

# Synchronisation and Beam Stabilisation – Midterm Plans –

## Mini Workshop – UKFEL/EuXFEL & DESY Collab.

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# Optical Synchronisation & Beam-based Stabilisation

@European XFEL

Status





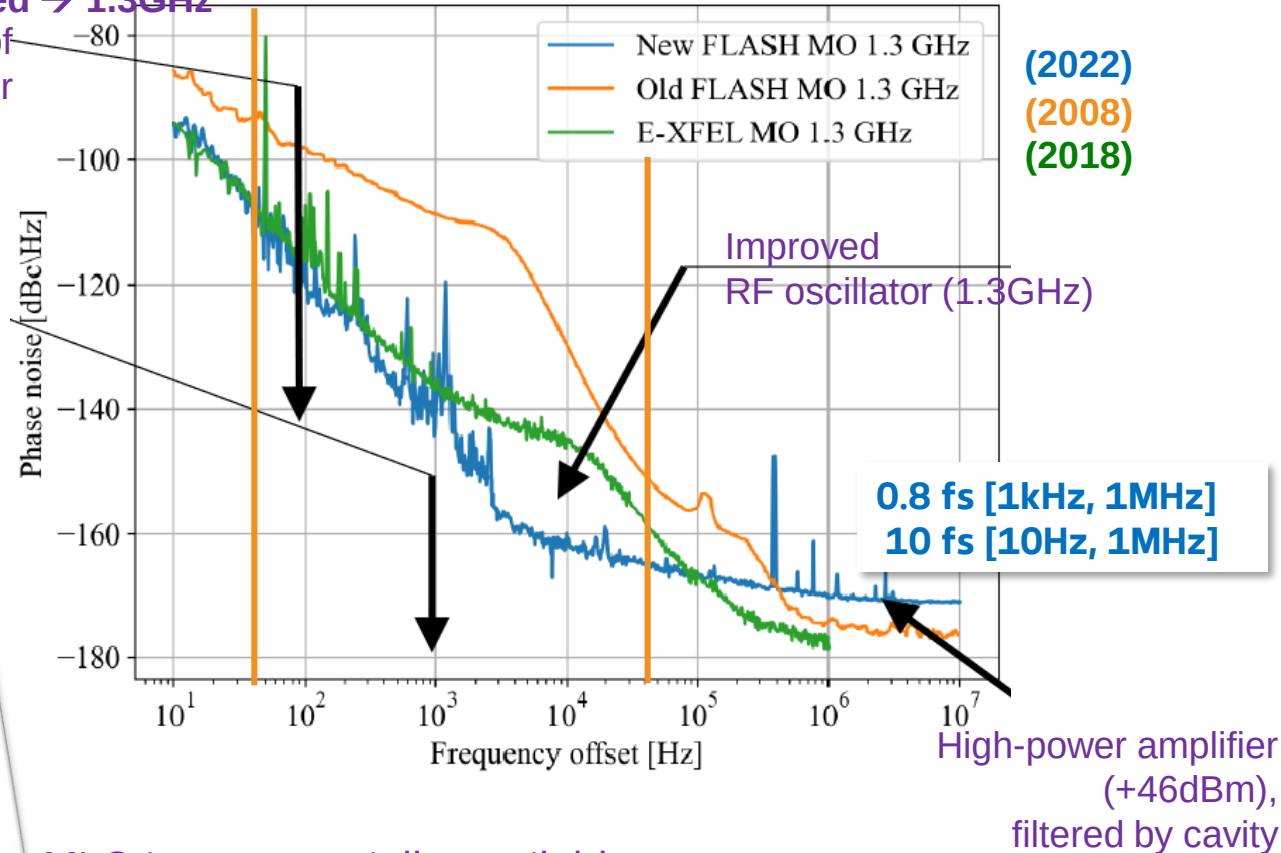
# Reference Sources

## Ultra-Low Absolute Phase Noise.

**MO** RF Oscillator,  
9MHz, GPS disciplined → 1.3GHz

Choice of  
quartz clock oscillator

Vibration  
damping



MLO is commercially available

<https://kvg-gmbh.de>

Cooperation in between DESY and WUT

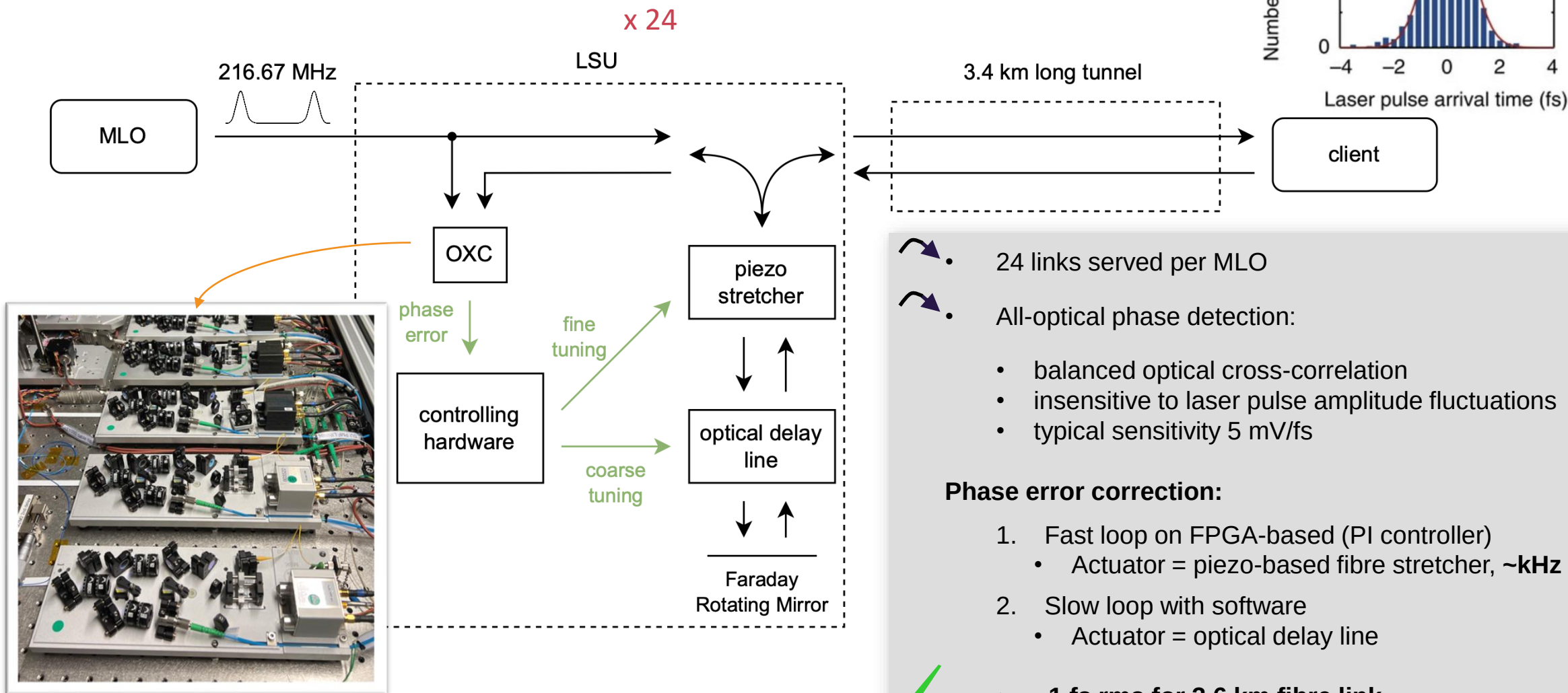
**MLO** Laser Oscillator,  
216 MHz (= 1.3GHz/6)



- **Commercial laser oscillator;**
- 1550 nm , soliton-like pulses,
- Ultra-low phase noise,
- **24/7 operation,**
- 2x MLO for **redundancy** with fast switching

# Pulsed Optical Reference Distribution

## Round-Trip Time Stabilised Fiber Links.

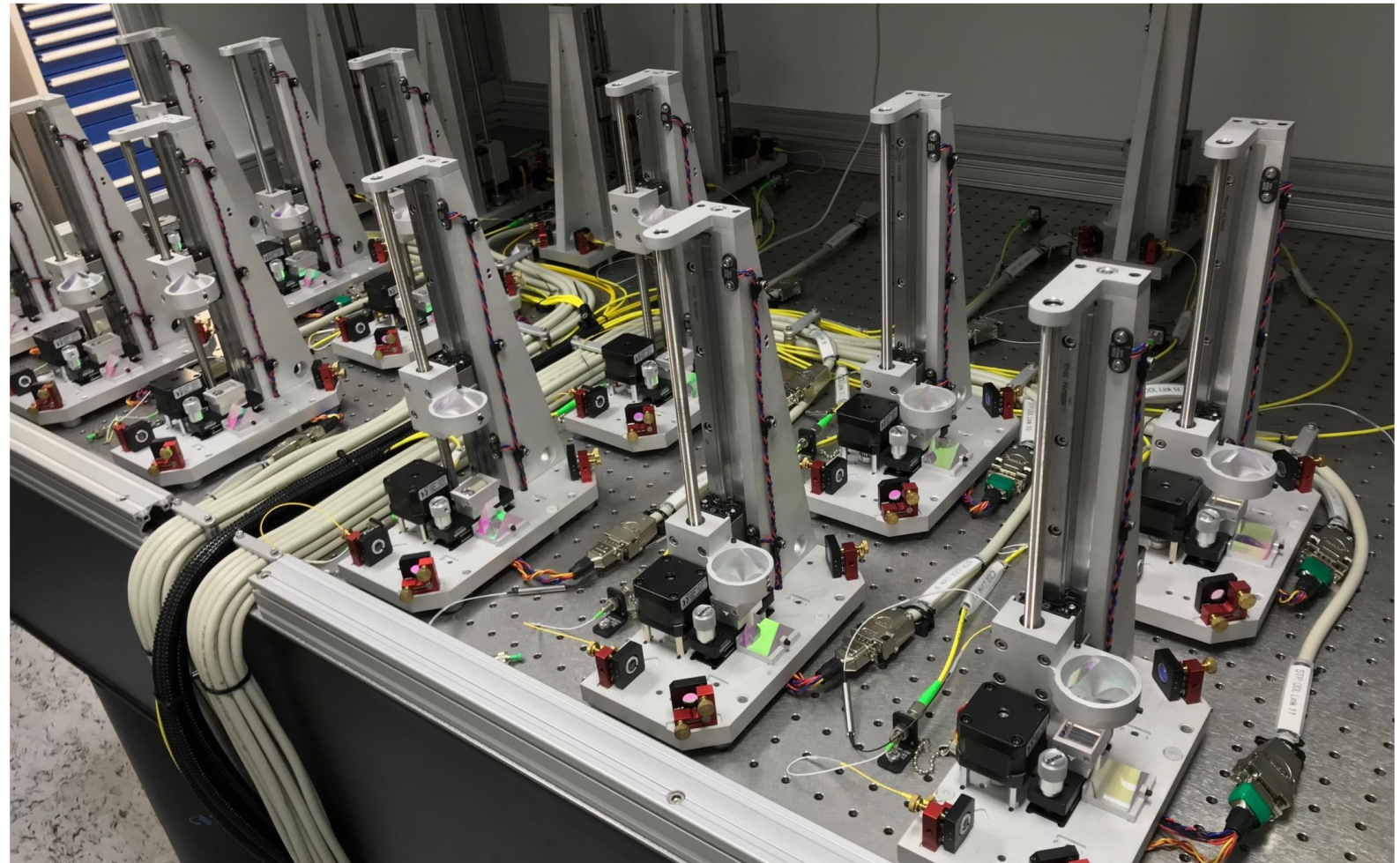
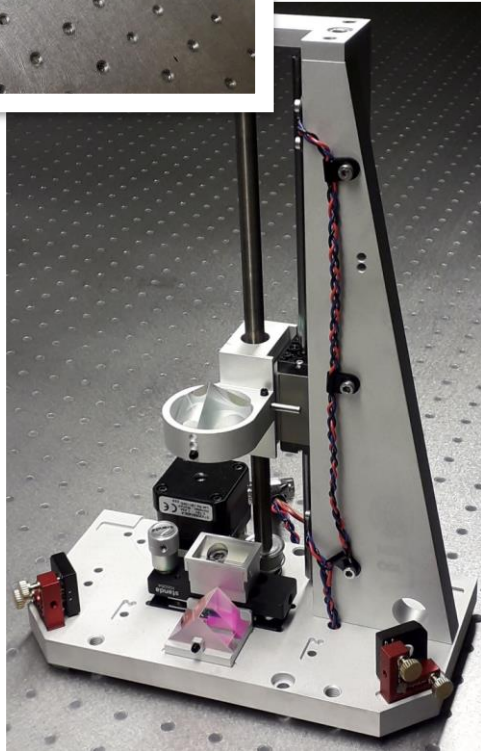
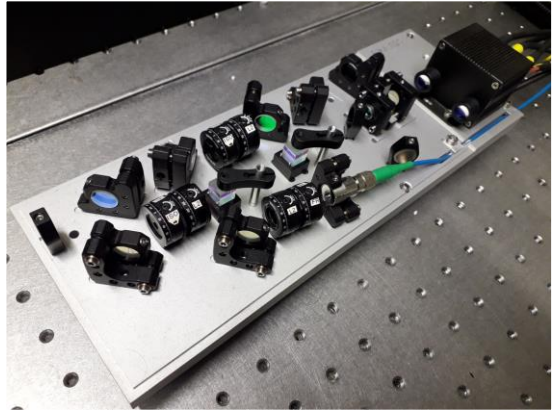


- 24 links served per MLO
  - All-optical phase detection:
    - balanced optical cross-correlation
    - insensitive to laser pulse amplitude fluctuations
    - typical sensitivity 5 mV/fs
- Phase error correction:**
1. Fast loop on FPGA-based (PI controller)
    - Actuator = piezo-based fibre stretcher, **~kHz BW**
  2. Slow loop with software
    - Actuator = optical delay line
- ✓
- **~1 fs rms for 3.6 km fibre link**



# Link Stabilization Units – Optical Building Blocks

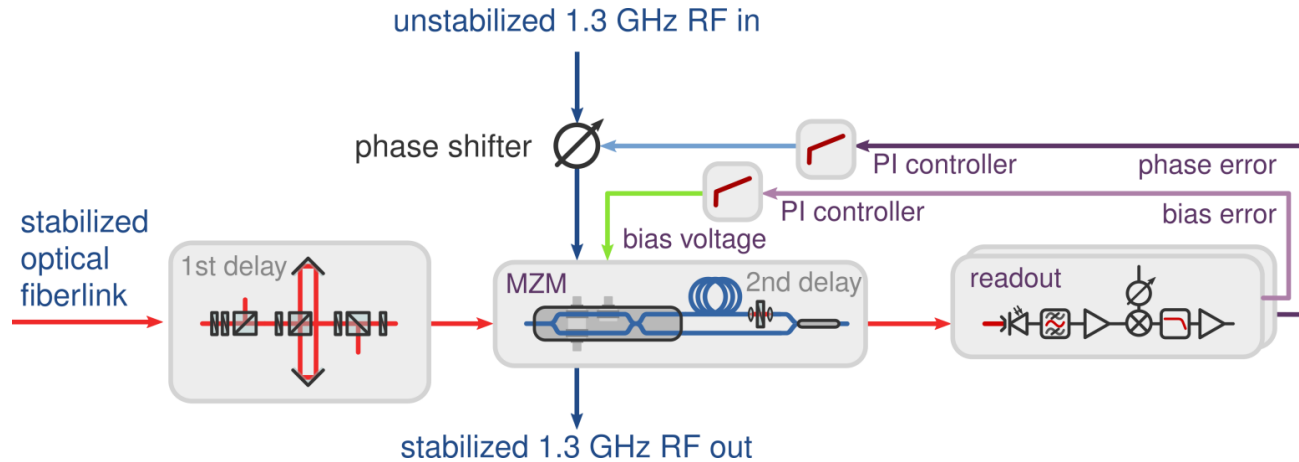
Measurement and Compensation of Fiber Link Transit Time Variations



Courtesy: J. Mueller

# MZM-based, Balanced Laser to RF Phase Detector

## Tightly Phase-locking RF and Optical Oscillators.



### REFM-OPT Design:

- MZM-based laser-to-RF phase detector,
- 19" module,
- Fully engineered,
- Automated controls.

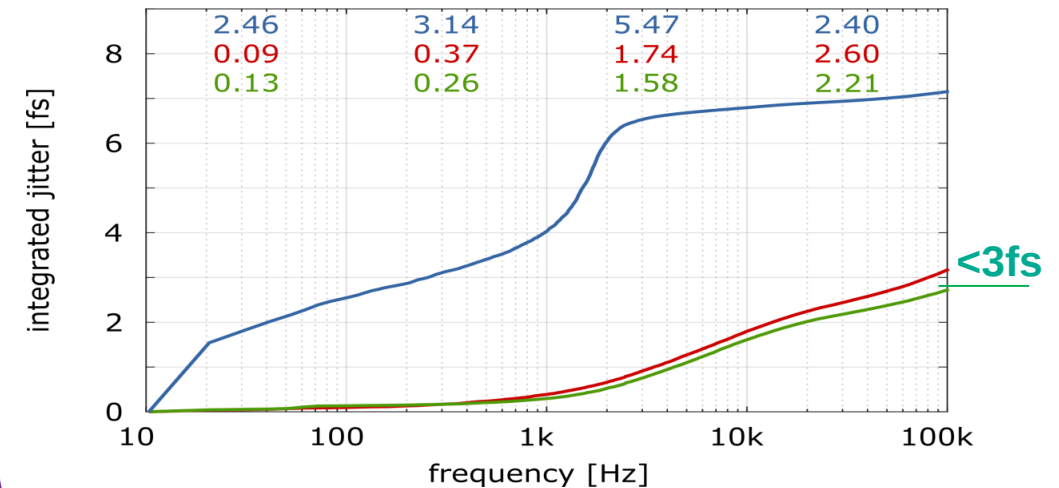
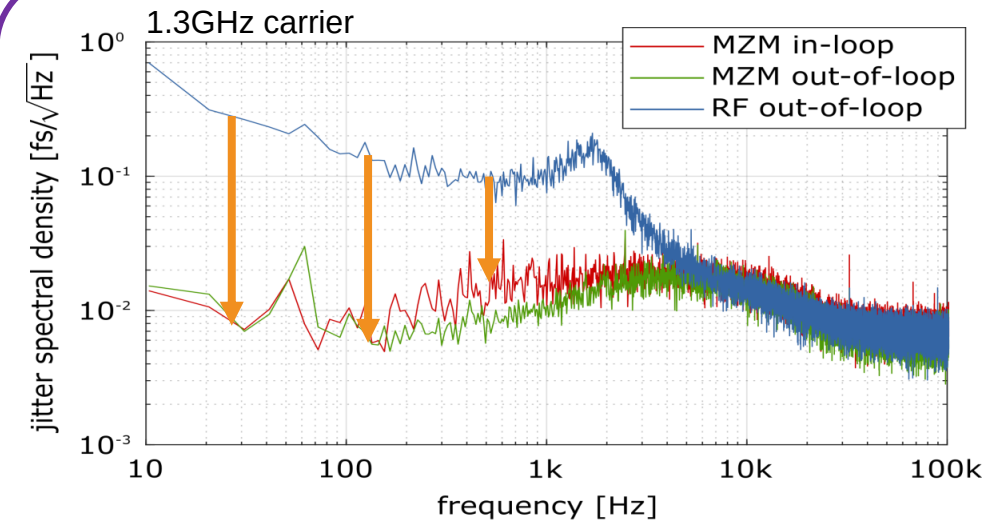
### Typical performance of PLL:

Low-noise : ~3 fs rms  
Ultra-low-drift : < 2 fs pk-to-pk over 1 week

### Applications

- MLO to MO locking
- RF resynchronization
  - at location of RF modules
  - locking bw <1kHz
  - Removal of phase drifts from RF distribution

### MLO -to - MO PLL

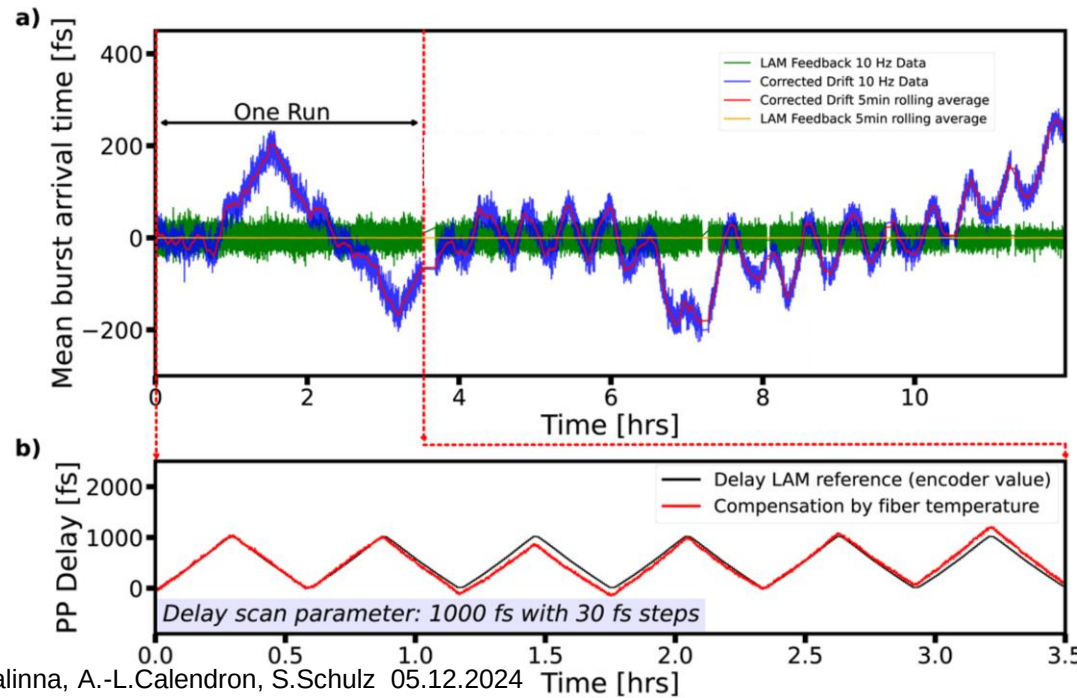
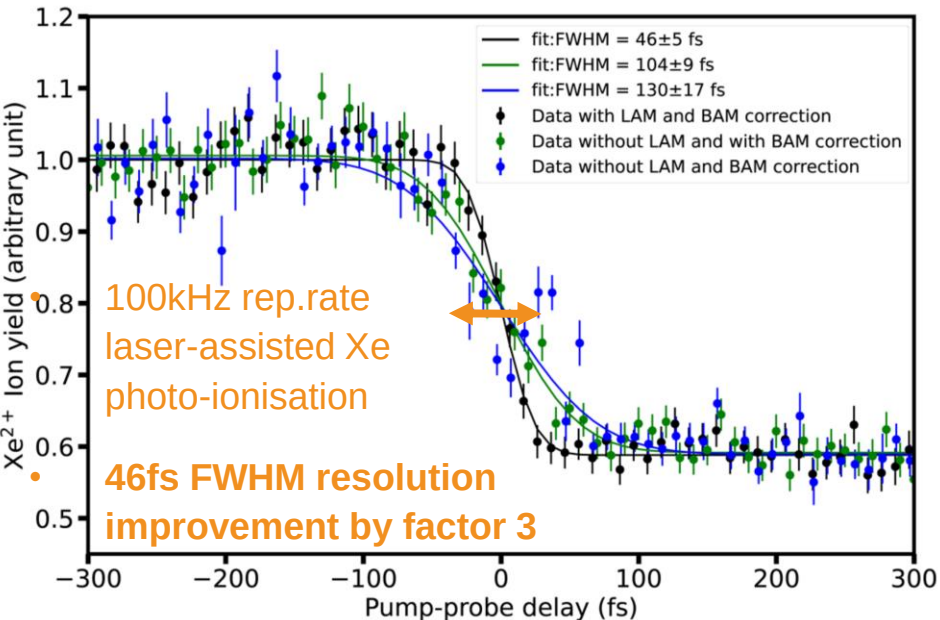
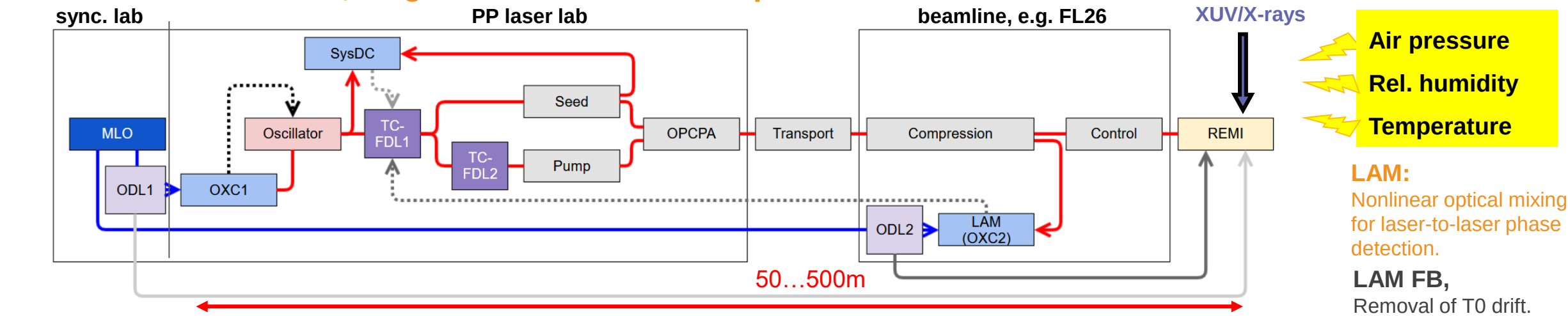


T.Lamb et al, IPAC 2019, doi:10.18429/JACoW-IPAC2019-THPRB018



# Laser Pulse Arrival Time Monitors

Drift correction with fs, single-shot Laser-to-Laser phase detector.



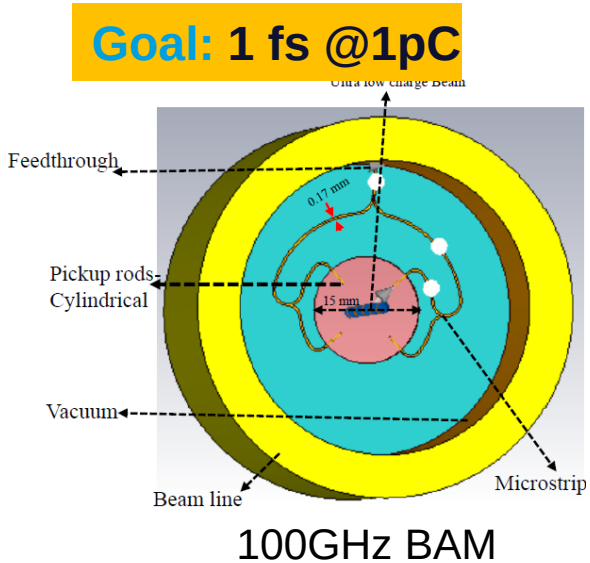
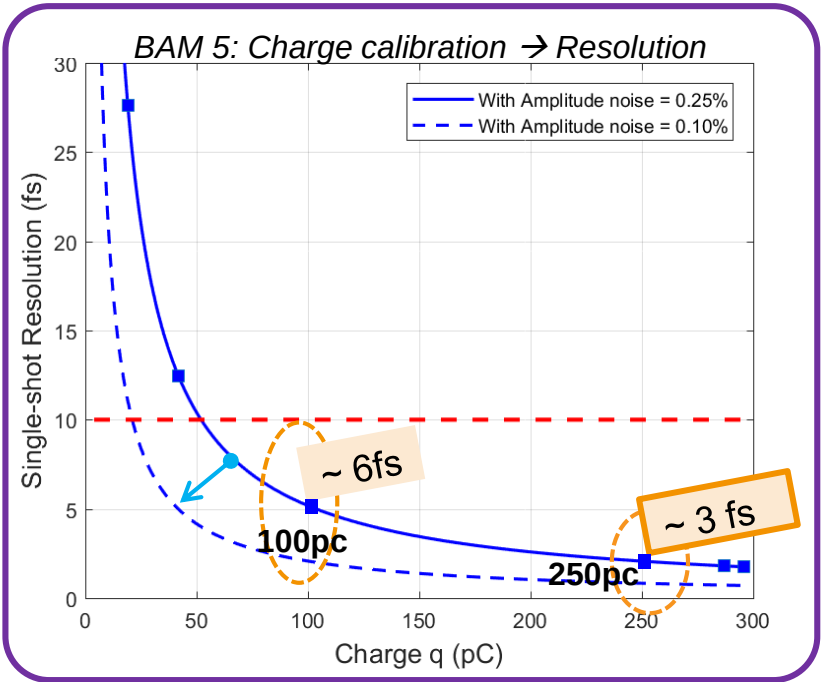
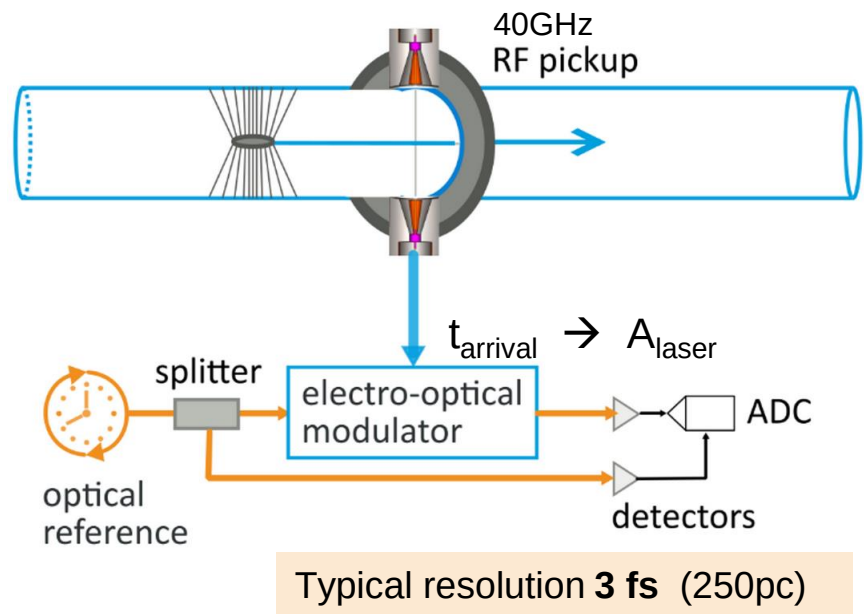
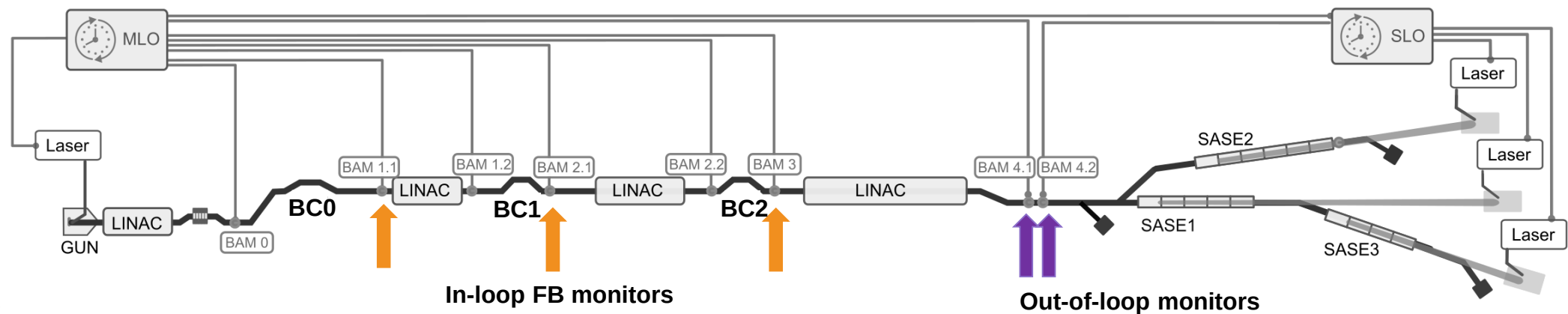
Compensated drift: ~500 fs pk-pk

Remaining  
✓ <1fs drift  
✓ ~10fs rms jitter



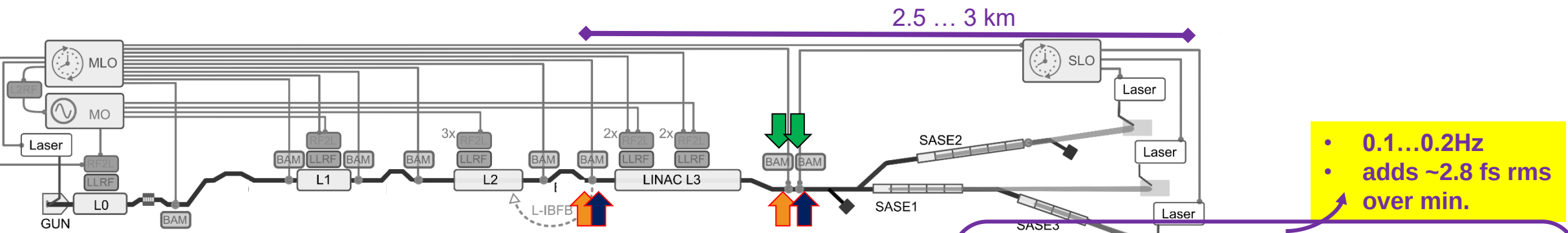
# Electro-optical Bunch-Arrival-time Monitors

Few femtoseconds single-shot resolution.

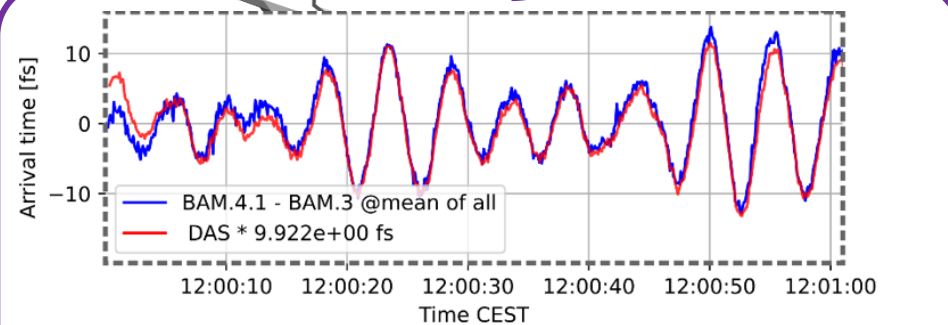


# Observation : Seismic and Micro-Seismic Effects (< 1Hz)

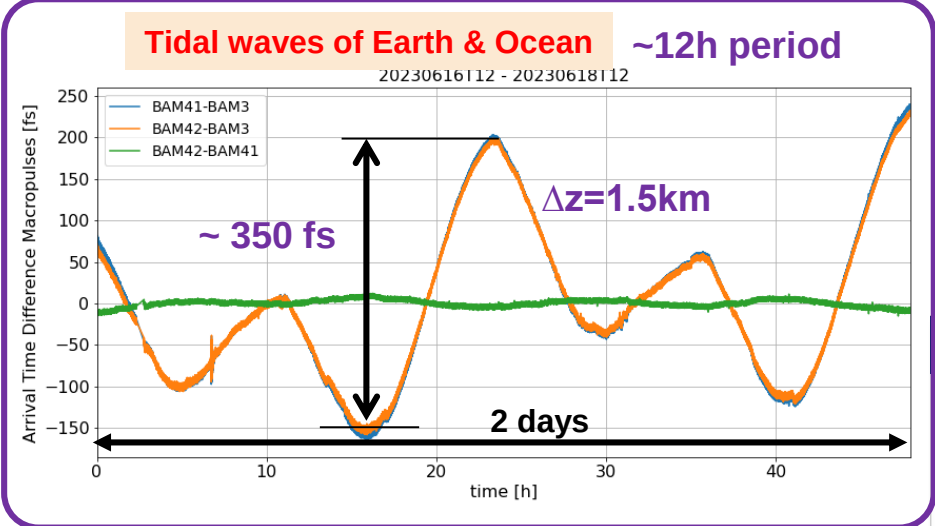
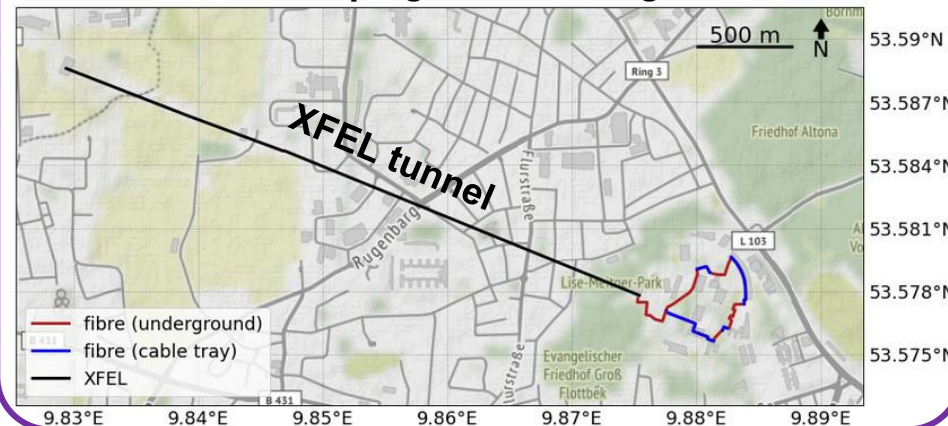
EuXFEL Facility is Periodically Stretched and Compressed from Earth and Ocean Tides.



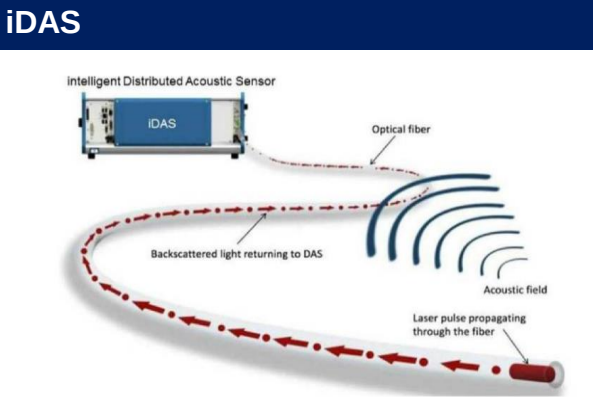
Differential Arrival-times



Measurement campaign 12.6 m length



- Drift FEL vs. PP Laser
- Requires feed-forward



# Further Developments

## Midterm Plans & On-going Projects



# Developments

## Overview

1. **Beam Diagnostics**
  - A. **Bunch arrival-time monitors with <1fs resolution**
  - B. Bunch compression monitors,
2. **Beam-based Feedbacks**
  - A. **New feedback concept for cw operation mode**  
+ Modelling of noise sources and impact on beam
  - B. Data-driven / model-predictive approach → compensation of sub-Hz disturbance
3. **Synchronization System**
  - A. **Laser pulse arrival-time monitors & feedback**
  - B. **Data-driven improvements of algorithms, configurations and fault diagnosis**
4. Proposed : Photon Arrival time Monitor @1550nm

# Change of Operation Mode @EuXFEL

Also means, change of bunch repetition rates.

**Macro-pulsed** : bursts @1..10Hz  
high beam rep.rate >1MHz

**Pure cw**: slow beam rep.rate <<1MHz

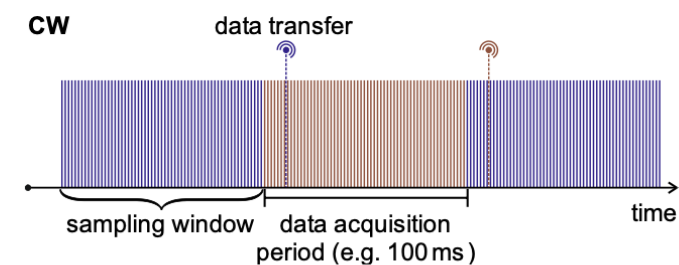
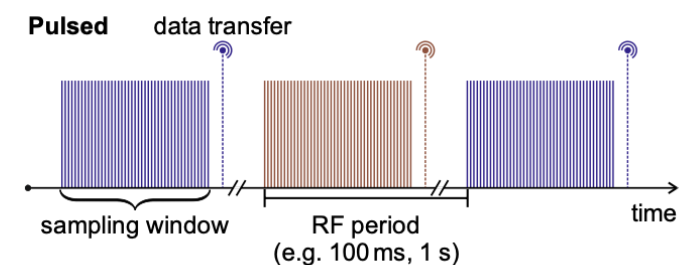
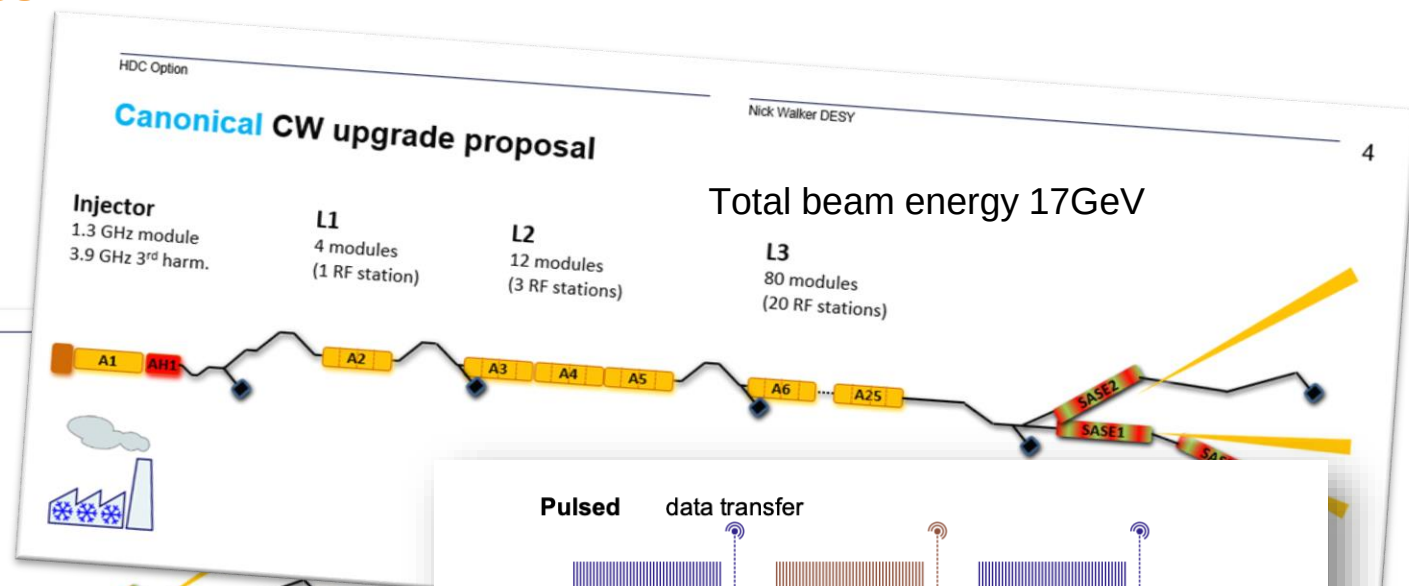
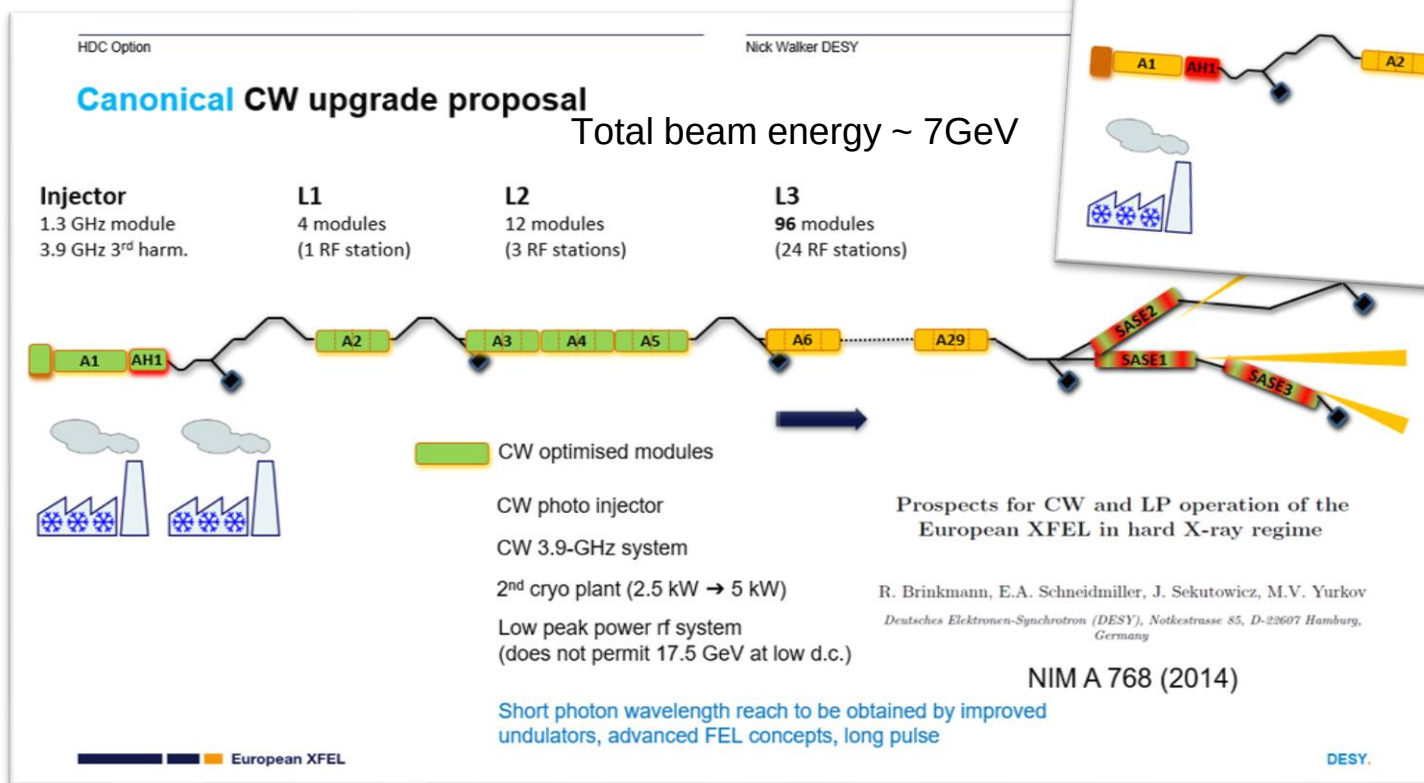


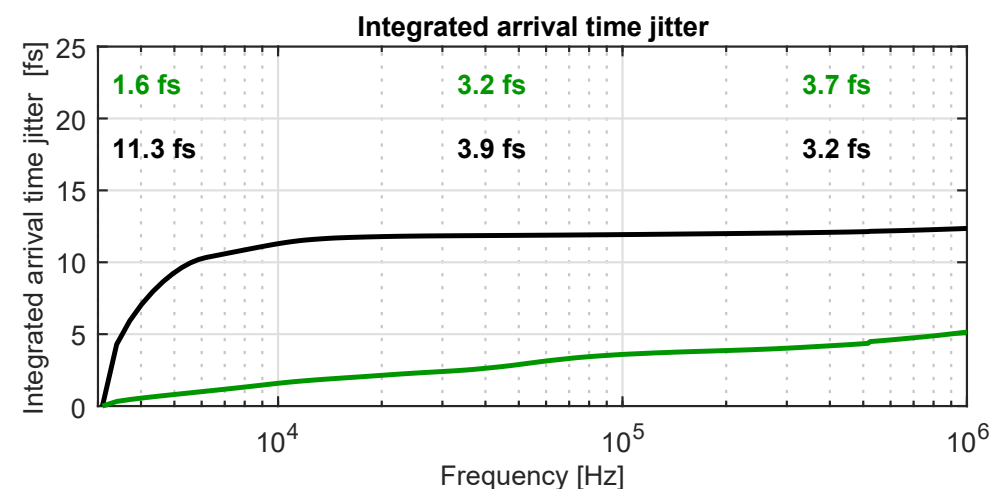
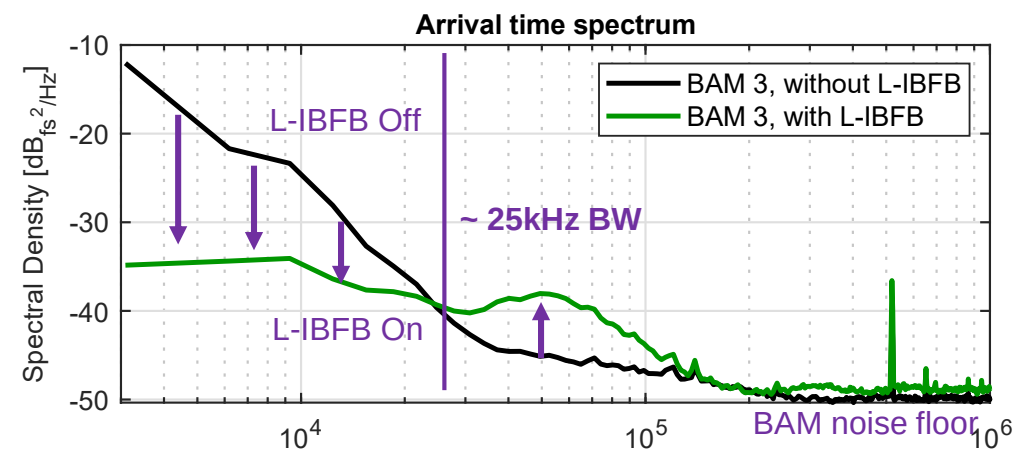
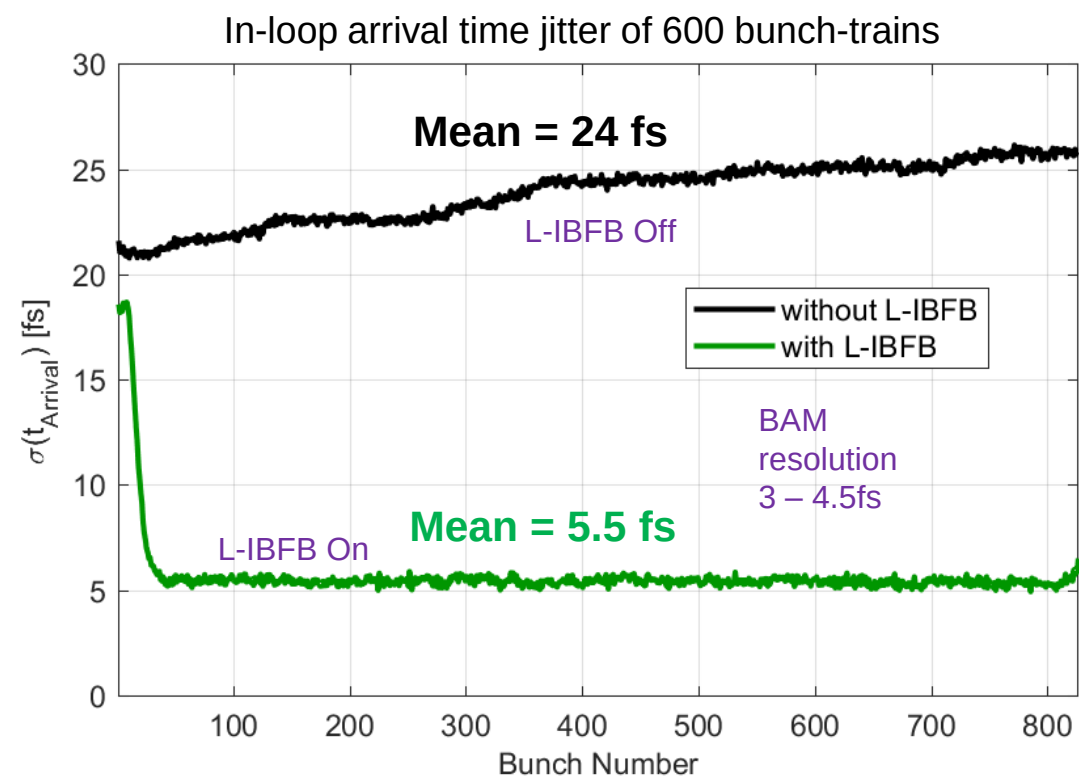
Figure 5: Data acquisition in pulsed and CW mode.

# Intra-Burst Arrival-time Stabilization

State-of-the-art, Suppression of RF field fluctuations within 25kHz BW.

- Energy corrections  $\sim 10^{-6}$  (e.g.  $\pm 5\text{MeV}$  @  $2.4\text{GeV}$ ),
- Adaptation time  $\sim 10\text{-}15\ \mu\text{s}$ ,
- Operation stable over days,
- Limited regulation range  $\rightarrow$  offset correction by slow feedbacks.

| Facility | Best   | Daily                         |
|----------|--------|-------------------------------|
| EuXFEL   | 3.3 fs | $\sim 4\text{...}5\text{ fs}$ |
| FLASH    | 4.7 fs | $\sim 6\text{ fs}$            |



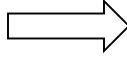


# Implications from Change to CW Mode @EuXFEL

## Beam-based Feedback Control to be Optimized for cw Operation.

**Macro-pulsed** : bursts @1..10Hz

high beam rep.rate >1MHz



**Pure cw:**

slow beam rep.rate <<1MHz



- Feedback implemented right now
  1. Slow drift compensation
  2. Adaptive to remove repetitive errors across burst
  3. Fast, intra-burst feedback
    - Acts in time domain. Measures bunch and corrects 2-5us later
    - Controller bandwidth up to 25kHz
    - Requires high sampling rate of bunches (>250kHz rep.rate)
    - → not applicable at <<250kHz bunch rep.rate.

- Requires different concept.

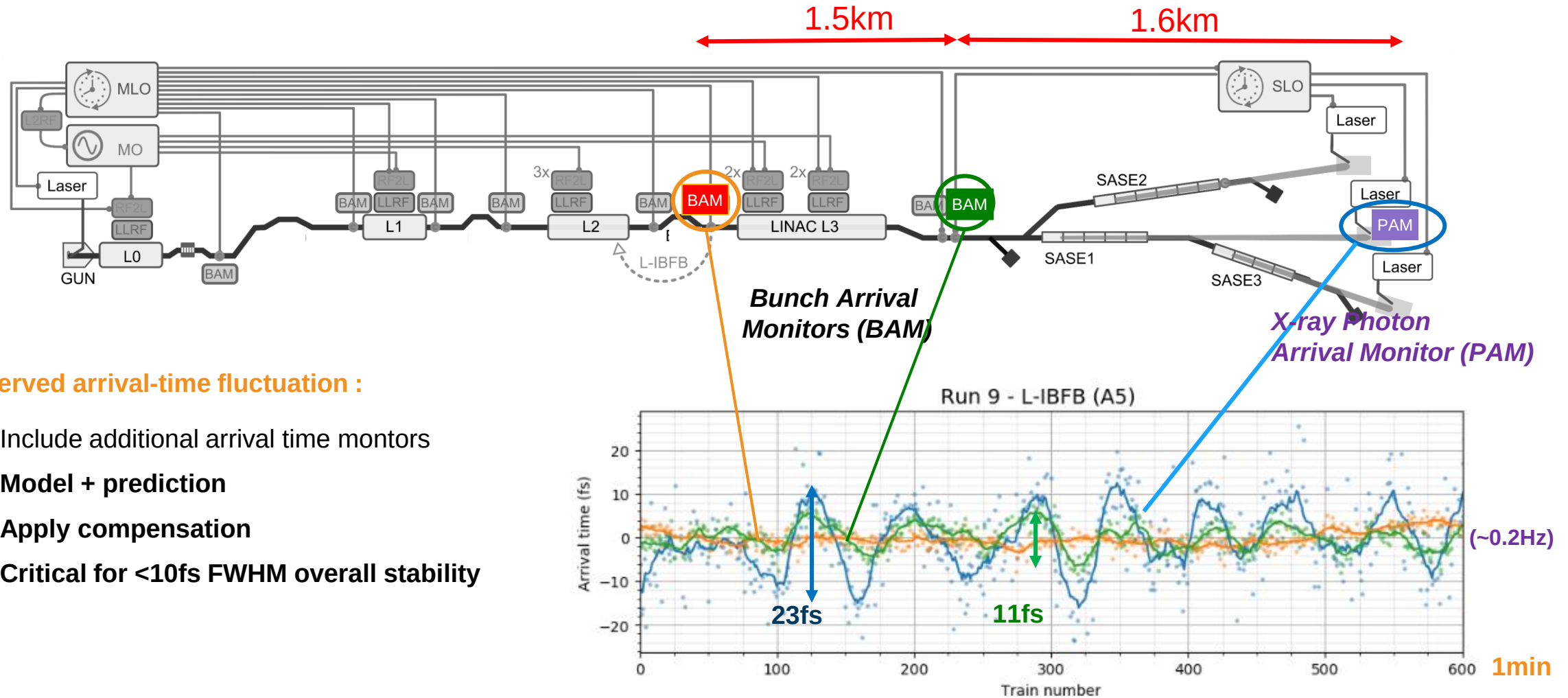
### Steps:

1. estimate RF performance → expected noise spectra
2. Model impact on beam stability; main contributions <100Hz?
3. Global controller / FFT (take advantage of continuous measurement)

Needs possibility for tests with beam

# Ocean Waves Appearing in Beam-based Measurements

Relative Arrival-time change requires compensation for high-precision pump-probe experiments.



## Observed arrival-time fluctuation :

- Include additional arrival time monitors
- Model + prediction
- Apply compensation
- Critical for <10fs FWHM overall stability

• autumn, Oct. 2020

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# Data Acquisition and Storage

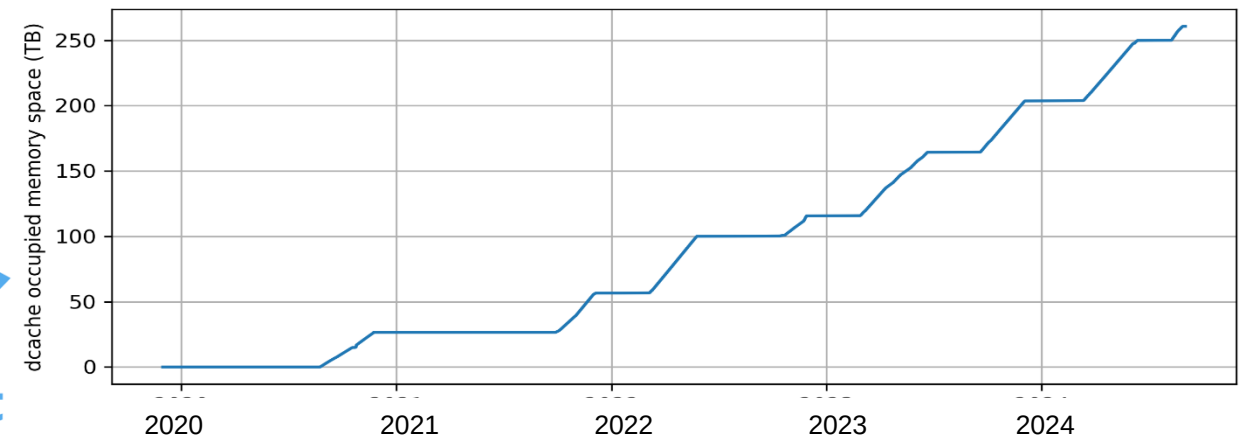
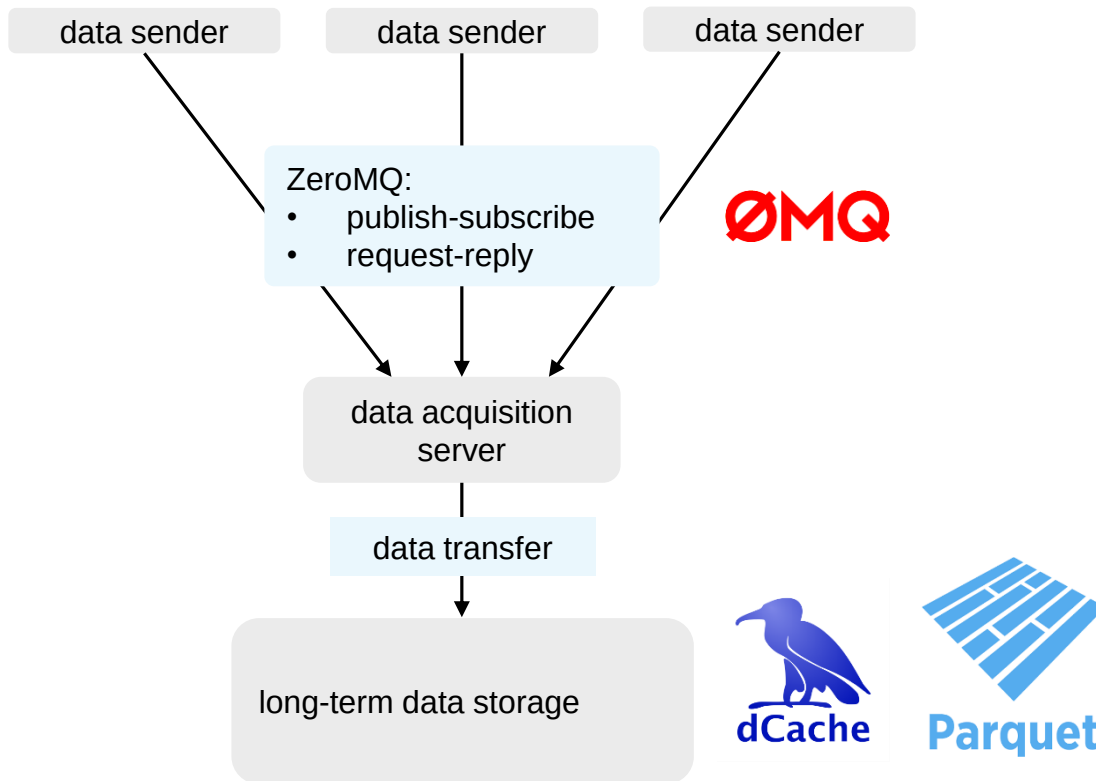
## Dedicated DAQ System for the Laser-Based Synchronisation System

- deep integration into the control system
- foundation of ML applications

- data sources **~47k control system channels**
  - controller I/O of all feedback systems
  - configuration
  - environment ( $T$ , relative humidity, air pressure)

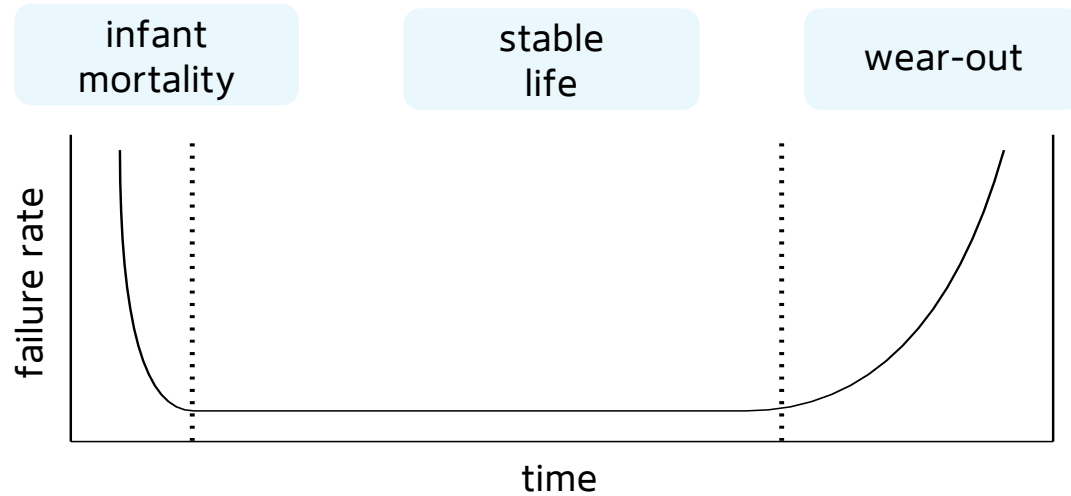
- dCache volume **~250 TB** since 2021

- 10 Hz acquisition rate
- daily 10-second long snapshots of “fast” data
- → 5-day ring buffer of full fast data set of select subsystems, e.g. MLO



# Data-Driven Condition Monitoring

## The Bathtub Curve – Failure Rates Over the Lifetime of a System



### Typical Life-time of a System

#### a) infant mortality phase

- manufacturing defects, installation issues

#### b) stable life phase

- low and stable failure rate, random/unexpected failures due to sudden, not age-related events

#### c) wear-out phase

- aging effects, components wearing out

### Goals

#### Enhance reliability

- early fault detection,
- consistent performance,
- extended lifespan

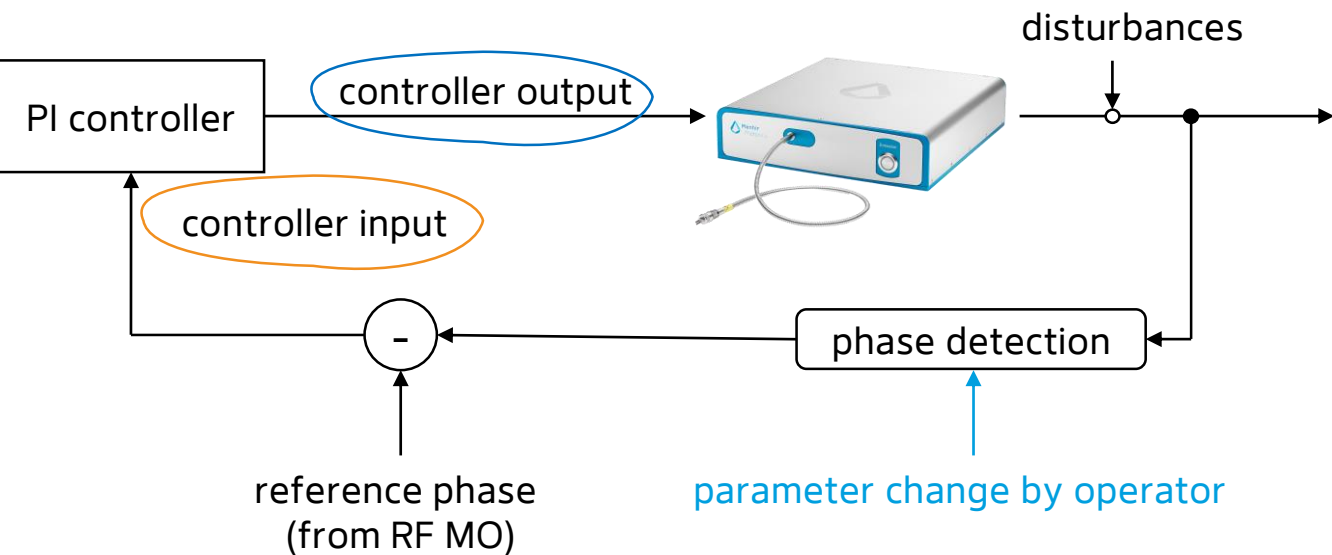
#### Ensure availability

- minimisation of unplanned downtime,
- avoidance of unnecessary maintenance activities

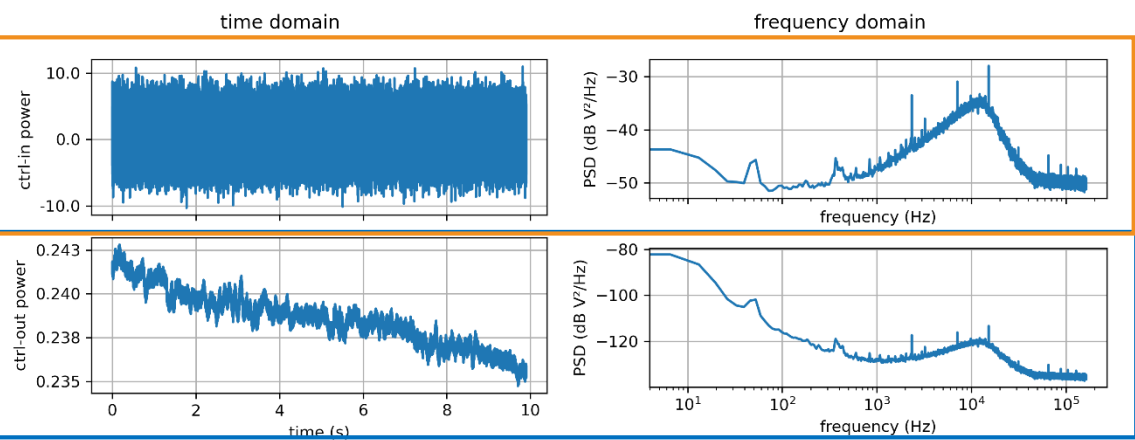


# Project : Fault Analysis & Classification of States

## Example: Main Laser Oscillator PLL Signal



- difference w.r.t. *ground truth*
- ground truth / healthy state
  - defined by operator
- problem: external influence
  - metadata capturing
- **work in progress**



**CNN  
autoencoder  
(trained)**

| class         | certainty     |
|---------------|---------------|
| healthy       | health score  |
| fault class 1 | class 1 score |
| fault class 2 | class 2 score |
| fault class 3 | class 3 score |
| ...           | ...           |

# Developments & Status

## Potential for Cooperation

On-going; 1<sup>st</sup> demonstrator done.  
Now technical realization & improvement.  
→ Will benefit from more tests at different facilities



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B. Bunch compression monitors,

In preparation; detector development.  
Funding proposals submitted.



### 2. Beam-based Feedbacks

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On-going. Based on extensive previous work.  
→ One of our focuses in next 2-3y



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of sub-Hz disturbance

Work in progress.  
First demonstration done,  
for a tidal-wave drift mitigation.



### 3. Synchronization System

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B. Data-driven improvements of algorithms,  
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Work in progress. → large overlap and benefit from  
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Work in progress.



Feasibility study needed.  
Might be of mutual interest.



### 4. Proposed : Photon Arrival time Monitor @1550nm

**Thanks for your attention**