

(1/2) New diagnostics developments at the ESRF  
based on Spark platforms:  
**High Quality Phase-Monitor**



# Outline

- 1) What is the **phase** and why it is important?
- 2) **Past** phase-monitor at ESRF
- 3) The new **High Quality** phase-monitor with a SPARK
- 4) **Measurements**
- 5) **Conclusions**

# 1) What is the phase and why it is important?

In a synchrotron **electrons** travel **electromagnetic waves**, generated by **RF accelerating structures**



Why we need the RF cavities? **To accelerate and to overcome the electron energy loss** per turn (due to Synchrotron Radiation emission)



To be properly accelerated, the **electrons** must be **in the right place at the right time**



So these electrons **must be in phase** with the RF field at each acceleration stage:

- Linac: 2 structures (100 MeV each)
  - Booster: 4 cavities
- EBS: 13 cavities (6 MV in total)

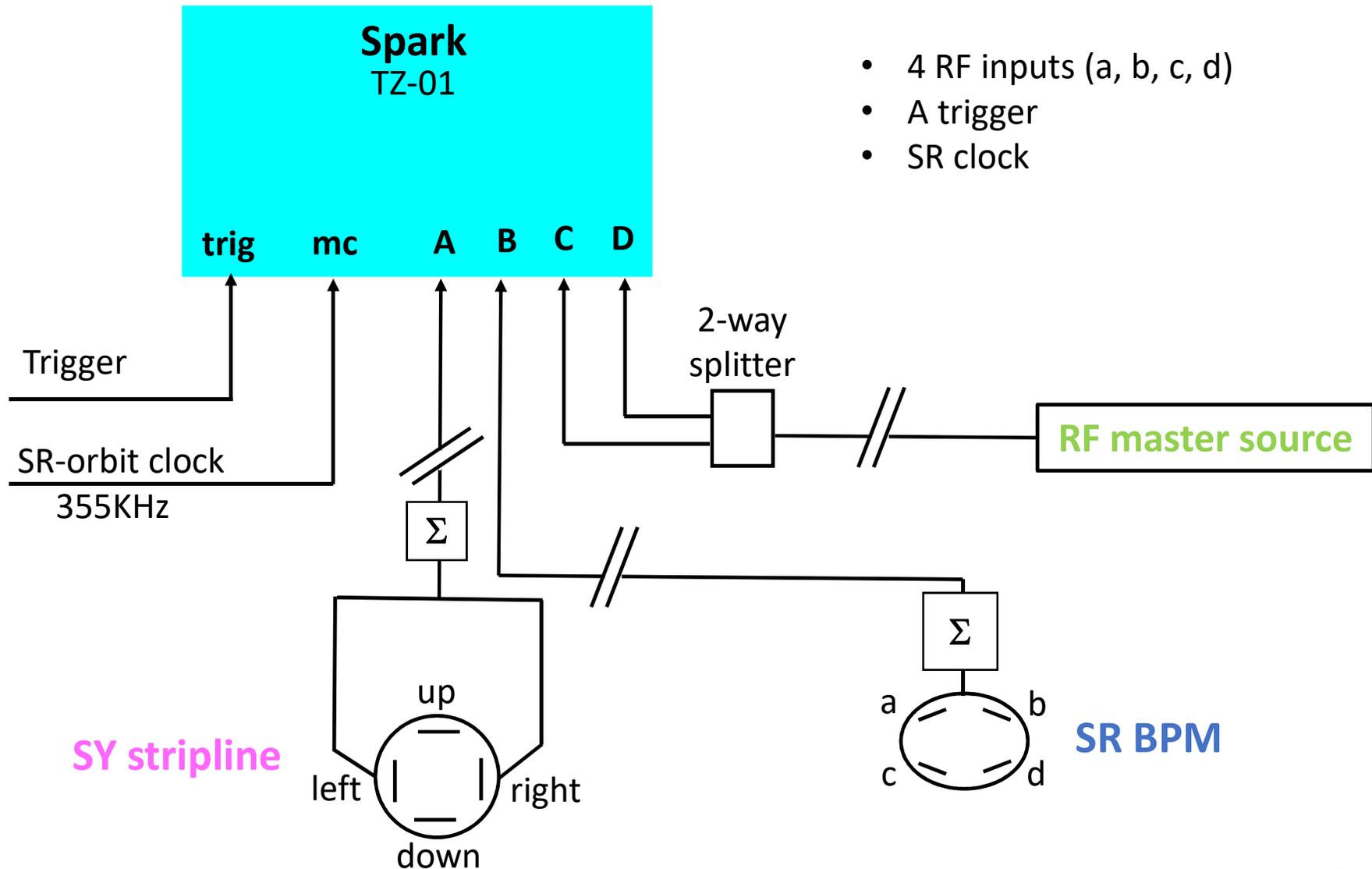
## 2) The Phase-Monitors at ESRF

- Since 2013 a **Libera Brilliance** had been used as Phase-Monitor at ESRF
- 4 RF inputs from **Booster-beam**, **SR-beam** and the **RF-Master-Source**
- **I and Q data-buffers** read from each channel (**triggered, TbT-decimated**)
- **Angle calculation** and then **Phase calculation** (done by MATLAB)
- Resolution of a few milli-degrees!

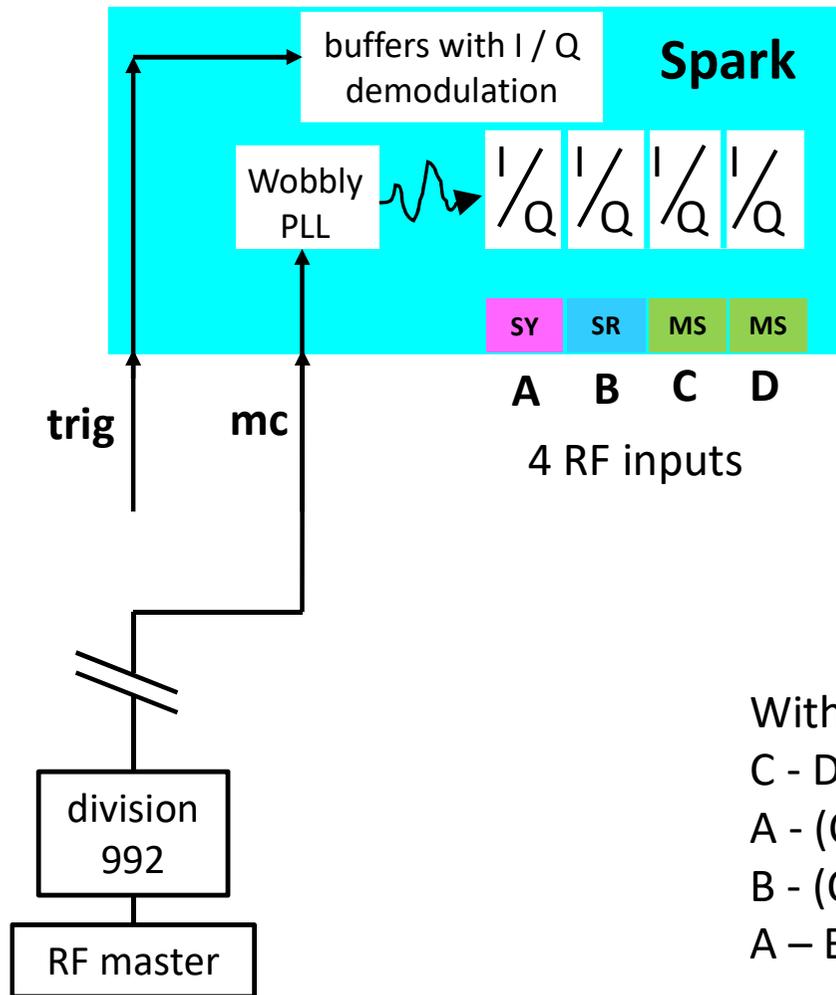
What is new?

- Since 2022 a **Libera Spark** has been used as Phase-Monitor for the first time since **EBS**
- Same principle → **I & Q data** → **angles** → **Phase**
- It is now also generating a **SA stream at 20Hz**

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The wobbly PLL affects all 4 channels in a strictly identical way

Consequence:  
the BPM is not a good phase meter (between SR-clock and RF-inputs)

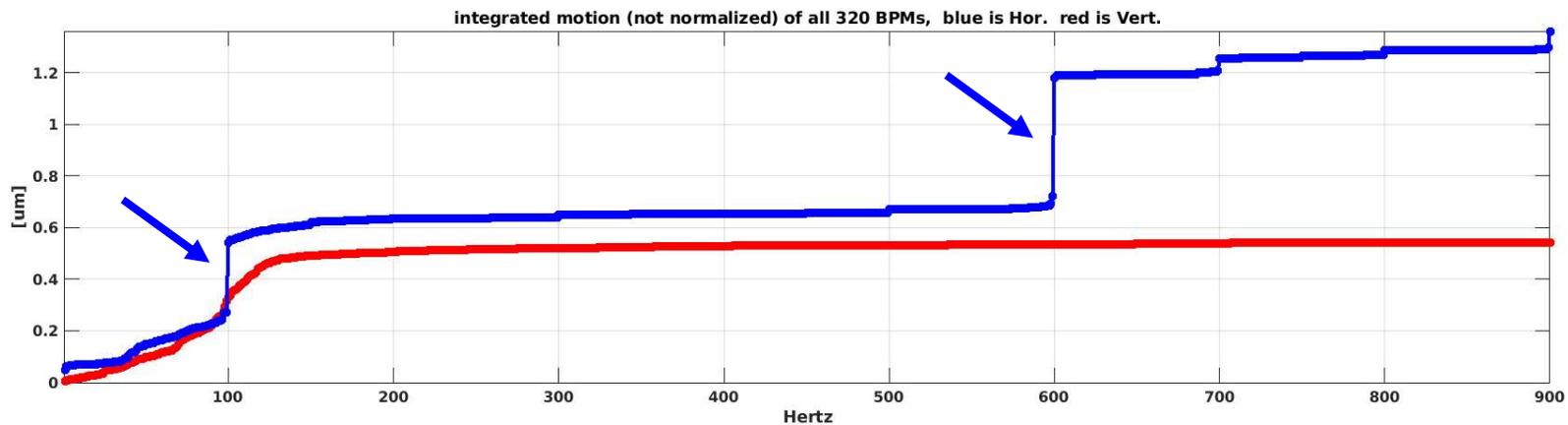
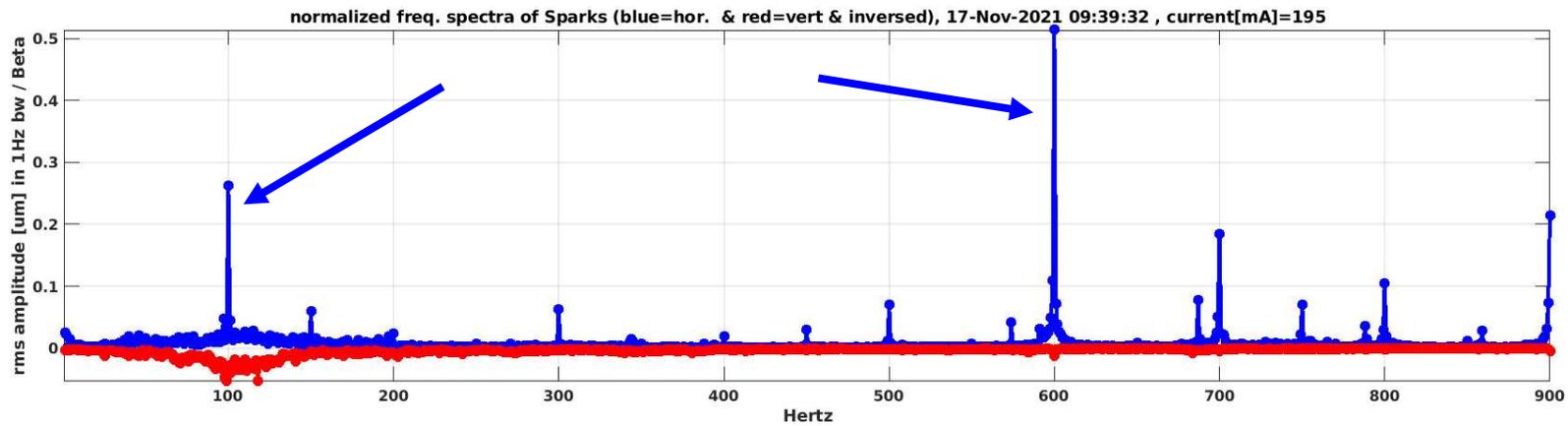
But an excellent phase-meter, between the 4 RF input signals

- With the above we can measure very precisely :
- C - D = resolution of this phase monitor
  - A - (C&D) = phase of SY w.r.t. Master-Source
  - B - (C&D) = phase of SR w.r.t. Master-Source
  - A - B = phase of SY w.r.t. SR

# 4) Measurements

## 4.1) Strong phase fluctuations seen recently in the beam

**Freq. spectral data from the BPMs** shows **strong amplitudes** at specific frequencies (100, 600Hz) in HOR. plane at dispersive location in the ring

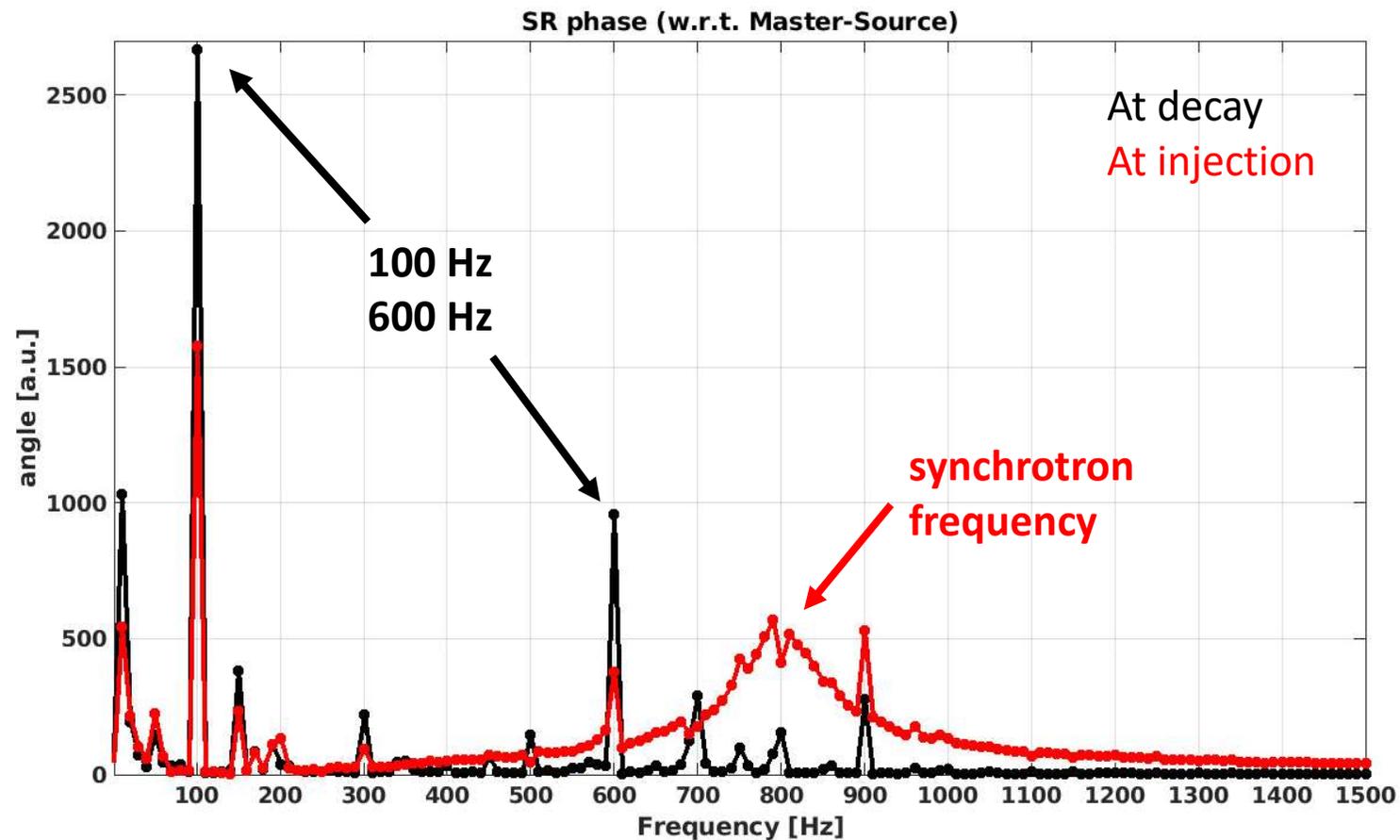


## 4) Measurements

### 4.1) at decay and at injection

Data from the phase-monitor:

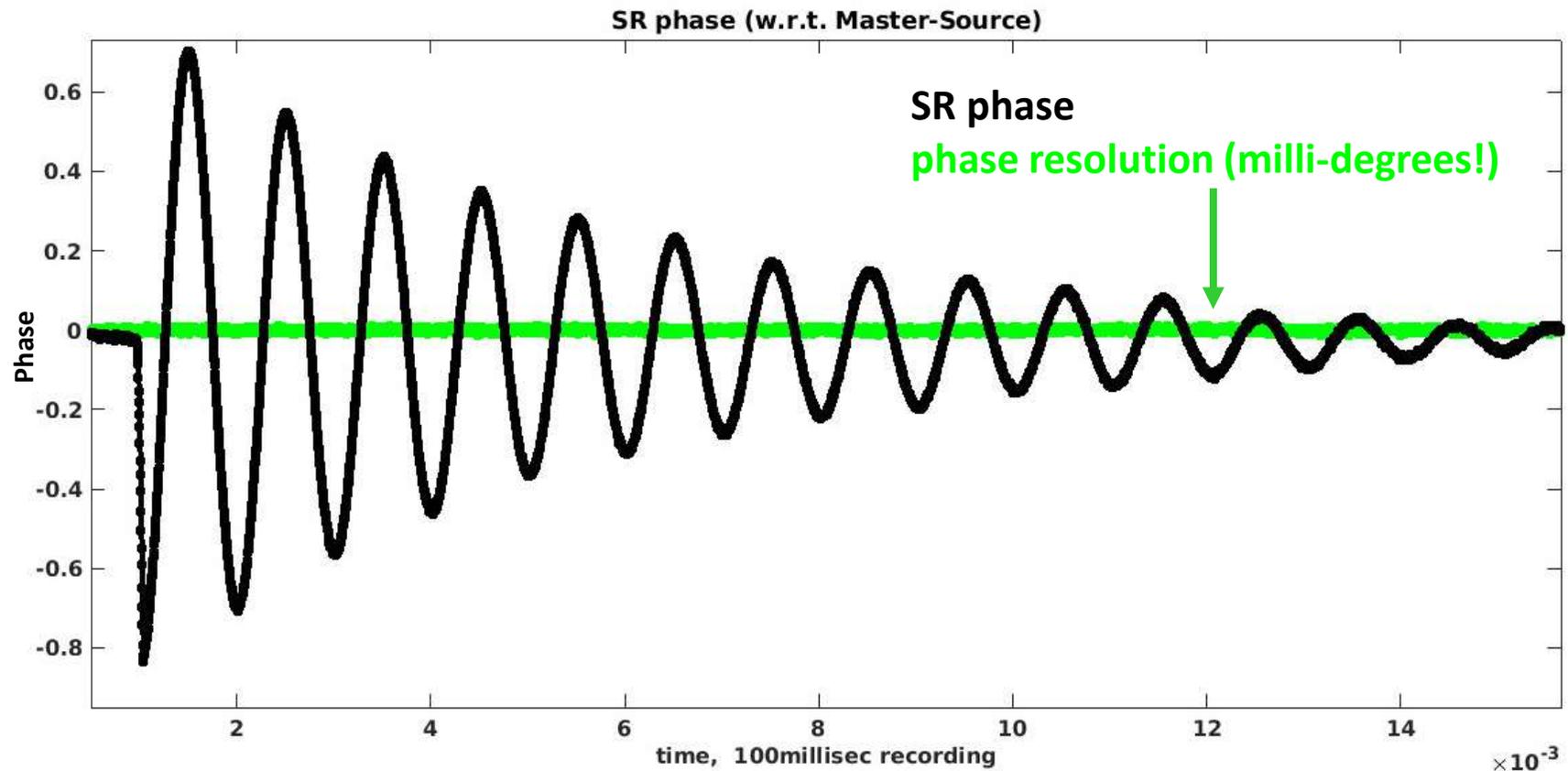
- Strong amplitudes at 100, 600Hz etc.
- At injection **the synchrotron frequency** shows-up (**800 Hz**)



# 4) Measurements

## 4.2) At injection

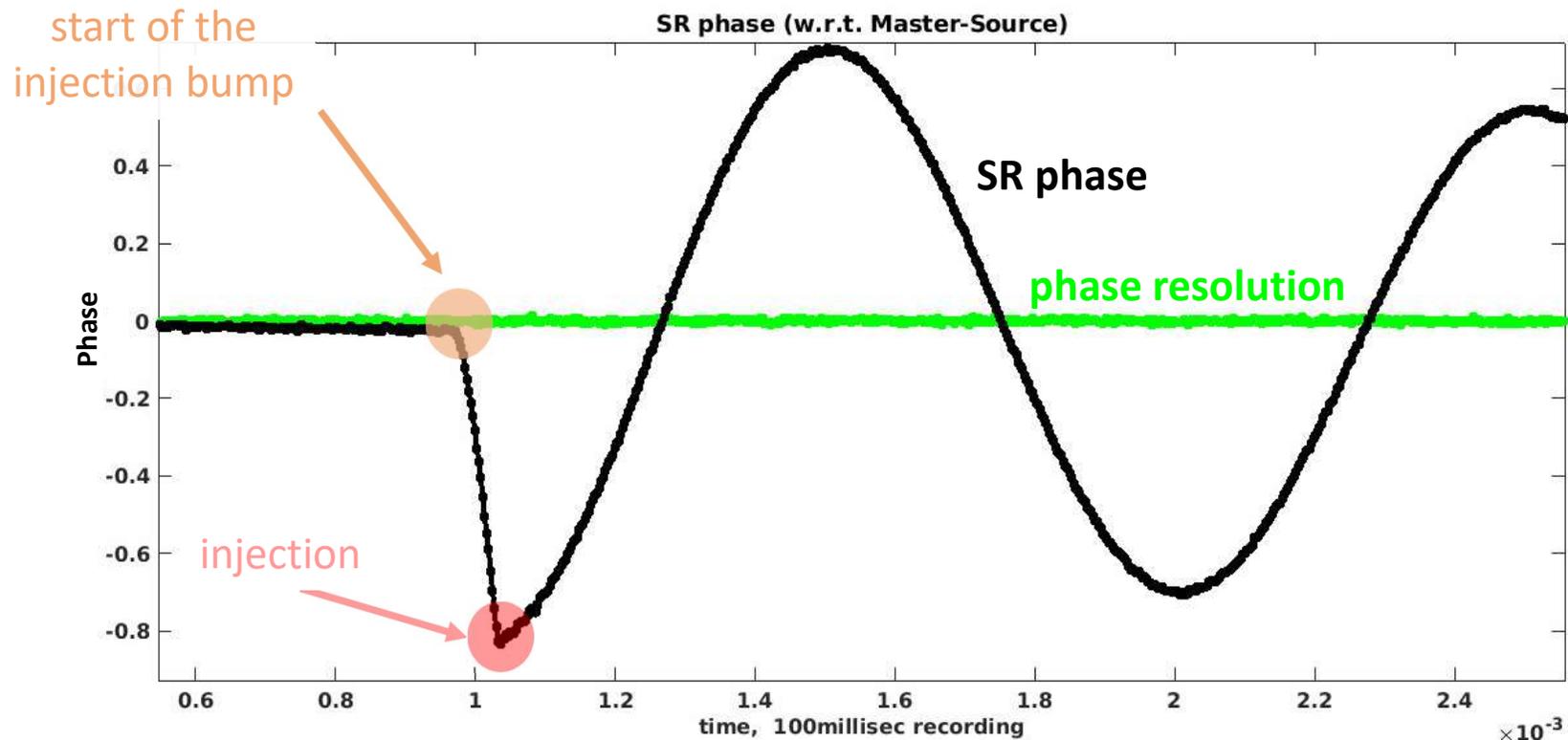
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- sample rate= T-b-T (355 KHz, 2.816  $\mu$ s)
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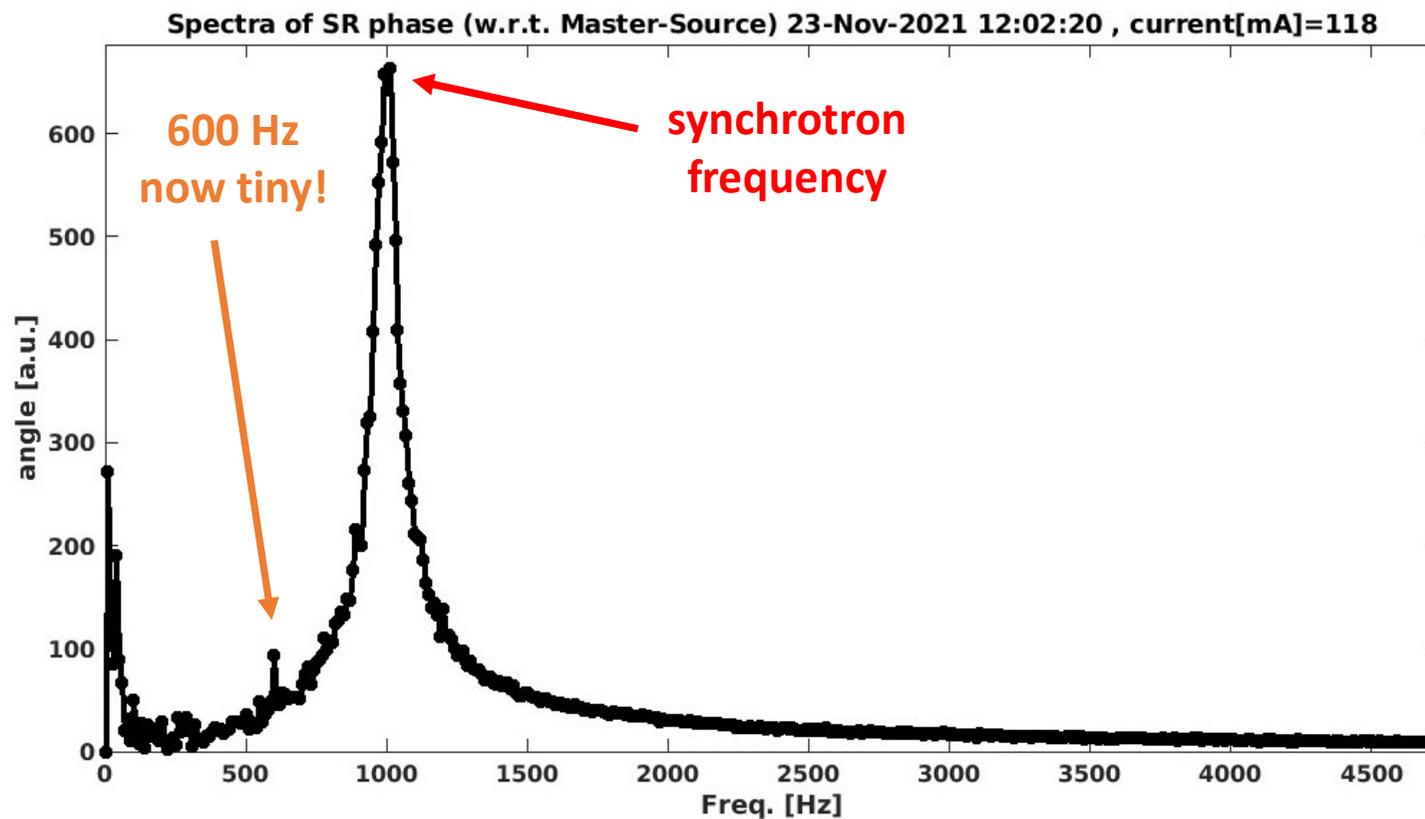
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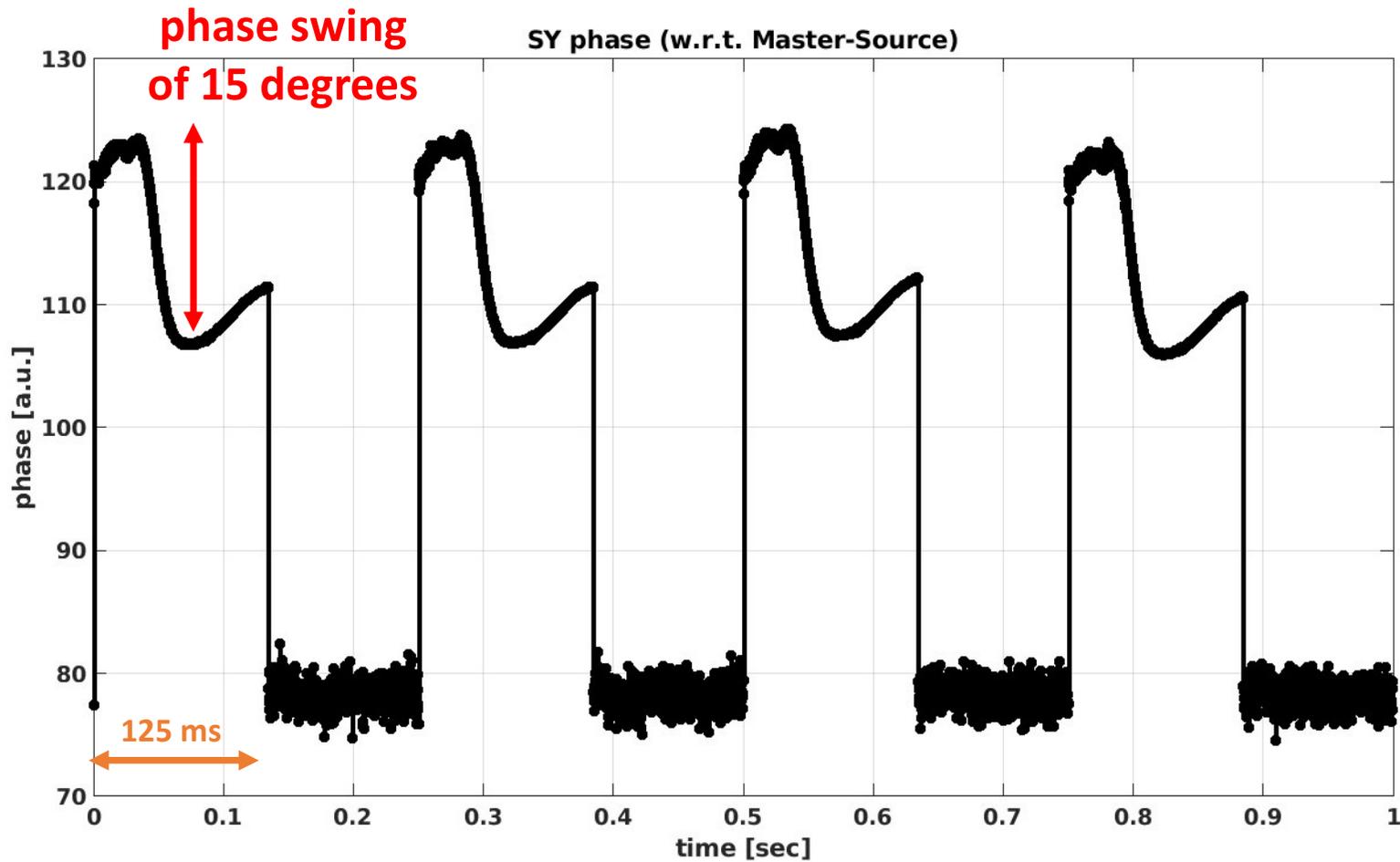
- FFT of the time-recording → spectrum
- sample rate= T-b-T (355 KHz, 2.816  $\mu$ s)
- the **synchrotron frequency** is dominant



## 4) Measurements

### 4.3) In the Booster

- Slow Buffer, 4 consecutive injection cycles shown



## 6) Conclusions

A High Quality numeric **Phase Monitor** is now available with the use of a **Spark** with an updated firmware.

This **time-resolved phase** is available now both **in SA streams (20Hz)** and in **triggered buffers** and gives very good results.

The **frequency-domain** spectra give info on RF instabilities and synchrotron frequency.

We can follow the **EBS phase at decay and at injection**, the evolution of the **Booster phase** to match the EBS ring. Useful during MDTs to optimize the complex.

Questions?

(2/2) New diagnostics developments  
at the ESRF based on Spark platforms:

**low-cost detector-system for  
single-electron measurements**

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- 1) A few figures about **current** and **electrons**
- 2) **Single-electron injection**
- 3) The **visible-light set-up** and lab
- 4) **Single-electron measurements**
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# 1) A few figures about current and electrons

**Current** = charge / time

- Time SR = 2.8  $\mu$ s
- Time SY = 1  $\mu$ s

**Smallest current** = **1 electron** =  $5.7 \cdot 10^{-14}$  A

**Dark current shot (Linac gun off)** = 10 to 100 electrons =  $5.7 \cdot 10^{-13}$  to  $5.7 \cdot 10^{-12}$  A

**Injection shot (Linac gun on)** =  $6.3 \cdot 10^9$  electrons = 1 mA

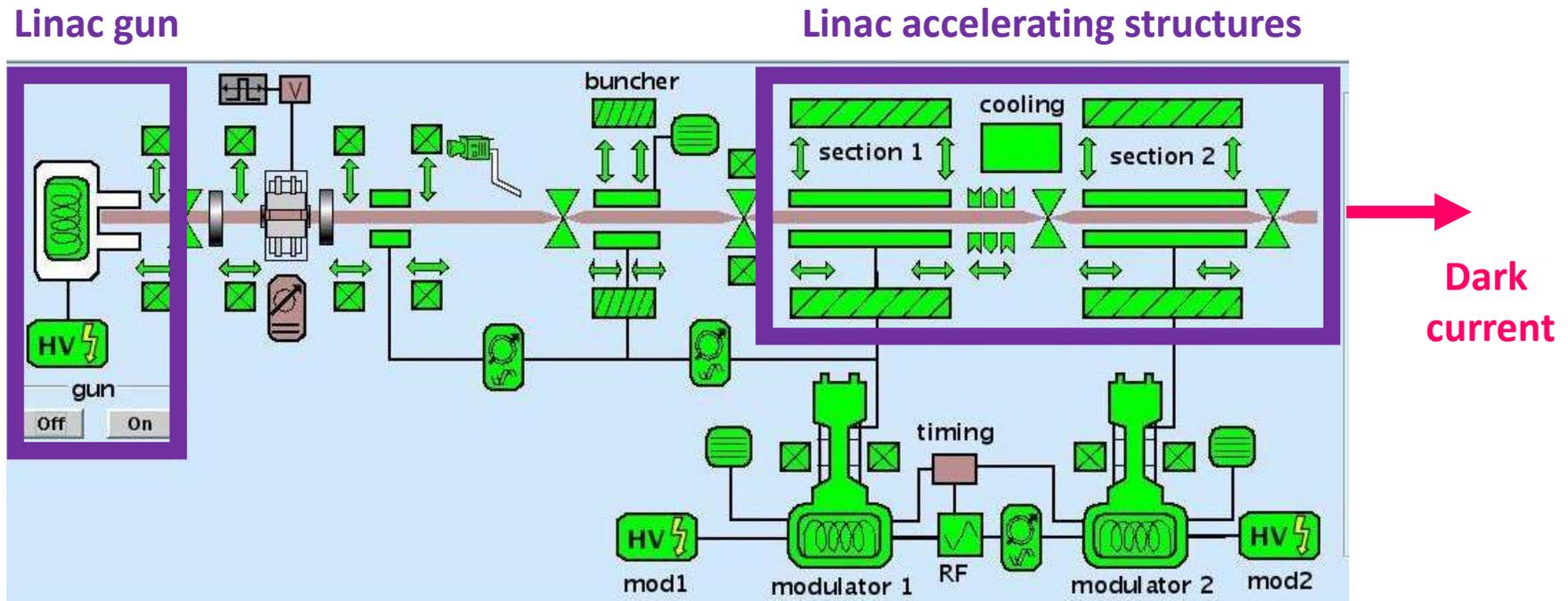
**Standard beam** =  $3.5 \cdot 10^{12}$  electrons = **200 mA**

min



max

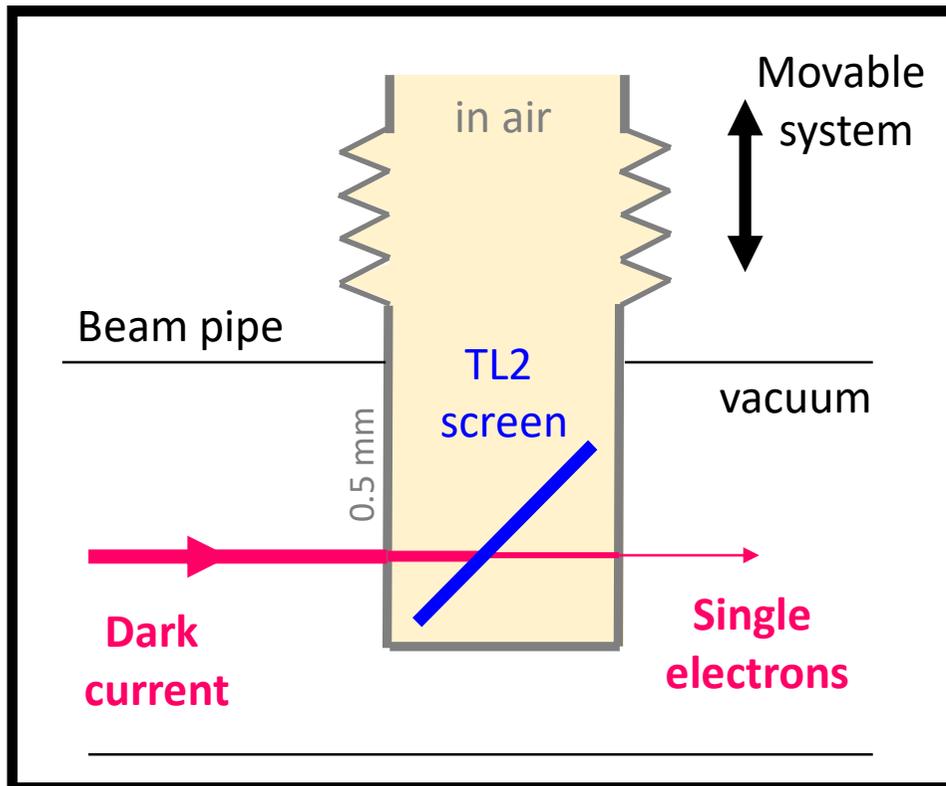
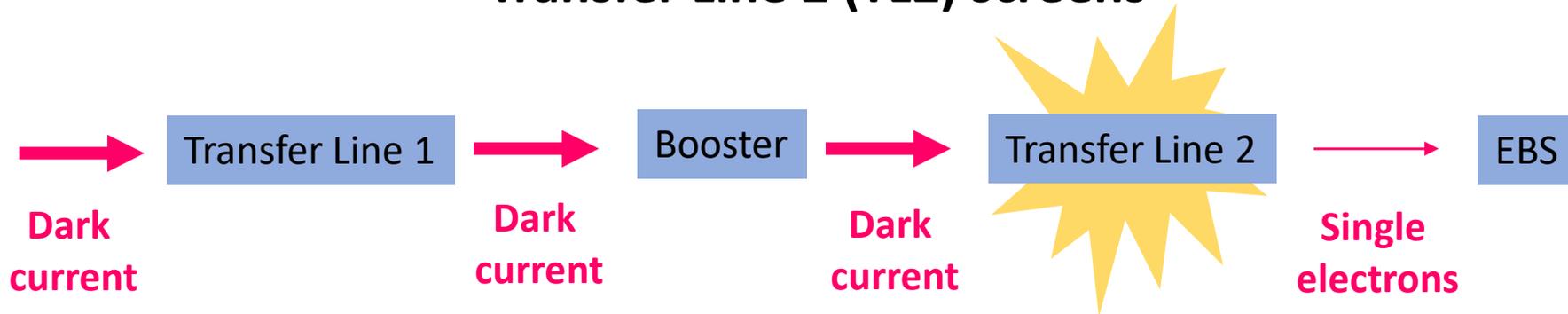
## 2) Single-electron injection Linac injection system



With **Linac gun off**, the **dark current** is only produced in **the Linac accelerating structures** [2 x 100 MeV]

## 2) Single-electron injection

### Transfer Line 2 (TL2) screens



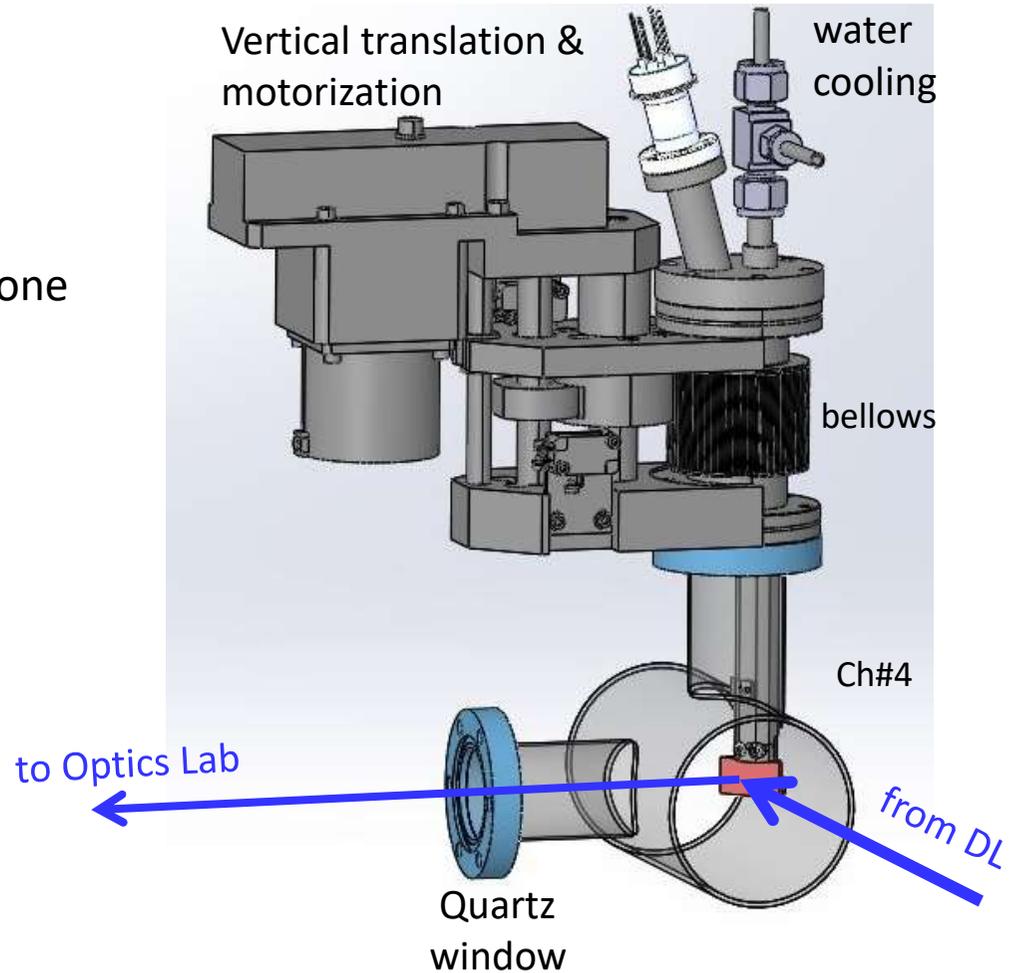
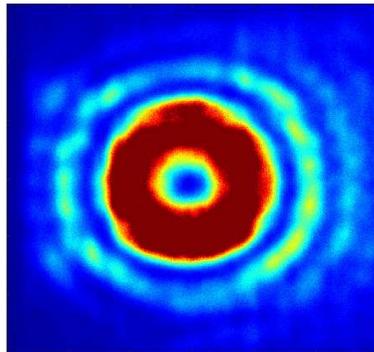
Insertion of the **interceptive Screens in the TL-2** (up to 4 screens in series): our electron attenuators

By drastically reducing the Injector current to a probability of **1 electron out of a few hundred injection shots**

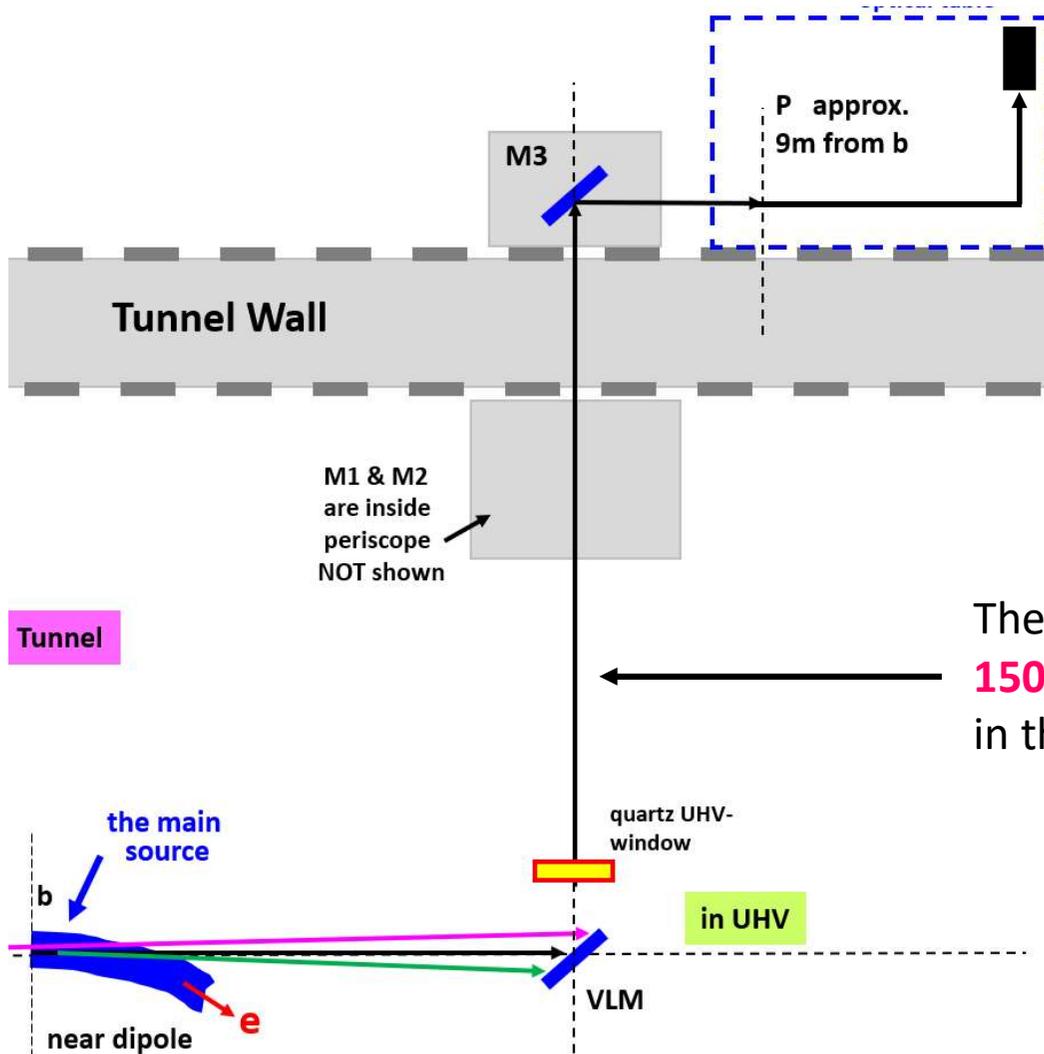
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The ASD-visible light optics lab:

- Light has been fully characterized
- Streak Camera measurements been done



### 3) The visible-light set-up

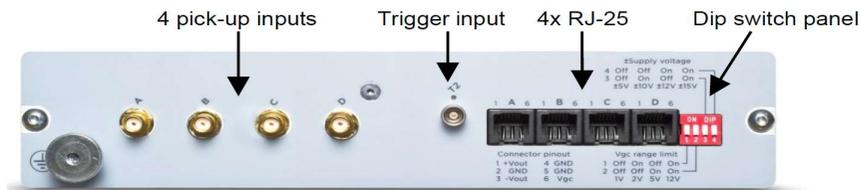


The light is focused on a cheap PMT that is controlled and measured by BLM electronics.

The **flux** is calculated at about **1500 photons/sec per electron stored** in the 400-700nm bandwidth of our PMT

### 3) The PMT and BLM electronics

- A cheap **Photomultiplier Tube (PMT)** from Hamamatsu (what we use for our Beam Loss Detectors)
- Connected to the **Beam Loss Monitor (BLM)** from I-Tech

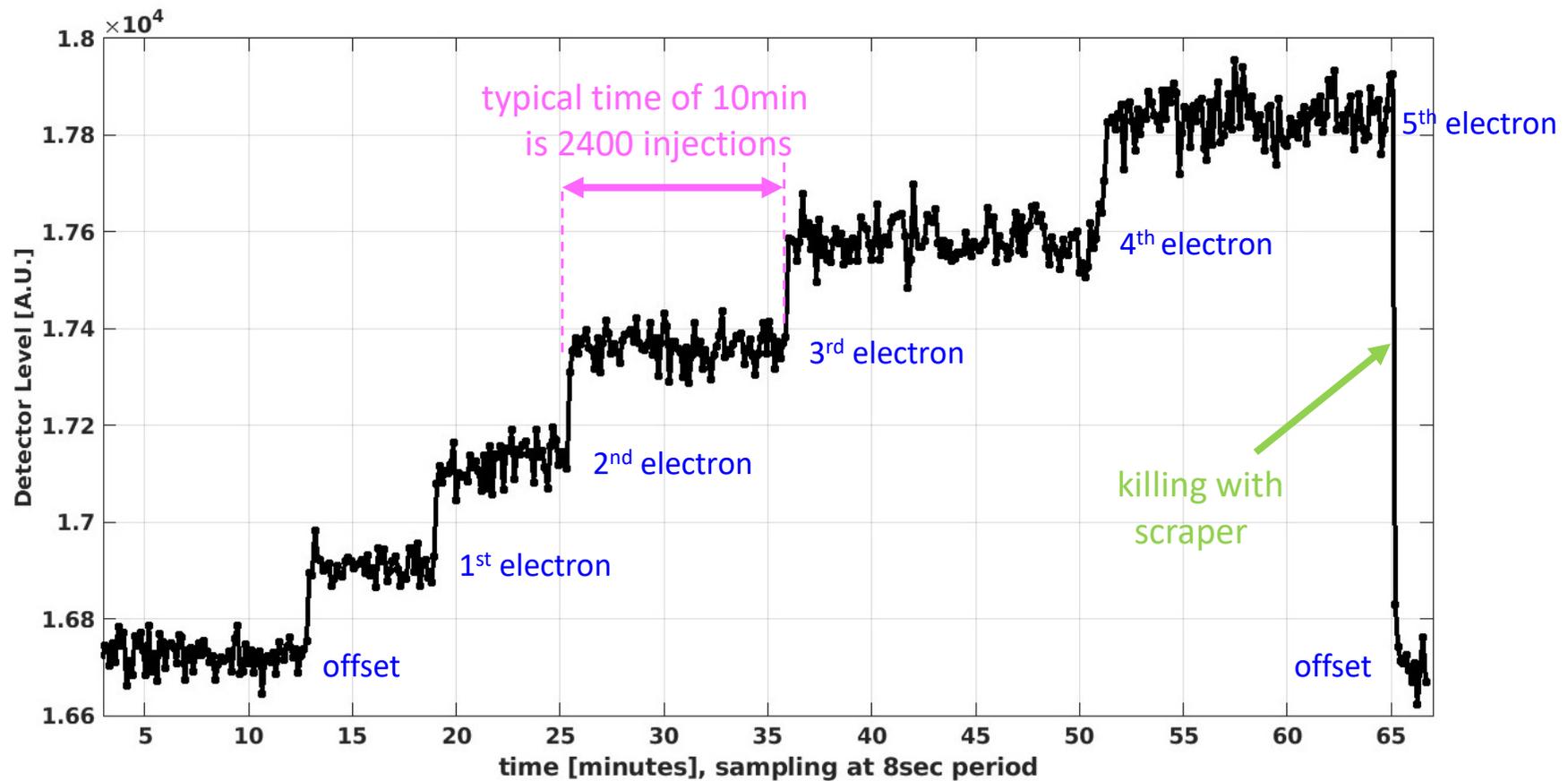


- Controlled by **TANGO application**
- Measurements performed in **integration mode** (1M $\Omega$  impedance & high gain)



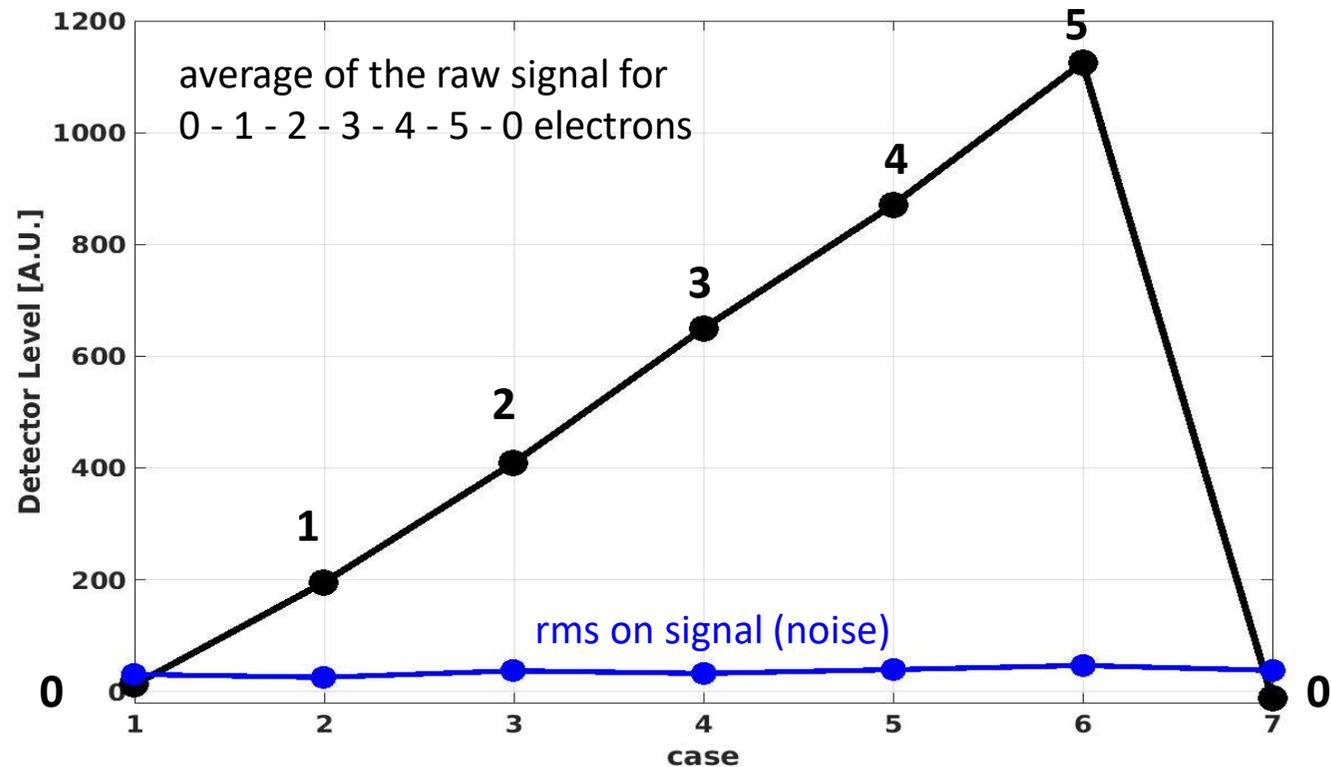
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- 1-2-3-4-5 electrons in about one hour
- Sampling time = 8 seconds



## 4) Single-electron measurements

- signal-to-noise ratio is just  $> 6$ , for 8-second integration time
- a higher performance PMT can have less noise  $\rightarrow$  we would reduce the measurement time



## 6) Conclusions

It is fun to **explore the extremes like one single electron** in both control and measurement with a simple **low-cost PMT** and the **visible-light system**.

The **dark-current** is in general our enemy, it is **usually suppressed by SY-cleaning system**, and it is **ultra-weak** (~100 electrons), can **never be measured with ordinary devices**, but it can disturb **users that impose high bunch-purity**.

With this simple device, we can **optimize the cleaning process** and **minimize the electron pollutions**, but only **during MDT** for the moment.

The ultimate goal is to be able **to measure during USM the purity**, up to  **$10^{11}$  dynamic range** with the visible-light system, to install a **better PMT** and then a **Time-Correlated-Photon-Counter (TCPC)**. Such a dynamic range has so far remained impossible for our ASD-Diag. purity measurements.

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Many Thanks  
for your Attention!

Questions?