Schottky noise analysis

A beam is composed by a finite number of particles. Schottky noise is based on the statistical fluctuations of this finite charge carriers.

Schottky noise is treated in the frequency domain:

- \longrightarrow The sensitive device of a *spectrum analyzer* is used. Modern applications: Fourier transformation of time domain data.
- It is applicated at proton or heavy ion synchrotrons for:
 - Measurement of momentum distribution $\Delta p/p$ $\longrightarrow longitudinal$ Schottky
 - Measurement of tune Q, chromaticity ξ and transverse emittance $\epsilon \longrightarrow transverse$ Schottky

Spectrum analyzer

A spectrum analyzer is used to determine the amplitude of a frequency component of a time varying signal \longrightarrow analog equivalent to a digital Fourier transformation.



- input signal is lowpass filtered: f_{cut} up to 3 GHz
- mixing with a scanned voltage controlled oscillator (typically 3 to 6 GHz)
- Schottky scan: typical span 10 to 100 kHz around 10 MHz, sweep time 0.1 to 1 s
- difference frequency is bandpass filtered (ty. 100 Hz) and rectified
- amplitude as a function of frequency is displayed

Longitudinal Schottky signals for a single particle



Longitudinal Schottky signals for a coasting beam

For N particles randomly distributed (de-bunched) along the synchrotron at angle θ_n the current is

$$I(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \zeta e f_0 \cos \theta_n + 2\zeta e f_0 \sum_{n=1}^{N} \sum_{h=1}^{\infty} \cos \left(2\pi h f_n t + h \theta_n\right)$$

The power density per band at rev. harmonics h is the rms value $\langle I^2 \rangle$. Only the dc-part remains, all other cancel due to the averaging:

$$\langle I^2 \rangle = \left(2\zeta e f_0 \sum_{n=1}^N \cos h\theta_n \right)^2 = (2\zeta e f_0)^2 \cdot (\cos h\theta_1 + \dots + \cos h\theta_N)^2$$
$$= (2\zeta e f_0)^2 \cdot N/2 = I_{rms}^2$$

Power per band determined by a pick-up with transfer impedance Z_t :

$$P(f) = Z_t \cdot I_{rms}^2 / \Delta f = Z_t \cdot (\zeta e f_0)^2 \cdot 2N / \Delta f.$$

Fulfilled condition: $t_{scan} \gg T_0$, more precisely: resolution BW $\Delta f_{res} \ll f_0 = 1/T_0$

General longitudinal Schottky spectrum

The power per band is: $P(f) = Z_t \cdot I_{rms}^2 / \Delta f = Z_t \cdot (\zeta e f_0)^2 \cdot 2N / \Delta f.$

Measured quantity: Spread in rev. freq. $\Delta f_h/f_h$ \implies momentum distribution: $\frac{\Delta p}{p} = -\frac{1}{\eta} \cdot \frac{\Delta f_h}{f_h} = -\frac{1}{\eta} \cdot \frac{\Delta f_h}{hf_0}$

For higher harmonics, Δf increases \Rightarrow Schottky peaks become broader. Simulation using $\Delta p/p = 1$ % and frequency dispersion (art. low) $\eta = 1/\gamma_{tr}^2 - 1/\gamma^2 = -0.005$



Practical choice of the harmonics h:

Large values: Broader peaks \longleftrightarrow higher resolution

Low values: Better signal-to-noise due to $U_{noise} \propto \sqrt{\Delta f}$

 \implies harmonics 10 < h < 30 used ($f_0 \sim 1$ MHz at smaller heavy ion, \overline{p} synchrotrons).

Results of longitudinal Schottky scan

Control of longitudinal electron or stochastic cooling. Example: Electron cooling of 300 MeV/u Ar¹⁸⁺ at GSI storage ring for harmonics 10 \rightarrow decrease of the $\Delta p/p$ from $1 \cdot 10^{-3}$ to $2 \cdot 10^{-5}$:



Schottky pick-up at GSI synchrotron

In general it does not differ from a BPM; here 250 mm plate distance.



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Longitudinal Schottky signals for a *bunched* beam

The statistical fluctuations are modulated by the synchrotron frequency f_s for each particle: $\tau_n = \hat{\tau}_n \sin(2\pi f_s t + \varphi_n)$ Modulation i.e. splitting of the long. peak according to:

$$I_h(t) = 2\zeta e f_0 \cdot \operatorname{Re} \left[\sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{p=-\infty}^\infty J_p(h\omega_n \hat{\tau}_n) \exp\left\{ i \left(h\omega_n t + h\theta_n + p\omega_s t + p\varphi_n\right) \right\} \right]$$





Results for transverse Schottky scan \rightarrow cooling

For N randomly distributed particles the rms power per band of transverse Schottky is:

$$d_{rms}^2 = \langle d^2 \rangle$$

= $(\zeta e f_0)^2 \cdot A_{rms}^2 \cdot N/2$
= $(\zeta e f_0)^2 \cdot \epsilon_x \cdot \beta(s) \cdot N/2$

 $\rightarrow d_{rms}^2 \propto \epsilon_x$ (trans. emit.) (i.e. integral of sideband)

Transverse Schottky: $\sim 1/100$ smaller than longitudinal.

Absolute value of emittance: Calibration necessary due to unknown transverse transfer impedance $Z_{\perp}(\omega)$ Transverse Schottky spectra recorded every 80 ms during stochastic cooling \rightarrow decrease of sidebands \Leftrightarrow trans. cooling



 ${\bf Transverse \ Schottky \ scan \rightarrow tune}$

The position of the sideband are given by the non-integer tune q.



Transverse Schottky scan \rightarrow chromaticity

The width of the sideband Δf_h^{\pm} is related to the chromaticity ξ .

Frequency modulation with $\cos\left[2\pi(h\pm q)f_0t\right].$ Position of sidebands: $f_h^{\pm} = (h \pm q) f_0$ spectrum and product role of derivative \Rightarrow $\Delta f_h^{\pm} = \Delta f_0(h \pm q) \pm \Delta q f_0$ power With $\Delta f/f = -\eta \cdot \Delta p/p$ and $\Delta Q/Q = \Delta q/q = \xi \cdot \Delta p/p$ $\Delta f_h^- = \eta \frac{\Delta p}{p} \cdot f_0 \left(h - q + \frac{\xi}{\eta} Q \right)$ $\Delta f_h^+ = \eta \frac{\Delta p}{p} \cdot f_0 \left(h + q - \frac{\xi}{\eta} Q \right)$

The chromaticity ξ is determined without beam excitation.





Some remarks to Schottky analysis

- Transverse Schottky for a bunched beam \rightarrow sidebands are modulated due to synchrotron oscillations \rightarrow complex spectrum.
- The longitudinal spectrum can significantly deformed by observing cooled beams, preventing the interpretation of the width as the momentum spread. For cold and sufficient dense beams, the signal shows a splitting related to plasma waves.
- Signal enhancement with external resonator is possible for low currents like anti-protons.