

Microbunching from Shot Noise in Beam Delivery Systems for x-FELs:

Modelling by Vlasov Solver Methods

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What is the microbunching instability?









- The microbunching instability can cause unacceptable degradation of beam quality in the longitudinal phase space
- Controlling the instability is important for x-rays FEL design
 - Has consequences on design choices/hardware (*e.g.* 'laser heater')
- It is an issue in particular for FERMI@Elettra
 - 150 keV max. uncorrelated energy spread desired in undulators
- Shot noise is the most fundamental (and unavoidable) source of charge fluctuations seeding the instability
 - Other sources may be important but are not considered here.

Simulating the micrubunching instability is challenging



- The instability is by its nature sensitive to small fluctuations in phase space density
- Good resolution of phase space needed

• Three distinct methods are currently being used:

- Linear analysis
- Macro-particle simulations
- Vlasov solvers

Pros & cons of Vlasov solvers



Pros: Avoids spurious fluctuations caused by finite number of macroparticles Can resolve fine structures in low-populated regions of phase space More accurate detection of instability Cons: Computationally more intensive in higher dimension

Requires simplified modelling of collective forces in low dimension

Density representation on a grid introduces spurious smoothing.

Three ways of writing the Vlasov equation



Vlasov Eq. expresses conservation of local density in phase space **Anatoly Vlasov** along particle trajectories (1908 - 1975) $\frac{df}{ds} = 0$ $\rho(z) = \int f(z, E) dE$ $\frac{1}{2} - \left(\frac{E - E_0}{E_0}\frac{D}{R}\right)\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} + \left(e^2 N \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz' w(z - z')\rho(z')\right)\frac{\partial f}{\partial E} = 0$ дf 2 ∂s $f(\vec{x}',s') = f(\vec{x},s)$ 3 where $\vec{x}' = M_{s \to s'}(\vec{x});$ $\vec{x} = (z, E)$

Propagate density one-step forward: e.g. drift





Chirped beams pose some technical problems



We would like to use a rectangular grid

This is the beam we like...





Transform away the z/E correlation





Chirp function evolves like the support of a beam with zero uncorrelated energy spread



Initial chirp function:

$$\alpha(z, s_0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp p f(z, p; s_0) / \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp f(z, p; s_0)$$

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Collective effects & account of effect of a finite emittance on longitudinal slippage



Starting from the 4D Vlasov equation make some ansatz on form of density function and average over transverse coordinates

$$\begin{split} F_{\rm sm}(z) &= -e^2 N c \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk \ \hat{Z}(k) \hat{\rho}(k) e^{ikz} e^{-k^2 \sigma_{\perp}^2/2} \\ \sigma_{\perp} &= \sqrt{2\varepsilon_x \mathcal{H}} \\ \mathcal{H} &= \gamma_x D^2 + 2\alpha_x D D' + \beta_x (D')^2 \qquad \text{Length-scale for emittance-induced slippage in } z \end{split}$$

Collective effects are evaluated using impedance models





- On-axis field from transversely uniform charge density with circular cross-section
- Free space

- Model of beam in uniform motion on circular orbit
- Free space

Example of beam propagation through a bunch compressor







Microbunching instability: determining the small-amplitude gain function





Contact with linear theory validates solver

Small Amplitude Gain Function (L1 through BC2) $\sigma_{\rm E0}$ =4 KeV 8 Vlasov solver 6 gain⁴ $\sigma_{\rm E0}$ =10 KeV 2 4D Linear theory ſ 100 150 200 250 300 0 50 λ (µm) [before compression]



CSR only (space charge turned off)

Discrepancy between 4D linear theory and Vlasov solver due to approximate account of transverse dynamics by solver

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CSR + space charge

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How do we model shot noise?



• Place a random perturbation on top of initial smooth distribution on grid



$$f_{ij} = f_{ij}^{(0)} \left(1 + \frac{\xi_{ij}}{\langle N_{ij} \rangle^{1/2}} \right)$$

 $f_{ij}^{\left(0
ight)}$ normalized to unity

Beam dynamics with shot noise for Two-BC FERMI@Elettra Lattice



- Initial phase-space beam has
 - uniform z-density, gaussian energy density
 - + random perturbation to model shot noise
- Peak current at extraction $I_f = 1kA$

Simulation starts here:



... beam at exit of BC1



Energy modulation • induced by collective effect starts to become visible

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... beam at entry of BC2



Charge density fluctuations in the few %s range by the end of BC1 seed a large energy modulation by the time beam enters BC2.

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s=89.9185 m; E=591.028 MeV s=44.1185 m; E=233.005 MeV 0.3 0.3 22µm **80µm** 0.2 0.2 E (MeV) 0.1 0.1 Ω 0 -0.1 -0.1-0.2-0.2-0.3-0.3-0.04-0.020.02 0.04 -0.04-0.020 0.02 0.04 0 q q s=94.4185 m; E=591.028 MeV s=97.4185 m; E=591.028 MeV 0.75 0.75 0.5 0.5 0.25 0.25 d þ -0.25-0.25-0.5-0.5-0.75-0.75-0.015-0.01-0.005 0 0.005 0.01 0.015 $-0.015 - 0.01 - 0.005 \quad 0 \quad 0.005 \quad 0.01 \quad 0.015$ q X-band linearizer Laser heater BC1 BC2 SPREADER 19 ↓ LINAC1 LINAC3 LINAC2 LINAC4

... beam after 3rd bend of BC2





... beam at exit of BC2





beam after spreader . . .



Space charge adds further energy modulation in the linac after BC2

 $(\sigma_{E0} = 13 \, keV)$

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What the minimum achievable uncorrelated energy spread at extraction for FERMI?





The One-BC lattice found to meet specifications for beam energy spread.

Design of spreader affects microbunching





 The 1D space-charge model predict that a fairly small ΔR₅₆ (~ mm) can result into a large gain in the sub μm wavelength range



 The Vlasov solver shows energy modulations of almost 1MeV at exit of Linac for 'un-optimized' spreader design

('un-optimized' design) causing





- Two pairs of bends (dogleg); 100 mrad bending
- Each pair is a perfect achromat

Spreader design with reduced ΔR_{56} works OK





Quadrupoles Q2 and Q10 are tuned to provide a closed dispersion bump and adjust R_{56} to zero. (A. Zholents)

Simulations for lattice with this design show no noticeable rms energy spread increase because of the spreader

Is the predicted effect in un-optimized spreader real?



- The peak of gain (~0.3µm) corresponds to maximum of space-charge impedance for beam in the spreader region
- Maximum occurs at $\lambda = 2\pi r_{\rm b}/\gamma$

1D Space-Charge Long. Impedance



Caveat:	•	Validity of 1D model of
		SC impedance breaks
		down for $\lambda < 2\pi r_b / \gamma$





- A 2D Vlasov Solver as an effective tool for studying the microbunching instability
- Simulations show that shot-noise alone would cause an energy spread larger than the desired 150 keV in the Two-BC Lattice for FERMI
 One-BC lattice OK
- Results consistent with 1B macroparticle simulations (J.Qiang) -preliminary comparisons
- Further studies needed to better delimit use of 1D model of space-charge (*e.g* for dynamics through spreader)

Example of interpolation between adjacent grid-points for 1D case



$$f(q, \tau + \Delta \tau) = f(q - p\Delta \tau, \tau)$$

Value of f is determined by interpolation using *e.g.* values of f on adjacent grid points



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Beam dynamics with shot noise for Two-BC FERMI@Elettra Lattice





- uniform z-density, gaussian energy density
- + random perturbation to model shot noise
- Peak current at extraction $I_f = 1kA$
- Modest energy modulation visible after BC1

Simulation starts here:



aser heater

LINAC

