# SPS Transverse Mode Coupling Instability with Space Charge

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## Motivation for Simulations

Transverse Mode Coupling Instability:

- found in SPS for Q26 optics, measured
  - $\rightarrow$  intensity limit
  - $\rightarrow$  mechanism and mitigation method using lower  $Q_{x,y}$  (i.e. lower  $Q_s$ ) developed over several theses
  - $\longrightarrow~$  Q20 optics threshold much higher than Q26, measured!
  - $\implies$  even for higher brightness, TMCI exists and is a hard intensity limit!
- theory and simulation work by A. Burov, T. Zolkin and M. Blasciewicz predicted **vanishing TMCI limit** for strong space charge ("rigid slice model"), while D. Quatraro and G. Rumolo's simulations reported an only slightly **shifted TMCI limit**

 $\triangle$  seeming contradiction between experiment and some simulations  $\rightarrow$  dependency on wake type found (Burov, Zolkin and Blasciewicz)

- recent theory work by Y. Alexahin includes incoherent tune spread ("soft slice model"), does not exhibit vanishing TMCI
- $\implies$  self-consistent space charge simulations with PyHEADTAIL using Gaussian beams

parameter	value
intensity	$0 < N < 6 \times 10^{11}$
transverse tunes	$Q_{x,y} = (20.13, 20.18)$
synchrotron tune	$Q_s \approx 0.017$
chromaticity	$Q'_{x,y} = 0$
RF voltage	$V_{RF} = 5.75 \mathrm{MV}$
injection energy	26 GeV

- $\longrightarrow$  single bunch, linear synchrotron motion
- $\rightarrow$  no damper, no octupole currents
- → idealised broad-band resonator models (starting from circular axi-symmetric model)

# Transverse Mode Coupling Instability



Without space charge, horizontal plane:

- $\rightarrow$  modes 0 and -1 couple around  $N = 2.6 \times 10^{11}$  ppb
- $\rightarrow$  modes -2 and -3 couple around  $N = 4 \times 10^{11} \text{ ppb}$

SPS TMCI at injection for Q20: Convergence scan in macro-particles (2.5D PIC space charge with adaptive grid)

# Set-up

Set-up:

- smooth approximation, 200 space charge kicks along ring
- 1 impedance kick per turn with 500 slices
  - $\rightarrow$  circular axi-symmetric broad-band (BB) resonator
- compare between low and high resolution
  - 32 vs. 500 (i.e. same like impedance) longitudinal number of transverse grids to solve free-space Poisson equation
  - correspondingly  $1 \times 10^6$  vs.  $15 \times 10^6$  macro particles
- simulate for 20000 turns



# Convergence Scan



#### Low Resolution

#### High Resolution



# Conclusion from Convergence Scan

Comparing low with high resolution:

- qualitative behaviour of macroscopic emittance and centroids look approximately the same (besides weird dips in low resolution)
- emittance growth and centroid impact take off from initial  $\epsilon_{x,v} = 2.5 \text{ mm mrad}$  at different intensities!
  - $\longrightarrow$  low resolution more unstable
    - significant horizontal centroid amplitude growth rates (including emittance growth!) start at
      - low resolution:  $N_{th} = 2.5 \text{ ppb}$
      - high resolution:  $N_{th} = 2.9 \text{ ppb}$
    - irregular centroid motion starts at
      - low resolution:  $N_{th} = 2.1 \text{ ppb}$
      - high resolution: N<sub>th</sub> = 2.9 ppb (same as above!)

show only high resolution on next slides...

# Impact Horizontal on Vertical



→ horizontal growth impacts vertical plane first before vertical TMCI different initial space charge condition for vertical instability!



Rise times at  $Q'_{xy} = 0$ 

- extract growth rate from first growth (before  $\Delta \epsilon_{x,y} > 5\%$ )
- $\implies$  horizontal figures oppose "suppression of TMCI due to SC" hypothesis
  - vertical growth rates are imprint of horizontal TMCI
  - difficult to disentangle planes: don't trust vertical growth rates!
  - growth rates don't show clear structure of final  $\epsilon_{x,y}$  (3 slides ago)
- $\implies$  mode 0&-1 coupling seems to be gone :-) (N < 2.9 ppb stable!)

# Constant Emittance Windows

Turns of simulation during which emittance growth remains below 5%:



# Spectra (and Impact of Window)



 $\implies$  before modes -2&-3 couple, dominant modes seem to be 1 and 2!

# Spectra (and Impact of Window): no SC



 $\implies$  without space charge, modes -2&-3 couple directly!

SPS TMCI at injection for Q20: Comparison of broad-band resonator models (no space charge!)

#### Context

Context of study:

- for a circular axi-symmetric broad-band (BB) resonator impedance model, the TMCI seem to hit earlier in the horizontal plane
  - $Q_X = 20.13 < 20.18 = Q_y$  for Q20 optics is the only asymmetry between transverse planes
  - → due to vertical TMCI observed in SPS experiments, we are interested in the vertical TMCI threshold from simulations
  - $\longrightarrow$  without space charge there is no coupling
  - $\implies$  in this case we can use full circular BB model and simply ignore the horizontal plane
- space charge couples the two transverse planes!
  - $\longrightarrow$  need to remove horizontal TMCI in model to cleanly investigate the vertical plane options:
    - artificially remove horizontal impedance from circular axi-symmetric case by setting horizontal Yokoya factor to 0, or
    - use horizontal parallel plates BB model where horizontal symmetry eliminates horizontal TMCI (horizontal dip. and quadr. kick compensate each other)

### Circular Broad-band Resonator



dip. X	dip. Y	quadrup. X	quadrup. Y
1	1	0	0





### Circular Broad-band Resonator ONLY Vertical!



dip. X	dip. Y	quadrup. X	quadrup. Y
0	1	0	0





### Parallel Horizontal Plates Broad-band Resonator



$\begin{array}{ c c c c c } + \frac{\pi^2}{24} & \frac{\pi^2}{12} & -\frac{\pi^2}{24} & \frac{\pi^2}{24} \end{array}$	dip. X	dip. Y	quadrup. X	quadrup. Y
	$+\frac{\pi^2}{24}$	$\frac{\pi^2}{12}$	$-\frac{\pi^2}{24}$	$\frac{\pi^2}{24}$





# Conclusion from Resonator Model Study

Comparing broad-band resonator models:

- $\rightarrow$  circular model with dip. horizontal kick removed (Yokoya  $X_1 = 0$ ) seems better model to understand space charge impact:
  - no impact whatsoever on horizontal plane (as opposed to parallel plates)
  - $\implies$  clean vertical set-up (although not strictly realistic)
    - vertical growth rates clearly show 2 features:
      - mode 0&-1 coupling around  $N = 2.6 \times 10^{11}$  ppb (and subsequent decoupling)
      - 2 mode -2&-3 coupling above  $N > 4.3 \times 10^{11}$  ppb
  - $\implies$  large distance between 2 TMCI regimes might allow to follow both features unambiguously when space charge is included!

### Circular BB Resonator: Equal Beta Functions





### Circular BB Resonator: Equal Tunes



Q <sub>x</sub>	$Q_y$	$\beta_X$	$\beta_y$	
20.18	20.18	54.5 m	54.5 m	
Table: optics parameters				

