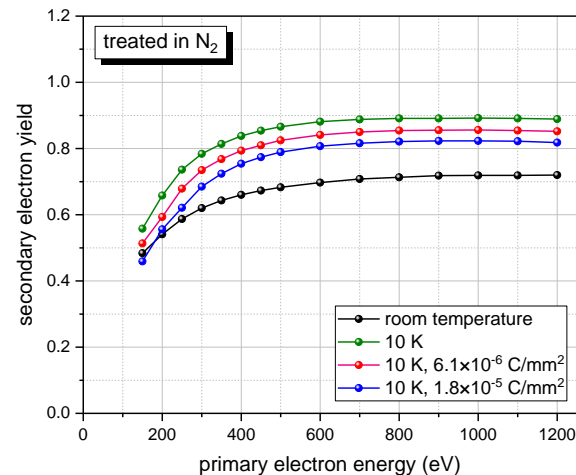
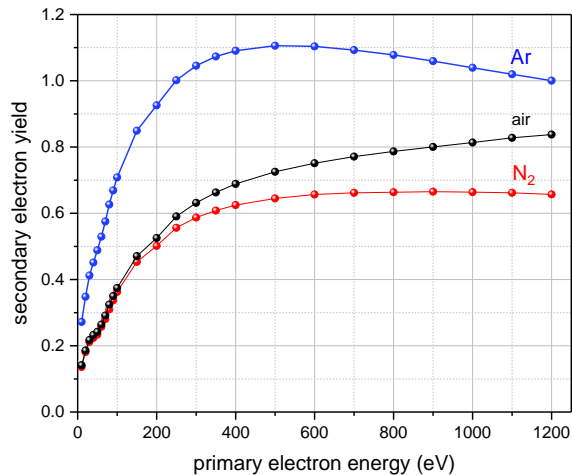
1064 nm



LESS: Influence of ambient gas during processing

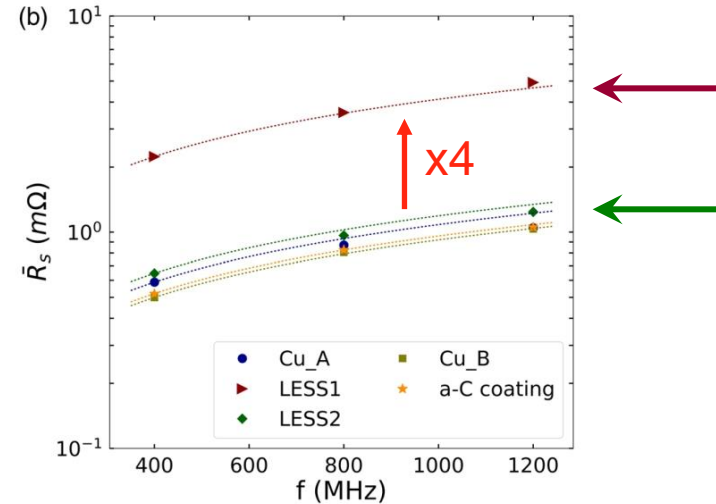
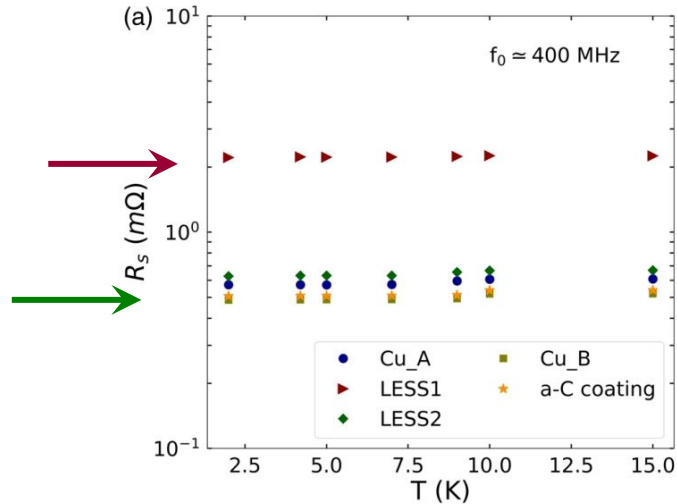
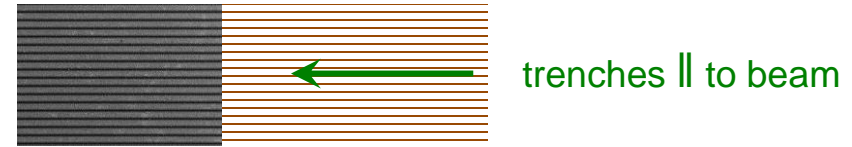


Inert gas box for laser treatment



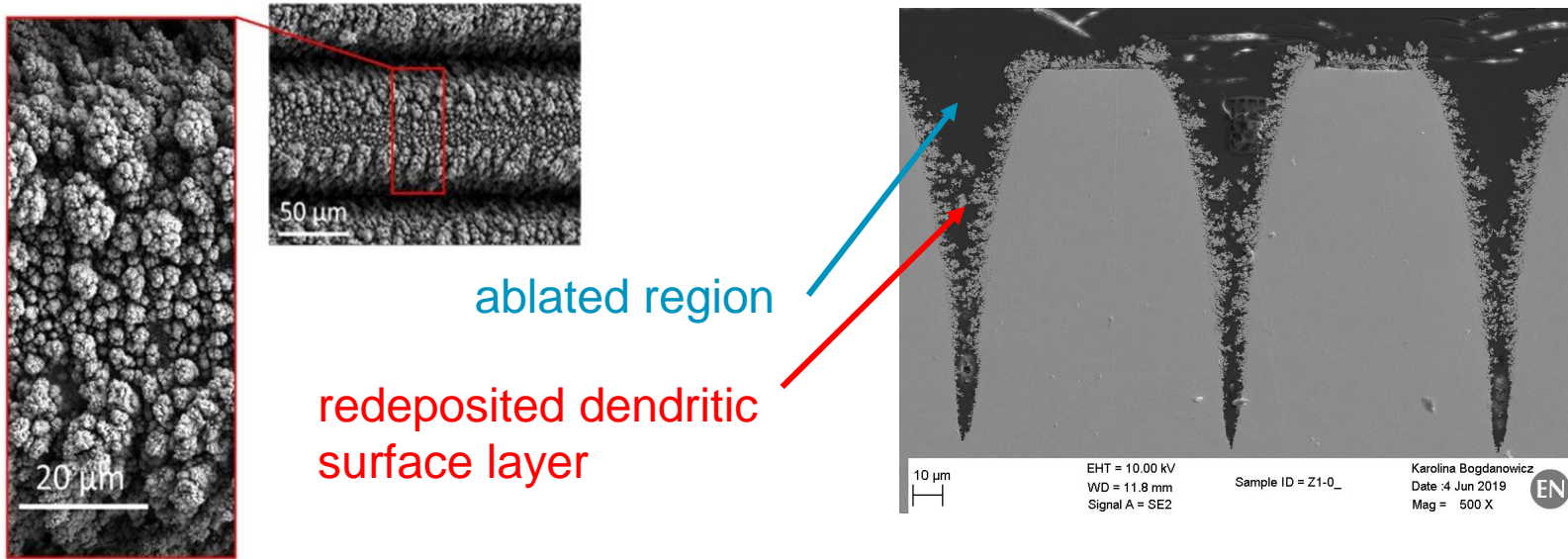
- treatment in air results in strong surface oxidation (provokes charge-up at cryogenic temperatures)
 - treatment in nitrogen prevents surface oxidation
- all setups are designed to blow N₂ into the reaction zone

Influence of LESS on surface resistance



- Trench depth needs to be limited
- Trench alignment ideally longitudinal to beam

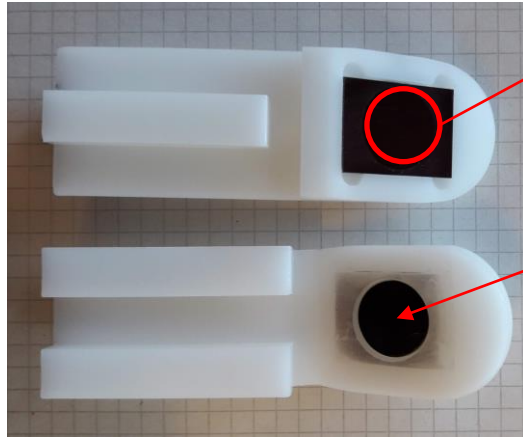
LESS – what about the particles ?



- Particles are ablated and partially redeposited (they adhere but can be wiped off)
- Ablation depth, trench distance and SEY can be tuned via laser parameter adjustment
- Evacuation system extracts flying particles from the beam screen during processing

LESS – particle release during a quench

Centrifugation tests (very pessimistic scenario)

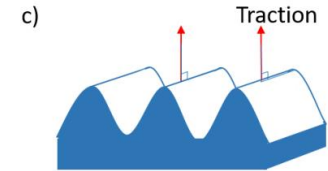
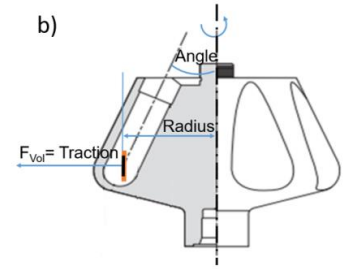


Surface submitted to centrifuge force to be analyzed

Particles collected on carbon sticker



30 N/mm²



~ 50000 rpm

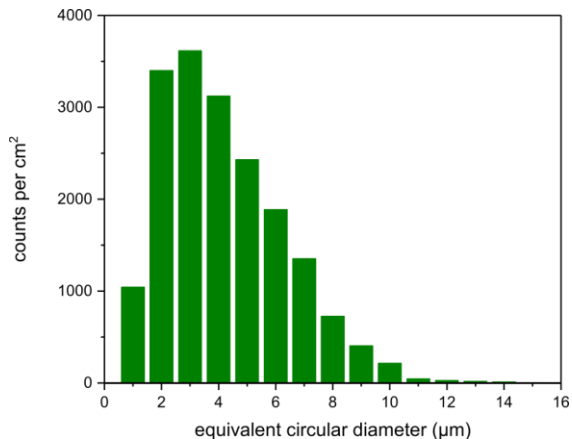
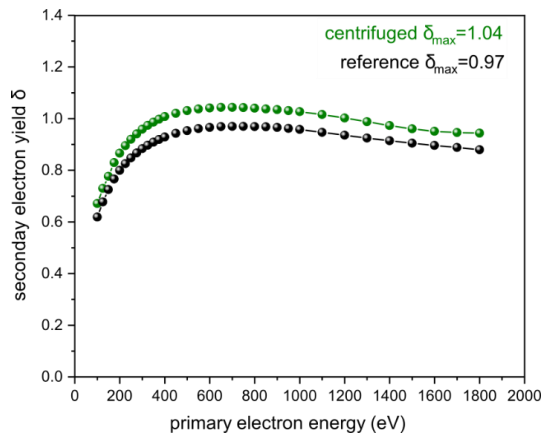
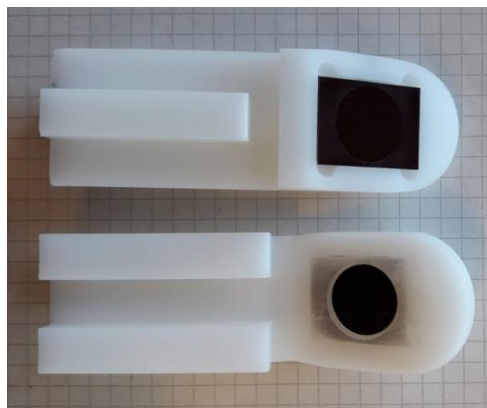
- Force active during centrifugation equivalent to situation of a magnet quench
- Material analysis after process

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Particle release during a magnet quench

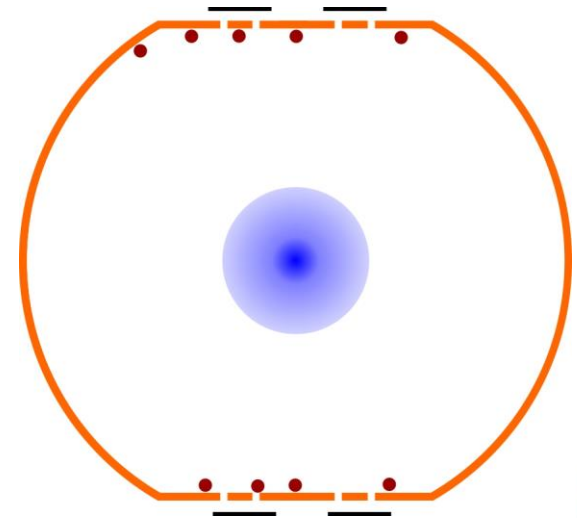
Centrifugation tests (very pessimistic scenario)



- Number of released particles is relevant but implemented test conditions do not reflect typical operation conditions
- All particles have diameters lower than critical ($<15 \mu\text{m}$) for beam dump
- Smaller falling objects can still have influence on beam quality and intensity
- Negligible effect on SEY

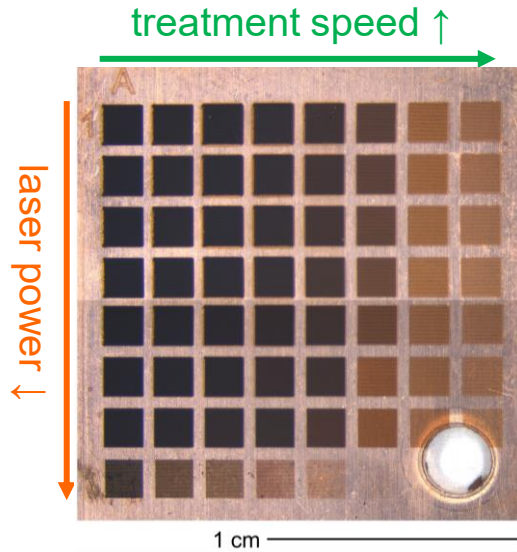
LESS – to do: test effect of lying particles

- Risk of falling particles with significant effect during operation (attraction if negatively charged)
- Metallic or oxidized particles that lie on the BS bottom due to inefficient cleaning or due to release after a quench are of concern
- Removal of ablated particle by constant evacuation and gas flow during processing and post-treatment cleaning tools
- Measure on a test bench if such particles could get polarized or charge-up, and even get attracted by the beam

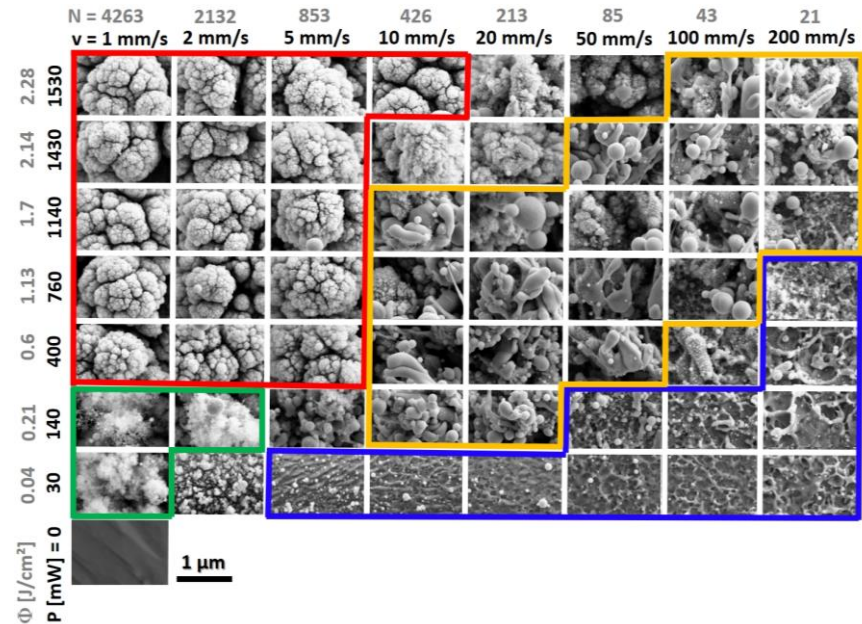


Laser treatment on Cu: recent studies

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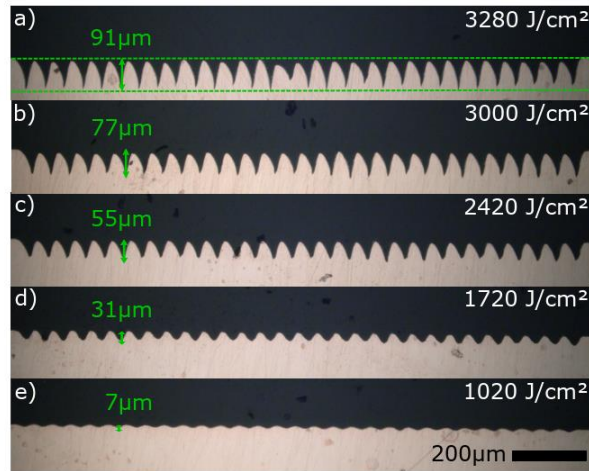
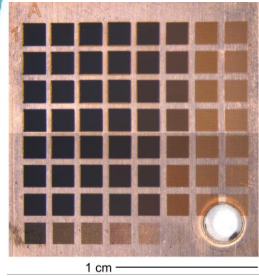
Parameters: power, wavelength, scan velocity, line distance, pulse frequency/duration, focus spot size, ambient gas



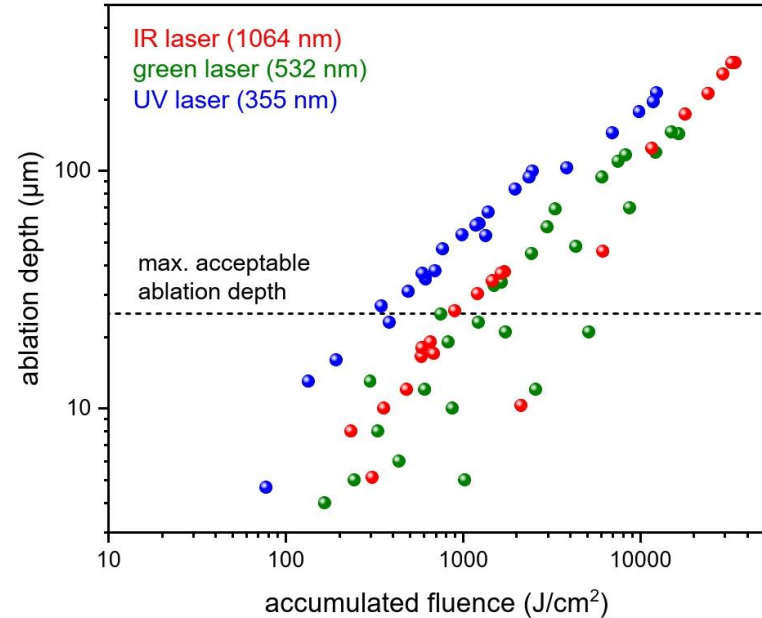
→ Surface topography depends on laser fluence

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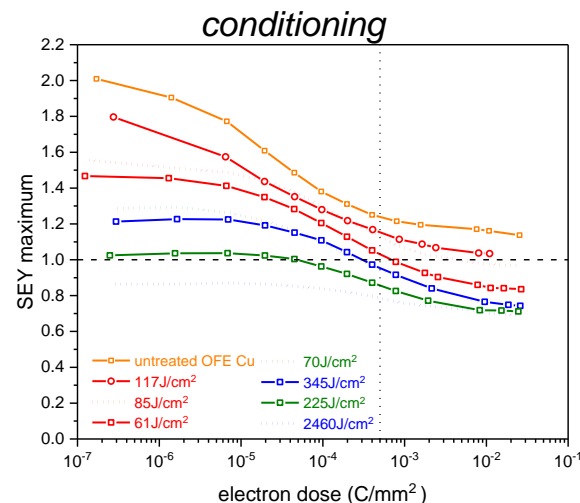
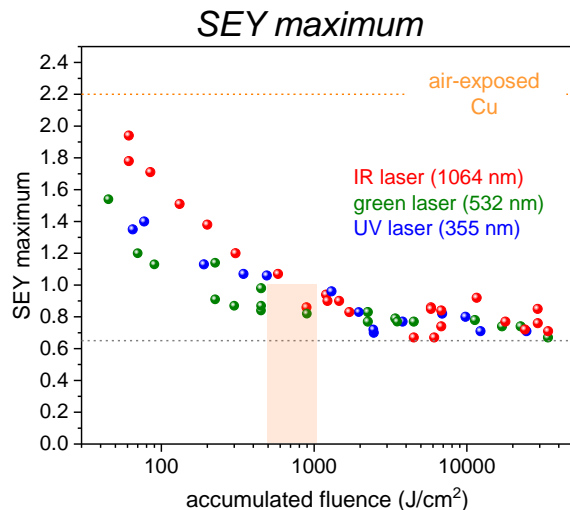
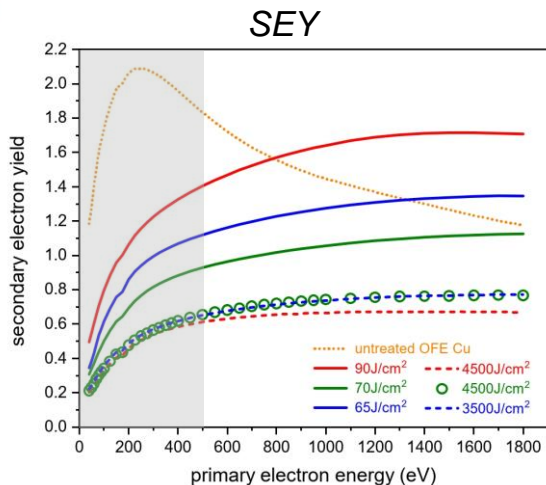
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→ Ablation depth depends on laser fluence

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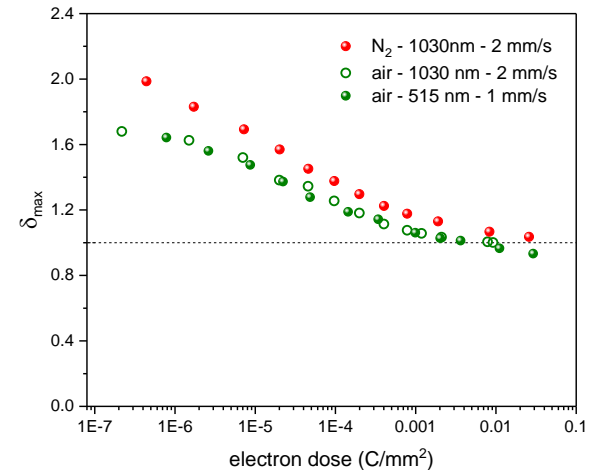
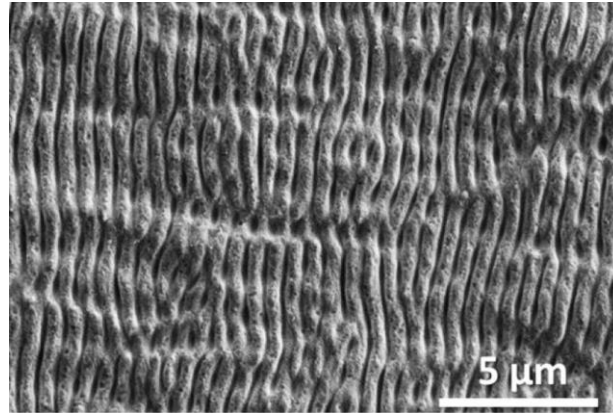
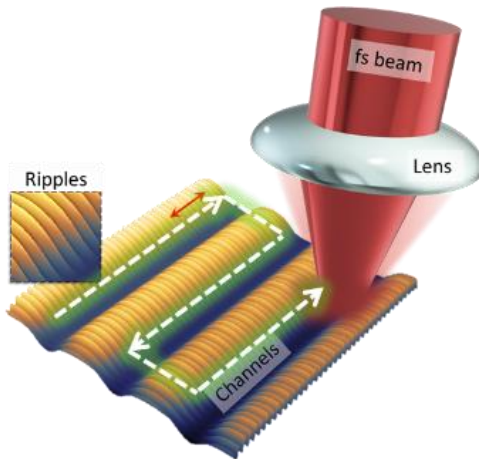


→ The parameter space for SEY engineering is large and depends on laser wavelength

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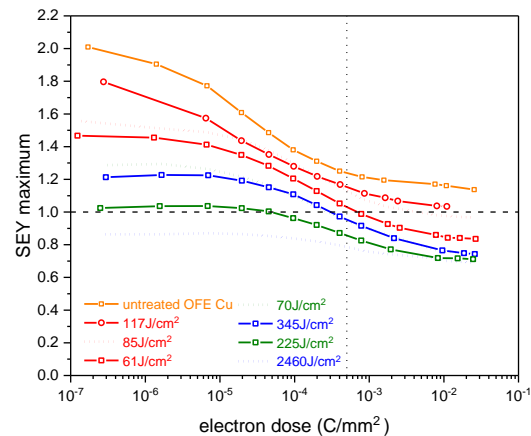
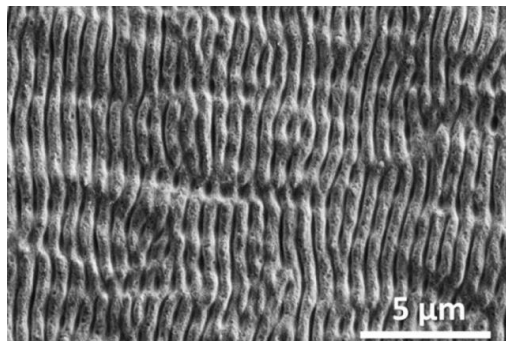
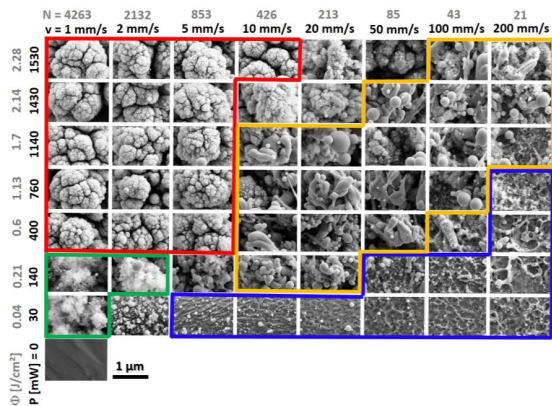
Laser-Induced Periodic Surface Structures

- LIPSS studies in collaboration with INFN Naples



- LIPSS ideally free of particles
- Surface roughening leads to slight reduction of SEY (δ_{\max} 1.6)

Laser treatment on Cu: recent studies



Tuning is possible:

- ✓ limit ablation depth
- ✓ reduce particle density
- ✓ compromise on SEY compensated by conditioning

To do: transfer to CERN setup

Agreement in CERNs E-cloud working group

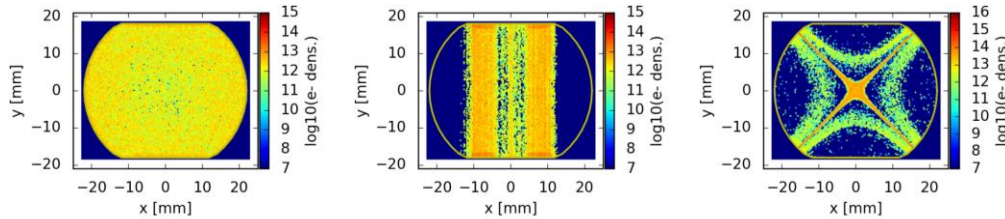
Optimization of laser treatment for lower particle generation and low trench depth

- Initial SEY maximum of the surface will be > 1
- Conditioning at reasonable doses will enable $SEY < 1$

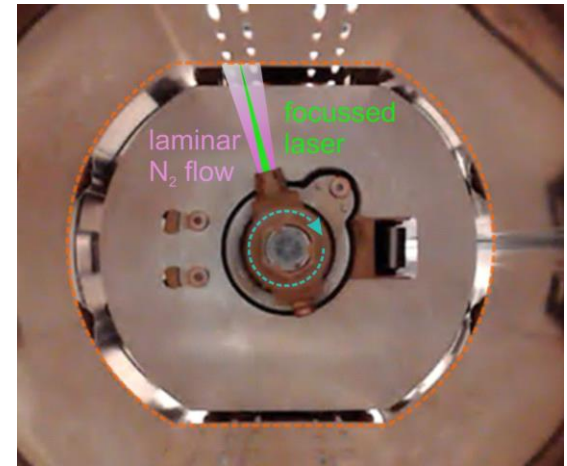
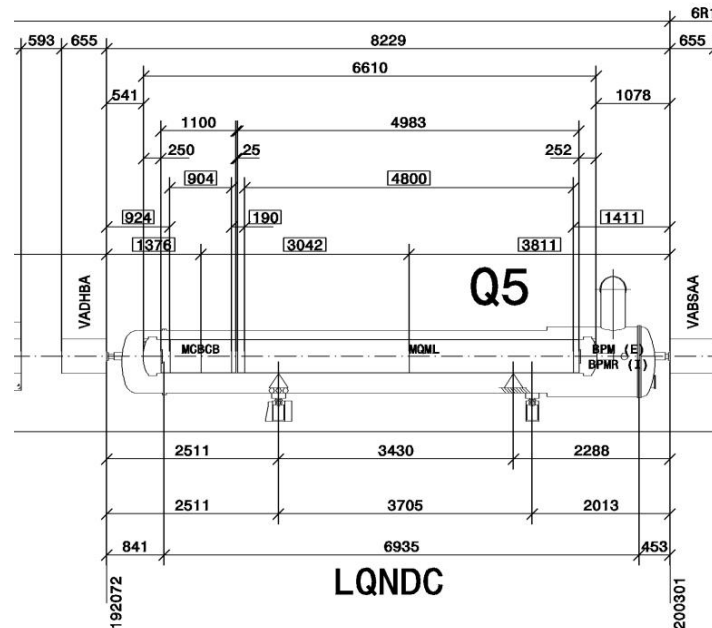
Target for LESS performance:

- ✓ initial SEY maximum of the processed surfaces ≤ 1.5
- ✓ Conditioning allows to reduce SEY max. to < 1 for a dose $\leq 5 \times 10^{-4}$ C/mm²

Q5 magnet LESS treatment strategy

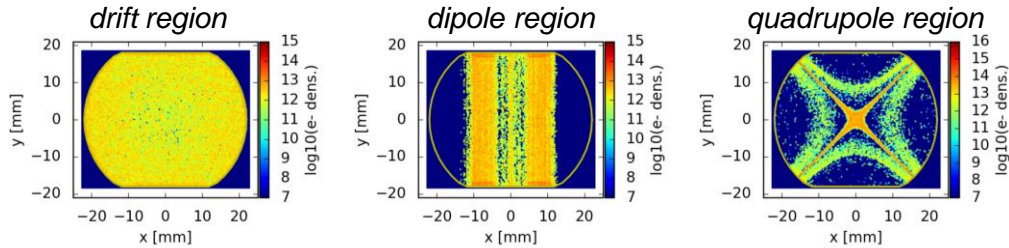


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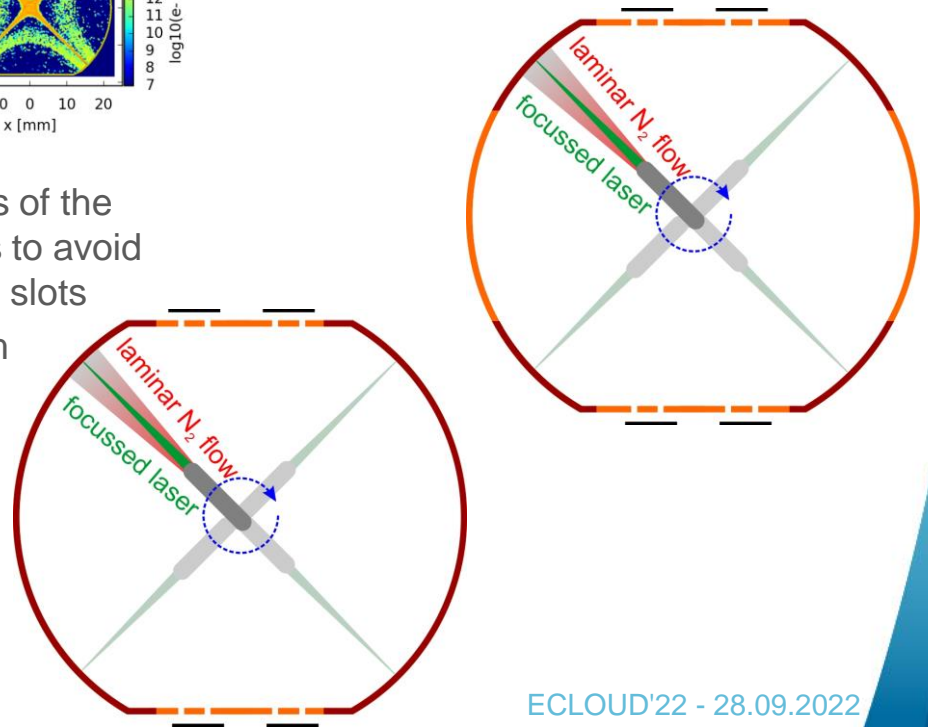
Q5 magnet LESS treatment strategy

Simulated electron distribution in LHC magnets



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- Selected LESS treatment in the curved zones of the beam screens for drift region or the 4 corners to avoid burning the cryosorbers through the pumping slots
- Reduced risk of particles falling into the beam
- Cleaning tools can pass
- Impedance "problems" disappear
- Focusing "problems" disappear
- Faster treatment possible



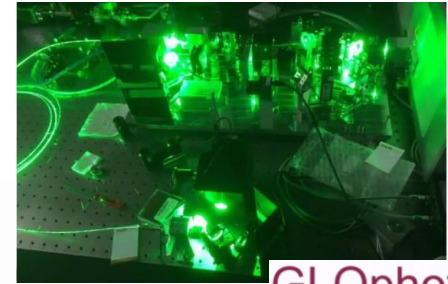
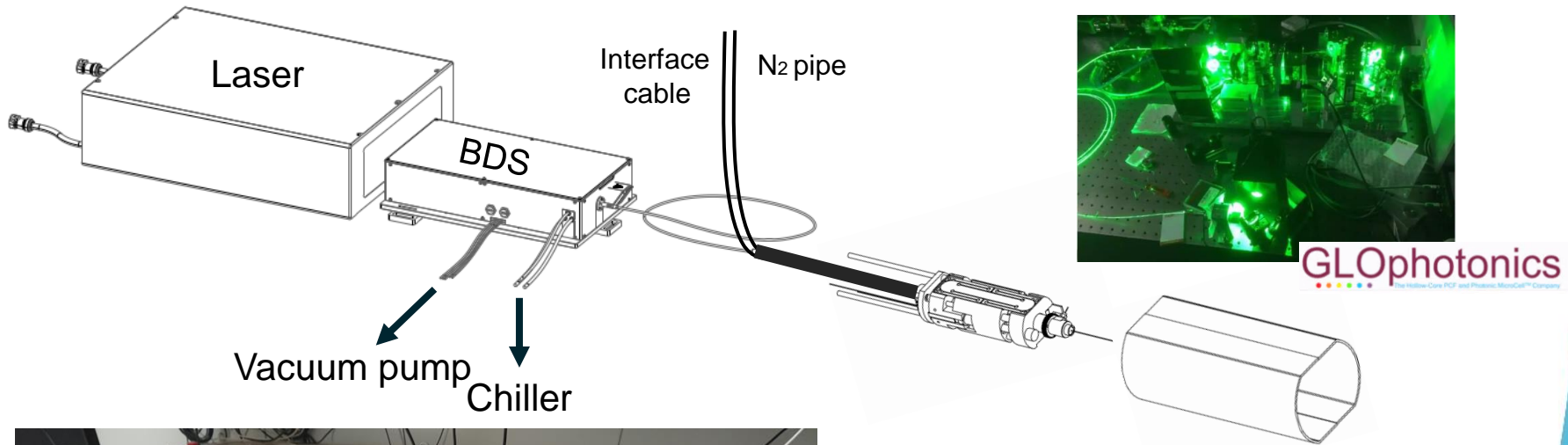
LESS – particle mitigation strategies

- Reduce number of released particles during processing and number of adhered particles via process optimisation (SEY < 1.5, also beneficial for lower surface impedance and limited ablation depth)
- Reduce risk of particles falling into the beam by spatially selective treatment
- Extract majority of ablated particles via a strong air flow thorough the pipe (50 l/min) via a extraction and filtering unit
- Post-processing passage with “cleaning unit/carrier” without touching the treated regions

Outline

1. Laser treatment for SEY reduction: from proof of principle to possible treatments of LHC beam screens
2. Fundamental studies and their conclusions
3. How far have we come ?

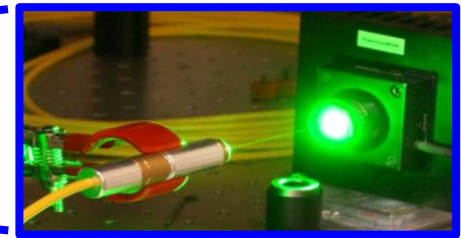
LESS @ CERN – 532 nm R&D system



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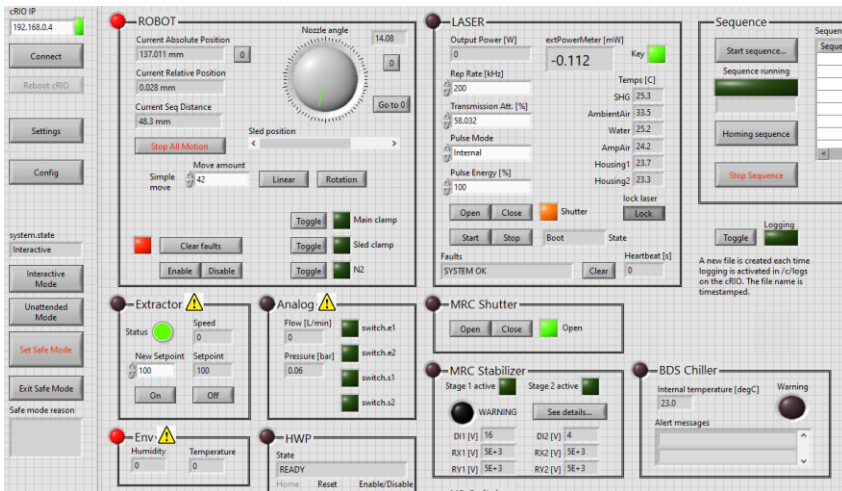
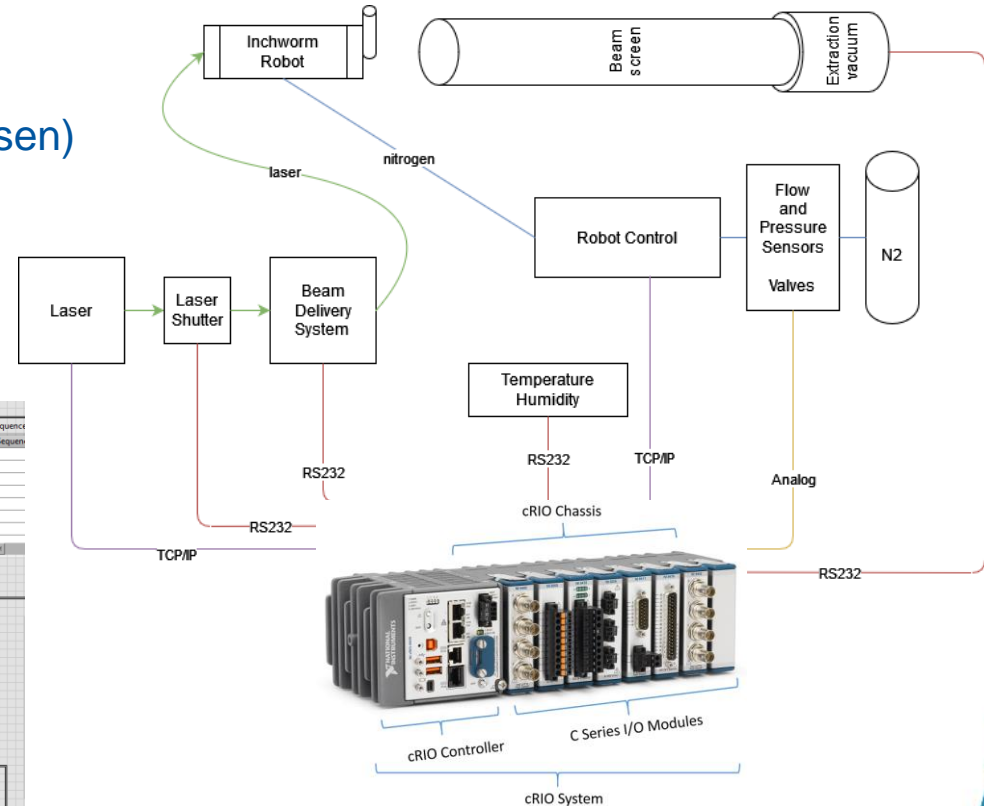


Stable coupling into 15 m long fibre

Integrated control system

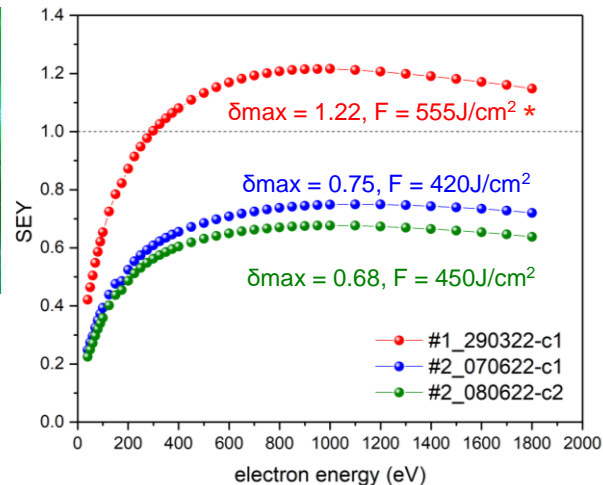
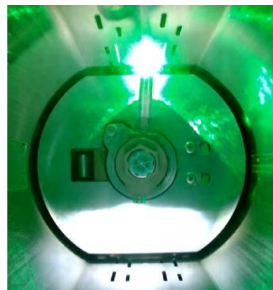
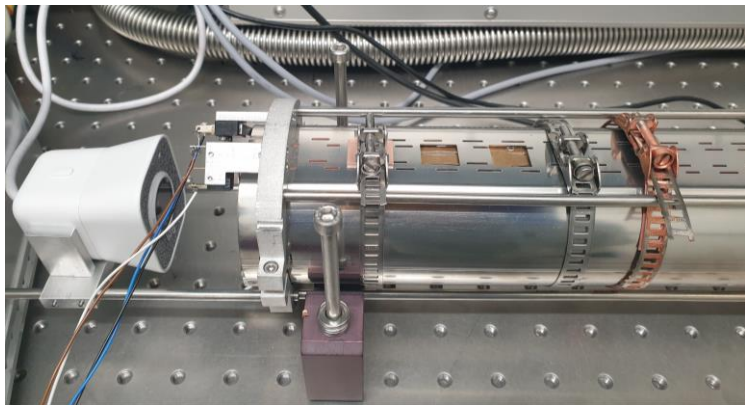
System control development
In collaboration with BE-CEM-MTA
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LESS @ CERN – where are we and where do we want to go

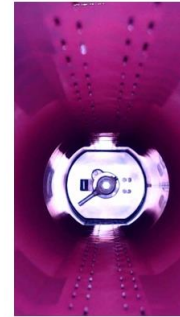
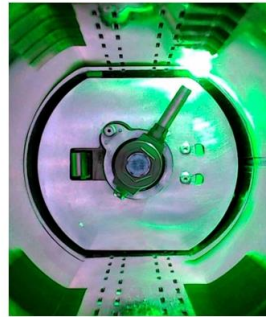
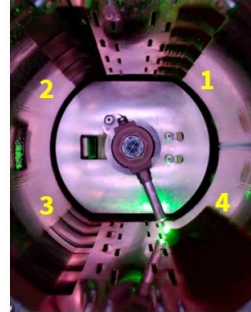
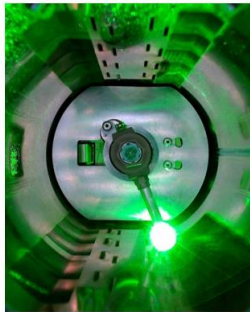
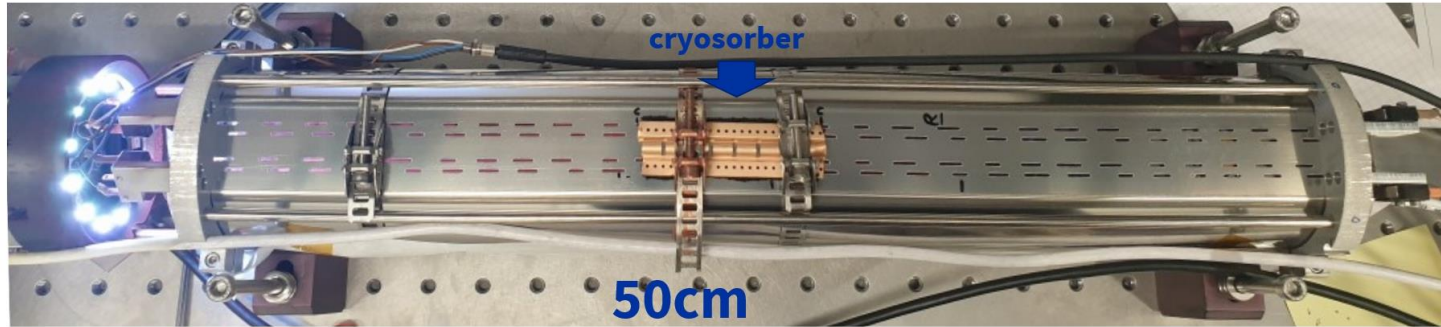
- Test bench on 74 mm BS finally operational and first optimisation on small scale ongoing
- Vacuum extraction and treatment scale-up components are available



- Low SEY can be obtained with 532 nm on small scale
- First parameter optimisation, speed-up and stability tests started



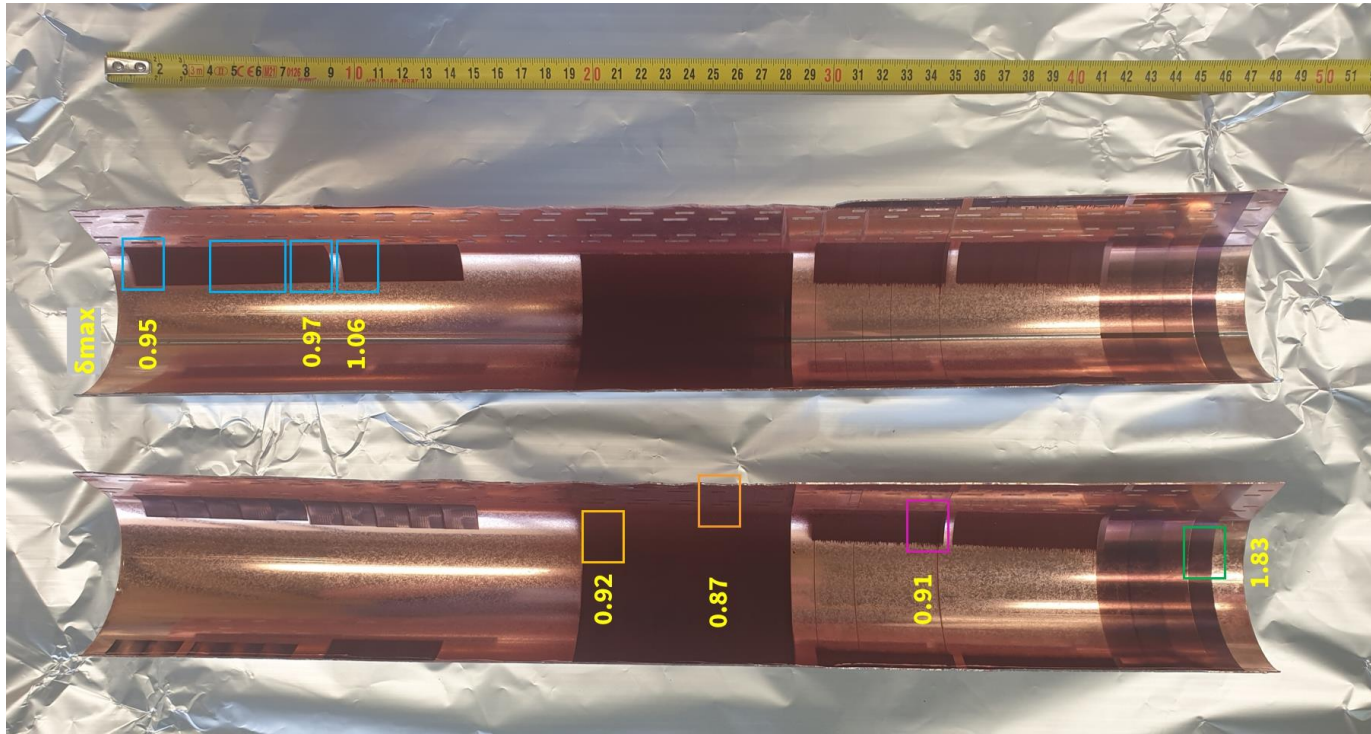
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Summary

- Precise robot movement and laser scanning in BS in operation (limited to BS shape)
- Delivery of laser power to BS surface stable
- Treatments are reproducible and can be selectively varied in treatment position and SEY
- Suppression of oxidation and strategies to control surface impedance developed
- Final processing considers: low SEY vs. number of particles

Upcoming Tasks & Challenges

- Transition to 50L beam screen geometry
- Scale up treatment to 8 m long beam screen
- Cable and fibre handling and synchronization with robot during processing $> 2\text{m}$
- Development of a post-treatment cleaning unit
- Demonstration of E-cloud mitigation and stable conditions in Vacuum Pilot Sector of the LHC

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