Results of the recent eBPM measurements with electron and proton beams

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Present setup

- The electron BPM system installed at AWAKE was developed at TRIUMF and used at CERN for the operation

- 12 eBPM installed in the beamline
  - 7 eBPM in the electron beamline
  - 5 eBPM in the common beamline

- BPM51 was tested. It is the last upstream the plasma cell

Present setup
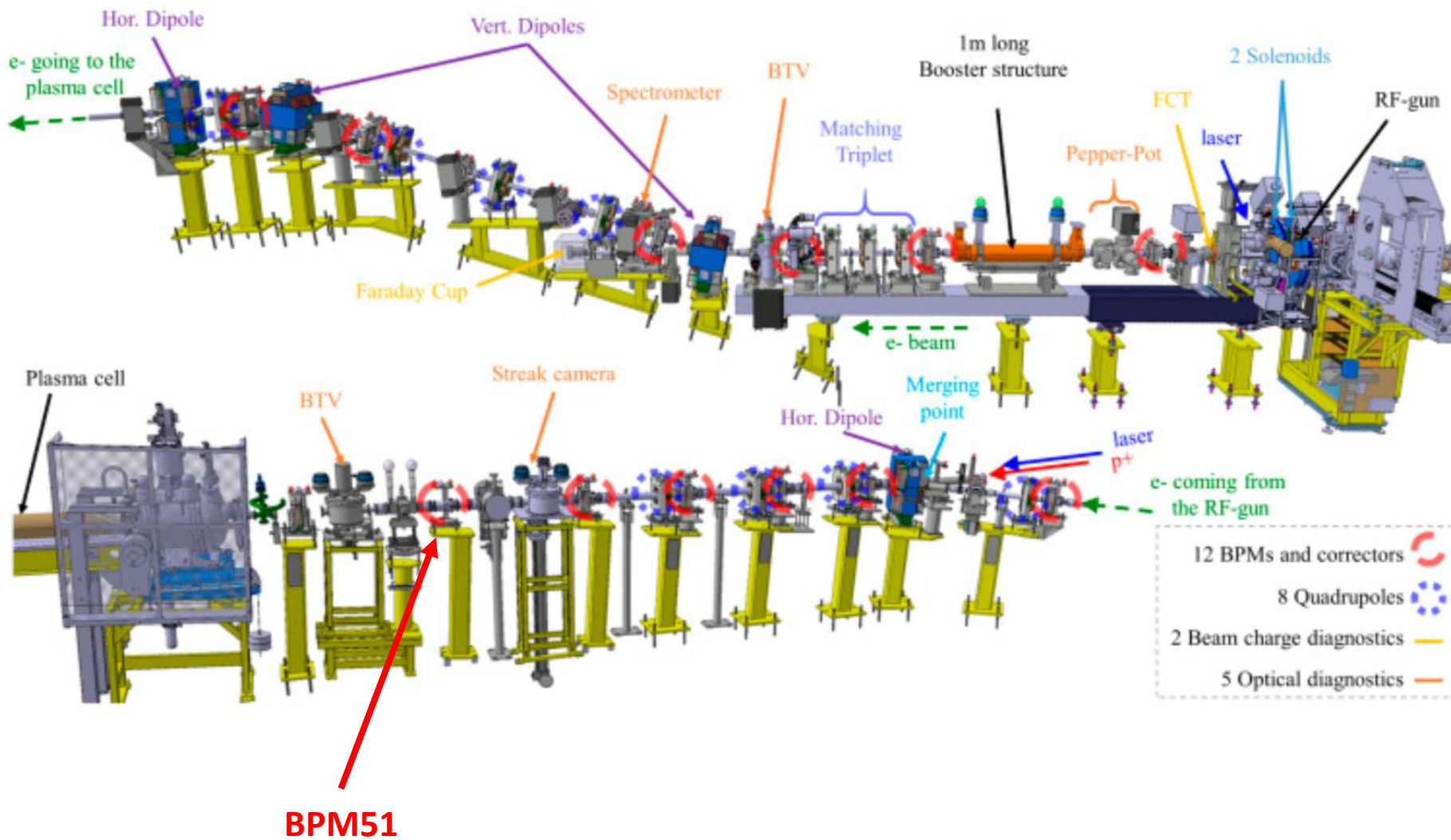
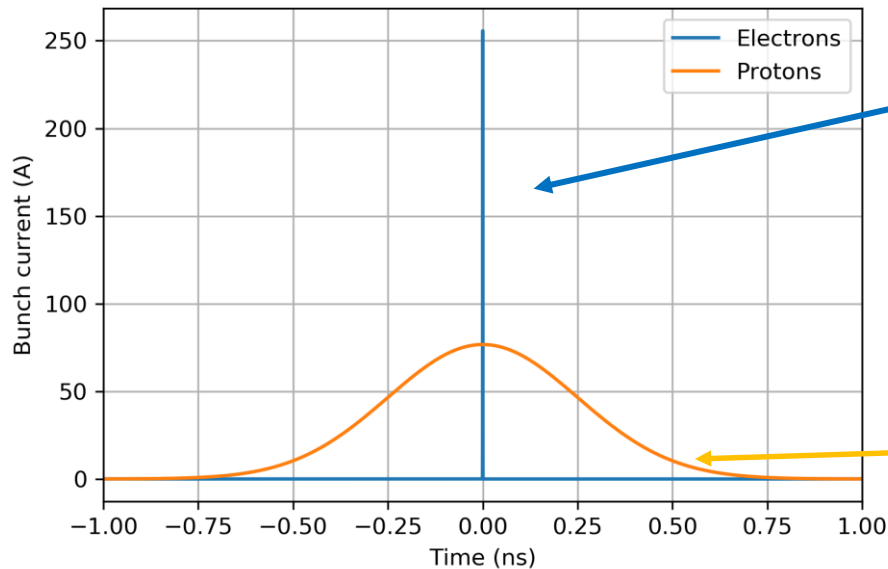S. Liu et al., The installation and commissioning of the AWAKE stripline BPM, Conf. Proc. of IBIC 2018

AWAKE eBPM design
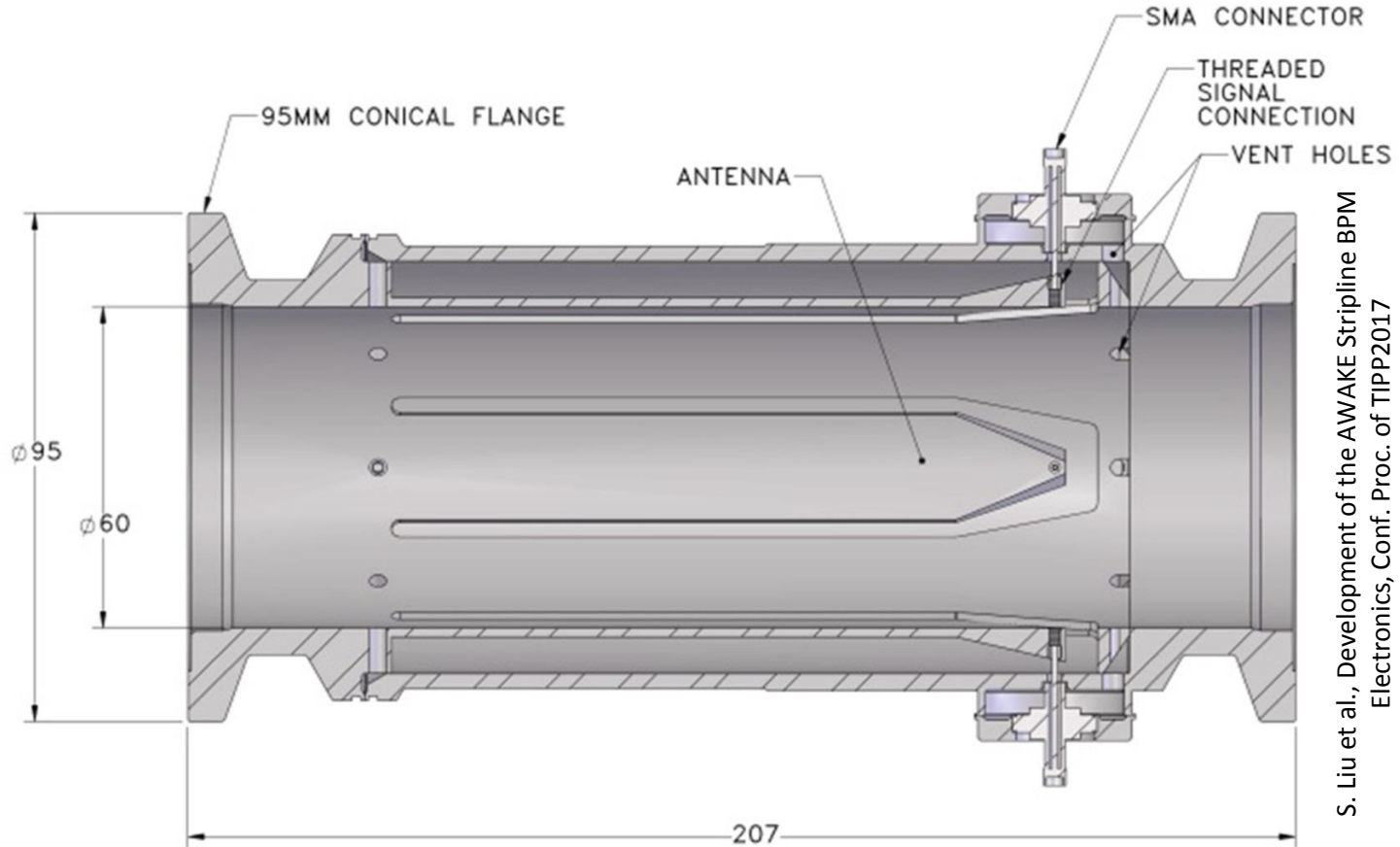
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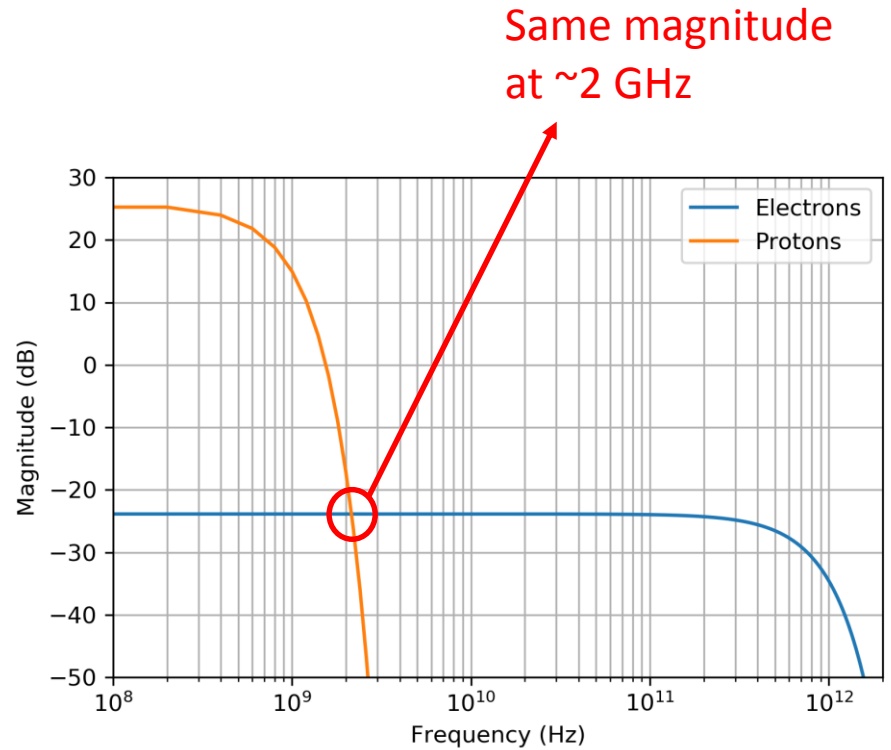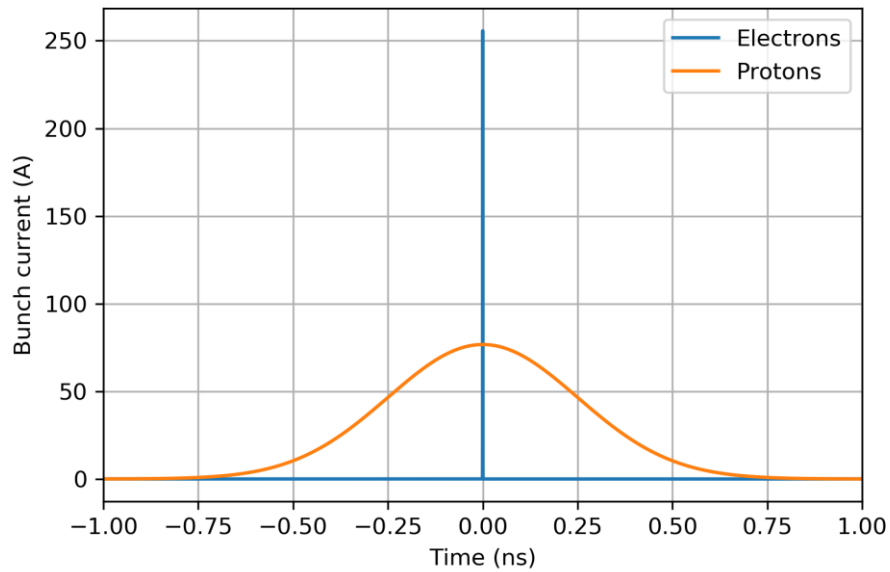
The ideal world

Example p⁺ and e⁻ beams

Electron drive bunch:
- 1e9 electrons (~160 pC)
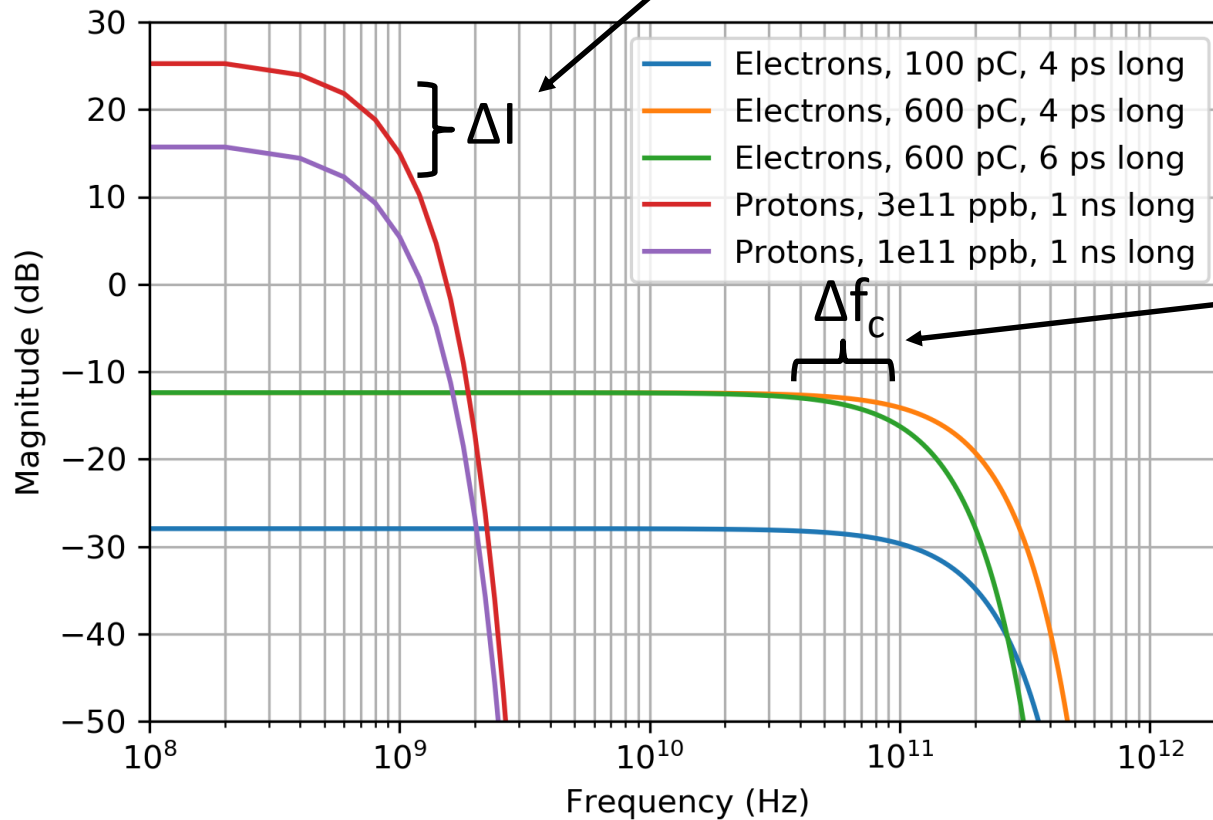- 1 ps bunch length (4σ)

Proton drive bunch:
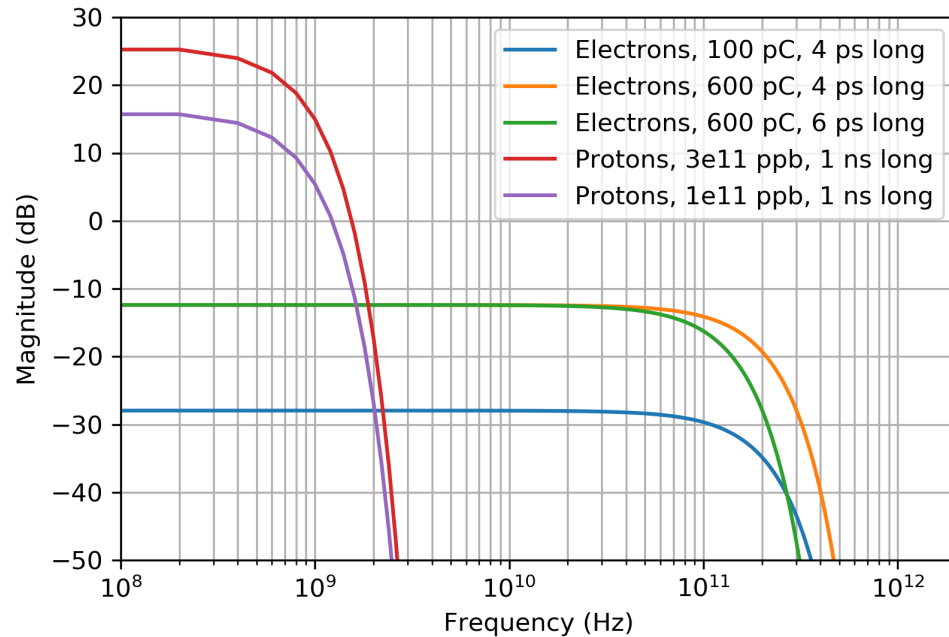- 3e11 ppb
- 1 ns bunch length (4σ)

Example p⁺ and e⁻ beams

Same magnitude at ~2 GHz

Sensibility to beam parameters

The maximum magnitude depends on the **bunch charge**

Cutoff frequency on the **bunch length**

Legend:
- Electrons, 100 pC, 4 ps long
- Electrons, 600 pC, 4 ps long
- Electrons, 600 pC, 6 ps long
- Protons, 3e11 ppb, 1 ns long
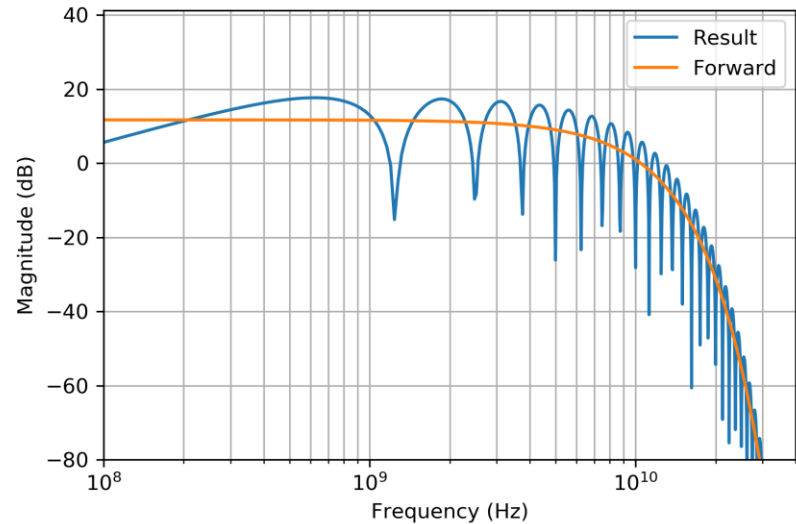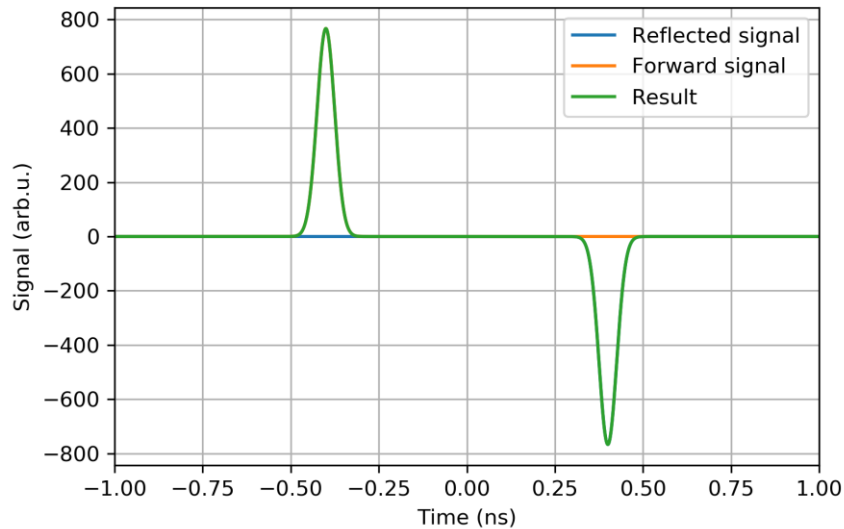- Protons, 1e11 ppb, 1 ns long

Sensibility to beam parametres

Using more realistic parameters:
- The **proton** spectrum drops considerably after 1 GHz
- The **electron** spectrum stays almost constant for tens of GHz
- **Ideal beams** assumption
- Large dependence on the beam parameters

Ideal stripline pickup response

- When the bunch overcomes and runs away from the pickup, the reflected signal builds up
- The distance between the two peaks is $2L_{stripline}/c$. In our case it is ~800 ps for 120 mm electrodes
- In frequency domain the **ideal** beam response is convoluted with the **ideal** pickup response

Ideal stripline pickup response

p⁺-like beam:
3e11 ppb
1 ns (4σ length)
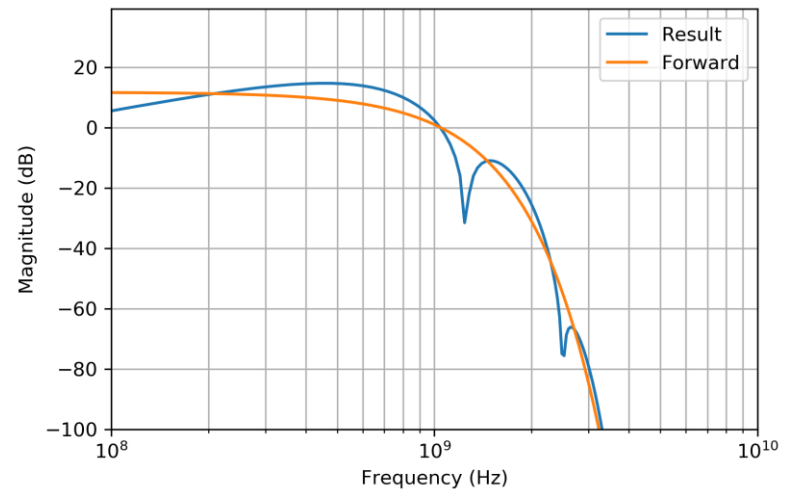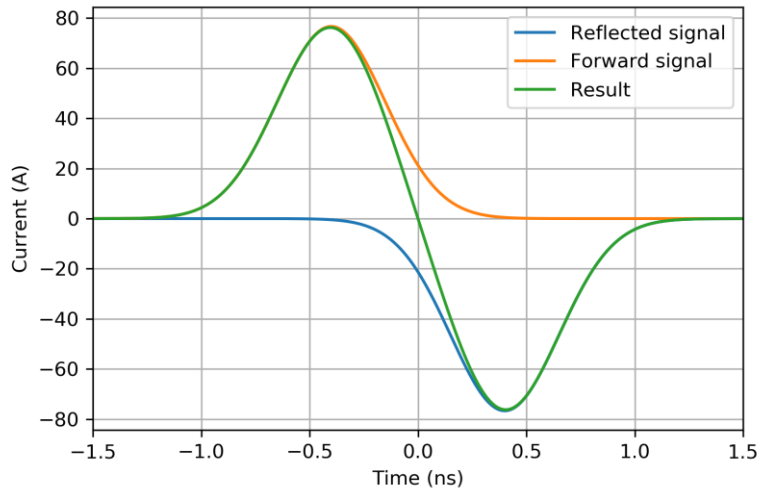
e⁻-like beam:
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4 ps (4σ length)
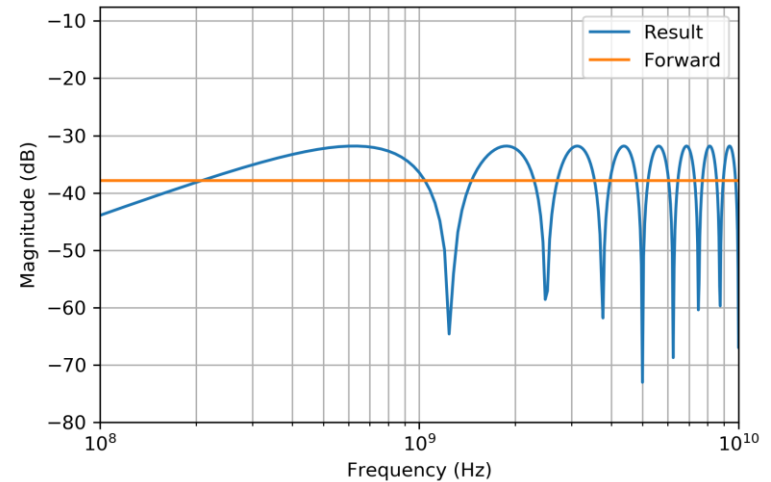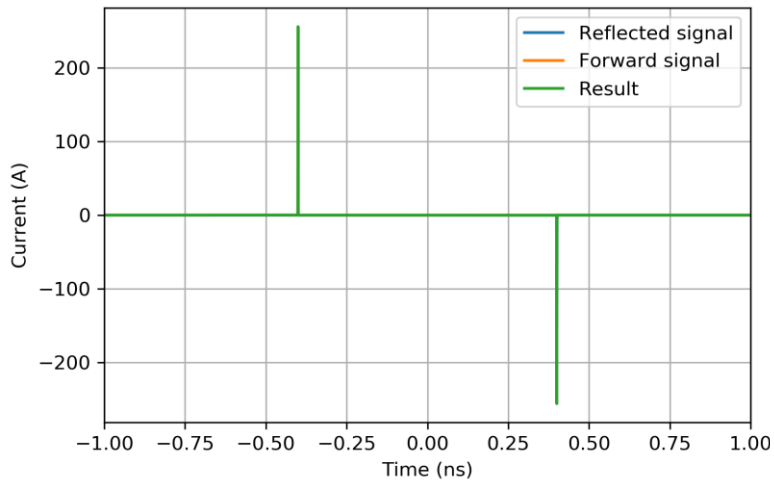
The real world

eBPM measurements

- Two plates of BPM51 were disconnected from the electronics and connected to a Lecroy SDA18000 oscilloscope.

|	Single channel	Dual channel (CH1 – CH2)
Bandwidth	18 GHz	12 GHz – 6 GHz
Sampling rate	60 MSa/s	40 MSa/s – 20 Msa/s
Resolution	8 bits	8 bits

- The signals were attenuated to protect the scope from the proton signal

- All the measurement are single shot (no averaging)

- The measurements results are presented for discussions. Drawing final conclusions requires a more broad work, including simulations.
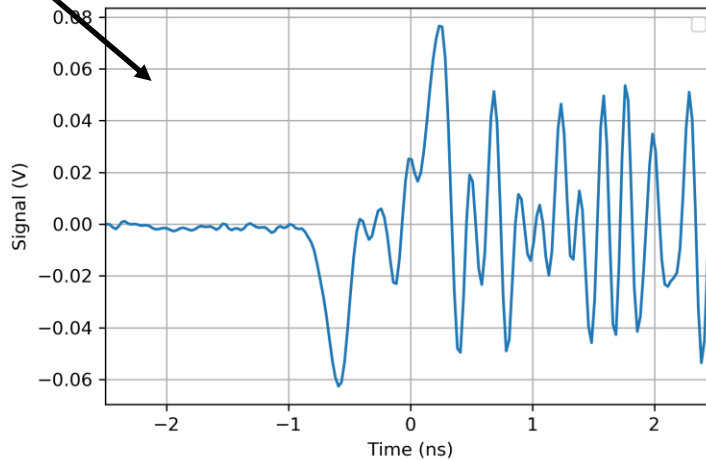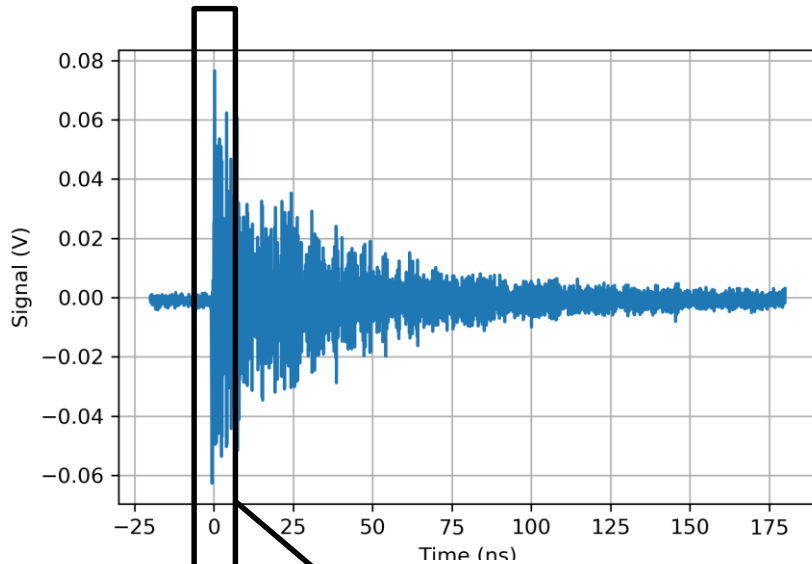
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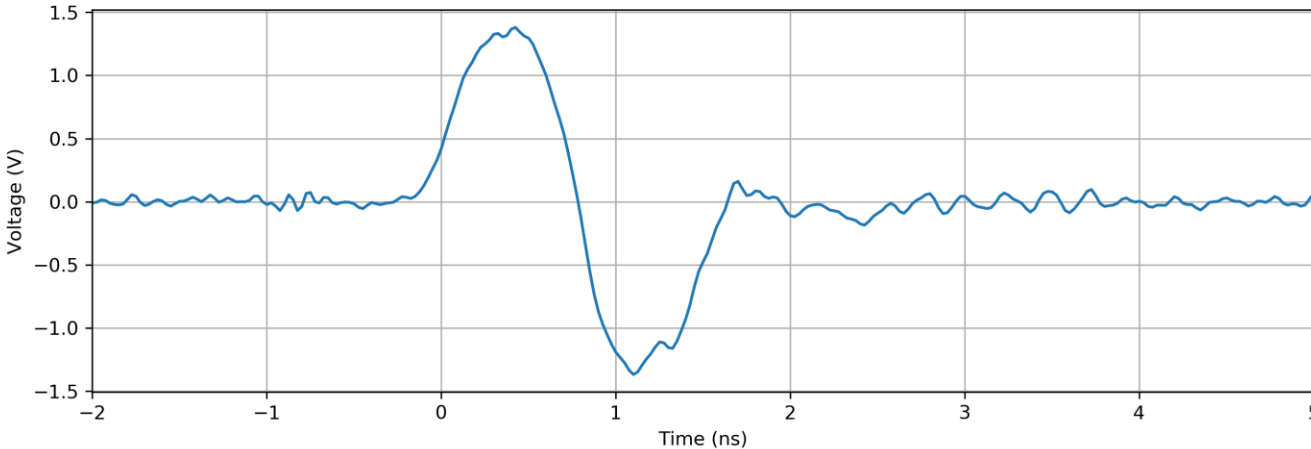
Proton beam:
- 2e11 ppb
- 1 ns bunch length (4σ)
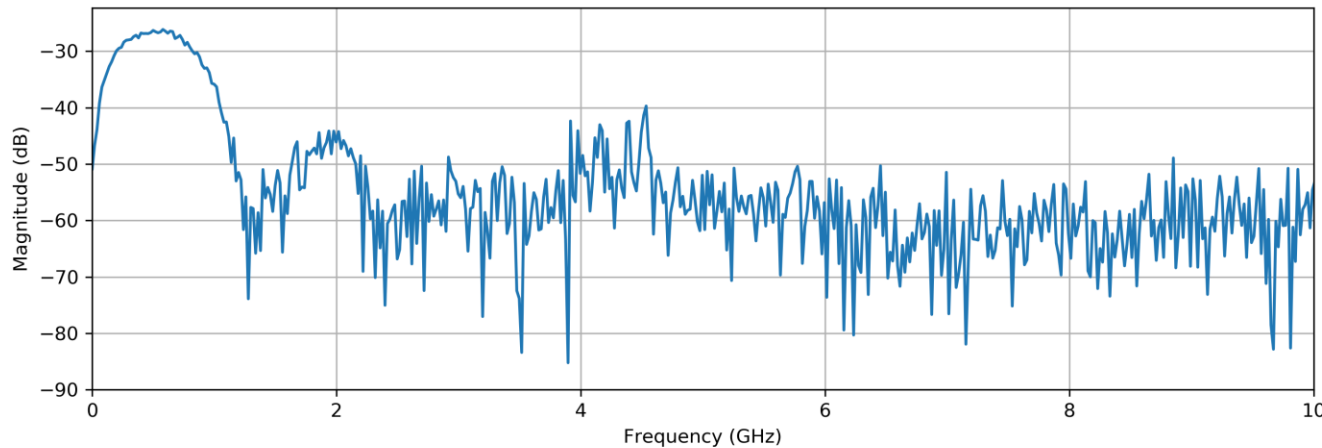
Most of the signal below the GHz

Electron beam measurements

Nominal electron beam:
- 600 pC bunch charge
- 4-6 ps bunch length (4σ)

The signal is visible, but followed by a resonance around 4-5 GHz
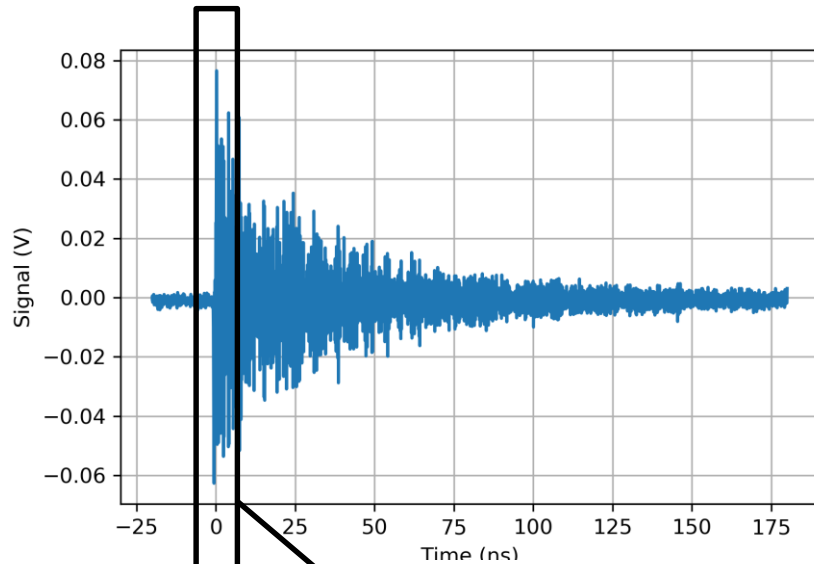
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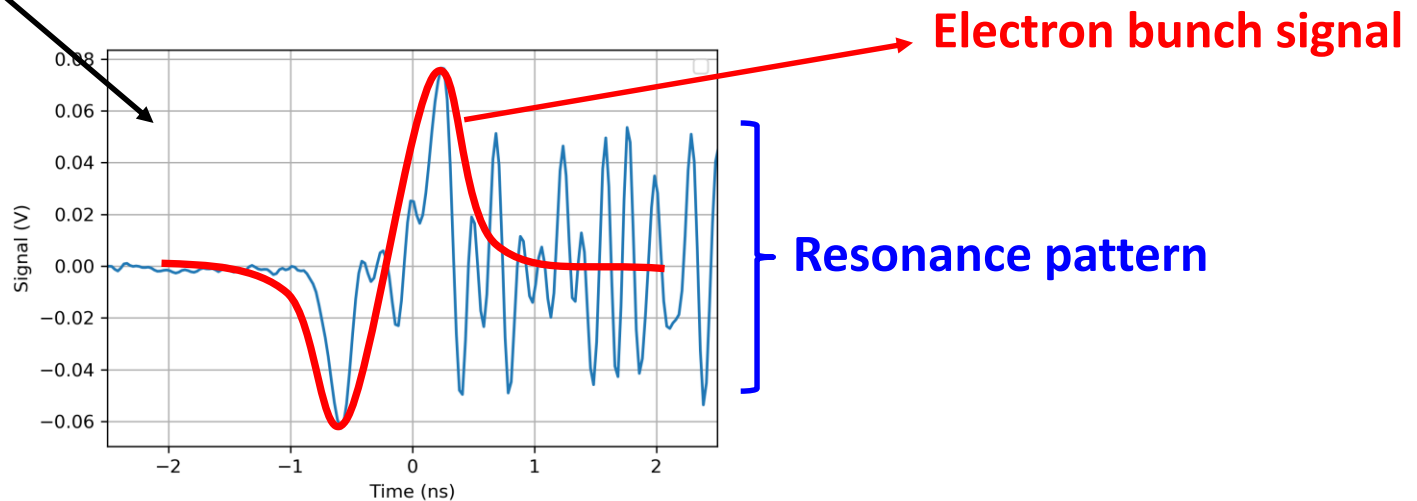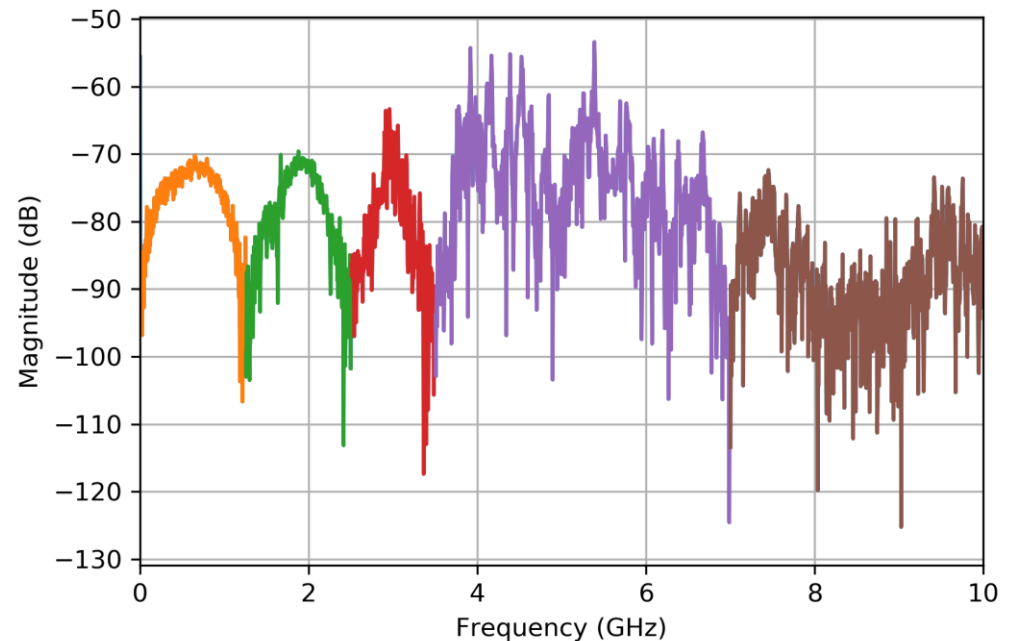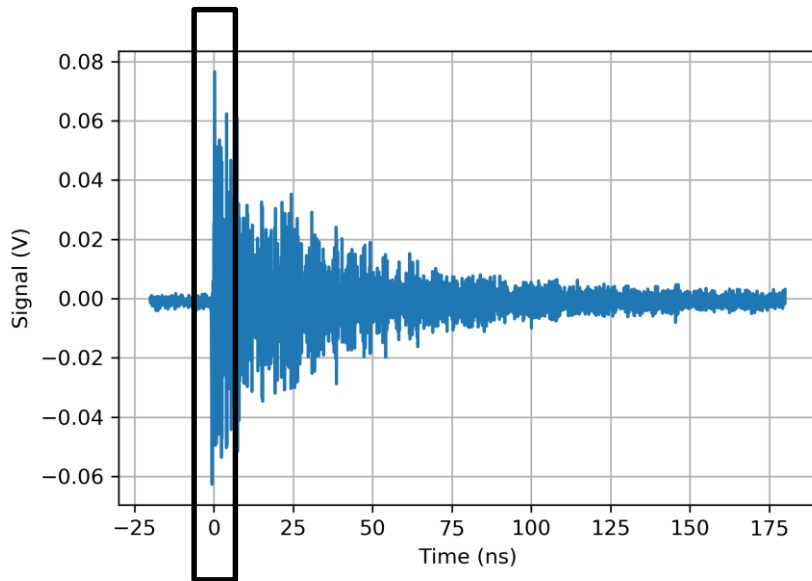
Electron bunch signal

Resonance pattern

Electron beam measurements

Nominal electron beam:

- As the beam component is constant up to 10s of GHz, the signal can be observed on the longer scale including the reflections
- The dips in the spectrum are compatible with the pickup length
- Three frequency intervals look interesting
  - **0 – 1.25 GHz**
  - **1.25 – 2.5 GHz**
  - **2.5 – 3.5 GHz**
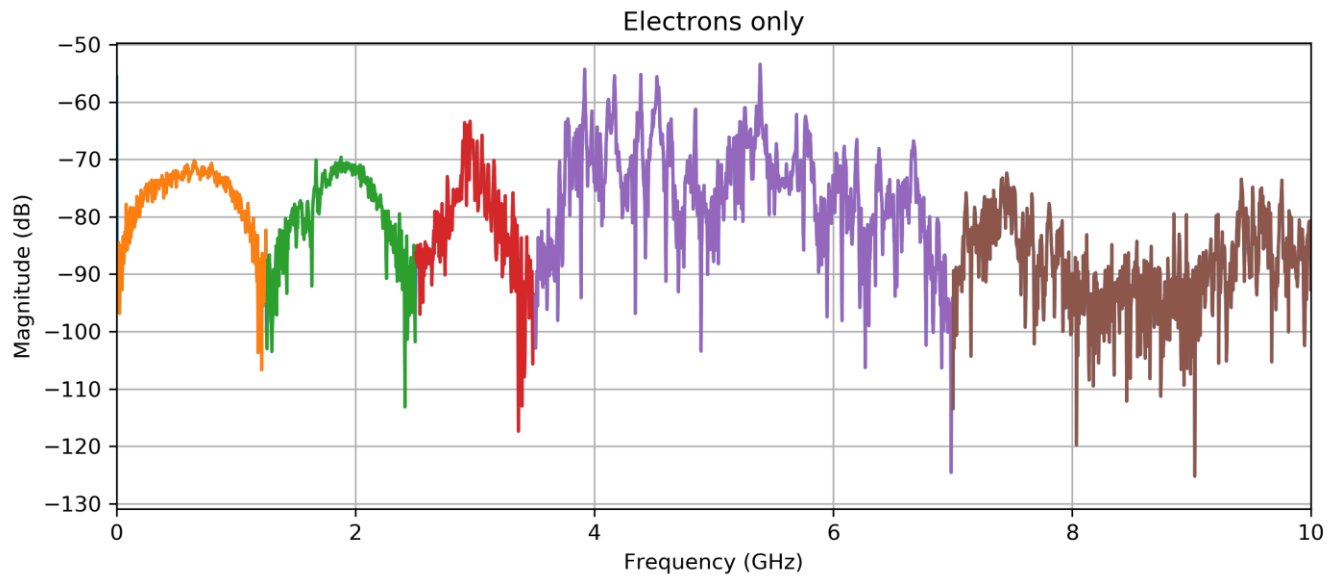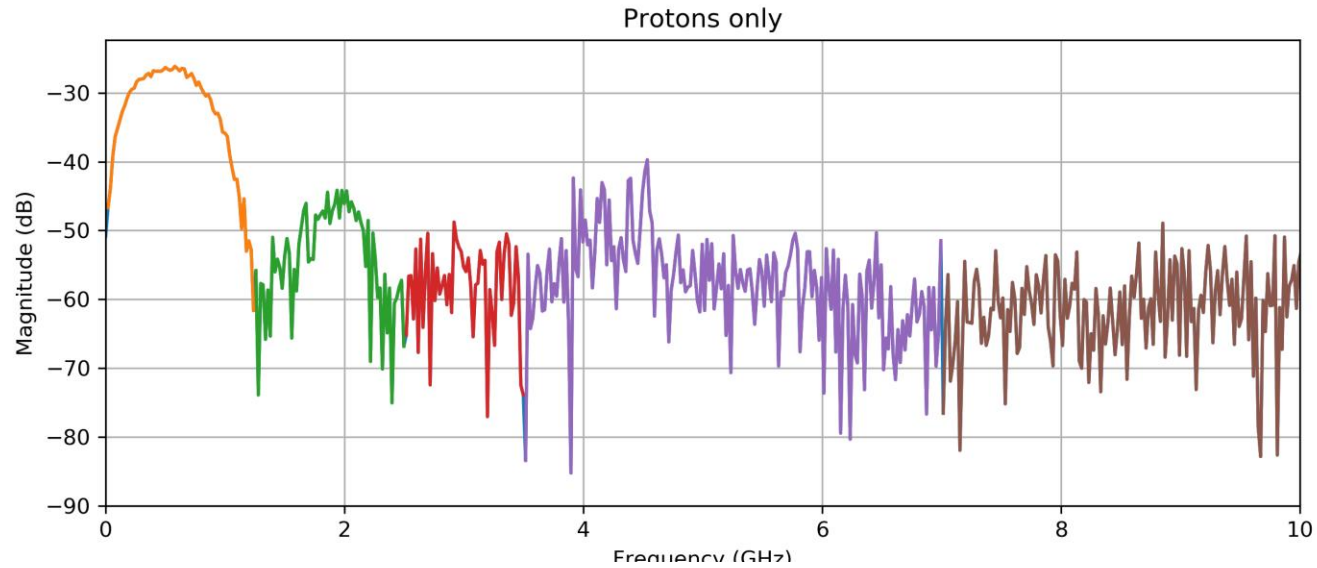- Above 3.5 GHz mostly noise
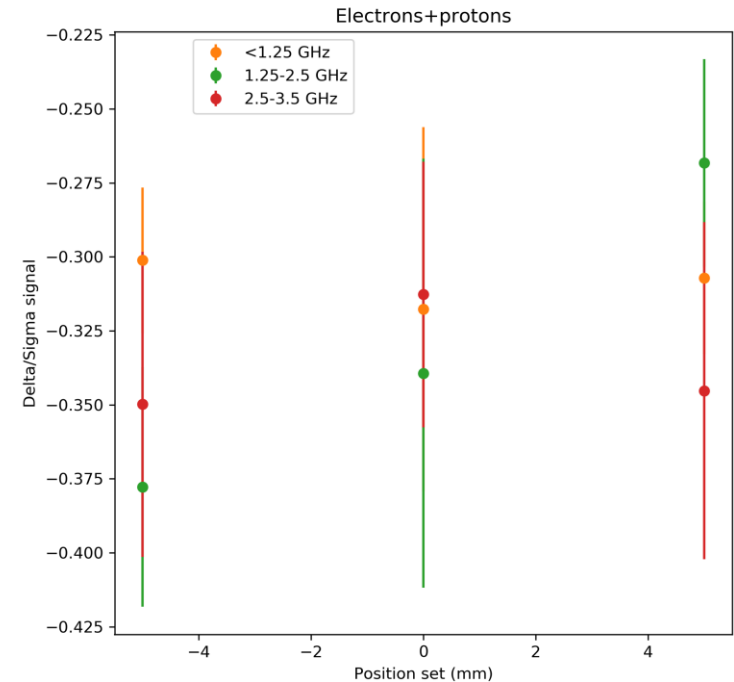
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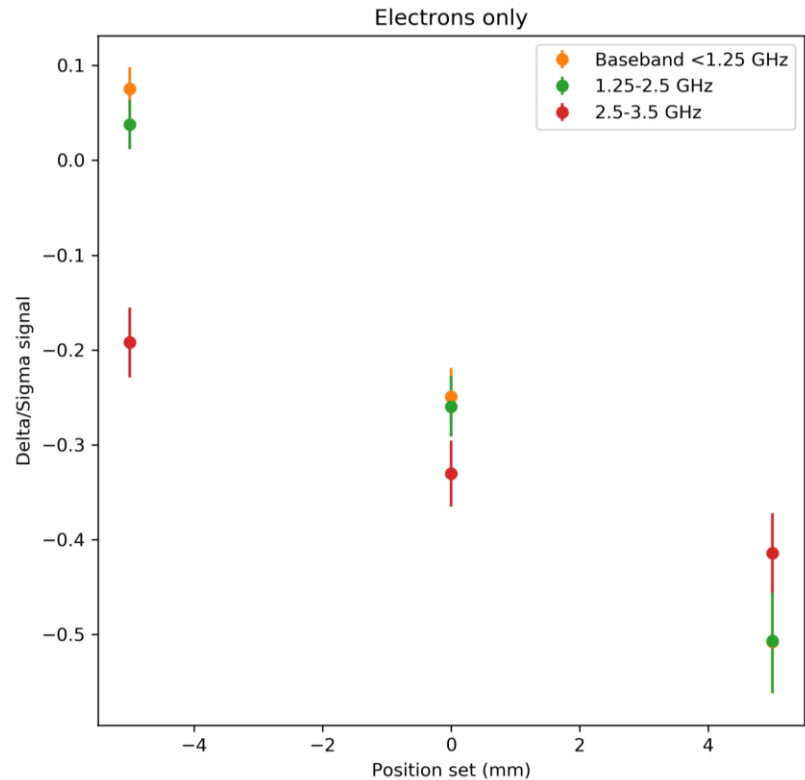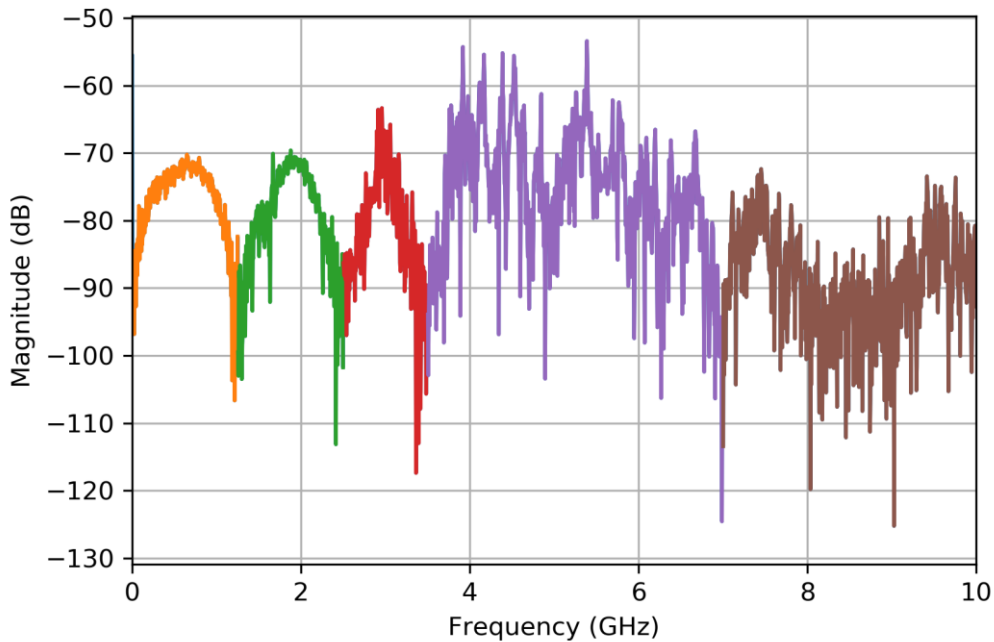
Electron beam steering:

- The electron beam was steered via YASP in the +/- 5 mm range
- The first two frequency regions show clear dependency on the position of the Δ/Σ signal. The third one in a reduced scale.
- Above the 3.5 GHz the position information is lost

e⁻-p⁺ spectra comparison

e⁻ and p⁺ together
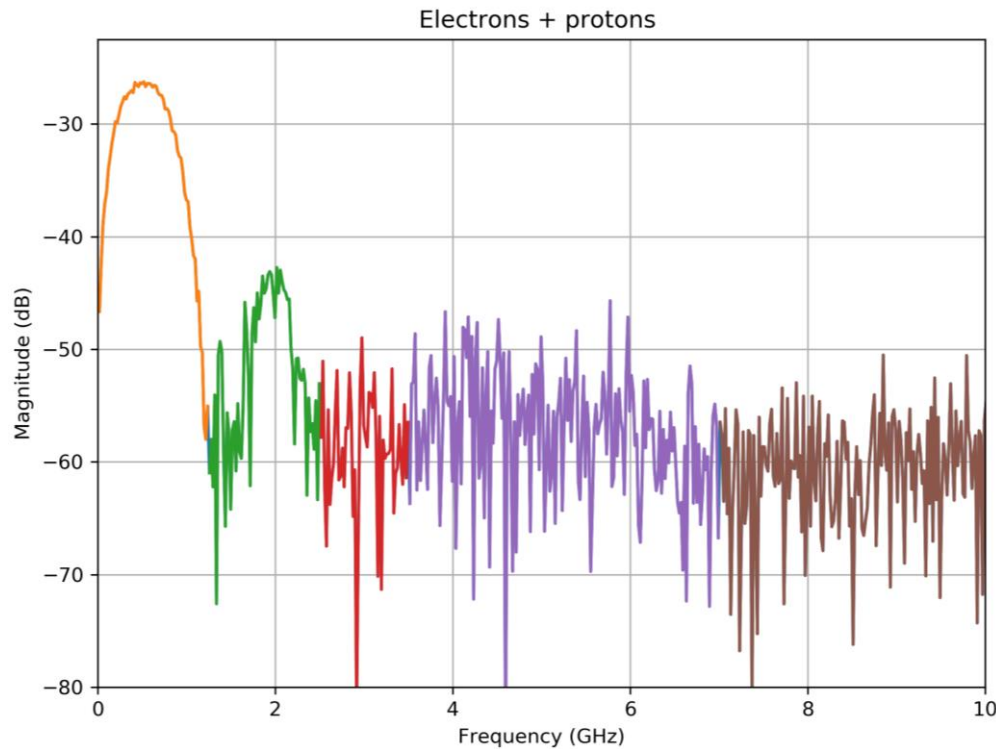
Electron beam steering with proton presence:

- The electron beam was steered via YASP in the +/- 5 mm range
- Proton beam stayed in the centre due to the reduced time
- In the orange region the signal of the protons dominates
- Some dependence in the green band
- Measurement limited by the dynamic range of the scope

Conclusions

- **The measurement** of the electron beam position in presence of the protons **is challenging**
  - It might be possible if the beams are different in bunch charge and length
  - The bigger the difference the smaller the bias of the protons on the measured electron position
  - The **bunch shape** plays an important role as it **changes the relative contribution of the two beams to the measurement**
- According to the measurements, the present system might be capable to measure the electron position in one of the higher frequency intervals before the noise
- The measurement in presence of protons is limited by the dynamic range of the oscilloscope
- **The input of AWAKE on the future beams parameters in run 2 is fundamental to design reliable diagnostic**

Future steps

- EM simulation of the pickup structure in order to possibly understand the source of the resonance at high frequency

- VNA measurements on a spare

- Brainstorm on further future design ideas

- Repeat the measurements using the new scope featuring 12 bits resolution. Only the electrons will be available, but the higher frequency bands will be accessible using the new instrument.