

A NEW ANTIPROTON BEAM TRANSFER SCHEME WITHOUT COALESCING*

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Abstract

An effective way to increase the luminosity in the Fermilab Tevatron collider program Run2 is to improve the overall antiproton transfer efficiency. During antiproton coalescing in the Main Injector (MI), about 10-15% particles get lost. This loss could be avoided in a new antiproton transfer scheme that removes coalescing from the process. Moreover, this scheme would also eliminate emittance dilution due to coalescing. This scheme uses a 2.5 MHz RF system to transfer antiprotons from the Accumulator to the Main Injector. It is then followed by a bunch rotation in the MI to shorten the bunch length so that it can be captured by a 53 MHz RF bucket. Calculations and ESME simulations show that this scheme works. No new hardware is needed to implement this scheme.

INTRODUCTION

To increase the luminosity in the Fermilab Tevatron collider program Run2, one must increase the number of antiprotons (pbars) during collision. Currently the overall pbar transfer efficiency stays around 65%. Where do we lose them? From the pbar intensity plot (Fig. 1), there are two obvious places. One is in the Tevatron, about 20% loss from injection to collision. Another is in the Main Injector, about 10-15% loss during pbar coalescing. It is the latter that we want to get rid of so that the efficiency could be improved. Moreover, the new method would eliminate emittance dilution during coalescing, which also helps increase the luminosity.

The present pbar transfer scheme is as follows. In the Antiproton Accumulator, the pbars are first captured by the 2.5 MHz RF buckets. Then they split to small pieces and re-captured by the 53 MHz buckets. These small pieces are transferred to the MI 53 MHz buckets and accelerated to 150 GeV. Then a reverse process, called the coalescing, occurs. Namely, these small pieces are recombined in the 2.5 MHz buckets to form big bunches and rotated. These rotated bunches are once again captured by the 53 MHz buckets and ejected from the MI to the Tevatron. This complicated beam gymnastics works. However, beam loss and emittance dilution during coalescing have always been a concern. In the following sections, we propose a new scheme that will eliminate coalescing in the process.

NEW SCHEME

We give a step-by-step description of how this new scheme works:

1. The required longitudinal phase space density in the Accumulator is 6-8e10 pbars per eV-s, with the 1st transfer having higher density and the 9th

transfer lower density. While this is a modest number compared with what was achieved in Run1b (Fig. 2) [1], we need about 50% increases from where we are now in Run2a (Fig. 3).

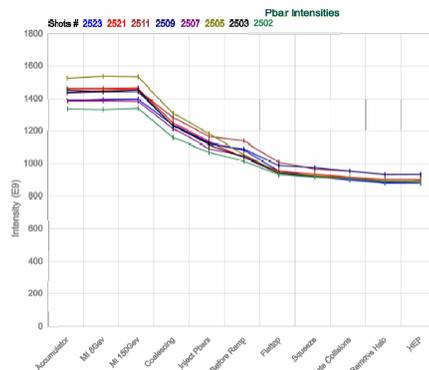


Figure 1: Pbar intensity plot of the 8 most recent shots as of May 9, 2003. The first big drop is the loss during coalescing. The remaining losses are in the Tevatron.

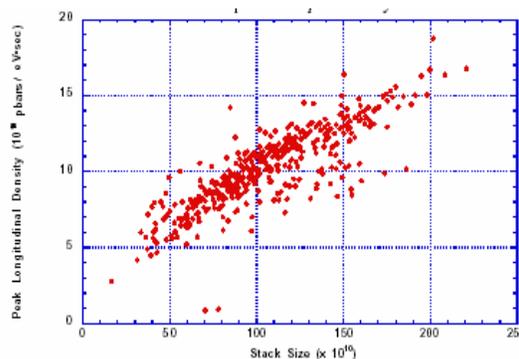


Figure 2: Run 1b longitudinal phase space density at the peak of the antiproton momentum distribution just prior to unstacking as a function of stack size, Ref. [1].

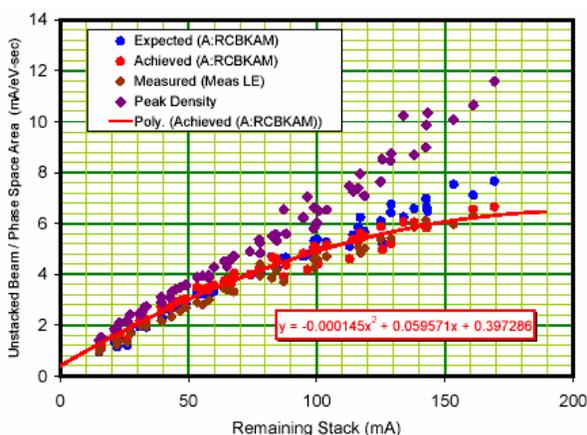


Figure 3: Run2a longitudinal phase space density as a function of stack size.

Transition Crossing in the MI

The pbar bunches will be 4 times more intense than they are now when crossing the transition. But compared with the proton bunch intensity in \$29 cycle (6e10), pbar bunch intensity (3e10) is only half that value. Furthermore, the longitudinal phase space density of the pbar bunches is much lower than that of the protons.

However, the large pbar bunch emittance (0.37-0.47 eV-s) is a concern. An analysis was done for the transition crossing and found that both the emittance dilution and maximum energy spread were tolerable. They are, respectively, 20% and $\pm 0.6\%$ for 0.37 eV-s bunches, and 25% and $\pm 0.7\%$ for 0.47 eV-s bunches.

As a fallback plan, a gamma-t jump system can be readily implemented to improve transition crossing [3].

Another option is to use a third harmonic RF system during transition crossing. The experiment was done on the Main Ring at Fermilab. The hardware exists and can be installed in the Main Injector.

Beam Loading during Bunch Rotation

During bunch rotation using the 2.5 MHz RF in the MI, the beam loading of the 53 MHz RF needs to be compensated. There are two possible solutions: (i) to install a feedback and a feedforward system (which is an on-going activity); (ii) to lower the effective cavity impedance by a factor of 3-4 by lowering the screen voltage from 2 kV to -100 V (a proposal by J. Griffin, which needs to be tested).

HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE ISSUES

An important advantage of this new method is that no new hardware is needed for its implementation. Several issues regarding hardware and software are addressed below:

- Although the maximum voltage of the ARF4 can reach 900 V, we found that the 2.5 MHz bunch rotation and 53 MHz RF capture work better if we use 100 V instead of 900 V.
- A technical challenge is the regulation requirement of the ARF4 to the level of several volts in order to create a 0.37 eV-s bucket. But this is possible. [4]
- There is a slight frequency mismatch between the Accumulator 2.5 MHz RF and the MI 2.5 MHz RF (< 3 kHz). But this can be taken care of. [5]
- The MI 2.5 MHz RF voltage can be jumped quickly from 0.25 kV to 60 kV for bunch rotation [5]. This system has a nominal $Q = 100$, which gives a field decay time constant $\tau = 12.7 \mu\text{s}$. Measurement shows the actual decay time is shorter. Therefore, it is possible to use the matched RF buckets to receive bunches from the Accumulator prior to the rotation (an option).
- Presently the MI 53 MHz RF cannot operate at its

full voltage (4 MV) at injection due to tuner sparking. This will limit the achievable bucket size and need to be discussed with the RF group. We assumed 1.8 MV in this study.

BEAM STUDY PLAN

A two-phase beam study plan is under consideration for testing this new method.

Phase I

2.5 MHz pbar beam transfer, capture and bunch rotation:

- Develop MIRF procedures:
 - 1) RFI assistance to build and adjust I6 files for the required 2.5 MHz and 53 MHz RF sequence
 - 2) Use of a 2.5 MHz bunch length monitor
- Develop ARF procedures:

To build and adjust ARF3 and ARF4 sequence for 2.5 MHz beam transfer to the Main Injector

Phase II

Develop procedures to maximize the pbar longitudinal density extracted from the Accumulator and determine what pbar longitudinal density is achievable:

- New version of VSA software that determines frequency and bucket area for extraction
- Test software on proton beam
- Test software on pbars left over after a shot (abort transfers in MI)
- Verify that the required 50% increase in core longitudinal density can be achieved by doing a shot to the Tevatron with a pbar stack of at least 120 mA.

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