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Experimental confirmation of the impedance reduction campaign in the CERN SPS

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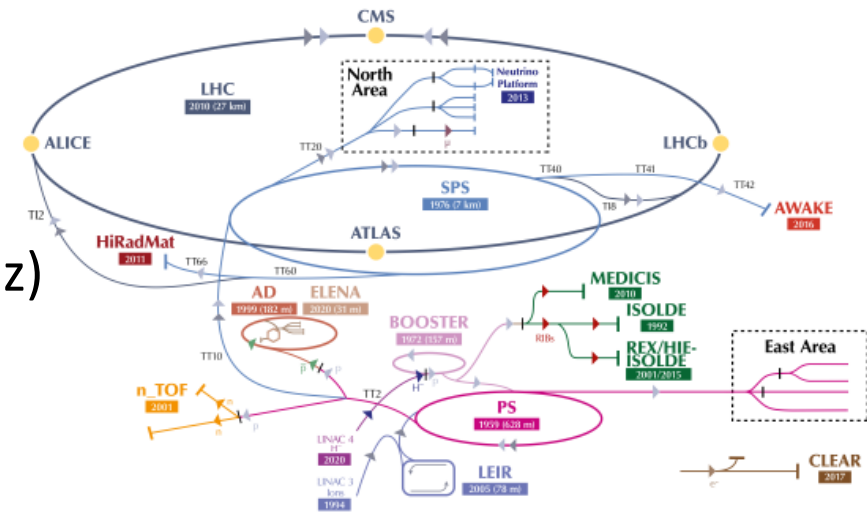


introduction

- Super Proton Synchrotron (SPS) is the second largest CERN accelerator
 - LHC injector, fixed target program in North Area, AWAKE, HiRadMat
- LHC Injector Upgrade (LIU) project to provide high brightness beams to LHC upgrade (High Luminosity LHC project)
- LIU-SPS had limitations by total RF power and longitudinal instabilities, so project included:
 - reorganisation of main accelerating structures (200 MHz)
 - RF power upgrade: added 2x 1.6 MW
 - new digital LLRF
 - impedance reduction campaign

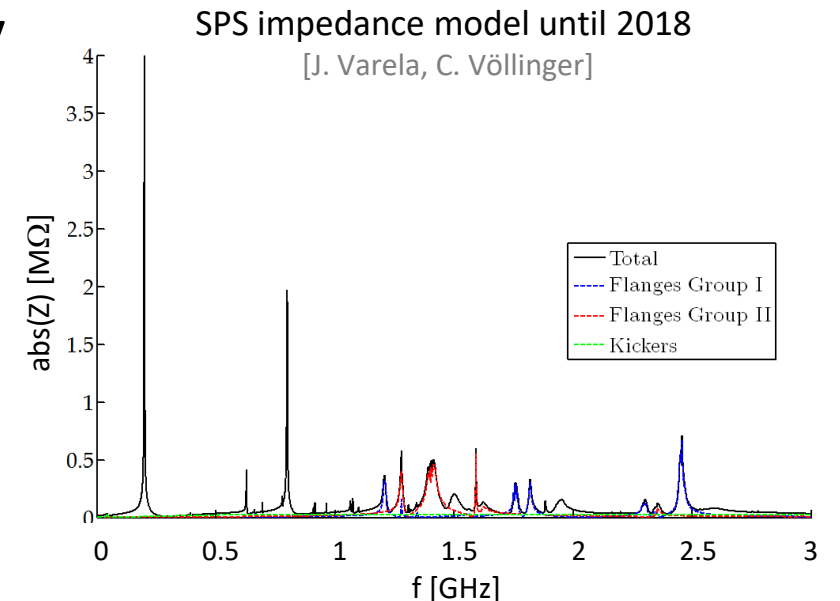
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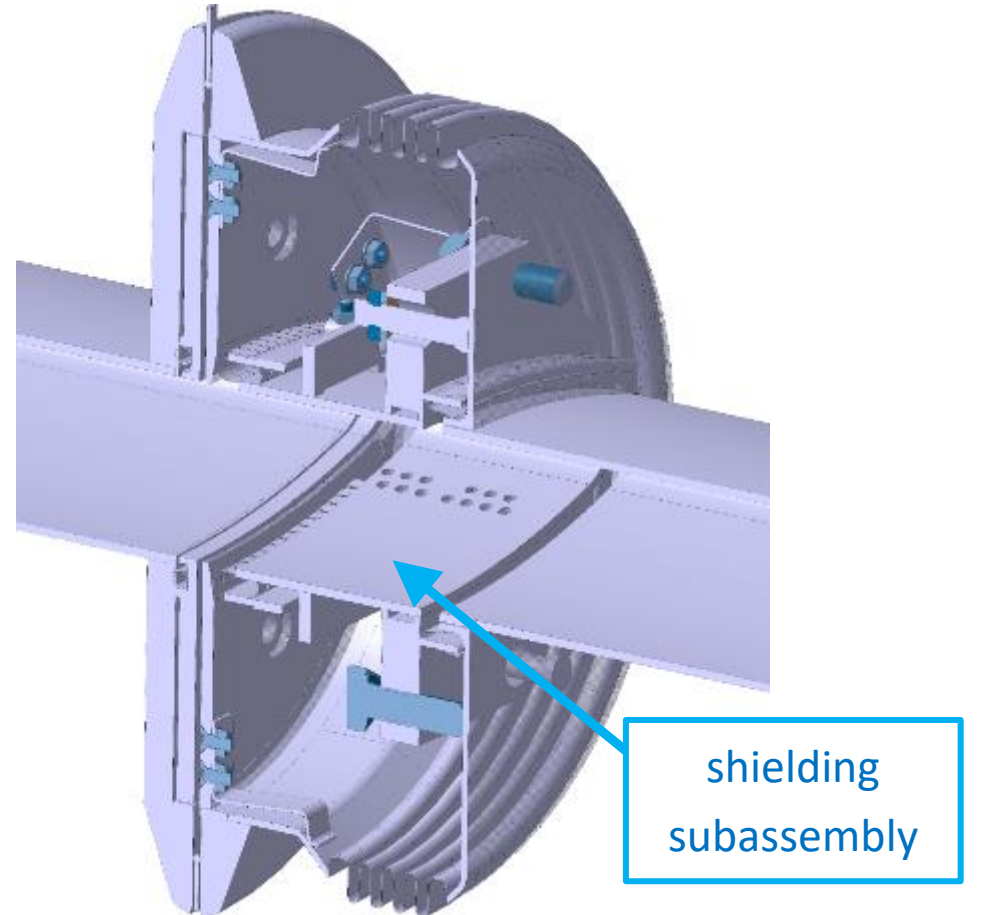
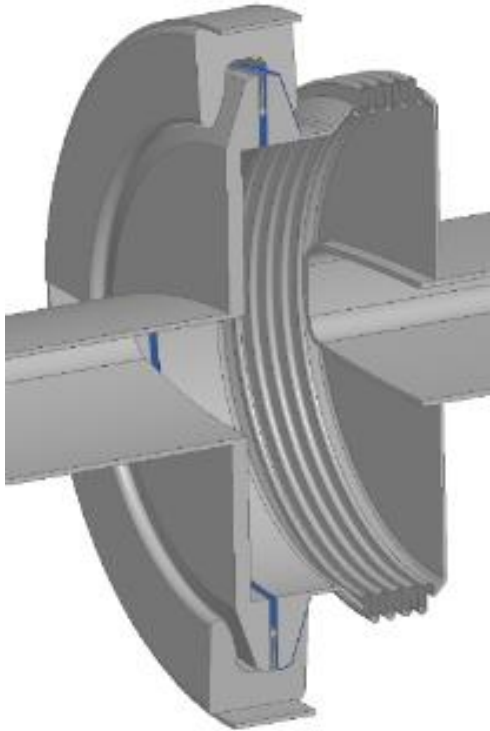


impedance reduction campaign

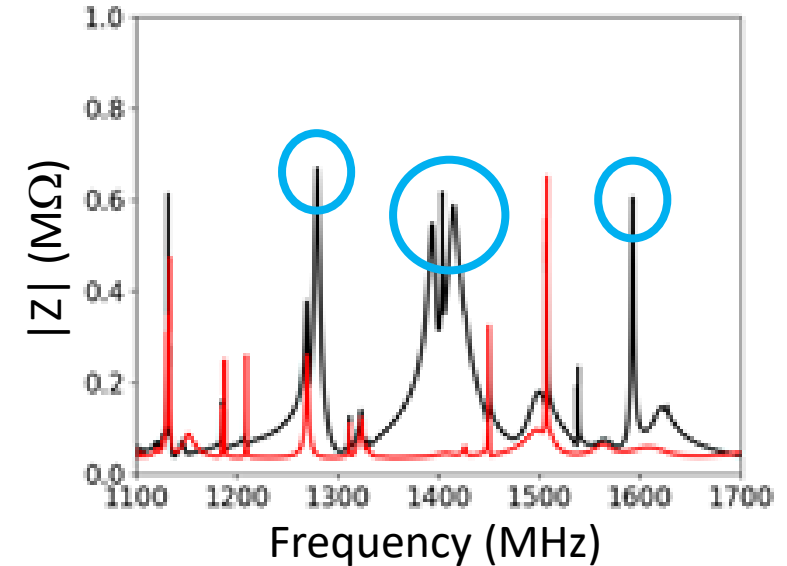
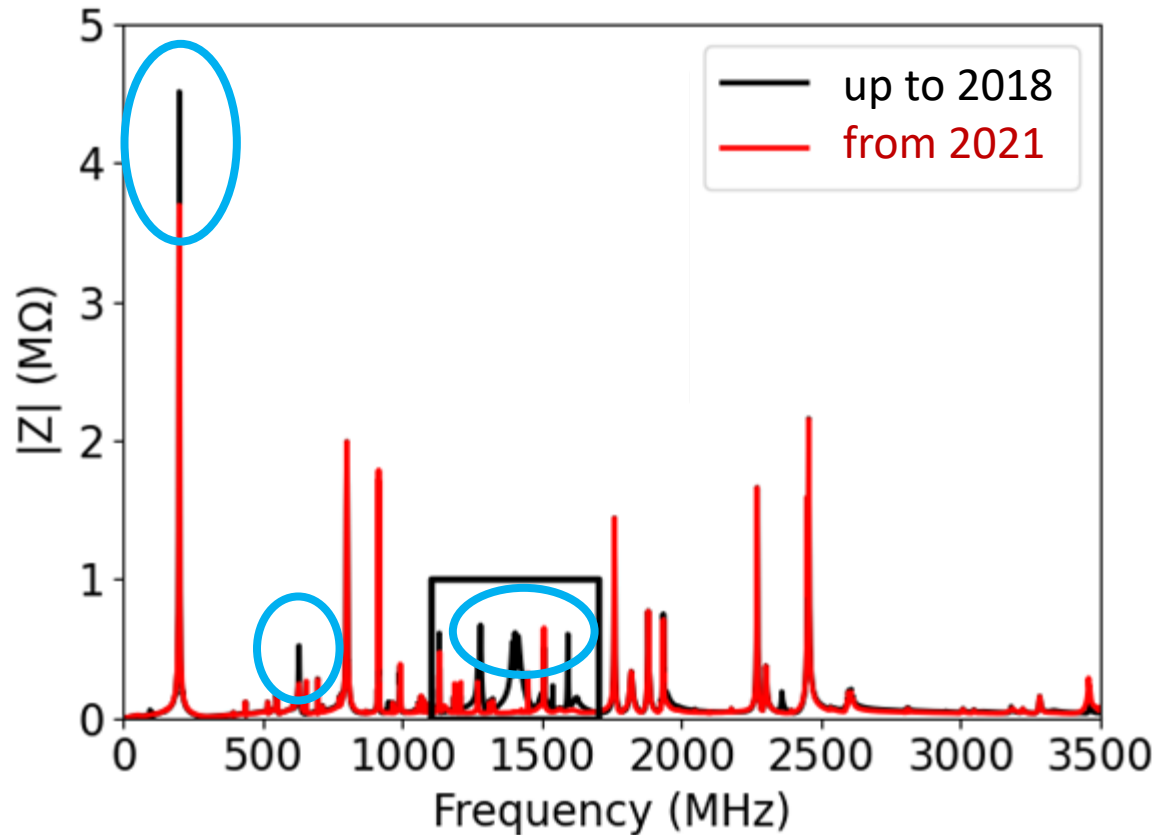
- 1.4 GHz resonance from vacuum flanges identified as main driver of longitudinal instability
 - microwave instability observed in 2012
 - in fact, mode coupling instability
 - impedance identification in 2012-2013
 - searched for elements that could cause that resonance
- 97 locations shielded during Long Shutdown (2019-2020)
 - shielding of vacuum flanges next to main bends, and attached bellows
- note: latest leg of impedance reduction campaigns
 - e.g. 800 inter-magnet pumping ports shielded in 2000-2001



vacuum flanges: before and after



SPS impedance model: before and after



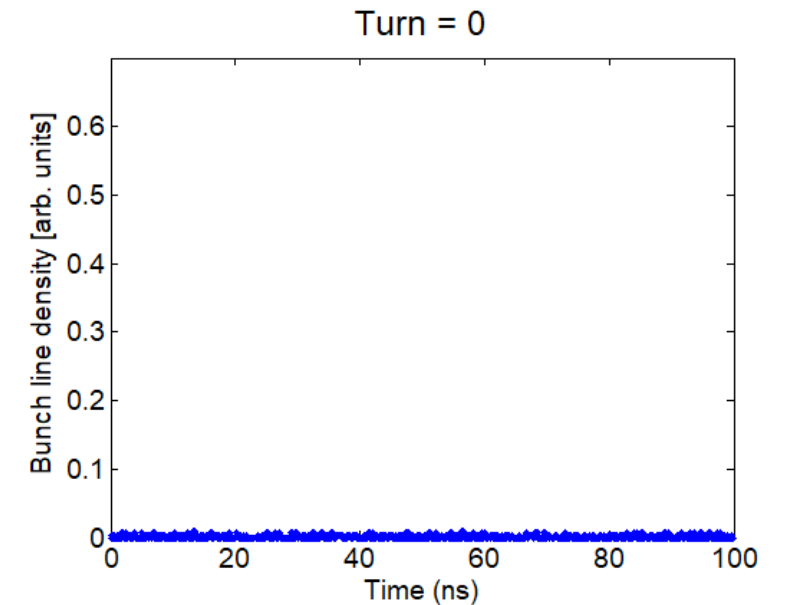
- reduction at 1.4 GHz thanks to shielding of vacuum flanges
- note also
 - decrease of impedance of main 200 MHz travelling wave RF system
 - decrease in 630 MHz High-Order Mode (HOM)

outline

- introduction
 - impedance reduction campaign
- setup of beam measurement
- results of beam measurements
 - before (2012, 2013, 2018), after (2021), and comparisons
- conclusions

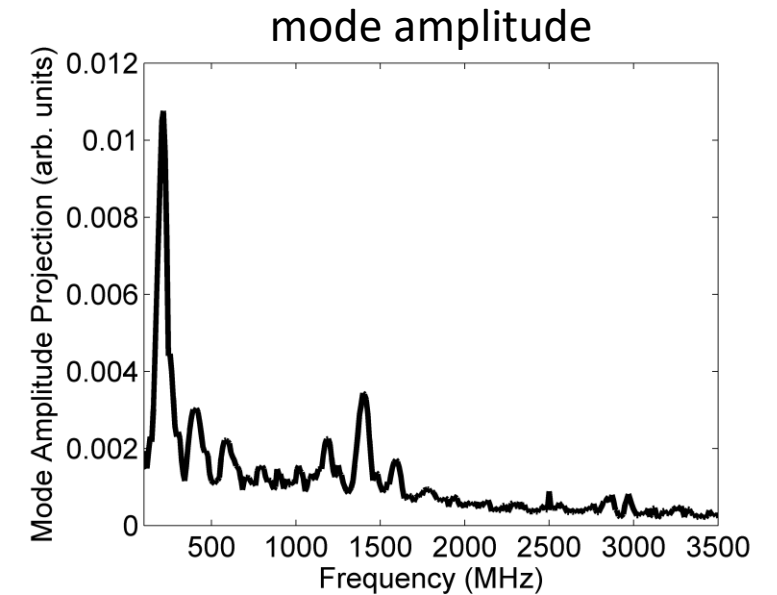
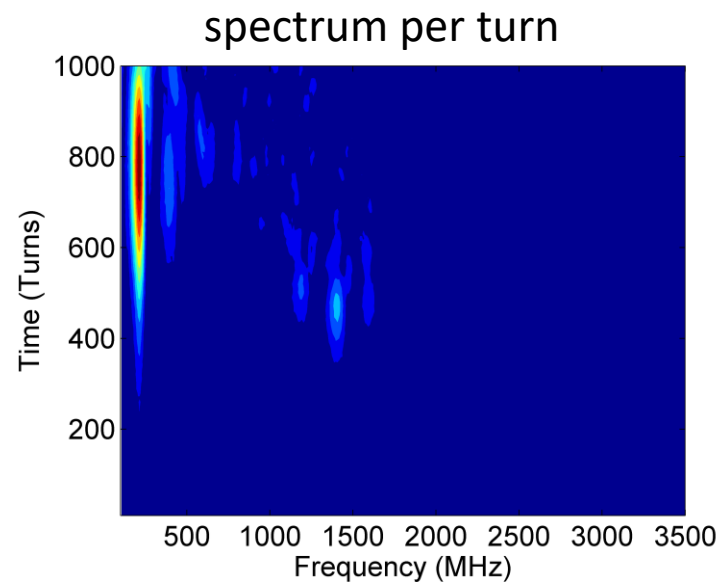
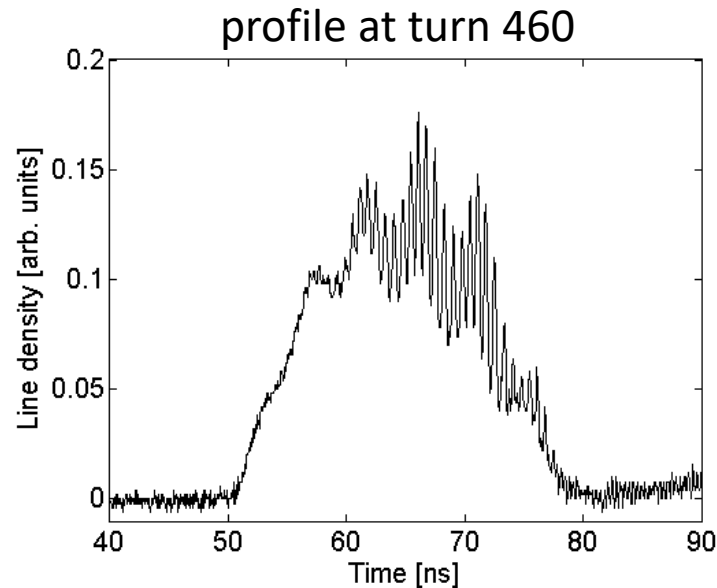
measurement setup

- well established measurement method [5] (1997)
- performed at injection energy ($p = 26 \text{ GeV}/c$)
- let the beam slowly debunch with no applied RF voltage
 - particle motion affected by induced voltage only
 - line density modulated by high frequency impedance sources
 - $f_{\text{res}} > 1 \text{ GHz}$ for bunch lengths of the order of ns
- bunch parameters
 - long bunches and small momentum spread dp/p
 - for slow debunching, slow instability, and improved frequency resolution
 - 4σ length: 25-35 ns, to be compared to 5 ns buckets
 - longitudinal emittances of $\varepsilon_l \sim 0.23\text{-}0.30 \text{ eVs}$
 - spread of bunch intensities to determine instability threshold
 - $0.5 \times 10^{11} - 4.5 \times 10^{11}$ protons
- measurements verified in two optics (SPS Q20 and Q26)
 - different slip factor, different instability threshold



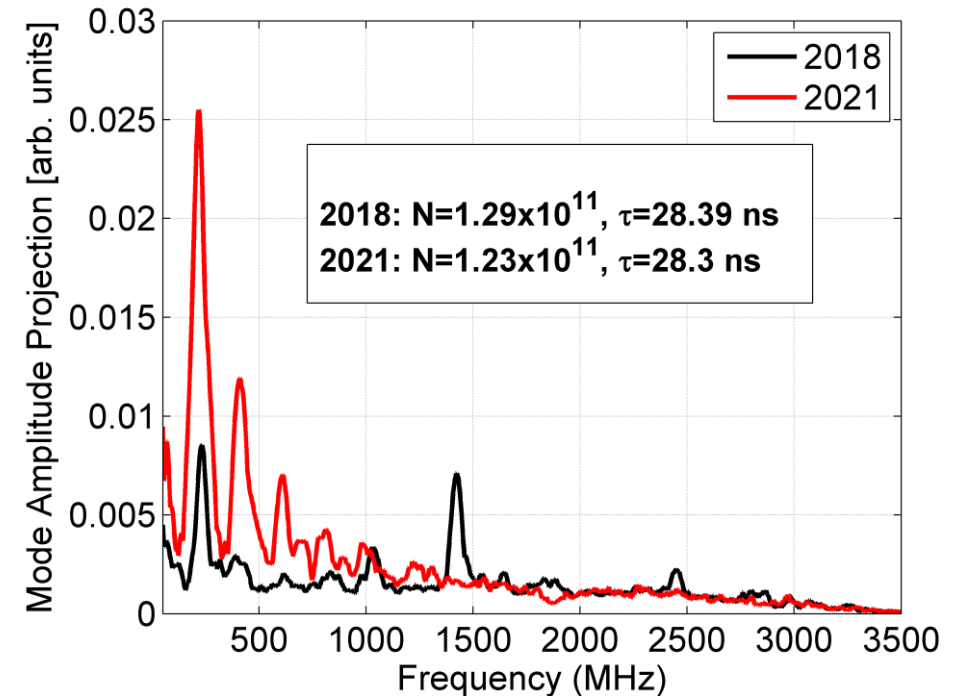
measurement and analysis example

- longitudinal profiles acquired over hundreds of turns
- spectrum calculated to look at frequency content, per turn
- maximum per frequency of all acquired turns to derive “mode amplitude”

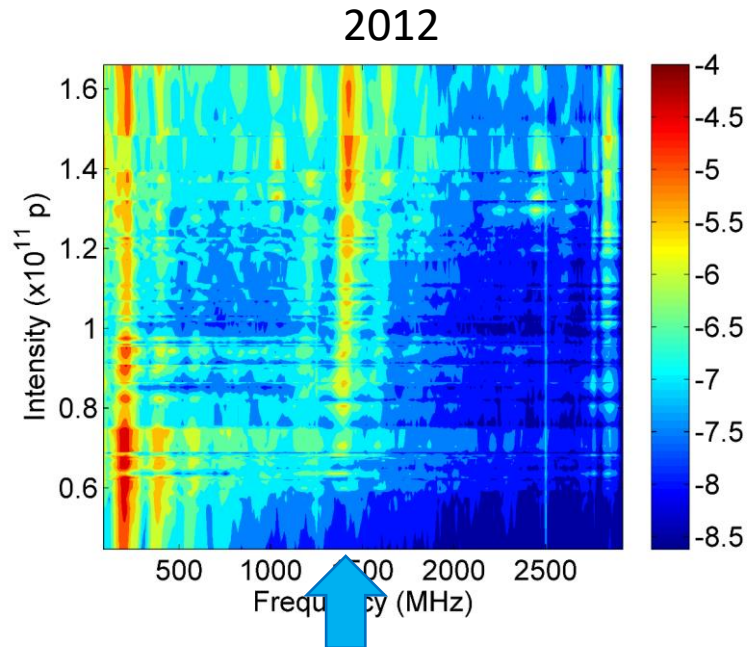


measurement before and after shielding

- similar beam parameters
 - 2018 before shielding
 - 2021 after shielding
- suppression of the 1.4 GHz peak in 2021
- bunch mainly modulated by the 200 MHz impedance
 - 200 MHz impedance reduced by shortening and reconfiguring accelerating structures



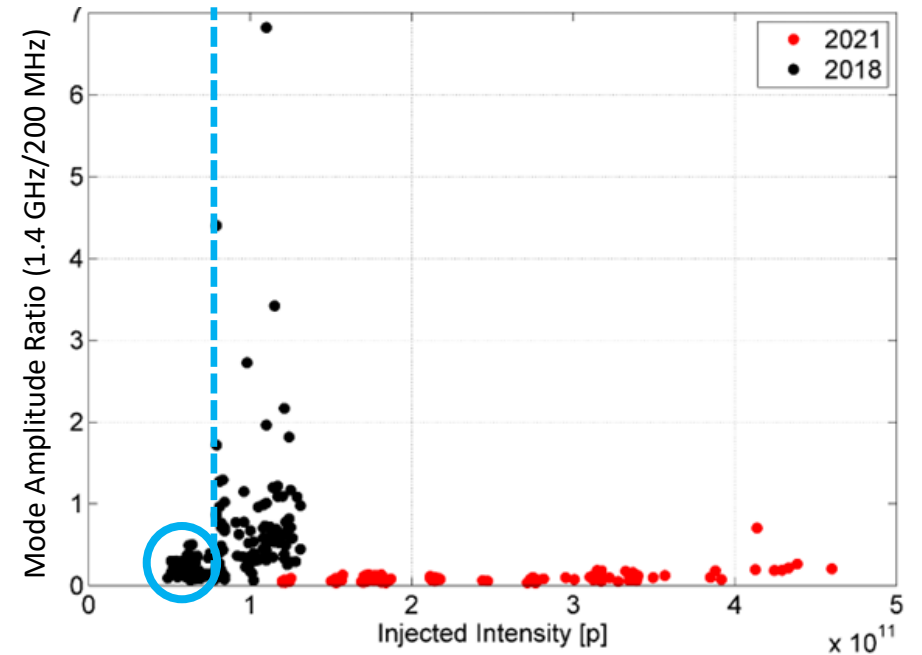
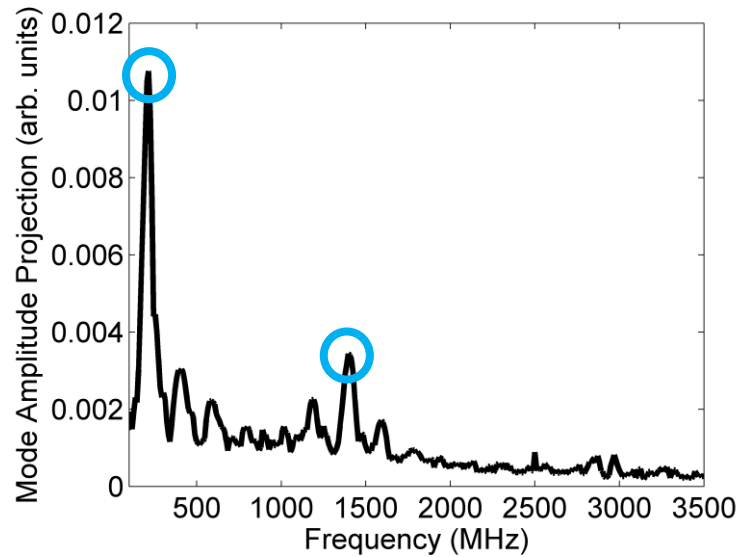
mode amplitude projection for all campaigns



- combine mode amplitude measurements with different bunch intensities into single plot
 - per year
- observe lines at 1.4 GHz:
 - strong peak at 1.4 GHz visible in 2012 and 2018
 - no peak at 1.4 GHz visible in 2021

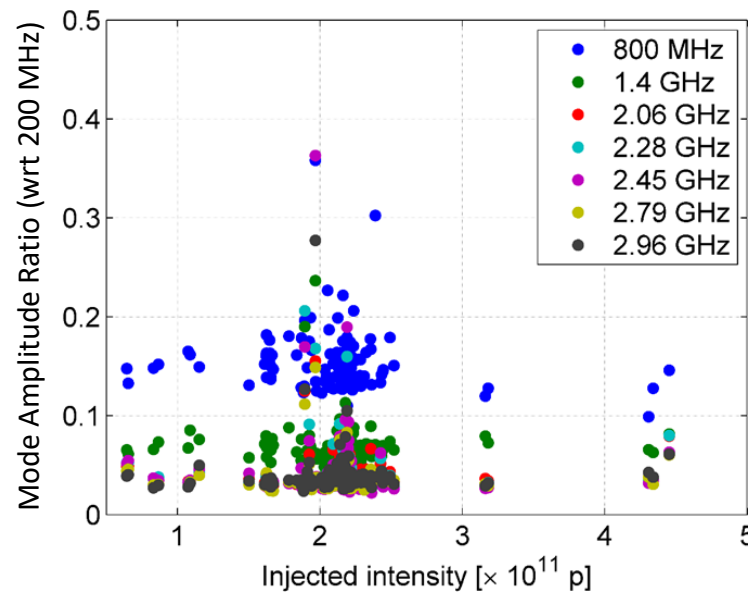
instability threshold

- derive mode amplitude ratio
 - ratio between mode peak at 1.4 GHz and 200 MHz in mode amplitude projection
 - i.e. refer to the 200 MHz, as is well known reference
 - and combine measurements with different intensities
- instability threshold identified by abrupt increase in mode amplitude ratio (ratio of impedance peaks)
 - before (2012 and 2018): threshold = 0.8×10^{11} p (in SPS Q26 optics, 1.5×10^{11} p in Q20)
 - after (2021): no unstable mode at 1.4 GHz observed



other impedances

- mode amplitude ratio of other major SPS impedances with respect to 200 MHz mode amplitude
- 800 MHz (4th harmonic RF system) becomes most prominent
 - ratio remains well below one, indicating that debunching is mainly driven by 200 MHz RF cavity impedance



conclusions

- measurements of long bunches in the SPS with RF off done in 2021 to validate shielding of vacuum flanges
 - strong peak at 1.4 GHz now absent
- large increase on instability threshold for 1.4 GHz impedance
 - increase of instability threshold also observed with single and multi-bunch proton beams as of 2021
- no other dominant peak for measured intensity range was observed
 - debunching mainly from main 200 MHz cavity impedance
- come see also:
 - SPS impedance reduction impacted (negatively) fixed target beams
 - results of similar measurements at the CERN PS
 - longitudinal loss of Landau damping at SPS

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similar results in Q20 optics

