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Energy Spread Blow-Up by Intra-Beam Scattering and Micro-Bunching at the SwissFEL Injector

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High-resolution measurements of the uncorrelated energy spread at SwissFEL indicate energy spread levels much larger than predicted by state-of-the-art particle tracking. This contribution presents measurements of the energy spread at the SwissFEL injector as a function of the electron bunch charge, the optics and the longitudinal dispersion of the lattice. The results indicate that both intra-beam scattering and micro-bunching, not covered in the conventional modeling of injectors, cause a blow-up of the energy spread. The work underlines the importance of considering the energy spread in the optimization and design of high-brightness electron beam sources and the need to develop new models to adequately understand and simulate the observed physics effects.

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