

# Beam Tracking I & II

- *Longitudinal Tracking in Synchrotrons* •

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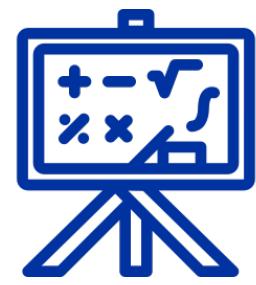
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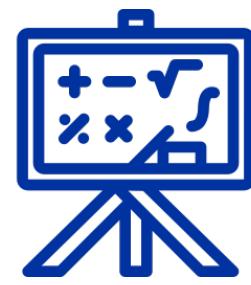
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# Introduction

## Particle-in-cell method

- Developed in the 1950's with the first computers for plasma simulations by Buneman [1] and Dawson [2]
- Calculates EM fields on a grid in a Eulerian (stationary) frame, particles in continuous phase space in a Lagrangian (moving) frame
  - Many integrators (implicit and explicit) have been developed to solve the particle equations of motions
  - Many field solvers (like finite difference and finite element methods) have been developed too
- Collective effects are often calculated particle by particle with Monte-Carlo (random) algorithms
  - Collisions/interactions have  $N_p^2$  complexity

## Beam simulations

- Beam is essentially a single-component plasma in a strong external RF field
- It also calculates the fields on a grid and the particles in continuous phase space
- Simplifications can be done for collective effects

[1] O. Buneman: ‘Dissipation of currents in ionised media’, Phys Rev. **115**, 1959.

[2] J. Dawson: ‘One-dimensional plasma model’, Phys. Fluids **5**, 445, 1962.

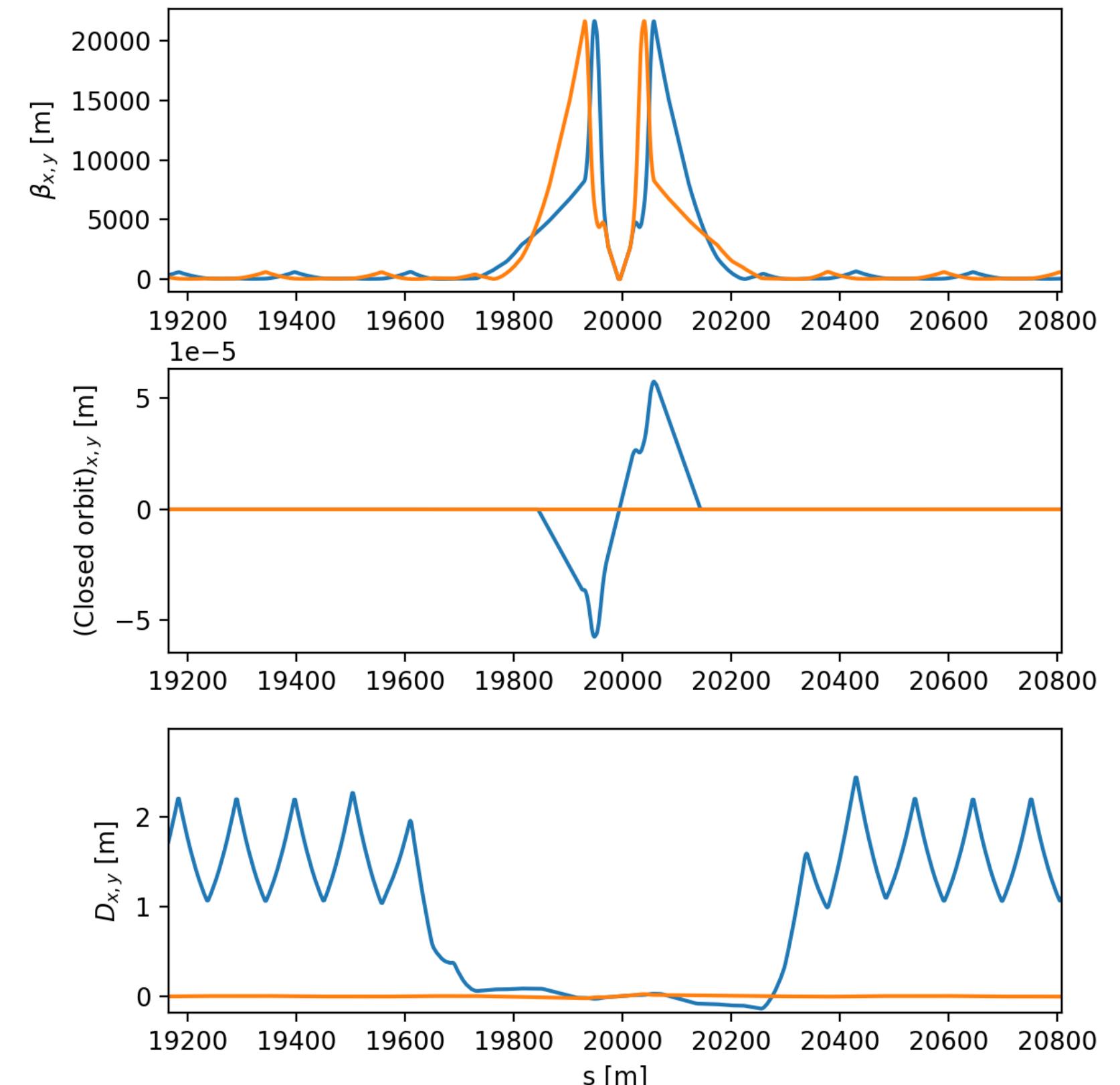


# Accelerator model (1)

## Picture the accelerator and its components as it is in the real machine

- The transverse plane can be parametrised with a lattice description of dipole, quadrupole, and higher-order magnets (e.g. MAD-X [3])
- The lattice determines:
  - Tunes, chromaticities, slip factor, twiss parameters...
  - For longitudinal applications, determines the phase slippage or **drift equation**
- Transverse simulations also model collective effects in the transverse plane
  - Transverse impedance and its effect on the beam (coupled-bunch phenomena, head-tail motion, etc.)

$$\begin{aligned} q_x &= 0.31000 \quad q_y = 0.32000 \\ Q'_x &= 2.00 \quad Q'_y = 2.00 \quad \gamma_{tr} = 53.57 \end{aligned}$$



[3] MAD-X simulation suite, CERN, <http://madx.web.cern.ch/madx>

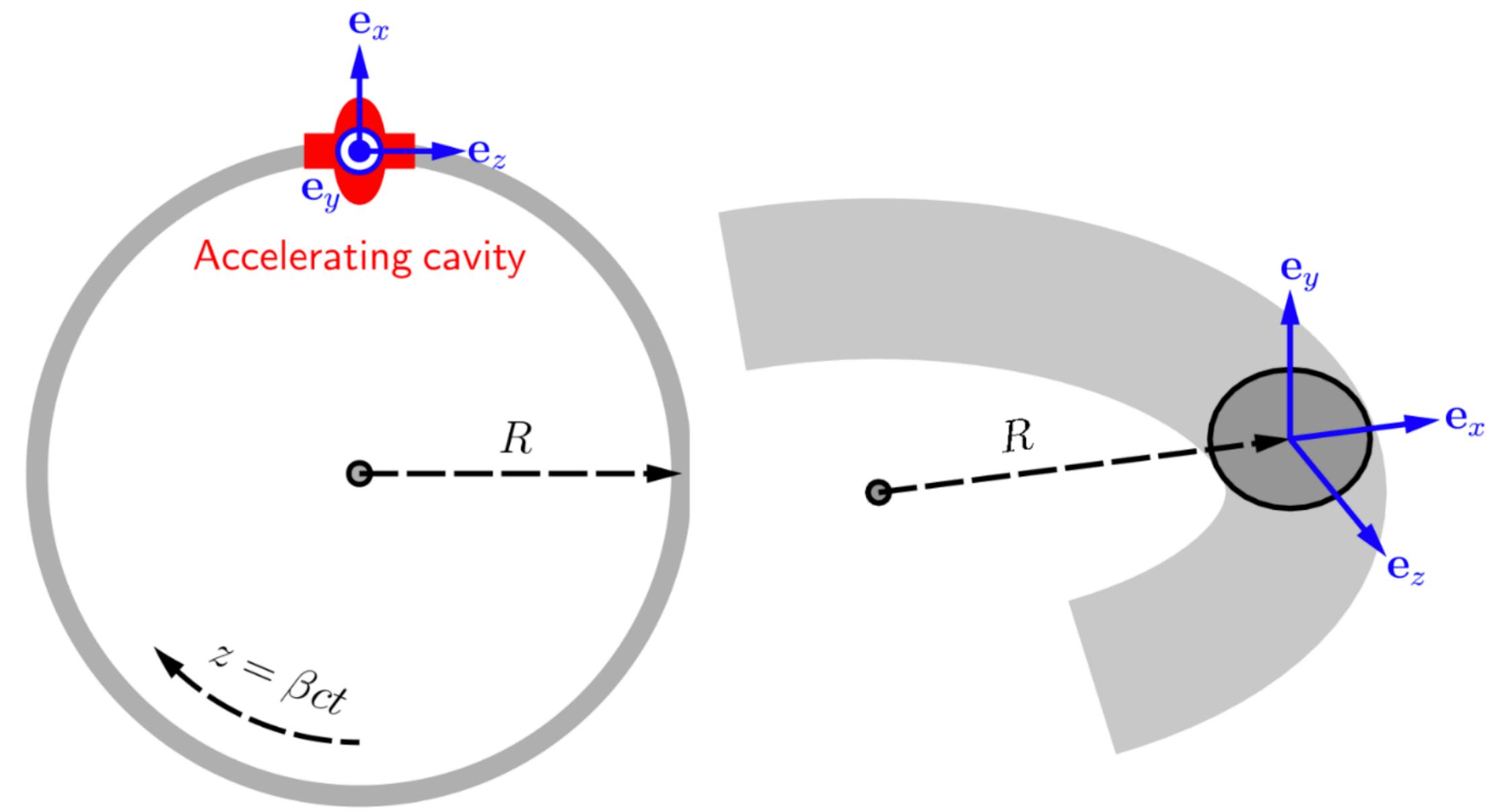
[4] XSuite simulation suite, CERN, <https://github.com/xsuite>, <https://xsuite.readthedocs.io>

*Example for LHC parameters from XSuite [4]*

# Accelerator model (2)

**Picture the accelerator and its components as it is in the real machine**

- The longitudinal tracking determines the evolution of:
  - RF frequency and voltage amplitude and phase,
  - The change in synchronous energy following a magnetic ramp,
  - Collective effects due to longitudinal impedance,
  - Other effects like synchrotron radiation,
  - I.e. the evolution of the particle energy or **kick equation**
- Some phenomena cannot be divided into purely longitudinal or transverse problems and require 6D modelling
  - Intra-beam scattering (IBS), electron-cloud effects, etc.



(a) Top view

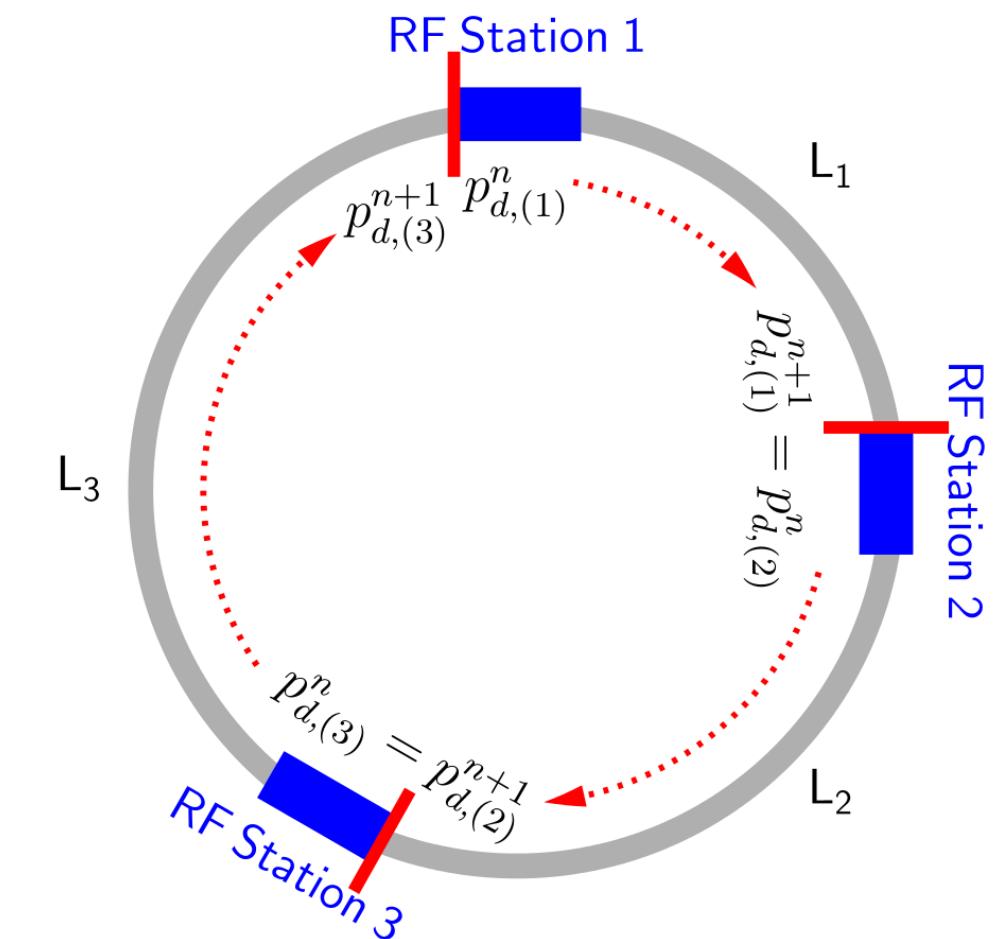
(b) Cross section

*Longitudinal and transverse coordinates in a synchrotron*

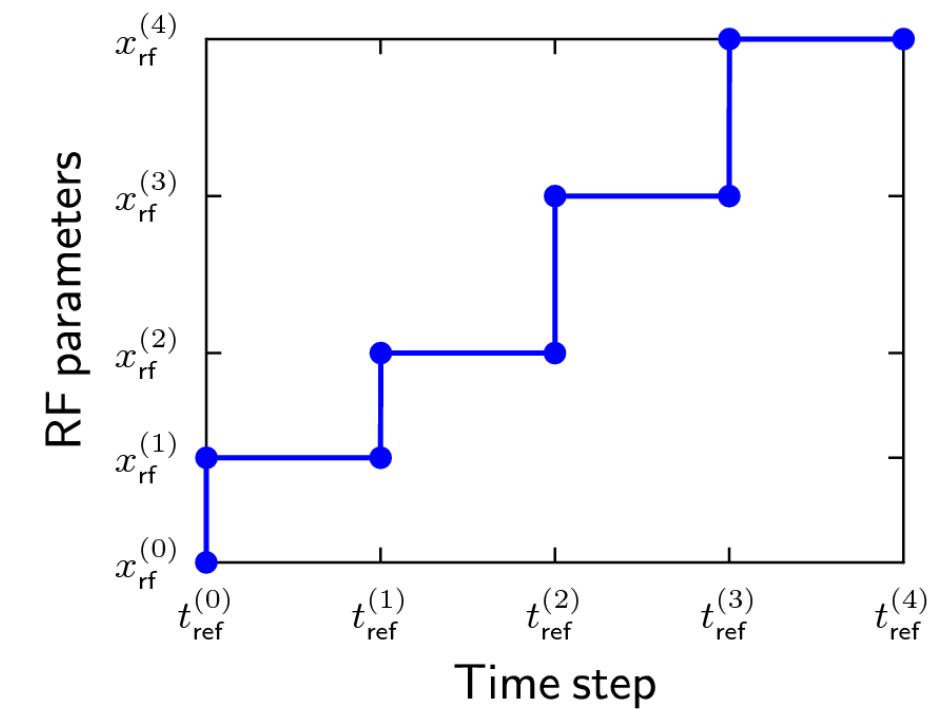
# Discretisation

## Basic time step

- Turn-by-turn mapping
  - For the energy kick given by the RF cavity
    - The cavity is assumed to be pointlike, i.e. the kick is integrated over the passage through the cavity
    - The energy kick is otherwise truly discrete
  - For the time/phase drift over the ring
    - An average slippage is assumed, as given by lattice simulations
- Sub-cycling might be needed for several RF stations or large changes per turn
  - Example: machines with large synchrotron radiation (e.g. FCC)
    - Several tracking sequences (kick-drift) have to be made per turn
    - In this case, impedance and slippage might be different in different sections of the ring



Example for a longitudinal ring model from BLonD [5]



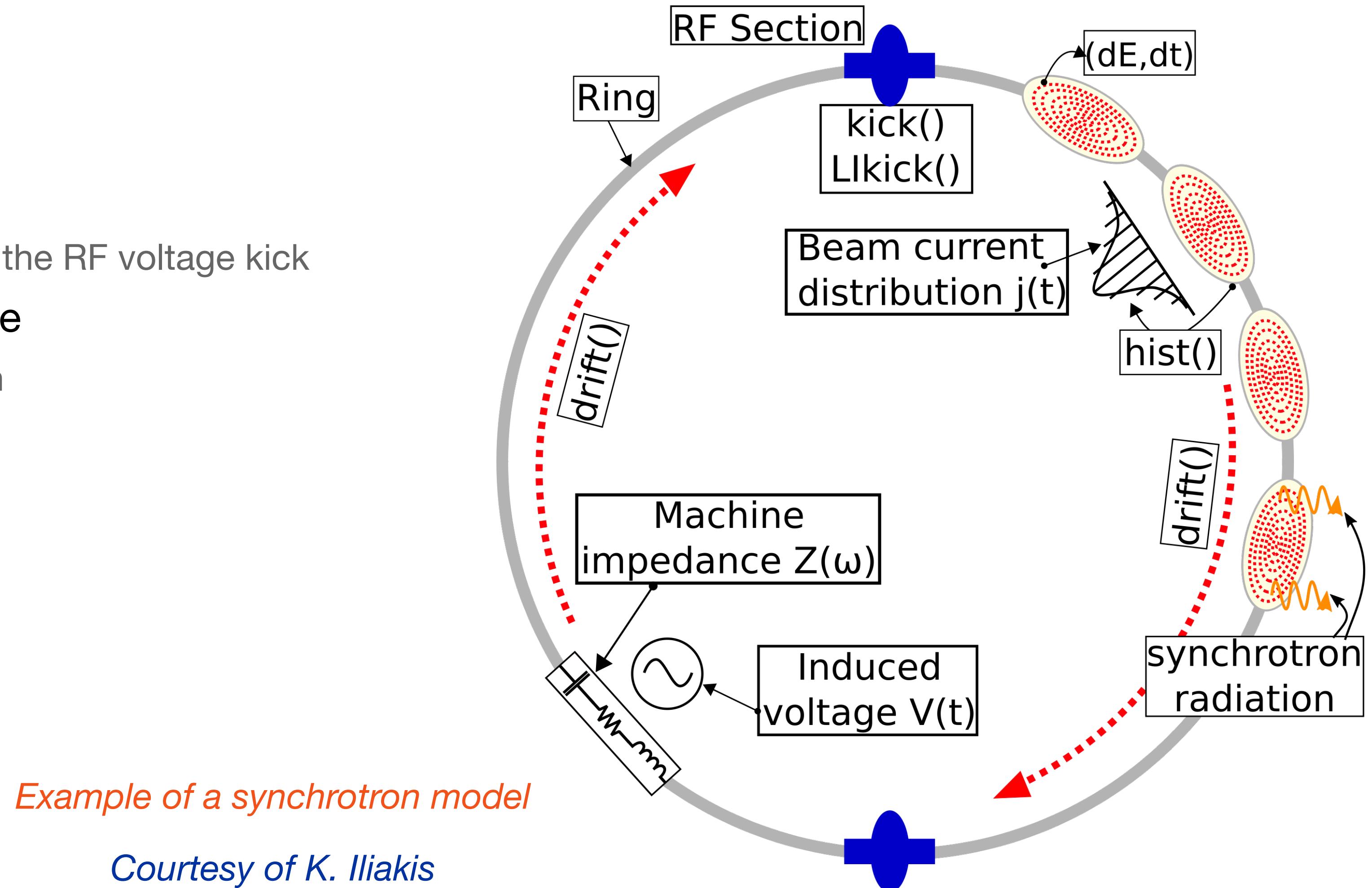
Step-wise discretisation of RF parameters

[5] BLonD simulation suite, CERN, <https://github.com/blond-admin/BLonD>, <http://blond-admin.github.io>

# Building a full longitudinal model

## Some components

- Generating bunches
- Basic equations of motion
  - Kick and drift
  - One or several RF stations providing the RF voltage kick
- Interaction with machine impedance
  - Beam line density (profile) calculation
  - Induced voltage calculation
- Other effects on particle energy
  - E.g. synchrotron radiation
- Etc.

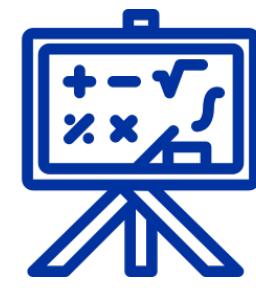


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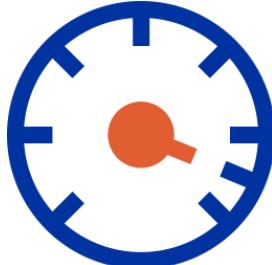
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# Reference clock

## The basic time step of reference: revolution period

- Snapshot of the system is taken at this instance

- Design orbit/energy/magnetic field
  - Radio-frequency parameters
  - Beam coordinates
  - ...

- The reference or design clock is therefore defined by

$$t_{d,(0)} \equiv 0 \quad \text{and} \quad t_{d,(n)} \equiv \sum_{k=1}^n T_{\text{rev},(k)} \quad \text{for } n \geq 1$$

- where the revolution period is defined by

$$T_{\text{rev},(n)} = \frac{2\pi R_d}{\beta_{d,(n)} c}$$

- and the design momentum is tied to the design magnetic field

$$p_{d,(n)} = |q| \rho B_{d,(n)}$$

$\beta_d$	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 coordinates

## Choose convenient coordinate pairs for your application

- Some examples of frequently used conjugate variables are [6]  $(\varphi, \Delta E/\omega_{\text{rev}})$  and  $(\varphi, \delta)$

- Resulting in the kick and drift equations of

$$\dot{\varphi} = \frac{h\omega_{\text{rev}}^2\eta}{\beta_d^2 E_d} \left( \frac{\Delta E}{\omega_{\text{rev}}} \right) = h\omega_{\text{rev}}\eta\delta$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\Delta E}{\omega_{\text{rev}}} \right) = \frac{\beta_d^2 E_d}{\omega_{\text{rev}}} \dot{\delta} = \frac{eV}{2\pi} (\sin \varphi - \sin \varphi_d)$$

- Described by the Hamiltonians of

$$H \left( \varphi, \frac{\Delta E}{\omega_{\text{rev}}} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{h\eta\omega_{\text{rev}}}{\beta_d^2 E_d} \left( \frac{\Delta E}{\omega_{\text{rev}}} \right)^2 + \frac{eV}{2\pi} \{ \cos \varphi - \cos \varphi_d + (\varphi - \varphi_d) \sin \varphi_d \}$$

$$H(\varphi, \delta) = \frac{1}{2} h\eta\omega_{\text{rev}}\delta^2 + \frac{\omega_{\text{rev}}eV}{2\pi\beta_d^2 E_d} \{ \cos \varphi - \cos \varphi_d + (\varphi - \varphi_d) \sin \varphi_d \}$$

$\Delta E = E - E_d$	relative particle energy
$\delta = \frac{\Delta p}{p_d} \simeq \frac{\Delta E}{\beta_d^2 E_d}$	relative momentum offset
$\eta = \eta(\delta) = \eta_0 + \eta_1\delta + \eta_2\delta^2 + \dots$	slippage factor
$\varphi$	RF voltage phase at particle arrival
$\varphi_d$	phase of design particle
$e$	elementary charge
$E$	particle energy
$E_d$	energy of design particle
$\beta_d$	particle energy
$h$	harmonic number
$V$	RF voltage amplitude



Tip: use dimensionless or scaled coordinates in optimised code whenever you can

- Restrict to the optimal ranges of the numeric functions used (e.g.  $(0, 2\pi)$  or  $(-\pi, \pi)$  in trigonometric functions)
- For 6D simulations,  $z = \beta_d c t$  is often a preferred choice

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

# A side note on frequency slippage

The frequency slippage of an off-momentum particle is defined w.r.t. reference (synchronous) particle [6]

- The momentum compaction and the slippage factors are related as

$$\frac{\Delta\omega}{\omega_{\text{rev}}} = \frac{\omega - \omega_{\text{rev}}}{\omega_{\text{rev}}} \equiv -\eta(\delta)\delta = -(\eta_0 + \eta_1\delta + \eta_2\delta^2 + \dots)\delta$$

- The momentum compaction and the slippage factors are related as

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

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

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

- Interpretation e.g. below transition: for  $\gamma < \gamma_T \rightarrow \eta_0 < 0$ 
  - Particles with higher energy  $\delta > 0$  do one turn faster  $\Delta\omega > 0$

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# A side note on linear accelerators

## Essentially RF machines

- RF potential and induced voltage can be described in a similar manner
- On the other hand, one particle passes one RF structure only once
  - No turn-by-turn tracking
  - Rather a mapping from one location to another in the machine
- Governed by different EOMs
  - Arrival time of the particle w.r.t. the RF wave still a key concept

## Synchrotron vs linac: main differences

- In a synchrotron, cavities are treated as point-like objects, while in linacs the time traversing a cavity needs to be taken into account
- In a synchrotron, the energy and beta change of a particle is small per turn, while in linacs the rate of energy gain is crucial to describe as a function of the longitudinal coordinate

# Equations of motion

**Convention used in these lectures: as in the Beam Longitudinal Dynamics simulation suite BLonD**

- Deviations from the reference particle in time and energy

- Mapping from  $(\Delta t_{(n)}, \Delta E_{(n)}) \rightarrow (\Delta t_{(n+1)}, \Delta E_{(n+1)})$ ,

- Where  $\Delta t_{(n)} \equiv t_{(n)} - t_{d,(n)}$  and  $\Delta E_{(n)} \equiv E_{(n)} - E_{d,(n)}$

- Make a choice which coordinate to update first (arbitrary)

- Kick equation

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

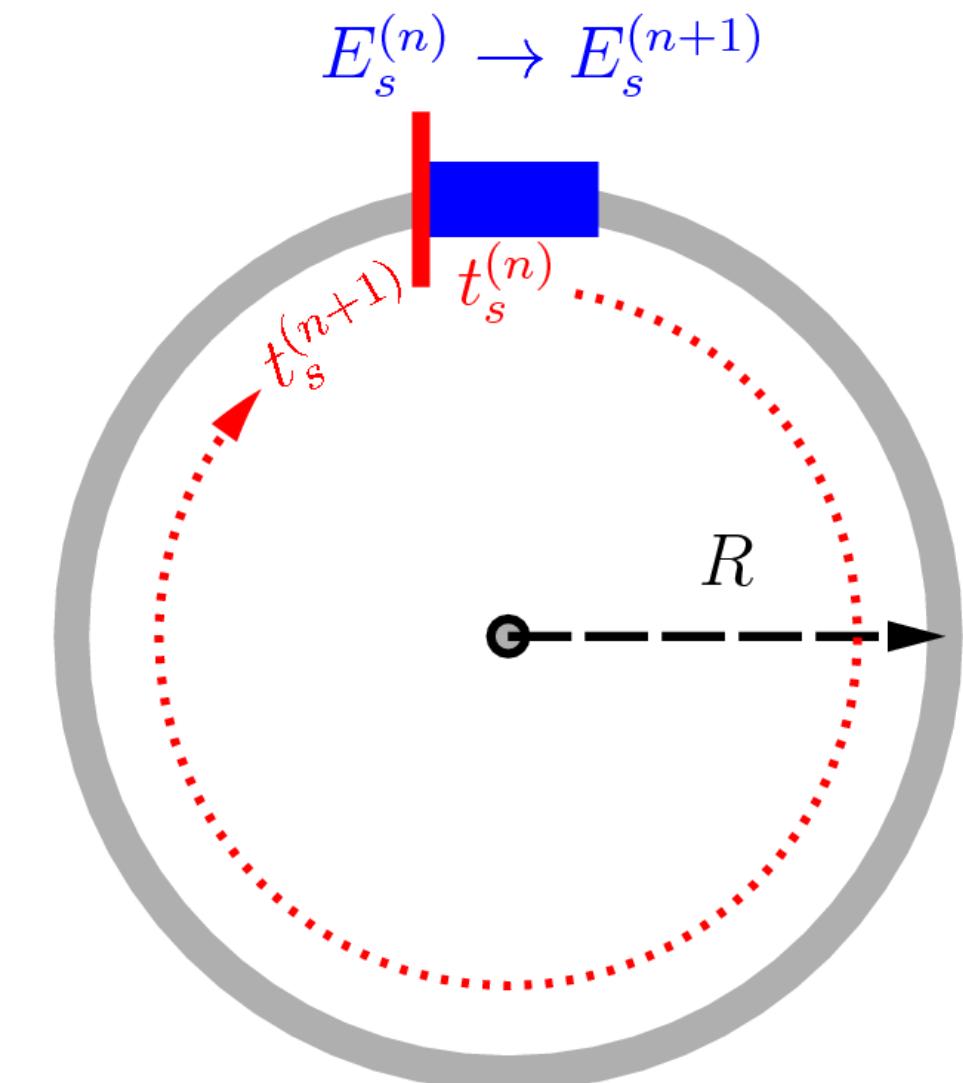
Multiple RF systems  
in one location

Change of design energy  
(magnetic field)

All other effects on energy  
(e.g. induced voltage)

- Drift equation

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



# Synchronism

## Why “reference” time/energy/particle and not “synchronous” time/energy/particle?

- Condition to be a synchronous particle when tracking from time step  $n \rightarrow n + 1$ 
  - Enter and exit the cavity with exactly the design energy
$$\Delta E_{(n)} = \Delta E_{(n+1)} = 0, \text{ or equivalently, } E_{(n)} = E_{d,(n)} \text{ and } E_{(n+1)} = E_{d,(n+1)}$$
  - This reduces the drift equation to
$$\Delta t_{(n+1)} = \Delta t_{(n)} + 0$$
- Consider the simple example of particle motion without intensity effects and constant RF parameters
  - The synchronous particle in two consecutive turns has to fulfil the following kick equations:
$$\sum_{k=1}^{n_{\text{rf}}} qV_k \sin(\omega_{\text{rf},k} \Delta t_{(n)} + \varphi_{\text{rf},k}) = E_{d,(n+1)} - E_{d,(n)}$$
$$\sum_{k=1}^{n_{\text{rf}}} qV_k \sin(\omega_{\text{rf},k} \Delta t_{(n+1)} + \varphi_{\text{rf},k}) = E_{d,(n+2)} - E_{d,(n+1)}$$
  - If the acceleration rate is not constant, i.e.  $E_{d,(n+1)} - E_{d,(n)} \neq E_{d,(n+2)} - E_{d,(n+1)}$ , then  $\Delta t_{(n)} \neq \Delta t_{(n+1)}$
- This means that the particle synchronous from  $n \rightarrow n + 1$  is not anymore synchronous from  $n + 1 \rightarrow n + 2$ 
  - A synchronous particle is **not a trackable particle**, it is an **abstract particle**

# Synchrotron frequency

**Each trajectory in phase space has a different synchrotron frequency  $\omega_s(\Delta t, \Delta E)$**

- The central synchrotron frequency  $\omega_{s0}$  can be determined from the EOMs
  - In the approximation of small-amplitude oscillations and without intensity effects
  - For simplicity, consider a single RF system and a zeroth order slippage and define  $\sin \varphi_s \equiv \frac{\dot{E}_d}{qV}$
$$\Delta \dot{E} = \frac{qV}{T_{\text{rev}}} (\sin(\omega_{\text{rf}} \Delta t + \varphi_{\text{rf}}) - \sin \varphi_s) \text{ and } \Delta \dot{t} = \frac{\eta_0}{\beta_d^2 E_d} \Delta E$$
- Expanding the phase and the sine function around  $\varphi_s$  results in
 
$$\omega_{\text{rf}} \Delta t + \varphi_{\text{rf}} = \varphi_s + (\omega_{\text{rf}} \Delta t + \varphi_{\text{rf}} - \varphi_s) \equiv \varphi_s + \varepsilon, \quad \varepsilon \ll 1$$

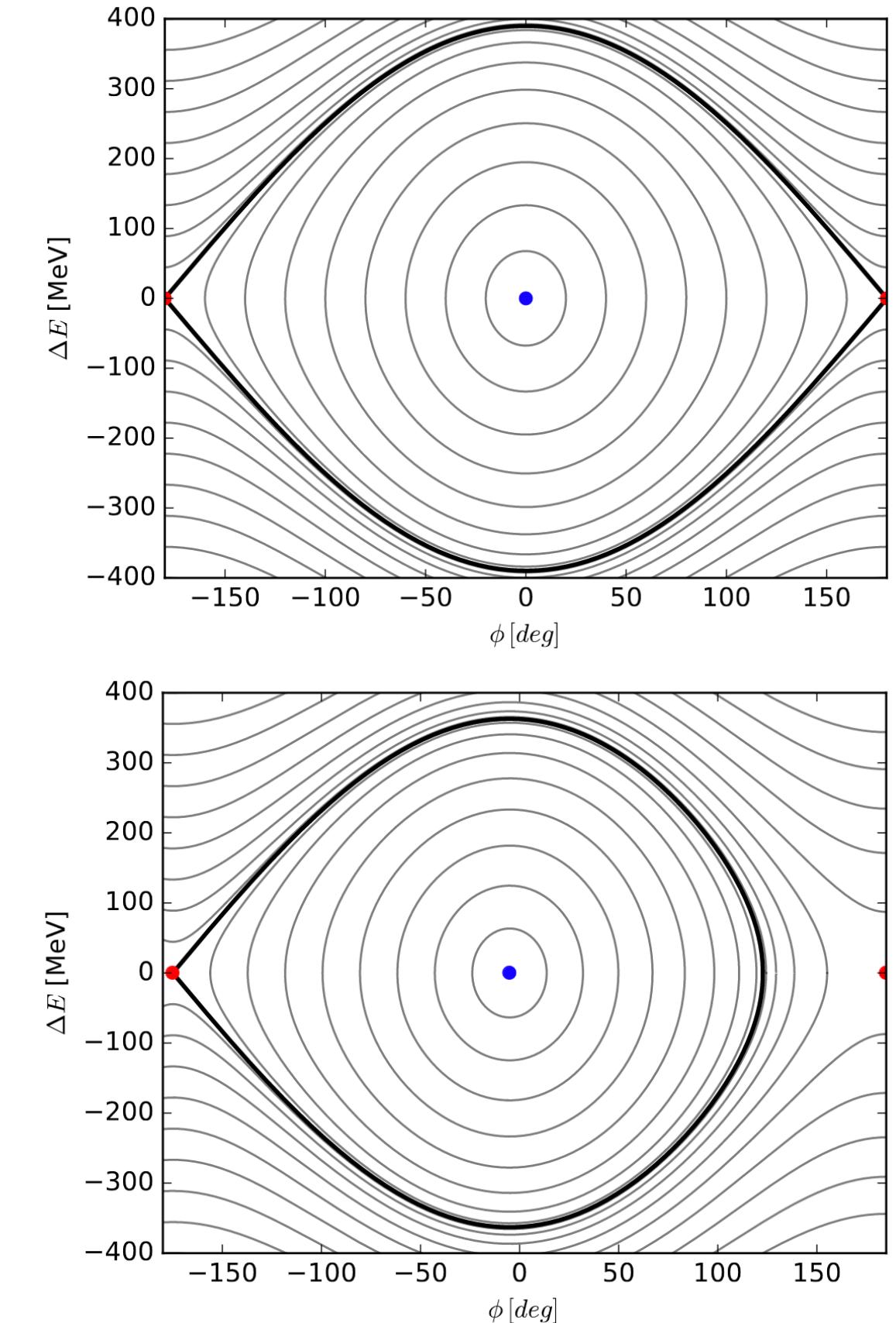
$$\sin(\omega_{\text{rf}} \Delta t + \varphi_{\text{rf}}) = \sin \varphi_s \cos \varepsilon + \cos \varphi_s \sin \varepsilon \approx \sin \varphi_s (1 + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2)) + \cos \varphi_s (\varepsilon + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^3))$$
- Taking a second derivative of the drift (kick) equation, and combining it with the kick (drift) equation:
 
$$\Delta \ddot{E} = \frac{qV \cos \varphi_s \omega_{\text{rf}}}{T_{\text{rev}}} \Delta \dot{t} = \frac{qV \eta_0 \cos \varphi_s \omega_{\text{rf}} \omega_{\text{rev}}}{2\pi \beta_d^2 E_d} \Delta E \quad \text{OR} \quad \Delta \ddot{t} - \Delta \ddot{t}_s = \frac{qV \eta_0 \cos \varphi_s \omega_{\text{rf}} \omega_{\text{rev}}}{2\pi \beta_d^2 E_d} (\Delta t - \Delta t_s)$$
- Oscillating motion if  $q\eta_0 \cos \varphi_s < 0$ . For  $\omega_{\text{rf}} = \hbar \omega_0$  the synchrotron frequency reads:

$$\omega_{s,0} = \sqrt{\frac{-hqV\eta_0 \cos \varphi_s}{2\pi \beta_d^2 E_d}} \omega_{\text{rev}}$$



N.B. phase jump at transition crossing!

[7] J. Esteban Müller: ‘Longitudinal intensity effects in the CERN Large Hadron Collider’, CERN-THESIS-2016-066, 2016.



Trajectories in phase space from [7]

Top: stationary bucket

Bottom: accelerating bucket

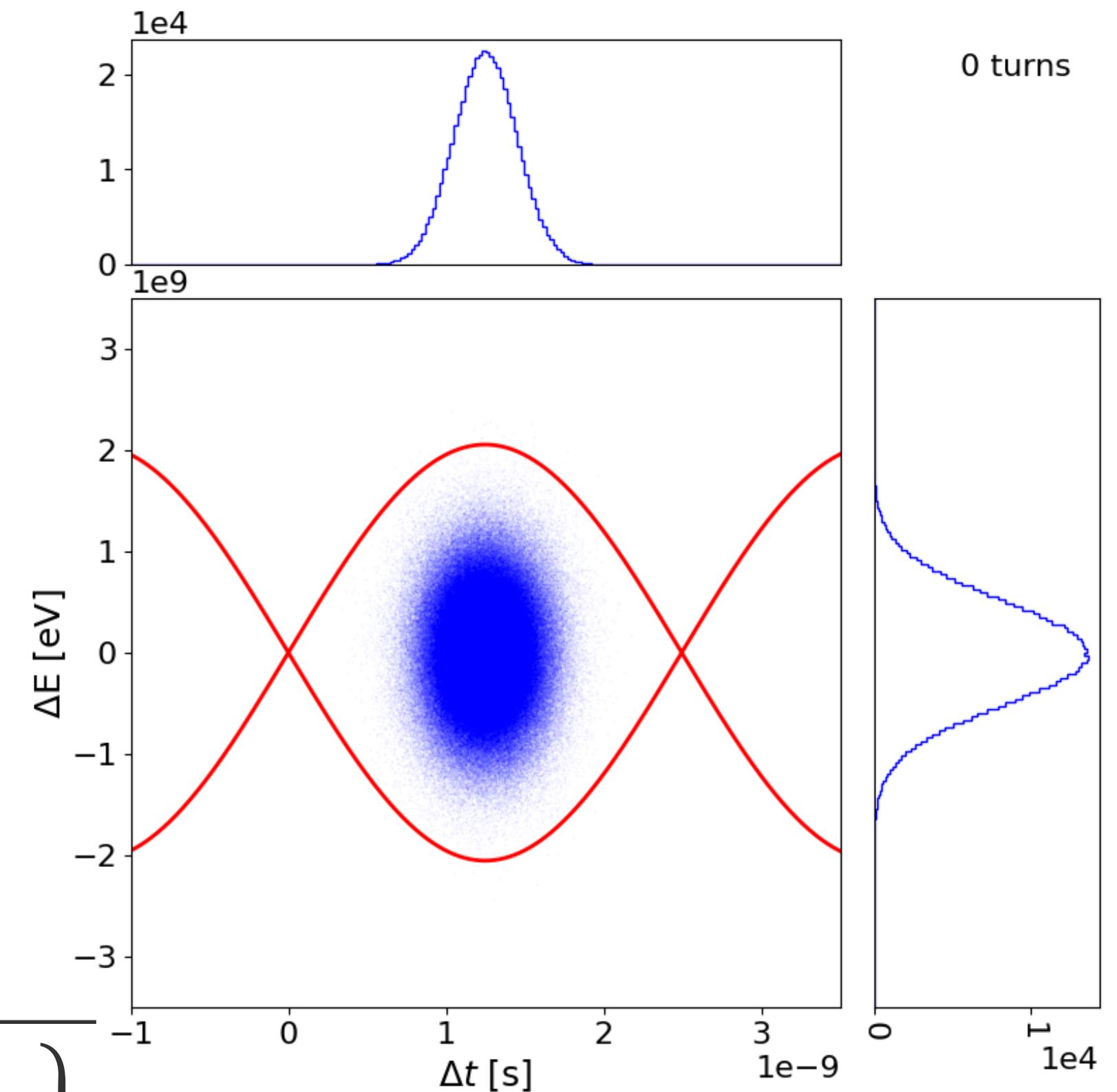
# Separatrix and phase space

## Separatrix

- The last bound trajectory
- In general, calculated from the full potential well
  - RF voltages and induced voltage
- To construct the separatrix, the unstable fixed point (UFP) needs to be determined ( $\Delta t_{\text{ufp}}, \Delta E = 0$ )
- Calculated numerically by looking for the smallest (largest) zero crossing of the total voltage waveform above (below) transition
- The separatrix is the equipotential curve that goes through the UFP  

$$H(\Delta t_{\text{ufp}}, \Delta E = 0) = H(\Delta t_{\text{sep}}, \Delta E_{\text{sep}})$$
- Without intensity effects:

$$\Delta E_{\text{sep}} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2\beta_d^2 E_d}{\eta_0} \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{n_{\text{rf}}-1} \frac{qV_k}{T_0 \omega_{\text{rf}}^k} \left[ \cos(\omega_{\text{rf}}^k \Delta t_{\text{ufp}} + \varphi_{\text{rf}}^k) - \cos(\omega_{\text{rf}}^k \Delta t_{\text{sep}} + \varphi_{\text{rf}}^k) \right] + \dot{E}_d (\Delta t_{\text{ufp}} - \Delta t_{\text{sep}}) \right\}}$$



*RF bucket within the separatrix with phase space of single bunch and its profiles in time and energy*

# Symplectic condition (1)

## Consider a generic coordinate mapping

- From  $\mathbf{x} \equiv (\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}) = (q_1, \dots, q_n, p_1, \dots, p_n)$  to  $\mathbf{y} \equiv (\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{P}) = (Q_1, \dots, Q_n, P_1, \dots, P_n)$

- Defining the  $2n$  by  $2n$  matrix

$$\mathcal{S} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1} \\ -\mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}$$

- We can rewrite Hamilton's equations as:

$$\dot{\mathbf{q}} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \text{ and } \dot{\mathbf{p}} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{q}} \rightarrow \dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathcal{S} \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$$

- The updated coordinates also fulfil Hamilton's equation (condition for a canonical transformation):

$$\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathcal{S} \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{y}}$$

- Applying the chain rule on the updated coordinates that can be expressed as  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x})$

$$\dot{y}_i = \frac{dy_i(x)}{dt} = \underbrace{\frac{\partial y_i}{\partial x_k} \frac{dx_k}{dt}}_{= \mathcal{M}} = \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial x_k} \mathcal{S}_{kl} \frac{\partial H}{\partial x_l} = \underbrace{\frac{\partial y_i}{\partial x_k}}_{= \mathcal{M}} \mathcal{S}_{kl} \underbrace{\frac{\partial y_l}{\partial x_m}}_{= \mathcal{M}^T} \frac{\partial H}{\partial y_m}$$

- Mapping or Jacobi matrix:  $\mathcal{M} \equiv \mathcal{M}^T$

# Symplectic condition (2)

- Written in the matrix form and combining the condition for  $\mathbf{y}$  to fulfil Hamilton's equations:

$$\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \frac{d\mathbf{y}(\mathbf{x})}{dt} = \mathcal{M} \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \mathcal{M}\mathcal{S} \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \mathcal{M}\mathcal{S}\mathcal{M}^T \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{y}} \stackrel{!}{=} S \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{y}}$$

- From which the **symplectic condition** can be extracted:

$$\mathcal{M}\mathcal{S}\mathcal{M}^T = \mathcal{S}$$

- It is equivalent to conserving the symplectic 2-form

$$d\mathbf{p} \wedge d\mathbf{q} \equiv \sum_i dp_i \wedge dq_i = d\mathbf{P} \wedge d\mathbf{Q}$$

- For 1D systems, **symplecticity** is equivalent to being **area preserving**

- Some integrators, like Euler or Runge-Kutta are not area preserving
- This can lead to fictitious (numerical) damping or excitation [8]

[8] A. W. Chao *et al.*: 'Handbook of Accelerator Physics and Engineering', 2nd Ed., World Scientific, 2013.

# Symplecticity of EOMs

Consider now the longitudinal mapping governed by the kick and drift equations, in the absence of collective effects ( $E_{\text{other}} = 0$ )

- The coordinate mapping is:  $\mathbf{x} \equiv (\Delta t_{(n)}, \Delta E_{(n)}) \rightarrow \mathbf{y} \equiv (\Delta t_{(n+1)}, \Delta E_{(n+1)})$
- We can rewrite the EOMs as

$$\Delta t_{(n+1)} = \Delta t_{(n)} + f(\Delta E_{(n+1)}(\Delta t_{(n)}, \Delta E_{(n)}))$$

$$\Delta E_{(n+1)} = \Delta E_{(n)} + g(\Delta t_{(n)})$$

- Using the chain rule, the mapping or Jacobian matrix becomes

$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + f'g' & f' \\ g' & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

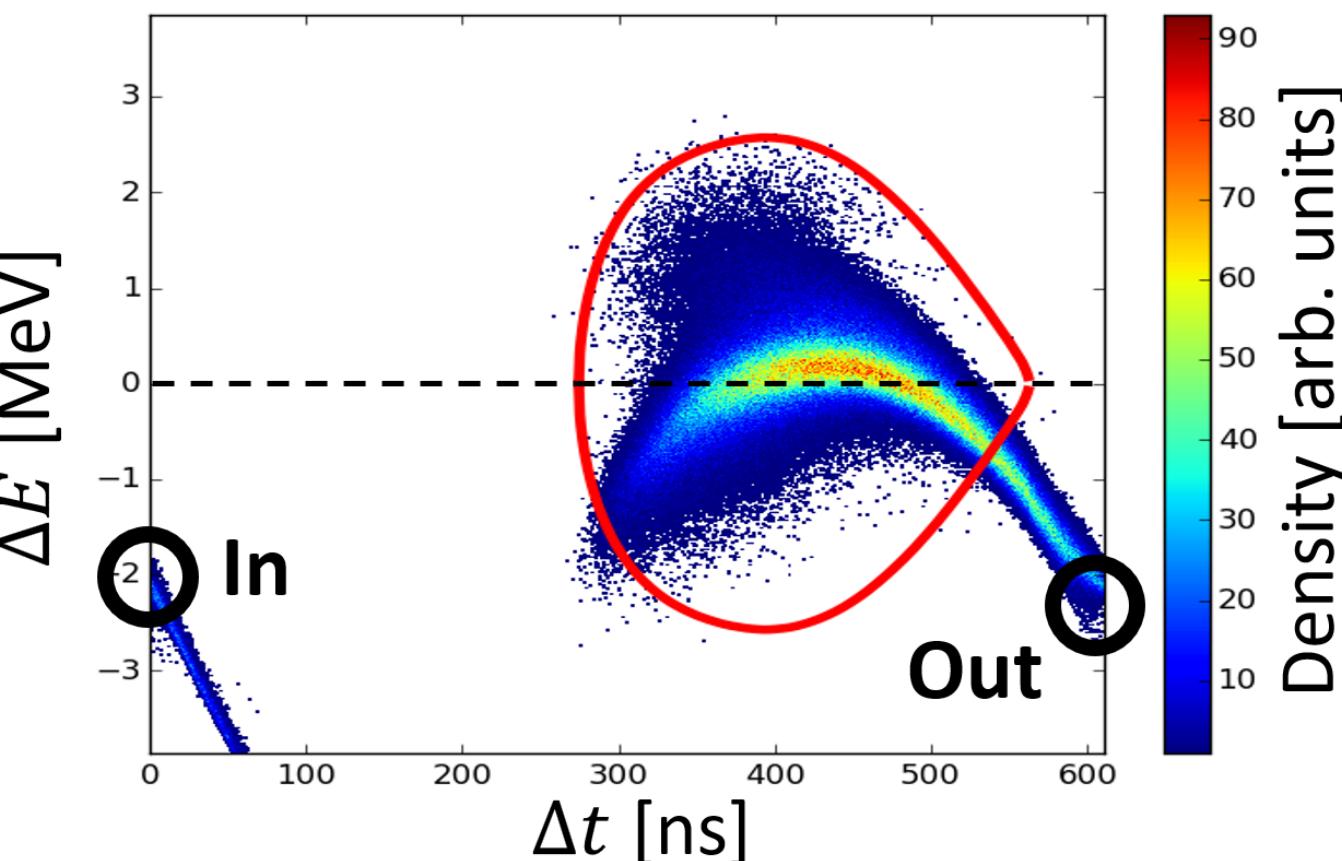
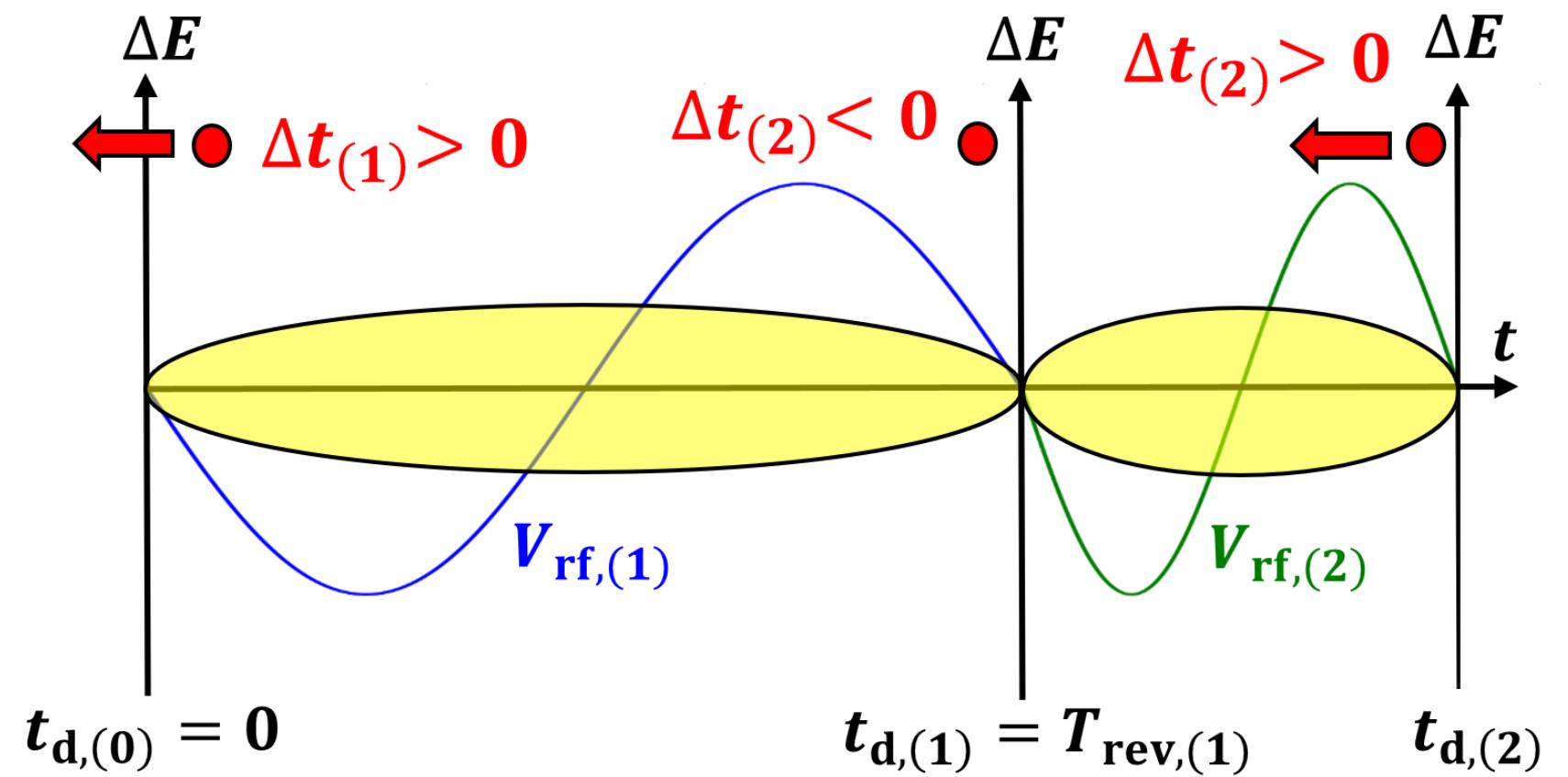
- This matrix fulfils the symplecticity condition, and is therefore area preserving

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}^T \mathcal{S} \mathcal{M} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 + f'g' & g' \\ f' & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 + f'g' & f' \\ g' & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -g' & 1 + f'g' \\ -1 & f' \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 + f'g' & f' \\ g' & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} (-g' + g')(1 + f'g') & -f'g' + 1 + f'g' \\ -(1 + f'g') + f'g' & -f' + f' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{S} \end{aligned}$$

# Periodicity

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

- In some cases, however, the particles might cross these time boundaries
  - E.g. small  $h$  machines, full machine, debunching beam, etc.
- Introduce 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



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if self.periodicity:

    # Distinguish the particles inside the frame from the particles on
    # the right-hand side of the frame.
    self.indices_right_outside = \
        bm.where(self.beam.dt > self.rf_params.t_rev[turn + 1])[0]
    self.indices_inside_frame = \
        bm.where(self.beam.dt < self.rf_params.t_rev[turn + 1])[0]

    if len(self.indices_right_outside) > 0:
        # Change reference of all the particles on the right of the
        # current frame; these particles skip one kick and drift
        self.beam.dt[self.indices_right_outside] -= \
            self.rf_params.t_rev[turn + 1]
        # Synchronize the bunch with the particles that are on the
        # RHS of the current frame applying kick and drift to the
        # bunch
        # After that all the particles are in the new updated frame
        self.insiders_dt = bm.ascontiguousarray(
            self.beam.dt[self.indices_inside_frame])
        self.insiders_dE = bm.ascontiguousarray(
            self.beam.dE[self.indices_inside_frame])
        self.kick(self.insiders_dt, self.insiders_dE, turn)
        self.drift(self.insiders_dt, self.insiders_dE, turn + 1)
        self.beam.dt[self.indices_inside_frame] = self.insiders_dt
        self.beam.dE[self.indices_inside_frame] = self.insiders_dE
        # Check all the particles on the left of the just updated
        # frame and apply a second kick and drift to them with the
        # previous wave after having changed reference.
        self.indices_left_outside = bm.where(self.beam.dt < 0)[0]

    else:
        self.kick(self.beam.dt, self.beam.dE, turn)
        self.drift(self.beam.dt, self.beam.dE, turn + 1)
        # Check all the particles on the left of the just updated
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        self.indices_left_outside = bm.where(self.beam.dt < 0)[0]

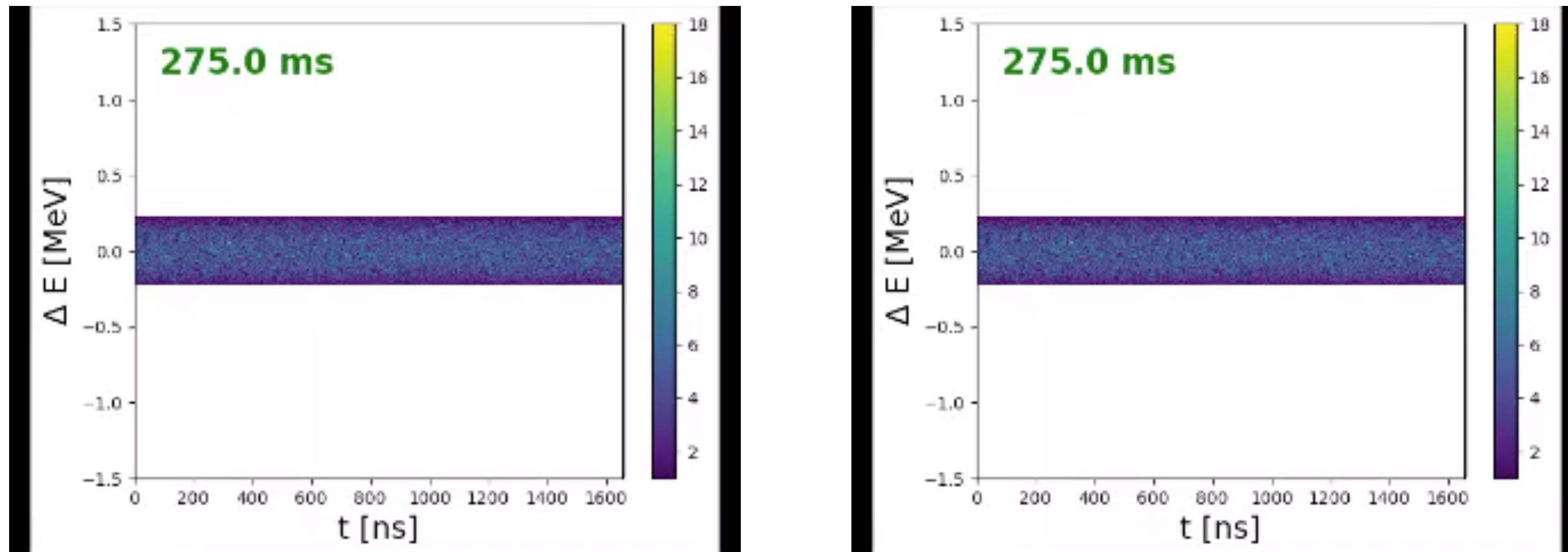
    if len(self.indices_left_outside) > 0:
        left_outsiders_dt = bm.ascontiguousarray(
            self.beam.dt[self.indices_left_outside])
        left_outsiders_dE = bm.ascontiguousarray(
            self.beam.dE[self.indices_left_outside])
        left_outsiders_dt += self.rf_params.t_rev[turn + 1]
        self.kick(left_outsiders_dt, left_outsiders_dE, turn)
        self.drift(left_outsiders_dt, left_outsiders_dE, turn + 1)
        self.beam.dt[self.indices_left_outside] = left_outsiders_dt
        self.beam.dE[self.indices_left_outside] = left_outsiders_dE

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# An example of periodicity

And this is how it looks like in a simulation for the CERN Proton Synchrotron Booster (PSB)

- Beam injection process simulated



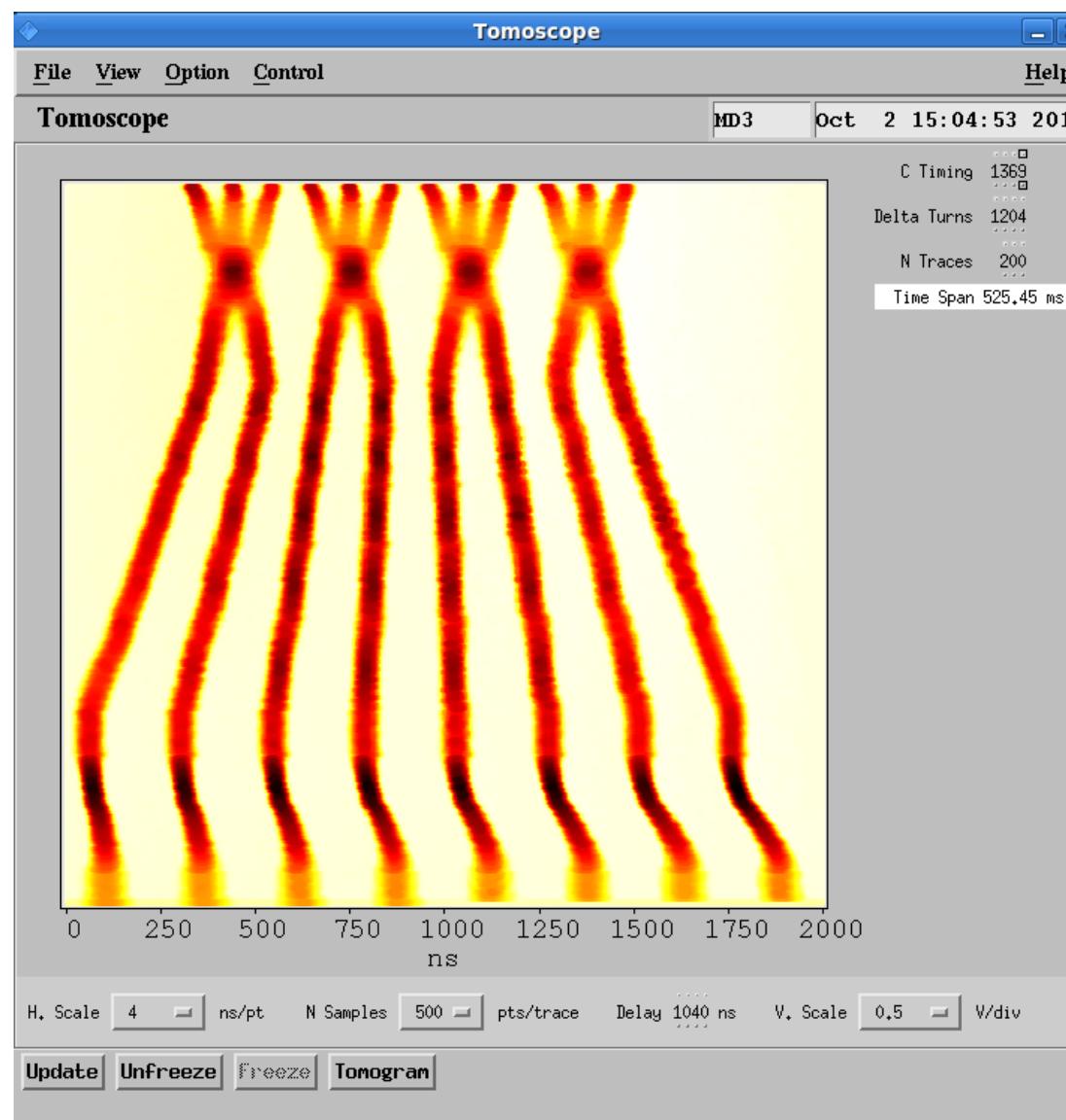
PSB injection on acceleration ramp with RF locked to the B-field (left) and fixed RF frequency (right)

Courtesy of D. Quartullo

# RF gymnastics

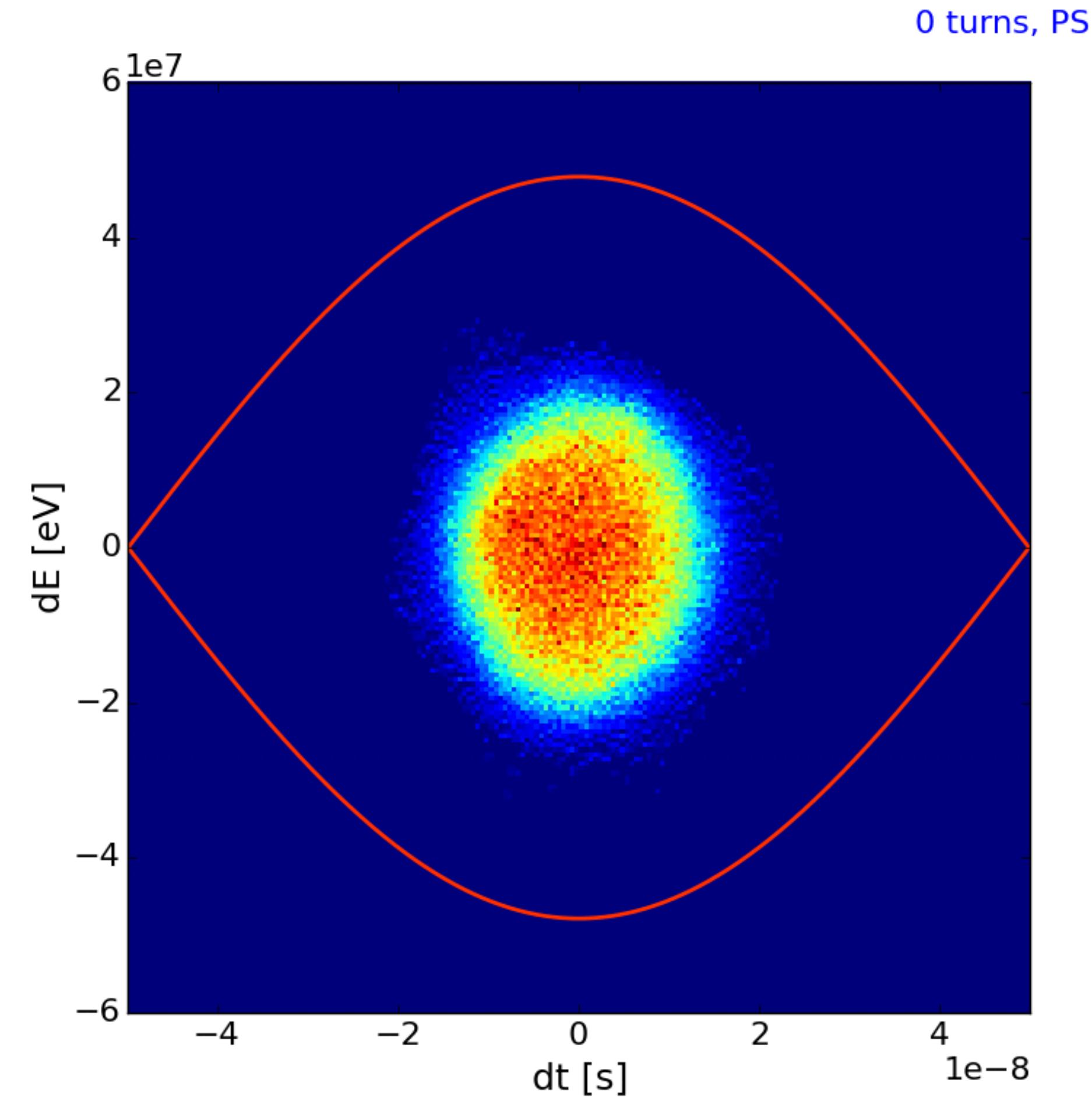
## Multi-harmonic systems

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



*Bunch Compression, Merging and Splitting (BCMS) scheme in the CERN Proton Synchrotron (PS)*

*Courtesy of H. Damerau*

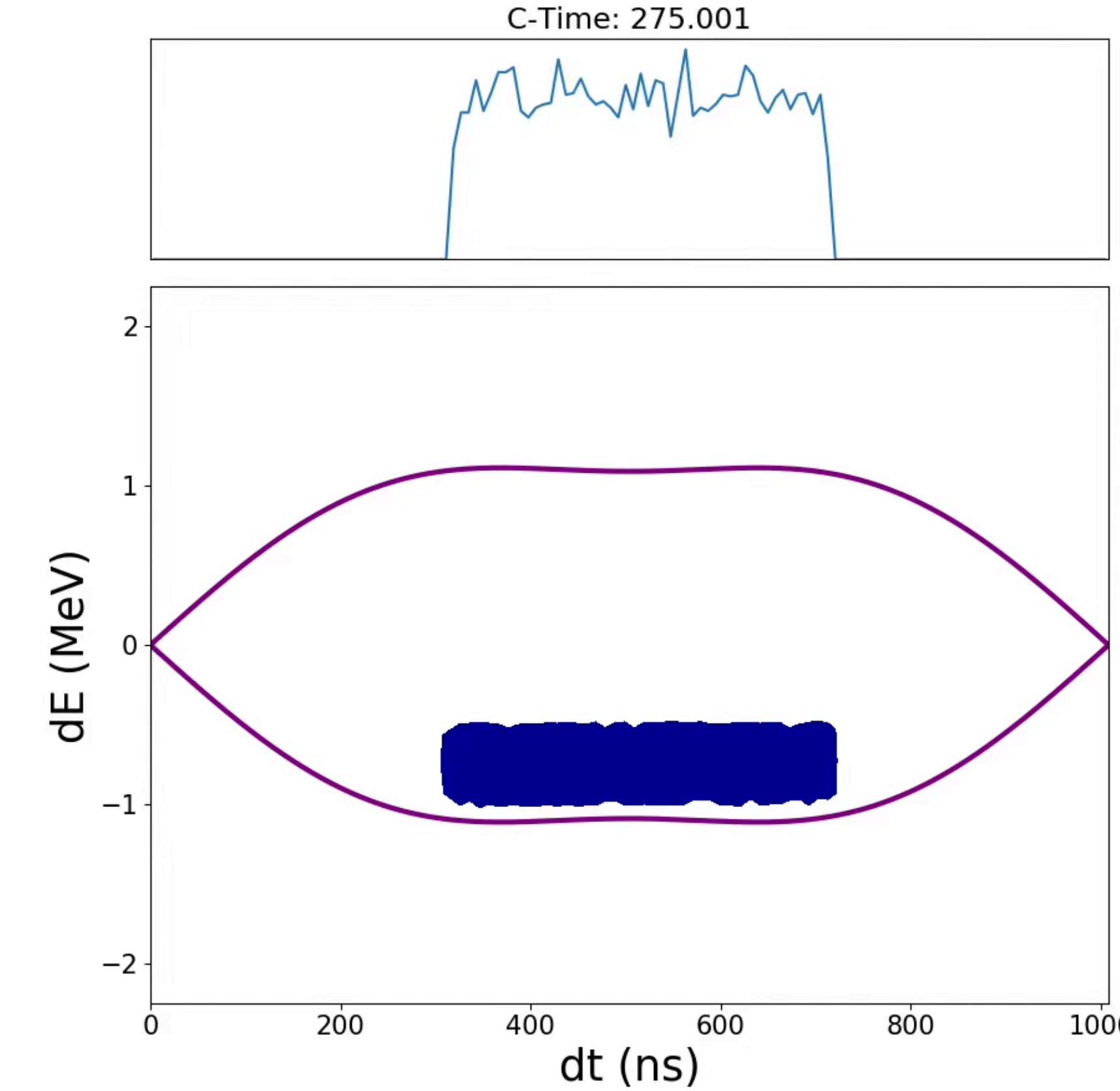


*Double splitting and bunch rotation in the PS, then capture in the Super Proton Synchrotron (SPS)*

# Longitudinal painting

## Longitudinal painting

- Is used to “fill” a part of the longitudinal phase space
  - Emittance is filamenting for longitudinal stability in the machine where injected to
- Multi-turn injection
  - Example PSB: injecting small bunches at different energy offsets over several turns
  - Injected bunch has a small emittance
  - Final bunch fills the entire bucket
- From computational point of view
  - Requires expanding the object that holds the beam coordinates



*Multi-turn injection and longitudinal painting*

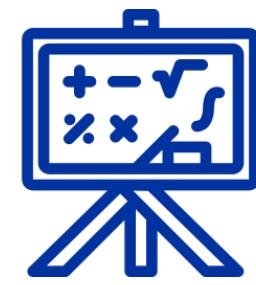
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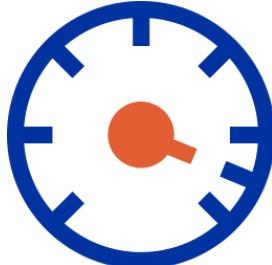
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# Induced voltage

## Voltage induced by the beam particles in an electromagnetic object

- In time domain, convolution of beam profile and wake function:

$$V_{\text{ind}}(\Delta t) = -q N_p \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \lambda(\tau) W(\Delta t - \tau) d\tau$$

- The minus sign ensures an energy loss for a positive wake potential

- The energy kick due to the induced voltage enters the  $E_{\text{other}}$  term

$$E_{\text{ind}}(\Delta t) = q V_{\text{ind}}(\Delta t)$$

- Has to be performed before the drift if the energy is updated first

- In frequency domain, the impedance of the electromagnetic object is

$$Z(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} W(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt$$

- And  $V_{\text{ind}}$  becomes the product of the impedance and the beam spectrum

$$V_{\text{ind}}(\Delta t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} V_{\text{ind}}(\omega) e^{j\omega \Delta t} d\Delta t = -\frac{q N_p}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} Z(\omega) \Lambda(\omega) e^{j\omega \Delta t} d\Delta t$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \lambda(t) dt = 1 \quad \text{beam profile, normalised to 1}$$
$$\Lambda(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \lambda(t) e^{-j\omega t} dt \quad \text{beam spectrum}$$
$$N_p \quad \text{number of real particles in the beam}$$
$$W(t) \quad \text{wake function}$$

# Discretising the induced voltage

The beam profile is discretised on an equidistant grid  $\lambda[m] = \lambda(t_m)$

- In frequency domain, knowing the machine impedance:

$$V_{\text{ind}}[k] = -q N_p \text{IFFT}(Z[i] \Lambda[i]) = -q N_p \text{IFFT}(Z[i] \text{FFT}(\lambda[m]))$$

- Multiplication is faster than convolution
- However, need to calculate beam spectrum via FT and inverse FT for induced voltage

- In time domain, could use a discrete convolution

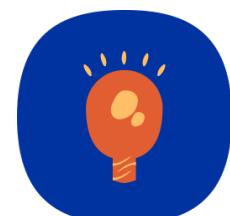
$$V_{\text{ind}}[k] = -q N_p \sum_m \lambda[m] W[k-m]$$

- Unless we use small arrays, this is **time consuming** as it has a computational complexity of  $\mathcal{O}(K \times M)$
- In time domain, a faster way is to use again FFTs, using the circular convolution theorem

$$V_{\text{ind}}[k] = -q N_p \text{IFFT}\{\text{FFT}(W[n]) \text{FFT}(\lambda[n])\}$$

- Fast Fourier transforms reduce the computational complexity to  $\mathcal{O}(N \log(N))$
- Must **carefully zero-pad** to result in a linear convolution:  $N \geq K + M - 1$

Tip: use one of the heavily optimised FFT libraries (e.g. [9]); it is hard to do better than that!



[9] FFTW library, the Fastest Fourier Transform in the West, <https://www.fftw.org/>

# Impedance sources (1)

## Impedance table

- Import tables based on electromagnetic modelling of accelerator elements (e.g. CST [10])

## Resonator

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

$$W(t > 0) = 2\alpha R_s e^{-\alpha t} \left( \cos \tilde{\omega}t - \frac{\alpha}{\tilde{\omega}} \sin \tilde{\omega}t \right)$$

$$W(0) = \alpha R_s, \text{ with } \alpha = \frac{\omega_r}{2Q} \text{ and } \tilde{\omega} = \sqrt{\omega_r^2 - \alpha^2}$$

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

## Travelling wave cavity [11]

$$Z = Z_+ + Z_- \text{ and } \tilde{\omega}_\pm \equiv \omega \pm \omega_r \text{ where}$$

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

$$W(0 < t < \tau) = \frac{4R_s}{\tau} \left( 1 - \frac{t}{\tau} \right) \cos \omega_r t$$

$$W(0) = \frac{2R_s}{\tau}$$

$\tau$  filling time  
 $\omega_r$  resonant frequency  
 $R_s$  shunt impedance

[10] CST Studio Suite, Dassault Systemes, <https://www.3ds.com/products-services/simulia/products/cst-studio-suite/>

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



# Impedance sources (2)

## Resistive wall impedance

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

$b$  beam pipe radius  
 $L$  beam pipe length  
 $Z_0$  vacuum impedance

## Constant $\Im(Z/n)$ e.g. for loss of Landau damping or space charge modelling

$$\frac{Z}{n} = \frac{Z}{f/f_{\text{rev}}} = \text{const.}$$

- Simplifies the computation of the induced voltage, replacing FFTs with the derivative of the line density

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

- Caveat: line density derivative can add numerical noise!



# Beam (in)stability

## Induced voltage is usually added to look for stable/unstable solutions

- What to resolve, what are the observables, and to how many bunches can we restrict?
- Hard to give a generic recipe, but for sure you must resolve what you want to observe!
  - E.g. microwave instabilities: must have a fine grid over one bunch
  - E.g. coupled-bunch instabilities: must resolve long-range wakes

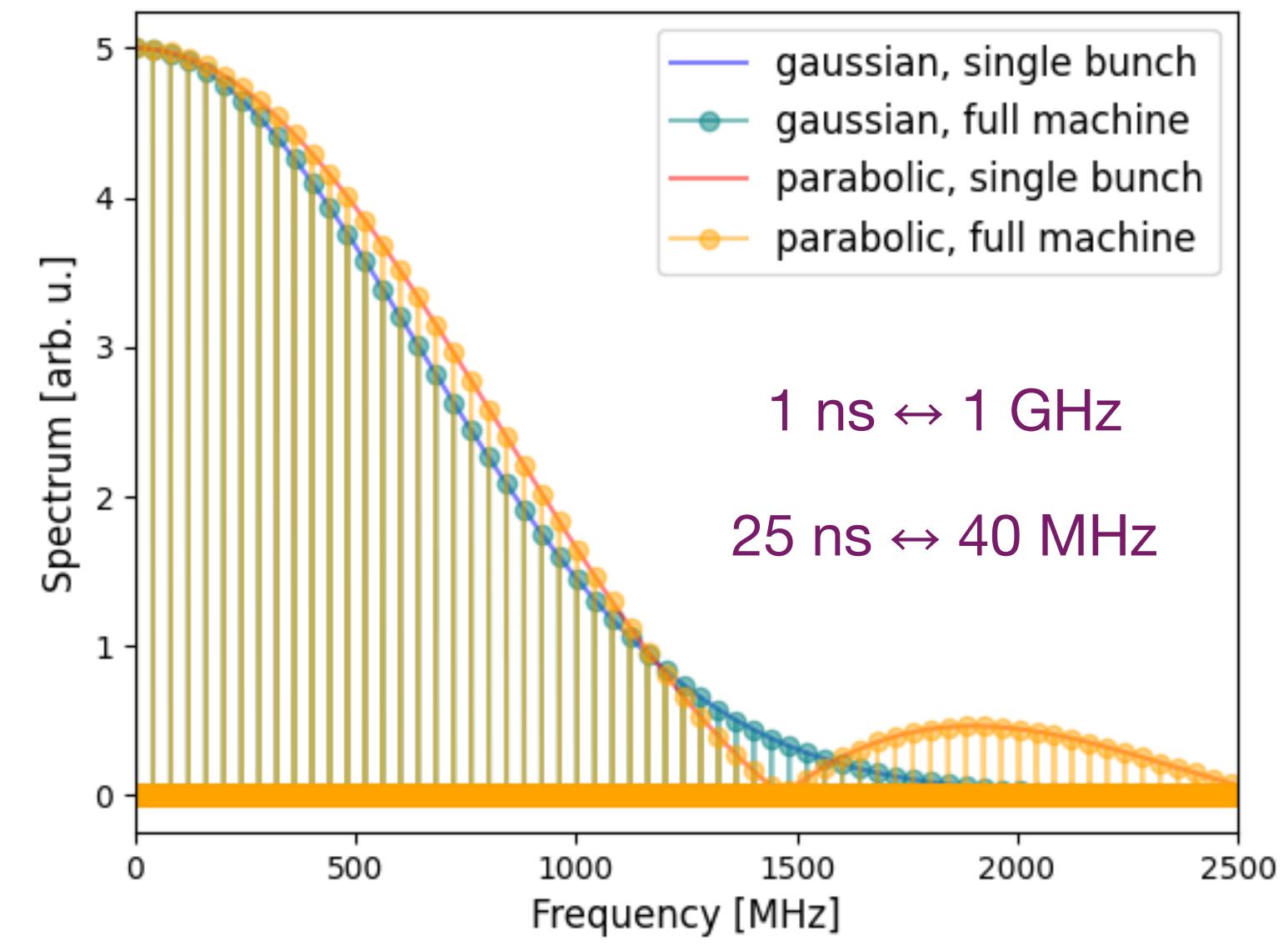
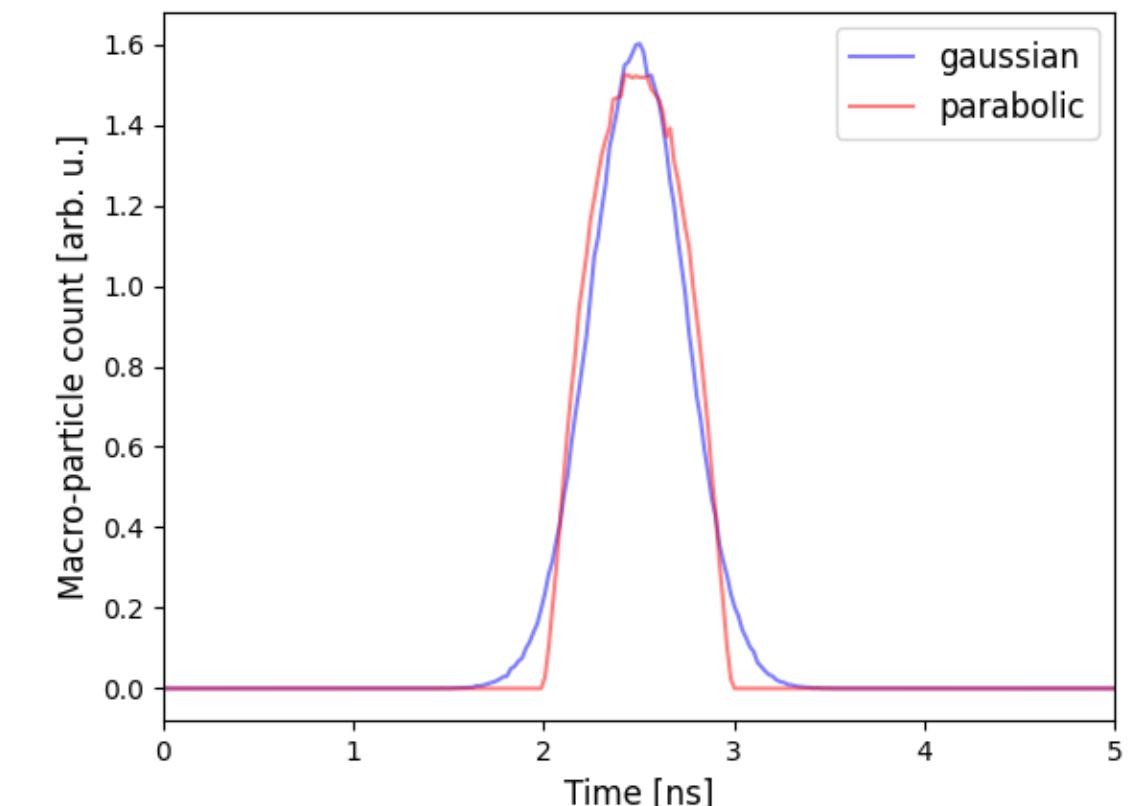
## Designing your simulation: think of impedance vs beam spectrum

- What is the highest frequency impedance that you must resolve in view of your beam spectrum (bunch length)?
- What is the resolution of your narrowest impedance that you want to resolve? Adjust your beam profile length and impedance resolution

$$\Delta t_{\text{bin}} = 1/f_{\text{max}} \text{ and } t_{\text{max}} = N\Delta t_{\text{bin}} = 1/\Delta f$$

## Observables

- Dipole (centre-of mass) and quadrupole (bunch length) oscillations



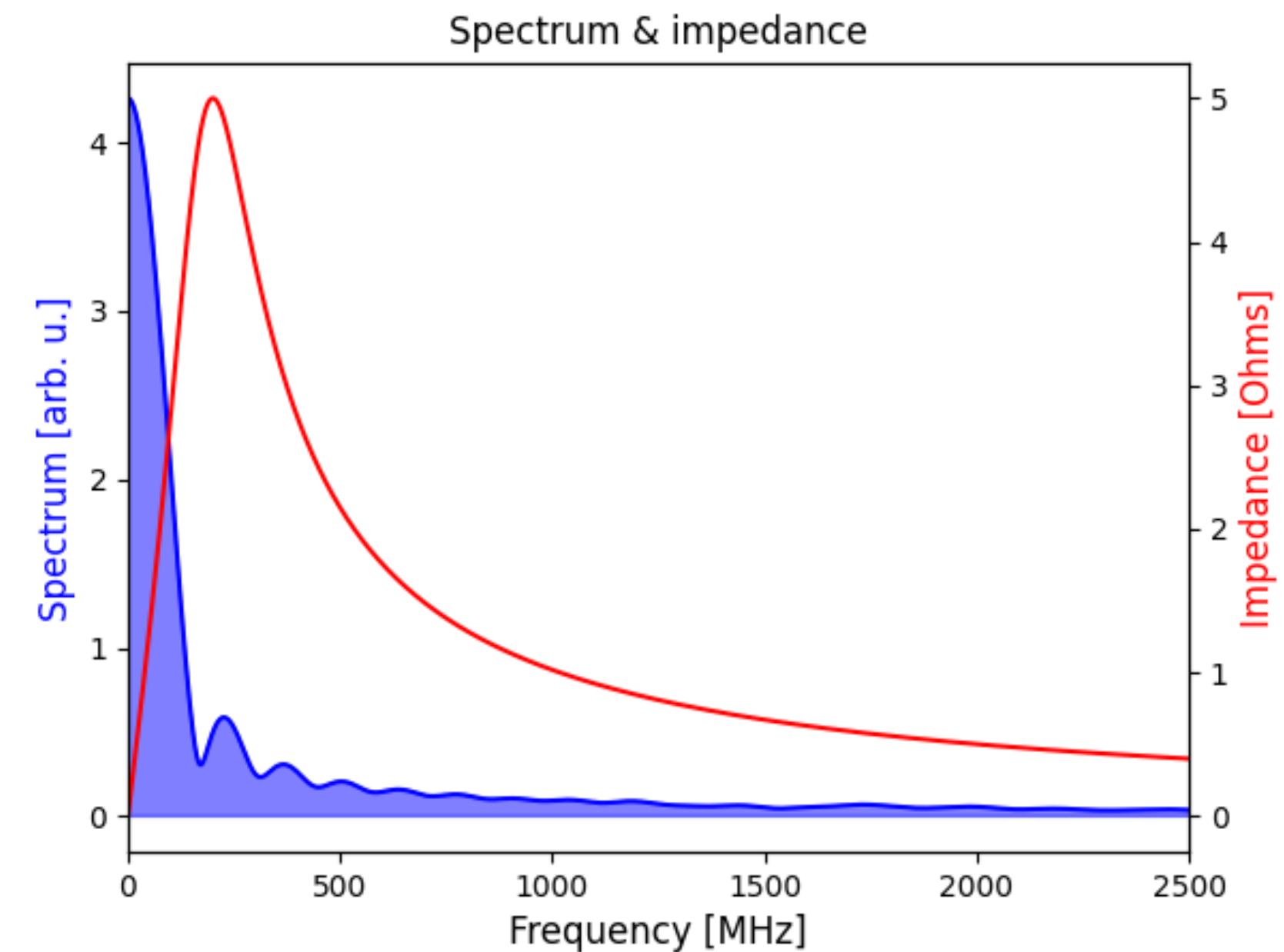
*Top: bunch profiles of 1 ns long gaussian and parabolic bunches*

*Bottom: corresponding spectra for single bunches and full machine of 25 ns spacing*

# Narrow-band and broad-band regime

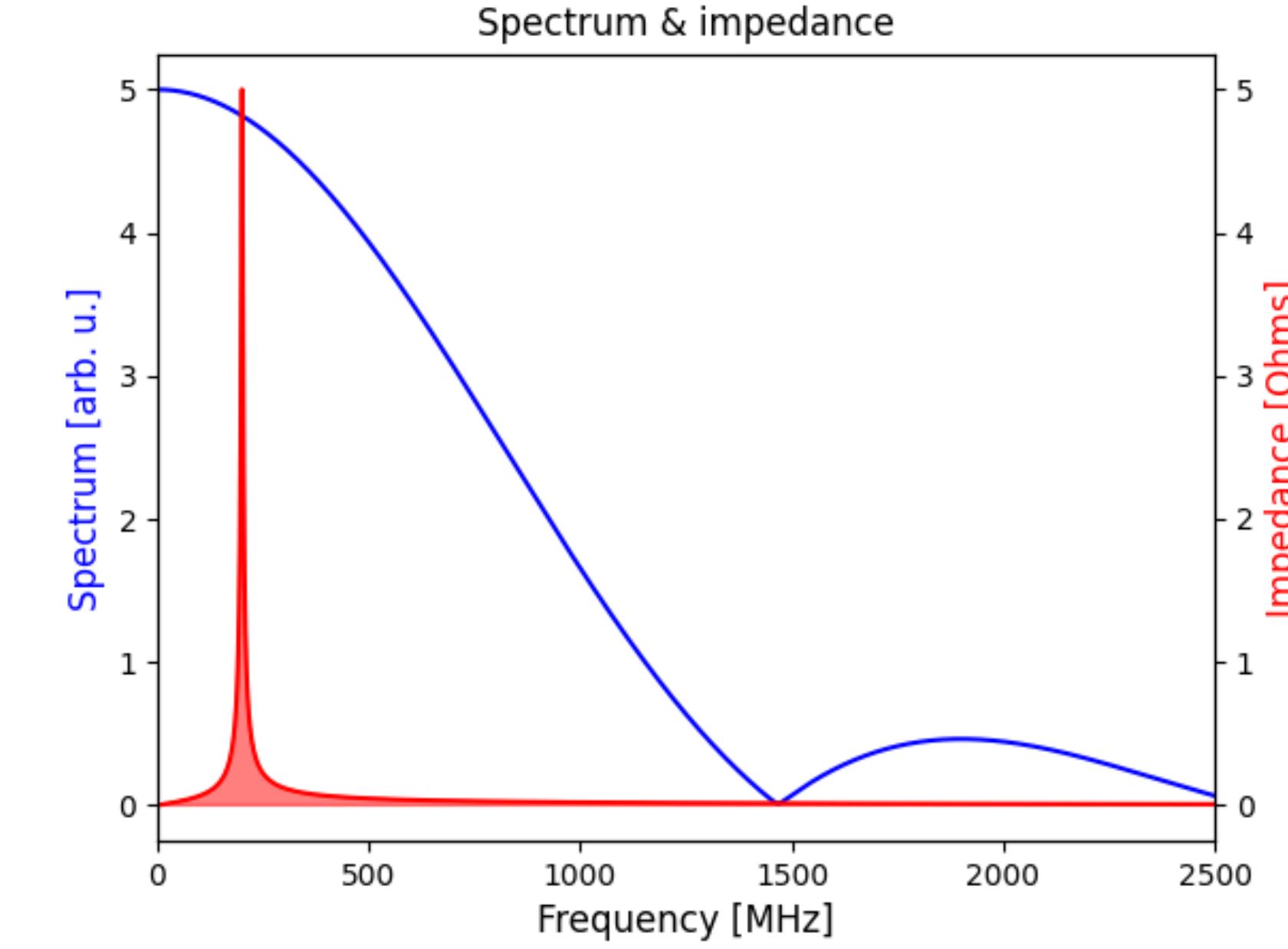
**Machine impedance can also be described as a sum of resonators**

- Two edge cases: narrow-band and broad-band regime
- Impedances that most effectively drive instabilities have  $\omega_r/(2Q) \sim 1/\tau$



*Broad-band or short-bunch regime:*

*the bunch spectrum samples the integral  
impedance, that is  $R_{\text{sh}}/Q$*



*Narrow-band or long-bunch regime:*

*the bunch spectrum samples the impedance at a  
given frequency, that is  $R_{\text{sh}}$*

# Resolving beam and impedance

## Using the right binning

- Long wake or narrow impedance
  - In time domain,  $t_{\max}$  has to be large, in frequency domain  $\Delta f_{\text{bin}}$  must be small
  - Could happen, that multiple turns have to be resolved
- Short wake or broad impedance
  - In time domain,  $\Delta t_{\text{bin}}$  has to be small, in frequency domain  $f_{\max}$  has to be large

## Using the right cutoff frequency

- Some broad-band impedance models may produce unphysical impedance at high frequencies
  - This can result in unphysical beam instabilities
  - Make sure to use the physical cutoff frequency for your impedance models

## Using the right amount of simulation particles and binning

- E.g. a fine binning in time domain requires more macro particles to be simulated

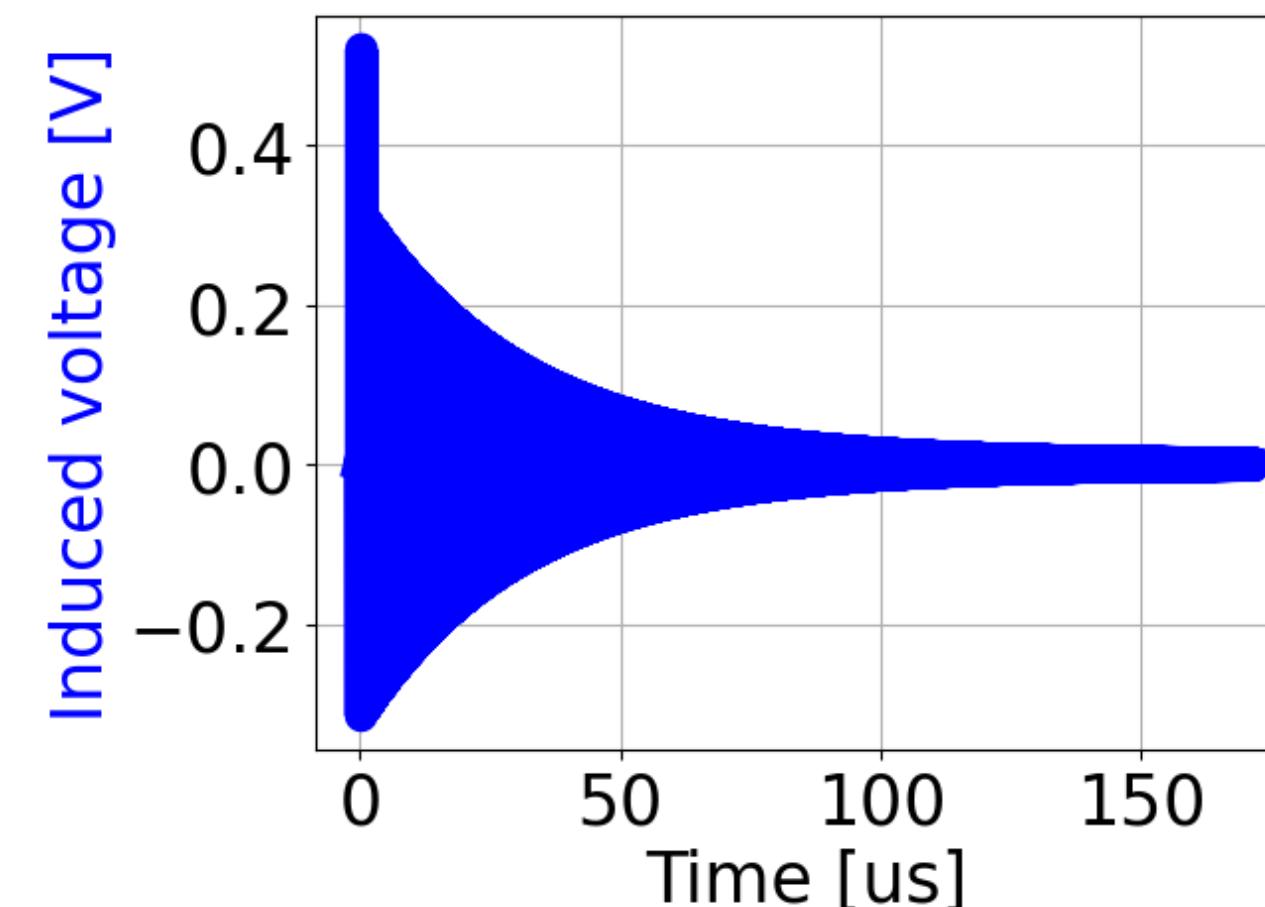
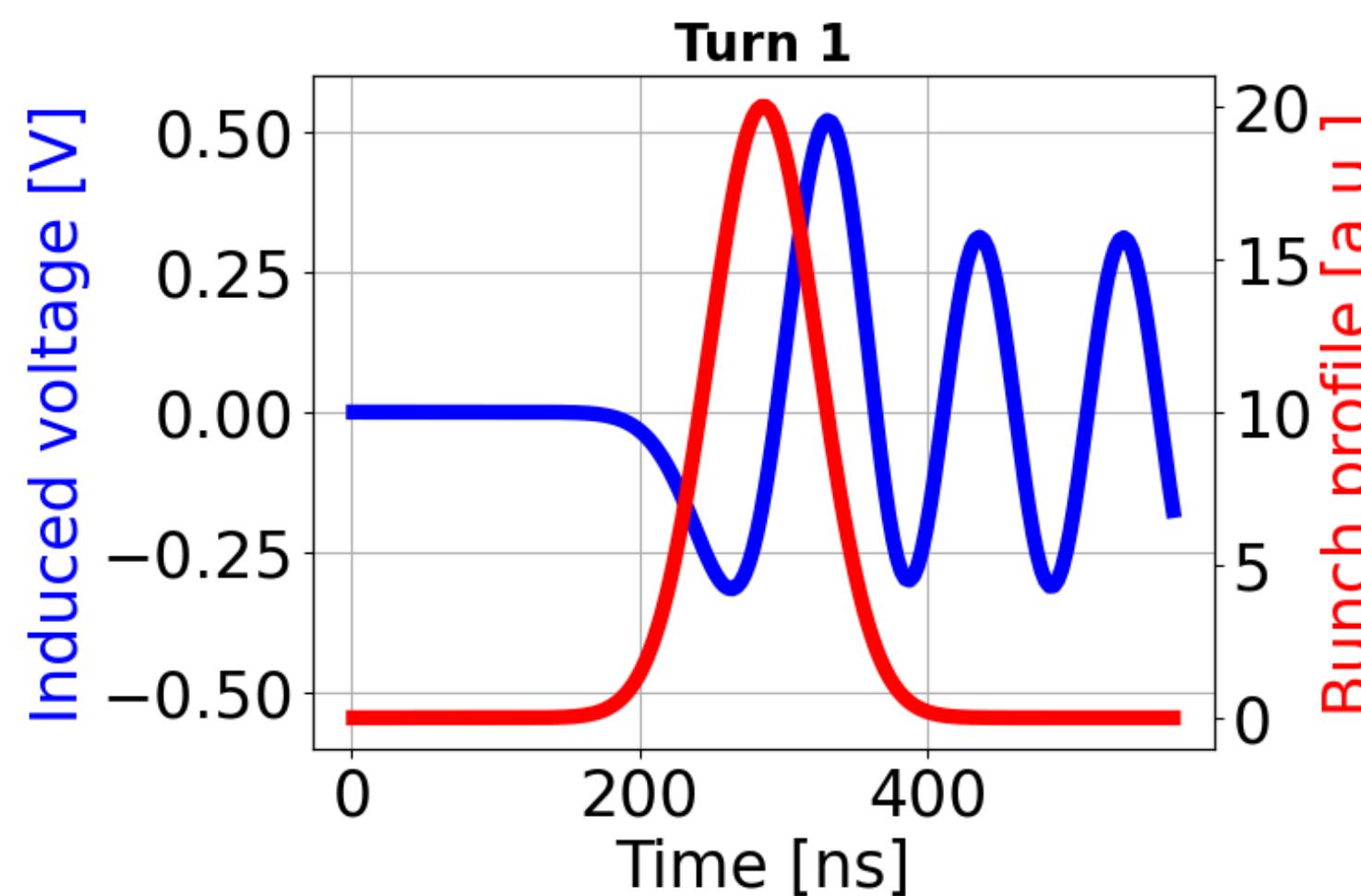
Tip: always perform convergence studies on the number of particles and number of beam profile bins



# Multi-turn wake

**Impedances might couple particles over several machine turns**

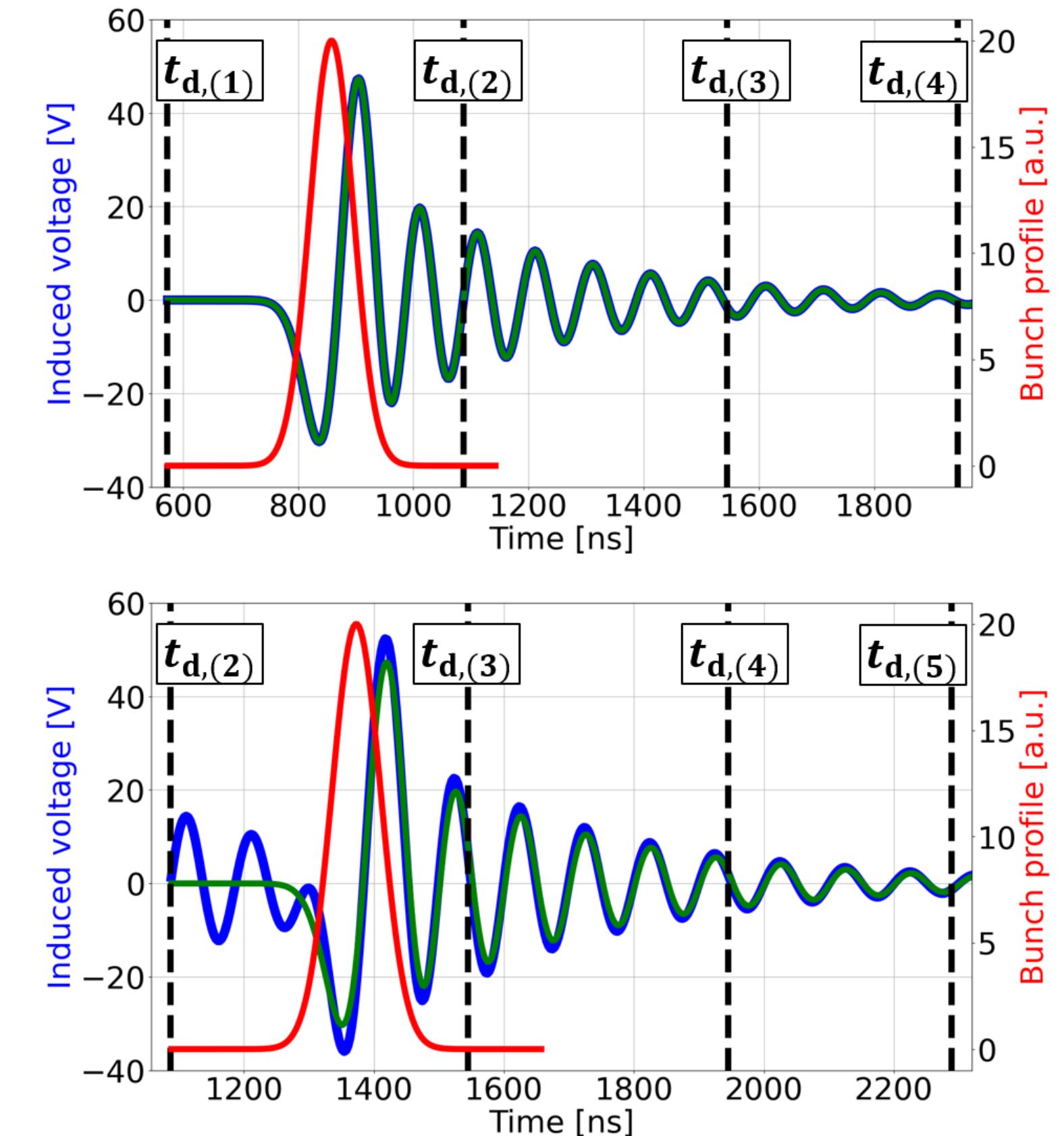
- Need to keep bunch profiles over several past turns in the memory



*Example: multi-turn wake calculations in the PSB; 300 turns of wake is tracked*

*PSB flattop 1.4 GeV,  $h=1$ , single bunch with resonator of  $R_s = 5000$ ,  $f_r = 10$  MHz,  $Q = 1000$*

*Courtesy of D. Quartullo*



*Top: first turn*

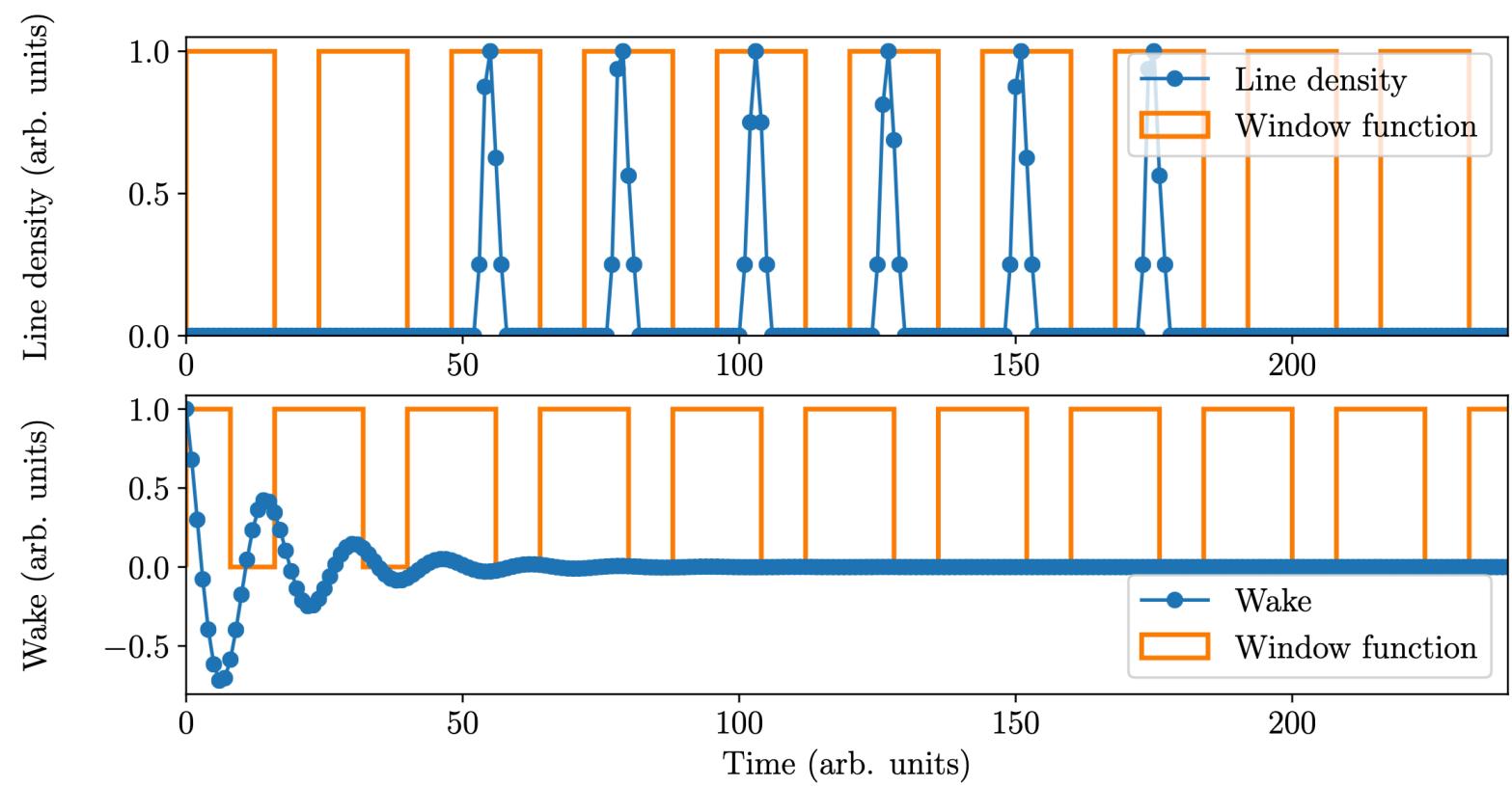
*Bottom: second turn*

*Courtesy of A. Lasheen*

# Advanced schemes

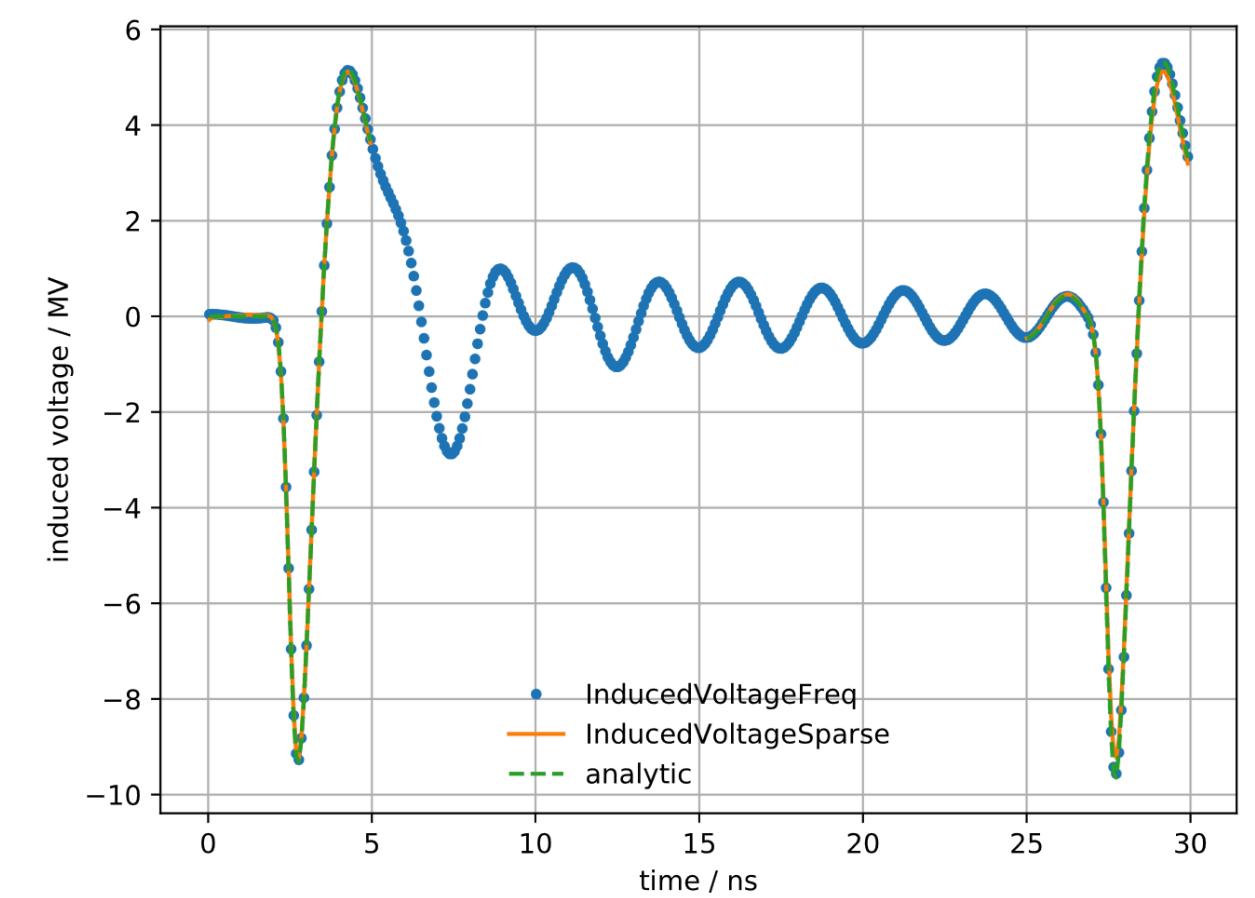
## Compressed convolution [12,13]

- When there is proportionally large bunch spacing compared to the bunch length
- Only keep the relevant data points and use a window function for the zeros



## Sparse slicing or non-uniform grid

- Via non-uniform Fourier transform
  - See equations in [14]
- Or more exotic ones like chirp and z-transform [15]



[12] J. Komppula, K. Li, and N. Mounet at the PyHEADTAIL meeting <https://indico.cern.ch/event/735184/>

[13] I. Karpov at the BLonD meeting <https://indico.cern.ch/event/996624/#5-follow-up-on-compressed-conv>

[14] M. Schwarz at the BLonD meeting <https://indico.cern.ch/event/996624/#4-non-homogeneously-sampled-bu>

[15] M. Vadai at the BLonD meeting <https://indico.cern.ch/event/996624/#2-non-uniform-fft>

*Top: Window function for compressed convolution*

*Bottom: induced voltage with sparse slicing*

# Potential-well distortion

## Perturbation of potential well due to induced voltage

- In single RF and short-bunch approximation

$$\frac{d^2\Delta\varphi}{dt^2} + \omega_{s0}^2\Delta\varphi = \frac{\omega_{s0}^2}{V_{rf}\cos\varphi_s}V_{ind}(\Delta\varphi)$$

- On the other hand, for long-range wake fields and constant beam spectrum [16]

$$V_{ind}(\Delta\varphi) = -\frac{N_p q \omega_{rev}}{2\pi} \sum_{p=-\infty}^{\infty} (Z(p\omega_{rev})\Lambda(p\omega_{rev})e^{jp\omega_{rev}t})$$

- Expanding the exponential and the phase around  $\varphi_s$  results in a shift of the synchronous phase of

$$\Delta\varphi_s = -\frac{N_p q \omega_{rev}}{2\pi V_{rf} \cos\varphi_s} \sum_{p=-\infty}^{\infty} (\Re(Z(p\omega_{rev})) |\Lambda(p\omega_{rev})|^2)$$

- And a shift in synchrotron frequency of

$$\frac{\Delta\omega_s}{\omega_{s0}} \approx \frac{N_p q \omega_{rev}}{4\pi V_{rf} \cos\varphi_s} \Im(Z/n) \sum_{p=-\infty}^{\infty} (p^2 \Lambda(p\omega_{rev}))$$

- In addition, a bunch lengthening is observed for  $\gamma > \gamma_T$  and  $\Im(Z/n) > 0$  w.r.t. the zero-intensity bunch length  $\tau_0$

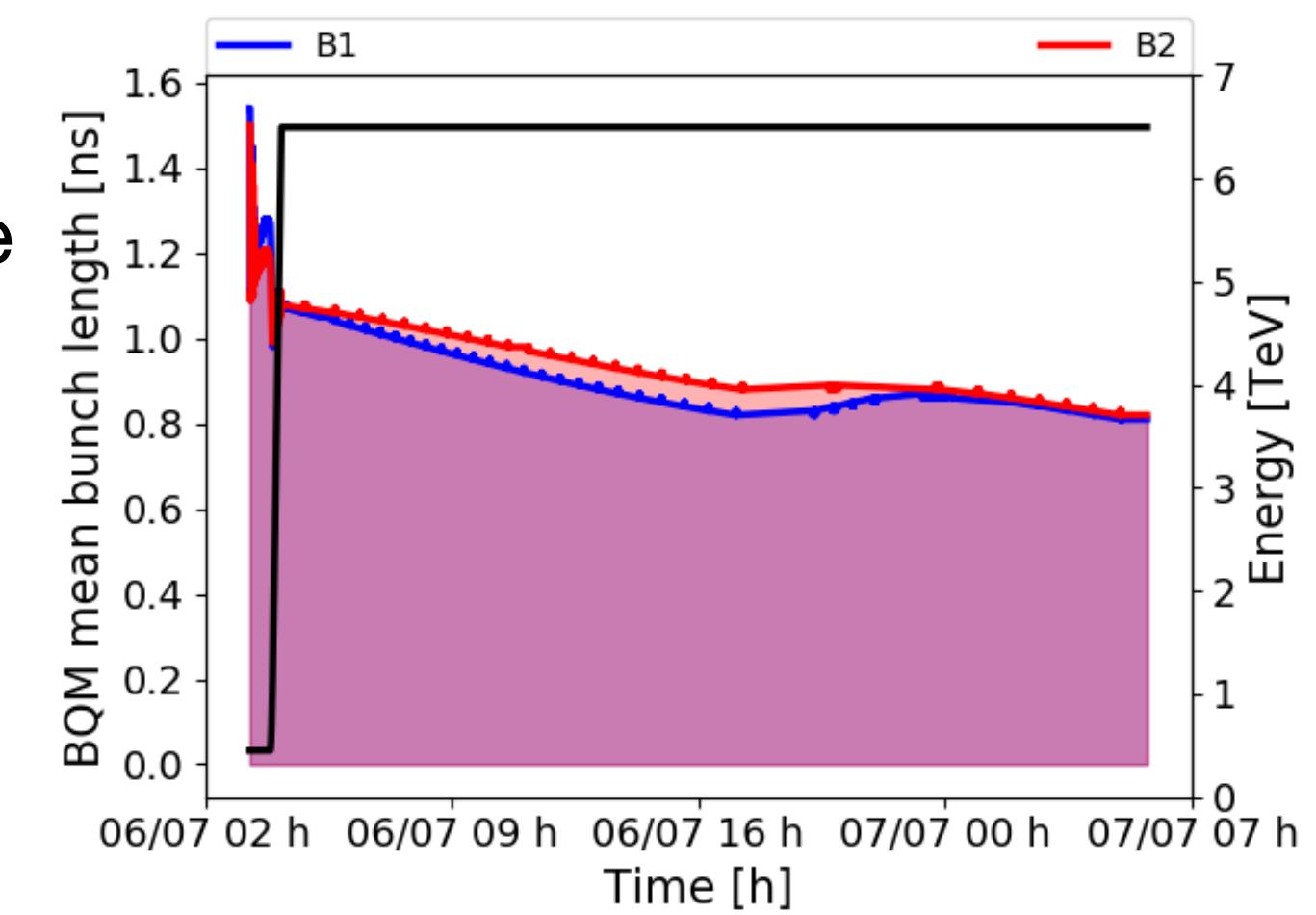
$$\left(\frac{\tau}{\tau_0}\right)^2 = \frac{\omega_{s0}}{\omega_s} \sqrt{\frac{\cos\varphi_s}{\cos\varphi_s + \Delta\varphi_s}}$$

[16] J. L. Laclare: ‘Bunched beam coherent instabilities’, Proc. CAS: Accelerator Physics, pp. 264–326, 1985.

# Loss of Landau damping

## Landau damping in a nutshell

- Originally derived for plasmas by Landau [17]
- Principle: need a spread in synchrotron frequencies between different bunch particles to keep the bunch stable, for otherwise the bunch would oscillate in a coherent manner
- E.g. for a constant energy, voltage, emittance, if the bunch intensity increases, at some point a coherent line separates from the continuous, incoherent bunch spectrum
  - The intensity at which this separation happens is the threshold of loss of Landau damping
  - Driven by  $\Im(Z/n)$
- Can be single/multi-bunch effect



## In particle tracking

- Loss of Landau damping can be tested by giving a small phase kick to a bunch/beam in steady state
- If bunch oscillations are undamped, we talk of loss of Landau damping
  - N.B. in practise it might be difficult to find a suitable threshold of oscillation amplitude to distinguish background or numerical oscillations from undamped oscillations

*Slow emittance blow-up in LHC  
during physics due to loss of  
Landau damping*

[17] L. Landau: ‘On the vibration of the electronic plasma’, JETP **16**, 1946.

# Synchrotron radiation and quantum excitation

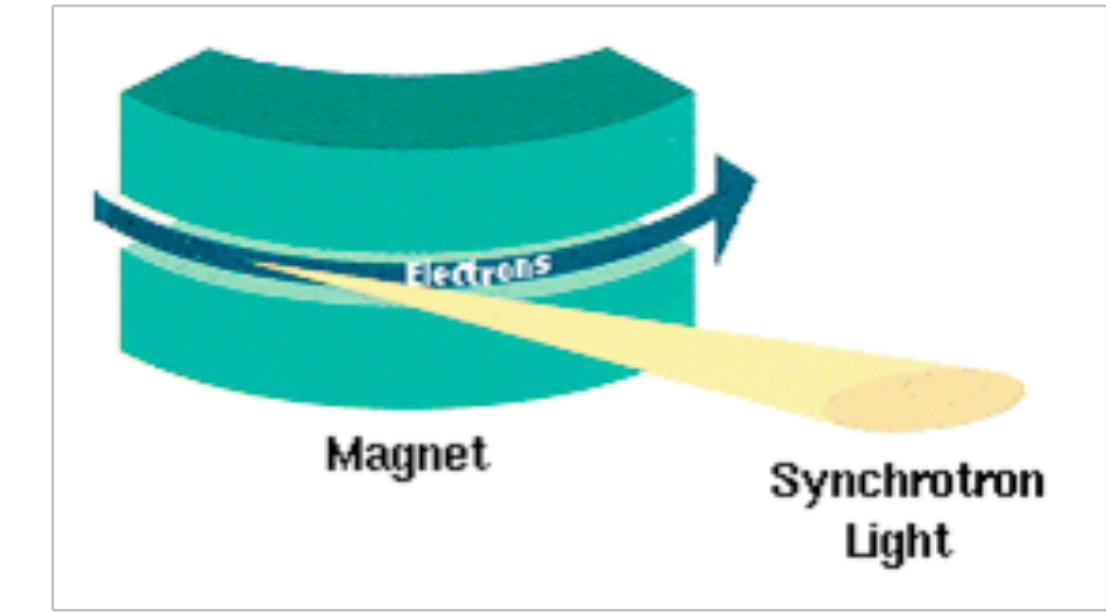
## Synchrotron radiation: emission of EM radiation for high-energy particles on a bent trajectory

- Shrinks the bunch emittance
- Energy loss applied per turn or in a sub-cycled manner
  - For machines with large energy loss per turn, one has to avoid large discrete energy kicks leading to fake debunching
  - Can use sub-cycling with SR kick + drift, even where there is no RF cavity in the machine

$$E_{\text{other},(n)} = -U_0 - \frac{2}{\tau_z} \Delta E_{(n)} \quad \begin{matrix} \leftarrow & \text{Difference in energy} \\ \uparrow & \text{loss for each particle} \\ & \text{Average energy loss} \end{matrix}$$

- Where the average energy loss is:

$$U_0 = \frac{4\pi}{3} \frac{r_{\text{cl}}}{m_p^3 c^6} \frac{1}{\rho} E_{d,(n)}^4 \frac{R}{C}$$



## Quantum excitation: a collective effect for short bunches [18]

- Counteracting emittance blow-up due to statistical emission of photons

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

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

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

# Coherent synchrotron radiation

**Coherent synchrotron radiation can also be modelled as an impedance**

- The free-space model gives [19]

$$\frac{\Re Z}{Z_0} = \frac{\sqrt{3}\gamma}{4} \frac{f}{f_{\text{crit}}} \int_{f/f_{\text{crit}}}^{\infty} K_{5/3}(y) dy$$

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{y} &\equiv \sqrt{1 - y^2} \\ \rho &\quad \text{magnet bending radius}\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\Im Z}{Z_0} = \frac{-\gamma f}{f_{\text{crit}}} \left[ \int_0^1 e^{-\frac{f}{f_{\text{crit}}}y} \left( \frac{-2\tilde{y}}{4y\tilde{y}} + \frac{(iy + \tilde{y})^{5/3} + (iy + \tilde{y})^{-5/3}}{4y\tilde{y}} \right) dy - \int_1^{\infty} e^{-\frac{f}{f_{\text{crit}}}y} \left( \frac{8i\tilde{y}}{8yi\tilde{y}} - \frac{(y + i\tilde{y})^{5/3} - (y + i\tilde{y})^{-5/3}}{8yi\tilde{y}} \right) dy \right]$$

$$f_{\text{crit}} \equiv \frac{3}{4\pi} \gamma^3 \frac{c}{\rho}$$

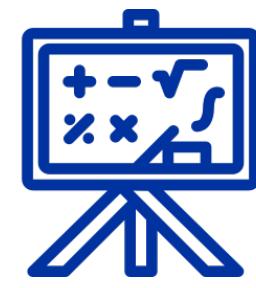
[19] J. Murphy, S. Krinsky, and R. Gluckstern, Part.Accel. **57**, 9 (1997).

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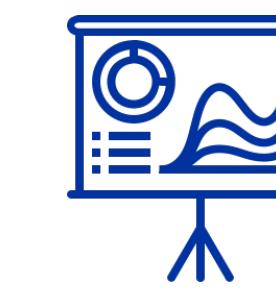
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# Cavity-transmitter-beam interaction

## Superconducting resonant cavities

- Can be modelled as a resonator

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

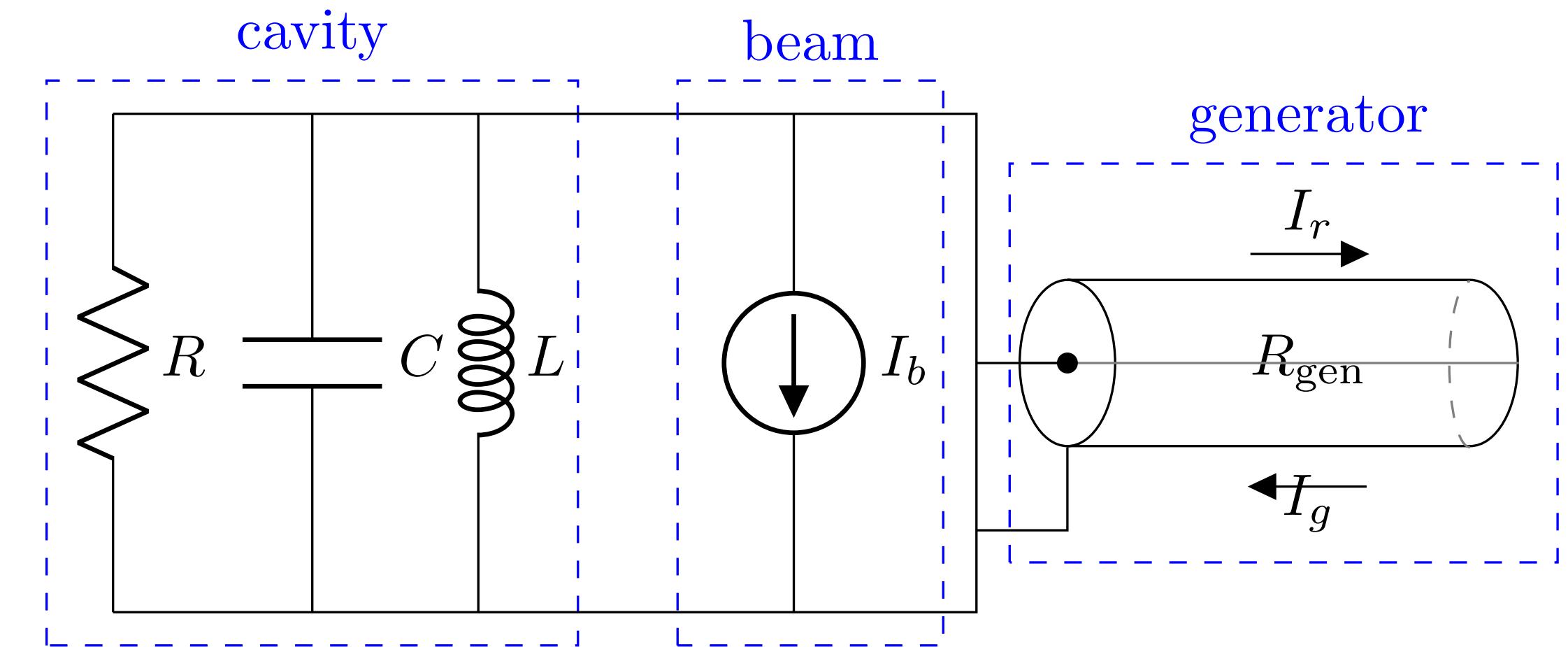
## Cavity-transmitter-beam interaction can be described using a circuit model [20]

- Cavity: RLC circuit, beam: current source, generator: transmission line

$$I_{\text{gen}}(t) = \frac{V_{\text{ant}}(t)}{2R/Q} \left( \frac{1}{Q_L} - 2i \frac{\Delta\omega}{\omega} \right) + \frac{dV_{\text{ant}}(t)}{dt} \frac{1}{\omega R/Q} + \frac{1}{2} I_{\text{b,rf}}(t)$$

- Or, in time discrete form,

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



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

# RF tune and detuning

**The cavity tune is chosen usually to minimise the RF power**

- In the absence of beam, the frequency is tuned to the centre of the resonance  $\omega_r$  (max. V, min. P)

**Half-detuning beam-loading compensation scheme [21]: optimum average power keeping  $\vec{V}_{\text{ant}} = \text{const.}$**

$$P_{\text{gen}} = \frac{1}{8} R/Q Q_L \left( \frac{V_{\text{ant}}}{R/Q} \frac{1}{Q_L} + \cancel{\Re(I_{b,\text{rf}})}^0 \right)^2 + \frac{1}{8} R/Q Q_L \left( -2 \frac{V_{\text{ant}}}{R/Q} \frac{\Delta\omega}{\omega_r} + \Im(I_{b,\text{rf}}) \right)^2$$

$$P_{\text{gen}} = \frac{1}{8} \frac{V_{\text{ant}}^2}{R/Q Q_L} + \frac{1}{32} R/Q Q_L I_{b,\text{rf}}^2 = \frac{1}{8} V_{\text{ant}} I_{b,\text{rf}} \quad \text{with the optimum detuning of } \Delta\omega_{\text{HD}} = \frac{1}{4} R/Q \frac{I_{b,\text{rf}}}{V_{\text{ant}}} \omega_r$$

**Full-detuning beam-loading compensation scheme [22]: only keep  $|\vec{V}_{\text{ant}}| = \text{const.}$**

$$P_{\text{gen}} = \frac{1}{8} \frac{V_{\text{ant}}^2}{R/Q Q_L} + \frac{1}{2} R/Q Q_L \left( \frac{V_{\text{ant}}}{R/Q} \frac{\dot{\phi}}{\omega_r} - \frac{V_{\text{ant}}}{R/Q} \frac{\Delta\omega}{\omega_r} + \frac{1}{2} \Im(e^{-j\phi} I_{b,\text{rf}}) \right)^2$$

- Compensates the bunch-by-bunch variation of the beam current along the ring via  $\dot{\phi}$

[21] D. Boussard: ‘RF power requirements for a high intensity proton collider, parts 1 and 2’, Proc. PAC’91, CERN-SL-91-20-DI-16, 1991.

[22] P. Baudrenghien and T. Mastoridis: ‘Proposal for an RF roadmap towards ultimate intensity in the LHC’, Proc. IPAC’12, 2012.

# Phase and frequency modulation

**Affect the RF phase and/or frequency at a given turn  $n$**

- A change in the RF phase results in a change in the frequency and vice versa

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

- Phase and frequency modulation are in theory interchangeable
- In practise, for the hardware implementation, one or the other might be preferred
- When a phase modulation  $\Delta\varphi_{\text{rf}}$  is applied, the RF frequency has to be corrected with the equivalent frequency change w.r.t. reference clock:

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

- Vice versa, when a frequency modulation  $\Delta\omega_{\text{rf}}$  is applied, the RF phase has to be corrected with:

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

# Accumulated phase error

## RF phase w.r.t. reference frame

- A phase error is accumulated when

- The RF frequency is decoupled from the revolution frequency  $\omega_{\text{rf}} \neq h\omega_{\text{rev}}$
  - There is explicitly an offset/modulation/noise added to the RF phase

- The phase at a given moment in time is

$$\varphi_{\text{rf},k}(t_{(n)}) = \int_0^{t_{(n)}} \omega_{\text{rf}}(\tau) d\tau + \varphi_{\text{offset},k,(n)} + \varphi_{\text{noise},k,(n)} = \sum_{i=1}^n \omega_{\text{rf},k,(i)} T_{\text{rev},(i)} + (t_{(n)} - t_{\text{ref},(n)}) \omega_{\text{rf},k,(n)} + \varphi_{\text{offset},k,(n)} + \varphi_{\text{noise},k,(n)}$$

- Subtracting multiples of  $2\pi$ :

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

- The RF phase is determined at  $\Delta t = 0$ :

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

# Phase modulation at a single frequency

## Resonant excitation using sine waves [23-25]

- Phase modulation added to the RF phase [26]:

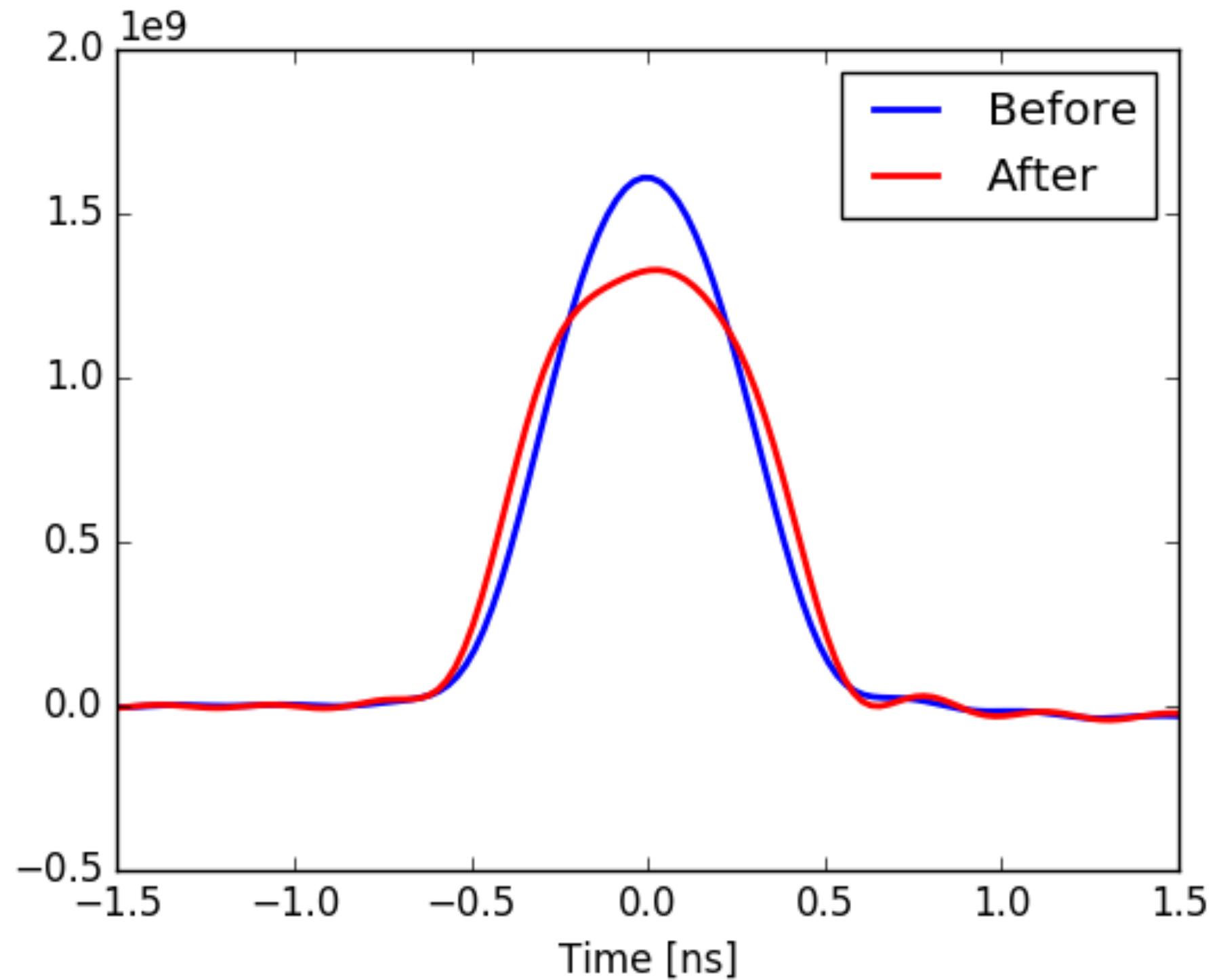
$$\Delta\varphi_{\text{rf},(n)} = A \sin \left( 2\pi \sum_{k=0}^n f_{\text{mod},(k)} T_{\text{rev},(k)} \right) + \varphi_{\text{off},(n)}$$

- 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*

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

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

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

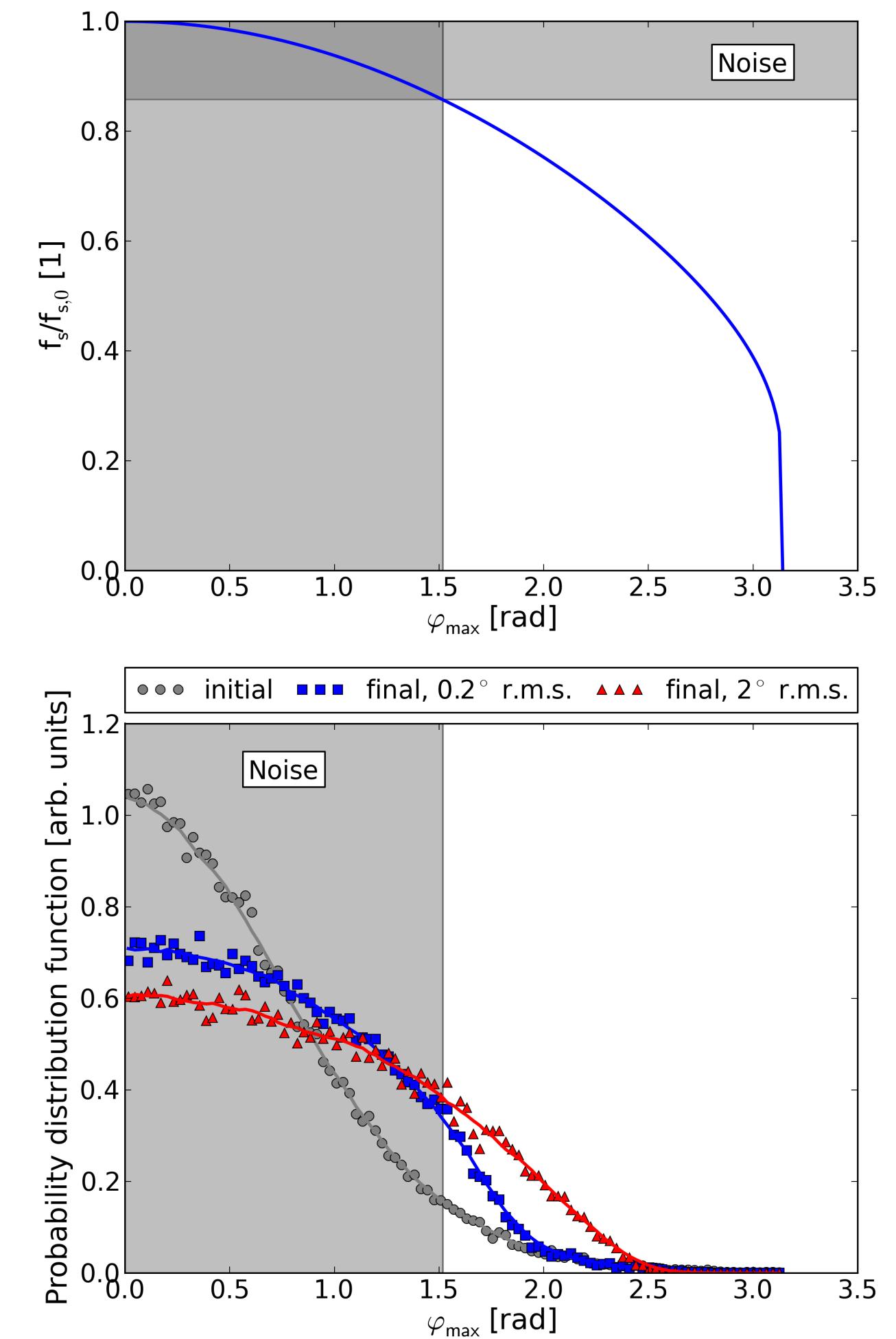
[26] S. Albright and D. Quartullo: Journal of Physics: Conference Series 1350, 012144 (2019).

# RF phase noise

**Controlled emittance blow-up can be achieved by injecting RF phase noise into the system [27,28]**

- RF phase is changed turn by turn with a noise sample:  
 $\Delta\varphi_{\text{rf}} = \varphi_{\text{noise}}(t_{(n)})$ 
  - Alternative: as a sum of sine-wave modulations
- Band-limited white noise can be injected to shape the bunch [29]
  - The spectrum of the noise determines which part of the bunch is affected
  - Should target the core region to avoid losses from the tails
  - The average phase noise is:  $\langle \varphi_{\text{noise}}(t_{(n)}) \rangle = 0$
  - The r.m.s. phase noise depends on the spectral density of the noise

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



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

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

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

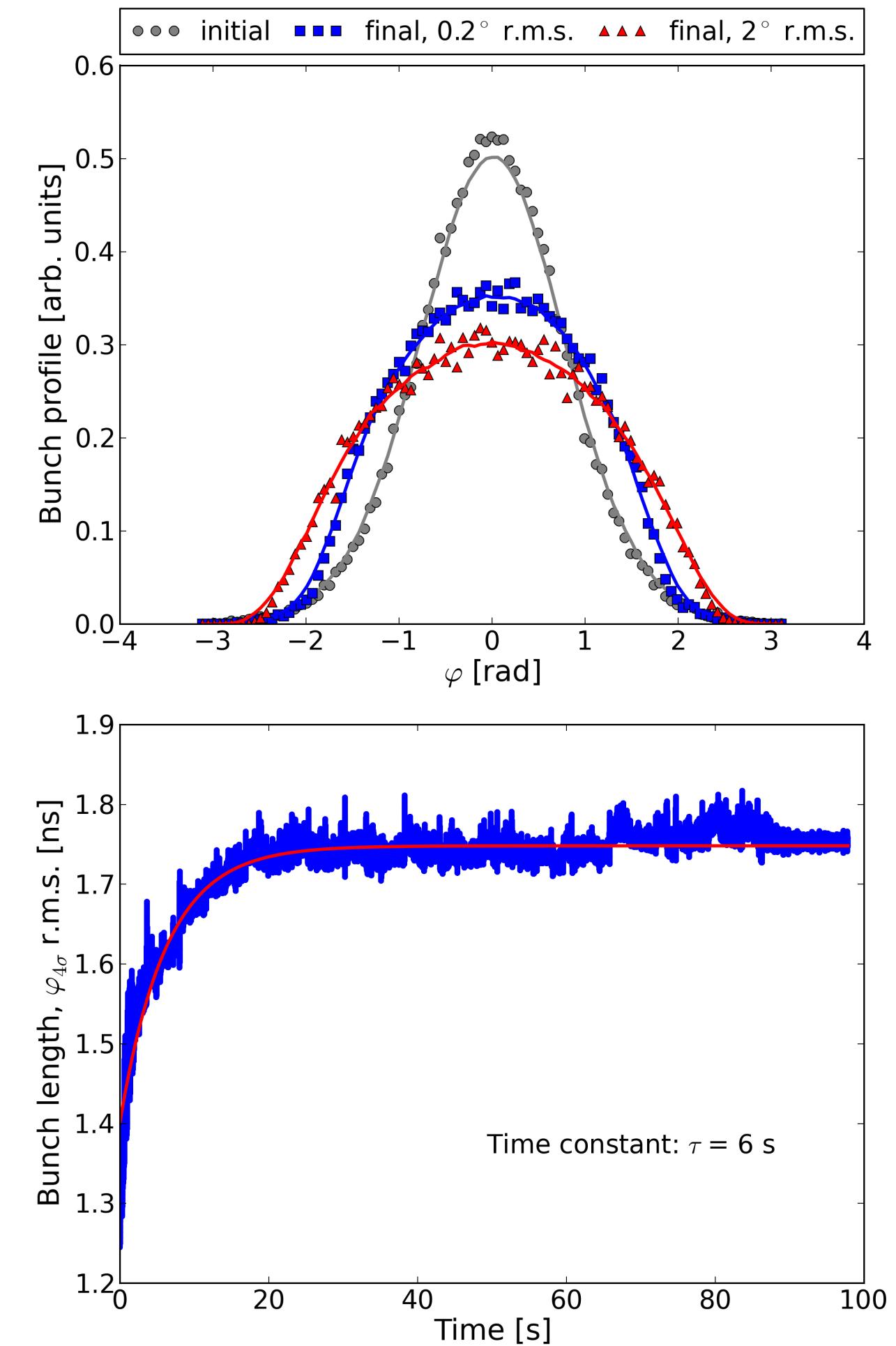
*Diffusion due to band-limited white noise*

# Emittance blow-up using RF phase noise

## Diffusion due to RF phase noise

- In general, has to be simulated with particle tracking
- For some simplified cases, can use semi-analytical solvers
  - Determines final bunch profile and bunch length
- For short bunches, the r.m.s. bunch length evolution can be calculated applying the diffusion theory [30]

$$\sigma(t) = \sqrt{\sigma_0^2 + \int S_\varphi(f) df}$$



Diffusion due to band-limited white noise

[30] S.V. Ivanov: 'Longitudinal diffusion of a proton bunch under external noise', IHEP Preprint 92-43, Protvino (1992).

# Momentum slip stacking

## Reduction of bunch spacing by “interleaving” two batches [31-34]

- Capture two beams with two RF systems that have a slight frequency difference

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

- One RF system captures one beam each and the other RF system perturbs the other beam

- The small frequency difference w.r.t. the design frequency will result 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
- Once at the desired longitudinal and azimuthal position, the two beams are recaptured with a higher RF voltage, at the common frequency

[31] J. P. Burnet *et al.*: ‘Fifty years of the CERN Proton Synchrotron: Volume 1’, CERN Yellow Reports: Monographs, 2011.

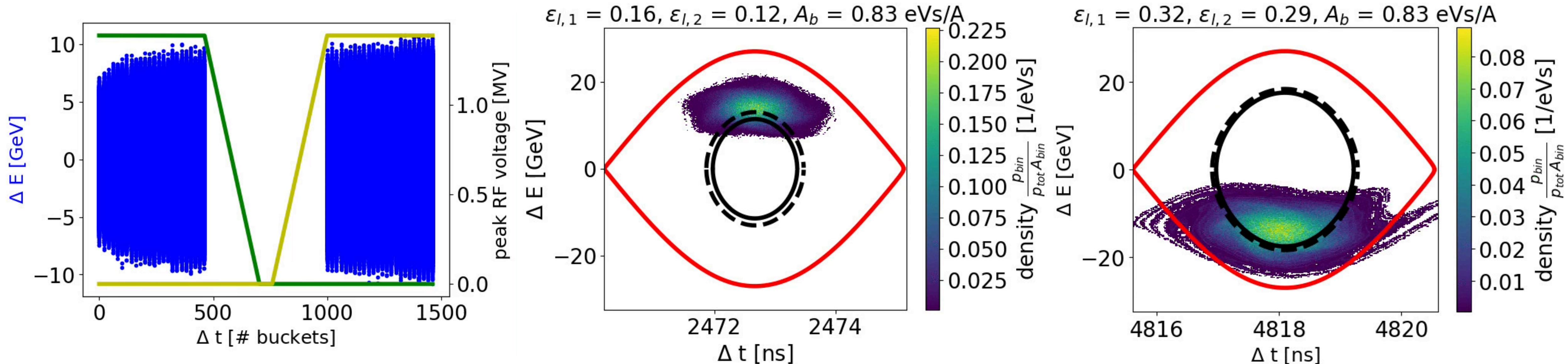
[32] D. Boussard and Y. Mizumachi: ‘Production of beams with high line-density by azimuthal combination of bunches in a synchrotron’, CERN-SPS-ARF-79-11, 1979.

[33] K. Seiya *et al.*: ‘Finalizing the Roadmap for the Upgrade of the CERN & GSI Accelerator Complex’, Proc. BEAM’07, 2007.

[34] R. Ainsworth *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Accel. Beams **22**, 020404(2019).

# Momentum slip stacking example

Slip stacking for ion beams in SPS [35] in simulations



Slip stacking of 2 batches of 24 bunches

Courtesy of D. Quartullo

Re-capture and ramp:  
first bunch

Re-capture and ramp:  
last bunch

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

# Global control loops (1)

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

- Correct the RF frequency  $\Delta\omega_{\text{TOT}} \equiv \omega_{\text{rf}} - \omega_{\text{rf,d}}$  (can be a sum of corrections from different loops)
- Beam phase loop
  - Measures the beam phase w.r.t. synchronous (design) phase  $\Delta\varphi_{\text{PL}} = \varphi_b - \varphi_d$
  - Used to reduce injection errors and undesired RF noise (improvement of beam lifetime)
- Synchronisation or frequency loop
  - Measures the RF frequency  $\Delta\omega_{\text{SL}} = \omega_{\text{rf}} - \omega_{\text{rf,d}} = \omega_{\text{rf}} - h\omega_{\text{rev}}$
  - Used for injection/extraction and to keep the RF frequency at its design value
- Radial loop (for transition-crossing machines)
  - Measures the radial position of the beam 
$$\frac{\Delta R_{\text{RL}}}{R_d} = \frac{\Delta\omega_{\text{rf}}}{\omega_{\text{rf,d}}} \frac{\gamma^2}{\gamma_T^2 - \gamma^s}$$
  - Used to keep the beam centred and the RF frequency at its design value
- Longitudinal damper
  - Measures the beam phase w.r.t. RF phase  $\Delta\varphi_{\text{PL}} = \varphi_b - \varphi_d$
  - Used to damp phase errors bunch by bunch or batch by batch, depending on bandwidth
  - Counteracts coupled-bunch instabilities

# Global control loops (2)

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

- Updated RF frequency of system k:

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

- Updated RF phase of system k:

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

- For each loop, the frequency correction is calculated from the measurable via a concrete transfer function

- E.g. a simple gain (LHC PL)

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

- E.g. transfer function (PSB PL) given in z-domain

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

- translates in time domain to

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

# Measurement of RF phase

**The RF phase is measured by extracting the RF component from the beam profile**

- Convolve the beam profile with the RF wave
  - Averaging over the whole beam

$$f(t) = \int_{\lambda_{\min}}^{\lambda_{\max}} \cos(\omega_{\text{rf}}(t - \tau) - \varphi_{\text{rf}})\lambda(\tau)d\tau = \cos(\omega_{\text{rf}}t) \int_{\lambda_{\min}}^{\lambda_{\max}} \cos(\omega_{\text{rf}}\tau + \varphi_{\text{rf}})\lambda(\tau)d\tau + \sin(\omega_{\text{rf}}t) \int_{\lambda_{\min}}^{\lambda_{\max}} \sin(\omega_{\text{rf}}\tau + \varphi_{\text{rf}})\lambda(\tau)d\tau$$

- The beam phase is determined from the coefficients of the sine and cosine components

$$\varphi_b \equiv \arctan \left( \frac{\int_{\lambda_{\min}}^{\lambda_{\max}} \sin(\omega_{\text{rf}}\tau + \varphi_{\text{rf}})\lambda(\tau)d\tau}{\int_{\lambda_{\min}}^{\lambda_{\max}} \cos(\omega_{\text{rf}}\tau + \varphi_{\text{rf}})\lambda(\tau)d\tau} \right)$$

# Example: LHC phase and synchro loop

**Exact algorithms are machine dependent. A concrete example: LHC, where PL & SL work together [36]**

- Correction of beam phase loop

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

- Reaction time: 5 turns  $g_{PL} = 1/(5T_{rev})$

- Correction of synchronisation loop

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

- Reaction time: 50 turns  $g_{\text{SL}} = 1/(50T_{\text{rev}})$

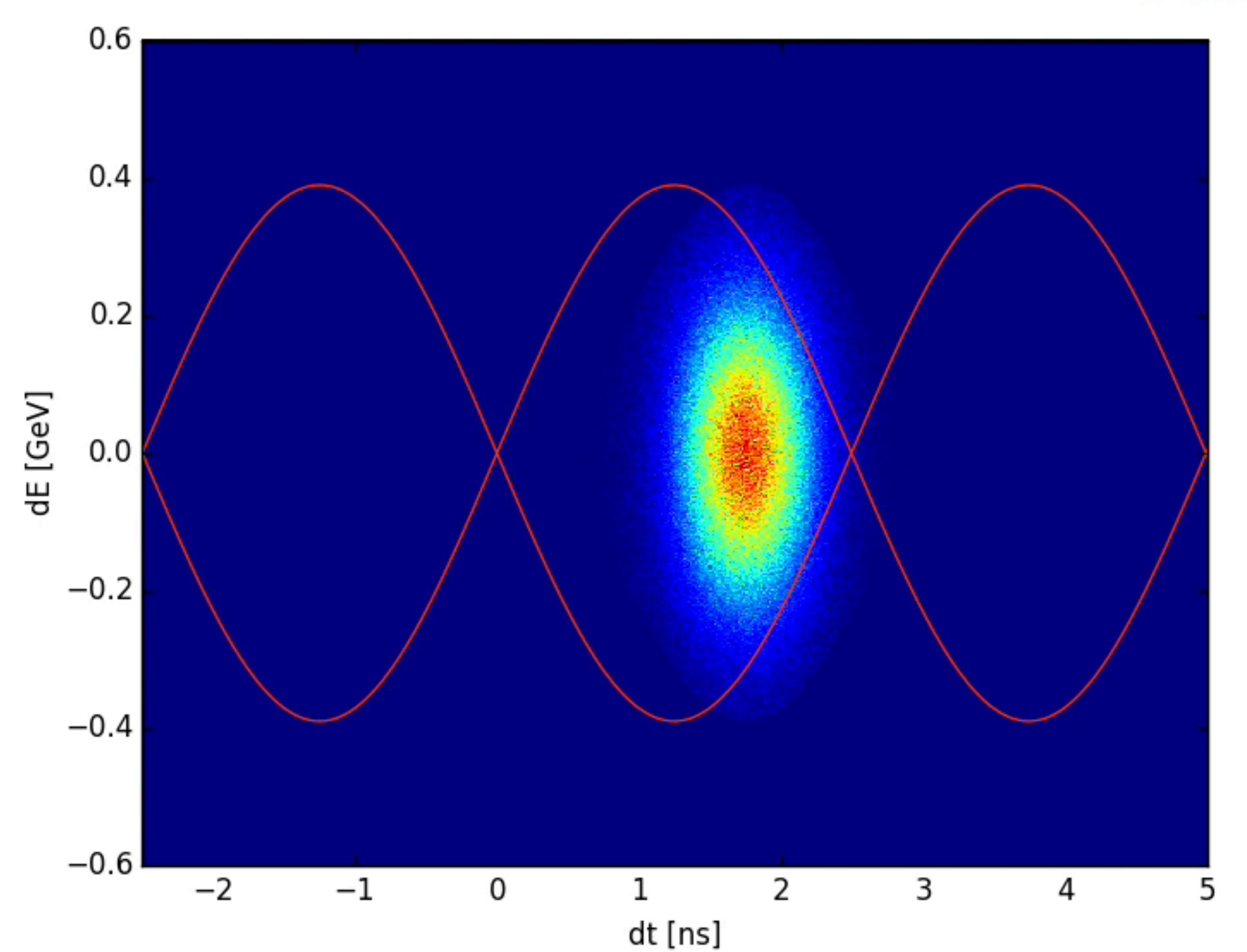
- Here  $y$  is a recursive function

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

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

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

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



*LHC capture with phase error*

# *Phase loop and synchro loop acting*

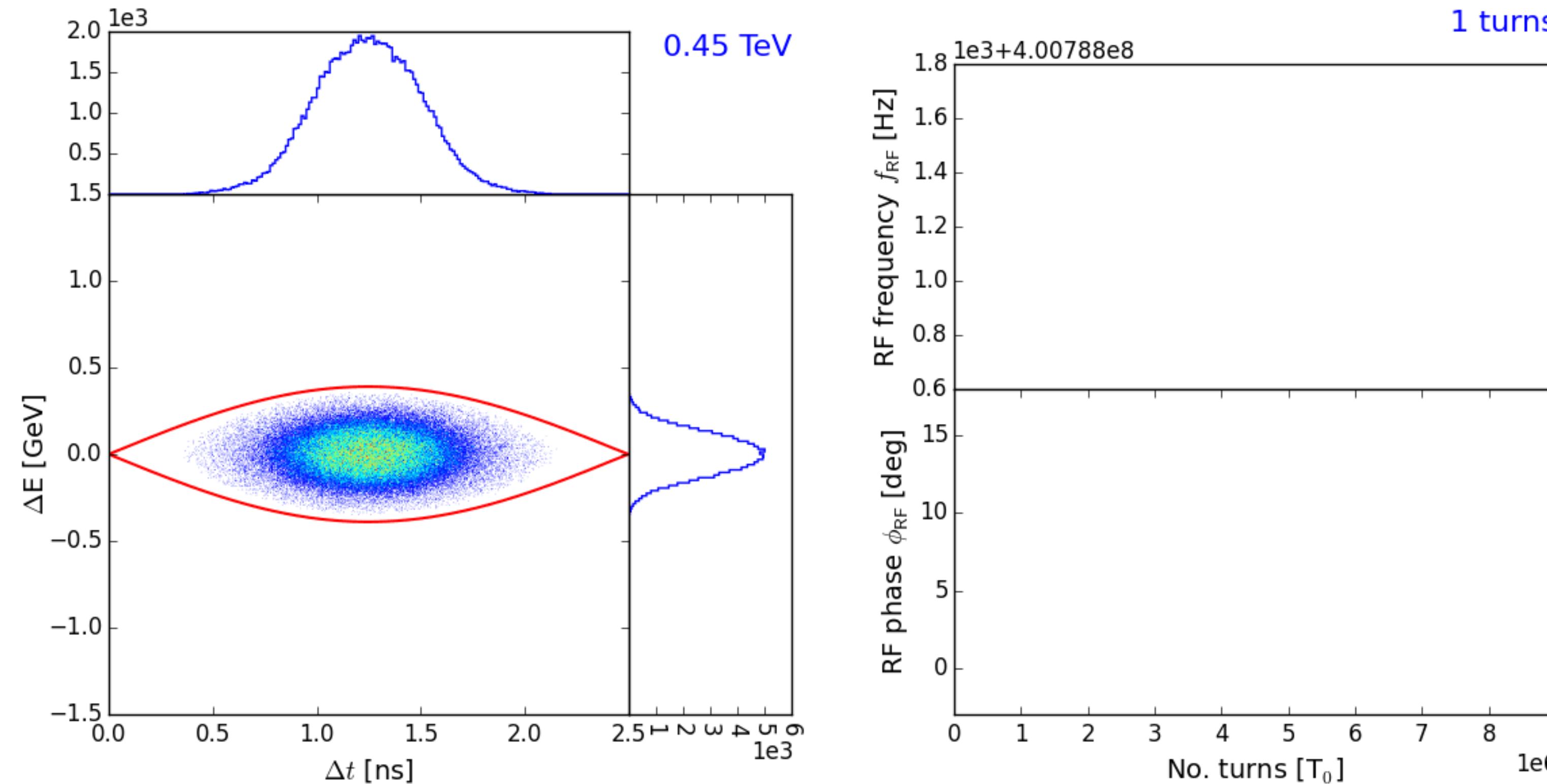
[36] P. Baudrenghien: ‘The LHC Low Level Loops’, unpublished, 2008.



# Coupling control loops and noise

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

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



# 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 be the design (set point) value  $\vec{V}_{\text{rf,d}}$ 
  - Voltage amplitude and phase are **now arrays** over one turn!
- Transmitter regulation
  - Sends an input gain to the amplifier chain; final amplifier can be klystron, tetrode, IOT...
  - Polar loop: regulates the phase and amplitude of the transmitter
- Clamping/protection loops
  - Protect from overdriving e.g. a klystron beyond saturation

## From the beam point of view

- Reduce the cavity impedance at the fundamental (RF) frequency
  - Reduction of beam- (and generator-) induced voltage
  - Filter design machine dependent
- If necessary, damp coupled-bunch instability
  - Coupled bunch feedbacks
  - E.g. reduce the side-bands of the cavity impedance at  $nf_{\text{rev}} + kf_s$  (comb filters)

# Example: SPS cavity controller

- Normal-conducting travelling wave cavities, fixed tune
  - Antenna voltage: beam and generator part [37]

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

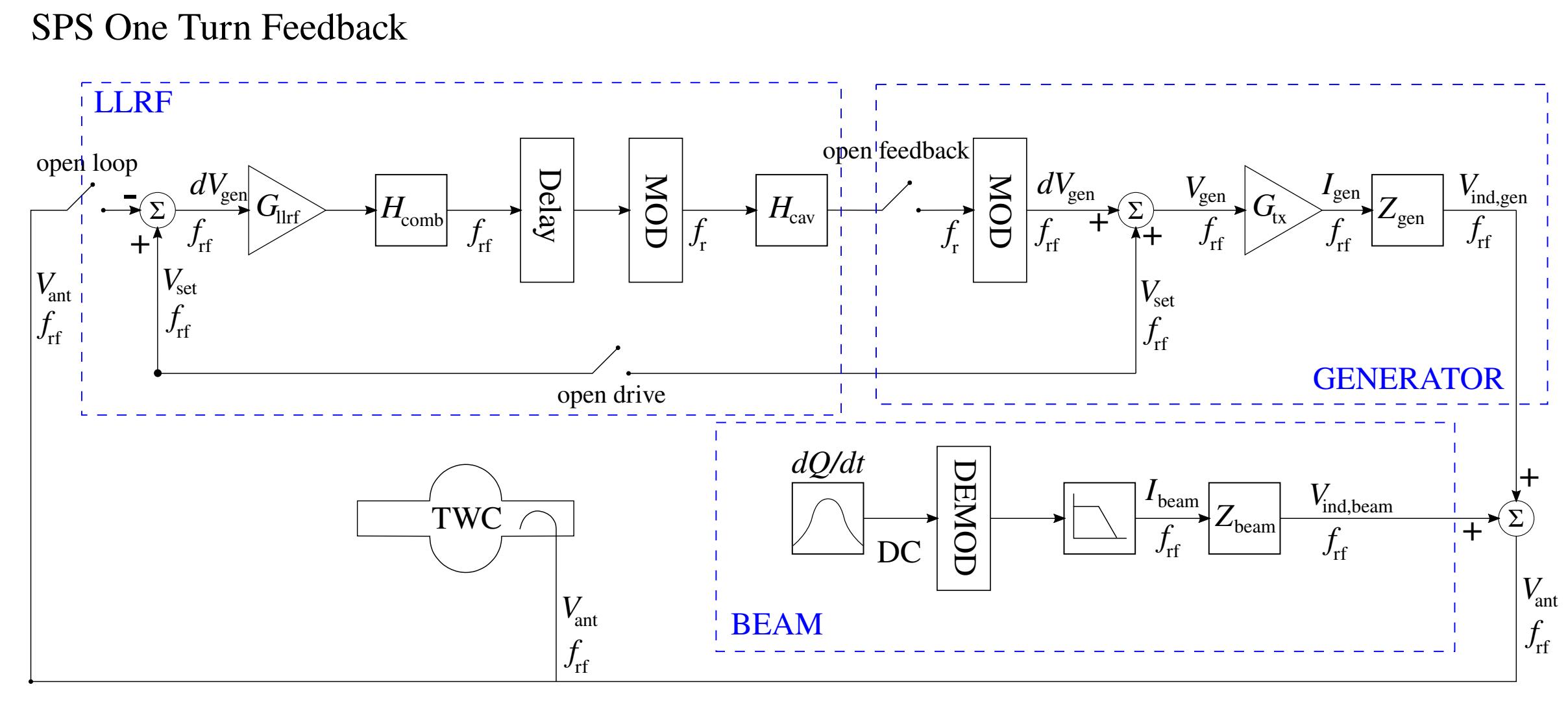
- Beam-induced voltage

$$Z_b(\omega) = \frac{\rho l^2}{8} \left[ \left( \frac{\sin\left(\frac{1}{2}\tau(\omega - \omega_r)\right)}{\frac{1}{2}\tau(\omega - \omega_r)} \right)^2 - 2i \frac{\tau(\omega - \omega_r) - \sin(\tau(\omega - \omega_r))}{(\tau(\omega - \omega_r))^2} \right] +$$

$$+ \frac{\rho l^2}{8} \left[ \left( \frac{\sin\left(\frac{1}{2}\tau(\omega + \omega_r)\right)}{\frac{1}{2}\tau(\omega + \omega_r)} \right)^2 + 2i \frac{\tau(\omega + \omega_r) - \sin(\tau(\omega + \omega_r))}{(\tau(\omega + \omega_r))^2} \right]$$

- Generator-induced voltage

$$Z_{\text{gen}}(\omega) = l \sqrt{\frac{\rho Z_0}{2}} \left[ \frac{\sin\left(\frac{1}{2}\tau(\omega - \omega_r)\right)}{\frac{1}{2}\tau(\omega - \omega_r)} + \frac{\sin\left(\frac{1}{2}\tau(\omega + \omega_r)\right)}{\frac{1}{2}\tau(\omega + \omega_r)} \right]$$



# *Model of the SPS cavity controller after [38]*

*Sampling time of the system:  $T_s = 25\text{ns}$   
(3564 points / turn)*

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

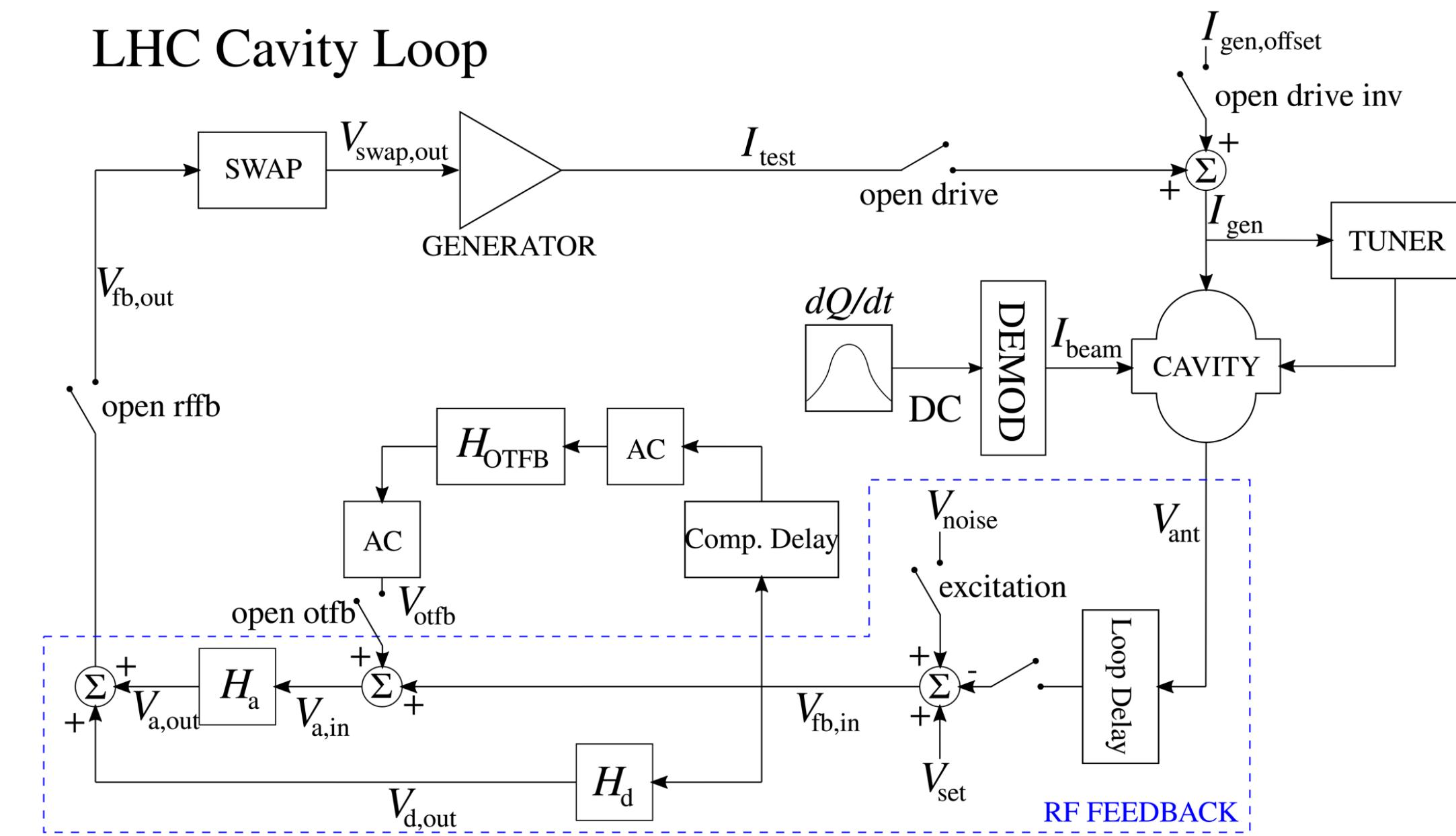
[38] P. Baudrenghien and T. Mastoridis: ‘I/Q model of the SPS 200 MHz travelling wave cavity and feedforward design’, CERN-ACC-NOTE-2020-0032, 2020.

# Example: LHC cavity controller

- Tuneable superconducting cavities
    - One klystron of 300 kW feeding a cavity
  - Antenna voltage: as in the cavity-transmitter-beam model
  - 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)
    - Boosts the analog gain: gain  $G_o$ , scaling factor  $\alpha$ , samples per turn
 
$$y^{(n)} = \alpha y^{(n-N)} + G_o(1 - \alpha)x^{(n-N)}$$
  - Other: tuning and clamping loops



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# Coupling global and local control loops

## General problem

- Local control loops sample one turn usually with a fixed integer amount of samples

$$T_s = \frac{T_{\text{rev}}}{N}$$

- Global control loops act on the RF frequency and unlock it from the revolution frequency

$$\omega_{\text{rf}} \neq h\omega_{\text{rev}}$$

## Solution to make sampling continuous

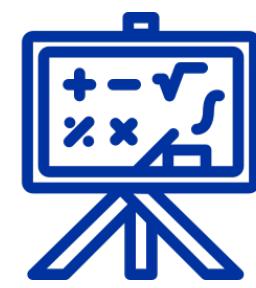
- Modulate signals to  $N\omega_{\text{rev}}$  for tracking the local control loops
- Demodulate signals back to  $\frac{N}{h}\omega_{\text{rf}}$  for tracking the beam EOMs

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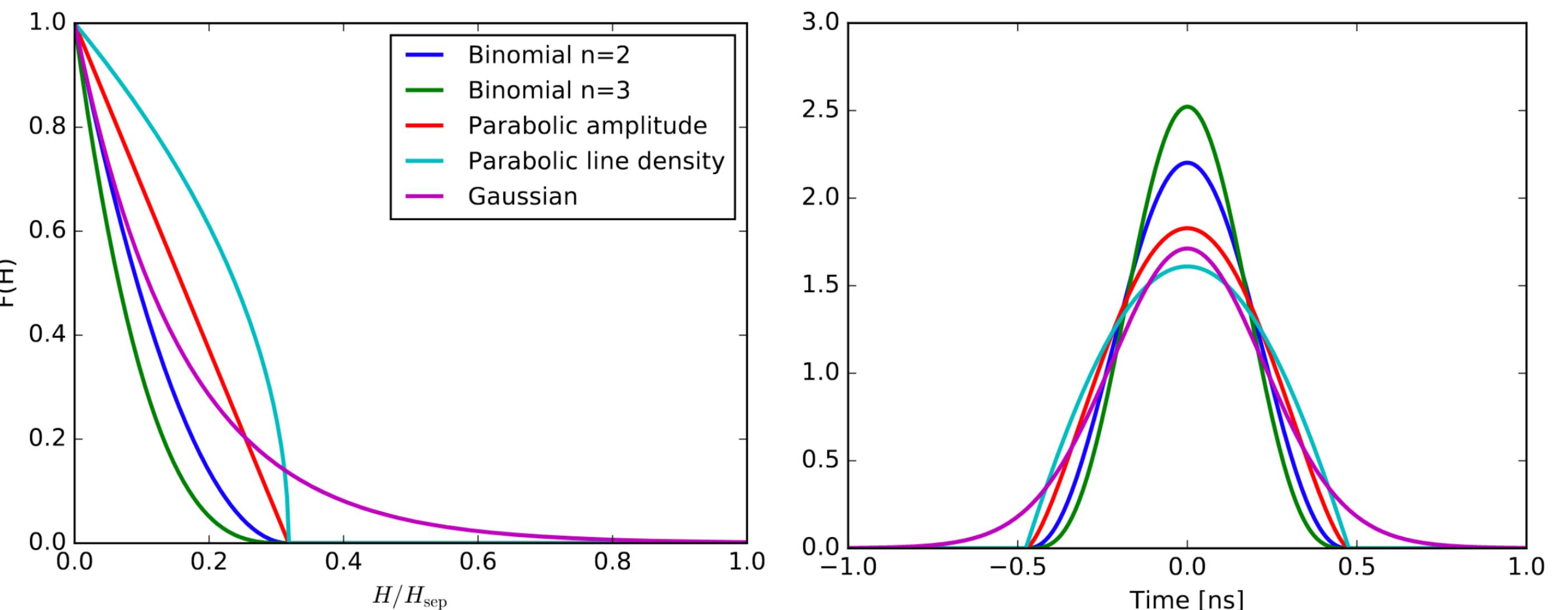
# Beam distribution

## In a conservative system

- The distribution function is conserved along a given trajectory (Liouville's theorem)  $F(\Delta t, \Delta E) = \text{const.}$
- So the phase-space distribution function is function of the Hamiltonian  $F(\Delta t, \Delta E) = F(H)$

## Some distributions useful for (proton) bunches [7]

- Binomial:  $F(H) = F_0 \left(1 - \frac{H}{H_0}\right)^n$
- Parabolic amplitude:  $F(H) = F_0 \left(1 - \frac{H}{H_0}\right)$
- Parabolic line density:  $F(H) = F_0 \left(1 - \frac{H}{H_0}\right)^{1/2}$
- Gaussian:  $F(H) = F_0 e^{-\frac{2H}{H_0}}$



Some basic distribution functions (left) and line densities (right) from [34]

[7] J. Esteban Müller: 'Longitudinal intensity effects in the CERN Large Hadron Collider ', CERN-THESIS-2016-066, 2016.

# Beam observables

## Beam profile

- A basic measurable; tails are harder to measure though. Some basic analytical profiles are

- Gaussian:  $\lambda(\Delta t) = \lambda_0 e^{\frac{-\Delta t^2}{\sigma_t^2}}$

- Binomial with a full bunch length of  $\tau_{\text{full}}$  and a coefficient of  $\mu$ :  $\lambda(\Delta t) = \lambda_0 \left( 1 - 4 \left( \frac{\Delta t}{\tau_{\text{full}}} \right)^2 \right)^{\mu + \frac{1}{2}}$

## Bunch length

- Full bunch length  $\tau_{\text{full}}$ : difficult to measure in the machine
- R.m.s. bunch length  $\sigma_t$ : prone to wrong results when applying r.m.s. calculation, even if only one particle drifts far from the bunch; best to be calculated using Gaussian fit
- Practical: 4-sigma equivalent FWHM bunch length:  $\tau_{4\sigma} \equiv \frac{2}{\sqrt{2 \ln 2}} \tau_{\text{FWHM}}$ 
  - For a binomial bunch:  $\tau_{\text{full}} = \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2^{1/(\mu + \frac{1}{2})}} \right)^{-1/2} \frac{\sqrt{2 \ln 2}}{2} \tau_{4\sigma}$

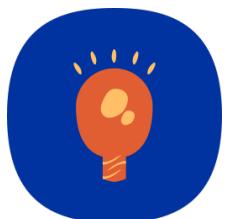
## Bunch emittance

- Corresponding to a given bunch length definition
- The area inside the phase-space trajectory at the bunch length  $\varepsilon \equiv \oint_{\Delta t=\tau/2} \Delta E(\Delta t) d(\Delta t)$

# Beam losses

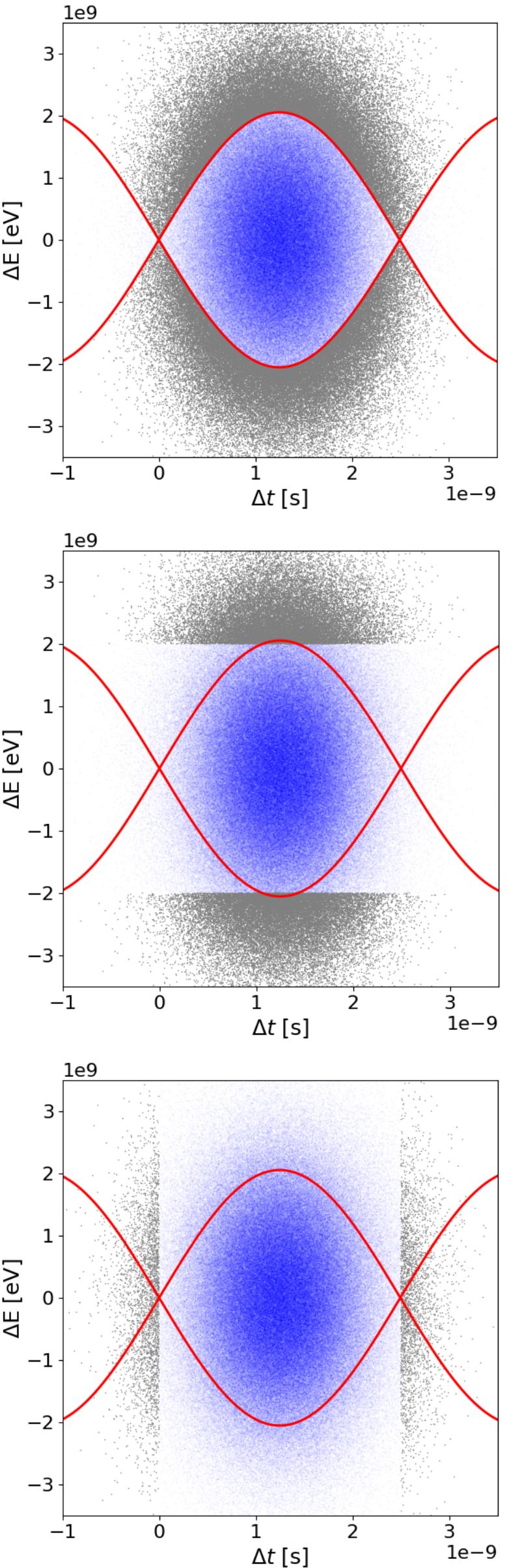
## A few common ways to determine beam losses in simulations

- By separatrix, with or without intensity effects
  - This is the strict definition of longitudinal losses, hard to measure though in a real machine
  - Computationally heavy, especially with induced voltage added
- By particle energy, corresponding to a certain aperture of the machine
  - Simple and easy to compare with the machine
- By particle arrival time, corresponding to a longitudinal region, e.g. abort gap
  - Simple and easy to compare with the machine
- Beam profile
  - Integrated beam profile
  - Useful when high-quality measured profiles are available (with correction of cable transfer function, if needed)
  - Can be tricky to apply cuts on the tails to remove measurement noise → not suitable for very low losses

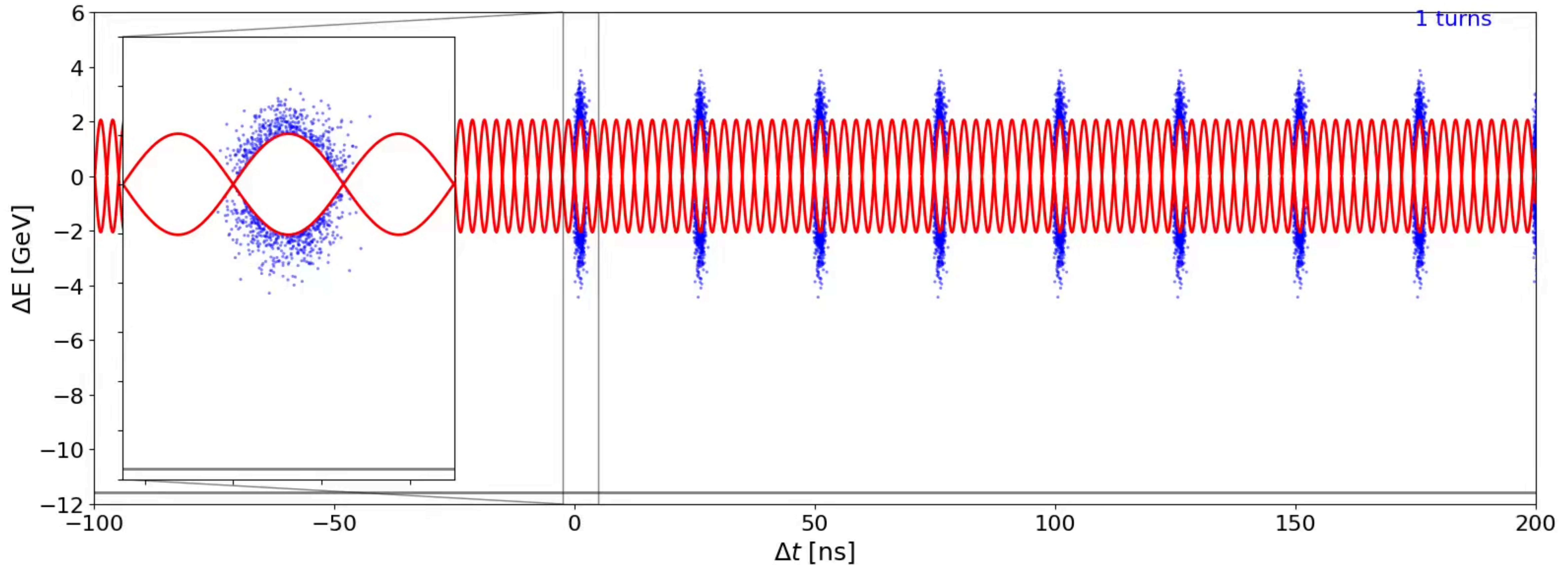


**Tip:** use an attribute of the beam to mark it lost

- Sometimes it can be useful to still track the lost particles



# LHC losses with synchrotron radiation



*Off-momentum losses in LHC at 6.8 TeV*

*Debunched beam loses energy through synchrotron radiation*

# Generating a bunch distribution

## Example: generation of a bi-Gaussian bunch with $N_m$ marco-particles (without intensity effects)

- Initialise the seed of the random number generator (RNG)
- Generate two independent arrays of random numbers with a normal (Gaussian) distribution of  $\sigma = 1$

RAND<sub>1,k</sub> and RAND<sub>2,k</sub> where  $k = 0, 1, \dots, N_{m-1}$

- The time coordinates of the bunch with a user-given bunch length of  $\sigma_t$  are

$$\Delta t_k = \sigma_t \text{RAND}_{1,k} + \frac{\varphi_s - \varphi_{\text{rf}}}{\omega_{\text{rf}}}$$

- The “matched” energy coordinates of the bunch are proportional to the bucket height, which for single RF:

$$\Delta E_k = \sigma_E r_{2,k} = \sqrt{\frac{V_{\text{rf}} E_d \beta_d^2}{\pi h |\eta_0|}} (\cos \varphi_b - \cos \varphi_s + (\varphi_b - \varphi_s) \sin \varphi_s) \text{RAND}_{2,k}, \text{ with } \varphi_b = \omega_{\text{rf}} \sigma_t + \varphi_s$$

- Generate a normal distribution from random numbers RAND<sub>3</sub> ∈ (0,1) using the cumulative distribution fct:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2} \rightarrow F_{\text{CDF}} = \int_0^r re^{-r^2/2} dr = 1 - e^{-r^2/2} \in (0,1) \text{ for } r \in [0, \infty)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_k = \sqrt{-2 \ln(\text{RAND}_{3,k})}$$



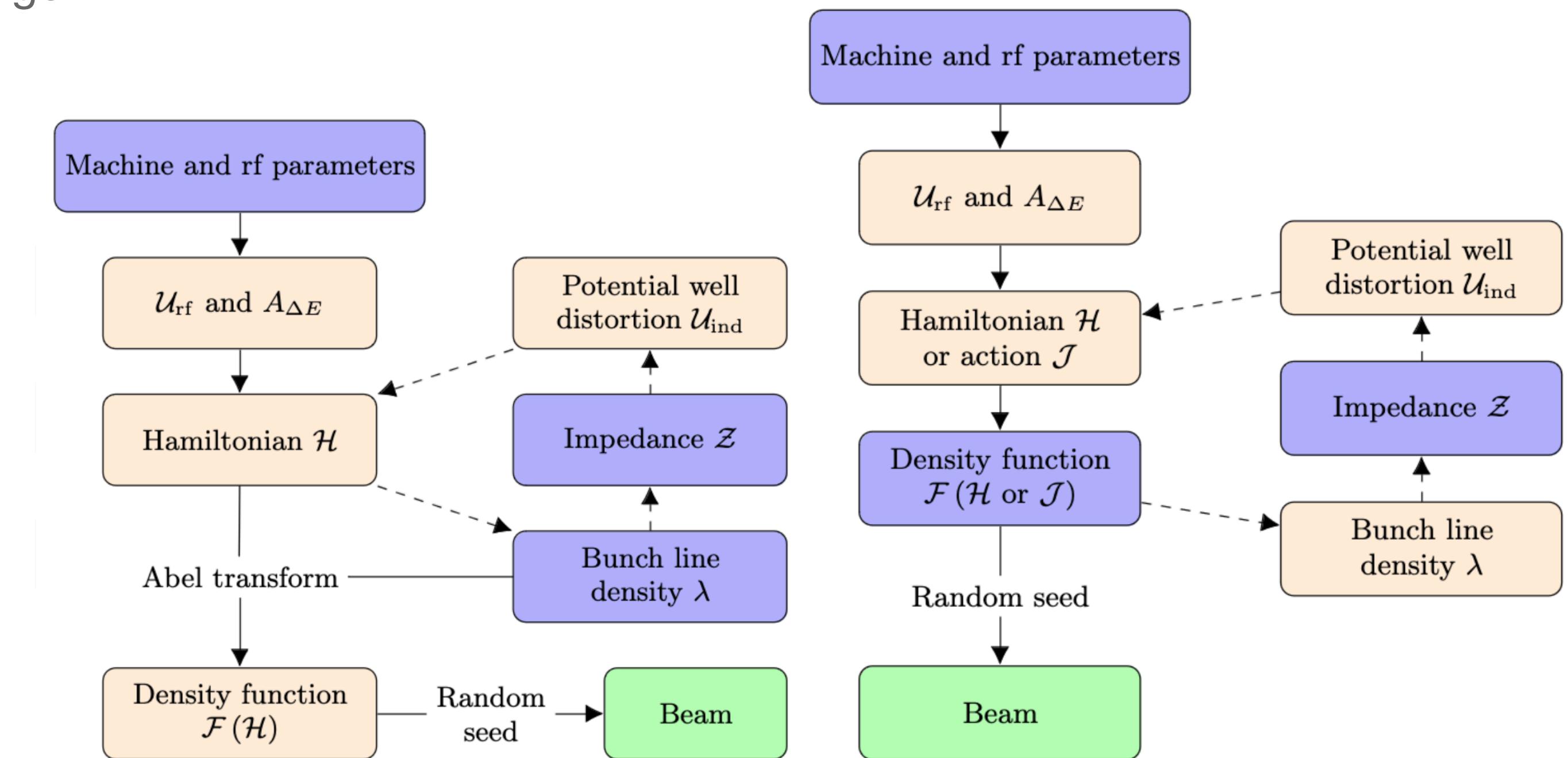
# Matching with intensity effects

## Recursive algorithms

- Need to define a function to minimise
  - Can match, e.g. density function or beam profile, up to the desired accuracy
- In an iterative process, one needs to calculate potential well and distribution that act back on each other
  - Also need to find the minimum of the potential well to place the bunch, which can be tricky with strong induced voltage or many RF harmonics → always check what you get!

*Example: flow chart of BLonD algorithms to match line density (left) or density function (right)*

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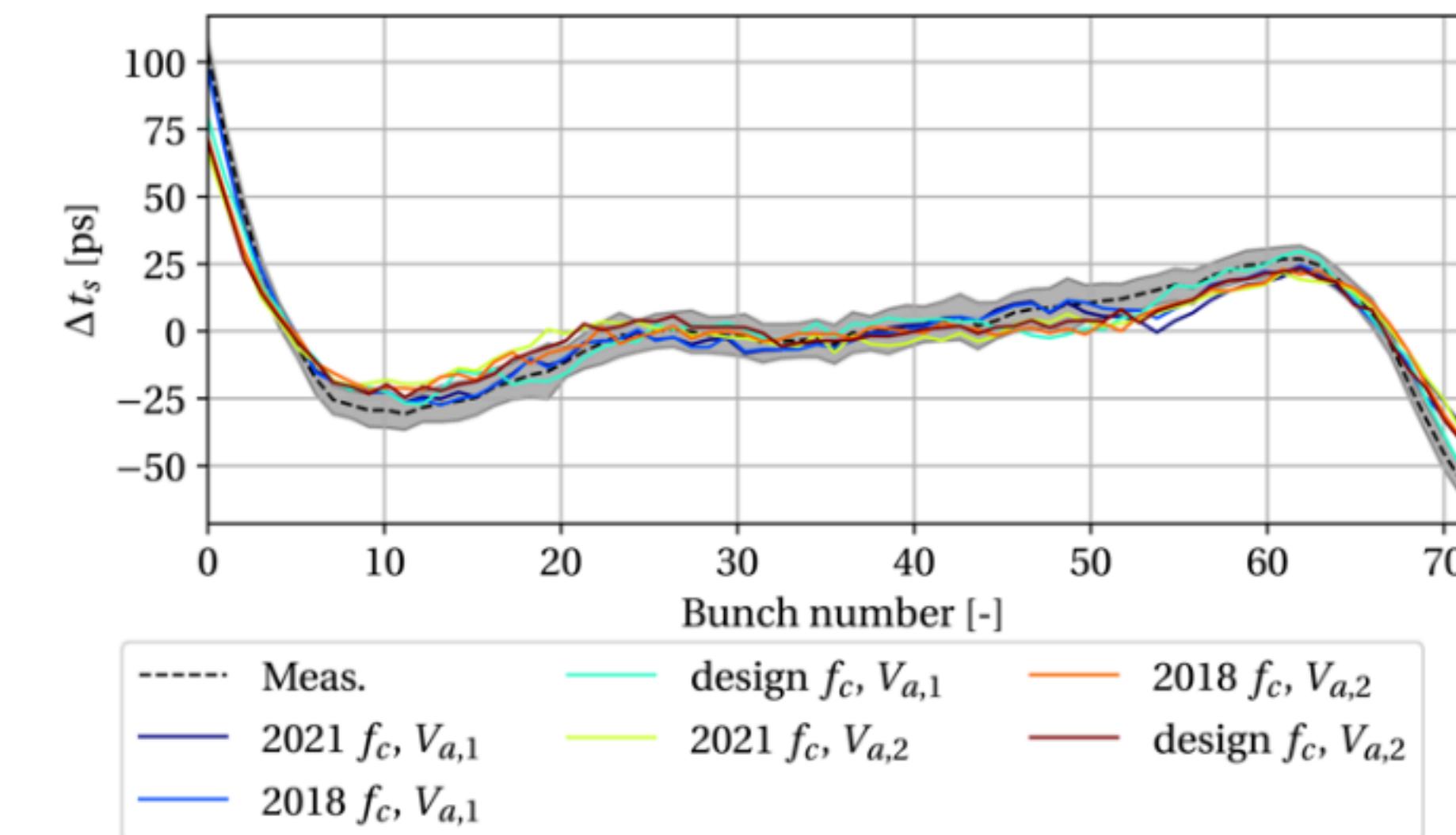
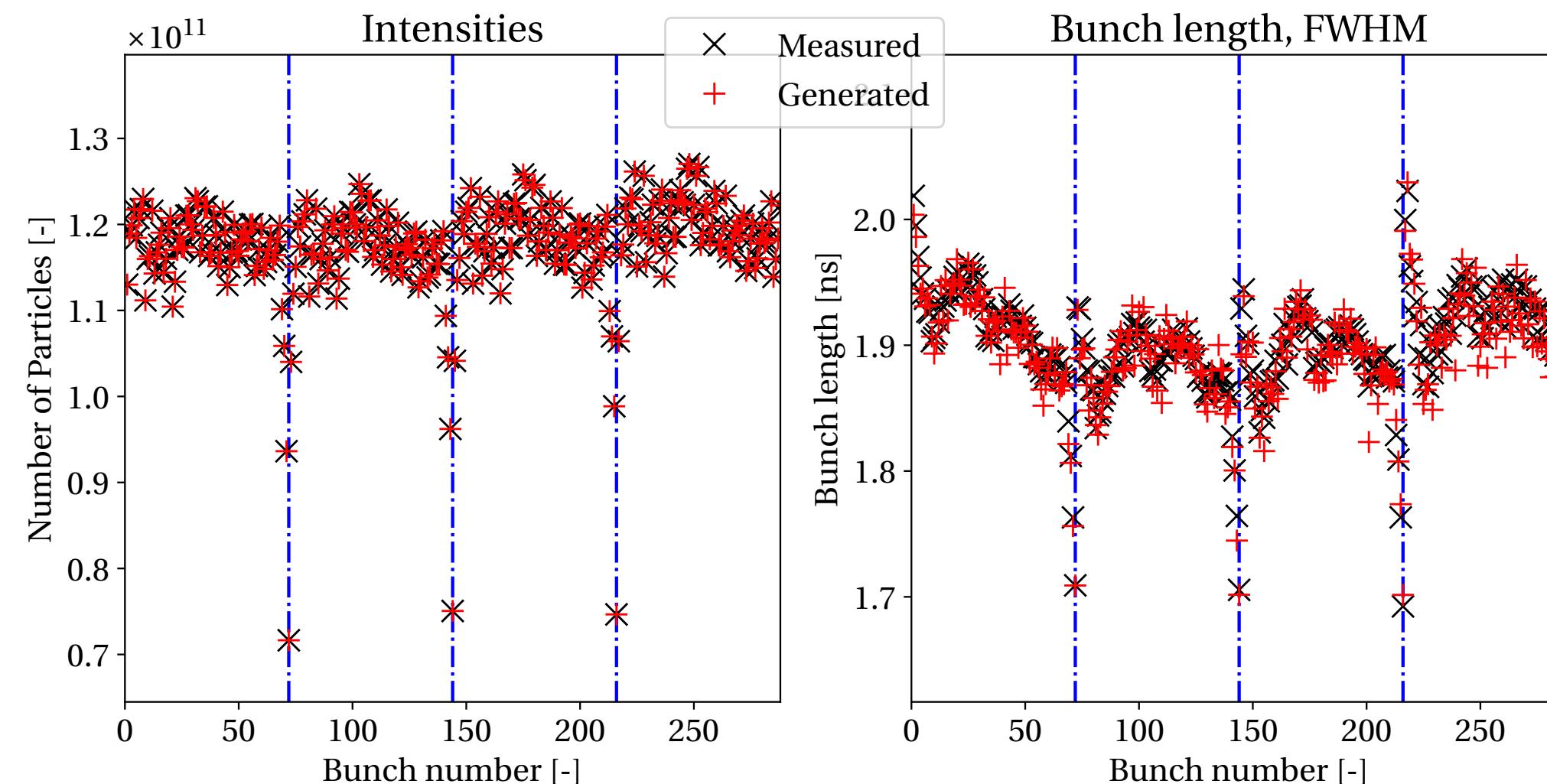
# Matching with intensity effects and loops

## Matching a beam distribution gets even trickier when loops are acting

- Example: SPS flattop distribution with intensity effects and SPS one-turn delay feedback
  - Matching measured beam profile, with measured bunch-by-bunch bunch length and intensity
  - First matched with intensity effects, then tracked with feedback



Tip: can use an adiabatic ramp of feedback gain to better match the beam



Left: matching of bunch-by-bunch intensities and bunch lengths based on measured data

Right: simulating the one-turn delay feedback to get the right bunch-by-bunch longitudinal offset from beam loading

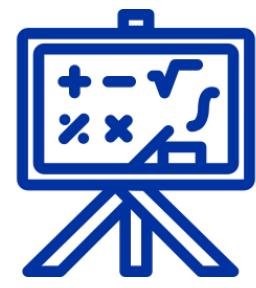
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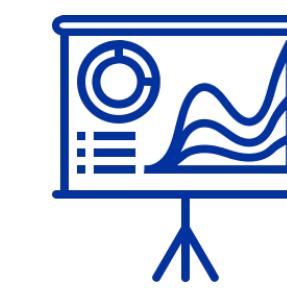
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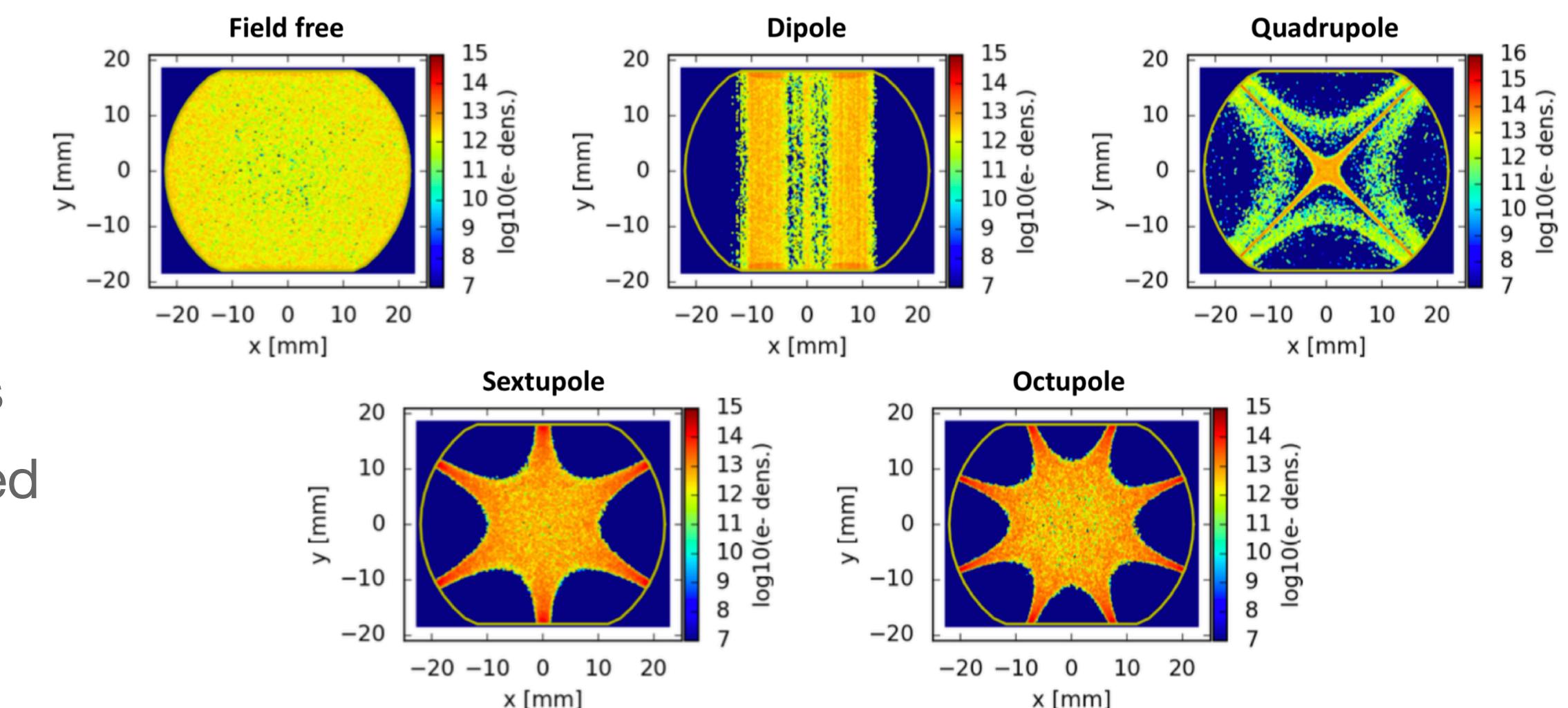
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# Electron cloud

**In proton machines, electrons that are ripped off the wall of the machine elements through the repetitive passage of protons**

- Its simulation requires two particle types
    - Electrons: oscillating around a fixed location
  - Modelling requirements
    - Modelling surface properties (secondary emission yield)
    - Requires full 6D simulations of interaction between particles
    - Basically a two-component plasma → PIC simulation needed
    - Overall space charge
    - Scattering and collisions
  - Example: PyECLOUD [40] with PyHEADTAIL [41]



# *Electron distribution in LHC arc components with different magnetic field configurations from [42]*

[40] PyECLOUD simulation suite, CERN, <https://github.com/PyCOMPLETE/PyECLOUD/wiki>

[41] PyHEADTAIL simulation suite, CERN, <https://github.com/PyCOMPLETE/PyHEADTAIL/wiki>

[42] G. Iadarola and G. Rumolo: ‘Electron cloud effects’, CERN-2018-003-CP, 2018.

# Intra-beam scattering

## Coulomb scattering among beam particles

- Single scattering with large change of momentum (Touschek effect) and multiple scatterings
  - Similar to PIC codes
  - Slightly different treatment in electron (short bunch) and hadron (long bunch) machines
- Leads to emittance blow-up in all three coordinates (longitudinal, horizontal, vertical)
  - Emittance evolution can be calculated numerically for many cases [43]
- Ideally, a full 6D, stochastic simulation required
  - Some approximations can be done to include the effect as an energy kick [44]

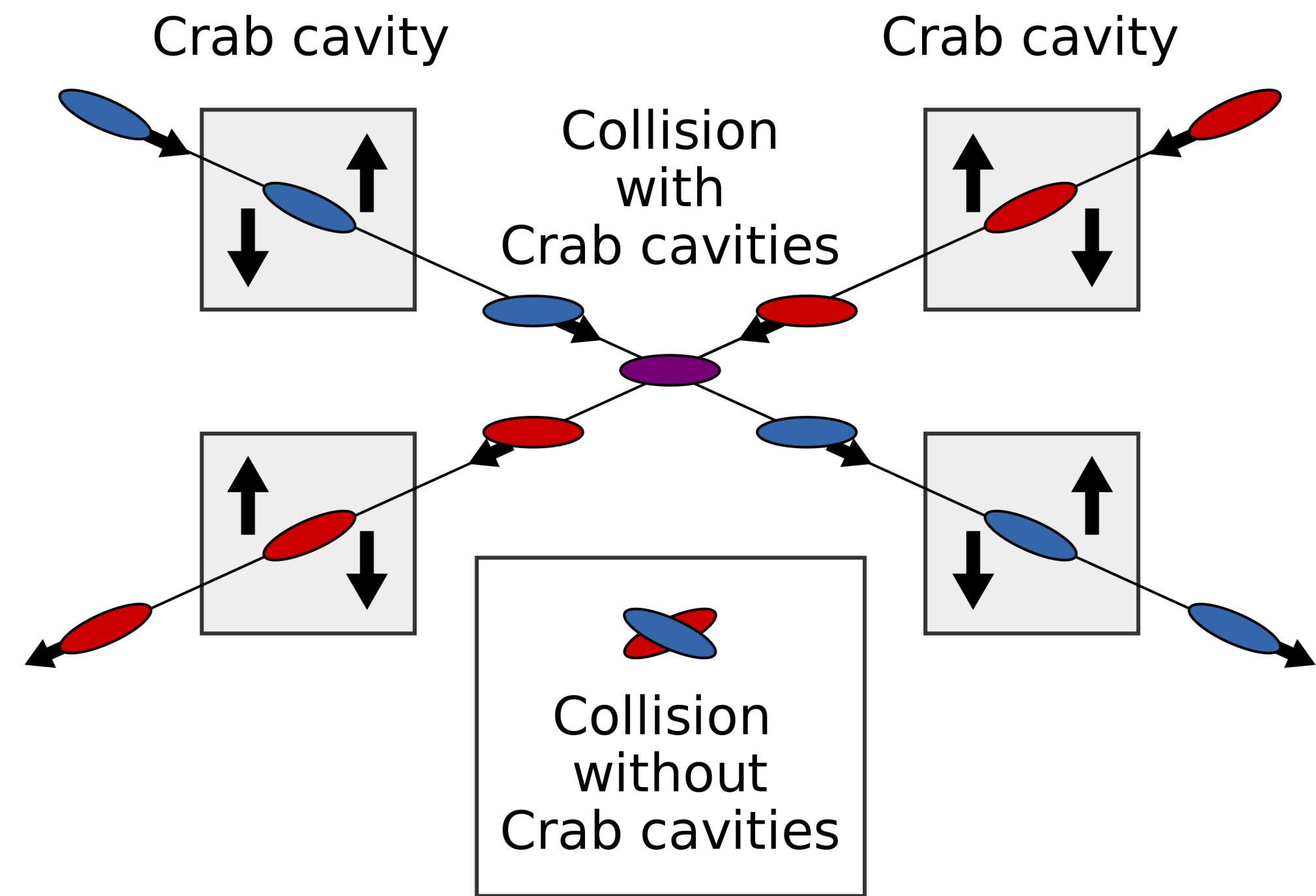
[43] S. Nagaitev: ‘Intrabeam scattering formulas for fast numerical evaluation’, Phys. Rev. Accel. Beams **8**, 064403, 2005.

[44] R. Bruce *et al.*: ‘Time evolution of the luminosity of colliding heavy-ion beams in BNL Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider and CERN Large Hadron Collider’, Phys. Rev. Accel. Beams **113**, 091001, 2010.

# Crab cavities

# Crab crossing: time-dependent transverse kick

- Passing RF deflecting cavity at zero phase → bunch head and tail are deflected in opposite directions
  - Couples all planes, full 6D beam dynamics simulator needed
    - E.g. BLonD with XSuite, PyHEADTAIL or MADX
  - Several numeric tools have been developed for this purpose [45]



*Collision scheme for HL-LHC [45] with crab cavities from [46]*

[45] A. Alekou *et al.*: ‘Numerical tools for crab cavity simulations’, CERN-ACC-NOTE-2020-0042, 2020.

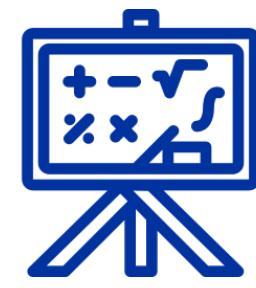
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# Code design: structure

## Choosing the right code structure for what you want to simulate

- Always the same pipeline?
  - Can limit to an input file with parameters
  - Can heavily optimise the sequence of operations for a given hardware platform
  - Need to fix the possibilities of interaction with the computational core (when to output etc.)
- Flexible design? Modularity?
  - Has the advantage of being easily extensible for new applications
  - More difficult to optimise the computational core
  - Need to make sure that computational sequence is physically correct for all possible scenarios
- What platform are you going to simulate on?
  - For a wide range of platforms (from office PC to multi-CPU and multi-GPU clusters), separate as much as possible physics code from platform-dependent code
  - This will help to avoid rewriting physics code every time you use a new hardware for your simulations

# Code design: language

## Choosing the right coding language

- High-level language
  - Fast prototyping, easier-to-read code, more “equation-like”
  - More forgiving (e.g. can mix float and int), but more hidden caveats too
  - Comes potentially with some modules for CPU and GPU acceleration
  - E.g. Python
- Low-level language
  - Can be more optimised, if written correctly
  - Slow prototyping, requires compiling
  - Less forgiving when written, but clearer what's happening under the hood
  - Code needs to be adapted to the hardware architecture
  - E.g. C++, CUDA

```
13 def kick(dt: np.ndarray, dE: np.ndarray, voltage: np.ndarray,
14          omega_rf: np.ndarray, phi_rf: np.ndarray,
15          charge: float, n_rf: int, acceleration_kick: float) -> None:
16
17     """
18     Function to apply RF kick on the particles with sin function
19     """
20
21     voltage_kick = charge * voltage
22
23     for j in range(n_rf):
24         dE += voltage_kick[j] * np.sin(omega_rf[j] * dt + phi_rf[j])
25
26     dE[:] += acceleration_kick
27
28
29
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36
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```

```
18 extern "C" void kick(const double * __restrict__ beam_dt,
19                      double * __restrict__ beam_dE, const int n_rf,
20                      const double * __restrict__ voltage,
21                      const double * __restrict__ omega_RF,
22                      const double * __restrict__ phi_RF,
23                      const int n_macroparticles,
24                      const double acc_kick){
25
26     int j;
27
28     // KICK
29     for (j = 0; j < n_rf; j++)
30 #pragma omp parallel for
31         for (int i = 0; i < n_macroparticles; i++)
32             beam_dE[i] = beam_dE[i] + voltage[j]
33                                     * fast_sin(omega_RF[j] * beam_dt[i] + phi_RF[j]);
34
35     // SYNCHRONOUS ENERGY CHANGE
36 #pragma omp parallel for
37     for (int i = 0; i < n_macroparticles; i++)
38         beam_dE[i] = beam_dE[i] + acc_kick;
39 }
```

*Kick equation implemented in Python (top)  
and C++ (bottom)*

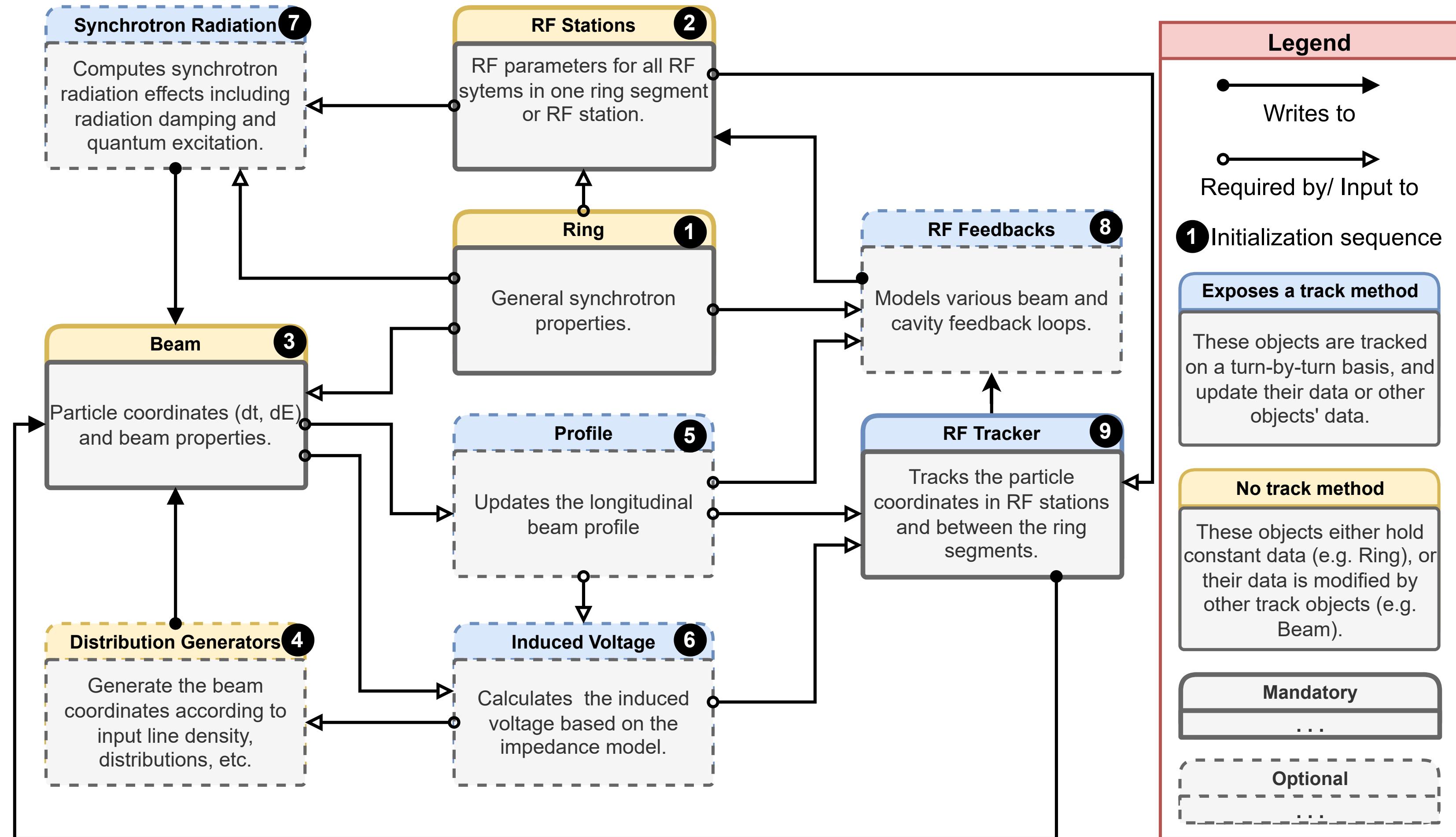
# Example: BLonD structure

## BLonD structure

- Python with C++ and CuPy core
- Three modules as data containers (Ring, RF Station, Beam)
- Trackable objects acting on the data containers
- Modular, object-oriented structure

*BLonD code structure*

*Courtesy of K. Iliakis*



# Good practises for writing code

## Please no spaghetti code!

- Good practises for readability
  - Object oriented, using inheritance, breaking down into functions
  - Adding comments and documentation

## Simulation suite, input files, argument parser, scripts, ...

- Separate what's
  - Really computation → simulation suite
  - Configuration, interaction with the simulation or special usage → input files
  - Options that should be input from the command line → argument parser
  - Tools for jobs submission on a cluster → submission scripts

## Input/output: store what you need

- Reading and writing into files as well as plotting takes a lot of time



Tip: Minimise the frequency of I/O and think beforehand what output you really need from your simulation

# Coding in teams

## Repository usage

- Main repository with production version
  - Versioning and tagging (git, svn)
    - Avoid using “my\_script\_final\_version\_2.py”
  - Documentation (e.g. github pages)
  - Installation procedures
- Forks for different people
- Branches for beta versions
- Pull requests to make a new version being production
  - Gives time for team members to test and react
- Issues for bug reports, suggestions and improvements

The screenshot shows a GitHub repository page for 'blond-admin / BLonD'. The repository is public and has 24 forks and 10 stars. It features a 'Code' tab, which is currently selected, showing a list of files and their last commit details. The repository is described as 'BLonD (Beam Longitudinal Dynamics)' and includes links to its website and a GPL-3.0 license. It also shows 23 releases, with the latest being 'BLonD v2.0.11' from July 16, 2019. The 'Packages' section indicates no packages have been published. The 'Contributors' section lists 19 contributors, with 8 more listed below.

File	Description	Last Commit
__BENCHMARKS	New and improved sanity_check script	2 weeks ago
__EXAMPLES	Improvements to plot_impedance	last week
__doc	New and improved sanity_check script	2 weeks ago
blond	tests correct required packages vers...	2 hours ago
unittests	adds function that verifies proper in...	2 weeks ago
.coveragerc	Sets up gitlab CI/CD	2 months ago
.gitignore	Automatic Compilation and Upload o...	last month
.gitlab-ci.yml	Bumps minimum required python to ...	2 days ago
CHANGELOG	Removes warning message when lib...	last month
LICENSE.txt	BLonD is now a package (#127)	5 years ago
MANIFEST.in	No compile setup	2 weeks ago
README.md	adds function that verifies proper in...	2 weeks ago
WARNINGS.txt	v1.14.4	7 years ago
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pyproject.toml	No compile setup	2 weeks ago
requirements.txt	tests correct required packages vers...	2 hours ago
sanity_check.py	New and improved sanity_check script	2 weeks ago
setup.cfg	tests correct required packages vers...	2 hours ago
setup.py	No compile setup	2 weeks ago

# Computationally heavy simulations

## Optimised core code

- Profile and separate core code where most computation is done
- Optimise core code for hardware
- Minimise interaction with core (plots etc.), separate computation from analysis
- Prefer a compiled language
  - Python can be interfaced with a compiled, high-performance language
- Revise data structures and algorithms → e.g. reducing complexity from  $N^2$  to  $N \log N$  (FFT vs DFT)

## Tools and techniques

- Vectorisation: modern processors have vector units that can do e.g. 4 operations in parallel
  - Compilers take automatically care of it (in most cases)
- Multi-threading: can be used even on your office PC (e.g. OpenMP library)
- Hardware accelerators (GPUs, FPGAs...)
- Data types: single (32-bit) vs double (64-bit) precision floating point numbers
  - Can you afford lower precision? Test it before you use
- Look for third party libraries (e.g. FFT), don't reinvent the wheel

# Memory-heavy simulations

**More common nowadays, as processing speed increases faster than memory access speed**

- Platform dependent
- Saving a lot of files, doing a lot of plots: minimise exchange of data and try to fit data in memory
- Large arrays to operate on (hundreds of millions of coordinates)

## Good practises

- Minimise writing to files
  - In clusters, network file systems are used (NFS), which is slower than writing to SSD or HDD
  - Compression levels (.txt, .csv vs .h5, .tar, .gz) - depends on application and hardware
- Tile your input (operate on a subset of input), if possible: fitting into different cache memory levels
  - Analogy: fetching information from a library - shelf - book - brain
- Change access pattern and data structures (regular better than random)
  - E.g. histogram of multi-bunched beam: better organise by bunches

```
1 struct pointlist3D {  
2     float x[N];  
3     float y[N];  
4     float z[N];  
5 };  
6 struct pointlist3D points;  
7 float get_point_x(int i) { return points.x[i]; }
```

```
1 struct point3D {  
2     float x;  
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4     float z;  
5 };  
6 struct point3D points[N];  
7 float get_point_x(int i) { return points[i].x; }
```

*Example of access pattern difference with data structures*

*Top: structure of arrays*

*Bottom: array of structures*

# Submission to clusters

## How and what to take care with

- Interactive
  - For debugging, developing, or small studies
- Batch mode (offline)
  - For long studies, scans of simulations

## Schedulers

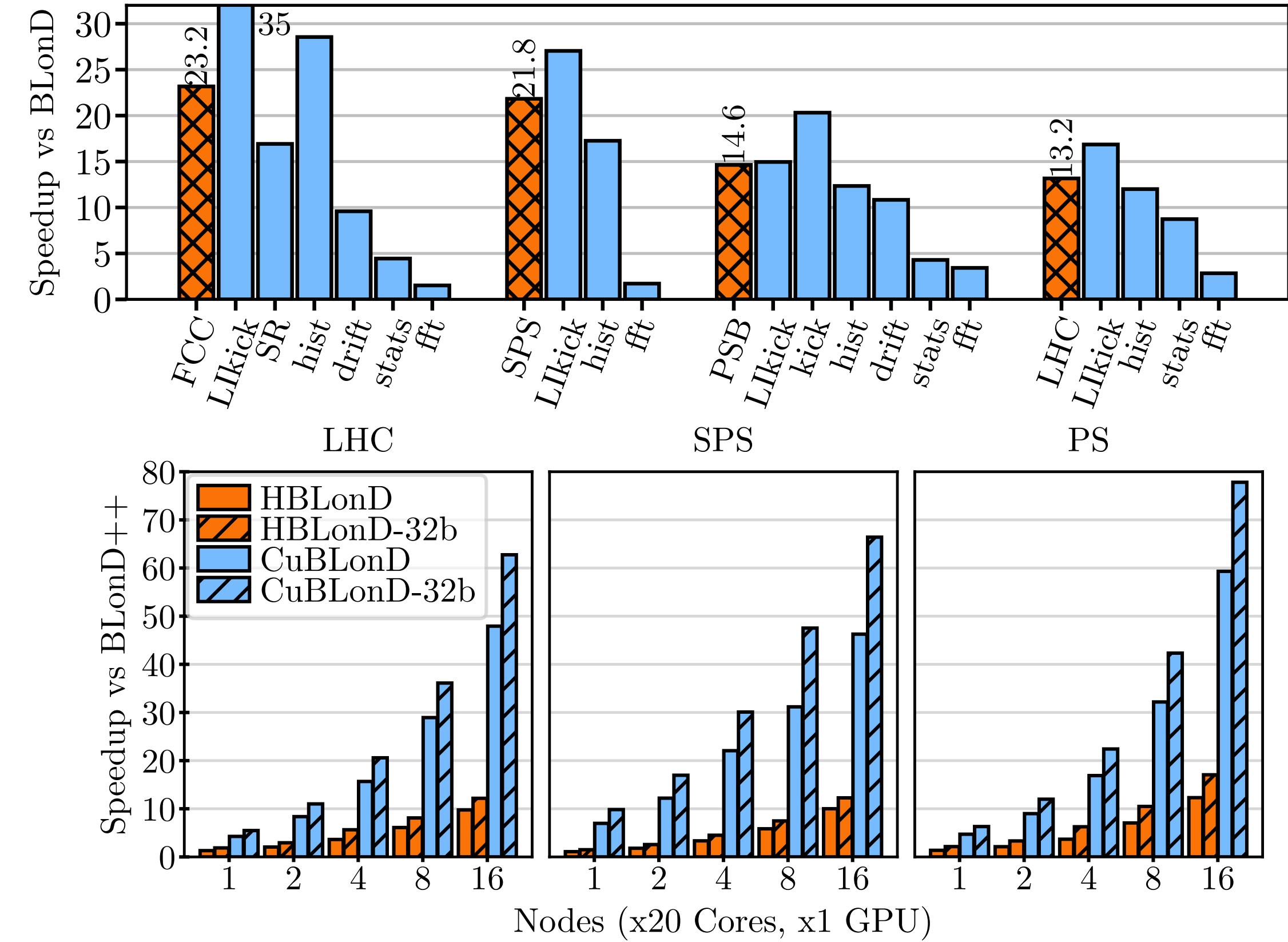
- Take care of priorities, quotas, queues based on resources, memory, expected runtime
- Some common schedulers: slurm, htcondor, PBS, LSF...
  - Different set of commands to be used with each
- Basic linux knowledge necessary
  - Visualisation shouldn't happen on the cluster



# From BLonD over HBLonD to CuBLonD

## An optimisation example: BLonD optimisation [47]

- BLonD (Python only) → BLonD++
  - Move computational core to C++
  - Optimise time-consuming code regions
    - Use of highly efficient libraries (e.g. sine function)
  - Runtime reduction: 1 day → 80 minutes
- BLonD++ → HBLonD (x10 speed-up)
  - From single-core to distributed version
  - Using the Message Passing Interface (MPI)
  - High-performance computing techniques
    - Dynamic load balancing, data- and task parallelism
- BLonD++ → CuBLonD (x10-17 speed-up)
  - GPU-accelerated version
  - CUDA and CuPy versions available



*Top: speed-up of BLonD++ vs BLonD*

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

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

Courtesy of K. Iliakis

# Testing, benchmarking, comparing

## Essential for the trust in the code: continuous verification of the correctness of the results

- No 100 % guarantee that the results are correct, but our confidence in simulation results increases over time if we test constantly [48]
  - There is a difference between test, benchmark, and comparison!
- Test
  - A small piece of the entire code
  - Input and output can be well defined
- Benchmark
  - A global problem simulated with the code
  - What should be the outcome is exactly known either from theory or from reality (measurements)
- Code-to-code comparison
  - In the absence of benchmark possibilities (no known solution for the problem)
  - Can simulate the same problem with two different codes that potentially use different computational methods to model the same thing

[48] H. Timko *et al.*: 'Why perform code-to-code comparisons: a vacuum arc discharge simulation case study', *Contrib. Plasma Phys.* **52**, 4, 2012.

# Unit tests

## Test basic functions

- Against theoretical expected value
- Against a value obtained with earlier versions of the code (i.e. correctness not guaranteed)
- Python has a module dedicated to unit tests
  - Can be invoked on-demand or integrated to a repository

```
217 ► def test_losses_longitudinal_cut(self):  
218  
219     longitudinal_tracker = RingAndRFTracker(self.rf_params, self.beam)  
220     full_tracker = FullRingAndRF([longitudinal_tracker])  
221     try:  
222         matched_from_distribution_function(self.beam,  
223             full_tracker,  
224                 distribution_exponent=1.5,  
225                 distribution_type='binomial',  
226                 bunch_length=1.65e-9,  
227                 bunch_length_fit='fwhm',  
228                 distribution_variable='Hamiltonian')  
229     except TypeError as te:  
230         self.skipTest("Skipped because of known bug in deepcopy. Exception message %s"  
231                         % str(te))  
232         self.beam.losses_longitudinal_cut(0., 5e-9)  
233         self.assertEqual(len(self.beam.id[self.beam.id == 0]), 0,  
234                         msg='Beam: Failed losses_longitudinal_cut, first')  
235  
236         self.beam.dt += 10e-9  
237         self.beam.losses_longitudinal_cut(0., 5e-9)  
238         self.assertEqual(len(self.beam.id[self.beam.id == 0]),  
239                         self.beam.n_macroparticles,  
240                         msg='Beam: Failed losses_longitudinal_cut, second')
```

```
95 ► class testBeamClass(unittest.TestCase):  
96  
97  
98     def setUp(self):  
99  
100  
101  
102  
103     N_turn = 200  
104     N_b = 1e9 # Intensity  
105     N_p = int(2e6) # Macro-particles  
106  
107  
108  
109     C = 6911.5038 # Machine circumference [m]  
110     p = 450e9 # Synchronous momentum [eV/c]  
111     gamma_t = 17.95142852 # Transition gamma  
112     alpha = 1. / gamma_t**2 # First order mom. comp. factor  
113  
114  
115  
116     self.general_params = Ring(C, alpha, p, Proton(), N_turn)  
117  
118  
119  
120     self.beam = Beam(self.general_params, N_p, N_b)  
121  
122  
123  
124  
125  
126     self.rf_params = RFStation(self.general_params, [4620], [7e6], [0.])  
127  
128  
129  
130  
131  
# Run after every test  
def tearDown(self):  
    del self.general_params  
    del self.beam  
    del self.rf_params
```

Example of python unit tests: several functions can be tested within the same test case

# Code-to-code comparisons

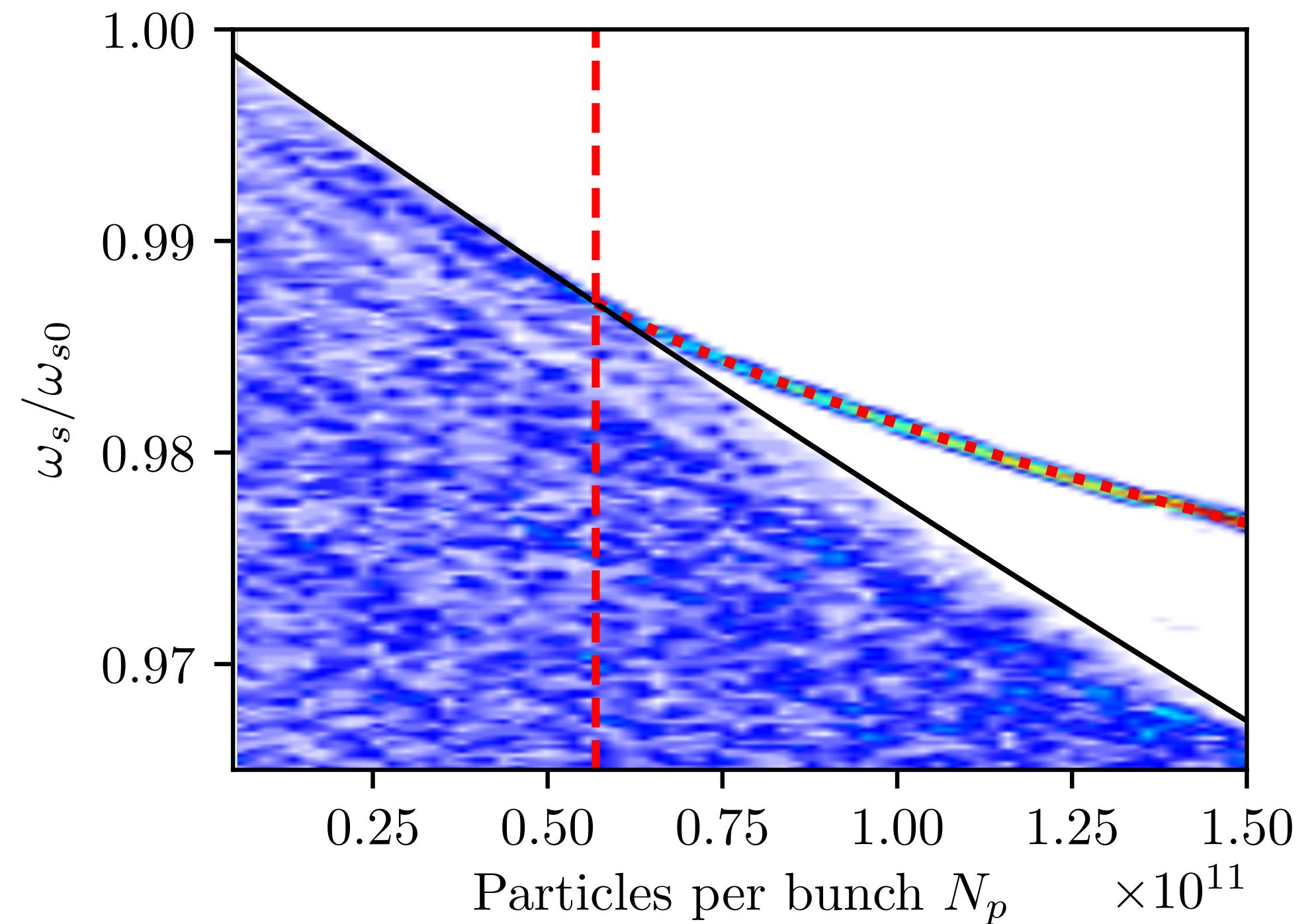
**Test a given physics problem with two independent simulation suites**

- May often use different physics assumptions
- Make sure you're actually simulating the same
  - Parameters, assumptions...
- Getting agreement is reassuring
  - Even if both codes could be wrong!

*Example of loss of Landau damping simulation with the macroparticle suite BLonD (blue) vs the semi-analytical solver MELODY (red)*

*The comparison assumes a single broad-band resonator of  
 $\Im(Z/n) = 0.07\Omega$ ,  $Q = 1$ ,  $f_r = 4\text{GHz}$  in the LHC*

*Courtesy of I. Karpov*



# Benchmark

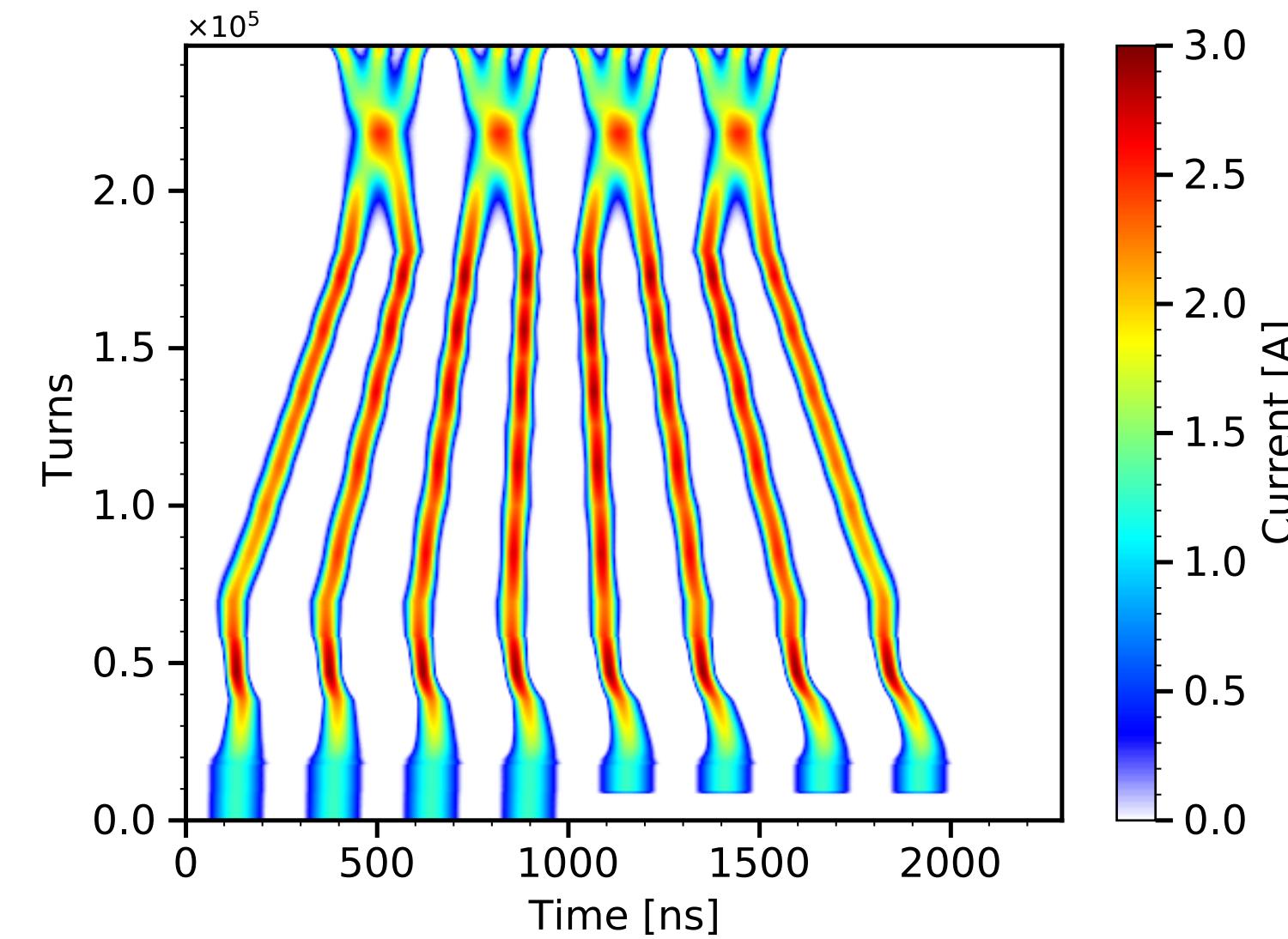
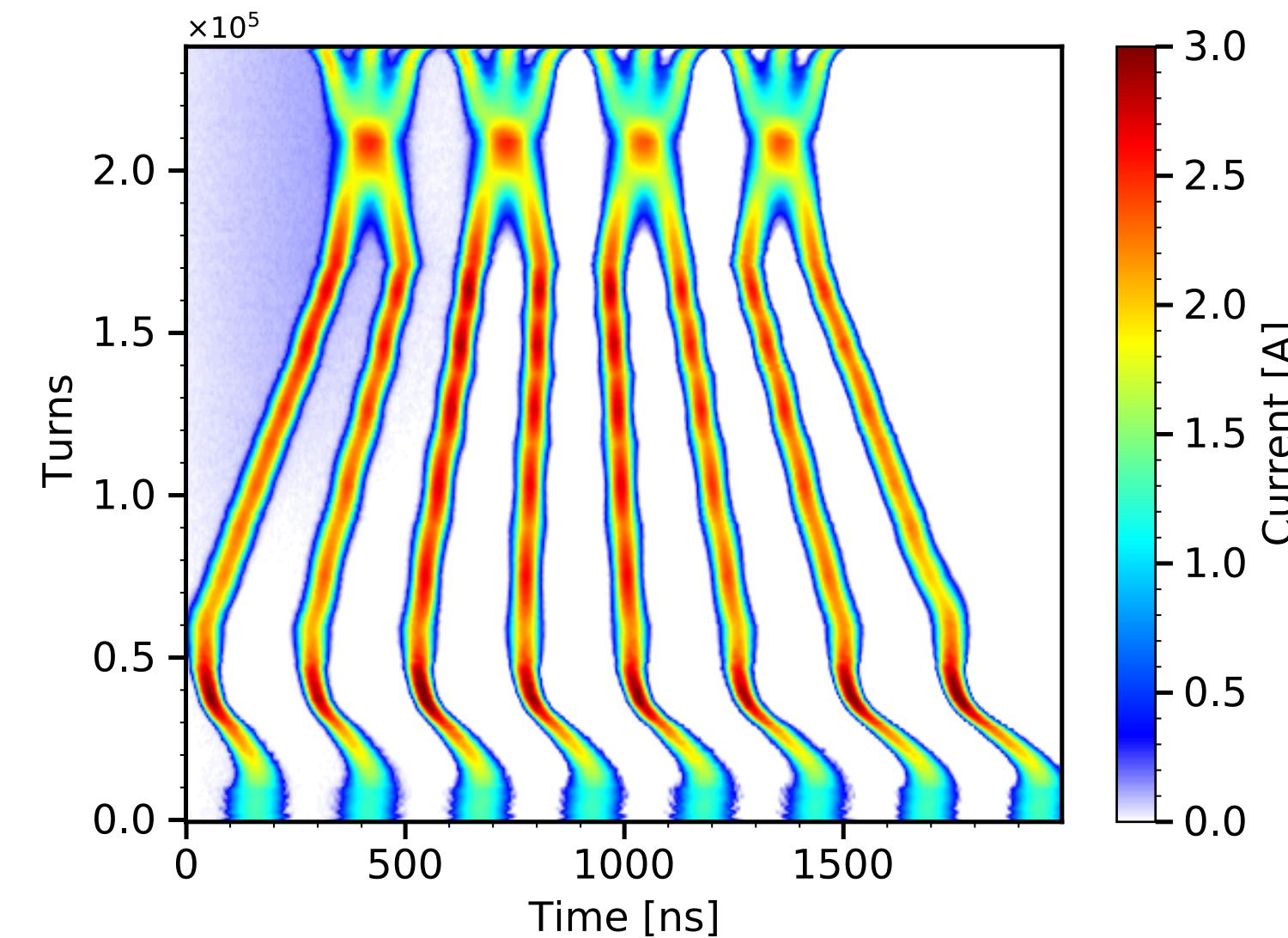
## Test a physics problem against a known theoretical solution or measurements

- The good thing about accelerator physics is we can test our theories!
- Measurements vs simulations
  - Try to make the observables as similar as possible
  - Use the same data analysis methods
  - Try to model measurement imperfections in simulations

*Benchmarking bunch profiles (shown in waterfall plots) in the PS during RF manipulations*

*Top: measured profiles, bottom: simulated profiles*

*Courtesy of A. Lasheen*

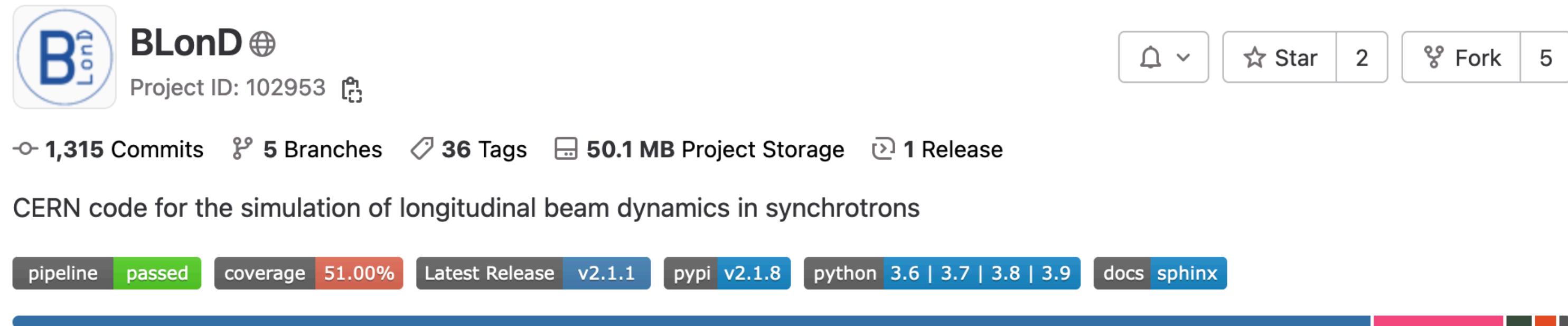


# Continuous integration

**Maintain trust in the code: make sure what worked yesterday still works tomorrow**

- Coverage: add as many unit tests and complex tests as possible to cover all possible regions of the code
- Define platforms and software versions the code should be compatible with
- Make sure the code compiles (build passes)
- Tools available
  - Automatic pipeline execution on github/gitlab whenever a new version is deployed (package index like PyPI)
    - E.g. Github actions, Gitlab pipelines, Travis, AppVeyor...
  - Coverage
    - Based on the scripts ran in the pipeline
    - Or using a tool like codecov, dotCover (JetBrains)

BLonD >  BLonD



The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for BLonD. At the top, there's a summary bar with a blue 'passed' status for the pipeline, a red '51.00%' coverage, and other build details. Below this, the repository name 'BLonD' is displayed with a globe icon, and the project ID '102953' is shown. The repository has 1,315 commits, 5 branches, 36 tags, 50.1 MB of project storage, and 1 release. It is described as 'CERN code for the simulation of longitudinal beam dynamics in synchrotrons'. On the right side of the page, there's a section titled 'Continuous integration tools active for BLonD' which lists various CI services with their status (e.g., Jenkins, CircleCI, Travis CI). A note at the bottom right says 'Courtesy of K. Iliakis'.



# Summary



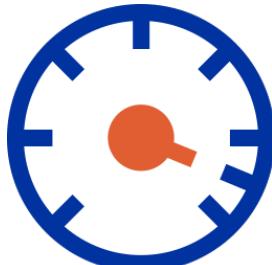
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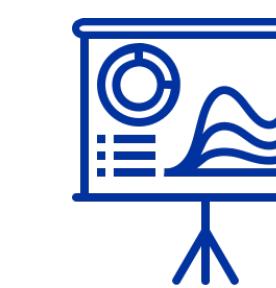
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**Now you have the basic tools to build your own simulator of longitudinal beam dynamics!**

***Happy coding and thank you for your attention!***