

Laser Eye Injury

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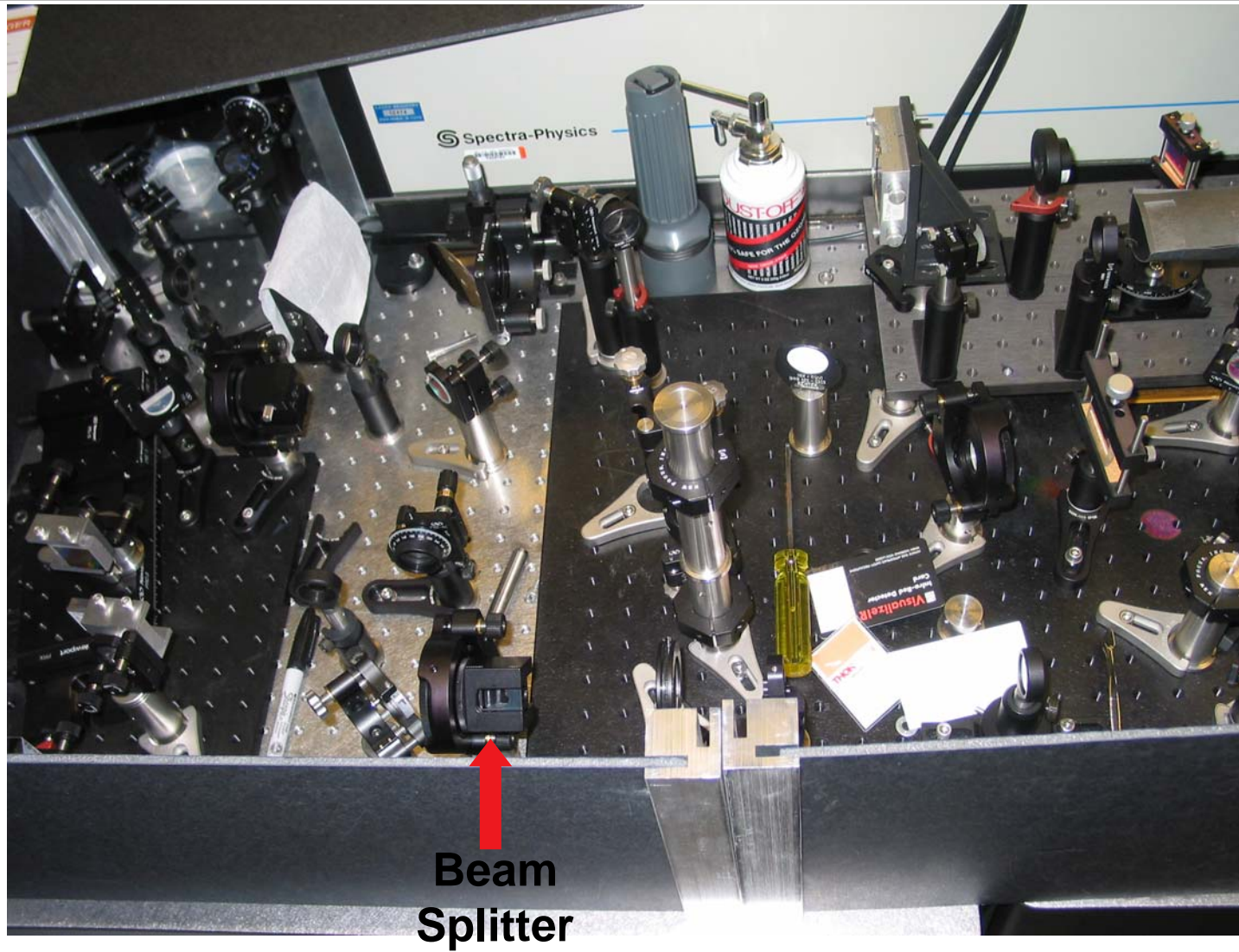


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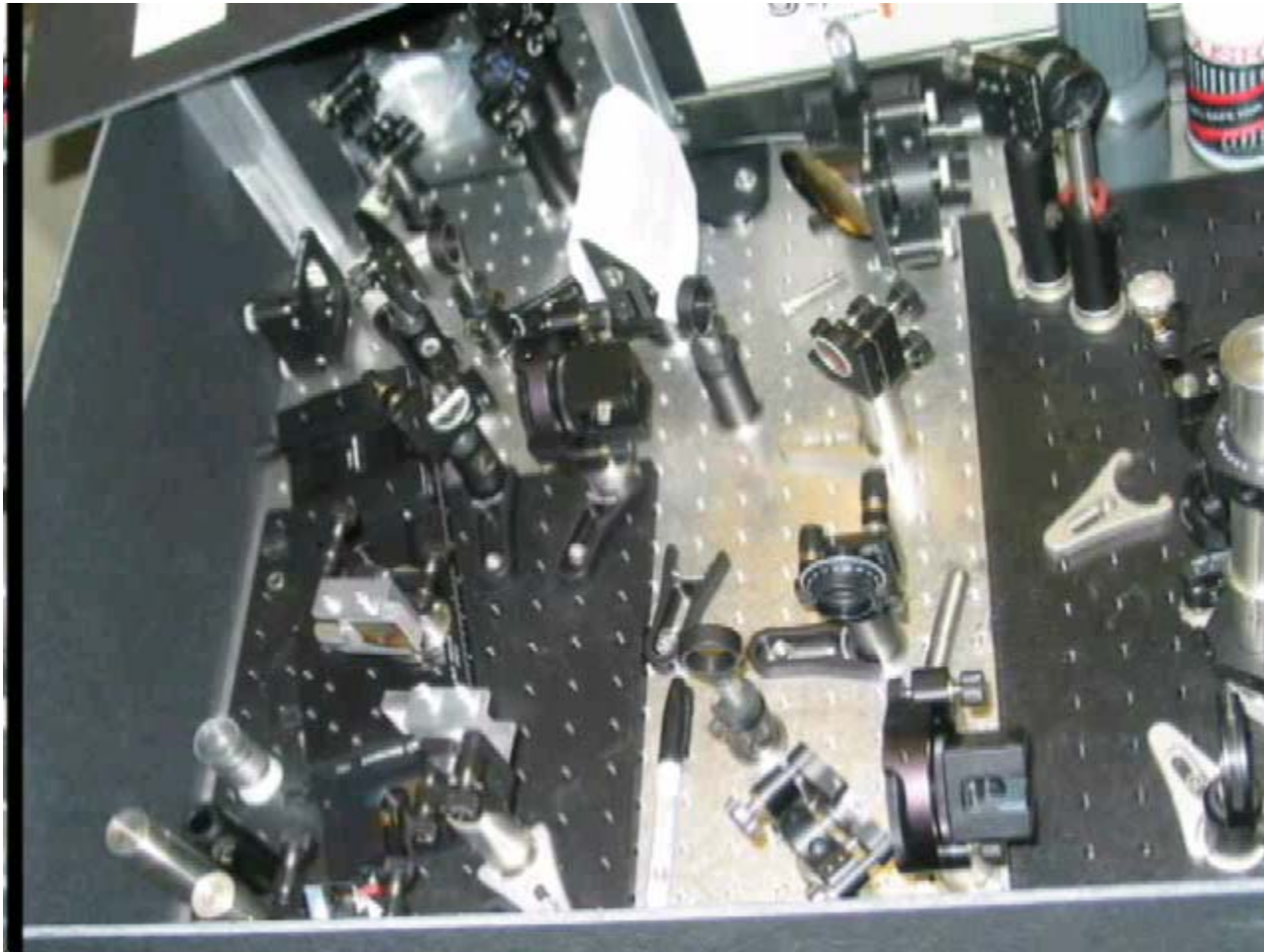
- **Late Friday afternoon**
- **Alignment of optics table using Class 2 Laser completed**
- **PI decided to fine tune the alignment using Class 4 laser at reduced power**
- **Following minor adjustment of beam splitter, the splitter's secondary beam stuck the PI's left eye**



Laser Optics Table



Laser Dramatization



ANL Laser Safety Program

- **Experiment Safety Review** to identify and control all hazards in a laboratory
- **Laser Safety Inspection** to review laser control areas to identify hazards and control measures
- **Division Safety Inspections** to assure work is performed within controls
- **Laser Control Area Supervisor** to assure work is planned and performed within controls



Incident Root Causes

- **The hazard of the splitter's ability to produce a secondary beam was not identified**
- **The hazard of the splitter's secondary beam was not controlled**
- **The PI was not wearing adequate eye protection**

Laser Safety Glasses – Side View



Laser Safety Glasses – Top View

