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CLIC luminosity and DB current stability

$$\frac{\Delta \mathcal{L}}{\mathcal{L}} = 0.01 \left(\frac{\sigma_I}{0.75 \ 10^{-3} \ I} \right)^2 + \dots [\text{D. Schulte et al.}]$$

- The luminosity loss is proportional to the square of the DB current jitter $\Rightarrow \frac{\sigma_l}{l} < 0.75 \ 10^{-3}$.
- Can we meet this specification in CTF3?



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- The pulse period is 1.2 s. Our statistics is on 500-600 pulses (\approx 10 min).



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- From correlation studies we conclude that the BPM precision is $\approx 0.3 \ 10^{-3}$.
- → We observe a physical jitter and not the BPM's noise.



Measurements II

- AFTER the replacement of the power supply of the cathode filament with a more stable one, the beam current jitter of the linac was reduced by about a factor 2 (to a standard deviation of 0.9 10³)
- Still a low frequency drift. A feedback can cure it!



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The proposed feedback



The FB reads the beam current and control it by changing the cathode voltage of the electron gun. This is a slow inter-pulse feedback!

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The FB "frequency response" (simulated)

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- Keeping in mind the limitations of the present hardware (repetition rate, saturation, discretization) and signal routing (delays), the optimized gain of our controller is 25.
- We can demagnify by \approx 4 the low frequency jitter (< 4 mHz) whereas we increase up to a factor \approx 1.5 the jitter at 30 mHz.
- With the optimal gain the simulations show that we can reduce the current jitter to 6 10⁻⁴.



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After implementing the feedback in CTF3, we measured a beam stability of 6.2 10^{-4} (instead of 9 10^{-4}). But still a lot of HF noise...from where?

The source of the high frequency noise

- Investigation are on going...
- We analyze (1) (parasitically) the noise of the different input and (2) its transfer function with the beam current.
- I.e., from this kind of measurements we can exclude that the EGUN's cathode is responsible for the HF noise.



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