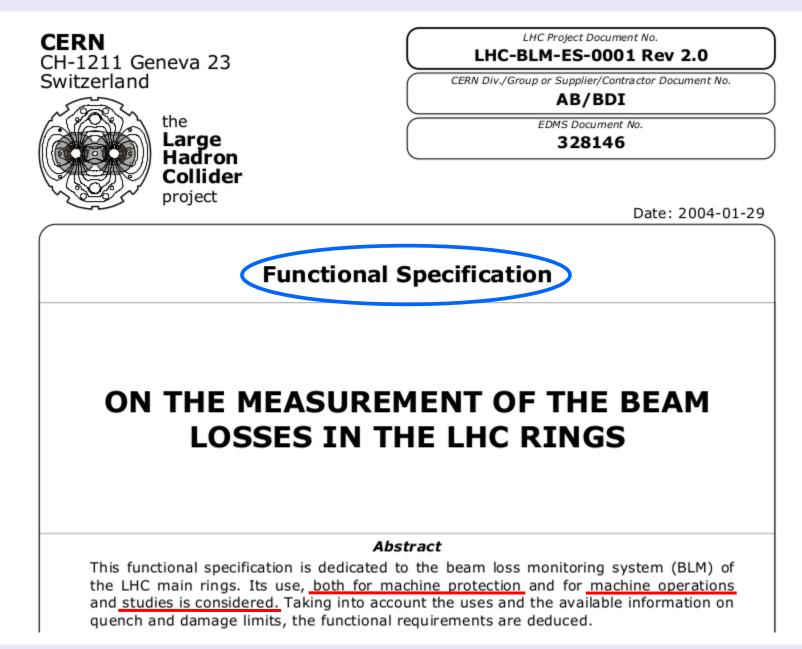
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# Specification



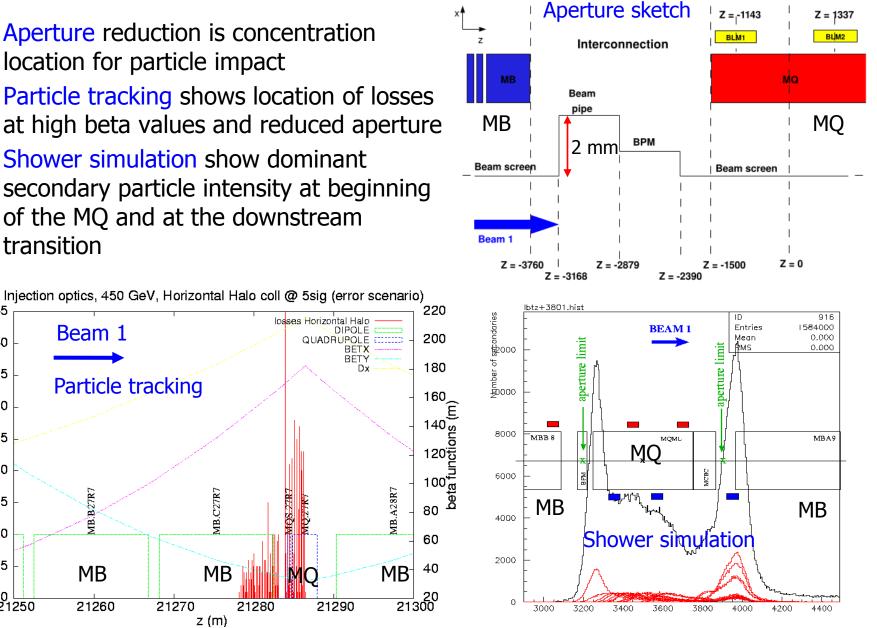
# Content of Specification (selection)

- **3.** Beam loss scenarios
- 5. Use of the blm's for machine protection
- 6. Use of the blm's for machine operation and studies
- 6.3 Setting of <u>collimators and other movable targets</u>
- 6.8 Beam and machine studies
- 6.9 Post-mortem analysis
- 7. Beam losses: dynamic range and time constants
- 7.3 Steady losses
- 7.3.3 Loss rates
- 7.4 Transient losses
- 8. Assumed quench and damage thresholds
- 8.1 Quench limit
- 8.1.1 Limit to the local heat deposition
- 8.2 Damage limit
- 9. Functional requirements for the BLM system
- 9.2 Layout & number of locations to be monitored
- 9.4 Dynamic range, resolution and response time
- 9.5.1 Absolute precision or calibration of the loss scale
- 9.5.2 Resolution and relative precision of the monitors
- 9.6.1 Beam 1/beam 2 discrimination
- 9.6.2 Collimator to collimator discrimination
- 9.7 Data and data handling
- 9.7.1 Data processing for <u>quench prevention</u>
- 9.8 Post-mortem analysis
- 9.9 <u>Reliability and radiation resistance</u>

- Specification (location of monitors, time response, dynamic range, safety and reliability requirements)
- System overview
- Detector
- Acquisition chain
  - Radiation tolerant electronics
  - Parallel and voting for safety and reliability Requirements
- Reliability software
- Failsafe system, human errors
- Firmware updates
- Functional tests
- Data path
- Preventive actions
- Management of settings

# Loss Location Determination

- Aperture reduction is concentration location for particle impact
- Particle tracking shows location of losses at high beta values and reduced aperture
- Shower simulation show dominant secondary particle intensity at beginning of the MQ and at the downstream transition



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Beam 1

AB.B27R7

MB

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45

40

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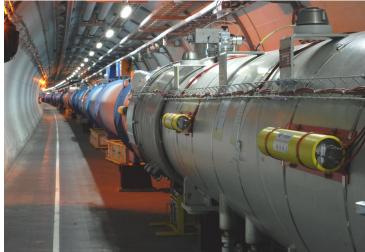
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Number of losses

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# Location of Beam Loss Monitors

#### BLMs at quadrupole magnet



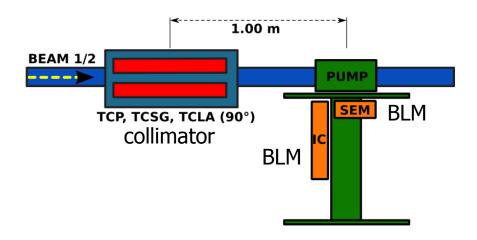
BLMs at final focussing magnet



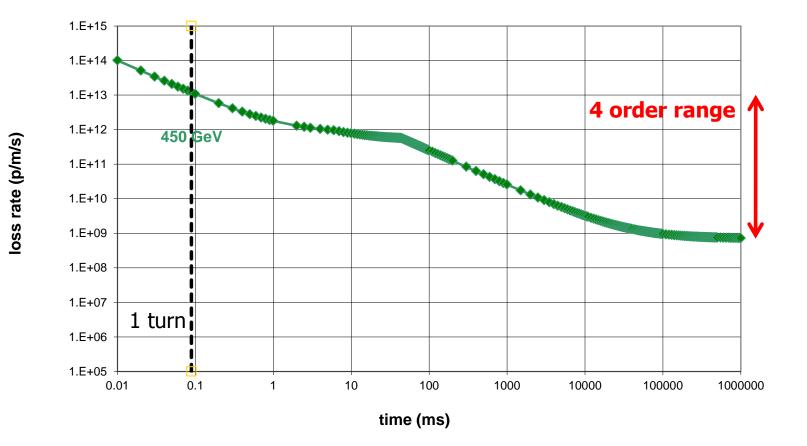
#### BLM at bending – bending magnet transition

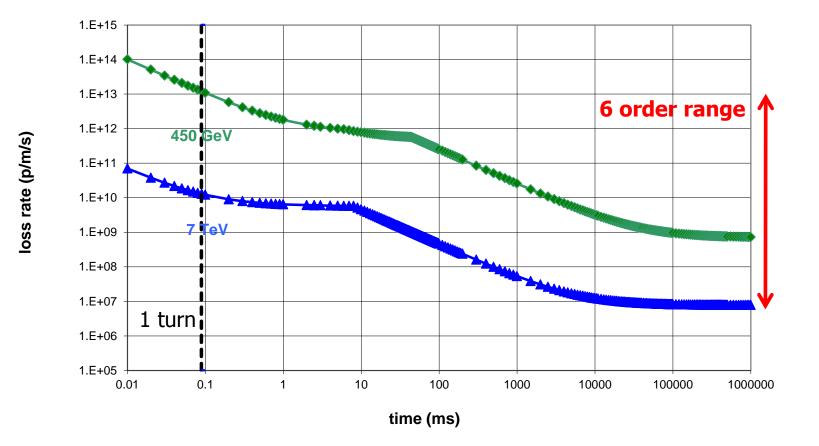


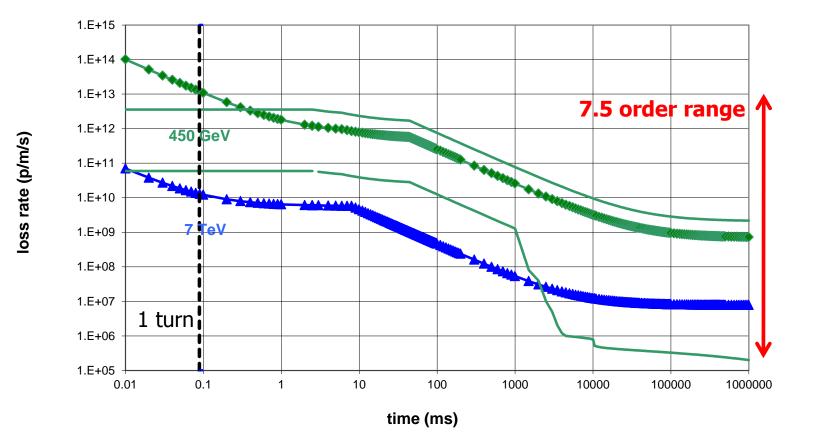
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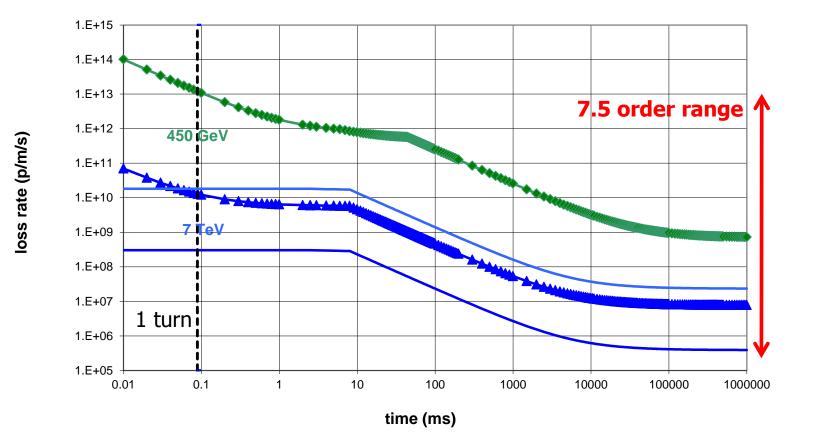


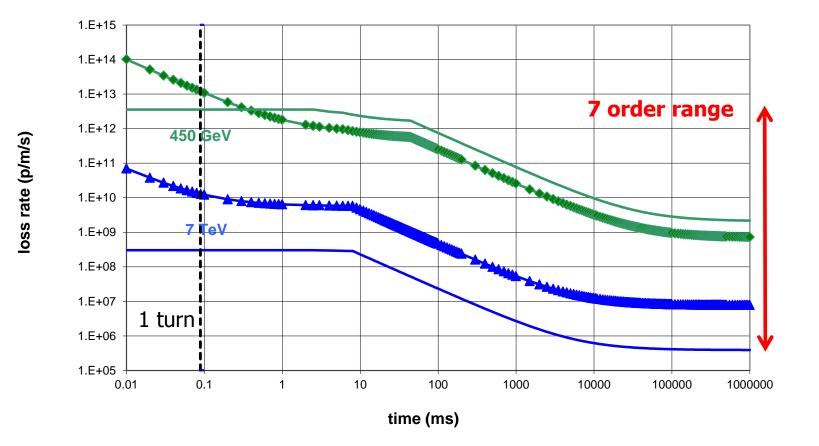
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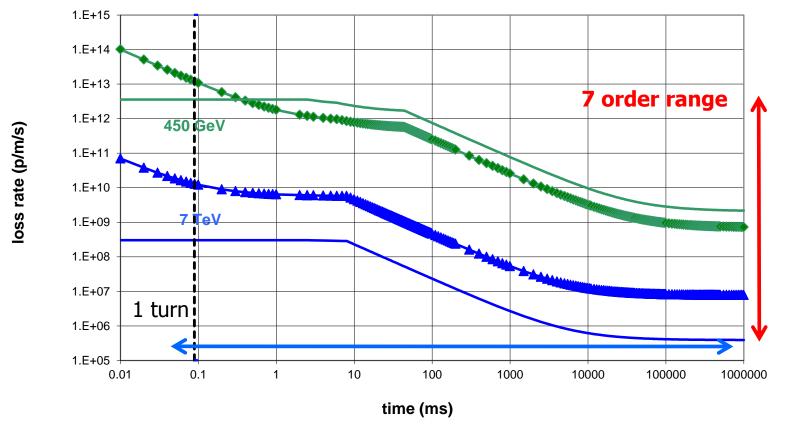










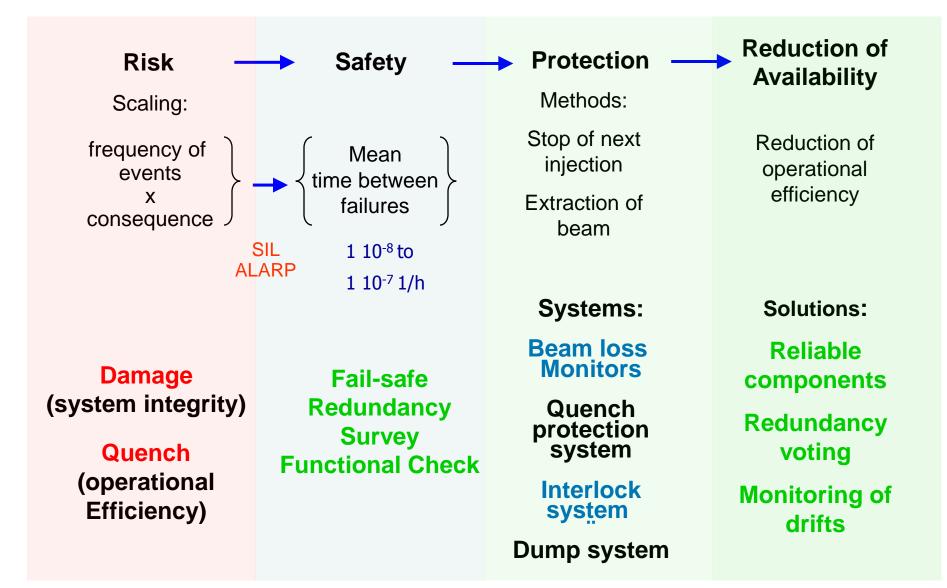


To allow higher loss levels for short loss durations the concept of running sums is used

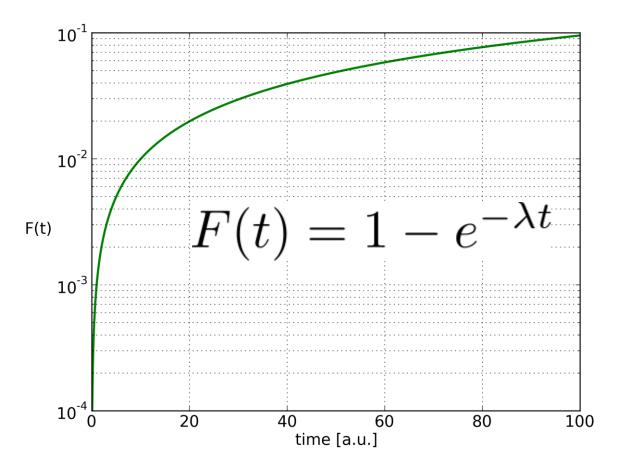
- The acquisition chain needs to have a dynamic range of 7 orders of magnitude
- 12 running sums are online calculated in range from 40 us to 83 seconds

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# Dependability: Safety System Design Approach

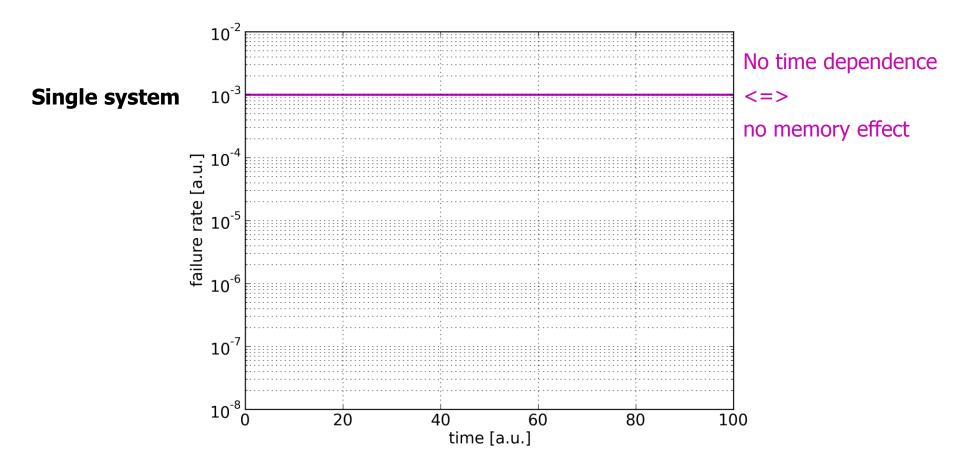


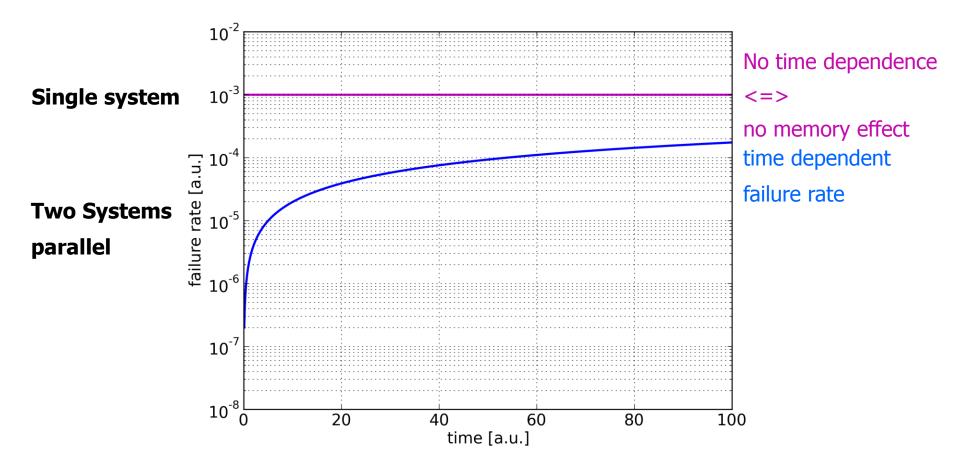
#### F (t) Probability that a failure occurs in the time 0 to t

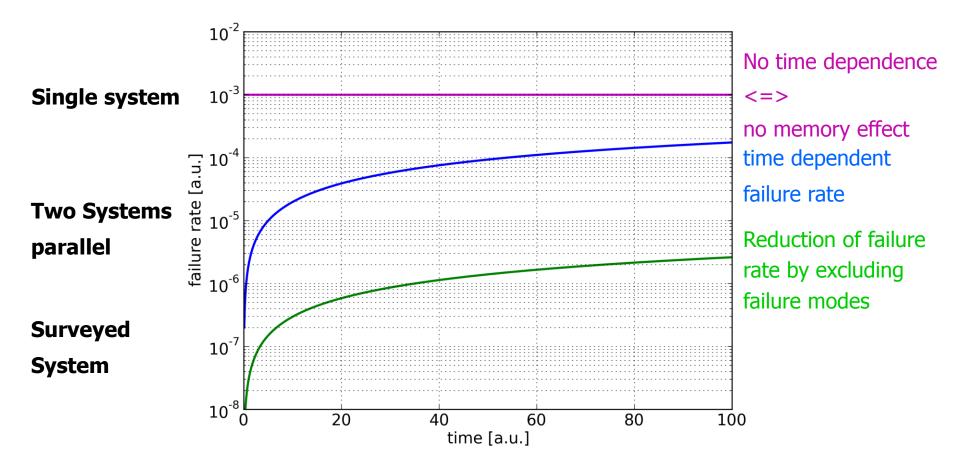


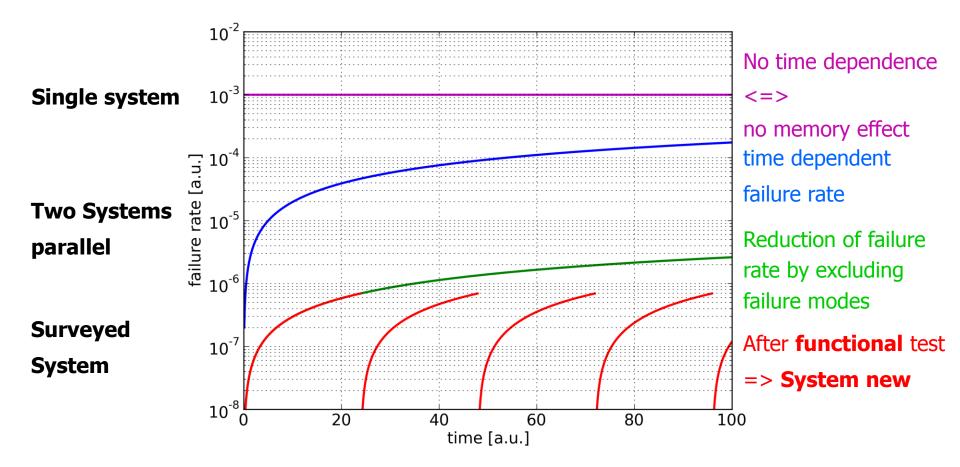
The exponential failure probability leads to a constant failure rate  $Failure rate = \lambda$ 

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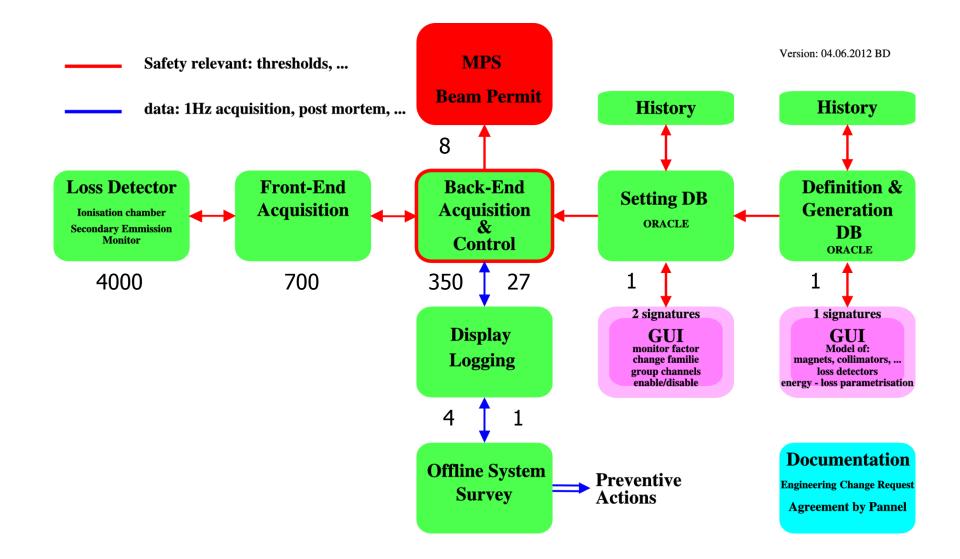




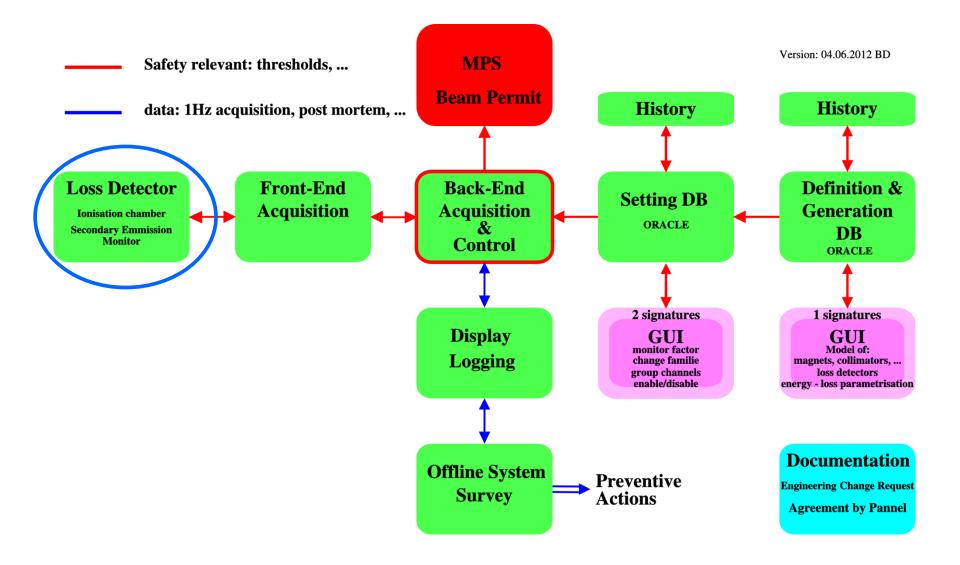




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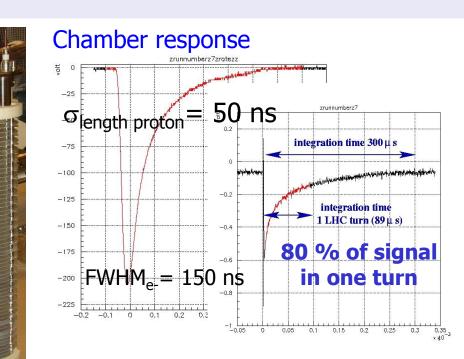


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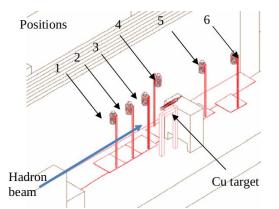


# **Ionisation Chamber**

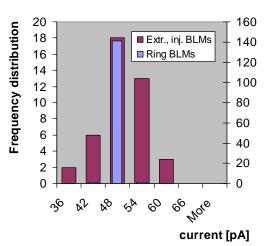
- Sensitivity 54 uC/Gy
- Time response
  - Electron collection 150 ns
  - Ion collection time 80 % at 89 us (1 turn)
- Absolute calibration +- 30%
- Dynamic (linear range)
  - minimum current < 1 pA</li>
  - maximum current 10 mA
- Radiation tolerance (gain variation):
  - 30 kGy Δσ/σ < 0.01
  - 100 MGy  $\Delta \sigma / \sigma < 0.05$
- 30 year of operation



#### Gain variation SPS BLMS



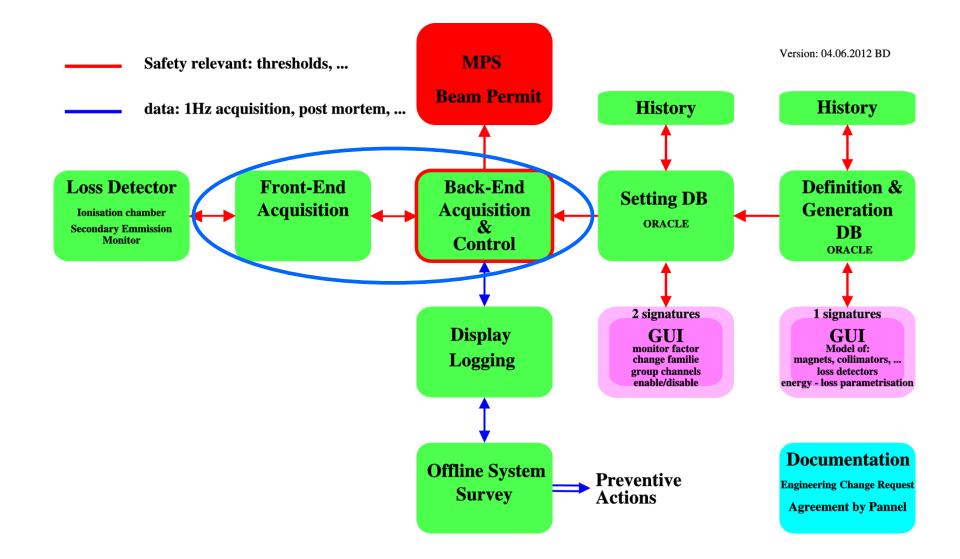
Calibration				
		+ 10% Outer layer		
Horizontal cables downstream	1	1.32		
	2	1.14		
	3	1.31		
	4	1.08		
	5	1.29		



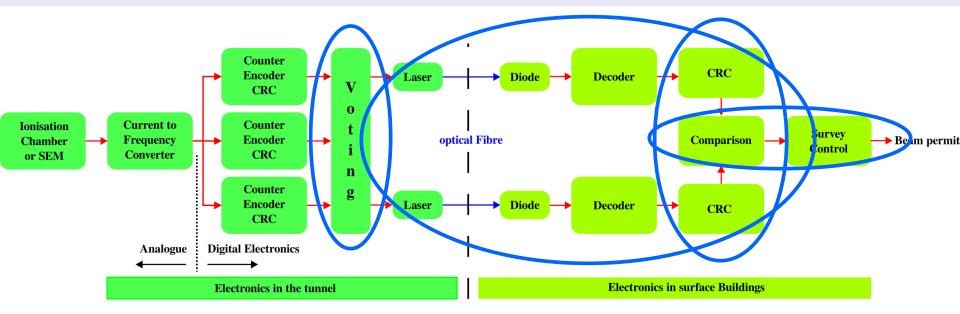
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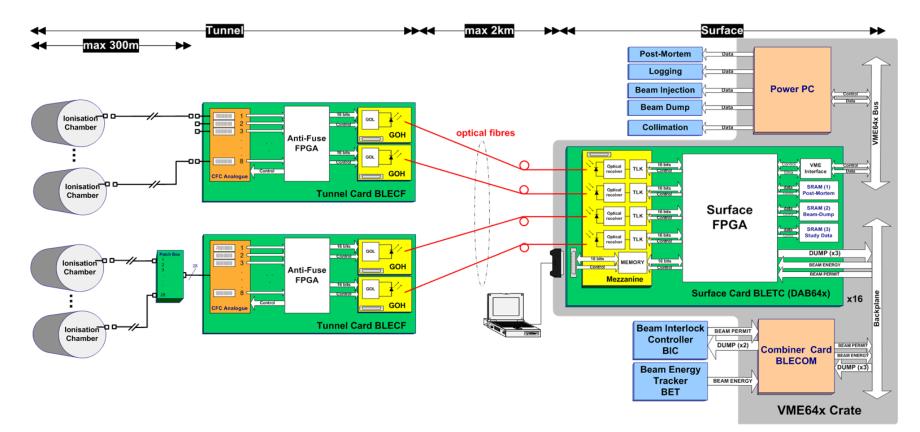


#### Beam Loss Measurement System Layouts



	Comment	Safety gain	Availably gain
Failsafe	active state = beam permit	yes	no
Voting		yes	yes
Redundancy		yes	yes
CRC	Cyclic redundancy check	yes	no

# The BLM Acquisition System



#### **Analog front-end FEE**

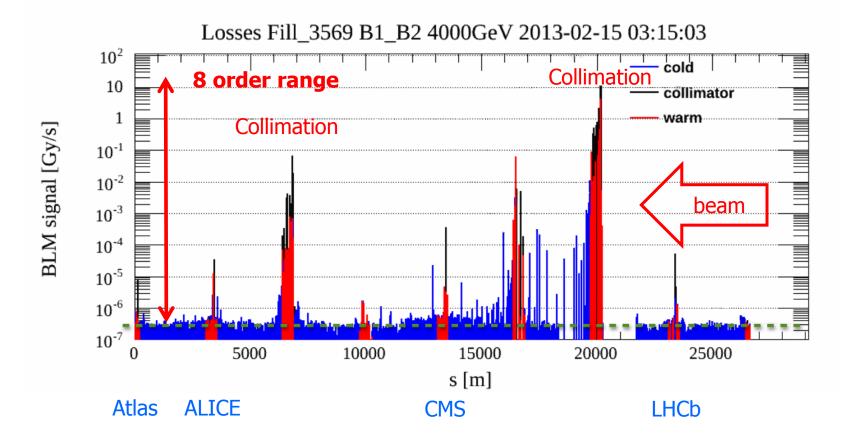
- Current to Frequency Converters (CFCs)
- Analogue to Digital Converters (ADCs)
- Tunnel FPGAs: Actel's 54SX/A radiation tolerant.
- Communication links: Gigabit Optical Links.

#### **Real-Time Processing BEE**

- FPGA Altera's Stratix EP1S40 (medium size, SRAM based)
- Mezzanine card for the optical links
- 3 x 2 MB SRAMs for temporary data storage
- NV-RAM for system settings and threshold table storage

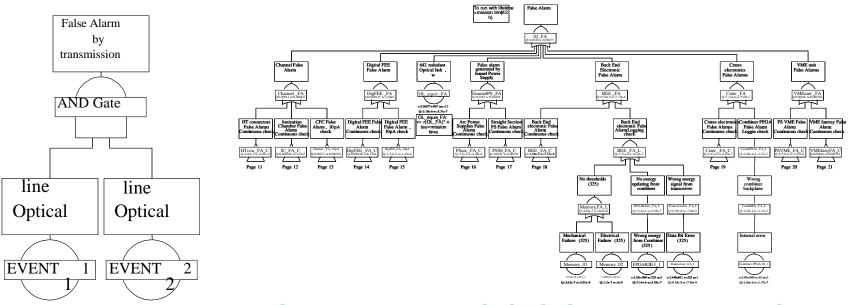
# Efficiency and limits of LHC collimation system

Proton impact on primary collimator and observation of downstream losses (loss duration some seconds)



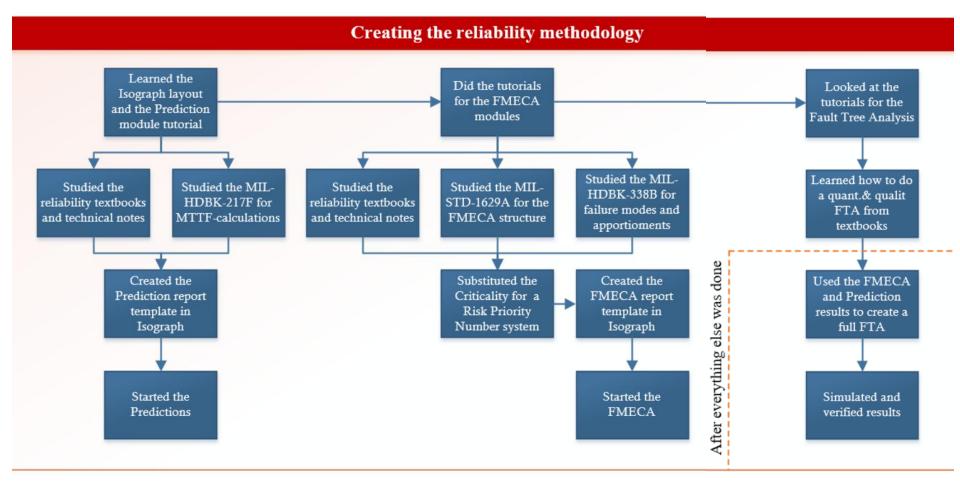
# Reliability: Fault Tree Analysis

- Definitions of failure modes (LHC 160)
- Three end effects:
  - Damage risk: probability not to be ready in case of dangerous loss
  - False alarm: probability to generate a false alarm
  - Warning: probability generating a maintenance request due to a failure of a redundant component
- Probability of a failure mode is calculated given the failure rate, repair rate and the inspection rate



#### Used program: Isograph, includes component catalogue

# Example Approach of a Dependability Study



Vegard Joa Moseng, CERN

#### Steps taken for a Failsafe System: Error-free Communication

The steps taken to ensure a reliable communication link:

- Double (redundant) optical link
- CRC-32 error check algorithm
  - All single-bit errors.
  - All double-bit errors.
  - Any odd number of errors.
  - Any burst error with a length less than the length of CRC.
  - For longer bursts  $Pr = 1.16415*10^{-10}$  probability of undetected error.
    - > 224 bits of data plus 32 bits of CRC remainder = 256 bits

#### 8b/10b encoding

- Clock data recovery (CDR) guarantees transition density.
- DC-balanced serial stream ones and zeros are equal/DC is zero.
- Error detection four times more characters.
- Special characters used for control sync, frame.
  - > 256 bits of data are encoded in 320 bits = 64 extra bits

# To avoid misplacement of electronic cards or threshold and masking tables

- Tunnel Card ID
  - Unique number embedded in the FPGA (16bit)
  - Included in every transmitted frame
  - Compared with the one stored in settings DB
- Surface Card Serial number
  - Unique number embedded in a IC (64bit)
  - Compared with the one stored in setting DB

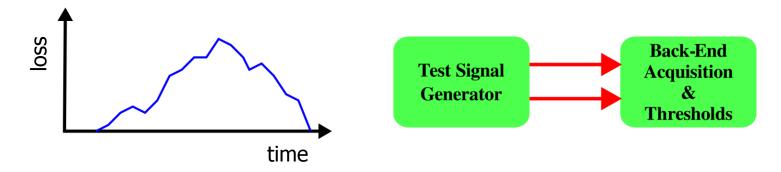
#### To avoid loss of data

- Frame ID
  - Surface FPGA checks for missing frames
  - Incrementing number included at every transmission
- Optical link is always active
  - 8b/10b encoding sends "commas" when no data
  - Disconnection is detected in max 25ns

#### To ensure recognition of system failures and beam dump requests

- FPGA Outputs (Beam Dump signals) generate frequency
  - At a dump request, reset, or failure the transmitted frequency will be altered
- Beam Permit lines are daisy-chained between cards
  - Custom VME backplane
  - Dummy cards on empty slots to close circuit

#### Verification using Emulator Module

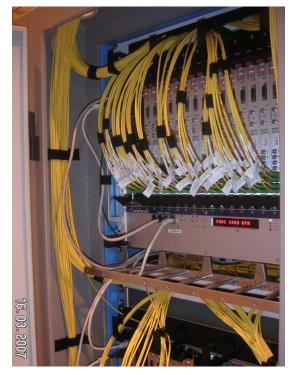


- In situ test of the TC in VME crate by emulation of output signals of CFC
  - Arbitrary Tx data
    - Comparison of different firmware versions
    - Playback of measured data for analysis
  - Tx errors
    - CRC, CID, FID
  - Wrong configuration
  - Errors in physical layer
  - Manual testing procedure
  - Results read out in Expert application



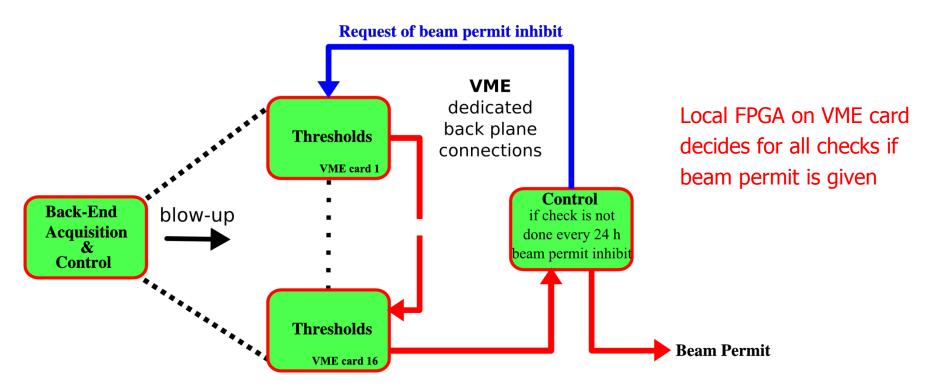
#### Verification of FPGA Functionality

- Exhaustive verification of the behavior of the Threshold Comparator block in FPGA
  - Check all permutations and their ability to trigger a beam dump request
  - Flash modified threshold table to FPGA targeting one table field at each iteration.
    - 16 cards/crate
    - 16 detectors/TC card
    - 12 integration windows/detector
    - 32 beam energy levels
    - 98'304 test cases/crate
- VME readout check
  - The same test case repeated 500'000 times
- Automatic procedure should ensure that beam permit inhibit could be issued by every channel and for every threshold

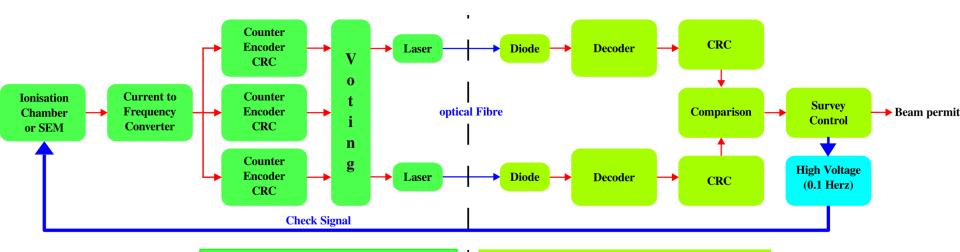


#### Beam Permit Line Checks

- Check the beam permit lines inside and between crates
- Check results are saved in the database
- Exhaustive test yearly for every threshold (beam energy and integration time dependent)

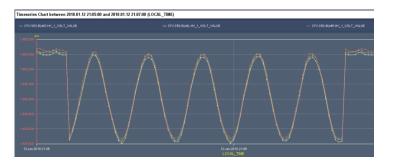


# Check of Acquisition Chain (Modulation of HV)

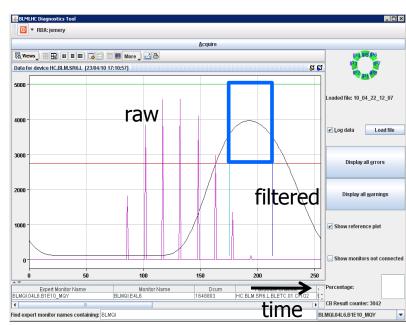


Electronics in the tunnel

Electronics in surface Buildings



- Phase and amplitude are compared with thresholds
- Beam permit not given if not done every 24 h
- Local FPGA on VME card decides for all checks if beam permit is given

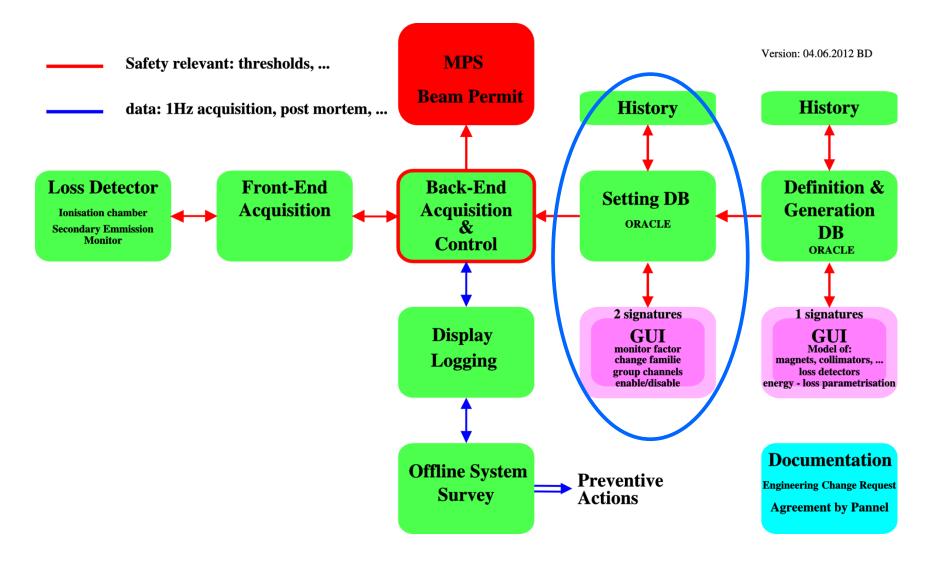


#### High Voltage Modulation Results

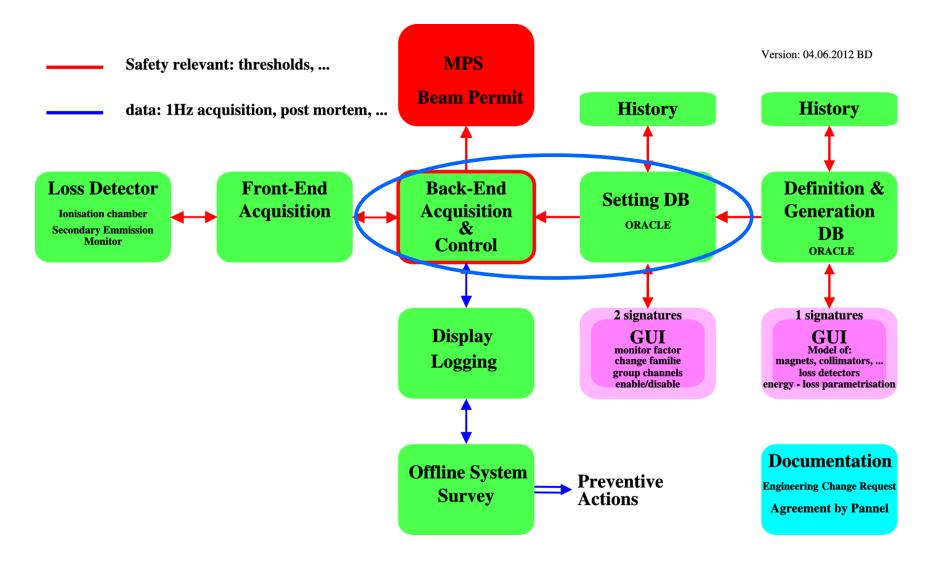
AMPLITUDE average AMPLITUDE StdDev Population (total 3042) ō. а Standard deviation from the average amplitude [%] Amplitude [RS09 Bit] PHASE average PHASE StdDev 3042) Population (total Ġ0 0.5 1.5 ż 2.5 3.5 Ō а Phase [Bit] Standard deviation from the average phase [%]

Connectivity check measurements (100x) on BLMQI monitors (Ionization chambers in the arcs)

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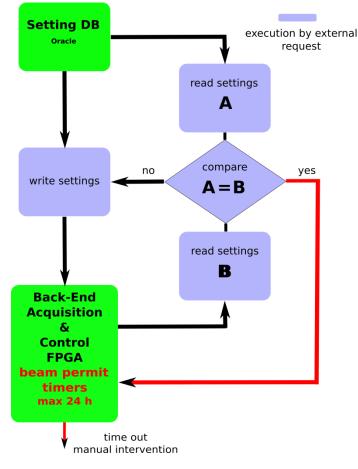


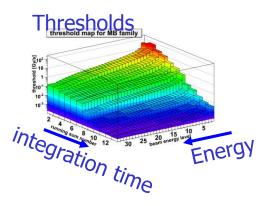
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### Reliability: Comparison of Back-End Settings with Database

Corruption in frontend are more likely as in reference database, therefore =>

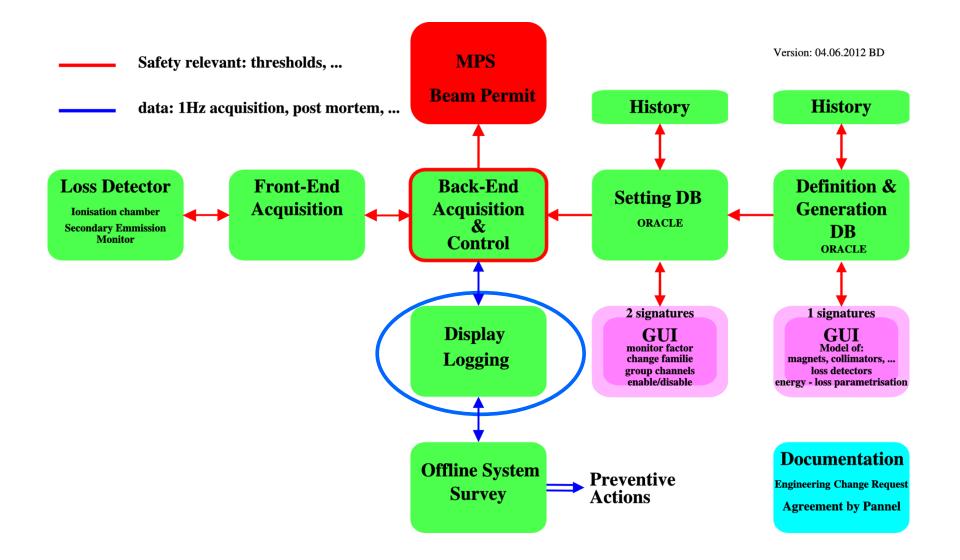




- Setting storage in Oracle database
- Settings:
  - Threshold values
  - Voltages, currents, phase limits
  - Serial numbers
  - Software version numbers
- If comparison negative and after retry, manual intervention (no beam permit)

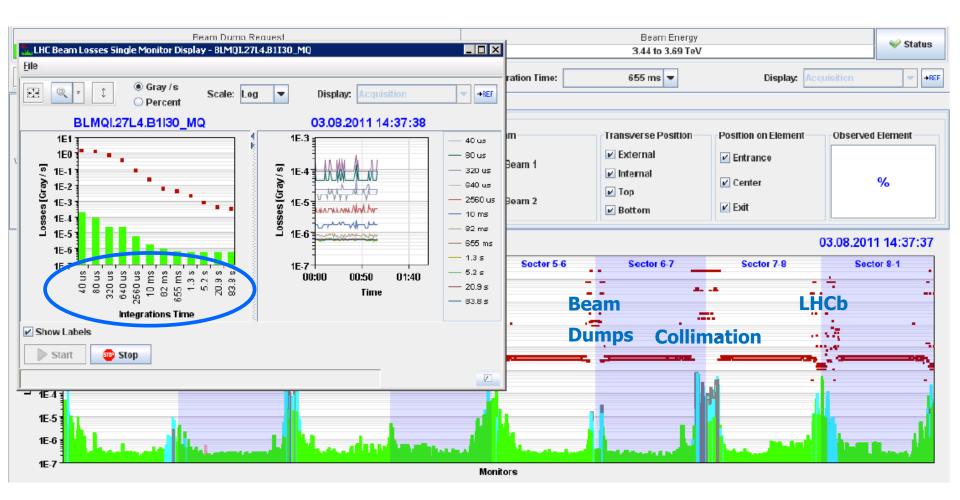
# Request for comparison issued by Back-End Acquisition (counter), most reliable (no software layers in between)

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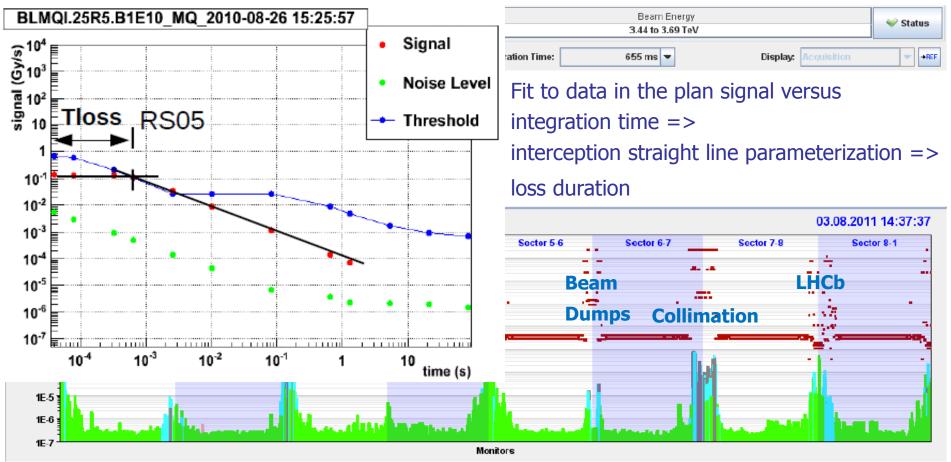
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- 1 Hz update and logging (12 integration times, 40 us to 83 s)



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- Extensively used for operation verification and machine tuning
- 1 Hz update and logging (12 integration times, 40 us to 83 s)
- Integration times < 1s: maximum during the last second => loss duration can be reconstructed (20% accuracy)



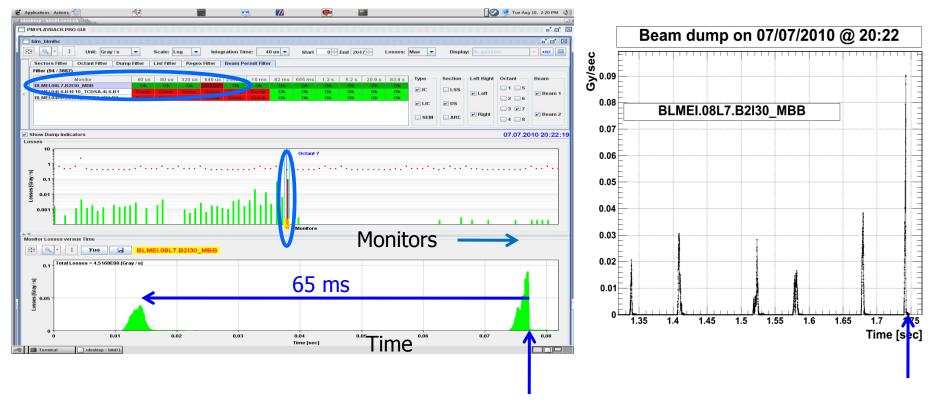
#### Post Mortem Data

- Loss in a bending magnet
- Loss exceeds threshold = > abort of beam
- Rolling buffer stopped

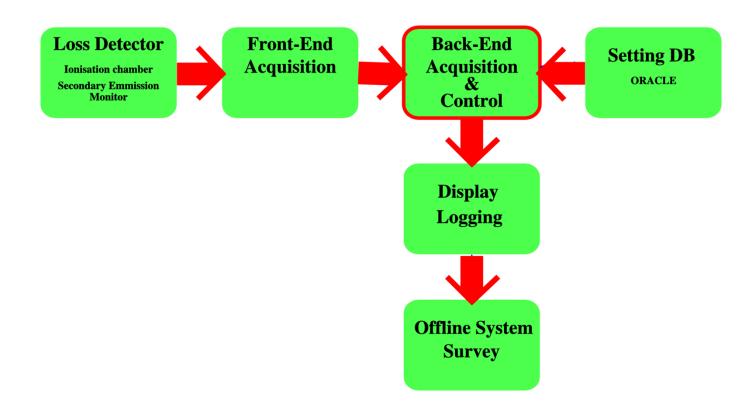
#### PM application: BLM data of 0.082 sec

online available

#### Longer PM buffer: BLM data of 1.72 sec offine available



# **Combined Flow of Measurements and Settings**

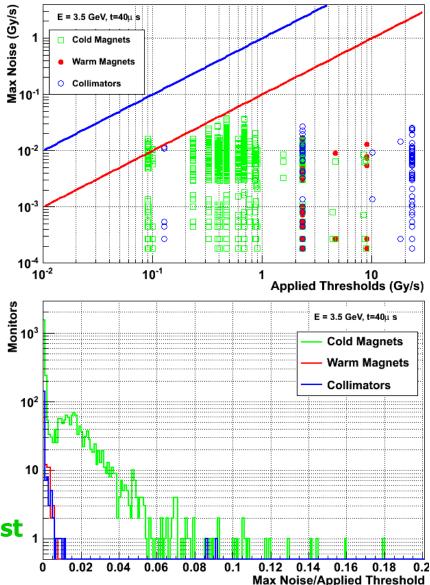


- Measurements and settings (thresholds, monitor names, ...) are combined in VME crate (Back-End Acquisition & Control)
  - Measurements and setting a joint in the FPGA memory (16 channels)
  - Large decentralized structure
- Data flow path identical for both
- Display and logged data are coherently treated
  - Reduction of number failure modes due to flow over same path

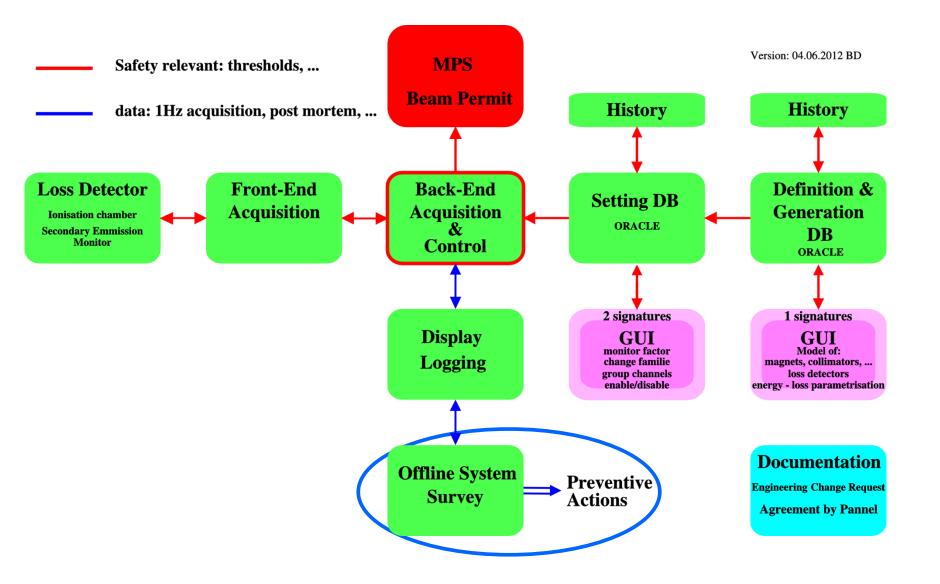
### Noise and Fast Database Access

- Important for availability (false dumps) and dynamic range
- Main source of noise: long cables (up to 800 m in straight section)
- Aim: factor 10 between noise and threshold
- Thresholds decrease with increasing energy
- noise reduction before 7 TeV operation
  - Single pair shielded cables, noise reduction: > factor 5
  - Development of kGy radiation hard readout to avoid long cables

Noise estimate in design phase with test installations at comparable locations

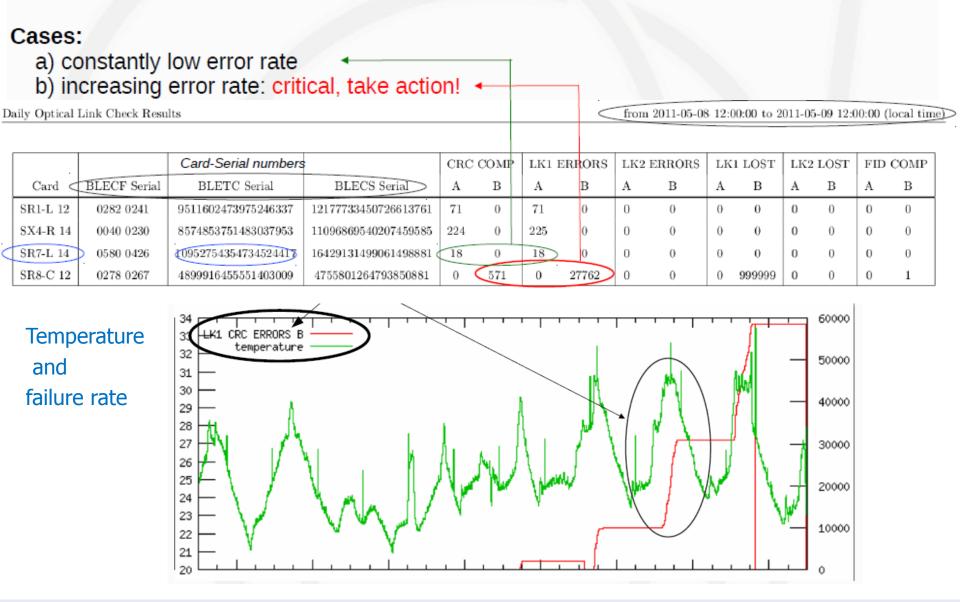


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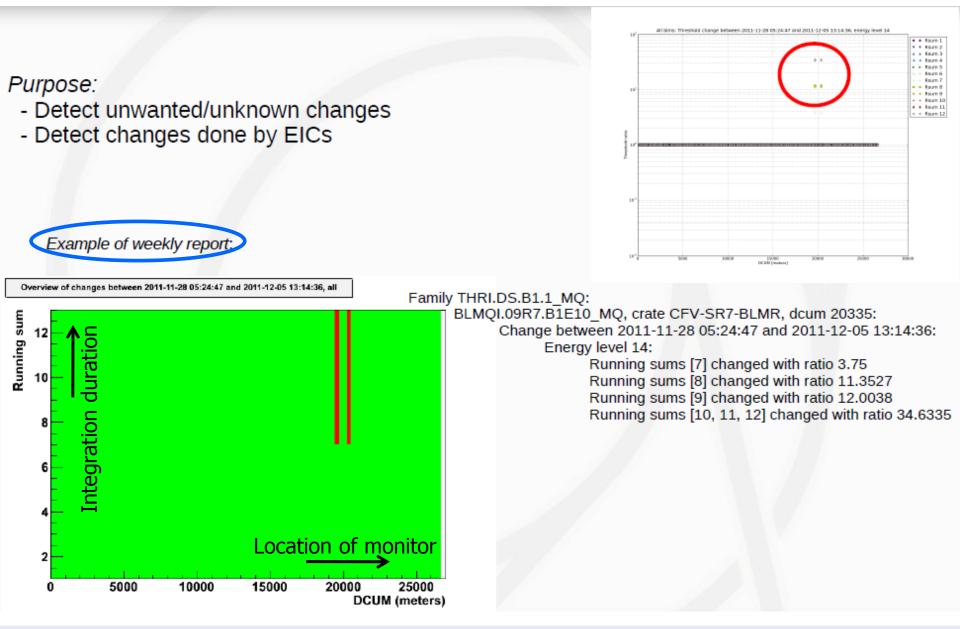


### **Daily Checks**

If >=10 errors/link within 24h, send warning and start monitoring this link in more detail



#### Survey of BLM thresholds



#### Detailed Analysis of Modulation Result – Preventive Action

#### Example: Connectivity Check – Results from Shape Analysis

from 2010-10-21 00:00 to 2010-10-22 00:00

Expert Name	Hardware	Cable	BIS	$\chi^2$		Gain			Phase	
	Channel	conn.	conn.	NDF	min	meas.	$\max$	min	meas.	$\max$
BLMQI.04R6.B1E10_MQY	6.R.01.02	True	True	73	2628	3772	4880	46	66	84
BLMQI.18R6.B2I30_MQ	6.R.07.01	True	True	87	2823	3973	5241	45	63	81
BLMQI.18R6.B1E10_MQ	6.R.07.02	True	True	92	2881	4052	5351	45	63	81

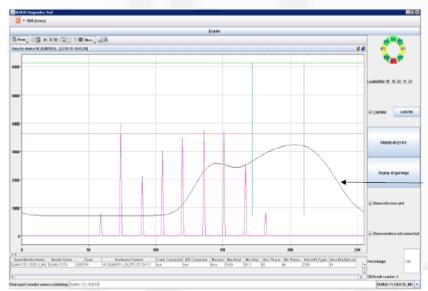
Connectivity check on 2010-10-21 19:00:27

Connectivity Check Results (High Voltage Modulation)

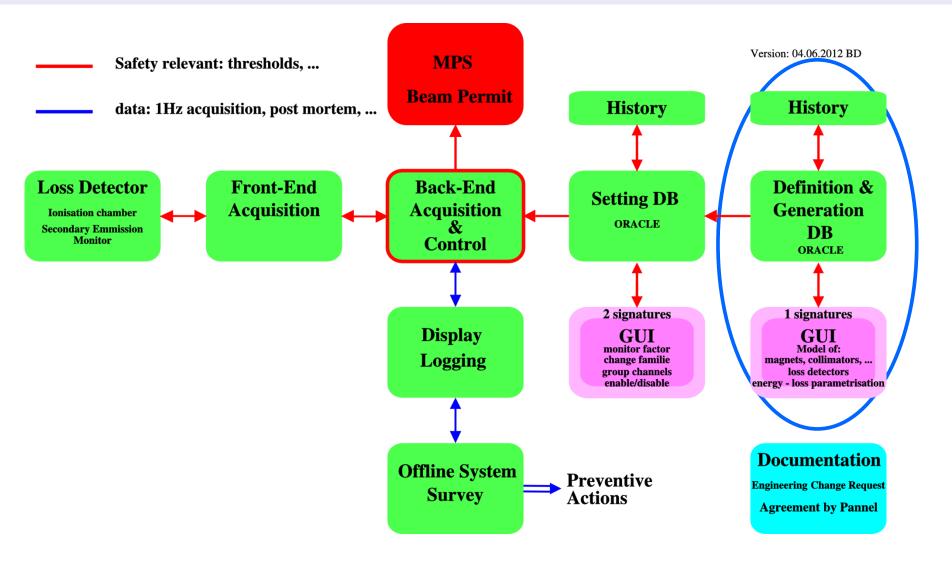
from 2010-10-21 00:00 to 2010-10-22 00:00 (1 tests run)

#### Example: Summary on Connectivity Check Measurement Results

Expert name	G	ain	Ph	ase	spare
Expert name	$\min$	max	$\min$	max	channel
Kailur	res				
BLMQI.10R1.B2I10_MQML	1	0	0	0	0
BLMEL.06R7.B2120.TCSG.A6R7.B2	1	0	0	0	0
BLMEL.06R7.B2I21_TCSG.A6R7.B2	1	0	0	1	0
BLMEL.06R7.B2I22.TCSG.A6R7.B2	0	1	0	1	0
Warni	ngs				
BLMCC.08R3.A8R3_BATT	1	0	0	0	_
BLMCC.06R3.A6R3_BATT	1	0	0	0	_
BLMCC.06R3.A6R3.HV	1	0	0	0	_
BLMBS.06R3.B2E10_TCAPA #R3.B2	1	0	0	0	—
Summary table					



# **BLM System Information Flow**



Now: C++ program and SVN storage Future: all values and functional dependence in ORACLE

## Beam Abort Threshold Table Concept

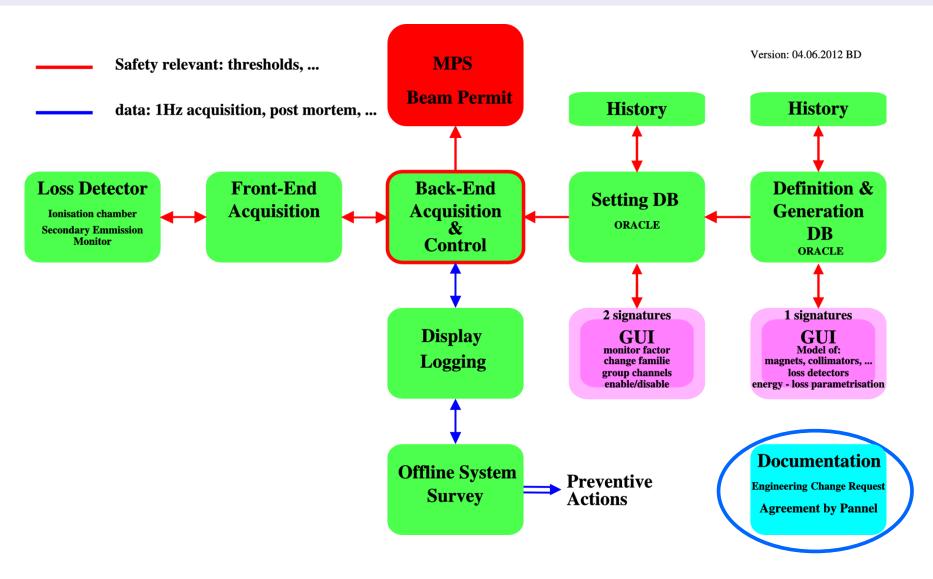
Stage	
working level	
	20
Final	
becoming operational	
Master	
operational	
	4(
Applied	
applied < master	

200 Families

4000 Channels

- Two layers
  - entry layer (stage tables)
  - validated layer (final tables)
- Concept of Master and Applied table – Comparison of Threshold values
  - (Applied < Master)
    - Master: less frequent changes
    - Applied: change of thresholds possible with user interface

# **BLM System Information Flow**



# **Concluding Remarks**

- Key issue to high reliability and availability, survey, parallel system and functional tests => Test need to be regularly executed and automatically leading to beam permit inhibit if needed
- Reliability and availability needs to be considered from the beginning of a design
  - LHC: PhD thesis on reliability (path has been followed during project)
- System reliability and availability is strongly depending on management of settings, creation of settings and preventive action
- Issue of LHC design: protection and measurement functionality are implemented in same FPGA
  - Critical, because of upgrades are more often needed for the measurement functionality compared to protection functionality
  - New: modular FPGA design and locking of critical parts

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**Reserve Slides** 

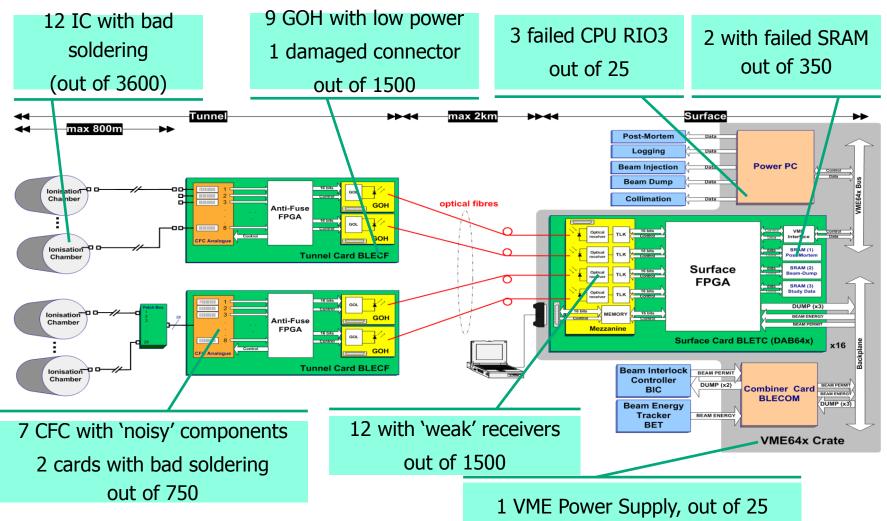
# BLM Published Data – Event triggered Data Buffers

BLM Buffer (IC & SEM)		Integratio n Time	Buffer Length
Post Mortem		40µs	80ms online 1.72s offline
Collimation Buffer		2.6ms	80ms
Extraction Validation Buffer		40µs	80ms
Capture Data ( 2 modes)	Injection Quality Check (IQC) – 8 crates only	40µs	20ms
	Study (event triggered: for example UFO study)	80µs	Dynamical, currently up to 350ms

Event triggered	Sampling Rate	Integratio n Time	Buffer Length
Post Mortem	0.2 ns	≈ 2ns	1ms

## Hardware Failures (since Feb. 2010)

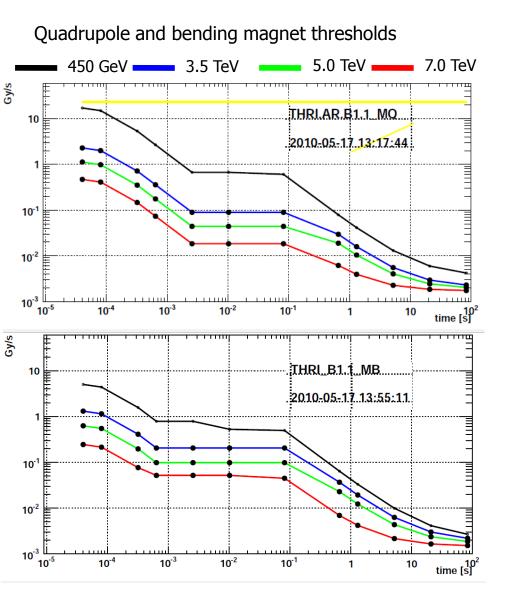
- Mostly, onset of system degradation detected by regular offline checks before malfunction
- Number of failures regarded manageable (no availability issue)



Element	Details	Number	Out of total installed
IC	bad soldering	12	3600
tunnel electronics	noisy analogue component (CFC)	7	359
tunnel electronics	bad soldering	2	720
tunnel electronics	low power optical transmitter (GOH)	9	1500
tunnel electronics	damaged connector	1	1500
surface electronics	weak optical receiver	12	1500
surface electronics	failed SRAM	2	350
VME64x Crate	failed CPU RIO3	3	25
VME64x Crate	failed power supply	1	25

Table 4: Hardware interventions due to channel degradation or failure since february 2010

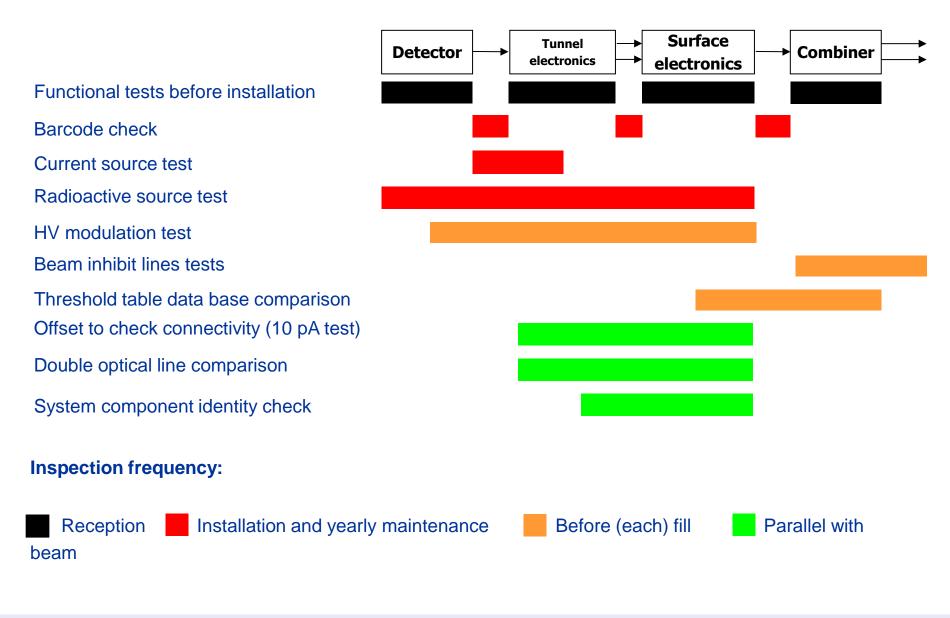
# Quench and Damage Levels



#### Specifications

- Time resolution <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> turn, 40 us
- Average calculation loss:
  - 12 values, 40 us to 83 s
- Max amplitude 23 Gy/s
- Min amplitude
  - 1E-4 Gy/s @ 40 us
  - 3E-7 Gy/s @ 1.3 s
- Dynamic
  - 2E5 @ 40 us
  - ~ 1E8 @ 1.3 s
- Damage level
  - 2000 Gy/s @ 1 ms
- All channels could be connected to the interlock system
- Thresholds
  - Loss duration dependent, 12 values
  - Energy dependent, 32 values
  - About 1.5 E6 thresholds

## **Functional Tests Overview**



Specification: Beam Loss Durations and Protection Systems

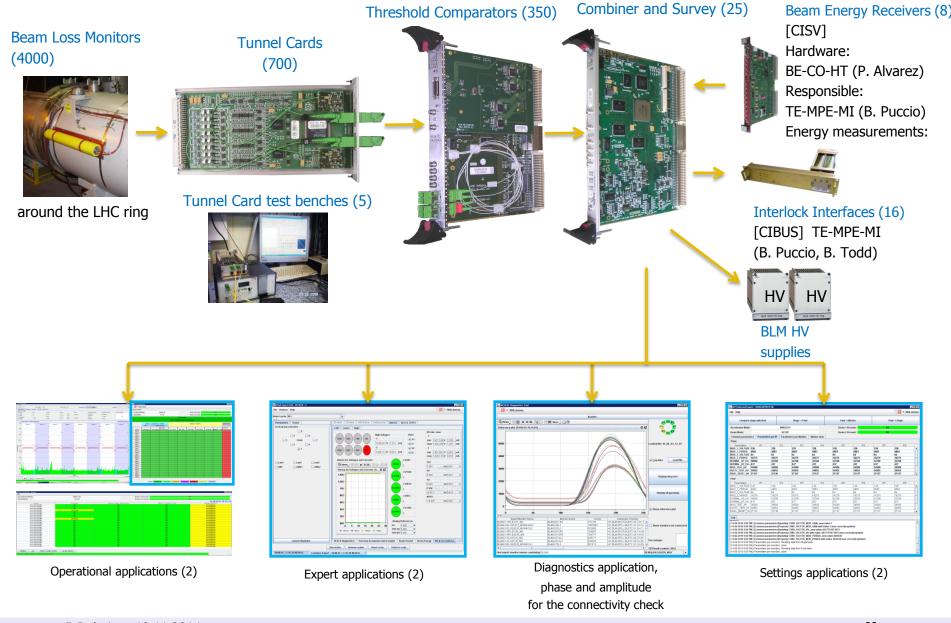
LOSS DURATION P	ROTECTION SYSTEM
Ultra-fast loss	Passive Components
4 turns (356 μs) Fast losses	+ BLM (damage and quench prevention)
10 ms Intermediate losses	+ Quench Protection System, QPS (damage protection only)
10 s Slow losses	
100 s Steady state losses	+ Cryogenic System

Since not active protection possible for ultra-fast losses => passive system

**Classification loss signals to be used for functional and technical specification** 

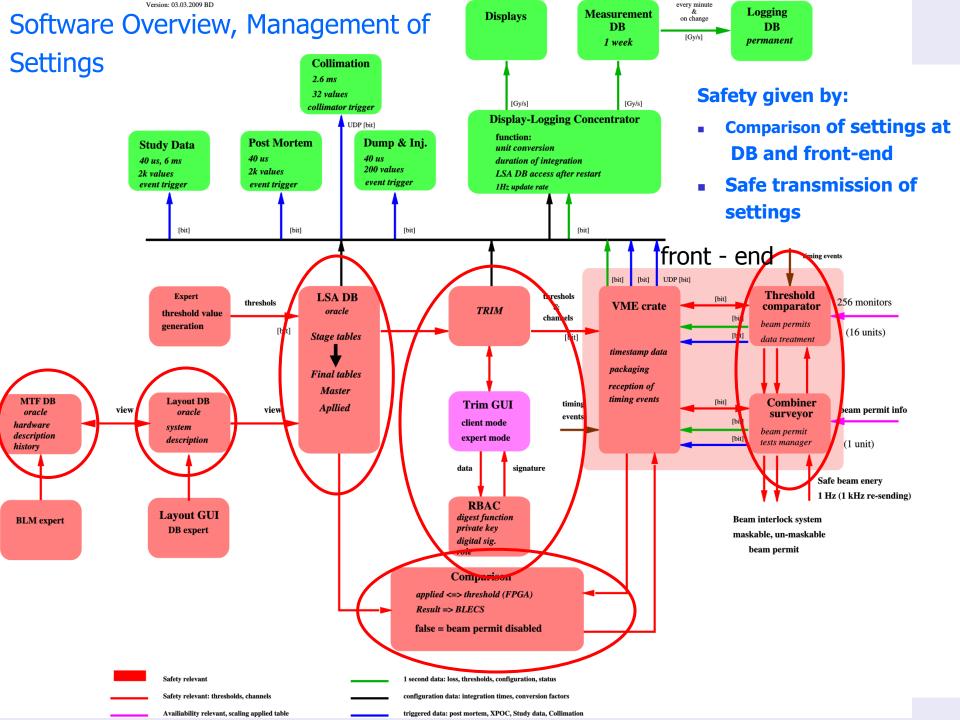
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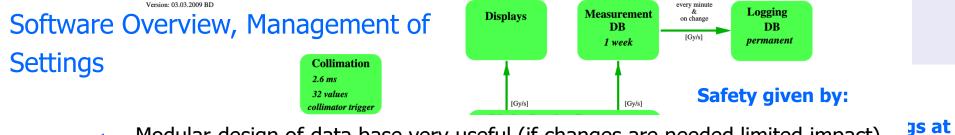
### Combiner card inside the LHC BLM system



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- 1. Modular design of data base very useful (if changes are needed limited impact)
  - 1. MTF: history of equipment e.g. ionisation chamber, electronic cards, ...
  - 2. Layout: description of links between equipment

MTF DF

oracle hardware description

**BLM** expert

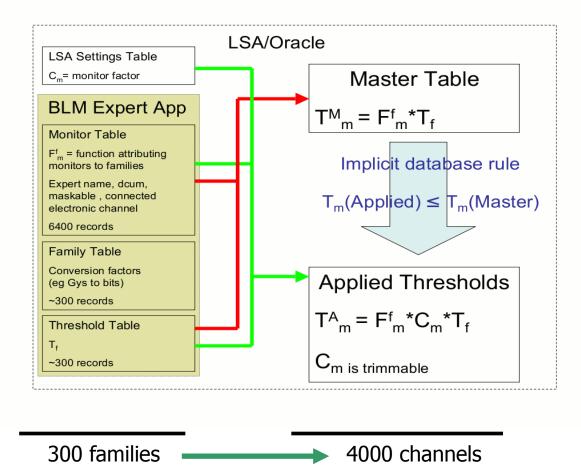
Availiability relevant, scaling applied table

history

- 3. LSA: reference for all data needed in the front-end (some imported from MTF and Layout)
- 2. Storage of data in frontend in FPGA memory (even here corruptions observed)
- 3. Master for comparison is the front-end (this allows immediate beam inhibit)
- 4. Design very early defined in PhD thesis on reliability (root was followed during project)
- 5. Issue of design: protection and measurement functionality are implemented in same front-end (review remark).
  - 1. Critical, because of upgrades are more often needed on measurement functionality compared to protection functionality
  - 2. New design: locking of FPGA firmware, which has protection functionality (partial solution)
  - 3. Occupation of FPGA by firmware too large, first estimate of occupation will be about 30% for new BLM systems

triggered data: post mortem, XPOC, Study data, Collimation

# LSA Data Base Structure



#### Two layers

- entry layer (stage tables)
- validated layer (final tables)

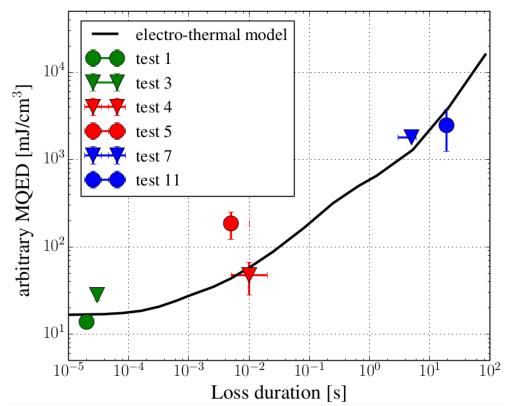
Concept of Master and Applied table – Comparison of Threshold values (Applied < Master)

- Master: less frequent changes
- Applied: change of thresholds possible with user interface

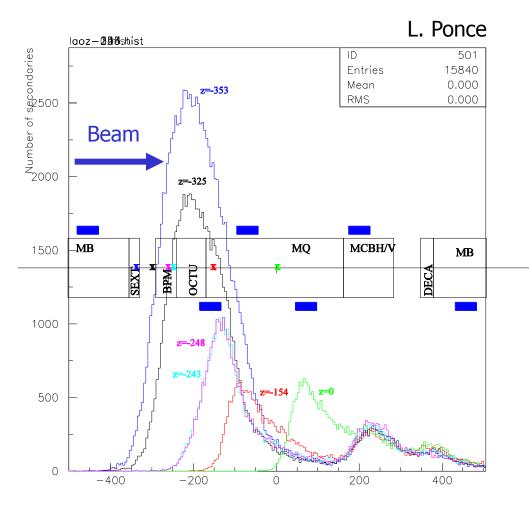
# **Results and conclusions**

- Beam based quench tests and model comparisons made for different loss durations and beam energies
  - For short and steady state loss durations sufficient prediction accuracy is reached
  - For intermediate loss durations model improvements are required and in preparation
  - Measurement errors could be reduced by increased sampling and time stamping of magnet coil voltage measurements, usage of higher upper limit loss monitors, ...
- The operation of LHC at the beam loss limits will require accurate setting of beam aborts thresholds
   = more quench tests envisaged

No	Date	Regime	Method	Туре	Temp.	$I/I_{\rm nom}$	beam energy
					[K]	[%]	[TeV]
1	2008.09.07	short	kick	dipole	1.9	6	0.45
2	2011.07.03	short	collimation	-	-	-	0.45
3	2013.02.15	short	collimation	quadrupole	4.5	46/58	0.45
4	2010.11.01	intermediate	wire scanner	dipole	4.5	50	3.5
5	2013.02.16	intermediate	orbit bump	quadrupole	1.9	54	4
6	2010.10.06	steady-state	dyn. orbit bump	quadrupole	1.9	?	0.45
7	2010.10.17	steady-state	dyn. orbit bump	quadrupole	1.9	?	3.5
8	2011.05.08	steady-state	collimation	-	-	-	3.5
9	2011.12.06	steady-state	collimation	-	-	-	3.5
10	2013.02.15	steady-state	collimation	-	-	-	4
11	2013.02.16	steady-state	orbit bump	quadrupole	1.9	54	4



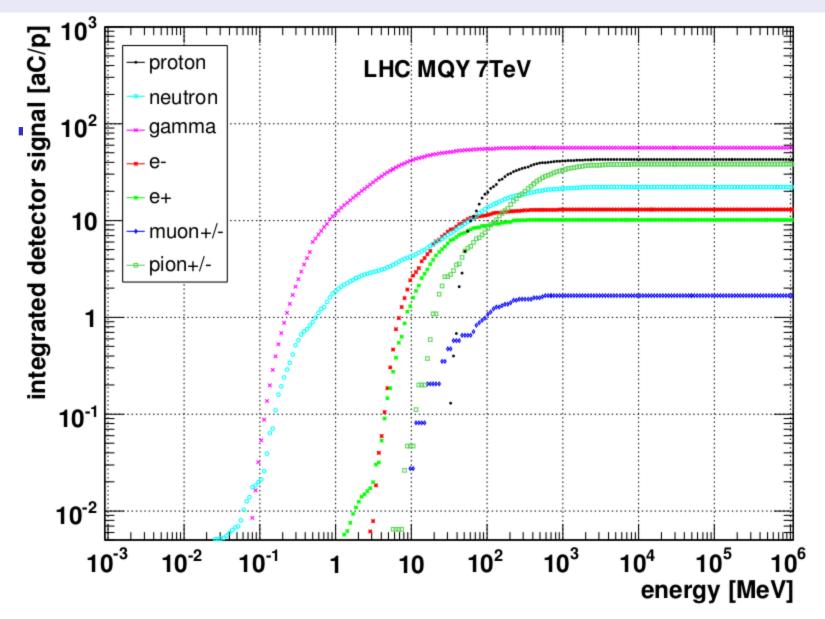
# Particle Shower in the Cryostat



- Impact position varied along the MQ
- Black impact position corresponds to peak proton impact location
- Position of detectors optimized
  - to catch losses:
    - Transition between
       MB MQ
    - Middle of MQ
    - Transition between MQ – MB
  - to minimize uncertainty of ratio of energy deposition in coil and detector
  - Beam I II discrimination

### Good probability that losses are seen by two BLM detectors

# LHC Ionisation Chamber Signal by Particle Composition



Tool	Pros	Cons
Spreadsheet	Previously used by SNS, good source of data	Interface difficult to use, lack of visualization, error prone
AvailSim (free)	Previously used for ILC, many accelerator specific concepts	No GUI
Sapphire (semi-commercial)	Widely used by NASA and nuclear industries, developed by Idaho National Lab	Newest version (8) only US government organizations
ReliaSoft (commercial)	Good GUI, widely used, SNS uses it	File format is proprietary
Isograph (commercial)	Good GUI, open file format	Lacks some GUI features

Lit: S. Bhattacharyya, IPAC12

# Why CVD Diamond?

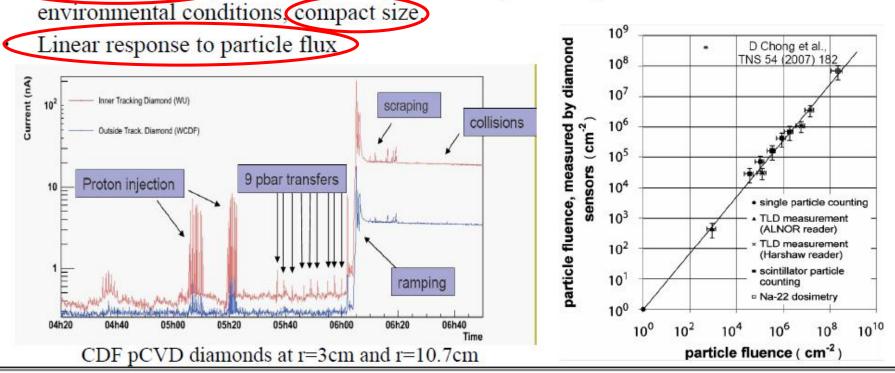
- BLM ionisation chambers too big to be installed inside CMS
  - 9cm diameter, 60cm long
- CVD Diamond is now standard choice at other experiments
  - installed in CDF, BaBar, Belle, ZEUS
- Relative flux monitors

- Nano second response time
- 2. Large dynamic range

1.

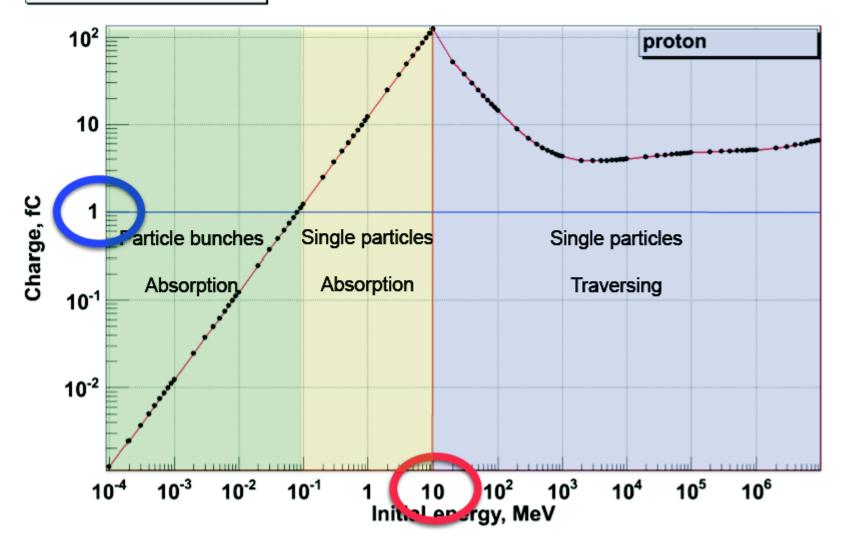
- 3. Operation at 1.8 Kelvin
- Radiation hard tolerant beyond LHC nominal luminosity close to IP

Low maintenance, constant operating conditions, relatively insensitive to

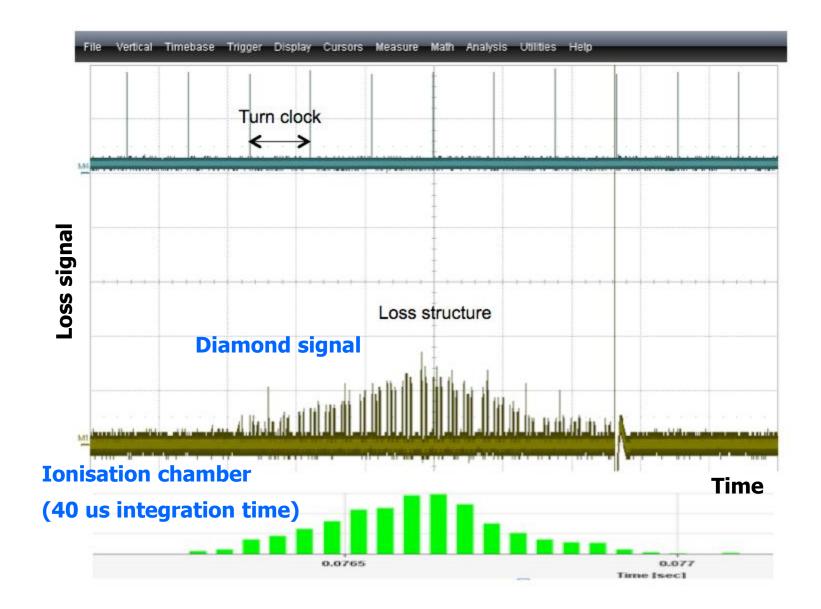


# Ionisation Characteristics in 500 um sCVD

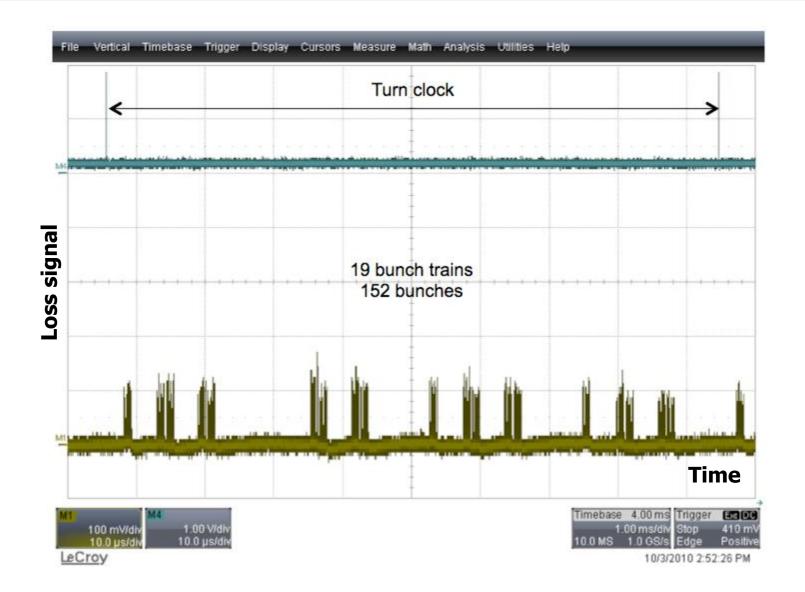
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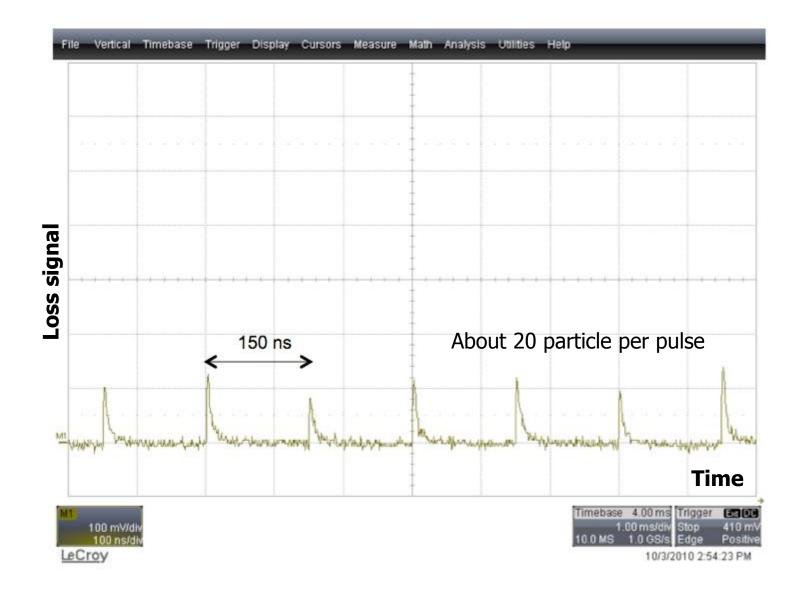
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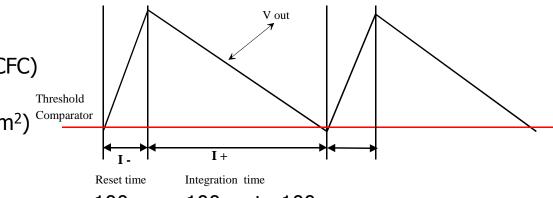


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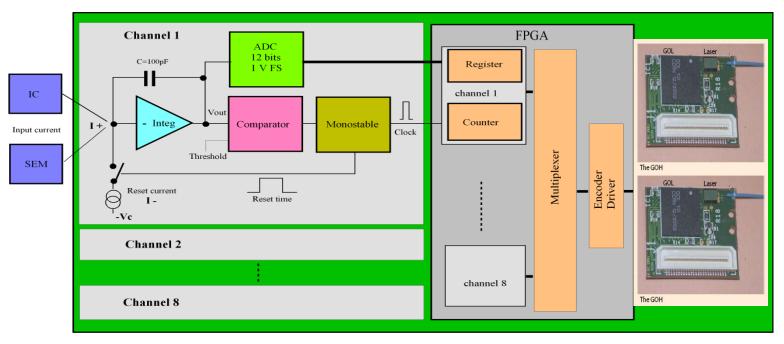


# LHC tunnel card

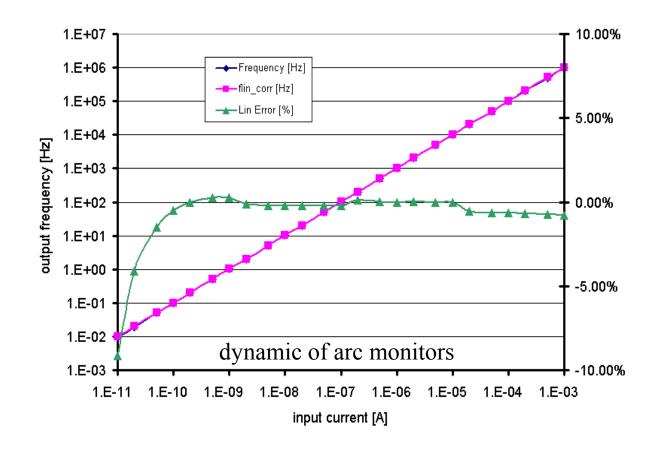
- Not very complicated design "simple"
- Large Dynamic Range (8 orders)
  - Current-to-Frequency Converter (CFC)
  - Analogue-to-Digital Converter
- Radiation tolerant (500 Gy, 1 10<sup>7</sup> p/s/cm<sup>2</sup>)
  - ADC custom ASIC
  - Triple module redundancy



100 ns 100 ns to 100 s



## **Current to Frequency Converter**



circuit limited by:

- leakage currents at the input of the integrator (< 2 pA)</li>
- fast discharge with current source (<500 ns)</li>

LHC current to frequency converter:

- only positive signals (limitation in case of signal under shoots)
- 2. 500 Gy radiation tolerance

	Parameter	Value	Units	Comments
ASIC	Dynamic range	six decades		positive and negative currents
		nine decades		(indirect measurement)
	Minimum detected current	1	nA	(user selectable, minimum value)
	Linearity error	$<\pm10$	%	relative error $\Delta I/I$
	Integration window	40	$\mu s$	
	Total integrated dose	$1 \times 10^4$	$\mathbf{G}\mathbf{y}$	in 20 years

Target technology

CMOS  $0.25\,\mu{
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14.5uA

6.17uA

10uA

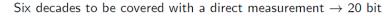
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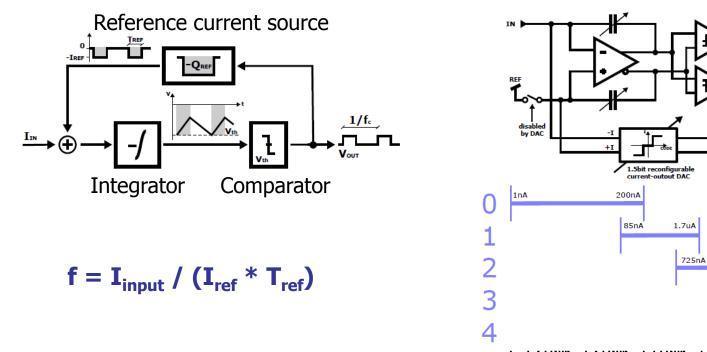
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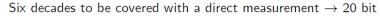
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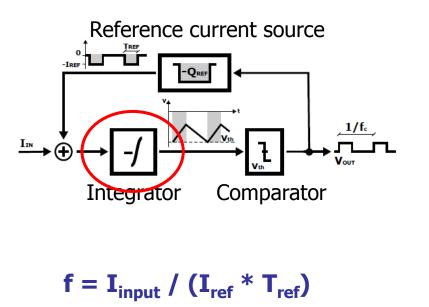
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- 500 Gy radiation tolerance 2.

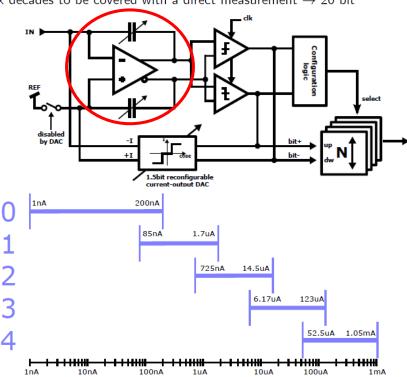
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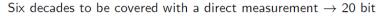
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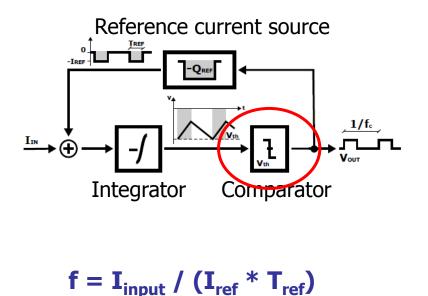
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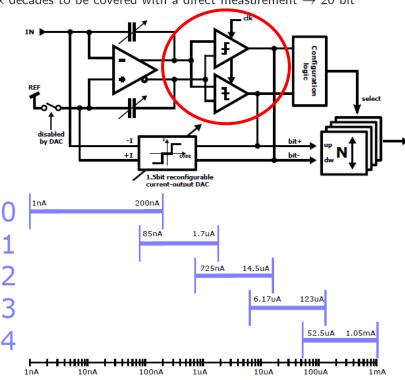
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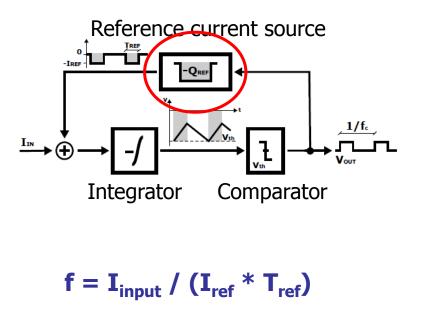
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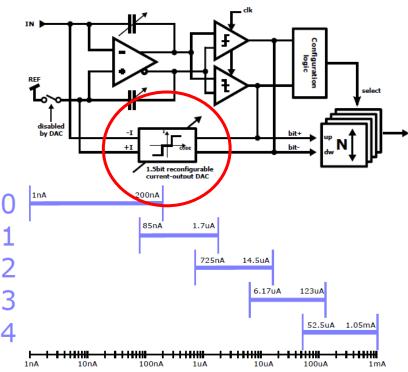
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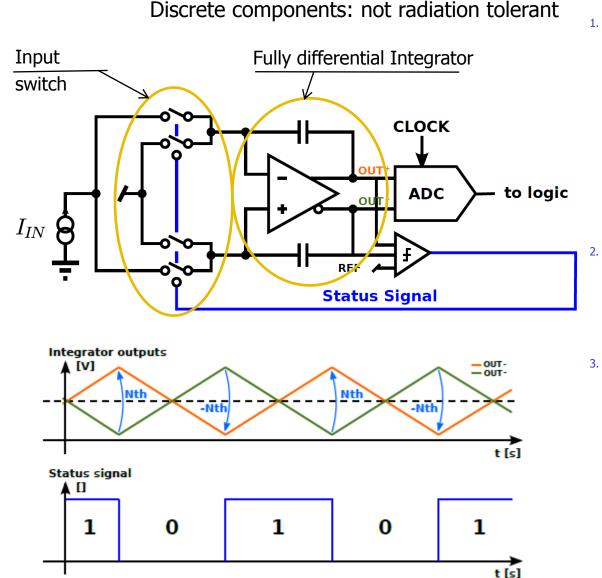
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### Fully Differential Current to Frequency Converter Principle



<sup>1.</sup> Specifications:

- 1. Dynamic range 7 orders integration window 2 us 1nA to 200mA
- 2. **Dynamic range 9 orders** integration window 1 s 10pA to 200mA
- A status signal selects in which branch of a fully deferential stage the input current is integrated.
- comparators check the Two 3. differential output voltage against threshold, whenever is а exceeded, the status signal changes to the complementary value (0 ! 1 or 1 ! 0) and the input current is integrated in the other branch.

#### **Bidirectional digitalisation; optical and Ethernet link**