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# Comparative study of microbunching instability at the FERMI FEL

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# Motivations and contents

1. The design of MBI-sensitive FELs, such as the FERMI upgrade plan, asks for a comprehensive, accurate, and self-consistent modelling of the instability, for **fast optimization of the machine parameters**.
2. Since Huang's note in 2002, **several approximated IBS models** have been proposed. Though in rough agreement with measurements and simulations, some formulas contain inaccuracies, implicit forms, and have never been systematically compared.
3. A validated MBI semi-analytical model including IBS, suitable for **multi-stage compression**, is presented. **Two formalisms (HK, BK) are compared**.



- ❑ Instability and cures
- ❑ Models
  - Huang-Kim
  - Bosch-Kleman
  - IBS and other features
- ❑ Comparison
- ❑ FERMI-U
- ❑ Conclusions

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# Instability

Peak at  $\frac{r_b k}{\gamma} \simeq 1$

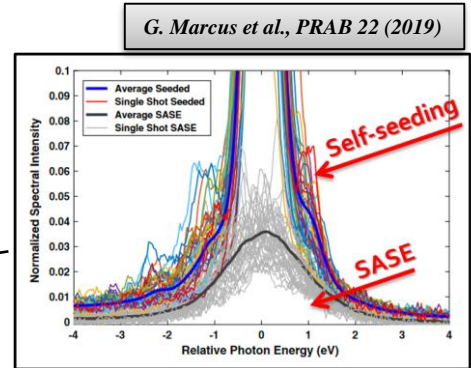
$\lambda_f \sim 1 - 10 \mu\text{m}$

compression & amplification

energy mod.

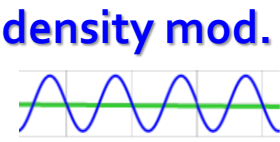
$R_{56}$ , CSR

magnetic compressor

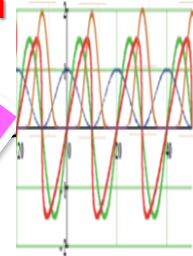
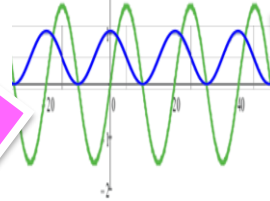


G. Marcus et al., PRAB 22 (2019)

$k_{\text{FEL}} = hk_{\text{seed}} \pm mk_{\text{ubi}}$



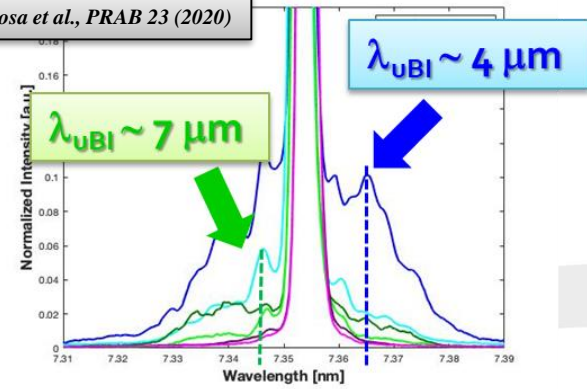
LSC  
linac



@ SASE: saturation power reduced by  $\sigma_{\delta,f} \geq \rho$ .

@ seeded FELs: spectral pedestal, sidebands.

G. Perosa et al., PRAB 23 (2020)

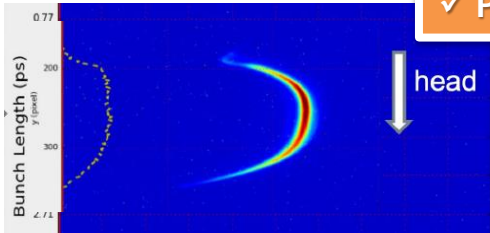




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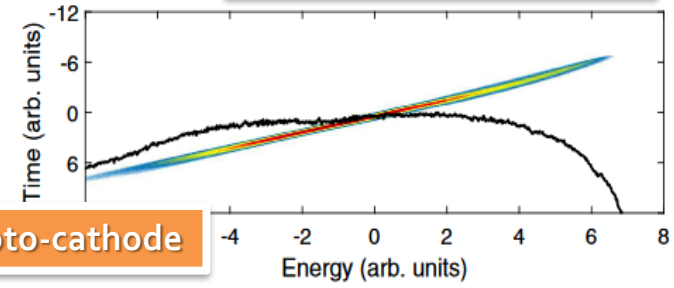
# Cures

SXFEL, Courtesy C. Feng



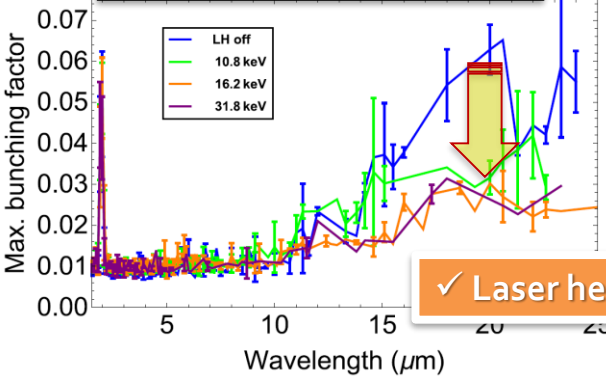
✓ Pulse stretcher vs. stacking

SwissFEL, S. Bettoni et al., PRAB 23 (2020)



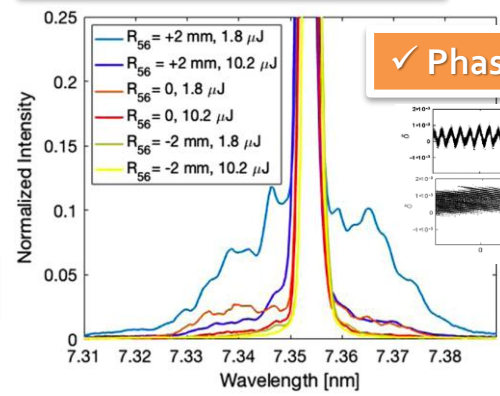
✓ Slow-response photo-cathode

FERMI, A. Brynes et al., Sci. Rep. 10 (2020)



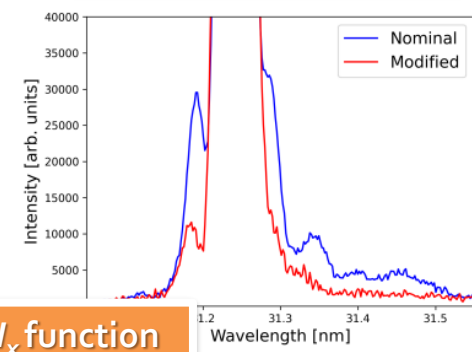
✓ Laser heater

FERMI, Di Mitri, Spampinati, PRL (2014)



✓ Phase mixing

FERMI, A. Brynes et al., PRAB (2024)



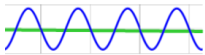
✓ Curl-H<sub>x</sub> function



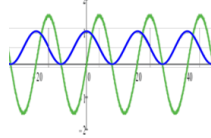


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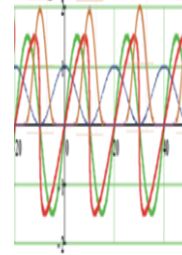
density mod.



energy mod.



compression & amplification



**Longitudinal Space Charge:**  
effective 3-D for round beam,  
energy-dependent, shielding

$$Z_{LSC}(k) = \frac{iZ_0}{\pi k r_b^2} \left[ 1 - 2I_1\left(\frac{kr_b}{\gamma}\right) K_1\left(\frac{kr_b}{\gamma}\right) \right]$$

**Coherent Synchrotron Radiation:**  
1-D, steady-state

$$Z_{CSR}(k) = \frac{Z_0 k^{1/3}}{\pi R^{2/3}} (0.41 + i0.23)$$

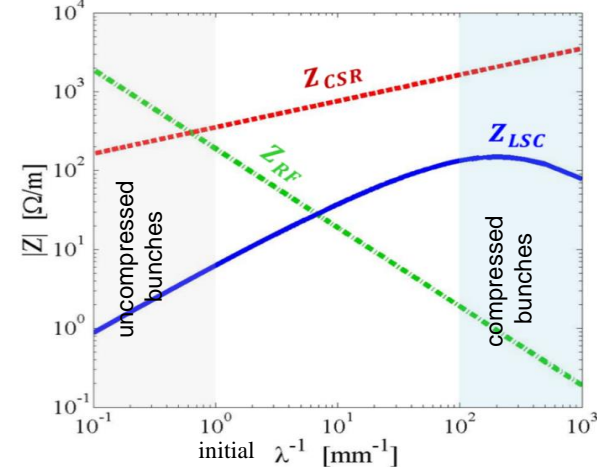
**RF geometric impedance:**  
1-D, short bunches

$$Z_{RF}(k) \approx \frac{iZ_0}{\pi k a^2}$$

**Coherent Edge Radiation:**  
1-D, steady-state

$$\int Z_{CER}(k) = \frac{Z_0}{2\pi} \ln\left(\frac{\min(L_d, \lambda \gamma^2 / 2\pi)}{\rho^{2/3} \lambda^{1/3}}\right)$$

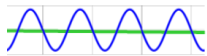
a=10mm, R=5m, r<sub>b</sub>=0.4mm, E=0.3GeV



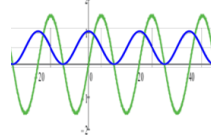


# Huang–Kim model

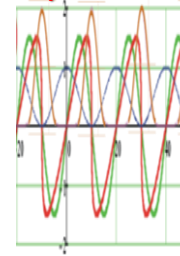
density mod.



energy mod.



compression & amplification



- Integral linearized Vlasov eq., solved by iteration at 2<sup>nd</sup> order in kernel.
- We keep low gain terms in.

**Energy modulation:**  
energy-dependent, s-integral

$$|\Delta\gamma(k)| = b(k) \frac{I_0}{I_A} \int_0^s d\tau \frac{4\pi Z(k; s)}{Z_0}$$

**Bunching factor:**

$$b[k(s); s] = b_0[k(s); s] + \int_0^s d\tau K(\tau, s)b[k(\tau); \tau]$$

where

$$K(\tau, s) = ik(s)R_{56}(\tau \rightarrow s) \frac{I(\tau)Z[k(\tau); \tau]}{\gamma I_A} e^{-k_0^2 U^2(s, \tau) \sigma_s^2 / 2} \times$$

$$\exp\left[-\frac{k^2(s)\epsilon_0\beta_0}{2} \left(V(s, \tau) - \frac{\alpha_0}{\beta_0} W(s, \tau)\right)^2 - \frac{k^2(s)\epsilon_0}{2\beta_0} W^2(s, \tau)\right]$$

is specialized to a **4-dipoles chicane** (most of CSR driven in the 4<sup>th</sup> dipole).

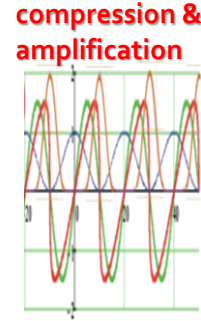
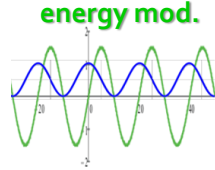
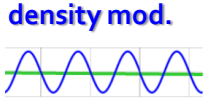
**Bunching factor:**  
1-D, shot noise

$$|b_0(\lambda)|^2 = \frac{2e}{I_0} \Delta\nu = \frac{2ec}{I_0} \frac{\Delta\lambda}{\lambda^2} \approx \frac{2ec}{I_0\lambda}$$





# Bosch–Kleman model



- Matrix model for modulations in the 2-D long. ph. sp.
- Low gain terms included by def.

**Energy modulation:**  
energy-dependent, s-integral

$$S(s; \lambda) = \frac{1}{E(s)} \begin{pmatrix} E(s) & 0 \\ -Z_{int}(\lambda)s & E(0) \end{pmatrix}$$

**Bunching factor:**

$$T_{II} = \frac{\Delta I / I_{out}}{\Delta I / I_{in}} = F_3 - \frac{iF_1 F_2 C_1^2 e Z_{LSC} I_0 k_0 R_{56}}{E_1}$$

where

$$F_1(\lambda) = \int d\delta f(\delta) \cos[k(\lambda) C R_{56} \delta / E]$$

$$G_1(\lambda) = \int d\delta f(\delta) \sin[k(\lambda) C R_{56} \delta / E]$$

are for **generic dispersive terms.**

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# Longitudinal Landau damping

- **Intrinsic energy spread, IBS, LH:** added in quadrature step-wise along the line. Exponential suppression of bunching.

## Huang–Kim

$$\exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (CkR_{56}\sigma_{\delta,i})^2 \right]$$

## Bosch–Kleman

$$D(\lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} F_1(\lambda) & ikR_{56}CF(\lambda) \\ iCG_1(\lambda)/E & CF_1(\lambda) - kR_{56}C^2G_1(\lambda)/E \end{pmatrix}$$

- **Laser heater:** round beam, Gaussian distributions, *arbitrary electrons-laser overlap*.

$$\Delta\gamma_{LH} = \sqrt{\frac{P_L KL_u}{P_0 \gamma \sigma_r}} [JJ_{01}(K)] \xi_{0,1}(\sigma_r^2, \sigma_{LH}^2)$$

$$(F, G)_{LH}(\lambda) = \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (CkR_{56}\sigma_{\delta,i})^2 \right] \xi_{0,1}(\sigma_r^2, \sigma_{LH}^2)$$

$$\text{where } \xi_{0,1}(\sigma_r^2, \sigma_{LH}^2) = \int R dR \exp \left( -\frac{R^2}{2} \right) J_{0,1} \left( kR_{56}\delta_{LH} \exp \left( -\frac{R^2\sigma_r^2}{4\sigma_{r,LH}^2} \right) \right)$$



# Transverse Landau damping

- Dispersive motion coupled to betatron emittance:  $\mathbf{H}_x \varepsilon_x$ .

## Huang–Kim

$$\exp \left[ - \left( k \theta_b \sqrt{\varepsilon_x \beta_x} \right)^2 \right]$$

and related quantities for 1- and 2-stage amplification through a 4-dipole chicane.

The **damping** appears to be dominated by the derivative of dispersion, i.e., **outer dipoles**.

## Bosch–Kleman

$$\exp \left[ - \left( k \theta_b \sqrt{\varepsilon_x \beta_x} \right)^2 \right], \exp \left[ - \left( k L \theta_b \sqrt{\varepsilon_x / \beta_x} \right)^2 \right]$$

and related quantities for uncompressed and compressed wavelengths through a 4-dipole chicane

The damping is distributed along the chicane, associated to **both dispersion** and its **first derivative**.



# Gain & final energy spread

- Gain = ratio of final and initial bunching:
  - defined at any point along the line;
  - linear regime, including low gain terms + 2<sup>nd</sup> order correction.

$$G(k_i) \cong \left| \frac{\Delta \hat{\rho}_f / \hat{\rho}_f}{\Delta \hat{\rho}_i / \hat{\rho}_i} \right| \approx |(1 - iR_{56} \Delta p(k_0; 0))| e^{-\frac{1}{2} C^2 k^2 R_{56}^2 \sigma_\delta^2} \cong \frac{4\pi I_0}{Z_0 I_A} C k_i |R_{56}| \left| \int_0^L \frac{Z_{LSC}(k_i; s)}{\gamma(s)} ds \right| \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (C k_i R_{56} \sigma_{\delta,u})^2 \right].$$

DEF.

LINEAR REGIME

HIGH GAIN APPROX.

we include 2<sup>nd</sup> order correction  
(frequency mixing)

we include low gain terms

$$|\Delta \gamma(\lambda)|^2 = |G(\lambda) b_0(\lambda) Z_{LSC}^{int}(\lambda)|^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \sigma_\gamma^2 = \int |\Delta \gamma(\lambda)|^2 = \frac{2ec}{I_0} \int d\lambda \frac{|G(\lambda) Z_{int}(\lambda)|^2}{\lambda^2}$$

+ intrinsic<sup>2</sup> + IBS<sup>2</sup>

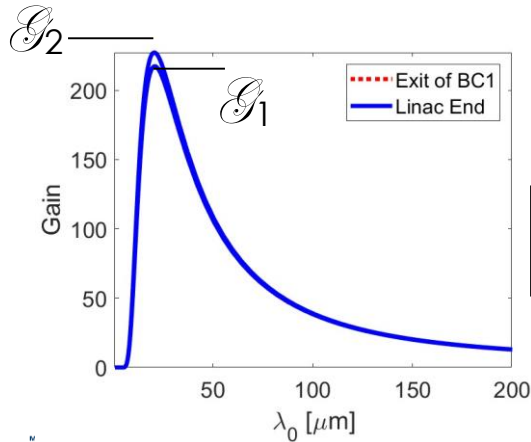


# Venturini's 2<sup>nd</sup> order gain correction

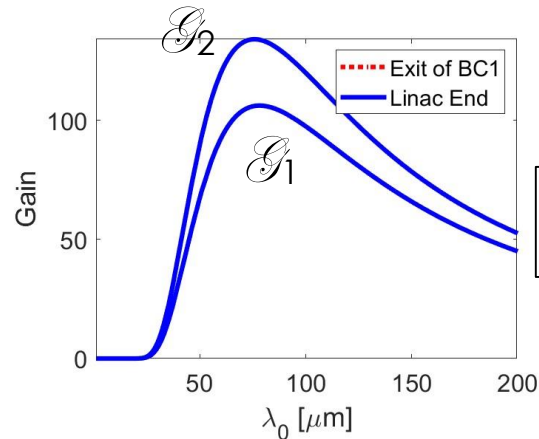
- $k_1$  and  $k_2$  wave numbers mix to generate modulations at  $k_1+k_2$  and  $k_1-k_2$ .
- If  $CR_{56}\sigma_\delta|k_1 - k_2| \approx 1$ , modulation at  **$k_1-k_2$  survives to damping**, although  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  would individually be damped.

$$\mathcal{G}(k_n) = \mathcal{G}^{(1)}(k_n) \left[ 1 + \frac{2\gamma_*}{\pi n_b r_b} \left( \frac{IL_s}{I_A r_b \gamma \gamma_*} \right)^2 (R_{56} C k_n)^2 \frac{\xi_n^2 \mathcal{F}(\xi_n)}{[1 - \xi_n K_1(\xi_n)]^2} \right]^{1/2} \propto C^2 R_{56}^2$$

M. Venturini, NIM A 599 (2009) 140



$I_0 = 65A, CF = 10,$   
 $\theta = 85mrad$

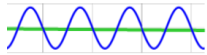


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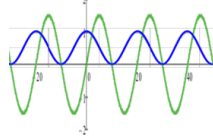


# Intrabeam scattering

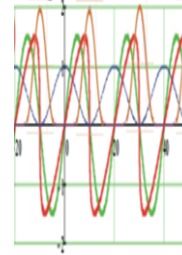
density mod.



energy mod.



compression & amplification



$$\frac{1}{\sigma_\delta} \frac{d\sigma_\delta}{ds} \Big|_{disp} = \frac{r_e^2 N_e [\log]}{8\gamma^2 \epsilon_n \sigma_x \sigma_z \sigma_\delta^3} \sigma_H \rightarrow$$

Added in quadrature to  $\sigma_\delta$ , step-wise along the line

$$[\log] = \log \left( \frac{b_{max}}{b_{min}} \right) \approx \log \left( \frac{\theta_{max}}{\theta_{min}} \right) \approx \ln \left( \frac{\epsilon_n q_{max}}{2\sqrt{2}r_e} \right)$$

Piwinski, Bane  
Raubenheimer

Sets the **maximum scattering angle**, **discards** single scattering effects (cutoff).

**Cutoff** time scale  $\equiv$  the time the bunch takes to travel along the section.

□ Since the cutoff depends on the beam energy, its effect has to be properly integrated along accelerating sections.

**CONSTANT Clog**

$$\sigma_{\delta,IBS}^2 \cong \frac{4}{3} \frac{k(\bar{\gamma})}{G/m_e c^2} \left( \frac{\gamma_f^{3/2} - \gamma_0^{3/2}}{\gamma_f^2} \right), \quad \gamma_f \approx \gamma_0$$

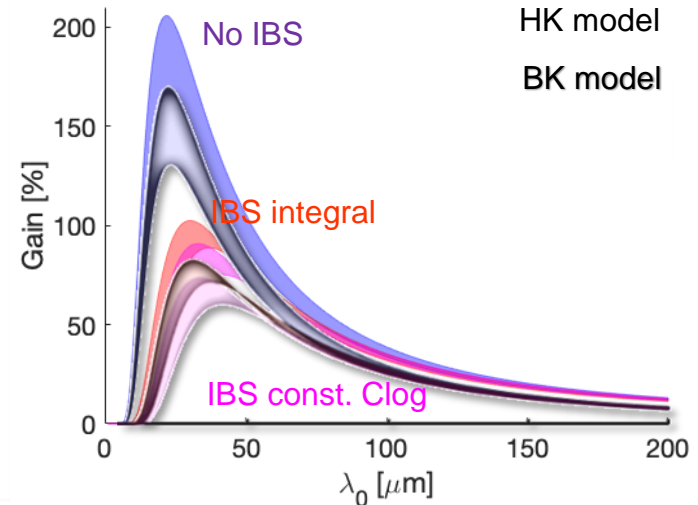
**INTEGRAL, approx.**

$$\sigma_{\delta,IBS}^2 \cong \frac{1}{G/m_e c^2} \frac{\int_{\gamma_0}^{\gamma_f} d\gamma' k(\gamma')}{\gamma_f^2} + \mathcal{O}(\delta)$$

**CLOSED FORM, approx.**

$$\sigma_{\delta,IBS}^2 \cong \frac{A}{G/m_e c^2} \left( \frac{a + \ln(\gamma_f)}{\sqrt{\gamma_f}} - \frac{a + \ln(\gamma_0)}{\sqrt{\gamma_0}} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\delta)$$

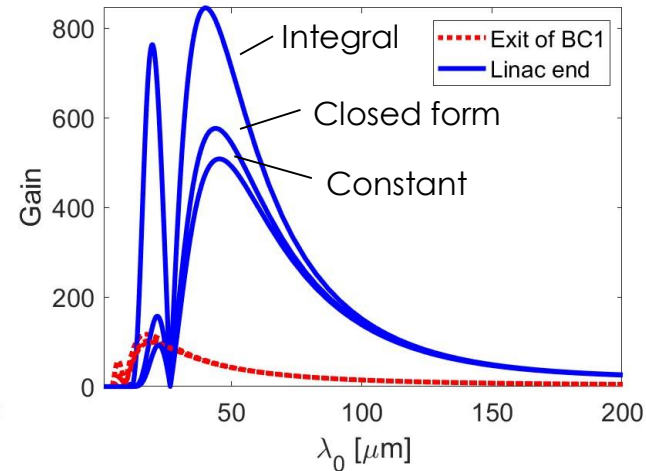
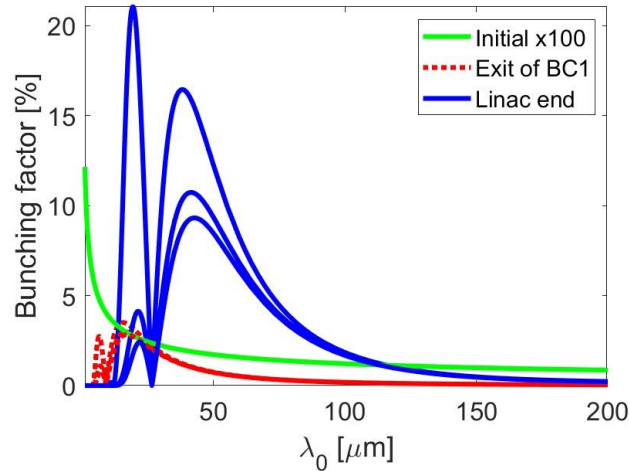
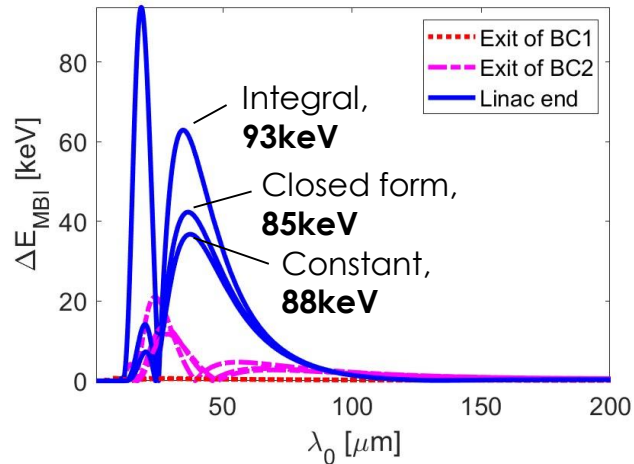
**FERMI linac, C1=10**



- **IBS** reduces the peak gain by ~50%.
- **Integral** form predicts a gain ~15% larger than the analytical form.
- **HK**-model predicts a peak gain ~20% larger than **BK**-model.

# Comparison of IBS models

•  $I_0 = 65\text{A}$ ,  $\text{CF} = 5 \times 3$ ,  $\delta_i = 1\text{keV}$ ,  $\delta_{\text{LH}} = 3\text{keV}$



- All IBS methods well agree in one-stage compression.
- Integral IBS form predicts peak gain up to 40% larger in 2-stage, but comparable final energy spread  $\rightarrow$  conservative model

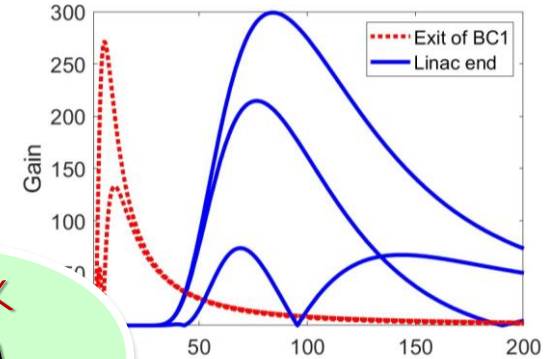
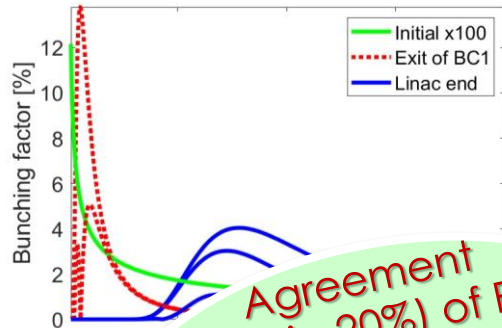
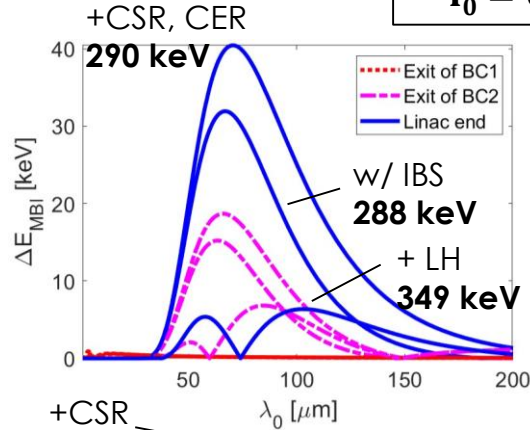




# Comparison of BK and HK models

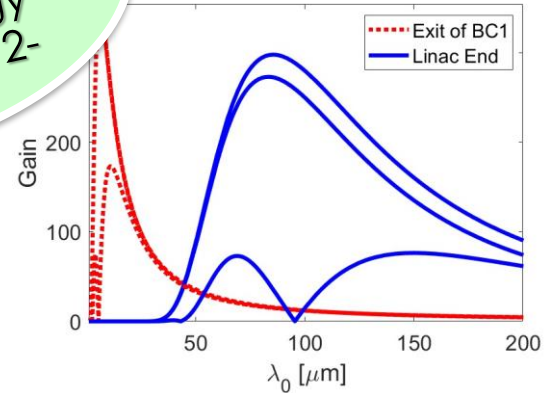
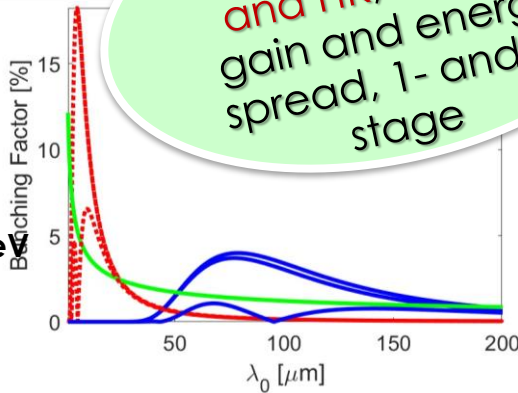
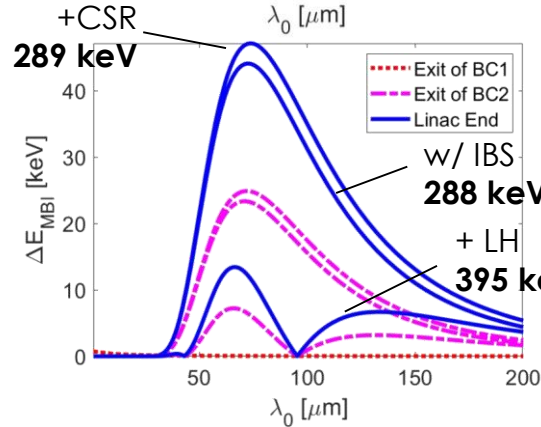
•  $I_0 = 65A$ ,  $CF = 3 \times 30$ ,  $\delta_i = 1keV$ ,  $\delta_{LH} = 3keV$

BK



Agreement  
(within 20%) of BK  
and HK, both in  
gain and energy  
spread, 1- and 2-  
stage

HK

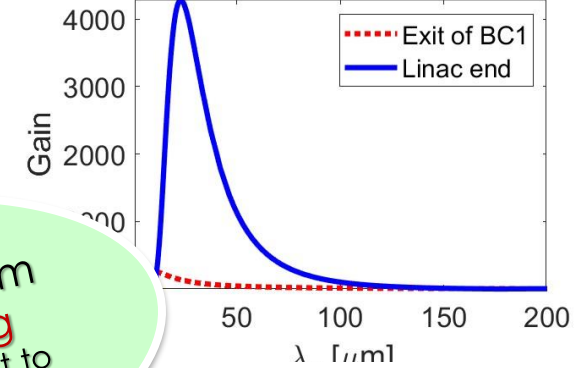
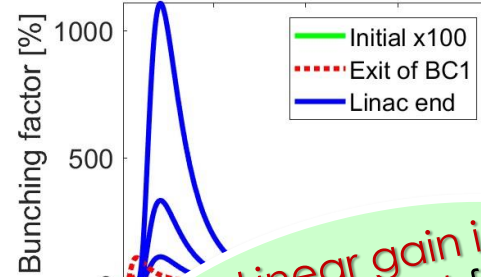
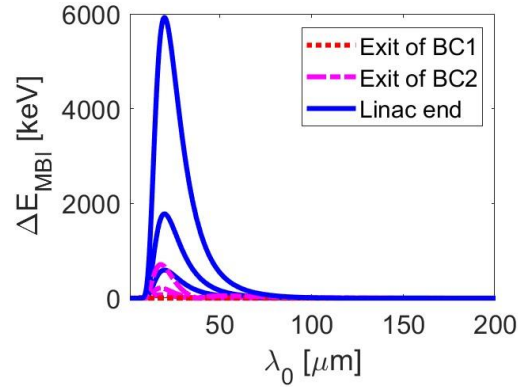




# Validation: initial bunching

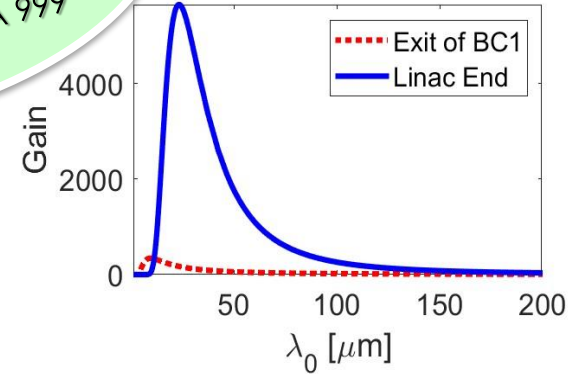
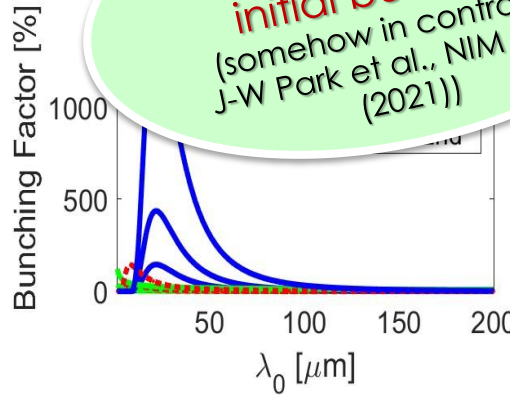
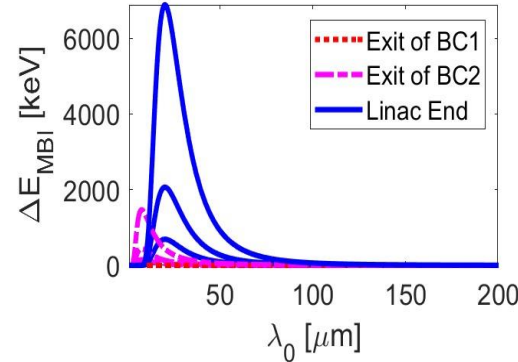
- $I_0 = 65A$ ,  $CF = 5 \times 3$ ,  $\delta_i = 1keV$ ,  $\delta_{LH} = 0$ ,  $b_0 = 1\times, 3\times, 10\times$

BK



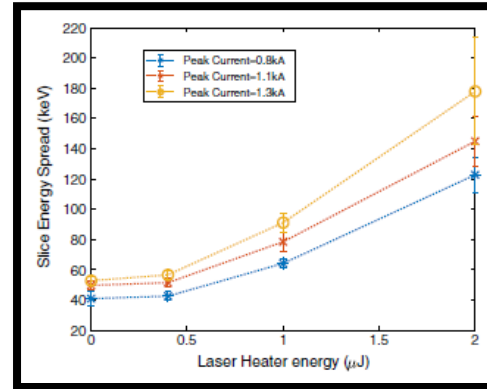
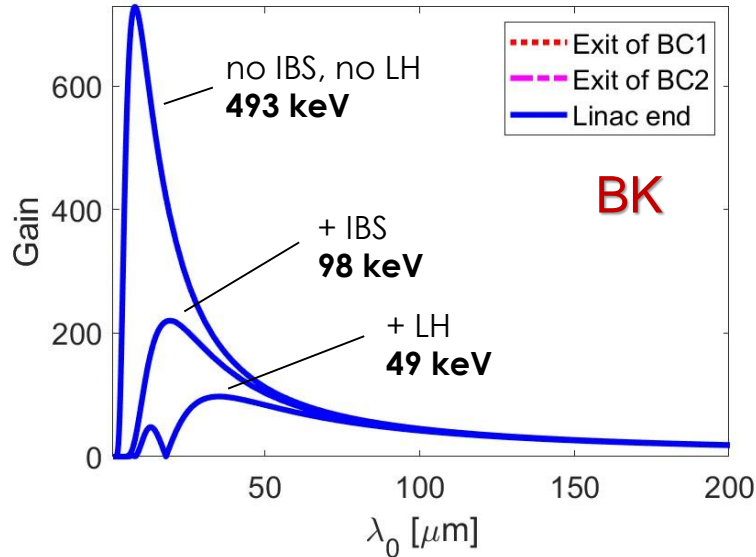
Linear gain is independent from initial bunching (somehow in contrast to J-W Park et al., NIM A 999 (2021))

HK



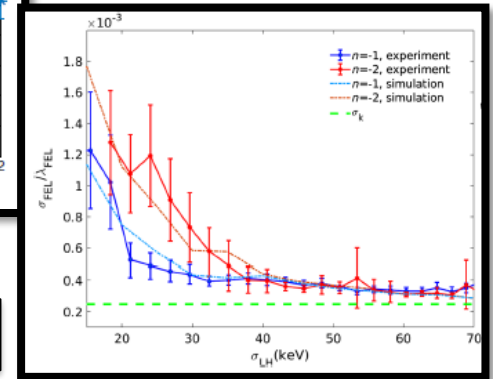
# BK vs. HK: *FERMI BC1* only

•  $I_0 = 65\text{A}$ ,  $CF = 10$ ,  $\delta_i = 1\text{keV}$ ,  $\delta_{LH} = 3\text{keV}$



G. Penco, G. Perosa et al.,  
PRAB 23, 120704 (2020)

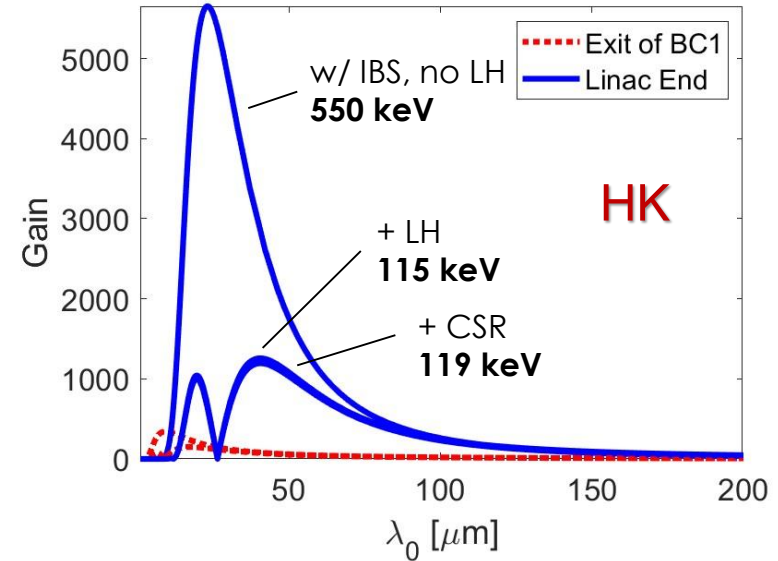
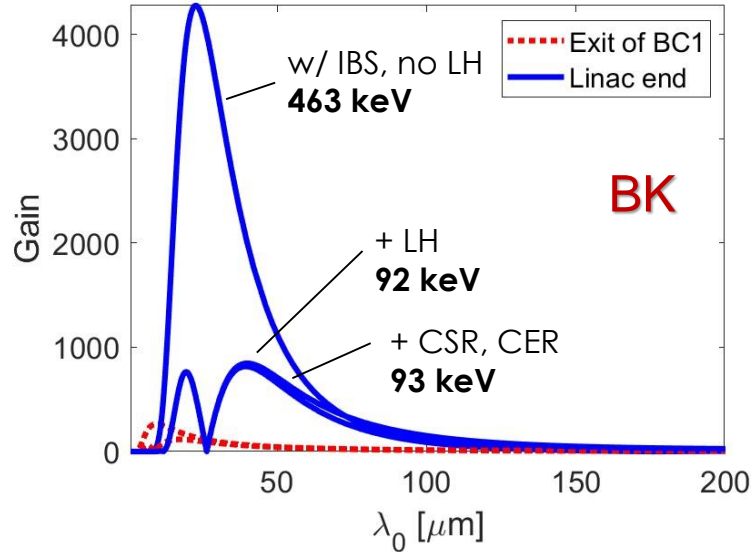
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- *"Cold-beam"* observations confirmed (exp.2020)
- Strong MBI in FERMI EEHG (exp.2019) has to be attributed to initial modulations above shot noise level - cathode surface disruption?

# BK vs. HK: *FERMI BC1+BC2*

•  $I_0 = 65A$ ,  $CF = 4 \times 2.5$ ,  $\delta_i = 1keV$ ,  $\delta_{LH} = 3keV$



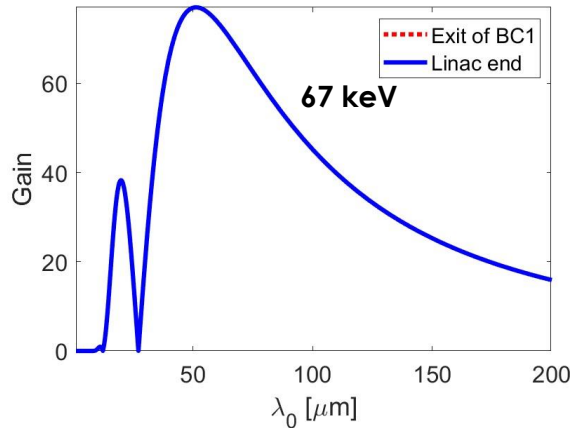
- **BC1+BC2** apparently still compatible with lasing (energy spread), BUT....
- ...peak gain 10-times larger than in BC1-only,
- ...final energy spread  $\gg$  intrinsic one (120 vs. 30 keV)  $\rightarrow$  strong residual MBI



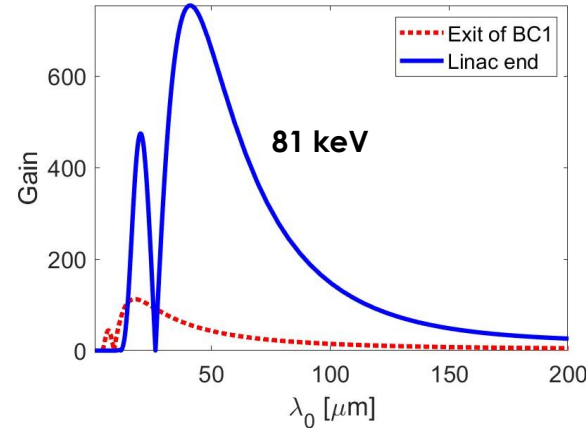
# FERMI-U, BC1 vs. BC1+BC2

•  $I_0 = 65\text{A}$ ,  $CF_{\text{tot}} = 15$ ,  $\delta_i = 1\text{keV}$ ,  $\delta_{\text{LH}} = 3\text{keV}$

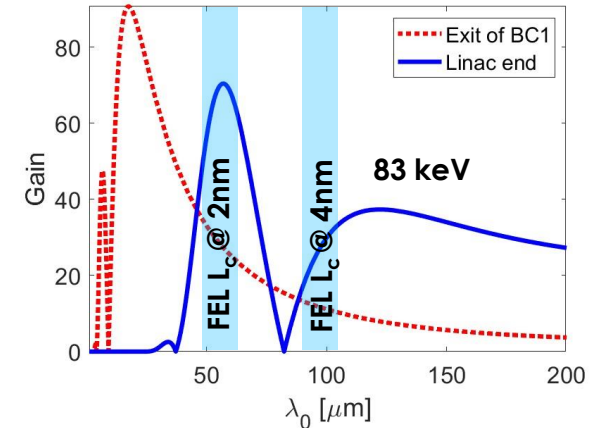
BC1-only



BC1+BC2



BC1+BC2 optimized



- The model allows **fast optimization** of the compression scheme, e.g., lower initial current, stronger phase mixing in BC2.
- **2-stage** can turn to be helpful for  $I > 1\text{kA}$ ,  $C \gg 1$ , and w/ strong **long. wakes**



# Conclusions

- ❑ Both HK and BK theory is suitable for modelling MBI in multi-stage compression.
- ❑ Reasonable agreement in a large variety of configurations, range of parameters, and implemented features.
  - Discrepancy tends to exceed 30% for peak gain at  $\lambda_0 \leq 1 \mu m$  (numerical issue?), or for large gain in 2-stage (amplification).
- ❑ Average optics along linac sections and definition of RMS bunch length add uncertainty to the prediction.
  - The models need gauging vs. numerical or experimental result.
- ❑ Still, both they capture the relevant physics and allow for fast optimization of machine parameters and layout.
  - *Next step is validation of 3-compressors, spreader, undulator line.*