Single shot thermal emittance measurement in photoinjectors

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Outline

- Introduction to the technique
- Proof of principle experiment
- Application to cathode study
- Summary

Thermal emittance

The key to high brightness electron linacs

- Electron source already carries emittance from their emission mechanism
 - $\mathcal{E}_{thermal} = \sigma_{beam} * \frac{\sigma_{px}}{m_0 c} \times$

Transverse beam size at cathode

Transverse momentum spread at cathode

- Best photoinjectors are dominated by thermal emittance
 - Beamline optimized emittance compensation
 - Good laser shaping & high gun gradient
- Maximum emission brightness $\sim \frac{E_{emission}}{\sigma_{px}^2}$
 - Thermal emittance is more effective than gradient
- Conventional thermal emittance measurement is not easy
 - Fit emittance to laser size
 - Time consuming and vulnerable to errors



Single shot cathode transverse momentum measurement

Basic idea

- Imaging transverse momentum to position
 - Linear dynamics at low charge
 - $x_2 = R_{11}x_1 + R_{12}x_1'$
 - Tune gun solenoid to zero R₁₁
 - $\sigma_{scr} = M_{12} \frac{\sigma_{px}}{m_0 c}$



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• Simulation proof using the PITZ injector at DESY



Limitation of the method

RF emittance & solenoid field abberation

• RF emittance growth in the PITZ gun



It can be corrected with weak quadrupoles.

• Emittance growth due to solenoid quadrupole aberration

Proof of principle experiment at PITZ

Step by step

- Experiment settings
 - Gun: 5.8 MeV/c
 - Laser: 6 ps FWHM, 1 mm diameter
 - Screen: ~5 meter from cathode
- Tune $R_{11} = \frac{dX_{scr}}{dX_{laser}} = 0$
 - Move the laser on cathode
 - Measure beam movement on screen
- Minimize space charge effect
 - Measure beam size vs charge
 - Q<0.1 pC
- Beam size vs laser size at R11=0
 - Laser diameter 0.5/1.0/1.5 mm
 - Beam size does not change on screen





DESY. PITZ

Proof of principle experiment at PITZ

Cross check with conventional method

- Solenoid scan based emittance fitting
 - 1.11±0.01 mm.mrad/mm
- Result by transverse momentum imaging
 - 1.10±0.01 mm.mrad/mm





- Cathode properties monitoring
 - Reduced beam time for such task



- Cathode thermal emittance
 - Vs emission field
 - Vs cathode thickness



Thermal emittance map



Thermal emittance map vs QE map



Thermal emittance vs QE



Negatvie correlation?

Contradicts conventional understanding: High QE, high emittance.



- A single shot cathode transverse momentum imaging technique is introduced.
 - Time efficient, reduce error in experiment
- Proof of principle tested at DESY PITZ beamline.
- Applications for cathode studies
 - Long term monitoring of cathode emittance
 - Cathode characterization vs emission field
 - Cathode mapping

