Strong-field QED and radiation-reaction effects in aligned crystals

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Radiation emission





Crystals

Extremely strong electric fields

10¹⁰-10¹¹ V/cm

Relativistic invariant:

$$\chi = \gamma \mathcal{E} / \mathcal{E}_0$$

$$\mathcal{E}_0 = mc^2/e\lambda_c$$

=1.32·10¹⁶ V/cm





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On the Classical Radiation of Accelerated Electrons

JULIAN SCHWINGER Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts (Received March 8, 1949)

We shall conclude this section by briefly examining under what conditions quantum phenomena will invalidate the classical considerations we have presented. This will occur when the momentum of the emitted quantum is comparable with the electron momentum. Hence, for the validity of our classical treatment, it is required that

'Typical' fraction of energy radiated classically

$$\hbar\omega_c/E_e \simeq 3\gamma^3\hbar eB/2pE_e = 3\gamma B/2B_0$$

 $\Upsilon = \frac{2\hbar\omega_c}{3E_0} = \gamma \frac{B}{B_0}$



 $\frac{E}{mc^2} \ll \frac{mc^2}{(e\hbar/mc)H},$

 $\mathcal{E}_0 = mc^2/e\lambda_c$

 $\chi = \frac{\gamma \mathcal{E}}{\mathcal{E}_0} <<1$

Quantum synchrotron radiation



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Experimental investigations of synchrotron radiation at the onset of the quantum regime

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$$\frac{I_e}{I_{cl}} = (1 + 4.8(1 + \chi)\ln(1 + 1.7\chi) + 2.44\chi^2)^{-2/3}.$$



Classical -> Quantum synchrotron



Spin-flip



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 $B = \gamma \beta \mathcal{E}_{\text{lab}}$



$$W_{\rm mag} = -\overline{\mu} \cdot \overline{B}$$

$$\Delta W = e \hbar B / mc$$

$$\mathcal{E}_0 = m^2 c^3 / e \hbar$$

$$\Delta W = \gamma^2 \beta \, \frac{\mathcal{E}}{\mathcal{E}_0} \, mc^2$$

Equals incoming energy if

$$\chi = \gamma \mathcal{E} / \mathcal{E}_0$$

is one



Radiation reaction

$$m\dot{\mathbf{v}} = \mathbf{F}_{ext} \quad N2 \qquad \text{Classical Radiation Reaction} \\ P(t) = \frac{2}{3} \frac{e^2}{c^3} (\dot{\mathbf{v}})^2 \quad \text{Larmor} \\ m\dot{\mathbf{v}} = \mathbf{F}_{ext} + \mathbf{F}_{rad} \qquad \mathbf{F}_{rad} \text{ ''must'' vanish if } \dot{\mathbf{v}} = 0 \quad (\text{no radiation}) \\ m(\dot{\mathbf{v}} - \tau \ddot{\mathbf{v}}) = \mathbf{F}_{ext} \quad \text{Lorentz-Abraham-Dirac (LAD) equation} \\ \mathbf{F}_{rad} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{e^2}{c^3} \ddot{\mathbf{v}} = m\tau \ddot{\mathbf{v}} \qquad \tau = \frac{2}{3} \frac{e^2}{mc^3} \qquad \text{Step-fct. field, solution to LAD eq.:} \\ (pre-acceleration) \\ \text{No field, solution to LAD eq.:} \\ (runaway) \\ a(t) = a_0 e^{t/\tau}, \\ \tau = \frac{\mu_0 q^2}{6\pi mc}. \\ \tau = 6 \times 10^{-24} \text{s.} \qquad \tau = 6 \times 10^{-24} \text{s.} \\ \end{array}$$











Investigation of classical radiation reaction with aligned crystals

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In a purely electric field (in the lab frame), 'Landau-Lifshitz' equation :

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https://arxiv.org/abs/1704.01080, Nature Communications 9, 795 (2018)



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Thank you for your attention.

MIMOSA-26 detectors

(M. Winter, Strasbourg) Vertex detectors for CLIC (?)

CMOS-based position sensitive detectors 1152 columns of 576 pixels, $\simeq 18.4 \ \mu m$ pitch readout in 110 ms, $\simeq 3.5 \,\mu m$ resolution $1 \times 2 \text{ cm}^2$ true multi-hit capability $\Delta t/X_0 \simeq 0.05\%$ M5-8 M4 M1 M2 M3 Diamond MD



Detectors and crystal





MIMOSA spectrometer





Beamstrahlung

$$\mathcal{L} = H_D \frac{N^2 f_{rep} n_b}{4\pi \sigma_x \sigma_y}$$

$$\Upsilon \propto \frac{N\gamma}{(\sigma_x + \sigma_y)\sigma_z}$$

 $\Upsilon \ll 1$: classical regime $\Upsilon \gg 1$: quantum regime





Journal of Physics Conference Series, vol. 198, 012007 (2009)

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Similar situations ?



Blankenbecler, Drell (PRD **36**, 277 (1987), Quantum treatment of beamstrahlung: "Pulse transforms into a very long narrow 'string' of *N* charges."



Density: 0.05 Å⁻³, of Z = 14

Spin contr. to beamstrahlung



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Pair production

