

# Timing System at KEK 8-GeV Linac

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The timing system of the KEK electron linac has been restructured for the KEKB project since a higher precision was required compared with the previous project. It provides precise timing signals for accelerator equipment such as guns, rf sources, beam instrumentation, etc. along the 600-m linac. The signals can be synchronized to one of three rings, KEKB, PF and PF-AR. The clock system consists of five synchronized frequencies to drive different rf systems. The main clock of the timing system is 571.2MHz, which is distributed through a coaxial cable overwrapped with timing pulses. The delayed signals for over 100 devices are generated at 15 timing stations along the linac. Gate pulses are also distributed to enable intermittent measurement, etc. Timing signals are controlled through VME and CAMAC with the linac standard control architecture. The delay step of the timing signals is 1.75 ns and the precision is better than 5 ps depending on the location. It enabled stable long-term operation of the linac and also the recent "two bunch in a pulse" operation with its precise controls.

# Introduction

## ◆ Experiment Efficiency for B-Factory

KEKB Electron Positron Asymmetric Collider

⇒ Stable Operation of Linac

Further Improvement

with **2-bunch** and **Continuous Injection**

## ◆ Timing System

High Precision Injection Timing (<30ps, Single Bunch)

Timing Controls for **SLED** and 2-bunch Inj.

More than **100** Timing Devices along 600m

## ◆ Frequent **Beam Mode Switch** (~50 Times a Day)

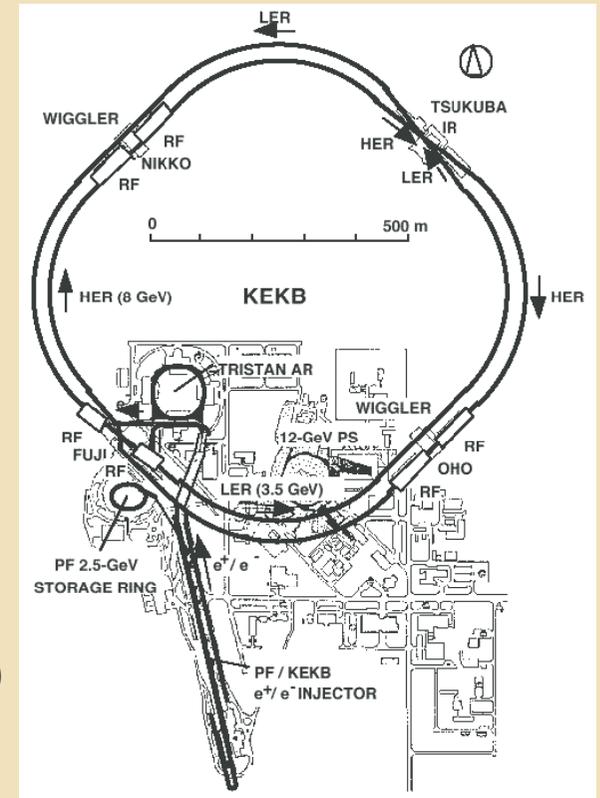
KEKB e<sup>-</sup> 8 GeV 1.2nC Single Bunch

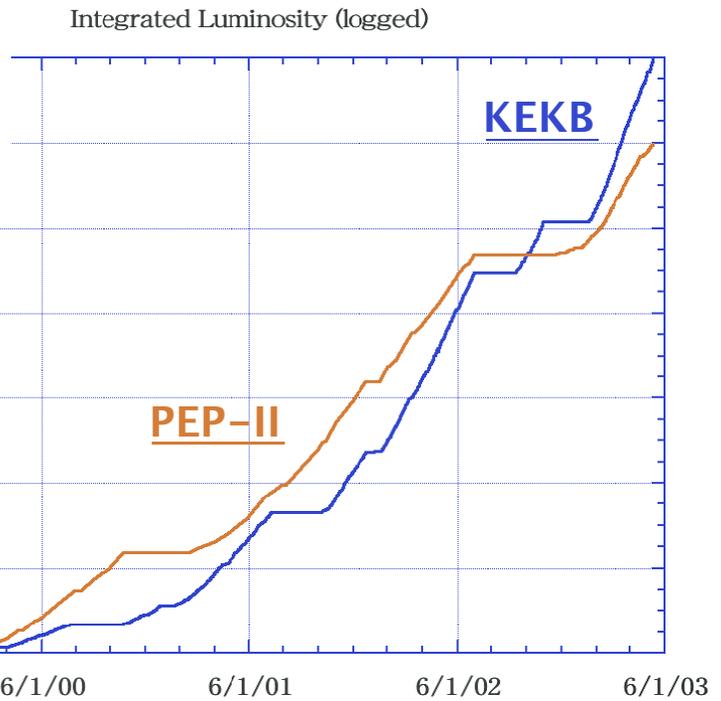
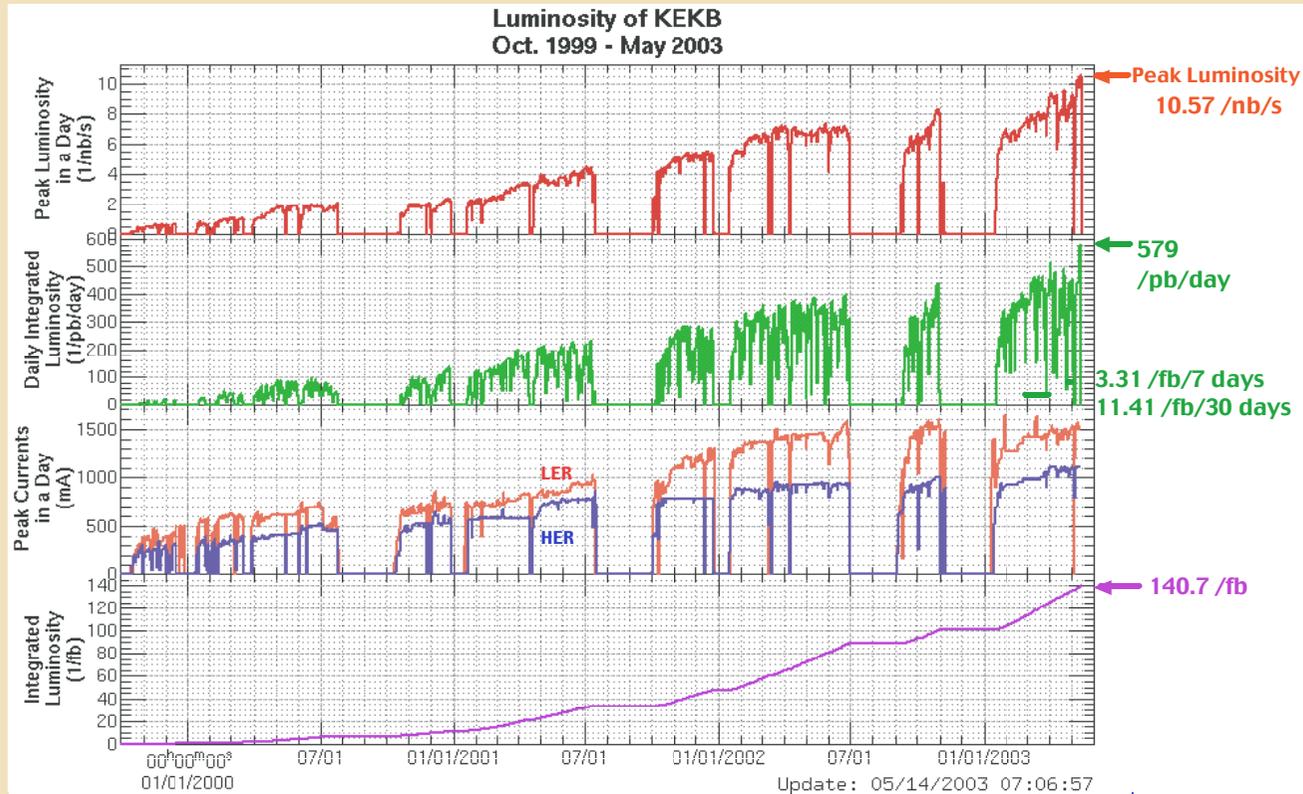
KEKB e<sup>+</sup>, 3.5 GeV 0.64nC **Single Bunch** with/without 2 Bunch Injection

(Primary e<sup>-</sup> 10nC)

PF e<sup>-</sup> 2.5 GeV 0.3nC Multibunch

PF-AR e<sup>-</sup> 2.5/3.0 GeV 0.3nC Multibunch





◆ KEKB Performance

Good Competition  
with PEP-II

# Timing System of Injector Linac

## ◆ Timing Delivery for

- ◆ Beam from Electron Gun
- ◆ Pulsed Microwave Generation, Envelope, SLED Energy Doubler
- ◆ Timing for Beam Instrumentation
- ◆ Injection Timing, Kicker/Septum Trigger

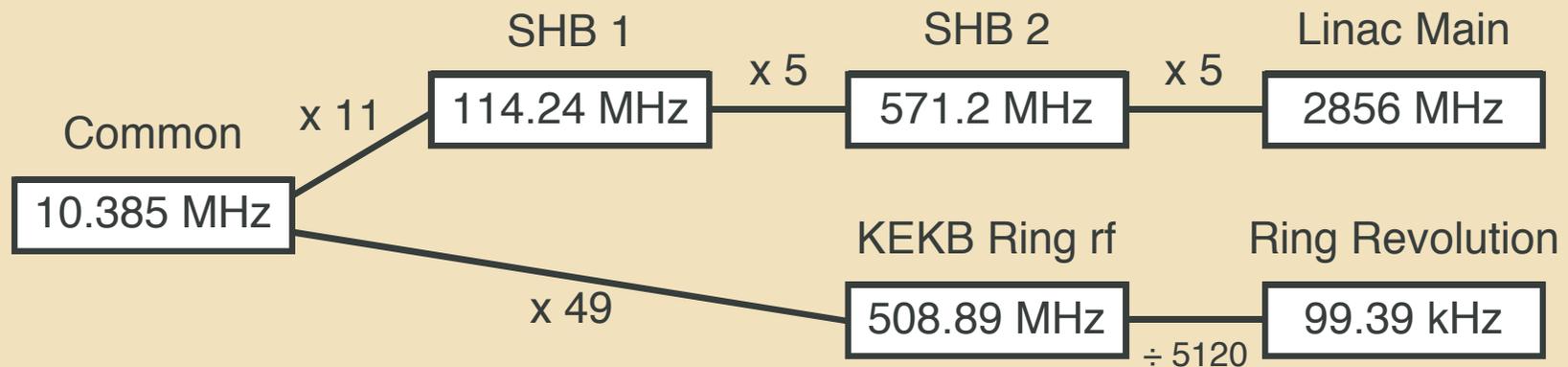
## ◆ Components Provide

- ◆ Generation of Base Clocks
- ◆ Distribution of Timing Signal
- ◆ Generation of **Hundreds of Delayed Signals**  
at **15 Timing Stations**

- ◆ with Good Collaboration between Several Equipment Groups

# Generation of Base Clocks

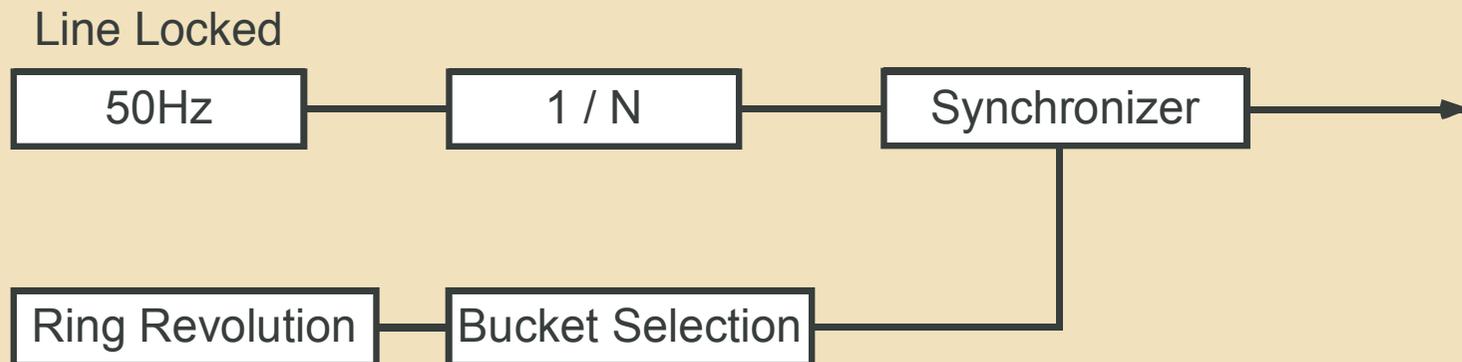
- ◆ (300ps Jitter was Allowed in Previous Project TRISTAN Asynchronous rf between Linac and Ring)
- ◆ In KEKB, **Single Bunch Beam with Jitter <30ps Required**  
⇒ Need Integer Relation between rf Frequencies



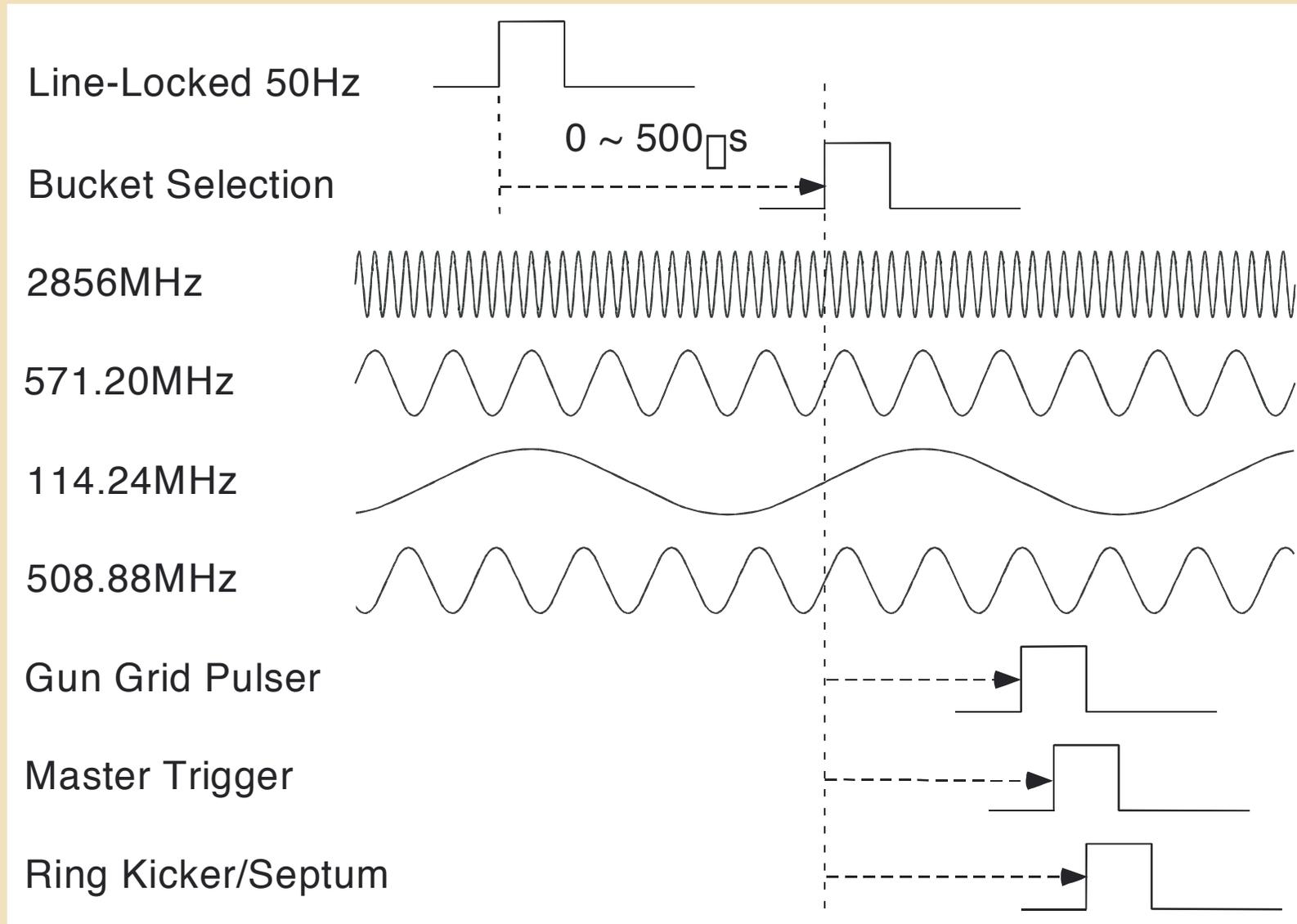
- ◆ All rf and Timings should be Based on  
Common Fundamental Frequency 10.385 MHz
- ◆ Freq. Multiplier/Divider was Developed for these rfs

# Beam Timing

- ◆ Beam Timing is Synchronized to Both
  - Power Line Frequency (50Hz) (for Noise Elimination)
  - Revolution Frequency of Each Ring (with Bucket Selection)
- ◆ For Bucket Selection in KEKB Injection
  - Synchronizing Also to Common Freq. (10.39MHz)
  - (With Maximum Delay of 0.5ms for 5120 Buckets)
- ◆ Can Reduce to  $1/N$  Rate



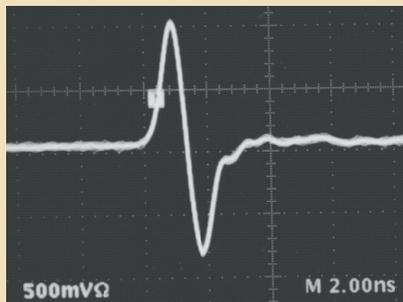
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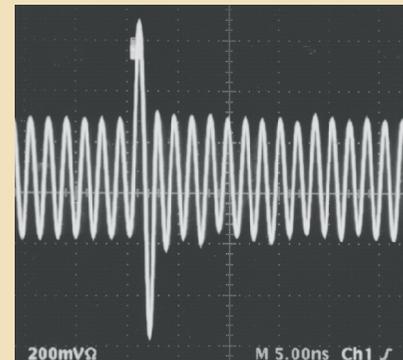
# Distribution of Timing and Clock

- ◆ Required High-precision Timing at each Equipment  
Different Requirement depending on Equipment  
Precision <10ps, 1ns, 10ns; Step ~1ns
- ◆ Distribute Clock (571.2MHz) for Delay Counters
- ◆ Over the Same Cable with High Band-width
- ◆ 15 Timing Stations

Mono-Pulse Beam Timing

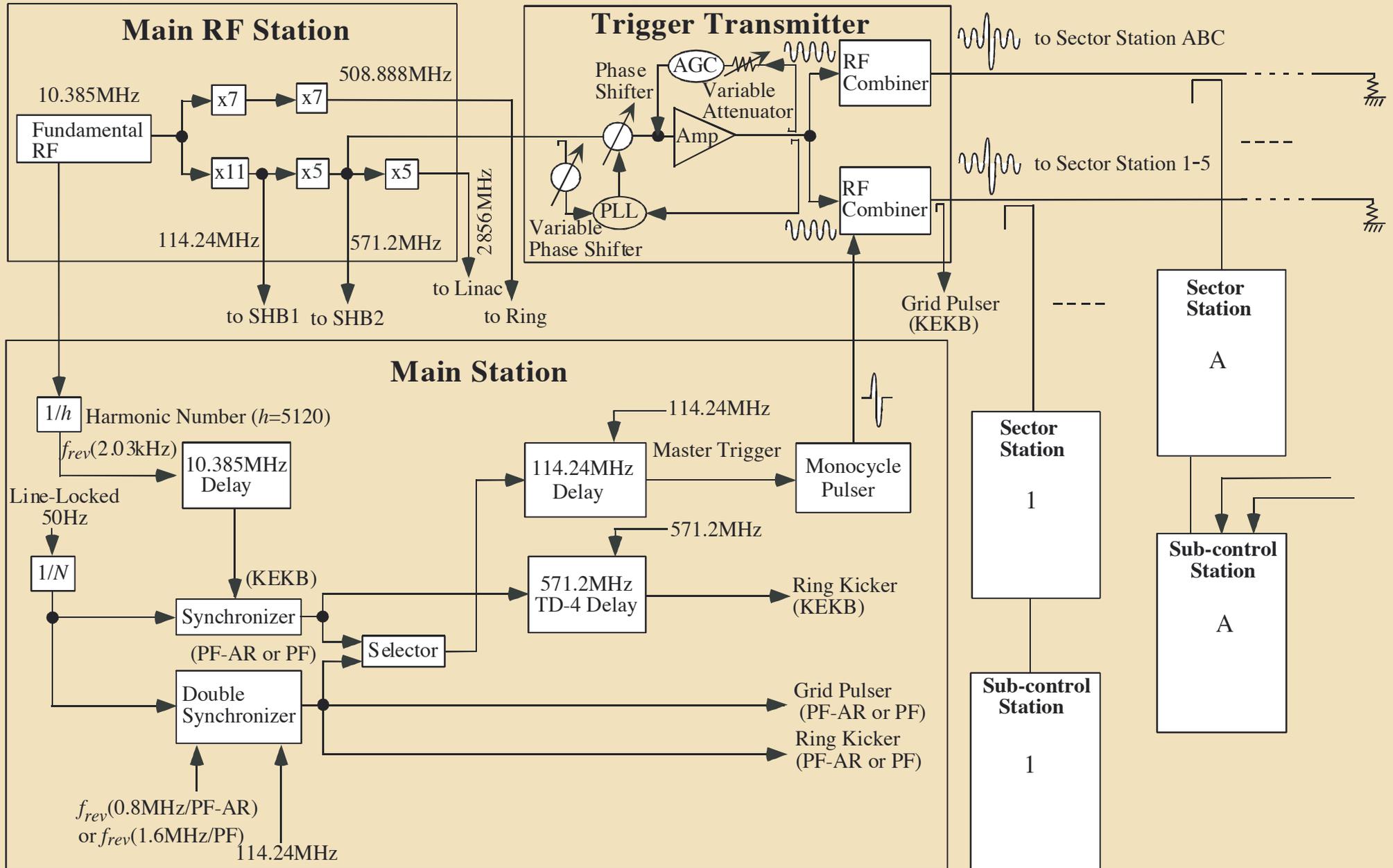


Overwrap with Clock (571.2MHz)



- ◆ Re-Generate Timing and Clock at each Station

# Simplified Block Diagram

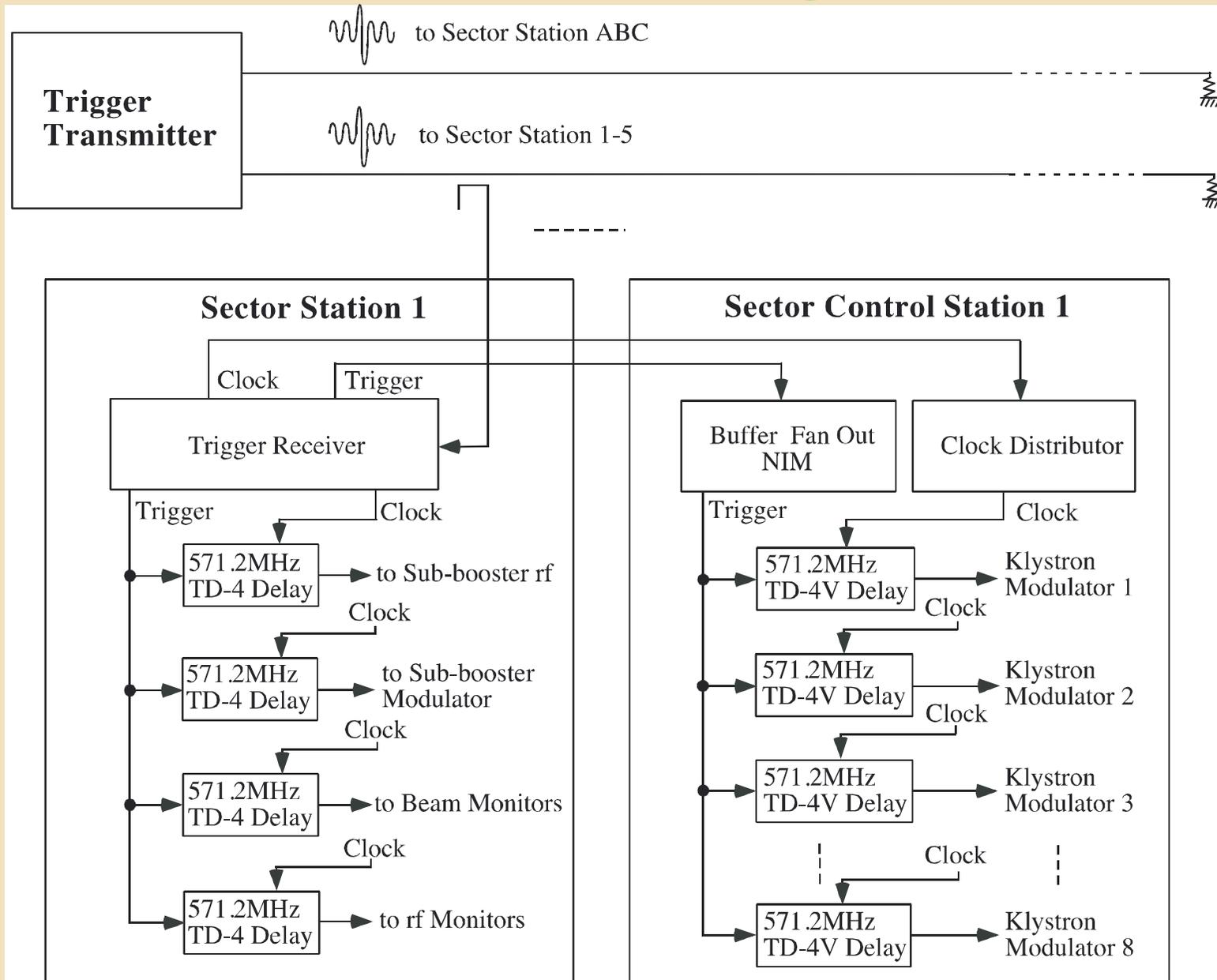


# Timing Station

- ◆ Main Station and 15 Sub-Stations
- ◆ Main Station Generates Base Signals and Distributes them
- ◆ Sub-Stations Generate Delayed Timings
- ◆ TimingDelay4 (TD4) ECL 16bit Counter Delay (Max 114ns)
- ◆ Sub-Stations

Station	Beam Station	Primary Sub-Station	Secondary Sub-Station
Number	1	9	5
Receiver	TD4R	Trigger Receiver	-
Delay	TD4R	TD4	TD4V
Field Bus	RS232C	CAMAC	VME
Equipment	Beam Gun	Low-level rf Beam Monitor	Modulator

# Timing Transmission and Re-generation



# Pulsed Microwave Timing

## ◆ Low-level Microwave Timing

Pulse Envelope, SLED (rf Compressor) Phase Flip

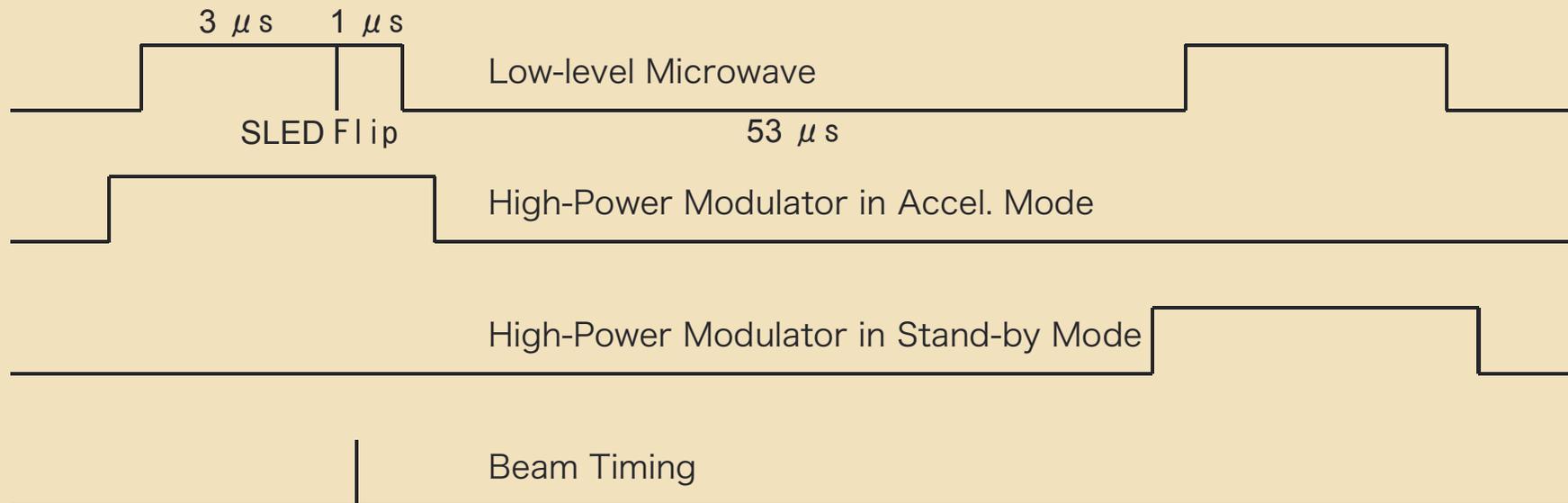
57  $\mu$ s Delayed Pulse for Stand-by rf Units

8 Sub-stations, 32 Timing Signals ( $\sim 1$  ns stability)

## ◆ High-power Klystron Modulator Timing

High-voltage Pulse Timing

6 Sub-stations, 59 Timing Signals



# Timing for Beam Instrumentations

## ◆ Streak Camera

Precision Much Better than 10ps  
4 Locations

## ◆ Beam Position Monitors

Precision Better than 1ns (Software Finds Real Peak Locations)  
19 Locations, 90 BPM's

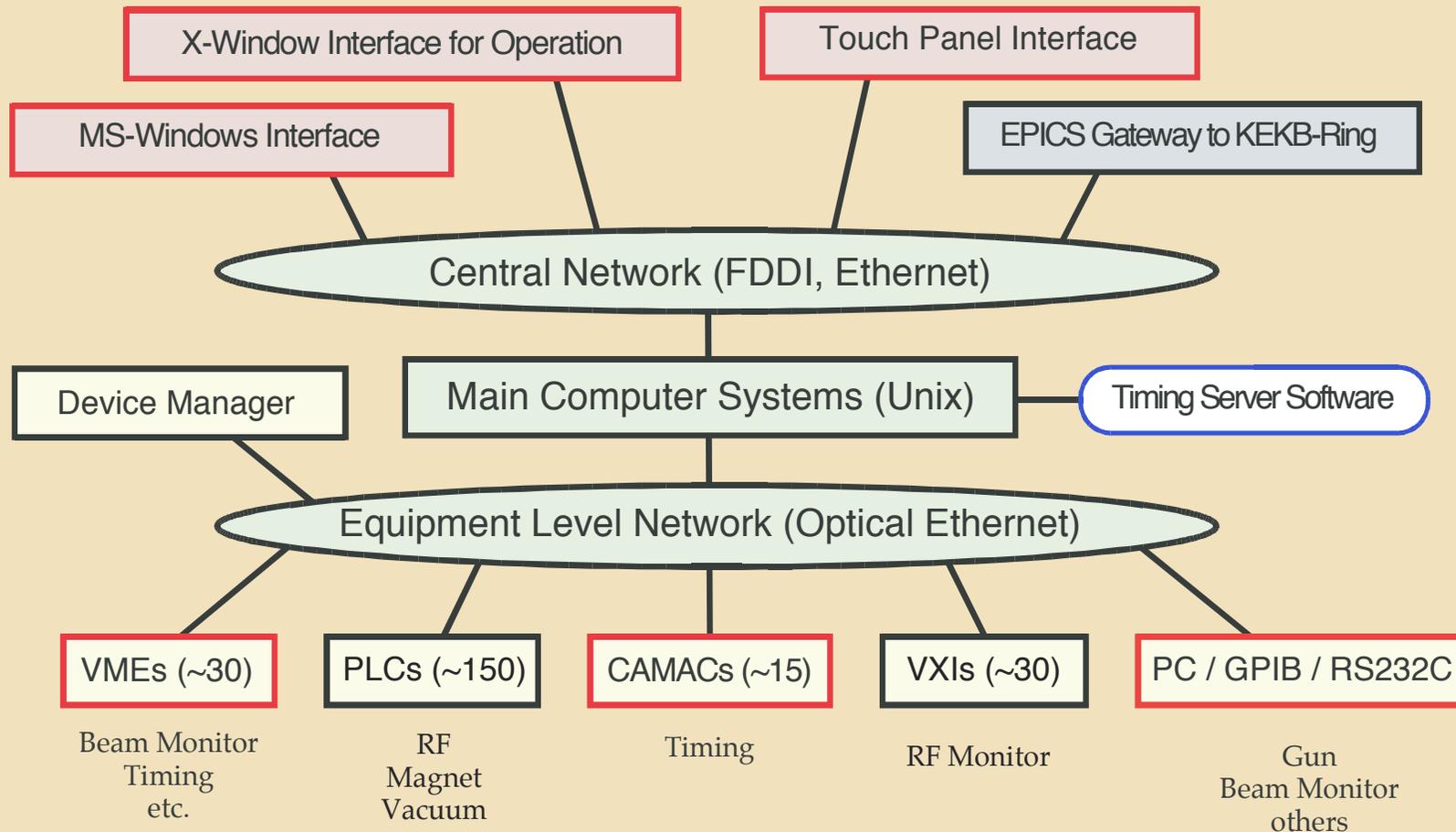
## ◆ Beam Wire Scanners

Precision Better than 1ns  
2 Locations, 14 Scanners

## ◆ Source and Beam-Induced Microwave Monitors

Precision Better than 1ns  
8 Locations, 30 Monitor Stations

# Control System

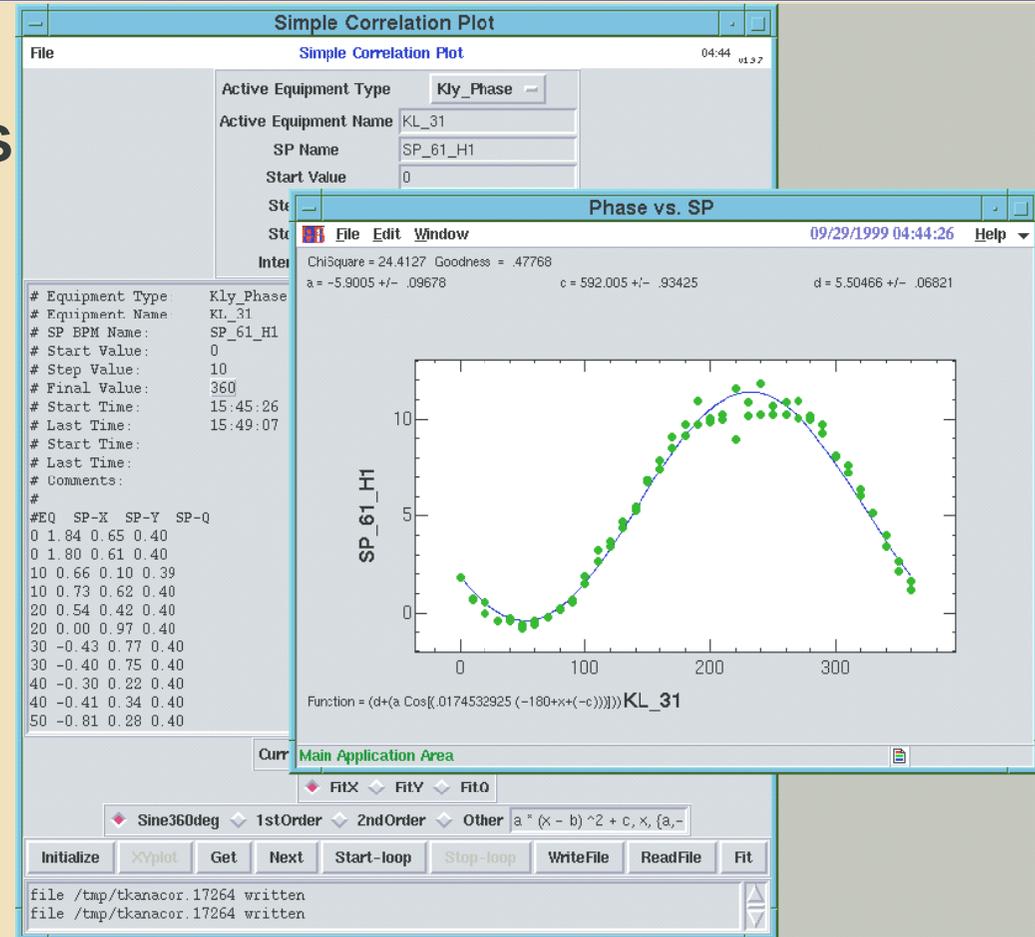


- ◆ Red and Blue Boxes are Timing System Related
- Multi-layer Software Hides Hardware Differences

# ◆ General Operation Tools can be Used with Timings

- ◆ Active Correlation Plot enables Automated Parameter Optimization

Passive Correlation Plots are also Used to Find Multi-Parameter Correlations



The screenshot shows the 'Linac Parameters' application. The main window displays a list of data files and their corresponding dates and times. The list includes: data257.all, data256.all, data255.all, data254.all, data253.all, last0kbe.all, last0kbp.all, data252.all, data251.all, last1kbe.all, data250.all, data249.all, data248.all, data247.all, and data246.all. The interface includes a menu bar, a list of parameters, and buttons for 'Show', 'QuickLoad', 'Load', 'Save', and 'Diff'.

- ◆ Equipment Parameter Save-Load Panel Has Many Optional Features

# Past Troubles

## ◆ Ethernet-CAMAC Driver Software (Hytec ECC)

Did not work well under Multi-server Multi-client Env.

Much Work-around Software was Written

## ◆ Very Low-rate Output Failure with TD4/TD4V

Comparator Chips for Input Discrim. and Output Width

Stop Output Signals for just 200ms

Rate was less than Once in 2 weeks

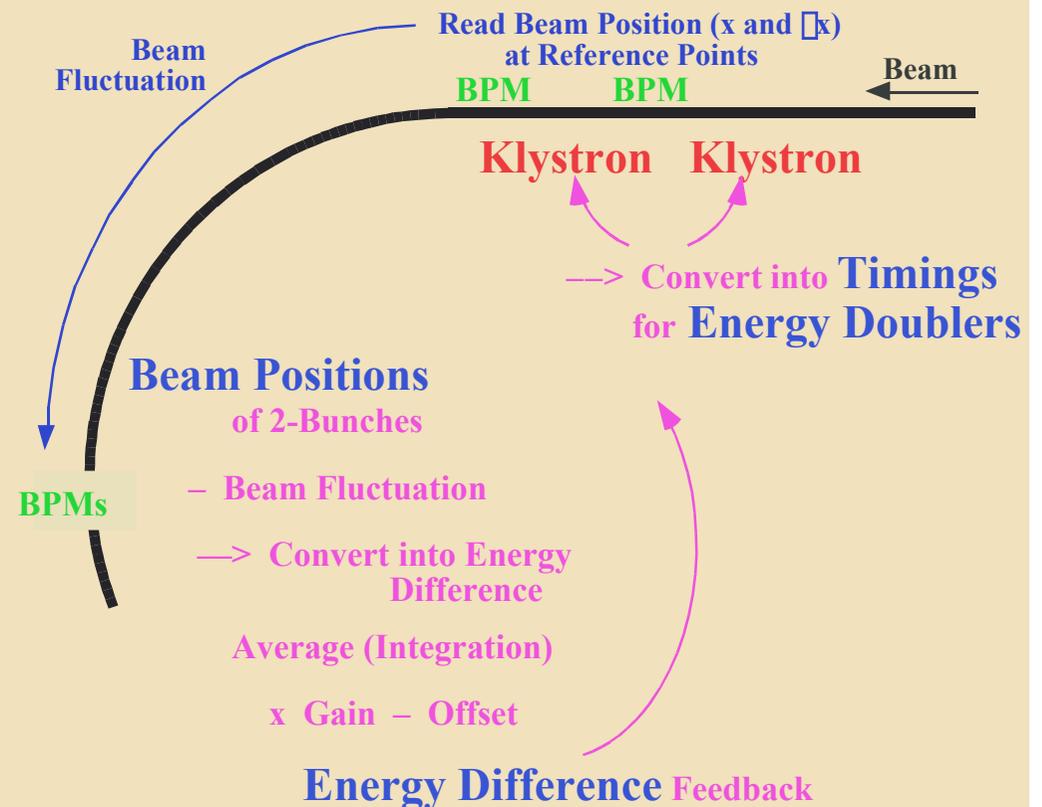
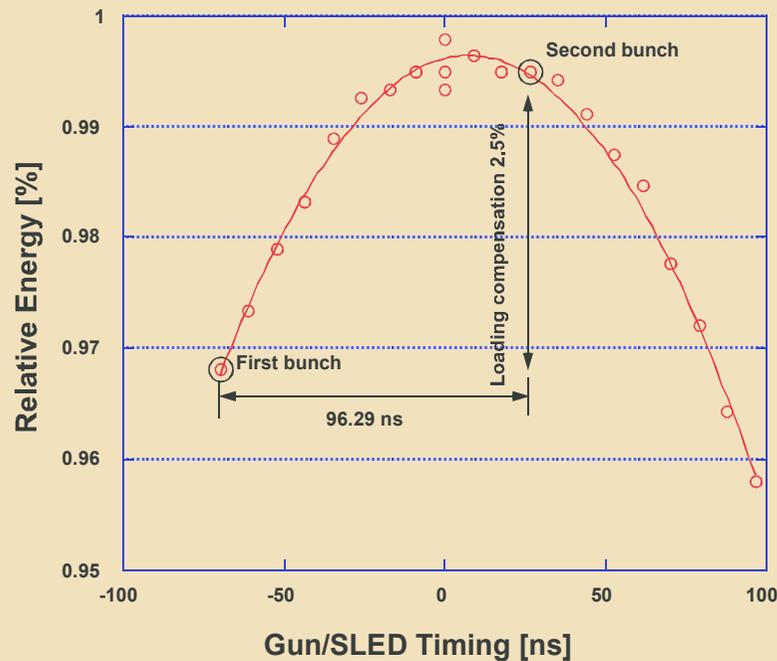
All Comparators were Replaced

# Bunch Energy Difference in 2-bunch Mode

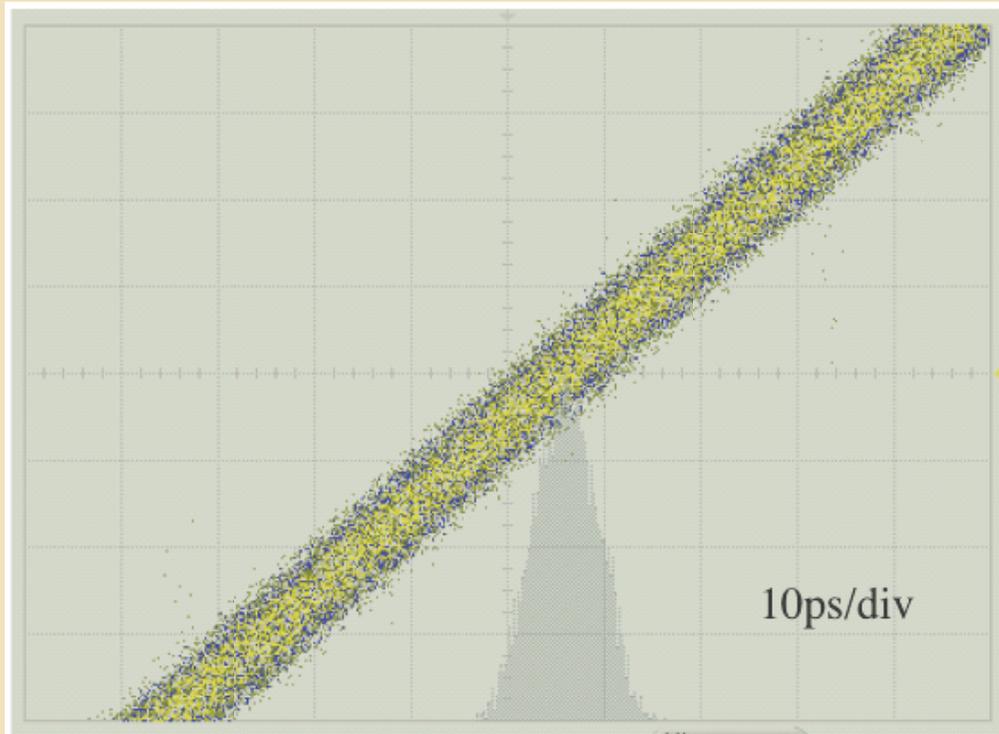
## ◆ Controls of Energy Difference with rf/SLED Timings

Energy Difference is Dependent on Bunch Current  
 (Primary e<sup>-</sup> 10nC, Secondary e<sup>+</sup> 1nC)

## ◆ Simple Stabilization Loop

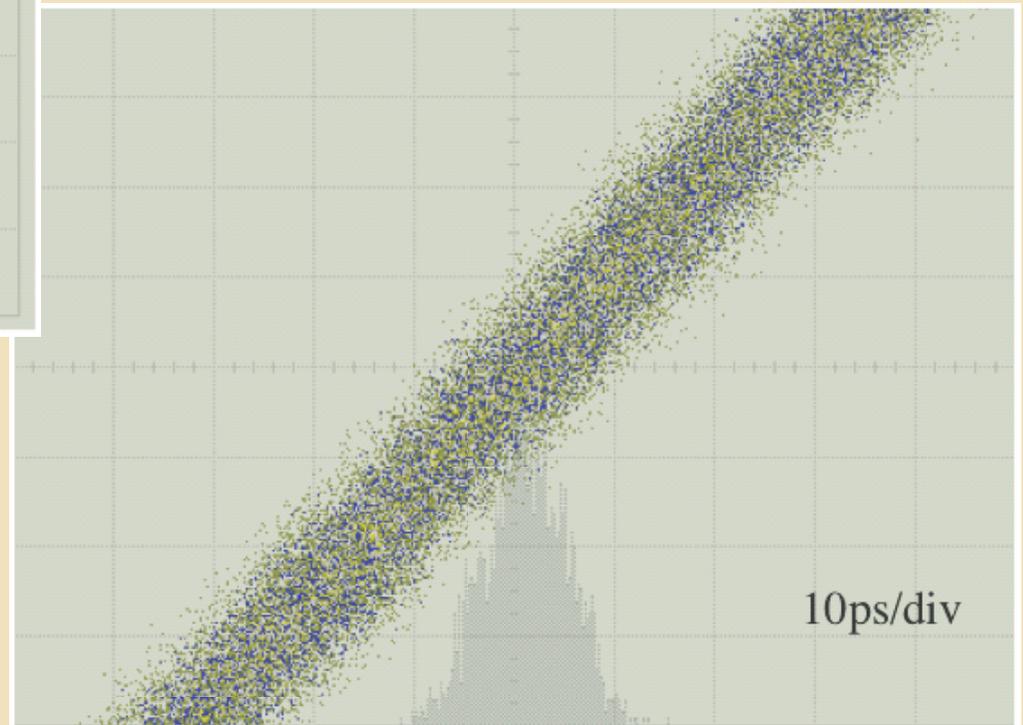


# Jitter Evaluation



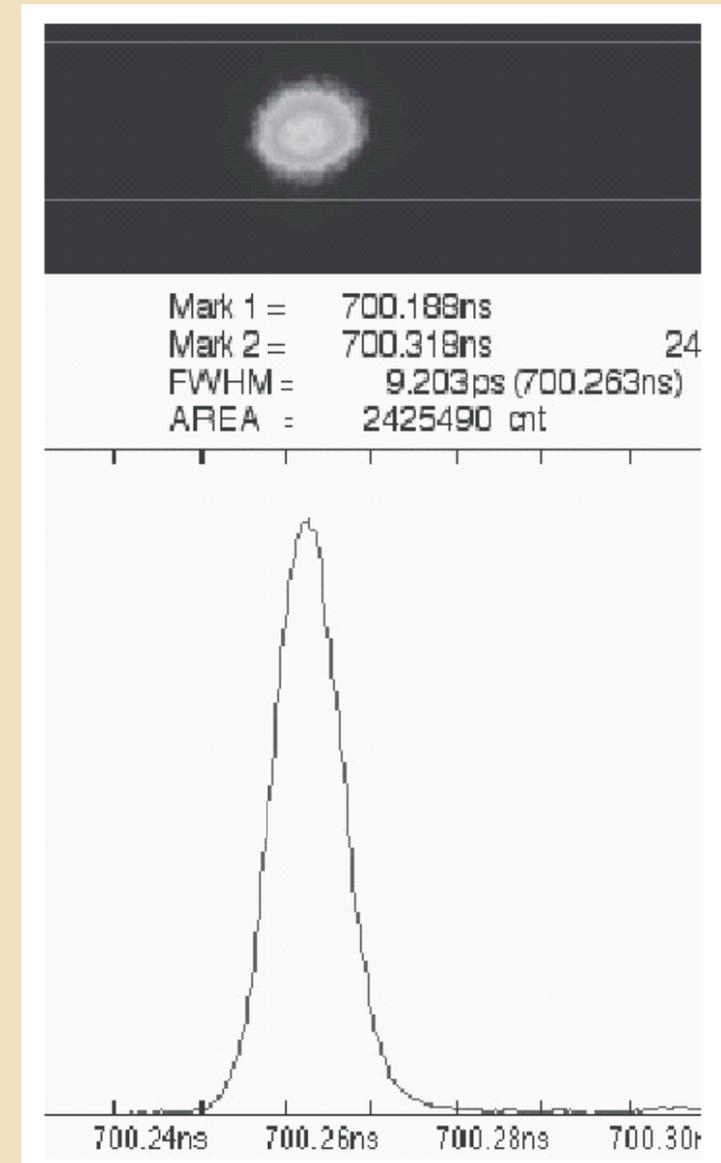
Single TD4  
<3ps rms

Turn Around Through  
Sector-5 ~400m x 2  
<4ps rms



# Conclusion and Future

- ◆ **Timing System Works as Expected**  
 Achieved Satisfactory Precision  
 Flexible Controls of >100 Delays
- ◆ **Performance of Timing System**  
 Based on Beam Width Meas.  
 Far Better than 10ps (~3ps)
- ◆ **Surveillance System**  
 Clock Phase Monitor Oscilloscope  
 TD4 Monitor with TDC
- ◆ **Improvement of Beam Operation**  
 50Hz Instrumentations  
 for Fast Beam Feedback etc.  
 Intermittent Beam Monitoring  
 Even During Continuous Injection



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