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Emittances

Intrabeam scattering computations express the results for transverse beam motion in terms of a single parameter, provided that full coupling is assumed. This parameter, the rms horizontal or vertical emittance $\langle \epsilon \rangle$, defines the Gaussian density distribution in 4-dimensional phase space (x, x', y, y') to be

$$\rho = \frac{N}{\pi^2 \langle \varepsilon \rangle^2} \exp \left[-\frac{x^2 \beta_H + x'^2 \beta_H + y^2 \beta_V + y'^2 \beta_V}{\langle \varepsilon \rangle} \right]$$

with N the number of particles per bunch in the unlimited 4D phase space.

The customary BNL definition of the horizontal and vertical emittance of the beam (the so-called 95% emittance) is related to $<\epsilon>$ by

$$\varepsilon_{\rm H} = \varepsilon_{\rm V} = 3 < \varepsilon >$$

The rms betatron amplitude at QF/QD are given by

$$\sigma_{\rm H,V} = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_{\rm H,V} & \\ \hline 6 & \beta_{\rm H,V} \end{pmatrix}^{1/2}$$

Note the missing π in the emittance definition used here.

Stability limit and acceptance

In tracking studies, the stability of motion is usually tested for particles starting at QF/QD in the center of an arc with the initial conditions

$$x_{o}; y_{o} = x_{o} \sqrt{\beta_{v}/\beta_{H}}; x_{o}' = 0; y_{o}' = 0$$

and the stability limit x_{SL} (used in Parzen's publications) is defined as the maximum stable x_{SL} . It is fully equivalent to quote a machine acceptance (used in Dell's publications) which is related to the stability limit by

$$A = 2 x_{SL}^2 / \beta_{H}$$

Note that the factor π is again suppressed. Particles are expected to be stable within the 4-dimensional sphere given by

$$x^{2}/\beta_{H} + x'^{2}\beta_{H} + y^{2}/\beta_{V} + y'^{2}\beta_{V} = A$$

The dynamic aperture requirements (i.e., the stability limit or acceptance) for the magnets were based on the 6σ rule which requires stable horizontal motion of particles with initial conditions

$$x_{o} > 6\sigma_{H} = (6 \epsilon_{H} \beta_{H})^{1/2}; y_{o} = x'_{o} = y'_{o} = 0.$$

Because of coupling, the required stability limit as defined above becomes

$$x_{SL} > \frac{6}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \sigma_{H} = (3 \epsilon_{H} \beta_{H})^{1/2}$$

It is also equivalent to require that the acceptance be

$$A > 6 \epsilon_{H} = 18 \langle \epsilon \rangle.$$

The fraction of particles contained within the stability limit/acceptance is given by

$$N_{SL}/N = 1 - \left(1 + \frac{A}{2 < \epsilon >}\right) \exp \left(-\frac{A}{2 < \epsilon >}\right)$$

which assures that 99.9% of the particles will be stable.

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