



Full Energy On-Demand Beam Injection from SACLA into the SPRING-8 Storage Ring

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- Introduction
 - SPring-8 and its upgrade project (SPring-8-II)
 - The XFEL facility, SACLA
- Beam transport line from SACLA to SPring-8
- Requirements for the beam injection from SACLA
- On-demand beam route and parameter switching system
 - Timing and LLRF system for beam energy and bunch length control
 - Kicker magnet
- Synchronization of SACLA to SPring-8
- Beam commissioning
 - Tuning for beam injection
 - CSR effect and bunch length
 - Bunch purity improvements
- Summary

The beam transport line from XFEL to SR (XSBT) was built just after the construction of SACLA.

SPring-8 upgrade project (SPring-8-II) was proposed and low-emittance beams from SACLA are necessary due to the small dynamic aperture of the new ring.

The injection from SACLA to SPring-8 started in advance.

The operation cost of the original linac and synchrotron can be reduced (a few 100 M yen).

SPring-8 storage ring

8 GeV synchrotron

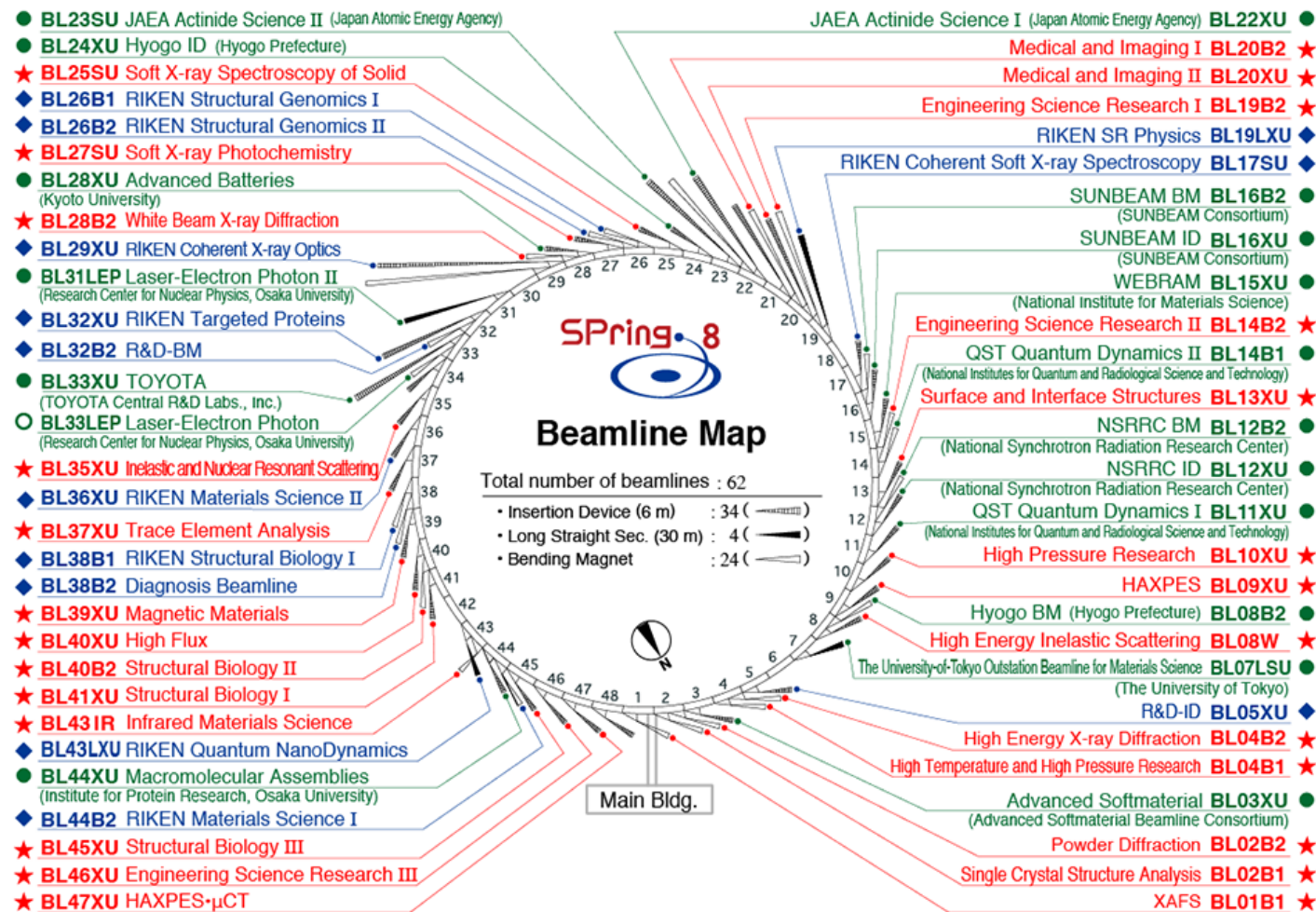
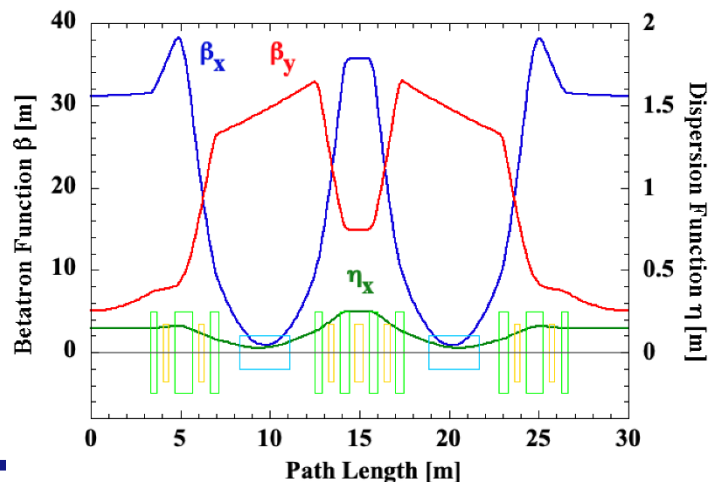
1 GeV linac

Electron beams for the SPring-8 storage ring (SR) have been delivered from the 1 GeV linac and 8 GeV booster synchrotron.

SACLA

X-ray free-electron laser (XFEL)

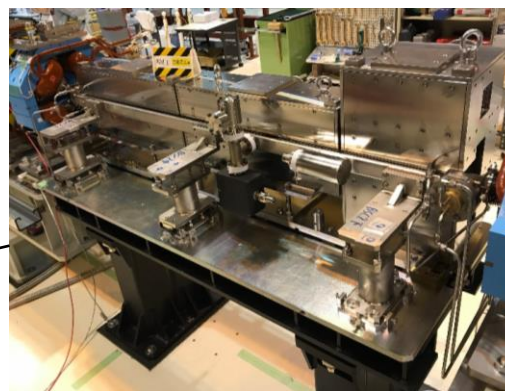
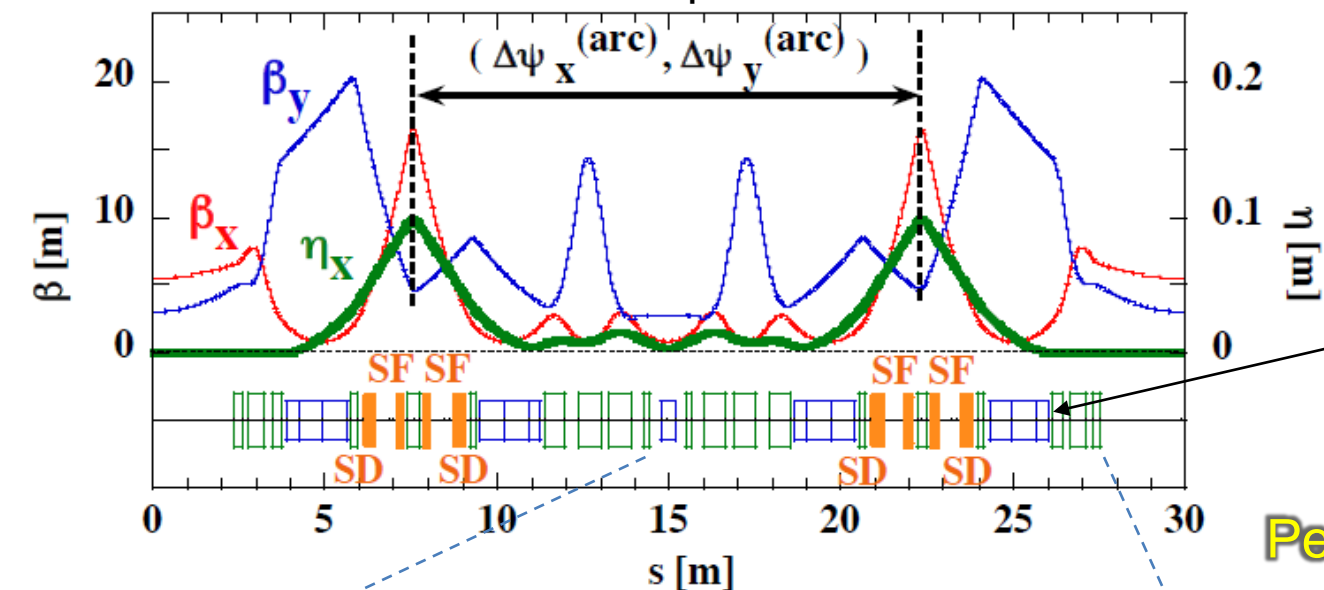
Beam energy	8 GeV
Circumference	1436 m
Beam current	100 mA
Natural emittance	2.4 nm rad
Beam size (straight section)	H 316 μm / V 4.9 μm
Lattice	Double-bend (achromat)
The number of cells	44
Energy spread	0.11%
Betatron tune	H 41.14 / V 19.35
Acceleration frequency	508.58 MHz
Harmonic number	2436



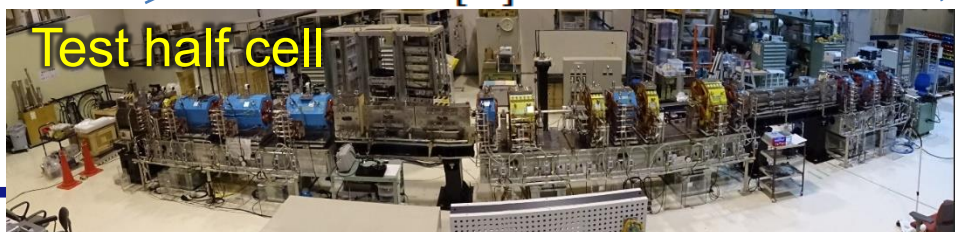
57 beamlines in operation

- Emittance: 2.4 nm rad $\rightarrow$ < 100 pm rad (still under optimization)
- Lattice: Double-bend Achromat (DBA) $\rightarrow$ 5-bend Achromat (5BA)
- Beam Energy: 8 GeV $\rightarrow$ 6 GeV
- SPring-8-II Conceptual Design Report, Nov. 2014, <http://rsc.riken.jp/pdf/SPring-8-II.pdf>
- Low-emittance beam (< 500 pm rad) is needed for injection. $\rightarrow$ Injected from SACLA

Linear Optics



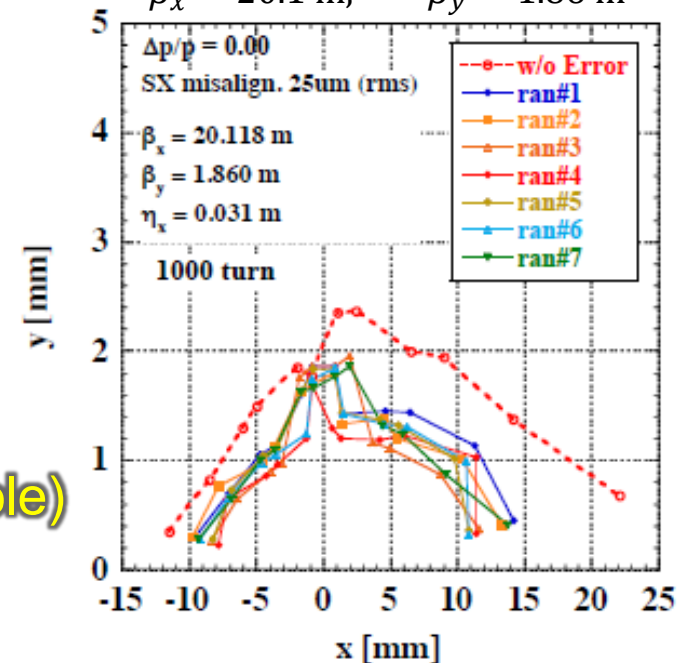
Permanent magnet (dipole)

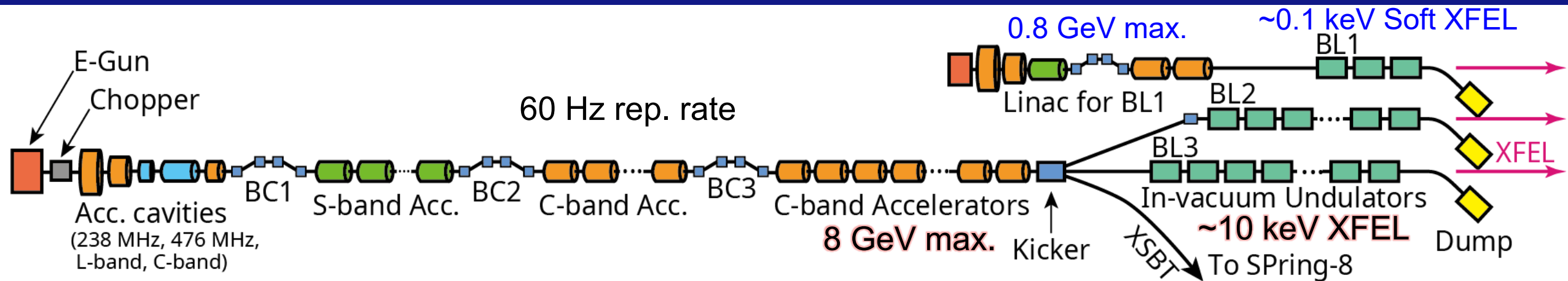


Test half cell

Dynamic Aperture

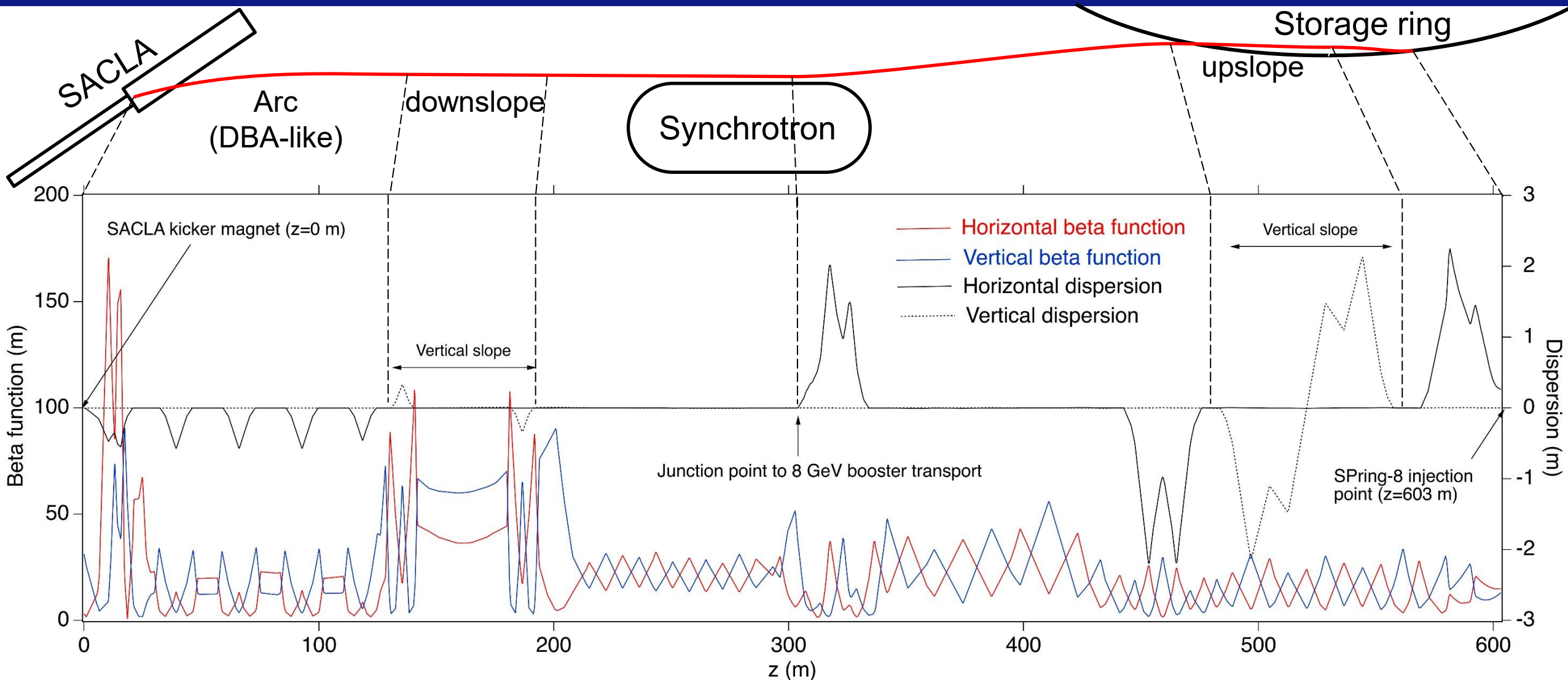
$$\beta_x = 20.1 \text{ m}, \quad \beta_y = 1.86 \text{ m}$$





- A low-emittance beam is generated by 500 kV thermionic electron gun. (CeB_6)
- The bunch length is shortened by sub-harmonic acceleration cavities and three bunch compressors.
 - 1 ns, 1 A $\rightarrow$ ~10 fs, ~10 kA
- The beam is accelerated to 8 GeV (max) by C-band accelerators. (> 35 MV/m)
- XFEL is generated by in-vacuum undulators. ($\lambda_u = 18$ mm)
 - ~0.8 mJ/pulse (10 keV)
- The beam route is switched by a kicker magnet.
 - BL2, BL3, and XSBT (XFEL to Storage ring Beam Transport line)
- Projected emittance: ~2 $\mu\text{m rad}$ (normalized), ~130 pm rad (natural, 8 GeV).
 - Slice emittance: < 1 $\mu\text{m rad}$ (normalized)

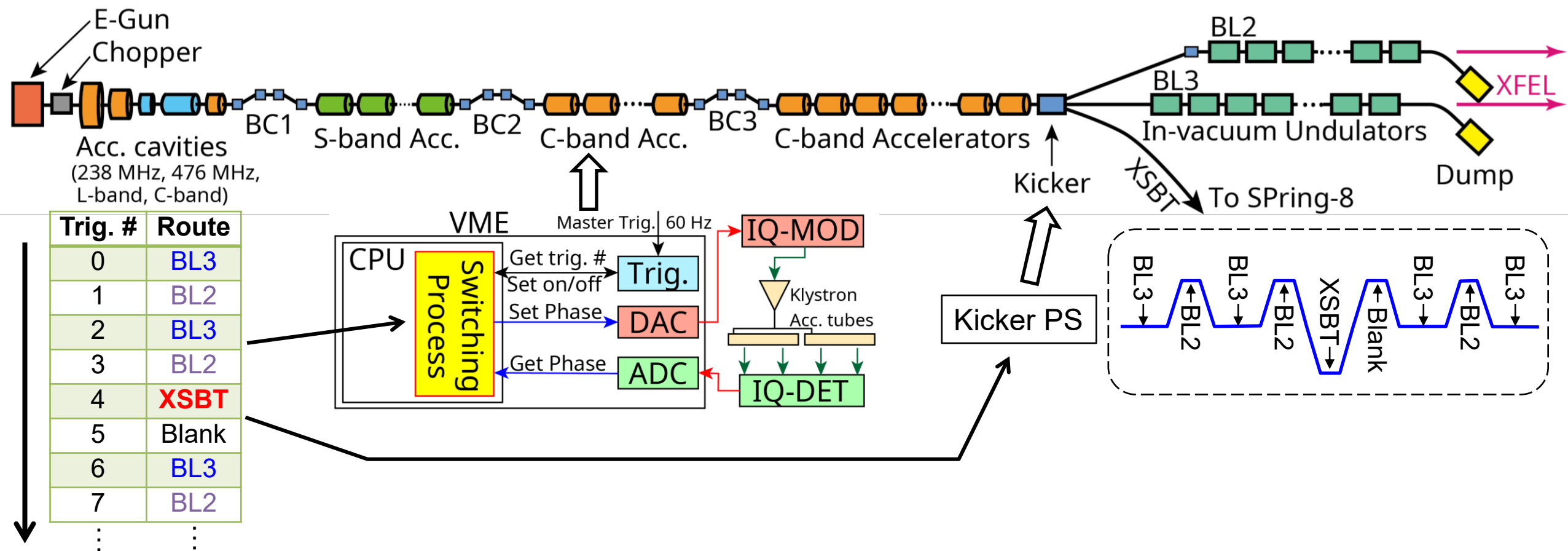
Beam transport line from SACLA to SPring-8



Beam monitors: BPM x 25, Screen x 43, CT x 7, Loss monitor x 1

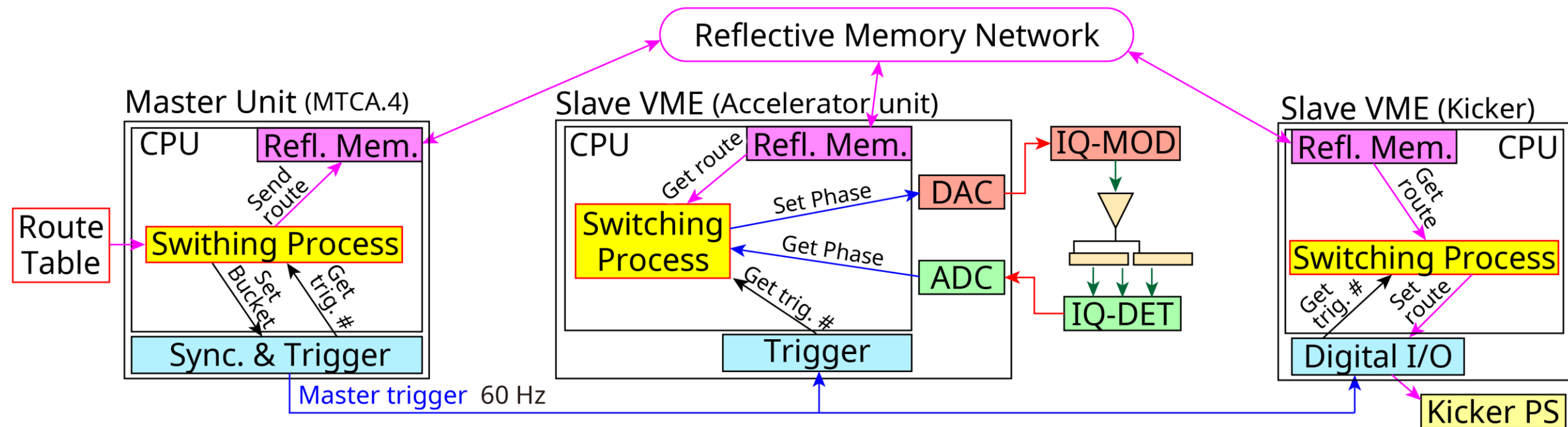
	SPring-8	SPring-8-II	XFEL
Beam Energy	8 GeV	6 GeV	4 – 8 GeV
Bunch Length	< 10 ps	< 10 ps	~10 fs
Peak Current	< 1 kA	< 1 kA	> 10 kA
Emittance	< 100 nm rad	< 500 pm rad	~100 pm rad
Rep. Rate	10 Hz (initial) < 0.1 Hz (top-up)	10 Hz (initial) < 0.1 Hz (top-up)	60 Hz max.
Beam Route	XSBT	XSBT	BL2, BL3
Sync. with SR	Yes	Yes	No

- Emittance after XSBT should be as small as possible.
 - Smaller peak current (< 1 kA) is better for SPring-8 to suppress emittance growth in XSBT due to coherent synchrotron radiation (CSR) effect.
- On-demand beam route and parameter switching.
 - Top-up injection in parallel with the XFEL operation.
- Synchronization of SACLA to SPring-8.
 - Within 6 ps std. (bunch length of SPring-8: ~10 ps std.)
- Sufficiently small satellite bunch.
 - SPring-8 bunch purity: $< 10^{-8}$ ($= Q_{\text{satellite}}/Q_{\text{main}}$)

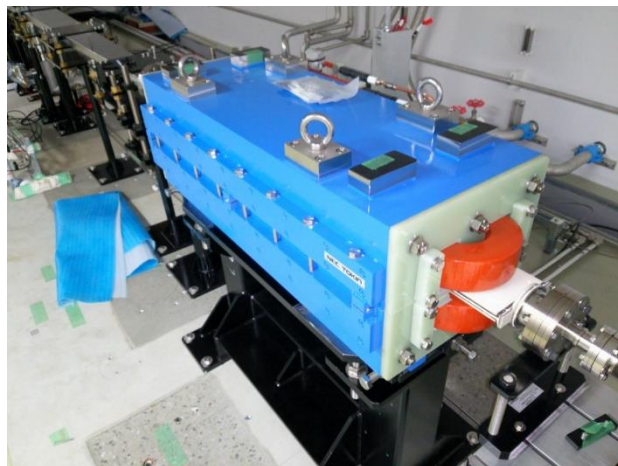


- We distribute beam route information and switch the beam route and parameters shot-to-shot.
 - Beam energy is changed by turning each accelerator unit on or off. (~120 MeV / C-band unit)
 - bunch length is changed by shifting the RF phase of the accelerator units before BC3.
- Electron beams for BL2, BL3, and XSBT are individually optimized. (Beam energy, bunch length, etc.)

Block diagram of the switching system



- We use a reflective memory network to distribute beam route data, since the route data must be updated in real-time.
 - The beam route table can be changed by operators on demand.
- Parameter switching for each accelerator component is implemented to a software process on a CPU module.
 - This process wait for the next trigger, read the next route data, and set parameters to each component.
- We evaluated the error rate of the parameter switching system.
 - Error rate was 1×10^{-7} level, which is well below the trip rate of high-power klystrons.

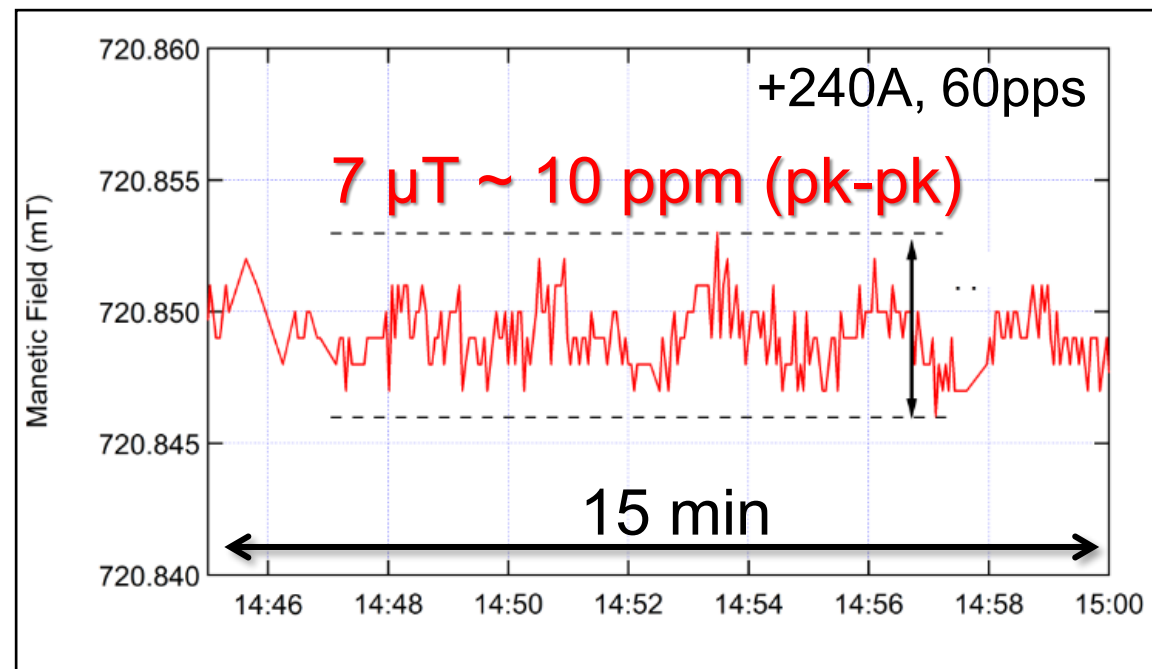


Kicker magnet
(Yoke length 0.95 m, $B_{\max}=0.9$ T)



Power supply (60 Hz, 1 kV-299 A)

Magnetic Field Stability



Measured by a gated NMR.



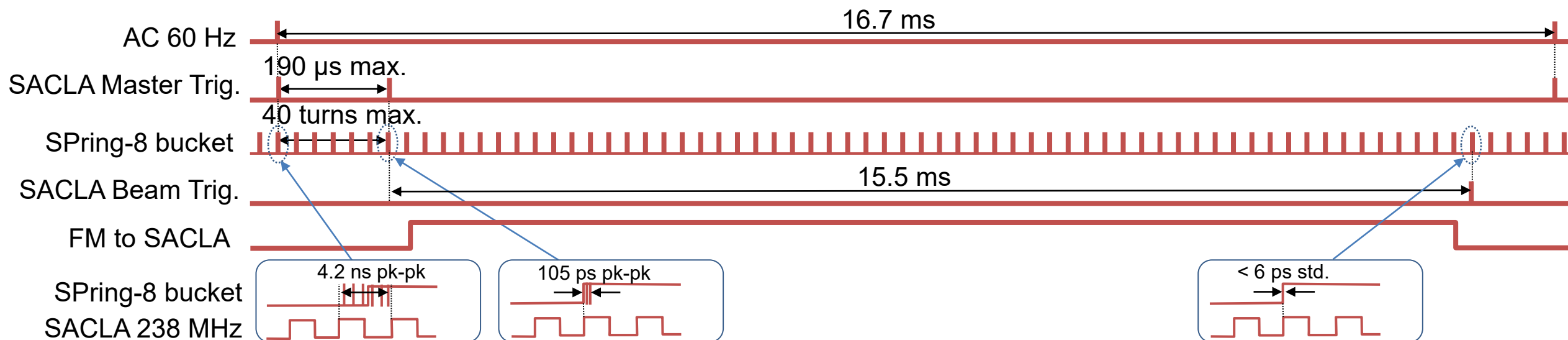
Full SiC MOS-FET modules
ROHM BSM120D12P2C005

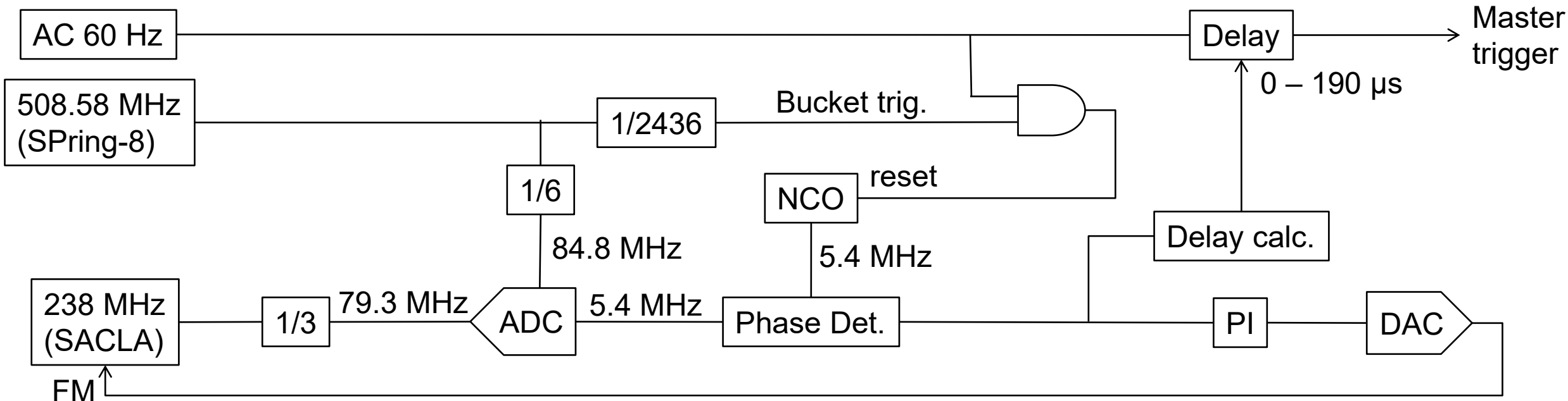
C. Kondo *et al.*, Rev. Sci. Instrum., **89**, 064704 (2018).

- The beam timing of SACLA must be precisely synchronized with the desired bucket of SPring-8.
- The master clock of SACLA does not have a simple rational coefficient for the RF frequency of SPring-8.
 - SACLA: 238 MHz (= 5712 MHz / 24)
 - SPring-8: 508.58 MHz
 → We cannot use a conventional phase-locked loop (PLL) for synchronization.
- We apply frequency modulation (FM) to synchronize SACLA with SPring-8.
 - Timing jitter is ~4.2 ns (the period of 238 MHz) without FM.
 - FM duration: ~15 ms → FM depth ~70 Hz of 238 MHz (~0.3 ppm)
- Since frequency fluctuation affects other electronics of SACLA, the FM depth should be as small as possible.
 - We found that the FM depth had to be 0.01 ppm level, which came from the frequency tolerance of mode-locked laser synchronized to SACLA.
 - If we wait for several turns (N turns maximum) until the smallest time difference, the timing jitter can be reduced to $(4.2 \text{ ns}) / N$.
 - We set N to 40 and the maximum timing jitter is ~105 ps [= $(4.2 \text{ ns}) / 40$].

Revolution period: 4.8 μ s → maximum delay: 190 μ s

T. Ohshima et al., IPAC'19 THPRB034.





- The SACLA RF signal is digitized by the SPring-8 clock, and the phase difference is calculated.
- The master trigger signal is delayed according to the phase difference, so that the trigger timing falls into the 105 ps window.
- FM control with a PI feedback loop is applied to the SACLA master oscillator.
- These functions are implemented to a MTCA.4 digitizer AMC (Struck SIS8300L2) and a synchronization RTM.

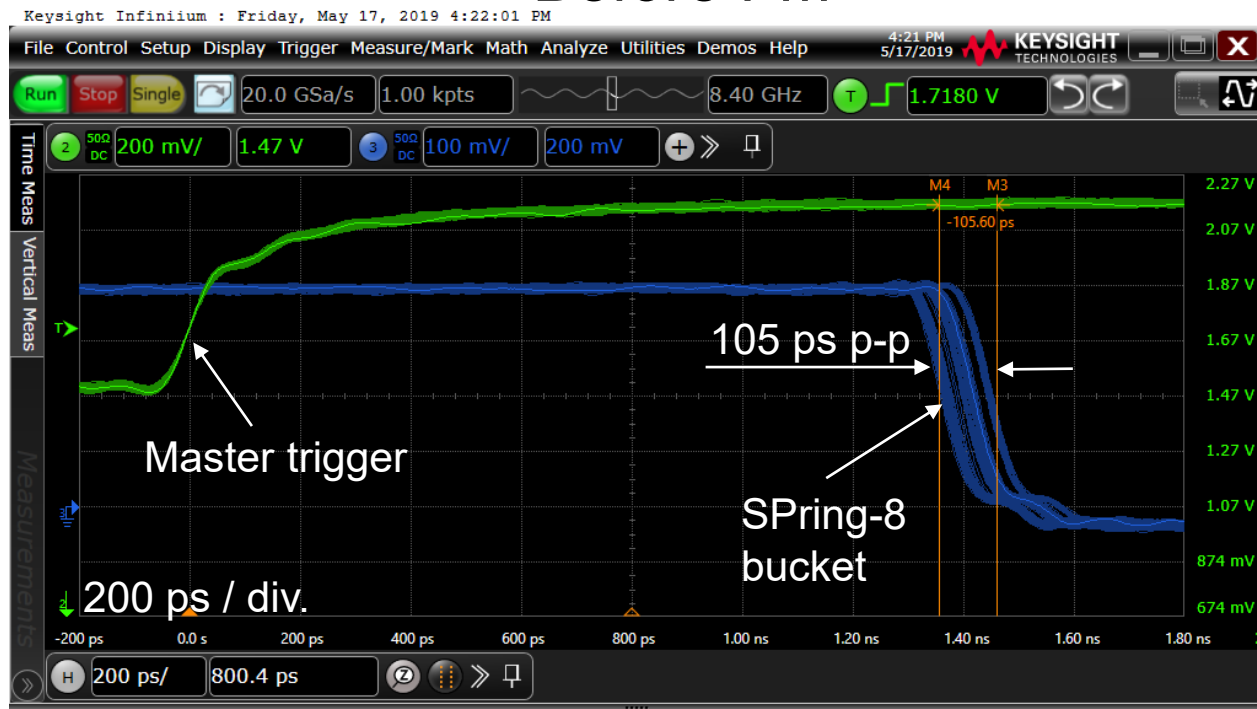
Sync. RTM



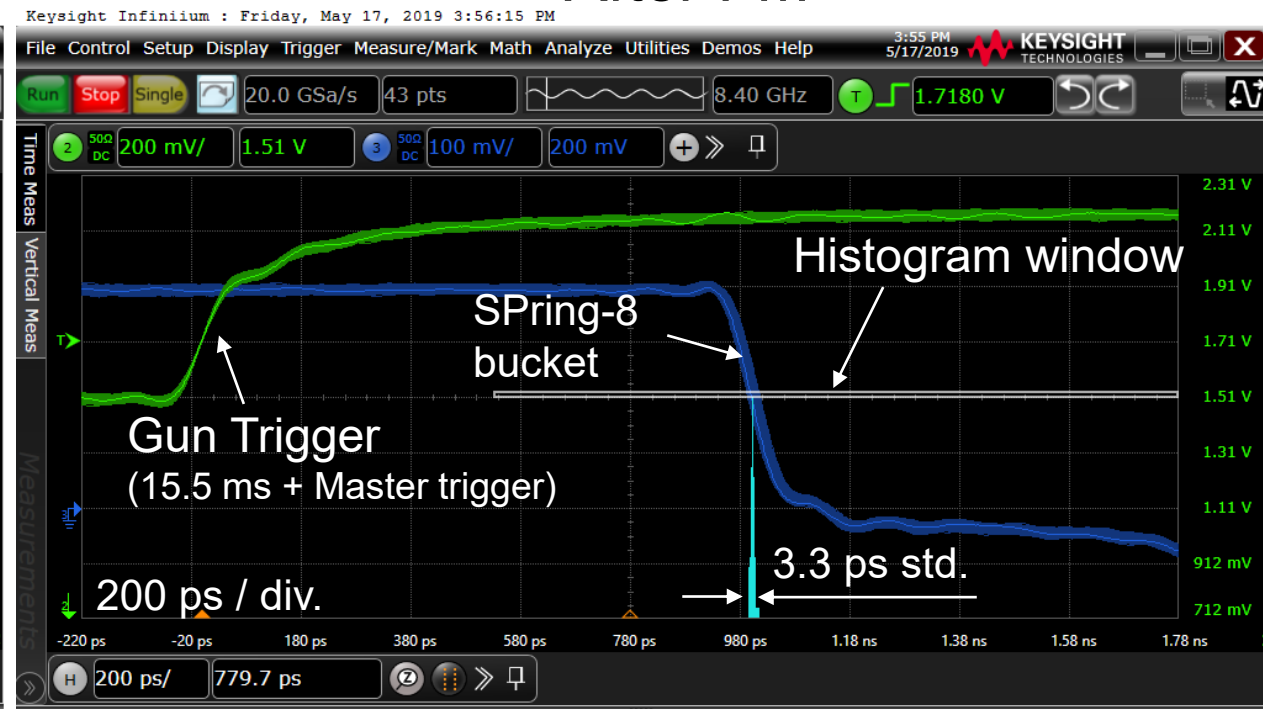
Digitizer AMC



Before FM



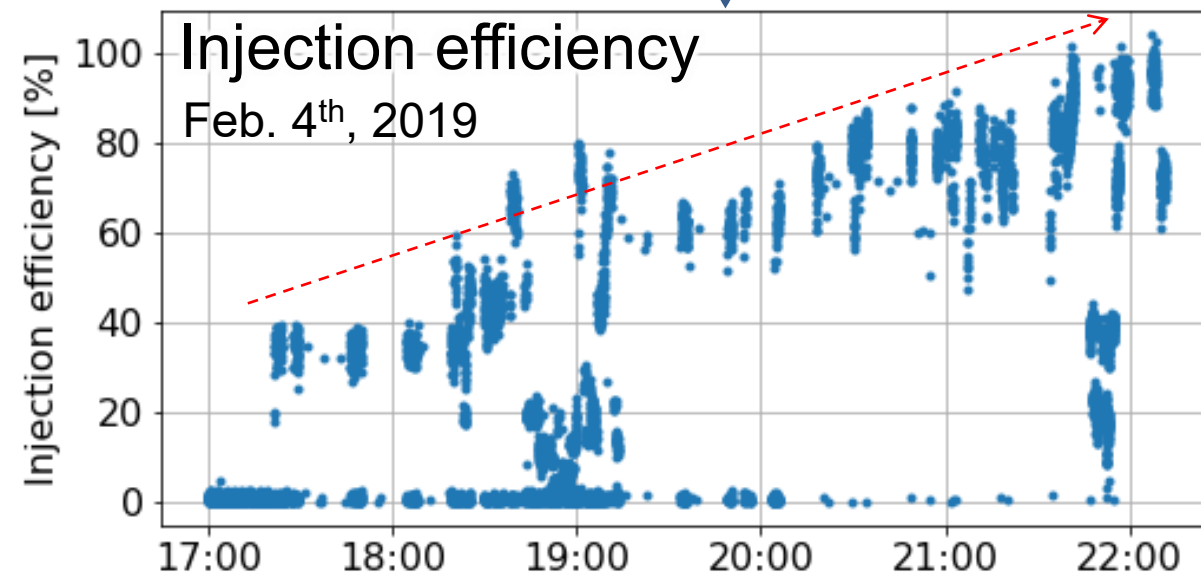
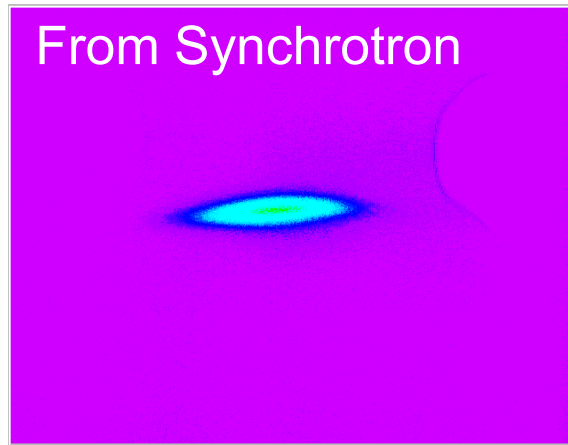
After FM



- The master trigger signal is synchronized within 105 ps to the SPRing-8 bucket signal before the FM control.
 - The delay adjustment works well.
- The timing jitter is reduced to 3.3 ps std. after the FM control.
 - Enough for the beam injection.

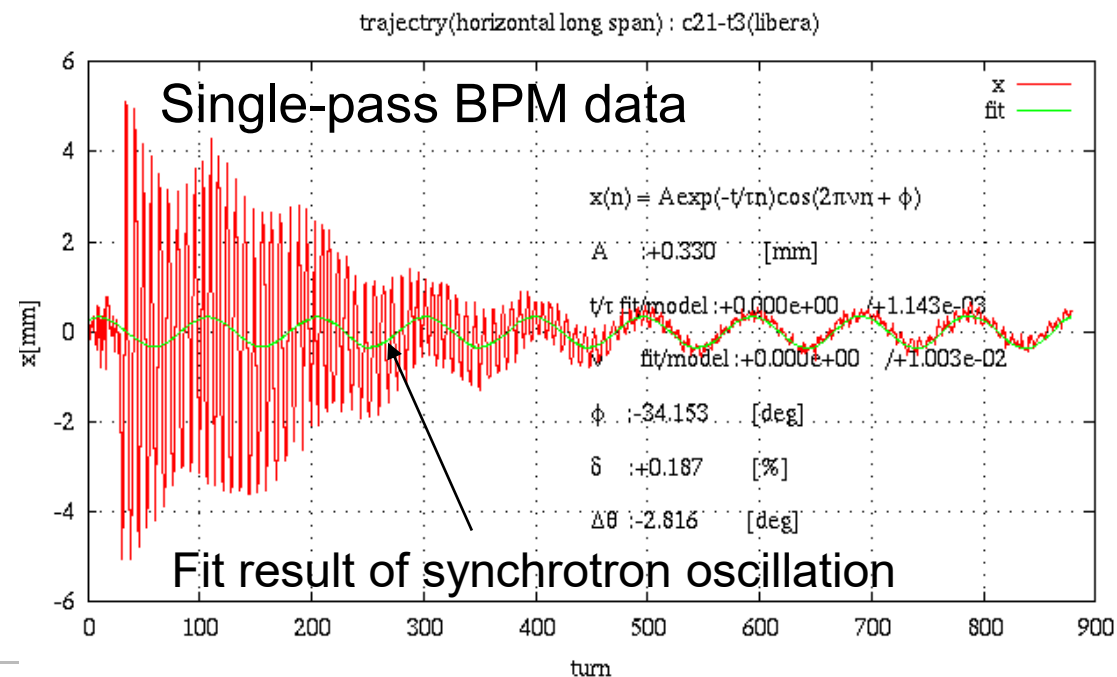
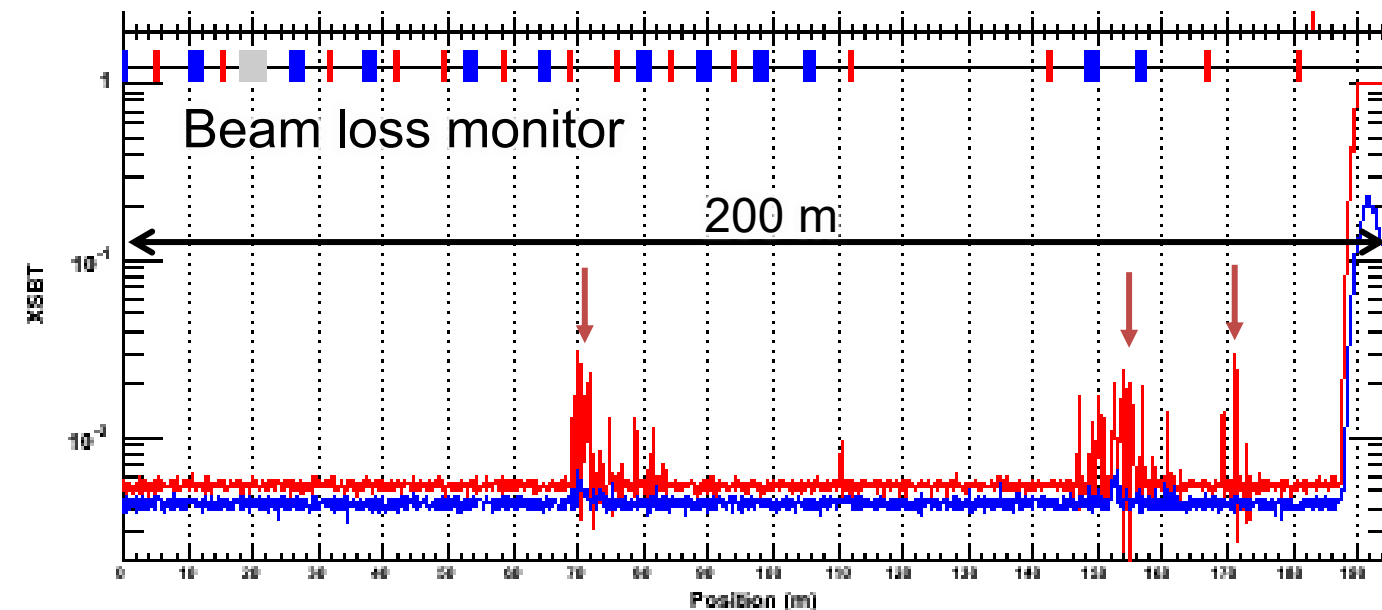
- Oct. 2018: Beam commissioning for SPring-8 injection started. (~1 shift [~8 hours] / month)
 - 1 Hz injection without XFEL.(long bunch)
- Dec. 2018: First storage of the beam from SACLA. (~10 μA / shot)
- Feb. 2019: More than 90% injection efficiency was achieved.
- Oct. 2019: First on-demand injection in parallel with XFEL operation.
 - Short bunch beam have been delivered to XSBT since then for easier operation.
- Nov. 2019: First 10 Hz injection and top-up operation with 100 mA.
- Feb. 2020: First user run with the SACLA beam.
- Sep. 2020: The default injector was switched to SACLA.
- Mar. 2021: Shutdown of the 8 GeV booster synchrotron and 1 GeV linac.

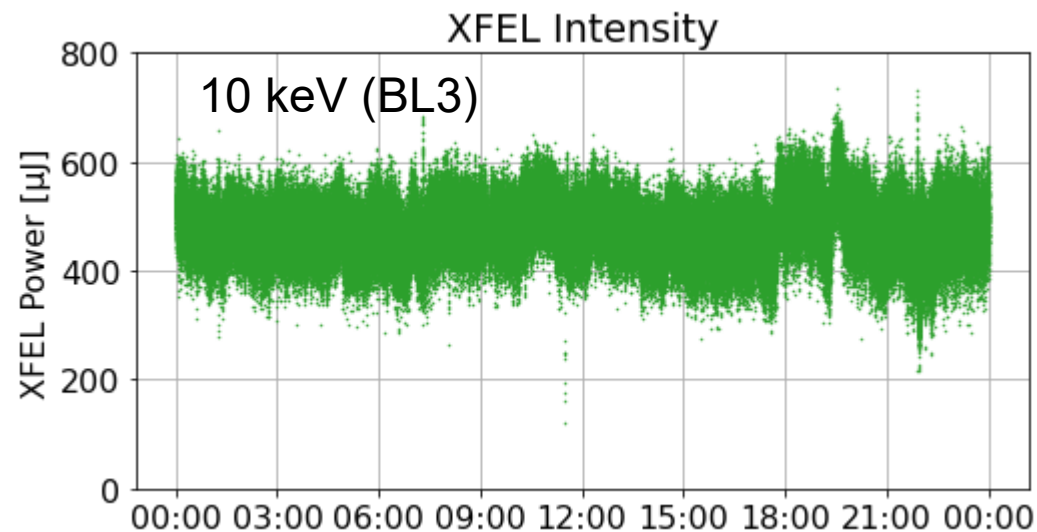
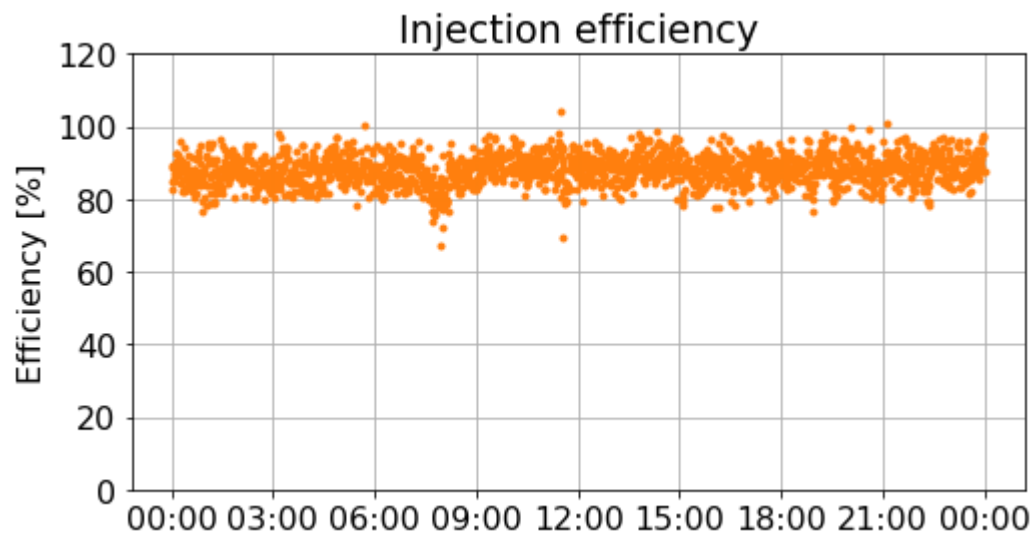
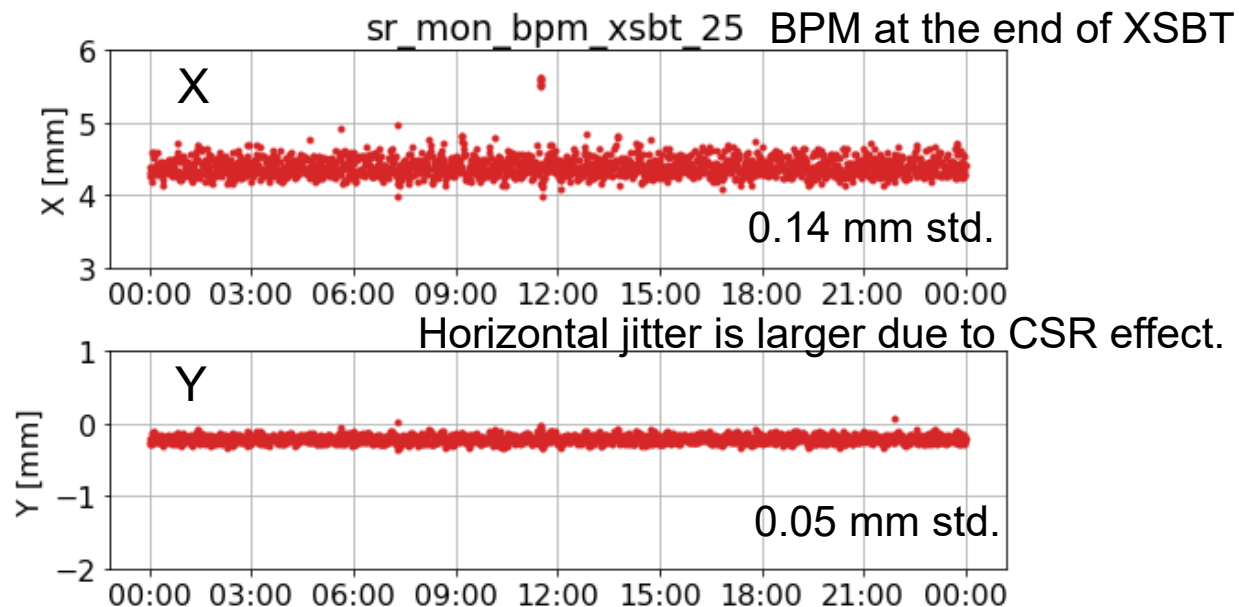
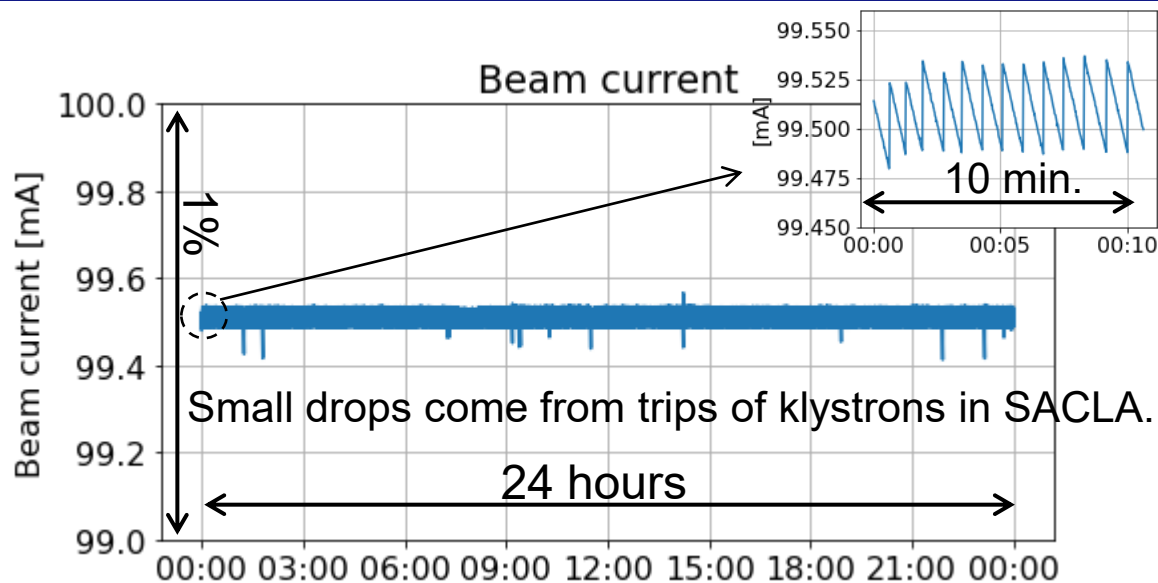
Comparison of beam profiles



Beam monitors

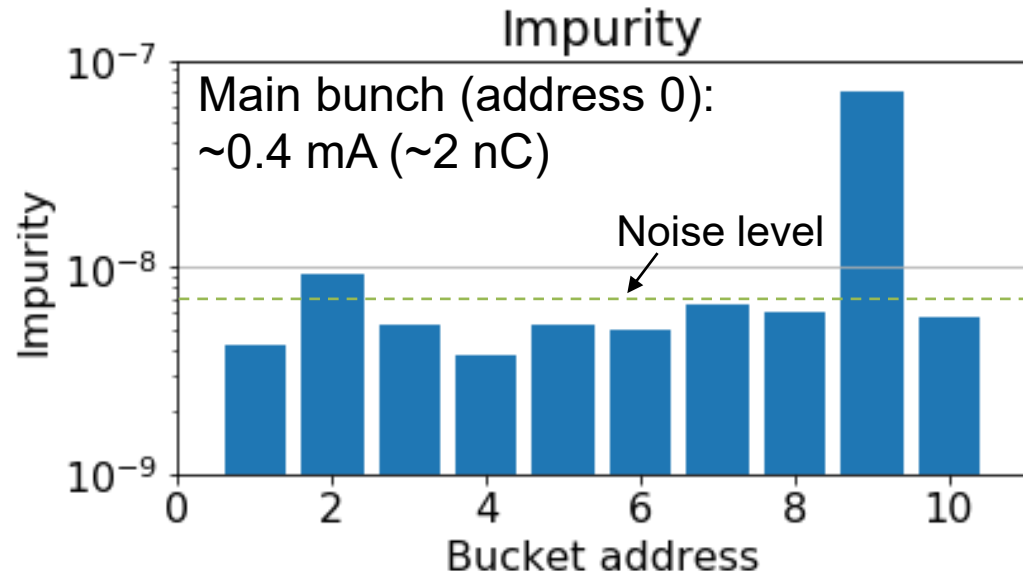
- BPMs and screen monitors are used for monitoring beam orbit and envelop.
- The injection efficiency is evaluated from a CT in XSBT and a DCCT in the SR.
- Beam loss monitor is also utilized for loss-less transmission.
 - The loss monitor detects Cherenkov light emitted in an optical fiber along the beamline.
- Beam energy and timing was tuned by using single-pass BPM data in the SR.
 - Synchrotron oscillation of the injected beam is minimized.



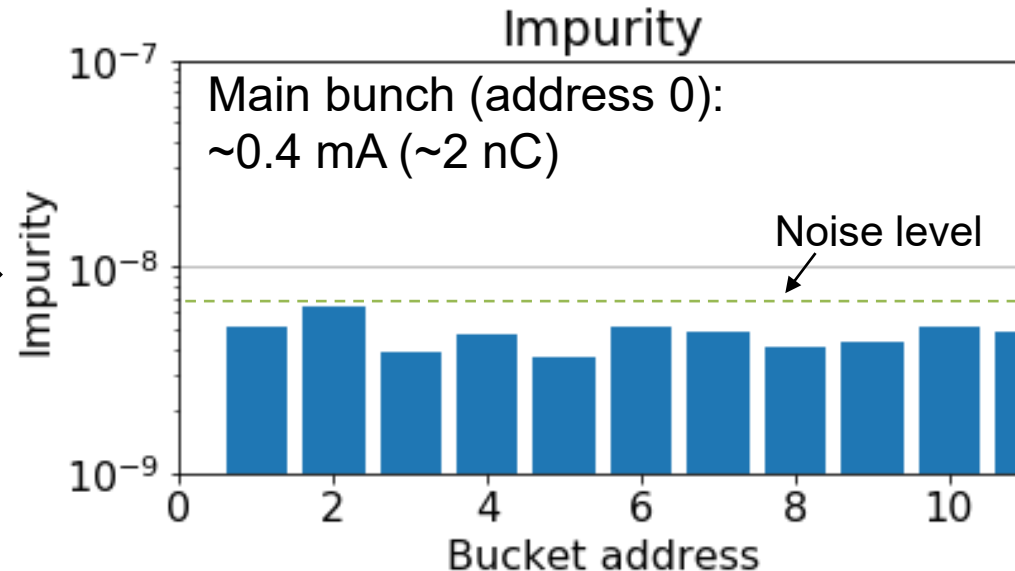
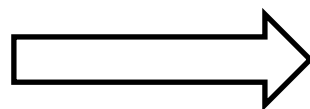


Bunch purity

- Bunch purity is important for time-resolved experiments at SPring-8.
 - Requirement is typically $< 1 \times 10^{-8}$
- We observed large impurity at address 9. (~18 ns from the main bunch)
 - Address 2 also shows significant impurity.
- If we closed collimators and energy slits from BC1 to BC3 as narrow as possible, the impurity was reduced to the noise level.
 - The source of satellite electrons was thought to be the low-energy section of SACLA.



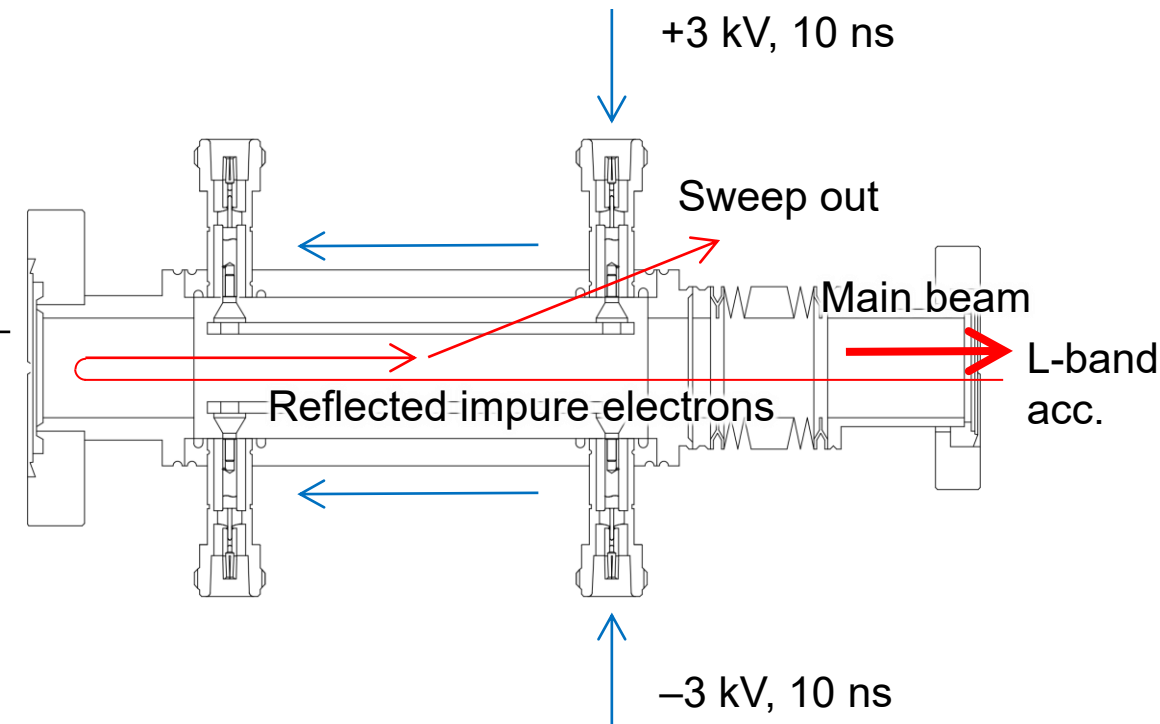
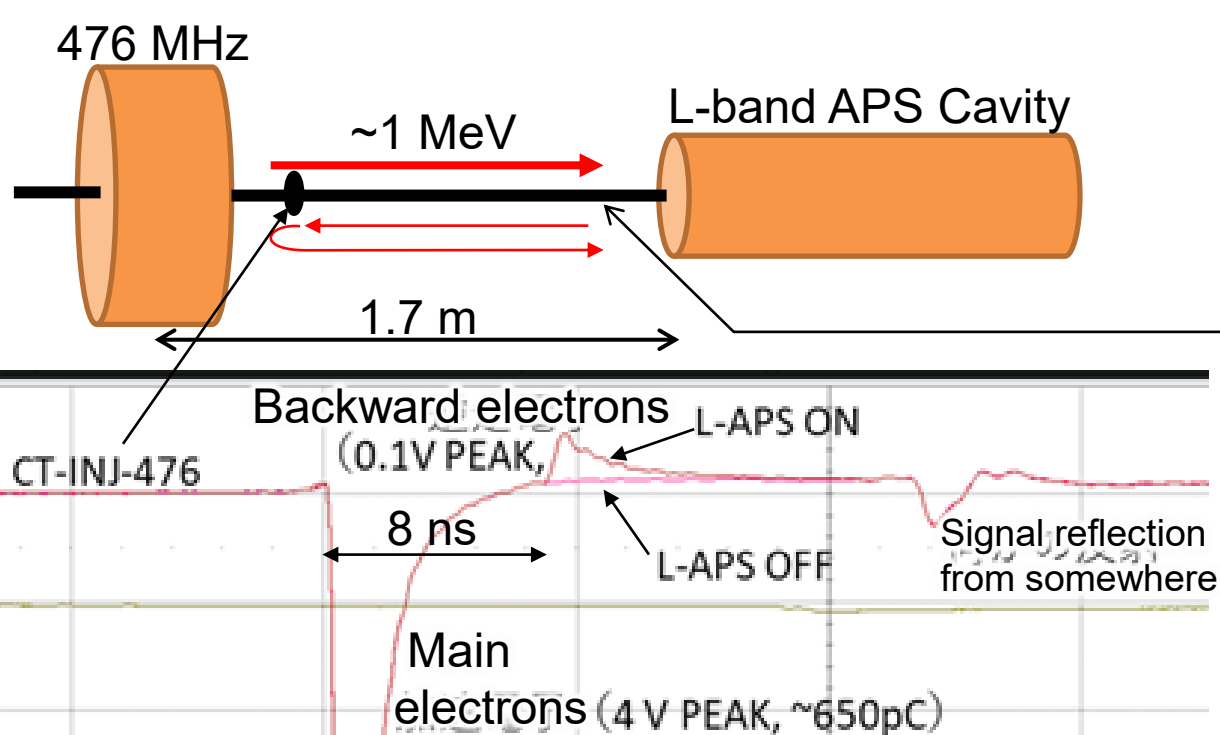
Narrower
collimators &
energy slits



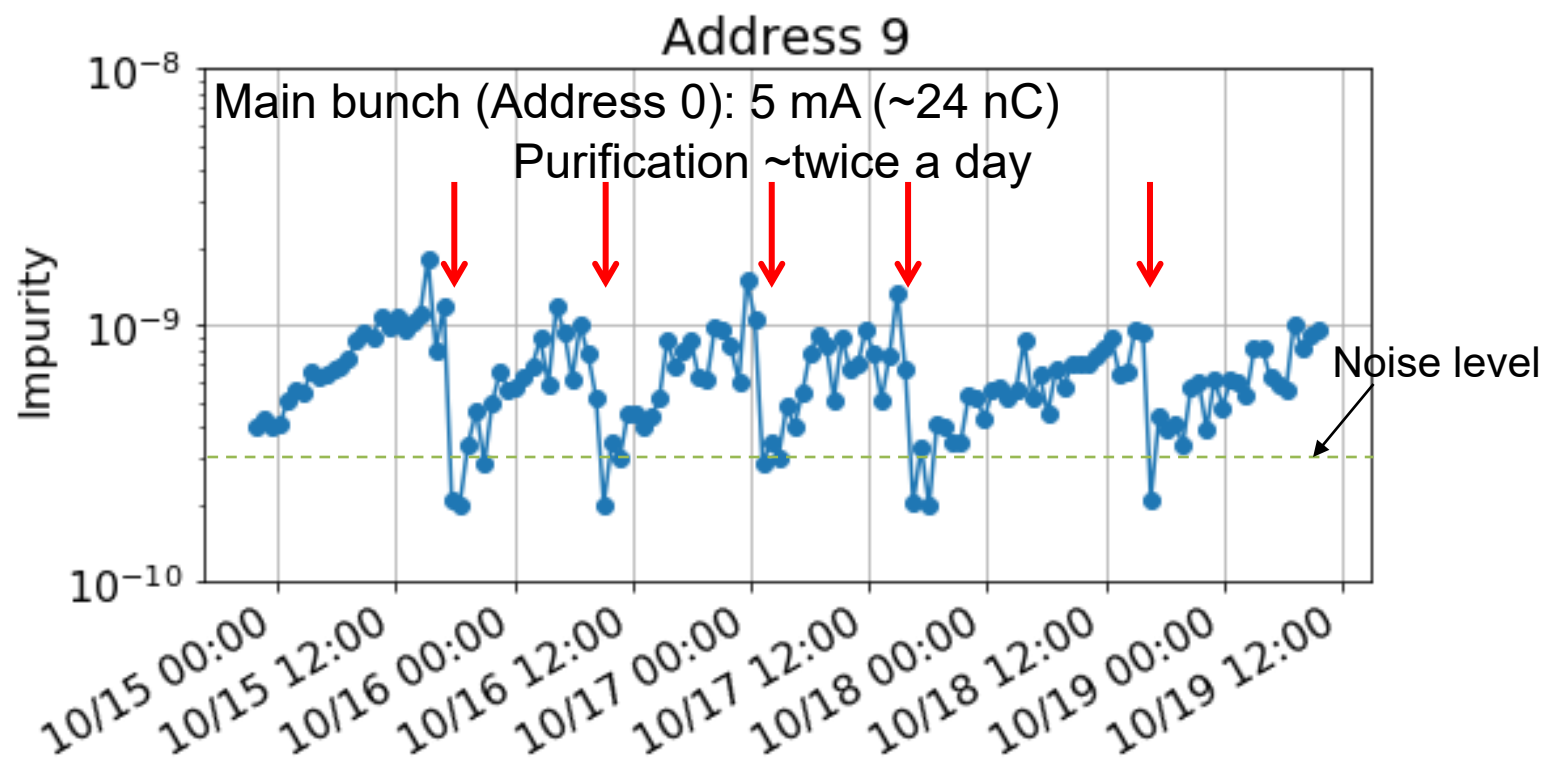
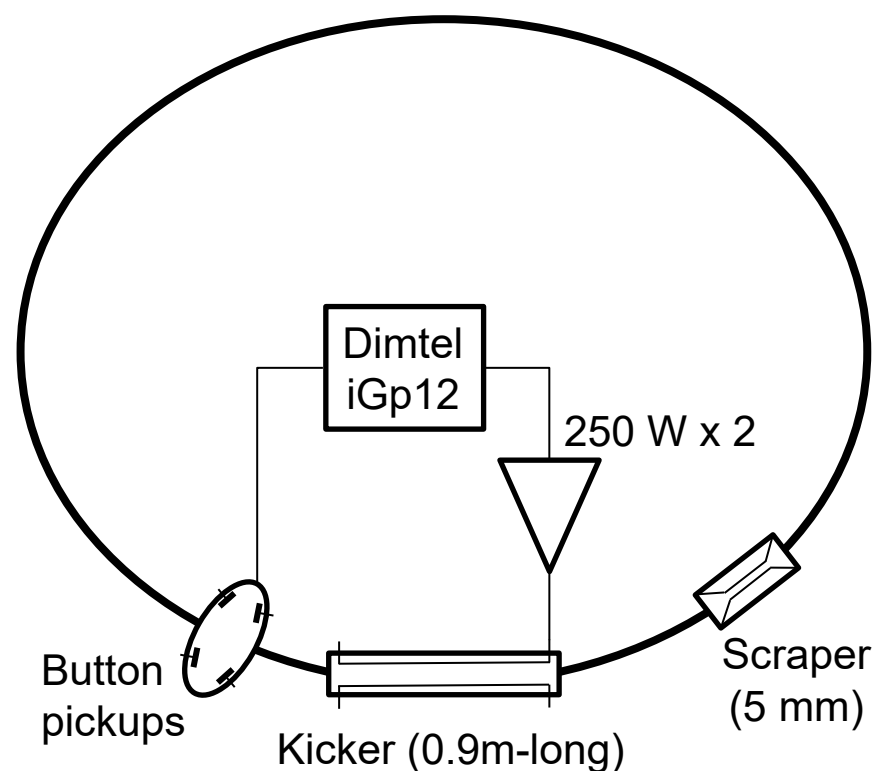
Bunch Purity Monitor: K. Tamura and T. Aoki, Proc. 1st Annual Meeting of Particle Accelerator Society of Japan, p.581 (2004).

Backward electrons at low-energy section

- Impurity at address 9 needs the electron delay of 18 ns, which is too long for normal acceleration process.
- We considered that some of the electrons were reversely accelerated at the entrance of an accelerating structure and accelerated again by an upstream accelerator.
- Backward electrons were detected by a CT between the 476 MHz cavity and the L-band cavity.
 - Re-acceleration of electrons was also confirmed by 1D tracking simulation.
- We installed a high-voltage sweeper for the reflected electrons.
 - The impurity at address 9 was reduced to approximately 1/10.



- Impurity at address 9 slowly increased during a user run.
- We installed a bunch purification system to SPring-8, similar setup as a bunch-by-bunch feedback system.
- Vertical betatron oscillation is excited to a satellite bunch and impure electrons are removed by a vertical scraper (5mm-gap).



- SPring-8-II requires low-emittance electron beam from SACLA.
- The injection from SACLA is also beneficial for current SPring-8.
 - The shutdown of the original 8 GeV booster synchrotron and 1 GeV linac saves energy consumption and operation cost.
- We developed an on-demand switching system of beam route and parameters to realize top-up injection in parallel with XFEL operation.
 - Beam energy, bunch length, kicker magnet, etc.
- A precise timing synchronization system between SACLA and SPring-8 was also developed.
- We succeeded in stable beam injection from SACLA to SPring-8 after one-year beam commissioning.
- Although some bunch purity degradations were found at first, the purity was improved by suppressing satellite electrons from SACLA and by removing impure electrons in the SR.
- The beam injector for SPring-8 was switched to the SACLA linac in Sep. 2020.