Injection Chicane Beta-Beating Correction for Enhancing the Brightness of the CERN PSB Beams

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Introduction

- A new *H*⁻ charge exchange injection system [1] was developed for the CERN PS Booster (PSB) in the context of the LHC Injectors Upgrade Project (LIU) [2].
- The injection chicane magnets induce strong focusing errors in the vertical plane [3]:
 - i. through **edge focusing**,
 - ii. and eddy currents in the vacuum chamber \rightarrow generate a sextupolar component \rightarrow beam enters with an offset \rightarrow **feed-down effects**.

- The achievable beam brightness in the PSB is limited by the space charge effects at injection [4]:
 - tune spread can exceed values $\Delta Q_{x,y} = -0.5~[\underline{5}]$
 - to avoid beam degradation due to the **integer resonances**, the machine is operated with working points (**WP**) very close to the **half-integer resonance**.
- The focusing errors induce optics perturbations (β-beating and tune distortions) in the vertical plane which are strongly enhanced in the proximity of the half-integer resonance and can lead to beam losses.





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Extensive simulation studies [<u>7,8]</u>



- Local β distortions at QDE3 and QDE14 measured with **K-modulation**.
- The dynamic β-beating correction strengths are calculated by interpolating the local distortions to a response matrix and then applied to QDE3 and QDE14.

β-beating Measurement and Correction at the Injection of the PSB





- Measurement of the $\overline{\beta}_y$ at QDE3 with k-modulation. Similar results for QDE14 and also for the other rings of the PSB.
- Average QDE3 & QDE14 local β distortions for all rings: excellent agreement between the expected and the measured perturbation → good modelling of the injection chicane error sources and the machine lattice.
- After correction applied: β-function remains constant and close to the unperturbed value → dynamic correction of the β-beating throughout the fall of the chicane.

Impact on Beam Parameters



β-beating correction, resonance correction scheme improvements [9], working point and tune evolution optimization: beam brightness gain at extraction of the PSB (green points)

- Correction of the β -beating: allowed the stable beam operation much closer to the half-integer resonance.
- Working points closer to the half-integer resonance, i.e. further away from the integer resonance: smaller emittance blow-up for the same intensity and space charge tune spread.



Conclusions and Outlook

- Strong vertical β-beating is induced by the magnets of the H- injection chicane after the LIU upgrades in the PSB.
- The injection chicane β-beating was measured using k-modulation at the expected levels and then dynamically corrected using the defocusing quadrupoles QDE3 and QDE14.
- The correction allowed a stable operation of the beam with working points closer to the half-integer resonance which mitigated the interaction of the beam with the integer resonance, contributing to an increased beam brightness.
- Work to inject above the half-integer resonance without considerable beam degradation to further increase the brightness is ongoing.

Thank you for your attention!

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