

# IONIZATION AND TRANSITION RADIATION PROCESSES BY HIGH-ENERGY 'HALF-BARE' ELECTRON

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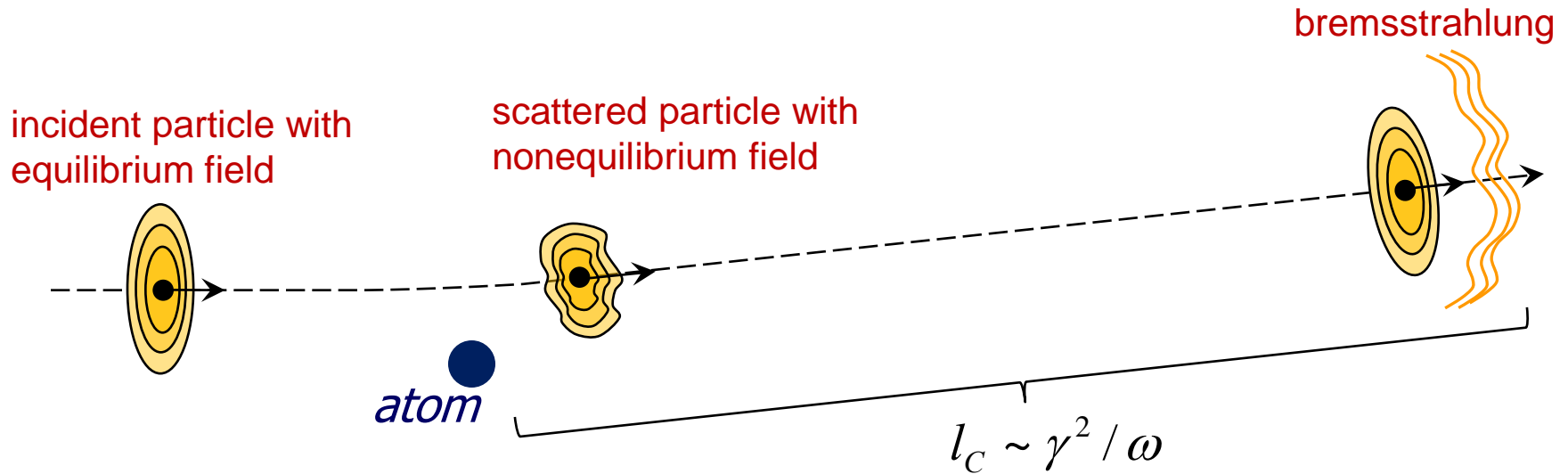
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# COHERENCE LENGTH. 'HALF-BARE' ELECTRON



$\gamma$  – Lorentz-factor

$\omega$  – radiated frequency

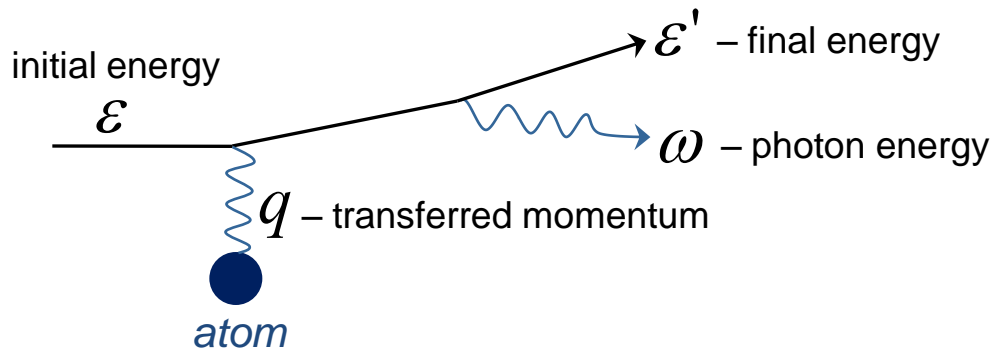
the frequency  $\omega$  appears  
on distance  $l_C \sim \gamma^2 / \omega$   
from the interaction area

within coherence length part of  
Fourier-components is absent in the  
field around the particle –  
the particle is 'half-bare'

*E.L. Feinberg // Sov.Phys.JETP, 1966*

# COHERENCE LENGTH. QUANTUM POINT OF VIEW

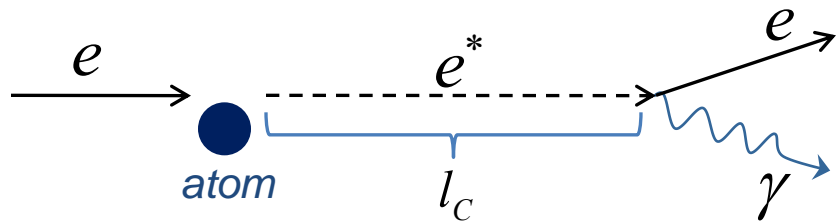
(M.L. Ter-Mikaelyan // Sov.Phys.JETP, 1953)



$$l_c \sim \frac{1}{q_{\parallel}} \approx \frac{2\varepsilon\varepsilon'}{\omega m^2}$$

For  $\omega \ll \varepsilon$  :

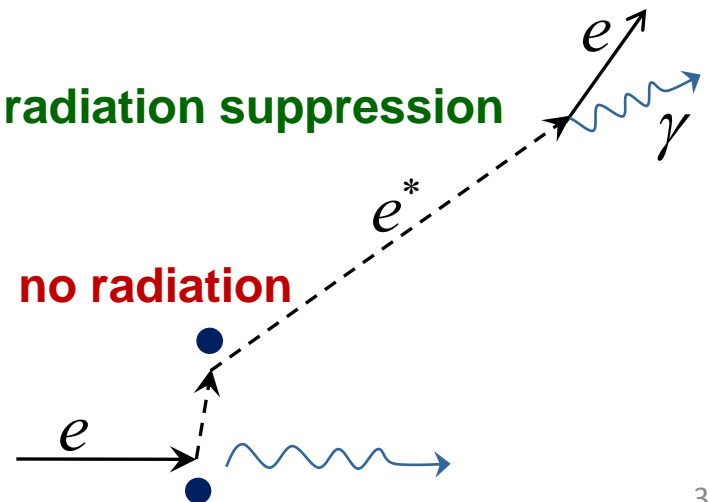
$$l_c \sim \gamma^2 / \omega$$



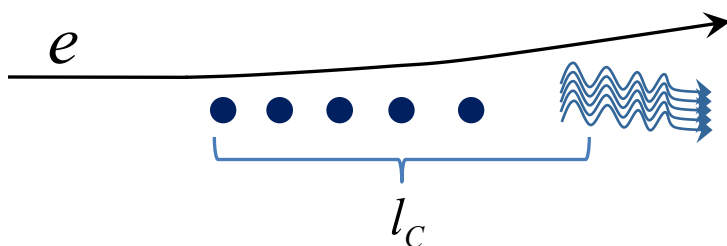
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$$T^* \gg T_{\text{int}}$$

radiation suppression

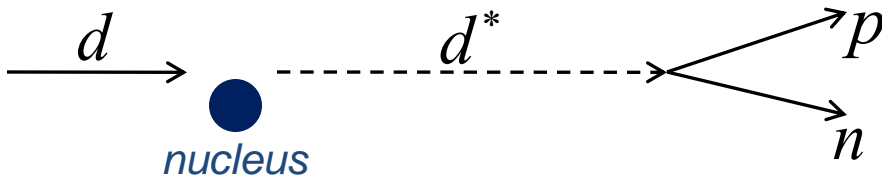


coherent radiation



# ANALOGIES IN HADRONIC INTERACTIONS

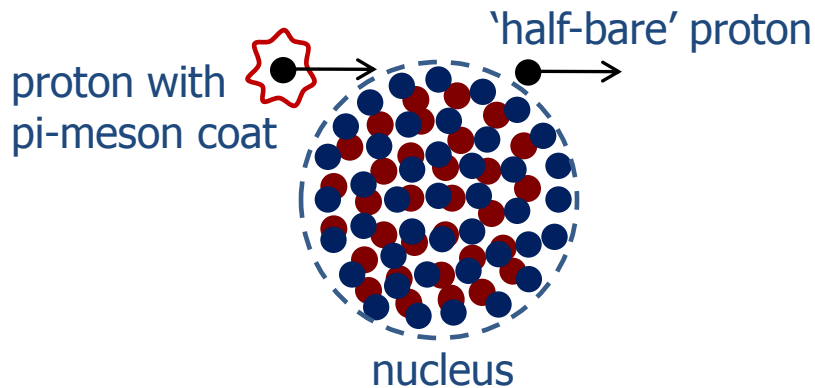
## deuteron diffractive dissociation



in CMS:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} T^* &\sim \gamma r_0 \\ T_{\text{int}} &\sim r_0 / \gamma \\ r_0 &\sim 1 \text{ fm} \end{aligned} \right\} \frac{T^*}{T_{\text{int}}} \sim \gamma^2 \gg 1$$

## independence (almost) of proton energy loss in proton-nucleus collision on nucleus mass



# MANIFESTATION OF 'HALF-BARE' STATE IN BRAMSSTRAHLUNG

## 1) Coherent bremsstrahlung

*M.L. Ter-Mikaelyan // JETP, 1953*

*H. Überall // Phys.Rev., 1956*

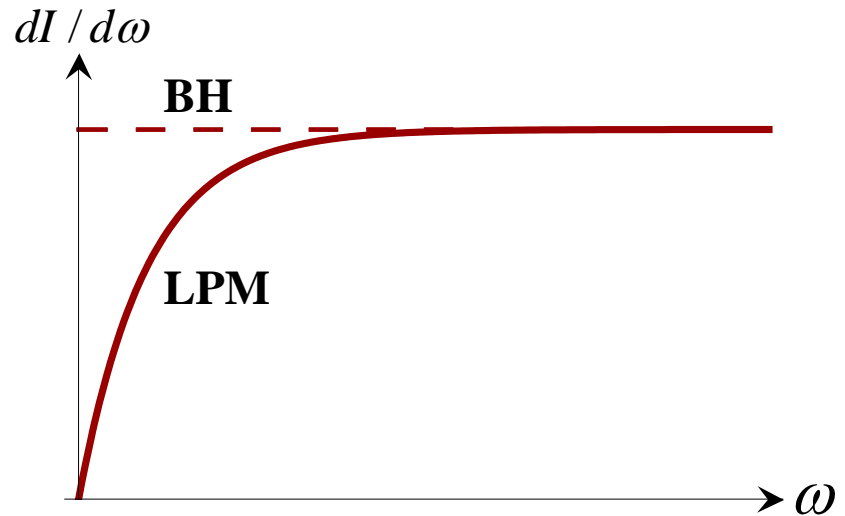
## 2) Landau-Pomeranchuk-Migdal effect (suppression of Bethe-Heitler spectrum at low frequencies) **Observed in SLAC (1993)**

## 3) Ternovsky-Shul'ga-Fomin effect (bremsstrahlung suppression in thin layers of substance)

### **Observed in CERN NA63 experiment:**

*H.D. Thomsen, K.K. Andersen, J. Esberg, H. Knudsen, M. Lund, K.R. Hansen, U.I. Uggerhøj et. al. // Phys.Lett.B, 2009*

U. Uggerhøj : '... we have seen the 'half-bare' electron!'

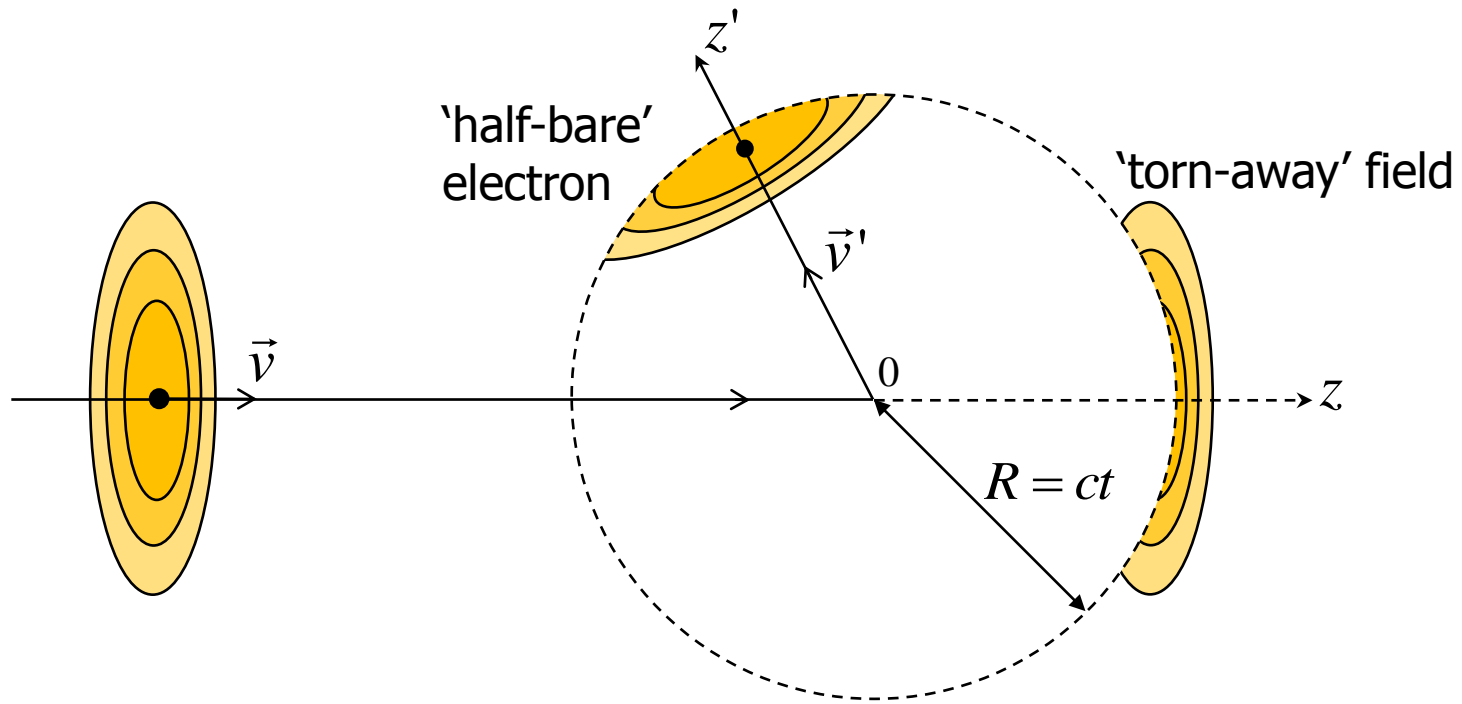


# AIM OF THE PRESENT WORK

Search for manifestation of 'half-bare' state of electron in its:

- 1) Transition radiation
- 2) Ionization energy loss

# ELECTRON 'UNDRESSING' BY SHARP SCATTERING

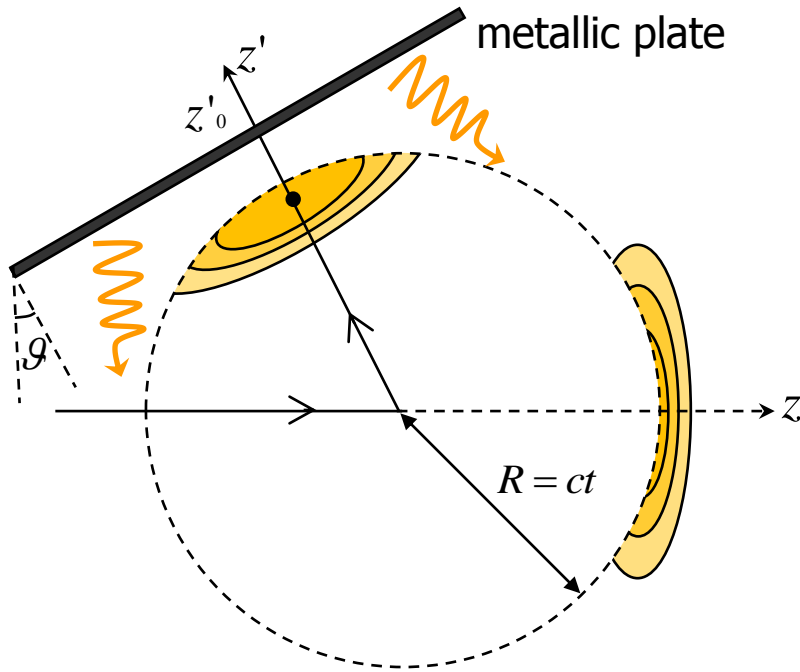


The total field for  $t > 0$  :

$$\varphi(\vec{r}, t) = \theta(r - t)\varphi_{\vec{v}}(\vec{r}, t) + \theta(t - r)\varphi_{\vec{v}'}(\vec{r}, t)$$

*A.I Akhiezer, N.F Shul'ga // High Energy Electrodynamics in Matter, 1996*

# TRANSITION RADIATION BY 'HALF-BARE' ELECTRON



- suppression of radiation for

$$z'_0 \ll 2\gamma^2 / \omega$$

- period of oscillations

$$\Lambda = \frac{4\pi}{\omega(\mathcal{G}^2 + \gamma^{-2})}$$

- the oscillations can be observed for

$$z'_0 < \frac{2\pi}{\Delta\omega(\mathcal{G}^2 + \gamma^{-2})}$$

$\omega / \Delta\omega$  – detector resolution

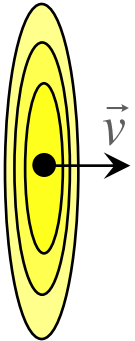
**Transition radiation by 'half-bare' electron:**

$$\frac{d\mathcal{E}}{d\omega d\theta} = \frac{e^2}{\pi^2} \frac{\mathcal{G}^2}{(\mathcal{G}^2 + \gamma^{-2})^2} 2 \left\{ 1 - \cos \left[ \frac{\omega z'_0}{2} (\gamma^{-2} + \mathcal{G}^2) \right] \right\}$$



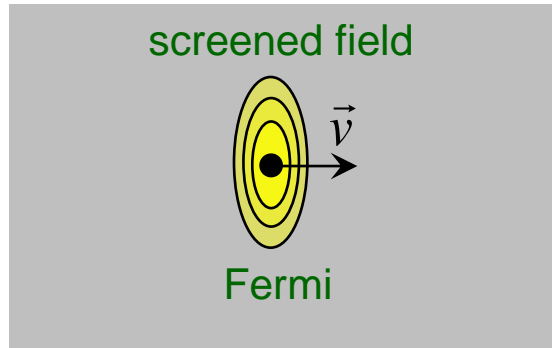
# FERMI AND BETHE-BLOCH FORMULAE

vacuum field



Bethe-Bloch

**Infinite medium**

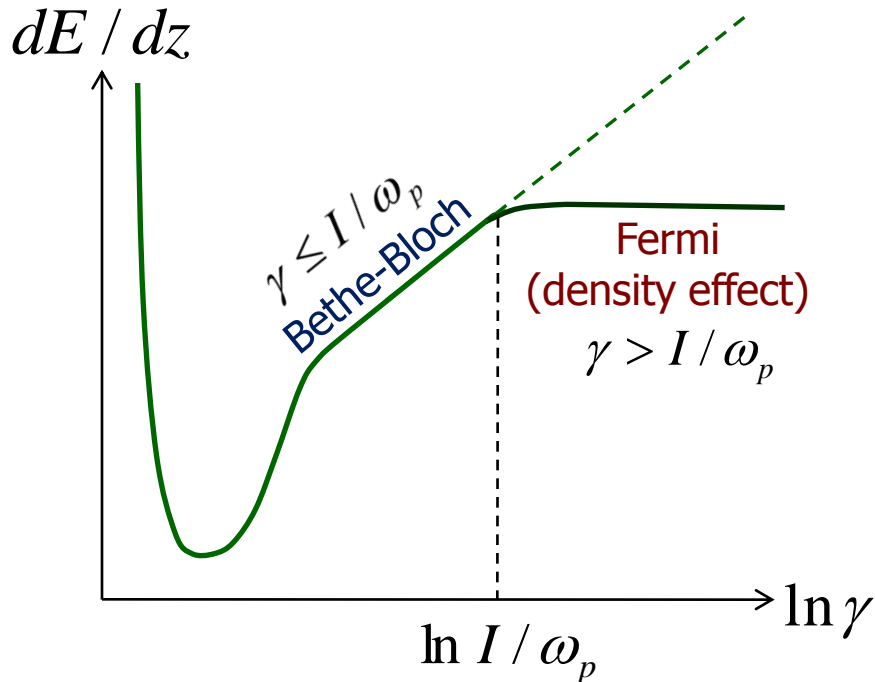


**Bethe-Bloch formula** ( $\gamma \leq I / \omega_p$ ):

$$\frac{d\mathcal{E}}{dz} = \frac{\omega_p^2 e^2}{v^2} \ln \frac{\gamma}{bI}$$

**Fermi formula** ( $\gamma > I / \omega_p$ ):

$$\frac{d\mathcal{E}}{dz} = \frac{\omega_p^2 e^2}{v^2} \ln \frac{v}{b\omega_p}$$



$\gamma$  – electron Lorentz-factor

$I$  – mean ionization potential

$\omega_p$  – plasma frequency

# THIN LAYER OF SUBSTANCE

Bethe-Bloch and Fermi formulae are valid in boundless homogeneous substance

*Garibian G.M. // JETP, 1959*

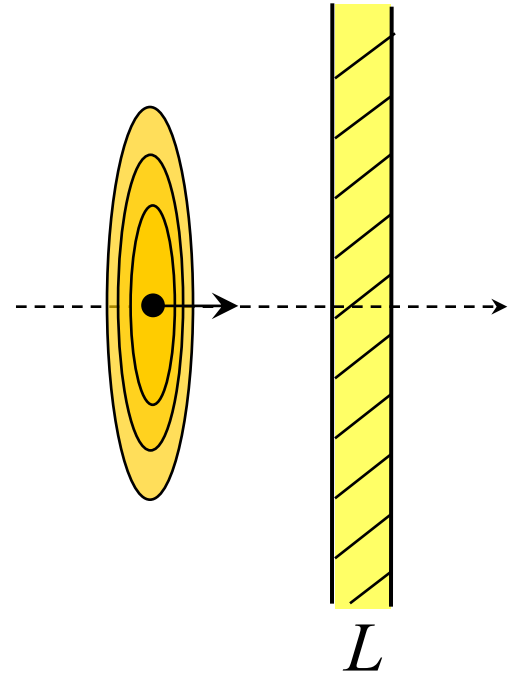
*Sørensen A. // Phys.Rev.A, 1987*

Total absence of the density effect in thin plates:

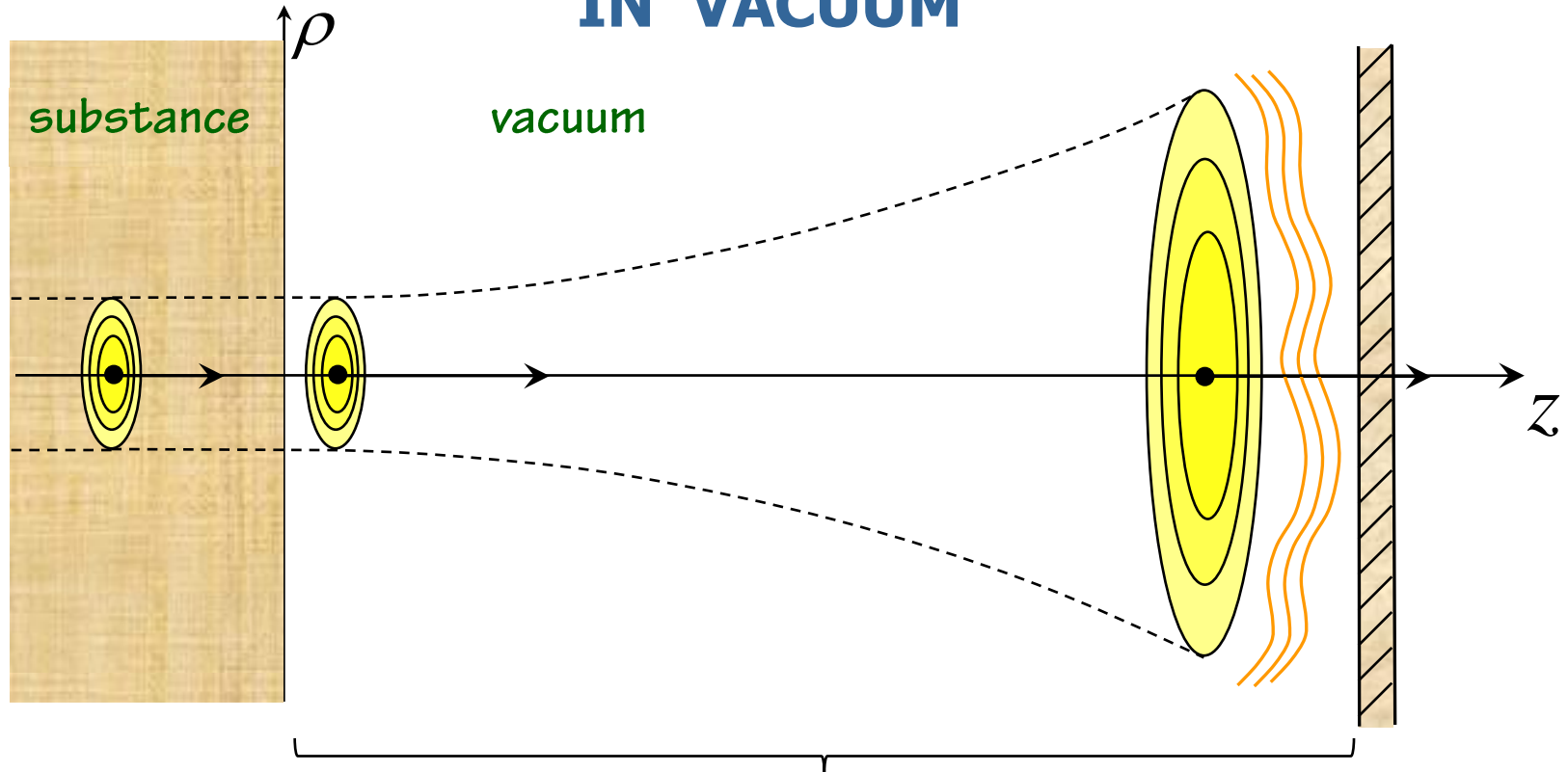
$$L \leq I / \omega_p^2$$

Particle energy loss:

$$\Delta E = \frac{\omega_p^2 e^2}{v^2} a \ln \frac{\gamma}{bI} \quad \text{for} \quad 1 \leq \gamma < \infty$$



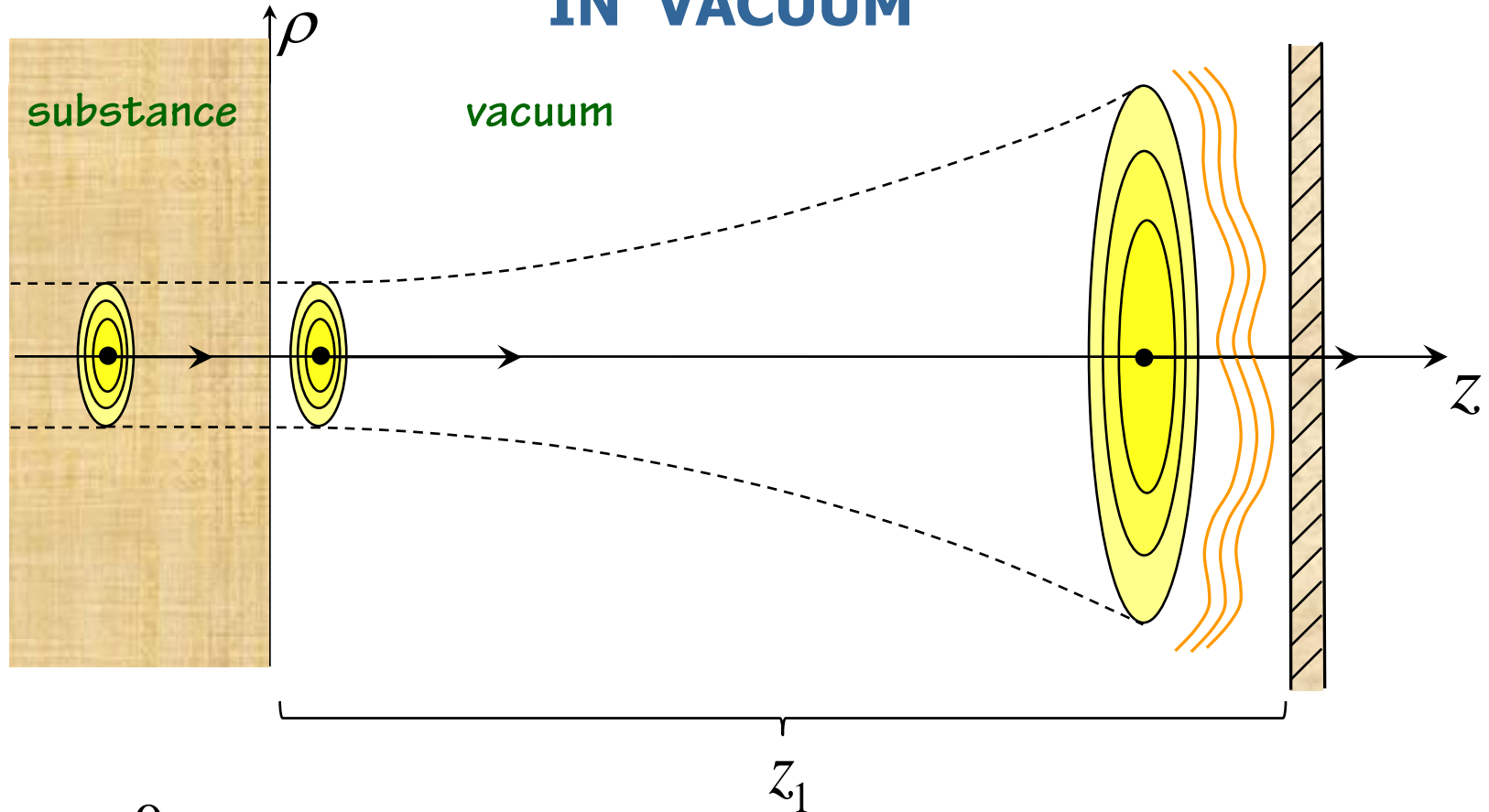
# EVOLUTION OF THE FIELD AROUND THE ELECTRON IN VACUUM



Fourier component of the total field:

$$E_{\omega}^{\rho}(\vec{r}) = 2 \frac{e}{v} \int_0^{\infty} dq q^2 J_1(q\rho) \left\{ \underbrace{\left[ \frac{1}{q^2 + \omega_p^2 + \omega^2 / \gamma^2} - \frac{1}{q^2 + \omega^2 / \gamma^2} \right] e^{iz\omega - \frac{zq^2}{2\omega}}}_{\text{packet of free waves (transition radiation)}} + \underbrace{\frac{e^{i\frac{\omega}{v}z}}{q^2 + \omega^2 / \gamma^2}}_{\text{coulomb field}} \right\}$$

# EVOLUTION OF THE FIELD AROUND THE ELECTRON IN VACUUM



For  $z \rightarrow 0$  :

$$E_{\omega}^{\rho}(\rho) = \frac{2e}{v} \sqrt{\frac{\omega^2}{\gamma^2} + \omega_p^2} K_1 \left( \rho \sqrt{\frac{\omega^2}{\gamma^2} + \omega_p^2} \right) e^{i\frac{\omega}{v}z}$$

suppressed frequencies  $\omega \leq \gamma\omega_p$

electron is 'half-bare'

$K_1(x)$  – Macdonald function

# IONIZATION ENERGY LOSS OF 'HALF-BARE' ELECTRON

Total ionization per unit path:

$$\frac{d\mathcal{E}}{dz} = \eta_p^2 e^2 \left\{ \ln \frac{q_0 \gamma}{I} + \ln \frac{\omega_p \gamma}{I} + \right. \\ \left. + Ci(\lambda_\gamma) - \cos \lambda_p Ci(\lambda_p + \lambda_\gamma) - \sin \lambda_p Si(\lambda_p + \lambda_\gamma) + \right. \\ \left. + \lambda_\gamma Si(\lambda_\gamma) + \cos \lambda_\gamma \right\}$$

where:

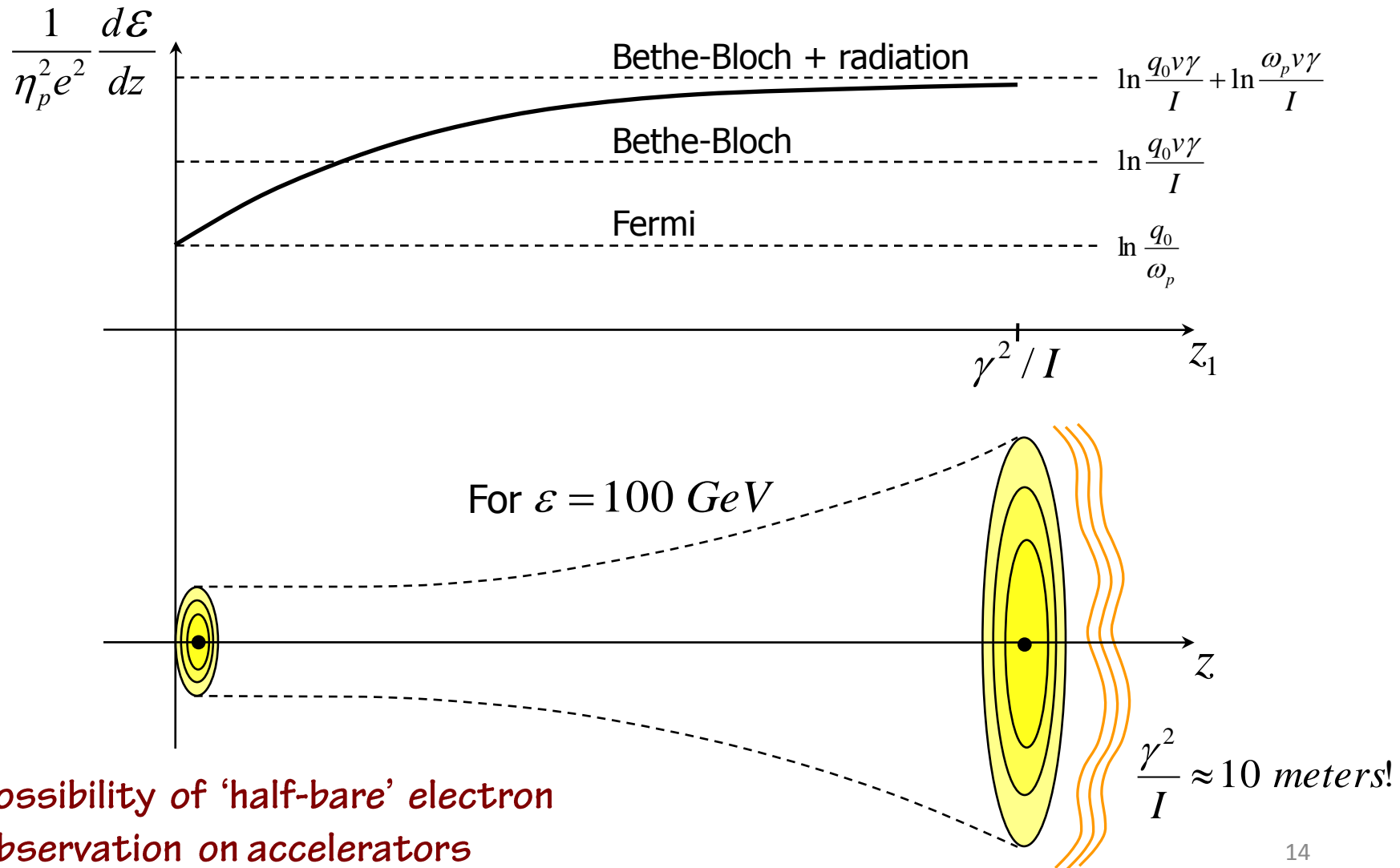
$$\lambda_p = z_1 \omega_p^2 / 2I \quad \lambda_\gamma = Iz_1 / 2\gamma^2$$

$\eta_p$  – plasma frequency of the plate

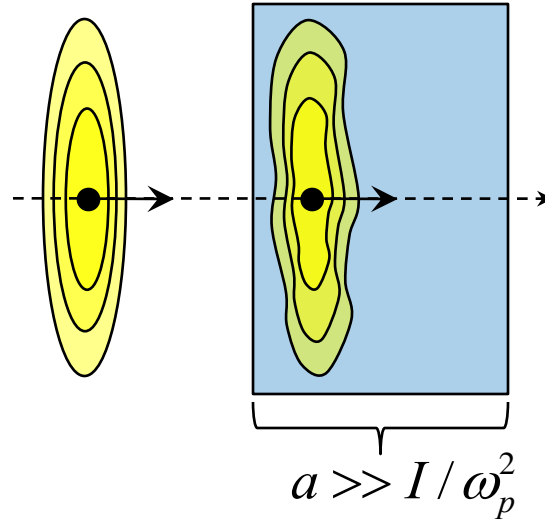
$I$  – mean ionization potential

$Si(x)$  and  $Ci(x)$  – Sine and Cosine integrals

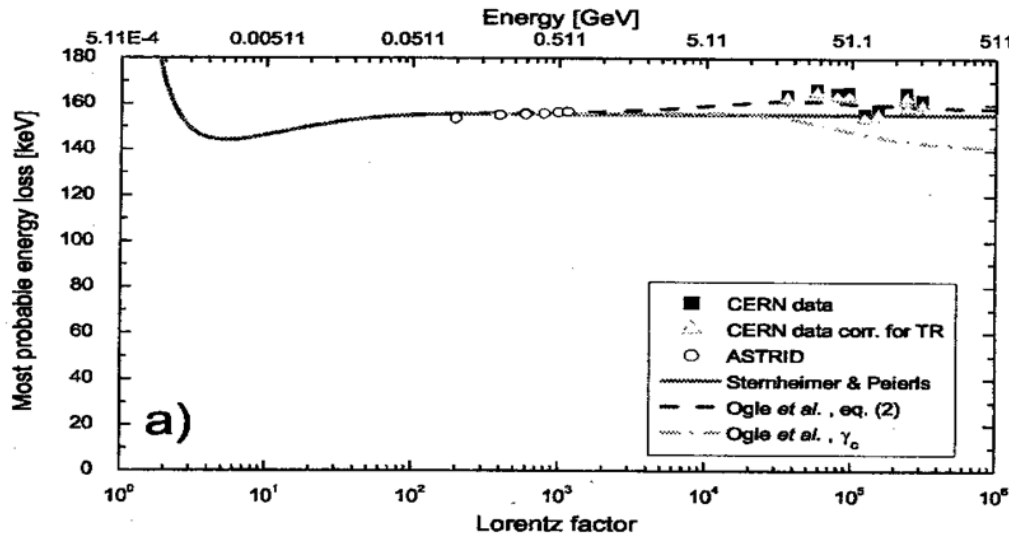
# IONIZATION ENERGY LOSS OF 'HALF-BARE' ELECTRON (from Fermi to Bethe-Bloch formula)



# CERN NA63 EXPERIMENT (2010)



**opposite problem statement:** field restoration occurs in substance, not in vacuum  $\Rightarrow$  absorption destroys the effect



K.K. Andersen, J. Esberg, K.R. Hansen, H. Knudsen, M. Lund, H.D. Thomsen, U.I. Uggerhøj et. al. // NIM B, 2010

# CONCLUSIONS

'Half-bare' state of electron should be manifested in its transition radiation and ionization losses as well as in bremsstrahlung:

- ❖ Dependence of electron transition radiation characteristics on distance between the plate and the scattering point
- ❖ Existence of transition process in which ionization loss is defined by the mechanism of restoration of the field around the particle within large macroscopic domain of space
- ❖ Gradual increase of electron ionization loss in thin plate from the value with density effect (Fermi formula) to the value without it (Bethe-Bloch formula) supplemented by contribution to ionization from transition radiation



# IONIZATION OF SUBSTANCE BY EXTERNAL FIELD

$$\omega_0 = I$$

$$\ddot{x} + \Gamma \dot{x} + \omega_0^2 x = \frac{e}{m} (E_\rho^C + E_\rho^F)$$

**Energy transfer to a harmonic oscillator by external field:**

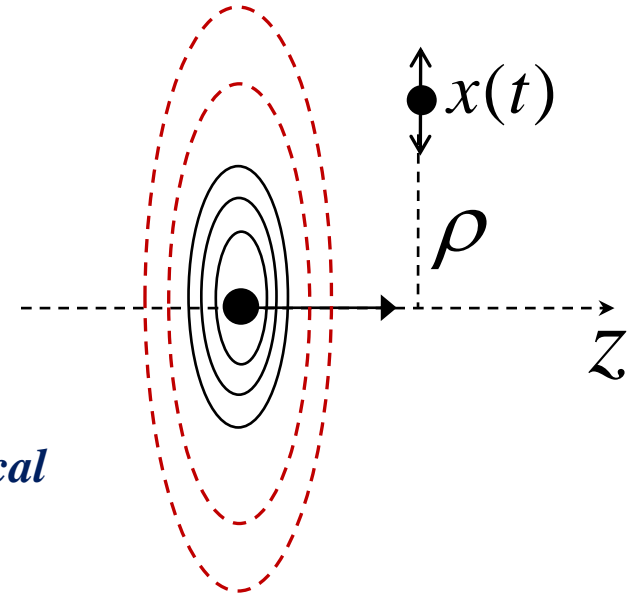
$$\Delta \mathcal{E} = \frac{e^2}{2m} |E_{\omega_0}(\vec{r})|^2$$

*J.D. Jackson // Classical electrodynamics, 1999*

$\omega_0$  – oscillator's own frequency

**Total ionization per unit path:**

$$\frac{d\mathcal{E}}{dz} = n \frac{e^2}{2m} \int_0^\infty d\rho 2\pi\rho |E_{\omega_0}^\rho(\vec{r})|^2$$



# ИОНИЗАЦИОННЫЕ ПОТЕРИ ЭНЕРГИИ «ПОЛУГОЛОГО» ЭЛЕКТРОНА

**Assumption:**  $q_0 \gg \omega_p \gg I / \gamma$

**For**  $z \rightarrow 0$

$$\frac{d\mathcal{E}}{dz} = \frac{\Omega_p^2 e^2}{v^2} \ln \frac{q_0}{\omega_p}$$

**For**  $I / \omega_p^2 \ll z \ll 2\gamma^2 / I$

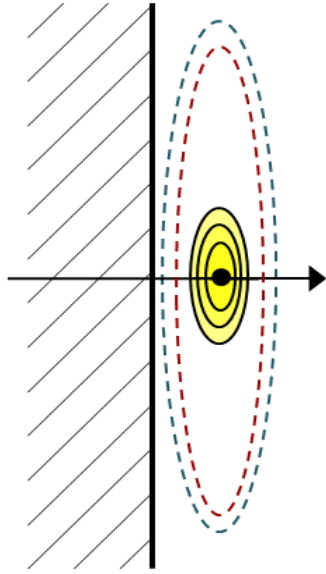
$$\frac{d\mathcal{E}}{dz} = \frac{\Omega_p^2 e^2}{v^2} \ln \frac{q_0 z \omega_p}{2I}$$

**For**  $z \geq 2\gamma^2 / I$

$$\frac{d\mathcal{E}}{dz} = \frac{\Omega_p^2 e^2}{v^2} \left\{ \ln \frac{q_0 v \gamma}{I} + \ln \frac{\omega_p v \gamma}{I} \right\}$$

$$F(\mathcal{G}) = \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2} \frac{\mathcal{G}}{(\mathcal{G}^2 + \omega_p^2 / \omega^2 + 1/v^2 \gamma^2)(\mathcal{G}^2 + 1/v^2 \gamma^2)}$$

# EVOLUTION OF THE FIELD AROUND THE ELECTRON IN VACUUM AT ULTRA HIGH ENERGIES



**Total field:**

$$\vec{E} = \vec{E}^C + \vec{E}^F$$

**Boundary conditions:**

$$\left. \begin{aligned} (E_\rho^C + E_\rho^F)^{diel} \Big|_{z=0} &= (E_\rho^C + E_\rho^F)^{vac} \Big|_{z=0} \\ (E_z^C + E_z^F)^{diel} \Big|_{z=0} &= \hat{\varepsilon} (E_z^C + E_z^F)^{vac} \Big|_{z=0} \end{aligned} \right\} + \operatorname{div} \vec{E}^F = 0$$

**Fourier expansion of the free field:**

$$E_\rho(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{e}{\pi v} \int_0^\infty dq q^2 J_1(q\rho) \times$$

$$\times \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\omega \frac{\sqrt{\omega^2 - q^2}}{\sqrt{\omega^2 \varepsilon - q^2} + \varepsilon \sqrt{\omega^2 - q^2}} \left[ \frac{1 + \frac{v}{\omega} \sqrt{\omega^2 \varepsilon - q^2}}{q^2 + \frac{\omega^2}{v^2} - \varepsilon \omega^2} - \frac{\varepsilon + \frac{v}{\omega} \sqrt{\omega^2 \varepsilon - q^2}}{q^2 + \frac{\omega^2}{v^2} - \omega^2} \right] e^{i\sqrt{\omega^2 - q^2} z - i\omega t}$$

$\vec{q}$  – component of vector  $\vec{k}$  orthogonal to  $z$  axis

# EVOLUTION OF THE FIELD AROUND THE ELECTRON IN VACUUM AT ULTRA HIGH ENERGIES

**Own Coulomb field of the particle:**

$$E_{\rho}^C(\vec{r}, t) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \frac{e}{\sqrt{\rho^2 \gamma^{-2} + (z - vt)^2}} = \frac{e}{\pi v} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \int_0^{+\infty} dq \frac{q^2 J_1(q\rho)}{q^2 + \frac{\omega^2}{v^2 \gamma^2}} e^{i\frac{\omega}{v}z}$$

**Total field:**

$$E_{\rho} = E_{\rho}^C + E_{\rho}^F$$

**For  $z > 2\gamma^2 / \omega$ :**

$$E_{\omega}^{\rho}(\rho, z) = \frac{2e}{v} \left\{ \frac{\omega}{\gamma} K_1\left(\frac{\omega}{\gamma} \rho\right) e^{i\frac{\omega}{v}z} + \frac{e^{i\omega r}}{r} F(\rho/z) \right\} \quad \begin{array}{l} F - \text{definite function of } \rho/z \\ r = \sqrt{\rho^2 + z^2} \end{array}$$