

# Beam Instrumentation and Diagnostics (Lecture 1)

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# Introduction

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- **What do we mean by beam instrumentation?**
  - The “eyes” of the machine operators
    - i.e. the instruments that observe beam behaviour
    - An accelerator can never be better than the instruments measuring its performance!
- **What does work in beam instrumentation entail?**
  - Design, construction & operation of instruments to observe particle beams
  - R&D to find new or improve existing techniques to fulfill new requirements
  - A combination of the following disciplines
    - Applied & Accelerator Physics; Mechanical, Electronic & Software Engineering
- **What beam parameters do we measure?**
  - Beam Position
    - Horizontal and vertical throughout the accelerator
    - At a specific location for tune, coupling & chromaticity measurements
  - Beam Intensity (& lifetime measurement for a storage ring/collider)
    - Bunch-by-bunch charge and total circulating current
  - Beam Loss
    - Especially important for high brightness and superconducting machines
  - Beam profiles
    - Transverse and longitudinal distribution



# What is meant by Beam Diagnostics?

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- **Beam Diagnostics**
  - Making use of beam instrumentation
- **What do we consider as beam diagnostics?**
  - Operating the accelerators
    - Using instrumentation to measure and correct standard parameters
      - Orbit, tune, chromaticity control etc.
  - Improving the performance of the accelerators
    - Understanding current performance to allow future improvements
    - Requires the measurement of performance indicators
      - Luminosity, brilliance (intensity and size) etc.
  - Understanding accelerator limitations
    - Beam loss, instabilities, emittance growth etc.
  - Detecting equipment faults
    - Aperture restrictions, polarity inversions, wrong settings etc.

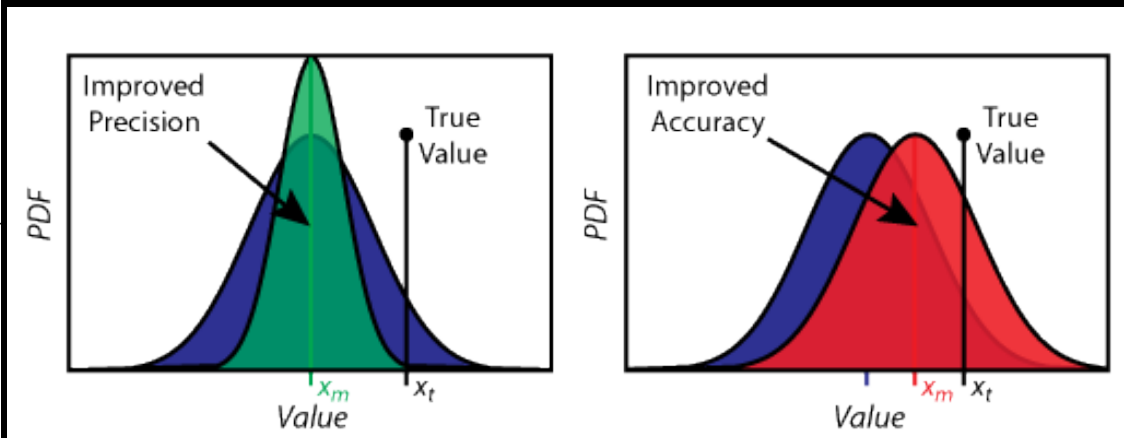
# How do we Qualify Beam Measurements?

- Accuracy, Precision, Resolution

- Very often confused in day-to-day language

- Accuracy – also known as the trueness of a measurement
- Precision – how well a measurement can be reproduced
- Resolution – the smallest possible difference measurable

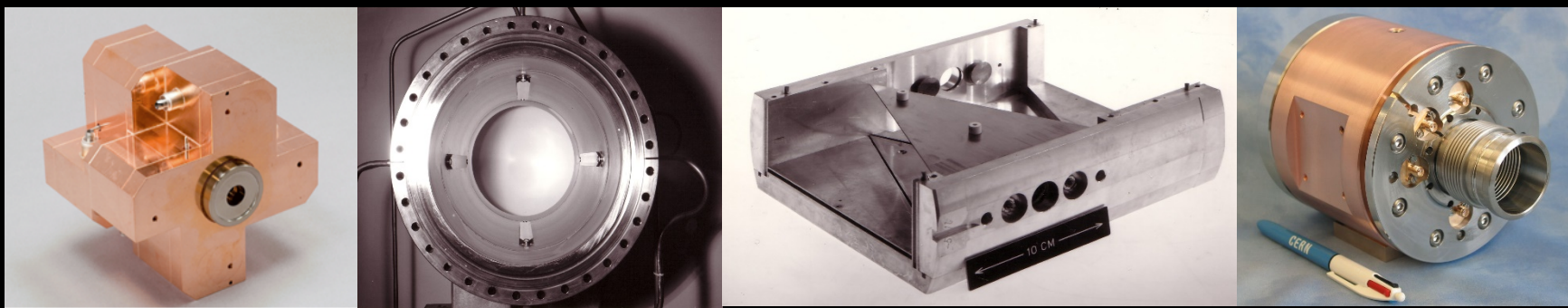
	Accurate	Inaccurate (systematic error)
Precise		
Imprecise (reproducibility error)		



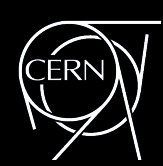
- Example for a BPM

- Mechanical & electrical offsets and gain factors influence accuracy
- Various noise sources or timing jitter influence the precision
- Number of bits in the ADC will limit the resolution



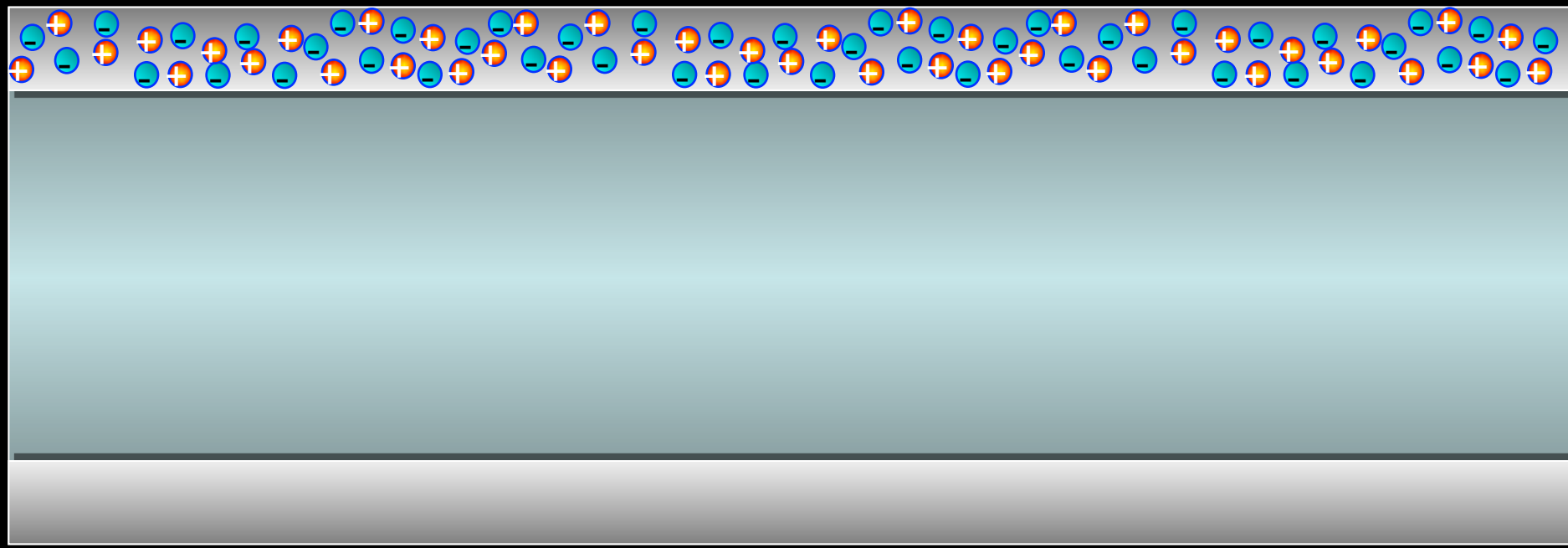


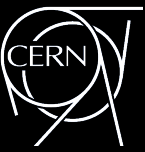
# Beam Position Systems



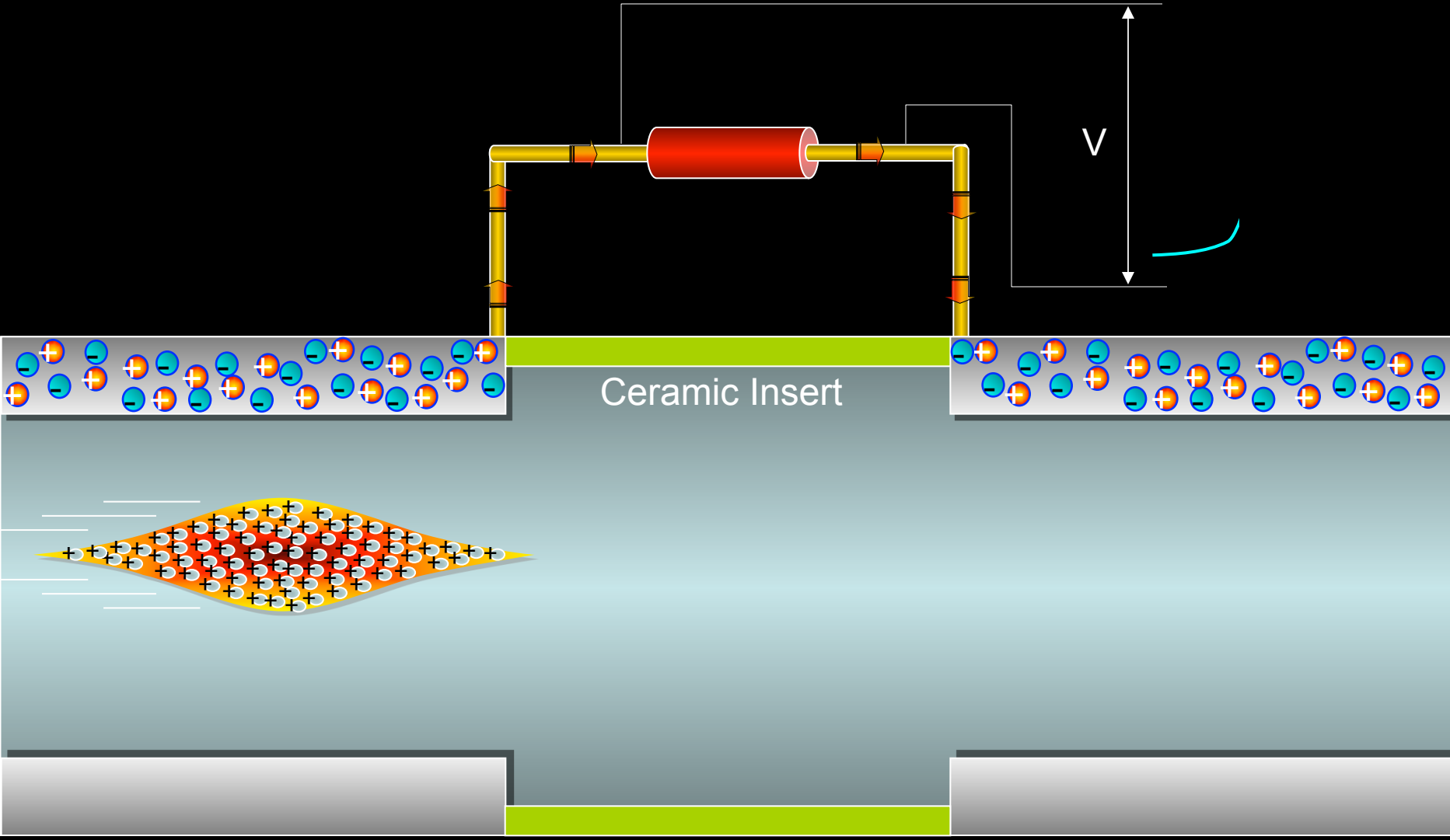
# Measuring Beam Position – The Principle

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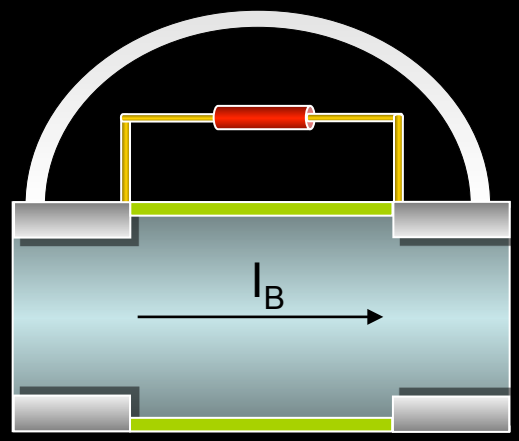
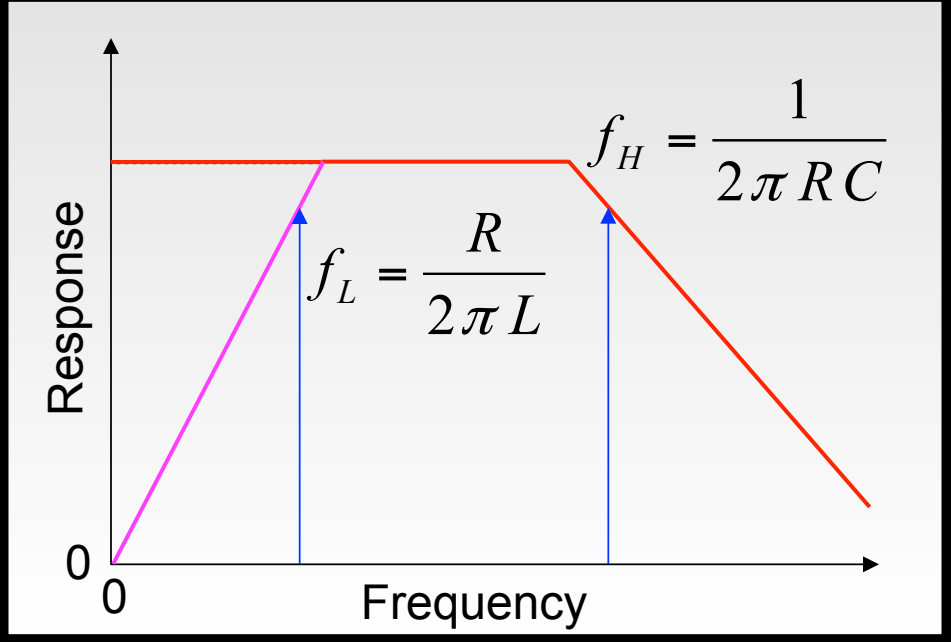
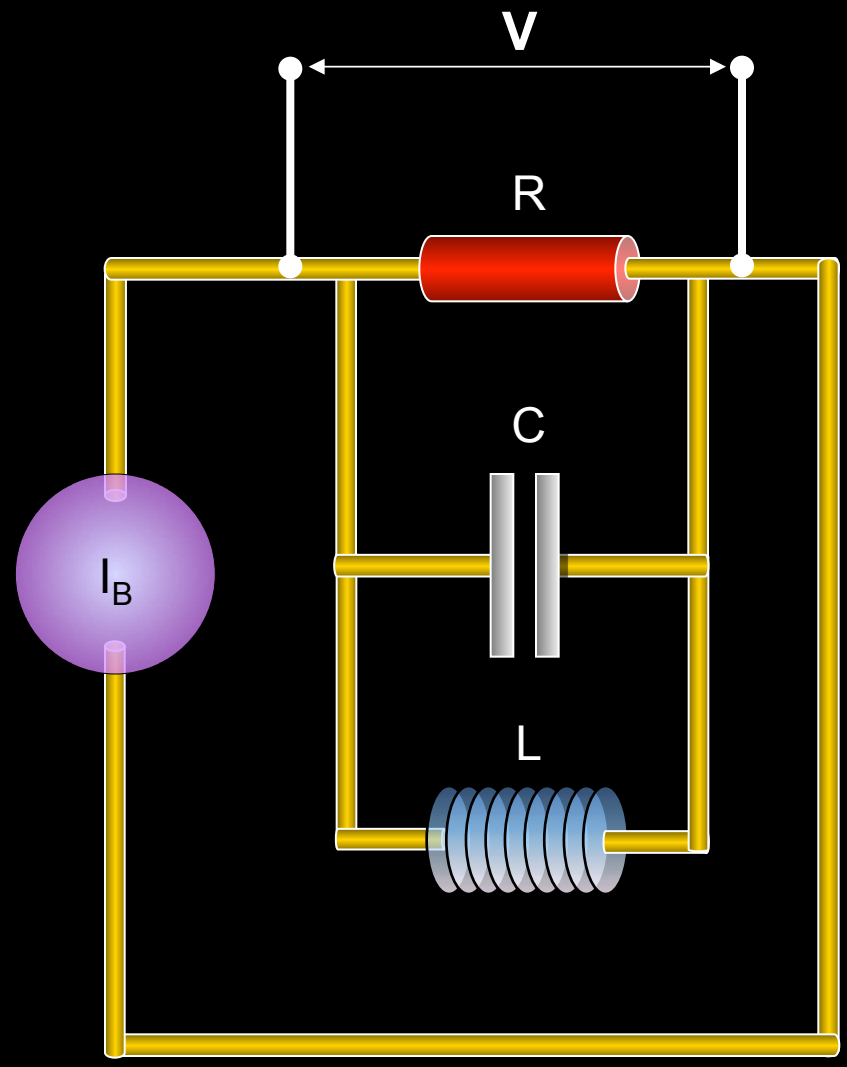


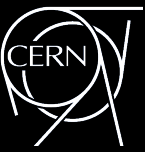


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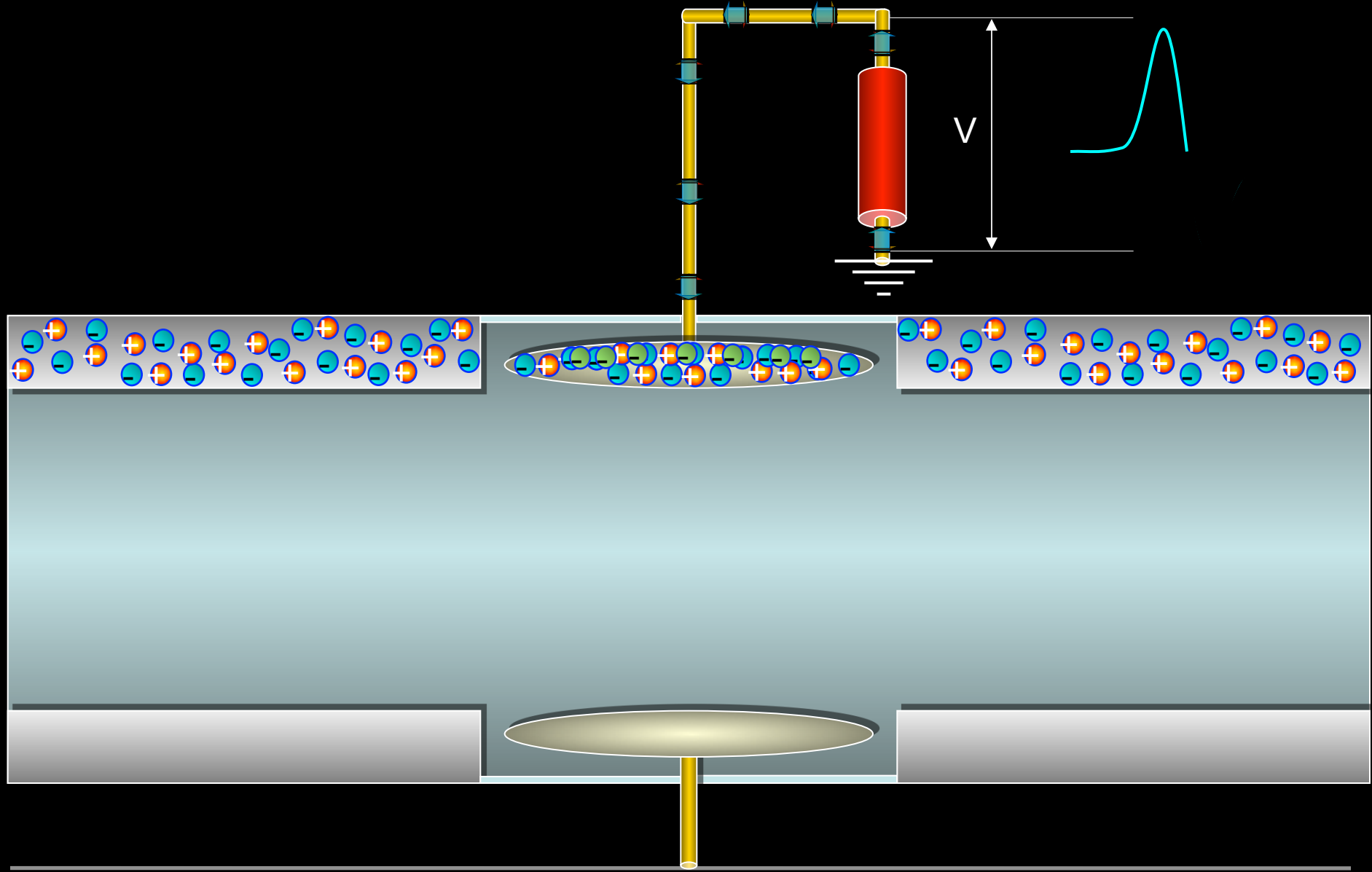


# Wall Current Monitor – Beam Response

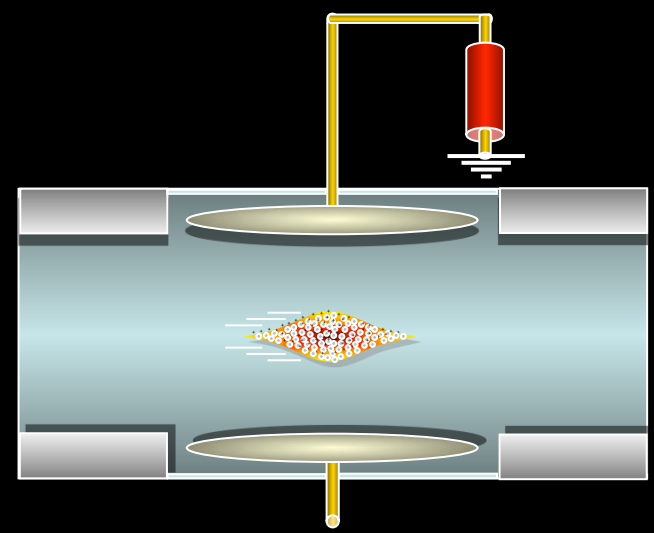
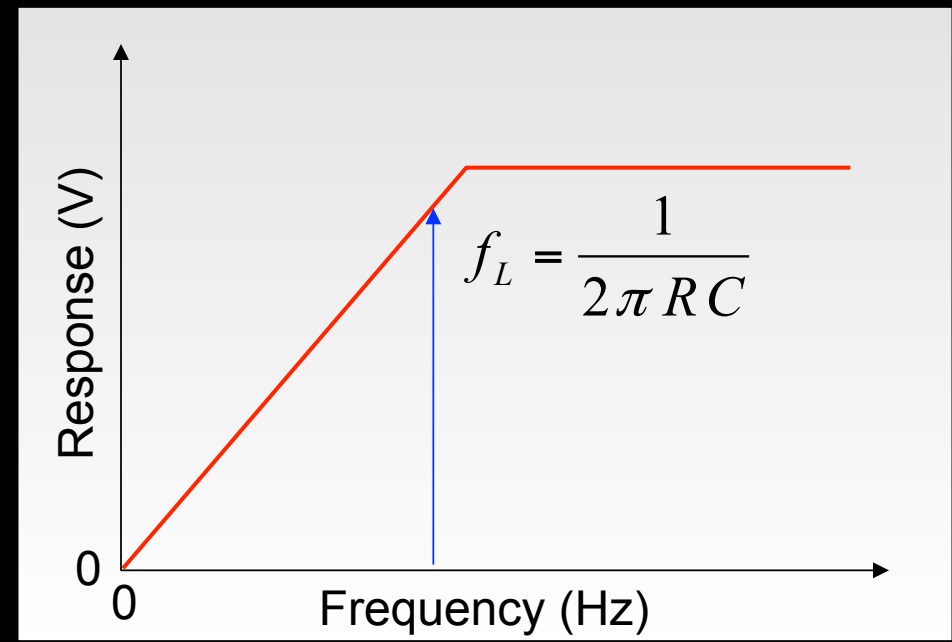
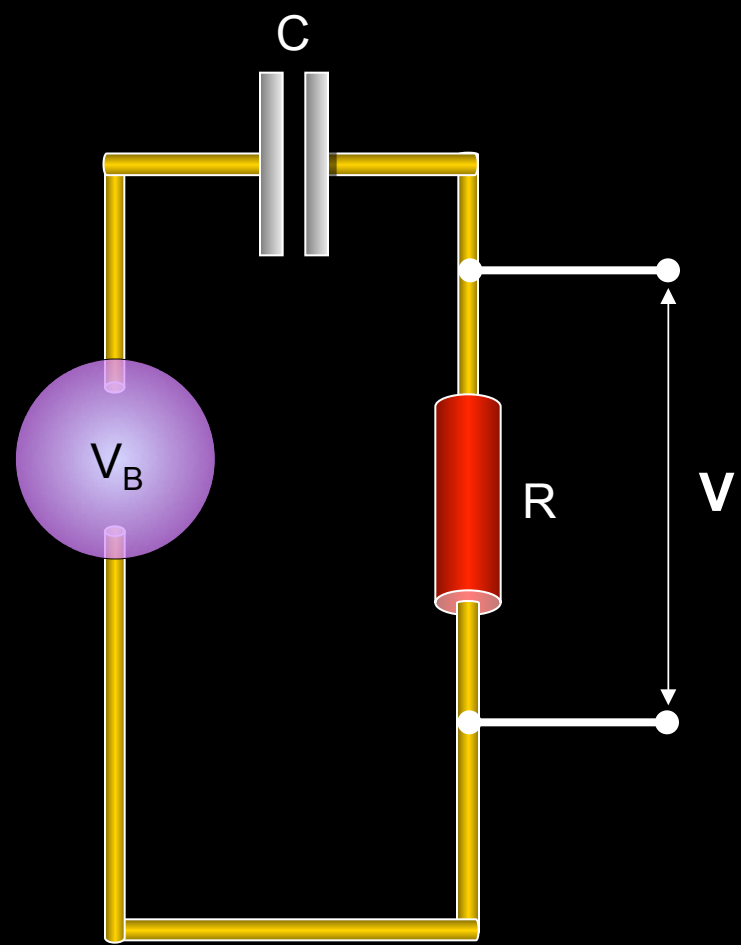




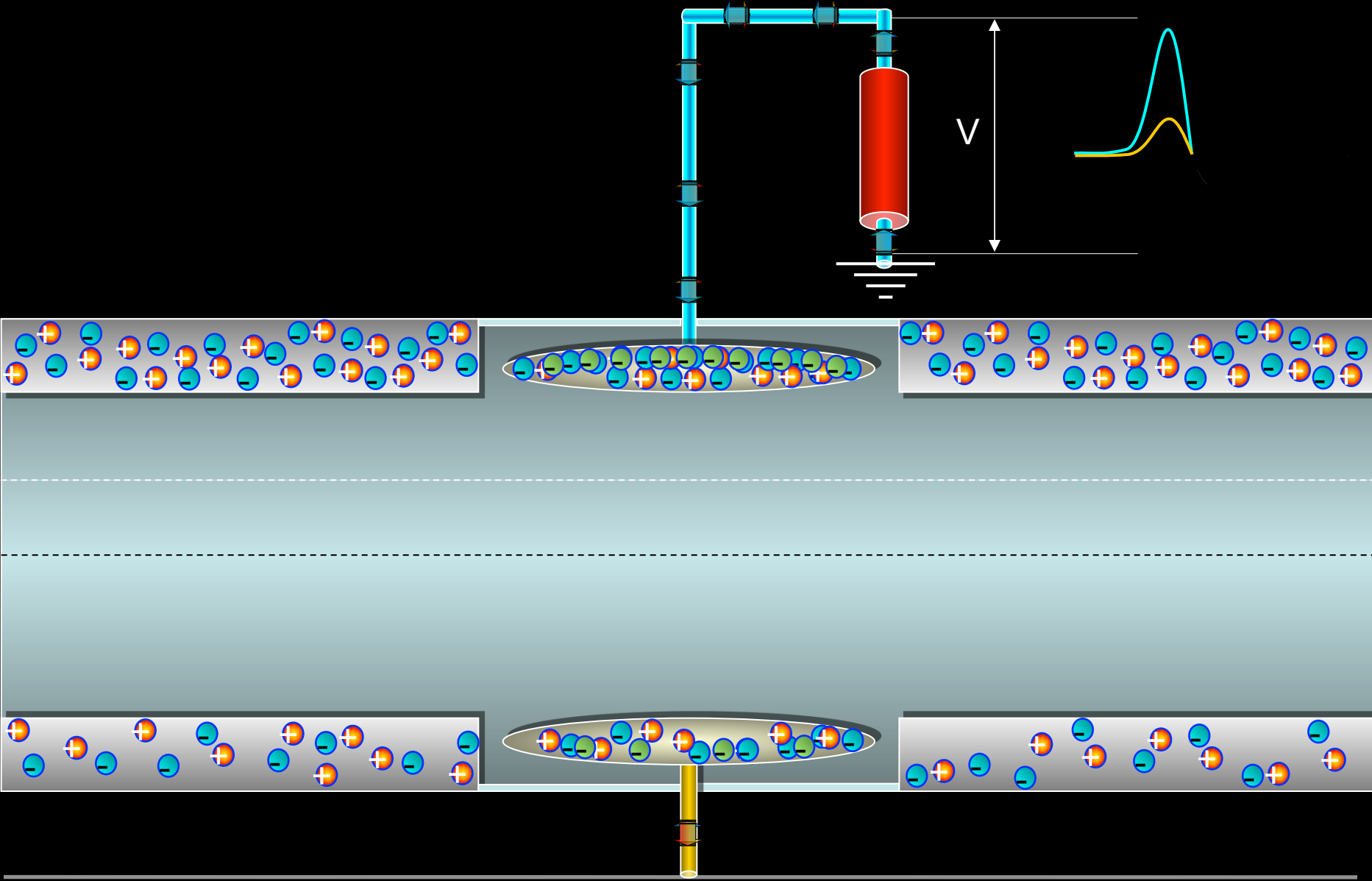
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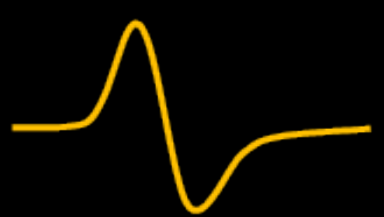
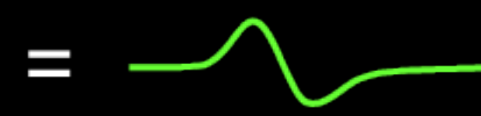
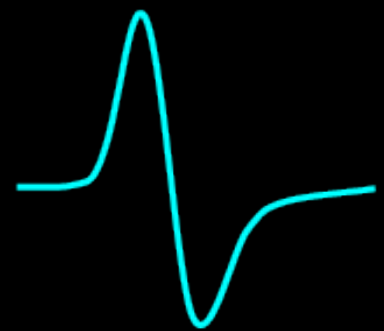
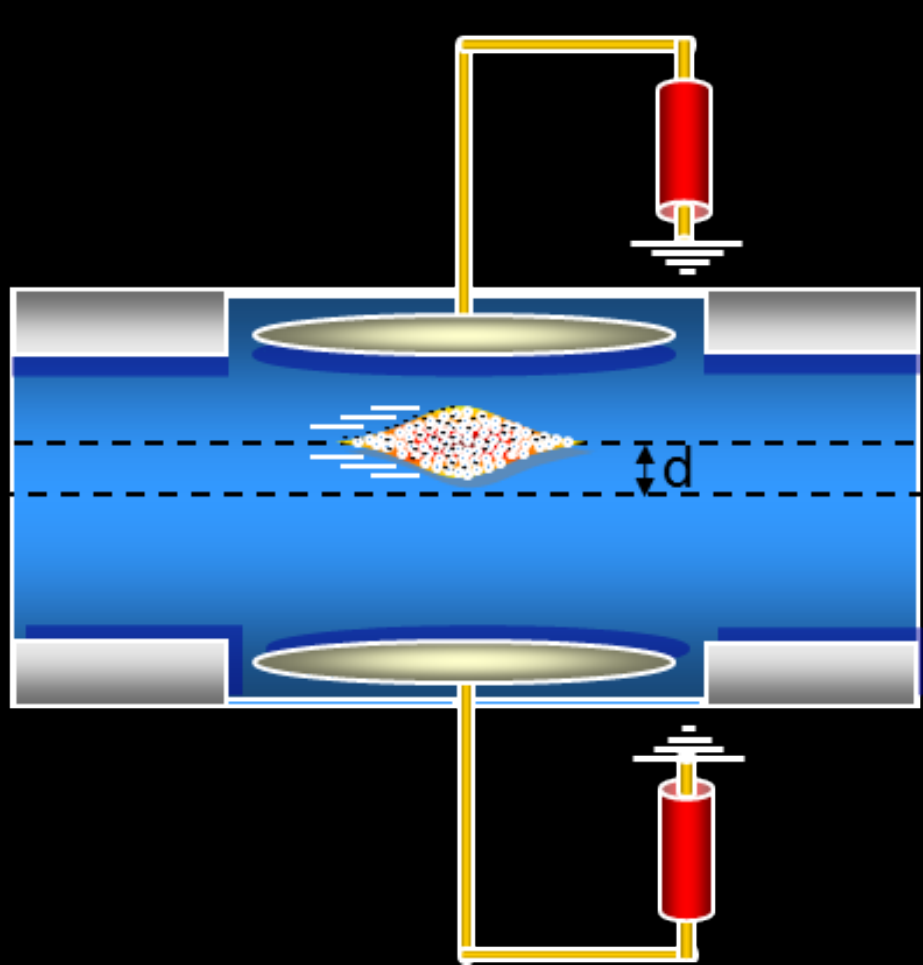


# Electrostatic Beam Position Monitor





# Electrostatic Monitor – The Principle



# Electrostatic Pick-up – Button

- ✓ Low cost ⇒ most popular
- ✗ Non-linear
  - requires correction algorithm when beam is off-centre

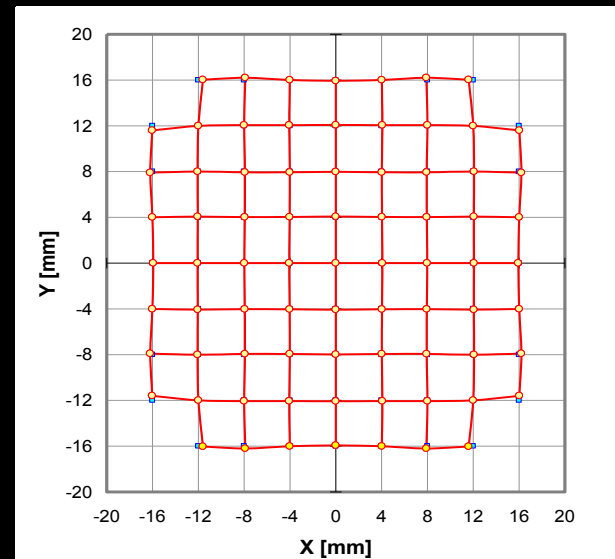
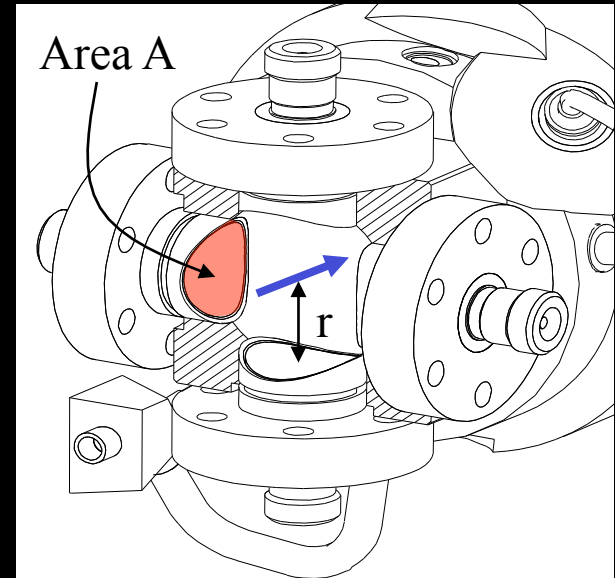
For Button with Capacitance  $C_e$  & Characteristic Impedance  $R_0$

Transfer Impedance:

$$Z_{T(f \gg f_c)} = \frac{A}{(2\pi r) \times c \times C_e}$$

Lower Corner Frequency:

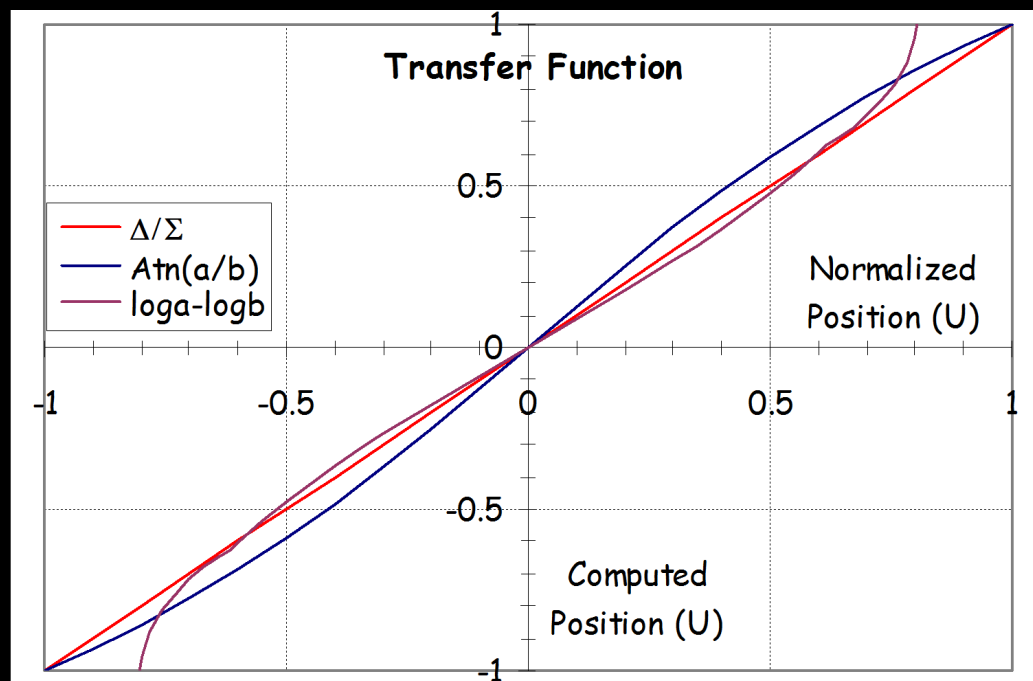
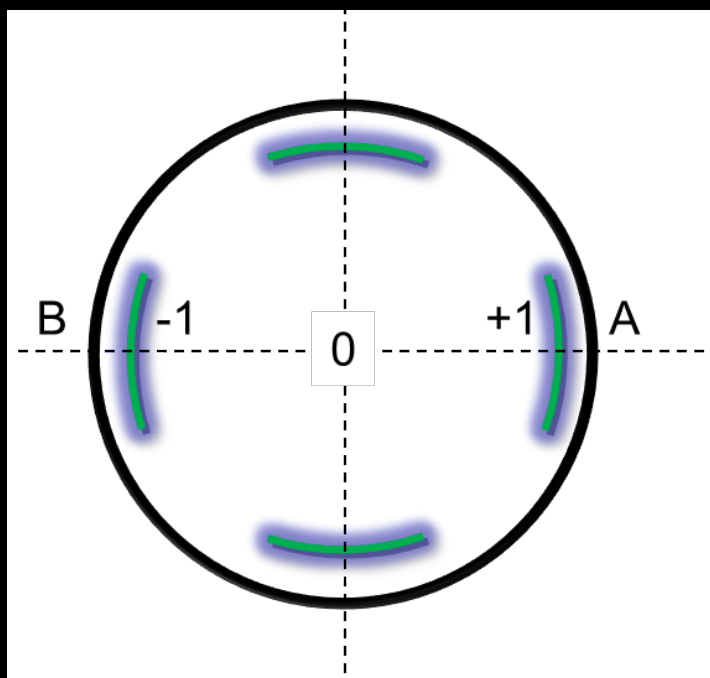
$$f_L = \frac{1}{2\pi R_0 C_e}$$



$$X = 2.30 \cdot 10^{-5} X_1^5 + 3.70 \cdot 10^{-5} X_1^3 + 1.035 X_1 + 7.53 \cdot 10^{-6} X_1^3 Y_1^2 + 1.53 \cdot 10^{-5} X_1 Y_1^4$$

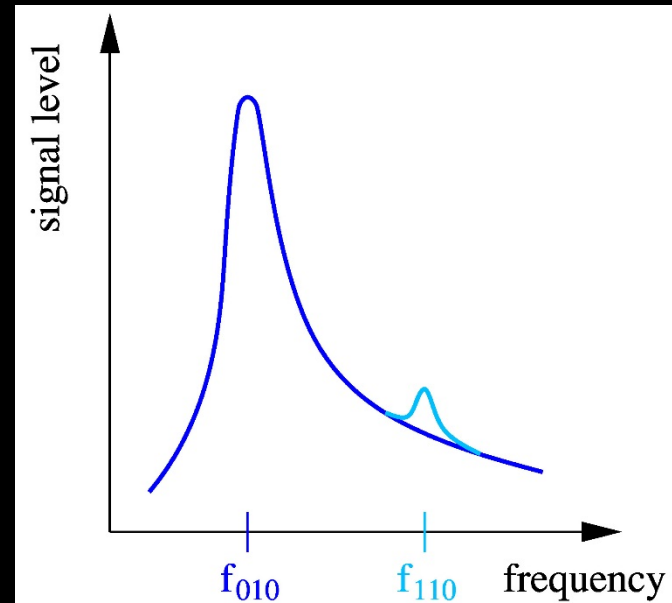
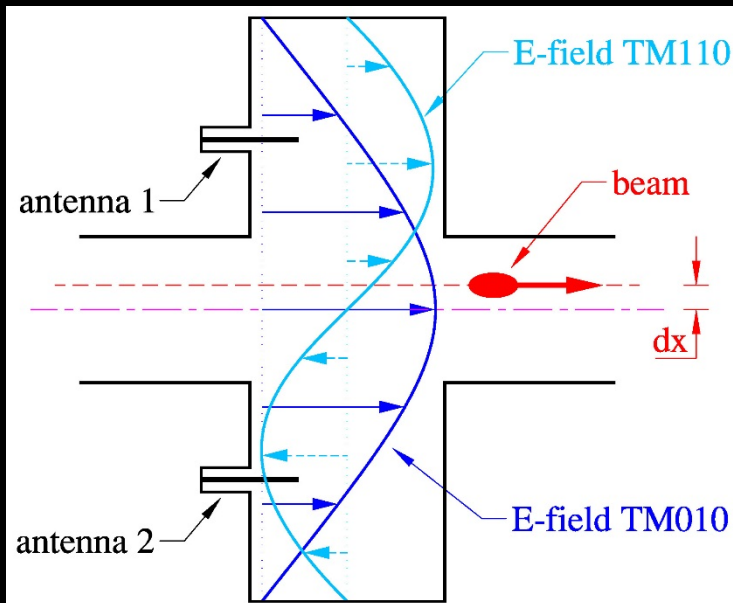
# Normalising the Position Reading

- To make it independent of intensity
- 3 main methods:
  - Difference/Sum :  $(V_A - V_B) / (V_A + V_B) = \Delta / \Sigma$
  - Phase :  $\text{Arctan}(V_A / V_B)$
  - Logarithm :  $\text{Log}(V_A) - \text{Log}(V_B) = \text{Log}(V_A / V_B)$

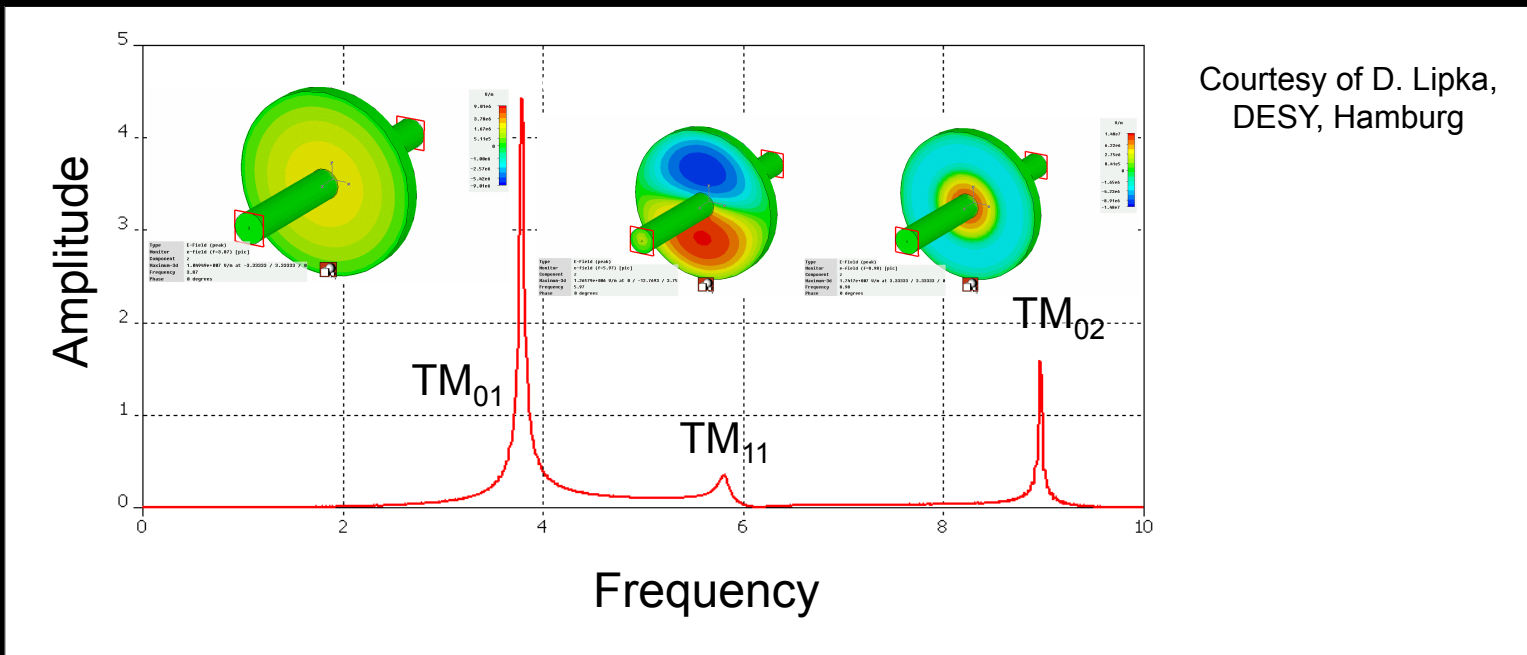


# Improving Precision for Next Generation Accelerators

- BPM electrodes typically give “intensity signals” with some position dependence!
  - Need to remove intensity content to get to the position
  - Difficult to do electronically without some intensity information leaking through
    - When looking for small differences this leakage can dominate the measurement
- **Solution – cavity BPM allowing sub micron resolution**
  - Design the detector to collect only the difference signal
    - Dipole Mode  $TM_{11}$  proportional to POSITION OFFSET (& intensity)
    - Shifted in frequency with respect to intensity dependent Monopole Mode  $TM_{01}$



# Cavity Beam Position Monitors



### Monopole Mode

Type	E-Field (peak)
Monitor	e-field (F=3.88) [pic]
Component	Normal
Maximum-3d	1.17338e+007 U/m at -3.5 / 3.5 / 0
Frequency	3.88
Phase	0 degrees

Obtain signal using waveguides that only couple to dipole mode for further Monopole Suppression

### Dipole Mode

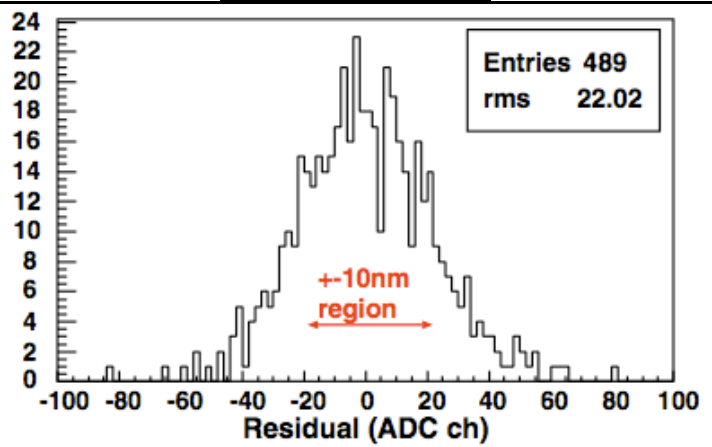
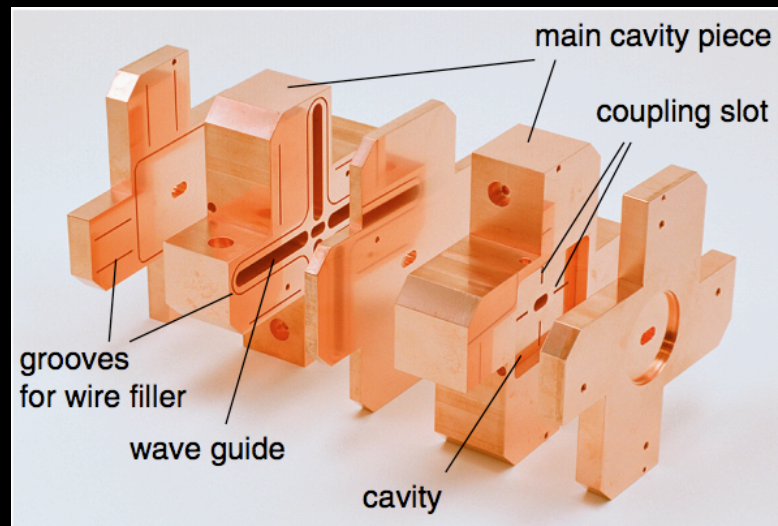
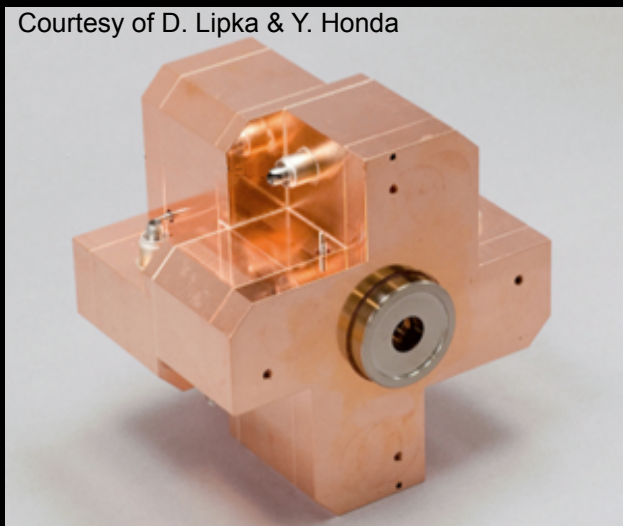
Type	E-Field (peak)
Monitor	e-field (F=5.65) [pic]
Component	Normal
Maximum-3d	639869 U/m at 0 / 2 / 0
Frequency	5.65
Phase	0 degrees

# Today's State of the Art BPMs

- **Prototype BPM for ILC Final Focus**

- Required resolution of 2nm (yes nano!) in a 6×12mm diameter beam pipe
- Achieved World Record (so far!) resolution of 8.7nm at ATF2 (KEK, Japan)

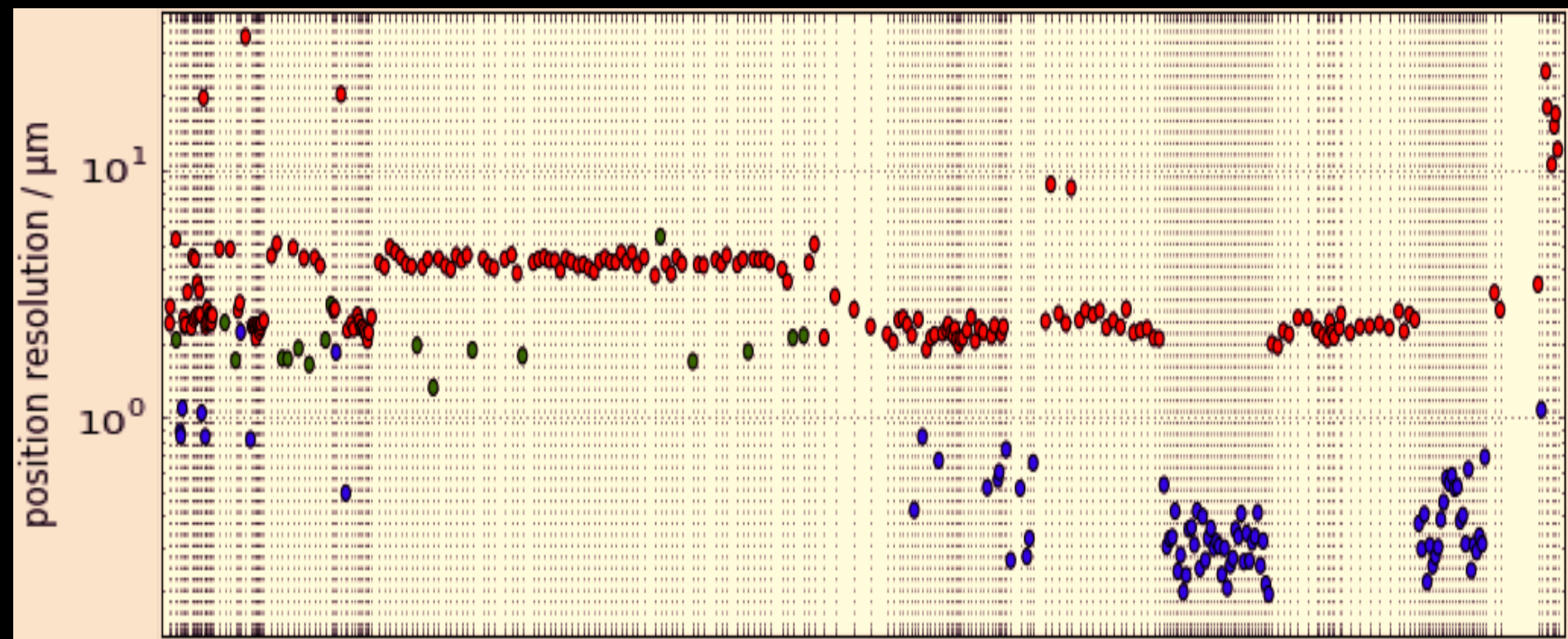
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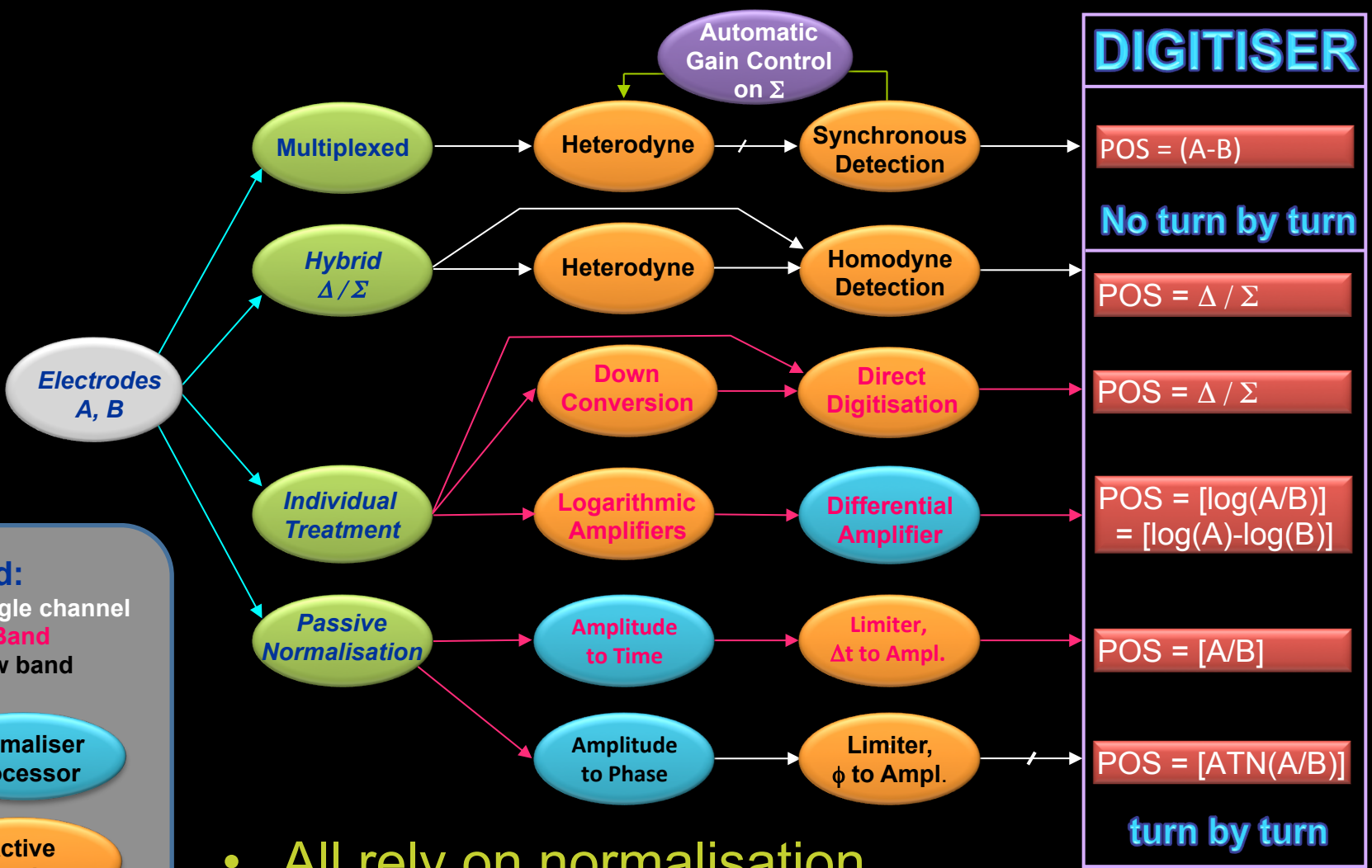
# Comparison of BPM Resolution

- **XFEL Data from 2017 Commissioning**
  - Standard Button BPMs : 78 mm & 40.5 mm aperture (**RED**)
  - Re-entrant cavity BPMs : 78 mm aperture (**GREEN**)
  - Cavity BPMs : 40.5 mm and 10 mm aperture (**BLUE**)





# Processing System Families



**Legend:**

- / = Single channel
- **Wide Band**
- Narrow band

**Normaliser Processor** (blue oval)

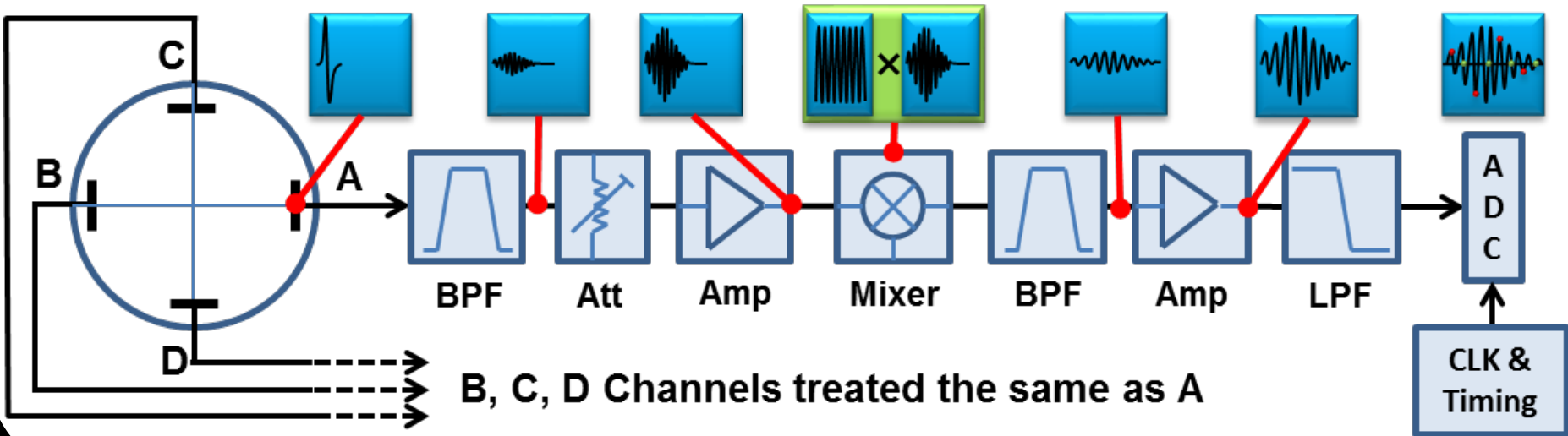
**Active Circuitry** (orange oval)

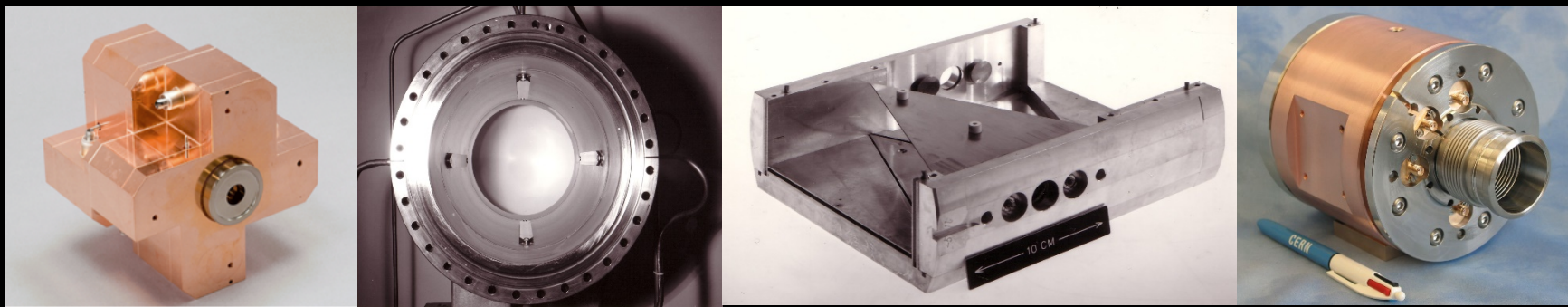
- **All rely on normalisation**
  - Making the position signal independent of intensity

# Modern BPM Read-out Electronics

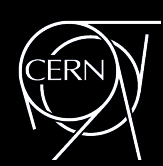
- **Based on the individual treatment of the electrode signals**
  - Use of frequency domain signal processing techniques
    - Developed for telecommunications market
  - Rely on high frequency & high resolution analogue to digital converters
    - Minimising analogue circuitry
    - Frequency down-conversion used if necessary to adapt to ADC sampling rate
    - All further processing carried out in the subsequent digital electronics

## A-Electrode Analogue Conditioning



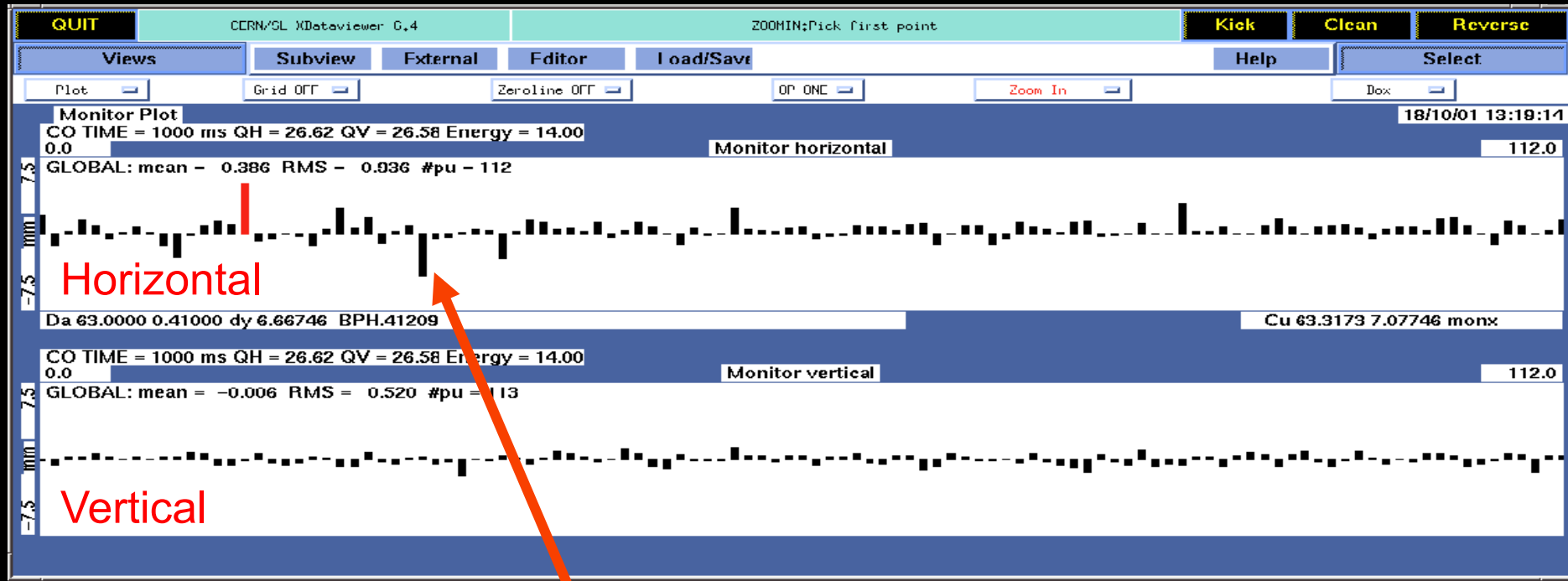


# Diagnosics using Beam Position Systems

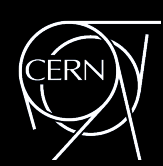


# Orbit or Trajectory Acquisition

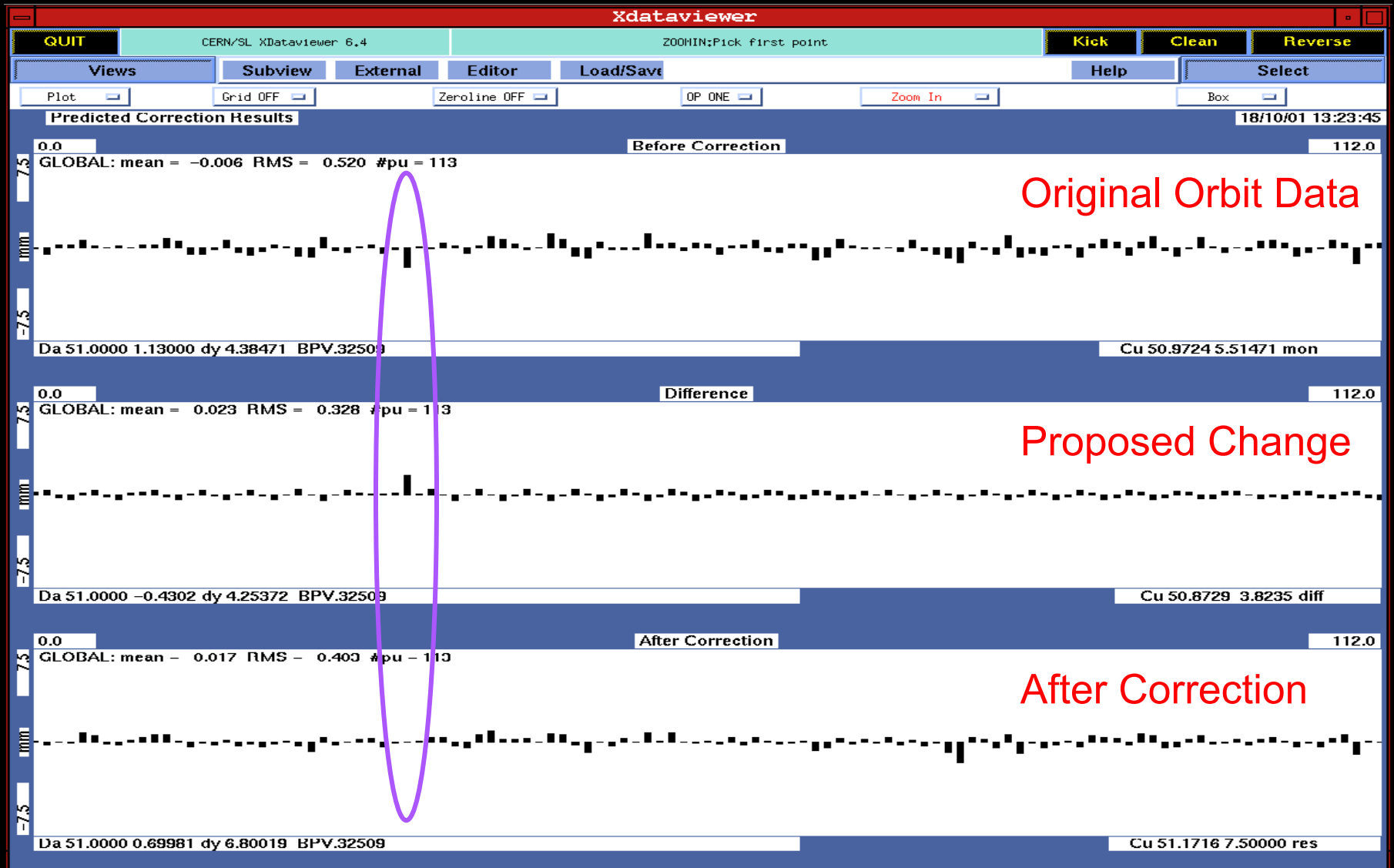
- Main use of BPM systems
  - Measure & correct orbit or trajectory



Orbit excursion too large => need to correct

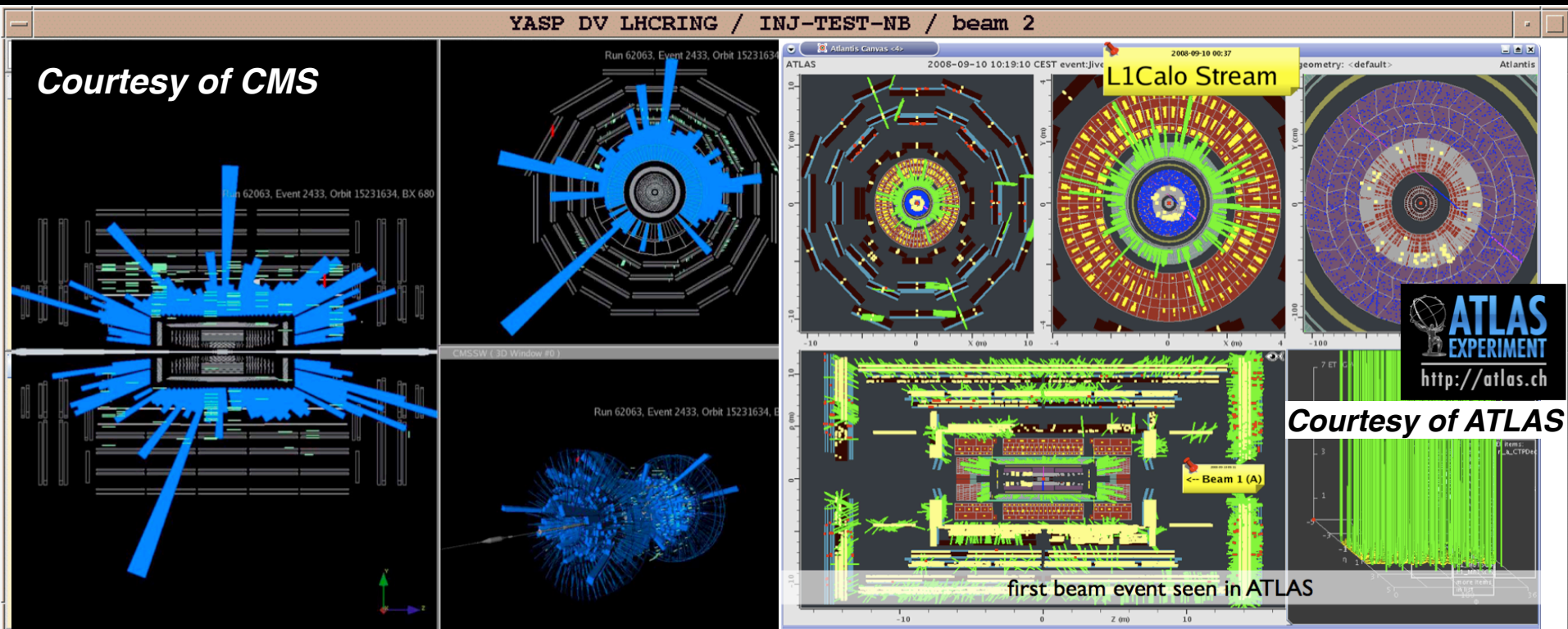


# Orbit or Trajectory Correction

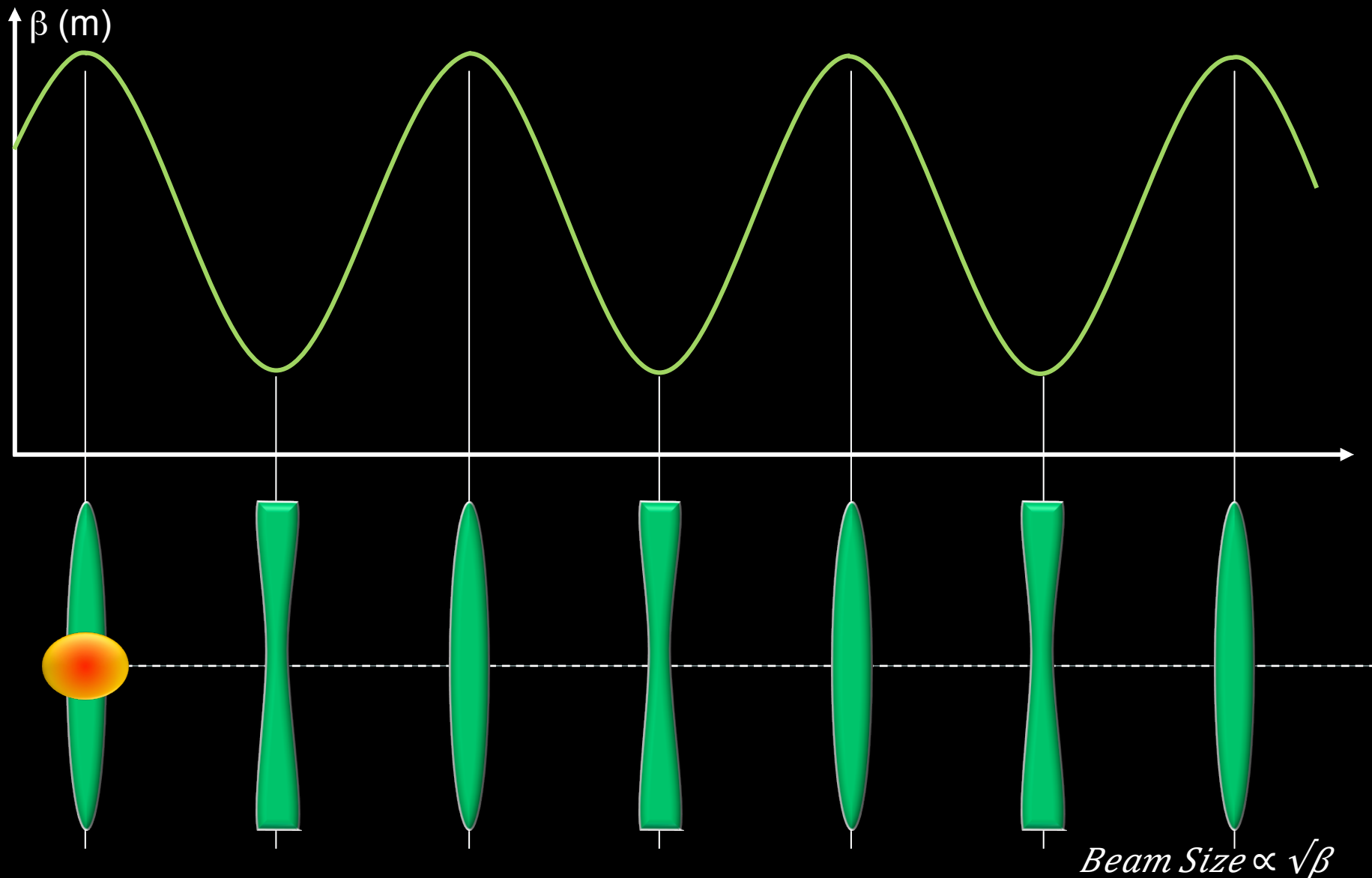


# Initial Commissioning

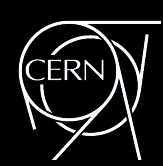
- Threading the first pilot bunch round the LHC
  - One beam at a time, one hour per beam
  - Collimators used to intercept the beam
  - Correct trajectory, open collimator and move on



# The Machine $\beta$ -Function

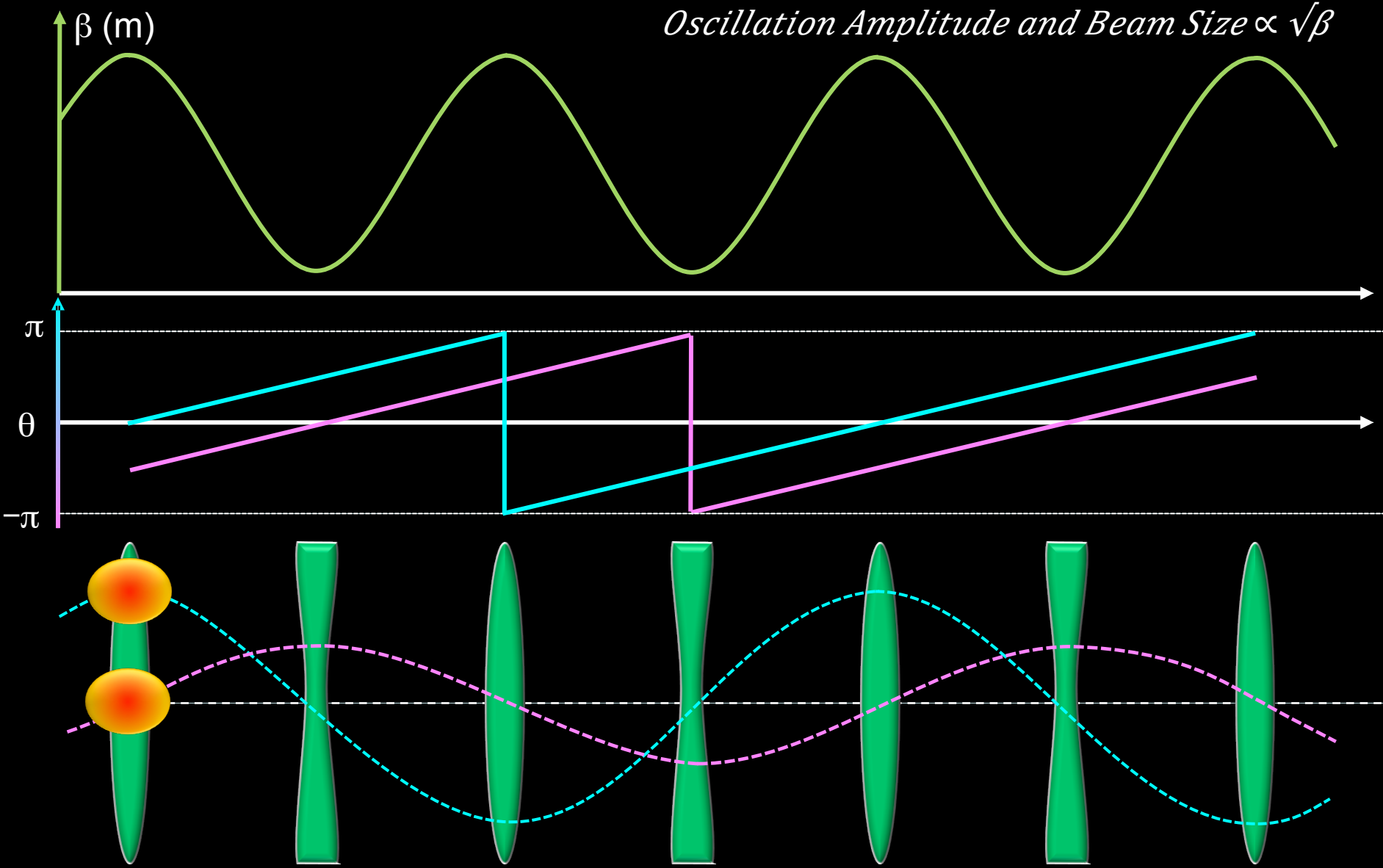


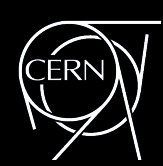




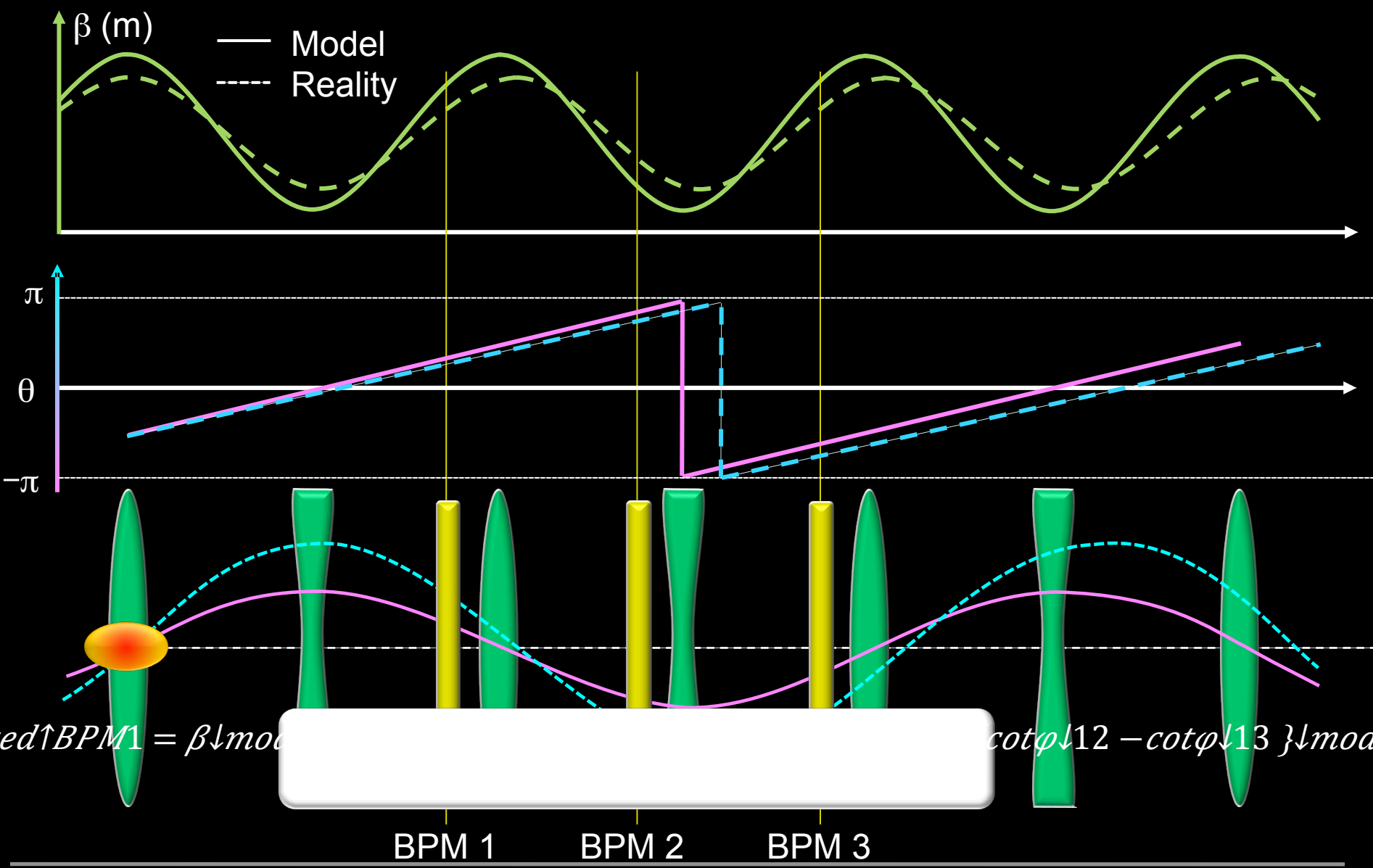
# The Machine $\beta$ -Function

*Oscillation Amplitude and Beam Size  $\propto \sqrt{\beta}$*





# The Machine $\beta$ -Function



$$\text{red} \uparrow \text{BPM 1} = \beta \downarrow \text{mod}$$

$$\text{cot} \phi \downarrow 12 - \text{cot} \phi \downarrow 13 \} \downarrow \text{mod}$$

# Analysis of BPM Data

- **On line analysis of BPM Data**

- Polarity errors easily identified with 45° BPM sampling
- Quick indication of phase advance errors
- Used to verify optics functions
  - e.g. matching from transfer lines into ring



Optics phase error

BPM polarity error

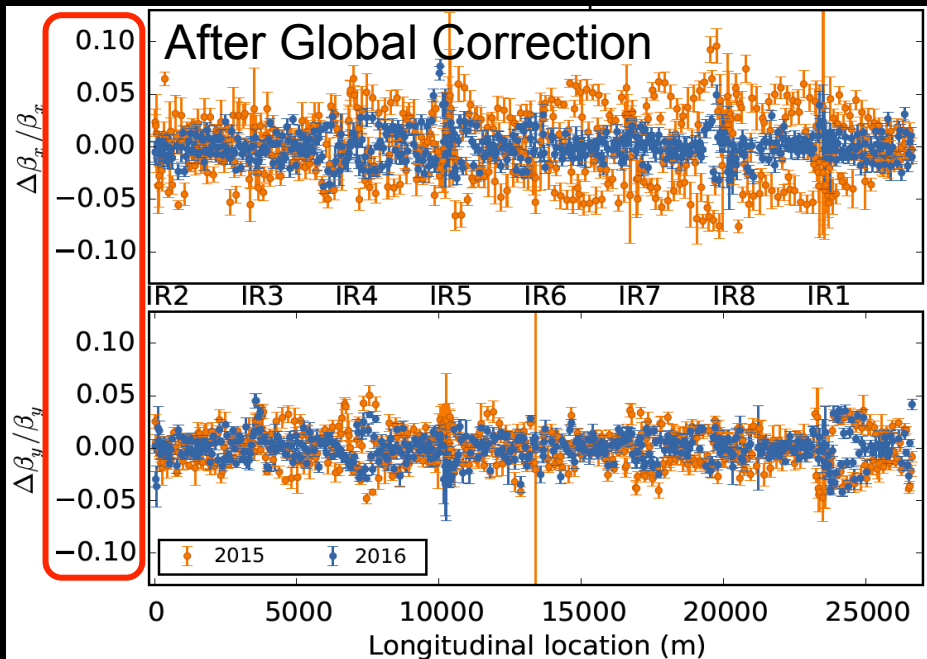
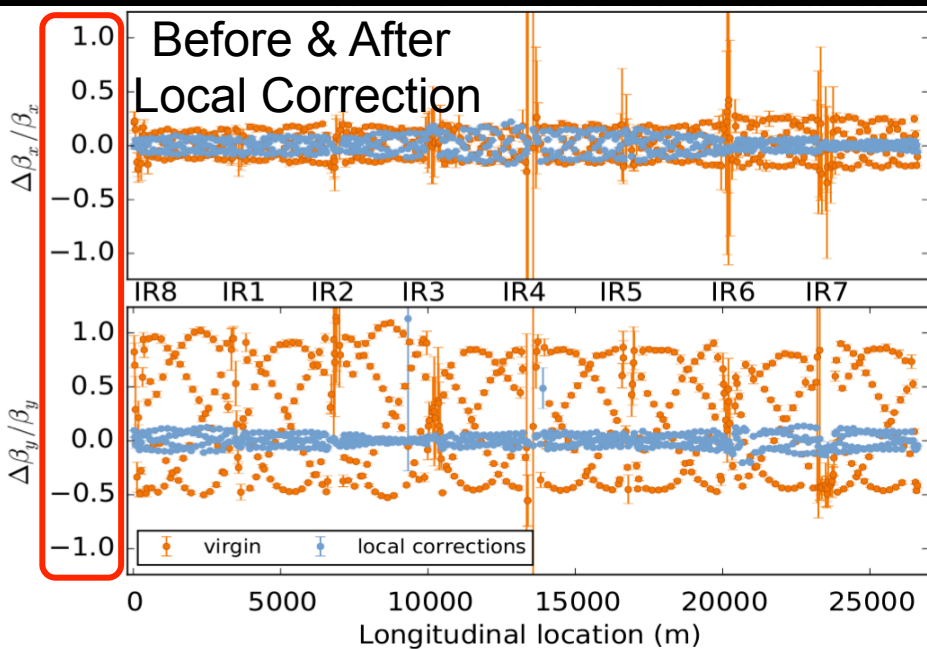
# Machine Optics Measurements

- **Light Sources**

- Dominated by closed orbit techniques (Orbit Response Matrix - e.g. LOCO)
  - Activate one orbit corrector & observe change in orbit
  - SOLEIL & DIAMOND achieved 0.3 - 0.4%  $\beta$ -beating
- Recently improved BPM electronics
  - Now allows turn-by-turn techniques to start competing with orbit response

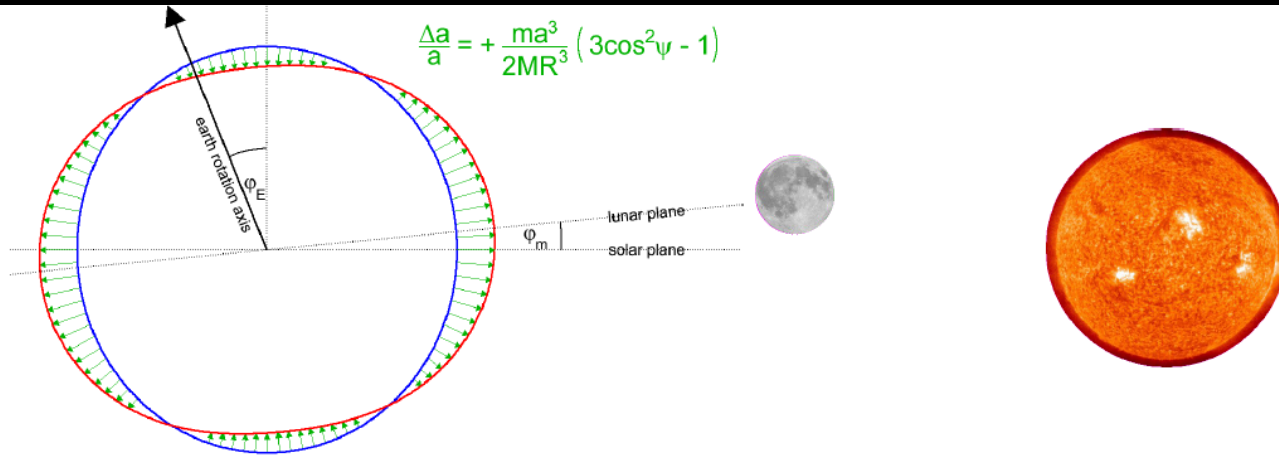
- **LHC**

- Only turn-by-turn technique feasible with correction < 2% achievable

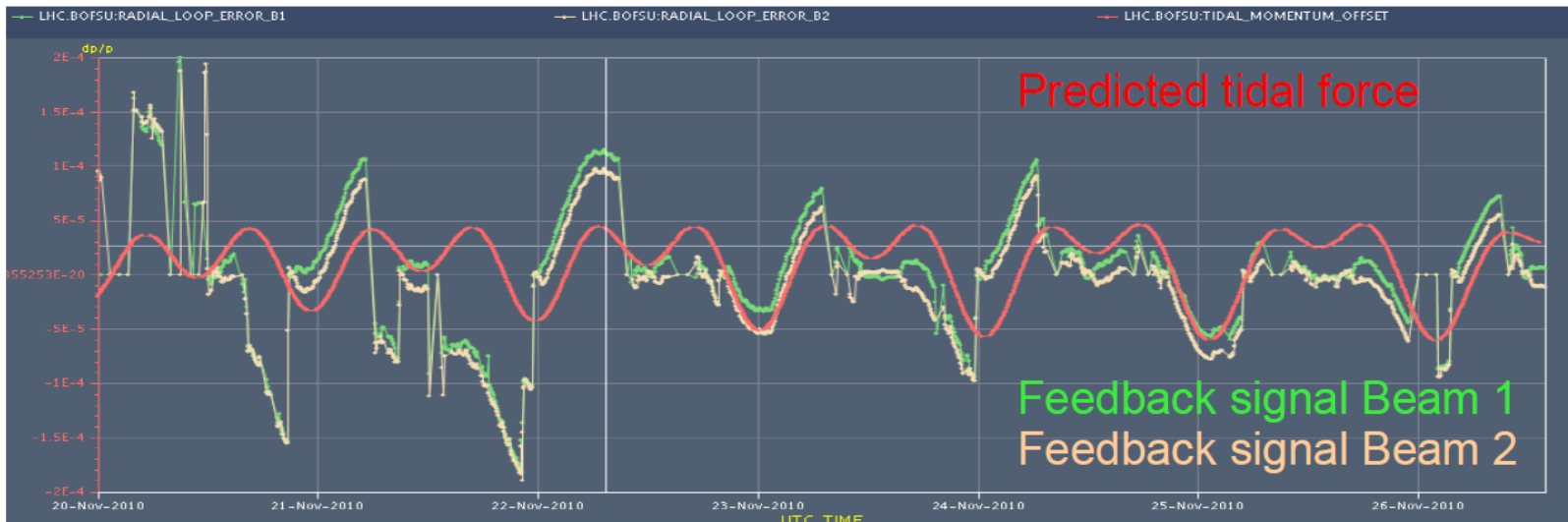


# Understanding Orbit Stability

- Earth Tides dominate during LHC Physics



$$\frac{\Delta a}{a} = + \frac{ma^3}{2MR^3} (3\cos^2\psi - 1)$$

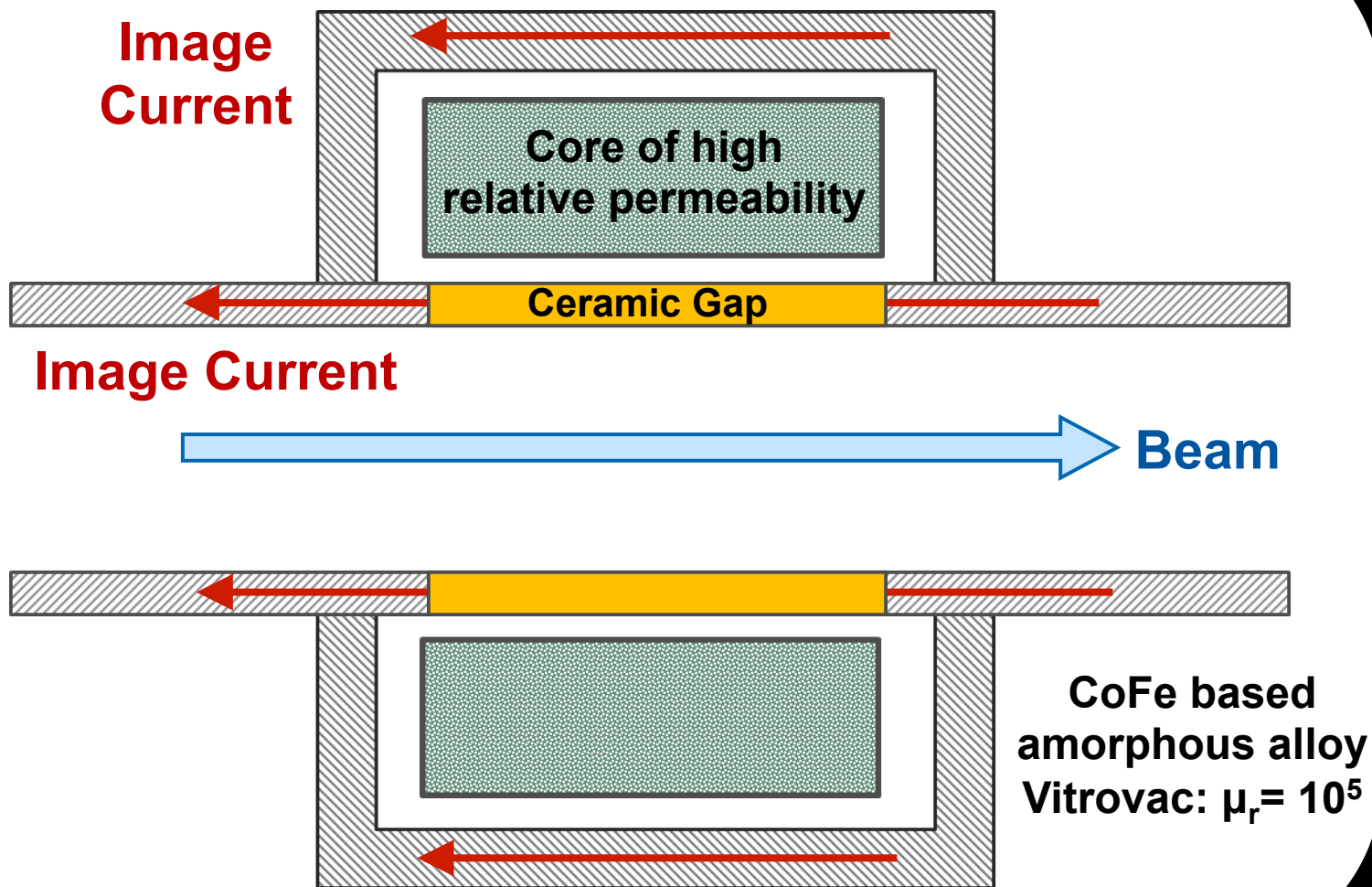


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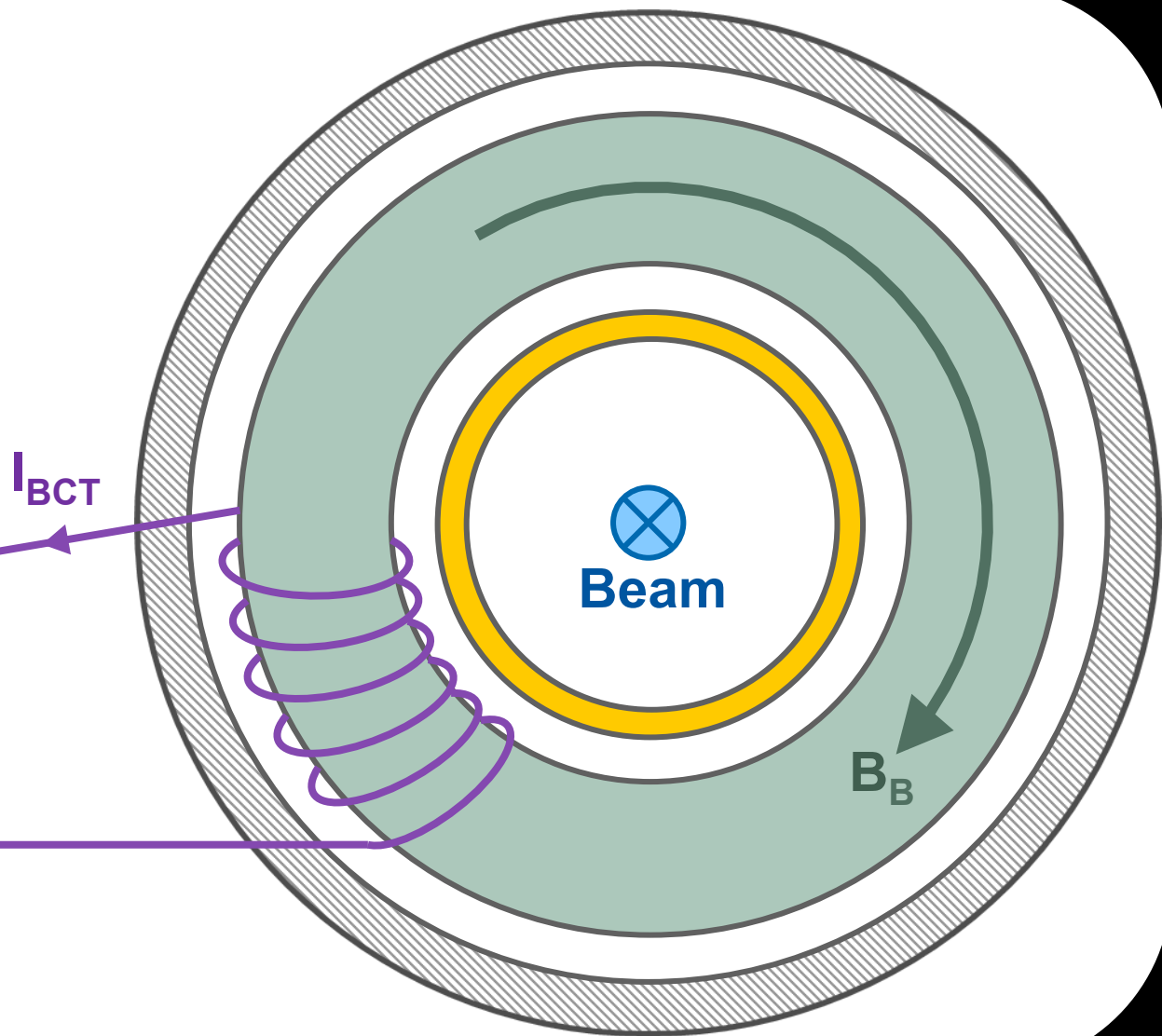
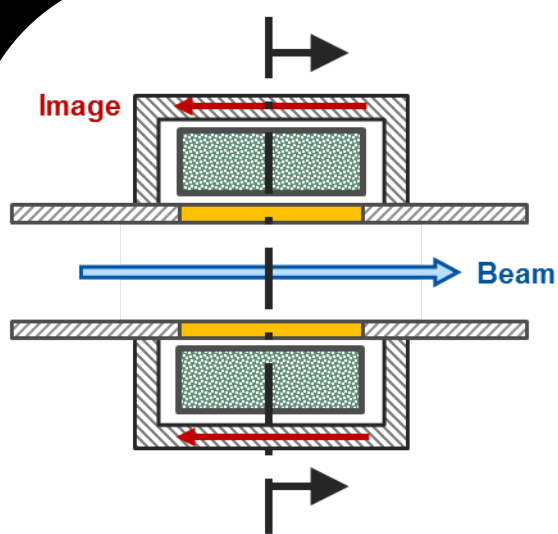
# Beam Intensity Monitors

# AC (Fast) Current Transformers





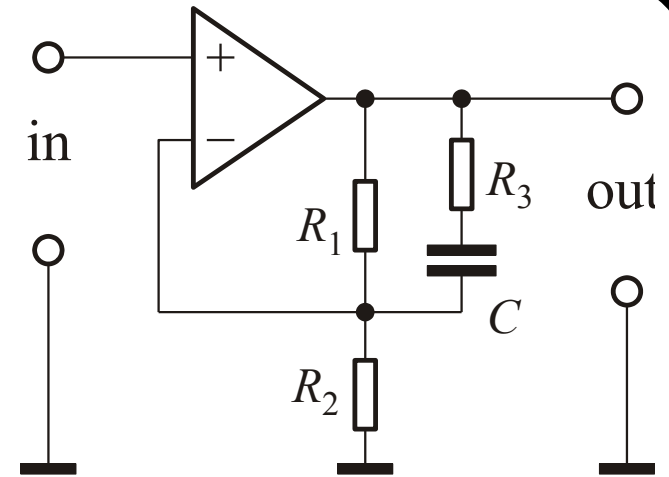
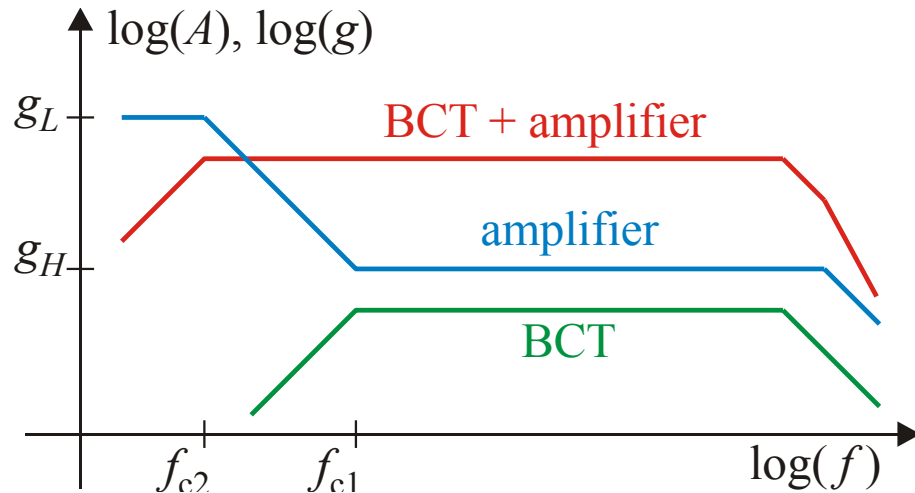
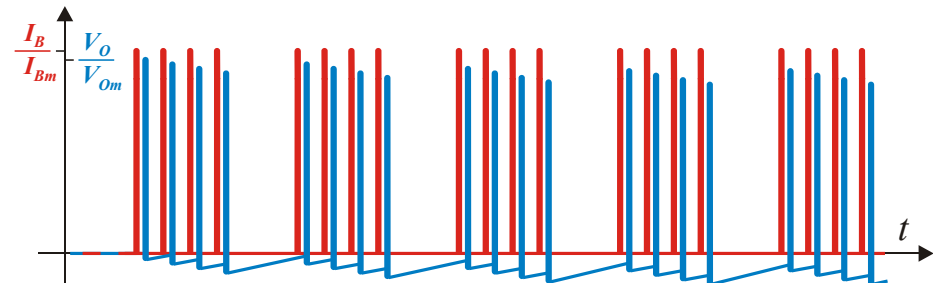
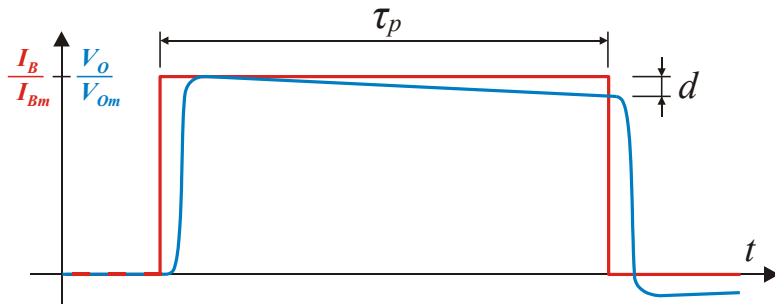
# AC (Fast) Current Transformers



# AC (Fast) Transformer Response

- **Low cut-off**

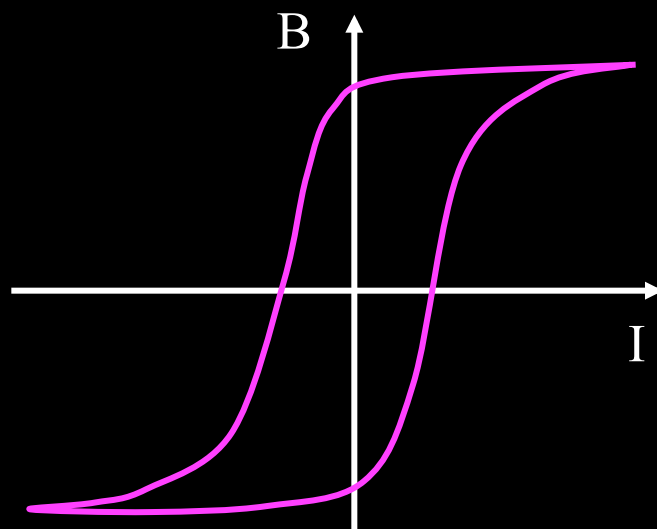
- Impedance of secondary winding decreases at low frequency
- Results in signal droop and baseline shift
- Mitigated by baseline restoration techniques (analogue or digital)

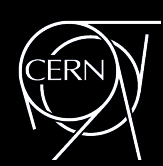


# The DC transformer

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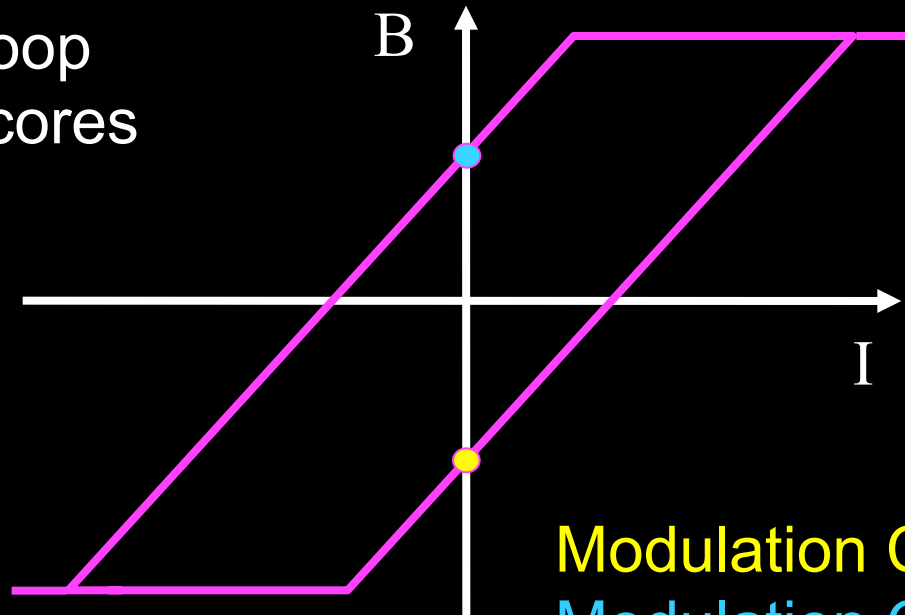
- AC transformers can be extended to very low frequency but not to DC ( no  $di/dt$  ! )
- DC measurement is required in storage rings
- To do this:
  - Take advantage of non-linear magnetisation curve
  - Use 2 identical cores modulated with opposite polarities



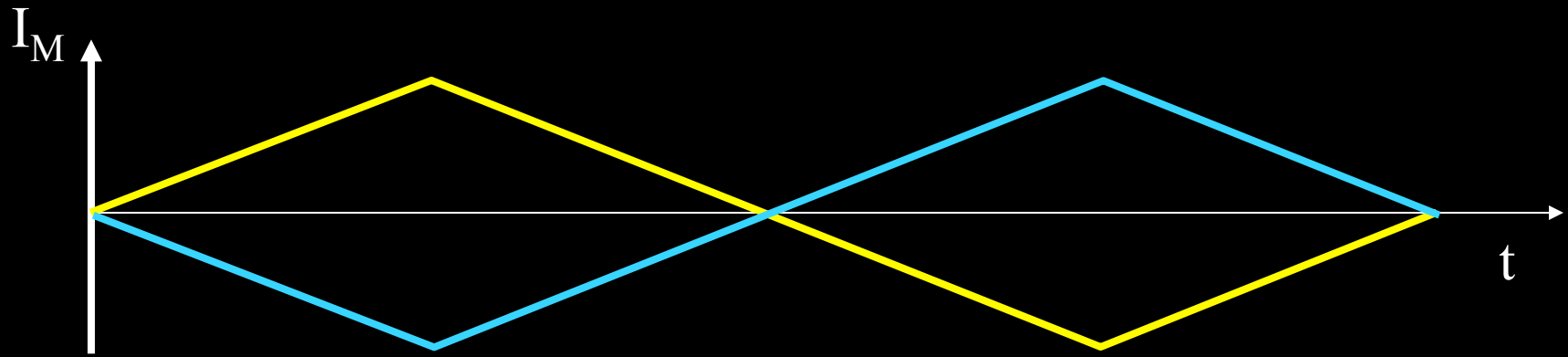


# DCCT Principle – Case 1: no beam

Hysteresis loop of modulator cores

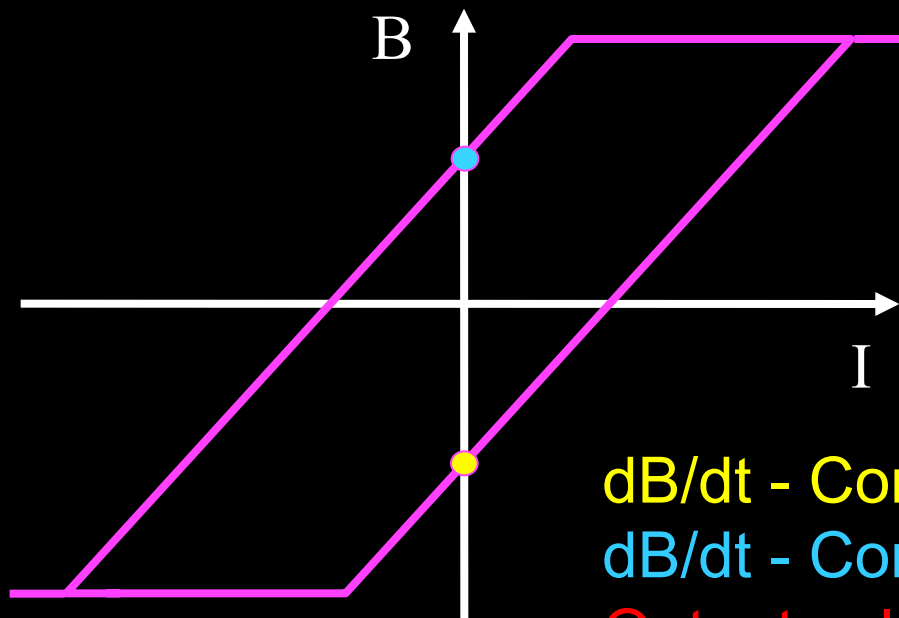


Modulation Current - Core 1  
Modulation Current - Core 2



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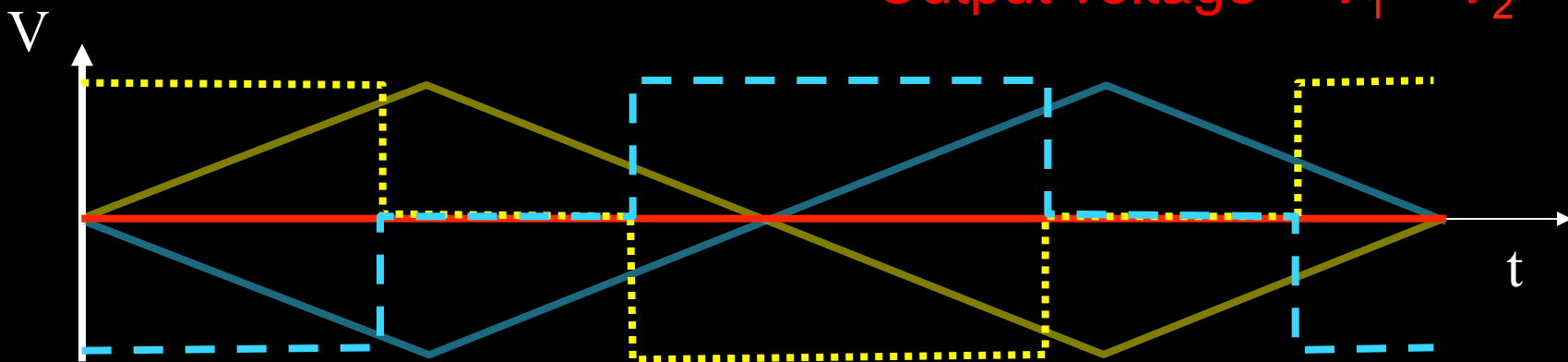
$$V \propto \frac{dB}{dt}$$

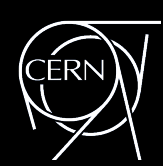


$dB/dt$  - Core 1 ( $V_1$ )

$dB/dt$  - Core 2 ( $V_2$ )

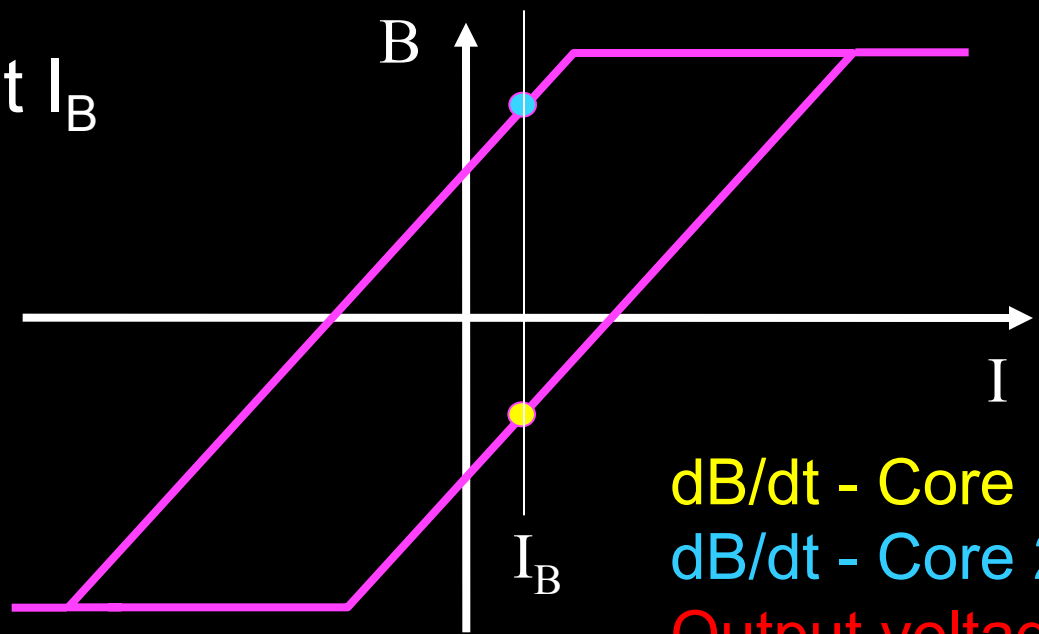
Output voltage =  $V_1 - V_2$





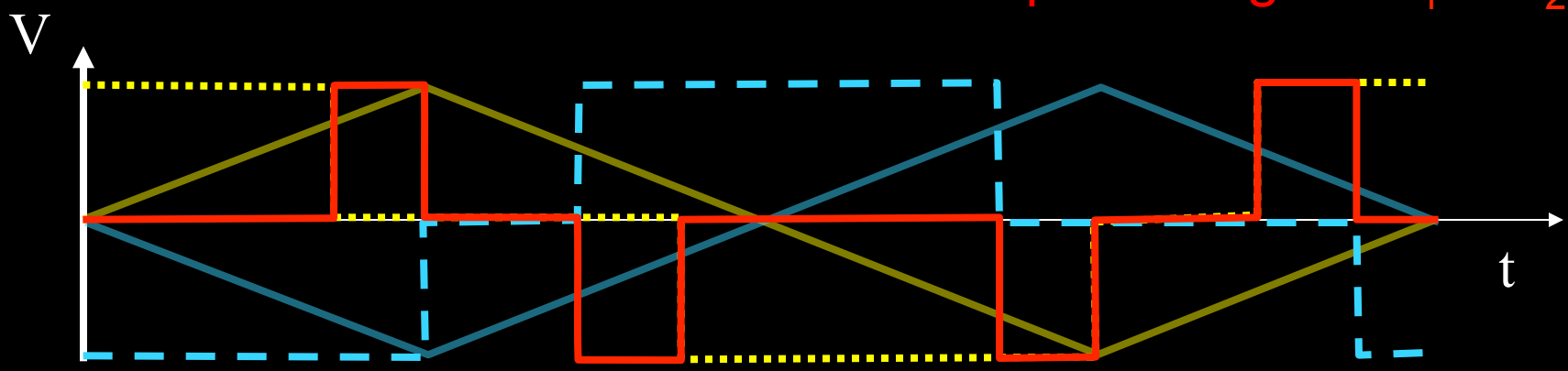
# DCCT Principle – Case 2: with beam

Beam Current  $I_B$

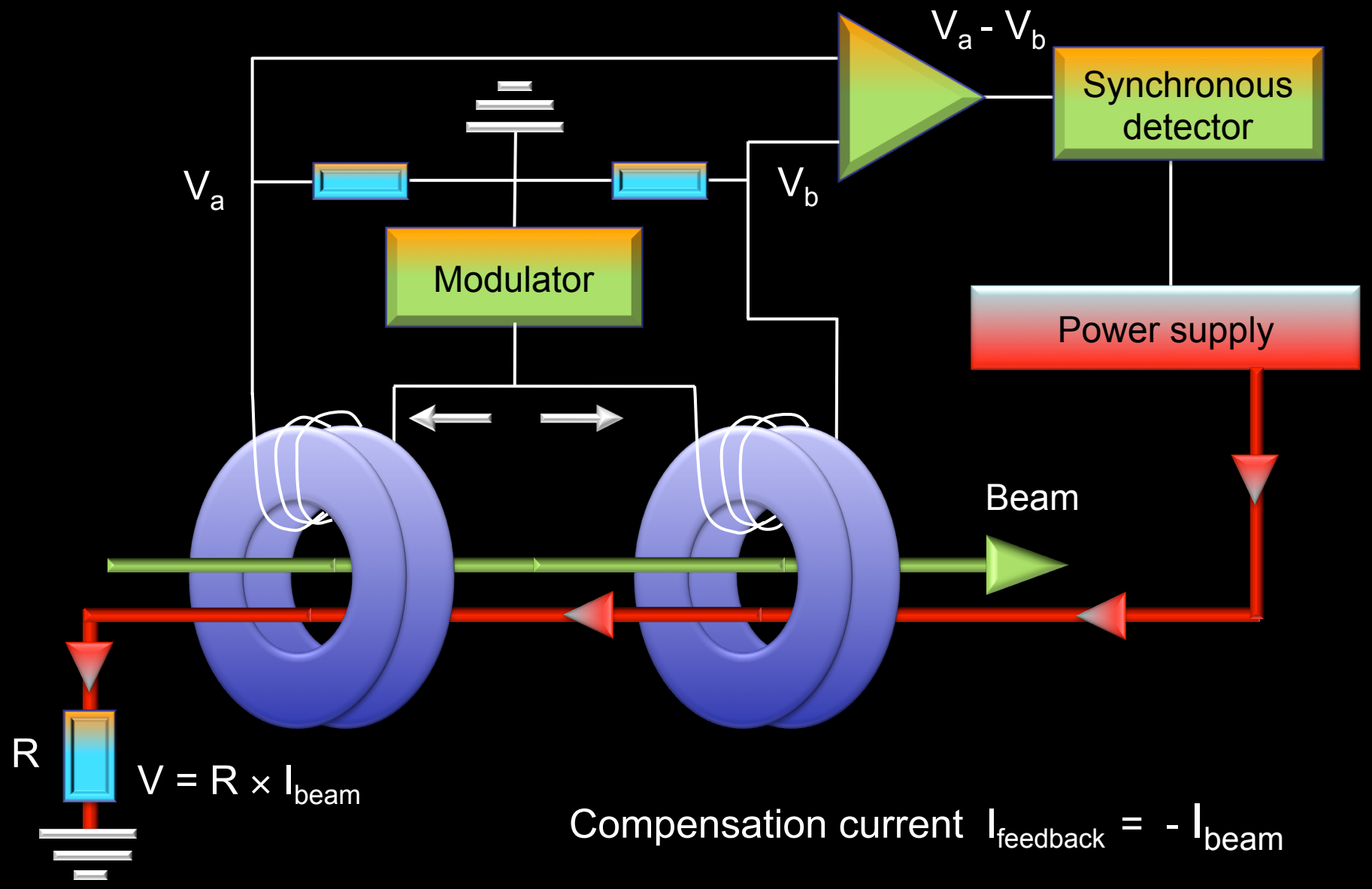


Output signal is at  
TWICE  
the modulation  
frequency

$\text{dB}/\text{dt}$  - Core 1 ( $V_1$ )  
 $\text{dB}/\text{dt}$  - Core 2 ( $V_2$ )  
Output voltage =  $V_1 - V_2$



# Zero Flux DCCT Schematic







# Diagnosics using Beam Intensity Monitors



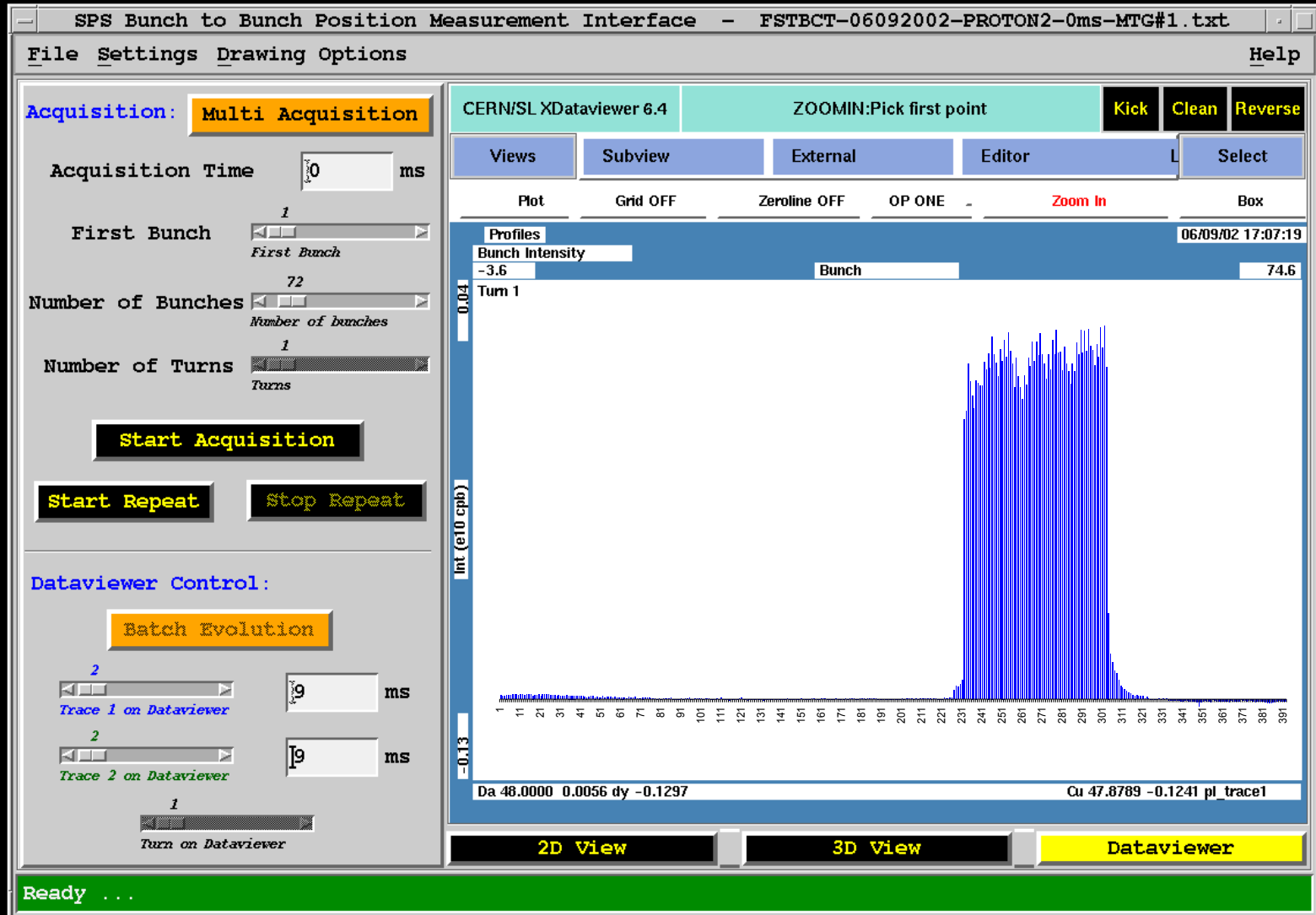
# BCTs in Operation

- Provide the general visual diagnostics for most accelerators
- LHC Operation Pages
  - Total intensity measurement
  - Lifetime calculation





# Diagnostics using Fact BCTs



Bad RF Capture of a single LHC Batch in the SPS (72 bunches)



# Beam Loss Monitors

# Beam Loss Detectors

- **Role of a BLM system:**
  - Protect the machine from damage
  - Dump the beam to avoid magnet quenches (for superconducting magnets)
  - Diagnostic tool to improve the performance of the accelerator
- **E.g. LHC**

Stored Energy	
Beam 7 TeV	2 x 362 MJ

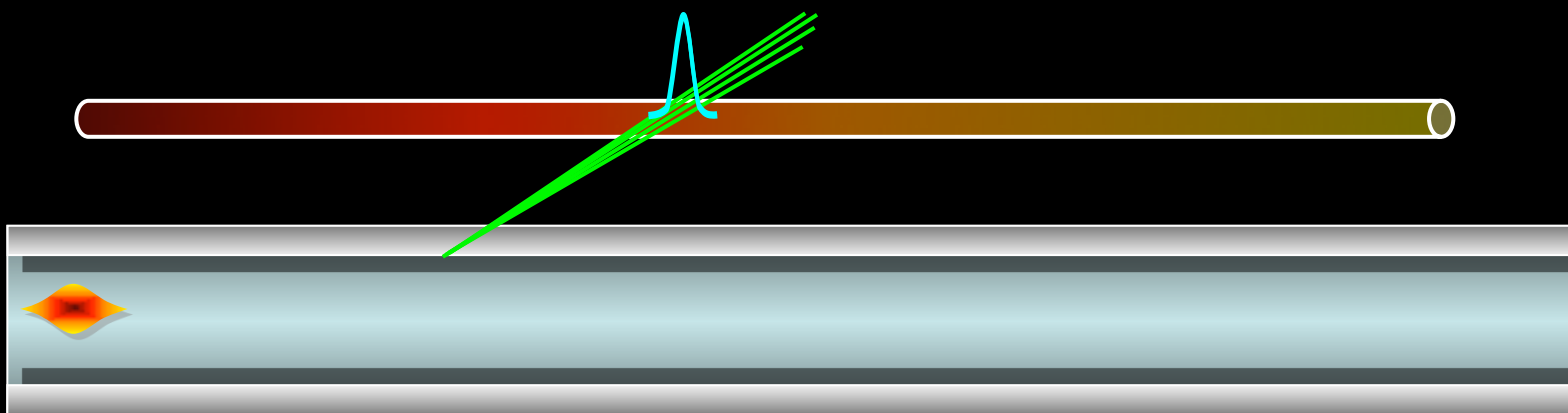
Quench and Damage at 7 TeV	
Quench level	$\approx 1 \text{ mJ/cm}^3$
Damage level	$\approx 1 \text{ J/cm}^3$



- **SPS incident**
  - June 2008
  - 2 MJ beam lost at 400GeV

# Beam Loss Detectors

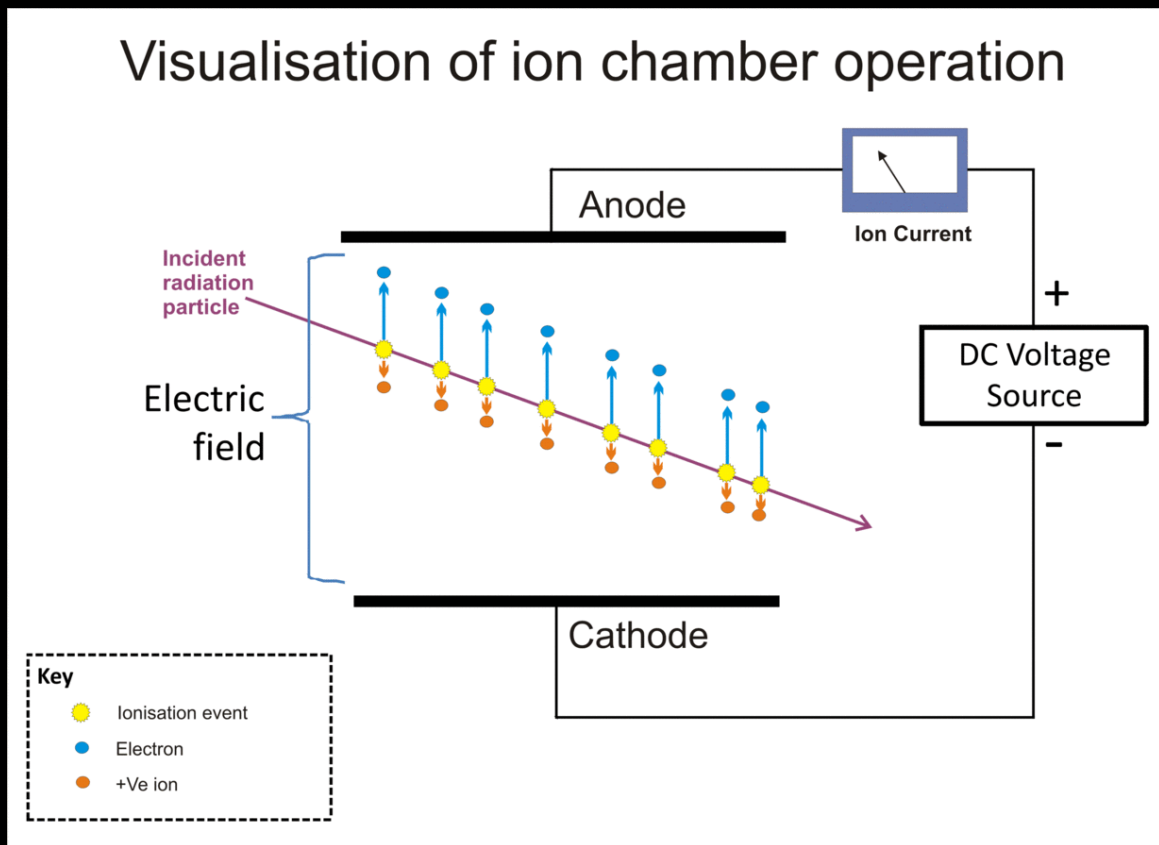
- **Common types of monitor**
  - Long ionisation chamber (charge detection)
    - Up to several km of gas filled hollow coaxial cables
    - Position sensitivity achieved by comparing direct & reflected pulse
      - e.g. SLAC – 8m position resolution (30ns) over 3.5km cable length
    - Dynamic range of up to  $10^4$
  - Fibre optic monitors
    - Electrical signals replaced by light produced through Cerenkov effect





# Beam Loss Detectors

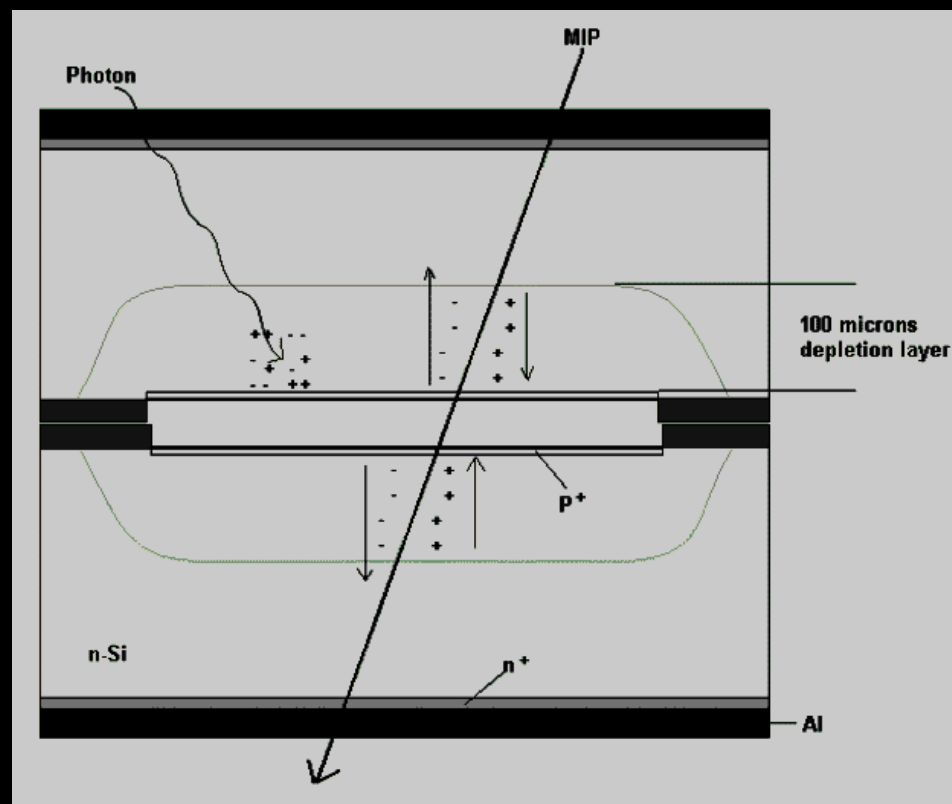
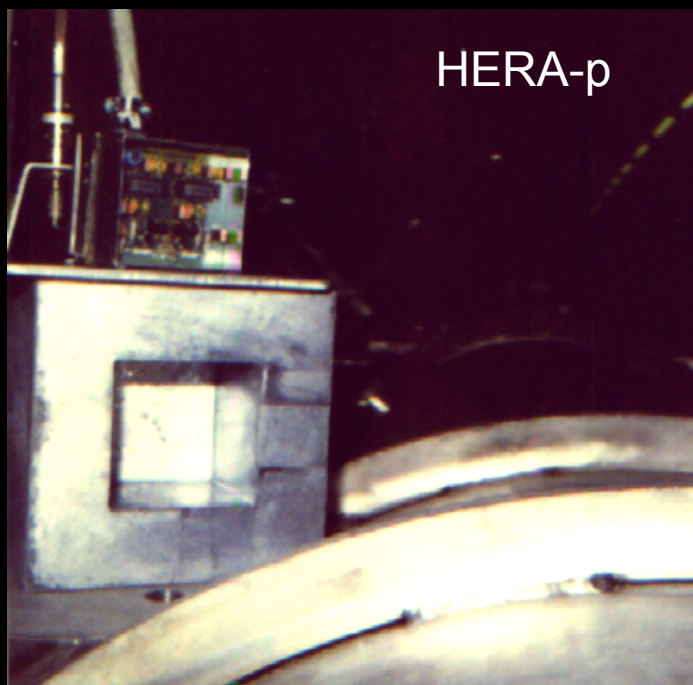
- **Common types of monitor**
  - Ionisation chambers
  - Dynamic range of  $< 10^8$
  - Slow response ( $\mu\text{s}$ ) due to ion drift time





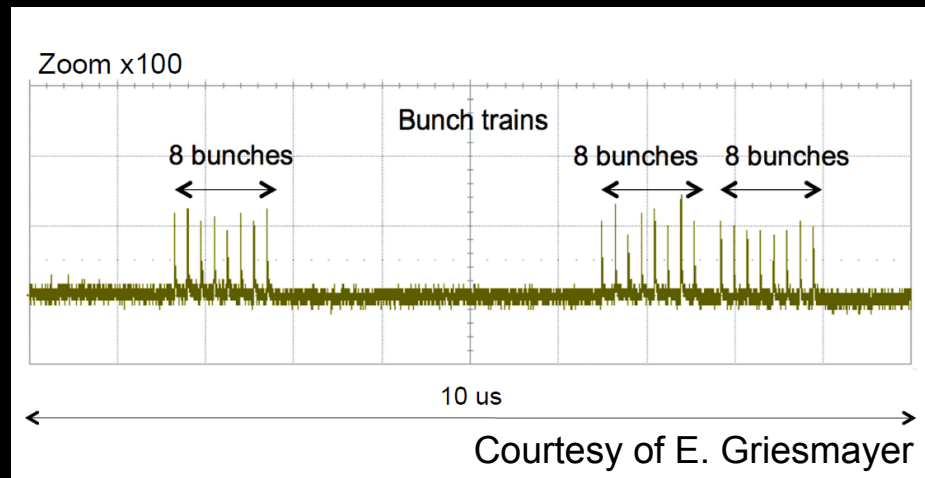
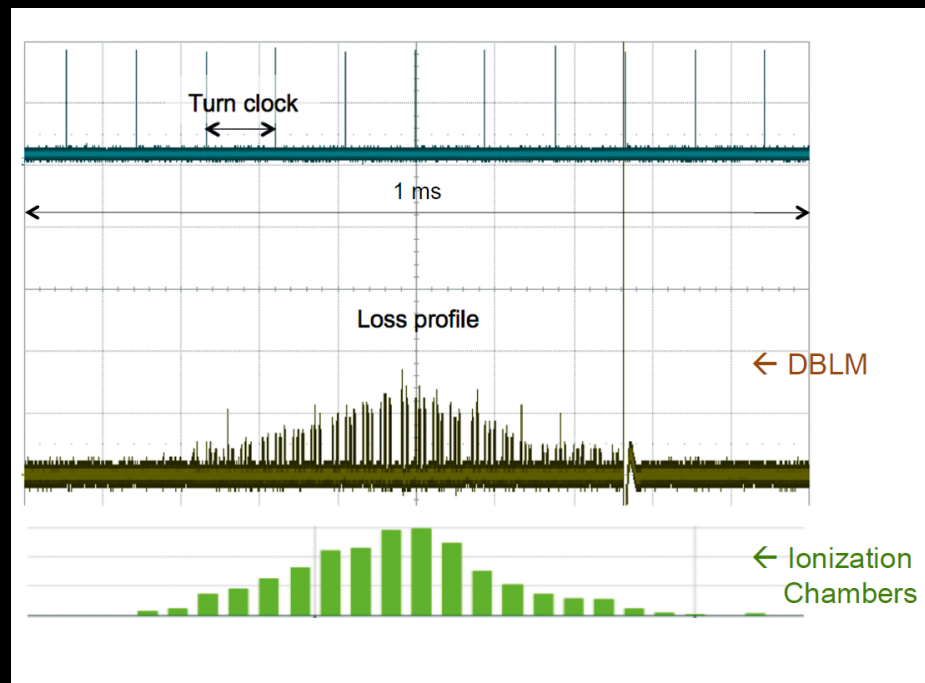
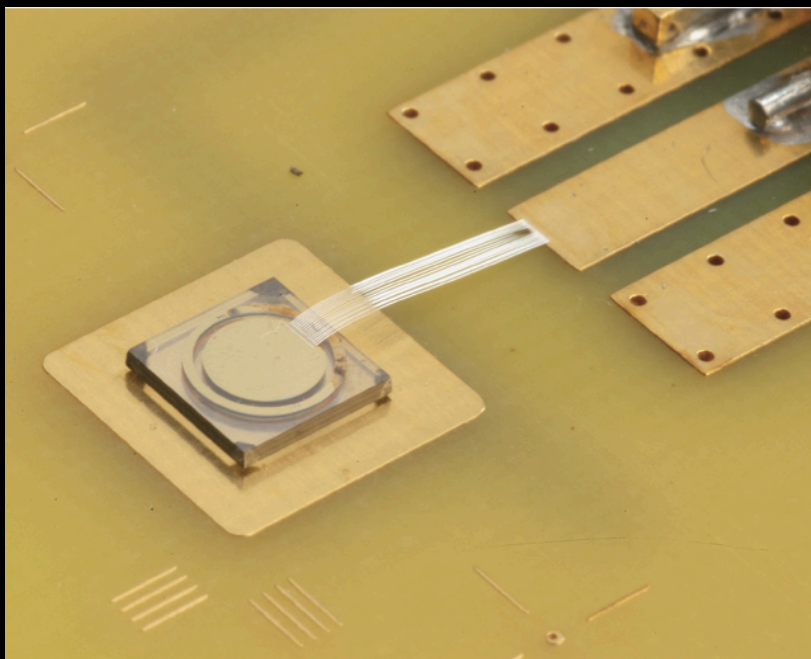
# Beam Loss Detectors

- **Common types of monitor**
  - PIN photodiode (solid state ionisation chamber)
    - Detect coincidence of ionising particle crossing photodiodes
    - Count rate proportional to beam loss with speed limited by integration time
    - Can distinguish between X-rays & ionising particles
    - Dynamic range of up to  $10^9$



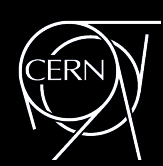
# Beam Loss Detectors – New Materials

- **Diamond Detectors**
  - Fast & sensitive
  - Used in LHC to distinguish bunch by bunch losses
  - Investigations now ongoing to see if they can work in cryogenic conditions



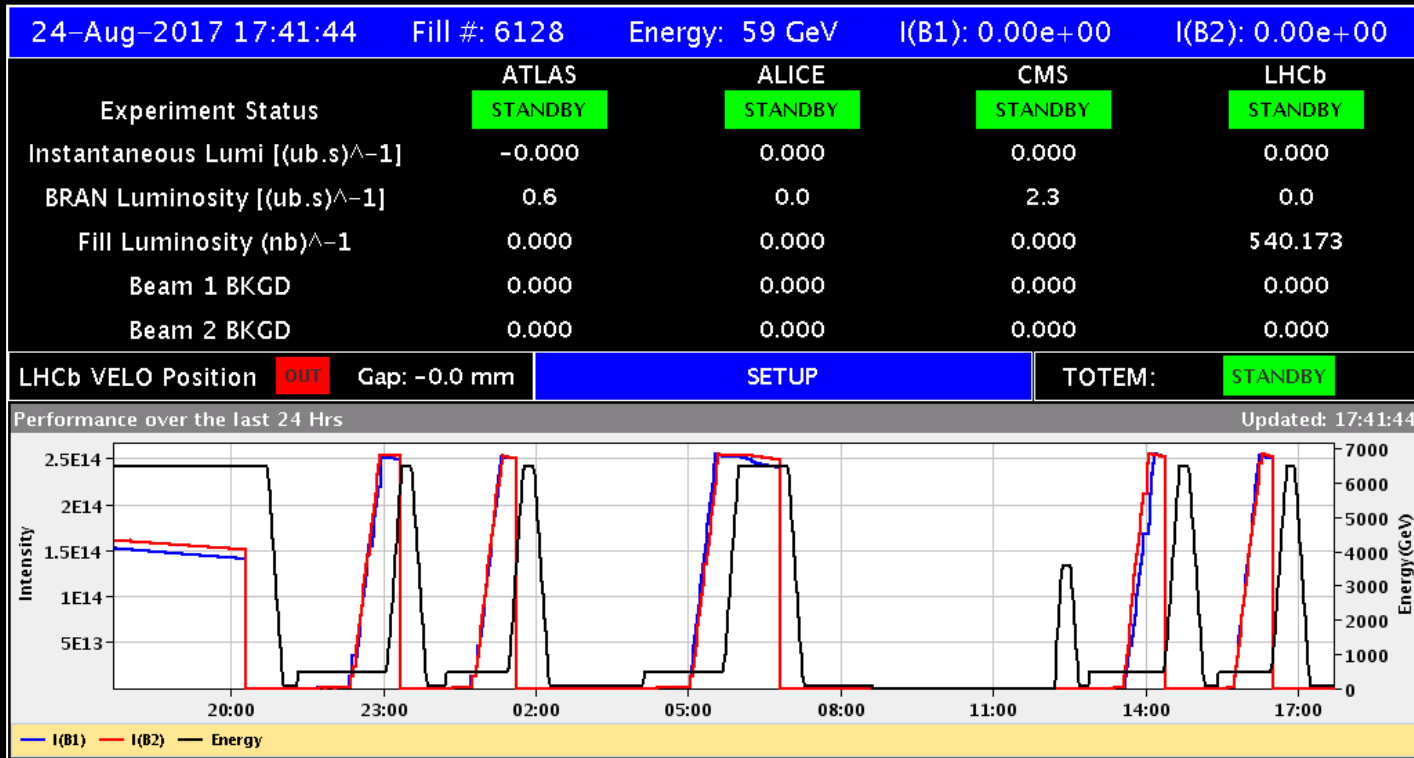


# Diagnostics using Beam Loss Monitors



# Recent Example from LHC

- Beam continually lost due to losses
  - What is going on?



Dump  
#1  
5.9TeV

RF  
issue

Dump  
#2  
7TeV

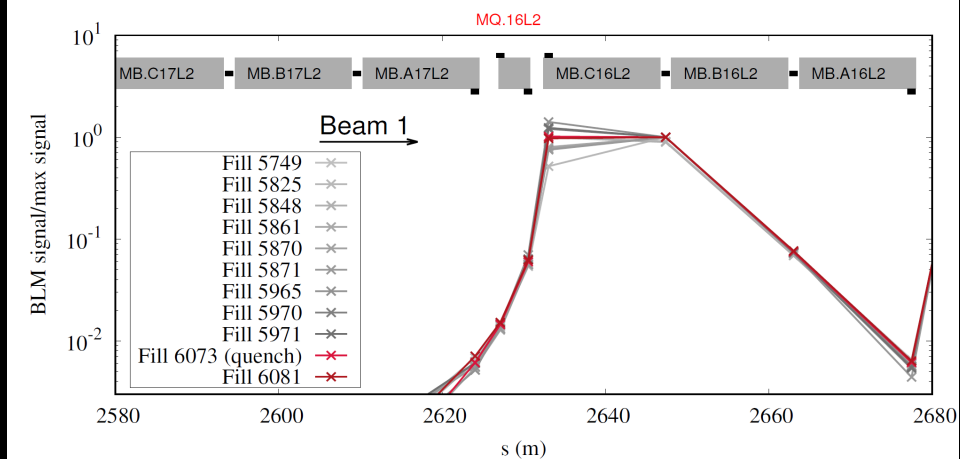
Dump  
#3  
0.9TeV

Dump  
#4  
0.8TeV

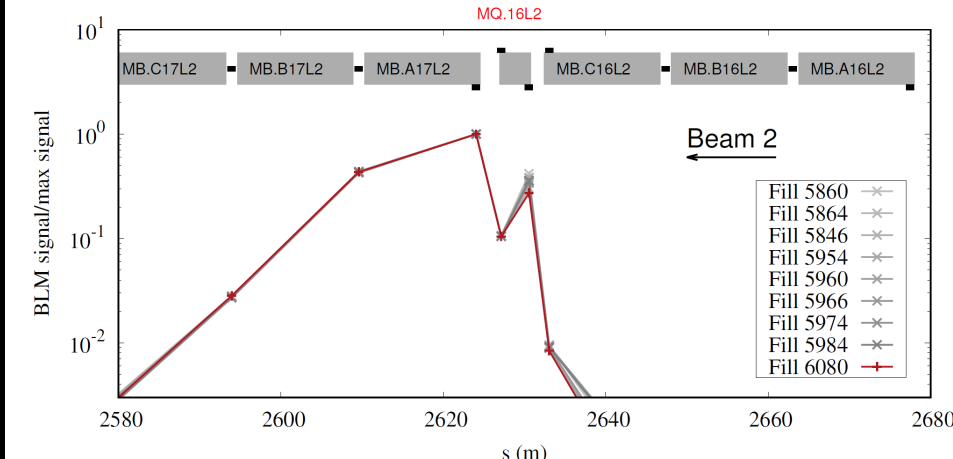
- **Localisation**

- BLM Spatial patterns clearly show losses originate from one specific interconnection
  - MQ16L2 (Cell 16 left of LHC Point 2)
  - Localisation possible to within 1m by comparing with simulation
- Losses can be on either beam

Spatial BLM patterns for dumps@6.5 TeV on **B1**:



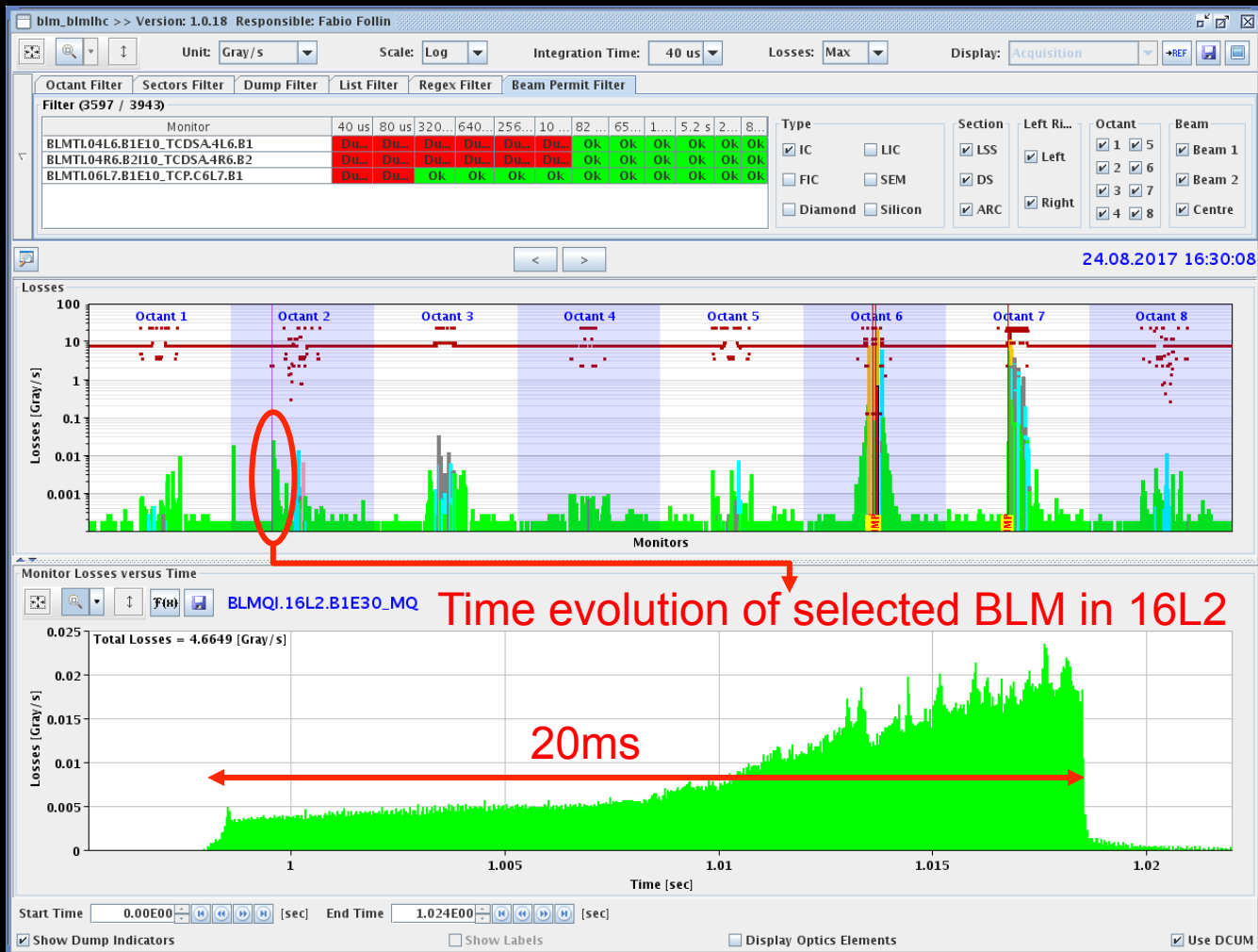
Spatial BLM patterns for dumps@6.5 TeV on **B2**:





# BLM Diagnostics

- Time evolution

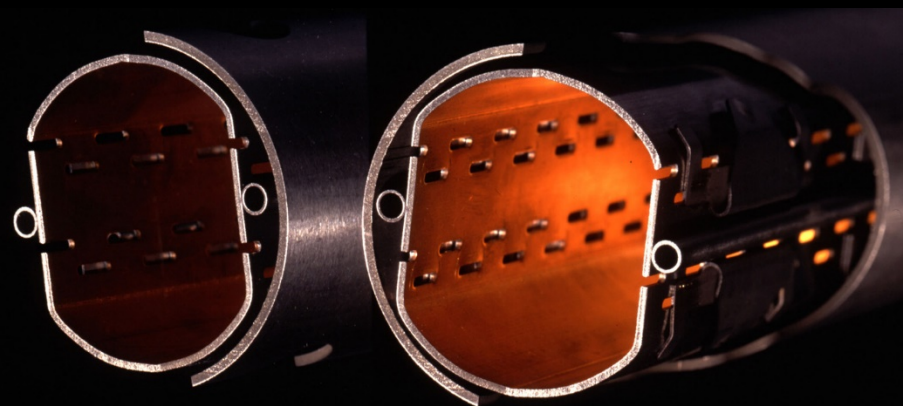
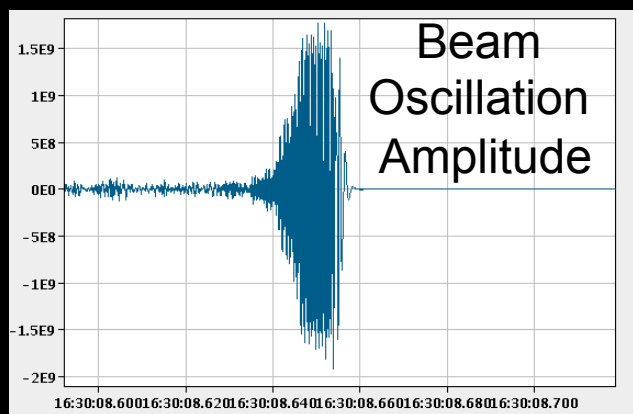




# Other Diagnostics & Hypothesis

- **Additional observations**

- Beam not always dumped by BLMs in 16L2
- Often dumped by BLMs near primary collimators
  - Development of transverse instability visible on tune measurement system



- **Current Hypothesis**

- Something went wrong during vacuum pumpdown
- Air trapped on beam screen & cold bore of both beams
  - Solid nitrogen & oxygen formed
- Falls into the beam & immediately vaporised
  - Creates local pressure rise
  - Leads to losses & beam instability



# Summary of Lecture 1

- **Today concentrated on beam position, intensity & loss monitors**
  - Went into details of how they worked
  - Gave examples of their use as diagnostic tools
- **Tomorrow we'll continue with a look at**
  - Beam profile monitoring & diagnostics
  - Tune, Coupling & Chromaticity measurement & feedback

Want to know more?

Then Join the Beam Instrumentation Afternoon Course

- **3 Sessions on BPM design**
  - Simulation software & “hands-on” laboratory measurements
- **1 Session on Tune Measurement**
  - Program and measure using your own DSP
- **2 Sessions on Profile Measurements**
  - “Hands-on” laboratory measurements
- **Final Session**
  - Group presentation of your BI proposals for an accelerator



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