

---

# Microphonics, RF Control, Frequency Control

**Jean Delayen**

**Center for Accelerator Science  
Old Dominion University  
and  
Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility**

# Frequency Control

Energy gain

$$W = qV \cos \phi$$

Energy gain error

$$\frac{\delta W}{W} = \frac{\delta V}{V} - \delta \phi \tan \phi$$

The fluctuations in cavity field amplitude and phase come mostly from the fluctuations in cavity frequency

**Need for fast frequency control**

**Minimization of rf power requires matching of average cavity frequency to reference frequency**

**Need for slow frequency tuners**

# Some Definitions

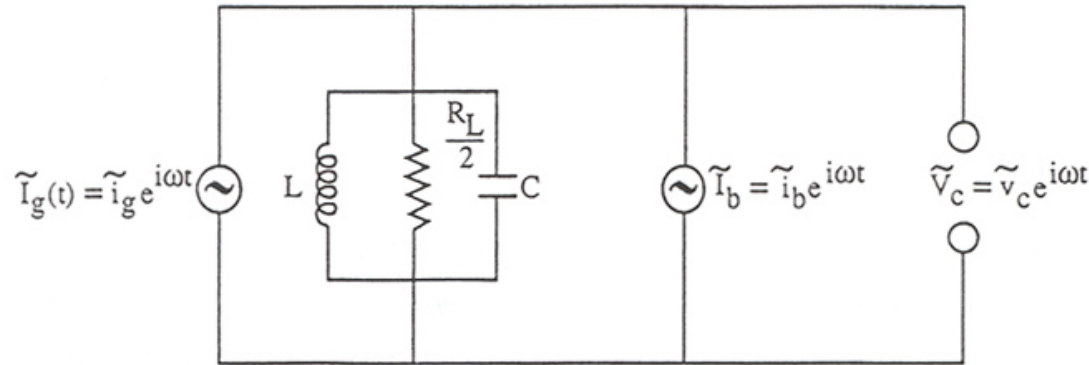
- Ponderomotive effects: changes in frequency caused by the electromagnetic field (radiation pressure)
  - Static Lorentz detuning (cw operation)
  - Dynamic Lorentz detuning (pulsed operation)
- Microphonics: changes in frequency caused by connections to the external world
  - Vibrations
  - Pressure fluctuations

Note: The two are not completely independent.

When phase and amplitude feedbacks are active, ponderomotive effects can change the response to external disturbances

# Equivalent Circuit for a Cavity with Beam

- Beam in the rf cavity is represented by a current generator.
- Equivalent circuit:



$$R_L = \frac{R_{sh}}{(1 + \beta)}$$

$\tilde{i}_b$  produces  $\tilde{V}_b$  with phase  $\psi$  (detuning angle)

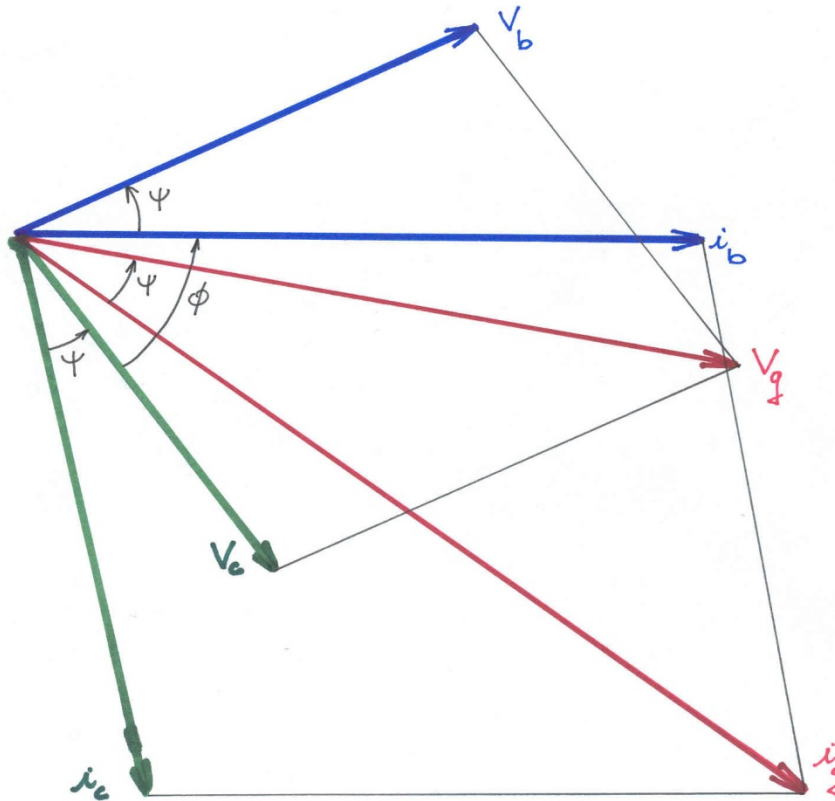
$\tilde{i}_g$  produces  $\tilde{V}_g$  with phase  $\psi$

$$\tilde{V}_c = \tilde{V}_g - \tilde{V}_b$$



$$\tan \psi = -2 \frac{Q_0}{1 + \beta} \frac{\Delta \omega}{\omega_0}$$

# Equivalent Circuit for a Cavity with Beam



$$V_g = (P_g R_{sh})^{1/2} \frac{2\beta^{1/2}}{1 + \beta} \cos \psi$$

$$V_b = \frac{i_b R_{sh}}{2(1 + \beta)} \cos \psi$$

$$i_b = 2i_0 \frac{\sin \frac{\theta_b}{2}}{\frac{\theta_b}{2}}$$

$i_b$ : beam rf current

$i_0$ : beam dc current

$\theta_b$ : beam bunch length

# Equivalent Circuit for a Cavity with Beam

$$P_g = \frac{V_c^2}{R_{sh}} \frac{1}{4\beta} \left\{ (1 + \beta + b)^2 + [(1 + \beta) \tan \psi - b \tan \phi]^2 \right\}$$

$$b = \frac{\text{Power absorbed by the beam}}{\text{Power dissipated in the cavity}} = \frac{R_{sh} i_0 \cos \phi}{V_c}$$

**Minimize  $P_g$  :**

$$(1 + \beta_{opt}) \tan \psi_{opt} = b \tan \phi$$

$$\beta_{opt} = |1 + b|$$

$$P_g^{opt} = \frac{V_c^2}{R_{sh}} \frac{|1 + b| + (1 + b)}{2}$$

# Cavity with Beam and Microphonics

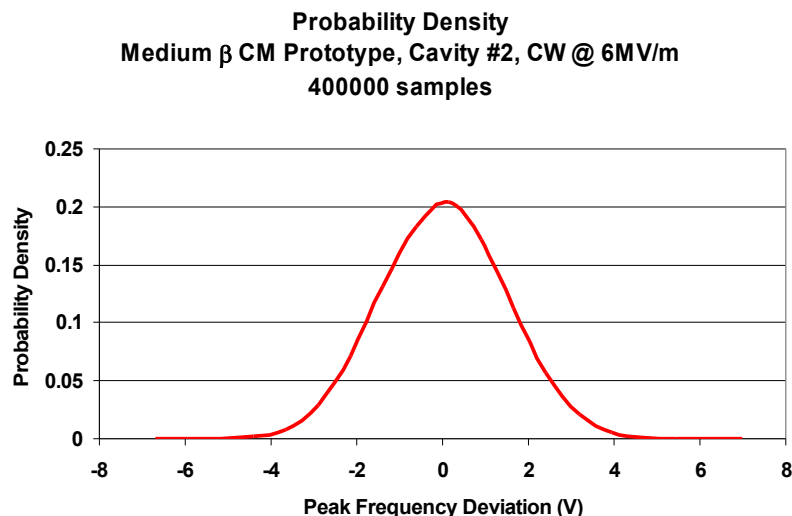
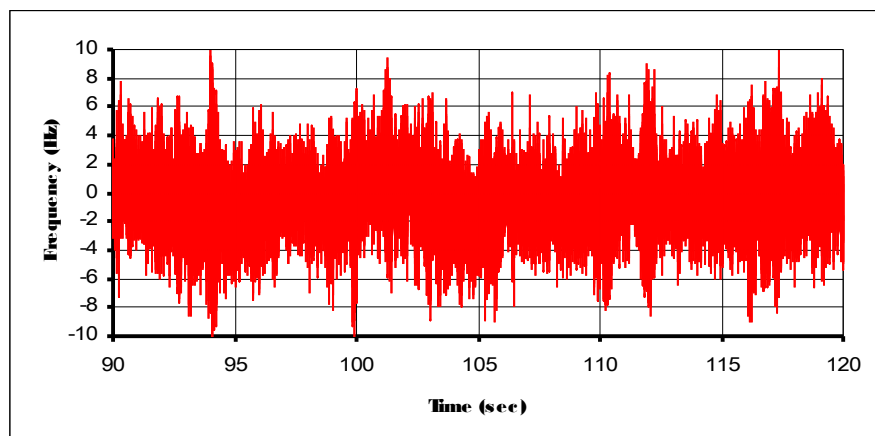
- The detuning is now

$$\tan \psi = -2Q_L \frac{\delta\omega_0 \pm \delta\omega_m}{\omega_0}$$

$$\tan \psi_0 = -2Q_L \frac{\delta\omega_0}{\omega_0}$$

where  $\delta\omega_0$  is the static detuning (controllable)

and  $\delta\omega_m$  is the random dynamic detuning (uncontrollable)



# Qext Optimization with Microphonics

Condition for optimum coupling:

$$\beta_{opt} = \sqrt{(b+1)^2 + \left(2Q_0 \frac{\delta\omega_m}{\omega_0}\right)^2}$$

and

$$P_g^{opt} = \frac{V_c^2}{2R_{sh}} \left[ (b+1) + \sqrt{(b+1)^2 + \left(2Q_0 \frac{\delta\omega_m}{\omega_0}\right)^2} \right]$$

In the absence of beam (b=0):

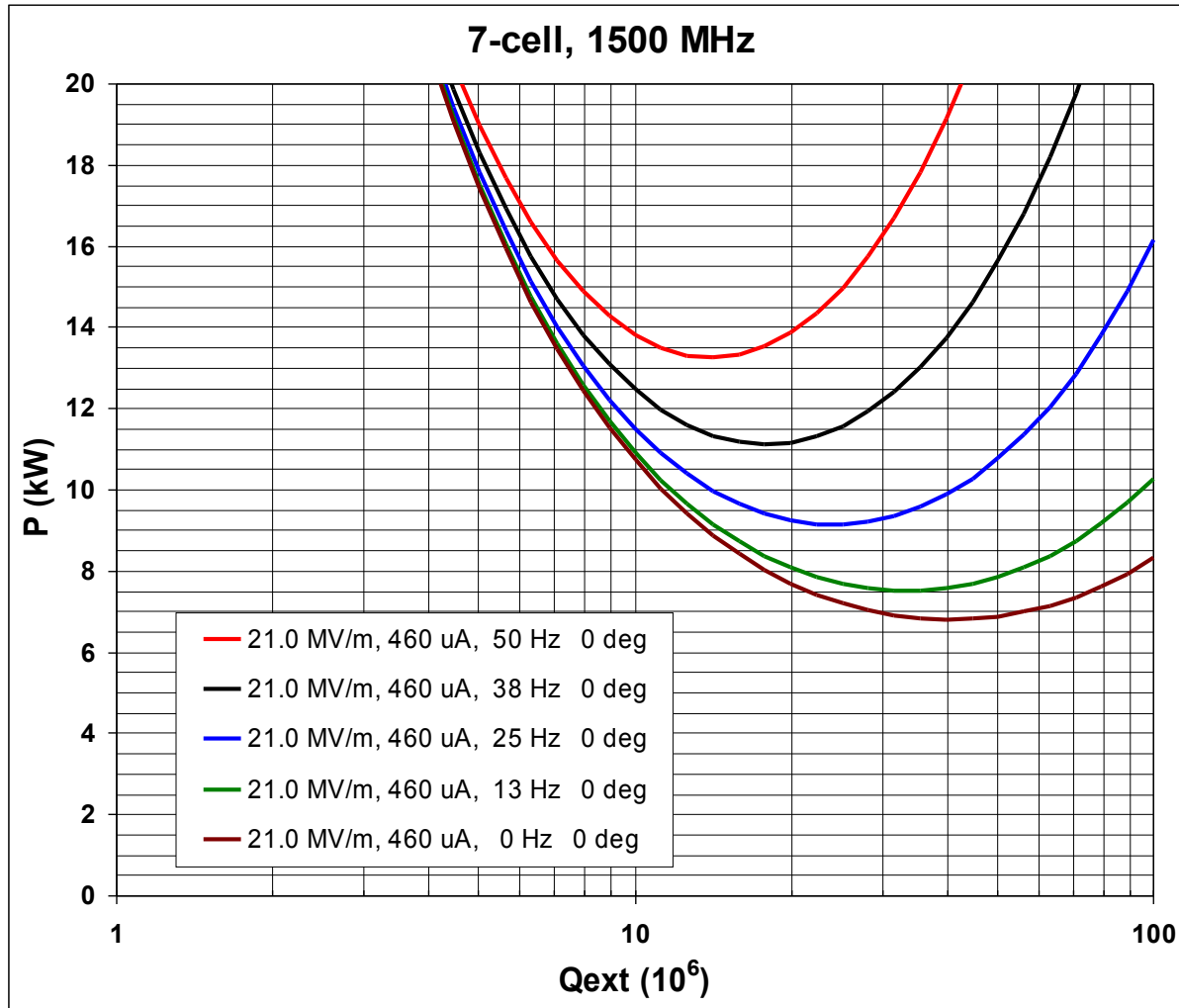
and

$$\beta_{opt} = \sqrt{1 + \left(2Q_0 \frac{\delta\omega_m}{\omega_0}\right)^2}$$
$$P_g^{opt} = \frac{V_c^2}{2R_{sh}} \left[ 1 + \sqrt{1 + \left(2Q_0 \frac{\delta\omega_m}{\omega_0}\right)^2} \right]$$

$\simeq U \delta\omega_m$  If  $\delta\omega_m$  is very large

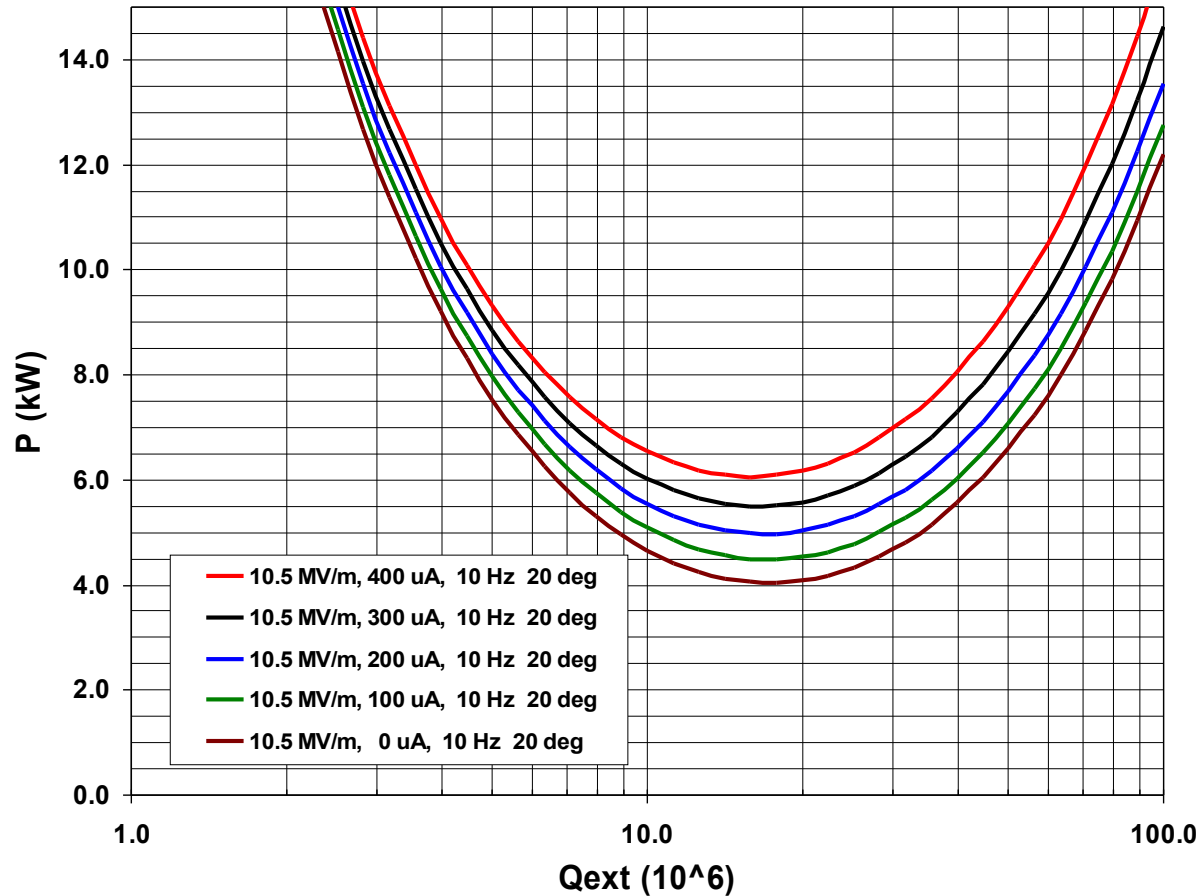


# Example



# Example

3-spoke, 345 MHz,  $\beta=0.62$



# Lorentz Detuning

Pressure deforms the cavity wall:

RF power produces radiation pressure:

$$P = \frac{\mu_0 H^2 - \epsilon_0 E^2}{4}$$

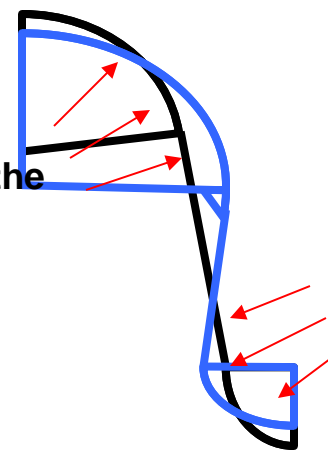


Deformation produces a frequency shift:

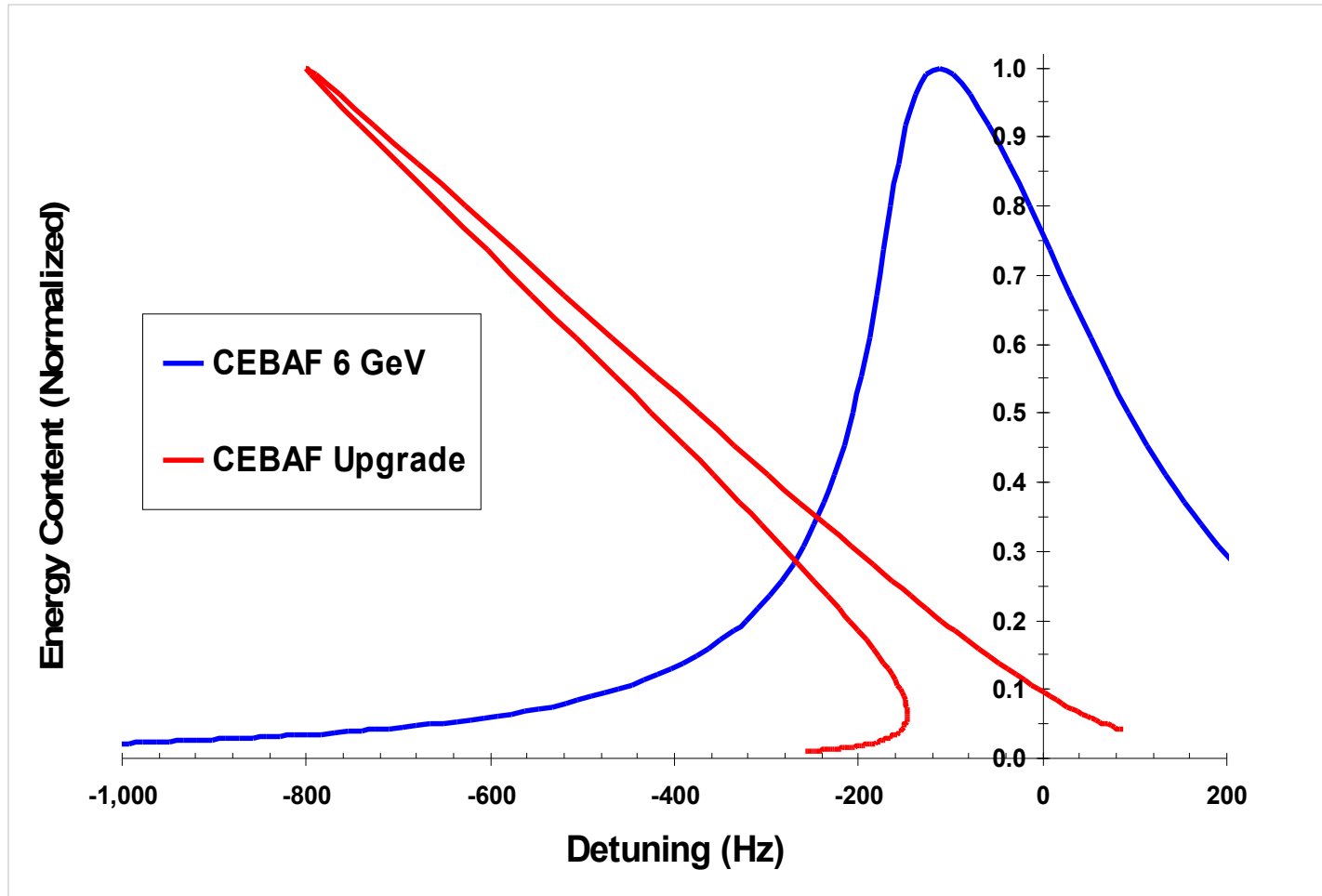
$$\Delta f = -k_L E_{acc}^2$$

Outward pressure at the equator

Inward pressure at the iris



# Lorentz Detuning



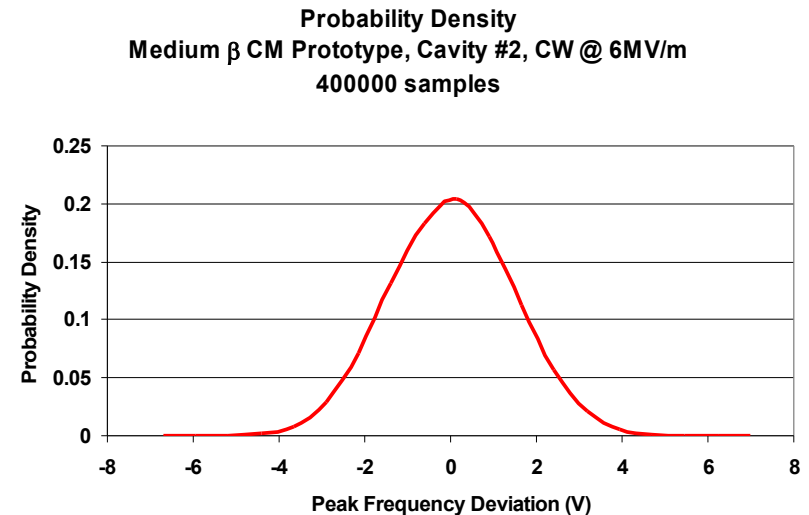
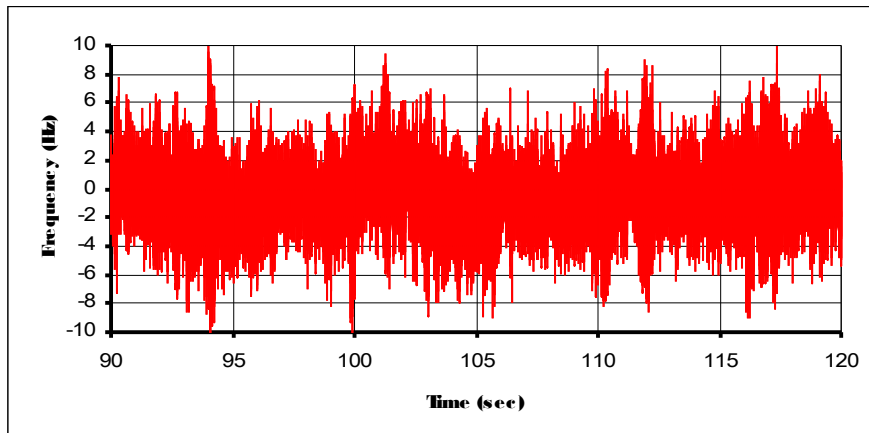
# Microphonics

- **Total detuning**

$$\delta\omega_0 + \delta\omega_m$$

where  $\delta\omega_0$  is the static detuning (controllable)

and  $\delta\omega_m$  is the random dynamic detuning (uncontrollable)



# Ponderomotive Effects

- Adiabatic theorem applied to harmonic oscillators (Boltzmann-Ehrenfest)

If  $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{\omega^2} \frac{d\omega}{dt} \ll 1$ , then  $\frac{U}{\omega}$  is an adiabatic invariant to all orders

$$\Delta \left( \frac{U}{\omega} \right) / \left( \frac{U}{\omega} \right) \sim o(e^{-d/\varepsilon}) \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{\Delta\omega}{\omega} = \frac{\Delta U}{U}} \quad (\text{Slater})$$

Quantum mechanical picture: the number of photons is constant:  $U = N\hbar\omega$

$$U = \int_V dV \left[ \frac{\mu_0}{4} H^2(\vec{r}) + \frac{\varepsilon_0}{4} E^2(\vec{r}) \right] \quad (\text{energy content})$$

$$\Delta U = - \int_S dS \vec{n}(\vec{r}) \cdot \vec{\xi}(\vec{r}) \left[ \frac{\mu_0}{4} H^2(\vec{r}) - \frac{\varepsilon_0}{4} E^2(\vec{r}) \right] \quad (\text{work done by radiation pressure})$$

# Ponderomotive Effects

$$\frac{\Delta\omega}{\omega} = - \frac{\int_S dS \vec{n}(\vec{r}) \cdot \vec{\xi}(\vec{r}) \left[ \frac{\mu_0}{4} H^2(\vec{r}) - \frac{\epsilon_0}{4} E^2(\vec{r}) \right]}{\int_V dV \left[ \frac{\mu_0}{4} H^2(\vec{r}) + \frac{\epsilon_0}{4} E^2(\vec{r}) \right]}$$

Expand wall displacements and forces in normal modes of vibration  $\phi_\mu(\vec{r})$  of the resonator

$$\int_S dS \phi_\mu(\vec{r}) \phi_\nu(\vec{r}) = \delta_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\xi(\vec{r}) = \sum_\mu q_\mu \phi_\mu(\vec{r})$$

$$q_\mu = \int_S \xi(\vec{r}) \phi_\mu(\vec{r}) dS$$

$$F(\vec{r}) = \sum_\mu F_\mu \phi_\mu(\vec{r})$$

$$F_\mu = \int_S F(\vec{r}) \phi_\mu(\vec{r}) dS$$

# Ponderomotive Effects

Equation of motion of mechanical mode  $\mu$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_\mu} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_\mu} + \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \dot{q}_\mu} = F_\mu \quad L = T - U \quad (\text{Euler-Lagrange})$$

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \sum_\mu c_\mu q_\mu^2 \quad (\text{elastic potential energy}) \quad c_\mu: \text{elastic constant}$$

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \sum_\mu c_\mu \frac{\dot{q}_\mu^2}{\Omega_\mu^2} \quad (\text{kinetic energy}) \quad \Omega_\mu: \text{frequency}$$

$$\Phi = \sum_\mu \frac{c_\mu}{\tau_\mu} \frac{\dot{q}_\mu^2}{\Omega_\mu^2} \quad (\text{power loss}) \quad \tau_\mu: \text{decay time}$$

$$\ddot{q}_\mu + \frac{2}{\tau_\mu} \dot{q}_\mu + \Omega_\mu^2 q_\mu = \frac{\Omega_\mu^2}{c_\mu} F_\mu$$



# Ponderomotive Effects

The frequency shift  $\Delta\omega_\mu$  caused by the mechanical mode  $\mu$  is proportional to  $q_\mu$

$$\Delta\ddot{\omega}_\mu + \frac{2}{\tau_\mu} \Delta\dot{\omega}_\mu + \Omega_\mu^2 \Delta\omega_\mu = -\frac{\omega_0}{c_\mu} \left( \frac{F_\mu}{U} \right)^2 \Omega_\mu^2 U = -k_\mu \Omega_\mu^2 V^2$$



Total frequency shift:  $\Delta\omega(t) = \sum_\mu \Delta\omega_\mu(t)$

Static frequency shift:  $\Delta\omega_0 = \sum_\mu \Delta\omega_{\mu 0} = -V^2 \sum_\mu k_\mu$

Static Lorentz coefficient:  $k = \sum_\mu k_\mu$

# Ponderomotive Effects – Mechanical Modes

$$\Delta\ddot{\omega}_\mu + \frac{2}{\tau_\mu} \Delta\dot{\omega}_\mu + \Omega_\mu^2 \Delta\omega_\mu = -\Omega_\mu^2 k_\mu V_0^2 + n(t)$$

Fluctuations around steady state:

$$\Delta\omega_\mu = \Delta\omega_{\mu 0} + \delta\omega_\mu$$
$$V = V_0(1 + \delta v)$$

Linearized equation of motion for mechanical mode:

$$\delta\ddot{\omega}_\mu + \frac{2}{\tau_\mu} \delta\dot{\omega}_\mu + \Omega_\mu^2 \delta\omega_\mu = -2\Omega_\mu^2 k_\mu V_0^2 \delta v$$

The mechanical mode is driven by fluctuations in the electromagnetic mode amplitude.

Variations in the mechanical mode amplitude causes a variation of the electromagnetic mode frequency, which can cause a variation of its amplitude.

→ Closed feedback system between electromagnetic and mechanical modes, that can lead to instabilities.

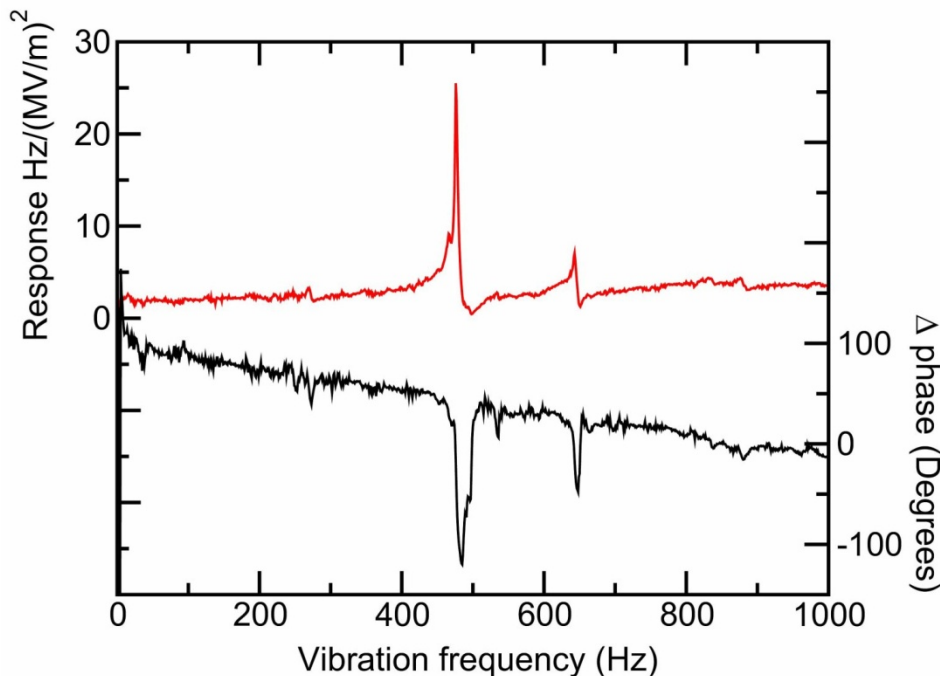
# Lorentz Transfer Function

$$\delta\ddot{\omega}_\mu + \frac{2}{\tau_\mu}\delta\dot{\omega}_\mu + \Omega_\mu^2\delta\omega_\mu = -2\Omega_\mu^2k_\mu V_0^2\delta v$$

$$\delta\omega_\mu(\omega) = \frac{-2\Omega_\mu^2k_\mu V_0^2}{(\Omega_\mu^2 - \omega^2) + \frac{2}{\tau_\mu}i\omega} \delta v(\omega)$$

**TEM-class cavities**  
**ANL, single-spoke, 354**  
**MHz,  $\beta=0.4$**

**simple spectrum with**  
**few modes**



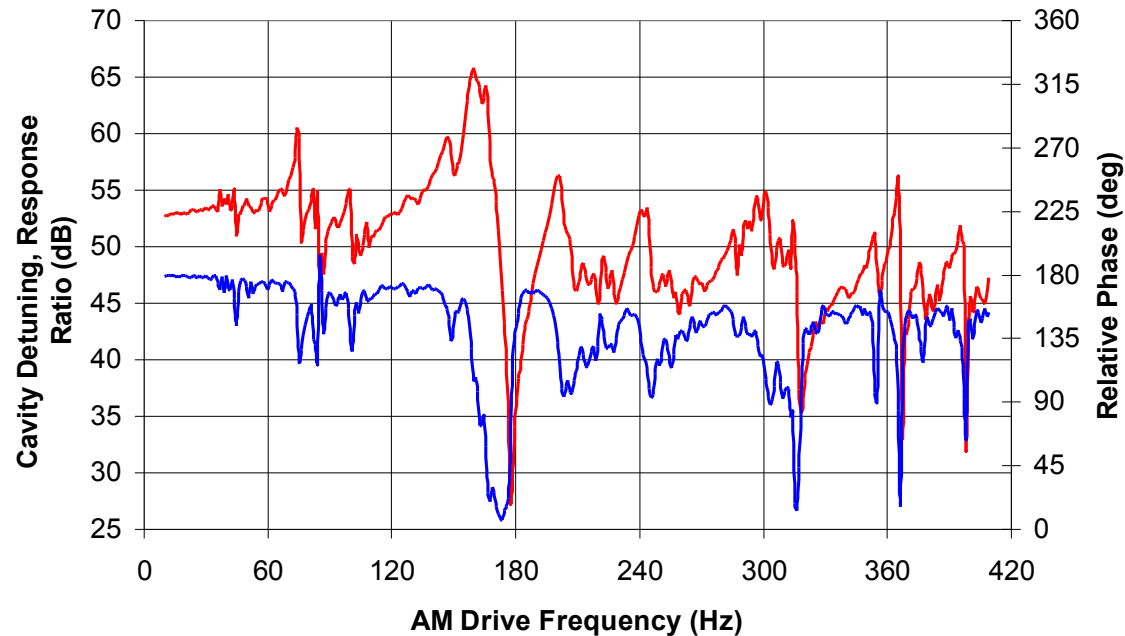
# Lorentz Transfer Function

TM-class cavities (Jlab, 6-cell elliptical, 805 MHz,  $\beta=0.61$ )

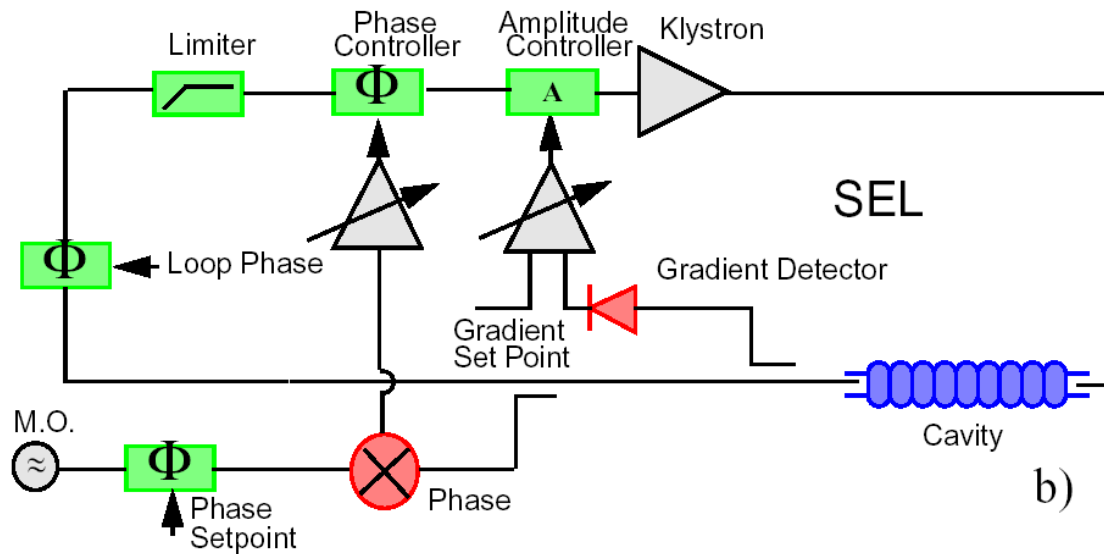
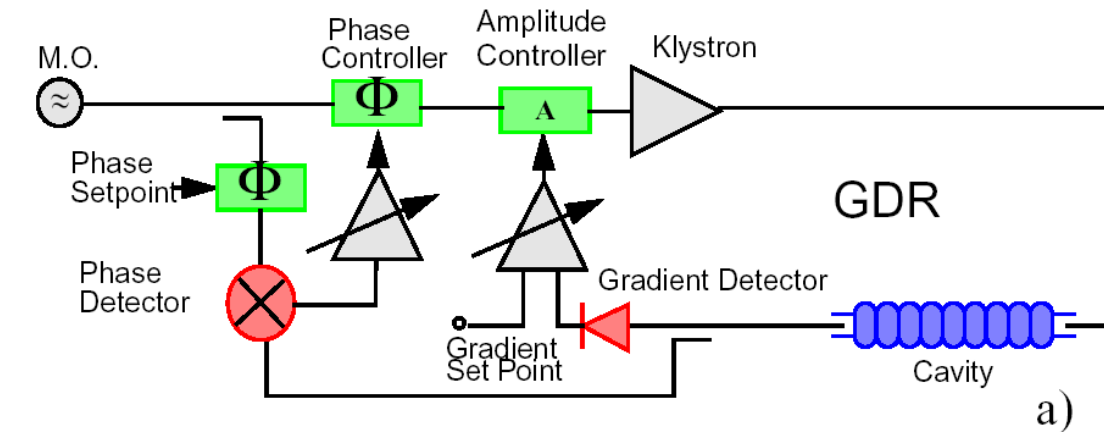
Rich frequency spectrum from low to high frequencies

Large variations between cavities

SNS Med  $\beta$  Cryomodule 3, Cavity Position 1, Lorentz Transfer Function  
(5MV/m CW)



# GDR and SEL



# Generator-Driven Resonator

- In a generator-driven resonator the coupling between the electromagnetic and mechanical modes can lead to two ponderomotive instabilities
- Monotonic instability : Jump phenomenon where the amplitudes of the electromagnetic and mechanical modes increase or decrease exponentially until limited by non-linear effects
- Oscillatory instability : The amplitudes of both modes oscillate and increase at an exponential rate until limited by non-linear effects

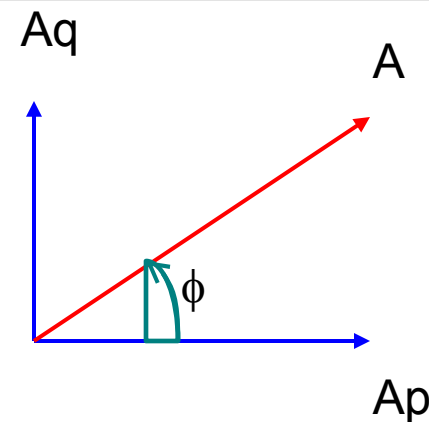
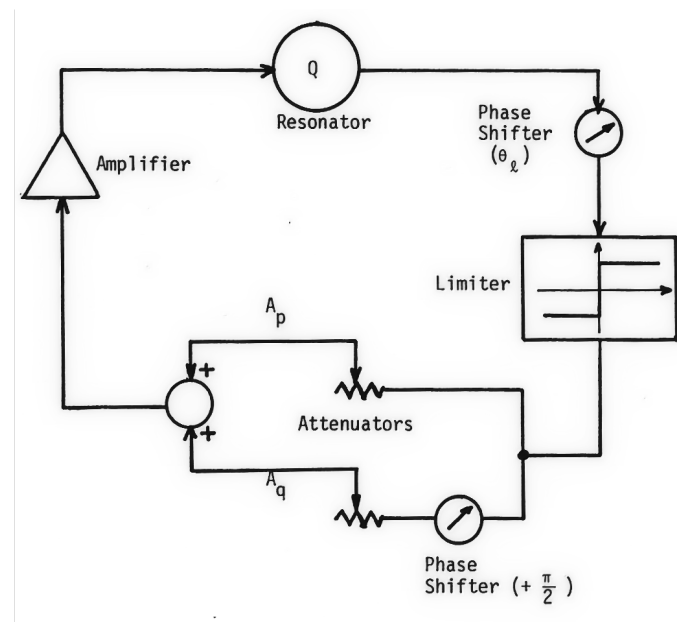
# Self-Excited Loop-Principle of Stabilization

Controlling the external phase shift  $\theta_l$  can compensate for the fluctuations in the cavity frequency  $\omega_c$  so the loop is phase locked to an external frequency reference  $\omega_r$ .

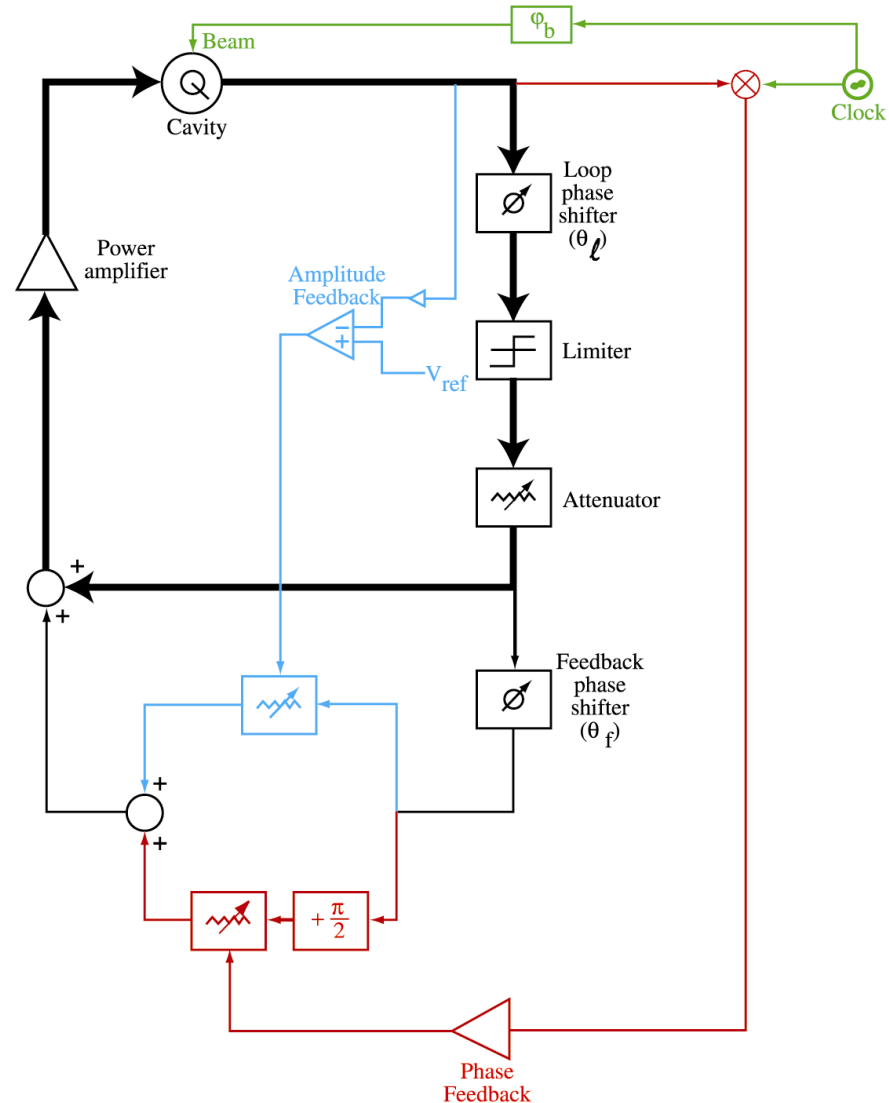
$$\omega = \omega_c + \frac{\omega_c}{2Q} \tan \theta_l$$

Instead of introducing an additional external controllable phase shifter, this is usually done by adding a signal in quadrature

→ The cavity field amplitude is unaffected by the phase stabilization even in the absence of amplitude feedback.



# Self-Excited Loop – Block Diagram



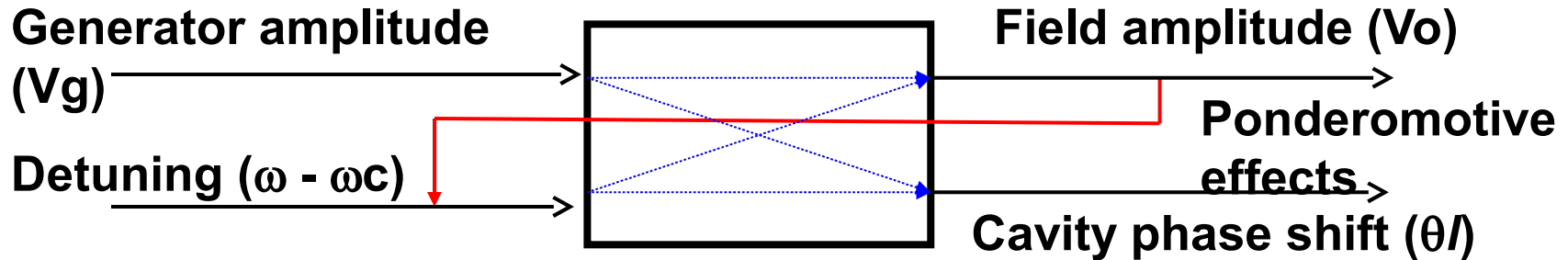


# Self-Excited Loop

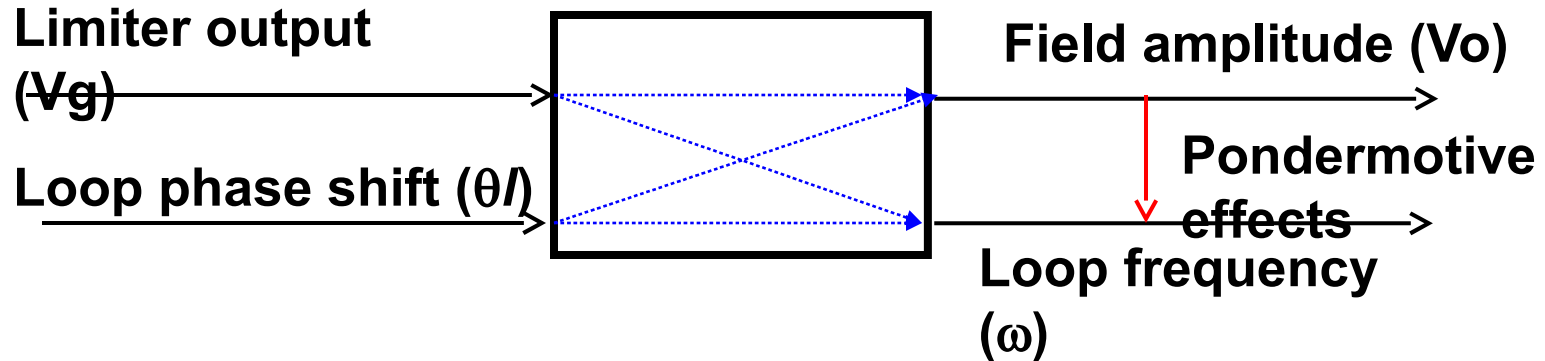
- Resonators operated in self-excited loops in the absence of feedback are free of ponderomotive instabilities. An SEL is equivalent to the ideal VCO.
  - Amplitude is stable
  - Frequency of the loop tracks the frequency of the cavity
- Phase stabilization can reintroduce instabilities, but they are easily controlled with small amount of amplitude feedback

# Input-Output Variables

- Generator - driven cavity

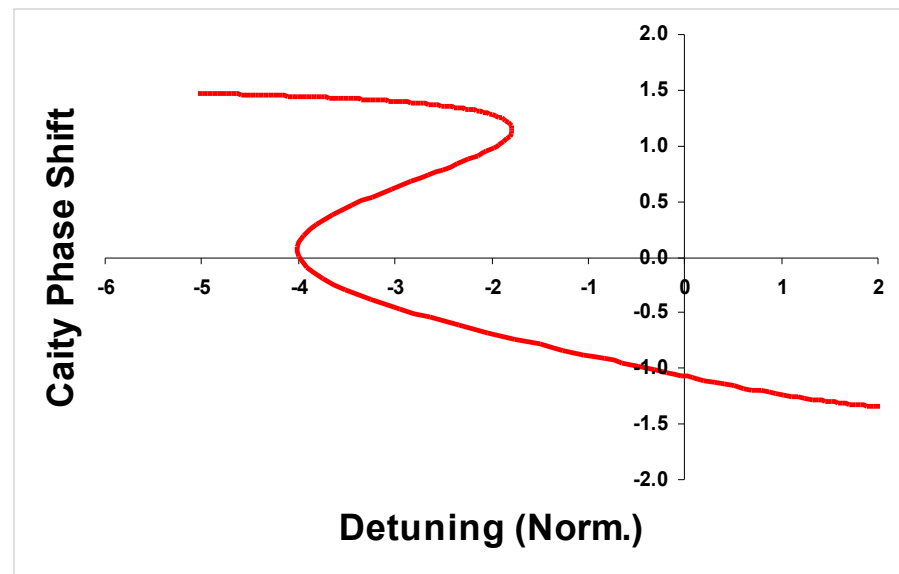
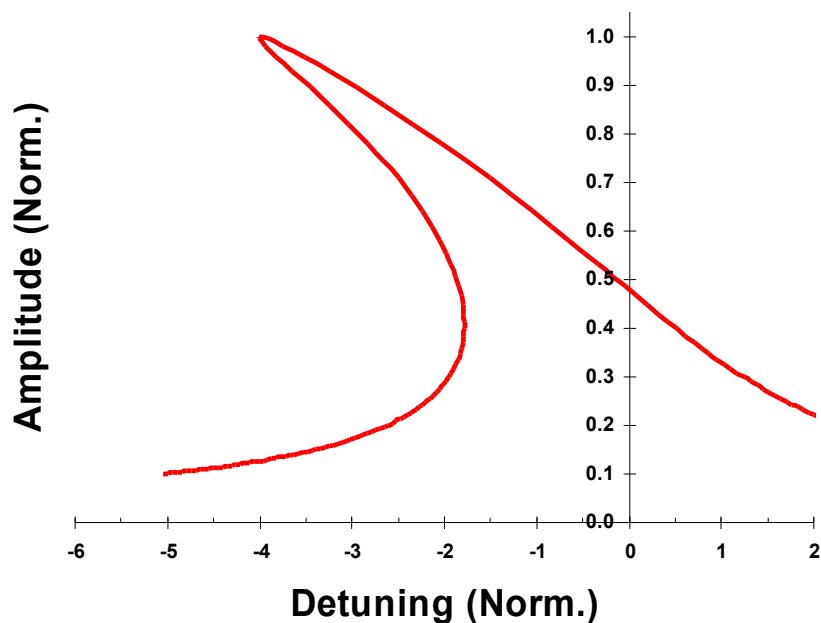


- Cavity in a self-excited loop



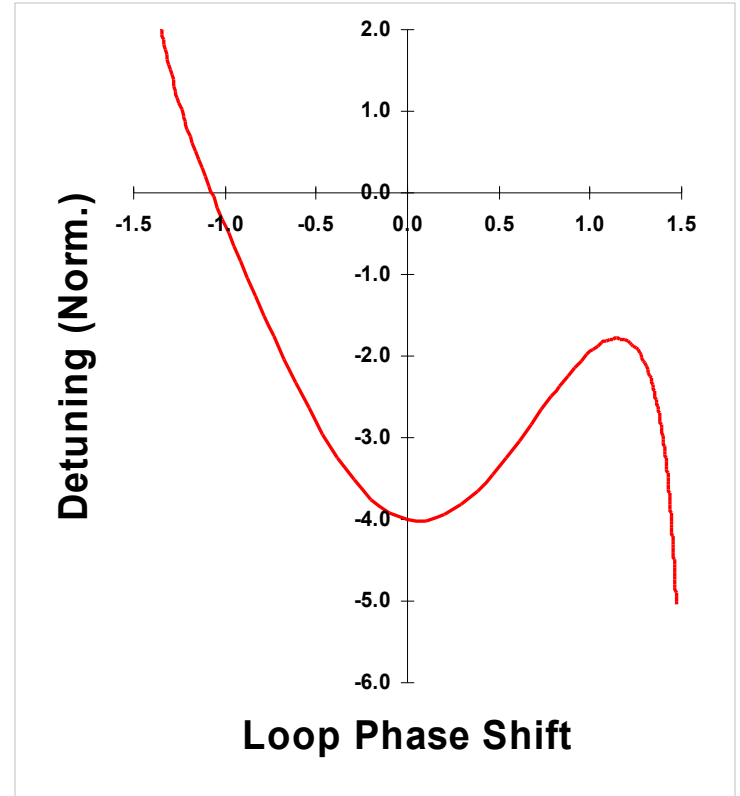
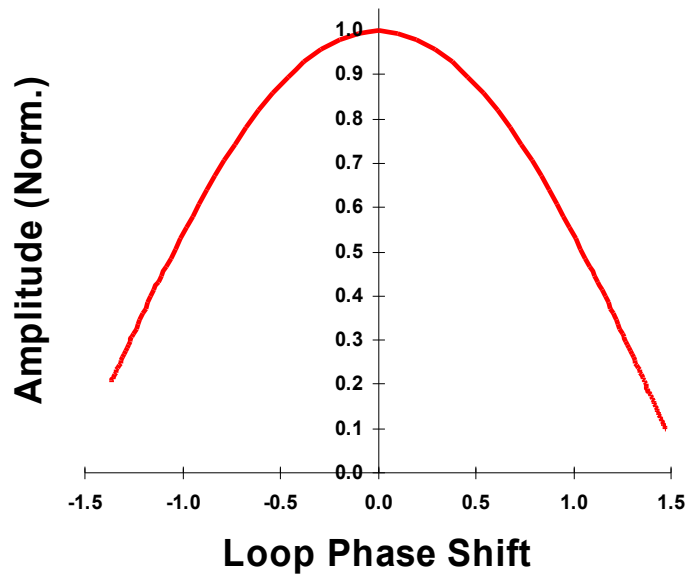
# Input-Output Variables

## Generator-Driven Resonator



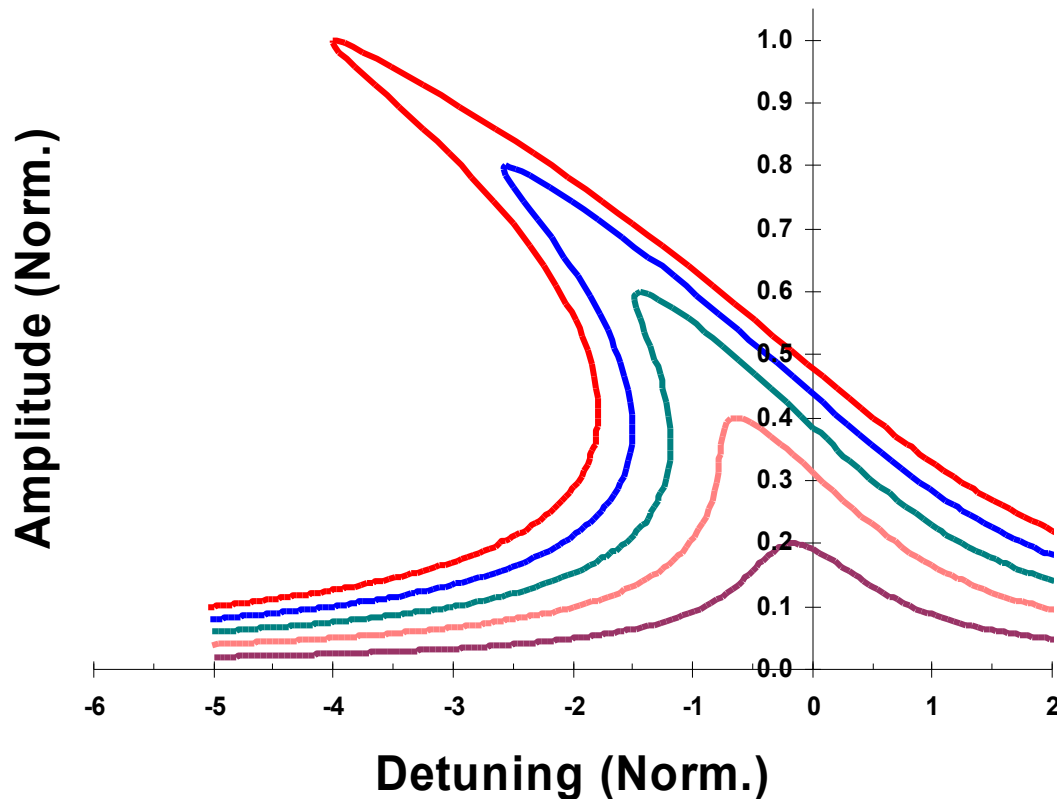
# Input-Output Variables

## Self-Excited Loop



# Lorentz Detuning

During transient operation (rise time and decay time) the loop frequency automatically tracks the resonator frequency. Lorentz detuning has no effect and is automatically compensated



# Microphonics

- Microphonics: changes in frequency caused by connections to the external world
  - Vibrations
  - Pressure fluctuations

When phase and amplitude feedbacks are active, ponderomotive effects can change the response to external disturbances

$$\delta\ddot{\omega}_{\mu} + \frac{2}{\tau_{\mu}}\delta\dot{\omega}_{\mu} + \Omega_{\mu}^2\delta\omega_{\mu} = -2\Omega_{\mu}^2k_{\mu}V_0^2\delta v + n(t)$$

# Microphonics

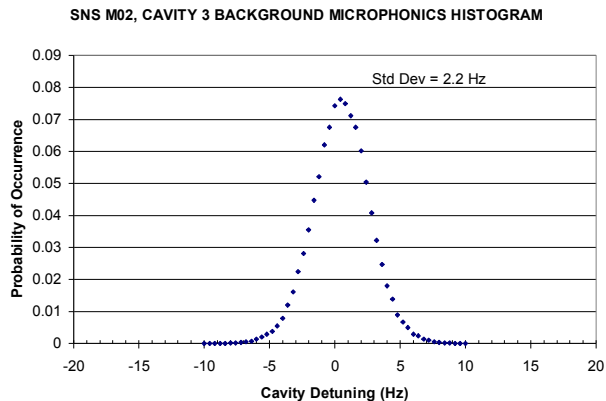
Two extreme classes of driving terms:

- Deterministic, monochromatic
  - Constant, well defined frequency
  - Constant amplitude
- Stochastic
  - Broadband (compared to bandwidth of mechanical mode)
  - Will be modeled by gaussian stationary white noise process

# Microphonics (probability density)

Single gaussian

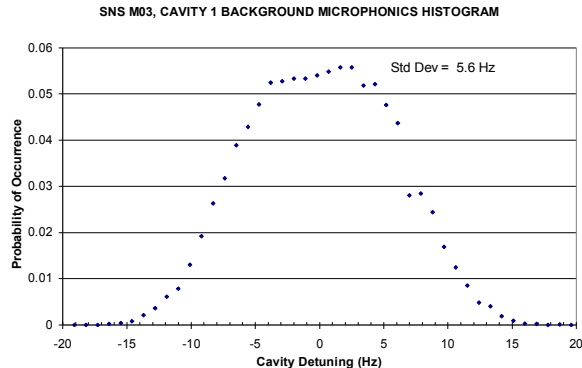
Noise driven



805 MHz TM

Bimodal

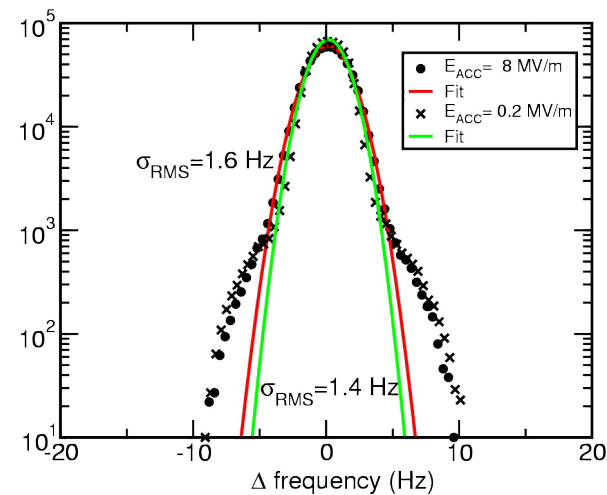
Single-frequency driven



805 MHz TM

Multi-gaussian

Non-stationary noise



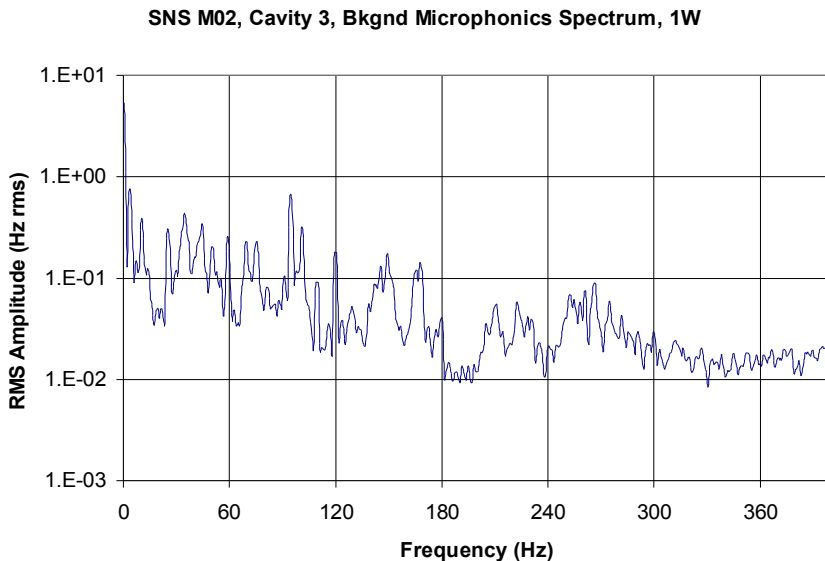
172 MHz TEM



# Microphonics (frequency spectrum)

TM-class cavities (JLab, 6-cell elliptical, 805 MHz,  $\beta=0.61$ )  
Rich frequency spectrum from low to high frequencies

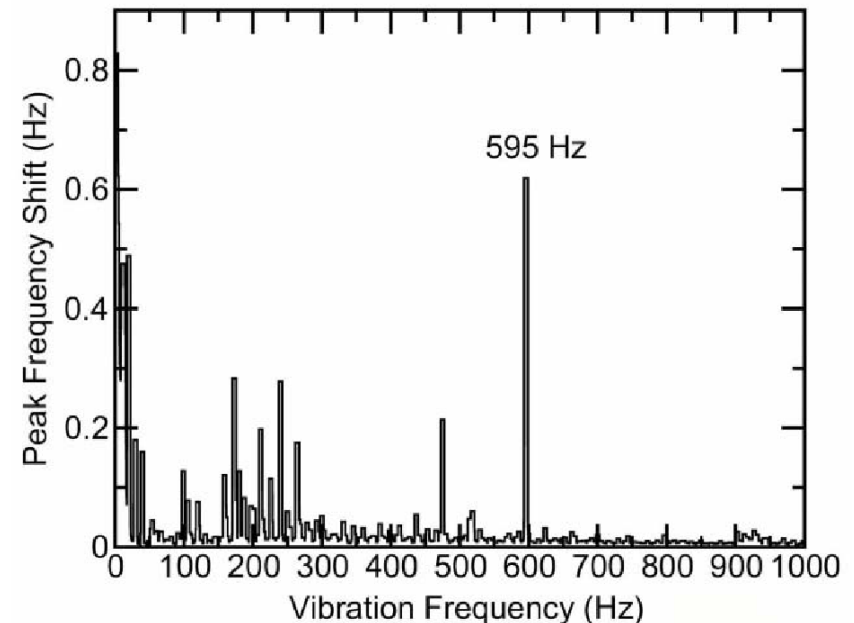
Large variations between cavities



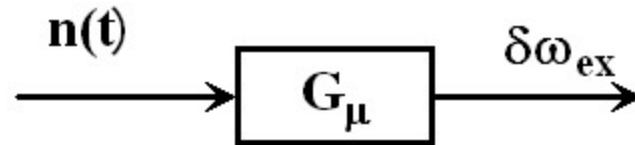
TEM-class cavities (ANL, single-spoke, 354 MHz,  $\beta=0.4$ )

**Dominated by low frequency (<10 Hz) from pressure fluctuations**

**Few high frequency mechanical modes that contribute little to microphonics level.**

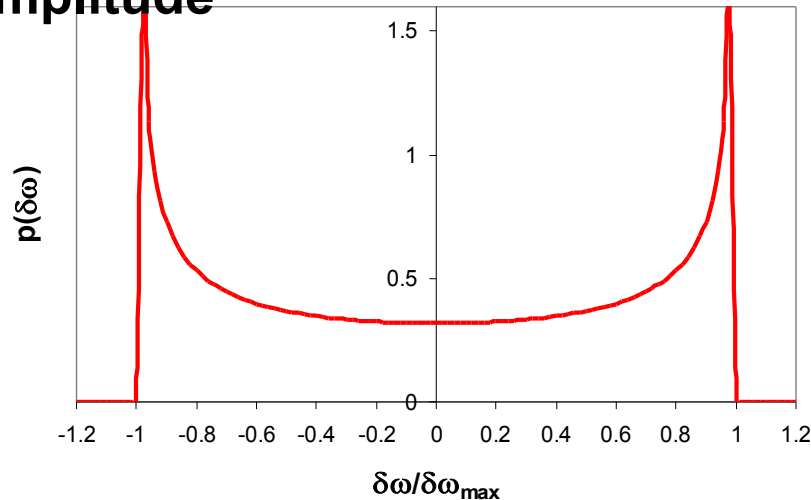


# Probability Density (histogram)



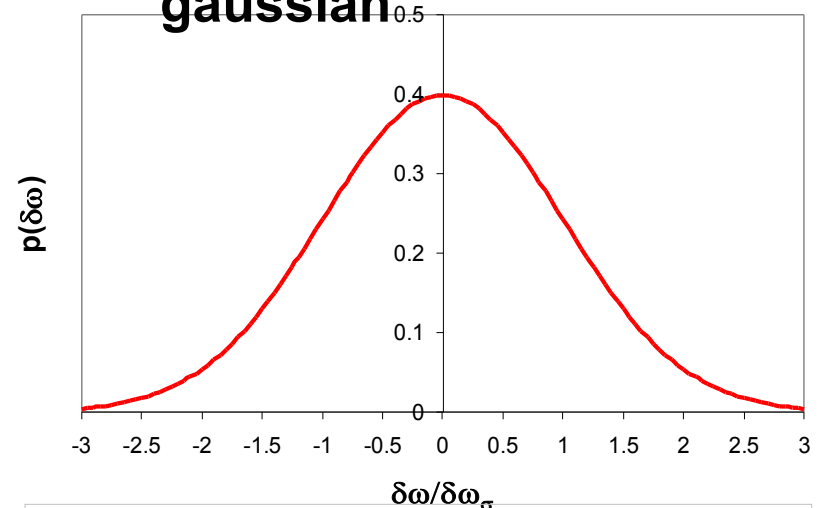
Harmonic oscillator ( $\Omega_\mu, \tau_\mu$ ) driven by:

Single frequency, constant amplitude



$$p(\delta\omega) = \frac{1}{\pi \sqrt{\delta\omega_{\max}^2 - \delta\omega^2}}$$

White noise, gaussian



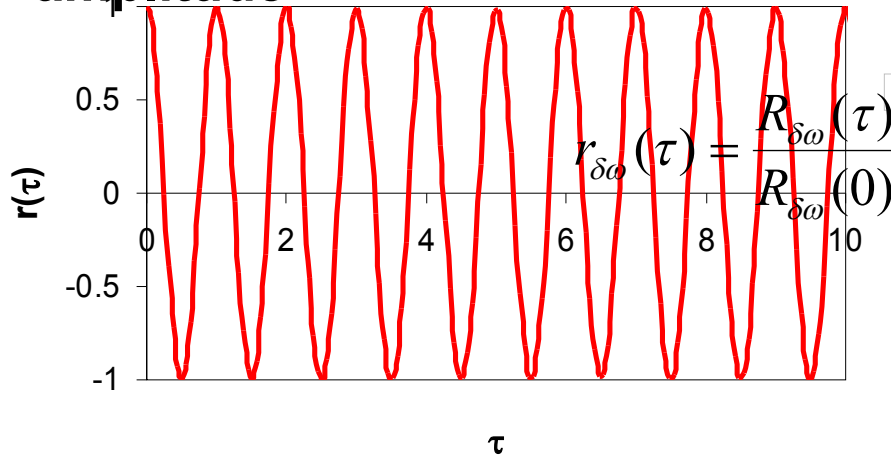
$$p(\delta\omega) = \frac{1}{\sigma_\omega \sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\delta\omega}{\sigma_\omega}\right)^2\right]$$

# Autocorrelation Function

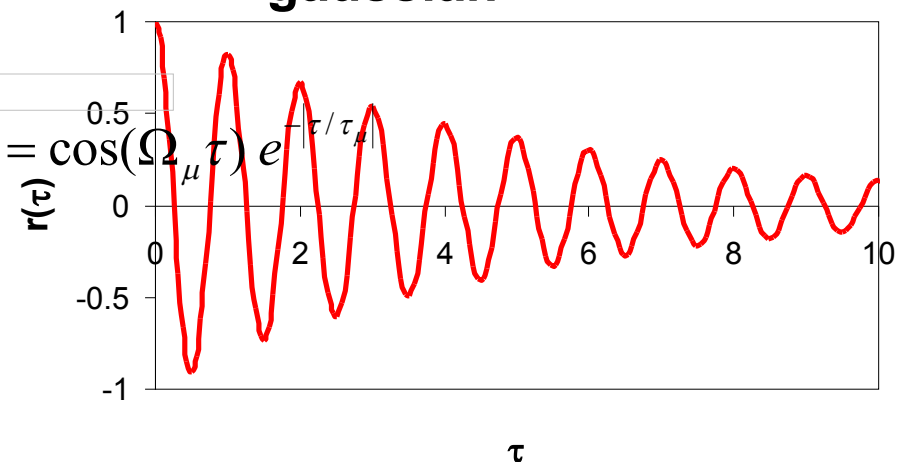
$$R_x(\tau) = \langle x(t)x(t+\tau) \rangle \stackrel{\text{OLE}}{=} \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T x(t)x(t+\tau) dt$$

Harmonic oscillator ( $\Omega_\mu, \tau_\mu$ ) driven by:

Single frequency, constant amplitude



White noise, gaussian



$$r_{\delta\omega}(\tau) = \frac{R_{\delta\omega}(\tau)}{R_{\delta\omega}(0)} \stackrel{\text{OLE}}{=} \cos(\omega_d \tau)$$

$$r_{\delta\omega}(\tau) = \frac{R_{\delta\omega}(\tau)}{R_{\delta\omega}(0)} \stackrel{\text{OLE}}{=} \cos(\Omega_\mu \tau) e^{-|\tau|/\tau_\mu}$$

# Stationary Stochastic Processes

$x(t)$ : stationary random variable

Autocorrelation function:

$$R_x(\tau) = \langle x(t)x(t+\tau) \rangle = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T x(t)x(t+\tau) dt$$

Spectral Density  $S_x(\omega)$ : Amount of power between  $\omega$  and  $d\omega$

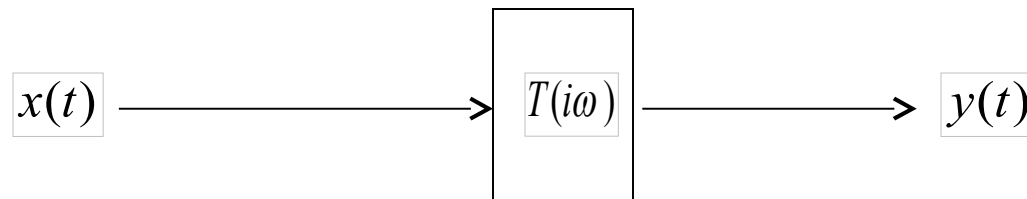
$S_x(\omega)$  and  $R_x(\tau)$  are related through the Fourier Transform (Wiener-Khintchine)

$$S_x(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} R_x(\tau) e^{-i\omega\tau} d\tau \quad R_x(\tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_x(\omega) e^{i\omega\tau} d\omega$$

Mean square value:  $\langle x^2 \rangle = R_x(0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} S_x(\omega) d\omega$

# Stationary Stochastic Processes

For a stationary random process driving a linear system



$$\langle y^2 \rangle = R_y(0) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} S_y(\omega) d\omega \quad \langle x^2 \rangle = R_x(0) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} S_x(\omega) d\omega$$

$R_y(\tau)$  [ $R_x(\tau)$ ]: auto correlation function of  $y(t)$  [ $x(t)$ ]

$S_y(\omega)$  [ $S_x(\omega)$ ]: spectral density of  $y(t)$  [ $x(t)$ ]

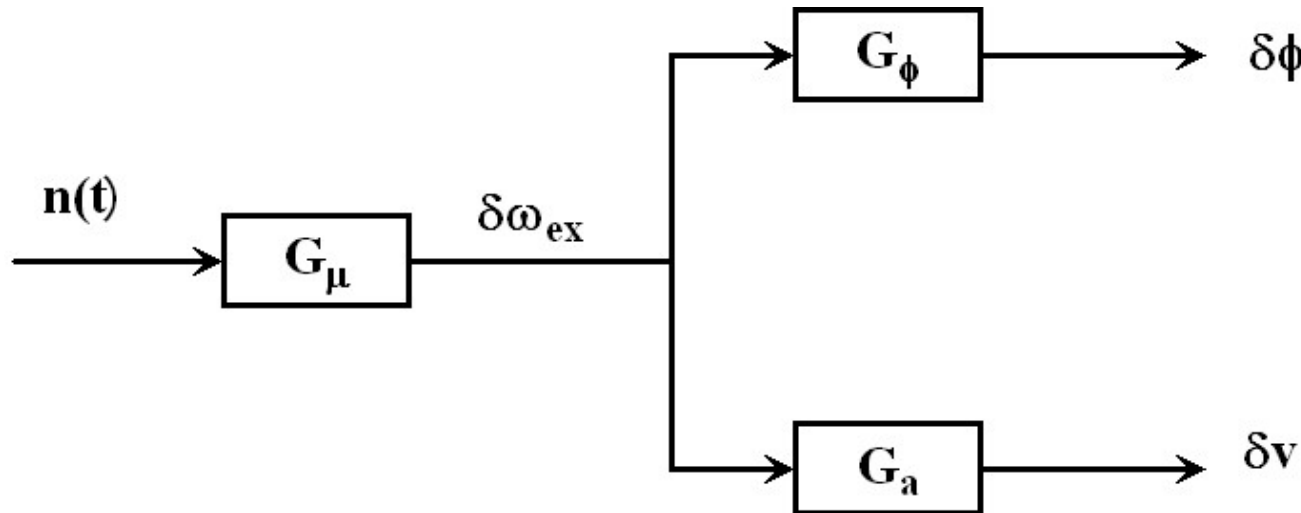
$$S_y(\omega) = S_x(\omega) |T(i\omega)|^2$$

$$\langle y^2 \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} S_x(\omega) |T(i\omega)|^2 d\omega$$

# Performance of Control System

Residual phase and amplitude errors caused by microphonics  
Can also be done for beam current amplitude and phase fluctuations

Assume a single mechanical oscillator of frequency  $\Omega_\mu$  and decay time  $\tau_\mu$  excited by white noise of spectral density  $A^2$



# Performance of Control System

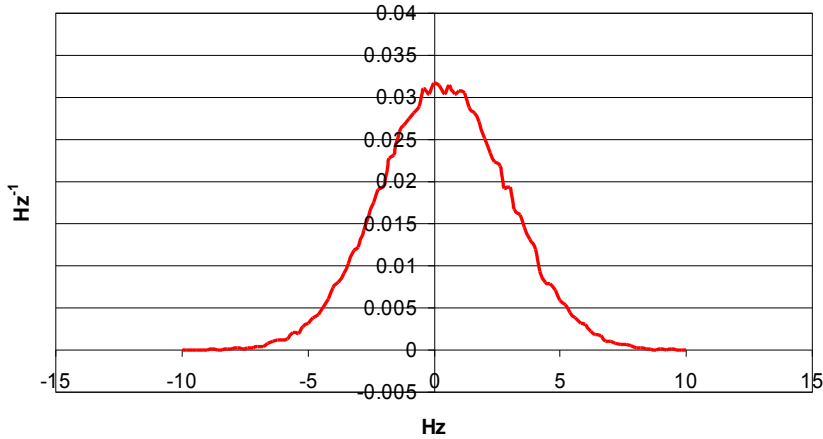
$$\langle \delta \omega_{ex}^2 \rangle = A^2 \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |G_{\mu}(i\omega)|^2 d\omega = A^2 \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\omega}{\left| -\omega^2 + \frac{2}{\tau_{\mu}} i\omega + \Omega_{\mu}^2 \right|^2} = A^2 \frac{\pi \tau_{\mu}}{2\Omega_{\mu}^2}$$

$$\langle \delta v^2 \rangle = A^2 \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |G_{\mu}(i\omega)G_a(i\omega)|^2 d\omega = \langle \delta \omega_{ex}^2 \rangle \frac{2\Omega_{\mu}^2}{\pi \tau_{\mu}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left| \frac{G_a(i\omega)}{-\omega^2 + \frac{2}{\tau_{\mu}} i\omega + \Omega_{\mu}^2} \right|^2 d\omega$$

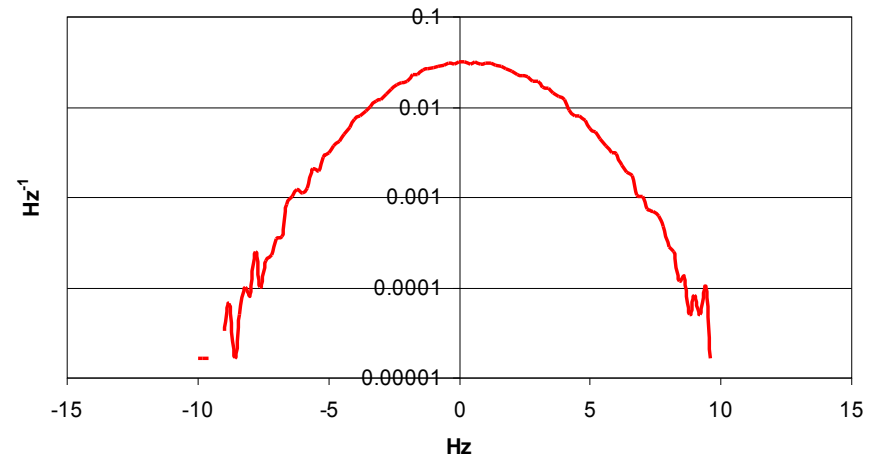
$$\langle \delta \phi^2 \rangle = A^2 \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |G_{\mu}(i\omega)G_{\phi}(i\omega)|^2 d\omega = \langle \delta \omega_{ex}^2 \rangle \frac{2\Omega_{\mu}^2}{\pi \tau_{\mu}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left| \frac{G_{\phi}(i\omega)}{-\omega^2 + \frac{2}{\tau_{\mu}} i\omega + \Omega_{\mu}^2} \right|^2 d\omega$$

# The Real World

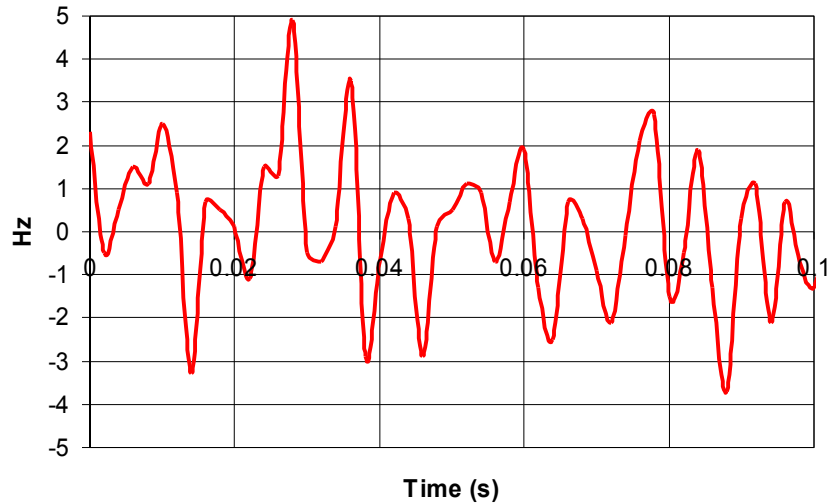
Probability Density



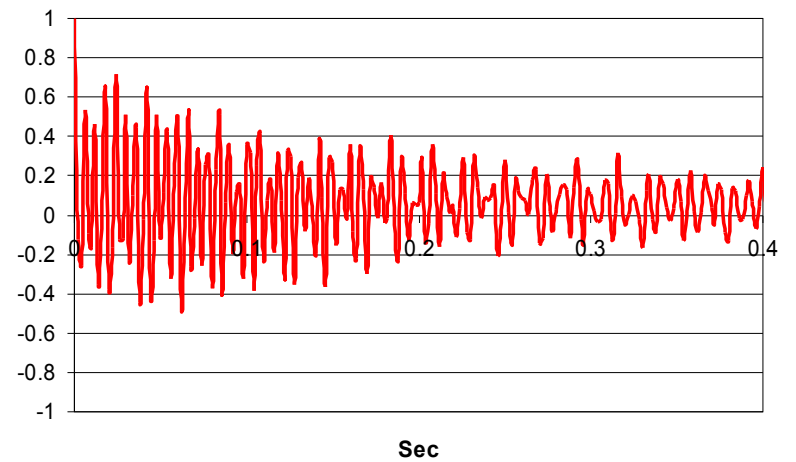
Probability Density



Microphonics



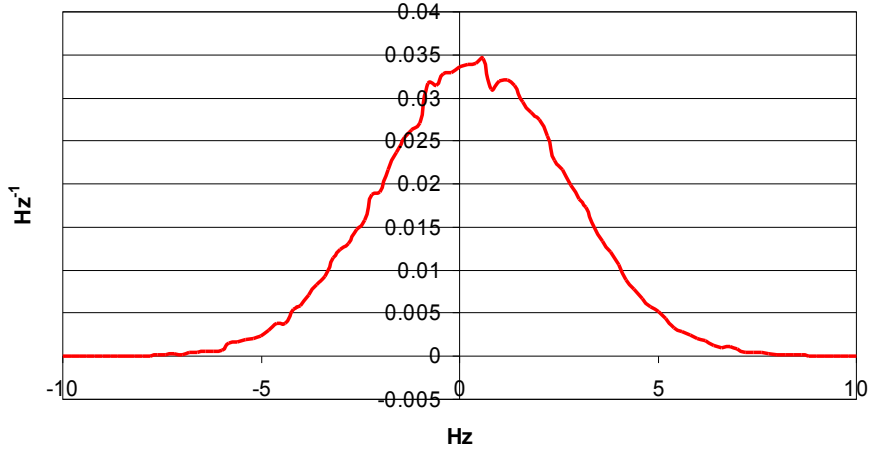
Normalized Autocorrelation Function



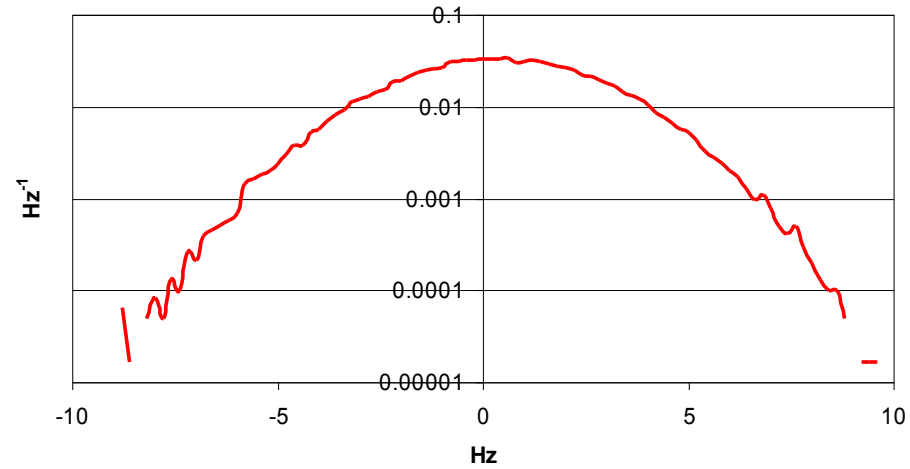


# The Real World

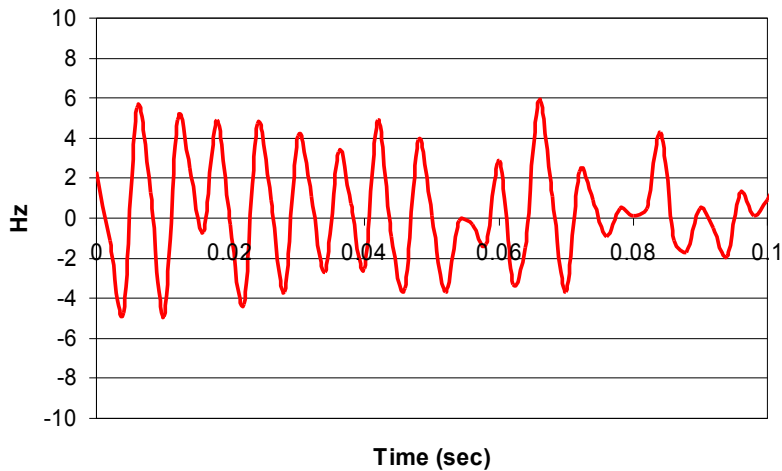
Probability Density



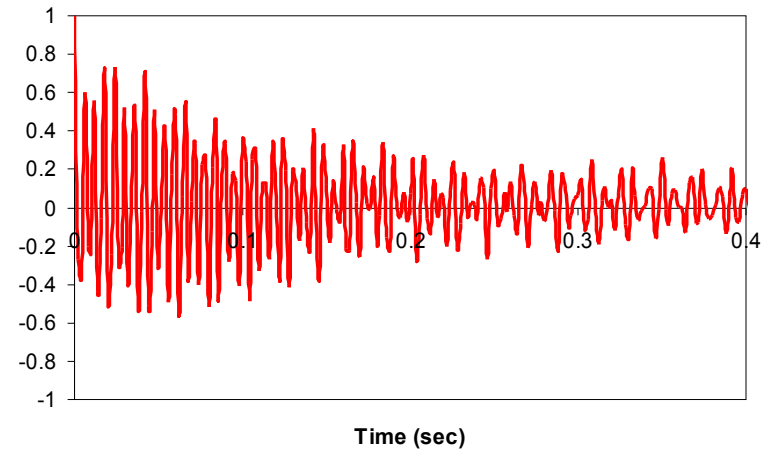
Probability Density



Microphonics

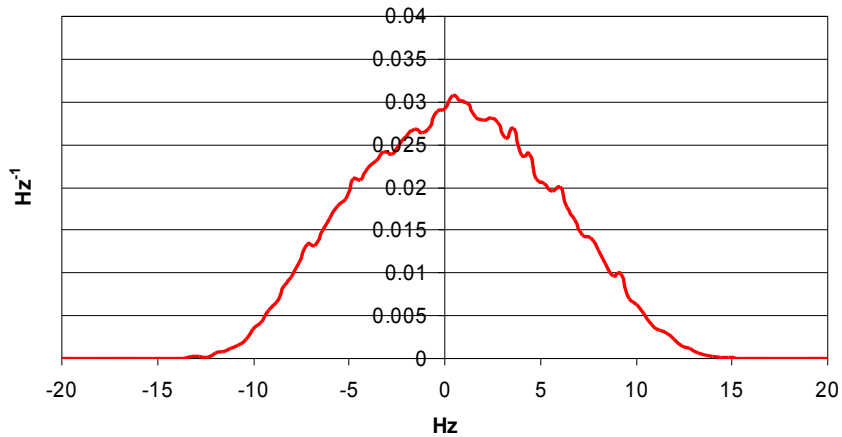


Normalized Autocorrelation Function

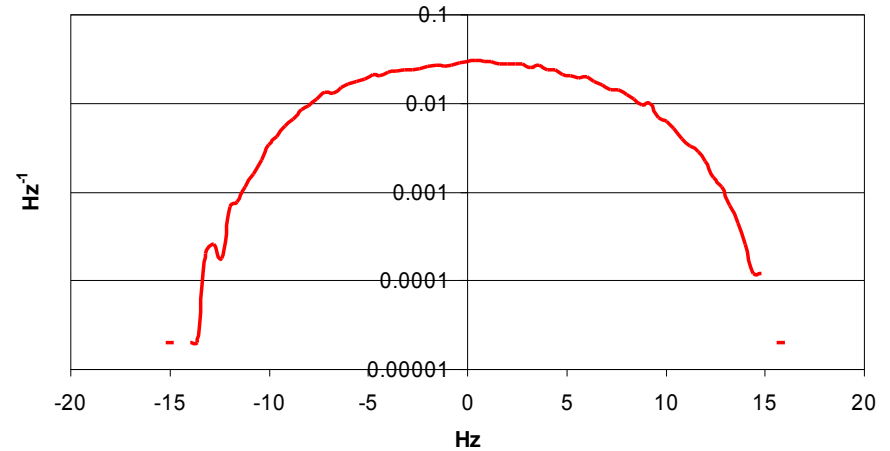


# The Real World

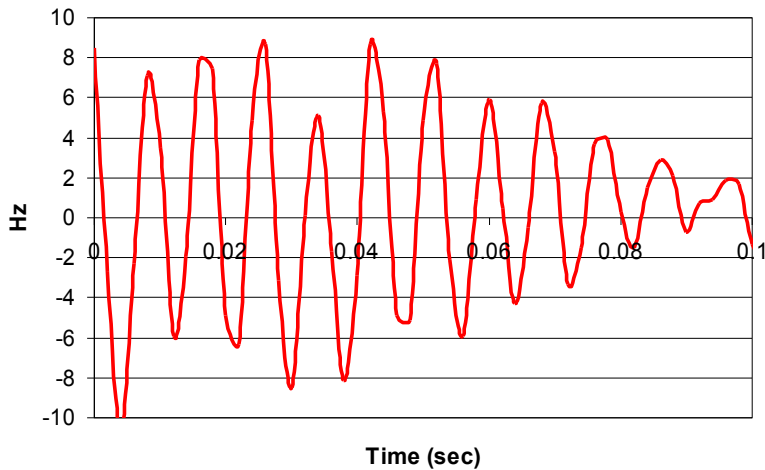
Probability density



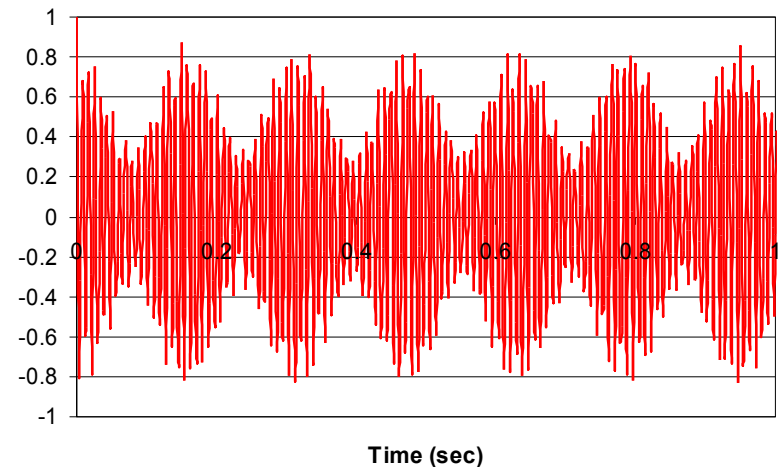
Probability density



Microphonics



Normalized Autocorrelation Function



# Piezo control of microphonics

MSU, 6-cell elliptical 805 MHz,  $\beta=0.49$

Adaptive feedforward compensation

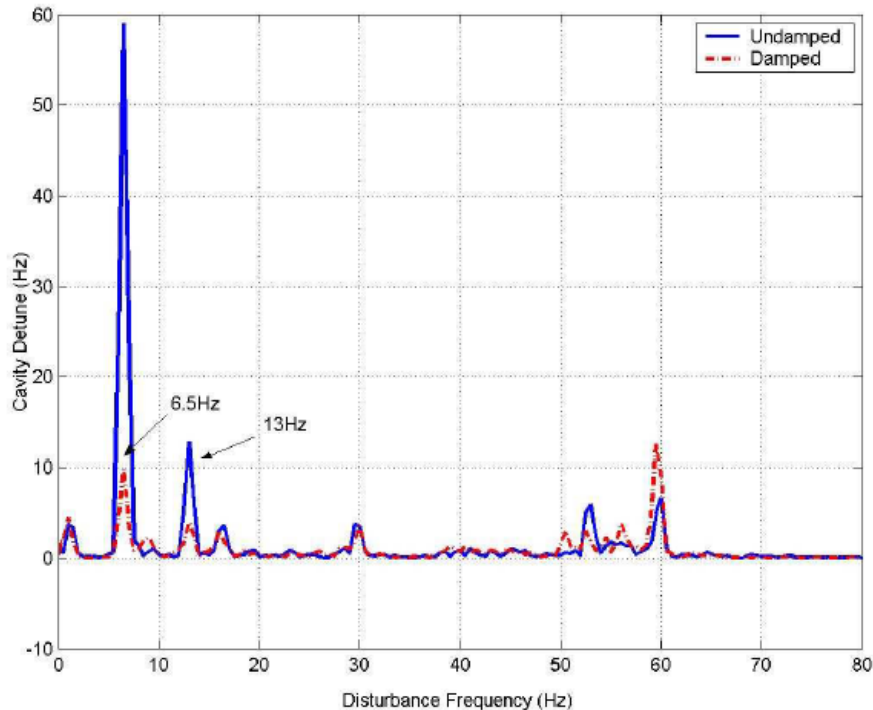


Figure 2. Active damping of helium oscillations at 2K.

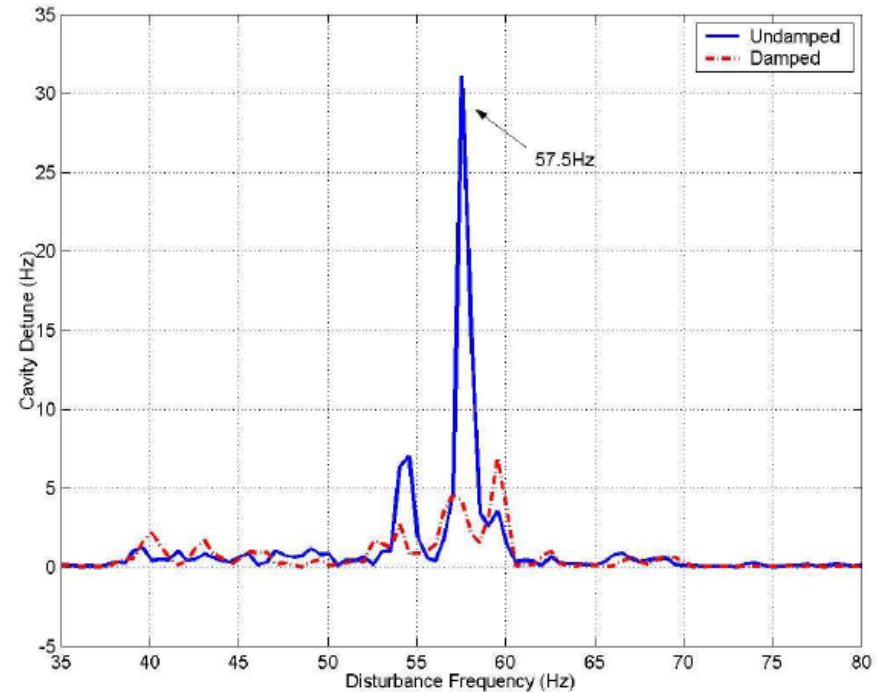
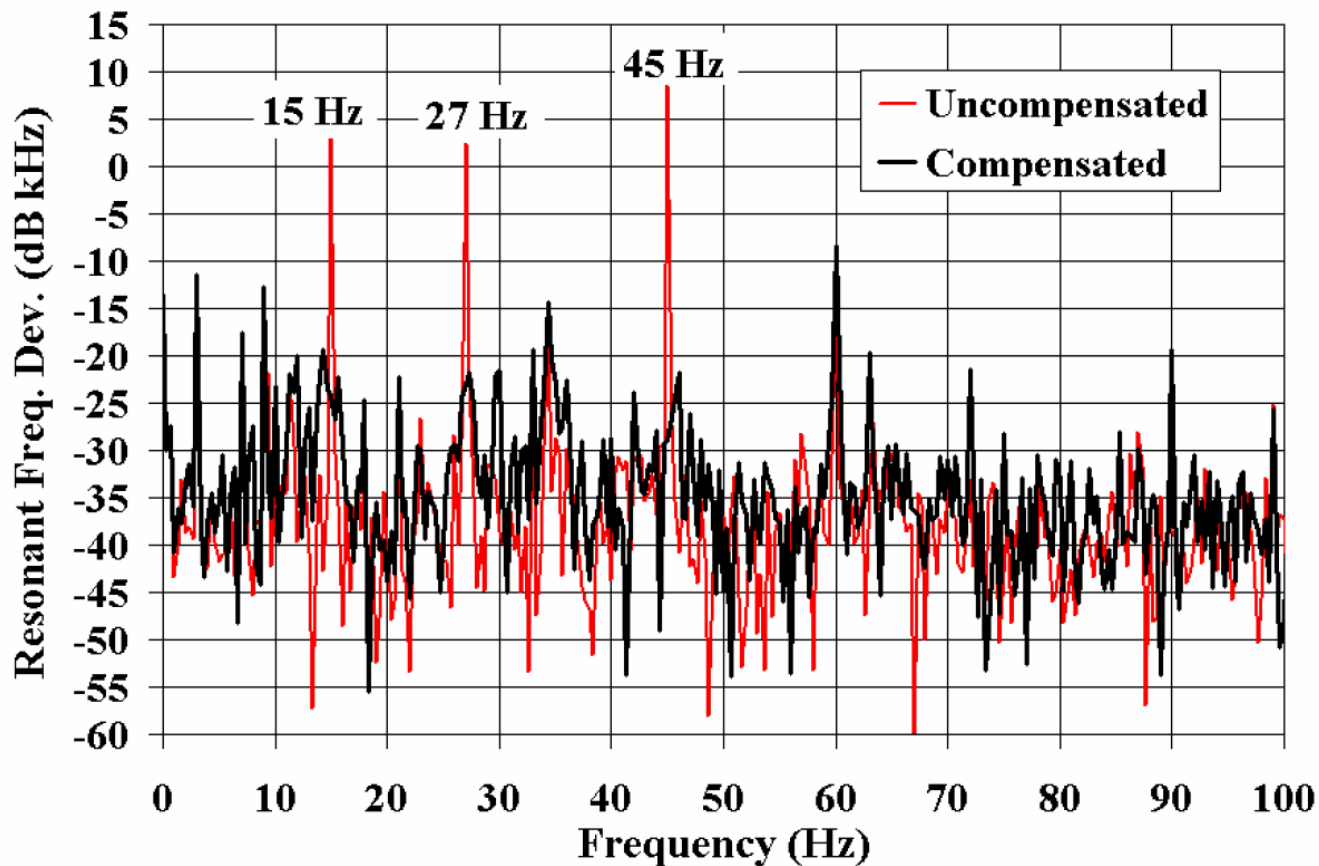


Figure 3. Active damping of external vibration at 2K.

# Piezo Control of Microphonics

FNAL, 3-cell 3.9 GHz

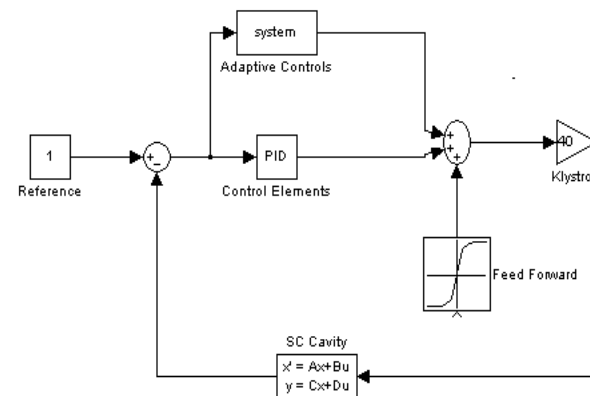
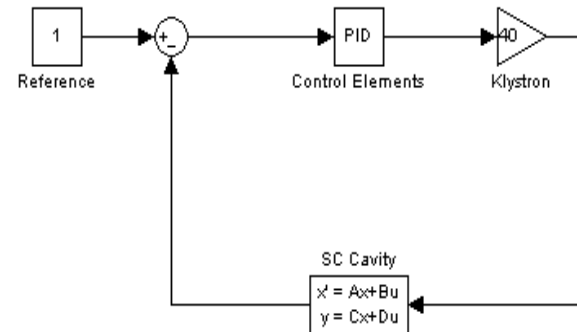


# SEL and GDR

- SEL are best suited for high gradient, high-loaded Q cavities operated cw.
  - Well behaved with respect to ponderomotive instabilities
  - Unaffected by Lorentz detuning at power up
  - Able to run independently of external rf source
  - Rise time can be random and slow (starts from noise)
- GDR are best suited for low-Q cavities operated for short pulse length.
  - Fast predictable rise time
  - Power up can be hampered by Lorentz detuning

# SC Control Systems

- **CW accelerators (Atlas, CEBAF) use simple proportional negative feedback.**
- **Pulsed accelerators (TESLA, SNS) need more complex control methods, adaptive control, and feed forward techniques.**



# Control System Example

At CEBAF, Nuclear experiments require an energy spread of  $\sim 10^{-4}$

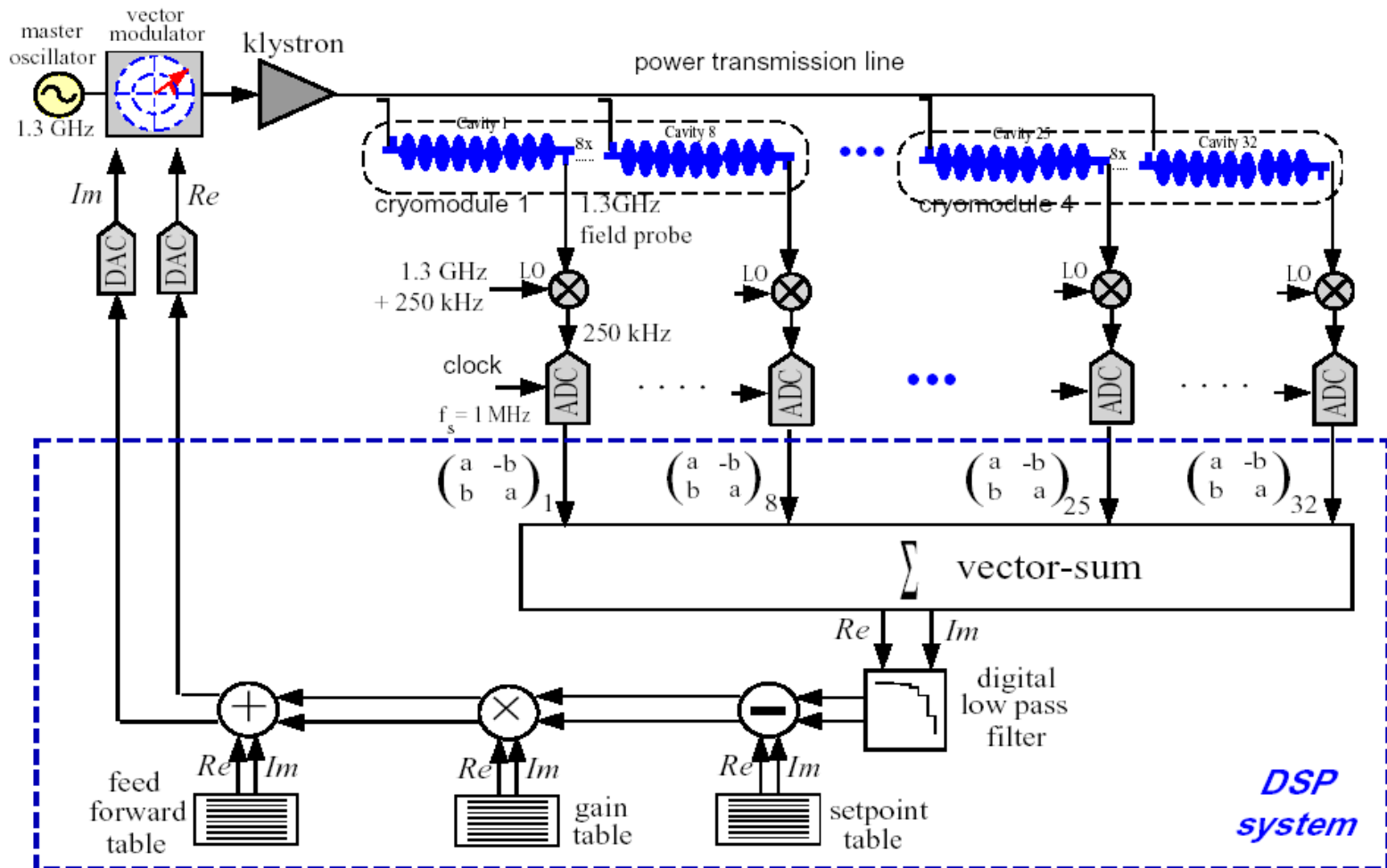
To meet this each individual cavity must have no more than  $\sim 10^{-5}$  amplitude variation.

[ $\Delta E/E \sim 1/N^{1/2}$  where N is the number of cavities]

Background microphonics are 5% (peak) do to QL = 107

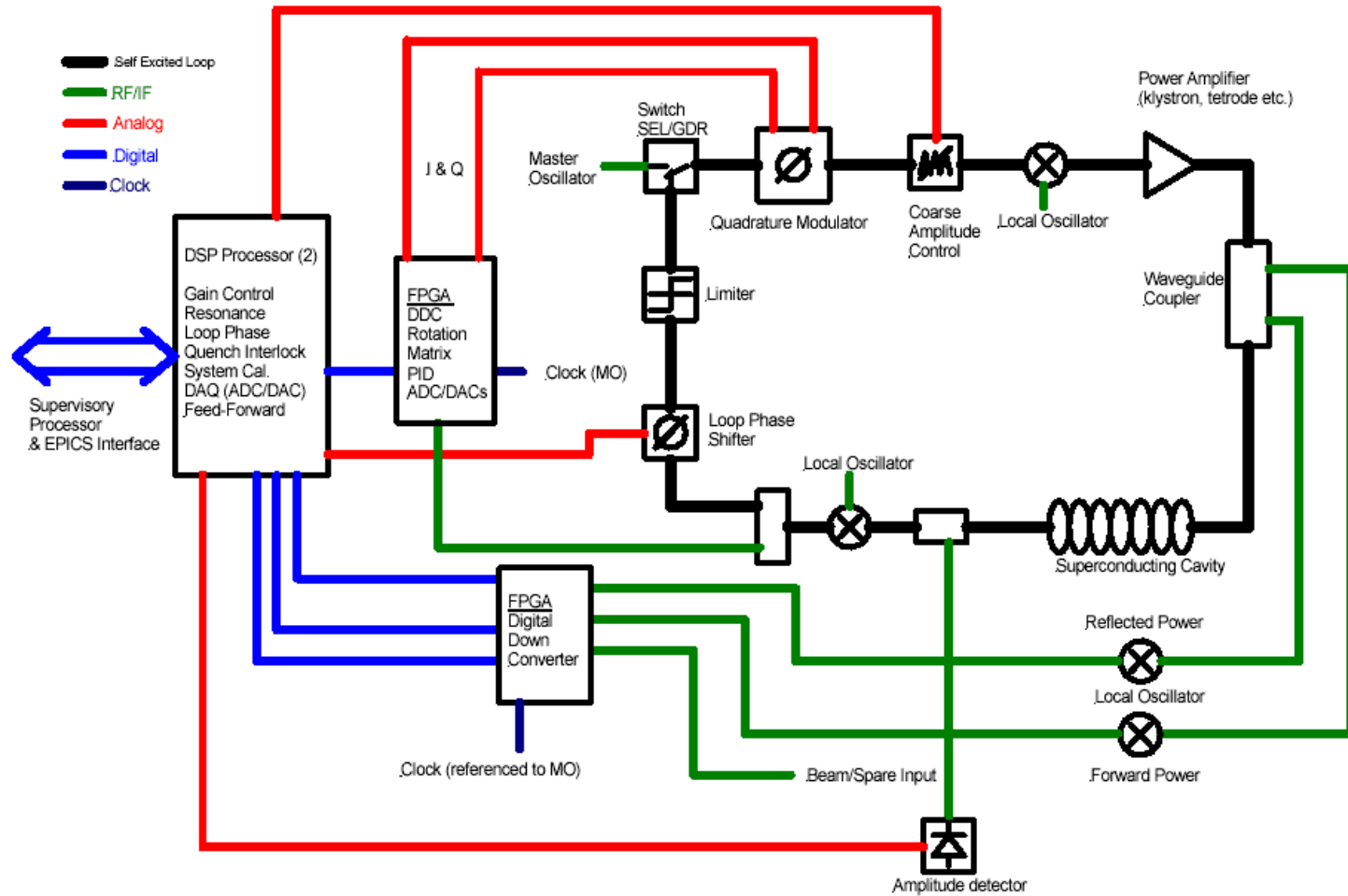
Therefore gain required to control the cavity field is 500 or  $\sim 53$  dB in gain.

# TESLA Control System

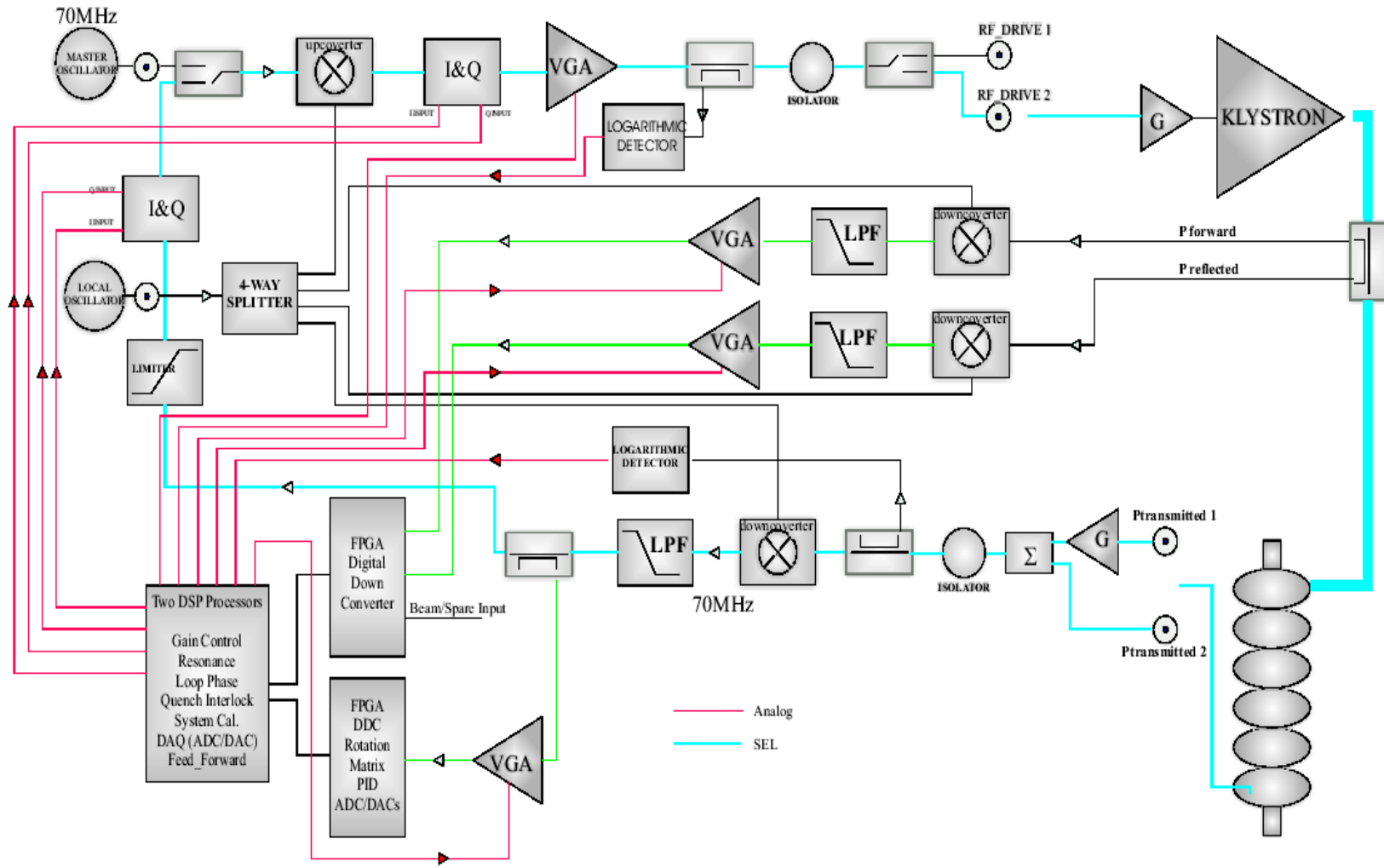




# Basic LLRF Block Diagram



# Low level rf control development



Concept for a LLRF control system

# Pulsed Operation

- Under pulsed operation Lorentz detuning can have a complicated dynamic behavior

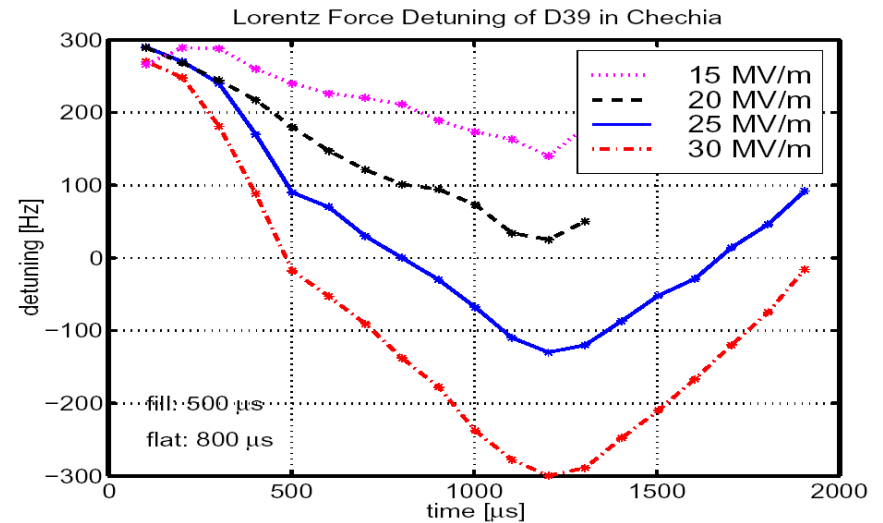
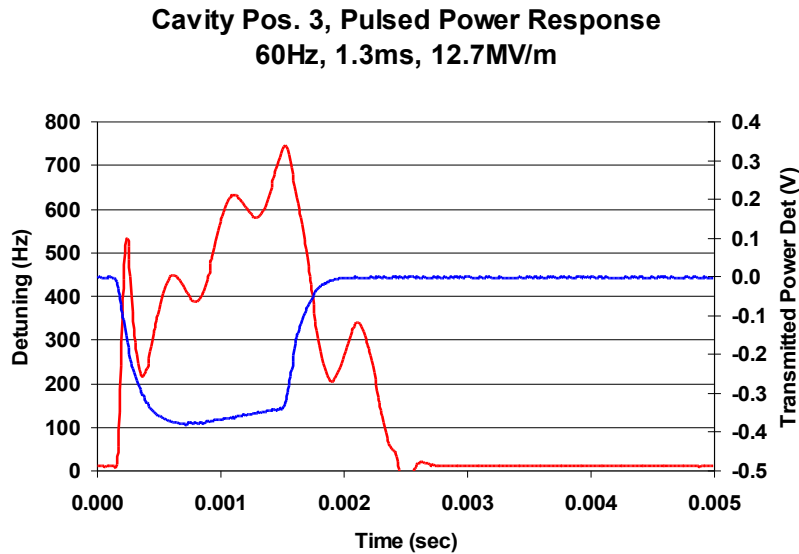


Fig. 2: Lorentz force detuning measured for a TESLA cavity at different gradients.

# Pulsed Operation

- Fast piezoelectric tuners can be used to compensate the dynamic Lorentz detuning

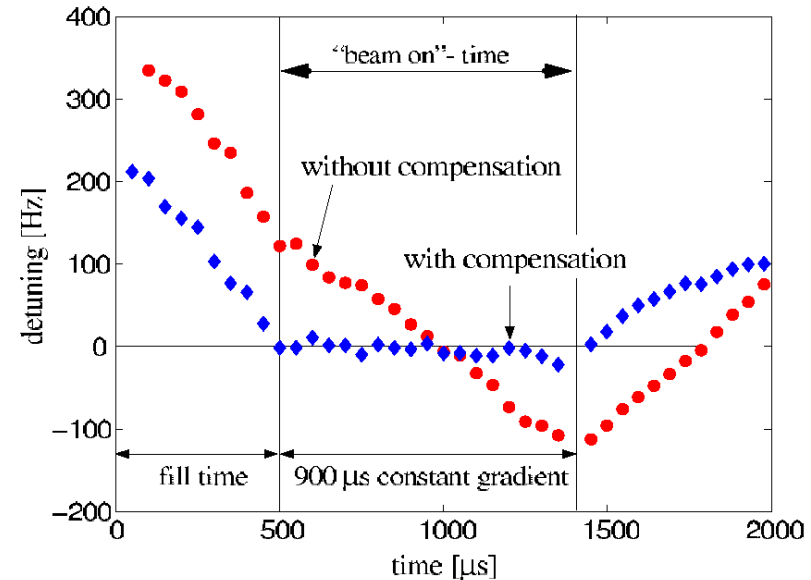
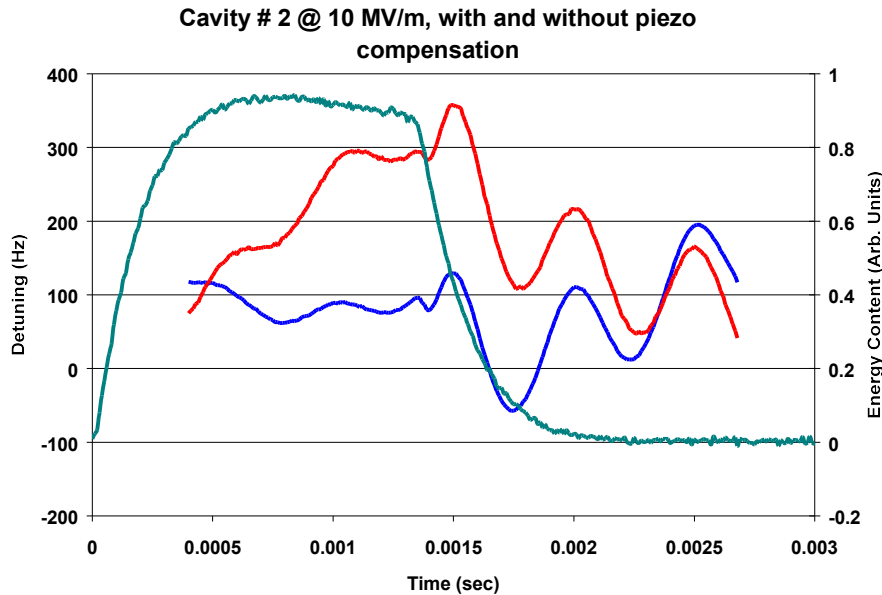


Figure 2. Lorentz force compensation at the TTF

# Status of Microphonics Control

- Microphonics and ponderomotive instabilities issues in high-Q SRF cavities were “hot topics” in the early days (~70s), especially in low- $\beta$  applications
- They were solved and are well understood
- They are being rediscovered in medium- to high- $\beta$  applications
- Today’s challenges:
  - Large scale (cavities and accelerators): need for optimization
  - Finite beam loading
    - Small but non-negligible current (e.g. FRIB)
    - Low current resulting from the not quite perfect cancellation of 2 large currents (ERLs)