Wall-Current-Monitor based Ghost and Satellite Bunch Detection in the CERN PS and LHC accelerators

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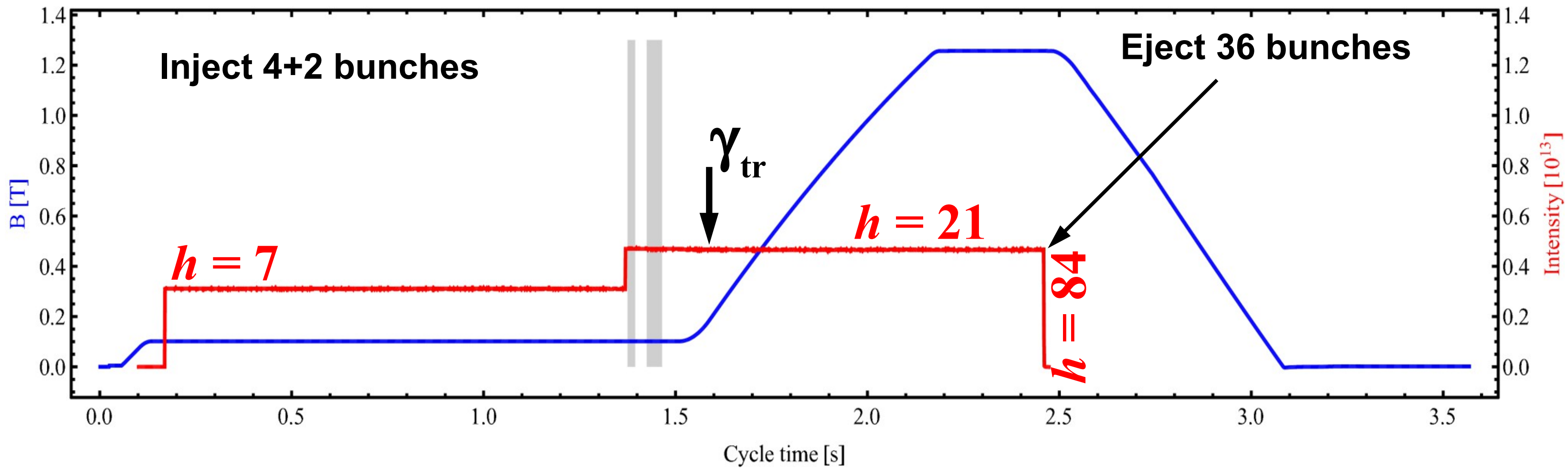
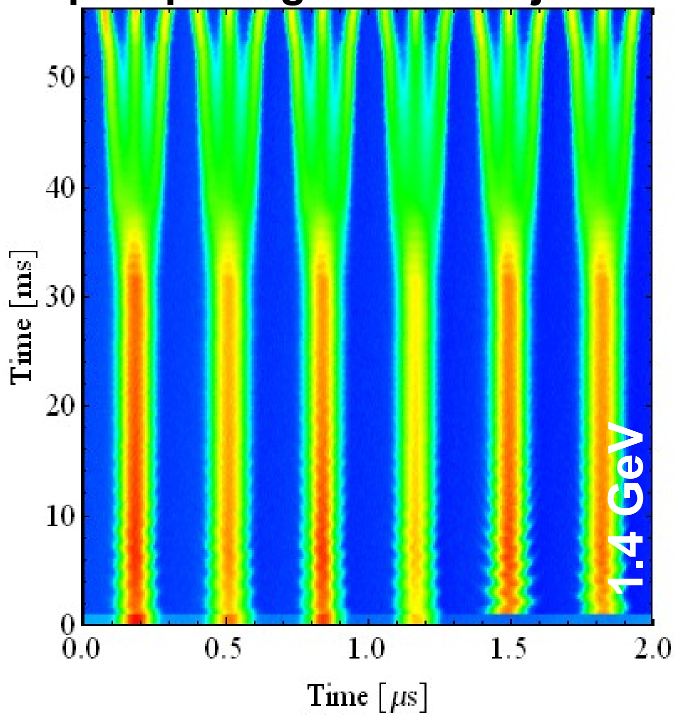
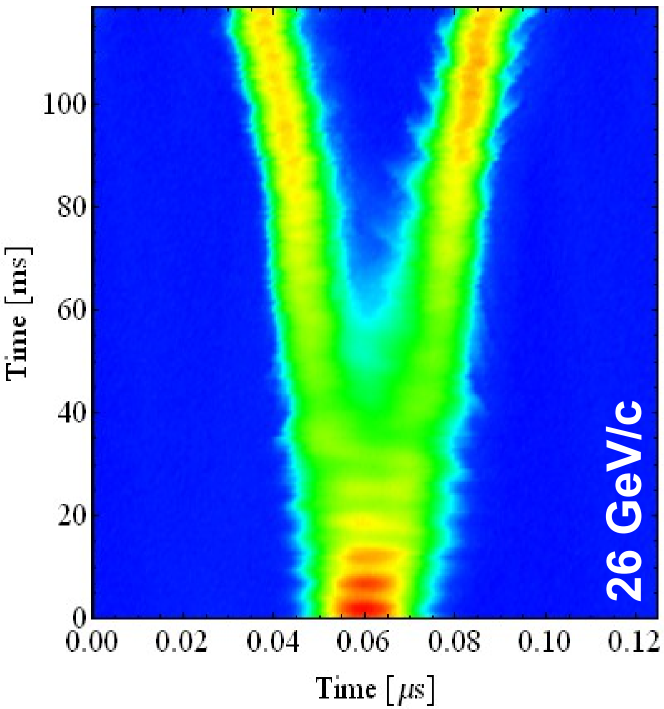
LHC-type Beam Production in the CERN-PS
here: 50 ns beam



Triple splitting after 1st injection



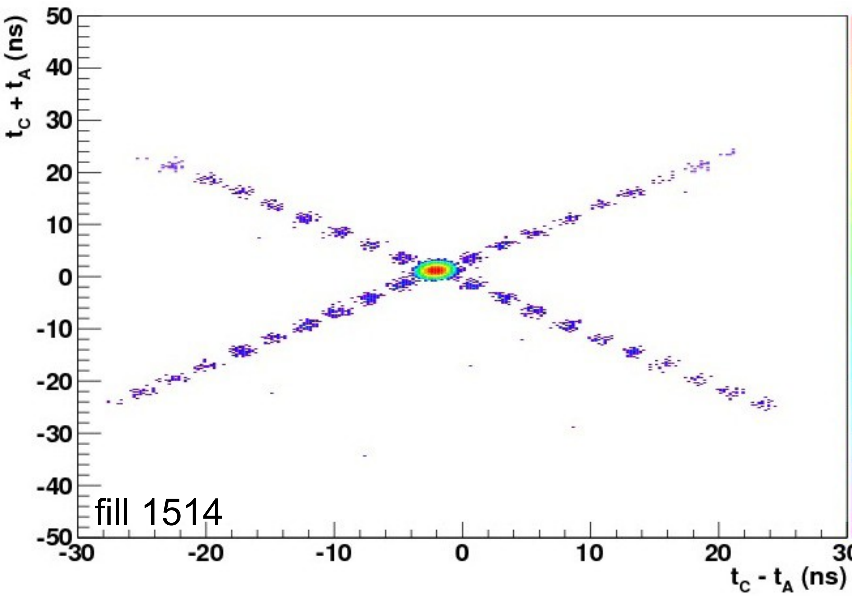
Split in two at flat top energy



Terminology and Impact on LHC Physics

- Depending on the particle population per bucket:
  - Nominal bunch: $n_b \sim 10^9$ -$1.6 \cdot 10^{11}$ p/bucket
  - 'Satellite': %-level filled buckets typ. in vicinity of nominal bunches
    - *mostly PS beam production, particle transfer*
  - 'Ghost': $<10^{-4}$ w.r.t. nom. bunch filled bucket
    - *capture losses/recapture beam at LHC injection*

ALICE Interaction Point reconstruction:



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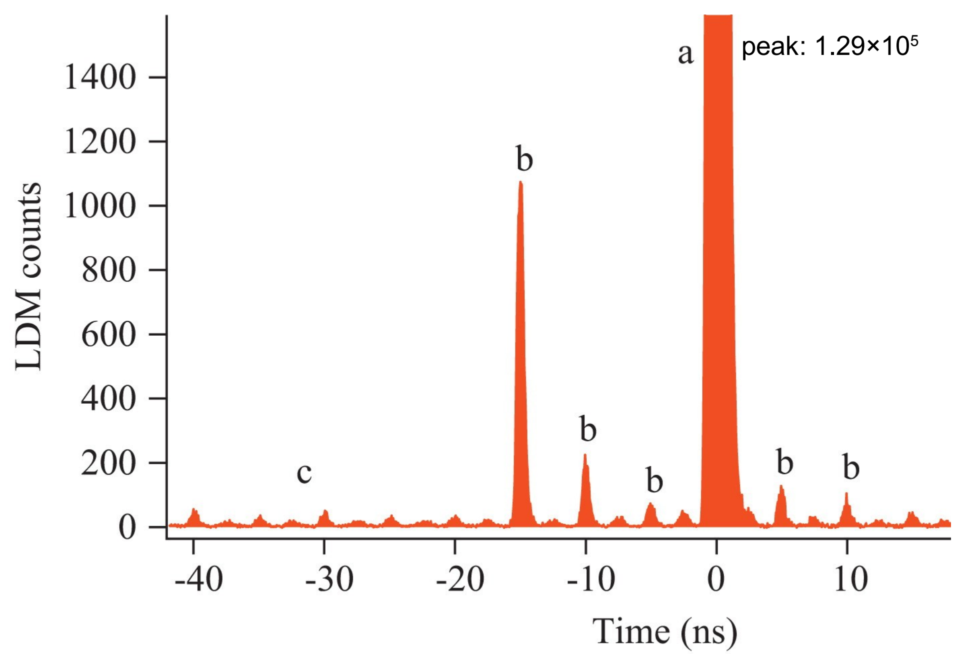


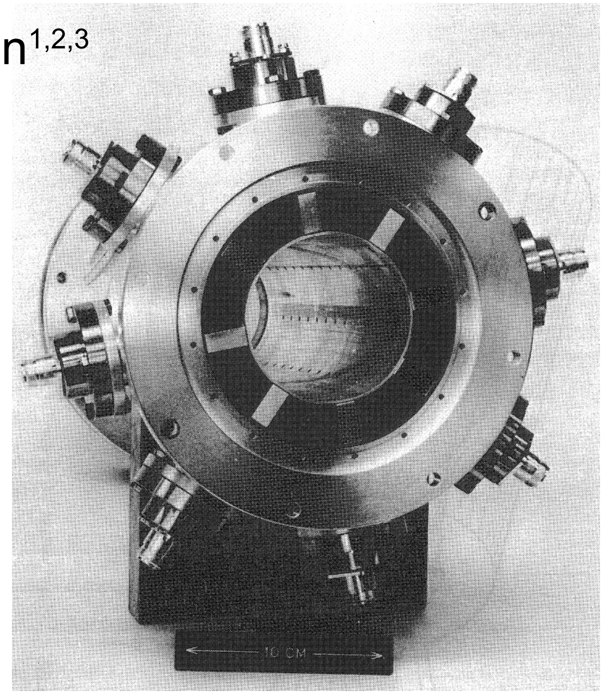
[1]A. Jeff et al., "First results of the LHC longitudinal density monitor", NIMA, Vol. 659, Issue 1, 2011, pp. 549–556

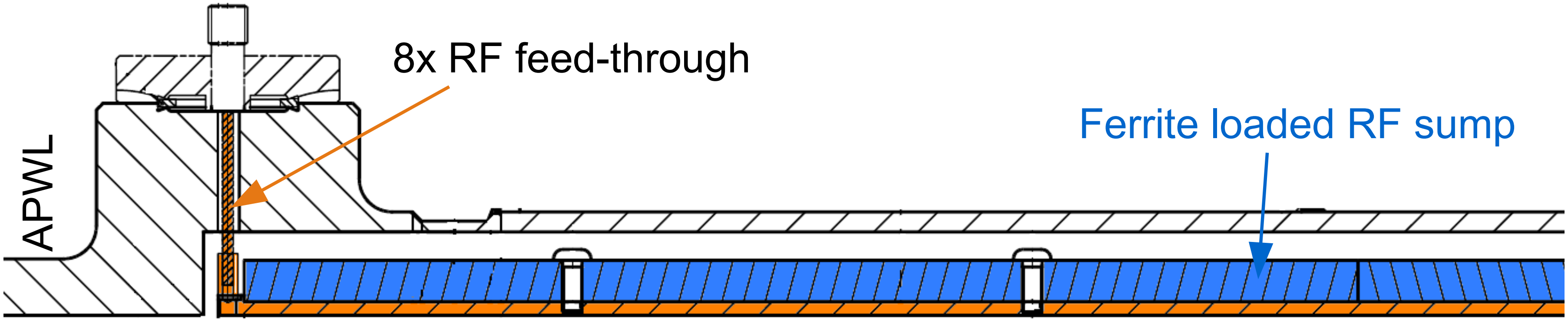
Outline

- Terminology: Ghosts and Satellites
- Wall-Current Monitor Infrastructure
  - Pick-up response, cabling, star-combiner & limitations
- Intensity Measurement Resolution and Acquisition Mode
- Post-processing
  - Calibration based signal compensation with and without beam
  - Base-line restoration and noise reduction
- Some results and future plans

SPS/LHC Wall Current Monitor Design

- WCM pickup designs based on established 78' design[1,2,3]
- Proof-of-principle: *"What can be achieved/are the limits re-using the existing infrastructure"*
- Simplicity is key necessity to control systematics and reflections below the $<10^{-3}$ level at few-GHz: WCM + "star combiner" → 3/8" pig-tail → 30 (100) m 7/8" cable → 40 dB attenuator → 3+ GHz fast sampling scope
- Intensity etc. measurement relies on beam-based off-/online calibration and signal post-processing





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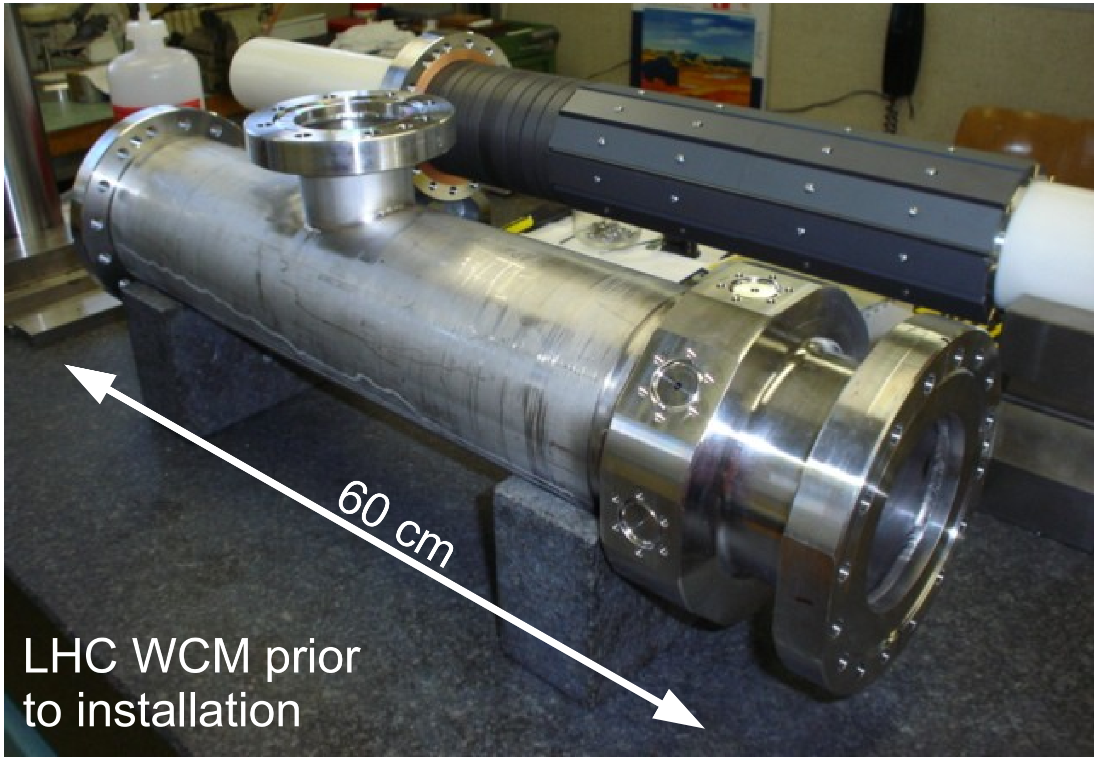
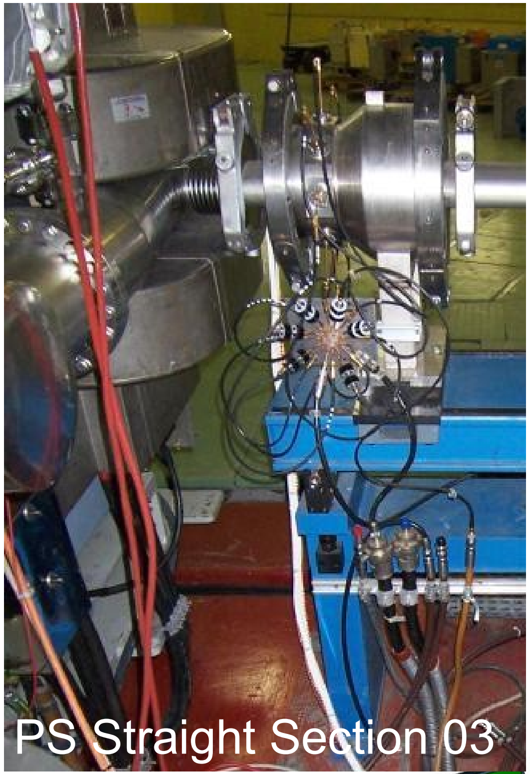
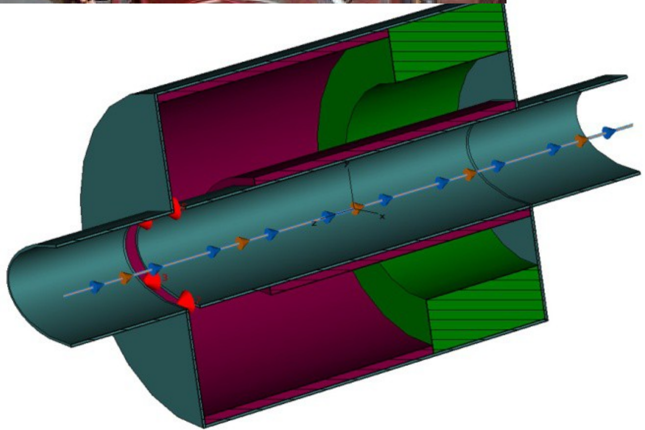
SPS/LHC Wall Current Monitor Design

- Prior to installation



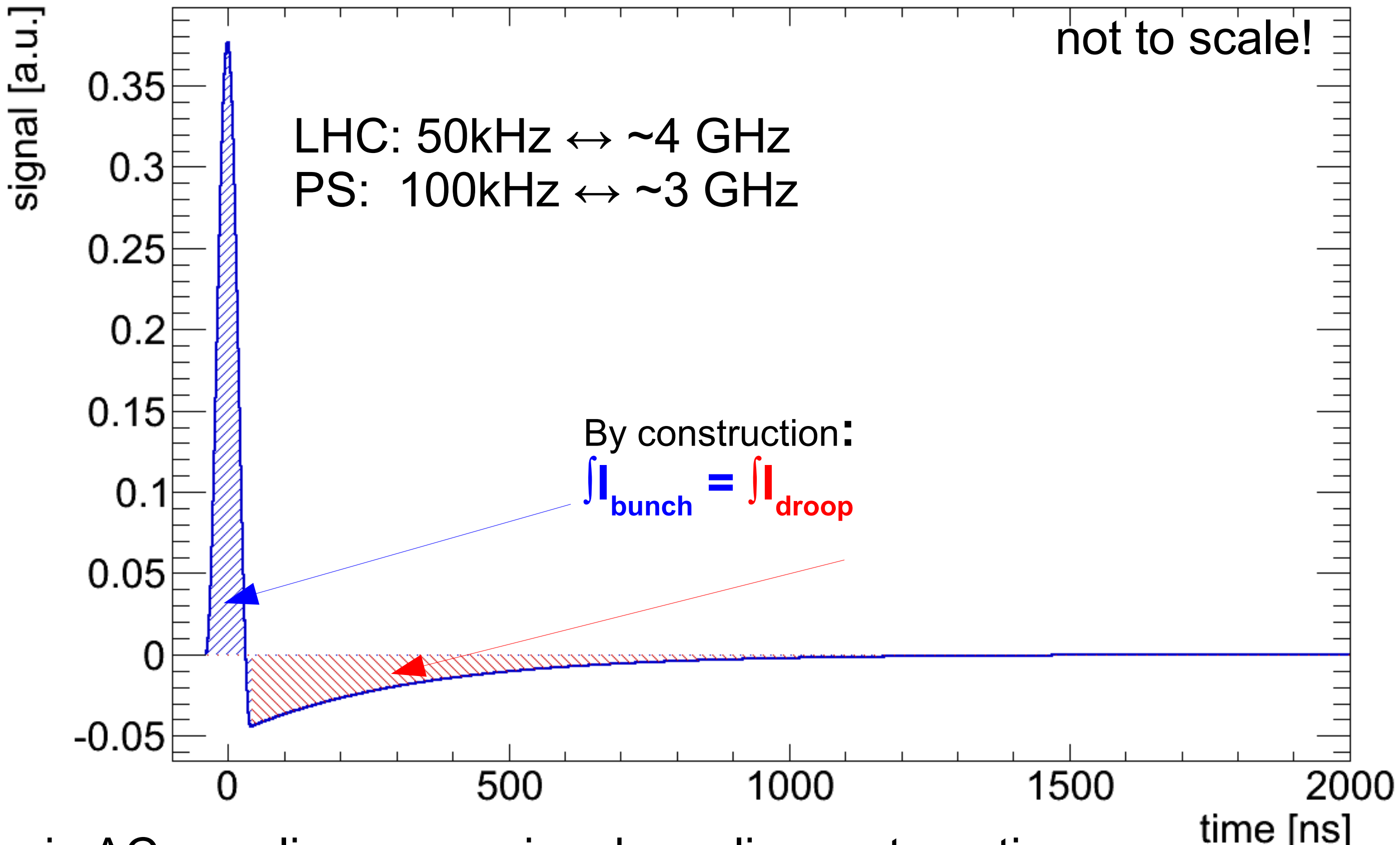


- Combiner: star-topology 8(+8) x 50Ω-matched inputs (outputs)
- Aged/experienced PS-WCM is targeted to be upgraded for reliability and maintainability reasons



Typical WCM response – Low-Frequency Base-Line

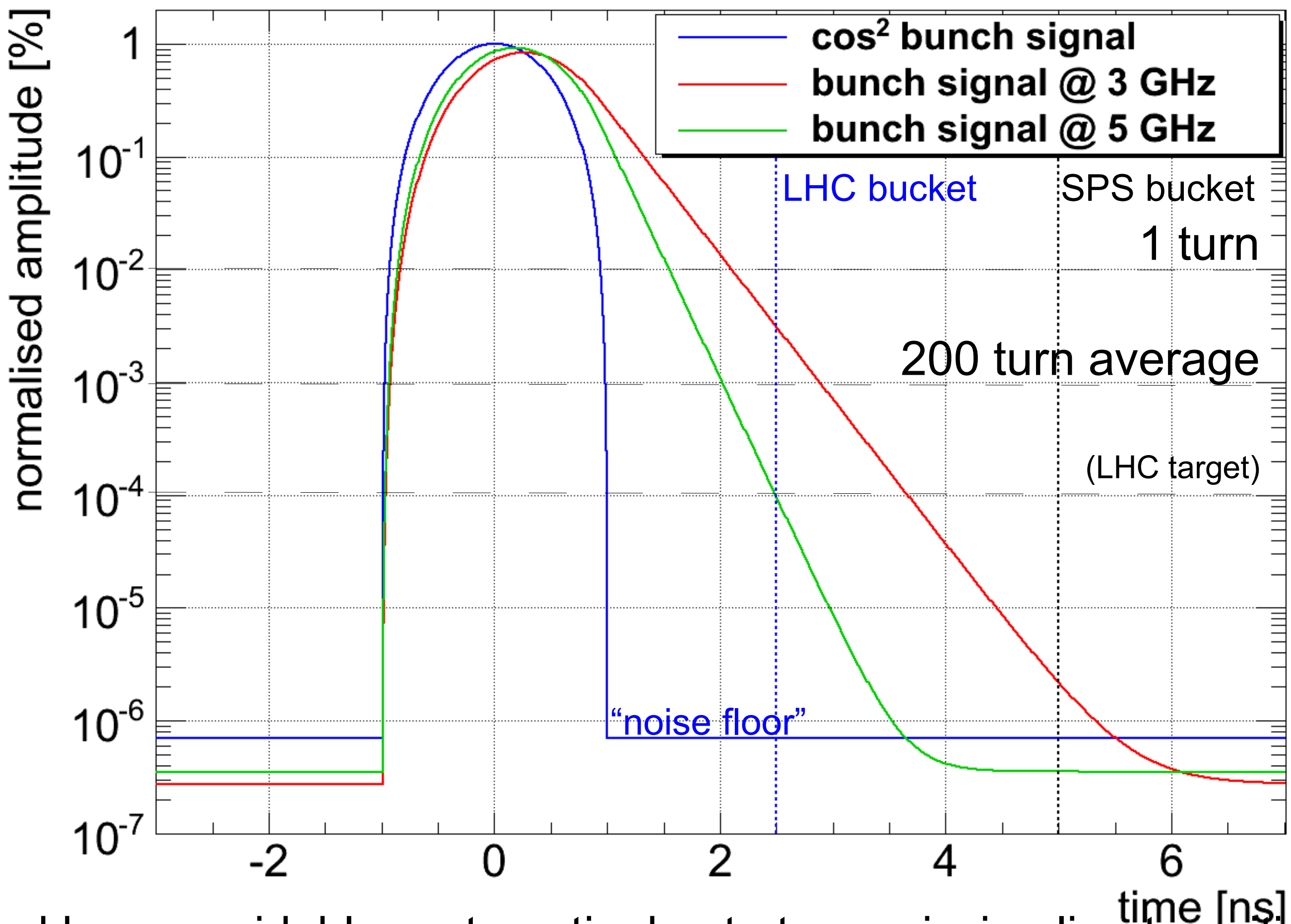
- Naive approach: Fourier Integral definition for 'ω:=0': $F(\omega)=\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t)\, e^{-i\omega t}\, dt$
- However: DC information is in-accessible:



- Intrinsic AC-coupling → requires base-line restauration
  - typ. 1rd-order zero-pole IIR filter works fine on %-level
    - Particularly important for filling patterns with many bunches (LHC: <2808)
  - observed sub-%-level drifts related bunch-filling pattern, bunch charge,...

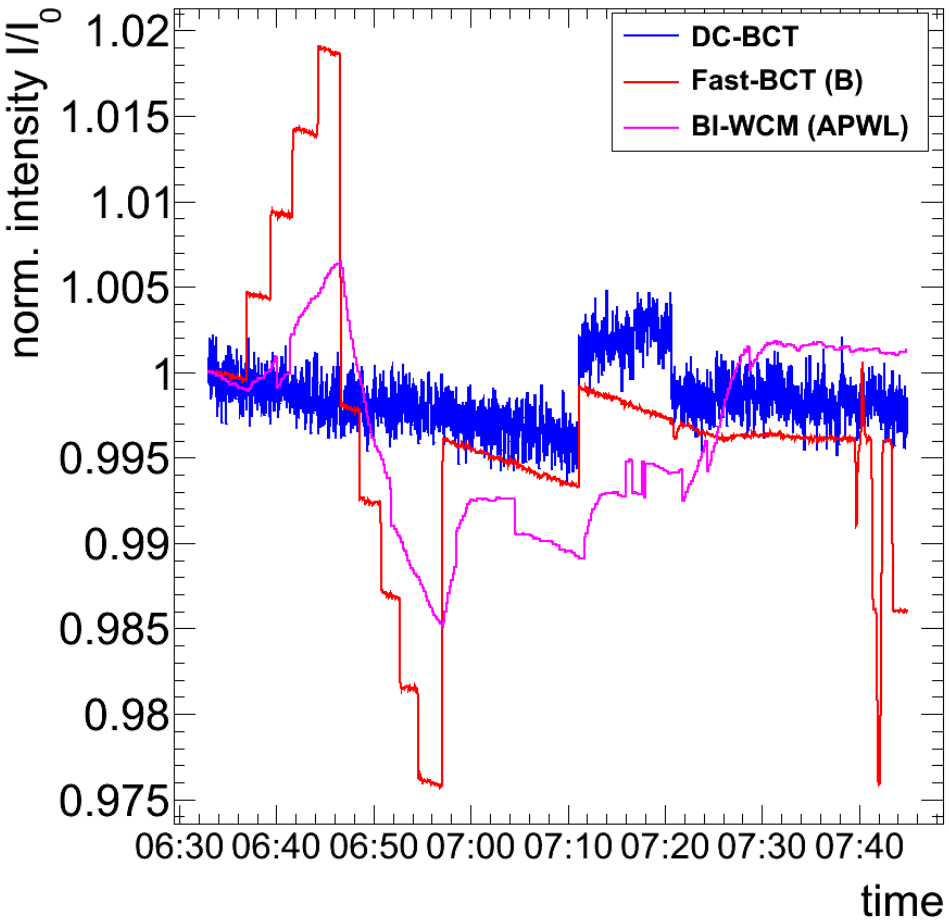
Reconstruction Requirements II/II
Typical WCM response – High-Frequency Bandwidth

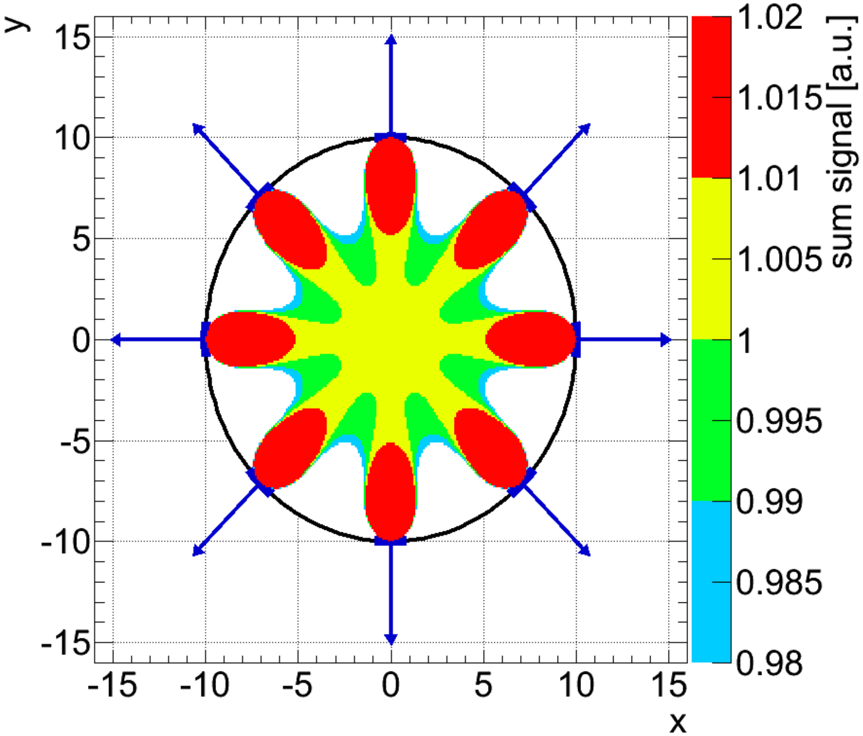
- Need high pick-up and cable bandwidth to distinguish between large bunches and tiny satellites/ghosts in the vicinity:



- … limited by unavoidable systematic due to transmission line transitions, reflections, etc. (N.B. difficult to control better than 10^{-3} on > 2 m distances)

- “Re-discovered” expected position dependence while doing a ±5 mm orbit bump around LHC-Pt4 (RF, BI insertion):

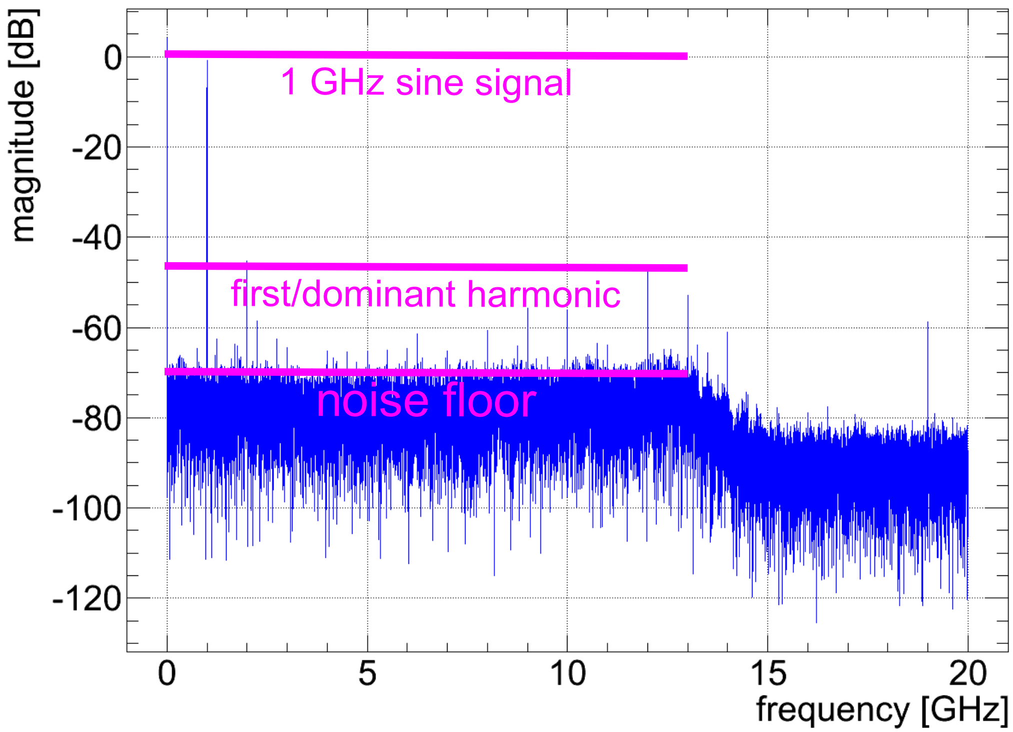


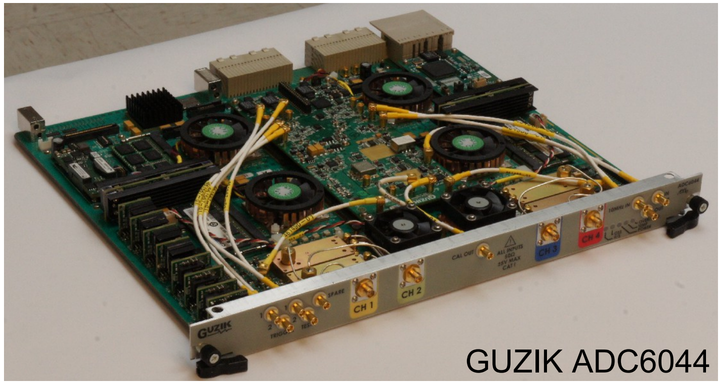


- Usually suppressed by ±200 um orbit stability during regular operation

Tested/Deployed Oscilloscopes

- Our garden variety: Agilent 54853A (DSO 90000), LeCroy WavePro 7300 A (7Zi), Tektronik & under evaluation: GUZIK's GSA digitizers




GUZIK ADC6044

- Analog performance very similar between systems/brands:
  – Signal-to-Noise-And-Distortion (SINAD) ratios of typically ~44 dB → ~1% accuracy on absolute intensity measurements
  – Noise-floor sufficiently flat/white up to the specified bandwidth → can gain in resolution resolution for repetitive signals

Oscilloscope Acquisition Mode Options and Achievable Measurement Resolution

Turn-by-turn acquisition using

A) Instantaneous 'raw' data: intensity resolution Δn_b limited by 8-bit quantisation, ADC noise (ENOB) and number of samples per bunch n_s

$$\sigma(n_b) \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_s} \cdot 2^{ENOB}}$$

- LHC (4σ_t~1 ns, 10 GS): ~ 10^{-3} PS (4σ_t~5-10 ns, 10 GS): ~ 10^{-4}

B) Average over n_{turn}: $\sigma(\bar{n}_b) \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_s} \cdot 2^{ENOB}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_{turn}}}$

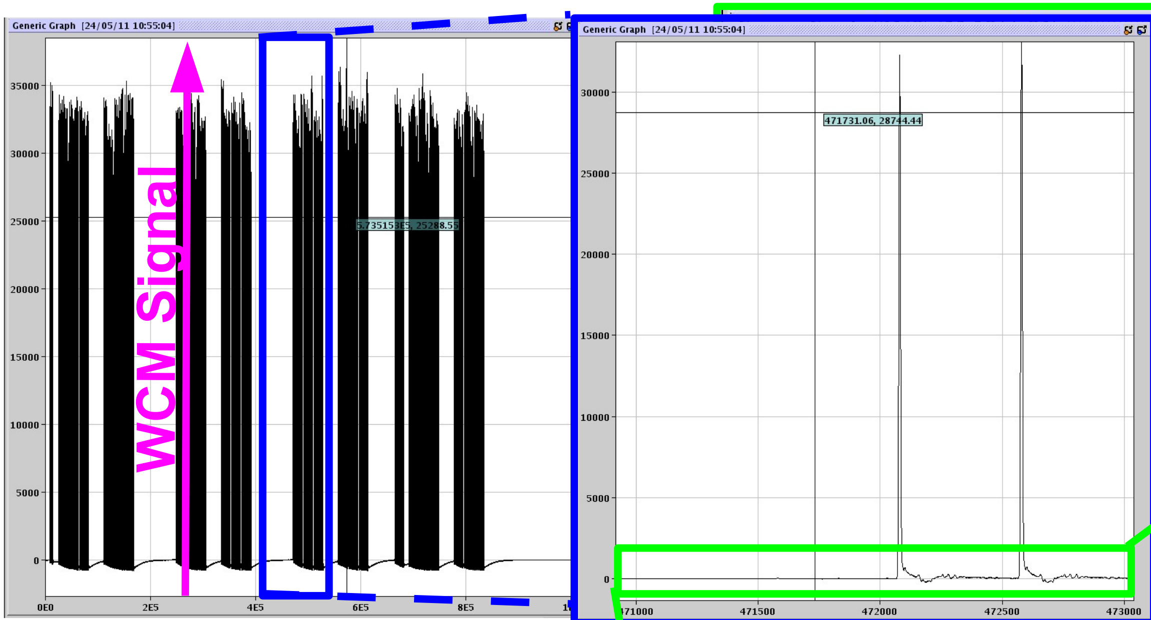
- LHC: <10^{-4} (10^{-6})@0.1Hz & PS: <$2 \cdot 10^{-4}$ ($2 \cdot 10^{-5}$)@0.1Hz achieved (theo.)
- n_{turn} essentially only limited by
  - required measurement bandwidth/time-scale the parameter changes
  - acquisition HW limitations, e.g. LHC: tested oscilloscopes average in SW: 0.1 Hz bandwidth ↔ 112k turns max needed to be limit the to 500 turns/10s (data transfer limit) → upgrade in place/being evaluated

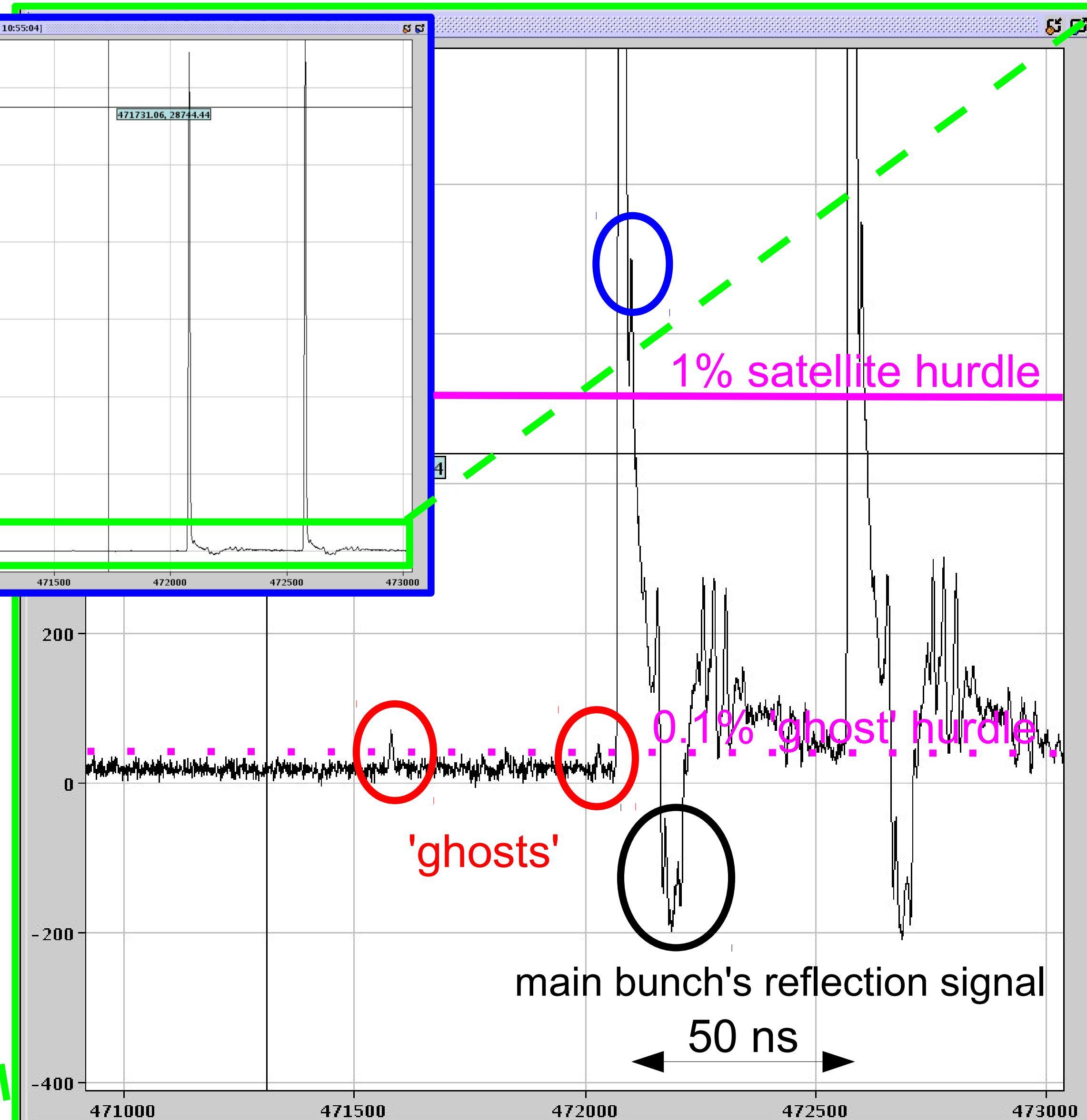
C) Dynamic range splitting: resolution is basically the same as raw turn-by-turn acquisitions but shifting range for satellite/ghosts into favourable ADC range

- First results are quite promising... see later slides

LHC Wall-Current-Monitor Raw Measurement Example

- From a pure resolution point of view: “Can detect Ghosts by Eye”





→ post-processing needed for automatisation, proper quantification and optimisation

Ghost/Satellite Post-Processing

- Detection needs to be done in the presence sub-% level reflection caused be unavoidable installation imperfections and variable systematic background caused by temperature effects of dielectrics and ferrites in cable/pick-up:

N.B. $$Z_0 \sim \sqrt{\frac{\mu_r}{\epsilon_r}}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial T}\left(\frac{\Delta\epsilon}{\epsilon}\right) \sim \pm 30\ ppm/{}^\circ C \quad (e.g.\ ceramics)$$
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial T}\left(\frac{\Delta\mu}{\mu}\right) \sim 0.1\ldots 1 \cdot 10^{-2}/{}^\circ C \quad (typ.\ ferrites)$$

- Going below 10^{-3}-level requires additional measures.
  The most promising combination found:

  I. Sub-percent level compensation of the pick-up response
     - Classical Fourier-/Wiener-filter based Deconvolution

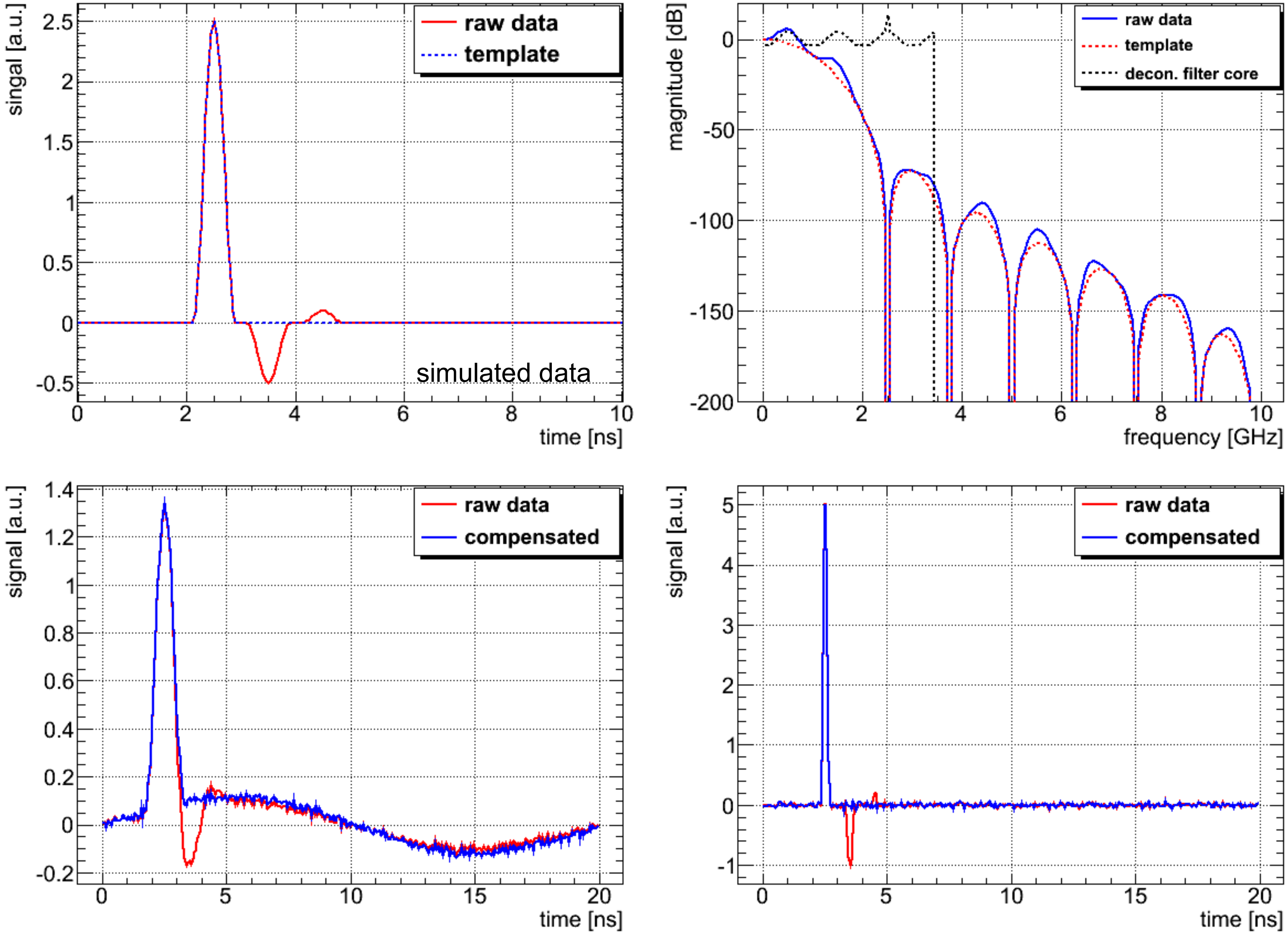
  II. High-frequency Noise Rejection
     - Savitzky-Golay χ^2-fitting[1]

  III. Base-line restoration
     - SNIP background estimate[2,3]

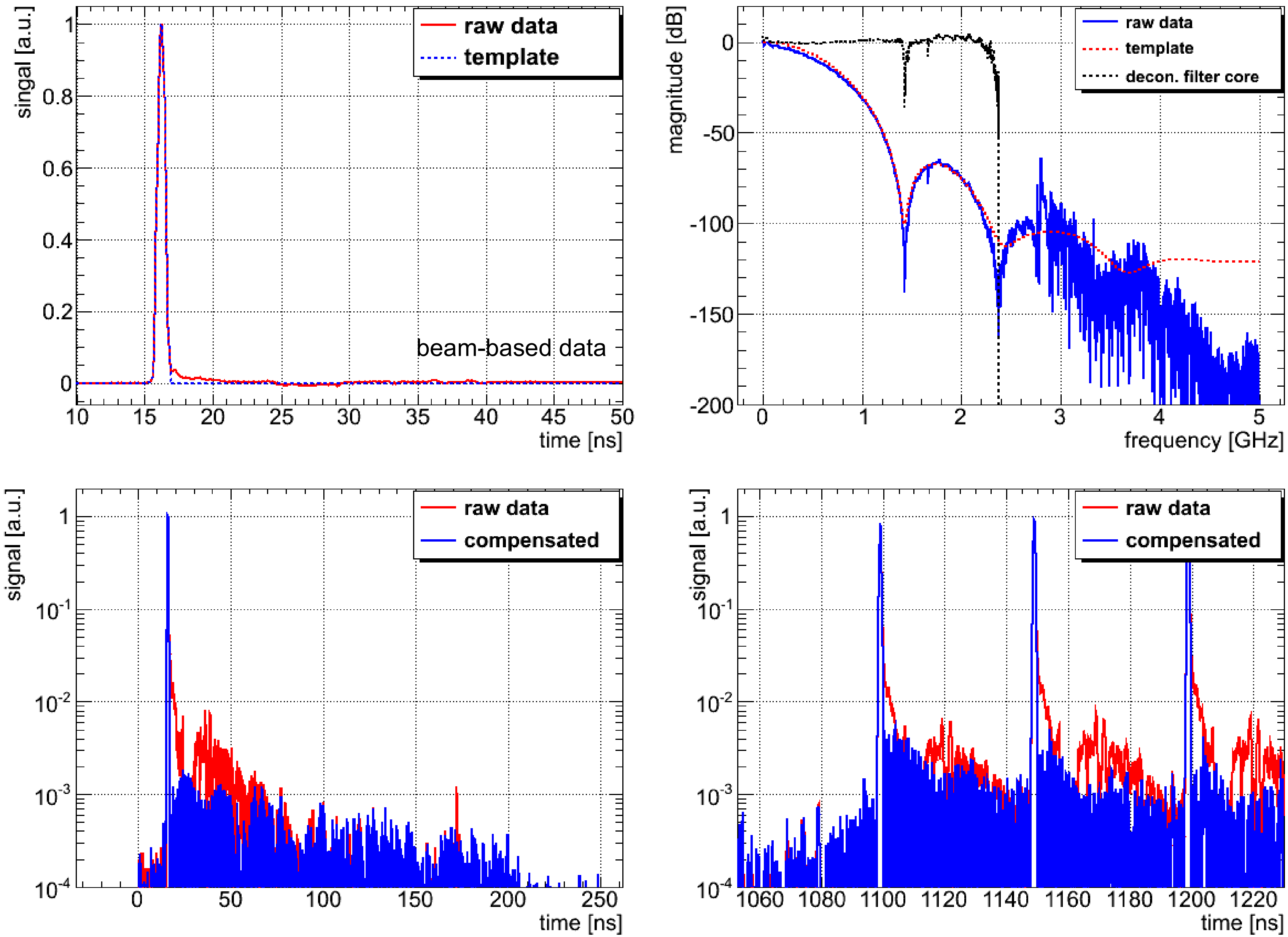
[1] A. Savitzky and M. Golay, "Smoothing and Differentiation of Data by Simplified Least Squeares Procedures", Analytical Chemistry, Vol. 36, No. 8, July 1964, pp. 1627–1639
[2] C.G. RYAN et al., "SNIP, A Statistics-Sensitive Background Treatment for the quantitative Analysis of PIXE Spectra in Geoscience Applications, NIM B34 (1988), 396-402
[3] M. Morháč, J. Kliman, V. Matoušek, M. Veselský, I. Turzo: "Background elimination methods for multidimensional gamma-ray spectra". NIM, A401 (1997) 113-132.

I. Linear Response Compensation I/II

- Real-life installation will deviate from what has been measured in the lab before installation → requires re-calibration with beam, principle:

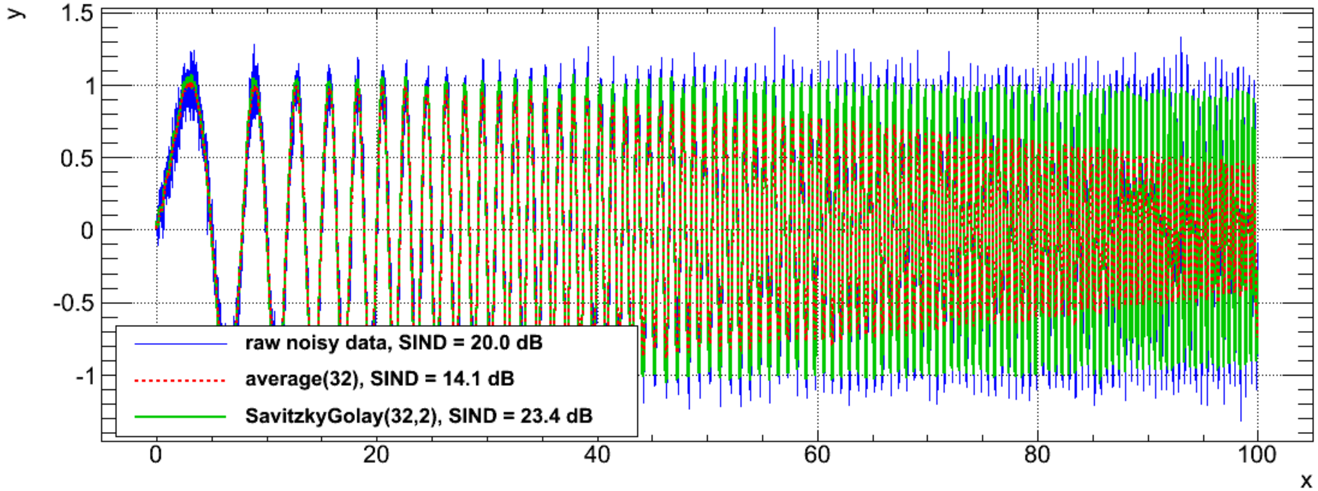


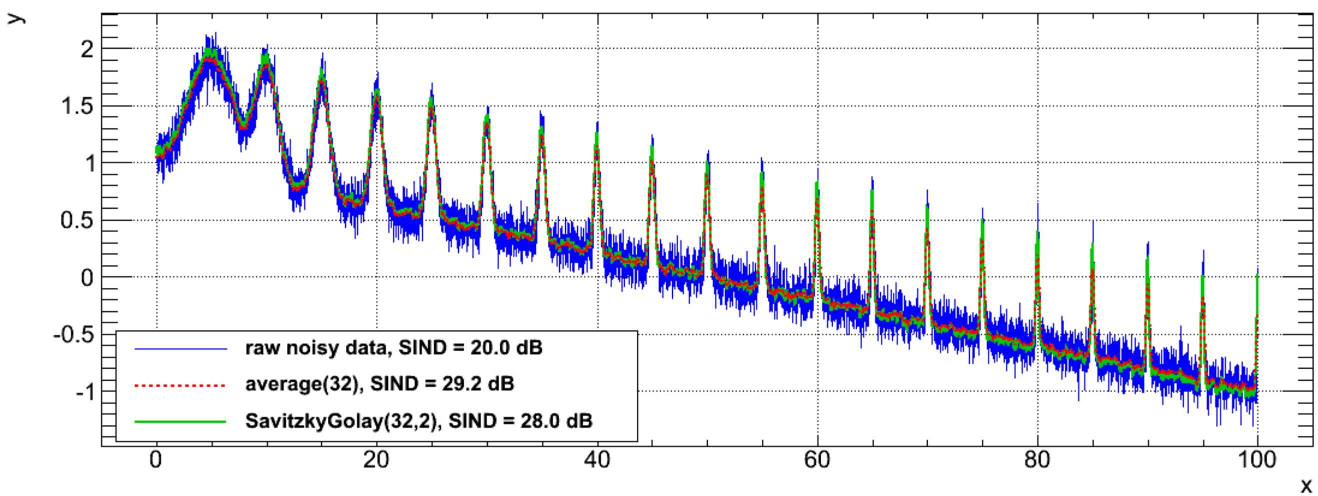
I. Linear Response Compensation II/II – Life-Beam Data



II. High-Frequency Noise Rejection – Average vs. X²-Fit based Method (Simulation)

- Sliding-Average or low-pass filter may distort signal amplitude and shape

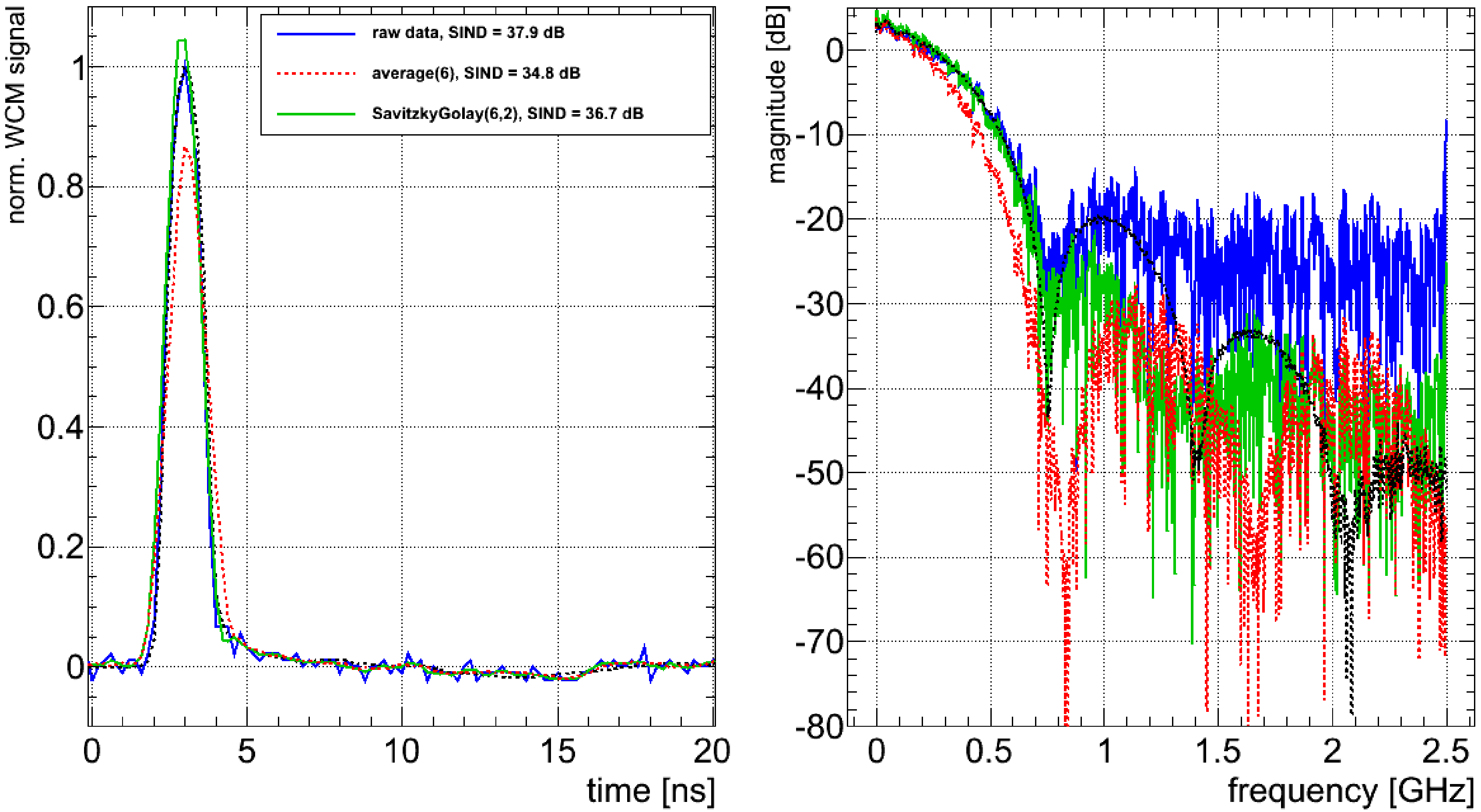




- Depending on bunch-shape/width, x^2 based-method has ~20dB higher SIND

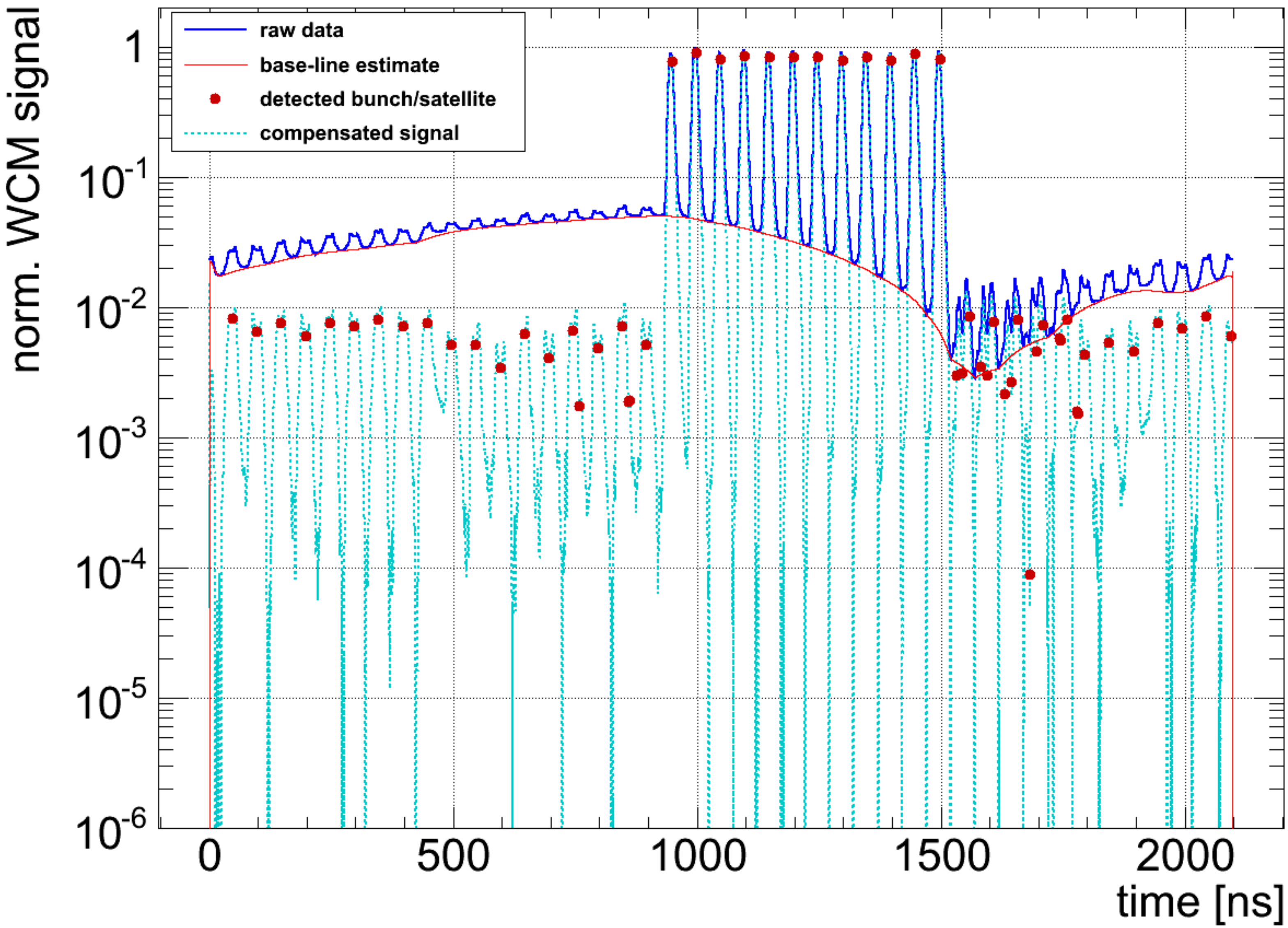
II. High-Frequency Noise Rejection – Example SPS

- Example: single bunch in the SPS at flat-top before extraction (black trace: reference based on 100 turn average)

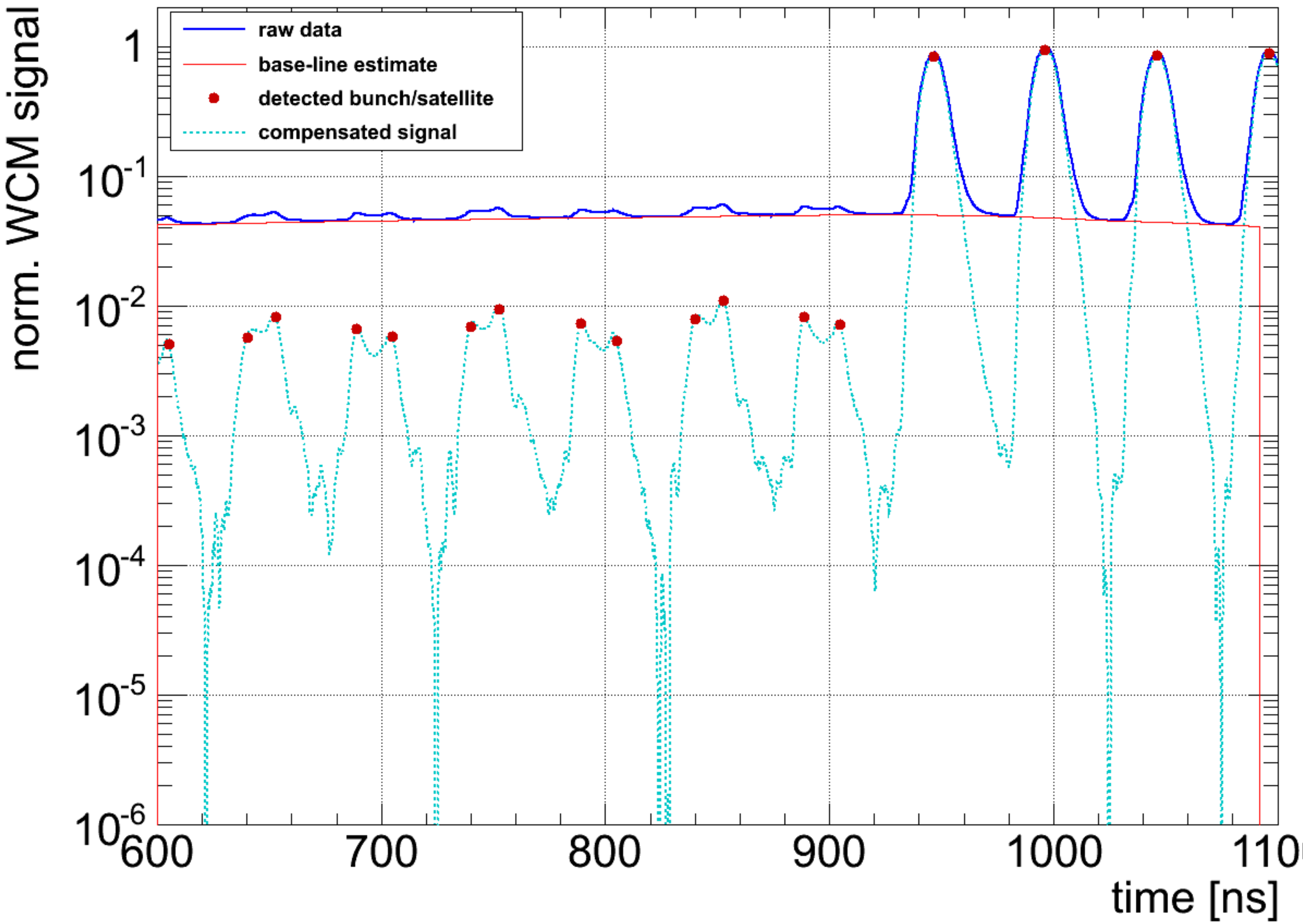


- Savitsky-Golay algorithm is de-facto a dynamic low-pass filter (within limits)

- Satellites have been deliberately produced for better proof-of-principle:

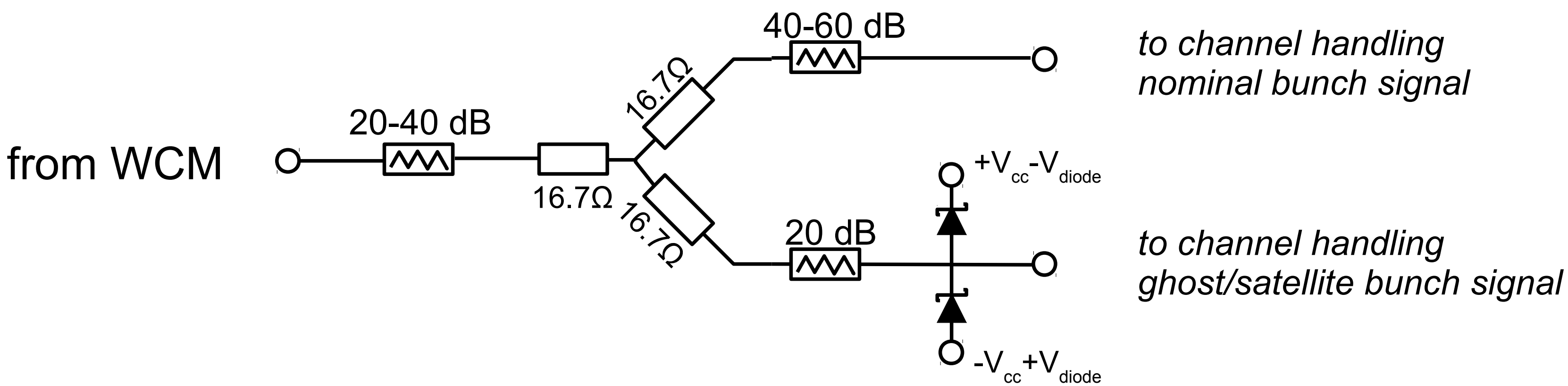


Example PS WCM Signal - ZOOM



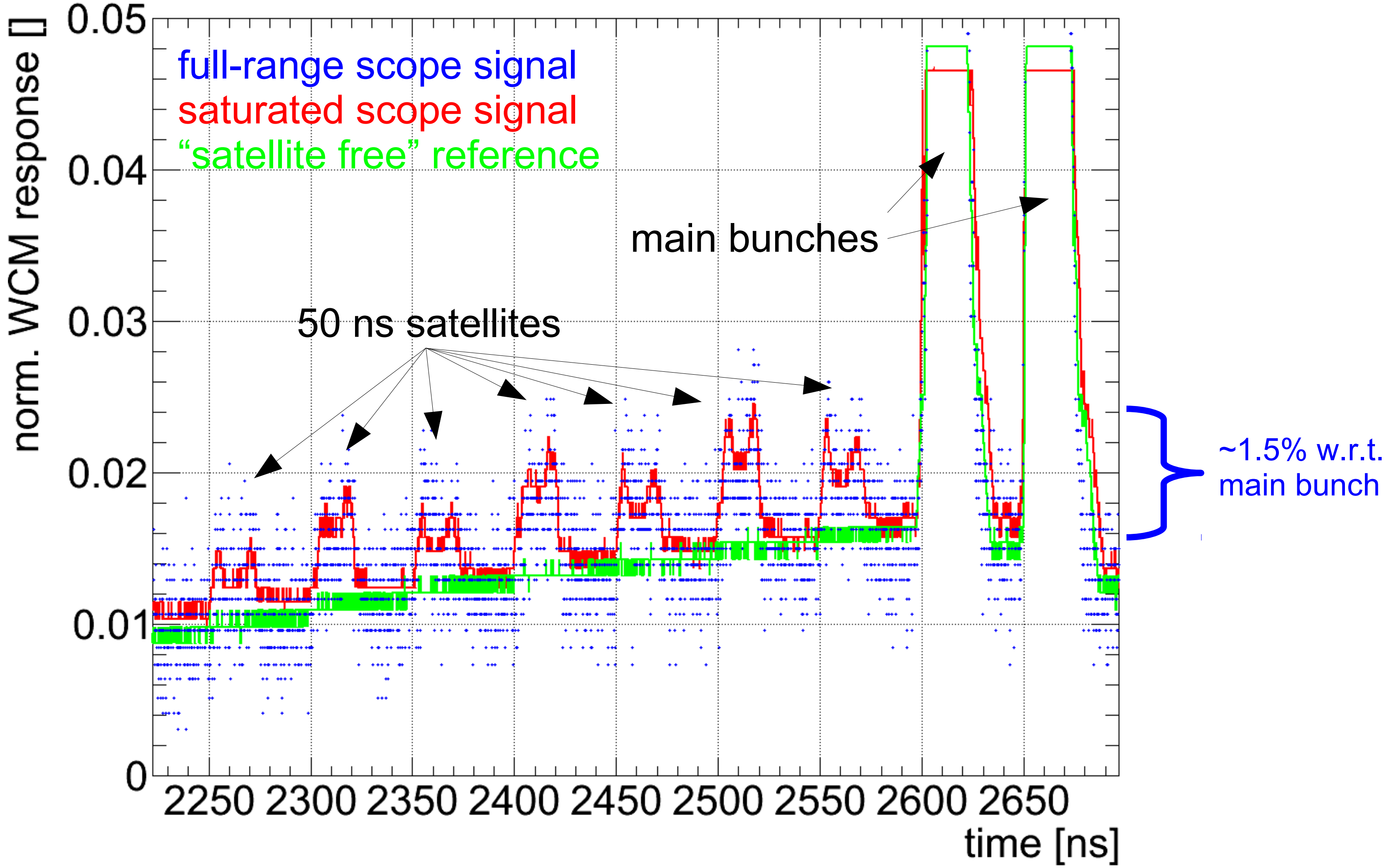
- Especially satellites/ghosts may have very special distributions (e.g. hollow for recaptures particles → double peak structure)

- Idea: split signals and saturate one copy to zoom-in on satellites
  - possible due fast-recovery time of oscilloscope's input pre-amplifier and/or dedicated diode clamping cirucit
  - saturated channel can be normalised w.r.t. full range copy
  - limit: droop that has to be accomodated by the ADC range
  - advantage: get reasonable results sub-% estimates within few turns!!
  - Some caveats/design constraints:
    - Some digitizers inputs are not protected → ded. clamping circuit is mandatory!
    - Clamping creates reflection that may return to the WCM/other channel
    - Matching at high frequencies (C parallel to scope input)
    - Schottky diodes need to handle the clamped power (<5 V)
    - Signal path-lengths need to be kept to a minimum



What could be achieved – PS II/III

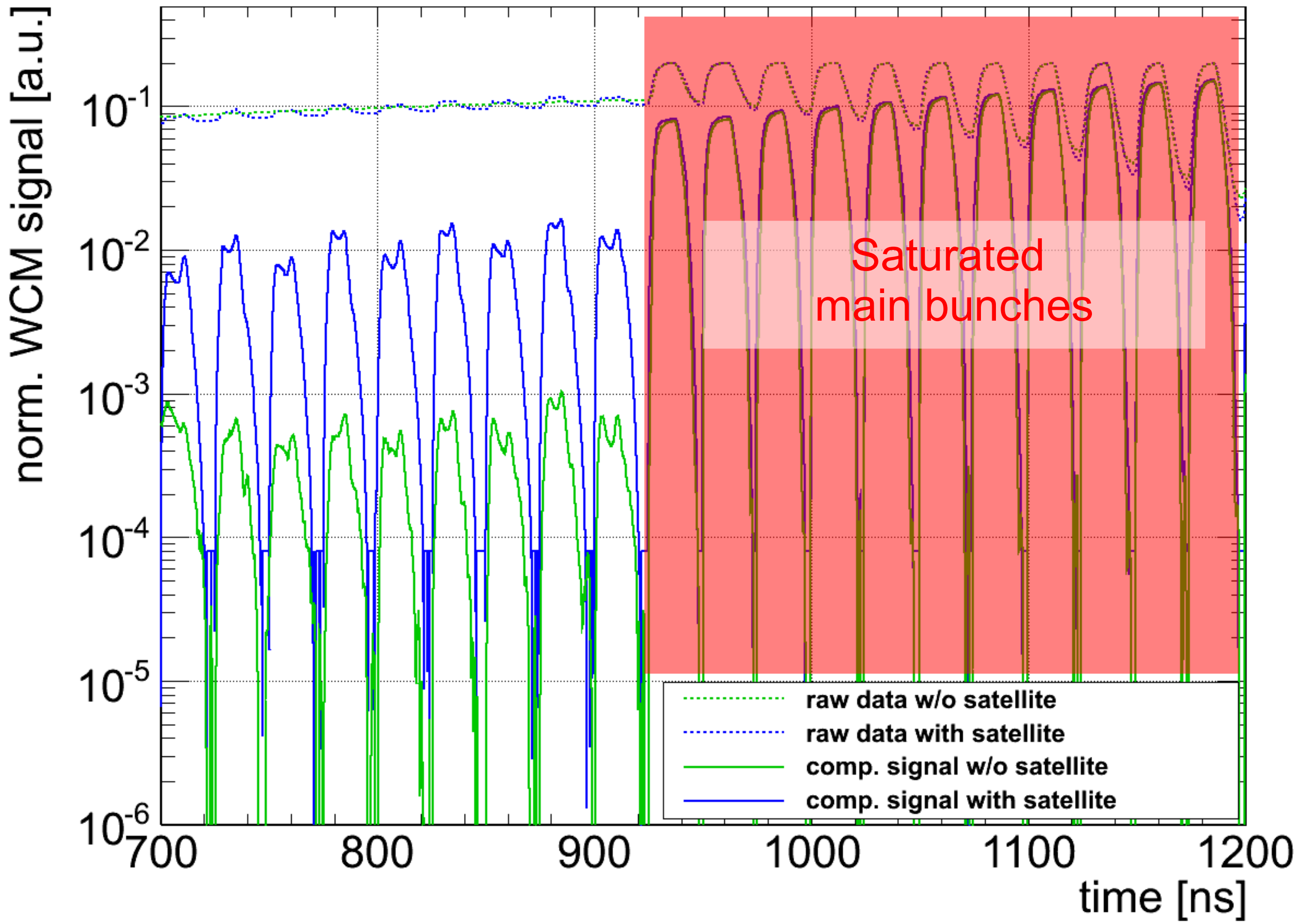
- Forcing satellites and saturating the scope input (fast recovery time)



- Satellites 'visible' and results look promising but requires post treatment to compensate for reflections, pick-ups response, droop etc.

What could be achieved – PS II/III

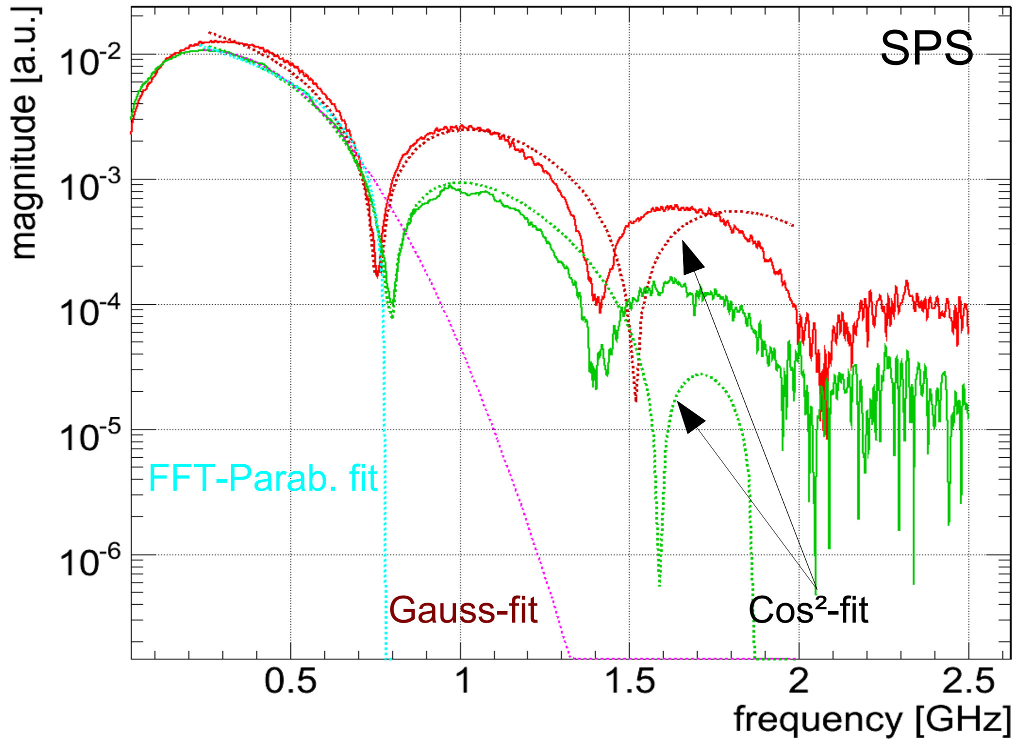
- After full post-processing chain of smoothing and removing background:



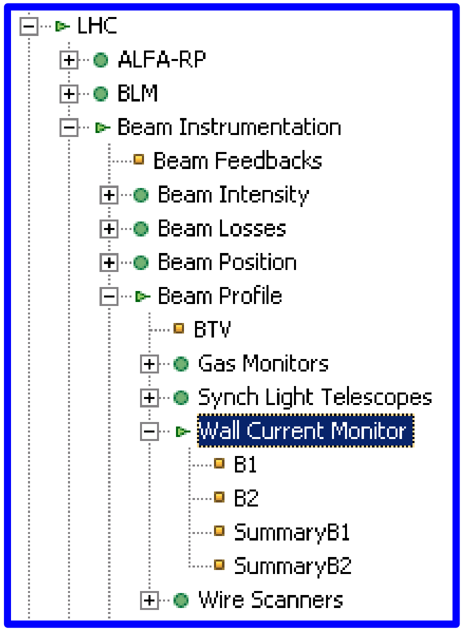
- Satellites visible in “clean” condition, prel. noise-floor estimate ~10^{-5} w.r.t max

Beam-Parameter Measurement and Integration

- Real bunches do not necessarily obey 'Gaussian' shapes



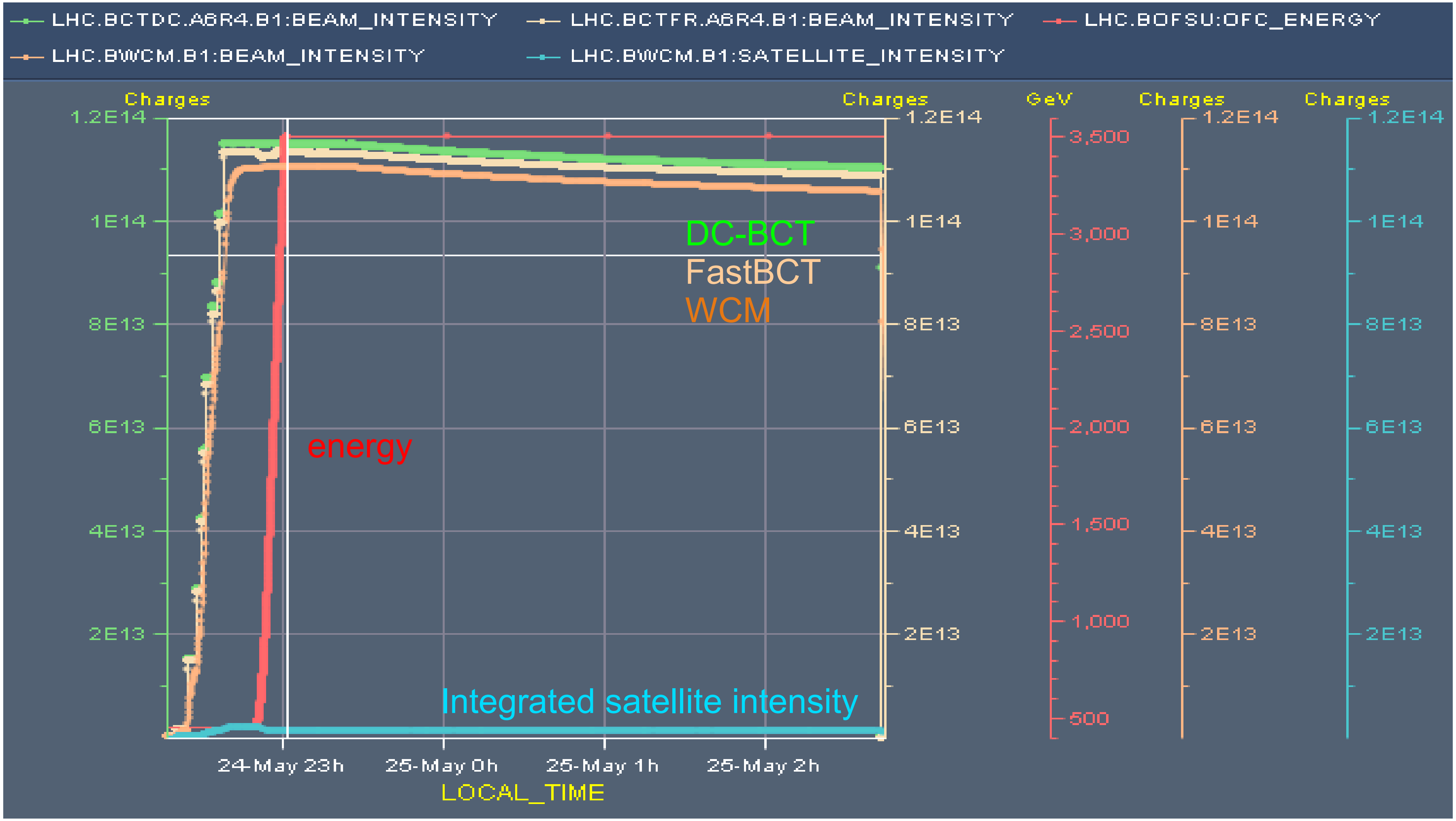
LHC Logging:



- What's derived from the WCM data up to now:
  - number & intensities of bunches & satellites (per 400 MHz bucket)
  - true Cos²- , Parabolic- & Gaussian bunch length χ^2-fits
  - Frequency containing 50/95/99% of bunch power/intensities, peak voltages
  - Bunch profiles, power spectra (→ machine impedances), …

- Main aim of WCM is to provide an independent tool with different systematic to cross-checks with other more precise instruments (e.g. DC- and Fast-BCTs, Schottky)

Comparison of Bunch Intensity Estimates



- WCM cross-calibrated to DC-BCT using a single nominal bunch (satellite free)
  - Typically percent-level beam outside nominal bucket

Summary

- Nom. empty LHC RF buckets may be filled with minute amounts of particles → aka. 'Satellites' and 'Ghosts' up to 10^{-6} smaller than nominal bunches

- Proof-of-principle: “Can these be detected already in the injectors before the arrive in the LHC using standard wall-current-monitors?”

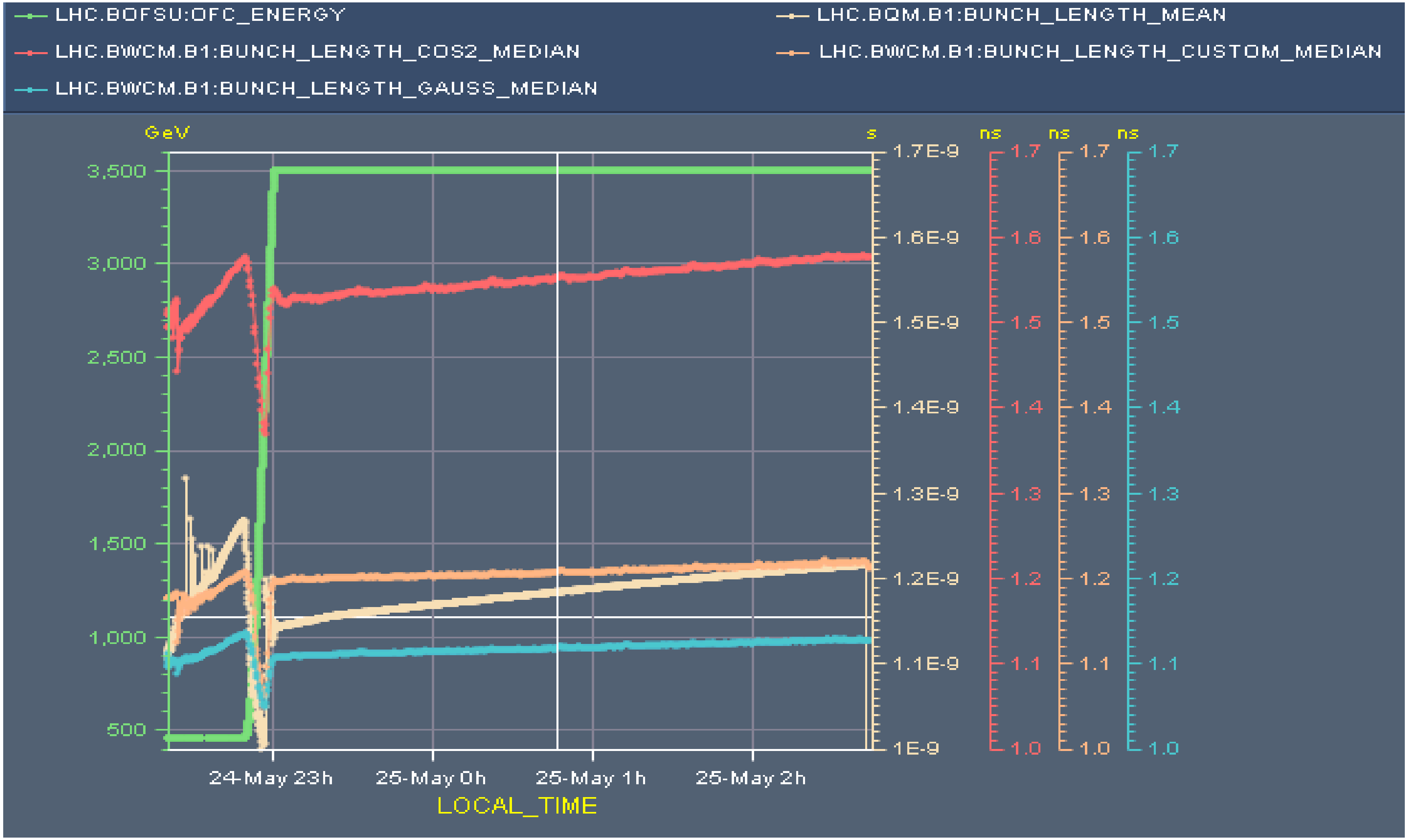
- Test confirmed that the existing system...
  - can achieve 10^{-5} resolutions @3 GHz over a few turns or single-shot via:
    a) turn-by-turn averaging over a couple of hundred turns
    b) splitting signal and saturating its copy to specifically detect satellites
  - Requires beam-based baseline compensation since the system drifts on the up to 10^{-3}-level due to temperature, saturation and other effects

- Acquisition HW upgrade being in progress:
  - Improve to 100% duty cycle for the averaging
  - compensation algorithm and parameter done being done in FPGA

Thank you for your Attention!

Supporting Slides

Comparison of Bunch Length Estimates



- … there is no obvious bunch length → shape changes are important
  - difference between FWHM (BQM) and x^2-fit Gaussian length estimate

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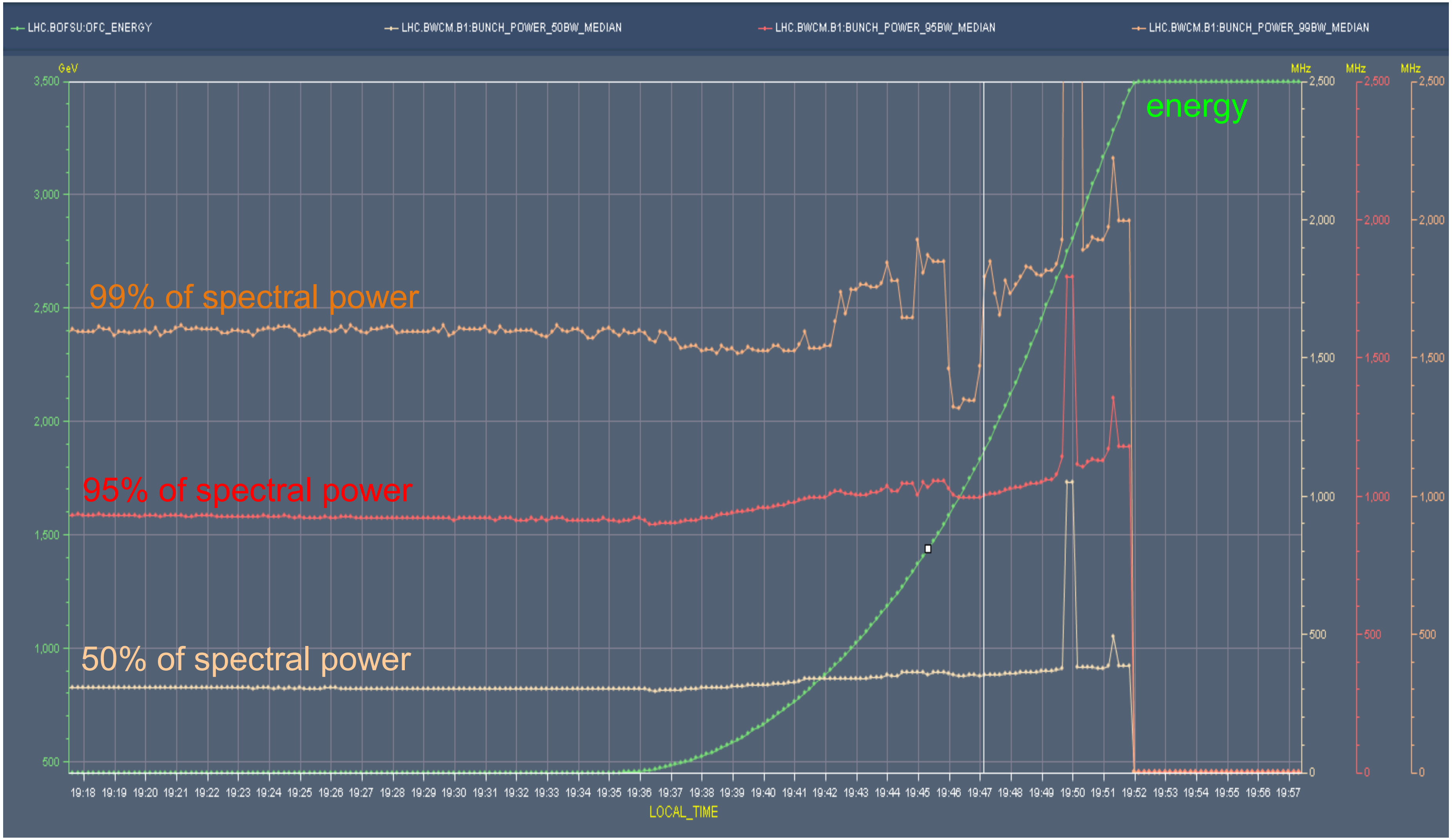
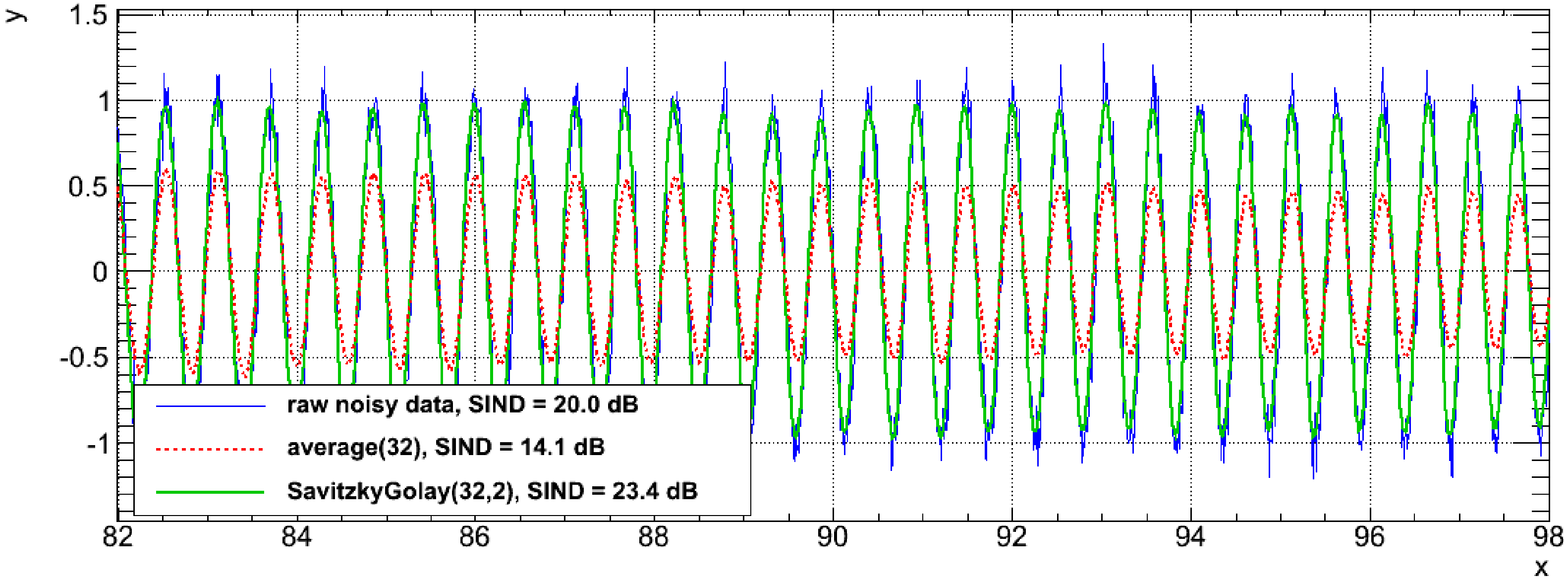
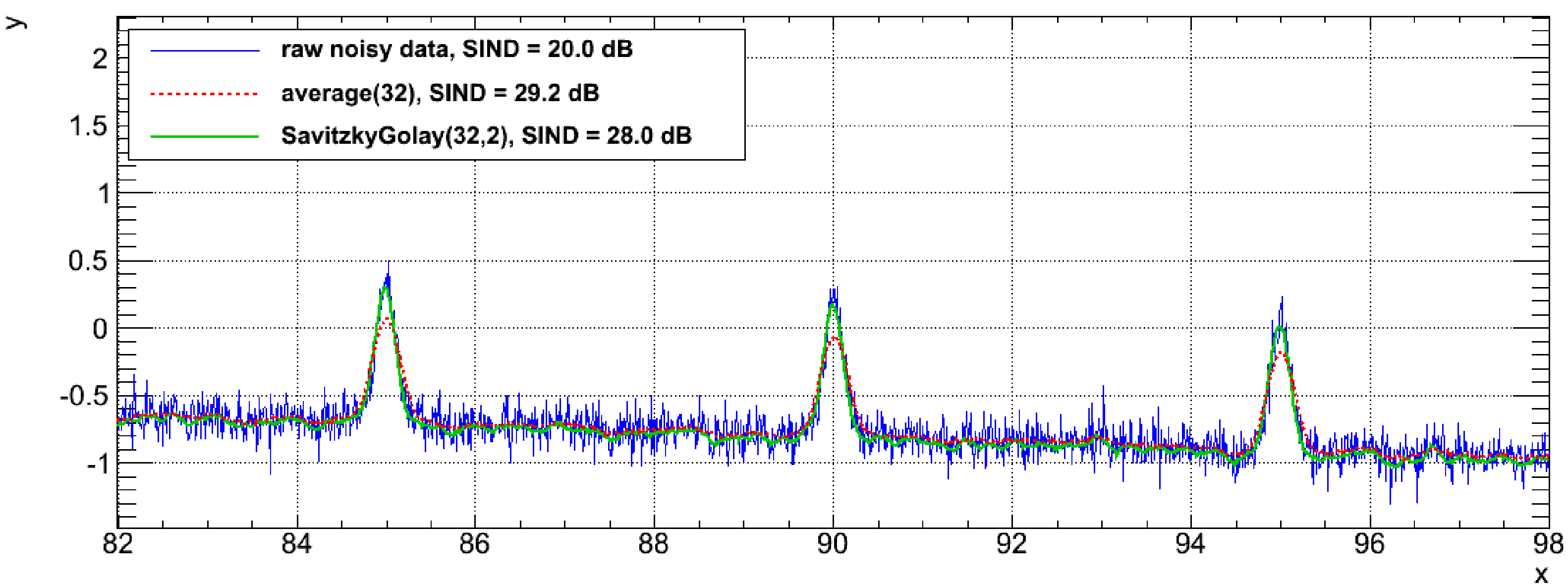


- Estimates give an indication of shape and required device bandwidths

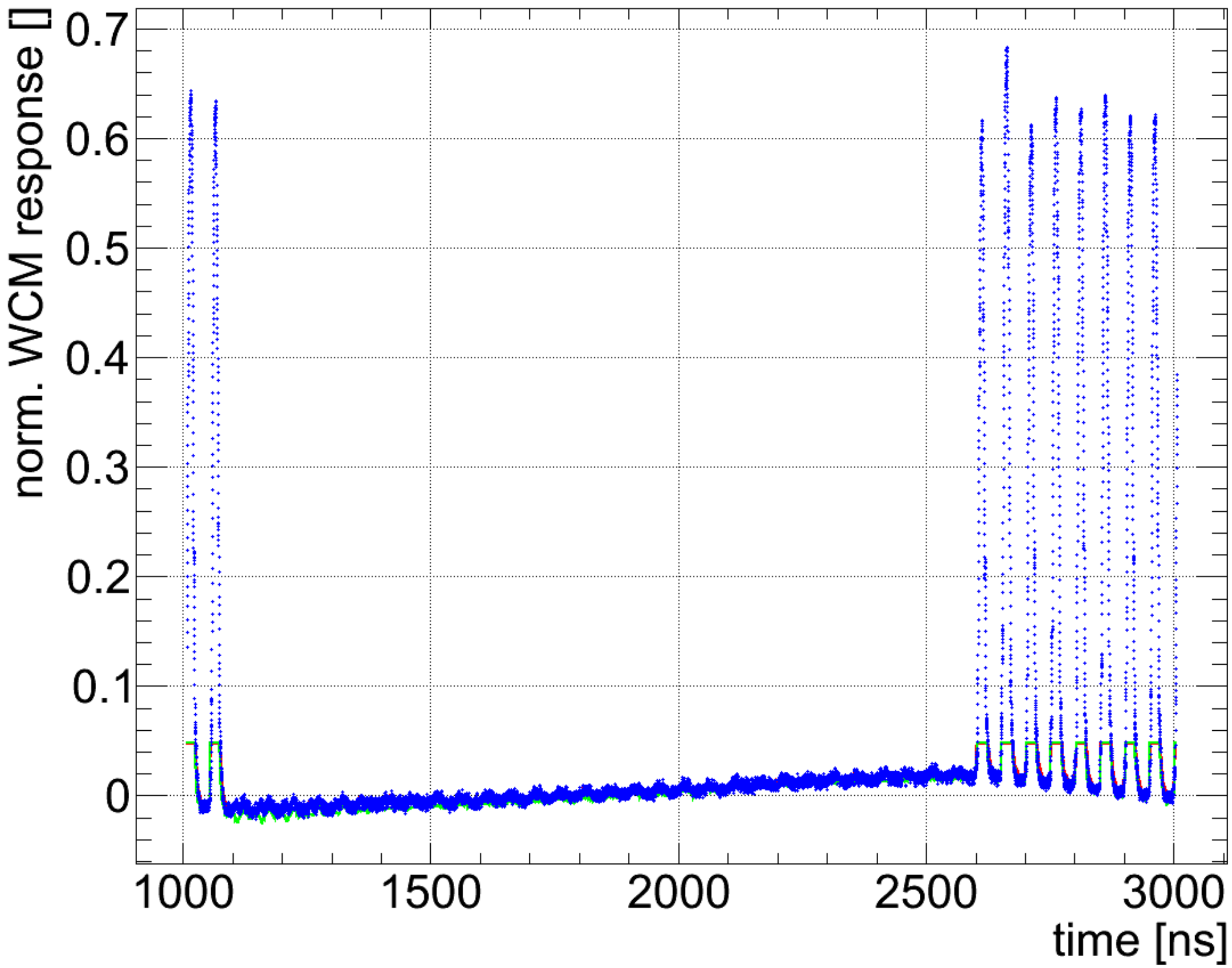
II. High-Frequency Noise Rejection – Average vs. X²-Fit based Method (Simulation, Zoom)





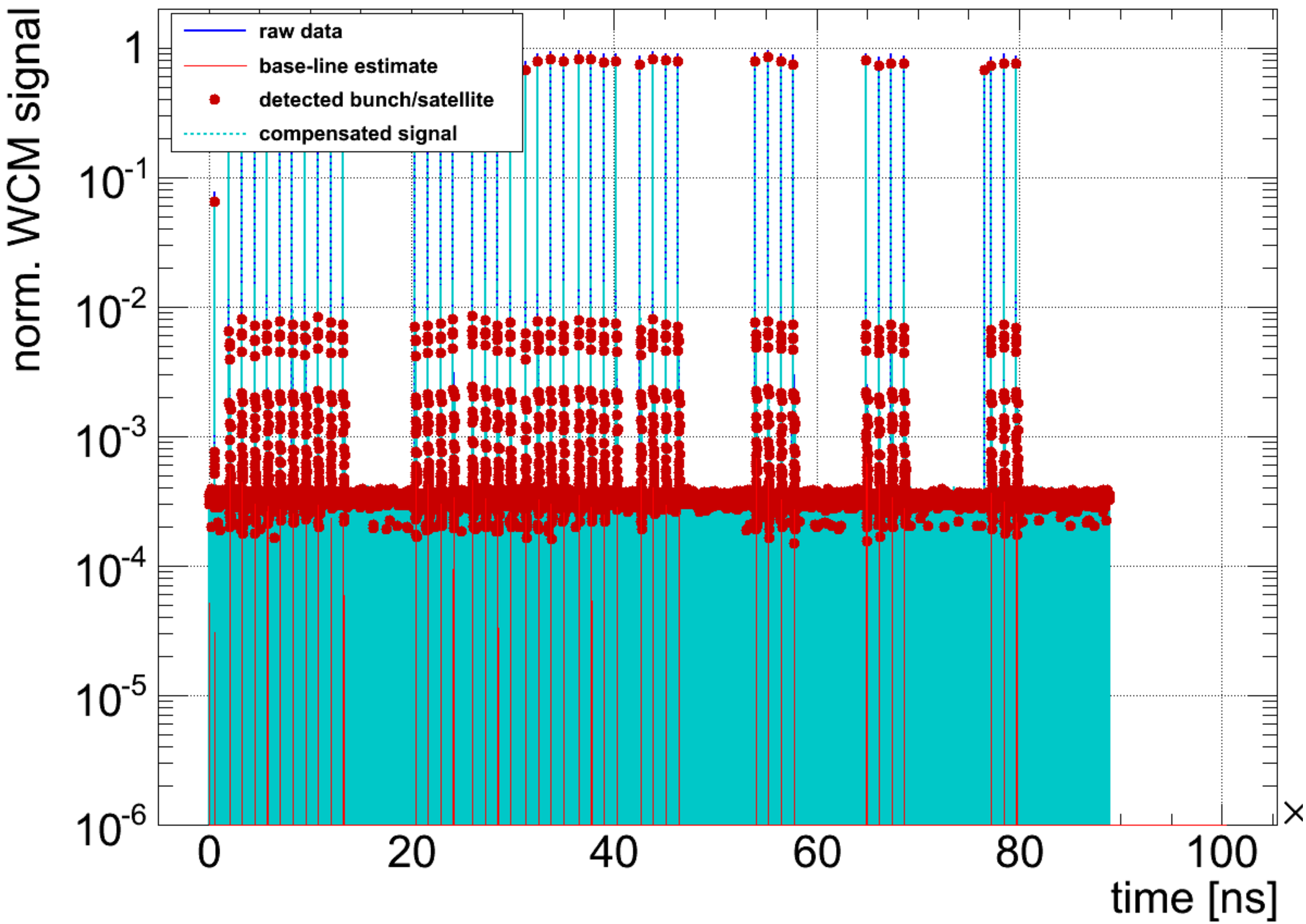
What could be achieved – PS I/III

- Initial test comparing single turn acquisition



- Range limited by known systematic reflection after main bunches in 2011
→ improved for 2012

III. Base-Line Restoration – SNIP Algorithm Example LHC WCM Signal



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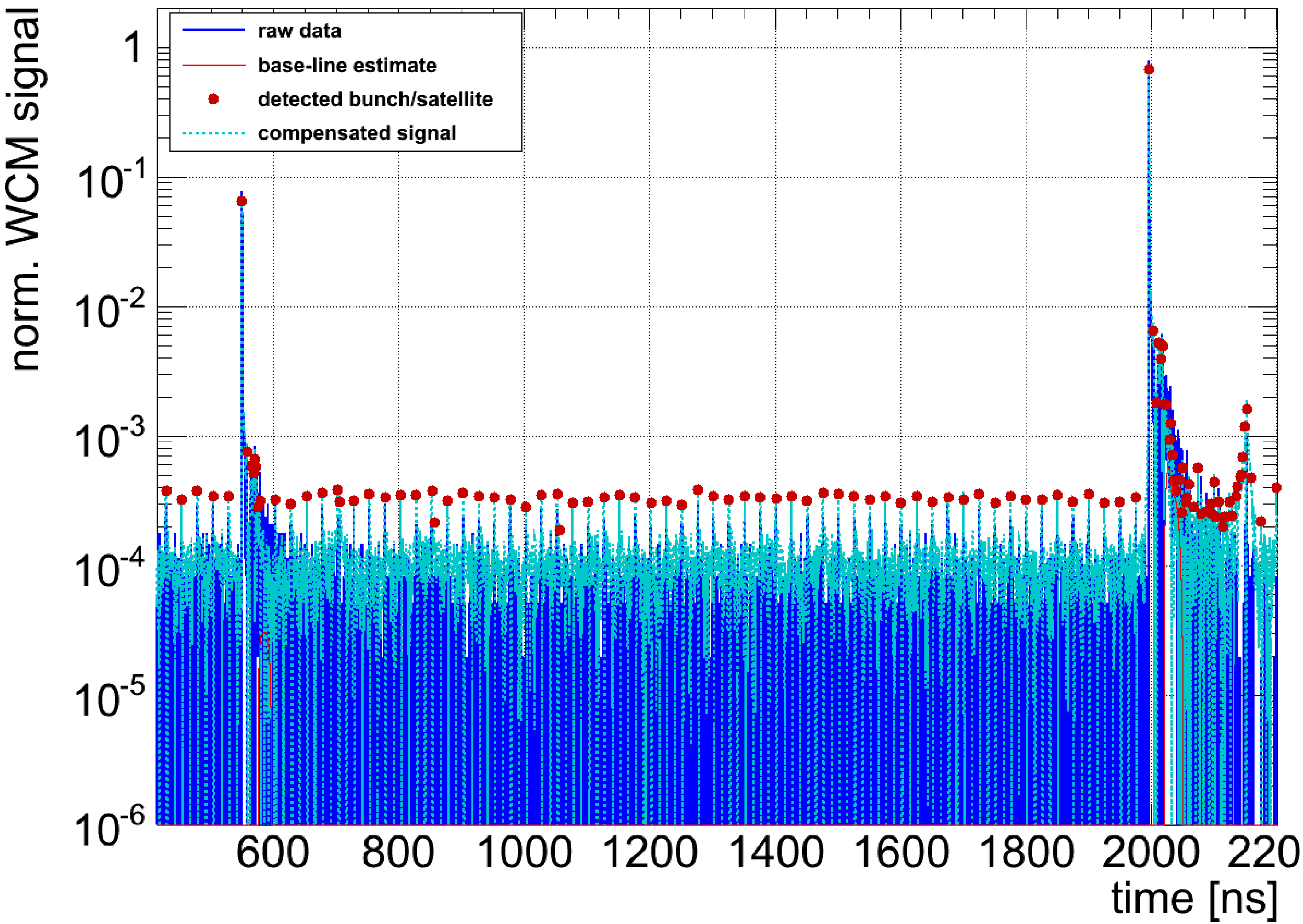
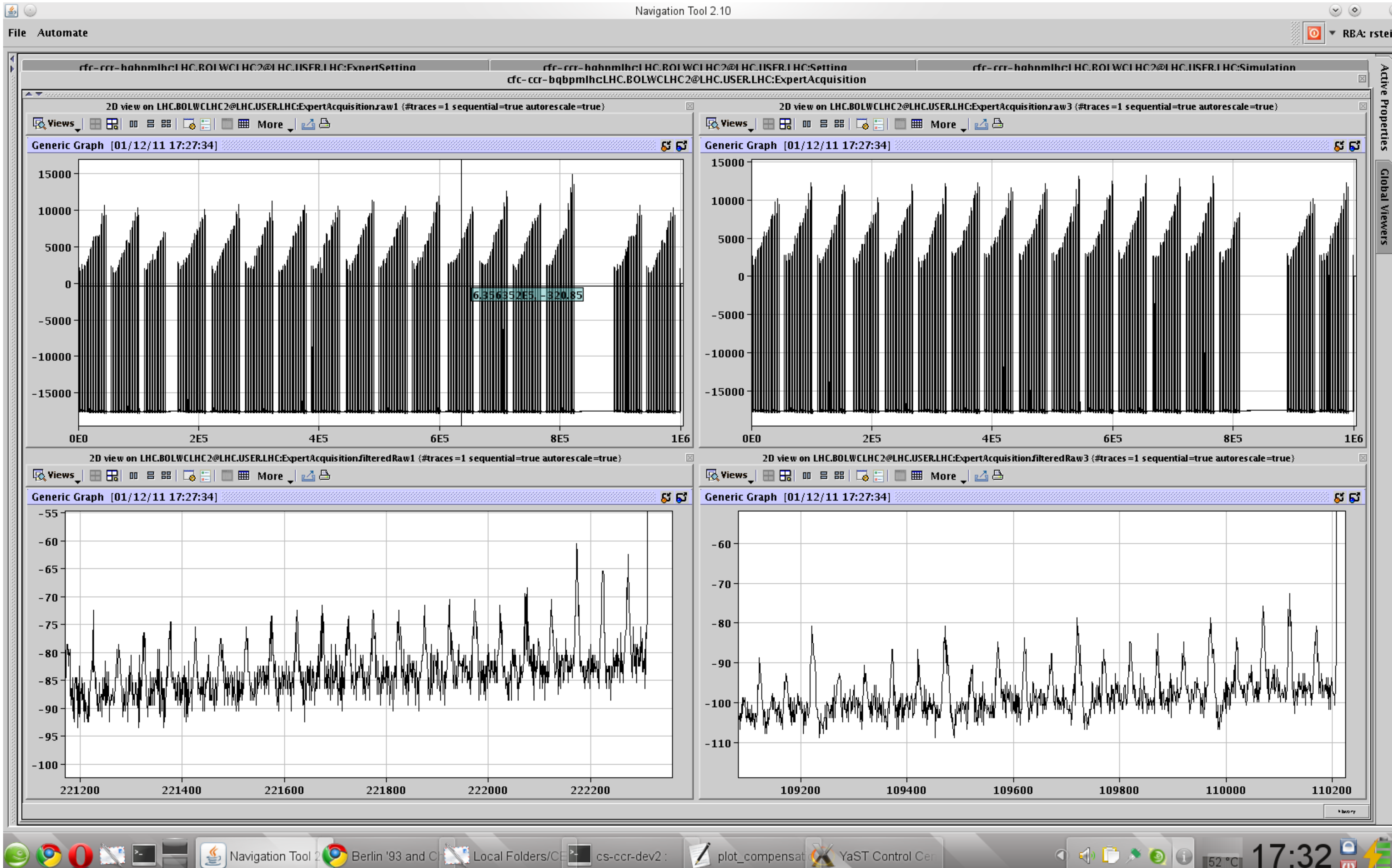


VdM Scan on 1st of December

- Similar Performance with Pb-Beam… S/N ratio of below the 10^{-3} level

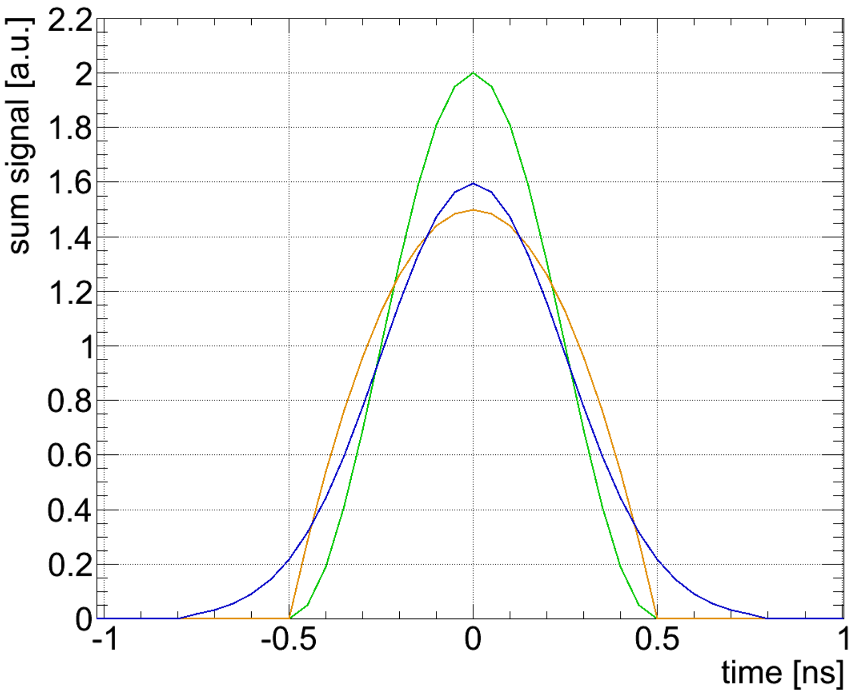


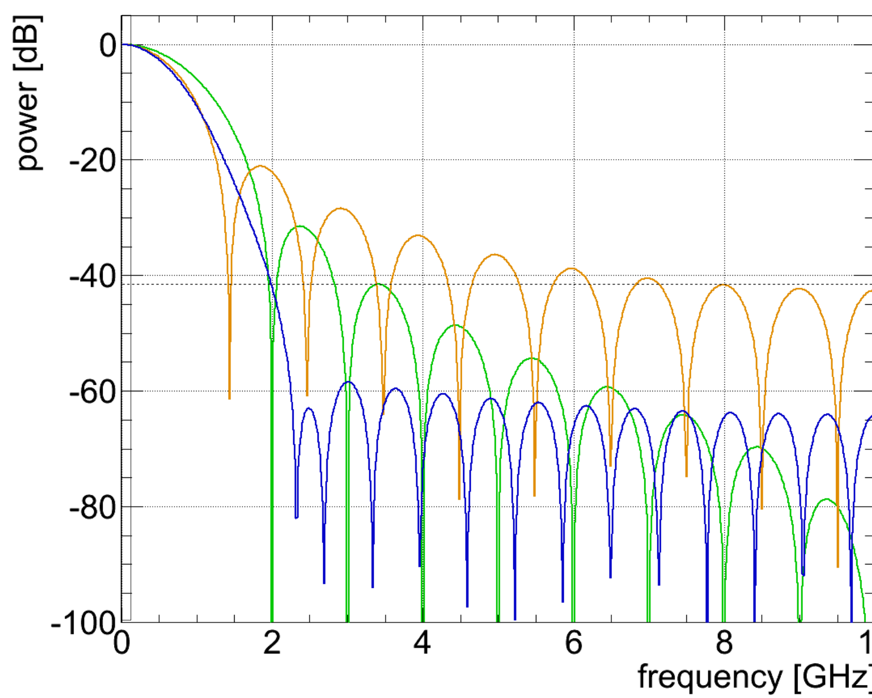
Why not using simply Fourier Spectra's DC-Component

- Fourier Integral definition for 'ω:=0':

$$F(\omega)=\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t)\, e^{-i\omega t}\, dt$$

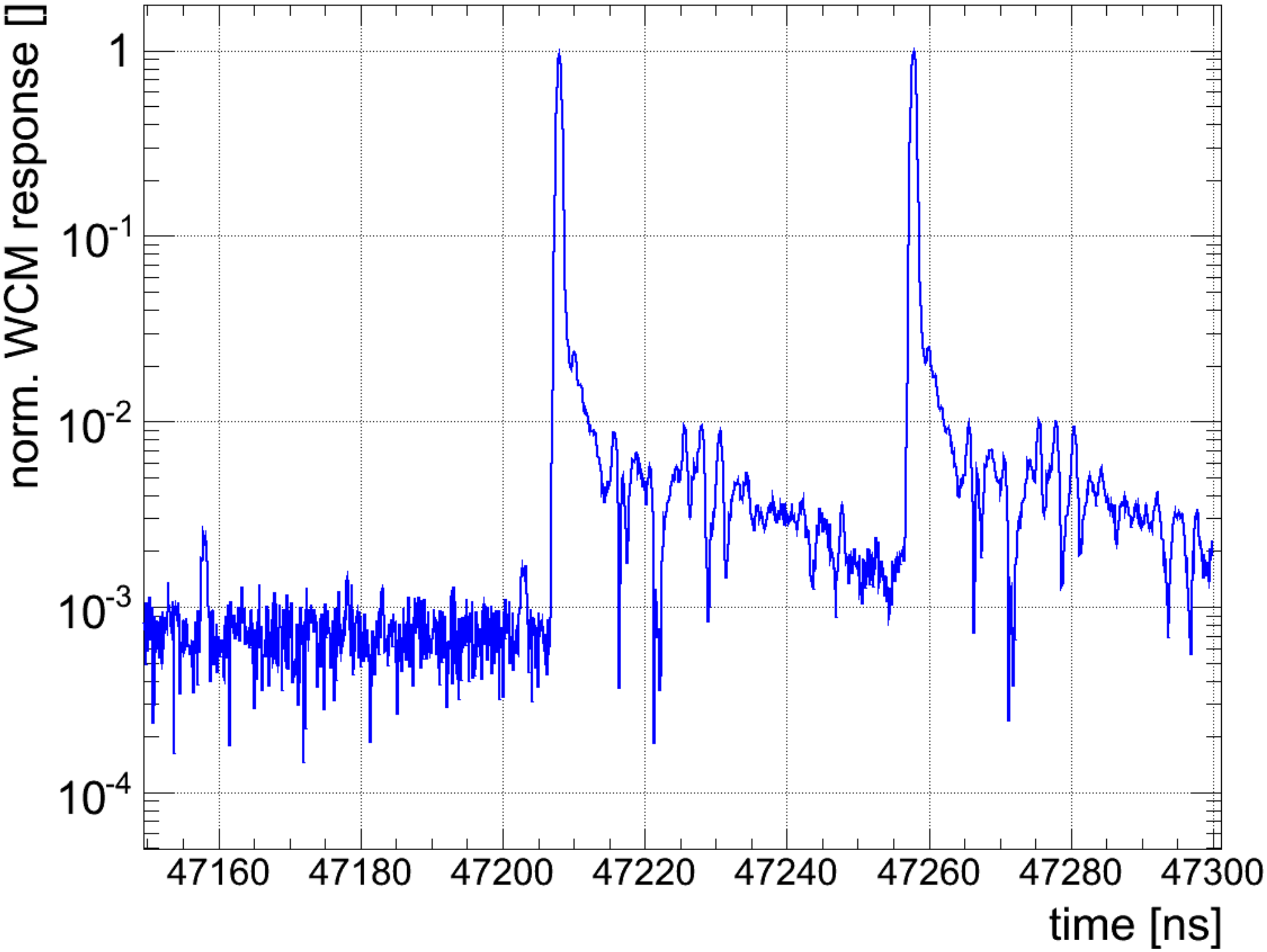
- DC information is in-accessible
  - AC-coupling of WCM (~50 kHz)
  - Short bunches (<1ns @25ns) ↔spectral leakage, difficult to resolve structures < 40 MHz
  - Bunch shape-dependence if 'interpolating' to DC or applying “magic” numbers





What can be achieved – LHC

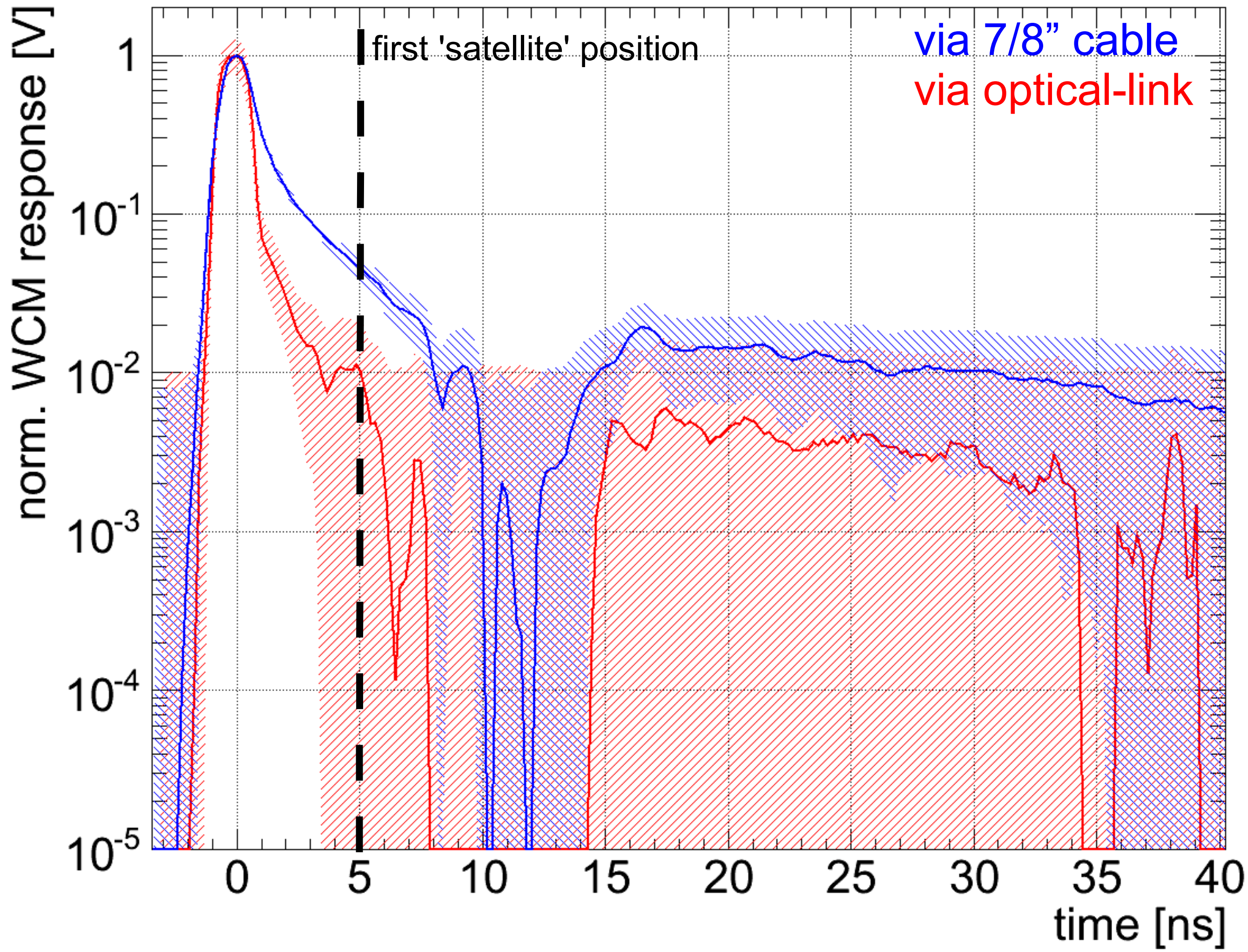
- Example: satellites 50 (PS?) and 2.5 ns (LHC) prior to bunch train



- 2.5 ns satellites after bunch visible but dominated by WCM tails/reflections...

What can be achieved – SPS

- “Mother” design for LHC APWL, would expect similar performance



- higher bandwidth with optical link but noise compared to 7/8” cable
  → shorter cables/acquisition system in the SPS tunnel needed