Numerical optimization of a low emittance lattice cell

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Abstract

In the lattice designs for the next generation storage ring light sources, longitudinal gradient bending magnets and anti-bending magnets have been adopted. A logical question raised by the trend of varying the longitudinal distribution of dipole strength is: what are the optimal distributions of the dipole and quadrupole fields in a lattice cell for the purpose of minimizing the natural emittance? We studied this problem by numerically optimizing the dipole and quadrupole distributions of the normalized cell optics using the particle swarm optimization algorithm. The results reveal the features of the longitudinal field variation of the optimized cell and show that when the quadrupole gradient is increased enough, the cell tends to split into two identical cells with similar features.

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1. Introduction

Beam emittance is a critical performance parameter for synchrotron light sources and damping rings. Lower emittance in damping rings leads to higher luminosity in the associated linear colliders. For synchrotron light sources, lower emittance leads to higher photon beam brightness. The beam emittance in a high energy electron synchrotron is given by the beam energy and the magnetic lattice as the electron beam reaches an equilibrium distribution quickly through radiation damping and quantum excitation in the bending magnets. Because

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the ring lattice typically consists of periodic cells, the cell structure determines the emittance.

The natural emittance of a storage ring with periodic cells may be expressed as

\[ \epsilon_n = \frac{F}{12\sqrt{15}} C_q \gamma^2 \frac{\theta_c^3}{J_x}, \]

where \( C_q = 3.83 \times 10^{-13} \) m, \( \gamma \) is the Lorentz energy factor, \( \theta_c = 2\pi/N_c \) is the bending angle per cell, \( N_c \) is the total number of cells, \( J_x \) is the horizontal damping partition, and \( F \) is a dimensionless form factor for the cell type.

Double-bend-achromat (DBA) lattice cells [1] are the building blocks of most third generation light sources, with a few exceptions that use triple-bend-achromat (TBA) cells [2]. The conditions for minimal emittances of these cell types have been analyzed in Ref. [3]. The MAX-IV storage ring started a new trend of lattice design practice that adopts the multi-bend-achromat (MBA) cells [4, 5]. By using high gradient quadrupole magnets, the MBA lattice allows to focus the dispersion function down between bending magnets in shorter distances. This allows placing more “focused” bending magnets in a ring, which reduces dispersion in bending magnets and in turn reduces the emittance. Essentially an MBA cell consists of several smaller cells. If one bending magnet is considered as one basic cell, then the MBA lattice substantially increases the number of cells, which is very effective in reducing the natural emittance as shown in Eq. (1).

In an MBA cell, the centers of the middle bending magnets are typically the minima of both the horizontal beta function and the dispersion function. Each middle bending magnet and its flanking quadrupoles resemble the theoretic minimum emittance (TME) cell structure [6]. Traditionally bending magnets have uniform magnetic field in the longitudinal direction, in which case the minimal form factor for a TME cell is found to be \( F_{\text{TME}} = 1 \).

The middle bending magnets are often combined function magnets which also serve as defocusing quadrupoles. This saves space, and also reduces the horizontal emittance by increasing the damping partition. Bending magnets
with varying dipole fields can be used to further reduce the beam emittance. The dipole field may be re-distributed to put stronger bending in the region with lower dispersion invariant and weaker bending elsewhere in order to achieve more evenly distributed quantum excitations throughout the magnet, which could in turn lead to smaller emittance. There have been many studies on the topic [7, 8, 9, 10, 11]. In a recent study, Ref. [11], numeric optimization of the dipole field distribution for minimum emittance was conducted. Another important recent development in lattice design is the use of negative bends [12, 13]. The negative bends allow a reduction of dispersion function in the main bending magnets, which further pushes down the emittance.

The use of combined function magnets, longitudinal gradient bending magnets, and anti-bends are essentially a re-distribution of the bending and focusing functions on the cell length in order to achieve better emittance performance. This has inspired us to take a more general approach to investigate the low emittance linear lattice design problem. Suppose the focusing and bending functions are freely variable, subject to certain constraints, what would be the functions that minimize the emittance? Specifically for the synchrotron light sources, the actual performance measure of concern is the photon beam brightness, which not only depends on the natural emittance, but also the beta functions at the insertion devices. Since the beta functions are also lattice parameters, the problem becomes maximizing the brightness directly with the focusing and bending functions. In both cases, we have an optimization problem that can be solved numerically.

In this study we used the particle swarm optimization (PSO) algorithm to minimize the emittance or maximize brightness of a periodic storage ring lattice in the general case with free distributed focusing functions and bending functions over the length of a cell. Our results showed that the best approach to reduce emittance is to split the ring into as many identical cells as allowed by the constraint of the maximum quadrupole gradient. Within a cell, the bending function varies along the longitudinal direction, including a small section with negative bending.
The paper is organized as follows. We first mathematically formulate the emittance minimization problem in Section 2. It is followed by a description of the numeric optimization setup in Section 3. The optimization results and discussions are presented in Section 4. The conclusion is given in Section 5.

2. Optimization of emittance and brightness for a normalized lattice cell

2.1. Normalization of a lattice cell

Linear lattice functions of a periodic cell, such as beta functions and dispersion functions, are determined by the periodic conditions and the distributions of the quadrupole and dipole fields over the cell. A lattice cell can be scaled in length while keeping its linear lattice features intact. In fact, we can normalize the lattice functions using the length of the cell, \( L \), as follows [14].

Define normalized quantities

\[
\hat{s} = \frac{s}{L}, \quad \hat{\beta}_{x,y} = \frac{\beta_{x,y}}{L}, \quad \hat{h} = \frac{h}{\theta_c}, \quad \hat{D}_x = \frac{D_x}{L \theta_c}, \quad \hat{K} = KL^2
\]

where \( s \) is the path length measured from the cell entrance, \( D_x \) is horizontal dispersion, \( \beta_{x,y} \) are horizontal and vertical beta functions, \( h = \frac{1}{\rho} \) is the curvature function, \( \rho \) is the bending radius, \( K = \frac{1}{B \rho} \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial x} \) is the focusing gradient, \( B \rho \) is the magnetic rigidity of the electron beam, and \( \theta_c \) is the total bending angle of the cell. All \( \hat{\cdot} \) quantities are dimensionless. The differential equations for the scaled linear lattice functions, \( \hat{\beta}_{x,y} \) and \( \hat{\eta} \), are

\[
\frac{1}{2} \hat{\beta}_{x,y}'' + \hat{K}_{x,y}(\hat{s}) \hat{\beta}_{x,y} - \frac{1 + \hat{\alpha}_{x,y}^2}{\hat{\beta}_{x,y}} = 0,
\]

\[
\hat{D}_x'' + \hat{K}_{x}(\hat{s}) \hat{D}_x = \hat{h}(\hat{s}),
\]

where \( \hat{\alpha}_{x,y} = -\frac{\hat{\beta}_{x,y}''}{2}, \quad \hat{K}_x = \hat{K} + \hat{h}^2 \theta_c^2 \approx \hat{K}, \quad \hat{K}_y = -\hat{K}, \) and \( ' \) and \( '' \) refer to first and second order derivatives with respect to \( \hat{s} \), respectively. The approximation \( \hat{K}_x \approx \hat{K} \) is valid when the deflection angle is small.
The total deflection angle of the normalized cell is a constraint of the lattice cell optimization, which corresponds to the condition

\[ \int_0^1 \hat{h}(\hat{s}) d\hat{s} = 1. \]  

(5)

The maximum quadrupole gradient is another important parameter that impacts the lattice cell design. High gradient would enable packing more cells over a given circumference and in turn reduces the emittance. In the optimization it is necessary to specify the upper limit of the quadrupole gradient. This corresponds to another constraint [14]

\[ |\hat{K}(\hat{s})| \leq \hat{K}_{\text{max}} \equiv K_{\text{max}} L^2. \]  

(6)

Dimensionless radiation integrals can be defined using the dimensionless lattice functions

\[ \hat{I}_2 = \int_0^1 \hat{h}^2(\hat{s}) d\hat{s} \]  

(7a)

\[ \hat{I}_3 = \int_0^1 |\hat{h}|^3(\hat{s}) d\hat{s} \]  

(7b)

\[ \hat{I}_4 = \int_0^1 \hat{D}_x(\hat{s}) \hat{h}(\hat{s})(\hat{h}^2(\hat{s}) + 2\hat{K}(\hat{s})) d\hat{s} \]  

(7c)

\[ \hat{I}_5 = \int_0^1 \hat{H}(\hat{s}) |\hat{h}(\hat{s})|^3 d\hat{s} \]  

(7d)

where \( \hat{H} = \hat{\beta}_x \hat{D}_x^2 + 2\hat{\alpha}_x \hat{D}_x \hat{D}_y + \hat{\gamma}_x \hat{D}_y^2 \) is the normalized dispersion invariant, \( \hat{\alpha}_x = \alpha_x \) and \( \hat{\gamma}_x = \gamma_x L \) are normalized Courant-Snyder parameters. The equilibrium horizontal emittance and the rms energy spread of an electron storage ring are given by

\[ \epsilon = C_q \gamma^2 \theta_c^2 \frac{\hat{I}_5}{\hat{I}_2 \hat{I}_2}, \]  

(8)

\[ \sigma_\delta^2 = C_q \gamma^2 \theta_c \frac{\hat{I}_3}{L \hat{I}_2 + \hat{I}_4} \]  

(9)

where \( C_q \approx 3.83 \times 10^{-13} \) m, \( J_x = 1 - \frac{I_x}{I_2} \), and \( \gamma \) is the relative energy factor.

This problem is then to find the suitable functions \( \hat{K}(\hat{s}) \) and \( \hat{h}(\hat{s}) \) which satisfy Eqs. (3)-(6) and minimize the emittance as given by Eq. (8) for any given set of deflection angle \( \theta_c \) and \( \hat{K}_{\text{max}} \).
2.2. Optimization of the lattice cell

A major goal of lattice cell optimization for storage ring light source is to achieve high photon beam brightness, $\mathcal{B}$, which is inversely proportional to the phase space volume of the photon beam [15],

$$\mathcal{B} \propto \frac{1}{\sigma_{ph,x}\sigma_{ph,x}'\sigma_{ph,y}\sigma_{ph,y}'}$$ (10)

where $\sigma_{ph,x}$, $\sigma_{ph,y}$, $\sigma_{ph,x}'$ and $\sigma_{ph,y}'$ are photon beam width or divergence in both transverse directions. They are related to electron beam dimensions in the phase space and the radiation distribution of a single electron through

$$\sigma_{ph,xy}^2 = \sigma_{e,xy}^2 + \sigma_{\lambda}^2$$ (11a)
$$\sigma_{ph,x'y'}^2 = \sigma_{e,x'y'}^2 + \sigma_{\lambda'}^2.$$ (11b)

where the $\sigma_{\lambda}$ and $\sigma_{\lambda'}$ are the size and divergence of photon beam at the photon beam source point. The electron beam sizes, $\sigma_{e,xy}^2$ and $\sigma_{e,x'y'}^2$, are related to the beam emittances, energy spread, and the lattice functions,

$$\sigma_{e,x} = \sqrt{\epsilon_x \beta_x + (D_x \sigma_{\epsilon})^2}, \quad \sigma_{e,y} = \sqrt{\epsilon_y \beta_y}.$$ (12a)
$$\sigma_{e,x'} = \sqrt{\epsilon_x \gamma_x + (D'_x \sigma_{\epsilon})^2}, \quad \sigma_{e,y'} = \sqrt{\epsilon_y \gamma_y}.$$ (12b)

In the cell optimization studies, we first used the brightness as the optimization objective. This would automatically include the impact of emittance and beta functions. However, the actual lattice cell design often uses quadrupole doublet or triplet at the end of the cell to tailor the beta functions at the location of insertion devices. Therefore, the emittance of the cell is not necessarily tied to the beta functions. For this reason, we also did lattice cell optimization to minimize the natural emittance only.

3. Optimization setup

As indicated in Eqs. [34], the linear lattice functions of a periodic cell are completely determined by the focusing function $\hat{K}(\hat{s})$ and the curvature function $\hat{h}(\hat{s})$. With the constraints on the two functions as given by Eqs. [56],...
we can optimize the lattice cell in a very general manner. The objective of the
optimization can be the brightness of the photon beam, or the equilibrium emi-
ttance of the electron beam. The variables for the optimization are parameters
that specify the two functions over the length of the cell. In the following we
will describe the optimization setup in more details.

3.1. Optimization Parameters and Objectives

Although theoretically the focusing and curvature functions are smooth func-
tions, they can be approximated with function values at a finite number of points
separated by equal intervals. One way to represent the functions would be to
specify the function values at the given control points. However, if the function
values at these points are independently changed, the constraint in Eq. (5) will
most likely be violated, which requires additional adjustment to the function
values, for example, by scaling, to satisfy the constraint. Another disadvan-
tage of independently specifying function values at various points is that it is
more difficult for the optimization algorithms to develop global patterns, such
as symmetric patterns in the functions.

We assume the focusing function and the curvature function are both sym-
metric about the center of the cell. The full extent of the cell covers the range
\( \hat{s} \in [0, 1] \). Constrained by the Eq. (5), the curvature function \( \hat{h}(\hat{s}) \) with arbitrary
distribution, over the half cell of \( \hat{s} \in [0, 0.5] \), can be represented through a series
of basis functions

\[
\hat{h}(\hat{s}) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} a_n \phi_n(\hat{s}),
\]

where \( N = 2^m \), \( m \) is an integer, and \( \phi_n(\hat{s}) \) are functions of piece-wise constant
values of 1 and \(-1\). The basis functions are orthogonal to each other, i.e.,

\[
\int_{0}^{1} \phi_i(\hat{s})\phi_j(\hat{s}) d\hat{s} = 0, \quad \text{if} \quad i \neq j.
\]

The basis functions \( \phi_n \) for \( m = 3 \) is illustrated in Figure 1 as an example.

Except for \( \phi_1(\hat{s}) = 1 \) (uniform distribution), all basis functions integrate to zero
over the zone of \([0, 1]\). Therefore \( a_1 \) is the only parameter that changes the
total deflecting angle. The final shape of the function \( \hat{h}(\hat{s}) \) is determined by the coefficients of the other basis functions.

The focusing function \( \hat{K}(\hat{s}) \) is also represented by piece-wise constants in the same \( N \) slices, but with different basis functions,

\[
\hat{K}(\hat{s}) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} b_n \psi_n(\hat{s}),
\]

where \( \psi_n(\hat{s}) \) are

\[
\psi_i(\hat{s}) = \begin{cases} 
1 & \hat{s} \in \left( \frac{i-1}{2N}, \frac{i}{2N} \right), \ i = 1, 2, 3...N \\
0 & \hat{s} \not\in \left( \frac{i-1}{2N}, \frac{i}{2N} \right)
\end{cases}
\]

and the control parameters, \( b_n \), are chosen with the constraint of not violating Eq. (6) in any slice. For a cell with \( N = 2^m \) slices with mirror symmetry about the cell center, there are \( N - 1 \) control parameters for determining the dipole field \( \hat{h}(\hat{s}) \) and the quadrupole field \( \hat{K}(\hat{s}) \).

Given the curvature function \( \hat{h}(\hat{s}) \) and focusing function \( \hat{K}(\hat{s}) \), the natural emittance \( \epsilon_n \) can be evaluated by Eqs. (7-12). For the calculation of photon brightness \( \mathcal{B} \), the vertical emittance \( \epsilon_y \) due to the coupled motion from the horizontal plane should be considered. The horizontal emittance \( \epsilon_x \) and vertical
emittance $\epsilon_y$ can be expressed as

$$\epsilon_x = \frac{1}{1 + \kappa \epsilon_n}, \quad \epsilon_y = \frac{\kappa}{1 + \kappa \epsilon_n},$$

(17)

where $\kappa$ is the coupling ratio between the vertical and horizontal planes. Electron beam beam energy of 2 GeV and photon energy of 10 keV are assumed in the brightness calculation using Eq. (10-12).

3.2. The Particle Swarm Optimization Algorithm

Optimization algorithms capable of finding the global minimum in a large parameter space is needed for the lattice cell optimization problem described in the above. In such cases, stochastic algorithms could be used. Stochastic optimization algorithms such as genetic algorithms [16, 17, 18], and particle swarm optimization (PSO) [19, 20, 21, 22] have been used on various accelerator problems. In this study, we use the PSO algorithm found in Refs. [21, 22] as it was demonstrated to have fast convergence due to the high diversity in the evaluated new solutions.

In the PSO algorithm, each solution is considered as a moving particle in the control parameter space. A population of such particles are manipulated by the algorithm for many iterations. During each iteration, the position of each particle is updated by adding an amount called its velocity,

$$\vec{x}_{i}^{t+1} = \vec{x}_{i}^{t} + \vec{v}_{i}^{t+1}$$

(18)

where $\vec{x}_{i}^{t}$ and $\vec{v}_{i}^{t}$ are vectors that represent the position and the velocity of the $i^{th}$ particle at iteration $t$, respectively. The velocity is calculated as the weighted sum of three terms,

$$\vec{v}_{i}^{t+1} = \omega \vec{v}_{i}^{t} + c_1 (\vec{p}_{i}^{t} - \vec{x}_{i}^{t}) + c_2 (\vec{g}^{t} - \vec{x}_{i}^{t})$$

(19)

where the three terms on the right-hand side, from left to right, represent the previous velocity, the distance between the present position and the velocity of the best solution in the history of this particle (i.e., personal best, $\vec{p}_{i}^{t}$), and
the distance between the present position and the global best solution $\vec{g}$, respectively. Parameters $\omega$ and $c_{1,2}$ control the behavior of the algorithm and are given as in Ref. [22]. Mutation operation is also performed to a small fraction of randomly selected solutions. After the initial position and velocity distributions are given, the particles move in the parameters space along trajectories according to the function evaluations and Eqs. [18 19].

The PSO algorithm applied to the lattice cell optimization problem has good convergence performance as indicated by the example shown in Figure 2 which shows the evolution of the best (lowest) form factor, $F$, over 700 iterations. There are 63 control parameters in this setup and 1500 solutions in the population.

![Figure 2](image)

Figure 2: The evolution of the best (lowest) form factor in a cell emittance minimization run by the PSO algorithm is shown as an indication of the convergence performance of the algorithm. The setup includes 63 control parameters for each solution and 1500 solutions in the population.

4. Optimization results

4.1. Brightness $B$ as the optimization objective

When photon brightness, $B$, is used as the optimization objective, the electron beam energy and photon energy need to be specified. In this study we assumed a 2 GeV electron beam and a 10 keV photon energy. The undulator length is assumed $L = 2.5$ m in the calculation of single photon divergence.
4.1.1. The impact of coupling ratio

With the beam on or near the linear difference coupling resonance, the natural emittance is split between the horizontal and vertical planes through Eqs. (17). Therefore, the coupling ratio $\kappa$ could be a key parameter that significantly impacts the brightness optimization. We investigated the effect of the coupling ratio by performing the cell optimization for maximum brightness with the coupling ratio changed over a large range. The results are summarized in Table 1, which lists the natural emittance, the horizontal partition number, and the horizontal phase advance for the optimized cell for various coupling ratios. Surprisingly, the resulting optimized cells are almost identical when the coupling ratio is changed. The only exception is when $\kappa = 0$, in which case the vertical beam emittance is zero and hence the vertical beta function is not involved in the brightness calculation. For all cases with $\kappa > 0$, the optimized cell has approximately $\Phi_x = 163^\circ$ for the horizontal phase advance and $\Phi_y = 105^\circ$ for the vertical phase advance. The optimized horizontal partition number is $J_x = 1.28$. As will be shown in the next section, these optimized parameters strongly depend on the maximum quadrupole gradient.

Table 1: The optimized parameters for different coupling ratios in the brightness optimization. The maximum normalized quadrupole gradient is $\hat{K}_{\text{max}} = 13$. The emittance value is for a 2 GeV beam, with cell length of $L = 1.0$ m and deflection angle of $\theta_c = 1^\circ$. The form factor can be calculated with $F = \frac{J_x \epsilon_n}{0.6 \times [\text{pm}]}$.

| Coupling $\kappa$ | Emittance $\epsilon_n$ (pm) | Horizontal partition $J_x$ | Phase advance $\Phi_x/\Phi_y$ (°) |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 0                 | 0.156                       | 1.17                        | 136/97                            |
| 0.1               | 0.206                       | 1.28                        | 163/105                           |
| 0.5               | 0.206                       | 1.28                        | 163/105                           |
| 1.0               | 0.202                       | 1.28                        | 163/105                           |

Because the brightness optimization is not sensitive to the coupling ratio, in the following the coupling ratio is set to a constant value of $\kappa = 1$. 

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4.1.2. The impact of maximum quadrupole gradient

As discussed earlier, higher quadrupole gradient allows placing more focused bending magnets in a ring; and this is what enabled the MBA lattice cell to substantially reduce the electron beam emittance from the traditional DBA-based design approach. It is expected that the brightness should be strongly dependent on the quadrupole field distribution, $\hat{K}(s)$. But how would the maximum quadrupole gradient affect the quadrupole field distribution is not clear before the numerical optimization is conducted.

In this section, the effect of the maximum quadrupole gradient on the brightness optimization is investigated. In the optimization study, the cell length is set to $L = 1$ m and the cell deflection angle is $\theta = 1^\circ$. The slice number for the cell is $N = 64$. Because of the mirror symmetry about the cell center, there are 31 control parameters for dipole field distribution, $\hat{h}$, and 32 control parameters for quadrupole field distribution, $\hat{K}$. The normalized maximum quadrupole gradient, $\hat{K}_{\text{max}}$, is varied from 13 to 208.

Figure 3 shows the optics functions of the optimized cell (left column), the corresponding dipole field distribution, $\hat{h}(s)$ (center column), and the quadrupole field distribution, $\hat{K}(s)$ (right column) for four levels of $\hat{K}_{\text{max}}$. The corresponding emittance, horizontal partition number, and horizontal phase advances parameters are listed in Table 2.

The case in Figure 3(a) ($\hat{K}_{\text{max}} = 13$) resembles the general case of one focused dipole cell. The quadrupole field in the optimized cell naturally groups into one focusing magnet and one defocusing magnet (if we consider the cell ends as the center of the defocusing magnet). The gradients of both magnets are at the maximum value. There is one minimum and one maximum in the beta function of each transverse plane. Because the brightness, which is the objective function to be minimized, is calculated at the ends of the cell, the minimum of horizontal beta function is at the ends. The dipole field function develops an interesting distribution over the cell length, which includes two important features: the longitudinal dipole gradient and the anti-bends. The
maximum bending field is at the cell ends, where the normalized curvature is \( \hat{h} \approx 10 \), which corresponds to a dipole field of 1.17 T for a cell bending angle of 1° on a 1-m long cell and a 2 GeV beam. The negative bending angle is \(-21.3\%\) of the total cell bending angle.

As \( \hat{K}_{\text{max}} \) is increased to 30, the dipole and quadrupole field distributions on the cell have developed features of two separate cells. When it is increased to 52, which is 4 times of the case in Figure 3(a), the field distributions are very similar to two cells scaled from case Figure 3(a). The vertical beta function does not look like two identical cells because the vertical beta function affects the optimization objective function only at the ends and is thus not sufficiently constrained. When \( \hat{K}_{\text{max}} \) is increased by another factor of 4, to 208, the field distributions appear to consist of four cells of the type found in case Figure 3(a). The horizontal beta and dispersion function do not show ideal periodicity, probably because the number of slices is not enough for it to exhibit the full features of the case (a) cell type.

The optimized field distributions as shown in Figure 3 when the maximum quadrupole gradient is varied clearly indicate that the cell type found in Figure 3(a) is a fundamental building block of low emittance lattice aimed at high brightness. When the maximum quadrupole gradient is high enough, the natural tendency for obtaining high brightness is to split the cell into more cells of this type.

The quadrupole field distribution in Figure 3 shows that a smooth function for the gradient does not have any advantage in increasing the brightness. The \( \hat{K}(s) \) function tends to group in areas with maximum focusing or defocusing strengths. Therefore, in the following we model the gradient function as discrete quadrupole magnets, varying only their gradient values and locations.

4.1.3. Transforming one cell into two cells

The splitting of a lattice cell into two basic cell types as we found in the previous section is an important and interesting phenomenon. Because distributed quadrupole fields over the entire cell is not realistic and does not have
Figure 3: The optimization results in terms of the optics functions (left column), dipole field distribution (middle column), and quadrupole field distribution (right column) for brightness optimization with different maximum quadrupole gradients. The four rows represent four levels of $\hat{K}_{\text{max}}$: (a) $\hat{K}_{\text{max}} = 13$; (b) $\hat{K}_{\text{max}} = 30$; (c) $\hat{K}_{\text{max}} = 52$; (d) $\hat{K}_{\text{max}} = 208$. 
Table 2: Key parameters of the optimized cell in the brightness optimization for different $\hat{K}_{\text{max}}$. The coupling ratio is set to $\kappa = 1$. The emittance value is for a 2 GeV beam, with cell length of $L = 1.0$ m and deflection angle of $\theta_c = 1^\circ$. The form factor can be calculated with $F = \frac{J_x \epsilon_n}{0.61 \text{[pm]}}$.

| $\hat{K}_{\text{max}}$ | $\epsilon_n$       | $J_x$  | $\Phi_x / \Phi_y \left(^\circ\right)$ |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------|--------------------------------------|
| 13                      | 0.207             | 1.28  | 163/107                              |
| 30                      | 0.208             | 1.56  | 167/68                               |
| 52                      | 0.042             | 1.40  | 307/168                              |
| 208                     | 0.013             | 1.50  | 541/370                              |

any advantage, we decided to further investigate the phenomenon with a model of discrete quadrupoles.

In this model eight quadrupoles are placed in the cell in a symmetric configuration about the cell center, as shown in Figure 4. All quadrupole lengths are set to 0.05. The position of quadrupoles $K1$ and $K4$ are fixed at the cell end, or cell center, respectively, while $K2$ and $K3$ can be freely moved, up to the edges of $K1$ or $K4$. $K2$ and $K3$ cannot overlap or cross each other. The dipole field distribution is represented in the same manner as in the previous section.

The brightness optimization is performed for a series of cases when the maximum quadrupole gradient is varied from $\hat{K}_{\text{max}} = 23$ to $\hat{K}_{\text{max}} = 93$. The optics functions and field distribution functions for the cases of $\hat{K}_{\text{max}} = 23$ to $\hat{K}_{\text{max}} = 93$ are shown in Figure 5. For the case with $\hat{K}_{\text{max}} = 23$, quadrupole $K2$ moves to the cell end to join $K1$, and quadrupole $K3$ moves to the cell center to join $K4$. The dipole field distribution is similar to case Figure 3 (a) in the previous section, consisting one basic cell. The horizontal phase advance is $\Phi_x = 164.0^\circ$. For the case with $\hat{K}_{\text{max}} = 93$, however, quadrupole $K2$ and $K3$ move toward each other and meet at the $s = 0.25$ point. In this case, the cell is split into two basic cells that are similar to the cell type as in the case with $\hat{K}_{\text{max}} = 23$. The horizontal phase advance becomes $\Phi_x = 309.0^\circ$.

The natural emittance, corresponding to a one-meter cell with bending angle
θ_c = 1° and beam energy of 2 GeV, and the phase advances as functions of the maximum gradient are shown in Figure 6. Interestingly, before the maximum gradient is high enough for the cell to split, the phase advance and the natural emittance vary only slightly, despite significant changes to \( \hat{K}_{\text{max}} \). This again indicates that the basic cell type as seen in Figure 5(a) is an efficient fundamental building block of low emittance lattice cells.

![Figure 4: The quadrupole configuration for the study of cell splitting with discrete quadrupoles, \( K_1, K_2, K_3, \) and \( K_4 \), which are arranged about the cell center with mirror symmetry.]

4.2. Using natural emittance as the optimization objective

In the practical lattice design of MBA cells for diffraction limited rings, the optics of center bending magnets are connected to the insertion device straight section through a matching section. The beta functions at the insertion devices are thus decoupled from the the optics of the center bends, which dominate in the determination of the cell emittance. Therefore, the emittance minimization with the optics around the bends can be done separately from the photon brightness optimization.

The optics around the center bends may consist of periodic sub-cells. Each sub-cell (which we will call a cell in the rest of this section) is a alternating-gradient structure with stable optics. We would like to optimize the dipole field
Figure 5: The optics function (left column), dipole field profile (center column), and quadrupole distribution (right column) for the optimized cell with: (a) $\hat{K}_{\text{max}} = 23$; (b) $\hat{K}_{\text{max}} = 93$. The length is 0.05 for all quadrupoles.

Figure 6: Natural emittance (top), for a 2 GeV beam, with cell length of $L = 1.0$ m and deflection angle of $\theta_c = 1^\circ$, and phase advances (bottom) for optimized cells with various $\hat{K}_{\text{max}}$. 
distribution and the linear topics on the cell to achieve the minimum emittance.

In the cell optimization setup the dipole field distribution is represented by the same scheme as used for the brightness optimization (see Eq. (13)). Two thin quadrupoles are used for the alternating gradient focusing scheme, one is at the cell center, the other is split into two and placed at both ends. The integrated gradients of the two thin quads are used as control parameters. Essentially, we are optimizing the optics and the distributed dipole field on a FODO cell.

This part of the study is similar to the numerical optimization of longitudinal-gradient bends found in Ref. [11], but with a few important differences. First, in Ref. [11], the beta function and dispersion function values at the center of the bend are used as control parameters. Matching quadrupoles are required to realize the optimized beta and dispersion functions. In this study, the quadrupole strengths are used as control parameters and hence the optics on the cell is completely determined. Second, in this cell the dipole cell is distributed throughout the cell, not only inside the dipole magnet. Third, Ref. [11] only considered positive bending field, while in this study the dipole field can be negative. Although the benefits of negative bends have been understood in previous studies [13], this study could reveal features of the optimal dipole field distribution with both longitudinal dipole gradient and anti-bends.

4.2.1. Effect of dipole field slice number

As pointed out in Ref. [11], when using the longitudinal dipole field profile to minimize the emittance, the dipole field strength tends to diverge to infinity at the center of the dipole. Therefore, it is necessary to impose a limit on the maximum dipole field strength for the optimization results to be practical. This can be done by setting the maximum dipole field strength directly to a value deemed reasonable. In this study, we took a different approach to limit the dipole field strength. Instead of setting the maximum dipole field strength, we set the width of the slice with the maximum dipole field to a finite value. This is done naturally in our optimization setup as we slice the cell into $N$ equal pieces with constant field on each slice. The approach of using a finite
number of slices with piece-wise constant field is reasonable in practical terms as in reality the cell would consist of a series of dipole magnets with constant field strengths and finite widths. This approach is also convenient as it allows us to use the normalized parameters defined in Section 2 without the need to convert an absolute dipole field strength to the normalized parameter under specific assumptions of beam energy, cell length, and cell bending angle. In this sub-section we investigate the dependence of cell emittance optimization on the number of slices of the dipole field.

For the normalized FODO cell to be stable, the maximum integrated quadrupole gradient is $\hat{K}\Delta \hat{L} = 4$, when both the horizontal and vertical phase advances on the cell are $180^\circ$ (in the case when the focal lengths of the QF and QD magnets are equal). In the study of the effect of the number of slices, we set the limit of the integrated quadrupole gradient of the QF and QD magnets to $\hat{K}_{\text{max}}\Delta \hat{L} = 4$.

The number of slices was set to $N = 2^m$, with $m = 1, 2, \cdots, 6$. For each case, there are $2^{m-1} - 1$ control parameters for the dipole field profile and 2 control parameters for the quadrupoles. The optimized dipole field profiles for all cases of slice numbers are shown in Figure 7. The corresponding emittance form factors and some other related parameters are shown in Table 3. Figure 8 shows the dispersion function, the dispersion invariant $\hat{H}$, and the contributions to the $\hat{I}_2$ and $\hat{I}_5$ integrals, respectively, for the $N = 2, 4, 16, \text{and} 64$ cases.

For the case of $N = 2$, the dipole field is constant over the cell length. The optimized cell has a horizontal phase advance of $\Phi_x = 141^\circ$, which is very close to the theoretic minimum value of approximately $140^\circ$ [23]. The dipole field profiles for the $N \geq 4$ cases clearly reveals the diverging trend of the maximum dipole field strength when the cell is divided into more equal slices in the optimization setup. The emittance reduction is achieved by both reducing the $\hat{I}_5$ integral and increasing the $\hat{I}_2$ integral. The rate of emittance reduction with the increasing number of slices decreases. For example, from $N = 8$ to 16, the emittance is reduced by nearly 50%, while from $N = 32$ to 64, the reduction is only 33%. However, the $\hat{I}_5$ integral, which affects the equilibrium momentum spread, increases at a steady pace with the doubling of slices. This
indicates that increasing the slice number, or equivalently, allowing a higher maximum dipole field, has only limited applicability in lattice cell performance improvement, even if it is not limited by the technical difficulty in achieving the high bending field.

It is noted that anti-bends are present in all cases with $N > 2$. For $N \geq 4$ cases, the dispersion invariant develops a double-hump distribution which peaks at about $\hat{s} = \frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{2}{3}$, where the curvature function $\hat{h}(s)$ crosses zero. With a large number of slices in the cell ($N \geq 8$), the phase advance tends to the high end, in order to minimize the emittance.

Additional studies showed that if the maximum dipole field in the slices at the cell ends ($\hat{s} = 0$ and 1) is given at a fixed value, the optimal dipole field distribution does not change when more slices are introduced in the rest of the cell. This confirms that the variation of the optimized distribution with respect to the number of cells is dominated by the peak dipole field.

Table 3: The optimized emittance form factor, horizontal phase advance, ratio of anti-bends, and radiation integrals in the cell emittance optimization for various slice numbers.

| Slices $N$ | Form fac. $\mathcal{F}$ | phase adv. $\Phi_x$ (°) | anti-bend $\theta_-/\theta$ | integral $\hat{I}_5$ | integral $\hat{I}_2$ | integral $\hat{I}_3$ |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 2         | 5.88            | 141             | 0               | 0.1266          | 1.00            | 1.00            |
| 4         | 3.00            | 156             | 0.133           | 0.1681          | 2.60            | 5.82            |
| 8         | 1.16            | 165             | 0.245           | 0.0872          | 3.48            | 10.07           |
| 16        | 0.59            | 171             | 0.218           | 0.0551          | 4.32            | 18.39           |
| 32        | 0.36            | 173             | 0.184           | 0.0433          | 5.56            | 36.27           |
| 64        | 0.24            | 176             | 0.159           | 0.0379          | 7.33            | 73.81           |

4.2.2. The effect of maximum quadrupole gradient on the optimization

In the previous subsection, the emittance optimization was done with the quadrupole gradient limited by FODO cell optics stability requirement. It could be useful to study how the optimal dipole field distribution depends on the maximum quadrupole gradient. The cell emittance optimization was repeated
Figure 7: The optimized dipole field profiles, $\hat{h}(s)$, with various slice numbers in the cell in the emittance optimization.

Figure 8: The distribution of dispersion-related parameters in the optimized cell for $N = 2, 4, 16, 64$. Top left: dispersion function, $D_x$; top right: contribution to the $I_5$ integral per unit length, $\frac{dI_5}{ds}$; bottom left: dispersion invariant; bottom right: contribution to the $I_2$ integral per unit length, $\frac{dI_2}{ds}$. 
with various maximum integrated quadrupole gradients.

Figure [9] shows the emittance form factor and the horizontal phase advance (top) of the optimized cell and the radiation integrals $I_2$ and $I_5$ (bottom) at various maximum integrated quadrupole strengths. As the maximum gradient is reduced, the phase advance on the cell decreases, while the minimum emittance achievable increases.

The optimized dipole field profile varies with the maximum quadrupole gradient. Interestingly, between the integrated gradient of $\hat{K}_{\text{max}} \Delta \hat{L} = 2.4$ and $2.55$, the dipole field profile drastically changed. At $\hat{K}_{\text{max}} \Delta \hat{L} = 2.4$ or below, the dipole field distribution is nearly flat, while at $2.55$ or above, there is large variation of dipole field on the cell and negative bending is present. The transition can be clearly seen in the $I_2$ and $I_5$ plot of Figure [9]. However, the emittance form factors for the $\hat{K}_{\text{max}} \Delta \hat{L} = 2.4$ and $2.55$ cases differ only slightly. The dipole field profiles and the corresponding dispersion functions for the two cases are shown in Figure [10].
Figure 10: The optimization results for before and after the dipole field distribution transitions from flat to with longitudinal gradient and anti-bend when $\hat{K}_{\text{max}} \Delta \hat{L}$ is increased from 2.4 to 2.55. Left: dipole field profile $\hat{h}(s)$; right: the horizontal dispersion function.

5. Conclusion

We have studied the optimal low emittance lattice cell structure with global numerical optimization of the general dipole and quadrupole field distributions over the cell. The normalized cell functions are used in the study, such that the optimized lattice cell is applicable to rings with different sizes and beam energies by scaling.

Optimization is first done using the photon brightness of an insertion device as the objective while both the quadrupole and dipole field distributions are varied as control parameters. The maximum strength of the quadrupole gradient is limited as a main constraint in the optimization. It was found that with a relatively low quadrupole gradient limit, the linear optics of the optimized cell is similar to that of a FODO cell and the dipole field distribution develops a pattern with longitudinal gradient and negative bending. When the maximum quadrupole gradient is increased sufficiently (by a factor of 4 of the low gradient case), the cell structure automatically split into two cells of the same type as the low quadrupole gradient case. When the maximum quadrupole gradient is further increased to a sufficient high level, the two cells further split into four cells. The cell splitting behavior indicates that the FODO cell type with dipole field variation is a fundamental cell type for low emittance ring lattices.

We further studied the FODO cell optimization using the natural emit-
tance as the objective. The integrated gradients of the focusing and defocusing quadrupoles and the dipole field distribution are the control parameters. The dipole field distribution is allowed to change over the entire cell, but with a limited number of constant-field slices. The finite number of slices naturally limits the maximum field strength. The optimized cell structure again shows longitudinal dipole field variation with negative bending.

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