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## MAXIMUM BRIGHTNESS OF LINAC-DRIVEN ELECTRON BEAMS IN THE PRESENCE OF COLLECTIVE EFFECTS

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Linear accelerators capable of delivering high brightness electron beams are essential components of a number of research tools, such as free electron lasers (FELs) and elementary particle colliders. In these facilities the charge density is high enough to drive un-desirable collective effects (wakefields) that may in-crease the beam emittance relative to the injection level, eventually degrading the nominal brightness. We formulate a limit on the final electron beam brightness, imposed by the interplay of geometric transverse wakefield in accelerating structures and coherent synchrotron radiation in energy dispersive regions. Numerous experimental data of VUV and X-ray FEL drivers validate our model. This is then used to show that a normalized brightness of 1016 A/m2, promised so far by ultra-low charge beams (1-10 pC), can in fact be reached with a 100 pC charge beam in the Italian FERMI FEL linac, with the existing machine configuration.



**CONCLUSIONS:** 1) The degradation of the beam transverse projected emittance affects the FEL performance even though the slice emittance is preserved. 2) The enlargement of the FEL power gain length due to a dilution of the projected emittance can be counteracted by a relatively large average betatron function in the undulator line. 3) The analytical model allows one to investigate and to optimize an accelerator layout by scanning the FEL properties vs. the compression strength, the linac-to-beam misalignment, and the betatron function in the magnetic compressor.