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A three-dimensional analysis of radiation generation in a free-electron laser (FEL) is performed in the small signal regime. The analysis includes beam conditioning, harmonic generation, flat beams, and a new scaling of the FEL equations using the six-dimensional beam brightness. The six-dimensional beam brightness is an invariant under Liouvillian flow; therefore, any nondissipative manipulation of the phase-space, performed, for example, in order to optimize FEL performance, must conserve this brightness. This scaling is more natural than the commonly-used scaling with the one-dimensional growth rate. The brightness-scaled equations allow for the succinct characterization of the optimal FEL performance under various additional constraints. The analysis allows for the simple evaluation of gain enhancement schemes based on beam phase space manipulations such as emittance exchange and conditioning. An example comparing the gain in the first and third harmonics of round or flat and conditioned or unconditioned beams is presented.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The three dimensional linear theory of the free-electron laser (FEL) has been studied by numerous authors, and has recently been the subject of a comprehensive review [1] of the literature. Early studies examined optical guiding [2, 3], but did not include the important effects of betatron motion and energy spread, and were restricted to round beams. The formalism used here is based on the work of Xie and co-workers [4], who developed a variational formalism, based on the linearized Maxwell-Vlasov equations, for FEL gain analysis. The formalism requires integration over the unperturbed characteristic orbits which includes the full three-dimensional wiggler-averaged electron motion, and uses dimensionless variables scaled with the one-dimensional FEL growth rate. The most common application of this approach is a numerical parameter [5] fit to the FEL gain in terms of normalized emittance and energy spread. In this paper, we use a similar approach, but normalize the equations to a gain length that arises naturally from the six-dimensional beam brightness. In our analysis, we simultaneously include harmonic generation [6], round or flat beams [7, 8], and conditioned beams [9, 10].

The design optimization of an FEL requires the consideration of many tradeoffs between parameters for the electron beam and the undulators. Innovative ideas have been considered to enhance gain, for example, harmonic cascade FELs [11], amplification of seed pulses from laser-based harmonic generation, beam bunching [12], and beam conditioning. To achieve very short wavelengths, it may be more practical to extract a harmonic of the resonant wavelength rather than increase the beam en-

ergy or shrink the undulator period to reduce the resonant wavelength itself. By introducing beam conditioning [9], a correlation between electron energy and transverse amplitude, the negative impact of large transverse emittance can be drastically reduced. Choices of electron beam parameters, such as current, energy spread, transverse emittances and beta functions, can drastically affect performance. Phase space manipulations such as bunch compression, conditioning, and emittance exchange can enhance performance but cannot increase the six-dimensional beam brightness. Thus, scaling the FEL equations by the beam brightness yields a convenient framework for evaluating the efficacy of these manipulations.

In Sec. II, the methods and formalism are introduced and in Sec. III, the dispersion relation in an integral form is derived. In Sec. IV, one-dimensional limits for the FEL gain are derived, and in Sec. V the flat beam limit is defined and example solutions are presented for various FEL configurations.

II. METHODS AND FORMALISM

As a starting point, we begin with the linear integral Eq. (1), which describes the small signal evolution of laser propagation in a high-gain FEL with arbitrary odd harmonics, h , of the resonant wavelength of a planar undulator. The dispersion relation is derived in Ref. [13] from an initial value formulation of the Maxwell-Vlasov system for the radiation field and the electron beam starting in the small signal regime, in which Vlasov equation is solved to first order by integrating over unperturbed orbits.

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Thus, the starting point for our analysis is

$$\left(\frac{\nabla_{\perp}^2}{2hk_1} + \frac{iq_h}{2L}\right) A(\mathbf{x}) - \frac{4ik_u^2 \rho_{1D}^3}{hk_1} \left(\frac{a_h}{a_1}\right)^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d^2\mathbf{p} \times \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\eta \mathcal{F}_h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p}, \eta) = 0, \quad (1)$$

where \mathcal{F}_h is an eigenfunction for the perturbed distribution function in the linear regime:

$$\mathcal{F}_h = hk_1 \frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \eta} \int_{-\infty}^0 ds e^{-i\mu_h s} e^{ih\psi_0(s)} A[\mathbf{x}_{\beta}(s)], \quad (2)$$

which is taken to evolve with distance as $e^{-i\mu_h z} \mathcal{F}_h$. Here, f_0 is the unperturbed electron distribution function, $\mathbf{x}_{\beta}(z)$ is the unperturbed orbit of an electron with initial coordinates \mathbf{x} , \mathbf{p} . The dimensionless, complex-valued growth rate, q_h , of the radiation power is related to the eigenvalue μ_h by

$$\mu_h = iq_h/2L + k_u \Delta\nu_h. \quad (3)$$

Specific choices for the length scale L which is used to define the dimensionless q_h will be presented in Sec. III. The power gain length, L_G , can be expressed in terms of this scale length by

$$q_r \equiv \text{Re}(q_h) = L/L_G.$$

The detuning $\Delta\nu_h = (\omega - h\omega_1)/\omega_1$, where $\omega_1 = ck_1$, k_1 is fixed by the resonance condition $k_1 = 2\gamma_0^2 k_u/(1 + a_u^2)$, $k_u = 2\pi/\lambda_u$, and a_u is the normalized undulator strength.

The effective coupling strength of the electron motion to the h th harmonic is, for h odd, given by the usual Bessel function factor

$$a_h = a_u(-1)^{(h-1)/2} [J_{(h-1)/2}(h\xi) - J_{(h+1)/2}(h\xi)], \quad (4)$$

where $\xi = a_u^2/2(1 + a_u^2)$. A particle with zero transverse amplitude has an average angle of a_u/γ_0 , where $m_e c^2 \gamma_0$ is the electron energy, m_e is the electron mass, c is the speed of light, and $a_u = eB_{\text{rms}}\lambda_u/2\pi m_e c$ is the normalized strength of the undulator; here, B_{rms} is the rms value of the undulator field on axis. The average beta functions are denoted by $\beta_{x,y}$ and the focusing strengths by $k_{\beta x,y} = 1/\beta_{x,y}$. $A(\mathbf{x})$ is the scaled transverse profile of the slowly varying monochromatic laser field, E_h , such that

$$E_h(\mathbf{x}, z, t) = -\frac{4hk_1\gamma_0 m_e c^2}{\sqrt{2}ea_h} A(\mathbf{x}) e^{q_h z/2L} e^{i(kz - \omega t)}. \quad (5)$$

In writing Eq. (1), we used the ρ_{1D} -parameter [14],

$$\rho_{1D} = \left(\frac{\pi a_1^2 r_e n_e}{4\gamma_0^3 k_u^2}\right)^{1/3} \simeq \left(\frac{a_1^2 I/I_A}{8\gamma_0^3 k_u^2 \sigma_x \sigma_y}\right)^{1/3}, \quad (6)$$

where n_e is the peak electron density on axis and $r_e = e^2/4\pi\epsilon_0 m_e c^2$ is the classical electron radius; alternatively,

this expression is given in terms of the instantaneous current, I , and the Alfvén current $I_A = ec/r_e \simeq 17.045$ kA. The definition of ρ_{1D} in terms of current and the rms transverse beam sizes, σ_x and σ_y , assumes a Gaussian transverse profile.

The unperturbed orbits for the longitudinal coordinate, $\psi = (k_1 + k_u)z - \omega t$, and the transverse phase space coordinates, \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{p} , in the integral over past orbits in Eq. (2) are given by

$$\psi_0(s) = [2k_u \eta - k_1(J_x/\beta_x + J_y/\beta_y)]s, \quad (7)$$

$$x_{\beta}(s) = x \cos(k_{\beta x} s) + \frac{p_x}{k_{\beta x}} \sin(k_{\beta x} s), \quad (8)$$

$$y_{\beta}(s) = y \cos(k_{\beta y} s) + \frac{p_y}{k_{\beta y}} \sin(k_{\beta y} s). \quad (9)$$

The longitudinal momentum, $\eta = (\gamma - \gamma_0)/\gamma_0$, appears differently from the other phase space coordinates in Eq. (2) because $d\eta/dz$ is already first order in the field [1].

We assume the beam is initially unbunched and matched to the undulator channel so that f_0 takes the form

$$f_0(\eta, \mathbf{J}_{\perp}) = f_{\perp}(\mathbf{J}_{\perp}) f_{\parallel}(\eta|\mathbf{J}_{\perp}),$$

where the transverse action, assuming a constant beta function in both directions, is given by $J_x = (x^2 + p_x^2/k_{\beta x}^2)k_{\beta x}/2$, and similarly for J_y . In this discussion we have not assumed a round beam, thus almost doubling the number of beam parameters but maintaining enough generality for us to include flat beams in our analysis.

As in previous three-dimensional, analytic treatments of high-gain FELs, we assume that the focusing system is characterized by a constant beta function in both directions. Fortunately, this approximation is justified for x-ray FELs when the cell length of the quadrupole lattice used for external focusing is much shorter than the average beta function [15, 16]. This analysis is for a planar undulator; the case of a helical undulator only requires an appropriate change in the definition of a_h .

III. DERIVATION OF THE DISPERSION RELATION WITH AN ARBITRARY SPATIAL SCALE

We now specify the unperturbed electron distribution functions

$$f_{\parallel}(\eta|\mathbf{J}_{\perp}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_{\eta}} e^{-(\eta - \kappa_x J_x - \kappa_y J_y)^2/2\sigma_{\eta}^2}, \quad (10)$$

$$f_{\perp}(\mathbf{J}_{\perp}) = \frac{\sigma_x \sigma_y}{2\pi \varepsilon_x \varepsilon_y} e^{-(J_x/\varepsilon_x + J_y/\varepsilon_y)}, \quad (11)$$

so that $f_0(\eta, \mathbf{J}_{\perp}) = f_{\perp}(\mathbf{J}_{\perp}) f_{\parallel}(\eta|\mathbf{J}_{\perp})$. Here $J_{x,y}$ are the transverse actions and $\kappa_{x,y}$ are arbitrary conditioning parameters. The average values of $J_{x,y}$ in a beam are equivalent to the geometric emittances, $\varepsilon_{x,y}$.

Before introducing the brightness scaling, we continue using our unspecified length scale, L , which will be

used to reduce longitudinal length scales to dimensionless form. We define the scaled variables $\tau = s/2L$, $X = x/\sigma_x$, $X_\beta = x_\beta/\sigma_x$, and $\bar{\kappa}_x = \kappa_x/\kappa_x^*$ where $\kappa_x^* = k_1/2k_u\beta_x$ is the ideal conditioning parameter (in terms of maximizing the growth rate) in the 1D, cold beam limit (see Sec. IV). The following derivation closely follows that of Ref. [5, 7], where a similar analysis is performed for an unconditioned beam. First we insert the conditioned distribution into the dispersion relation to arrive at

$$\left(\frac{\ell_{dx}}{2h}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial X^2} + \frac{\ell_{dy}}{2h}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial Y^2} + iq_h\right)A(\mathbf{X}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d^2\mathbf{X}_\beta \Pi(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}_\beta) A(\mathbf{X}_\beta), \quad (12)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{X}_\beta) &= \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{C(L) \tau d\tau e^{\theta - \varphi_x - \varphi_y}}{2\pi \sin(\sqrt{\ell_{dx}\ell_{\varepsilon x}}\tau) \sin(\sqrt{\ell_{dy}\ell_{\varepsilon y}}\tau)}, \\ \theta &= (q_h - i\ell_\omega)\tau - (h\ell_\gamma)^2\tau^2/2, \\ \varphi_x &= (1 + ih\ell_{\varepsilon x}(1 - \bar{\kappa}_x)\tau) \\ &\quad \times \frac{X^2 + X_\beta^2 - 2XX_\beta \cos(\sqrt{\ell_{dx}\ell_{\varepsilon x}}\tau)}{2\sin^2(\sqrt{\ell_{dx}\ell_{\varepsilon x}}\tau)}, \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

and where we have introduced the scaled parameters:

$$\begin{aligned} \ell_{dx} &= \frac{2L}{k_1\sigma_x^2} & \ell_{\varepsilon x} &= 2Lk_1\frac{\varepsilon_x}{\beta_x} \\ \ell_\gamma &= 4Lk_u\sigma_\eta & \ell_\omega &= 2Lk_u\Delta\nu_h. \end{aligned}$$

All of these definitions are identical for the y direction with x replaced by y . These parameters are scaled by $2L$ just as we scaled the original integration variable, s , in the integral over unperturbed orbits, yielding a dimensionless growth rate $q_r = 2L \text{Im } \mu_h$ [see Eq. (3)].

The pre-factor, $C(L)$, in Eq. (13), also explicitly depends on the choice of scale length, and can be expressed as

$$C(L) = 2L \frac{a_h^2}{2hk_1} \frac{I/I_A}{\varepsilon_x^n \varepsilon_y^n \sigma_\gamma} h^2 \ell_\gamma \sqrt{\ell_{\varepsilon x} \ell_{\varepsilon y}}, \quad (14)$$

where the normalized emittances are $\varepsilon_{x,y}^n = \gamma_0 \varepsilon_{x,y}$, and similarly we can define $\varepsilon_z^n = \sigma_\gamma \sigma_z$, where $\sigma_\gamma = \gamma_0 \sigma_\eta$ and σ_z is the bunch length, which is assumed to be much longer than a cooperation length. The fraction in $C(L)$ which depends on the current is proportional to the peak phase space density in that slice of the beam, and is related to the 6D beam brightness which may be defined as

$$B_N \equiv \frac{8\gamma_0 k_u^2 \rho_{1D}^3}{r_e a_1^2} \frac{\gamma_0}{\sigma_\gamma} \sqrt{\frac{\beta_x \beta_y}{\varepsilon_x^n \varepsilon_y^n}} = \frac{I/ec}{\varepsilon_x^n \varepsilon_y^n \sigma_\gamma} \simeq \frac{N_e}{\varepsilon_x^n \varepsilon_y^n \varepsilon_z^n}, \quad (15)$$

where the last equality only applies for a flat current profile. The dimensions of B_N are inverse volume, while

scaling the current to the Alfvén current is equivalent to taking $r_e B_N$ which yields an inverse area.

To help understand Eq. (12), it is useful to note that

$$\frac{J_x}{\varepsilon_x} = \frac{X^2 + X_\beta^2 - 2XX_\beta \cos(\sqrt{\ell_{dx}\ell_{\varepsilon x}}\tau)}{2\sin^2(\sqrt{\ell_{dx}\ell_{\varepsilon x}}\tau)}.$$

The six (or, for a round beam, four) L -scaling parameters are the minimum number of parameters needed to scale the FEL equations; however, it is also possible to define

$$\ell_{\beta x} \equiv 2L/\beta_x = \sqrt{\ell_{dx}\ell_{\varepsilon x}} \quad (16)$$

and, similarly, $\ell_{\beta y}$. Thus, there is ambiguity over which combinations of beam parameters to use in defining the dimensionless variables. We chose the ℓ_ε and ℓ_d parameters, instead of a combination involving the ℓ_β parameters, because the ℓ_d parameters are good measures of the strength of diffraction and are closely related to the transverse mode size, while the ℓ_ε parameters measure the angular spread of the beam similarly to how it appears [1] in the single-particle equation governing the ponderomotive phase, $\psi = (k_1 + k_u)z - \omega_1 t$,

$$d\psi/dz = 2k_u\eta - k_1(J_x/\beta_x + J_y/\beta_y). \quad (17)$$

The remaining two parameters, ℓ_γ and ℓ_ω , are natural measures of the uncorrelated energy spread and the detuning, respectively.

Examining Eq. (14), we observe that the only remaining dependence on beam properties outside of the already-defined L -scaling parameters occurs within $C(L)$. The scale length L must be chosen carefully in order to cancel out this dependence, but there are many ways to do this. We define the “brightness length” as

$$\frac{1}{L_B} \equiv \frac{a_h^2}{2hk_1} \frac{I/I_A}{\varepsilon_x^n \varepsilon_y^n \sigma_\gamma}, \quad (18)$$

and for clarity denote the dimensionless scaled parameters which result from choosing $L = L_B$ as $b_{d,\varepsilon,\gamma,\omega}$. The pre-factor then becomes

$$C(L_B) = 2hb_\gamma \sqrt{hb_{\varepsilon x}hb_{\varepsilon y}}. \quad (19)$$

One interesting feature of L_B is that, being proportional to the beam brightness, most beam manipulations will either preserve this value or slightly lengthen it due to non-linear effects, with the notable exception of beam cooling.

We remark that by using the 1D scaling length $L = L_{1D} \equiv 1/2\sqrt{3}k_u\rho_{1D}$, instead of $L = L_B$, we recover essentially the same scaling introduced in [5] with

$$C(L_{1D}) = \left(2/\sqrt{3}\right)^3 h (a_h/a_1)^2. \quad (20)$$

When using this scaling, we will follow the notation of [5] and denote the scaling parameters as $\eta_{d,\varepsilon,\gamma,\omega}$. The only differences from our L_{1D} -scaling parameters and the corresponding parameters used in [5] is that, going from [5]

to our scaling, η_d becomes $4\eta_d$ and η_γ becomes $2\eta_\gamma$. In general, the only manifestations of the different choices of L appear in the pre-factor, $C(L)$. This remains true in the various limits we obtain of Eq. (12) as well. Note that both choices of scaling parameter reduce the dispersion relation to functions of the previously defined scaling parameters, plus some dependences on the harmonic number which can also be scaled away if preferred. The major difference is that the prefactor is constant for the L_{1D} -scaling case while L_{1D} itself is sensitive to the amount of beam compression, whereas in the L_B -scaling case the prefactor includes a functional dependence and L_B is independent of the beam compression.

It remains to deal with the transverse derivatives in Eq. (12) by introducing the Fourier transform pair

$$\hat{A}(\xi_x, \xi_y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d^2\mathbf{X} A(\mathbf{X}) e^{-i\mathbf{X}\cdot\boldsymbol{\xi}}, \quad (21)$$

$$A(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d^2\boldsymbol{\xi} \hat{A}(\boldsymbol{\xi}) e^{i\boldsymbol{\xi}\cdot\mathbf{X}}. \quad (22)$$

Equation (12) then turns into the integral equation

$$A(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d^2\boldsymbol{\xi}' T(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{\xi}') A(\boldsymbol{\xi}'), \quad (23)$$

where we have dropped the hats and introduced the kernel

$$T(\boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{\xi}') = 2h^2 b_\gamma \sqrt{b_{\epsilon x} b_{\epsilon y}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\tau d\tau e^{(q_h - ib_\omega)\tau - (hb_\gamma)^2 \tau^2 / 2}}{iq_h - \frac{b_{dx}}{2h} \xi_x^2 - \frac{b_{dy}}{2h} \xi_y^2} \times \prod_{\ell=x,y} \frac{\exp(-\frac{\xi_\ell^2 + \xi_\ell'^2 - 2\xi_\ell \xi_\ell' \cos(\sqrt{b_{d\ell} b_{\epsilon\ell}} \tau)}{2[1 + ihb_{\epsilon\ell}(1 - \bar{\kappa}_\ell)\tau]})}{\sqrt{2\pi} [1 + ihb_{\epsilon\ell}(1 - \bar{\kappa}_\ell)\tau]}.$$

Note that Eq. (19) has been used and L_B has been chosen as the scale length. This integral equation can be numerically solved for the growth rate, q_h , and the Fourier transformed transverse mode profile, $A(\boldsymbol{\xi})$, thereby giving an exact solution to the FEL initial value problem for the h th harmonic in the linear regime, assuming the unperturbed electron distribution is given by Eqs. (10) and (11). This has been performed by Xie [5] for a round, unconditioned beam at the fundamental wavelength, where it is found that the transverse profile of the fundamental mode, i.e., the mode with the highest growth rate, often has a Gaussian form similar to that of the electron beam.

The details of solving Eq. (23) are given in Appendix A. One way to visualize the results is to fix the emittance and beam brightness and vary the beta function and energy spread, while continuously adjusting the detuning to its optimal value. Ideally, this situation would be experimentally accessible using a method such as enhanced self-amplified spontaneous emission (ESASE) [12]. In this case, we choose to replace b_d with the parameter $b_\beta = 2L_B/\beta$, noting that $b_\epsilon/b_d = k_1^2 \epsilon^2$ is fixed and $b_d = b_\beta^2/b_\epsilon$. Here, we solve the full variational equations (see Appendix A), while in the appropriate limits one can also use the fitting formula for

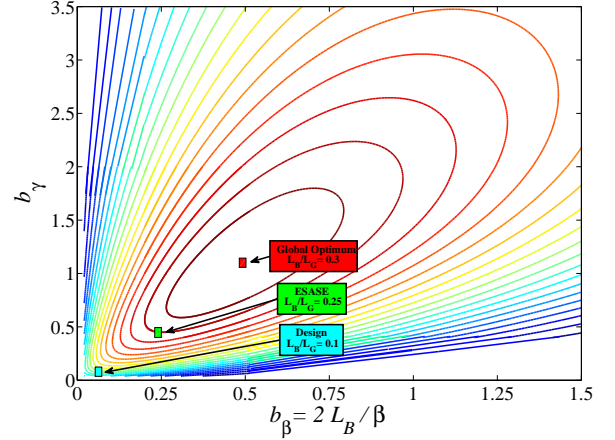


FIG. 1: Contour plot of dominant growth rate for fixed emittance and fixed beam brightness.

the gain length developed by Xie in [5]. The results are shown in Fig. 1. There is a global optimum because increasing the β function at fixed emittance decreases the current density, while decreasing the β function shrinks the spot size so that eventually angular spreads in the beam and diffractive effects overwhelm the advantage of an increasing current density. Also shown are points corresponding to the Linac Coherent Light Source (LCLS) design, ESASE on the LCLS, and the optimal gain for a fixed emittance. The parameters for LCLS used here are a beam energy of 13.64 GeV, peak current of 3400 A, normalized emittance of 1.2 micron, energy spread of 1.47 MeV. The undulator period is 3 cm, the rms undulator parameter is 2.47, the output wavelength is 0.15 nm, and the corresponding brightness length $L_B = 0.513$ m. The beta function is chosen to be 18 m. The ESASE case has current and energy spread that are 10 times larger than the LCLS design, and the beta function is reduced to 4 m. These beta functions give optimal results for the corresponding emittance, energy spread, and brightness. The LCLS FEL would have a shorter gain length if higher energy spread and smaller beta function were possible while preserving the nominal emittance at 1.2 micron, with the gain length improving from 4.5 m to an optimum of 1.8 m. Note that because of the scaling parameter definitions, reducing the beta function also increases the parameter b_ϵ . In Sec. IV, we will show that if we consider substantially larger emittance and energy spread, the calculated gain length can improve even more and become close to the brightness scaling length, L_B . It is crucial to remember that this is at fixed brightness, so that the beam current is not fixed, and becomes extremely large at the optimum. In practice, this indicates that the limits on current set by the desire to preserve beam brightness during beam propagation and acceleration in the face of effects such as coherent synchrotron radiation (CSR) and wakefields are, in turn, limits on FEL performance. Furthermore, note that the benefits

to LCLS of ESASE operation are only significant when b_β (and thus b_ε) is increased to allow for tighter beam focusing. Otherwise, ESASE will increase the energy spread and not enhance the gain (i.e., move vertically in Fig. 1 to a less desirable operating point).

IV. ONE-DIMENSIONAL LIMITS

The one-dimensional limit is found by first assuming symmetry in the two transverse planes ($b_{\varepsilon x} = b_{\varepsilon y}$ and $\bar{\kappa}_x = \bar{\kappa}_y$), taking the transverse profile to be of the form $A(\mathbf{X}) = A_m(R)e^{im\varphi}$. By integrating over the polar angle, φ , one arrives at a brightness-scaled version of the integral equation found in Ref. [13], modified to include conditioning by the presence of the $(1 - \bar{\kappa})$ factors as they appear in Eq. (23). Next, the desired limit is obtained by taking, at fixed brightness, both b_d 's to zero in Eq. (23); physically, this corresponds to the limit of an infinite beam spot size with finite current density, and forces all modes to have a degenerate growth rate given by

$$q_h + i2h^2b_\gamma b_\varepsilon \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{\tau d\tau e^{(q_h - ib_\omega)\tau - (hb_\gamma)^2\tau^2/2}}{1 + ihb_\varepsilon(1 - \bar{\kappa})\tau} = 0. \quad (24)$$

This limit becomes a good approximation when $b_d \ll |q_h|$ and $b_\beta = \sqrt{b_d b_\varepsilon} = 2L_B/\beta \ll 1$, such that the kernel of Eq. (23) becomes a convolution operator, i.e.

$$T(\xi, \xi') = T(\xi - \xi'), \quad (25)$$

implying that we can inverse Fourier transform Eq. (23) and $A(\mathbf{X})$ becomes a multiplier on both sides of the equation.

The first condition, $b_d \ll |q_h|$, translates as $L_G \ll Z_R$, where L_G is the power gain length and Z_R is the Rayleigh range of a mode with a cross-sectional area equal to the beams, meaning that within a gain length most possible modes stay confined to the core of the beam. The second condition that $L_G \ll \beta$ means that the betatron oscillation is slow compared to a gain length so that the betatron mixing can be ignored. If both these conditions are met, the system becomes one-dimensional because it behaves like multiple local FELs that do not couple to each other. This is the reason for the degeneracy of the modes in this limit.

We begin by examining Eq. (24) in the case of a cold beam, where the energy spread and angular spread are sufficiently small that they have no impact on the gain length. Because the 6D phase space volume shrinks to zero in this limit, which at fixed brightness corresponds to zero particles, the brightness scaling is a less natural choice. Thus, for this limit only we shall employ the L_{1D} -scaling introduced in [5]. In this scaling, we use the four parameters $\eta_d = 2L_{1D}/k_1\sigma_x^2$, $\eta_\varepsilon = 2L_{1D}k_1\varepsilon/\beta$, $\eta_\gamma = 4L_{1D}k_u\sigma_\gamma/\gamma_0$, and $\eta_\omega = 2L_{1D}k_u\Delta\nu_h$. The dispersion

relation in the 1D limit takes the form

$$q_h + iC(L_{1D}) \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{\tau d\tau e^{(q_h - i\eta_\omega)\tau - (h\eta_\gamma)^2\tau^2/2}}{1 + ih\eta_\varepsilon(1 - \bar{\kappa})\tau} = 0, \quad (26)$$

where $C(L_{1D}) = (2/\sqrt{3})^3 h(a_h/a_1)^2$.

If $\eta_\varepsilon = 0$ and $\eta_\gamma = 0$, then we recover the well known 1D cubic equation [14]

$$q_h(q_h - i\eta_\omega)^2 - iC(L_{1D}) = 0. \quad (27)$$

An interesting feature of this equation is that it also applies in the case where $\eta_\gamma = 0$ and $\bar{\kappa} = 1$, i.e. $\kappa = k_1/2k_u\beta$, regardless of the value of η_ε . This coincidence is an expression of the physical fact that with zero energy spread and in the absence of transverse variations in the radiation field, conditioning completely removes the longitudinal spread in ponderomotive phase that accumulates due to the varying betatron trajectories of the electrons. Furthermore, it can be shown that $\partial q_r/\partial \bar{\kappa}|_{(\bar{\kappa}=1, \eta_\omega=0)} = 0$ so that in this limit the natural conditioning parameter, $\kappa = k_1/2k_u\beta$, maximizes the growth rate. In Appendix B, the case of a conditioned beam with large emittance but zero energy spread is analyzed by going back to the variational equations while using the L_{1D} -scaling.

If we revert to scaling by L_B , the cold beam limit becomes

$$q_h(q_h - ib_\omega)^2 - i2h^2b_\gamma b_\varepsilon = 0. \quad (28)$$

Thus, we find that the cold beam limit in this scaling requires linearizing the dispersion relation by keeping the factors b_γ and b_ε outside of the integral in Eq. (24), and approximating them as zero only within the integral. In this cold beam limit, the scaled growth rate will be proportional to $(b_\gamma b_\varepsilon)^{1/3}$ so long as diffraction remains unimportant. This scaling isolates the effect of the reduction in current that is associated with reducing the energy spread and emittance for fixed brightness.

We now consider warm beams, where b_ε and b_γ are large. For parameters such that the diffraction terms are still negligible, the growth rates for different transverse modes remain degenerate. In this regime, the main impact of large emittance on the dispersion relation is through introducing additional variations in the longitudinal velocity. We first rescale the integration variable in Eq. (24) to $z_b \equiv hb_\varepsilon^c\tau$ to obtain

$$q + 2i\frac{b_\gamma}{b_\varepsilon^c} \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{z_b dz_b e^{(q/hb_\varepsilon^c - ib_\omega/hb_\varepsilon^c)z_b - (b_\gamma/b_\varepsilon^c)^2 z_b^2/2}}{(1 - \bar{\kappa})(1 + iz_b)} = 0, \quad (29)$$

where $b_\varepsilon^c \equiv b_\varepsilon(1 - \bar{\kappa})$ represents the effective angular spread of the beam. Now we define the ratios

$$\Gamma \equiv b_\gamma/|b_\varepsilon^c| = \frac{2k_u\sigma_\gamma}{k_1\varepsilon^n|1 - \bar{\kappa}|/\beta}, \quad (30)$$

$$\Omega \equiv -b_\omega/hb_\varepsilon^c = -\frac{k_u\Delta\omega_h/\omega_1}{hk_1\varepsilon(1 - \bar{\kappa})/\beta}, \quad (31)$$

and assume $|q| \ll hb_\epsilon^c$, while keeping Γ and Ω of order unity. This corresponds to a transversely warm beam, with at most imperfect conditioning. The result is a closed expression for the gain:

$$q = 2i\Gamma \int_0^\infty \frac{z_b dz_b e^{-i\Omega z_b - \Gamma^2 z_b^2/2}}{|1 - \bar{\kappa}|(1 - iz_b)}. \quad (32)$$

As the resulting $|q|$ has a global upper bound proportional to $1/|1 - \bar{\kappa}|$, the above approximation is consistent so long as $b_\gamma |1 - \bar{\kappa}| \gg 1$. For an unconditioned beam, Eq. (32) is still a fair approximation for $b_\gamma \sim 1$. The failure of this limit to apply for ideal conditioning ($\bar{\kappa} = 1$) is related to the fact that the angular spreads which result from high emittance and small β function do not significantly degrade FEL performance for a conditioned beam, and, as a result, the β function is not subject to any lower bound. Note that this approximation cannot be extended in a consistent way to the case of a fixed, finite b_d , corresponding to fixing the spot size of the beam, but only works in the regime where diffraction is unimportant.

Now, by maximizing the real part of the RHS of Eq. (32) with respect to Γ and Ω we essentially find the maximum possible growth rate for a given brightness, undulator, and target wavelength. The results, including their scaling with the conditioning parameter, are

$$\begin{aligned} q_{\text{opt}} &\approx (0.92 + 0.56i)/|1 - \bar{\kappa}|, \\ \Gamma_{\text{opt}} &\approx 0.60, \quad \Omega_{\text{opt}} \approx 1.3. \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

The power of these simple relations is illustrated by taking LCLS parameters for the energy spread and emittance. The value of Γ_{opt} implies that the beta function would be optimized at ~ 25 m, which is close to the design beta function.

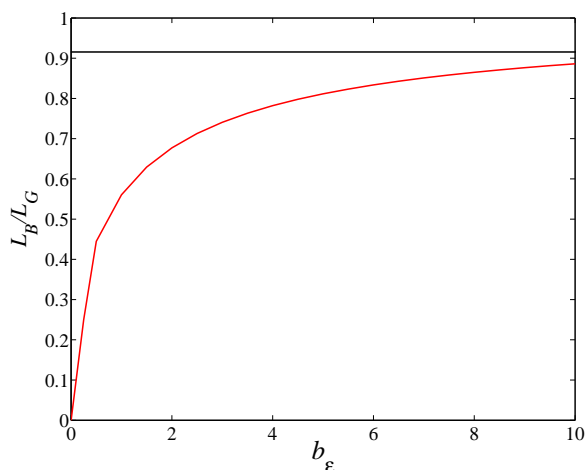


FIG. 2: Growth rate for fixed brightness as a function of emittance after optimizing over the energy spread. The effect of diffraction is assumed to be negligible.

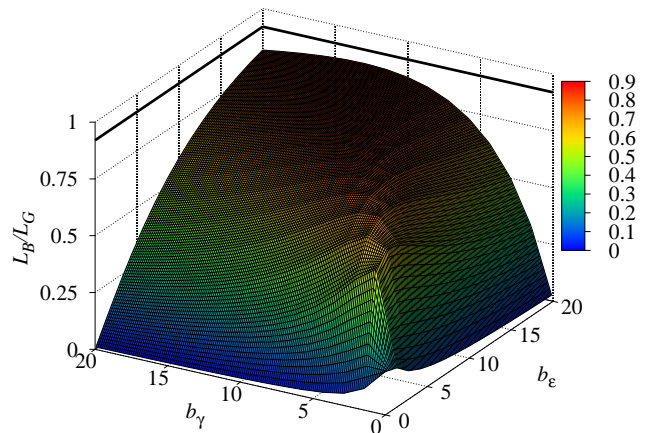


FIG. 3: Growth rate for fixed brightness as a function of energy spread and emittance parameters. The effect of diffraction is assumed to be negligible.

Apart from the exceptional case of perfect conditioning, the conclusion that the growth rate is bounded is unsurprising; however, this analysis reveals that the primary condition for achieving a short gain length is high brightness rather than low emittance. If one can increase the emittance at fixed brightness (which requires increasing the current) while also optimizing the energy spread, then we see from Fig. 2 that the FEL performance actually improves to an asymptotic value, that is

$$\lim_{b_\epsilon \rightarrow \infty} q_r(b_\epsilon, \Omega, \Gamma) > 0, \quad (34)$$

for some values of Γ and Ω . Furthermore, the maximum growth rate occurs in this asymptotic regime. This suggests that all the negative effects of a warm beam are captured by scaling the growth rate with L_B . Increasing the phase space volume at fixed brightness adds enough current to produce an overall positive effect (though with diminishing returns). In effect, the requirement for small emittances in practical systems derives from external constraints on the beam current rather than by the nature of the FEL interaction itself. The full dependence of the growth rate on b_ϵ and b_γ in the limit when diffraction is negligible is shown in Fig. 3, for fixed brightness and with no beam conditioning.

We can make some sense of this asymptotic result by considering the phase equation, Eq. (17), and noting that increasing the beam phase space volume at fixed brightness amounts to stacking beams in phase space so that we continually populate the “conditioned” region of phase space where $d\psi/dz \approx 0$. The optimal value of Γ then measures the relative strength of the two terms in Eq. (17) by specifying how phase space should be distributed to minimize the effect of dephasing across the beam.

The growth of the optimal detuning in proportion to the angular spread is expected because a more accurate resonance condition takes into account the effect of the

betatron motion on the parallel velocity, so that

$$\lambda = \frac{\lambda_u}{2} \left(\frac{1 + a_u^2}{\gamma^2} + \frac{2J_x}{\beta_x} + \frac{2J_y}{\beta_y} \right), \quad (35)$$

$$\langle \lambda \rangle = \frac{\lambda_u}{2} \left(\frac{1 + a_u^2}{\gamma_0^2} + \frac{4\varepsilon(1 - \bar{\kappa})}{\beta} \right). \quad (36)$$

This further implies that the assumption $|\Delta\omega_h/\omega_1| \ll 1$ eventually breaks down; however, this should occur long after we are in the asymptotic region where we can ignore the q dependence in the integral in Eq. (29).

Another observation is that the optimal detuning changes with conditioning parameter, to lower frequencies for $\bar{\kappa} < 1$ and to higher frequencies for $\bar{\kappa} > 1$. This can be seen from Eq. (36) and reflects the fact that the average longitudinal velocity normally decreases with increasing emittance, but for strong enough conditioning it increases.

We end our analysis of the one-dimensional limit by describing the behavior of the growth rate in various regimes. When both $b_\varepsilon|1 - \bar{\kappa}| \ll 2$ and $b_\gamma \ll 1$, the growth rate is given by $L_B/L_G = [(3\sqrt{3}/4)h^2b_\varepsilon b_\gamma]^{1/3}$. For the case $h = 1$, this is equivalent to $L_G = L_{1D}$, the standard cold beam limit, but expressed in terms of the brightness scaling parameters. For a fixed, small $b_\varepsilon < 2/|1 - \bar{\kappa}|$, the growth rate scales like $b_\gamma^{1/3}$ for small b_γ , reaches a peak value at $b_\gamma \approx 1.2$ and then for large b_γ scales as $1/b_\gamma$. For a fixed, small $b_\gamma < 1$, the growth rate scales like $b_\varepsilon^{1/3}$ for small b_ε , reaches a peak value at $b_\varepsilon \approx 2/|1 - \bar{\kappa}|$, and then decreases roughly inversely with b_ε . Note that the ratio of these two optimal values found by scanning in either parameter, $b_\gamma \approx 1.2$ and $b_\varepsilon \approx 2/|1 - \bar{\kappa}|$, defines the same ratio $\Gamma_{\text{opt}} \approx 0.6$ as found for the warm beam limit.

When both b_ε and b_γ are much larger than $1/|1 - \bar{\kappa}|$, the optimum growth rate is $L_B/L_G \simeq 0.92/|1 - \bar{\kappa}|$ and occurs whenever the ratio Γ is approximately 0.6. In the more general warm beam limit, the growth rate is a function of Γ and $\bar{\kappa}$; when $\Gamma \gg 1$ and $b_\gamma \gg 1$, we find that $L_B/L_G \simeq \sqrt{2\pi}e^{-1/2}/(\Gamma|1 - \bar{\kappa}|) \simeq 1.52b_\varepsilon/b_\gamma$, even for small b_ε . For small Γ , we estimate the growth rate as scaling roughly like $\Gamma/|1 - \bar{\kappa}|$, although the warm beam approximation requires $b_\gamma \gg 1$, so the emittance parameter would have to be extremely large.

V. ALTERNATIVE FEL OPTIONS

We now consider various alternative FEL options besides using a conventional beam distribution operating at the fundamental resonant frequency. Specific examples are calculated to illustrate the contrast between conditioned and unconditioned beams, and to explore the possibilities for running an FEL at a higher harmonic of the resonant frequency. Before introducing these results, we first define the flat beam limit as an extreme contrast to the typical round beam profile used in FELs. Flat beams

are an additional option which might be useful in managing wakefield effects or for use with small-gap undulators. A flat beam has sufficient asymmetry in the two transverse planes that it is possible for diffraction to be negligible in one plane but still significant in the other plane. This corresponds to the formal limit where b_{dx} goes to zero while b_{dy} remains nonzero and finite. A flat beam can be created via transverse emittance exchange, and in our example we take a fixed four-dimensional transverse phase space volume for the beam: $\varepsilon_x \varepsilon_y = (\text{constant})$. In this case the brightness, B_N , remains constant, so that L_B remains constant. The difficulty of achieving a focusing system that has vastly different beta functions in each direction and, simultaneously, keeps the beam stable, leads us to assume that $\beta_x \sim \beta_y$. Therefore, given that $b_\beta = \sqrt{b_\varepsilon b_d} = 2L_B/\beta$, we find that $b_{\beta y} \sim b_{\beta x}$, although $b_{dx} \ll b_{dy}$. This ordering only allow us to assert that the first condition for mode degeneracy in the x direction is satisfied, and so the flat beam approximation also requires that we drop the betatron mixing effect in the x direction. This is justified for two reasons, first because it has a negligible impact on the growth rate (15% in the most extreme case for a round beam according to Appendix B) and secondly because $b_{\beta x} \ll b_{\varepsilon x}$ so that the effect is largely overwhelmed by the effect of angular spread in the beam (unless we condition in that plane).

In this approximation, the kernel of Eq. (23) takes the form

$$T(\xi, \xi') = T_x(\xi_x - \xi'_x)T_y(\xi_y, \xi'_y).$$

After assuming $A(\xi) = A_x(\xi_x)A_y(\xi_y)$, the integral over ξ'_x turns into a convolution. This implies that, just like the 1D limit, after Fourier transforming Eq. (23) back in the x direction, $A_x(X)$ is a multiplier on both sides of the equation. Consequently, the ξ_x dependence can be integrated out of T to obtain the 1D integral equation

$$A_y(\xi_y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\xi'_y T_F(\xi_y, \xi'_y) A_y(\xi'_y), \quad (37)$$

with the kernel

$$T_F = \frac{2h^2 b_\gamma \sqrt{b_{\varepsilon x} b_{\varepsilon y}}}{iq_h - \frac{b_{dy}}{2h} \xi_y^2} \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{\tau d\tau e^{(q_h - ib_\omega)\tau - (hb_\gamma)^2 \tau^2 / 2}}{\sqrt{[1 + i h b_{\varepsilon x} (1 - \bar{\kappa}_x) \tau]}} \\ \times \frac{\exp(-\frac{\xi_y^2 + \xi_y'^2 - 2\xi_y \xi_y' \cos(\sqrt{b_{dy} b_{\varepsilon y}} \tau)}{2[1 + i h b_{\varepsilon y} (1 - \bar{\kappa}_y) \tau]})}{\sqrt{2\pi} [1 + i h b_{\varepsilon y} (1 - \bar{\kappa}_y) \tau]}.$$

A sampling of results for a soft x-ray FEL is shown in Fig. 4, with all 3D effects included. The FEL design in these cases is for a fundamental wavelength of 3 nm, an undulator period of 1 cm, and an average beta function of 3 m. The electron beam has a 0.5 micron normalized emittance, a 300 A peak current, and a 200 keV energy spread. The flat beam examples have an emittance ratio of 100 and the same emittance product. The beam can be either flat or round, and conditioned or unconditioned, and the extracted wavelength can either be

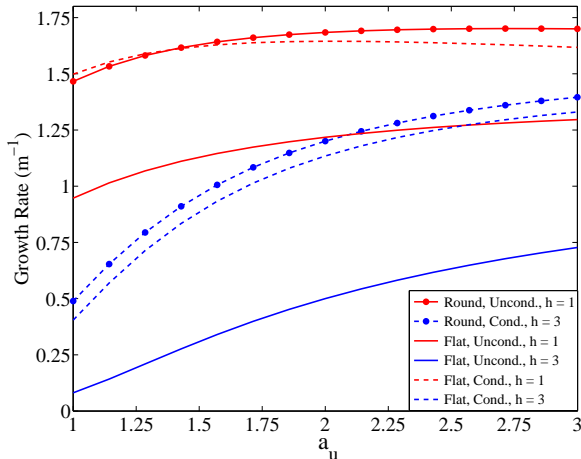


FIG. 4: Dependence of the the growth rate on the undulator parameter a_u (and hence beam energy) for various configurations of a soft x-ray FEL at 3 nm with 1 cm undulator period. Configurations vary between round or flat beams, beams with or without conditioning, and extraction of the fundamental or the third harmonic.

the 3 nm fundamental or the third harmonic at 1 nm. Larger undulator parameters correspond to a larger resonant beam energy, and the range of $1 < a_u < 3$ shown in the figure corresponds to beam energies between 0.9 and 2.1 GeV. These examples serve to illustrate a few scaling properties of the gain length. Conditioned beams exhibit a small penalty in going from round to flat beams, while unconditioned beams have a larger discrepancy in performance. For higher harmonics to work near optimum requires $a_u \geq h$; for conditioned beams, different harmonics have similar gain lengths when a_u is sufficiently large. For designs that are already optimized for unconditioned beams, the benefit of switching to conditioned beams is typically modest, with a reduction in gain length that is rarely greater than 25%; however, even in these cases beam conditioning allows for relaxed values of a_u and emittance, and is also favorable to the extraction of higher harmonics.

VI. CONCLUSION

FEL performance has been analyzed in terms of new scaling parameters, where the gain length is measured against a length scale that is inversely proportional to the beam brightness. This gives a measure of the potential of an FEL which is independent of most electron beam manipulations except for beam cooling. We used this formalism to study conditioned beams, to compare round and flat beams, and to take various limits including cold beams, FELs where diffraction is negligible, and the 1D limit. The limit of large emittance and energy spread has also been studied, yielding an asymptotic so-

lution which approaches the theoretical maximum growth rate as emittance is increased for fixed brightness. The optimal configuration is for a fixed ratio of the scaling parameters related to energy spread and emittance. Thus, the conventional wisdom that emittance limits FEL performance is not accurate, and in practice the inability to achieve brightness-limited performance is the result of other effects that constrain the peak electron current, such as wakefields and CSR.

We have also studied the effectiveness of ESASE or bunch compression, where the peak current is amplified in proportion to the energy spread. It is shown that the combination of transverse and longitudinal compression can significantly enhance the FEL gain, even when either technique alone does not improve performance. These beam manipulations are fairly straightforward, involving bunch stacking in phase space or bunch compression. We have shown that more complex techniques such as beam conditioning and emittance exchange can also greatly improve FEL performance. However, although such manipulations are Hamiltonian, technologies to implement them are unproven, and their costs and benefits should be compared with those of damping rings, which directly improve the beam brightness.

It is hoped that the methods discussed here will simplify the process of FEL optimization and will suggest new operating regimes. For example, beam conditioning is also shown to be useful in allowing for very small beta functions where the angular spread would otherwise reduce the growth rate. Thus, beam conditioning may be used to work around limitations in the gain length that result from constraints on the beam current. As beam brightness is a technologically limited input, the demonstration of a minimum gain length directly related to beam brightness should provide a useful yardstick for characterizing FEL performance.

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APPENDIX A: VARIATIONAL APPROXIMATIONS

To actually solve the dispersion relation, Eq. (23), and calculate growth rates it is convenient to use the variational method developed by Xie [5, 7]. We do this for an elliptical beam by assuming

$$A(\xi) \propto e^{-\xi_x^2/4\alpha_x - \xi_y^2/4\alpha_y}, \quad (\text{A1})$$

where $\alpha_{x,y}$ are variational parameters which are chosen to maximize q_r (the real part of q_h and thus the

scaled growth rate). Some physical aspects of this mode which can be related to α are the Rayleigh range, $Z_R = (L_B/b_d) \text{Re}(1/\alpha)$, and the radius of curvature of the phase fronts, $R = L_B/(b_d \text{Im } \alpha)$.

After integrating both sides of Eq. (23) against $A(\xi)$ and applying the variational conditions $\delta q_h/\delta \alpha_x = 0$ and $\delta q_h/\delta \alpha_y = 0$, we arrive at the following set of equations

$$F_1(q_h, \alpha) \equiv \frac{iq_h}{4\sqrt{\alpha_x \alpha_y}} - \frac{b_{dx}}{8h} \sqrt{\frac{\alpha_x}{\alpha_y}} - \frac{b_{dy}}{8h} \sqrt{\frac{\alpha_y}{\alpha_x}} - \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{2h^2 b_\gamma \sqrt{b_{\varepsilon x} b_{\varepsilon y}} \tau d\tau e^{f_1}}{\sqrt{f_{2x} f_{2y}}} = 0, \quad (\text{A2})$$

$$F_2(q_h, \alpha) \equiv \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial \alpha_x} = -\frac{iq_h}{8\alpha_x \sqrt{\alpha_x \alpha_y}} - \frac{b_{dx}}{16h \sqrt{\alpha_x \alpha_y}} + \frac{b_{dy}}{16h \alpha_x} \sqrt{\frac{\alpha_y}{\alpha_x}} + \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{h^2 b_\gamma \sqrt{b_{\varepsilon x} b_{\varepsilon y}} \tau d\tau f_{3x} e^{f_1}}{f_{2x} \sqrt{f_{2x} f_{2y}}} = 0, \quad (\text{A3})$$

and

$$F_3(q_h, \alpha) \equiv \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial \alpha_y} = 0. \quad (\text{A4})$$

The function $F_3(q_h, \alpha)$ is of the same form as F_2 with x replaced by y . Apart from scaling parameters to the brightness length, L_B , and including conditioning and odd harmonics, these equations are of the same form as they appear in [7].

The same method can be applied to the equation obtained from the flat beam approximation, Eq. (37), in which case we find similar variational equations:

$$F_1(q_h, \alpha_y) \equiv \frac{iq_h}{2\sqrt{\alpha_y}} - \frac{b_{dy} \sqrt{\alpha_y}}{4h} - \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{2h^2 b_\gamma \sqrt{b_{\varepsilon x} b_{\varepsilon y}} \tau d\tau e^{f_1}}{\sqrt{f_{2y} [1 + i h b_{\varepsilon x} (1 - \bar{\kappa}_x) \tau]}} = 0, \quad (\text{A5})$$

and

$$F_2(q_h, \alpha_y) \equiv \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial \alpha_y} = -\frac{iq_h}{4\alpha_y^{3/2}} - \frac{b_{dy}}{8h \sqrt{\alpha_y}} + \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{h^2 b_\gamma \sqrt{b_{\varepsilon x} b_{\varepsilon y}} \tau d\tau f_{3y} e^{f_1}}{f_{2y}^{3/2} \sqrt{1 + i h b_{\varepsilon x} (1 - \bar{\kappa}_x) \tau}} = 0. \quad (\text{A6})$$

In both cases,

$$\begin{aligned} f_1 &= (q_h - i b_\omega) \tau - (h b_\gamma)^2 \tau^2 / 2 \\ f_{2x} &= [1 + i h b_{\varepsilon x} (1 - \bar{\kappa}_x) \tau]^2 + 4\alpha [1 + i h b_{\varepsilon x} (1 - \bar{\kappa}_x) \tau] \\ &\quad + 4\alpha^2 \sin^2(\sqrt{b_{dx} b_{\varepsilon x}} \tau), \\ f_{3x} &= 4[1 + i h b_{\varepsilon x} (1 - \bar{\kappa}_x) \tau] + 8\alpha_x \sin^2(\sqrt{b_{dx} b_{\varepsilon x}} \tau), \end{aligned}$$

and the definitions are again the same for the y direction with x replaced by y . The round beam equations can be obtained from Eqs. (A2) and (A3) by removing the x and y dependence from the parameters.

APPENDIX B: THREE-DIMENSIONAL EFFECTS IN FELS DRIVEN BY CONDITIONED BEAMS

As electrons undergo betatron oscillations in the wiggler, this additional motion across the transverse radiation mode influences their interaction with the radiation field. This effect is included in the Maxwell-Vlasov analysis through the integral over past orbits [13] in Eq. (1); however, in previous treatments of beam conditioning it has been largely ignored. In this section we shall characterize the degradation in FEL gain caused by this effect by considering an “ultra-conditioned” beam defined to be the limit, for a conditioned beam with $\kappa = \kappa^*$, as the emittance goes to infinity, while the beta function goes to zero, and the spot size, which scales as their product, remains constant. Note that optimal detuning stays bounded in this case despite arbitrarily large angular spreads, unlike the situation in Sec. IV, because the effect of conditioning is to put particles with large angles in resonance. For simplicity, we assume a round beam.

Although this ultra-conditioned limit can be taken at any point in the analysis, it is convenient to do it after the variational approximation. In order to take the limit, we set the energy spread to zero and use the fact that the integral over past orbits becomes the derivative of a Laplace transform of a periodic function. In this case the first variational equation, the dispersion relation for a Gaussian mode, takes the form

$$\frac{iq}{4\alpha} - \frac{\eta_d}{4h} - \frac{d}{d\bar{q}} \int_0^\infty \frac{C(L_{1D}) d\tau e^{-\bar{q}\tau}}{1 + 4\alpha + 4\alpha^2 \sin^2(\eta_\beta \tau)} = 0, \quad (\text{B1})$$

where $\bar{q} \equiv q - i\eta_\omega$ and $\eta_\beta \equiv \sqrt{\eta_\varepsilon \eta_d} = 2L_{1D}/\beta$. Here we use the L_{1D} -scaling because we have set the energy spread to zero and, as a result, the brightness scaling is less convenient. After several manipulations of Eq. (B1), including breaking the integral into periods of the sin function, taking the β function to zero, and reevaluating the derivative, we arrive at the new set of variational equations

$$\frac{iq}{4\alpha} - \frac{\eta_d}{4h} + \frac{C(L_{1D})}{2\pi(q - i\eta_\omega)^2} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\tau}{1 + 4\alpha + 4\alpha^2 \sin^2 \tau} = 0, \quad (\text{B2})$$

$$-\frac{iq}{4\alpha^2} - \frac{C(L_{1D})}{2\pi(q - i\eta_\omega)^2} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{(4 + 8\alpha \sin^2 \tau) d\tau}{(1 + 4\alpha + 4\alpha^2 \sin^2 \tau)^2} = 0. \quad (\text{B3})$$

These equations are valid when $\beta \ll L_G$, where L_G is the gain length, and $\eta_d \ll \eta_\varepsilon$, which is why we call this the ultra-conditioned limit. By solving Eqs. (B2) and (B3) in the case where diffraction is weak, i.e., small η_d , we find that the growth rate (at optimal detuning) is decreased by $\sim 15\%$ compared to a zero emittance beam with $\eta_\varepsilon = 0$. For diffraction-dominated or pencil beams, i.e., large η_d , the inclusion of this effect has a negligible impact on the growth rate.

We remark that the inclusion of this betatron mixing effect in general results in an ideal conditioning parameter greater than the value $\kappa^* = k_1/2k_u\beta$ predicted from the 1D, cold beam limit. However, it is a small correction so we shall not carry out a full analysis here.

Ultimately, this analysis characterizes the effects of this betatron mixing up to the order we have represented the betatron motion in the Vlasov equation. Refs. [17] and [15] contain detailed discussions of how conditioning is affected by higher order, oscillatory terms in the FEL equations arising from the use of strong focusing. In particular, they add the requirement to our analysis that

$L_C \ll \beta$ in order to avoid deleterious effects from these higher-order terms, where L_C is the cell length of the quadrupole lattice used for external focusing; thus, the ultra-conditioned limit is only applicable when

$$L_C \ll \beta \ll L_G. \quad (\text{B4})$$

However, as long as $L_C \ll \beta$, we have established an upper bound on the degradation (15%) that this betatron mixing effect has on a conditioned beam as compared to a zero emittance beam.

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