

# Ballistic Orbit at FLASH: Latest Results

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# What ballistic orbit is:

a beam trajectory in absence of electromagnetic fields

...and therefore straight\*

(\* actually parabolic due to earth gravity,  $\Delta x = 0.05 \text{ \AA}$ )

## Problems and limitations:

with aperture of vacuum chamber:

- quad focusing is off, a special optics is needed

with stray fields:

- earth magnetic field
- remanent fields of getter pumps, etc.
- EMI from cables
- self-induced wakefields
- undulators have 'weak focusing'

## The usual MOTIVATION ...

Ballistic orbit is used to align accelerator components:  
quads, BPMs, etc. (ex: see linear collider papers)

It could be used in XFEL for SASE operation  
(see XFEL talk by V. Tsakanov, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sep.2008)

... but is **not** OUR primary motivation

# Our primary MOTIVATION

to investigate the 'horizontal trajectory problem'  
in the undulator

to investigate the relative alignment of the  
undulator axis w.r.t. the accelerator (hor. and ver.)

FLASH logbook (10.Nov.2008): E.Schneidmiller wrote:

"between 1 and 2.5 mm above the cross of Ce:YAG screen...  
...a factor two in SASE intensity more than in the middle  
of the cross"

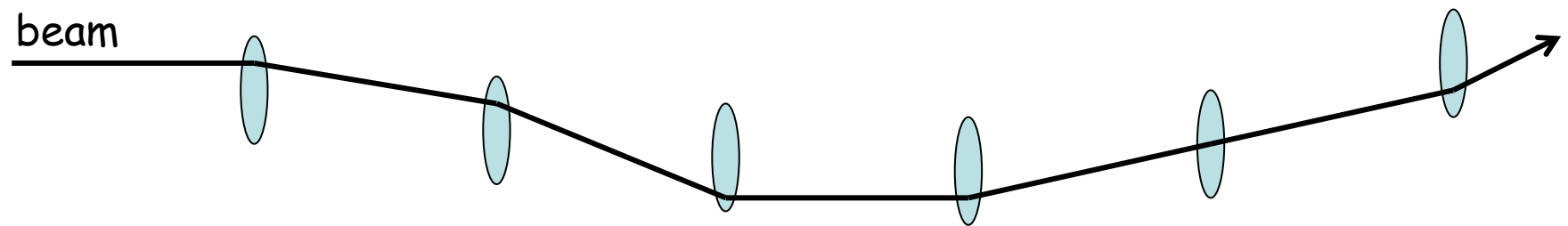
about 50  $\mu$ rad from undulator axis

## A little bit of history:

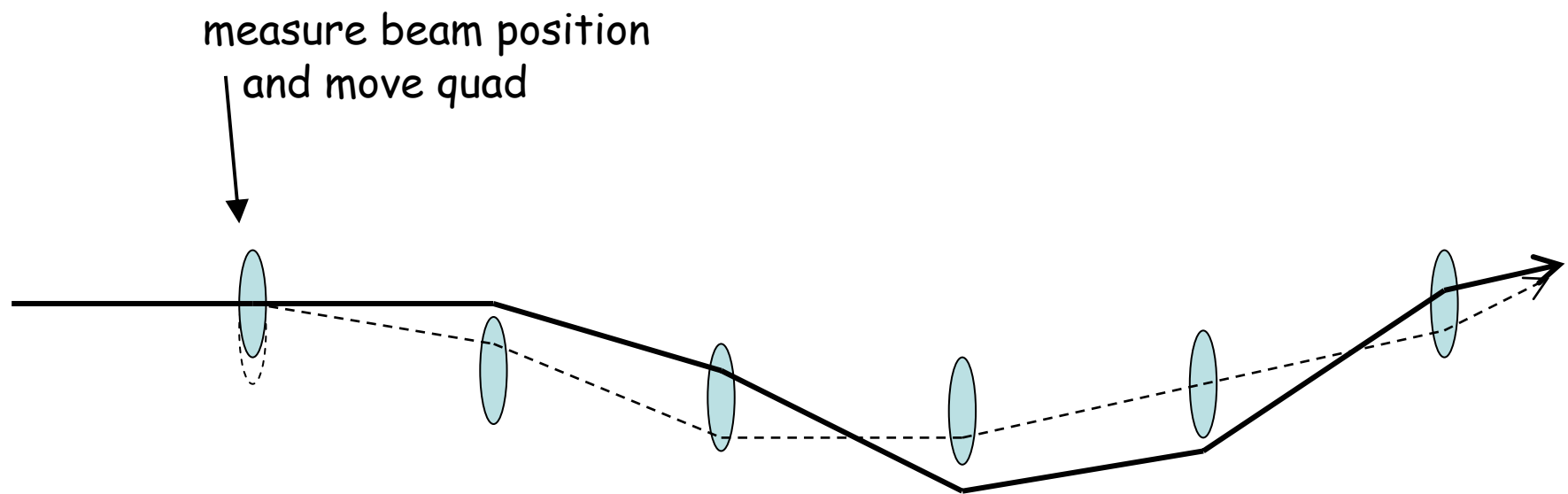
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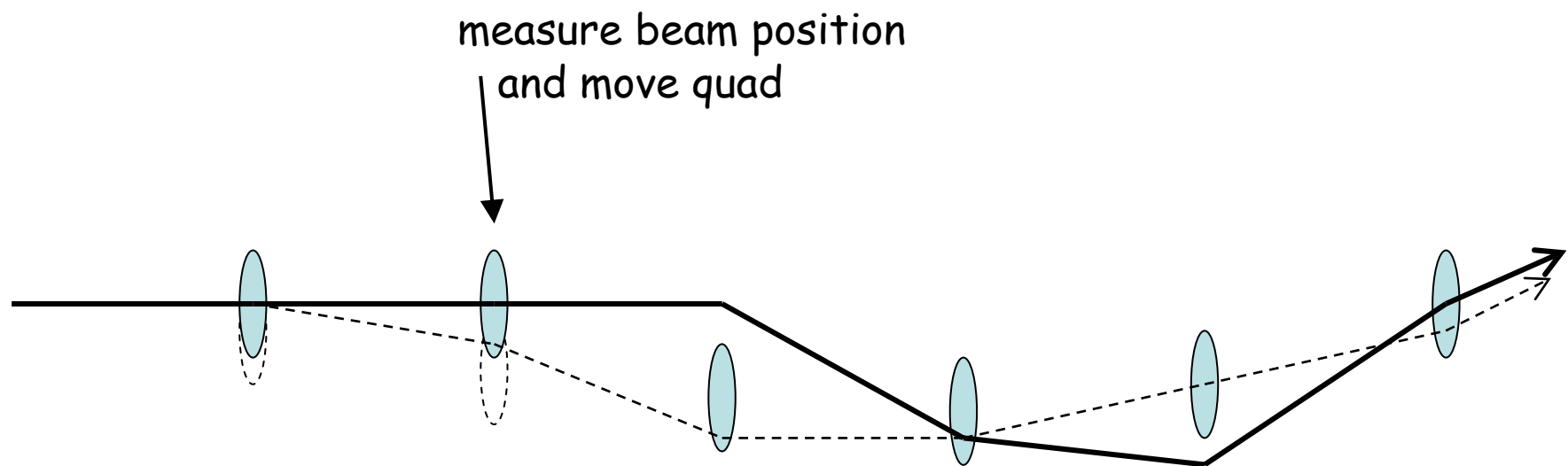


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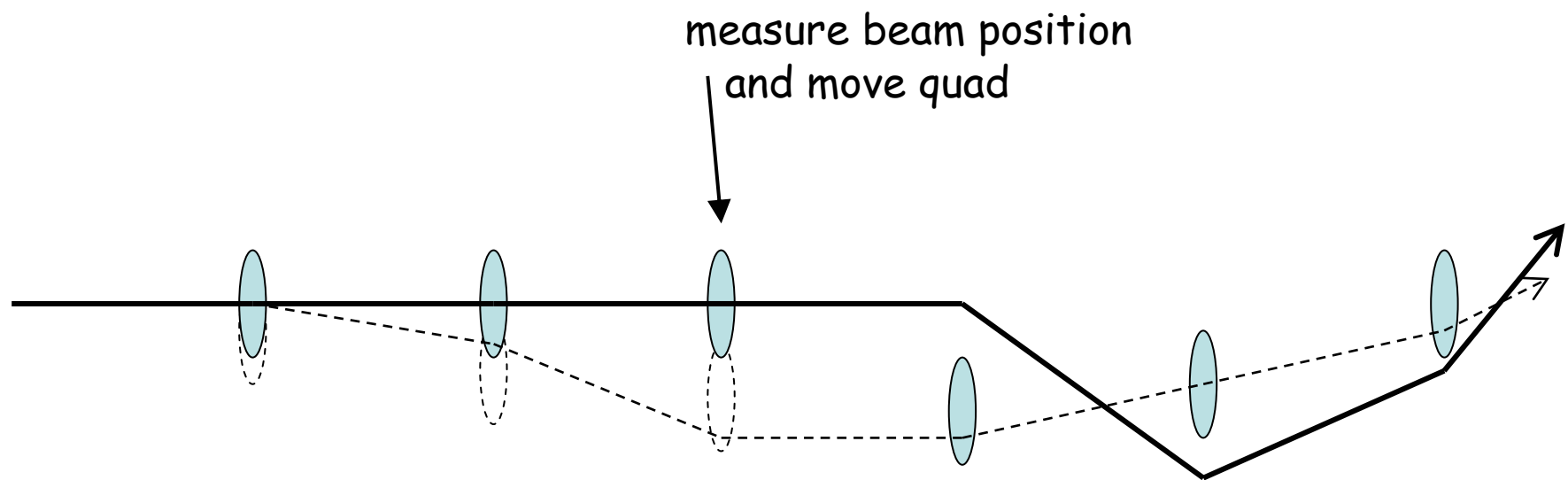




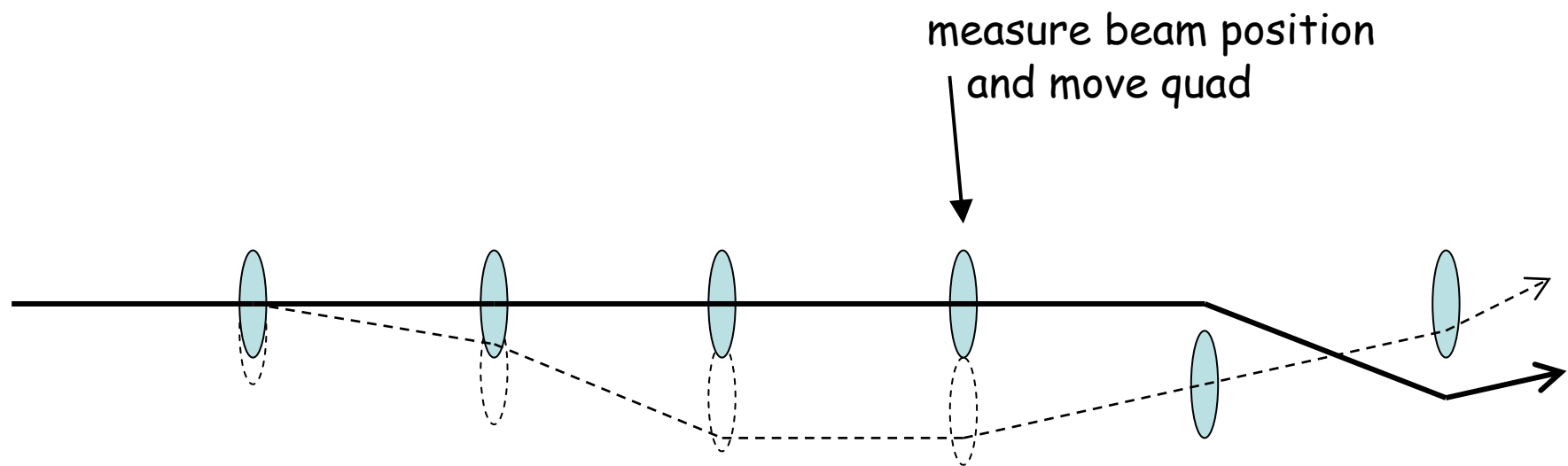
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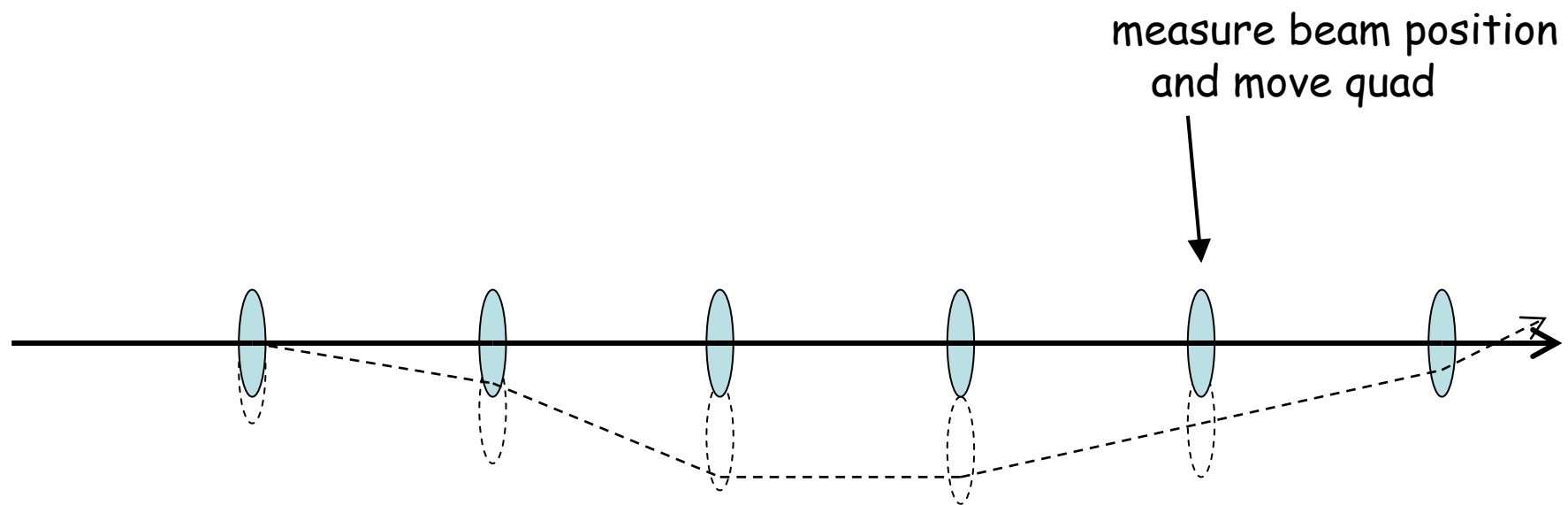
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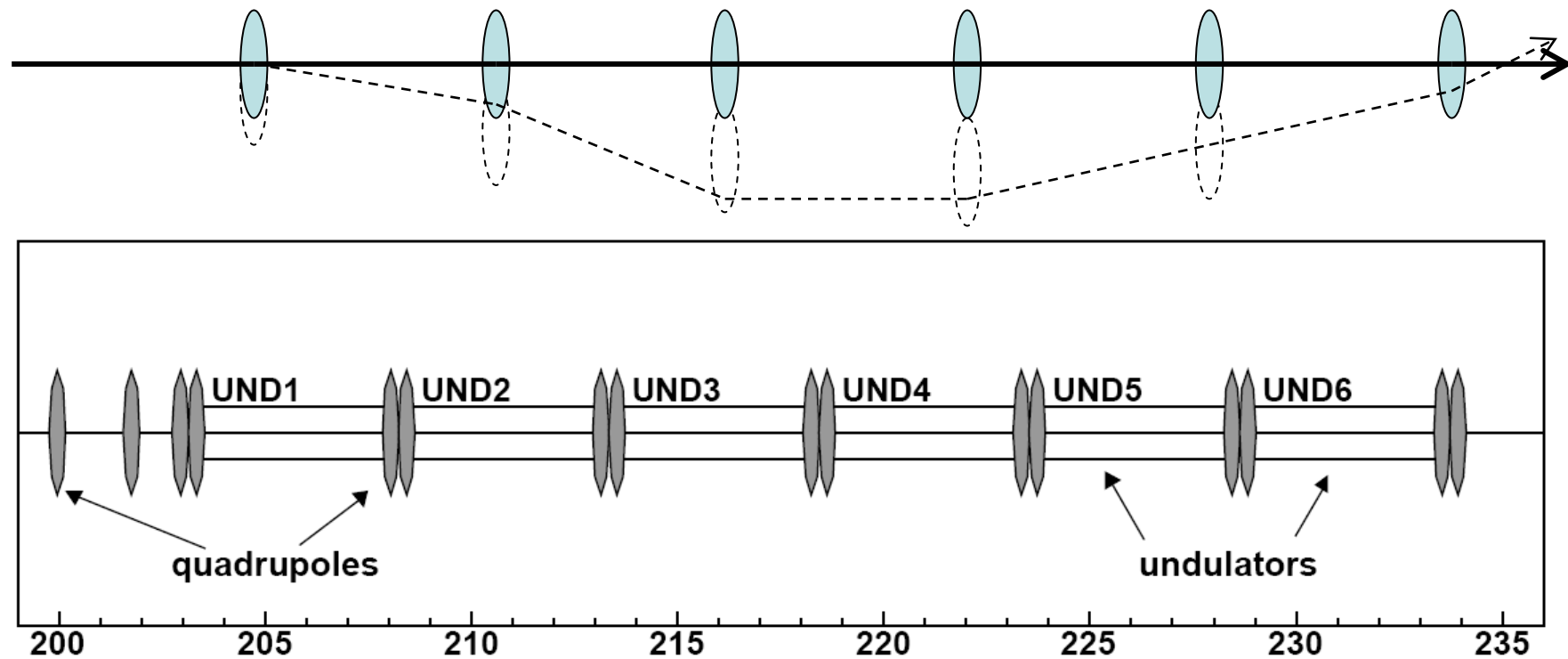
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Problem: (2) failed in the horizontal plane

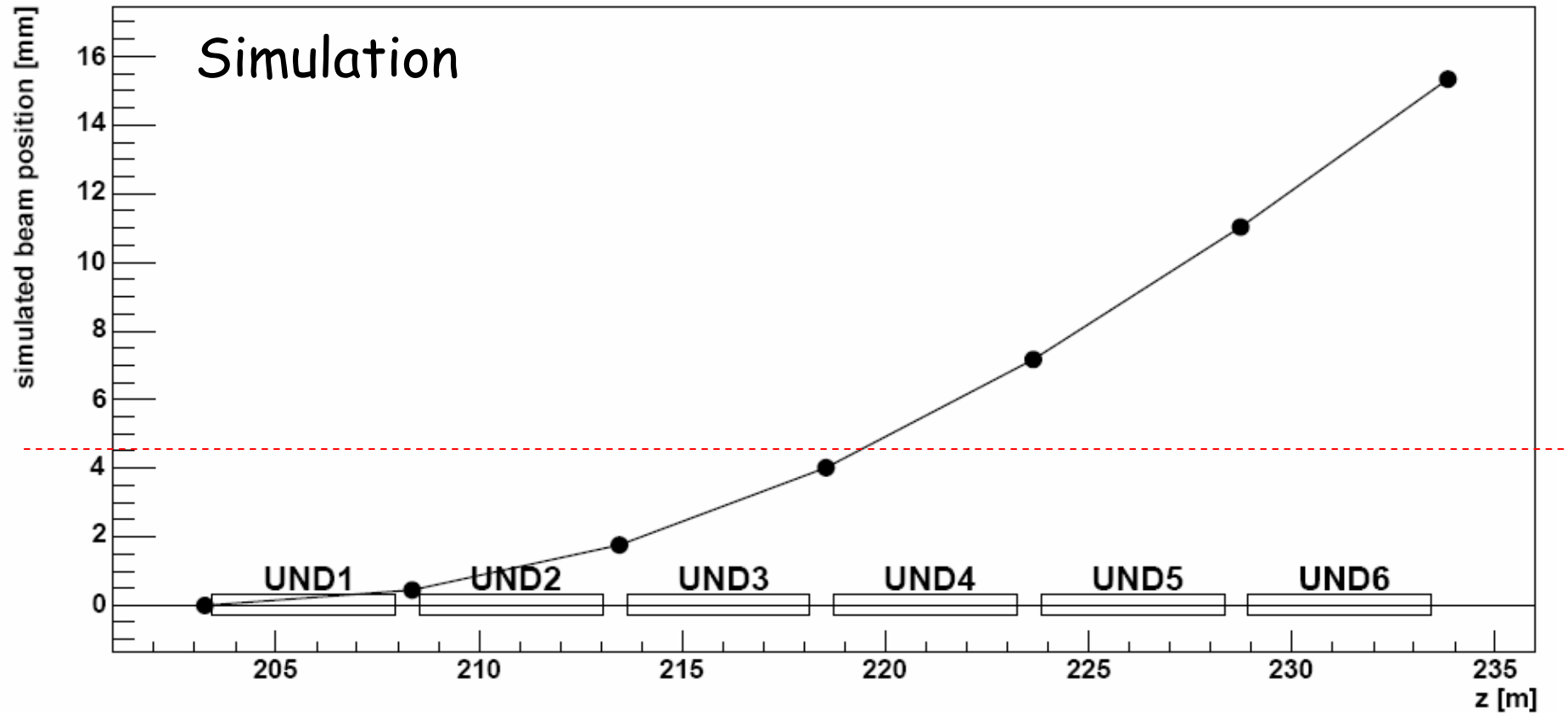
2006 1<sup>st</sup> ballistic trajectory in FLASH undulator section

The (dirty) trick: using hor. steerers (H3UND...)  
(which explains the previous problem)

Problem: the steerer strength needed is large

An equivalent steerer strength will do this:

Beam deflection  $\Delta x' \sim 1.1$  mrad at 0.7 GeV



Assuming: zero position and angle at the entrance !

## Possible reasons (speculations and hypotheses):

- 1) a stray magnetic field along the undulator direction: pointing to the ceiling  
0.4 T.mm per undulator segment or 0.8 Gauss

J. Pflueger: impossible!

measured 2<sup>nd</sup> field integral < 10 T.mm<sup>2</sup>  
(equivalent to  $\Delta x = 10 \mu\text{m}$  at 1 GeV)

To check:

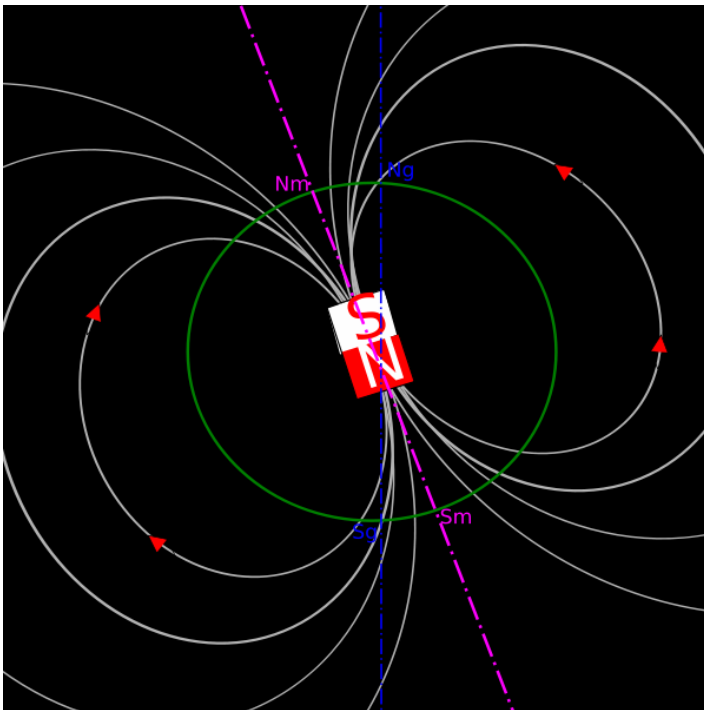
a stray field is independent of beam energy  
→ the compensation has to be also independent



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## Earth magnetic field?



in Hamburg: about 0.3 Gauss

vert. component:

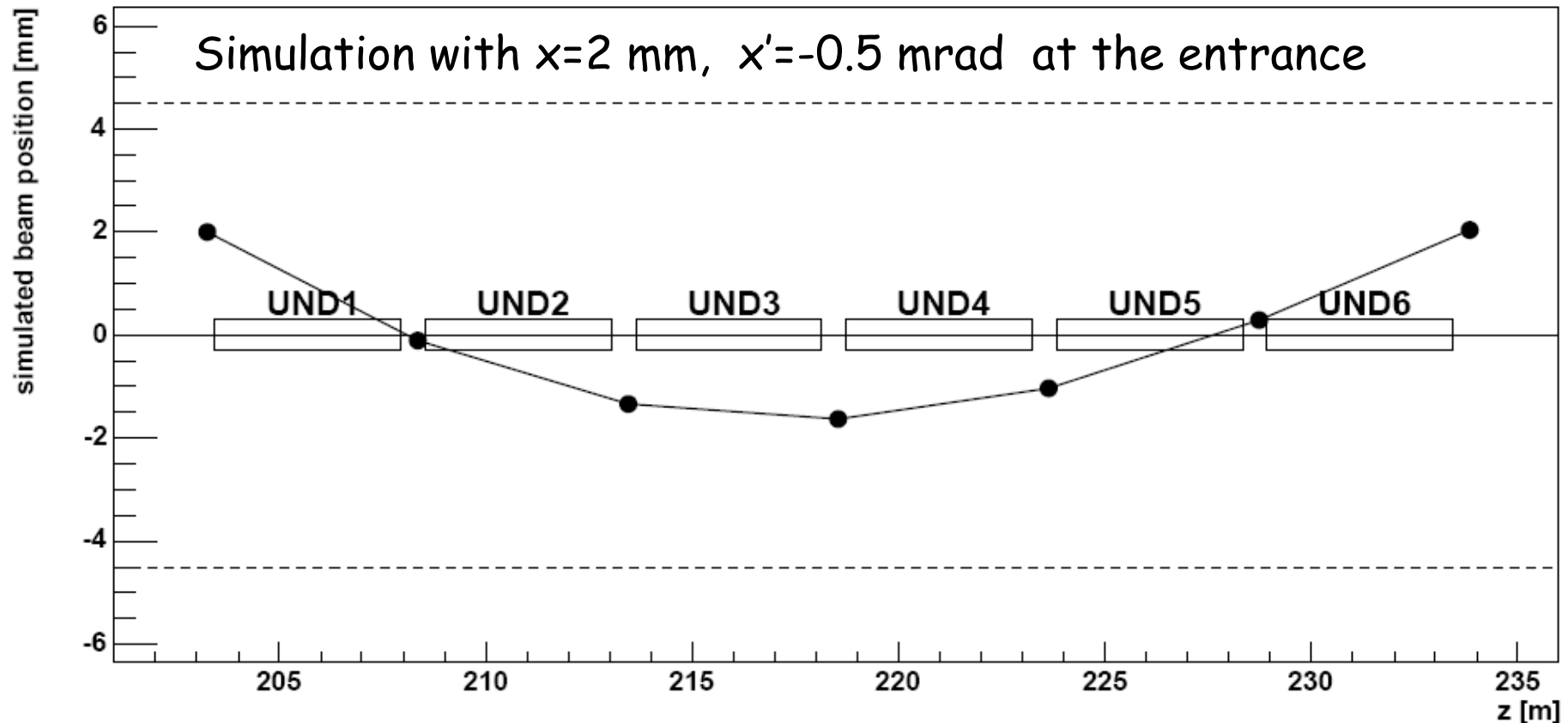
pointing down, < 0.3 Gauss

hor. component:

parallel to FLASH  
direction dump

Possible reasons (speculations and hypotheses):

2) a strong kick upstream of undulator



However: beam position meas. do NOT show that

To check: switch off all magnets upstream  $\rightarrow$  ballistic orbit

Possible reasons (speculations and hypotheses):

3) the undulator axis is bent to an arc  
about 1.1 mrad in 30 m (or 15 mm offset)

To check: the compensation has to be proportional to  $E$

To decide which is the most plausible hypothesis:

- extend the ballistic trajectory upstream the und.
- do the experiment at high and low beam energies

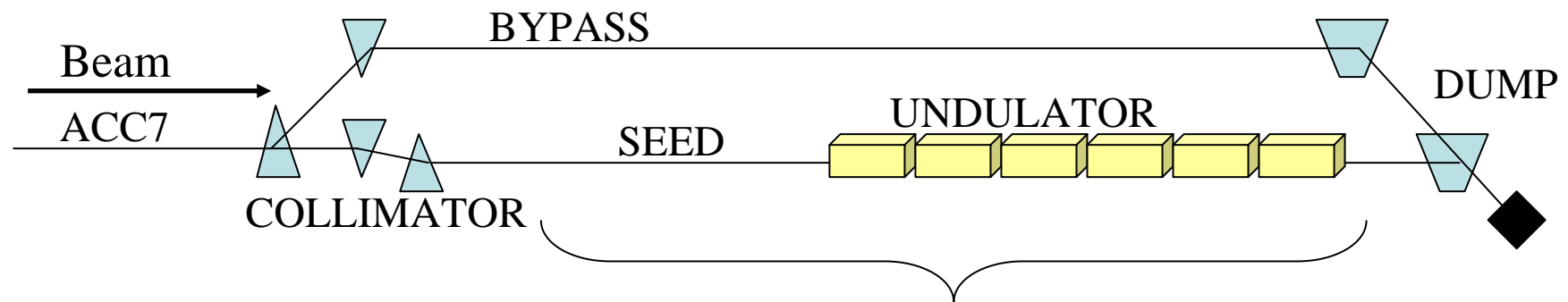
... and this we have done in Nov. 2008

'Extended ballistic' experiment (Nov. 2008):

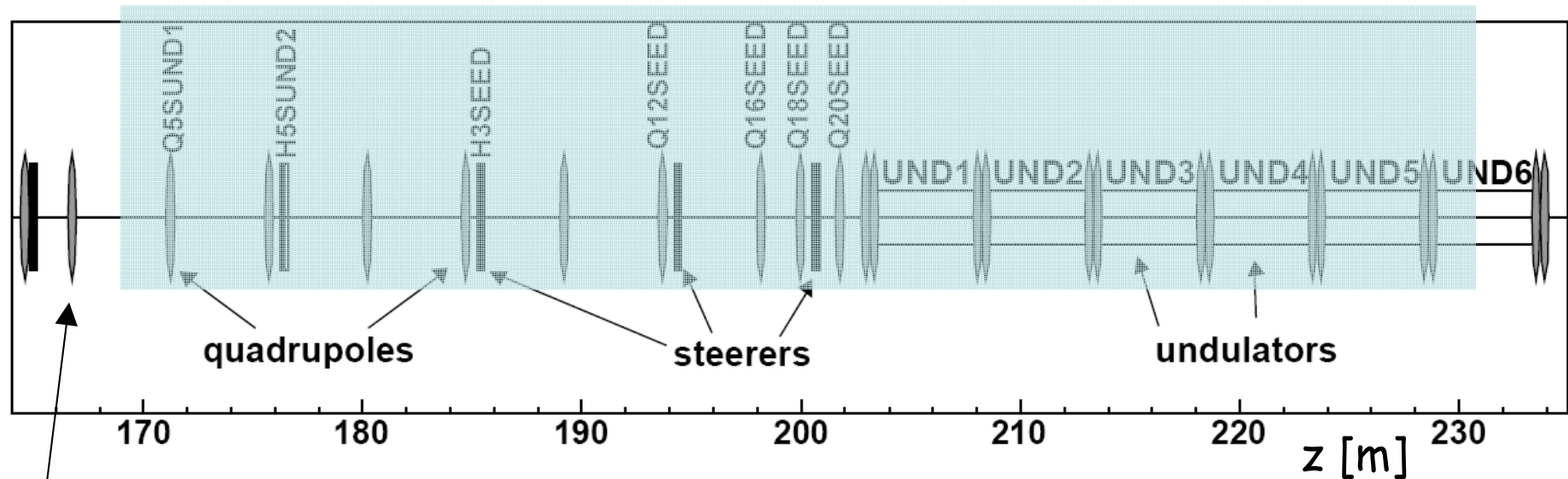
V. Balandin, B. Faatz, N. Golubeva

thank you!

# 'Extended ballistic' experiment (Nov. 2008):



all quads and steerers degaussed (except H3UND...)



last magnet on

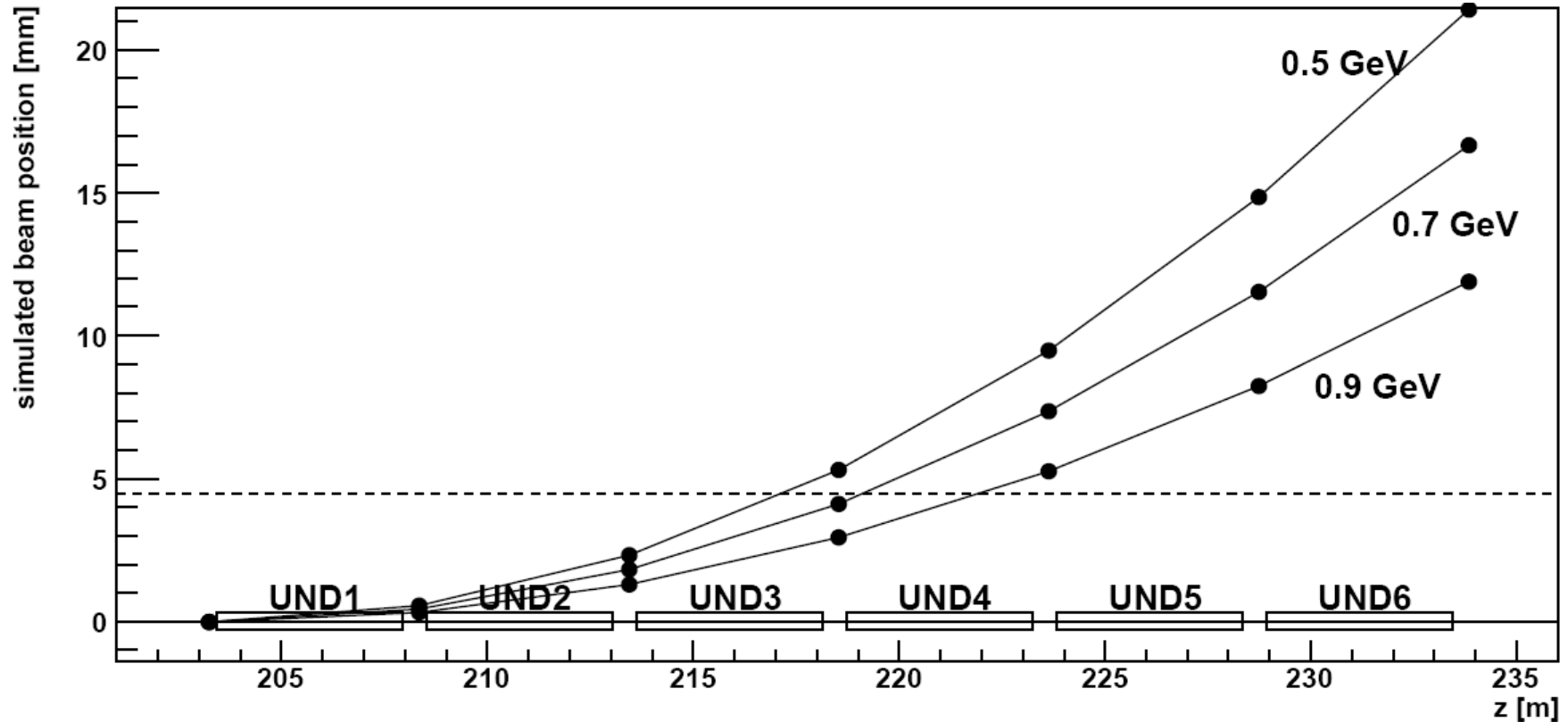
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1) Dependence on beam energy:

Beam Energy	Steerer current needed
0.5 GeV	$-3.8 \pm 0.1$ A
0.9 GeV	$-3.7 \pm 0.1$ A

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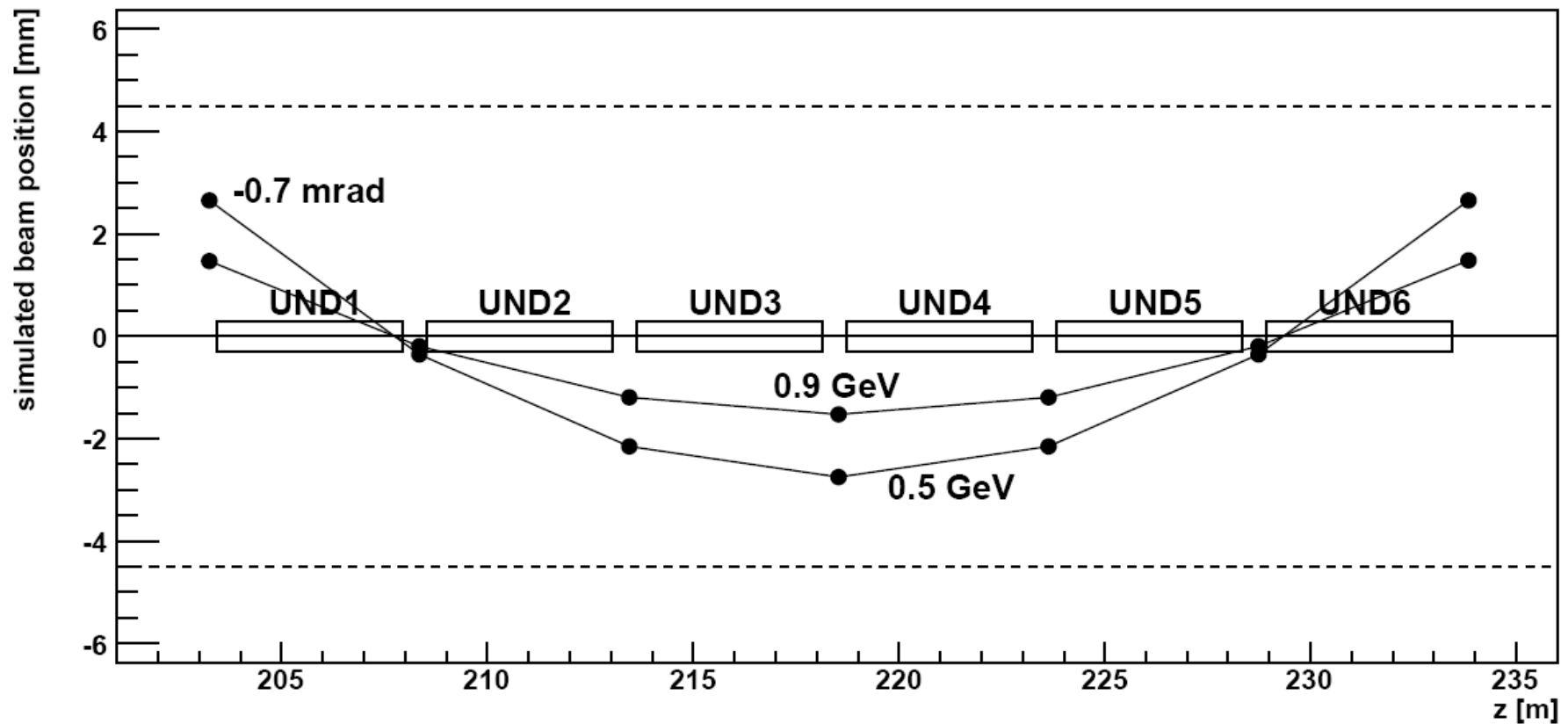




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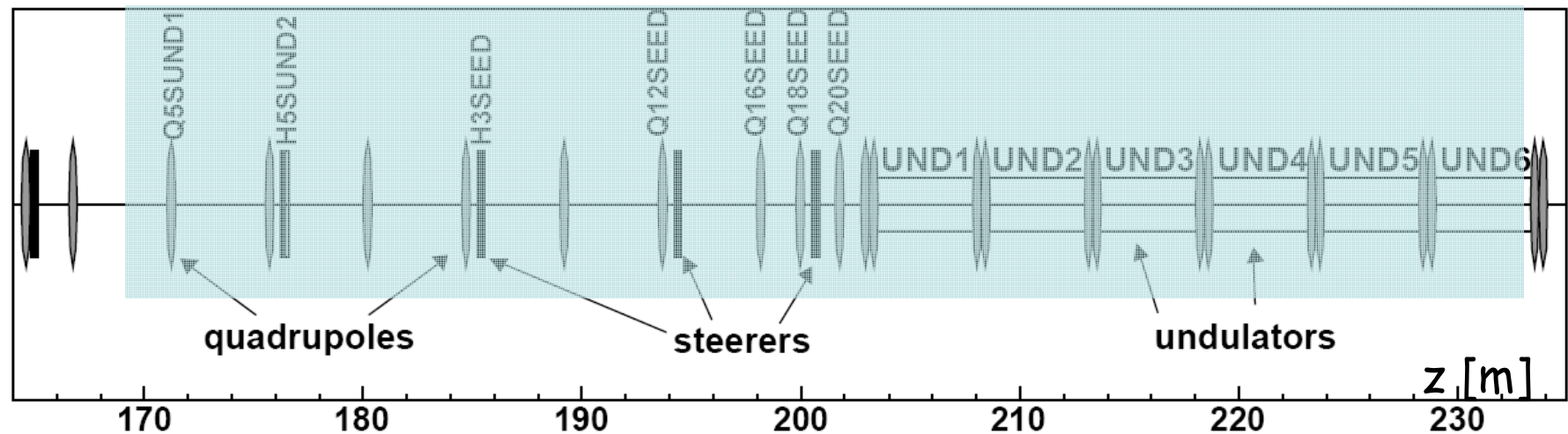
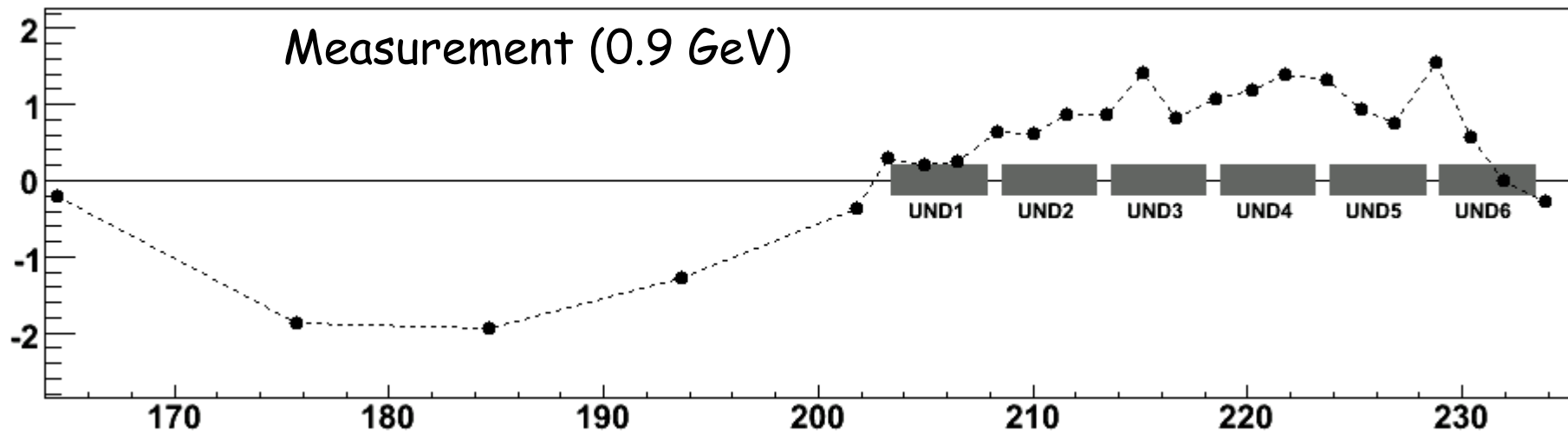
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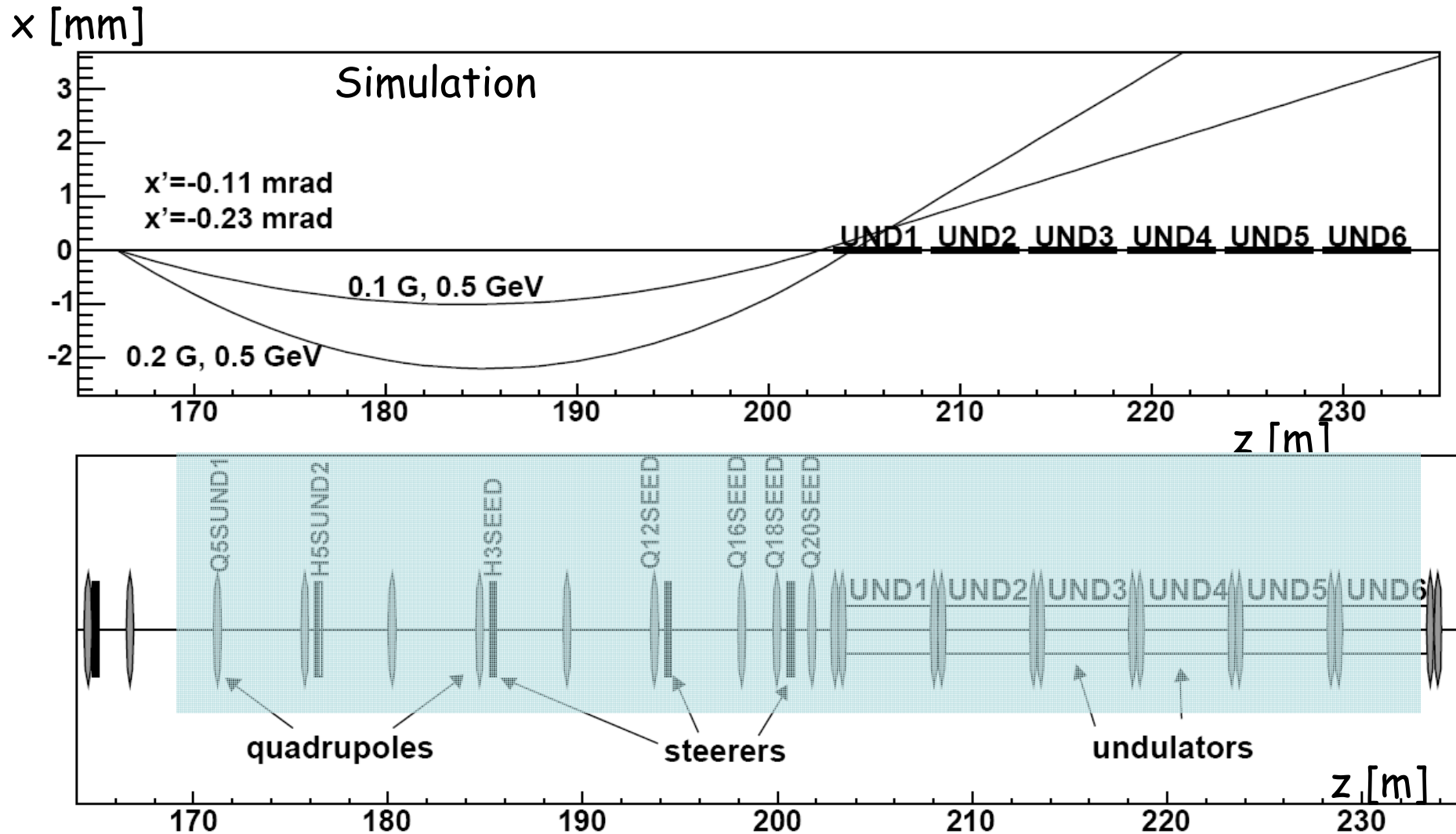
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x [mm]



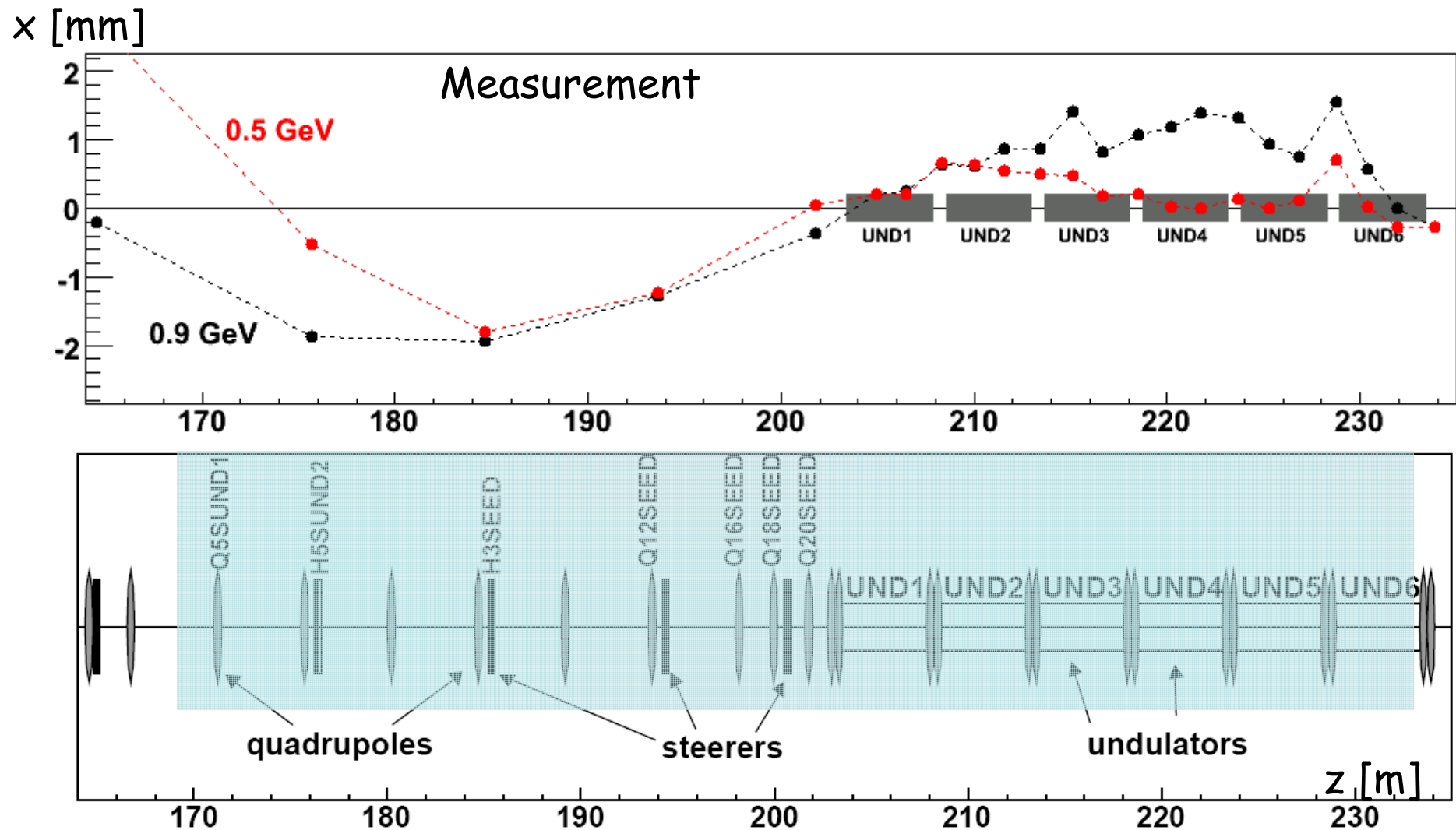
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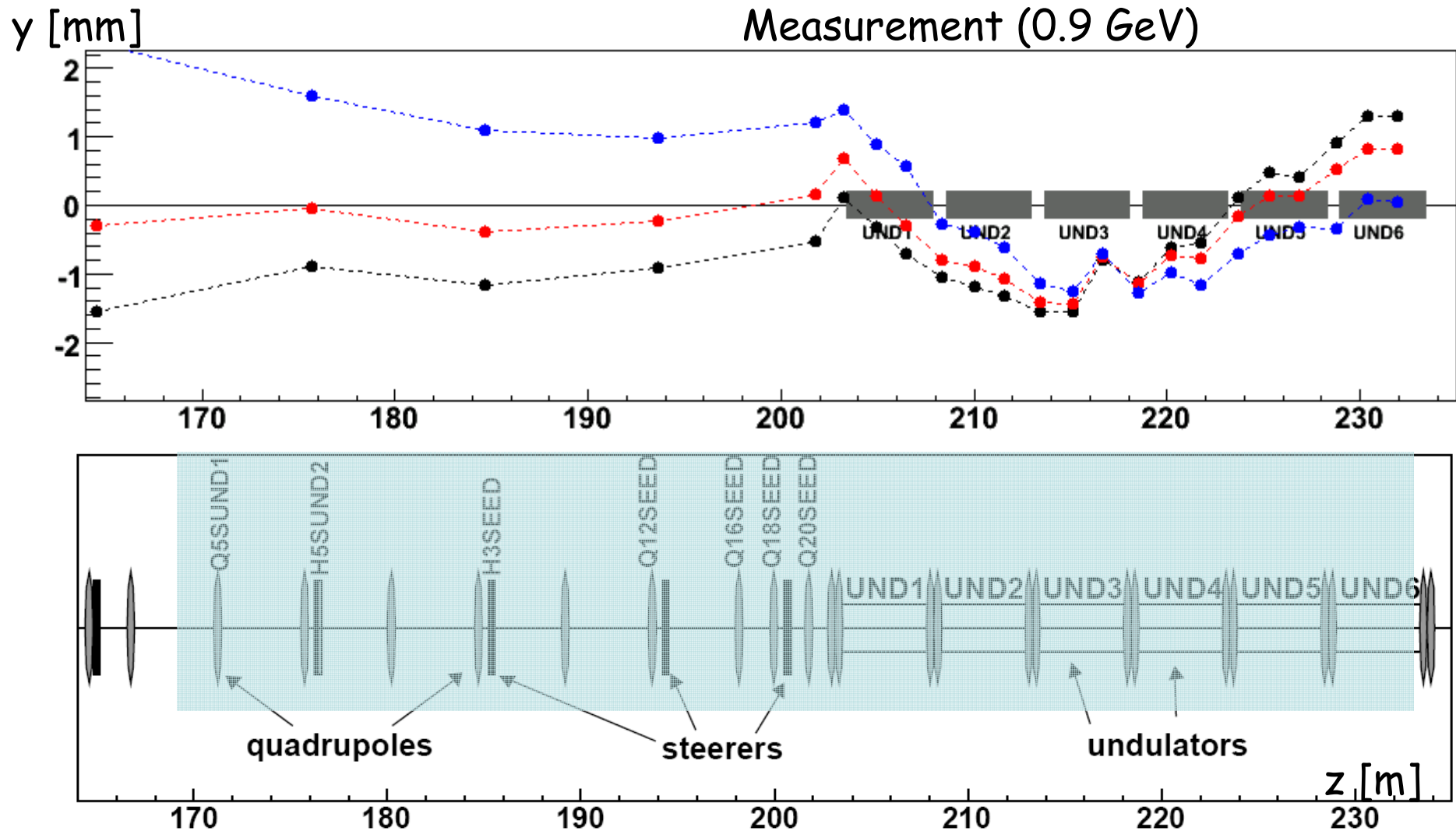
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a precise measurement of mag. field  
in the FLASH tunnel is needed

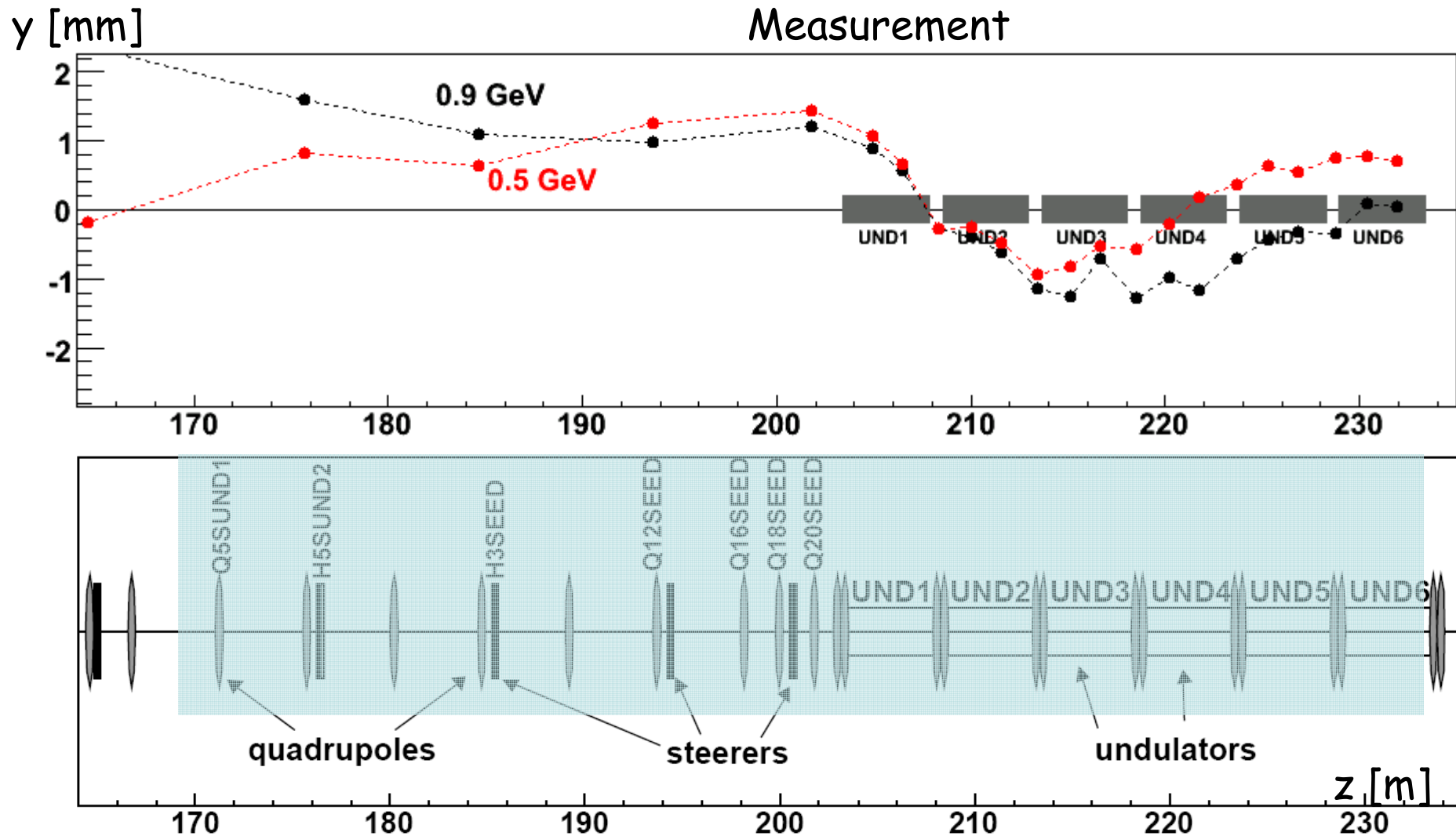
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## 3) Vertical trajectory:



# Conclusions and Outlook

- 1) The horizontal steering needed along the undulator is independent of beam energy

... in my opinion:

<b>hypothesis</b>	<b>probable?</b>
stray field	++
bent trajectory	-
bent undulator axis	- - -

Solutions:

- use always steerers with same currents
- add a coil along the undulator

Suggestions:

- measure undulator field inside tunnel



# Conclusions and Outlook

2) A ballistic orbit can be used to align BPMs, quads upstream the undulator if we know the strength of the earth magnetic in the FLASH tunnel (vertical comp.)

(→ this could be a nice work for a summer student)

3) Does the meas. vertical trajectory along the undulator fit with the observations of E. Schneidmiller ?

"optimum SASE between 1 and 2.5 mm  
above the cross of Ce:YAG screen" (any ideas?)

4) Dispersion measurements: What can we learn?

expected problems:

- incoming dispersion
- enough BPM resolution
- (if combined with BO) sensitive orbit, small  $\Delta E$

(→ this could be a nice work for a 'Diploma' student)

Thank you for your attention !

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