

Characterising the slow extraction frequency response

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Overview

A dedicated study performed at CERN SPS on the frequency transfer of slow extraction (current \longrightarrow spill):

- → Development of different models of the process
- → Simulation and characterization
- ---> Experimental measurements

Main goals:

- Better understanding and use of the freq. transf. process
- Identify possible improvements in the ripple suppression and spill quality

References:

Phys. Rev. Accel. Beams 24, 083501 (2021)

M.Pari, PhD Thesis, University of Padova http://paduaresearch.cab.unipd.it/13202

Slow extraction frequency response

Problem modeled focusing on the transfer function formalism: block diagram of different elements acting in frequency domain



SPS slow extraction: horizontal momentum extraction For this study: QF current as input, (dominant contribution to extraction)



Development of a model





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Remarks:

- The problem is non-linear for high ripple amplitudes (amplitude-dependent), becomes linear below a certain threshold (blue red)
- Transfer function pole at $\sim 100 \text{ Hz}$
- Transfer function zero only for small injected amplitudes



The results of this characterization in terms of transfer function give useful insight on the problem

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Linearity vs non linearity

Simple spill expression for mom. extr. in low freq. (instantaneous) approximation can already explain non linear transition:



Linearity vs non linearity

A useful visual example: simulated injection of 50 and 70 Hz sinusoidal ripples (below cut-off freq.)

Small amplitude (below linear threshold)

- Same inj. freq. on the spill
- Superposition principle holds
- Continuous spill



High amplitude (above linear threshold)

- Appearance of harmonics
- Superposition principle broken
- Spill split in pulses

Linearity vs non linearity vs low pass

A useful visual example: simulated injection of 180 and 200 Hz sinusoidal ripples (above cut-off freq. : action of low pass filter effect)

Small amplitude (below linear threshold)

- Same inj. freq. on the spill: reduced amplitude
- Superposition principle holds
- Continuous spill: **improved**

High amplitude (above linear threshold)

- Non linearity but
- Low pass filter is evident! Less harmonics & < ampl
- Spill not fully pulsed





Dominant ripple injection

Application: use the transfer function formalism to observe the method developed at GSI SIS-18 [1,2] of a dominant ripple injection



necessary condition for this to happen

The problem could be studied parametrically for the best suppression, but experiments @ CERN SPS sensible to high freq. ripples: need dedicated investigation w/ experiments to continue

[1] Phys. Rev. Applied 13, 044076 (2020)

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[2] SXW2019 - https://indico.fnal.gov/event/20260/contributions/56672/



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The transfer functions from the complete MADX model and the Henon one can be scaled to be fully compatible:

- → In particular, the **linear** transfer functions (generic & amplitude independent) show good agreement
- → Henon-map model captures the essence of the process





Semi-analytic expression of frequency response obtained by modeling each fixed-amplitude response with analytic low-pass filter function



Experimental measurements

Dedicated ripple injection measurements performed at the SPS:

- Injected single frequency sinusoidal ripples w/ high amplitudes (10s of ppm): non linear regime
- Ripple = voltage signal injected on power converters of focusing quads
- Both reference and real current sampled at 1 kHz
- → Spill signal sampled with SEM (BSI) at 2 kHz
- Extracted intensity $\sim 10^{11}$ protons: two orders of magnitudes lower than nominal (due to external conditions)

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Experimental measurements

These measurements are used to validate the MADX simulations and the semi-analytic 2D map: high amplitudes - non linear regime

- Good agreement with simulations for most of injected frequencies.
- Good agreement between fully simulated points and semi-analytic extrapolation
 - Only 5 transfer function used for the interpolation: if needed, precision can be further improved
- No evidence of hardware (vacuum chamber and magnet) effects at the observed frequencies (expected at a few kHz)





Operational data

Operational data (physics runs) makes up for another good validation of the model:

- Same logged quantities as in dedicated injection meas. (spill, currents)
- Full intensity extraction (~3·10¹³ p+): better frequency analysis
- Low amplitude ripples (≤ ppm) for validation of the linear transfer function

But ... is the measured ripple current reliable?

- No! Same order ripples from the current measurement chain (magnets OFF)
- Still, this measurement noise can be removed if restricting to the continuous spectrum





Operational data

Removed continuous noise floor using theoretical transfer function of measurement chain (*) (50 Hz harmonics not reliable)

V Used MADX model to simulated continuous transfer function from input noise

Good agreement with simulations



Fast prediction and scans

The Henon-map model showed good agreement w/ full MADX one

use it to scan main main SPS extraction parameters and look for possible improvements wrt nominal configuration

Scan parameters are virtual sextupole strength (V_{ss}) and chromaticity (ξ): both critical SX params

Virtual Sextupole Strength:



Chromaticity:

For a linear ramp + sin. ripple, the relative (low-freq) ripple amplitude on the spill is $\propto 1/\xi$

Plus linearity condition favors high chroma (=higher Q slope)



Investigation of different scenarios





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Conclusions and next steps

Characterization of SPS slow extraction frequency response w/ full MADX sim & custom Henon-map model: agreement

- Process described by linear transfer function for small signals, semi-analytical model can be built for non linear ripples.
- Measurements @SPS in good agreement with developed models: injected non linear ripples & OP data
- Fast Henon-map simulation to scan main extraction parameters, allowing to identify possible improved configurations

The study is summarized in Phys. Rev. Accel. Beams 24, 083501 (2021)

Next:

- \rightarrow Further study & testing of the potential improved configurations
- → Address the issues for a precise measurement of the operational 50 Hz harmonics and noise spectrum



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SPS parameters





Freq. response: measurements



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Freq. response: measurements





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Freq. response: measurements



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Freq. response: Henon map model

-0.6





-2.0



Freq. response: Henon map model





300

350

Freq. response: other accelerators

Bonus of Henon map model: readily applied to different accelerators

Parameter	CERN-SPS	MedAustron
Momentum	$400~{ m GeV/c}$	$\leqslant 250~{\rm MeV/c}$
One turn time	$23 \ \mu s$	420 ns
Chromaticity	26.67	4
Total tune sweep	0.1	0.02
Flat top duration	4.8 s	9 s
Momentum range (δ_p)	3×10^{-3}	5×10^{-3}
Virtual sextupole strength	$169.3 \ { m m}^{-1/2}$	$29.8 \ { m m}^{-1/2}$
Emittance	$1.9\times 10^{-8}~{\rm m}$	$6.6\times10^{-7}~{\rm m}$

Factor 50 between the poles



Measurements taken at MedAustron by P.Arrutia M.Fraser M.Pivi et al: to be continued in the future