

The modified pyECLOUD code and main results



- The story of space charge in LHC IPM.
- Ionization Double Differential Cross Section investigation.
- Correction procedure investigation.
- Summary.



The story - data

 In 2011 I've spend a lot of time trying to calibrate – with beam - LHC IPM. Results were confusing (from *The First Experience with LHC Beam Gas Ionization Monitor*, proceedings of IBIC12 TUBP61, CERN-ATS-2012-286):



The profile at high energy was always broader than expected.



The story – chasing the broadening

- Various possible reasons for broadening were investigated
 - 1. Detector tilt excluded
 - 2. MCP/phosphor nonuniformity excluded
 - 3. PSF of the imaging system
 - 4. Large electron gyroradius
 - 5. Beam space charge
- Ad 3: the PSF could be corrected in quadrature:

$$\sigma_{beam} = \sqrt{\sigma_{BGI}^2 - \sigma_{PSF}^2}$$

but σ_{PSF} was obviously not constant during the ramp

 Ad 4: I have tried to simulate electron trajectories using Geant4 (which suppose to give DDCS).



The story – Geant 4

- Geant4 simulations of electron trajectories in BGI, EDMS 1182412
- Main results:
 - large gyroradius due to cross-section "cutoff" at 100 eV
 - this turned out to be false Geant4 cannot simulate low energy electrons
 - Increase of electric field did not help to reduce observed beam profile distortion, only increase of magnetic field helped.
 - Geant4 cannot simulate beam space charge





The story - pyECLOUD

- In early 2012 we were looking with Marcin Patecki how to simulate beam space charge.
- After 'CCC discussion' with Giovanni Iadarola we decided to try with pyECLOUD. Giovanni modified his code to include uniform electric and magnetic fields.
- Results are published in Marcin's thesis: Analysis of LHC Beam Gas Ionization monitor data and simulation of the electron transport in the detector, Politechnika Warszawska/CERN-THESIS-2013-155
- At that time we still used incorrect DDCS from Geant4 (trying to modify physics list), but having serious doubts about it, we repeated all simulations with zero initial velocities.
- Thesis publishes also an interesting attempt to estimate theoretically the effect of the bunch field on electron movement by Giuliano Franchetti (something to be followed up).



The story – pyECLOUD results

- Profile distortion is clearly due to beam space charge
 - Initial velocities play secondary role.
 - For lead beam the distortion should be much smaller (2011 observations not explained).
 - Increase magnetic field to 1T would suppress the effect from beam space charge.



No simple correction procedure found (despite considerable effort)



Dominik and DDCS

- Dominik Vilsmaier continued Marcin's study focusing on:
 - Proper Double-Differential ionization cross section (DDCS).
 - Beam profile correction procedure.
- Dominik's work is documented in his thesis:
 Profile distortion by beam space charge in Ionization
 Profile Monitors, CERN-THESIS-2015-035 and HB2014
 proceedings: Investigation of the effect of beam spacecharge on electrons in ionization profile monitors,
 HB2014, MOPAB42



- In general it is not an easy to calculate DDCS for low energy (1 eV) electrons. Also a very few measurements exist!
- Lot of work, especially for fast projectiles, were done in last years by A. Voitkiv (MPI Heidelberg).
- One of his papers he gives DDCS for He⁺ ionization by relativistic projectiles:

$$\frac{d^{2}\sigma_{He}^{(1+)}}{dE\,d\Omega} = 2 \times 2^{8} \frac{Z^{2}}{v^{2} Z_{t}^{4}} \frac{1}{(1+2E/Z_{t}^{2})^{5}} \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{4\arctan\sqrt{2E/Z_{t}^{2}}}{\sqrt{2E/Z_{t}^{2}}}\right)}{\left(1-\exp\left(-\frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{2E/Z_{t}^{2}}}\right)\right)} \left(\sin^{2}\theta \ln\eta_{He} + \frac{\cos^{2}\theta}{\gamma^{2}} - 0.5\sin^{2}\theta + \frac{8\sqrt{2E}}{v}\cos\theta\left(1-\frac{v^{2}}{2c^{2}}\right)\sin^{2}\theta \ln\eta_{He}} + \frac{2ZZ_{t}}{v^{2}\gamma^{2}}\cos\theta\ln^{2}\eta_{He}}\right)$$
(38)



DDCS





Correction procedure

- For a given electron gyroradius the [∑] PSF is known and could be deconvoluted
- "Electron sieve" (or a slit) is needed
- Dominik shows that using sieve able to reconstruct electron gyroradius wit 25 um resolution, a very good correction is possible









Summary

- pyECLOUD is a good tool, but has 2 main limitations:
 - Assumes relativistic beams by neglecting longitudinal component of the fields
 - External fields are uniform (no field map)
- Precise knowledge of Double Differential Cross Section maybe not often required (when beam space charge dominates), but when required is quite tricky.
- Stronger magnetic field is an obvious but expensive solution to space charge problem.
- Correction procedure based on "electron sieve" theoretically works, technical implementation needs still a lot of work.