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I. INTRODUCTION

As the intensity of the AGS is increased, the amplitude of coupled-bunch oscillations grows faster than the natural damping. After the Booster becomes operational and intensities greater than 4×10^{13} become routinely available, it will be necessary to actively damp these oscillations if beam losses are to be kept acceptably low. The Transverse Damper (TD) will perform this function. The bandwidth and power requirements are calculated elsewhere.[1]

In the coupled-bunch mode, each rf bunch is affected by the wakefields of the previous bunches and performs transverse oscillations about the equilibrium orbit at the betatron frequency. In the lowest order mode, each bunch oscillates as a coherent whole; in higher order modes, for example, the head and tail of each bunch can oscillate at the same frequency but 180° out of phase. The TD as presently implemented can only damp the coherent, lowest order mode. The position of the center-of-charge of each bunch is measured as it passes a pickup, and from this measurement the TD generates a correction signal which is applied to a kicker one revolution later.

Each bunch generates signals as it passes vertical and horizontal pairs of pick-up electrodes (PUEs). Cathode followers (CFs) on each of the four electrodes match the impedance to cables leading out of the AGS ring. Here, a hybrid circuit (H) forms the sum (Σ) [up + down, left + right] and difference (Δ) [up-down, leftright] signals of electrode pairs. Σ and Δ are integrated for an entire bunch width in (I), and these integrated signals are digitized and processed in the digital processor (DP). The sequencing of these operations is controlled by the timing generator (TG) which is synchronized with the low-level AGS rf and phase-locked to the bunches. The DP first computes the Δ/Σ ratios for both the vertical and horizontal signals, and from these ratios then calculates the bunch positions and the appropriate correction signals. The results of these computations are retained in memory for one revolution and then are applied to D/A converters which drive four power amplifiers (PAs) feeding the four strip-line (SL) kicker electrodes. Figure 1 illustrates these principles of operation.

II. THE SYSTEMS

The transverse damper is composed of several subsystems--each designed separately, and each in a different place on the road to completion. This complicated situation was caused by the way in which engineering resources had to be scrounged in the early stages of the project. Nevertheless, it is all coming together.

a. <u>PUEs and SL</u>

The PUEs are based on the "conversion" design, and the SL is a 50-Ohm transmission line based on a CERN design. These components are essentially complete mechanically, but checking the electrical characteristics of the SL remains to be done. Installation will take place in the AGS F20 straight section during the 1991 summer shutdown. The PUEs, SL, and the arrangement in the straight sections are illustrated in Figures 2, 3, and 4.

b. <u>Front End Electronics</u>

This system requires the most work. The PUEs must be matched to the transmission lines through cathode followers (or a suitable passive network), and connected to integrating/baseline restoring circuits. None of this has been designed. While visiting Brookhaven in April, 1991, Elmar Schulte developed a conceptual plan for a system employing passive matching (with restricted low frequency response) coupled to a synchronous detector/integrator which recovers the low frequencies from their sidebands. Intensive work is still required.

c. <u>Timing Generator</u>

A TG was designed and built by Dexun Xi while he was a visitor in the Instrumentation Division. Preliminary testing has been completed, but further evaluation is required. Figure 5 is a simplified logic diagram. The AGS rf appears as input to Mixer 1, where it is raised to the 12.5-14.5 MHz range, passing through a band pass filter, BPF7. A pickup is used to determine the phase of the bunches and the PLL controls a voltage-controlled amplifier (VCO) which runs at 16 times the rf frequency. The output of this amplifier provides the timing signals.

d. Digital Processor

The DP includes the D/A converters which follow the integrators. It normalizes the PUE signals, calculates the deviation from the mean closed orbit, and uses a transfer function which is downloaded from the control system to calculate the correction signal. The digital data are stored for one revolution, and the timing is adjusted to compensate for the changing rotation frequency during the acceleration cycle. Provision is made for "anti-damping" one bunch to facilitate a tune measurement, and a local memory can store the damping data for a substantial portion of the acceleration cycle in order to provide diagnostic information. Figure 6 shows the DP logic.

Horizontal and vertical DPs are required. One is about 90% complete, and all the components are on hand to complete both units. No testing has been performed.

e. <u>Power Amplifiers</u>

In order to drive each of the four 50-Ohm strip lines to the approximately 200 Volts necessary for adequate damping time, a peak power of about 1 kW per line is required. This means that we need four PAs (plus a fifth spare) with a bandwidth of about 20 KHz-200 MHz. Such amplifiers are commercially available from several manufacturers at a cost of about \$15,000 each. Because of the amount of the purchase (~ \$75,000), a bidding process must be initiated.

f. Software

The applications (Apollo) software will control the TD, principally through an interface to the DP. Modes of operation will include: damping all bunches; anti-damping one bunch (for a tune measurement); and tracking selected bunches for an extended period. Although the hardware is specified and mostly built, work has yet to begin on the software. This will require a major effort.

III. STATUS, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND SCHEDULE

The following table indicates the assignments of responsibilities for the various aspects of the damper fabrication.

SYSTEM INTEGRATION	MECHANICAL	FRONT-END	DIGITAL	AMPS	SOFTWARE
Yamin Oerter	Cameron	Smith Ciardullo	Oerter	Zhang	Yamin Luccio

We have established a schedule and milestones for the completion of the damper, and they appear below. The reader should note that as of today (6/7/91), we are already behind.



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