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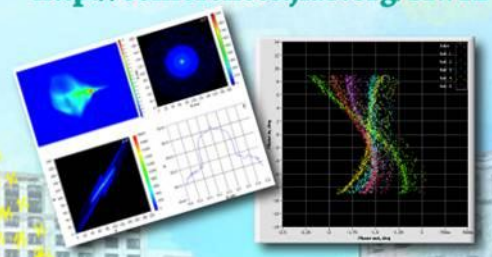

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3D & the BBQ - Observing beam oscillations with sub-micrometre amplitudes

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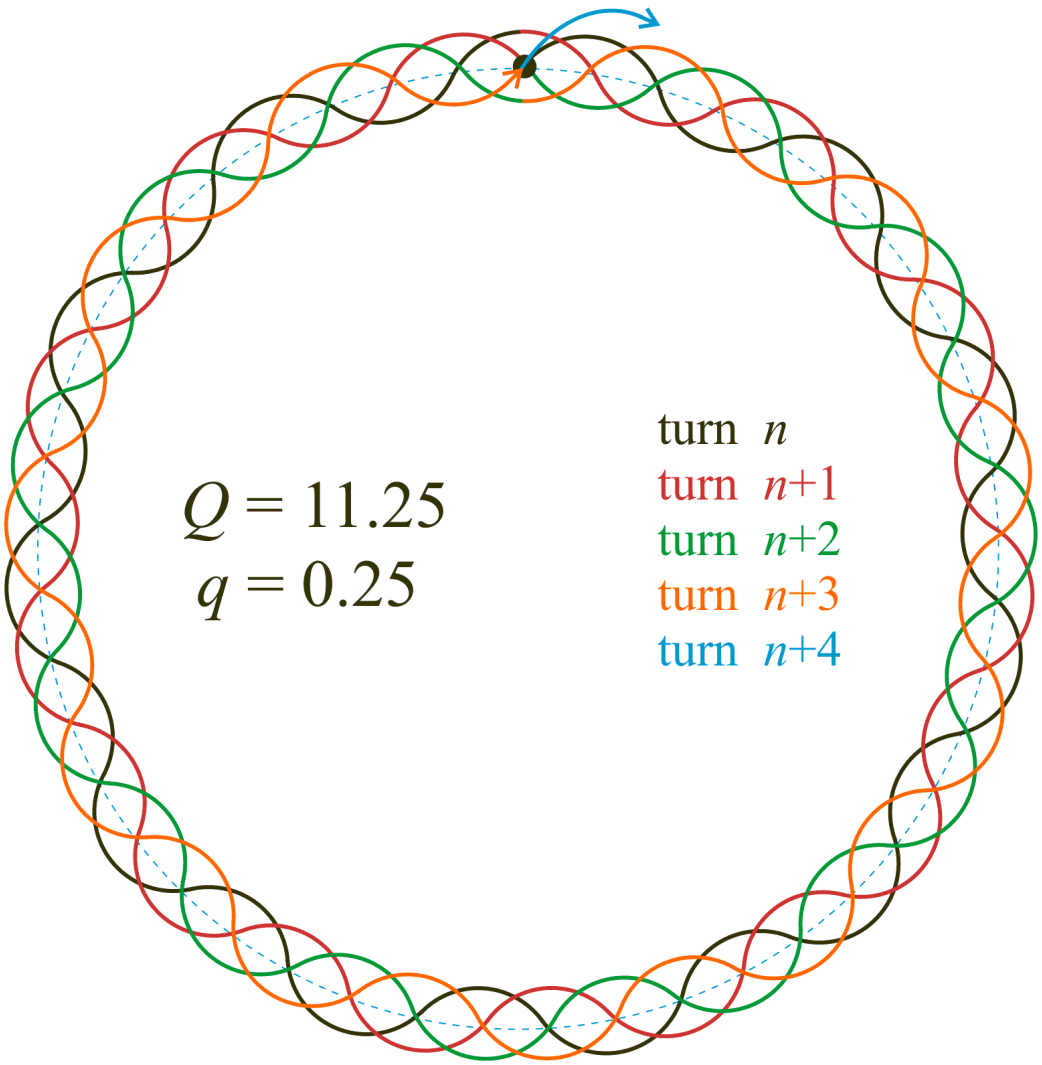
Outline:

- Basics of tune measurement
- Challenges of the LHC tune measurement
- History of the development
- Principles of the direct diode detection (3D)
- Base-Band Tune (BBQ) systems
- Measurement examples
- Other development triggered by the diode detection project

Betatron motion, tune and resonances



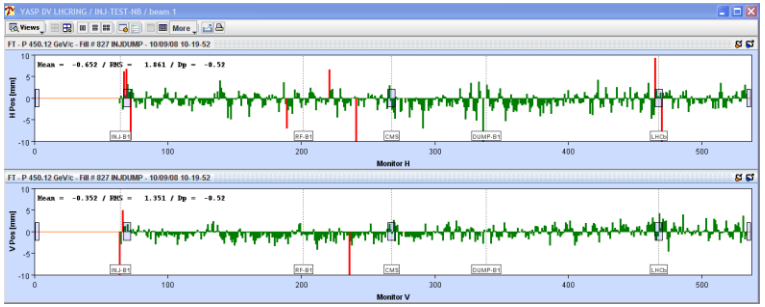
Q – betatron tune,
betatron wave number

q – fractional tune,
operation point

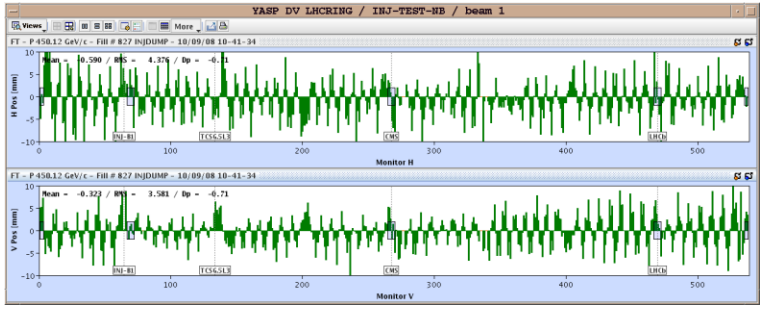
- All particles undergo betatron motion, forced by the machine quadrupoles.
- Betatron oscillations must not superimpose in-phase on themselves after few revolution periods.
- In-phase superposition of betatron oscillations leads to a resonant amplitude build-up.
- Eventually betatron oscillations may not fit into available aperture and beam can be lost.
- Real life is more complex than that:
  - two motion planes, horizontal and vertical;
  - coupling between the planes;
  - oscillation amplitude in each plane changes from one location to another according to a function (so called β-function);
  - betatron motion with larger amplitudes is nonlinear.

Importance of tunes in real life – a 2008 LHC startup example

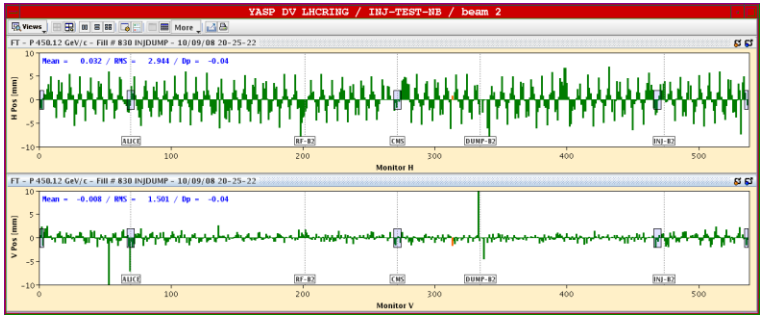
10/09/2008
From the LHC logbook:
"The World watches LHC"



10:20 – almost one turn.



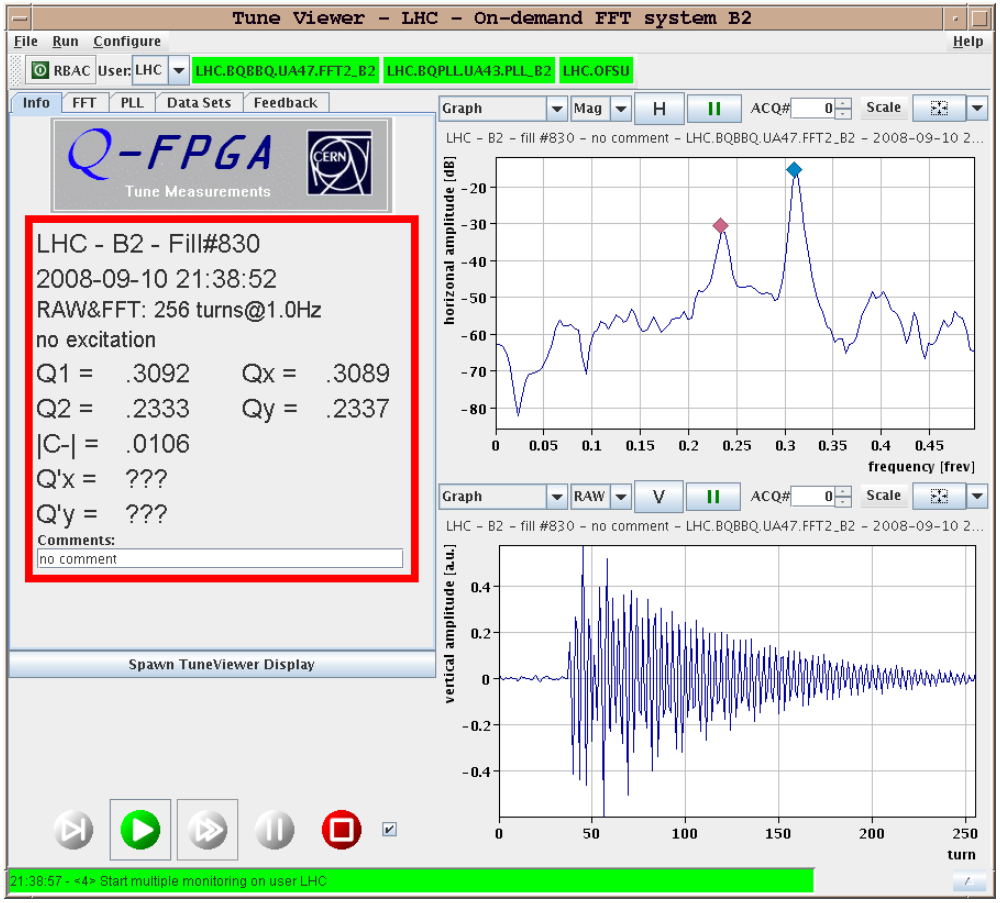
10:41 – first turn.



20:25 – a few turns, large oscillations, maybe a (1/3, 1/2) resonance ?

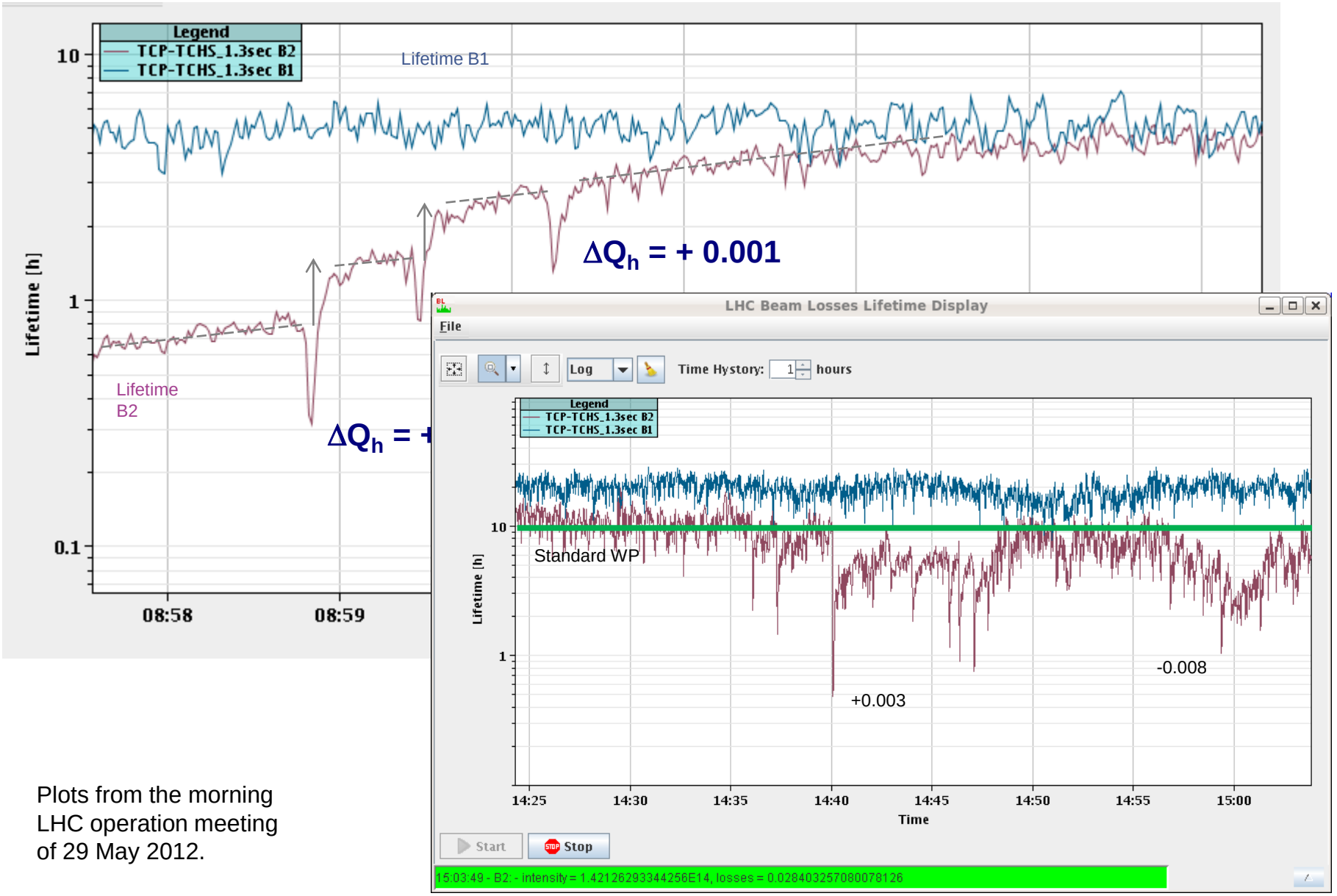
A recipe to start a (circular) accelerator:

- First you use the BPMs to steer the beam to make the first turn …
- You measure the tunes to set them in good values to make the beam circulating.
- Once beam circulates you can play with machine parameters to increase the beam lifetime, including the tunes.



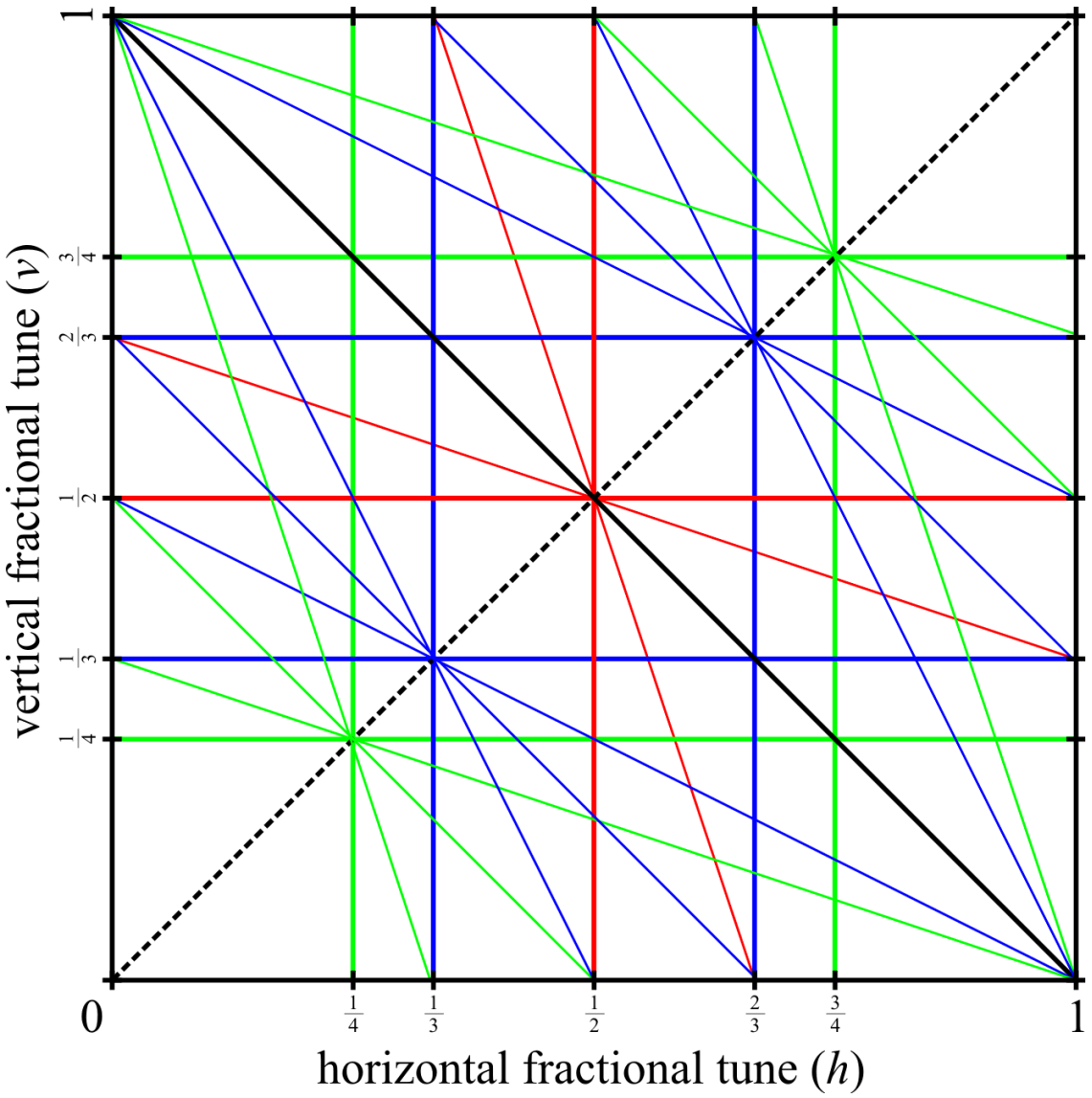
21:37 – Ralph measures the tunes to be indeed on a resonance and corrects them. Then beam circulates.

Importance of tunes in real life – a 2012 example



Plots from the morning LHC operation meeting of 29 May 2012.

Tune diagram



Resonance condition:

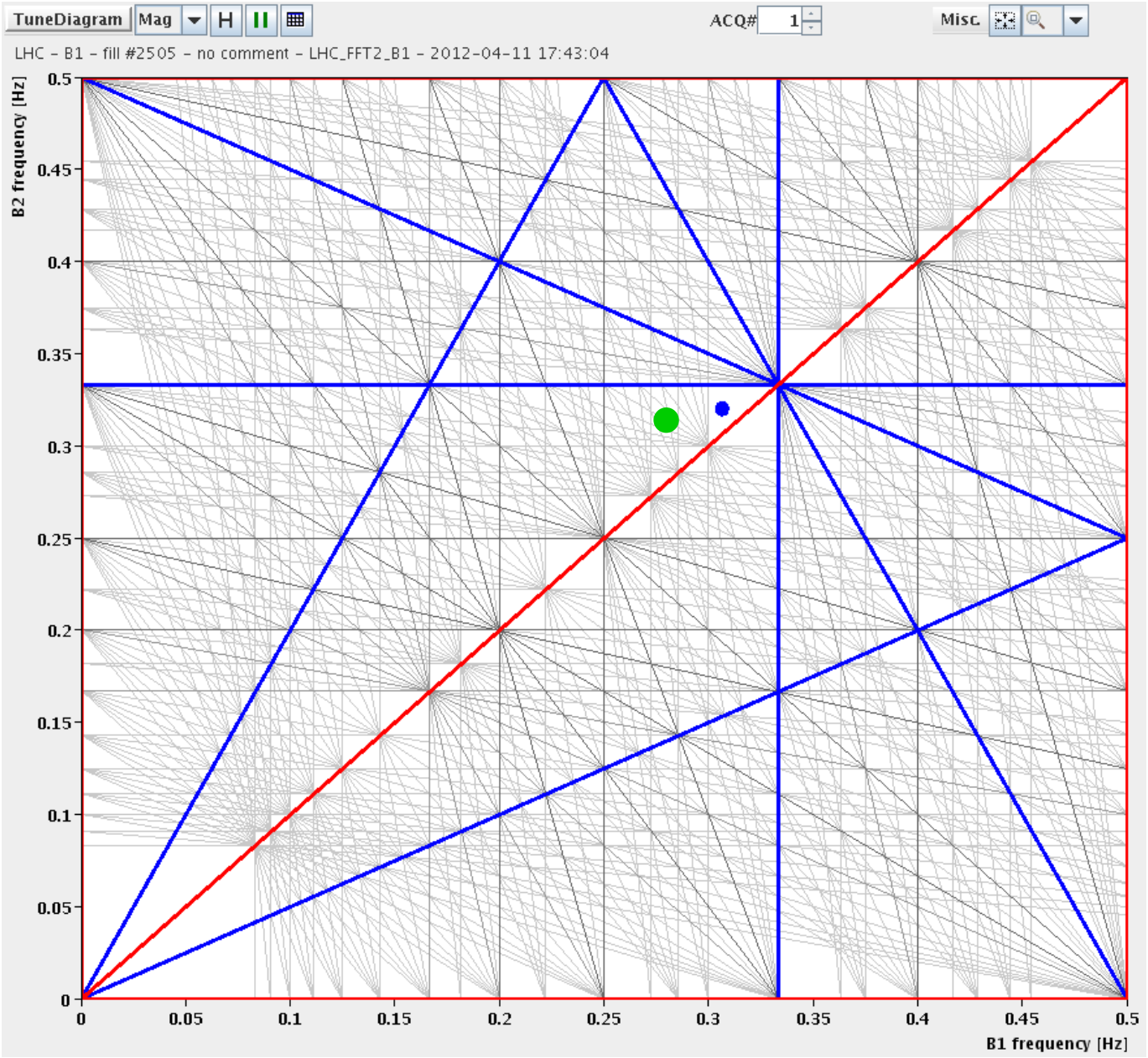
$$mh + n\nu = p$$

$h,\ \nu$ - horizontal and vertical tunes

$m,\ n, p$ - small integers

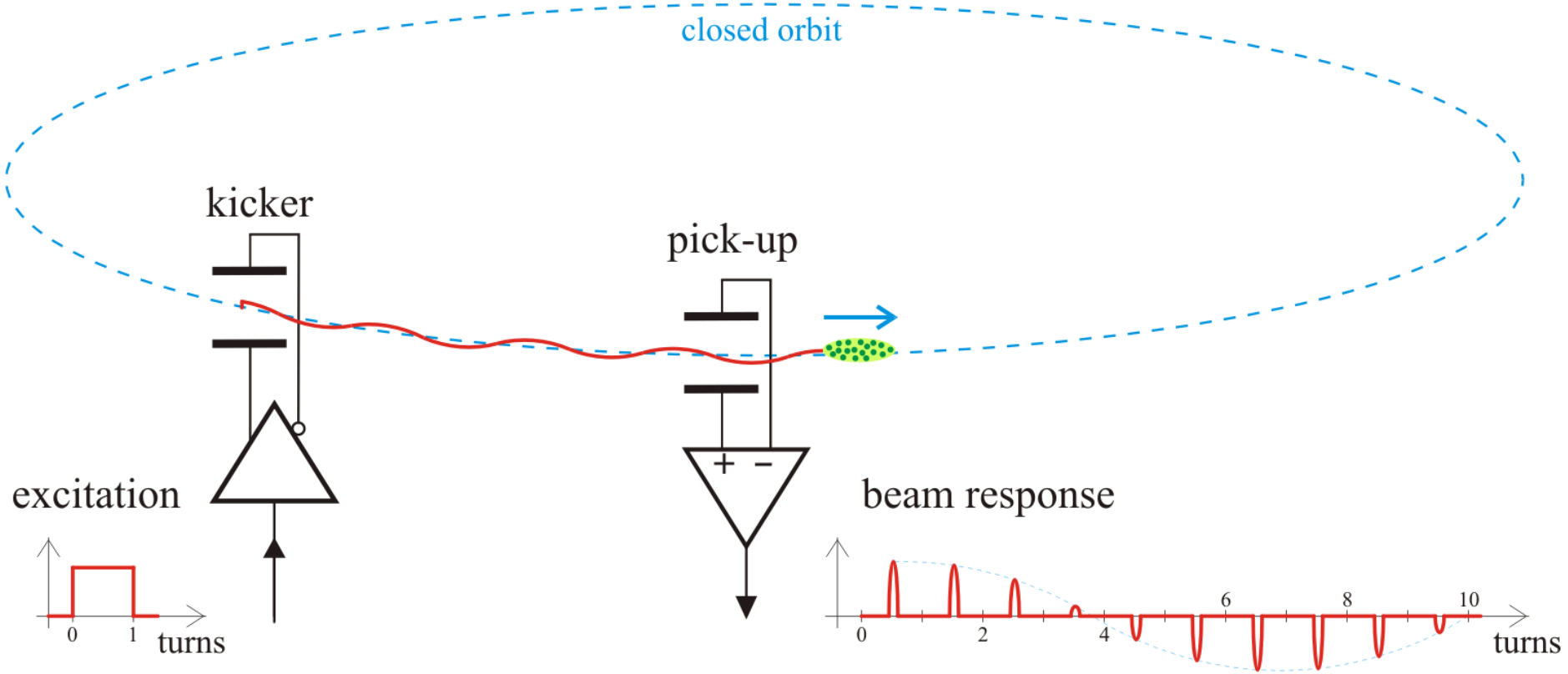
$|m| + |n|$ is the resonance order

LHC tune diagram



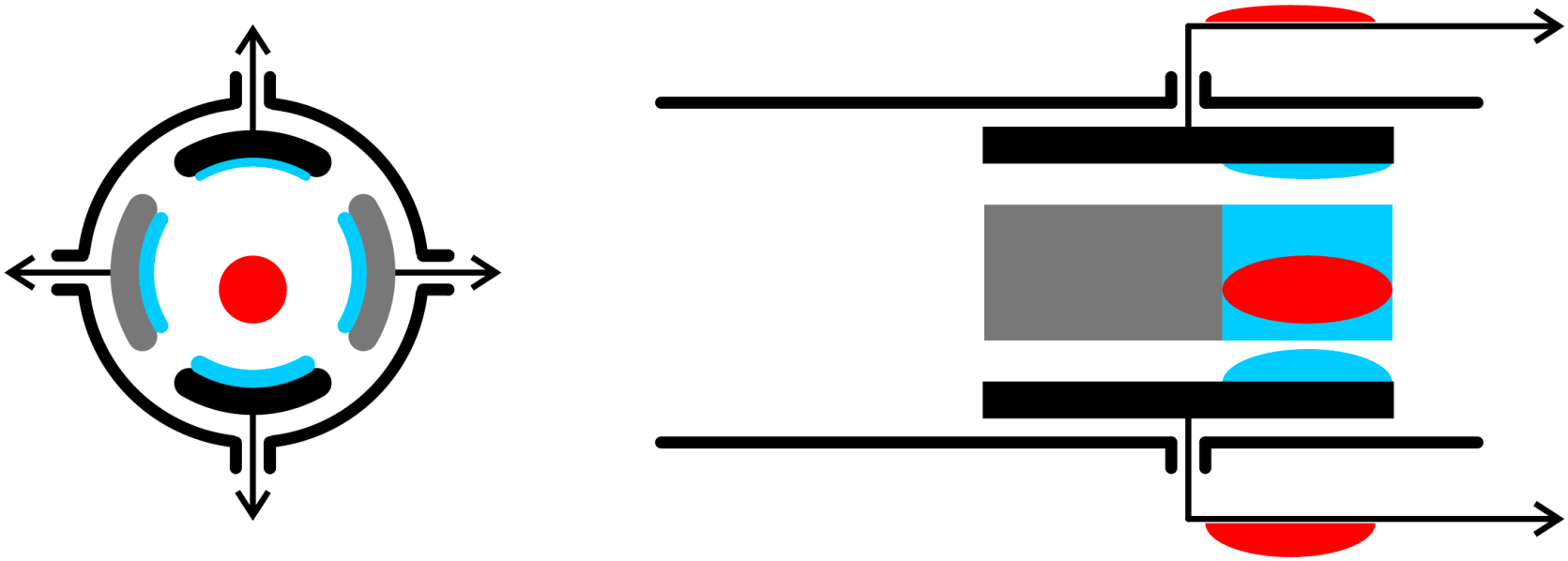
- LHC physics tunes:
  H: 0.31, V: 0.32
- The **blue** dot comes from a real measurement during collisions at 4 TeV.
- LHC injection tunes:
  H: 0.28, V: 0.31
- LHC integer tunes:
  H: 59, V: 64
- LHC tunes must be kept on the design values within ≈ 0.001.
- LHC has a tune feed-back system, i.e. during the ramp the LHC tunes are measured continuously and the readings are used to calculate the necessary corrections applied to the quadrupoles to keep the tunes on the design values.

Tune measurement – the principle



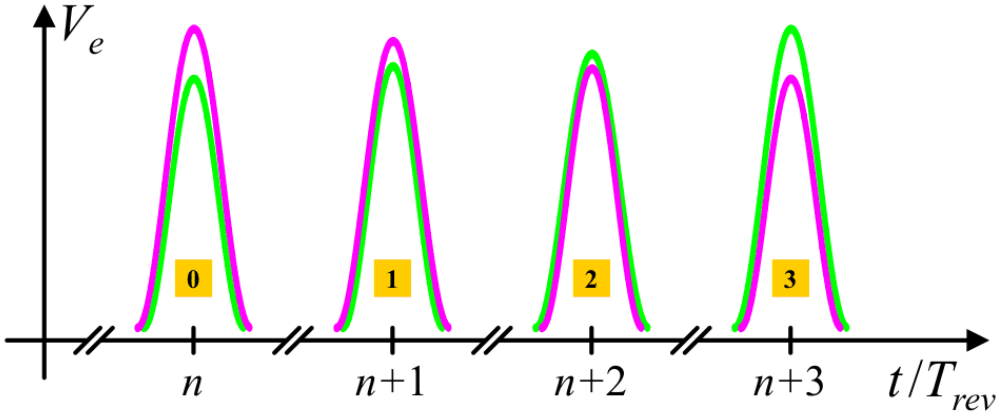
- Beam betatron oscillations are observed on a position pick-up
- Oscillations of individual particles are incoherent – an excitation needed for “synchronization”
- The machine tune is the frequency of betatron oscillations related to the revolution frequency.
- Betatron oscillations are usually observed in the frequency domain.
- With one pick-up only betatron phase advance form one turn to the next is known – only fractional tune can be measured.

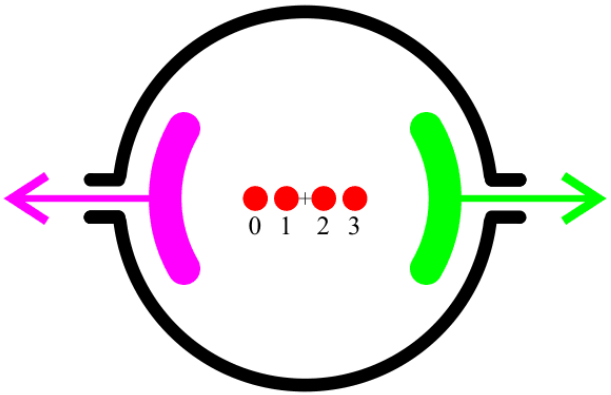
Beam position monitor (BPM) – the principle



- Beam image current – the principle of operation of many beam instrumentation devices.
- Electrode signals are proportional to BOTH, beam position AND beam intensity.
- For measuring beam position the intensity component must be removed (often measured and used for a normalisation).
- There are many BPM types, with different electrode geometries, one or two ports per electrode.
- A stripline pick-up with two ports per electrode can distinguish signals of beams passing in the opposite directions (very useful for the LHC parts close to the experiments with both beams circulating in one pipe).
- The simplest beam kicker is a BPM working the other way around: it RECEIVES an excitation signal.

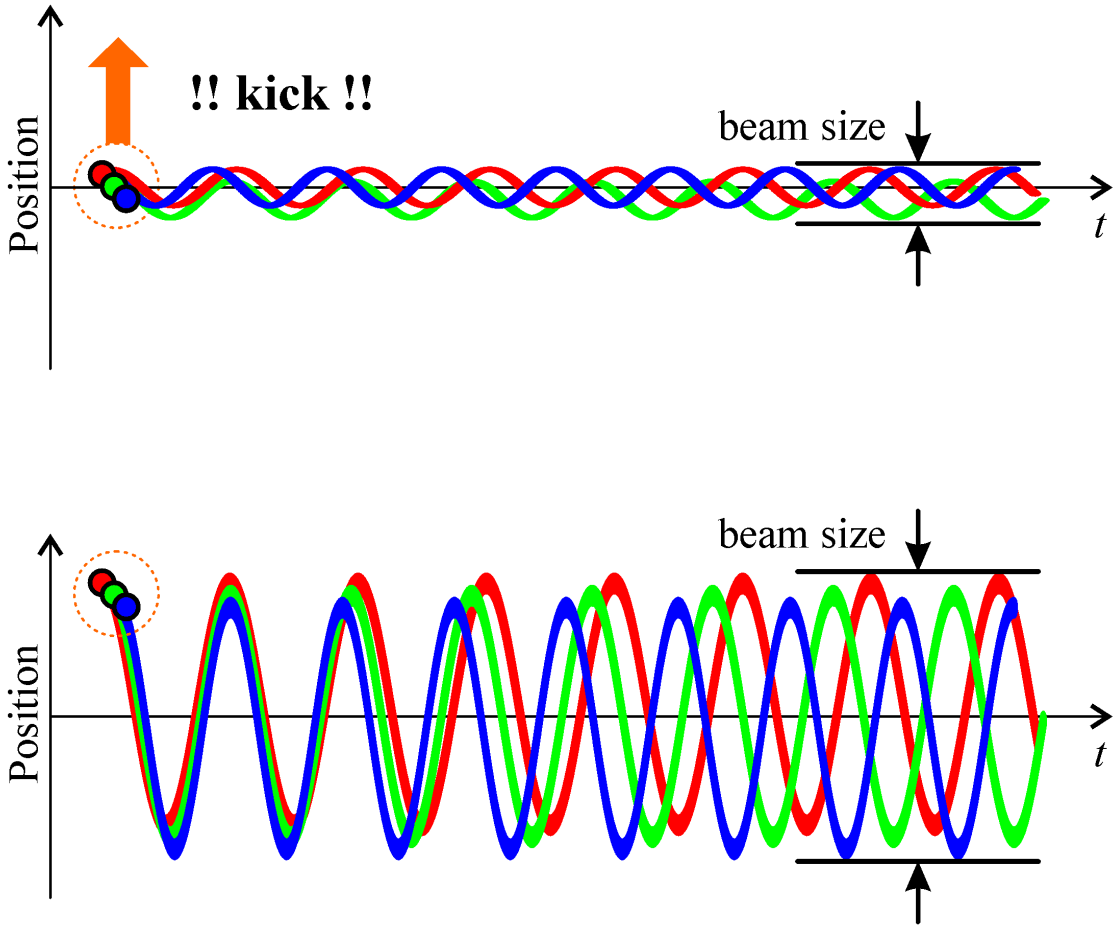
Beam position monitor (BPM) – the principle (cont.)





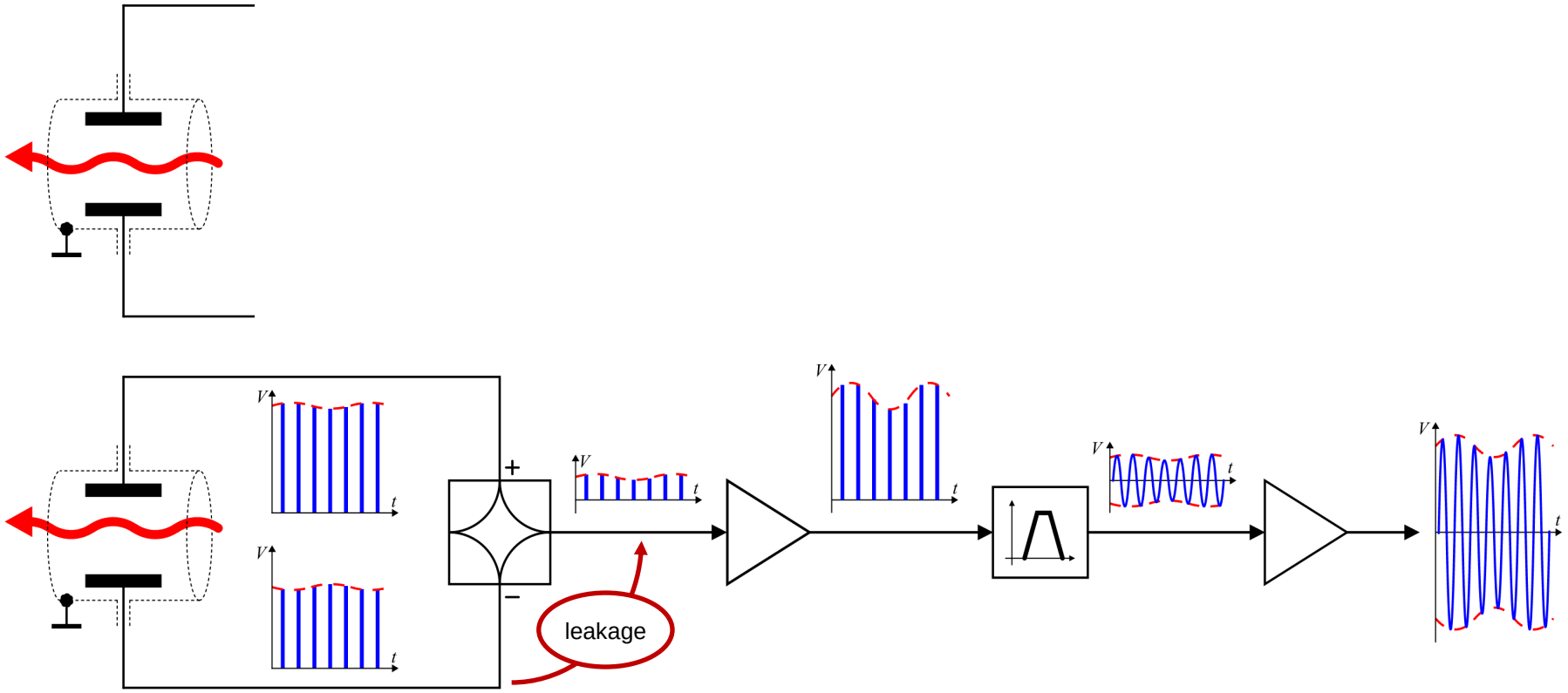
- Electrode signal has the temporal shape corresponding to the temporal structure of the passing beam.
- For single short bunches and large machines (as the LHC) the electrode signal has very small duty cycle.
- For the LHC nominal beams that means nanosecond pulses with the amplitudes in the order of 100 V.
- Such signals are very difficult to simulate in the lab.
- Continuous sampling of LHC single bunch signals would contain some 99.999 % of silence and sampling would have to be done at least at a few GHz rate.

Excitation price and limits, emittance blow-up



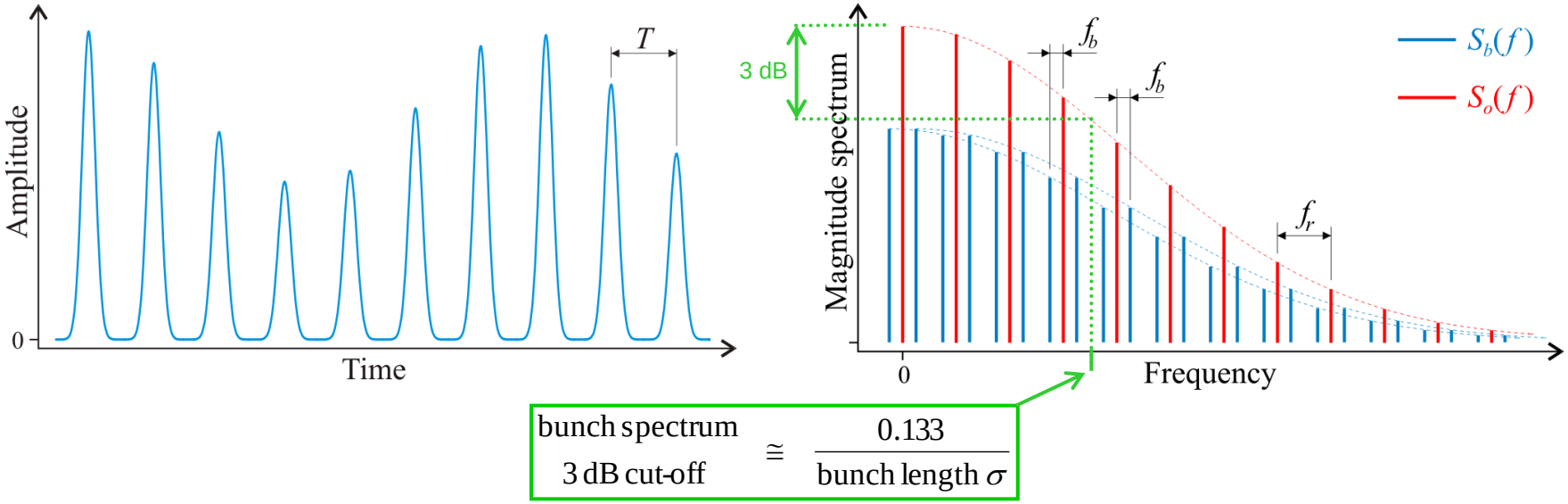
- Beam size is defined by the incoherent betatron motion of all particles.
- Smaller size = more luminosity.
- Particles have some momentum spread, leading to the spread in their deflection by the quadrupoles and finally to the spread in the frequency of the betatron oscillations.
- Protons do not forget: once hit they oscillate (practically) forever.
- LHC colliding beam size is in the order of 100 µm, so the excitation must be kept in the 1 µm range.
- LHC has a sophisticated collimation system, with some 100 collimators. Any oscillations significant w.r.t. the beam size are converted by the collimators into beam loss…

Tune measurement challenges – the time domain view



- Linear processing of position pick-up signals
- Dynamic range problems:
  - Signals related to betatron oscillations are small with respect to the beam offset signals.
  - Even if the beam is centred, the subtraction of the signals from the pick-up opposing electrodes is not perfect. The leakage is in the order of 1-10 % for ns beam pulses.
- Options to decrease beam offset signals:
  - centre the beam;
  - centre the pick-up;
  - equalise the signals by attenuating the larger one (electronic beam centring).

Tune measurement challenges – the freqnecy domain view



- Spectrum envelope is defined by the bunch shape. For a gaussian bunch the spectrum envelope is gaussian as well.
- The harmonic structure of the beam spectrum is defined by the time beam time structure.
- Short single bunches give large spectra, with many lines; most often this is the largest challenge for the tune meas. system.
- The LHC bunch length (4σ) is about 1 ns and the corresponding bunch power spectrum cut-off is about 500 MHz.
- With just one bunch in the machine the revolution spectral lines are spaced by 11 kHz, so by 500 MHz there are some 50 000 of them and some 100 000 betatron lines.
- In the classical tune measurement method only one betatron line is observed, so in the LHC case it is only some 10^{-5} (-100 dB) of the total spectral content.
- This results in very small signals, requiring low noise amplifiers and mixers, which have small dynamic ranges; they can be saturated even with relatively small beam offset signals.
- The “order of magnitude” estimates for pick-up signals, assuming electrode distance 100 mm and 100 V electrode signals:

1 mm beam offset signal:	1 mm / 100 mm * 100 V ≈ 1 V
1 µm beam oscillation signal:	1 µm / 100 mm * 100 V ≈ 1 mV
1 µm beam oscillation signal observed at a single frequency:	1 mV * 10^{-5} ≈ 10 nV

What a young engineer read in the LHC Design Report in 2004

13.7.1 General tune Measurement System

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13.7.3 High Sensitivity Tune Measurement System

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LHC tune measurement according to the LHC Design Report

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- Two tune measurement systems:
  - general: standard excitation sources (single kick, chirp, slow swept frequency, and noise);
  - high sensitivity: resonant PLL excitation, optimised for 25 ns bunch spacing and full machine.

- 3 sets of pick-ups:
  - 2-3 m long stiplines for the general system;
  - resonant pick-ups for the high sensitivity PLL system;
  - button pick-ups dedicated to providing positions for a slow feedback loop keeping the tune pick-up centred about the beam.

- Beam oscillations made with the "standard excitation sources" with amplitudes in the order of 50 μm are considered small.
- Tune feed-back considered as probably not possible with the general tune measurement system (too large excitation necessary).

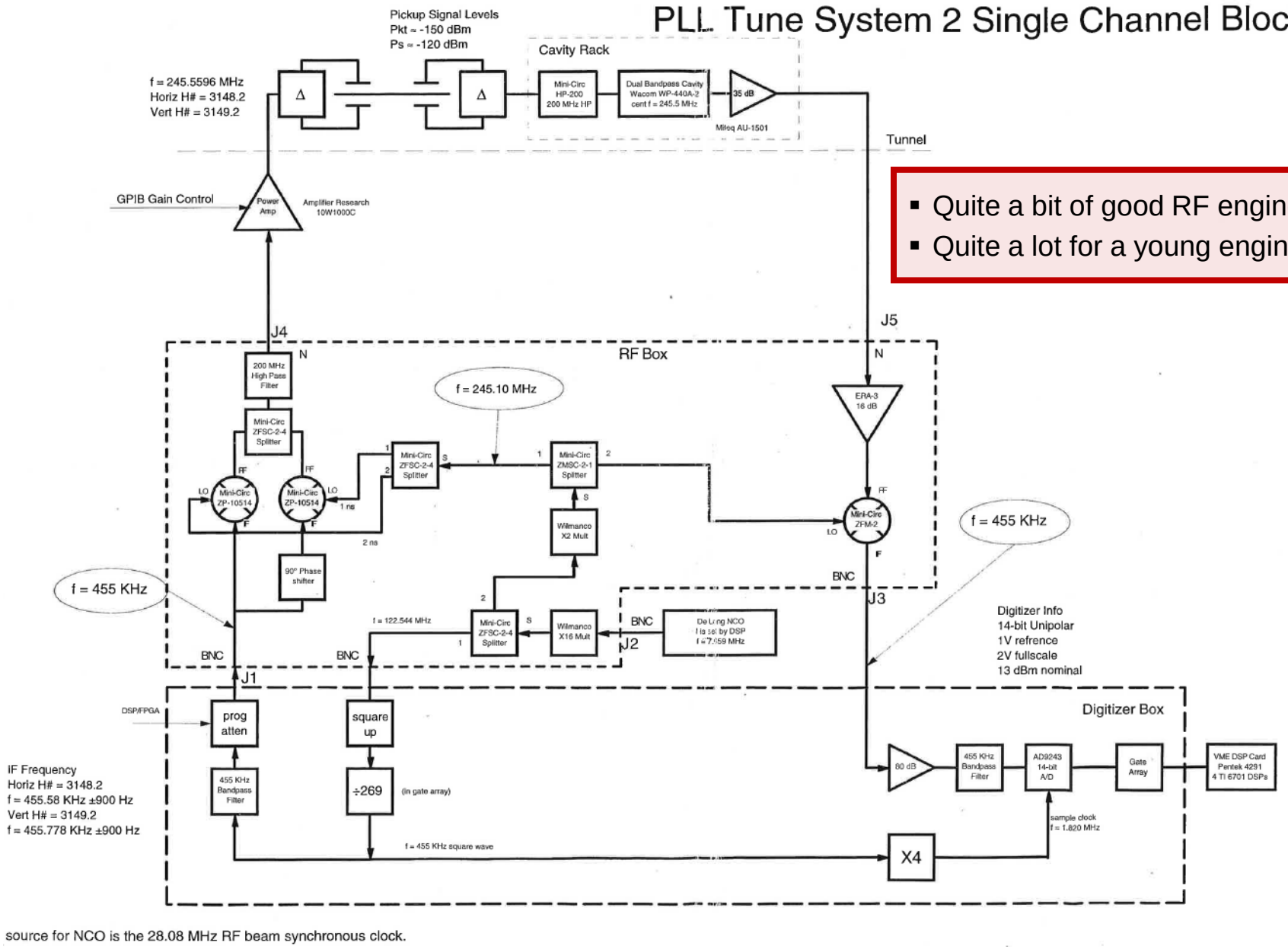
- Dealing with the revolution frequency background:
  - striplines on motorised supports which can be displaced in 1 or 2 micron steps;
  - electronic common mode rejection.

- "The development of a PLL tune measurement system for the LHC is being done in collaboration with Brookhaven National Laboratory, where a similar system has been installed in RHIC".

- "It is clear that the (PLL) system will not be operational during the early stages of commissioning the LHC".

  - **With this system complexity ONE ENGINEER would probably have to babysit the system all the time.**
  - **From today's perspective, operating the LHC with the "Design Report tune measurement systems" would be extremely difficult, if not impossible.**

RHIC tune measurement system

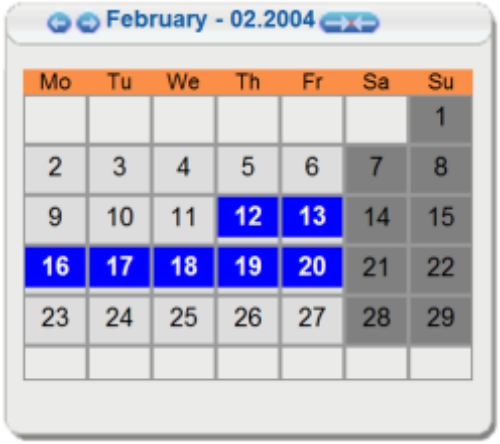


- Quite a bit of good RF engineering.
- Quite a lot for a young engineer.

source for NCO is the 28.08 MHz RF beam synchronous clock.

The beginning: BNL visit 13-20 February 2004

- First key person: **Rhodri Jones**, later the section and group leader.
- Extreme February temperatures in NY made us spending a lot of time in coffee shops, which was very stimulating for our discussions, as it was proven later, very fruitful ones.

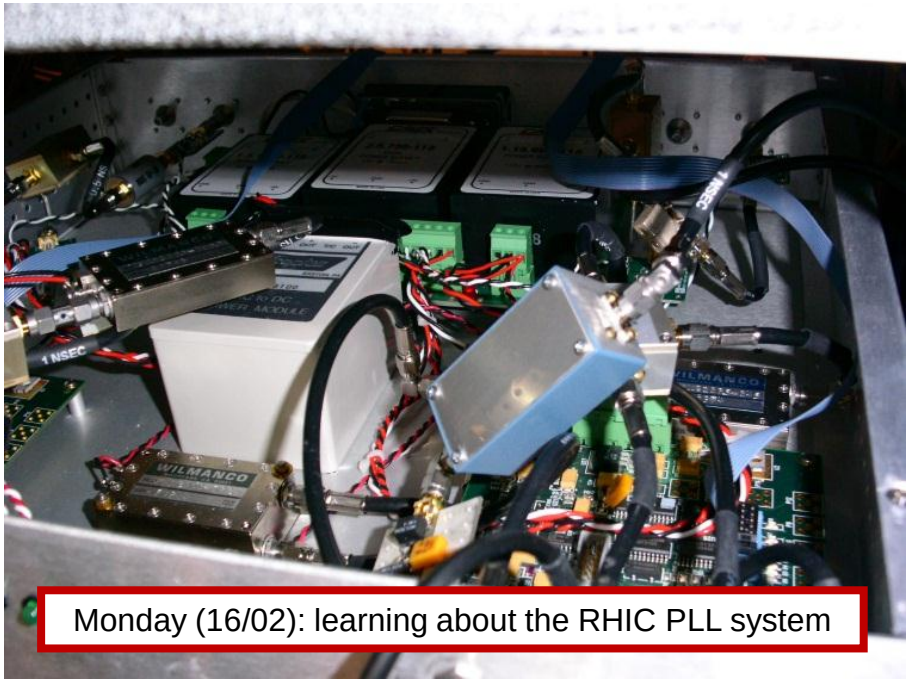


Saturday (14/02): visiting NY

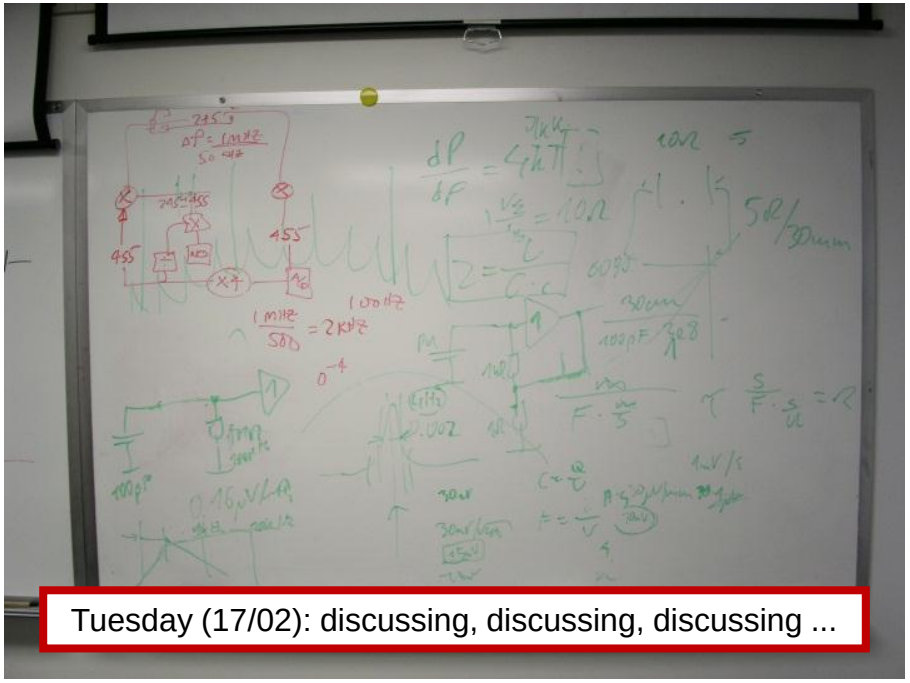
Sunday (15/02): visiting Long Island

BNL visit 13-20 February 2004

- Second key person: **Peter Cameron**.
- Pete had by far more experience than us, but he took us serious and treated as real partners in the discussions.
- We came for learning, but Pete had also the patience to listen to our comments and ideas.



Monday (16/02): learning about the RHIC PLL system



Tuesday (17/02): discussing, discussing, discussing ...

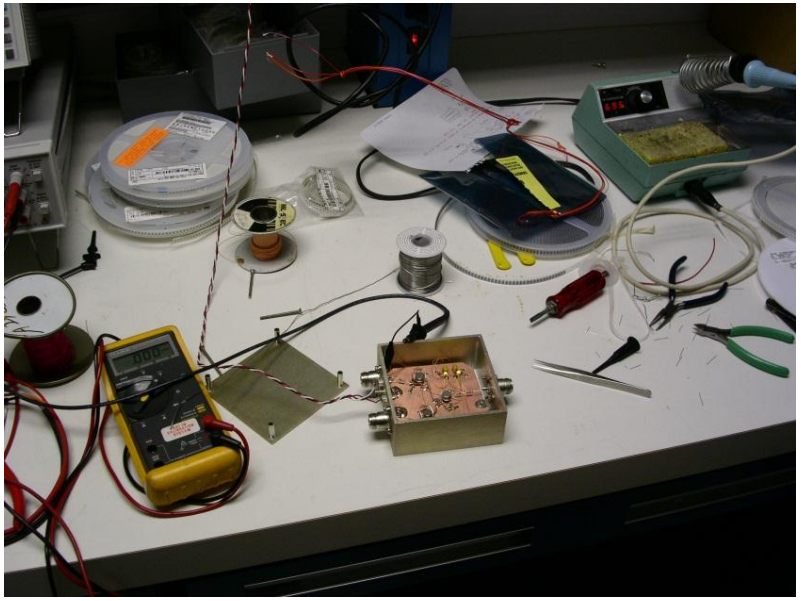
Tuesday: results of the discussions so far …

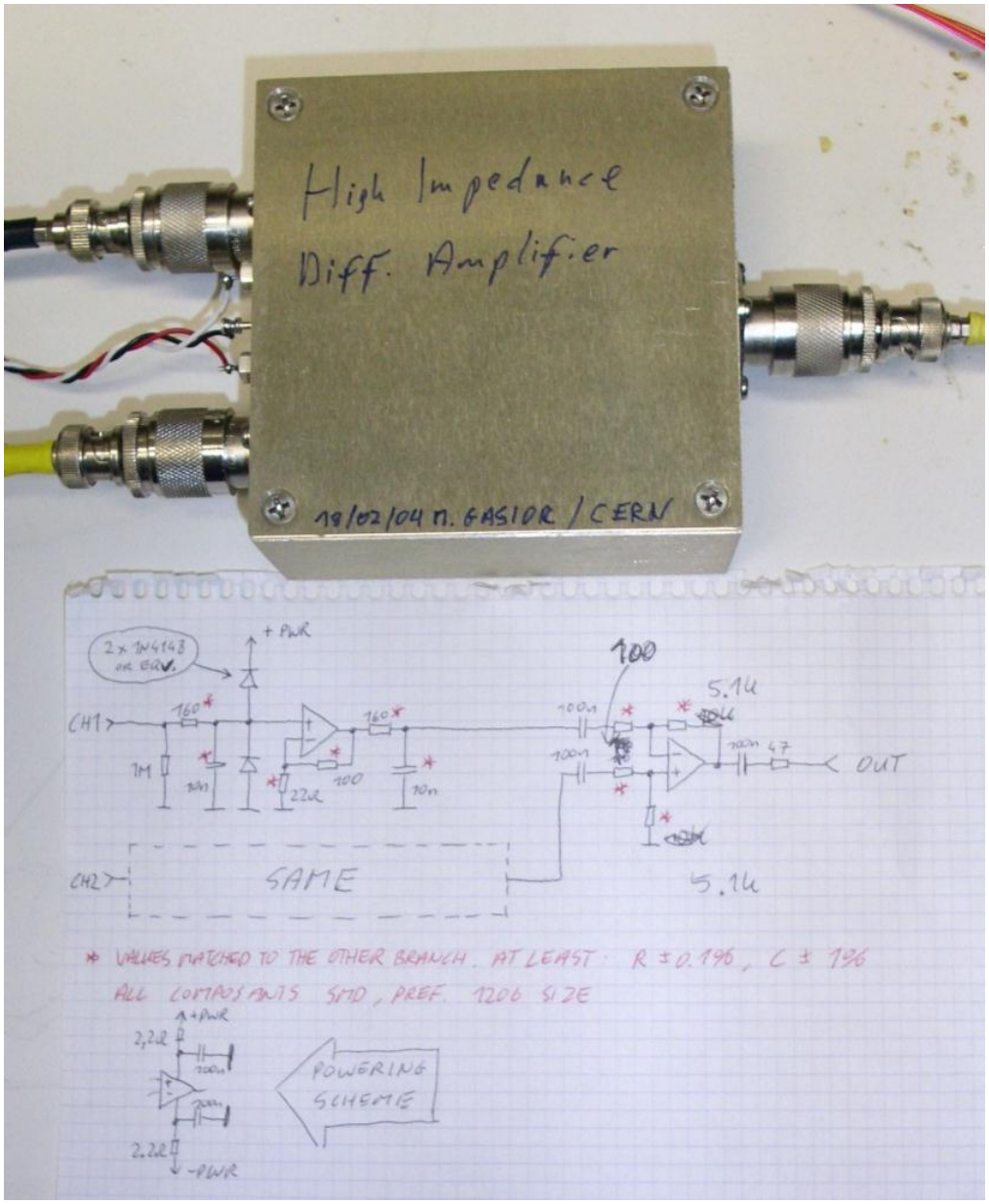
- RHIC system worked very well except when beam was crossing the transition, when the beam was changing the orbit rapidly. These orbit changes could not be followed by the movable pick-up system, otherwise keeping the beam in the pick-up centre to supress the revolution frequency background. Thus, the system was suffering from the lack of the dynamic range.
- We need more dynamic range.
- Low frequency amplifiers may have some 20 Vpp of the input dynamic range, much more than RF amplifiers, typically not allowing more than 1 Vpp at the input. Therefore, we would prefer LF amplifiers !!!
- With LF amplifiers we might operate in the base-band, below the first revolution harmonic.
- At low frequencies there is beam energy, it is just that a typical pick-up does not have too much response there.
- The pick-up response may be extended to low frequencies by loading it to significantly higher impedance than 50 Ω, e.g. by using a high impedance input amplifier.
- Resonant pick-up is not efficient for single bunches, where the tune measurement is the most difficult. Since the LHC system HAS to work with single bunches, resonant pick-up does not help that much.
- Pete's conclusion at the end of the day: "Marek may try to build a high impedance differential amplifier, as he proposes."

> **"Tomorrow at noon** I could install Marek's high impedance amplifier it in the RHIC tunnel."

- The night was for thinking and simple calculations.
- The morning was for looking for components and soldering.

Wednesday: the beginning of the base-band (BB) system





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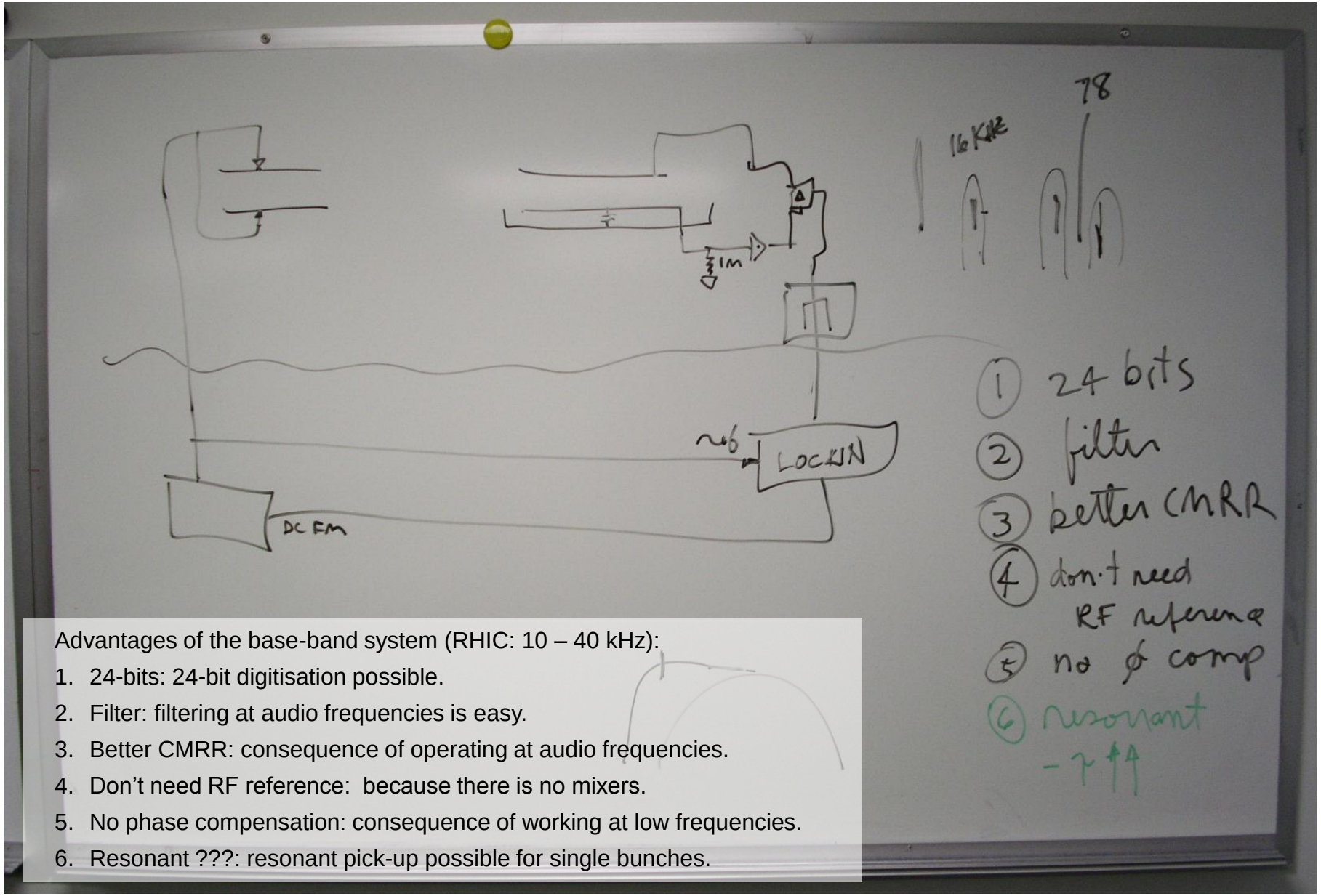
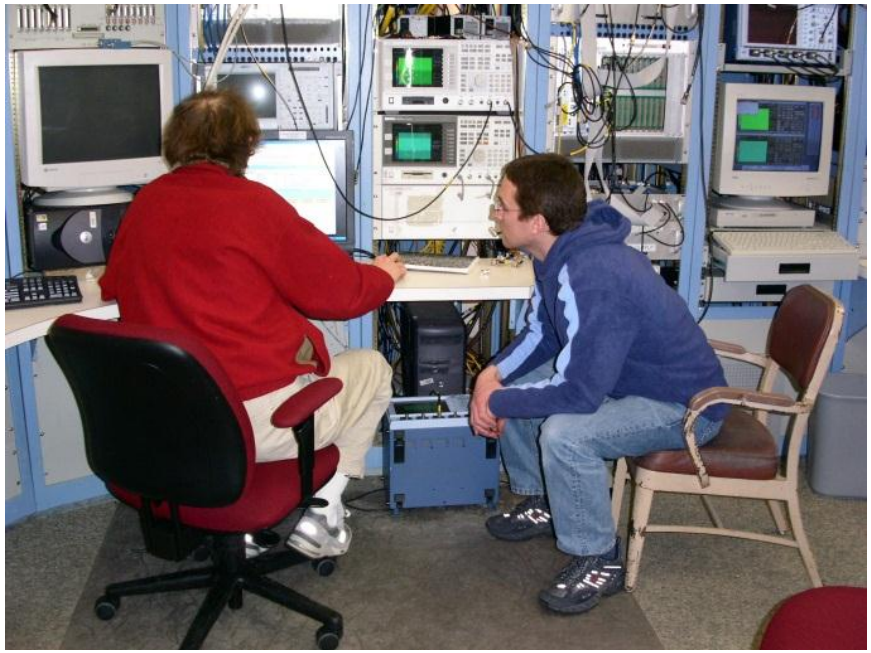
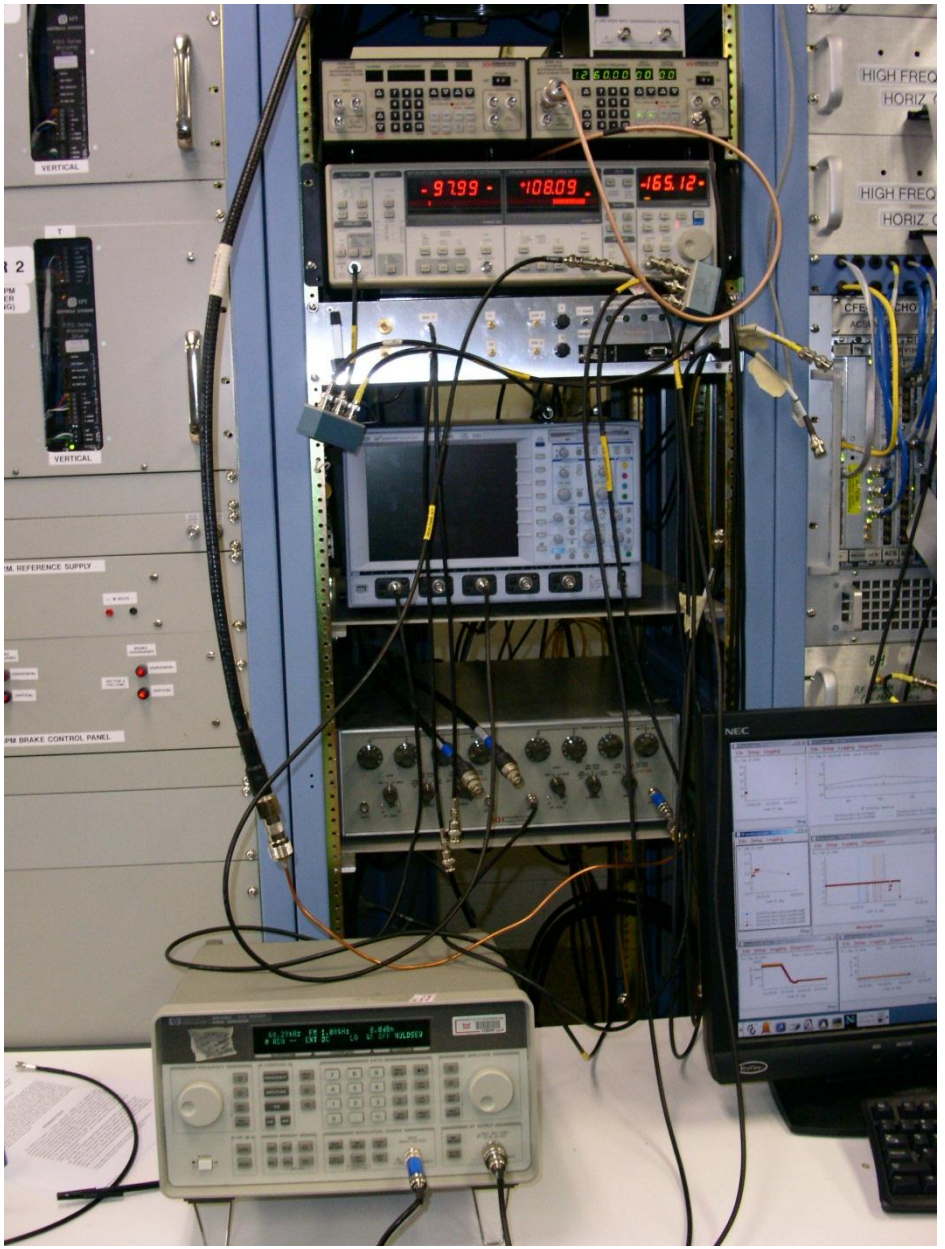


Advantages of the base-band system (RHIC: 10 – 40 kHz):

1. 24-bits: 24-bit digitisation possible.
2. Filter: filtering at audio frequencies is easy.
3. Better CMRR: consequence of operating at audio frequencies.
4. Don't need RF reference: because there is no mixers.
5. No phase compensation: consequence of working at low frequencies.
6. Resonant ???: resonant pick-up possible for single bunches.

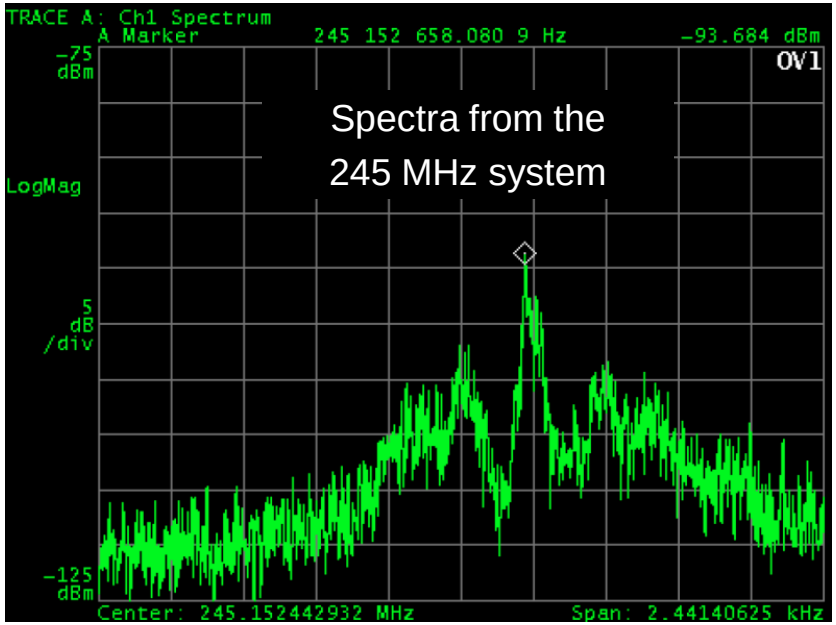
Friday: the measurement and departure day

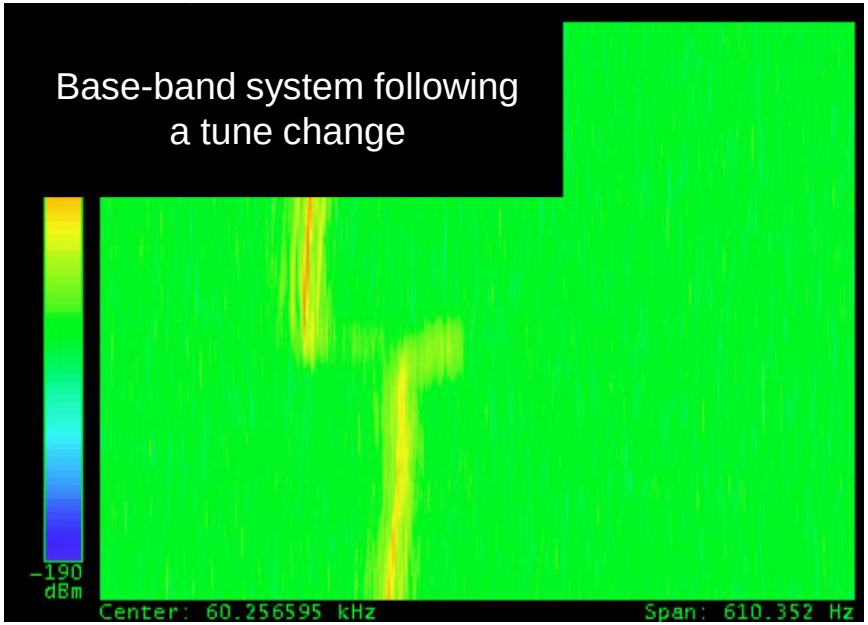


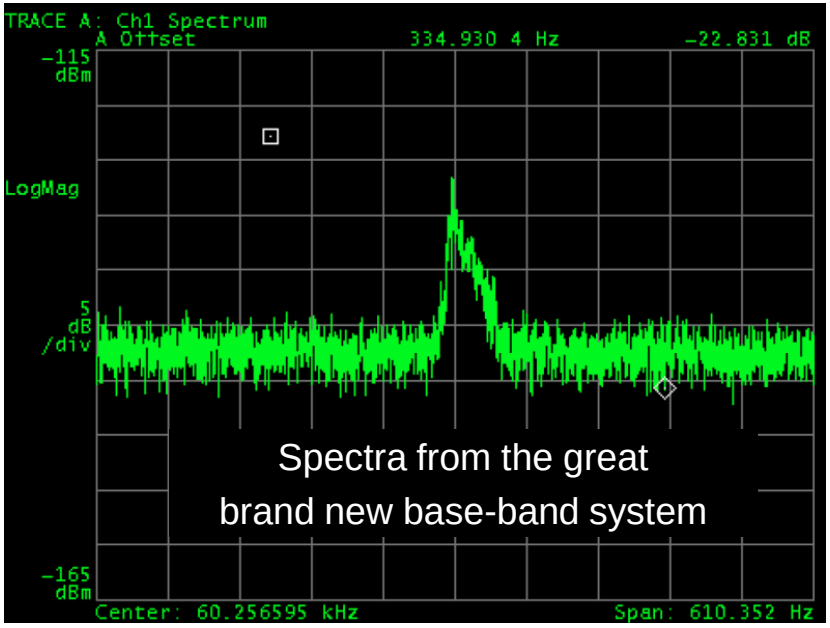


- The high-impedance differential amplifier was connected to 1 m stripline.
- The base-band PLL system was built using a lock-in amplifier, driving the FM tuning input of a generator.
- The beam was excited with 2 m stripline, working as a kicker.
- The used excitation power was in the order of 100 mW.
- The 245 MHz was operated in parallel for direct comparison.

First measurments with the base-band PLL

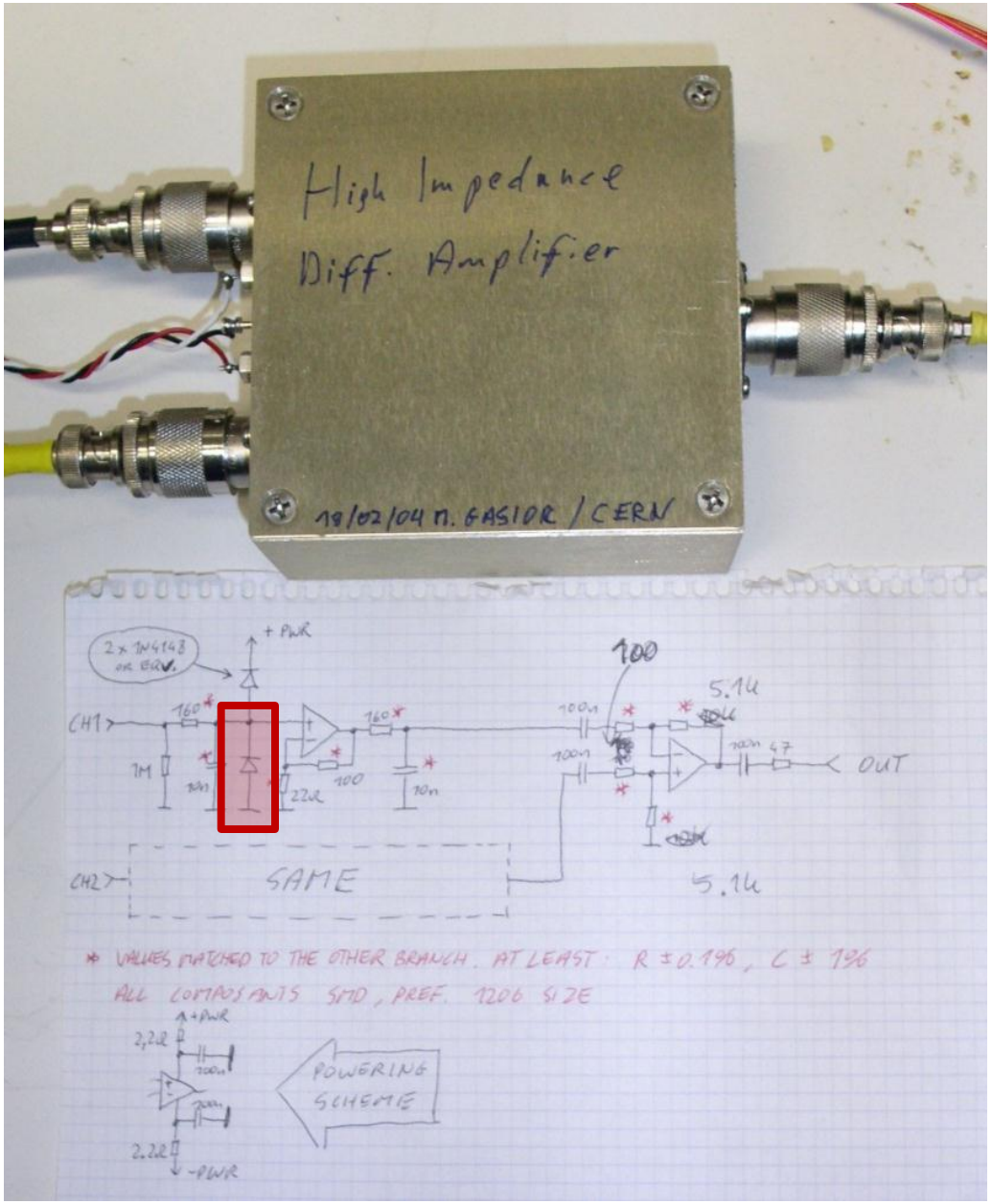






- The base-band PLL system was put into operation.
- The lock was achieved.
- The lock was confirmed by introducing a small tune step (in the order of 0.001), followed by the system.
- Right after the most important „tune step” measurement we rushed to the airport.

Once back home – the story of a small protection diode ...



- On the input of the RHIC high impedance amplifier there were protecting diodes, connecting the input to the power supplies.
- On the schematic one diode was connected to ground. Such a configuration would make a diode detector. However, the diode in the built amplifier was in the standard protection configuration (seen on a photo of the amplifier).
- This error on the schematic triggered thinking about diode detectors.
- Reactions of the colleagues for the idea of measuring the tunes using diode detectors fitted generally between this two extreme ones:
  - “Great idea, should work !”
  - “Come on, too simple… If it worked, it would have been used before”.

Diode detectors – old good stuff, but …

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Marek was 14 months old

BEAM DYNAMICS EXPERIMENTS AT SPEAR*

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Introduction

The single-particle properties of beams in storage rings are well understood, but high density single and colliding beams suffer from a variety of instabilities due to self-forces and interactions with their surroundings. The chief experimental problems in the study of stored beams arise from the difficulty of devising beam-diagnostic probes which do not affect the stored beams or disturb the phenomena being studied, and which give unambiguous results when different phenomena act on the probes simultaneously.

In the SPEAR electron-positron storage ring, we have apparatus and methods for measuring center-of-mass motions of our beams on all three axes, as well as motions with higher moments. The shapes of the beam bunches can also be accurately measured. We will describe the techniques we have used to study instabilities and measure operating characteristics.

Center-Of-Mass Motions

There are directional antennas (striplines) inside the vacuum envelope[1] which detect the electromagnetic field of the whole bunch. When the beam executes betatron oscillations, there is a small amplitude modulation of the signals from the striplines. We detect and measure this modulation to give us information on betatron wave numbers, line strengths and widths.

The wave analyzer has an oscillator which automatically tracks the center of the receiver pass band. By connecting this oscillator to the beam excitation system and sweeping the receiver and exciter simultaneously, we observe directly resonant responses of the beam with freedom from harmonic or intermodulation responses. (Fig. 1). A similar technique has been used at the Bevatron,[2] to measure the phase response of the beam.

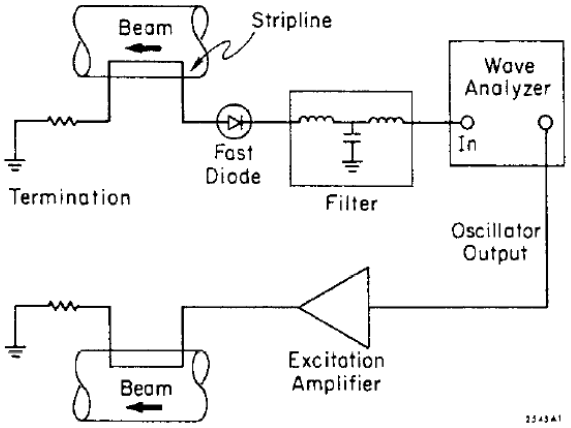
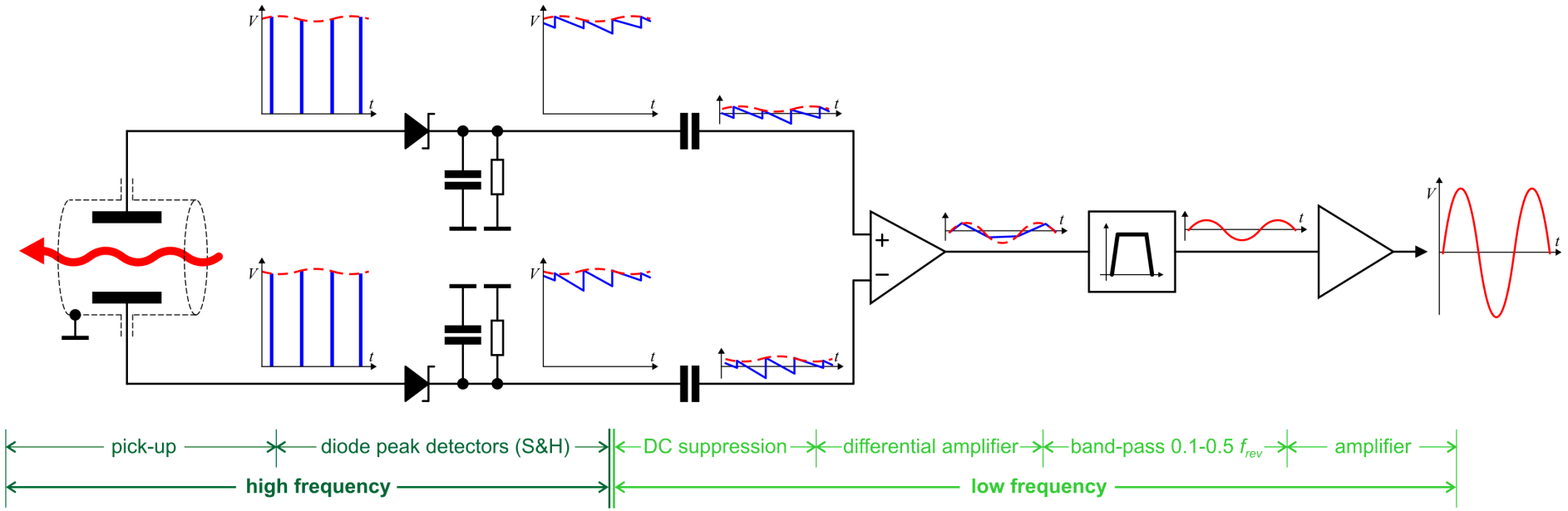


FIG. 1--The system for betatron and synchrotron-frequency response measurement. The oscillator is not used when observing self-excited lines.

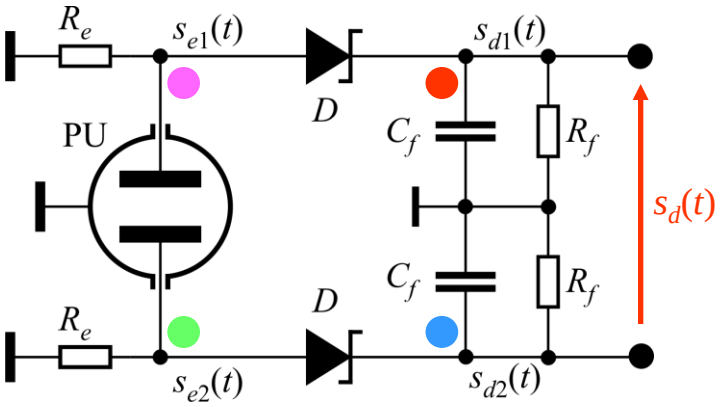
- Diode detectors were used in the past, but with relatively low load.
- For a single 1 ns LHC bunch repeating every 89 μs (duty cycle ≈10^{-5}) low impedance load would spoil the idea.
- Load in the order of 10 MΩ was required. The question was how such a detector would behave in the presence of losses.

Direct Diode Detection (3D) – the idea



- Peak detection of signals from a position pick-up electrode, a simple sample-and-hold, with the sampling triggered by the beam pulses.
- An RF Schottky diode can handle up to 50 V of beam pulses; more is possible with a few diodes in series (LHC detectors have 6 diodes).
- Betatron modulation is downmixed to a low frequency range, as after the diodes the modulation is on much longer pulses.
- Revolution frequency background gets converted to the DC and removed by series capacitors, while the betatron modulation is passed for amplification and filtering (“collecting just the cream”).
- Most of the betatron modulation amplitude is passed to the following circuitry, resulting in very high sensitivity of the method.
- The diode detectors can be put on any position pick-up.
- Low frequency operation after the diodes allows:
  - very efficient signal conditioning and processing with powerful components for low frequencies;
  - using 24-bit inexpensive audio ADCs (160 dB dynamic range possible).
- What is new with respect to the classical peak detectors used in the past for BI applications:
  - Slow discharge, in the order of 1 % per turn (for LHC 100 MΩ resistors required).
  - Usage of high impedance amplifiers, not easy to build in the past if low noise was required.
  - Brutal filtering to the band 0.1 – 0.5 of f_{rev}.
  - Notch filter for the first f_{rev} harmonic, resulting in the total f_{rev} attenuation beyond 100 dB.

Direct Diode Detection – The principle

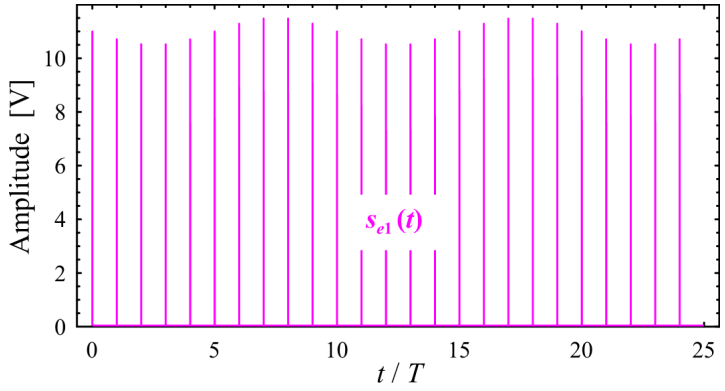


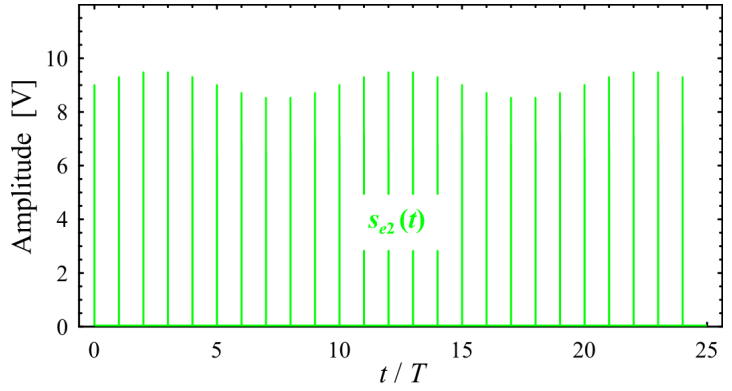
$$s_{e1}(t) = s_b(t)(1+\alpha)\left(1+\beta\cos(2\pi f_b t)\right)$$
$$s_{e2}(t) = s_b(t)(1-\alpha)\left(1-\beta\cos(2\pi f_b t)\right)$$

Simulation parameters:

beam relative offset $\alpha = 0.1$
betatron oscillation relative amplitude $\beta = 0.05$
simulated tune value $q = 0.1$
filter time constant $\tau = 10T$ (T – revolution period)
storage capacitor $C_f = C_{pu}$ (PU electrode capacitance)

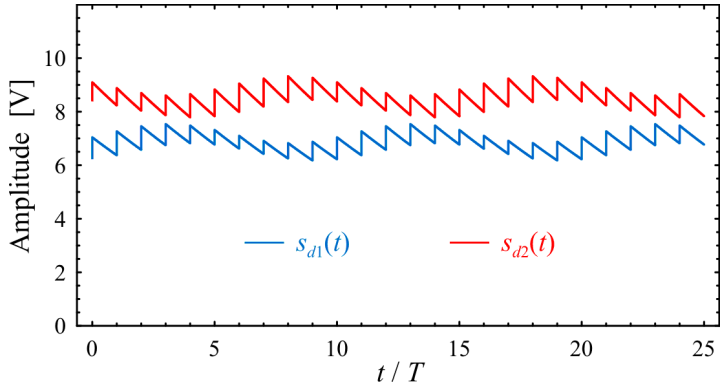
electrode 1 signal

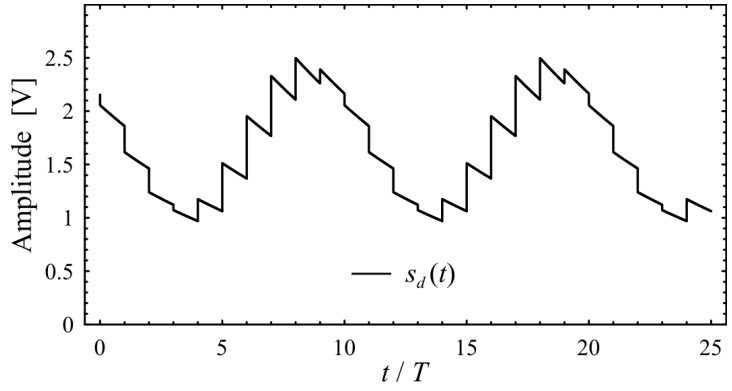




electrode 2 signal

peak detector output signal

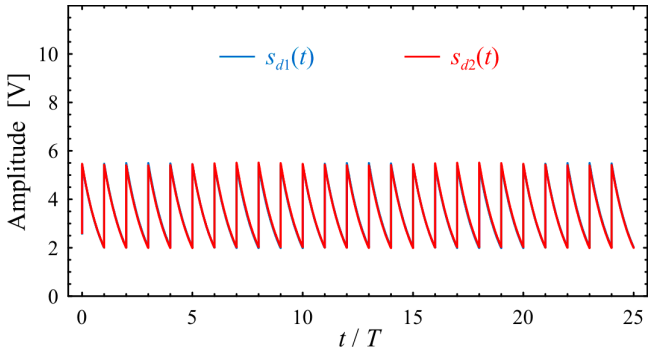


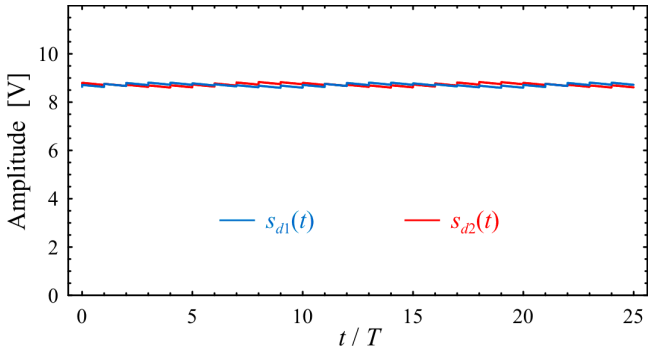


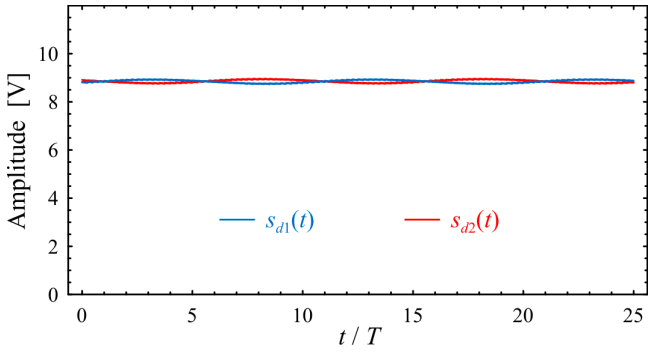
detector signal difference

Direct Diode Detection – The principle

signals on the detector outputs







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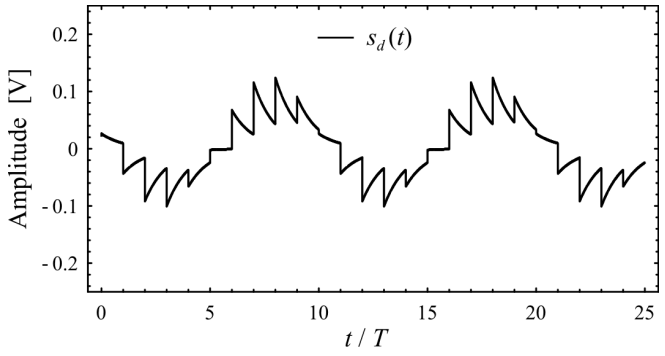
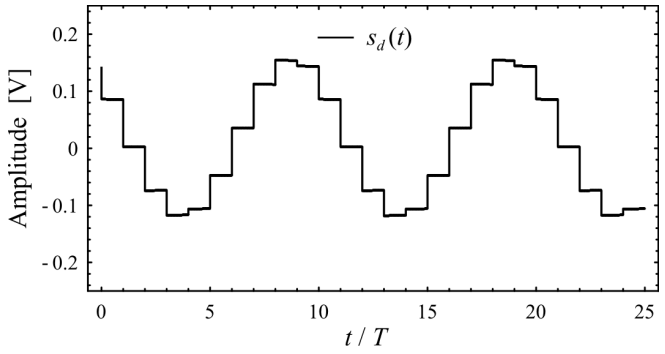
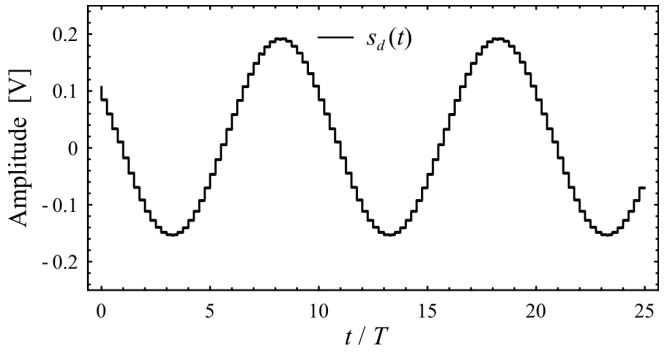
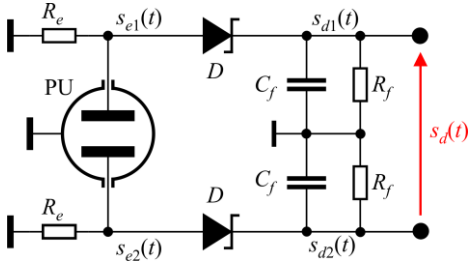






Simulation parameters:
$\alpha = 0$, $\beta = 0.01$
$q = 0.1$, $C_f = C_{pu}$

$\tau = T$



$\tau = 100\ T$

4 bunches
$\tau = 100\ T$

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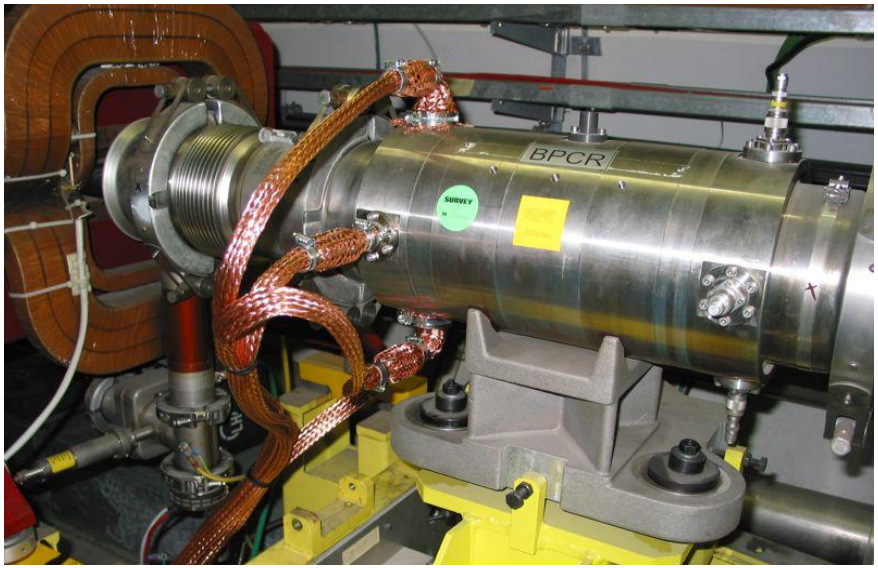

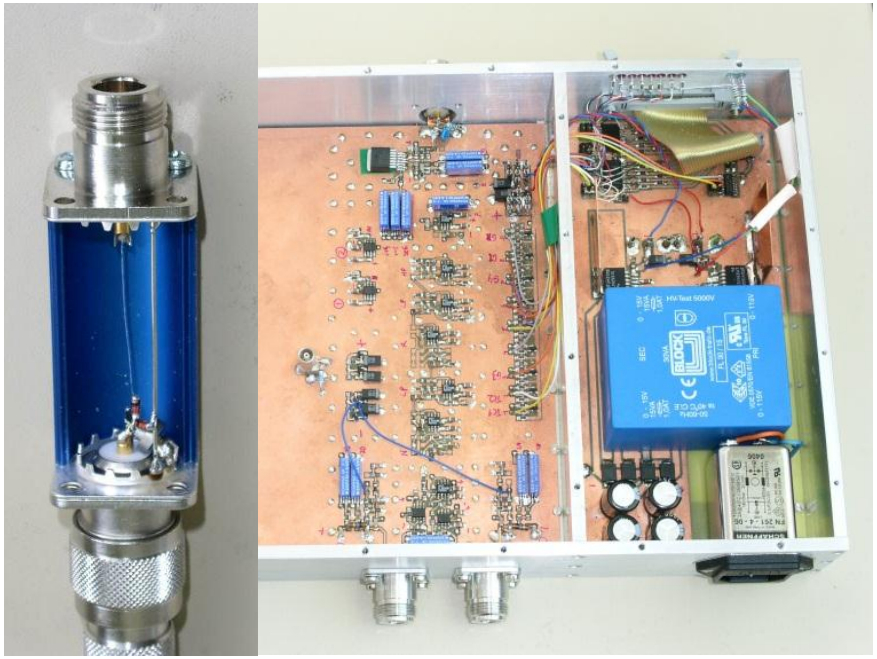

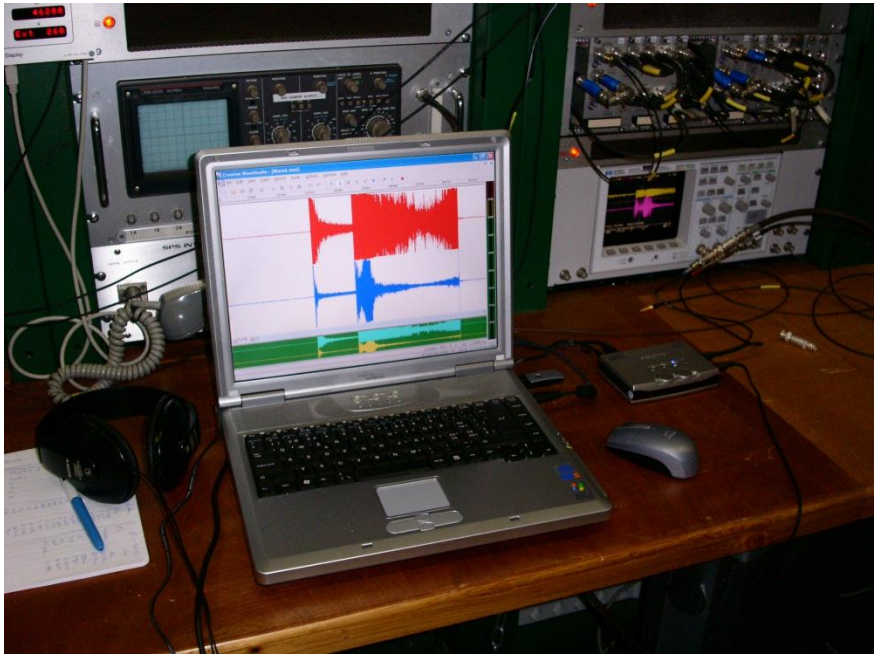

The name: Base-Band Tune (Q) measurement system (BBQ)

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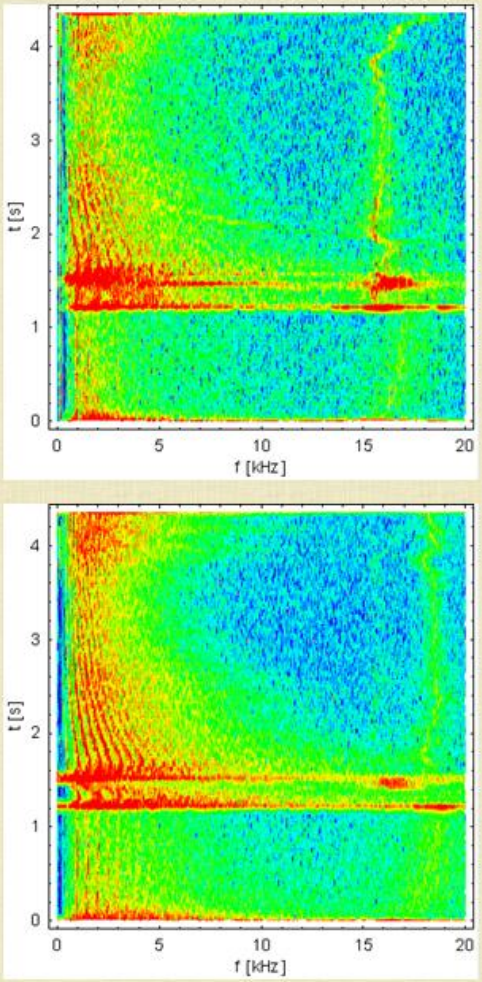

Base-Band Q (BBQ) Measurement with Direct Diode Detection (3D)

- Principles and the first hardware
- Some early SPS results
- A few early PS results
- A measurement from RHIC

The plots to the left show spectra of the SPS fixed target beam. The upper and lower plots correspond to the horizontal (H) and vertical (V) planes, respectively. The plots present spectra of signals given by the 3D-BBQ-Measurement prototype **WITHOUT ANY EXTERNAL EXCITATION** of the beam. The signals were acquired with a PC sound card and processed off-line. Go to the SPS Results for further details.

The signals whose spectra are seen can be downloaded as a .wav file and **THEY CAN BE LISTENED TO!** The left (L) channel contains the record of the H plane signal and the right (R) channel - of the V plane. The .wav file can be downloaded from the list below.

The lower frequency content (left side parts of the plots) corresponds to the synchrotron motion of the beam and the traces above 15kHz - to the betatron motion. Since the betatron frequencies are above 15kHz, they cannot be heard easily in the original record. For this reason I prepared versions of the record, which are stretched in time 4 times to reduce all frequencies by the same factor. The longer machine cycle helps also to follow what happens with the synchrotron frequencies.

I prepared two .wav files, containing separated H and V signal records, each copied to both, R and L channels. The .wav files can be downloaded from the list below. **Headphones help a lot to resolve different components.**

- Original .wav file (ca 1.6MB, 16-bit, 96kS/s, ca 425kS, 4.4s).
- 4-times stretched time scale - H plane (ca 1.6MB, 24kS/s).
- 4-times stretched time scale - V plane (ca 1.6MB, 24kS/s).

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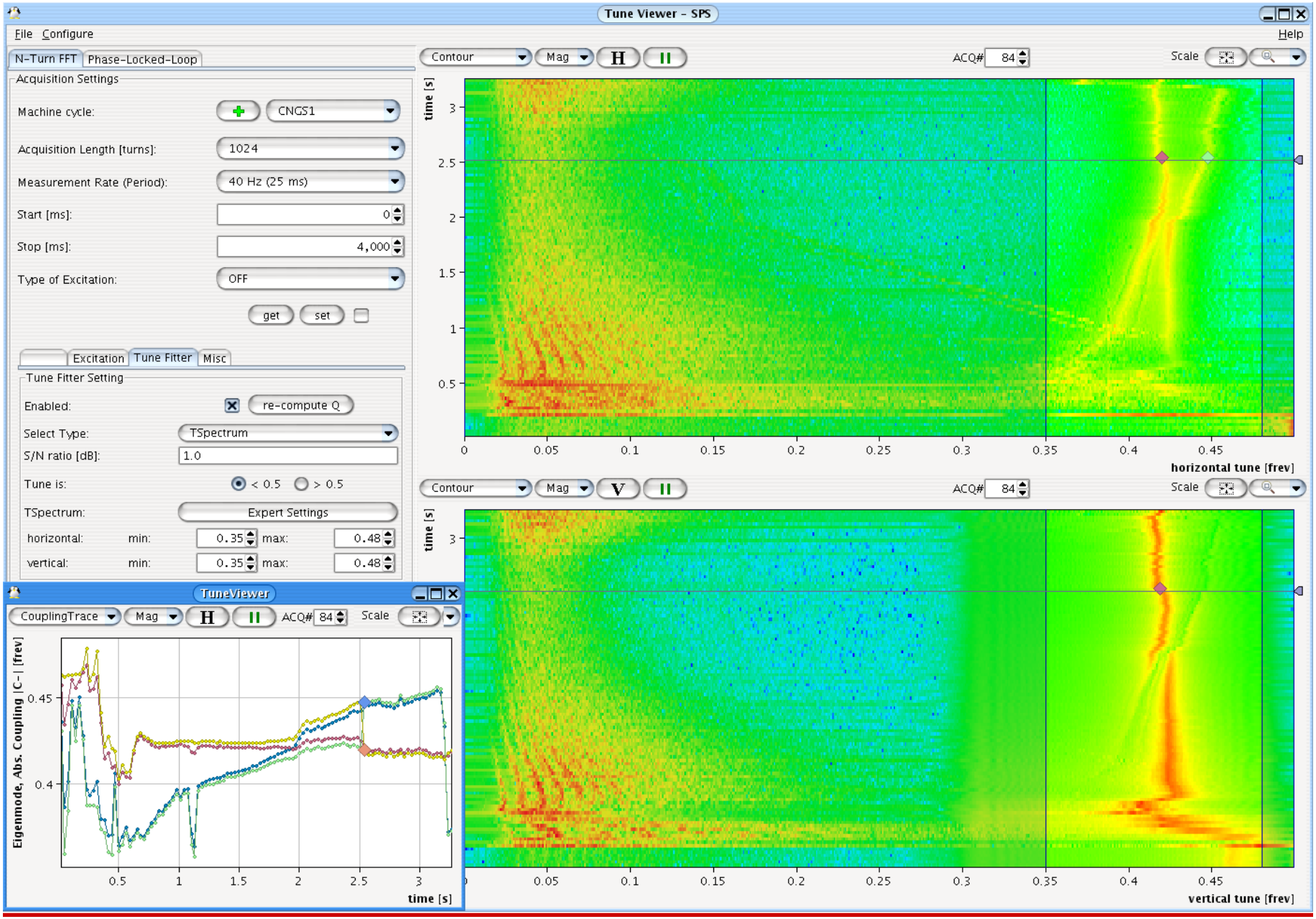
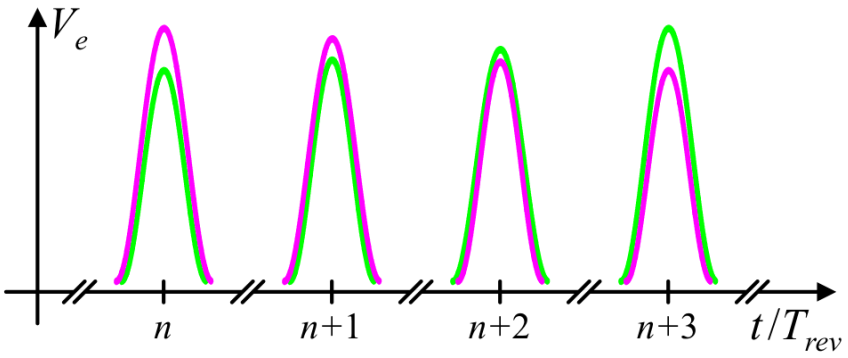
- It came the time to broadcast the results so the system needed a name.
- BBQ was good, except once, when it appeared on shipment documents for the front-end box sent to BNL. It took a bit of time to explain to the customs that this is not food related stuff. Finally the box came to Pete after more than a month.
- The small website www.cern.ch/gasior/pro/BBQ/index.html with some early BBQ sound records and results is still operational.

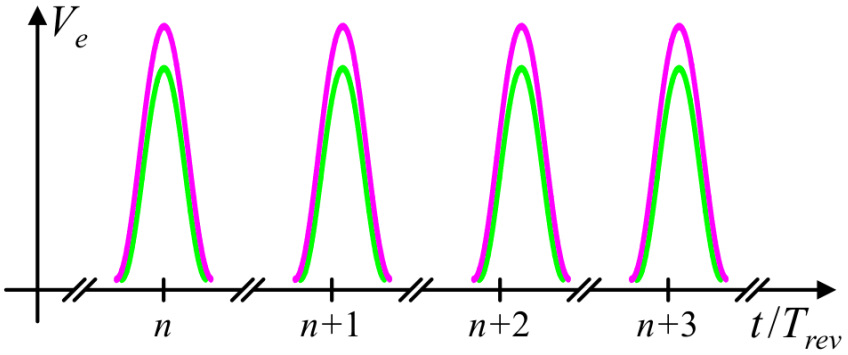
Transverse and longitudinal beam spectrum



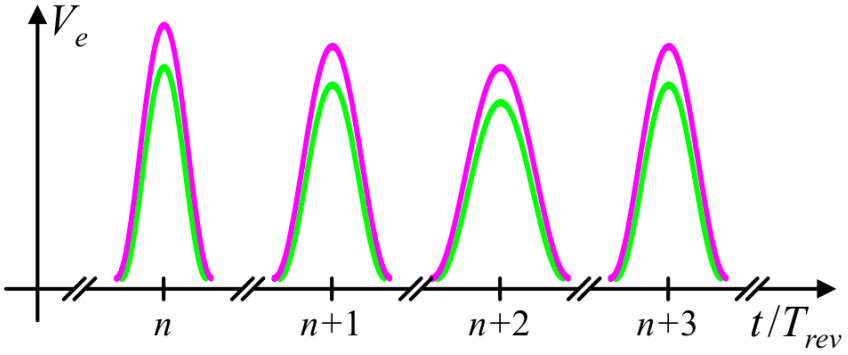
Influence of the longitudinal (synchrotron) beam motion



- BPM electrode signals for TRANSVERSE beam motion (betatron oscillations).
- Classical amplitude modulation of the electrode signals.
- If one signal becomes larger, the second becomes smaller.



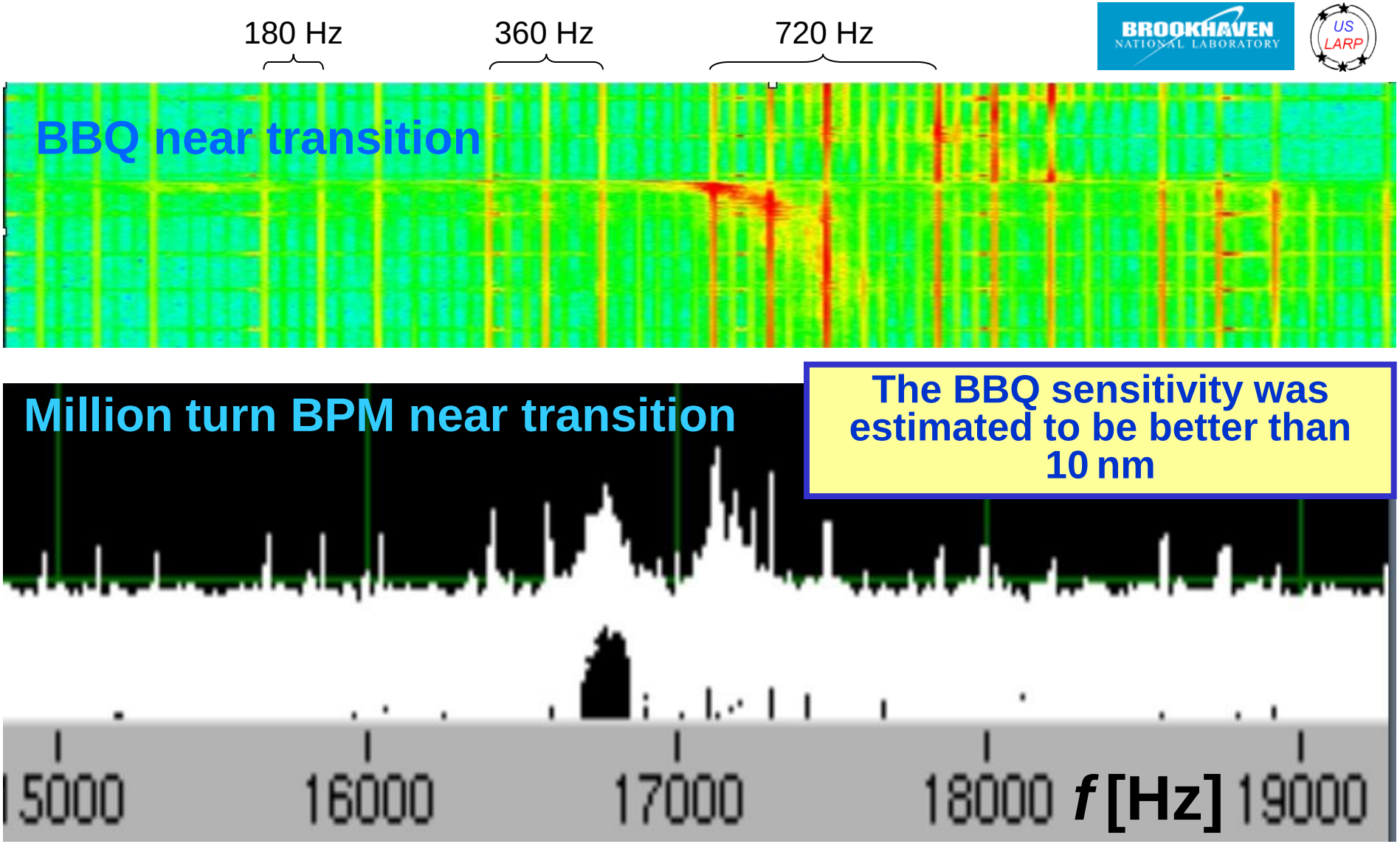
- BPM electrode signals for LONGITUDINAL beam motion (synchrotron oscillations).
- Classical phase modulation of the electrode signals.
- The signal amplitude does not change.



- BPM electrode signals for BUNCH LENGTH oscillation.
- Signal amplitude modulation related to the longitudinal beam dynamics.

In practice beam motion is a SUPERPOSITION of all those three modes

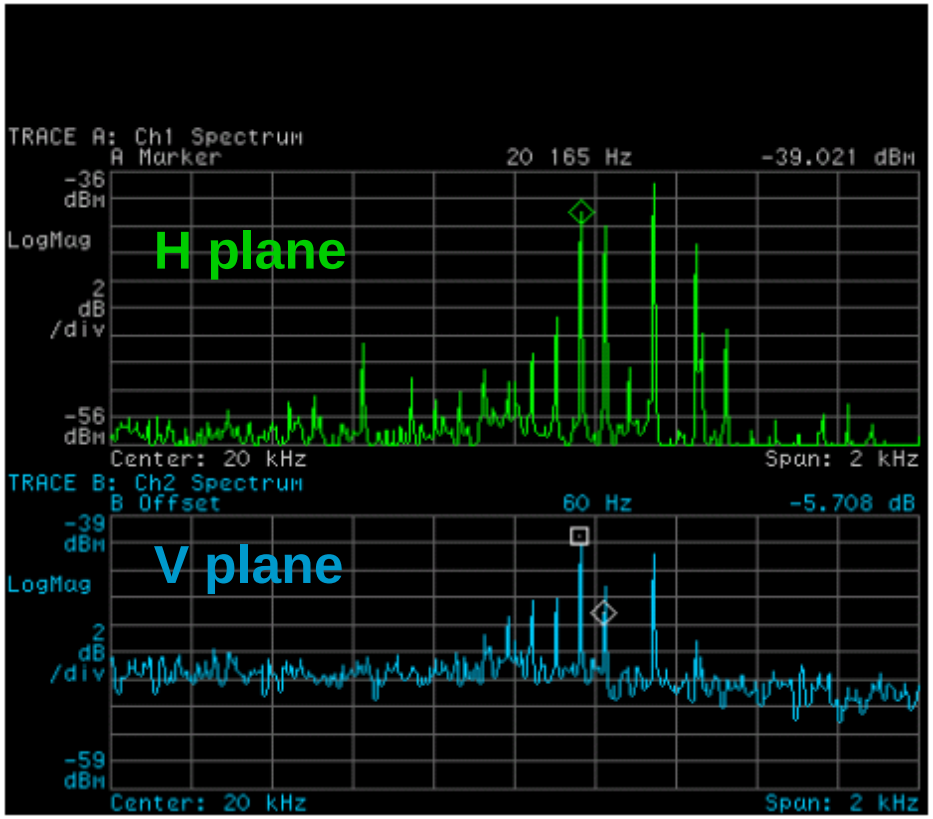
2005: RHIC – BBQ comparison to a million turn BPM

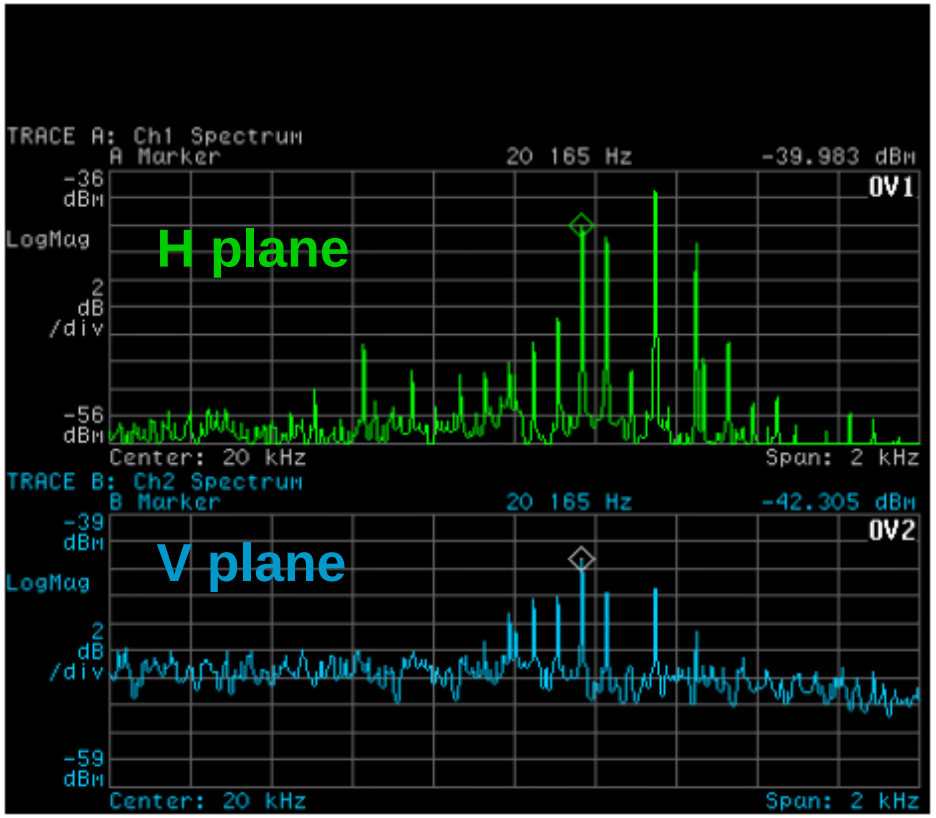


The BBQ sensitivity was estimated to be better than 10 nm

Measurement by P. Cameron

2005: Tevatron – BBQ front-end is run on batteries



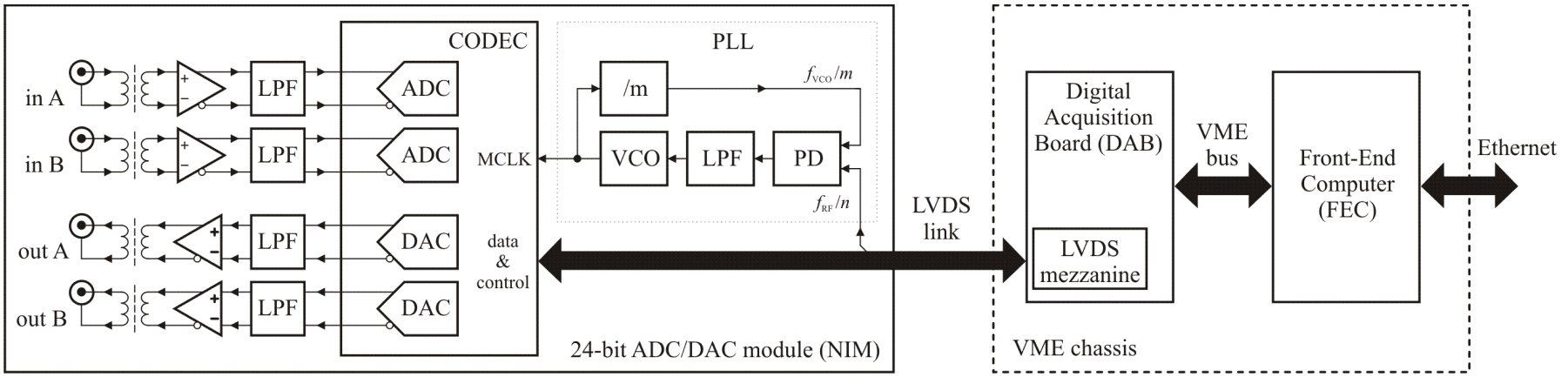


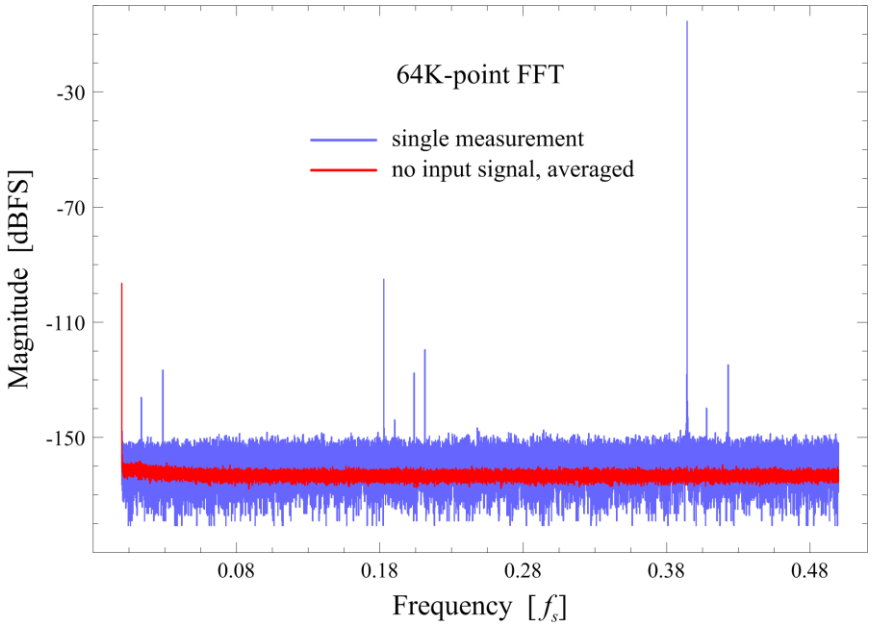
BBQ front-end on its built-in power supply

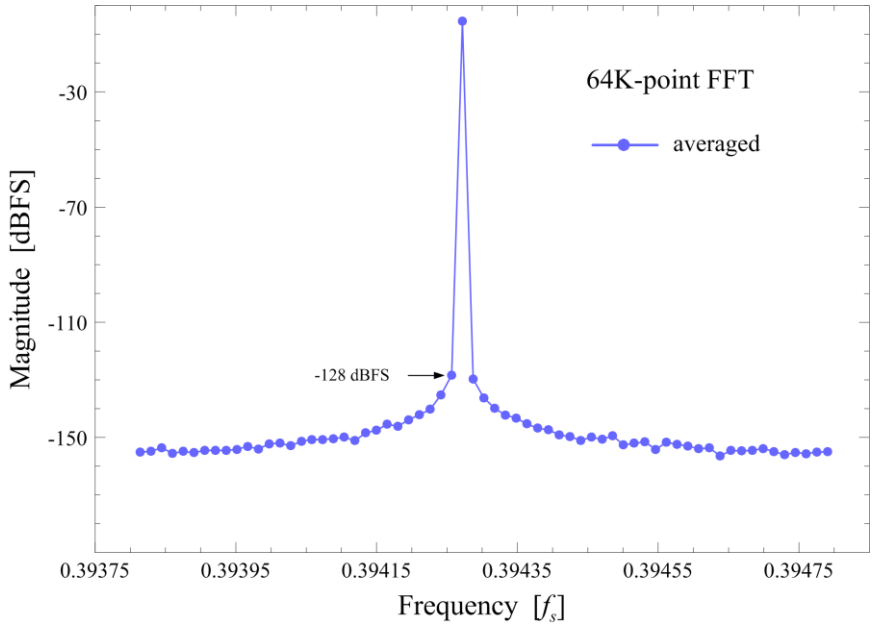
BBQ front-end on batteries

Measurement by C.-Y. Tan (FNAL)

Processing the BBQ signals in an FPGA on a VME board

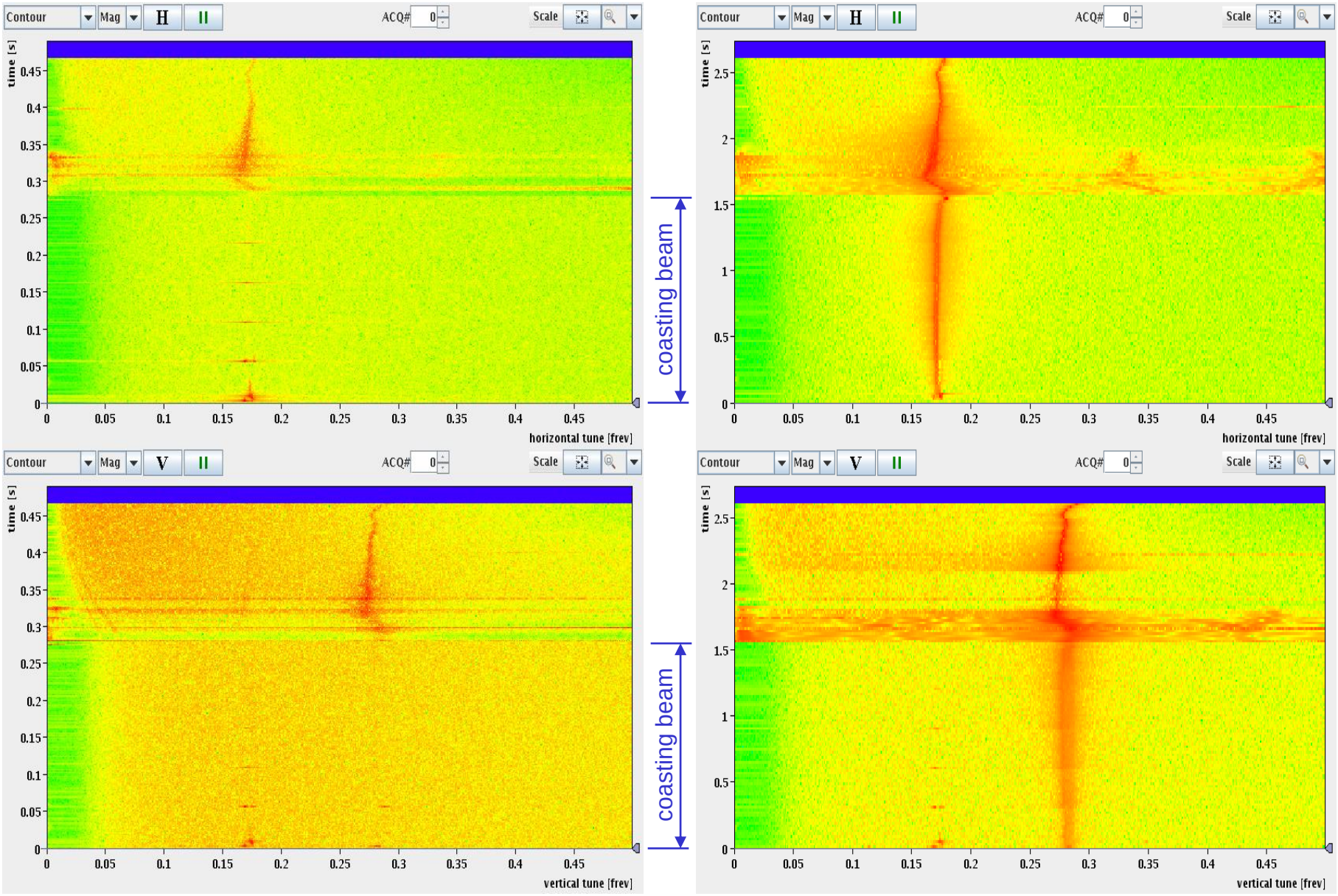






- Sound card was good for studies, but we needed a 24-bit ADC/DAC module integrated to the VME world of the CERN control system.
- 3rd key person: **Andrea Boccardi**.
- FPGA processing of ADC samples, integer arithmetic with on-line sine/cosine calculation, 180 dB dynamic range FFTs.

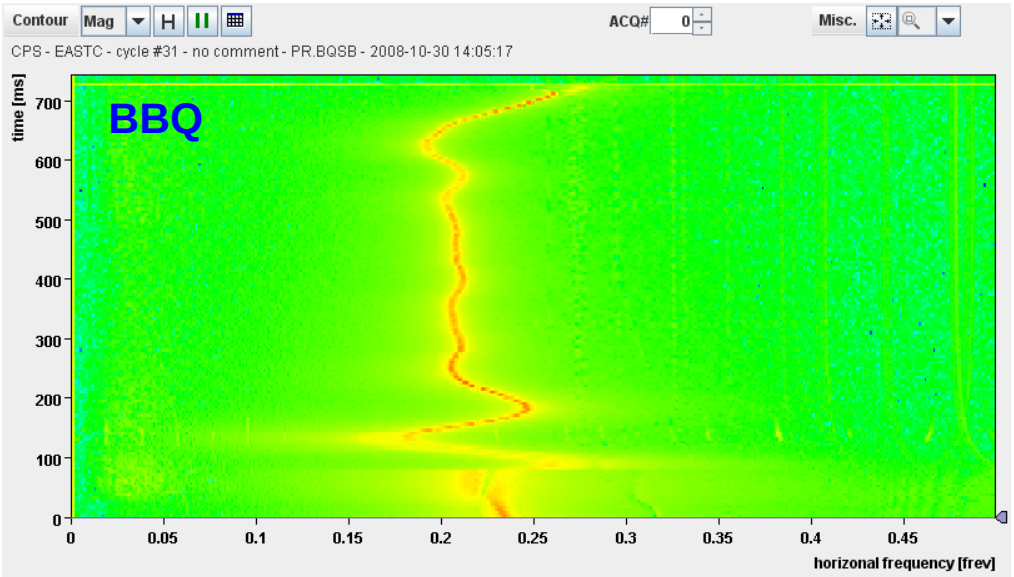
2005: CERN LEIR (ion machine) gets its BBQ

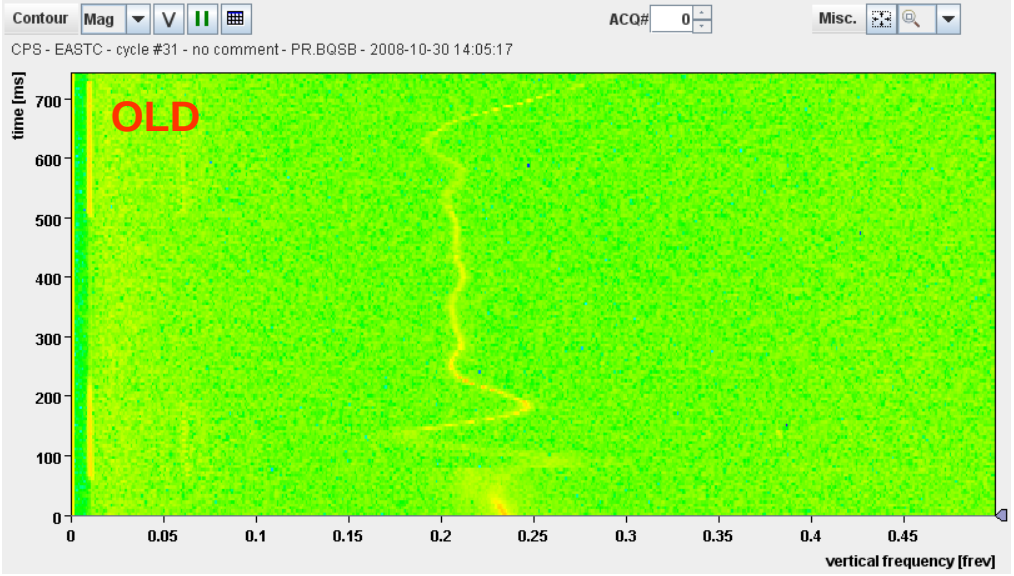


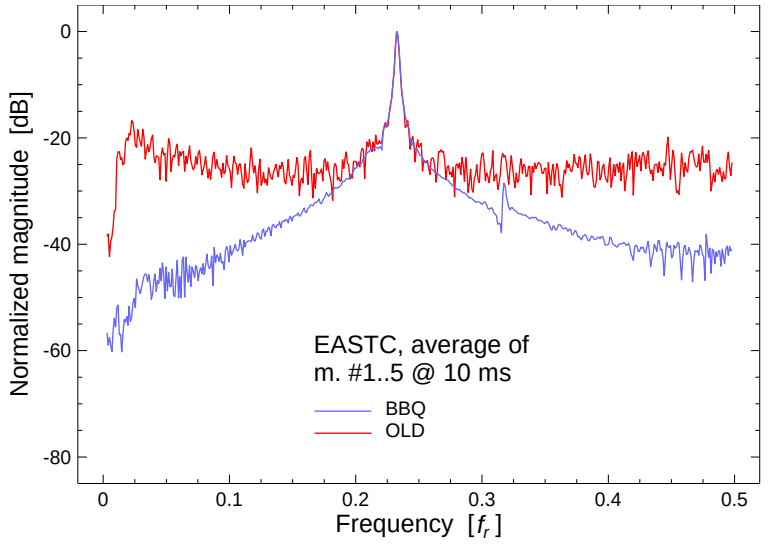
Cycle “NOMINAL”, no excitation

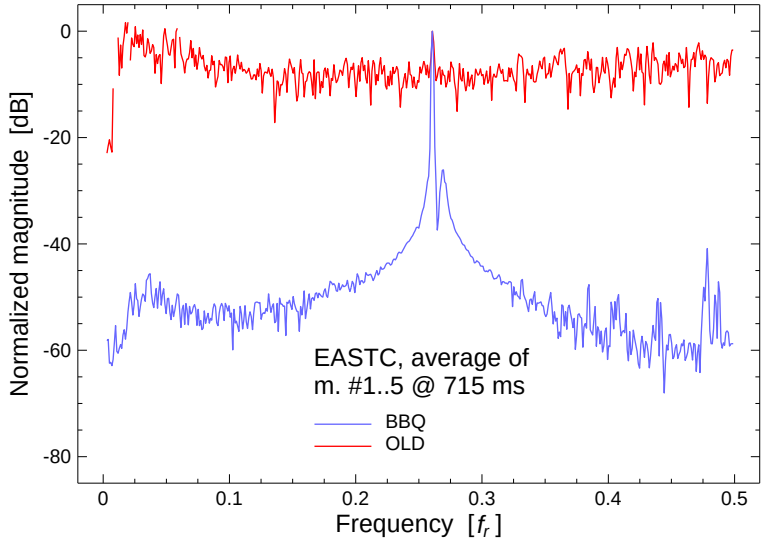
NOMINAL, regular kick 500 V, every 10 ms

2008: CERN Proton Synchrotron (PS) gets its BBQ

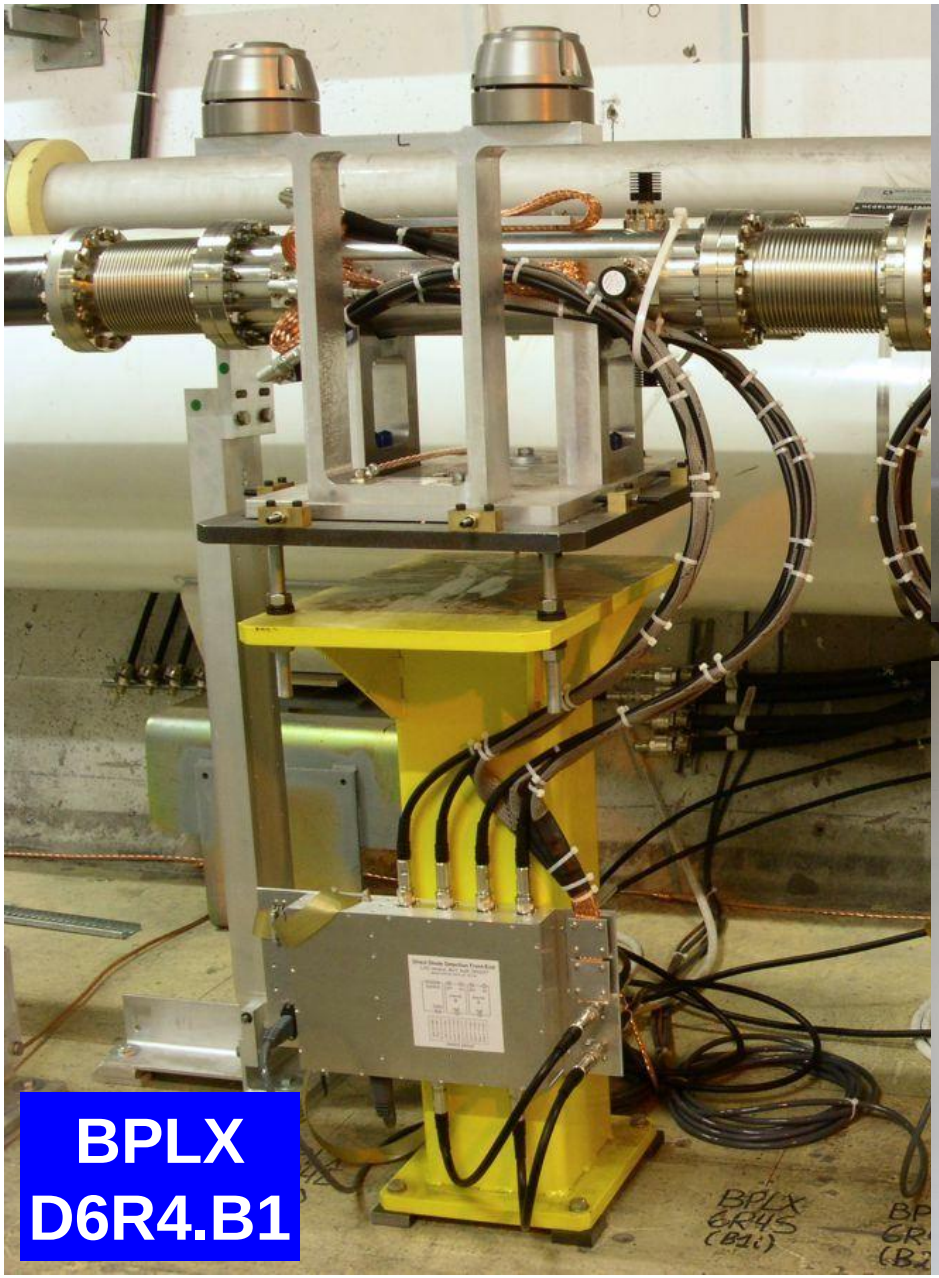


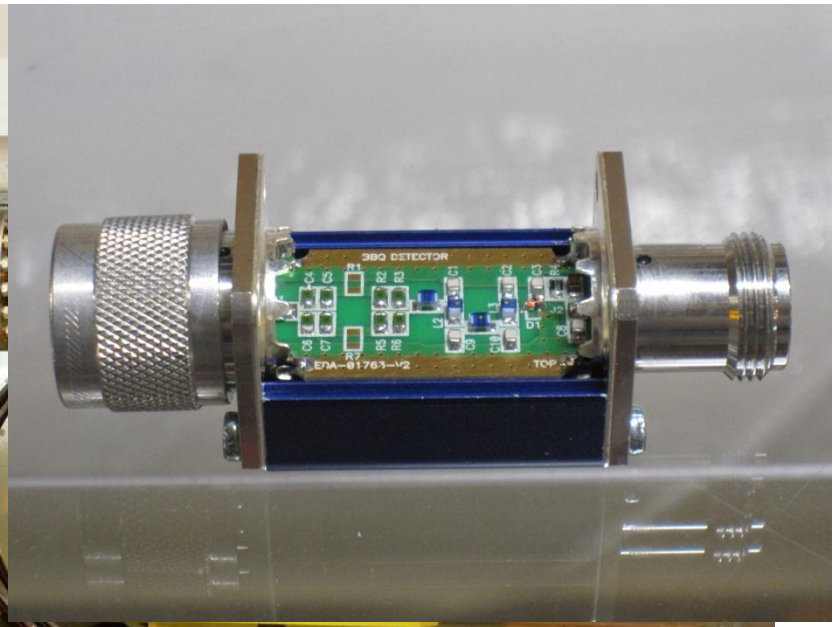


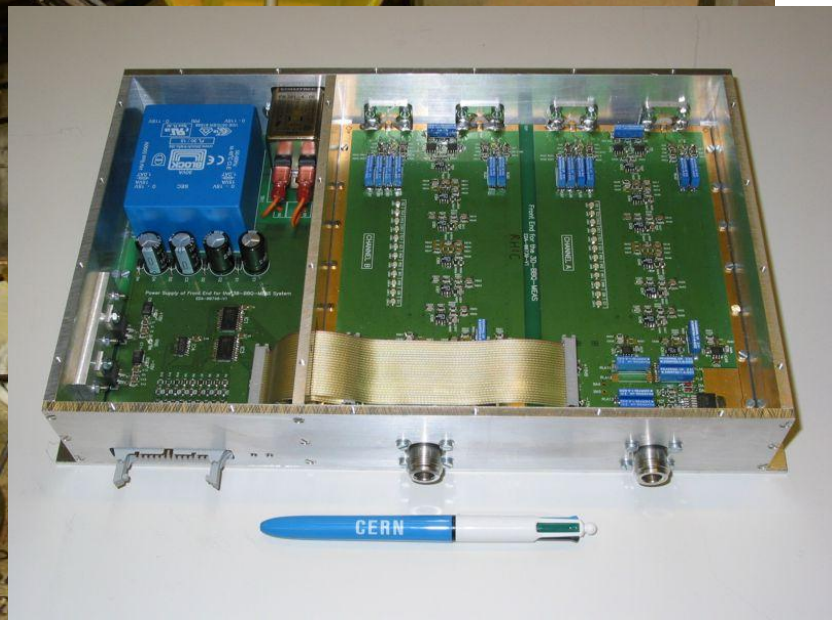




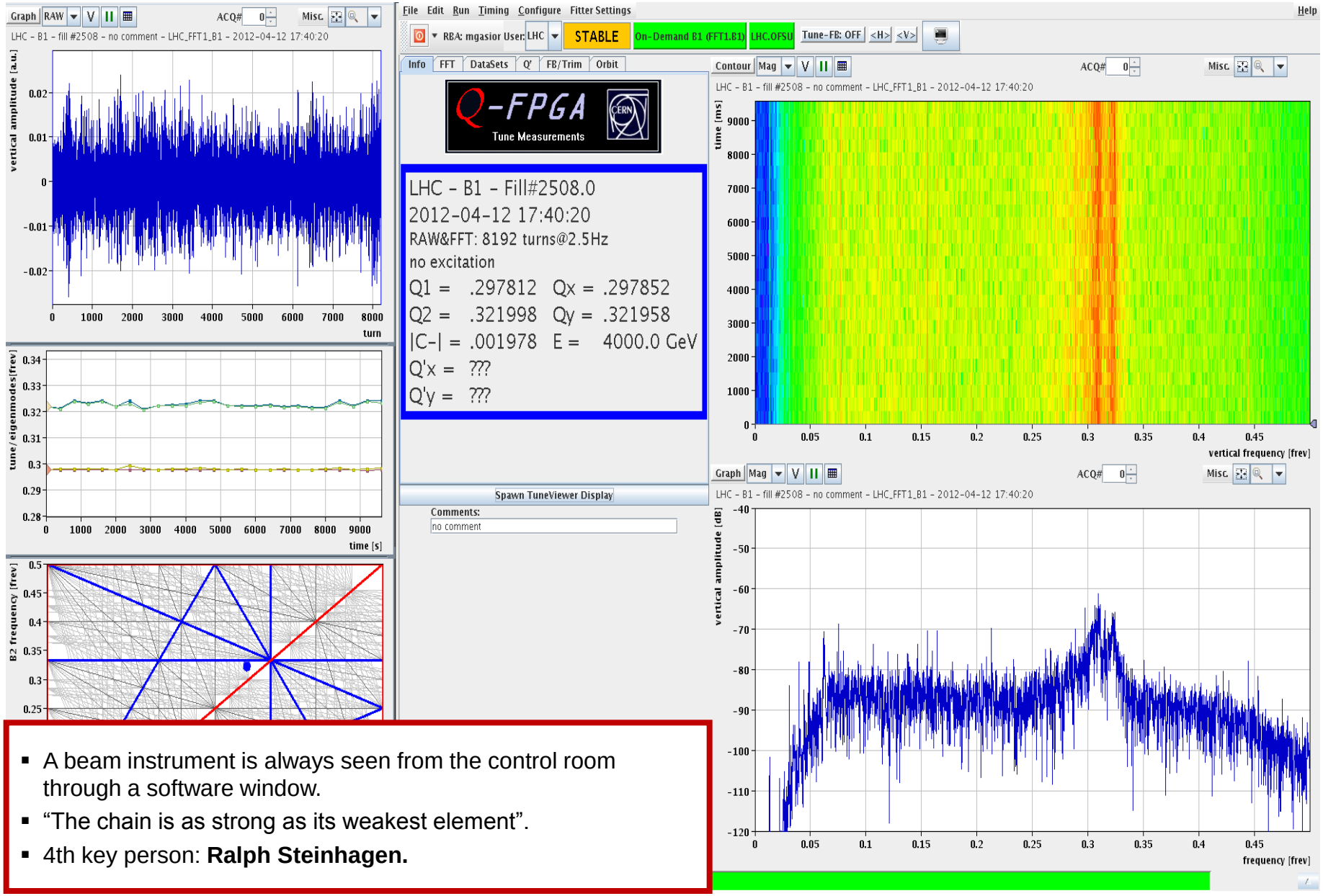
2008: LHC tune installation





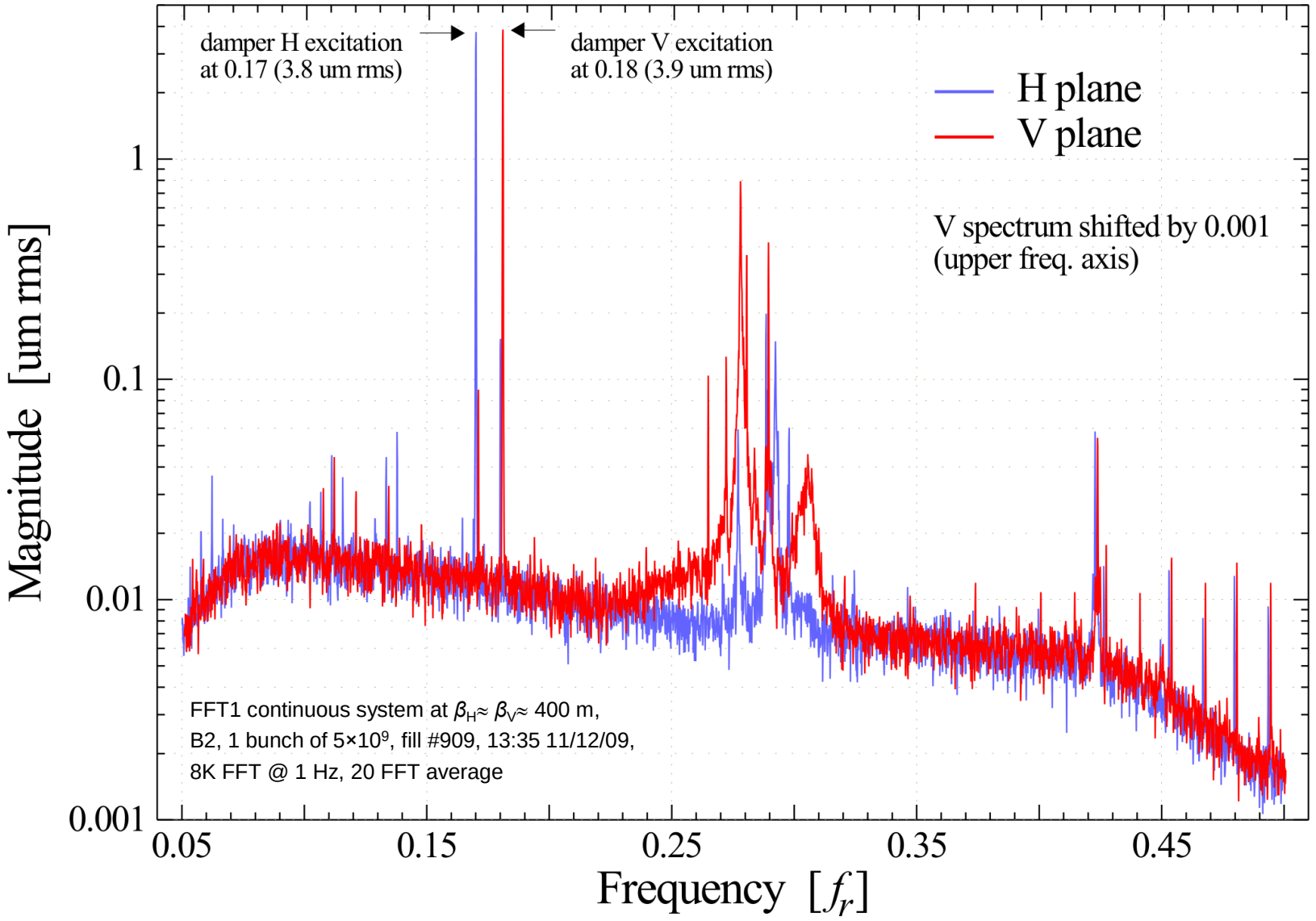


The tune measurement system seen from the control room



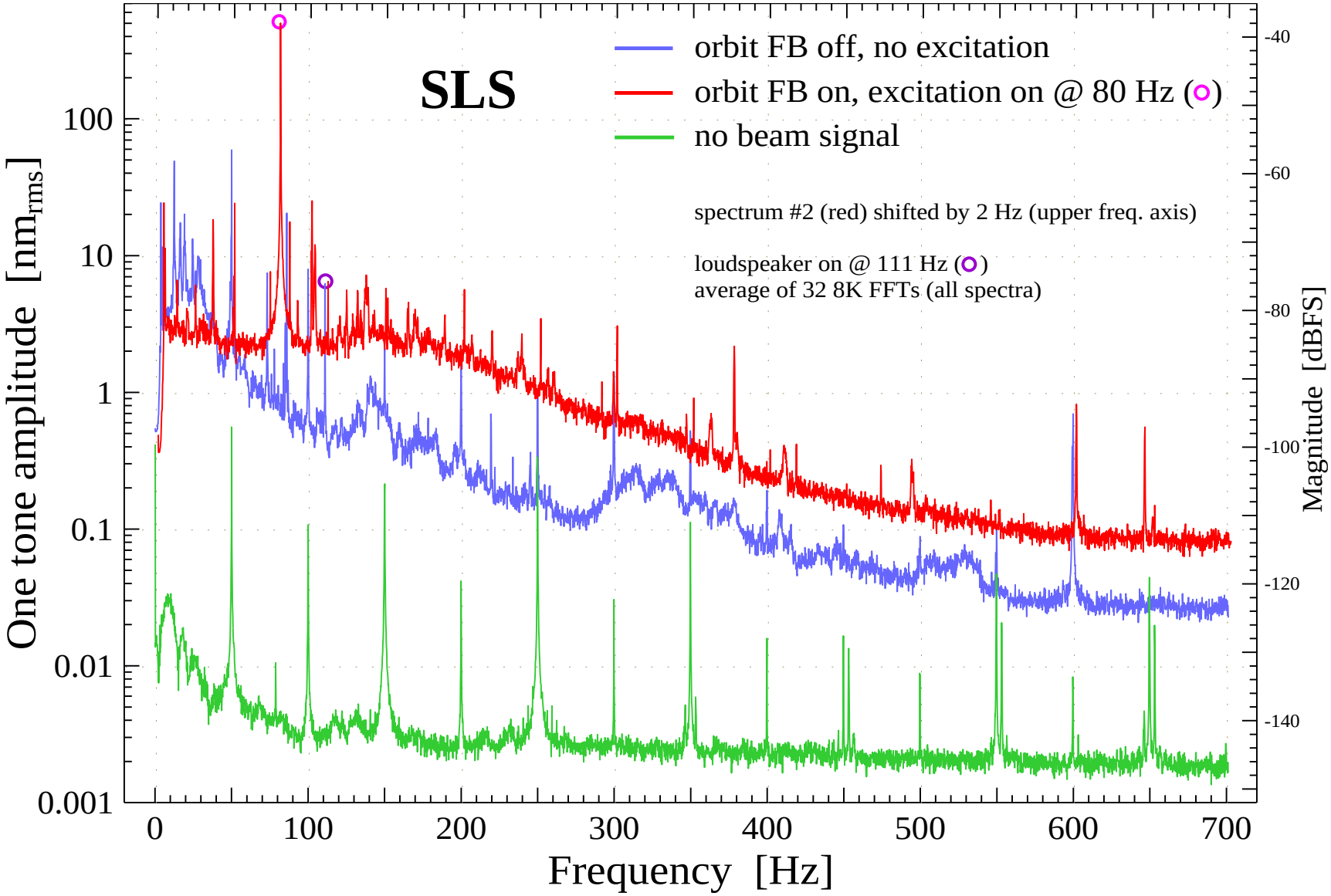
- A beam instrument is always seen from the control room through a software window.
- "The chain is as strong as its weakest element".
- 4th key person: **Ralph Steinhagen.**

LHC beam spectrum, one pilot bunch



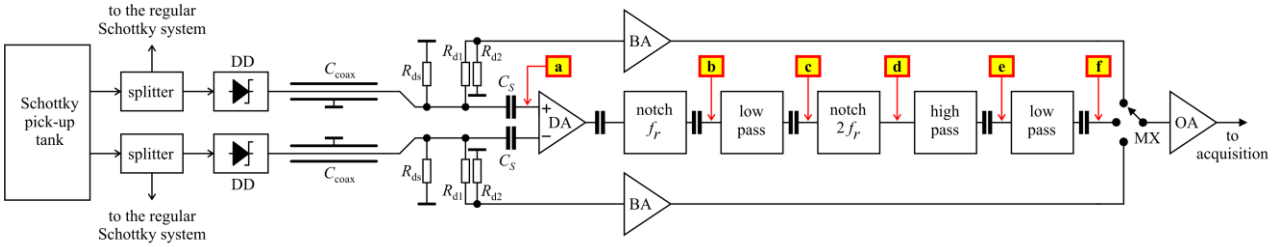
- Absolute amplitude calibration was done by exciting the beam to the amplitudes seen by regular LHC BPMs.

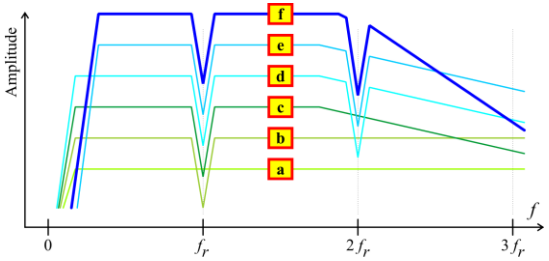
SLS beam spectrum measured with the diode detector system

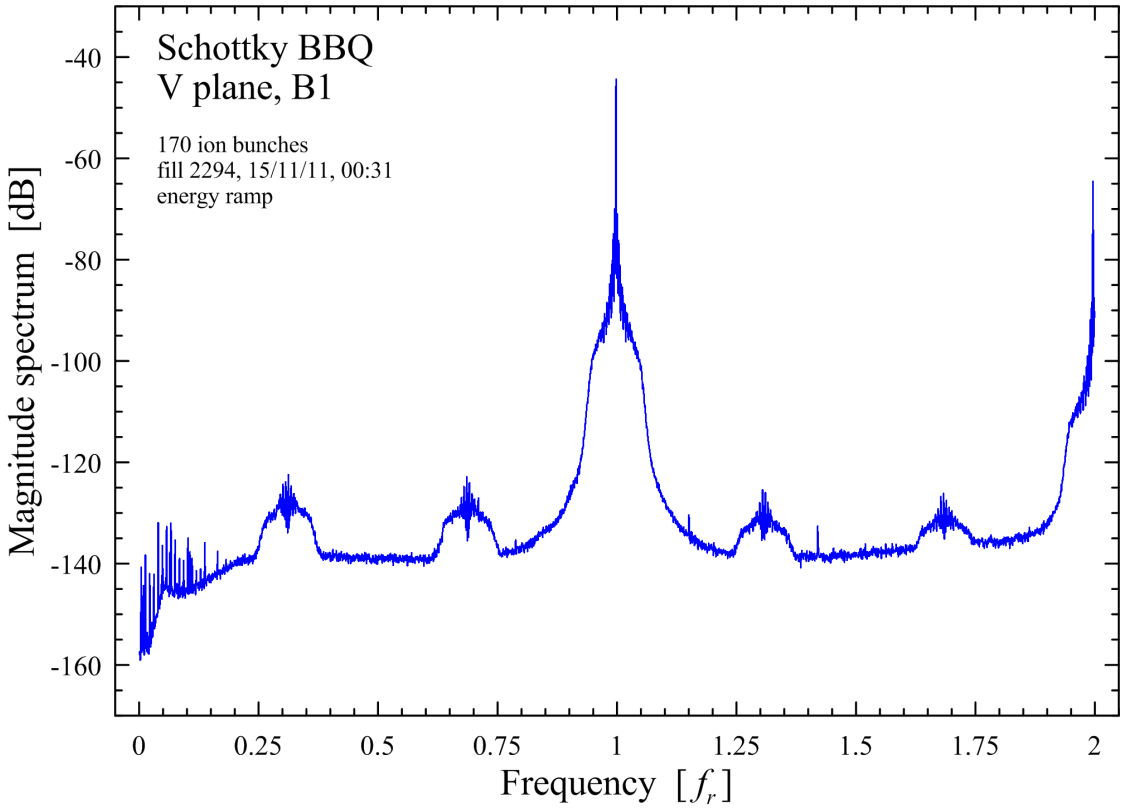


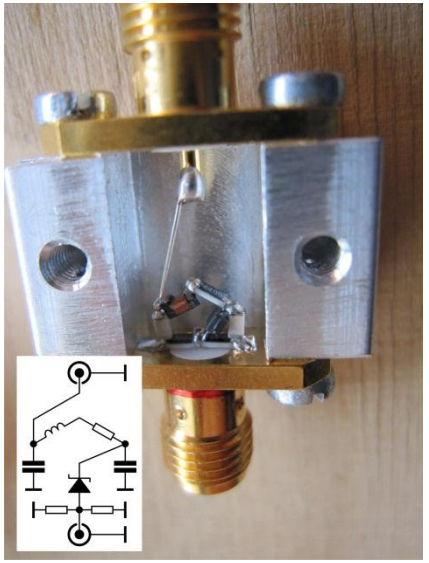
- Absolute amplitude calibration was done by exciting the beam to the amplitudes seen by regular SLS BPMs.

4.8 GHz Schottky spectra observation with diode detectors





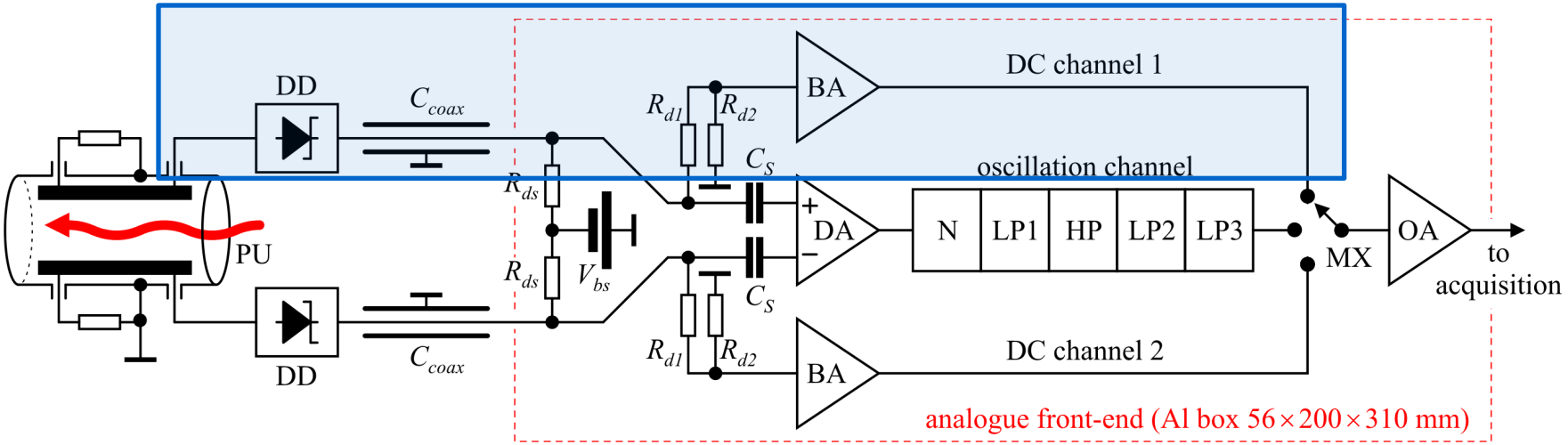


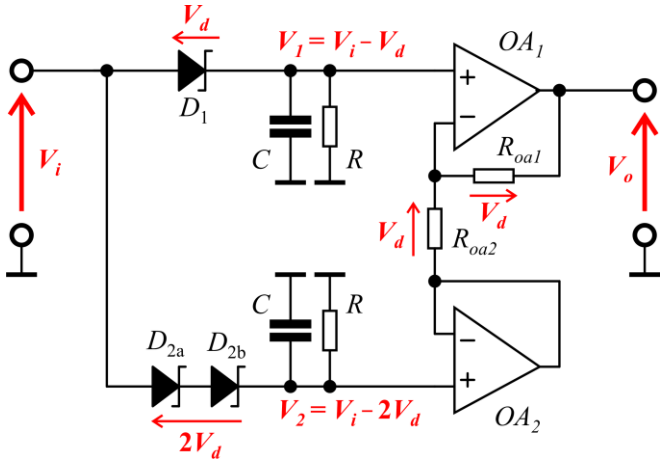


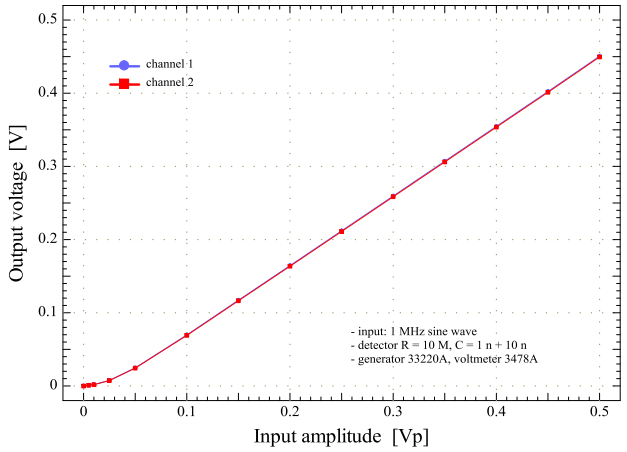
Detector diode	V_{max} [V]	4.8 GHz Vo [V]	4.8 GHz S11 [dB]	1 GHz Vo [V]	1 GHz S11 [dB]
BAS283	70	0.723	-6.8	0.740	-20.8
HSMS286	4	1.486	-9.3	0.871	-27.5
2x HSMS286	8	1.031	-17.4	0.771	-31.4
HSMS282	15	1.642	-2.9	0.865	-18.4
HSMS286+280	70	1.662	-10.8	0.781	-23.0
2x HSMS280	140	0.749	-6.6	0.750	-21.0

- BBQ system optimised for 4.8 GHz operation.
- A development system installed in 2011.

Orbit measurement with diode detectors

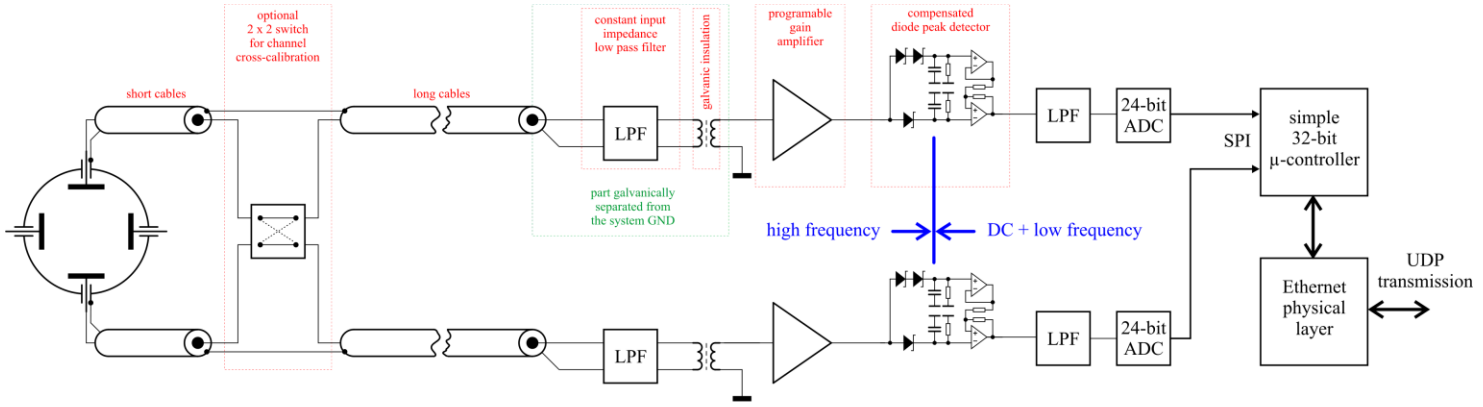






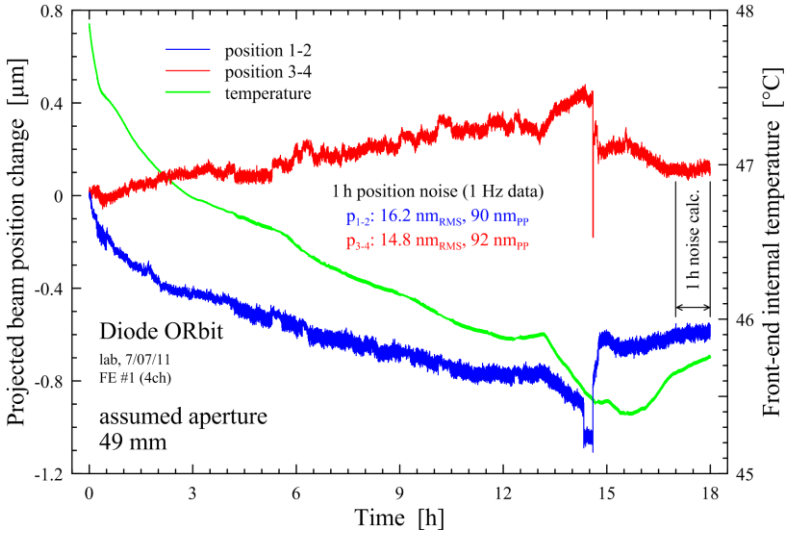
- Analogue front-end has dedicated channels to monitor detector DC voltages (testing purposes).
- DC signals can be measured with lab voltmeters (6 - 8 digit resolution possible).
- Simple diode detectors are nonlinear.
- A compensation scheme to achieve a linear characteristic.

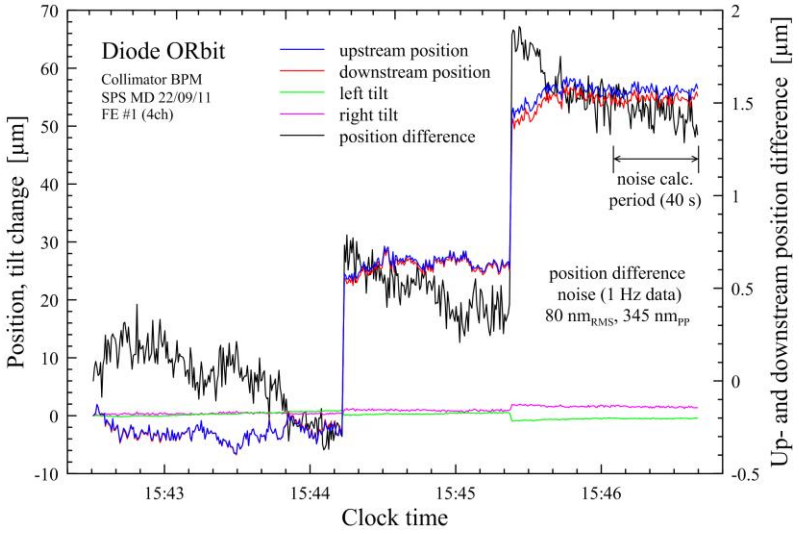
Compensated diode detector for beam orbit measurement



Diode ORbit (DOR) Measurement

2 channels shown for one pick-up plane,
one 19" 1U unit accommodates 8 channels





- Sub-micrometre resolution can be achieved with relatively simple hardware and signals from any position pick-up.
- To be used for the future LHC collimators with embedded BPMs.

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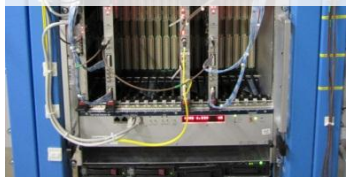
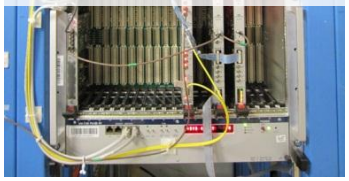
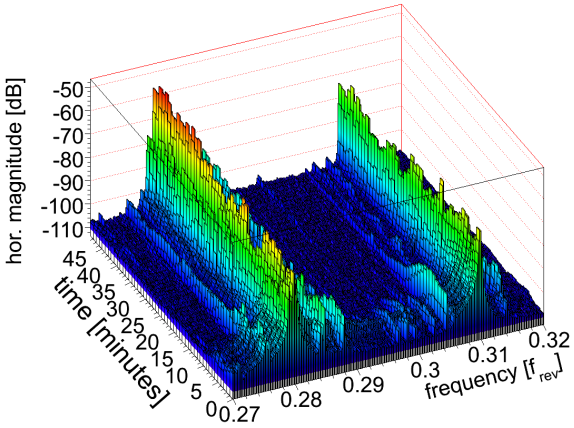


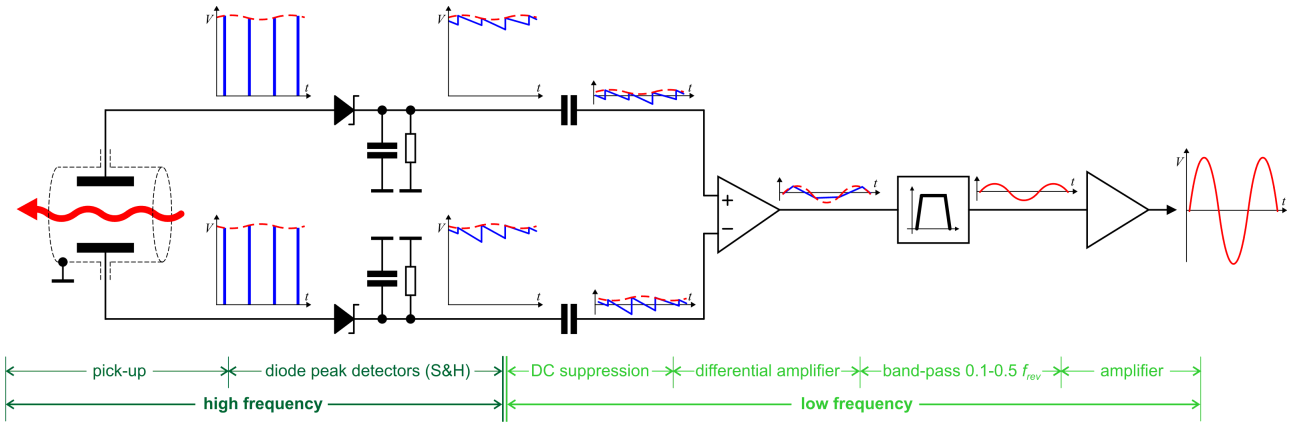


Conclusions

- Cold weather may stimulate fruitful discussions, which in turn can set the direction of a development.
- An error on a hand made schematic can make a breakthrough in a development.
- Good old ideas should be reviewed to make sure that they cannot be further improved with the recent technology advancement.
- Even with the excellent ADCs that we have today good analogue processing may pay off.
- Diode-based tune measurement works well already on quite a few machines.
- Diode detectors most likely can be used for other applications.
- Marek got a reputation to do everything with diodes:
  „When Marek wants to open a bottle of beer, the first tool he thinks about is a diode."
- The BIW Faraday Cup paper contains further details and references.

- A few pieces of beam sound can be found at: www.cern.ch/gasior/pro/BBQ/index.html



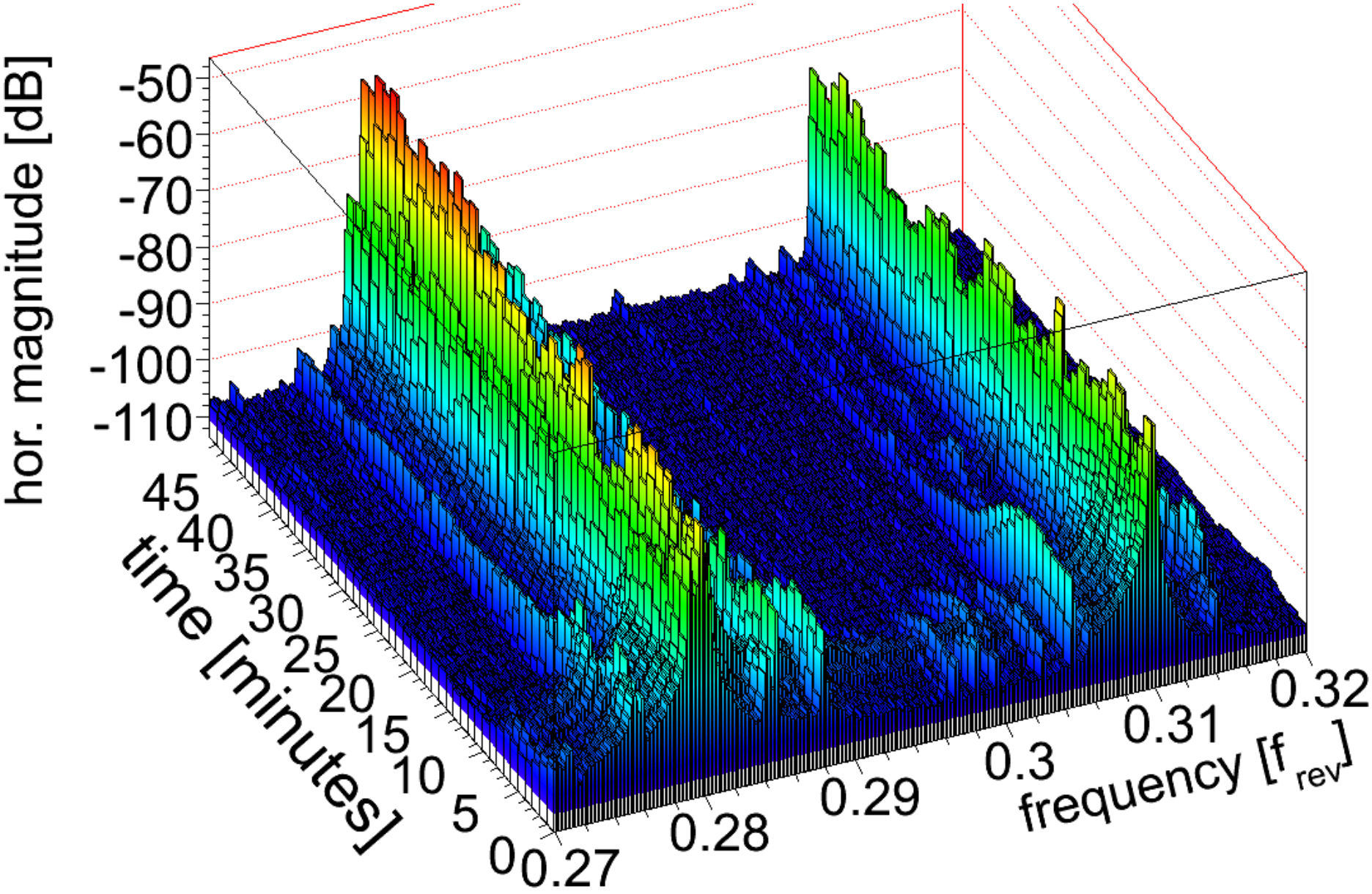


Diode tune systems

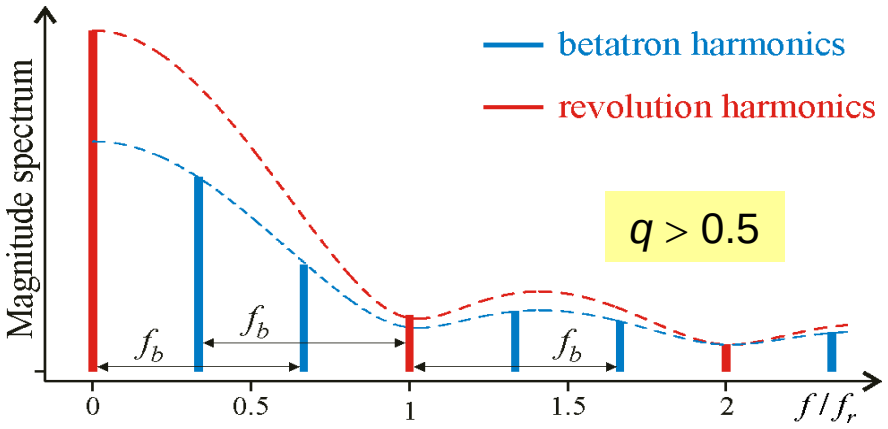
Machine	Lab	max f_{rev} [kHz]
LHC	CERN	11
SPS	CERN	43
PS	CERN	477
PSB	CERN	1800
LEIR	CERN	1440
RHIC	BNL	78
Tevatron	Fermilab	48
SIS18	GSI	1400
CNAO	CNAO	2800
CesrTA	Cornell	390

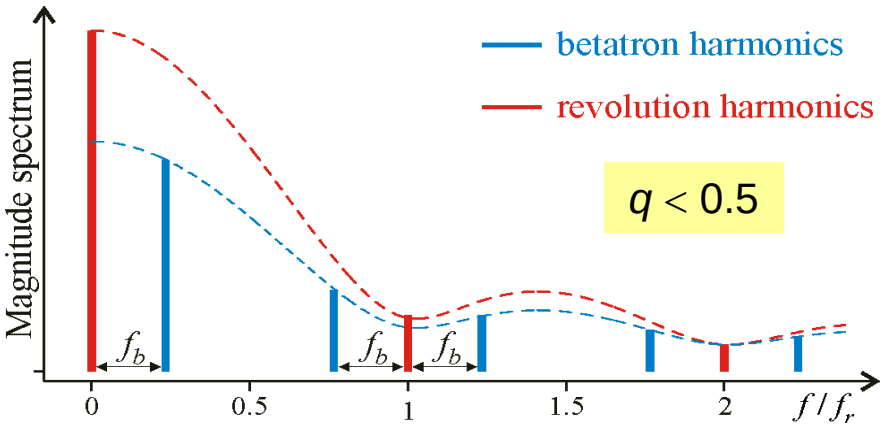
Spare slides

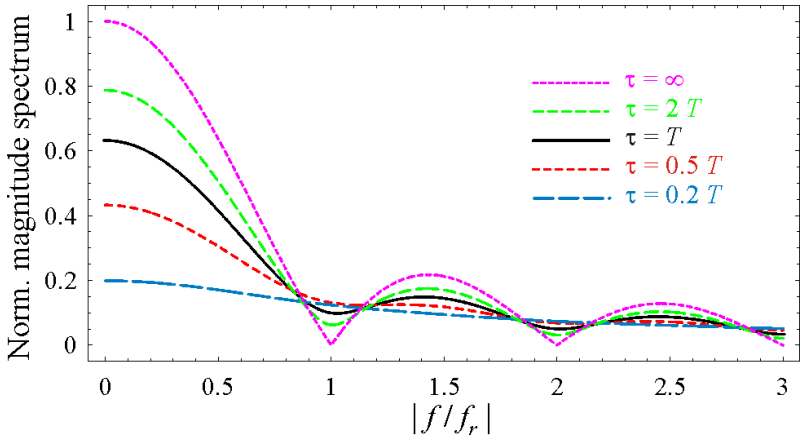
LHC spectra in 3D

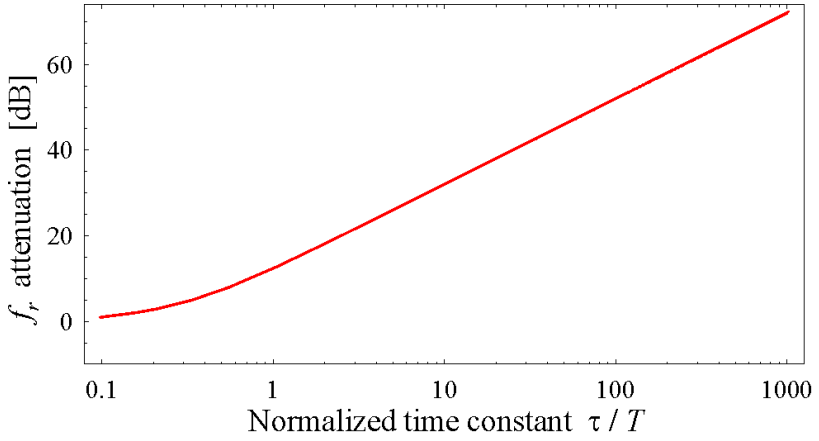


Direct Diode Detection – Base band spectrum





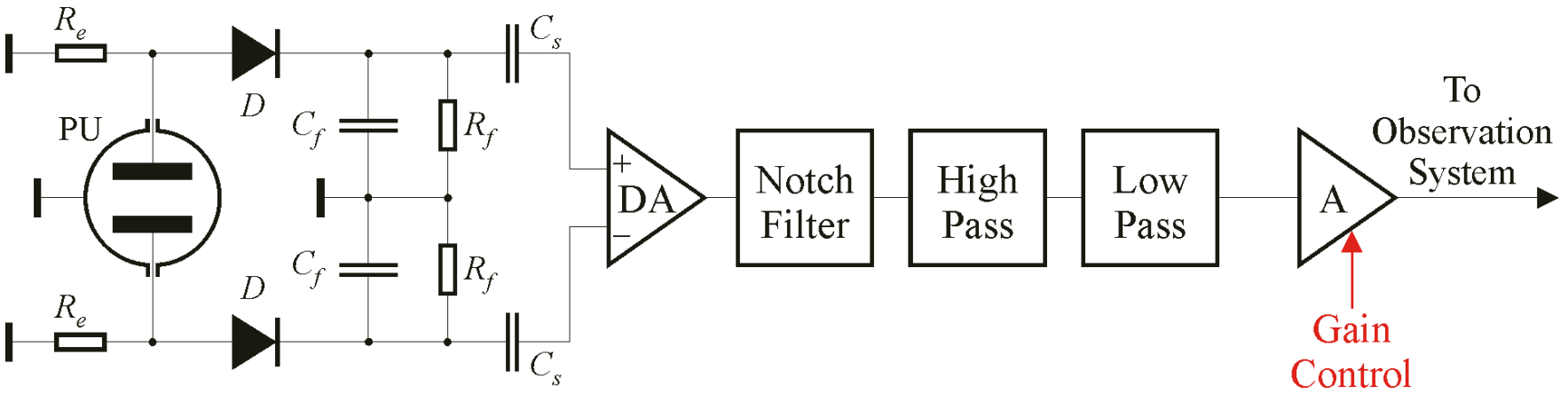




$$S_f(f) = \tau \left| \frac{1 - \exp\left(-\mathrm{j}2\pi f T - \frac{T}{\tau}\right)}{1 + \mathrm{j}2\pi f T} \right|$$

$$\tilde{\xi} = \frac{S_f\left(\frac{f_r}{2}\right)}{S_f(f_r)} = \sqrt{4 - \frac{3T^2}{T^2 + \pi^2 \tau^2}} \coth\left(\frac{T}{2\tau}\right)$$

The 3D front-end

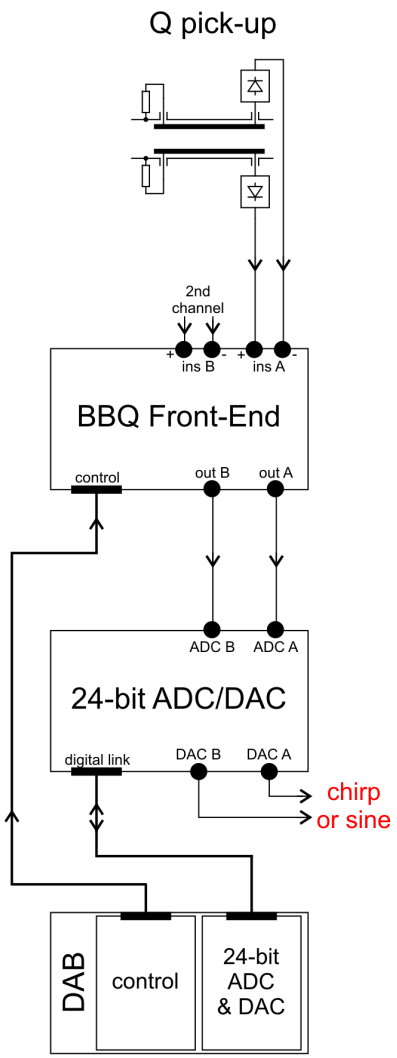


Detector box (for one PU electrode)

Analogue front-end box (2 channels)

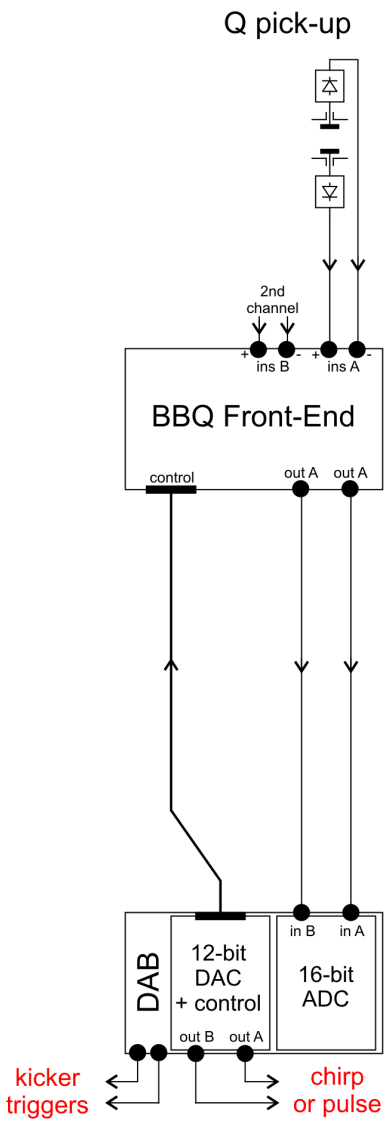
BBQ systems at CERN

LHC, SPS

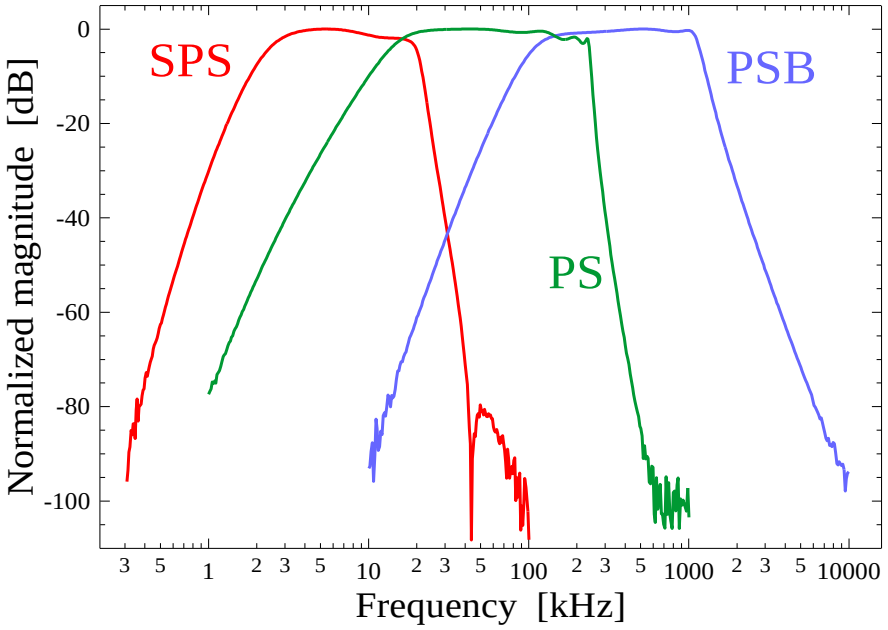


LEIR, PSB, PS,

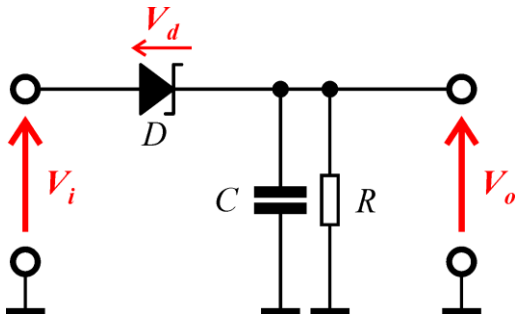
AD: ADCs + DACs only



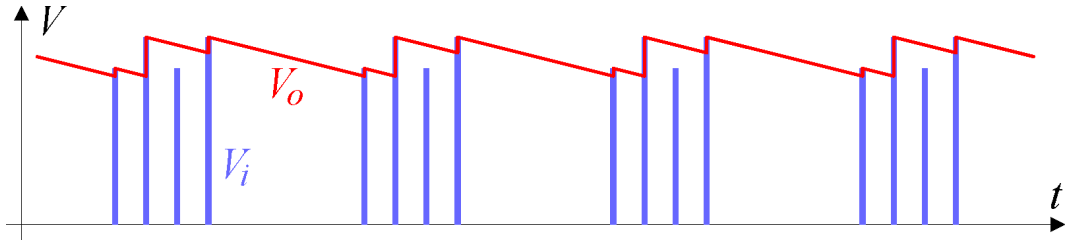
Machine	Front-End	Acquisition
LHC	"constant f_{rev} type"	24 bits (up to 100 kHz)
SPS	"constant f_{rev} type"	24 bits
PS	"constant f_{rev} type"	16 bits (up to 40 MHz)
LEIR	"varying f_{rev} type"	16 bits
PSB	"varying f_{rev} type"	16 bits



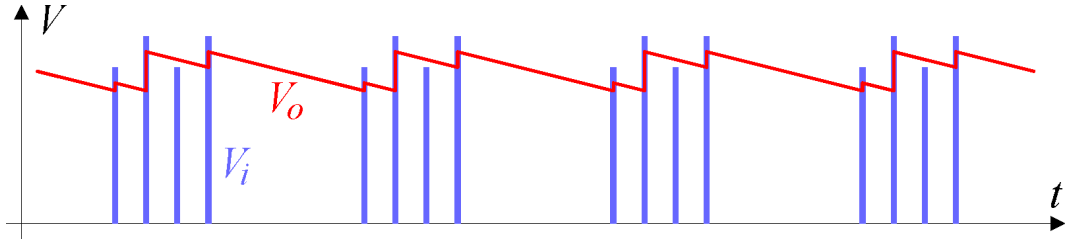
Different regimes of operating a diode detector



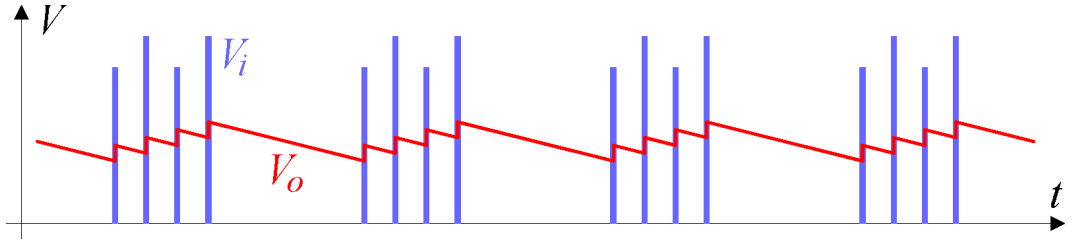
- The discharge resistor *R* can be used to change the regime in which the detector operates.
- Number of bunches have influence on the operation mode. An average detector with single bunch can be a peak detector with the full machine.



Input (V_i) and output (V_o) voltages of a peak detector with an ideal diode

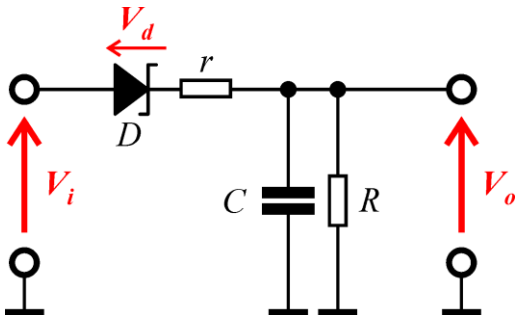


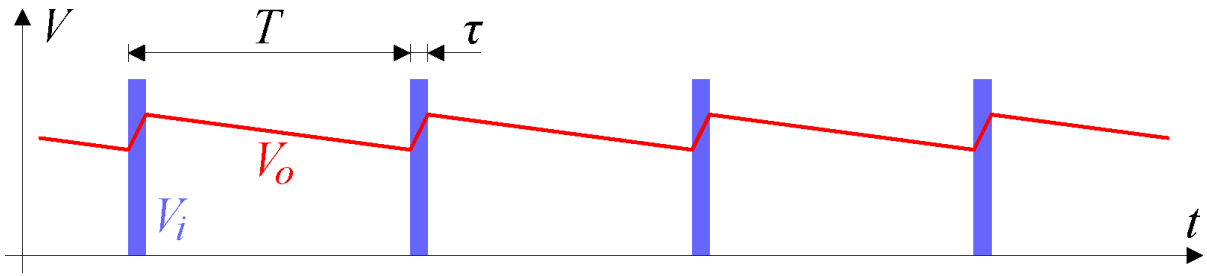
Input (V_i) and output (V_o) voltages of a peak detector with a real diode



Input (V_i) and output (V_o) voltages of an average-value detector

Charge balance in a diode detector





Charge balance equation for the following assumptions:

- a simple diode model with a **constant** forward voltage V_d and a **constant** series resistance *r.*
- constant charging and discharging current, i.e. output voltage changes are small w.r.t. the input voltage.

$$\frac{V_o}{R}T = \frac{V_i - V_o - V_d}{r}\tau$$

$$\frac{V_o}{V_i - V_d} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{r}{R}\cdot\frac{T}{\tau}}$$

A numerical example: LHC, one bunch.

For LHC $\tau \approx 1$ ns and $T \approx 89$ µs, so for $V_o \approx V_i$ one requires $R/r > T/\tau$.
Therefore, for $r \approx 100\,\Omega$, $R > 8.9$ MΩ.

- $V_i >> V_d$
- *n* bunches

$$\frac{V_o}{V_i} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{r}{R}\cdot\frac{T}{n\tau}}$$

- For large T to τ rations peak detectors require large R values and a high input impedance amplifier, typically a JFET-input operational amplifier.
- The slowest capacitor discharge is limited by the reverse leakage current of the diode (in the order of 100 nA for RF Schottky diodes).