

# Beam Instrumentation – Part I

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# Science: High-Energy-Physics

## Understand the World in its most fundamental form ...

### Refined Periodic Table of Elements – 2500 years later

1 H																	2 He
3 Li	4 Be											5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne
11 Na	12 Mg											13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar
19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr
37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe
55 Cs	56 Ba	57 -71	72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn
87 Fr	88 Ra	89 -103	104 Rf	105 Db	106 Sg	107 Bh	108 Hs	109 Mt	110 Ds	111 Rg	112 Cn	113 Uut	114 Fl	115 Uup	116 Lv	117 Uus	118 Uuo

57 La	58 Ce	59 Pr	60 Nd	61 Pm	62 Sm	63 Eu	64 Gd	65 Tb	66 Dy	67 Ho	68 Er	69 Tm	70 Yb	71 Lu
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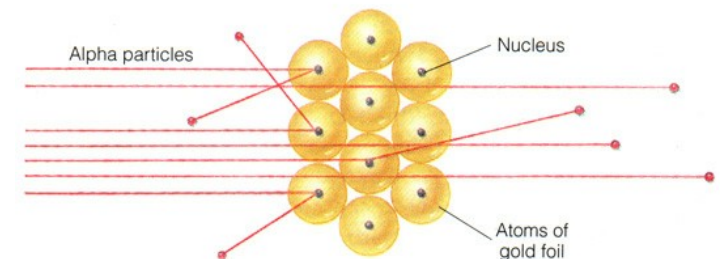
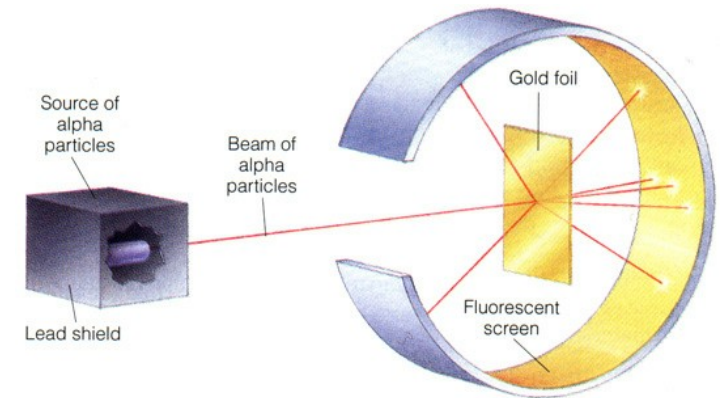
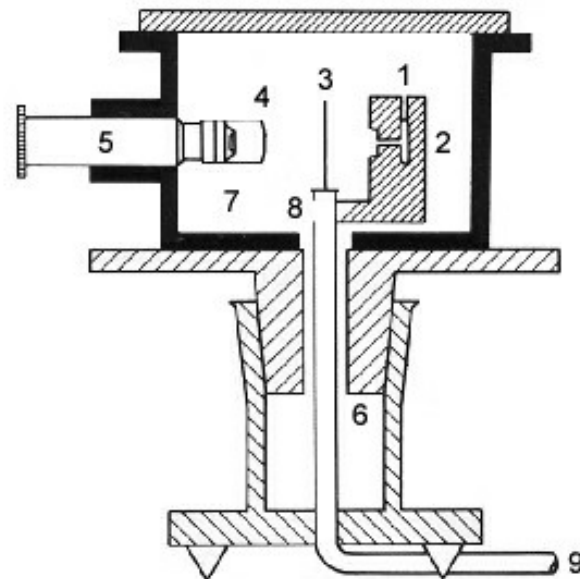
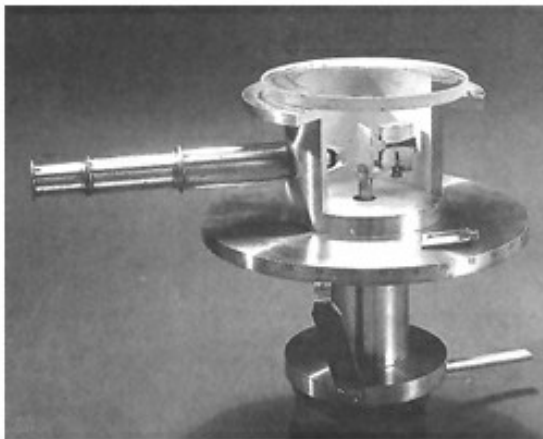
Known in antiquity	akw Seaborg published his periodic table (1945)
also known when (akw) Lavoisier published his list of elements (1789)	also known (ak) up to 2000
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akw Deming published his periodic table (1923)	

# First Particle Physics Experiment: 'Atoms' are not fundamental Particles

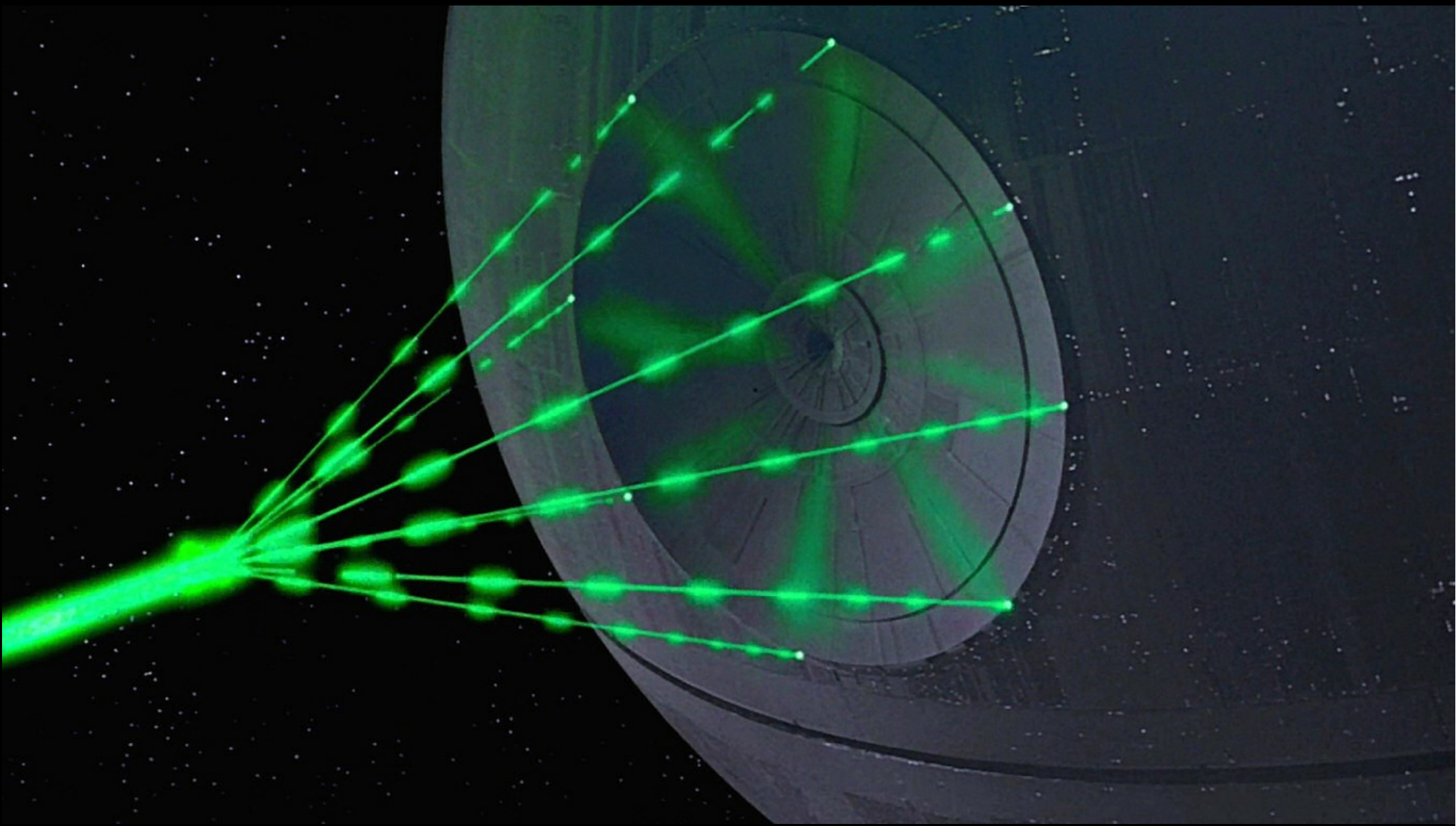


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Rutherford-Geiger–Marsden experiment:  
found nuclei in the atom by firing alpha  
particles at gold foil and observing that  
most pass and few bounce back

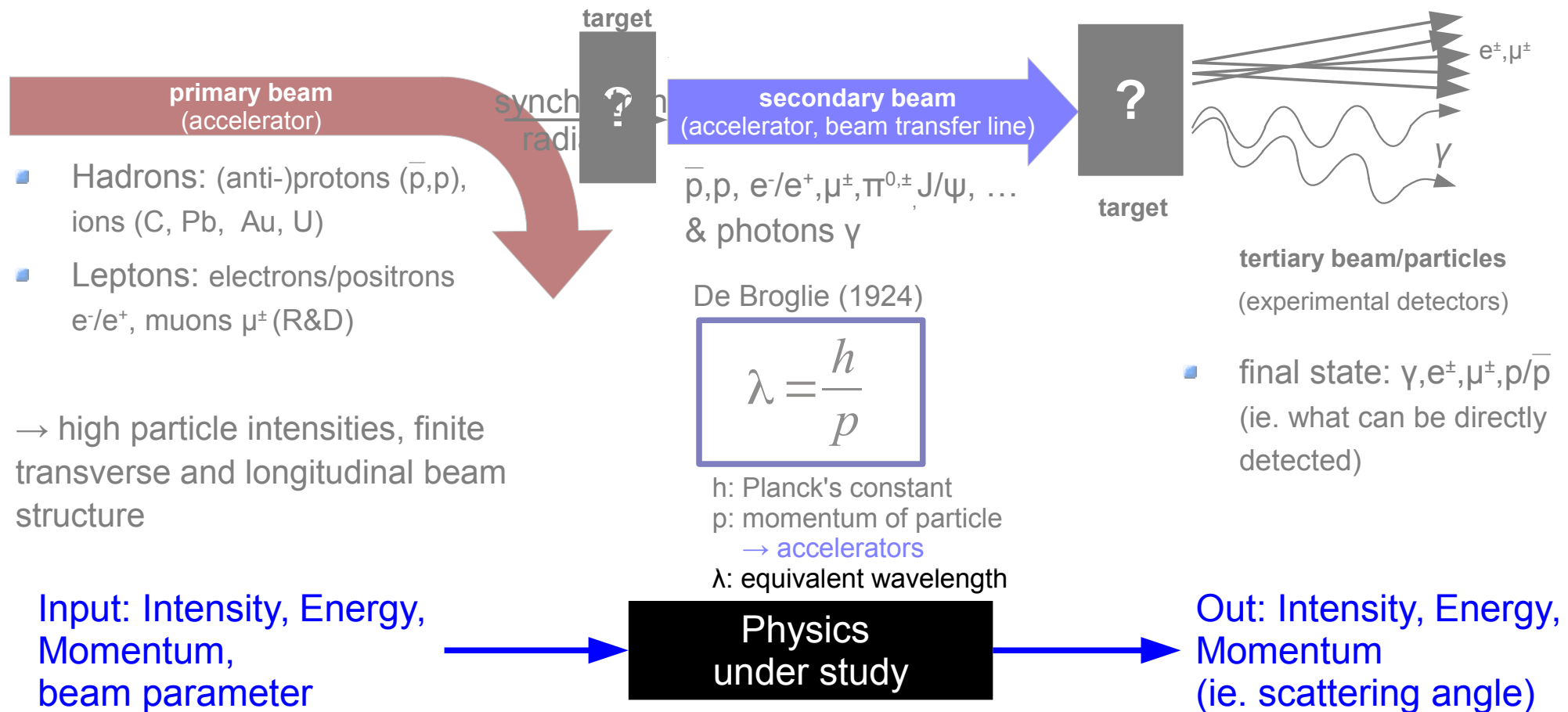


# What are Particle Beams?



# What is a Particle Beam?

- Wikipedia: "... is a stream of charged or neutral particles in many cases moving at near the speed of light"
- Three different beam categories:





# Overview

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- Beam instrumentation are the 'eyes and ears' of accelerators.
- Part I: electro-magnetic pick-ups
  - Beam intensities: Faraday-Cup, Fast-BCT, DC-BCT, WCM
  - Beam position: position and long. profile: Button-, Strip-line-, and Cavities
- Part II: beam loss and transverse beam profile → tomorrow
  - SEMs, wire scanner, OTR screens, luminescence, synch-light
  - Ionisation chamber, diodes, diamonds, scintillators, (cherenkov)
  - Special ultra-fast devices: electro-optical sampling & streak-camera
- An accelerator can never be better than the instruments measuring its performance!
  - Important skill to assess whether beam observations are 'new/known physics', 'instrumental', or to guide whether/how performance can be improved.

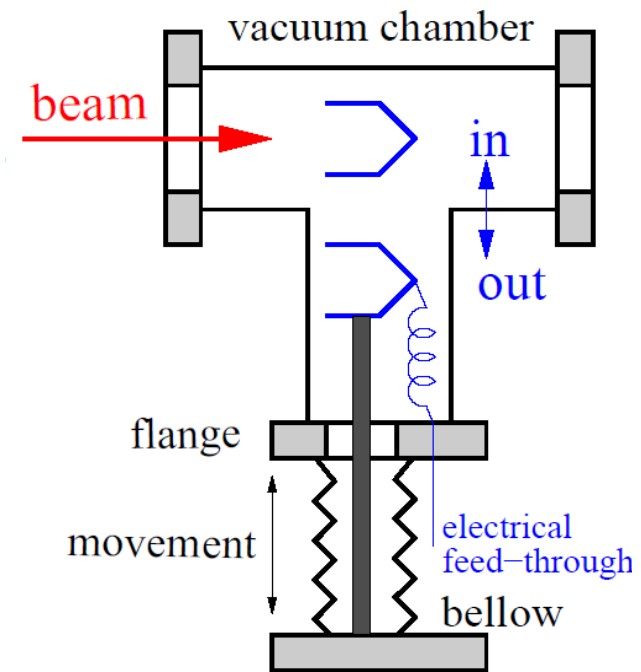
# The Typical Instruments

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- Beam Intensity
  - Faraday cups, beam current transformers, wall-current monitors
- Beam Position
  - electrostatic or electromagnetic pick-ups and related electronics
- Beam Profile
  - secondary emission grids and screens
  - wire scanners
  - synchrotron light monitors
  - ionisation and luminescence monitors
  - Femto-second diagnostics for ultra short bunches
- Beam Loss
  - ionisation chambers or pin diodes
- Machine Tune, Chromaticity and Luminosity → diagnostics tutorial

# Intensity Measurement – Faraday Cup I/II

- Intercepts the full beam and measures its charge  
→ acceptable in linacs and at the source
- Can measure very low intensities ( $\approx 1$  pA)
- Independent on transverse or longitudinal beam structure
- Only for low energy particles

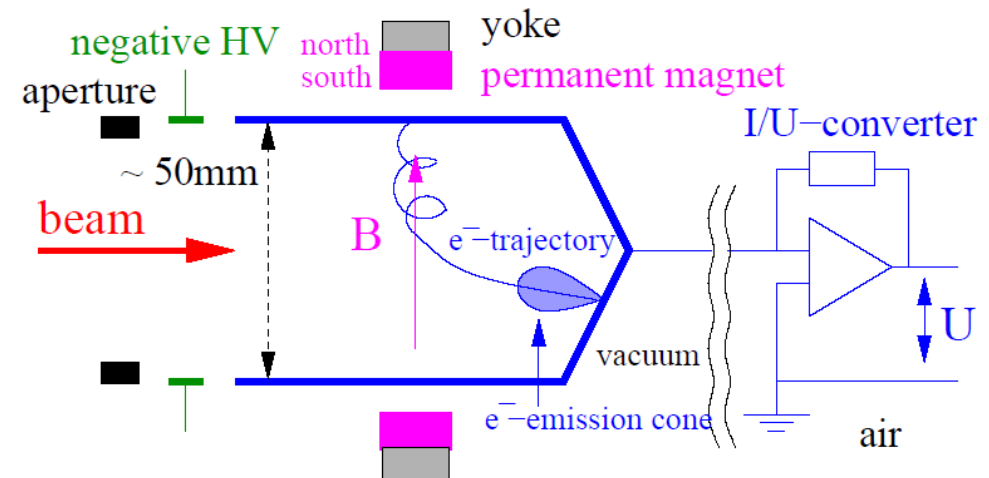
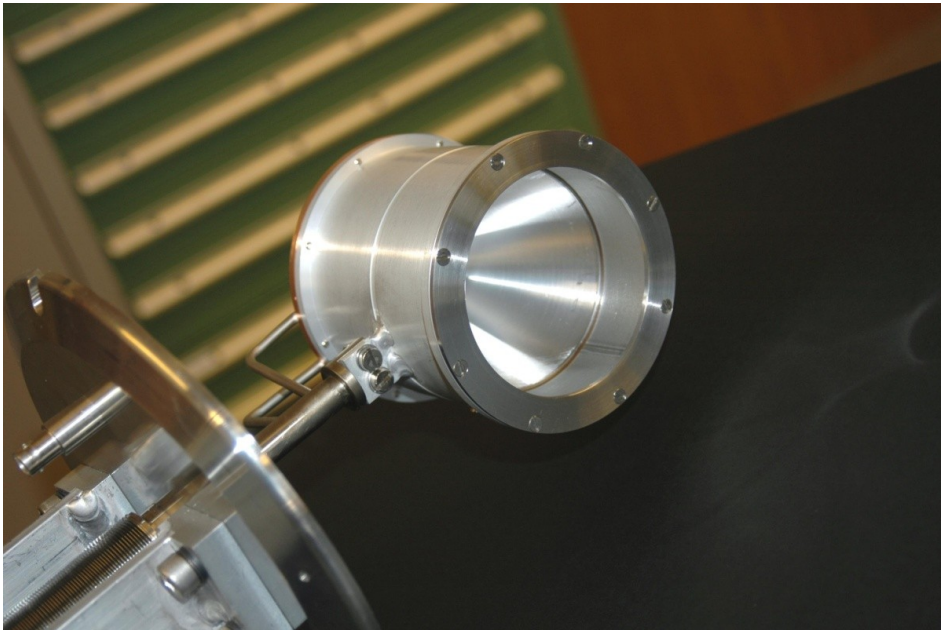




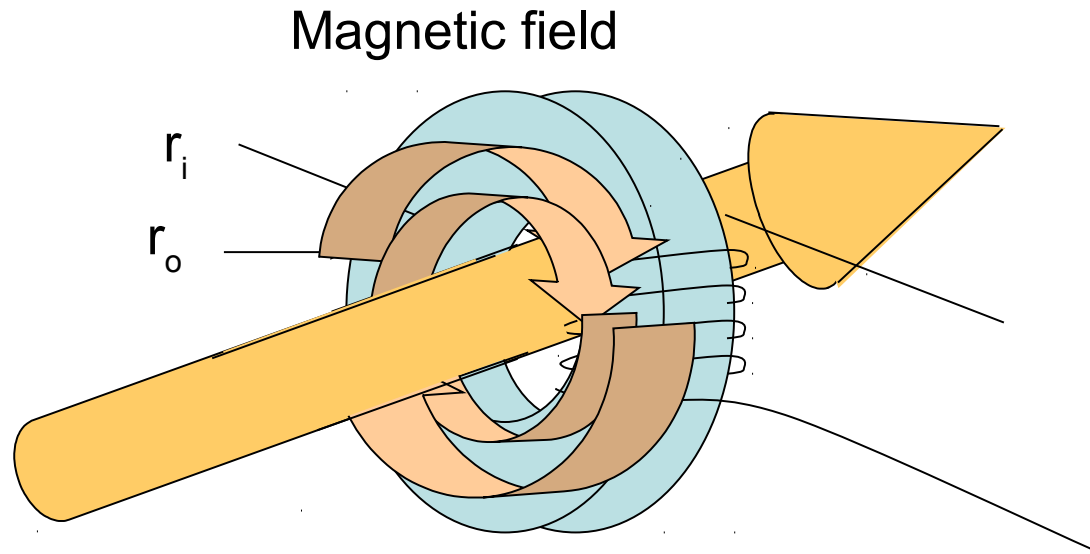
# Intensity Measurement – Faraday Cup II/II



- Creation of secondary electrons of low energy (below 20 eV) → repelling electrode ( $\approx 100$  V)
- Water cooling needed for higher beam Intensities



# Intensity Measurement – Current Transformers



Fields are very low

Capture magnetic field lines with cores of high relative permeability

(CoFe based amorphous alloy  
Vitrvac:  $\mu_r = 105$ )

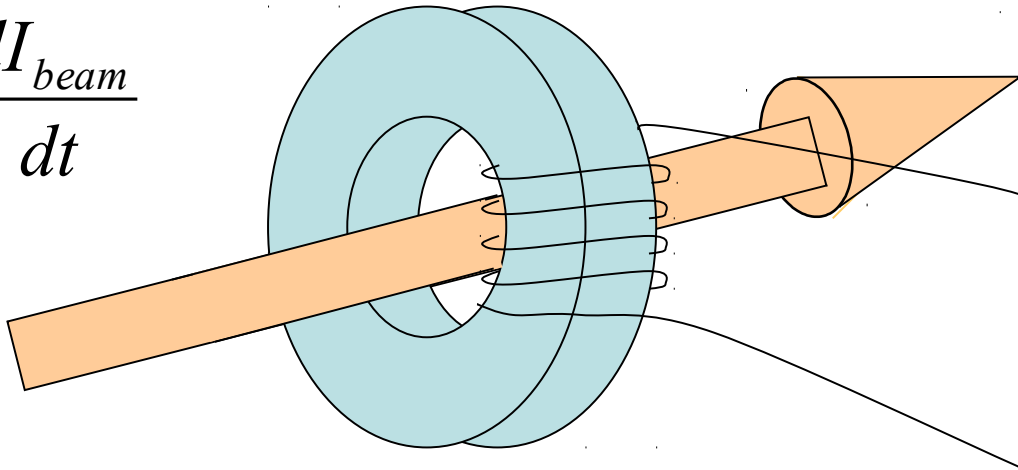
Beam current

$$I_{\text{beam}} = \frac{qeN}{t} = \frac{qeN\beta c}{1}$$

$$L = \frac{\mu_0 \mu_r}{2\pi} l N^2 \ln \frac{r_o}{r_i}$$

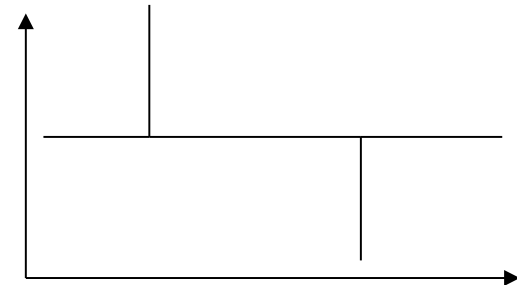
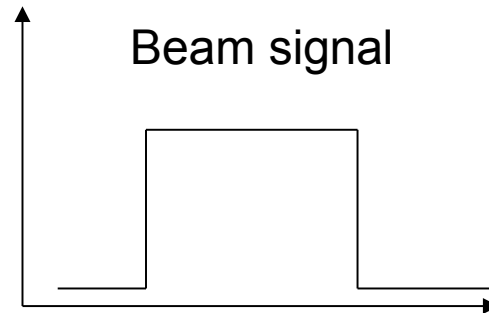
# The ideal transformer

$$U = L \frac{dI_{beam}}{dt}$$



Inductance  $L$  of the winding

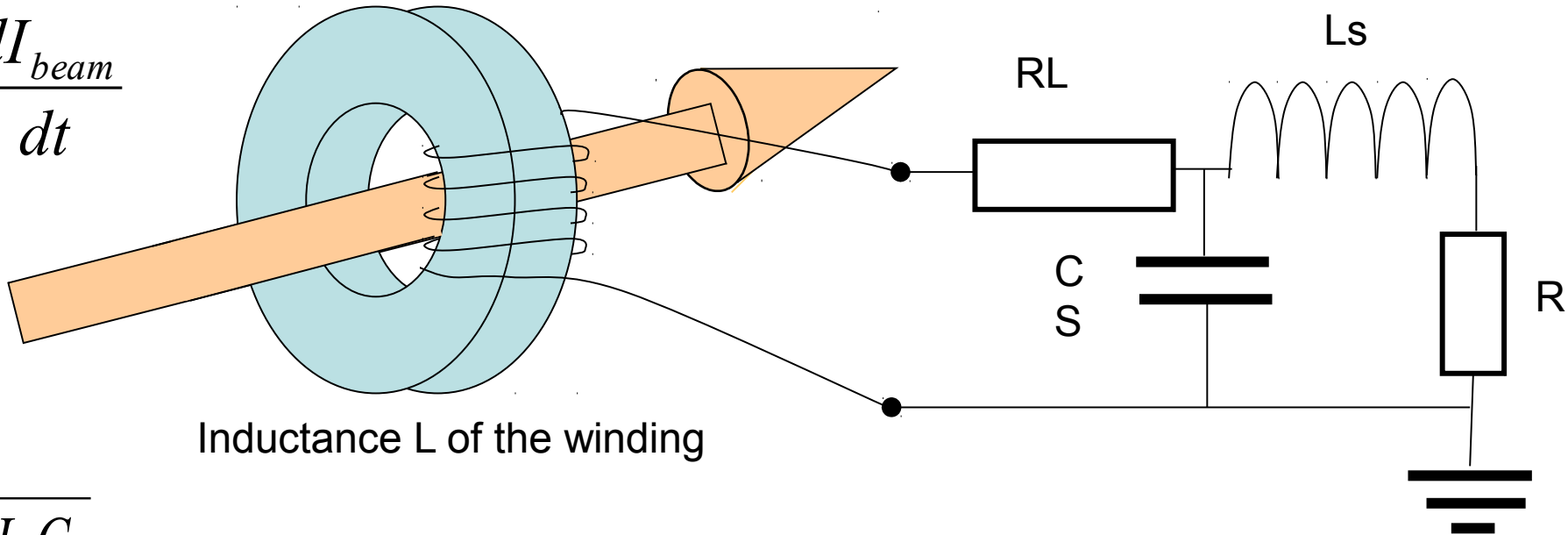
Transformer output signal





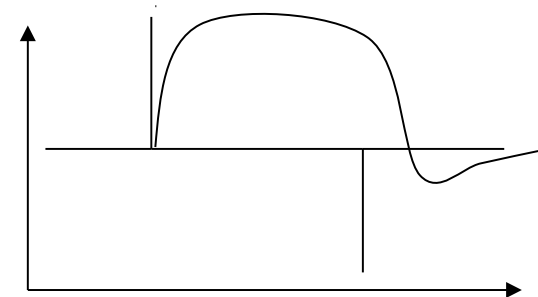
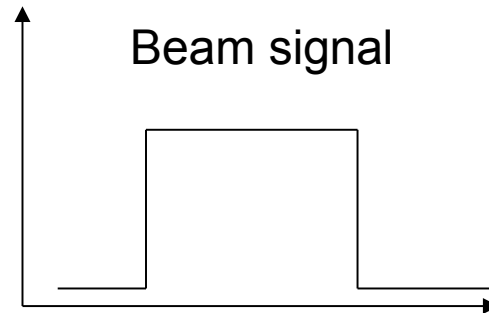
# The AC Transformer

$$U = L \frac{dI_{beam}}{dt}$$

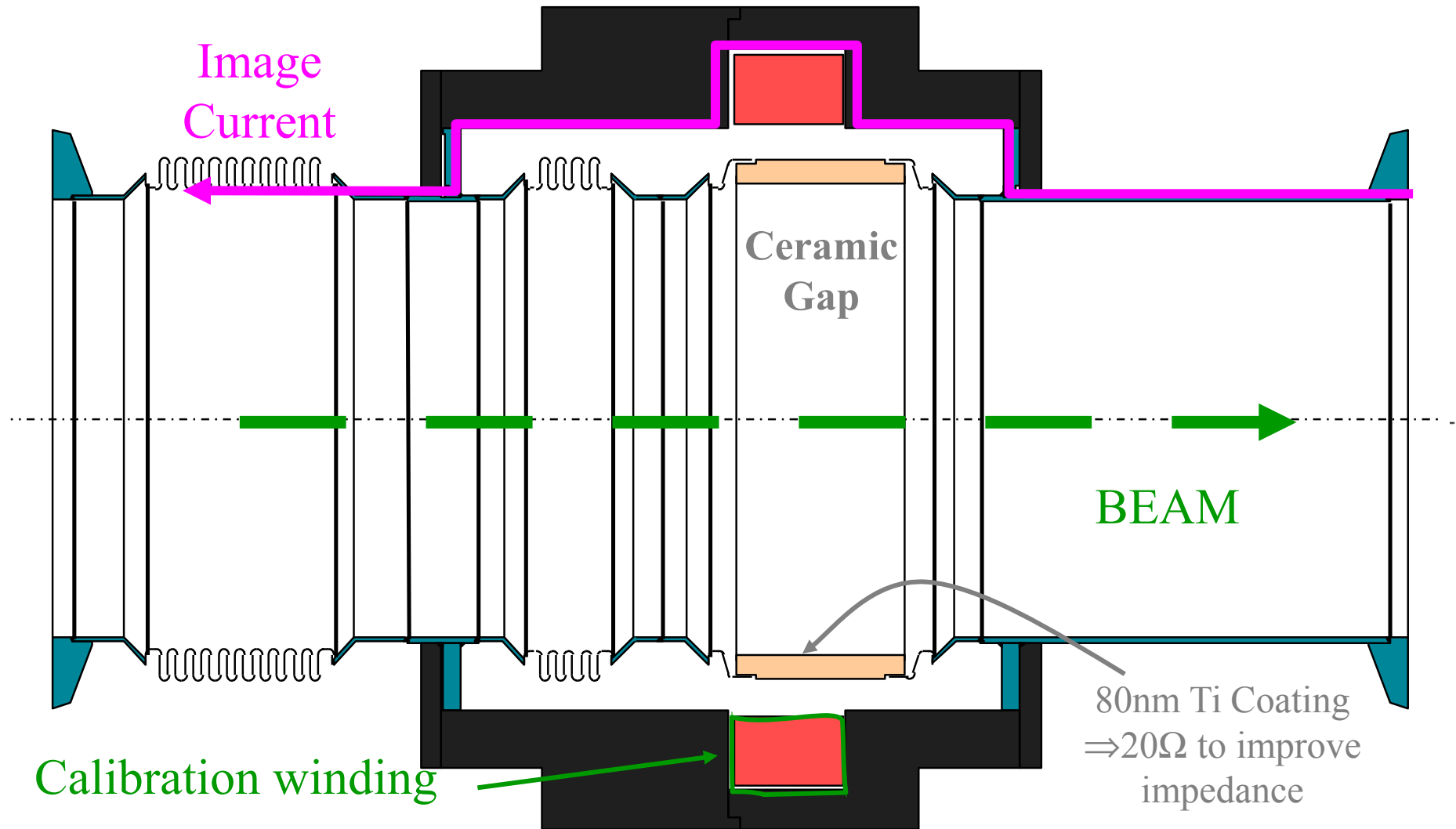


$$\tau_{rise} = \sqrt{L_s C_s}$$

Transformer output signal

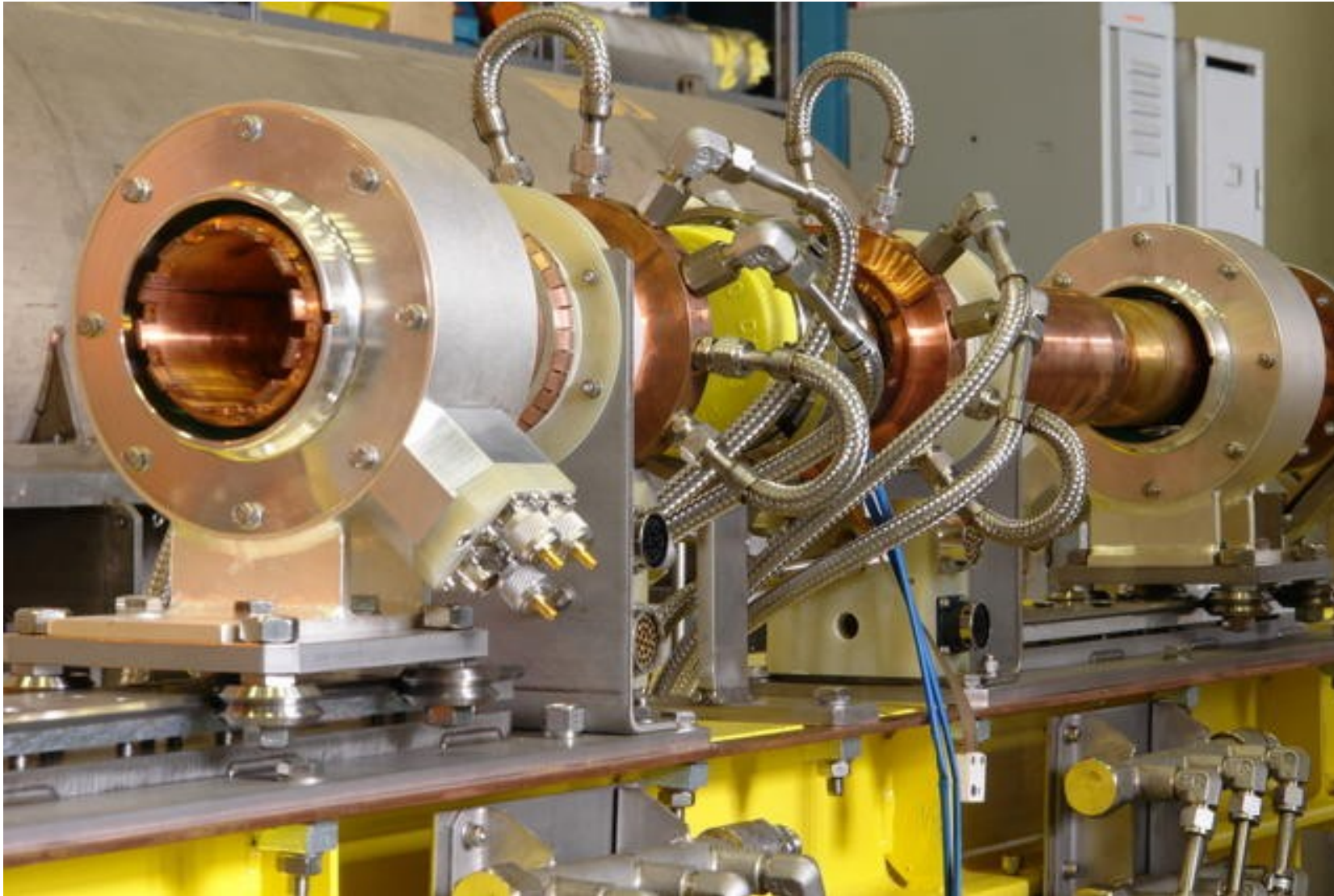


# Fast Current Transformer Principle



# LHC Fast Current Transformers

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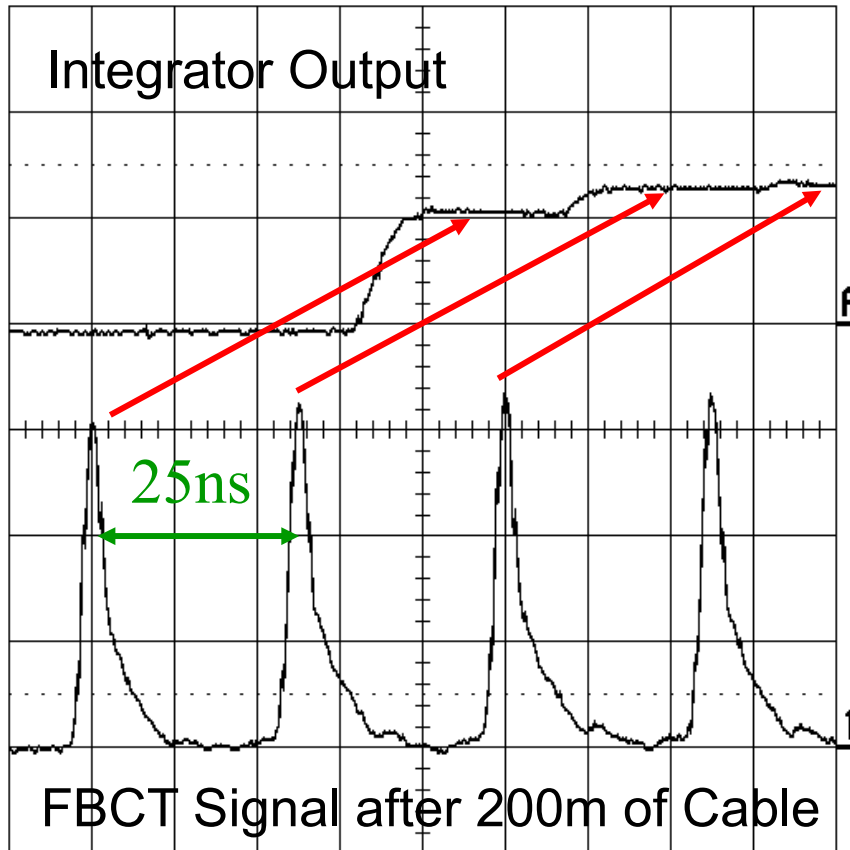


# Acquisition Electronics

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16:32:12

1  
10 ns  
0.50 V

4  
10 ns  
0.50 V



10 ns RIS

1 .5 V DC  
2 2 V 50Ω  
3 2 V 50Ω  
4 .5 V 50Ω

← 6.922 μs

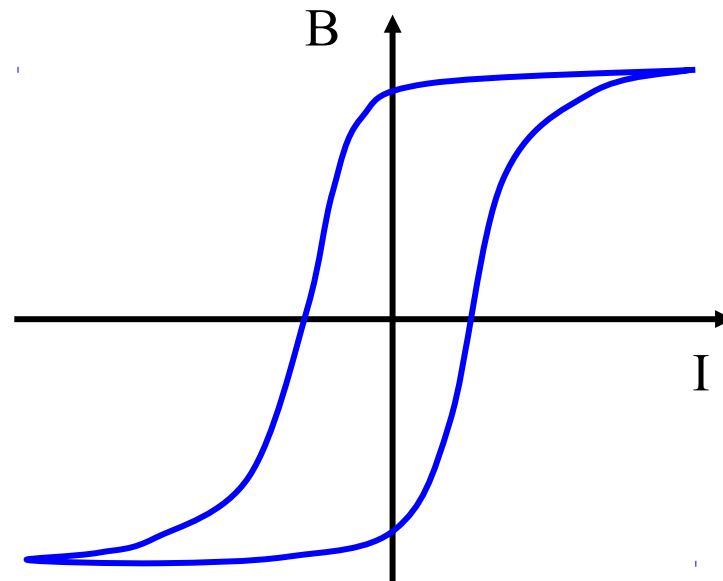


2 DC 0.92 V



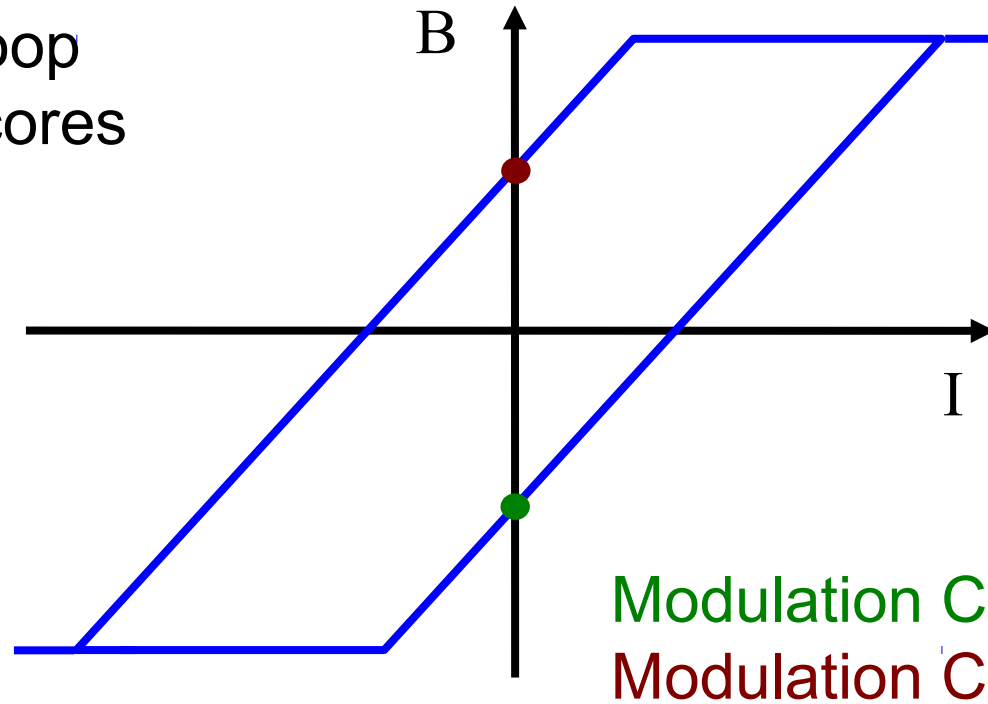
# The DC transformer

- AC transformers can be extended to very low frequency but not to DC (no  $dl/dt$ !)
  - DC measurement is required in storage rings to assess un-captured beam intensities (mostly hadrons) and bunches in non-nominal buckets (all)
- DC operation principle:
  - take advantage of non-linear magnetisation curve
  - use two identical cores modulated with opposite polarities

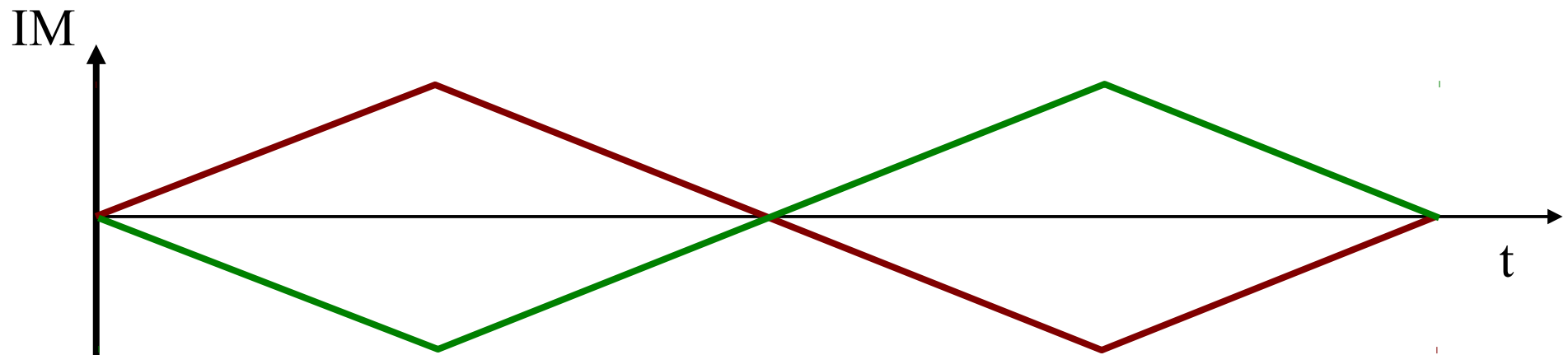


# DCCT Principle – Case 1: no beam

Hysteresis loop  
of modulator cores



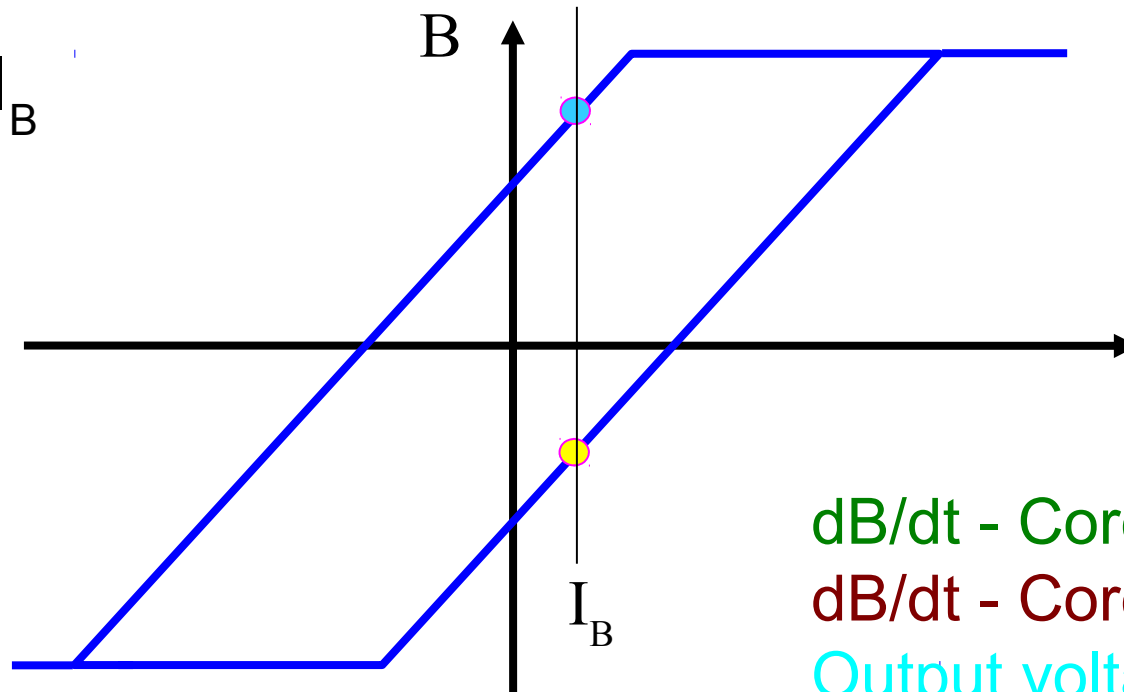
Modulation Current - Core 1  
Modulation Current - Core 2





# DCCT Principle – Case 2: with beam

Beam Current  $I_B$

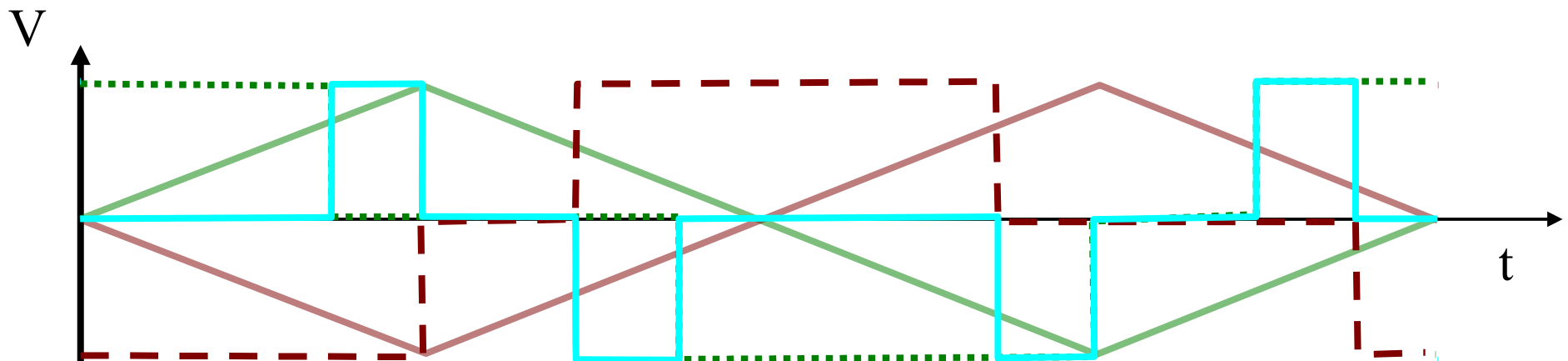


Output signal is at  
TWICE  
the modulation  
frequency

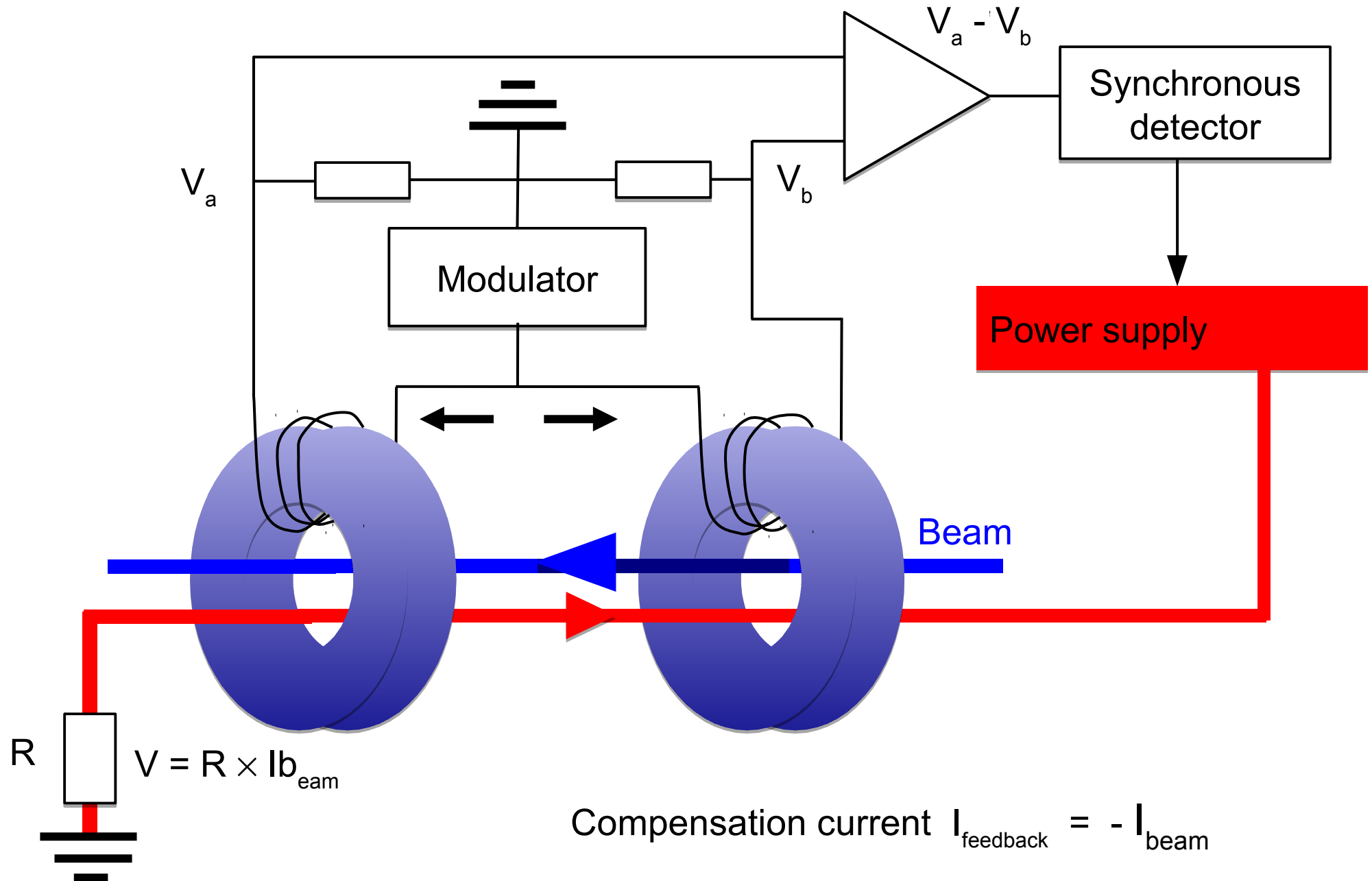
$\frac{dB}{dt}$  - Core 1 (V1)

$\frac{dB}{dt}$  - Core 2 (V2)

Output voltage =  $V1 - V2$

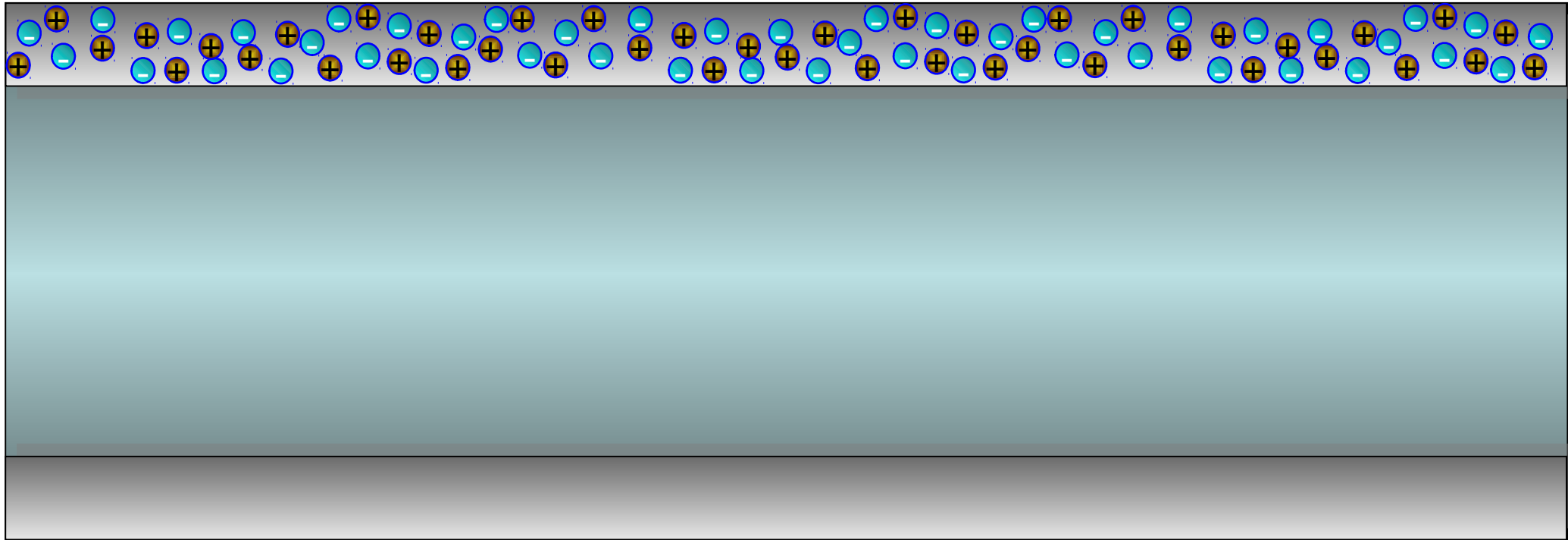


# Zero Flux DCCT Schematic



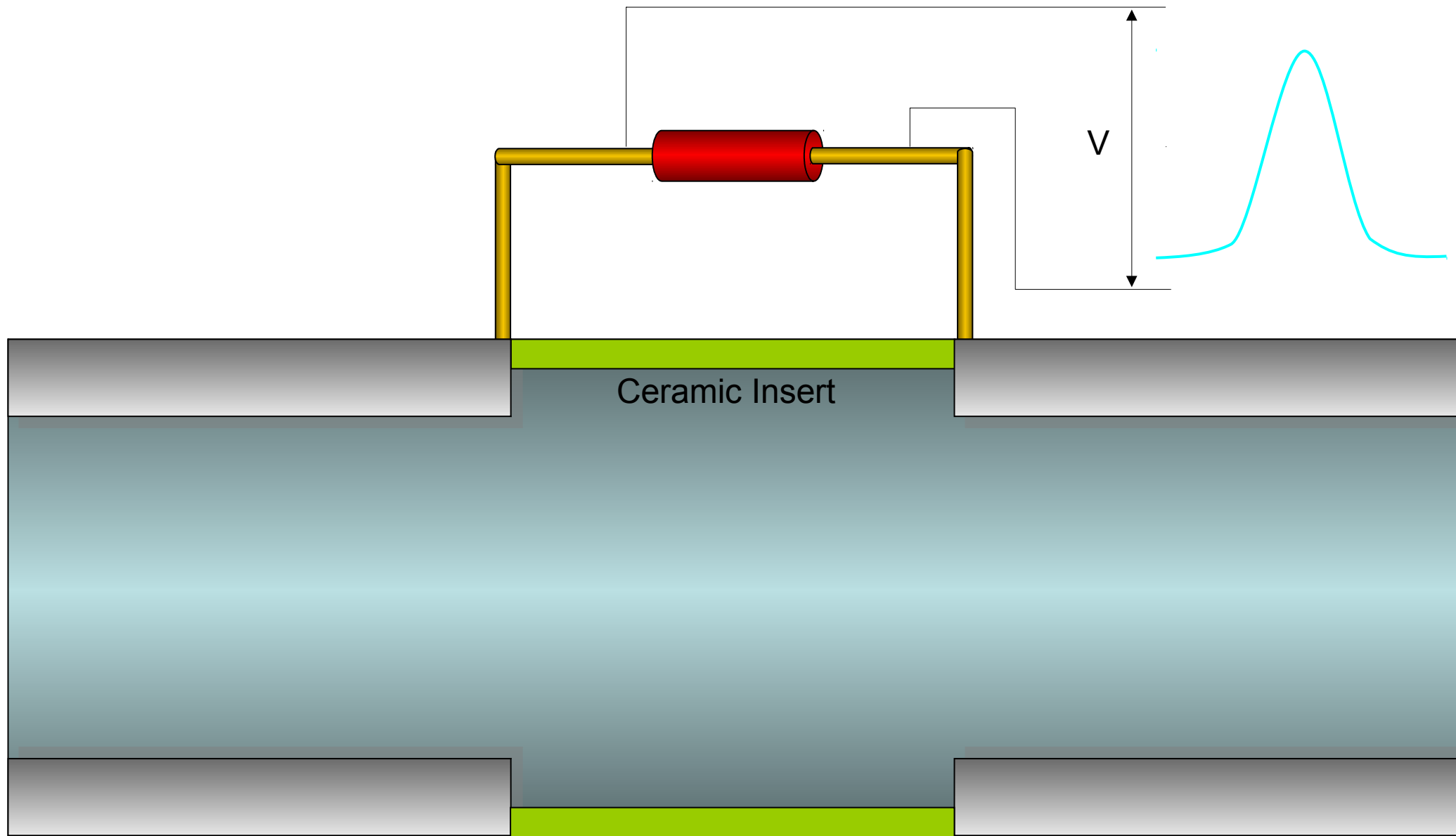
# Measuring Beam Position – The Principle

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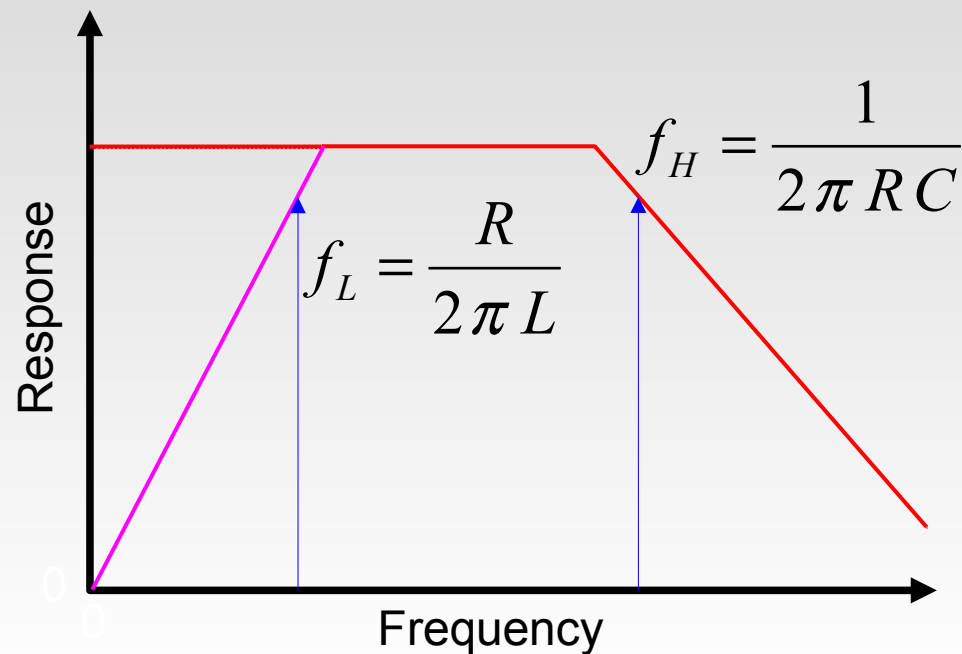
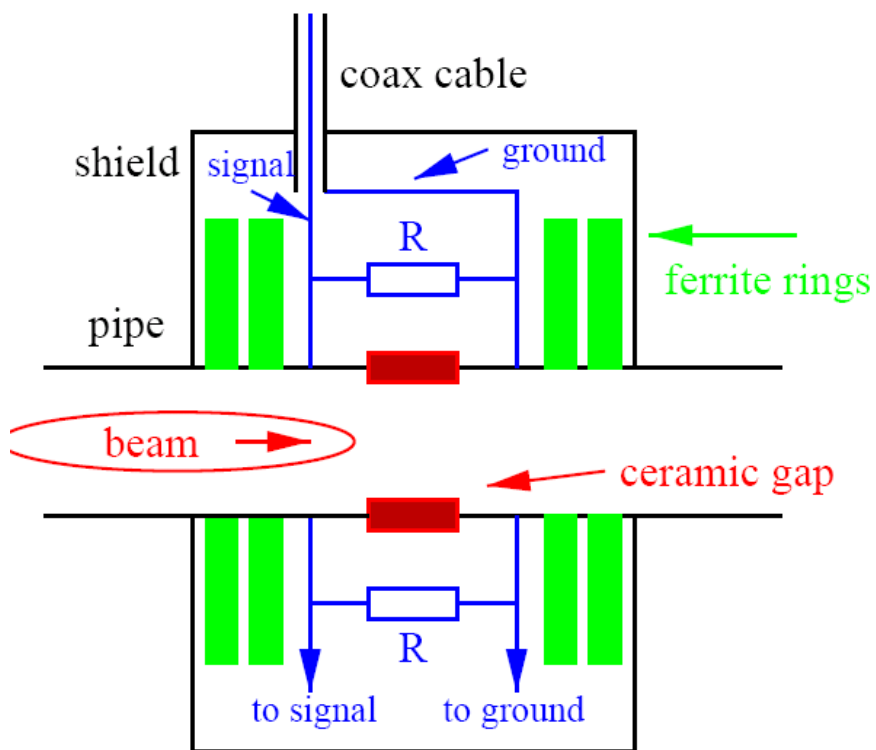




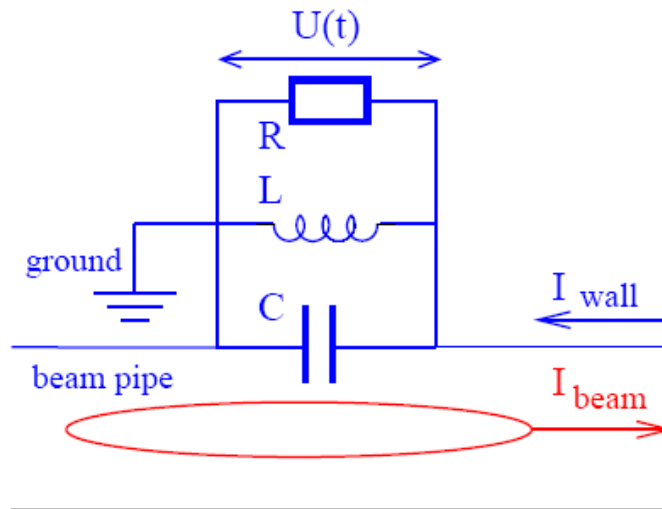
# Wall Current Monitor – The Principle



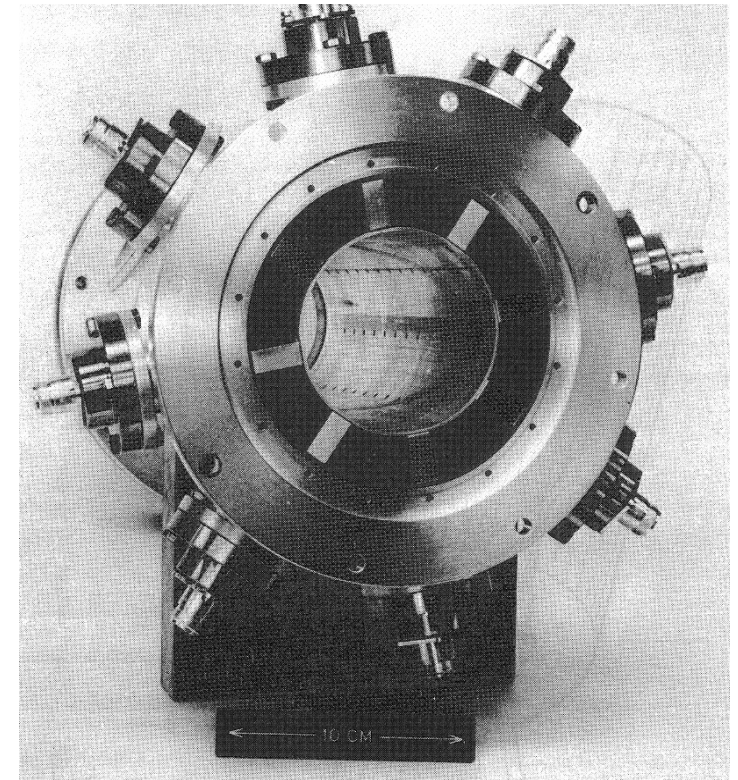
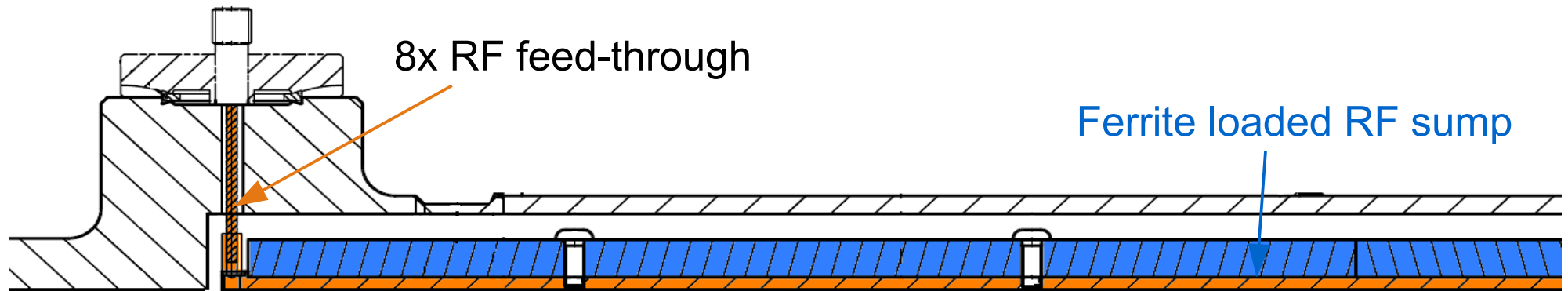
# Wall Current Monitor – Beam Response



*WCM equivalent circuit*



# SPS/LHC Wall Current Monitor



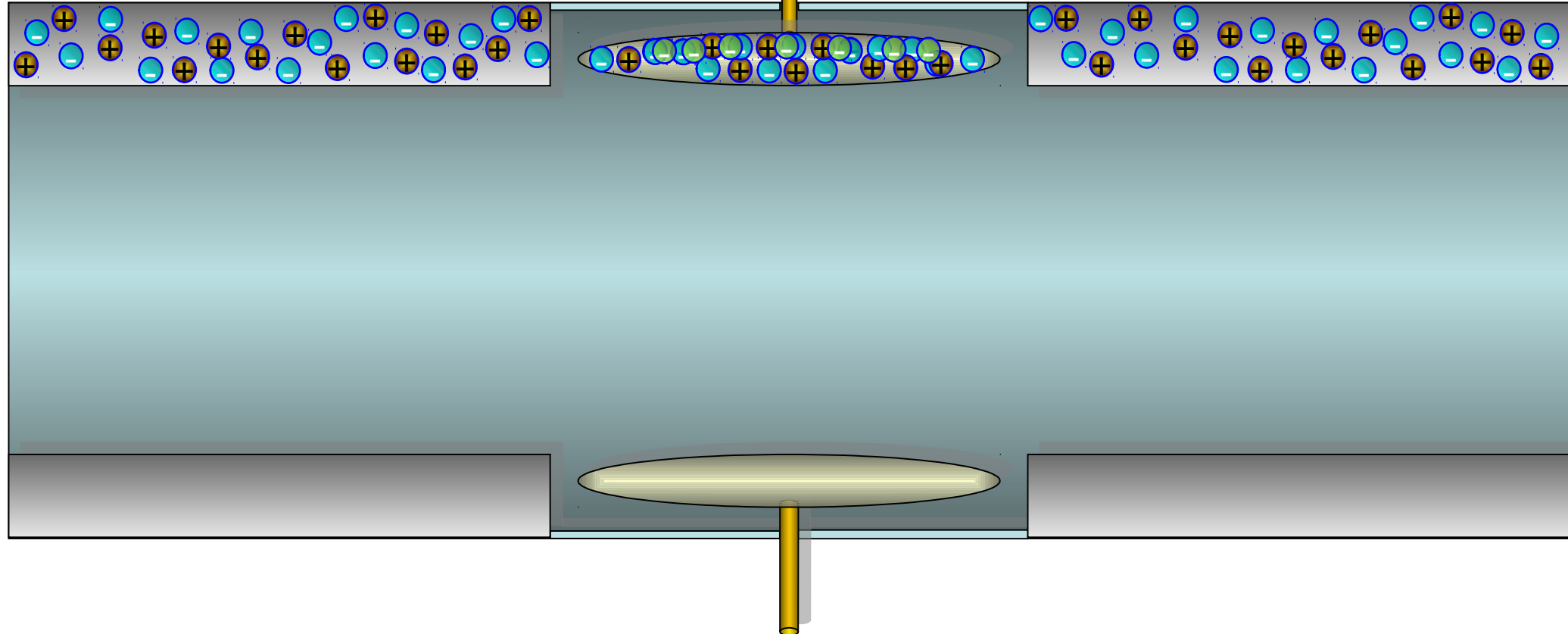
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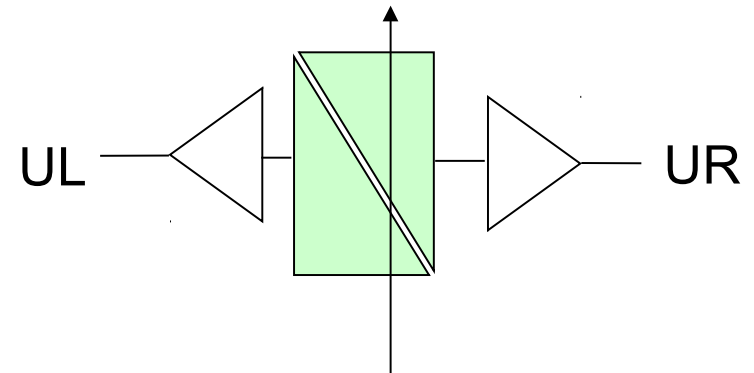
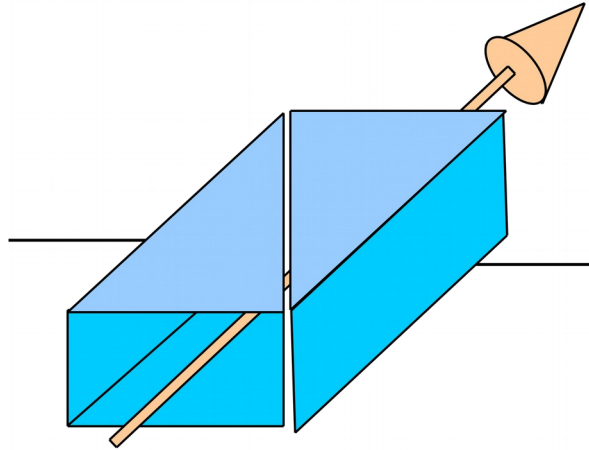
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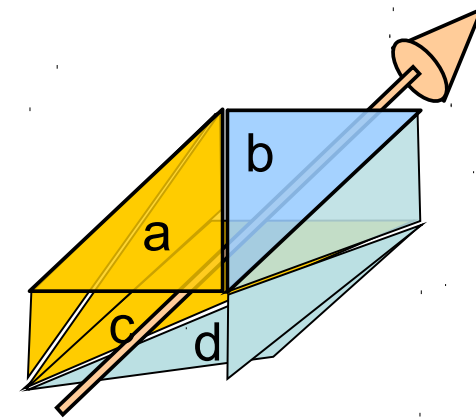
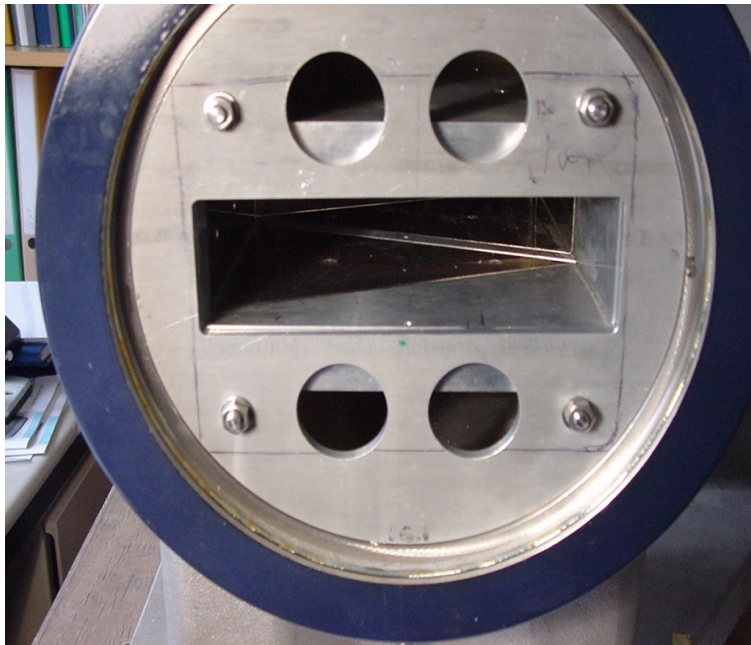


# Shoebox Pick-Up I/II

Linear cut through a shoebox



$$X \propto \frac{U_L - U_R}{U_L + U_R} = \frac{\Delta}{\Sigma}$$

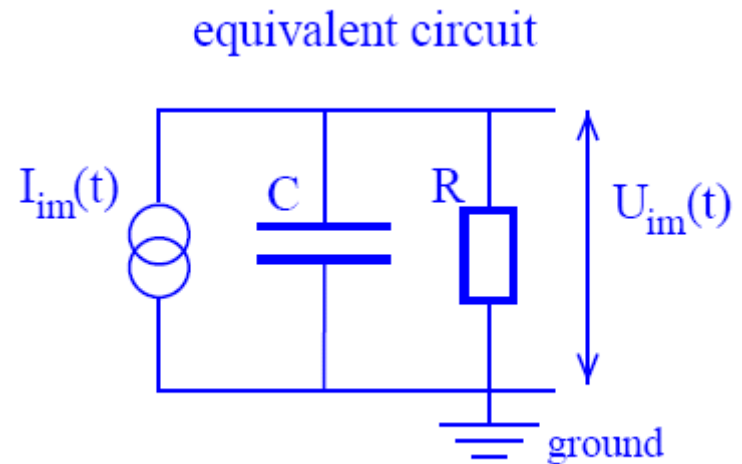
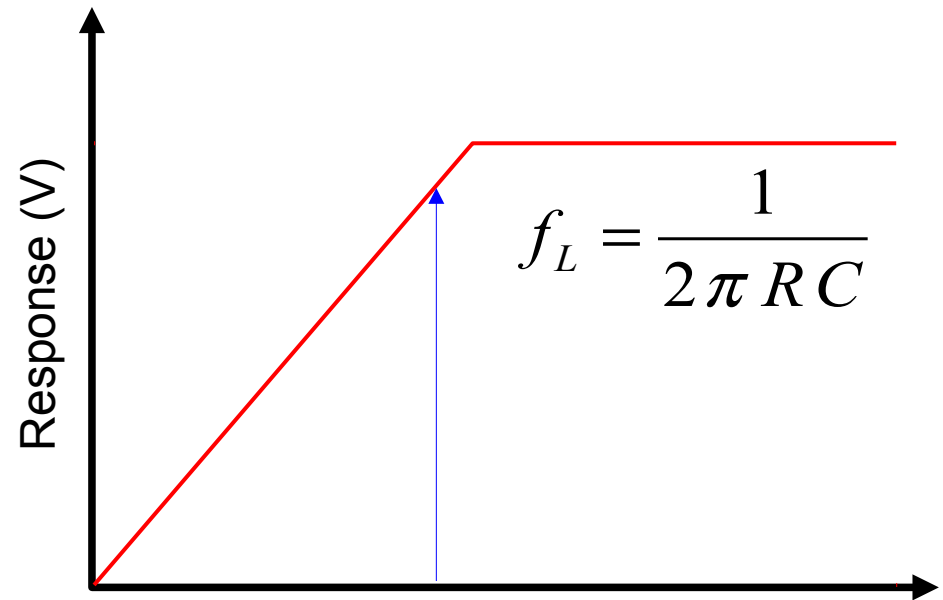
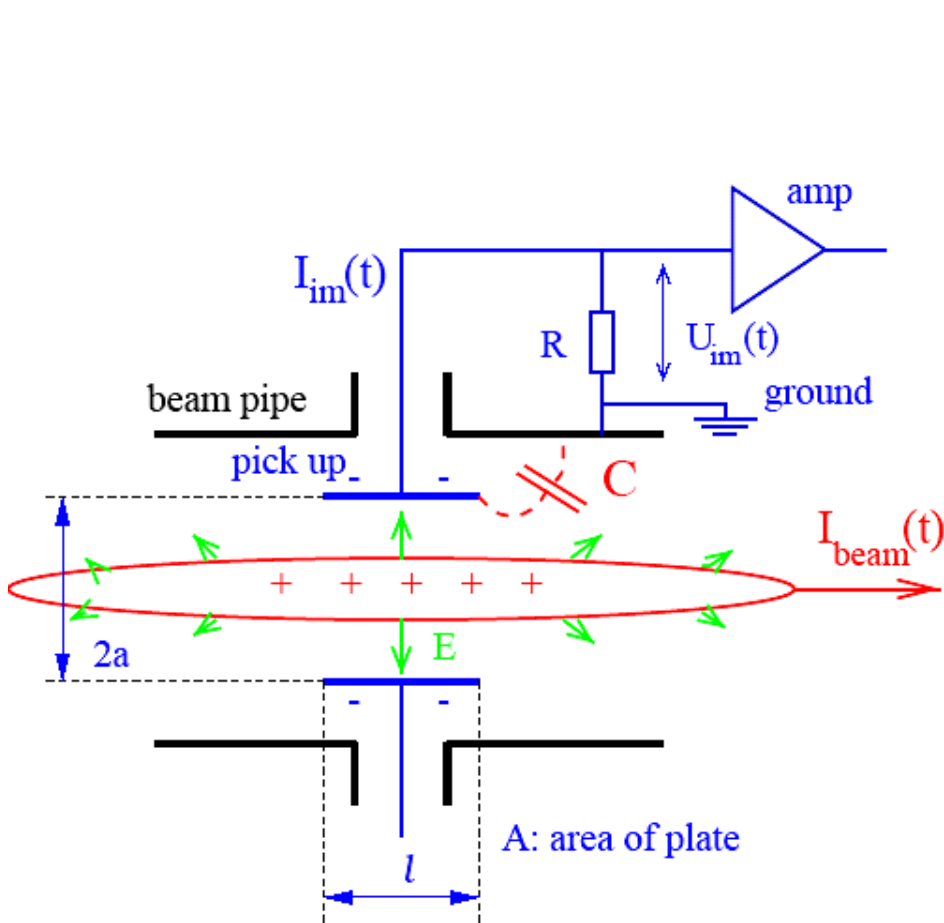


$$X = \frac{(U_a + U_c) - (U_b + U_d)}{\Sigma U}$$

$$Y = \frac{(U_a + U_b) - (U_c + U_d)}{\Sigma U}$$



# Electrostatic Beam Monitor – Response



# Electrostatic Pick-up – Button

- ✓ Low cost  $\Rightarrow$  most popular
- ✗ Non-linear

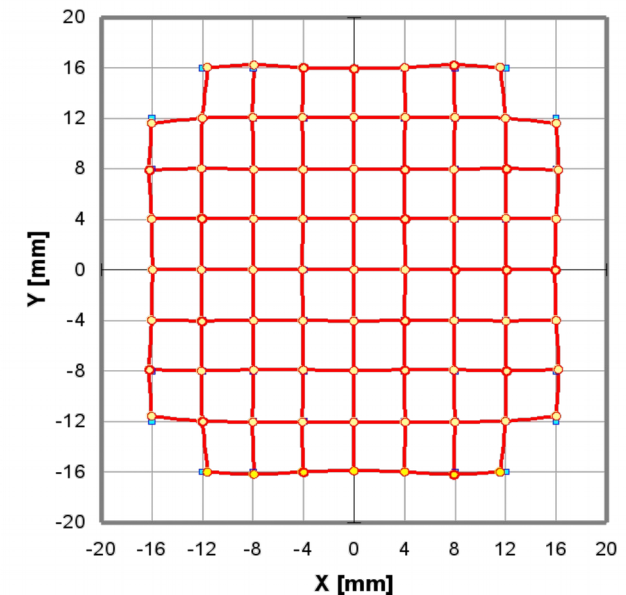
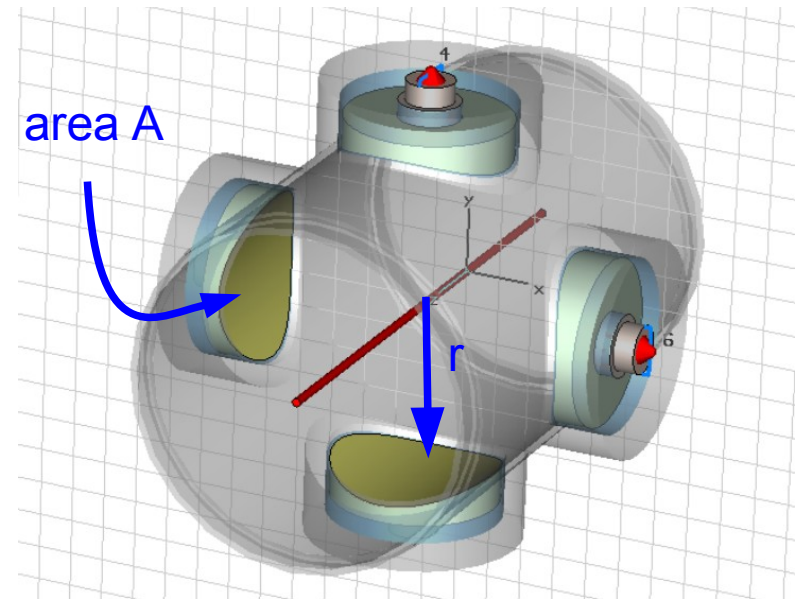
For Button with Capacitance  $C_e$  & Characteristic Impedance  $R_0$

Transfer Impedance:

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

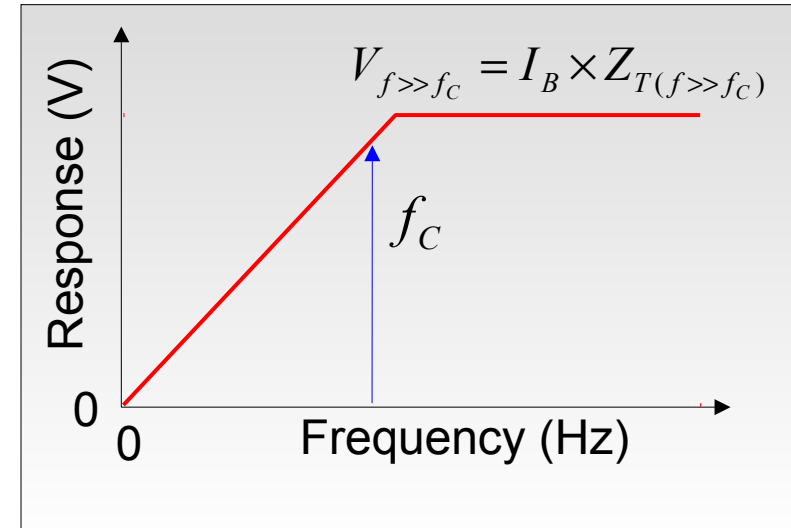
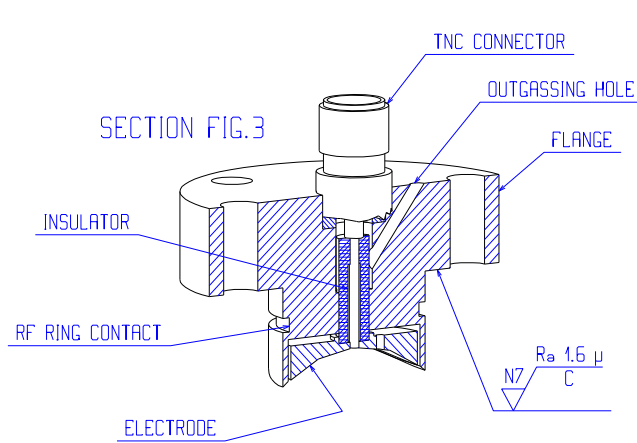
Lower Corner Frequency:

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



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

# Real-World Example: The LHC Button



$$f_L = \frac{1}{2\pi RC} = \frac{1}{2\pi \times 50\Omega \times 8\text{pF}} = 400\text{MHz}$$

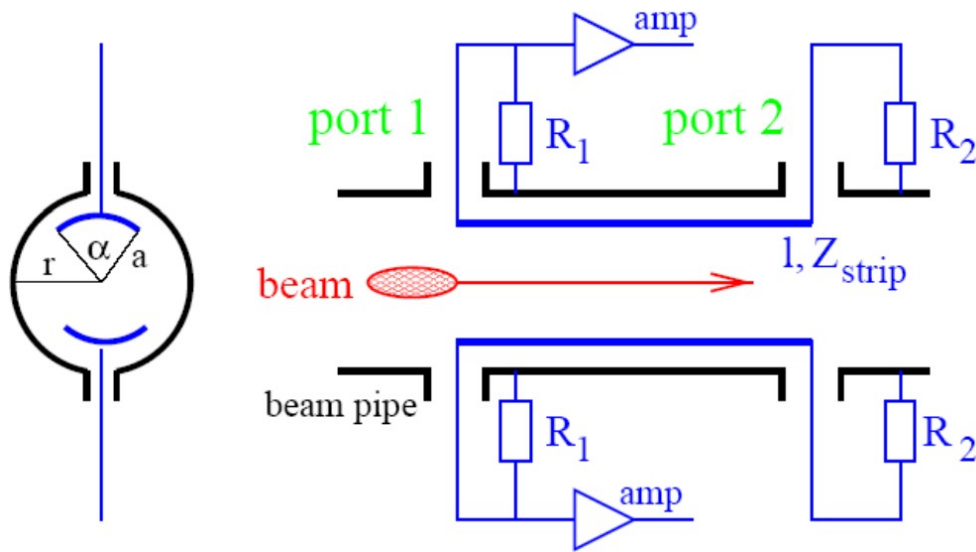
$$Z_{T\infty} = \frac{A}{(2\pi r) \times c \times C_e} = \frac{\pi \times (12\text{mm})^2}{(2\pi \times 24.5\text{mm}) \times c \times (8\text{pF})} = 1.2\Omega$$

$$I_B = \frac{N_{\text{pilot}} e}{t} = \frac{5 \times 10^9 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}}{1 \times 10^{-9}} = 0.8 A_{\text{peak}} \Rightarrow V_{f=\infty} = 0.8 \times 1.2 = 1 V_{\text{peak}}$$

$$= \frac{N_{\text{nom}} e}{t} = \frac{1 \times 10^{11} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}}{1 \times 10^{-9}} = 16 A_{\text{peak}} \Rightarrow V_{f=\infty} = 16 \times 1.2 = 20 V_{\text{peak}}$$

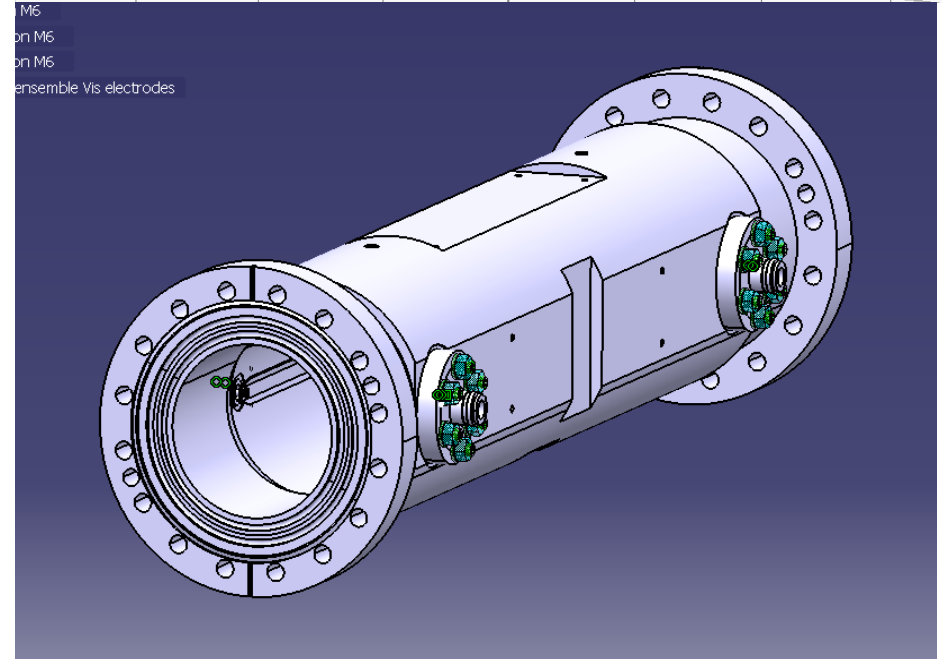
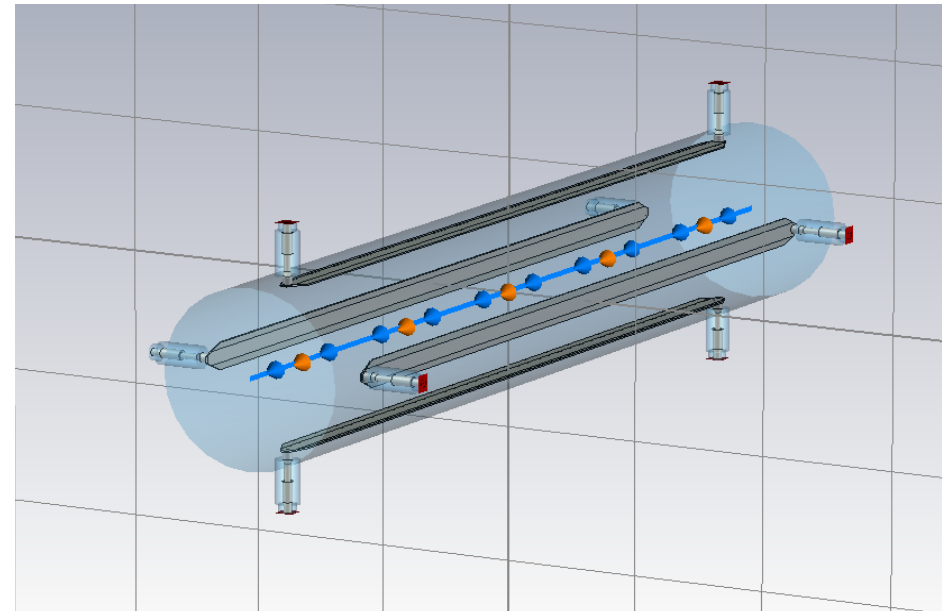
# Strip-Line Pick-Up

- piece of transmission-line parallel to the beam  
↔ broad-band antenna

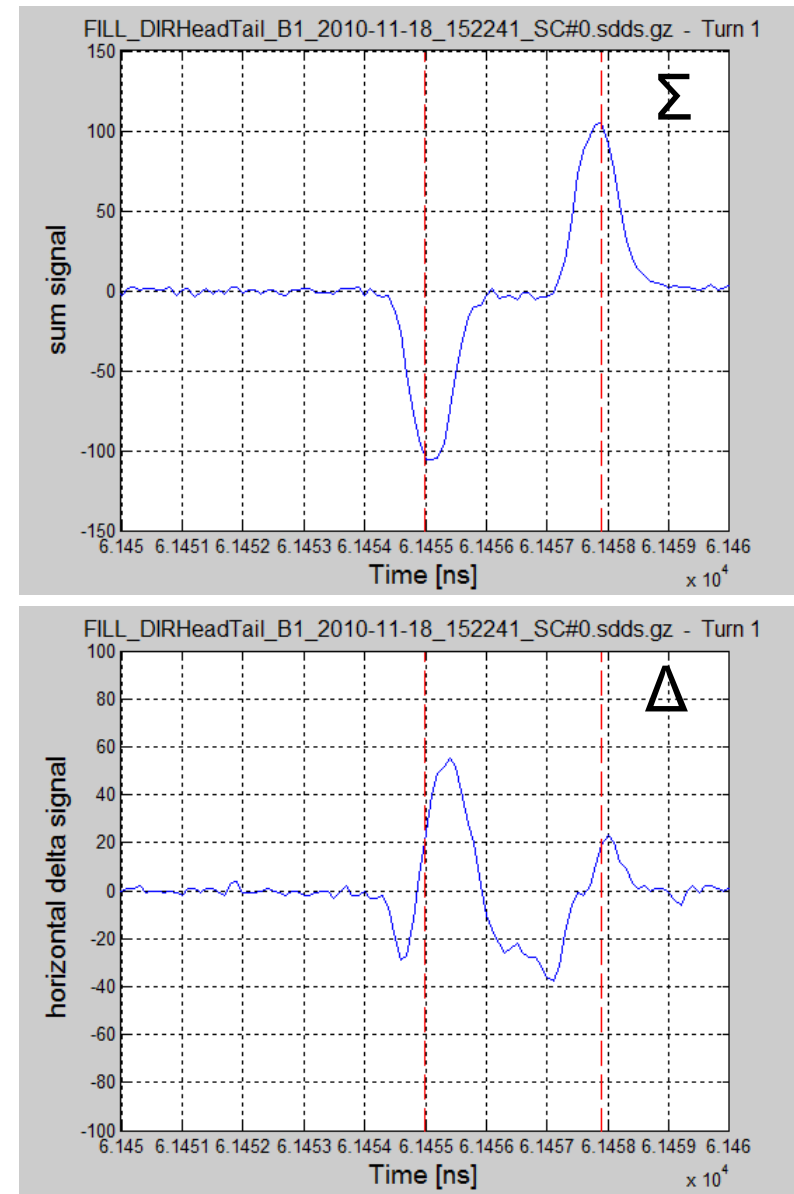
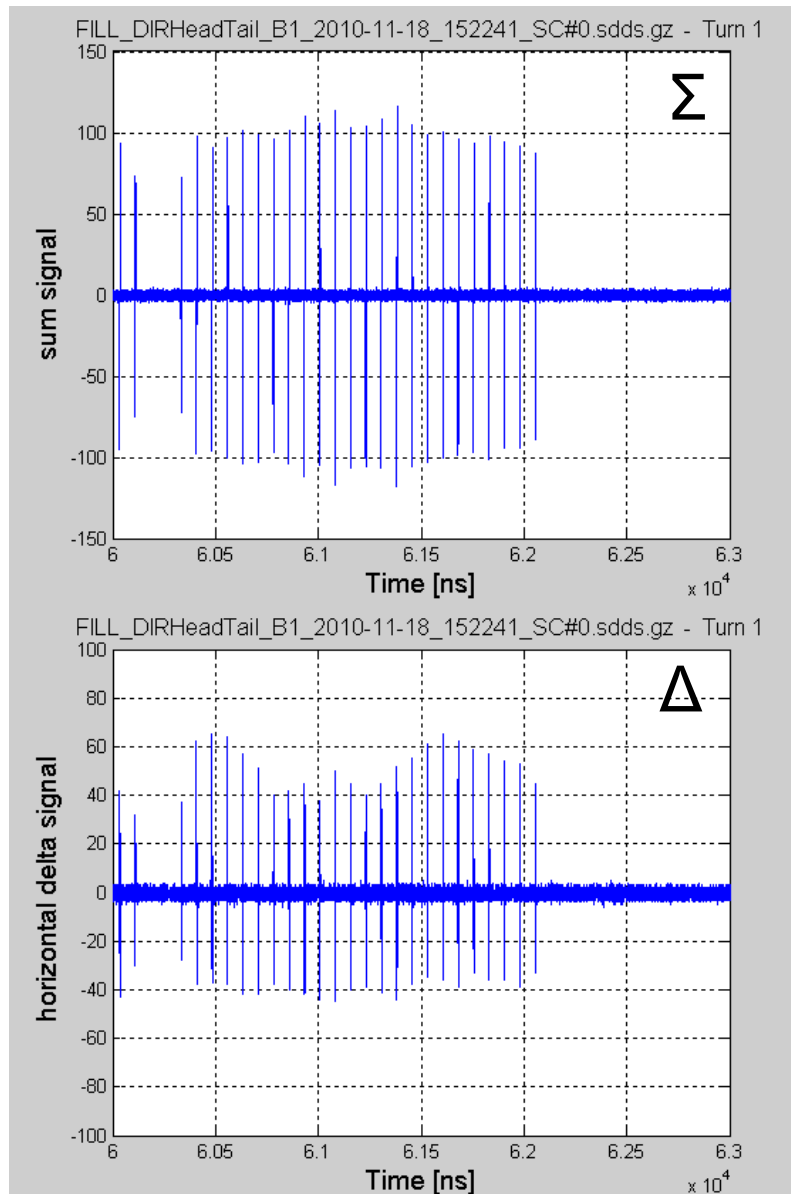


- transverse impedance  $Z_t$   
depends on bunch length  $\sigma_t$

$$Z_t(\omega) = \frac{Z_{strip} a}{2\pi} \cdot e^{-\frac{(\omega \sigma_t)^2}{2}} \cdot \sin\left(\frac{\omega l}{c}\right) \cdot e^{j\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\omega l}{c}\right)}$$



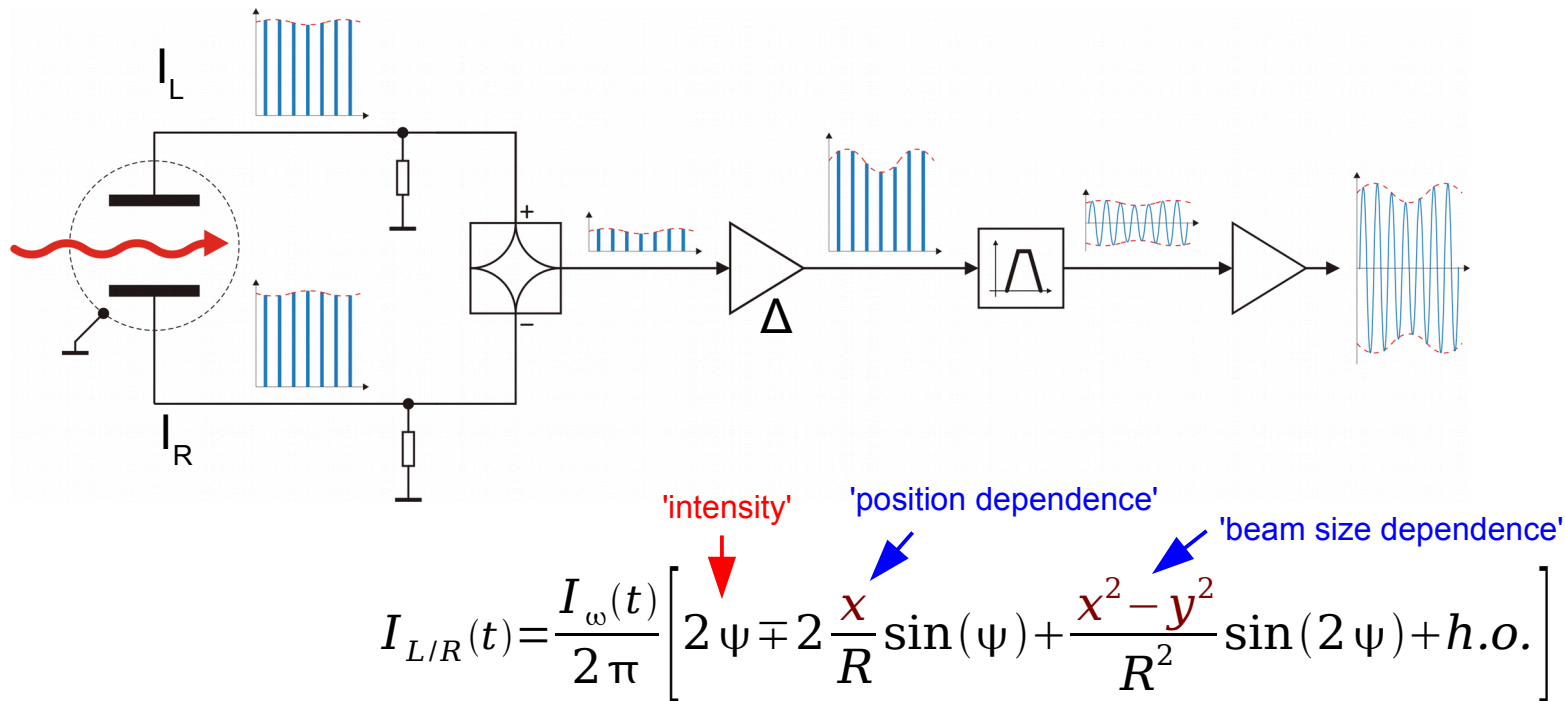
# Strip-Line Pick-Up – Example SPS



animation courtesy B Salvant (2010)



# “Classic” Detection Scheme



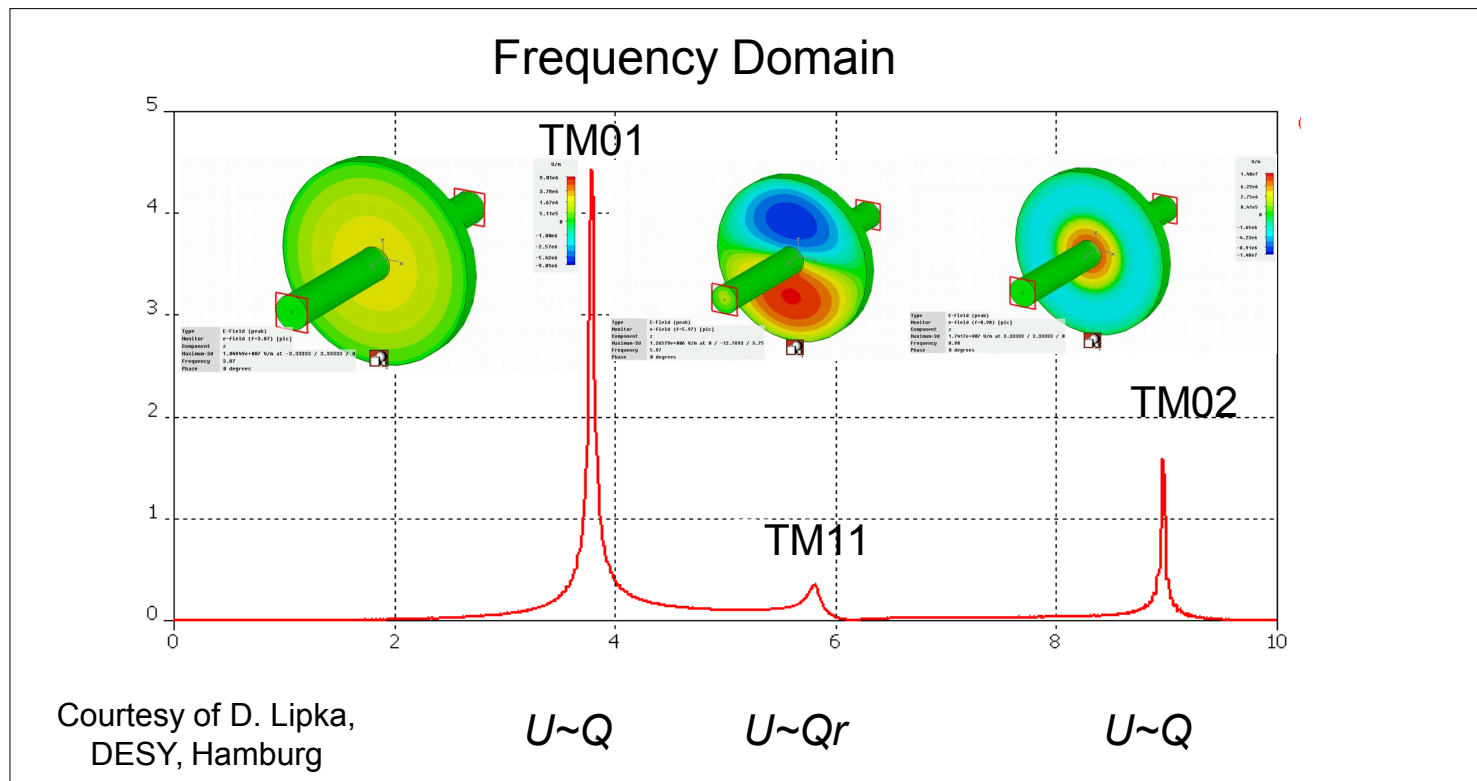
- Classic detection approach:  $\Sigma$ - $\Delta$  hybrid

$$\rightarrow \frac{x}{R} \approx \frac{\Delta}{\Sigma} = \frac{I_L - I_R}{I_L + I_R} \quad R: \text{pickup half-aperture}$$

- Eliminates most 'common mode' signal (e.g. intensity),
  - However ADC needs still to accommodate 'common mode' signals due to:
  - Closed orbit offset
  - 2nd order: intensity bleed-through intrinsic to any  $\Sigma$ - $\Delta$  hybrid

# Improving the Precision for Next Generation Accelerators

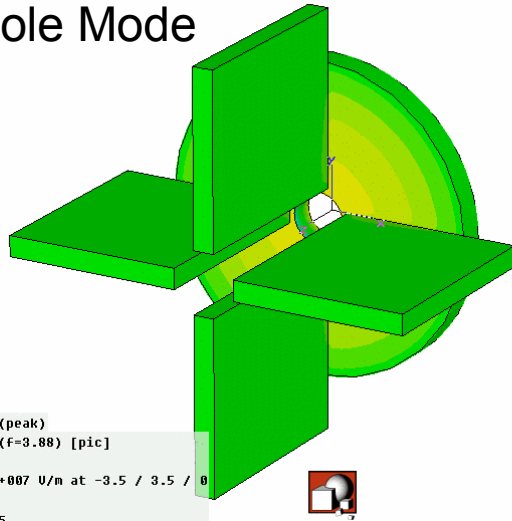
- Standard BPMs give intensity signals which need to be subtracted to obtain a difference which is then proportional to position
  - Difficult to do electronically without some of the intensity information leaking through
  - When looking for small differences this leakage can dominate the measurement
  - Typically 40-80dB (100 to 10000 in V) rejection  $\blacktriangle$  tens micron resolution for typical apertures
- Solution – cavity BPMs allowing sub micron resolution
  - Design the detector to collect only the difference signal
  - Dipole Mode TM11 proportional to position & shifted in frequency with respect to monopole mode



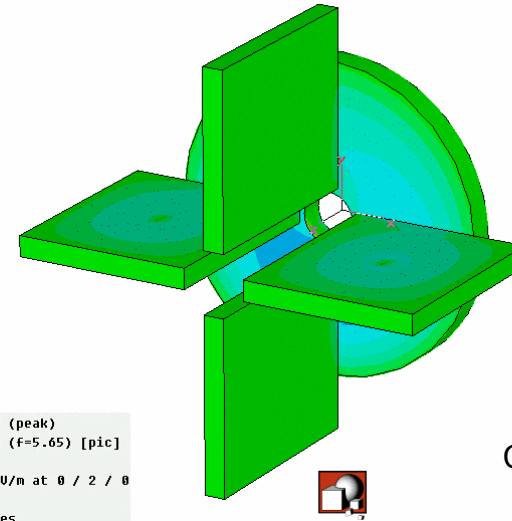
# Today's State of the Art BPMs

- Obtain signal using waveguides that only couple to dipole mode  
Further suppression of monopole mode

Monopole Mode



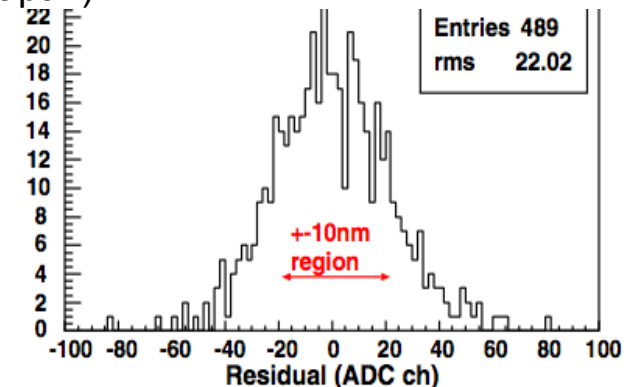
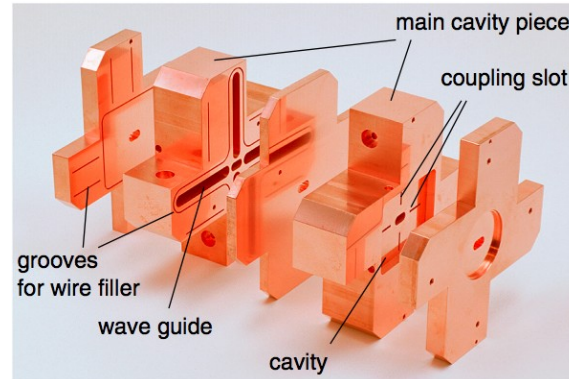
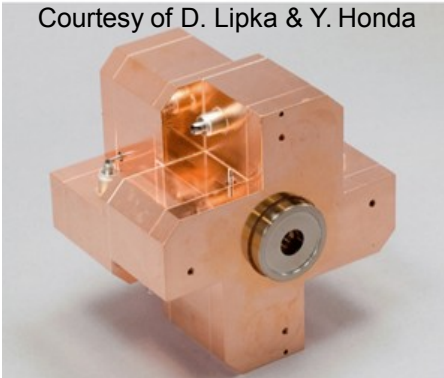
Dipole Mode



Courtesy of D. Lipka,  
DESY, Hamburg

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

Courtesy of D. Lipka & Y. Honda

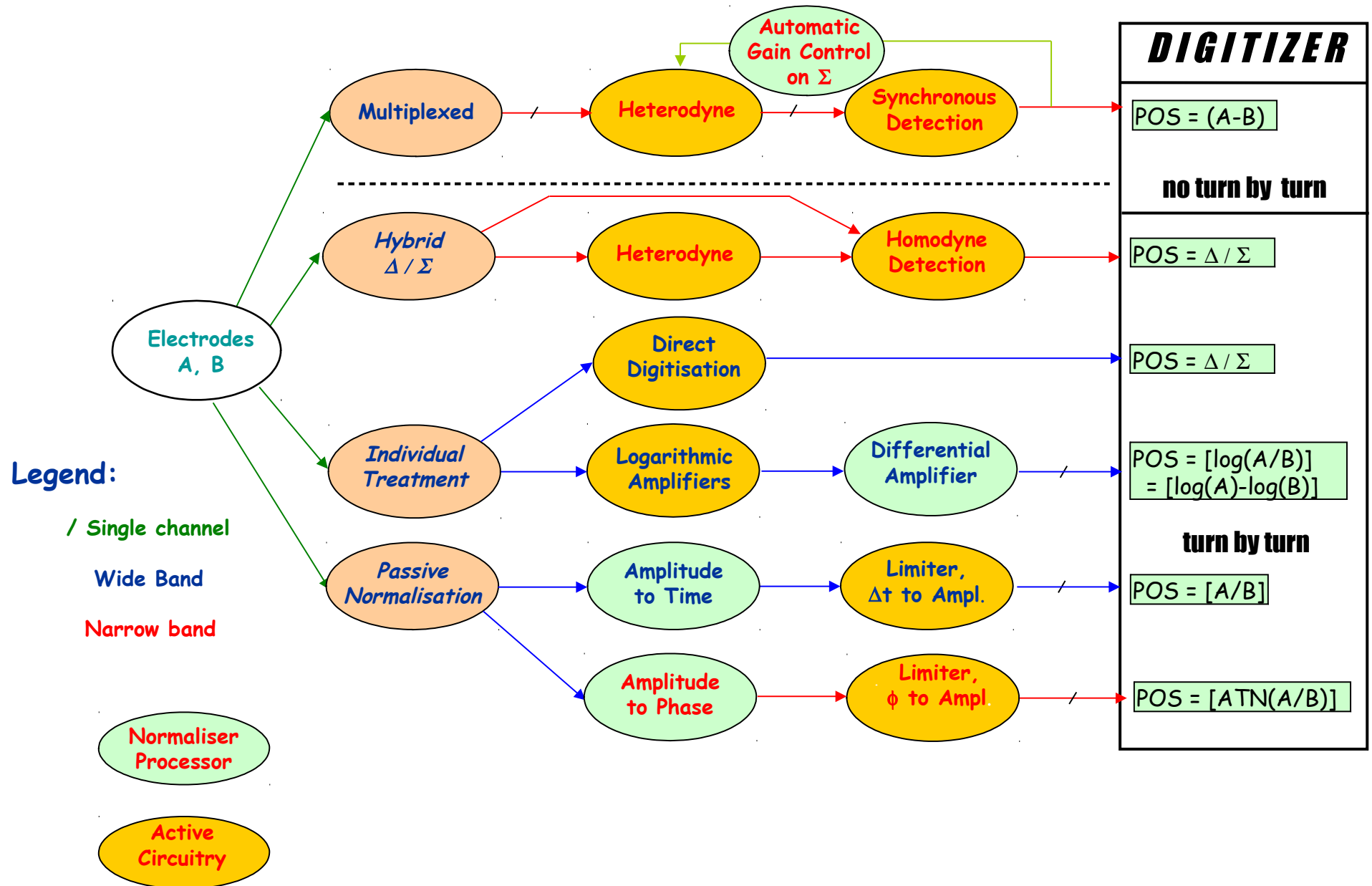


# Analog Front-End Electronics Criteria

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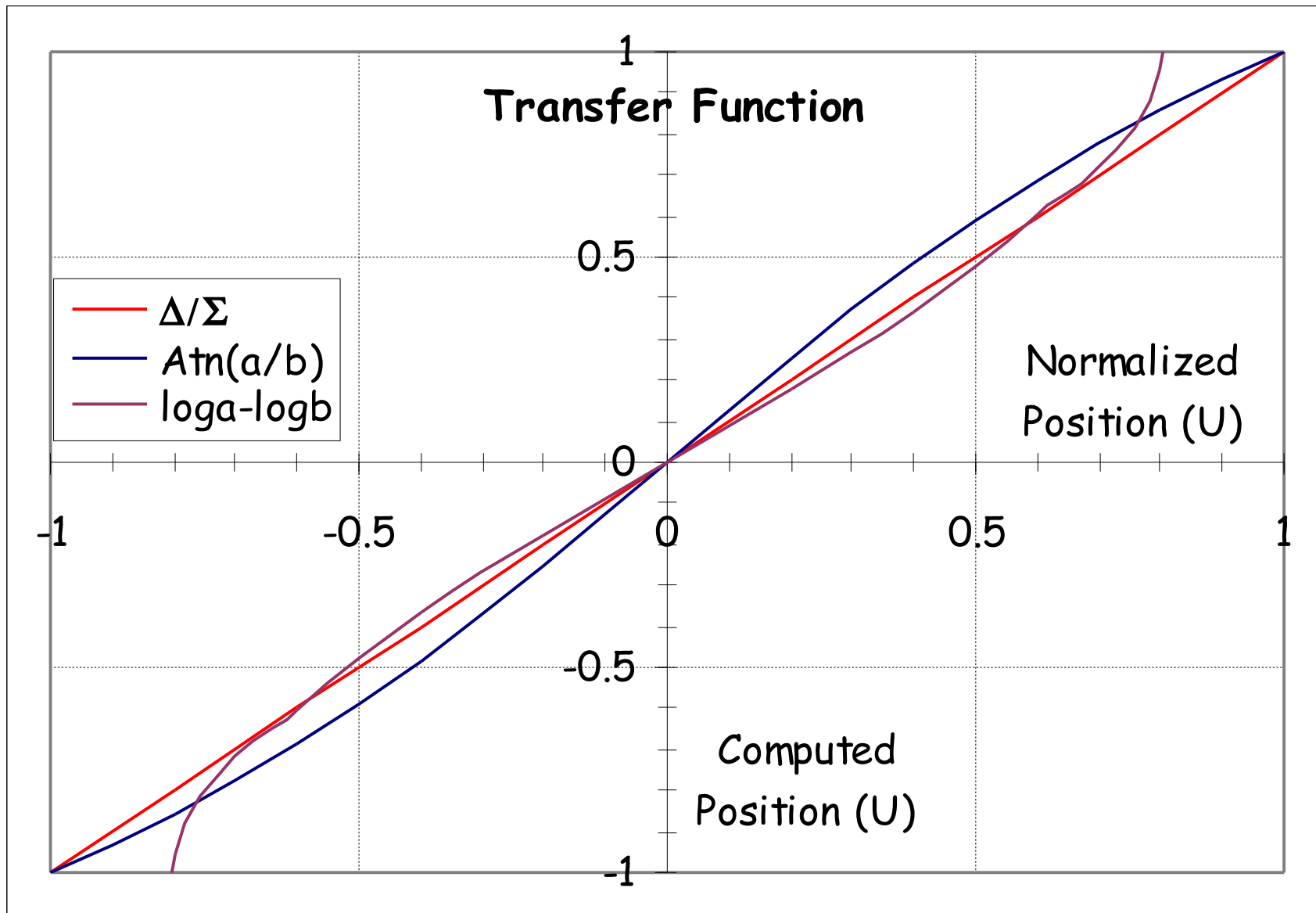
- Accuracy
  - mechanical and electromagnetic errors
  - electronic components
- Resolution
- Stability over time
- Sensitivity and Dynamic Range
- Acquisition Time
  - measurement time
  - repetition time
- Linearity
  - aperture & intensity
- Radiation tolerance

# Analog Front-End Electronics Processing Families

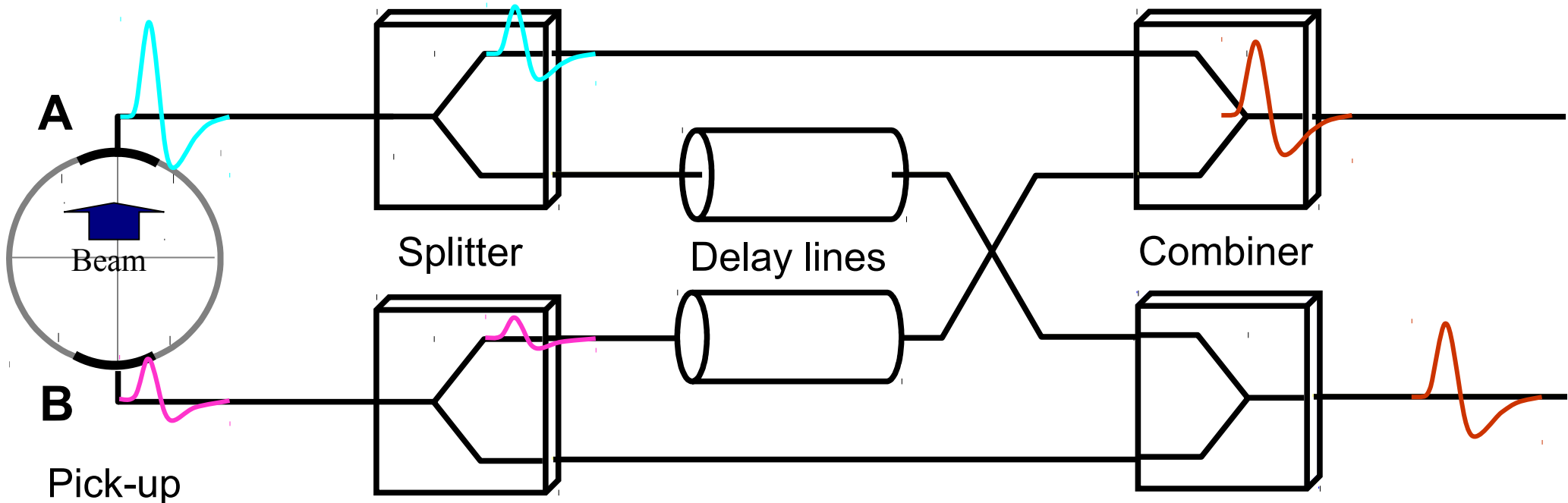
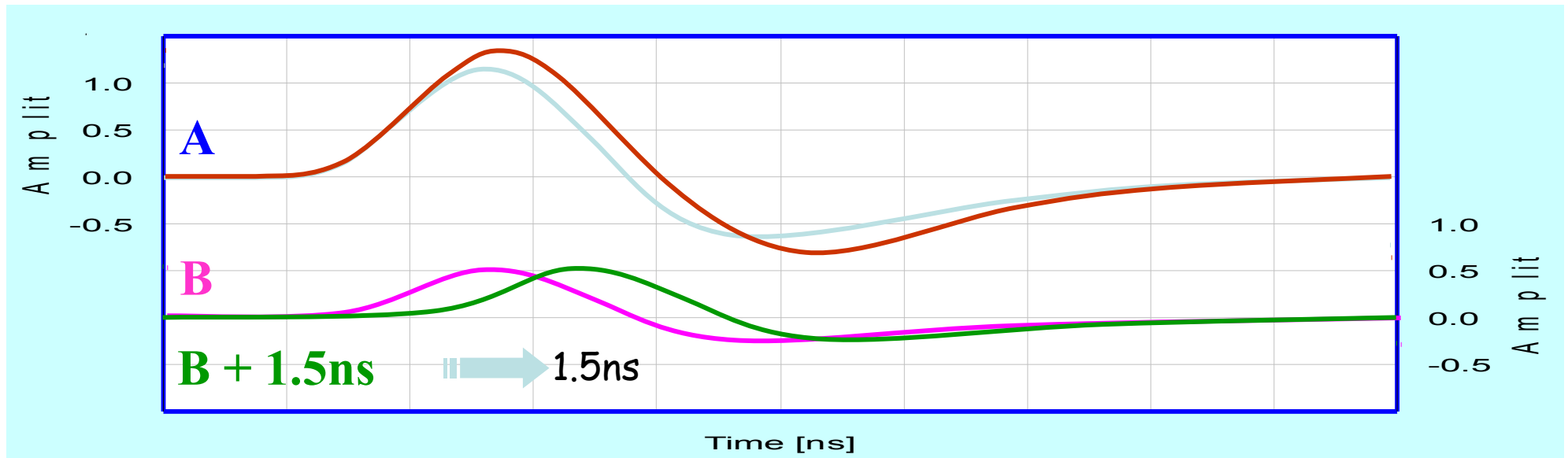




# Linearity Comparison



# Amplitude to Time Normalisation



# BPM Acquisition Electronics

## Amplitude to Time Normaliser

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### Advantages

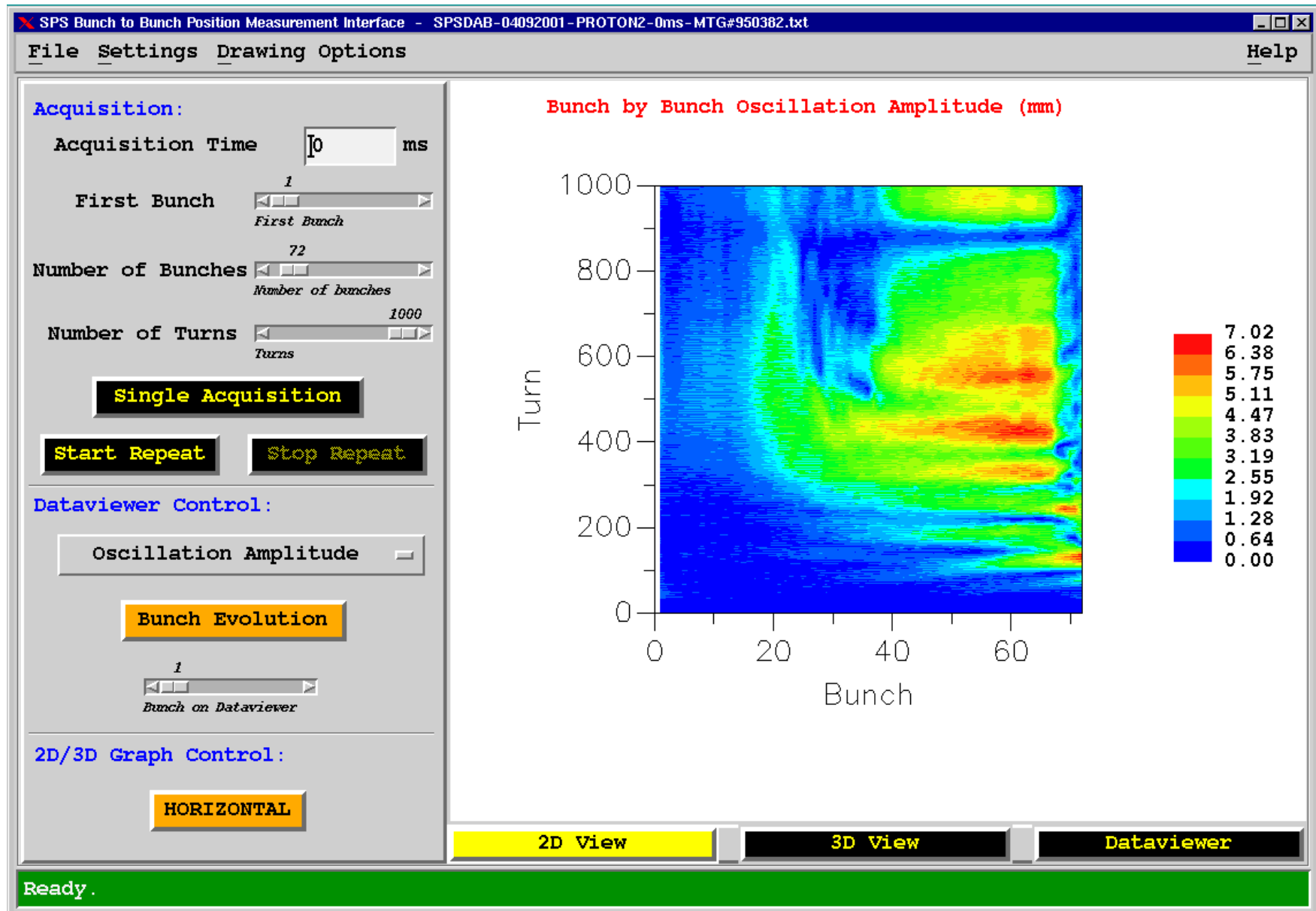
- Fast normalisation (< 25ns)
  - bunch to bunch measurement
- Signal dynamic independent of the number of bunches
  - Input dynamic range ~45 dB
  - No need for gain selection
- Reduced number of channels
  - normalisation at the front-end
- ~10 dB compression of the position dynamic due to the recombination of signals
- Independent of external timing
- Time encoding allows fibre optic transmission to be used

### Limitations

- Currently reserved for beams with empty RF buckets between bunches e.g.
- LHC 400MHz RF but 25ns spacing
  - 1 bunch every 10 buckets filled
  - tight time adjustment required
- No Intensity information
- Propagation delay stability and switching time uncertainty are the limiting performance factors

# What one can do with such a System

Used in the CERN-SPS and LHC for electron cloud & instability studies



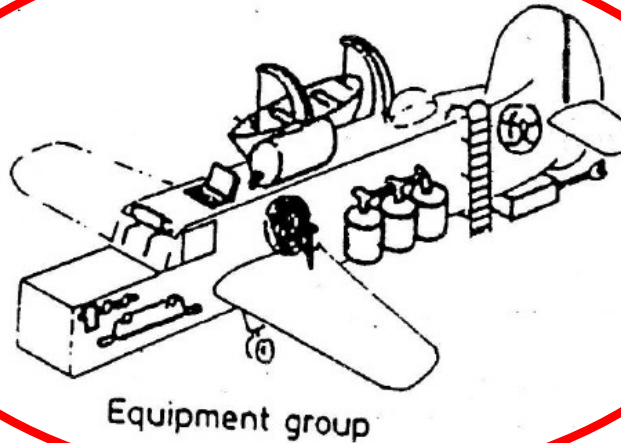
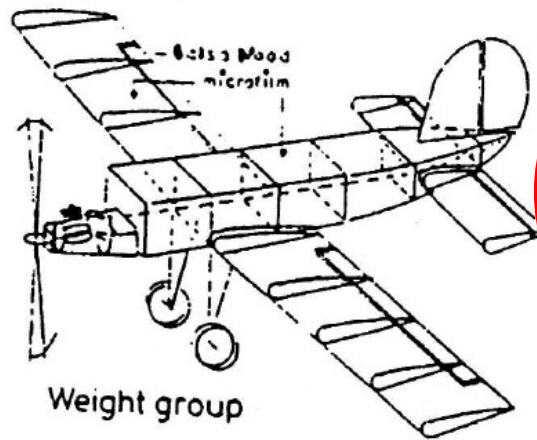
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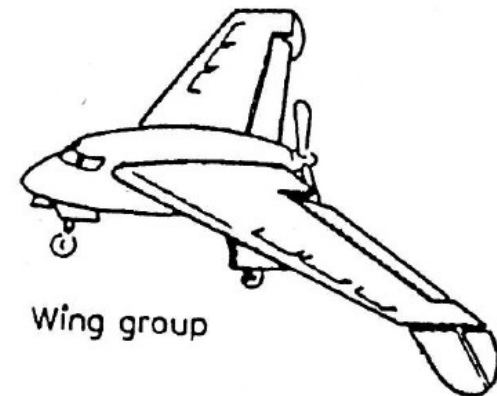
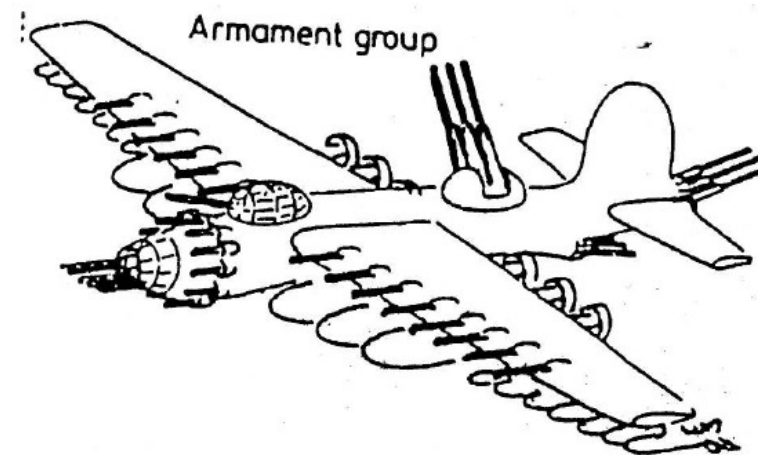
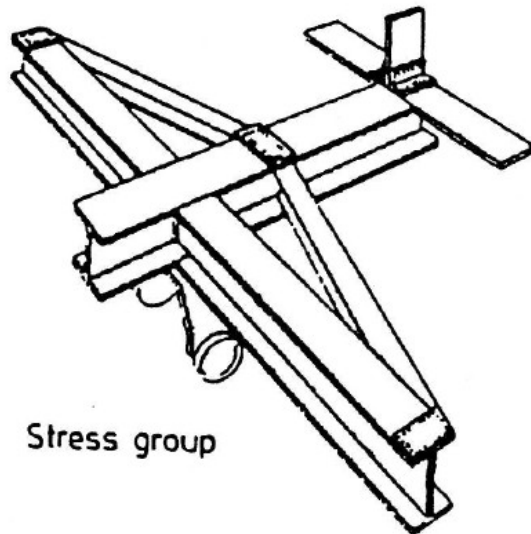
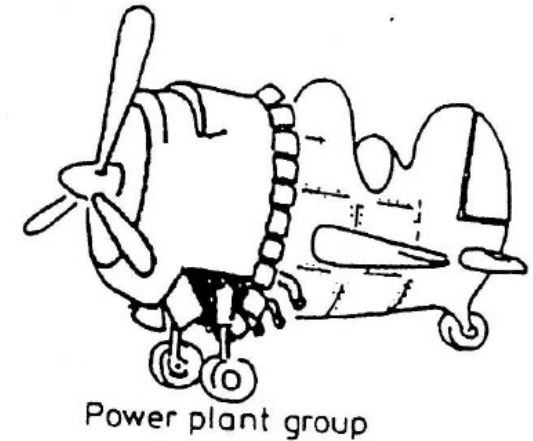
- Beam instrumentation are the 'eyes and ears' of accelerators.
- Part I: electro-magnetic pick-ups
  - Beam intensities: Faraday-Cup, Fast-BCT, DC-BCT, WCM
  - Beam position: position and long. profile: Button-, Strip-line-, and Cavities
- Part II: beam loss and transverse beam profile → tomorrow
  - SEMs, wire scanner, OTR screens, luminescence, synch-light
  - Special ultra-fast devices: electro-optical sampling & streak-camera
  - Cherenkov fibre, Ionisation chamber, diodes, diamonds, scintillators
- An accelerator can never be better than the instruments measuring its performance!
  - Important skill to assess whether beam observations are 'new/known physics', 'instrumental', or to guide whether/how performance can be improved.



# Summary



## Instrumentation & Diagnostics



For a successful construction and operation of an accelerator,  
the understand and right balance of all disciplines is required!

# Additional Slides

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# Beam Position Measurement Principle

- Several BPM design possibilities:
  - wall-current, shoebox, button, strip-line, resonant Schottky pickups, ...

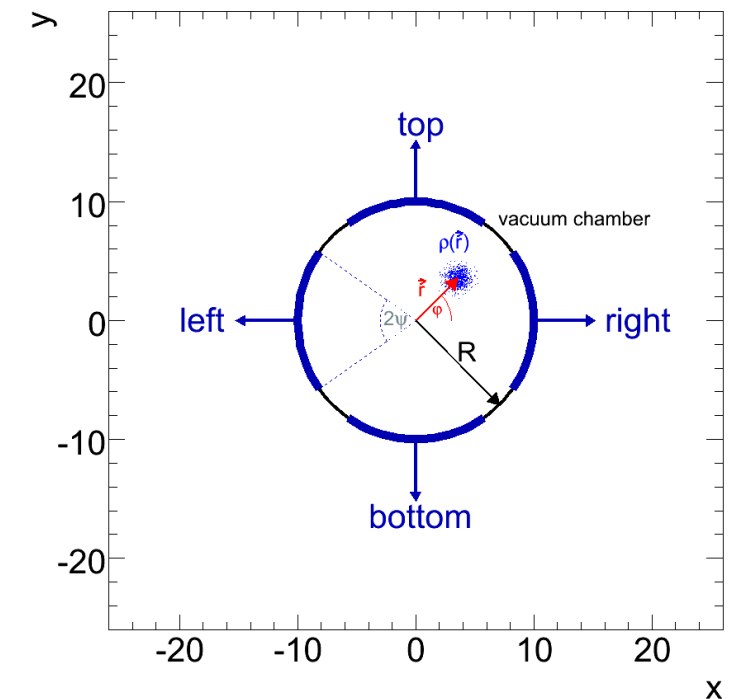
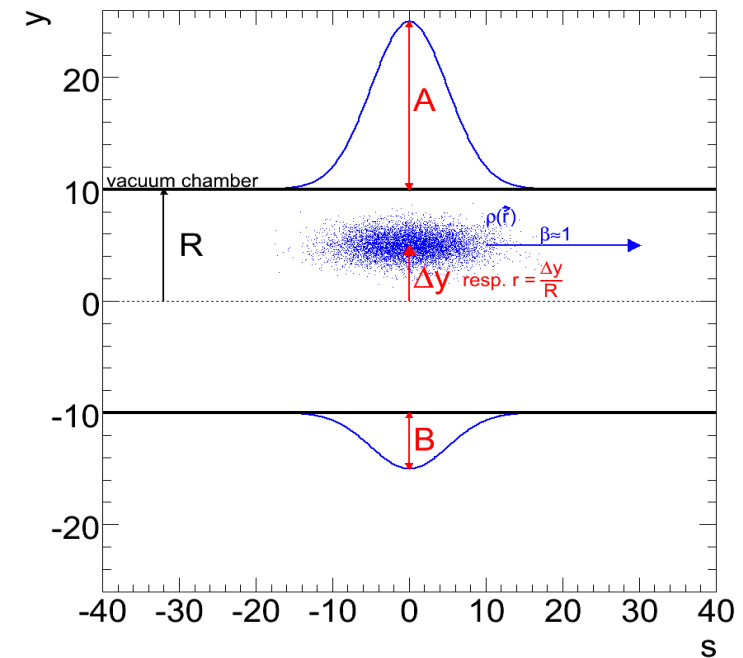
- Pick-up response<sup>1</sup>:

$$I_{L/R}(t) = \frac{I_{\omega}(t)}{2\pi} \left[ 2\psi \mp 2\frac{x}{R} \sin(\psi) + \frac{x^2 - y^2}{R^2} \sin(2\psi) + h.o. \right]$$

longitudinal  
beam signal

transverse  
beam signal

- Real-life signal is further convoluted with pickup and acq electronics response<sup>2,3</sup>!  
 → good resource: CAS'08 on Beam Diagnostics  
<http://cas.web.cern.ch/cas/France-2008/Dourdan-after.html>



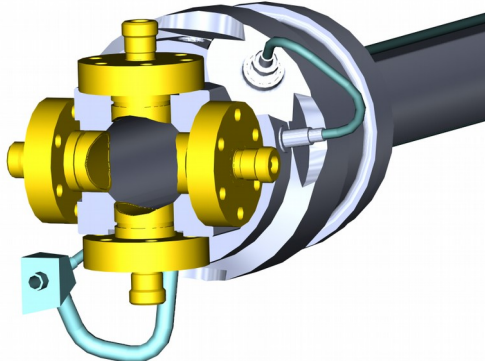
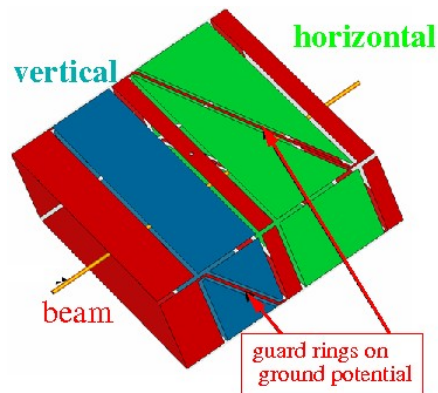
<sup>1</sup>R. Littauer, "Beam Instrumentation", SLAC Summer School, 1982. (p.902)

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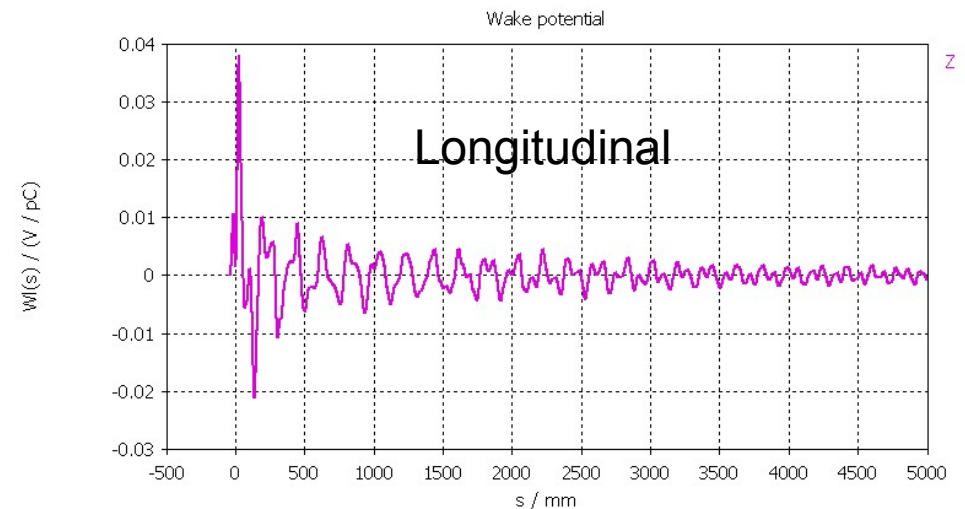
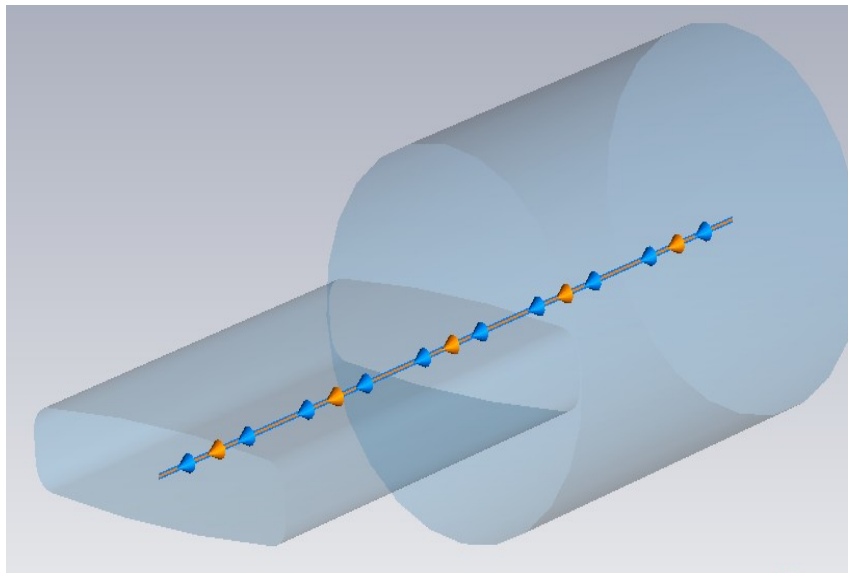
<sup>3</sup>G. Vismara, "Signal Processing for Beam Position Monitors", CERN-SL-2000-056-BI

# Comparison Shoe-Box and Button BPM

	Shoe-Box BPM	Button BPM
<b>Precaution</b>	Bunches longer than BPM	Bunch length comparable to BPM
<b>BPM length (typical)</b>	10 to 20 cm length per plane	Ø1 to 5 cm per button
<b>Shape</b>	Rectangular or cut cylinder	Orthogonal or planar orientation
<b>Bandwidth (typical)</b>	0.1 to 100 MHz	100 MHz to 5 GHz
<b>Coupling</b>	1 M $\Omega$ or $\approx$ 1 k $\Omega$ (transformer)	50 $\Omega$
<b>Cutoff frequency (typical)</b>	0.01... 10 MHz ( $C=30\ldots 100\text{pF}$ )	0.3... 1 GHz ( $C=2\ldots 10\text{pF}$ )
<b>Linearity</b>	Very good, no x-y coupling	Non-linear, x-y coupling
<b>Sensitivity</b>	Good, care: plate cross talk	Good, care: signal matching
<b>Usage</b>	At proton synchrotrons, $f_{rf} < 10$ MHz	All electron acc., proton Linacs, $f_{rf} > 100$ MHz

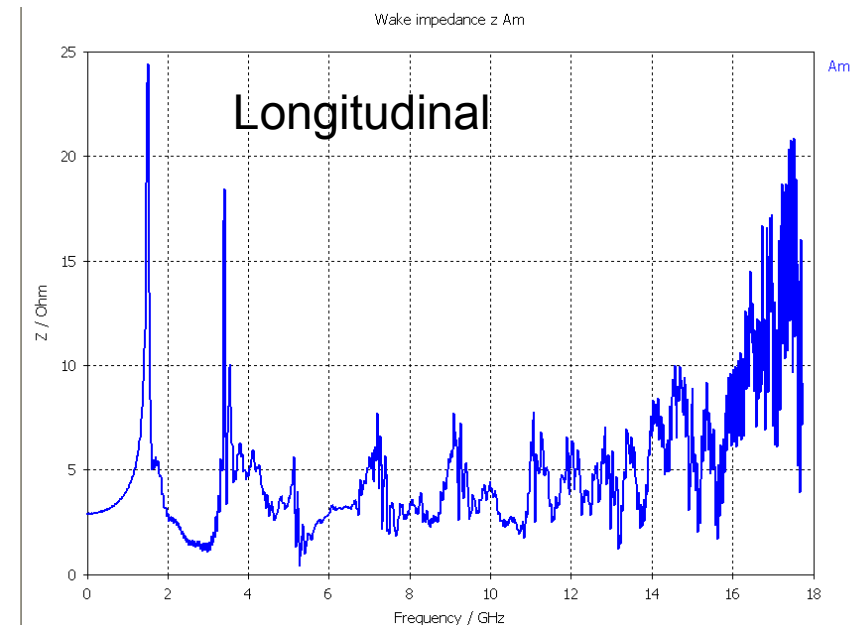


# Vacuum Transitions – Simulation



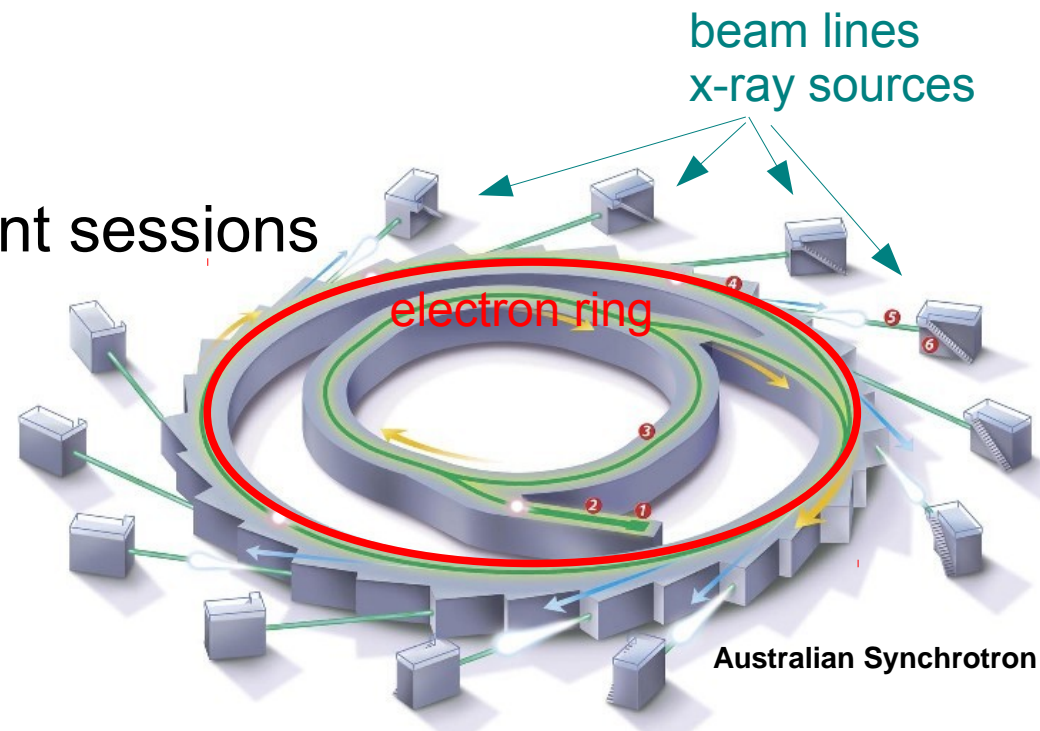
Longitudinal

$f$	$R$	$Q$	$R/Q$
1.5 GHz	31 M $\Omega$	3200	960 $\Omega$



# Different uses of Beam Diagnostics

- Regular crude checks of accelerator performance
  - Beam intensity → Faraday cups, current transformers, wall-current monitors
  - Beam losses/radiation levels
- Standard regular measurements
  - Emittance measurement
  - Beam position & trajectories
  - Tune & Chromaticity
- Sophisticated measurements  
e.g. during machine development sessions
  - May require offline evaluation
  - May be less comfortable





# Example: Diagnostics Bench for the Commissioning of an RFQ

