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Outline of a Porthos baseline concept

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Three major choices to be made:

1) Repetition rate and bunch separation

- RF energy losses mandate a shorter bunch spacing (than the current 28 ns).
- Baseline concept: shorten bunch spacing to 21 ns with a faster kicker (from 56 ns to 42 ns period).
- Alternative option: 14 ns bunch spacing using zero-crossings in 56 ns kicker period (only for 3 bunches?).

2) Electron beam energy (linac upgrade)

- Baseline concept: upgrade to 7 GeV by adding 3 more C-band stations.
- Further upgrade, e.g. with an X-band Porthos linac, to 8 or 9 GeV very attractive but will require building extensions and therefore probably too expensive (Porthos upgrade?).

3) Undulator type and configuration

- Interundulator chicanes are a given (CHIC concept).
- Hybrid undulator concepts found to be not attractive.
- Two competing undulator concepts: pure Apple-X undulator (baseline) or planar undulator with phase retarder to enable some polarization control.



Resonant kicker upgrade



Two possibilities to upgrade the kicker to avoid or mitigate the problems associated with shorter bunch separations:

- Faster oscillation
 - The emergence of GaN transistors means that higher voltages are now possible than 10 years ago (our current system is based on Si MOSFET and pushed that technology to the limit).
 - A faster kicker with the same active length will be challenging but should be possible (Martin).
- Addition of higher-harmonic oscillation
 - Can we create a two-resonance system with coupled resonators?





Bunch spacing / allocation	Bunch placement at first kicker	Evaluation (pulsed magnets, RF, other)
28 ns Status quo with four bunches, all on-crest	AR 0° 180° 360° 540° 28 ns DA 540°	 Maximum stability for all bunches. 6 GeV kicker doable (twice stronger but twice lower frequency). New kicker and electronics need to be designed. Other diagnostics and (LLRF) control systems will not suffer. Unacceptable loss of RF power at 84 ns separation. Maximum RF tunability, minimum wakefield effects.
21 ns, fast kicker Status quo with four bunches, but faster kicker	AT PO 21 ns DA 0° 180° 360° 540°	 21 ns is a good compromise for all systems that need upgrading. (Gun laser) Maximum stability for all bunches Normal septa - we can keep the first as it is. Acceptable loss of RF power(?) Acceptable RF tunability, wakefield effects (?)to be evaluated!
14 ns, inflection Using inflection points at zero crossings to go straight.	AT AR 90° AR 90°	 In principle good stability for all bunches Three-way Lambertson may be difficult to realize! Separating at 6 GeV will require (most likely) 4 more kickers identical to the existing ones – no new development needed. Minimal loss of RF power. But: minimum RF tunability, maximum wakefield effects, other systems suffer.



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 - * In general preference for multiples of 14 ns for the bunch spacing.
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 - * 14 ns: three-way Lambertson/septum needed how to remerge the beams? Many uncertainties.
- Diagnostics (except BPMs) (R. Ischebeck):
 - Difference is only relevant for detectors that actually have a time constant in that range.
 - Readout challenges to be discussed with AEK Porthos would represent a good opportunity to overhaul all our readout electronics (the designs date back to 2010). Clearly 14 ns will be more challenging than 21 ns.
- **BPM** (B. Keil):
 - * No quantitative statements possible without considerable work (and specifications)
 - Qualititative estimate: at 21 ns there is a chance to re-use the existing hardware, at 14 ns we will most likely need to replace the hardware (where bunch seperation is needed).
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 - The bunch spacing makes no difference.
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Linac upgrade



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Undulator design



Simultaneous desire for high photon energy *and* polarization control can be satisfied by different concepts (none of which is entirely convincing):

Concept	Pro	Con
Planar undulator followed by a helical afterburner	• Simple and cost effective.	 Difficult to tune two undulator segments Only partial polarization (60-70%) can be achieved, polarization must be measured. Limited flexibility (special modes).
Apple-X followed by a planar high-energy afterburner	 r • Limited, efficient use of Apple-X (cost, mechanics,). • Afterburner can be optimized for highest photon energies. 	 Difficult to tune two undulator segments Only little gain from subharmonic preamplifier → you end up building two undulator lines capable of full saturation (expensive and inefficient) No gain from going to smaller period (coherence loss)
Apple-X undulator	 Polarization control up to highest energies - maximum flexibility (but also a bit of an overkill) Single undulator series 	 Expensive solution (many Apple-X modules) Cannot easily reach highest photon energies (with 15 mm period) Challenging mechanics/controls.
Planar or helical und., polarization with phase retarder	 Best quality beam for high-energy photon beams while still allowing for some polarization studies. Polarization is generated close to experiments. Single undulator series, mechanical statements and statements. 	Insufficient flexibility for complex experiments.





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Q = 200 pC, ε = 300 nm, σ_{-} = 1 MeV
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Hybrid configuration:

- Amplification of 3rd harmonic with second stage.
- Varving number of undulators in first stage (6, 7 and 8). For each configuration the field of the 2nd stage is optimized (to match the third harmonic).
- Observation: Fastest growth with 6 undulators in the first stage . (black curve). In this case it takes 7 modules in the 2nd section to reach 1 GW - only two modules less than in the case of only 10 mm undulators (yellow curve)...

Harmonic lasing:

- Amplification of 3rd harmonic in same stage.
- For λ_{1} = 20 mm tuned to 6.9 keV photon energy (0.18 nm) for the fundamental (power curve not shown).
- NHL: non-linear harmonic lasing, no suppression of the fundamental.
- HL: harmonic lasing where the fundamental is suppressed with phase shifters (one phase shifter after every meter of undulator). 12 random configurations tried, the best is shown.
- Observation: NHL grows faster but does not reach 0.1 GW, HL needs more space but can grow to ~0.5 GW in 90 m (80 m of effective undulator length).



Arguments pro and contra phase retarder

Arguments favoring a phase retarder solution (mostly from E. Ferrari):

- **Cost:** fixed polarization undulators are much less expensive than variable polarization ones
- Field quality: can be made much better with fixed polarization
- Mechanical simplicity: no need for complex undulator movements prone to failure when doing dichroism experiments
- Gap control: we will most likely run at a fixed (maximum?) K anyway and may even go to fixed-gap undulators.
- **Polarization losses** due to transmission to the beamline: even with a circularly polarized source, at the end you end up with ellipitically polarized light at the experiment (LCLS-II went for vertically polarized undulators for hard X-rays to benefit from the better transmission to the beamlines).

Arguments against a phase retarder solution (favoring a hybrid solution instead) (mostly from G. Aeppli):

- **Insufficient flexibility:** phase retarders quickly reach a limit when it comes to broad-band mode, sub-femtosecond pulses etc., needed for complex experiments.
 - In particular bandwidth is a big limitation (but efficiency increases when operating in high-brightness mode or after a monochromator)
- Full polarization control is **only needed up to 10 keV** for higher energies can still use a fixed-polarization afterburner or...
- …in the long run, we could have one hard-X-ray line focusing on high photon energies with linear polarization for biology, chemistry and imaging, and a second one limited to 12 keV with fancier options (polarized light, CHIC) used for "physics" – but in this case, Aramis should cover the high energies → complete linac overhaul?



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Electron beam parameters: I = 2 kA, ϵ = 400 nm, σ_r = 1 MeV, β = 10 m



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The case for high K

To reach high photon energy at a given (maximum) electron energy, you have to aim for low K values. Nevertheless, it makes sense to aim for large K values:

- 1) At a given wavelength and undulator period, the FEL power increases significantly with higher K value.
 - But this means the electron energy has to increase accordingly!
 - If the electron energy is limited, can only profit at longer wavelengths.
- 2) If both K and E are higher, the relative energy spread σ_{E} /E is smaller, the beam can be compressed more (higher peak current), giving even more power.
- 3) High K values provide a large tuning range for twocolor operation!

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Saturation power (GW)



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2.0

1.8

1.6

1.4

1.2

Marco Calvi

Br = 1.67

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2.1 mm

gap (g)

>20 mm





Porthos undulator line: possible configuration



Space for future Porthos linac (e.g. X-band) or beam manipulation devices

20 × (3+1) m undulator modules ≈100 m undulator line (total,with large chicane) Beam dump (7 GeV)

PSI drawing No. 2R-393601 (2019)



OSFA building extension

- First estimate making maximum use of space reserve.
- Additional building volume of 23'300 m3 (about 35% of existing OSFA!)
- First cost estimate is 35-40 MCHF.
- Careful: building costs cannot be changed later!





Very first, very rough budget estimate

- Machine:
 - Undulators: 20 3-m Apple-X modules à 1 MCHF, add 100 kCHF each for cryogenics and interundulator stuff: 20 × 1.2 MCHF = 24 MCHF
 - Cryogenic plant for undulators: 2 MCHF
 - New **gun laser lab** (incl. building extension): **6 MCHF**
 - Kicker upgrade and new kicker hardware: 2 MCHF
 - Diagnostics upgrades for dealing with 21 ns bunch spacing: 2 MCHF
 - **RF upgrade** (3 C-band stations, injector upgrades): **9 MCHF**
 - Electron beamline components (vacuum, diagnostics etc.): 5 MCHF
 - Machine total: 50 MCHF
- Front end and photon beam transport (optics, monochromators, diagnostics etc.): 10 MCHF(?)
- End stations: 10–15 MCHF per station start with 1–2 stations? → 20 MCHF
- IT & controls (general system upgrades and extensions): 5 MCHF
- Building extension: 35–40 MCHF first estimate \rightarrow 40 MCHF

\rightarrow Porthos total: 125 MCHF



- **Rough baseline concepts** identified for the three main parts of the Porthos machine:
 - Resonant kicker for bunch separation: faster kicker with 21 ns bunch spacing
 - Linac upgrade: 3 additional C-band stations in linac-3 and Porthos arm, injector upgrade
 - **Undulator:** 60 m of 15 mm Apple-X undulators
- With this, can start designing a 100-Hz, 7-GeV machine delivering 4–18 keV, maybe 20 keV photons, with **full polarization control.**
- **Feasibility of Apple-X undulators** (with stringent field quality requirements at hard X-rays) still to be demonstrated.
 - Therefore fall-back solution with planar undulators and phase retarder.
- Very first **budget estimate** based on main components costs: **120 MCHF** a reasonable envelope?
- Note: The only robust way to reach higher photon energies is by increasing the electron energy!
 - Starting at 6 GeV, SwissFEL will never be competitive in that area! (It was not our goal.)
 - SwissFEL Porthos will be **unique** in terms of **polarization control** up to very high photon energies.



- Tonight (16:30): meeting with directorate to discuss RI priorities for PSI
 - SwissFEL Porthos or TATTOOS/HIMB, or both?
- early March 2021: Internal deadline for PSI evaluation (two-page fact sheet with supporting material)
- 21 April 2021 ETH council meeting: first discussion of project ideas.
 ⇒ for this a two-page fact sheet is needed! (close to what actually goes into the roadmap)
- early July 2021 **ETH closed session** ("Klausur"): in-depth discussion of projects
- September 2021 Notification of SNF on ETH projects planned for the '23 roadmap
- January 2022 Submission of final requests to SNF for evaluation



Roadmap process (general)

- The process towards the roadmap 2023 is expected to be very similar to the process that led to the last roadmap (2019).
- From the "Leitfaden" to the roadmap 2019, as well as an SBFI communication from 3 Feb. 2020, we may infer the following timeline (translated to the 2025–28 ERI period):

Phase	Date	Procedural steps
Preparatory phase	during 2020	SCNAT prepares discipline specific roadmaps
	Dec. 2020-Feb. 2021	SERI prepares the roadmap process.
Phase I	March-Dec. 2021	First assessment by ETH board and swissuniversities for facilities in their respective areas – requires a two-page fact sheet
Phase II	JanAug. 2022	Scientific evaluation by SNF – requires a conceptual design report! Only the highest ranked facilities proceed to the next level
Phase III	JanDec. 2022	In-depth assessment of technical and financial feasibility, again by ETH board and swissuniversities for their respective facilities
Phase IV	JanAug. 2023	SERI finalizes the roadmap report and presents it to the federal council.
Decisions	Dec. 2024	Federal council presents ERI dispatch with recommended support for facilities to parliament, which votes on the dispatch. (The decision to actually build or upgrade a facility still rests with the ETH board or swissuniversities.)
Implementation	2025-2028	Realization by ETH institutions / universities



