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# STUDY OF THE PROCESSES OF SECONDARY ELECTRON EMISSION IN DIAGNOSTIC SYSTEMS FOR CHARGED PARTICLES AND HEAVY ION BEAMS.

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## **INTRODUCTION**

## **THEORETICAL PART**

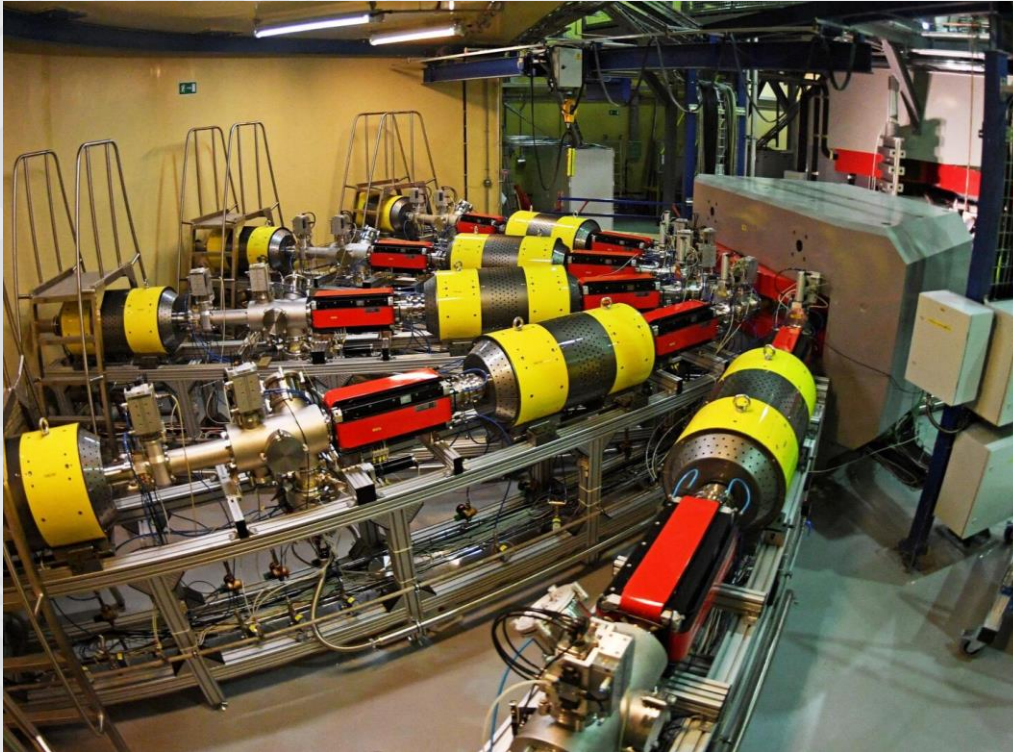
- Multi-wire beam monitoring system

## **EXPERIMENTAL PART**

- Experiments using a multiwire beam monitoring system
- The secondary electron emission coefficient extracting
- Experimental results



The most important condition for using accelerator technology is to achieve optimal parameters of charged particle beams.



Cyclotron DC-280, Superheavy elements factory, JINR, Dubna, Russia

For beams extracted from the accelerator, their diagnostics is necessary.

**The purpose of diagnostics:** quick and accurate determination of beam parameters.

Accelerator complexes



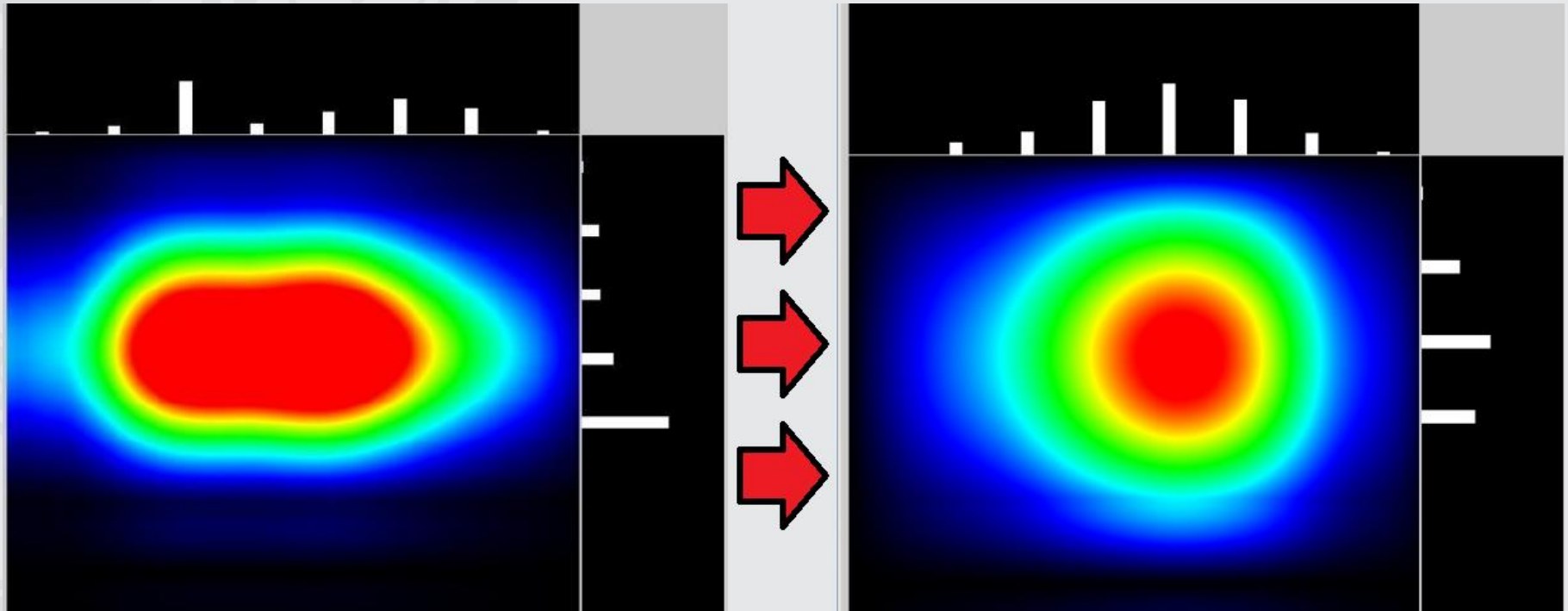
Diagnostics of charged particle  
beams



One of the most important parameter of the beam – beam profile.

Beam profile visualization:

- Determine the position of the beam inside accelerator or the beam pipe;
- Control of transverse beam dimensions;
- Increase the particle density of the beam.

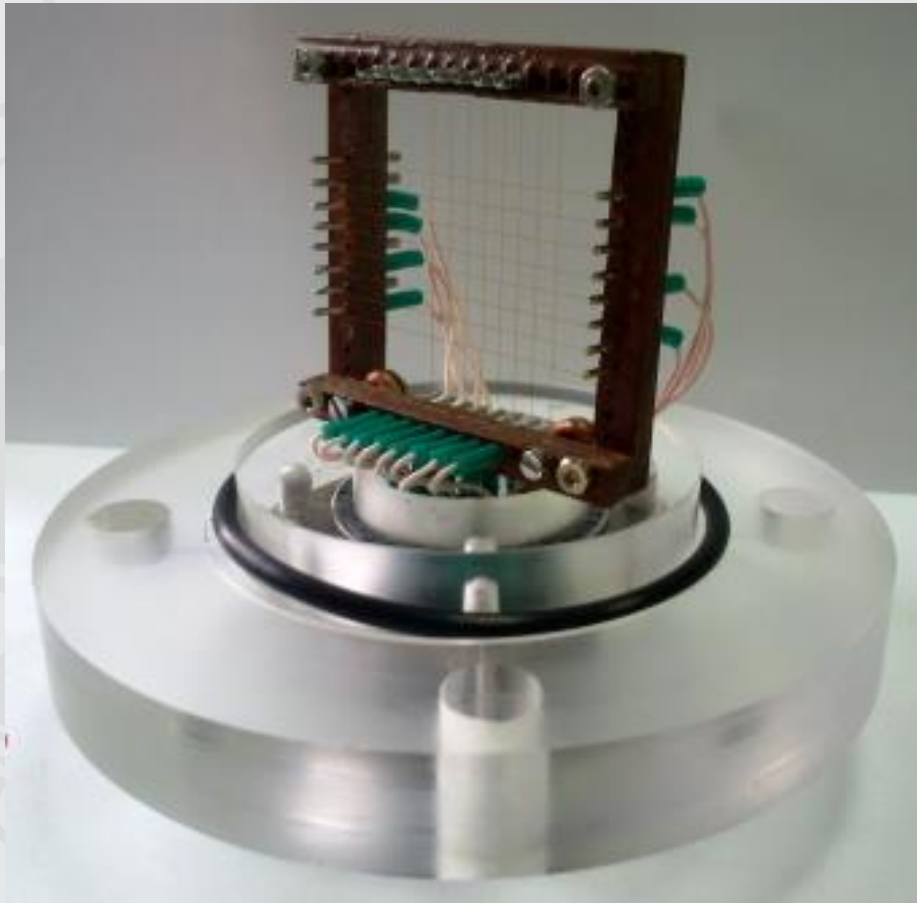


*An example of visualization of the alpha particle beam profile of the U-120 Cyclotron of St. Petersburg State University .*





# Multi-wire beam monitoring system

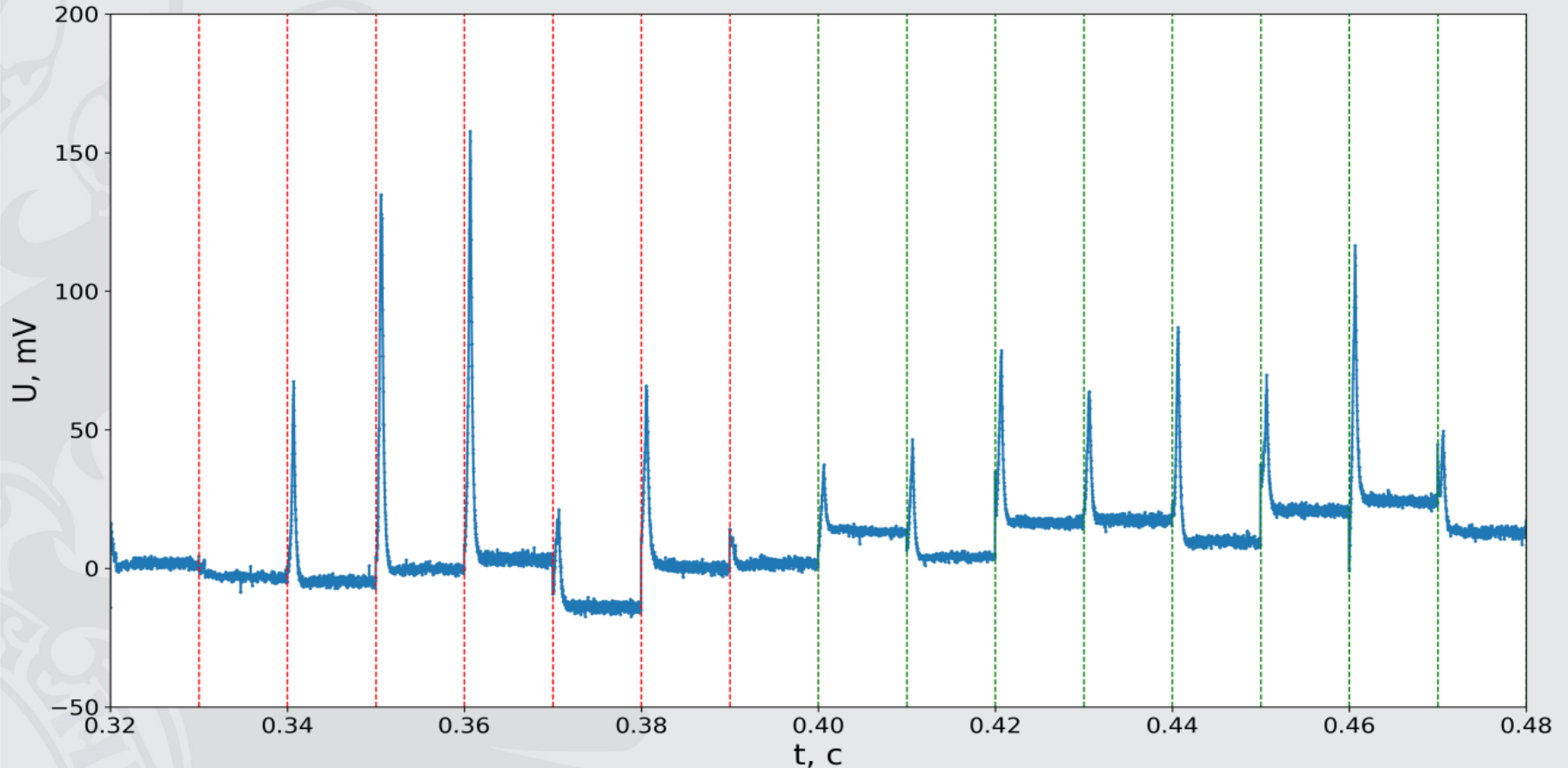


- 16 thin (25 microns) gold-plated tungsten sensors (mesh);
- Placed in a plane perpendicular to the direction of the beam at a distance of 2.5 mm from each other. 8 vertical and 8 horizontal.
- The sensors are fixed on a special support frame, which is mounted on a flange. Then the entire diagnostic system is placed in the beam pipe.
- Each sensor can be considered as a current generator. The current is proportional to the number of secondary electrons knocked out of the sensor material by beam particles

*Support frame with a grid of sensors for a system for monitoring charged particle beams, developed at the Educational Laboratory of Nuclear Processes of St. Petersburg State University .*



# Multi-wire beam monitoring system



**An example of a signal from the sensors of a multiwire beam monitoring system.**



# Experiments using a multi wire beam monitoring system

The experimental setup was mounted on the extracted beam of the Unique Scientific Installation (UNU) "Cyclotron of the Physicotechnical Institute named after. A.F. Ioffe type U-120."

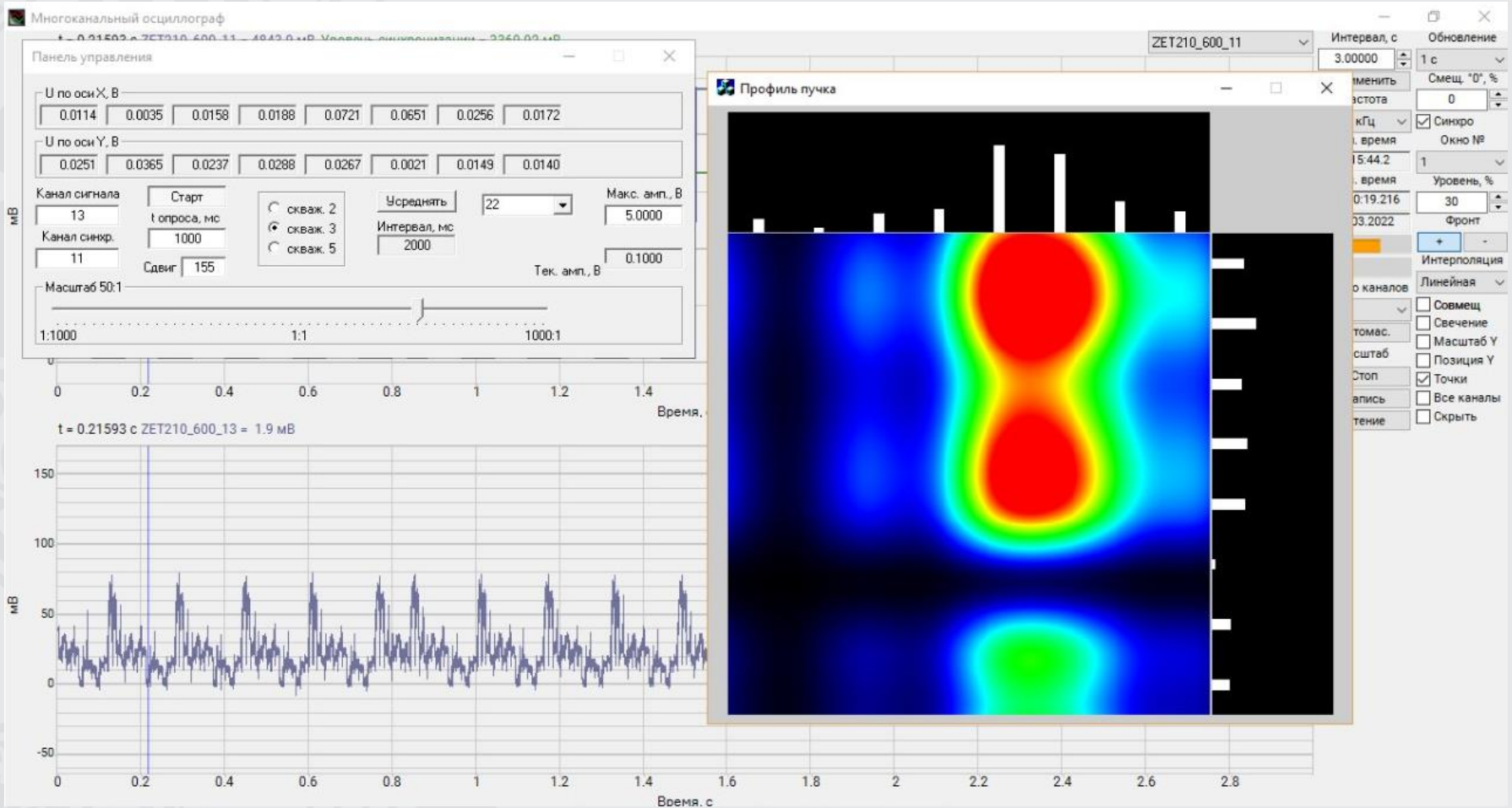


*General view of the experimental setup.*



# Experiments using a multi wire beam monitoring system

Beam position control was carried out using a beam profile visualization program, which provided accurate monitoring of its position in real time.







# Methodology for calculating the secondary electron emission coefficient

The secondary electron emission coefficient can be calculated as:

$$N_{Secondary} = N_{Primary} * \delta_{se},$$

where  $N_{Primary}$  is the number of beam particles that interacted with the sensor of the multiwire system;  $N_{Secondary}$  - the number of electrons emitted as a result of such interaction;  $\delta_{se}$  - the secondary electron emission factor.

Analyzing signal from the sensors one can determine the number of secondary electrons  $N_{Secondary}$  emitted from the sensor.

Analysis of the signal maxima of each individual channel (sensor) allows us to determine  $N_{Primary}$ .

$\rho(x)$  and  $\rho(y)$  – one-dimensional distributions of beam particles. They are independent if  $\rho(x, y) = \rho(x) * \rho(y)$ .

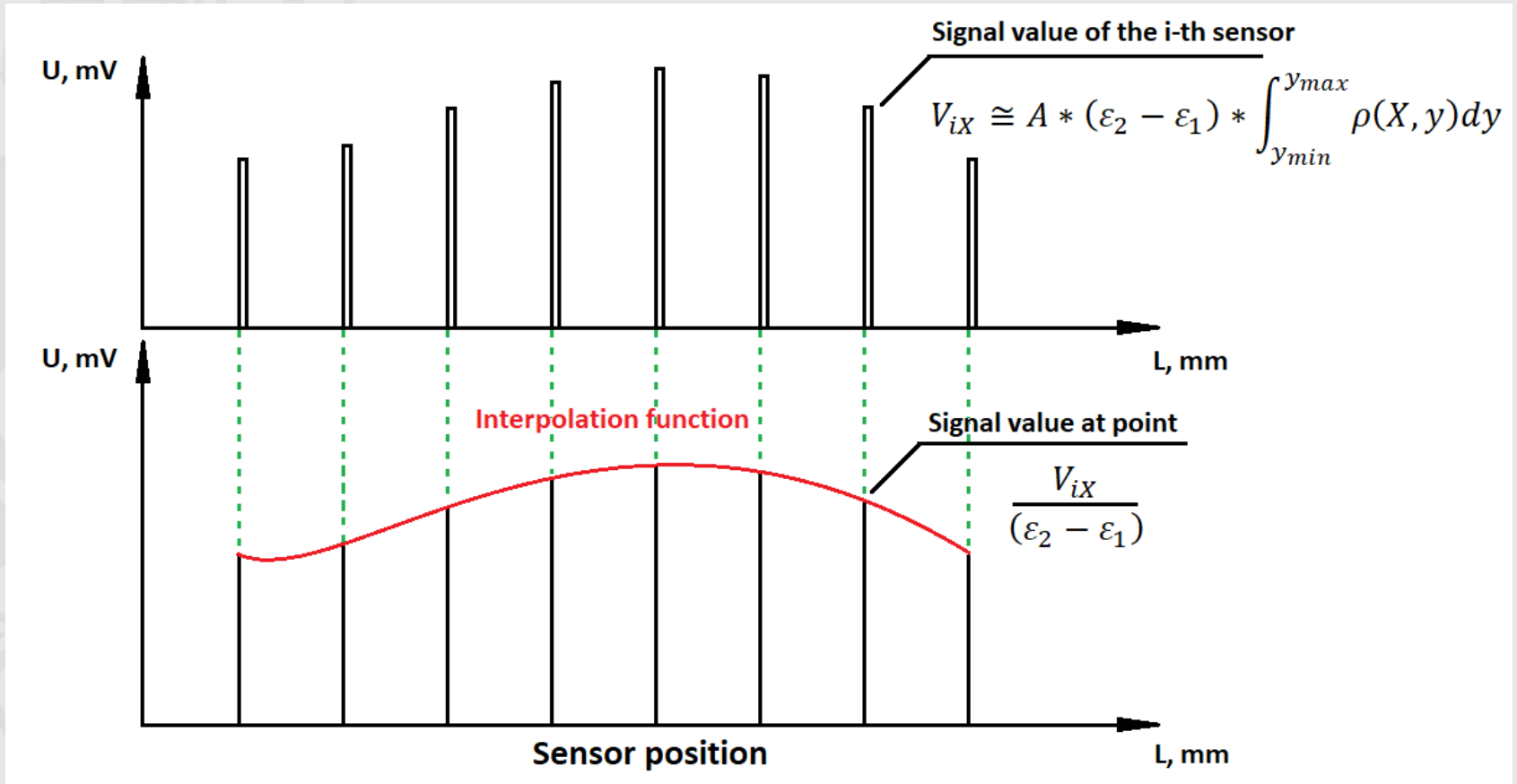
Taking this simplification, we can consider the signal of an individual sensor as an integral:

$$V_{iX} = A * \int_{\varepsilon_1}^{\varepsilon_2} dx \int_{y_{min}}^{y_{max}} \rho(x, y) dy \cong A * (\varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_1) * \int_{y_{min}}^{y_{max}} \rho(X, y) dy$$
$$V_{jY} = K * \int_{\zeta_1}^{\zeta_2} dy \int_{x_{min}}^{x_{max}} \rho(x, y) dx \cong K * (\zeta_2 - \zeta_1) * \int_{x_{min}}^{x_{max}} \rho(x, Y) dx$$



# Methodology for calculating the secondary electron emission coefficient

Applying interpolation to the values of sensor signals (separately for vertical and horizontal), we obtain interpolation functions  $F(x)$  and  $G(y)$ .



Integrating these functions within the coordinates of the sensor grid and normalizing them to the number of particles in the beam, we obtain the constants  $A$ ,  $K$ .



# Methodology for calculating the secondary electron emission coefficient

The number of beam particles per pulse can be found as:

$$N_{beam\ particles\ in\ a\ pulse} = \frac{I * t}{Z * e},$$

where  $I$  is the beam current averaged over the period of the cyclotron beam pulse;  $t$  – cyclotron beam pulse period;  $Z$  – beam particles charge;  $e$  – elementary electric charge.

The number of beam particles which interacted with sensor:

$$N_{iX} = A * V_{iX},$$

$$N_{jY} = K * V_{jY},$$

where  $V_{iX}$ ,  $V_{jY}$  - are the signals peaks values from vertical and horizontal sensors;  $A$ ,  $K$  are normalization constants.



## First part of experimental research:

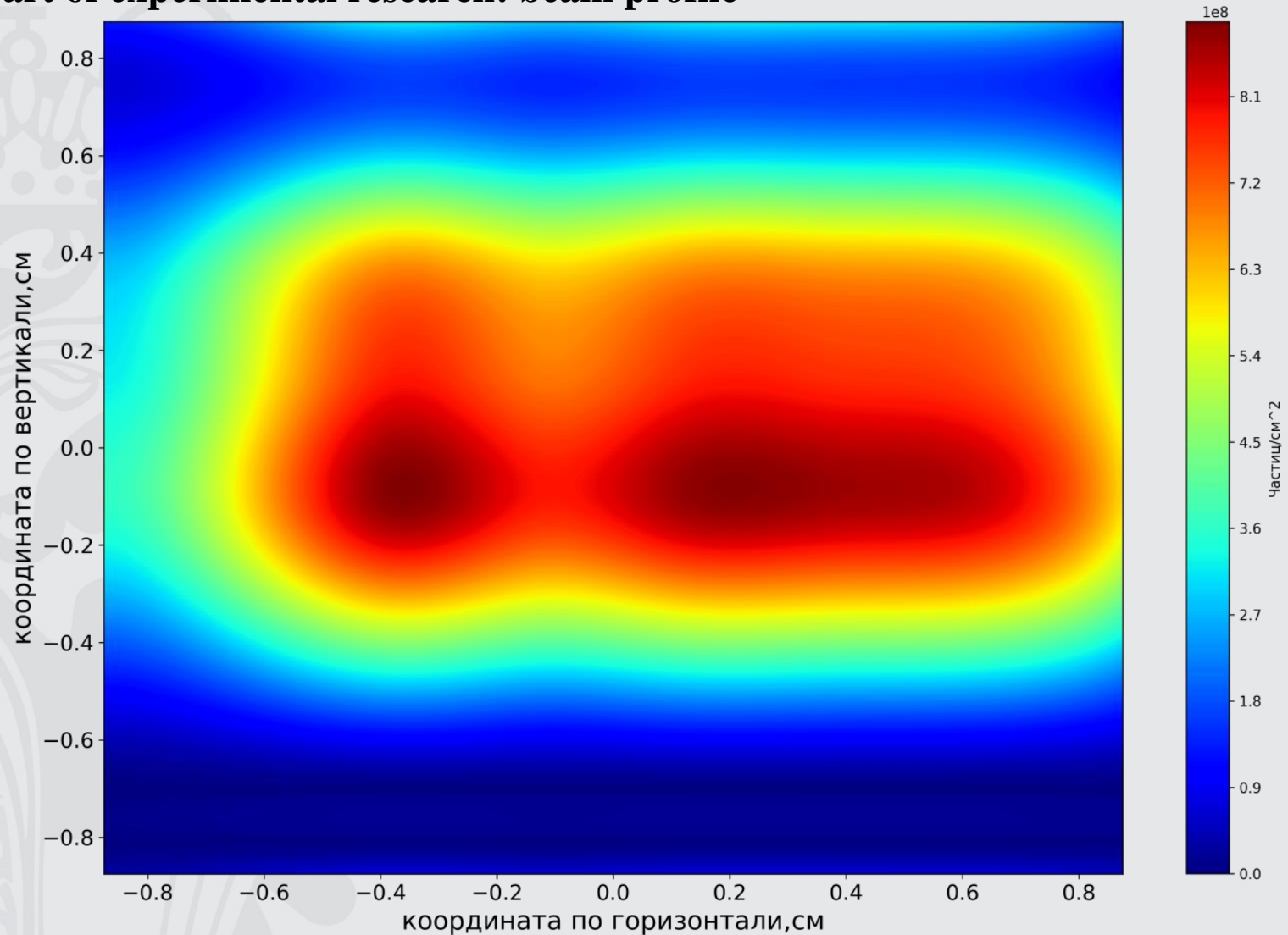
Beam of  $^{40}\text{Ar}^{+8}$  ions with an energy of 53 MeV and intensities: 40 nA, 70 nA, 100 nA, 130 nA, 160 nA.

Beam current, nA	vertical sensors (electrodes)		horizontal sensors (electrodes)	
	$\delta_{se}$	$\Delta\delta_{se}$	$\delta_{se}$	$\Delta\delta_{se}$
40	28,75	2,00	19,01	1,20
70	22,93	0,98	20,03	0,73
100	24,13	0,74	21,39	0,63
130	23,80	0,65	17,23	1,90
160	21,18	1,10	17,57	0,52
Mean	$\delta_{se}$	$\Delta\delta_{se}$	$\delta_{se}$	$\Delta\delta_{se}$
	23,74	0,95	19,24	0,79



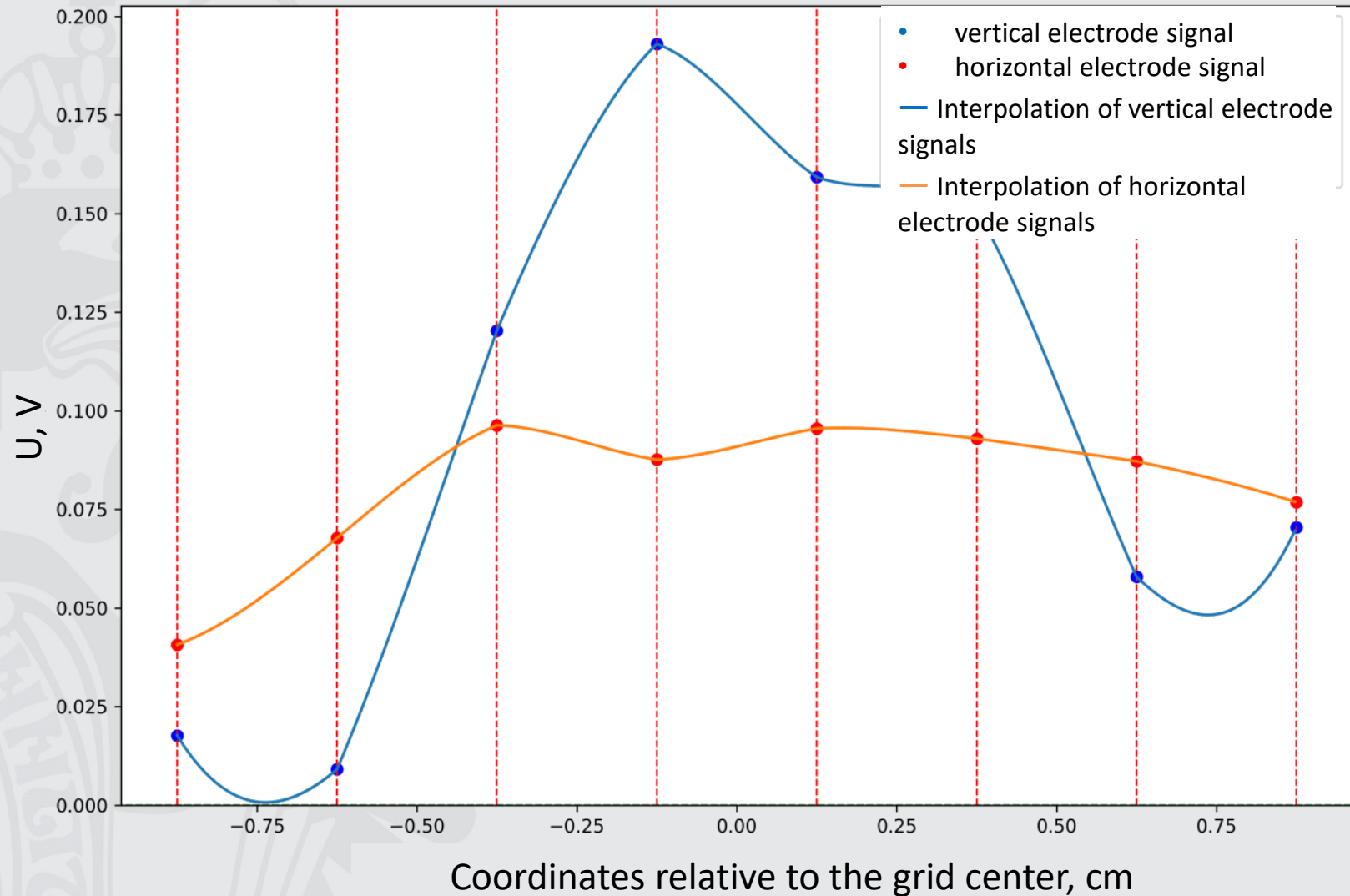


## First part of experimental research: beam profile





## First part of experimental research:





## Second part of experimental research:

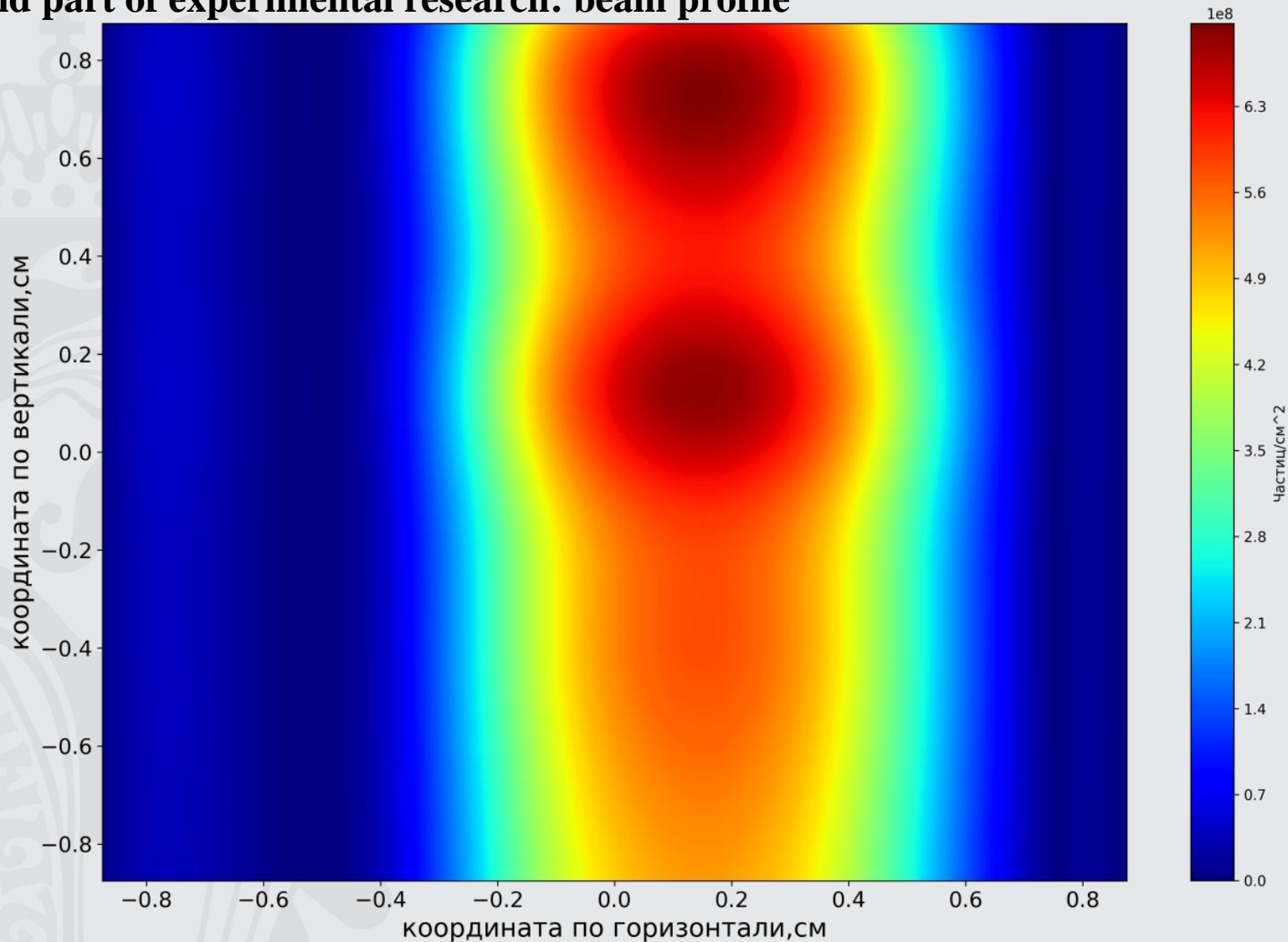
In the second experiment using an ion-optical system we reduce only the horizontal transverse dimensions of the beam. (reducing to size of the sensor grid).

Beam of  $^{40}\text{Ar}^{+8}$  ions with energy 53 MeV with intensities: 50 nA, 70 nA, 100 nA. (3 times)

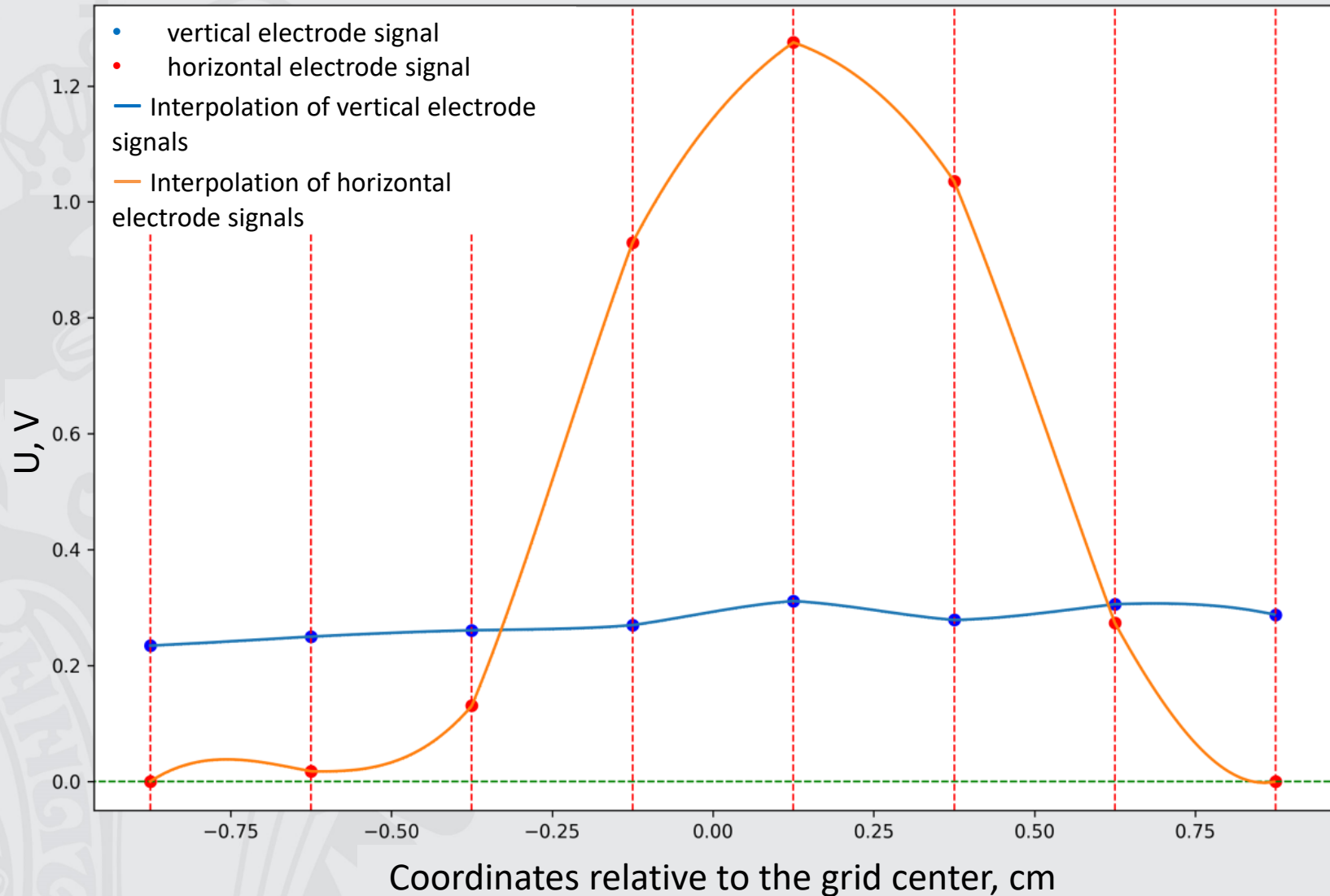
Beam current, nA	vertical sensors (electrodes)		horizontal sensors (electrodes)	
	$\delta_{se}$	$\Delta\delta_{se}$	$\delta_{se}$	$\Delta\delta_{se}$
50	22,17	0,19	40,87	0,51
70	19,03	0,08	37,95	0,26
100	20,63	0,06	40,41	0,19
100	21,07	0,04	41,90	0,14
100	21,46	0,04	37,95	0,11
Mean	$\delta_{se}$	$\Delta\delta_{se}$	$\delta_{se}$	$\Delta\delta_{se}$
	20,93	0,43	39,68	0,75



## Second part of experimental research: beam profile









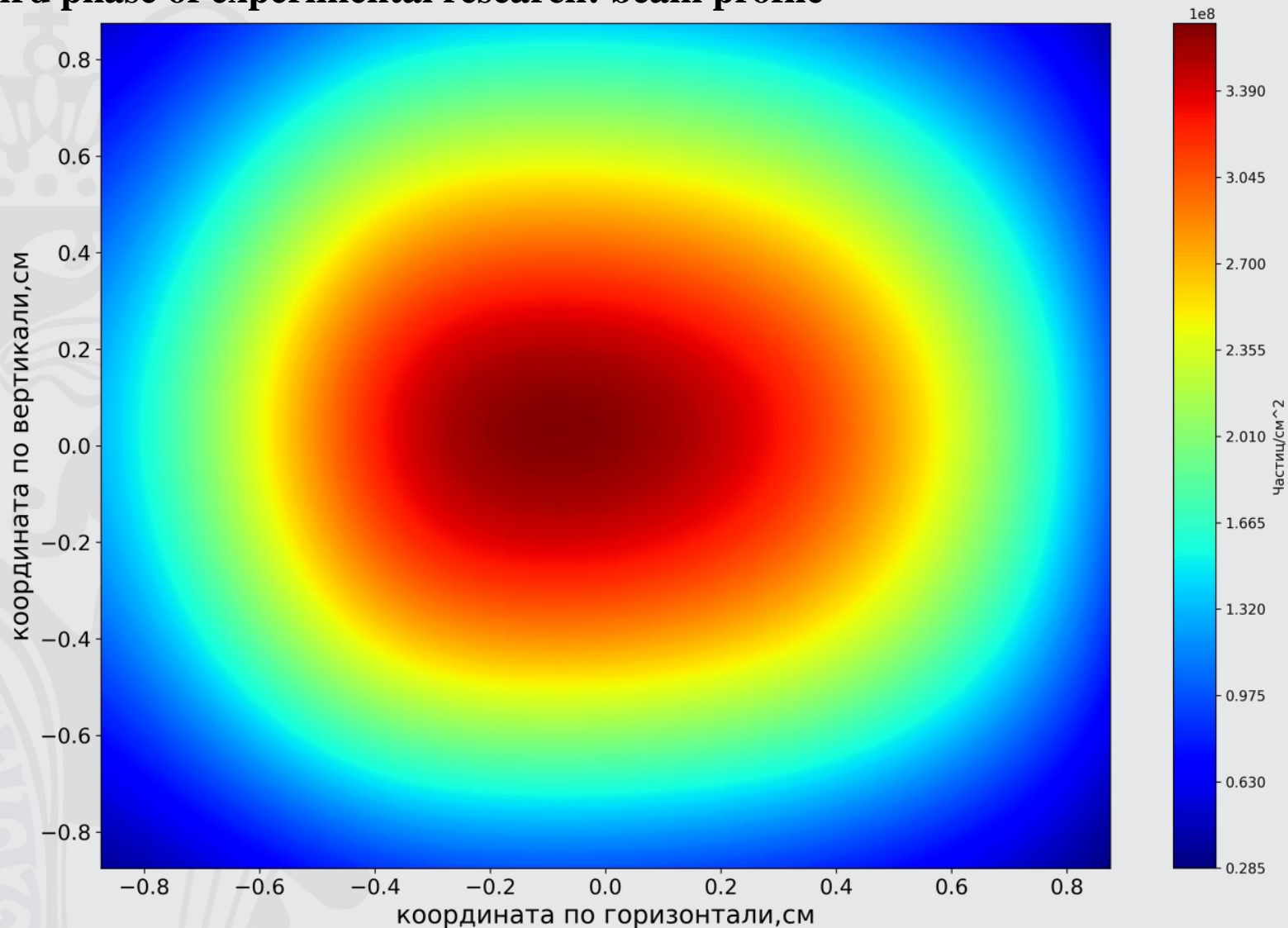
## The third part of experimental research:

Beam of  $^{40}\text{Ar}^{+8}$  ions with energy 53 MeV with intensities: 80 nA

	vertical sensors (electrodes)		horizontal sensors (electrodes)	
Beam current, nA	$\delta_{se}$	$\Delta\delta_{se}$	$\delta_{se}$	$\Delta\delta_{se}$
80	40,21	0,64	39,54	0,53

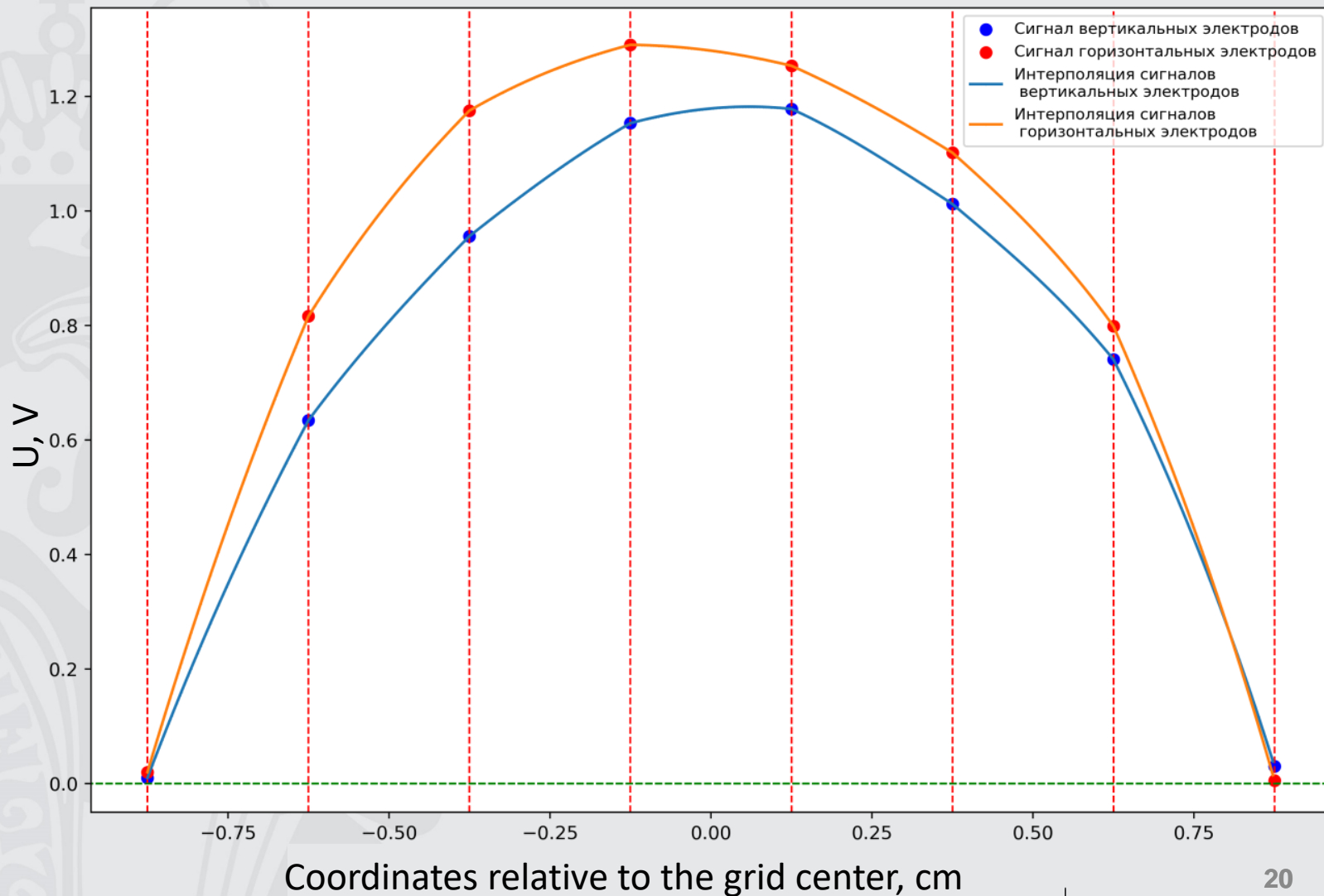


## The third phase of experimental research: beam profile





## The third phase of experimental research:





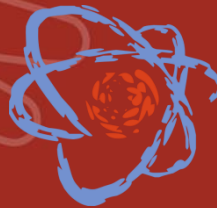


- The result of the research was the visualization of profiles of beams of  $^{40}\text{Ar}^{+8}$  ions with an energy of 53 MeV at different intensities of these beams, as well as a set of statistics of signals from a multi-wire beam monitoring system;
- This made it possible to determine the secondary electron emission coefficient of  $^{40}\text{Ar}^{+8}$  ions with an energy of 53 MeV during their interaction with the tungsten-gold layer. Its average value is  $\delta_{se}^{exp} = (39.80 \pm 0.21)$ ;

Next plane:

- Theoretical estimation of the secondary electron emission coefficient.

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The description of the effect of secondary electron emission is based on two simplifications:

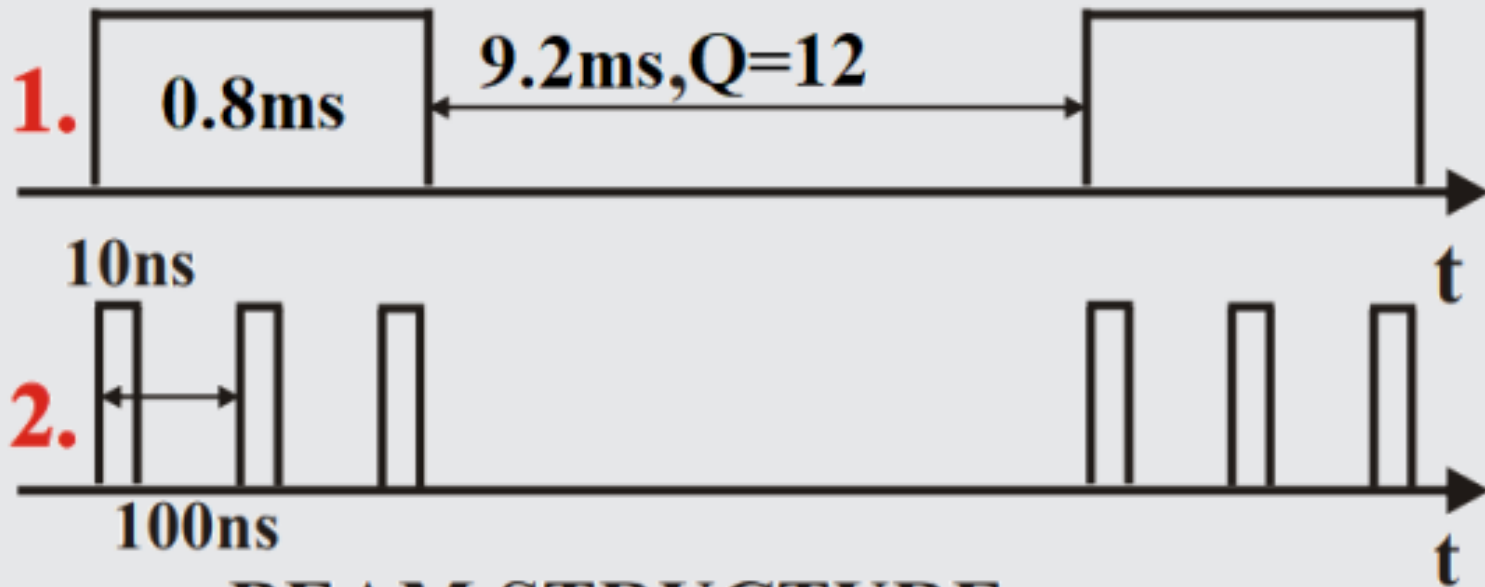
- The yield of secondary emitted electrons is proportional to the specific energy loss  $\frac{dE}{dx}$  of the primary particle per unit path length in the substance;
- Secondary electrons are characterized by the average path length in a substance.

When these assumptions are made, the secondary electron emission factor can be calculated as [2]:

$$\delta_{se} = \left( \frac{dE}{dx} \right) \frac{\Delta x}{\varepsilon * \cos(\theta)},$$

where  $\underline{\varepsilon}$  is the average energy required to knock out one secondary electron;  $\underline{\Delta x}$  is the thickness of the surface layer from which secondary electrons are emitted;  $\theta$  is the angle of incidence of the beam of primary particles.

The specific energy loss  $\left( \frac{dE}{dx} \right)$  is described by the Bethe–Bloch formula.



## BEAM STRUCTURE:

1. The beam macro structure
2. The beam micro structure