



Radiation from a moving charged particle

Variables (notation):

$$\dot{\mathbf{R}}_q(t_r) \equiv \frac{d\mathbf{R}_q(t_r)}{dt_r} \equiv \mathbf{v}$$

$$\mathbf{R}(t_r) \equiv \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_q(t_r) \equiv \mathbf{R}$$

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Liénard-Wiechert fields (cgs Gaussian units):

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{q}{(R - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{c})^3} \left[ \left( \mathbf{R} - \frac{\mathbf{v}R}{c} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} \right) + \left( \mathbf{R} \times \left\{ \left( \mathbf{R} - \frac{\mathbf{v}R}{c} \right) \times \frac{\dot{\mathbf{v}}}{c^2} \right\} \right) \right]. \quad (19)$$

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{q}{c} \left[ \frac{-\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{v}}{(R - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{c})^3} \left( 1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} + \frac{\dot{\mathbf{v}} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{c^2} \right) - \frac{\mathbf{R} \times \dot{\mathbf{v}}/c}{(R - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{c})^2} \right]. \quad (20)$$

In this case, the electric and magnetic fields are related according to

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t)}{R}. \quad (21)$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{R}}_q(t_r) \equiv \frac{d\mathbf{R}_q(t_r)}{dt_r} \equiv \mathbf{v} \quad \mathbf{R}(t_r) \equiv \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_q(t_r) \equiv \mathbf{R} \quad \dot{\mathbf{v}} \equiv \frac{d^2\mathbf{R}_q(t_r)}{dt_r^2}$$

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Electric and magnetic fields far from source:

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{q}{\left( R - \frac{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{R}}{c} \right)^3} \left\{ \mathbf{R} \times \left[ \left( \mathbf{R} - \frac{\mathbf{v}R}{c} \right) \times \frac{\dot{\mathbf{v}}}{c^2} \right] \right\}$$

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t)}{R}$$

Let  $\hat{\mathbf{R}} \equiv \frac{\mathbf{R}}{R}$      $\boldsymbol{\beta} \equiv \frac{\mathbf{v}}{c}$      $\dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \equiv \frac{\dot{\mathbf{v}}}{c}$

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{q}{cR(1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}})^3} \left\{ \hat{\mathbf{R}} \times \left[ (\hat{\mathbf{R}} - \boldsymbol{\beta}) \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \right] \right\}$$

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \hat{\mathbf{R}} \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

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Poynting vector:

$$\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{c}{4\pi} (\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B})$$

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{q}{cR(1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}})^3} \left\{ \hat{\mathbf{R}} \times \left[ (\hat{\mathbf{R}} - \boldsymbol{\beta}) \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \right] \right\}$$

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \hat{\mathbf{R}} \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

$$\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{c}{4\pi} \hat{\mathbf{R}} |\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t)|^2 = \frac{q^2}{4\pi c R^2} \hat{\mathbf{R}} \frac{|\hat{\mathbf{R}} \times [(\hat{\mathbf{R}} - \boldsymbol{\beta}) \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}}]|^2}{(1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}})^6}$$

$$\frac{dP}{d\Omega} = \mathbf{S} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}} R^2 = \frac{q^2}{4\pi c} \frac{|\hat{\mathbf{R}} \times [(\hat{\mathbf{R}} - \boldsymbol{\beta}) \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}}]|^2}{(1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}})^6}$$

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Radiation distribution in the relativistic case

$$\frac{dP}{d\Omega} = \mathbf{S} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}} R^2 = \frac{q^2}{4\pi c} \frac{|\hat{\mathbf{R}} \times [(\hat{\mathbf{R}} - \boldsymbol{\beta}) \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}}]|^2}{(1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}})^6} \Bigg|_{t_r = t - R/c}$$

This expression gives us the energy per unit field time  $t$ . We are often interested in the power per unit retarded time  $t_r = t - R/c$ :

$$\frac{dP(t)}{d\Omega} = \frac{dP_r(t_r)}{d\Omega} \frac{dt_r}{dt} \quad \frac{dt}{dt_r} = 1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}}$$

$$\frac{dP_r(t_r)}{d\Omega} = \frac{q^2}{4\pi c} \frac{|\hat{\mathbf{R}} \times [(\hat{\mathbf{R}} - \boldsymbol{\beta}) \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}}]|^2}{(1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}})^5} \Bigg|_{t_r = t - R/c}$$

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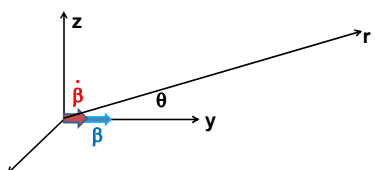
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Power distribution for linear acceleration



$$\frac{dP_r(t_r)}{d\Omega} = \frac{q^2}{4\pi c} \frac{|\hat{\mathbf{R}} \times (\hat{\mathbf{R}} \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}})|^2}{(1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}})^5} \Bigg|_{t_r = t - R/c} = \frac{q^2}{4\pi c^3} |\dot{\mathbf{v}}|^2 \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{(1 - \beta \cos \theta)^5}$$

$$P_r(t_r) = \int \frac{dP_r(t_r)}{d\Omega} d\Omega = \frac{2}{3} \frac{q^2}{c^3} |\dot{\mathbf{v}}|^2 \gamma^6 \quad \text{where } \gamma \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}}$$

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Power distribution for circular acceleration

$$\frac{dP_r(t_r)}{d\Omega} = \frac{q^2}{4\pi c} \frac{|\dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}}|^2 (1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}})^2 - (\hat{\mathbf{R}} \cdot \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}})^2 (1 - \beta^2)}{(1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}})^5} \Bigg|_{t_r = t - R/c}$$

$$= \frac{q^2}{4\pi c^3} \frac{|\dot{\mathbf{v}}|^2}{(1 - \beta \cos(\theta))^3} \left( 1 - \frac{\cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \phi}{\gamma^2 (1 - \beta \cos(\theta))^2} \right)$$

$$P_r(t_r) = \int d\Omega \frac{dP_r(t_r)}{d\Omega} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{q^2}{c^3} |\dot{\mathbf{v}}|^2 \gamma^4$$

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Spectral composition of electromagnetic radiation

Time integrated power per solid angle :

$$\frac{dW}{d\Omega} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \frac{dP(t)}{d\Omega} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt |\mathbf{a}(t)|^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega |\tilde{\mathbf{a}}(\omega)|^2$$

Fourier amplitude :

$$\tilde{\mathbf{a}}(\omega) \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \mathbf{a}(t) e^{i\omega t} \quad \mathbf{a}(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \tilde{\mathbf{a}}(\omega) e^{-i\omega t}$$

Note that:  $\tilde{\mathbf{a}}(\omega) = \tilde{\mathbf{a}}^*(-\omega)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dW}{d\Omega} = \int_0^{\infty} d\omega \left( |\tilde{\mathbf{a}}(\omega)|^2 + |\tilde{\mathbf{a}}(-\omega)|^2 \right) \equiv \int_0^{\infty} d\omega \frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial \Omega \partial \omega}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial \Omega \partial \omega} \equiv 2 |\tilde{\mathbf{a}}(\omega)|^2$$

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Spectral composition of electromagnetic radiation -- continued

The spectral intensity therefore depends on the following integral:

$$\frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial \omega \partial \Omega} = \frac{q^2 \omega^2}{4\pi^2 c} \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt_r \left[ \hat{\mathbf{r}} \times (\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \boldsymbol{\beta}(t_r)) \right] e^{i\omega(t_r - \hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{R}_s(t_r)/c)} \right|^2$$

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Example for circular motion:

$\mathbf{R}_q(t_r) = \rho \hat{x} \sin(vt_r / \rho) + \rho \hat{y} (1 - \cos(vt_r / \rho))$   
 $\boldsymbol{\beta}(t_r) = \beta (\hat{x} \cos(vt_r / \rho) + \hat{y} \sin(vt_r / \rho))$   
 For convenience, choose:  
 $\hat{\mathbf{r}} = \hat{x} \cos \theta + \hat{z} \sin \theta$

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$\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\parallel} = \hat{\mathbf{y}}$        $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\perp} = -\hat{x} \sin \theta + \hat{z} \cos \theta$   
 $\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times (\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \boldsymbol{\beta}) = \boldsymbol{\beta} (-\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\parallel} \sin(vt_r / \rho) + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\perp} \sin \theta \cos(vt_r / \rho))$

$\frac{d^2 I}{d\omega d\Omega} = \frac{q^2 \omega^2}{4\pi^2 c} \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{\mathbf{r}} \times (\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \boldsymbol{\beta}) e^{i\omega(t - \hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{R}_q(t)/c)} dt \right|^2$   
 $\frac{d^2 I}{d\omega d\Omega} = \frac{q^2 \omega^2 \beta^2}{4\pi^2 c} \{ |C_{\parallel}(\omega)|^2 + |C_{\perp}(\omega)|^2 \}$   
 $C_{\parallel}(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \sin(vt / \rho) e^{i\omega(t - \frac{\rho}{c} \cos \theta \sin(vt / \rho))}$   
 $C_{\perp}(\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \sin \theta \cos(vt / \rho) e^{i\omega(t - \frac{\rho}{c} \cos \theta \sin(vt / \rho))}$

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Synchrotron radiation geometry – using modified Bessel functions

$K_{1/3}(\xi) = \sqrt{3} \int_0^{\infty} dx \cos\left[\frac{3}{2}\xi\left(x + \frac{1}{3}x^3\right)\right]$        $K_{2/3}(\xi) = \sqrt{3} \int_0^{\infty} dx x \sin\left[\frac{3}{2}\xi\left(x + \frac{1}{3}x^3\right)\right]$

Exponential factor

$\omega\left(t_r - \frac{\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{R}_q(t_r)}{c}\right) = \omega\left(t_r - \frac{\rho}{c} \cos \theta \sin(vt_r / \rho)\right)$

In the limit of  $t_r \approx 0$ ,  $\theta \approx 0$ ,  $v \approx c\left(1 - \frac{1}{2\gamma^2}\right)$

$\omega\left(t_r - \frac{\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{R}_q(t_r)}{c}\right) \approx \frac{\omega t_r}{2\gamma^2} (1 + \gamma^2 \theta^2) + \frac{\omega c^2 t_r^3}{6\rho^2} = \frac{3}{2}\xi\left(x + \frac{1}{3}x^3\right)$

where  $\xi = \frac{\omega \rho}{3c\gamma^3} (1 + \gamma^2 \theta^2)^{3/2}$  and  $x = \frac{c\gamma t_r}{\rho(1 + \gamma^2 \theta^2)^{1/2}}$

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Spectral form of synchrotron radiation in this case:

$$\frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial \omega \partial \Omega} = \frac{3q^2 \gamma^2}{4\pi^2 c} \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_c}\right)^2 (1 + \gamma^2 \theta^2)^2 \left\{ \left[ K_{2/3} \left( \frac{\omega}{2\omega_c} (1 + \gamma^2 \theta^2)^{3/2} \right) \right]^2 + \frac{\gamma^2 \theta^2}{1 + \gamma^2 \theta^2} \left[ K_{1/3} \left( \frac{\omega}{2\omega_c} (1 + \gamma^2 \theta^2)^{3/2} \right) \right]^2 \right\}$$

$\omega_c \equiv \frac{3c\gamma^3}{2\rho}$

At  $\theta = 0$ :

note that for  $\omega \ll \omega_c \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial \omega \partial \Omega} \approx \frac{q^2}{\pi^2 c} \left(\Gamma\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\right)^2 \left(\frac{3\omega^2 \rho^2}{4c^2}\right)^{1/3}$

and for  $\omega \gg \omega_c \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial \omega \partial \Omega} \approx \frac{3q^2}{4\pi} \gamma^2 \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_c}\right)^2 e^{-\omega/\omega_c}$

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Plots of the intensity function for synchrotron radiation

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Plots of the intensity function for synchrotron radiation

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Thompson scattering – non relativistic approximation

Power radiated in direction  $\hat{r}$  by charged particle with acceleration  $\dot{\mathbf{v}}$ :

$$\frac{dP}{d\Omega} = \frac{q^2}{4\pi c^3} |\hat{r} \times (\hat{r} \times \dot{\mathbf{v}})|^2$$

Suppose that the acceleration  $\dot{\mathbf{v}}$  of a particle (charge  $q$  and mass  $m_q$ ) is caused by an electric field:  $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \Re(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0 E_0 e^{i\mathbf{k}_0 \cdot \mathbf{r} - i\omega t})$

$$\dot{\mathbf{v}} = \frac{q}{m_q} \Re(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0 E_0 e^{i\mathbf{k}_0 \cdot \mathbf{r} - i\omega t})$$

Time averaged power:  $\left\langle \frac{dP}{d\Omega} \right\rangle = \frac{c}{8\pi} \left( \frac{q^2}{m_q c^2} \right)^2 |E_0|^2 |\hat{r} \times (\hat{r} \times \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0)|^2$

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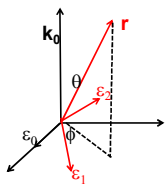
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Thompson scattering – non relativistic approximation -- continued

Time averaged power:  $\left\langle \frac{dP}{d\Omega} \right\rangle = \frac{c}{8\pi} \left( \frac{q^2}{m_q c^2} \right)^2 |E_0|^2 |\hat{r} \times (\hat{r} \times \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0)|^2$



Polarization of incident light:  $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0 = \hat{\mathbf{x}}$   
 Polarization of scattered light:  
 $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1 = \cos \theta (\hat{\mathbf{x}} \cos \phi + \hat{\mathbf{y}} \sin \phi) - \hat{\mathbf{z}} \sin \theta$   
 $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_2 = -\hat{\mathbf{x}} \sin \phi + \hat{\mathbf{y}} \cos \phi$

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Thompson scattering – non relativistic approximation -- continued

Time averaged power with polarization  $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}^*$ :

$$\left\langle \frac{dP}{d\Omega} \right\rangle = \frac{c}{8\pi} \left( \frac{q^2}{m_q c^2} \right)^2 |E_0|^2 |\boldsymbol{\epsilon}^* \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0|^2$$

Scattered light may be polarized parallel to incident field or polarized with an angle  $\theta$  so that the time and polarization averaged cross section is given by:

$$\left\langle |\boldsymbol{\epsilon}^* \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0|^2 \right\rangle_\phi = \left\langle |\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0|^2 \right\rangle_\phi + \left\langle |\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_0|^2 \right\rangle_\phi = \frac{1}{2} \cos^2 \theta + \frac{1}{2}$$

Averaged cross section:  $\left\langle \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right\rangle = \left( \frac{q^2}{m_q c^2} \right)^2 \frac{1}{2} (1 + \cos^2 \theta)$

This formula is appropriate in the X-ray scattering of electrons or soft  $\gamma$ -ray scattering of protons

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Thompson scattering – relativistic and quantum modifications

Conservation of momentum and energy :

$$p = p' \cos \theta + p_q \cos \alpha \quad pc = \hbar \omega$$

$$0 = p' \sin \theta - p_q \sin \alpha \quad p'c = \hbar \omega'$$

$$\hbar \omega + m_e c^2 = \hbar \omega' + \sqrt{p_q^2 c^2 + (m_e c^2)^2}$$

$$\frac{p'}{p} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\hbar \omega}{m_e c^2} (1 - \cos \theta)}$$

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Thompson scattering – relativistic and quantum modifications

Relativistic and quantum modifications to averaged cross section :

$$\left\langle \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right\rangle = \left( \frac{q^2}{m_e c^2} \right)^2 \left( \frac{p'}{p} \right)^2 \frac{1}{2} (1 + \cos^2 \theta)$$

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