# 9. Diagnostics (1)



- Which diagnostics do we need?
- Particles interactions with matter
- Charged particles detection

#### Problem set 6

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## Where are we?



- Last week you learned what is the dynamic inside a beam.
- Today and Monday you will learn how to monitor what happens in an accelerator.
- Next week you will learn about the applications of particle accelerators.

# What do **you** want to know about the beam?



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# What do you want to know about the beam?

- Intensity (charge) (I,Q)
- Position (x,y,z)
- Size/shape (transverse and longitudinal)
- Emittance (transverse and longitudinal)
- Energy
- Particle losses



## Properties of a charged beam

- Almost all accelerators accelerate <u>charged particles which interact with matter.</u>
- That's almost all what you need to use to build diagnostics (together with some clever tricks).

# Particles interact with matter (1)



Massive shower in a tungsten cylinder (outlined in green) produced by a single 10 GeV incident electron.

- High energy particles interact with matter in several ways.
- If you took the B1 paper you will have studied this more in details and you may learn more in the C4 next year.

# Particles interact with matter (2)

Massive shower in a tungsten cylinder (outlined in green) produced by a single 10 GeV incident electron.





- When a particle enters (nuclear) matter, it loses energy.
- It will scatter off the nuclei that form the nuclear matter.
- Particles produced when such scattering occur will carry a significant energy and scatter themselves.

# Example: Electron shower (1)

- The distance after which an electron or a photon interacts is called the "radiation length"
- Radiation length vary from material to material and can be found in tables.
- $X_0(Pb)=0.56cm$   $X_0(Ta)=0.41cm$   $X_0(Cu)=1.44cm$   $X_0(Fe)=1.76cm$  $X_0(C graphite)=19.32cm$



# Example: Electron shower (2)

- Particles loose 1/e of their energy after each radiation length.
- The reality is a bit more complex but statistically this picture is true...
- Heavy particles such as protor will loose some energy as they travel in matter and suddenly stop when their energy slow enough.





# Example: Electron showers (3)



Image source: Particle Data Group

- After loosing enough energy the electrons are finally absorbed.
- The energy at which they are absorbed depends on the absorber
  (see Particle Data Group booklet for more details).

# Quiz: shower depth

- A 1 GeV electron hits a 4.1cm thick plate of Tantalum.
- $X_0(Ta) = 0.41$ cm
- How many particles will be present in the shower at the exit of the plate?
- a) 10
- b) 10\*10
- c) 2<sup>10</sup>
- d) 1 (the original electron)

# Answer: (c)

- The number of particles double after each radiation length.
- There are 4.1cm/0.41=10 radiation length
- So there will be 2<sup>10</sup> particles after the plate.



# Faraday cup (1)

• Let's send the beam on a piece of copper.





# Faraday cup (2)





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- Two properties can be measured:
  - Beam total energy
  - Beam total charge
- By inserting an ammeter between the copper and the ground it is possible to measure the total charge of the beam.
- At high energy Faraday cups can be large: More than 1m at Diamond for a 3 GeV electron beam.

# Screen (1)



- If a thin screen is inserted in the path of the particles, they will deposit energy in the screen.
- If this screen contains

   elements that emit light when
   energy is deposited then the
   screen will emit light.
- Example of such elements;
   Phosphorus, Gadolinium,
   Cesium,...

## Screen (2)





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- It is not possible for the operators to stay in the accelerator while the beam is on so the screen must be monitored by a camera.
- To avoid damaging the camera the screen is at 45 degrees.
- On this screen you can see both the position of the beam and its shape.
- Note the snow on the image.

#### Wire-scanner



- By inserting a thin wire in the beam trajectory (instead of a full screen) it is possible to sample parts of the beam.
- By moving the wire in the transverse direction one can get a profile of the beam.
- It is possible to use wire diameters of just a few micrometres.
- However, a too strong beam current can lead to damages to the wire (requiring replacement of the wire).

## Longitudinal properties



- It is not possible to directly image the longitudinal profile of a bunch.
- By giving longitudinal impulsion to the beam it is possible to make it rotate and observe its longitudinal profile.



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#### RF deflector off and on



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#### **Deflection calculations**



• The transverse quick given by the cavity is

$$\Delta x'(z) = \frac{eV_0}{pc} \sin(kz + \varphi) \approx \frac{eV_0}{pc} \left[ \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} z \cos \varphi + \sin \varphi \right]$$

This leads to an offset

$$\Delta x = \sqrt{\beta_1 \beta_2} \sin \Delta \psi \cdot \Delta \theta$$
  
And a resulting beam size

$$\sigma_{x} = \sqrt{\sigma_{x0}^{2} + \sigma_{z}^{2}\beta_{d}\beta_{s}\left(\frac{2\pi eV_{0}}{\lambda\gamma m_{e}}\sin\Delta\psi\cos\varphi\right)^{2}}$$

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## Beam losses

- It is important to monitor the beam losses directly:
- Small beam losses may not be detected by other systems
- Beam losses are a source of radiation and activation
- Most beam losses indicate that there is a problem somewhere.



#### Limitation of these monitors





- Monitors in which the matter interacts are prone to damage.
- With high energy high intensity colliders such damages are more likely to occur.
- To the left: hole punched by a 30 GeV beam into a scintillating screen.

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#### Laser-wire



- To mitigate the problem of broken wires in wirescanners it is possible to replace the wire by a laser.
- This technique called "laser-wire" also allow to reach better resolutions.
- High power lasers (or long integration times) are needed.
- Some of this work is done in Oxford.

# Summary (particles interaction with matter)

	Interaction with matter
Charge	Faraday cup
Position	Screen
Size or shape (transv.)	Screen or wire- scanner/LW
Size or shape (longit)	RF cavity + screen
Energy	???
Losses	Scintillator

- We have seen that it is possible to build monitors which use the interactions of particles with matter.
- These monitors tend to be destructive: they significantly damage the beam.
- These monitors tend to be simple but can be damaged by high energy high intensity beams.

# Charged particle



- Any charged particle
   "radiates"
- These electromagnetic radiations can be detected without disrupting the beam.
- One need to remember that the beam travels at high speed: the radiations will be contained in a 1/gamma cone.

#### Beam current monitor



- Remember: as the charge travelling in the beam pipe is constant the current induced on the walls (of the beam pipe) will be independent of the beam position.
- By inserting a ceramic gap and an ammeter the total charge travelling in a beam pipe can be measured.

## Beam current monitor vs Faraday cup



- Both devices have pros and cons.
- A Faraday cup destroys the beam but it gives a very accurate charge measurements
- A Beam current monitor does not affect the beam but must be calibrated.
- Both tend to be used at different locations.

# Beam position monitor



- If instead of measuring the charge all around the beam pipe, two electrodes are positioned at opposite locations, they will be sensitive to the beam position.
- Here the electrodes act as antennas.
- Such device is called a beam position monitor.
- Many flavours of BPM exist.

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# Beam Position Monitor (2)

- BPM are one of the most common diagnostic at an accelerator.
- They exist on many different configurations.
- At synchrotrons it is not possible to have electrodes in the horizontal plane so the electrodes have to be above or below the beam.
- Although the basic principle is simple, very advanced electronics are used to get he best possible precision.
- At Diamond there are 220 BPMs, about 1 every 4 meters in the ring!





#### Synchrotron radiation



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- Synchrotron radiation carries information about the beam which emitted it.
- It is commonly used to study the beam transverse profile.



# **Optical Transition Radiation**





- When a charged particle experiences a transition between two different media continuity equations require some EM signal to be emitted.
- This radiation can be observed by using a 45 degrees screen.
- By imaging the radiation emitted from the screen it is possible to know the beam transverse shape (and possibly other things).

# **Optical Diffraction Radiation**



- It is also possible to use a screen to reflect the wake created by the charged particles bunch.
- This technique is called ODR.
- It is even less disruptive than OTR.

# Longitudinal profiles



Principle of Smith-Purcell Radiation

- Longitudinal profiles of short beams are one of the most difficult measurement.
- In the Smith-Purcell method a grating is used.
- The beam interacts coherently with the grating and emits radiation.
- The intensity and wavelength of this radiation depends on the longitudinal profile of the beam.
- Several other bunch profile measurement methods rely also on the radiation emitted by the beam.

#### Energy measurements



- To measure (or select) the energy of the particles a bending magnet is often the best solution.
- This can be done in an "energy chicane".



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## **Diagnostics overview**

	Interaction with matter	Charge
Charge	Faraday cup	Beam current monitor
Position	Screen	BPM
Size or shape (transv.)	Screen or wire- scanner/LW	Synchrotron rad. OTR/ODR
Size or shape (longit)	RF cavity + screen	Radiation detectors
Energy		Bending magnet
Losses	Scintillator	

# Summary



- There are two ways of measuring the properties of a beam:
  - By forcing it to interact with matter
  - By looking at the EM radiation emitted.
- How to build the best diagnostic is then a matter of imagination!