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# BEAM STUDIES AT PS: BEAM BREAK-UP INSTABILITY NEAR TRANSITION

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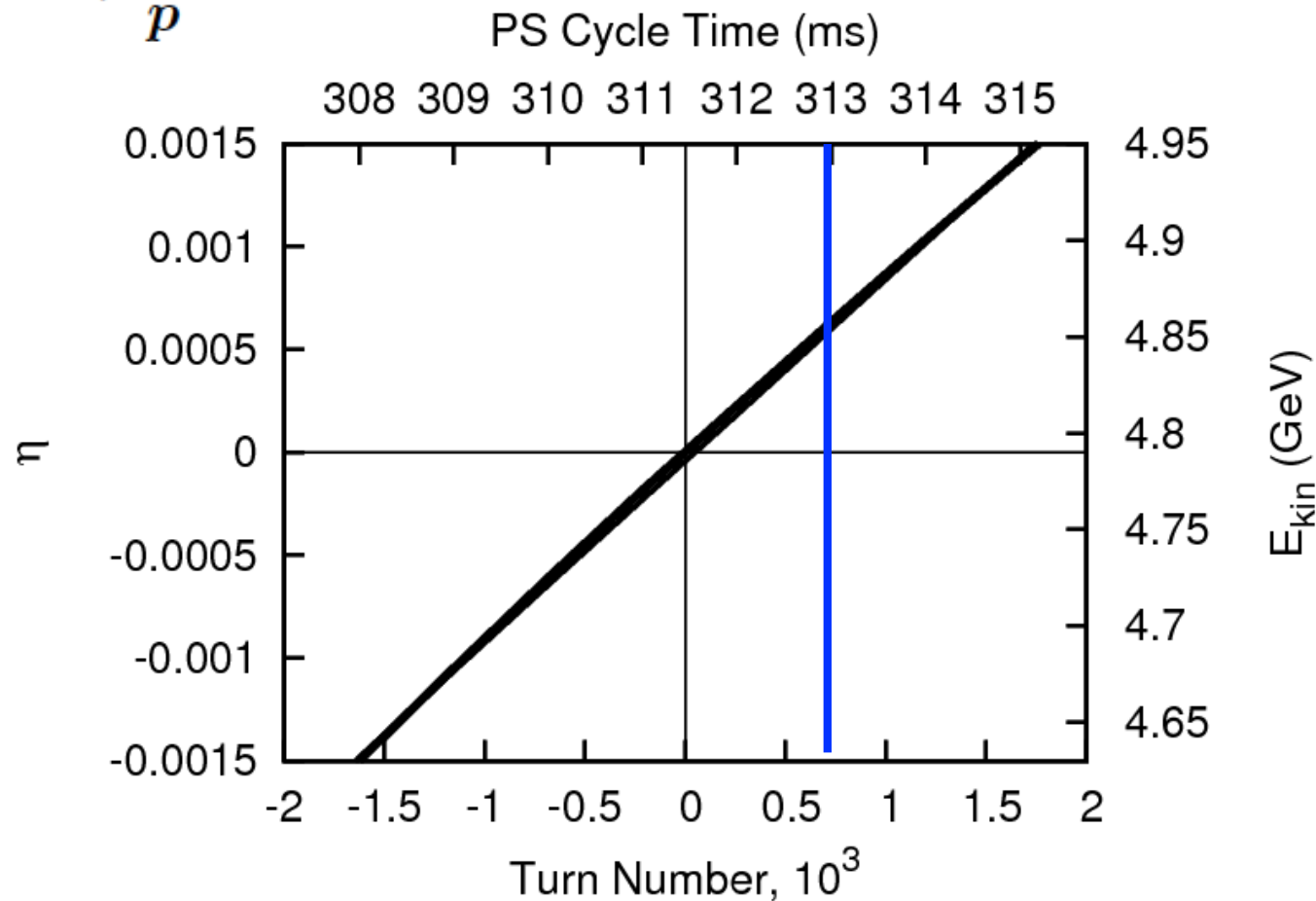
Machine operation:

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$$\eta = \frac{1}{\gamma_t^2} - \frac{1}{\gamma^2}$$

$$\frac{\Delta f_0}{f_0} = -\eta \frac{\Delta p}{p}$$

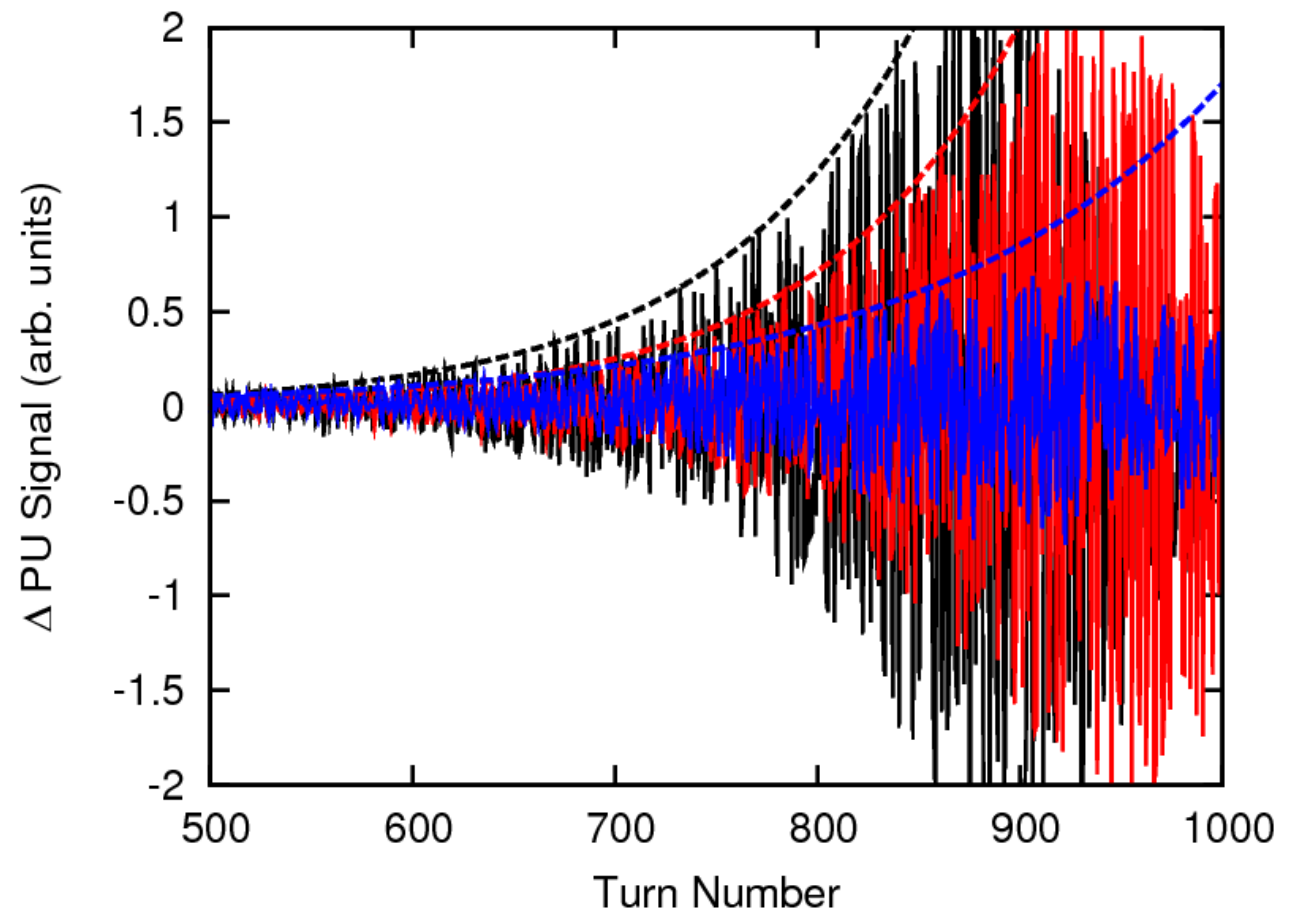
strong transverse oscillations  
and fast losses around C313ms



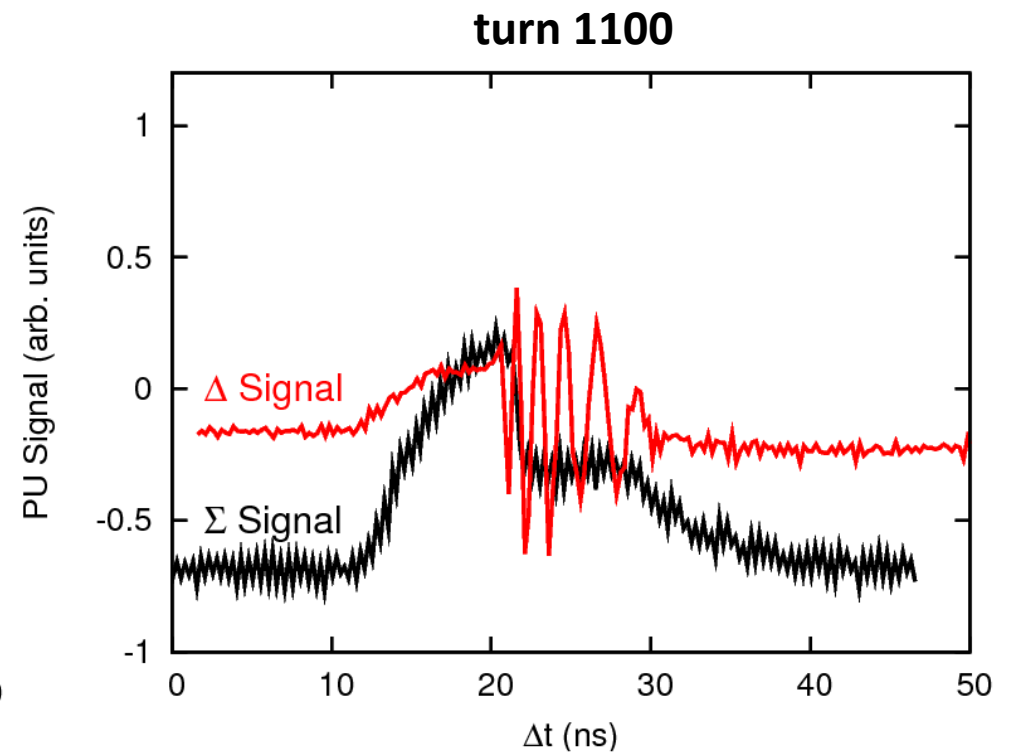
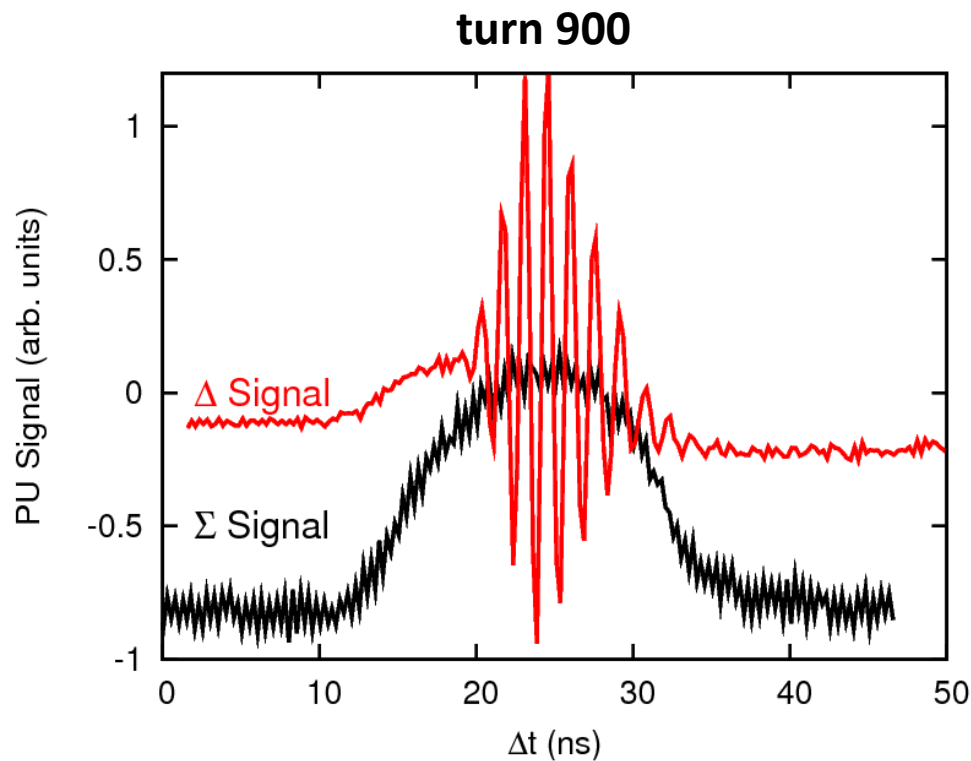
Scope Signal,  
triggered at C312ms

the growth rate varies,  
occurrence time not

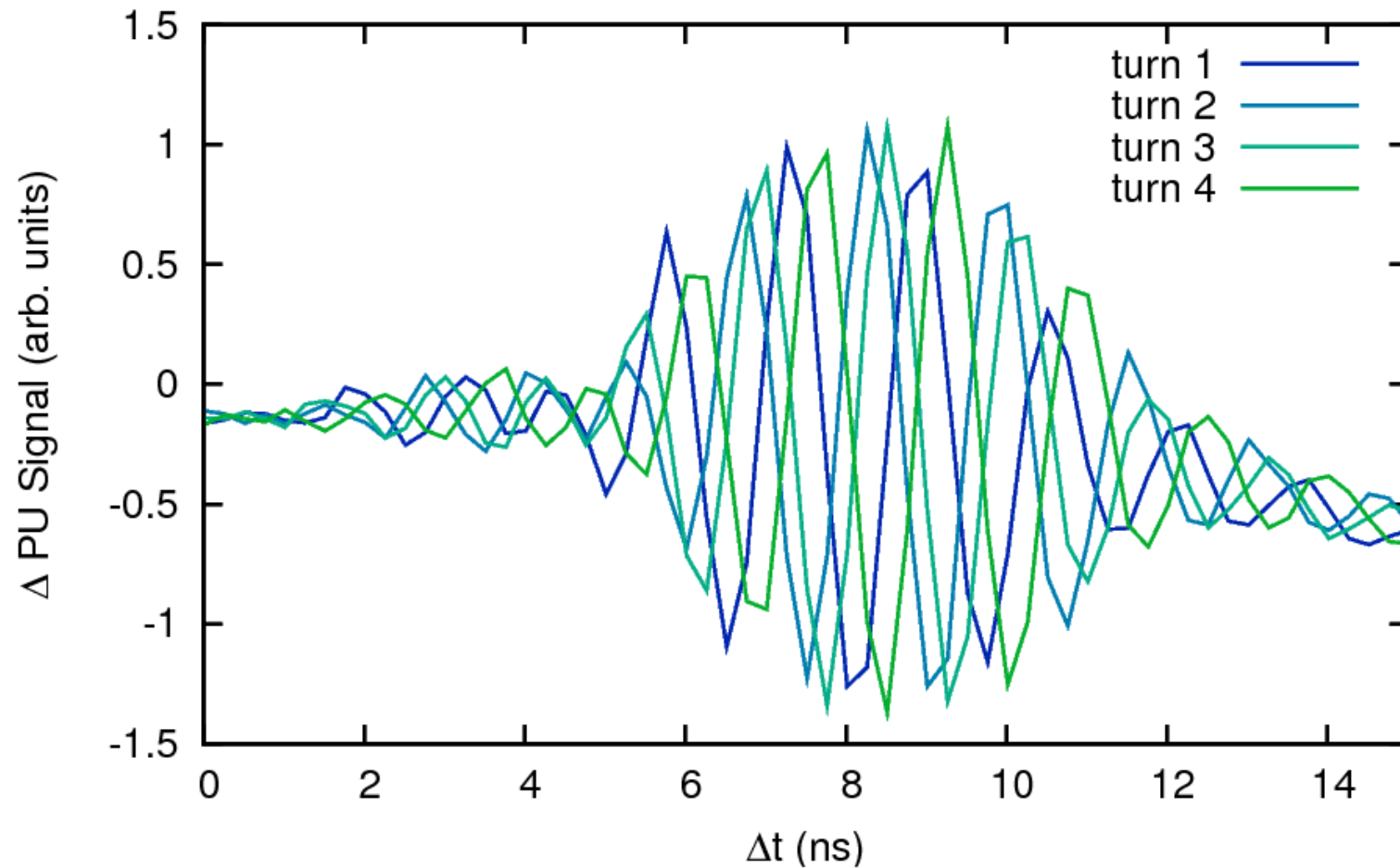
three shots for  
 $V_0=200$  kV  
 $N_p=107e10$  ppb



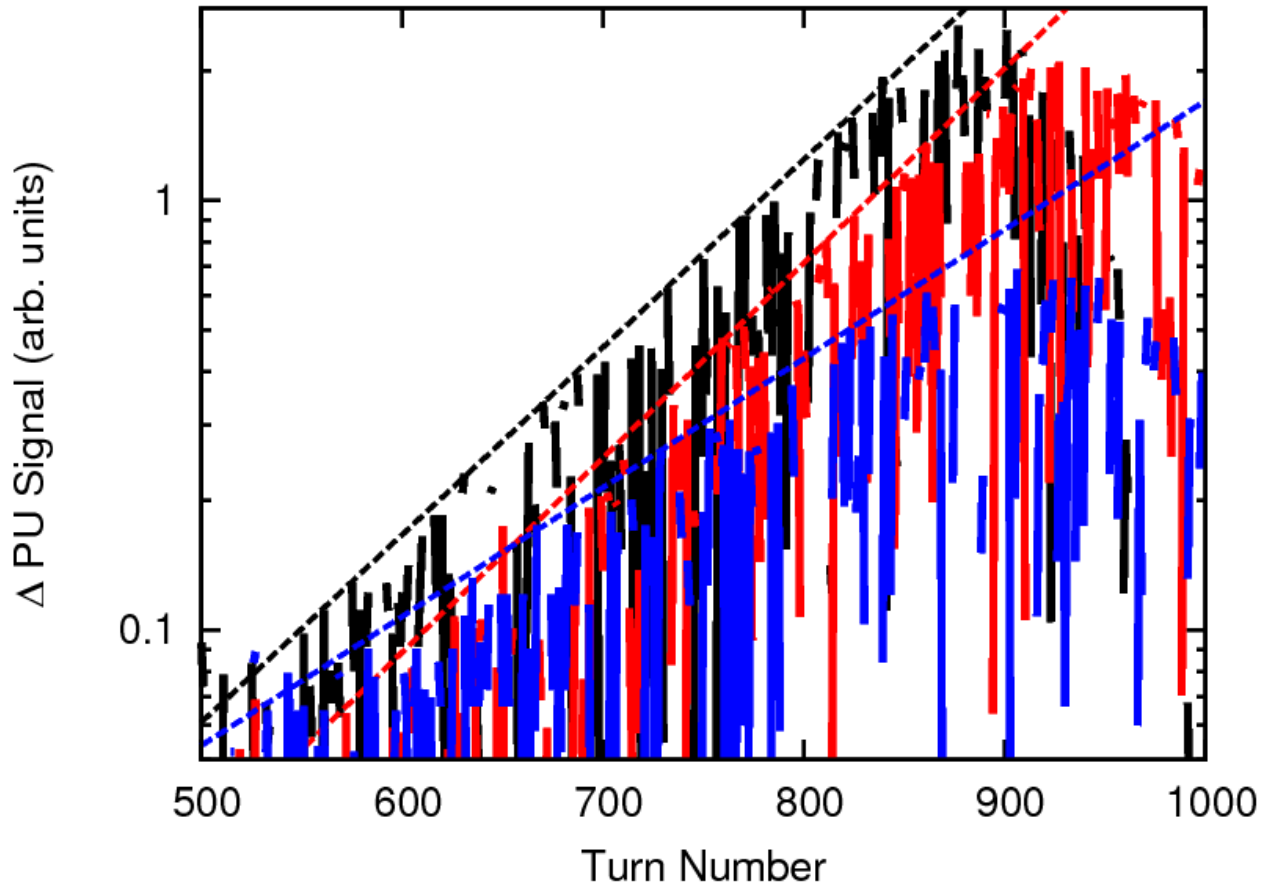
- high-frequency (0.7GHz) oscillations
- fast losses
- growth faster than the synchrotron motion, here  $\Delta Q/Q_s=11$



not a standing wave



$V_0=200$  kV  
 $N_p=107e10$  ppb  
 growth rates for the  
 three shots:  
 $\Delta Q=1.6e-3$   
 $\Delta Q=1.7e-3$   
 $\Delta Q=1.1e-3$   
 at  $\Delta t=24$ ns



Is it an unstable eigenmode?

The growth is exponential.

But: I choose plotting the signal at one point in the bunch.

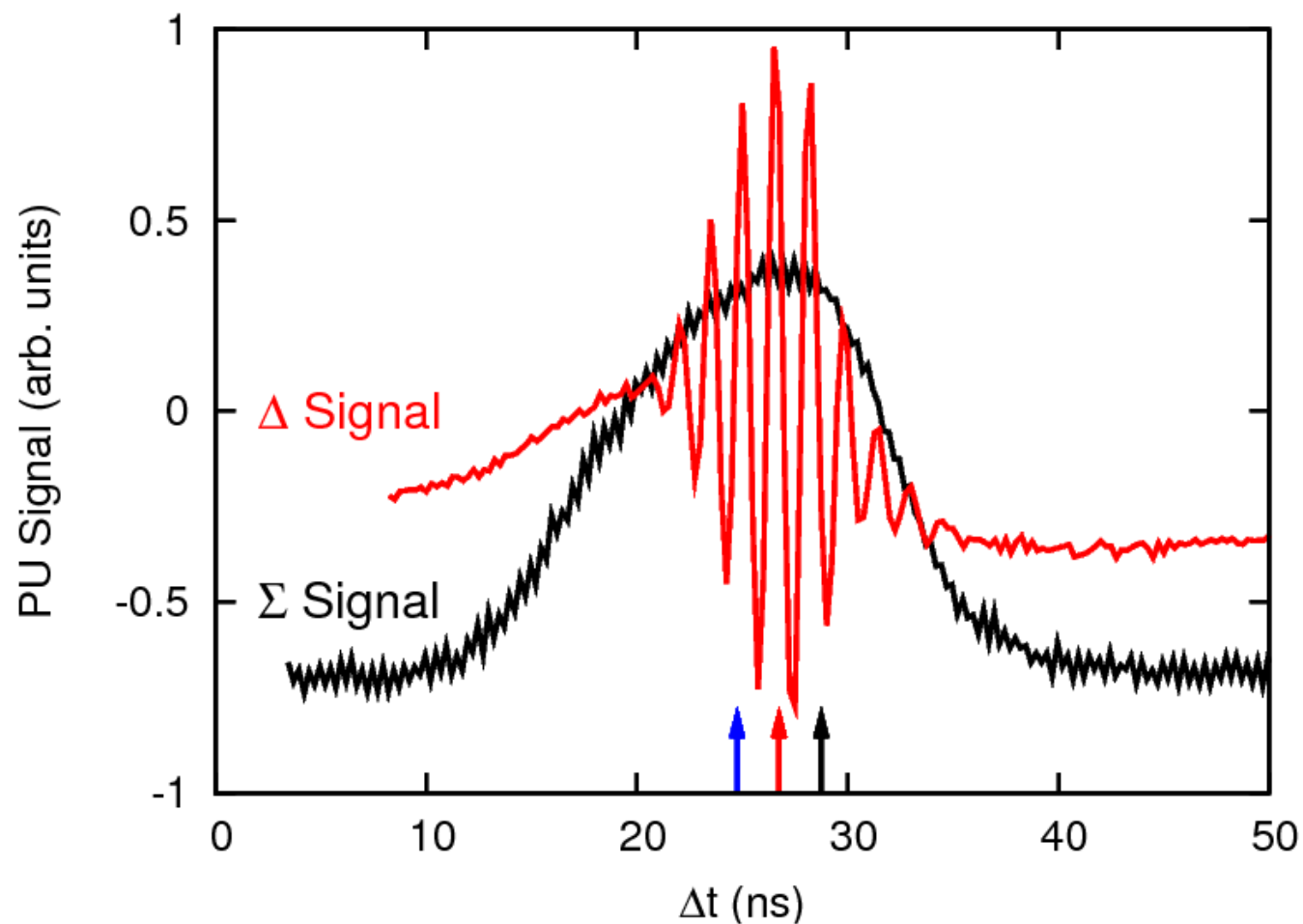
the reason?

# IS IT AN ABSOLUTE INSTABILITY?

$V_0 = 200$  kV  
 $N_p = 116e10$  ppb

If we look to the oscillations at:

- head part
- middle part
- tail part



$V_0 = 200$  kV

$N_p = 116 \times 10^{10}$  ppb

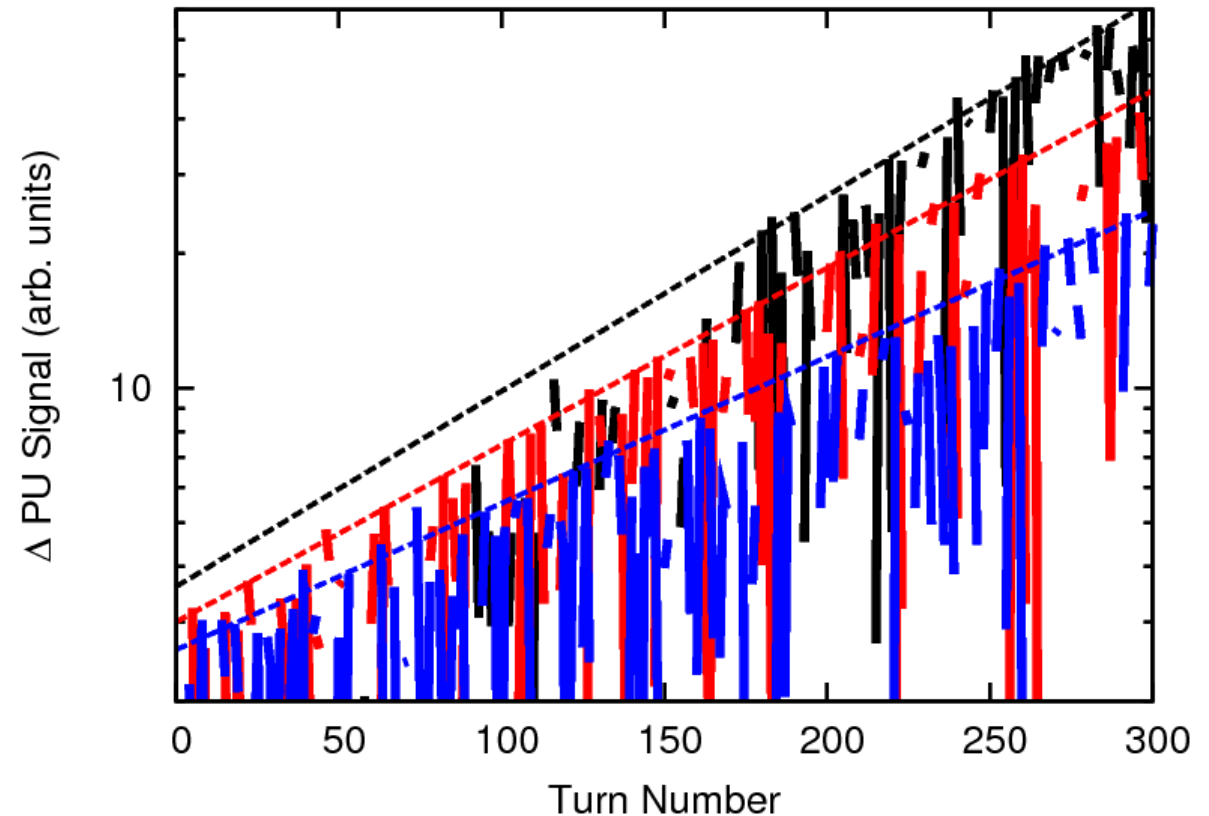
head:  $\Delta Q = 1.2 \times 10^{-3}$

middle:  $\Delta Q = 1.45 \times 10^{-3}$

tail:  $\Delta Q = 1.6 \times 10^{-3}$

shifted from C312

by 300 turns



General feature: at the head part  $\Delta Q$  is smaller  
 at the tail part  $\Delta Q$  is larger  
 the oscillation migrates towards tail  
 => This is probably not an unstable eigenmode



Under  $\Delta Q > Q_s$  there is no reinforcing mechanism, no clear exponential growth of an eigenmode. Thus: associated with the Beam Break-Up mechanism.

## BEAM BREAKUP INSTABILITY IN THE CERN PS NEAR TRANSITION

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### *Abstract*

Fast beam losses, due to a vertical coherent instability of high frequency, have been observed in the PS near transition energy, with the high-intensity single-bunch beam for the neutron Time-of-Flight facility (n-ToF). By increasing the longitudinal emittance, the beam could be stabilised. These phenomena can be described by the beam breakup theory, since near transition the longitudinal positions of particles are almost frozen, as in the linac case. Comparison between observations and theory, using Brandt and Gareyte's formula for single-bunch beam breakup in circular accelerators, shows good agreement.

### 1 INTRODUCTION

Several beam dynamics obstacles have been encountered during the setting-up of the high-intensity single-bunch beam for the n-ToF facility [1,2], and they were successfully cured to achieve the desired high bunch intensity of  $7 \times 10^{12}$  protons. One of them was a strong vertical instability near transition energy, already observed at a bunch intensity of  $3 \times 10^{12}$  protons and

the best case, or to beam losses in the worst. Figure 2 shows that some particles are lost, and that they correspond to the particles with the largest vertical oscillations in Figure 1. The relevant beam and machine parameters are collected in Table 1.

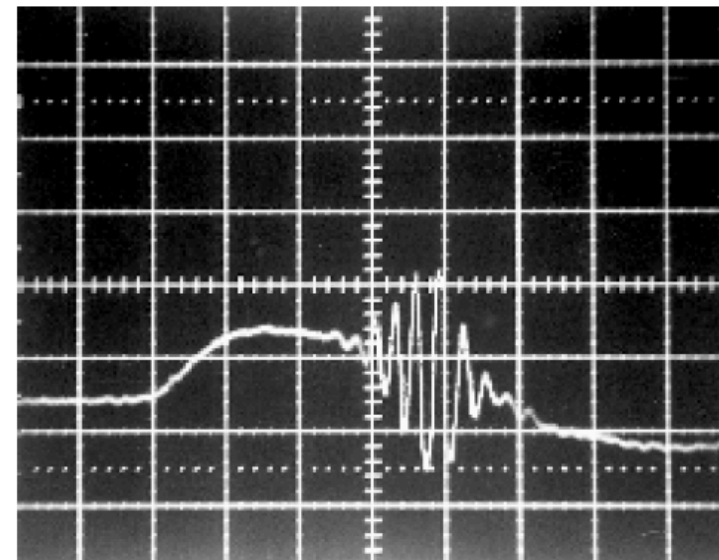
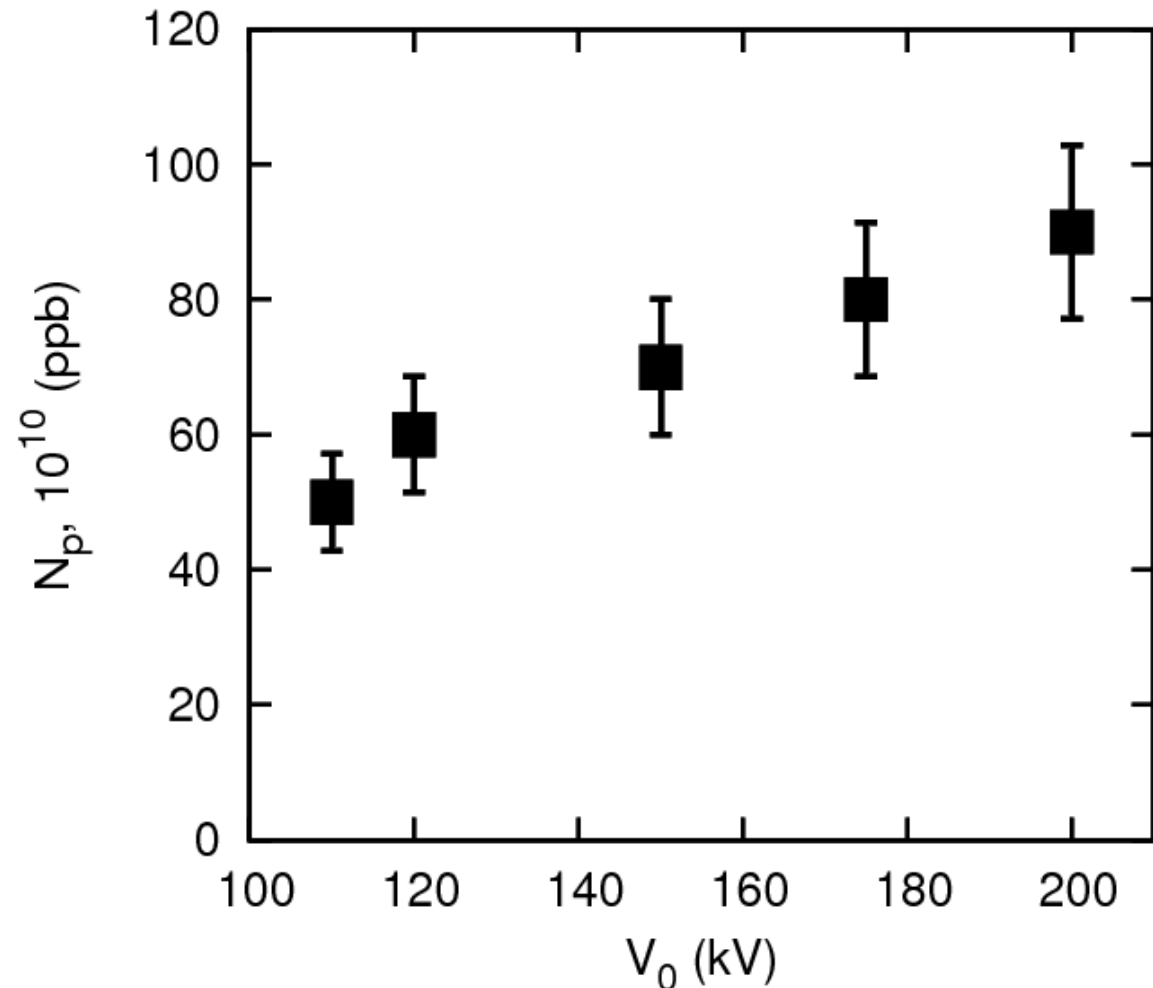


Figure 1: Single-turn signal from a vertical beam position monitor (the bandwidth is 100 kHz-500 MHz). The time scale is 5 ns/div.

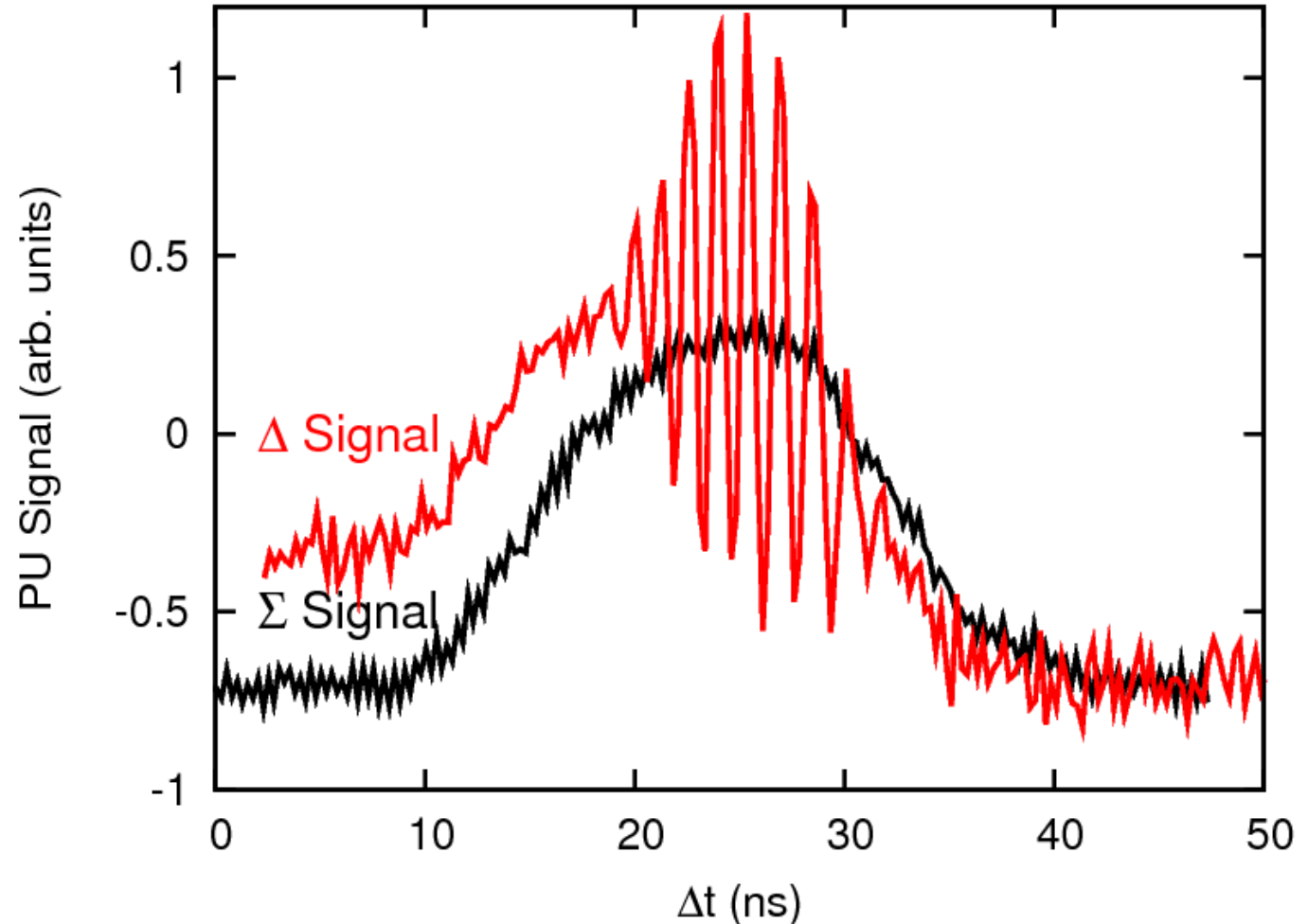
definitely higher  
intensity thresholds  
for larger rf voltage

additionally:  
with  $h=16$ , no  
instability at least  
up to  $150 \times 10^{10}$  ppb

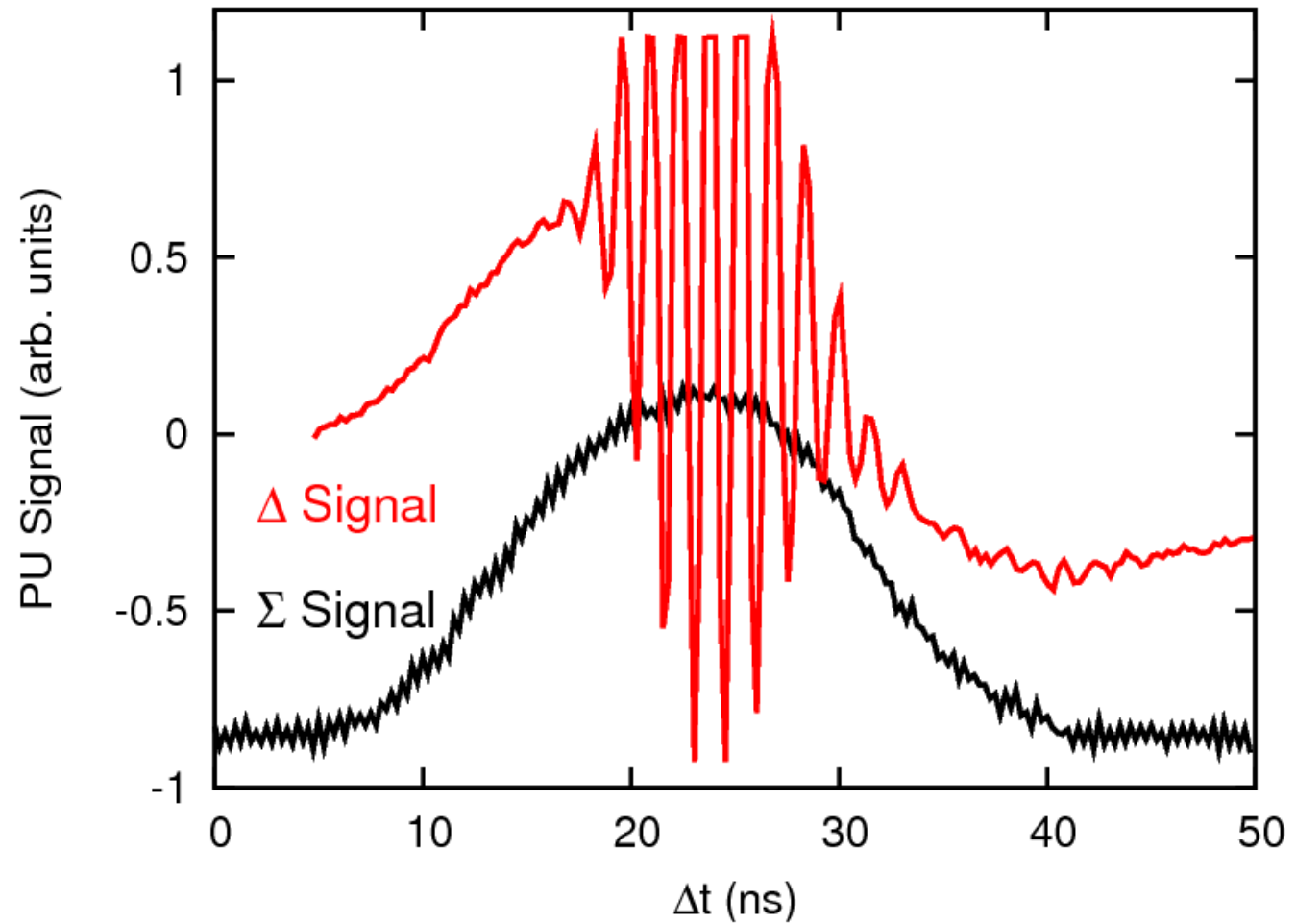


measurements for the  
“ $\xi=0$  near transition” lattice

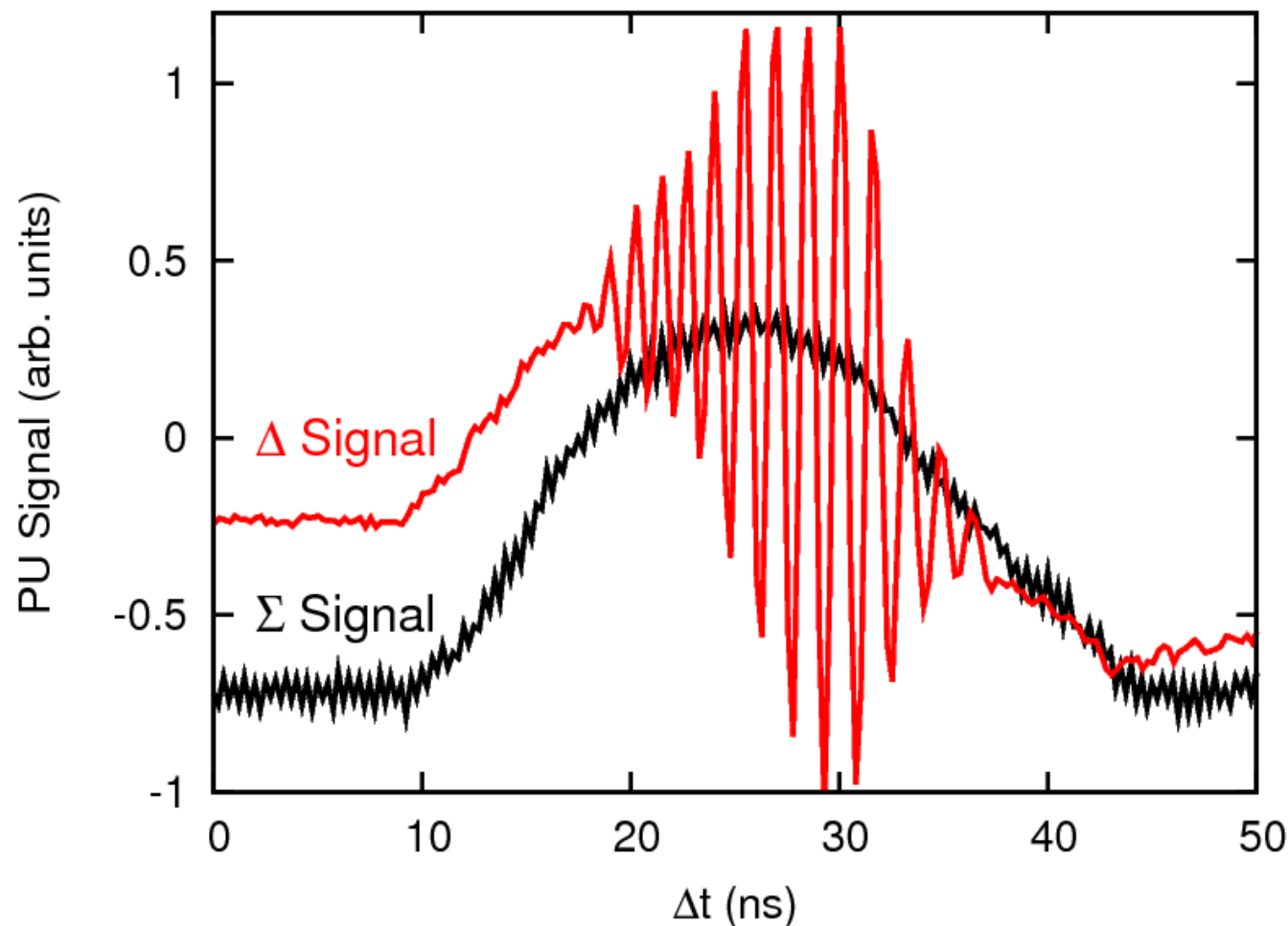
$V=150\text{kV}$   
 $\Delta Q=0.93\text{e-}3$   
 $\Delta Q/Q_s=5.8$



$V=120\text{kV}$   
 $\Delta Q=1.25\text{e-}3$   
 $\Delta Q/Q_s=7.9$



$V=110\text{kV}$   
 $\Delta Q=0.6e-3$   
 $\Delta Q/Q_s=3.8$



## Observations at the PS we need to understand

bunches with larger  $hV_0$  are more stable  
(higher  $V_0$ , higher thresholds;  $h=16$  always stable)

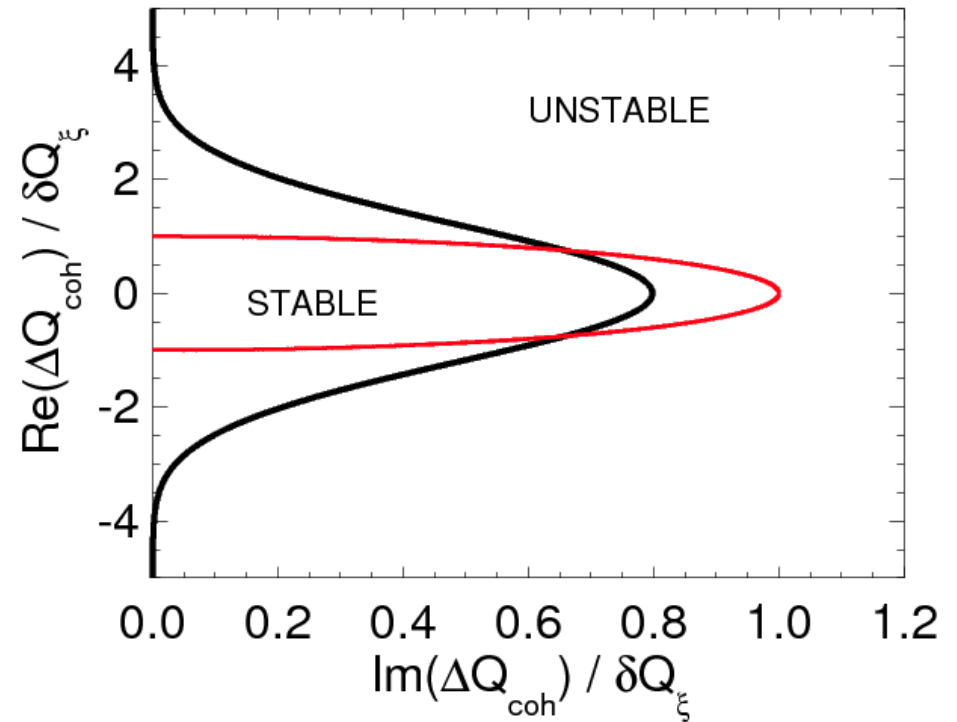
for the “ $\xi=0$  near transition” lattice  
the instability is around C313ms;  
while for the “ $\xi=-0.2$  near transition” lattice  
the instability is around C315ms

increase of the transverse emittance, which means  
weaker space charge, does not make a difference

$$\Delta Q_{\text{coh}} = \Upsilon i Z_{\perp}$$

$$\Upsilon = \frac{I_0 q_{\text{ion}}}{4\pi \gamma m c Q_0 \omega_0}$$

$$\delta Q_{\xi} = |\eta(n - Q_0) + Q_0 \xi| \delta_p$$



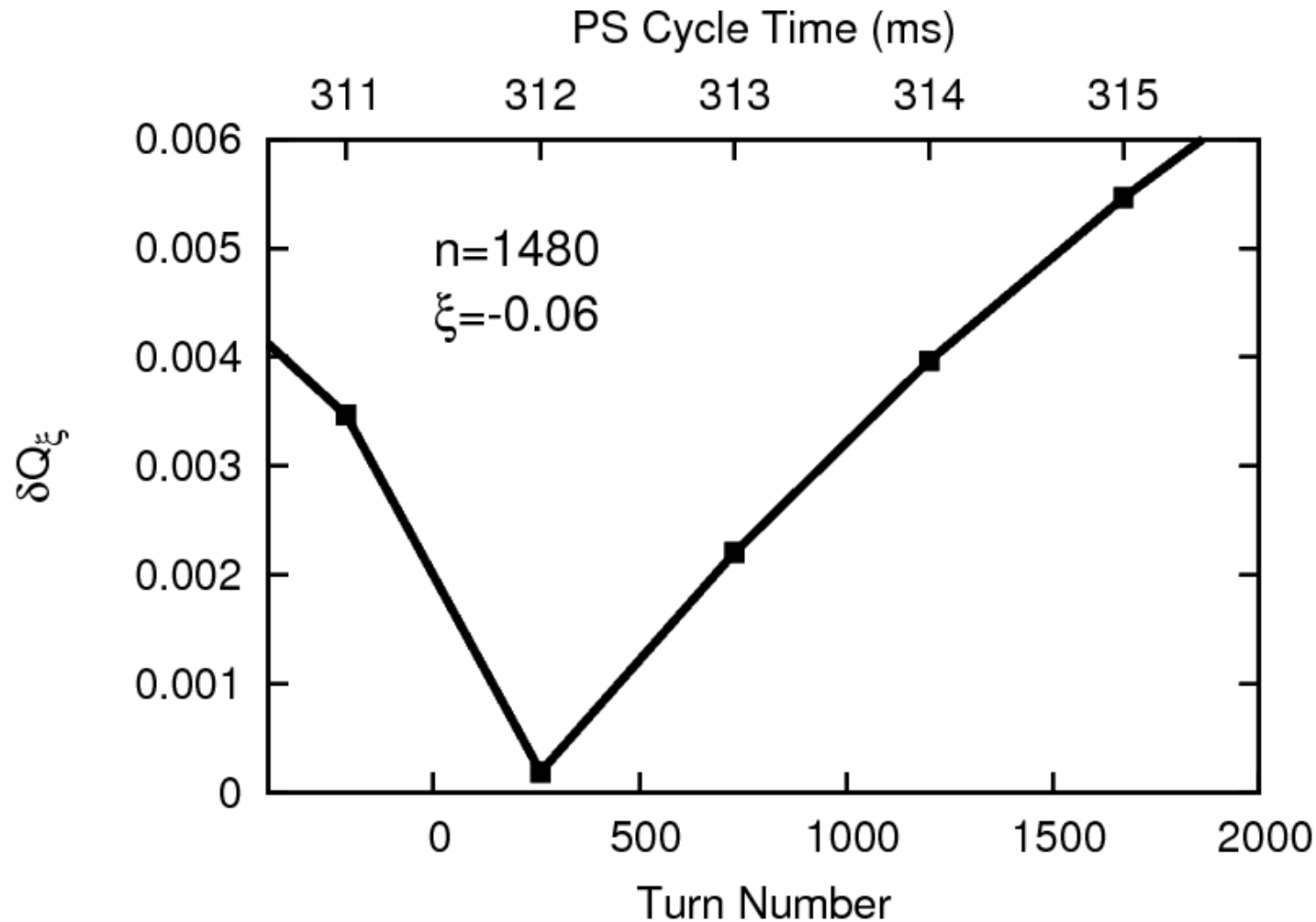
black line,  
dispersion relation:

$$\Delta Q_{\text{coh}} \int \frac{f(Q_x) dQ_x}{Q_x - \Delta Q} = 1$$

red line,  
circle criterion:

$$\frac{|\Delta Q_{\text{coh}}|}{\delta Q_{\xi}} = 1$$

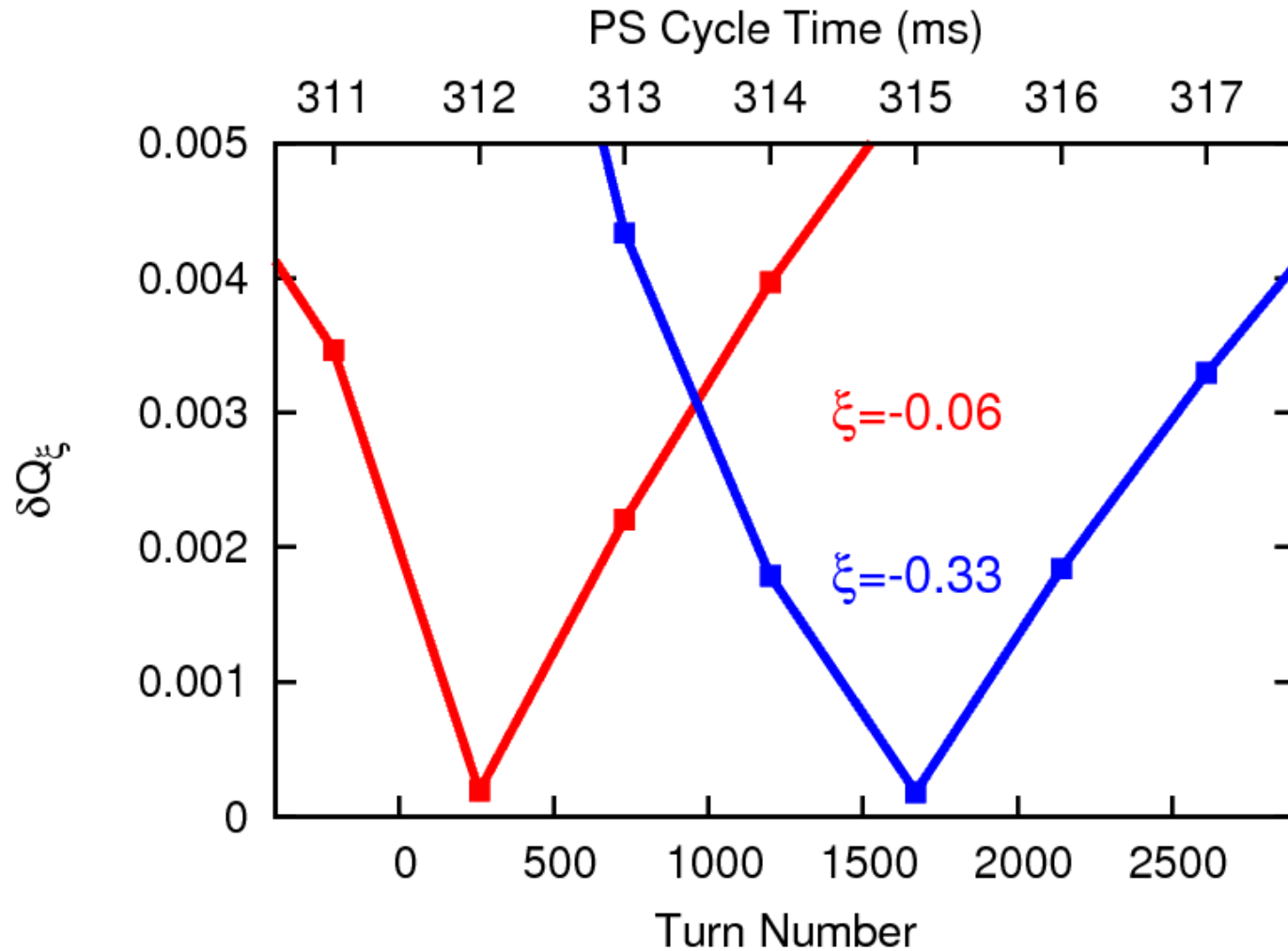
the measure for the usual ( $\xi$  and  $\delta p$ ) Landau Damping



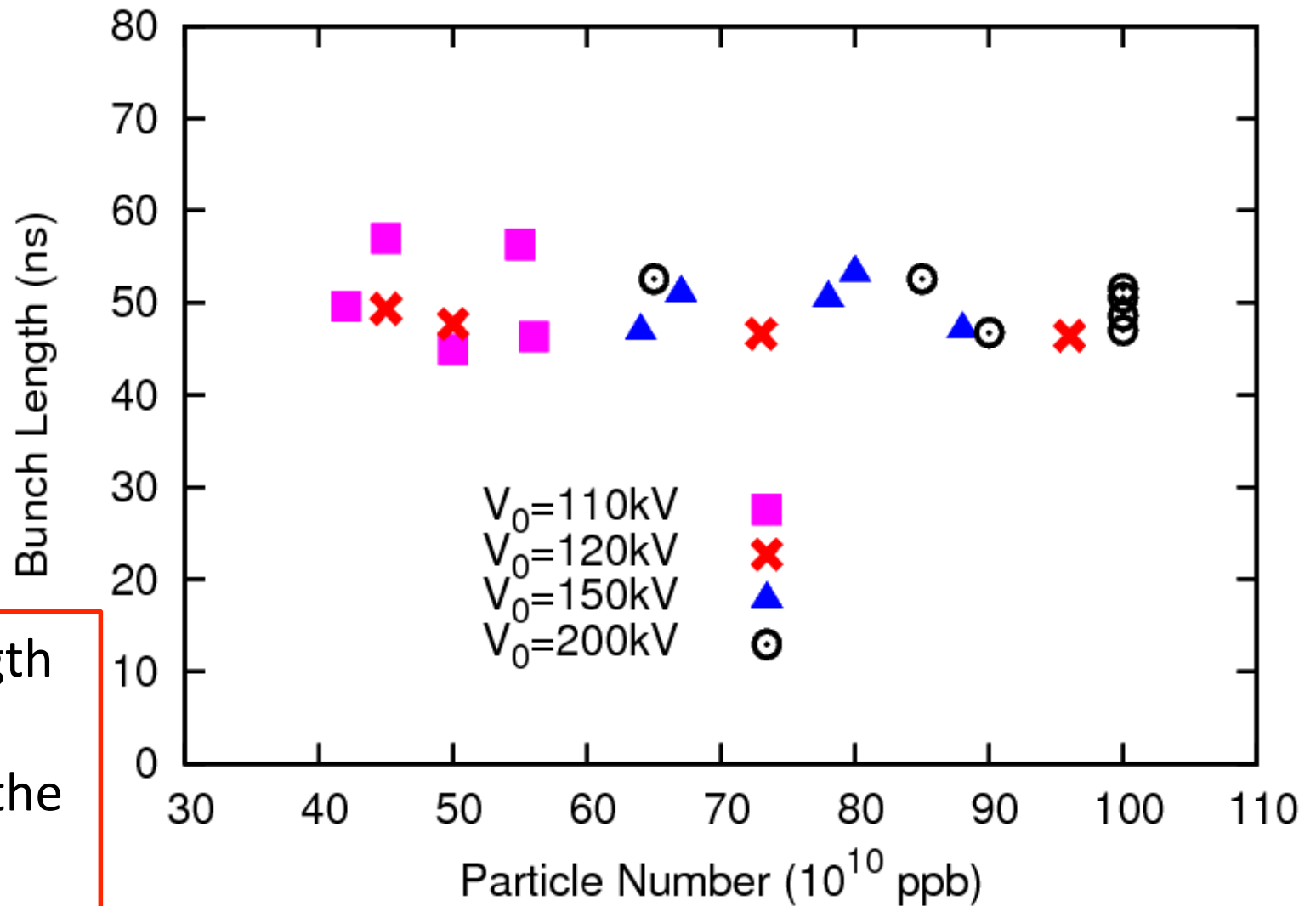
assuming a small chromaticity near transition



the measure for the usual ( $\xi$  and  $\delta p$ ) Landau Damping



assuming stronger chromaticity near transition  
 => similar to our observation



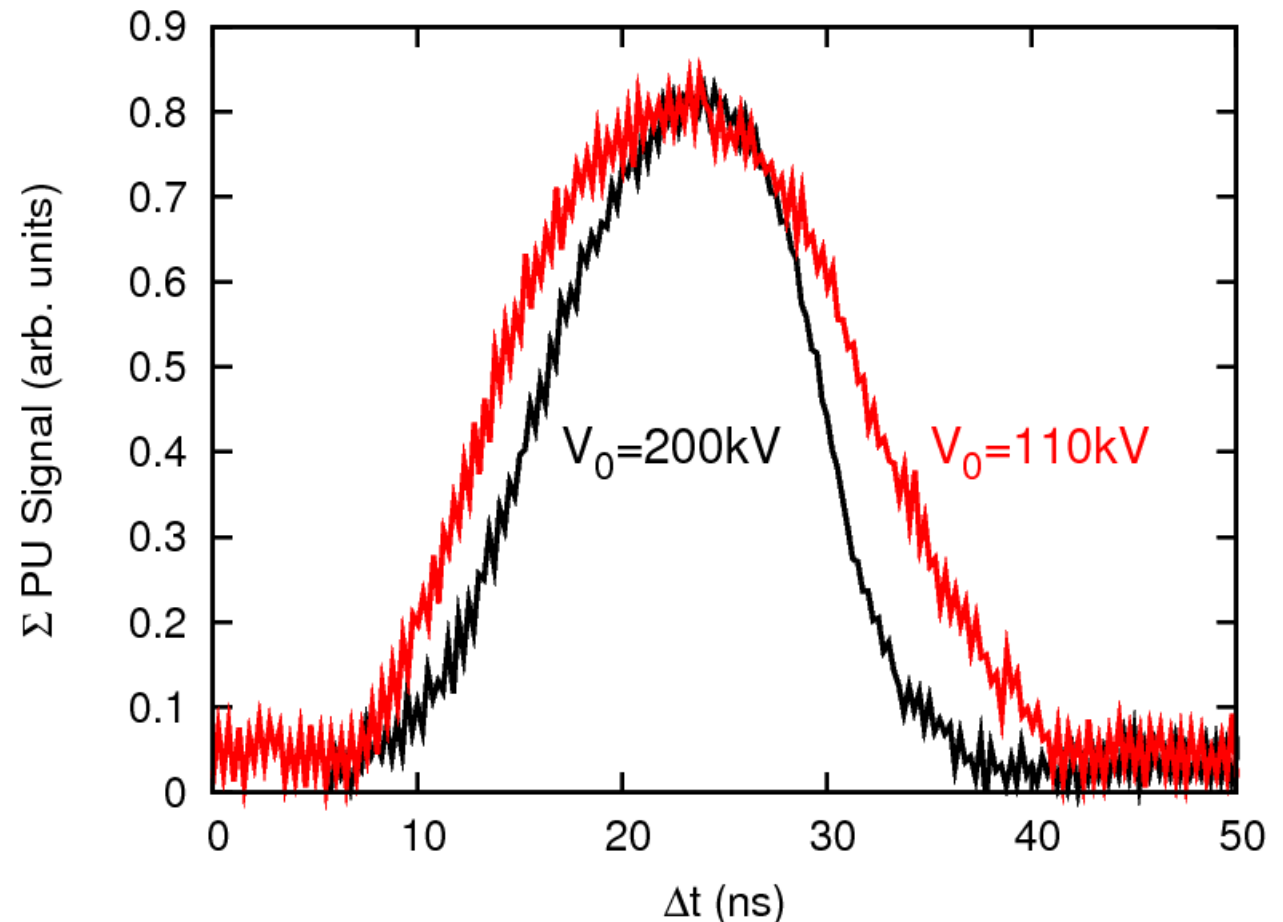
the bunch length (as to C300ms) is const along the intensity and along the rf voltage

But, if we look near the transition (here at C312ms), the bunch lengths are different

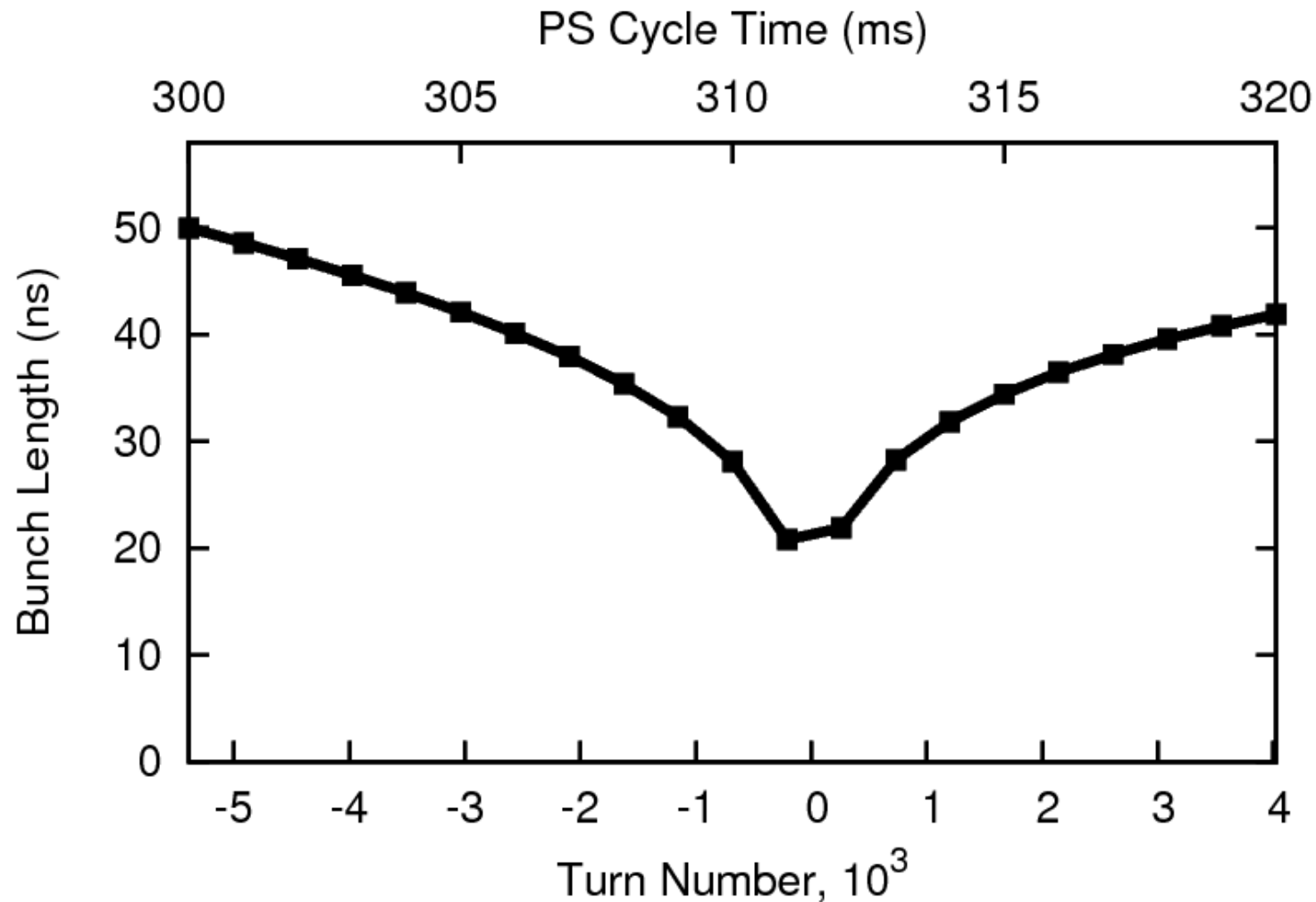
note: C312ms is for both well within the nonadiabatic time.

$V_0=200\text{kV}$ :  $T_c=1.9\text{ms}$

$V_0=110\text{kV}$ :  $T_c=2.7\text{ms}$

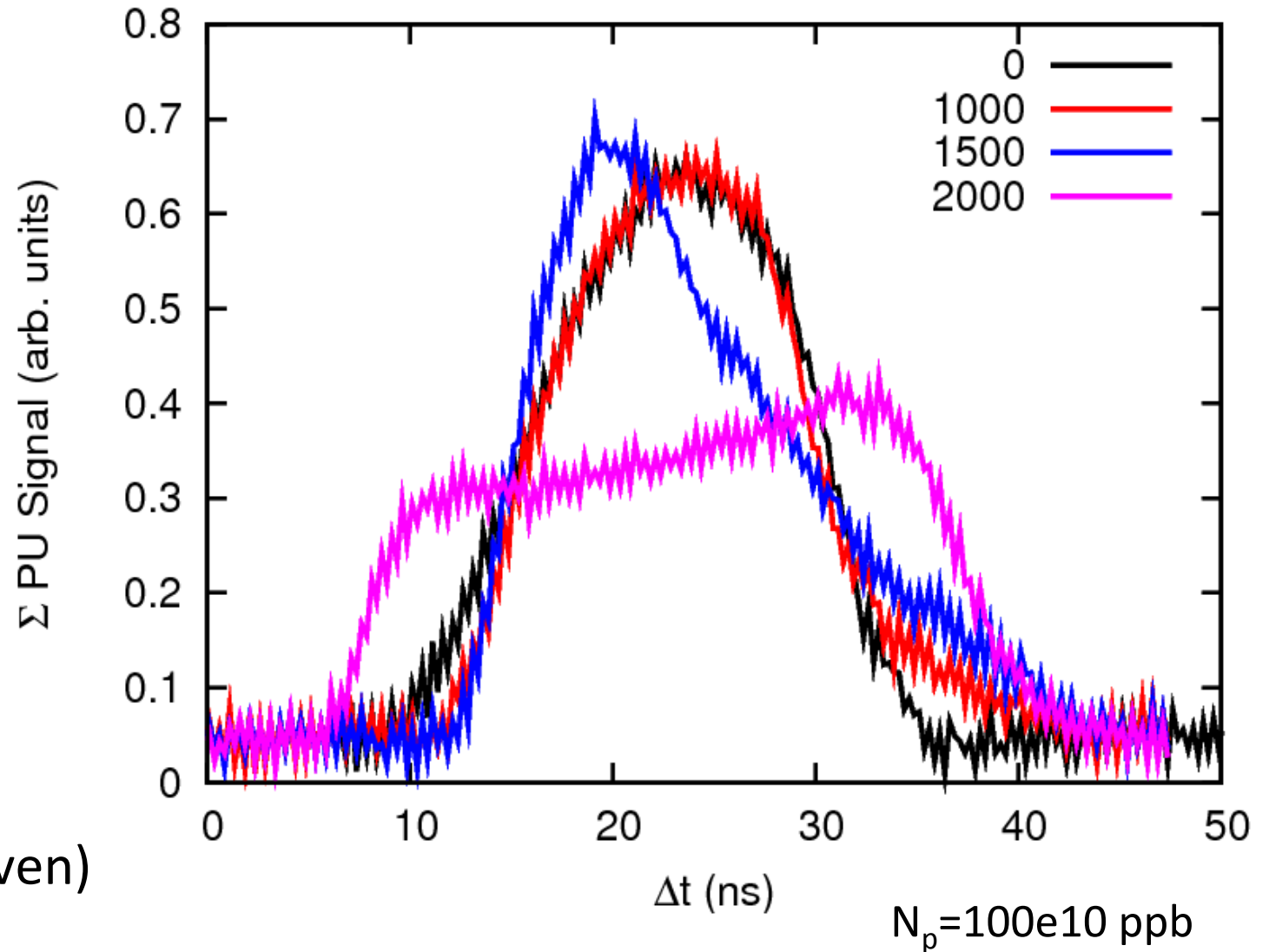


A simplified picture: how the bunch length should evolve near transition (neglecting space charge, beam loading)



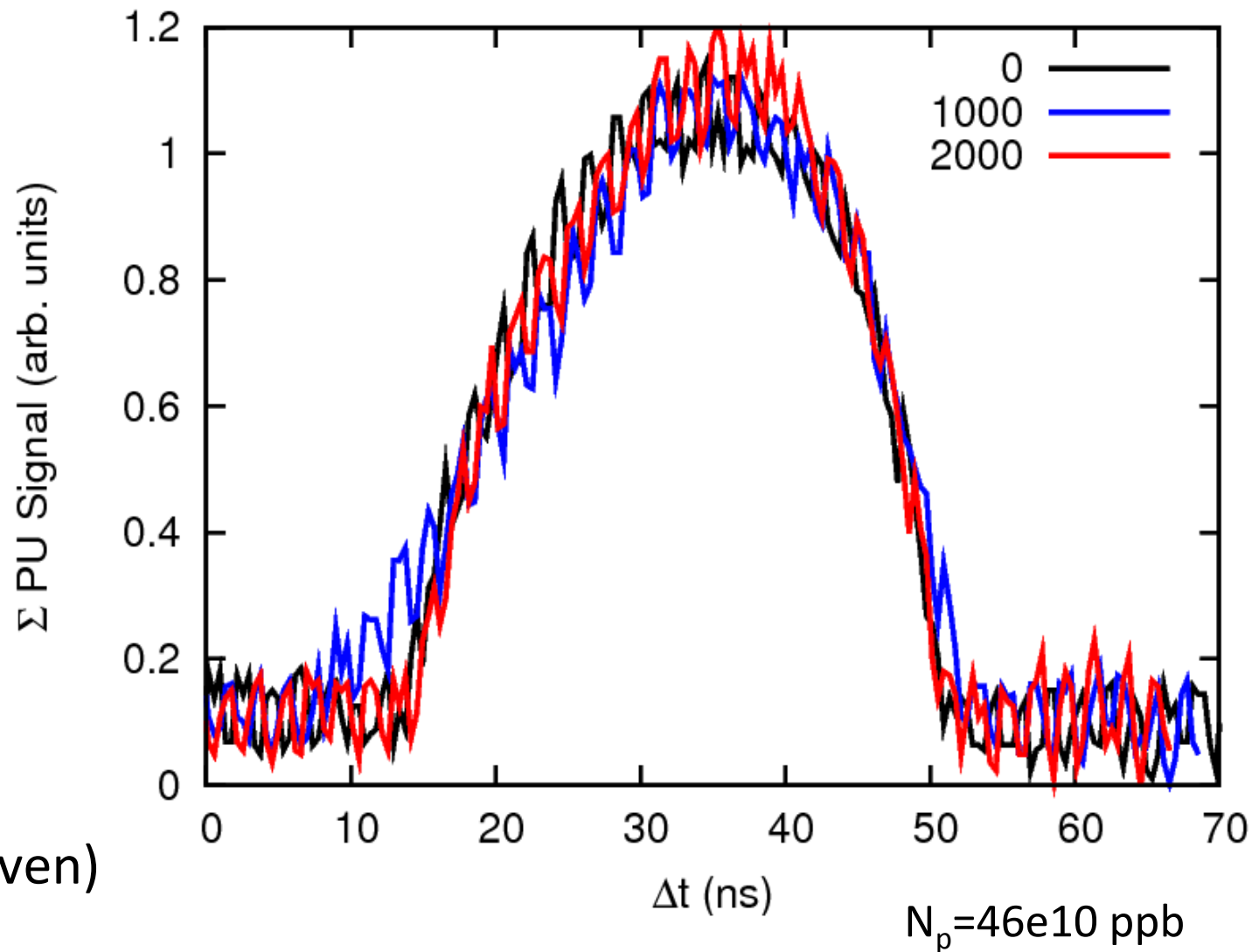
... this actually happens for  $V_0=200\text{kV}$

(the turn number after C312ms is given)

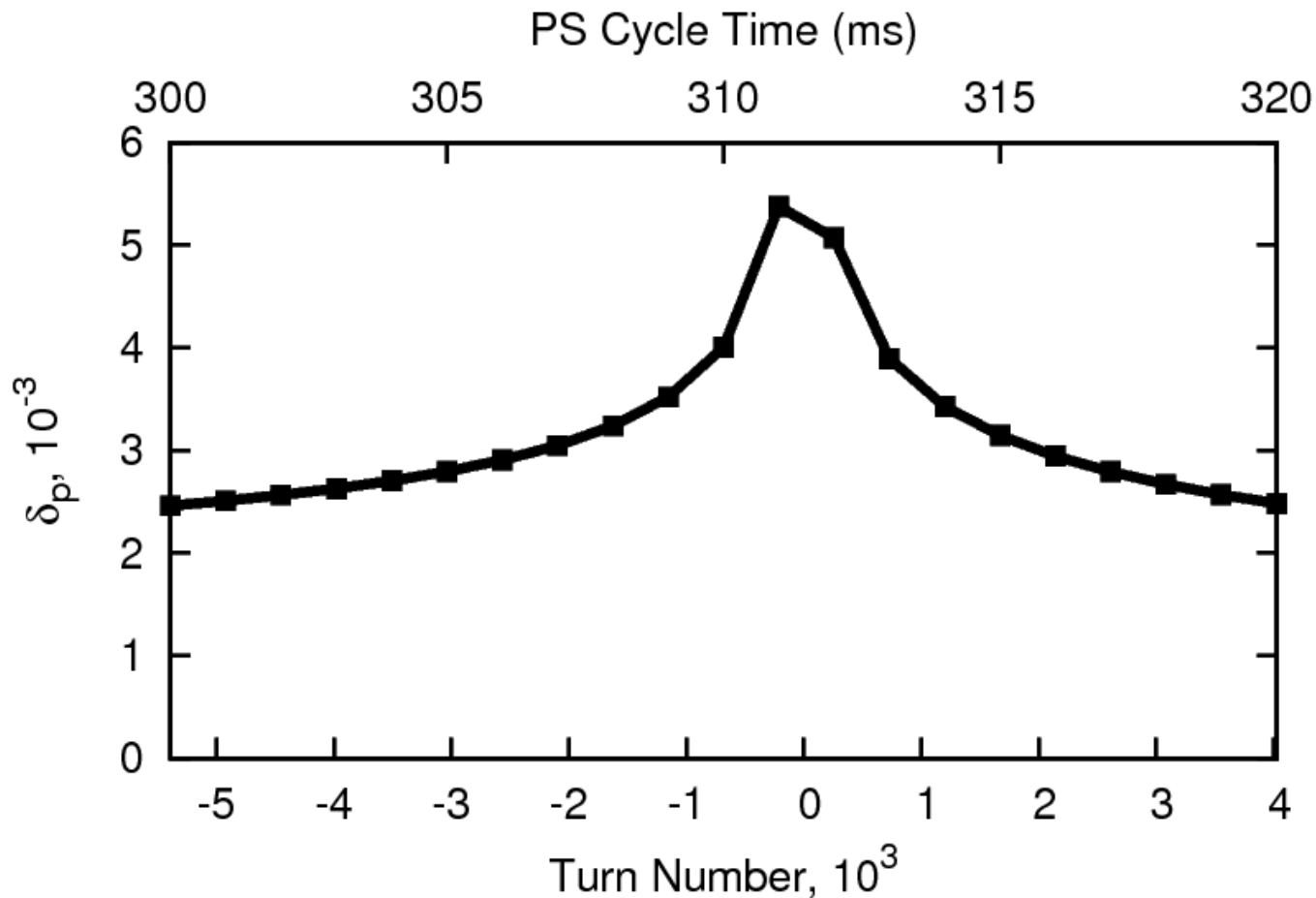


...but not for  
 $V_0=110\text{kV}$

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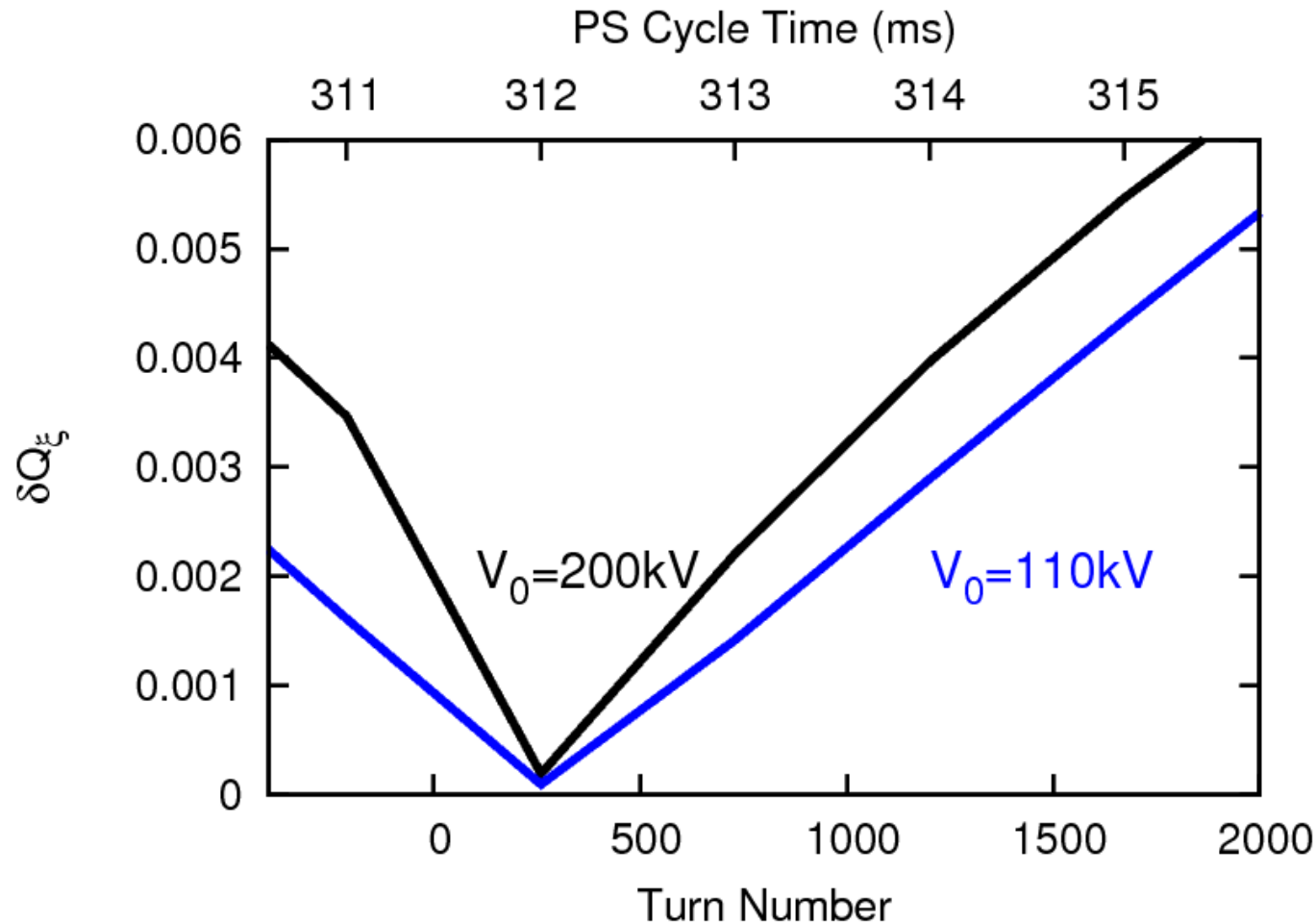


This means that for the low voltage  $V_0=110\text{kV}$  there is no increase of the momentum spread near transition like here:



Simplified calculation for  $\epsilon_z = \text{const}$ , bunch parameters  $V_0=200\text{kV}$

For the Landau Damping from the coasting-beam approach this means:



Shorter bunch and thus larger  $\delta p$  provides stronger Landau damping for high rf voltage, meaning a higher instability threshold



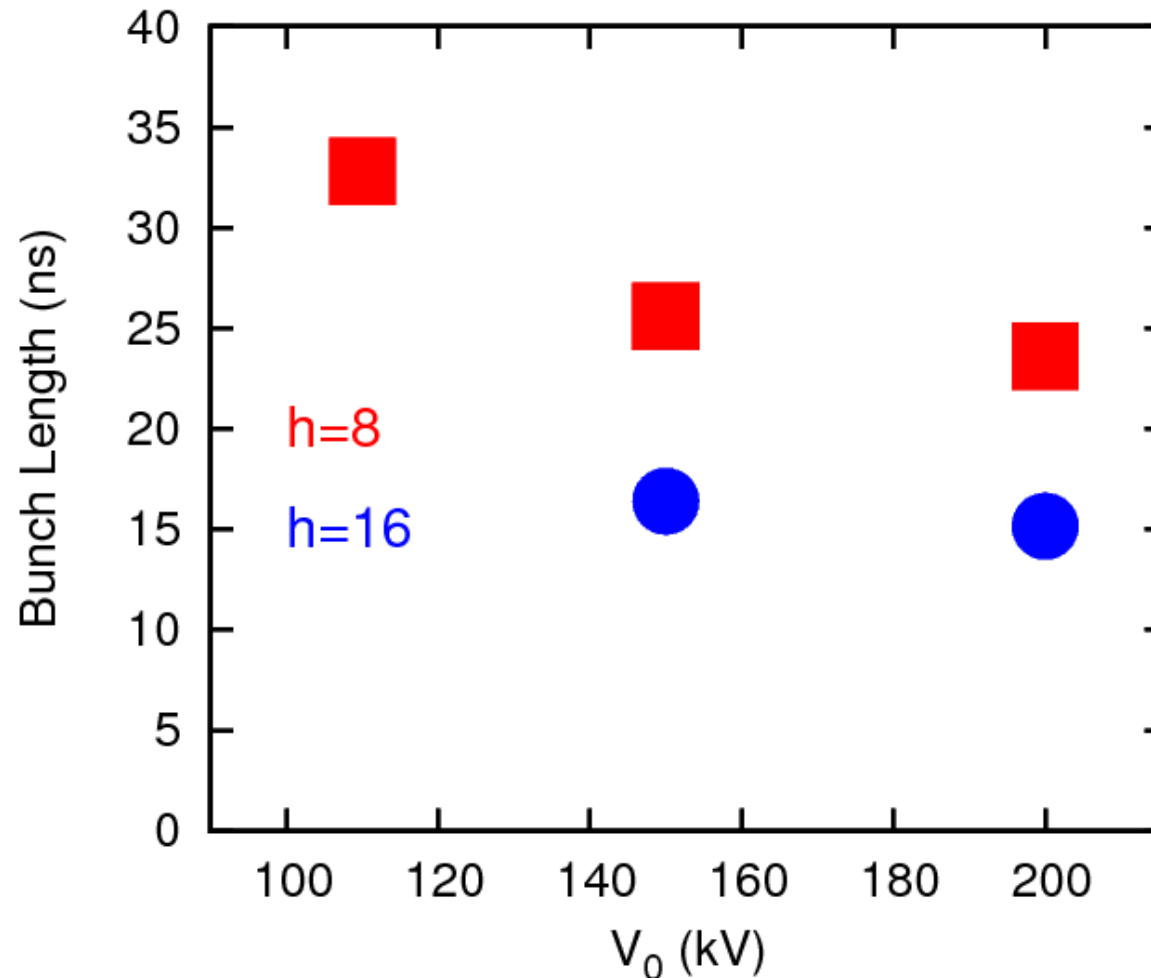
Other stabilizing aspects suggested:

The absolute value of the synchrotron tune  $Q_s$   
(larger: stabilizing)

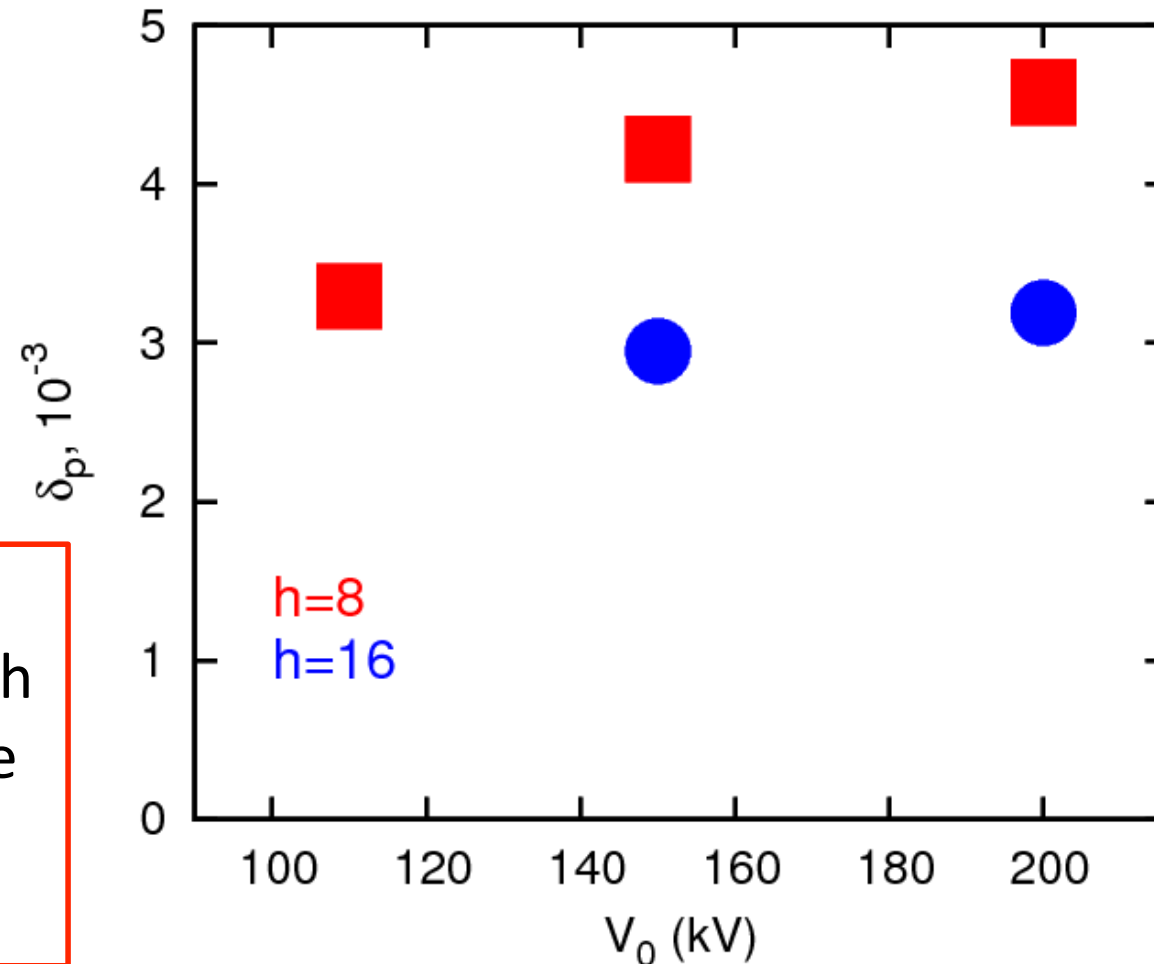
The bunch length relative  
to the instability wave length  $L_b/\lambda_{bbu}$   
(smaller: stabilizing)

The characteristic frequency of particles sweeping  
through the instability wiggles  $Q_{wigg} = 2 t_b f_{BB} Q_s$   
(larger: stabilizing)

Overview of bunch parameters relevant to the Beam Break-Up Stabilization (measured during the MD):  
the bunch length near transition

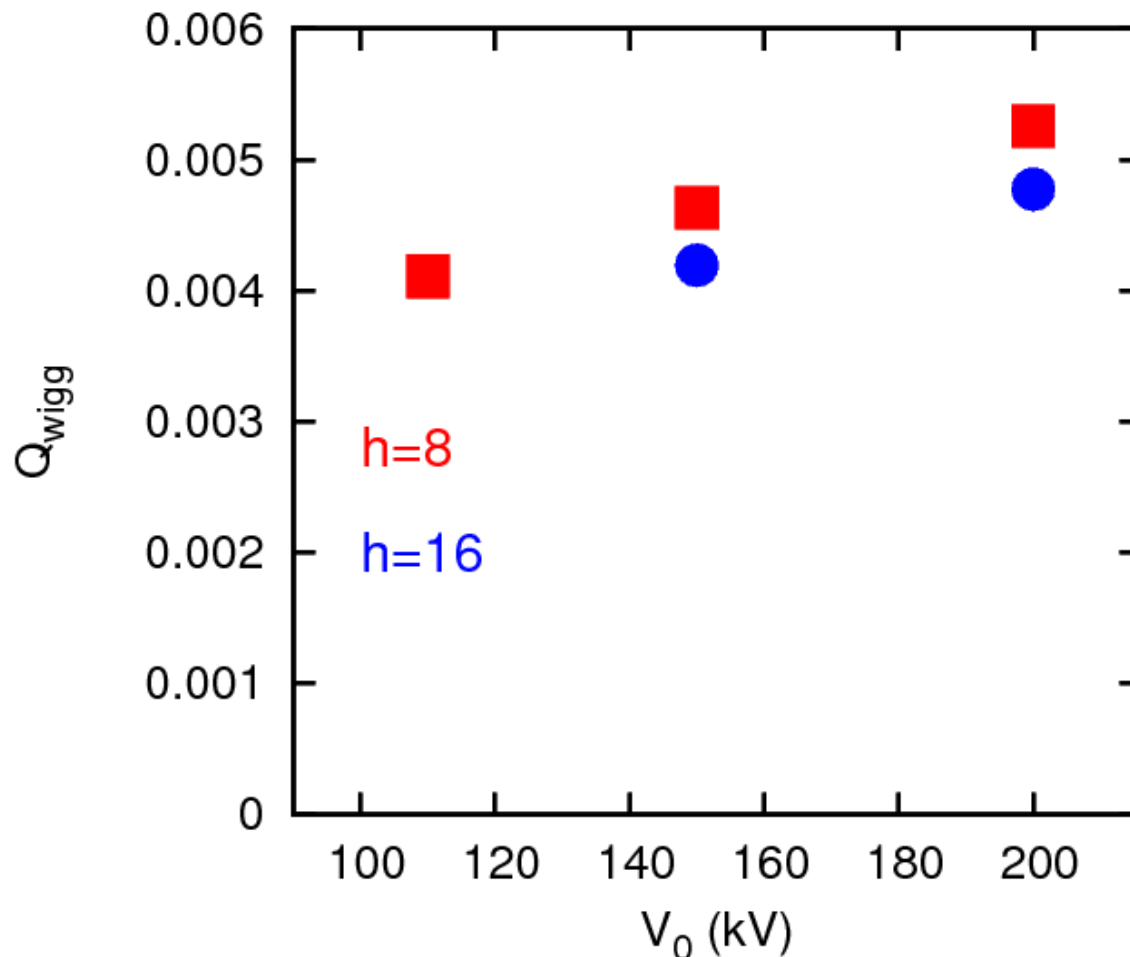


Overview of bunch parameters relevant to the Beam Break-Up Stabilization (measured during the MD): the momentum spread near transition



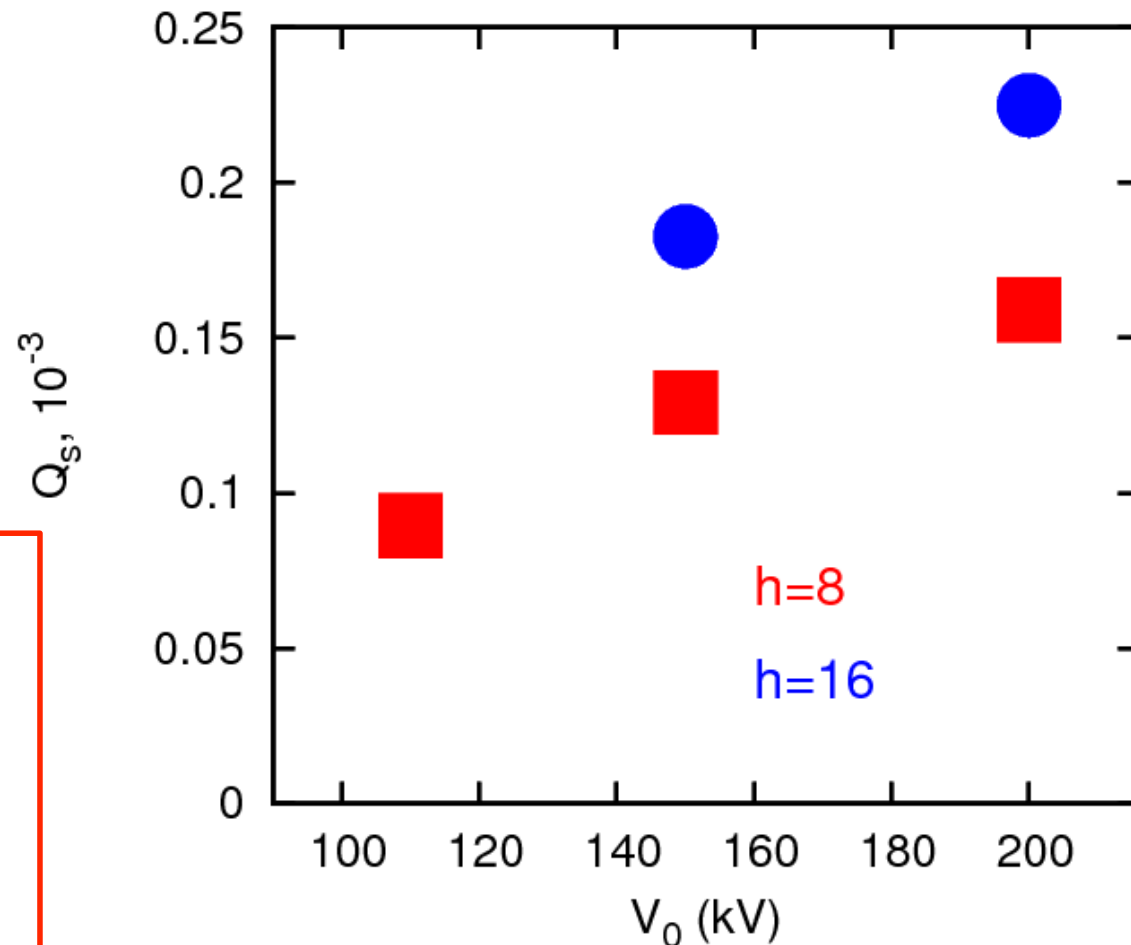
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Overview of bunch parameters relevant to the Beam Break-Up Stabilization (measured during the MD):  
the particle-wave sweeping frequency



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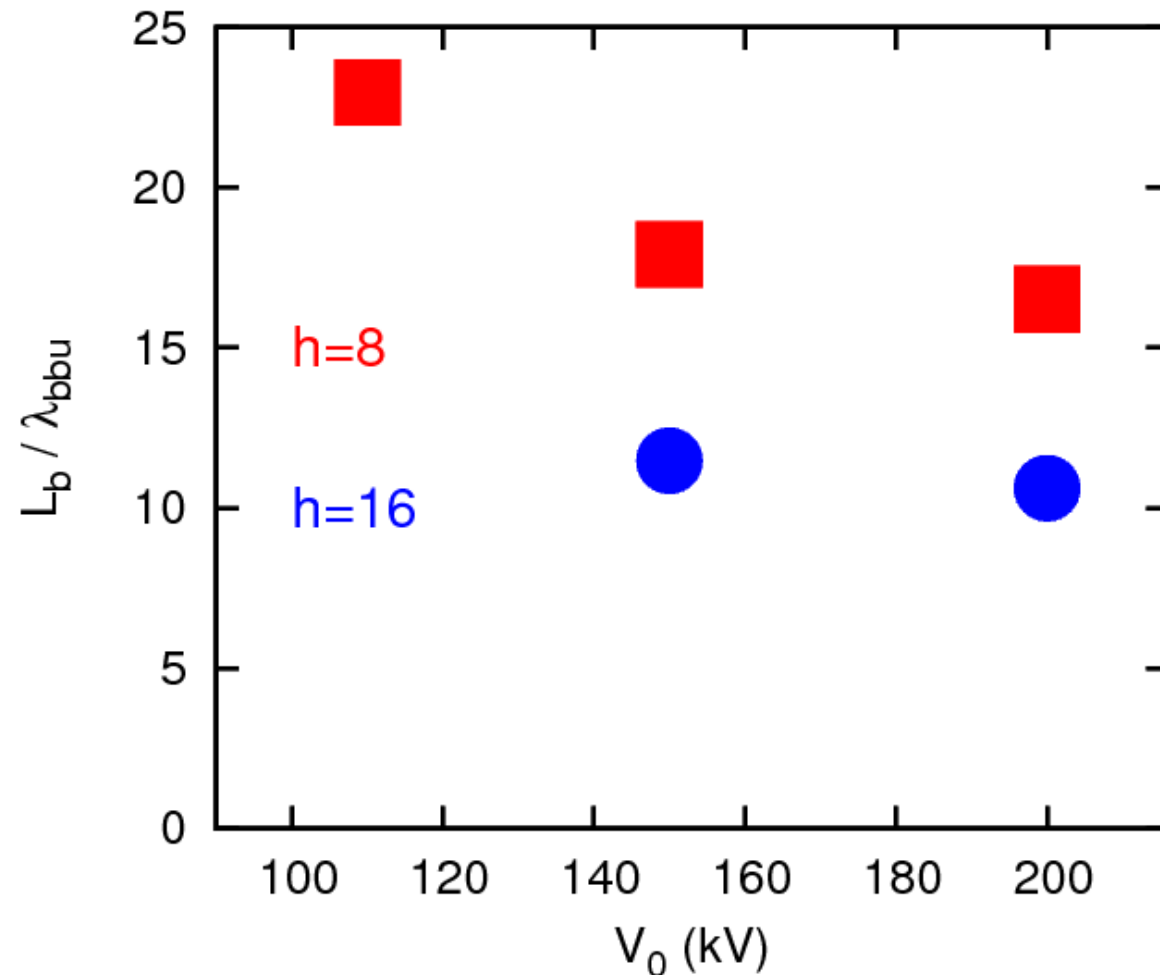
Overview of bunch parameters relevant to the Beam Break-Up Stabilization (measured during the MD):  
The absolute value of the synchrotron tune  $Q_s$



Can contribute to the differences with  $h=8$ , and also can contribute to the stability with  $h=16$

Overview of bunch parameters relevant to the Beam Break-Up Stabilization (measured during the MD):  
the bunch length relative to the instability wave length

Can contribute to the differences with  $h=8$ , and is it the main reason for the stability with  $h=16$ ?



An example for the parameter comparison

The instability at  
at C317ms

93e10, 200kV

$\Delta Q = 0.8e-3$

$\Delta Q / Q_s = 2.8$

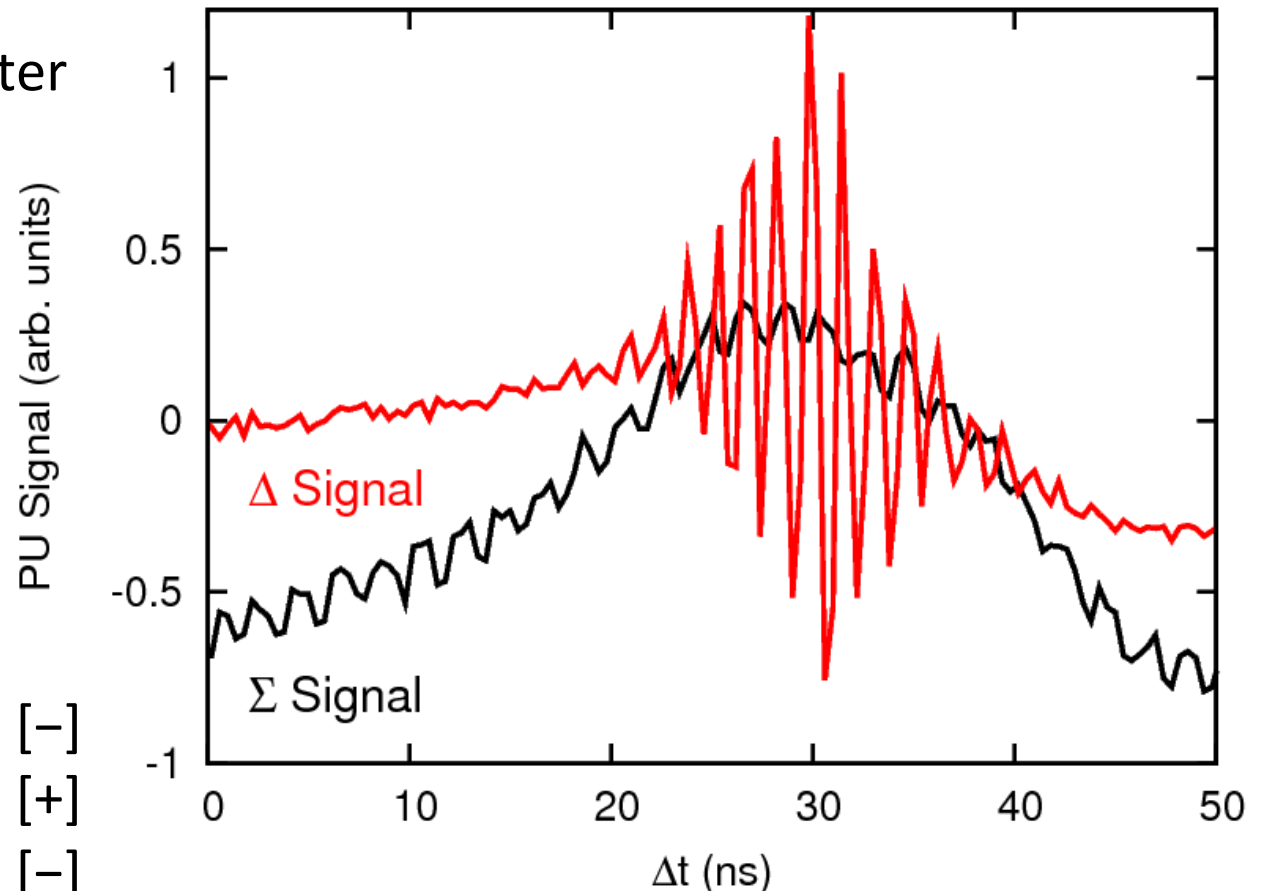
$L_b = 38\text{ns}$  (C312: 23.6ns) [-]

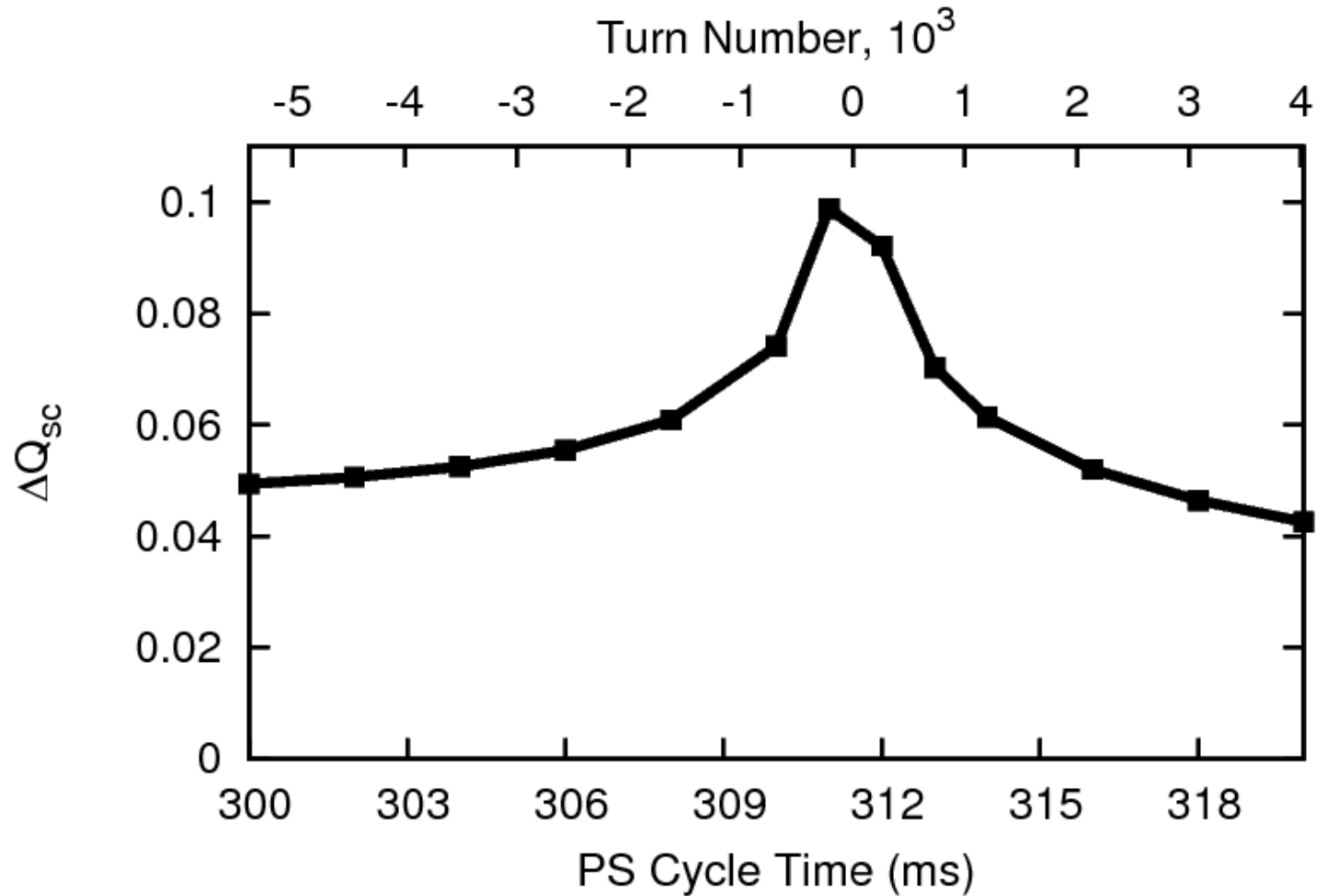
$Q_s = 2.9e-4$  (C312: 1.59e-4) [+]

$L_b / \lambda_{bbu} = 26$  (C312: 16.5) [-]

$Q_{\text{wigg}} = 15e-3$  (C312: 5.3e-3) [+]

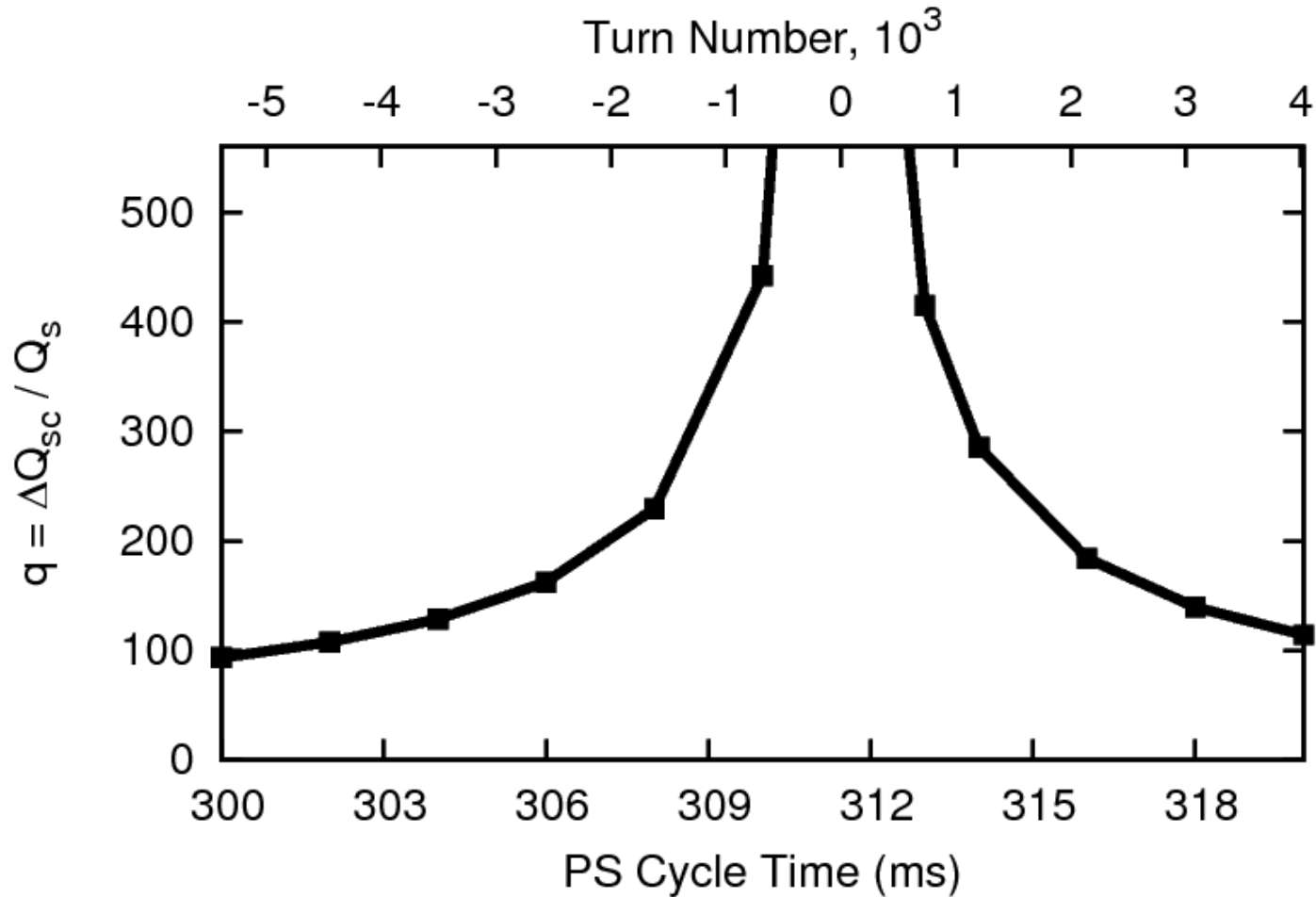
... the threshold was the same





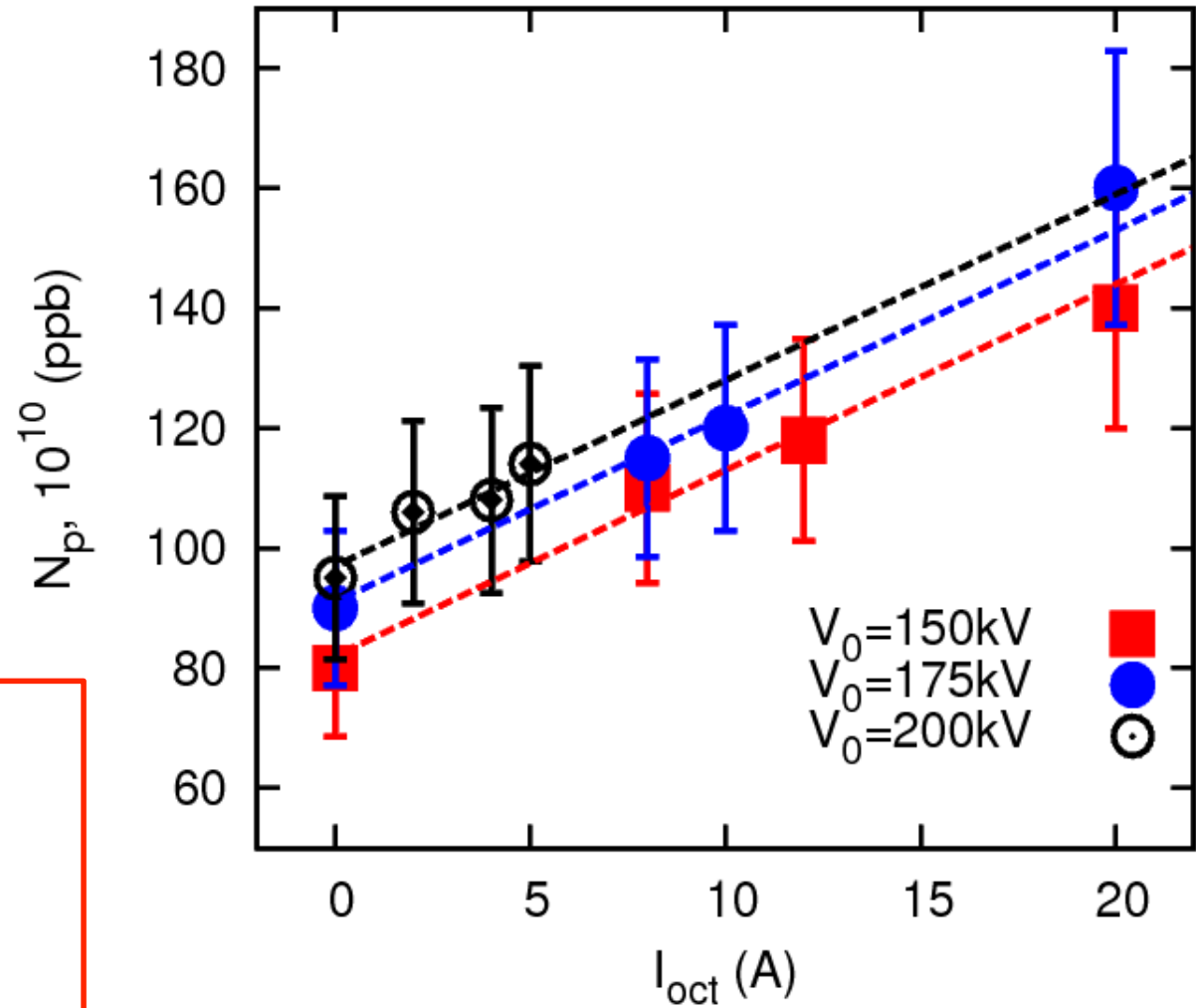
$N_p=90e10$ ,  $t_b=50ns$  at C300ms,  $V_0=200kV$



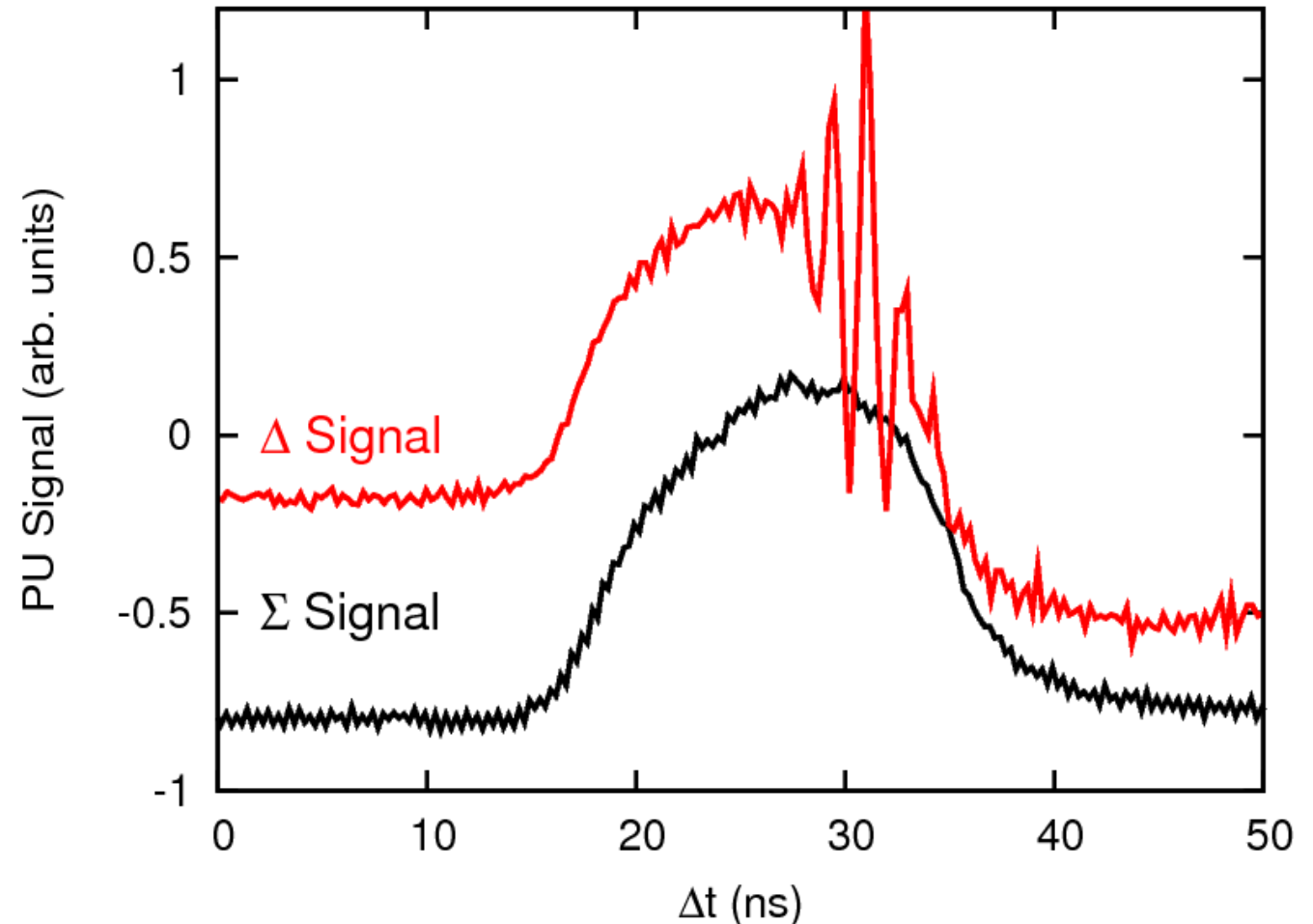


Very strong space-charge regime

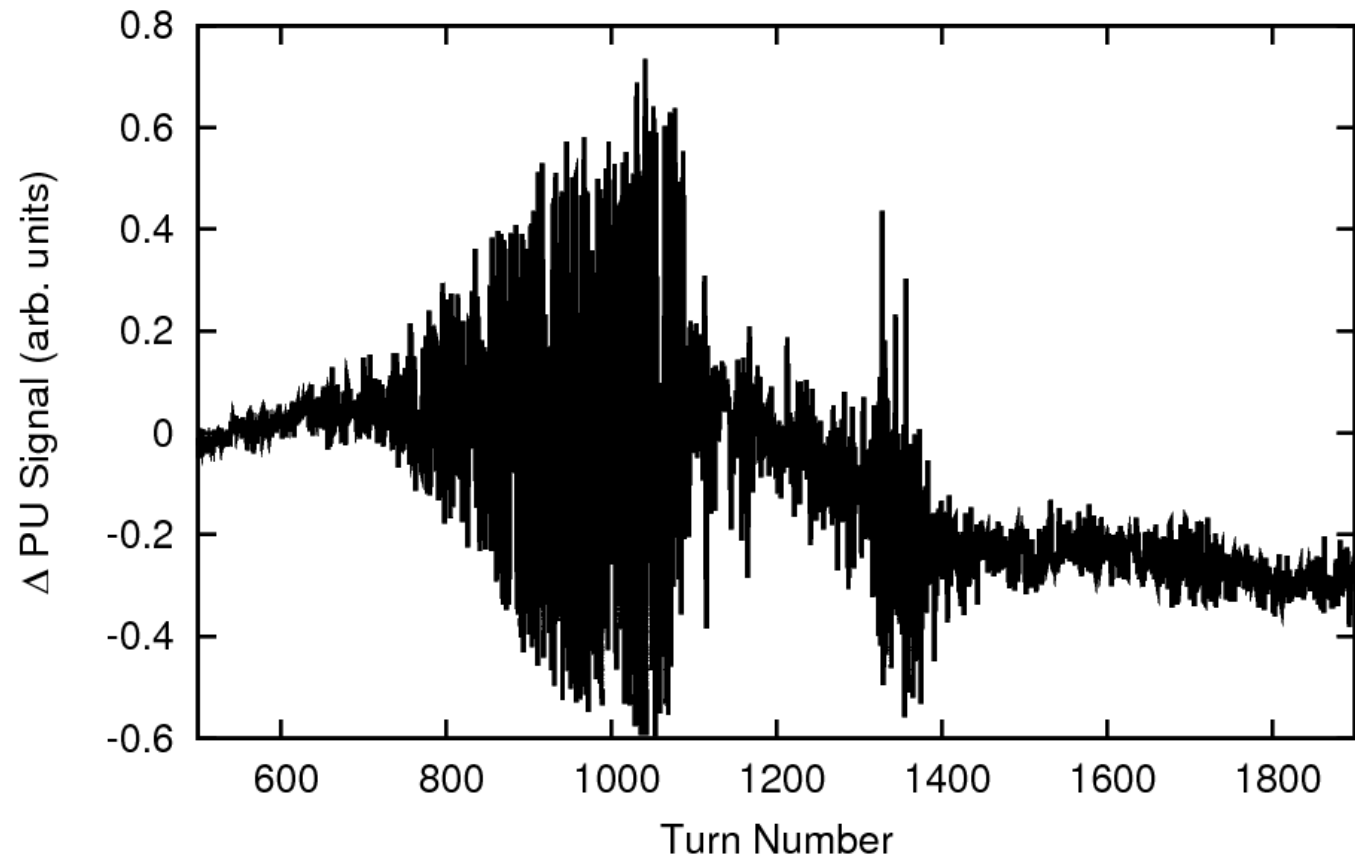
Linear contribution to Landau damping, should be quantitatively verified (need PS data)



An example for stabilization with octupoles:  
 oscillations, no losses.  
 175kV, 20A,  
 164e10  
 turn 1000



An example for  
stabilization by  
octupoles:  
oscillations,  
no losses.  
175kV, 20A,  
164e10  
at  $\Delta t=30\text{ns}$



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The transverse oscillations near transition at PS seem not to be due to an absolute instability but are related to a Beam Break-Up mechanism

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Landau damping from the coasting-beam approach illustrates the occurrence time of the instability and the  $\xi, \delta p$ -related damping

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A higher instability threshold for large rf voltages seems to be due to shorter bunch and thus larger  $\delta p$ , providing stronger Landau damping

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Other damping mechanisms:  $Q_s$ -value, bunch length / wave length, particle-wiggle sweeping frequency are analyzed and compared

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The bunches are in the very strong space charge regime

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The instability can be stabilized by octupoles

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