

Benchmarking and application of space charge codes in (proton) rings

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Before start

- This is an overview talk on benchmarking of codes on space charge in proton (hadron) rings.
- I do not talk about individual codes.
- I will focus on benchmarking against measurement.
- I apologise that I just pick up a few cases although many other efforts exist.



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Macro particle tracking with external guiding fields in small time steps.



Calculate space charge potential and macro particle coordinates are updated accordingly.

(Diagnostics)



This has to be repeated more than 100 times per turn because

- Space charge force acts continuously
- Potential is modulated by beam envelope and it is important to include its harmonic components.



Why is benchmarking important in space charge codes? (2)

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Particle tracking with external guiding field is no problem. It can be done with

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Calculate space charge potential Particle in Cell and frozen model

Particle in Cell (PIC)

Assign fractional charge of macro particles to the neighbouring spacial grids and solve Poisson eq. to obtain electric field.



$$\frac{\phi_{j-1,k} - 2\phi_{j,k} + \phi_{j+1,k}}{\Delta x^2} + \frac{\phi_{j,k-1} - 2\phi_{j,k} + \phi_{j,k+1}}{\Delta y^2} = -\rho_{j,k}$$

Pro: Evolution of charge distribution can be maintained in a self-consistent way.

Con: Discontinuity of the electric field around the grid point breaks symplectic condition.

Frozen model

Fix charge distribution at the beginning and update macro particle coordinates by this fixed potential.



Pro: Smooth space charge potential is included as an external element and symplectic condition is satisfied.

Con: Give up self-consistency and ignore evolution of charge distribution assuming the change is small.



Why is benchmarking important in space charge codes? (3)

Space charge codes have two parts.

Macro particle tracking with external guiding fields in a small time step.

Part of calculating space charge potential could be problematic.

PIC

- Representing ~10¹² real particles by ~10⁶ macro particles.
- Susceptible to "noise".
- Breaking symplectic condition.

Frozen model

• Giving up self-consistency.

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Struckmeier, Phys. Rev. E 54 (1996) 830 10

Bottom line is

Validity and limitation of codes have to be benchmarked (against measurement).

Benefit of having a good code and accelerator model is

- We can see more details of beam dynamics which cannot be measured.
- It gives us confidence in understanding high intensity/brightness beam physics.
- It provides firm ground for a future accelerator design.
- It helps troubleshoot hardware problems and find new physics.



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Beam loss and emittance preservation for proposed fast and slow cycling accelerators

Design and construction of SNS, J-Parc, FAIR, LIU (LHC Inj. Upgrade).

- Beam loss of a few per cent or less was/ is crucial in proposed accelerators.
- Beam emittance and profile are other important parameters.









Incoherent/coherent resonance model may not tell us these subtle effects.

Understand beam loss mechanism and predict it with simulation.

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CERN PS experiment in 2002 and 2003

milestone in the community

First systematic benchmarking campaign on cotupole and Montague resonances.

Core growth regime and beam loss regime were identified experimentally.

Metral, Franchetti, Giovannozzi, Hofmann, Martini, Steerenberg, NIM A561 (2006) 257.





Trapping of particles benchmarking with theory and codes



Summary 10 years ago PAC 2005 invited talk by Cousineau

Proceedings of 2005 Particle Accelerator Conference, Knoxville, Tennessee

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... to routinely produce successful, quantitative space charge benchmarks for a variety of experimentally measurable quantities.

Future challenges

- Simulate beam loss in accelerator by reproducing the distribution to within fraction of a percent (10⁻³ or less).
- Simulate beams during a long storage time, of the order of hundreds of thousands of turns.



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Benchmarking against measurements toward quantitative comparison

Progress of code development.

- Good physics and algorithms.
- Parallelisation of codes.
- Database management.
- Friendly user interface.

Accurate accelerator model as an input to codes.

- Lattice errors and alignment.
- Precise shape of input beam.
- Clearly defined operating conditions.

Newly constructed accelerators like SNS and J-Parc have a big advantage of accurate model to codes.



Progress in the last 10 years summary first

To what extent do "future challenges" become reality?

- Beam loss in accelerator by reproducing the distribution to within fraction of a percent (10⁻³).
 Done to 10⁻², for fast cycling accelerators by accurate modelling.
- Simulate beams during long ring storage times of the order of hundreds of thousands of turns.

Great progress, by computational power and reasonable approximation.

Some evidence follows.



Beam loss in short time scale (1) J-Parc RCS

- Beam loss vs beam power is well simulated at a per cent level.
- Time structure of beam loss shows good agreement.



Beam loss in short time scale (2) J-Parc RCS

Model of accelerator and beams included in codes.

Time scale	20 ms
Lattice	Time independent imperfections (measured) Time dependent imperfections (measured) Interference with neighbouring magnets Include local aperture
Beam	Linac beam with tail
Operation	Multi-turn H- injection with foil
Diagnostics	Multi-particle Single-particle
code	Simpsons (PIC)



Beam loss in medium time scale (1) CERN PS Booster

- Beam loss simulation over ~200 ms is manageable with PIC.
- Accurate modelling is essential to reproduce measurement: beam loss and bunch shortening..



Beam loss in medium time scale (2) CERN PS Booster

Model of accelerator and beams included in codes.

Time scale	~ 100 ms	
Lattice	Time independent imperfections: misalignment from survey data, quad errors are measured by LOCO. Aperture: local details are included.	
Beam	Gaussian at the start	EL BHZ 12
Operation	Fixed energy at 160 MeV with rf bucket.	5
Diagnostics	beam loss, transverse and longitudinal profile	
Code	PTC-Orbit (PIC)	



Long term simulation (1) CERN PS

- PIC is not practical for > 1s tracking.
- Frozen space charge model turns out to be reasonable approximation for long term simulation.



Huschauer, et al, Space charge workshop 2015 at Oxford.



Agreement becomes better with slight tune adjustments.

• Reinvestigation of all measured parameters led to observation of slight discrepancy between programmed and measured tunes:

 $(0.13, 0.47) \rightarrow (0.129, 0.47)$

Tunes in simulations were adjusted accordingly

 $(0.11, 0.47) \rightarrow (0.104, 0.476)$

Important conclusion: halo development extremely sensitive to working point



Long term simulation (2) CERN PS

Model of accelerator and beams included in codes.

Time scale	1.1 s
Lattice	Time independent imperfections: sextupole to excite resonance + measured multipole (zeroth component)
Beam	Measured distribution and emittance by 1000 macro particles.
Operation	Single turn injection and 2 GeV plateau
Diagnostics	Multi-particle: Beam profile averaged over 1000 turns
Code	MADX-SC (frozen with update emittance)



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Recent progress in both simulations and measurements gives us a better idea whether agree or not agree.

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Agree SNS accumulator ring (1)

- Multiturn injection with no painting.
- Beam profile vs beam power is well simulated.



Courtesy of Cousineau.



Not agree SNS accumulator ring (2)

- Multiturn injection with *painting*.
- Beam profile does not agree even with low intensity.

Sample of Benchmark of Painted Beam 8e12 ppp

We miss the mark on low intensity profile shape, especially in horizontal plane.



Courtesy of Cousineau.



Troubleshoot hardware problem SNS accumulator ring (3)

It turned out painting kicker was not functioning as expected.



Measurement Results - Horizontal

Delay is again present, and less painting experimentally than in model.

5 Managed by UT-Battelle for the Department of Energy

ORBIT Results - Vertical, High Intensity



Courtesy of Cousineau.





Troubleshoot hardware problem J-Parc RCS (2)

100 kHz ripple was excited by asymmetrical screening of vacuum chamber.



Hotchi, et al, IPAC 2014 (2014) 899.



Troubleshoot hardware problem J-Parc RCS (3)

After fixing capacitors, the second peak disappeared.



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Finding new physics: fixed line CERN PS

Fixed line (2D equivalent of fixed point) around Qx+2Qy=19 must exist and particles are trapped.



Finding new physics: fixed line J-Parc RCS

One of macro particle trajectory in J-Parc RCS simulation supports the same idea.



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Summary and future challenges (1) beam loss

- Simulation of beam loss of a percent level becomes possible (10⁻³ yet), at least for fast cycling accelerators.
- Detail information of lattice, beam and operational conditions are essential toward quantitative simulations.
 - Newly constructed accelerators like SNS and J-Parc have a big advantage in that respect.
- Simulations are capable of troubleshooting hardware problems and finding new physics.
- Simulation of beam loss of 10⁻³ is still challenge.



Summary and future challenges (2) long term tracking with frozen model

- Frozen space charge model and its variants are useful technique for long term tracking.
- It is not clearly understood why frozen space charge model works well.
 - Can we identify which part of frozen model is essential for long term tracking, rms emittance, higher moment, peak density?



Summary and future challenges (3) Iong term tracking with PIC

- Can we use PIC for long term tracking simply with the help of computational power?
 - Both number of macro particles and number of turns are being significantly increased.
 - However, noise and non-symplectic nature of PIC tracking is a concern.

Symplectic matrix M is defined as $M = -S(M^T)^{-1}S$ where $M_{jk} = \frac{\partial X_{1j}}{\partial X_{0k}}$ is the Jacobian for the $X_1 = T(X_0)$

When space charge potential is not a smoothed function, M_{jk} has a singularity.

 Can we assure symplectic tracking by constructing a smooth function out of the PIC potential?



Summary and future challenges (4) hybrid method

- Hybrid method of PIC and frozen model is under development.
 - Semi-frozen: distribution is fixed, but update a few characterising parameters like rms emittance.
 - Semi-PIC: calculate potential by PIC method only once a while and introduce smoothing.

Self-consistent, noise-free, symplectic and fast codes.



Looking forward to a talk on "benchmarking of space charge codes" at IPAC 2025 !



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