bunch length measurements at the SPS

(support for the discussion)

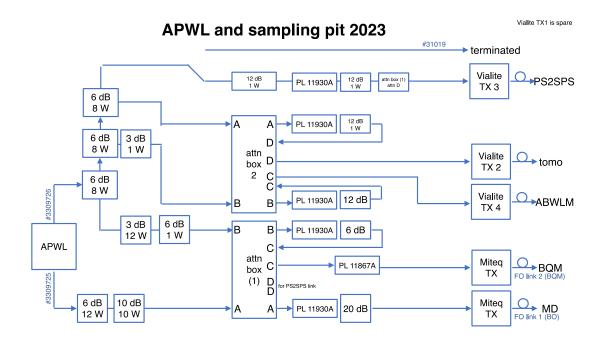
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operational and expert tools

- on LHC-type WCM (APWL)
 - MD scope
 - SPS Beam Quality Monitor
 - Bunch Length Measurement (ABWLM)
 - SPS Tomoscope (newest)
 - PS2SPS measurement (coming soon)
- on SPS-type WCM (AEW)
 - Mountain Range, Picoscope, Peak Detector
- all synchronised to GMT, f_{rev}, f_{RF}
 - i.e. 5 ns buckets

APWL acquisition systems

- MD scope
 - unsplit, best quality signal
 - expert setup (RF-BR)
 - GUI available, manual save to .npy or .asc
- SPS Beam Quality Monitor
 - automated, fixed (inj, ramp, flat top)
 - · at flat top needs ok rephasing
 - profiles and results logged
- Bunch Length Measurement
 - two modes, set by user (OP and MD)
 - MD mode for e.g. turn-by-turn acquisitions
 - OP mode publishes e.g. every 20 ms
 - results logged for OP mode (not profiles)
- ...usual considerations about accuracy and precision apply
 - 10% accuracy a good guess



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- real measurement for ~5 s, then flatline for rest of cycle
 - first observation of such kind
 - unfortunately at critical time
 - compatible with setting mix-up
 - setting copy to LHC2
 - no "send" of OP mode settings
- solutions for bunch length that day
 - guess-scale from injected values
 - remeasure with similar conditions
- possible system improvements
 - manual check when needed :)
 - OP mode to be set at setting generation
 - started first investigations with OP, quite some work implied

