

**PHY 712 Electrodynamics**  
**9-9:50 AM MWF Olin 103**

**Plan for Lecture 31:**  
**Start reading Chap. 15 –**  
**Radiation from collisions of charged particles**

- 1. Overview**
- 2. X-ray tube**
- 3. Radiation from Rutherford scattering**
- 4. Continuum models (Chap. 13)**

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**Generation of X-rays in a Coolidge tube**  
<https://www.orau.org/ptp/collection/xraytubescoolidge/coolidgeinformation.htm>

The diagram illustrates the components of a Coolidge tube. It features a central vacuum tube with a tungsten anode at the front and a cathode at the back. An electron beam is directed from the cathode towards the anode. The tube is supported by an anode arm and a cathode arm. X-ray beams are shown being emitted from the point where the electron beam strikes the anode.

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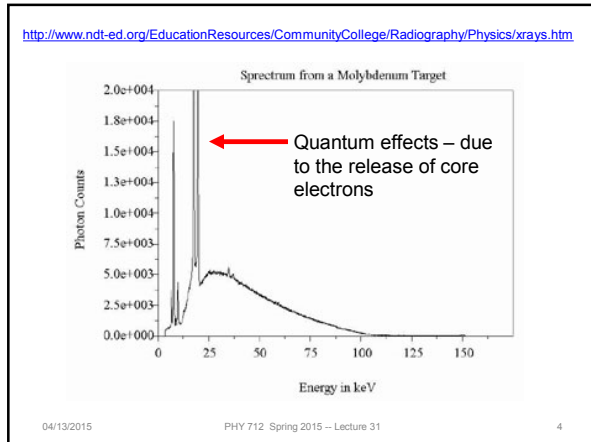
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Radiation during collisions

Intensity:

$$\frac{d^2 I}{d\omega d\Omega} = \frac{q^2}{4\pi^2 c} \left| \int dt e^{i\omega(t-\hat{r}\cdot\mathbf{R}_q(t)/c)} \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \frac{\hat{r} \times (\hat{r} \times \boldsymbol{\beta})}{1 - \hat{r} \cdot \boldsymbol{\beta}} \right] \right|^2$$

Note that  $\hat{r} \times (\hat{r} \times \boldsymbol{\beta}) = (\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\beta}) \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1 + (\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{\beta}) \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_2$

For a collision of duration  $\tau$  emitting radiation with polarization  $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}$  and frequency  $\omega \rightarrow 0$ :

$$\frac{d^2 I}{d\omega d\Omega} = \frac{q^2}{4\pi^2 c} \left| \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \cdot \left( \frac{\boldsymbol{\beta}(t+\tau)}{1 - \hat{r} \cdot \boldsymbol{\beta}(t+\tau)} - \frac{\boldsymbol{\beta}(t)}{1 - \hat{r} \cdot \boldsymbol{\beta}(t)} \right) \right|^2$$

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Radiation during collisions -- continued

For a collision of duration  $\tau$  emitting radiation with polarization  $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}$  and frequency  $\omega \rightarrow 0$ :

$$\frac{d^2 I}{d\omega d\Omega} = \frac{q^2}{4\pi^2 c} \left| \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \cdot \left( \frac{\boldsymbol{\beta}(t+\tau)}{1 - \hat{r} \cdot \boldsymbol{\beta}(t+\tau)} - \frac{\boldsymbol{\beta}(t)}{1 - \hat{r} \cdot \boldsymbol{\beta}(t)} \right) \right|^2$$

Non-relativistic limit:

$$\frac{d^2 I}{d\omega d\Omega} = \frac{q^2}{4\pi^2 c} \left| \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \cdot (\Delta \boldsymbol{\beta}) \right|^2 \quad \Delta \boldsymbol{\beta} \equiv \boldsymbol{\beta}(t+\tau) - \boldsymbol{\beta}(t)$$

Relativistic collision with small  $|\Delta \boldsymbol{\beta}|$ :

$$\frac{d^2 I}{d\omega d\Omega} = \frac{q^2}{4\pi^2 c} \left| \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \cdot \left( \frac{\Delta \boldsymbol{\beta} + \hat{r} \times (\boldsymbol{\beta} \times \Delta \boldsymbol{\beta})}{(1 - \hat{r} \cdot \boldsymbol{\beta})^2} \right) \right|^2$$

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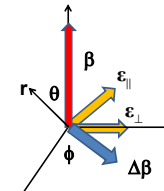
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Radiation during collisions -- continued

Relativistic collision with small  $|\Delta\beta|$ :

$$\frac{d^2 I}{d\omega d\Omega} = \frac{q^2}{4\pi^2 c} \left| \mathbf{e} \cdot \left( \frac{\Delta\beta + \hat{\mathbf{r}} \times (\beta \times \Delta\beta)}{(1 - \hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \beta)^2} \right) \right|^2$$


Also assume  $\Delta\beta$  is perpendicular to  $\mathbf{r} - \beta$  plane

Expressions (averaging over  $\phi$ ) for  $\parallel$  or  $\perp$  polarization:

$$\frac{d^2 I_{\parallel}}{d\omega d\Omega} = \frac{q^2}{8\pi^2 c} |\Delta\beta|^2 \frac{(\beta - \cos\theta)^2}{(1 - \beta \cos\theta)^4} \quad \text{polarization in } r \text{ and } \beta \text{ plane}$$

$$\frac{d^2 I_{\perp}}{d\omega d\Omega} = \frac{q^2}{8\pi^2 c} |\Delta\beta|^2 \frac{1}{(1 - \beta \cos\theta)^2} \quad \text{polarization perpendicular to } r \text{ and } \beta \text{ plane}$$

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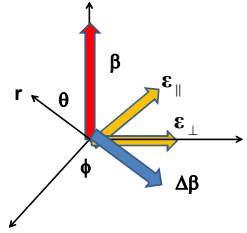
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Some details:



$$\beta = \beta \hat{\mathbf{z}} \quad \hat{\mathbf{r}} = \sin\theta \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \cos\theta \hat{\mathbf{z}}$$

$$\mathbf{e}_{\parallel} = -\cos\theta \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \sin\theta \hat{\mathbf{z}} \quad \mathbf{e}_{\perp} = \hat{\mathbf{y}}$$

$$\Delta\beta = \Delta\beta (\cos\phi \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \sin\phi \hat{\mathbf{y}})$$

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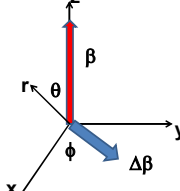
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Radiation during collisions -- continued

Intensity expressions:

$$\frac{d^2 I_{\parallel}}{d\omega d\Omega} = \frac{q^2}{8\pi^2 c} |\Delta\beta|^2 \frac{(\beta - \cos\theta)^2}{(1 - \beta \cos\theta)^4}$$

$$\frac{d^2 I_{\perp}}{d\omega d\Omega} = \frac{q^2}{8\pi^2 c} |\Delta\beta|^2 \frac{1}{(1 - \beta \cos\theta)^2}$$


Relativistic collision at low  $\omega$  and with small  $|\Delta\beta|$  and  $\Delta\beta$  perpendicular to plane of  $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$  and  $\beta$ , as a function of  $\theta$  where  $\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \beta = \beta \cos\theta$ ,

Integrating over solid angle:

$$\frac{dI}{d\omega} = \int d\Omega \left( \frac{d^2 I_{\parallel}}{d\omega d\Omega} + \frac{d^2 I_{\perp}}{d\omega d\Omega} \right) = \frac{2}{3\pi} \frac{q^2}{c} \gamma^2 |\Delta\beta|^2$$

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Estimation of  $\Delta\beta$

Momentum transfer:  
 $Q \equiv |\mathbf{p}(t+\tau) - \mathbf{p}(t)| \approx \gamma M c^2 |\Delta\beta|$

mass of particle having charge  $q$

$$\frac{dI}{d\omega} = \frac{2}{3\pi} \frac{q^2}{c} \gamma^2 |\Delta\beta|^2 \approx \frac{2}{3\pi} \frac{q^2}{M^2 c^3} Q^2$$

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Estimation of  $\Delta\beta$  -- for the case of Rutherford scattering

Assume that target nucleus (charge  $Ze$ ) has mass  $\gg M$ ;  
 Rutherford scattering cross-section:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left(\frac{2Ze q}{pv}\right)^2 \frac{1}{(2\sin(\theta'/2))^4}$$

Assuming elastic scattering:

$$Q^2 = (2p\sin(\theta'/2))^2 = 2p^2(1 - \cos\theta')$$

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Case of Rutherford scattering -- continued

Rutherford scattering cross-section:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left(\frac{2Ze q}{pv}\right)^2 \frac{1}{(2\sin(\theta'/2))^4}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dQ} = \int d\phi' \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \frac{d\Omega}{dQ}$$

$$Q^2 = (2p\sin(\theta'/2))^2 = 2p^2(1 - \cos\theta')$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\sigma}{dQ} = 8\pi \left(\frac{Ze q}{\beta c}\right)^2 \frac{1}{Q^3}$$

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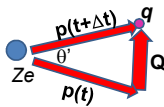
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Case of Rutherford scattering -- continued



Differential radiation cross section :

$$\frac{d^2\chi}{d\omega dQ} = \frac{dl}{d\omega} \frac{d\sigma}{dQ} = \left( \frac{2}{3\pi} \frac{q^2}{M^2 c^3} Q^2 \right) \left( 8\pi \left( \frac{Ze q}{\beta c} \right)^2 \frac{1}{Q^3} \right)$$

$$= \frac{16}{3} \frac{(Ze)^2}{c} \left( \frac{q^2}{Mc^2} \right)^2 \frac{1}{\beta^2} \frac{1}{Q}$$

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Differential radiation cross section -- continued

Integrating over momentum transfer

$$\frac{d\chi}{d\omega} = \int_{Q_{\min}}^{Q_{\max}} dQ \frac{d^2\chi}{d\omega dQ} = \frac{16}{3} \frac{(Ze)^2}{c} \left( \frac{q^2}{Mc^2} \right)^2 \frac{1}{\beta^2} \ln \left( \frac{Q_{\max}}{Q_{\min}} \right)$$

Comment on frequency dependence --

Original expression for radiation intensity :

$$\frac{d^2I}{d\omega d\Omega} = \frac{q^2}{4\pi^2 c} \left| \int dt e^{i\omega(t - \hat{r} \cdot \mathbf{R}_q(t)/c)} \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \frac{\hat{r} \times (\hat{r} \times \boldsymbol{\beta})}{1 - \hat{r} \cdot \boldsymbol{\beta}} \right] \right|^2$$

In the previous derivations, we have assumed that

$$\omega(t - \hat{r} \cdot \mathbf{R}_q(t)/c) \ll 1.$$

$$\omega(t - \hat{r} \cdot \mathbf{R}_q(t)/c) = \omega \left( t - \hat{r} \cdot \int_0^t dt' \boldsymbol{\beta}(t') \right) \approx \omega \tau (1 - \hat{r} \cdot \langle \boldsymbol{\beta} \rangle)$$

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Differential radiation cross section -- continued

Radiation cross section in terms of momentum transfer

$$\frac{d\chi}{d\omega} = \int_{Q_{\min}}^{Q_{\max}} dQ \frac{d^2\chi}{d\omega dQ} = \frac{16}{3} \frac{(Ze)^2}{c} \left( \frac{q^2}{Mc^2} \right)^2 \frac{1}{\beta^2} \ln \left( \frac{Q_{\max}}{Q_{\min}} \right)$$

Note that:  $Q^2 = 2p^2(1 - \cos\theta')$   $\Rightarrow Q_{\max} = 2p$

In general,  $Q_{\min}$  is determined by the collision time

condition  $\omega\tau < 1 \Rightarrow Q_{\min} \approx \frac{2Ze q \omega}{v^2}$

Radiation cross section for classical non-relativistic process

$$\frac{d\chi}{d\omega} = \frac{16}{3} \frac{(Ze)^2}{c} \left( \frac{q^2}{Mc^2} \right)^2 \frac{1}{\beta^2} \ln \left( \frac{\lambda M v^3}{Ze q \omega} \right) \quad \lambda = \text{"fudge factor" of order unity}$$

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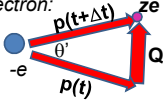
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Electromagnetic effects in energy loss processes  
(see Chap. 13 of Jackson)

Again consider Rutherford scattering – now of a nucleus (or alpha particle  $ze$  incident on an electron  $-e$  in rest frame of electron:



Rutherford scattering cross-section:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left(\frac{ze^2}{2pv}\right)^2 \frac{1}{(\sin(\theta'/2))^4}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} = \int d\varphi' \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \frac{d\Omega}{dQ^2}$$

$$Q^2 = (2p \sin(\theta'/2))^2 = 2p^2(1 - \cos \theta')$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} = 4\pi \left(\frac{ze^2}{\beta c Q^2}\right)^2$$

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Energy loss continued

Let  $T$  represent energy loss due to electron of mass  $m$ :

$$T = Q^2 / 2m$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dT} = \frac{2\pi z^2 e^4}{mc^2 \beta^2 T^2}$$

Estimate of energy loss per unit distance  
in the presence of  $NZ$  electrons per unit volume

$$\frac{dE}{dx} \approx NZ \int_{\epsilon}^{T_{max}} dT \frac{d\sigma}{dT} \quad \text{minimum energy transfer}$$

$$= 2\pi NZ \frac{z^2 e^4}{mc^2 \beta^2} \ln\left(\frac{2\gamma^2 \beta^2 mc^2}{\epsilon}\right) + (\text{quantum effects})$$

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Energy loss continued

Refining this result, Bethe and Fermi noticed that the analysis lacked consideration of the effects of electromagnetic fields. Representing the colliding electrons in terms of a dielectric function  $\epsilon(\omega)$  and the energetic particle of charge  $ze$  in terms of the charge and current density:

In Fourier space:

$$\left[ k^2 - \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \epsilon(\omega) \right] \Phi(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = \frac{4\pi}{\epsilon(\omega)} \rho(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$$

$$\left[ k^2 - \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \epsilon(\omega) \right] \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = \frac{4\pi}{c} \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$$

$$\rho(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = \frac{ze}{2\pi} \delta(\omega - \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{k})$$

$$\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = \mathbf{v} \rho(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$$

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Energy loss continued  $\Phi(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = \frac{2ze}{\varepsilon(\omega)} \frac{\delta(\omega - \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{k})}{k^2 - \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \varepsilon(\omega)}$

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = \varepsilon(\omega) \frac{\mathbf{v}}{c} \Phi(\mathbf{k}, \omega)$$

The energy loss will be calculated from the work on the electron by the field:

$$\Delta E = -e \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{E}(t) = 2e\Re \left( \int_0^{\infty} d\omega i\omega \varepsilon(\omega) \cdot \mathbf{E}^*(\omega) \right)$$

The resultant loss estimate is

$$\frac{dE}{dx} \approx \frac{z^2 e^2 \omega_p^2}{2c^2} \ln \left( \frac{2mc^2 \varepsilon}{\hbar^2 \omega_p^2} \right) \quad \text{where } \omega_p^2 \equiv \frac{4\pi N Z e^2}{m}$$

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