



# Modelling control loops in beam dynamics simulations

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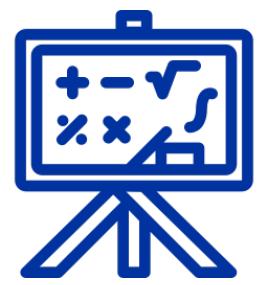
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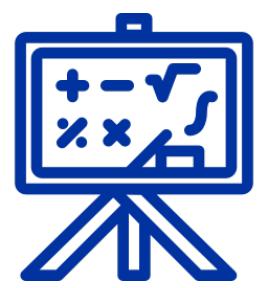
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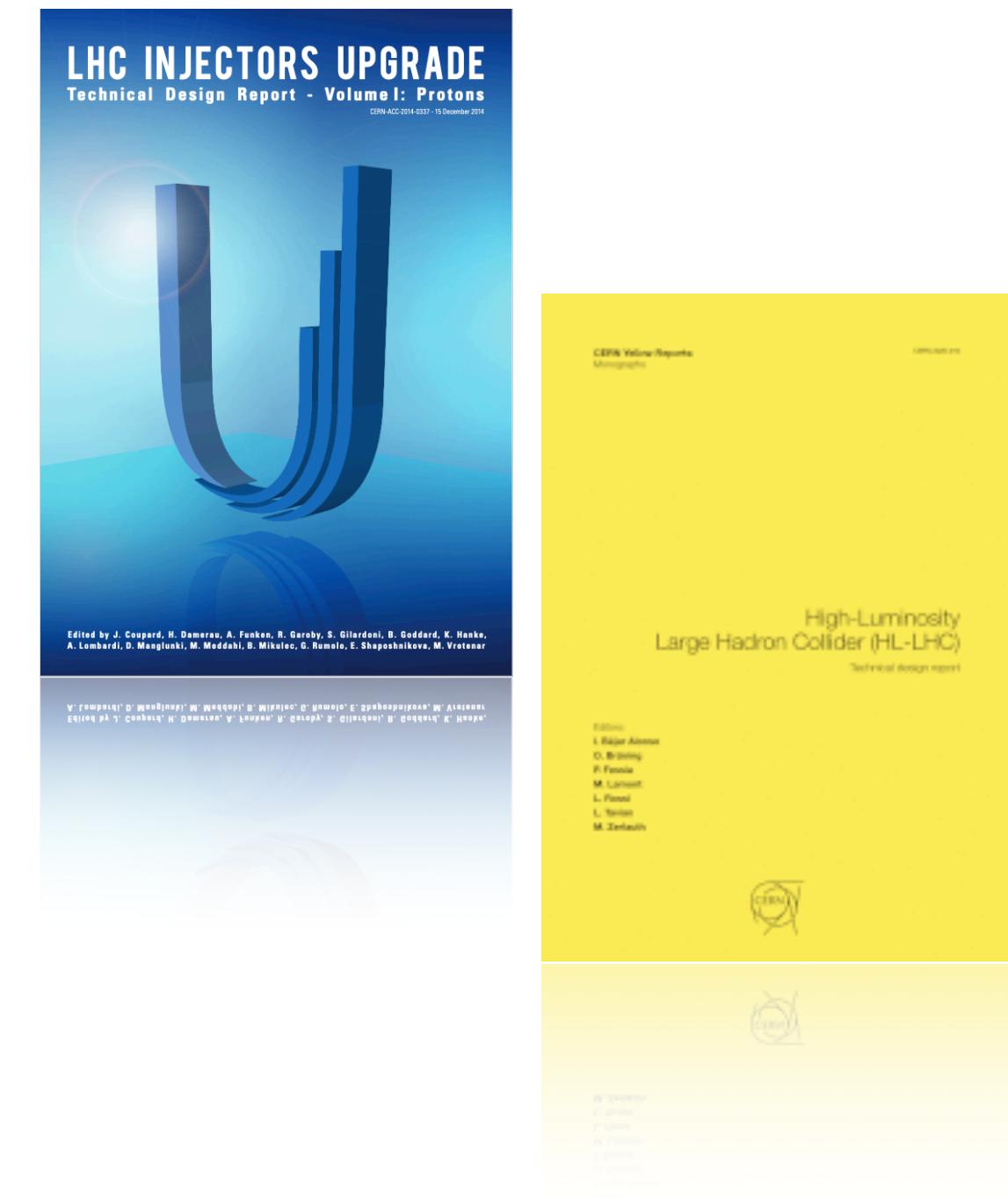
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## What do we use beam dynamics simulations for?

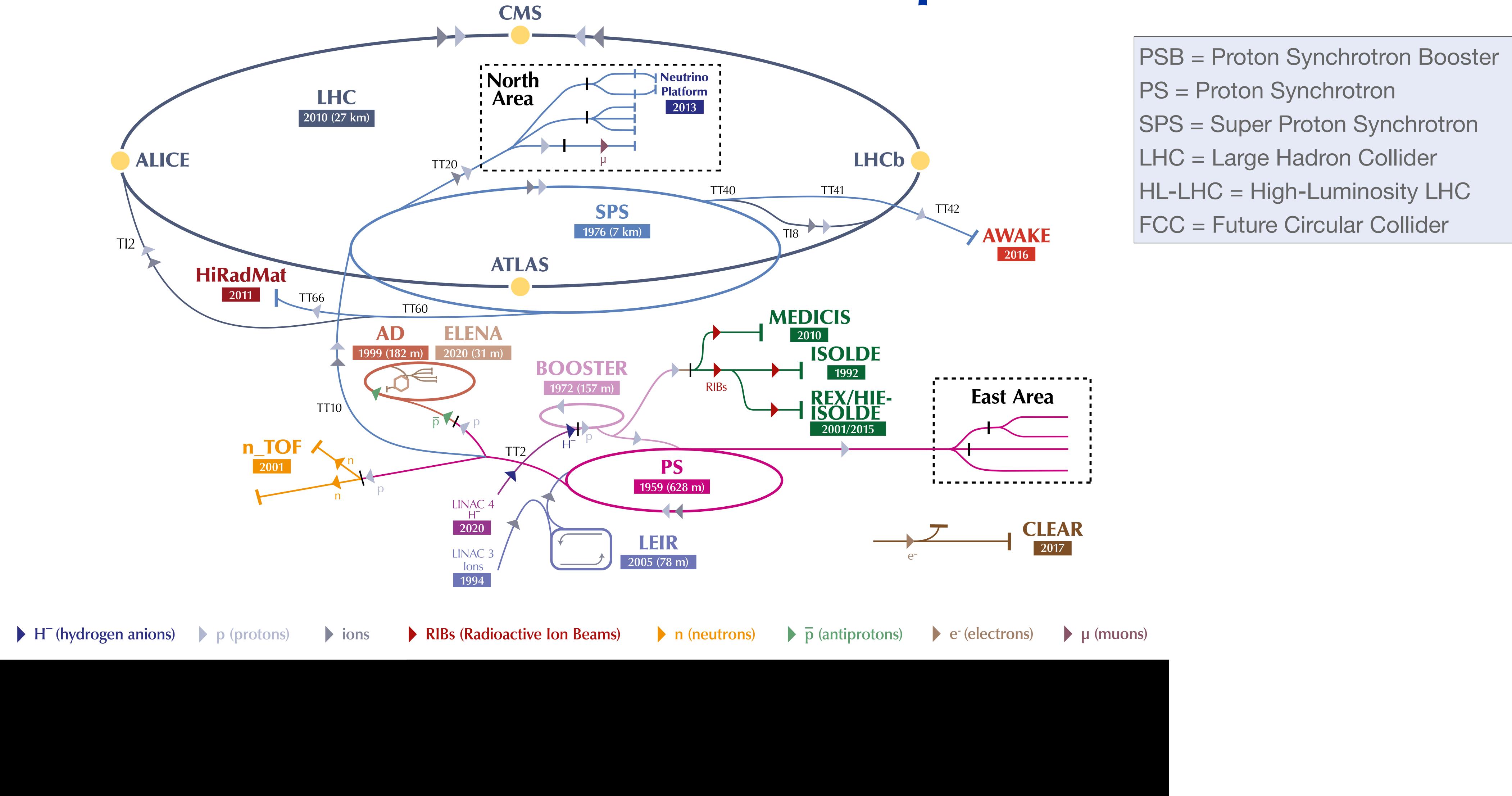
- Understand unexpected beam behaviour in machine operation
- Design new machines or upgrades to push limitations e.g. in bunch intensity
- Commission modified or new systems

## When did we use such simulations?

- Make sure we understand our machine
  - E.g. reproduce the measured beam stability threshold in simulations
- LHC Injectors Upgrade (LIU)
  - E.g. SPS: impedance reduction & momentum slip stacking design
- High-Luminosity LHC (HL-LHC)
  - E.g. RF power limitations at injection
- Future Circular Collider (FCC) and Muon Collider studies
  - E.g. Design of RF system, beam parameters, and beam stability margin



# The CERN accelerator complex



PSB = Proton Synchrotron Booster  
PS = Proton Synchrotron  
SPS = Super Proton Synchrotron  
LHC = Large Hadron Collider  
HL-LHC = High-Luminosity LHC  
FCC = Future Circular Collider

# The BLonD simulation suite

## Beam Longitudinal Dynamics (BLonD) simulator [1]

- Models longitudinal beam motion in synchrotrons
- Includes RF specific items
  - Longitudinal machine impedance
  - RF manipulations
  - RF noise/modulation
  - LLRF loops
- Development mainly driven by CERN needs
  - Pushing the machines to their design limit
  - Effort for understand beam motion with the present LLRF systems
  - In the future, **we can design LLRF systems based on beam motion**

## There is a growing user community outside CERN

- GSI, KIT, KEK, J-PARC, HIAF, Fermilab, Jefferson Lab, ...

## Getting started with BLonD simulations

- Code repositories:
  - Inside CERN:  
<https://gitlab.cern.ch/blond/BLonD>
  - Outside CERN:  
<https://github.com/blond-admin/BLonD>
- Documentation:
  - Implementation and variables  
<https://blond-code.docs.cern.ch/>

[1] H. Timko et al.: ‘Beam Longitudinal Dynamics Simulation Studies’, Phys. Rev. Accel. Beams, to be published, 2023.

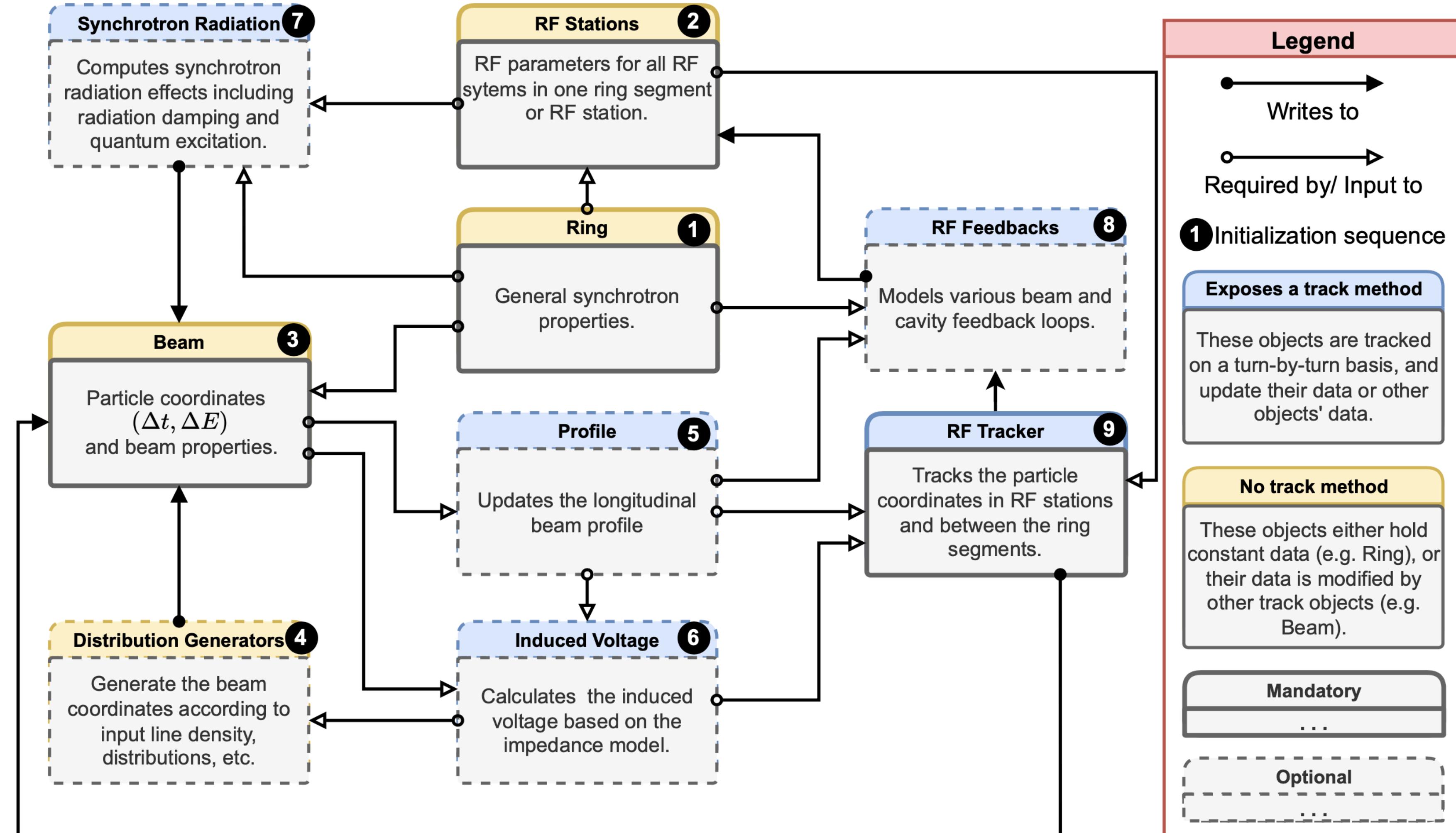
# Code structure

## Modular, flexible structure

- Object-oriented Python code with C++/CUDA computational kernels
  - Optional usage of most modules
  - Defined by the user in their input file

*BLonD code structure with mandatory (solid line) and optional (dashed line) objects*

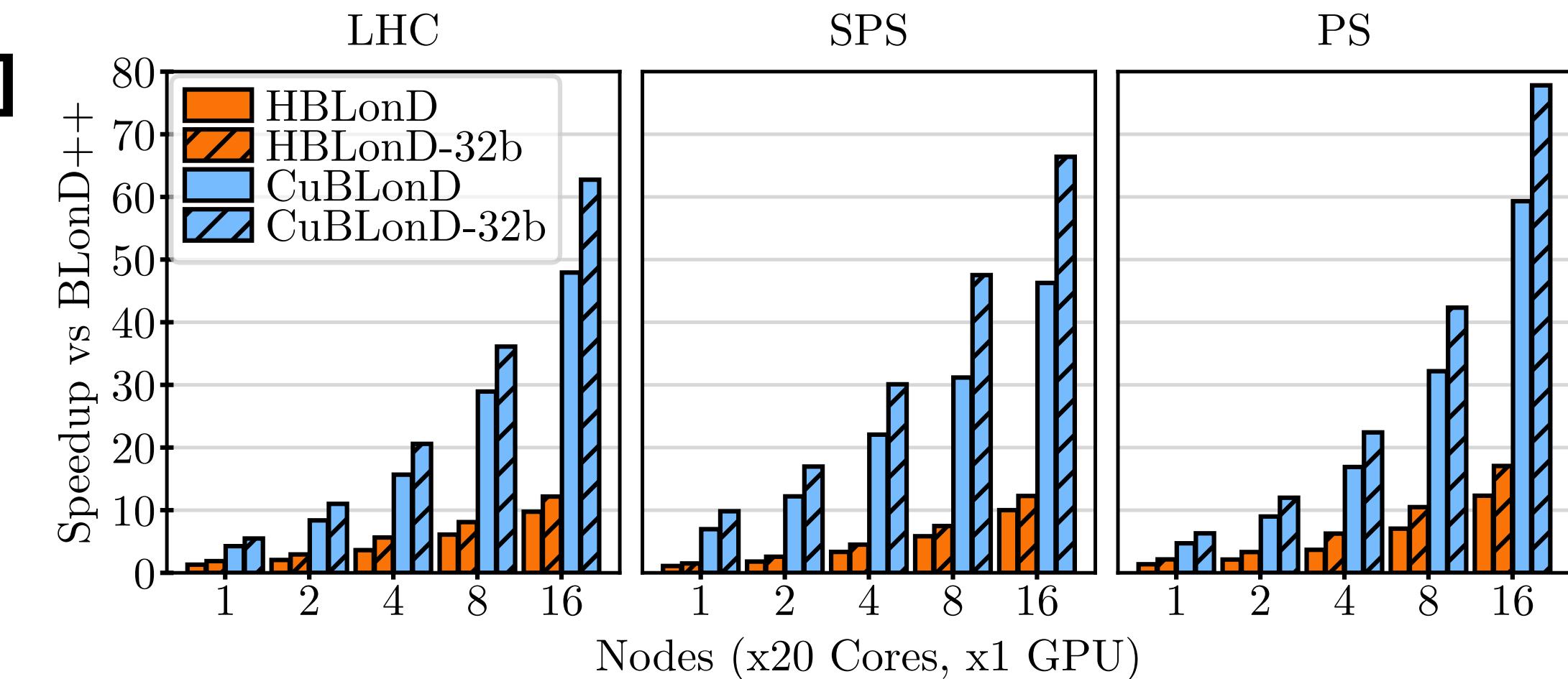
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# Optimisation & benchmarks

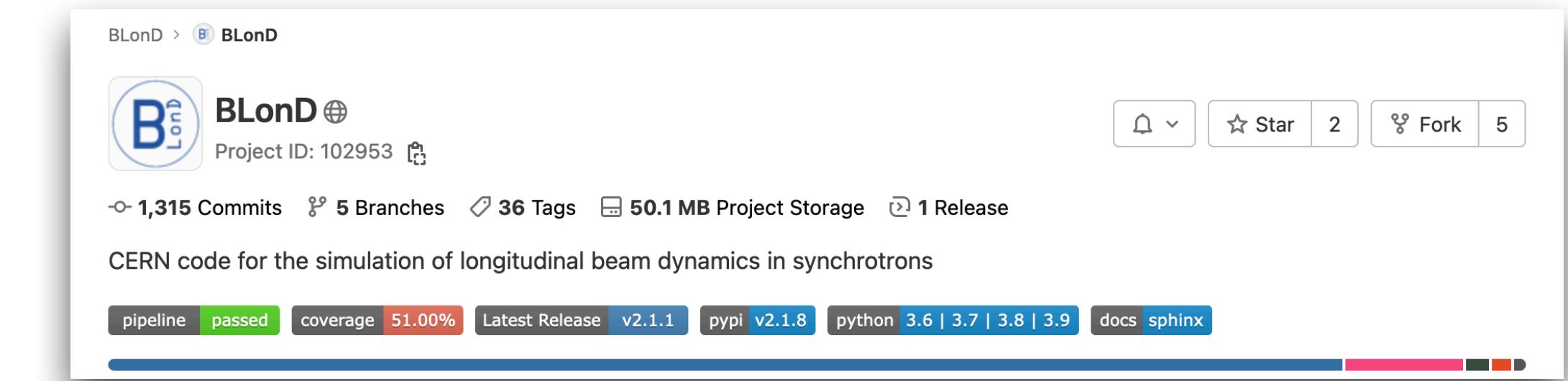
## BLonD applies high-performance computing methods [2]

- **BLonD++** optimised single-core version
  - Python & C++
- **HBLonD** distributed MPI version
  - x10 speed-up
- **CuBLonD** GPU-accelerated version
  - x10-17 speed-up, CUDA and CuPy



## Trust in the simulator based on its testing history

- Unitests, benchmarks, code-to-code comparison
  - Only deploy versions that developers had time to test
  - Use continuous integration tools



*Top: speed-up of HBLonD and CuBLonD vs BLonD++*

*Bottom: continuous integration tool active for BLonD*

*Courtesy of K. Iliakis*

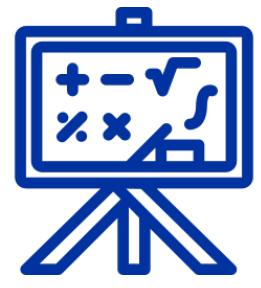
[2] K. Iliakis: 'Large-scale software optimization and micro-architectural specialization for accelerated high-performance computing', PhD Thesis, 2022.

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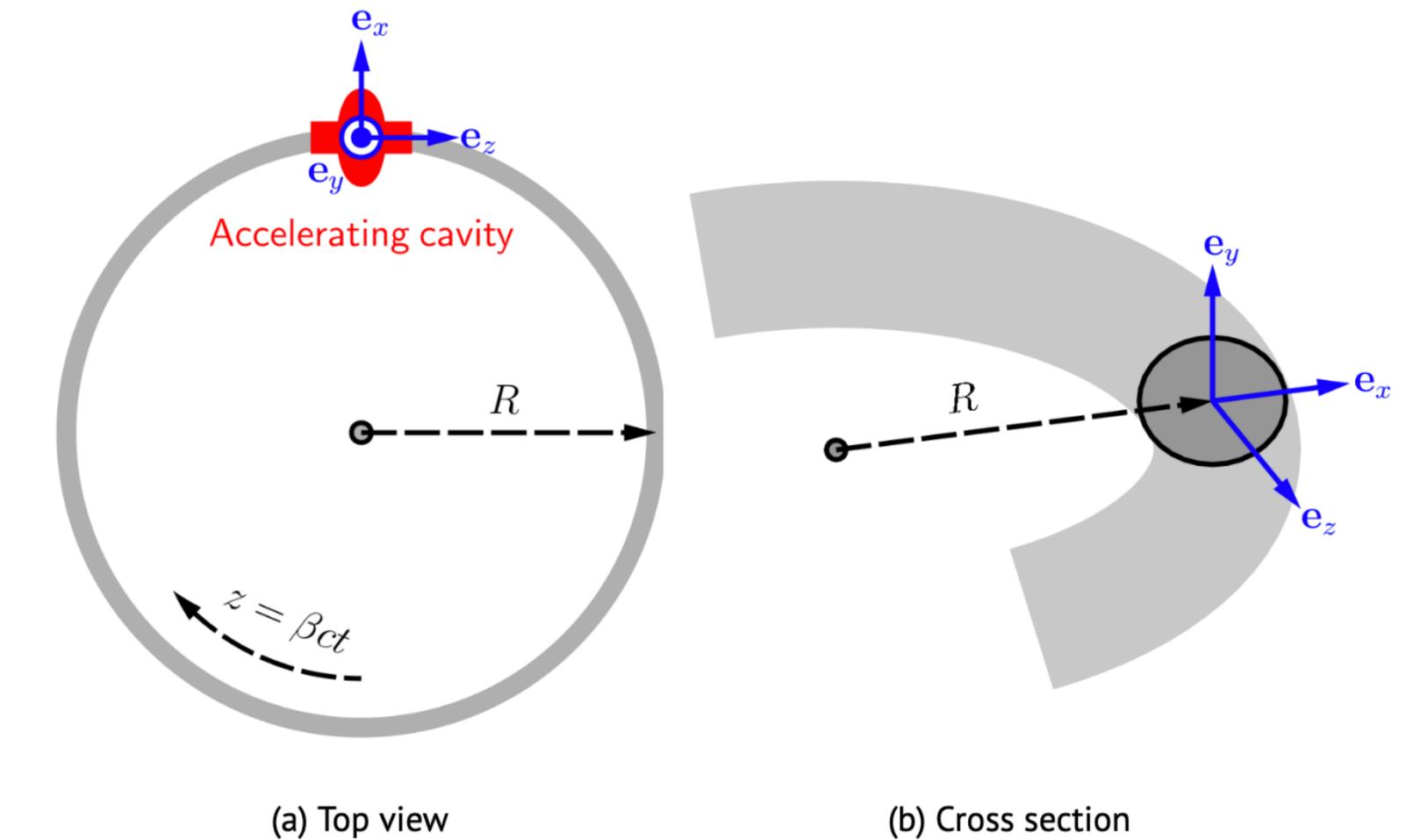
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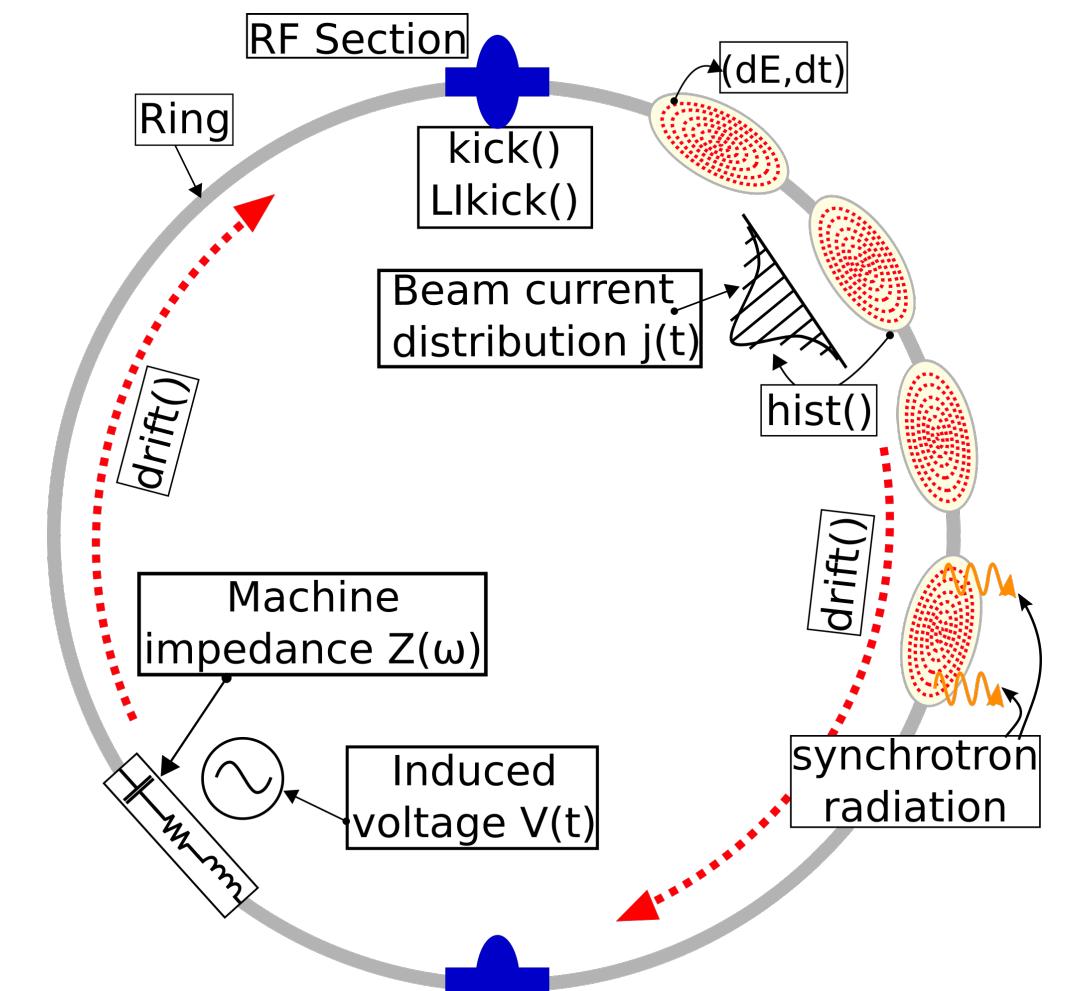
# Reference frame

- Longitudinal modelling only
  - Slippage factor represents transverse lattice
  - User input: orbit & energy/momentum/B-field  $p_{d,(n)} = |q|\rho B_{d,(n)}$
- Turn-by-turn mapping
  - RF station: discrete energy kick from passage through the (multi-harmonic) cavity(s)
  - Arc segments: drift and other interactions (optional)
  - Sub-cycling of one turn possible; use case e.g. FCC
- Snapshot of the system at first RF station
  - Reference or design “clock” is  $t_{d,(0)} \equiv 0$  and  $t_{d,(n)} \equiv \sum_{k=1}^n T_{\text{rev},(k)}$  for  $n \geq 1$
  - Defined by  $T_{\text{rev},(n)} = \frac{2\pi R_d}{\beta_{d,(n)} c}$

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| $\beta_d$        | relativistic beta from design momentum |
| $\rho$           | bending radius of magnets              |
| $B_d$            | design dipole magnetic field           |
| $c$              | speed of light                         |
| $R_d$            | design orbit                           |
| $q$              | particle charge                        |
| $T_{\text{rev}}$ | revolution period                      |



*Longitudinal and transverse coordinates in a synchrotron*



*Example of a synchrotron model*

Courtesy of K. Iliakis

# Equations of motion

## Convention used in BLonD: first kick, then drift

- Time and energy deviations from reference particle:  $\Delta t_{(n)} \equiv t_{(n)} - t_{d,(n)}$  and  $\Delta E_{(n)} \equiv E_{(n)} - E_{d,(n)}$
- Kick equation

$$\Delta E_{(n+1)} = \Delta E_{(n)} + \sum_{k=1}^{n_{\text{rf}}} qV_{k,(n)} \sin(\omega_{\text{rf},k,(n)} \Delta t_{(n)} + \varphi_{\text{rf},k,(n)}) - (E_{d,(n+1)} - E_{d,(n)}) + E_{\text{other},(n)}$$

Multiple RF systems  
in one location
Change of design energy  
(magnetic field)
All other effects on energy  
(e.g. induced voltage)

- Drift equation

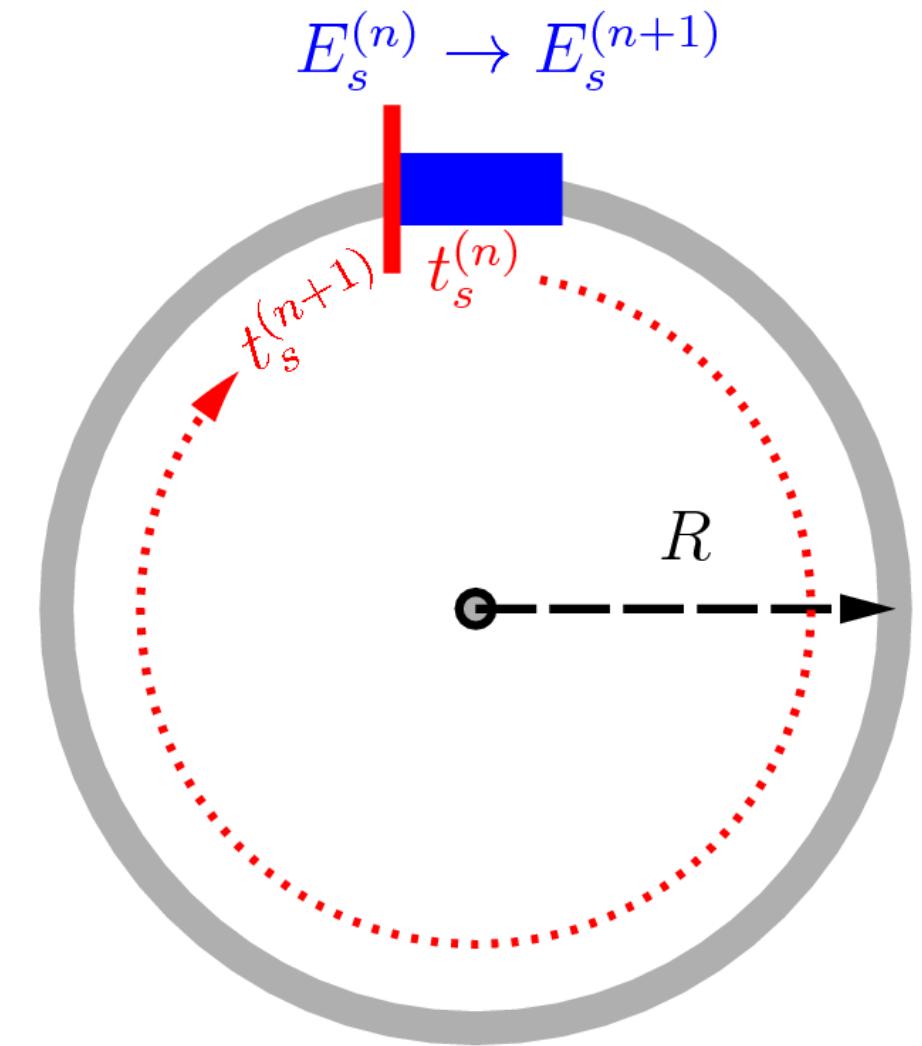
$$\Delta t_{(n+1)} = \Delta t_{(n)} + T_{\text{rev},(n+1)} \left[ \left( 1 + \alpha_{0,(n+1)} \delta_{(n+1)} + \alpha_{1,(n+1)} \delta_{(n+1)}^2 + \alpha_{2,(n+1)} \delta_{(n+1)}^3 \right) \frac{1 + \frac{\Delta E_{(n+1)}}{E_{d,(n+1)}}}{1 + \delta_{(n+1)}} - 1 \right]$$

## Symplecticity

- EOMs are **symplectic** and therefore **area preserving**

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \Delta t_{(n+1)} = \Delta t_{(n)} + f \left( \Delta E_{(n+1)}(\Delta t_{(n)}, \Delta E_{(n)}) \right) \\ \Delta E_{(n+1)} = \Delta E_{(n)} + g \left( \Delta t_{(n)} \right) \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \mathcal{M} \mathcal{M}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{S}$$

$\mathcal{M}_{ik} \equiv \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial x_k}$



$$\delta = \frac{\Delta p}{p_d} \simeq \frac{\Delta E}{\beta_d^2 E_d} \quad \text{relative momentum offset}$$

$$\eta = \eta(\delta) = \eta_0 + \eta_1 \delta + \eta_2 \delta^2 + \dots \quad \text{slippage factor}$$

$\varphi_{\text{rf}}$  RF voltage phase at particle arrival

$\omega_{\text{rf}}$  RF frequency

$V$  RF voltage amplitude

Momentum-compaction vs slippage factor:

$$\eta_0 = \alpha_0 - \frac{1}{\gamma_d^2} = \frac{1}{\gamma_T^2} - \frac{1}{\gamma_d^2}$$

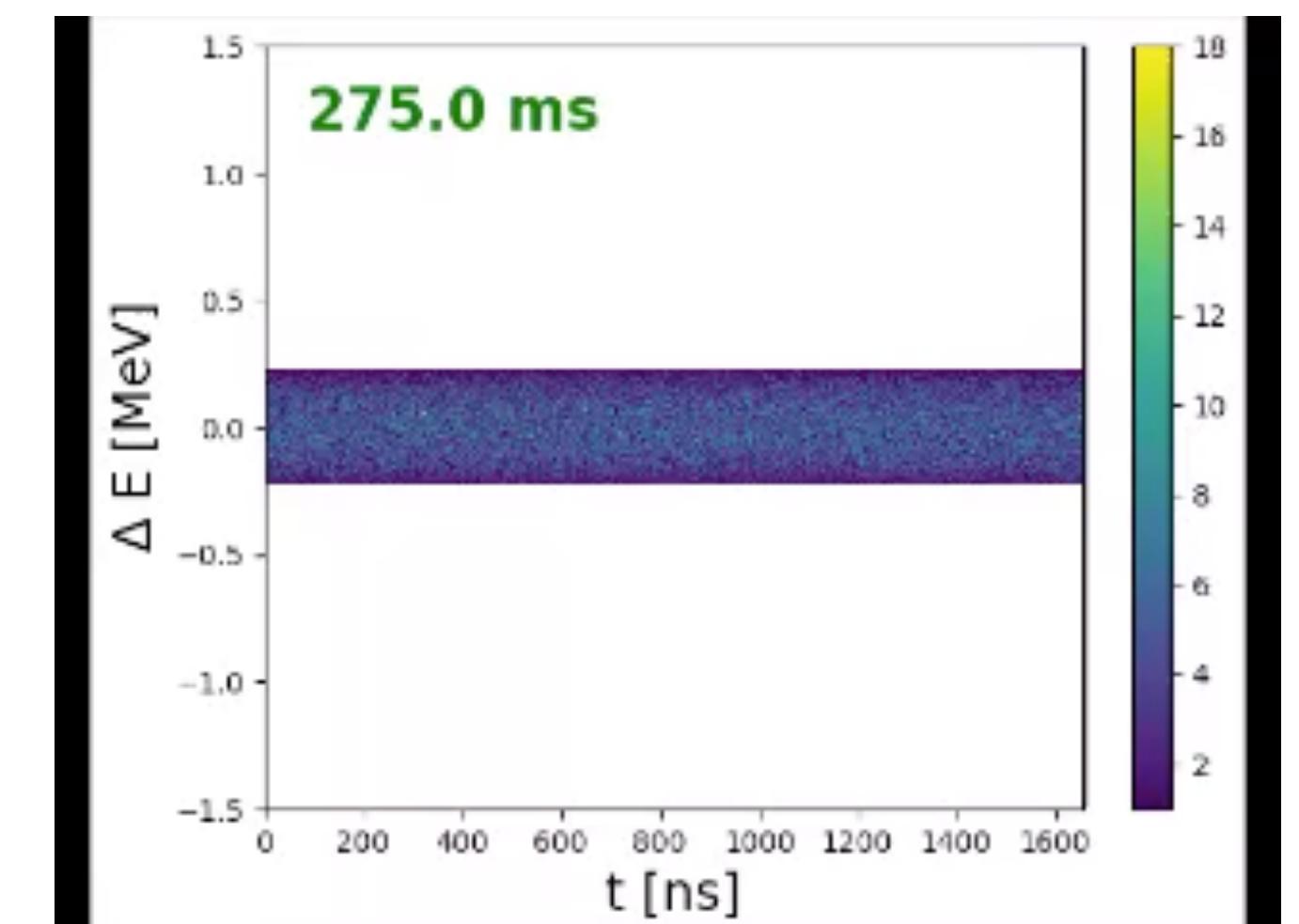
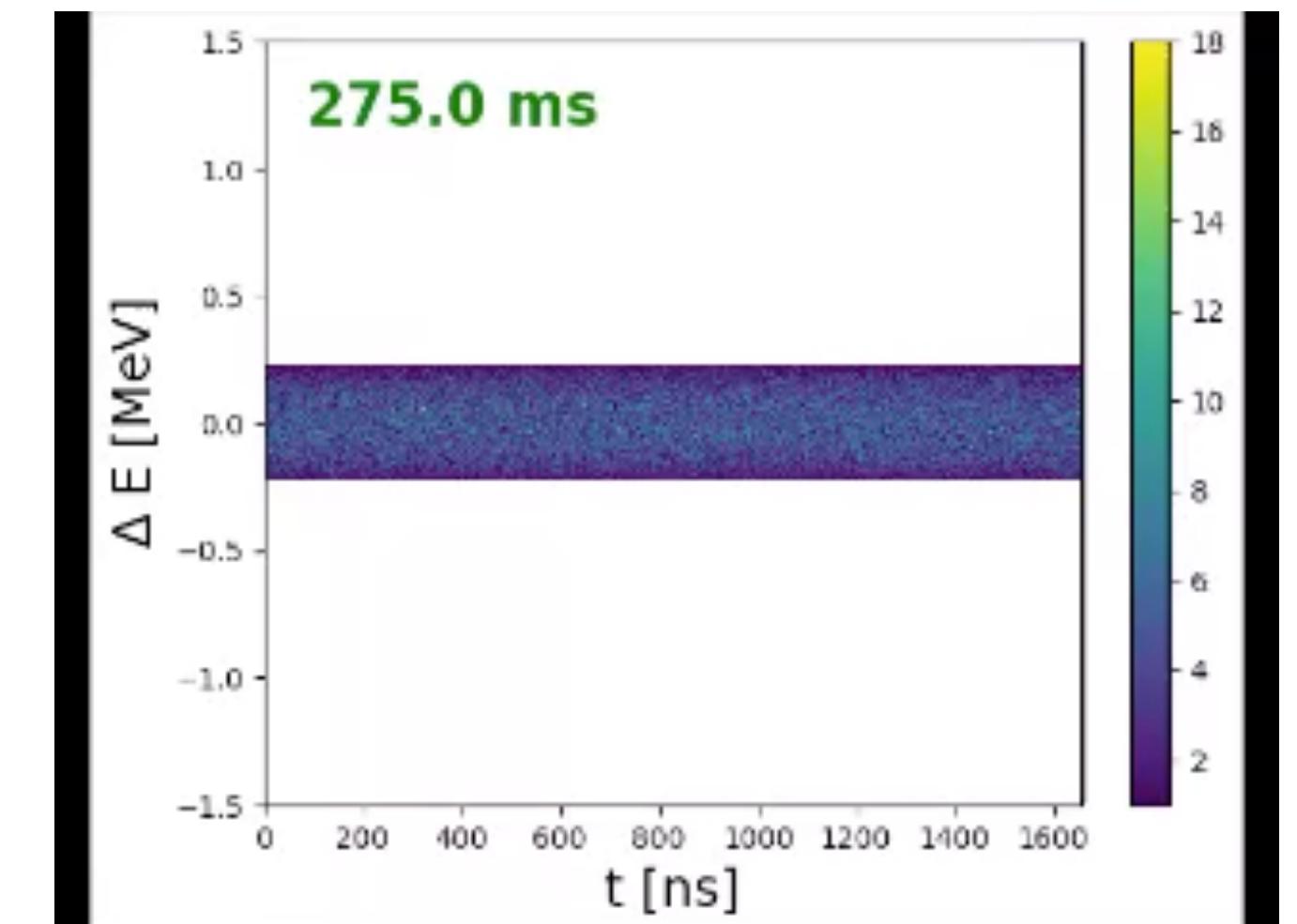
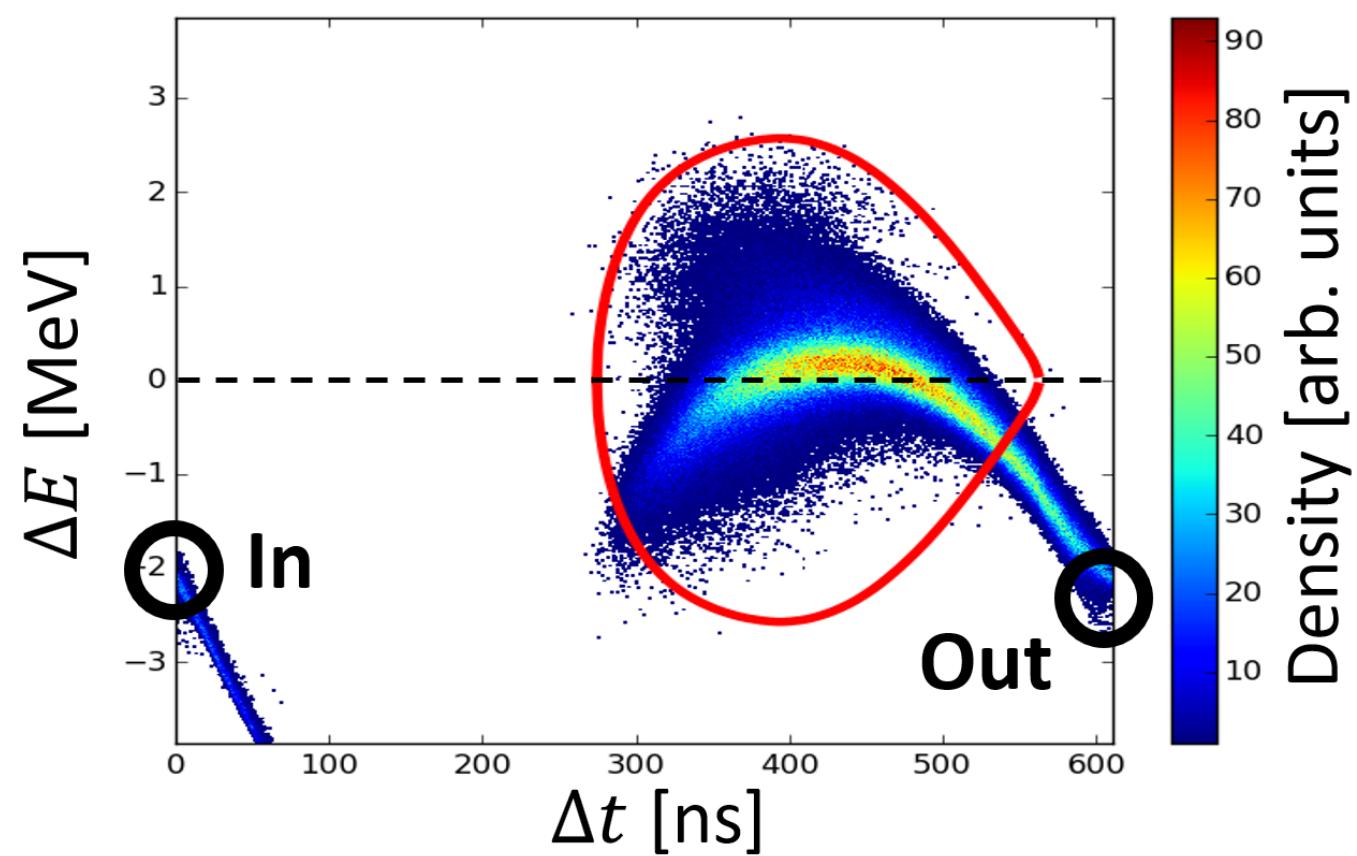
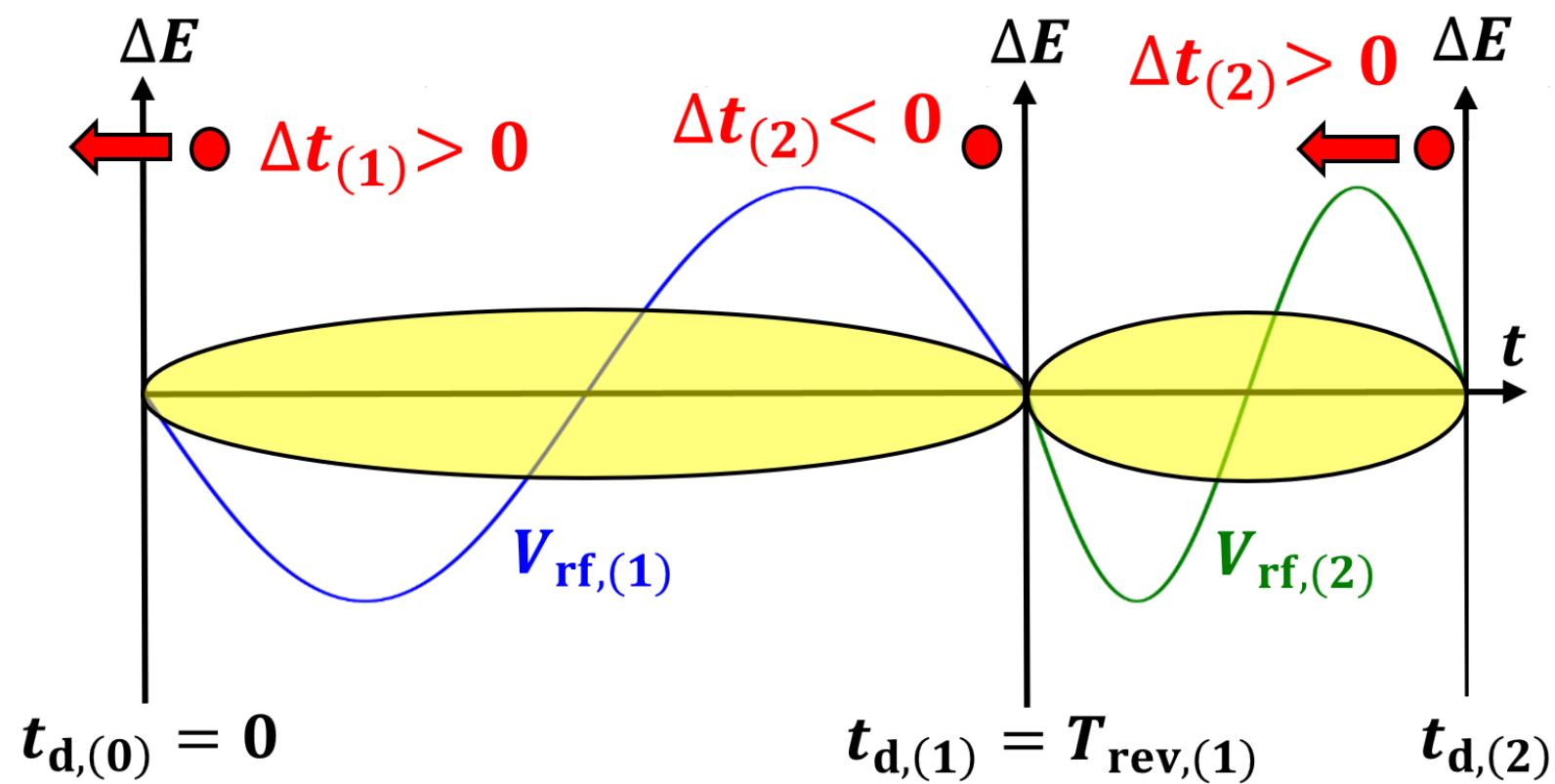
$$\eta_1 = \frac{3\beta_d^2}{2\gamma_d^2} + \alpha_1 - \alpha_0 \eta_0$$

$$\eta_2 = -\frac{\beta_d^2(5\beta_d^2 - 1)}{2\gamma_d^2} + \alpha_2 - 2\alpha_0 \alpha_1 + \frac{\alpha_1}{\gamma_d^2} + \alpha_0^2 \eta_0 - \frac{3\beta_d^2 \alpha_0}{2\gamma_d^2}$$

# Periodicity

**According to the turn-by-turn discretisation, the time coordinate of any particle should be  $(0, T_{\text{rev},(n)})$**

- In some cases, the particles might cross these time boundaries
  - E.g. small  $h$  machines, full machine, debunching beam, etc.
- Optional periodic boundary conditions to the coordinate frame:
  - Particles that have  $\Delta t_{(n)} < 0$  have to be tracked twice
  - Particles that have  $\Delta t_{(n)} > T_{\text{rev},(n)}$  have to be put on hold for a turn



*PSB injection on acceleration ramp*  
 Top: RF locked to the B-field  
 Bottom: fixed RF frequency (bottom)

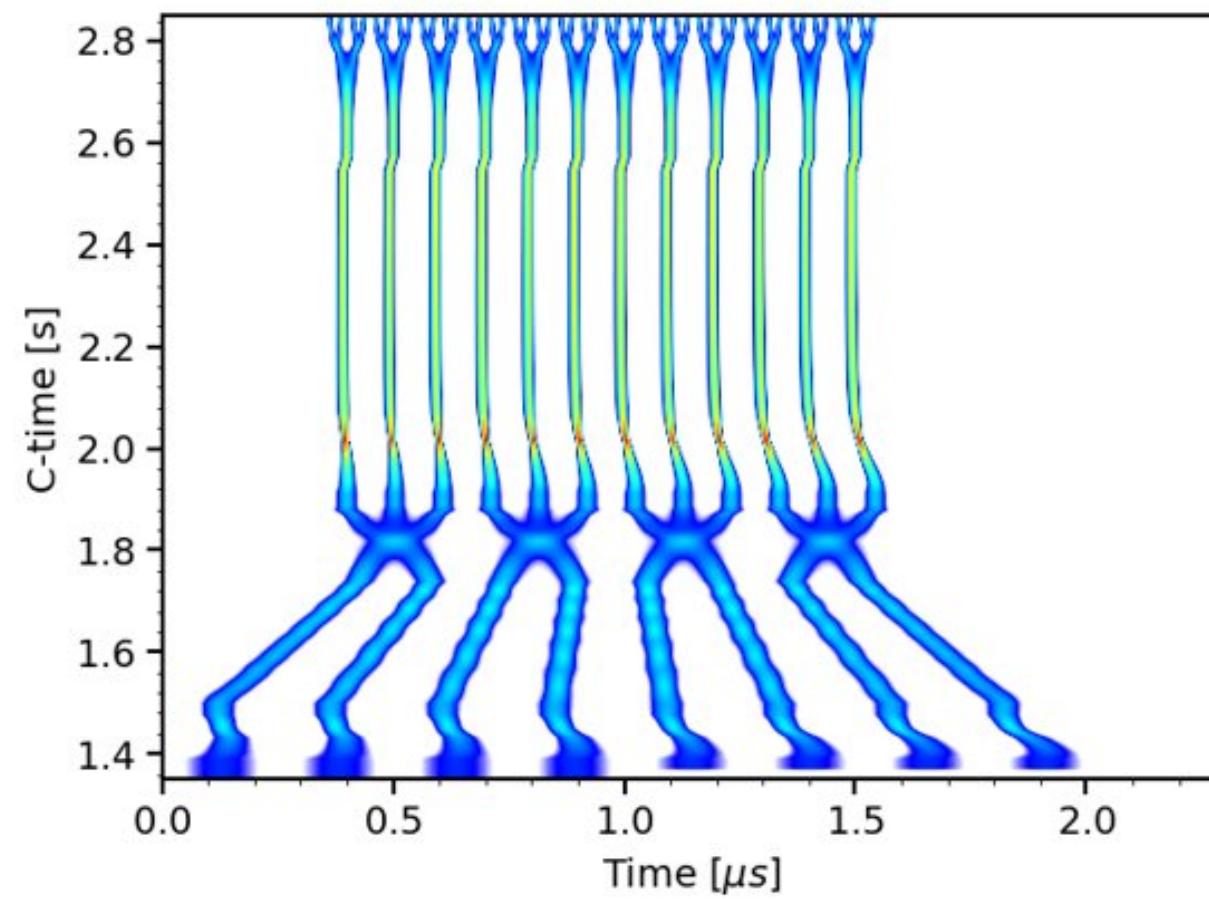
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# RF manipulations

0 turns, PS

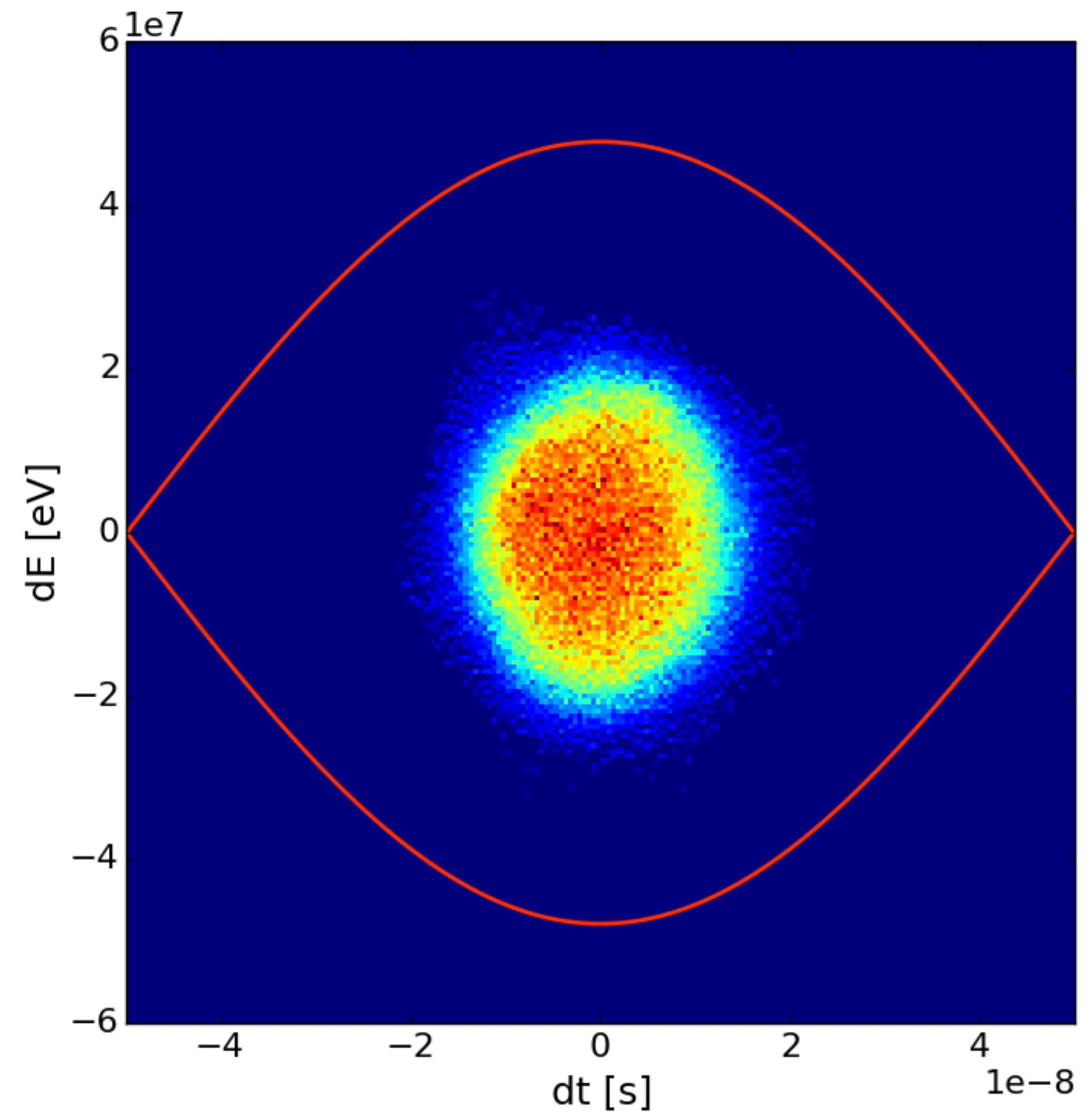
## Multi-harmonic systems

- RF gymnastics defined by the RF voltage programme of several harmonics
  - Splitting or merging: adiabatic change of higher-harmonic RF voltage
  - Bunch rotation: non-adiabatic increase the RF voltage and recapture bunch after  $\frac{1}{4}T_s$
  - Batch compression: change of RF harmonic



*Simulated bunch profiles of the Batch Compression, Merging and Splitting (BCMS) scheme in the CERN Proton Synchrotron (PS)*

Courtesy of A. Lasheen

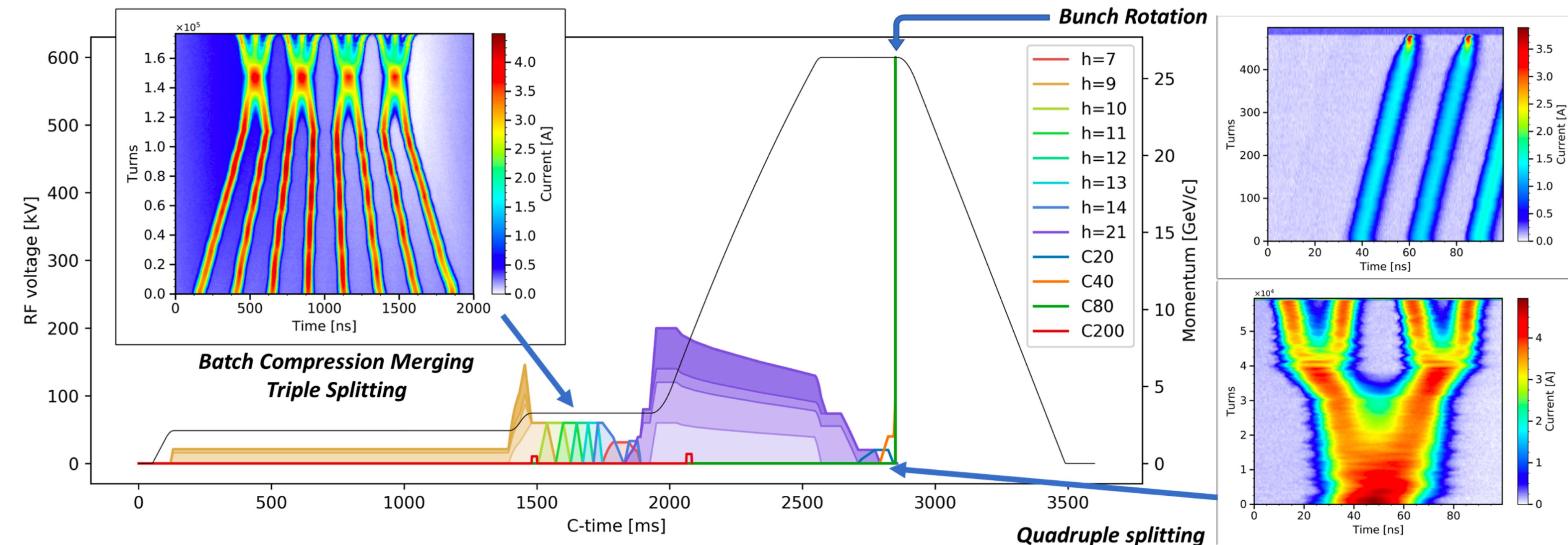


*Double splitting and bunch rotation in the PS, then capture in the Super Proton Synchrotron (SPS)*

# RF manipulations

# PS end-to-end simulations

- RF manipulations, controlled emittance blow-up, transition crossing, collective effects
    - Possible with multi-CPU (MPI) version of BLonD



# *PS momentum and voltage programmes for the BCMS cycle, with the bunch profile evolution as simulated in BLonD, from [3]*

[3] A. Lasheen, H. Damerau, and K. Iliakis: ‘End-to-end longitudinal simulations in the CERN PS’, Proc. HB2021, MOP17, Batavia, USA, 2021.

# Momentum slip stacking

## Slip stack batches to reduce bunch spacing or double intensity [4-6]

- Capture two beams w/ two RF systems of slightly different frequency

$$V_{\text{rf}} = V_{\text{rf},1} \sin(\omega_{\text{rf},1} t + \varphi_{\text{rf},1}) + V_{\text{rf},2} \sin(\omega_{\text{rf},2} t - \varphi_{\text{rf},2})$$

- The small frequency difference results in a phase error

$$\Delta\varphi_{\text{rf}} = \frac{2\pi h \Delta\omega_{\text{rf}}}{\omega_{\text{rf,d}}}$$

- Which at constant magnetic field translates to a slippage (drift) of

$$\frac{\Delta\omega_{\text{rf}}}{\omega_{\text{rf,d}}} = -\eta_0 \frac{\Delta p}{p_d}$$

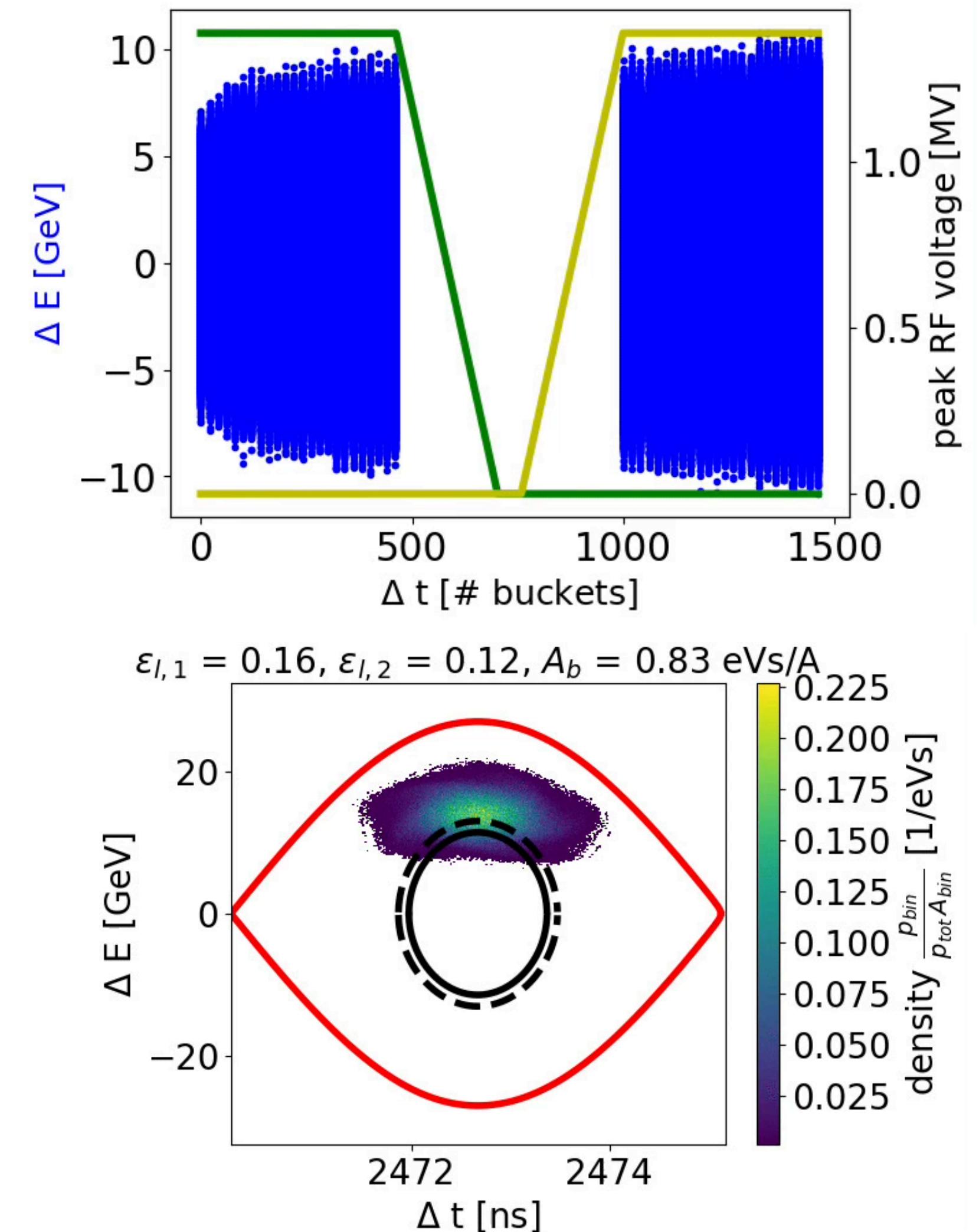
- The two beams slip inside the same beam pipe in opposite directions
- At the desired longitudinal position, the two beams are recaptured with a higher RF voltage, at the common frequency

[4] J. P. Burnet et al.: ‘Fifty years of the CERN Proton Synchrotron: Volume 1’, CERN-2011-004, 2011.

[5] J. Coupard, et al.: ‘LHC Injectors Upgrade’, Technical Design Report, CERN-ACC-2016-0041, 2016.

[6] G. Hagmann et al. : ‘CERN SPS low-level RF architecture & implementation’,

Presentation at LLRF’22 workshop, Brugg-Windisch, Switzerland.



*Top: Slip stacking 2 batches of 24 bunches*

*Bottom: re-capture and ramp the first bunch*

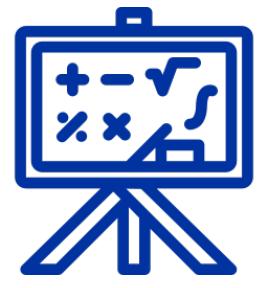
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# Beam-induced voltage and impedance

Couples the motion of particles, enters the  $E_{\text{other}}$  term in the EOMs

- Discrete frequency-domain implementation in BLoD
$$V_{\text{ind}}[k] = -q N_p \text{IFFT}(Z[i] \Lambda[i]) = -q N_p \text{IFFT}(Z[i] \text{FFT}(\lambda[m]))$$
- In time domain, we use the circular convolution theorem
$$V_{\text{ind}}[k] = -q N_p \text{IFFT}\{\text{FFT}(W[n]) \text{FFT}(\lambda[n])\}$$
  - A discrete convolution would be too **time consuming**
  - Must carefully **zero-pad** to result in a linear convolution

$$\sum_i \lambda[i] T_s = 1 \quad \text{beam profile, normalised to 1}$$
$$\Lambda[i] = \text{FFT}(\lambda[m]) \quad \text{beam spectrum}$$
$$N_p \quad \text{number of real particles in the beam}$$
$$W[i] \quad \text{wake function}$$
$$Z \quad \text{machine impedance}$$

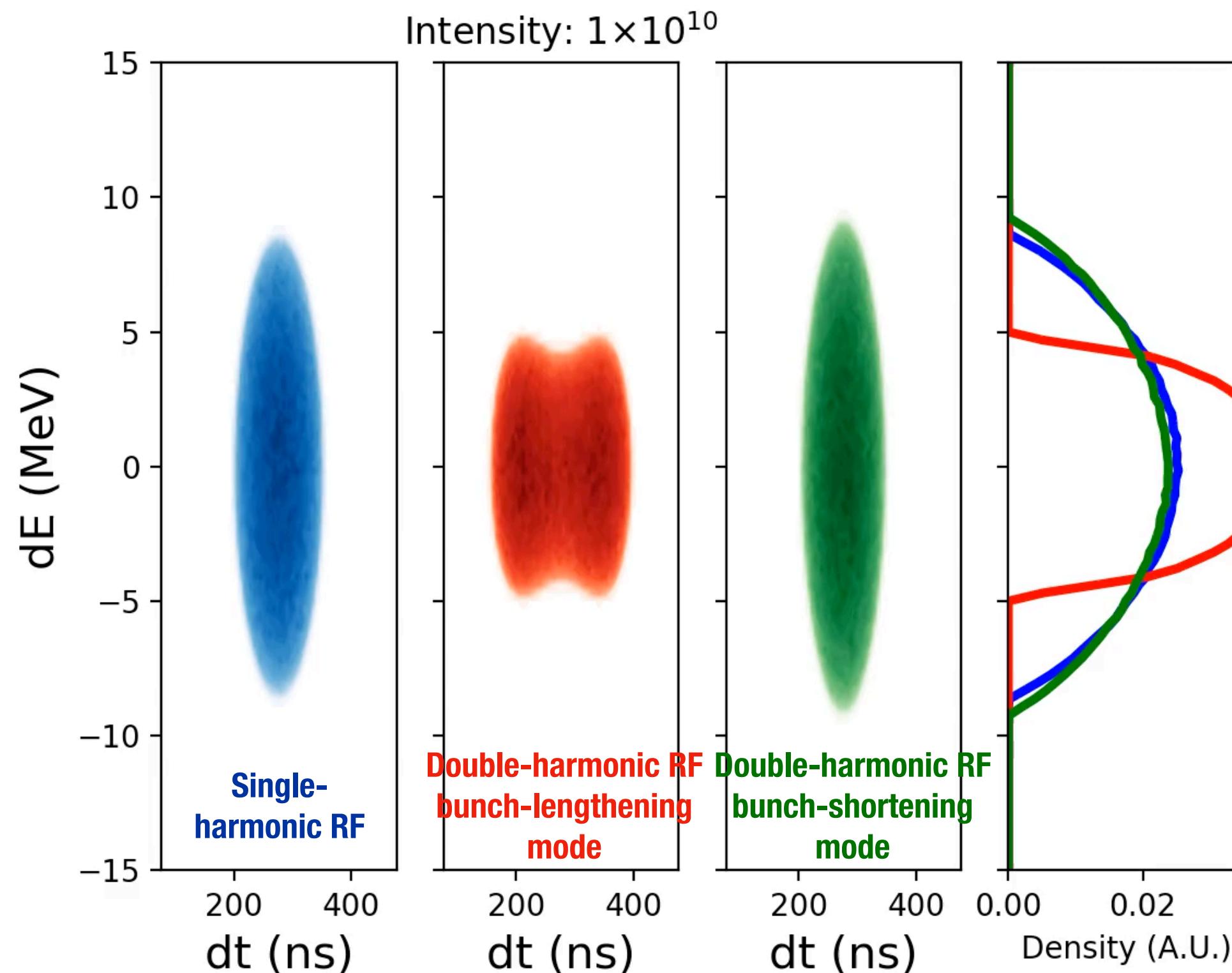
## Available impedance sources

- Can mix different impedance sources, in frequency and time domain
  - Impedance table, e.g. from CST
  - Resonator
  - Travelling wave cavity
  - Resistive-wall impedance
  - Constant  $\Im(Z/n)$  e.g. for LLD or SC



# Collective effects

## Microwave instability in PSB

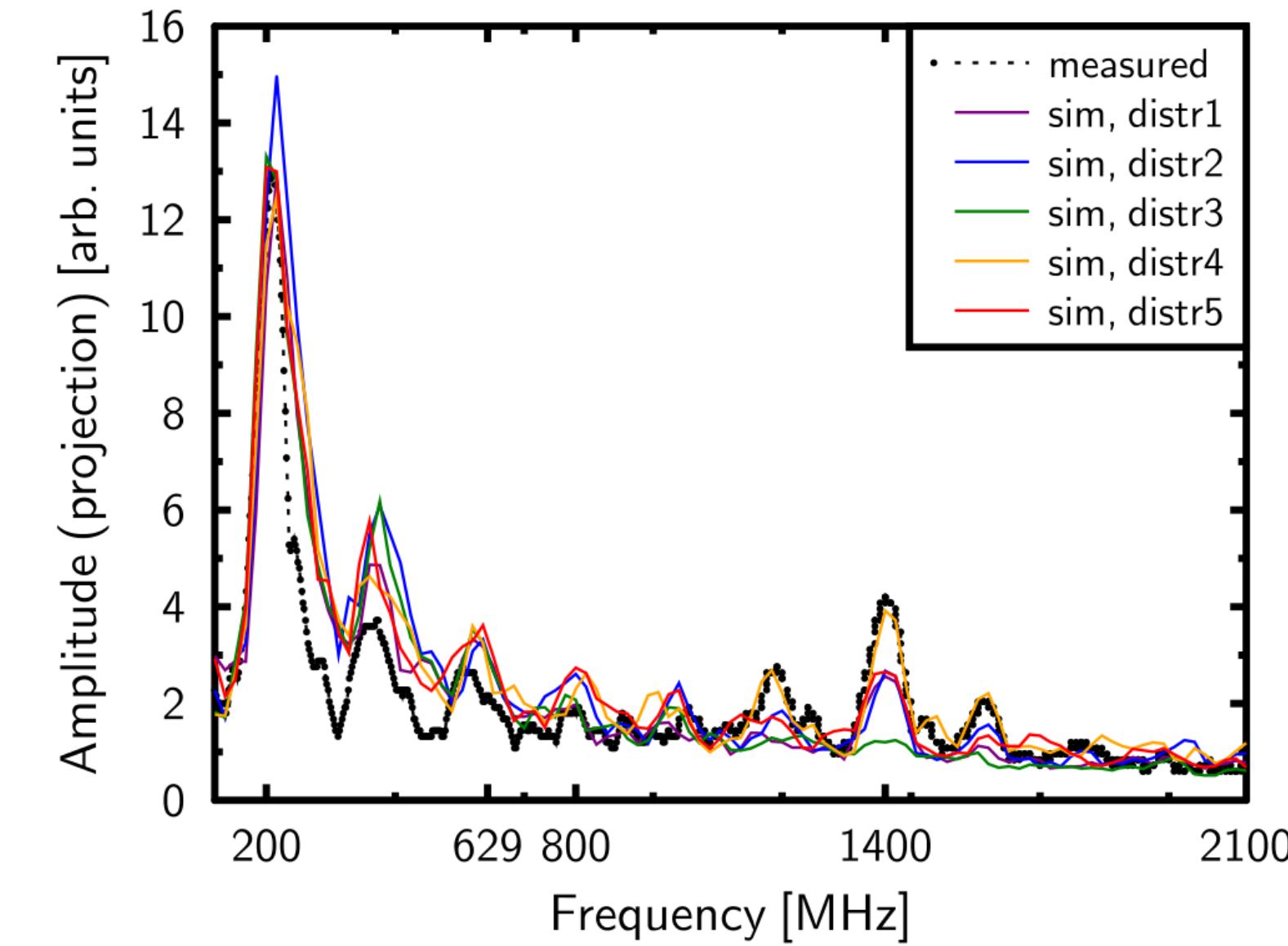


*Bunch intensity threshold for microwave instability in the PSB*

Courtesy of S. Albright

## SPS impedance model refinement

- Identification of flange impedance for LIU-SPS

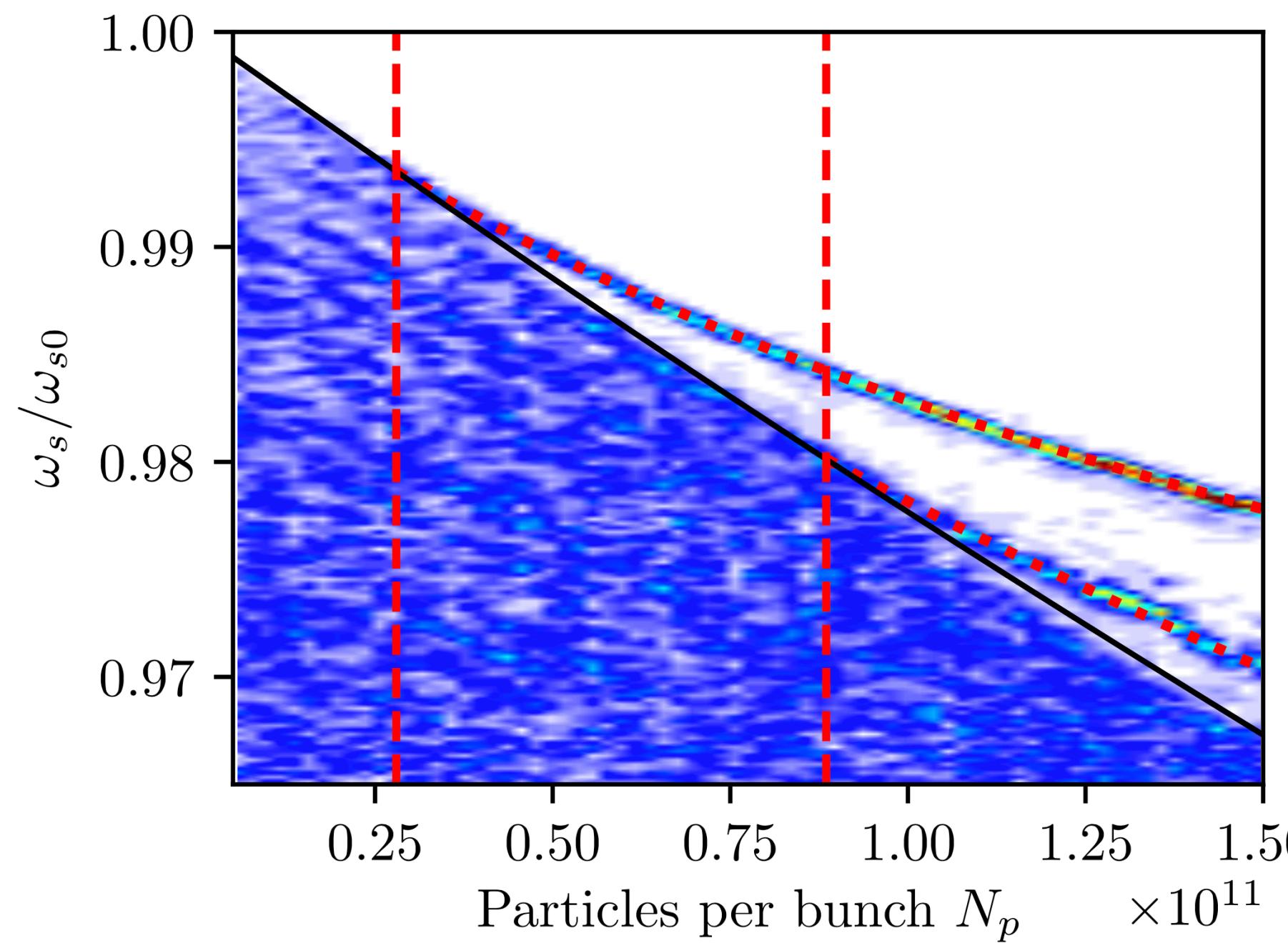


*Spectrum of long debunching bunches at SPS injection; a 1.4 GHz line emerges [7]*

[7] E. Shaposhnikova et al.: 'Identification of high-frequency resonant impedance in the CERN SPS', CERN Note CERN-ACC-2014-0099, 2014

# Collective effects and multi-turn wake

## Loss of Landau damping (LHC)

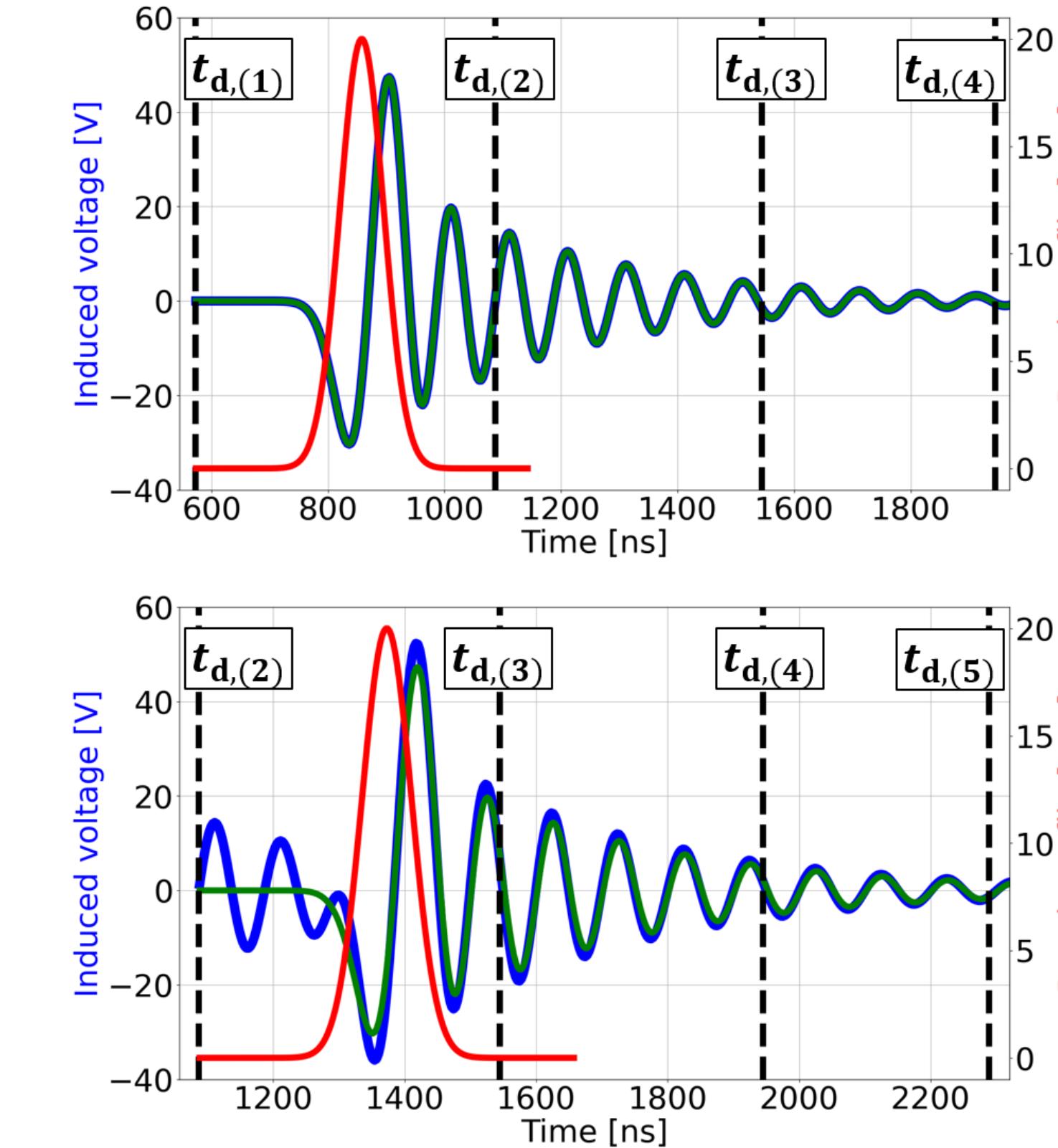


*Loss of Landau damping simulated with BLonD (blue spectrum) and the semi-analytic solver MEODY (red dotted line) [8]*

[8] I. Karpov, T. Argyropoulos and E. Shaposhnikova: 'Thresholds for loss of Landau damping in the longitudinal plane', PRAB **24**, 011002, 2021.

## Coupling particles over several machine turns

- Keep bunch profiles over several turns in memory



*Top: first turn*

*Bottom: second turn*

*Courtesy of A. Lasheen*

# Synchrotron radiation

## Synchrotron radiation & quantum excitation [9]

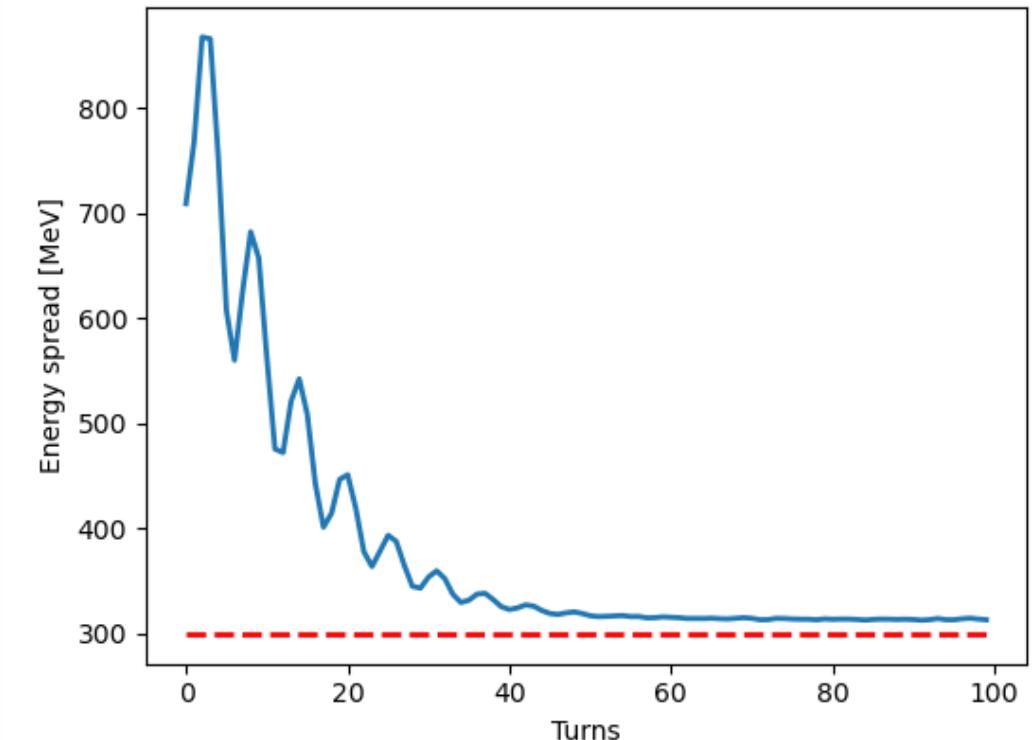
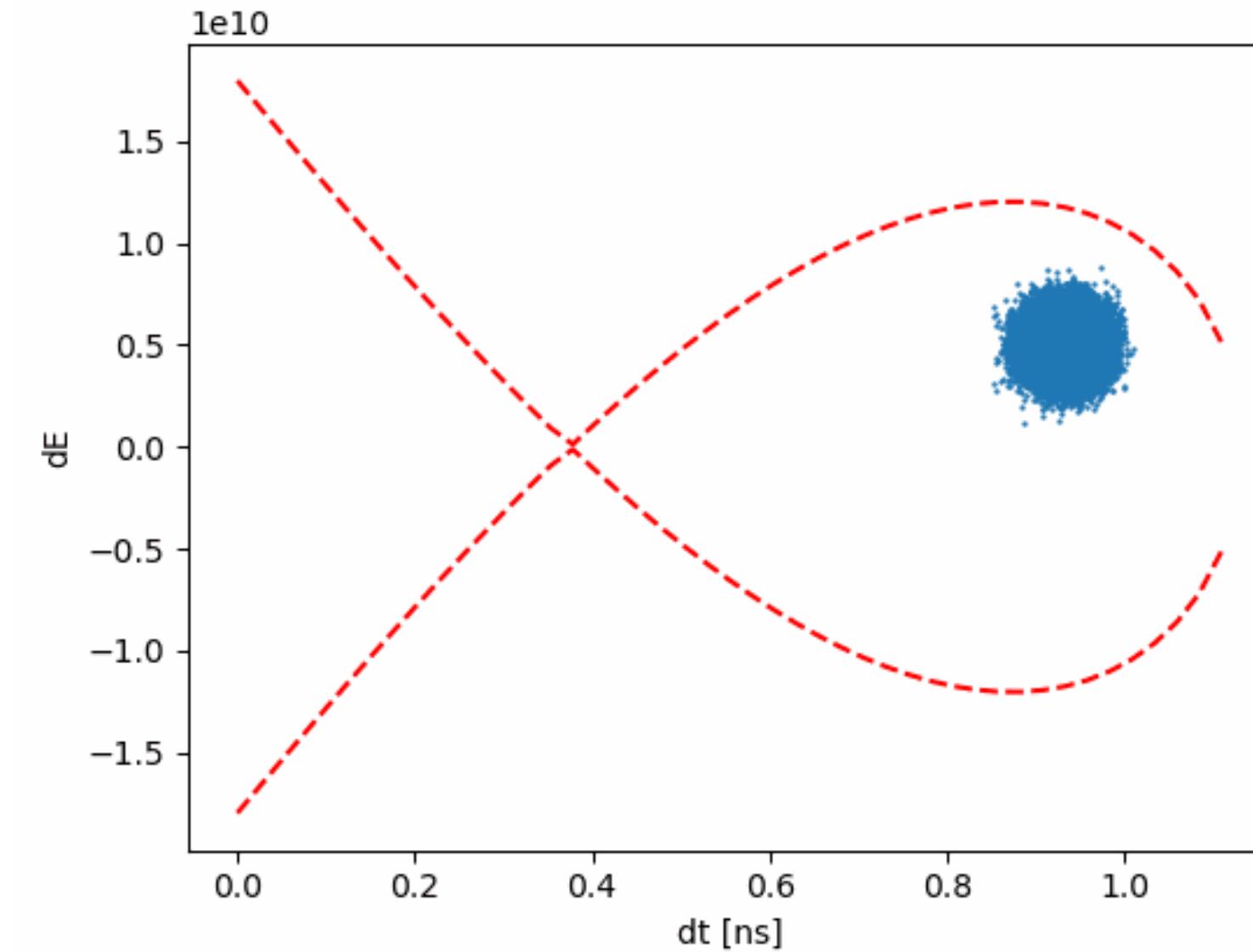
- SR shrinks, QE blows up the bunch emittance
- Energy loss can be applied several times per turn
  - Avoid large discrete energy kicks that can lead to fake debunching

$$E_{\text{other},(n)} = -U_0 - \frac{2}{\tau_z} \Delta E_{(n)} + 2 \frac{\sigma_{\Delta E}}{\sqrt{\tau_z}} E_{d,(n)} \text{RANDN}$$

Average energy loss      Difference in energy loss for each particle      Quantum excitation

- Where the average energy loss is:

$$U_0 = \frac{4\pi}{3} \frac{r_{\text{cl}}}{m_p^3 c^6 \rho} E_{d,(n)}^4 \frac{R}{C}$$



**SR & QE in FCCee: one RF kick and 64 SR kicks per turn**

**The equilibrium emittance is reached within tens of turns**

Courtesy of A. Vanel

|   |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|
| $\rho$  | magnet bending radius         |
| $\sigma_{\Delta E}$   | equilibrium energy spread     |
| $\tau_z$  | damping time [turns]          |
| $m_p$   | particle mass                 |
| RANDN   | normal random number in (0,1) |
| $r_{\text{cl}} = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{q^2}{m_p c^2}$ | classical particle radius     |

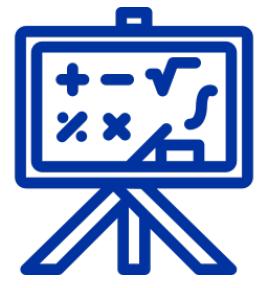
[9] J. Esteban Müller: 'Modification of the simulation code BLonD for lepton rings', <https://zenodo.org/record/7675649>, (2017)

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# Global control loops

**Principle: take a beam measurable and compare it to its design value**

- Beam phase loop  $\Delta\varphi_{PL} = \varphi_b - \varphi_d$ 
  - Measures the beam phase w.r.t. synchronous (design) phase
  - Used to reduce injection errors and undesired RF noise (improve beam lifetime)
- Synchronisation or frequency loop  $\Delta\omega_{SL} = \omega_{rf} - \omega_{rf,d} = \omega_{rf} - h\omega_{rev}$ 
  - Measures the RF frequency
  - Used for injection/extraction and to keep the RF frequency at its design value
- Radial loop (for transition-crossing machines) 
$$\frac{\Delta R_{RL}}{R_d} = \frac{\Delta\omega_{rf}}{\omega_{rf,d}} \frac{\gamma^2}{\gamma_T^2 - \gamma^s}$$
  - Measures the radial position of the beam
  - Used to keep the beam centred and the RF frequency at its design value

**Measure at a given harmonic,  
apply corrections on all RF  
systems (if several)**

- Updated RF frequency of system  $k$ :

$$\Delta\omega_{rf,k} = \frac{h_k}{h_{meas}} \Delta\omega_{TOT}$$

- Updated RF phase of system  $k$ :

$$\Delta\varphi_{rf,k} = 2\pi h_k \frac{\omega_{rf,k}}{\omega_{rf,d,k}}$$

**Correct the RF frequency**  $\Delta\omega_{TOT} \equiv \omega_{rf} - \omega_{rf,d}$

- Can be a sum of corrections from different loops  $\omega_{rf} = \omega_{rf,d} + \Delta\omega_{PL} + \Delta\omega_{SL} + \dots$

# LHC global loops

**Exact algorithms are machine dependent.**  
**E.g. LHC phase & synchro loop [10]**

- Correction of the beam phase loop

$$\Delta\omega_{PL} = -g_{PL}\Delta\varphi_{PL}$$

- Reaction time: 5 turns

- Correction of the synchronisation loop

$$\Delta\omega_{SL} = -g_{SL}(y + a \Delta\varphi_{rf})$$

- Reaction time: 50 turns

- Here  $y$  is a recursive function

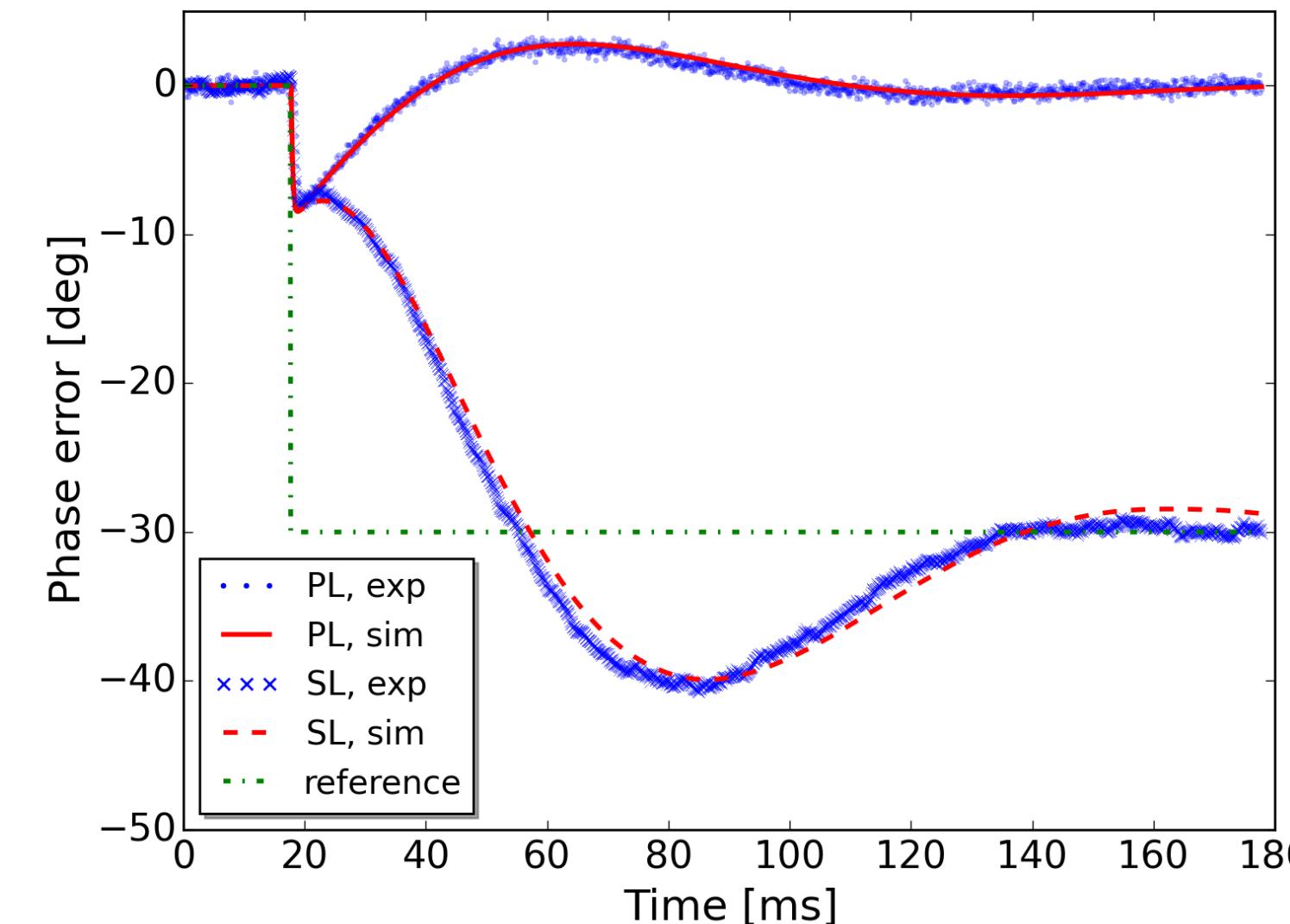
$$y_{(n+1)} = (1 - \tau)y_{(n)} + (1 - a)\tau\Delta\varphi_{rf} \text{ with } y_{(0)} = 0$$

- and  $\tau, a$  are functions of the synchrotron frequency

$$a(\omega_s) \equiv 5.25 - \frac{\omega_s}{2\pi 20 \text{ Hz}}$$

$$\tau(Q_s) \equiv 2\pi Q_s \sqrt{\frac{a}{1 + \frac{g_{PL}}{g_{SL}} \sqrt{\frac{1 + 1/a}{1 + a}}}}$$

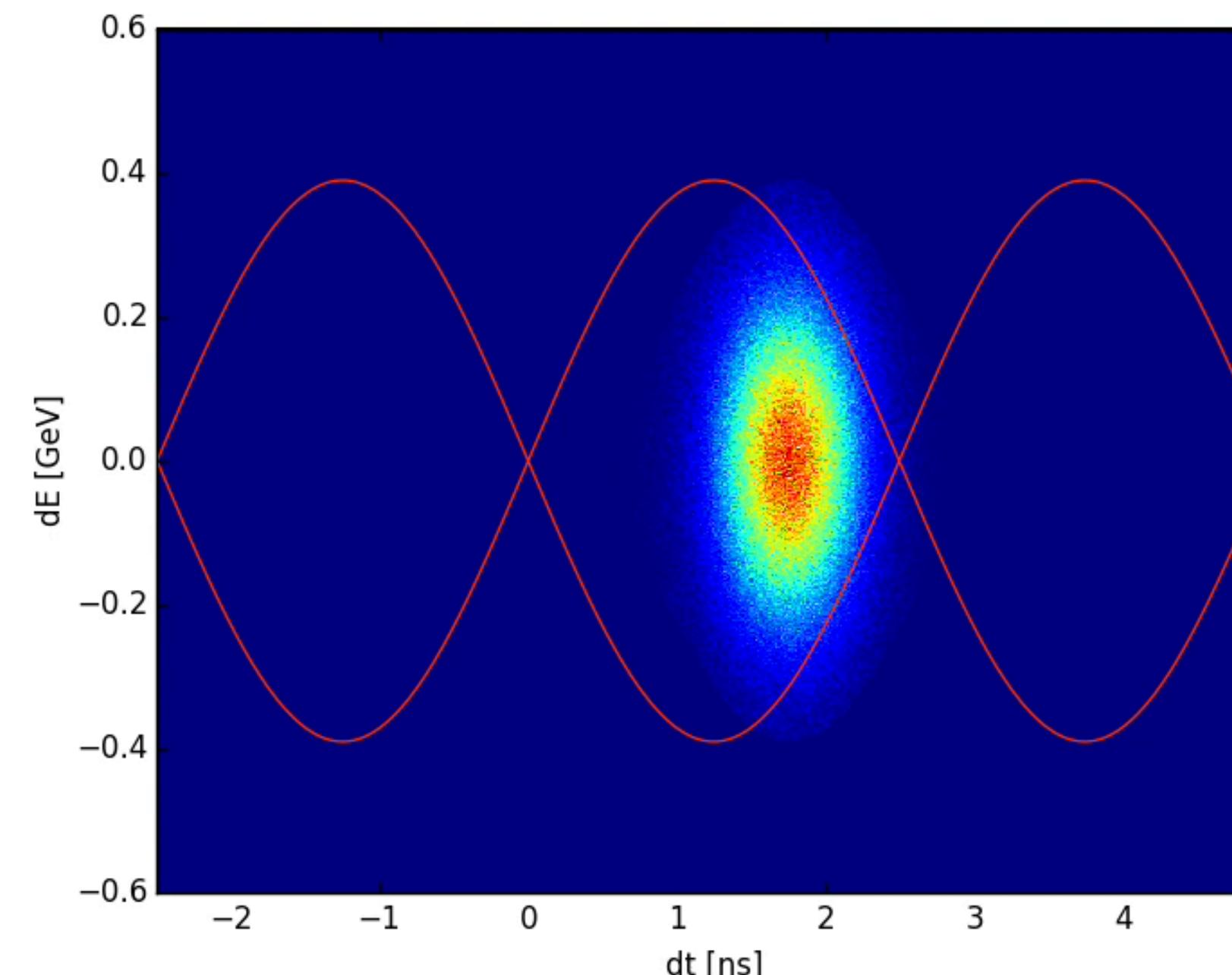
[10] P. Baudrenghien: 'The LHC Low Level Loops', unpublished, 2008.



## Benchmarking

Step response of beam phase and synchro loops:  
 Measured (blue) vs simulated (red) phase error

0 turns



Simulated LHC capture with phase error  
 Beam phase & synchro loops acting

# PSB global loops

## Another example: PSB [11]

- Beam phase loop z-domain transfer function

$$H(z) = g \frac{b_0 + b_1 z^{-1}}{1 + a_1 z^{-1}}$$

- Ties the phase  $\Delta\varphi_{PL}$  and frequency  $\Delta\omega_{PL}$  corrections as

$$\Delta\omega_{PL}^{n+1} = -a_1 \Delta\omega_{PL}^n + g(b_0 \Delta\varphi_{PL}^{n+1} + b_1 \Delta\varphi_{PL}^n)$$

- Radial loop for transition crossing and orbit changes

- Beam radial position calculated as

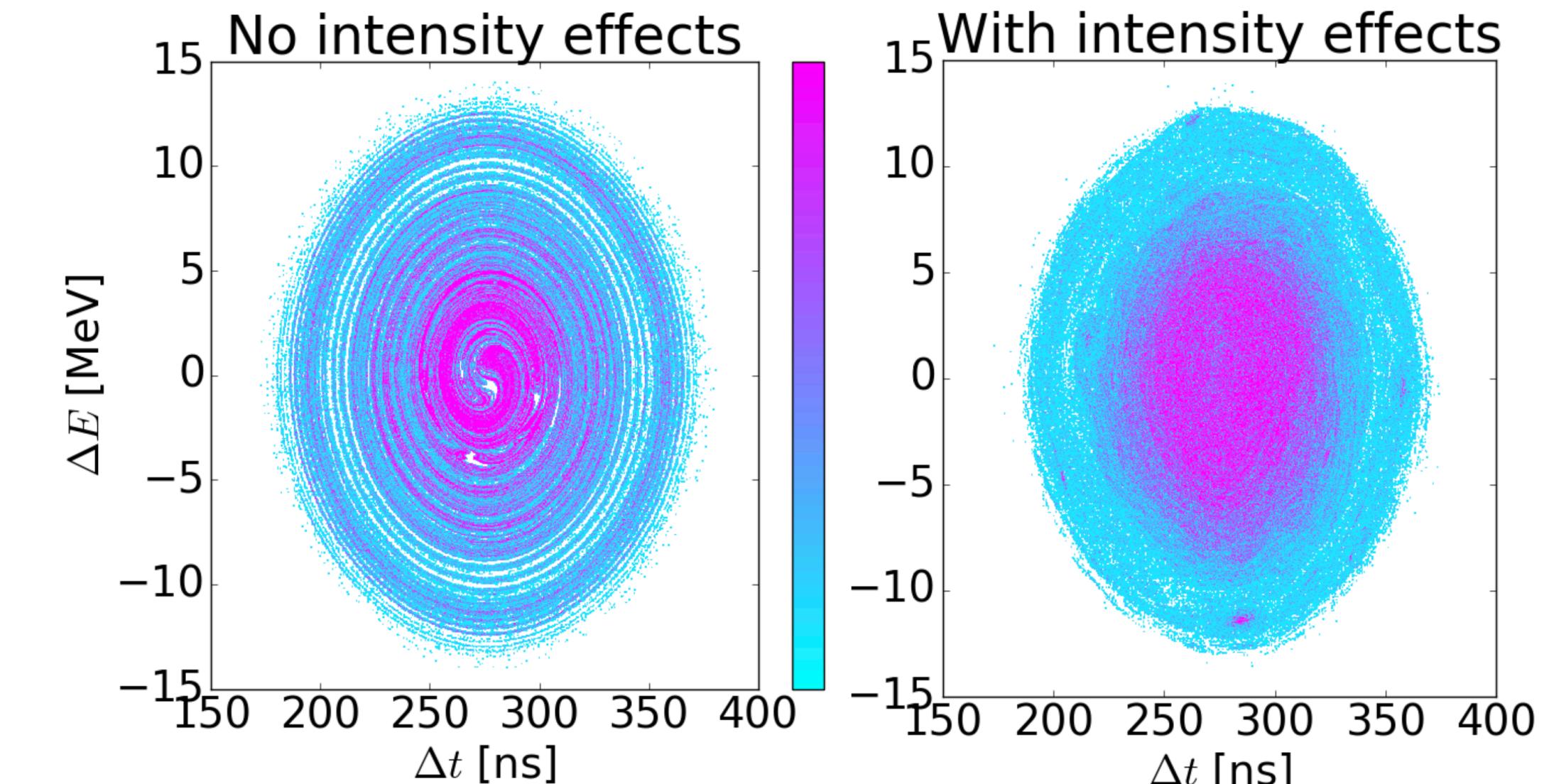
$$\frac{\Delta R}{R} = \frac{\Delta\omega_{rf}}{\omega_{rf}} \frac{\gamma^2}{\gamma_T^2 - \gamma^2}$$

- Applying a proportional-integrator (PI) filter

$$\Delta\omega_{RL}^{n+1} = \Delta\omega_{RL}^n + K_P \left[ \left( \frac{\Delta R}{R} \right)^n - \left( \frac{\Delta R}{R} \right)^{n-1} \right] + K_I \left( \frac{\Delta R}{R} \right)^n$$

- The total correction becomes

$$\Delta\omega_{rf}^{n+1} = \Delta\omega_{PL}^{n+1} + \Delta\omega_{RL}^{n+1}$$



*Simulation of controlled emittance blow-up in the presence of beam phase and radial loop from [11], without (left) and with (right) collective effects*

[11] D. Quartullo et al.: ‘Controlled longitudinal emittance blow-up using band-limited phase noise in CERN PSB’, Proc. IPAC’17, Copenhagen, Denmark, 2017.

# RF phase modulation

## Resonant excitation using sine waves [12-14]

- Phase modulation added to the RF phase [15]:

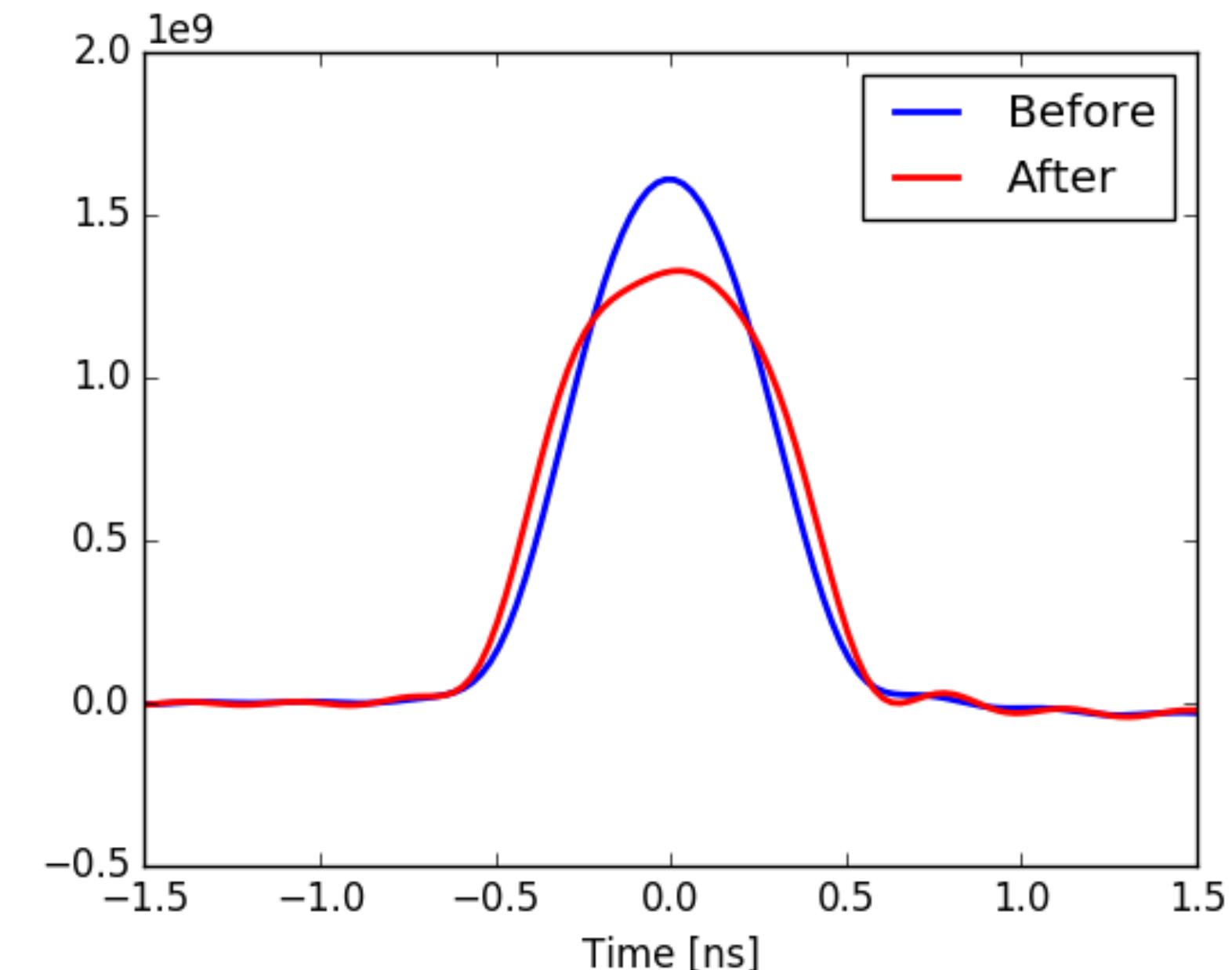
$$\Delta\varphi_{\text{rf},(n)} = A \sin \left( 2\pi \sum_{k=0}^n f_{\text{mod},(k)} T_{\text{rev},(k)} \right) + \varphi_{\text{off},(n)}$$

- To correctly simulate the modulation, the RF frequency has to follow as:

$$\Delta\omega_{\text{rf},(n)} = \frac{d\Delta\varphi_{\text{rf},(n)}}{dt} = \delta\Delta\varphi_{\text{rf},(n)} \frac{\omega_{\text{rf},d,(n)}}{2\pi h}$$

## Example: bunch flattening during LHC collisions

- Increase in bunch length to counteract SR w/o losses
- For this, modulate close to the core  $0.98f_{s0}$  with  $0.6^\circ$



*Measured bunch profile in the LHC before and after flattening*

[12] S. Y. Lee: 'Accelerator Physics', World Scientific, 3rd Ed., 2012.

[13] C. Y. Tan and A. Burov: 'Phase modulation of the bucket stops bunch oscillations at the Fermilab Tevatron', PRAB **15**, 044401, (2012).

[14] E. Shaposhnikova *et al.*: 'Flat Bunches in the LHC', Proc. IPAC'14, Dresden, Germany, (2014).

[15] S. Albright and D. Quartullo: Journal of Physics: Conference Series 1350, 012144 (2019).

# RF phase noise

## Modelling of controlled emittance blow-up via noise injection or background RF phase noise [16,17]

- RF phase is changed turn by turn with a noise sample:

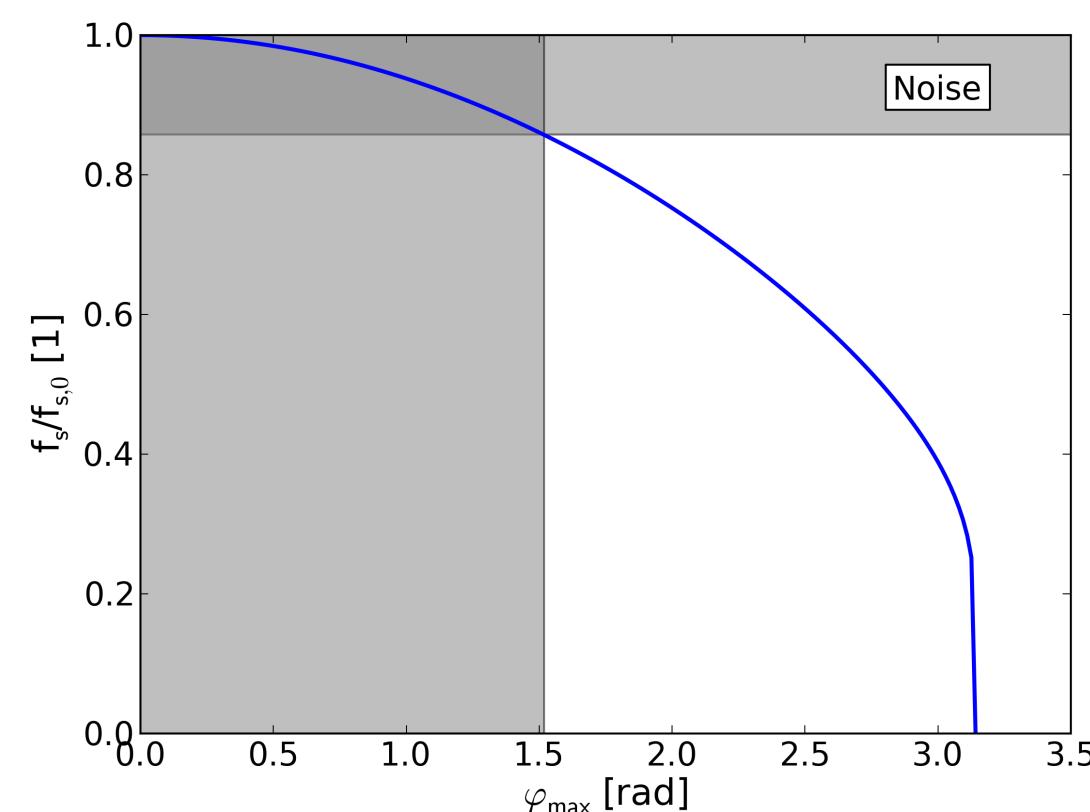
$$\Delta\varphi_{\text{rf}} = \varphi_{\text{noise}}(t_{(n)}), \text{ with } \langle \varphi_{\text{noise}}(t_{(n)}) \rangle = 0$$

- Can shape the bunch using band-limited white noise [18]

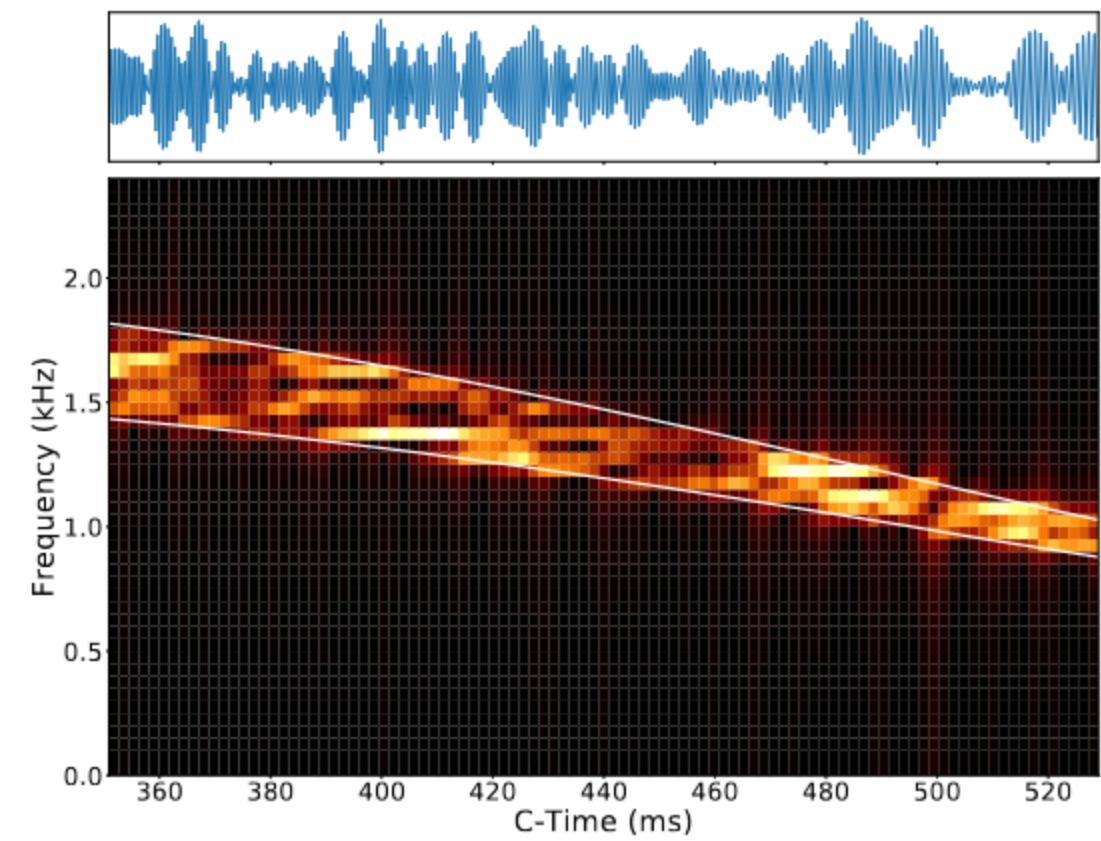
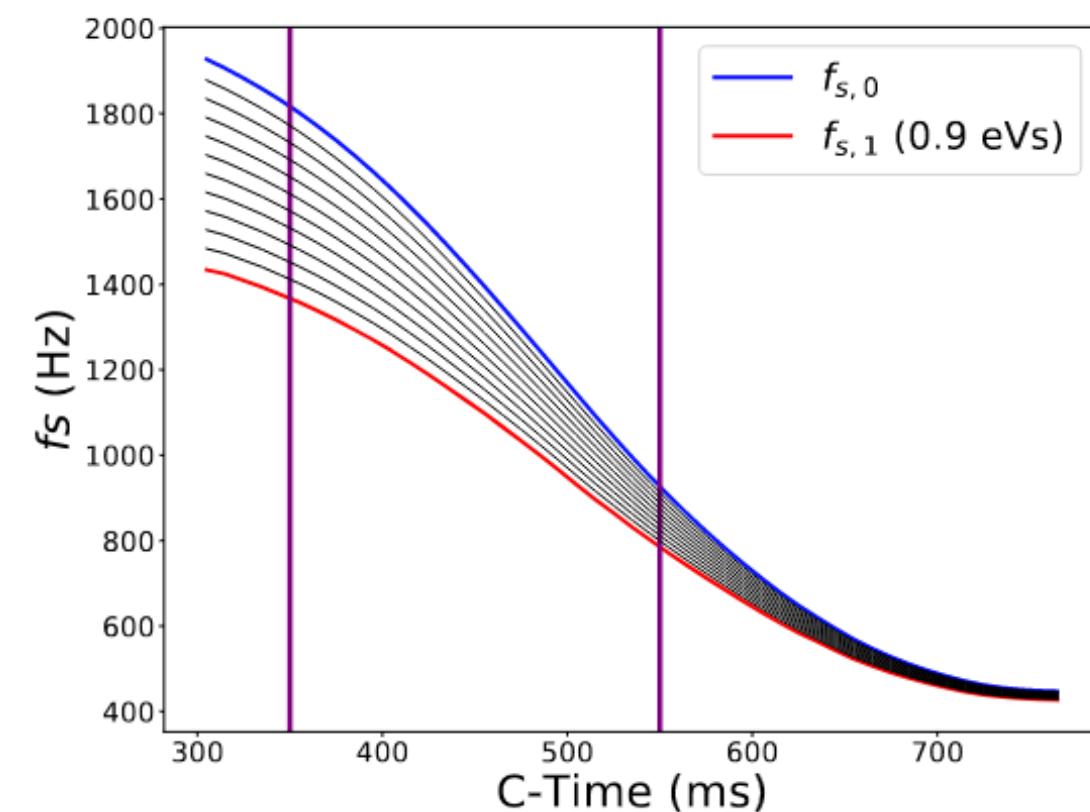
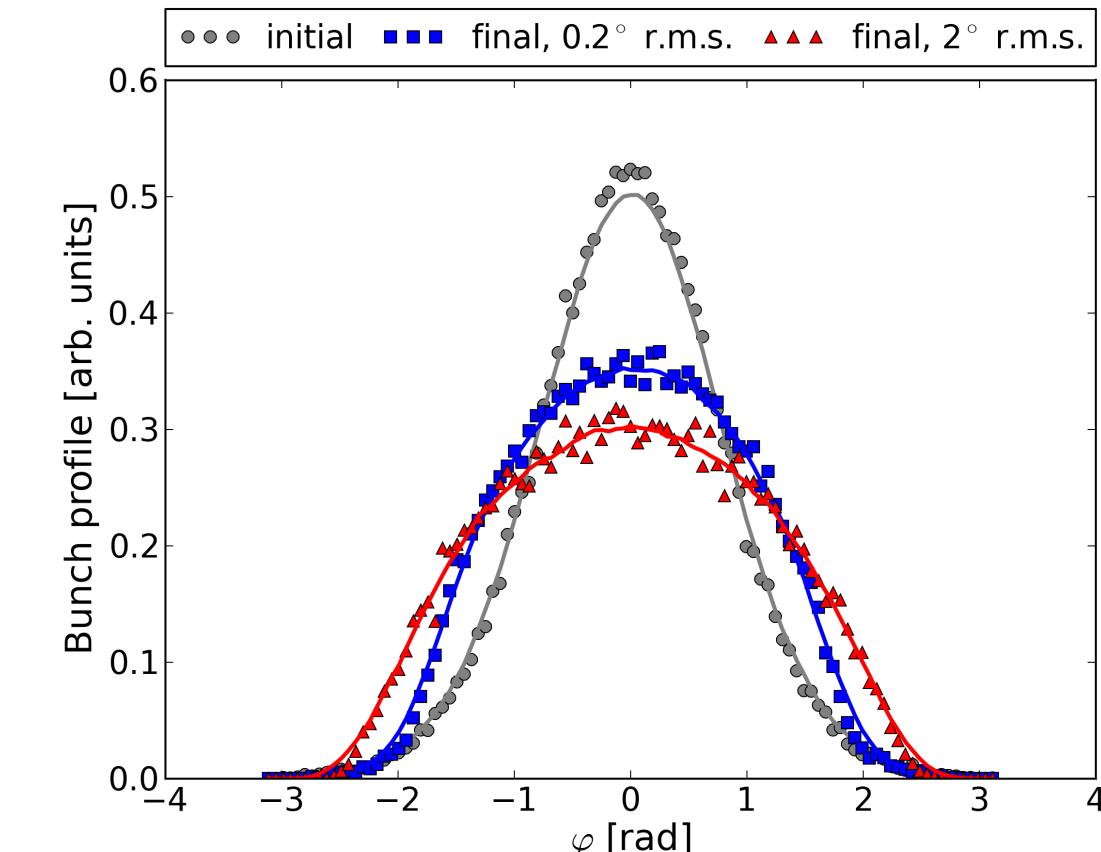
- The noise spectrum determines the region of the bunch affected
  - Target the core to avoid losses from the tails
- The r.m.s. phase noise depends on the single-sided power spectral density as

$$\varphi_{\text{noise}}^{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\int S_\varphi(f) df}$$

- In BLonD, we use the algorithm in [19] to generate the noise sequence for band-limited noise (of any spectrum)



*Diffusion due to band-limited white noise*



*Alternative to phase noise: a sum of single-frequency modulations (e.g. PSB) [15]*

[16] S. Krinsky, J.M. Wang: ‘Bunch diffusion due to RF noise’, Part. Accel. 12, 107–117 (1982).

[17] G. Dôme: ‘Diffusion due to RF noise’, CERN Accelerator School ‘85, Oxford, UK, 370–401 (1985).

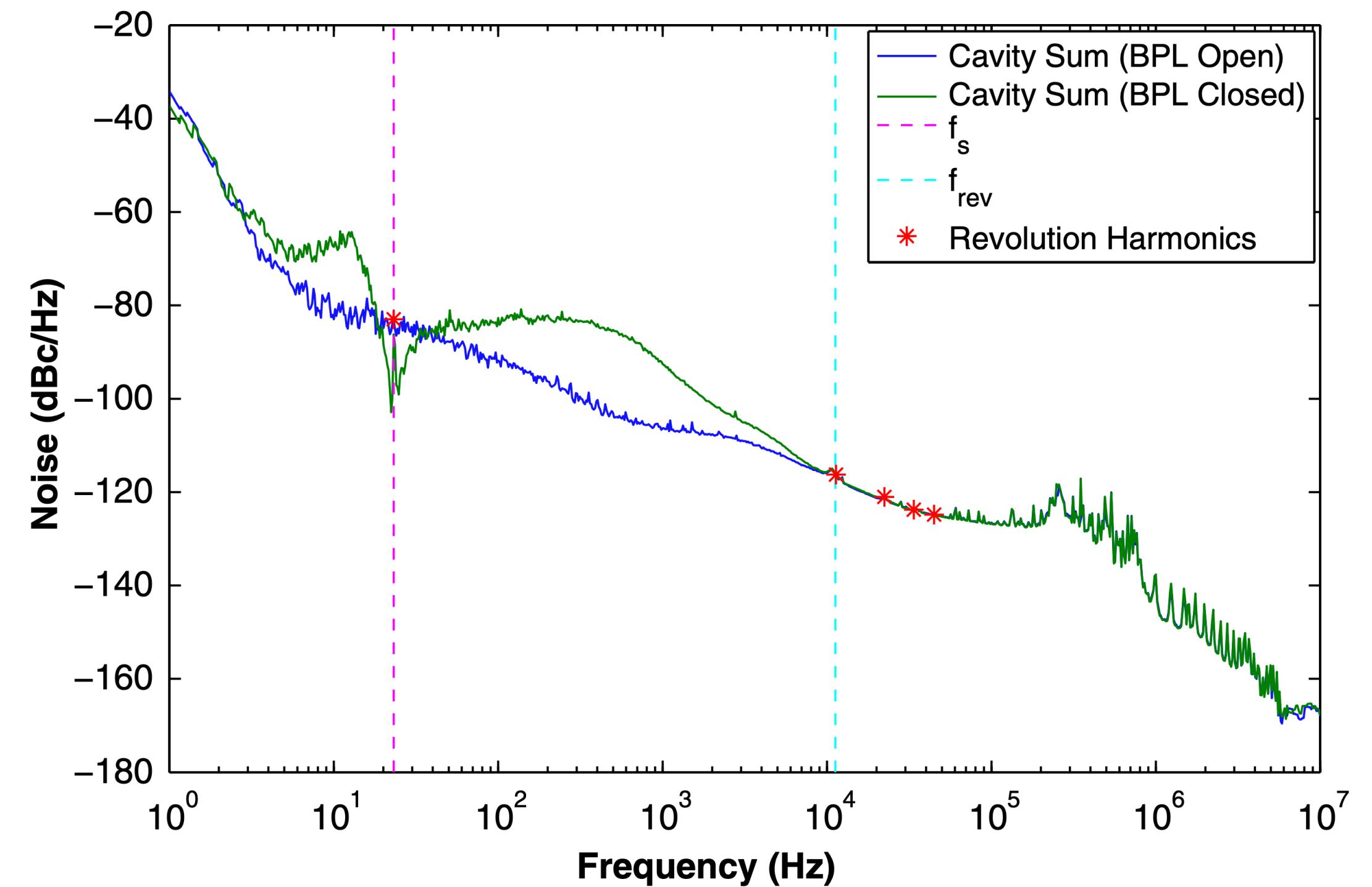
[18] T.Toyama: ‘Uniform bunch formation by RF voltage modulation with a band-limited white signal’, NIM A, 447, 317–327 (2000).

[19] J. Tückmantel: ‘Digital generation of noise-signals with arbitrary constant or time-varying spectra’, LHC-PROJECT-Report-1055, (2008).

# Damping of RF phase noise

**The beam lifetime relies on damping the background RF phase noise**

- Without the beam phase loop in physics, the lifetime of the LHC proton beam would be of the order of 10s minutes
  - With the beam phase loop acting, proton collisions can be maintained >24 h
- Beam dynamics simulations can help to design the right damping of background RF noise
  - RF noise feedbacks for HL-LHC crab cavities are being designed with input from 6D beam dynamics simulations
  - See also talk by G. Hagmann, Mon PM



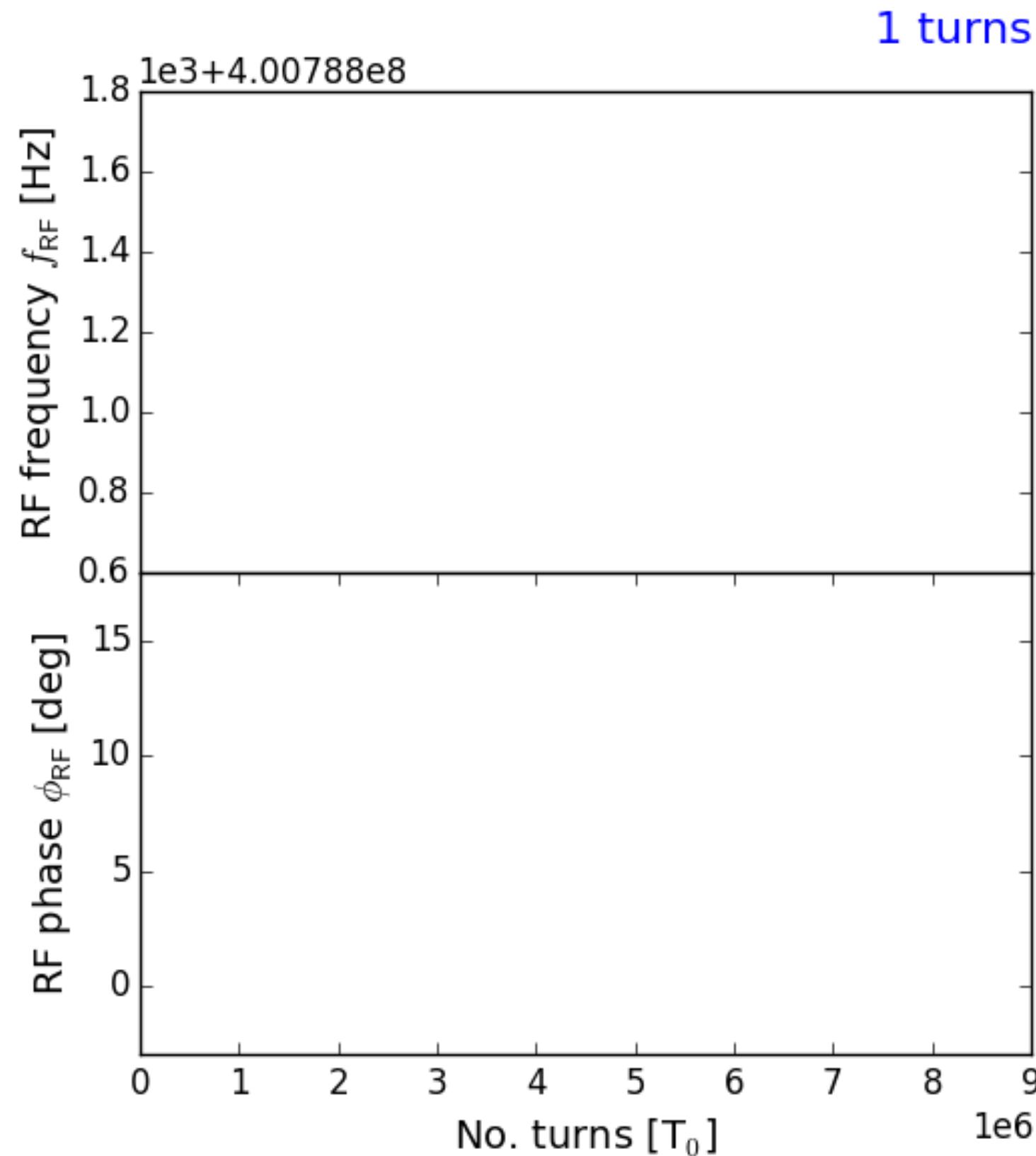
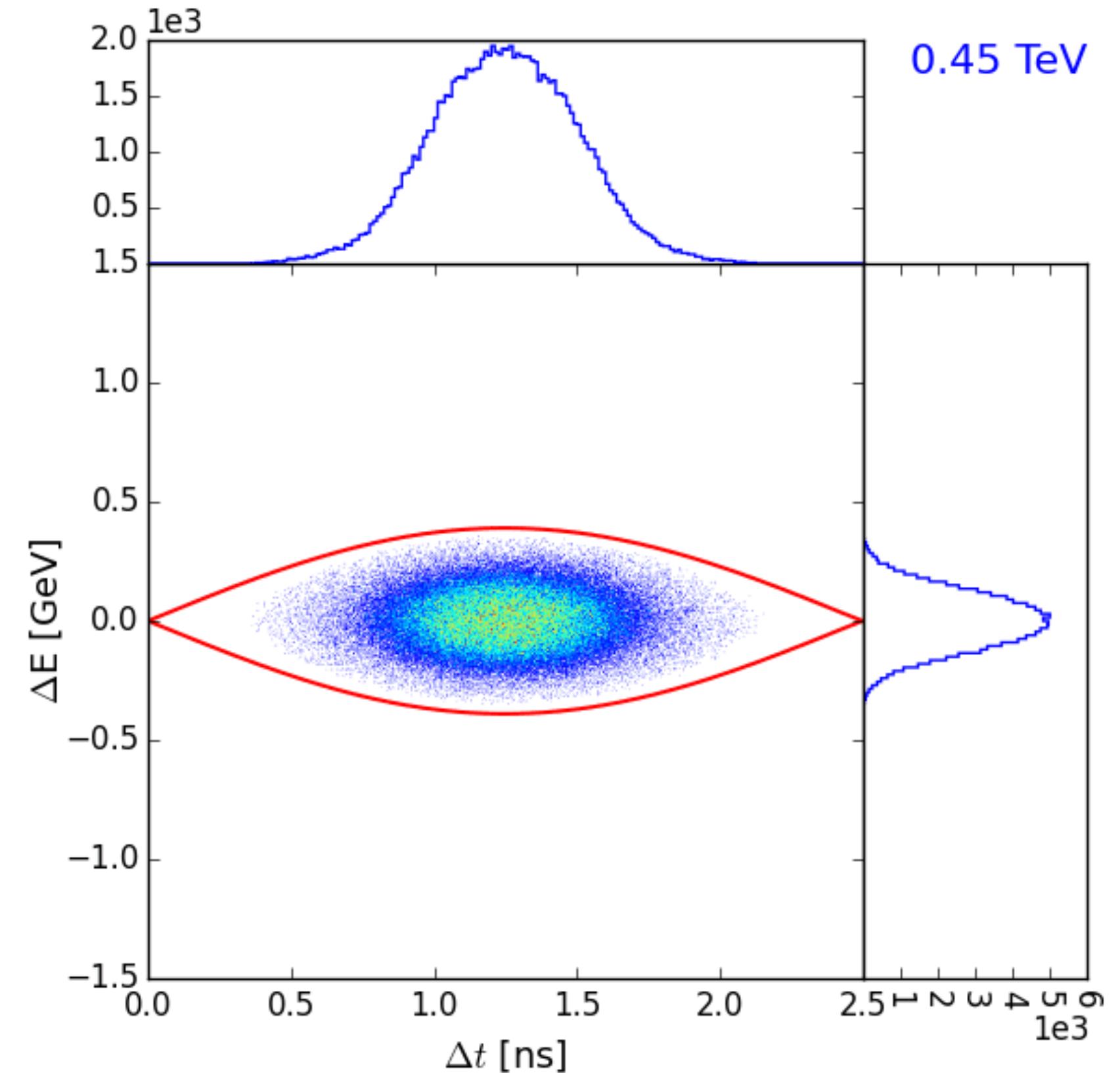
*RF phase noise spectrum in the LHC, without and with the beam phase loop acting; a plot from [20]*

[20] T. Mastoridis et al., ‘Radio frequency noise effects on the CERN Large Hadron Collider beam diffusion’, Phys. Rev. Accel. Beams **14**, 092802, 2011.

# LHC blow-up with global loops

## A concrete example: LHC blow-up during the ramp

- RF phase noise injection with beam phase loop and synchro loop on
- Bunch length feedback regulating the strength (r.m.s. amplitude) of the noise



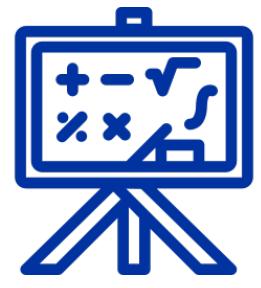
*LHC controlled emittance  
blow-up with beam phase loop  
and synchronisation loop acting*

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# Local control loops

## Control an RF chain from transmitter to cavity

- Principal function: regulate the RF voltage amplitude and phase  $\vec{V}_{\text{ant}}$  to the set point (design) value  $\vec{V}_{\text{set}}$
- Tune the cavity
- Transmitter regulation (e.g. polar loop)
- Clamping/protection loops

## From the beam point of view

- Reduce the cavity impedance at the RF frequency
- If necessary, damp coupled-bunch modes
  - E.g. reduce the side-bands of the cavity impedance at  $nf_{\text{rev}} + kf_s$  (comb filters)

## What it means in our simulations

- Voltage amplitude and phase are **now arrays** over one turn!

$$|V_{\text{ant}}| \sin(\omega_{\text{rf}}\Delta t + \varphi_{\text{ant}}) = |V_{\text{set}}| |V_{\text{corr}}| \sin(\omega_{\text{rf}}\Delta t + \varphi_{\text{set}} + \varphi_{\text{corr}})$$

The diagram illustrates the mathematical equation. It shows two sine waves. The first sine wave is labeled with its amplitude  $|V_{\text{set}}|$  and phase  $\varphi_{\text{set}}$ . The second sine wave is labeled with its amplitude  $|V_{\text{corr}}|$  and phase  $\varphi_{\text{corr}}$ . A dashed arrow points from the  $\varphi_{\text{corr}}$  label to the second sine wave. A solid arrow points from the  $|V_{\text{set}}|$  label to the first sine wave. Below the equation, text indicates that the set point voltage is a constant value per turn, while the correction voltage is sampled with a sampling time.

## Some built-in generic building blocks

- RF beam current calculation from beam profile
- Up- and down-modulation
- Comb filter
- FIR filter
- Moving average
- ...

# SPS cavity controller model

## Time-domain model [21,22] in a nutshell

- Synchronous with RF frequency ( $\sim 200$  MHz)
  - Harmonic  $h$  samples per turn
- Normal conducting travelling wave cavities

$$V_{\text{ant}} = V_{\text{gen}} + V_{\text{beam}} = I_{\text{gen}} Z_{\text{gen}} + I_{\text{beam}} Z_{\text{beam}}$$

- Induced voltage calculated through impulse response

$$\begin{pmatrix} V_I(t) \\ V_Q(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} h_c(t) & -h_s(t) \\ h_s(t) & h_c(t) \end{pmatrix} * \begin{pmatrix} I_I(t) \\ I_Q(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

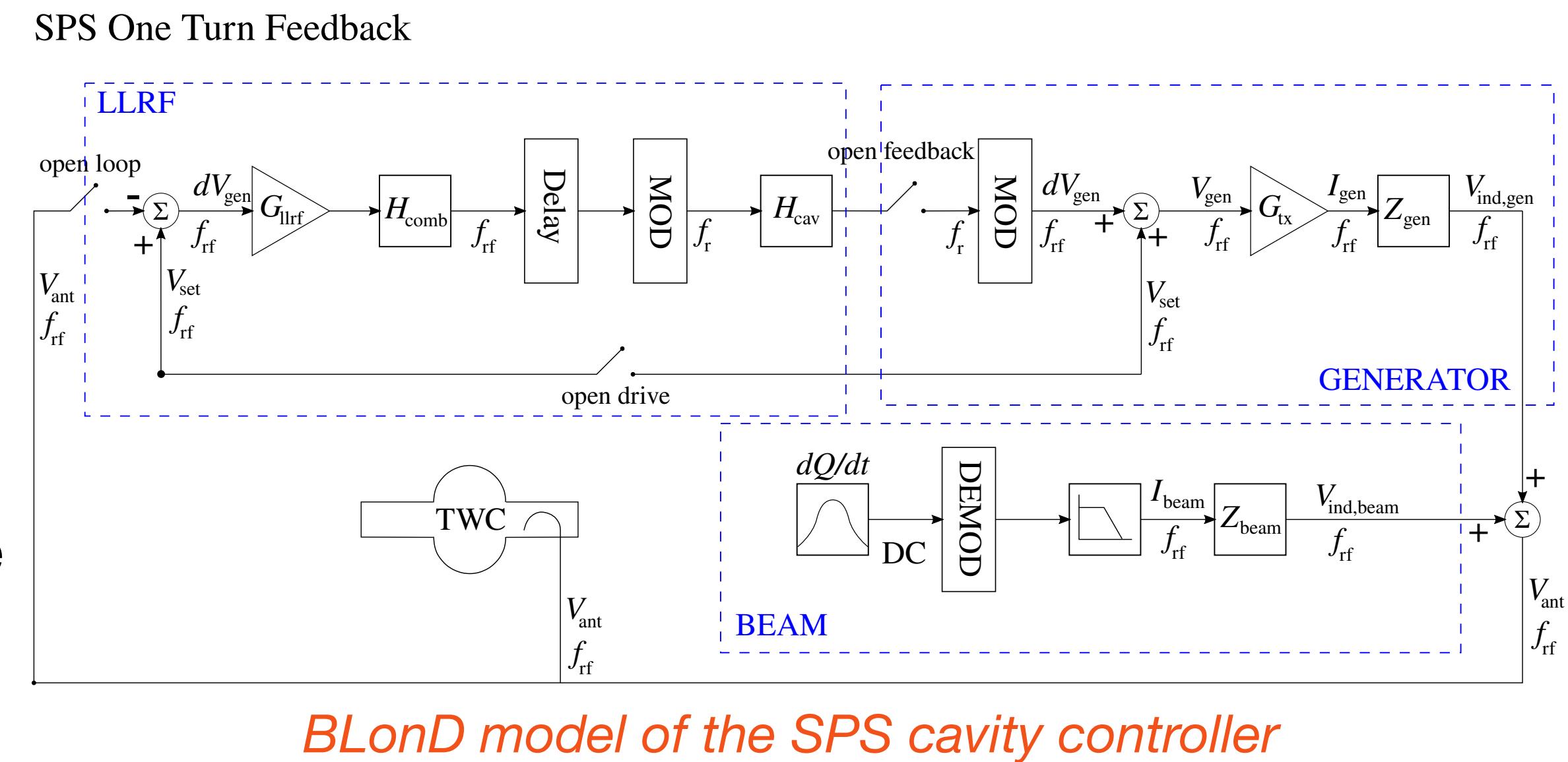
- A comb filter to implement a one-turn feedback

$$dV_{\text{gen,out},k,n} = a_{\text{comb}} dV_{\text{gen,out},k,n-1} + (1 - a_{\text{comb}}) dV_{\text{gen,in},k,n}$$

- Cavity response is represented by a moving average

$$dV_{\text{gen,out},k} = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{i=k-K}^k dV_{\text{gen,in},i}$$

- Feed-forward FIR filter  $Z_{\text{gen}}(f) H_{\text{FF}}(f) = -Z_{\text{beam}}(f)$



Impulse response for beam-induced voltage with triangle function:

$$h_{c,\text{beam}}(t) = \frac{2R_{\text{beam}}}{\tau} \text{tri}\left(\frac{t}{\tau}\right) \text{(sin)}$$

Impulse response for generator-induced voltage with rectangle function:

$$h_{c,\text{gen}}(t) = \frac{2R_{\text{gen}}}{\tau} \text{rect}\left(\frac{t}{\tau}\right) \text{(sin)}$$

$\tau$  cavity filling time: 462 ns for 3-section, 621 ns for 4-section cavities

[21] P. Baudrenghien and T. Mastoridis: 'I/Q model of the SPS 200 MHz travelling wave cavity and feedforward design', CERN-ACC-NOTE-2020-0032, 2020.

[22] G. Hagmann et al. : 'CERN SPS low-level RF architecture & implementation', Presentation at LLRF'22 workshop, Brugg-Windisch, Switzerland.

# LHC cavity controller model

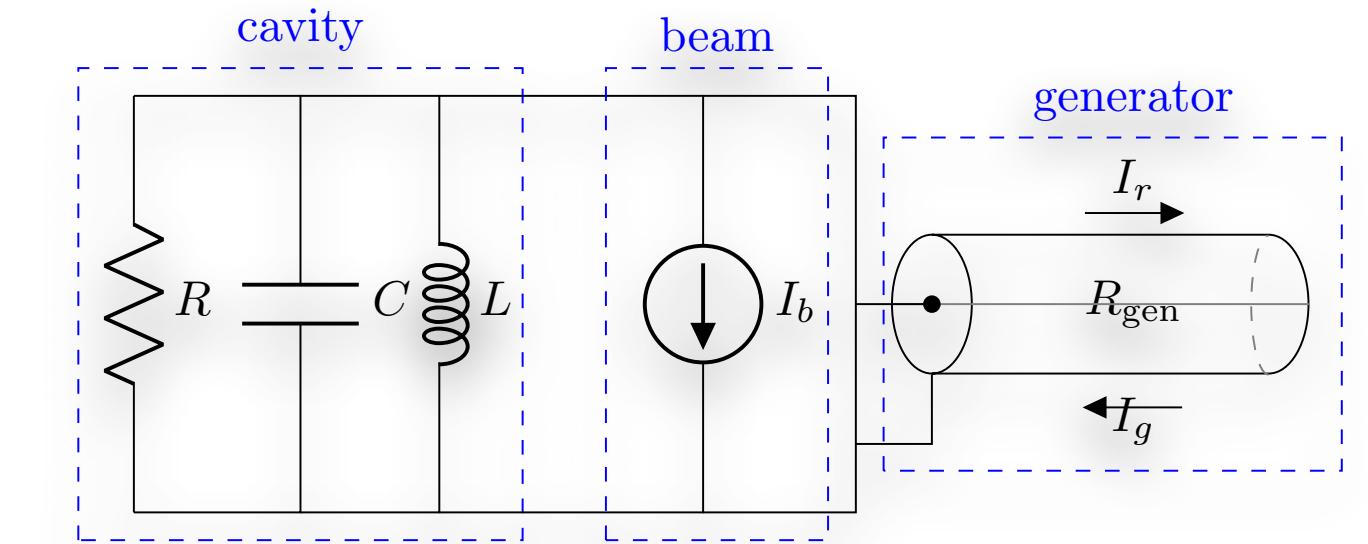
## Time-domain model [23] in a nutshell

- Synchronous with RF frequency ( $\sim 400$  MHz)
  - Harmonic  $h/10$  samples per turn
- Tuneable superconducting cavities (resonators)
  - Tuning and clamping loops
- Direct RF feedback composed of
  - Analog high-pass branch: gain  $G_a$ , delay  $\tau_a$ 

$$y^{(n)} = \left[ 1 - \frac{T_s}{\tau_a} \right] y^{(n-1)} + G_a(x^{(n)} - x^{(n-1)})$$
  - Digital low-pass branch: gain  $G_d$ , delay  $\tau_d$ 

$$y^{(n)} = \left[ 1 - \frac{T_s}{\tau_d} \right] y^{(n-1)} + G_a G_d e^{i\Delta\varphi_{ad}} \frac{T_s}{\tau_d} x^{(n-1)}$$
- One-turn delay feedback (comb filter)
  - Gain  $G_o$ , scaling factor  $\alpha$ , samples per turn  $N$ 

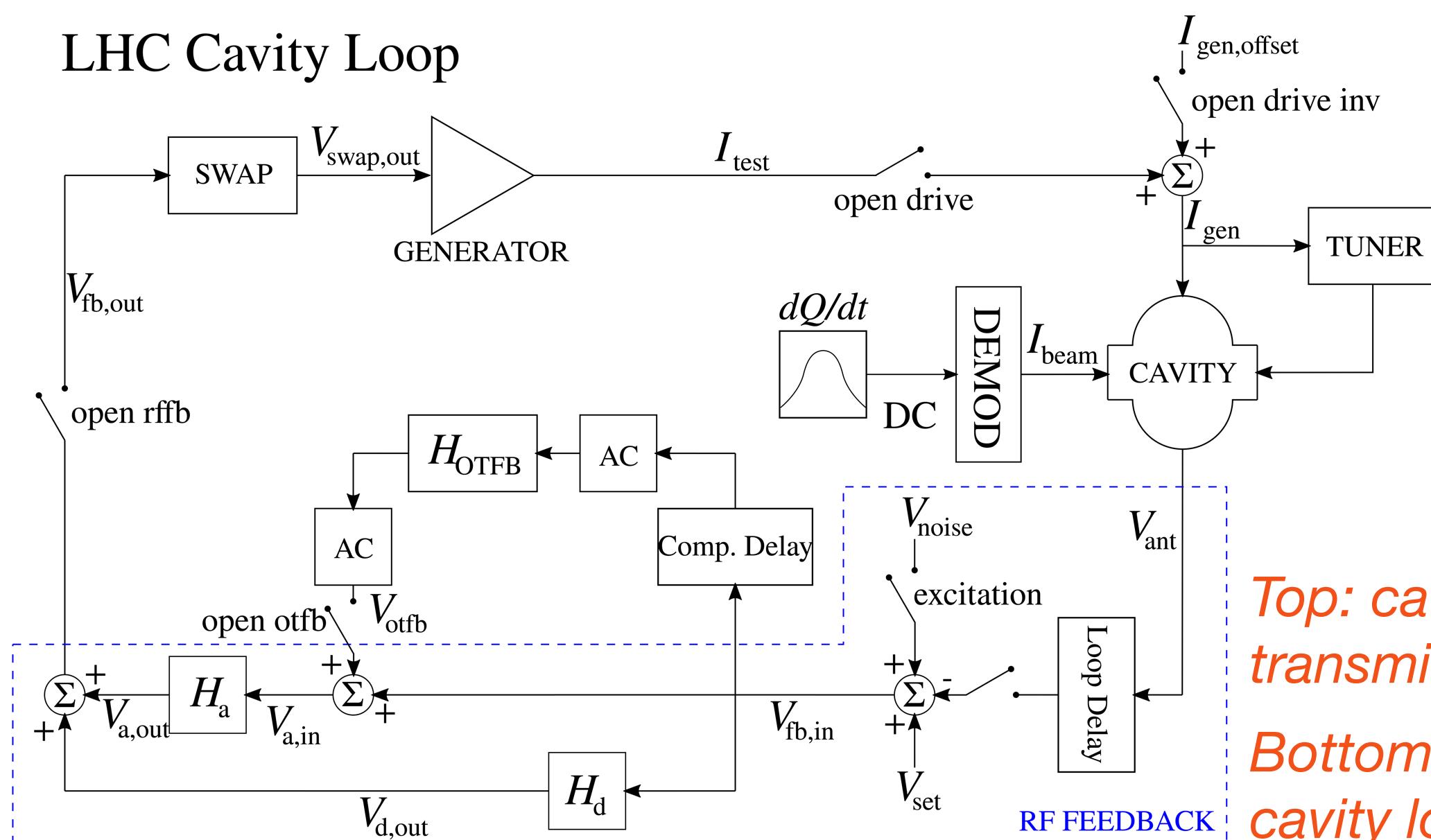
$$y^{(n)} = \alpha y^{(n-N)} + G_o(1 - \alpha)x^{(n-N)}$$



## Cavity-transmitter-beam interaction model [24]

$$V_{\text{ant}}^{(n)} = \frac{R}{Q} \omega T_{\text{rev},(n)} I_{\text{gen}}^{(n-1)} + \left( 1 - \frac{\omega T_s}{2Q_L} + i\Delta\omega T_{\text{rev},(n)} \right) V_{\text{ant}}^{(n-1)} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{R}{Q} \omega T_{\text{rev},(n)} I_{\text{b,rf}}^{(n-1)}$$

### LHC Cavity Loop



*Top: cavity-beam-transmitter model*

*Bottom: BLonD LHC cavity loop model*

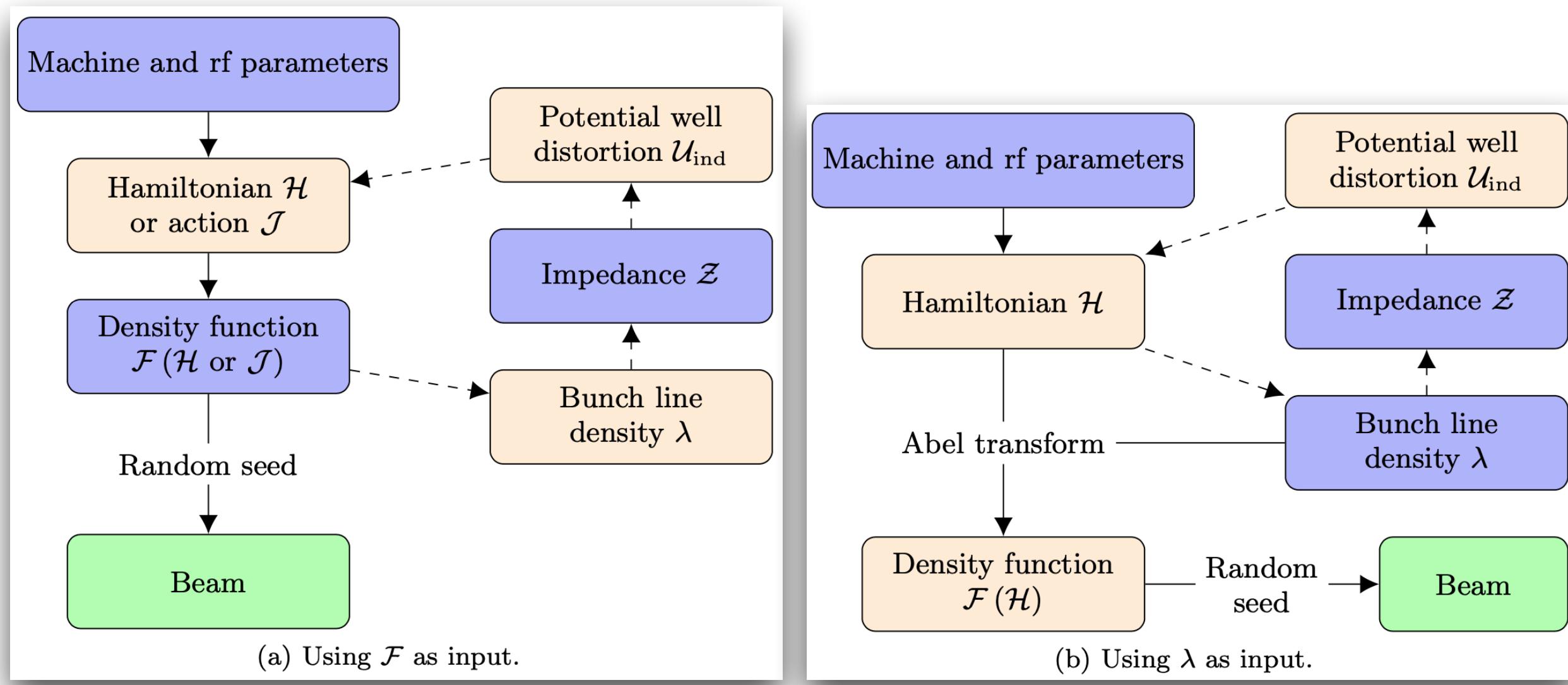
[23] J. Holma: ‘The model and simulations of the LHC 400 MHz cavity controller’, CERN-AB-Note-2007-012, 2007.

[24] J. Tückmantel: ‘Cavity-beam-transmitter interaction formula collection with derivation’, CERN-ATS-Note-2011-002 TECH, 2011.

# Beam distribution generation

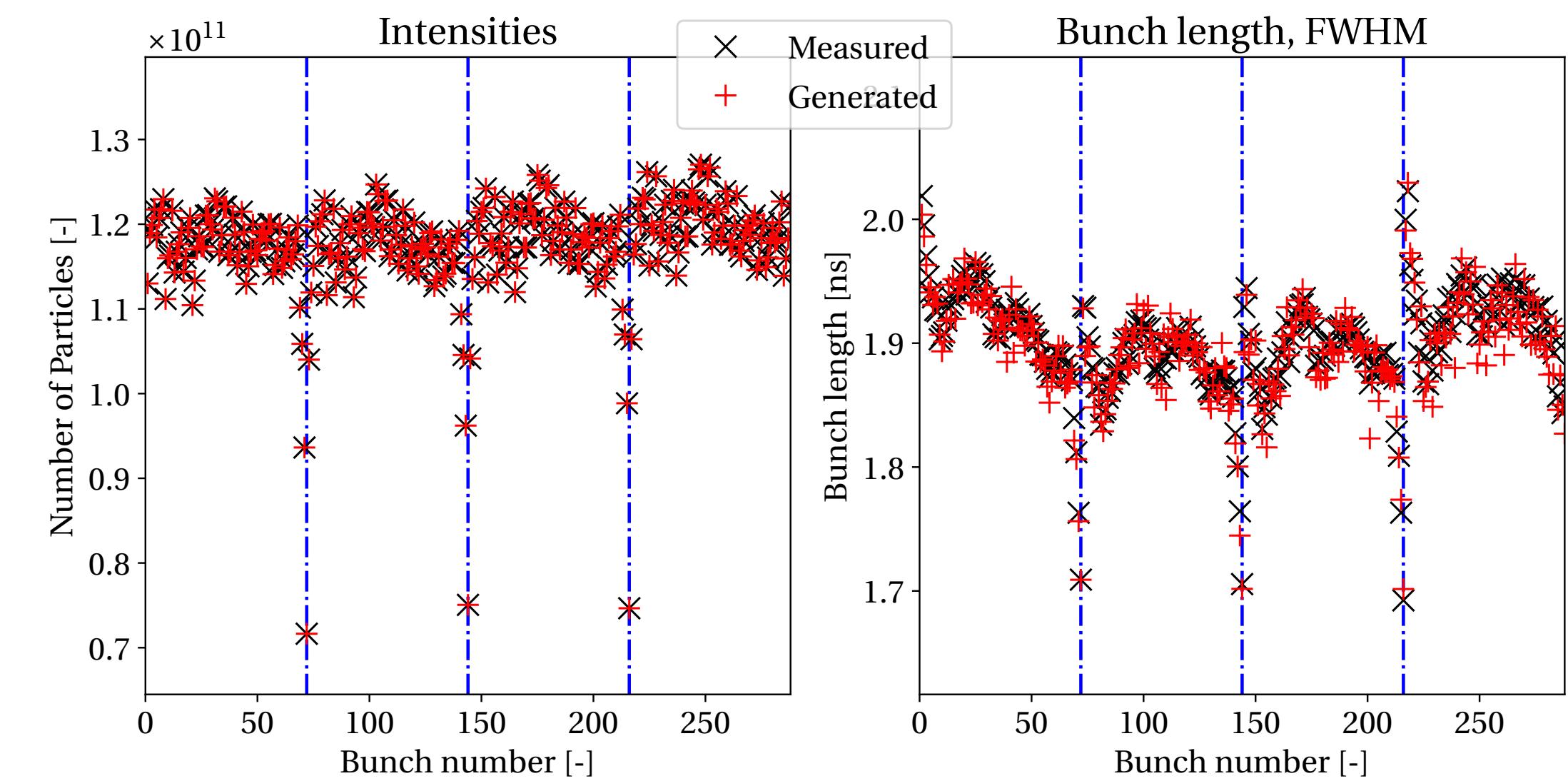
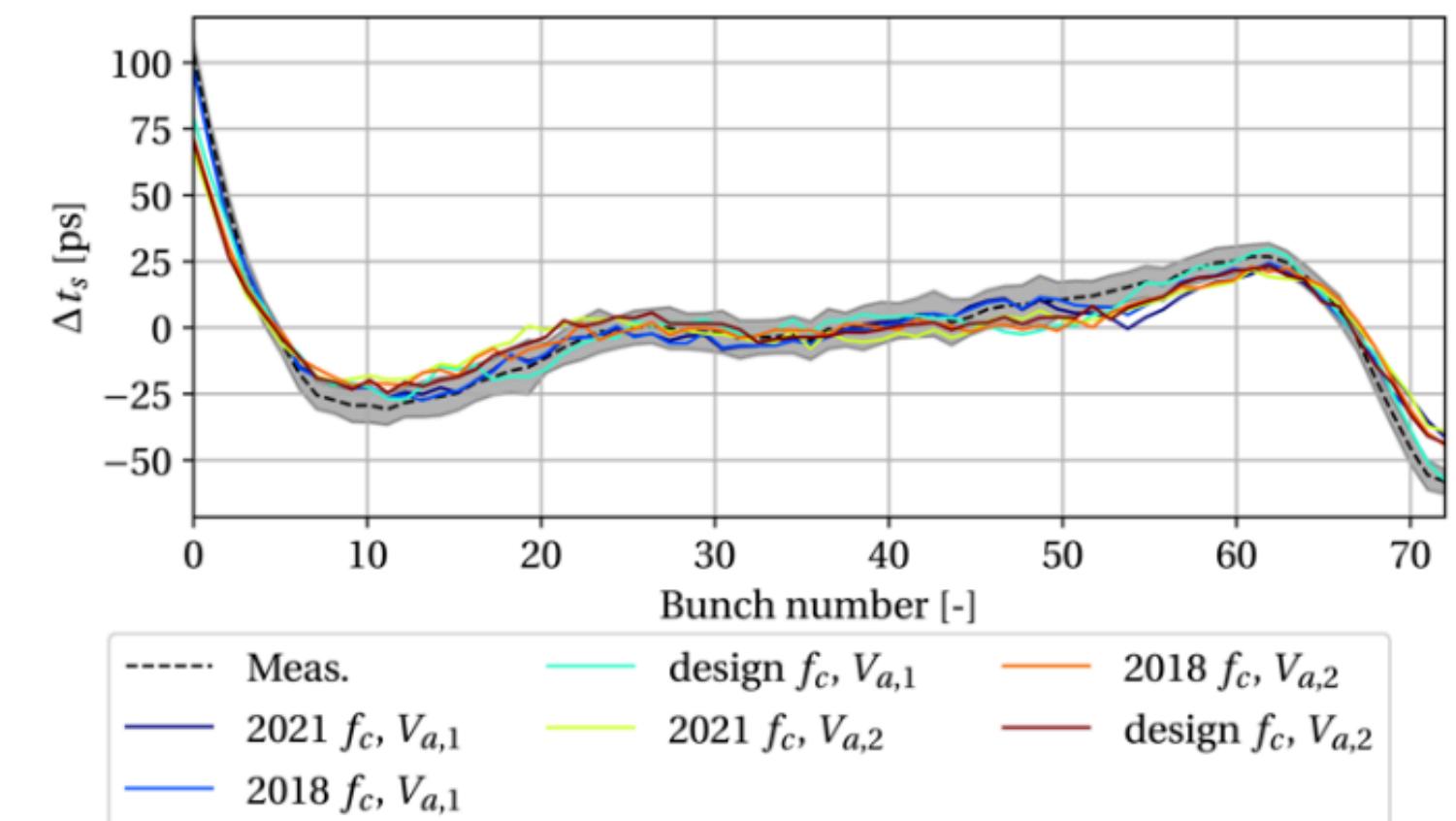
## With collective effects: an iterative process

- Matching to user-defined distribution or profile
- Add LLRF to re-match in the presence of loops



Bunch generation algorithms in BLonD

Courtesy of A. Lasheen



Top: adding the SPS OTFB to get the right bbb offset

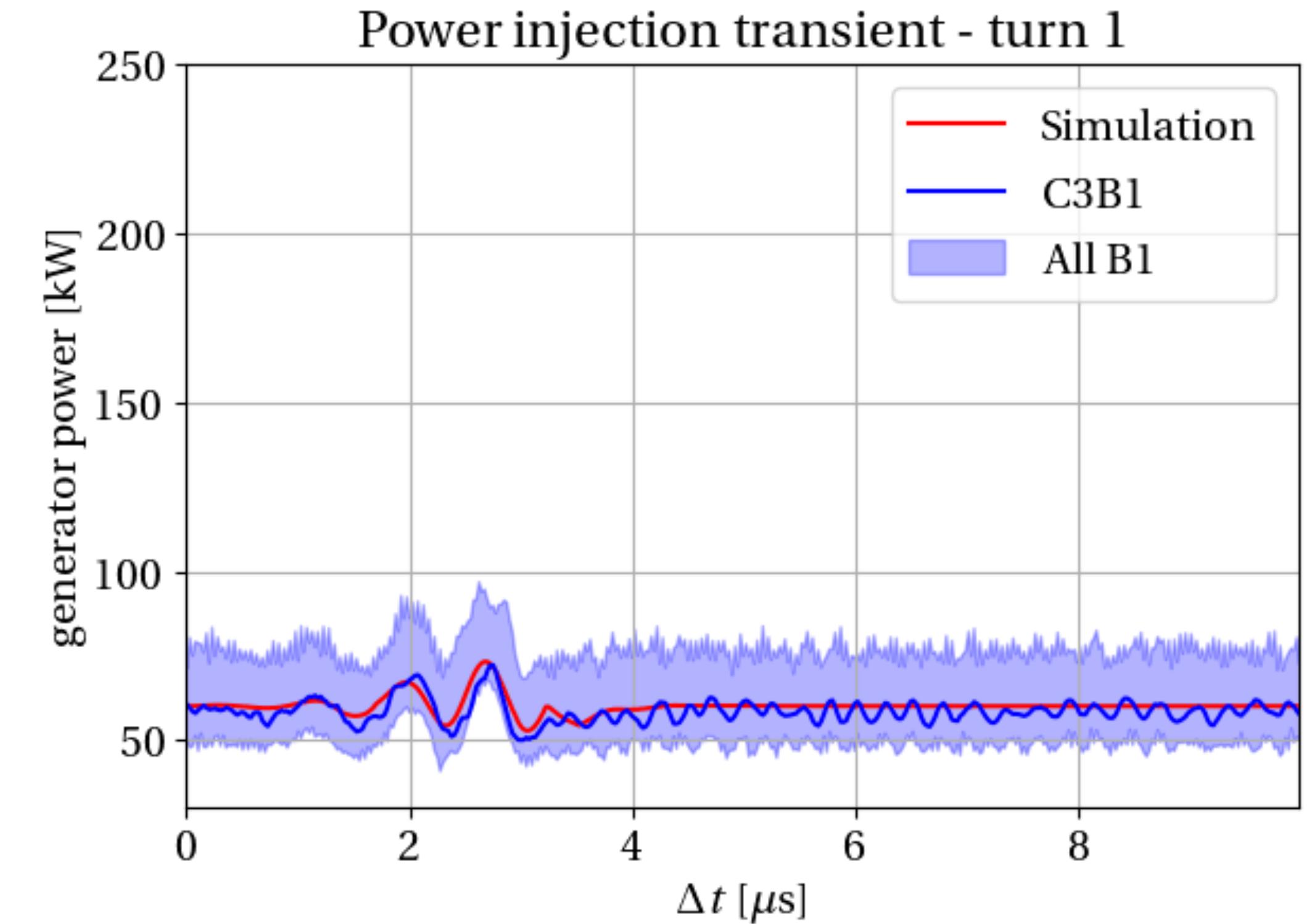
Bottom: re-generating a measured batch with intensity effects

Courtesy of B. Karlsen-Bæk

# LHC injection transients

## LHC RF power transients at injection

- Power transients are studied in simulation for HL-LHC beam current
  - Each cavity is fed by a 300 kW klystron
  - Power limitations encountered for the main RF system at high intensities
  - Need to optimise the operational scenario
- The study requires
  - Modelling the injected beam in the SPS with collective effects and cavity feedback
  - Modelling the LHC injection with collective effects and cavity feedback



*Injection transients with a 36-bunch batch of  $1.8 \times 10^{11}$  p/b*

*Courtesy of B. Karlsen-Bæk*

# LHC injection transients in practise

BLoND example on LHC power transients at injection

LLRF workshop 2023, Gyeongju, Korea

Import BLoND and Python modules

```
import os, sys
sys.path.insert(0,'/Users/timko/PycharmProjects/BLoND_bkarlsen')

# Import numpy and matplotlib
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import matplotlib
from tqdm import tqdm
%matplotlib inline

# Import blond objects
from blond.beam.beam import Beam, Proton
from blond.beam.distributions import bigaussian
from blond.beam.profile import Profile, CutOptions
from blond.input_parameters.ring import Ring
from blond.input_parameters.rf_parameters import RFStation
from blond.trackers.tracker import RingAndRFTacker
from blond.llrf.cavity_feedback import LHCCavityLoopCommissioning, LHCCavityLoop
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... ----- Using the C++ computational backend -----

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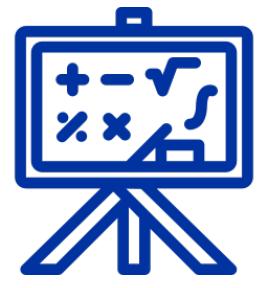
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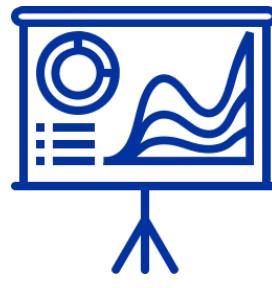
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# Impedance reduction

**Should one use a dynamic cavity controller model or effective impedance?**

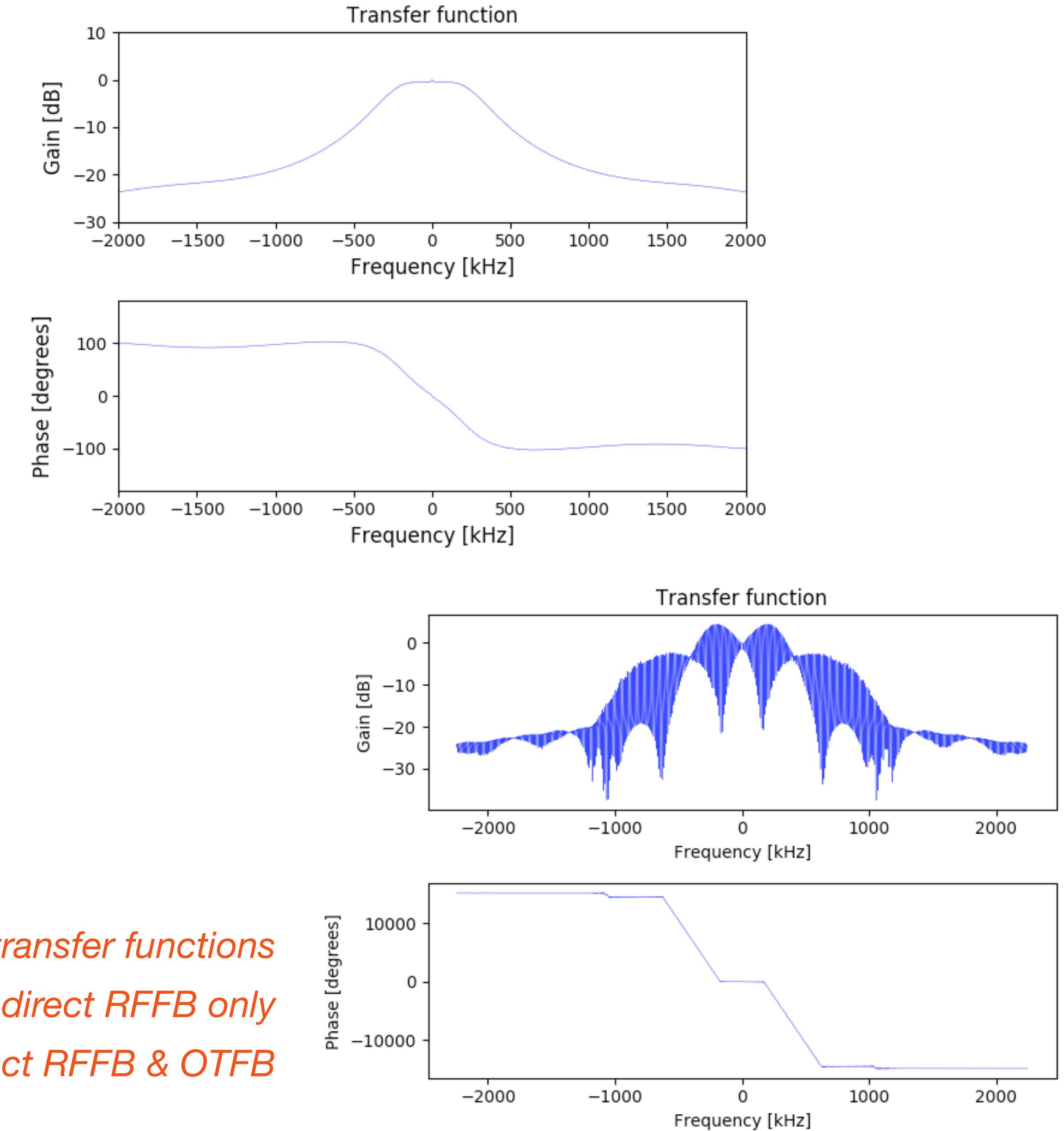
- A dynamic cavity controller model may be required
  - To simulate transient beam motion
  - For extremely narrow-band features of the impedance
- In all other cases: use the effective cavity impedance
  - Via the overall transfer function of the cavity controller
  - Computationally much faster

**Example: LHC cavity impedance**

- Bare cavity: resonator

$$Z(\omega) = \frac{R_s}{1 + jQ \left( \frac{\omega}{\omega_r} - \frac{\omega_r}{\omega} \right)}$$

*Simulated LHC transfer functions  
Top: direct RFFB only  
Bottom: direct RFFB & OTFB*

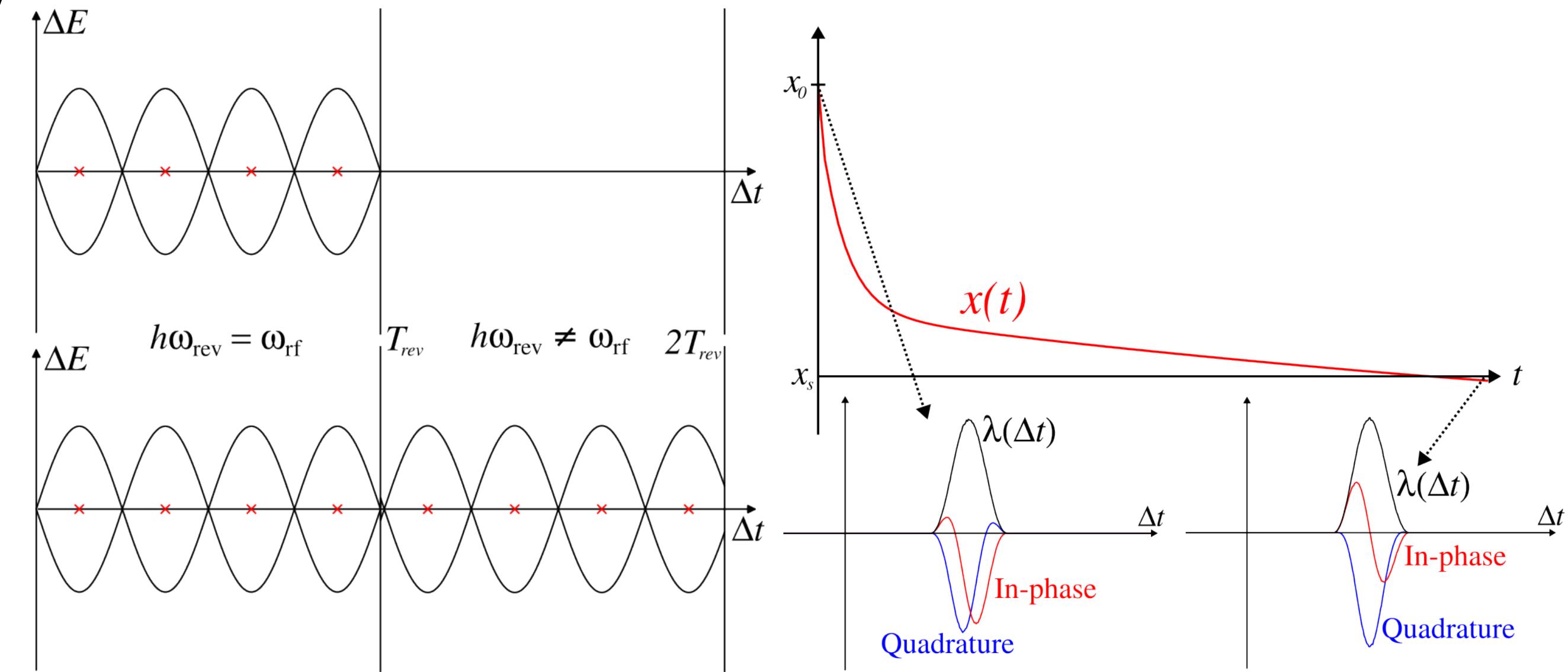


# Coupling global and local feedbacks

## Decoupling the RF from the revolution frequency

- The reference frame in BLonD is fixed to
$$T_{\text{rev}} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_{\text{rev}}}$$
- E.g. when global loops are acting  $\omega_{\text{rf}} \neq h\omega_{\text{rev}}$
  - A turn-by-turn phase shift accumulates:

$$\varphi_{\text{rf},k} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\omega_{\text{rf},k,(i)} - h_{k,(i)}\omega_{\text{rev},(i)}}{h_{k,(i)}\omega_{\text{rev},(i)}} 2\pi h_{k,(i)}$$



## Implementation

- In the local loops: short or/in excess of a fraction of a sampling time
  - Move the sample centres by the equivalent time shift corresponding to  $\varphi_{\text{rf},k}$
  - This phase shift also goes into the set point phase, ensuring that the RF wave is continuous w.r.t. reference frame
- Beam current: sampled with the RF wave shifted by  $\varphi_{\text{rf},k}$
- In the tracker: RF voltage sampled at the bin size of the beam profile

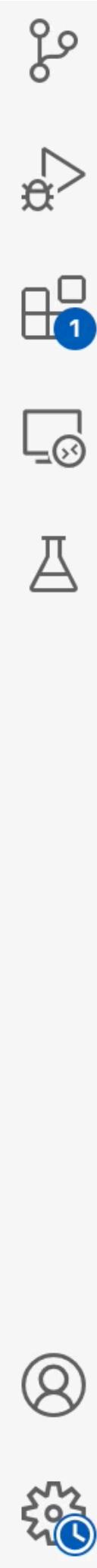
*Sampling in local loops when the RF and revolution frequencies are decoupled*

*Left: fraction of a sampling time missing*

*Right: beam current sampling*

*Courtesy of B. Karlsen-Bæck*

# How easy is it to make your own OTFB?



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from blond.llrf.signal_processing import comb_filter
from blond.llrf.impulse_response import cavity_response_sparse_matrix

from scipy.interpolate import interp1d
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Python

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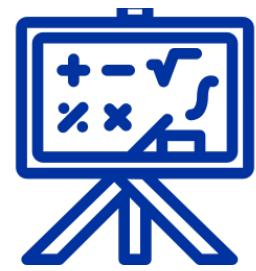


# Summary



## Introduction

- BLonD is particle tracker for longitudinal beam dynamics in synchrotrons



## Longitudinal tracking

- Used to model complicated RF manipulations



## Collective effects

- Mostly applied for simulations with collective effects to study beam stability



## Global control loops

- Machine-dependent implementations available for all CERN synchrotrons



## Local control loops

- Require embedding in the particle tracker to expand the RF voltage vector



## Closing remarks

- How to couple global and local loops

## Take-home message

**Particle tracking tools can also be used to design future LLRF systems based on the beam dynamics needs/limitations**



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*Thank you for your attention!*

# **Backup slides**

# Impedance sources

## Impedance table e.g. from CST modelling

### Resonator

$$Z(\omega) = \frac{R_s}{1 + jQ \left( \frac{\omega}{\omega_r} - \frac{\omega_r}{\omega} \right)}$$

### Travelling wave cavity [25]

$$Z = Z_+ + Z_- \text{ with } Z_{\pm}(\omega) \equiv R_s \left[ \left( \frac{\sin \frac{\tilde{\omega}_{\pm}\tau}{2}}{\frac{\tilde{\omega}_{\pm}\tau}{2}} \right)^2 \mp 2i \frac{\tilde{\omega}_{\pm}\tau - \sin \tilde{\omega}_{\pm}\tau}{(\tilde{\omega}_{\pm}\tau)^2} \right]$$

### Resistive wall impedance

$$Z(f) = \frac{Z_0 c L}{\pi} \frac{1}{[1 - i \operatorname{sgn} f] 2bc \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_c Z_0 c}{4\pi |f|} + i 2\pi b^2 f}}$$

### Constant $\Im(Z/n)$ e.g. for LLD or SC

$$\frac{Z}{n} = \frac{Z}{f/f_{\text{rev}}} = \text{const.} \Rightarrow V_{\text{ind}}[k] = -\frac{q T_{\text{rev}}}{2\pi T_s} \frac{Z}{n} \frac{d\lambda[k]}{dn}$$

- Simplifies the computation of the induced voltage, replacing FFTs with the derivative of the line density
  - Caveat: line density derivative can add numerical noise!

[25] G. Dôme: 'The SPS acceleration system travelling wave drift-tube structure for the CERN SPS', CERN Report CERN-SPS-ARF-77-11, 1977.



$\omega_r$  resonant frequency  
 $Q$  cavity Q  
 $R_s$  shunt impedance

$\tau$  filling time  
 $\omega_r$  resonant frequency  
 $\tilde{\omega}_{\pm} \equiv \omega \pm \omega_r$   
 $R_s$  shunt impedance