Post-acceleration, longitudinal shaving and bunch rotation in the PS

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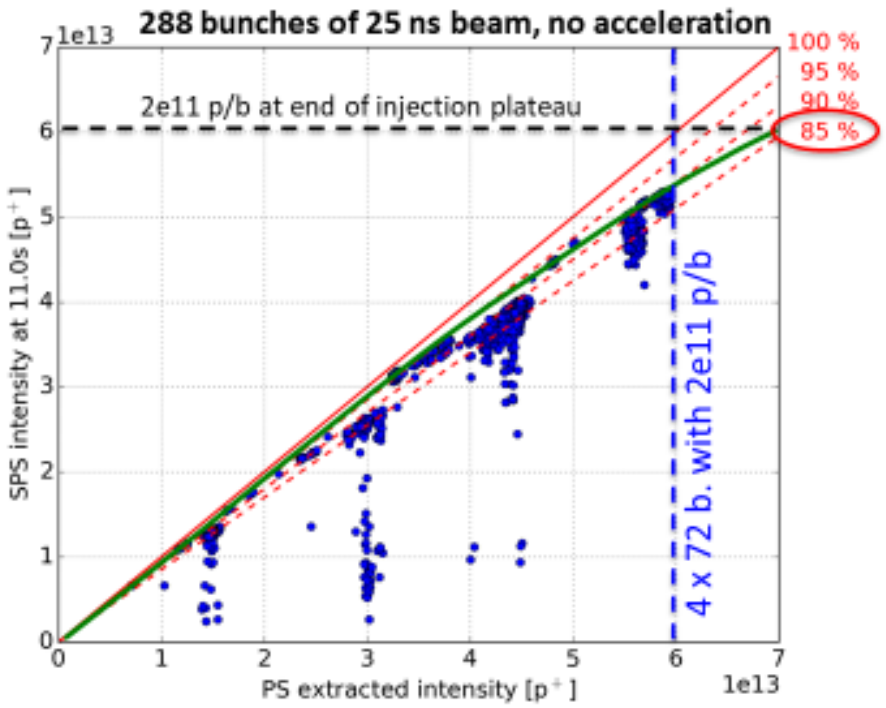
Introduction

The problem

- **(Relative) losses in SPS observed to increase as function of intensity**
  - Lots of studies in the past in preparation of the nominal LHC beams – back then important e-cloud effects (nowadays seems less important after scrubbing)
- **Flat bottom transmission during high intensity scrubbing run in 2015:**



Estimation from 2015:
15% losses on SPS flat bottom to reach 2e11 p/b before acceleration
but LIU target is actually to reach 2.3e11 p/b at SPS extraction! …

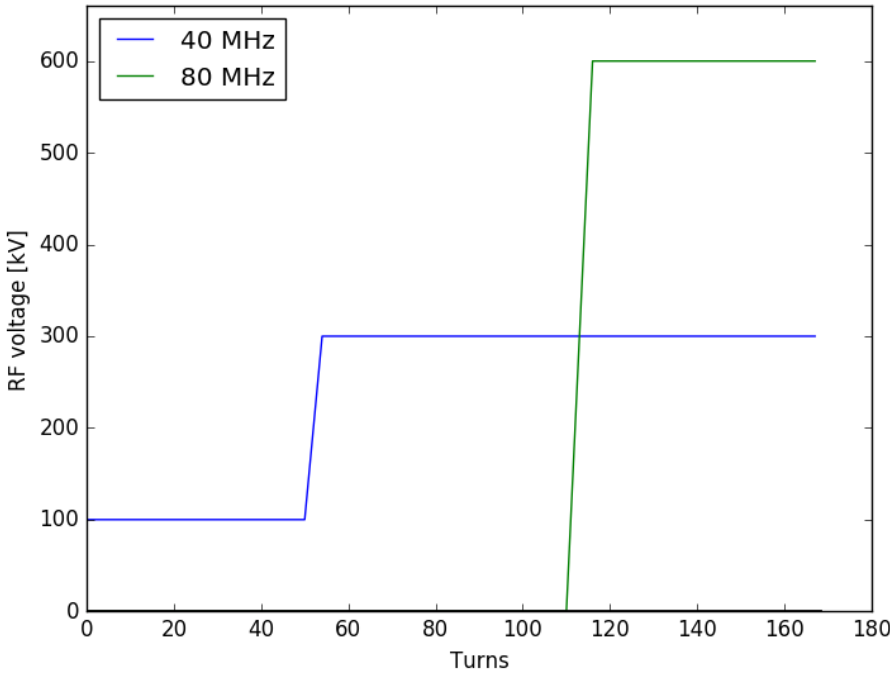
… since then effort intensified again to better understand losses in SPS

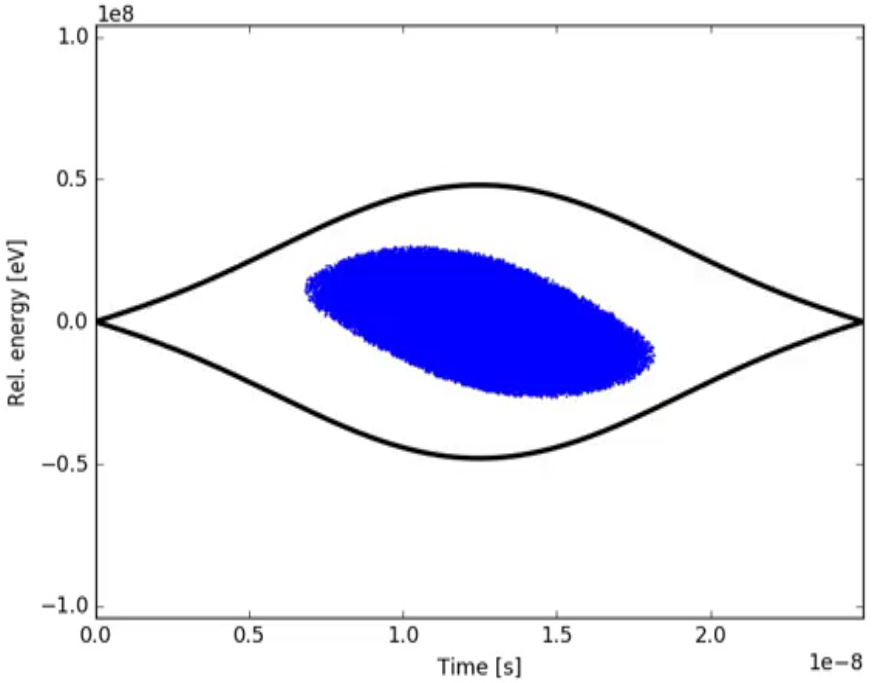
… SPS RF will be upgraded in LS2

… LIU SPS loss budget of 10%

H. Bartosik, https://indico.cern.ch/event/672967/timetable/#20171130

Introduction





- The PS bunches after splittings are too large to fit in the SPS RF bucket
  - 16 ns bunch length for 5 ns SPS RF bucket length
- Bunch shortening performed to reduce bunch length by factor 4 before extraction
- Fast voltage increase in two steps using 1x40 MHz cavity and 2x80 MHz cavities (bunch rotation, [1])

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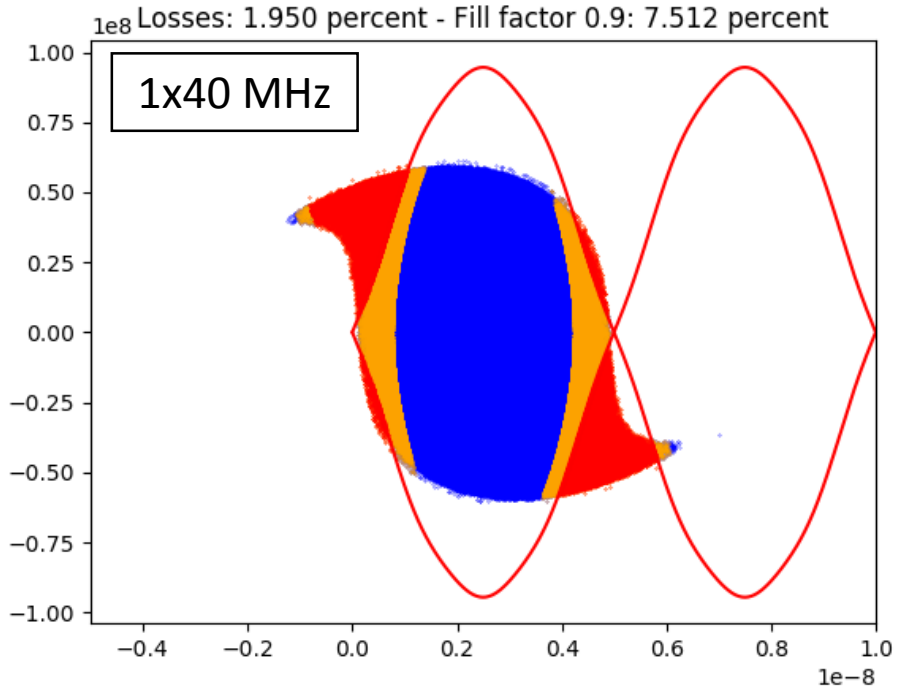
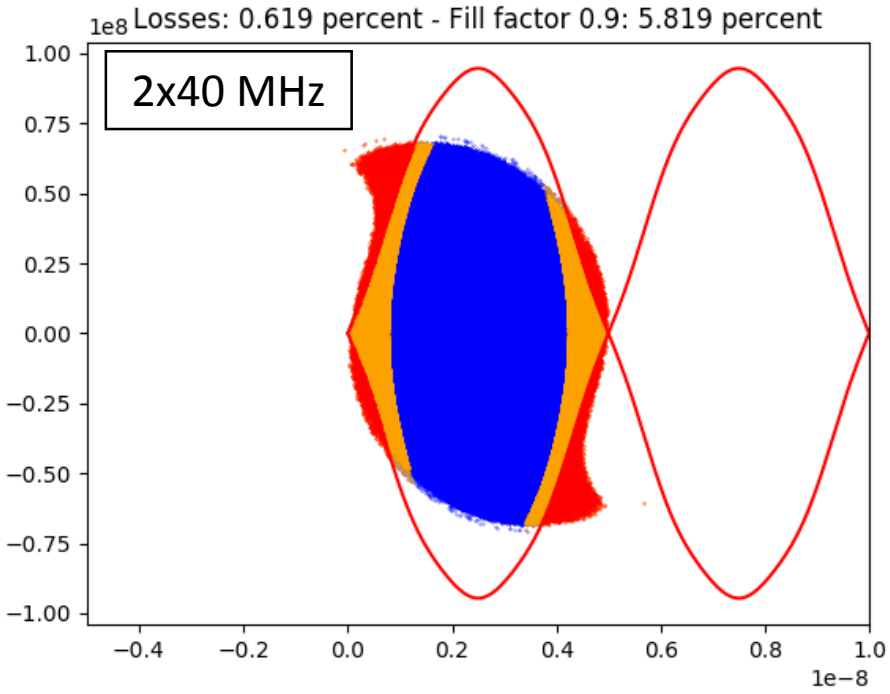
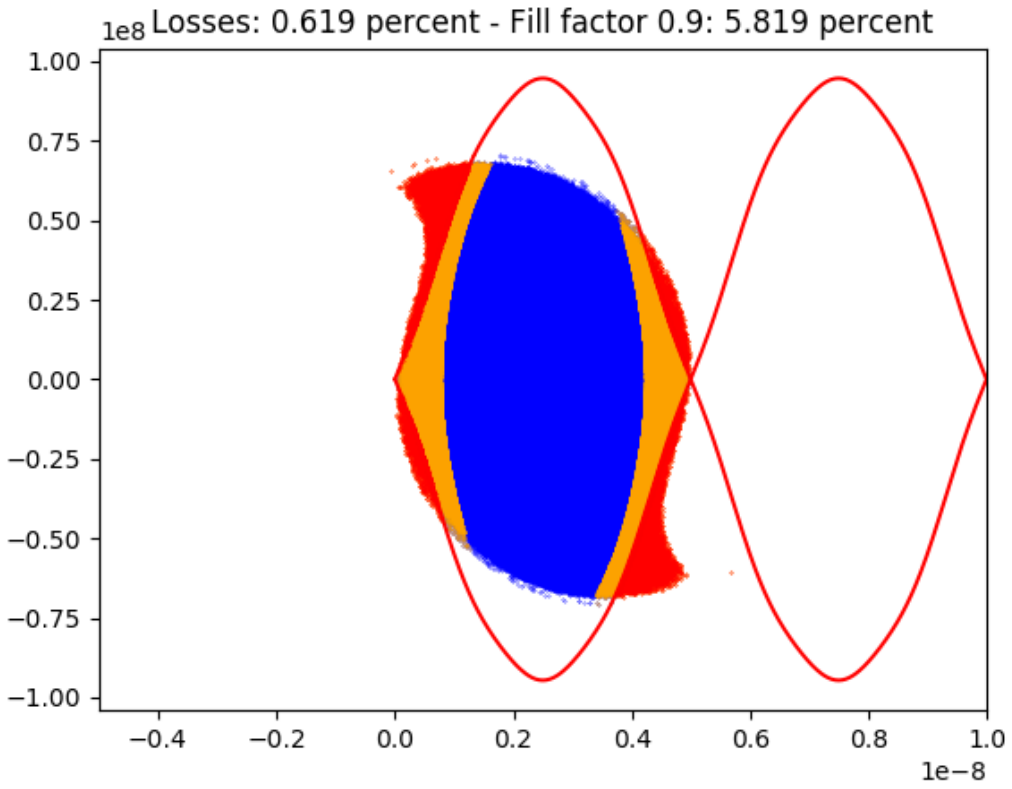




- Studies were performed in 2013 showing that losses could be reduced by ~2% by using 2x40 MHz cavities for the bunch rotation [2]
- In 2016/2017, the spare 40 MHz cavity was put in operation to reduce the losses
- For high intensity, still large losses in the SPS so studies were continued to further improve the PS beam

Definition of losses



SPS RF bucket (double RF):

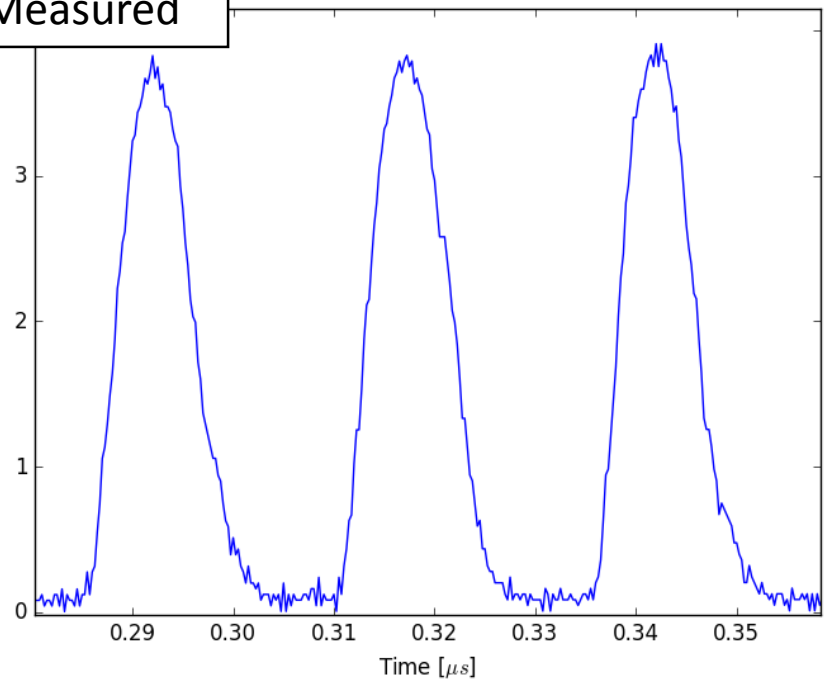
$V_{200} = 4.5$ MV

$V_{800} = 0.45$ MV

- Blue: particles captured in SPS
- Orange: Particles inside the RF bucket but too close to separatrix, criterion set to $\Delta E/E = 0.9$ filling factor
- Red: Uncaptured particles, drifts from the main beam at injection

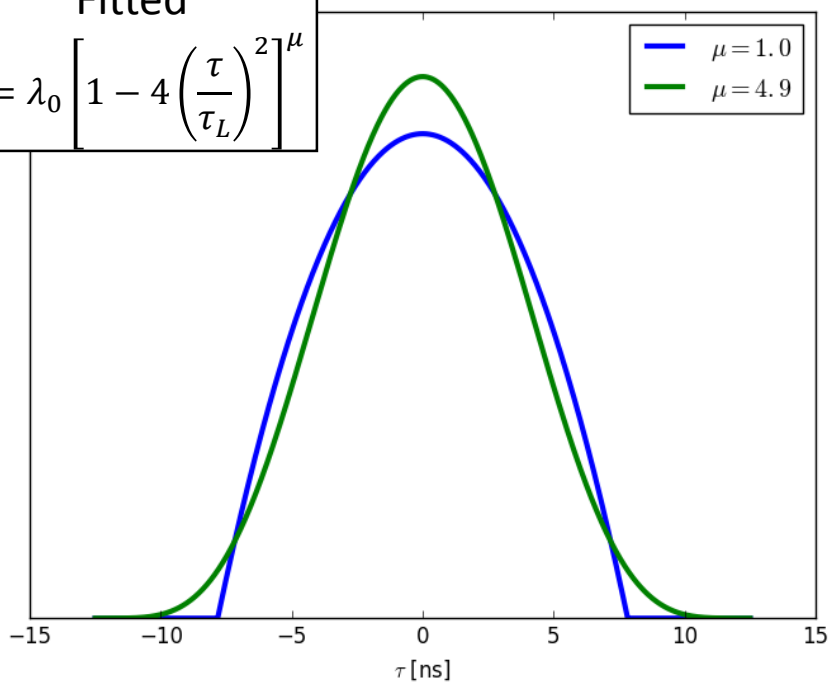
Initial bunch distribution

Measured



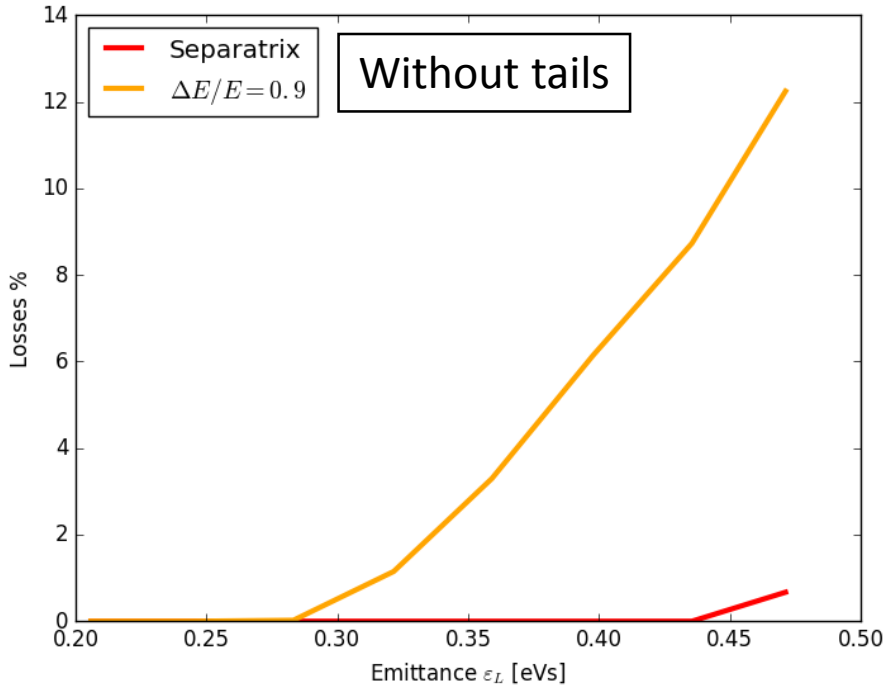
Fitted

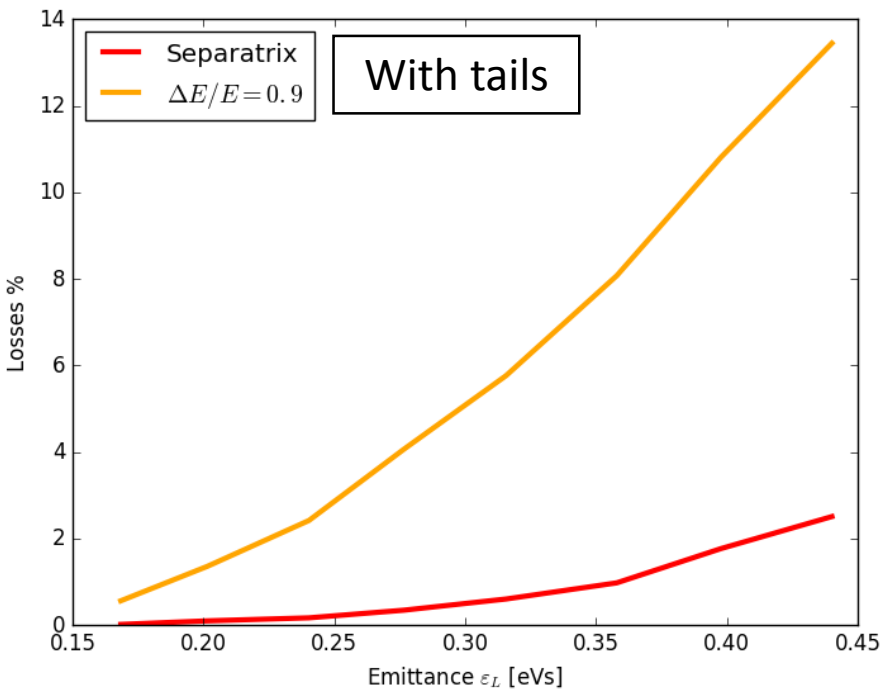
$$\lambda = \lambda_0 \left[1 - 4\left(\frac{\tau}{\tau_L}\right)^2\right]^{\mu}$$



- Starting from measured rms bunch length before bunch rotation
- Difficult to evaluate tail distribution from measured bunch profiles
- Using the binomial bunch profile with same rms bunch length but different μ to evaluate influence of tails for the losses

Influence of tails on losses





- Simulations performed for the present RF program, with different tails for the initial bunch distribution
- Without tails, below a certain emittance all particles are captured in the SPS. With tails, the bunch is never fully captured
- Overall, losses strongly depend on the longitudinal emittance

Improvement of the bunch rotation

Present operation	2x80 MHz	3x80MHz
τ_L	4.0 ns	3.6 ns
ρ_{in}	97.2 %	98.7 %

Unstable point	2x80 MHz	3x80MH
τ_L	3.9 ns	
ρ_{in}	97.4 %	

Linearized RF 1 step		
τ_L		
		99.2 %

Linea	x80 MHz	3x80MHz
	4.0 ns	3.6 ns
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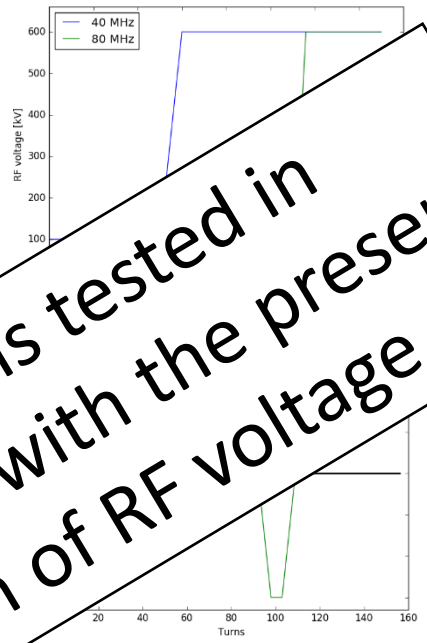
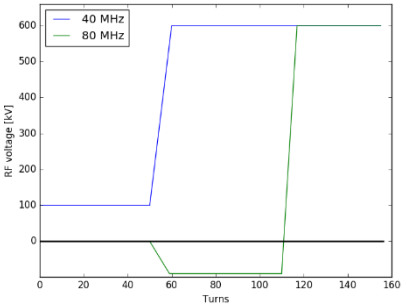
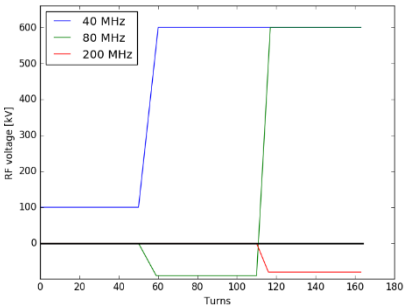
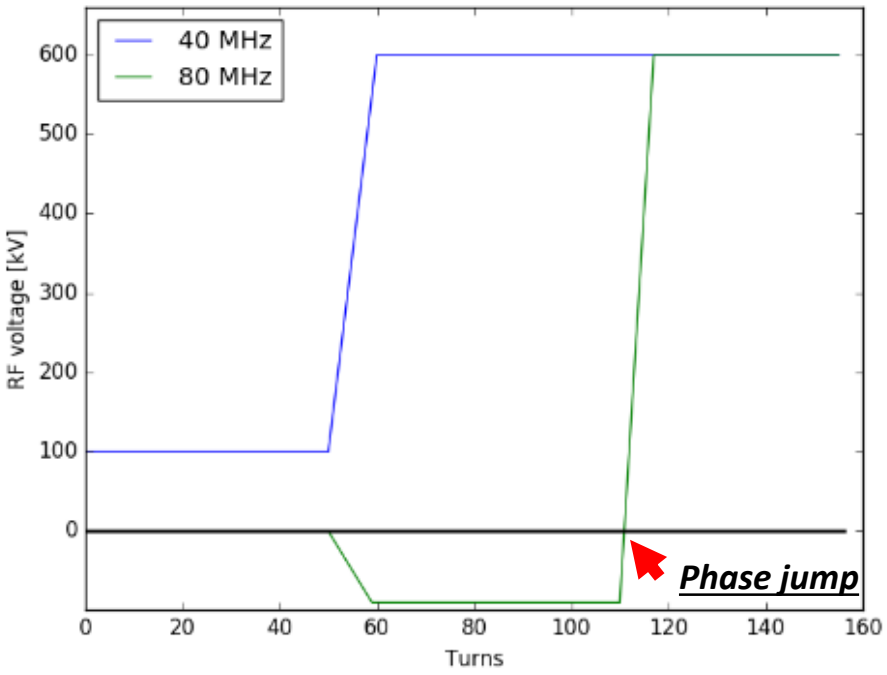
Many different configurations tested in simulations, only one possible with the present hardware -> Linearization of RF voltage

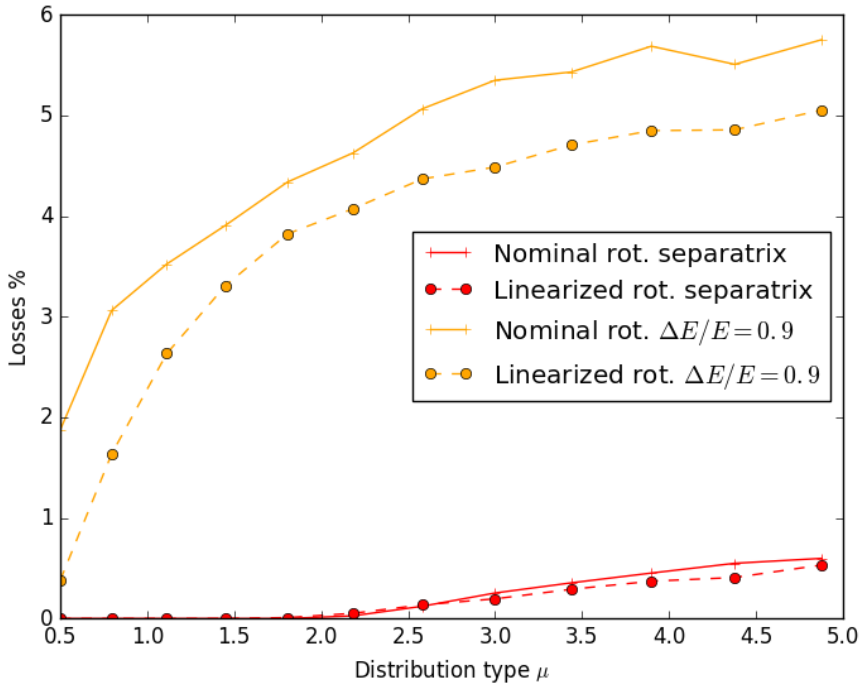






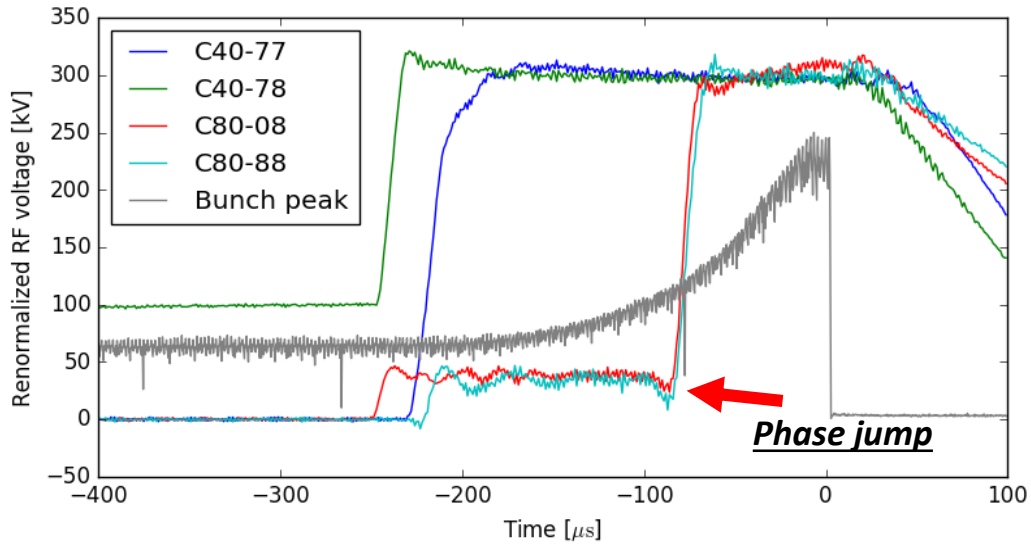
Linearization of the RF voltage (simulations)



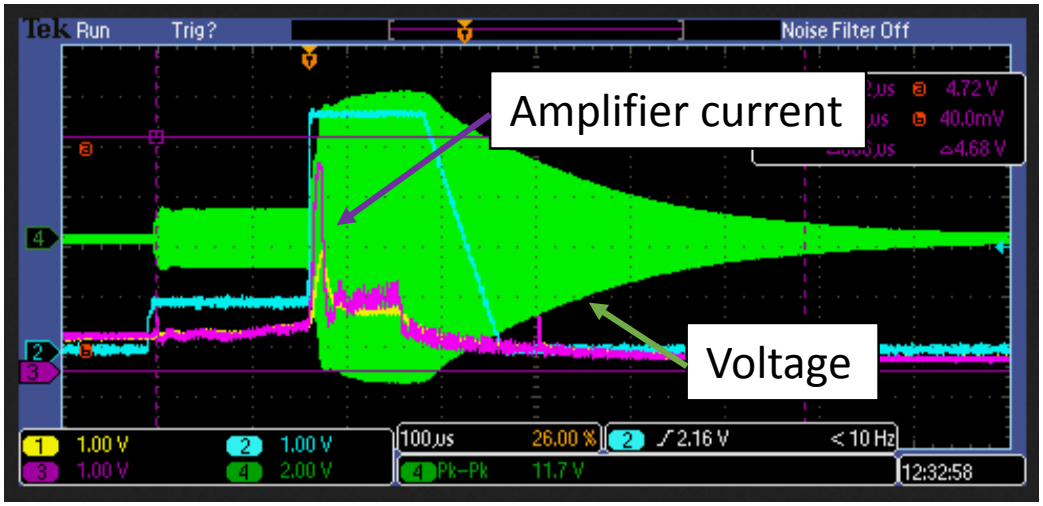


- To reduce the S-shape of the rotated bunch, the RF voltage can be linearized by a higher harmonic [3]
- Requires a fast phase jump of the 80 MHz cavity
- The linearization of the RF voltage can be very effective for bunches without tails, but less efficient for large tails

Implementation of the linearized RF program

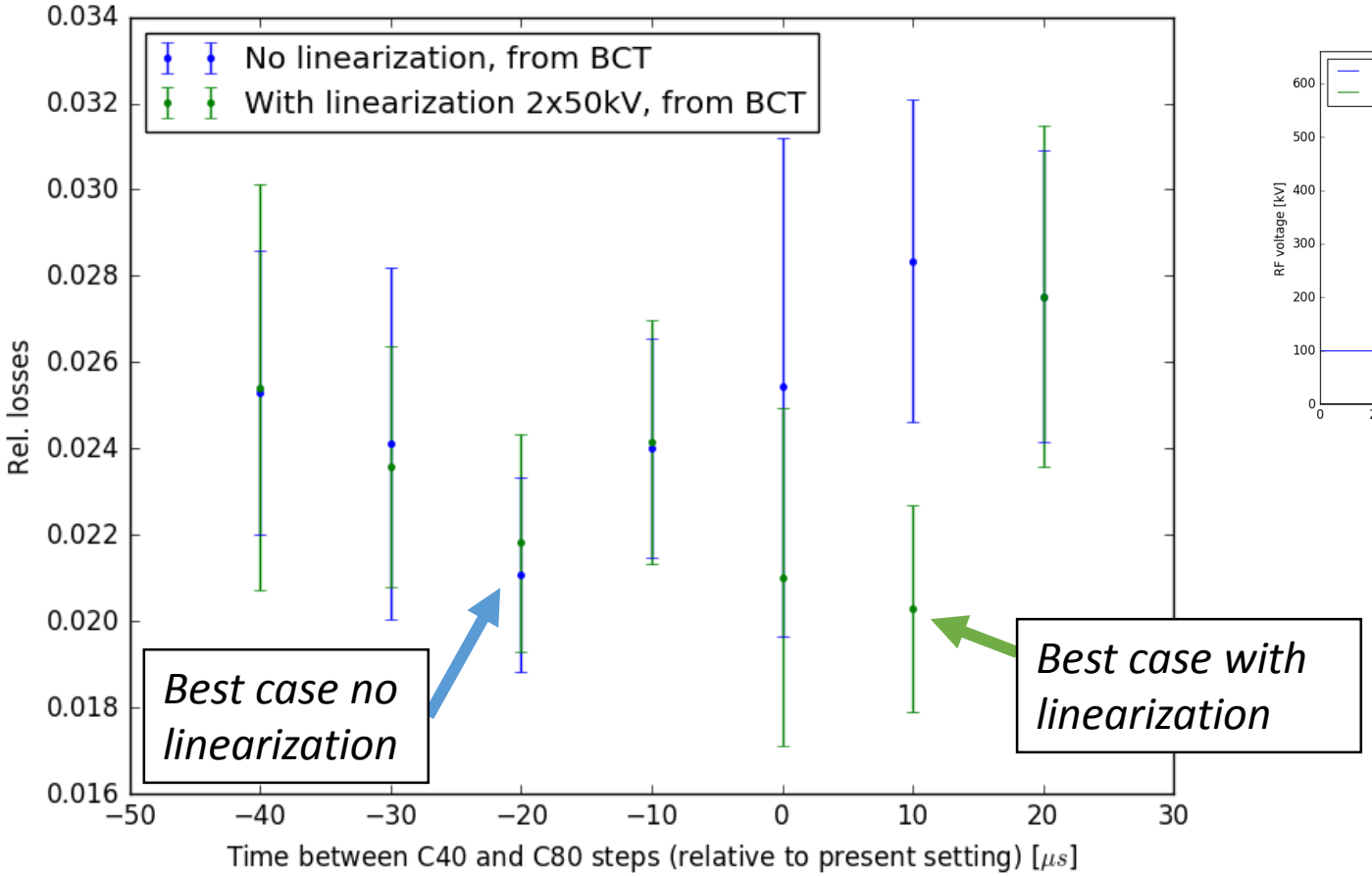


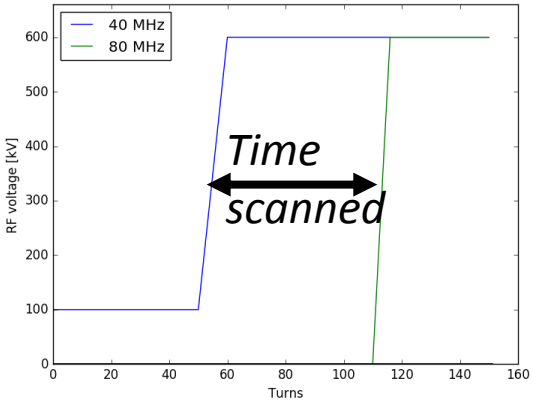
- The low-level RF was adjusted to control the phase of the 80 MHz cavities (addition of a fast phase shifter module)



- The phase jump can be done only for low voltage (e.g. ~50 kV)

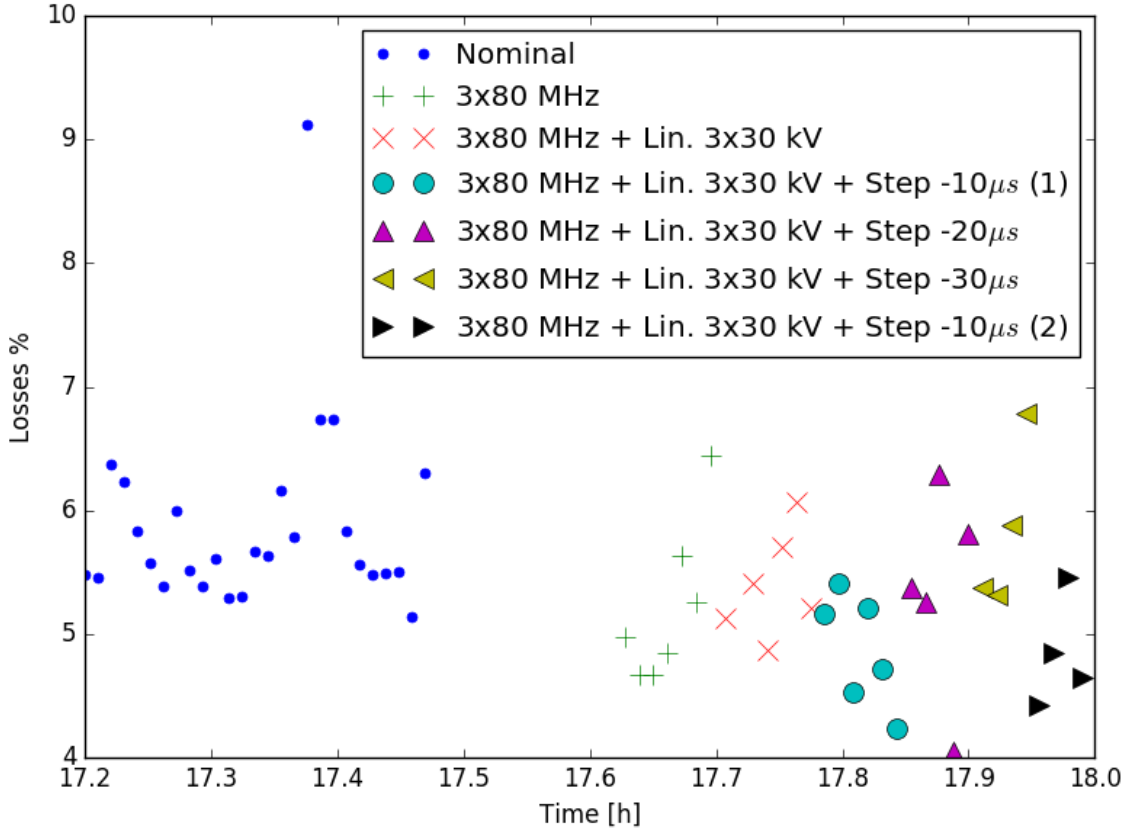
Scan of bunch rotation timings





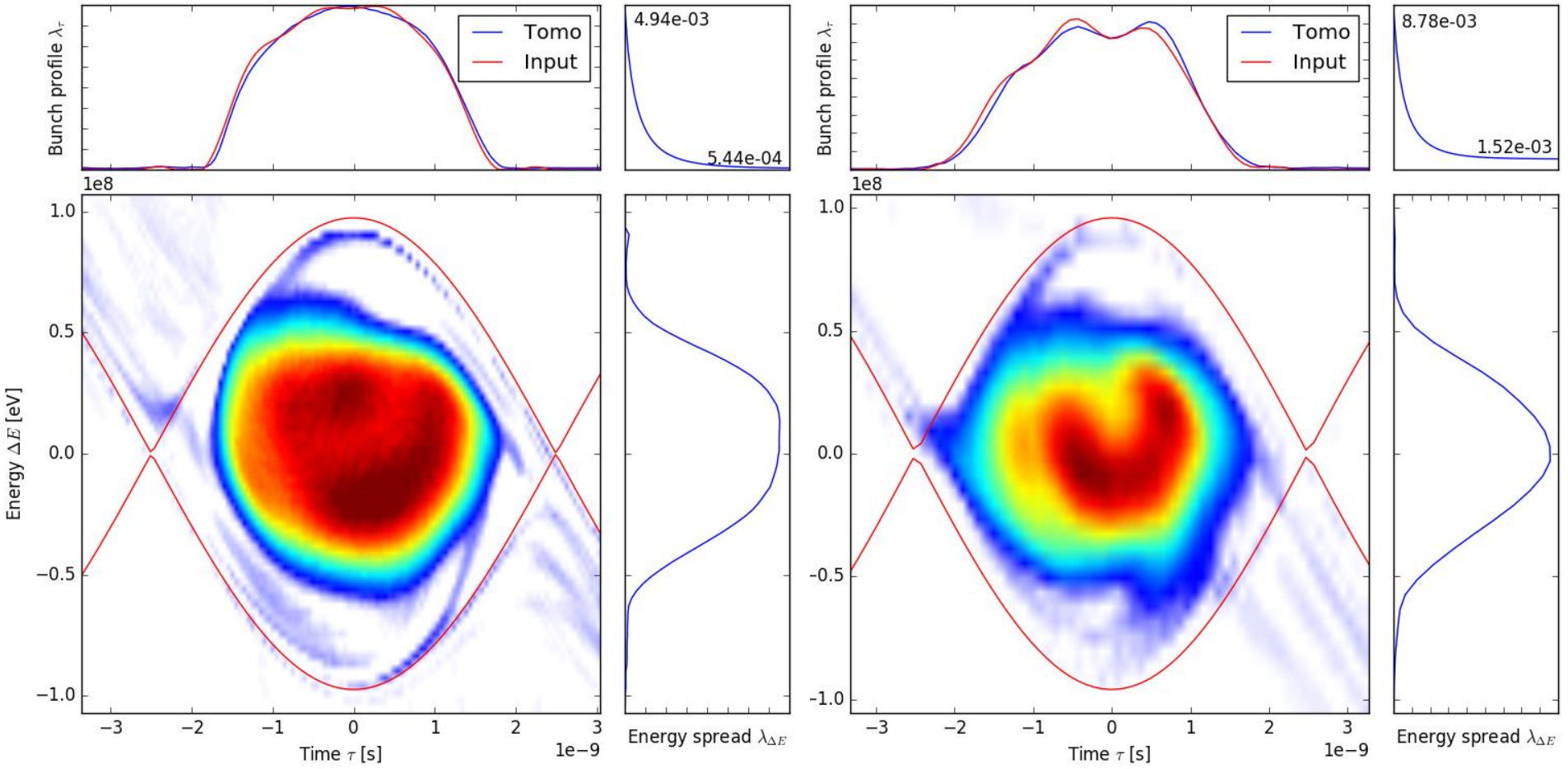
- The effect of the linearization on the losses is small, and the shot to shot variation is large
- The program with the linearization is very sensitive to adjustment errors in the phase of the cavities

Using 3x80 MHz cavities for rotation



- The gain is in the order of ~1% in terms of losses with respect to the nominal configuration.
- The small gain in transmission is a first indication that losses comes from tails
- NB: the 3x80 MHz is not compatible with high intensity at the moment due to uncontrolled emittance blow-up

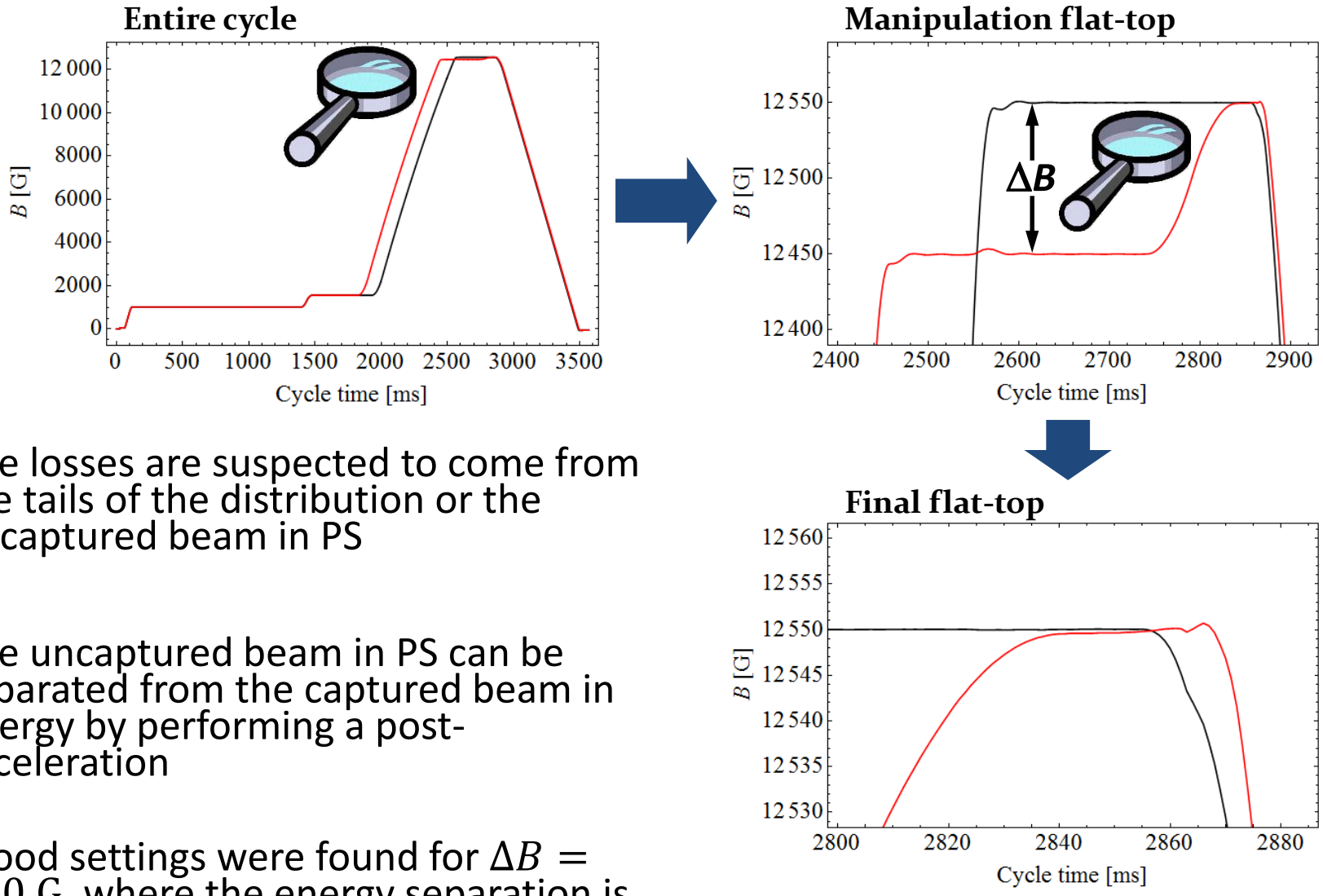
Tomography of bunches injected in the SPS



Single bunch: very dense

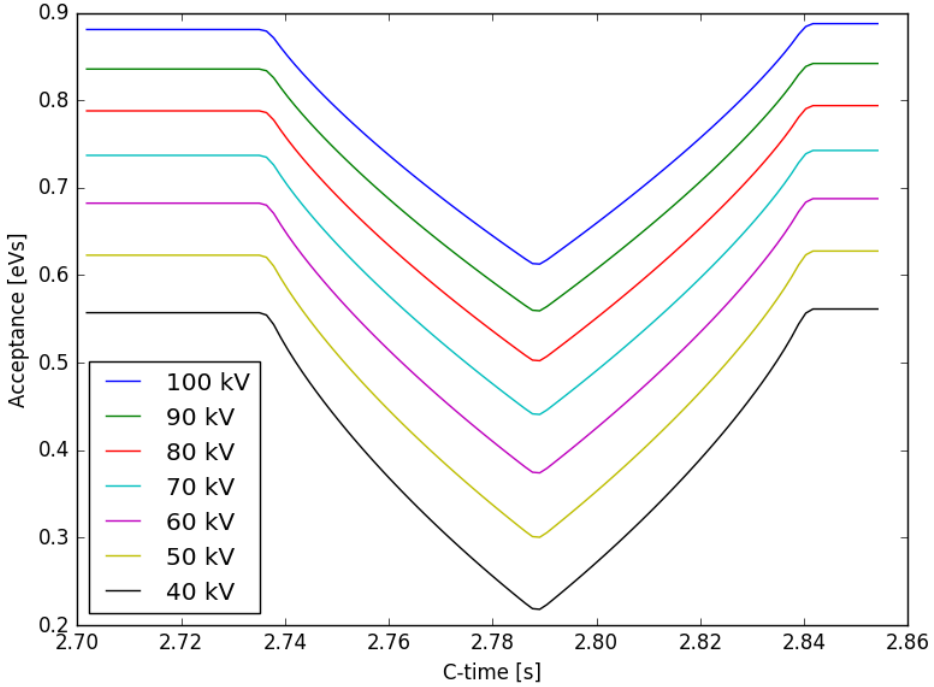
Multi bunch: more tails, core not very well structured

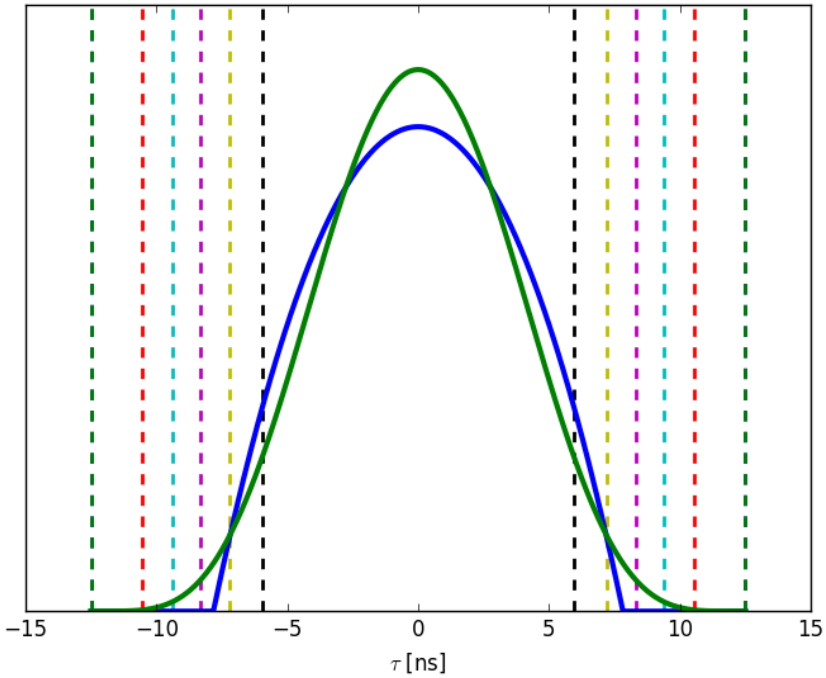
Post-acceleration



- The losses are suspected to come from the tails of the distribution or the uncaptured beam in PS
- The uncaptured beam in PS can be separated from the captured beam in energy by performing a post-acceleration
- Good settings were found for $\Delta B = 200$ G, where the energy separation is large (15 bucket heights) without scraping the beam (large orbit excursion)

Shaving during post-acceleration

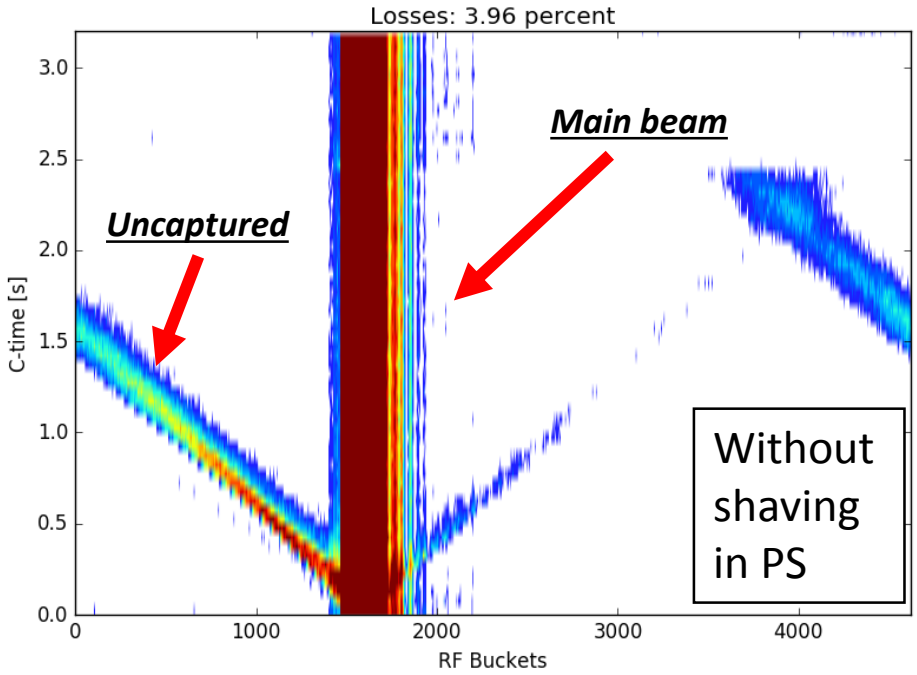


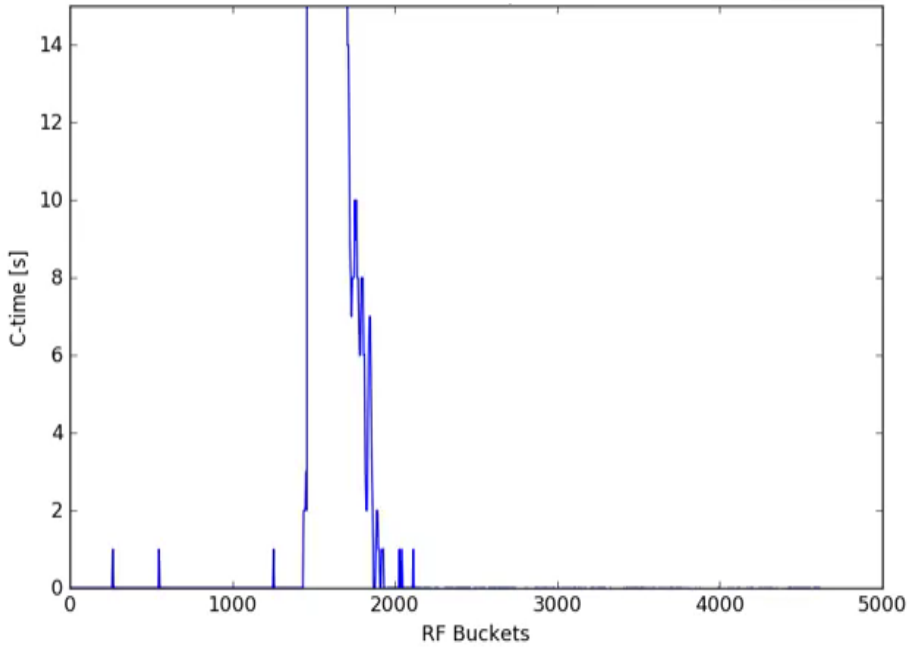


- The post-acceleration can also be used to shave the beam, by keeping the RF voltage constant (dip in longitudinal acceptance)

- Scanning the value of the RF voltage to find the optimum point where the tails are shaved and not the core of the bunch (longitudinal emittance is ~ 0.35-0.4 eVs, so ~50-60kV is expected to be the limit)

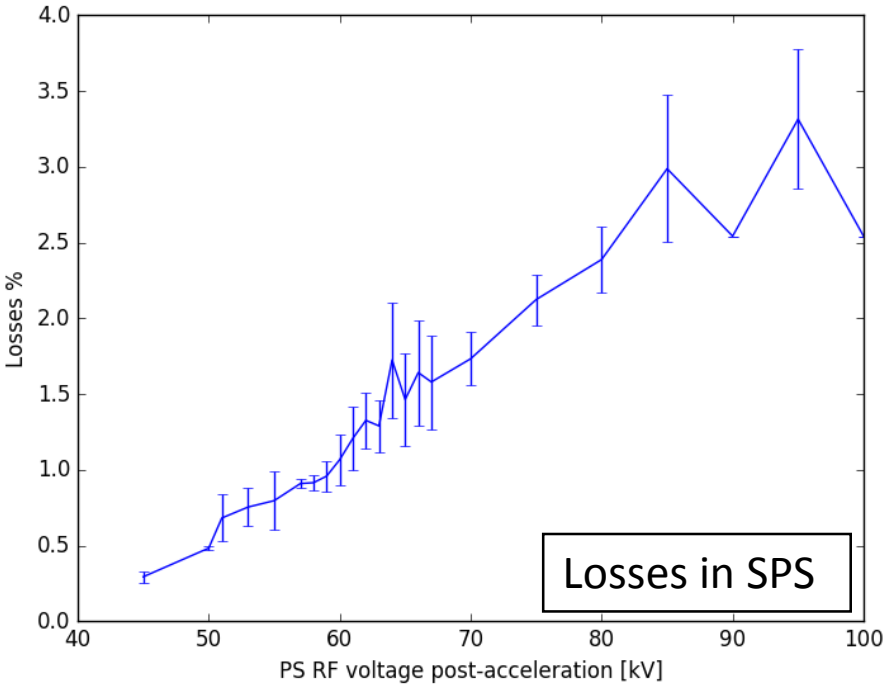
Shaving and capture losses in SPS

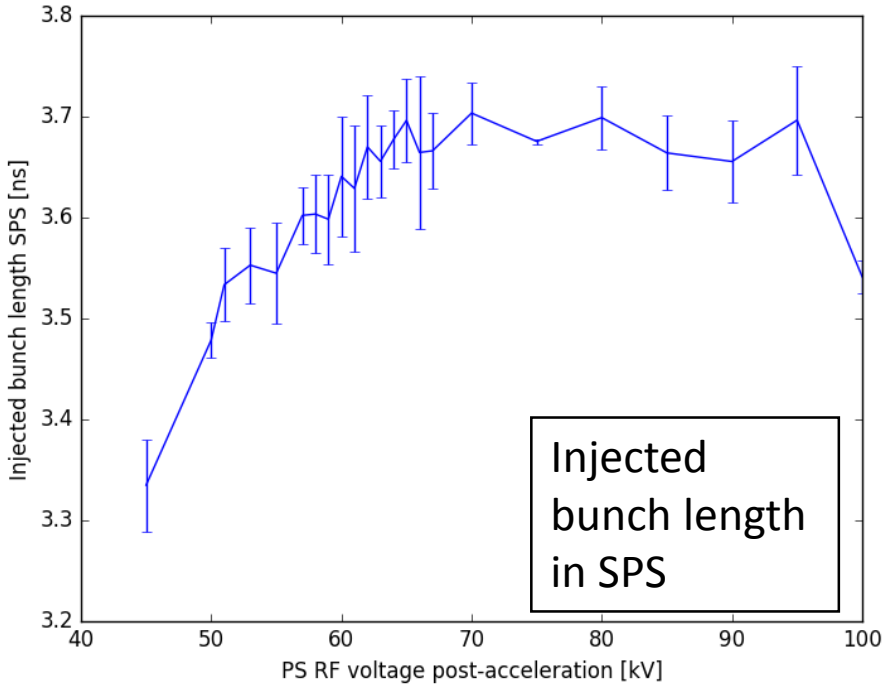




- The shaving during post-acceleration in PS is efficient and no uncaptured beam is measured in the SPS

Injected bunch length and losses during ramp (SPS)





- Three regions of interest:
  - 70kV-100kV, the losses are reduced while the injected bunch length is unchanged => effectively shaving the tails only
  - 60kV-70kV, the tails are fully shaved, starting to shave the core
  - 40kV-70kV, the bunch length reduces, the core is also affected

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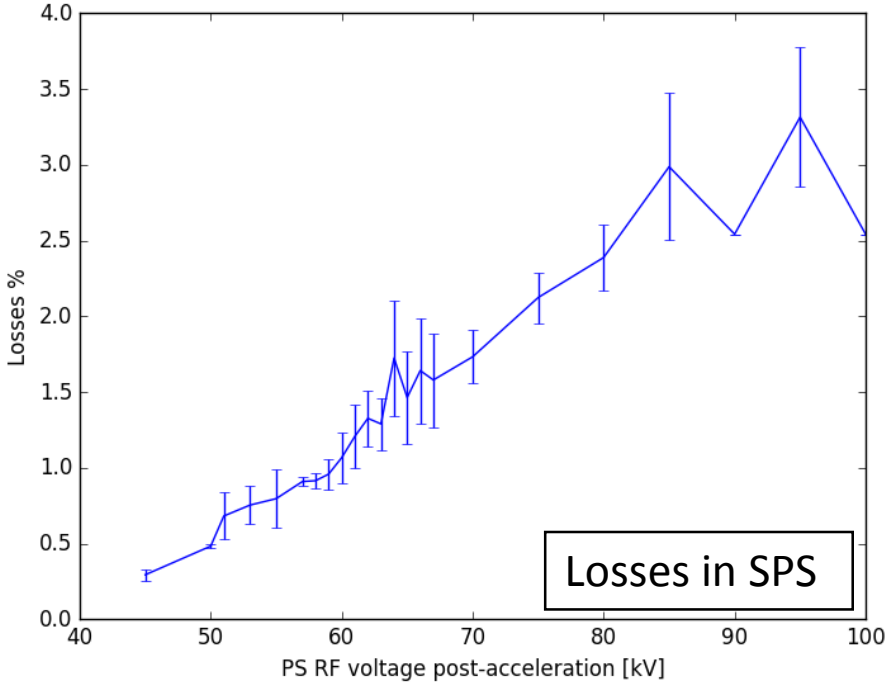
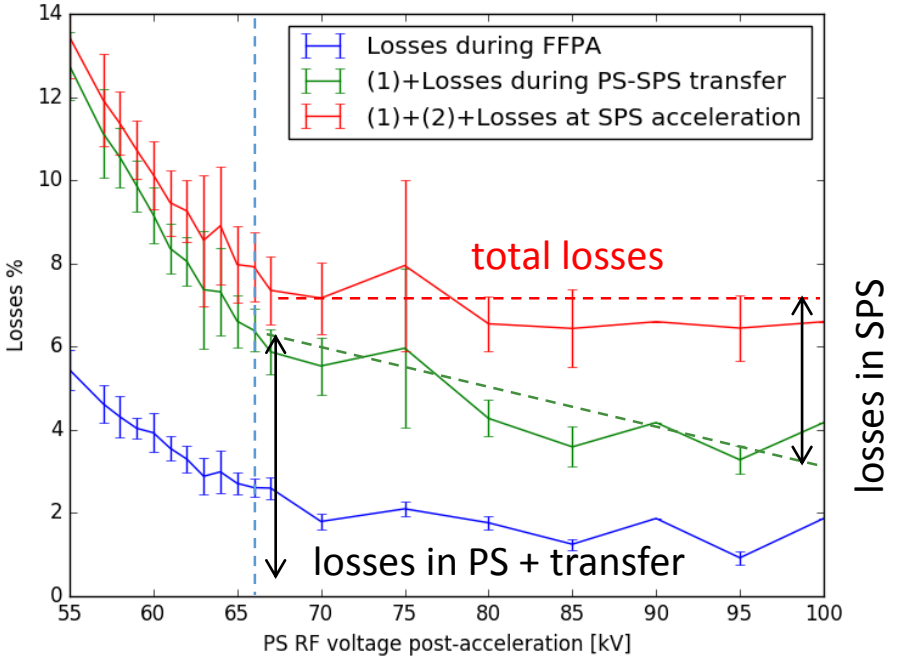
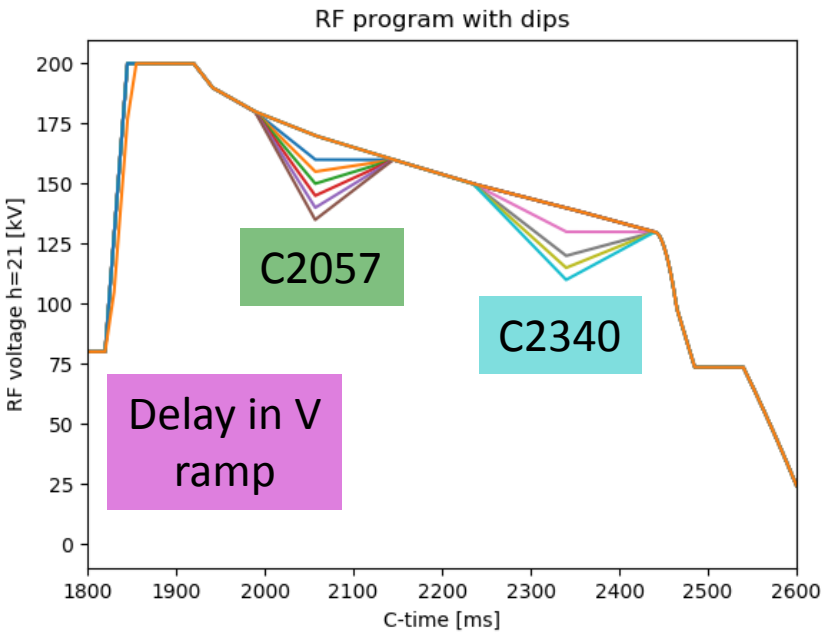
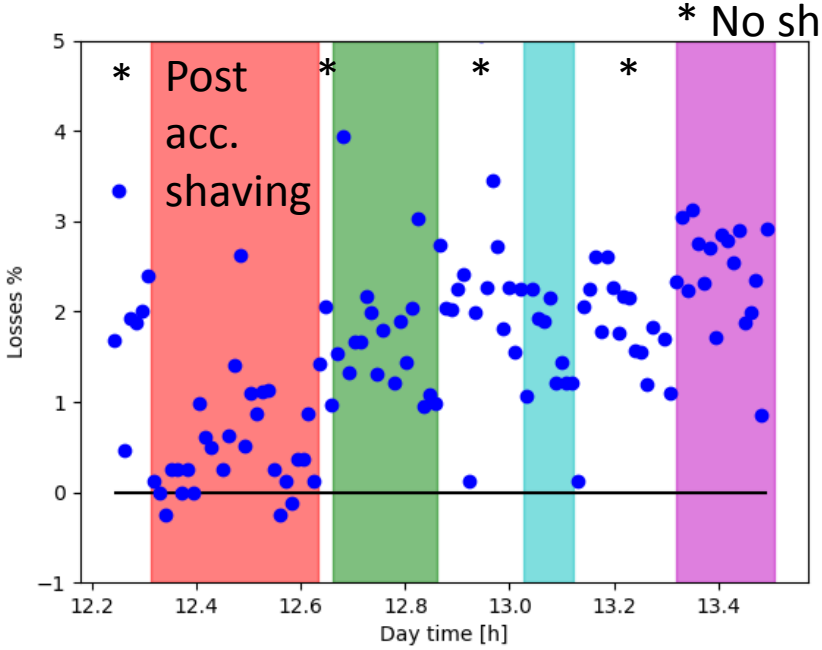




- Three regions of interest:
  - 70kV-100kV, the losses in the SPS and the tails are gradually lost in PS
  - 60kV-70kV, the tails are fully shaved, starting to shave the core and lose more in the PS
  - 40kV-70kV, the core starts to be shaved in the PS

Longitudinal shaving during the ramp





- The shaving was applied during the acceleration ramp at different moments to try to identify the time of blow-up
  - By applying dips in RF voltage @ C2057 and C2340 **-> small improvement in terms of losses in comparison to the shaving during post-acceleration**
  - By delaying the increase in RF voltage in the beginning of the ramp (shaving at the early stage of the ramp) **-> strong blow-up, this was probably done in a non-adiabatic way or instability during the ramp and should be reiterated**
- The effect of the shaving during the ramp is minimal to reduce losses in the SPS, even for strong shaving. The uncontrolled blow-up is expected to be at flat top

Conclusions

- Studies were performed to characterize and improve the extracted PS beam
- The tails of the PS bunch are the main contributors to the losses in the SPS
- Further improvement of the bunch rotation mainly targets the core of the bunch and is a limited solution to the problem as long as tails are the main contribution to losses
- It is necessary to identify and minimize the sources of uncontrolled emittance blow-up, tail production and beam instability

Plans for 2018

- Perform measurements with post-acceleration with 72 bunches and higher intensity thanks to the new 40MHz cavities power supplies

- Evaluate the smallest achievable bunch length with adiabatic bunch shortening with the new power supplies

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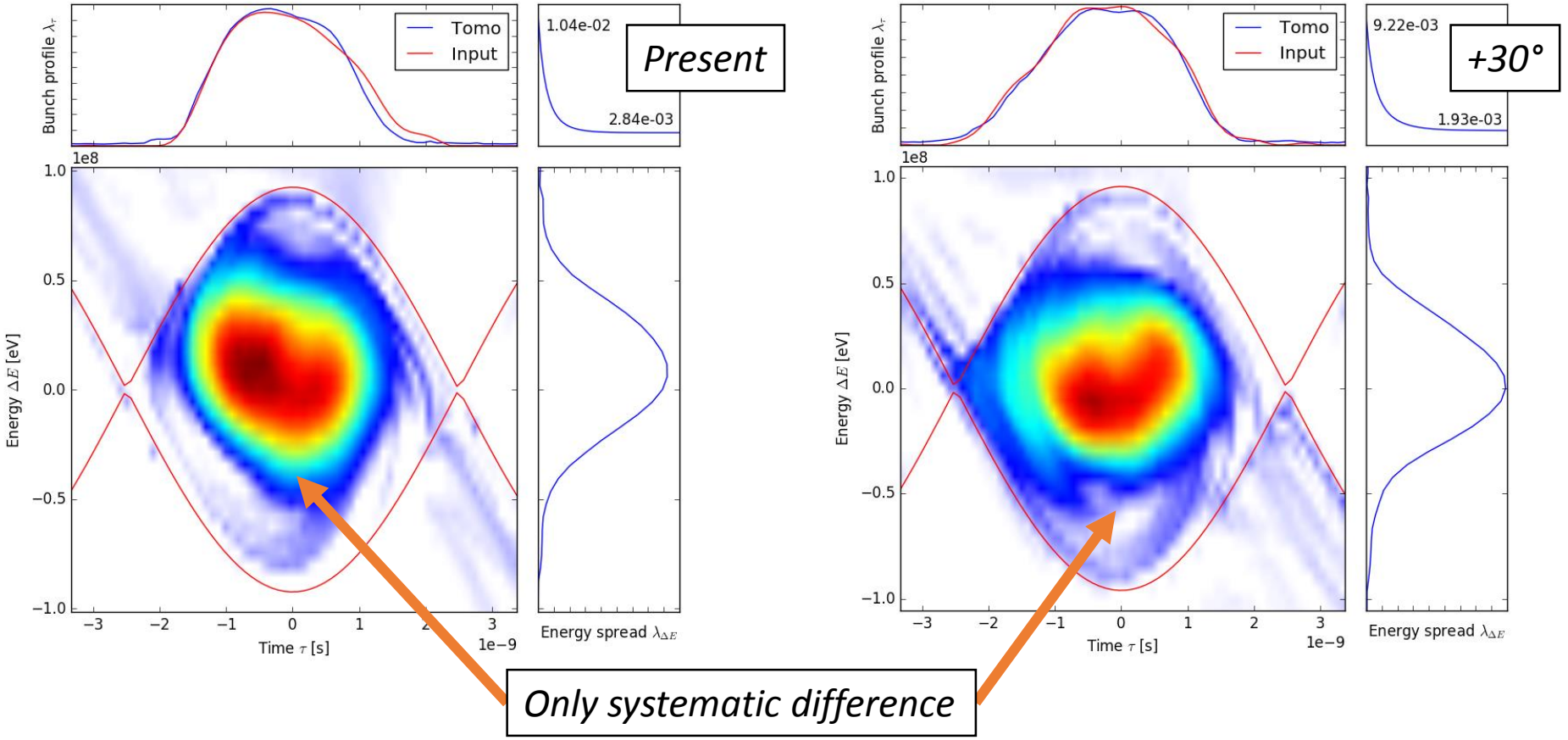
Spare slides

Tomography of rotated bunches in SPS



- Tomography was performed in the SPS to put in evidence the 80 MHz phase error
- The bunch is more “triangular” with the present settings, but the core of the bunch is not regular in all cases (RF variations during bunch rotation ? Intensity effects in PS ? Intensity effects to be taken into account in tomography ?)

➢ Not easy in practice…

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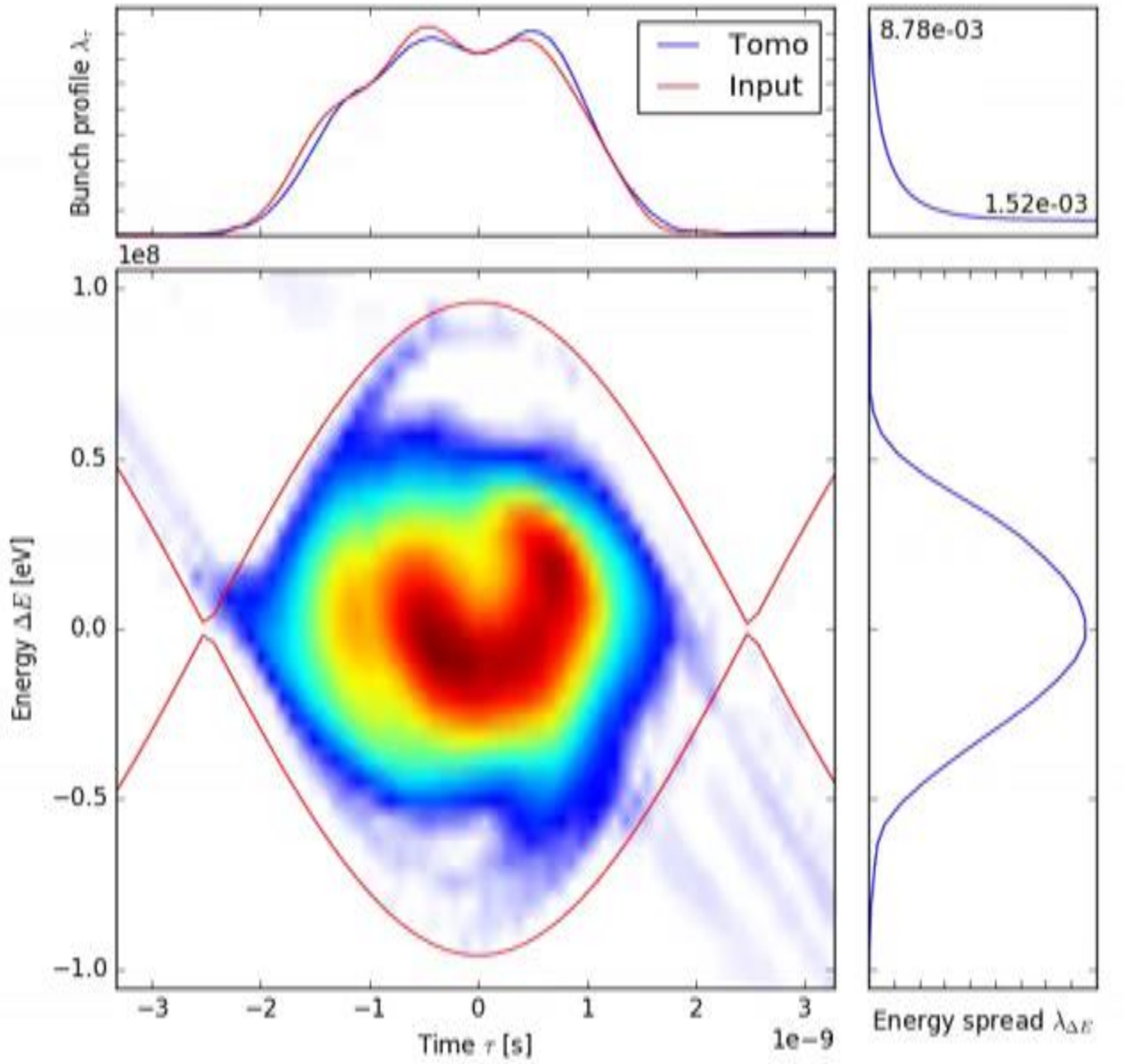

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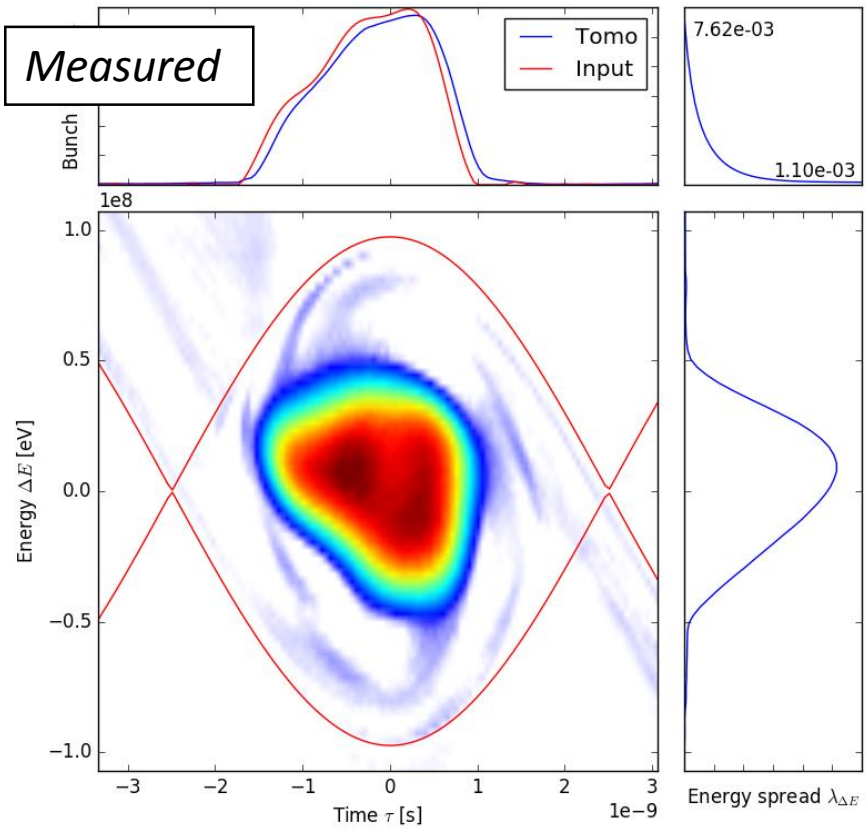

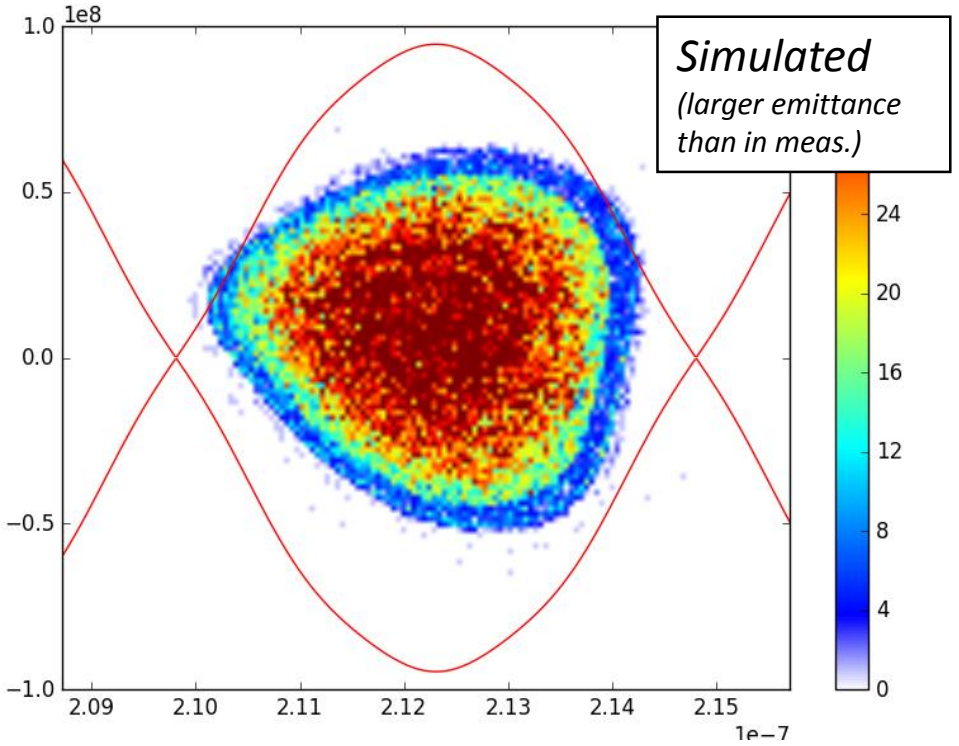

- Expected ~30° phase error according to simulations (single bunch)