



On the Feasibility of (semi-) automated Tune Control in the PS

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Motivation



- AB Management Board Meeting discussion (2007-08-13):
 - "Further tests were carried out on the pole face windings during the week and some higher frequency perturbations (100, 150 and 200Hz*) were observed in the beam. "
 - "S. Myers asked R. Garoby (for the BI group) to investigate the feasibility and the potential bandwidth of a closed loop control of the tune in the PS."
 - (*minimised through power-converter controller optimisation)



- Some basic considerations:
 - Stability: "What are the required stabilities on Q/ξ ?"
 - Controllability:
- "Can Q/ξ be controlled without 'hidden parameters'?"
- **Observability:** "Can we measure Q/ξ (and also C⁻) robustly?"
- will comment on staged implementation, steps and possible performance





- Discussion with OP/ABP (Rende, Yannis):
 - main outcome: inconclusive, since most beam parameter (orbit, tune, chromaticity) have/could not be measured systematically in the past
 - most tight requirements during resonant extraction (slow, MTE) 10⁻³...10⁻⁴
 - otherwise: "keep the beam in the pipe"
 - minimisation of resonances, transition crossing, ...
 - to be kept in mind: the PS was/is running without beam-based feedbacks on orbit, tune, coupling and chromaticity for ~ 50 years
 - ... still the slow extraction worked.
 - preliminary: $\Delta Q \sim 10^{-2} \dots 10^{-3}$, $\Delta \xi \sim 0.1 \dots 0.2$ units?? (~SPS/LHC!?!)
 - time-scales are unclear working assumption: ~ SPS (in turn scale!)
- (Ongoing) observation with beam required to quantify PS reproducibility and to cross-check real requirements with physics model prediction
 - N.B. "Requirements" are tighter than what is actually achieved in the PS. Many PS cycle show tune stabilities in the order of a few percent (see measurements)





• *"Recent" 5-current mode implementation eliminates hidden parameters and enables independent control of* Q_{H} , Q_{H} , ξ_{H} and ξ_{V}











– orthogonal control of: Q_x , Q_y , ξ_x , ξ_y

(schematics courtesy Mariusz Juchno) 5/21





Response can be cast into beam matrix form, e.g.:



- source: R. Gouiran, CERN/PS/SM 76-1, ΔI_{xx} [A], p [GeV/c], p <15 GeV/c
- Iron yoke saturation makes matrices slightly momentum dependent
 - differences per matrix element are small: < 10...20%
 - does not pose a big problem for feed-back systems
- Main issues/concern:
 - Large differences (>100%) between model and measured response matrix
 - Assumes small betatron-coupled machine
 - Most PS cycle at least partially coupled (quality of 5-current MD reponse matrix data?)



Controllability: PS' Combined Function Magnets - Circuit and PFW Time-Constants

- natural time constants ~ 2 ms (wide) and ~ 9 ms (narrow) resp. (wide: $R = 1 m\Omega$, L = 2 mH; narrow: $R = 2.1 m\Omega$, L = 17 mH)
 - natural circuit bandwidth ~ 125 Hz
 - PFW are by $\pm 1200V/\pm 250A$ power converters ($\Delta I/\Delta t$ |_{max} = 5 kA/s)
 - Driven "large signal" bandwidth: ~ 125 Hz
 - $(\Delta I \sim 50A \leftrightarrow \Delta Q \sim 0.1 @26 GeV/c)$
 - Driven "small signal" bandwidth: > 1 kHz (theoretical) $(\Delta I \sim 5A \leftrightarrow \Delta Q \sim 0.01 @26 \text{ GeV/c}, \text{ noise: } \sim 50 \text{ mA} \leftrightarrow \Delta Q \sim 10^{-4})$
- Main limitations:
 - non-linearities due to current rate-limit (similar to LHC PC \rightarrow easy for FB control)
 - PC sampling frequency ($f_s = 1 \text{ kHz}$) limits effective Q-loop bandwidth, typically: $f_s \approx 25...40 \cdot f_{hw}$
 - thus, from controllability point of view only Q-loop BW': $f_{hw} < 40 \text{ Hz}$
 - or: if f_{hw} := 100 Hz \rightarrow $f_s > \sim 4$ kHz







- Common approach:
 - Same diode based detection
 - Same digital acquisition system
 - Based on DAB64x
 - developed by TRIUMF (Canada) for the LHC BPM/BLM systems
 - Mezzanine cards house ADCs adapted for machine revolution frequency
 - Same FESA and BI-expert diagnostic tool chain for all CERN accelerators
- Full BBQ acquisition chain available in PS/PSB since beginning of September







Detection principle (M. Gasior, "CERN-LHC-Project-Report-853"):



- Peak detection of position pick-up electrode signals ("collecting just the cream")
- Revolution frequency content converted to the DC and removed by series capacitors
- Betatron modulation moved to low frequency range (it is carried by much longer pulses)
- Impossible to saturate (large f_{rev} suppression already at the detectors + large dynamic range)
- Large sensitivity
- Low frequency operation
 - high resolution ADCs available
 - Signal conditioning / processing is easy (powerful components for low frequencies)
- "New" additional modifications: low-pass filtering in order to reduce longitudinal RF noise (N.B. any transverse pickup is intrinsically sensitive to both longitudinal and transverse spectra.) 9/21











Some measurements with beam in the PS available

- Preliminary observations:
 - seems to be compatible with PS' "RF-gymnastics" at least with those seen on the <u>SFTPRO</u>, <u>CNGS</u>, EASTB, LHC25ns and MD2 cycle (see plots)
 - in contrast to SPS: no "tune-spectra-guarantee" without excitation
 - \rightarrow kicks (though they can be small) seem to be mandatory
 - works with un-bunched beam (see attachment)
 - transparent to <u>slow</u> bunch length variations
 - of course: further tests/optimisation are required and will be done!
 - Outstanding Issues (in progress):
 - excitation chain is controlled in a different way on each machine
 - (re-design) of PS/PSB kicker amplitude control
 - re-phasing of kick vs. bunch arrival (mainly for single ion bunch beams)
 - S/N improvements for low-signal beam (= small bunch-peak signals)
 - single ion bunches are at the limit but visible
 - Most of these issues are driven by the large observed ΔQ (~Q') variations

DAB based BBQ acquisition: PS examples PS-MD2, H/V kicks, "free-running mode"



DAB based BBQ acquisition: PS examples SFTPRO, H kicks only,







PS-SFTPRO cycle, back-to-back acquisition, H/V kicks every 5 ms, horizontal plane



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PS-SFTPRO cycle, back-to-back acquisition, H/V kicks every 5 ms, vertical plane







PS-SFTPRO cycle Betatron-Coupling after Injection





frequency [frev]



Betatron-Coupling: CNGS1 (SPS) I/II







Betatron-Coupling: CNGS1 (SPS) II/II after reconstruction









What if.... (the nearish future) I/II



- Provided that betatron-coupling is not required and minimised to zero....
 - ...a semi-automated slow 'cycle-to-cycle' feedback control could
 - correct for fast intra-cycle perturbations due to
 - current overshoots, b₁/b₂ mismatches, ramp systematics, ...
 - correct for slow environmental induced cycle-to-cycle perturbations:
 - girder movements, temperature drifts of magnetic fields (iron), slow intensity variations, ...
 - be useful for the fast setup of new user/cycles
 - reach an "intra-cycle" correction bandwidth" of \sim 100-200 Hz
 - possible implementation:
 - could be based on the already available BBQ instrumentation (the necessary tools are there!)
 - top-level GUI that performs an automated measure-and-correct principle using chirped FFT data
 - e.g. 1024 turn-FFT every 5 ms
 - similar to what is known in the SPS as 'Auto-Pilot' in case of trajectory/orbit steering





- Provided that betatron-coupling is not required and minimised to zero....
 - ...a fully-automated intra-cycle feedback control could in addition
 - correct for fast intra-cycle perturbations due to:
 - power converter (mains) harmonics,
 - fast intensity driven tune changes (beam loss + impedance)
 - other 'truly random'/incoherent noise sources
 - reach a feed-back bandwidth of ~ 100-200 Hz (provided PC sampling frequency is increased to 4 kHz (to minimise PID phase lag))
 - possible implementation:
 - PLL is not the ideal candidate for a robust Q-loop in the PS since RF bunch splitting, gymnastics, coupling and other effects 'skews up' the beam-transfer function which is required to be reasonably stable
 - Propose: (narrow bandwidth) chirp-based excitation with continuous FFT detection is preferable (e.g. 1024-turn FFT every 100 turns)
 - robust peak-detection needs further assessment
 - control logic could be fairly easily implemented within a FPGA once the digital power converter input interface is established



Preliminary Conclusions



- The actual implementation of the five current scheme enables (new) possibilities for the control of tune and chromaticity in the PS
 - requires control/minimisation of coupling!
- However the need and/or requirements for a fast Q-loop control are unclear
- Proposed feedback implementation/deployment steps:
 - 1. Quantification of parameter requirements based on robust measurements (ongoing)
 - 2. Semi-automated cycle-to-cycle feedback control
 - could reach a intra-cycle bandwidth of about 100-200 Hz
 - could be implemented on the basis of already available hard-/software
 - 3. Fully automated in-cycle feedback within in the Q-meter FPGA
 - could reach a true closed-loop bandwidth of about 100-200 Hz





additional supporting slides



Tune Measurement with slowly-extracted unbunched Beam in the SPS







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PS-SFTPRO(1) cycle







A1

horizonal amplitude [dB]



HOT: SPS Q' tracking study Radial RF modulation dp/p=1.6·10⁻⁵, set $\xi := 0.05$









- Uncertainties in the beam response matrix reduced the effective control/feedback bandwidth but does not affect the steady-state precision
- E.g. LHC orbit feedback:





Non-linear Slew-rate Limited Exciter Response







LHC orbit dipole corrector: $\Delta I=0.01 \leftrightarrow \Delta x \approx 15 \ \mu m @7 TeV$



Cross-Dependability and Constrains of FB Loops II/III - Coupling I/II



Strictly speaking: PLL measures eigenmodes (Q_1, Q_2) which in the presence of coupling may be rotated w.r.t. unperturbed tunes $(q_x, q_y, \Delta = |q_y - q_y|)$:

$$Q_{1,2} = \frac{1}{2} \left(q_x + q_y \pm \sqrt{\Delta^2 + |C^-|^2} \right)$$



- Possible improvement:
 - optimise tune working point (larger tune-split),
 - vertical orbit stabilisation in lattice sextupoles,
 - active compensation and correction of coupling



Cross-Dependability and Constrains of FB Loops II/III - Coupling II/II



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- Measure ratio between regular and cross-term:
 - $A_{1,x}$: "horizontal" eigenmode in vertical plane
 - A_{1,y}: "horizontal" eigenmode in horizontal plane

$$r_1 = \frac{A_{1,y}}{A_{1,x}} \wedge r_2 = \frac{A_{2,x}}{A_{2,y}}$$

$$|C^{-}| = |Q_{1} - Q_{2}| \cdot \frac{2\sqrt{r_{1}r_{2}}}{(1 + r_{1}r_{2})} \wedge \Delta = |Q_{1} - Q_{2}| \cdot \frac{(1 - r_{1}r_{2})}{(1 + r_{1}r_{2})}$$

- Decoupled feedback control
 - $q_x, q_y \rightarrow$ quadrupole circuits strength
 - $|C^{-}|, \chi \rightarrow$ skew-quadrupole circuits strength

implemented and tested at RHIC

R. Jones e.al., "Towards a Robust Phase Locked Loop Tune Feedback System", DIPAC'05, Lyon, France, 2005 P. Cameron, this workshop's Poster Session

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Controllability -PS' Combined Function Magnets



Main Dipole's Pole-Face-Winding (PFW) Schematic (before 1978)



1x Focus. (FW, FN), 1x Defocus. (DW, DN), 8-loop (~octupole) \rightarrow 3 circuits