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### Why bother?

- Velocity bunching represents a possible and interesting complement to magnetic compression (energy chirped beam through a chicane)
  - ++ Avoids CSR effects that may plague magnetic compression
  - -- Enhances SC effects [beam manipulation at low energy]
- Proof of principle of RF compression established. Recent experiments at SPARC suggest that it can be done w/o undermining emittance compensation
- Bunch compression introduces potential for microbunching
- In principle both RF and Magnetic compression could support microbunching
  - The basic ingredients are present in both cases: collective forces + dispersion (i.e. energy dependent time of flight)
  - One could hope that RF compression, done at lower energy, should be more benign (plasma oscillations to wipe out density modulations).
- Approach: develop a linear theory along the lines of the theory developed for microbunching instability through a chicane
  - A number of approximations have to be made, which may be questionable
  - Goal is to have a tool for comparative studies and understanding of basic scaling (if not a tool for extracting accurate absolute answers)

#### Outline of talk

- Motivations
- Basics on velocity bunching
- Model of dynamics adopted for linear theory
- Validation of model against macroparticle simulations
- RF vs. Magnetic Compression (preliminary)

#### How RF compression works

- Compression in TW structure (slightly different from compression through RF cavity buncher).
- Exploits slow motion of mildly relativistic electrons in RF bucket and establishment of  $v_z/z$  correlation



#### **RF** compression demonstrated experimentally



FIG. 6. Comparison of the bunch time profile for L1 -8° and -82° off crest. (a) was generated by tracking simulation; (b) is a direct measurement using the zero-phasing method. The time > 0 corresponds to the bunch tail





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# Linear approximation\* of single-particle dynamics in RF structure

• Determine orbit for reference orbit by solving:

$$\frac{dt}{ds} = \frac{\gamma}{\sqrt{\gamma^2 - 1}},$$
$$\frac{d\gamma}{ds} = \frac{eE_0}{mc^2}\sin\psi,$$

 Linearize equations in terms of the variable x = (Δz, Δγ) expressing deviation from the reference orbit about the reference orbit. We use position Δz~-cβΔt instead of time (and here assume β~1).

• The transfer map M yielding 
$$x_s = M(s_0 \rightarrow s) x_{s_0}$$
 obeys  $\frac{dM}{ds} = AM$ 

with 
$$A(s) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & [\gamma_r^2(s) - 1]^{-3/2} \\ -\alpha k_{\rm rf}^2 \cos(k_{\rm rf}s + k_{\rm rf}z_r(s) + \psi_0) & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and initial condition  $M(s_0) = 1$ 

\*Caveat: In this talk "linear" is used with two different meanings: i) Linear with respect to RF dynamics 6 ii) Linear (in current) with respect to collective effects

### In some cases one can write manageable approx. analytical expressions for linear motion



- Formulas apply for zerophase crossing, moderate compression
- For more general case solve for M numerically



## Entries of transfer matrix, initial chirp, determine compression factor



### Linear approx. of single-particle dynamics is good only for low/moderate compression



## Space charge is treated using 1D LSC impedance model

$$Z_{\text{avg}}(k) = \frac{iZ_0}{\pi \gamma r_b} \frac{1 - 2I_1(\xi)K_1(\xi)}{\xi} \bigg|_{\xi = kr_b/\gamma}.$$

- For the space-charge impedance assume 1D model obtained from taking average of E<sub>z</sub> electric field generated by beam with circular cross-section of radius r<sub>b</sub> and uniform transverse density.
  - Somewhat better than taking Z corresponding to the on-axis electric field of same beam density
  - To some degree model can be used to represent the impedance from beam with a more general transverse density profile by adjusting r<sub>b</sub> to some effective value.
- Cons: We lose 3D effects that at low energy can be important (particularly at short wavelengths).
  - Model gets better as beam is accelerated along structure
  - Comparison with macroparticle simulations (see later slides) ~OK.
  - Model could be improved by making assumption of laminar beam and retaining *r*-dependence of  $E_z$  field (see J. Wu *et al.*, PRST-AB **11** 040701, 2008).
- Pros: Reduced dimensionality makes model more handy.

### Linear theory for gain function

- We are interested in determining the gain function initial density perturbations with wavelength much smaller than bunch length
- Adopt the coasting beam approximation (gauss energy distribution) for unperturbed beam density
  - Neglect space-charge induced chirping
  - A theory applicable to bunched beam could be developed
- 2D Beam density in phase space in the form  $f=f_0+f_1$
- Assume initial perturbation consisting of a sinusoidal density perturbation with wavenumber  ${\bf k}_{\rm 0}$

$$f_1(x_0; s_0) = A e^{ik_0 z_0} \frac{e^{-(p_0 - hz_0)^2 / 2\sigma_p^2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_p} + c.c.,$$

Collective effects expressed in terms of Impedance

$$\frac{dp}{ds} \equiv F(\tilde{\rho}, z_s; s) = -\frac{e^2 n_0}{mc} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk e^{ikz_s} Z(k; s) \tilde{\rho}(k; s)$$

• Solve the linearized Vlasov equation. Determine the instability gainfunction *i.e.* ratio between *relative* amplitudes of density perturbation at exit and entry of RF compresson

### Expression of gain obeys integral equation formally identical to that of magnetic compressor

- FT of perturbation at s>0  $\widetilde{\rho}_1(k;s) = b(k;s)\delta(k_0 \frac{k}{C(s)})$
- Integral Eq. for bunching function

$$b(C(s)k_0;s) = Ae^{-[Ck_0M_{12}\sigma_p]^2/2} + \int_{s_0}^s ds' K(s',s)b(C(s')k_0;s')$$

• Kernel of integral equation

$$K(s',s) = 4\pi i \frac{I(s')}{I_A} C(s) k_0 M_{12}(s' \to s) \frac{1}{Z_0} Z(C(s')k_0, s') \exp\left(-\frac{\sigma_p^2 k_0^2}{2} [C(s')M_{12}(s') - C(s)M_{12}(s)]^2\right)$$

- In comparison with bunching in chicane:
  - Longitudinal dynamics is decoupled from transverse (1D theory suffices); a priori knowledge of transverse beam size along *s* is assumed (for determining impedance)
  - Compression factor has slightly different analytical form

$$C_{RF}(s) = \frac{1}{M_{11}(s) + hM_{12}(s)}$$
 vs.  $C_{BC}(s) = \frac{1}{1 + hR_{56}(s)}$ 

### In the absence of RF forces we recover dynamics of long. plasma oscillations

 Amplitude of plasma oscillations for cold beams

$$b(s) = A\cos\left(s\sqrt{4\pi k \frac{I}{\gamma^3 I_A} \frac{Z(k)}{Z_0}}\right)$$

E=5.6MeV, I=50 A





#### **Aside**: gain along a magnetic bunch compressor; Theory vs. Macroparticle simulations

Application of linear theory to microbunching through magnetic compressors has generally been satisfactory



#### Examples of gain curve through RF compressor



2.00112	
50 A	
5.6MeV	
25 MeV/m	

2 8047

0.6 m drift +3 m structure

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gain= (initial rel. amplitude)/(initial rel. amplitude)

# Validating 1D theory against macroparticle Simulations

#### NUMERICAL MODEL: the beam

- Used code: TSTEP (a derivative of PARMELA code), a serial code limited to 10M of max. number of macro-particles
- Beam parameters: Q=1 nC, flat temporal distribution (10° at 2856 MHz), uniform transverse distribution, Energy=5.6 MeV, no energy spread
- Range of initial modulation wavelengths  $\lambda_m$ : 50-300  $\mu$ m
- Initial modulation amplitude: 10%
- Max. number of macroparticles used in simulations: 4,5M
- Radial mesh automatical adjusted by the code, longitudinal mesh length ∆zsc=5 mm, Nz=1200 or 2400 depending on the bunch compression
- Computation of microbunching gain on beam core to minimize edge effects

### **Macroparticle simulations**

#### **NUMERICAL MODEL: the beamline**

- Beam line (RF gun not included): drift+RF compressor (3m TW linac, E=25 MV/m, no emittance compensation solenoid)
- Choice of the length of the leading drift: equal to the distance in which the first minimum of density modulation occours with a complete transfer from density to energy modulation.





#### **Macroparticle simulations**

#### COMPUTED MICROBUNCHING GAIN vs. Z IN THE DRIFT



#### **Macroparticle simulations**

#### MICROBUNCHING GAIN VS Z IN THE DRIFT+RFC LINE: SPACE CHARGE EFFECT (GAIN DAMPING)



## Macroparticle simulations: comparison with the theoretical model

The computed radius variation has been incorporated in the theoretical model as

 $r_{b}(z)=a\cdot\sigma_{x}(z)$ 

with  $a=1.95-0.001\cdot\lambda(\mu m)$  and

σx=computed rms envelope

This condition gives the best

agreement model-simulations





## Macroparticle simulations: comparison with the theoretical model





#### GAIN VS INITIAL MODULATION WAVELENGTH

## Macroparticle simulations: comparison with the the theoretical model

#### GAIN VS Z FOR DIFFERENT INITIAL MODULATION WAVELENGTHS AND φ(RFC)=-82° (bunch compression~2)





## Macroparticle simulations: comparison with the the theoretical model

GAIN VS Z FOR TWO DIFFERENT LEVELS OF COMPRESSION



## Macroparticle simulations: comparison with the theoretical model



(sinusoidal fit)

-0.7

-0.6

-0.5

-0.4

phase(deg)

-0.3

-0.2

-0.1

energy spread

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## RF compression at low energy followed by magnetic compression



- In a conceivable practical scenario RF compression is to be supplemented by magnetic compression (one, perhaps more chicanes)
- Is there an optimal may to partition compression between RF and magnetic compressors in order to minimize the gain for the microbunching instability?

### Model for analysis



- Assume initial cold beam. RF compression done in first RF structure (3m). Second RF structure operated on crest. Third SR structure accelerates to 233MeV
- Laser heater introduces finite energy spread
- Fixed chicane with  $R_{56}$ =2.6cm (inspired to FERMI first BC);  $\varepsilon_x$ =10<sup>-6</sup> m
- Assume uniform transverse beam size throughout
- Fix initial peak current (50A) and overall compression C=C<sub>RF</sub>C<sub>BC</sub>=22.
- Vary RF compression factor (adjust chirp "by hand" to obtain C<sub>BC</sub>=C/C<sub>RF</sub>), monitor overall gain function (and its maximum)

# Large RF compression generally boosts microbunching

Peak of overall gain function vs. RF compression factor



- Local minimum appears for moderate  $C_{\rm RF}$
- Minumum (zero) of gain through RF compressor ~overlaps to peak of gain for magnetic compressor.
- Profile of gain function through RF compressor depends on length of trailing dirft (next slide)



## Overall gain sensitive to drift trailing RF compressor

- Initial perturbations considered for this study have all the same phase (purely density perturbations).
- Phase of perturbation at entrance of RF compressor is affected by length of trailing drift





### Conclusions

- As velocity bunching is being seriously considered for beam compression it is worhtwhile to investigate how it may affect the evolution of small beam perturbations.
- We have presented a "double-linear" theory for the evolution of small sinusoidal perturbations
  - Linear in terms of rf forces (limits applicability to low/moredate compression)
  - Linear in terms of amplitude of perturbations
- Comparison against macroparticle simulations not unsatisfactory. However:
  - It was limited to relatively long wavelengths, low compression
  - Good agreement obtained by adjusting empirically the ratio betwen parameter r<sub>b</sub> appearing in theory and actual transverse rms sizes from simulations (hint that 3D effects are creeping in).
  - Model misses development of z/r correlated energy spread
- We used the theory to analyze gain through model of RF compressor + magnetic compressor with constant overall compression factor. Tentative (and preliminary) results:
  - Excessive RF compression is unfavorable
  - Low RF compression may not significantly enhance instability
  - Outcome sensitive to details of initial conditions (phase) of noise

### Energy at exit of RF compressor vs. RF compression factor

