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## "Shadowing" of the electromagnetic field of a relativistic electron

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#### About the shadow effect





The Coulomb field (C.F.) is considered as beam of quasireal photons.

The second target is in the **shadow** of the first one.

The Coulomb field is « repaired » after a distance

$$L \sim \gamma \ b \sim \gamma^2 \lambda$$
 ( $\lambda \sim b/\gamma$ )

#### Particle passing through a narrow hole



~ Figs.1.1,2.4 of *High Energy Electrodynamics in Matter*, by Akhiezer and Shul'ga



only **one side** of the Coulomb field was removed. THIS NEED TO BE TESTED EXPERIMENTALLY !

# Another point of view of shadowing

The Coulomb field (C.F.) of the particle and the Forward diffracted radiation (FDR) interfere *destructively*.

→ Shadow effect is a rescattering effect (like the dynamical effect in PXR)

#### Shadow effect in Smith-Purcell radiation



*Example:* periodic set of foils.

Adding the single-foil Diffraction Radiation amplitudes amplitudes (i.e., neglecting the shadow effect) leads to **over-estimate** the radiated energy. Another example of light production: Capture of virtual photons in an optical fiber (X. A., C. Ray, RREPS'07)



## Regularly spaced balls: → *free* and *guided* Smith-Purcell radiations



Due to shadowing, the free and guided wave amplitudes are less than the *coherent addition* of single-ball amplitudes

## Possible « universal » bound for Smith-Purcell Radiation

Can one increase the *total linear power* dW/dz of a S.P. radiator ?

- decrease the groove spacing ?
- increase the groove depth ?

In both cases shadowing will take place ! This suggests an universal upper bound for dW/dz:

dW/dz < C  $Z^2 \alpha / b^2$  (for  $\gamma >>1$ ),

where b is the impact parameter and C a numerical constant, independent from the radiator material.

- this bound is independent on  $\gamma$ .
- it applies to the *total* energy loss:

W = radiated energy + absorbed energy.

#### Rough derivation of the bound

- Total energy in *Diffraction Radiation* from a single foil:

W =  $3/8 \gamma Z^2 \alpha/b$  (h/2 $\pi$  = c = 1;  $\alpha$ =1/137)

- Necessary length to « repair » the Coulomb field:

 $L_{min} \sim \gamma b$ 

The maximum energy is obtained when the foils are spaced by  $L_{\mbox{\scriptsize min}}$  ,

$$(dW/dz)_{max} = W / L_{min} \sim 3/8 Z^2 \alpha / b^2$$
,

this gives  $C \sim 3/8$ 

Theoretical question:

- Can this bound be proven rigorously, and eventually improved ?

Tomsk experiment: Shadowing effect observation using diffraction radiation

#### **Scheme of the experiment**



#### Use **bunch-coherent** radiation:

- to increases the signal by several ( $\sim 8$ ) orders of magnitude
- to make the incoherent backgrounds unimportant

#### **Tomsk microtron electron beam**



Formation length

 $\frac{\gamma^2 \lambda}{4} \approx \frac{12^2 \cdot 11 \ mm}{4} = 0.4 \ m$ 

Electron field size



 $\gamma \lambda \approx 12 \cdot 11 \ mm = 130 \ mm$ 

## Experimental equipment and technique

#### **Beam parameters**

Electron energy	6.1 <u>MeV</u>
Macro-pulse duration	2~6 ms
Pulse repetition rate	1~8 Hz
<b>Micro-pulse length</b>	≈ 6 mm
Electrons number per	$\approx 10^8$
micro-pulse	
Micro-pulses number	$pprox 10^4$
per macro-pulse	
Beam size at the	$4 \times 2 \text{ mm}^2$
output	
Emittance: horizontal	3-10 <sup>-2</sup> mm ×rad
vertical	1.5-10 <sup>-2</sup> mm ×rad

#### **Beam** extraction



#### **Detector**



#### **Coherent radiation spectrum**

#### BTR spectrum in wavelength region $\lambda=8\sim15$ mm, using the spectrometer of the grating type



Test of BTR, using the discrete wave filters, type of K.Hanke (CLIC note 298, 19. 04.1996) shows also, that the radiation is absent for  $\lambda$ <9mm

So  $\lambda > 9 \text{ mm}$   $\gamma = 12$   $\gamma \lambda > 110 \text{ mm}$  $\gamma^2 \lambda / 4 > 300 \text{ mm}$  Tests of absorber

• Test on real photons

Test was performed using the 6 mm wavelength radiator

• Test on pseudo-photons

Backward DR angular distribution



No reflection registered



No reflection





#### With absorber

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#### Method of angular distribution measurements

Parabolic telescope was used for angular distribution measurement to exclude the "pre-wave" zone effect contribution. *B.N. Kalinin, G.A. Naumenko, A.P. Potylitsyn et al, JETP Letters, 84, 3, (2006), p. 110.* 



## **Experimental results**

#### *a*) opposite sides

**b**) same side



#### **BDR** angular distribution

#### Scans on *L* with step=20 mm (samples, with the same scale) *a*) opposite sides













partial shadowing

#### Total dependencies



# Theoretical treatment or FDR and BDR (2 = the mirror)



Theoretical treatment. FDR from absorber





### Résumé

- 1. The shadowing of an electron electromagnetic field in macroscopic mode was observed; the asymmetry of the shadow was checked.
- 2. Theoretical calculations of BDR from shadowed electron field have been undertaken (considering the interference of FDR from absorber with BDR from conductive target)
- 3. Wanted: a rigorous proof (or disprove) of an upper bound of the form  $dW/dz < C Z^2 \alpha/b^2$  for the Smith-Purcell power.

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