First Results from the FEB U-Line Spot-Size Study

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Summary: The smallest spot seen at the FEB U-line focus in the neutrino blockhouse had $\sigma_x \approx \sigma_y \approx 4$ mm. There were about 10^{12} 24-GeV protons in the pulse. The emittance was believed to be "large", *i.e.*, about 100π mm-mrad, as would certainly hold for a pulse of 10^{13} p's.

This result was not unexpected. Nick Tsoupas' transport calculation for 100pi mm-mrad indicated $\sigma_x = \sigma_y \approx 2.5$ mm.

On the following pages are 3 spot-size profiles taken near the beginning, middle, and end of the study. These images can also be accessed on the Internet at http://adl.ags.bnl.gov/~kbrown/

Implication: We need more quads to get to $\sigma_x = \sigma_y \approx 1$ mm, so that a pulse of 10^{13} protons causes the same local energy depositon as the baseline muon collider proton beam. Beam tests of liquid targets in the present conditions would not tell us all we need to know.

Hence, the priority now is to make a study of what magnets/power supplies will be needed to achieve this goal. In particular, if the radiography quads are indeed being commissioned for the U-line, a study should be made of their possible benefit in achieving a small spot size.

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