

Tutorial on Electromagnetic Beam Position Monitors for Low-β high intensity linacs



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What are low-β BPMs?

Beam Position Monitors (BPM's) are beam diagnostics devices devoted to measure the transverse position of the center of charges of a particle beam.

Many devices and methods can be used for this. But what it is important is a reliable, robust and fast measurement during operation.

A electromagnetic pickup BPM is the best choice since they are:

- Reliable: simple mechanics and physics principle.
- Robust since is non-destructive (does not intercept the beam).
- Fast (based on bunch frequency components).
- Cheap

Only AC current can be monitored => Usage with bunched beams! (pulsed or CW)

In high intensity hadron machines, low-β BPM's are used in the transport lines of the Linear Accelerator (LINAC), inside drift tubes or inside cryomodules.

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What do we use it for?

To detect dipole errors by measuring the position of the transverse beam centroid

To measure the mean energy at the Diagnostics Plate

To tune the cavities with the beam phase

• But also... Bunch length, "beam size",...



SNS Pasta cavity tuning application



JPARC cavity tuning application

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How does a BPM work?

In RF LINACs beams are distributed in bunches of charged particles with a repetition rate equal to the RF period (normally between 50 – 500 MHz).

Each bunch has a special 3D distribution at each point of the accelerator.

The combination gives a train of bunches with the subsequent frequency spectra.

In ultrarelativistic beams the longitudinal charge distribution of the high frequency part of the beam is reproduced exactly at the beam tube. The DC is then not observed.

Normally four electrodes/antennas/button/plates are placed axysymmetrically to detect the differential variations of the signal induced among each of them



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What are the typical components?



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Particularities of low-β beams

Current "densitiy" in A/m for.,..

$$i_{w}(b,\alpha,t) = \frac{-I_{b}(t)}{2\pi b} \left[1 + 2\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{r}{b}\right)^{n} \cos\left[m(\alpha - \theta)\right] \right] = \frac{-I_{b}(t)}{2\pi b} \left[\frac{b^{2} - r^{2}}{b^{2} + r^{2} - 2br\cos(\alpha - \theta)} \right]$$
$$i_{w}(\omega, r, \alpha, \theta) = \frac{A_{n} \langle I_{b} \rangle}{\sqrt{2\pi b}} \left[1 + 2\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{r}{b}\right)^{n} \cos\left[m(\alpha - \theta)\right] \right]$$





Any β

$$i_{w}(\omega, r, \alpha, \theta) = \frac{A_{n} \langle I_{b} \rangle}{\sqrt{2\pi b}} \left[\frac{I_{0}(gr)}{I_{0}(gb)} + 2\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{I_{m}(gr)}{I_{m}(gb)} \cos[m(\alpha - \theta)] \right]$$

$$g(\omega) = \frac{\omega}{\beta \gamma c}$$

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Equivalent expressions for $g \sim 0$

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Space charge and diffuse beams

High current are dominated by the space charge of the beams. Obviously, high current beams are bigger than low current ones, tending to more diffuse beams.

According to the approximations given in **Comparison of beam-position transfer functions using circular beam-position monitors (Gilpatrick, PAC97),** the sensitivity change can be noticed if the sum of the beam rms transverse width σ and the beam offset (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) is greater than 65% of the electrode radius *b*.

For example, for a BPM of 150 mm aperture that means the rms width should be greater than 50 mm for this effect to be noticeable. For a 10 mm beam radius, the maximum offset that can accepted is then 40 mm

Total image current in an electrode created by a diffuse beam

$$I_T = \sum_{n=-3\sigma}^{+3\sigma} \sum_{m=-3\sigma}^{+3\sigma} \hat{I}_T a_n b_m e^{\frac{-(x_n^2 - \bar{x}^2)}{2\sigma^2}} e^{\frac{-(y_n^2 - \bar{y}^2)}{2\sigma^2}}$$



Simulation of low-β BPMs



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Position and phase measurement

Transverse position

- **Differential measurement** of the image current created by the beam on opposite electrodes.
- As the signal strength in each electrode is current dependent, the differential measurement has to be normalized by the total signal (sum signal, Σ) or at least by the total signal strength of the pair of electrodes.
- The relation between the real beam position and the transfer function is the sensitivity *S*. In the center region, the sensitivity (or the inverse *k*) is constant and is defined as typical parameter of each pickup.
- Delta over sum or log transfer function are the preferred choices.

Phase

- **Relative measurement** of the phase of the bunches (at a certain frequency harmonic) with respect to the RF of each cavity, or an absolute measurement with respect to a general RF reference.
- The phase should be calculated using the sum signal of the current of all the electrodes.



More used transfer functions

Delta over sum (DOS or Δ/Σ)	$\frac{\Delta_x}{\Sigma} = \frac{R-L}{R+L+T+B}$ $\frac{\Delta_x}{\Sigma'} = \frac{R-L}{R+L}$	$x = \frac{1}{S_x} \frac{\Delta_x}{\Sigma} + \delta_x =$ $= k_x \frac{\Delta_x}{\Sigma} + \delta_x =$
Log-ratio	$\left(\frac{R}{L}\right)_{dB} = 20\log\left(\frac{R}{L}\right)$	$x = \frac{1}{S_{x-dB}} \left(\frac{R}{L} \right)_{dB} + \delta_{x-dB}$

Position measurement with low-β beams

Sensitivity of the BPM **depends on the beam energy, the measurement frequency and the beam position** *S*(*B*,*f*,*r*).

Unlike the signal level, in principle it is not dependent on the bunch length.



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Mean energy measurement

Three BPM's for the TOF measurement (two of them very close for N pre-determination)

Striplines seems to have a better phase accuracy $(\boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ than buttons*

Good alignment and distance measurement of three BPM's is required.

$$\frac{\Delta\beta}{\beta} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\Delta L}{L}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta t}{NT + t}\right)^2} \quad \frac{t \, c}{\Delta t}$$





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Bunch length measurement*

*C. Deibele, Beam Instrumentations for High Power SNS operation, presentation at CERN, 2008

- Frequency harmonics are bunch shape dependent $A_n(\omega)$
- Technique valid only if </>
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- More sensitive for higher frequency harmonics *n*>1

$$U_b(\omega) \propto A_n \langle I \rangle \implies A_n = e^{-\frac{(2\pi n \sigma f_0)^2}{2}}$$
 (gaussian)



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Resolution

- the minimum beam displacement resolvable.
- It depends mainly on the signal to noise ratio (thermal noise...)
- It is function on the beam current (electrode signal), the bandwidth of the measurement, the position*...
- The measurement can be averaged with the number of samples *N*:

$$\sigma_{av} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}}$$

*M. Cohen, 10.1103/PhysRevSTAB.13.032801

Accuracy

- Error of the measurement with respect to the defined accelerator axis
- It is a chain of many independent errors: alignment of BPM, manufacturing, electrical offset, resolution...
- It is the one normally used by the beam dynamics codes.





Stripline simplified model



Design process



	Shoe-box (linear capacitive)	Capacitive/Button	(micro)Stripline
Linearity	Good	Fair/Poor	Fair
Sensitivity	Good	Fair	Fair
Phase accuracy	-	Medium	Good
Space required	Big	Medium/ Small	Small
Spray particles sensitivity	High	Medium (50 Ω)	Low
Mechanical complexity	High	Medium/ Medium	Low
Reliability and maintenance	Bad	Bad/ Good	Medium





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Low-β BPMs in present facilities

	Facility							
Beam properties	LEDA	IHdl	SPIRAL 2	SARAF	UNILAC	LINAC4	SNS	J-PARC
Particle	H⁺	H⁺	D+	H ⁺ /D ⁺	H⁺	H⁻	H⁻	H-
Main operation mode	CW	CW	CW	CW	PU	PU	PU	PU
Pulse/peak current (mA)	100	100	5	2	70	40	36	30
Maximum energy (MeV)	20	3	40	40	70	160	86.8	181
RF frequency (MHz)	350	352	88	176	352	352	402	324
Striplines/WCM	х					х	x	x
Capacitive/button pick-up		х	x	x	х			x
Capacitive ring (TOF)	х	х		x				

Typical requirements

Position Accuracy: 1 % half-aperture (0.1-0.5 µm)

Position Resolution: 0.1 % half-aperture (10-50 µm)

Phase resolution: 1-3 deg

Phase accuracy: 0.1-0.3 deg

Current accuracy: 1 % of full current

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LEDA- microstripline





IPHI- capacitive

SPIRAL2- capacitive





UNILAC- capacitive

SARAF- stripline





JPARC- stripline

LINAC4- microstripline

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Layout example: LIPAc



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What to use to design a low-β BPM?

	3D HF Code (CST PS, Mafia, HFSS)	Electronics soft	Analytical
Optimization	Complex	Easy	Easy
Accuracy	Good	Fair	Low
Cost	Very high	Medium	"Low"
Comments	Good tool for verification of the theory model and checking of HF performances	Good tool to couple to electronics processing	Good tool for the start of the design



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Find Subtended angle, Sensitivity and Linearity





Example of Stripline optimization

Find Length and other geometry

Coaxial optimization:

Sum mode of the four striplines should be used for proper matching with center beam. EM simulation can be used for the optimization of the sum mode.

Dipole modes are usually not taken into account due to the low strength compared to the sum mode.

Length optimization:

Optimum for 175 MHz narrowband measurement

$$l_{opt} = \frac{c}{2f} \left[\frac{1}{\beta_w} + \frac{1}{\beta_s} \right] \approx 78 \text{ mm}$$

If BPMs are to be used as well with higher beam harmonics, the optimum length could be a trade-off of the responses at both frequencies



Electromagnetic 3D simulations

Validate and HF 3D effects





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Capacitive electrode: length study



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Electronics software

They can be easily used to simulate the electronics and the pickup together with different kind of stymulus.

Wonderful for optimization of electronics

Good overview of their use for beam position monitors in proceedings of CARE workshop in Lueneburg, November 2006: talks of J.L. Gonzalez, M. Wendt and T. Traber.

Free Circuit Simulators

Spice: Berkeley Spice, Spice Opus, Ngspice,TclSpice *Non-spice:* eispice, Gnucap, Qucs *Other:* Python, Cascade, Meep, Camfr, Octave, SciLab, Ptolemy

Commercial Circuit Simulators

Orcad, NI Multisim,...



Example of LHC couplet model (J.L. Gonzalez)





Energy E

Bunch length σ

Simulated $S_{\Lambda/\Sigma}$ @175 MHz

Simulated S_{dB}@175 MHz Analytical S_{dB}@175 MHz

Simulated $S_{\Delta\Sigma}$ @350 MHz Simulated S_{dB} @350 MHz

Analytical S_{dB}@350 MHz

V+

β**=0.07**

l= 125 mA

b= 50 mm

H+

5 MeV

15 mm

0.0489 mm⁻¹

1.6394 dB/mm

1.57984 dB/mm

0.0621 mm⁻¹

2.2098 dB/mm

2.1856 dB/mm

Simulations crosscheck

CST Particle Studio



Time (s)

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Mechanical design

Reminder: simple, cheap and robust assemblies.

Minimize number of assembly items to increase the machine accuracy.

Foresee alignment plane references and alignment holes for targets.

Removable feedthroughs help the maintenance and replacement of leaking elements.

Bellows and rotatable flanges to facilitate beamline installation and alignment (increase overall accuracy).



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Typical acceptance tests

Vacuum leak testing.

Metrology control.

Capacitance pairing at 50Ω wire setup to obtain better accuracy on the signal strength and position measurement



C. Boccard, CARE proceedings, Lueneburg, 2007



Example of hystogram of a series of measurements of capacitive buttons





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See C. Jamet talk







IPHI Bergoz board: Logratio, no phase information

M. Cohen, 10.1103/PhysRevSTAB.13.032801

SNS: IF + digital IQ demodulation J. Power, PAC'03







Libera Single Pass H: undersampling M. Znidarcic, DIPAC11









D. Belver, DIPAC11

LINAC4: IF+ IQ demodulation (J. Tan, DIPAC11) SPIRAL2: undersampling (P. Ausset yesterday talk)

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Test bench design

It is not straight forward to extrapolate the wire method results to low-beta beams but...

Wire test benches are very useful to characterize and validate BPM's for validation and characterization

It will be possible to characterize some parameters of the BPM's like:

- •Electrical center.
- •Sensitivity.
- •Linearity.
- Resolution.
- Mechanical and electrical stability.

Or try to construct a low beta wire test bench...

F. Caspers et al., A new bench method to simulate electromagnetic fields of slow beams, EPAC 90, CERN-PS-90-35



Fig. 1 : Cross-section of the beam-simulator.



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Plot of $\Delta\!/\!\Sigma$ in horizontal and vertical and Σ

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Low beam-velocity correction

The bunched beam fields deforms such that the BPM offset, sensitivity, and 3rd-order terms will be slightly different from those acquired by the mapping fixture. A technique is necessary to correct these terms for low velocity beams and has been verified with beam experiments (see plot)*.

The technique consists of the following steps: 1.With β =1, adjust the electrode subtended angle and radius in the analytic model so that a new model based map agrees with mapping fixture data.

- 2.Decrease β in the analytic model to agree with the expected beam velocity.
- 3. Produce new analytically-derived map.
- 4.Perform forward and inverse least-squares fits.
- 5.Change manufactured offsets in the initial mapped data by using the new low- β BPM sensitivity.

* J. D. Gilpatrick, et al., "Experience with the Ground Test Accelerator Beam-Measurement Instrumentation," AIP Conf. Proc. 319, Santa Fe, NM, pp 154-169, May, 1993.

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To precisely find the electrical offsets with respect to the magnetic center of the quadrupoles, the beam-based alignment procedure implemented in the J-PARC accelerator can be used which can obtain **up to tens of micrometers of accuracy** for each BPM*. The method consists of:

- 1. Move the beam by an steering magnet located in upstream.
- 2. For each steered beam, vary the Q-Magnet field.
- Monitor whether downstream beam position (BPM(N+1)th) is varying or not. If varying, measure the dependence s defined by the following formula:

$$s = \frac{dx_{N+1}}{dQ_N}$$

where x_{N+1} is the position at the BPM N+1, and Q_N is the magnet strength N.

4. Interpolate the beam position by BPM(N)th, where the slope is zero. The obtained position is the offset parameter by the beam based calibration for the BPM(N)th.









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Electromagnetic pickups are not "ideal" instruments for low beta beams but are essential for beam operation.

They are still the most simple, fast and accurate measurement of the beam center.

Signal is degratated due to the low-velocity but it is still convenient for operation.

Many topics missing: cables, filtering, stripline and buttons theory,...

Still room for developments in the field of electronics, calibration and characterization.

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That's all!

QUESTIONS?

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Control system

A stable and robust link with the CCS is mandatory to ensure successful and operable instruments.

In hadron LINACS the most extended tools are: EPICS and FESA.



BPMs in LINACs are usually low speed signals, with 1-2 Hz refresh time + post-mortem data available.

For example, XAL application as platform to control the accelerator in EPICS.



SNS BPM application

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