Dark Current Measurements at XBox2

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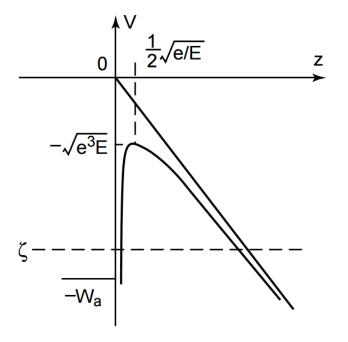
Dark Current

- Electrons emitted from the Cu surface at high fields.
- Captured by Faraday cups at each end of structure.
- Exponential field dependence.
- $\beta = E_{actual}/E_{simulated}$

Field-emitted current for RF field:

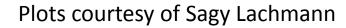
$$I_F \propto \frac{A_e(\beta E_0)^{2.5}}{\phi^{1.75}} exp\left(-\frac{6.53 \times 10^9 \times \phi^{1.5}}{\beta E_0}\right) A$$

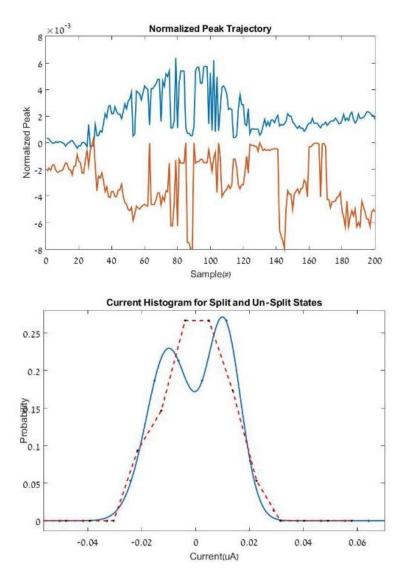
Potential energy diagram at the surface of a conductor:



Fluctuations Observed in DC System

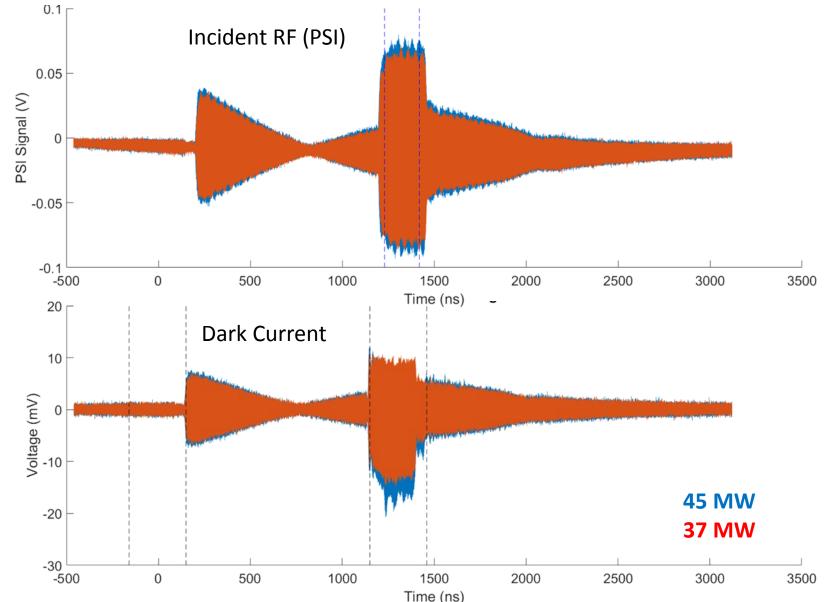
- DC system: two electrodes at high E fields no RF phenomena.
- Bimodal distribution of currents observed – more prominent when close to breakdown.
- ≤ 1ns timescales
- Data taken with tip-plate geometry, most likely single emitter site.



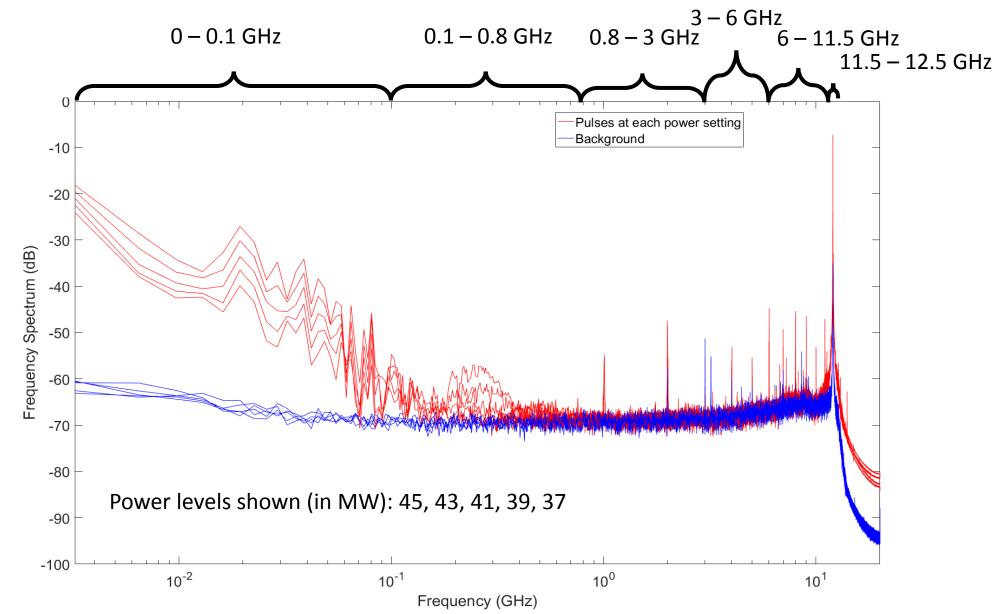


Raw Signals at XBox 2

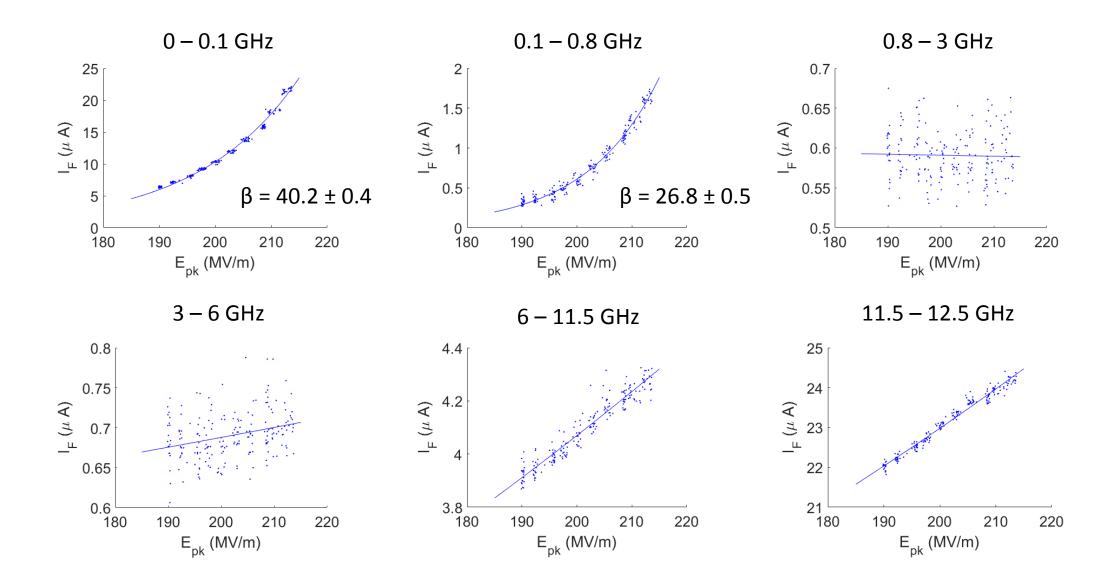
- Measurement taken at XBox 2: TD26CC_R05 structure, same as XBox 1. Currently running flat at 51 MW.
- DSA91204 scope (40 GS/s 12 GHz)
- Both incident RF and dark current measured directly by scope.
- Significant crosstalk from PSI signal



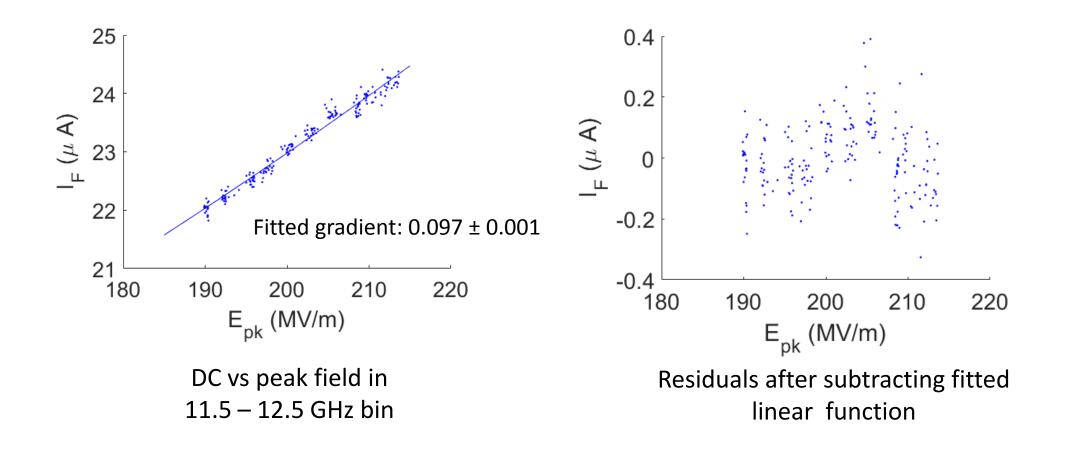
Frequency Spectrum



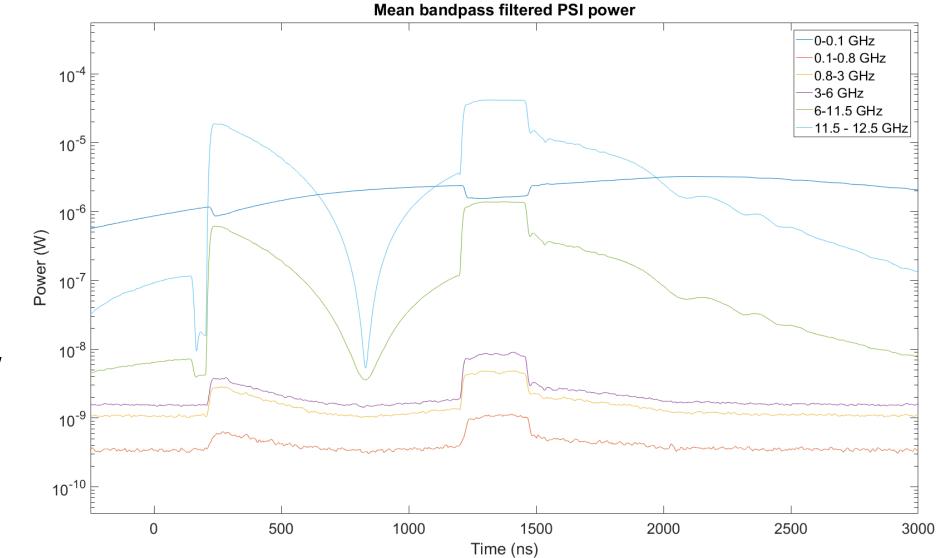
Dependence on Power



Looking for Evidence of Bunching

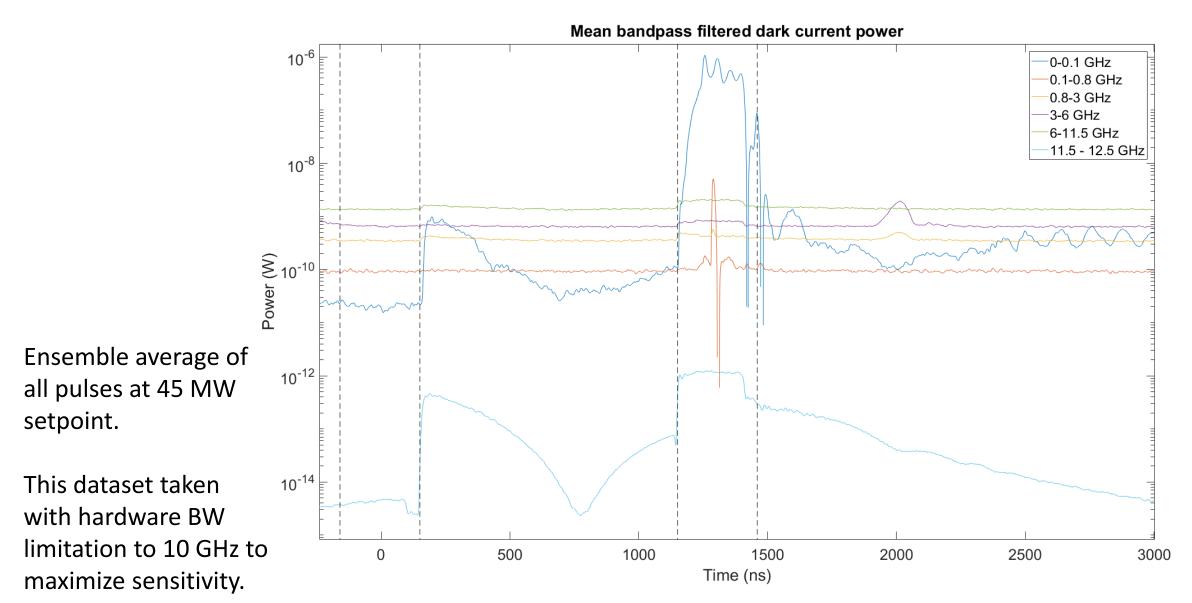


Variation with Time



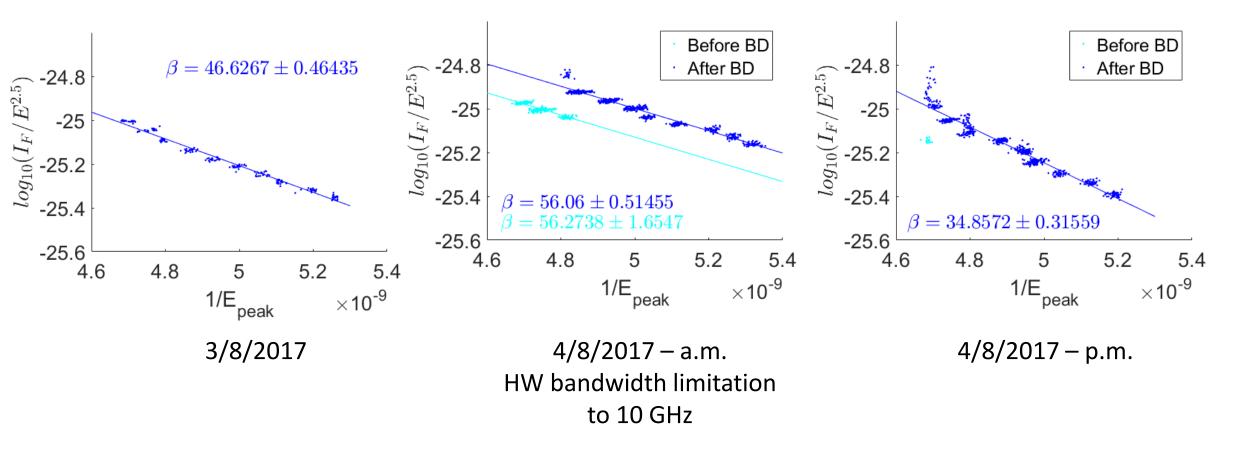
Ensemble average of pulses at 45 MW setpoint.

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Breakdowns

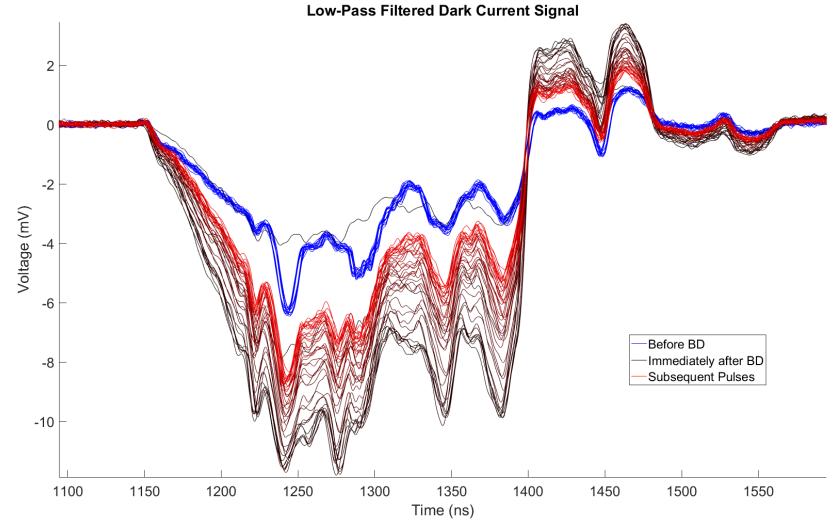
F-N power scans. Decreasing power in all cases.



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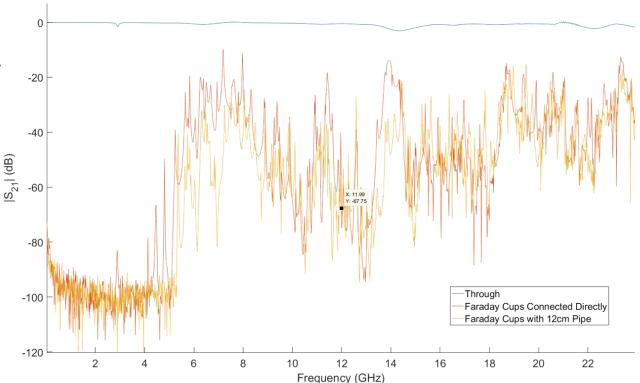
Noticed 'cloud' of points with unusually high dark current immediately after BD.

Colour gradient from black to red shows order of pulses in time.



Next Steps

- Checking bandwidth of Faraday cups with measurements and simulations.
- Designing and assembling analogue front end for better sensitivity and robustness.
- Measurements at current DC system. (plate-plate)



VNA measurement of 2 Faraday cups back to back.