

**The MAD-X Program**  
(Methodical Accelerator Design)  
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**User's Reference Manual**

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Abstract

MAD-X is a general-purpose tool for charged-particle optics design and studies in alternating-gradient accelerators and beam lines. It can handle medium size to very large accelerators and solves various problems on such machines.

MAD-X is the successor of MAD-8 and was specifically adapted to the needs of the design of the LHC. The PTC library of E. Forest is also embedded in MAD-X as an addition to better support small and low energy accelerators. A large part of the present document is based on the MAD-8 documentation originally written and published by F.C. Iselin.

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**Part I**

**Control**

# Chapter 1. Conventions

## 1.1 Reference System

The accelerator and/or beam line to be studied is described as a sequence of beam elements placed sequentially along a reference orbit. The reference orbit is the path of a charged particle having the central design momentum of the accelerator through idealised magnets with no fringe fields (see Figure 1.1).

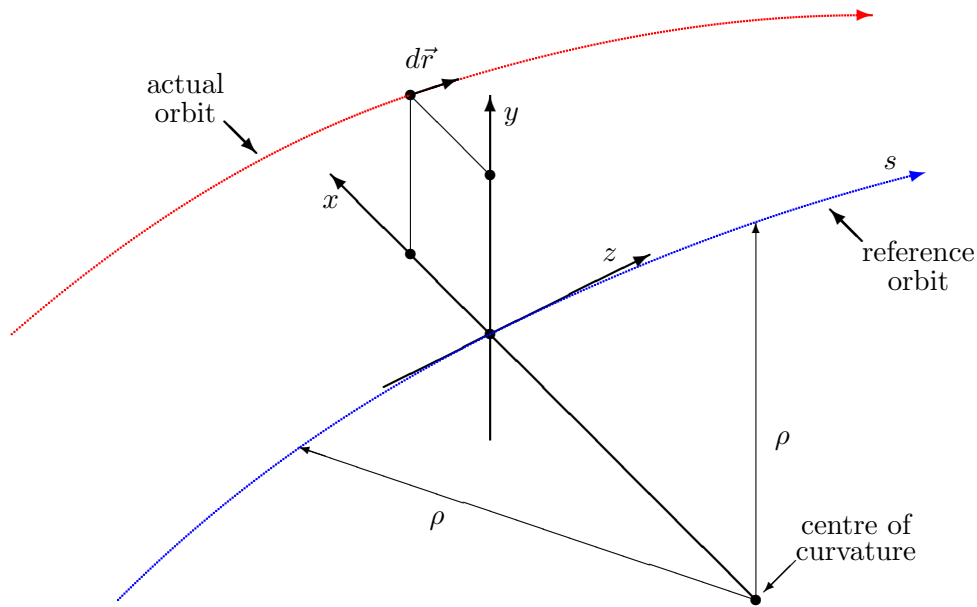


Figure 1.1: Local Reference System

The reference orbit consists of a series of straight line segments and circular arcs. It is defined under the assumption that all elements are perfectly aligned. The accompanying tripod of the reference orbit spans a local curvilinear right handed coordinate system  $(x, y, s)$ . The local  $s$ -axis is the tangent to the reference orbit. The two other axes are perpendicular to the reference orbit and are labelled  $x$  (in the bend plane) and  $y$  (perpendicular to the bend plane).

## 1.2 Closed Orbit

Due to various errors like misalignment errors, field errors, fringe fields etc., the closed orbit does not coincide with the reference orbit. The closed orbit also changes with the momentum error. The closed orbit is described with respect to the reference orbit, using the local reference system  $(x, y, s)$ . It is evaluated including any nonlinear effects.

MAD-X also computes the betatron and synchrotron oscillations with respect to the closed orbit. Results are given in the local  $(x, y, s)$ -system defined by the reference orbit.

### 1.3 Global Reference System

The global reference orbit of the accelerator is uniquely defined by the sequence of physical elements. The local reference system  $(x, y, s)$  may thus be referred to a global Cartesian coordinate system  $(X, Y, Z)$  (see Figure 1.2).

The positions between beam elements are indexed with  $i = 0, \dots, n$ . The local reference system  $(x_i, y_i, s_i)$  at position  $i$ , i.e. the displacement and direction of the reference orbit with respect to the system  $(X, Y, Z)$  are defined by three displacements  $(X_i, Y_i, Z_i)$  and three angles  $(\theta_i, \phi_i, \psi_i)$

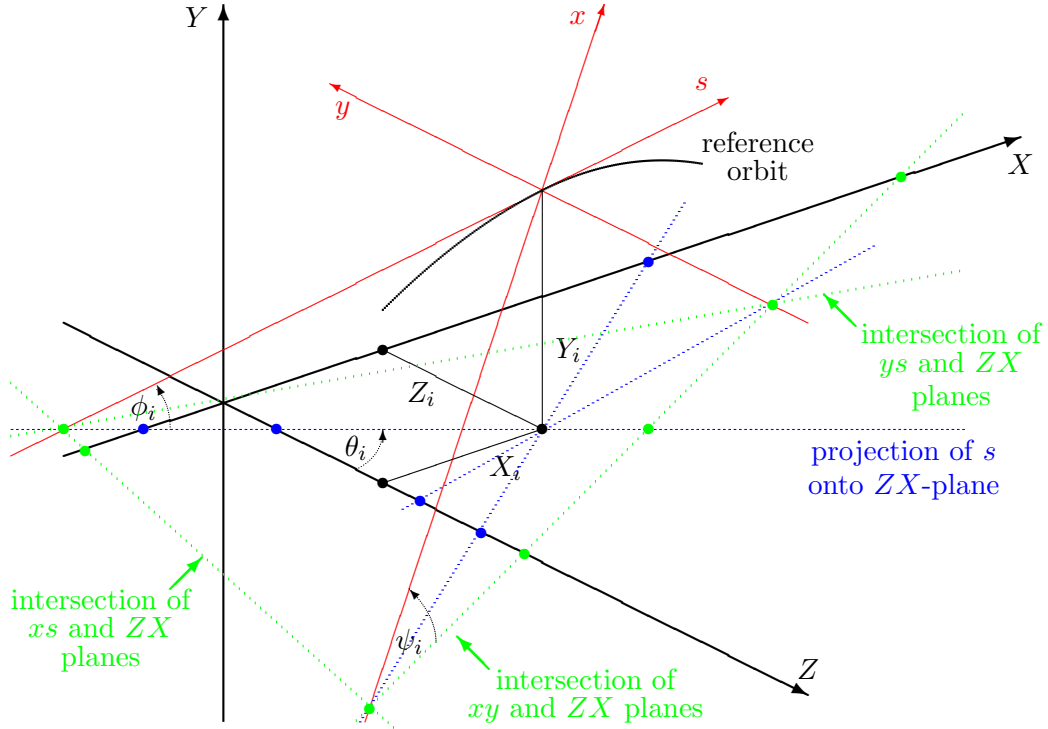


Figure 1.2: Global Reference System showing the global Cartesian system  $(X, Y, Z)$  in black and the local reference system  $(x, y, s)$  in red after translation  $(X_i, Y_i, Z_i)$  and rotation  $(\theta_i, \phi_i, \psi_i)$ . The projections of the local reference system axes onto the horizontal  $ZX$  plane of the Cartesian system are figured with blue dashed lines. The intersections of planes  $ys$ ,  $xy$  and  $xs$  of the local reference system with the horizontal  $ZX$  plane of the Cartesian system are figured in green dashed lines.

The above quantities are defined more precisely as follows:

- X Displacement of the local origin in  $X$ -direction.
- Y Displacement of the local origin in  $Y$ -direction.

Z	Displacement of the local origin in $Z$ -direction.
THETA	$\theta$ is the angle of rotation (azimuth) about the global $Y$ -axis, between the global $Z$ -axis and the projection of the reference orbit onto the $(Z, X)$ -plane. A positive angle THETA forms a right-hand screw with the $Y$ -axis.
PHI	$\phi$ is the elevation angle, i.e. the angle between the reference orbit and its projection onto the $(Z, X)$ -plane. A positive angle PHI correspond to increasing $Y$ . If only horizontal bends are present, the reference orbit remains in the $(Z, X)$ -plane and PHI is always zero.
PSI	$\psi$ is the roll angle about the local $s$ -axis, i.e. the angle between the line defined by the intersection of the $(x, y)$ -plane and $(Z, X)$ -plane on one hand, and the local $x$ -axis on the other hand. A positive angle PSI forms a right-hand screw with the $s$ -axis.

The angles  $(\theta, \phi, \psi)$  are **not** the Euler angles. The reference orbit starts at the origin and points by default in the direction of the positive  $Z$ -axis. The initial local axes  $(x, y, s)$  coincide with the global axes  $(X, Y, Z)$  in this order. The initial values  $(X_0, Y_0, Z_0, \theta_0, \phi_0, \psi_0)$  are therefore all zero unless the user specifies different initial conditions.

Internally the displacement is described by a vector  $V$  and the orientation by a unitary matrix  $W$ . The column vectors of  $W$  are the unit vectors spanning the local coordinate axes in the order  $(x, y, s)$ .  $V$  and  $W$  have the values:

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{pmatrix}, \quad W = \Theta \quad \Phi \quad \Psi \quad (1.1)$$

where

$$\Theta = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & \sin \theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Phi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \phi & \sin \phi \\ 0 & -\sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Psi = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \psi & -\sin \psi & 0 \\ \sin \psi & \cos \psi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.2)$$

The reference orbit should be closed, and it should not be twisted. This means that the displacement of the local reference system must be periodic with the revolution frequency of the accelerator, while the position angles must be periodic (modulo  $2\pi$ ) with the revolution frequency. If  $\psi$  is not periodic (modulo  $2\pi$ ), coupling effects are introduced. When advancing through a beam element, MAD-X computes  $V_i$  and  $W_i$  by the recurrence relations

$$V_i = W_{i-1}R_i + V_{i-1}, \quad W_i = W_{i-1}S_i \quad (1.3)$$

The vector  $R_i$  is the displacement and the matrix  $S_i$  is the rotation of the local reference system at the exit of the element  $i$  with respect to the entrance of the same element. The values of  $R_i$  and  $S_i$  are listed below for different physical element types.

## 1.4 Local Reference Systems

### 1.4.1 Reference System for Straight Beam Elements

In straight elements the local reference system is simply translated by the length of the element along the local  $s$ -axis. This is true for [Drift spaces](#), [Quadrupoles](#), [Sextupoles](#), [Octupoles](#), [Solenoids](#), [Crab cavities](#), [RF cavities](#), [Electrostatic separators](#), [Closed orbit correctors](#) and [Beam position monitors](#).

The corresponding  $R$ ,  $S$  are

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ L \end{pmatrix}, \quad S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (1.4)$$

A rotation of the element about the  $S$ -axis has no effect on  $R$  and  $S$ , since the rotations of the reference system before and after the element cancel.

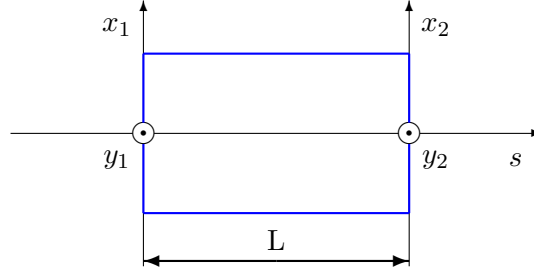


Figure 1.3: Reference System for Straight Beam Elements

### 1.4.2 Reference System for Bending Magnets

[Bending magnets](#) have a curved reference orbit. For both rectangular and sector bending magnets, the  $R$  and  $S$  are expressed as function the bend angle  $\alpha$ :

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} \rho(\cos \alpha - 1) \\ 0 \\ \rho \sin \alpha \end{pmatrix}, \quad S = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & 0 & -\sin \alpha \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin \alpha & 0 & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.5)$$

A positive bend angle represents a bend to the right, i.e. towards negative  $x$  values. For sector bending magnets, the bend radius is given by  $\rho$ , and for rectangular bending magnets it has the value  $\rho = L/(2\sin(\alpha/2))$ . If the magnet is rotated about the  $s$ -axis by an angle  $\psi$ ,  $R$  and  $S$  are transformed by

$$\bar{R} = TR, \quad \bar{S} = TST^{-1} \quad (1.6)$$

where  $T$  is the orthogonal rotation matrix

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \psi & -\sin \psi & 0 \\ \sin \psi & \cos \psi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.7)$$

The special value  $\psi = \pi/2$  represents a bend down.

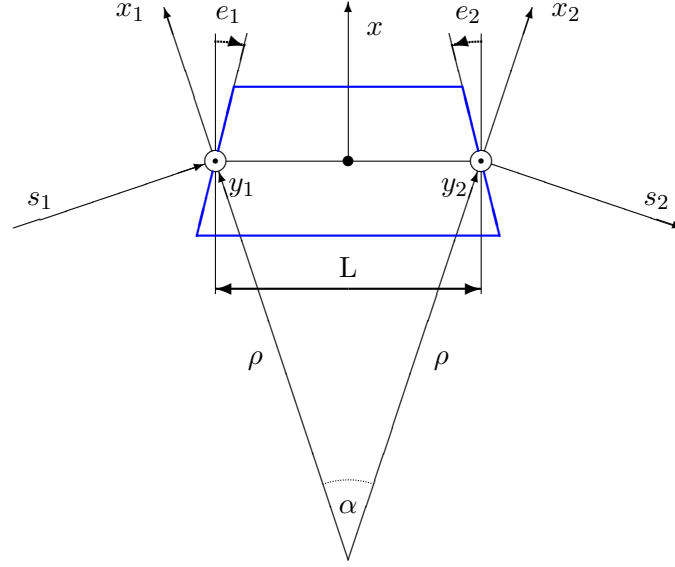


Figure 1.4: Reference System for a Rectangular Bending Magnet; the signs of pole-face rotations are positive as shown.

## 1.5 Sign Conventions for Magnetic Fields

The MAD-X program uses the following Taylor expansion for the field on the mid-plane  $y = 0$ , described in [1] (Note the factorial in the denominator):

$$B_y(x, 0) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_n x^n}{n!} \quad (1.8)$$

The field coefficients have the following meaning:

- $B_0$  Dipole field, with a positive value in the positive  $y$  direction; a positive field bends a positively charged particle to the right.
- $B_1$  Quadrupole coefficient  $B_1 = (\partial B_y / \partial x)$ ; a positive value corresponds to horizontal focussing of a positively charged particle.
- $B_2$  Sextupole coefficient  $B_2 = (\partial^2 B_y / \partial x^2)$ .
- $B_3$  Octupole coefficient  $B_3 = (\partial^3 B_y / \partial x^3)$ .
- ... etc.

Using this expansion and the curvature  $h$  of the reference orbit, the longitudinal component of the vector potential to order 4 is:

$$\begin{aligned} A_s = & + B_0 \left( x - \frac{hx^2}{2(1+hx)} \right) + B_1 \left( \frac{1}{2}(x^2 - y^2) - \frac{h}{6}x^3 + \frac{h^2}{24}(4x^4 - y^4) + \dots \right) \\ & + B_2 \left( \frac{1}{6}(x^3 - 3xy^2) - \frac{h}{24}(x^4 - y^4) + \dots \right) + B_3 \left( \frac{1}{24}(x^4 - 6x^2y^2 + y^4) \dots \right) + \dots \end{aligned} \quad (1.9)$$



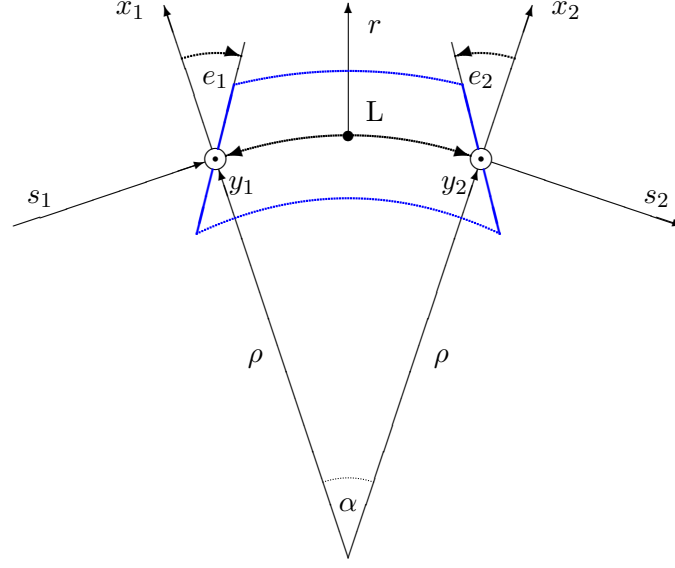


Figure 1.5: Reference System for a Sector Bending Magnet; the signs of pole-face rotations are positive as shown.

Taking  $\vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A}$  in curvilinear coordinates, the field components can be computed as

$$\begin{aligned}
 B_x(x, y) &= +B_1 \left( y + \frac{h^2}{6} y^3 + \dots \right) & +B_3 \left( \frac{1}{6} (3x^2 y - y^3) + \dots \right) + \dots \\
 &+ B_2 \left( xy - \frac{h}{6} y^3 + \dots \right) & \\
 B_y(x, y) &= +B_0 & +B_1 \left( x - \frac{h}{2} y^2 + \frac{h^2}{2} xy^2 + \dots \right) \\
 &+ B_2 \left( \frac{1}{2} (x^2 - y^2) - \frac{h}{2} xy^2 + \dots \right) & +B_3 \left( \frac{1}{6} (x^3 - 3xy^2) + \dots \right) + \dots
 \end{aligned} \tag{1.10}$$

It can be easily verified that both  $\nabla \times \vec{B}$  and  $\nabla \cdot \vec{B}$  are zero to the order of the  $B_3$  term.

Introducing the magnetic rigidity  $B\rho = p_s/q$  as the momentum of the particle divided by its charge, the multipole coefficients are computed as

$$K_n = qB_n/p_s = B_n/B\rho \tag{1.11}$$

## 1.6 Generalisation to normal and skew components

The previous section assumed an expansion at the mid-plane ( $y = 0$ ), symmetry around the mid-plane and considered only the vertical component of the field.

An extension using complex notation for the position  $(x + iy)$  and the field is given as

$$B_y + iB_x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (b_n + ia_n) \frac{(x + iy)^n}{n^{n-1}} \tag{1.12}$$

By introducing the normal and skew multipole coefficients  $KN$  and  $KS$  at order  $n$  as

$$KN_n = q b_n/p_s = b_n/B\rho \quad (1.13)$$

and

$$KS_n = q a_n/p_s = a_n/B\rho \quad (1.14)$$

the kicks received in each plane can be expressed as the summation over all components

$$\Delta P_x - i\Delta P_y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} -(KN_n + iKS_n) \frac{(x + iy)^n}{n!} \quad (1.15)$$

**Remark:** need to add references to the  $(a_n, b_n)$  field conventions in the magnet world.

## 1.7 Variables

For each variable listed in this section, the physical units are given between square brackets, where [1] denotes a dimensionless variable.

### 1.7.1 Canonical Variables Describing Orbits

MAD-X uses the following canonical variables to describe the motion of particles:

X	Horizontal position $x$ of the (closed) orbit, referred to the ideal orbit [m].
PX	Horizontal canonical momentum $p_x$ of the (closed) orbit referred to the ideal orbit, divided by the reference momentum: $PX = p_x/p_0$ , [1].
Y	Vertical position $y$ of the (closed) orbit, referred to the ideal orbit [m].
PY	Vertical canonical momentum $p_y$ of the (closed) orbit referred to the ideal orbit, divided by the reference momentum: $PY = p_y/p_0$ , [1].
T	Velocity of light times the negative time difference with respect to the reference particle: $T = -ct$ , [m]. A positive T means that the particle arrives ahead of the reference particle.
PT	Energy error, divided by the reference momentum times the velocity of light: $PT = \Delta E/p_s c$ , [1]. This value is only non-zero when synchrotron motion is present. It describes the deviation of the particle from the orbit of a particle with the momentum error DELTAP.
DELTAP	<b>Difference between the reference momentum and the design momentum, divided by the design momentum: <math>DELTAP = \Delta p/p_0</math>, [1].</b> This quantity is used to <a href="#">normalize</a> all element strengths.

The independent variable is:

S	Arc length $s$ along the reference orbit, [m].
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In the limit of fully relativistic particles ( $\gamma \gg 1$ ,  $v = c$ ,  $pc = E$ ), the variables T, PT used here agree with the longitudinal variables used in [2]. This means that T becomes the negative path length difference, while PT becomes the fractional momentum error. The reference momentum  $p_s$  must be constant in order to keep the system canonical.

### 1.7.2 Normalised Variables and other Derived Quantities

XN	The normalised horizontal displacement	$x_n = Re(E_1^T S Z)$ , [sqrt(m)]
PXN	The normalised horizontal transverse momentum	$p_{xn} = Im(E_1^T S Z)$ , [sqrt(m)]
WX	The horizontal Courant-Snyder invariant	$WX = x_n^2 + p_{xn}^2$ , [m].
PHIX	The horizontal phase	$\phi_x = -\arctan(p_{xn}/x_n)/2\pi$ , [1]
YN	The normalised vertical displacement	$y_n = Re(E_2^T S Z)$ , [sqrt(m)]
PYN	The normalised vertical transverse momentum	$p_{yn} = Im(E_2^T S Z)$ , [sqrt(m)]
WY	The vertical Courant-Snyder invariant	$WY = y_n^2 + p_{yn}^2$ , [m]
PHIY	The vertical phase	$\phi_y = -\arctan(p_{yn}/y_n)/2\pi$ , [1]
TN	The normalised longitudinal displacement	$t_n = Re(E_3^T S Z)$ , [sqrt(m)]
PTN	The normalised longitudinal transverse momentum	$p_{tn} = Im(E_3^T S Z)$ , [sqrt(m)]
WT	The longitudinal invariant	$WT = t_n^2 + p_{tn}^2$ , [m]
PHIT	The longitudinal phase	$\phi_t = -atan(p_{tn}/t_n)/2\pi$ , [1]

In the above formulas the vectors  $E_i$  are the three complex eigenvectors,  $Z$  is the phase space vector, and the matrix  $S$  is the ‘‘symplectic unit matrix’’:

$$Z = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ p_x \\ y \\ p_y \\ t \\ p_t \end{pmatrix}, \quad S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1.16)$$

### 1.7.3 Linear Lattice Functions (Optical Functions)

Several MAD-X commands refer to linear lattice functions or optical functions.

Because MAD-X uses the canonical momenta ( $p_x$ ,  $p_y$ ) instead of the slopes ( $x'$ ,  $y'$ ), the definitions of the linear lattice functions differ slightly from those in Courant and Snyder[3].

Notice that in MAD-X, PT substitutes DELTAP as longitudinal variable. Dispersive and chromatic functions are hence derivatives with respect to PT. And since  $PT=BETA*DELTAP$ ,

where BETA is the relativistic Lorentz factor, those functions given by MAD-X must be multiplied by BETA a number of time equal to the order of the derivative to find the functions given in the literature.

The linear lattice functions are known to MAD-X under the following names:

BETX	Amplitude function $\beta_x$ , [m].
ALFX	Correlation function $\alpha_x = -\frac{1}{2}(\partial\beta_x/\partial s)$ , [1]
MUX	Phase function $\mu_x = \int ds/\beta_x$ , [2 $\pi$ ]
DX	Dispersion of $x$ : $D_x = (\partial x/\partial p_t)$ , [m]
DPX	Dispersion of $p_x$ : $D_{px} = (\partial p_x/\partial p_t)/p_s$ , [1]
BETY	Amplitude function $\beta_y$ , [m]
ALFY	Correlation function $\alpha_y = -\frac{1}{2}(\partial\beta_y/\partial s)$ , [1]
MUY	Phase function $\mu_y = \int ds/\beta_y$ , [2 $\pi$ ]
DY	Dispersion of $y$ : $D_y = (\partial y/\partial p_t)$ , [m]
DPY	Dispersion of $p_y$ : $D_{py} = (\partial p_y/\partial p_t)/p_s$ , [1]
R11, R12, R21, R22	: Coupling Matrix

#### 1.7.4 Chromatic Functions

Several MAD-X commands refer to the chromatic functions.

Because MAD-X uses the canonical momenta ( $p_x, p_y$ ) instead of the slopes ( $x', y'$ ), the definitions of the chromatic functions differ slightly from those in [4].

Notice also that in MAD-X, PT substitutes DELTAP as longitudinal variable. Dispersive and chromatic functions are hence derivatives with respects to PT. And since PT=BETA\*DELTAP, where BETA is the relativistic Lorentz factor, those functions given by MAD-X must be multiplied by BETA a number of time equal to the order of the derivative to find the functions given in the literature.

The chromatic functions are known to MAD-X under the following names:

WX	Chromatic amplitude function $W_x = \sqrt{a_x^2 + b_x^2}$ , [1], where
	$b_x = \frac{1}{\beta_x} \frac{\partial \beta_x}{\partial p_t}, \quad a_x = \frac{\partial \alpha_x}{\partial p_t} - \frac{\alpha_x}{\beta_x} \frac{\partial \beta_x}{\partial p_t}$
PHIX	Chromatic phase function $\Phi_x = \arctan(a_x/b_x)$ , [2 $\pi$ ]
DMUX	Chromatic derivative of phase function: $DMUX = (\partial \mu_x/\partial p_t)$ , [2 $\pi$ ]
DDX	Chromatic derivative of dispersion $D_x$ : $DDX = \frac{1}{2}(\partial^2 x/\partial p_t^2)$ , [m]
DDPX	Chromatic derivative of dispersion $D_{px}$ : $DDPX = \frac{1}{2}(\partial^2 p_x/\partial p_t^2)/p_s$ , [1]

WY	Chromatic amplitude function $W_y = \sqrt{a_y^2 + b_y^2}$ , [1], where $b_y = \frac{1}{\beta_y} \frac{\partial \beta_y}{\partial p_t}, \quad a_y = \frac{\partial \alpha_y}{\partial p_t} - \frac{\alpha_y}{\beta_y} \frac{\partial \beta_y}{\partial p_t}$
PHIY	Chromatic phase function $\Phi_y = \arctan(a_y/b_y)$ , [2 $\pi$ ]
DMUY	Chromatic derivative of phase function: $DMUY = (\partial \mu_y / \partial p_t)$ , [2 $\pi$ ]
DDY	Chromatic derivative of dispersion $D_y$ : $DDY = \frac{1}{2}(\partial^2 y / \partial p_t^2)$ , [m]
DDPY	Chromatic derivative of dispersion $D_{py}$ : $DDPY = \frac{1}{2}(\partial^2 p_y / \partial p_t^2) / p_s$ , [1]

### 1.7.5 Variables in the SUMM Table

After a successful TWISS command a summary table, with name SUMM, is created which contains the following variables:

LENGTH	The length of the machine, [m].
ORBIT5	The T (= ct, [m]) component of the closed orbit.
ALFA	The momentum compaction factor $\alpha_c$ , [1].
GAMMATR	The transition energy $\gamma_{tr}$ , [1].
Q1	The horizontal tune $Q_1$ [1].
DQ1	The horizontal chromaticity $dq_1 = \partial Q_1 / \partial p_t$ , [1]
BETXMAX	The largest horizontal $\beta_x$ , [m].
DXMAX	The maximum of the absolute horizontal dispersion $D_x$ , [m].
DXRMS	The r.m.s. of the horizontal dispersion $D_x$ , [m].
XCOMAX	The maximum of the absolute horizontal closed orbit deviation [m].
XRMS	The r.m.s. of the horizontal closed orbit deviation [m].
Q2	The vertical tune $Q_2$ [1].
DQ2	The vertical chromaticity $dq_2 = \partial Q_2 / \partial p_t$ , [1]
BETYMAX	The largest vertical $\beta_y$ , [m].
DYMAX	The maximum of the absolute vertical dispersion $D_y$ , [m].
DYRMS	The r.m.s. of the vertical dispersion $D_y$ , [m].
YCOMAX	The maximum of the absolute vertical closed orbit deviation [m].
YCORMS	The r.m.s. of the vertical closed orbit deviation [m].
DELTAP	<b>Momentum difference, divided by the reference momentum: DELTAP</b> $= \Delta p / p_0$ [1].
SYNCH_1	First synchrotron radiation integral

SYNCH_2	Second synchrotron radiation integral
SYNCH_3	Third synchrotron radiation integral
SYNCH_4	Fourth synchrotron radiation integral
SYNCH_5	Fifth synchrotron radiation integral

Notice that in MAD-X, PT substitutes DELTAP as longitudinal variable. Dispersive and chromatic functions are hence derivatives with respects to PT. And since  $PT=BETA*DELTAP$ , where BETA is the relativistic Lorentz factor, those functions given by MAD-X must be multiplied by BETA a number of time equal to the order of the derivative to find the functions given in the literature.

### 1.7.6 Variables in the TRACK Table

The command RUN writes tables with the following variables:

X	Horizontal position $x$ of the orbit, referred to the ideal orbit [m].
PX	Horizontal canonical momentum $p_x$ of the orbit referred to the ideal orbit, divided by the reference momentum.
Y	Vertical position $y$ of the orbit, referred to the ideal orbit [m].
PY	Vertical canonical momentum $p_y$ of the orbit referred to the ideal orbit, divided by the reference momentum.
T	Velocity of light times the negative time difference with respect to the reference particle, $T = -c\Delta t$ , [m]. A positive T means that the particle arrives ahead of the reference particle.
PT	Energy difference, divided by the reference momentum times the velocity of light, [1].

When tracking Lyapunov companions, the TRACK table defines the following dependent expressions:

DISTANCE	the relative Lyapunov distance between the two particles.
LYAPUNOV	the estimated Lyapunov Exponent.
LOGDIST	the natural logarithm of the relative distance.
LOGTURNS	the natural logarithm of the turn number.

## 1.8 Physical Units

MAD-X uses units derived from the “Système International” (SI). These units are summarised in the [Units table](#).

Table 1.1: Physical Units used by MAD-X

<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Unit</b>
Length	m (metres)
Angle	rad (radians)
Quadrupole coefficient	$m^{-2}$
Multipole coefficient, 2n poles	$m^{-n}$
Electric voltage	MV (Megavolts)
Electric field strength	MV/m
Frequency	MHz (Megahertz)
Phase angles	$2\pi$
Particle energy	GeV
Particle mass	$\text{GeV}/c^2$
Particle momentum	$\text{GeV}/c$
Beam current	A (Ampères)
Particle charge	e (elementary charges)
Impedance	$\text{M}\Omega$ (Megohms)
Emittance	$\pi * 10^{-3}$ m.rad
RF power	MW (Megawatts)
Higher order mode loss factor	V/pc

## Chapter 2. Command Format

### 2.1 Input Statements

Input for MAD-X follows in broad lines the MAD-9 format, i.e. free format with commas (,) as separators, although blanks may be used as separators outside {...} enclosures.

Blank input lines do not affect program execution.

The input is not case sensitive except for strings enclosed in double quotes (" ").

The input file consists of a sequence of statements. A statement may occupy any number of input lines. Several statements may be placed on the same line. A statement must be terminated by a semicolon (;).

Several statements may be grouped into a block enclosed inside a {...} enclosure. In this case the terminating semicolon can be omitted.

```
if (a < 3) { a=b*b; b=2*b+4; };
```

or

```
if (a < 3) { a=b*b; b=2*b+4; }
```

are both valid.

### 2.2 Comments

When an exclamation mark (!) or double forward slash (//) is found in the input line, the remaining characters until the end of the line are treated as a comment and are skipped.

A comment spreading over multiple lines starts with a "/\*" and ends with a "\*/".

### 2.3 Commands

The general format for a command is

```
label: keyword {,attribute} ;
```

where the { } are not part of the command and the items enclosed in { } can be omitted or repeated any number of times.

A command contains three parts:

**label**            A **label** is required for a definition statement. It gives a name to the stored command.

**keyword**        A **keyword** identifies the action desired.



**attributes** The **attributes** are normally entered in the form

`attribute-name = attribute-value`

and serve to define data for the command, where:

`attribute-name` selects the attribute, and

`attribute-value` provides its value.

If a value is to be assigned to an attribute, the `attribute-name` is mandatory.

Whenever an attribute is not explicitly given a value, the default `attribute-value` specified in the command dictionary is assumed.

## 2.4 Keywords

A keyword begins with a letter and consists of letters and digits.

The MAD-X keywords are protected; using one of them as a label results in a fatal error.

## 2.5 Attribute Types

The command attributes can have one of the following types:

- **String attribute**,
- **Logical attribute**,
- **Integer attribute**,
- **Real attribute**,
- **Expression**,
- **Range selection**,

Any integer or real attribute can be replaced by a **real expression**; expressions are normally deferred (see **deferred expression**), except in the definition of constants where they are evaluated immediately.

When a command has a **label**, MAD-X keeps this command in memory. This allows repeated execution of the same command by just entering EXEC label. This construct may be nested.

For an exhaustive list of valid declarations of constants or variables see **declarations**.

## 2.6 Variable Declarations

In the following, "=" means that the variable at the left receives the current value of the expression at right, but does not depend on it any further, whereas "!=" makes it depend on

this expression, i.e. every time the expression changes, the variable is re-evaluated, except for "const" variables.

```

var = expression;
var := expression;
real var = expression;      // identical
real var := expression;    // to above
int var = expression;      // truncated if expression is real
int var := expression;
const var = expression;
const var := expression;
const real var = expression; // identical
const real var := expression; // to above
const int var = expression; // truncated if expression is real
const int var := expression;

```

## 2.7 Identifiers or Labels

A label begins with a letter, followed by up to fifteen letters, digits, decimal points (.), or underscores (\_). Characters beyond the sixteenth are dropped, but should be avoided, and the resulting sequence must be unique.

A label may refer to a keyword, an element, a beam-line, a sequence, etc.

The MAD-X keywords are protected; using one of them as a label results in a fatal error.

## 2.8 Command Attributes

- A **name or string attribute** refers to an object, or a string.
- A **logical attribute** selects or deselects an option.
- An **integer attribute** is a counter, as for repetition in a beam line.
- A **real attribute** defines a value stored as double precision data.
- A **real expression** defines a datum for a command, it may be varied in matching. An expression is built of a combination of **operator** and **operand**.
- A **constraint**, specifies a matching constraint.
- A **variable name** selects a variable to be matched.

## 2.9 Name or String Attributes

A name or string attribute often selects one of a set of options:

```

USE, PERIOD=lhc;    // expand the LHC sequence

```

It may also refer to a user-defined object:

```
TWISS, FILE=optics; // specifies the name of the OPTICS output file
```

It may also define a string:

```
TITLE, "LHC version 6.2";
```

The case of letters is only significant if a string is enclosed in quotes, otherwise all characters are converted to lowercase at reading.

On the other hand, strings that do not contain blanks do not need to be enclosed in quotes.

Example:

```
CALL, FILE = "my.file";
CALL, FILE = my.file;
CALL, FILE = MY.FILE;
CALL, FILE = "MY.FILE";
CALL, FILE = 'MY.FILE';
```

In the first three cases, MAD-X will try to read a file named my.file, in the last two it will try to read the file named MY.FILE.

A string attribute makes alphanumeric information available, e.g. a title or a file name. It can contain any characters, enclosed in single (') or double (") quotes, except for quotes of the type used as its delimiter.

Examples:

```
TITLE, 'This is a title for the program run "test"';

SYSTEM, "ln -fns some-lengthy-directory-name local-link";
```

## 2.10 Logical Attributes

Many commands in MAD-X require the setting of logical values (flags) to represent the on/off state of an option. A logical value "flag" can be set in two ways:

```
flag | flag = true
```

It can be reset by:

```
-flag | flag=false
```

Example:

```
OPTION, -ECHO; // switch off copying the input to the standard output
```

The default for a logical flag is normally false, but can be found e.g. for options by the command

```
HELP, option;
```

## 2.11 Integer Attributes

An integer attribute usually denotes a count. Example:

```
myline: LINE = ( -3 * (a,b,c) );
```

In this case, a literal integer is requested; however, in the following

```
rfc: RFCAVITY, HARMON = 12345;
```

or

```
rfc: RFCAVITY, HARMON = num;
```

”num” may be an integer variable, a real variable, or an expression. In the two latter cases, the value is truncated.

## 2.12 Real Attributes

Most attributes are of type REAL and are treated internally as double precision values. They may be set by integer values, real values, or expressions.

Example:

```
ddd: drift, l = 1.2345;
dddd: drift, l = ddd->l-0.3;
```

## 2.13 Real Expressions

To facilitate the definition of interdependent quantities, any real value and integer value can be entered as an arithmetic expression. When a value used in an expression is redefined by the user or changed in a matching process, the expression is reevaluated. Expression definitions may be entered in any order. MAD-X evaluates them in the correct order before it performs any computation. At evaluation time all operands used must have values assigned.

An expression is built from a combination of [operator](#) and [operand](#), and it may contain [random generators](#).

### 2.13.1 Operators in Arithmetic Expressions

An expression can be formed using the following operators:

#### Arithmetic operators

- + Addition,
- Subtraction,

*	Multiplication,
/	Division,
^	Exponentiation.

### Ordinary Functions

SQRT(x)	square root,
LOG(x)	natural logarithm,
LOG10(x)	logarithm base 10,
EXP(x)	exponential,
SIN(x)	trigonometric sine,
COS(x)	trigonometric cosine,
TAN(x)	trigonometric tangent,
ASIN(x)	arc sine,
ACOS(x)	arc cosine,
ATAN(x)	arc tangent,
SINH(x)	hyperbolic sine,
COSH(x)	hyperbolic cosine,
TANH(x)	hyperbolic tangent,
SINC(x)	cardinal sine function,
ABS(x)	absolute value,
ERF(x)	Gauss error,
ERFC(x)	complementary error,
FLOOR(x)	floor, largest previous integer,
CEIL(x)	ceiling, smallest next integer,
ROUND(x)	round, closest integer;

### Random Number Generators

RANF()	random number, uniformly distributed in [0,1],
GAUSS()	random number, gaussian distribution with unit standard deviation,
TGAUSS(x)	random number, gaussian distribution with unit standard deviation, truncated at x standard deviations;

in the above cases, "x" can be any expression, i.e. contain other functions, variable or constant expressions. To initialize the MAD-X random generator use the [EOPTION](#) command.

### Table Access Functions

`TABLE(x,z)` accesses value of the named table column "z" of table "x"; example: `table(summ,q1)` returns the hor. tune of the Twiss summary table "summ".

`TABLE(x,y,z)` accesses value of the named table column "z" for element "y" (first table row with that name) of table "x"; example: `table(twiss,mb.12,betx)` returns the `beta_x` at element `mb.12` from the Twiss table "twiss". When the element is called with its proper name, as in the example above, the value is returned at the first occurrence of the element of this name. If the value is needed at a occurrence number: NNN, then "[NNN]" has to be appended to the name, e.g. in the above example one obtains the `betx` of the 23th occurrence of the element "mb.12" by changing the example to: `table(twiss,mb.12[23],betx)`". Mind you that the old, but little known, form: `table(twiss,mb.12->23,betx)`" continues to work. Lastly, if NNN exceeds the maximum occurrence number the return value is arbitrarily small.

Beware:

- Unnamed Drifts are not included in the table name database, so as to speed up the search for "real" elements. Therefore, those unnamed drifts cannot be found. However, named drifts can be searched for.
- Due to the importance of finding elements in the table for a proper functioning of the MAD-X runs, the programs throws a "fatal.error" if an element cannot be found in the table.

There is a second option of this function with 3 entries

- `table(x,z,N_row)`: accesses the value of the named table column "z" at the "N\_row" number of rows of table "x" (row numbers start at 1); example: `table(twiss,betx,370)` returns the `beta_x` at row number "370" of the Twiss table "twiss". The return value is zero if "N\_row" is outside of the allowed range.

Note that "N\_row" has to be a number and not a variable. However, the [Macro](#) facility in MAD-X allows the use of a variable instead.

A typical example could look like this, in fact the square root of `betx` (user defined variable `myvar`) is added to the twiss table:

```
myvar := sqrt(table(twiss,betx));
select, flag=twiss, column=name, s, myvar, betx;
twiss, file;
```

Or another arbitrary test case of adding `k1l` taken from the Twiss table:

Define macro:

```
mymacro(xx,yy,zz): macro = {myval = table(xx,yy,zz);};
```

Use macro in loop:

```
i = 0;
incval = 0;
while (i < 100) {
  value, i;
  exec, mymacro(twiss,k1l,$i);
  incval = incval + myval;
  value, i, myval, incval;
  i = i + 1;
}
```

### 2.13.2 Operands in Arithmetic Expressions

An expression may contain the following operands:

#### Literal Constants

Numerical values are entered like FORTRAN constants. Real values are accepted in INTEGER or REAL format. The use of a decimal exponent, marked by the letter D or E, is permitted.

Examples:

```
1, 10.35, 5E3, 314.1592E-2
```

#### Symbolic constants

MAD-X recognizes some [mathematical and physical constants](#). Their names must not be used for user-defined labels.

Additional symbolic constants may be defined to simplify their repeated use in statements and expressions.

```
CONST name=constant-expression;
```

defines a real constant with the name given. An existing symbolic constant can be redefined, but it cannot change in a matching procedure.

Example:

```
CONST IN = 0.0254;
```

A number of predefined symbolic constants exist in MAD-X and can be used in expressions. The values of physical constants are regularly updated to reflect the values published by the Particle Data Group [5] The values published in 2014 ([5]) have not changed with respect to the values published in 2012 ([6]).

Table 2.1: Predefined Symbolic Constants in MAD-X

MAD-X name	symbol	value	unit
PI	$\pi$	$4 * \text{atan}(1)$	1
TWOPI	$2\pi$	$2 * \text{PI}$	1
DEGRAD	$180/\pi$	$180 / \text{PI}$	deg/rad
RADDEG	$\pi/180$	$\text{PI} / 180$	rad/deg
E	$e$	$\text{exp}(1)$	1
EMASS	$m_e$	$0.510998928 \times 10^{-3}$	GeV
PMASS	$m_p$	0.938272046	GeV
NMASS	$u$	0.931494061	GeV
MUMASS	$m_\mu$	0.1056583715	GeV
CLIGHT	$c$	$2.99792458 \times 10^8$	m/s
QELECT	$e$	$1.602176565 \times 10^{-19}$	A.s
HBAR	$\hbar$	$6.58211928 \times 10^{-25}$	MeV.s
ERAD	$r_e$	$2.8179403267 \times 10^{-15}$	m
PRAD	$r_e(m_e/m_p)$	$\text{ERAD} * \text{EMASS} / \text{PMASS}$	m

Note that the NMASS constant in MAD-X is the unified atomic mass unit and not the neutron mass.

### Parameter labels

Often a set of numerical values depends on a common variable parameter. Such a parameter must be defined as a **global parameter**. A global parameter always has a current value; however, this value may be re-evaluated or not, depending on the parameter definition:

```
x = a;
```

x is set to the current value of a and not changed, even if a changes. This makes assignments such as

```
x = x + 1;
```

perfectly valid (this replaces the old SET instruction).

The definition of the deferred expression

```
x := a;
```

assign the current value of a to x every time x is used, i.e. it is re-evaluated using the latest value of a; therefore,

```
x := x + 1;
```

results in an infinite loop (!) when x is used (error abort).

Of course, the following definitions are equivalent:

```
x = 0.1;
```

```
x := 0.1;
```



When such a parameter is used in an expression, MAD-X uses the current value of the parameter if the expression is deferred:

Example:

```
x := 1.0;
d1: drift, l = x;
d2: drift, l := 2.0 - x;
```

When the value of  $x$  is changed, the length of the drift  $d1$  remains unchanged, that of  $d2$  is recalculated.

### Element or Command Attributes

In arithmetic expressions the attributes of physical elements or commands can occur as operands. They are named respectively by

<pre>element-name-&gt;attribute-name command-name-&gt;attribute-name</pre>
--

Values are assigned to attributes in element definitions or commands.

Example:

```
D1:    DRIFT, L= 1.0;
D2:    DRIFT, L= 2.0 - D1->L;
```

$D1->L$  refers to the length  $L$  of the drift space  $D1$ .

### 2.13.3 Expressions and Random Values

The definition of random machine imperfections requires evaluation of expressions containing random functions. These are evaluated like any other expression when the expression is used, i.e. only once if a "=" assignment refers to it, or every time if the assignment is ":="; this latter case is used by the error generation routines.

Example:

```
a := 3*ranf();
```

Every time  $a$  is used, it gets a random value assigned from a uniform distribution between 0 and 3.

```
error: ealign, range, dx:=sigma*gauss();
```

All elements in `range` are assigned independent random displacements sampled from a Gaussian distribution with standard deviation  $\sigma$ .

## 2.14 Logical Expressions

In matching it is desired to specify equality constraints, as well as lower and upper limits for a quantity. MAD-X accepts the following forms of constraints:

<code>name = expression</code>	<code>!</code>	<code>equality constraint</code>
<code>name &lt; expression</code>	<code>!</code>	<code>upper limit</code>
<code>name &gt; expression</code>	<code>!</code>	<code>lower limit</code>
<code>name &lt; expression, name &gt; expression</code>	<code>!</code>	<code>both upper and lower limit</code>
	<code>!</code>	<code>for the same name</code>

## 2.15 Variable Names

A variable name can have one of the formats:

<code>parameter-name</code>
<code>element-name-&gt;attribute-name</code>
<code>command-name-&gt;attribute-name</code>
<code>beam%/sequence-name-&gt;attribute-name</code>
<code>table(table-name,...)</code>

The first format refers to the value of the [global parameter](#) "parameter-name".

The second and third formats refer to the [real attribute](#) "attribute-name" of the element "element-name", or the command "command-name".

The fourth format is specific to beams belonging to a particular sequence (for details see [sequences and beams](#)).

The fifth format allows extraction of variables from existing tables, as specified in [table access](#).

## 2.16 Regular Expressions

Some commands allow selection of items via "regular expression" strings. Such a pattern string **must** be enclosed in single or double quotes. MAD-X follows regex (Unix regular expression patterns) for matching. The following features are implemented:

A "search string" below is the string containing the pattern, a "target string" is the string being searched for a possible match with the pattern.

<code>"^"</code>	at the start of the search string: Match following search string at the start of the target string; otherwise the search string can start anywhere in the target string. To search for a genuine "^" anywhere, use "\^".
<code>"\$"</code>	at the end of the search string: Match preceding search string at the end of the target string; otherwise the search string can end anywhere in the target string. To search for a genuine "\$" anywhere, use "\\$".

- "." stands for an arbitrary character; to search for a genuine ".", use "\."
- "[xyz]" stands for one character belonging to the string contained in brackets (example: "[abc]" means one of a, b, c).
- "[a-ex-z]" stands for ranges of characters (example: "[a-zA-Z]" means any letter).
- "[^xyz]" (i.e. a "^" as first character in a square bracket) stands for exclusion of all characters in the list, i.e. "[^a-z]" means "any character but a lower case letter".
- "\*" allows zero or more repetitions of the preceding character, either specified directly, or from a list. (examples: "a\*" means zero or more occurrences of "a", "[A-Z]\*" means zero or more upper-case letters).
- "\c" (e.g. "\.") removes the special meaning of character c.

All other characters stand for themselves.

Example:

```
SELECT, FLAG=twiss, PATTERN="^d..$" ;
SELECT, FLAG=twiss, PATTERN="^k.*qd.*\r1$" ;
```

The first command selects all elements whose names have exactly three characters and begin with the letter "D". The second command selects elements beginning with the letter "K", containing the string "QD", and ending with the string ".R1". The two occurrences of ".\*" each stand for an arbitrary number (including zero) of any character, and the occurrence "\." stands for a literal period.

## 2.17 Relations between Variable Parameters

A relation is established between variables by one of two statements

```
parameter-name = expression;
parameter-name := expression;
```

The first form evaluates the expression on the right immediately and assigns its value to the parameter. It is an immediate assignment.

The second form assigns the value by evaluating the expression on the right every time the parameter is actually used. It is a deferred assignment.

This mechanism holds as well for element parameters that can be defined with either immediate or deferred assignments.

Attention! If you want to modify e.g. the strength of a quadrupole later (e.g. in a match, or by entering a new value for a parameter on which it depends) then the definition has to be

```
QD: QUADRUPOLE, K1 := ak1;
```

and not

```
QD: QUADRUPOLE, K1 = ak1;
```

In the latter case, K1 will be set to the current value of ak1 at the time of declaration, and will not change when ak1 later changes.

Parameters that have not yet been defined at time of evaluation have a zero value.

Example:

```
gev = 100;  
BEAM, ENERGY=gev;
```

The parameter on the left may appear on the right as well in the computer science form of assignments:

```
x = x+1;
```

increases the value of x by 1.

Successive definitions are allowed in the first form of relations or immediate assignments:

```
a = b + 2;  
b = a * b;
```

But circular definitions in the second form of relations, or deferred assignments, are forbidden:

```
a := b + 2;  
b := a * b;
```

results in an error.

## Chapter 3. Program Flow Statements

### 3.1 IF...ELSEIF...ELSE

```
IF (logical_expression) { statements; }  
  
ELSEIF (logical_expression) { statements; }  
  
ELSE { statements; }
```

where "logical\_expression" is one of

```
expr1 oper expr2  
expr11 oper1 expr12    &&    expr21 oper2 expr22  
expr11 oper1 expr12    ||    expr21 oper2 expr22
```

and oper is one of

```
==          equal  
<>         not equal  
<          less than  
>          greater than  
<=         less than or equal  
>=         greater than or equal
```

The expressions are arithmetic expressions of type real. The statements in the curly brackets are executed if the logical expression is true.

ELSEIF constructs are only possible (in any number) behind an IF, or another ELSEIF; the branch is executed if "logical\_expression" is true, and if none of the preceding IF or ELSEIF logical conditions was true.

ELSE construct is only possible once behind an IF, or an ELSEIF; the branch is executed if "logical\_expression" is true, and if none of the preceding IF or ELSEIF logical conditions was true.

#### Warning:

Because IF ... ELSEIF ... ELSE constructs are a MAD-X special feature and not part of a full language, MAD-X does not deal gracefully with other special constructs such as MACRO or LINE when they are placed inside IF ... ELSEIF ... ELSE statements: this can lead to silent and/or catastrophic errors and is due to the fact that MACRO and LINE constructs contain, either explicitly or implicitly, a closing curly bracket that unbalances the IF ... ELSEIF ... ELSE statements.

However it is possible to nest IF ... ELSEIF ... ELSE constructs to at least six levels deep.

## 3.2 WHILE

```
WHILE (logical_condition) { statements; }
```

executes the statements in curly brackets while the `logical_expression` is true.

### Warning:

Because `WHILE` constructs are a `MAD-X` special feature and not part of a full language, `MAD-X` does not deal gracefully with other special constructs such as `MACRO` or `LINE` when they are placed inside `WHILE` statement blocks: this can lead to silent and/or catastrophic errors and is due to the fact that `MACRO` and `LINE` constructs contain, either explicitly or implicitly, a closing curly bracket that unbalances the `WHILE` statements.

However it is possible to nest `WHILE` statements to at least six levels deep.

Example giving the value of the first ten factorials:

```
n = 1; m = 1;
while (n <= 10) {
    m = m * n; value, m;
    n = n + 1;
};
```

## 3.3 MACRO

The `MACRO` construct allows the execution of a group of statements via a single command. Optionally the `MACRO` construct takes arguments.

```
label: MACRO = { statements; };

label(arg1, ..., argn): MACRO = { statements; };
```

The first form allows the execution of the defined group of statements via a single command,

```
EXEC, label;
```

that executes the statements defined between curly brackets exactly once. The `EXEC` command can then be issued any number of times.

The second form allows to replace strings anywhere inside the statements in curly brackets by other strings, or integer numbers prior to execution. This is a powerful construct and should be handled with care.

Simple example:

```
simple(xx,yy): MACRO = { xx = yy*yy + xx; VALUE, xx;};
a = 3;
b = 5;

EXEC, simple(a,b);
```

**Passing arguments**

In the following example we use the fact that a "\$" in front of an argument means that the truncated integer value of this argument is used for replacement, rather than the argument string itself.

```
tricky(xx,yy,zz): MACRO = {mzz.yy: xx, l = 1.yy, kzz = k.yy;};
n=0;
WHILE (n < 3) {
    n = n+1;
    EXEC, tricky(quadropole, $n, 1);
    EXEC, tricky(sextupole, $n, 2);
};
```

Whereas the actual use of the preceding example is NOT recommended, a real life example, showing the full power (!) of macros is to be found under **macro usage** for the usage, and under **macro definition** for the definition.

Because MACRO statements are a MAD-X construct and not part of a full language, MAD-X allows only one level of inclusion of another IF ... ELSEIF ... ELSE, WHILE or MACRO statements.

Macros cannot be called with number arguments but always with string arguments. In case numerical values should be passed to a MACRO in an EXEC statement, one can conveniently use variables names:

```
n1=99; n2=219;
EXEC, thismacro($n1, $n2);
```

instead of

```
EXEC, thismacro($99, $129); ! fails...
```

## Chapter 4. General Control Statements

MAD-X consists of a core program, and modules for specific tasks such as twiss parameter calculation, matching, thin lens tracking, and so on.

The statements listed here are those executed by the program core. They deal with the I/O, element and sequence declaration, sequence manipulation, statement flow control (e.g. IF, WHILE), MACRO declaration, saving sequences onto files in MAD-X or MAD-8 format, and so on.

### 4.1 EXIT, QUIT, STOP

Any of these three commands ends the execution of MAD-X:

```
EXIT;
```

```
QUIT;
```

```
STOP;
```

### 4.2 HELP

The HELP command prints all parameters, and their default values, for the statement given; this includes basic element types.

```
HELP, statement_name;
```

### 4.3 SHOW

The SHOW command prints the "command" (typically "beam", "beam%sequ", or an element name), with the actual value of all its parameters.

```
SHOW, command;
```

### 4.4 VALUE

The VALUE command evaluates the current value of all listed expressions, constants or variables, and prints the result in the form of MAD-X statements on the assigned output file.

```
VALUE, expression{, expression} ;
```



Example:

```
a = clight/1000.;
value, a, pmass, exp(sqrt(2));
```

results in

```
a = 299792.458 ;
pmass = 0.938272046 ;
exp(sqrt(2)) = 4.113250379 ;
```

## 4.5 OPTION

The `OPTION` commands sets the logical value of a number of flags that control the behavior of `MAD-X`.

```
OPTION, flag=logical;
```

Because all attributes of `OPTION` are logical flags, the following two statements are identical:

```
OPTION, flag = true;
OPTION, flag;
```

And the following two statements are also identical:

```
OPTION, flag = false;
OPTION, -flag;
```

Several flags can be set in a single `OPTION` command, e.g.

```
OPTION, ECHO, WARN=true, -INFO, VERBOSE=false;
```

The available flags, their default values and their effect on `MAD-X` when they are set to `TRUE` are listed in table [4.1](#).

The option `RBARC` is implemented for backwards compatibility with `MAD-8` up to version 8.23.06 included; in this version, the `RBEND` length was just taken as the arc length of an `SBEND` with inclined pole faces, contrary to the `MAD-8` manual.

## 4.6 EXEC

Each statement may be preceded by a label, when parsed and executed the statement is then also stored and can be executed again with

```
EXEC, label;
```

This mechanism can be invoked any number of times, and the executed statement may be calling another `EXEC`, etc.

Table 4.1: Flags available to OPTION command

FLAG	default	effect if TRUE
ECHO	true	echoes the input on the standard output file
WARN	true	issues warning statements
INFO	true	issues information statements
DEBUG	false	issues debugging information
ECHOMACRO	false	issues macro expansion printout for debugging
VERBOSE	false	issues additional printout in makethin
TRACE	false	prints the system time after each command
VERIFY	false	issues a warning if an undefined variable is used
TELL	false	prints the current value of all options
RESET	false	resets all options to their defaults
NO_FATAL_STOP	false	Prevents madx from stopping in case of a fatal error <b>Use at your own risk !</b>
RBARC	true	converts the RBEND straight length into the arc length
THIN_FOC	true	enables the $1/(\rho^{**2})$ focusing of thin dipoles
BBORBIT	false	the closed orbit is modified by beam-beam kicks
SYMPL	false	all element matrices are symplectified in Twiss
TWISS_PRINT	true	controls whether the twiss command produces output
THREADER	false	enables the threader for closed orbit finding in Twiss (see Twiss module)

Note however, that the main usage of this MAD-X construct is the execution of a **macro**.

```
tw: TWISS, FILE, SAVE; ! first execution of TWISS
...
EXEC, tw; ! second execution of the same TWISS command
```

## 4.7 SET

The SET command is used in two forms:

```
SET, FORMAT=string {, string} ;
SET, SEQUENCE=string;
```

The first form of the SET command defines the formats for the output precision that MAD-X uses with the SAVE, SHOW, VALUE and TABLE commands. The formats can be given in any order and stay valid until replaced.

The formats follow the C convention and must be included in double quotes. The allowed formats are

*nd* for integers with a field-width = *n*,

*n.mf* or *n.mg* or *n.me* for floats with field-width = *n* and precision = *m*,

*ns* for strings with a field-width = *n*.

The default is "right adjusted", a "-" changes it to "left adjusted".

**Example:**

```
SET, FORMAT="12d", "-18.5e", "25s";
```

The default formats are "10d", "18.10g" and "-18s".

**Example:**

```
set,format="22.14e";
```

changes the current floating point format to 22.14e; the other formats remain untouched.

```
set,format="s","d","g";
```

sets all formats to automatic adjustment according to C conventions.

The second form of the **SET** command allows to select the current sequence without the "USE" command, which would bring back to a bare lattice without errors. The command only works if the chosen sequence has been previously activated with a **USE** command, otherwise a warning is issued and **MAD-X** continues with the unmodified current sequence. This command is particularly useful for commands that do not have the sequence as an argument like "EMIT" or "IBS".

## 4.8 SYSTEM

```
SYSTEM, "string";
```

transfers the quoted string to the system for execution. The quotes are stripped and no check of the return status is performed by **MAD-X**.

**Example:**

```
SYSTEM,"ln -s /afs/cern.ch/user/j/joe/public/some/directory shortname";
```

makes a local link to an AFS directory with the name "shortname" on a UNIX system.

Attention: Although this command is very convenient, it is clearly not portable across systems and it should probably be avoided if one intends to share **MAD-X** scripts with collaborators working on other platforms.

## 4.9 TITLE

```
TITLE, "string";
```

the string in quotes is inserted as title in various table outputs and plot results.

## 4.10 USE

MAD-X operates on beamlines that must be loaded and expanded in memory before other commands can be invoked. The `USE` allows this loading and expansion.

```
USE, PERIOD=sequence_name, SEQUENCE=sequence_name,
    RANGE=range,
    SURVEY=logical;
```

The attributes to the `USE` command are:

- SEQUENCE** name of the sequence to be loaded and expanded.
- PERIOD** name of the sequence to be loaded and expanded.  
**PERIOD** is an alias to **SEQUENCE** that was kept for backwards compatibility with MAD-8 and only one of them should be specified in a `USE` statement.
- RANGE** specifies a [range](#). restriction so that only the specified part of the named sequence is loaded and expanded.
- SURVEY** option to plug the survey data into the sequence elements nodes on the first pass (see [SURVEY](#)).

Note that reloading a sequence with the `USE` command reloads a bare sequence and that any `ERROR` or orbit correction previously assigned or associated to the sequence are forgotten. A mechanism to select a sequence without this side effect of the `USE` command is provided with the `SET, SEQUENCE=...` command.

## 4.11 SELECT

Some MAD-X commands can perform specific operations on selected elements or ranges of elements and can produce specific output for selected elements or ranges of elements.

The selection is made through the `SELECT` command and applies to subsequent commands.

```
SELECT, FLAG=string, RANGE=string, CLASS=string, PATTERN=string,
    SEQUENCE=string, FULL=logical, CLEAR=logical,
    COLUMN=string{,string}, SLICE=integer, THICK=logical;
```

The attributes to the `SELECT` command are:

- FLAG** determines the applicability of the `SELECT` statement and the attribute value can be one of the following:
- SEQEDIT** selection of elements for the [SEQEDIT](#) module.
  - ERROR** selection of elements for the [error assignment](#) module.
  - MAKETHIN** selection of elements for the [MAKETHIN](#) command that converts the sequence into one with thin elements.

SECTORMAP	selection of elements for the SECTORMAP output file from the <a href="#">TWISS</a> module.
SAVE	selection of elements for the <a href="#">SAVE</a> command.
tablename	is a table name such as <code>twiss</code> , <code>track</code> etc., and the rows and columns to be written are selected.
RANGE	the range of elements to be selected as defined in section <a href="#">11.1</a> on <a href="#">range</a> selection.
CLASS	the class of elements to be selected as defined in section <a href="#">11.2</a> on <a href="#">class</a> selection.
PATTERN	the regular expression pattern for the element names to be selected as defined in section <a href="#">2.16</a> on selection via <a href="#">regular expressions</a> .
SEQUENCE	the name of a sequence to which the selection is applied.
FULL	a logical flag to select ALL positions in the sequence for the named flag. For the flag TWISS, this attribute includes all standard columns for a TWISS table, and therefore the following two statements are equivalent: <pre> SELECT, FLAG=twiss, COLUMN= name, s, betx, ..., var1; SELECT, FLAG=twiss, FULL, COLUMN= var1; </pre> FULL=true is the default for the MAKETHIN flag and for tables: eg SELECT, FLAG=makethin; is equivalent to SELECT, FLAG=makethin, FULL;
CLEAR	deselects ALL positions in the sequence for the flag "name". This is the default for ERROR and SEQEDIT flags. <pre> eg SELECT, FLAG=error; is equivalent to SELECT, FLAG=error, CLEAR; </pre>
COLUMN	is only valid for tables and takes as attribute value a list of columns to be written into the TFS file. The special "_name" argument refers to the actual name of the element.
SLICE	is the number of slices into which the selected elements have to be cut and is only used by <a href="#">MAKETHIN</a> . (Default = 1).
THICK	is a logical flag to indicate whether the selected elements are treated as thick elements by the <a href="#">MAKETHIN</a> command. This only applies up to now to <a href="#">QUADRUPOLES</a> and <a href="#">BENDS</a> for which thick maps have been explicitly derived.

#### Composition of SELECT statements:

The selection criteria provided on a single **SELECT** statement are logically **ANDed**, ie selected elements have to fulfill **all** provided criteria in the single **SELECT** statement.

The selection criteria on different **SELECT** statements are logically **ORed**, ie selected elements have to fulfill **any** of the selection criteria provided by the different **SELECT** statements.

All selections for a given flag remain valid until a **SELECT** statement with the **CLEAR** argument is specified for the same flag.

Note that because of these composition rules, it is considered good practice to start by clearing the selection for a given flag before making a new selection, eg:

```
SELECT, FLAG=twiss, CLEAR;
SELECT, FLAG=twiss, CLASS=MQ;
SELECT, FLAG=twiss, RANGE=MQ[5]/MQ[7];
...
```

### Examples:

```
SELECT, FLAG = ERROR, CLASS = quadrupole, RANGE = mb[1]/mb[5];
SELECT, FLAG = ERROR, PATTERN = "^mqw.*";
```

selects all quadrupoles in the range `mb[1]` to `mb[5]`, as well as all elements (in the whole sequence) with name starting with "mqw", for treatment by the `ERROR` module.

```
SELECT, FLAG=SAVE, CLASS=variable, PATTERN="abc.*";
SAVE, FILE=mysave;
```

saves all variables (and sequences) containing "abc" in their name, but does not save elements with names containing "abc" since the class "variable" does not exist.

```
sig1 := sqrt(beam->ex*table(twiss,betx));
SELECT, FLAG=twiss, COLUMN= _name, s, betx, ..., sig1; ! or equivalently
SELECT, FLAG=twiss, FULL, COLUMN= sig1; ! default columns + new
```

writes the current value of "sig1" into the TWISS table each time a new line is added; Note that the values from the same (current) line can be accessed by the variable "sig1". The `PLOT` command also accepts the new variable in the table.

## Chapter 5. File Handling Statements

Note that the filenames given as attribute values in File Handling statements must be explicit names and should not contain wildcard characters since the filename strings are not passed to the underlying Operating System for evaluation.

### 5.1 ASSIGN

```
ASSIGN, ECHO="filename", TRUNCATE;
```

where "filename" is the name of an output file, or "terminal" and TRUNCATE specifies if the file must be truncated when opened (ignored for terminal).

This allows switching the echo stream to a file or back, but only for the commands [VALUE](#), [SHOW](#), and [PRINT](#). Allows easy composition of future MAD-X input files. A real life example (always the same) is to be found under [footprint example](#).

### 5.2 CALL

```
CALL, FILE="filename";
```

where "filename" is the name of an input file. This file will be read until a "RETURN" statement, or until End\_Of\_File; The file being "called" may in turn contain any number of CALL statements itself, and so on to any depth.

### 5.3 RETURN

```
RETURN;
```

ends reading from a "called" file; if encountered in the standard input file, it ends the program execution.

### 5.4 PRINT

```
PRINT, TEXT="string";
```

prints the quoted text string to the current output file (see ASSIGN above). The text can be edited with the help of a [macro statement](#). For more details, see there. [TBC]

## 5.5 PRINTF

```
PRINTF, TEXT="string", VALUE= expr,expr;
```

prints the numerical values specified in the value field, formatted according to the string format provided in the text field, to the current output file.

The string format can take numeric C or MAD-X format specifiers for double real values; integer and string formats are not supported but can be approximated with the %g in the case of integers, and via [MACRO](#) statements, which perform string substitution, themselves containing a [PRINT](#) statement.

The maximum number of values that can be printed in one statement is limited to 100.

If the number of format specifiers given in the string is higher than the number of values in the value field, undefined values are printed where they are not explicitly provided.

If the number of format specifiers given in the string is lower than the number of values in the value field, the values that do not correspond to a format specifier are ignored.

### Example:

```
a = 1.2; b = 3.4/0.3; c := 0.8*a/b;
PRINTF,TEXT="String with floats a=%f, b=%.3g, text and MAD float c=%F;",
      VALUE = a,b,c;
PRINTF,TEXT="More specifiers than values: %f, %.3g, %F", VALUE = a,b;
PRINTF,TEXT="More values than specifiers: %f, %.3g",      VALUE = a,b,c;
```

produces the following output:

```
String with floats a=1.200000, b=11.3, text and MAD float c=      0.08470588235;
More specifiers than values: 1.200000, 11.3,  6.953222976e-310
More values than specifiers: 1.200000, 11.3
```

Note that PRINTF, like PRINT, produces output that cannot be read back by MAD-X. For output that can be read back by MAD-X, use the command VALUE or TFS tables.

Note also that a percent sign (%) can be printed using the format `text="%%"`.

## 5.6 RENAMEFILE

```
RENAMEFILE, FILE="filename", TO="new_filename";
```

renames the file "filename" to "new\_filename" on disk.

It is more portable than an equivalent [SYSTEM](#) call:

```
SYSTEM("mv filename new_filename"); ! Unix specific
```



## 5.7 COPYFILE

```
COPYFILE, FILE="filename", TO="new_filename", APPEND=logical;
```

copies the file "filename" to the file "new\_filename" on disk.

The attribute `APPEND=true` causes `COPYFILE` to append the content of "filename" at the end of the file "new\_filename".

The default value `APPEND=false` causes the replacement of the content of "new\_filename" with the content of "filename".

`COPYFILE, APPEND=true...` is more portable than an equivalent `SYSTEM` call:

```
SYSTEM("copy /y filename new_filename"); ! Windows specific
```

## 5.8 REMOVEFILE

```
REMOVEFILE, FILE="filename";
```

removes the file "filename" from disk.

It is more portable than an equivalent `SYSTEM` call:

```
SYSTEM("rm filename"); ! Unix specific
```

## Chapter 6. Table Handling Statements

### 6.1 CREATE

```
CREATE, TABLE=tabname, COLUMN= var{, var} {, _name} ;
```

creates a table with the specified variables as columns. This table is initially empty and can be subsequently filled, and eventually written to file in TFS format.

The special variable name attribute ”\_name” adds the element name to the table at the specified column.

See the [user table I](#) example; or an example of joining 2 tables of different length in one table including the element name: [user table II](#)

### 6.2 DELETE

```
DELETE, SEQUENCE=seqname, TABLE=tabname;
```

deletes a sequence with name ”seqname” or a table with name ”tabname” from memory. The sequence deletion is done without influence on other sequences that may have elements that were in the deleted sequence.

### 6.3 READTABLE

```
READTABLE, FILE="filename";
```

reads the TFS file ”filename” containing a MAD-X table and loads the table back into memory. This table can then be manipulated as any other table, i.e. its values can be accessed, it can be plotted, written out again etc.

### 6.4 READMYTABLE

```
READMYTABLE, FILE="filename", TABLE=tabname;
```

reads a TFS file ”filename” containing a MAD-X table and loads the table into memory with the name ”tabname”. This table can then be manipulated as any other table, i.e. its values can be accessed, it can be plotted, written out again etc.

An internal name for the table can be freely assigned while for the command READTABLE the tabname is taken from the information section of the table itself. This feature allows to store multiple tables of the same type in memory without overwriting existing ones.

## 6.5 TABSTRING

Note: this is not a command and should appear in the variables section

```
TABSTRING(arg1,arg2,arg3)
```

The "string function" TABSTRING(arg1,arg2,arg3) with exactly three arguments; arg1 is a table name (string), arg2 is a column name (string), arg3 is a row number (integer), count starts at 0. The function can be used in any context where a string appears; in case there is no match, it returns "\_void\_".

## 6.6 WRITE

```
WRITE, TABLE=tablename, FILE="filename";
```

writes the table "tablename" onto the file "filename"; only the rows and columns of a preceding SELECT, FLAG=table,...; are written. If no SELECT has been issued for this table, only the header is written to file. If the FILE argument is omitted, the table is written to standard output.

## 6.7 SETVARS

The SETVARS command sets the variables with values extracted from the row of a table.

```
SETVARS, TABLE=tablename, ROW=integer;
```

The attributes of SETVARS are:

**TABLE**            the name of the table. (Default: none)

**ROW**             the row number containing the values. (Default: -1)

Negative ROW values are allowed and count the row numbers from the last row, allowing access to the table in reverse order of rows: ROW = -1 accesses the last row of the table, ROW = -2 accesses the penultimate (one before last) row, etc. . .

Trying to access the table forward beyond the last row, i.e. ROW strictly greater than nrow the number of rows in the table, or trying to access the table backwards before the first row, i.e. ROW strictly lower than -nrow, or trying to access the illegal ROW=0, all result in a "row out of bound" message and no variable values are returned and set.

## 6.8 SETVARS\_LIN

The SETVARS\_LIN command sets the variables with values calculated by linear interpolation, or extrapolation, between two rows of a table.

```
SETVARS_LIN, TABLE=tablename, ROW1=integer, ROW2=integer, PARAM=string;
```

The attributes of `SETVARS_LIN` are:

<code>TABLE</code>	the name of the table. (Default: none)
<code>ROW1</code>	a first row number with values for interpolation. (Default: 0)
<code>ROW2</code>	a second row number with values for interpolation. (Default: 0)
<code>PARAM</code>	a string containing the linear interpolation factor or the name of a variable or expression containing the interpolation factor. If the resulting value of <code>PARAM</code> is outside the $[0, 1]$ interval, the result is a linear extrapolation. (Default: "interp", itself defaulting to a value of 0.0 when evaluated)

`SETVARS_LIN` sets the variables with values calculated through the following formula that `MAD-X` constructs internally as a deferred expression which is immediately evaluated:

```
value := value(row1)*(1-param) + value(row2)*param;
```

Both the expression and the value of the expression are available to the user through respectively the commands `SHOW` and `VALUE`.

When the values are represented as strings, e.g. the name or keyword of elements, the resulting value is the string in `ROW1`.

Negative `ROWi` values are allowed and count the row numbers from the last row, allowing access to the table in reverse order of rows: `ROWi = -1` accesses the last row of the table, `ROWi = -2` accesses the penultimate (one before last) row, etc...

Trying to access the table forward beyond the last row, i.e. `ROWi` strictly greater than `nrow` the number of rows in the table, or trying to access the table backwards before the first row, i.e. `ROWi` strictly lower than `-nrow`, or trying to access the illegal `ROWi=0`, all result in a "row out of bound" message and the expression is not constructed or evaluated.

#### Example:

```
! extracts the position of the centre of each element from a standard
! TWISS table giving positions at end of elements:
len = table(twiss,tablelength);
interpolate = 0.5;
i = 2;
WHILE (i < len) {
    SETVARS_LIN, TABLE=twiss, ROW1=i-1, ROW2=i, PARAM=interpolate;
    ! now variables are interpolated at the center of the elements.
    ! in particular S holds the position of the center of the element.
    SHOW, s; VALUE, s;
    ...
    i = i + 1; };
```

## 6.9 FILL

The `FILL` command fills a row of a table with the current values of all declared column variables of the table.

```
FILL, TABLE=tablename, ROW=integer;
```

The `FILL` command takes two arguments:

- TABLE** is the name of the table to be filled. The table must have been [created](#) beforehand. The table can then be [written](#) to file in TFS format.
- ROW** is the row number to be filled with the current values of all column variables. `ROW=0`, or `ROW=nrow + 1`, where `nrow` is the current number of rows in the table, causes `FILL` to add a row at the end of the table and fill it with the current values of all column variables.  
(Default: 0)

Negative `ROW` values are allowed and count the row numbers from the last row, allowing access to the table in reverse order of rows: `ROW = -1` accesses the last row of the table, `ROW = -2` accesses the penultimate (one before last) row, etc. . .

Trying to access the table forward beyond the last row, i.e. `ROW` strictly greater than `nrow + 1`, where `nrow` is the number of rows in the table, or trying to access the table backwards before the first row, i.e. `ROW` strictly lower than `-nrow`, both result in a “row out of bound” message and no values are filled in the table.

**Reminder:** One can get access to the current number of rows in a table using the variable

```
TABLE(tablename, TABLELENGTH)
```

See as well the [user table](#) example.

## 6.10 SHRINK

The `SHRINK` command removes a number of rows at the end of a table.

```
SHRINK, TABLE=tablename, ROW=integer;
```

The `SHRINK` command takes two arguments:

- TABLE** is the name of the table from which rows should be removed. The table must have been previously [created](#) and [filled](#) or read from file with [READTABLE](#) or [READMYTABLE](#).
- ROW** is the number of the last row to be kept in the table. All rows beyond the given row number are removed.  
Negative values are allowed and count the row numbers from the last row, allowing access to the table in reverse order of rows: `ROW = -1` removes the last row of the table, `ROW = -2` removes the last two rows of the table, etc. . .  
(Default: -1)

Trying to access the table forward beyond the last row, i.e. `ROW` strictly greater than `nrow`, where `nrow` is the number of rows in the table, or trying to access the table backwards before the first row, i.e. `ROW` strictly lower than `-nrow`, both result in a “row out of bound” message and no values are filled in the table.

## Chapter 7. Beam Handling Statements

Many commands in MAD-X require the prior setting of various quantities related to the beam in the machine. Therefore, MAD-X will stop with a fatal error if an attempt is made to expand ([USE](#)) a sequence for which no BEAM command has been issued before.

### 7.1 BEAM

The quantities are entered by a BEAM command:

```
BEAM, PARTICLE=string, MASS=real, CHARGE=real,  
ENERGY=real, PC=real, GAMMA=real, BETA=real, BRHO=real,  
EX=real, EXN=real, EY=real, EYN=real,  
ET=real, SIGT=real, SIGE=real,  
KBUNCH=integer, NPART=real, BCURRENT=real,  
BUNCHED=logical, RADIATE=logical, BV=integer, SEQUENCE=string;
```

The attributes of the BEAM command are:

- PARTICLE** The name of particles in the beam. Default= POSITRON  
MAD-X knows the restmass and the charge for the following particles:
- POSITRON The particles are positrons (MASS= $m_e$ , CHARGE=1)
  - ELECTRON The particles are electrons (MASS= $m_e$ , CHARGE=-1)
  - PROTON The particles are protons (MASS= $m_p$ , CHARGE=1)
  - ANTIPROTON The particles are anti-protons (MASS= $m_p$ , CHARGE=-1)
  - POSMUON The particles are positive muons (MASS= $m_\mu$ , CHARGE=1)
  - NEGMUON The particles are negative muons (MASS= $m_\mu$ , CHARGE=-1)
  - ION The particles are simple generic ions (MASS= $m_n$ , CHARGE=1)
- MASS** the restmass of the particles in the beam in GeV.  
(Default= $m_e \approx 0.511 \cdot 10^{-3}$  GeV).  
Note that a zero mass particle is not allowed in MAD-X.
- CHARGE** the electrical charge of the particles in the beam in units of  $q_p$ , the proton charge. (Default=1)  
Note that a zero charge particle is not allowed in MAD-X.

The order of precedence for arguments is: `particle->(mass+charge)`

If the particle name given is recognized in the list above, the restmass and charge are set directly by MAD-X, and the MASS and CHARGE arguments provided in the BEAM command are simply ignored. For other particles, and in particular for ions, any combination of name, mass and charge can be entered independently.

ENERGY	Total energy per particle in GeV. If given, it must be greater than the particle restmass. (Default=1 GeV)
PC	Particle momentum times the speed of light, in GeV. If given, it must be greater than zero.
GAMMA	Relativistic factor, ie ratio between total energy and rest energy of the particles: $GAMMA = ENERGY/MASS = E/m_0c^2$ . GAMMA must be greater than one.
BETA	Ratio between the speed of the particle and the speed of light: $BETA = v/c$ . BETA must be strictly less than one.
BRHO	Magnetic rigidity of the particles in T.m. $BRHO = P/abs(q) = PC / ( abs(CHARGE) * c * 1.e-9)$ .

The order of precedence for arguments is: `energy->pc->gamma->beta->brho`

Note that if the restmass is changed after the energy has been set, ie in separate `BEAM` commands, the energy is left unchanged and the momentum `PC` and relativistic factor `GAMMA` are recalculated.

EX	The horizontal emittance $\epsilon_x$ (default: 1 m).
EY	The vertical emittance $\epsilon_y$ (default: 1 m).
ET	The longitudinal emittance $\epsilon_t$ (default: 1 m).
EXN	The normalised horizontal emittance [m]: $\epsilon_{xn} = \sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1} \epsilon_x = \beta\gamma \epsilon_x$
EYN	The normalised vertical emittance [m]: $\epsilon_{yn} = \sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1} \epsilon_y = \beta\gamma \epsilon_y$
SIGT	The bunch length $c \sigma_t$ in [m].
SIGE	The <i>relative</i> energy spread $\sigma_E/E$ in [1].

The order of precedence for arguments is: `ex->exn, ey->eyn`.

Note that up to version 5.02.04 the definition of normalised emittance used in `MAD-X` was referring to the so-called 2-sigma geometric emittance:  $\epsilon_n = 4\sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1} \epsilon = 4\beta\gamma \epsilon$  This definition was different from the definition usually found in literature and used for example in the `APERTURE` module.

The standard one sigma definition is now used across all `MAD-X` modules.

Certain commands compute the synchrotron tune  $Q_s$  taking into account the settings of RF cavities. If  $Q_s$  is non-zero, the relative energy spread and the bunch length are calculated with

$$\sigma_E/p_0c = \sqrt{\epsilon_t \frac{2\pi Q_s}{\eta C}} \quad (7.1)$$

$$c \sigma_t = \sqrt{\epsilon_t \frac{\eta C}{2\pi Q_s}} \quad (7.2)$$



where  $C$  is the machine circumference, and

$$\eta = 1/\gamma^2 - 1/\gamma_t^2 \quad (7.3)$$

KBUNCH	The number of particle bunches in the machine (default: 1).
NPART	The number of particles per bunch (default: 0).
BCURRENT	The bunch current (default: 0 A).
BUNCHED	A logical flag. If set, the beam is treated as bunched whenever this makes sense.
RADIATE	A logical flag. If set, synchrotron radiation is considered in all dipole magnets.
BV	an integer specifying the direction of the particle movement in a beam line; either +1 (default), or -1. For a detailed explanation see the section below on bv flag.
SEQUENCE	attaches the defined beam to the named sequence; if the name is omitted, the BEAM command refers to the default beam which is always present. Sequences without attached beam use this default beam. When updating a beam with a corresponding sequence name, the sequence name must always be mentioned.

#### **Order and Precedence:**

Internally the BEAM command processes the parameters in the following order and with the following precedence (left to right):

```
particle -> (mass+charge)
energy -> pc -> gamma -> beta -> brho
ex -> exn
ey -> eyn
current -> npart
```

**Warning:** BEAM updates, i.e. it replaces attributes explicitly mentioned, may calculate other attributes according to the precedence rules given, but does NOT return attributes not specified to default values! In order to reset to reset BEAM attributes to their default values, use the RESBEAM command.

#### **Additional variables:**

Some MAD-X modules may also compute and store data into a beam data block. These attributes may NOT be set directly through the BEAM command. The corresponding variables are:

CIRC	total length or circumference of the machine [m]
FREQO	revolution frequency [Hz]
DTBYDS	???
DELTAP	momentum deviation
ALFA	momentum compaction factor
UO	radiation loss per turn [GeV]

QS	synchrotron tune [1]
ARAD	classical particle radius [m]
PDAMP	damping partition numbers; Default is 1,1,2
N1MIN	minimum available aperture, set by the APERTURE module

## 7.2 RESBEAM

The RESBEAM command resets the default values of the beam belonging to the specified sequence, or of the default beam if no sequence is given.

```
RESBEAM, SEQUENCE=string;
```

The only argument to RESBEAM is a string for the sequence name. If the sequence name is omitted, the default beam is reset.

Table 7.1: Default Beam Data

Attribute	Value	Unit
PARTICLE	POSITRON	
ENERGY	1	GeV
EX	1	rad.m
EY	1	rad.m
ET	1	rad.m
KBUNCH	1	
NPART	0	
BCURRENT	0	A
BUNCHED	TRUE	
RADIATE	FALSE	

## 7.3 Referring to BEAM data attributes

Expressions may refer to data in the beam data block using the notation

```
BEAM->attribute-name
```

or

```
BEAM%sequence-name->attribute-name.
```

This notation refers to the value of attribute-name found in the default BEAM, respectively the beam belonging to the sequence sequence-name. This can be used for receiving or using values, e.g.

```
value, beam%lhcb2->bv;
```

but also for storing values in the beam bank, e.g.

```
beam->charge=-1;
```

Note however that this does NOT trigger an update of dependent variables and you are strongly advised against setting BEAM parameters with this method.

The current values in the BEAM bank can be obtained by the command

```
SHOW, BEAM;
```

or to obtain the data for a beam linked to a named sequence:

```
SHOW, BEAM%sequence-name;
```

#### Example:

```
! select electrons, set energy and emittances
BEAM, PARTICLE=ELECTRON, ENERGY=50, EX=1.E-6, EY=1.E-8, SIGE=1.E-3;
...
! turn on synchrotron radiation
BEAM, RADIATE;
...
! reset all values to their defaults,
! ie positrons, energy = 1GeV, default emittances, no radiation...
RESBEAM;
...
! select new emittances
BEAM, EX=2.E-5, EY=3.E-7, SIGE=4.E-3;
```

## 7.4 BV FLAG

When reversing the direction ( $\vec{V}$ ) of a particle in a magnetic field ( $\vec{B}$ ) while keeping its charge constant, the resulting force  $\vec{V} \times \vec{B}$  changes sign. This is equivalent to flipping the field, but not the direction.

For practical reasons the properties of all elements of the LHC are defined in the MAD-X input as if they apply to a clockwise proton beam ("LHC beam 1"). This allows a single definition for elements traversed by both beams. Their effects on a beam with identical particle charge but running in the opposite direction ("LHC beam 2") must then be reversed inside the program.

In MAD-X this may be taken into account by setting the value of the BV attribute in the BEAM commands. In the case of LHC beam 1 (clockwise) and beam 2 (counter-clockwise), that are both treated in MAD-X as clockwise proton beams, the BEAM commands must look as follows:

```
BEAM, SEQUENCE=lhcb1, PARTICLE=proton, PC=450, BV = +1;
```

```
BEAM, SEQUENCE=lhcb2, PARTICLE=proton, PC=450, BV = -1;
```

## Chapter 8. Sequence Editor

With the help of a few commands, an existing sequence may be modified in many ways: in the case of a circular machine, the starting point of the sequence can be moved to another place; the order of elements can be inverted; elements can be inserted one by one, or as a whole group with one single command; single elements, or classes thereof can be removed; elements can be replaced by others; finally, the sequence can be "flattened", i.e. all inserted sequences are replaced by their actual elements, such that a flattened sequence contains only elements.

It is good practice to add a **FLATTEN** statement at the end of a **SEQEDIT** operation to ensure a fully operational sequence. This is particularly useful for the **SAVE** command to properly save *shared sequences* and to write them out in MAD-8 format.

### 8.1 SEQEDIT

MAD-X provides an environment for the edition of sequences that is invoked with the command:

```
SEQEDIT, SEQUENCE=string;
```

The only attribute is the name of the sequence to be edited.

The editing is performed on the sequence as provided by the user and before it is expanded with the **USE** command. At the end of sequence edition, the resulting sequence must be expanded through the **USE** command as necessary.

### 8.2 FLATTEN

Sequences can be built from elements but also sub-sequences resulting in a nested structure (see chapter 13 on sequence definition). The positioning of elements within a sequence can also be specified with values or expressions, and by reference to other elements.

MAD-X provides a command to resolve these dependencies and transform a complex sequence into a simple list of elements with positioning values referring to the start of the sequence, discarding the user-specified expressions for the positioning.

This command takes no argument:

```
FLATTEN;
```

If the sequence being edited contains sub-sequences, **FLATTEN** recursively includes all sub-sequences until the sequence is only composed of a simple list of elements.

**FLATTEN** also resolves the positioning of each element within the sequence to a single value with reference to the start of the sequence and updates the **AT** attribute of that element while also discarding the user-specified expression if present.

The `FLATTEN` command is recommended at the beginning of sequence edition as well as at the very end as in

```
SEQEDIT, SEQUENCE=name;
    FLATTEN;
    ...commands to edit the named sequence...
    FLATTEN;
ENDEDIT;
```

### 8.3 CYCLE

```
CYCLE, START=string;
```

This makes the sequence start at the location given as attribute value of the `START` attribute. The element named by the `START` attribute must be a marker.

In the case there is a shared sequence in the used sequence, the command `FLATTEN` has to be used before the command `CYCLE`.

Example:

```
FLATTEN;
CYCLE, START=place;
```

Note that the `FLATTEN` command inserts another marker before the start location, with a name composed of the name of the sequence being edited, followed by the start location name and the string `"_P_"`.

### 8.4 REFLECT

```
REFLECT;
```

This inverts the order of element in the sequence, starting from the last element.

If there are shared sequences inside the `USED` sequence, the command `FLATTEN` must be used before the command `REFLECT`. Alternatively each shared sequence must first be reflected.

Example:

```
FLATTEN;
REFLECT;
```

### 8.5 INSTALL

```
INSTALL, ELEMENT=string, CLASS=string, AT=real, FROM={string|SELECTED};
```

where the parameters have the following meaning:

<code>ELEMENT</code>	name of the (new) element to be inserted (mandatory)
<code>CLASS</code>	class of the new element to be inserted (mandatory)

- AT** position where the element is to be inserted; if no "from" is given, this is relative to the start of the sequence. If "from" is given, it is relative to the position specified there.
- FROM** either a place (i.e. the name(+occurrence count) of an element already existing in the sequence, e.g. mb[15], or mq.a..i1..4 etc.; or the string **SELECTED**; in the latter case an element of the type specified will be inserted behind all elements in the sequence that are currently selected by one or several **SELECT** commands of the type

```
SELECT, FLAG=seqedit, CLASS=., PATTERN=., RANGE=..;
```

**Note:** No element definition can occur inside a **SEQEDIT ... ENEDIT** block.

## 8.6 MOVE

```
MOVE, ELEMENT={string|SELECTED}, BY=real, TO=real, FROM=string;
```

- ELEMENT** name of the existing element to be moved, or "SELECTED", in which case all elements from existing **SELECT** commands will be moved; in the latter case, the **BY** attribute must be given.
- BY** distance by which the element(s) is/are to be moved; no **TO** or **FROM** attributes should be given in this case.
- TO** position to which the element has to be moved; if no **FROM** attribute is given, the position is relative to the start of the sequence; otherwise, it is relative to the location given in the **FROM** argument
- FROM** place in the sequence with respect to which the element is to be positioned.

## 8.7 REMOVE

```
REMOVE, ELEMENT={string|SELECTED};
```

- ELEMENT** name of existing element(s) to be removed.  
The special case **ELEMENT = SELECTED** removes all elements previously selected by **SELECT** commands

**Note:** **MAD-X** expects to find some special markers in a beam line and it is therefore dangerous to remove all markers from a sequence! In particular the **START=...** marker and markers added by a **CYCLE** command must never be removed from a sequence.

## 8.8 REPLACE

```
REPLACE, ELEMENT={string|SELECTED}, BY=string;
```

The parameters are defined as:

**ELEMENT** names the elements to be replaced.  
The special case **ELEMENT = SELECTED** replaces all elements previously selected by **SELECT** commands

**BY** names the elements replacing the elements selected for replacement.

## 8.9 EXTRACT

A new sequence can be extracted as a subset of an existing sequence. The extracted sequence is given a new name and can be **USEd** as any user defined sequence.

```
EXTRACT, SEQUENCE=string, FROM=string, TO=string, NEWNAME=string;
```

The parameters are defined as:

**SEQUENCE** the name of the existing sequence from which the new sequence is extracted.

**FROM** the name of an element in the sequence that becomes the first element of the extracted sequence.

**TO** the name of an element in the sequence that becomes the last element of the extracted sequence.

**NEWNAME** the name of the extracted sequence.

The extracted sequence is declared as **SHARED** and can therefore be combined e.g. into the cycled original sequence.

**Note:** the element given by the **FROM** attribute must be located, in the existing sequence, before the element given by the **TO** attribute, or **MAD-X** fails with a fatal error. In the case of circular sequences, this can be ensured by performing a **CYCLE** of the original sequence with **START** pointing to the same element given in the **FROM** attribute of the **EXTRACT** command.

## 8.10 ENDEDIT

The sequence editing environment is closed with the command

```
ENDEDIT;
```

The nodes in the sequence are finally renumbered according to their occurrence which might have changed during editing.

## 8.11 SAVE

The **SAVE** command saves a sequence to a specified file together with all relevant information.

```
SAVE, SEQUENCE=string,string, FILE=filename,
      BEAM=logical, BARE=logical, MAD8=logical,
      NOEXPR=logical, NEWNAME=string;
```

The parameters are defined as:

- SEQUENCE** lists the sequences to be saved, separated by commas. This attribute is optional and when omitted, all known sequences are saved. However, because of internal inconsistencies that can result in spurious entries in the output file, the user is strongly advised to always provide explicitly the names of sequences to be saved.
- FILE** the filename of the output file. (Default: "save")
- BEAM** an optional flag to specify that all beams linked to the specified sequences are saved at the top of the output file.
- BARE** an optional flag to save only the sequence without the element definitions nor beam information. This allows to re-read in a sequence with might otherwise create a stop of the program. This is particularly useful to turn a line into a sequence in order to further edit it with [SEQEDIT](#).
- MAD8** an optional flag to request that the sequences should be saved using MAD-8 input format.
- NOEXPR** an optional flag to save values of expressions instead of the expressions themselves: the expressions in commands and variables are expanded and evaluated before saving. This option must be used with care because the exported values were not deeply checked and the code that writes variables and commands is widely spread in the internal structure. This option does not apply only for the saving of sequences in MAD-8 format.
- NEWNAME** provides a name for the saved sequence, overriding the original name. (see [EXTRACT](#) above)

Any number of **SELECT**, **FLAG=save**, ... commands may precede the **SAVE** command. In that case, the names of elements, variables, and sequences must match the pattern(s) if given, and in addition the elements must be of the class(es) specified. See here for a [SAVE with SELECT](#) example.

The precision of the output of the **SAVE** command depends on the defined output precision for MAD-X, which can be adjusted with the [SET, FORMAT...](#) command.

Note that with **BARE=false** the saved sequence may contain redundant definitions of elements, ie the same element is defined in the declaration of elements in the form **label: type...** and in the sequence itself in the form **label: type, at=...**. This is flagged by MAD-X as implicit element redefinition and is ignored but a warning is issued.

Example:

```
t13: LINE = ( ld16, qt1301, mqn, qt1301, ld17, qt1302,
             mqn, qt1302, ld18, ison);
dlt13: LINE=(delay, t13);
```



```

Use, period=dlt13;

Save, sequence=dlt13, file=t1, bare; // only sequence is saved

Call, file=t1; // sequence is read in and is now a "real" sequence
// if the two preceding lines are suppressed, seqedit will print a warning
// and else do nothing

Use, period=dlt13;

Twiss, save, betx=bx, alfx=alfx, bety=by, alfy=alfy;

Plot, vaxis=betx, bety, haxis=s, colour:=100;

SEQEDIT, SEQUENCE=dlt13;
  remove,element=cx.bhe0330;
  remove,element=cd.bhe0330;
ENDEDIT;

Use, period=dlt13;
Twiss, save, betx=bx, alfx=alfx, bety=by, alfy=alfy;

```

## 8.12 DUMPSEQU

DUMPSEQU, SEQUENCE=string, LEVEL=integer;

This command is actually more of a debug statement, but it may come handy at certain occasions. The argument of the **SEQUENCE** attribute is the name of an already expanded (i.e. **USED**) sequence. The amount of detail in the output is controlled by the **LEVEL** argument:

- = 0 : print only the cumulative node length = sequence length
- > 0 : print all node (element) names except drifts
- > 2 : print all nodes with their attached parameters
- > 3 : print all nodes, and their elements with all parameters

## Part II

# Elements, Beamlines and Sequences

# Chapter 9. Definition of Elements

## 9.1 Element Input Format

All physical elements are defined by statements of the form

```
label: keyword {,attribute};
```

where

**label** is a name to be given to the element.

**keyword** is an element type keyword.

**attribute** normally – with exception for multipoles – takes one of the two forms:

```
attribute-name = attribute-value  
attribute-name := attribute-value
```

**attribute-name** selects the attribute, as defined for the element type keyword.

**attribute-value** provides a value to the **attribute\_name**. The value may be specified by an expression.

The "=" assigns the value on the right to the attribute at the time of definition, regardless of any further change of the right hand side; the ":=" re-evaluates the expression at the right every time the attribute is being used. For constant right hand sides, "=" and ":=" are of course equivalent.

Omitted attributes are assigned a default value.

### Example:

```
QF: QUADRUPOLE, L=1.8, K1=0.015832;
```

A special format is used for a [multipole](#):

```
M: MULTIPOLE, KN= kn0, kn1, kn2, ..., knmax,  
KS= ks0, ks1, ks2, ..., ksmax;
```

where **KN** and **KS** give the integrated normal and skew strengths, respectively. The commas are mandatory, each strength can be an expression; their position defines the order. example:

```
M: MULTIPOLE, KN=0,0,0,myoct*lrad, KS=0,0,0,0,-1.e-5;
```

defines a multipole with a normal octupole component and a skew decapole component.

## 9.2 Editing Element Definitions

An element definition can be changed in two ways:

- **Entering a new definition:** The element will be replaced in the main beam line expansion.
- **Entering the element name together with new attributes:** The element will be updated in place, and the new attribute values will replace the old ones.

This example shows two ways to change the strength of a quadrupole:

```

QF: QUADRUPOLE, L = 1, K1 = 0.01;      ! Original definition of QF

QF: QUADRUPOLE, L = 2, K1 = 0.02;      ! Replace whole definition of QF

QF, K1 = 0.03;                          ! Replace value of K1 for QF

```

When the type of the element remains the same, replacement of an attribute is the more efficient way.

Element definitions can be edited freely. The changes do not affect already defined objects which belong to its **element class**.

### 9.3 Element Classes

The concept of element classes solves the problem of addressing instances of elements in the accelerator in a convenient manner.

It will first be explained by an example. All the quadrupoles in the accelerator form a class QUADRUPOLE. Let us define three subclasses for the focussing quadrupoles, the defocussing quadrupoles, and the skewed quadrupoles:

```

MQF: QUADRUPOLE, L = LQM, K1 = KQD;    ! Focussing quadrupoles
MQD: QUADRUPOLE, L = LQM, K1 = KQF;    ! Defocussing quadrupoles
MQT: QUADRUPOLE, L = LQT;              ! Skewed quadrupoles

```

These classes can be thought of as new keywords which define elements with specified default attributes. We now use these classes to define the real quadrupoles:

```

QD1: MQD;                               ! Defocussing quadrupoles
QD2: MQD;
QD3: MQD;
...
QF1: MQF;                               ! Focussing quadrupoles
QF2: MQF;
QF3: MQF;
...
QT1: MQT, K1S = KQT1; ! Skewed quadrupoles
QT2: MQT, K1S = KQT2;
...

```

These quadrupoles inherit from their class all attributes that are not explicitly specified at time of declaration. This allows to build up a hierarchy of objects with a rather economic input structure.

The full power of the class concept is revealed when object classes are used to select instances of elements for various purposes. Example:

```
SELECT, FLAG=twiss, CLASS = QUADRUPOLE; ! Select all quadrupoles for the
                                         ! Twiss TFS file
```

More formally, for each element keyword MAD-X maintains a class of elements with the same name. A defined element becomes itself a class which can be used to define new objects, which will become members of this class. A new object inherits all attributes from its class; but its definition may override some of those values by new ones. All class and object names can be used in range selections, providing a powerful mechanism to specify positions for matching constraints and printing.

## Chapter 10. Element Types

### 10.1 Marker

```
label: MARKER;
```

The simplest element which can occur in a beam line is the **MARKER**. It has no effect on the beam, but it allows one to identify a position in the beam line, for example to apply a matching constraint.

#### Example:

```
M27: MARKER;
```

### 10.2 Drift Space

```
label: DRIFT, L=real;
```

A drift space has one real attribute:

L                    The drift length (Default: 0 m)

#### Example:

```
DR1: DRIFT, L = 1.5;  
DR2: DRIFT, L = DR1->L;
```

The length of DR2 will always be equal to the length of DR1. The [straight reference system](#) for a drift space is a Cartesian coordinate system.

### 10.3 Bending Magnet

Two different type keywords are recognised for bending magnets, they are distinguished only by the reference system used:

**SBEND**            is a sector bending magnet.  
                    The planes of the pole faces intersect at the centre of curvature of the curved [sbend reference system](#).

**RBEND**            is a rectangular bending magnet.  
                    The pole faces are parallel. The reference system is the curved [rbend reference system](#).

Bending magnets are defined by the statements:

```

label: SBEND, L=real, ANGLE=real, TILT=real,
        K0=real, K1=real, K2=real,
        E1=real, E2=real, FINT=real, FINTX=real,
        HGAP=real, H1=real, H2=real,
        THICK=logical;

label: RBEND, L=real, ANGLE=real, TILT=real,
        K0=real, K1=real, K2=real,
        E1=real, E2=real, FINT=real, FINTX=real,
        HGAP=real, H1=real, H2=real,
        THICK=logical,
        ADD_ANGLE='array';

```

Bending magnets have the following attributes:

- L** The length of the magnet (default: 0 m).  
 For sector bends the declared length is the arc length of the reference orbit.  
 For rectangular bends the declared length is normally the length of a straight line joining the entry and exit points, as in the Figure.  
 Internally MAD-X only uses the arc length of the reference orbit for both bend types.  
**In order to define RBEND's with a declared length equal to the arc length of the reference orbit, the option RBARC must be previously set to FALSE in MAD-X with Option, RBARC= false;**
- ANGLE** The bend angle (default: 0 rad).  
 A positive bend angle represents a bend to the right, i.e. towards negative x values.
- ADD\_ANGLE** An array of (maximum 5) bending angles for multiple passes. See ADD\_PASS option of the SEQUENCE command. This is only allowed for RBEND elements and is ignored for SBEND elements.
- TILT** The roll angle about the longitudinal axis (default: 0 rad, i.e. a horizontal bend).  
 A positive angle represents a clockwise rotation.  
 An attribute TILT=pi/2 turns a horizontal into a vertical bend, and a positive ANGLE then denotes a downwards deflection.
- K1** The quadrupole coefficient (Default: 0 m<sup>-2</sup>)  
 $K_1 = (1/B\rho)(\partial B_y/\partial x)$ .  
 A positive quadrupole strength implies horizontal focussing of particles, irrespective of their charge.
- E1** The rotation angle for the entrance pole face (Default: 0 rad).
- E2** The rotation angle for the exit pole face (Default: 0 rad).  
 The pole face rotation angles are referred to the magnet model for **rectangular bend** and **sector bend** respectively.  
 E1 and E2 are positive if they reduce the length of the side of the bend that is

further away from the centre of curvature.

E1 and E2 must be specified as positive to give an SBEND parallel faces, i.e. turning it into an RBEND. E1 and E2 must be negative to give an RBEND faces whose planes intersect at the centre of curvature, ie turning it into an SBEND.

FINT	The fringe field integral at entrance and exit of the bend. (Default: 0).
FINTX	If defined and positive, the fringe field integral at the exit of the element, overriding FINT for the exit. (Default: =FINT) This allows to set different fringe field integrals at entrance (FINT) and exit (FINTX) of the element.
HGAP	The half gap of the magnet (default: 0 m).
K2	The sextupole coefficient. (Default: 0 m <sup>-3</sup> ) $K_2 = (1/B\rho)(\partial^2 B_y/\partial x^2)$ .
H1	The curvature of the entrance pole face. (Default: 0 m <sup>-1</sup> ).
H2	The curvature of the exit pole face. (Default: 0 m <sup>-1</sup> ) A positive pole face curvature induces a negative sextupole component; i.e. for positive H1 and H2 the centres of curvature of the pole faces are placed inside the magnet.
K0	<b>OBSOLETE</b> Please take note that $K_0$ and $K_0s$ are left in the data base but are no longer used for the MAP of the bends, instead ANGLE and TILT are used exclusively. However, specifying K0 is required in order to be able to assign <b>relative</b> field errors to a bending magnet because K0 is used for the normalization instead of the ANGLE. (see EFCOMP). With $K_0 = (1/B\rho)B_y$ , one gets $K0 = \text{ANGLE} / \text{arclength}$ .
THICK	If this logical flag is set to true the bending magnet will be tracked through as a thick-element, instead of being converted into thin-lenses. (Default: false)

**Note:** Additional attributes can be given to bending magnets that are useful for PTC and defined in 30.8.

### Fringe Fields:

The quantities FINT and HGAP specify the finite extent of the fringe fields as defined in SLAC-75 [1]:

$$\text{FINT} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{B_y(s)(B_0 - B_y(s))}{g \cdot B_0^2} ds, \quad g = 2 \cdot \text{HGAP}. \quad (10.1)$$

The default values of zero corresponds to the hard-edge approximation, i.e. a rectangular field distribution. For other approximations, enter the correct value of the half gap, and one of the following values for FINT:



Linear Field drop-off	1/6
Clamped "Rogowski" fringing field	0.4
Unclamped "Rogowski" fringing field	0.7
"Square-edged" non-saturating magnet	0.45

Entering the keyword `FINT` alone sets the integral to 0.5, which is a reasonable average of the above values.

Note also that the possibility to specify both `FINT` and `FINTX` allows one to set different values at entrance and exit of a bend element.

This can be particularly useful to set the fringe field integral to zero on one side only, e.g. when slicing a dipole.

#### Examples:

```
BR: RBEND, L=5., ANGLE=+0.001;           ! Deflection to the right
BD: RBEND, L=5., ANGLE=+0.001, TILT=pi/2; ! Deflection down
BL: RBEND, L=5., ANGLE=+0.001, TILT=pi;   ! Deflection to the left
BU: RBEND, L=5., ANGLE=+0.001, TILT=-pi/2; ! Deflection up
```

## 10.4 Dipole edge

A thin element describing the edge focusing of a dipole has been introduced in order to make it possible to track trajectories in the presence of dipoles with pole face angles. Only linear terms are considered since the higher order terms would make the tracking non-symplectic. The transformation of the machine elements into thin lenses leaves dipole edge (`DIPEDGE`) elements untouched and splits correctly the `SBEND`'s.

It does not make sense to use a `DIPEDGE` alone. It can be specified at the entrance and the exit of a `SBEND`. A dipole edge element is defined by the command:

```
label: DIPEDGE, H=real, E1=real, FINT=real, HGAP=real, TILT=real;
```

A `DIPEDGE` has zero length and five attributes.

<code>H</code>	Is angle/length or $1/\rho$ (default: $0 \text{ m}^{-1}$ - for the default the dipedge element has no effect). (must be equal to that of the associated <code>SBEND</code> )
<code>E1</code>	The rotation angle for the pole face. The sign convention is as for a <code>SBEND Bending Magnet</code> . Note that it is different for an entrance and an exit. (default: 0 rad).
<code>FINT</code>	field integral as for <code>SBEND sector bend</code> . Note that each <code>DIPEDGE</code> has its own <code>FINT</code> , so <code>FINTX</code> is no longer necessary.
<code>HGAP</code>	half gap height of the associated <code>SBEND Bending Magnet</code> .
<code>TILT</code>	The roll angle about the longitudinal axis (default: 0 rad, i.e. a horizontal bend). A positive angle represents a clockwise rotation.

## 10.5 Quadrupole

```
label: QUADRUPOLE, L=real, K1=real, K1S=real, TILT=real,
      THICK=logical;
```

A QUADRUPOLE has five attributes:

- L**            The quadrupole length (default: 0 m).
- K1**            The normal quadrupole coefficient:  $K_1 = 1/(B\rho)(\partial B_y/\partial x)$ .  
The default is  $0m^{-2}$ . A positive normal quadrupole strength implies horizontal focussing, irrespective of the charge of the particles.
- K1S**          The skew quadrupole coefficient  $K_{1s} = 1/(2B\rho)(\partial B_x/\partial x - \partial B_y/\partial y)$   
where (x,y) is now a coordinate system rotated by  $-45^\circ$  around s with respect to the normal one. The default is  $0 m^{-2}$ . A positive skew quadrupole strength implies *defocussing*, irrespective of the charge of the particles, in the (x,s) plane rotated by  $45^\circ$  around s (particles in this plane have  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y} > 0$ ).
- TILT**        The roll angle about the longitudinal axis (default: 0 rad, i.e. a normal quadrupole). A positive angle represents a clockwise rotation. A `TILT=pi/4` turns a positive normal quadrupole into a negative skew quadrupole.
- Please note that contrary to MAD-8 one has to specify the desired TILT angle, otherwise it is taken as 0 rad. This was needed to avoid the confusion in MAD-8 about the actual meaning of the TILT attribute for various elements.**
- THICK**        If this logical flag is set to true the quadrupole will be tracked through as a thick-element, instead of being converted into thin-lenses.  
(Default: false)

**Note also that  $K_1$  or  $K_{1s}$  can be considered as the normal or skew quadrupole components of the magnet on the bench, while the TILT attribute can be considered as a tilt alignment error in the machine. In fact, a positive  $K_1$  with a `TILT = 0` is equivalent to a positive  $K_{1s}$  with positive `TILT =  $+\pi/4$`**

Example:

```
QF: QUADRUPOLE, L = 1.5, K1 = 0.001, THICK = 1;
```

**Note:** Additional attributes can be given to quadrupoles that are useful for PTC and defined in 30.8.

The [straight reference system](#) for a quadrupole is a Cartesian coordinate system.

## 10.6 Sextupole

```
label: SEXTUPOLE, L=real, K2=real, K2S=real, TILT=real;
```

A SEXTUPOLE has four real attributes:

L	The sextupole length (default: 0 m).
K2	The normal sextupole coefficient $K_2 = \frac{1}{B\rho}(\partial^2 B_y/\partial x^2)$ . (default: $0m^{-3}$ ).
K2S	The skew sextupole coefficient $K_{2S} = \frac{1}{B\rho}(\partial^2 B_x/\partial x^2)$ where (x,y) is now a coordinate system rotated by $-30^\circ$ around s with respect to the normal one. (default: $0 m^{-3}$ ). A positive skew sextupole strength implies <i>defocussing</i> (!) irrespective of the charge of the particles, in the (x,s) plane rotated by $30^\circ$ around s (particles in this plane have $x > 0, y > 0$ ).
TILT	The roll angle about the longitudinal axis (default: 0 rad, i.e. a normal sextupole). A positive angle represents a clockwise rotation. A TILT = $\pi/6$ turns a positive normal sextupole into a negative skew sextupole.

**Please note that contrary to MAD-8 one has to specify the desired TILT angle, otherwise it is taken as 0 rad. This was needed to avoid the confusion in MAD-8 about the actual meaning of the TILT attribute for various elements.**

Note also that  $K_2$  or  $K_{2s}$  can be considered as the normal or skew sextupole components of the magnet on the bench, while the TILT attribute can be considered as an tilt alignment error in the machine. In fact, a positive  $K_2$  with a TILT = 0 is equivalent to a positive  $K_{2s}$  with positive TILT =  $\pi/6$ .

Example:

S: SEXTUPOLE, L=0.4, K2=0.00134;

**Note:** Additional attributes can be given to sextupoles that are useful for PTC and defined in 30.8.

The [straight reference system](#) for a sextupole is a Cartesian coordinate system.

## 10.7 Octupole

label: OCTUPOLE, L=real, K3=real, K3S=real, TILT=real;

An OCTUPOLE has four real attributes:

L	The octupole length (default: 0 m).
K3	The normal octupole coefficient $K_3 = \frac{1}{B\rho}(\partial^3 B_y/\partial x^3)$ (default: $0 m^{*(-4)}$ ).
K3S	The skew octupole coefficient $K_{3S} = \frac{1}{2B\rho}(\partial^3 B_x/\partial x^3 - \partial^3 B_y/\partial y^3)$ where (x,y) is now a coordinate system rotated by $-22.5^\circ$ around s with respect to the normal one. (default: $0m^{-4}$ ). A positive skew octupole strength implies <i>defocussing</i> (!) irrespective of the charge of the particles, in the (x,s) plane rotated by $22.5^\circ$ around s (particles in this plane have $x > 0, y > 0$ ).

**TILT** The roll angle about the longitudinal axis (default: 0 rad, i.e. a normal octupole). A positive angle represents a clockwise rotation. A  $\text{TILT}=\pi/8$  turns a positive normal octupole into a negative skew octupole.

**Please note that contrary to MAD-8 one has to specify the desired TILT angle, otherwise it is taken as 0 rad. This was needed to avoid the confusion in MAD-8 about the actual meaning of the TILT attribute for various elements.**

**Note also that  $K_3$  or  $K_{3S}$  can be considered as the normal or skew quadrupole components of the magnet on the bench, while the TILT attribute can be considered as an tilt alignment error in the machine. In fact, a positive  $K_3$  with a  $\text{TILT}=0$  is equivalent to a positive  $K_{3S}$  with positive  $\text{TILT}=\pi/8$ .**

Example:

```
O3: OCTUPOLE, L=0.3, K3=0.543;
```

**Note:** Additional attributes can be given to octupoles that are useful for PTC and defined in [30.8](#).

The [straight reference system](#) for a octupole is a Cartesian coordinate system. Octupoles are normally treated as thin lenses, except when tracking by Lie-algebraic methods.

## 10.8 General Thin Multipole

A MULTIPOLE is a thin-lens magnet of arbitrary order, including a dipole component.

```
label: MULTIPOLE, LRAD=real, TILT=real,
      KNL={real, ...}, KSL={real, ...};
```

**LRAD** A fictitious length, originally only used to compute synchrotron radiation effects.

A non-zero LRAD in conjunction with [OPTION](#), [THIN\\_FOC=true](#) takes into account the weak focussing of bending magnets.

**TILT** The roll angle about the longitudinal axis (default: 0 rad). A positive angle represents a clockwise rotation of the multipole element. The roll angle affects all components.

**KNL** An array of the integrated normal multipole coefficients, starting from order zero and up to the maximum order (currently 20). The parameters are positional in the array, therefore zeros must be filled in for components that do not exist.

The coefficient of rank  $i$  in the array corresponds to the integrated strength  $K_i L = B_i \cdot L / (B\rho)$  where the strength is given by equation [1.11](#). Hence the first argument of the array, the argument for a normal multipole of order zero,  $K_0 L = B_0 \cdot L / (B\rho)$  is equal to the normal horizontal rotation angle of the thin dipole.

**KSL** An array of the integrated skew multipole coefficients, starting from order zero and up to the maximum order (currently 20). The parameters are positional in the array, therefore zeros must be filled in for components that do not exist. Hence the first argument of the array, the argument for a skew multipole of order zero,  $K_0L = B_0.L/(B\rho)$  is equal to the skew or vertical rotation angle of the thin dipole.

Both **KNL** and **KSL** may be specified for the same multipole.

Contrary to **MAD-8** the desired **TILT** angle must be explicitly specified, and defaults otherwise to 0 rad. The roll angle specified with **TILT** is global to all multipolar components. Hence the **KNL** and **KSL** components can be considered as the normal or skew multipole components of the magnet as measured on the bench, while the **TILT** attribute can be considered as an alignment error as measured in the machine.

A multipole with no dipole component has no effect on the reference orbit, i.e. the reference system at its exit is the same as at its entrance. If it includes a dipole component, it has the same effect on the reference orbit as a dipole with zero length, total deflection **angle** and **tilt** defined by:

$$\mathbf{angle} = \sqrt{\mathbf{KNL}(0)^2 + \mathbf{KSL}(0)^2} \quad (10.2)$$

$$\mathbf{tilt} = \arctan(\mathbf{KSL}(0)/\mathbf{KNL}(0)) \quad (10.3)$$

Note that the global **TILT** attribute of the **MULTIPOLE** is then added to the intrinsic **tilt** calculated from **KNL** and **KSL**.

### Examples:

A thin-lens sextupole:

```
ms: MULTIPOLE, KNL={0, 0, k21};
```

A thin-lens skew octupole:

```
mso: MULTIPOLE, KSL={0, 0, 0, k3s1};
```

A thin-lens multipole with a normal octupole component and a skew decapole component:

```
mod: MULTIPOLE, KNL={0,0,0,myoct*1rad}, KSL={0,0,0,0,-1.e-5};
```

A thin-lens dipole bending to the right and down for a total angle of  $2e-3$  radians and a tilt of  $\pi/4$  can be equivalently defined as:

```
hvbend: MULTIPOLE, KNL={1.414e-3}, KSL={1.414e-3};
```

```
hvbend: MULTIPOLE, KNL={2.e-3}, TILT= pi/4;
```

```
hvbend: MULTIPOLE, KSL={2.e-3}, TILT=-pi/4;
```

## 10.9 Solenoid

Solenoids can be defined in two forms, a thick and a thin version:

<pre>label: SOLENOID, L=real, KS=real;           ! thick version label: SOLENOID, L=0,   KS=real, KSI=real; ! thin version</pre>
--

A SOLENOID has three real attributes:

L	The length of the solenoid (default: 0 m)
KS	The solenoid strength $K_s = B_0/B\rho$ (default: 0 rad/m). For positive KS and positive particle charge, the solenoid field points in the direction of increasing $s$ .
KSI	The solenoid integrated strength $K_s L$ (default: 0 rad). This additional attribute is needed only when using the thin solenoid, where $L = 0$ .

Example:

```
SOLO:      SOLENOID, L = 2.,    KS = 0.001;
THINSOLO: SOLENOID, L = 0,     KS = 0.001, KSI = 0.002;
```

**Note:** Additional attributes can be given to solenoids that are useful for PTC and defined in 30.8. In particular multipole coefficients KNL and KSL can also be specified for solenoids. They have no effect in MAD-X proper but are used in PTC for solenoid with multipoles.

The [straight reference system](#) for a solenoid is a Cartesian coordinate system.

## 10.10 Nonlinear Lens with Elliptic Potential

```
label: NLENS, KNLL=real, CNLL=real;
```

The NLENS element represents a thin nonlinear lens with the potential of 'Elliptic' type as specified in [7]. The lens is used to create fully integrable 2D nonlinear accelerator lattice with very large nonlinear tune spread/shift. The NLENS element is recognized by the thin tracking module. The quadrupole term of the potential is included in the TRANSPORT map and, consequently, affects the calculation of tunes and Twiss functions.

KNLL	The integrated strength of lens (m). The strength is parametrized so that the quadrupole term of the multipole expansion is $k_1=2*KNLL/CNLL^2$ .
CNLL	The dimensional parameter of lens (m). The singularities of the potential are located at $X=-CNLL,+CNLL$ and $Y=0$ .

The scalar potential function of the element is given by

$$U(x, y) = \frac{k}{c} \frac{\xi \sqrt{\xi^2 - 1} \operatorname{acosh} \xi + \eta \sqrt{1 - \eta^2} (\operatorname{acos} \eta - \pi/2)}{\xi^2 - \eta^2} \quad (10.4)$$

where  $k = KNLL$ ,  $c = CNLL$  and

$$\xi = \frac{\sqrt{(x+c)^2 + y^2} + \sqrt{(x-c)^2 + y^2}}{2c}, \quad \eta = \frac{\sqrt{(x+c)^2 + y^2} - \sqrt{(x-c)^2 + y^2}}{2c}, \quad (10.5)$$

Figure below shows the contour plot of the scalar potential:

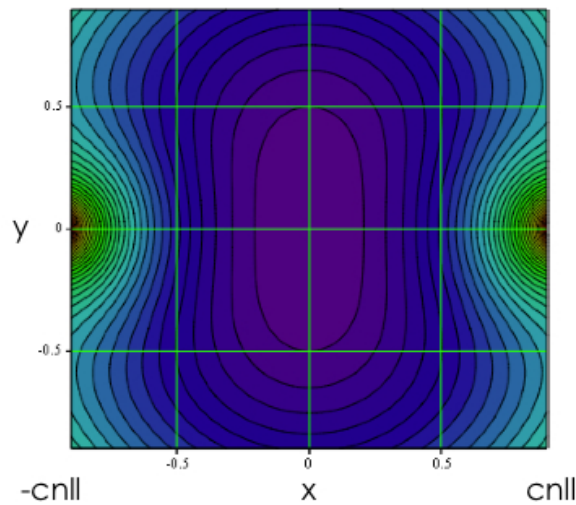


Figure 10.1: Contour plot of the scalar potential

The multipole expansion of the scalar potential is

$$U(x, y) = k \cdot \text{Re} \left\{ \left( \frac{x + iy}{c} \right)^2 + \frac{2}{3} \left( \frac{x + iy}{c} \right)^4 + \frac{8}{15} \left( \frac{x + iy}{c} \right)^6 + \frac{16}{35} \left( \frac{x + iy}{c} \right)^8 + \dots \right\} \quad (10.6)$$

Note that this expansion is only valid inside the  $r=c$  circle on the  $x, y$  plane.

In order to create integrable optics, one needs to shape the potential along  $z$  axis according to the beta-function. Below is an example nonlinear section representing the necessary nonlinear field with 20 thin lenses:

```

mu0 = 0.3; ! phase advance over straight section
l0 = 2.0; ! length of the straight section
nn = 20; ! number of nonlinear elements
tn = 0.45; ! strength of nonlinear lens
cn = 0.01; ! dimensional parameter of nonlinear lens

musect = mu0 + 0.5;
f0 = l0/4.0*(1.0+1.0/tan(pi*mu0)^2);
betae = l0/sqrt(1.0-(1.0-l0/2.0/f0)^2);
alfae = l0/2.0/f0/sqrt(1.0-(1.0-l0/2.0/f0)^2);
betas = l0*(1-l0/4.0/f0)/sqrt(1.0-(1.0-l0/2.0/f0)^2);
value, f0, betae, alfae, betas;

ncreate(ii, kk, cc): macro = {n.ii: nllens, knll=kk, cnll=cc};

i=0;
while(i < nn)

```

```

{
  i = i+1;
  sn = 10/nn*(i-0.5);
  bn = 10*(1-sn*(10-sn)/10/f0)/sqrt(1.0-(1.0-10/2.0/f0)^2);
  knn = 10*tn*cn^2/nn/bn;
  cnn = cn*sqrt(bn);
  exec, ncreate($i,knn,cnn);
  value, i, bn, cnn, knn;
};

```

## 10.11 Closed Orbit Corrector

Three types of magnetic closed orbit correctors are available:

HKICKER      a corrector for the horizontal plane,  
VKICKER      a corrector for the vertical plane,  
KICKER        a corrector for both planes.

```

label:  HKICKER,L=real, KICK=real,  TILT=real;
label:  VKICKER,L=real, KICK=real,  TILT=real;
label:  KICKER, L=real, HKICK=real, VKICK=real, TILT=real;

```

**The type KICKER should not be used when an orbit corrector kicks only in one plane.**

The attributes have the following meaning:

L            The length of the closed orbit corrector (default: 0 m).  
KICK         The momentum change  $\delta PX = \delta p_x/p_0$  or  $\delta PY = \delta p_y/p_0$  for respectively horizontal or vertical correctors. (default: 0).  
HKICK        The horizontal momentum change  $\delta PX = \delta p_x/p_0$  for a corrector acting in both planes (default: 0).  
VKICK        The vertical momentum change  $\delta PY = \delta p_y/p_0$  for a corrector acting in both planes (default: 0).  
TILT         The roll angle about the longitudinal axis (default: 0 rad). A positive angle represents a clockwise rotation of the kicker.

A positive kick increases  $p_x$  or  $p_y$  respectively. This means that a positive horizontal kick bends to the left, i.e. to positive  $x$  which is opposite of what is true for bends.

The deviation angle  $\theta$  of the particle trajectory is related to the momentum change through  $\sin \theta = \delta P = \delta p/p_0$ .

It should be noted that the kick values assigned to an orbit corrector like above are not overwritten by an orbit correction using the **CORRECT** command. Instead the kicks computed by an orbit correction and the assigned values are added when the correctors are used.



Examples:

```
HK1:  HKICKER,  KICK = 0.001;
VK3:  VKICKER,  KICK = 0.0005;
VK4:  VKICKER,  KICK := AVK4;
KHV1: KICKER,   HKICK = 0.001,   VKICK = 0.0005;
KHV2: KICKER,   HKICK := AKHV2H, VKICK := AKHV2V;
```

The assignment in the form of a deferred expression has the advantage that the values can be assigned and/or modified at any time (and matched!).

The [straight reference system](#) for an orbit corrector is a Cartesian coordinate system.

Please note that there is a new feature introduced by Stefan Sorge from GSI. Here his description:

The elements `KICKER`, `HKICKER`, and `VKICKER` can also be used as magnetic exciters providing sinusoidal momentum kicks. The usage in this case is:

```
xykick: KICKER, SINKICK=integer, SINPEAK=real, SINTUNE=real, SINPHASE=real;
xkick  : HKICKER,SINKICK=integer, SINPEAK=real, SINTUNE=real, SINPHASE=real;
ykick  : VKICKER,SINKICK=integer, SINPEAK=real, SINTUNE=real, SINPHASE=real;
```

where a sinusoidal momentum kick `dpz` as a function of the revolution number `n` given by `dpz(n)=SINPEAK * sin(2*PI*SINTUNE*n + SINPHASE)`, `pz=px,py` is provided.

The `KICKER` element generates synchronous kicks in both horizontal and vertical planes. `HKICKER` generates only a horizontal kick, and `VKICKER` generates only a vertical kick.

The variables are

```
SINKICK      must be set to 1 to switch on the sinusoidal signal, default: 0.
SINPEAK      amplitude of the bending angle (rad); default: 0 rad.
SINTUNE      frequency of the signal times the revolution frequency. Hence, the phase per
              revolution is 2*PI*SINTUNE; default: 0.
SINPHASE     initial phase; default: 0 rad.
```

The momentum kick of a kicker has only a single frequency. An element having a finite bandwidth can approximately be created by defining thin kickers with all amplitudes `SINPEAK`, frequencies `SINTUNE`, and initial phases `SINPHASE` desired and putting them at the same position `s` in the accelerator.

## 10.12 Transverse Kicker

The type `TKICKER` should be used to create horizontal, vertical or combined transverse magnetic kickers physically equivalent to elements of type `KICKER`, but **not used** by the `CORRECT` command of the closed orbit correction module.

Examples of elements that may use the type `TKICKER`:

- Fast kickers for injection, dump & tune
- Magnetic septa towards beam dump
- Dampers of transverse beam oscillations
- Undulator & Wiggler magnets

For further information on element type `TKICKER` and its attributes, look at the documentation of the orbit corrector type [KICKER](#).

### 10.13 RF Cavity

```
label:  RFCAVITY, L=real, VOLT=real, LAG=real,
        HARMON=integer, FREQ=real,
        N_BESSEL=integer, NO_CAVITY_TOTALPATH=logical;
```

An `RFCAVITY` has eight real attributes and one integer attribute:

<code>L</code>	The length of the cavity (DEFAULT: 0 m)
<code>VOLT</code>	The peak electrical RF voltage (DEFAULT: 0 MV). The effect of the cavity is $\delta(E) = \text{VOLT} * \sin(2 \text{ pi} * (\text{LAG} - \text{HARMON} * f_0 t))$ .
<code>LAG</code>	The phase lag [2pi] (DEFAULT: 0).
<code>FREQ</code>	The frequency [MHz] (no DEFAULT). Note that if the RF frequency is not given, it is computed from the harmonic number and the revolution frequency $f_0$ as before. However, for accelerating structures this makes no sense, and the frequency is mandatory.
<code>HARMON</code>	The harmonic number $h$ (no DEFAULT). Only if the frequency is not given.

*Please take note, that the following MAD-8 attributes: `BETRF`, `PG`, `SHUNT` and `TFILL` are currently not implemented in MAD-X!*

*Note as well that Twiss is 4D only. As a consequence the TWISS parameters in the plane of non-zero dispersion may not close as expected. Therefore, it is best to perform TWISS in 4D only, i.e. with cavities switched off. If 6D is needed one has to use the [PTC.TWISS](#) command.*

The `RFCAVITY` can also have attributes that will only become active in PTC:

<code>N_BESSEL</code>	(DEFAULT: 0): Transverse focussing effects are typically ignored in the cavity in MAD-X or even PTC. This effect is being calculated to order <code>n_bessel</code> , with <code>n_bessel=0</code> disregarding this effect and with a correct treatment when <code>n_bessel</code> goes to infinity.
<code>NO_CAVITY_TOTALPATH</code>	(Default: false): flag to select whether the transit time factor in the cavity is to be considered ( <code>NO_CAVITY_TOTALPATH = false</code> ) or if the particle is kept on the crest of RF voltage ( <code>NO_CAVITY_TOTALPATH = true</code> ).

A cavity requires the particle energy (**ENERGY**) and the particle charge (**CHARGE**) to be set by a **BEAM** command before any calculations are performed.

Example:

```
BEAM, PARTICLE = ELECTRON, ENERGY = 50.0;
CAVITY: RFAVITY, L = 10.0, VOLT = 150.0, LAG = 0.0, HARMON = 31320;
```

The [straight reference system](#) for a cavity is a Cartesian coordinate system.

## 10.14 Thin Radio-Frequency Multipole

```
label: RFMULTIPOLE, VOLT=real, LAG=real,
        HARMON=integer, FREQ=real,
        LRAD=real, TILT=real,
        KNL={real, ...}, KSL={real, ...},
        PNL={real, ...}, PSL={real, ...};
```

A RFMULTIPOLE is a thin-lens element which exhibits the properties of an RF-cavity and of a magnet of arbitrary order oscillating at a certain frequency.

The effect of the cavity is  $\text{delta}(E) = \text{VOLT} * \sin(2 \text{ pi} * (\text{LAG} - \text{HARMON} * \text{f0 t}))$ .

VOLT	The peak RF voltage (DEFAULT: 0 MV).
LAG	The phase lag [2pi] (DEFAULT: 0)
FREQ	The frequency [MHz] (no DEFAULT). Note that if the RF frequency is not given, it is computed from the harmonic number and the revolution frequency f0 as before. However, for accelerating structures this makes no sense, and the frequency is mandatory.
HARMON	The harmonic number h (no DEFAULT). Only if the frequency is not given.
LRAD	A fictitious length, which was originally just used to compute synchrotron radiation effects. A non-zero LRAD in conjunction with <a href="#">OPTION, thin_foc = true</a> ; takes into account the weak focussing of bending magnets.
TILT	The roll angle about the longitudinal axis (default: 0 rad). A positive angle represents a clockwise rotation of the multipole element.

**Please note that contrary to MAD-8 one has to specify the desired TILT angle, otherwise it is taken as 0 rad. We believe that the MAD-8 concept of having individual TILT values for each component and on top with default values led to considerable confusion and allowed for excessive and unphysical freedom. Instead, in MAD-X the KNL, KSL components can be considered as the normal or skew multipole components of the magnet on the bench, while the TILT attribute can be considered as an tilt alignment error in the machine.**

KNL	An array of the integrated normal rfmultipole coefficients, starting from order zero and up to the maximum order (currently 20). The parameters are positional in the array, therefore leading zeros must be filled in for components that do not exist.
KSL	An array of the integrated skew rfmultipole coefficients, starting from order zero and up to the maximum order (currently 20). The parameters are positional in the array, therefore leading zeros must be filled in for components that do not exist.
PNL	The phase for each normal rfmultipole coefficients from order zero to the maximum; the parameters are positional, therefore leading zeros must be filled in for components that do not exist.
PSL	The phase for each skew rfmultipole coefficients from order zero to the maximum; the parameters are positional, therefore leading zeros must be filled in for components that do not exist.

**Example:**

```
MS: RFMULTIPOLE, KSL = {0, 0, 0, k3s1};
```

Both KNL and KSL may be specified for the same multipole.

A RFMULTIPOLE requires the particle energy (ENERGY) and the particle charge (CHARGE) to be set with a [BEAM](#) command before any calculation is performed.

A RFMULTIPOLE with no dipole component has no effect on the reference orbit, i.e. the reference system at its exit is the same as at its entrance. If it includes a dipole component, it has the same effect on the reference orbit as a thin MULTIPOLE with equivalent parameters.

## 10.15 Crab Cavity

```
label: CRABCAVITY, L=real, VOLT=real, LAG=real, FREQ=real,
      RV1=integer, RV2=integer, RV3=integer, RV4=integer,
      RPH1=integer, RPH2=integer,
      LAGF=real, HARMON=integer;
```

A CRABCAVITY has five attributes describing its steady state and seven attributes to describe dynamic behaviour:

L	The length of the cavity (default: 0 m)
VOLT	The peak RF voltage (default: 0 MV).
LAG	The initial phase lag [2pi] (default: 0).
FREQ	The RF frequency [MHz] (no default).

**Note that if the RF frequency is not given, it is computed from the**

**harmonic number and the revolution frequency  $f_0$  as before. However, for deflecting structures this makes no sense, and the frequency is mandatory.**

**HARMON** The harmonic number  $h$  (no default).  
Only if the frequency is not given.

The other attributes describe the time evolution of a **CRABCAVITY** behaviour:

**RV1** Number of initial turns with zero voltage (default: 0).  
**RV2** Number of turns to ramp voltage from zero to nominal value (default: 0).  
**RV3** Number of turns with nominal voltage (default: 0).  
**RV4** Number of turns to ramp voltage from nominal value to zero (default: 0).  
**LAGF** Value of the final crab RF phase lag [2pi] (default: 0).  
**RPH1** Number of initial turns with nominal phase (default: 0).  
**RPH2** Number of turns to ramp phase [2pi] from nominal to specified value (default: 0).

#### Caveats:

- Please take note, that the following MAD-8 attributes: **BETRF**, **PG**, **SHUNT** and **TFILL** are currently not implemented in MAD-X!
- Note that crab cavities are only implemented for tracking purposes. **TWISS** ignores any effect of the crab cavity.

Before any calculation is performed with a **CRABCAVITY**, the particle **ENERGY** and the particle **CHARGE** must be set with the **BEAM** command.

The effect of a **CRABCAVITY** on particle coordinates during tracking is

$$\begin{aligned}\delta p_x &= \text{VOLT} * \sin(\text{PHI} - \text{OMEGA} * t) \\ \delta E &= - \text{VOLT} * \text{OMEGA} * x * \cos(\text{PHI} - \text{OMEGA} * t)\end{aligned}$$

where  $\text{PHI} = 2\pi * (\text{LAG} - \text{HARMON} * f_0 t)$ ,  
and  $\text{OMEGA} = 2\pi * \text{FREQ} / c$

Example:

```
BEAM, PARTICLE = PROTON, ENERGY = 7000.0;
CAVITY: CRABCAVITY, L = 10.0, VOLT = 5.0, LAG = 0.0, FREQ = 400,
        RV1 = 0, RV2 = 50, RV3 = 1000, RV4 = 50,
        RPH1 = 100, RPH2 = 500, LAGF = 0.125;
```

The [straight reference system](#) for a cavity is a Cartesian coordinate system.

## 10.16 Electrostatic Separator

```
label: ELSEPARATOR, L=real, EX=real, EY=real, TILT=real;
```

An ELSEPARATOR element has four real attributes:

L	The length of the separator (default: 0 m).
EX	The horizontal electric field strength (default: 0 MV/m). A positive field increases $p_x$ for positive particles.
EY	The vertical electric field strength (default: 0 MV/m). A positive field increases $p_y$ for positive particles.
TILT	The roll angle about the longitudinal axis (default: 0 rad). A positive angle represents a clockwise of the electrostatic separator.

An electrostatic separator requires the particle energy (ENERGY) and the particle charge (CHARGE) to be set by a BEAM command before any calculation is performed.

Example:

```
BEAM, PARTICLE=positron, ENERGY=50.0;
SEP: ELSEPARATOR, L=5.0, EY=0.5;
```

The [straight reference system](#) for a separator is a Cartesian coordinate system.

## 10.17 Beam Position Monitor

A beam monitor has no specific effect on the beam and behaves like a drift space. In addition it serves to record the beam position for closed orbit correction.

Three different types of beam position monitors are recognised:

HMONITOR	Monitor for the horizontal beam position,
VMONITOR	Monitor for the vertical beam position,
MONITOR	Monitor for both horizontal and vertical beam position.

```
label: HMONITOR, L=real;
label: VMONITOR, L=real;
label: MONITOR, L=real;
```

A beam position monitor has one real attribute:

L	The length of the monitor (default: 0 m).
---	---

Examples:

```
MH: HMONITOR, L = 1;
MV: VMONITOR;
```

The [straight reference system](#) for a monitor is a Cartesian coordinate system.

## 10.18 Instrument

An instrument has no specific effect on the beam and behaves like a drift space. Instruments are different from beam position monitors and are not used for closed orbit correction.

Two different types of instruments are recognised:

**INSTRUMENT** A place holder for any type of beam instrumentation. Optically it behaves like a drift space; it returns *no beam observation*. It represent a class of elements which is completely independent from drifts and monitors.

**PLACEHOLDER** A place holder for any type of element. Internally it is equivalent to an **INSTRUMENT**: optically it behaves as a drift space, it returns *no beam observation*. It represent a class of elements which is completely independent from drifts and monitors.

```
label: INSTRUMENT, L=real;
label: PLACEHOLDER, L=real;
```

An instrument or placeholder has one real attribute:

**L** The length of the instrument (default: 0 m).

The [straight reference system](#) for an instrument is a Cartesian coordinate system.

## 10.19 Collimator

A **COLLIMATOR** has no specific effect on beam optics and behaves like a [drift space](#).

```
label: COLLIMATOR, L=real,
      APERTYPE=string, APERTURE={values},
      APER_OFFSET={values}, APER_TOL={values};
```

A **COLLIMATOR** has one specific real attribute:

**L** The collimator length (default: 0 m).

Additionally, like any other element, except **DRIFT** space, a **COLLIMATOR** can have specific aperture related attributes as defined in the related section [Defining aperture in MAD-X](#)

During tracking in **MAD-X**, particle loss is checked at the entrance of the element by comparing particle coordinates and defined aperture, provided that the **APERTURE** flag is **true** in the **TRACK** command, and that the **APERTYPE** attribute value of the element is one of the predefined types. An aperture model defined in an external file (**APERTYPE=filename**) is not used to check particle loss during tracking.

Example:

```
COLLIM: COLLIMATOR, L=0.5, APERTYPE=ellipse, APERTURE=0.01,0.005;
```

The [straight reference system](#) for a collimator is a Cartesian coordinate system.

**NOTE:** A collimator can be displaced transversally in order to model an asymmetric collimator by means of the `APER_OFFSET` attributes; During tracking particle losses are then reported with coordinates with respect to the **displaced** reference system, not with respect to the surrounding beam line.

Other collimator elements have been inherited from MAD-8 and still exist in MAD-X for backward compatibility. `ECOLLIMATOR` (elliptic aperture collimator) and `RCOLLIMATOR` (rectangular aperture collimator) behave both as drift spaces in MAD-X. They are declared with

```
label:  ECOLLIMATOR, L=real, XSIZE=real, YSIZE=real;
label:  RCOLLIMATOR, L=real, XSIZE=real, YSIZE=real;
```

Either type has several real attributes:

- `L`                    The collimator length (default: 0 m).
- `XSIZE`                The horizontal half-aperture (default: unlimited).  
**OBSOLETE : parsed and stored but not used.**
- `YSIZE`                The vertical half-aperture (default: unlimited).  
**OBSOLETE : parsed and stored but not used.**

It is **STRONGLY** advised to replace all instances of `RCOLLIMATOR` and `ECOLLIMATOR` in input files with appropriate `COLLIMATOR` elements. The `RCOLLIMATOR` and `ECOLLIMATOR` elements are only kept for the time being for backward compatibility and will be removed in the near future.

Note also that the `XSIZE` and `YSIZE` parameters can be declared but are simply ignored both in the `APERTURE` command and in [tracking](#).

## 10.20 Beam-beam Interaction

The `BEAMBEAM` element may be inserted in a beam line to simulate a beam-beam interaction point:

```
label:  BEAMBEAM, SIGX=real, SIGY=real,
        XMA=real, YMA=real, CHARGE=real,
        BBSHAPE=integer, WIDTH=real, BBDIR=integer;
```

The beam-beam interaction is represented by a four-dimensional interaction with a thin element, i.e. horizontal and vertical non-linear kicks. The code for this element has been contributed by J.M. Veuillen (1987) and extended by S. Sorge (2007).

- `SIGX`                The horizontal extent of the opposite beam (default: 1 m). Meaning depends on parameter `BBSHAPE`.
- `SIGY`                The vertical extent of the opposite beam (default: 1 m). Meaning depends on parameter `BBSHAPE`.
- `XMA`                 The horizontal displacement of the opposite beam with respect to the ideal orbit (default: 0 m).



- YMA** The vertical displacement of the opposite beam with respect to the ideal orbit (default: 0 m).
- CHARGE** The charge of particles in the opposite beam in elementary charges. It is set by default to **CHARGE=1**. So, if you want to describe collisions between beams containing the same particles having a charge different from 1, you have to set **CHARGE** explicitly in **BEAM** and in **BEAMBEAM**.
- BBSHAPE** The parameter to choose the radial density shape of the opposite beam (default: 1)
- **BBSHAPE=1**: Gaussian shape (default), **SIGX**, **SIGY**: standard deviation in horizontal, vertical direction.
  - **BBSHAPE=2**: trapezoidal shape (see fig.10.2), **SIGX**, **SIGY**: half width of density profile, i.e. distance from the centre to half edge region with linear decrease of density in horizontal, vertical direction. Still only circular opposite beam possible, i.e. in the calculations  $SIGX' = SIGY' = (SIGX + SIGY) / 2$  is used, if **SIGX** and **SIGY** have different values.

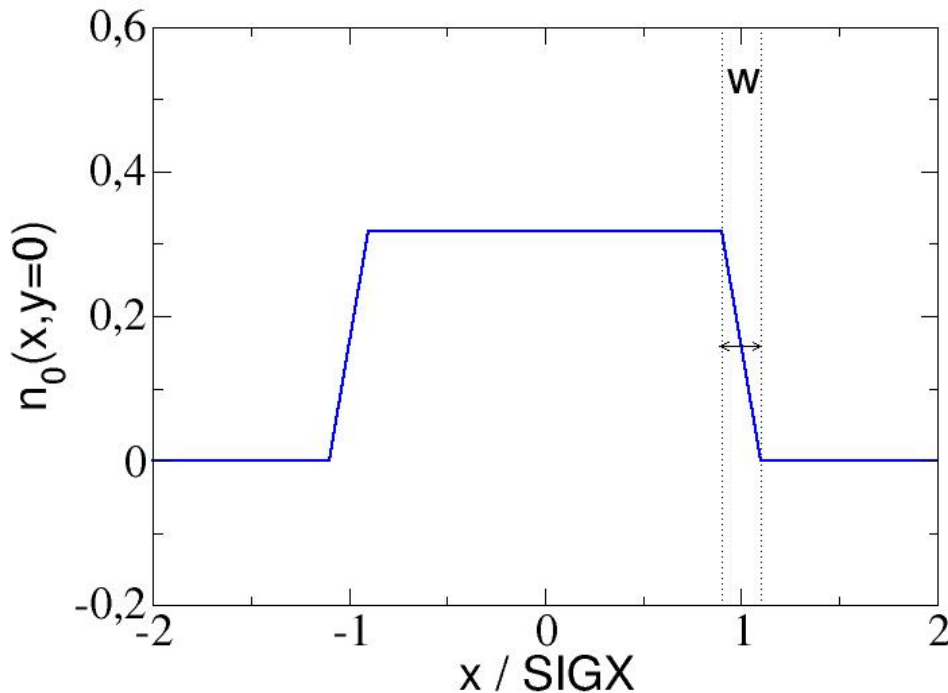


Figure 10.2: Trapezoidal shape of radial density for beam-beam lens.

- **BBSHAPE=3**: hollow-parabolic shape (see fig.10.3, **SIGX**, **SIGY**: distance from the centre to the maximum of the parabolic density profile in horizontal, vertical directions. Still only circular opposite beam possible,

i.e. in the calculations  $SIGX'=SIGY'=(SIGX+SIGY)/2$  is used, if  $SIGX$  and  $SIGY$  have different values.

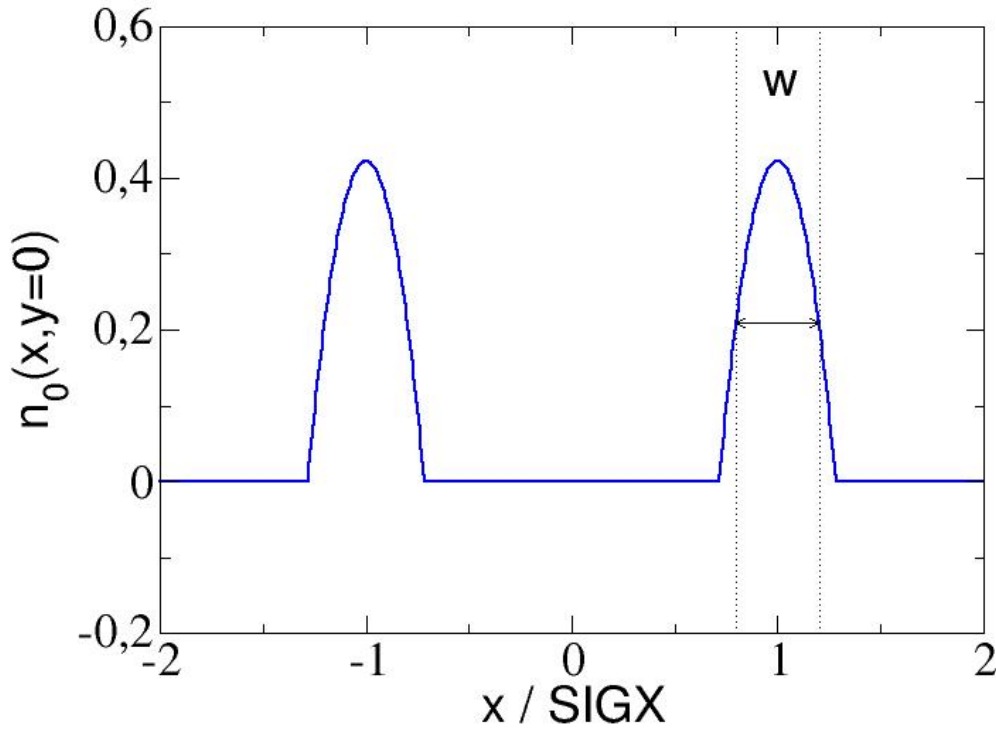


Figure 10.3: Hollow parabolic shape of radial density for beam-beam lens.

The restriction to circular opposite beams in the cases  $BBSHAPE=2,3$  appears to be sufficient, because such beam profiles are more important for the description of the interaction between the particle beam and an electron beam of an electron cooler, which are usually circular.

WIDTH

The relative extent of the edge region, absolute value is given by  $WIDTH \cdot SIGX$  and  $WIDTH \cdot SIGY$  in horizontal and vertical direction, respectively. For

- $BBSHAPE=1$ , WIDTH is meaningless and will be ignored.
- $BBSHAPE=2$ , WIDTH denotes the full width of the edge region in units of  $SIGX$  (or  $SIGX'$  and  $SIGY'$ , respectively, if  $SIGX$  and  $SIGY$  are not equal), i.e. if  $WIDTH=0.01$  and  $SIGX=5\text{mm}$ , the edge region has a full width of 0.05 mm. It must be  $WIDTH < 2.0$ .
- $BBSHAPE=3$ , WIDTH denotes the full width at half maximum of the parabolic density profile in units of  $SIGX$  (or  $SIGX'$  and  $SIGY'$ , respectively, if  $SIGX$  and  $SIGY$  are not equal). It must be  $WIDTH < \sqrt{2.0}$ .

BBDIR

The parameter to choose the direction of motion of the opposite beam relative

to the beam considered. It determines the sign of the Lorentz force between both beams (default: -1):

- BBDIR=-1: Beams move in the opposite direction as in a collider. The Lorentz force enhances the beam-beam interaction.
- BBDIR=0: Opposite beam does not move. The Lorentz force is neglected
- BBDIR=1: Beams move in the same direction as in an electron cooler. The Lorentz force reduces the beam-beam interaction.

Note:

- The particles in the beam considered may have a momentum deviation given by DELTAP defined in the [TRACK](#) command.
- The opposite beam is assumed to have the velocity according to the unperturbed energy of the particles in the beam considered. Only the direction of motion can be chosen.
- In the case of motion in the opposite direction (BBDIR=-1), the time of interaction between the beams is given by  $\tau = \text{length}/(2*\beta*c\_light)$ , where `length` is the length of a bunch in the opposite beam. In the case of motion in the same direction (BBDIR=1) as in an electron cooler, this time is given by  $\tau = \text{length}/(\beta*c\_light)$ , where `length` is the length of the cooler. Note that the factor 1/2 is inserted only for BBDIR=-1 to calculate correct results.

A beam-beam element requires the particle energy ([ENERGY](#)) and the particle charge ([CHARGE](#)) as well as the number of particles per bunch ([NPART](#)) to be set by a [BEAM](#) command before any calculations are performed.

Examples of a four-dimensional beam-beam element definition:

Collider regime example:

```
beam, particle = positron, npart = 1.e12, energy = 50.0;
bb: beambeam, sigx = 1.e-3, sigy = 5.e-4, charge = 1.;
```

Electron cooler example:

```
gamma0 = 1.032; ! relativistic factors
beta0 = sqrt(1.0-1.0/gamma0/gamma0);

i_e = 0.2;      ! electron current
re_cool = 0.01; ! electron beam radius
l_cool = 5.0;   ! cooling length

nselect = i_e*l_cool/beta0/clight/qelect; ! electron number in e-cooler

beam, particle = antiproton, gamma = gamma0, npart = nselect;
bb_ecool: beambeam, sigx = re_cool, sigy = re_cool, bbshape = 2,
           width = 0.01, charge = -1, bbdir = 1;
```

For the definition of the LHC head-on and parasitic beam-beam elements see [beam-beam element examples](#).

## 10.21 Arbitrary Matrix Element

```
label: MATRIX, TYPE=string, L=real,
      KICK1=real, ..., KICK6=real,
      RM11=real, ..., RM66=real,
      TM111=real, ..., TM666=real;
```

The MATRIX permits the definition of an arbitrary transfer matrix. It has four real array attributes:

- L                    Length of the element, which may be zero.
- KICK<sub>i</sub>            Defines the kick of the element acting on the six phase space coordinates.
- RM<sub>ik</sub>            Defines the linear transfer matrix (6\*6) of the element.
- TM<sub>ikl</sub>            Defines the second-order terms (6\*6\*6) of the element.

Data values not entered are taken from the identity transformation, kick and second order terms are zero as default. In the thin-lens tracking module the length of an arbitrary matrix is accepted, however no second order are allowed to avoid non symplectic tracking runs. In the latter case the tracking run will be aborted.

## 10.22 Rotation around the vertical axis

The element YROTATION rotates the [straight reference system](#) about the vertical (y) axis.

```
label: YROTATION, ANGLE=real;
```

YROTATION has no effect on the beam, but it causes the beam to be referred to the new coordinate system

$$\begin{aligned}x_2 &= x_1 \cos \theta - s_1 \sin \theta \\y_2 &= x_1 \sin \theta + s_1 \cos \theta\end{aligned}\tag{10.7}$$

It has one real attribute:

- ANGLE            The rotation angle  $\theta$  (default: 0 rad).

A positive angle means that the new reference system is rotated clockwise about the local y-axis with respect to the old system.

### Important note:

The rotation angle  $\theta$  must be *small*, i.e. it must be at most comparable to the transverse angles of the orbit.

Example:

```
KINK: YROTATION, ANGLE = 0.0001;
```

## 10.23 Rotation around the longitudinal axis

The element `SROTATION` rotates the [straight reference system](#) about the longitudinal (`s`) axis.

```
label: SROTATION, ANGLE=real;
```

`SROTATION` has no effect on the beam, but it causes the beam to be referred to the new coordinate system

$$\begin{aligned}x_2 &= x_1 \cos \psi - y_1 \sin \psi \\y_2 &= x_1 \sin \psi + y_1 \cos \psi\end{aligned}\tag{10.8}$$

It has one real attribute:

`ANGLE`      The rotation angle  $\psi$  (default: 0 rad)

A positive angle means that the new reference system is rotated clockwise about the `s`-axis with respect to the old system.

Example:

```
ROLL1: SROTATION, ANGLE = PI/2.;
ROLL2: SROTATION, ANGLE = -PI/2.;
HBEND: SBEND, L = 6.0, ANGLE = 0.01;
VBEND: LINE = (ROLL1,HBEND,ROLL2);
```

The `VBEND` definition above is a way to represent a bend down in the vertical plane, it could be defined more simply by

```
VBEND: SBEND, L = 6.0, KOS = 0.01/6;
```

## 10.24 Coordinate translation

The element `TRANSLATION` changes the [reference system](#) by applying a translation of the reference system.

```
label: TRANSLATION, X=real, Y=real, T=real,
        PX=real, PY=real, PT=real;
```

`TRANSLATION` has no effect on the beam, but it causes the beam to be referred to the new coordinate system

$$\begin{aligned}x_2 &= x_1 \cos \psi - y_1 \sin \psi \\y_2 &= x_1 \sin \psi + y_1 \cos \psi\end{aligned}\tag{10.9}$$

## 10.25 Change of reference system

The element CHANGEREFF changes the [reference system](#) by applying both translations and rotations.

```
label: CHANGEREFF, PATCH_ANG=real, real, real,  
       PATCH_TRANS=real, real, real;
```

CHANGEREFF has no effect on the beam, but it causes the beam to be referred to the new coordinate system

$$\begin{aligned}x_2 &= x_1 \cos \psi - y_1 \sin \psi \\y_2 &= x_1 \sin \psi + y_1 \cos \psi\end{aligned}\tag{10.10}$$

# Chapter 11. Range and Class Selection Format

## 11.1 RANGE

A range can be defined starting at a given element and ending at another element, both elements included. Two forms exist:

```
RANGE=position;  
RANGE=position1/position2;
```

In the first case, only one element is selected; in the second case, one or several elements are selected. NOTE: position1 must not be behind position2 in the sequence.

”position” is composed of the element name and an optional occurrence count in the sequence:

```
mq.ir5.l6..1 ! no occurrence count given  
mb[17]      ! occurrence count given
```

There are two predefined indices in MAD-X:

#S            The start of the beam line expanded by USE,  
#E            The end of the beam line expanded by USE.

If a range is selected in a USE statement:

```
USE, PERIOD=lhcb1, RANGE=ir1/ir5;
```

then the #S and #E indices refer to the start and end of the range expanded by the USE statement .

Examples for ranges:

```
.., RANGE=#S;            ! first element  
.., RANGE=#S/#E;        ! full expansion range  
.., RANGE=mb[5]/#E;     ! from mb 5 to end  
.., RANGE=mq.ir5.l6..1; ! first occurrence of element mq.ir5.l6..1
```

## 11.2 CLASS

The single name of a class (no occurrence counts). A class is the name of an element (or basic type) from which other elements have been derived.

Example:

```
MQ: quadrupole; ! makes the element MQ  
Q1: MQ;        ! makes the element Q1 from class MQ  
Q2: MQ;        ! makes the element Q2 from class MQ  
Q1..A: Q1;     ! makes an element from class Q1  
Q2..B: Q2;     ! makes an element from class Q2
```

Subsequent selection with criterion `CLASS="MQ"` will actually select Q1, Q2, Q1..A, and Q2..B in this example.



## Chapter 12. Beam Lines

The accelerator to be studied is known to MAD-X either as a sequence of physical elements called [sequence](#), or as a hierarchically structured list of elements called a *beam line*. A beam line is built from simpler beam lines whose definitions can be nested to any level. A powerful syntax allows to repeat, to reflect, or to replace pieces of beam lines. However, internally MAD-X knows only sequences, and lines as shown below are converted into flat sequences with the same name when they are expanded. Consequently, only sequences can be SAVEd onto a file.

Formally a beam line is defined by a LINE command:

```
label( arg ,arg ): LINE=( member ,member );
```

[Label](#) gives a name to the beam line for later reference.

The formal argument list (arg{,arg}) is optional (see below). Each "member" may be one of the following:

- Element label,
- Beam line label,
- Sub-line, enclosed in parentheses,
- Formal argument name,
- Replacement list label.

Beam lines may be nested to any level (see [12.2](#))

### Warning:

MAD-X has been developed using sequences. Machine description using beamlines was kept in MAD-X to a minimal extent to keep backward compatibility but also because it is often easier to start from beamlines when designing an accelerator *ab initio*. But since MAD-X works only with sequences internally, there may exist some inconveniences when only beamlines are defined by the user. It is therefore recommended to convert beamlines into sequences (e.g. by means of the [SAVE](#) command) as soon as possible lines in the design phase and to use only sequences for a finalised machine.

Attempting to do sequence edition on a sequence that has been expanded in memory from a beam line specified by the user is strongly discouraged.

### 12.1 Simple Beam Lines

The simplest beam line consists of single elements:

```
label: LINE= ( member { ,member } );
```

Example:

```

exmp1:  LINE=(a,b,c,d,a,d);
USE,    PERIOD=exmp1;

```

The `USE` command causes `MAD-X` to load and expand the specified beamline. This in particular loads the beamline as a `SEQUENCE` representation in memory. All subsequent calculations are done on this sequence in memory.

## 12.2 Nested Beam Lines

Instead of referring to an element, a beam line member can refer to another beam line defined in a separate command. This provides a shorthand notation for sub-lines or nested beam lines which can occur several times in a beam line. Lines and sub-lines can be entered in any order, but when a line is expanded, all its sub-lines must be known.

Example:

```

top:  LINE=(a,b,S,b,a,S,a,b);
S:    LINE=(c,d,e);
USE,  PERIOD=top;

```

produces the following expansion steps:

1. Replace sub-line S:

```
(a, b, (c,d,e), b, a, (c,d,e), a, b)
```

2. Omit parentheses:

```
a, b, c, d, e, b, a, c, d, e, a, b
```

## 12.3 Reflection and Repetition

An unsigned repetition count and an asterisk (multiplication sign) indicate repetition of a beam line member. A repetition count can be applied to sub-lines as well as elements.

A minus prefix causes reflection, i.e. all elements in the sub-line are taken in reverse order. Sub-lines of reflected lines are also reflected. Physical elements are not reflected head-to-tail, hence a negative repetition count for a single element is treated as positive.

If both reflection and repetition are desired, the minus sign must precede the repetition count.

Example:

```

R:  LINE= (g, h);
S:  LINE= (c, R, d);
top: LINE= (2*S, 2*(e,f), -S, -(a,b), -2*c);
USE, PERIOD=top;

```

produces the following expansion steps:

1. Replace sub-line S:

( (c,R,d), (c,R,d), (e,f), (e,f), (d,-R,c), (b,a), c, c)

2. Replace sub-line R:

( (c, (g,h), d), (c, (g,h), d), (e,f), (e,f), (d, (h,g), c), (b,a), c, c)

3. Omit parentheses:

c, g, h, d, c, g, h, d, e, f, e, f, d, h, g, c, b, a, c, c

Note that the inner sub-line R is reflected together with the outer sub-line S.

Note also that  $-2*c$  at the end of the `top` line is equivalent to  $2*c$  since single elements are not reflected, or  $2*(c)$  which would first promote `c` as a sub-line of a single element, or  $-2*(c)$  since reverting a sub-line of a single element gives the same single element.

## 12.4 Replaceable Arguments

A beam line definition may contain a formal argument list, consisting of labels separated by commas and enclosed in parentheses.

```
label( arg {,arg} ): LINE= ( member {,member} );
```

where `member` can be one of the `arg` arguments.

A beam line defined with arguments can be expanded for different values of its arguments. The arguments can be beam lines or element names. The number of actual arguments given at time of use must agree with the number of formal arguments defined at declaration time. All occurrences of a formal argument on the right-hand side of the line definition are replaced by the corresponding actual argument.

Example:

```
fodo(Q1,Q2): LINE=(Q1, d, Q2, d);
top:        LINE = ( fodo(qf12, qd23), fodo(qd34,qf45) );
USE, PERIOD=top;
```

expands to

```
qf12, d, qd23, d, qd34, d, qf45, d
```

Example showing that arguments can also be beam lines:

```
s:        LINE = (a,b,c);
l(x,y):   LINE = (d,x,e,3*y);
l4f:      LINE = (4*f);
lm2s:     LINE = (-2*s);
res:      LINE = l(l4f,lm2s);
```

Proceeding step by step, this example generates the expansion

```
d, f, f, f, f, e, c, b, a, c, b, a, c, b, a, c, b, a, c, b, a, c, b, a
```

## 12.5 Limits of Construction of Beam Lines

Since Lines are in fact depreciated there are some limits of how they can be constructed. Please find below a running MAD-X run which shows an example of OK (valid) and WRONG (invalid) cases.

```

!-----
beam, PARTICLE=electron, energy=1;

qf: QUADRUPOLE, L:=1,K1:=1;
qd: QUADRUPOLE, L:=1,K1:=-1;
d: DRIFT, l=1;
m: MARKER;

rpl(a,b): LINE=(a,b);
s1: LINE=(qf,d,qd);
test0: LINE=(rpl(s1,s1));           !OK
test1: LINE=(rpl((s1),(s1)));       !OK
test2: LINE=(rpl((s1),(-s1)));      !OK
test3: LINE=(s1,-s1);               !OK

test4: LINE=(rpl((3*s1),(3*s1)));   ! WRONG

test5: LINE=(3*s1,3*s1);             !OK

test6: LINE=(rpl((3*s1),(-3*s1)));  ! WRONG

test7: LINE=(3*s1,-3*s1);           !OK

use, period=test0;
twiss,BETX=1,bety=1;

use, period=test1;
twiss,BETX=1,bety=1;

use, period=test2;
twiss,BETX=1,bety=1;

use, period=test3;
twiss,BETX=1,bety=1;

use, period=test4;
twiss,BETX=1,bety=1;

use, period=test5;
twiss,BETX=1,bety=1;

```

```
use, period=test6;  
twiss,BETX=1,bety=1;
```

```
use, period=test7;  
twiss,BETX=1,bety=1;
```

```
!-----
```

## Chapter 13. Sequences

MAD-X accepts two forms of an accelerator definition: sequences and beam lines (See 12). However, the sequence definition is the only one used internally by MAD-X.

A sequence is declared with the following statements:

```
name: SEQUENCE, L=real, REFER=string, REFPOS=string,
      ADD_PASS=integer, NEXT_SEQU=string;
...
label: class, AT=real, FROM=string {, additional attributes};
      class, AT=real, FROM=string {, additional attributes};
seqname, AT=real, FROM=string;
...
ENDSEQUENCE;
```

The first statement declares a sequence, giving it a name in the form of a label, and providing some key parameters:

- L** (Default: 0.)  
the total length of the sequence in meters.
- REFER** = keyword in {entry, centre, exit} (Default: centre)  
specifies which part of the element is taken as the reference point at which the position along the beamline is given.
- REFPOS** (Default: none)  
specifies the name of an element in this sequence to be used as the reference point for the insertion of this sequence in another sequence.
- ADD\_PASS** (Default: 0)  
specifies a number of additional passes (max. 5) through the structure; in case of an RBEND the angle will be overwritten in survey using the  $i$ -th component ( $1 \leq i \leq \text{add\_pass} \leq 5$ ) of its `array_of_angles` attribute (see RBEND).
- NEXT\_SEQU** (Default: none)  
specifies the name of a sequence to be concatenated to the end of this sequence.

The ENDSEQUENCE statement terminates the declaration of a sequence.

Inside the SEQUENCE ...ENDSEQUENCE bracketing keywords, several types of statements may appear:

- An element declaration with label:

```
label: class, AT=real, FROM=string {, attributes} ;
```

an element declaration as usual, with additional AT attribute giving the relative element position, and an optional FROM attribute;

**CAUTION:** an existing definition for an element with the same name (label) will be replaced, however, defining the same element twice inside the same sequence results

in a fatal error, since a unique object (this element) would be placed at two different positions.

- An element declaration from class:

```
class, AT=real, FROM=string {, attributes} ;
```

a class name causing an instance of that class to be created with specified attributes, with additional **AT** attribute giving the relative element position, and an optional **FROM** attribute;

For uses inside ranges, instances of the same class can then be accessed with an occurrence count.

- A sub-sequence name:

```
seqname, AT=real, FROM=string ;
```

a sequence name with additional **AT** attribute giving the relative element position, and an optional **FROM** attribute;

Depending upon the **REFER** attribute of the current (containing) sequence, the **entry**, **centre**, or **exit** of the inserted sequence is placed at the position specified.

HOWEVER, if the inserted sequence has a **REFPOS** attribute containing the name of an element in the inserted sequence, the inserted sequence is placed such that the element pointed to by **REFPOS** is at the location specified in the current sequence.

The additional arguments that can be given in the declaration of sequence elements or sub-sequences are:

<b>AT</b>	mandatory argument giving the location at which the reference point ( <b>entry</b> , <b>centre</b> or <b>exit</b> ) of the element is to be placed in the sequence. The value is absolute with the zero reference at the start of the sequence, unless a <b>FROM</b> argument is specified.
<b>FROM</b>	optional argument giving the name of an element of the same sequence. The location given for the current element or sequence in the <b>AT</b> argument is then taken as <b>relative</b> to the position of the center of the element given by the <b>FROM</b> argument. Only simple elements should be used in <b>FROM</b> ; specifying a sequence as the <b>FROM</b> reference can lead to erroneous sequence expansion at best.

When the sequence is expanded in a **USE** command, **MAD-X** generates the drift spaces between elements according to the following rules:

1. When the distance between the exit of the previous element and the entrance of the next element is positive and greater than a threshold of  $1\mu m$  an explicit drift is generated with its own name, unless an already existing drift space with the same length (within  $10^{-12}m$  tolerance) can be re-used.
2. When the absolute value of the distance between the exit of the previous element and the entrance of the next element is less than a given tolerance of  $1\mu m$ , no drift space is created and the elements are considered as contiguous.

**Note that in very specific cases this can cause very small errors to accumulate**

and the actual length of the sequence can vary slightly from the declared length. (see second example below)

3. When the distance between the exit of the previous element and the entrance of the next element is negative and less than  $-1\mu m$ , the elements are considered to be overlapping and MAD-X terminates with a “negative drift length” fatal error.

When the sequence is expanded in a [USE](#) command, MAD-X also checks that the calculated sequence length is positive and that the lengths of all elements in the sequence are positive or zero. A negative sequence length or negative element length stops the MAD-X run with a fatal error.

For efficiency reasons MAD-X imposes an **important restriction** on element lengths and positions: once a sequence is expanded, the element positions and lengths are considered as fixed; in order to vary a position or element length, a re-expansion of the sequence becomes necessary. The [MATCH](#) command contains a special flag `VLENGTH` to vary element lengths during matching.

#### Example:

```
! Define element classes for a simple cell:
b:  sbend, l = 35.09, angle = 0.011306116;
qf: quadrupole, l = 1.6, k1 = -0.02268553;
qd: quadrupole, l = 1.6, k1 = 0.022683642;
sf: sextupole, l = 0.4, k2 = -0.13129;
sd: sextupole, l = 0.76, k2 = 0.26328;

! define the cell as a sequence:
sequ: sequence, l = 79;
    b1:  b,      at = 19.115;
    sf1: sf,     at = 37.42;
    qf1: qf,     at = 38.70;
    b2:  b,      at = 58.255, angle = b1->angle;
    sd1: sd,     at = 76.74;
    qd1: qd,     at = 78.20;
    endm: marker, at = 79.0;
endsequence;
```

Example of very small drift space being ignored during sequence expansion:

```
QTEST: QUADRUPOLE, L=1.000001;

TEST: SEQUENCE, REFER=centre, L=2.;
    QTEST, AT=1.5;
ENDSEQUENCE;

USE, SEQUENCE=TEST;
SURVEY, FILE='test';
```

The above sequence will expand to a total length of  $2.0000005m$ , half a micron longer than the claimed length of  $2m$ , but will not fail.



## Part III

# Input and Output

## Chapter 14. TFS File Format

TFS[8] is an acronym for the “Table File System”. TFS files have been used in the LEP control system. The MAD-X program knows only coded TFS files. The TFS format has been chosen for all table output of MAD-X. TFS formatted tables can be read back into MAD-X, and may then be further processed.

### 14.1 Descriptor Lines

MAD-X writes the following descriptors in all tables:

- COMMENT: The current title string from the most recent **TITLE** command.
- ORIGIN: The version of MAD-X used.
- DATE: The date of the MAD-X run.
- TIME: The wall clock time of the MAD-X run.
- TYPE: The type of the table: e.g. TWISS

Additional descriptors exist in the **Twiss table**, as well as the **Track tables**.

### 14.2 Column Formats

The column formats used are listed below:

Table 14.1: Column Formats used in TFS Tables

C format	Meaning	C format
%hd	Short integer	(%8d)
%le	Long float	(%-18.10g)
%ks	String of length k	("\\"-18s\')

Control lines begin with the TFS control character, followed by a blank. Data lines begin with two blanks. Columns are also separated by one blank character. The column width is chosen such as to accommodate the largest of the column name and the width of data values of the column.

### 14.3 Twiss TFS file header

The format of the twiss table is best illustrated with an **TFS file example**.

MAD-X gives access to parameters from TWISS and other tables using the **table access** function.

## Chapter 15. Conversion to *SixTrack*

*SixTrack*<sup>[9][10]</sup> is a separate beam optics code that is often used for long term tracking of particles, e.g. for dynamic aperture studies, because of its speed and controllability.

However the input files are notoriously difficult to produce by hand. This command may be used to generate *SixTrack* input files from a sequence loaded in MAD-X.

```
SIXTRACK, CAVALL=logical, MULT_AUTO_OFF=logical, MAX_MULT_ORD=integer,  
SPLIT=logical, APERTURE=logical, RADIUS=real;
```

The parameters are defined as:

- CAVALL** (optional flag) This puts a cavity element (*SixTrack* identifier 12) with Volt, Harmonic Number and Lag attributes at each location in the machine. Since for large hadron machines the cavities are typically all located at one particular spot in the machine and since many cavities slow down the tracking simulations considerably all cavities are lumped into one and located at the first appearance of a cavity. This default is enforced by omitting this flag.
- MULT\_AUTO\_OFF** (optional flag, default = FALSE) If TRUE, this module does not process zero value multipoles. Moreover, multipoles are prepared by **SIXTRACK** (output file fc.3) to be treated up to the order as specified with **MAX\_MULT\_ORD**.
- MAX\_MULT\_ORD** (optional parameter, default = 11) Process up to this order for **MULT\_AUTO\_OFF** = TRUE.
- SPLIT** (optional flag) OBSOLETE. This splits all the elements in two. This is for backward compatibility only. The user should now use the **MAKETHIN** command instead.
- APERTURE** (optional flag) flag to convert the apertures from MAD-X to *SixTrack* so that *SixTrack* can track with apertures defined. The aperture data is found in file fc.3.aper.
- RADIUS** (optional, default value is 1 m). This sets the reference radius for the magnets. This argument is optional but should normally be set.

### Important Notes:

- The files contain all information concerning optics, field errors and misalignments. Hence these should all be set and a

```
TWISS, SAVE;
```

command should always be issued before calling the **SIXTRACK** command.

- The **BV** flag is presently ignored by **SIXTRACK**.
- *SixTrack* and the MAD-X command **SIXTRACK** are presently set up for names of a maximum of 16 characters!!!! Therefore, it is mandatory to respect this limit for MAD-X names.

The *SIXTRACK* command always produces at least one output file:

- fc.2 - the basic structure of the lattice.

It may also produce any or all of the following files, depending on the sequence and command attributes:

- fc.3 - multipole mask(s).
- fc.3.aux - various beam parameters.
- fc.3.aper - aperture element data (units are mm and degrees).
- fc.8 - misalignments and tilts.
- fc.16 - field errors and/or combined multipole kicks.
- fc.34 - various optics parameters at various locations

This file is not needed by *SixTrack* but may be used as input to the program *SODD*[11].)

For a full description of these files see the *SixTrack* website[10], the *SixTrack* user manual[9]; and for information on running *SixTrack* see the *SixTrack* run environment description[12].

## Chapter 16. SXF file format

An SXF<sup>[13]</sup> lattice description is an ASCII listing that contains one named, “flat”, ordered list of elements, delimited as {...}, with one entry for each element. The list resembles a MAD-X “sequence” describing the entire machine. The syntax is supposed to be adapted for ease of reading by human beings and for ease of parsing by LEX and YACC.

### 16.1 SXFWRITE

The command

```
SXFWRITE, FILE=filename;
```

writes the current sequence with all alignment and field errors in SXF format onto the file specified. This then represents one “instance” of the sequence, where all parameters are given by numbers rather than expressions; the file can be read by other programs to get a complete picture of the sequence.

### 16.2 SXFREAD

The command

```
SXFREAD, FILE=filename;
```

reads the file “filename” in SXF format, stores the sequence away and loads the sequence in memory through the USE mechanism in order to keep the existing errors.

It is therefore possible to write a lattice complete with errors to a named file and reload it later in a different MAD-X job:

```
! define sequence MYSEQU
USE, mysequ;

! add alignment errors and field errors

SXFWRITE, FILE = file;

STOP;
```

and later:

```
SXFREAD, FILE = file;
! sequence mysequ is now reloaded and active, complete with errors.

TWISS;
...
```

## Chapter 17. Plotting data

Values contained in MAD-X tables can be plotted directly in MAD-X in the form column versus column, with up to four differently scaled vertical axes and up to 10 different variables in total for all vertical axes.

If the horizontal axis is the position "s" of the elements in a sequence, a symbolic representation of the beamline can also be displayed at the top of the plot.

In certain conditions true interpolation of optical functions and parameters inside the element is available through internal slicing of the element and a call to the [TWISS](#) module for each slice.

The basic plot attributes, such as line thickness, annotation size, and PostScript format and interpolation can be set with the [SETPLOT](#) command and reset with the [RESPLIT](#) command.

Note also that for various reasons a sequence must be defined before the PLOT command can be invoked.

### 17.1 PLOT

```
PLOT, HAXIS=  hname, HMIN=real, HMAX=real,
          VAXIS=  vname1, vname2, ..., vnamen,
          VAXIS1= vname1, vname2, ..., vnamen,
          VAXIS2= vname1, vname2, ..., vnamen,
          VAXIS3= vname1, vname2, ..., vnamen,
          VAXIS4= vname1, vname2, ..., vnamen,
          VMIN= reals, VMAX= reals,
          TITLE= string,
          BARS= integer, STYLE= integer, COLOUR= integer, SYMBOL= integer,
          INTERPOLATE= logical, ZERO_SUPPR= logical,
          NOVERSION= logical, NOLINE= logical, NOTITLE= logical,
          MARKER_PLOT= logical, RANGE_PLOT= logical, RANGE= range,
          TABLE= tablename, PARTICLE= particle1,particle2,...,particlen,
          MULTIPLE= logical, FILE= file_name_start, TRACKFILE= basename,
          PTC= logical, PTC.TABLE= tablename;
```

where the parameters have the following meaning:

- HAXIS**            name of the horizontal variable
- HMIN, HMAX**    lower and upper edge for horizontal axis. Both values must be provided.
- VAXIS**            one or several variables from the table to be plotted against a single vertical axis. If more than 10 variables are specified, the plot is not produced.
- VAXIS<sub>i</sub>**        one or several variables from the table to be plotted against vertical axis number *i*. There is a maximum of 4 vertical axes.

If the number of variables given for a single `vaxisi` would push the total number of variables beyond the maximum of 10, the variables given for this `vaxisi`, as well as those for subsequent `vaxes`, are ignored but the plot is produced for the variables accumulated so far.

*Important: VAXIS and VAXIS1..4 are exclusive in their application! if VAXIS is given, VAXIS1..4 will be simply ignored.*

<code>VMIN, VMAX</code>	lower and upper edge(s) for vertical axis or axes, up to four numbers separated by commas. Note that both <code>vmin</code> and <code>vmax</code> must be given for an axis to be effective.
<code>TITLE</code>	plot title string; if absent, the last overall title is used; if no such overall title as well, the sequence name is used.
<code>BARS</code>	0 (default) or 1 - with <code>bars=1</code> , all data points are connected to the horizontal axis with vertical bars.
<code>STYLE</code>	1 (default), 2, 3, or 4: line style for connecting the successive data points, respectively solid, dashed, dotted, and dot-dashed; the special value <code>style=100</code> uses the four styles in turn for successive curves in the same plot. With <code>style=0</code> successive data points are not connected.
<code>COLOUR</code>	1 (default), 2, 3, 4, or 5: colour for the symbols and lines, respectively black, red, green, blue, and magenta; The special value <code>colour=100</code> uses the five colours in turn for successive symbols and lines.
<code>SYMBOL</code>	0 (default), 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5: The symbols to be plotted at data points, respectively none, dot ("."), plus ("+"), star ("*"), circle ("o"), and cross ("x"). The symbol size may have to be adapted through the <code>SETPLOT</code> command (see below). Note that if <code>symbol</code> and <code>style</code> are both zero, <code>style</code> is forced to its default value ( <code>style=1</code> ) otherwise the plot would be invisible.
<code>INTERPOLATE</code>	logical, <code>default=false</code> . The data points are normally connected by straight lines; if <code>INTERPOLATE</code> is specified, the following on-momentum Twiss parameters are interpolated with calls to the Twiss module inside each element: <code>beta</code> , <code>sqrt(beta)</code> , <code>alfa</code> , <code>phase advance</code> , <code>orbit</code> , <code>angle</code> , <code>dispersion</code> and its first derivative, for both planes. For all other variables splines are used to smooth the curves. <b>Note</b> that setting this option is ineffective if the <code>INTERPOLATE</code> option of the <code>SETPLOT</code> command has been set to true; in this case all plots will be interpolated. <b>Note</b> also that because the <code>INTERPOLATE</code> option causes <code>TWISS</code> to be called internally with a range, any range that might have been defined in a previous <code>USE</code> command is lost. In this case the <code>USE</code> statement must be reiterated with the range, which in turn could cause assigned errors to be lost.
<code>ZERO_SUPPR</code>	To be documented (default = false)
<code>NOVERSION</code>	logical, <code>default=false</code> . If <code>NOVERSION=true</code> , the information concerning the version of <code>MAD-X</code> and the date of the run are suppressed from the title. This option

freed additional space available for the user specified title of the plot.

NOLINE	logical, default=false. If <i>s</i> is the horizontal variable, then a symbolic representation of the beamline is plotted above the plot, except for tables that have been read back into MAD-X. In case the horizontal scale is too large and the density of beamline elements is too high, this may result in hardly legible representation and a thick black block in the worst case. The NOLINE=true option suppresses this symbolic representation of the beamline.
NOTITLE	logical, default=false. If true, suppresses the title line, including the information on the version and date.
MARKER_PLOT	logical, default=false. If true, plotting is done also at the location of marker elements. This is only useful for the plotting of non-continuous functions like the "N1" from the aperture module. Beware that the PS file might become very large if this flag is invoked.
RANGE_PLOT	logical, default=false. Allows the specification of a plotting range for the user defined horizontal axis.
RANGE	horizontal plot <b>range</b> given by elements.
TABLE	<p>name of the table from which data is plotted (default: twiss).</p> <p>If the first part of the name of the table is "track", the data to be plotted are taken from the tracking file(s) generated by a previous TRACK command for each requested particle as defined by the <i>particle</i> attribute. If the required file has not been generated by a preceding TRACK command, no plot is done for that particle.</p> <p>The plot is generated through the GNUPLOT program and is available in the format specified by the SETPLOT command.</p> <p>The preceding TRACK command should contain the attribute <i>DUMP</i> and may contain the attribute <i>ONETABLE</i>. The tracking plots are appended to the file <i>file_name.ps</i> where <i>file_name</i> can be specified via the attribute <i>file_name=file_name</i>. Note that the plots are appended to this file and the file is not overwritten.</p> <p>The PLOT command uses the following tracking output files depending on the name of the table.</p> <p>With the attribute <i>table=trackone</i>, the data file is assumed to have been generated with the <i>ONETABLE=true</i> attribute of the TRACK command, and the file name has the following format: <i>basisone</i> where the basis for the file name is defined by the attribute <i>trackfile=basis</i> (default=track).</p> <p>With the attribute <i>table=trackxxx</i> where xxx is any string other than "one", the data files are assumed to have been generated with the <i>ONETABLE=false</i> attribute of the TRACK command, and the file names have the following format: <i>basis.obs0001.p00i</i> where the basis for the file name is defined by the attribute <i>trackfile=basis</i> (default=track), the observation point fixed is to 1 and the particle number <i>i</i> is given by the attribute <i>particle=i</i>.</p>
PARTICLE	one or several numbers associated to the tracked particles for which the specified plot has to be displayed.



MULTIPLE	logical, default=false. If true all the curves generated for each tracked particle are put on one plot. Otherwise there will be one plot for each particle.
FILE	<p>basename for the Postscript file(s). Only the first occurrence of such a name will be used. Default is "madx" or "madx_track" if the <i>table</i> attribute is track. Depending on the format (.ps or .eps, see below) the plots will either all be written into one file file_name.ps, or one per plot into file_name01.eps, file_name02.eps, etc.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> in the case of several PLOT commands in a single MAD-X job, the first FILE argument determines the basename and other FILE arguments in subsequent PLOT commands are ignored.</p>
TRACKFILE	basename of the files containing tracking data for each particle (default: track)
PTC	<p>logical, default=false. If set true, the data to be plotted are taken from the table defined by the attribute <i>ptc_table</i> which is expected to be generated previously by the ptc package. The data belong to the column identified by one of the names set in the definition of the ptc twiss table. Interpolation is not available and the attribute <i>interpolate</i> has no effect.</p> <p>This option is highly recommended when plotting data obtained from <a href="#">PTC_TWISS</a> since there is no mechanism for PLOT to physically interpolate the optical functions beyond using splines with no mechanism for constraints with derivatives. In most cases the INTERPOLATE option with data obtained with PTC_TWISS produces unphysical data representation.</p>
PTC_TABLE	name of the ptc twiss table from which data is plotted (default: ptc.twiss)

## 17.2 SETPLOT

```

SETPLOT, POST= integer, FONT= integer, LWIDTH= real,
        XSIZE= real, YSIZE= real,
        ASCALE= real, LSCALE= real, SSCALE= real, RSCALE= real,
        INTERPOLATE= logical;

```

where the parameters have the following meaning:

POST	default = 1. If =1, makes one PostScript file (.ps) with all plots; if =2, makes one Encapsulated PostScript file (.eps) per plot.
FONT	there are two defaults: 1 for screen plotting: this uses characters made from polygons; -1 for PostScript files; this is Times-Italic. There are various fonts available for positive and negative integers, best to be tried out, since they will look different on different systems anyway. GhostView will show strange vertical axis annotations, but the printed versions are normally OK.
LWIDTH	default = 1. Allows the user to set the curve line width. Depends on the system as well, so to be tried out.
XSIZE	bounding box size for PostScript, default=27 cm.

YSIZE	bounding box size for PostScript, default=19 cm.
ASCALE	annotation character height scale factor, default=1.
LSCALE	axis label character height scale factor, default=1.
SSCALE	curve symbol (see above) scale factor, default=1.
RSCALE	axis text character height scale factor, default=1.
INTERPOLATE	(default=false) The data points are normally connected by straight lines; if INTERPOLATE is specified, the following on-momentum Twiss parameters are interpolated with calls to the Twiss module inside each element: beta, sqrt(beta), alfa, phase advance, orbit, angle, dispersion and its first derivative, for both planes. For all other variables splines are used to smooth the curves. Note that if INTERPOLATE=true, all subsequent PLOT commands use interpolation, irrespective of the setting of their INTERPOLATE attribute; If INTERPOLATE=false (default), all subsequent PLOT commands respect the setting of their INTERPOLATE attribute.

### 17.3 RESPLOT

```
RESPLOT;
```

resets all defaults for the [SETPLOT](#) command.

### 17.4 First example for plots of tracking data

The following MAD-X code sample defines the tracking of four particles with the generation of a single file with name *basisone* holding the tracking data for all four particles.

```
// track particles
track, file=basis, dump, onetable;
  start, x= 2e-3, px=0, y= 2e-3, py=0;
  start, x= 4e-3, px=0, y= 4e-3, py=0;
  start, x= 6e-3, px=0, y= 6e-3, py=0;
  start, x= 8e-3, px=0, y= 8e-3, py=0;
  run, turns=1024;
endtrack;
```

The following sample code defines the plotting of the x-px and y-py phase space coordinates for all four particles. It takes into account the fact that all coordinates are in a single file with *table=trackone* and defines the filename where tracking data is to be found (*basisone*) with *trackfile=basis*.

```
// plot trajectories
setplot, post=1;
```

```

title, "FODO phase-space test";
plot, file=plot, table=trackone, trackfile=basis, noversion, multiple,
    haxis=x, vaxis=px, particle=1,2,3,4;
plot, file=plot, table=trackone, trackfile=basis, noversion, multiple,
    haxis=y, vaxis=py, particle=1,2,3,4;

```

With each plot command a temporary file *gnu\_plot.gp* containing GNUPLOT instructions is generated. The file generated by the first plot command reads:

```

set terminal postscript color
set pointsize 0.48
set output 'tmpplot.ps'
set title "FODO phase-space test"
set xlabel 'x'
set ylabel 'px'
plot 'basisone' using 3:($1==1 ? $4 : NaN) title 'particle 1' with points pointtype 1 , \
    'basisone' using 3:($1==2 ? $4 : NaN) title 'particle 2' with points pointtype 2 , \
    'basisone' using 3:($1==3 ? $4 : NaN) title 'particle 3' with points pointtype 3 , \
    'basisone' using 3:($1==4 ? $4 : NaN) title 'particle 4' with points pointtype 4

```

MAD-X then calls GNUPLOT as a subprocess to execute this file, which generates the file *tmpplot.ps*. The file *tmpplot.ps* is then **appended** to the file *plot.ps* determined by the attribute *file=plot*. The files *gnu\_plot.gp* and *tmpplot.ps* are then discarded.

The same process is repeated for the second plot command, resulting in a growing file *plot.ps*.

## 17.5 Second example for plots of tracking data

The following MAD-X code sample defines the tracking of four particles with the generation of individual files with name *basis.obs0001.p000i* with  $i=1..4$  holding the tracking data for each of the four particles.

```

// track particles
track, file=basis, dump;
  start, x= 2e-3, px=0, y= 2e-3, py=0;
  start, x= 4e-3, px=0, y= 4e-3, py=0;
  start, x= 6e-3, px=0, y= 6e-3, py=0;
  start, x= 8e-3, px=0, y= 8e-3, py=0;
  run,turns=1024;
endtrack;

```

The following sample code defines the plotting of the x-px and y-py phase space coordinates for all four particles with the data of all four particles on a single plot. It takes into account the fact that coordinates for all four particles are in separate files with *table=trackfodo* and defines the filename where tracking data is to be found (*basis.obs0001.p000i*) with *trackfile=basis*.

```

// plot trajectories
setplot, post=1;
title, "FODO phase-space test";
plot, file=plot, table=trackfodo, trackfile=basis, noversion, multiple,
    haxis=x, vaxis=px, particle=1,2,3,4;

```

```
plot, file=plot, table=trackfodo, trackfile=basis, noversion, multiple,  
      haxis=y, vaxis=py, particle=1,2,3,4;
```

With each plot command a temporary file `gnu_plot.gp` containing GNUPLOT instruction is generated. The file generated by the first plot command reads:

```
set terminal postscript color  
set pointsize 0.48  
set output 'tmpplot.ps'  
set title "FODO phase-space test"  
set xlabel 'x'  
set ylabel 'px'  
plot 'basis.obs0001.p0001' using 3:4 title 'particle 1' with points pointtype 1 , \  
      'basis.obs0001.p0002' using 3:4 title 'particle 2' with points pointtype 2 , \  
      'basis.obs0001.p0003' using 3:4 title 'particle 3' with points pointtype 3 , \  
      'basis.obs0001.p0004' using 5:4 title 'particle 4' with points pointtype 4
```

MAD-X then calls GNUPLOT as a subprocess to execute this file, which generates the file `tmpplot.ps`. The file `tmpplot.ps` is then **appended** to the file `plot.ps` determined by the attribute `file=plot`. The files `gnu_plot.gp` and `tmpplot.ps` are then discarded.

The same process is repeated for the second plot command, resulting in a growing file `plot.ps`.

## 17.6 MAD-X PLUGINS

MAD-X provides a plug-in mechanism for functionality extensions. Plug-in technique does not require linking at build time. The job is done at the time plug-in is loaded by the dynamic linker. In order to use any plug-in, the plugin support must be compiled in MADX. At the top of every MADX makefile there is variable `PLUGIN_SUPPORT` that must be set to "YES". Then, the appropriate C interface is compiled in and MADX is linked dynamically. Plug-ins must be accessible to the dynamic linker. The default location where plug-ins are searched is `$HOME/.madx/plugins`. Otherwise, the directory containing the library must be either listed in

1. the configuration file of the dynamic linker (on SLC3 it is `/etc/ld.so.conf`)
2. `LD_LIBRARY_PATH` environment variable

Existing plug-ins

1. **RPLOT**.

### **Example**

### **PROGRAMMERS MANUAL**

The interface is not yet fully defined. The documentation appears at the moment it happens.

## 17.7 RPLOT

RPLOT is a MAD-X plug-in that provides additional functionality using **ROOT**. It contains several tools

**RVIEWER** *plotting tool that handles the results in parametric form*

What makes it different from the standard PLOT module of MAD-X is that it is also able to deal with the parametric results. RPLOT provides graphical user interface that allows to choose which functions shall be drawn, set its ranges and adjust all the details of the plot formatting. Of course, the result is immediately visible on the screen, in contrary to the standard plot tool that is able to work solely in the batch mode. The user can choose several formats to save his plot, including postscript, gif, pdf, root macro and many others.

RVIEWER is able to draw the lattice functions

1. along the layout
2. at given position in function of one or two knobs

It provides a convenient way to set the knob values. As the value is set, the plotted functions are immediately drawn for the new value.

In order to run RVIEWER simply issue "rviewer;" command

**RTRACKSTORE** *enables storage of the tracking data in ROOT NTuple/Tree format*

Ntuple and its modern extension called Tree are formats designed for storing particle tracking data. It is proven to provide the fastest data writing and reading thanks to column wise I/O operations. It is commonly used for data storage by HEP experiments. Additionally, ROOT provides automatical ZIP data compression that is transparent for the user algorithms. Moreover, ROOT provides wide set of very comfortable tools for advanced analysis and plotting of the data stored in Trees.

Additionally, we plan to extend RVIEWER functionality that would provide intuitive graphical user interface to most commonly used features in particle tracking in accelerators. Thanks to that, the user is not forced to learn how to use the ROOT package.

Currently the feature is enabled only for tracking using the ptc\_trackline command, however, it will be extended to other tracking modes.

### Download

The newest version is available [here](#)

### Installation

Prerequisite: ROOT must be installed beforehand compilation and whenever the user wants to use the plug-in. See explanations on [ROOT webpage](#).

To install RPLOT

1. Unpack the archive, it will create directory rplot

```
tar xvzf rplot-X.XX.tgz
```

2. Change to rplot directory

```
cd rplot
```

3. Type

```
make install
```

### **Examples**

### **SYNOPSIS**

RVIEWER;

### **PROGRAMMERS MANUAL**

To be continued...

## Part IV

# MAD-X Modules



## Chapter 18. SURVEY

The SURVEY command computes the geometrical layout, i.e. the coordinates of all machine elements in a [global reference system](#). These coordinates can be used for installation. In order to produce coordinates in a particular system, the initial coordinates and angles can be specified.

```
SURVEY, SEQUENCE=string, FILE= string,  
      X0=real, Y0=real, Z0=real,  
      THETA0=real, PHI0=real, PSI0=real;
```

The SURVEY command has the following attributes:

- SEQUENCE** the name of sequence to be surveyed. By default the last sequence expanded with the USE command will be surveyed.
- FILE** the name of external file to which the results are written.  
(Default: survey)
- X0, Y0, Z0** the initial horizontal, vertical and longitudinal coordinates in meters.  
(Default: 0.0, 0.0, 0.0)
- THETA0, PHI0, PSI0** the initial horizontal and vertical angles and transverse tilt in radians.  
(Default: 0.0, 0.0, 0.0)

The computation results are written on the internal table named "survey". Results can also be written on an external file. Each line contains the global coordinates of an element taken at the end of the element.

The computation takes into account the length of each element, as well as the rotation angles defined for [SBEND](#), [RBEND](#), thin [MULTIPOLE](#) and thin [RFMULTIPOLE](#) elements exclusively. Rotation angles introduced via the KNL, KSL mechanism for other elements are ignored by SURVEY, other MAD-X commands, as well as PTC commands.

**Example:** average LHC ring with CERN coordinates.

```
REAL CONST R0 = 1.0; ! to obtain the average ring  
USE, SEQUENCE=lhcb1;  
SURVEY, X0=-2202.21027, Y0=2359.00656, Z0=2710.63882,  
      THETA0=-4.315508007, PHI0=0.0124279564, PSI0=-0.0065309236,  
      FILE=survey.lhcb1;
```

### WARNING :

In the case a machine geometry is constructed with thick lenses, the circumference changes when the structure is converted into thin lenses via the [MAKETHIN](#) command. This is an unavoidable feature of MAKETHIN. ONLY the structure with thick lenses must be used for practical purposes.

## Chapter 19. Twiss Module

The TWISS command calculates the [linear lattice functions](#) [3], and optionally the [chromatic functions](#). The coupled functions are calculated in the sense of Edwards and Teng[14]. For the uncoupled cases they reduce to the C and S functions.

```
TWISS, SEQUENCE=seqname, LINE=linename, RANGE=range,
      DELTAP=real{,real}||initial:final:step,
      CHROM=logical,
      CENTRE=logical, TOLERANCE=real,
      FILE=filename,
      TABLE=tablename, NOTABLE=logical,
      RMATRIX=logical,
      SECTORMAP=logical, SECTORTABLE=tablename, SECTORFILE=filename,
      KEEPORBIT=name, USEORBIT=name,
      COUPLE=logical,
      RIPKEN=logical;
```

The attributes of the TWISS command are:

- SEQUENCE**     the name of a valid sequence for which the calculation of optical functions should be performed.  
                  **SEQUENCE** and **LINE** are mutually exclusive.  
                  (Default: sequence or beam line defined in the latest USE command)
- LINE**            the name of a valid beamline for which the calculation of optical functions should be performed.  
                  **SEQUENCE** and **LINE** are mutually exclusive.  
                  (Default: sequence or beam line defined in the latest USE command)
- RANGE**            (Default: #S/#E)  
                  The TWISS calculation is restricted to the specified range. See **RANGE**.
- DELTAP**          =real{,real} or initial:final:step (Default: 0.0)  
                  The relative energy error DELTAP may be entered in one of the two forms above. The first form lists several numbers, which may be general expressions, separated by commas. The second form specifies an initial value, a final value, and a step, which must be constant expressions, separated by colons.  
                  For example, DELTAP=0.001 defines a single value, DELTAP=0.001,0.005 define two values and DELTAP=0.001:0.007:0.002 define four values.
- CHROM**            a logical flag to trigger computation of the [chromatic functions](#) as well as the radiation synchrotron integrals.  
                  *Please note that this option is needed for a proper calculation of the chromaticities in the presence of coupling!*  
                  *Please note that this option also changes the way that the chromaticities are calculated: The chromaticities are normally calculated from the analysis of the first and second order matrices. With CHROM, the chromaticities are re-calculated by explicitly calculating the tunes for the case of the specified mo-*

momentum deviation `DELTAP` and for the case of a momentum deviation equal to `DELTAP+1.e-6`. The tune differences divided by `1.e-6` yield the chromaticities.

<code>CENTRE</code>	a logical flag to enforce the calculation of the <a href="#">linear lattice functions</a> at the center of the element instead of the end of the element. The values in the tables and in the output files are affected by this flag. (Default: false) <i>Since the lattice functions are calculated inside the element the closed orbit coordinates in the output also include the misalignment of the element.</i>
<code>TOLERANCE</code>	the maximum closed orbit error, for all six orbit components, that can be tolerated during the closed orbit search. The value given in the <code>TWISS</code> command is only valid for the current calculation; the <code>COGUESS</code> command allows to change the default value for all subsequent closed orbit search calculations. (Default: <code>1.e-6</code> )
<code>FILE</code>	causes <code>MAD-X</code> to write a <a href="#">TFS Twiss table</a> to the file specified. (Default: <code>"twiss"</code> ) The columns of the table can be selected using the <code>SELECT</code> command with the <code>FLAG=twiss</code> attribute.
<code>TABLE</code>	the name of the table where <a href="#">linear lattice functions</a> as well as <a href="#">chromatic functions</a> are stored. (Default: <code>"twiss"</code> ) <b>Note:</b> If the <code>TABLE</code> option is given the selection of column names via the <code>SELECT</code> command is ignored. Hence if both <code>TABLE</code> and <code>FILE</code> options are given, the table written to file is the full twiss table, containing all elements as rows and all known Twiss parameters as columns.
<code>NOTABLE</code>	logical flag to prevent the creation of the internal twiss table. Consequently, no output file is created either. (Default: false)
<code>RMATRIX</code>	If this flag is used the the one-turn map at the location of every element is calculated and prepared for storage in the twiss table. Using the <a href="#">SELECT</a> command and using the column <code>RE</code> , <code>RE11</code> ... <code>RE16</code> ... <code>RE61</code> ... <code>RE66</code> these components will be added to the twiss table, i.e. with <code>"COLUMN, RE"</code> and <code>"COLUMN, REij"</code> one gets all or the component <code>"ij"</code> respectively.
<code>SECTORMAP</code>	a logical flag to initiate the calculation of a sector map.
<code>SECTORTABLE</code>	the name of the table containing the <code>SECTORMAP</code> values. The elements (lines) and parameters (columns) of the table can be tailored using the <a href="#">SELECT</a> command as specified in <code>SECTORMAP</code> (Default: <code>sectortable</code> )
<code>SECTORFILE</code>	the name of the file to which the <code>SECTORMAP</code> is written. The format of the output can be adjusted as specified in <code>SECTORMAP</code> (Default: <code>"sectormap"</code> )
<code>KEEPORBIT</code>	The <code>keeporbit</code> attribute (with an optional name, <code>keeporbit="name"</code> ) stores the orbit under this name at the start, and at all monitors.
<code>USEORBIT</code>	The <code>useorbit</code> attribute (with an optional name, <code>useorbit="name"</code> ) uses the

start value provided for the closed orbit search; the values at the monitors are used by the threader.

**COUPLE** (obsolete) This MAD-8 option can no longer be set since TWISS in MAD-X is always calculated in coupled mode. MAD-X computes the coupled functions in the sense of Edwards and Teng [14]. For the uncoupled cases they reduce to the C and S functions.

*Twiss calculation is 4D only!* : The TWISS command calculates an approximate 6D closed orbit when the accelerator structure includes an active **cavity**. However, the calculation of the Twiss parameters are 4D only. This may result in apparently non-closure of the beta values in the plane with non-zero dispersion. The full 6D Twiss parameters can be calculated with the **PTC\_TWISS** command.

**RIPKEN** This flag calculates the Ripken-Mais Twiss parameters (**beta11**, **beta12**, **beta21**, **beta22**, **alfa11**, **alfa12**, **alfa21**, **alfa22**, **gamma11**, **gamma12**, **gamma21** and **gamma22**) using **betx**, **bety**, **alfx**, **alfy**, **gamax**, **gamay**, **R11**, **R12**, **R21** and **R22** as input.

The tables are suitable for **PLOT**.

After a successful TWISS run MAD-X creates a table of summary parameters named "SUMM" which includes tunes, chromaticities, etc. versus the selected values of DELTAP. Please note that the **CHROM** attribute is needed for a proper calculation of the chromaticities in the presence of coupling!

Notice also that in MAD-X, DELTAP is converted to PT, which is used as longitudinal variable. Dispersive and chromatic functions are hence derivatives with respects to PT. (see [summ table](#)).

These summary parameters can later be accessed via the [table access functions](#) using the "SUMM" table.

## 19.1 Twiss Parameters for a Period

The simplest form of the TWISS command is

```
TWISS;
```

which calculates the periodic solution for the last beamline or sequence declared in a USE statement, and with zero DELTAP. Chromatic functions are not calculated. Standard tables ("TWISS" and "SUMM") are created in memory but no file is written to disk.

The slightly more elaborate version

```
TWISS, DELTAP=real{,real}, CHROM, TABLE=tabname;
```

computes the periodic solution, including chromatic functions, for the last beam line or sequence declared in a USE statement, for all values of DELTAP entered (or for DELTAP=0, if

none is entered). The tables "tabname" and "SUMM" are created in memory and no file is written to disk.

**Example:**

```
USE, period=OCT;
TWISS, DELTAP=0.001, CHROM;
```

computes the periodic solution for the linear lattice and chromatic functions for the beam line OCT and for DELTAP=0.001.

## 19.2 Initial Values from a Periodic Line

It is possible to track the lattice functions starting with the periodic solution for another beam line. If this is desired the TWISS command takes the form

```
TWISS, DELTAP=real{,real}, LINE=beamline,
      MUX=real, MUY=real,
      TABLE=tabname;
```

No other attributes should appear in the command. For each value of DELTAP, MAD-X first searches for the periodic solution for the beam line mentioned in LINE=beamline: The result is used as an initial condition for the lattice function tracking.

**Example:**

```
CELL: LINE=(...);
INSERT: LINE=(...);
USE, period=INSERT;
TWISS, LINE=CELL, DELTAP=0.0:0.003:0.001, CHROM, FILE;
```

For four values of DELTAP the following happens: First MAD-X finds the periodic solution for the beam line CELL: Then it uses this solution as initial conditions for tracking the lattice functions of the beamline CELL: Output is also written on the file TWISS:

If any of the beam lines was defined with formal arguments, actual arguments must be provided:

```
CELL(SF,SD): LINE=(...);
INSERT(X): LINE=(...);
USE, period=INSERT;
TWISS, LINE=CELL(SF1,SD1);
```

## 19.3 Given Initial Values

Initial values for **linear lattice functions** and **chromatic functions** may also be numerical. Initial values can be specified on the TWISS command:

```

TWISS, BETX=real, ALFX=real, MUX=real,
      BETY=real, ALFY=real, MUZY=real,
      DX=real, DPX=real, DY=real, DPY=real,
      X=real, PX=real, Y=real, PY=real,
      T=real, PT=real,
      WX=real, PHIX=real, DMUX=real,
      WY=real, PHIY=real, DMUY=real,
      DDX=real, DDY=real, DDPX=real, DDPY=real,
      R11=real, R12=real, R21=real, R22=real, !coupling matrix
      TABLE=tablename,
      TOLERANCE=real,
      DELTAP=real:real:real;

```

All initial values for [linear lattice functions](#) and [chromatic functions](#) are permitted, but BETX and BETY are required. Moreover, a [beta0](#) block can be added as filled by the [savebeta](#) command or see below. The lattice parameters are taken from this block, but will be overwritten by explicitly stated lattice parameters. As entered, the initial conditions cannot depend on DELTAP, and can thus be correct only for one such value.

## 19.4 SAVEBETA

```

SAVEBETA, LABEL=string, PLACE=string, SEQUENCE=sequencename;

```

marks a location given by attribute PLACE in an expanded sequence "sequence\_name"; at the next TWISS command execution, a [beta0](#) block will be saved at that location with the label given by the attribute LABEL. This is done only once; in order to get a new beta0 block at the same location in a subsequent TWISS command, the SAVEBETA command must be repeated. The content of the beta0 block can then be used in other commands, e.g. TWISS and MATCH.

**Example** (after sequence expansion):

```

SAVEBETA, LABEL=sb1, PLACE=mb[5], SEQUENCE=fivecell;
TWISS;
SHOW, sb1;

```

will save and show the beta0 block parameters at the end (!) of the fifth element of type "mb" in the sequence.

Initial lattice parameters can be transferred for later commands, in particular for twiss or the [match module](#), by using the [savebeta](#) command sequence.

Parameters in tables can also be accessed using the [table access](#) function.

```

USE, period=...;
SAVEBETA, LABEL=name, PLACE=place, SEQUENCE=s_name;
TWISS,...;

```

When reaching the [place](#) in the sequence "s\_name" during execution of TWISS, MAD-X will save a [beta0](#) block with the [label](#) name: This block is filled with the values of all lattice

parameters in place.

Example 1:

```
USE, period=CELL;
SAVEBETA, LABEL=END, PLACE=#E, SEQUENCE=CELL;
TWISS;
USE, period=INSERT;
TWISS, BETA0=END;
```

This first example calculates the [periodic solution](#) of the line CELL, and then track lattice parameters through INSERT, using all end conditions (including orbit) in CELL to start.

Example 2:

```
USE, period=CELL;
SAVEBETA, LABEL=END, PLACE=#E, SEQUENCE=CELL;
TWISS;
USE, period=INSERT;
TWISS, BETX=END->BETY, BETY=END->BETX;
```

This is similar to the first example, but the beta functions are interchanged (overwritten).

## 19.5 BETA0: Set Initial Lattice Parameters

Initial lattice parameters can be set 'manually' for later commands, in particular for [TWISS](#) or the [MATCH](#) module, by using the BETA0 command attached to a label.

```
label: BETA0, BETX=real, ALFX=real, MUX=real,
      BETY=real, ALFY=real, MUY=real,
      {etc for linear and chromatic lattice functions} ;
```

A BETA0 block can be used as a whole with all values declared, as a block with overridden values explicitly, or by extracting single values as shown in the three examples below:

Example of BETA0 block used as a whole in TWISS:

```
initial: BETA0, BETX=10., ALFX=0.0, MUX=0.0,
      BETY=10., ALFY=0.0, MUY=0.0,
      DX=1., DPX=0.0;
TWISS, BETA0=initial;
```

Example of BETA0 block used as a whole but with overridden values in the TWISS command:

```
initial: BETA0, BETX=10., ALFX=0.0, MUX=0.0,
      BETY=10., ALFY=0.0, MUY=0.0,
      DX=1., DPX=0.0;
TWISS, BETA0=initial, ALFX=-0.1, ALFY=0.1;
```

Example of using BETA0 block by extracting single values in the TWISS command:

```

initial:  BETA0, BETX=10., ALFX=0.0, MUX=0.0,
          BETY=10., ALFY=0.0, MUY=0.0,
          DX=1., DPX=0.0;
TWISS, BETX=initial->BETX, BETY=initial->BETY;

```

## 19.6 Sectormap output

The flag `SECTORMAP` of the `TWISS` command (together with an element selection via `SELECT`, `FLAG=sectormap,...`) causes a file "sectormap" to be written.

For each user-selected element, it contains the user-selected coefficients of the kick vector  $K$  (6 values), of the first-order map  $R$  ( $6 \times 6$  values) and of the second-order map  $T$  ( $6 \times 6 \times 6$  values)

The sector file is the output of a standard TFS table, which means that the set of columns of interest may be selected through a `SELECT` command as in the following example:

```
SELECT, FLAG=my_sect_table, COLUMN=name, pos, k1, r11, r66, t111;
```

The sectormap file contains for each selected element, one element per line, the set of chosen  $K$ ,  $R$ , and  $T$  matrix coefficients:

@ NAME	%13s				
@ TYPE	%09s				
@ TITLE	%08s				
@ ORIGIN	%19s				
@ DATE	%08s				
@ TIME	%08s				
* NAME	POS	K1	R11	R66	T111
\$ %s	%le	%le	%le	%le	%le
"FIVECELL\$START"	0	0	1	1	0
"SEQSTART"	0	0	1	1	0
"QF.1"	3.1	-1.305314637e-05	1.042224745	1	0
"DRIFT_0"	3.265	7.451656548e-21	1	1	0
"MSCBH"	4.365	-1.686090613e-15	0.9999972755	1	0.006004411526
"CBH.1"	4.365	0	1	1	0
"DRIFT_1"	5.519992305	-6.675347543e-21	1	1	0
"MB"	19.72000769	2.566889547e-18	1.000000091	1	-4.135903063e-25
"DRIFT_2"	21.17999231	-1.757758802e-20	1	1	0
"MB"	35.38000769	2.822705549e-18	1.000000091	1	-4.135903063e-25
"DRIFT_2"	36.83999231	2.480880093e-20	1	1	0
"MB"	51.04000769	3.006954115e-18	1.000000091	1	-4.135903063e-25
"DRIFT_3"	52.21	-4.886652187e-20	1	1	0
...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...

Of course, the `SELECT` statement can be combined with additional options to filter-out the



list of elements, such as in the following statement, which for instance only retains drift-type elements:

```
SELECT, FLAG=my_sect_table, CLASS=drift, COLUMN=name, pos, k1, r11, r66, t111;
```

K coefficients range: K1... K6

```

R coefficients range:
    R11  ...  R61
    R12  ...  R62
    ...  ...  ...
    R16  ...  R66
```

```

T coefficients range:
    T111 ...  T611
    T121 ...  T621
    ...  ...  ...
    T161 ...  T661
    T112 ...  T612
    ...  ...  ...
    T166 ...  T666
```

In the above notation,  $R_{ij}$  stands for "effect on the  $i$ -th coordinate of the  $j$ -th coordinate in phase-space", whereas  $T_{ijk}$  stands for "combined effect on the  $i$ -th coordinate of both the  $j$ -th and  $k$ -th coordinates in phase-space" along the lattice.

The maps are the accumulated maps between the selected elements. They contain both the alignment, and field errors present. Together with the starting value of the closed orbit (which can be obtained from the standard twiss file) this allows the user to track particles over larger sectors, rather than element per element. A typical usage therefore lies in the interface to other programs, such as TRAIN.

## 19.7 Beam Threader

In a machine with magnetic and alignment errors it can happen that the beam does not circulate and the closed orbit cannot be established and measured. This can also happen in MAD-X and the closed orbit finder does not converge.

The THREADER simulates beam steering through such a machine with repeated measurement of trajectory over a certain number of monitors and correction of the trajectory with upstream correctors.

When enabled, threading is executed whenever a trajectory or closed orbit search is carried out by the TWISS module.

The threader is controlled as an option. The following MAD-X commands enables the threader :

```
OPTION, THREADER;
```

and the threader can be disabled with

```
OPTION, -THREADER;
```

During the trajectory search in TWISS, or the first turn of the orbit search for a closed machine, the threader calculates at each monitor the difference between the present trajectory reading and a reference value. If the difference exceeds a threshold (see below), the threader searches backwards for the first corrector that will efficiently cancel the difference and calculates the corresponding kick. The trajectory is then recalculated starting again from that corrector and progressing forward. The calculated kicks are added to already existing kicks. If Twiss is searching for a closed orbit which involves tracking this trajectory over many turns, the threader is only active during the first turn.

The reference value for the trajectory difference is zero by default but can also be obtained from a previous orbit calculation if the current TWISS command has the USEORBIT flag enabled and a previous TWISS command had the KEEPORBIT flag enabled. This allows for example to thread the beam into a machine with orbit bumps present.

The threshold values for triggering the threader correction can be set with the command

```
THREADER, VECTOR={xmax, ymax, att};
```

where

**xmax, ymax** threshold orbit excursions beyond which the threader is applied.  
Defaults: 0.005, 0.005

**att** attenuation factor for the kicks applied by the threader  
Default: 1.0

The attenuation factor defines the fraction of the calculated kick that is actually applied by the threader. An attenuation factor of 0.5 will apply 50% of the calculated kicks.

## 19.8 Closed Orbit Guess

In order to help the initial finding of the closed orbit by the TWISS module, it is possible to specify an initial guess for the coordinates of the fixed point at the start of the lattice.

```
COGUESS, X=real, PX=real, Y=real, PY=real, T=real, PT=real,  
TOLERANCE=real,  
CLEAR=logical;
```

The COGUESS command has the following attributes:

**X, PX, Y, PY, T, PT** each parameter specified defines a first guess for all future closed orbit searches in case they are different from zero.

**TOLERANCE** sets the required convergence precision in the closed orbit search.  
(Default: 1.e-6)

**CLEAR** a flag to reset the tolerance to its default value and to cancel the effect of a previous COGUESS in defining a first guess for subsequent closed orbit searches.  
(Default: false)

**Example**

```
COGUESS, X=1.e-3;  
...  
TWISS;  
...  
COGUESS, Y=-2.e-3;  
...  
TWISS;  
...  
COGUESS, CLEAR;  
...  
TWISS;  
...
```

## Chapter 20. Matching Module

Before a match operation at least one sequence must be selected by means of a `USE` command. Matching is initiated by the `MATCH` command. The matching module can act on more than one sequence simultaneously by specifying more than one sequence when initiating the matching mode. From this command to the corresponding `ENDMATCH` command `MAD-X` accepts the matching commands listed below. For a mathematical description of the minimisation procedures see [15].

In particular one may do the following:

- Define the sequence(s) the matching module will work on
- Set initial conditions for transfer line matching
- Define constraints
- Define the parameters to be varied
- Match by different methods.

The matching commands are described in detail below. Some other commands can also be issued during matching.

- Enter and Leave Matching Mode
  - `MATCH`: Initiate Matching Mode
  - `ENDMATCH`: Leave Matching Mode
- Define Variable Parameter
  - `VARY`: Set Parameter to Vary
- Define Constraint
  - `CONSTRAINT`: Simple Constraint
  - `CONSTRAINT`: User Defined Variables
  - `WEIGHT`: Matching Weights
  - `GLOBAL`: Global Constraints
  - `GWEIGHT`: Weights for Global Constraints
- Matching Methods
  - `LMDIF`: Fast Gradient Minimisation
  - `MIGRAD`: Gradient Minimisation
  - `SIMPLEX`: Simplex Minimisation
  - `JACOBIAN`: Newton Minimisation
- Expression Matching with `USE_MACRO`

## 20.1 MATCH ... ENDMATCH

The MATCH command is used for matching either a periodic cell or an insertion to another part of the machine.

Both matching modes are initiated by the MATCH command using one of several forms:

```
MATCH, SEQUENCE='name1', 'name2', ..., 'name-n',
      SLOW=logical;
```

```
MATCH, SEQUENCE= 'name1', 'name2', ..., 'name-n',
      BETA0= 'beta01', 'beta02', ..., 'beta0n',
      SLOW=logical;
```

or

```
MATCH, SEQUENCE='seqname',
      BETX=real, ALFX=real, MUX=real,
      BETY=real, ALFY=real, MUY=real,
      X=real, PX=real, Y=real, PY=real,
      DX=real, DY=real, DPX=real, DPY=real,
      DELTAP=real, SLOW=logical;
```

The ENDMATCH command terminates the matching section and deletes all tables related to the matching run.

```
ENDMATCH;
```

- Cell matching: In the first mode the matching routine is initiated only with one attribute specifying the sequence(s) the matching module will work on. In this matching mode the periodicity of the optics functions is enforced at the beginning and end of the selected range.

```
MATCH, SEQUENCE='name1', 'name2', ..., 'name-n';
```

- Insertion matching: In the second mode, called insertion matching, the matching routine is initiated with two attributes: one specifying the sequence(s) the matching module will work on and one specifying the initial conditions of the optic functions for each sequence. In this case the initial values are assumed as exact.

- Specification of Initial Values: The initial values of the optical functions for the insertion matching can either be specified in form of a [SAVEBETA](#) command or by explicitly stating the individual optic function values after the MATCH command. The two options can be entered as

```
MATCH, SEQUENCE= 'name1', 'name2', ..., 'name-n',
      BETA0= 'beta01', 'beta02', ..., 'beta0n';
```

or

```
MATCH, SEQUENCE='seqname',
```

```

BETX=real, ALFX=real, MUX=real,
BETY=real, ALFY=real, MUY=real,
X=real, PX=real, Y=real, PY=real,
DX=real, DY=real, DPX=real, DPY=real,
DELTAP=real;

```

**Examples:**

Example 1:

```

CELL: SEQUENCE=(...) ;
INSERT: SEQUENCE=(...) ;
USE, PERIOD=cell;
SAVEBETA, LABEL=bini, PLACE=#e;
TWISS, SEQUENCE=cell;
USE, PERIOD=insert;
MATCH, SEQUENCE=insert, BETA0=bini;
CONSTRAINT, SEQUENCE=insert, RANGE=#e, MUX=9.345, MUY=9.876;

```

This matches the sequence 'INSERT' with initial conditions to a new phase advance. The initial conditions are given by the periodic solution for the sequence CELL1.

Example 2:

```

USE, PERIOD=insert;
MATCH, SEQUENCE=insert;
CONSTRAINT, SEQUENCE=insert, RANGE=#e, MUX=9.345, MUY=9.876;

```

This matches the beam line 'INSERT' with periodic boundary conditions to a new phase advance.

The initial conditions can also be transmitted by a combination of a [SAVEBETA](#) command and explicit optic function specifications:

```

USE, cell1;
SAVEBETA, LABEL=bini, PLACE=#E;
TWISS, SEQUENCE=cell1;
USE, PERIOD=line1;
MATCH, SEQUENCE=line1, BETA0=bini, MUX=1.234, MUY=4.567;

```

This example transmits all values of the [SAVEBETA](#) array 'bini' as initial values to the [MATCH](#) command and overrides the initial phase values by the given values.

An additional [CONSTRAINT](#) may be imposed in other places, i.e. intermediate or end values of the optics functions at the transition point.

- More than one active sequence:

The matching module can act on more than one sequence simultaneously by specifying more than one sequence after the [MATCH](#) command:

```

MATCH, SEQUENCE=line1, CELL1, BETA0=bini1, bini2;

```

This example initiates the matching mode for the 'LINE1' and the 'CELL1' sequence. The **Twiss** functions of the two sequences are calculated with fixed initial conditions. The **SAVEBETA** array 'bini1' is used for calculating the optics functions of sequence 'LINE1' and the **SAVEBETA** array 'bini2' for calculating the optics functions of sequence 'CELL1'. Without the initial conditions the matching module will work in the **CELL** mode.

- Special flags:

The **SLOW** logical flag enforces the old and slow matching procedure which allows to use the special columns **mvar1**, ..., **mvar4**, if they are added to the twiss table. Recently a number of parameter, like **RE56**, have been added to the list of parameters that can be matched. Nevertheless, some parameters might only be available when using the **SLOW** attribute.

### 20.1.1 Useful TWISS attributes

Some of the attributes of the **Twiss** command can be used in the **MATCH** command and are transmitted to the **Twiss** command when it is internally invoked during the matching process.

The main **Twiss** attributes that can be used also in the **MATCH** command are:

**RMATRIX**      If this flag is used the one-turn map at the location of every element is calculated and prepared for storage in the **Twiss** table.

Target values for the matrix elements at certain positions in the sequence can be specified with the help of the **CONSTRAINT** command and the keywords: **RE**, **RE11...RE16...RE61...RE66**, where **REij** refers to the "ij" matrix component.

**CHROM**          This logical flag sets the matching process to transmit the **CHROM** attribute to the **Twiss** command when it is invoked, enforcing the calculation of chromatic functions and synchrotron radiation integrals, and the alternative calculation of chromaticities as documented in **Twiss**.

If this flag is used the chromatic functions at the location of every element are calculated and prepared for storage in the **Twiss** table.

Target values for the chromatic functions at certain positions in the sequence can be specified with the help of the **CONSTRAINT** command and the respective keywords **WX**, **PHIX**, **WY**, **PHIY**, ... for the chromatic functions.

#### Examples:

```
MATCH, RMATRIX, SEQUENCE='name', BETA0='beta-block-name';
CONSTRAINT, SEQUENCE=insert, RANGE=#e, RE11=-2.808, RE22=2.748;
VARY, NAME=kqf, STEP=1.0e-6;
VARY, NAME=kqd, STEP=1.0e-6;
```

This matches the sequence 'name' with initial conditions to new values for the matrix elements **RE11** and **RE22** by varying the strength of the main quadrupole circuits.

## 20.2 VARY

A parameter to be varied is specified by the command

```
VARY, NAME=variable, STEP=real, LOWER=real, UPPER=real
      SLOPE=integer, OPT=real;
```

It has six attributes:

NAME	The name of the parameter or attribute to be varied,
STEP	The approximate initial step size for varying the parameter. If the step is not entered, MAD-X tries to find a reasonable step, but this may not always work.
LOWER	Lower limit for the parameter (optional),
UPPER	Upper limit for the parameter (optional).
SLOPE	allowed change rate (optional, available only using JACOBIAN routine). Limit the parameter to increase (SLOPE=1) or decrease (SLOPE=-1) only.
OPT	optimal value for the parameter (optional, available only using JACOBIAN routine).

### Examples:

```
VARY, NAME=PAR1, STEP=1.0E-4;           ! vary global parameter PAR1
VARY, NAME=QL11->K1, STEP=1.0E-6;      ! vary attribute K1 of the QL11
VARY, NAME=Q15->K1, STEP=0.0001, LOWER=0.0, UPPER=0.08; ! vary with limits
```

If the upper limit is smaller than the lower limit, the two limits are interchanged. If the current value is outside the range defined by the limits, it is brought back to range.

If a parameter comes outside the limits during the matching process the matching module resets the parameter to a value inside the limits and informs the user with a message. If such a 'rescaling' occurs more than 20 times the matching process terminates. The user should either eliminate the corresponding parameters from the list of varied parameters or change the corresponding upper and lower limits before restarting the matching process.

After a matching operation all varied attributes retain their value after the last successful matching iteration. Using JACOBIAN routine, STRATEGY=3, in case the number of parameters is greater than the number of constraint, if a parameter comes outside the limits, it is excluded automatically from the set of variables and a new solution is searched.

## 20.3 CONSTRAINT

Simple constraints are imposed by the CONSTRAINT command. The CONSTRAINT command has three attributes:

- the SEQUENCE entry specifies the sequence for which the constraint applies.



- the RANGE entry specifies the position where the constraint must be satisfied. The RANGE can either be the name of a single element in the sequence or a range between two elements. In the later case the two element names must be separated by a '/':  
RANGE=name1/name2
- the optics functions to be constrained.

The optic functions can be constrained in four different ways:

1. lower limit: `BETX > value`
2. upper limit: `BETX < value`
3. lower and upper limits: `BETX < value1, BETX > value2`
4. target value: `BETX=value`

In case one element is affected by more than one constraint command the last CONSTRAINT will be chosen. For example, one can specify the maximum acceptable beta function over a range of the sequence and specify the target beta function for one element that lies inside this range. In this case one must first specify the constraint that affects the whole range and then the constraint for the single element. This way the constraint of the target value overrides the previous constraint on the upper limit for the selected element.

For example, the following constraint statements limit the maximum horizontal beta function between 'marker1' and 'marker2' to 200 meter and require a horizontal beta function of 100 meter at element 'name1':

```
CONSTRAINT, SEQUENCE=seqname, RANGE='marker1'/'marker2', BETX<200.0;
CONSTRAINT, SEQUENCE=seqname, RANGE='name1'/'marker2', BETX=100.0;
```

When the two constraint statements are interchanged, and supposing that name1 is an element in the range marker1/marker2, the horizontal beta function at element 'name1' will only be limited to less than 200 meter and NOT constrained to 100 meter!

The CONSTRAINTS can either be specified with explicit values for the constraints of the optic functions or via a pre-calculated [SAVEBETA](#) module. The first options has the form:

```
CONSTRAINT, SEQUENCE=seqname, RANGE=position,
           BETX=real, ALFX=real, MUX=real,
           BETY=real, ALFY=real, MUY=real,
           X=real, PX=real, Y=real, PY=real,
           DX=real, DY=real, DPX=real, DPY=real;
```

Here all **linear lattice functions** (BETX, BETY, ALFX, ALFY, MUX, MUY, DX, DY, DPX, DPY) or **chromatic lattice functions** (WX, XY, PHIX, PHIY, DMUX, DUMY, DDX, DDY, DDPX, DDPY) are constrained at the selected range to the corresponding values.

The second form of the CONSTRAINT command has the form

```
CONSTRAINT, SEQUENCE=seqname, RANGE=position,
           BETA0=beta0-name, MUX=real, MUY=real;
```

Here all of (BETX, BETY, ALFX, ALFY, MUX, MUY, DX, DY, DPX, DPY) are constrained in the selected points to the corresponding values of a pre-calculated `SAVEBETA` module. In the above example the phases (MUX, MUY) are overridden by the numerical values specified via `MUX=real` and `MUY=real`. Normally `RANGE` refers to a single position.

## 20.4 User Defined Matching Constraints

In addition to the nominal `TWISS` variables, the user can define a limited set of 'user-defined' variables in the constraint statement. This allows, for example, the matching of the normalized dispersion or the mechanical aperture. The `MATCH` module allows four user defined variables called: `MVAR1`, `MVAR2`, `MVAR3` and `MVAR4`. The variables can be defined according to the general variable declaration rules of `deferred expressions`. For example, in order to match the normalized dispersion at a certain location in the sequence one would first define a variable:

```
MVAR1 := table(twiss,dx)/sqrt(table(twiss,betx));
```

After that the user has to select the variable for output in the `TWISS` statement (see details in the `TWISS module` and `SELECT` statement):

```
SELECT, FLAG=twiss, CLEAR;
SELECT, FLAG=twiss, COLUMN=keyword, name, s, betx, dx, mvar1;
TWISS, SEQUENCE=seqname, FILE=twissfile;
```

The variable can now be referenced like any other `TWISS` variable in the constraint command:

```
CONSTRAINT, SEQUENCE=seqname, RANGE=range, MVAR1=targetvalue;
```

## 20.5 GLOBAL

In addition to conventional matching constraints that specify the optics functions at a certain position in the sequence the user can also constrain global optics parameters such as, for example, the overall machine tune and the machine chromaticity. Such global optics parameters can be constraint via the `GLOBAL` command, having the following syntax:

```
GLOBAL, SEQUENCE=seqname,
      Q1=real, DQ1=real,
      Q2=real, DQ2=real;
```

All attributes are optional and have the following meaning:

<code>SEQUENCE</code>	the name of the sequence on which to operate the matching.
<code>Q1, Q2</code>	enable a correction of tunes in presence of magnetic imperfections or misalignments
<code>DQ1, DQ2</code>	enable a correction of chromaticities in presence of magnetic imperfections or misalignments

## 20.6 WEIGHT, GWEIGHT

The matching procedures try to fulfil the constraints in a least square sense. A penalty function is constructed which is the sum of the squares of all errors, each multiplied by the specified weight. The larger the weight, the more important a constraint becomes. The weights are taken from a table of current values. These are initially set to default values listed in the table below, and may be reset at any time to different values. Values set in this way remain valid until changed again.

The `WEIGHT` command changes the weights for subsequent constraints:

```
WEIGHT, BETX=real, ALFX=real, MUX=real,
      BETY=real, ALFY=real, MUY=real,
      X=real, PX=real, Y=real, PY=real,
      DX=real, DPX=real, DY=real, DPY=real;
```

The weights are entered with the same name as the [linear lattice functions orbit coordinate](#) to which the weight applies. Frequently the matching weights serve to select a restricted set of functions to be matched.

Matching weights for global matching constraints can be set by the `GWEIGHT` command, having attributes identical to those of `GLOBAL`.

```
GWEIGHT, Q1=real, DQ1=real,
        Q2=real, DQ2=real;
```

Default values for matching weights are given in the table below.

Table 20.1: Default Matching Weights

NAME	WEIGHT	NAME	WEIGHT	NAME	WEIGHT
BETX	1.0	ALFX	10.0	MUX	10.0
BETY	1.0	ALFY	10.0	MUY	10.0
X	10.0	PX	100.0		
Y	10.0	PY	100.0		
T	10.0	PT	100.0		
DX	10.0	DPX	100.0		
DY	10.0	DPY	100.0		
WX	1.0	PHIX	1.0	DMUX	1.0
WY	1.0	PHIY	1.0	DMUY	1.0
DDX	1.0	DDPX	1.0		
DDY	1.0	DDPY	1.0		
MVAR $i$	10.0				
Q1	10.0	DQ1	1.0		
Q2	10.0	DQ2	1.0		

## 20.7 Matching Methods

MAD-X currently supports four different matching algorithms each associated to a command with its own attributes.

### 20.7.1 LMDIF: Fast Gradient Minimisation

The LMDIF command minimises the sum of squares of the constraint functions using their numerical derivatives. It is the fastest minimisation method available in MAD-X.

```
LMDIF, CALLS=integer, TOLERANCE=real;
```

The command has two attributes:

- CALLS**            The maximum number of calls to the penalty function. (Default: 1000)
- TOLERANCE**      The desired tolerance for the minimum. (Default: 1E-6)

### 20.7.2 MIGRAD: Gradient Minimisation

The MIGRAD command minimises the penalty function using the numerical derivatives of the sum of squares.

```
MIGRAD, CALLS=integer, TOLERANCE=real, STRATEGY=integer;
```

The command has three attributes:

- CALLS**            the maximum number of calls to the penalty function. (Default: 1000)
- TOLERANCE**      the desired tolerance for the minimum. (Default: 1E-6)
- STRATEGY**       specifies the strategy to be used. (Default: 1)  
Details are given in [15].

### 20.7.3 SIMPLEX: Simplex Minimisation

The SIMPLEX command minimises the penalty function by the simplex method. Details are given in [15].

```
SIMPLEX, CALLS=integer, TOLERANCE=real;
```

The command has two attributes:

- CALLS**            The maximum number of calls to the penalty function. (Default: 1000)
- TOLERANCE**      The desired tolerance for the minimum. (Default: 1E-6)

### 20.7.4 JACOBIAN: Newton Minimisation

The JACOBIAN command minimises the penalty function calculating the Jacobian and solving the linear problem. A *QR* or *LQ* decomposition is performed when the system is over or under-determined. Before starting the matching routine two optional transformations (COOL and RANDOM) are performed.

```
JACOBIAN, CALLS=integer, TOLERANCE=real, REPEAT=integer,
        STRATEGY=integer, COOL=real, BALANCE=real, RANDOM=real;
```

The command has the following attributes:

- CALLS**            The maximum number of calls to the penalty function. (Default: 30)
- TOLERANCE**      The desired tolerance for the minimum. (Default: 1E-6)
- REPEAT**          The number of calls of the JACOBIAN routine. (Default: 1)
- BISEC**           Selects the maximum number of iteration used to determine the step length which reduces the penalty function during the main iteration. A large number (i.e. 6) reduces the probability to diverge from the solution, but increases the probability of being trapped in a local minimum.
- STRATEGY**        A code for the strategy to be used. (Default: 3)  
 If STRATEGY=1 the routine resets the values of the variables which exceeds the limits. If STRATEGY=2 the routine print the Jacobian and exit without matching. If STRATEGY=3 the routine disables the variables which exceeds the limits keeping however the number of variables greater or equal to the number of the constraints.

**COOL, BALANCE** The factors which specify the following transformation:

```
if "balance" >=0
    newval = (1-cool)*oldval + &
            cool*((1-balance)*maxval + balance*minval)
else
    newval = (1-cool)*oldval + cool*optval
```

where **newval** is the new value after the transformation, **oldval** is the previous value, **maxval**, **minval**, **optval** are the maximum, minimum and optimal value of the variable specified in the VARY command.

**RANDOM**          The factors which specify the following transformation:

```
newval = ( 1 + random * rand() ) * oldval
```

where **newval** is the new value after the transformation, **oldval** is the previous value, **rand()** is a stochastic variable with a uniform (-0.5,0.5) distribution.

## 20.8 USE\_MACRO

It is possible to match user defined expressions with the `USE_MACRO` keyword.

The general input structure for a `MATCH` command is the following:

```
MATCH,USE_MACRO;
... VARY statements ...
USE_MACRO, NAME=macro1;
    or
macro1: MACRO={ ... madx statements};
CONSTRAINT, expr= "lhs1 < | = | > rhs1";
CONSTRAINT, expr= "lhs2 < | = | > rhs2";
... CONSTRAINT statements ...
MACRO 2 definition
... CONSTRAINT statements ...
MACRO n definition
... CONSTRAINT statements ...
... METHODS statements ...
ENDMATCH;
```

The algorithm for evaluating the penalty function is the following:

- execute the first macro,
- evaluate and compute the difference between the left hand side (lhs) and the right hand side (rhs) of the first set of expressions,
- in case of other macros, evaluates in order the macro and the expressions
- the set of differences are minimized by the selected method using the variables defined in the `VARY` statements.

### 20.8.1 Initiating the Matching Module with USE\_MACRO

With:

```
MATCH, USE_MACRO;
```

the `MATCH` command can be used for matching any expression which can be defined through expression. It requires a slightly different syntax.

### 20.8.2 VARY statements

In the `USE_MACRO` mode the vary statement follows the same rules of the other modes explained in the section [Define Variable Parameter](#)

### 20.8.3 Macro definitions

The macro to be used in the matching routine can be defined in two ways:

- using USE\_MACRO statement:

```
USE_MACRO, NAME=macro1;
```

defining a new macro on the fly using the usual syntax for **macros**.

After a macro definition a set of constraints should be defined, with the following syntax for the CONSTRAINT command:

```
CONSTRAINT, expr = "lhs = rhs";
CONSTRAINT, expr = "lhs < rhs";
CONSTRAINT, expr = "lhs > rhs";
```

where "lhs" and "rhs" are well defined MAD-X expressions. Another set of macro and constraints can be defined afterwards.

### 20.8.4 Examples

The USE\_MACRO mode can emulate a matching script which uses the normal syntax.

Normal syntax:

```
MATCH,SEQUENCE=LHCB1,LHCB2;
  VARY, NAME=KSF.B1, STEP=0.00001;
  VARY, NAME=KSD.B1, STEP=0.00001;
  VARY, NAME=KSF.B2, STEP=0.00001;
  VARY, NAME=KSD.B2, STEP=0.00001;
  GLOBAL,SEQUENCE=LHCB1,DQ1=QPRIME;
  GLOBAL,SEQUENCE=LHCB1,DQ2=QPRIME;
  GLOBAL,SEQUENCE=LHCB2,DQ1=QPRIME;
  GLOBAL,SEQUENCE=LHCB2,DQ2=QPRIME;
  LMDIF, CALLS=10, TOLERANCE=1.0E-21;
ENDMATCH;
```

USE\_MACRO syntax:

```
MATCH,USE_MACRO;
  VARY, NAME=KSF.B1, STEP=0.00001;
  VARY, NAME=KSD.B1, STEP=0.00001;
  VARY, NAME=KSF.B2, STEP=0.00001;
  VARY, NAME=KSD.B2, STEP=0.00001;
  M1: MACRO={ TWISS,SEQUENCE=LHCB1; };
  CONSTRAINT, EXPR= TABLE(SUMM,DQ1)=QPRIME;
  CONSTRAINT, EXPR= TABLE(SUMM,DQ2)=QPRIME;
  M2: MACRO={ TWISS,SEQUENCE=LHCB2; };
  CONSTRAINT, EXPR= TABLE(SUMM,DQ1)=QPRIME;
  CONSTRAINT, EXPR= TABLE(SUMM,DQ2)=QPRIME;
```

```

    LMDIF, CALLS=10, TOLERANCE=1.0E-21;
ENDMATCH;

```

## 20.9 Matching Examples

All matching examples and the related files for executing the MADX sample jobs can be found in the examples directory.

- Simple Periodic Cell  
Match a simple cell to given phase advances: [FIVE-CELL](#)
- Simple Periodic Cell  
Match the matrix elements of the linear transfer matrix at the end of a sequence 5 periodic cells: [RMATRIX](#)
- Transfer line with initial conditions  
Match a sequence of 5 periodic cells with initial conditions to given beta-functions at the end of the sequence: [Transfer line](#)
- Global tune matching in a sequence of 5 periodic cells  
Match the global tune of a sequence of 5 periodic cells: [Global tune](#)
- Global tune matching for the LHC  
Match the global tune for beam1 of the LHC: [Global tune for the LHC](#)
- Global chromaticity matching for the LHC  
Match the global chromaticity for beam1 of the LHC: [Global chromaticity for the LHC](#)
- Global chromaticity matching for both beams of the LHC  
Match the global chromaticity for beam1 and beam2 of the LHC: [Global chromaticity for both beams of the LHC](#)
- IR8 insertion matching for beam1 of the LHC  
Match the insertion IR8 with initial conditions to given values of the optics functions at the IP and the end of the insertion: [IR8 insertion matching](#) for beam1 of the LHC
- IR8 insertion matching for beam1 of the LHC with upper limits on the optics functions  
Match the insertion IR8 with initial conditions to given values of the optics functions at the IP and the end of the insertion while limiting the maximum acceptable beta functions over the whole insertion: [IR8 insertion matching](#) for beam1 of the LHC with upper limits for all beta functions inside the insertion
- Simultaneous orbit matching at IP8 for beam1 and beam2 of the LHC  
Match simultaneously the orbit of beam1 and beam of the LHC at IP8 with initial conditions to the same given values at the IP: [Orbit matching at IP8](#) for beam1 and beam2 of the LHC
- IR8 beta squeeze for beam1 using JACOBIAN matching routine  
Try to find a beta squeeze for IR8 starting from 10 meters. [Beta squeeze for IR8](#)



- Matching first and second order chromaticity of the LHC using USE\_MACRO option. Match simultaneously the first and second order chromaticity by defining macros which compute them using the TWISS command or PTC. **Second order chromaticity**
- Matching s position using VLENGTH flag. match the positions of elements and the total sequence length for a simple sample sequence. **s position matching**
- Matching s position using USE\_MACRO. match the positions of elements and the total sequence length for a simple sample sequence using USE\_MACRO. **s position matching**

## Chapter 21. EMIT: Equilibrium emittances

EMIT calculates the equilibrium emittances:

```
EMIT, DELTAP=real, TOL=real;
```

The attributes for the EMIT command are:

- DELTAP**            the average energy error.  
EMIT adjusts the RF frequencies in order to obtain this average energy error: the revolution frequency  $f_0$  is determined for a fictitious particle with constant momentum error  $\text{DELTAP} = \delta_s = \delta(E)/p_s c$  travelling along the design orbit. The RF frequencies are then set to  $f_{RF} = h f_0$ .
- TOL**              The tolerance attribute is for the distinction between static and dynamic cases: if for the eigenvalues of the one-turn matrix,  $|\text{e\_val}_5| < \text{tol}$  and  $|\text{e\_val}_6| < \text{tol}$ , then the longitudinal motion is not considered, otherwise it is.  
(Default: 1.000001)

If the machine contains at least one RF cavity, and if synchrotron radiation is enabled with `BEAM, RADIATE=true;`, the EMIT command computes the equilibrium emittances and other electron beam parameters using the method in [16].

In this calculation the effects of quadrupoles, sextupoles and octupoles along the closed orbit are also considered. Thin multipoles are used only if they have a fictitious length LRAD different from zero.

If the machine does not contain any RF cavity, if synchrotron radiation is turned off (`BEAM, RADIATE=false;`), or if the longitudinal motion is not stable, EMIT only computes the parameters that are not related to radiation and does not update the BEAM values.

If synchrotron radiation is enabled (`BEAM, RADIATE=true;`), and the DELTAP attribute is zero, and the longitudinal motion is stable, EMIT calculates and updates the following values for the BEAM attached to the current sequence: both geometric and normalized transverse emittances, longitudinal emittance and beam sizes ( $\sigma_E$  and  $\sigma_t$ ), damping partition numbers, energy loss per turn and synchrotron tune.

### Example:

```
RFC: RFCAVITY, HARMON..., VOLT=...;
...
BEAM, ENERGY = 100.0, RADIATE=true;
EMIT, DELTAP = 0.01;
```

### Remark:

This module assumes nearly constant lattice functions inside elements. This assumption works for many machines, like LEP (see example), but it fails when the lattice functions largely vary inside single elements. In the later case it is advised to slice the elements as shown in the example pertaining to ALBA.

## Chapter 22. Physical Aperture

Physical apertures can be defined and associated to most elements in MAD-X.

The [APERTURE](#) command calculates the beam stay clear values (n1 values).

During tracking the particle excursion can be checked against the available aperture, and the particle lost if it falls outside the defined aperture.

### 22.1 Aperture definition

The aperture for a particular element or class of elements can be set in MAD-X at the time of definition or instantiation of the element or class.

Note that instantiation can also happen at the time of declaration of an element in a [sequence](#).

The aperture can be specified for any element or class of elements, with the exception of drift spaces.

The definition of the aperture takes the following form and parameters:

```
..., APERTYPE=string, APERTURE={values},  
APER_OFFSET={values}, APER_TOL={values},...
```

where the four specific attributes are attributes of an element declaration or instantiation.

The minimum aperture definition uses the following two attributes:

**APERTYPE** defines the aperture type from a set of preselected types, or from a file if a filename is provided as argument. The preselected types are:

**CIRCLE**

**RECTANGLE**

**ELLIPSE**

**RECTCIRCLE** a superposition of a **CIRCLE** and a **RECTANGLE**

**LHCSCREEN** an alias for **RECTCIRCLE**

**RECTELLIPSE** a superposition or intersection of an **ELLIPSE** and a **RECTANGLE**

**RACETRACK** the union of an **ELLIPSE** and a **RECTANGLE** forming a **RACETRACK** shape with four quarters of ellipse, one per quadrant, connected by straight lines

**OCTAGON** a simply connex octagon

If a filename is provided as argument, the file must contain a list of x and y coordinates, one pair per line, outlining the complete aperture shape, i.e. no symmetry is assumed. This option is only supported by the [APERTURE](#) module

and an aperture thus defined is ignored in the **TRACK** module. When a filename is provided as argument, the **APERTURE** attribute is ignored.

**APERTURE** is an array of values, the number and meaning of which depends on the **APERTYPE**.

Table 22.1: Predefined aperture types

<b>APERTYPE</b>	<b># of values</b>	<b>meaning of values</b>
CIRCLE	1	radius of circle
RECTANGLE	2	half width and half height of rectangle
ELLIPSE	2	horizontal and vertical semi-axes of ellipse
RECTCIRCLE or LHSCREEN	3	half width and half height of rectangle, radius of circle
RECTELLIPSE	4	half width and half height of rectangle, horizontal and vertical semi-axes of ellipse
RACETRACK	4	half width and half height along main axes, and horizontal and vertical semi-axes of ellipse for the rounding of the corners
OCTAGON	4	half width and half height along main axes, two angles sustaining the cut corner in the first quadrant, given in radians and in order of increasing values.

### Examples

The following statements are equivalent in setting an elliptic aperture using the variables **APH** and **APV**:

```
..., APERTYPE=ellipse, APERTURE={APH, APV};
..., APERTYPE=rectellipse, APERTURE={APH, APV, APH, APV};
..., APERTYPE=racetrack, APERTURE={APH, APV, APH, APV};
```

Similarly the following statements are equivalent in setting a rectangular aperture using the variables **APX** and **APY**, and  $APR:=\sqrt{APX^2+APY^2}$ :

```
..., APERTYPE=rectangle, APERTURE={APX, APY};
..., APERTYPE=rectellipse, APERTURE={APX, APY, APR, APR};
..., APERTYPE=racetrack, APERTURE={APX, APY, 0.0, 0.0};
```

When the aperture is described in a file, the only parameter to be provided is a filename given as value to the **APERTYPE** attribute:

```
MB: SBEND, L=1.MB, APERTYPE="MB-aper.txt";
```

where "MB-aper.txt" contains the list of x-y coordinates defining the aperture shape:

```
x0  y0
xi  yi
```

```
...
xn   yn
```

### Notes

- There are inconsistencies in the parameter definition for the different aperture types. This is historical and is kept for backwards compatibility. Pay some attention to the parameters you introduce!
- The RECTELLIPSE and RACETRACK shapes are fundamental in the sense that both can properly model the other CIRCLE, ELLIPSE and RECTANGLE shapes, and that RECTCIRCLE and LHCScreen shapes are a particular of RECTELLIPSE
- It is considered good practice to always set the first two APERTURE parameters for predefined shapes to be the maximum horizontal and vertical extents. This proves useful when trying to plot horizontal and vertical beam stay-clear. For example, it is better to use

```
..., APERTYPE=rectellipse, APERTURE=APX, APY, APX, APY;
```

rather than

```
..., APERTYPE=rectellipse, APERTURE=100, 100, APX, APY;
```

- When [MAKETHIN](#) is called all thin slices inherit the aperture of their respective original thick lens version.
- When the [SIXTRACK](#) command is called (see the [SixTrack converter module](#)) the apertures are ignored by default. To convert the apertures as well the [APERTURE](#) flag has to be set in [C6T](#).
- Aperture parameters are like all parameters and are inherited by derived elements. Like other parameters they can also be overridden by the derived elements if necessary.
- The [APERTYPE](#) and the [APERTUREs](#) themselves can be conveniently added to the [TWISS](#) ([chapter 19](#)) table by using the [SELECT](#) command ([section 4.11](#)). For example the command:

```
Select, flag=twiss, clear;
Select, flag=twiss, column= name,s,betx,alfx,mux,bety,alfy,muy,
                        apertype,aper_1,aper_2;
```

and a subsequent [TWISS](#) command put the aperture information together with the specified [TWISS](#) parameters into the [TWISS](#) table.

- The minimum beam stay-clear value (n1 value) computed along the beamline is printed to standard out and is also available as an output variable [N1MIN](#) of the [BEAM](#) command:

```
Value, beam->n1min;
nmin = beam->n1min;
```

## 22.2 Aperture tolerance definition

A parameter closely connected to the aperture is the sum of the mechanical and alignment tolerances. The mechanical tolerance is the maximal error margin of errors in the element body which causes a decrease of aperture, and the alignment tolerance is a misalignment of the element in the accelerator, which also causes a decrease of aperture. The tolerance is given in the transverse plane as a racetrack, like in picture 22.1 below.

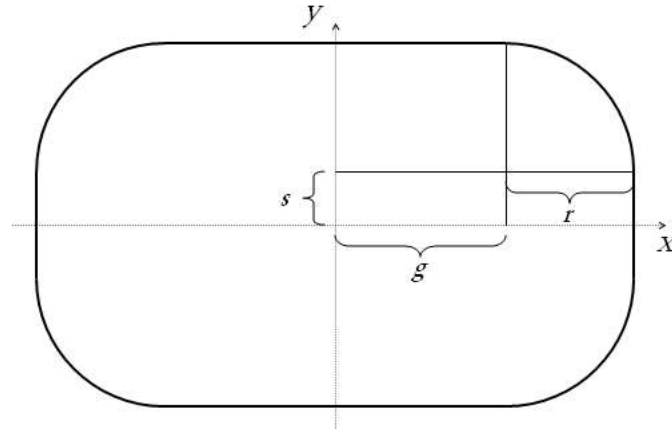


Figure 22.1: Definition of aperture tolerances

A tolerance can be assigned to each element in a MAD-X sequence as a vector:

$$\text{APER\_TOL} = \{r, g, s\};$$

**Example:**

```
MB: SBEND, L=1.MB, APER_TOL={1.5, 1.1, 0};
```

## 22.3 Aperture offset definition

An aperture offset can be assigned to each element in a MAD-X sequence as a vector:

$$\text{APER\_OFFSET} = \{\text{real}, \text{real}\};$$

where the two real values are respectively the horizontal and vertical offsets of the aperture inside the element.

The offsets are only used in the [tracking](#) module of MAD-X and are ignored by the `APERTURE` command and by `PTC_TRACK`.

## 22.4 APERTURE

The `APERTURE` module was developed specifically for the LHC. Default parameter values are LHC values.

The APERTURE module computes the `n1` values for a piece of machine. Each element is sliced into thick sub-elements at given intervals, and the available aperture is computed at the end of each slice. The APERTURE module gets the geometric emittances from the values given or calculated in the BEAM command. The computation is based on the last Twiss table computed by the TWISS command. It is important to properly define a BEAM, and run TWISS and APERTURE commands on the same period or sequence.

The APERTURE example below also shows how to [plot](#) the resulting `n1` values.

The minimum `n1` value is written to the last Twiss table, to allow for [matching by aperture](#).

```
APERTURE, RANGE=range,
          DQF=real, DPARX=real, DPARY=real,
          BETAQFX=real, BBEAT=real, DP=real,
          COR=real, NCO=integer,
          HALO={real,real,real,real}, HALOFILE=filename,
          INTERVAL=real, SPEC=real, NOTSIMPLE=logical,
          TRUEPROFILE=filename, OFFSETELEM=filename,
          FILE=filename;
```

where the parameters have the following meaning:

RANGE	<a href="#">Range</a> given by elements. Default = <code>#s/#e</code>
DQF	Peak linear dispersion [m]. Default = 2.086
DPARX	Fractional horizontal parasitic dispersion. Default = 0.273
DPARY	Fractional vertical parasitic dispersion. Default = 0.273
BETAQFX	Beta x in standard qf [m]. Default = 170.25
BBEAT	Beta beating coefficient applying to beam size. Default = 1.1
DP	Bucket edge at the current beam energy. Default = 0.0015
COR	Maximum radial closed orbit uncertainty [m]. Default = 0.004
NCO	Number of azimuth per quadrant for halo radial scan. Default = 5
HALO	Halo parameters: {n, r, h, v}. n is the radius of the primary halo, r is the radial part of the secondary halo, h and v is the horizontal and vertical cuts in the secondary halo. Default = {6, 8.4, 7.3, 7.3}
HALOFILE	Input file with halo polygon coordinates. Will suppress an eventual halo parameter. Default = none
INTERVAL	Approximate length in meters between measurements. Actual value: <code>nslice = nodelength/interval</code> , <code>nslice</code> is rounded down to closest integer, <code>interval = nodelength/nslice</code> . Default = 1.0
SPEC	Aperture spec, for plotting only. Gives the spec line in the plot. Default = 0.0
NOTSIMPLE	Use only if one or more beam-screens in the range are considered not to be a "simply connex". Since all predefined MAD-X aperture types are simply connex,

this is only possible if an input file with beam screen coordinates are given. See below for a graphical example. Default = false.

**TRUEPROFILE** A file containing a list of magnets, and for each magnet a list of horizontal and vertical deviations from the ideal magnet axis. These values may come from measurements done on the magnet. See below for example. Default = none.

**OFFSETELEM** A file containing a reference point in the machine, and a list of magnets with their offsets from this point described as a parabola. See below for example. Default = none.

**Note that the reference point should be within the range of elements given for the offsets to be taken into account.**

**FILE** Output file with aperture table. Default = none

## 22.5 Not simply connex beam pipe profiles

The algorithm for finding the largest possible halo is the following:

The distance from halo centre to the first apex ( $i = 0$ ) in the halo is calculated ( $l_i$ ), and the equation for a line going through these points is derived. This line is then compared with all lines making the pipe polygon to find their respective intersection coordinates. The distance  $h_i$  between halo centre and intersection are then divided by  $l_i$ , to find the maximal ratio of enlargement, as seen in figure 22.2 below. This procedure is then repeated for all apexes  $i$  in the halo polygon, and the smallest ratio of all apexes is the maximal enlargement ratio for this halo to just touch the pipe at this particular longitudinal position.

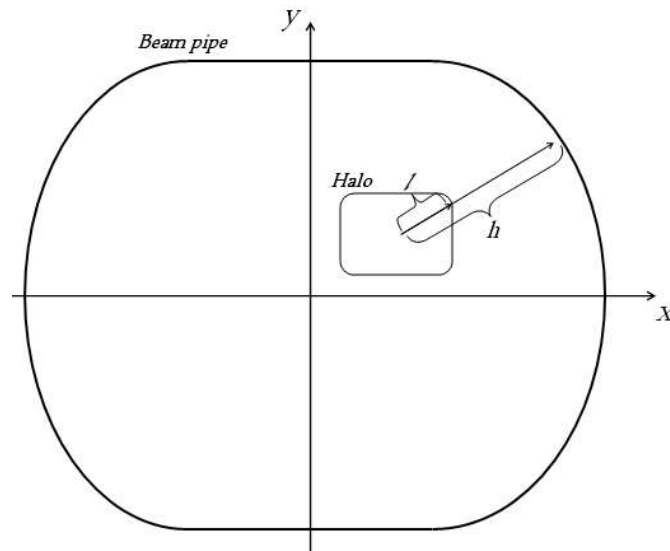


Figure 22.2: Determination of maximum halo size

There is one complication to this solution; polygons which are not simple connexes. (Geometrical definition of “simply connex”: A figure in which any two points can be connected by a line segment, with all points on the segment inside the figure.) The figure 22.3 below



shows what happens when a beam pipe polygon is not a simple connex. The halo is expanded in such a way that it overlaps the external polygon in the area where the latter is dented inwards.

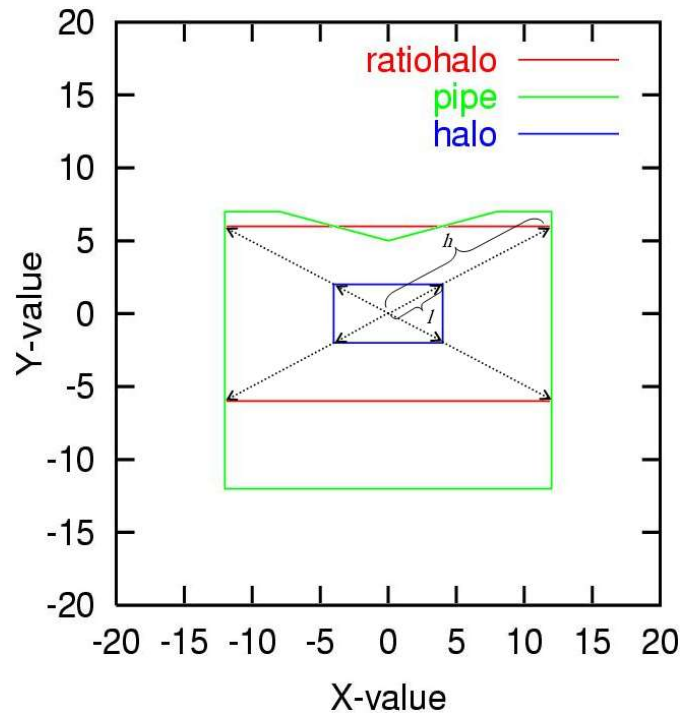


Figure 22.3: Not connex beam pipe profile: problem

To make the module able to treat all sorts of polygons, the logical attribute `NOTSIMPLE` must be specified. With this option activated, apices are strategically added to the halo polygon wherever the beam pipe polygon might have an inward dent. This is done by drawing a line from halo centre to each apex on the pipe polygon. An apex with its coordinates on the intersection point line-halo is added to a table of halo polygon apices. The result is that the halo polygon has a few “excessive” points on straight sections, but the algorithm used for expansion will henceforth not miss a dent in the beam pipe. See figure 22.4. The use of the `notsimple` option significantly increases computation time.

## 22.6 Trueprofile file syntax

This file contains magnet names, and their associated displacements of the axis for an arbitrary number of S, where  $S_0$  is the start of the magnet and  $S_n$  the end. The interval between each S must be regular, and X and Y must be given in meters. The magnet name must be identical to how it appears in the sequence. The displacements are only valid for this particular magnet, and cannot be assigned to a family of magnets. `n1` is calculated for a number of slices determined by the number of  $S_i$ .

**Layout of file:**

```
magnet.name1
```

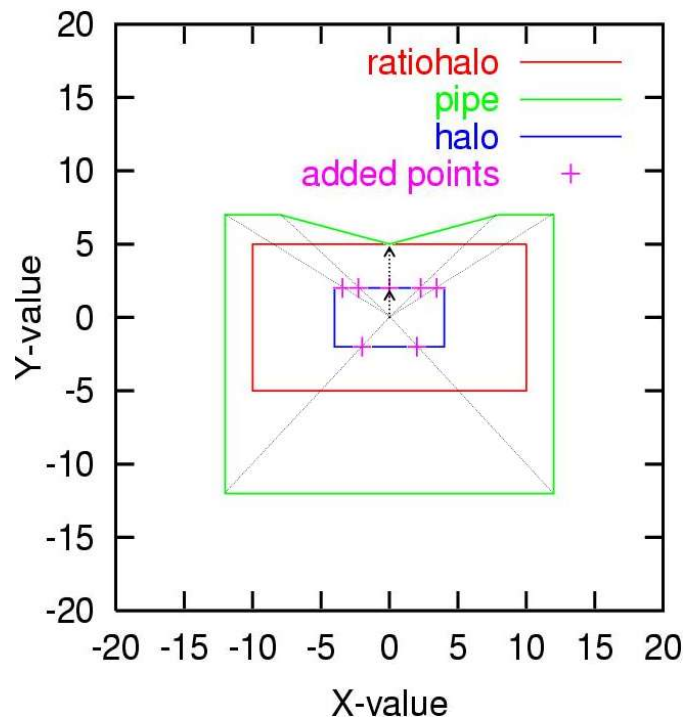


Figure 22.4: Not connex beam pipe profile: solution

```
So X Y
Si X Y
Si X Y
Sn X Y
```

```
magnet.name2
```

```
So X Y
Si X Y
Si X Y
Sn X Y
```

```
etc.
```

### Example of file:

```
mb.a14r1.b1
0 0.0002 0.000004
7.15 1.4e-5 0.3e-3
14.3 0.0000000032 4e-6
```

```
mq.22r1.b1
0 0.3e-5 1.332e-4
1.033 0.00034 0.3e-9
2.066 0 0.00e-2
3.1 4.232e-4 0.00000003
```

## 22.7 Offsetelem file syntax

This file contains parameters describing how certain elements are actually located in space with respect to a given reference element in the machine.

The basis for this file is a pair of coordinate systems,  $\{s,x\}$  and  $\{s,y\}$  with the origin at the reference point. The units for  $s$ ,  $x$  and  $y$  are meters.

The actual location of the magnetic axis of a given element can be described, in each plane, as a parabola defined with three coefficients:

$$X_{act}(s) = DDX\_OFF * s**2 + DX\_OFF * s + X\_OFF$$

$$Y_{act}(s) = DDY\_OFF * s**2 + DY\_OFF * s + Y\_OFF$$

The reference position for the element,  $X_{ref}(s)$  and  $Y_{ref}(s)$ , is calculated by MAD-X via an internal call to the [SURVEY](#) module, taking the reference element as the origin.

The resulting offset, in each plane, which is taken into account in the aperture calculation, is the difference between reference position and actual position:

$$X_{offset}(s) = X_{ref}(s) - X_{act}(s)$$

$$Y_{offset}(s) = Y_{ref}(s) - Y_{act}(s)$$

The offsets are only calculated for elements for which actual positions have been given through the OFFSETELEM file mechanism.

The file must be given in TFS format according to the following template, with mandatory header and any number of data lines, one per element.

```
@ NAME          %06s "OFFSET"
@ TYPE          %06s "OFFSET"
@ REFERENCE     %10s "reference-element-name"
* NAME          S_IP      X_OFF      DX_OFF      DDX_OFF      Y_OFF      DY_OFF      DDY_OFF
$ %s            %le       %le        %le         %le         %le       %le        %le
"elementname"  real       real      real        real        real      real      real
```

Note that the column S\_IP is actually not used, and the values are ignored, but the column and values are parsed nevertheless and must be present. The absence of this column will trigger an error.

### Example:

```
@ NAME          %06s "OFFSET"
@ TYPE          %06s "OFFSET"
@ REFERENCE     %10s "mq.12r1.b1"
* NAME          S_IP      X_OFF      DX_OFF      DDX_OFF      Y_OFF      DY_OFF      DDY_OFF
$ %s            %le       %le        %le         %le         %le       %le        %le
"mq.12r1.b1"    0.0        -3.0       -2.56545    0.0         0.0       -2.344366  0.0
"mcbxa.3r2"    0.0        -0.84      32.443355  0.3323      0.0       32.554363  0.2522
```

As an example we see in the picture below how the horizontal axes of elements m1 and m2 does not coincide with the reference trajectory.

Note that prior to MAD-X version 4, the layout of the file was different and not formatted as TFS file:

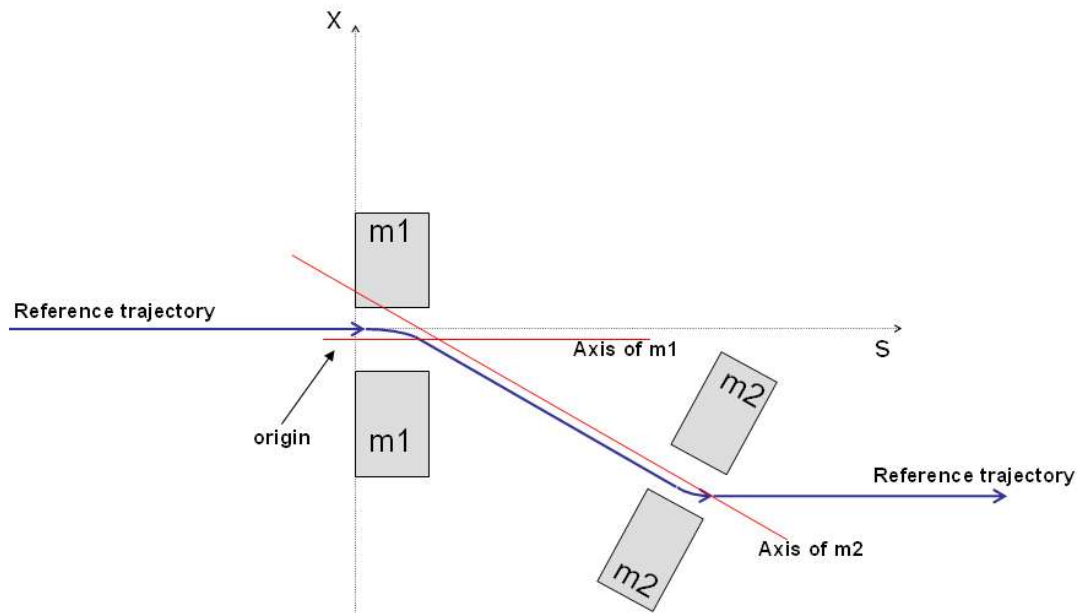


Figure 22.5: Illustration of effect of OFFSETELEM

```
reference-element-name
```

```
elementname
```

```
DDX_OFF DX_OFF X_OFF
```

```
DDY_OFF DY_OFF Y_OFF
```

### Example:

```
! Reference point
```

```
mq.12r1.b1
```

```
! List of elements and their displacement w.r.t. reference point.
```

```
mcbxa.312
```

```
0 -2.5654500 -3
```

```
0 -2.3443666 0
```

```
! The next element uses the same reference point.
```

```
! Elements offset w.r.t. another point must be given in another file,
```

```
! together with the new reference point.
```

```
mcbxa.3r2
```

```
0.3323 32.443355 -0.84
```

```
0.2522 32.554363 0.0
```

## 22.8 Aperture command example

The aperture module needs a Twiss table to operate on. It is important not to USE another period or sequence between the Twiss and aperture module calls, else aperture loses its table. One can choose the ranges for Twiss and aperture freely, they need not be the same.

```
use, period=lhcb1;
select, flag=twiss,range=mb.a14r1.b1/mb.a17r1.b1,column=keyword,name,
parent,k0l,k1l,s,betx,bety,n1;
twiss, file=twiss.b1.data, betx=beta.ip1, bety=beta.ip1, x+=x.ip1,
y+=y.ip1, py+=py.ip1;
plot,haxis=s,vaxis=betx,bety,colour=100;
```

```
select, flag=aperture, column=name,n1,x,dy;
aperture, range=mb.b14r1.b1/mb.a17r1.b1, spec=5.235;
plot,table=aperture,noline,vmin=0,vmax=10,haxis=s,vaxis=n1,spec,
on_elem,style=100;
```

The **SELECT** command can be used to choose which columns to print in the output file. Column names: name, n1, n1x\_m, n1y\_m, apertype, aper\_1, aper\_2, aper\_3, aper\_4, rtol, xtol, ytol, s, betx, bety, dx, dy, x, y, on\_ap, on\_elem, spec

n1 is the maximum beam size in sigma, while n1x\_m and n1y\_m is the n1 values in si-units in the x- and y-direction.

Note that specifying the **apertype** column automatically selects also the **aper\_1**, **aper\_2**, **aper\_3** and **aper\_4** columns. The statement

```
SELECT, FLAG=aperture, COLUMN=apertype;
```

is equivalent to

```
SELECT, FLAG=aperture, COLUMN=apertype, aper_1, aper_2, aper_3, aper_4;
```

aper\_# means for all apertypes but racetrack:

aper\_1 = half width rectangle

aper\_2 = half height rectangle

aper\_3 = half horizontal axis ellipse (or radius if circle)

aper\_4 = half vertical axis ellipse

For racetrack, the aperture parameters will have the same meaning as the tolerances:

aper\_1 and xtol = horizontal displacement of radial part

aper\_2 and ytol = vertical displacement of radial part

aper\_3 and rtol = radius

aper\_4 = not used

ON\_ELEM indicates whether the node is an element or a drift, and ON\_AP whether it has a valid aperture. The Twiss parameters are the interpolated values used for aperture computation.

When one wants to plot the aperture, the **TABLE=aperture** parameter is necessary. The normal line of hardware symbols along the top is not compatible with the aperture table, so it is best to include **NOLINE**. Plot instead the column **ON\_ELEM** along the **VAXIS** to have

a simple picture of the hardware. SPEC can be used for giving a limit value for  $n1$ , to have something to compare with on the plot. The following plot shows the  $n1$ , beta functions, and the hardware symbolized by ON\_ELEM.

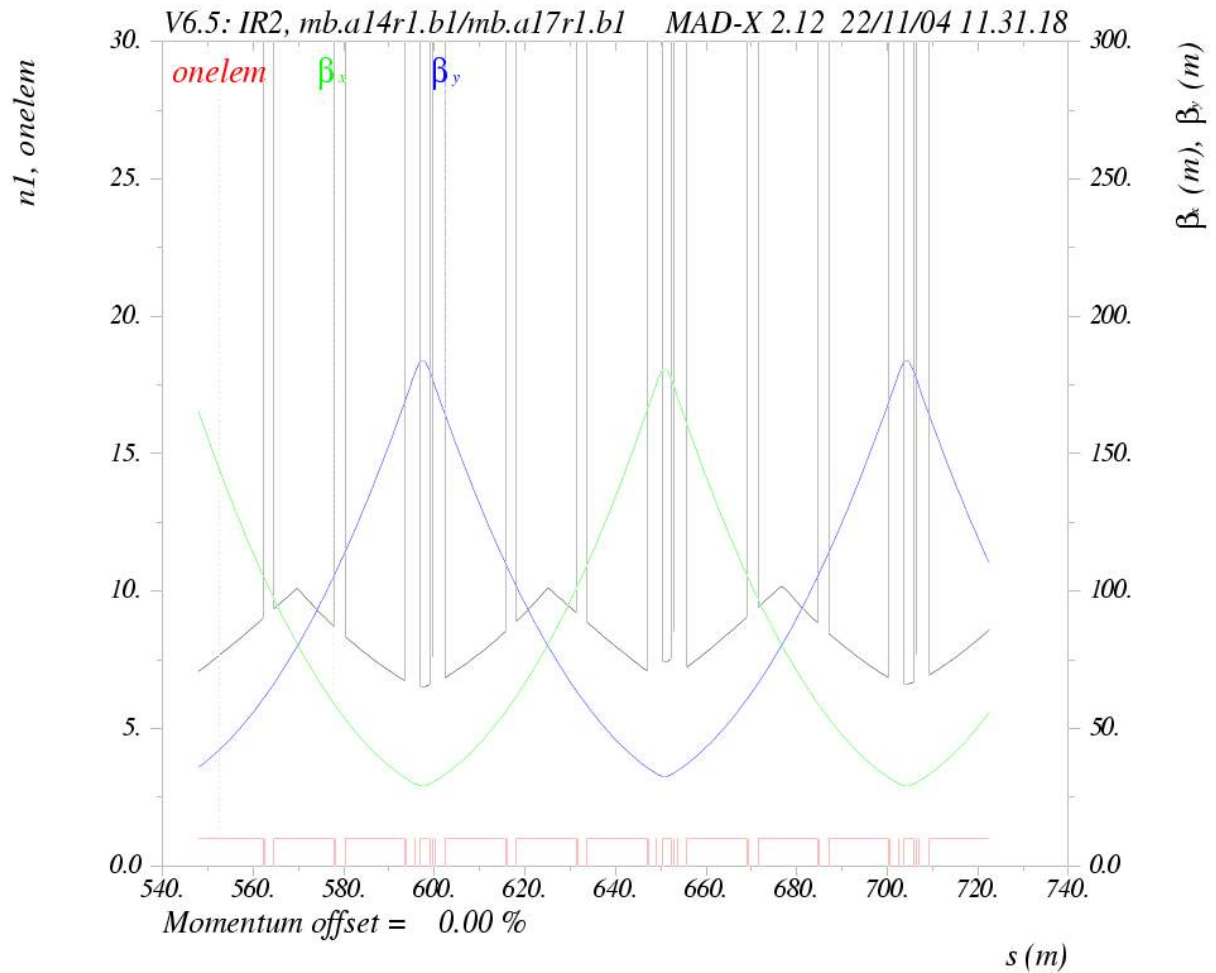


Figure 22.6: Example of plot showing aperture limits and  $n1$

## Chapter 23. Slicing a sequence into thin lenses

This module takes a sequence with thick elements and creates another one with similar functionality but composed of thin (zero length) element slices or simplified thick slices as required by MAD-X tracking or conversion to SIXTRACK input format.

### 23.1 MAKETHIN

The slicing is performed by the command:

```
MAKETHIN, SEQUENCE=seqname, STYLE=string, MAKEDIPEDGE=logical;
```

The parameters are defined as:

- SEQUENCE** seqname is the name of the sequence to be processed to thin slices. The sequence must be active, i.e. it should have been previously loaded with a **USE** command. The sequence must use the default positioning of elements (**REFER=centre**).
- STYLE** the slicing style to be used for all elements.  
Available slicing styles are:
- TEAPOT** is the default slicing algorithm for all elements except collimators and is described in [17]. **TEAPOT** is a clear improvement over the **SIMPLE** algorithm.
- SIMPLE** produces slices of equal strength and length at equidistant positions.
- COLLIM** is the default slicing algorithm for collimators. If only one slice is chosen it is placed in the middle of the old element. If two slices are chosen they are placed at either end. Three slices or more are treated as one slice.
- HYBRID** is the previous default algorithm that was active up to version 5.02.05 when the **STYLE** attribute was not given; the standard slicing for all elements, except collimators, is **TEAPOT** if the number of slices is less or equal to four, and **SIMPLE** otherwise.
- MAKEDIPEDGE** is a logical flag to control the generation of **DIPEDGE** elements at the start and/or end of bending magnets, to conserve edge focusing from pole face angles **E1**, **E2** or extra fields described by **FINT**, **FINTX**, in the process of slicing bending magnets to thin multipole slices. Selection with **THICK=true** will translate a complex thick **RBEND** or **SBEND**, including edge effects, to a simple thick **SBEND** with edge focusing transferred to extra **DIPEDGE** elements.  
(Default: true)

Example:

```
! keep translated rbend as thick sbend
SELECT, FLAG=makethin, CLASS=rbend, THICK=true;
```

## 23.2 Controlling the number of slices

The number of slices can be set individually for elements or groups of elements using the `SELECT` command

```
SELECT, FLAG=makethin,
      RANGE=range, CLASS=class, PATTERN=pattern[,FULL][,CLEAR],
      THICK=logical, SLICE=integer;
```

where the argument to the attribute `SLICE` stands for the number of slices for the selected elements. The default is one slice and `THICK=false` for all elements, i.e. conversion of all thick elements to a single thin slice positioned at the centre of the original thick element.

Note that `THICK=true` only applies to dipole or quadrupole magnetic elements and is ignored otherwise.

`MAKETHIN` allows for thick quadrupole slicing with insertion of thin `MULTIPOLE` elements between thick slices. Positioning is done with markers between slices, here however with thick slice quadrupole piece filling the whole length.

### Examples:

```
! slice quadrupoles in three thick slices, insert 2 markers per quadrupole
SELECT, FLAG=makethin, CLASS=quadrupole, THICK=true, SLICE=3;

! thick slicing for quadrupoles named mqxa, insert one marker in the middle
SELECT, FLAG=makethin, PATTERN=mqxa\., THICK=true, SLICE=2;
```

Slicing can be turned off for certain elements or classes by specifying a number of slices  $< 1$ .  
Examples:

```
! turn off slicing for sextupoles
SELECT, FLAG=makethin, CLASS=sextupole, SLICE=0;

! keep elements unchanged with names starting by mbxw
SELECT, FLAG=makethin, PATTERN=mbxw\., SLICE=0;
```

This option allows to introduce slicing step by step and monitor the resulting changes in optics parameters.

Keep in mind however that subsequent tracking generally requires full slicing, with possible exception of dipole and quadrupole magnetic elements.

## 23.3 Additional information

The generated thin lens sequence has the following properties:



- The new sequence has the same name as the original. The original sequence is replaced by the new one in memory. If the original sequence is needed for further processing in MAD-X, it should be reloaded.
- The algorithm also processes any sub-sequence inserted in the main sequence. These sub-sequences are also given the same names as the original ones.
- Any element transformed into a single thin lens element has the same name as the original.
- If an element is sliced into more than one slice, the individual slices have the same basename as the original element plus a suffix `..1`, `..2`, etc. and a marker, with the name of the original element, is placed at the location of the center of the original element.

### Hints

1. Compare the main optics parameters like tunes before and after slicing with `MAKETHIN`. Rematch tunes and chromaticity as necessary after `MAKETHIN`.
2. In tests, turn off slicing for some of the main element classes to identify the main sources of changes.
3. For sextupoles and octupoles, a single slice should always be sufficient.
4. Increase the number of slices for critical elements like mini-beta quadrupoles. Even there, more than four slices should rarely be required.
5. In case of problems or doubts, consider to `FLATTEN` the sequence before slicing.
6. See the [examples](#) for `makethin`.  
See also the presentations on the upgrade of the `makethin` module:  
[LCU\\_makethin\\_2012\\_09\\_18.pdf](#), and  
[LCU\\_makethin\\_2013\\_04\\_19.pdf](#).  
TEAPOT is documented in [IPAC'13 MOPWO027](#)

## Chapter 24. Error Definitions

This chapter describes the commands which provide error assignment and output of errors assigned to elements. It is possible to assign alignment errors and field errors to single beam elements or to ranges or classes of beam elements.

Elements, classes or ranges of elements are selected by the **SELECT** command.

**ATTENTION:** since errors can only be assigned to machine elements, it is necessary to **FLATTEN** a sequence if it includes other sequences.

Errors can be specified with both constant or random values.

Error definitions consist of four types of statements listed below. They may be entered after having selected a beam line by means of a **USE** command.

**WARNING:** any further **USE** command will destroy the assigned errors. Use the **ESAVE** option to save and reload errors.

### 24.1 EALIGN: Alignment Errors

Alignment errors are defined by the **EALIGN** command. The misalignments refer to the **local reference system** for a perfectly aligned machine. Misalignments are defined as displacements along the three coordinate axes, and rotations about the coordinate axes. Alignment errors can be assigned to all beam elements except drift spaces. The effect of misalignments is treated in a linear approximation.

**Beam Position Monitors** can be given readout errors as well as readout scaling errors in both horizontal and vertical planes. Monitor readout and scaling errors are ignored for all elements other than **monitors**.

Each new **EALIGN** statement replaces the misalignment errors for all elements in its range, unless the logical **ADD** attribute of **EOPTION** has been specified.

Alignment errors are defined by the statement

```
SELECT, FLAG=ERROR, RANGE=range, CLASS=name, PATTERN=string;  
EALIGN, DX=real, DY=real, DS=real,  
        DPHI=real, DTHETA=real, DPSI=real,  
        MREX=real, MREY=real,  
        MSCALX=real, MSCALY=real,  
        AREX=real, AREY=real;
```

for elements selected by the **SELECT** command.

The attributes are:

**DX**            The misalignment in the  $x$ -direction for the entry of the beam element. (Default: 0 m).  
                  $DX > 0$  displaces the element in the positive  $x$ -direction

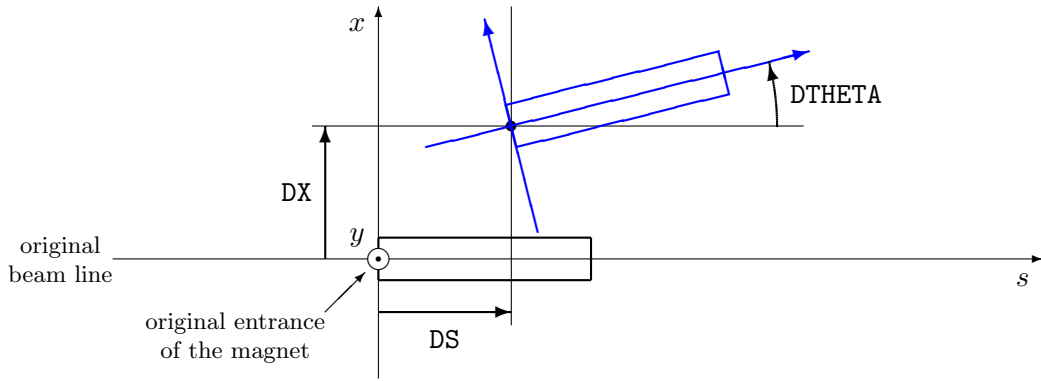


Figure 24.1: Alignment errors in the  $(x, s)$ -plane

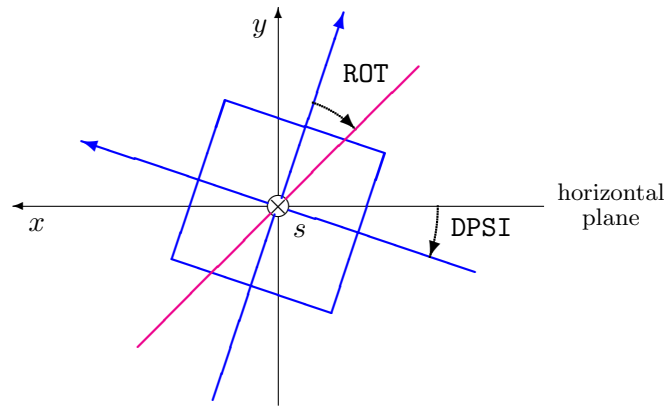


Figure 24.2: Alignment errors in the  $(x, y)$ -plane

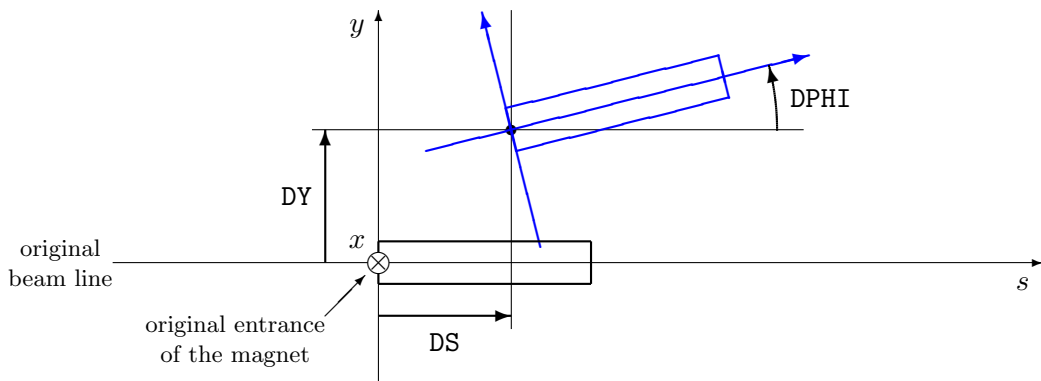


Figure 24.3: Alignment errors in the  $(y, s)$ -plane

- DY            The misalignment in the  $y$ -direction for the entry of the beam element. (Default: 0 m).  
DY>0 displaces the element in the positive  $y$ -direction
- DS            The misalignment in the  $s$ -direction for the entry of the beam element. (Default: 0 m).

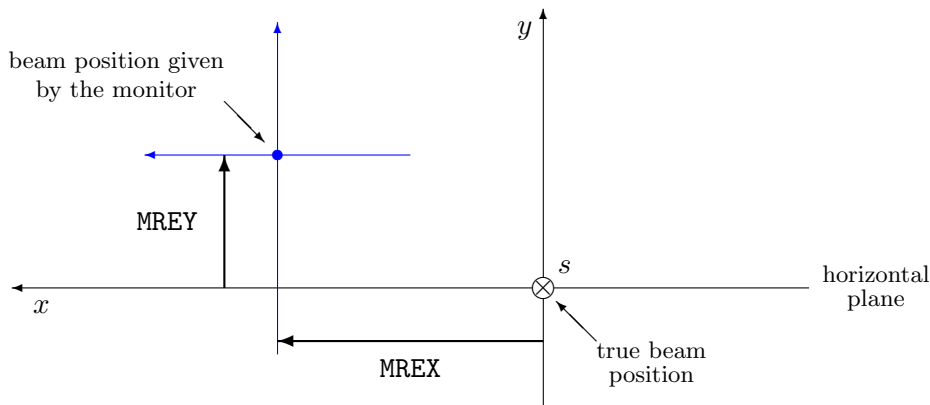


Figure 24.4: Readout errors in a monitor

$DS > 0$  displaces the element in the positive  $s$ -direction

- DPHI** The rotation around the  $x$ -axis. (Default: 0 rad).  
A positive angle gives a greater  $y$ -coordinate for the exit than for the entry.
- DTHETA** The rotation around the  $y$ -axis according to the right hand rule. (Default: 0 rad).
- DPSI** The rotation around the  $s$ -axis according to the right hand rule. (Default: 0 rad).
- MREX** The horizontal read error for a monitor. This is ignored if the element is not a monitor.  
If  $MREX > 0$  the reading for  $x$  is too high (default: 0 m).
- MREY** The vertical read error for a monitor. This is ignored if the element is not a monitor.  
If  $MREY > 0$ , the reading for  $y$  is too high (default: 0 m).
- MSCALX** The relative horizontal scaling error for a monitor. This is ignored if the element is not a monitor.  
If  $MSCALX > 0$  the reading for  $x$  is too high (default: 0). A value of 0.5 implies that the actual reading is multiplied by 1.5.
- MSCALY** The relative vertical scaling error for a monitor. This is ignored if the element is not a monitor.  
If  $MSCALY > 0$  the reading for  $y$  is too high (default: 0). A value of -0.3 implies that the actual reading is multiplied by 0.7.
- AREX** The misalignment in the  $x$ -direction for the entry of an aperture limit (default: 0 m).  
 $AREX > 0$  displaces the element in the positive  $x$ -direction
- AREY** The misalignment in the  $y$ -direction for the entry of an aperture limit (default: 0 m).  
 $AREY > 0$  displaces the element in the positive  $y$ -direction

#### Examples:

```
SELECT, FLAG = ERROR, CLASS = MQ;
```

```
EALIGN, DX = 0.002, DY = 0.0004*RANF(), DPHI = 0.0002*GAUSS();
```

Assigns alignment errors to all elements of class MQ.

```
SELECT, FLAG = ERROR, PATTERN = "QF.*";
EALIGN, DX = 0.001*TGAUSS(2.5), DY = 0.0001*RANF();
```

Assigns alignment errors to all elements starting with "QF". TGAUSS(2.5) specifies a Gaussian distribution cut at 2.5 sigma.

## 24.2 EFCOMP: Field Errors

Field errors can be entered as relative or absolute errors. Different multipole components can be specified with different kinds of errors (relative or absolute). Relations between absolute and relative field errors are listed below.

In MAD-8 two commands were used for that purpose: EFIELD and EFCOMP. Only EFCOMP was implemented in MAD-X since it provides the full functionality of EFIELD and there was no need for duplication.

All field errors are specified as the integrated value  $\int K ds$  of the [field components](#) along the magnet axis in  $m^{-i}$ . There is no provision to specify a global relative excitation error affecting all field components in a combined function magnet. Such an error may only be entered by defining the same relative error for all field components.

Field errors can be specified for all magnetic elements by the statement

```
SELECT, FLAG=ERROR, RANGE=range, CLASS=name, PATTERN=string;
EFCOMP, ORDER=integer, RADIUS=real,
      DKN= {dkn(0), dkn(1), dkn(2),...},
      DKS= {dks(0), dks(1), dks(2),...},
      DKNR= {dknr(0), dknr(1), dknr(2),...},
      DKSR= {dksr(0), dksr(1), dksr(2),...};
```

for elements selected by the [SELECT](#) command.

Each new EFCOMP statement replaces the field errors for all elements in its range(s). Previous field errors present in the range are discarded or incremented depending on the setting of ADD logical attribute of the [EOPTION](#) command. EFCOMP defines the field errors in terms of relative or absolute components.

The attributes are:

**ORDER** If relative errors are entered for multipoles, this defines the order of the base component to which the relative errors refer. This reference strength  $k_{ref}$  always refers to the normal component. In order to use a skew component as the reference, the reference radius should be specified as a negative number. (Default: 0)  
Please note that this implies to specify  $k_0$  to assign relative field errors to a bending magnet since  $k_0$  is used for the normalization and NOT the ANGLE.

RADIUS	radius $R$ where $d_{knr}(i)$ or $d_{ksr}(i)$ are specified for $0 \dots i \dots 20$ (default 1 m). This attribute is required if $d_{knr}(i)$ or $d_{ksr}(i)$ are specified. If $R$ is negative, the skew component is used for the reference strength.
DKN(i)	Absolute error for the normal multipole strength with $(2i+2)$ poles. (Default: $0 \text{ m}^{-i}$ ).
DKS(i)	Absolute error for the skewed multipole strength with $(2i+2)$ poles. (Default: $0 \text{ m}^{-i}$ ).
DKNR(i)	Relative error for the normal multipole strength with $(2i+2)$ poles. (Default: $0 \text{ m}^{-i}$ ).
DKSR(i)	Relative error for the skewed multipole strength with $(2i+2)$ poles. (Default: $0 \text{ m}^{-i}$ ).

### Time memory effects:

The relative errors can be corrected for possible time memory effects. A correction term is computed and added to the relative error.

The correction term is parametrized as a 3rd order polynomial in the reference strength  $k_{ref}$  according to:

$$\Delta = \sum (c_i * k_{ref}^i) i = 0 \dots 3$$

The coefficients  $c_i$  for the polynomial must be supplied in the command.

Two additional parameters and options are required:

**HYSTER** if it is set to 1 applies the correction term derived from the reference strength and the coefficients.

**HCOEFFN**, **HCOEFFS** normal and skew coefficients for the computation of the correction term. The four coefficients are specified in increasing order, starting with the 0th order. Each group of four coefficients is valid for one order of the field errors. Trailing zeros can be omitted, preceding zeros must be given.

### Examples:

Example to assign relative errors to quadrupoles:

```
SELECT, FLAG=error, PATTERN="q.*";
EFCOMP, ORDER=1, RADIUS=0.010,
    DKNR={ 0, 4e-1, 1e-1, 2e-3, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0},
    DKSR={ 0, 4e-1, 1e-1, 2e-3, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0};
```

Example to add time memory effect to relative errors:

```
SELECT, FLAG=error, PATTERN="q.*"; [FIXME]
EFCOMP, ORDER=1, RADIUS=0.020, HYSTER=1,
    DKNR={ 0, 1e-2, 2e-4, 4e-5, 1.e-5, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0};
```

```

    0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0},
DKSR={ 0, 1e-2, 2e-4, 4e-5, 1.e-5, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
    0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0},
HCOEFFN={0.000, 0.000, 0.000, 0.000, ! coeff. mult. order 0
    0.001, 0.000, 0.000, 0.000, ! coeff. mult. order 1
    0.000, 0.000, 0.002, 0.000}; ! coeff. mult. order 2

```

See also: random values and [deferred expressions](#).

## 24.3 EOPTION: Set Options for Error Definition

The error option command specifies different seeds for random values:

```
EOPTION, SEED=real, ADD=logical;
```

- SEED** Selects a particular sequence of random values. A **SEED** value is an integer in the range [0..999999999] (default: 123456789). **SEED** alone continues with the current sequence See also: Random Values. **SEED** may be an expression.
- ADD** If this logical flag is set, an **EALIGN** or **EFCOMP** causes the errors to be added on top of existing ones. If it is not set, new errors overwrite any previous definitions. The default value is **TRUE** if it is omitted in the **EOPTION** command. The default value is **false** if no **EOPTION** command is used. Please note a recent modification: the default value for the **ADD** option is only applied as long as the **ADD** option has not been set explicitly. Once it was set with **EOPTION**, it is **NOT** reset to the default when the **ADD** option is omitted in subsequent calls to **EOPTION**.

Example:

```
EOPTION, SEED = 987456321;
```

The random number generator for **MAD-X** is taken from [18].

## 24.4 EPRINT: List Machine Imperfections

This command prints a table of errors assigned to elements. The range for these elements has to be specified. Field errors are printed as absolute errors, because all relative errors are transformed to the corresponding absolute error at definition time. An error print is requested by the statement

```
SELECT, FLAG=ERROR, RANGE=range, CLASS=name, PATTERN=string; EPRINT;
```

and elements are now selected by the [SELECT](#) command.

A listing for **ALL** elements, i.e. not only the selected, can be obtained with the command

```
EPRINT, FULL=TRUE;
```

In that case, the `SELECT` command has no effect.

## 24.5 ESAVE: Writing errors to a file

```
ESAVE, FILE=string;
```

This command saves a table of errors assigned to elements on a file, using a format which can be read in again to obtain the same results. This allows dumping the errors and reloading them after a new `USE` command. The range for these elements has to be specified. An error save is requested by the statement

Example:

```
SELECT, FLAG=ERROR, RANGE=range, CLASS=name, PATTERN=string; ESAVE, FILE=err.file;
```

and elements selected by the `SELECT` command are saved to the file.

To save the errors of all elements to a file, one can use:

```
SELECT, FLAG = ERROR, FULL;
ESAVE, FILE = err.file;
```

**Please note: in case of field errors, the absolute errors are saved and not relative errors.**

## 24.6 SETERR: Reading errors from a table or file

To assign errors from a file is not a priori straightforward. It may be required to re-assign existing errors after a `USE` command was executed since the `USE` command deletes all errors attached to a sequence).

Errors stored in the form of an internal table (*errtab*) can be directly attached to the appropriate positions in the sequence with the command:

```
SETERR, TABLE=errtab;
```

The table *errtab* can be generated internally or from an external file (*errfile*) with the generic command `READMYTABLE`.

The command sequence:

```
READMYTABLE, file=errfile, table=errtab;
SETERR, TABLE=errtab;
```

reads the file *errfile* into the table *errtab* and the command `SETERR` attaches the errors to the elements in the active sequence.



The file *errfile* can be produced by a preceding **ESAVE** command or any other utility. It should follow the format of a file generated with **ESAVE** (see example program).

**Please note:**

1. To assign correctly the errors from the file to the elements in the sequence, all elements must have individual names, otherwise an identification is not possible. Elements in the file not identified in the active sequence are ignored.
2. Errors are assigned to ALL elements found in the file and the **FLAG=ERROR** is set. Therefore the number of elements selected corresponding to a command like **SELECT, FLAG=ERROR, . . . ;** can be different after the execution of **SETERR**.

## Chapter 25. Orbit Correction

This chapter describes the commands to correct a closed orbit or a trajectory. The initial orbit or trajectory to be corrected can be obtained from an internal or external TFS table.

The purpose of this orbit module is to provide some basic tools to assess the performance of an orbit correction system of a machine in the design phase.

Although some interface is available, it cannot and does not provide the full functionality expected from a dedicated online orbit correction and steering program.

### 25.1 CORRECT

The CORRECT statement makes a complete closed orbit or trajectory correction using the **computed** values at the monitors from the Twiss table.

The CORRECT command has the following format (some options are valid only for special algorithms):

```
CORRECT, ORBIT=orbittable, MODEL=modeltable, TARGET=targettable,
SEQUENCE=seqname,
FLAG=string, MODE=string, COND=integer,
TWISSUM=integer,
NCORR=integer, CORRLIM=real,
MONERROR=integer, MONON=real, MONSCALE=real, ERROR=real,
PLANE=string, RESOUT=integer,
CLIST=filename,MLIST=filename,
UNITS=real, CORZERO=integer,
SNGCUT=real, SNGVAL=real
TWORING=logical, BEAM1TAB=tabname, BEAM2TAB=tabname,
NAME_COL=string, X_COL=string, Y_COL=string,
EXTERN=logical;
```

The command CORRECT is set up with defaults which should allow a reasonable correction for most cases with a minimum of required options (see Example 1 below).

The orbit correction must always be preceded by TWISS commands which generate Twiss tables. The most recent Twiss table is assumed to contain the optical parameters and the distorted orbits.

The options used in the CORRECT command are:

- FLAG** can be "ring" or "line", either a circular machine or a trajectory is corrected. (Default: ring)
- MODE** defines the method to be used for corrections. Available modes are LSQ, MICADO and SVD. The first performs a least squares minimization using all available correctors. The mode SVD uses a Singular

- Value Decomposition to compute a correction using all available correctors. The latter can also be used to condition the response matrix for the modes LSQ or MICADO (using COND=1). It is highly recommended to precede a LSQ correction by a SVD conditioning (set COND=1).  
The mode MICADO is a "best kick" algorithm. Naive use or using it with a large number of correctors (see option NCORR) can get unexpected results. To avoid the creation of local bumps, it is recommended to precede a MICADO correction by a SVD conditioning (set COND=1).  
(Default: MICADO)
- PLANE With PLANE=x, the orbit correction is performed for the horizontal plane; With PLANE=y, the correction is performed for the vertical plane. made. (This differs from the MAD-8 implementation).  
(Default: X for horizontal plane)
- COND When COND=1, a Singular Value Decomposition is performed and the response matrix is conditioned to avoid linearly dependent correctors. This can be used to avoid creation of artificial bumps during a LSQ or MICADO correction. Please note: this option is not robust since it depends on parameters which control the determination of singular values and redundant correctors. These can be set with the attributes SNGVAL and SNGCUT. Both parameters depend on the machine and may need adjustment. Default values are adjusted to large machines and give "reasonable" performance for smaller machines.
- NCORR Defines the number of correctors to be used by the MICADO algorithm. If NCORR=0 all available correctors are used. Only used by the MICADO algorithm.  
(Default: 0 i.e. all available correctors)
- SNGVAL Used to set the threshold for finding singular values with the COND attribute. (Hint: smaller number finds fewer singular values).  
**Use with care !**  
(Default: 2.0)
- SNGCUT Used to set the threshold for finding redundant correctors with the COND attribute. (Hint: larger number finds fewer redundant correctors).  
**Use with extreme care !**  
(Default: 50.0)
- MONERROR When MONERROR is 1, the MREX and MREY alignment errors on monitors assigned by EALIGN are taken into account, otherwise they are ignored.  
(Default: 0)
- MONSCALE When MONSCALE is 1, the MSCALX and MSCALY scaling errors on monitors assigned by EALIGN are taken into account, otherwise they are ignored.  
(Default: 0)
- MONON takes a real number between 0.0 and 1.0. It determines the number of available monitors. If the command is given, each monitor is considered valid with a probability MONON. In the average a fraction (1.0 – MONON) of the monitors will be disabled for the correction, i.e. they are considered not existing. This allows

to study the effect of missing monitors.  
(Default: 1.0 i.e. 100 %)

- CORRLIM** A limit on the maximum corrector strength can be given and a **WARNING** is issued if it is exceeded by one or more correctors. Please note: the strengths computed by the correction algorithms are **NOT** limited, only a warning is printed !  
(Default: 1.0 mrad)
- TWORING** When true, the correction will be done on two rings at once. The only correction mode available in this case is **MICADO**. The attribute **ORBIT=table** is ignored and **BEAM1TAB=table** and **BEAM2TAB=table** are used instead.  
(Default: false)
- UNITS** when this parameter is set the value is a multiplier [TO BE COMPLETED]  
Default unknown
- CORZERO** an integer value to specify whether corrector settings should be all reset to zero before starting the orbit correction (**CORZERO** > 0) or corrector settings calculated by the orbit correction should be added to existing corrector settings (**CORZERO** = 0, Default).
- ERROR** specifies the maximum RMS value, in meters, of the orbit to be reached by the correction algorithm, e.g. **ERROR=1.e-3** for a 1 mm RMS target value.  
(Default: 1.e-5 m)

Normally the last active table provides the orbit to be corrected and the model for the correction. This can be overwritten by the appropriate options. Optionally, these tables can be given names like in **TWISS**, **TABLE=name;**. To use these named tables, one of the following optional parameters must be used:

- ORBIT** When this parameter is given, the orbit to be corrected is taken from a named table. The default is the last (named or unnamed) Twiss table.
- MODEL** When this parameter is given, the model for the correction is taken from a named Twiss table. The default is the last (named or unnamed) Twiss table.
- TARGET** When this parameter is given, the correction is made to a named target orbit, pre-computed with a **TWISS** command. Default is correction to the zero orbit.
- EXTERN** (default: false): When false, the **ORBIT** and **TARGET** table are assumed to be computed by **MAD-X** with a previous **TWISS** command. When set to true, that option allows to use twiss tables imported from an external file (with the **READMYTABLE** command), for example to use measured BPM data. In that case, the imported twiss table is allowed to contain coordinate data only at the location of the monitors.
- NAME.COL** The name of the column that contains the name of monitors in the tables.  
(Default: "name")
- X.COL** The name of the column that contains the **X** position readings of monitors in the tables. (Default: "X")

**Y.COL**            The name of the column that contains the Y position readings of monitors in the tables. (Default: "Y")

Example of use of CORRECT to reproduce a measured orbit:

```
! To have a reference optical model
twiss, table=twiss_ref;

! The bpm.tsv is a reduced Twiss file containing only lines for the BPMs
readmytable, file="bpm.tsv", table="twiss_bpm";

! correct orbit using external measurements
correct, flag=ring, mode=micado, ncorr=5, cond=1 ,plane=x, extern,
      model=twiss_ref, orbit=twiss_ref, target=twiss_bpm,
      error=1.0e-21;
```

Two attributes affect the printing of tables and results:

**CLIST**            the name of the file where corrector settings (in units of rad) before and after correction are printed.

**MLIST**            the name of the file where monitor readings (in units of m) before and after correction are printed.

**RESOUT**          This command outputs the results for all monitors and all correctors in a computer readable format if its integer argument is larger than 0. The argument is added to the output. Useful to analyze runs with loops to produce large statistics.

**ATTENTION: May produce gigantic outputs for large machines.**

**TWISSUM**          If the attribute value is larger than 0, CORRECT prints maximum orbit and r.m.s. values for both planes, taken from the Twiss summary table, in computer readable form. This allows to analyze orbits etc. at elements that are not monitors or correctors. The argument is added to the output. This attributes is used only to produce output: no correction is made, and all other attributes are ignored.

Obsolete commands or options:

```
ITERATE, ITERMAX            /* Done with loop feature in MAD commands */
THREADER, THRTOL, WRORBIT /* Not part of orbit correction module */
M1LIST, M2LIST            /* Replaced by MLIST */
C1LIST, C2LIST            /* Replaced by CLIST */
GETORBIT, PUTORBIT        /* Replaced by generic TFS access */
GETKICK, PUTKICK          /* Replaced by generic TFS access */
```

#### EXAMPLES:

for complete MAD input files see section on examples:

Example 1: correct orbit in horizontal plane, taken from most recent Twiss table, using default algorithm (MICADO)

```
CORRECT, PLANE = x;
```

Example 2: no correction, only output of Twiss summary

```
CORRECT, TWISSUM = 1;
```

Example 3: correct orbit in horizontal plane, corrector and monitor output on table

```
CORRECT, PLANE = x, MODE = lsq, CLIST = corr.out, MLIST = mon.out;
```

Example 4: correct orbit in horizontal plane, use alignment and scaling errors, 15% of orbit correctors faulty

```
CORRECT, PLANE = x, MONERROR = 1, MONSCALE = 1, MONON = 0.85;
```

Example 5: correct orbit in horizontal plane for a two-beam machine, using MICADO with no SVD conditioning, zeroing correctors before the correction.

```
CORRECT, FLAG=ring,
      TWORING, BEAM1TAB=twb1, BEAM2TAB=twb2,
      MODE=micado, COND=0, NCORR=4, ERROR=1E-6, PLANE=x,
      MLIST='mx12.tab', CLIST='cx12.tab', RESOUT=1, CORZERO=1;
```

## 25.2 USEMONITOR, USEKICK

To provide more flexibility with orbit correction two commands are provided:

```
USEMONITOR, STATUS=flag, SEQUENCE=sequence, RANGE=range,
           CLASS=class, PATTERN=regex;

USEKICK,   STATUS=flag, SEQUENCE=sequence, RANGE=range,
           CLASS=class, PATTERN=regex;
```

The command `USEMONITOR` activates or deactivates a selection of beam position monitor. This command affects elements of types `MONITOR`, `HMONITOR`, and `VMONITOR`.

The command `USEKICK` activates or deactivates a selection of orbit correctors. This command affects elements of types `KICKER`, `HKICKER` and `VKICKER`.

Both commands have the same attributes:

**STATUS**        If this flag is true (on), the selected elements are activated. Active orbit monitor readings will be considered, and active correctors can change their strengths in subsequent correction commands. Inactive elements will be ignored subsequently.

**SEQUENCE**      The sequence can be specified, otherwise the current sequence is used for this operation.

**RANGE, CLASS, PATTERN** : The usual selection commands are used to identify the elements for this operation.

Example:

```

USE,...                ! set working beam line
...                   ! define imperfections
USEKICK, STATUS = OFF, RANGE = ...; ! deactivate selected correctors
USEMONITOR, STATUS = OFF, RANGE = ...; ! deactivate selected monitors
CORRECT, NCORR = 32;   ! uses different set of correctors
USEKICK, STATUS = OFF, RANGE = ...; ! deactivate different set of correctors
CORRECT, NCORR = 32;   ! uses different set of correctors

```

## 25.3 CSAVE

This section is under construction, options presently only available in MADX development version.

## 25.4 SETCORR

This section is under construction, options presently only available in MADX development version.

## 25.5 COPTION

COPTION, SEED=integer, PRINT=integer;

In the orbit program monitors can be randomly disabled and the correct option command specifies different seeds for random values:

**SEED**           Selects a particular seed for the sequence of random values. The attribute value is an integer in the range [0...999999999], or an expression that evaluates to an integer in the same range (Default: 123456789). **SEED** alone with no attribute value continues with the current sequence.

See also: [Random values](#).

**PRINT**           A flag taking integer values to control the printout.  
 In general: the higher the value the more printout is produced.  
 For **PRINT=0** no output is produced.  
 The default value is 1 (Correction summary is given).

### Example:

```
COPTION, SEED=987456321, PRINT=2;
```

Note that the random generator for MAD-X is taken from [18].

## Chapter 26. SODD: Second Order Detuning and Distortion

The SODD command calculates the Second Order Detuning and Distortion, as described in [19], on the beam line defined by the last USE command followed by a TWISS command.

The SODD command is based on the stand-alone program[11] with the same name, with analytical computation extended to the second order distortion[20].

```
SODD, DETUNE=logical, DISTORT1=logical, DISTORT2=logical,  
START_STOP = start,stop,  
MULTIPOLE_ORDER_RANGE = first,last,  
NOPRINT=logical, PRINT_ALL=logical, PRINT_AT_END=logical,  
NOSIXTRACK=logical;
```

The attributes of the SODD command are:

DETUNE	flag to trigger calculation of the detuning function terms in first and second order in the strength of the multipoles. (Default: false)
DISTORT1	flag to trigger the calculation of the distortion function and the Hamiltonian terms in first order in the strength of the multipoles. (Default: false)
DISTORT2	flag to trigger the calculation of the distortion function and Hamiltonian terms in second order in the strength of the multipoles. (Default: false)
START_STOP	positions (reals in meters) along the beamline defining a longitudinal interval. (Default: 0.0,0.0)
MULTIPOLE_ORDER_RANGE	lowest and highest multipole order to be taken in account, given as integers. (Default: 1,2)
NOPRINT	flag to the effect that no file or internal table is created to hold the results. If true, the attributes PRINT_ALL or PRINT_AT_END have no effect. (Default: false)
PRINT_ALL	flag to generate files and internal tables with results for each mutipole. (Default: false)
PRINT_AT_END	flag to generate files and internal tables with results at the end of the longitudinal interval. (Default: false)
NOSIXTRACK	flag to signal that fc.34 shall not be generated internally by invoking the conversion routine of sixtrack. The user should provide this file before the execution of the SODD command. (Default: false)

Note that the first row of every file generated by SODD is a header containing the names of the columns. This row is absent in the internal tables.

A more detailed description can be found in [21].



## 26.1 DETUNE

The attribute `DETUNE` triggers the calculation of the detuning function terms in first and second order in the strength of the multipoles.

If the logical attribute `PRINT_AT_END` is set to true, the following two files, and corresponding tables, are created:

- "detune\_1\_end" contains five columns : multipole order, horizontal or vertical plane coded as 1 or 2, horizontal or vertical detuning, order of horizontal invariant and order of vertical invariant.
- "detune\_2\_end" contains five columns : first multipole order, second multipole order, horizontal detuning, order of horizontal invariant and order of vertical invariant.

If the logical attribute `PRINT_ALL` is set to true, the following two files, and corresponding tables, are created :

- "detune\_1\_all" contains five columns : multipole order, horizontal or vertical plane coded as 1 or 2, horizontal or vertical detuning, order of horizontal invariant and order of vertical invariant.
- "detune\_2\_all" contains five columns : first multipole order, second multipole order, horizontal detuning, order of horizontal invariant and order of vertical invariant.

## 26.2 DISTORT1

The attribute `DISTORT1` triggers the calculation of the distortion function and the Hamiltonian terms in first order in the strength of the multipoles.

If the logical attribute `PRINT_AT_END` is set to true, the following two files, and corresponding tables are created:

- "distort\_1\_F\_end" contains eight columns : multipole order, cosine and sine part of distortion, amplitude of distortion, j, k, l, m.
- "distort\_1\_H\_end" contains eight columns : multipole order, cosine and sine part of Hamiltonian, amplitude of Hamiltonian, j, k, l, m.

If the logical attribute `PRINT_ALL` is set to true, the following two files, and corresponding tables, are created :

- "distort\_1\_F\_all" contains eleven columns : multipole order, appearance number in position range, number of resonance, position, cosine and sine part of distortion, amplitude of distortion, j, k, l, m.
- "distort\_1\_H\_all" contains eleven columns : multipole order, appearance number in position range, number of resonance, position, cosine and sine part of Hamiltonian, amplitude of Hamiltonian, j, k, l, m.

### 26.3 DISTORT2

The attribute `DISTORT2` triggers the calculation of the distortion function and Hamiltonian terms in second order in the strength of the multipoles.

If the attribute `PRINT_AT_END` is set to true, the following two files, and corresponding tables, are created:

- "distort\_2\_F\_end" contains nine columns : first multipole order, second multipole order, cosine and sine part of distortion, amplitude of distortion, j, k, l, m.
- "distort\_2\_H\_end" contains nine columns : first multipole order, second multipole order, cosine and sine part of Hamiltonian, amplitude of Hamiltonian, j, k, l, m.

## Chapter 27. Touschek Lifetime and Scattering Rates

The TOUSCHEK module computes the Touschek lifetime and the scattering rates around a lepton or hadron storage ring, based on the formalism of Piwinski in [22] and his article on Touschek lifetime in [23].

The syntax of the TOUSCHEK command is:

```
TOUSCHEK, TOLERANCE=real, FILE=filename;
```

The arguments have the following meaning:

**TOLERANCE**    the tolerance for the numerical integrator DGAUSS. (Default: 1.e-7)

**FILE**            The name of the output file (Default: 'touschek')

TOUSCHEK should only be called after fully qualified BEAM command and a TWISS command. One or several cavities with rf voltages should be defined prior to calling TWISS and TOUSCHEK.

**Warning:** Calling EMIT between the TWISS and TOUSCHEK commands leads to TOUSCHEK using wrong beam parameters, even if the BEAM command is reiterated.

The momentum acceptance is taken from the bucket size taking into account the energy loss per turn  $U0$  from synchrotron radiation. The value of  $U0$  is computed from the second synchrotron radiation integral *synch\_2* in the TWISS summ table (*synch\_2* is calculated only when the TWISS option 'chrom' is invoked), using Eq. (3.61) in [24], which was generalized to the case of several harmonic rf systems. If *synch\_2* is zero, not defined or not calculated, zero energy loss is assumed. In the case of several rf systems with nonzero voltages, it is assumed that the lowest frequency system defines the phase of the outer point on the separatrix when calculating the momentum acceptance, and that all higher-harmonic systems are either in phase or in anti-phase to the lowest frequency system. (Note: if a storage rings really uses a different rf scheme, one would need to change the acceptance function in the routine *cavtousch0* for that ring.)

Example:

```
BEAM, PARTICLE = PROTON, ENERGY = 450, NPART = 1.15e11,  
      EX = 7.82E-9, EY = 7.82E-9, ET = 5.302e-5;  
USE, PERIOD = LHCB1;  
...  
VRF = 400;  
...  
SELECT, FLAG = TWISS, CLEAR;  
TWISS, CHROM, TABLE, FILE;  
...  
TOUSCHEK, FILE, TOLERANCE=1.e-8;
```

The first command defines the beam parameters. It is essential that the longitudinal emittance is set. The command *USE* selects the beam line or sequence. The next command assign a value to the cavity rf voltage *vrf* (example name). The *SELECT* clear previous assignments to the *TWISS* module, *TWISS* calculates and saves the values of all twiss parameters for all elements in the ring; the *TOUSCHEK* command computes the Touschek lifetime and writes it to the file 'touschek' (default name).

The results are stored in the *TOUSCHEK* tables, and can be written to a file (with the default name 'touschek' in the example above), or values can be extracted from the table using the value command as follows

```
VALUE, table(touschek,name), table(touschek,s), table(touschek,tli),
      table(touschek,tliw), table(touschek,tlitot);
```

where 'name' denotes the name of a beamline element, *S* the position of the center of the element, *TLI* the instantaneous Touschek loss rate within the element, and *TLIW* the instantaneous rate weighted by the length of the element divided by the circumference (its contribution to the total loss rate), and *TLITOT* the accumulated loss rate adding the rates over all beamline elements through the present position. The value of *TLITOT* at the end of the beamline is the inverse of the Touschek lifetime in units of 1/s.

All results can also be printed to a file using the command

```
WRITE, TABLE=touschek, FILE;
```

The MAD-X Touschek module was developed by [Catia Milardi](#) and [Frank Zimmermann](#).

The MAD-X Touschek module was partially rewritten in November 2013 by [Ghislain Roy](#) after the discovery of a few bugs in the original code:

The first bug concerned a numerical instability in the computation of the B2 parameter as listed in Eq. 34 in [22].

The initial algorithm implemented the calculation of square root of the difference between two expressions. It turned out that the numerical values of both expressions could sometimes be very large and nearly equal.

Because of limited precision in floating point calculations, the difference could sometimes lead to negative values and the square root returned an undefined value (NaN). The integrator then failed to compute the integral and returned a value of zero, with the printing of a faintly related message that too high accuracy was required for integrator DGAUSS. The algorithm didn't stop there and the end result was that the summation over all elements in the range was wrong and the end results were also wrong.

This bug was eliminated by evaluation the first expression in equation 34 which calculates directly the B2 factor by taking the square root of the sum of two squares, hence ensuring that an instability of the same kind cannot happen.

Another problem was that in the original algorithm the inverse Touschek lifetime was calculated by taking the average of the twiss parameters at both ends of the element as input. The resulting set of parameters was no longer consistent, resulting also in poor calculation. This has been changed by calculating the inverse Touschek lifetime at specific points, always

considering as input the Twiss parameters given by Twiss at a single location. This provides at least very accurate results for the TLI parameters.

The integration over the length of the element is now done in different ways, depending whether the preceding TWISS command calculated the Twiss parameters at the end of the element or at the centre (CENTRE option of TWISS).

In the first case (calculation at the end of the element, CENTRE=false), the inverse Touschek lifetime (TLI) is calculated at the end of each element. The weighted contribution of element  $i$  to the total inverse Touschek lifetime is then given by

$$\text{TLIW}[i] = 0.5 * (\text{TLI}[i] + \text{TLI}[i-1]) * L[i] / \text{CIRC}$$

In the second case (calculation at the center of the element, CENTRE=true), the inverse Touschek lifetime (TLI) is also calculated at the center of each element. The weighted contribution of element  $i$  to the total inverse Touschek lifetime is then given by

$$\text{TLIW}[i] = \text{TLI}[i] * L[i] / \text{CIRC}$$

Another bug that was uncovered in the original algorithm was that the vertical dispersion was wrongly taken into account and mostly ignored: DY and DPY were set uniformly to half the initial values for lack of updating in the loop over elements.

The new algorithms have been inserted in MAD-X as of version 5.01.04, a development release dated early december 2013.

## Chapter 28. Intra-Beam Scattering

The Intra-Beam Scattering command computes the contribution to emittance growth rates due to Coulomb scattering of particles within relativistic beams. The algorithms in this module have been derived from the formalism presented in 1982 by J.D. Bjorken and S.K. Mtingwa [25], and are also using the expansion of M. Conte and M. Martini [26] developed in 1985, generalized to the case of nonzero vertical dispersion.

The present implementation of the IBS module in MAD-X is described in a forthcoming note [27].

The syntax of the IBS command is:

```
IBS, FILE=string;
```

The IBS command has one attribute:

**FILE**                outputs the resulting "ibs" table to the named file. (Default: "ibs")

The Bjorken-Mtingwa formalism takes into account the variation of the lattice parameters (beta and dispersion functions) around the machine and consequently, the knowledge of the optical functions along the machine is required: IBS should only be called after fully qualified BEAM command and a TWISS command.

**Warning:** Calling EMIT between the TWISS and IBS commands leads to IBS using wrong beam parameters, even if the BEAM command is reiterated.

The IBS module does not include a consistent treatment of linear betatron coupling.

The intra-beam scattering growth times are given by:

$$\frac{1}{\tau_i} = C_i \times \frac{N}{\gamma \epsilon_x \epsilon_y \epsilon_s} \quad (i = x, y, s)$$

where  $C_i$  accounts for some constants and the integrals for the scattering functions,  $N$  is the number of particles in the bunch,  $\gamma$  is the relativistic factor and  $\epsilon_i$  are the normalized emittances in the horizontal, vertical and longitudinal plane respectively. These key beam parameters must be specified through the BEAM command.

If the **CENTRE=true** option of TWISS was specified, the optical functions are calculated by TWISS at the center of each element and IBS uses these values for the element. If by default TWISS calculated the optical functions at the end of each element, IBS calculates the values at the center of each element by performing a linear interpolation between the end values for the previous element and the end values for the current element.

### Input of the beam parameters:

A number of parameters have to be present in the BEAM command in order to run the IBS module:

**PARTICLE**        This is mandatory but MAD-X provides default value of **PARTICLE=proton**. For ions, this parameter specifies only the name of the ions, and the **MASS**

(approximated to the atomic unit number times the neutron mass `NMASS`) and `CHARGE` must be provided as well.

`NPART` the number of particles (or number of ions).

`ENERGY` The definition of the energy (total, kinetic, total energy of the ions or energy per nucleon) is a difficult one. In the present approach, the energy is the **total** energy of the particle. For ions, the expected input is the **proton equivalent** energy, i.e. the total energy a proton would have when circulating in the defined machine. As an illustration, in the LHC, protons will be injected with an energy of 450 GeV. Consequently, to evaluate the growth times for Lead ions at injection in the LHC, one has to input `ENERGY=450*charge`. An important check for the correctness of the input is the printed value of the relativistic factor  $\gamma$ . The latter should correspond to:

$$\gamma_{ion} = \gamma_{proton} \times \frac{charge}{nucleon}$$

`emittances` This part of the input is used to define the normalized horizontal, vertical and longitudinal emittances. The required parameters are the **physical** transverse emittances, `EX` and `EY`, and the longitudinal emittance `ET`. The longitudinal emittance is defined as the product of the bunch length `SIGT` times the relative energy spread `SIGE`, which are therefore required input. If only the longitudinal emittance is defined, and `SIGT` and `SIGE` are omitted, an active RF cavity is also necessary in the lattice to infer `SIGT` and `SIGE`.

#### Example of BEAM input:

A beam of fully stripped Lead ions at the LHC injection energy may be defined as follows for IBS calculations:

```
nucleon = 208;
charge = 82;

BEAM, PARTICLE= lead, CHARGE= charge, MASS= nucleon*nmass,
ENERGY= 450*charge, NPART= 1.1E7, BUNCHED,
EX= 7.82E-9, EY= 7.82E-9, SIGE= 4.68E-4, SIGT= 0.115;
```

#### Resulting Table and File:

The IBS command produces a table "ibs" containing the following data for each element of the machine: element name, position, optical functions (beta, alfa, dispersion and derivative) in both transverse planes, as well as the particular variables `DELS`, the length difference in meters between consecutive elements, and `TXI`, `TYI` and `TLI`, the IBS growth times in the two transverse and longitudinal planes.

This table can be accessed through the usual mechanisms, and if the attribute `FILE="file_name"` was given, `MAD-X` writes this table to the named file.

#### Features:

The average growth rates in [sec] are defined as variables called `ibs.tx`, `ibs.ty`, `ibs.tl` for the horizontal, vertical and longitudinal growth times respectively. They are directly accessible as variables after the `IBS` command, e.g.

```
IBS;  
Tx = ibs.tx;
```

defines a variable Tx which is the average horizontal growth rate in seconds.

**Examples:**

The two examples provided for the module Intra-Beam Scattering illustrate the commands required to run the module. The two examples have been selected such as to highlight the differences between a computation for protons and that for ions. Both examples compute the IBS growth times at injection into the LHC.

The examples are located at <http://madx.web.cern.ch/madx/madX/examples/ibs/>.



# Chapter 29. Particle Tracking

## 29.1 Introduction to MAD-X Tracking Modules

A number of particles with given initial conditions can be tracked through a beam-line or a ring. The particles can be tracked either for a single passage or for many turns.

While MAD-X keeps most of the functionality of MAD-8, the trajectory tracking in MAD-X is considerably modified compared to MAD-8. The reason is that in MAD-8 the thick lens tracking is inherently not symplectic, which implies that the phase space volume is not preserved during the tracking, i.e. contrary to the real particle the tracked particle amplitude is either growing or decreasing.

The non-symplectic tracking as in MAD-8 has been completely excluded from MAD-X by taking out the thick lens part from the tracking modules. Instead two types of tracking modules (both symplectic) are implemented into MAD-X.

The first part of this design decision is the thin-lens tracking module (`THINTRACK`) which tracks symplectically through drifts and kicks and by replacing the end effects by their symplectic part in form of an additional kick on either end of the element. This method demands a preliminary conversion of a sequence with thick elements into one composed of thin elements (see the `MAKETHIN` command). The details of its usage are given on the page "`THINTRACK`".

The second part of this design decision is to produce a thick lens tracking module based on the PTC code of E. Forest that allows a symplectic treatment of all accelerator elements giving the user full control over the precision (number of steps and integration type) and exactness (full or extended Hamiltonian) of the results.

The first PTC thick-lens tracking module is named `PTC_TRACK`. It has the same features as the thin-lens tracking code (`thintrack`) except that it treats thick-lenses in a symplectic manner.

There is a second PTC tracking module called the line tracking module (`PTC_TRACK_LINE`). It is meant for tracking particles in `CLIC`, in fact it treats beam-lines containing traveling-wave cavities and includes a beam acceleration.

## 29.2 Overview of Thin-Lens Tracking

The **thin-lens tracking module** of MAD-X performs element per element tracking of one or several particle trajectories in the last `used` sequence.

Only thin elements are allowed (apart from the element `DRIFT`), which guarantees the symplecticity of the coordinate transformation. Any lattice can be converted into a "thin element" lattice by invoking the `MAKETHIN` command.

Several commands are actually required to complete a tracking run:

```

TRACK, DELTAP=real, ONEPASS=logical, DAMP=logical;
      QUANTUM=logical, DUMP=logical, APERTURE=logical,
      ONETABLE=logical, RECLOSS=logical, FILE=filename,
      UPDATE=logical;
...
START, X=real, PX=real, Y=real, PY=real, T=real, PT=real;
START, FX=real, PHIX=real, FY=real, PHIY=real, FT=real, PHIT=real;
...
OBSERVE, PLACE=string;
...
RUN, TURNS=integer, MAXAPER=double_array, FFILE=integer;
...
DYNAP, TURNS=real, FASTUNE=logical, LYAPUNOV=real,
      MAXAPER=real_array, ORBIT=logical;
...
ENDTRACK;

```

Inside the block TRACK-ENDTRACK a series of initial trajectory coordinates can be specified by the **START** command (as many commands as trajectories). This will be usually done in a **WHILE**-loop. **Note** that the coordinates are either **canonical** coordinates or **action-angle** variables!

For usual tracking (single/multi-turn), all coordinates are specified with respect to the actual closed orbit (possibly off-momentum, with magnet errors) and **NOT** with respect to the reference orbit.

If the option **ONEPASS** is used, the coordinates are specified with respect to the reference orbit. The name **ONEPASS** might be misleading: Still tracking can be single- or multi-turn!

The tracking is actually started with the **RUN** command, where the option **TURNS** defines for how many turns the particles will be tracked in the given sequence.

If the option **DUMP** is used, the particle coordinates are written to files at each turn. The output files are named automatically. The name given by the user is followed by **.obsnnnn**(observation point), followed by **.pnnnn**(particle number). Hence filenames look like **track.obs0001.p0001**.

Tracking creates a number of internal tables and can create files on disk: **TRACKSUMM**, **TRACKLOSS**, and **TRACKONE** or **TRACK.OBS\$\$\$\$.P\$\$\$\$** (depending on the attribute **ONETABLE** of the **RUN** command).

These internal tables can be accessed via the **TABLE**-access functions.

Plotting of particle coordinates or other data in these tables is possible in **MAD-X**. Plotting can also be done with external programs by using the files created by **TRACK**.

**MAD-X** also has the capability to treat space-charge during tracking runs. There is no space-charge command per se but space charge is controlled through several options of **MAD-X** (see **OPTION**) and specific attributes of the **RUN** command in this **TRACK** environment. A section specific to space charge options and particularities appears below.

## 29.3 TRACK

The TRACK command initiates trajectory tracking by entering the thin-lens tracking module.

```
TRACK, DELTAP=real, ONEPASS=logical, DAMP=logical;
      QUANTUM=logical, DAMP=logical, APERTURE=logical,
      ONETABLE=logical, RECLOSS=logical, FILE=filename,
      UPDATE=logical;
```

The attributes of the TRACK command are:

- |          |   |
|----------|---|
| DELTAP   | relative momentum offset for reference closed orbit (switched off for ONEPASS)<br>Defining a non-zero DELTAP results in a change of the beam momentum/energy without changing the magnetic properties in the sequence, which leads to an off-momentum closed orbit different from the on-momentum reference orbit. Particle coordinates are then given with respect to this new closed orbit, unless the option ONEPASS=true is used!<br>(Default: 0.0)   |
| ONEPASS  | flag to ensure that no closed orbit search is done, which also means that no stability test is done. This is always the case for transfer lines, but this option can also be enabled for multi-turn tracking of a circular machine. ONEPASS=true does <b>NOT</b> restrict tracking to a single turn.<br>With ONEPASS=true, the particle coordinates are specified with respect to the reference orbit.<br>With ONEPASS=false, the closed orbit is calculated and the particle coordinates are given with respect to the closed orbit coordinates.<br>The name of this attribute is misleading but was kept for backwards compatibility.<br>(Default: false) |
| DAMP     | flag to introduce synchrotron damping (needs RF cavity and flag RADIATE in the BEAM command).<br>(Default: false)   |
| QUANTUM  | flag to introduce quantum excitation via random number generator and tables for photon emission.<br>(Default: false)  |
| DUMP     | flag to write the particle coordinates in files, whose names are generated automatically.<br>(Default: false)   |
| APERTURE | a logical flag to trigger aperture check at the entrance of each element (except DRIFTS). A particle is lost from the table of tracked particles if its position lies outside the aperture of the current element at the entrance of this element.<br>(Default: false)  |

The [APERTYPE](#) and [APERTURE](#) information of each element in the sequence is

used to assess the particle loss. However `TRACK` only takes into account the predefined aperture types listed in table ??

Note that if no aperture information was specified for an element, the following procedure still takes place:

→ No aperture definition for element → Default aperture/aperture assigned (currently this is `APERTYPE=circle`, `APERTURE={0}`)

→ If tracking with `APERTURE` is used and an element with `APERTYPE=circle` AND `APERTURE={0}` is encountered, then the first value of the `MAXAPER` vector is assigned as the circle's radius (no permanent assignment!). See option `MAXAPER` for the default values.

⇒ Hence even if no aperture information is specified by the user for certain elements, default values will be used!

`ONETABLE` flag to write all particle coordinates in a single file instead of one file per particle.  
(Default: false)

`RECLOSE` flag to create in memory a table named "trackloss" containing the coordinates of lost particles.  
(Default: false)

Traditionally, when a particle is lost on the aperture, this information is written to stdout. To allow more flexible tracking studies, the coordinates of lost particles and additional information can also be saved in a table in memory. Usually one would save this table to a file using the `WRITE` command after the tracking run has finished. The following information is available in the TFS table "trackloss":

- Particle ID (number)
- Turn number
- Particle coordinates (x,px,y,py,t,pt)
- Longitudinal position in the machine (s)
- Beam energy
- Element name, where the particle is lost

`FILE` name for the track table. The default name is different depending on the value of the `ONETABLE` attribute.  
(Default: "track" if `ONETABLE=true`, "trackone" if `ONETABLE=false`)

`UPDATE` flag to trigger parameter update per turn.  
(Default: false)

Specifying `UPDATE=true` gives access to the following additions:

`tr$turni` this special variable contains the turn number; it can be used in expressions like `KICK := SIN(tr$turni)` and is updated at each turn during tracking.

`tr$macro` this special macro can be user-defined and is executed/updated at each turn, during tracking, e.g.  
`tr$macro(turn): macro={commands depending on turnnumber;};`  
 A macro structure is necessary to provide for table access.

### Remarks

*IMPORTANT:* If an RF cavity has a non-zero voltage, synchrotron oscillations are automatically included. If tracking with constant momentum is desired, then the voltage of the RF cavities has to be set to zero. If an RF cavity has a no zero voltage and DELTAP is non zero, tracking is done with synchrotron oscillations around an off-momentum closed orbit.

## 29.4 START

After the TRACK command, initial trajectory coordinates must be provided for each trajectory or particle to be tracked, with one START command per trajectory or particle.

The coordinates can be expressed as either **canonical** or **action-angle** coordinates.

```
START, X=real, PX=real, Y=real, PY=real, T=real, PT=real;
START, FX=real, PHIX=real, FY=real, PHIY=real, FT=real, PHIT=real;
```

For the case of action-angle coordinates, the normalised amplitudes are expressed in number of r.m.s. beam size  $F_X$ ,  $F_Y$ ,  $F_T$  (the actions being computed with the emittances given in the BEAM command) **in each mode plane**. The phases are  $\Phi_X$ ,  $\Phi_Y$  and  $\Phi_T$  expressed in radian. In the uncoupled case, we have in the plane mode labelled  $z$ , and with  $E_z$  being the r.m.s. emittance in that plane:

$$Z = F_z \sqrt{E_z} \cos \Phi_z, \quad P_z = F_z \sqrt{E_z} \sin \Phi_z \quad (29.1)$$

The attributes of the START command are:

X, PX, Y, PY, T, PT canonical coordinates.

FX, PHIX, FY, PHIY, FT, PHIT action-angle coordinates.

### Remarks

For usual tracking (single/multi-turn), all coordinates are specified with respect to the actual closed orbit (possibly off-momentum, with magnet errors) and **NOT** with respect to the reference orbit.

If the option **onepass** of the TRACK is used, the coordinates are specified with respect to the reference orbit.

### Important:

The initial trajectory coordinates specified with the START command (and the PTC\_START command) remain in the TRACKSUMM table for the duration of the MAD-X run. Therefore any subsequent RUN command (and PTC\_TRACK or PTC\_TRACKLINE) to actually start tracking will effectively use **all** initial trajectory coordinates found in the TRACKSUMM table. A workaround this odd behaviour is to **delete** the TRACKSUMM table before specifying the initial trajectory coordinates that must be tracked in the current run:

```
DELETE, TABLE=tracksumm;
```

## 29.5 OBSERVE

During the tracking process, particle coordinates at specific named locations along the machine can be printed to file(s). The declaration of an observation point is with the OBSERVE command:

```
OBSERVE, PLACE=string;
```

The single attribute of OBSERVE is:

**PLACE**            the name of the observation point.

Several OBSERVE commands can be given for the same tracking job, one per observation point.

If no OBSERVE command is given in a tracking job, but the DUMP option in the TRACK command is used, the trajectory coordinates are still recorded and one observation point is provided at the starting point of the sequence.

The output files are named automatically. The name given by the user (attribute FILE of the TRACK command) is followed by ".obsnnnn", where nnnn is the observation point number, and followed by ".pnnnn" where nnnn is now the particle number. Hence the default filename for the first observation point and first particle looks like `track.obs0001.p0001`.

## 29.6 RUN

The actual tracking is triggered by the RUN command.

```
RUN, TURNS=integer, MAXAPER=real_array, FFILE=integer;
```

The RUN command has three attributes:

**TURNS**            number of turns to be tracked.

**MAXAPER**            upper limits for the six coordinates.  
(Default: {0.1, 0.01, 0.1, 0.01, 1.0, 0.1})  
The limits defined by the MAXAPER option are only being taken into account if the APERTURE option of the TRACK command is used.

**FFILE**             defines the turn periodicity for printing coordinates at observation points. (Default: 1)  
FFILE=n will print coordinates every n-th turn only.

## 29.7 DYNAP

The DYNAP command calculates tunes, tune footprints, smear and Lyapunov exponent from tracking data. DYNAP can be called instead of RUN inside a TRACK command environment.

```
DYNAP, TURNS=integer, FASTUNE=logical, LYAPUNOV=real,
      MAXAPER=real_array, ORBIT=logical;
```

For each previously entered start command, DYNAP tracks two close-by particles over a selected number of turns (minimum 64 and maximum 1024), from which it obtains the betatron tunes with error, the action smear, and an estimate of the lyapunov exponent. Many such companion particle-pairs can be tracked at the same time, which speeds up the calculation.

The *smear* is defined as  $2 \times (wxy_{max} - wxy_{min}) / (wxy_{max} + wxy_{min})$ , where the  $wxy_{min,max}$  refer to the minimum and maximum values of the sum of the transverse betatron invariants  $wx + wy$  during the tracking.

The tunes are computed by using an FFT and formula (18) in reference [28] if the number of turns is 64 or less, or formula (25) in the same reference if the number of turns is strictly larger than 64.

DYNAP has the following attributes:

TURNS	the number of turns to be tracked (Default: 64, minimum: 64 and maximum: 1024).
FASTUNE	a logical flag to compute the tunes. (Default: false)
MAXAPER	a vector of 6 real numbers defining the maximum aperture beyond which the particle is considered to be lost. (Default: {0.1, 0.01, 0.1, 0.01, 1.0, 0.1})
LYAPUNOV	the initial distance which is added to the $x$ coordinate of the companion particle of every particle declared with START commands. (Default: 1.e-7 m)
ORBIT	A logical flag. If set, the flag <i>orbit</i> is true during the tracking and its initialization (default: true). <b>This flag should be set to be true, if normalized coordinates are to be entered.</b>

The first command defines the beam parameters. It is essential that the longitudinal emittance ET is set. The command USE selects the beam line or sequence. The TRACK command activates the tracking module, START enters the starting coordinates (more than one particle can be defined), DYNAP finally tracks two nearby particles with an initial distance equal to the value of the LYAPUNOV attribute for each START definition over TURNS revolutions, and ENDTRACK terminates the execution of the tracking module.

The results are stored in the DYNAP and DYNAPTUNE tables, and can be obtained by the two commands

```
VALUE, TABLE(dynap,smear);
VALUE, TABLE(dynaptune,tunx),
      TABLE(dynaptune,tuny),
      TABLE(dynaptune,dtune);
```

More generally, all results can be printed to a file, using the commands

```
WRITE, TABLE=dynap, FILE;
WRITE, TABLE=dynaptune, FILE;
```

The output file 'lyapunov.data' lists the turn number and phase distance between the two Lyapunov partners, respectively, allowing for visual inspection of chaoticity.

## 29.8 ENDTRACK

Tracking is terminated by the command `ENDTRACK` with no attributes.

```
ENDTRACK;
```

## 29.9 Space Charge

MAD-X can perform tracking using a frozen space charge mode. This process is rather involved and requires careful setting of several options and switches as well as the insertion of space-charge kicks inserted within nominal elements. The Space-Charge specifics of MAD-X are documented in [\[29\]](#).



## Part V

# PTC Commands

## Chapter 30. PTC Set-up Parameters

The Polymorphic Tracking Code [30] of Etienne Forest is a kick code, allowing a symplectic integration through all accelerator elements giving the user full control over the precision (number of steps and integration type) and exactness (full or extended Hamiltonian) of the results. The degree of exactness is determined by the user and the speed of his computer. The main advantage is that the code is inherently based on the map formalism and provides users with all associated tools.

The PTC code is actually a library that can be used in many different ways to create an actual module that calculates some property of interest.

**Attention:** PTC exists inside of MAD-X as a library. MAD-X offers the interface to PTC, i.e. the MAD-X input file is used as input for PTC. Internally, both PTC and MAD-X have their own independent databases which are linked via the interface. With the `PTC.CREATE_LAYOUT` command, only numerical values are transferred from the MAD-X data structures to the PTC data structures. Any modification to the MAD-X data structure is unknown to PTC until the next call to `PTC.CREATE_LAYOUT`. For example, a [deferred expression](#) of MAD-X is only evaluated at the time of the `PTC.CREATE_LAYOUT` command and is ignored within PTC afterwards.

Several modules using the PTC code have been presently implemented in MAD-X. These MAD-X-PTC modules[31] are executed by the following commands: `PTC.TWISS`, `PTC.NORMAL`, `PTC.TRACK`, `PTC.TRACK.LINE`.

To perform calculations with these MAD-X-PTC commands, the PTC environment must be initialized, handled and turned off by special commands within the MAD-X input script.

### 30.1 Command Synopsis

A typical set of commands to invoke PTC is given below:

```
PTC_CREATE_UNIVERSE, SECTOR_NMUL_MAX= integer, SECTOR_NMUL= integer,  
                    NTPSA= logical, SYMPRINT= logical;  
  
PTC_CREATE_LAYOUT, TIME= logical, MODEL= integer,  
                  METHOD= integer, NST= integer, EXACT= logical,  
                  OFFSET_DELTAP= double, ERRORS_OUT= logical,  
                  MAGNET_NAME= string, RESPLIT= logical,  
                  THIN= double, XBEND= double,  
                  EVEN = logical;  
  
...  
PTC_MOVE_TO_LAYOUT, INDEX= integer;  
...  
PTC_READ_ERRORS, OVERWRITE= logical;  
...  
PTC_ALIGN;  
...
```

```
PTC_END;
```

## 30.2 PTC\_CREATE\_UNIVERSE

The PTC\_CREATE\_UNIVERSE command is required to set-up the PTC environment.

```
PTC_CREATE_UNIVERSE, SECTOR_NMUL_MAX=integer, SECTOR_NMUL=integer,
NTPSA=logical, SYMPRINT=logical;
```

The attributes are:

**SECTOR\_NMUL\_MAX** a global variable in PTC needed for exact sector bends defining up to which order Maxwell's equation are solved (see [30] page 76-77). The value of SECTOR\_NMUL\_MAX must not be smaller than SECTOR\_NMUL otherwise MAD-X stops with an error.

(Default: 10)

**SECTOR\_NMUL** a global variable in PTC needed for exact sector bends defining up to which order the multipole are included in solving Maxwell's equation up to order SECTOR\_NMUL\_MAX. Multipoles of order N with  $N > \text{SECTOR\_NMUL}$  and  $N \leq \text{SECTOR\_NMUL\_MAX}$  are treated similar to *SixTrack*.

(Default: 10)

**NTPSA** invokes the Differential Algebra (DA) package written in C++ and kindly provided by Lingyun Yang (lyyang@lbl.gov).

Etienne Forest has written the wrapper to allow the use of both the legendary DA package written in Fortran by Martin Berz (default) and this new DA package of Lingyun Yang. It is expected that this DA package will allow for the efficient calculation of a large number of DA parameters.

(Default: false)

**SYMPRINT** a flag to enable the printing of the check of symplecticity. It is recommended to leave this flag set to TRUE.

(Default: true)

## 30.3 PTC\_CREATE\_LAYOUT

The PTC\_CREATE\_LAYOUT command creates the PTC-layout according to the specified integration method and fills it with the current MAD-X sequence defined in the latest [USE](#) command.

```
PTC_CREATE_LAYOUT, TIME=logical, MODEL=integer, METHOD=integer,
NST=integer, EXACT=logical, OFFSET_DELTAP=double,
ERRORS_OUT=logical, MAGNET_NAME=string,
RESPLIT=logical, THIN=double, XBEND=double,
EVEN=logical;
```

The attributes are:

- TIME** a logical flag to control which coordinate system is being used.  
(Default= true)
- This option changes the canonical coordinate system depending whether the calculation is done in 5D or 6D:
- 5D if **TIME** is true, the fifth coordinate is **PT**,  $p_t = \Delta E/p_0 c$   
if **TIME** is false, the fifth coordinate is **DELTAP**,  $\delta_p = \Delta p/p_0$
- 6D if **TIME** is true, the **MAD-X coordinate system**  $\{-ct, p_t\}$  is used.  
if **TIME** is false, the second PTC coordinate system  $\{-\text{pathlength}, \delta_p\}$  is used.
- Note:** at small energy ( $\beta_0 \ll 1$ ), momentum-dependent variables like dispersion will depend strongly on the choice of the logical input variable "time". In fact, the derivative  $(\frac{\partial}{\partial \delta_p})$  and  $(\frac{\partial}{\partial p_t})$  are different by the factor  $\beta_0$ . One would therefore typically choose the option "time=false", which sets the fifth variable to the relative momentum deviation  $\delta_p$ .
- MODEL** an integer to switch between models:  
1 for "Drift-Kick-Drift"; (Default value)  
2 for "Matrix-Kick-Matrix" and  
3 for "Delta-Matrix-Kick-Matrix" (SixTrack-code model).
- METHOD** the integration order: 2, 4, or 6 (See [30] Chapter K)  
(Default: 2)
- NST** the number of integration steps. (Default: 1)  
The body of each element is divided into **NST** equal slices and Forest-Yoshida integration is carried out on each slice. For best results **NST** should increase with strength and length of elements. The optimum **NST** value corresponds to the value beyond which the studied properties no longer change. However, for time consuming calculations the user may reduce **NST**. (See below the **RESPLIT** option for automatic adjustment.)  
This attribute sets the same **NST** value for all "thick" elements ( $l > 0$ ) of a beam-line; however each individual element may also have its own **NST** value defined independently (see below).
- EXACT** a logical flag to turn on calculations with an exact Hamiltonian, otherwise the expanded Hamiltonian is used.  
(Default: false)
- OFFSET\_DELTAP** [ **Beware: Expert attribute!** ]  
provides relative momentum deviation of the reference particle (6D case ONLY).  
This option implies **TOTALPATH=true**.  
(Default: 0.0)
- ERRORS\_OUT** a logical flag to write-out multipolar errors in **EFCOMP** table format.  
(Default: false)  
Two tables are created and filled: "errors\_field" contains only field errors, "errors\_total" contains also desired field components, which can include the

strength of correctors. The choice of magnets is defined by the `MAGNET_NAME` attribute (see below). The tables can be `written` to file, and can be read back via the `ERRORS_IN` flag.

The `ERRORS_IN` flag has precedence over this `ERRORS_OUT` flag.

- MAGNET\_NAME** a string giving a simple selection for the names of magnet to be used for an error write-out using the `ERRORS_OUT` flag (see above). The errors are recorded for all magnets with names starting with the exact string given here, which would be equivalent to the `???` regular expression.  
(Default: nil)
- RESPLIT** a logical flag to apply the PTC resplit procedure. This is meant to create an "adaptive" setting of the `METHOD` and `NST` attributes according to the strengths of quadrupoles (using the `THIN` attribute) and dipoles (using the `XBEND` attribute). The `EVEN` attribute further controls the number of splits.  
(Default: false)
- THIN** is the main `RESPLIT` attribute and is meant for splitting quadrupoles according to their strength. The default value `THIN=0.001` has shown in practice to work well without costing too much with respect of performance.
- XBEND** is an optional `RESPLIT` attribute and is meant for splitting dipoles. A value `XBEND=0.001` is also advisable for dipoles.  
(Default: -1.0 for no splitting)
- EVEN** a logical switch to ensure even number of splits when using the `RESPLIT` procedure of PTC, which is particularly useful when one attempts to calculate `PTC_TWISS` with the `CENTER_MAGNETS` option, i.e. to calculate the `TWISS` parameters in the center of the element. Uneven number of splits is ensured with `EVEN=false`. (Default: true)

## 30.4 PTC\_MOVE\_TO\_LAYOUT

Several PTC layouts can be created within a single PTC-"universe". The layouts are automatically numbered with sequential integers by the `MAD-X` code. The `PTC_MOVE_TO_LAYOUT` command is used to activate a specific layout, and the next PTC commands will be applied to this active PTC layout until a new PTC layout is created or activated.

```
PTC_MOVE_TO_LAYOUT, INDEX=integer;
```

The only attribute is:

- INDEX** is the numeric index of the PTC layout to be activated.  
(Default: 1)

## 30.5 PTC\_READ\_ERRORS

The `PTC_READ_ERRORS` command reads any number of "errors\_read" table through the `READMYTABLE` mechanism.

```
PTC_READ_ERRORS, OVERWRITE=logical;
```

The only attribute is

`OVERWRITE` a flag to specify that the read-in errors overwrite previous errors instead of adding the read-in errors to existing errors, ie multipole components already present.  
(Default: false)

### Note:

Because of the way the table is read in memory, a warning will always be issued by default in the form:

```
warning: string_from_table_row: row out of range: errors_read->name[1>=n+1<=n]
```

where `n` is the number of records read from the table. This warning has no consequence on the errors read and the following calculation.

The warning is purely the result of the way that the reading loop is programmed with a break based on the return value of the routine `string_from_table_row`. But if `string_from_table_row` tries to read in a row (`n+1`) past the last row (`n`) of the table, it prints a warning before returning a value that will effectively break the loop. Of course this will only happen if the `WARN` option is true and this can be turned off with

```
OPTION, -WARN;
```

## 30.6 PTC\_ALIGN

The `PTC_ALIGN` command is used to apply the `MAD-X` alignment errors to the current PTC layout, and takes no attributes.

```
PTC_ALIGN;
```

## 30.7 PTC\_END

The `PTC_END` command turns off the PTC environment, which releases all memory and returns control to the `MAD-X` world proper.

```
PTC_END;
```

## 30.8 Additional Options for Physical Elements

For some of the MAD-X elements, additional attributes can be defined that are available to PTC only. PTC also uses standard MAD-X attributes in a slightly different way.

```
SBEND | RBEND | QUADRUPOLE | SEXTUPOLE | OCTUPOLE | SOLENOID ,
      L=real, ... , TILT=real, ... , NST=integer, ... ,
      KNL={0, real, real,...}, KSL={0, real, real,...};
```

These attributes are:

- L** the length of the element.  
PTC treats bending magnets (**SBEND** or **RBEND**) as **MARKER** if their length is equal to zero.
- NST** gives a specific **NST** values for a particular "thick" element ( $L > 0$ ).

For example RF cavities are represented in MAD-X by a single kick, while PTC splits the RF cavity into **NST** segments thereby taking into account properly the transit-time effects of the cavity. Specifying explicitly **NST=1** for RF cavity reproduces in PTC the approximate results of MAD-X, ignoring transit time effects.

- KNL, KSL** The full range of normal and skew multipole components on the bench can be specified for the following physical elements: **sbend**, **rbend**, **quadrupole**, **sextupole**, **octupole** and **solenoid**. **KNL** and **KSL** multipole coefficients are specified as the integrated value ( $\int K ds$ ) of the field components along the magnet axis. The multipole components in PTC are spread over the length of thick elements. This is a considerable advantage of PTC input compared to MAD-X which allows only **thin multipoles**.

**KNL** is an array representing the normal multipole coefficients.  
(Default:  $0 \text{ m}^{-1}$ )

**KSL** is an array representing the skew multipole coefficients.  
(Default:  $0 \text{ m}^{-1}$ )

To preserve the reference orbit of straight elements, dipole components for those elements are ignored and must be specified as zero: **KNL(0)=0**, **KSL(0)=0**.

A full range of additional multipole **field errors** can be additionally specified with the **EFCOMP** command. Errors are added to the above multipole fields on the bench.

## Chapter 31. Thick-Lens Tracking Module

The PTC-TRACK module [32, 31] is the symplectic thick-lens tracking facility in MAD-X. It is based on PTC library [30] written by E. Forest. The commands of this module are described below, optional parameters are denoted by square brackets ([]).

Prior to using this module the active beam line must be selected by means of a `USE` command. The general `PTC environment` must also be initialized.

### Examples

Several examples can be found on the web at [http://cern.ch/frsmad-X\\_examplesptc\\_track](http://cern.ch/frsmad-X_examplesptc_track).

### 31.1 Synopsis

A typical tracking job in PTC requires a number of commands to be issued:

```
PTC_CREATE_UNIVERSE;
PTC_CREATE_LAYOUT, MODEL=integer, METHOD=integer, NST=integer, [EXACT];
...
PTC_START, X=real, PX=real, Y=real, PY=real, T=real, PT=real;
PTC_START, FX=real, PHIX=real, FY=real, PHIY=real, FT=real, PHIT=real;
...
PTC_OBSERVE, PLACE=string;
...
PTC_TRACK, ...;
...
PTC_TRACKLINE, ...;
...
PTC_TRACK_END;
...
PTC_END;
```

### 31.2 PTC\_START

To start particle tracking, a series of initial trajectory coordinates must be given with the `PTC_START` command; and as many commands as initial trajectories can be given.

`PTC_START` commands must appear before the `PTC_TRACK` command.

```
PTC_START, X=real, PX=real, Y=real, PY=real, T=real, PT=real,
          FX=real, PHIX=real, FY=real, PHIY=real, FT=real, PHIT=real;
```

The coordinates can be

X, PX, Y, PY, T, PT i.e. the standard canonical coordinates.  
(Default: 0.0)



FX, PHIX, FY, PHIY, FT, PHIT i.e. the action-angle coordinates which are expressed by the normalized amplitude,  $F_z$  and the phase,  $\Phi_z$  for the  $z$ -th mode plane ( $z = x, y, t$ ). The actions are computed with the values of the emittances,  $F_z$ , which must be specified in a preceding **BEAM** command.  $F_z$  are expressed in number of r.m.s. beam sizes and  $\Phi_z$  are expressed in radians.  
(Default: 0.0)

### Remarks

In the uncoupled case, the canonical and the action-angle variables are related with equations

$$z = F_z(E_z)^{1/2} \cos(\Phi_z) \quad p_z = F_z(E_z)^{1/2} \sin(\Phi_z) \quad (31.1)$$

If both the canonical and the action-angle coordinates are given in the **PTC\_START** command, they are summed after conversion of the action-angle coordinates to canonical coordinates.

The use of the action-angle coordinates requires the option **CLOSED\_ORBIT** in the **PTC\_TRACK** command.

If the option **CLOSED\_ORBIT** in the **PTC\_TRACK** command is active (see above) all coordinates are specified with respect to the actual closed orbit (possibly off-momentum with magnet errors) and NOT with respect to the reference orbit. If the option **CLOSED\_ORBIT** is absent, then coordinates are specified with respect to the reference orbit.

### Important:

The initial trajectory coordinates specified with the **PTC\_START** command (and the **PTC\_START** command remain in the **TRACKSUMM** table for the duration of the **MAD-X** run. Therefore any subsequent **RUN** command (and **PTC\_TRACK** or **PTC\_TRACKLINE**) to actually start tracking will effectively use **all** initial trajectory coordinates found in the **TRACKSUMM** table. A workaround this odd behaviour is to delete the **TRACKSUMM** table before specifying the initial trajectory coordinates that must be tracked in the current run:

```
DELETE, TABLE=tracksumm;
```

## 31.3 PTC\_OBSERVE

Besides the beginning of the beam-line, one can define an additional observation points along the machine. Subsequent **PTC\_TRACK** command will then record the tracking data on all these observation points.

```
PTC_OBSERVE, PLACE=string;
```

The only attribute is

**PLACE**            the name of observation point.  
(Default: NULL)

### Remarks

The first observation point at the beginning of the beam-line is marked as **"start"**.

It is *strongly* recommended to specify markers as observation points.

The data at observation points other than "start" can be produced in two different ways:

1. traditional element-by-element tracking. (See [MAD-X thin tracking](#)) which requires the option `ELEMENT_BY_ELEMENT` of `PTC_TRACK` to be active.
2. coordinate transformation from "start" to the respective observation points using high-order PTC transfer maps, which requires the option `CLOSED_ORBIT` of `PTC_TRACK` to be active, and the options `RADIATION` and `ELEMENT_BY_ELEMENT` of `PTC_TRACK` to be inactive.

## 31.4 PTC\_TRACK

The `PTC_TRACK` command initiates trajectory tracking by entering the thick-lens tracking module.

The tracking can be done element-by-element or "turn-by-turn" with coordinate transformations over the whole turn.

Tracking is done in parallel, i.e. the coordinates of all particles are transformed through each beam element, or over full turns.

A particle is lost if its trajectory is outside specified boundaries. In PTC, there is a continuous check that the particle trajectories stay within the aperture limits.

The Normal Form calculation is controlled through options of the `PTC_TRACK` command.

```
PTC_TRACK, ICASE=integer, DELTAP=real, CLOSED_ORBIT=logical,
ELEMENT_BY_ELEMENT=logical, TURNS=integer,
DUMP=logical, ONETABLE=logical, MAXAPER=real_array,
NORM=integer, NORM_OUT=logical,
FILE [=string], EXTENSION=string, FFILE=integer,
RADIATION=logical, RADIATION_MODEL1=logical,
RADIATION_ENERGY_LOSS=logical,
RADIATION_QUADR=logical,
BEAM_ENVELOPE=logical, SPACE_CHARGE=logical;
```

The attributes are:

**ICASE** the user-defined dimensionality of the phase-space (4, 5 or 6).  
**ICASE** has higher priority over other options. In particular:

1. RF cavities with non-zero voltage are ignored for `ICASE=4` or `ICASE=5`.
2. A non-zero `DELTAP` is ignored for `ICASE=4` or `ICASE=6`.

However, if an RF cavity has voltage set to zero and `ICASE=6` is specified, PTC sets `ICASE=4`.

(Default: 4)

**DELTAP** the relative momentum offset for reference closed orbit (used for 5D case ONLY).

DELTA $\Delta$ P is ignored for ICASE=6, but the option OFFSET\_DELTA $\Delta$ P of command PTC\_CREATE\_LAYOUT may be used, if the reference particle should have a momentum offset.  
(Default: 0.0)

CLOSED\_ORBIT a logical switch to activate the closed orbit calculation. This option must be used for closed rings only. This option allows to activate the Normal Form analysis, if required. With CLOSED\_ORBIT=false, the sequence is treated as a transfer line.  
(Default: false)

ELEMENT\_BY\_ELEMENT a logical switch to activate the element-by-element tracking, from the default turn-by-turn tracking.  
(Default: false)

TURNS number of turns to be tracked.  
(Default: 1)

DUMP a logical flag to enforce writing particle coordinates to formatted text files.  
(Default: false)

ONETABLE a logical switch to write all particle coordinates to a single file instead of separate files.  
(Default: false)

MAXAPER an array defining upper limits for particle coordinates, essentially defining the aperture to trigger particle loss.  
(Default: {0.1, 0.01, 0.1, 0.01, 1.0, 0.1})

NORM\_NO order of the Normal Form.  
NORM\_NO=1 makes the Normal Form linear (always true for MAD-X).  
(Default: 1)

NORM\_OUT a logical switch to transform canonical variables to action-angle variables.  
(Default: false)

FILE if FILE is omitted, no output is written to file.  
if FILE is present, track tables are printed, optionally to files with name constructed from the base filename specified.  
The actual name of the output file is constructed from the baseline given with FILE to which are appended the strings ".obsnnnn" (where nnnn is the observation point index) and ".pnnnn" (where nnnn is now the particle number), unless the ONETABLE option is activated.  
(Default: "track")

EXTENSION a string providing the filename extension for the track table files, e.g., txt, doc...  
(Default: nil)

FFILE defines the periodicity n of the printout: coordinates are printed every n turns.  
(Default: 1)

- RADIATION** a logical flag to turn on the synchrotron radiation calculated by an internal procedure of PTC.  
The option **RADIATION** has precedence over **RADIATION\_MODEL1** when both are activated.  
(Default: false)
- RADIATION\_MODEL1** a logical flag to turn on the synchrotron radiation according to the method given in [33]. This model simulates quantum excitation via a random number generator and tables for photon emission. It can be used only with the option **ELEMENT\_BY\_ELEMENT**.  
(Default: false)
- RADIATION\_ENERGY\_LOSS** a logical flag to add back the average energy loss for **RADIATION\_MODEL1**, thereby taking only the quantum excitation into effect.  
(Default: false)
- RADIATION\_QUADR** a logical flag to add the effect of synchrotron radiation in quadrupoles. It supplements either model **RADIATION** or **RADIATION\_MODEL1**.  
(Default: false)
- BEAM\_ENVELOPE** a logical switch to activate the calculation of the beam envelopes with PTC. It requires the options **RADIATION** and **ICASE=6**.  
(Default: false)
- SPACE\_CHARGE** [**under construction**]  
a logical flag to activate the simulation of space charge forces between particles.  
(Default: false)

## 31.5 PTC\_TRACKLINE

The **PTC\_TRACKLINE** command performs particle tracking that takes into account acceleration in travelling wave cavities. It must be invoked in the scope of correctly initialized **PTC environment**, i.e. after **PTC\_CREATE\_UNIVERSE** and **PTC\_CREATE\_LAYOUT** commands, and before corresponding **PTC\_END**.

All tracks created with **PTC\_START** commands before **PTC\_TRACKLINE** command is issued are tracked. Track parameters are dumped at every defined observation point (see **PTC\_OBSERVE** command).

Please note that MAD-X always creates an observation point at the end of a sequence.

```
PTC_TRACK_LINE, TURNS=integer,
                ONETABLE=logical, FILE=string, EXTENSION=string,
                ROOTNTUPLE=logical,
                EVERYSTEP=logical, TABLEALLSTEPS=logical,
                GCS=logical;
```

The attributes are:

<b>TURNS</b>	number of turns to be tracked. If the layout of the machine is not closed, this value is forced to <b>TURNS=1</b> by PTC (Default: 1)
<b>ONETABLE</b>	a logical switch to write all particle coordinates to a single file instead of separate files. (Default: false) [to be clarified]
<b>FILE</b>	if <b>FILE</b> is omitted, no output is written to file. if <b>FILE</b> is present, track tables are printed, optionally to files with name constructed from the base filename specified. The actual name of the output file is constructed from the baseline given with <b>FILE</b> to which are appended the strings ".obsnnnn" (where nnnn is the observation point index) and ".pnnnn" (where nnnn is now the particle number), unless the <b>ONETABLE</b> option is activated. (Default: "track")
<b>EXTENSION</b>	a string providing the filename extension for the track table files, e.g., txt, doc... (Default: nil)
<b>ROOTNTUPLE</b>	a logical switch to store data to <b>ROOT</b> file as ntuple. Accessible only if <b>RPLOT</b> plugin is available. i.e. only if <b>MAD-X</b> is dynamically linked and <b>RPLOT</b> plugin is present. (Default: false)
<b>EVERYSTEP</b>	a logical switch to activate the recording of track parameters at every integration step. Normally tracking data are stored internally only at the end of each element. <b>EVERYSTEP</b> provides the user with finer data points. It implies usage of the so called node (thin) layout. Track parameters are stored for each step in file "thintracking_ptc.txt". Storage of parameters in a table for each step might be very memory consuming. To switch it off use option <b>TABLEALLSTEPS</b> . Collective effects can be taken into account only using this mode (this feature of PTC is not interfaced into <b>MAD-X</b> ). (Default: false)
<b>TABLEALLSTEPS</b>	(to be completed) (Default: false)
<b>GCS</b>	a logical switch to store track parameters in Global Coordinate System - normally it starts at the entrance face of the first element. (Default: false)

Plotting of track parameters (see **PLOT** command) is only possible if **ONETABLE** switch is set to false (status as for Feb. 2006). This unfortunate solution is the legacy of the regular **MAD-X TRACK** command, designed for circular machines where the user usually tracks a few particles for many turns rather than many particles for one turn each.

Tracks that do not fit in the defined aperture for elements are immediately stopped.

Behavior of PTC calculations can be adapted with `PTC.SETSWITCH` command and with appropriate switches of `PTC.CREATE_LAYOUT` command.

## 31.6 PTC\_TRACK\_END

The `PTC_TRACK_END` command terminates the command lines related to the `PTC_TRACK` module.

```
PTC_TRACK_END;
```

The initial and final canonical coordinates are collected in the internal table "tracksumm", which can be `written` to file.

## 31.7 Choice of options

The following table facilitates the choice of the correct options for a number of typical tasks:

1. The tracking of a beam-line with default parameters.
2. Similar to "1." but with element-by-element tracking and an output at observation points.
3. Tracking in a closed ring with closed orbit search and the Normal Forms calculations. Both canonical and action-angle input/output coordinates are possible. Output at observation points is produced via PTC maps.
4. Similar to "3." except that output at observation points is created by element-by-element tracking.
5. The ??? with PTC radiation.

Option	case 1	case 2	case 3	case 4	case 5
CLOSED_ORBIT	-	-	+	+	+
ELEMENT_BY_ELEMENT	-	+	-	+	-
PTC_START, X, PX, ...	+	+	+	+	+
PTC_START, FX, PHIX, ...	-	-	+	+	+
NORM_NO	-	-	>1	>1	>1
NORM_OUT	-	-	+	-	+
PTC_OBSERVE	-	+	+	+	-
RADIATION	-	-	-	-	+
RADIATION_MODEL1	-	-	-	-	-
RADIATION_ENERGY_LOSS	-	-	-	-	-
RADIATION_QUAD	-	-	-	-	+/-
BEAM_ENVELOPE	-	-	-	-	-
SPACE_CHARGE	-	-	-	-	-

# Chapter 32. Ripken Optics Parameters

## 32.1 Introduction

The **PTC\_TWISS module**[31] of MAD-X is based on the PTC code and is supplementary to the **TWISS** module of MAD-X. In PTC\_TWISS the Twiss parameters are calculated according to the formalism of G. Ripken, developed in [34] and most accessible in [35].

PTC\_TWISS tracks a special representation of the beam in three degrees of freedom. It works on the coupled lattice functions which are essentially the projections of the lattice functions for the eigen-modes on the three planes.

PTC\_TWISS lists the projections of the ellipses of motion onto the three planes  $(x, p_x)$ ,  $(y, p_y)$ ,  $(t, p_t)$  expressed via Ripken's parameters  $b_{k,j}$ ,  $a_{k,j}$ ,  $g_{k,j}$  along with the phase advances  $m_j$  in selected positions, where index  $k = 1..3$  refers to the plane  $(x, y, ...)$ , and the index  $j = 1..3$  denotes the eigen-mode.

The PTC\_TWISS command also calculates the dispersion values  $D_1, \dots, D_4$ .

In MAD-X commands and tables, these parameters are denoted as **beta11**, ..., **beta33**, **alfa11**, ..., **alfa33**, **gama11**, ..., **gama33**, **mu1**, ..., **mu3**, **disp1**, ..., **disp4**, respectively.

The Ripken parametrization can be transformed into the Edwards-Teng parametrization (used in the module **TWISS** of MAD-X) using the formulae of Lebedev [36].

The parameters are noted as **betx**, **bety**, **alfx**, **alfy** and the coupling matrix: **R11**, **R12**, **R21** and **R22**. In absence of coupling, the following holds: **betx** = **beta11**, **bety** = **beta22**, **alfx** = **alfa11** and **alfy** = **alfa22**.

PTC\_TWISS can also compute the  $\Delta p/p$ -dependency of the Twiss parameters. The column names **beta11p**, ..., **beta33p**, **alfa11p**, ..., **alfa33p**, **gama11p**, ..., **gama33p** denote the derivatives of the optics parameters with respect to  $\Delta p/p$ .

In order to evaluate the  $\Delta p/p$ -dependency of the Twiss parameters, the order (NO) of the map must set to at least 2.

The derivatives of the dispersion with respect to  $\Delta p/p$  have column names: **disp1p**, ..., **disp4p**. Second and third order derivatives have respective column names: **disp1p2**, ..., **disp4p2** for the second order, and **disp1p3**, ..., **disp4p3** for the third order.

In addition, PTC computes the momentum compaction factor  $\alpha_c$  up to 1st order for ICASE=5, or 3rd order (for ICASE=56). The values appear in the header of the PTC\_TWISS output file, and a value of zero means the value has not been computed.

This feature is currently only available in the development version.

[To be checked]

For clarification: in the 4-D case, there is the following correspondence between MAD-X and the Ripken's notations: **beta11**  $\equiv \beta_{xI}$ , **beta12**  $\equiv \beta_{xII}$ , **beta21**  $\equiv \beta_{yI}$ , **beta22**  $\equiv \beta_{yII}$ . In the uncoupled 4-D case, **beta11** is the same as the classical  $\beta_x$  (**betx**) and **beta22** is  $\beta_y$  (**bety**),

while `beta12` and `beta21` are zero. in the coupled case all `betann` are non-zero and `beta11`, `beta22` are distinctively different from  $\beta_x$ ,  $\beta_y$ , respectively.

`PTC_TWISS` also tracks the eigenvectors and prints them to Twiss table according to the `SELECT` command with `FLAG=ptc_twiss`. Either all 36 components or particular components of the eigenvectors can be selected with `EIGN` or `EIGNij`, respectively ( $j$  = number of eigenvector,  $i$  = number of coordinate  $\{x, p_x, y, p_y, t, p_t\}$ ).

For ring lattices, `PTC_TWISS` computes momentum compaction, transition energy, as well as other one-turn characteristics such as the tunes ( $Q_1$ ,  $Q_2$  and if `ICASE=6` with cavity,  $Q_s$ ) and chromaticities (for  $NO \geq 2$ ).

### Synopsis:

```
PTC_CREATE_UNIVERSE;
PTC_CREATE_LAYOUT, MODEL=integer, METHOD=integer, NST=integer, [EXACT];
...
SELECT, FLAG=ptc_twiss, CLEAR;
SELECT, FLAG=ptc_twiss, COLUMN=name, s,
    beta11,...,beta33, alfa11,...,alfa33, gama11,...,gama33,
    beta11p,...,beta33p, alfa11p,...,alfa33p, gama11p,...,gama33p,
    mu1,...,mu3,
    disp1,...,disp4, disp1p,...,disp4p,
    disp1p2,...,disp4p2, disp1p3,...,disp4p3,
    [eign], eign11,...,eign16,...,eign61,...,eign66;
...
PTC_TWISS;
...
PTC_END;
```

## 32.2 PTC\_TWISS

The `PTC_TWISS` command causes computation of the Twiss parameters in Ripken's style. It operates on the working beam line defined in the latest `USE` command.

Applications for the `PTC_TWISS` command are similar to the `TWISS` command of MAD-X. The `PTC_TWISS` can be applied to two basic tasks. It can calculate either a [periodic solution](#) or a [solution with initial conditions](#).



```

PTC_TWISS, ICASE=integer, DELTAP=real,
CLOSED_ORBIT=logical, DELTAP_DEPENDENCY=logical,
SLICE_MAGNETS=logical,
RANGE=string, FILE[=filename], TABLE[=tablename],
INITIAL_MATRIX_TABLE=logical, INITIAL_MATRIX_MANUAL=logical,
INITIAL_MAP_MANUAL=logical, BETA0=string, MAPTABLE=logical,
IGNORE_MAP_ORBIT=logical, RING_PARAMETERS=logical,
BETX=real, ALFX=real, MUX=real,
BETY=real, ALFY=real, MUY=real,
DX=real, DPX=real, DY=real, DPY=real,
X=real, PX=real, Y=real, PY=real, T=real, PT=real,
RE11=real, RE12=real, ..., RE16=real,
...
RE61=real, RE62=real, ..., RE66=real;

```

The attributes are:

- ICASE** the dimensionality of the phase-space (4, 5 or 6). (Default: 4)  
Note that **ICASE** is internally set to 56 when attempting to set **ICASE**=6 with no cavity, and **ICASE** is internally set to 4 when attempting to set **ICASE**=6 with an RF cavity with zero voltage.
- NO** the order of the map. (Default: 1)  
For evaluating the derivatives of the Twiss parameter w.r.t.  $\text{deltap}/p$ , e.g. for evaluating the chromaticities, the order must be at least equal to 2.
- DELTAP** relative momentum offset for reference closed orbit. (Default: 0.0)
- CLOSED\_ORBIT** a logical switch to trigger the closed orbit calculation (applies to [periodic solution](#) ONLY).  
(Default: false)
- DELTAP\_DEPENDENCY** a logical switch to trigger the computation of the Twiss and dispersion derivatives w.r.t.  $\text{deltap}/p$ . Derivation formula assume that  $\text{ICASE} \geq 5$ , so that  $\text{deltap}/p$  is supplied as a parameter.  
(Default: false)
- SLICE\_MAGNETS** a logical switch to activate the evaluation of Twiss parameters at each integration step inside magnets, in addition to the end face. The number of slices is determined by the number of steps (**NST**) that can be separately defined for each element, or otherwise set by **NST** parameter when creating the PTC layout. Note that the orbit rms calculated in this mode counts as valid data points both the end of the previous element and the entrance of the current element. Since the first integration node is always at the entrance of the magnet (after position offset and fringe effects are calculated) which corresponds to the same  $s$  position (and usually optical functions) as the end of the previous element, the points at the interface between magnets are included twice in the rms calculation.  
(Default: false)

**CENTER\_MAGNETS** a logical switch to activate the evaluation of Twiss parameters at the middle of each magnet. This relies on internal slicing and 'integration nodes' as determined by the number of steps (**NST**) selected when creating the PTC layout. This number is assumed to be even otherwise the program issues a warning. (Default: false)

**FILE** if the **FILE** attribute is omitted, no output is written to file. If the **FILE** attribute name is present, the optional attribute value argument is the name of the file for printing the PTC\_TWISS output. The default file name is "ptc.twiss". (Default: false)

**TABLE** if the **TABLE** attribute is omitted, no output is written to an internal table. If the **TABLE** attribute name is present, the optional attribute value argument is the name of the internal table for PTC\_TWISS variables. The default table name is "ptc.twiss". (Default: false)

**SUMMARY\_FILE** if the **SUMMARY\_FILE** attribute is omitted, no summary output is written to file. If the **SUMMARY\_FILE** attribute name is present, the optional attribute value argument is the name of the file for printing the PTC\_TWISS\_SUMMARY table output. The default file name is "ptc.twiss.summary". (Default: false)

**SUMMARY\_TABLE** if the **SUMMARY\_TABLE** attribute is omitted, no summary output is written to an internal table. If the **SUMMARY\_TABLE** attribute name is present, the optional attribute value argument is the name of the internal summary table for PTC\_TWISS\_SUMMARY variables. The default table name is "ptc.twiss.summary". (Default: false)

**RANGE** a string in [RANGE](#) format that specifies a segment of beam-line for the PTC\_TWISS calculation. (Default: #S/#E)

**INITIAL\_MATRIX\_TABLE** a logical flag to trigger the reading of the transfer map from table named "map\_table" created by a preceding PTC\_TWISS or PTC\_NORMAL command. The table can be also read before hand from files using a [READTABLE](#) command. (Default: false)

**INITIAL\_MATRIX\_MANUAL** a logical flag to trigger the used of the input variables RE11, . . . ,RE66 as the transfer matrix. (Default: false)

**RE11, . . . , RE66** values of the  $6 \times 6$  transfer matrix. (Default:  $6 \times 6$  unit matrix)

**INITIAL\_MAP\_MANUAL** a logical flag to trigger the use of an input map stored beforehand in file "fort.18", e.g. by a previous initial run of [PTC\\_NORMAL](#)).

(Default: false)

IGNORE\_MAP\_ORBIT a logical flag to ignore the orbit in the map and use the closed orbit instead if requested, or the orbit defined by the starting point specified with X, PX, Y, P, T, DT parameters otherwise.

(Default: false)

BETA0 the name of a BETA0 block containing the Twiss parameters to be used as input. When ICASE=6, this information must be complemented by supplying a value for BETZ on the PTC\_TWISS command line.

(Default: beta0)

MAPTABLE a logical flag to save the one-turn-map to table "map\_table". The one-turn-map can then be used as starting condition for a subsequent PTC\_TWISS, see INITIAL\_MATRIX\_TABLE parameter above.

(Default: false)

BETX, ALFX, MUX, BETY, ALFY, MUY, DX, DPX, DY, DPY :

Edwards and Teng [14] Twiss and dispersion parameters:  $\beta_{x,y}$ ,  $\alpha_{x,y}$ ,  $\mu_{x,y}$ ,  $D_{x,y}$ ,  $D_{px,py}$ .

(Default: 0)

RING\_PARAMETERS a logical flag to force computation of ring parameters ( $\gamma_{tr}$ ,  $\alpha_c$ , etc.).

(Default: false)

X, PX, Y, PY, T, PT the canonical coordinates of the initial orbit.

(Default: 0.0)

### 32.3 Periodic Solution

This is the simplest form of the PTC\_TWISS command, which computes the periodic solution for a specified beam line. It may accept all basic attributes described in PTC\_TWISS above.

```
PTC_TWISS, ICASE=integer, DELTAP=real, CLOSED_ORBIT=logical,
RANGE=string, FILE[=string], TABLE[=string];
```

### 32.4 Evaluation of Twiss parameters inside magnets

This computes the periodic solution for a specified beam line and evaluates the Twiss parameters at each thin-slice (a.k.a "integration-node") inside magnets. The number of such integration-nodes is given by the number of steps (NST) selected when creating the PTC layout. All other basic attributes described in PTC\_TWISS above may be selected.

```
PTC_TWISS, ICASE=integer, DELTAP=real, CLOSED_ORBIT=logical,
RANGE=string, FILE[=string], TABLE[=string],
SLICE_MAGNETS=logical;
```

**Example**

An example is found in the [PTC\\_TWISS Examples](#) repository.

**32.5 Solution with Initial Conditions**

Initial conditions can be supplied in different ways. Naturally only one of the methods below can be used at a time, and they can not be mixed. In this mode it is assumed that the lattice is a line and no ring parameters are evaluated (their values are set to -1000000), unless `RING_PARAMETERS=true`, which forces computation of closed solution for the resulting map. If a closed solution does not exist, PTC reports an error and exits.

The following logic is programmed in PTC to identify the source of initial conditions:

```

IF      ( INITIAL_MATRIX_TABLE=true && (a map-table exists)) THEN
    use initial values from a Map-Table

ELSEIF  ( INITIAL_MAP_MANUAL=true ) THEN
    use initial values from a Given Map File

ELSEIF  ( INITIAL_MATRIX_MANUAL=true ) THEN
    use initial values from a Given Matrix

ELSEIF  ( BETA0 block is given ) THEN
    use initial values from a BETA0 block

ELSE
    use initial values from Given Twiss parameters

ENDIF

```

**32.5.1 Initial Values from the Given Twiss Parameters**

PTC\_TWISS calculates a solution with initial conditions given by the Twiss parameters, which are explicitly typed as attributes to the command. This case is also limited to uncoupled motion of the preceding ring or beam-line.

```

PTC_TWISS, ICASE=integer, DELTAP=real,
          RANGE=string, FILE[=string], TABLE[=string],
          BETX=real, ALFX=real, MUX=real,
          BETY=real, ALFY=real, MUY=real,
          DX=real, DPX=real, DY=real, DPY=real,
          X=real, PX=real, Y=real, PY=real, T=real, PT=real;

```

**Example:**

An example is found in the [PTC\\_TWISS Examples](#) in the folder "Example2".

### 32.5.2 Initial Values from a Map-Table

PTC\_TWISS calculates a solution with initial conditions given as a map-table of preceding ring or beam-line. It requires the input option INITIAL\_MATRIX\_TABLE and an existing map-table in memory, as generated by a preceding PTC\_NORMAL command.

```
PTC_TWISS, ICASE=integer, DELTAP=real,
          RANGE=string, FILE[=string], TABLE[=string],
          INITIAL_MATRIX_TABLE;
```

**Example:**

An example is found in the [PTC\\_TWISS Examples](#) in the folder "Example3".

### 32.5.3 Initial Values from a Map-File

PTC\_TWISS calculates a solution with initial conditions given as a map-file (fort.18) obtained from a preceding ring or beam-line. It requires the input option INITIAL\_MAP\_MANUAL and an existing map-file in file "fort.18", as generated by a preceding PTC\_NORMAL command.

```
PTC_TWISS, ICASE=integer, DELTAP=real,
          RANGE=string, FILE[=string], TABLE[=string],
          INITIAL_MAP_MANUAL;
```

**Example:**

An example is found in the [PTC\\_TWISS Examples](#) in the folder "Example3".

### 32.5.4 Initial Values from a Given Matrix

PTC\_TWISS calculates a solution with initial conditions given by a matrix explicitly given as attribute to the command. It requires the option INITIAL\_MATRIX\_MANUAL. MAD-X expects a symplectic 6x6 transfer matrix as input.

```
PTC_TWISS, ICASE=integer, DELTAP=real,
          RANGE=string, FILE[=string], TABLE[=string],
          INITIAL_MATRIX_MANUAL,
          RE11=real, RE12=real, ... , RE16=real,
          ...
          RE61=real, RE62=real, ... , RE66=real;
```

**Example:**

An example is found in the [PTC\\_TWISS Examples](#) in the folder "Example4".

### 32.5.5 Initial Values from Twiss Parameters via BETA0-block

PTC\_TWISS calculates a solution with initial conditions given by Twiss parameters, which are transferred from the BETA0 block. The data in the the BETA0 block have to be filled by a

combination of the [SAVEBETA](#) and [TWISS](#) commands of MAD-X for a preceding ring or beam-line. This case is limited to uncoupled motion of the preceding machine.

```
PTC_TWISS, ICASE=integer, DELTAP=real,  
          RANGE=string, FILE[=string], TABLE[=string],  
          BETA0=string ;
```

**Example:**

An example is found in the [PTC\\_TWISS Examples](#) in the folder "Example1".

## Chapter 33. Non-Linear Machine Parameters

The PTC\_NORMAL module ([31] and [37]) of MAD-X is based on PTC code. This module takes full advantage of the PTC Normal Form analysis which is a considerable upgrade of what was available with the Lie Algebra technique used in MAD-8. It allows to calculate dispersions, chromaticities, anharmonicities and Hamiltonian terms to very high order. In fact, the order is only limited by the available computer memory and computing time.

The number of terms per order increases with some power law. The internal MAD-X tables are not adequate to keep such large amounts of data. On the other hand, only a reduced set of this data is actually needed by the user. Thus a much easier and flexible solution is to gather user requirements with a series of SELECT\_PTC\_NORMAL command. A special MAD-X table is dynamically built using those commands and is filled by a subsequent call to PTC\_NORMAL.

Another essential advantage of this table is that it is structured to facilitate exchange of Normal Form (including Hamiltonian terms of high order) between MAD-X modules. The immediate goal is to use this table to allow non-linear matching inside the present MAD-X MATCHING module.

### Synopsis:

```
PTC_CREATE_UNIVERSE;
PTC_CREATE_LAYOUT, MODEL=integer, METHOD=integer, NST=integer, [EXACT];
...
SELECT_PTC_NORMAL, DX, ..., GNFU;
...
PTC_NORMAL;
WRITE, TABLE=normal_results, FILE=normal_results;
...
PTC_END;
```

### 33.1 SELECT\_PTC\_NORMAL

The SELECT\_PTC\_NORMAL command selects parameters to be calculated by a subsequent PTC\_NORMAL command.

```
SELECT_PTC_NORMAL, DX=integer, DPX=integer, DY=integer, DPY=integer,
Q1=0, Q2=0, DQ1=integer, DQ2=integer,
ANHX=integerarray, ANHY=integerarray,
GNFU=integer,0,0, HAML=integer,0,0,
EIGN=integer,integer;
```

The attributes are:

DX, DPX, DY, DPY the dispersion parameters specified as integer numbers specifying their order:  $D_x^{(n)} = \partial^{(n)} x_{co} / \partial \delta_p^{(n)}$ ,  $D_{px}^{(n)} = \partial^{(n)} p x_{co} / \partial \delta_p^{(n)}$ ,  $D_y^{(n)} = \partial^{(n)} y_{co} / \partial \delta_p^{(n)}$ ,  $D_{py}^{(n)} = \partial^{(n)} p y_{co} / \partial \delta_p^{(n)}$ , where co is abbreviation of "closed orbit".

Q1, Q2	horizontal and vertical tune parameters are fixed to order 0: $Q_1^{(0)}, Q_2^{(0)}$
DQ1, QD2	the tune derivative parameters specified as integer numbers specifying their order. $\partial^{(n)}Q_1/\partial\delta_p^{(n)}, \partial^{(n)}Q_2/\partial\delta_p^{(n)}$
ANHX, ANHY	the anharmonicities, each defined by three integer numbers: the order $n_1$ of $\epsilon_1$ , the order $n_2$ of $\epsilon_2$ and the order $n_3$ of $\delta_p$ . $\partial^{(n_1+n_2+n_3)}Q_z/(\partial\epsilon_1^{(n_1)}\partial\epsilon_2^{(n_2)}\partial\delta_p^{(n_3)})$ . For example, ANHX=2,0,0 represents second order in $\epsilon_1$ : $\partial^{(2)}Q_1/\partial\epsilon_1^{(2)}$ . And ANHY=3,1,2 represents $\partial^{(6)}Q_2/(\partial\epsilon_1^{(3)}\partial\epsilon_2^{(1)}\partial\delta_p^{(2)})$ .
EIGN	components of the eigenvectors at the end of the structure can be specified by two integers: the eigenvector number and the coordinate coded in the list: $\{x, p_x, y, p_y, t, p_t\}$ : The pair $n_1, n_2$ defines the $n_2$ -th component of the $n_1$ -th eigenvector.
GNFU	The Generating Function can be specified by $\{n_1, n_2, n_3\}$ . The positive and negative values of $n - 1$ define the order of upright or skew resonances respectively. The integers $n_2$ and $n_3$ are reserved for a future upgrade and must be set to 0. For example GNFU=-5,0,0 calculates all Generating Function terms for skew decapoles. In the output table the cosine, sine and amplitude coefficients are denoted as "GNFC", "GNFS" and "GNFA" respectively.
HAML	the Hamiltonian terms can be specified by $\{n_1, n_2, n_3\}$ . The positive and negative values of $n_1$ define the order of upright or skew resonances, respectively. The integers $n_2$ and $n_3$ are reserved for a future upgrade and must be set to 0. For example, HAML=3,0,0 calculates all Hamiltonian terms for upright sextupoles. In the output table the cosine, sine and amplitude coefficients are denoted as "HAMC", "HAMS" and "HAMA" respectively.

**Caution:** if more than one order of terms is selected only the lower one is correct because higher orders contain "cross terms" from the lower ones.

## 33.2 PTC\_NORMAL

The calculation of the parameters specified by the preceding SELECT\_PTC\_NORMAL commands is initiated by the PTC\_NORMAL command, which operates on the working beam line defined in the latest USE command.

```
PTC_NORMAL, ICASE=integer, NORMAL=logical, CLOSED_ORBIT=logical,
NO=integer, MAPTABLE=logical, DELTAP=double;
```

The attributes are:

ICASE	user-defined dimensionality of the phase-space (4, 5 or 6). (Default: 4)
NO	the order of the map. (Default: 1)



- CLOSED\_ORBIT** a logical switch to turn on the closed orbit calculation.  
(Default: false)
- DELTAP** relative momentum offset for reference closed orbit.  
(Default: 0.0)
- MAPTABLE** a logical flag to activate the storage of the map-table in memory.  
**MAPTABLE=true** and **NO=1** creates the one-turn matrix which can be used by the next **PTC\_TWISS** command.  
(Default: false)
- NORMAL** a logical flag to activate the calculation of the Normal Form.  
(Default: false)

**Example**

The simple example is located on the Web-page for the **PTC\_NORMAL example**.

## Chapter 34. MAD-X-PTC Auxiliaries

This chapter documents the interface between MAD-X and PTC and the auxiliary commands available in the PTC library.

### Available Commands

- [PTC\\_SETSWITCH](#)
- [PTC\\_KNOB](#)
- [PTC\\_SETKNOBVALUE](#)
- [MATCH\\_WITHPTCKNOBS](#) (Under Construction)
- [PTC\\_PRINTPARAMETRIC](#)
- [PTC\\_EPLACEMENT](#)
- [PTC\\_PRINTFRAMES](#)
- [PTC\\_SELECT](#)
- [PTC\\_SELECT\\_MOMENT](#)
- [PTC\\_MOMENTS](#) (Under Construction)
- [PTC\\_DUMPMAPS](#)
- [PTC\\_SETCAVITIES](#)

## 34.1 PTC\_SETSWITCH

Routine that sets the internal PTC switches.

```
PTC_SETSWITCH, DEBUGLEVEL=integer,
              MAXACCELERATION=logical,
              EXACT_MIS=logical,
              TOTALPATH=logical,
              RADIATION=logical,
              FRINGE=logical,
              TIME=logical;
```

Using this command the user can set switches of PTC and the MAD-X-PTC interface, adapting this way the program behavior to his needs.

Command parameters and switches:

- DEBUGLEVEL** (Default: 1)  
Sets the level of debugging printout: 0 prints none, 4 prints everything
- MAXACCELERATION** (Default: true)  
Switch to set cavities phases so the reference orbit is always on the crest, i.e. gains max energy
- EXACT\_MIS** (Default: .false.)  
Switch ensures exact misalignment treatment.
- TOTALPATH** (Default: .false.)  
If true, the 6th variable of PTC, i.e. 5th of MAD-X, is the total path.  
If false it is deviation from the reference particle, which is normally the closed orbit for closed layouts.
- RADIATION** (Default: false)  
Sets the radiation switch/internal state of PTC.
- FRINGE** (Default: false)  
Sets the fringe switch/internal state of PTC.  
If true the influence of the fringe fields is evaluated for all elements.  
Please note that currently fringe fields are always taken into account for some elements (e.g. traveling wave cavities) even if this flag is set to false. The detailed list of elements will be provided later, when the situation in this matter will be definitely settled.
- TIME** (Default: true)  
If true, Selects time of flight ( $cT$  to be precise) rather than path length as the 6th variable of PTC, i.e. 5th of MAD-X.

## 34.2 PTC\_KNOB

```
PTC_KNOB, ELEMENTNAME=string,
          KN=integer{, integer}, KS=integer{, integer},
          EXACTMATCH=logical;
```

Sets knobs in PTC calculations. This is currently valid only in PTC\_TWISS; PTC\_NORMAL will follow.

Knobs appear as additional parameters of the phase space. Twiss functions are then obtained as functions of these additional parameters (Taylor series). Map elements may also be stored as functions of knobs. The [PTC\\_SELECT](#) command description shows how to request a given element to be stored as a Taylor series.

The parametric results can also be:

1. written to a file with [PTC\\_PRINTPARAMETRIC](#).
2. plotted and studied using rvviewer command ([RPLOT](#) plugin).
3. used to rapidly obtain approximate values of lattice functions for given values of knobs ([PTC\\_SETKNOBVALUE](#)). This feature is the foundation of a fast matching algorithm with PTC.

Command parameters and switches:

ELEMENTNAME	a string in range format (Default: NULL) Specifies name of the element containing the knob(s) to be set.
KN,KS	list of integers (Default: ???) Defines which order
EXACTMATCH	(Default: .true.) Normally a knob is a property of a single element in a layout. The specified name must match 1:1 to an element name. This is the case when exactmatch is true. Knobs might be also set to all family of elements. In such case the exactmatch switch must be false. A given order field component of all the elements that name starts with the name specified by the user become a single knob.
INITIAL	???

### Example

**dog leg chicane:** Dipolar components of both rbends and dipolar and quadrupolar components of the focusing quads set as knobs. Some first and second order map coefficients set to be stored as parametric results. ptc\_twiss command is performed and the parametric results are written to files in two formats.

**dog leg chicane:** Knob values are matched to get requested lattice functions.

### 34.3 PTC\_SETKNOBVALUE

The PTC\_SETKNOBVALUE command sets a given knob value.

```
PTC_SETKNOBVALUE, ELEMENTNAME=string,
                  KN=integer{,integer}, KS=integer{,integer},
                  VALUE=real;
```

All values in the twiss table used by the last PTC\_TWISS command and the columns specified with `PTC_SELECT`, `PARAMETRIC=true`; are reevaluated using the buffered parametric results.

The parameters of the command basically contain the fields that allow to identify uniquely the knob and the value to be set.

Command parameters and switches:

**ELEMENTNAME** a string in range format that specifies the name of the element containing the knob to be set.  
(Default: none)

**KN, KS** are lists of integers that define the knob.  
(Default: -1)

**VALUE** specifies the value to which the knob is to be set.  
(Default: 0)

**Example:**

**dog leg chicane:** strength of dipole field component in quadrupoles is matched to obtain the required R56 value.

### 34.4 PTC\_VARYKNOBS (Under Construction)

The PTC\_VARYKNOBS command allows matching with PTC knobs.

```
PTC_VARYKNOB, INITIAL=string, ELEMENT=string,
              KN=integer{,integer}, KS=integer{,integer},
              EXACTMATCH=logical, TRUSTRANGE=real,
              STEP=real, LOWER=real, UPPER=real;
```

where the attributes are

**INITIAL**

**ELEMENT**

**KN, KS**

**EXACTMATCH**

**TRUSTRANGE** defines the range over which the expansion is trusted  
(Default: 0.1)

STEP

LOWER

UPPER

This matching procedure takes advantage of the parametric results that are accessible with PTC. Namely, parameters occurring in the matching constraints are obtained as functions (polynomials) of the matching variables. In other words, each variable is a knob in PTC calculation. Evaluation of the polynomials is relatively fast comparing to the regular PTC calculation which makes finding the minimum with the parametrized constraints very fast.

However, the algorithm is not faster in a general case:

1. The calculation time dramatically increases with the number of parameters and at some point penalty rising from this overcomes the gain we get from the fast polynomial evaluation.
2. A parametric result is an approximation that is valid only around the nominal parameter values.

The algorithm is described below.

```
MATCH, use_ptcknobs=true;
...
PTC_VARYKNOB:
  initial = [s, none] ,
  element = [s, none] ,
  kn      = [i, -1],
  ks      = [i, -1],
  exactmatch = [1, true, true],
  trustrange  = [r, 0.1],
  step       = [r, 0.0],
  lower      = [r, -1.e20],
  upper      = [r, 1.e20];
...
END_MATCH;
```

For user convenience the limits are specified in the MAD-X units (k1,k2, etc). This also applies to dipolar field where the user must specify limits of  $K0 = \text{angle/path\_length}$ . This guarantees consistency in treatment of normal and skew dipole components.

**Important:** Note that inside the code skew magnets are represented only by normal component and tilt, so the nominal skew component is always zero. Inside PTC tilt can not become a knob, while skew component can. Remember about this fact when setting the limits of skew components in the matching. When the final results are exported back to MAD-X, they are converted back to the "normal" state, so the nominal skew component is zero and tilt and normal component are modified accordingly.

### Example

dog leg chicane.

**Algorithm**

1. Buffer the key commands (`ptc_varyknob`, `constraint`, `ptc_setswitch`, `ptc_twiss` or `ptc_normal`, etc) appearing between `match`, `useptcknobs=true`; and any of matching actions calls (`migrad`, `lmdif`, `jacobian`, etc)
2. When matching action appears,
  - (a) set "The Current Variables Values" (TCVV) to zero
  - (b) perform THE LOOP, i.e. points 3-17
3. Prepare PTC environment (`ptc_createuniverse`, `ptc_createlayout`)
4. Set the user defined knobs (with `ptc_knob`).
5. Set TCVV using `ptc_setfieldcomp` command.
6. Run a PTC command (`twiss` or `normal`).
7. Run a runtime created script that performs a standard matching; all the user defined knobs are variables of this matching.
8. Evaluate constraints expressions to get the matching function vector (I).
9. Add the matched values to TCVV.
10. End PTC session (run `ptc_end`).
11. If the matched values are not close enough to zeroes then goto 3.
12. Prepare PTC environment (`ptc_createuniverse`, `ptc_createlayout`).
13. Set TCVV using `ptc_setfieldcomp` command.  
( — please note that knobs are not set in this case — )
14. Run a PTC command (`twiss` or `normal`).
15. Evaluate constraints expressions to get the matching function vector (II).
16. Evaluate a penalty function that compares matching function vectors (I) and (II).  
See points 7 and 14.
17. If the matching function vectors are not similar to each other within requested precision then goto 3.
18. Print TCVV, which are the matched values.

**34.5 PTC\_PRINTPARAMETRIC**

**Editor's Note:** This command exists but is not documented. The file `PTC_PrintParametric.html` contains the same content as `PTC_Knob.html`. I presume the original file has been lost and overwritten...

## 34.6 PTC\_EPLACEMENT

Places a given element at required position and orientation. All rotations are made around the front face of the element.

```
PTC_EPLACEMENT, RANGE=string, REFFRAME=string,
                X=real, Y=real, Z=real, PHI=real, THETA=real,
                ONLYPOSITION=logical, ONLYORIENTATION=logical,
                AUTOPLACEDOWNSTREAM=logical, SURVEYALL=logical;
```

Command parameters and switches:

- RANGE** a string in range format that specifies the name of the element to be moved.
- REFFRAME** defines the coordinate system with respect to which coordinates and angles are specified.  
Possible values are:
- gcs** global coordinate system (Default)
  - current** current position
  - previouselement** end face of the previous element
- X, Y, Z** coordinates of the front face of the magnet.  
(Default: 0.0)
- PHI, THETA** polar (in xz plane, around z axis) and azimuthal (around x axis) rotation angles respectively.  
(Default: 0.0)
- ONLYPOSITION** a flag to perform only translation changes, and orientation of element is left unchanged.  
(Default: false)
- ONLYORIENTATION** a flag to perform only rotation changes and position of element is left unchanged.  
(Default: false)
- AUTOPLACEDOWNSTREAM** a logical flag: if true all elements downstream are placed at default positions with respect to the moved element; if false the rest of the layout stays untouched.  
(Default: true)
- SURVEYALL** a logical flag used essentially for debugging. If true, a survey of the entire line is performed after element placement at new position and orientation.  
(Default: true)

### Example

**Dog leg chicane:** position of quadrupoles is matched to obtain required R566 value.



## 34.7 PTC\_PRINTFRAMES

Print the PTC geometry of a layout to a specified file.

```
PTC_PRINTFRAMES, FILE=filename, FORMAT=string;
```

Command parameters and switches:

FILE	specifies the name of the file.
FORMAT	specifies the format of geometry data. Currently two formats are accepted:
text	prints a simple text file. (Default)
rootmacro	creates <b>ROOT</b> macro that can be used to produce a 3D display of the geometry.

### Example

**Dog leg chicane** with some elements displaced with help of PTC\_EPLACEMENT.

## 34.8 PTC\_SELECT

Selects a map element to be stored in a user-defined table, or stored as a function (Taylor series) of a defined **knob**. Both cases can be joined in a single PTC\_SELECT command.

```
PTC_SELECT, TABLE=tablename, COLUMN=string,string,
          POLYNOMIAL=integer, MONOMIAL=string, PARAMETRIC=logical,
          QUANTITY=string;
```

Command parameters and switches:

TABLE	the name of the table where values should be stored.
COLUMN	the name of the column in the table where values should be stored.
POLYNOMIAL	specifies the row of the map.
MONOMIAL	a string composed of digits that defines the monomials of the polynomial in PTC nomenclature. The length of the string should be equal to the number of variables and each digit corresponds to the exponent of the corresponding variable. Monomial 'ijklmn' defines $x^i p_x^j y^k p_y^l \Delta T^m (\Delta p/p)^n$ .  For example, element=2 and monomial=1000000 defines coefficient of the second polynomial (that defines $p_x$ ) close to $x$ , in other words it is R21.
PARAMETRIC	a logical switch. If true, and if any <b>knobs</b> is defined, the map element is stored as the parametric result. (Default: false)
QUANTITY	??? is that the element referred above ??

To store map elements in a user-defined table and column, the table with the named columns should pre-exist the PTC\_SELECT command.

To store map elements as a function of a defined knob, the PARAMETRIC attribute must be set to true.

### Examples

**dog leg chicane:** strength of quads is matched to obtain required T112 value.

**dog leg chicane:** position of quads is matched to obtain required T566 value.

**dog leg chicane:** dipole and quadrupole strengths are matched with the help of knobs to obtain required momentum compaction and Twiss functions.

## 34.9 PTC\_SELECT\_MOMENT

Selects a moment to be stored in a user-defined table, or stored as a function (Taylor series) of a defined knob. Both cases can be joined in one command.

```
PTC_SELECT_MOMENT, TABLE=tablename, COLUMN=string,
                    MOMENT_S=string,string, MOMENT=integer,
                    PARAMETRIC= logical;
```

Command parameters and switches:

**MOMENT\_S** a list of coma separated strings, each composed of up to 6 digits defining the moment of a polynomial in PTC nomenclature:  
the string 'ijklmn', where i,j,k,l,m,n are digits from 0 to 9, defines the moment  $\langle x^i p_x^j y^k p_y^l \Delta T^m (\Delta p/p)^n \rangle$ .

For example, MOMENT\_S=100000 defines  $\langle x^1 \rangle$

Note that for input we always use MAD-X notation where dp/p is always the 6th coordinate. Internally to PTC, dp/p is the 5th coordinate. We perform automatic conversion that is transparent for the user. As the consequence RMS in dp/p is always denoted as the string '000002', even in 5D case.

This notation allows to define more then one moment with a single command. In this case, the corresponding column names are built from the string arguments to MOMENT\_S with a mu prefix. However, they are always extended to 6 digits, i.e. trailing 0's are automatically added.

For example, with MOMENT\_S=2, defines  $\langle x^2 \rangle$  and the corresponding column name is mu200000.

This method does not allow to pass bigger numbers larger than 9. In order to define such a moment, see the attribute MOMENT below.

- MOMENT** a list of up to 6 coma separated integers that define the moment:  
 $\langle x^i p_x^j y^k p_y^l \Delta T^m (\Delta p/p)^n \rangle$  being defined as MOMENT=i,j,k,l,m,n  
(Default: 0)  
For example: MOMENT=2 defines  $\langle x^2 \rangle$ , MOMENT=0,0,2 defines  $\langle y^2 \rangle$ ,  
MOMENT=0,14,0,2 defines  $\langle p_x^{14} p_y^2 \rangle$ , etc.
- COLUMN** defines the name of the column where values should be stored. If not specified then it is automatically generated from the MOMENT definition:  
 $\langle x^i p_x^j y^k p_y^l \Delta T^m (\Delta p/p)^n \rangle \Rightarrow \text{mu\_i\_j\_k\_l\_m\_n}$   
(where numbers are separated with underscores).  
This attribute is ignored if MOMENT\_S is specified.  
(Default: none)
- TABLE** specifies the name of the table where the calculated moments are stored.  
(Default: moments)
- PARAMETRIC** a logical flag to to store the element as a parametric result if a knob has been defined.  
(Default: false)

To store a moment in a user-defined table and column, the table with the named columns should pre-exist the PTC\_SELECT\_MOMENT command.

To store a moment as a function of a defined knob, the PARAMETRIC attribute must be set to true.

### Examples

from ATF2:

```
!Here is sigmax**2
ptc_select_moment, table = momord2, moment_s= 2;

!Below are example how to encode other moments
ptc_select_moment, table = momord2, moment_s= 20,11,02,002,0011,0002,00002;
ptc_select_moment, table = momord2xy, moment_s= 1010,0110,1001,0101,10001,
01001,00101,00011;
ptc_select_moment, table = momord4, moment_s= 40,22,04, 004,0022,0004;
ptc_select_moment, table = momord6, moment_s= 6;
```

## 34.10 PTC\_MOMENTS

The command PTC\_MOMENTS calculates moments previously selected with the PTC\_SELECT\_MOMENT command. It uses maps saved by the PTC\_TWISS command, hence, the SAVEMAPS switch of PTC\_TWISS must be set to true (Default) to be able to calculate moments.

```
PTC_MOMENTS, NO=integer,
             XDISTR=string, YDISTR=string, ZDISTR=string;
```

The command parameters and switches are

**NO** order of the calculation, maximally twice the order of the last twiss.  
(Default: 1)

**XDISTR**, **YDISTR**, **ZDISTR** define the distribution in x, y and z dimension respectively and can take one of the following values:

<b>gauss</b>	Gaussian distribution (Default)
<b>flat5</b>	flat distribution in the first of variables (dp over p) of a given dimension and Delta Dirac in the second one (T)
<b>flat56</b>	flat rectangular distribution

### Examples

**ATF2**

## 34.11 PTC\_DUMPMAPS

**PTC\_DUMPMAPS** dumps the linear part of the map for each element of the layout into the specified file.

```
PTC_DUMPMAPS, FILE=filename;
```

The only command parameter is:

**FILE** the filename of the file to which the matrices are dumped.  
(Default: ptcmaps)

## 34.12 PTC\_SETCAVITIES

The **PTC\_SETCAVITIES** command adjusts cavities and sets appropriate reference momenta for a layout containing travelling wave cavities.

```
PTC_SETCAVITIES;
```

The main goal is to update the reference beam energy for the elements that follow a travelling wave cavity. **PTC** traces the synchronous particle, that is the particle that has all its parameters set to zero at the beginning of the layout under study.

When **PTC** reaches a cavity in the layout, the parameters of the cavity may be adjusted according to the user-defined **MAXACCEL** switch previously set in [PTC\\_SETSWITCH](#).

If **MAXACCEL=true** the phase of the cavity is adjusted so it gives the maximum acceleration. The phase lag is then added to this adjusted phase.

If **MAXACCEL=false** the cavity parameters are left unchanged.

The synchronous particle is then tracked through the travelling wave cavity and the energy gain is calculated. This energy becomes the new reference energy for all elements downstream of the cavity.

This process is repeated at every cavity encountered further in the tracking through the layout.

Parameters of the cavities are printed to a file named "twcavsettings.txt".

**Attention:**

in PTC the phase velocity of a cavity wave is always equal to the speed of light. Hence, if PTC internal state `TIME` is `true`, which is the most correct setting, the voltage seen by a particle is varying along the structure. If `TIME=false`, the tracked particle is assumed to propagate at the speed of light ( $v = c$ ) and the particle moves synchronously with the wave front.

**Attention:**

For programming reasons, any element that changes the reference momentum, i.e. travelling wave cavities, must be followed by a marker. If a marker does not follow immediately each of these elements, PTC detects an error and stops the program. Hence two cavities cannot be placed one immediately after the other and a marker must be inserted in between.

**Part VI**

**Trailing Material**

# Chapter 35. Known Differences to Other Programs

## 35.1 Definitions in MAD-8

MAD-8 uses full 6-by-6 matrices to allow coupling effects to be treated, and the canonical variable set  $(x, p_x/p_0)$ ,  $(y, p_y/p_0)$ ,  $(-ct, \delta E/p_0c)$ , as opposed to other programs most of which use the set  $(x, x')$ ,  $(y, y')$ ,  $(-\delta s, \delta p/p_0)$ .

Like Dragt [38], MAD-8 uses the relative energy error  $p/p_0$ , which is equal the relative momentum error  $\delta p/p_0$  multiplied by  $\beta = v/c$ .

As from Version 8.13, MAD-8 used an additional **constant** momentum error  $\delta p_s$  in all optical calculations. The transfer maps contained the **exact** dependence upon this value; therefore the tunes for large deviations could be computed with high accuracy as opposed to previous versions.

The choice of canonical variables in MAD-X still leads to slightly different definitions of the lattice functions. In MAD-X the Courant-Snyder invariants mentioned in [3] take the form

$$W_x = \gamma_x x^2 - 2\alpha_x x p_x + \beta_x p_x^2$$

Comparison to the original form

$$W_x = \gamma_x x^2 - 2\alpha_x x x' + \beta_x x'^2$$

shows that the orbit functions cannot be the same.

A more detailed analysis, using  $x' = p_x/(1+\delta)$  shows that all formulas can be made consistent by defining the MAD orbit functions (index M) wrt. the Courant and Snyder functions (index C) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\beta_{xM} &= \beta_{xC} \times (1 + \delta), \\ \alpha_{xM} &= \alpha_{xC}, \\ \gamma_{xM} &= \gamma_{xC}/(1 + \delta)\end{aligned}$$

For constant  $\delta_s$  along the beam line and  $\delta = 0$ , the lattice functions are the same. In a machine where  $\delta$  varies along the circumference, e.g. in a linear accelerator or in an electron-positron storage ring, the definition of the Courant-Snyder invariants must be generalised. The MAD-8 invariants have the advantage that they remain invariants along the beam line even for variable  $\delta$ .

With the new method this problem occurs in Twiss module (see 19) only for non-constant  $\delta$ .

## 35.2 Treatment of Energy Error in TWISS

It has been noted by Milutinovic and Ruggiero [39] that MAD-8 returned tunes which are too low for non-zero  $\delta$ . The difference was found to be quadratic in delta with a negative coefficient. This problem has been eliminated thanks to the new treatment of momentum errors from MAD-8 Version 8.13 onwards.

## Chapter 36. MAD-X pitfalls

Find a loose collection of pitfalls that may be difficult to avoid in particular for new users but also experienced user might profit from this list.

**Twiss calculation is 4D only!** The Twiss command will calculate an approximate 6D closed orbit when the accelerator structure includes an active [cavity](#). However, the calculation of the Twiss parameters are 4D only. This may result in apparently non-closure of the beta values in the plane with non-zero dispersion. The full 6D Twiss parameters can be calculated with the [PTC\\_TWISS](#) command. The [Thinlens Tracking](#) module presently suffers from this deficiency since it requires the true 6d closed orbit and not the approximate one as calculated by Twiss. In this context one has to mention that the coordinate system for the Twiss module is not x, px in the horizontal plane as the advertised canonical coordinates instead x, x' have been used (same for the vertical plane).

Be careful that for TWISS with the [CENTRE](#) attribute activated, i.e. looking inside the element, the closed orbit includes the misalignment of the element.

**Dispersion for machines with small relativistic beta** MAD-X uses the PT coordinate as the canonical momentum in the longitudinal plane. The derivative of e.g. dispersion is therefore not taken wrt delta-p over p but PT. Therefore one unfortunately finds the dispersion being divided by the relativistic beta which is annoying for low energy machines. PTC allows to change the coordinate system to delta-p over p with the "time=false" option of the [PTC\\_CREATE\\_LAYOUT](#) command which delivers the proper dispersion with the [ommand](#).

**Non-standard definition of DDX, DDPX, DDY, DDPY** The MAD-X proper definition of DDX, DDPX, DDY, DDPY is not the second order derivative with respect to  $\Delta p/p$  but multiplied by a factor of 2. The corresponding values from [PTC\\_NORMAL](#) and [PTC\\_TWISS](#) are the proper derivatives to all orders.

**Chromaticity calculation in presence of coupling** Chromaticity calculations are typically in order and agree with PTC and other codes. However, it was recently discovered that in presences of coupling MAD-X simply seems to ignore coupling when the chromaticity is calculated. This is surprising since the eigentunes Q1, Q2 are properly calculated for a given (small!)  $dp/p$ . The issue is under investigation.

**Field errors in thick elements** Only a very limited number of field error components are considered in [TWISS](#) calculations for some thick elements. Find below a complete list of all those field error components that are taking into account for a particular thick element. It should be mentioned that [BENDs](#) also allow a skew quadrupole component k1s but NOT in the body of the magnet. It is only active in the edge effect for radiation (expert use only).



Magnet Type	Normal Field Components	Skew Field Components
Bend	Dipole	—
	Quadrupole	—
	Sextupole	—
HKicker	Dipole	—
VKicker	—	Dipole
Quadrupole	Quadrupole	Quadrupole
Sextupole	Sextupole	Sextupole
Octupole	Octupole	Octupole

**MAD-X versus PTC** The user has to understand that PTC exists inside of MAD-X as a library. MAD-X offers the interface to PTC, i.e. the MAD-X input file is used as input for PTC. Internally, both PTC and MAD-X have their own independent databases which are linked via the interface. With the `PTC_CREATE_LAYOUT` command, only numerical numbers are transferred from the MAD-X database to the PTC database. Any modification to the MAD-X database is ignored in PTC until the next call to `PTC_CREATE_LAYOUT`. For example, a deferred expression of MAD-X after a `PTC_CREATE_LAYOUT` command is ignored within PTC.

When introducing a cavity with the `HARMON` instead of the `FREQ` attribute (highly discouraged!) a problem arises for `PTC_TWISS` due to the fact that internally `HARMON` is transferred to `FREQ` too late. A simple `TWISS` command executed before PTC start-up will help. However, avoiding `HARMON` is advantageous.

**SLOW attribute in matching** The `SLOW` attribute enforces the old matching procedure and is considerably slower. Therefore we did not make it the default option. Recently a number of parameters, like `RE56`, have been added to the list of matchable parameters in the default and fast version. Nevertheless, some parameters are only available when using the `SLOW` attribute. Therefore it is advisable to check with the `SLOW` attribute if there are doubts about the matching procedure.

**Validity of Twiss parameters** The standard Teng-Edwards Twiss parameters suffer from a deficiency near full coupling: i.e. the "donuts" of linear motion in  $x-x'$  and  $y-y'$  phase space have no hole anymore. This means that all energy is transferred from one plane to the other. In this case the Twiss parameters and the coupling matrix (`R11`, `R12`, `R21`, `R22`) become large or even infinite or the beta functions might become negative. The Ripken-Mais Twiss parameters are always well defined (they are the "average" amplitude functions of their proper phase space region), i.e. at full coupling we have:  $\text{beta}_{11} \sim \text{beta}_{12}$  and  $\text{beta}_{21} \sim \text{beta}_{22}$ . Using the `RIPKEN` flag `TWISS` calculates the

Mais-Ripken parameters via a transformation from the Teng-Edwards Twiss parameters. Obviously this fails when the Teng-Edwards Twiss parameters are ill defined. In this case one has to rely on [PTC\\_TWISS](#).

## Chapter 37. Contributors to MAD-X

Lists are provided in alphabetical order.

Disclaimer: any omissions in these lists are accidental.

Feel free to contact mad support ([mad@cern.ch](mailto:mad@cern.ch)) if you have been left out or some of your contributions are not listed.

### 37.1 MAD team

The list includes all the persons officially working on the MAD-X project.

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Andrea Latina: since october 2011.

Ghislain Roy: since march 2013.

Piotr Skowronski: since january 2012.

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Yannis Papaphilippou: `dynap`.

Ghislain Roy: `aperture`, `error`, `cororbit`, `touschek`, `c6t`, `plot`.

Piotr Skowronski: (`ptc.trac`), `ptc.twiss`, `ptc.normal`, `ptc.module`.

Rogelio Tomas: `emit`.

We are looking for volunteers, any help is welcome!

### 37.3 Special contributors

This list includes all the persons who have contributed exceptionally to the project in the past.

Frank Schmidt: project custodian from 2002 to 2011.

Etienne Forest: author of PTC & FPP (written in F90).

Hans Grote: author of the core (written in C).

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Frank Schmidt (c6t, twiss, sodd, ptc\_twiss, ptc\_module, ptc\_normal)

Yipeng Sun (thintrack)

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André Verdier (survey)

Lingyun Yang (tpsa)

Frank Zimmermann (dynap, touschek, ibs)

### MAD-9 contributors

Christoph Iselin is the author of MAD-9 and a major contributor to the Classic library.

### MAD-8 contributors

Hans Grote and Christoph Iselin are the authors of MAD-8.

# Change Log

## since version 5.02.00

The following changes have been made to the code and documentation since August 15th, 2014 in version 5.02.02

The changes are indexed by date (most recent first) and provide the MAD-X version number where the change applies as well as the SVN release number for the change.

- 2015-Sep-15 version 5.03.00, r5405  
Removed the precedence information in the **BEAM** command between the longitudinal emittance (**ET**) and beams sizes (**SIGT** and **SIGE**) since this is actually not implemented in the code.
- 2015-Sep-15 version 5.03.00, r5399  
A new option **NOEXPR** has been added to the **SAVE** command to allow saving sequences with only values and no expressions in variables and commands.
- 2015-Sep-04 version 5.03.00, r5380  
Change of the trailing message printed on output that no longer mentions the version number and version architecture. The same information can already be found in the header message.
- 2015-Aug-31 version 5.03.00, r5367  
**TEAPOT** is now the default style for **MAKETHIN**. The previous default style that was used when the **STYLE** attribute was not specified in the **MAKETHIN** command has been given the name **HYBRID** and can still be used with the explicit **STYLE=hybrid** attribute.  
**All MAKETHIN commands where STYLE is not specified now use the TEAPOT style instead of the previously unnamed HYBRID style**
- 2015-Jul-15 version 5.02.06, r5336  
corrected a typo in equation 1.10 reported by Michael Severance (Stony Brook). The  $B_2$  factor of the expansion of the  $B_x$  field was reading  $(xy - \frac{h^3}{6}y^3 + \dots)$  and has been corrected to  $(xy - \frac{h}{6}y^3 + \dots)$ .
- 2015-Jun-09 version 5.02.06, r5250  
added a guard against negative sequence length and negative element lengths at the time of sequence expansion triggered by a **USE** command, with **MAD-X** then finishing with fatal error. No checks were performed so far on these attributes, assuming that all length were positive.
- 2015-Jun-05 version 5.02.06, r5247  
added the cardinal sine **SINC(x)** to the list of [available operators in arithmetic expressions](#).
- 2015-Mar-31 version 5.02.05, r5181  
added a **SHRINK** command to remove rows at the end of an existing table.

2015-Mar-11 version 5.02.05, r5162

**Major change** to the definition of emittances in the `BEAM` command. For historical reasons, there was a factor 4 in the relation between normalised emittance  $\epsilon_n$  and geometric emittance  $\epsilon$ :  $\epsilon_n = 4\beta\gamma \epsilon$ , where  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  are the usual relativistic factors.

The common definition  $\epsilon_n = \beta\gamma \epsilon$  is now used across all MAD-X modules.

The `APERTURE` command now gets the geometric emittances from values input or calculated in the `BEAM` command; the attributes `EXN` and `EYN` of the `APERTURE` command have been removed together with their default value of `EXN = 2.75E-6` and `EYN = 2.75E-6` corresponding to the standard normalized emittances for LHC beams in collisions.

2015-Mar-10 version 5.02.05, r5161

**Major change** to definition of `RACETRACK aperture type`. The `RACETRACK` aperture now refers to a generalized shape with rounding of corner with ellipse instead of circle. The `APERTURE` array now takes four arguments for the `RACETRACK` shape: maximum horizontal extent, maximum vertical extent, horizontal semi-axis and vertical semi-axis of ellipse for rounding the corner.

**Note also that the definition of the first two arguments has changed from horizontal and vertical offsets to horizontal and vertical maximum extensions.**

Removed also all references in the code and the manual to the `MARGUERITE` aperture type (two `RECTCIRCLES` crossing at right angle) that has been deprecated for some time already.

2015-Feb-19 version 5.02.05, r5143

added the `OCTAGON` in the list of predefined `APERTURE` types.

2015-Feb-11 version 5.02.05, r5128

clarified that the `NMASS` constant is the unified atomic mass unit and not the neutron mass. None of the constants have changed in 2014 PDG publication w.r.t. 2012 version [6]. Updated the reference to PDG publications to include 2014 version [5].

2015-Jan-28 version 5.02.05, r5118

clarified in the definition of magnetic elements that the effect of defined magnetic strengths is always the same, irrespective of the `CHARGE` of the particles declared in the `BEAM` command. It is agreed in the literature that a positive quadrupole (positive  $K_1$ ) focuses positive particles in the horizontal plane and defocuses negative particles in the same horizontal plane, for the same direction of propagation.

Currently MAD-X ignores the `CHARGE` attribute and focuses both positive and negative particles in the horizontal plane when going through a quadrupole with positive  $K_1$ .

**THIS MAY CHANGE IN THE FUTURE TO CONFORM TO EXISTING CONVENTIONS**

Electrostatic elements (`ELSEPARATOR`, `RFCAVITY`, `CRABCAVITY`, and the RF part

of the `RFMULTIPOLE`) handle the `CHARGE` attribute appropriately and provide opposite effects for opposite charges travelling in the same direction.

- 2014-Dec-19 version 5.02.05, r5111  
added the Gauss error function `ERF` and the complementary error function `ERFC` to the list of [available operators in arithmetic expressions](#). Added documentation in the same section for the `FLOOR`, `CEIL` and `ROUND` functions that were already implemented.
- 2014-Dec-10 version 5.02.04, r5093 and r5101  
clarified the global coordinate system figure 1.2 with colors and representations of projections of planes onto the horizontal Cartesian plane as well as intersections of local coordinate planes with horizontal Cartesian plane.
- 2014-Nov-25 version 5.02.04, r5092  
removed the `GLOBAL` matching constraints `DDQ1`, `DDQ2` from the documentation since they are not implemented in the code.
- 2014-Nov-14 version 5.02.04, r5081  
added a `COPYFILE` command. Changed the attribute name for the destination for the `RENAMEFILE` command from `NAME` to `TO`.
- 2014-Nov-13 version 5.02.04, r5078  
fixed figure 24.3 where the  $x$ -axis was pointing in the wrong direction and the orientation of the element for positive `DPHI` was also not conforming to the text for the `EALIGN` command.
- 2014-Nov-13 version 5.02.04, r5080  
documented a bug occurring when `LINE` or `MACRO` constructs appear within a `IF ... ELSEIF ... ELSE` or a `WHILE` construct. This bug will not be fixed now.  
Clarified also that `IF ... ELSEIF ... ELSE` and `WHILE` constructs can be nested to at least six levels deep.
- 2014-Oct-14 version 5.02.03, r5013  
fixed a documented feature of `SURVEY` where the first `KSL` component of thin `MULTIPOLE` elements, representing a vertical angle for a thin dipole, was not taken into account. Both `KNL` and `KSL` are now properly taken into account. Another change was to make `SURVEY` take into account the `RFMULTIPOLE` elements in the same way that it treats `MULTIPOLE` elements.
- 2014-Aug-27 version 5.02.03, r4947  
changed the behaviour of `FILL` to accept as parameter a row number equal to the current number of rows in the table plus one, with the effect of creating a new row and filling it.
- 2014-Aug-25 version 5.02.03, r4942 and r4943  
harmonized the behaviour of `FILL`, `SETVARS` and `SETVARS_LIN` with respect to negative row numbers, and updated the default values. Added documentation sections for `SETVARS` and `SETVARS_LIN` that were hitherto undocumented.

2014-Aug-18 version 5.02.03, r4932

a single element can now be repeated in a beamline expansion:  $2*S$  and  $-2*S$  are of course identical (single elements are not reversed head to tail), and also equivalent to  $2*(S)$  and  $-2*(S)$  if  $S$  is a single element.

Documentation updated; see [12.3](#)



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