# Meeting of LIU SPS-BD WG on 31.07.2018

Present

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Agenda

1. Longitudinal stability of 12 bunches – J. Repond
2. Measurements with high intensity 25 ns beam in the recent MDs – Transverse – M. Carla’
3. Measurements with high intensity 25 ns beam in the recent MDs – Longitudinal – M. Schwarz
4. Update on BPV impedance model – A. Farricker

Actions

* pending
* **N. Nasresfahani**: Study the possibility to use the new coupler design to replace all existing 630 MHz HOM couplers.
* **M. Schwarz**: Include the momentum acceptance limitation in simulations.
* **M. Schwarz**: Is it possible to understand if the instability observed with the radial-loop is real or only related to numerical problems?
* For the slip-stacking cycle, determined the aperture needed for the collimation system.
* A list of the key moments in the various cycles (slip-stacking!) is necessary to adjust the design of the collimation system.
* Measurements of the beta beating to include optics errors in simulation of the collimation system.
* Check the impedance of the new collimation system.
* **M. Schwarz**: Quadrupole oscillations are observed at flat bottom with the feedforward activated. Study where this is coming from.
* **G. Papotti**: Check if it would be possible to decrease gradually the effect of the feedforward on the flat bottom and not in one turn.
* **A. Farricker**: Check with C. Zannini for the discrepancy in MKEs impedance.
* **A. Farricker**: Provide an updated longitudinal SPS impedance model for the present and future cases.
* **D. Quartullo**: Check the loss of Landau damping in Q26 for the ion cycle (are the oscillations more violent than in Q20?).
* Calculate the maximum voltage in the 800 MHz RF system due to power limitations and beam-loading.
* Ask the feedback team if it is possible to program a separated voltage program for a slip-stacking MD.
* New
* **J. Repond:** Simulation of the flat bottom instability with the latest impedance model

**1 – Longitudinal stability of 12 bunches – J. Repond**

The 800 MHz RF system is known to improve significantly the beam stability at flat top even for a large voltage ratio 0.25 but not at flat bottom. The goal of the MD was to study the effect of the voltage ratio on the 12 bunches beam stability.

* Instabilities were observed on flat bottom for intensities in single RF, not reproduced yet in simulation.
* An increasing voltage ratio improves the stability at flat top but larger bunch length oscillations are observed at flat bottom for all the intensity range of the MD ( ppb injected).
* At flat bottom, for voltage ratios , the bunch has a flat portion in the synchrotron frequency distribution.
  + 🡪 Large coherent response which can explain the oscillations observed.
* To reduce the plateau in the synchrotron frequency distribution the relative phase between both RF systems can be adjusted, a negative phase shift improves the situation.
  + The acceptance is reduced and the stability is not necessarily ensured, this need further studies.
* To avoid the bunch to have this flat portion in the synchrotron frequency distribution and still have a large ratio at flat top, the voltage ratio can be programmed during ramp.
  + At first approximation a ratio of 0.1 should be kept at flat bottom, increased to 0.15 after ~16 s and >0.2 after ~18 s (nominal LHC momentum program of 20 s).
* The intensity effects should be taken into account in the optimisation of the voltage ratio program.
  + Due to beam loading each bunch sees a different synchrotron frequency shift and a different phase of the 800 MHz.
  + The flat portion is enhanced by the intensity effects.
* The measurements show that at flat top an increasing voltage ratio improves the stability.
* **Important:** The simulations of the flat bottom instability should be run again, addressing the different issues (LLRF, simulation accuracy, bunch distribution, impedance model,…).
  + If the instability cannot be reproduced it means that some impedance is missing in the model.

**2 – Measurements with high intensity 25 ns beam in the recent MDs – Transverse – Michele**

This talk presents measurements of the large uncontrolled emittance blow-up (larger than the usual 10%) in both transverse planes which was partially cured by a scrubbing run (e-cloud effect).

* 20 s flat bottom scrubbing cycle, 48 bunches BCMS beam with intensity ppb.
  + 🡪 Strong blow-up with an e-cloud pattern.
* **E. Shaposhnikova**: why the uncontrolled emittance blow-up of the first bunch is larger?
  + **H. Bartosik**: It can be due to the injection pattern, more investigations needed.
* **E. Shaposhnikova**: You did not observe an instability? Only incoherent emittance blow-up?
  + **H. Bartosik, M. Carla’**: We did not monitor this systematically but no instability was observed, the intensity was below the threshold.
* The horizontal chromaticity and the uncontrolled emittance blow-up in both planes are clearly related.
* **E. Shaposhnikova**: In the past the uncontrolled emittance blow-up was always more significant in the vertical plane. Do we understand why now it is comparable in the horizontal plane?
  + **H. Bartosik, G. Rumolo**: Further studies are necessary, it can be due to the e-cloud effect.
* From the BGI measurements, the emittance growth is continuous and linear with time (over 18 s).
  + **H. Bartosik**: It is the sign that the uncontrolled emittance growth is the result of an incoherent process, the longer the beam is stored, the more significant is the uncontrolled emittance blow-up.
* After the scrubbing run, the emittance growth went down from 45% to the usual 10%.
  + It is the sign of an e-cloud effect.
* From the data of the injected intensity versus the extracted one, it seems that bunches with smaller emittance loose sometimes more particles.
  + Not totally conclusive, only a few points.
  + **E. Shaposhnikova**: If it is the case, it means that the losses are caused by intensity effects. There is an interplay between the intensity effects and the bucket size.
* No more uncontrolled emittance blow-up in the transverse planes (more than the usual 10%) since the last two months.

**– Measurements with high intensity 25 ns beam in the recent MDs – Longitudinal – M. Schwarz**

This talk presents the latest measurements data regarding the flat bottom instability for different machine and beam parameters with a batch of 48 BCMS bunches in the Q20 optic.

* Scan of the intensity, the longitudinal emittance and the voltage ratio .
* For high intensity beams ( ppb), we are limited by the RF power (uncompensated beam loading).
  + 🡪 The dynamics of the beam is dominated by the uncompensated beam loading, it is difficult to extract information on the “pure” flat bottom instability.
* The particle losses increase with a high voltage ratio ( ).
* An instability was observed for small emittance beams (0.3 eVs) in a single RF system with an intensity ppb.
  + The 800 MHz RF system helps to cure the instability. A voltage ratio of 15% gives the more stable beam (48 bunches).
  + With a larger voltage ratio (), bunch tails are created.
    - **E. Shaposhnikova**: Particles in the tails of the bunch are driven by the plateau of the synchrotron frequency distribution (more than the potential well distortion).

**4 – Update on BPV impedance model – A. Farricker**

The BPV are vertical Beam Position Monitors usually found with a QD-type flange. An inconsistency has been found in their longitudinal impedance model. This talk presents the latest results of the CST simulations of the BPV including its QD flange.

* 90 BPV-QD are present in the ring.
* Inconsistency found between B. Salvant and J. Varela models.
* The latest results of the CST simulations show two important resonant peaks (in the longitudinal impedance) around 1.8 GHz and 2.3 GHz.
  + In the present impedance model the peak related to the BPV-QD is at 1.25 GHz.
  + The new result is consistent with the other QD flanges.
  + The new resonant peak at 1.8 GHz is consistent with the long bunch measurements (RF off, A. Lasheen).
    - 1.8 GHz excitation observed in the measured spectrum but not reproduced in simulation at that time.
* There is a discrepancy between the eigenmode and the wakefield simulations for a peak at 270 MHz not explained yet.
  + Not present in J. Varela data but in B. Salvant.
  + Further investigations are needed, it should be an effect of the meshing.
  + **C. Zannini**: What kind of boundary conditions do you use?
    - **A. Farricker**: The result should be relatively insensitive to the boundary conditions.

Next meeting last week 28th of August.

Minutes written by J. Repond