

LHC Beam Instrumentation & & Future Developments

Workshop on Optics Measurements, Corrections and Modeling for High-Performance Storage Rings

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Limited to main systems for optics related measurements

- Existing Systems
 - LHC BPM system
 - LHC Tune system
- Possible Future systems
 - Continuous LHC β-beat measurement system
 - LHC Injection Matching



LHC BPM System Performance I

On line analysis of BPM Data

- Powerful on-line tools developed by the CERN Operations crew
- Polarity errors easily identified with 45° BPM sampling
- Quick indication of phase advance errors



- Some statistics
 - 2009:
 - 4 polarity errors : 2 H to V inversions : 7 BPM mapping errors (LSS8L)
 - 1 B1 to B2 inversion
 - 2011:
 - 18 out of 2152 channels with acquisition problems
 - 50 channels deselected for feedback with physics beams (mainly cross-talk on directional pick-ups)

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LHC BPM System Performance II

- Resolution of LHC BPM system in closed-orbit mode is ~5μm rms
- Long term stability better than ~100μm
 - Mainly given by temperature dependence of surface electronics (being addressed)





RMS noise in the B2 Vertical channels

IP5

IP7

IP8

IP6

RMS noise in the B1 Vertical channels

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850

900

950

1000

Courtesy E. Calvo

800

BPM index (B2)

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50

40

30

20

10

550

IP2

600

650

IP3

700

750



LHC BPM System Performance III

- Bunch-by-Bunch / Turn-by-Turn Mode
 - Main mode used for optics measurements in LHC
 - Allows up to 128000 samples (bunch × turns) from all BPMs
 - Read-out limited to few thousand turns due to data transfer & concentration issues
 - Requires synchronisation to bunch clock for tagging
 - Automatic phase-in now possible & performed before all optics measurements
 - Resolution
 - From ~200 μ m rms (single pilot bunch) to ~50 μ m rms (single nominal bunch)



Controlling Tune & Chromaticity using the Base Band Q Measurement (BBQ) System



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LHC Tune System Performance



Base Band Tune (BBQ) Measurement System

- Extremely high sensitivity
- Coherent micron level tune oscillations nearly always observed
 - most measurements possible with residual beam oscillations
 - Typical tune measurement resolution in the range 10⁻⁴ ... 10⁻⁶

Issues

- Cohabitation with transverse damper (ADT)
 - Raises noise floor by 30dB
 - Aggressive damping leads to very broad tune peak



Tune Feedback in the LHC



- With full pre-cycling the fill-to-fill stability is typically 2-3.10-3
- Variations frequently increase up to 0.02
 - Due to partial or different magnet pre-cycles after e.g. access or sector trips
- Tune-FB routinely used for all ramps to compensate these effects
 - Using peak fit on FFT with 0.1..0.3 Hz Bandwidth

Chromaticity Measurement in the LHC



Q'-Tracker demodulates sinusoidal frequency trims

- Increased original modulation of Δp/p from 10⁻⁵ @2.5 Hz to 10⁻⁴ @2Hz
 - Mitigates tune stability effects at injection (ΔQres ~ 3-4·10⁻⁴)
- Achieved nominal Q' resolution (±1 unit)
 - Used as feed-forward (combined with magnetic model predictions)



Using the LHC Tune System

Recent Measurement of Q" with and without octupoles at injection









Future Systems being Developed

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Continuous Beta Beat Measurements

- Makes use of very high sensitivity of BBQ system
 - Test system acquired using audio acquisition module & proliant machine
 - ONLY provides PHASE information
 - No meaningful turn by turn data
- Advantages
 - >100 times sensitivity than phase from standard turn by turn BPM data
 - Minimal excitation required (μm level at any frequency)
- Under test in SPS & the betatron collimation region of LHC
 - Uses 3 dual plane BPMs
 - Phase-advance between consecutive BPMs of Δµ≈ 45°
 - In parallel to standard BPM system





Continuous Beta Beat Measurements

- Example from the SPS
 - Quadrupole trim : $0A \rightarrow +50A \rightarrow -50A \rightarrow 0A$
 - Hysteresis observed





Continuous β-Beat Measurements LHC Results

- Pre-cycled machine, off-resonance < 1 μm excitation
 - Excellent phase resolution
 - Reduces with energy due to constant kick strength
- Excellent fill-to-fill reproducibility
 - about 1% provided that the machine was fully pre-cycled





LHC Injection Matching Monitor

- Turn by turn OTR monitor
 - Permanent 2D profile installation as initially hoped not feasible
 - high cost & low radiation tolerance of fast cameras
 - Developing fast 1D array readout for turn by turn profile measurements





based on Linear CCD

-50MHz readout -adjustable integration time -good sensitivity -suitable for LHC and SPS matching study



From an adapted optical line using cylindrical lenses, get a profile directly on the single CCD pixel array

GOAL

associated electronics

-ADC -fast serializer

-fiber optic transmission

Courtesy S. Burger

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Summary

LHC BPM system performing well

 Combined with AC dipole excitation provides a very good tool for optics measurements

• LHC Tune system

- Excellent sensitivity allows measurement without excitation provided transverse damper is not required
- Combined with RF frequency modulation allows measurement of both first & second order chromaticity

The Future

- Continuous β-beta measurement demonstrated
 - Could be deployed in critical locations if required BUT
 - LHC fill-to-fill stability remarkable under full pre-cycle conditions
- New LHC matching monitor being developed for injection optimisation