#### Transverse Mode Coupling Instability in the CERN SPS: Comparing HEADTAIL Simulations with Beam Measurements

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## Context : CERN SPS



The SPS is now the last accelerator in the LHC injector chain.

Proton source  $\rightarrow$  LINAC 2  $\rightarrow$  PS Booster  $\rightarrow$  PS  $\rightarrow$  SPS  $\rightarrow$  LHC 26 GeV/c 450 GeV/c<sup>3</sup>

# Context : SPS Fast Instability at injection

To stabilize the low emittance high intensity single bunch of protons at injection in the SPS, the vertical chromaticity  $\xi_v$  has to be increased.



Upgrade of the LHC injector complex (4  $10^{11}$  p/b)  $\rightarrow$  Need to understand this instability  $\rightarrow$  Also, observing TMCI would a way to measure SPS impedance characteristics

# Context : Is this instability a TMCI?

This instability has the characteristics of a Transverse Mode Coupling Instability (TMCI) (G. Arduini, E. Metral et al, 2007):

- very fast (less than a synchrotron period)
- travelling wave pattern in the transverse wideband pickup delta signal
- stabilized by vertical chromaticity

However, it is not enough to prove that this instability is a TMCI. Besides, TMCI was never clearly observed with hadron beams.

Need for more evidence to conclude:

→ analytical calculations, FEA electromagnetic simulations, bench measurements to estimate impedance and wakefields (F. Roncarolo's talk)

→ macroparticle tracking simulations and SPS beam measurements to observe resulting beam dynamics and instability thresholds

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## Methods: ZBASE an impedance database

ZBASE aims at keeping track of the impedance sources of the CERN machines.

The goal is to obtain impedance and wakefield tables from input parameters thanks to simulation tools and/or analytical models.



# Methods: HEADTAIL Tracking Simulations

HEADTAIL (G. Rumolo, F. Zimmermann, SL-Note 2002-036-AP, CERN 2002) : Code that simulates the interaction of a single bunch of macroparticles with disturbance phenomena (e.g. electron cloud, impedance, space-charge). Interactions are modelled by one or more kicks given at each simulated turn.



Now, need to use Wakefield output from ZBASE as input to HEADTAIL

#### *Methods:* Two options to link ZBASE wakefields to HEADTAIL



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#### Results: HEADTAIL simulations for the BroadBand impedance case





#### Results: MOSES calculations for the BroadBand impedance case



#### See also our talk at Beam'07

#### **HEADTAIL and MOSES parameters:**

- Broadband impedance
- Round beam pipe
- No space charge, no spread, no chromaticity
- Linear longitudinal restoring force

#### MOSES and HEADTAIL growth rate Vs Current



HEADTAIL and MOSES predict a TMCI for broadband impedance model

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# Results : a more realistic impedance model

SPS kickers' transverse Resistive Wall impedance is taken into account (Zotter-Metral model).

According to analytical calculations, these 20 kickers represent about 40 % of the measured impedance



Very good agreement between 1 kick and version with lattice

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### Results: Check for known instability characteristics

#### Measurement conditions

- Single LHC-type-bunch, except low longitudinal emittance (< 0.2 eVs)</li>
- Positive vertical chromaticity as low as possible
- High horizontal chromaticity
- Octupoles used to « correct » amplitude detuning and non linear chromaticity
- Attempt to match RF voltage, but oscillation remain.
- Instrumentation:
  BCT, Qmeter, Headtail monitor,
  2 BBQ, WCM.

HeadTail monitor data (Nov 4th 2007) High bunch population: 1.2 10<sup>11</sup> p/b → Above threshold





## Results : Check for instability characteristics



 $\rightarrow$  Fast losses, damped by chromaticity, travelling wave pattern  $\rightarrow$  TMCI?

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## Results : Intensity scan

Intensity scan performed by shaving the beam in the PS Booster



Intensity scan discussed – in the next slides (~20 minutes)

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#### Results: Comparing measured and simulated loss patterns



 $\rightarrow$  Similar « double threshold » between simulations and experiments  $\rightarrow$  TMCI?



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### Results : Simulated vs measured Vertical tune shift

Vertical Tune spectrum as a function of bunch population



 $\rightarrow$  Similar tune step between simulations and experiments  $\rightarrow$  TMCI?

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### Results : Vertical growth rate



 $\rightarrow$  Similar growth rate pattern between simulations and experiments  $\rightarrow$  TMCI?



# Outlook

- Analysis of loss pattern with bunch current, vertical growth rate and vertical tune shift give more weight to the assumption that there is a TMCI at injection in SPS.
- HEADTAIL with lattice is benchmarked with the classical version of HEADTAIL.
- ZBASE is now linked to HEADTAIL, and we can use more realistic wakefields from analytical models or FEA simulations.

## Perspectives

- Improve the SPS impedance model (ZBASE)
  - Add all simulated and measured SPS elements (B. Spataro and F. Caspers)
  - Get simulations with 1 wire displaced, and 2 wires to get both dipolar+quadrupolar and dipolar impedance.
- More realistic HEADTAIL simulations:
  - Space charge, amplitude detuning, etc.
- Carry on analysis and experiments in the SPS
  - 2008 first SPS MDs not very conclusive so far (analysis ongoing)
  - Control longitudinal parameters from the PS
  - Check for a horizontal instability in the intermediate vertical stable region
  - Analyse the Fourier spectrum of the Headtail monitor signal
  - 2 pickups at 90°

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## Zbase

• Wake field from all the kickers come from Hubert Medina's work on zbase :



Wy total is the only input of HeadTail

Issue: This calculation only works if all kickers are vertical

### Zbase

• Case of summing a horizontal and a vertical kicker:

$$Fx = K * (Wx_{dip} * x_{coherent} + Wx_{quad} * x_{incoherent})$$
  
$$Fy = K * (Wy_{dip} * y_{coherent} + Wy_{quad} * y_{incoherent})$$

For specific geometries, Wxdip, Wydip, Wxquad, Wyquad can be obtained from the round case

