RF voltage and frequency interlocks

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RF voltage interlock

 Motivation: avoid debunching & abort gap population in the event of a total RF trip

 An interlock based on a measurement of the RF total voltage (vector sum) has been installed in SR4

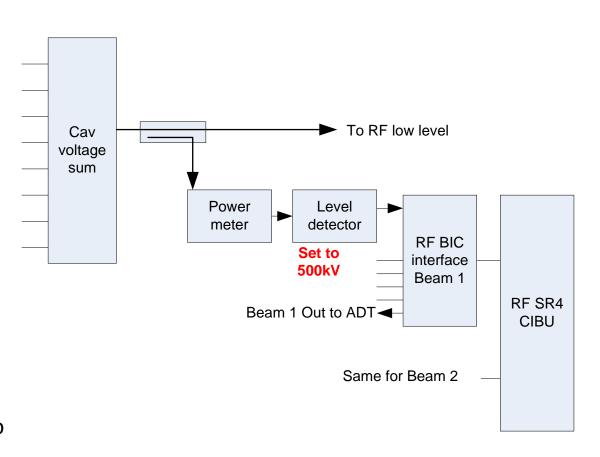
RF Voltage interlock in SR4

Hardware set-up

- The cavity sum signal is fed to a RF standard power meter board.
- The detected signal is compared to a reference with a level detector.
- The output goes to one of the 8 inputs of the SR4 RF BIC interface.
- The output of the RF BIC interface is applied to the CIBU input for Beam 1 and 2 independently.

Status

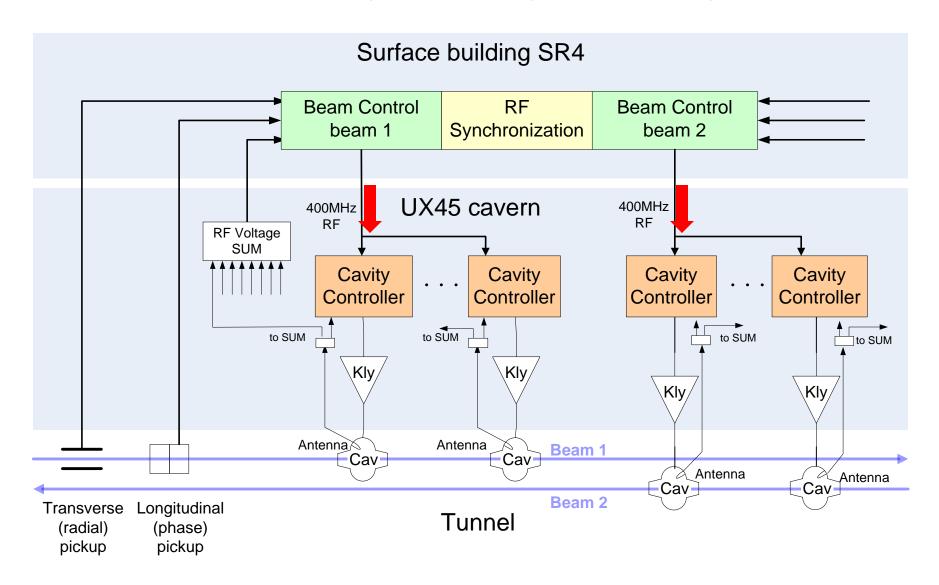
- Connected and tested up to CIBU input for both beams.
- Next step activate input on BIC system (need access) and perform validation test.



RF frequency interlock

- Original motivation:
 - Maximum allowed 0.2% energy error in extraction channel due to RF
- Need to:
 - Measure RF frequency
 - compare with some allowed frequency range
 - generate interlock if outside
- Frequency range ~ central f_{RF} +- 200Hz
- Would like the measurement point as close as possible to the cavities
 - to detect cable inversion etc.

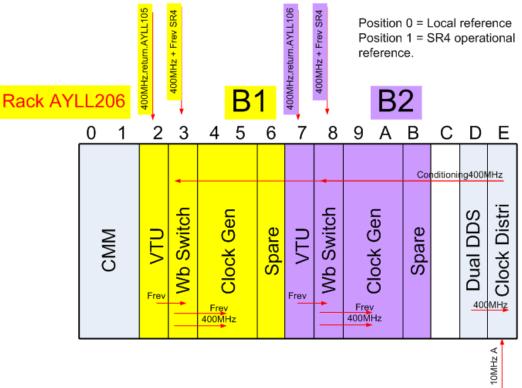
RF Low-Level system layout (simplified)

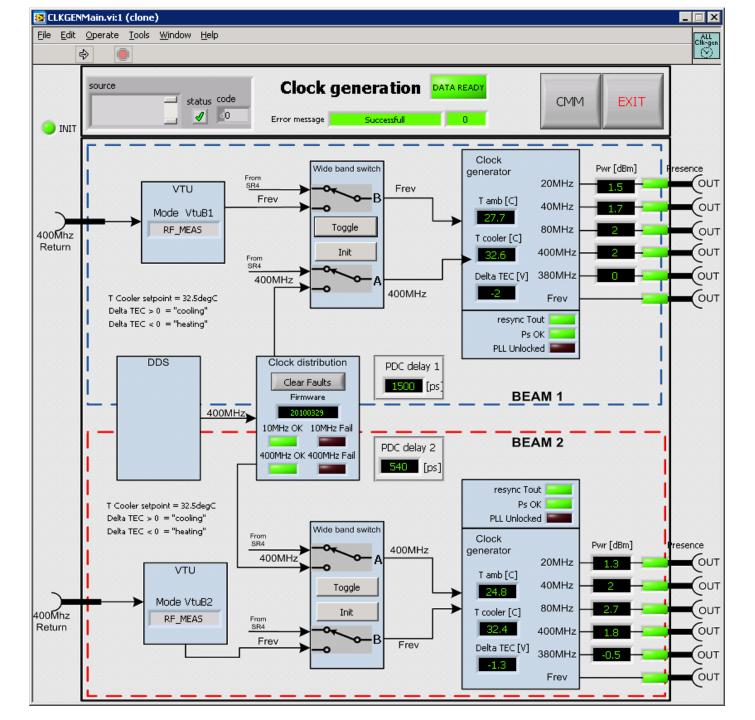


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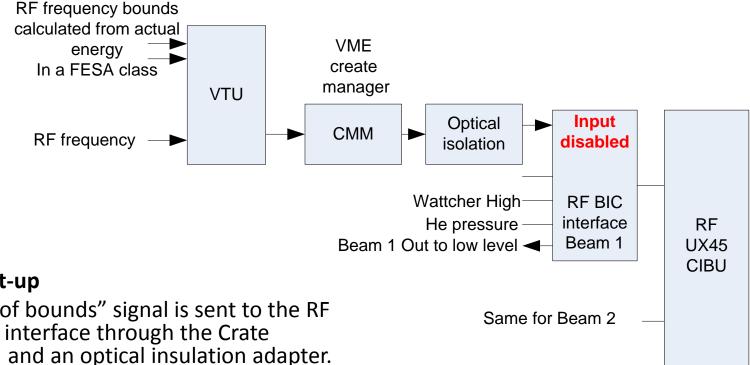
- f_{RF} measured using an RF counter module (VTU) in "RF measurement mode" in the Clock Generator VME crate in the UX45 Faraday cage
- Central f_{RF} calculated from SMP energy in a FESA class running







RF frequency interlock in UX45



Hardware set-up

The "out of bounds" signal is sent to the RF UX45 BIC interface through the Crate Manager and an optical insulation adapter.

Status

- Fully cabled and tested for both beams. The RF BIC interface was enabled for a test by the CCC operator.
- The signal is currently disabled.
- The action of enabling/disabling is accessible only by RF specialist application.

RF frequency interlock issues

- Relies on FESA class updating frequency bounds continuously
- Fail-safe operation: foresee a "watchdog"
 - will generate a beam interlock if FESA task crashes
 - it has been known to crash...
- Run without watchdog?
 - if FESA task crashes at flat bottom, frequency will be in bounds until we start to ramp
 - →beam dump... RF very unpopular
- Compromise: sequencer task to check FESA task status before start of ramp?
 - status of VTU Fesa task available in crate master class