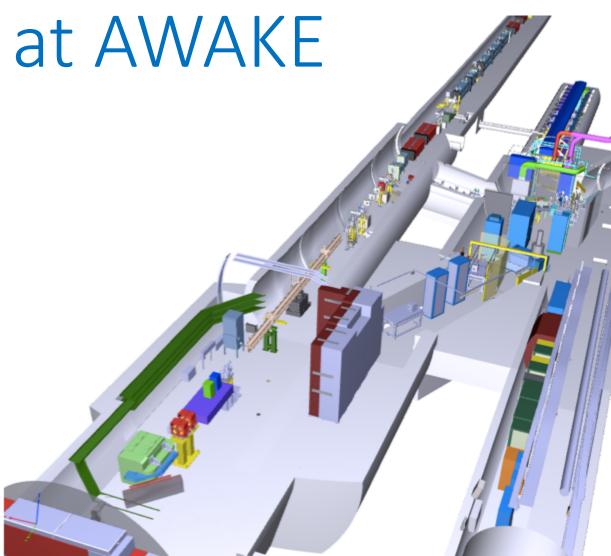
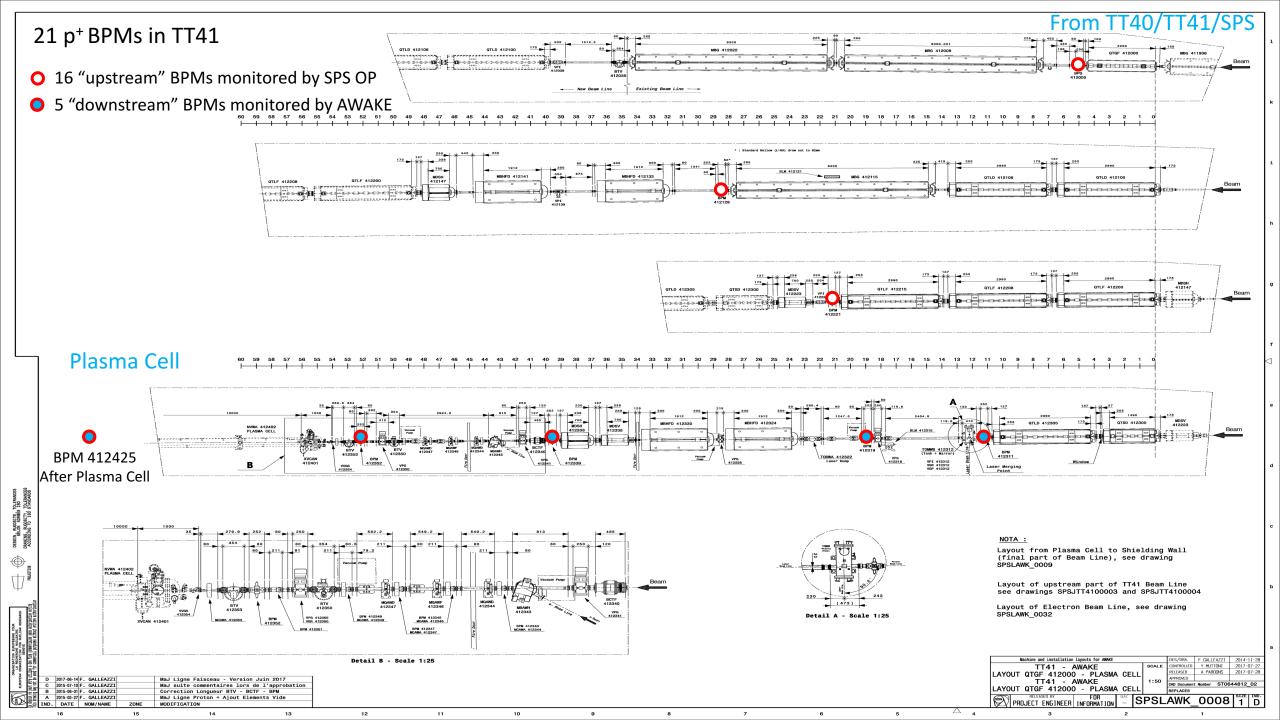
BPM Performance at AWAKE

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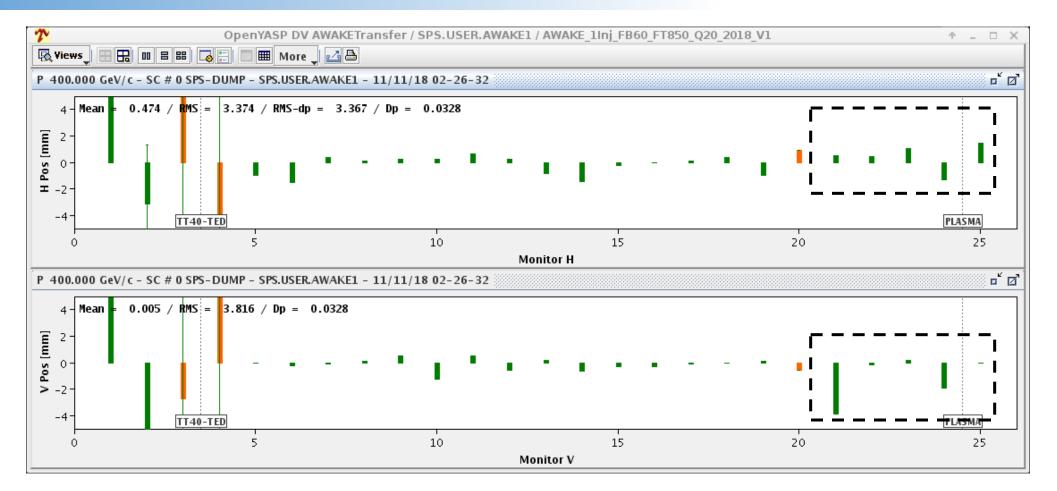


No issues with software. No issues with hardware or readout for "upstream" BPMs.

"Downstream" BPMs give "bad" readings in the following conditions:

- 1. High density Rb vapor in the line.
- 2. Electron beam present.
- 3. Proton pre-bunches.

"Bad" BPM readings



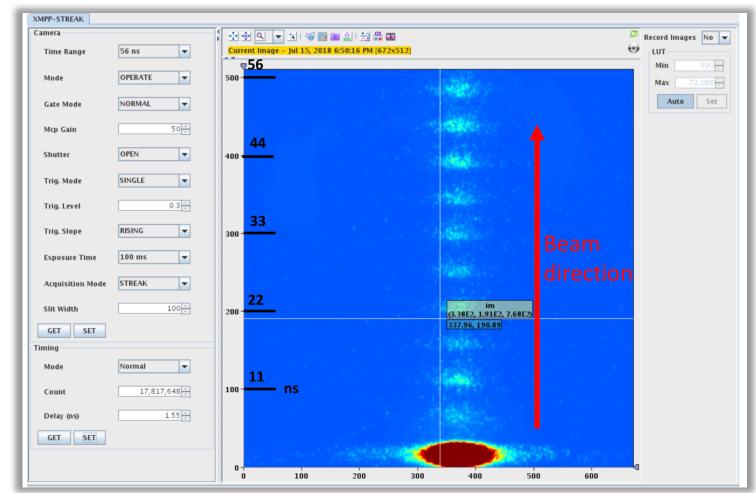
Bad readings are obvious, unphysical deviations of the beam trajectory. All 5 downstream BPMs are affected, but the final 2 are most strongly affected.

Proton Pre-bunches

In July, Livio observed significant charge ahead of the main pulse.

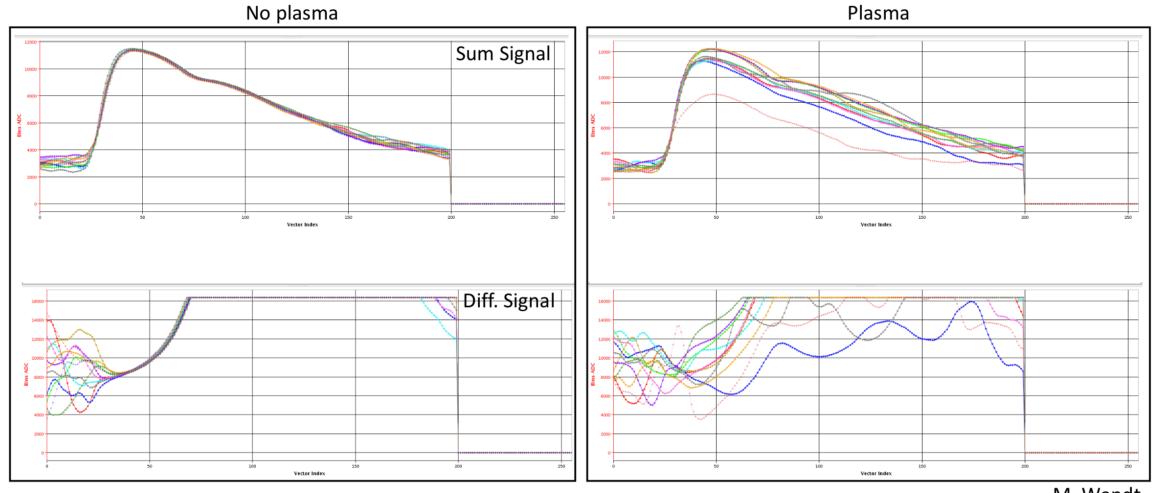
This also led to bad BPM readings. We alerted SPS OP and they changed RF voltage and kicker timing to avoid this problem.

Manfred also adjusted the selftrigger threshold for the BPMs.



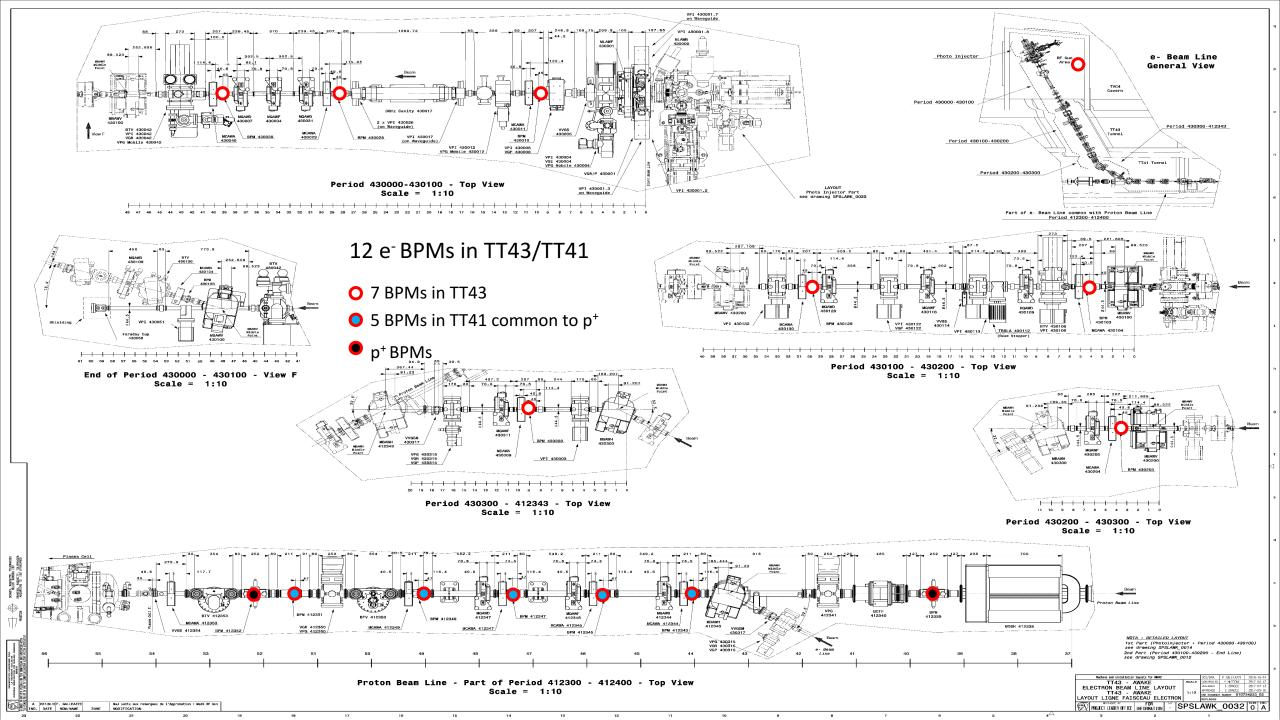
Was this an exceptional case/accident? Do we need a pre-bunch monitor?

Plasma Effect on Proton BPMs



M. Wendt

Since April 2017, we have observed the effect of the Rb vapor/plasma on the AWAKE BPMs. Manfred proposes to use stripline BPMs instead.



Electron BPMs

We hoped for simultaneous electron-proton readings on these BPMs.

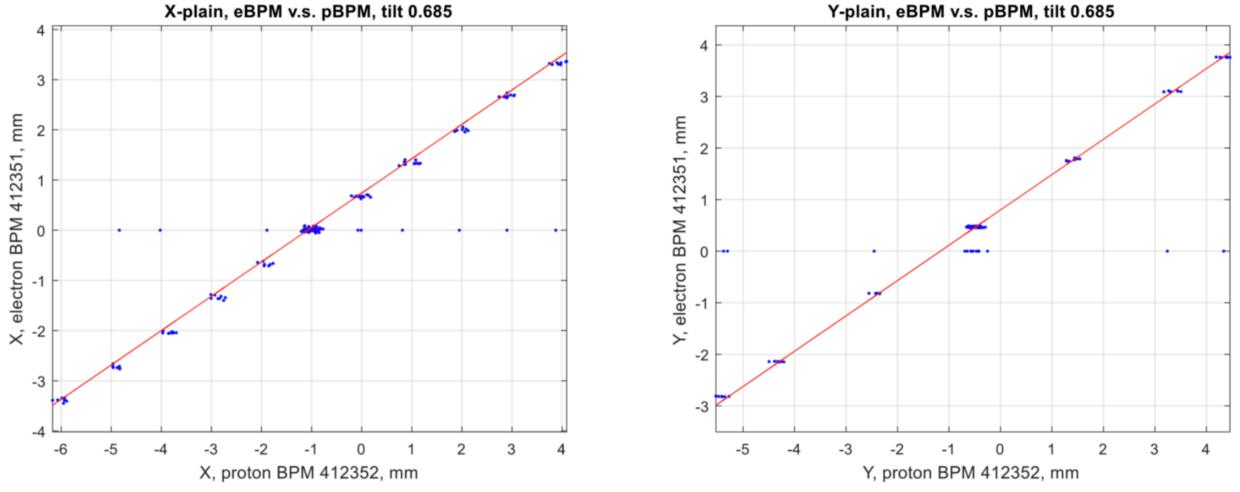
• Maybe this was never possible. . .

On the plus side, the readings appear to be very precise and not strongly affected by the presence of plasma.

We had issues with timing and synchronization of readout of BPM data.

• Athanasios solved this problem but I think we need to revisit triggers, time-stamping, and synchronization.

Electron-Proton BPM Correlations



Misha, Shengli, Lars, Michal, did cross correlations on electron and proton BPMs. This was extremely useful and should be part of system validation in the future.