

Micro-spill activities at GSI

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- Beam instrumentation for micro-spill observations
- Recent observations: Effect of extraction settings & beam settings on spill via transit time
- Summary: Slow extraction "transfer function", feedback and other topics

GSI Heavy Ion Synchrotron SIS18 (Bp=18 T-m): Overview





→ SIS18 → booster for SIS-100

- ➢ Third order resonance → Quad driven and knock-out extraction
 → coasting and bunched beams
- ➤ Variety of fixed target experiments with detector times from 100 µs to 100 ns
 → upto 20s spills

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Overview on Detectors for slow Extraction



Example of Scintillator Counter

Detector: Plastic Scintillator of 75 x 75 mm² and 1 mm thickness

made of BC 400 (emission $\lambda_{max} = 420$ nm, pulse width ≈ 3 ns + cable dispersion)



Advantage of particle counting:

- single particle detection
- > 100 ps time resolution
- no noise or background
- \Rightarrow could be directly compared to particle simulation



Standard Scintillator Electronic and Data Acquisition

Analog and digital chain:





Example: Analog pulses from a plastic scintillator with 200 m cable for 300 MeV/u Kr beam



Parallel digitalization of:

- Scintillators, Ionization Chambers, SEM-detectors
- any detector from experiment e.g. diamond from HADES

Entire cycle stored with min. sample time $T_m = 1 \ \mu s$ Various <u>online</u> analysis tools

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Spill measurement and characterization



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Spill measurement and characterization



Readout
$$T_m = 20 \ \mu s$$
 and $T_{bin} = 0.1 \ s$

Determination of:

- $\succ \qquad N_{mean} \equiv \langle N \rangle$
- $\succ r = N_{max} / N_{mean}$

relevant for experiments \rightarrow Easier interpretation

$$\succ \qquad F = \frac{N_{mean}^2}{N_{mean}^2 + \sigma_N^2} \equiv \frac{\langle N \rangle^2}{\langle N^2 \rangle}$$

called duty factor (PIMMS) \rightarrow Underlying distribution

Poisson Distribution $\langle N \rangle = \sigma_N^2$

Observation for quad. scan:

- \blacktriangleright individual spills have comparable r and F
- \succ *r* and *F* are **not** constant
- r ≈ 10 and F ≈ 0.5
 far from Poisson limit → fluctuations

Source of fluctuations?

Microspill quality: One number per spill?



Spill measurement and characterization



Bunched Beam Observation on sub-ns Time Scale

Measurement technique:

- > Particle arrival is measured with respect to the phase of the acc. frequency f_{acc}
- Particle arrival with respect to each other





Particle arrival intervals

Bi⁶⁸⁺ at 300 MeV/u, quad. scan, bunched beam (detector : Scintillator)

Histogram of arrival time with respect to RF



Histogram of time between successive particle arrival



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Slow Extraction by Tune Ramp (Quad driven)



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Extraction settings and transit time (Quad driven)



- > For smaller sextupole strength: Tune ramp starts close to resonance to obtain the same spill length
- Sextupole fields has quadratic amplitude dependence, i.e. For smaller S and $A \rightarrow$ larger Transit time and smaller spiral step
- Small ϵ_Q could result from smaller S and/or transverse emittance (A) \rightarrow related parameters
- > Qualitatively: Transit time distribution broader if we start close to resonance

L. Badano et al., ``Proton-ion medical machine study (PIMMS) part I", CERN/PS/ 99-010 (DI), Geneva (1999). S. Sorge et al., ``Measurements and Simulations of the Spill Quality of Slowly Extracted Beams from the SIS-18 Synchrotron", J. Phys.: Conf. Ser. 1067 052003, (2018). R. Singh et al., ``Smoothing of the slowly extracted coasting beam from a synchrotron", https://arxiv.org/abs/1904.09195 (2019).

 $\overline{T_{tr}} \propto \frac{1}{\overline{\epsilon_0}} \quad \Delta T_{tr} \propto \frac{\Delta \epsilon_Q}{\overline{\epsilon_0}^2}$

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Extraction settings and transit time distribution (Quad driven)

Transit time distribution: Dependence on sextupole strength **S** & distance to resonance $\epsilon_0(t)$

i.e.
$$T_{transit} = T_{transit}$$
 (S or $\epsilon_Q(t)$) 1 turn ~ 1 us in SIS-

us in SIS-18 Histo

Histogram of transit time T_{transit}



Effect of transit time (Quad driven)



Effect of transit time (Quad driven)





- At smaller sextupole strength, tune ramp starts closer to resonance (small $\overline{\epsilon_Q}$) (to maintain spill length)
- Sextupole strength (S), Emittance (A) and distance to resonance (\(\vec{\varepsilon_Q}\)) are NOT independent parameters
- Transit time mean and spread are inversely proportional to distance to resonance($\overline{\epsilon_Q}$)

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► Low pass filtering, $f_{cut} \propto 1/\Delta T_{tr}$

Sextupole Strength Variation: Experiments



Minimize transverse beam size at extraction



Reduce the transverse beam size and start further closer to resonance

- ➤ Less Turn Injection or Beam cooling → Less statistics
- Emittance Exchange: Using the coupled resonance with skew quads and crossing tunes?

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Tune Wobbling: Introduce external tune modulation





- Modulate tune with a higher frequency 3-5 times the cut-off frequency and amplitude 5-15 times the inherent ripple (1-3% of total tune ramp)
- This high frequency separatrix modulation does not allow lower frequency inherent fluctuations to "feed" on particles
- ➤ Modulation frequency high enough such that it is suppressed by transit time spread → but not too high

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Tune modulation with 1.58 GeV/u Ag⁴⁵⁺ (HADES) beam



Bunched beam extraction

MEASUREMENTS AND IMP OF A SLOWLY EXTRACTED BEAM FROM A SYNCHROTRON **Unbunched Start** P. Forck, H. Eickhoff, A. Peters, A. Dolinskii* Gesellschaft für Schwerionenforschung GSI, Planck Strasse 1, 64291 Darmstadt, Germany *Institute for Nuclear Research, Kiev, Ukraine **Unbunched End** e-mail: p.forck@gsi.de 10⁻² 350 **Bunched Start** $U_{rf} = 0 kV$ 300 Relative power **Bunched End** 250 Extraction without bunching (s²⁰⁰ 150 10⁻³ Binning with 10 Hz № 100 ion counts (per 50 and 9 spill average 80 60 Extraction with bunching Sync. tune 40time [s η-5 20 0 5000 10000 15000 $Q_s =$ 6 8 time [ms] 12 14 0 Frequency [Hz] **Bunched** beam: $T_m = 11 \ \mu s$, $T_{bin} = 10 \ ms$ **Coasting** beam: $T_m = 11 \text{ } \mu\text{s}, T_{bin} = 10 \text{ } \text{ms}$ 1.0 1.0 duty factor F (10 us readout) duty factor F (10 us readout) 70 80 80 80 0.8 0.6 Start End 0.4 0.2 Bunched Unbunched Poisson limit Poisson limit 0.0<u></u> 0.0 6 8 2 4 10 2 8 10 time from extraction start [s] Same machine settings time from extraction start [s] GSI

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Bunched beam extraction

Bi⁶⁸⁺ at 300 MeV/u, quad. scan, bunched beam (detector : Scintillator)





- Sunch' duration at target in the range of $2\sigma \approx 5$ -10% of the RF period
- 'Bunch' duration shorter by factor 2-3 in comparison to bunches inside SIS



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Bunched beam extraction



Unacceptable for many users, due to detector dead time $t_{dead} = 0.1 \dots 10 \ \mu s \approx 1/f_{rf}$ Mitigation: 80 MHz high frequency bunching cavity in preparation by P. Spiller et al.

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Slow extraction "transfer function"



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- \blacktriangleright If we model the G_s (s) with a first order transfer function with a delay
- \geq Calculate optimal controller C(s) and the achievable disturbance rejection
- \geq Disturbance rejection upto ~100 Hz should be possible



Micro-spill feedback



- Non-linear time variant G_S (s) does not take us very far with disturbance rejection
- ► Feedback based on tune measurement not an option since tune ripples are very small $\frac{\Delta Q_m}{Q_m} \sim 10^{-3} 10^{-4}$
- ► Feedback based on ΔI (s) in reference to I (s) → Good reliable AC current measurement necessary



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Also: D. Naito et al, Real-time correction of betatron tune ripples on a slowly extracted beam PRAB 22, 072802 (2019)

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Summary and Outlook

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- Beam diagnostics and analysis available for slow-ex measurements and comparisons with \geq simulations
- Optimization of extraction settings, i.e. ϵ_0 , **S** and beam size for inducing a large transit \geq time spread \rightarrow provides ``natural" suppression of fluctuations
- Tune modulation at 3-5 f_{cut} with $I_{ex} = 5-15$ of inherent noise \rightarrow modulation itself ent fluctuations suppressed Acknowledgements: A. Stafiniak,

further

- W. Orlov, H. Welker, D. Ondreka Current fluctuations in Quantupole power supplies I_Q improvement of power supplies possible?
- Cancel the resulting tune fluctuations via an extra quadrupole using a feedback system ? Measurement of current ripples $\frac{\Delta I_Q}{I_0} = 10^{-6}$ reliably \rightarrow proposal with Bergoz Inst.
- Investigations needed for tune wobbling with knock-out extraction and follow up on KO noise variants \rightarrow Efficient beam excitation at the highest rigidities \rightarrow KO excitation front end with Bartel Electonics
- Improvements in detectors to perform higher rate experiments and benchmarking with BLM, IC, CCC, Scintillators

Some details: Bunched beam extraction



> Extracted in "packets" when the stop band becomes larger at synchro-betatron resonances $\rightarrow mQ_x + pQ_s = 1$

0,2

0,2

0,4

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+ ((a)

0.6

Details: Bunched beam extraction





Quad-driven versus Knock-out Extraction



- Transit time spread increase towards the end of spill is the improvement mechanism
- Similar trend for bunched beams



2000 4000 6000 8000 10000 12000 14000 Frequency (Hz)

- Fast separatrix crossing towards the end of spill is the improvement mechanism
- Excitation noise spectrum plays an important role, investigations & improvements at HMIAC, HIT, MIT

 \Rightarrow Both methods suffers from the similar problems and might gain from the same solutions!

Bunched beam Extraction (Quad driven)

Extraction of bunched beam

Method: Leaving the rf on after accel. (station \Rightarrow Building of stationary buckets with oscillation of the particle momentum \Rightarrow Enlarged spread of $T_{transit}$ due to time dependent tune via $\Delta Q(t) / Q_0 = \xi \cdot \Delta p(t) / p_0$ within a synchrotron period $t_{synch} = 1/f_{synch} \approx 1$ kHz \Rightarrow improvement <u>if</u> $t_{synch} \approx T_{transit}$ \Rightarrow increase of $\Delta T_{transit}$ without re-capture



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Reason: Only ions with $\Delta p/p$ facing the resonance are extracted \rightarrow there is more to the story!

R. Singh et al., 'Slow Extraction Spill Characterization From Micro to Milli-Second Scale', J. Phys.: Conf. Ser.1067 072002 (2018)
P. Forck et al., 'Measurements and Improvements of the Time Structure of a slowly extracted Beam from a Synchrotron, Conference Proceeding EPAC2000, p. 2237, Vienna 2000.

Induced Sine-Wave delivers a Ripple 'Calibration'



Quantitative investigations of PS ripple: Injecting 137 Hz (dipole) and 177 Hz (quad) <u>Beam</u> response measurement with scintillator followed by Fourier transformation



- e.g. does not behave like a simple low-pass filter
- Data required for realistic MAD-X simulations

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Systematics : Tune wobbling (quad driven)

$$\overline{T_{tr}} \propto \frac{1}{\overline{\Delta Q_m}} \Rightarrow \Delta T_{tr} \propto \frac{\Delta(\Delta Q_m)}{\overline{\Delta Q_m}^2}$$

Results of 3rd step of mitigation:

- > If external frequency $f_{ex} \approx \frac{1}{\Delta T_{transit}}$
 - \Rightarrow improvement of quality

Choice of excitation frequency f_{ex} :

 \blacktriangleright Lower limit \rightarrow low pass filtering

$$\Rightarrow f_{ex} > f_{cut} = \frac{1}{2\pi\Delta T_{tr}}$$

- ➤ Upper limit → no re-capture of released ions $\Rightarrow f_{ex} < \frac{10}{T_{tr}}$
- > Optimal frequency $f_{ex} \approx 10n f_{cut}$ where $n = \frac{\Delta T_{tr}}{\overline{T}_{tr}} \approx 0.3$ typically

Experimental verification and simulations published:

- R. Singh et al.: 'Reducing Fluctuations in Slow-Extraction Beam Spill Using Transit-Time-Dependent Tune Modulation', Phys. Rev. Applied 13, 044076 (2020)
- ➢ R. Singh et al.: 'Smoothing of the slowly extracted coasting beam from a synchrotron' arXiv:1904.09195



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Micro-spill feedback



Key terms: N_{rate} Extraction rate; r Max-to-mean ratio; T_{det} Detector time resolution; T_{rf} RF period; $B_f = 2 \sigma$ width of "extracted" bunch normalized to RF period

Instantaneous Tune (Q) distribution along the synchrotron



- > Reduction in *r* for coasting beams converts directly to event rate $N_{rate} \sim N_{max} = 1/T_{det}$
- ➢ Bunched beam useful for micro-spill smoothing only if $T_{rf} < T_{det}$ even if there is a reduction in *r*. Narrow bunches, i.e. low *B_f* lead to further challenges
- For therapy: acceptable because time resolution of any detector >> some μ s and irrelevant for treatment. For experiments: not acceptable due to 'long breaks' of almost one rf period (SIS max. $f_{rf} = 5$ MHz)

Particle arrival intervals

Example: Bi⁶⁸⁺ at 300 MeV/u, quad. scan, bunched beam (detector : Scintillator)

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Histogram of time between successive particle arrival

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Particle Intervals [in units of RF period]



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Momentum Variation for Quad-driven Extr: Stored Beam

Example for longitudinal Schottky spectrum for quadrupole-driven slow extraction:

- > Momentum spread before extraction here $\frac{\Delta p}{p_0} = 0.15 \cdot 10^{-3}$ (1 σ)
- ▶ Chromaticity (here ξ =-1.5) i.e. coupling tune ↔ momentum spread : $\frac{\Delta Q}{Q} = \xi \cdot \frac{\Delta p}{p}$
- ⇒ Lower momentum ions extracted first & variation of extraction angle at dispersive section in transfer
- \Rightarrow No improvement for micro-structure ! (small momentum interval during e.g. 1 ms)



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Momentum Variation during Knock-out Extraction

Example for longitudinal Schottky spectrum for KO slow extraction:

- > Momentum spread before extraction here $\frac{\Delta p}{p_0} = -\frac{1}{\eta} \cdot \frac{\Delta f_h}{h f_0} = 0.2 \cdot 10^{-3}$ (1 σ)
- > Chromaticity (here ξ =-1.5) i.e. coupling tune \leftrightarrow momentum spread : $\frac{\Delta Q}{Q} = \xi \cdot \frac{\Delta p}{p}$
- Slow extraction by knock-out extraction i.e. only trans. amplitude growth dependence

Beam parameter: GSI-synch. C⁶⁺ at 300 MeV/u \Leftrightarrow f_{rev} = 0.95 MHz, Schottky for h =26, Δf = 1.0 kHz (1 σ)



Minimize transverse beam size at extraction





Beam size measurements

0.8

0.6

0.4

0.2



Experimental results (C⁶⁺, 300 MeV/u)

Case 3: $S = 0.03 \text{ m}^{-2}$, ~2 mm (2 σ)