

# Beam Position Measurement With Sub-Micron Resolution

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- Requirements & Applications
- Pickup Types & Electronics
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# Introduction

- Topic:  
Techniques & aspects of beam position measurement at 3rd & 4th generation light sources & colliders
  
- Focus on:
  - RF BPMs (no X-Ray, laser wire, ...)
  - Few selected aspects, designs & methods
  - Linac-based FELs
  - Differences to 3G ring machines
  
- Many topics equally relevant for light sources & colliders

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# BPM Requirements

## Ring Light Sources

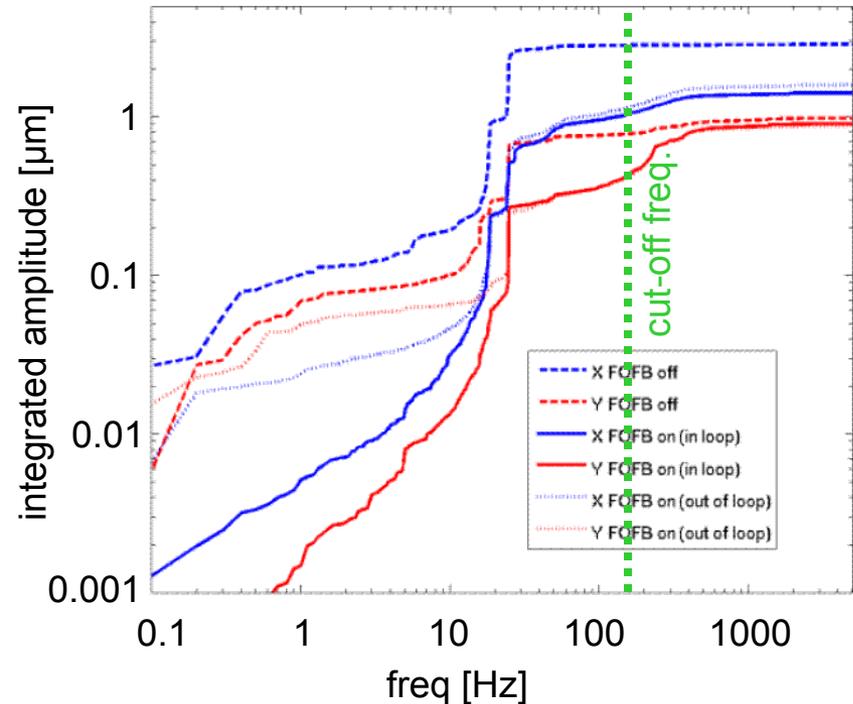
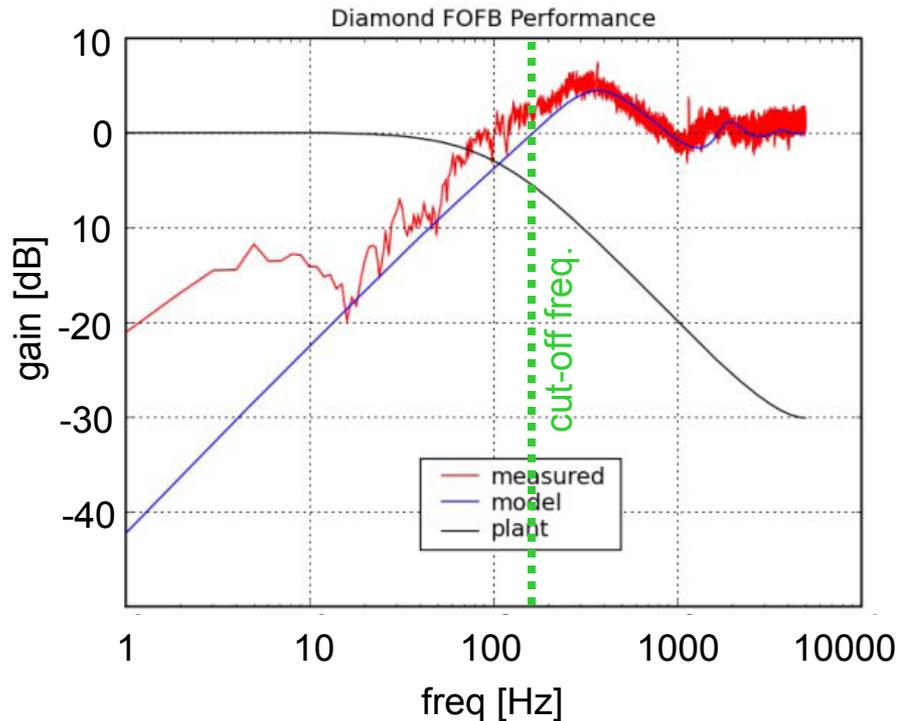
- BPM requirements driven by fast orbit feedbacks: want  $\sim\sigma/10$  photon beam stability at end of beamline
- Vertical e-beam size  $\sigma\sim 2-5\mu\text{m}$
- Want few 100nm BPM noise ( $<1\text{kHz}$ ) / drift (seconds ...days) for orbit feedback

## Linac FELs

- BPM requirements (also) driven by beam-based alignment of quadrupole magnets in undulator area
- Single-bunch FELs: typ.  $\sim 10-100\text{Hz}$  rep rate
  - Feedback only for random perturbations  $<1-10\text{Hz}$
  - Machine should be inherently stable  $>1-10\text{Hz}$
- Bunch-train FELs (E-XFEL) & ILC: few 100ns bunch spacing. Additional BPM requirements by intra-train feedbacks.

# Storage Rings: Fast Orbit Feedback (FOFB)

Typical performance of modern FOFB system:



- Motivation for lowest BPM noise & drift: are modulated back onto the beam (even amplified when frequency  $>$  cut-off)

Plots: Courtesy G. Rehm et al. (EPAC'08)

# FOFB Algorithm: Impact on BPM Requirements

## „Standard“ Algorithm: SVD, PID Control, Uniform Gains

- SVD: rotate BPM & corrector vectors into space where beam response matrix has only diagonal elements (eigenvalues)
- Drawback: BPM vectors („perturbation patterns“) with smallest eigenvalues (huge corrector  $\Delta I$  for tiny orbit  $\Delta x$ ) mainly unreal, caused by BPM noise: vector least useful for correction of real perturbations, but main cause of feedback-induced beam noise
- Usual cure: do not correct such BPM patterns (set small eigenvalues to 0: “eigenvalue cut-off”)
- Usual problem: orbit not corrected (exactly) to desired positions

## FOFB Algorithm & BPM Requirements (Cont'd)

### Improvement Idea (M. Heron et al., EPAC'08, THPC118):

- Feedback will modulate much less noise onto orbit if each BPM pattern („eigenvector“) has its own PID loop, with gain weighted by eigenvalue:
  - ✓ Real perturbations: corrected fast (high loop gain)
  - ✓ Perturbations mainly pretended by BPM electronics noise: corrected slowly → noise averaged, much less feedback noise on the beam
- Algorithm can reduce BPM noise requirements for new 3G rings & improve beam stability at existing machines
- Needs sufficiently powerful real-time feedback computation engine ( $\mu$ Ps, DSPs, FPGAs, or combination)

# Impact of Machine Design on BPM Requirements

## Impact of BPM noise reduced by:

- Minimization of quotient between largest & smallest SVD eigenvalue (conditioning number) – depends on lattice/optics & BPM/corrector locations
- Large beta functions @ BPMs

## BPM electronics bunch charge & pattern dependence irrelevant by:

- Top-up injection
- Filling pattern feedback

## BPM position drift of mechanics & electronics reduced/eliminated by:

- Air temperature stabilization
- Photon BPMs for orbit feedback

→ At a well-designed machine, many BPM system specifications are not relevant for beam stability → difficult to get funding for upgrades of older BPM systems ...

# BPMs For Beam-Based Magnet Alignment

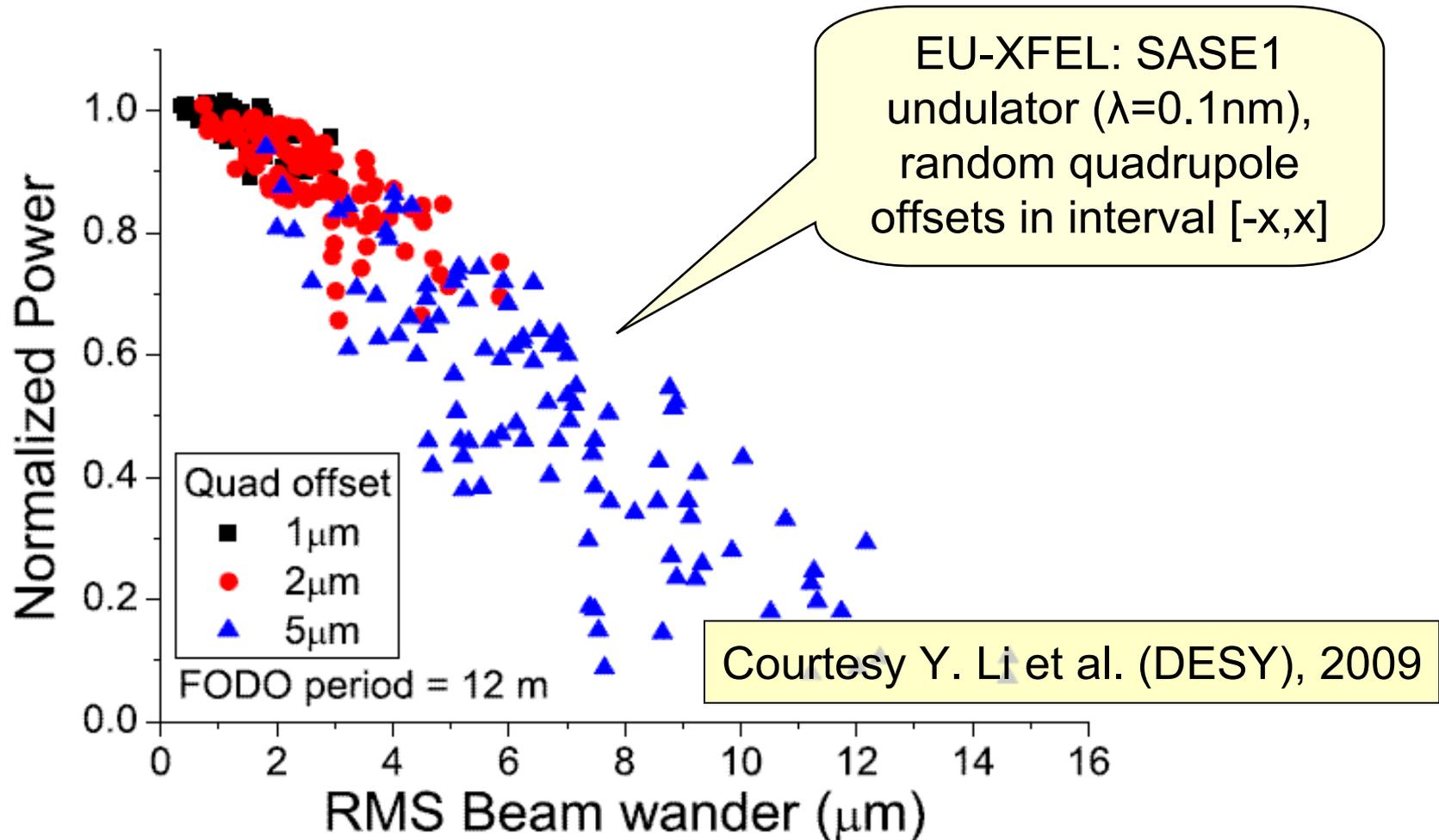
## Ring Light Sources

- Local bump in quadrupole magnet: Find bump amplitude where quad strength change causes minimal orbit distortion
- Goal: Calibrate BPM offset, reduce coupling
- Moderate requirements on BPM resolution & drift ( $\gg 1\mu\text{m}$ )

## Linac FELs

- Undulator length up to  $\sim 200\text{m}$ , segmented: 1 quadrupole & BPM every few meters
- SASE process: Needs  $< \sigma/10$  ( $\sim 3\mu\text{m}$  @  $\lambda \sim 0.1\text{nm}$ ) deviation from straight e-beam trajectory over  $> 2-3$  gain lengths ( $\sim 10-20\text{m}$ ) for sufficient ( $\sim 90\%$ ) electron-photon overlap
- Raubenheimer 1990: Quadrupole alignment via dispersion-free steering (e.g.: LCLS, EU-XFEL)

# Quadrupole Alignment Error vs. FEL Power



# Dispersion-Free Steering (DFS)

## Method

- Beam trajectory is straight (only) if beam-energy-independent
- Measure trajectory for different energies, iterative correction of quadrupole center (e.g. via 2D mover)
- Advantage (over ballistic method, ...): accounts for all dipole fields (quad, undulator errors, earth & stray fields, ...)
- BPMs must only measure relative beam movement: initial unknown BPM & magnet offsets  $\sim 100\mu\text{m}$  (!) O.K.

## Resulting BPM Requirements

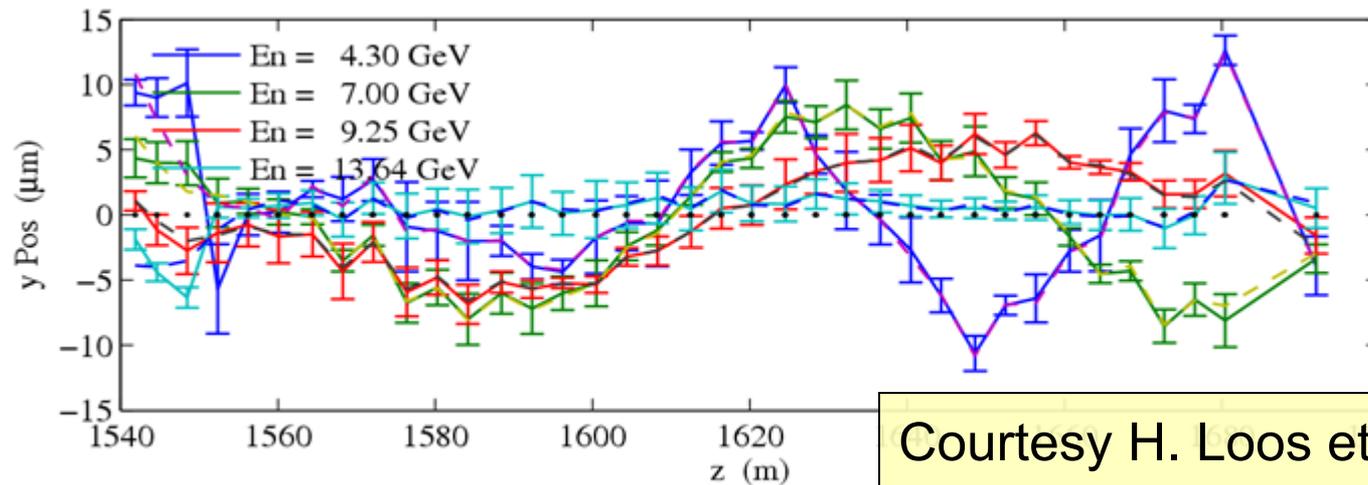
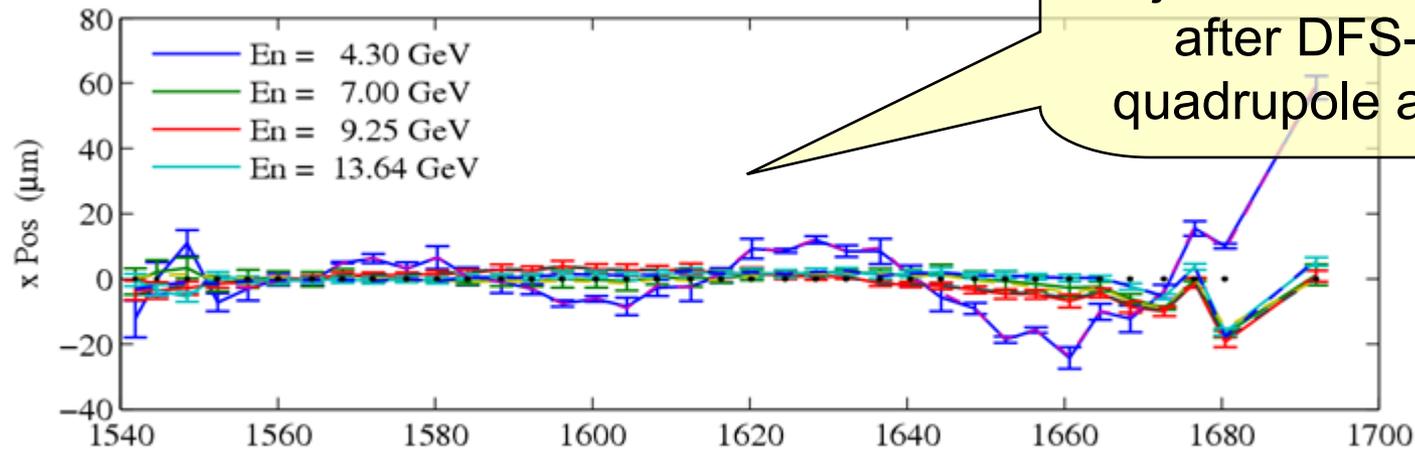
- Resolution for  $\sigma \sim 30\mu\text{m}$  beam size (LCLS, EU-XFEL)
  - typ.  $\sim 1\mu\text{m}$  if  $\Delta E/E \sim$  some 10%
  - typ.  $\sim 100\text{nm}$  if  $\Delta E/E \sim$  few %

Not necessarily  
single-bunch

$\sigma/300$ , not  $\sigma/10$ :  $\rightarrow$  BPM specs  
driven by magnet alignment  
strategy (or vice versa)

# DFS @ LCLS

Measured LCLS beam trajectories in undulator after DFS-based quadrupole alignment



Courtesy H. Loos et al., 4/3/2009

# Transverse Beam Profile

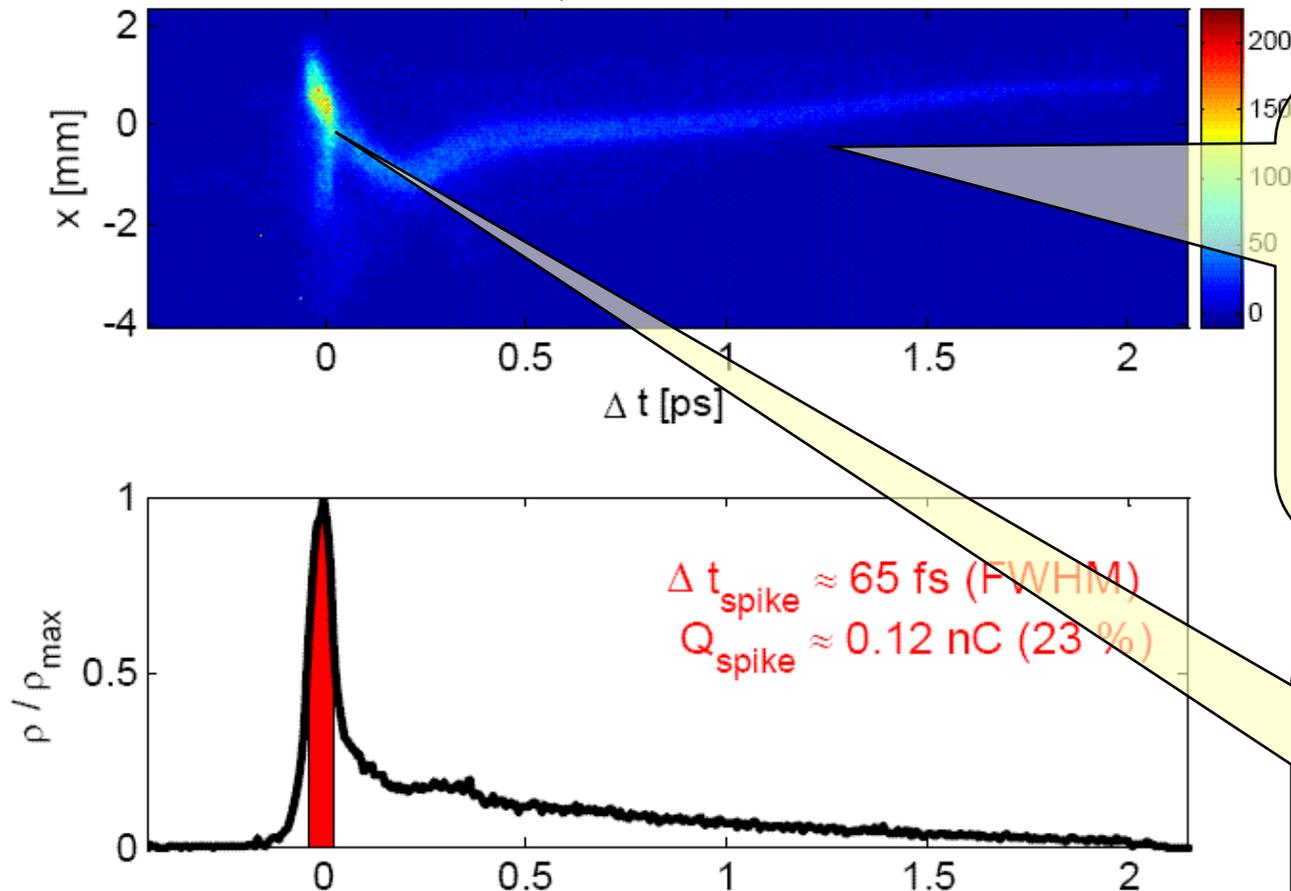
## Ring Light Sources

- Synchrotron radiation damping: Gaussian 3D profile, no bunch tilt

## Linac FELs

- Machines without higher-harmonic RF: nonlinear (sine) accelerating RF fields cause non-Gaussian longitudinal & transverse profile
- Result: fraction of bunch that is lasing is not at center of charge  
→ suboptimal (or no) lasing although BPMs show ideal straight undulator trajectory
- Is problem for trajectory feedback (not for magnet alignment!)
- Cure: Linearize RF accel. field via higher-harmonic structures  
→ ~Gaussian profile → necessary for sub- $\mu\text{m}$  position measurement of the lasing part of the bunch

# Transverse Beam Profile (Cont'd)



Example: Correlation between transverse and longitudinal charge distribution @ FLASH (measured by transverse deflecting cavity, H. Schlarb et al.).

Lasing electrons not at transverse center of charge. Cure (FLASH + E-XFEL): 3rd harmonic RF

Courtesy B. Faatz et al., SINAP 2008

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# Common Pickups

Qualitative/subjective pros & cons ...

Standard for ring machines: SNR uncritical (averaging over many bunches), minimal beam impact

“Standard” BPM types for warm linac beam lines (where ~ 5 - 50 $\mu$ m resolution is needed)

Typical choice for SASE undulators, intra-train & IP feedbacks: sub- $\mu$ m single-bunch resolution

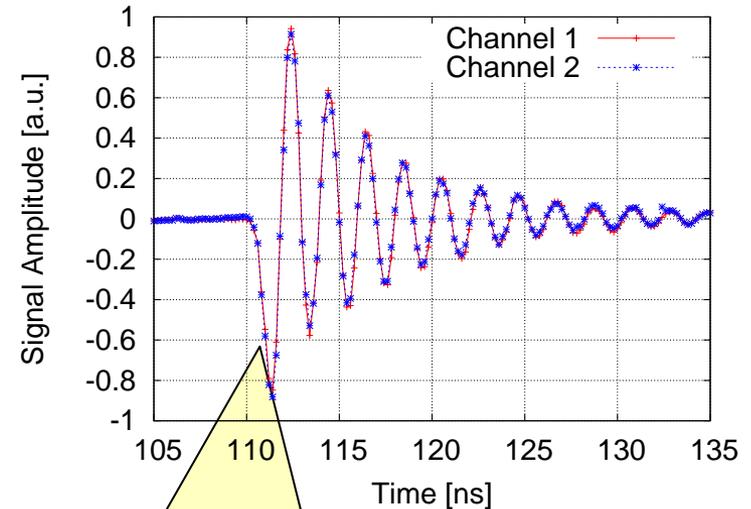
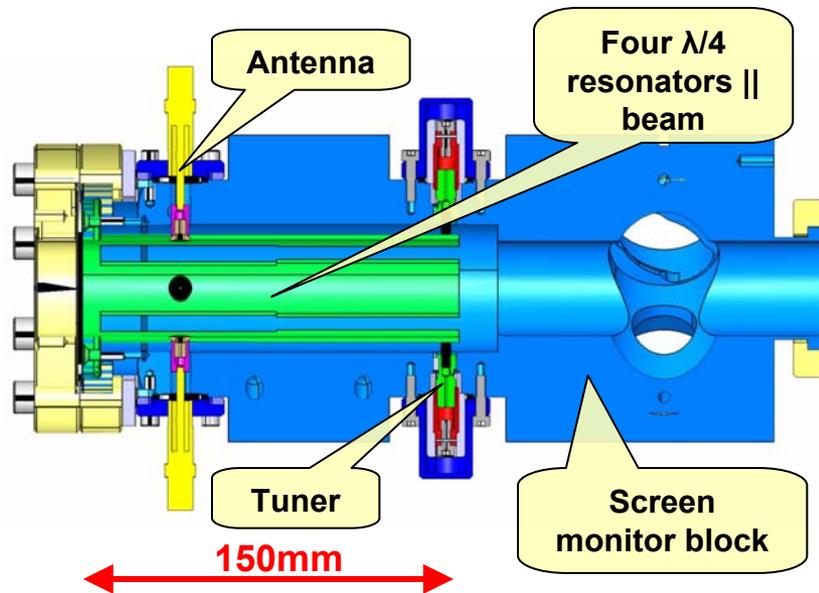
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Signal/Noise	-	- / +	+	+	+
Monopole Mode Suppression	-	-	-	- / +	+
Single-Bunch Resolution (@ low charge)	-	- / +	+	+	++
Electronics Drift	- / +	- / +	- / +	- / +	+
Weight 10mm pipe	++	+	+	+	+
Weight 40mm pipe	++	- / +	- / +	- / +	- / +
Design Effort	++	- / +	- / +	- / +	-
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performance

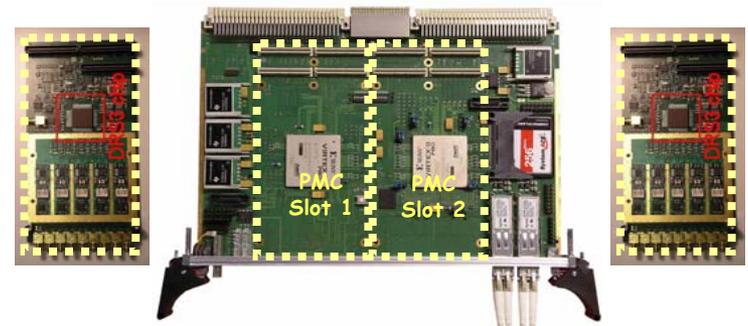
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# Resonant Stripline Pickup

- Standard pickup for PSI XFEL test injector: needs  $\sim 10\mu\text{m}$  resolution at 10...200pC (poster: A. Citterio et al.)
- Signal/noise superior to button at 10pC. Potential for sub- $\mu\text{m}$  resolution at higher bunch charge with suitable electronics (hybrid, ...)



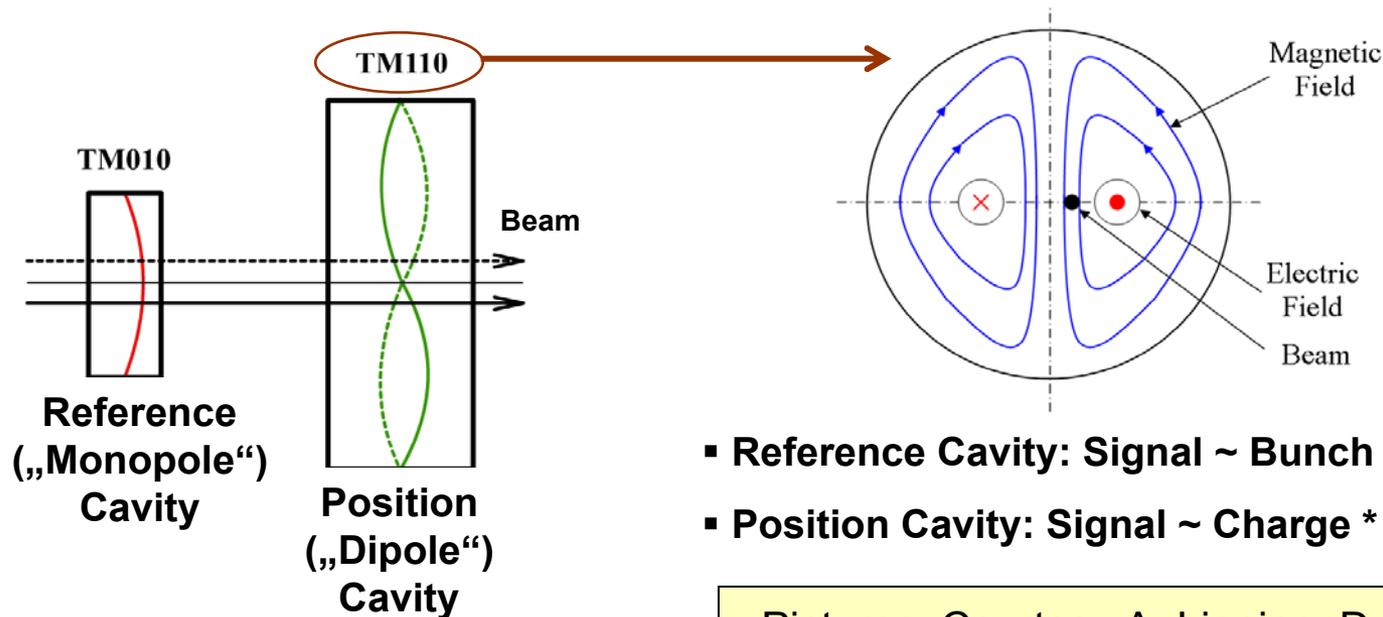
Pickup signal: 500MHz decaying sine  $\rightarrow$  simpler electronics than cavity BPM, direct sampling (plot: 5GSample/s VME digitizer, PSI design using „DRS“ chip: low-cost)



# Cavity BPM Pickups

Many types & designs (→ overview talk D. Lipka). Examples:

- LCLS: 11.4 GHz. Waveguide to electronics (→ talk Stephen Smith)
- SCSS (H. Maesaka et al.): Weight- and cost-optimized design for lower frequencies. Cables to electronics. Well suited for larger beam pipe diameters (SCSS: 4.8GHz, E-XFEL: 3.3GHz).

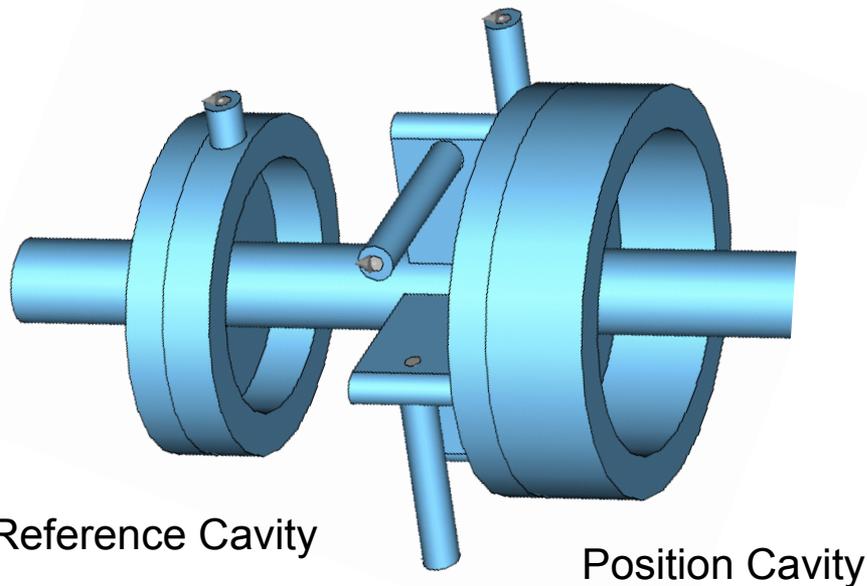


- **Reference Cavity: Signal ~ Bunch Charge.**
- **Position Cavity: Signal ~ Charge \* Position**

Pictures: Courtesy A. Liapine, D. Lipka

## Cavity BPM Pickups (Cont'd)

- Allow mode-selective coupling (LCLS, SCSS, ...): Position cavity waveguides / antennas couple to dipole mode, suppress large monopole mode signal
- Result: easier monopole suppression in electronics than pickups with normal couplers → highest resolution ( $\ll 1 \mu\text{m}$ ) & low drift

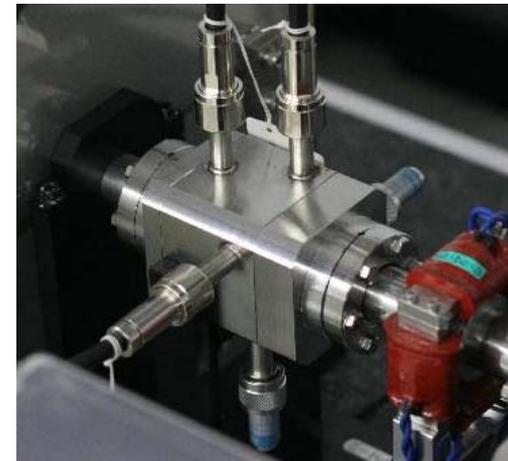


Reference Cavity

Position Cavity

(Visible: vacuum, couplers)

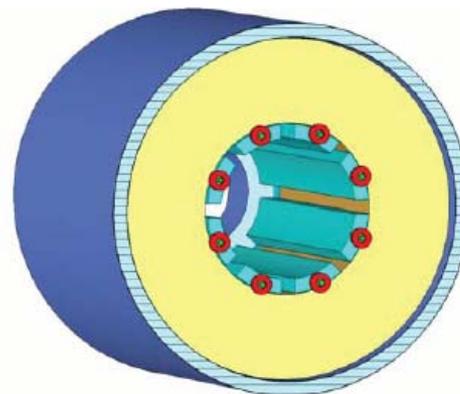
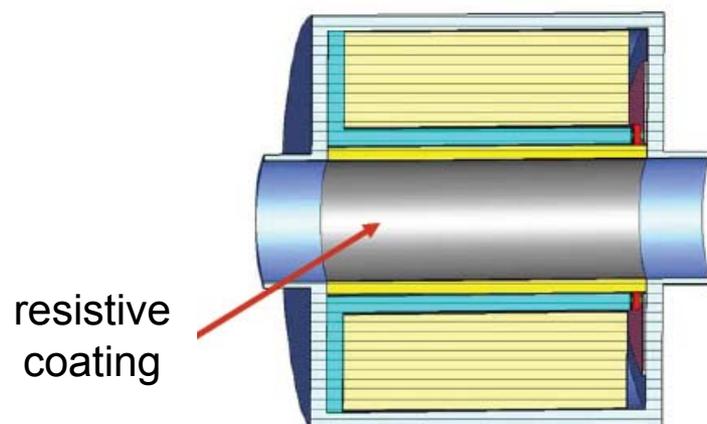
SCSS type (4.8 GHz).  
L = 100 mm overall.



Pictures: Courtesy D. Lipka

## Colliders: Current Transformer BPM

- Ceramic gap in beam pipe: wall (mirror) current flows over transformers („segmented wall current monitor“). Current ratio used for position calculation.
- ILC version:  $2.6\mu\text{m}$  (x) /  $5.2\mu\text{m}$  (y) resolution (3.2nC, 300ns bunch spacing, 0.3–80MHz BW).
- CLIC version (0.67ns bunch spacing, 760pC) 180nm (x) / 350nm (y) resolution (not single bunch).

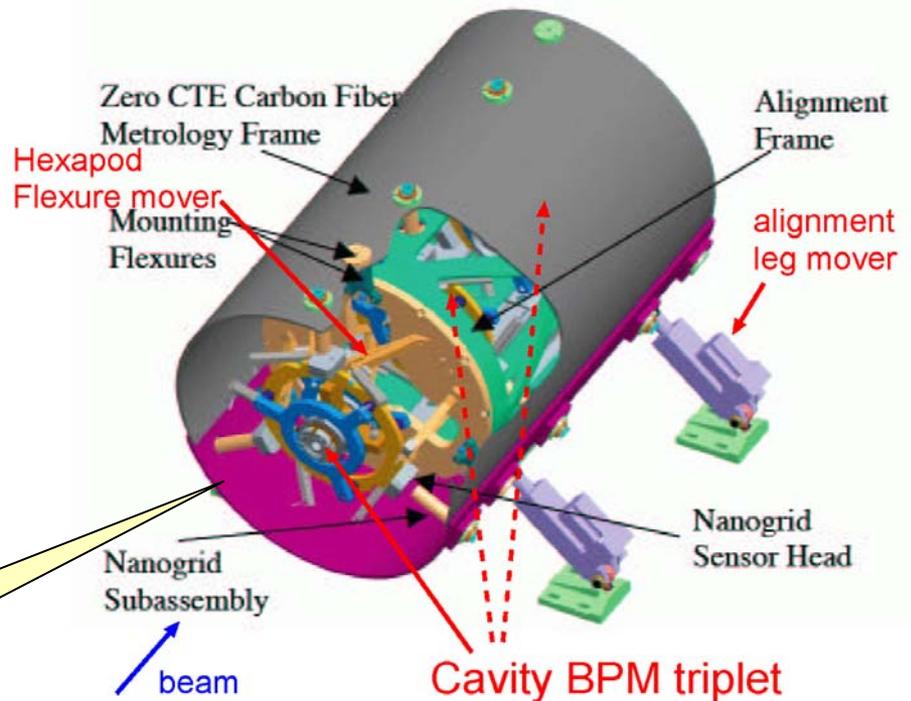


Courtesy L. Sørensen, DIPAC'07

# Pickup Supports

- Sub- $\mu\text{m}$  position resolution:  
want also low drift of electronics  
and mechanics
- Mechanical drift:  $\sim 100\text{nm}$  with  
suitable support material &  
temperature stability („passive  
support“)
- ILC IP: want  $\sim 2\text{nm}$  resolution  
→ use „active“ support

**SLAC/LLNL “nm-BPM”:  
15.6nm resolution  
(cavity triplet,  
somewhere hidden in  
the support ...)**



Courtesy M. Ross  
APAC 2007

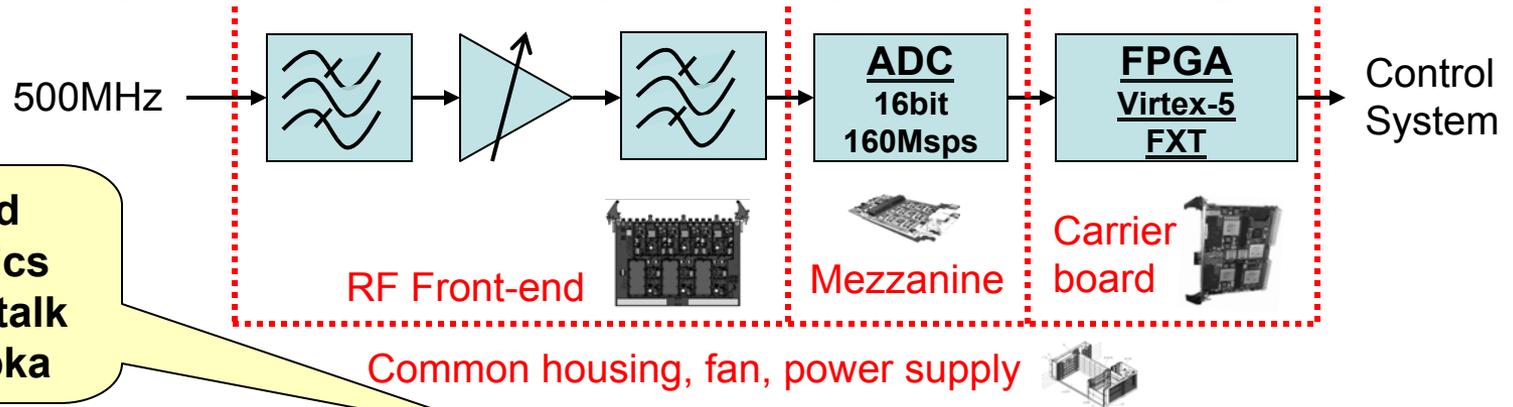
# BPM Electronics

- Main challenge is fulfilling all specifications simultaneously, not just one (e.g. resolution).
- People tend to focus on low resolution (→ talk title), but e.g. low drift & bunch charge/pattern dependence are often more difficult to reach.

	Typical (3G Ring, ID BPMs)	Typical (Linac, SASE-Undulator)
Resolution / BW	200nm < 1 kHz	500nm < <b>50MHz</b>
Drift (hour/week) For Specified Environment	100nm/1μm	100nm/1μm
Beam Charge Dependence	...	100nm/1%
Bunch Pattern Dependence	...	n.a.
Position Range	+5mm	+1mm
Bunch Charge/Current Range	0.1-400mA	<b>0.01-0.5nC</b>
Differential Nonlinearity	...	0.03% FS
Integral Nonlinearity	...	2% FS
Bunch-to-Bunch Crosstalk	n.a.	100nm
x-y Coupling	2%	1%
Initial Offset & Gain Error	100μm / 3%	100μm / 3%

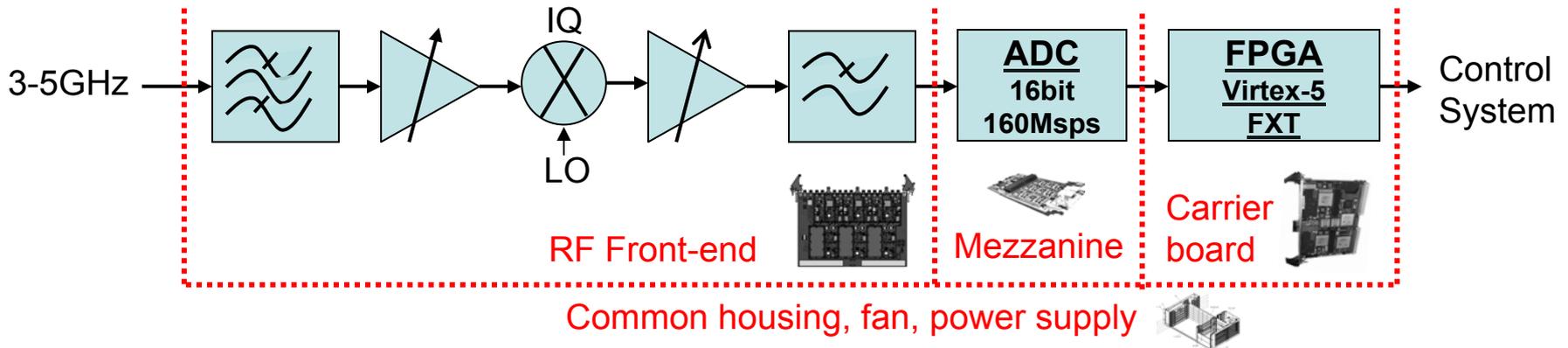
# BPM Electronics (Cont'd)

- Typical 3G ring button electronics (simplified): direct sampling



Detailed electronics designs: talk by D. Lipka

- Typical 4G linac cavity BPM electronics (simplified): homodyne rec.



→ Modular system: 3G ring & 4G linac BPM systems can use same ADC & FPGA boards & crates/housing, with customized RF front-ends

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- Beam position measurement is not just pickup & electronics technology, but an overall concept involving machine design & operation.
- The design of magnet lattice & optics, RF & air conditioning systems, choice of beam-based alignment techniques & orbit correction algorithms as well as the bunch charge and its temporal variation strongly affect the required BPM performance.
- Kennedy (slightly misquoted): Don't (just) ask what the BPM system can do for your machine, but (also) what your machine can do for the BPM system.

Thank you  
for your attention!

