# Analysis of Space Charge Dominated Beams using the Phase Advance Scan Technique and a Neural Network

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#### Predicting the transverse emittance of space charge dominated beams using the phase advance scan technique and a fully connected neural network

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The transverse emittance of a charged particle beam is an important figure of merit for many accelerator applications, such as ultrafast electron diffraction, free electron lasers, and the operation of new compact accelerator concepts in general. One of the easiest to implement methods to determine the transverse emittance is the phase advance scan method using a focusing element and a screen. This method has been shown to work well in the thermal regime. In the space charge dominated laminar flow regime, however, the scheme becomes difficult to apply because of the lack of a closed description of the beam envelope including space charge effects. Furthermore, certain mathematical, as well as beamline design criteria must be met in order to ensure accurate results. In this work, we show that it is possible to analyze phase advance scan data using a fully connected neural network (FCNN) even in setups, which do not meet these criteria. In a simulation study, we evaluate the performance of the FCNN by comparing it to a traditional fit routine badvance scan data, which ultimately yields much better agreement with numerical simulations. To tackle the confirmation bias problem, we employ additional mask-based emittance measurement techniques.

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

Many modern particle accelerators are tuned to achieve as small transverse beam emittance as possible. This is due to the fact that most users demand the highest beam brightness possible. Beam brightness is important for many accelerator applications, such as ultrafast electron diffraction [1], free-electron lasers [2], and the operation of new compact accelerator concepts in general (e.g., [3–6]). A common definition of brightness is [7]

$$B = \frac{\eta I}{\pi^2 \varepsilon_x \varepsilon_y},$$

where  $\eta$  is a form factor close to unity, *I* is the beam peak current, and  $e_{x,y}$  is the horizontal and vertical transverse emittance, respectively. Hence, in order to maximize *B*, transverse emittance has to be minimal.

There are multiple methods to characterize the transverse emittance. One of the most common techniques is the phase advance scan technique, where the transverse beam size is recorded on a screen vs the focusing strength of an

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upstream quadrupole or solenoid magnet [8–11]. The data can then be fitted based on the beam envelope equation.

Alternatively, the beam images can be fed into tomography

algorithms to reconstruct the transverse phase space, from

which the emittance can be obtained [12,13]. Space charge

effects can be included to some extent [12,14,15]. Instead

of scanning the focusing strength of a magnet, also multiple

screens can be used to record the beam size vs the phase

advance. Other-potentially single-shot-methods involve

the insertion of masks into the beamline, which then, subsequently, can be imaged on a downstream screen [16].

Coupled with advanced reconstruction algorithms, these methods are capable of delivering reconstruction of the core

4D phase space [17]. In this work, we concentrate on the

phase advance scan technique, as this is the easiest one to

implement, only requiring standard beamline components.

technique is that there is no closed description of the beam

envelope for space charge dominated beams [14,15]. It is

therefore difficult to apply the method in this regime [18].

Space charge dominated beams especially occur, for example, in the injector part of high-brightness electron

sources, where the beam is still nonrelativistic. In order to quantify whether a beam is space charge dominated, the so-

called *laminarity parameter*  $\rho$  can be calculated [19]. This

parameter represents the ratio between the space charge

term and the emittance term of the beam envelope equation.

One of the limitations of the phase advance scan

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# **Introduction / Motivation**



**ARES goal**: Generate and characterize **ultrashort e- bunches (fs to sub-fs)** with **high stability** for applications related to **accelerator R&D** 



## **ARES Gun Region**

## **Options for an emittance measurement**



 Phase advance scan on either the first or second screen using the double solenoid



- Grid-based measurement on the second screen
  - Low charge: TEM grid



High charge: Pepper pot



## **Premise**

### Why a new analysis method?

Very first results, obtained using the phase advance scan technique and traditional data analysis
 → Turned out not to fit expectations; also any following measurement yielded generally too high values



pz = 3.45 MeV/c, z = 0.4 m, Cs2Te Cathode

## **Premise**

#### What could be the reason?

- The fit method does not take space charge into account!
- Other possible reasons:
  - Numerical significance of the emittance could be too low
  - For the horizontal plane: Beam diagnostics

     → Screen image suffers from depth of field, because the angle between screen and camera is 45°

#### **Laminarity Parameter**

$$\rho = \frac{I\sigma^2}{2I_{\rm A}\gamma\varepsilon_n^2} \qquad I_{\rm A} \approx 17\,{\rm kA}$$

 $\rho >> 1 \rightarrow$  Space charge dominated regime



#### **Fit Feasibility Criterion**

$$\frac{\varepsilon_x^2}{\sigma_{x,0}^2 \cdot (\sigma_{x,0})^{\prime 2}} \ge 0.01$$

$$\sigma_x^2 = M_{11}^2 \sigma_{x,0}^2 + 2M_{11}M_{12}\sigma_{x,0}(\sigma_{x,0})' + M_{12}^2 \left(\frac{\varepsilon_x^2}{\sigma_{x,0}^2} + (\sigma_{x,0})'^2\right).$$

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## Methodology

• Training data produced with parallelized ASTRA on the DESY HPC cluster (10k macro particles)

...determined via convergence study...



Fully connected with ReLU activation

#### Data – Let's check the fit feasibility criteria...



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#### **Results – Test data sets – Not only transverse emittance!**



...detailed discussion and table in the paper...

#### **Extension to measured data**



- Data is not perfect in reality
  - Uncertainty on beam sizes / B-fields
  - Scan range
  - Scan point spacing
  - Absolute value of the B-fields

#### Trained on noisy data

- From each data set:
  - 100 noisy sets with relative errors
  - 100 noisy sets with abs. errors
  - With and without beam size resolution limit
- Based on typical ARES values
- $\rightarrow$  2(2\*100 + 1)\*N = 6,458,532 sets

#### **Measurements performed at ARES**



The FCNN results are much closer to the expected values than the results obtained from the traditional fit!

![](_page_18_Figure_4.jpeg)

### **Measurements performed at ARES – Other predicted parameters**

#### **Fixed machine parameters**

Parameter	Prediction	Experiment
Laser Spot Size (µm)	$338.5\pm0.5$	$320\pm30$
Laser Pulse Length (fs, rms)	$87.34\pm0.04$	$76\pm8$
Solenoid Field – Start $(mT)$	$130.516 \pm 0.001$	$130.5\pm0.1$
Solenoid Field $-$ End (mT)	$150.783 \pm 0.001$	$150.7\pm0.1$

We actually suspect a larger laser spot, because we can extract more charge at the moment than should be possible

#### **Charge dependent parameters**

![](_page_19_Figure_6.jpeg)

Blue dashed line: Simulation with the predicted laser parameters

## Conclusion

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   This dependence was discovered from the large number of produced data sets (~16k)
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# **Supplementary Information**

#### Phase advance scan

- Retrieve the emittance, based on the beam envelope equation
  - Find scannable transport matrix elements M<sub>12</sub> and M<sub>11</sub>
    - Drift  $\rightarrow$  Multiple screens
    - Focusing element  $\rightarrow$  Adjustable focusing strength

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![](_page_24_Figure_7.jpeg)

#### Phase advance scan (Emittance at the focusing element)

![](_page_25_Figure_2.jpeg)

Mathematical criterion originating from the envelope equation  $\rightarrow$  Relative significance of the emittance! Is it numerically buried?

$$\frac{\varepsilon_x^2}{\sigma_{x,0}^2 \cdot (\sigma_{x,0})^{\prime 2}} \ge 0.01$$

- Limitations
  - Feasibility considerations (see e.g. Max Hachmann's diploma thesis)
    - Constraints on beam size and divergence at the focusing element
    - Constraints on the setup (distance between focusing element and screen; available focusing strength)
  - Numerical problems (e.g. sine oscillation of the fit result, based on the position of the minimum w.r.t. the sampling)
  - Space charge not included! → May lead to overestimation of the emittance (can be tackled somewhat → Add perveance term)
  - Space charge and non-linearities during the scan! (Emittance changes during the scan, etc.)

#### **Grid-based measurement**

- Retrieve the emittance, by mapping the x-x' phase space using a mask
  - Scan either a slit (multi-shot), or use dense slit mask (single shot)
  - Both planes can be measured at the same time, by using a hole pattern
- Try to sample the phase space with as many beamlets as possible to determine the overall emittance as good as possible *Otherwise*: Emittance in a subspace!
- It is also possible to analyze shadow images of grid bars instead of beamlets
  - Beamlets: Characterize beamlets directly, by measuring their size
  - Grid bars: Determine beamlet properties, by fitting two error functions to the shadow
- The resolution depends on both the feature size of the mask and the detection system
- If the features of the mask are small enough, space charge during transport to the screen is not an issue

![](_page_26_Figure_12.jpeg)

Each analyzed beamlet adds a spot in the x-x' phase space – the weighted area in phase space is then proportional to the emittance at the mask  $\rightarrow$  Not analyzing all beamlets is like collimating the beam and the emittance will be underestimated

 $\rightarrow$  Ideally the mask is scanned to map even more details (but then: scan...)

![](_page_26_Figure_15.jpeg)

From these moments, the emittance can be readily obtained (correlation terms can also be calculated, but are omitted for brevity)

### **Grid-based measurement (Emittance at the mask position)**

![](_page_27_Figure_2.jpeg)

#### Limitations

- If the ratio between feature size and thickness of the mask don't match, an angle cut can underestimate the emittance
- The mask might be difficult to manufacture (TEM grids are readily available commercially though)
- Distance to the screen determines the max. emittance that can be measured  $\rightarrow$  Beamlets overlap at some point
- Screen resolution determines the minimum emittance that can be measured via beam size measurement
- Space charge can still be an issue if the features are too large
- Space charge and non-linearities are still an issue in the sense that the beam needs to be focused before the grid (need diverging beam!). → This can lead to emittance growth between the focusing element and the grid → Measurement still *correct*, but the beam might not be the same compared to the nominal working point!

#### A short primer

• Artificial neuron

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Artificial neuron / Perceptron

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Artifical

Biological

### A short primer

- Most basic neural network
  - Can only classify *linearly separable* data sets
    - The weights can only appear to 1<sup>st</sup> order

![](_page_31_Figure_5.jpeg)

Input Layer Output Layer

Fully connected, or densely coupled

#### A short primer

- Simple general purpose neural network
  - Can have an arbitrary number of hidden layers of arbitrary width (i.e. number of neurons)
  - Networks with more then one hidden layer
     → Deep neural networks
  - In general: 1 IL + N HL + 1 OL
- A single sufficiently large hidden layer is adequate for approximation of most functions
  - Why more than one hidden layer then?
     → The problem is: What is 'sufficiently large'?
- ...There are many variations of this, for example Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN), which reduce the number of connections, which can speed up the process for large input widths

![](_page_32_Figure_9.jpeg)

D. Stathakis (2009) How many hidden layers and nodes?, International Journal of Remote Sensing, 30:8, 2133-2147

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- How to train the network?
  - Most basic: Supervised learning
    - Labeled data sets
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      - Gradient descent

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#### Classifier → Handwritten Digits

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#### Learning procedure

1. Step: Initialize random weights and biases

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