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Overview of the Longitudinal bunch by bunch Feedback at DAFNE

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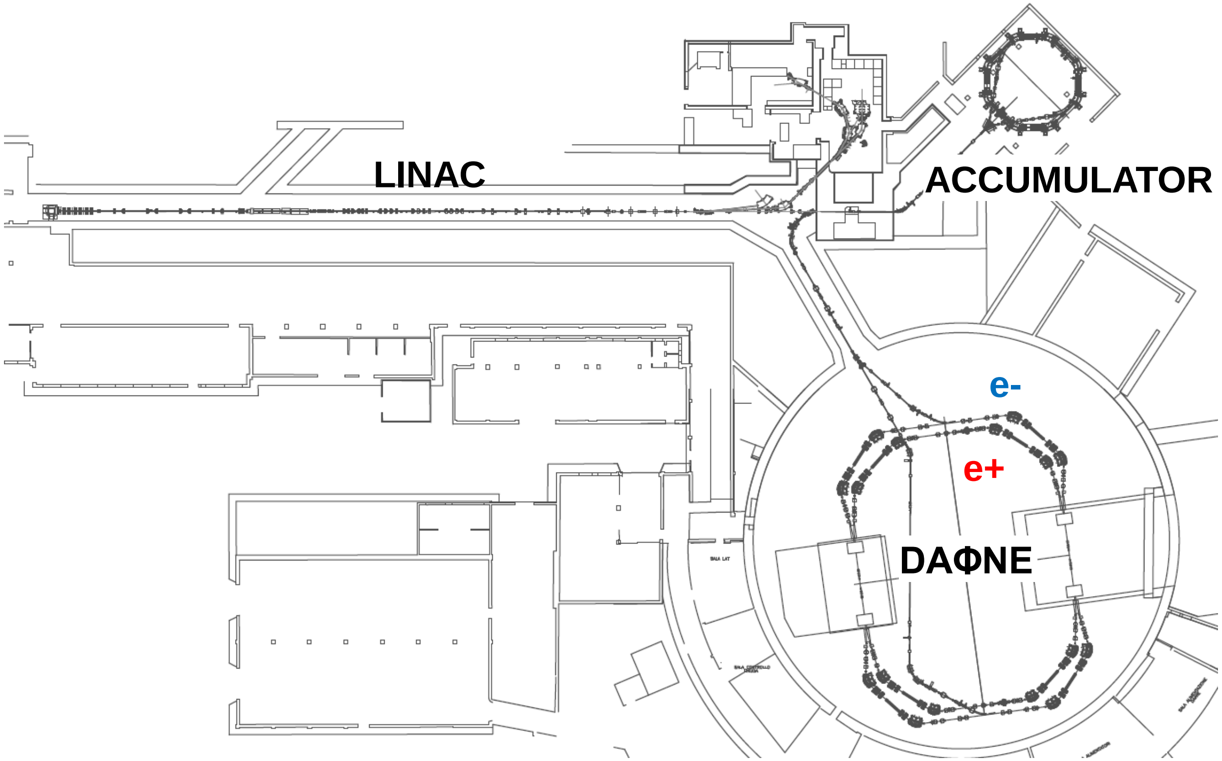
Introduction on DAFNE and coupled-bunch instabilities

Introduction

DAFNE is an electron-positron collider in operation at LNF for physics experiments since 1999.

- **It is composed of an injection system and two rings (~97 m)**, one per type of beam.
- It operates with (usually) **90 bunches at 510 MeV,** with a **time interval of 2.7 ns** between each other**.** Typical **stored currents** are in the range of **1 A / 2 A**.

Presently DAFNE is for the SIDDHARTA-2 apparatus. The latter is being developed in order to perform measurements of kaonic deuterium X-ray transitions to the fundamental level.



(see: DAFNE Commissioning for SIDDHARTA-2 experiment. C.Milardi et al. EPAC2021, Campinas, Brasil, 1997)

Introduction

- **Due to the high circulating beam-current and the presence of HOMs** in the RF accelerating cavity, longitudinal and transversal **coupled-bunch instabilities** can severely limit the performance of the machine.
  - These instabilities grow exponentially with time and can lead to losses of entire bunches in a few thousands of turns.
  - In DAΦNE main rings the combination of high current, low energy and short bunch interval enhances these instabilities.

- **Bunch-by-bunch longitudinal and transverse feedback** systems were installed in each DAFNE ring in order to counter these types of instabilities.
  - The active elements of these systems are broadband cavity-kickers, which provides phase/energy corrections to the bunches and stripline kickers, which provides position corrections.
  - These feedback systems strongly contributed to the achievement of the high beam currents available today.

Feedback Overview

- There are a total of **six <u>independent</u> feedback systems**.
  - Two for the longitudinal phase (e+ and e-),
  - two for the vertical position (e+ and e-),
  - two for the horizontal position (e+ and e-).

- The feedback systems act on a **<u>bunch by bunch</u>** basis and in **<u>real-time</u>**. They adjusts the phase (longitudinal feedback), the horizontal and vertical position (transverse feedbacks) **<u>independently</u> for each bunch** (spaced by 2.7 ns).

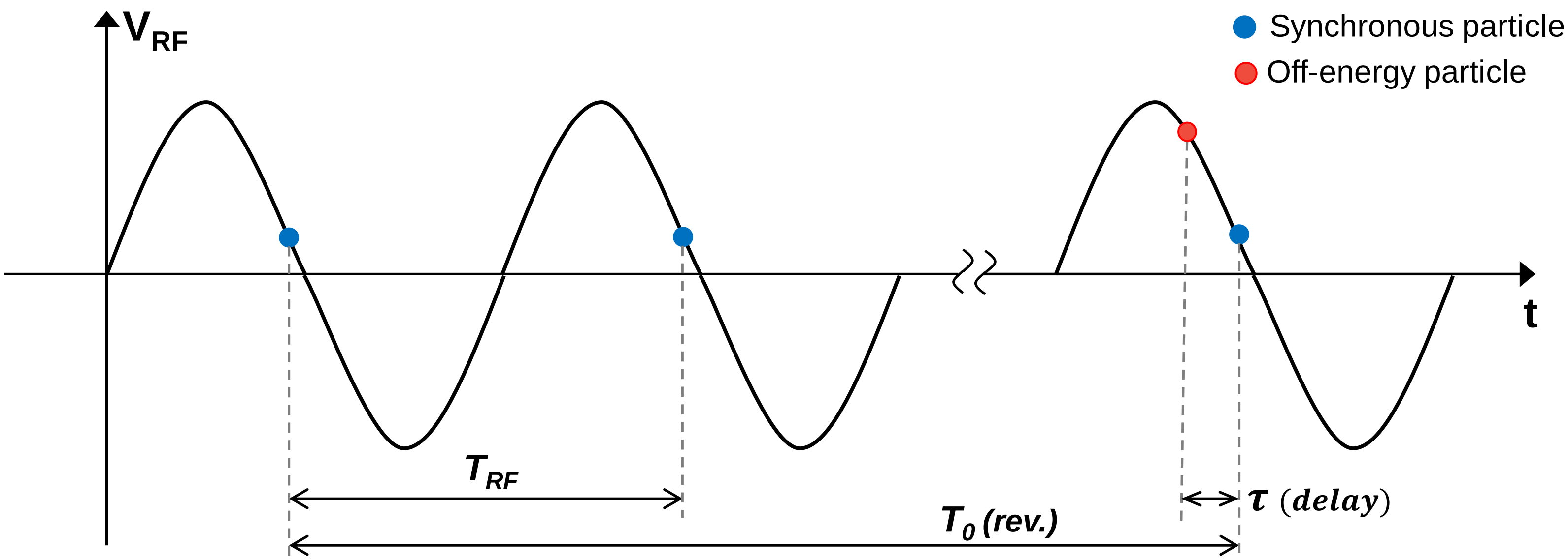
- In order to do so, at the passage of the n^{th} bunch, each system read the relevant property of it (phase, vertical and horizontal position), elaborates a proper correction signal and applies it to that specific bunch (after few turns).

The general architecture for each of the six feedback systems is similar.

For this presentation, we will focus on the longitudinal feedbacks.

Longitudinal Dynamics Introduction

Particles in a storage ring do not all have the nominal energy. Their energy will deviate from the nominal energy, performing **oscillations** around it (named synchrotron oscillations). This will reflect on particles having **different revolution periods**. We will discuss about the latter in terms of a **delay $\boldsymbol{\tau}$** referred to the nominal revolution period (T_0) of the synchronous particle.

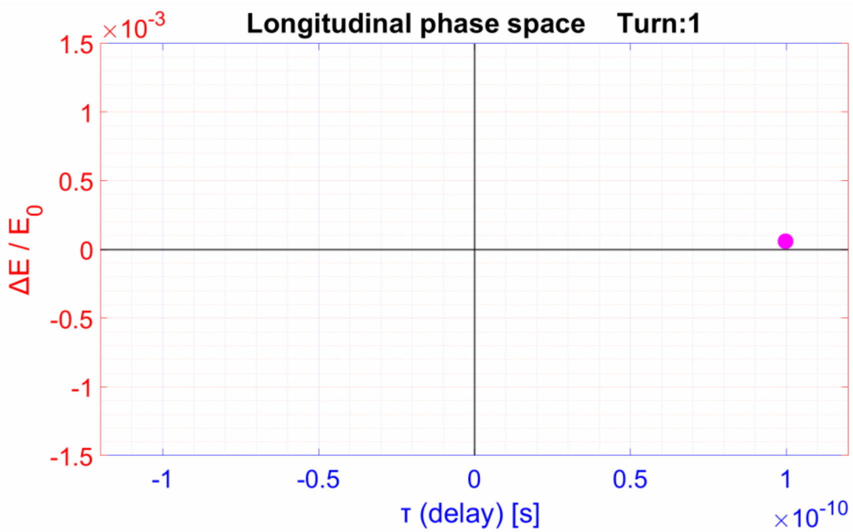


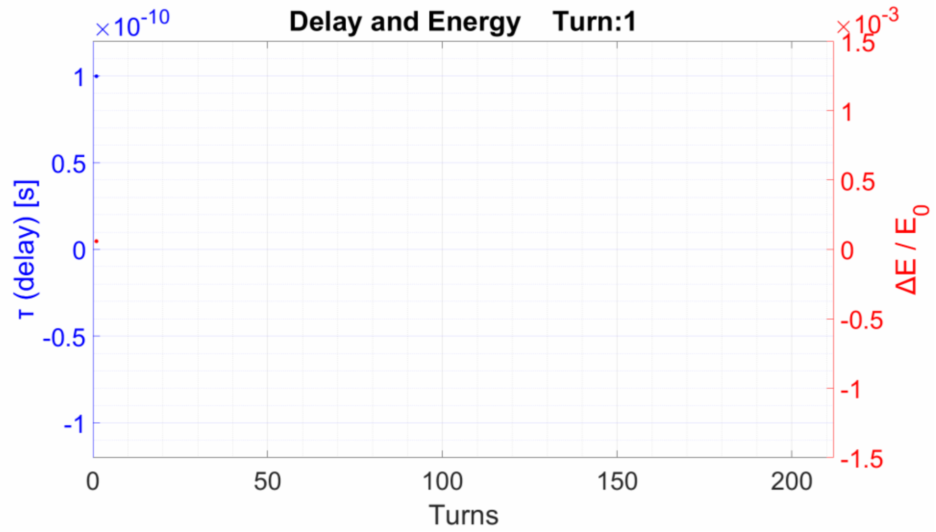
- V_{RF} is the RF cavity voltage
- T_0 is the nominal revolution period (325.73 ns).
- T_{RF} is RF cavity period (2.71 ns), which coincides with the time distance between subsequent bunches (when all the RF buckets are filled)
- $\boldsymbol{\tau}$ is the delay of an off-energy bunch, referred to the synchronous particle

Longitudinal oscillations

Simple case:

- One bunch (considered as a single macro particle) circulating at relativistic speed in a storage ring.
- Absence of any kind of perturbation.
- No feedback.
- Only small energy oscillations.





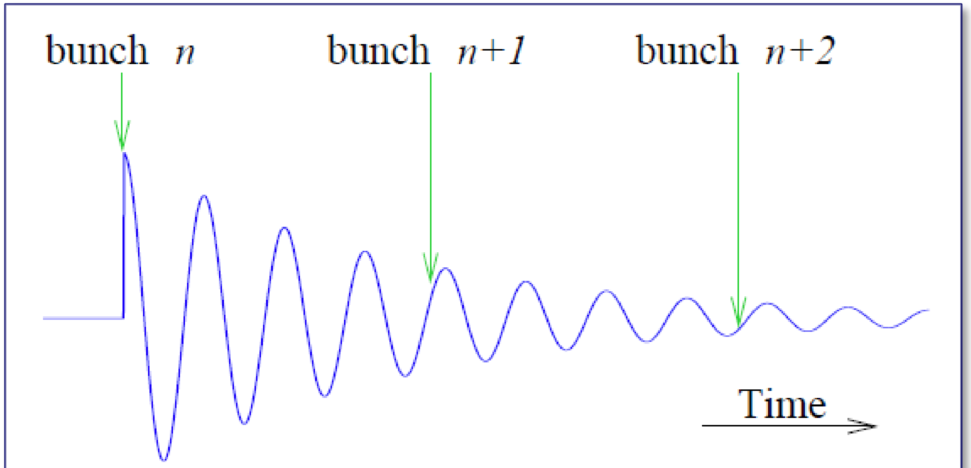
Coupled bunch instabilities

In presence of **multiple bunches**: **coupled-bunch synchrotron (dipole) oscillations will appear** and affect the longitudinal dynamics of each bunch.

Coupled-bunch interactions will potentially make the bunch oscillations unstable. The higher the circulating current, the higher the coupled-bunch oscillations.

Origin of Coupled-bunch instabilities:

Oscillatory electric fields (wakefields) excited (mostly) in the RF cavity by the bunches, which interefere with the bunches arriving in the structure afterwards.



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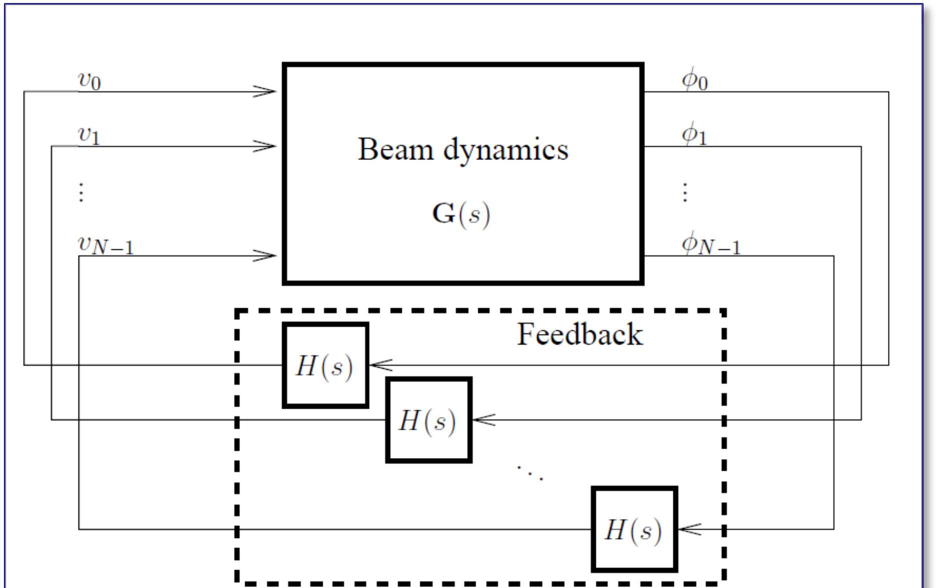
Introducing the Longitudinal Feedback

- The **feedback** is implemented to **counter the coupled-bunch instabilities**.
- Eventhough the coupled-bunch instabilities create a correlation between the bunches, the DAFNE **feedback system treats each bunch separately**.

This is equivalent to have a separate feedback loop associated with each bunch.



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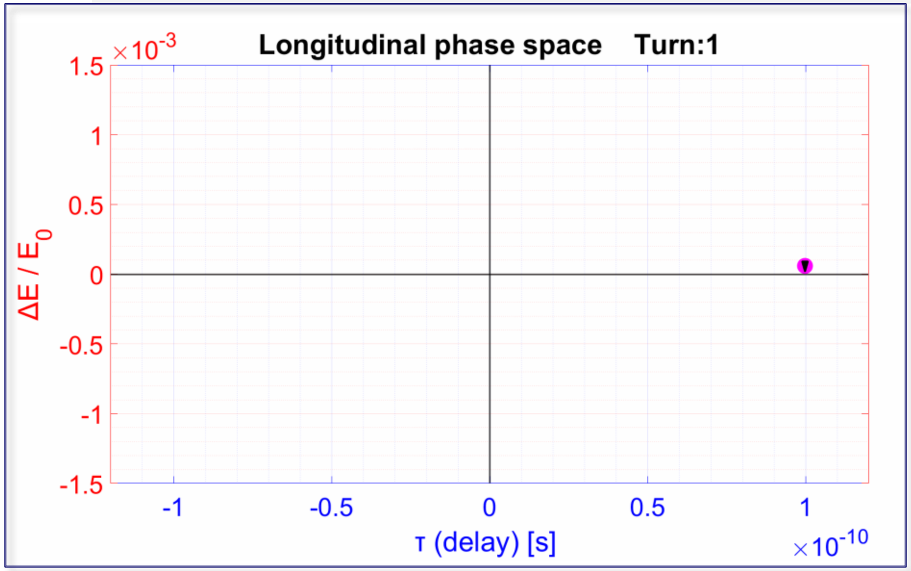
Feedback action

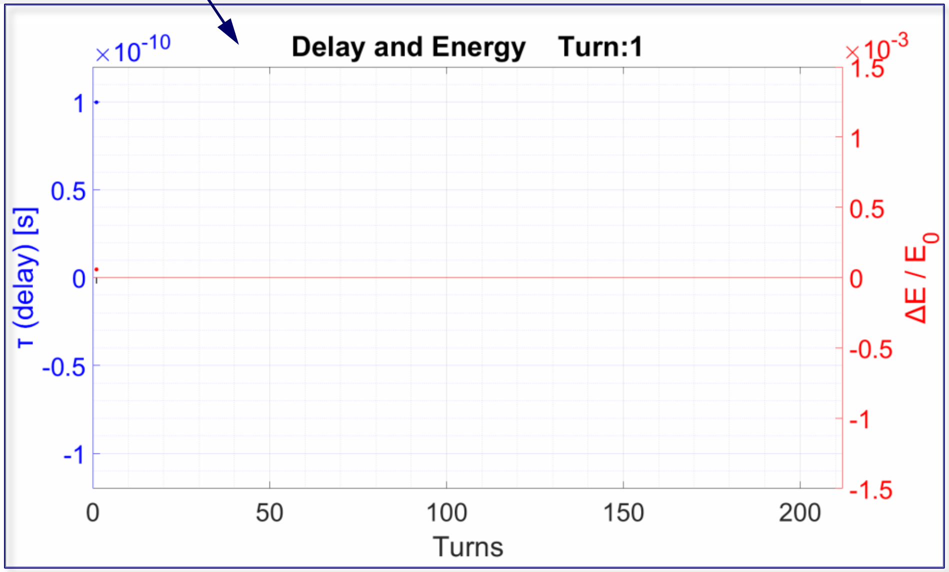
The action of the feedback consists in **individual longitudinal kicks** to each bunch and for each turn (excluding decimation tecniques).

Each turn and for each bunch:

- Delay (phase) is measured.
- Correction signal (longitudinal kick) is elaborated.
- Longitudinal kick is applied.

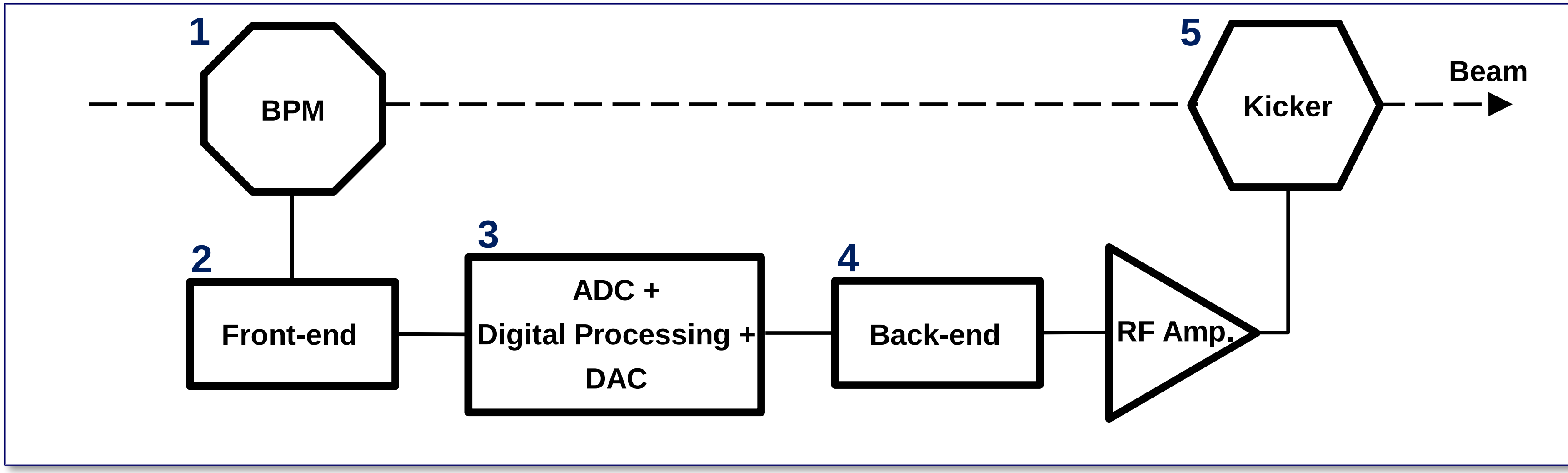
Since we are measuring the delay **τ** (phase φ), but we are going to modify the energy of the bunches, **the correction signal is simply calculated as the measured delay τ (phase φ), shifted by π/2** (in respect of the synchrotron oscillation frequency). Thus, we obtain and apply (after few turns) a **correction signal**, which **is in anti-phase with the energy oscillations**. This will damp the bunch oscillations.





Overview of Longitudinal feedback at DAFNE

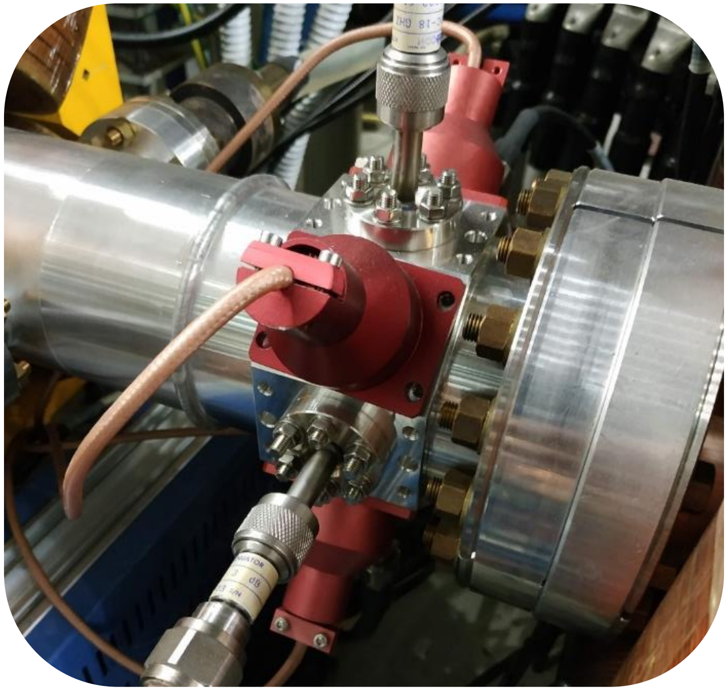
Longitudinal Feedback

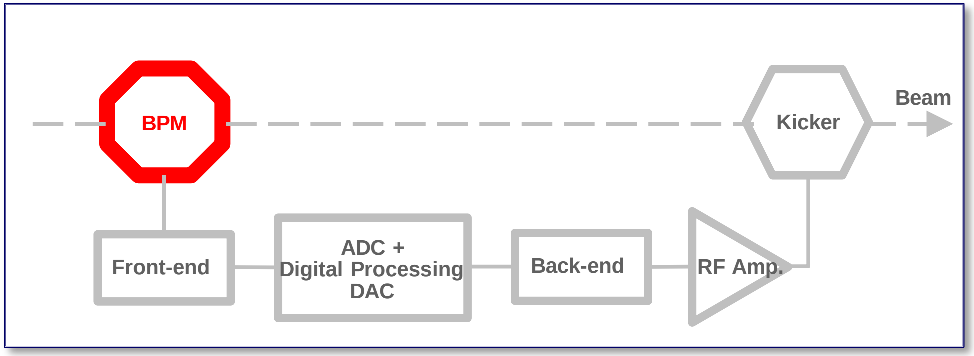


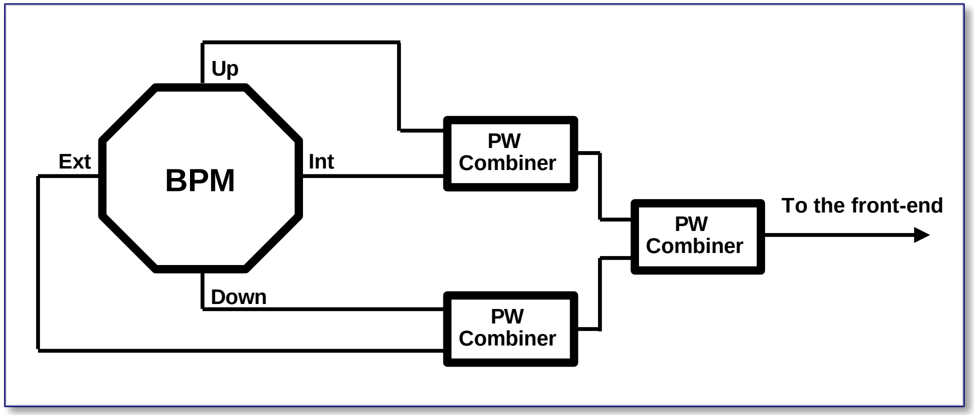
The longitudinal feedback acts on the phase of the bunches. It applies a correction signal in the form of a longitudinal kick (by means of a RF cavity).

1. The four signals (up, down, left, right) of one **BPM** are summed together and sent to the front-end electronics.
2. The **front-end** electronics “transform” the SUM signal in order to get a signal which is proportional to the phase (delay) of the bunch.
3. The latter is then **digitized** and the correction signal is **digitally elaborated** and **converted to analog** (DAC).
4. The **back-end** electronics “produce” the excitation signal for the kicker, based on the DAC output.
5. The signal **(amplified by RF amp.)** is then supplied to the **kicker**. The latter modifies the bunch energy (by means of a longitudinal kick) with the aim of restoring the bunch synchronous phase.

Broad-band Button BPM







The BPM used in the feedback are specifically designed for it:

- **Transfer Impedance is ~0.5 Ω** (higher than the ordinary BPM in the same section) and sufficiently flat at the working frequencies.
- Negligible effects on the beam.

(see: DAFNE broad-band button electrodes. F.Marcellini, M.Serio, A.Stella, M.Zobov. Nuclear Instruments & Methods in Physics Research, 1997)

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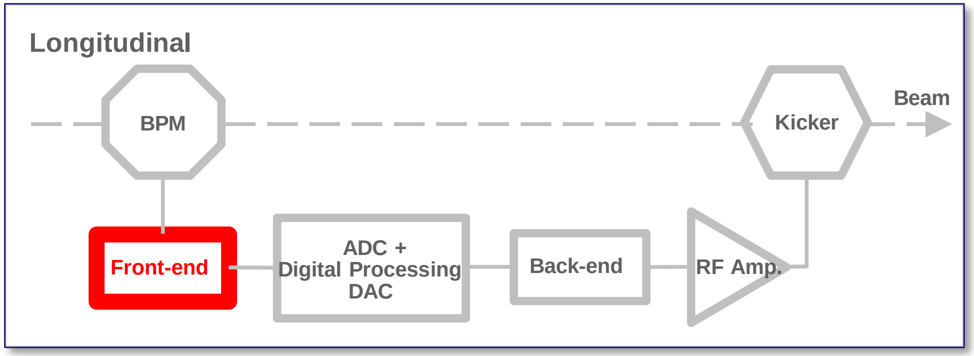
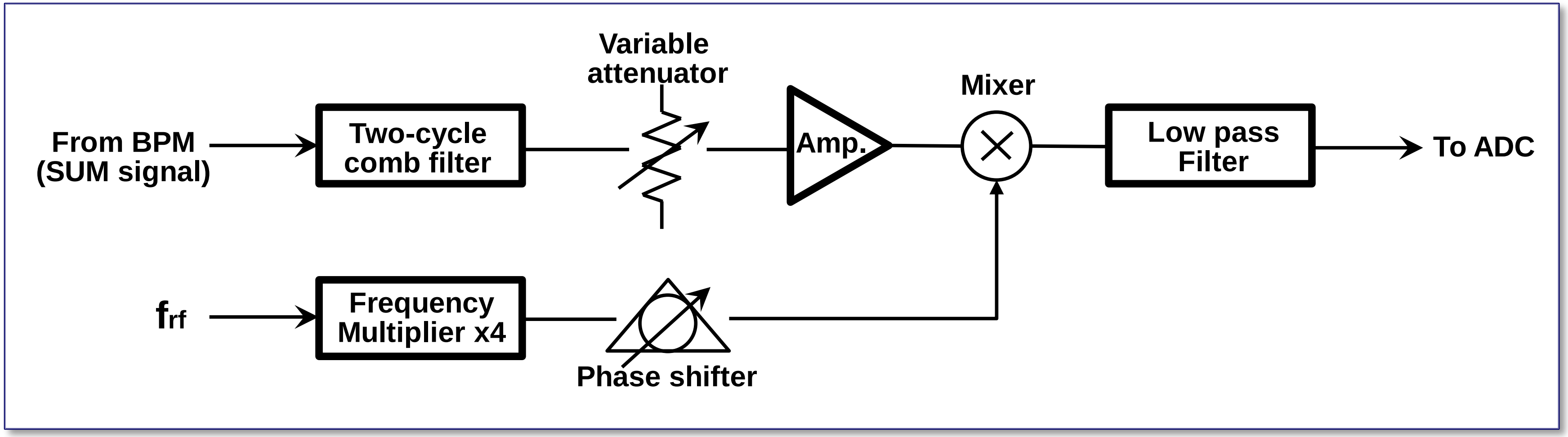


The Front-end main functionality is to transform the phase of the BPM signals into an amplitude signal (to be digitized later on).



Variable attenuator and phase shifters values are controllable via software.

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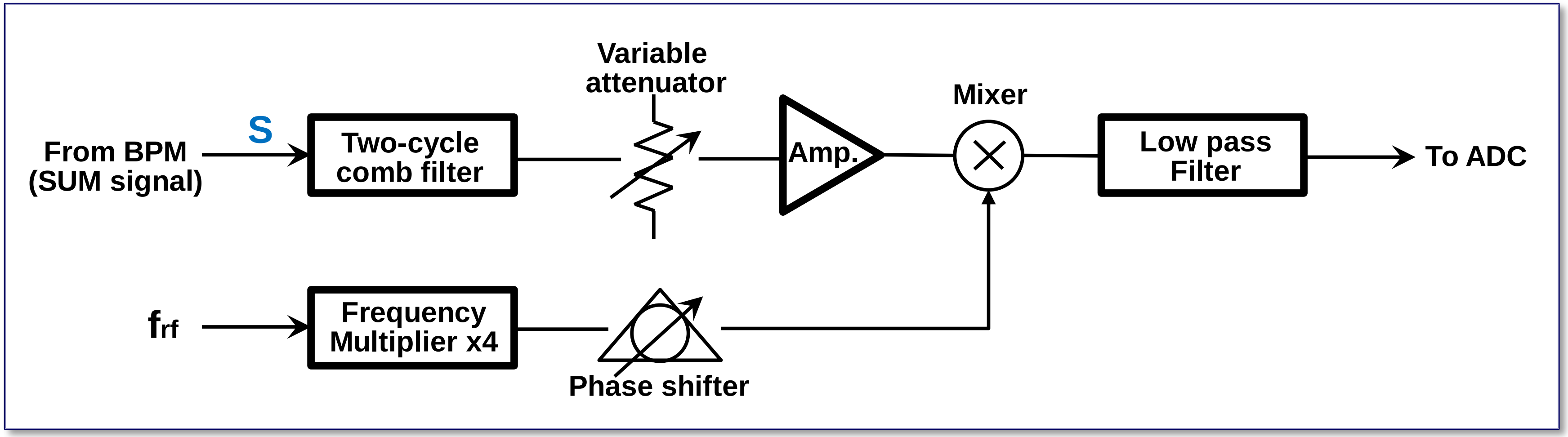

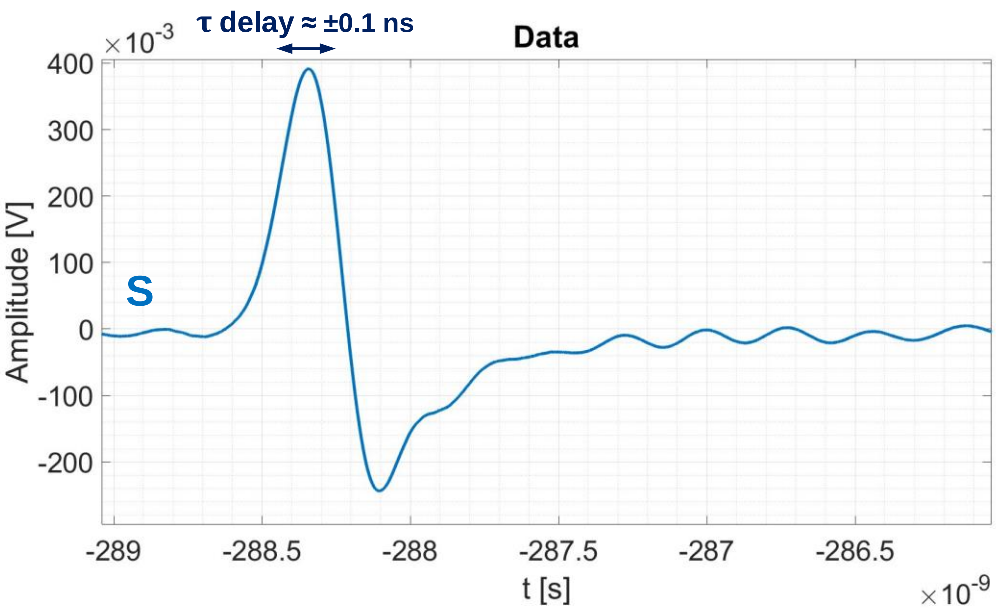

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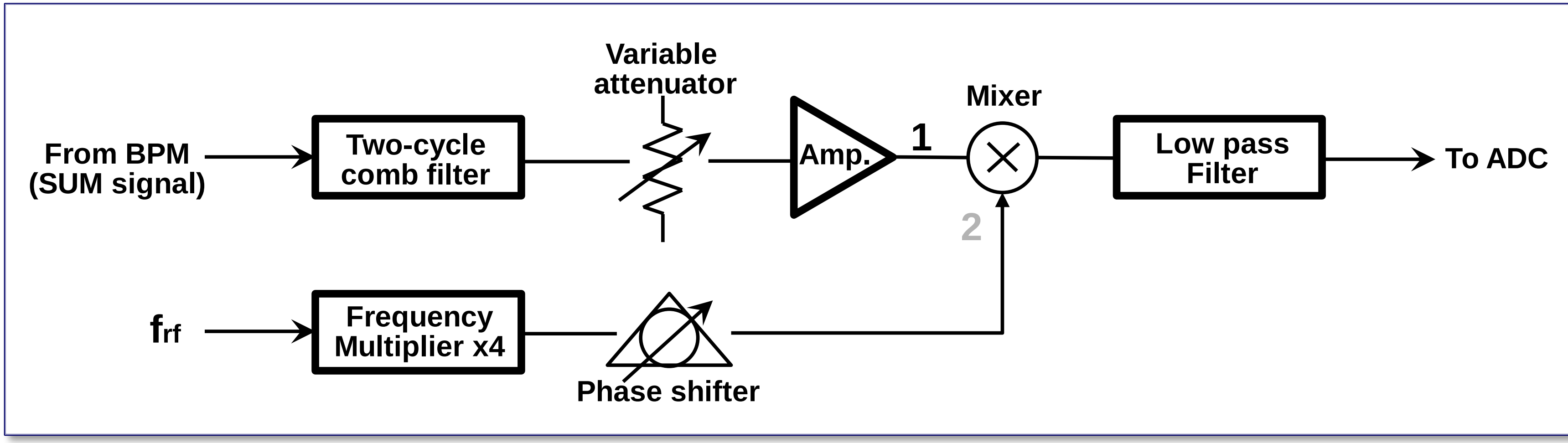

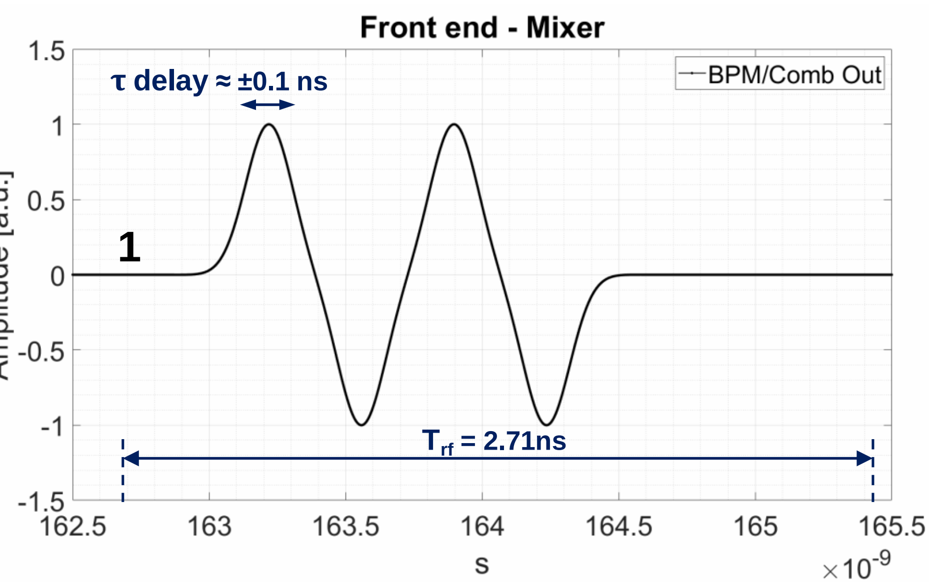

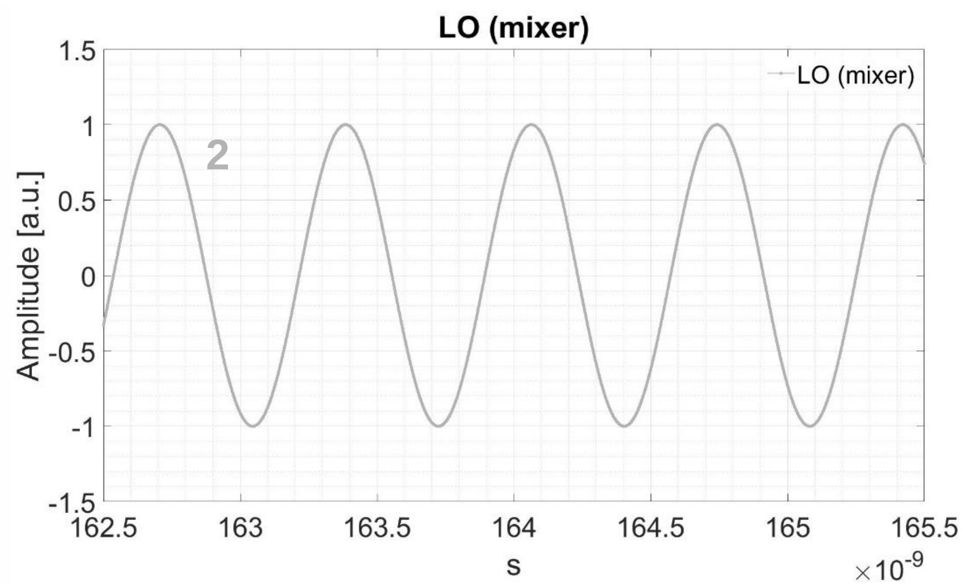

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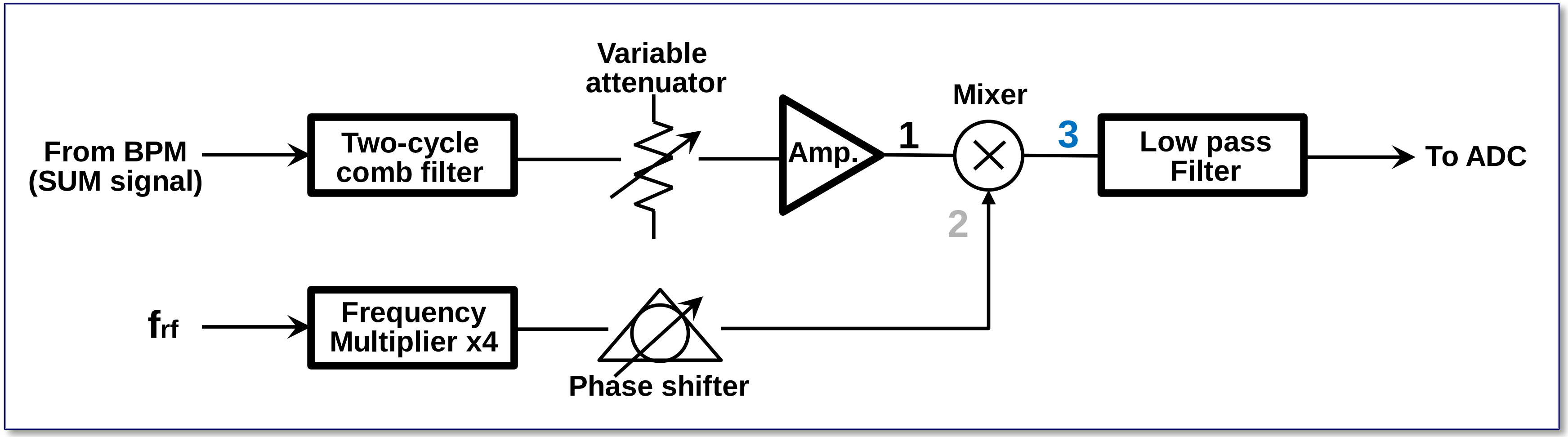

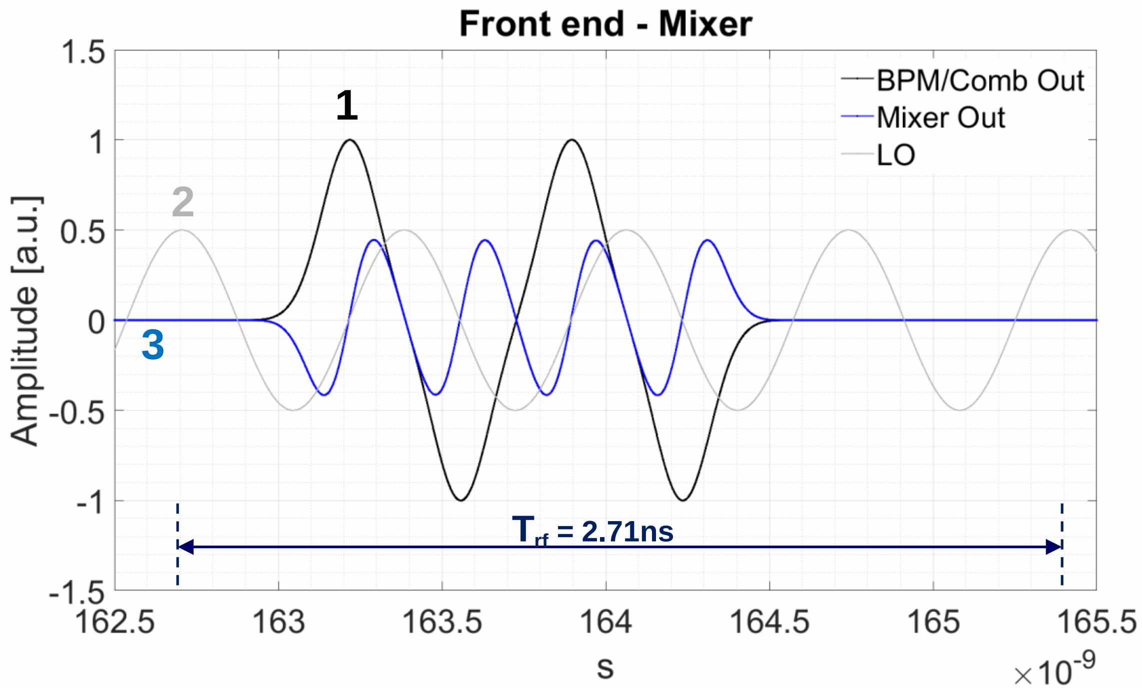

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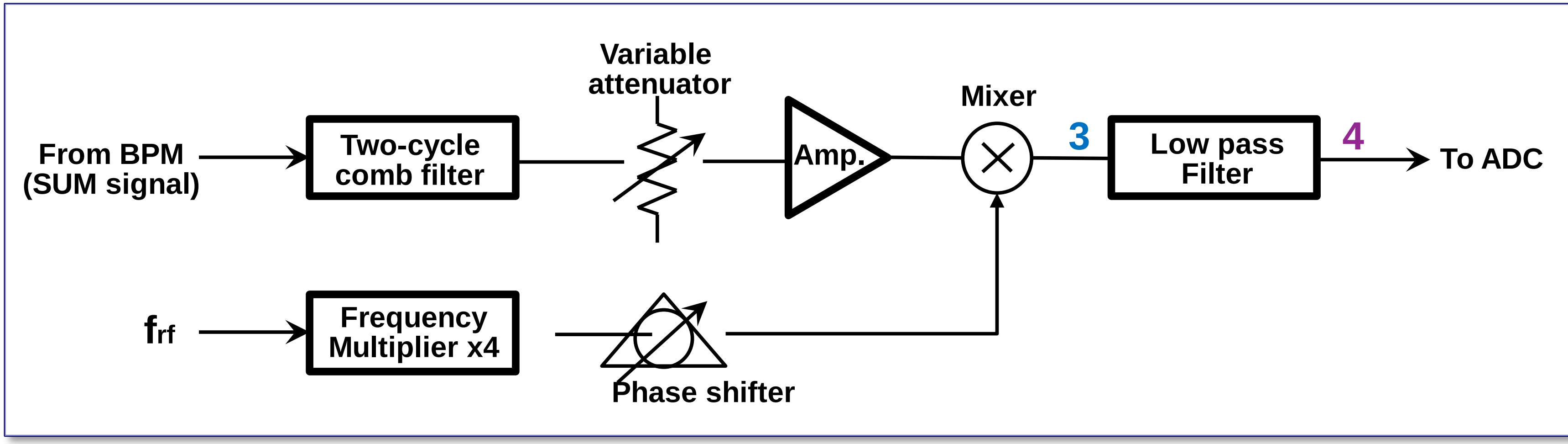
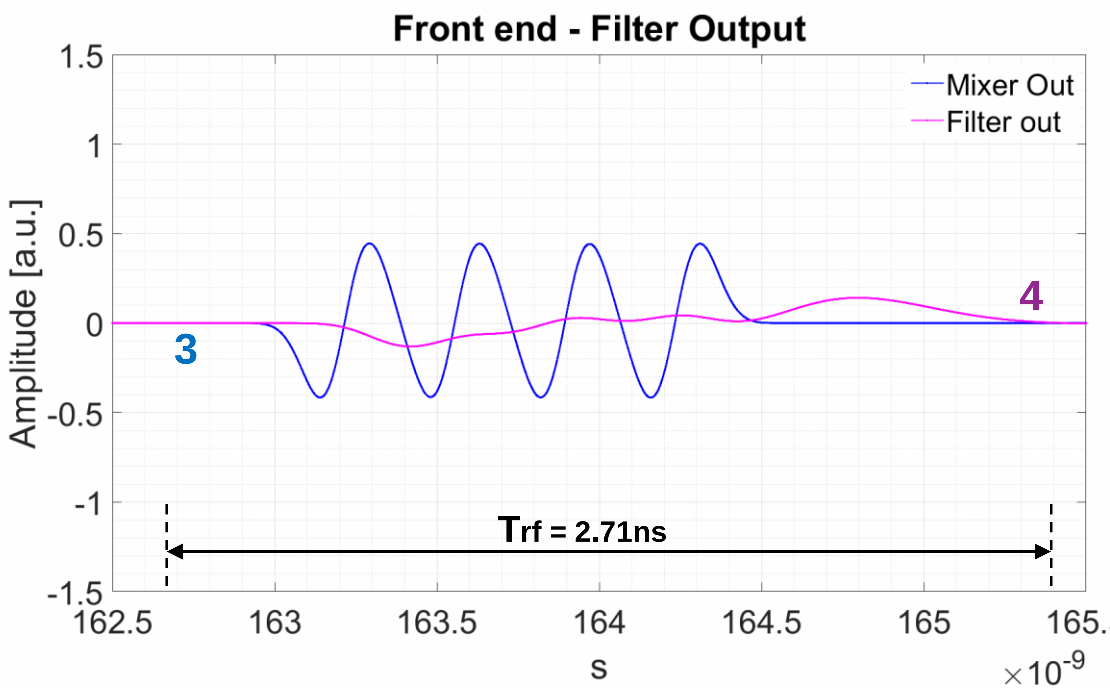


Bessel 4th ord. Low Pass Filter with f_{cut}=1,1 GHz (~3·f_{rf}).

The output pulse should not last more than T_{rf} = 2.71 ns, otherwise crosstalk between bunches will appear, degrading the feedback performances.



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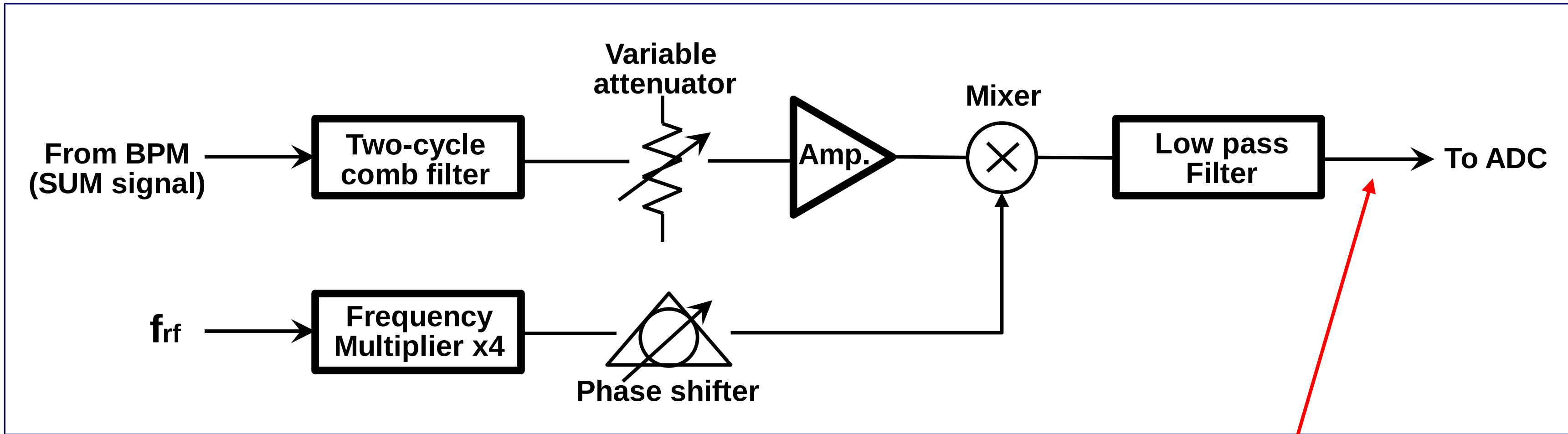
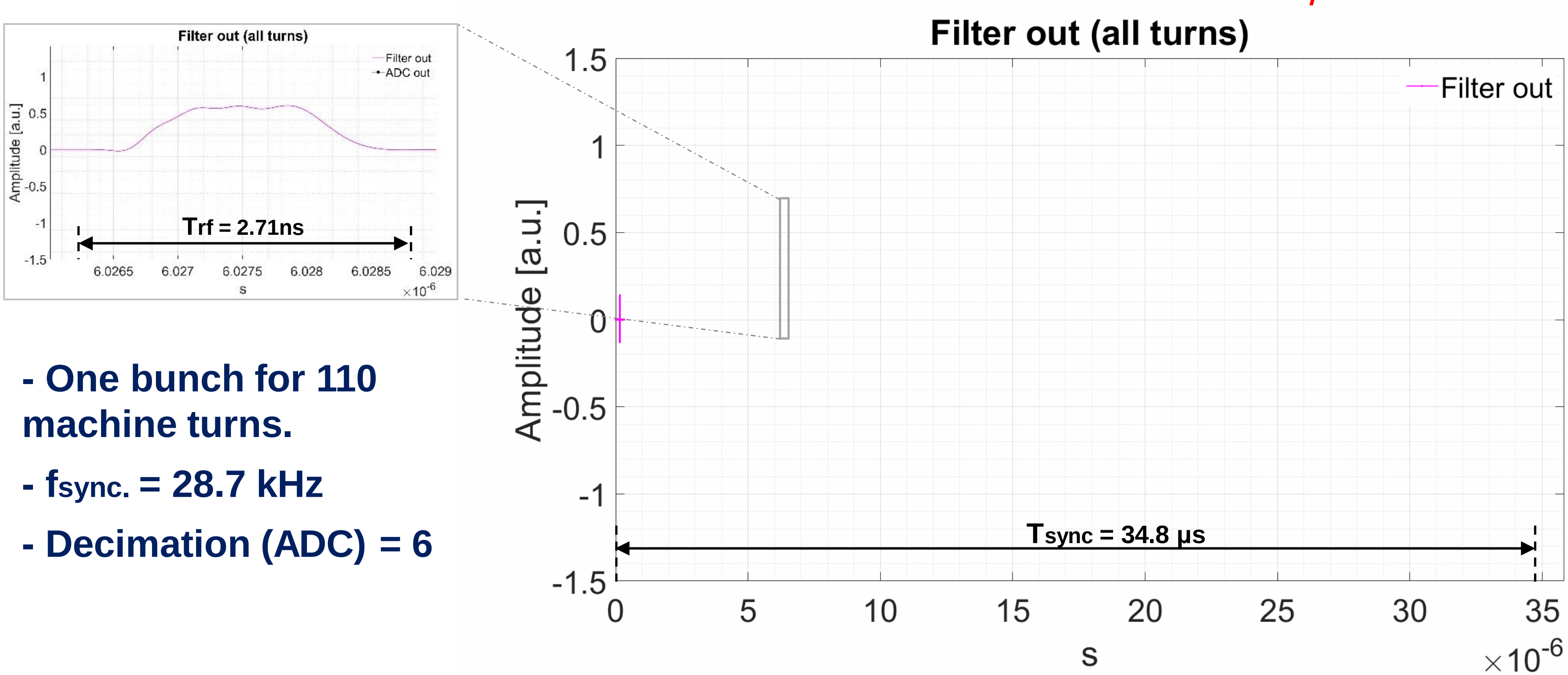
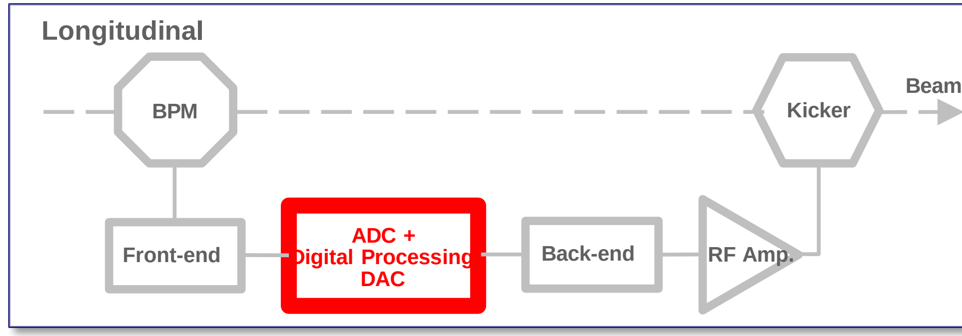




- **One bunch for 110 machine turns.**
- **$f_{sync.}$ = 28.7 kHz**
- **Decimation (ADC) = 6**

DIMTEL iGP-120F

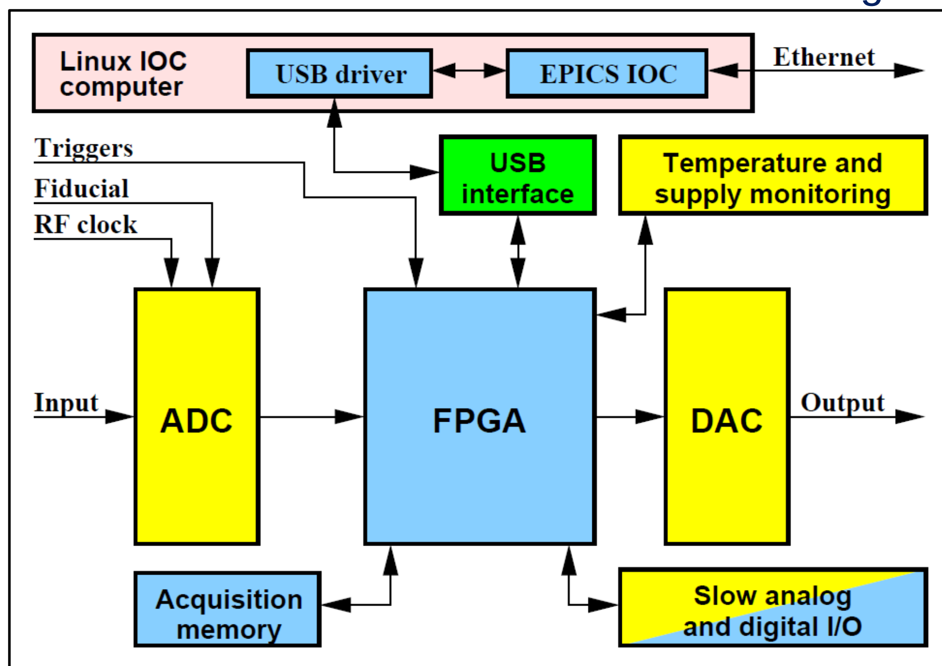


It represents the core of the system. It elaborates the correction signal, based on the phase measurements.

Parameter	Value
Operating Frequency	368 MHz
ADC resolution	8 bits
ADC input bandwidth	1.26 GHz
ADC input Full scale	200 mV_{p-p}
Number of FIR taps	16
Shift Gain (output adjustment)	2^0 - 2^7
DAC resolution	12 bits
DAC rise time (10%-90% FS)	under 250 ps
DAC fall time (90%-10% FS)	under 350 ps
DAC Full Scale	500 mV_{p-p}

All the parameters and functionalities are controllable via software.

Block Diagram



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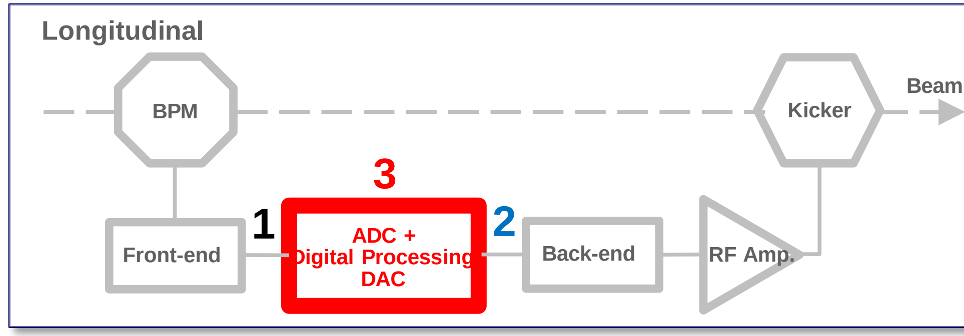
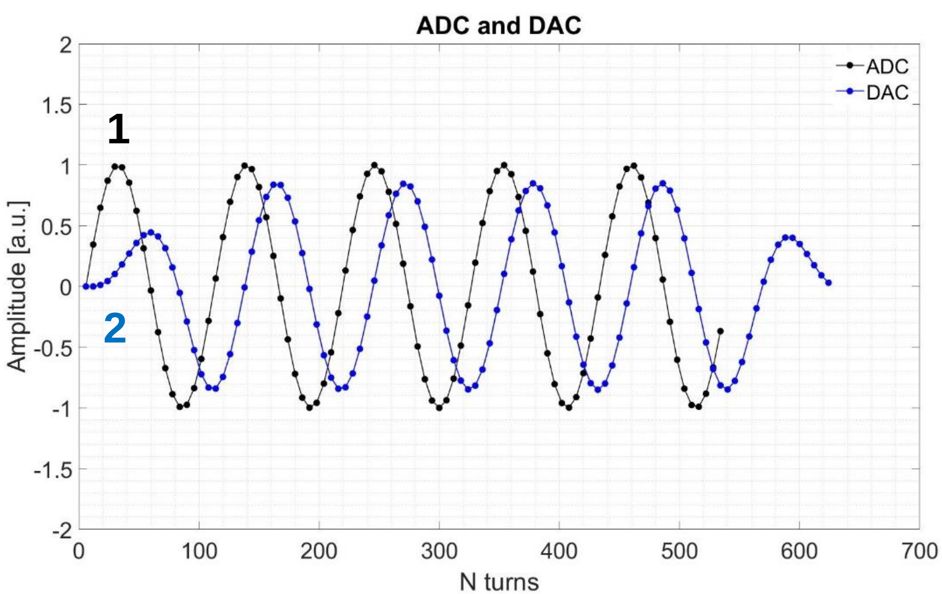
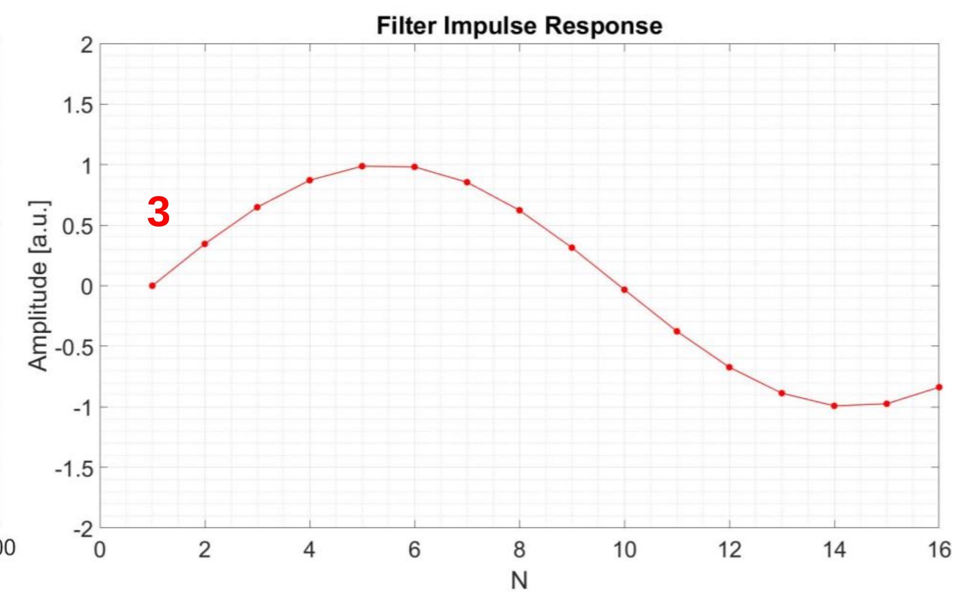
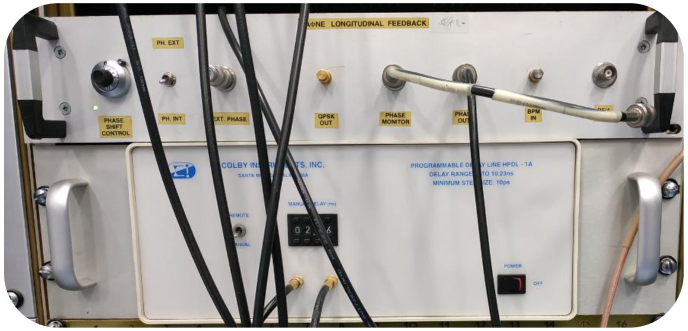


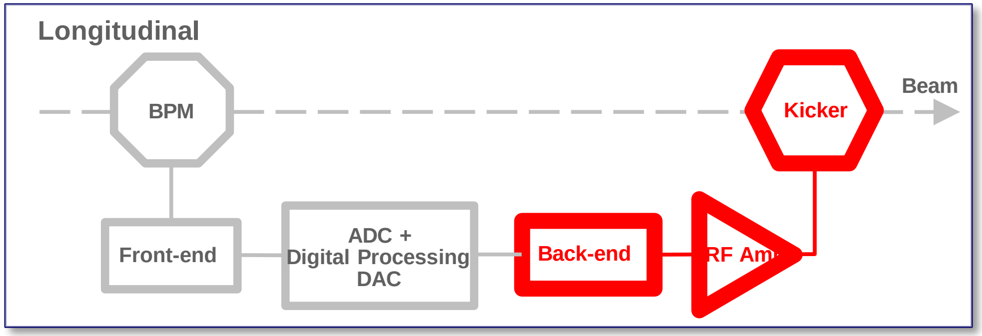
By means of a **sinusoidal digital filters** (16 taps), we obtain the **correction signal** for the n-th bunch. In first approximation, **the filter applies a gain** (user-selectable) and **a phase shift of -π/2** to the digitized signal.





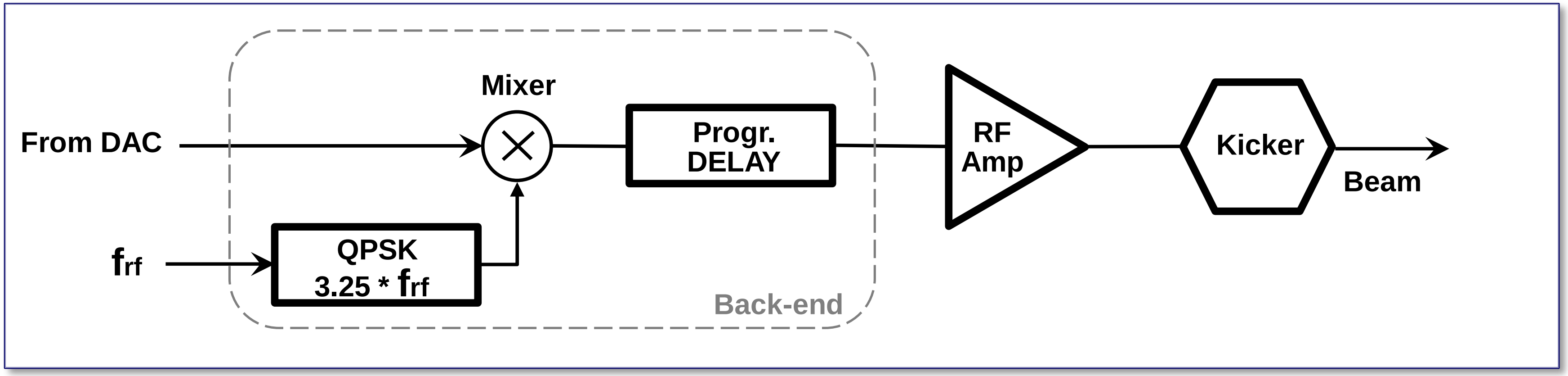
Dafne Long. Feedback (back-end)



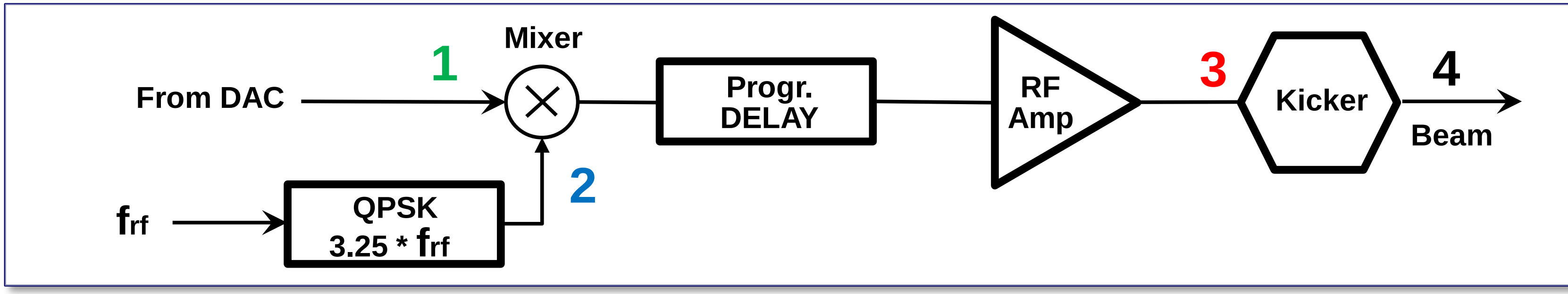


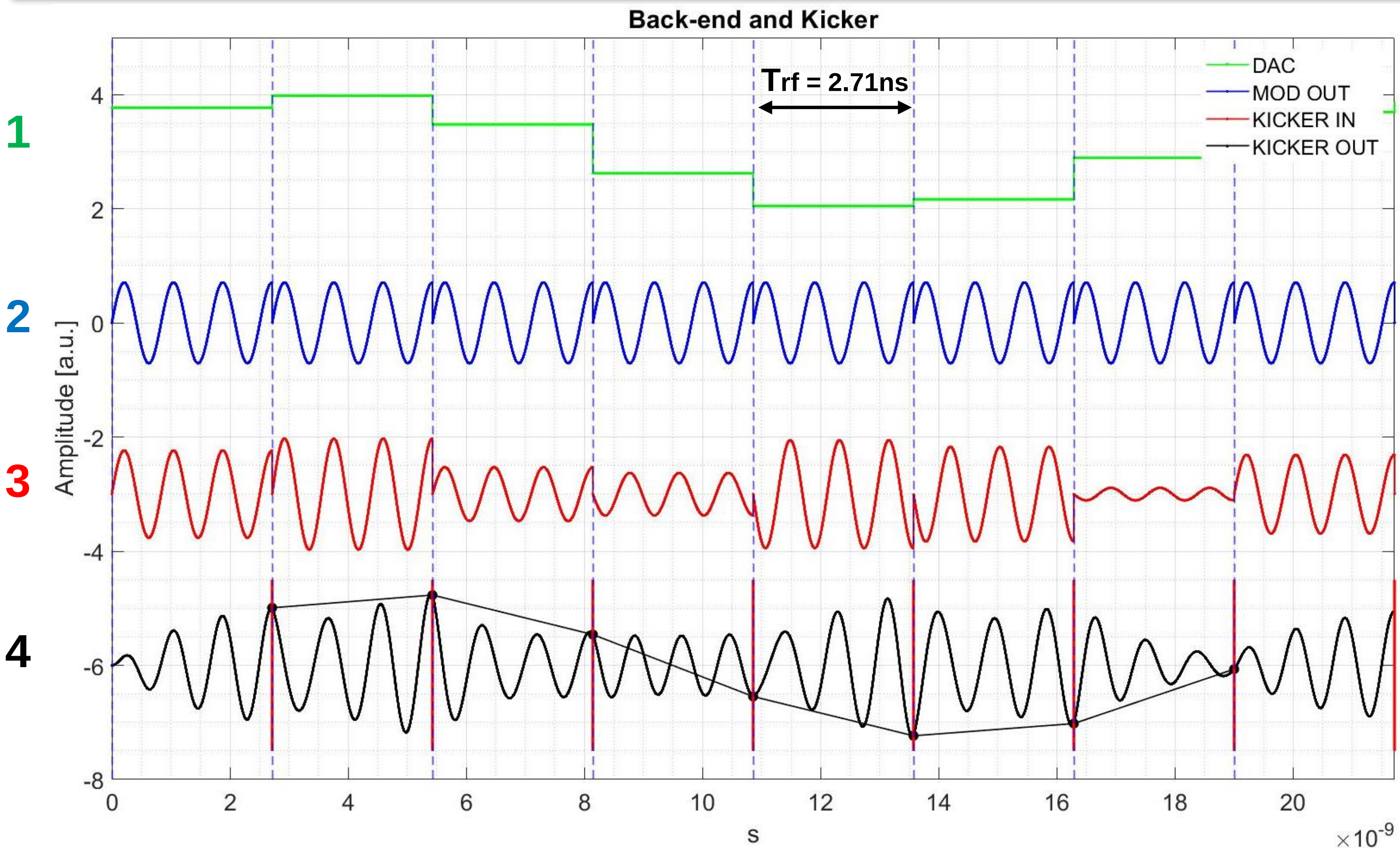
The back-end main functionalities are:

- to produce an excitation signal for the Kicker, based on the output of the DAC.
- To adjust the signal delay in order to synchronize the passage of the bunches with the "correction kick" (by means of a Programmable Delay Line).



Longitudinal Feedback Back-end





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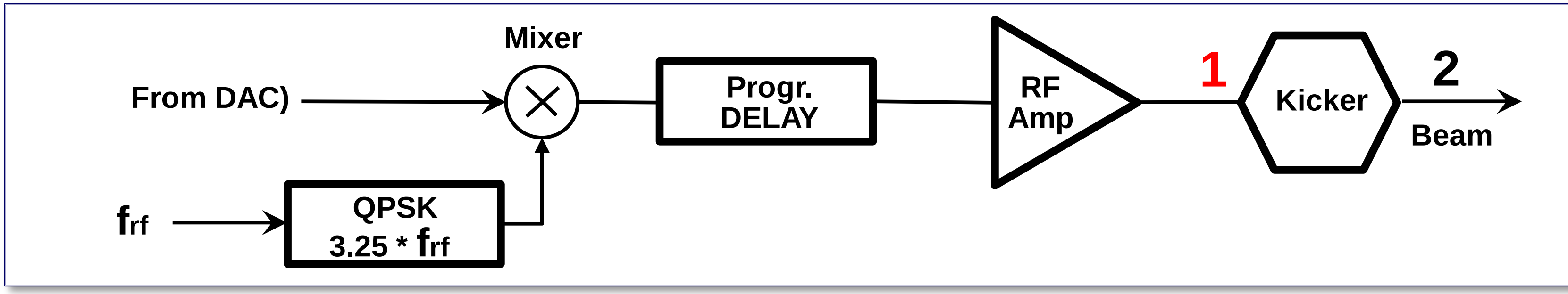
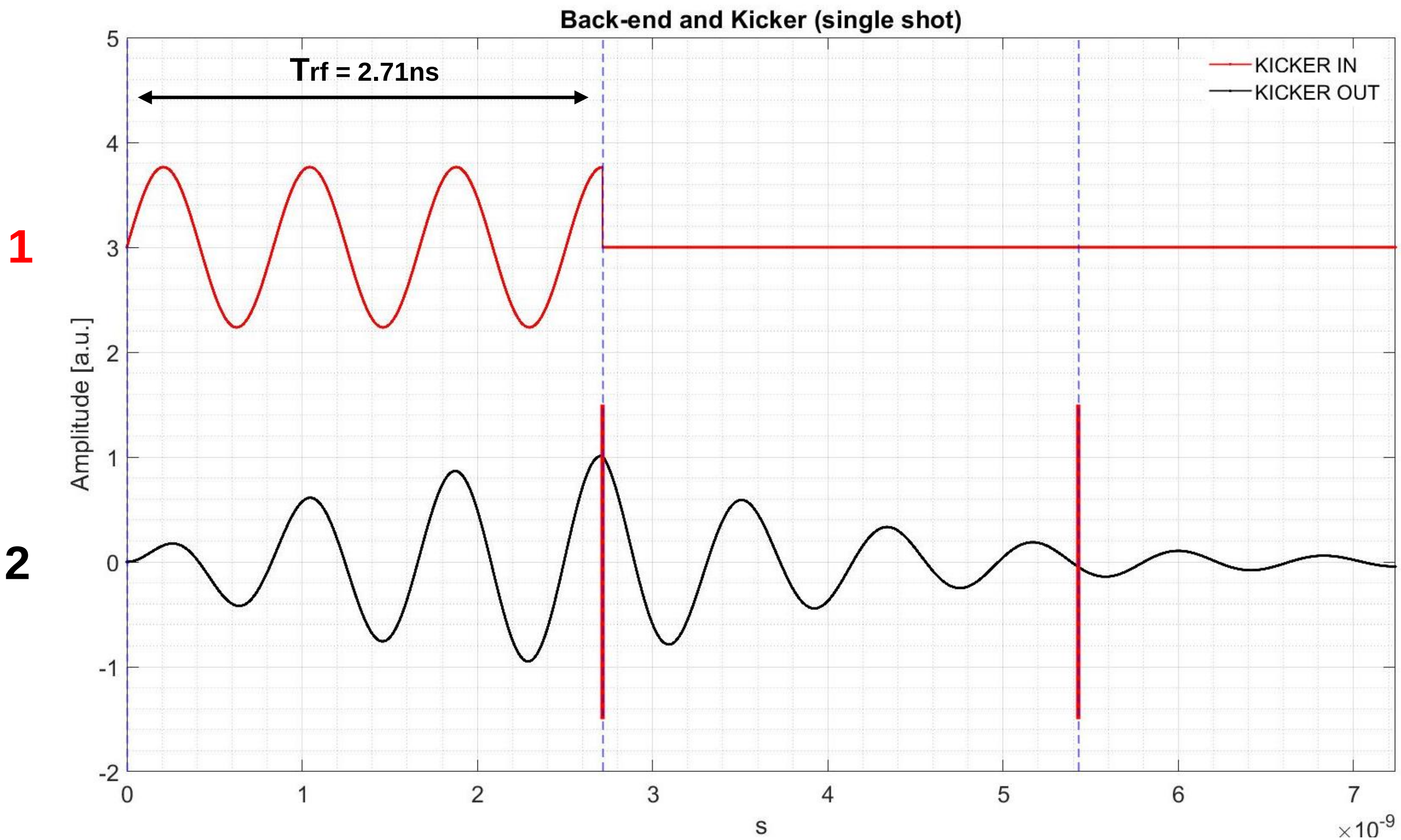
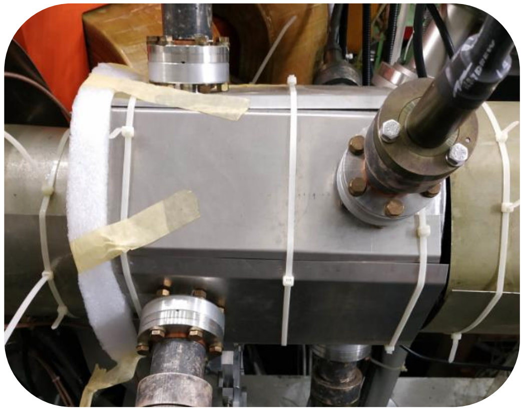
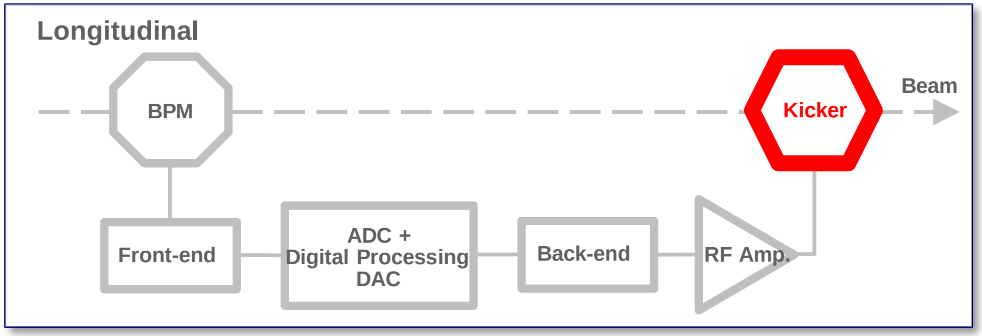
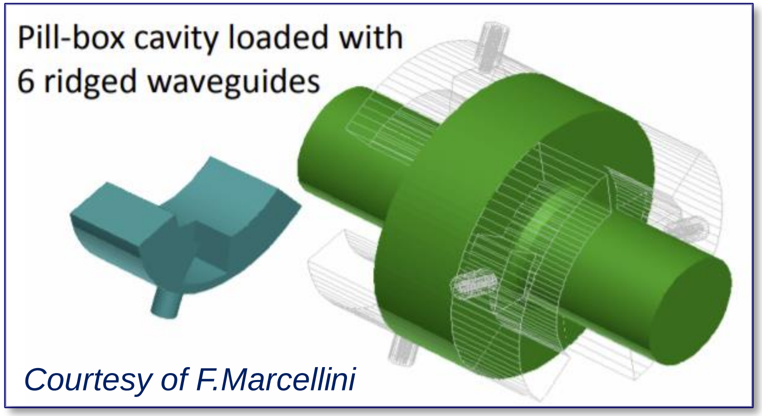




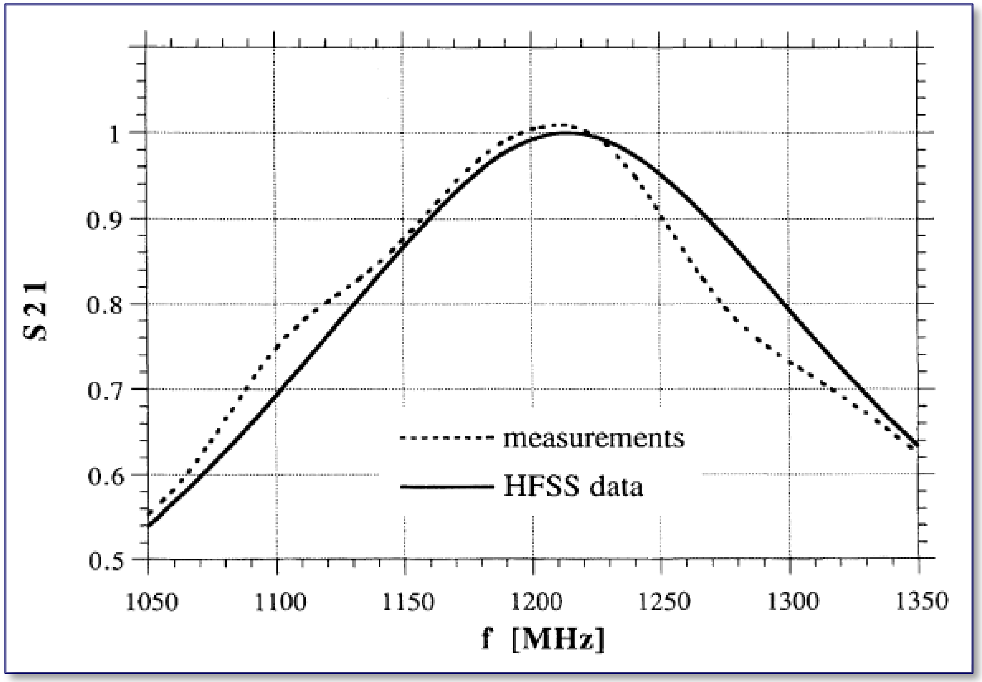
Longitudinal Feedback Kicker







Transmission coefficient



TM010 (main mode):

Res. Frequency = 3.25 x f_{rf} (~1.2 GHz)

BW ~220 MHz

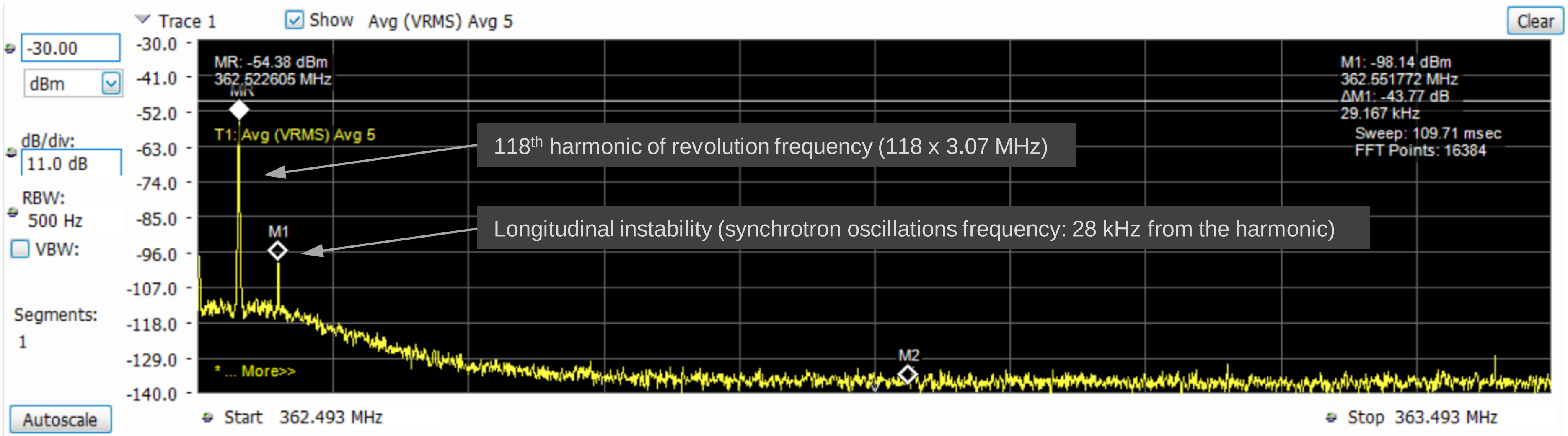
(see: A Waveguide overloaded Cavity as Longitudinal Kicker for the DAFNE Bunch-by-bunch feedback system. R.Boni, A.Gallo, A.Ghigo, F.Marcellini, M.Serio, M.Zobov. Particle Accelerators, 1996, Vol.52, pp 95-113)

Instabilities measurements

Beam Spectrum

In order to observe beam instabilities during operations, beam spectrum is measured from the combination of signals $(V_{up} - V_{down}) + (V_{left} - V_{right})$ from one BPM. The latter is in first approximation a Dirac comb.

- Instabilities will appear as side bands on every harmonic. At DAFNE, we visualize the 118^{th} harmonic of the beam spectrum.
- Longitudinal instabilities will appear as phase modulations of the beam spectrum with a frequency dependent on synchrotron tune.
- Transversal instabilities will appear as amplitude modulation of the beam spectrum with a frequency dependent on the horizontal and vertical tunes.
- This will measure the spectrum of all the bunches combined, but it is also possible to measure the spectrum of single bunches, by utilizing the DIMTEL signal processor used for the feedbacks.



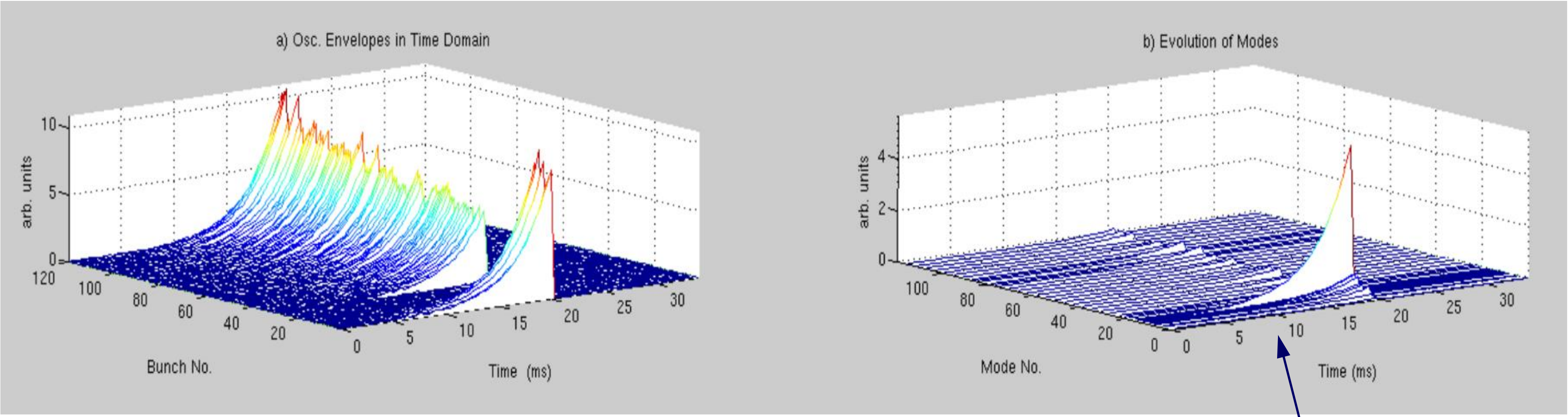
Example of beam spectrum with Positron beam (100 bunches) with I_{avg} = 150 mA. Long. feedback turned off.

Characterizing instabilities

In order to characterize beam instabilities the following method is applied (developed at SLAC):

- While beam is circulating, upon some trigger, **feedback is turned off**.
- Instabilities during this time will grow. **Phase of each bunch is recorded**.
- **Feedback is turned on** after an adjustable time window, in order to avoid beam loss.

By performing this type of measurement, it is possible to characterize instabilities (which modes are predominant, how quick the instabilities rise) and how well the feedback (once turned on) will damp them.



An example of the measurement performed with the longitudinal feedback on positron beam (100 bunches) with I_{avg} = 730 mA

Mode 13 predominant

Conclusions

- The feedback system (the longitudinal in particular) is extremely important to DAΦNE operations. Without it, bunch-coupling effects limit the maximum current stored in the rings to few hundreds of mA. By using the feedback systems it is possible to reach 1A / 2A (range of currents used currently).
- The feedback system was constantly updated and maintained during the long DAΦNE operations (~22 years), by implementing new hardware, software and by reconfiguring it.
- A measurement campaign is on going on the signals involved in the system (e.g. the BPM output) in order to evaluate and minimize any possible source of noise and interferences, which could degrade the system performances.

Thank you for your attention!