Chicane or arc compressors for FEL?

- Experience with the MAX IV arc compressors and beyond

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Overview of talk

- Introduction of MAX IV
- MAX IV arc compressors design, experience and results
- Are arcs simply better? Comparison to chicane compressors
- Experimental work interesting measurements on the compressors using the TDC



Introduction – MAX IV facility







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Diagnostics beamline, transverse deflecting cavity (TDC)

FemtoMAX beamline Ultrafast processes in solids and liquids





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liquids

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MAX IV achromat arc bunch compressors



MAX IV bunch compressors – double achromats with magnetic linearisation





	BC1	BC2
R56	3.2 cm	2.6 cm
T566	6.6 cm	4.3 cm

$$\Delta z = R_{56} \left(\frac{\Delta E}{E} \right) + T_{566} \left(\frac{\Delta E}{E} \right)^2$$

Second order momentum compaction naturally compensates for fundamental RF curvature. The linearization effect is fine-tuned with weak sextupoles.

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- Potential to make very short pulses









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10 years of experience with the arc

compressors



Accelerating structures

Beam compressed in BC1



Main linac

Using BC2 and linac as streak camera

- Resolution around 30 fs
- Could only measure bunch length after BC1





Coherent transition radiation monitor

- Intensity of the light indicates if the bunch is shorter or longer.
- Setup can give more information with further analysis
- Setup for FemtoMAX bunch length more accurate.





In collaboration with J. Wolfenden, T. Pacey, R. Fiorito and C. Welsch – Cockcroft Institute



Ultrafast processes in solids and liquids





Scattering











- Commissioning started during 2023
- Reached ~ 60% of full RF power
- 1 fs resolution target reached 3 fs
- S-band (3 GHz)
- 100 MV integrated field
- Long setup
- Spectrometer dipole

Longitudinal phase space







Compression scan – longitudinal phase space



Slide from Erik Mansten, Johan Lundqvist





Linearization scan – Longitudinal phase space



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Compression scan – changing the phase before BC1



Corresponding elegant simulation



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T566 scan, changing the sextupoles in BC1



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Shortest bunch measured

3.4 fs fwhm

- 100 pC
- High energy spread from the gun
- Limited by TDC resolution





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Magic angle

Mansten, Erik, et al. "Cancellation of klystron-induced energy and arrival-time variations in linear accelerators with arc-type bunch compressors." *Physical Review Accelerators and Beams* 27.4 (2024): 040401.

- Talk by Erik last FEL
- Voltage and phase jitter from a klystron is correlated.
- Accelerating on the falling RF slope arc like compressor *There is a phase where the angle and voltage jitter completely cancel out*.
- We can effectively reduce arrival time jitter caused by klystron HV jitter to zero.

More on temporal jitter reduction at MAX IV in Erik's talk tomorrow.

Low-jitter conversion from optical references to electrical radio frequency signals THAC04



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Arc VS Chicane compressors



Benefits of arc compression

- No church towers, horns in the head and tail of the bunch. For arc compression, the horn is in the center.
- No need for harmonic cavity
- Linac wakes contribute to the chirp -> less off crest phase to get the same chirp -> more energy per linac section
- No emittance degradation caused by the horn radiating towards the center of the bunch the horn from arc compression is in the center and is the lasing part of the bunch. "We don't have any towers irradiating our usable area because the single tower IS the usable peak which makes all the difference."
- No CRS hitting the bunch center from a horn means reduction in charge jitter induced energy jitter. Reduces arrival time jitter.
- Magic angle reduces arrival time jitter.
- The arc compression technique easily produce very short pulses. Most of the accelerated bunch is within the usable center peak.



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Mitigation

- Adding quads, sextupoles and possibly octupoles to compressors
- Keep longitudinal slice alpha, beta and centroid flat throughout the pulse
- Compensate for CSR-kick
- Keep longitudinal centroid slice offset low

Svensson, J. B., Charles, T. K., Lundh, O., & Thorin, S. (2019). Thirdorder double-achromat bunch compressors for broadband beams. *Physical Review Accelerators and Beams*, 22(10), 104401.





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De-chirping may be possible with dielectric waveguide – or by using variable bunchcompressors!

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- These compressors could be tuned to R56=0 and even R56<0 mimic chicane compression to get de-chirping in the main linac – reduce the energy chirp.



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Arc vs Chicane Bunch Compression

Olivia Karlberg started a study focusing on compression jitter.

(Karlberg, O., Curbis, F., Thorin, S., & Werin, S. The MAX IV linac as X-ray FEL injector: Comparison of two compression schemes. FEL13) Adam Dixon, Peter Williams et.al has taken the concept further, now focusing on compression choices for the UKXFEL...

Arc Compression

- 0 < R56
- 0 < T566. Self-linearising.
- Coherent synchrotron radiation induced emittance growth mitigation by π-phase advance between achromats.

4 dipole chicane compression

- R56 < 0
- 0 < T566. Requires harmonic linearisation.

5-bend chicane / Asymmetric S-chicane

(Khan and Raubenheimer. Phys rev. AB 25, 090701 (2022)) /Fancong Zeng, Yi Jiao, Weihang Liu, and Cheng-Ying Tsai, e-Print: 2403.06101 [physics.accph]

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Arc vs Chicane Bunch Compression

- Peak current is measured against bunch length arc has higher peak current for a given bunch length except for minimised bunch length.
- Emittance and energy spread of peak current slice is measured.

Peak Current Slice

• SASE FEL saturation power and gain length calculated for peak current slice using analytical approximation. (M. Xie (LBL, Berkeley) Conf.Proc.C 950501 (1996), 183-185)













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Arc vs Chicane BC



- Peak current higher for arc until we to very short bunches
- Slice emittance, stays lower for arc and asymmetric/5-bend chicane
- Slice energy spread lower for the arc
- SASE power and gain length calculated with the analytical approximation by Ming Xie – the arc is more efficient until very short bunches.

Bunch length - Ming Xie





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Arc vs Chicane BC



- The comparison is difficult!
- Compression looks very different for arc and chicane like compression.
- Several ways to optimize the bunch for each bunch length and peak current, depending on the compressor setup.
- One clear conclusion from the comparison the 4 dipole chicane causes emittance degradation due to the church tower CSR kicking the center of the beam.



Recent experimental work @ MAX IV BC

Johan Lundquist Measurement of First and Second Order Longitudinal Dispersion in the MAX IV Bunch Compressor TUP006





Simulation R56:0.032±0.000,	T566:0.113±0.001
Measurement R56:0.040±0.001,	T566:0.138±0.081

Adam Dixon Measurements of Particle Trajectory Caustics in Bunch Compressors TUP090



Trajectories of final longitudinal position of an electron in a bunch as function of second-order longitudinal dispersion.

Current spike development is sensitive to small changes in the initial longitudinal phase space distribution and longitudinal dispersion Sharp current spikes emit strong CSR, increases emittance and energy spread/is the actual usable part of the bunch.

T. K. Charles et al. "Caustic-based approach to understanding bunching dynamics and current spike formation in particle bunches," Phys. Rev. AB,, 2016.

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Summary

- MAX IV have been successfully operating arc compressors for 10 years.
- Recent addition of a TDC has allowed full diagnostics of LPS and results look very promising and follow expectations.
- The main benefits of arc compression include:
 - energy saving due to not loosing energy to linac wakes
 - no need for harmonic cavity
 - no emittance degradation caused by high current horns
 - reduced energy jitter/arrival time jitter due to the magic angle and charge depended CSR irradiation
- The main drawbacks of arc compressors are:
 - chromaticity needs careful optics design to compensate
 - Correlated energy spread doesn't matter for all FEL modes, arcs can be made with variable R56 to create a flat energy electron distribution.
- Simulation show that a 5 dipole/asymmetrical chicane can solve the CSR induced emittance degradation, but it lacks many of the other arc benefits.



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