## Beam losses and radiation studies for advanced operation schemes at the European XFEL

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#### Why do we care about beam losses and radiation?





Undulator

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# MHz repetition rate >500 kW of beam power



#### Sources of beam losses and radiation

- Beam halo/tail: off-position/angle and off-energy particles (>±3σ)
  Dark current (DC): from gun cathode (due to field emission) and cavities
- Optics related: mismatch, coupling, dispersion, non-linearities etc.
  Physical processes: collective effects (space charge, wake field), beam gas scattering, intra-beam scattering, beam gas bremsstrahlung etc.
- **Synchrotron radiation** generated by the undulator

#### Potential problems caused by beam losses and radiation

 demagnetization of undulators
 radiation damages of other components (electronics, vacuum chamber etc.)







#### Beam spot of the halo on injector screen



Dark current measured in bunch compressor section



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Location	Geometry	Material	Thickness/length	Number	Main collimation target
Gun	plate with Ø 2-8 mm holes	Cu	11 mm	1	DC
	plate with Ø 8 mm hole	Cu	11 mm	1	DC and secondary particles
Bunch compressors	upper and lower bars	Cu	35 mm/75 mm	3	DC, energy halo
CL section	Ø 4,6,8,20 mm holes	Ti alloy+Al+Cu	0.5 m	4	DC, betatron and energy halo
	Ø10 mm holes	AI	1 m	3	secondary particles
Undulator	9 x 8 mm elliptical holes	Cu	3 mm	Nr. of cells	synchrotron radiation

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- Nice agreement between simulation and measurements
  - Negligible losses in the linac

Losses near bunch compressor and in the collimation section acceptable for **up to 1000 bunches/train**, can also be controlled by extra shielding of the components







Courtesy of Suren Karabekyan



3 to 6 mm Lead shield added







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#### Plan for future work (for Jiacheng Wu)

- Change dechirper to L-shape in BDSIM
- Add one more collimator and optimize the design of the collimator to minimize losses
- Possible use of machine learning in combination with BDSIM

### 6 mm 0.5 mm 2 mm





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