BPM Systems - A BPM Primer -

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A Beam Position Monitoring System



Learning Objectives

Introduction into BPM systems

- From an engineering perspective
 - How to design and build a BPM system!?
- Focus on the principle of operation
 - > Often in graphical format
- Practical formulas as necessary, but no lengthy derivations
- Stick to the fundamentals
 - > Expert and exotic stuff: please study the related papers
- Very personal selection of BPM topics
 - Focus on popular BPM components and subsystems
 - > BPM pickups, such as buttons, stripline, cavity BPM, etc.
 - > BPM electronics, e.g. RF signal conditioning, digital signal processing
 - Will not cover BPM applications and beam measurements
 - Covered at the CAS introduction and advanced courses
- Give the design basics for the key elements of a BPM system
 - So lets start...

BPM Systems

- are based on Beam Position Monitors (BPM), which are beam detectors located along the accelerator
 - BPM: Beam Position Monitor
 - Beam pickup with signal processing (read-out) electronics
 - Often colleagues just refer to the beam pickup as BPM
 - BPMs are typically located near each quadrupole magnet
 - Use 4 or more BPMs per betatron oscillation period
- deliver beam orbit (trajectory) information
 - Non-invasive monitoring based on the EM-field of the passing beam
 - Synchronized BPMs deliver beam timing information
 - Beam orbit measurement
 - turn-by-turn, batch-by-batch, bunch-by-bunch, or averaged over many turns
 - Beam phase or time-of-flight (TOF) information in linacs
- are a powerful beam diagnostics tool
 - Machine commissioning, characterization of the beam optics, measurement of beam parameters, trouble-shooting,...

BPM Systems Part 1

- Principle of operation
 - Wall currents and the electrostatic BPM pickup
- Bunch Beam Signals
- The image charge (current) model for BPMs
 - Position characteristic in a circular beam pipe
 - Numerical analysis and correction of non-linearities
- BPM pickups
 - Split-plane BPM
 - Button BPM
 - Stripline BPM
 - Cavity BPM
- Summary of part 1

E-field of a moving point charge



> almost no longitudinal field components

Wall current



- Single proton in a perfect conducting cylindrical beam pipe of radius *r*
 - Travelling with: $\beta = \frac{v}{c} \approx 1$
 - Image charges q_w along the azimuth of the beam pipe wall:

$$q = -q_w$$

Wall current density:

$$j_w(t) = -\frac{i_b(t)}{2\pi r}$$

• Beam current: $i_b(t) = \frac{dq}{dt}$

$$q = Ne$$

Electrostatic Beam Monitor



Beam response – High-pass



Electrostatic BPM



Beam Position Monitor Principle

• The BPM principle is based on symmetry

The beam displacement *d* is detected by a pair of symmetrical arrange electrodes



- BUT: Hoops, wait a minute, not so fast...
 What happens if the beam / bunch intensity changes?!
 - > The Δ-signal still contains beam intensity information!
 - Need to "normalize" the Δ-signal

EM Pickup for Beam Position Measurements

- The BPM pickup detects the beam positions by means of:
 - identifying asymmetries of the signal amplitudes from two symmetrically arranged electrodes A & B:

norm. beam pos. $\propto \frac{A-B}{A+B}$

> broadband pickups, e.g. buttons, striplines

- Detecting dipole-like eigenmodes of a beam excited, passive resonator:
 - > narrowband pickups, e.g. cavity BPM
- BPM electrode transfer impedance:



- The beam displacement or sensitivity function s(x, y) is frequency independent for broadband pickups (@ $v \approx c$)



Beam Current Signals



Beam Signals: Harmonic Amplitude Factors

Bunch shape	Harmonic amplitude factor A _m	Comments
δ-function (point charge)	1	For all harmonics
Gaussian	$\exp\left[\frac{(m\omega\sigma)^2}{2}\right]$	$\sigma = \mathrm{RMS}$ bunch length
parabolic	$3\left(\frac{\sin\alpha}{\alpha^3}-\frac{\cos\alpha}{\alpha^2}\right)$	$\alpha = m\pi W/_T$
(cos) ²	$\frac{\sin(\alpha-2)\frac{\pi}{2}}{(\alpha-2)\pi} + \frac{\sin\frac{\alpha\pi}{2}}{\frac{\alpha\pi}{2}} + \frac{\cos(\alpha+2)\frac{\pi}{2}}{(\alpha+2)\pi}$	$\alpha = \frac{2mW}{T}$
triangular	$\frac{2(1-\cos\alpha)}{\alpha^2}$	$\alpha = \frac{m\pi W}{T}$
square	$\frac{\sin \alpha}{\alpha}$	$\alpha = m\pi W/_T$

Normaization: $A_m \rightarrow 1$ for $\omega \rightarrow 0$ *T*: bunch period *W*: but

W: bunch lenght at base

Beam Signal Frequency Response

- Use Fourier transformation
 - instead of *Fourier* series expansion with infinite sums
- Examples: Gaussian and raised cosine (cos²) pulse
 - Time domain

 $i_{Gauss}(t) = \frac{eN}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}}e^{-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma^2}}$

Frequency domain

$$I_{Gauss}(f) = eN e^{-2(\pi f\sigma)^2}$$

 $i_{RaisedCos}(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{eN}{2w} \left(1 + \cos\frac{\pi t}{w}\right), -w < t < w \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases} \quad I_{RaisedCos}(f) = \frac{eN\sin(2\pi fw)}{2\pi fw(1 - 4f^2w^2)} \\ & \text{Evaluation} \end{cases}$

Frequency domain

Time domain ($N=10^{11}$)

Frequency domain



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More on Image Charges and Image Currents

- Relativistic beams v ≈ c:
 - Electrostatic problem of a line charge in a conductive circular cylinder
- Solution based on the image charge method:
 - Image current density

$$J_{w}(R,\Phi_{w}) = -\frac{I_{beam}}{2\pi R} \left[1 + 2\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^{n} \cos n(\Phi_{w} - \varphi) \right] = -\frac{I_{beam}}{2\pi R} \frac{R^{2} - r^{2}}{R^{2} + r^{2} - 2r\cos(\Phi_{w} - \varphi)}$$

R

Image current integrated on BPM electrode A

$$I_A = R \int_{-\alpha/2}^{+\alpha/2} J_w(R, \Phi_w) d\Phi_w = -\frac{I_{beam}}{2\pi} s_A(r/R, \varphi, \alpha)$$
$$s_A(r/R, \varphi, \alpha) = \alpha + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^n \cos(n\varphi) \sin\left(\frac{n\alpha}{2}\right)$$

 Similar solution for electrode B or for vertically arranged electrodes α

Normalized Beam Position Characteristic

- Pair of symmetric horizontal electrodes:
 - $A = I_A$ (right electrode) $B = I_B$ (left electrode)
 - Horizontal and vertical beam position:

 $x = r\cos\varphi \qquad \qquad y = r\sin\varphi$

- Normalized beam position characteristic Δ/Σ (horizontal):
 - Approximation and closed form solution

hor. position
$$= \frac{\Delta}{\Sigma} = \frac{A-B}{A+B} = \frac{4\sin\frac{\alpha}{2}x}{\alpha} + \text{higher-order terms}$$
$$= \frac{f(x, y, R, \alpha) - f(-x, y, R, \alpha)}{f(x, y, R, \alpha) + f(-x, y, R, \alpha)}$$
$$f(x, y, R, \alpha) = \pi \int_{-\alpha/2}^{+\alpha/2} J_w(R, \Phi_w) d\Phi_w = \tan^{-1} \frac{\left[(R+x)^2 + y^2\right] \tan\left(\frac{\alpha}{4}\right) - 2Ry}{x^2 + y^2 - R^2} + \tan^{-1} \frac{\left[(R+x)^2 + y^2\right] \tan\left(\frac{\alpha}{4}\right) + 2Ry}{x^2 + y^2 - R^2}$$

Example

• Position characteristic for R = 12.5 mm, $\alpha = 30^{\circ}$:



Logarithmic Ratio Normalization

• Results in a more linear position characteristic

hor. position =
$$20\log_{10}\left(\frac{A}{B}\right) = 20\log_{10}\left(\frac{\sin\frac{\alpha}{2}x}{\alpha} + \text{higher-order terms}\right)$$

= $20\log_{10}\left[\frac{f(x, y, R, \alpha)}{f(-x, y, R, \alpha)}\right]$

- The example for R = 12.5 mm, $\alpha = 30^{\circ}$ gives a sensitivity of 2.75 dB/mm near the origin



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BPM with 45⁰ Rotated Electrodes

- Popular in synchrotron light and damping rings, and in the LHC!
 - Prevents that sync light, or collision debris, hits the electrodes
 - More non-linear position behavior
 - Reduced position sensitivity (this example: 1.94 dB/mm)



Numerical Analysis (1)

- For most button or stripline type BPMs: 2D E-static analysis
 - Relativistic beam $1/\gamma^2 \ll (\sigma_\ell/R)^2$ long bunches $\sigma_\ell \gg R$
 - Solve the 2D E-static potential problem
 - > BUT: without varying ρ for many positions $\vec{r} \in (x, y)$

line charge density

$$\nabla^{2}_{\perp} \Phi_{elec}(r) = \frac{\rho}{\phi} \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_{0})$$
potential

- Apply Green's reciprocity theorem and solve the Laplace equation in 2D: $\nabla^2_{\perp} \Phi_{elec}(r) = 0 \rightarrow \Phi_{elec}(x, y)$



2D "slice", prepared with tetrahedral mesh for the numerical analysis

> Result of the quasi-2D numerical analysis: equipotentials of the right electrodes



Numerical Analysis (2)

• For a horizontal BPM

- Mirror the potential field $\Phi_{elec}(x, y) = \Phi_A(x, y) = \Phi_B(-x, y)$

- And then combine the fields $\Phi_{hor}(x, y) = \frac{\Phi_A - \Phi_B}{\Phi_A + \Phi_B} = \frac{\Delta}{\Sigma}$

> Can be performed for any symmetric arrangement of the electrodes



1D Non-linear Correction

The 2D electrostatic analysis enables

- optimization of the characteristic impendence of a stripline
- Coverage factor, centered beam sensitivity s(x = 0, y = 0)
- Correction of the non-linear position behavior in 1D or 2D
 - > By look-up tables or a polynomial fit function
- Find a 1D polynomial fit function for horizontal beam displacements $x \neq 0, y = 0$
 - Relationship between raw (measured) and true beam position: $x_{raw} = f(x)$
 - Fit the inverted function
 by a polynomial of power p
 - \succ Larger p, better fit
 - A too high p may lead to an unstable fit
 - In most cases a x-y symmetry is given, and the same correction polynomial can be applied to the vertical axes
 - > In practice, the quadradic correction area has to be limited, e.g. $\mathbb{R} = 40\%$

 $x = f^{-1} x_{raw}$



$$x_{bpm}^{1D} = \sum_{i=0}^{p} c_i x_{raw}^i = U_p(x_{raw}) \approx x$$

2D Non-linear Correction



- Remaining errors for the LHC stripline BPM applying correction polynomials $U_5(x), U_5(y)$ at an area $\mathbb{R} = 68\%$



- Find a 2D polynomial fit function for $x, y \neq 0$ (x =
 - Raw and true beam position are given by:
 with: f = g and y = f(y_{raw}, x_{raw})
 ▶ Notice the swap!

$$\begin{cases} x = f(x_{raw}, y_{raw}) \\ y = g(x_{raw}, y_{raw}) \end{cases}$$

- Fit a 2D surface polynomial for f(x, y) of power p and q for x and y

$$\begin{cases} x_{bpm}^{2D} = \sum_{i,j=0}^{p,q} \left(c_{ij} x_{raw}^{i} y_{raw}^{j} \right) = Q_{p,q}(x_{raw}, y_{raw}) \approx x \\ y_{bpm}^{2D} = \sum_{i,j=0}^{p,q} \left(c_{ij} y_{raw}^{i} x_{raw}^{j} \right) = Q_{p,q}(y_{raw}, x_{raw}) \approx y \end{cases}$$

Examples for 2D corrections

LHC stripline BPM

- Pin-cushion maps ($\mathbb{R} = 40\%$)

> For symmetry reasons some cross-terms are 0, or very small (negligible)



1%R

0.8

Higher Order Moments

Particle<->BPM EM-fields are linear and time-invariant

- Superposition principles apply
- Many particles -> BPM detects (approximately) the center-of-charge
 - > Point charge q = eN
- But: Non-linear effects allow the detection of higher moments:
 - Electrode A signal to *N* particles:

$$I_A = -\frac{I_{beam}}{2\pi} \left[\alpha + 4 \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{r_i}{R}\right)^n \cos(n\varphi_i) \sin\left(\frac{n\alpha}{2}\right) \right]$$

– After some math gym follows:

monopole moment
$$\propto$$
 intensity (common mode)

$$I_A = -\frac{I_{beam}}{\pi} \left[\frac{\alpha}{2} + \frac{2}{R} \sin\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) x_{beam} + \frac{1}{R^2} \sin(\alpha) \left(\sigma_x^2 - \sigma_y^2 + x_{beam}^2 - y_{beam}^2\right) \right]$$

dipole moment \propto position/*R* quadrupolar moment \propto (Δ size+ Δ pos)/ R^2

В

 σ_{r} ,

heam

y_{beam}

Effects of the Beam Size

Ideal 2-dim model:

courtesy M. Bozzolan

Finite beam size:

Due to the non-linearity, the beam size enters in the position reading.



Remark: For most LINACs: Linearity is less important, because beam has to be centered → correction as feed-forward for next macro-pulse.

BPM with Linear Position Response

• Split-plane tube electrode

- radius: R
- length: $\ell(\Phi_w) = \ell(1 + \cos \Phi_w)$
- A beam of
 - charge: q_b , position: (r, φ)

induces an image charge on the electrode:

$$Q_{elec} = -q_b \ell \int_{0}^{2\pi} \frac{(1 + \cos \Phi_w) (R^2 + r^2)}{R^2 + r^2 - 2Rr \cos(\Phi_w - \varphi)} dx$$

with a linear position response

$$Q_{elec} = -q_b \ell \left(1 + \frac{r \cos \varphi}{R} \right) = -q_b \ell \left(1 + \frac{x}{R} \right)$$

$$\implies \qquad \text{hor. position} = \frac{\Delta}{\Sigma} = \frac{A - B}{A + B} = \frac{x}{R}$$



"Shoe-box" BPM



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U_{right}

Spit-Plane BPM

+ Pros

- Linear position response
 - No correction for non-linearities required, simple analog read-out electronics without post-processing
- high transfer impedance at low frequencies
 - > Good match for long bunches, low- β beam
 - High signal levels, allows operation at low frequencies with high load impedance
- Cons
 - Complicated mechanics, requires sufficient real-estate
 - High capacitive source impedance, reflective
 - Eigenmodes at low frequencies, high beam coupling impedance
 - > Limited to low frequency operation, typically <300 MHz

"Shoe-box" BPM Example

Technical realization at the HIT synchrotron of 46 m length for 7 MeV/u \rightarrow 440 MeV/u BPM clearance: 180x70 mm², standard beam pipe diameter: 200 mm.



Button BPM Equivalent Circuit



Button BPM

- + Pros
 - Robust simple construction, cost effective, minimum real-estate
 - RF UHV feedthrough and button is a single element
- Cons
 - High-pass characteristic with high cut-off frequency
 - > Typically >= 500 MHz,
 - bad match to operate with long bunches, or at low frequencies
 - Capacitive source impedance, reflective



Examples of Button BPMs



LHC Button BPM (CERN)





NSLS-II Button BPM (BNL)



TTFII Button BPM (DESY) located inside an undulator magnet



EFERENCE PLANE

Stripline or Directional Coupler BPM



Stripline BPM

- Strip transmission-line of characteristic impedance $Z_0 = 50 \Omega$
- No dielectric materials ($\varepsilon_r = 1$, vacuum)
 - TEM fields of the signal, except near the transition at the ports
- Coupling to the TEM field of the beam
 - Electric and magnetic field coupling
- Only the upstream port delivers a beam signal!
 - Directional coupler
- Both ports are terminated
 - Sometimes the downstream port is shorted to ground
 No directivity



Stripline BPM Principle (1)



Stripline BPM Principle (2)



Operational Principle: Beam from Left



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Operational Principle: Beam from Right



Transfer Impedance

• Time domain impulse response: *δ*-doublet pulse

characteristic impedance typically 50 Ω

$$z(t) = \phi \frac{Z_0}{2} \left[\delta(t) - \delta\left(t - 2\frac{\ell}{c}\right) \right]$$

coverage

factor

amplitude $\delta(0)$ $\leftarrow 2\frac{\ell}{c} \rightarrow time$ $-\delta(2\frac{\ell}{c})$

• Frequency domain transfer impedance

$$Z(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = \boldsymbol{j}\boldsymbol{\phi}\boldsymbol{Z}_{0}\boldsymbol{e}^{\boldsymbol{j}\frac{\pi}{2}}\boldsymbol{e}^{-\boldsymbol{j}\boldsymbol{\omega}\frac{\ell}{c}}\sin\left(\boldsymbol{\omega}\frac{\ell}{c}\right)$$

- Lobes at: $f_{c} = (2n-1)\frac{c}{4\ell}$

- 3dB lobe bandwidth:

$$f_{lo} = \frac{f_c}{2} \qquad f_{BW} = f_{hi} - f_{lo} = f_c$$

$$f_{hi} = 3 f_{lo}$$

 $Z_0 = 50\Omega, \ell = 100 \text{ mm}, \phi = 0.1$ Z_stripline [Ohm](f) 4 ideal 3 **RF effects** 2 1 0 0 1×10^{9} 4×10^{9} 2×10^{9} 3×10^{9} 5×10^{9} frequency [Hz]

Stripline BPM

+ Pros

- Well defined, and high transfer impedance function
 - For striplines with I >> w, TEM operation
 - > Can be "tuned" to match a dominant beam frequency
 - Optimizing the length of the stripline
- Matched characteristic impedance with 50 Ω source
 - Only for terminated ports
 - Shorted downstream port: 0 Ω source, no directivity
 - Reduced reflection effects between generator (stripline BPM) and read-out electronics!
- Directivity
 - Separate beam position measurement of counter-rotating beams
 - e.g. near the IP in a ring collider

- Cons

- Complicated, fragile mechanics, high costs, requires sufficient real-estate
 - More RF feedthroughts required, impedance control of the stripline, strip-electrode may require a support structure

Examples of Stripline BPMs





Ceramic posts hold the electrode

Impedance Match at the post

Inner-shielding bar reduces electrode to electrode coupling



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Bunch Signals from broadband BPMs



- Stripline BPM output signal to a Gaussian bunch
 - at the upstream port

v(t) [V]

$$v_{strip_{up}}(t) \approx \frac{\phi Z_0}{2} \frac{eN}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \left\{ \exp\left[-\frac{(t+\tau)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] - \exp\left[-\frac{(t-\tau)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] \right\}$$

with: $\tau = \frac{\ell}{2c} \left(\frac{1}{\beta} + \frac{1}{\beta_{strip}}\right)$
 $Z_0 = R_{load} = 50 \ \Omega$

Limits of the Analytical Analysis

• Stripline BPM response in the frequency domain



- No closed form expression which includes important details
 - high frequency effects a the feedthrough transition
 - attenuation and dispersion of long coaxial cables
 - effects of low-β beams
- Numerical analysis of the EM problem
 - With a beam field as stimulus signal

Numerically generated BPM Signals



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Resonant Cavity BPM

• Based on a beam-excited, passive resonator

- Often a cylindrical "pillbox" cavity is used
- Operating on the TM110 dipole-eigenmode offers a higher resolution potential than comparable broadband BPMs (button, stripline).
 - \succ No common-mode Σ signal, only a difference Δ signal
 - \succ High transfer impedance, typically in the k Ω /mm range



Towards a Cavity BPM...

- Eigenmodes in a brick-style resonator
 - 1st step towards a cavity BPM
 - Unfortunately you need to go through the math of the modal expansion of the vector potential Ψ ...



Cylindrical "Pillbox" Cavity Resonator



Product ansatz (cylindrical coordinates):

$$\Psi = R(\rho)F(\varphi)Z(z)$$
General solution (field components):

$$\Psi = \begin{cases} A J_m(k_r\rho) + B N_m(k_r\rho) \\ AH_m^{(2)}(k_r\rho) + BH_m^{(2)}(k_r\rho) \end{cases} \begin{cases} C \cos(m\varphi) + D \sin(m\varphi) \\ \hat{C}e^{-jm\varphi} + \hat{D}e^{-jm\varphi} \end{cases} \begin{cases} E \cos(k_z z) + F \sin(k_z z) \\ \hat{E}e^{-jk_z z} + \hat{F}e^{-jk_z z} \end{cases}$$

$$J_m, N_m, H_m^{(1,2)}: \text{ cylindical functions } (Bessel, Hankel, Neumann) \\ \text{separation condition:} \\ k_r^2 + k_z^2 = k_0^2 \varepsilon_r \mu_r \end{cases}$$

$$f_{TMmnp} = \frac{c_0}{2\pi \varepsilon_r \mu_r} \sqrt{\left(\frac{j_{mn}}{R}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{p\pi}{h}\right)^2} \\ f_{TEmnp} = \frac{c_0}{2\pi \varepsilon_r \mu_r} \sqrt{\left(\frac{j_{mn}}{R}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{p\pi}{h}\right)^2} \end{cases}$$

Cavity BPM





Beam couples to:

 $E_z = C J_1\left(\frac{J_{11}r}{R}\right) e^{i\omega t} \cos\varphi$

dipole (TM₁₁₀) and monopole (TM₀₁₀) & other modes

- Common mode (TM₀₁₀) frequency discrimination
- **Decaying RF signal** response
 - **Position signal: TM**₁₁₀

> Requires normalization and a

- phase reference
- Intensity signal: TM₀₁₀

Common-mode free Cavity BPMs





Cavity BPM

+ Pros

- No or minimum common mode signal contribution in the Δ -signal
 - > Frequency discrimination of dipole (TM110) and monopole (TM010) modes
- High resolution potential
 - > High shunt (transfer) impedance of the TM110 mode
 - Even for lower Q tuning of the TM110 mode
 - Sub-µm signal pass resolution potential
- Cons
 - High beam coupling impedance
 - > No free lunch: high impedance may cause beam break-up and/or instabilities
 - > No or very limited use in ring accelerators
 - Requires a reference monopole mode (TM010) resonator
 - Beam phase and intensity
 - Limited position range
 - ~half aperture
 - Requires advanced RF read-out electronics
 - High-Q resonator may not be suitable for single bunch position measurements

Examples of Cavity BPMs









Other Types of BPM Pickups

- Less popular, but sometimes better suited for a specific application
 - Stripline BPM with shorted downstream ports
 - Exponentially tapered stripline BPM
 - Re-entrant cavity BPM
 - Resonant stripline of button BPM
 - Inductive BPM, ...

In common: based on symmetry





Summary Part 1

- What have we learned?!
 - It is hard to stay up on Sunday morning and to follow a BPM session...
- What else have we learned,... about BPMs?!
 - BPMs are based on symmetry
 - Detect the asymmetric beam position by a pair of symmetrically arranged electrodes or by a symmetric resonant, beam driven cavity
 - BPM pickups are non-invasive
 - > Detect the beam's center-of-charge by electromagnetic coupling
 - Broadband BPM electrode (stripline, button, etc.) signals
 - contain information of the beam position and the beam intensity
 - Need to "normalize" to extract a position signal
 - > May have a non-linear position characteristic
 - Have a broad spectral response
 - Resonant cavity BPMs
 - Have a frequency selective beam response
 - Have a high resolution potential
 - No or only little "common mode" signal contribution in the dipole mode