

# PSB to PS recombination kicker waveform measurements

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# Outline

**This presentation extends** the one given at the [MSWG on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016](#). The work is still **in progress...**

- ⊙ A **new and automatic method** for beam-based kickers waveforms measurements.
- ⊙ **Rise time** evaluation
- ⊙ **BTM line sem-grids** for bunch length limits evaluation



# Previous methods for beam-based kickers waveform's measurements.

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## BEAM-BASED MEASUREMENT OF THE WAVEFORM OF THE LHC INJECTION KICKERS

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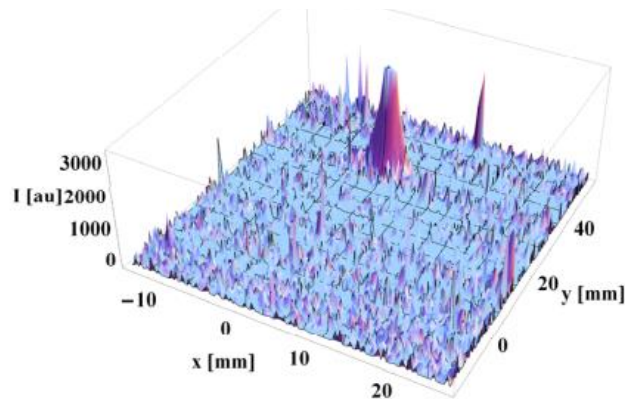
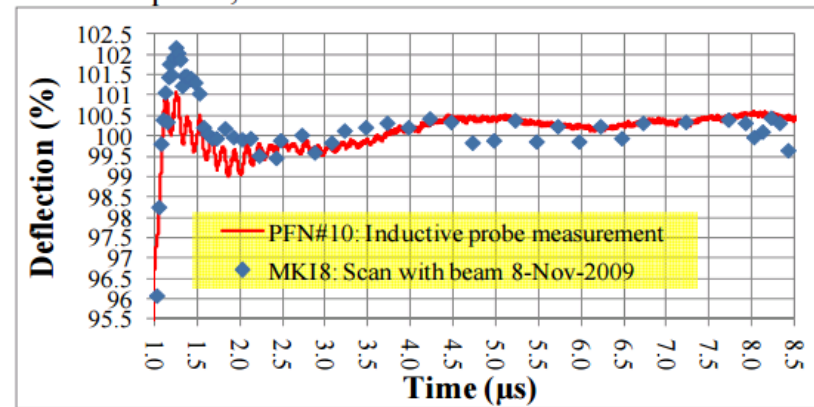


Figure 2: 3D display of beam position.



**LHC BTV based**

**25 ns resolution**

**Bunch length much smaller than rise time → beam can be used as a short sampler**

**Bunch lengths in the PSB are comparable to the rise time... How can we measure it?**

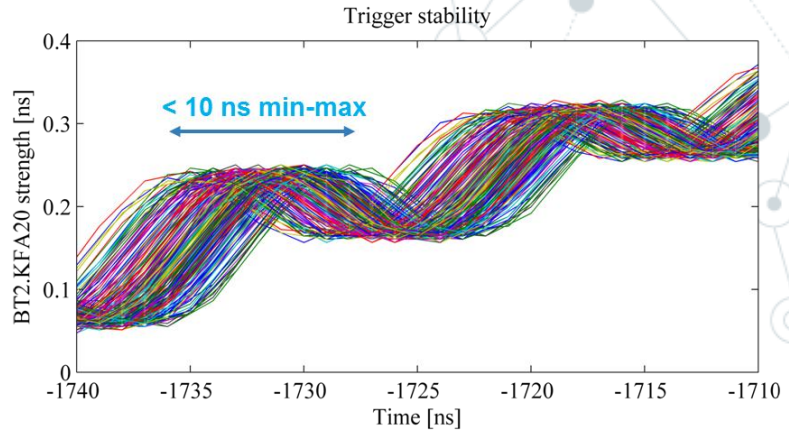
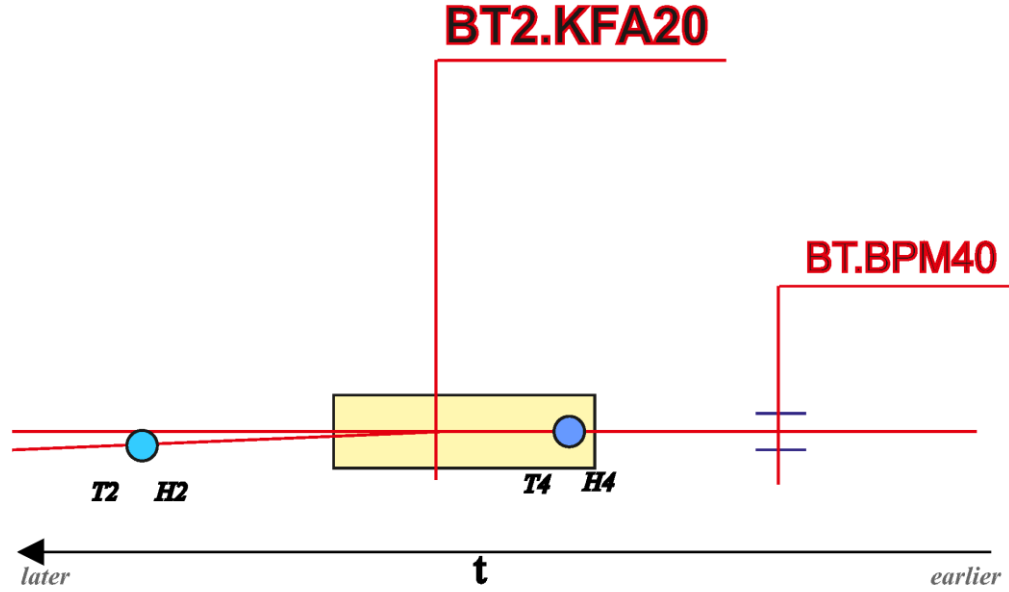


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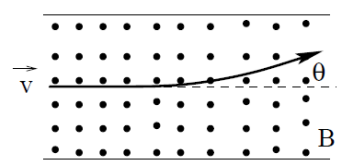
## ⊙ Requirements of the method:

- ⊙ **Best time resolution:** in the order of the max sampling frequency of the OASIS scopes -> **1-2 ns**
- ⊙ **High granularity** for **reliable statistics**
- ⊙ **Low losses**
- ⊙ **Suitable for automated measurements**
- ⊙ **To complement and validate lab measurements with search coil**

# A new and automatic method for beam-based kickers waveforms measurements



⊙ Kickers displace the beam horizontally or vertically imposing a deflection angle  $\theta_{x,y}$  -> BPMs are the main device to measure displacement, statically and dynamically (BTVs are available but with bad resolution performances).

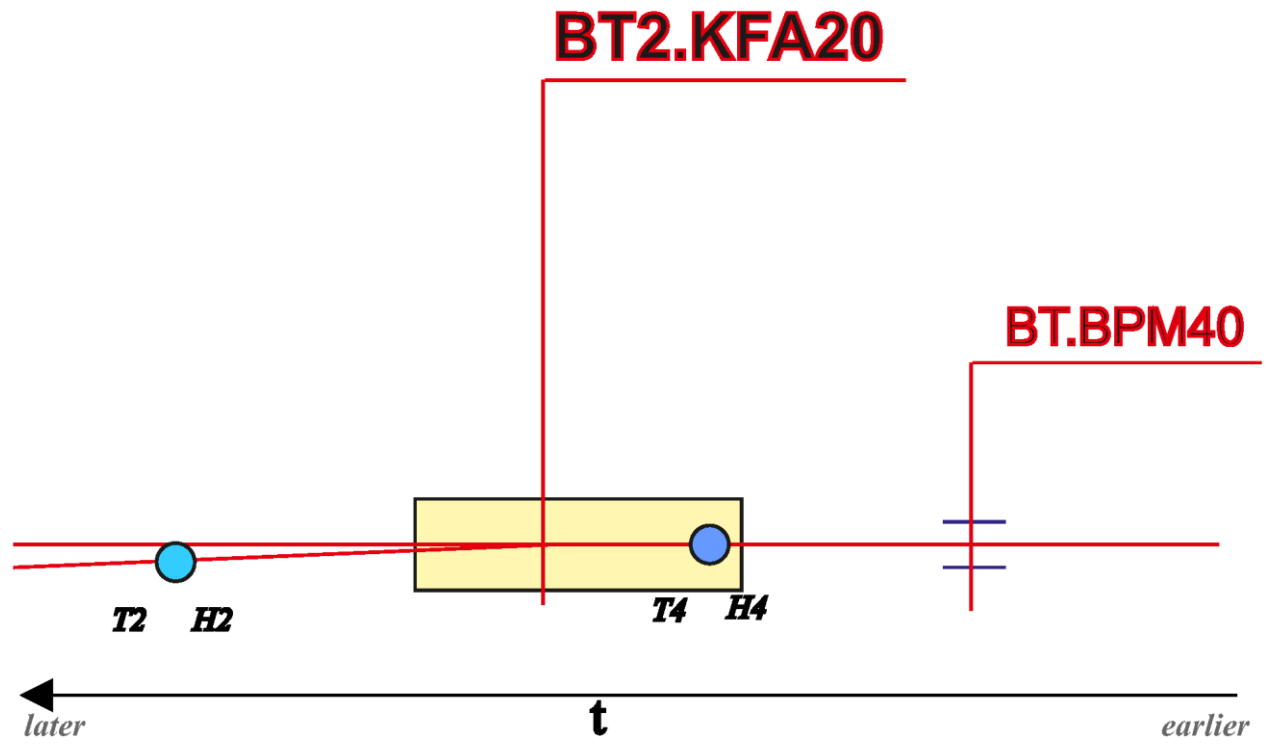


$$\theta_y = \frac{e}{p} \int_0^L B_x dz$$

- ⊙ The BPMs need a minimum current (line density) to work properly - intensity used from 30e10 to 200e10 ppb.
- ⊙ Kicker T.O.F. is around 5.6 ns (kickers length ~1.5 m,  $\beta_{rel}=0.916$ ) and limits the resolution.
- ⊙ The kickers in the line can be pulsed with fine time delays in minimum steps of 1 ns.
- ⊙ The stability of the trigger (<10 ns min-max jitter) can be a limit to the dynamics resolutions
- ⊙ Loss limits can be guaranteed though the BLMs in the line and the surveillance (counter interlock).



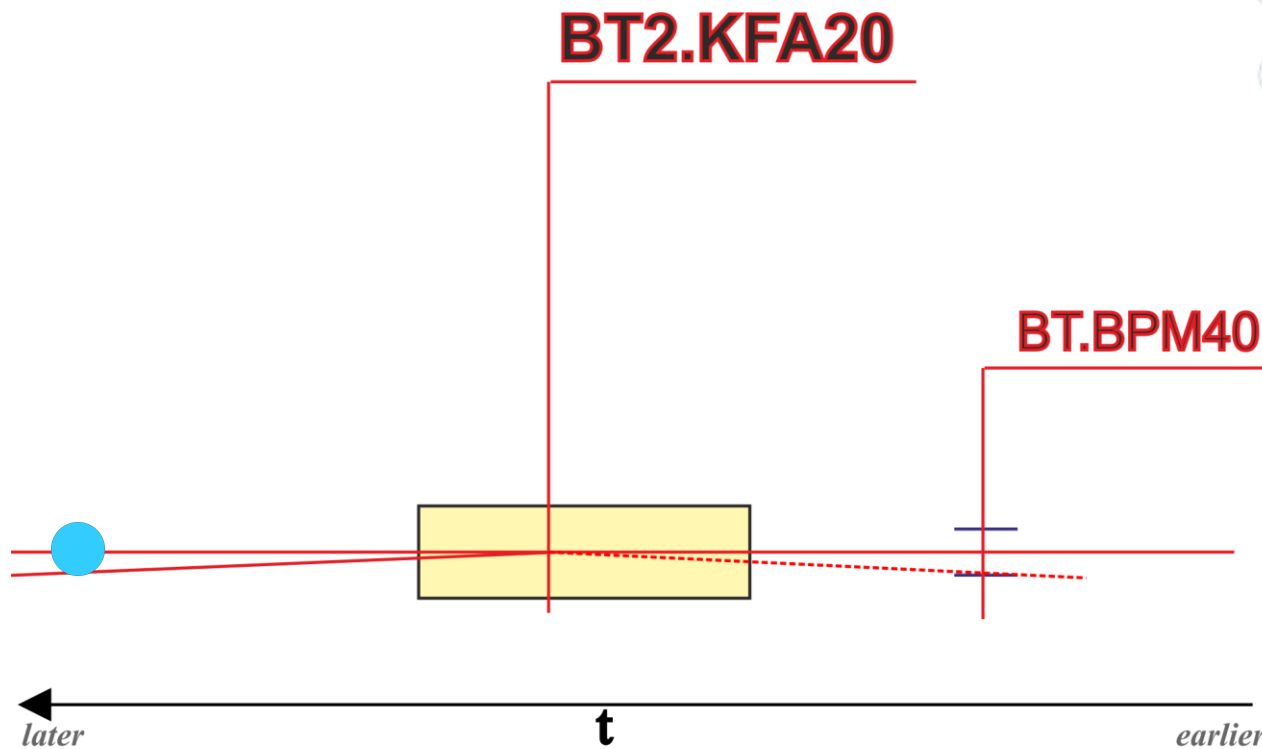
# A **new and automatic method** for beam-based kickers's waveforms measurements (BT2.KFA20 example)



- ◎ The kicker magnetic field rise in time between two (consecutive) bunches (ex. after R4 and before R2)
- ◎ The kicker is started with different delays touching eventually the two adjacent bunches...

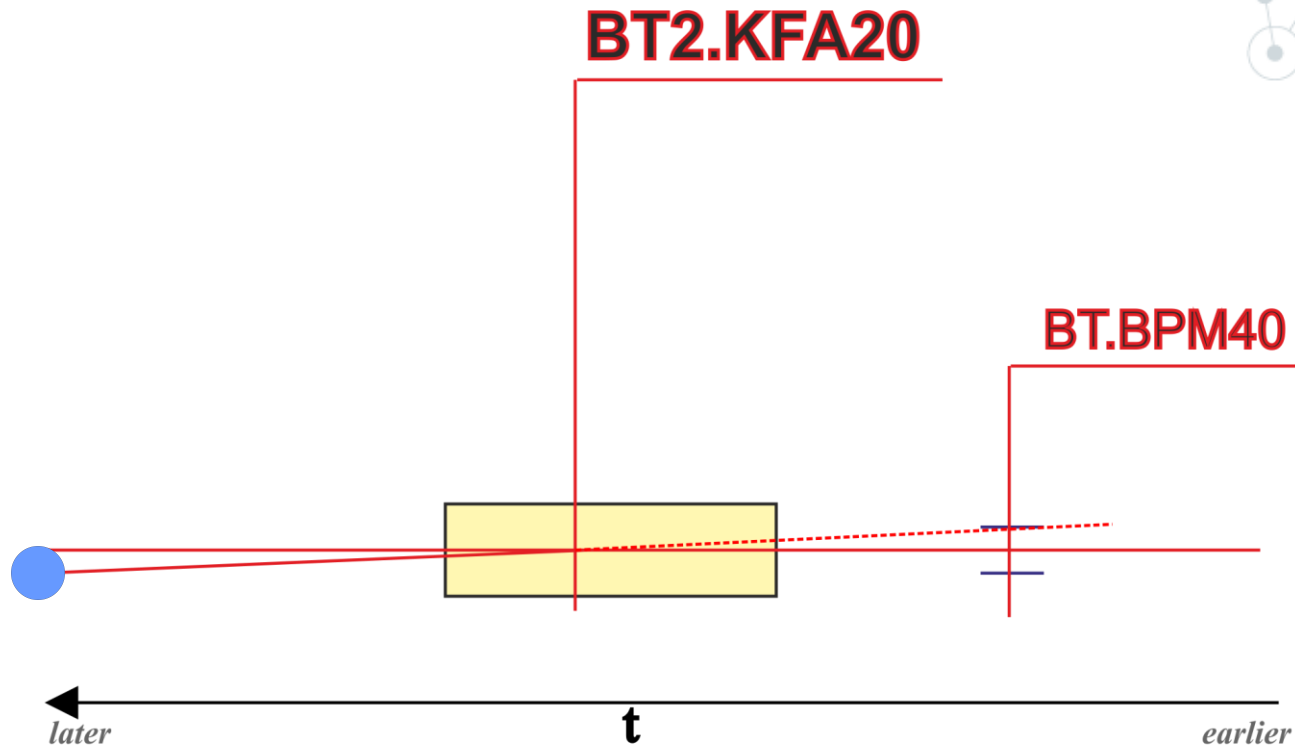


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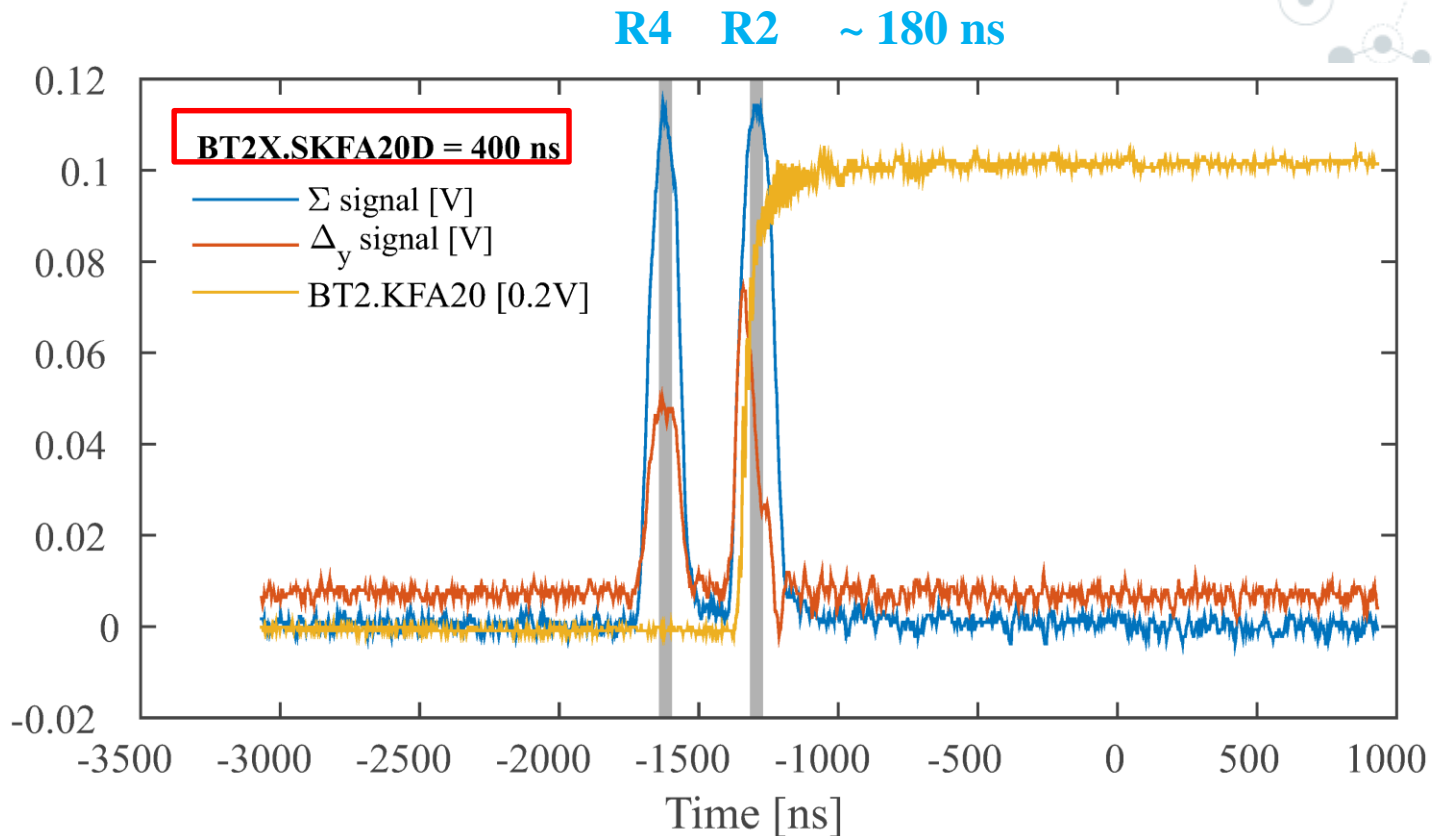
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- ⊙ The kicker magnetic field rise in time **between two** (usually consecutive) **bunches** (ex. after R4 and before R2)
- ⊙ R2 is **fully kicked** and passes after R4
- ⊙ **If R2 were un-kicked**, it would get **vertically lost** on the vacuum chamber, **at the opposite side w.r.t. to R4**.



# A new and automatic method for beam-based kickers's waveforms measurements

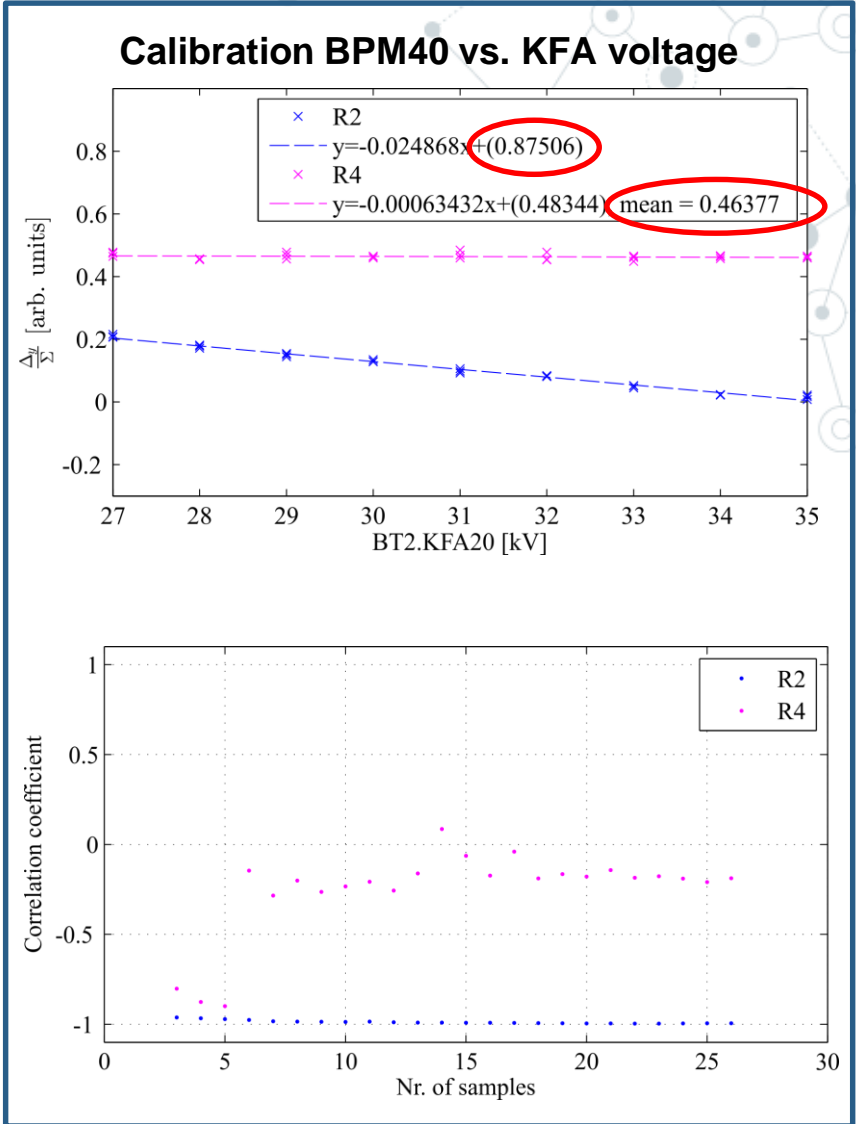
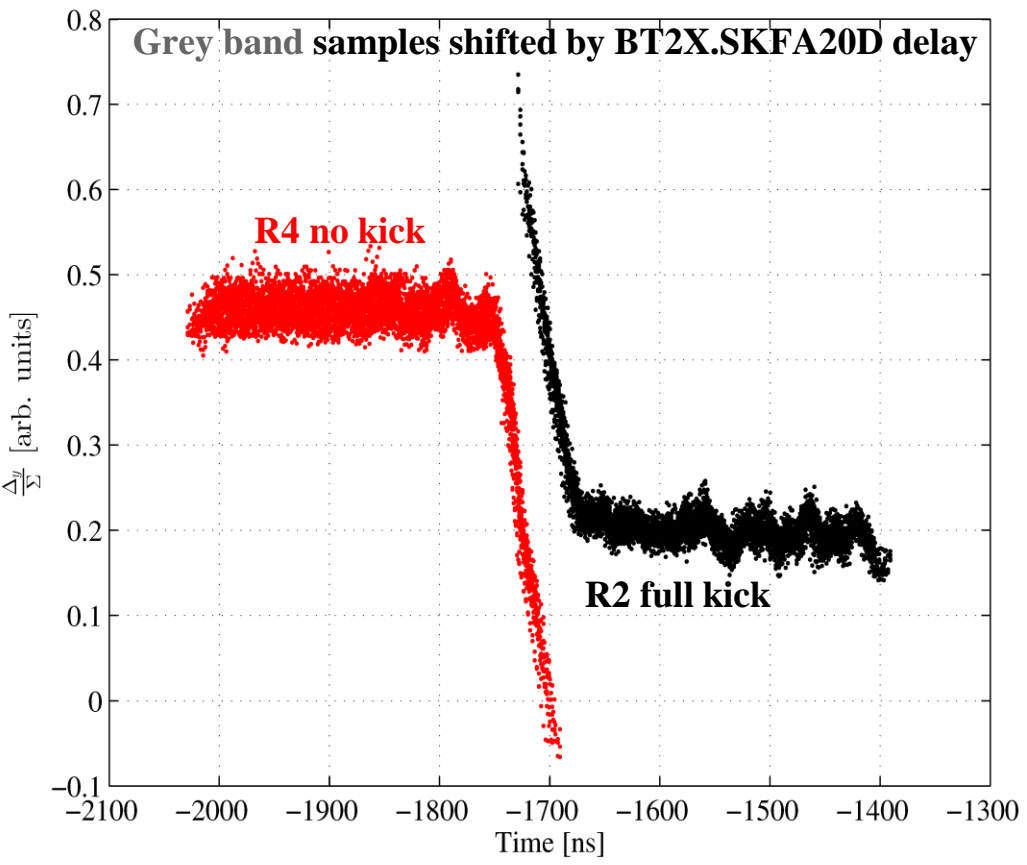


- BPM signals for different time delays of the KFA20
- The grey band is the fixed - gating - time window kept for the signal reconstruction



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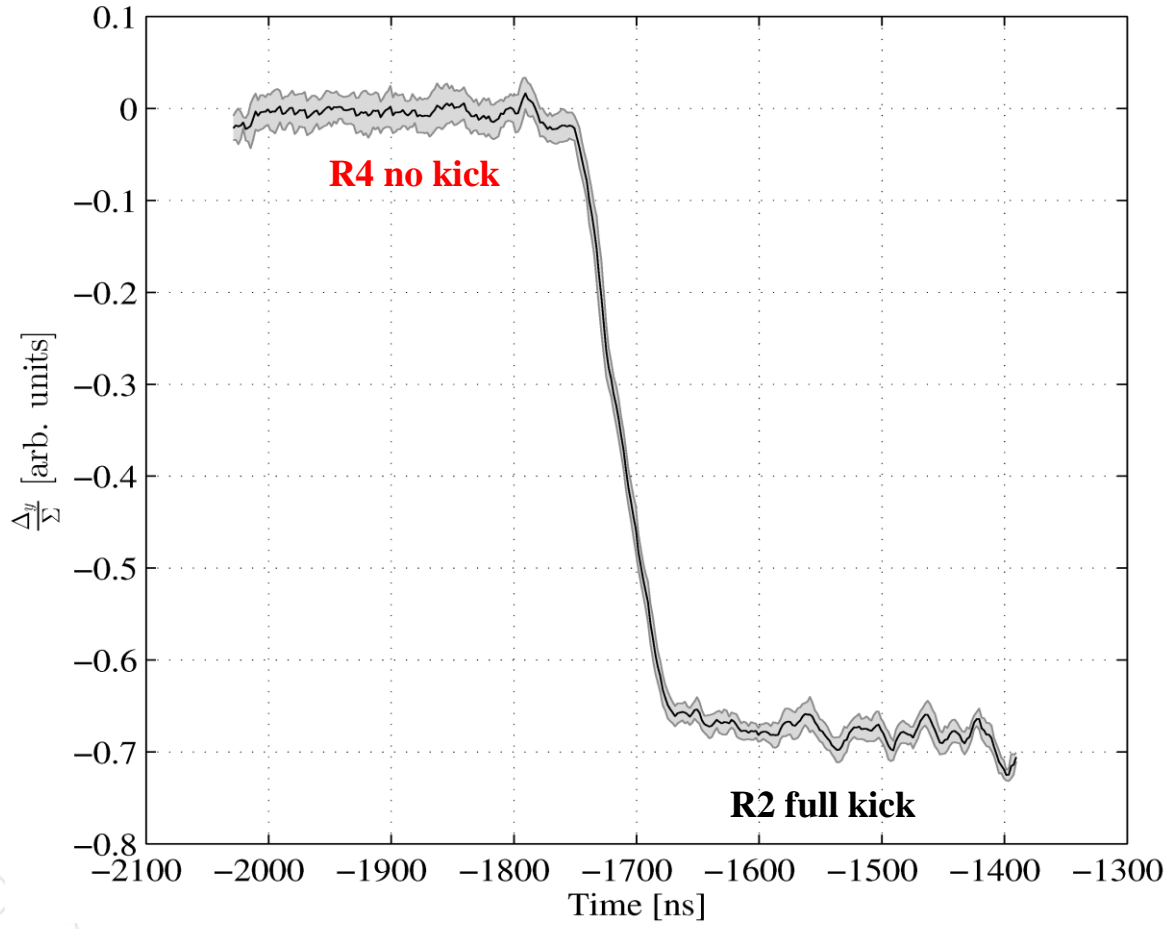
## Un-calibrated measurement



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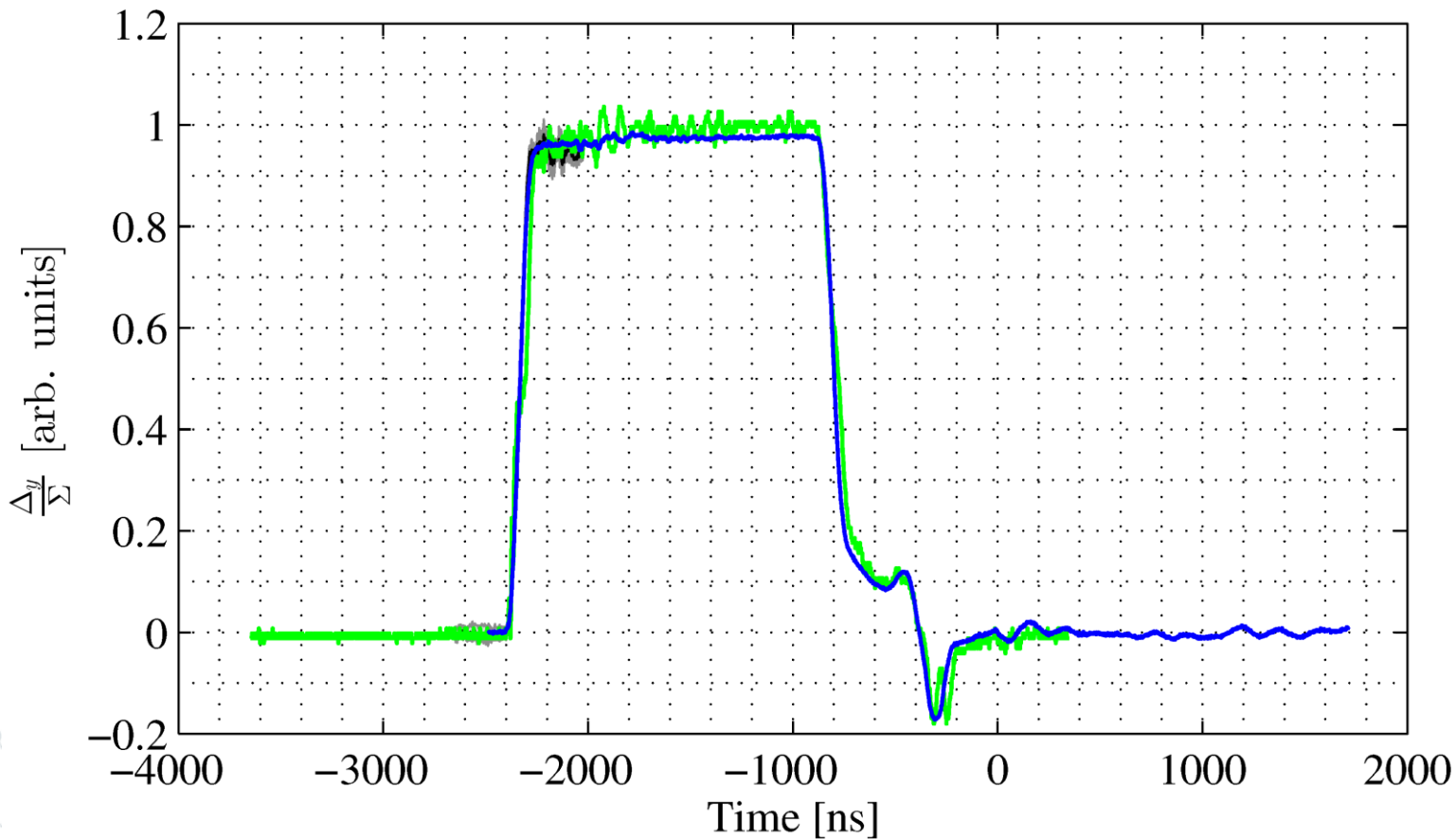
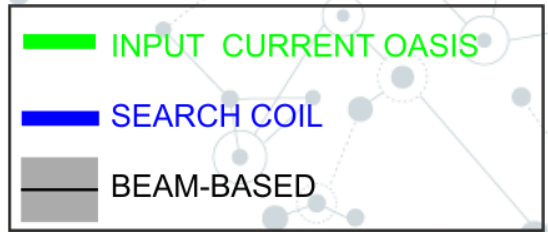
## Calibrated measurement

Grey band samples shifted by BT2X.SKFA20D delay



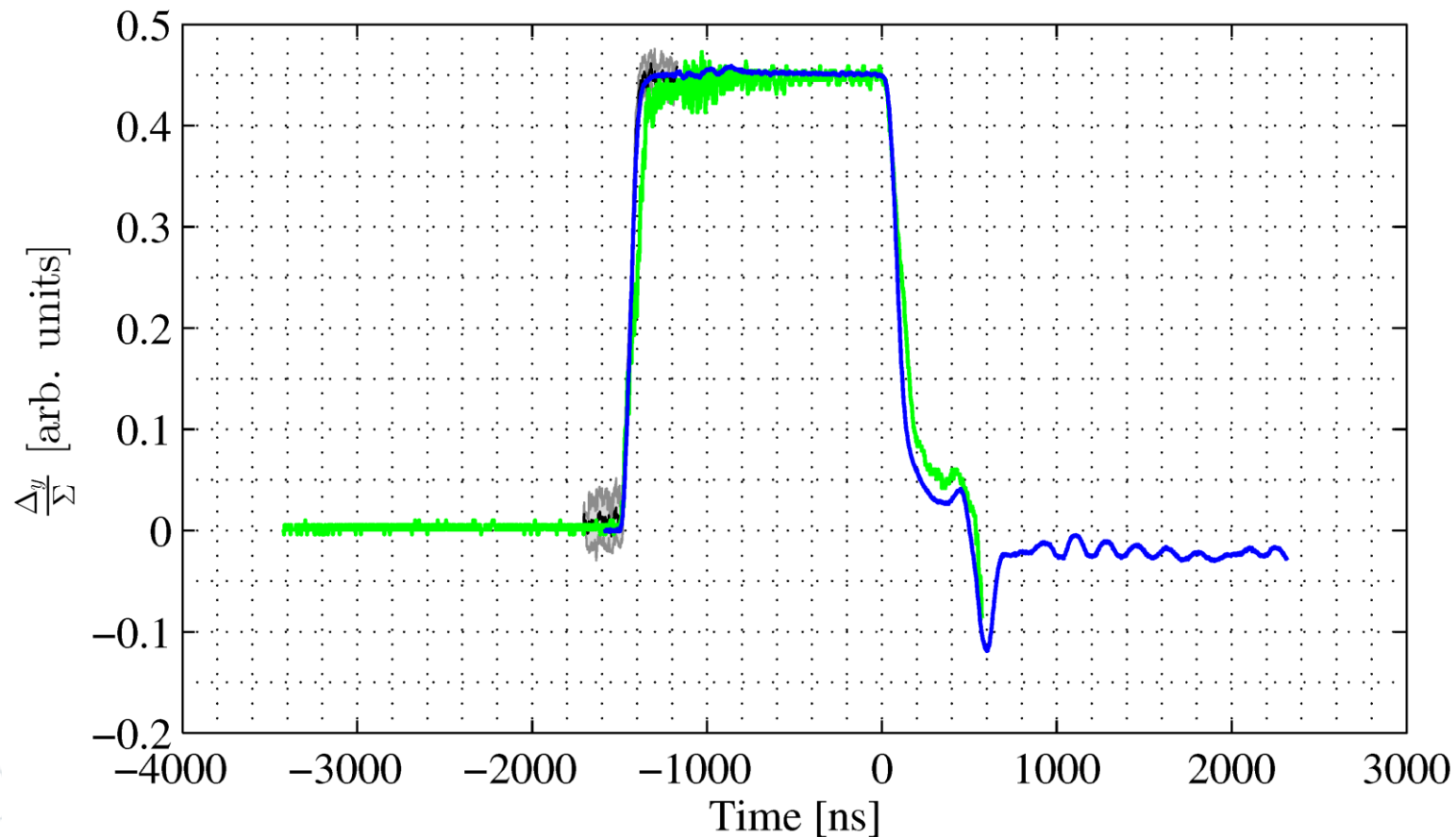
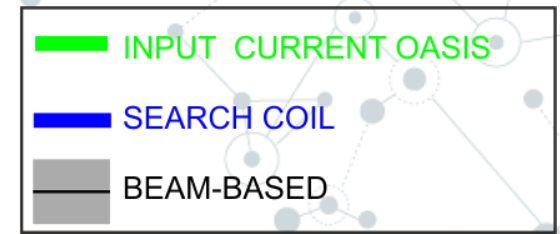
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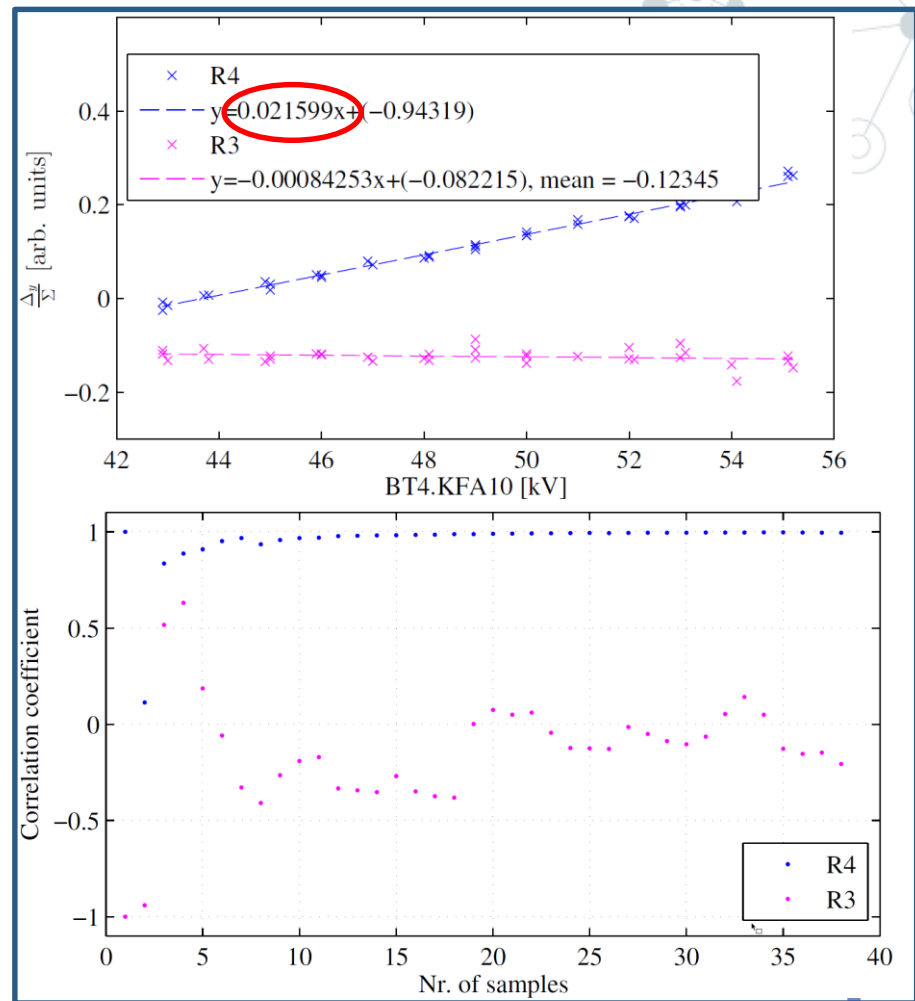
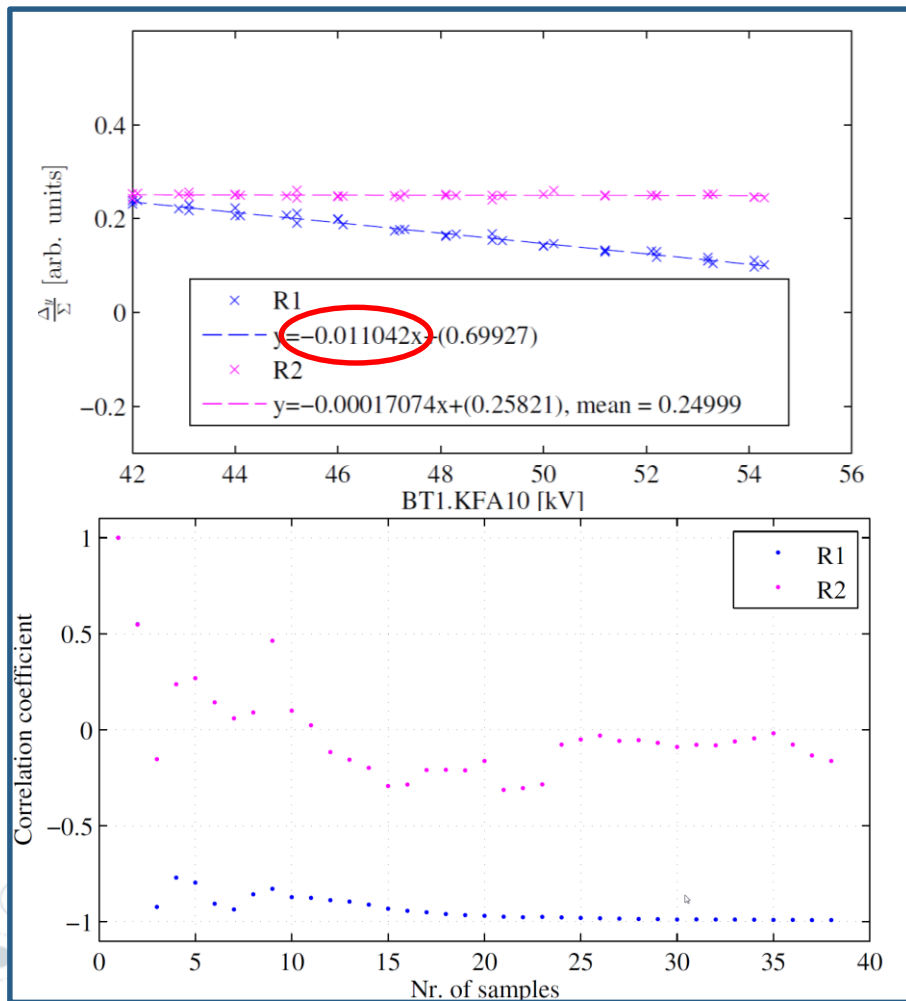
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- BT1.KFA10 strength (at 42 kV) vs. BT2.BPM20  $\sim 25e10$  ppb

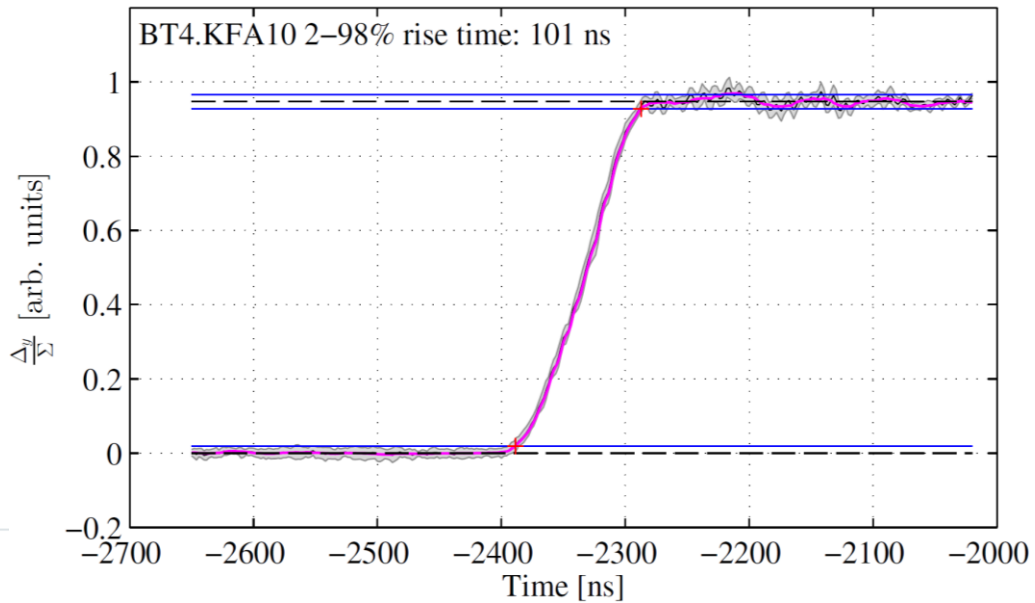
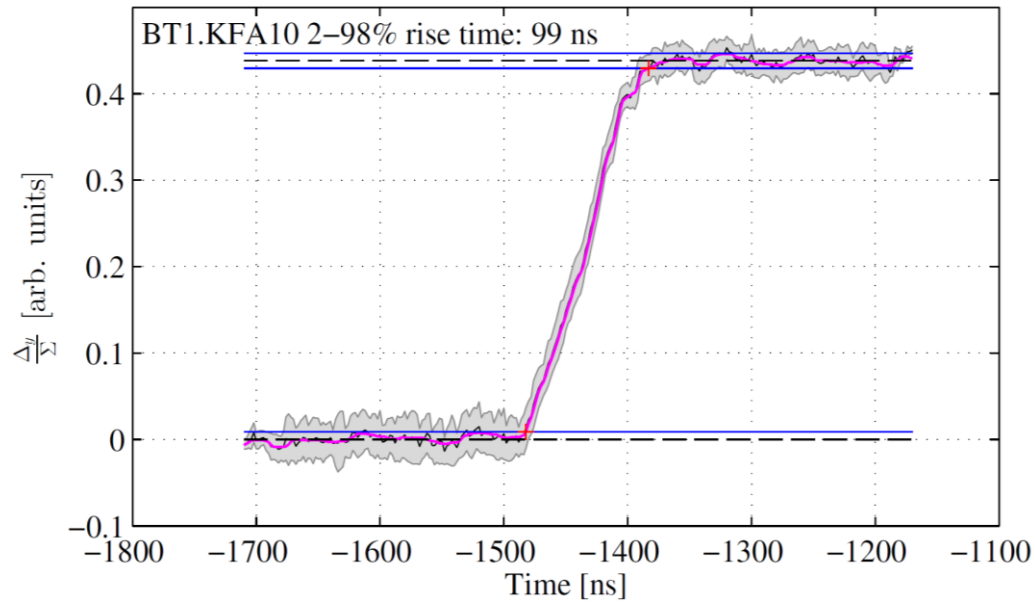


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- **BT1.KFA10** and **BT4.KFA10**, even if identical, gave different calibration (~factor 2 in the DC-gain) due to different hw amplification settings → BI issue, then fixed.
- This is an important check as **BPMs** are used to validate optics models.



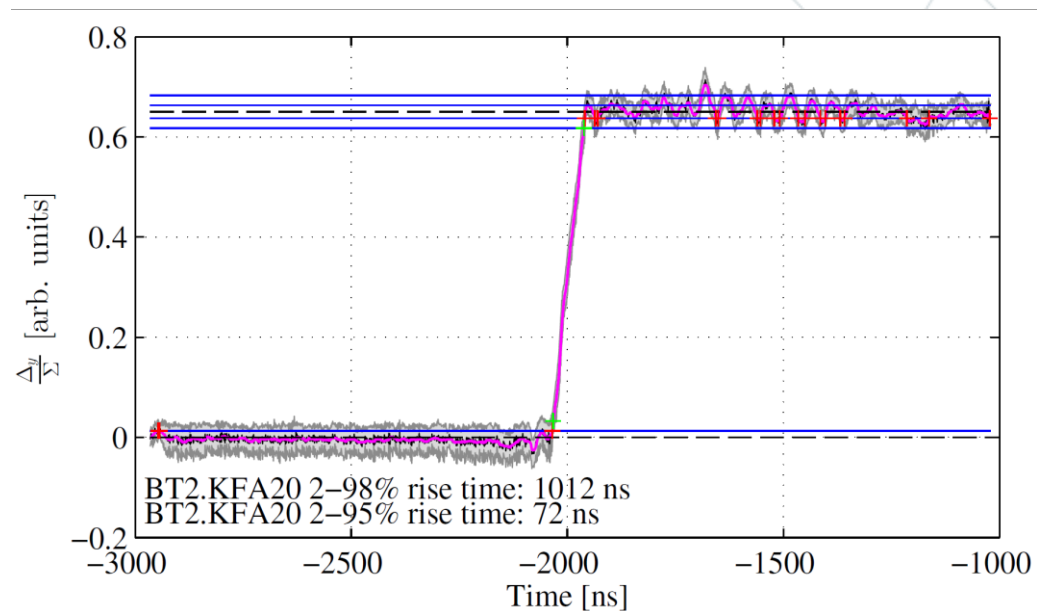
# BT1.KFA10 – BT4.KFA10 ~25e10 ppb



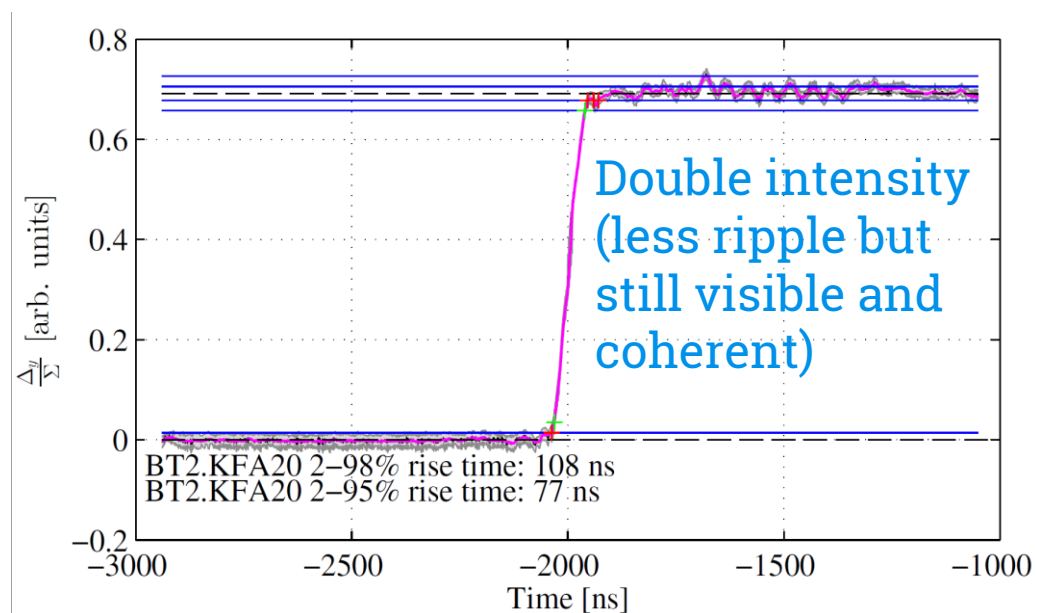
# BT2.KFA20

- BT4.KFA10 strength (at 43 kV) vs. BT3.BPM20 ~25e10 ppb

~25e10 ppb



~50e10 ppb

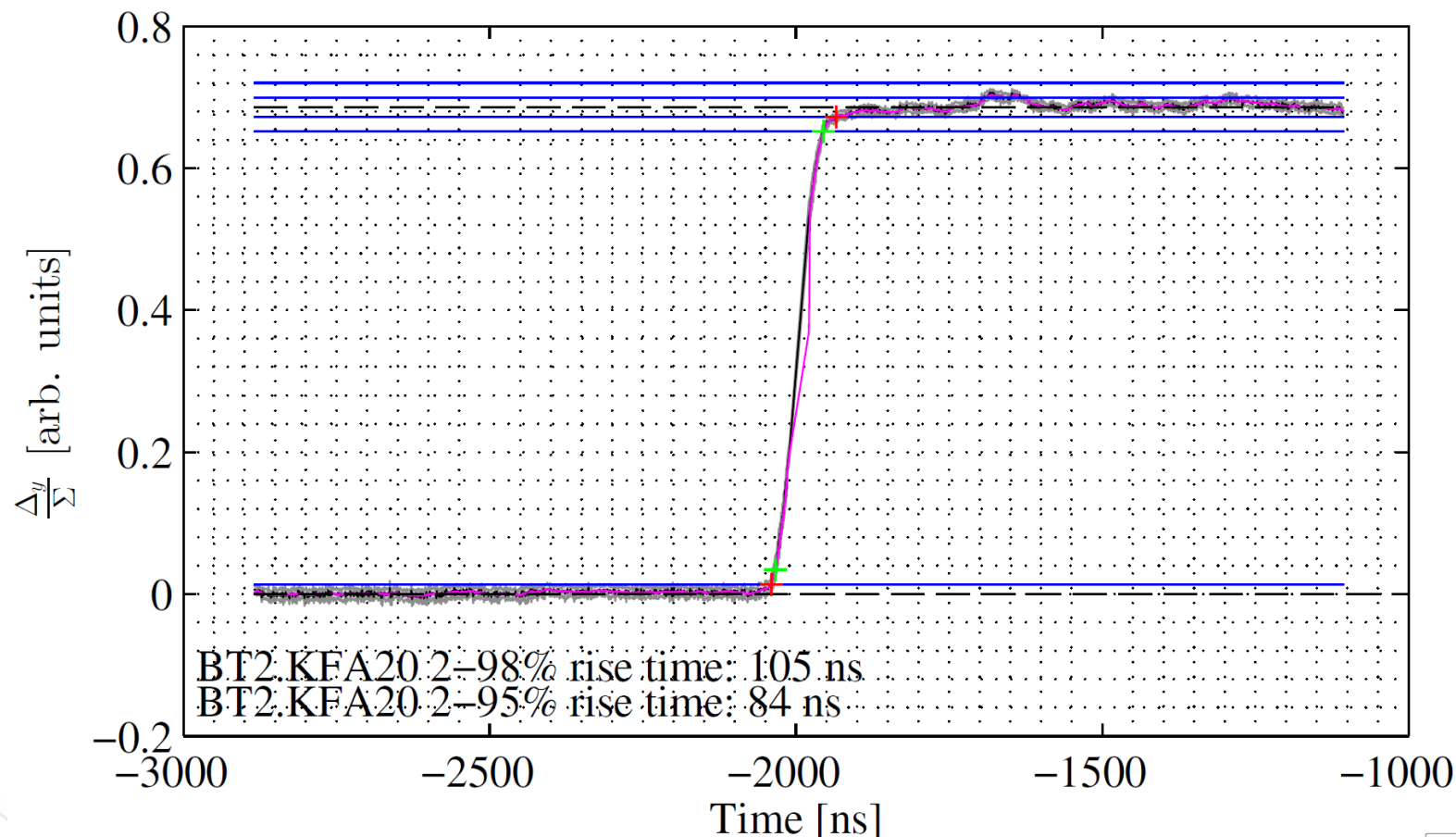




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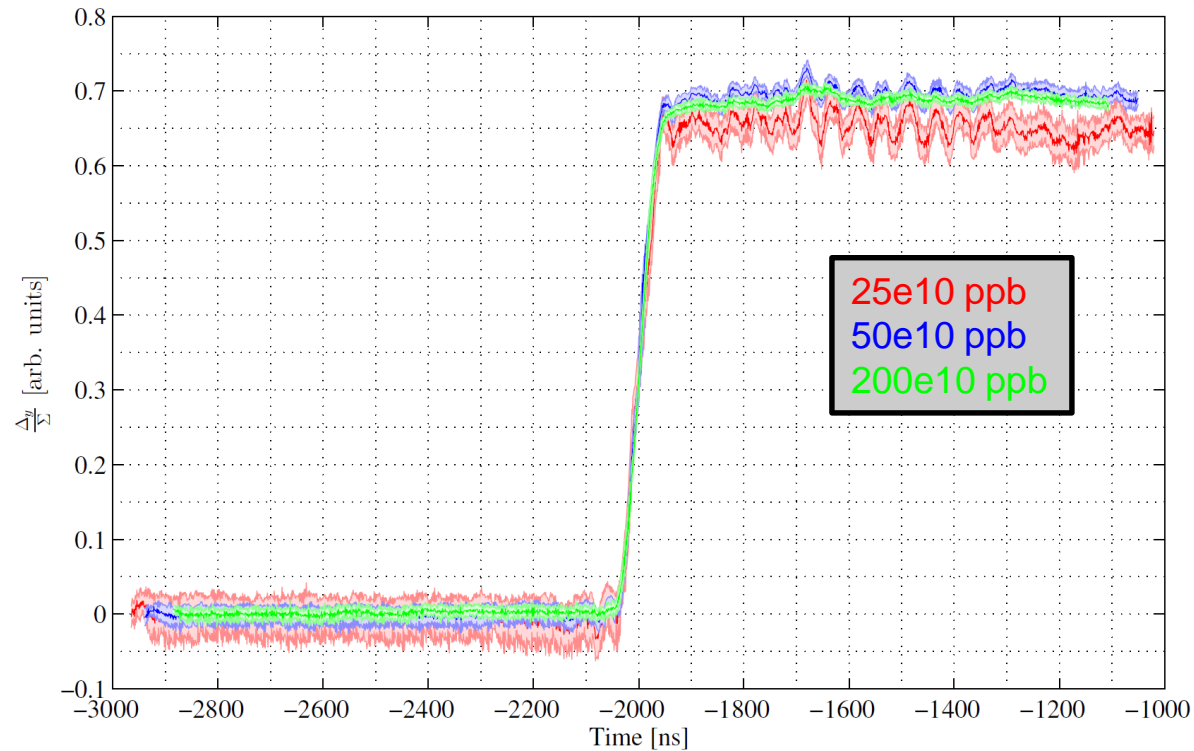
- The large flat-top ripple almost disappears at higher intensity ( $\sim 200e10$  ppb).
- The measurement looks cleaner and smoother.
- Measurement performed with R3 and R1 (respectively first and last in batch) to have a large inspection window.

$\sim 200e10$  ppb



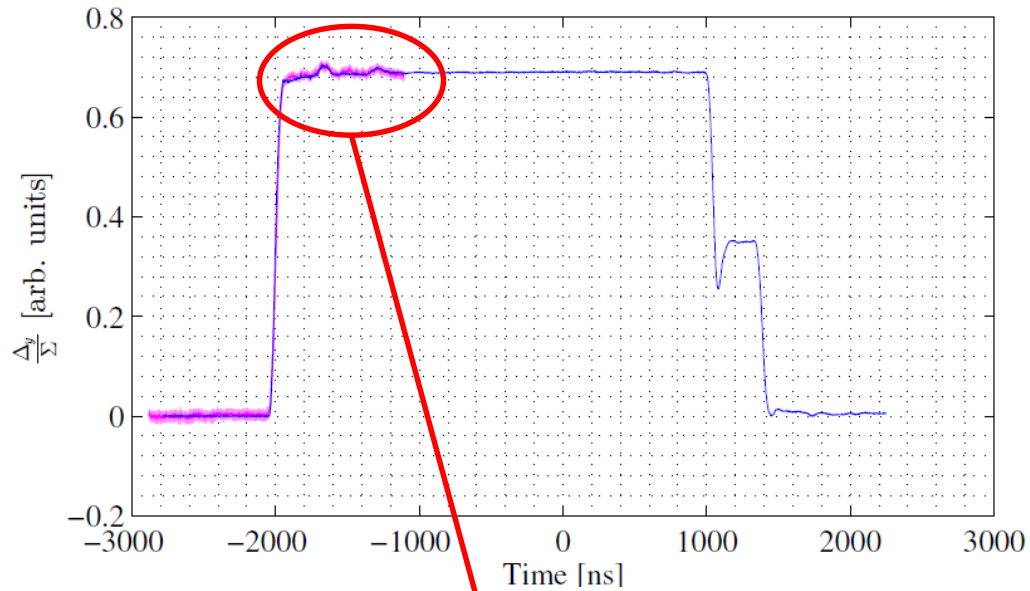
# BT2.KFA20

- The large flat-top ripple almost disappears at higher intensity ( $\sim 200\text{e}10$  ppb).
- The measurement looks cleaner and smoother at higher intensity (better BPM response).

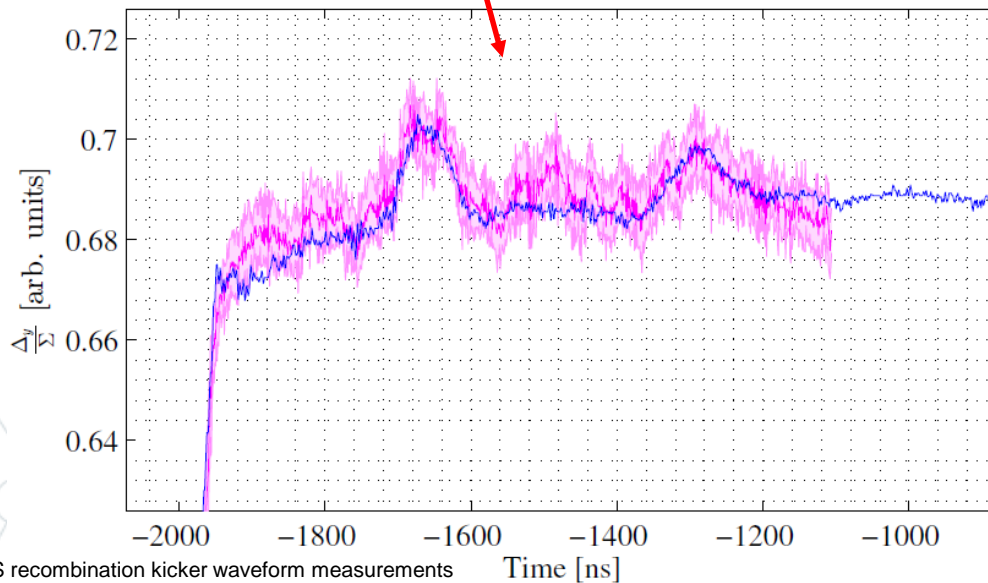


# BT2.KFA20 $\sim 200e10$ ppb

- The agreement with lab measurements (courtesy L. Sermeus) is **very good**

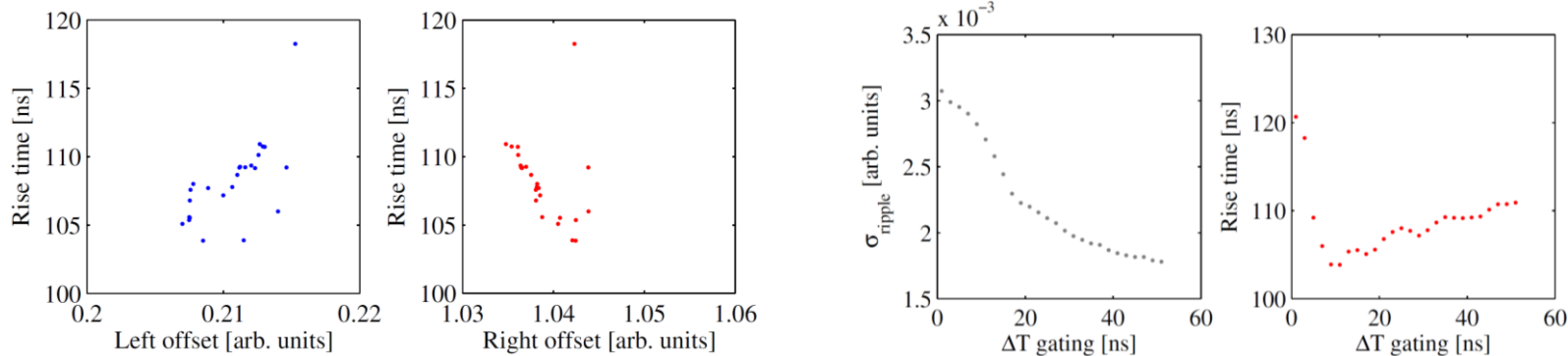


Current loop measurement (L. Sermeus)  
Beam-based measurement ( $I=200e10$  ppb)



# Recombination kickers rise time estimations

- The **2-98% rise times** have been estimated
- The **sources of errors for the rise time estimation** are being investigated. Common error sources are:
  - The **bunch intensity**, as it affects the BPMs response.
  - The **beam reproducibility** (measurements last typically 3-9 hrs (in parallel) ...)
  - The **calibration technique** and the **length in time of the gating window**.



- The **jitter in time** of the kicker waveforms ( $\sim 10$  ns p-p)

	Rise time 2-98% ( $\pm 10$ ns)	Intensity	Upper limit*
<b>BT1.KFA10</b>	99 ns	30e10 ppb	105 ns
<b>BT4.KFA10</b>	101 ns	30e10 ppb	
<b>BT2.KFA20</b>	109 ns	200e10 ppb	

\*From "Specification for KICKER SYSTEMS FOR 2.0 GeV PSB to PS BEAM TRANSFER"  
 Ref: **PS-MKKIK-ES-0001**  
 HL-LHC limit (@ 2 GeV)  $\leq 105$  ns



# A new and automatic method for beam-based kickers

## waveforms measurements

Emittance (beam size) blow-up due to **un-synched kicks** can be evaluated through the **sem-grids**.

**3 sem-grids** in the **BTM line** provide shot-by-shot the information about the **beam sizes (thus the emittances)** at 3 consecutive locations.

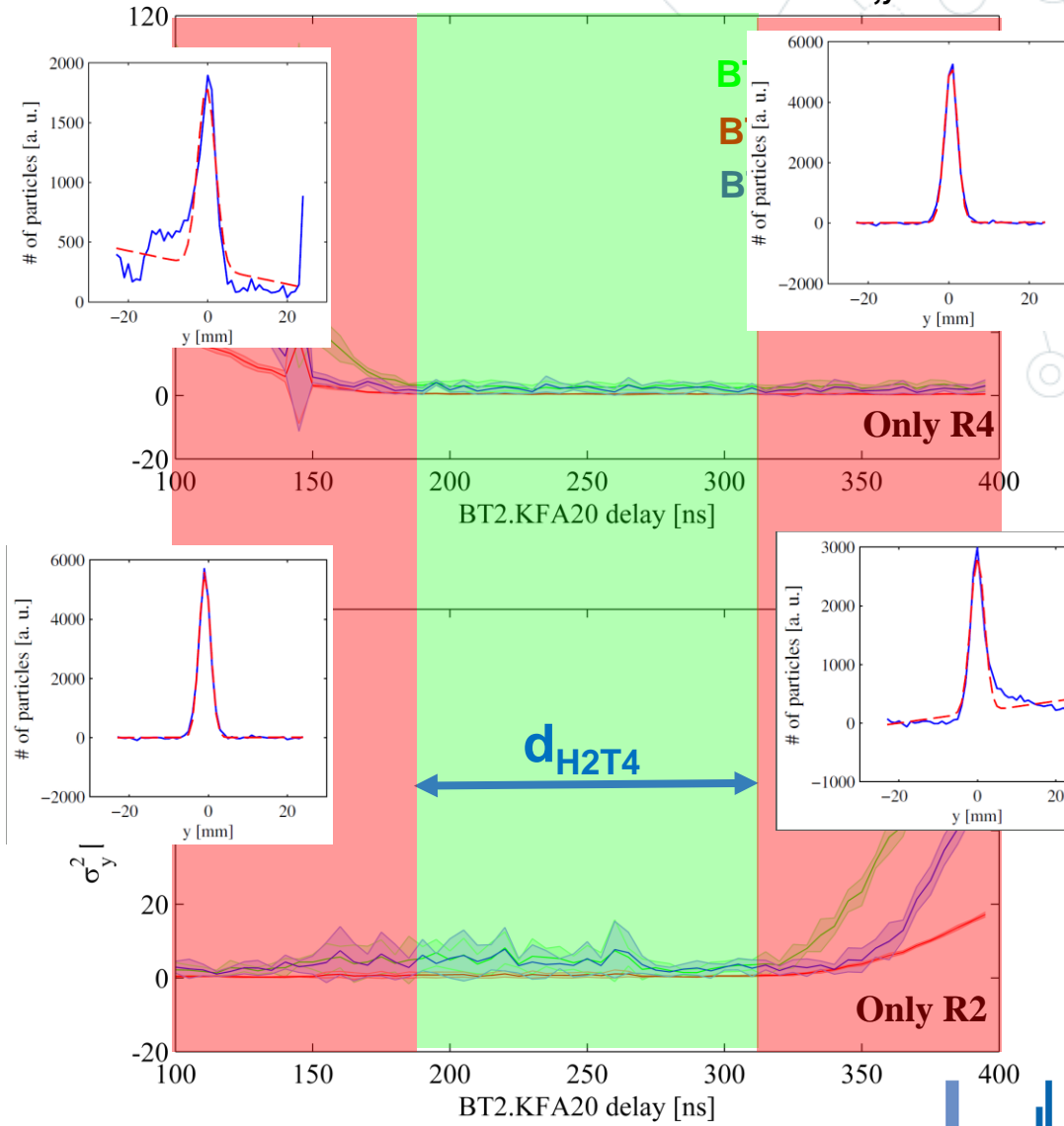
For a given vertical emittance the length in time of the intersections, where the emittance is un-touched (no kicker-dependent mismatch), gives directly space for bunch lengthening **d<sub>H2T4</sub>**.

The **minimum of these gaps** (including KFA10s and PI.KFA45) will give the possible increase in bunch length for the 4 bunches.

Over this distance emittance blow-up (by mismatch) and losses occur!

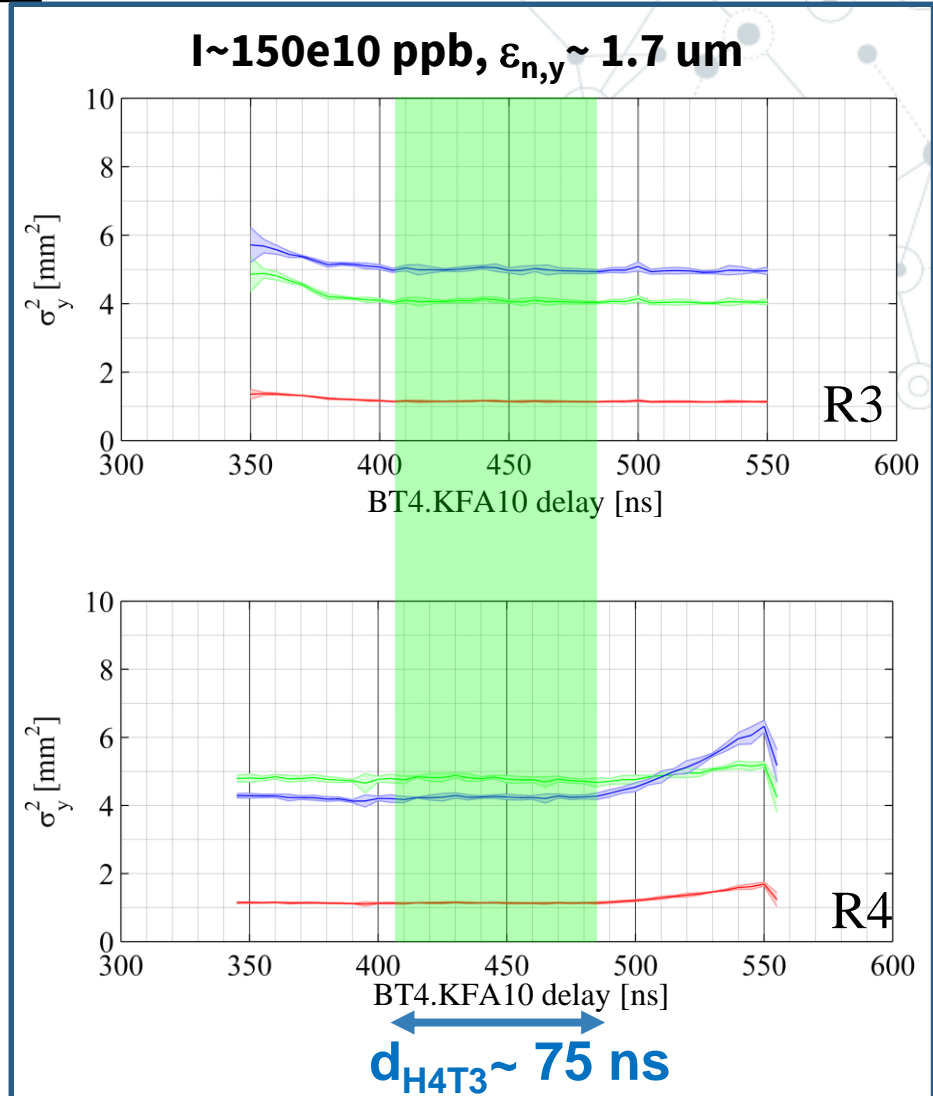
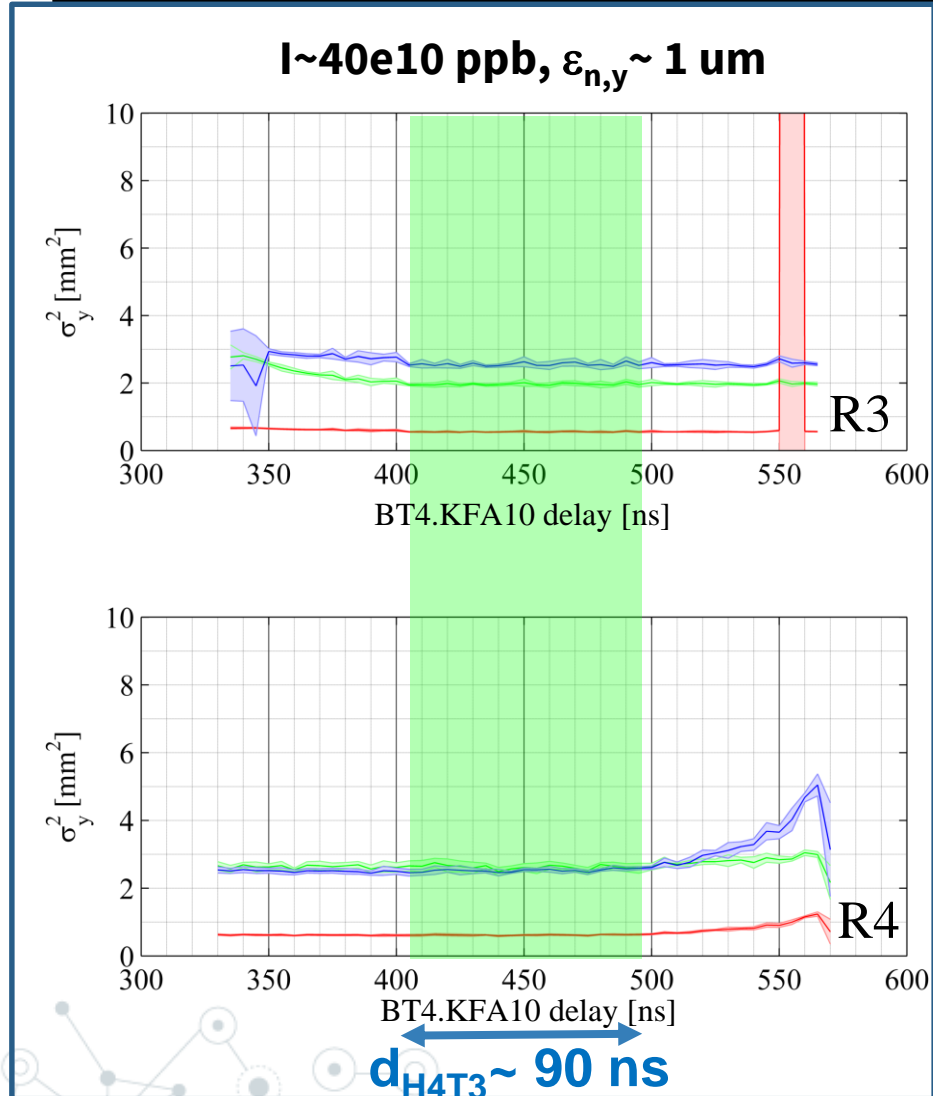
Halo particles **get lost** at entrance in the PS

Example: BT2.KFA20 @  $\epsilon_{n,y} = 1 \mu\text{m}$



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## waveforms measurements



$d_{H4T3}$  = measured possible best-case margin for bunch lengthening (excluding PI.KFA45)



# Summary and next steps

- The necessity of knowing the **maximum acceptable bunch lengths** extracted from the PSB to the PS have driven the beam-based study for the **KFA kickers rise-time**.
- It is **difficult** to produce **with no losses** from the PSB **bunches much shorter** than the kicker rise times
- A **new method** has been elaborated to derive the kickers waveforms from the BPM deflections in **long nominal consecutive bunches** (~180 ns vs rise times in the order of 100-140 ns)
- The method minimizes **losses**, uses **nominal bunches**, has shown **excellent results compared with lab measurements** and is suitable for **MD automation**
- **2-98% rise times** have been computed: KFA10s are in agreement with requirements for the update. KFA20 is at the edge of the requirements.
- The **sem-grids** have also been used to check the distance limits in terms of **emittance blow-up** and **mismatch** caused by un-synch KFA kicks → also useful for **LIU parameters definition**
- From the **sem-grids analysis** the **recombination kickers** gave a measured **best margin** of ~75 ns for **bunch lengthening** in order to keep a **target vertical emittance of 1.7  $\mu\text{m}$**  and ~150e10 ppb (~present LHC type beams). The margin **depends on emittance** for vertical losses due to **scraping** and **on intensity**, for RP limits.
- First WS tests in the PS demonstrated that **the vertical halo** induced by the un-synchronization of the recombination kickers **gets lost at the entrance** in the PS and **no blow-up has been seen** in the PS ring.
- **New tests** will be performed with the new **220 ns bunches** (if stable!), prepared by S. Albright (BE-RF), in order to check the sem-grids criterium with future LHC bunch lengths.
- **Further analysis** have to be performed **to evaluate the resolution** of the measurements and **the frequency response** of the system... is the beam perturbed at some frequencies at the PS entrance? Important for PS tr. feedback assessment...





**Thanks**

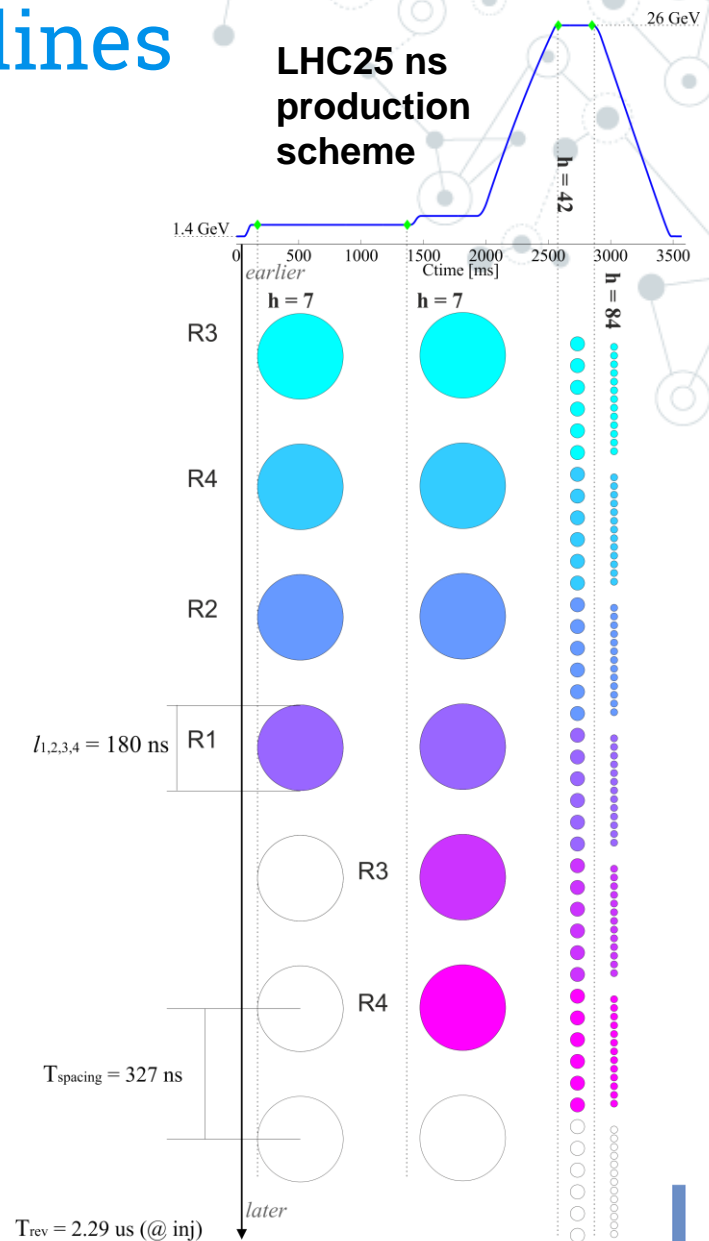




# Appendix

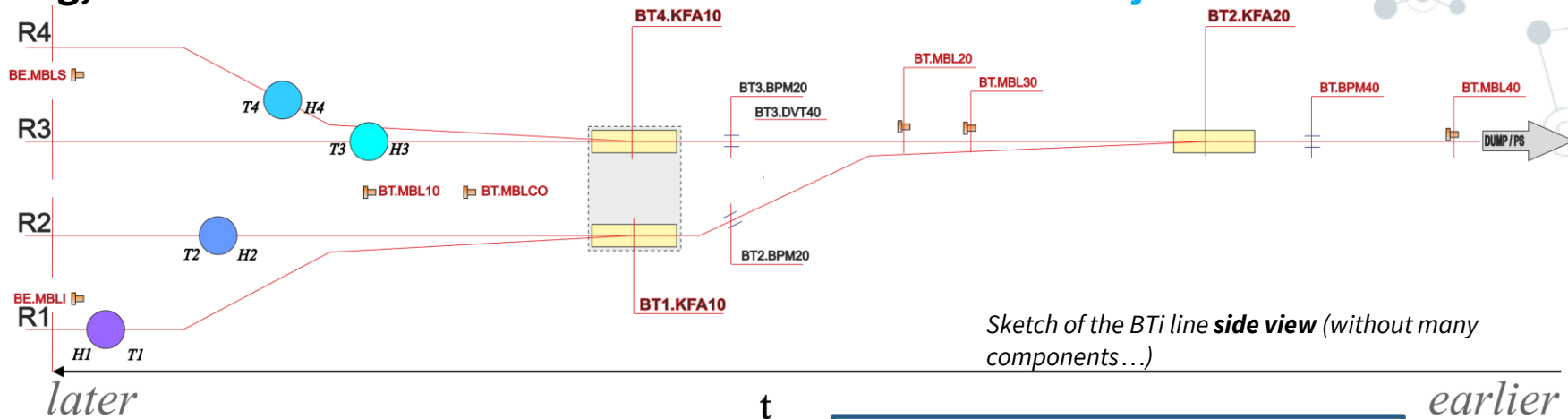
# Purpose of beam-based kickers waveform measurements in the BTi-PI lines

- To relax the space charge limit on the PS injection plateau and increase the LIU beams performances, it is wanted to lengthen the LHC bunches from the PSB to the PS (from  $\sim 180$  ns to 220 ns ).
- Is it possible preserving the emittance and intensity?
- Which are the boundaries? One has to check whether the physical dynamic quantities along the line are compatible with the requirements...



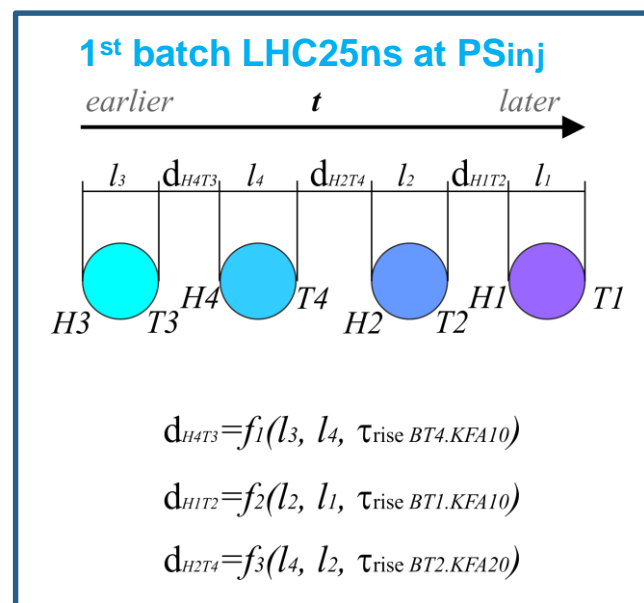
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- The **vertical recombination kickers** (BT1.KFA10, BT4.KFA10 and BT2.KFA20) are responsible for the PS batch formation, composed of max 4 “equal” bunches, 1 per PSB ring, in the BT-BTP line. The **PI.KFA45** is the **horizontal PS inj. kicker**.



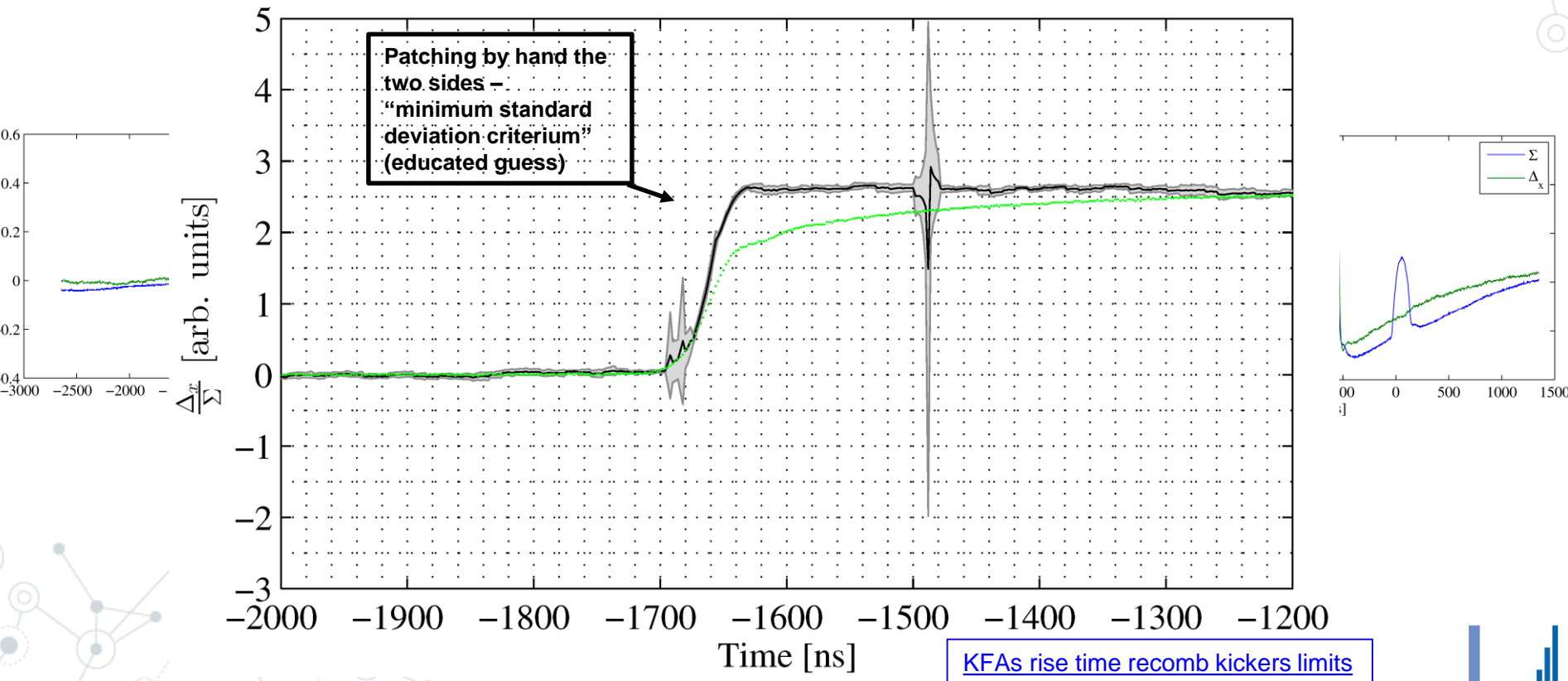
- The **KFAs** are the **main dynamic elements** in the line.

- The **magnetic field rise time  $\tau_{rise}$**  is an important parameter to see whether the **kickers dynamics may influence the emittance and the intensity of the bunches**.



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- **PI.KFA45 strength (at 308 kV) vs PR.UHZ47 (first BPM after injection)**
- **In this case the bunches were taken consecutive but not adjacent (1 empty bucket in between, ~655 ns spacing), at the very exact 2<sup>nd</sup> batch injection moment.**
- **The PS BPMs are capacitive, not wall current monitor as in the BT line → high sensitivity to losses with discharge phenomena → not easy for voltage calibration!**

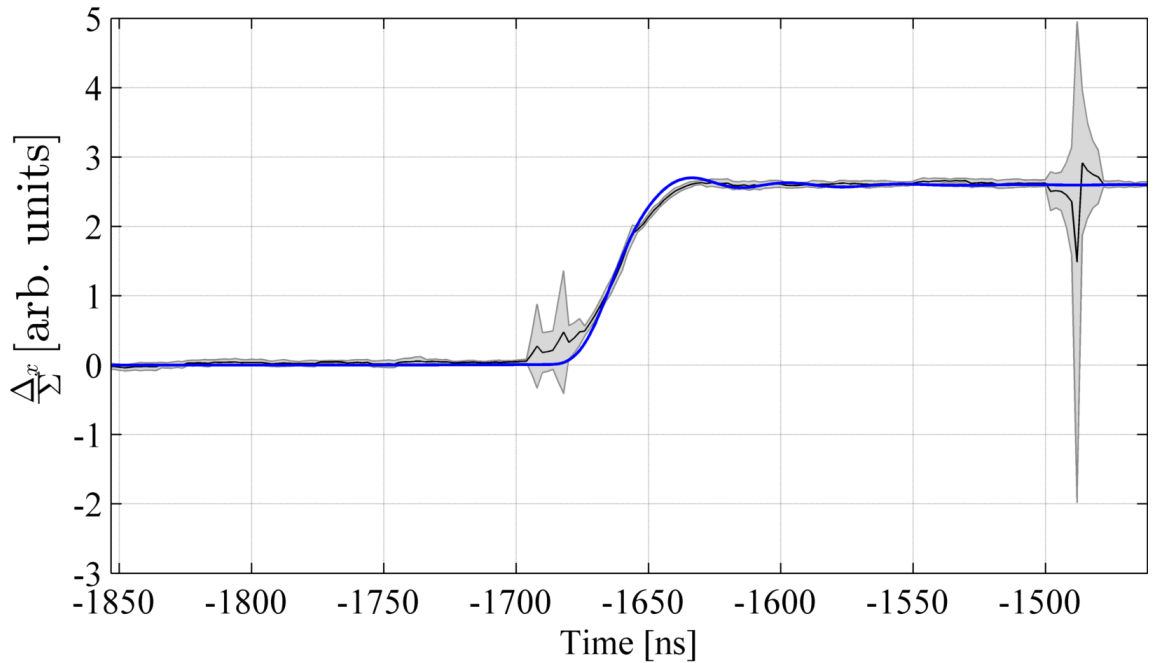


KFAs rise time recomb kickers limits  
 HL-LHC limit (@ 2 GeV) ≤ 105 ns  
 Ref: PS-MKKIK-ES-0001



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- Comparison with **simulations** for the PI.KFA45.
- **Simulations courtesy of A. Ferrero Colomo (TE-ABT)**



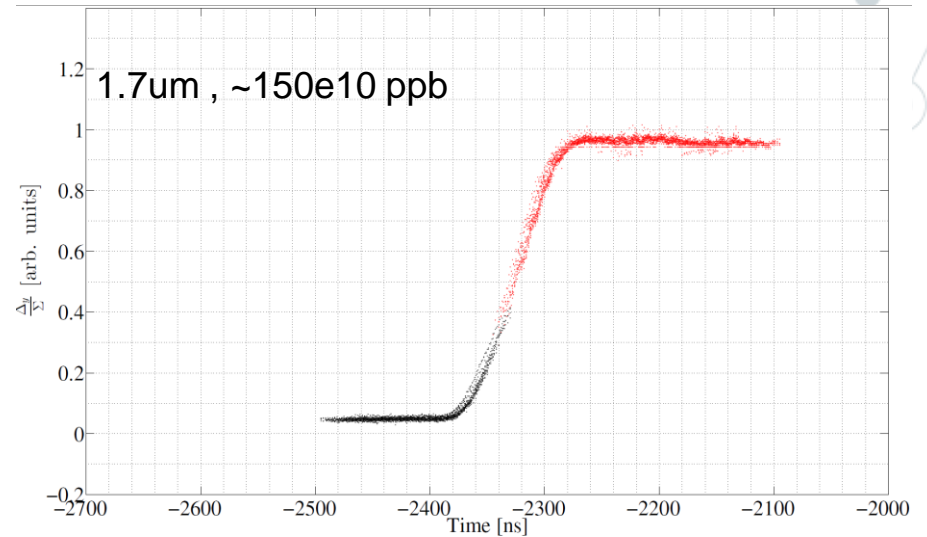
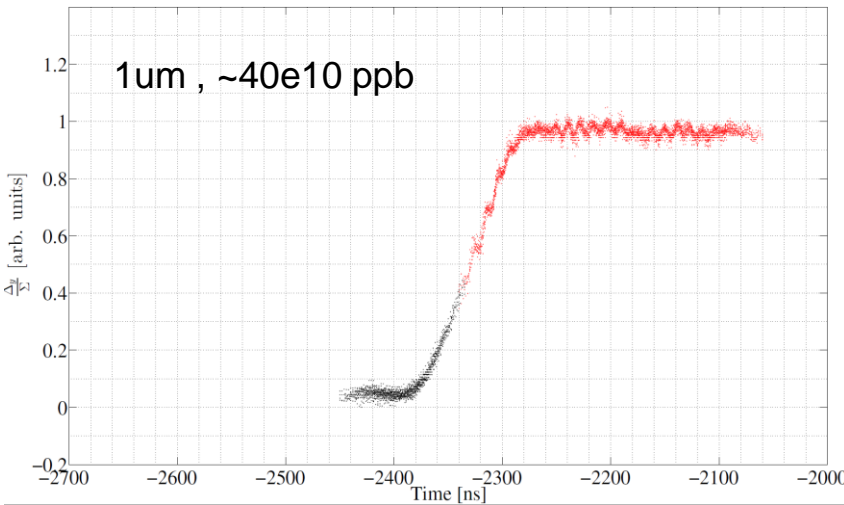
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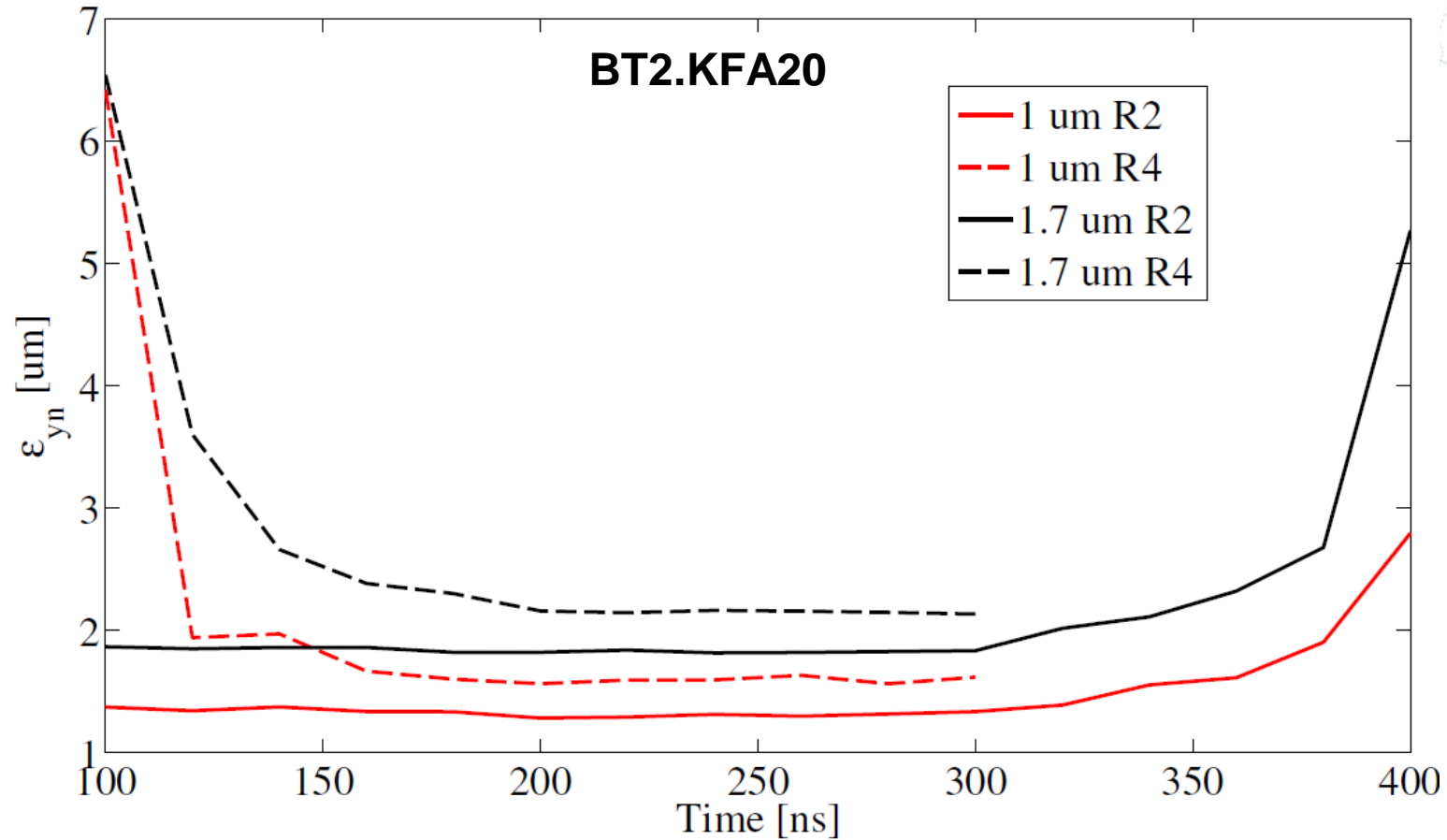
# First manual measurements with sem-grids

## BT4.KFA10 ripple reduction with intensity

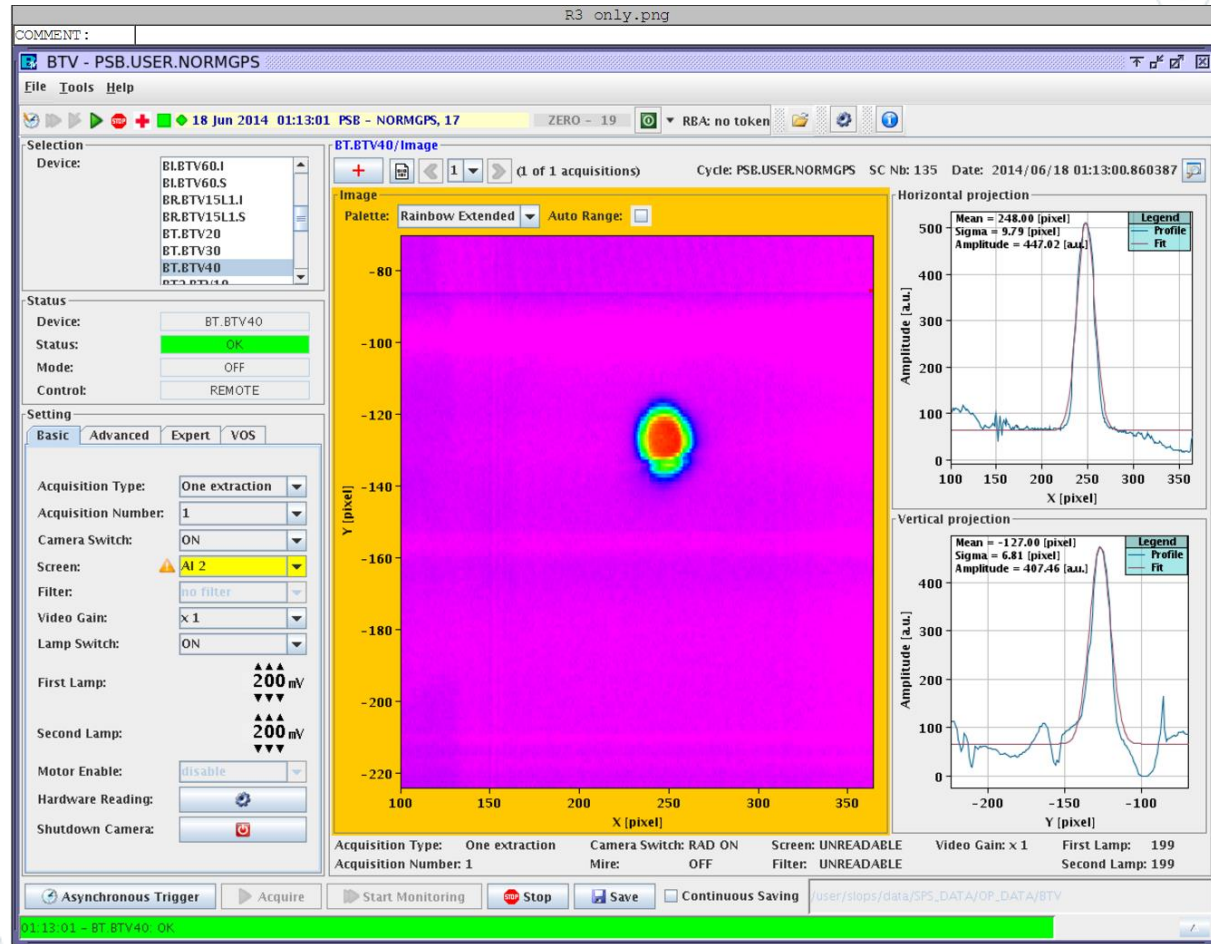
- May be due to BPM frequency response?



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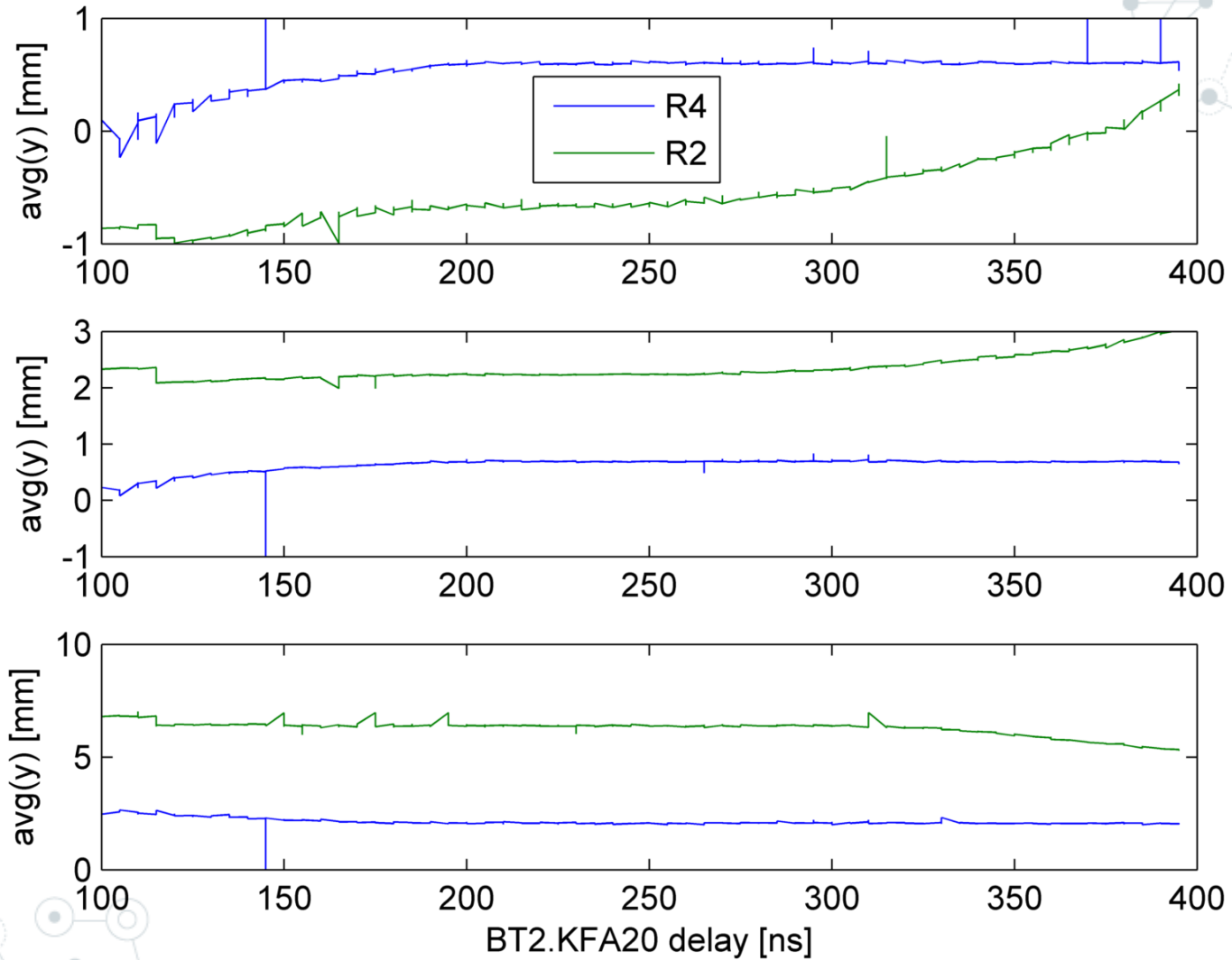


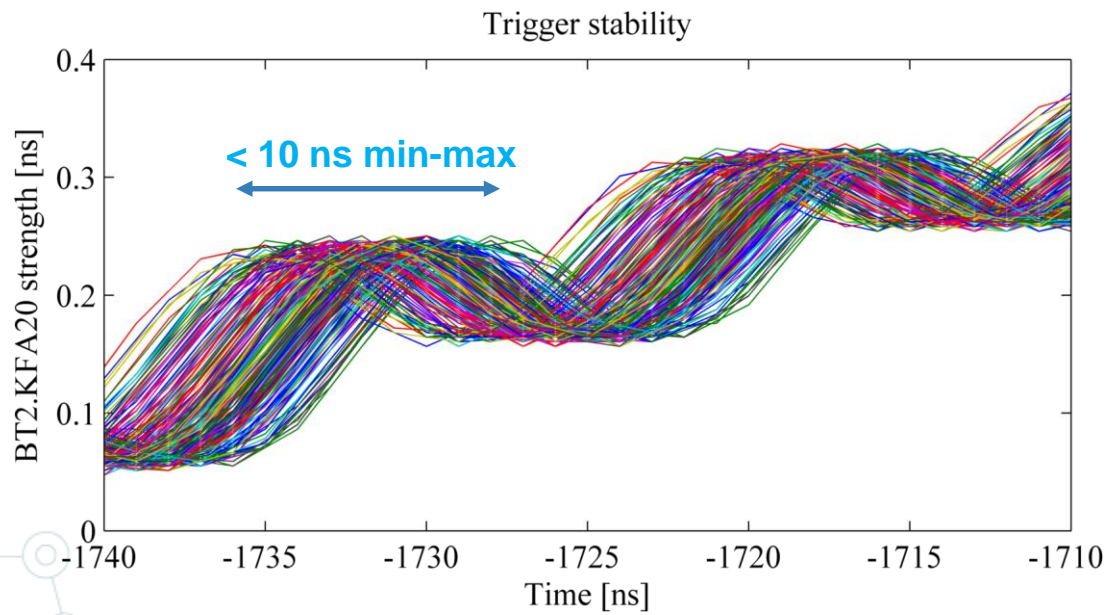
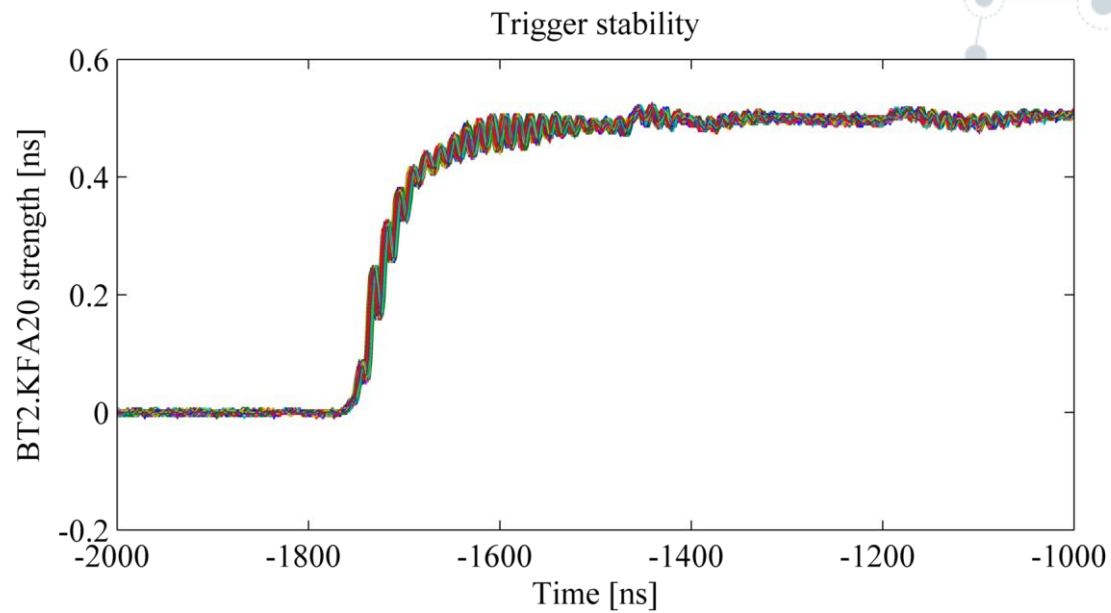
# BT.BTV40 example with NORMGPS user (very high intensity beam $\sim 800e10$ ppb)





# Average position from sem-grid







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