Post-saturation undulator tapering in presence of diffraction effects

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Tapering

Wikipedia:

… In mathematics, physics, and theoretical computer graphics, tapering is a kind of shape deformation.

… Acoustic resonance is an important consideration for instrument builders, as most acoustic instruments use resonators, such as the strings and body of a violin, the length of tube in a flute, and the shape of a drum membrane. Acoustic resonance is also important for hearing. For example, resonance of a stiff structural element, called the basilar membrane within the cochlea of the inner ear allows hair cells on the membrane to detect sound. (For mammals the membrane has tapering resonances across its length so that high frequencies are concentrated on one end and low frequencies on the other.)

FEL physics:

In the context of free electron lasers, undulator tapering refers to variation of undulator parameters along the undulator (field and (or) period) in order to control resonance properties of the amplification process.
Practical use of undulator tapering

- **Positive tapering**: undulator K decreases along the undulator length. Can be used for:
  - Compensation of the beam energy loss due to spontaneous undulator radiation;
  - Compensation of the energy chirp in the electron beam;
  - **Increase power of a high-gain FEL after saturation (post-saturation taper).**

- **Negative (reverse) tapering**: undulator K increases along the undulator length. Can be used for:
  - Compensation of the energy chirp in the electron beam;
  - Suppression of the radiation from the main undulator for organization of effective operation of afterburners (e.g., circular polarization);
  - Application in the scheme of attosecond SASE FEL.
  - Increase power of FEL oscillator.
A concept of post-saturation undulator tapering

- Resonance condition: Electromagnetic wave advances the electron by one wavelength when electron passes one undulator period:
  \[
  \frac{\lambda_W}{v_z} = \frac{\lambda}{c - v_z}, \quad \lambda \simeq \frac{\lambda_W}{2\gamma^2} = \lambda_W \frac{1 + K^2}{2\gamma^2}.
  \]

- Undulator tapering: originally proposed by [N.M. Kroll, P.L. Morton, and M.N. Rosenbluth, IEEE J. Quantum Electronics, QE-17, 1436 (1981)] for increasing the radiation power in the post-saturation regime preserving resonance condition:
  \[
  \lambda \simeq \lambda_W(z) \frac{1 + K^2(z)}{2\gamma^2(z)}.
  \]

Fig. 1. The pedromotive potential $F(\psi)$. The case shown is for positive $\psi$, corresponding to the case in which energy is extracted from the electrons.

Fig. 2. Trajectories in the $\psi, \phi$ phase plane for $\psi > 0$.

Fig. 3. Stable phase plane trajectories.

change in parameters is small. For small oscillations about $\psi_r$, one can expand $F(\psi)$ about $\psi_r$. The motion for these orbits is harmonic with period of oscillation

\[
Z = \frac{\pi \mu}{(k_w + \delta k_w) \sqrt{a_2 a_w} \cos \psi} \approx \frac{\mu \lambda_w}{2 \sqrt{a_2 a_w} \cos \psi},
\]

(\lambda_w = 2\pi/k_w). \quad (2.59)
Experimental verification of the undulator tapering at LLNL: FEL amplifier

Successful experiment at LLNL with seeded FEL amplifier (1 cm wavelength).
Undulator tapering in the presence of diffraction effects

• The problem of optimum undulator tapering in the presence of diffraction effects is now a “hot” topic due to practical applications for X-ray FELs and potential industrial applications.

• Empirical tapering dependencies known so far from the literature are physically inconsistent with the asymptotical behavior of the radiation power produced in the tapered section.

• Here we present our view of the problem based on the recent findings:
Undulator tapering in the presence of diffraction effects

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Abstract

Single-pole, tapered wiggler amplifiers have an attractive feature of being able, in theory at least, of extracting a large portion of the electron beam energy into light. In circumstances where an optical FEL wiggler length is significantly longer than the Rayleigh length $z_0$, corresponding to the electron beam radius, diffraction losses must be controlled via the phenomenon of optical guiding. Since the strength of the guiding depends upon the effective refractive index $n$ exceeding one, and since $n - 1$ is inversely proportional to the optical electric field, there is a natural limiting mechanism to the on-axis field strength and thus the rate at which energy may be extracted from the electron beam. In particular, the extraction efficiency for a prebunched beam asymptotically grows linearly with $z$ rather than quadratically. We present analytical and numerical simulation results concerning this behavior and discuss its applicability to various FEL designs including oscillator/amplifier-radiator configurations.

It is well known from early studies that:

- Radiation power grows linearly with the undulator length for the asymptote of thin electron beam (i.e., long undulator)
- Radiation power grows quadratically with the undulator length for the asymptote of wide electron beam (i.e., short undulator / initial stage of tapered regime).

4.5 Nonlinear Mode of Operation

\[ S_{\text{rad}} \approx r_0^2 \quad \text{for} \quad r_0^2 > r_b^2. \]

Assuming that a significant fraction of the particles is trapped in the regime of coherent deceleration, we can estimate the power loss by the electron beam in the tapered section as:

\[ W \approx I_0\bar{E}|\phi|\epsilon_{\text{cap}}\approx|\bar{E}|^2\sigma_{\text{cap}}/\omega. \]

Thus, we have the following power balance:

1. Thin electron beam ($r_0^2 \ll \sigma_{\text{cap}}/\omega$):

\[ S_{\text{rad}} \approx \sigma_{\text{cap}}/\omega, \]

\[ W \approx I_0|\bar{E}|^2\sigma_{\text{cap}}/\omega. \]

2. Wide electron beam ($r_0^2 > \sigma_{\text{cap}}/\omega$):

\[ S_{\text{rad}} \approx r_b^2, \]

\[ W \approx I_0|\bar{E}|^2\sigma_{\text{cap}}/\omega. \]

Our estimates show that in the case of a thin electron beam, the radiation field, acting on the electrons, is almost constant along the undulator axis. The radiation power grows linearly with the square of the tapered section $\epsilon_{\text{cap}}$. Thus, we can conclude that the regime of coherent deceleration of the particles should take place only for a narrow region of undulator tapering, i.e., the detuning $C(z)$ should change linearly with the $z$ coordinate.

Let us consider the case of a broad range of the diffraction parameter

\[ B = \Gamma\omega_s/\epsilon > 1. \]

At the beginning of the tapered section, when $\Gamma > B$, we deal with the case of a wide electron beam, and most of the radiation overlaps with the electron beam. When the length of the tapered section increases, the radiation expands out of the electron beam. When $\Gamma > B$ we always fall in the regime when diffraction effects are important, i.e., the electron beam becomes thin with respect to the radiation beam. Thus, we come to the conclusion that the asymptotically stable regime of coherent deceleration should occur only for a linear law of undulator tapering.
Undulator tapering in the presence of diffraction effects

The key element for understanding the physics of the undulator tapering are the properties of the radiation from modulated electron beam.

Indeed, in the case of tapered FEL the beam bunching is frozen (particles are trapped in the regime of coherent deceleration).

Thus, we deal with the electron beam modulated at the resonance wavelength.

If we know the radiation power of the modulated electron beam as function of the undulator length, we know the law of the undulator tapering.

The problem of the radiation of modulated electron beam has been solved (Nucl. Instrum. and Methods A 539, 499 (2005)), and connected with the problem of the undulator tapering in Phys. Rev. ST AB 18 (2015) 030705.
Radiation of modulated electron beam

- Radiation power of modulated electron beam:

\[ W = \frac{2\pi^2 I_0^2 a_{in}^2 \sigma_z^2}{c\lambda\lambda_u} \frac{K^2 A_{jj}}{1 + K^2} f(\tilde{z}) \tilde{z}, \quad f(\tilde{z}) = \arctan(\tilde{z}/2) + \tilde{z}^{-1} \ln\left( \frac{4}{\tilde{z}^2 + 4} \right) \]

- Thin and wide beam asymptote:

\[ f(\tilde{z}) \rightarrow \pi/2 \quad \text{for} \quad \tilde{z} \gg 1 \quad (N \ll 1), \]
\[ f(\tilde{z}) = \tilde{z}/4 \quad \text{for} \quad \tilde{z} \ll 1 \quad (N \gg 1). \]

The Fresnel number: \( N = 2\pi \sigma_z^2/(\lambda z) \).

- Both asymptotes (of wide and thin electron beam) discussed in earlier papers are well described by this expression.

- Asymptote of a wide electron beam corresponds to large values of Fresnel number \( N \), and the radiation power scales quadratically with the undulator length, \( W \propto z^2 \).

- Asymptote of a thin electron beam corresponds to small values of the Fresnel Number \( N \), and the radiation power grows linearly with the undulator length, \( W \propto z \).

- Undulator tapering should adjust detuning according to the energy loss by electrons, and we find that the tapering law should be quadratic for the case of wide electron beam, \( C \propto W \propto z^2 \), and linear for the case of thin electron beam, \( C \propto W \propto z \).
Radiation of modulated electron beam

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- Asymptote of the wide electron beam works reasonably well for the values of the Fresnel number $N \gtrsim 1$. Asymptote of the thin electron beam converges pretty slowly, and reasonable accuracy is achieved for very small $N \lesssim 0.01$.

- Example for EXFEL SASE1/SASE3: 14GeV, radiation wavelength of 0.15 nm / 1.5 nm. Transverse size of the electron beam is about 25 µm.

- The wide beam asymptote is applicable up to $z \approx 26$ m for wavelength 0.15 nm, and $z \approx 2.6$ m for operation at 1.5 nm wavelength. Here we see general features illustrating shortening with the radiation wavelength of the applicability region of the wide beam asymptote.

- The thin beam asymptote becomes to be applicable for $z \gtrsim 2500$ m (for wavelength 0.15 nm) and 260 m (for wavelength 1.5 nm). Note, that for both practical examples the limit of thin electron beam is achieved only for very long undulator, and exact formula should be used for calculation of the radiation power for undulator length $z > z_{\text{wb}}$. 

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Application of similarity techniques

- In the framework of the three-dimensional theory the operation of the FEL amplifier is described by the diffraction parameter $B$, the energy spread parameter $\hat{\Lambda}_T^2$, the betatron motion parameter $\hat{k}_\beta$ and detuning parameter $\hat{C}$:

$$B = 2\Gamma \sigma^2 \omega / c, \quad \hat{C} = C / \Gamma, \quad \hat{k}_\beta = 1 / (\beta \Gamma), \quad \hat{\Lambda}_T^2 = (\sigma_E / \mathcal{E})^2 / \rho^2,$$

with the gain parameter $\Gamma = 4\pi \rho / \lambda_w$. For the case of ”cold” electron beam, $\hat{\Lambda}_T^2 \to 0, \hat{k}_\beta \to 0$, the operation of the FEL amplifier is described by the diffraction parameter $B$ and the detuning parameter $\hat{C}$.

- FEL equations:

$$\frac{d\Psi}{d\hat{z}} = \hat{C} + \hat{P}, \quad \frac{d\hat{P}}{d\hat{z}} = U \cos(\phi_U + \Psi),$$

where $\hat{P} = (E - E_0) / (\rho E_0)$, $\hat{z} = \Gamma z$, and $U$ and $\phi_U$ are the amplitude and the phase of the effective potential.

- We normalize the radiation power to the saturation power, and undulator length to the field gain length. Then we find that the radiation power before saturation exhibits similar behavior for all values of the diffraction parameter $B > 1$.

- In view of: i) universal scaling of the FEL characteristics on the diffraction parameter $B$; ii) The Fresnel number and the diffraction parameter has the same physical meaning, we find that optimum undulator tapering should be:

$$\hat{C} = \alpha_{tap}(\hat{z} - \hat{z}_0) \left[ \arctan \left( \frac{1}{2N} \right) + N \ln \left( \frac{4N^2}{4N^2 + 1} \right) \right], \quad N = \frac{\beta_{tap}}{\hat{z} - \hat{z}_0}.$$
Global numerical optimization versus the universal law of the undulator tapering

- First, we perform straightforward global optimization with three-dimensional, time-dependent FEL simulation code FAST.

- Target of the optimization is maximum of the output power at 15 gain lengths after saturation. We divide undulator into many pieces and change detuning of all pieces independently. Number of sections is controlled to provide the result independent on the number of sections.

- We choose the tapering law \( C(B, z) \) corresponding to the maximum power at the exit of the whole undulator.

- Then we fit parameters of the universal tapering law:

\[
\dot{C} = \alpha_{\text{tap}}(\dot{z} - \dot{z}_0) \left[ \arctan \left( \frac{1}{2N} \right) + N \ln \left( \frac{4N^2}{4N^2 + 1} \right) \right], \quad N = \frac{\beta_{\text{tap}}}{(\dot{z} - \dot{z}_0)}
\]

- Start of the undulator tapering \( z_0 \) is fixed by the global optimization procedure, \( z_0 = z_{\text{sat}} - 2L_g \).

- Another parameter of the problem, \( \beta_{\text{tap}} \), is rather well approximated with the linear dependency on the diffraction parameter, \( \beta_{\text{tap}} = 8.5 \times B \).

- Remaining parameter, \( \alpha_{\text{tap}} \), is plotted in Figure. It is a slow varying function of the diffraction parameter \( B \), and scales approximately to \( B^{1/3} \) as all other important FEL parameters including capture efficiency.

- Thus, application of similarity techniques gives us an elegant way for the general parametrical fit.
Global numerical optimization versus the universal law of the undulator tapering and the rational fit

- Universal tapering law:
  \[ \hat{C} = \alpha_{\text{tap}}(\hat{z} - \hat{z}_0) \left[ \arctan \left( \frac{1}{2N} \right) + N \ln \left( \frac{4N^2}{4N^2 + 1} \right) \right], \]
  with Fresnel number \( N \) fitted by \( N = \beta_{\text{tap}}/(\hat{z} - \hat{z}_0) \). Start of the undulator tapering is \( z_0 = z_{\text{sat}} - 2L_g \). Parameter \( \beta_{\text{tap}} \), is \( \beta_{\text{tap}} = 8.5 \times B \).

- Expression for the universal tapering law has quadratic dependence in \( z \) for small values of \( z \) (limit of the wide electron beam), and linear dependence in \( z \) for large values of \( z \) (limit of the thin electron beam). It is natural to try a fit with a rational function which satisfies both asymptotes. The simplest rational fit is:
  \[ \hat{C} = \frac{a(\hat{z} - \hat{z}_0)^2}{1 + b(\hat{z} - \hat{z}_0)}. \]

- The coefficients \( a \) and \( b \) are the functions of the diffraction parameter \( B \), and are plotted in the Figure. Start of the undulator tapering is set to the value \( z_0 = z_{\text{sat}} - 2L_g \) suggested by the global optimization procedure.

- Lower Figure: evolution along the undulator of the reduced radiation power \( \hat{\eta} = W/(\rho W_{\text{beam}}) \) (solid curves) and of the detuning parameter \( \hat{C} = C/\Gamma \) (dashed curves). Color codes: black - FEL with global optimization of undulator tapering, red - fit with the universal tapering law, green - fit with the rational function. The value of the diffraction parameter is \( B = 10 \).
Trapping process for optimum tapering: how it works

**Top:** tapered  
**Bottom:** untapered

- The particles in the core of the beam (red, green, blue color) are trapped most effectively. Nearly all particles located at the edge of the electron beam (braun, yellow color) leave the stability region very soon. The trapping process lasts for a several field gain lengths when the trapped particles become to be isolated in the trapped energy band for which the undulator tapering is optimized further. Non-trapped particles continue to populate low energy tail of the energy distribution.

- Experimental observation at LCLS: energy distribution of non-trapped particles is not uniform, but represent a kind of energy bands. Our simulations give a hint on the origin of energy bands which are formed by non-trapped particles. This is the consequence of nonlinear dynamics of electrons leaving the region of stability. Note that a similar effect can be seen in the early one-dimensional studies.
The trapping efficiency falls down with the value of the diffraction parameter $B$. This is natural consequence of the diffraction effects. Variation of the FEL radiation mode (and the amplitude of ponderomotive well) across the electron beam is more pronouncing for larger values of the diffraction parameter $B$.

The particles in the core of the beam (black points) are trapped most effectively. Nearly all particles located at the edge of the electron beam (blue points) leave the stability region very soon. The trapping process lasts for a several field gain lengths when the trapped particles become to be isolated in the trapped energy band for which the undulator tapering is optimized further. Non-trapped particles continue to populate low energy tail of the energy distribution.

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SASE FEL: Optimum tapering

- Radiation of SASE FEL consists of wavepackets (spikes). In the exponential regime of amplifications wavepackets interact strongly with the electron beam, and their group velocity $\frac{d\omega}{dk}$ visibly differs from the velocity of light, and the slippage of the radiation with respect to the electron beam is by several times less than kinematic slippage. I.e., wavepackets are closely connected with the modulations of the electron beam current.

- When the amplification process enters nonlinear (tapering) stage, the group velocity of the wavepackets approaches to the velocity of light, and the relative slippage approaches to the kinematic one. When a wavepacket advances such that it reaches the next area of the beam disturbed by another wavepacket, we can easily predict that the trapping process will be destroyed, since the phases of the beam bunching and of the electromagnetic wave are uncorrelated in this case.

- Typical scale for the destruction of the tapering regime is coherence length, and the only physical mechanism we can use is to decrease the group velocity of wavepackets. This happens optimally when we trap maximum of the particles in the regime of coherent deceleration, and force these particles to interact as strong as possible with the electron beam. Thus, the strategy is exactly the same as we used for optimization of seeded FEL.

- Conditions of the optimum tapering for SASE are similar to those of the seeded case. Start of the tapering is by two field gain lengths before the saturation. Parameter $\beta_{\text{tap}}$ is the same, $8.5 \times B$. The only difference is the reduction of the parameter $\alpha_{\text{tap}}$ by 20% which is natural if one remember statistical nature of the wavepackets.
SASE FEL, optimum tapering: how it works

- **Left:** slice radiation power and energy loss; phase space
- **Right:** bunching, average power, particle energy spectrum

\[ \hat{C} = \alpha_{\text{tap}} (\hat{z} - \hat{z}_0) \left[ \arctan \left( \frac{1}{2N} \right) + N \ln \left( \frac{4N^2}{4N^2 + 1} \right) \right], \quad N = \frac{\beta_{\text{tap}}}{(\hat{z} - \hat{z}_0)} \]

\[ \hat{s} = \rho \omega (\hat{z} / v_z - t) \]
Use of statistical measurements for tuning optimum undulator tapering:

- Optimum conditions of the undulator tapering assume the starting point to be by two field gain lengths before the saturation point (corresponding to the maximum brilliance of the SASE FEL radiation).
- Saturation point on the gain curve is defined by the condition for fluctuations to fall down by a factor of 3 with respect to their maximum value in the end of exponential regime.
- Then quadratic law of tapering is applied (optimal for moderate increase of the extraction efficiency at the initial stage of tapering).

Experimental results from FLASH 2, January-May 2016
European XFEL: Hints for optimization of tapering

Hint for the current situation with tapering optimization:

- Tune SASE with untapered undulator to maximum pulse energy.
- Measure gain curve along the undulator with FEL imager (radiation pulse energy and its fluctuations).
- Saturation point is defined by a factor of 3 suppression of fluctuations.
- Set start of tapering around 0.8 of saturation length for quadratic tapering law (this point is also close to the point with maximum fluctuations), and about 0.9 for linear tapering law.
- Optimize tapering strength coefficient.

Proposal for the future:

- Launch experimental program for investigation and implementation of the universal tapering law.

Experiment on 31.07.2017
Undulator tapering in presence of diffraction effects: Conclusion

- The general law for optimum undulator tapering in the presence of diffraction effects is a simple analytical expression with two fitting coefficients.
- Key elements are knowledge of the radiation properties of modulated electron beam and application of similarity techniques in the FEL theory.
- Investigation of the case of “cold” electron beam allows one to isolate diffraction effects in the most clear form, and the optimum tapering law is the function of the only diffraction parameter B.
- Extension of this approach with including energy spread and emittance effects is straightforward and will result just in corrections to the fitting coefficients without changing the general law as we demonstrated for the case of SASE FEL.

Thank you very much for your attention!
Literature sources used or referenced in the talk

The talk is based on:

Undulator tapering for efficiency increase (FEL amplifier):

Undulator tapering for efficiency increase (FEL oscillator, negative tapering):
LCLS - experimental results on tapering:
Application of negative tapering (attosecond pulses, helical afterburner):
E.A. Schneidmiller and M.V. Yurkov, Reverse undulator tapering for polarization controls at XFELs, Proc. IPAC2016, MOPOW008.
A.A. Lutman et al, Polarization control in an X-ray free-electron laser, Nature Photonics, Published online 09 May 2016, 1038/nphoton.2016.79.
General topics of FEL physics:
Properties of the radiation: tapered versus untapered

SASE3: 1.6 nm @ 14 GeV

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# Undulator:

| # | Undulator period | cm | 6.80 |
| # | Undulator peak field | T | 1.30 |
| # | Undulator parameter K (rms) | # | 5.86 |
| # | Undulator length | m | 105 |

# Properties of the 1st harmonic in the saturation:

| # | Radiation wavelength | nm | 1.60 |
| # | Photon energy | keV | 7.75 |
| # | Pulse energy | mJ | 1.66, 1.01, 2.38, 4.24, 9.71 |
| # | Peak power | W | 99.0, 113, 102, 99.0, 90.5 |
| # | Average power | W | 4.49, 27.4, 64.3, 115, 262 |
| # | FWHM spot size | micrometr | 41.6, 44.8, 53.4, 56.8, 64.8 |
| # | FWHM angular divergence | microrad | 16.6, 16.0, 14.2, 13.5, 12.3 |
| # | Coherence time | fs | 0.824, 0.817, 0.909, 0.945, 1.03 |
| # | FWHM spectrum width, dω/ω | % | 0.468, 0.462, 0.416, 0.399, 0.365 |
| # | Degree of transverse coherence | # | 0.960, 0.960, 0.960, 0.960, 0.960 |
| # | Radiation pulse duration | fs | 1.68, 8.96, 23.2, 42.8, 107 |
| # | Number of longitudinal modes | # | 2, 11, 26, 45, 104 |
| # | Fluctuations of the pulse energy | % | 23.6, 10.1, 6.54, 4.97, 3.27 |
| # | Degeneracy parameter | # | 0.630E+12, 0.716E+12, 0.720E+12, 0.723E+12, 0.723E+12 |
| # | Number of photons per pulse | # | 0.134E+13, 0.817E+13, 0.192E+14, 0.341E+14, 0.782E+14 |
| # | Average flux of photons | ph/sec | 0.361E+17, 0.220E+18, 0.517E+18, 0.922E+18, 0.211E+19 |
| # | Peak brilliance | # | 0.261E+33, 0.296E+33, 0.298E+33, 0.299E+33, 0.299E+33 |
| # | Average brilliance | # | 0.118E+23, 0.716E+23, 0.187E+24, 0.366E+24, 0.867E+24 |
| # | Saturation length | m | 38.5, 38.2, 42.7, 44.4, 48.6 |
| # | Power gain length | m | 1.75, 1.73, 1.91, 1.99, 2.17 |
| # | SASE induced energy loss | MeV | 22.0, 22.6, 20.5, 19.8, 18.1 |
| # | SASE induced energy spread | MeV | 56.2, 57.8, 52.3, 50.5, 46.2 |
Properties of the radiation: tapered versus untapered

SASE3: 1.6 nm @ 14 GeV

- Power, brilliance, coherence time, degree of transverse coherence.

- 1st harmonic. Parameters of the radiation at the saturation point are: the radiation power is 108 GW, the coherence time is 1.2 fs, the degree of transverse coherence is 0.86, and the brilliance of the radiation is equal to $3.8 \times 10^{22}$ photons/sec/mm$^2$/rad$^2$/0.1% bandwidth.

- 3rd harmonic. Parameters of the radiation at the saturation point are: the radiation power is 6.6 GW, the coherence time is 0.5 fs, the degree of transverse coherence is 0.72.
Properties of the radiation: tapered versus untapered
SASE3: 1.6 nm @ 14 GeV

- Qualitative comparison of the temporal and spectral structure of the radiation for saturation points (left) and at the end of the undulator (right).
Properties of the radiation: tapered versus untapered

SASE3: 1.6 nm @ 14 GeV

Summary of the radiation properties:

- Application of the undulator tapering has evident benefit for SASE3 FEL operating in the wavelength range around 1.6 nm. It is about factor of 6 in the pulse radiation energy with respect to the saturation regime, and factor of 3 with respect to the radiation power at a full length.

- General feature of tapered regime is that both, spatial and temporal coherence degrade in the nonlinear regime, but more slowly than for untapered case.

- Peak brilliance is reached in the middle of tapered section, and exceeds by a factor of 3 the value of the peak brilliance in the saturation regime.

The degree of transverse coherence at the saturation for untapered case is 0.86. The degree of transverse coherence for the maximum brilliance of the tapered case is 0.66.

- Coherence time falls by 15%.

- At the exit of the undulator the degree of transverse coherence for the tapered case is 0.6, and coherence time falls by 20%.

- Radiation of the 3rd harmonic for both, untapered and tapered cases, exhibit nearly constant brilliance and nearly constant contribution to the total power.

- Coherence time of the 3rd harmonic for the tapered case approximately scales inversely proportional to harmonic number, as in untapered case.
Energy bands in early 1D simulations

Revisited: the same code (FAST), just more macroparticles

Phase space

tutorial example from a book (1D FEL theory)

Energy spectrum
Experimental verification of the undulator tapering at Jefferson Lab: FEL oscillator

First experiments with FEL oscillators indicated that tapering proposed by Kroll, Morton and Rosenbluth does not work well as for FEL amplifier. Our analysis (E.L. Saldin, E.A. Schneidmiller, M.V. Yurkov, Opt. Commun. 103, 297 (1993); NIM A 375, 336 (1996)) have shown that in the case of FEL oscillator the lasing frequency is defined by the condition of the maximum amplification in the small-signal regime. The position of the amplification maximum depends on the depth of the tapering. At some values of the depth of the tapering this effect leads to the significant decrease of the FEL oscillator efficiency when the undulator parameters are tapered in the same way as in the FEL amplifier. In some cases quite a different way of tapering is more preferable, for instance, with the undulator field increase at the fixed period (so called negative tapering). Dedicated experiments at Jefferson IR FEL confirmed this feature.

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An experimental study of an FEL oscillator with a linear taper

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Abstract

Motivated by the work of Saldin, Schneidmiller and Yurkov, we have measured the detuning curve widths, spectral characteristics, efficiency, and energy spread as a function of the taper for low and high Q resonators in the IR Demo FEL at Jefferson Lab. Both positive and negative tapers were used. Gain and frequency agreed surprisingly well with the predictions of a single mode theory. The efficiency agreed reasonably well for a negative taper with a high Q resonator but disagreed for lower Q values both due to the large slippage parameter and the non-ideal resonator Q. We saw better efficiency for a negative taper than for the same positive taper. The energy spread induced in the beam, normalized to the efficiency is larger for the positive taper than for the corresponding negative taper. This indicates that a negative taper is preferred over a positive taper in an energy recovery FEL. © 2001 Elsevier Science B.V. All rights reserved.