Post-Linac Collimation System for the European XFEL V.Balandin, R.Brinkmann and N.Golubeva DESY



The collimation system should simultaneously fulfil several different requirements:

In first place, during routine operations, it should remove with high efficiency off-momentum and large amplitude halo particles, which could be lost inside undulator modules and become source of radiation-induced demagnetization of the undulator permanent magnets.

The system also must protect undulator modules and other downstream equipment against mis-steered and off-energy beams in the case of machine failure without being destroyed in the process.

From beam dynamics point of view, the collimation section should be able to accept bunches with different energies (up to $\pm 1.5\%$ from nominal energy) and transport them without noticeable deterioration of beam parameters.



Emergency Scenario:

detect a failure and switch the beam production off as quickly as possible

Candidate for Collimator Material: Titanium Alloy

Rough stress analysis shows that to withstand a direct impact of such number of bunches (~100) which can be delivered to collimator location until failure will be detected and the beam production will be switched off, the beam spot size should be not smaller than 80-90 microns

(energy: 20GeV, normalized emittance: 1.4 mm·mrad, bunch charge: 1 nC, bunch spacing: 200 ns).





Layout and Structure





Linear Optics Functions



The energy and the vertical plane collimation will be done simultaneously at the same positions, and therefore the ratio of dispersion to vertical betatron function at spoiler locations is properly adjusted.



Arc: a Second-Order Achromat

The arc consists of four 90° cells and Marc = Mf ° Mr ° Mf ° Mr



The linear matrix of the forward cell has diagonal elements practically equal to zero. This guarantees that all 2nd order geometric aberrations of the map Marc vanish automatically. According to theory, four independent sextupoles per cell are required to obtain a second-order achromat. However, because of the inner cell symmetries, the number of independent sextupoles can be reduced to three.



Beam Spot Size: $\sqrt{\sigma_{x}\sigma_{y}}$





Effect of Energy Offset and Nonlinearities on Evolution of Beam Spot Size Along Collimation Section



Beam spot size (rms) extracted from accurate tracking simulations: matched Gaussian beam at the entrance with energy offset -3% (green), with energy offset +3% (blue), with y-offset 40 σ (magenta), with both energy offset -3% and y-offset 40 σ (sky-blue).



Collimator Locations



The main difference between Scheme L and Scheme R is the energy offset which will be collimated



Apertures Required for Cylindrical Spoilers

safety factor used = 0.7



Because the distribution of the incoming particles, which need to be collimated, is difficult to predict the initial distribution was modeled by mono-energetic 4-dimensional slices, with a transverse extend over the radius of the vacuum chamber at the collimator section entrance (the maximum values for transverse momentums were chosen so as fully populate the acceptance of the transport line), and the results are presented as a function of the energy deviation.



Example of Collimation Simulations

Four round collimators ("black absorbers") with radii equal to 4mm. Location scheme R.





Initial phase space. 1000 ellipses uniformly populated by particles with nominal energy.

Final phase space. Green: target ellipses. Collimator apertures 4mm are still too large and need further reduction (answer: ~3.8mm).



Spoiler Location: Scheme R

Sextupole magnets in the collimator section not only improve beam dynamics, but also allow to use spoilers with larger radii.



Collimation depth obtained by tracking simulations:

Simulations show that all particles with transverse offset larger than ~80 σ (at energy 20 GeV) will be collimated by touching one of the spoilers. All particles with transverse offset smaller than ~23 σ will pass through the collimation section freely. Some particles with offsets in between 23 to 80 σ are absorbed in the vacuum system of the collimation section. Collimators also will stop all particles with an energy offset larger than ±3.5%.

Spoiler Location: Scheme R



Particles which have simultaneously large negative energy offset (more than 10%) and large transverse offset (more than 50 sigma at the collimator section entrance) could be able to hit the vacuum pipe downstream of the first collimator in uncontrolled way (without touching spoilers). This problem could be relaxed by introducing additional (large aperture) spoilers or by appropriate placement of absorbers (not decided yet).



Beam Dynamics: Energy Offset and Nonlinearities

Beam transfer properties of the entire collimation section.







Optics Flexibility





Collimator System of the FLASH Linac



Theoretical safety factor used for calculation of collimator apertures: 0.9. Energy offset collimated is about ±3%. More details can be found in TESLA report: TESLA 2003-17, May 2003.



Beam Transfer Properties of the FLASH Collimator Section







Theoretical transfer properties of the FLASH collimator section are good, except for the relatively low safety factor (0.9) used for collimator apertures calculations. Current work is to establish better correspondence between the theory and the practice.