

# RF Control (“LLRF”) Development Activities at Major Accelerator Sites

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# OUTLINE

- Brief Review of digital LLRF –
  - Essential functionalities,
  - Expected features from a modern system.
- Examples of successful implementations
  - SNS @ ORNL – first large-scale deployment in the nation,
  - SPX @ ANL – the state of art DSP implementation
- LLRF activities over the world (LLRF'15 Workshop samples)
  - DESY, PSI, CERN, etc.

..... If time allows

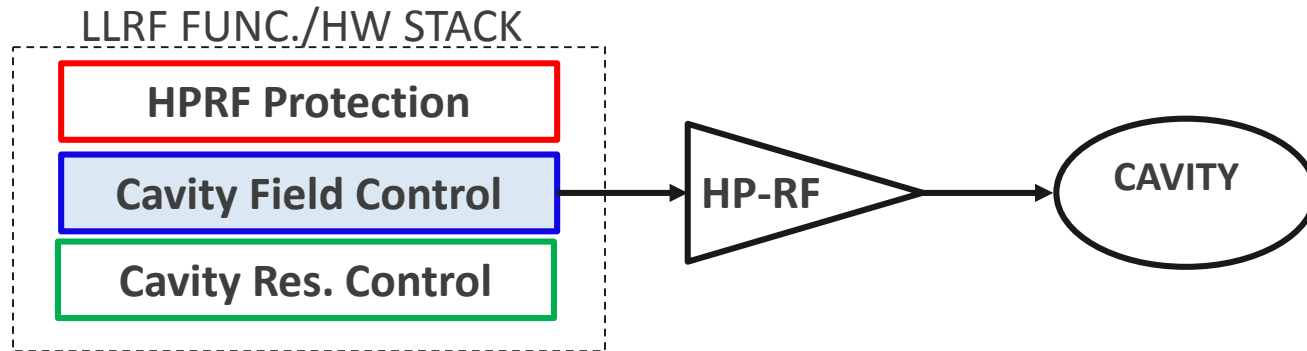
- Commercial solutions
- Issues in LLRF Development



# What do we expect from a LLRF ? Essential Functions

## ■ Traditional list

1. Cavity Field Control (“rf loops”) – fighting against all perturbations
2. Cavity Resonance Control (“frequency loops”) – Tuner cntl./SEL
3. Interlocks (“exception handling”)

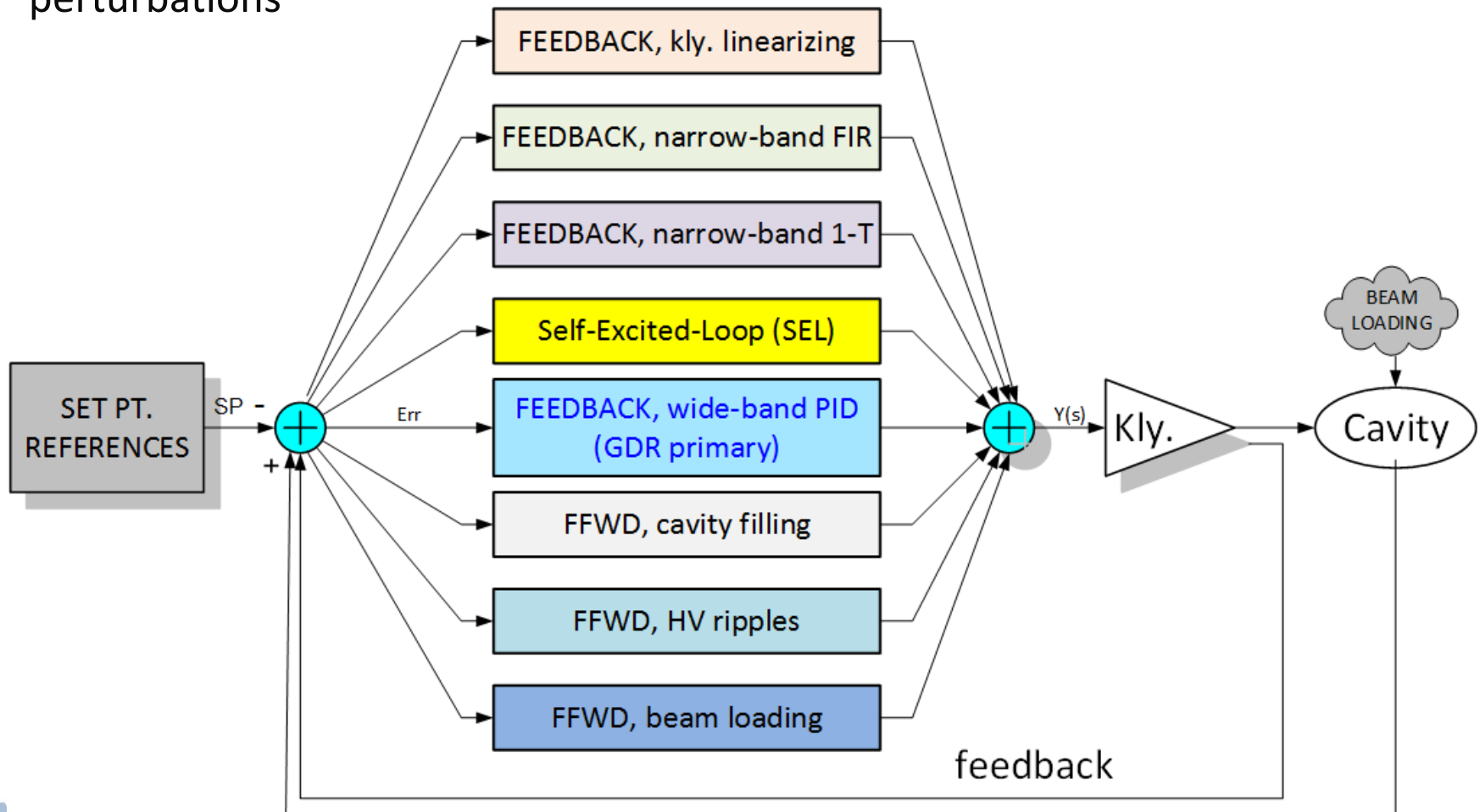


## ■ Modern additions

1. **Data** streaming (LLRF as rf data source, -> fast bus/network)
2. **Data** timestamping (-> embedded EVR)
3. Built-in System diagnosis (essential & possible now)
4. Built-in System calibration (necessary for today’s rf specs)

# Cavity Field Controller - a collection of Loops & Paths

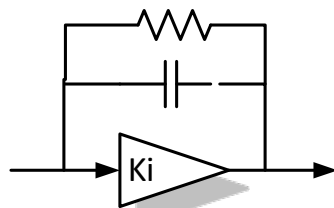
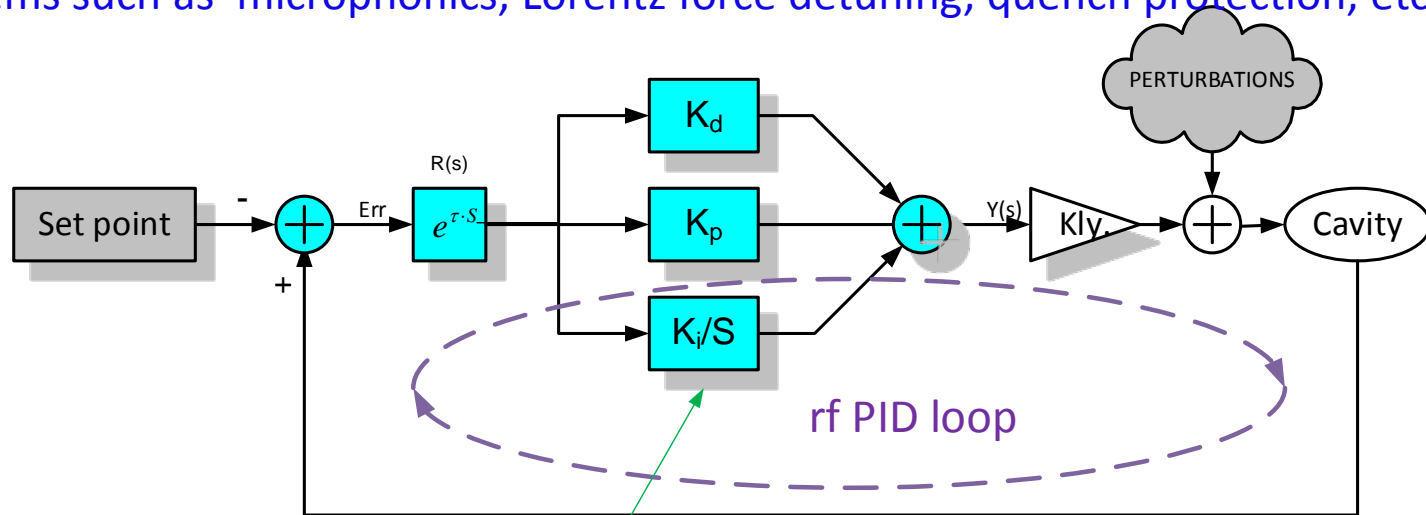
- Two basic control categories: Feedback vs. Feed Forward (FFWD)
  - Feedback control is a REACTIVE ACTION -> requires no prior knowledge; delayed correction
  - Feed forward control is a PREEMPTIVE ACTION -> based on prior knowledge, no delay.
- Every Control block is specially designed to suppress specific types of perturbations





# LLRF control toolkit: 1. fast cavity rf feedback loop

- Targets: RANDOM, RAPID, SMALL perturbations in rf, still the center-piece of a LLRF
- Method: wide-band, plain PID loop -> A REACTIVE ACTION (vs. preemptive FFWD)
- Usually needs feed forward to handle large dynamic range control
- Digital implementation is practically required for SRF applications due to special problems such as microphonics, Lorentz force detuning, quench protection, etc.



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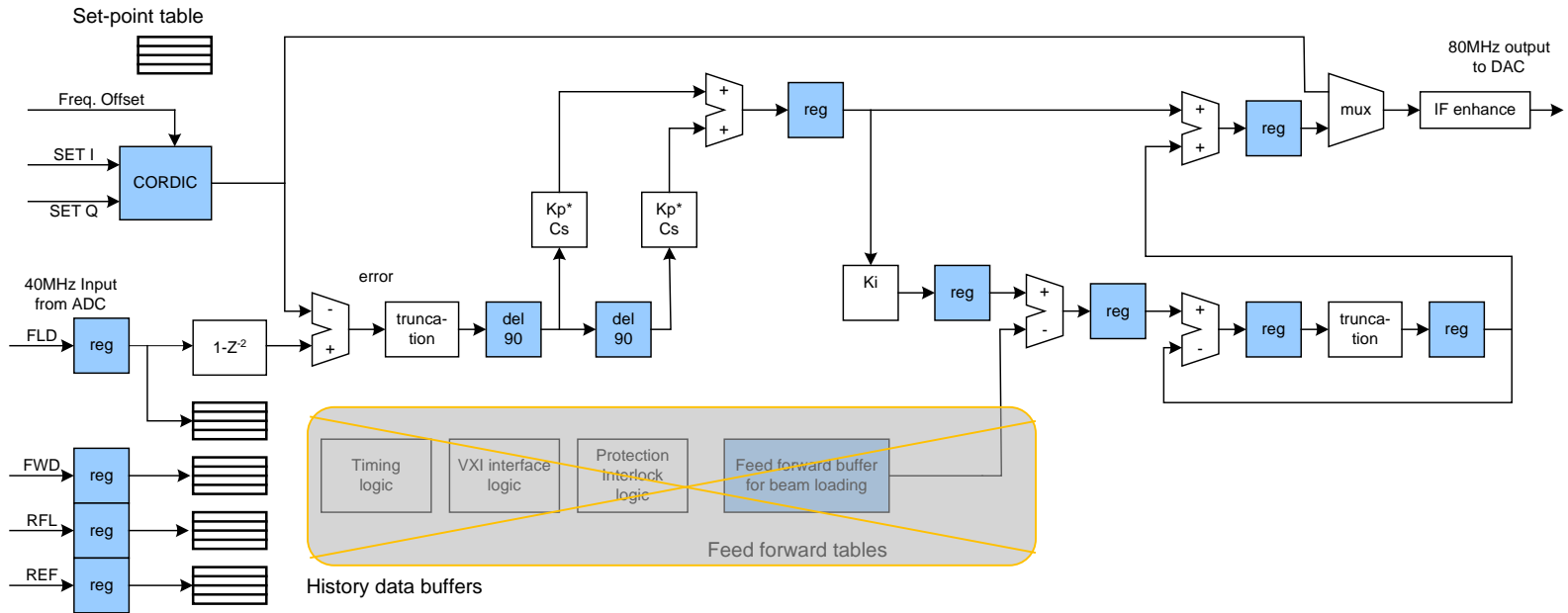
$$\frac{C_{pid}(s)}{E(s)} = K_p + K_i \frac{1}{s} + K_d s$$

- Proportional control term  $K_d$  alone can only provide a "TYPE-0" control -> always has residual steady-state error
- Integral control term  $K_i$  creates a "TYPE-1" system -> reduces control error to ZERO
- Analog circuit cannot realize a TRUE integral term, therefore, control error remains. For NC cavities, that is just a matter of inconvenience, but for SC cavity application, it can be a real weakness.



# LLRF control toolkit : 1. fast cavity rf feedback loop (2)

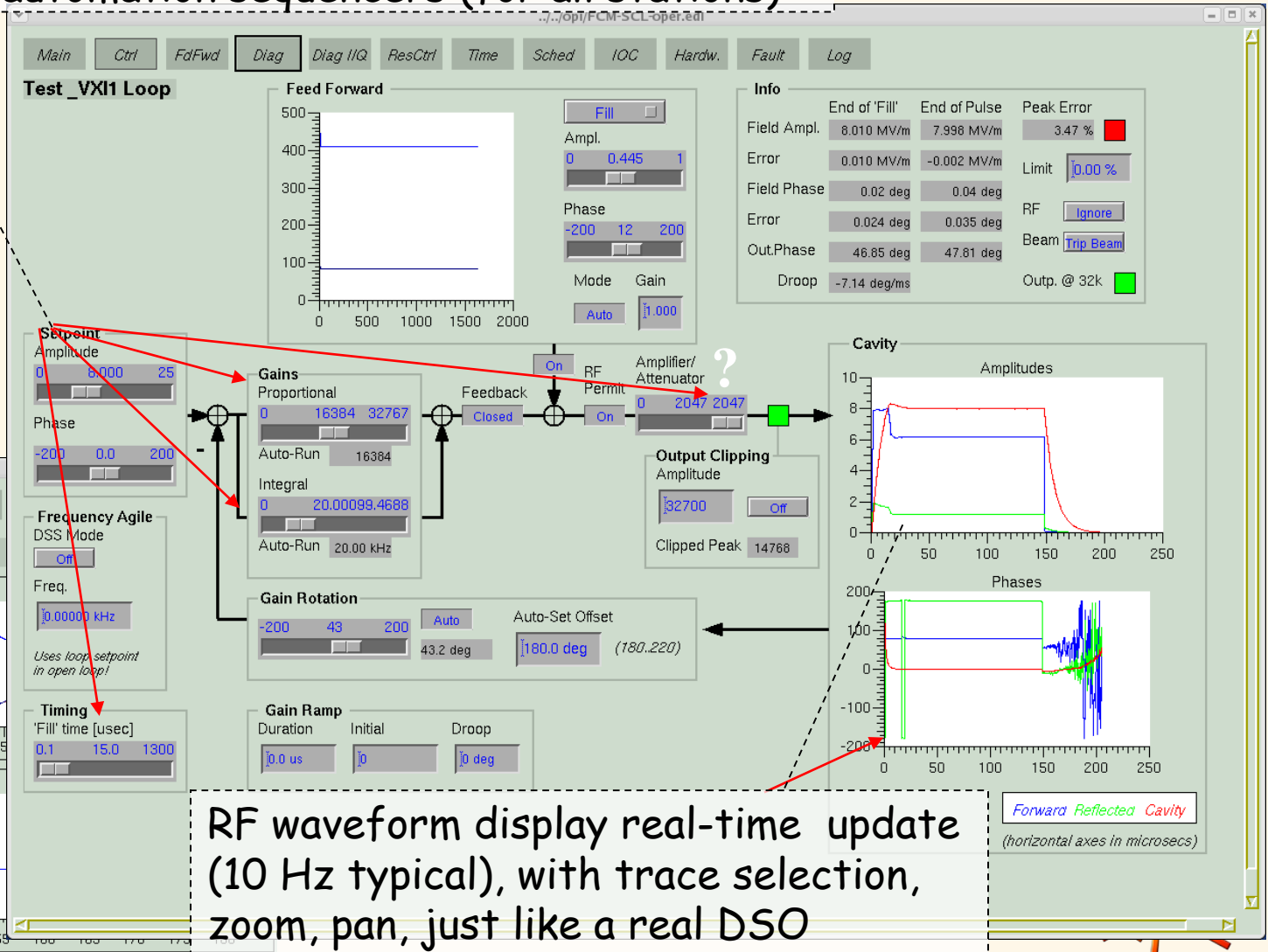
- Actual data processing flow in FPGA (SNS implementation) – serialized data path for “I” and “Q” results in a very efficient resource utilization.



# Examples of LLRF Control Screens in MCR (for each of all 96 LINAC RF stations)

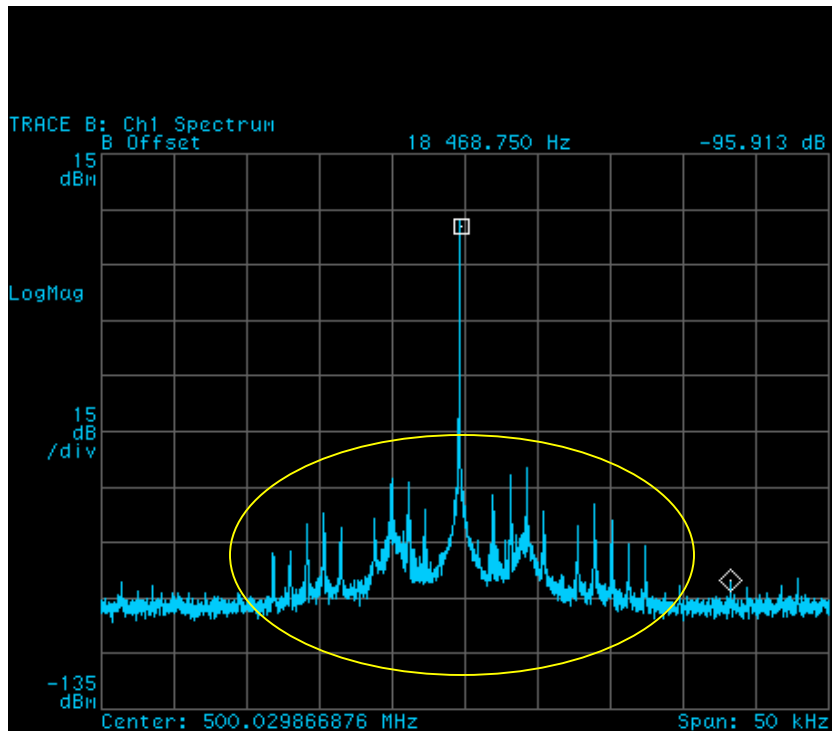
All control knobs can be operated either manually or automatically by automation sequencers (for all stations)

A real-time monitoring SC cavity condition

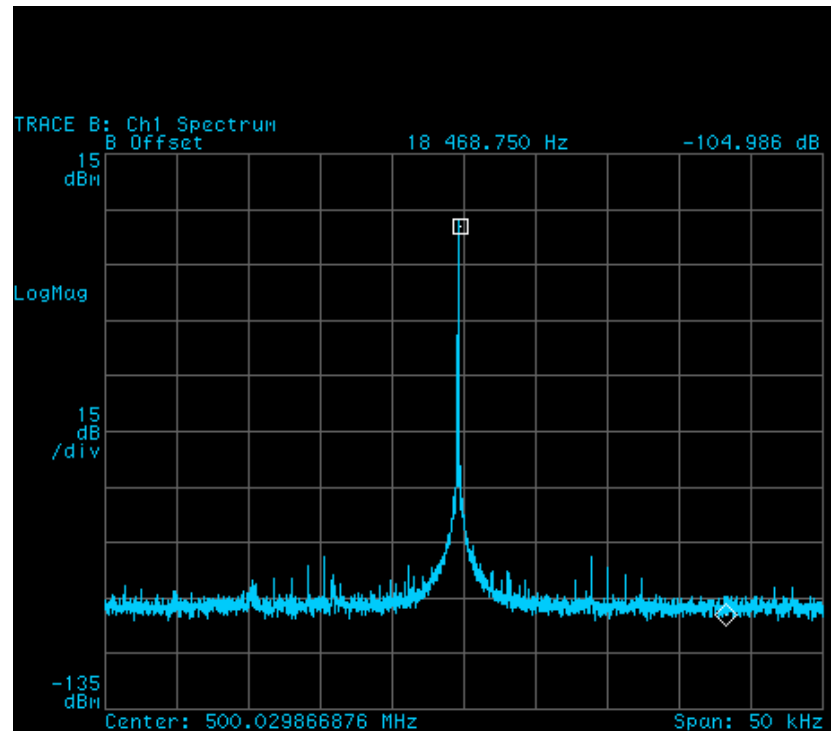


RF waveform display real-time update (10 Hz typical), with trace selection, zoom, pan, just like a real DSO

(Analog LLRF) **CLS Drive**



(Digital LLRF) **NSLSII Drive**

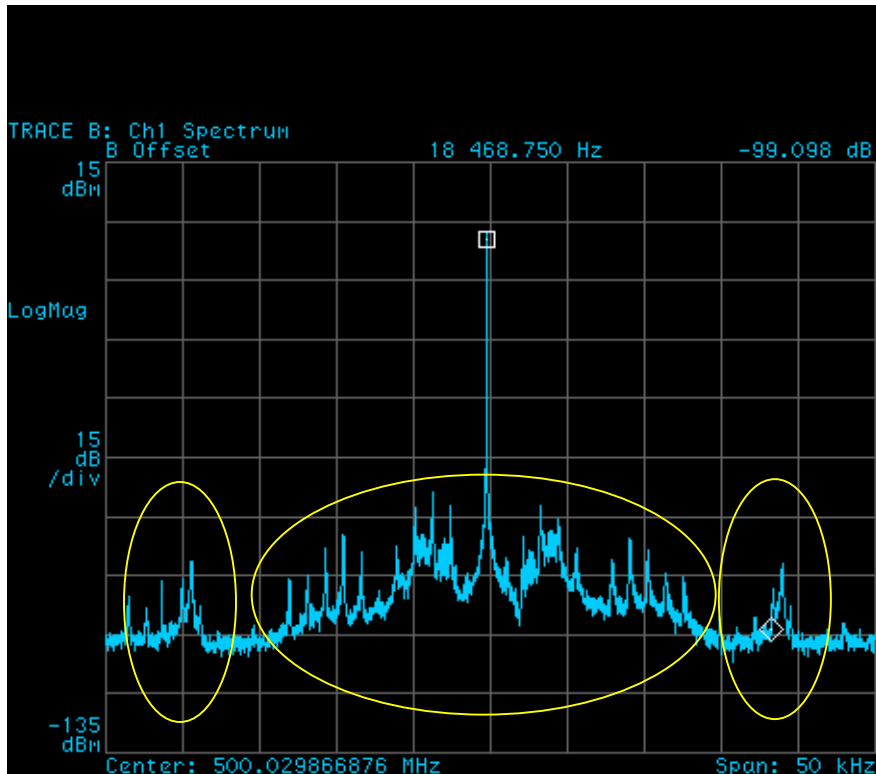


SC cavity field spectrum verified with an independent spectrum analyzer

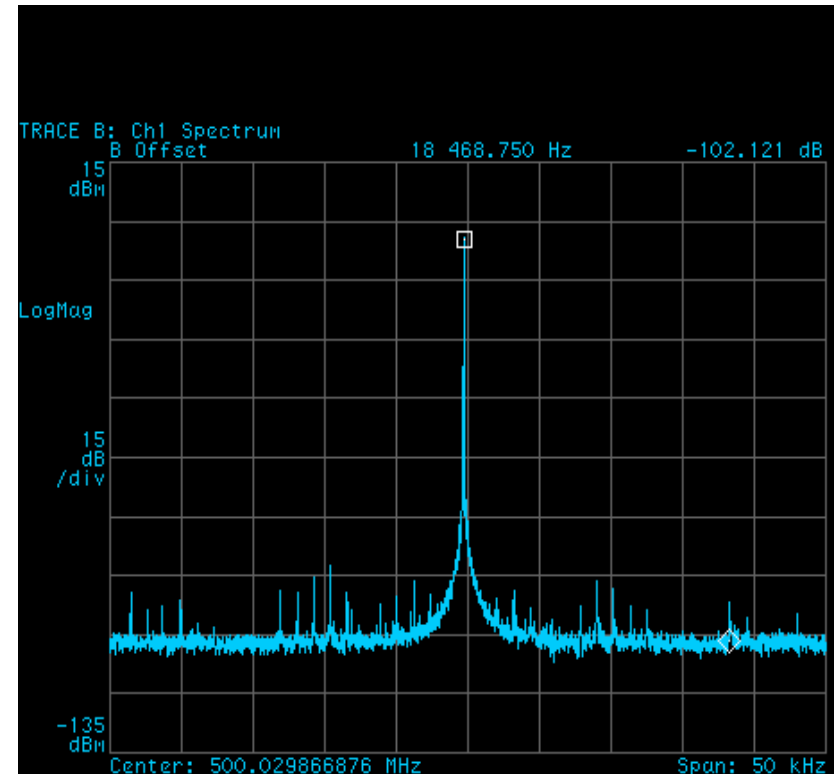
# 250mA @ 2.9 GeV

## Analog LLRF vs. Digital LLRF

### CLS Drive



### NSLSII Drive



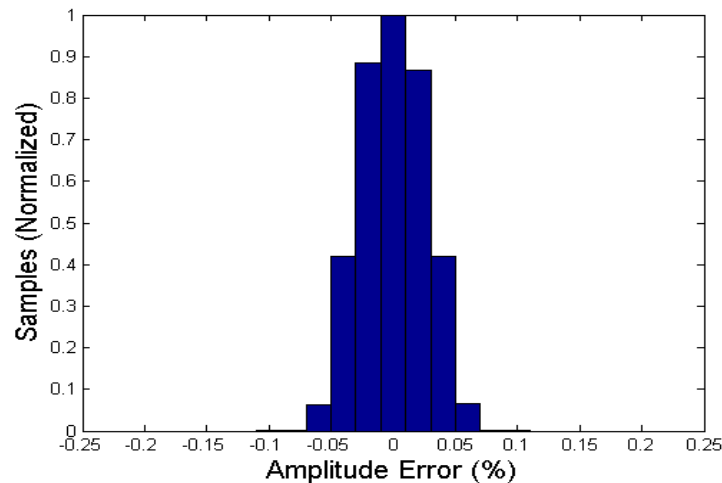
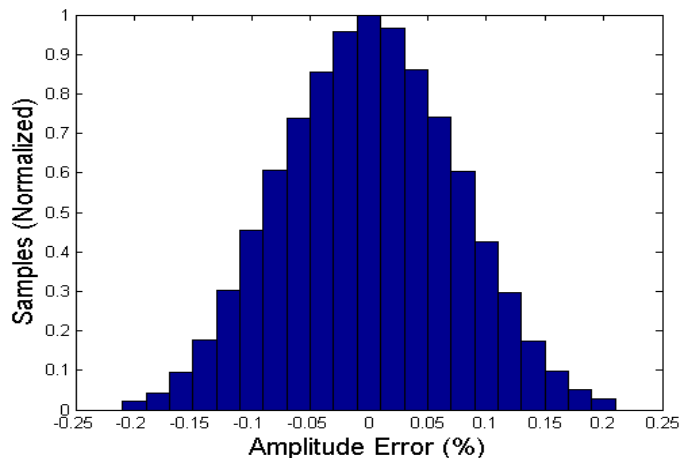
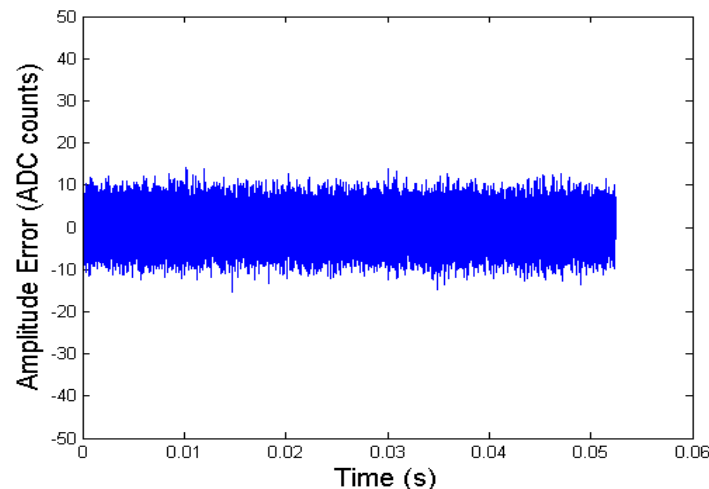
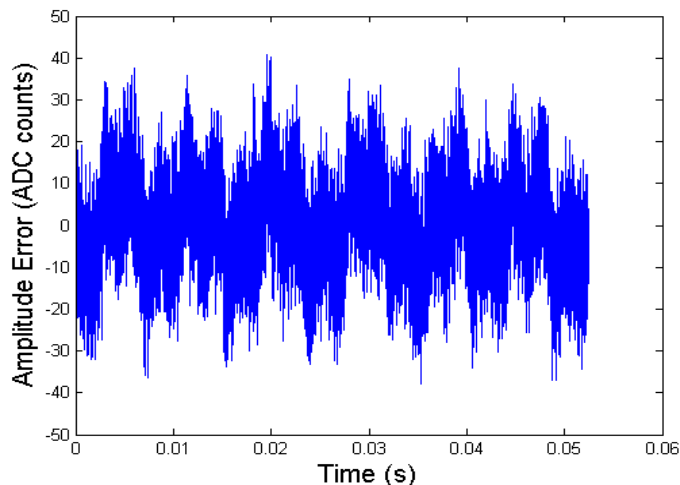
After the LLRF loop phase setting is adjusted to compensate the klystron phase, the synchrotron oscillation stopped, and the LLRF control returned to normal again

# Amplitude Stability with 250mA @ 2.9GeV

(in-loop measurement)

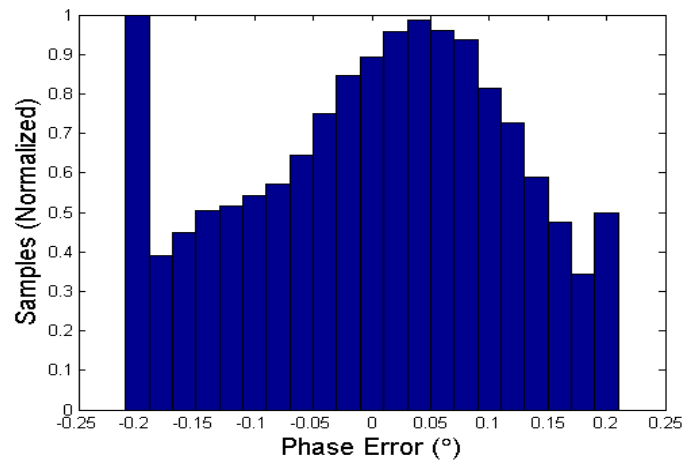
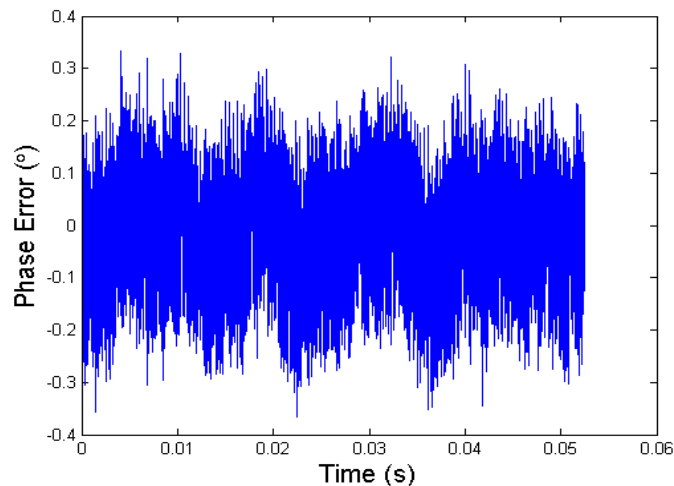
## CLS Drive (0.073% RMS)

## NSLSII Drive (0.026% RMS)

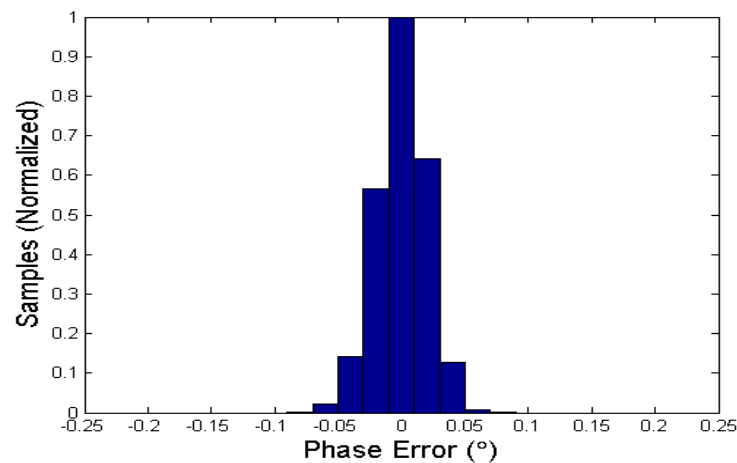
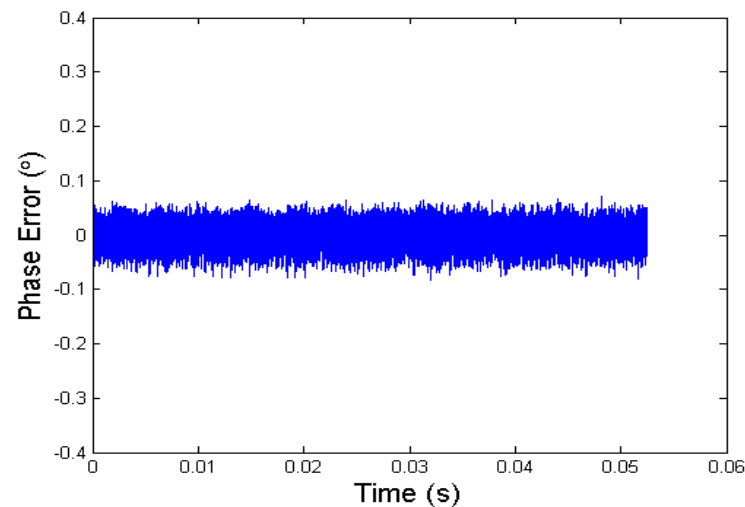


# Phase Stability with 250mA @ 2.9GeV

## CLS Drive ( $0.1171^\circ$ RMS)



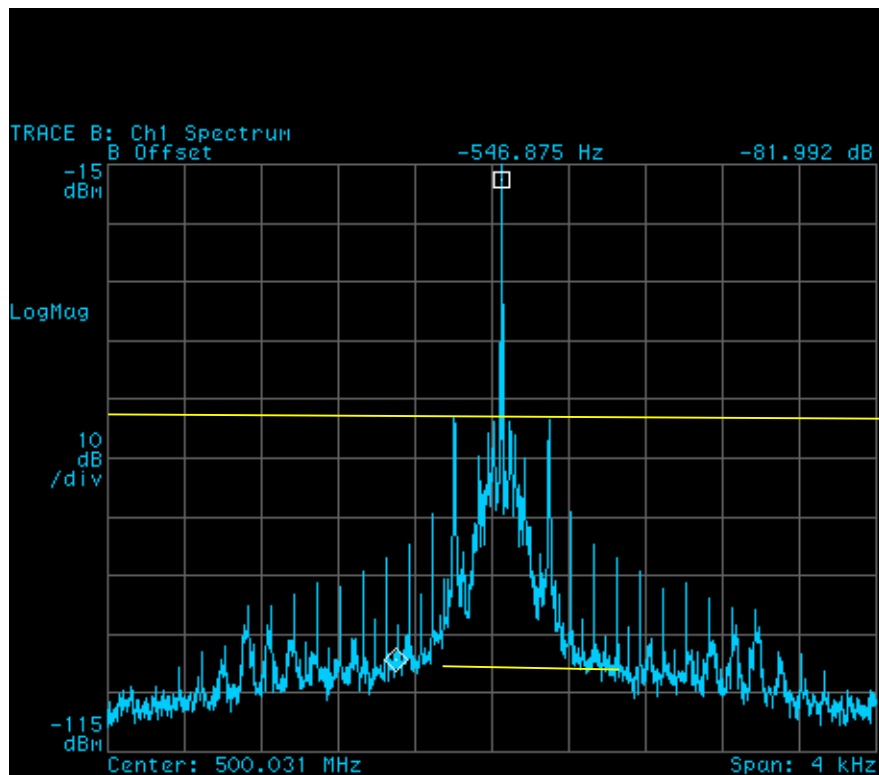
## NSLSII Drive ( $0.019^\circ$ RMS)



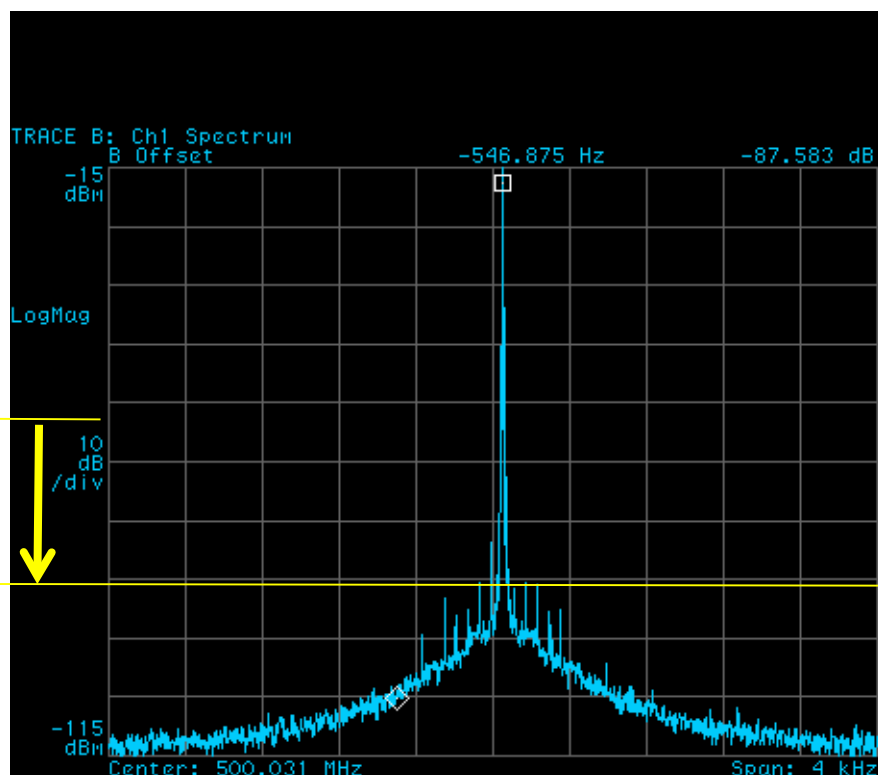


# NSLS2 LLRF field at @ Canadian Light Source (300kW SRF)

- The effectiveness of LLRF feedback loop in transmitter HV harmonic level reduction measurement – confirmed with HP VSA (4 kHz span view @ 72kW)



Cavity field: open-loop



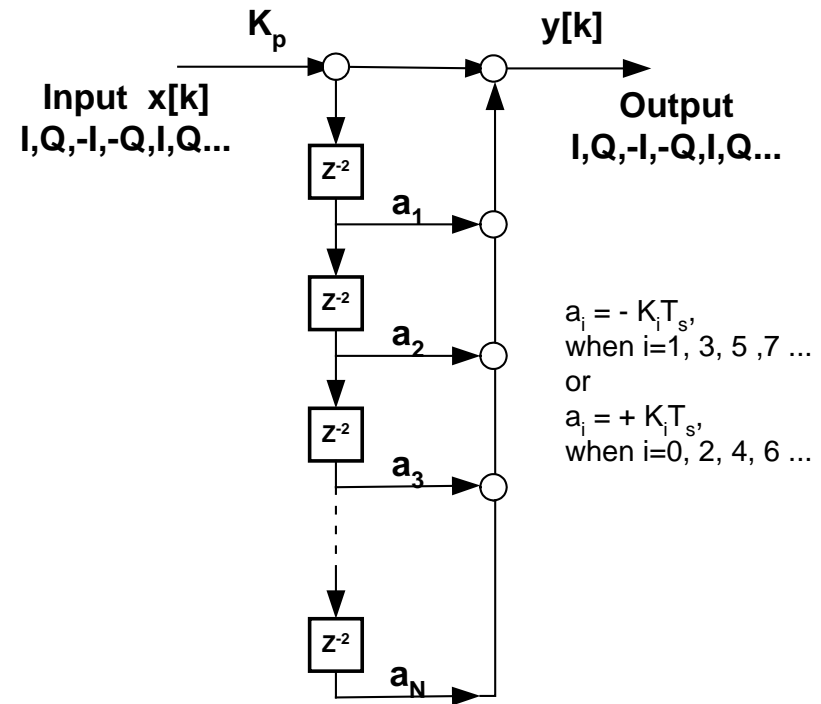
Cavity field: Closed-loop



# LLRF control toolkit: 2. Specialty feedback loops w/ FIR

(can be a farm of loops)

- Purposes – to reject/suppress certain frequency components of the targeted perturbations
- Method – tailor-shape the loop passband by inserting specially designed FIR filters in the loop.
- FIR Tap spacing can be as small as 2 sampling period ( $T_s$ ) as in the case of ADC noise rejection.
- Or it can be as large as one period of ring revolution as in 1-T delay feedback of circular machines.



*Positional P-I control in a general form*

$$\mathbf{G}_c(z) = \mathbf{K}_p \cdot \left( \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{K}_i T_s \sum_{n=0}^N a_n \cdot z^{-2n} \right)$$

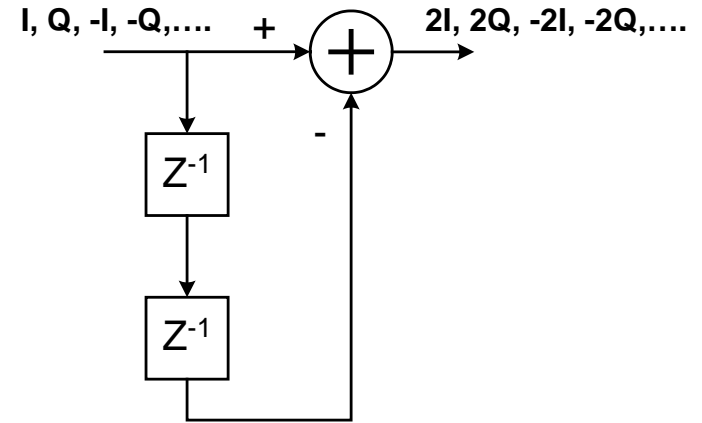
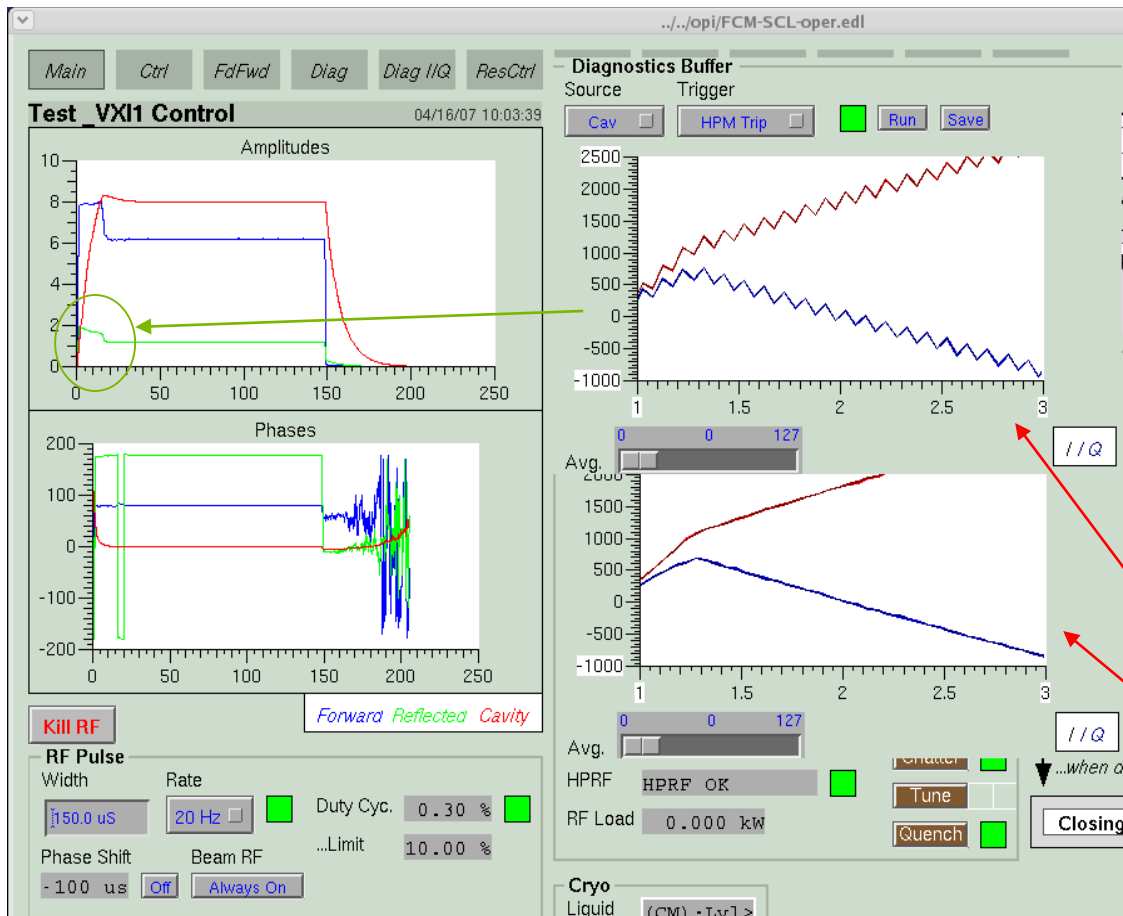


# LLRF control toolkit: 2. specialty feedback loop w/ FIR

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Application Example : SNS LINAC,  $F_s = 40\text{MHz}$

10MHz ADC "bouncing noise" rejection using a 1-tap FIR filter to create a notch at 10MHz in the passband.



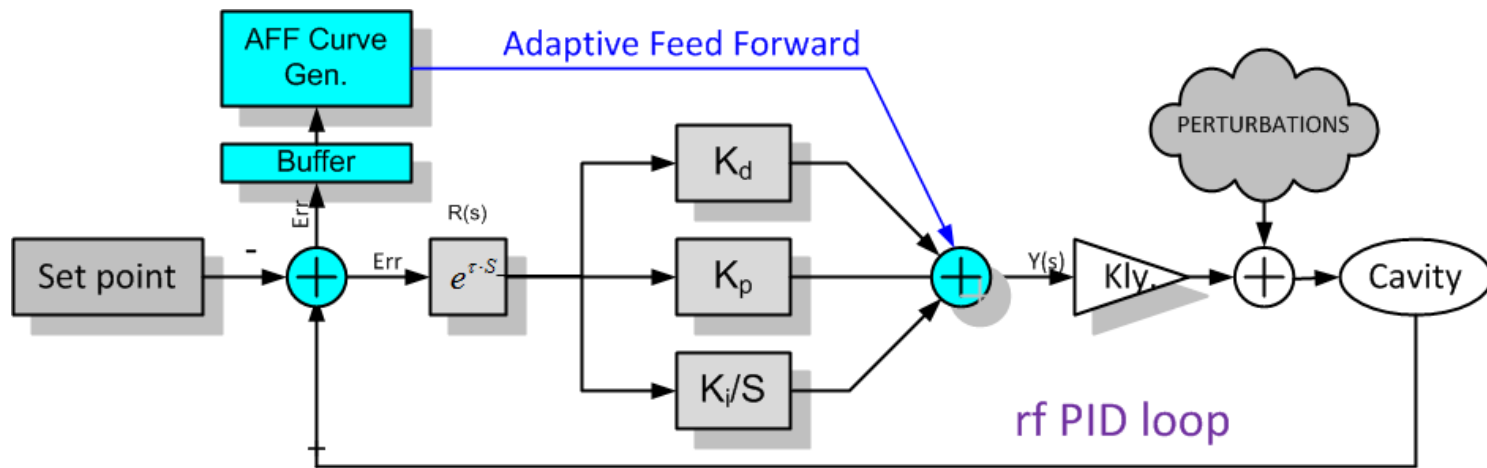
Raw ADC data with noise

After noise cancellation



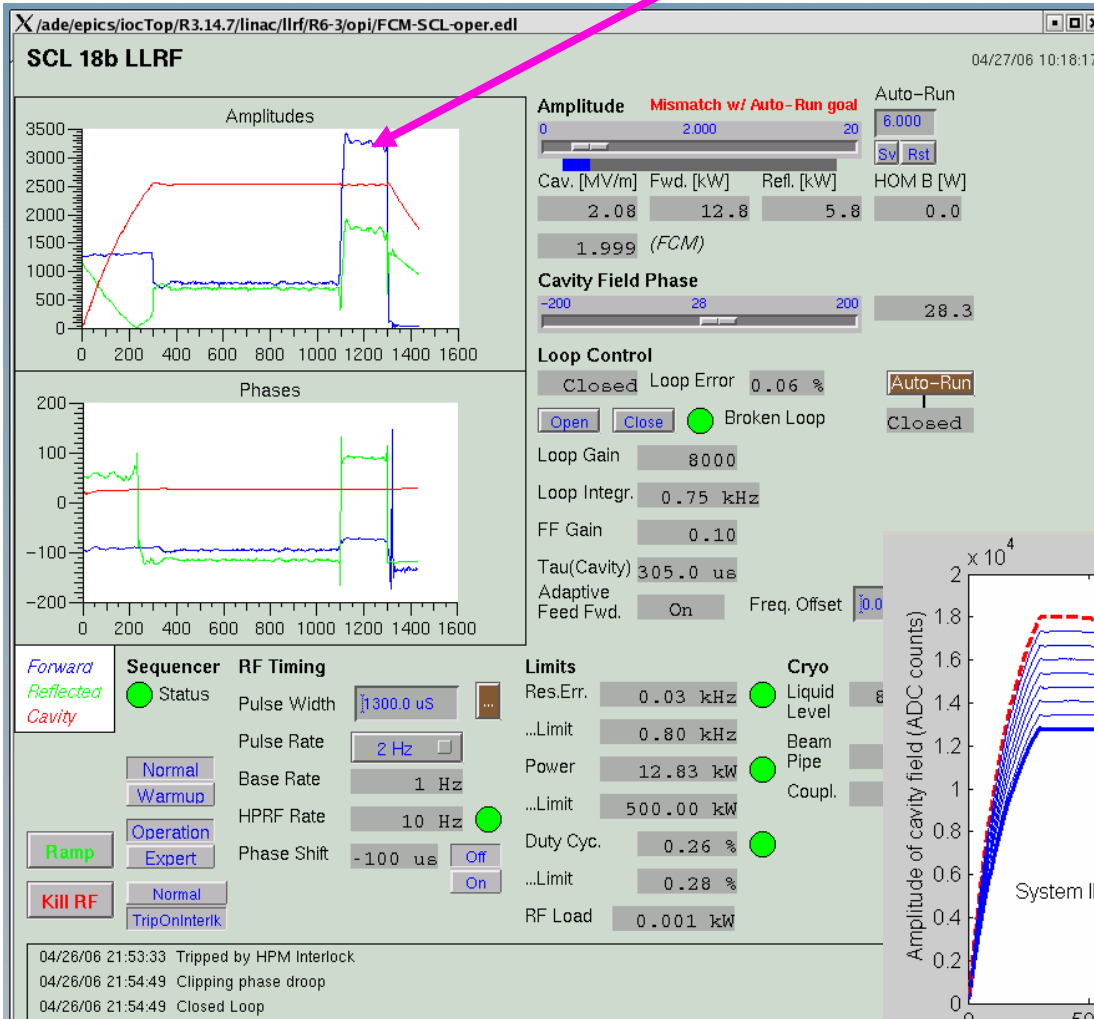
# LLRF control toolkit: 3. Adaptive Feed Forward (AFF)

- Purpose – To suppress repetitive (predictable) perturbing events ( we know about it before time).
- Method – Adding canceling component through Feed Forward path to the output, A PREEMPTIVE ACTION (vs. delay feedback action), no transient if timed well.
- Common uses – HV ripple cancellation; beam loading compensation

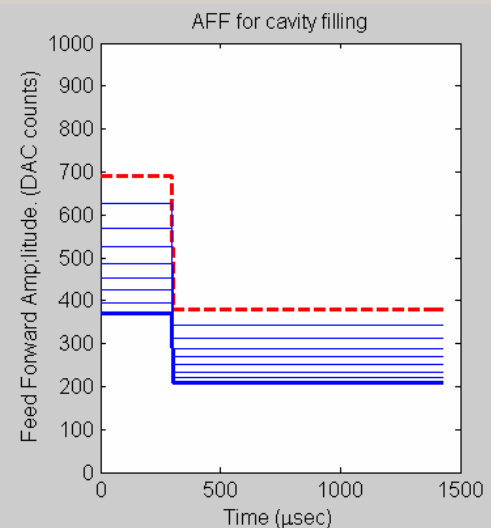
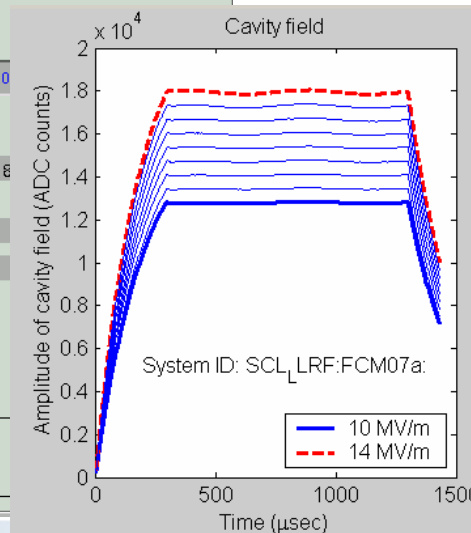
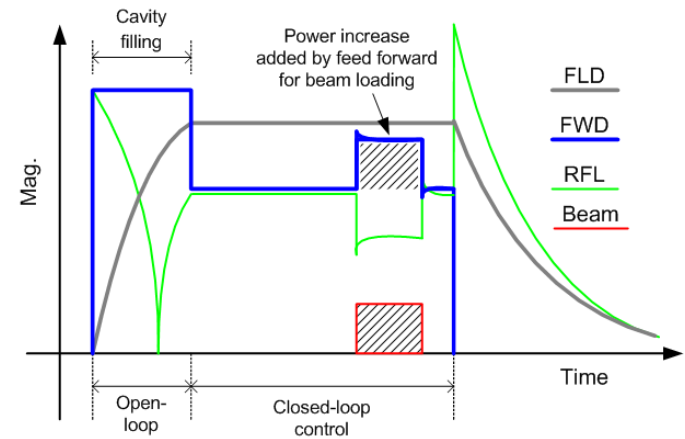


# LLRF control toolkit: 3. Addaptive Feed Forward (AFF) (continue)

Example: Cavity filling and heavy Beam-loading compensation in SNS LINAC where the beam current is 4 times of the rf current.



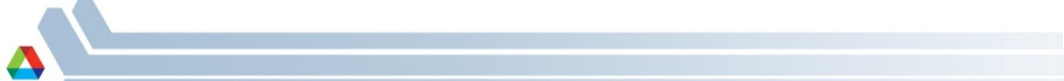
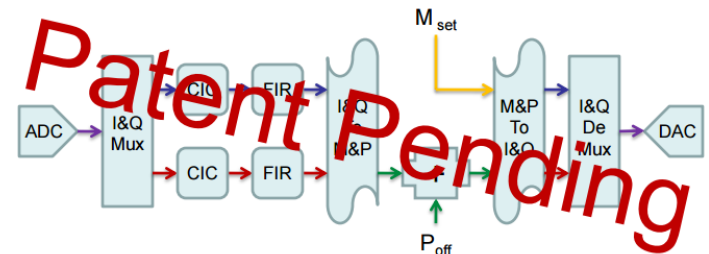
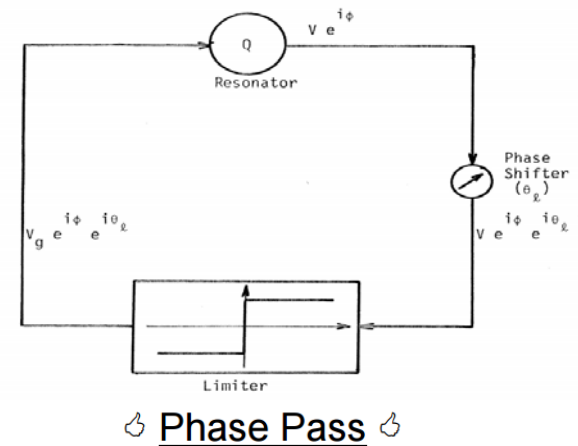
## Feed Forward Drive Pattern



# LLRF control toolkit: 4. Cavity Resonance Controls

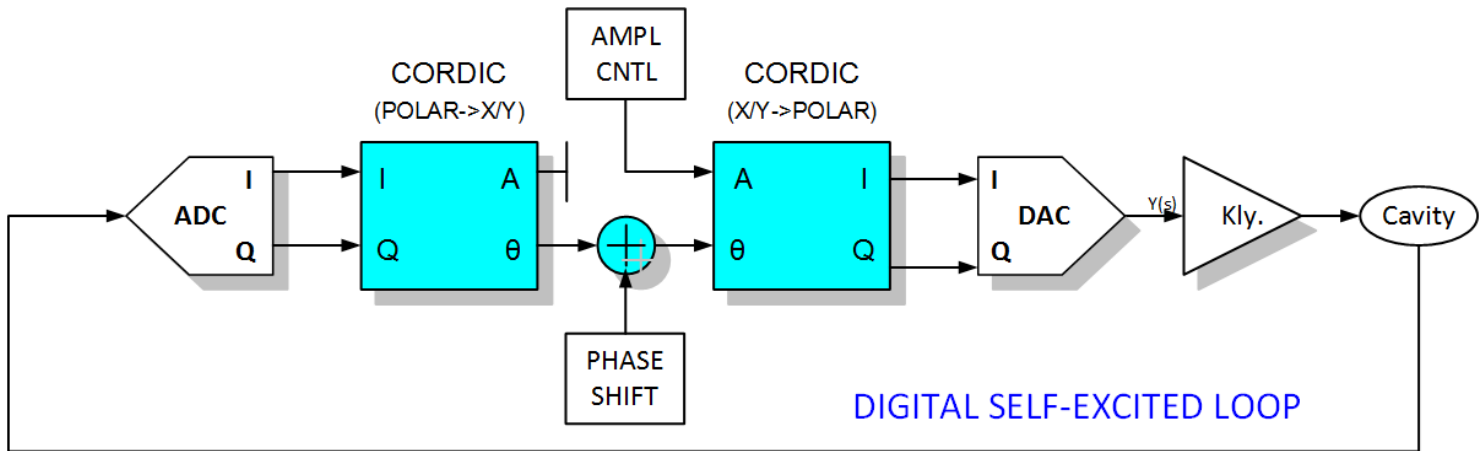
- Conventional Resonance Control: Slow tuner with availability of rf data from a digital LLRF, the tune motor control can be performed through a software loop by EPICS.
- A Special Resonance Control: Self-Excited Loop (SEL) to make rf generator frequency to follow the instantaneous resonance of the cavity. **Essential for SRF operation.**

- SEL Concept first proposed in 1978 (J. Delayen's Ph.D thesis, Caltech).
- A practical digital implementation based on a "phase-pass" scheme was developed by Jlab in 2008.
- Implemented and operated with HP SRF in SPX in 2012~13.
- LHC followed suit in 2015

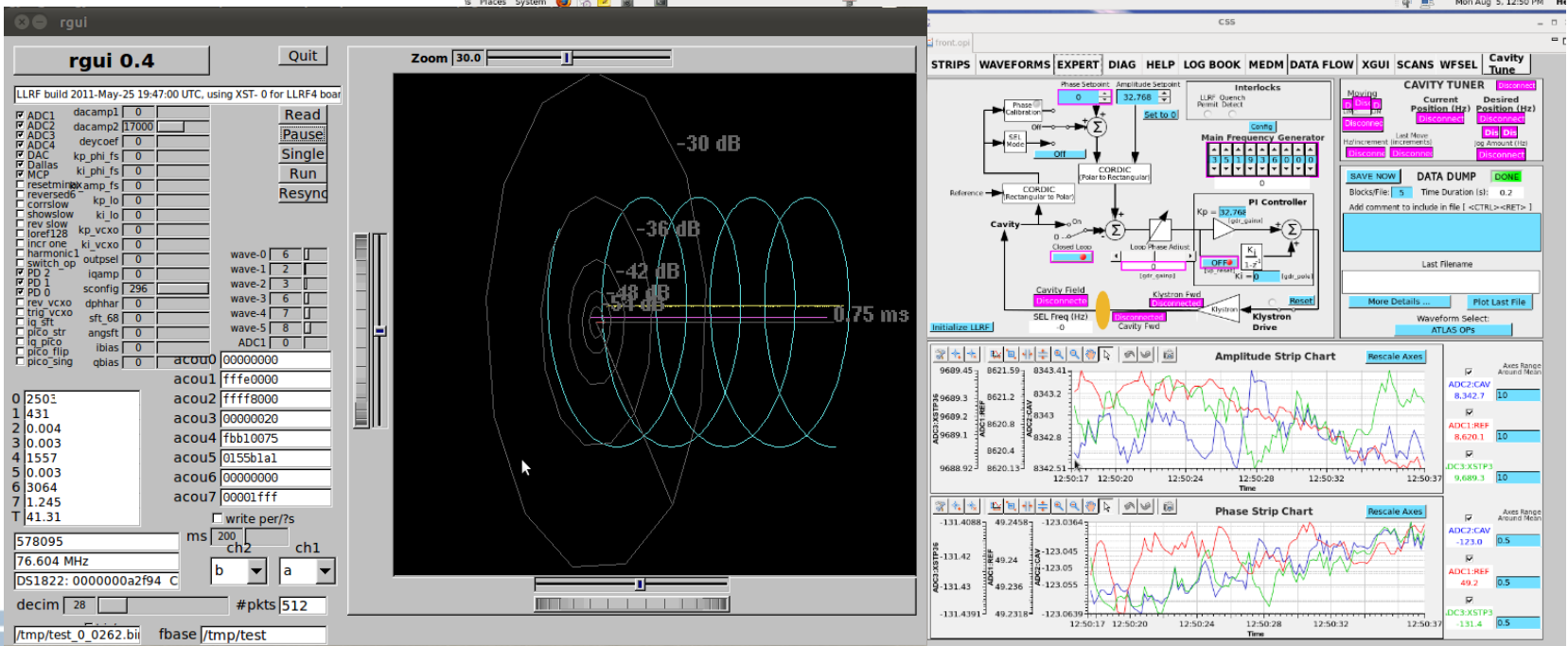


# LLRF control toolkit: 4. Digital Self-Excited Loop (SEL)

Secrete sauce of a practical digital SEL → phase-pass



Easy, safe operation, totally controlled rf drive power; Naturally fits in SPX LLRF implement.



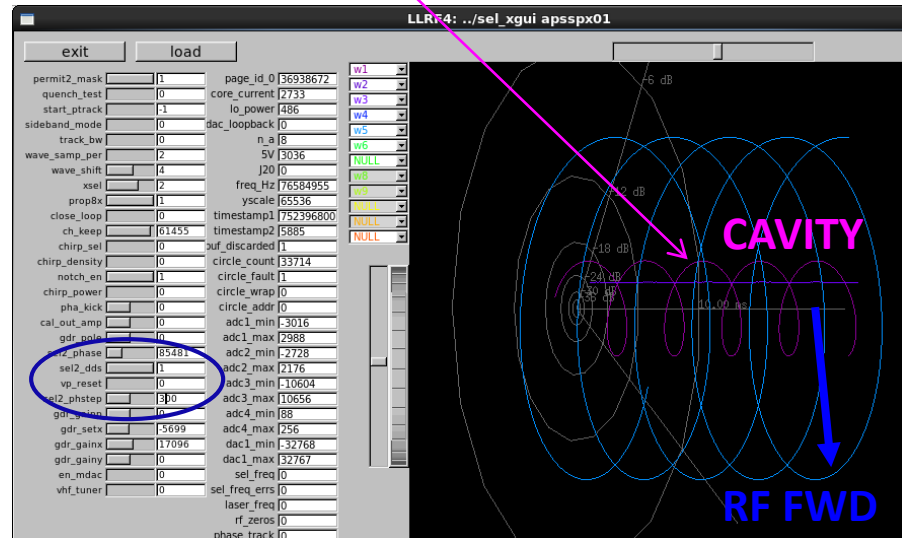
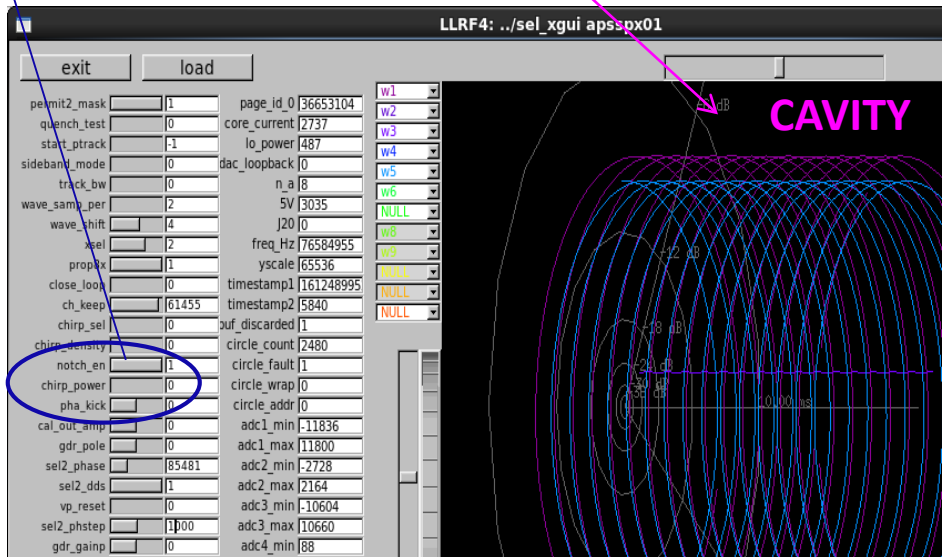
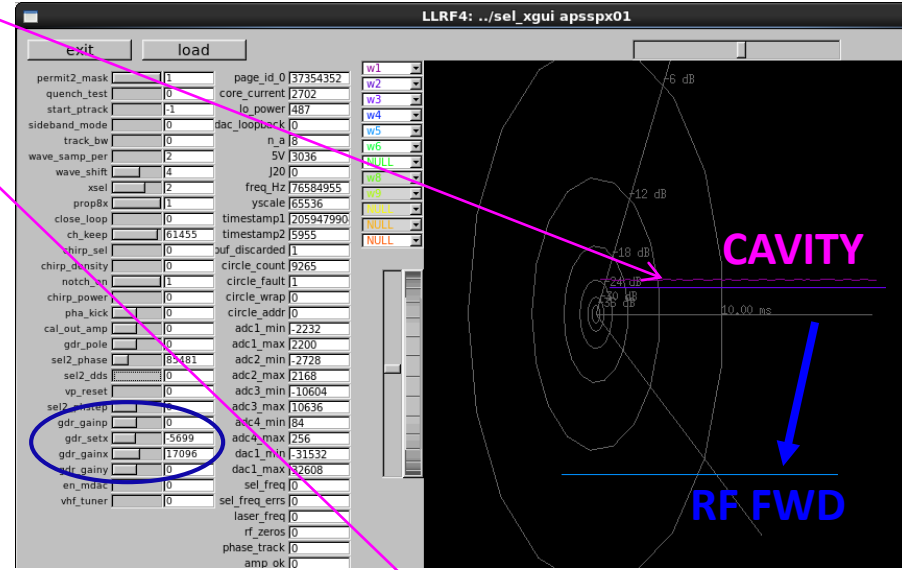
# LLRF control toolkit: 5. Drive Output Frequency Agile

- DDS, can be used to perform frequency sweep to test system frequency response.

Cavity started with resonance off by ~5kHz, with lots RF power, but little cavity field

Turn on output DDS, shift the output frequency by spinning the llrf output drive vector, and cavity field starts to grow

As output frequency shift reaches -5kHz, cavity field magnitude reaches a maximum, cavity resonance is found.





# LLRF control toolkit: 6. Exception handling (interlocks)

Table 1: Examples for Exceptions, their impact, countermeasures and the resulting improvement

- LLRF actions in an event of fault, minor or catastrophic -
  - machine/
  - equipment/
  - personal protections etc
- an extremely important topic for large accelerators.
- Requirement is machine specific.
- Simrock's list →

Exception	Impact	Countermeasure	Result
cavity quench hard/soft	Beam energy fluctuation	Lower grad., comp. with other cav.	Recover after few pulses
Cavity field emission	Radiation damage Electronics	Lower grad., comp. with other cav.	Reduce radiation levels
Cavity excessive detuning	Gradient / phase stability	Tune cavity to op. frequency	Recover in few pulses
Cavity incident phase error	Reduced available energy gain	Re-phase with 3-stub tuner	Recover on crest- operation
Cavity loaded Q error	Slope on individual gradient	Adjust loaded Q	Flat top in all cavities
Piezo tuner defect	No Lorentz force compensation	Not available	-
Motor tuner stuck	Cavity lost or strong field slope	Not available	-
Occasional klystron gun spark	Beam energy, Beam loss	Reset, bypass	Recovery after few pulses
Frequent klystron gun spark	Low availability, klystron damage	Lower high voltage	High avail., lower gradient
Occasional coupler spark	Shorten rf and beam pulses	Lower power	Operation at lower gradient
Preamplifier failure	Loss of rf station	Switch to redundant system	Recover after few pulses
Modulator HV unstable	Gradient / phase stability		
Preamplifier saturated	Field regulation reduced	Lower gradient	Recover after few pulses
Timing jitter LLRF/Laser	Loss in peak current, energy error	Not available	-
Timing trigger/clock missing	Loss of linac / rf station	Switch to redundant system	Recover after few pulses
Timing error subsystem	Potential loss of SASE	Adjust timing	Recover after few pulses
M.O. and distribution failure	Loss of main linac	Switch to redundant system	Recover after few pulses
Vector-modulator failure	Loss of field control	Switch to redundant vector-mod.	Recover after few pulses
Calibration reference failure	Slow phase drift, beam energy	Use beam feedback	Stable beam
RF station LO missing	Loss of Gradient	Switch to redundant feedforward	Beam at reduced stability
down converter channel defect	Red. field stability, higher grad.	Estimate cavity field	Recover field stability
Calibration error VS	Field stability	Re-calibrate vector sum	Recover after calibration
Analog input channel defect	Field stability	Estimate lost signal	Partial recovery
Cable connection missing	Field stability	Estimate lost signal	Partial recovery
Processor error fdbck loop	Field stability	Switch to redundant feedforward	Recover with red. Field stab.
Numerical error	Cavity field	Switch to redundant feedforward	Recover with red. Field stab.
Single event setup	System hang-up, calc. error	Redundant FF, Recover system	Recovery with init. Red. Stab.
Total ionizing dose damage	Noisy sign., sensitivity, offset	Switch to red. feedforward	Recover with red. field stab.
Rack cooling failure	Potential loss of hardware	Turn power off, op. redundant FF	save hw, recover with red. stab.
Crate power failure	Loss of cavity field	Switch to redundant FF	Recover with red. field stab.
Computer network failure	Loss of control of param. settings	Establish connection via red. netw.	Regain parameter control
Communication link failure	Field stability	Switch to redundant feedforward	Recover with red. field stab.
Operator input out of range	Beam energy, beam loss	Limit input range	No impact

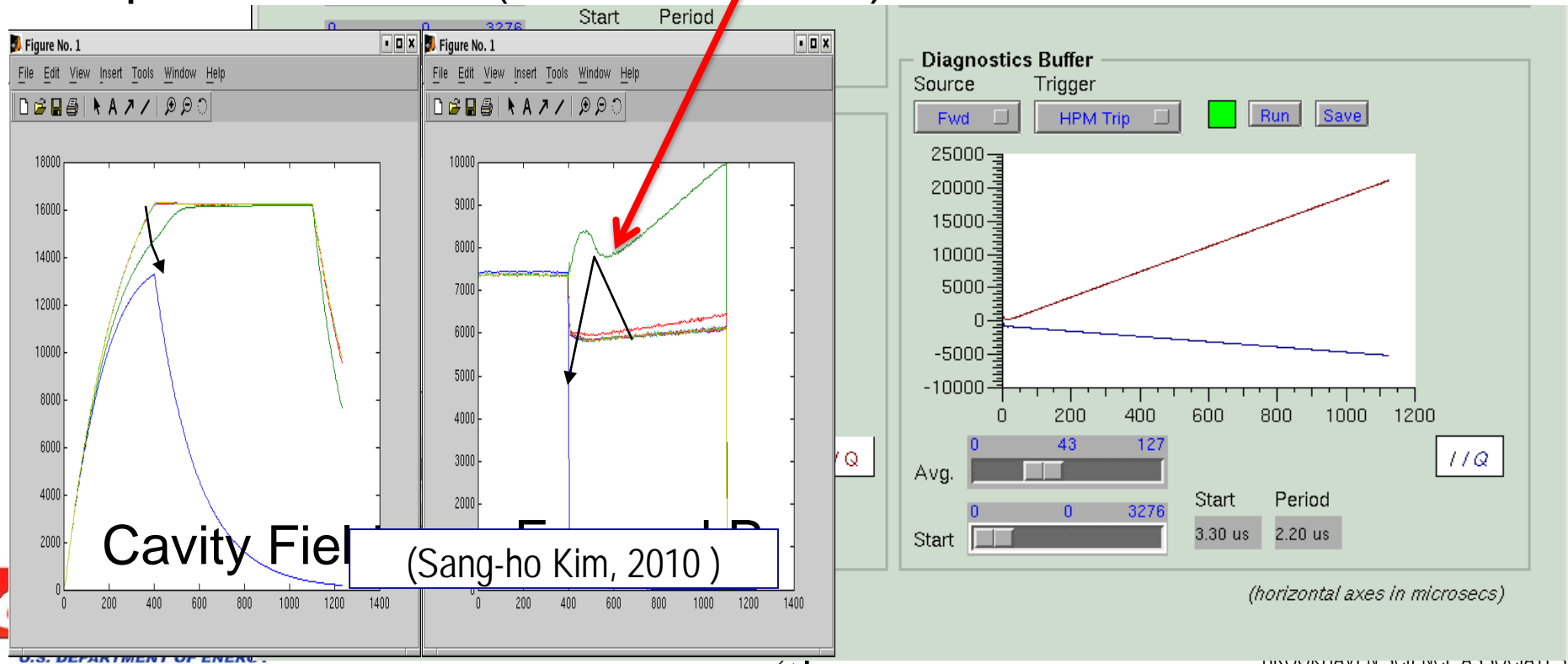




# LLRF control toolkit: 6. Exception handling (2)

- rf data buffering in an event of fault for study/investigations (post-mortem analysis)
- (1) A trip freezes the live rf waveform data in FPGA buffer that shows what happened at exact moment of event

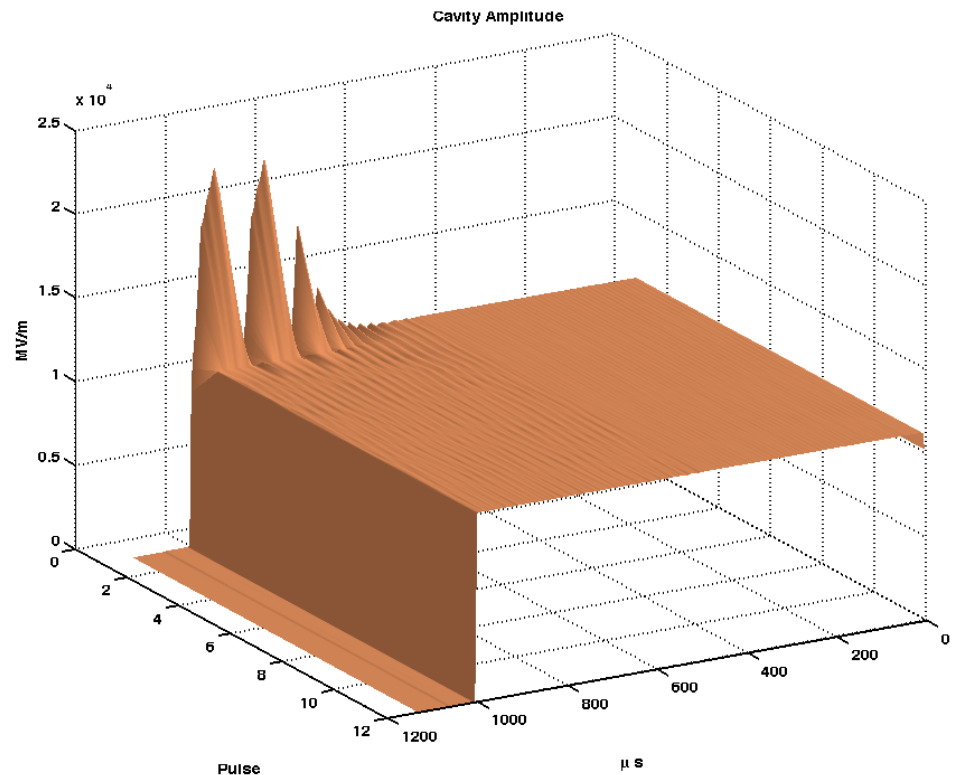
At partial Quench (Measured data)



# LLRF control toolkit: 6. Exception handling (3)

- Last frame of data at moment of a trip is frozen in FPGA data buffer
- Last 60 frames before the trip recorded in the circular memc buffer in IOC
- The 60 frame of data record in IOC shows (hopefully) how the fault was led to the trip.

Example:  
Regulation error trip from selecting wrong gain rotation



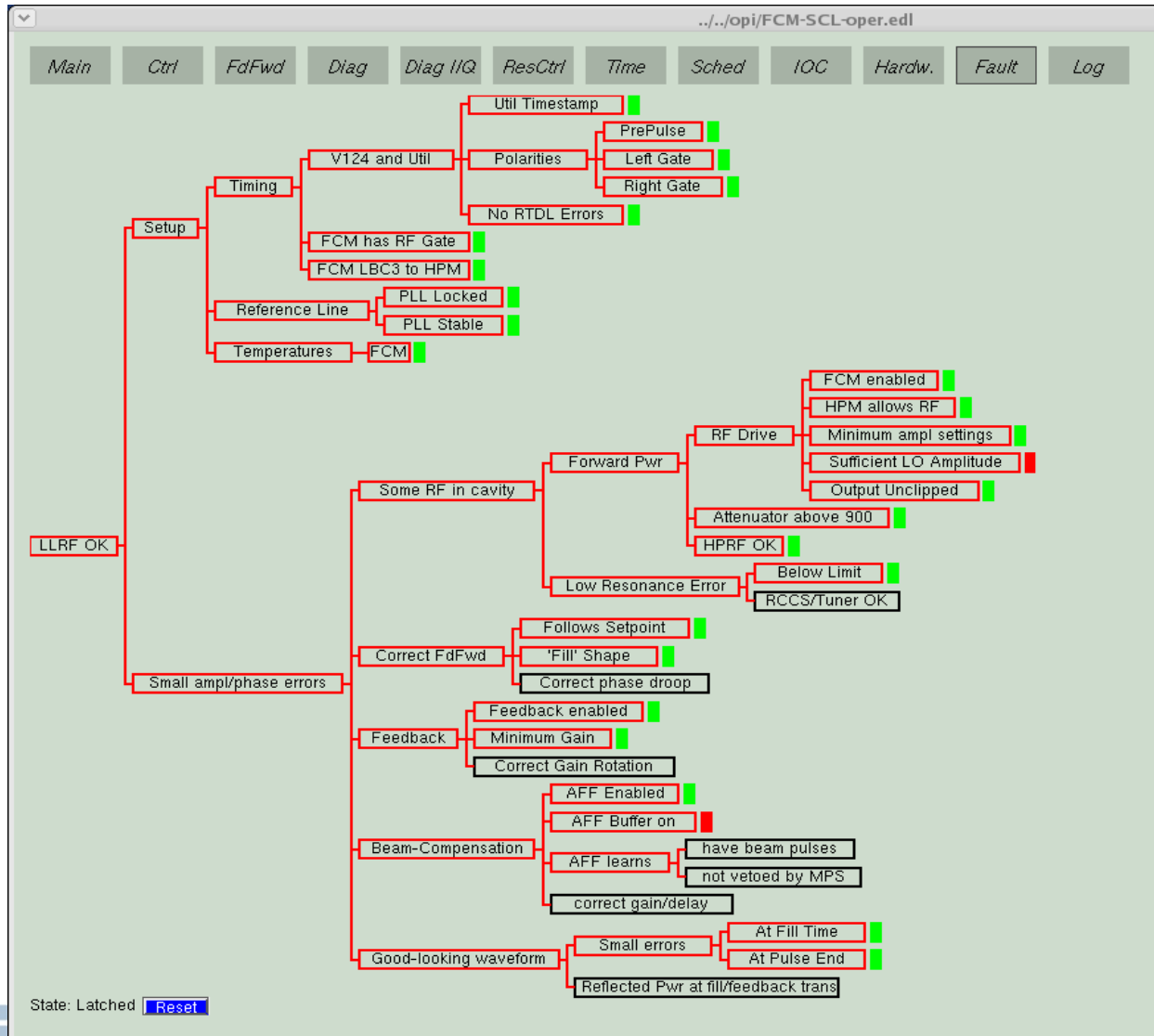
# LLRF control toolkit: 7. system Monitoring/diagnosis

- Live, high-resolution DSO-type rf waveform display at remote console is essential for supporting a system with a large number of rf stations.



# LLRF control toolkit: 7. system Monitoring/diagnosis (continue)

- EPICS Fault-tree screen is another example of important tool for op. support.



## LLRF control toolkit: 8. rf measurement calibration

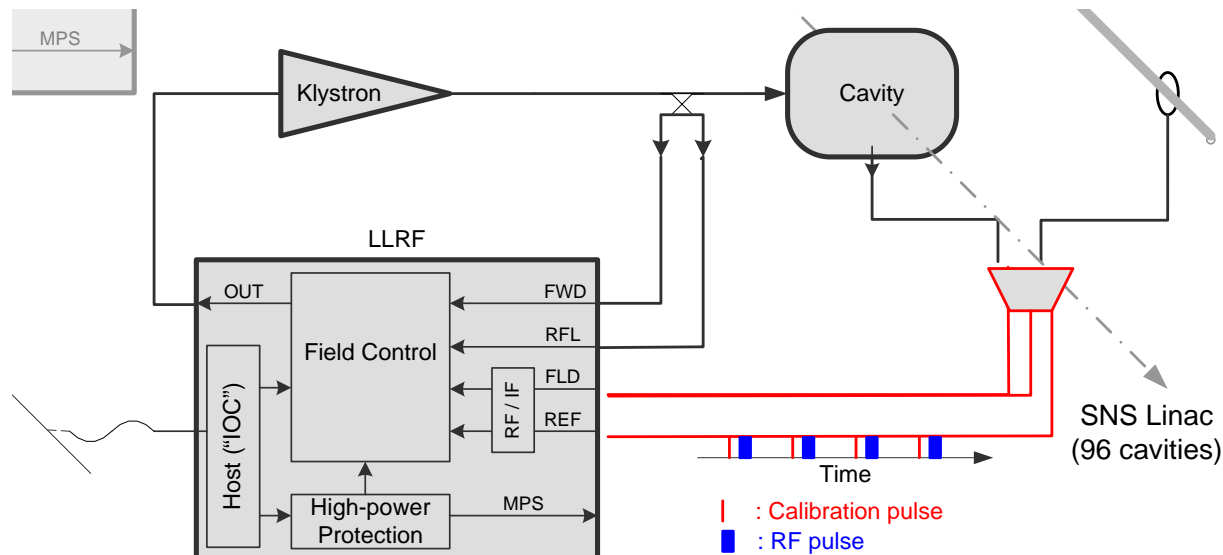
- Purpose -- Both the rf reference and the LLRF measurement drift, often time due to ambient temperature change.
- Recent accelerators require unprecedented rf stabilities (such as 0.01%/0.01 deg.)
- The LLRF system must have a built-in calibration capability in order to meet the very tight specs.
- Methods
  - o RF reference and its distribution must be stabilized, involves thermo-control, PLL, reflectometry, interferometry, etc. A subject by itself.
  - o Calibration for the phase drifts in the rf path to LLRF
    - Performed during rf-off time ( for pulsed-rf)
    - Performed with “pilot-tones” (for CW rf)



# LLRF control toolkit: 8. rf measurement calibration (2)

## Example: SNS LINAC, pulsed-rf - method

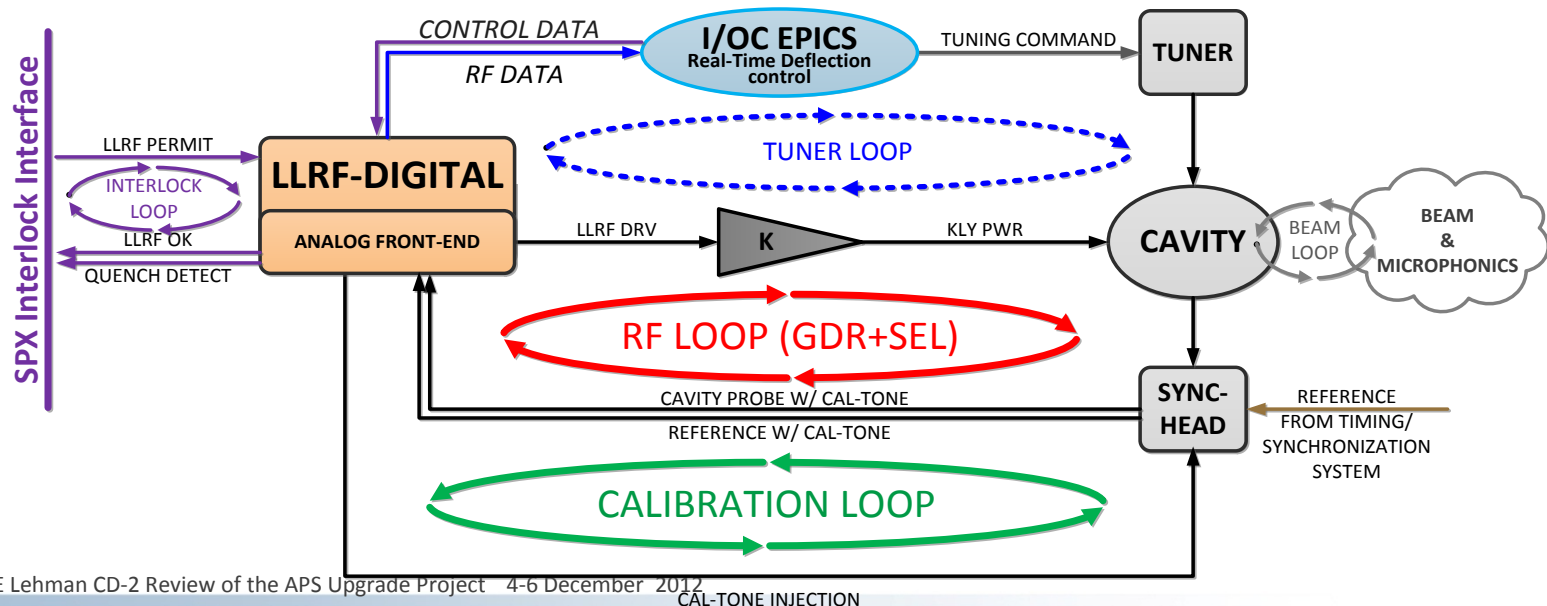
- calibration is performed in off-time between to rf pulses (time-division) by sampling the rf reference.
- Cavity rf and reference signal are sent to LLRF rack in a phase-matched cable pair (temp. controlled), so both are subject to the same ambient temperature.
- LLRF digitally demodulates the received rf and reference to get the phase measurement of the both.
- The reference phase measurement is subtracted from the cavity phase measurement to remove the drift in the rf path (cables and circuits).
- Provision was made for the option of sending a pulsed reference and the cavity rf through the same cable in different time-slot.



# LLRF control toolkit: 8. rf measurement calibration (3)

Example : drift calibration scheme of SPX CW RF - method

- LLRF generates a a double-sideband pilot-tone (of +/- 1/48 F0 offset in frequency).
- The DSB pilot tone signal is sent to the cavity location in tunnel and is added to both the cavity pickup signal and rf reference in a device called "sync-head".
- LLRF digitally demodulates the received rf carrier plus two pilot-tone sideband signals, and obtains the data of the rf vectors at three different frequencies for each channel (cavity and reference).
- The phase drifts in both channel can therefore be computed from the vectors.
- The values of the detected phase drifts are then added to the LLRF phase control settings to compensate the drifts.



# LLRF control toolkit: 8. rf measurement calibration (4)

Example : drift calibration scheme of SPX CW RF - more details

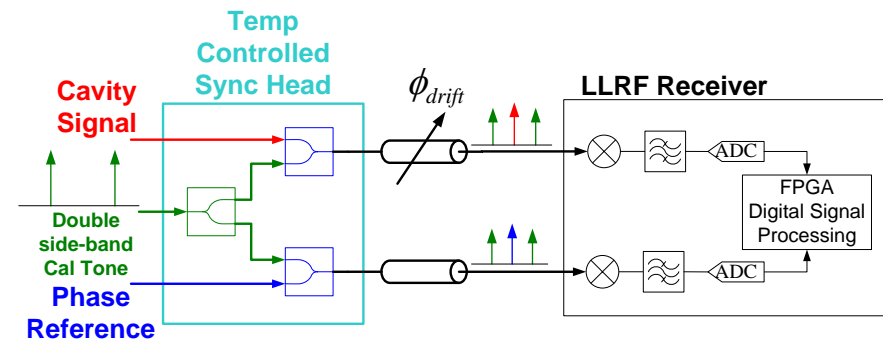
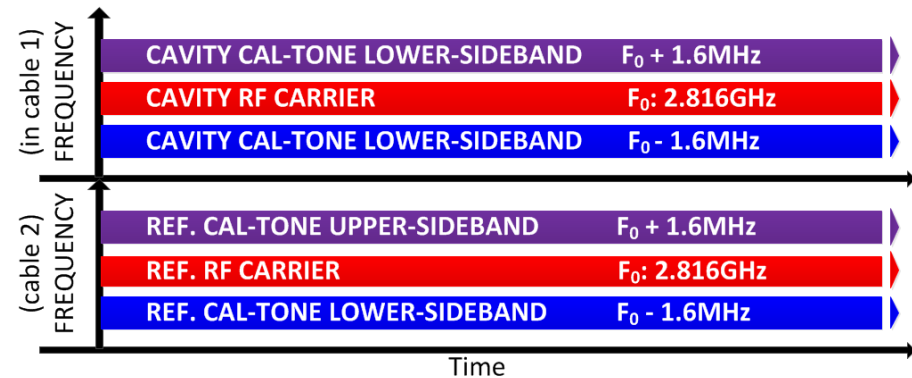
- Technology developed in LBNL, demonstrated at LCLS/SLAC, and further refined for SPX application.
- Phase stabilization performance of 3~15 milli-deg. was demonstrated and reported (Byrd and Huang et al., BIW'10). (within SPX rf error budget : 0.077/0.28 deg )

Phase drift detection algorithm

$$\Phi_{REF,CAV} = \frac{(\Phi_{RE\_REF} - \Phi_{RF\_CAV})}{2} \frac{(\Phi_{CAL\_U\_REF} - \Phi_{CAL\_U\_CAV})}{2} - \frac{(\Phi_{CAL\_L\_REF} - \Phi_{CAL\_L\_CAV})}{2}$$

where

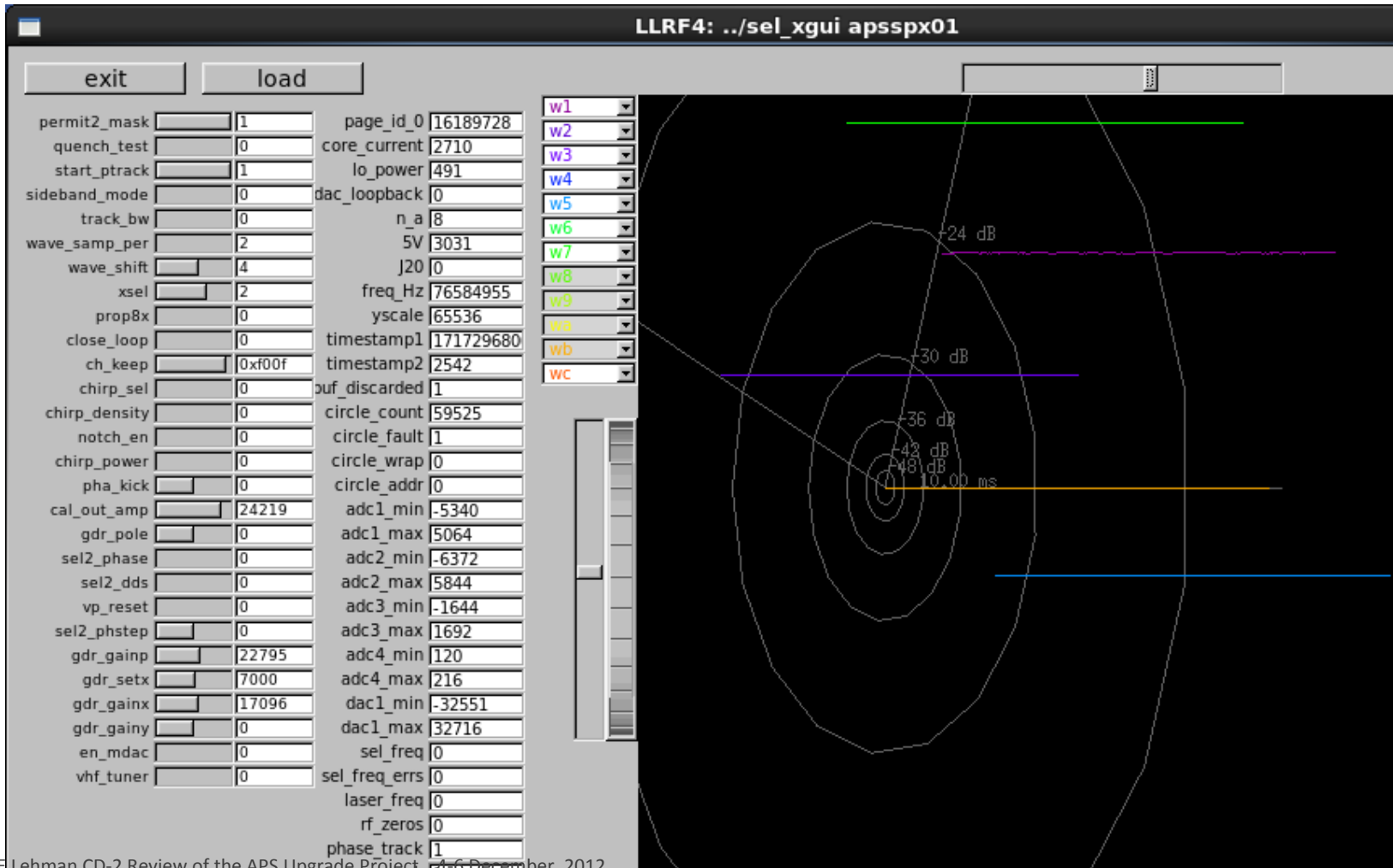
- $\Phi_{REF,CAV}$  - the calculated phase difference between cavity and ref.
- $\Phi_{RE\_REF}$   $\Phi_{RF\_CAV}$  - measured phase of cavity and reference signal
- $\Phi_{CAL\_U\_REF}$   $\Phi_{CAL\_L\_REF}$  - measured phase of upper and lower side-band of Cal-Tone signal in Reference cable.
- $\Phi_{CAL\_U\_CAV}$   $\Phi_{CAL\_L\_CAV}$  - measured phase of upper and lower side-band of Cal-Tone in Cavity field cable.





# LLRF control toolkit: 8. rf measurement calibration (5)

Example : drift calibration scheme of SPX CW RF - 3-D display of rf carriers and pilot-tone sideband vectors on control screen of the implemented SPX LLRF.



# Low Level Radio Frequency Workshop 2015

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173 reports (sample a few)

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- Digital LLRF is either already used in operations or has been planned for new projects in most facilities.
- Digital LLRF is currently actively being pursued in ALS, Diamond, ESRF (?), ESS, LCLS-II, Spring-8, PSI...

## Local Committee

Local Chair: Jianfei Liu  
Host: Yubin Zhao  
Local Secretary: Qiang Chang, Shenjie Zhao, Xiang Zheng, Kai Xu, Hongtao Hou, Zhigang Zhang, Zheng Li



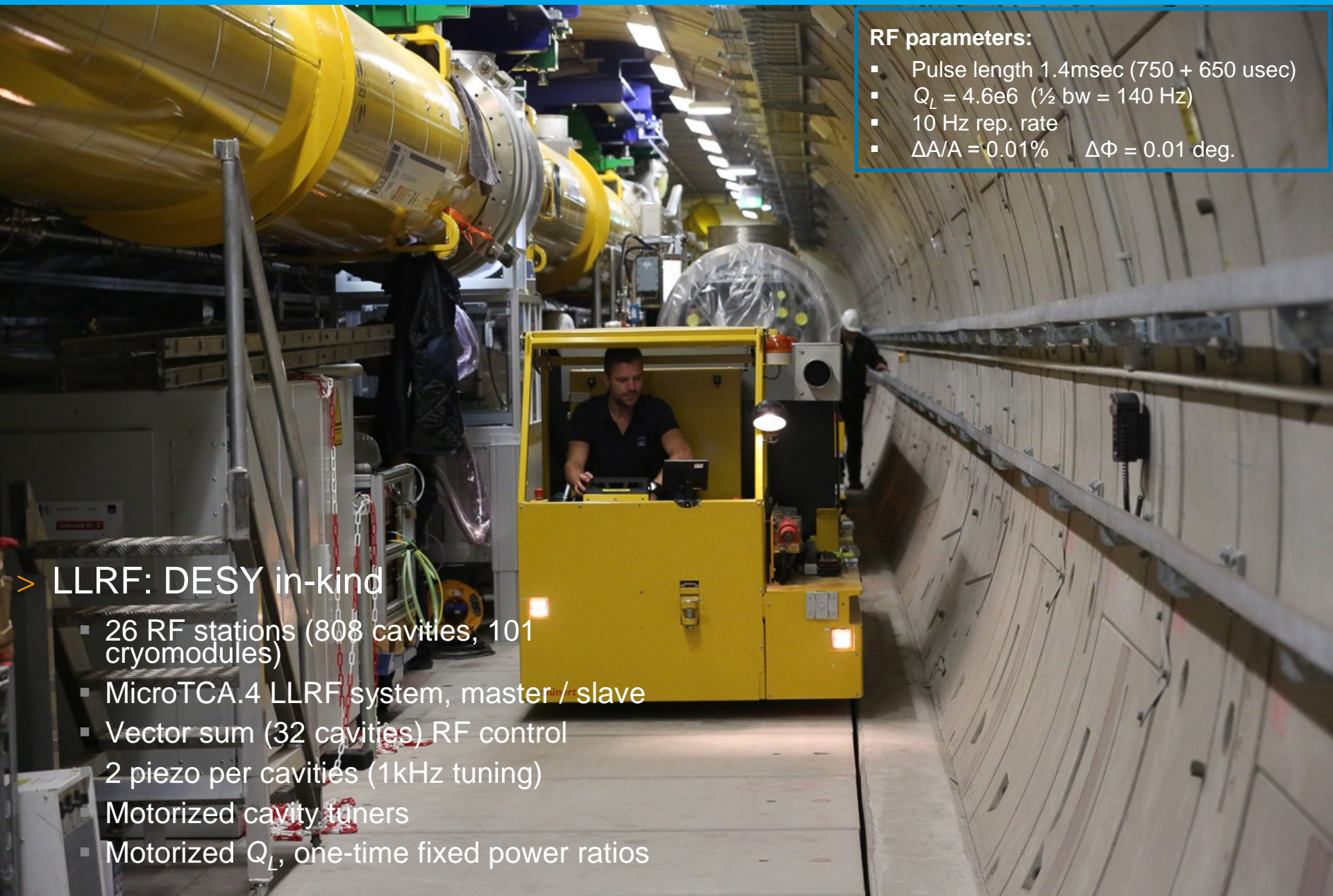


## RF parameters:

- Pulse length 1.4msec (750 + 650 usec)
- $Q_L = 4.6e6$  ( $\frac{1}{2}$  bw = 140 Hz)
- 10 Hz rep. rate
- $\Delta A/A = 0.01\%$      $\Delta\Phi = 0.01$  deg.

## > LLRF: DESY in-kind

- 26 RF stations (808 cavities, 101 cryomodules)
- MicroTCA.4 LLRF system, master / slave
- Vector sum (32 cavities) RF control
- 2 piezo per cavities (1kHz tuning)
- Motorized cavity tuners
- Motorized  $Q_L$ , one-time fixed power ratios

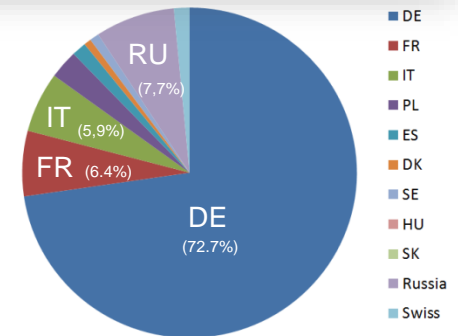


# INTRODUCTION: European XFEL

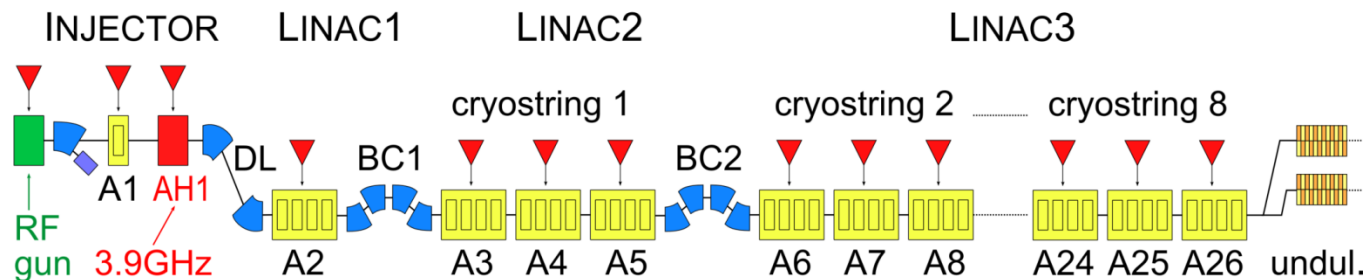


## The European X-ray Free Electron Laser

- 17.5 GeV light source, Hamburg, Germany
- TESLA superconducting 1.3GHz RF cavities
- 1.4 msec pulses at 10 Hz
- e- beam 1.35 mA nom. - 4.5 mA max
- 2016: construction / commissioning
- 2017: first user operation

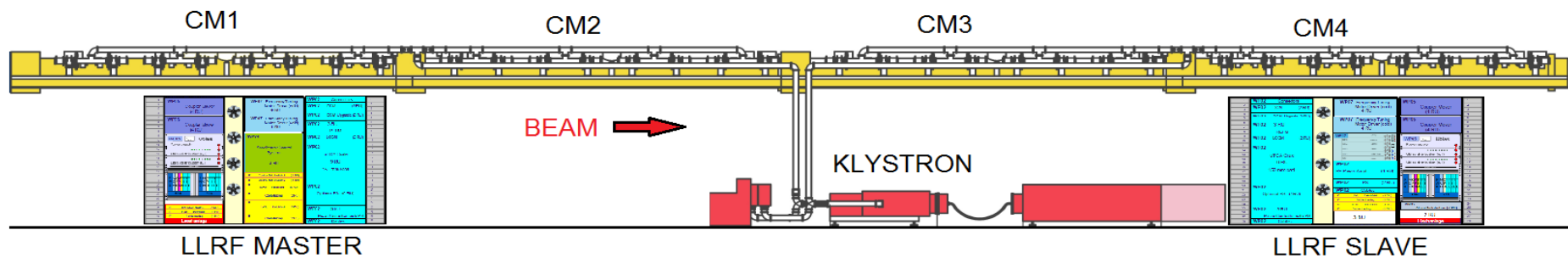
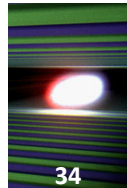


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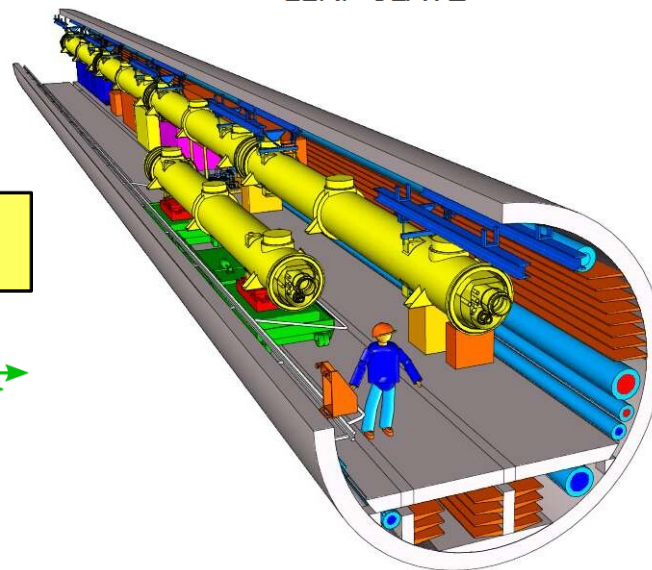
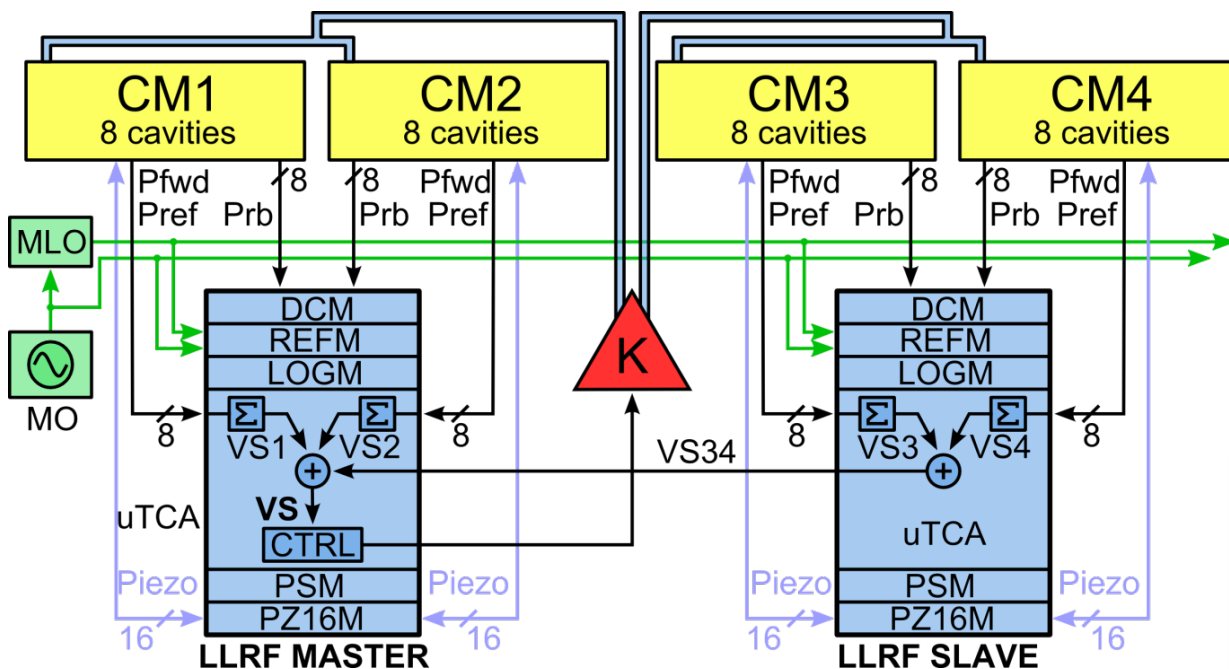




# LLRF architecture for an RF station



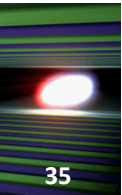
## RF station: semi-distributed LLRF system



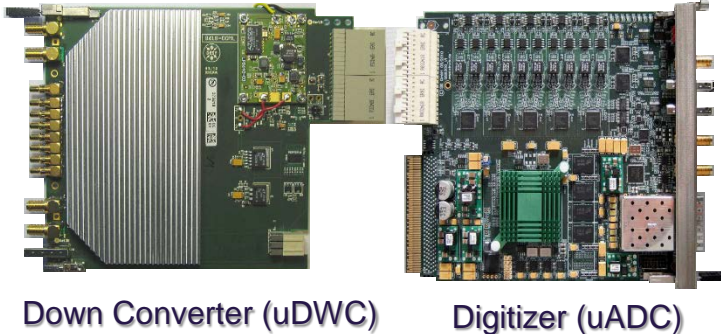
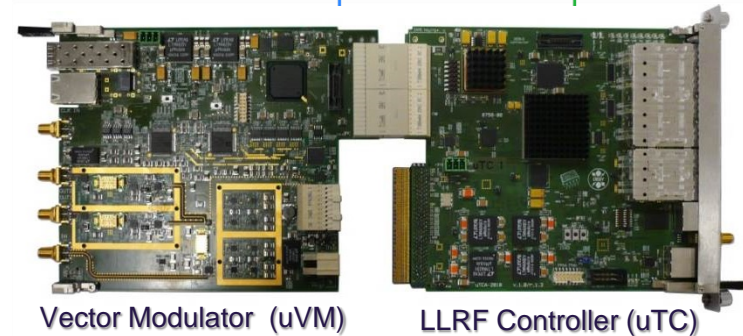
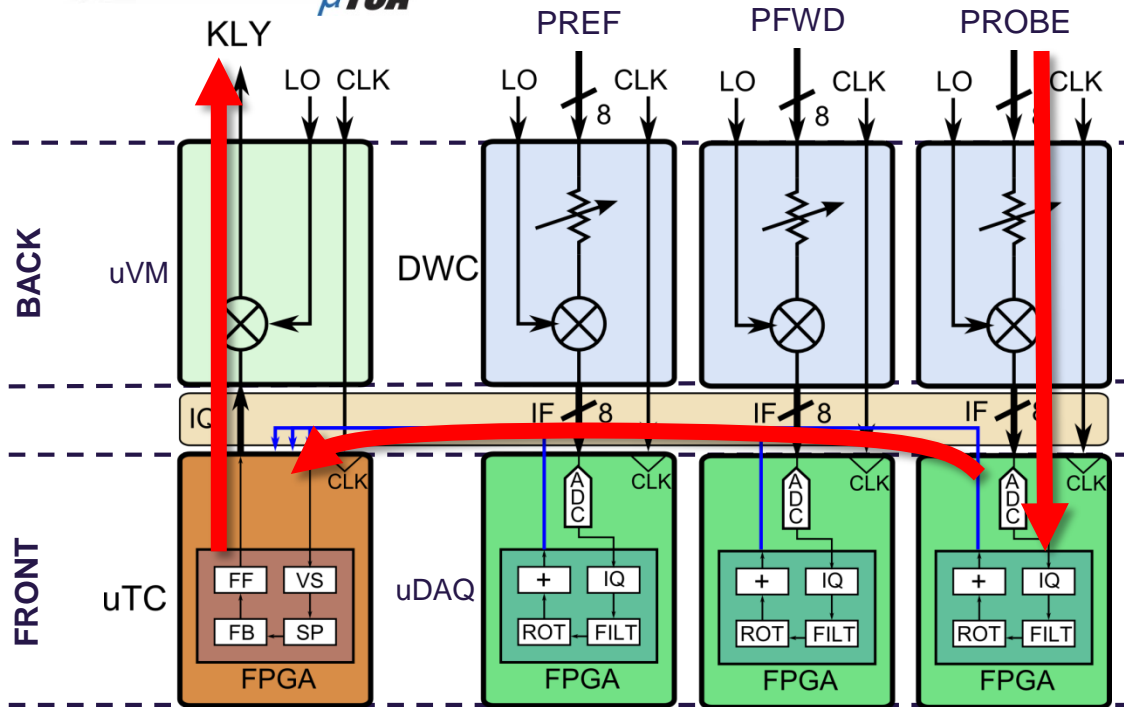
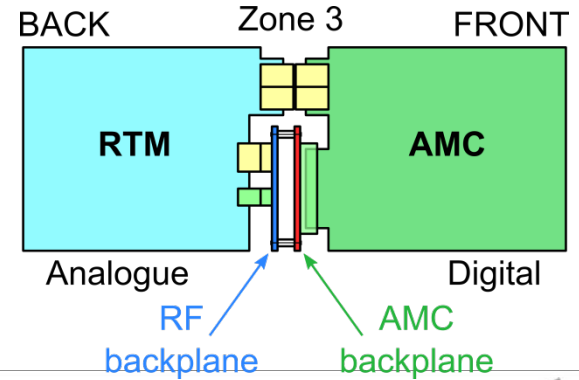
Section	Rack space	Redundancy
Gun, I1, 3H1	16U	Full
Linac 1	28U	Full
Linac 2	28U	No
Linac 3	28U	No

# The MTCA.4 LLRF system

RF: 1.3 GHz, IF 54 MHz, Fs: 81 MHz ->  
Vector-sum -> down-sampled to 9 MHz  
, 16-bit from DWC -> uTC

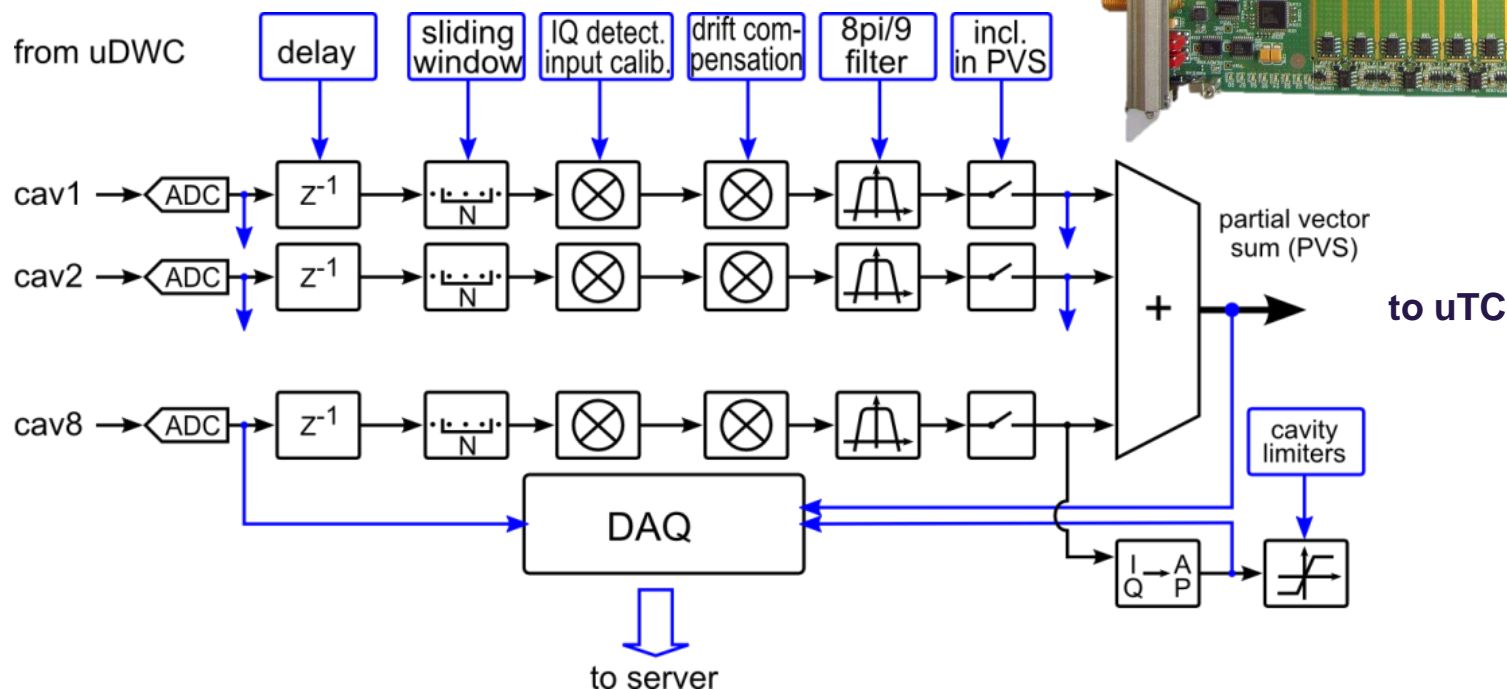


- AMC: Advanced Mezzanine Card
- RTM: Rear Transition Module
- 12 slots, hot swap
- Redundant power supply



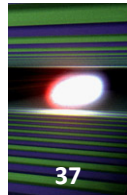
## ■ MTCA.4 LLRF digitizer: **SIS8300L**

- 10 ch. digitizer
- Virtex VI
- Application firmware block diagram:



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systeme

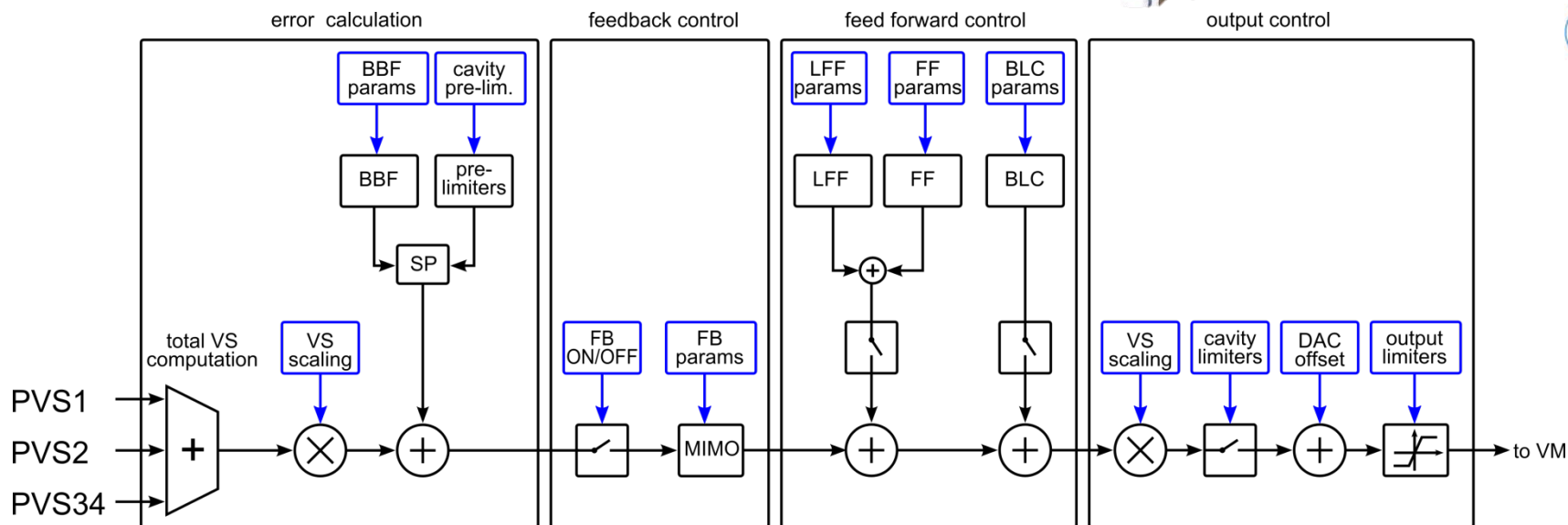
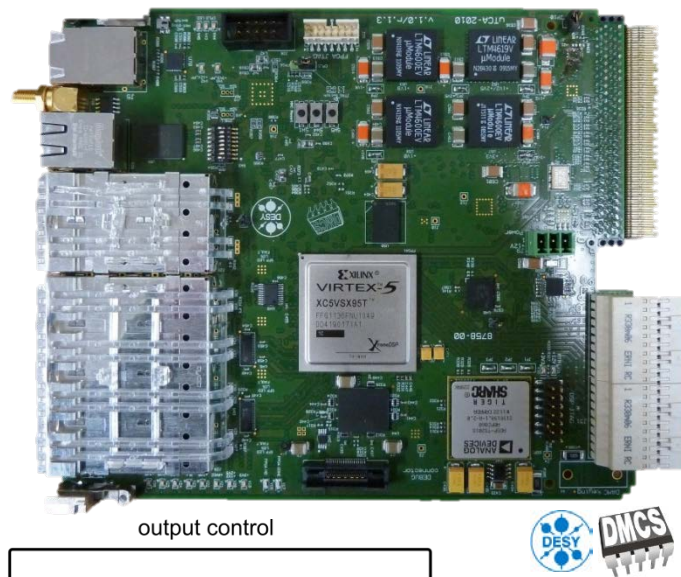




## ■ MTCA.4 LLRF controller: uTC

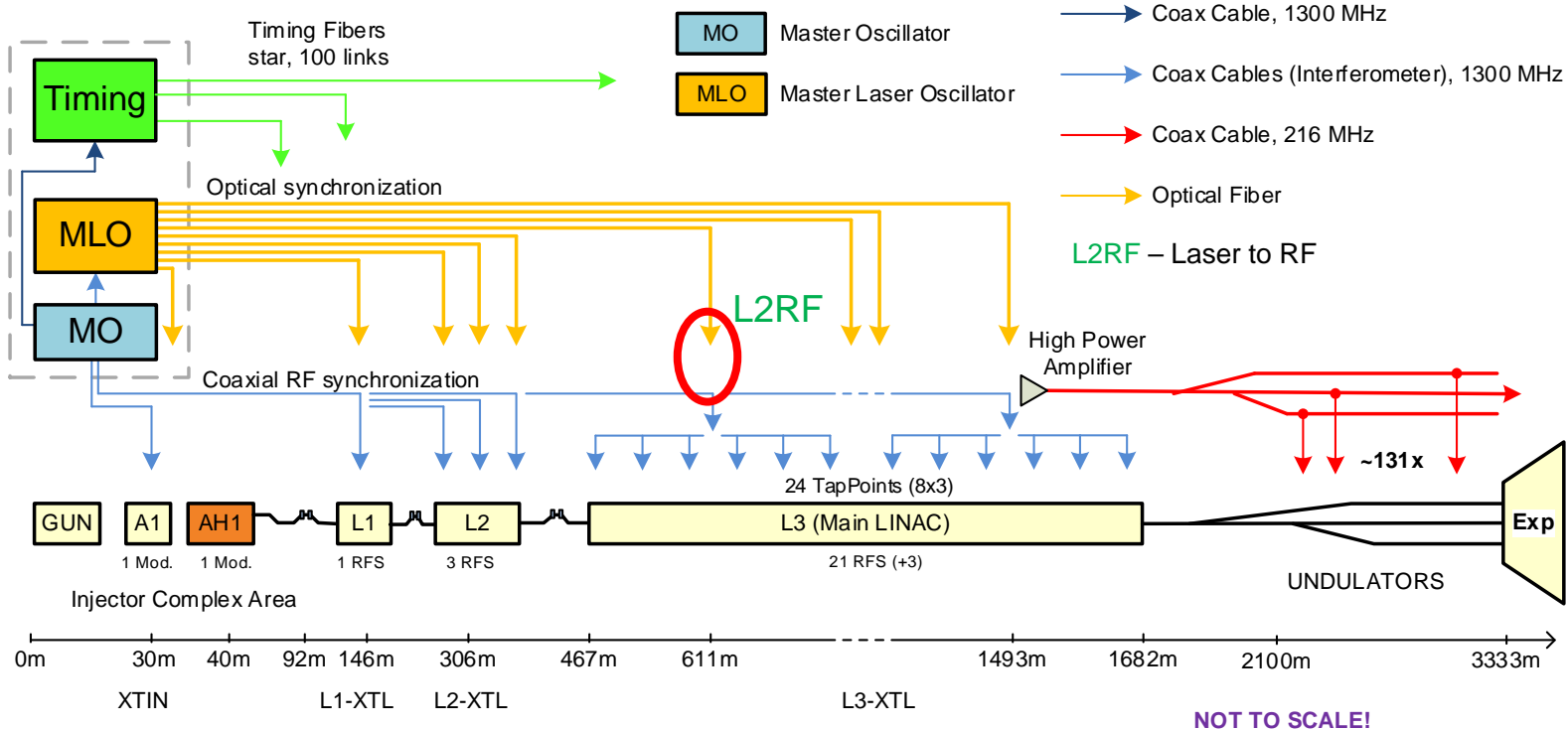
- Current version 1.3 (Virtex V)
- Version 2.0 (Kintex VII)
- 0.5 Tbps processing power
- 8x SPF+ on front panel
- Application firmware block diagram:

uTC v.13



# Overall Synchronization System Concept

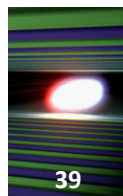
## LEGEND



- Three complementary systems (compromise between performance and cost)
  - Optical synchronization: sub-10fs (jitter, drift) performance, 12 links
  - RF Coaxial distribution: sub-100fs (jitter) and sub-1ps (drift) performance, interferometers, local distribution (44 links, ~260 reference outputs)
  - Timing system
- All systems phase synchronized to the RF Master Oscillator

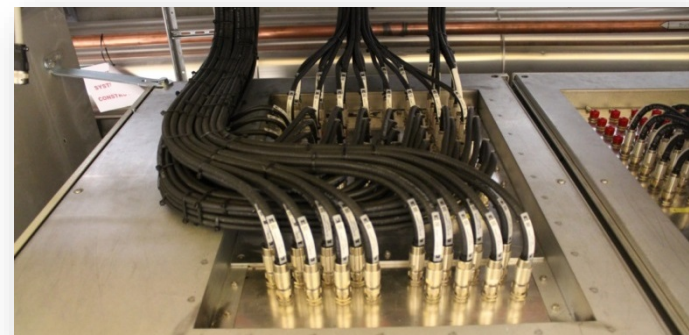
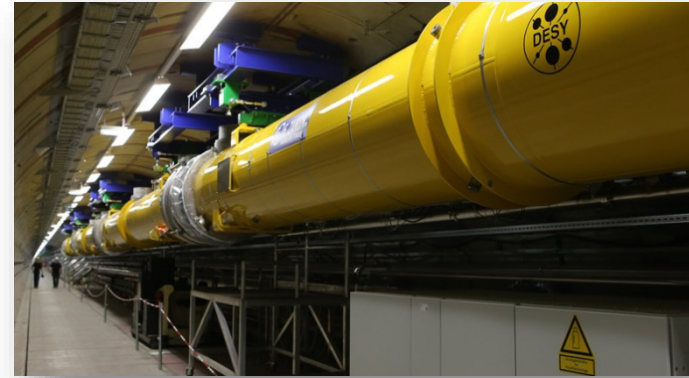
RF reference stabilization

# LLRF Installations (front end)



- > Incoming inspection
- > Device test
- > Crate installation
- > Rack installation
- > Tunnel installation
  - a. Cabinet transport
  - b. RF cabling (outer rack)
  - c. Connections to mains, water and Ethernet, fibers
  - d. Commissioning checklist

In-tunnel LLRF installation for stable ambient temperature, and the shortest rf cable lengths.



**Ready for warm commissioning**

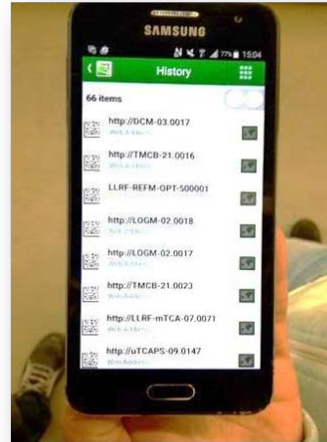
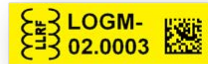




# INSTALLATION: component inventory, testing, and installation tracking system

## 3/5

- > Incoming inspection
- > Device test
- > Crate installation
  - a. Selection of components from storage
  - b. Upload configuration in database (KDS)
  - c. Installation of firmware, servers
  - d. Basic functionality checks → checklist



WPO2 - LLRF

Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron  
Ein Forschungszentrum der Helmholtz-Gemeinschaft

Title: WPO2 LLRF  
MTCA crate installation check list

Destination:  INU  L1  L2  L3 RF station #  MASTER  SLAVE

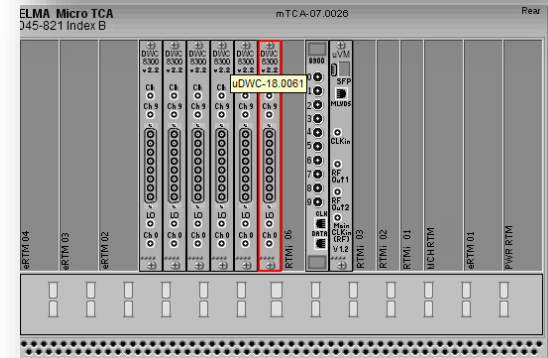
CPU name: \_\_\_\_\_  
MCH name: \_\_\_\_\_

KDS number: \_\_\_\_\_ Model:  ELMA  SCHROFF  RFB

Slot	AMC	KDS #	Version	RTM	KDS #	Version
-1	uPM					
0	MCH					
1	CPU					
2	TMG					
3						
4	uTC			uVM		
5						
6						
7	uADC			uDWC		
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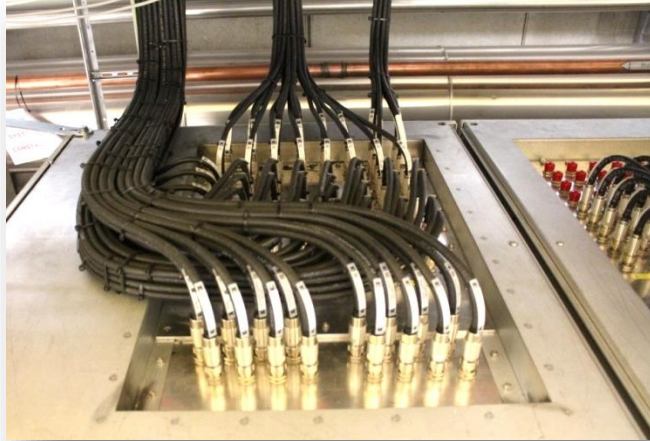
Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

XFEL LLRF system installation procedure.docx Page 10



# INSTALLATION: testing, assembly, and storage areas

## Professional cabling (in & out)



## MicroTCA Assembly Area (MASSA) Rack Assembly and Test Area (RATA)



Storage





# PEOPLE



THANK YOU

谢谢

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## Automation in LLRF System

Zheqiao Geng

*Paul Scherrer Institut (PSI), Switzerland*

*For LLRF15 Workshop, Shanghai, China*

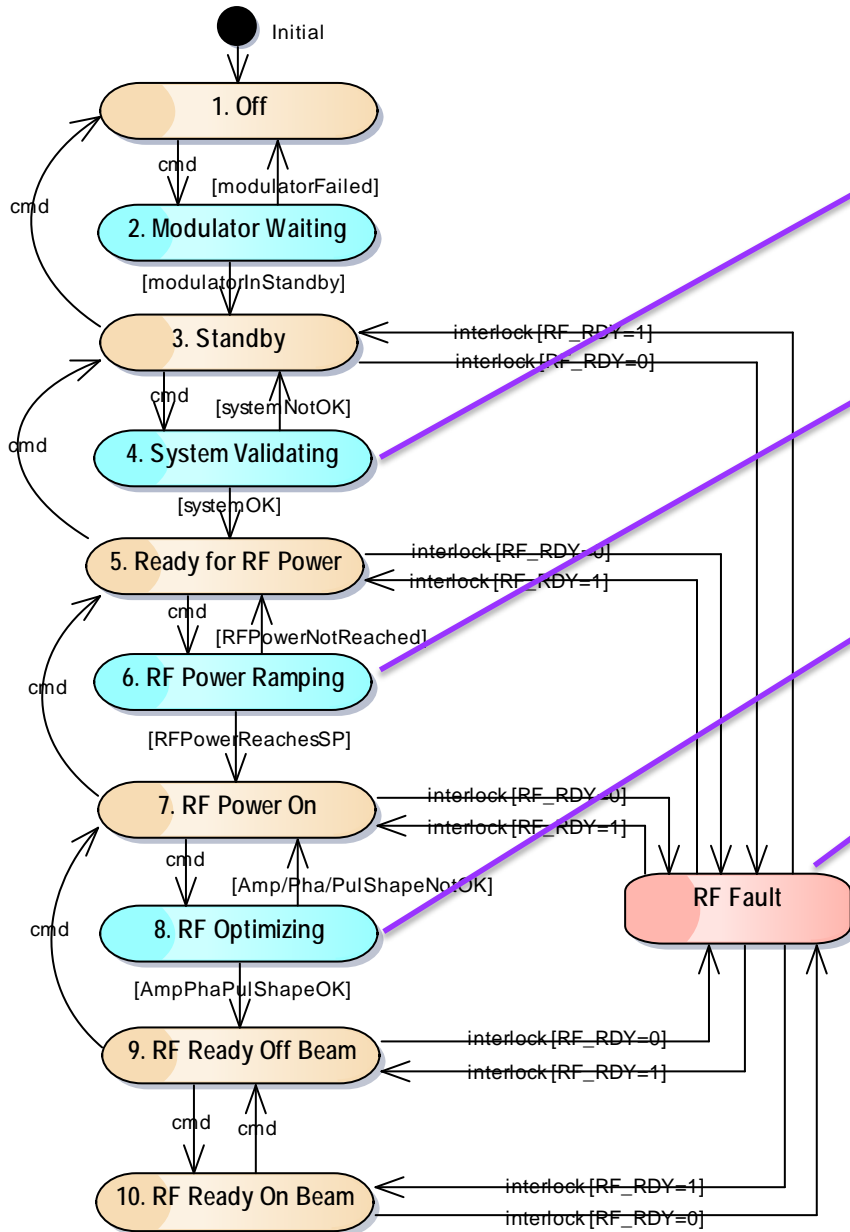
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# System Process Example 1: RF System Startup

stm Operational States



### Execute Jobs:

- Check system status
- Correct DAC offset

### Execute Jobs:

- Determine and set klystron high voltage and drive

### Execute Jobs:

- Calibrate loop gain and loop phase
- Adaptive feed forward

### Execute Jobs:

- Recover from RF fault trips

### Automatic parameter setting:

- Set modulator state
- Set interlock system mode
- Set RF switch on/off
- Set feedback on/off
- Set trigger delays

# Job Example 2: Identify I/Q Imbalances

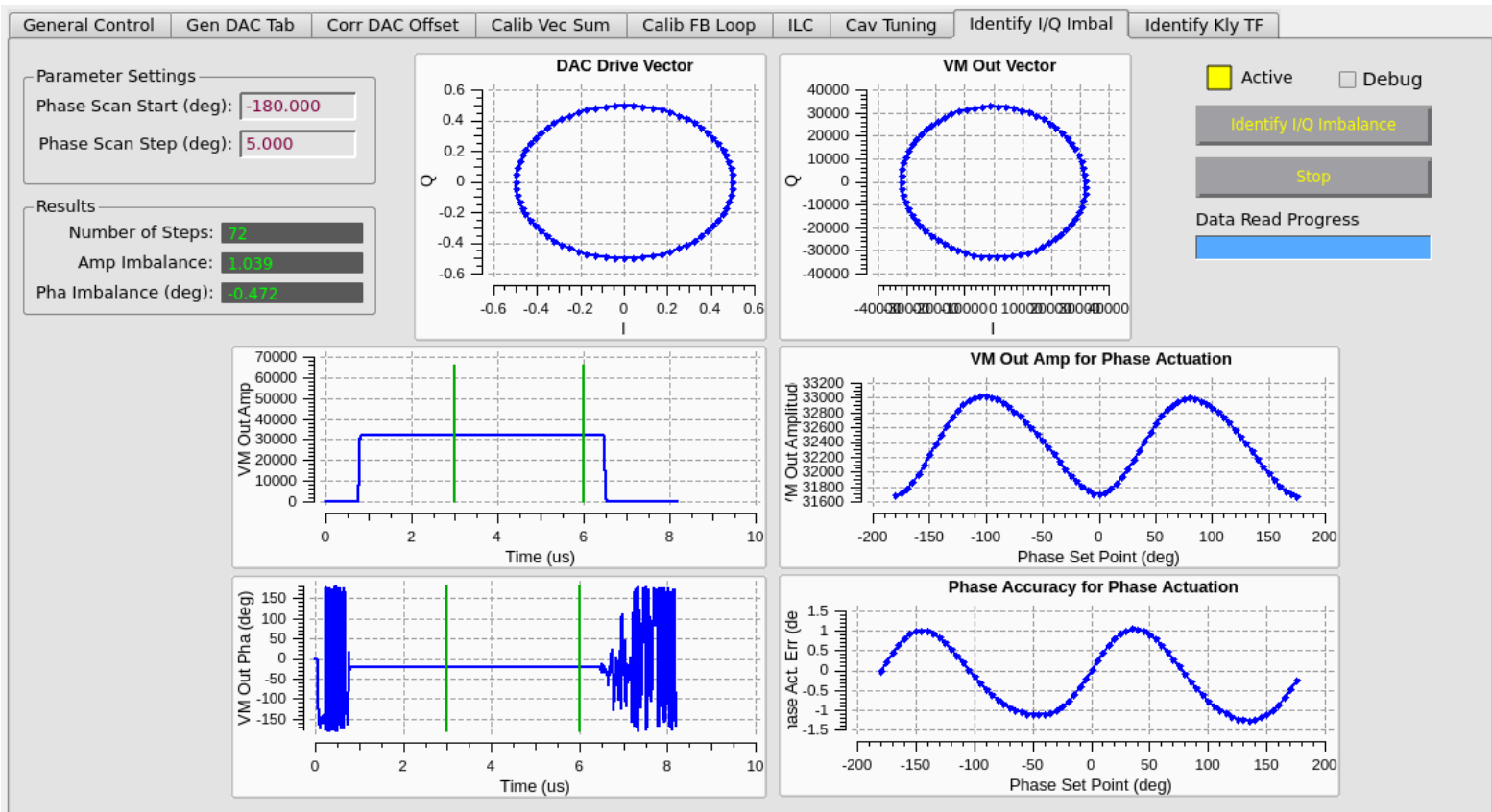
**Goal:** Qualify the amplitude and phase imbalances of vector modulator

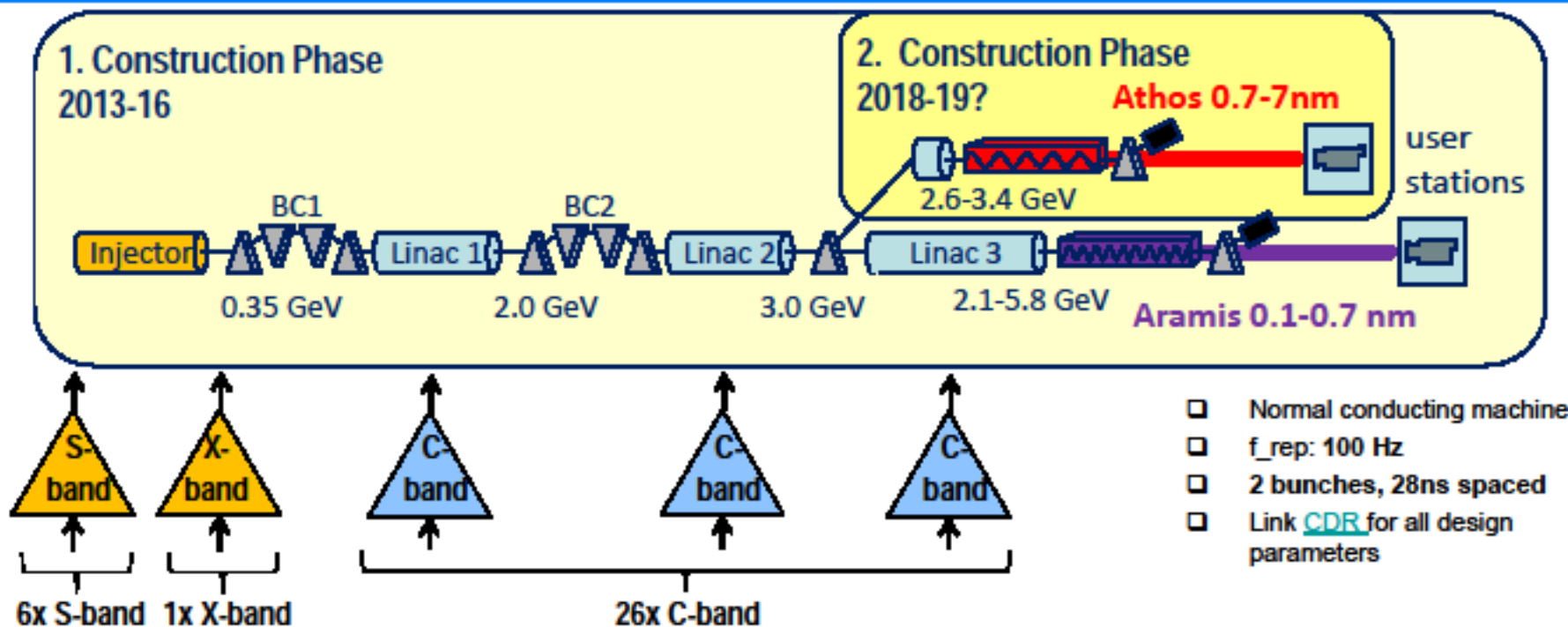
**Control:** Started by user clicking a button

**Inputs:** I/Q averages of DAC output and vector modulator output for each scan step

**Parameters:** Phase scan start and step values

**Outputs:** I/Q imbalances, amplitude and phase actuation errors





SwissFEL performance calculations based on "expected performance" of RF stations:

	Pulse-to-pulse stab.
S-band Phase'	0.018° rms
S-band Voltage'	1.8e-4 rms
X-band Phase	0.072° rms
X-band Voltage	1.8e-4 rms
Linac 1/2/3 Phase	0.036° rms
Linac 1/2/3 Voltage	1.8e-4 rms



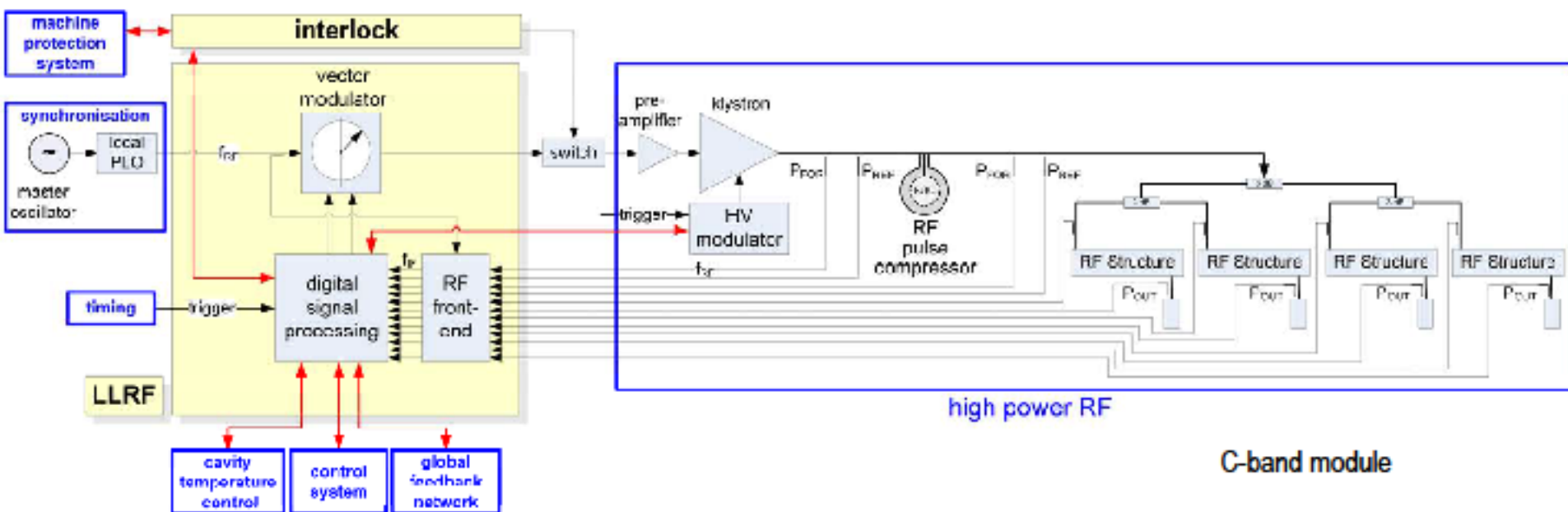
SwissFEL beam performance calculations:

electron beam parameters	stability
arrival time jitter	<20 fs
intensity jitter	<9%
energy stability	<1.6e-4

## phase noise assumptions:

- o uncorrelated contributions 
$$\sigma_\phi = \sqrt{(\sigma_\phi)_{MO}^2 + (\sigma_\phi)_{vec. mod.}^2 + (\sigma_\phi)_{pre-amp.}^2 + (\sigma_\phi)_{Kly}^2}$$
- o guaranteed max. phase noise contribution from master oscillator / phase locked oscillator (PLO) (10 Hz – 10 MHz)
- o **equal contributions** (!?) of vector modulator, pre-amplifier, klystron (HV mod.) (10 Hz – 10 MHz)

Frequency [MHz]	RF tolerance / phase noise (rms) [fs] / [°]	PLO guaranteed phase noise performance (rms) [fs] / [°]	max. added phase noise vec. mod. / pre-amplifier / klystron/HV mod. (rms) [fs] / [°]
2998.8	17 fs / 0.018°	9.3 fs / 0.01°	8.3 fs / 0.009°
5712.0	17 fs / 0.036°	9.3 fs / 0.02°	8.3 fs / 0.017°
11995.2	17 fs / 0.072°	7 fs / 0.03°	8.8 fs / 0.038°



### RF Stability Strategy:

- pulse-to-pulse stability: depends on MO/PLO, vector modulator, pre-amp., klystron/HV modulator, and structure temperature stability
- drift calibration (reference injection) to compensate drifts of LLRF measurement system
- RF pulse-to-pulse feedbacks (vector sum control)
- beam based feedbacks

### Consequence:

- **100 Hz repetition rate:** feedbacks can only suppress disturbances up to  $\sim 10$  Hz
- **pulse-to-pulse / intra-pulse stability:** mainly determined by actuator chain (10 Hz-10 MHz)



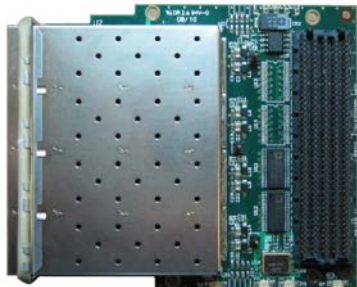
# VRF Control Hardware Architecture



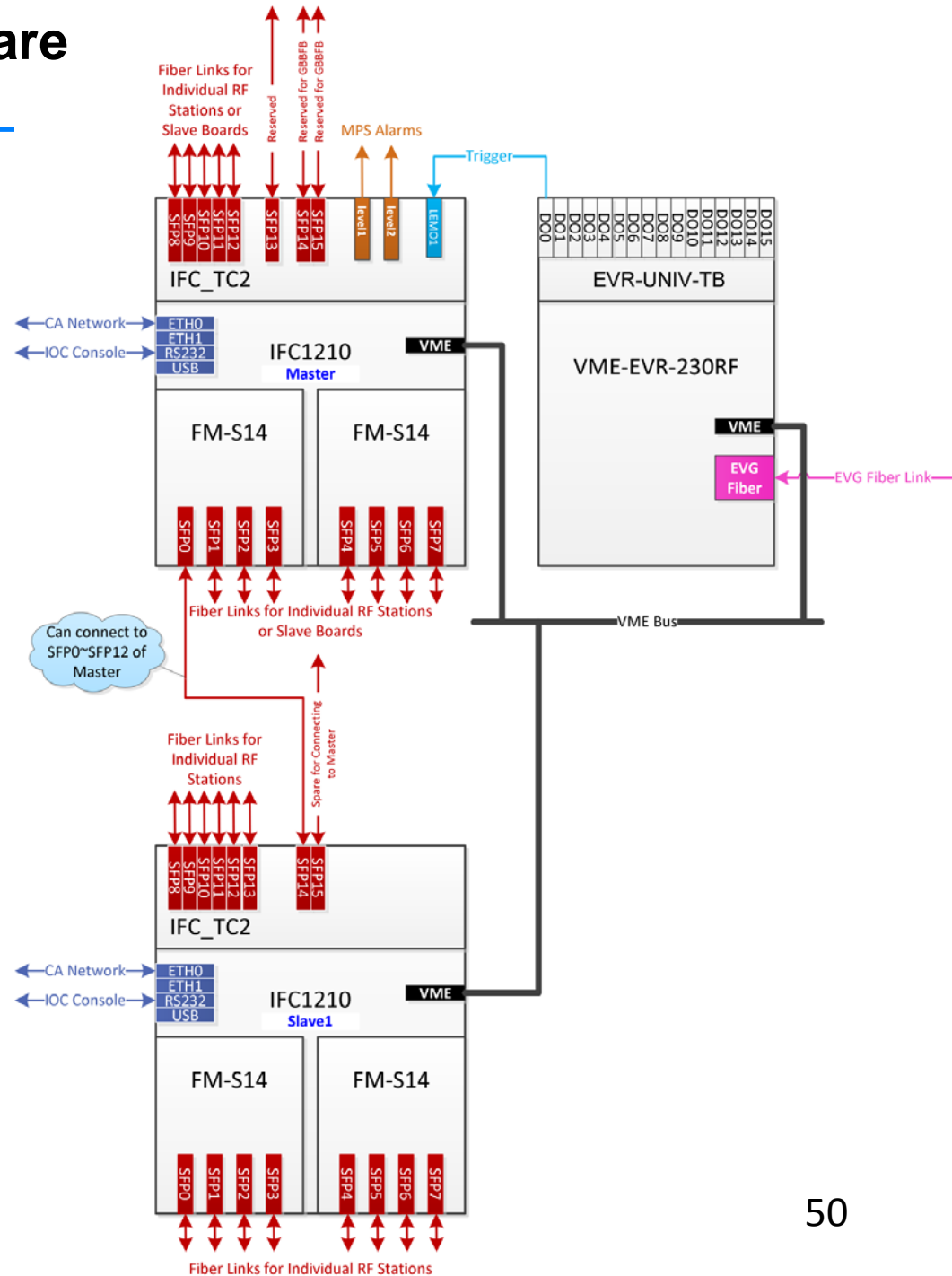
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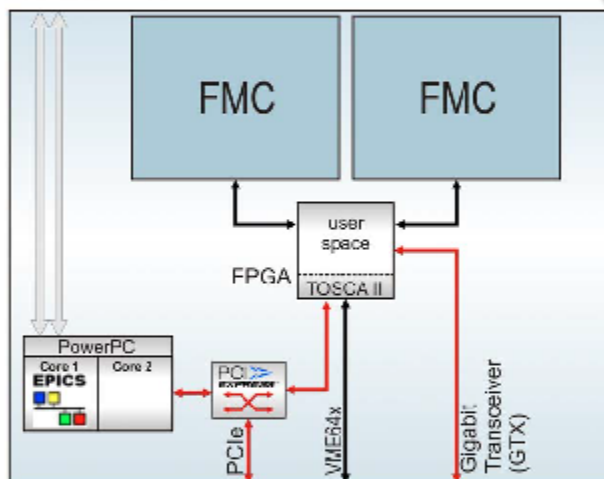
IFC\_TC2



FM-S14



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interface  
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LAN  
EPICS / EtherCAT



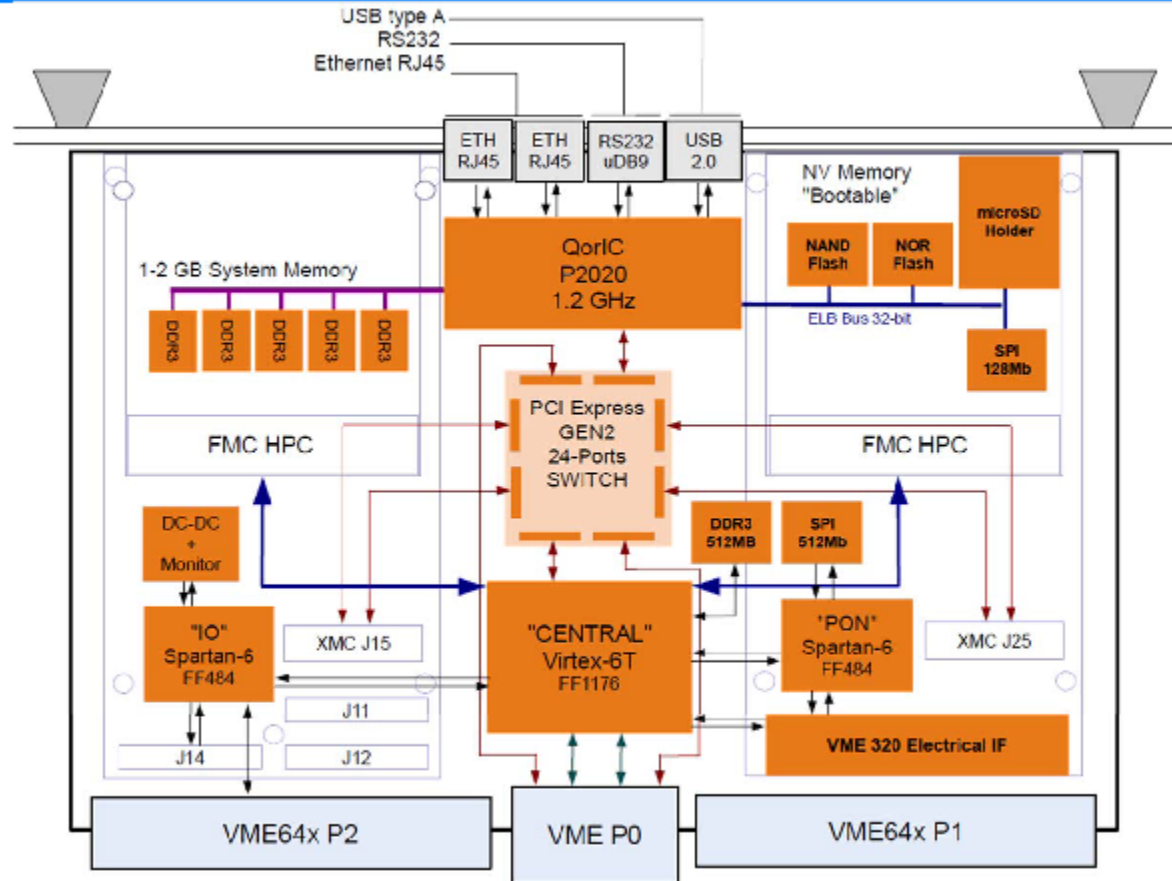
LLRF  
board-to-board  
communication

interface to  
global feedback  
network or  
LLRF board-to-  
board communication

### design issues:

- maximize synergy with other PSI facilities  
→ VME64x processing board  
→ joint venture with controls group
- digital processing board:  
collaboration with company IOxOS  
(board supplier, TOSCA II network on chip IP-core)
- ADC/DAC piggyback: 2x FMC  
(FPGA Mezzanine Card, ANSI/VITA 57.1 HPC (High Pin Count))
- Dual-Core P2020 CPU } RT-Linux
- fast data processing in one FPGA  
Virtex-6 130LXT (smallest)
- scalable system (PCIe, VME64x)

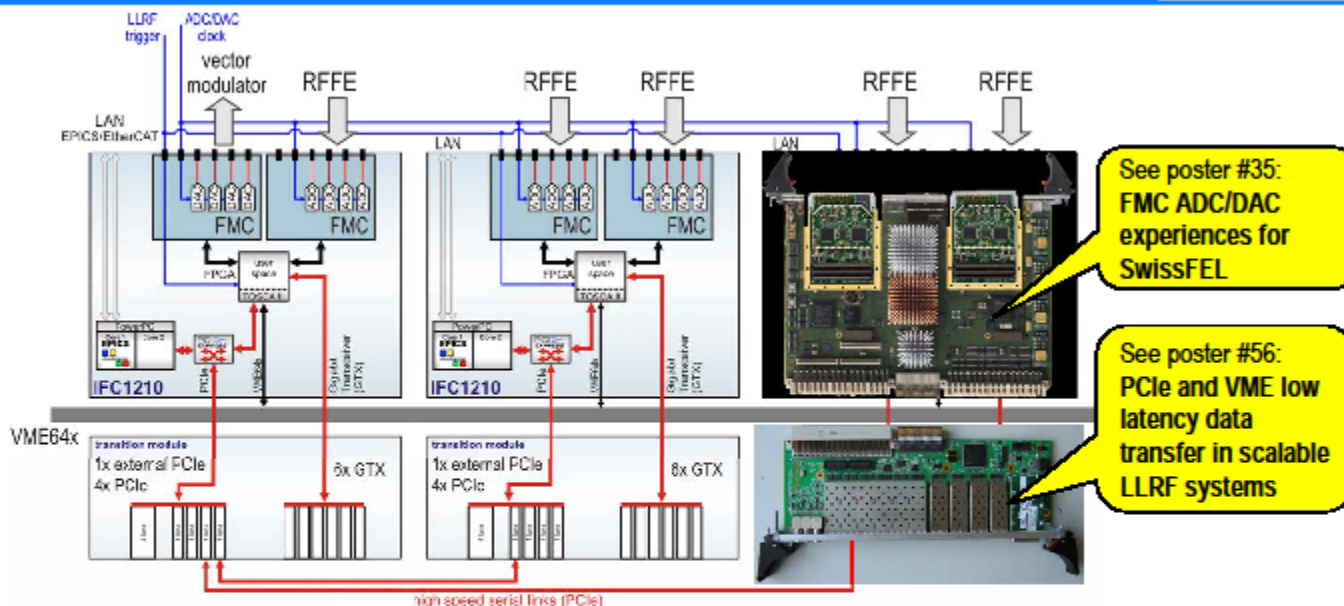
# IFC\_1210 Block Diagram





# Digital Platform: Building Blocks Status

1. SwissFEL Project Intro
2. LLRF Concept
3. LLRF Realization
4. Conclusion & Outlook



## status:

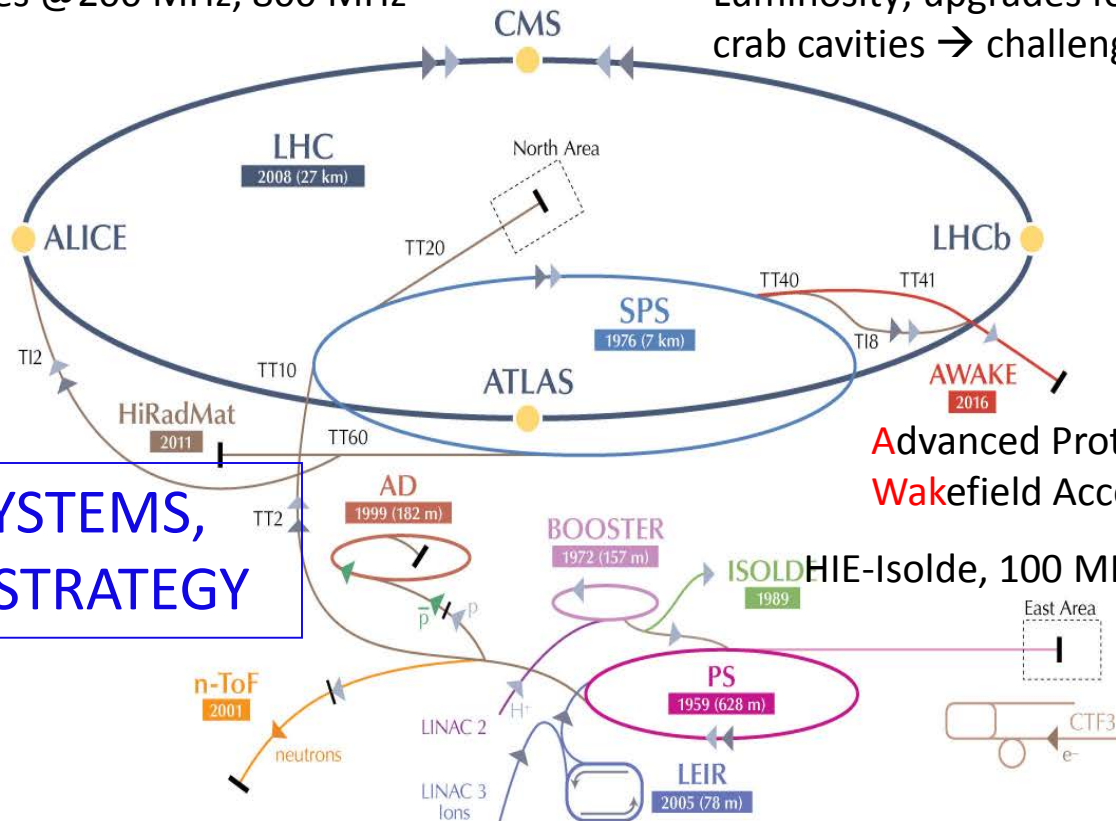
- IFC1210 boards developed in collaboration with company IOxOS SA is commercially available
  - Several FMC ADC and DAC mezzanines tested
  - Inhouse developed transition module prototype available
  - PREEMPT\_RT Linux + EPICS environment was set up together with Controls group, based on Denx.de ELDK (Embedded Linux Development Kit)

# Recent LLRF Developments at CERN and New Projects

Wolfgang Hofle, on behalf of BE-RF-FB and BE-RF-CS Section

SPS: major LLRF and RF upgrades under way: 4 → 6 cavities @200 MHz, 800 MHz system upgrade

LHC 2015: 6.5 TeV reached, half nominal Luminosity; upgrades for HighLumi: crab cavities → challenging LLRF



Advanced Proton Driven Plasma Wakefield Acceleration Experiment

ISOLDE/HIE-Isolde, 100 MHz SRF with DLLRF

**TOO MANY SYSTEMS,  
NEED A LLRF STRATEGY**

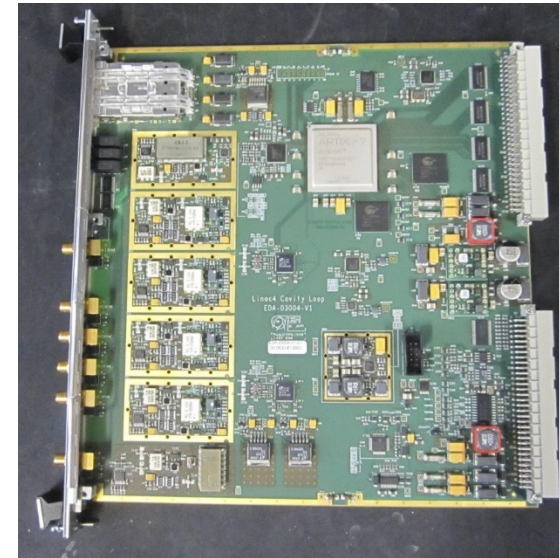
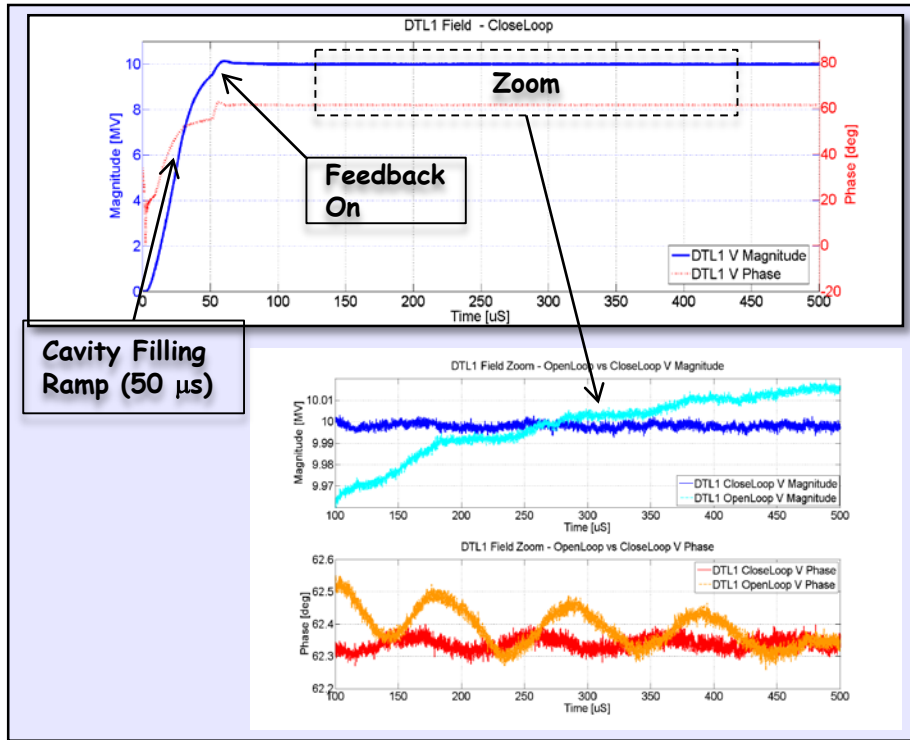
Roll-out of DLLRF: PSB, LEIR, AD, ELENA;  
new Finemet system for PSB  
PS: Coupled Bunch feedback with Finemet cavities

LINAC4: staged commissioning:  
Connection to PSB: 2018/2019

# Summary

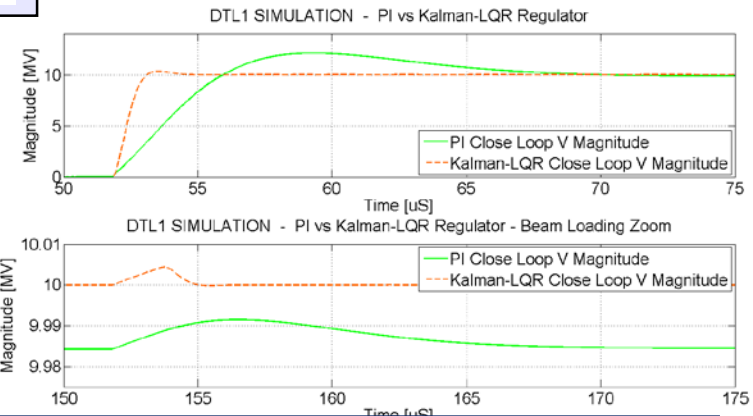
- **CERN** Focus is on Injector Upgrades during the coming years: many LLRF challenges
- New Projects: AWAKE, HIE-Isolde, ELENA
- Make or buy ? → make
- Platform ? → VME
- Solution for data recording (ObsBox)

# Linac4 LLRF



LHC LLRF type VME platform

- ▶ Installed on RFQ, Bunching cavities 2-3, DTL1
- ▶ Observed ripple: 0.06% voltage, 0.05 deg, without beam
- ▶ Transient beam loading: 1% voltage with 8 mA beam
- ▶ Pulse to pulse reproducibility:  $\pm 0.05$  deg



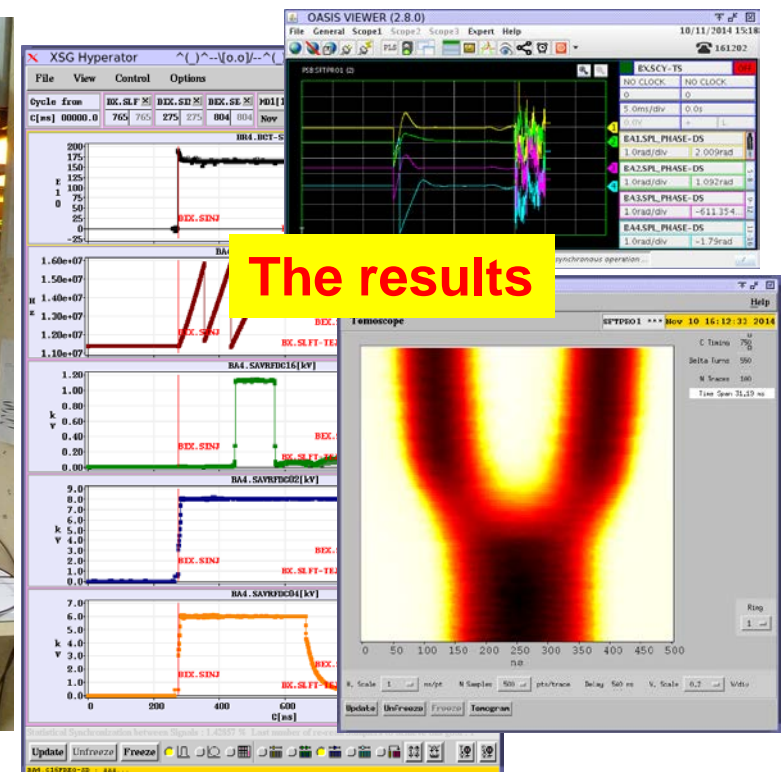
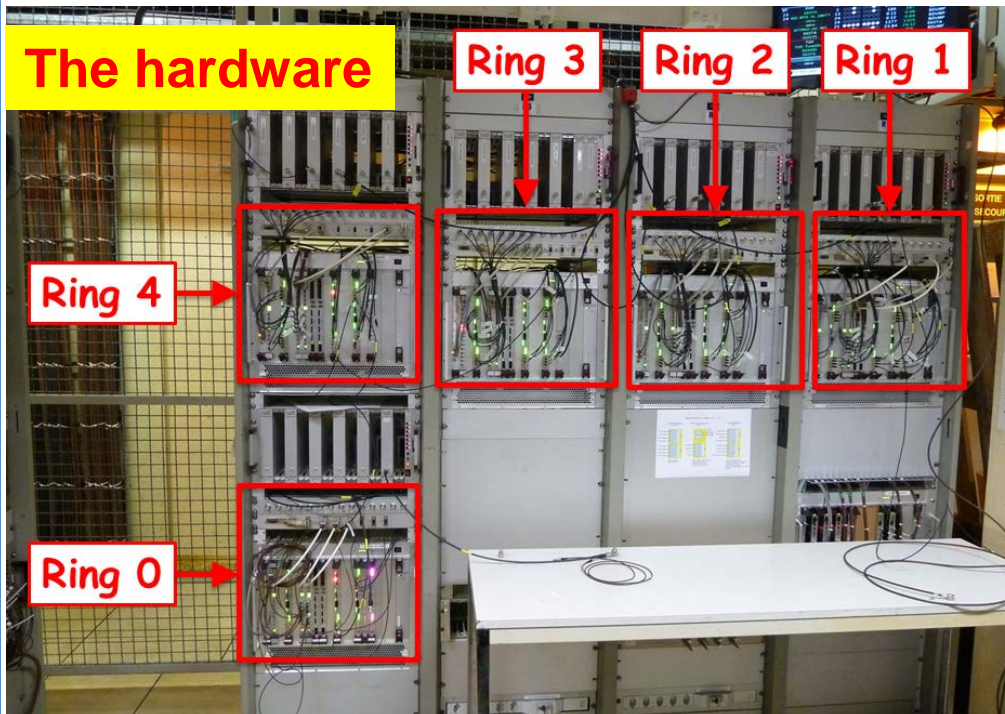
J. Noirjean, J. Galindo, D. Stellfeld, G. Hagmann, P. Baudrenghien, M. Ojeda

See Talk by J. Galindo



# New PSB Digital LLRF system

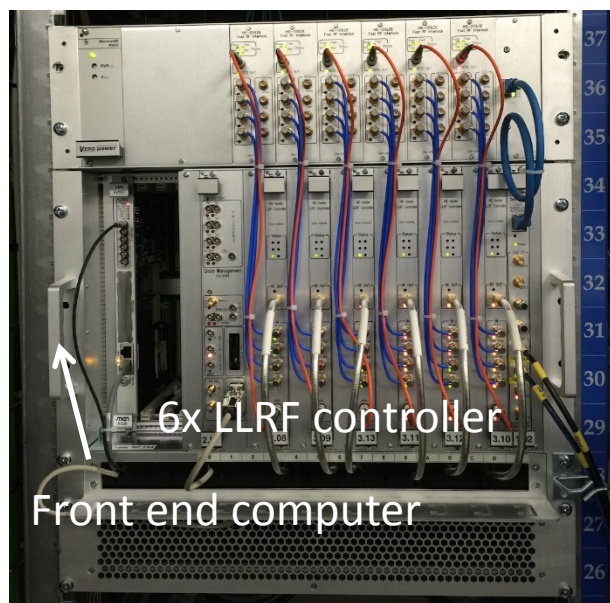
- Four operational Digital LLRF systems (Ring 1 to 4) + development ring (ring 0) which operates Ring 4 beams in PPM with Ring 4 DLLRF.
- Big RF group investment (manpower) for Meyrin machines.
- PSB operational LLRF after LS1
- Mandatory for PSB Finemet R&D campaign (2014-2015).
- Will be deployed in LEIR in 2015 and in ELENA (Anti-proton deceleration) in 2016.



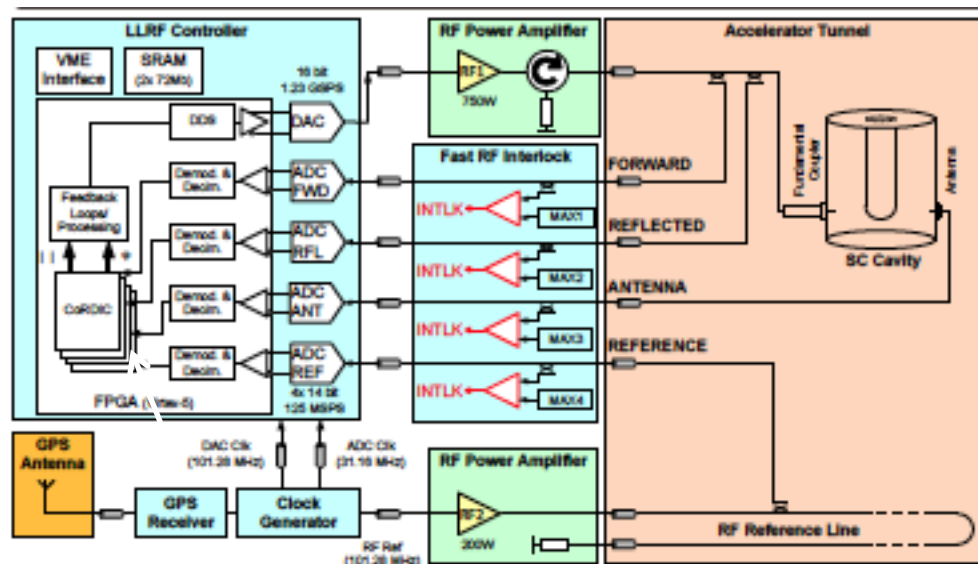
Talks by M.E. Angoletta and J. Molendijk

# HIE-Isolde DLLRF (Valuch et.al)

- radioactive ions post acceleration (low intensity)
- only 16 meters long, final stage: 32 superconducting cavities (100 MHz)
- challenge to control the cavity, only few Hz bandwidth
- LLRF entirely digital, direct RF sampling, direct RF generation
- 32 solid state RF amplifiers, 700 W each
- commissioning started in summer 2015 (1 RF module with 5 cavities)
- first Beam successfully accelerated last month



LHC type VME Platform



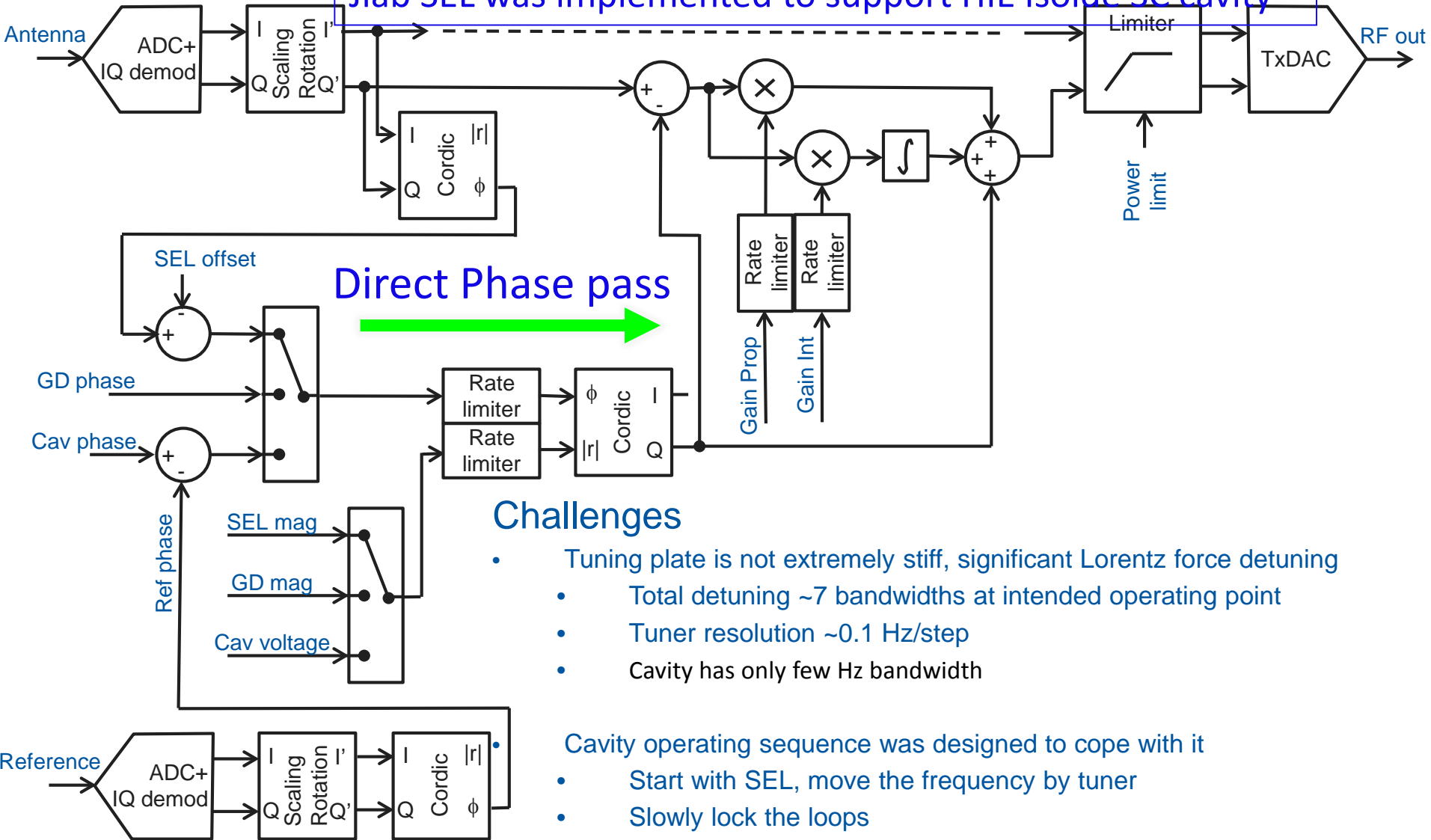
D. Valuch , M. Elias, M. Mician

Poster (M. Mician) and Talk (D. Valuch)



# HIE Isolde LLRF controller Simplified function block diagram

Jlab SEL was implemented to support HIE Isolde SC cavity



## Challenges

- Tuning plate is not extremely stiff, significant Lorentz force detuning
- Total detuning  $\sim 7$  bandwidths at intended operating point
- Tuner resolution  $\sim 0.1$  Hz/step
- Cavity has only few Hz bandwidth

Cavity operating sequence was designed to cope with it

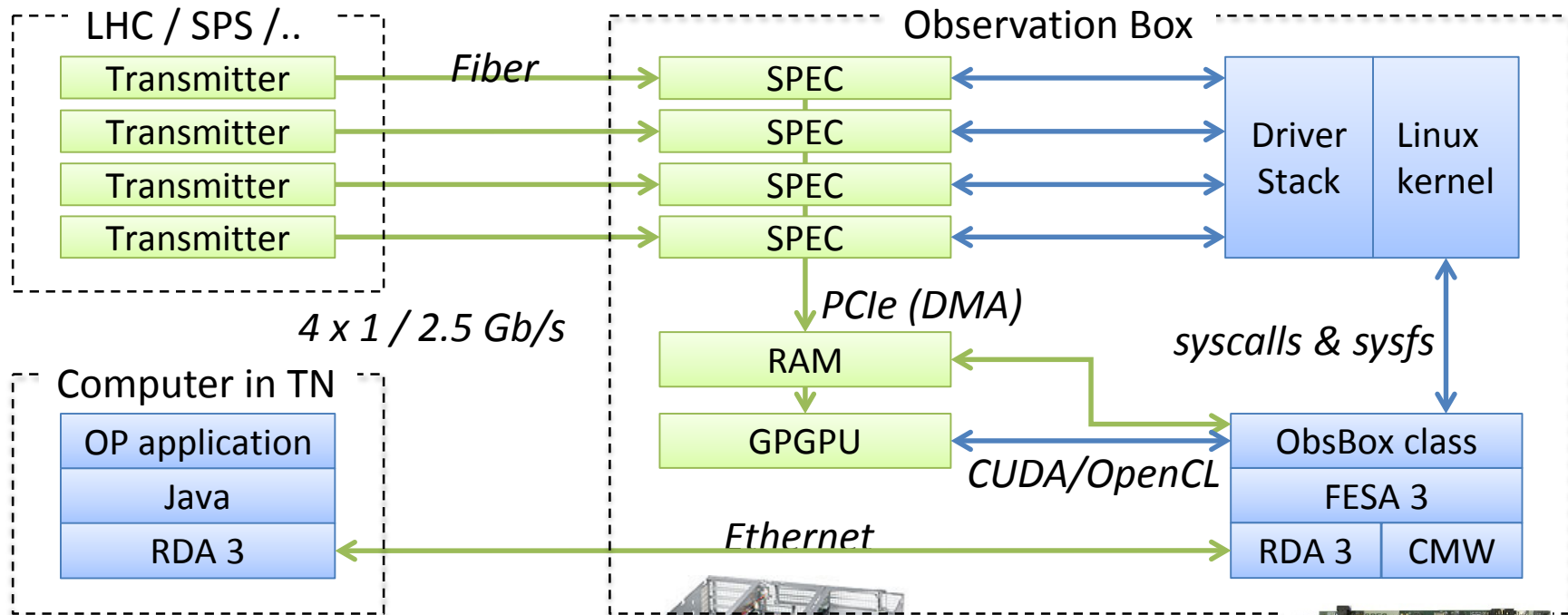
- Start with SEL, move the frequency by tuner
- Slowly lock the loops

# Data recording: Observation Box

Objective: Overcome limitation of VME for data transfer to fully explore diagnostic potential of the digital LLRF systems

A. Butterworth, M. Ojeda et al.  
ICALEPCS'15, WEPGF062

VME modules with integrated Transmitters



4 x 1 / 2.5 Gb/s

SuperMicro's SuperServer  
6028U-TR4+



Simple PCIe FMC carrier (SPEC)  
RF specific firm ware: T. Levens



# SSRF (“Shanghai Light Source”)



**Storage Ring**  
3.5GeV, C=432m



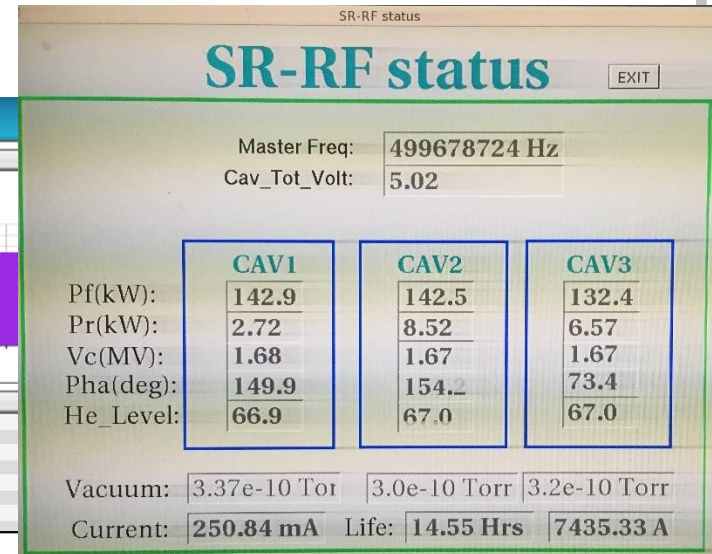
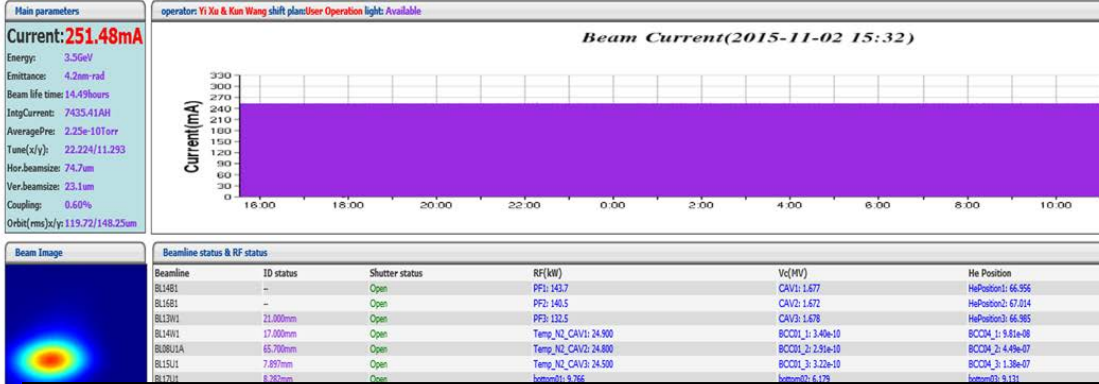
**Booster**  
3.5GeV, C=180m



**Electron Linac**  
150MeV

# SSRF RF system of Storage

## SSRF Operation Status

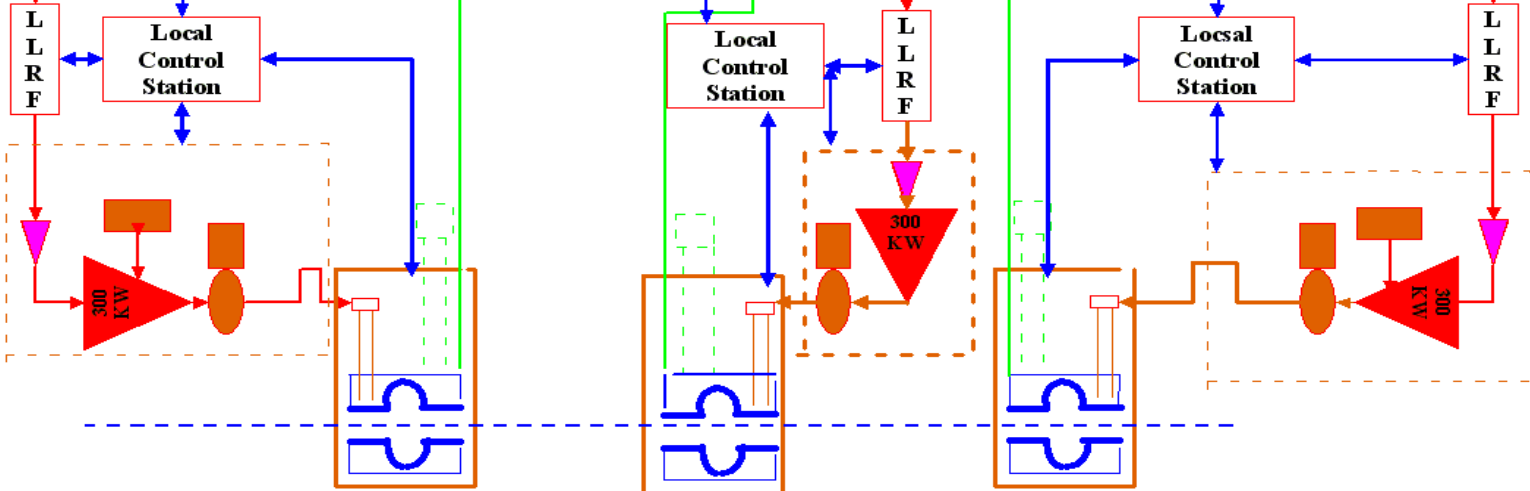


## RF Source

499.654MHz

Intranet

Cryogenic Control



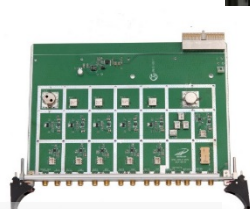
# The third generation LLRF used in the storage ring



cPCI Controller Box



DSP board



Front-end board

- Board with CPCI package ,
- 4 Channel ADC.125MSPS
- 2 Channel DAC , 275MSPS
- 4 down-converter and one up-converter channel
- Linear is better than 60dB, isolate is better than 70dB
- CPCI communication.
- EPICS interface



The third generation replaced the first one used in RF station II and III of Storage ring in 2015.2

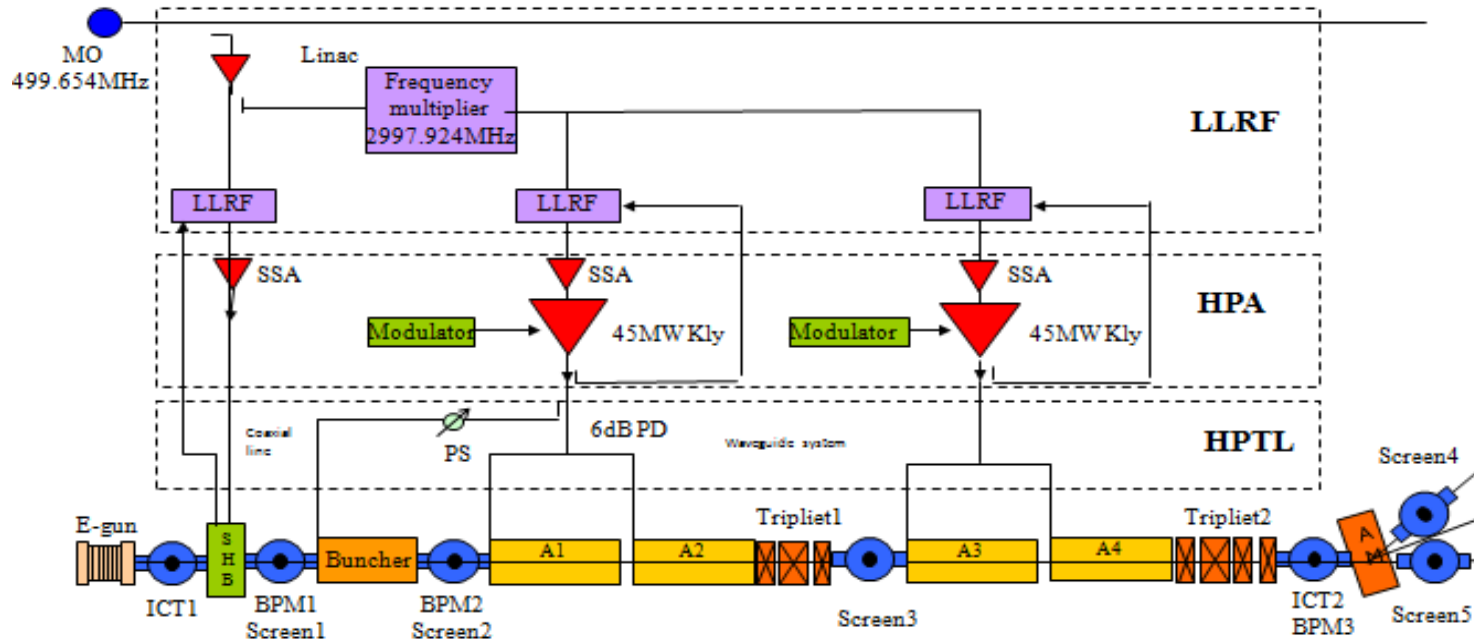


# Linac layout of SSRF

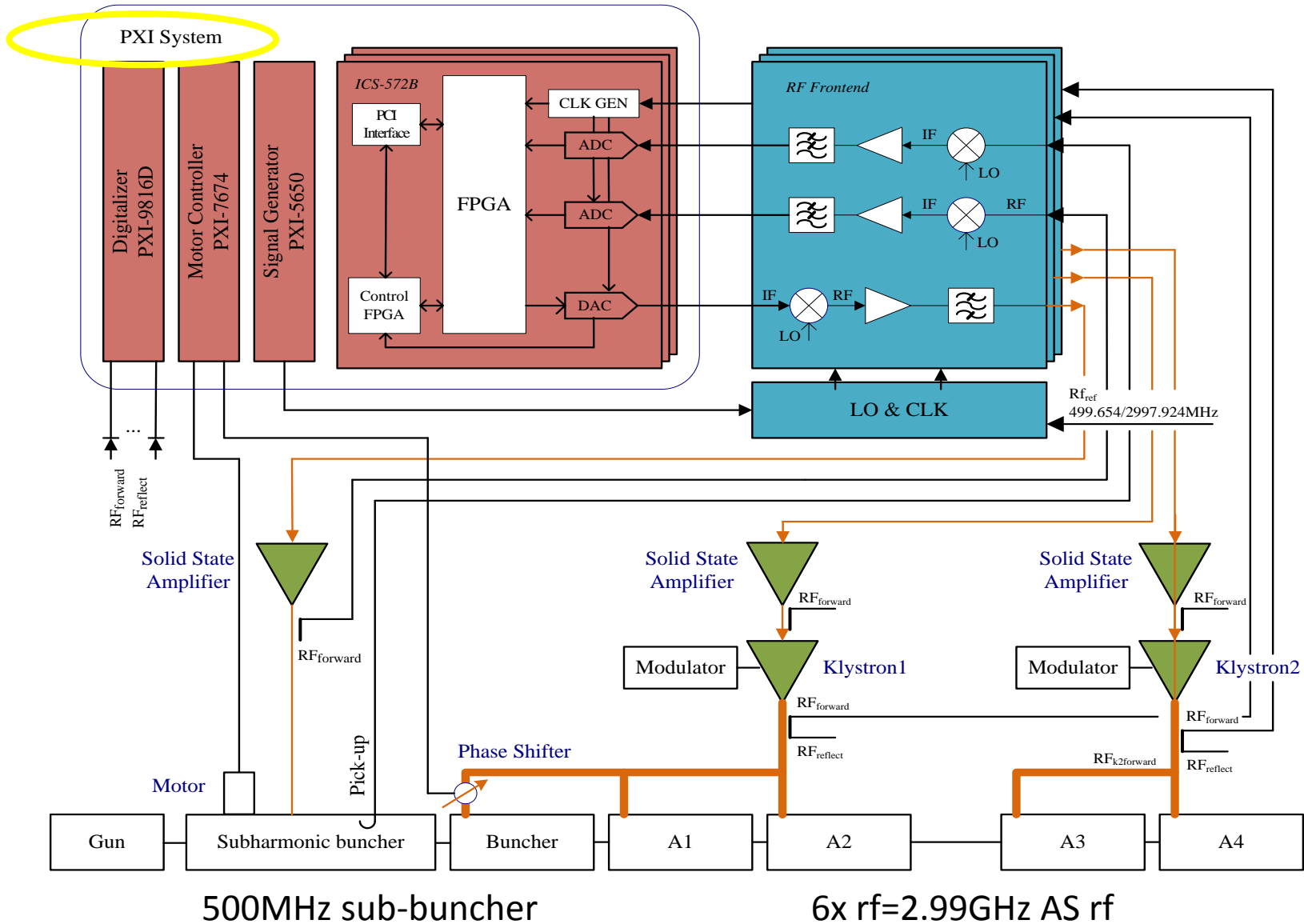
Yubin Zhao, RF Group and Linac Group



LLRF in PXI crate (NI?)



# Linac LLRF of SSRF







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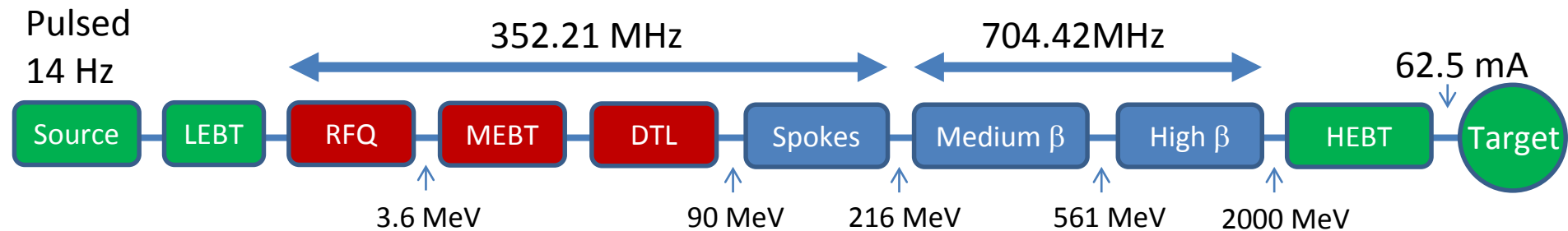
# Overview and System Design for ESS LLRF Systems

ANDERS J JOHANSSON, LUND UNIVERSITY, SWEDEN

5 MW Neutron source  
2 GeV proton linac  
Pulsed at 14 Hz, 2.86 ms long pulses.  
Rotating tungsten target



# ESS Accelerator



- 1 RFQ
- 3 Pillbox buncher cavities in MEBT.
- 5 Drift Tube Linac sections.
- 26 Superconducting spoke cavities.
- 36 Superconducting medium- $\beta$  cavities.
- 84 Superconducting high- $\beta$  cavities.

# ESS RF power amplifiers

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- One power amplifier per accelerating cavity
  - 2.8 MW Klystron for RFQ
  - 30 kW Solid State for Buncher
  - 2.8 MW Klystron for DTL
  - 2x200kW Tetrode combined for Spoke
  - 1.5 MW Klystron for Medium- Beta Elliptical
  - 1.2 MW IOT for High Beta Elliptical

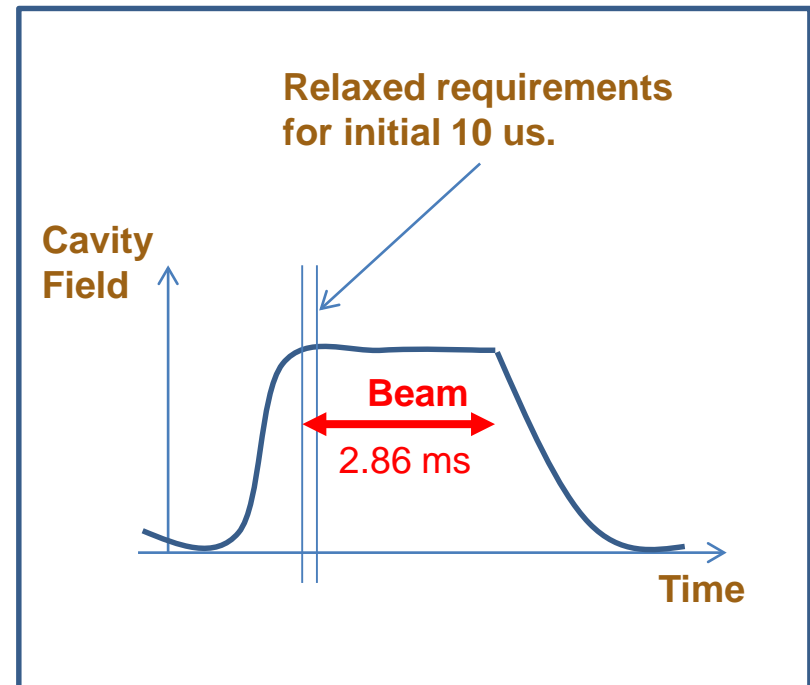




# Field Stability

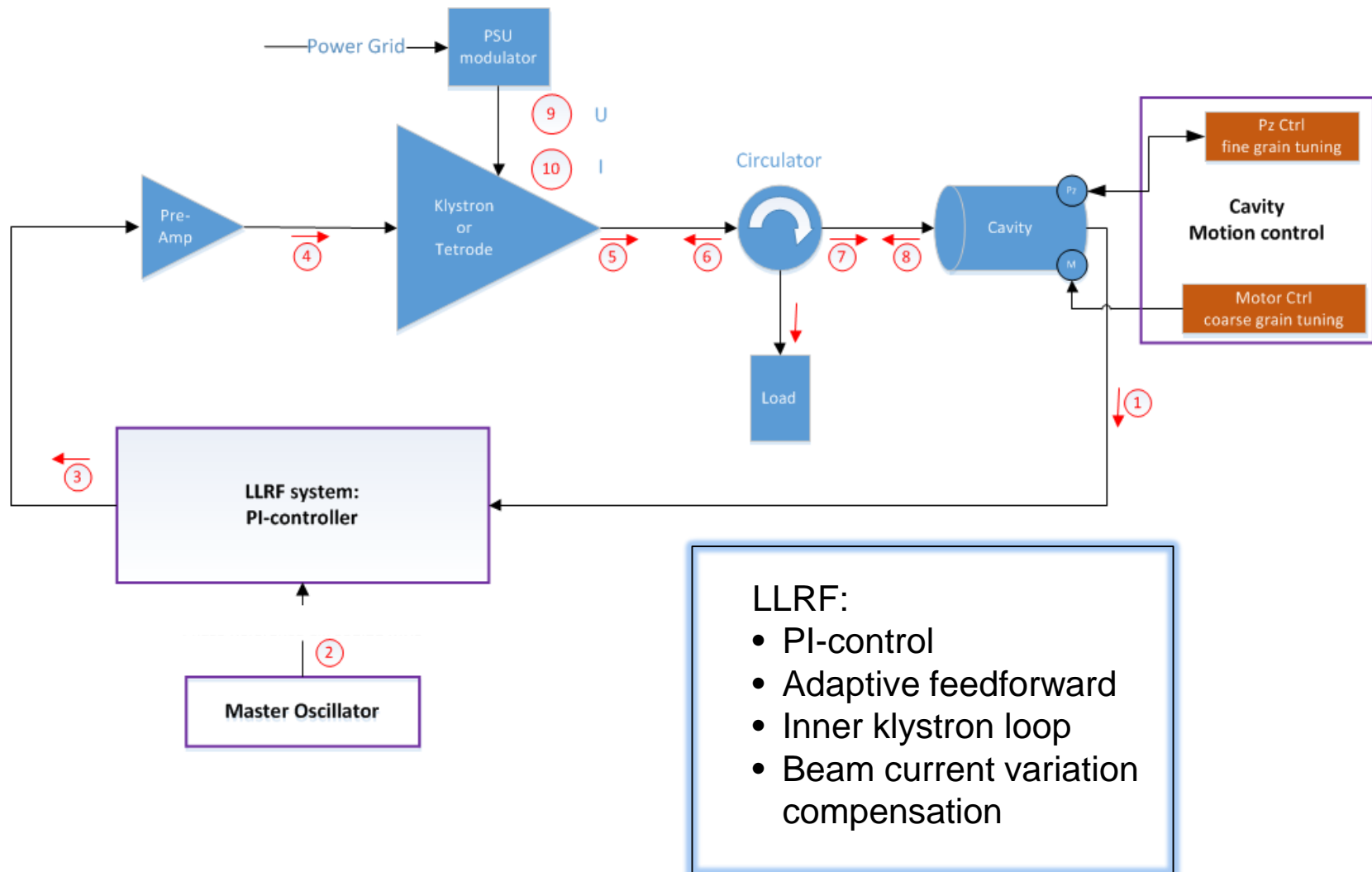
Current requirements for regulation accuracy of the cavity field.

- RFQ
  - +/- 0.2 % RMS amplitude
  - +/- 0.2 ° RMS\*
- Normal Conducting
  - +/- 0.2 % RMS amplitude
  - +/- 0.2 ° RMS
- Super Conducting
  - +/- 0.1 % RMS amplitude
  - +/- 0.1 ° RMS



\*Relative the phase reference line. All other phase requirements relative the beam.

# RF Cell



# Platform: MTCA.4

- Modular design
  - Adaptable to different cavities.
  - Facilitates incremental upgrades
  - Simplifies end of life management
- Temperature controlled rack

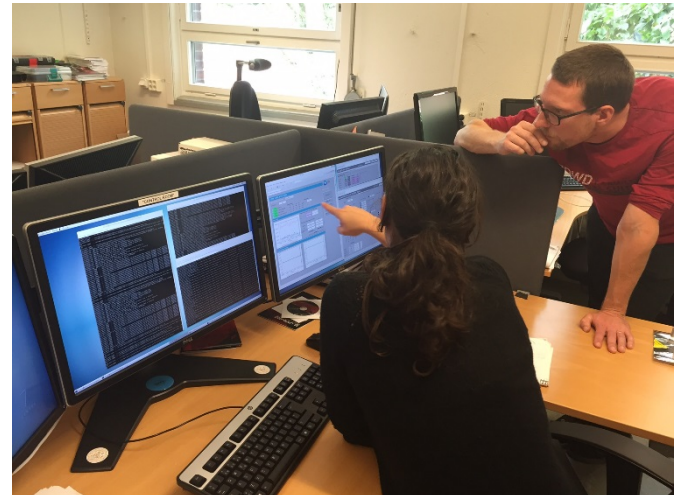
**LLRF is in-kind contribution  
( DESY and others)**



# Status

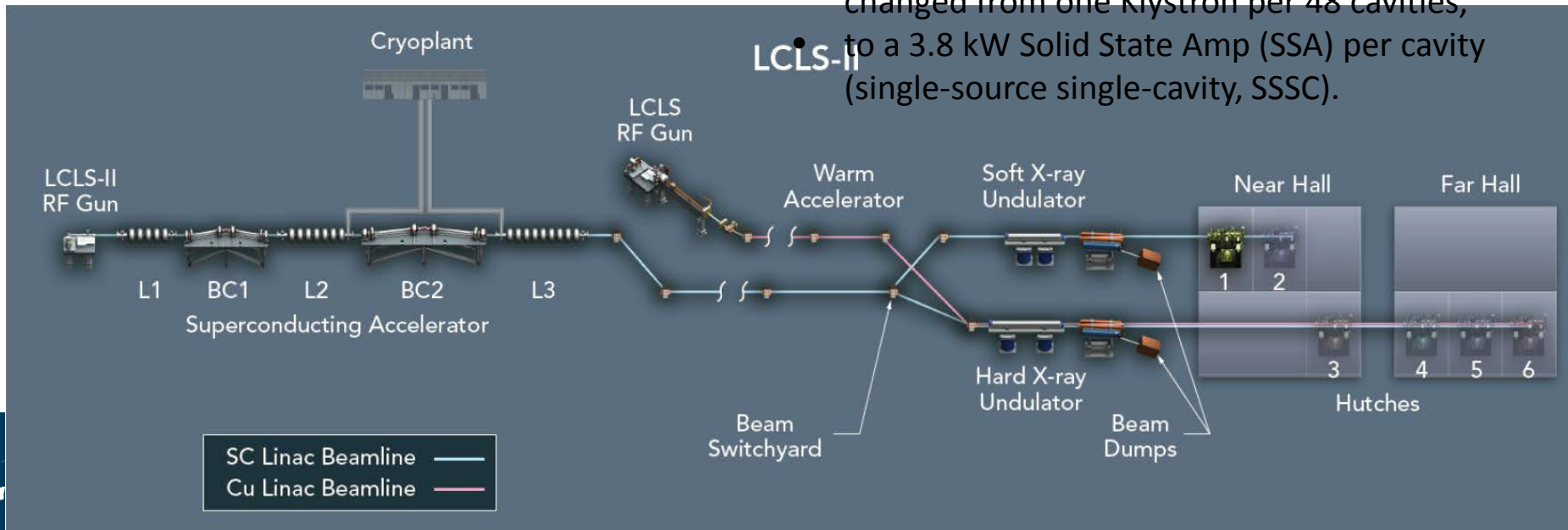
After 4~5 years...

- Two test benches up and running at Lund University
  - 352.21 MHz
  - 704.42 MHz
- Test benches controlled from a central "control room" computer and screens.
- One prototype running at Freia test hall at Uppsala University.

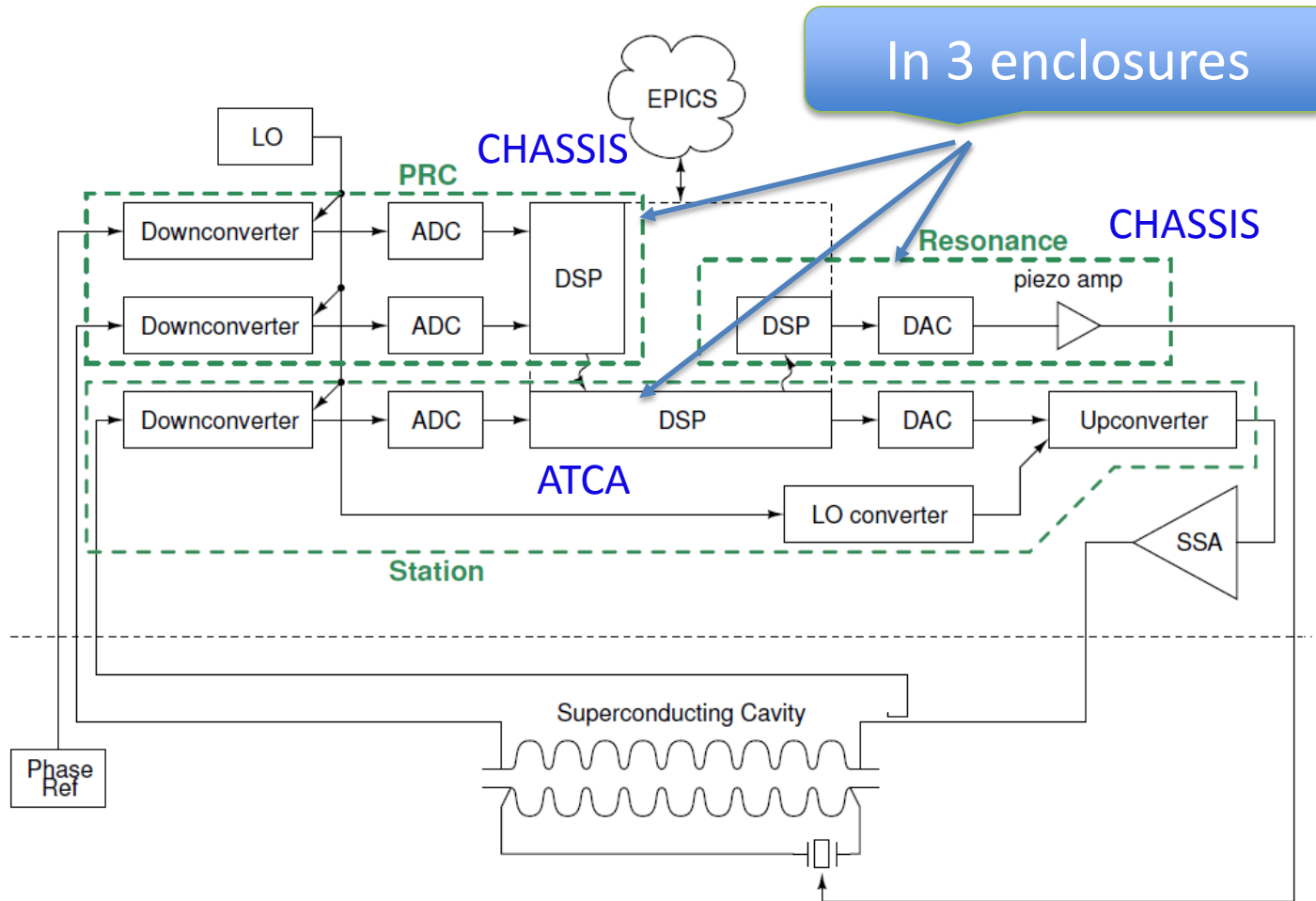


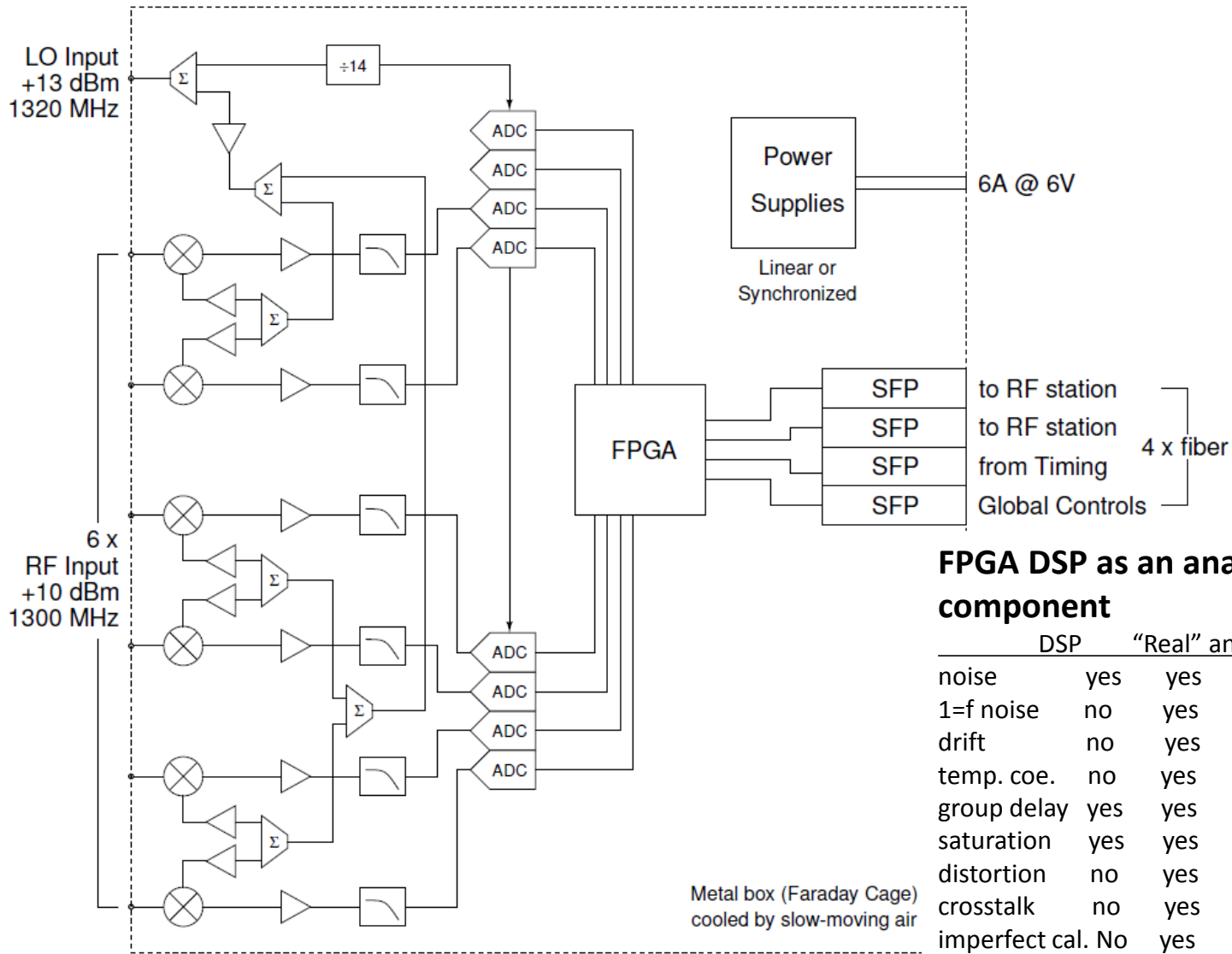
## Linear Coherent Light Source – II (LCLS-II)

- Collaboration with SLAC, FNAL, JLAB
- System architecture design
  - Modular NAD (network attached device) design
  - Separation of high precision receiver and RF drive station
  - Common FPGA boards in modules
- End-to-end simulation
- LCLS-II is just like XFEL, except ...
- CW instead of pulsed
- 20 Hz bandwidth SRF cavity, instead of 800 Hz bandwidth
- Goal is still 0.01, 0.01%
- Fast beam-based feedback is not part of LCLS-II baseline, for cost reasons
- As of September 2014, the baseline design changed from one Klystron per 48 cavities, to a 3.8 kW Solid State Amp (SSA) per cavity (single-source single-cavity, SSSC).









## FPGA DSP as an analog component

	DSP	"Real" analog
noise	yes	yes
1=f noise	no	yes
drift	no	yes
temp. coe.	no	yes
group delay	yes	yes
saturation	yes	yes
distortion	no	yes
crosstalk	no	yes
imperfect cal.	No	yes
power dissipation	yes	yes
simulatable	yes	yes
remote updates	yes	no

\* Maybe

# Summary

- Over a decade and half (since 2001), a lot of progress has been made, and basic techniques have been learnt.
- LLRF community has become more mature in both
  - Using proven techniques/designs, and
  - Choosing Pragmatic Implementations
- R&D in reference/calibration continues to be the focus
- Development of the more realistic SRF cavity models in FPGA is being pursued, which would be very useful for SRF systems.

Thanks for your attention

# A example of Commercial LLRF Solutions

- LLRF-9 from Dimtel
- Users : ELSA, ANKA, SESAME. The unit has also been demonstrated in Diamond booster and LNL5 booster and storage ring.

