

Extra connection:

Before we proceed further I should mention that the classical energy loss equation can be derived directly from the cross-section calculation. This is due to the fact that, charge particles like, α -particles, protons, pions & muons etc scatter electrons according to the Rutherford scattering [which we have done in detailed derivations]. Thus the scattering of charge particles by electrons are the same process.

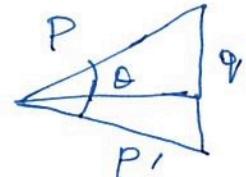
We know that the Rutherford scattering formula is improved by the Mott's scattering formula for electrons of momentum P and velocity v and particle with charge ze

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{\text{Mott}} = \left(\frac{2\alpha hc}{2Pv}\right)^2 \csc^4\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \left[1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}\right]$$

converting the scattering angle θ into a momentum transfer q :

$$\Theta \left(\frac{q}{2}\right) = P \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$$

$$\sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \frac{q}{2P} \Rightarrow \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \frac{q^2}{(2P)^2}$$



using these with $\csc^4(\theta/2)$ and $\sin^2(\theta/2)$ terms in Mott's formula we can get

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{\text{mott}} = \left(\frac{2\alpha hc}{2Pv}\right)^2 \frac{16P^2}{q^4} \left[1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} \frac{q^2}{4P^2}\right]$$

Now convert the differential cross-section, $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}$ into $\frac{d\sigma}{dq^2}$ by replacing the differential cross-section $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}$ into $\frac{d\sigma}{dq^2}$ solid angle $d\Omega$ using $d\Omega = 4\pi \sin\theta d\theta$.

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dq^2 d\Omega} = 4\pi \left(\frac{2\alpha hc}{2Pv}\right)^2 \frac{16P^2}{q^4} \left[1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} \frac{q^2}{4P^2}\right]$$

The operators $\sin\theta d\theta$ can be obtained by differentiation

$$\sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \frac{q^2}{(2P)^2} \Rightarrow 4P^2 \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = q^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} d(\eta^2) &= 4p^2 \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) d\theta \\ &= 4p^2 \left[\frac{1}{2} \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{\theta}{2}\right) \right] d\theta = 2p^2 \sin\theta d\theta. \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\eta^2}{2p^2} = \sin\theta d\theta.$$

by substituting this into the cross-section

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\eta^2 d\theta} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\eta^2} \right) 2p^2 = 4\pi \left(\frac{z\alpha\hbar c}{2p\mu} \right)^2 \frac{16p^4}{q^4} \left[1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} \frac{q^2}{4p^2} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\eta^2} \right) = 8\pi \left(\frac{z\alpha\hbar c}{q^2 v} \right)^2 \left[1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} \frac{q^2}{4p^2} \right]$$

Now transfer this to the frame where electron is at rest & charge particle moving towards it.

$$P_e \rightarrow P_{me} = m_e v \gamma$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\eta^2} \right) = 8\pi \left(\frac{z\alpha\hbar c}{q^2 v} \right)^2 \left[1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} \frac{q^2}{4(m_e v \gamma)^2} \right]$$

The momentum transfer squared is the same in both frames and is related to the energy transfer η as follows

$$q^2 = 2m_e \eta \rightarrow dq^2 = 2m_e d\eta$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\sigma}{2m_e d\eta} = 8\pi \left(\frac{z\alpha\hbar c}{2m_e \eta v} \right)^2 \left[1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} \frac{2m_e \eta}{4(m_e v \gamma)^2} \right]$$

Hence the cross-section for energy loss in the range $\eta - \eta + d\eta$ can be given as

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\eta} = \left(\frac{4\pi}{m_e} \right) \left(\frac{z\alpha\hbar c}{\eta v} \right)^2 \left[1 - \frac{\eta}{2m_e c^2} \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} \right) \right]$$

If the charge particle loses energy $-dE$ in a depth dx in the material containing n atoms of atomic number Z per unit volume

$$-dE = \left(\frac{\text{number of electrons}}{\text{per unit volume}} \right) \times \left(\frac{\text{energy loss}}{\text{per unit volume}} \right)$$

$$-dE = n_e Z \times dx \quad (\text{energy loss})$$

Per unit area

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{dE}{dx} = n_e Z \int_{\gamma_{\min}}^{\gamma_{\max}} \sigma \frac{d\sigma}{d\gamma} d\gamma$$

by substituting $\frac{d\sigma}{d\gamma}$ in $\frac{dE}{dx}$ equation we get.

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{dE}{dx} &= n_e Z \left(\frac{4\pi}{m_e} \right) \left(\frac{Z \alpha \hbar c}{v} \right)^2 \left[1 - \frac{\gamma}{2mc^2} \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} \right) \right] d\gamma \\ &= n_e Z \frac{4\pi}{m_e} \left(\frac{Z \alpha \hbar c}{v} \right)^2 \int_{\gamma_{\min}}^{\gamma_{\max}} \left[\frac{1}{\gamma} - \frac{1}{2mc^2} \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} \right) \right] d\gamma \\ &= n_e Z \frac{4\pi}{m_e} \left(\frac{Z \alpha \hbar c}{v} \right)^2 \left[\ln \left(\frac{\gamma_{\max}}{\gamma_{\min}} \right) - \frac{\gamma_{\max} - \gamma_{\min}}{2mc^2} \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2} \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

γ_{\max} is the highest energy transfer where electron will be almost free i.e.

$$\gamma_{\max} = 2mc^2/v^2$$

whereas this is not true at small γ . At low γ the momentum & energy transfer can lead to both ionization & excitation: it is therefore necessary to integrate over γ and q , with cross-section that depends on the atomic structure of the material. Thus the γ_{\min} can be written in terms of mean ionization potential. Thus the final equation can be obtained by putting n_e , Z & μ as done earlier

$$-\frac{dE}{dx} = 4\pi N_A \mu e^2 m_e c^2 Z^2 \frac{Z}{A} \rho \frac{1}{B^2} \ln \left(\frac{4\pi \rho r_0^2 m_e v^2}{\cancel{2\pi I^2} - B^2} \right)$$

$$\alpha = \left(\frac{e^2}{4\pi \epsilon_0 \hbar c} \right) : \mu_0 = \frac{4\pi \epsilon_0 \hbar}{m_e e^2} \quad \mu_0 = \alpha^2 \mu_0$$

Rest of the derivation remain same by adjusting some term & applying all effects & correction that we have already described.

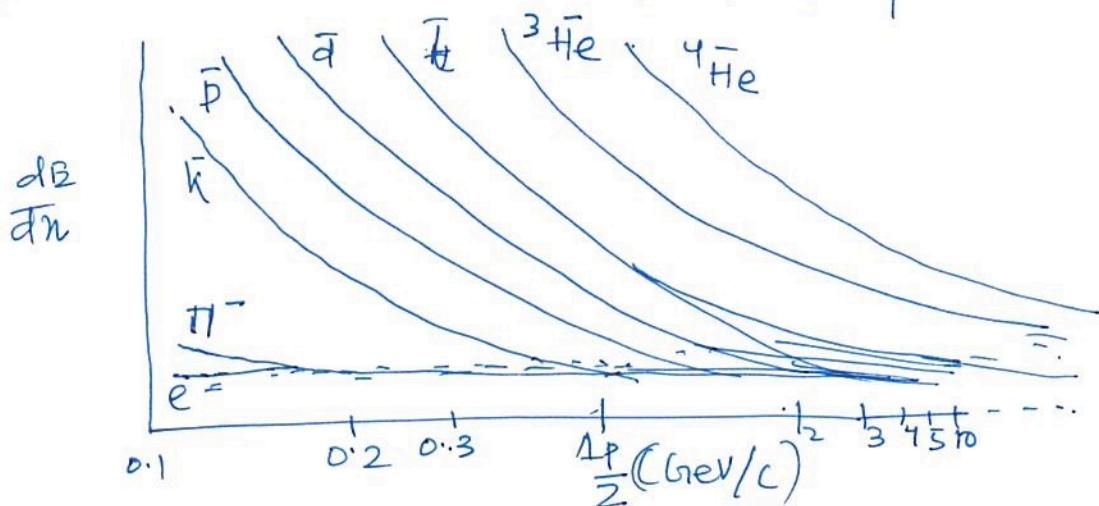
Observation and understanding of Bethe-Bloch formula.

- ① It is almost independent of the mass of the incident particle
- ② It directly depends on the charge of the particle incident, Z^2

- ③ Treating the slowly varying logarithmic term as a constant, it can be seen that $\frac{dE}{dx} \propto \frac{1}{Z^2} \Rightarrow \frac{dB}{dx} \propto \frac{Z^2}{V^2} \Rightarrow \frac{dE}{dx} \propto \left(\frac{m}{p^2}\right)$

In case of heavy particle the loss depends on Mass A charge Z of the target nucleus. i.e. $\frac{dB}{dx} \propto \left(\frac{Z}{A}\right)^2 \propto \left(\frac{m^2}{p^2}\right)$

Thus one can utilize this effect fact to characterize particle with different mass & can be identified by knowing the momentum of the particle & measuring $\frac{dB}{dx}$ (infer its mass). But there will be a limit to this effect as this will work at low momentum range where $1/p^2$ strongly depends on the mass & higher the momenta there will not be separater



This is the way one can identify the particle using ionizing detectors that uses purely the $\frac{dB}{dx}$ formula. One such detector name is TPC (Time projection chamber).

δ-Electrons: These are the secondary electrons from the target knocked out by the incident ionizing particle which have enough energy to further ionize.

$$\frac{d^2N}{dT dx} = \frac{1}{2} k Z^2 \frac{Z}{A} \frac{1}{\beta^2} \frac{F(T)}{T^2} \quad I \leq T \leq W_{\max}$$

The factor $F(T)$ is about unity to $T \ll W_{\max}$ and it depends on the spin of the incident particle $F(T) = 1 - \beta^2 I$ (for spin 0). The angle of emission is $\cos \theta = (T_e/p_e) \left(\frac{p_{\max}}{W_{\max}} \right)^{T_{\max}}$ with p_e, T_e momentum & energy of the emitted photon, p_{\max} momentum of an electron emitted with maximum energy transfer W_{\max} .

Mean Energy loss distribution (Fluctuation in Energy loss)

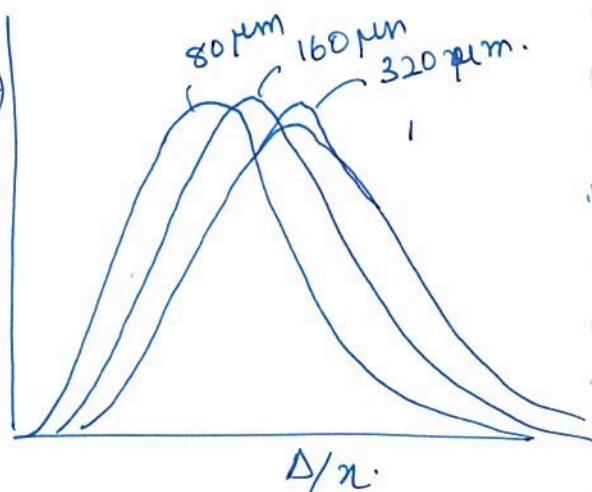
The ionization energy loss is in principle a stochastic process and one should note that the Bethe-Bloch equation describes only the average energy loss. If one shoots a single charged particle on a material, will observe that the energy loss follows a highly skewed distribution, where the most probable value is far lower than the average predicted by Bethe-Bloch equation.

Thus the detector with a moderate thickness x , the energy loss probability distribution $f(\Delta, \beta, x)$ is adequately described by highly skewed Landau (or Landau-Vavilov) distribution

$$\Delta_p = \mathcal{E} \left[\ln \frac{2mc^2\beta^2r^2}{I} + \ln \frac{E}{I} + f(\Delta, \beta, x) + \beta^2 - \delta \right]$$

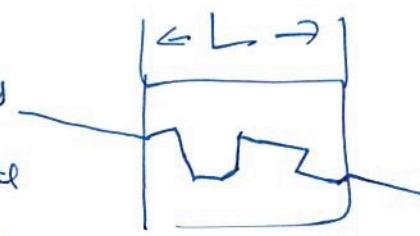
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where $\mathcal{E} = (k/2) \langle Z/A \rangle Z^2 (\gamma_B)_{\text{MeV}}$



Multiple Coulomb scattering:

charged particle with moderate energy traversing a medium, apart from the loss in energy to the electrons in the medium, interact also with the nuclei in the medium.

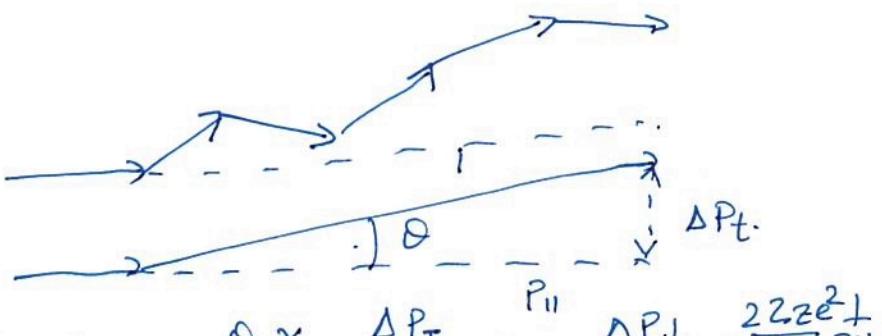


They cannot transfer sufficient energy to them, because the nuclei are much heavier than the electrons and the energy transferred, as we have seen, is inversely proportional to the target mass. However they do "feel" the Coulomb field of the nuclei and a lot heavier than them they scatter transversely in the field of the nuclei. The elementary process for one such a scatter is well known and it is described by the Rutherford formula. However, one has to take into account that a charged particle moving in a medium will undergo a large number of collisions in a process which is stochastic in nature and it is called Multiple Coulomb scattering.

Due to the multiple Coulomb scattering the incoming particle undergoes an deflected trajectory, which becomes more significant because of the factor of Z .

After k collisions.

$$\langle \theta_k^2 \rangle = \sum_{m=1}^k \theta_m^2 = k \langle \theta^2 \rangle$$



For single collision

we can utilize Rutherford scattering formula to estimate but, for many collision (> 20) we can utilize statistical treatment. However; if the number of collision is less than 20 & greater than a, it becomes extremely difficult to calculate. Starting from the single particle interaction

$$\frac{dc}{d\Omega} = \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{Z^2 e^2}{\beta p} \right)^2 \frac{1}{\sin^4(\theta/2)}$$

After passing through distance L and as a result of multiple scattering on nuclei, the incident particle will

will experience some typical displacements & deflection. These will have approximately Gaussian distribution, whose average are zero and sigma are given as follows.

$$\sigma_0 = \frac{14 \text{ MeV}}{BP} Z \sqrt{\frac{L}{X_0}} \quad \pi_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} L \sigma_0$$

The Gaussian shape describes well the bulk of scattering (88%) while the tail exhibit $\sim (1/\ln^4(y_2))$ dependence coming from the Rutherford formula. X_0 is characteristic of media called radiation length & we will discuss this little later.

Range:

It is the main length that is the mean distance a particle travels within the material before it comes to stop. A theoretical approach to the determination of charged particle range utilizes stopping power expression. The value found is often called the continuous slowing down approximation (CSDA) range. Since the range is an average value, fluctuations can be ignored and losses are assumed to be continuous.

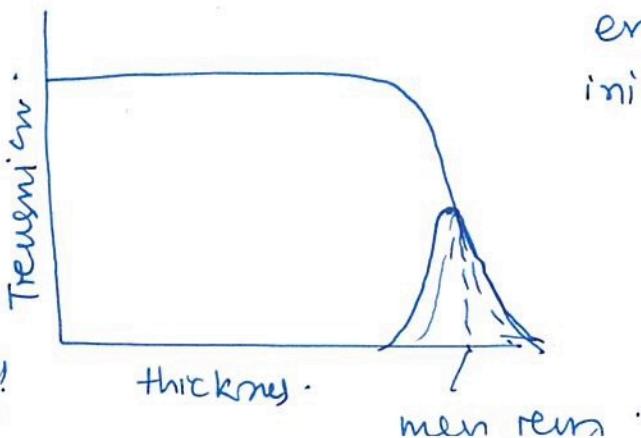
The range can be easily obtained integrating the stopping power curve

$$R = S(T_0) = \int_0^{T_0} \left(\frac{dE}{dx} \right)^{-1} dE \quad T = \text{kinetic Energy}$$

ignoring the fact that particle does not go straight, but it bounces around in a zig-zag path.

The smearing observed at the end of the curve comes from the fact that the energy loss is a statistical process.

→ Range straggling!



$$R = \int_{E_0}^0 \frac{dE}{(dE/dx)}$$

integrate over energy loss from initial energy E_0 to zero

$$R = \int_{E_0}^0 \frac{dE}{dE/dx} \Rightarrow R \propto \int_{E_0}^0 \frac{1}{nZ} \frac{me}{4\pi} \left(\frac{v}{Z\alpha h c} \right)^2 dE$$

$$R \propto \int_{E_0}^0 \frac{v^2}{Z^2} dE.$$

$$\Rightarrow R \propto \int_{E_0}^0 \frac{E}{mZ^2} dE$$

$$E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

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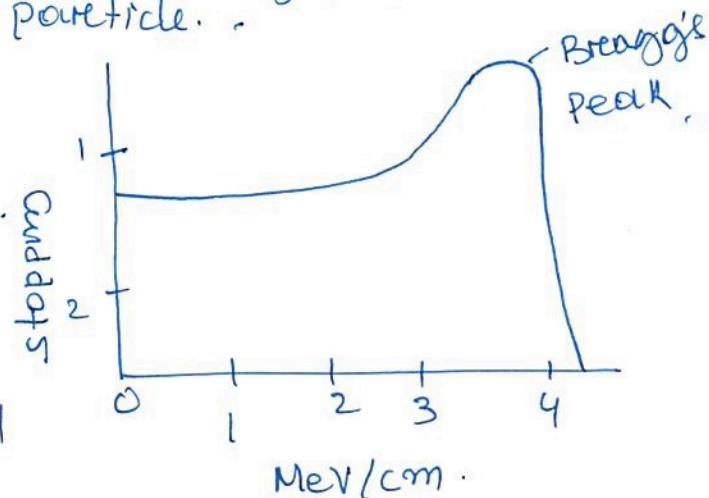
When a particle is travelling through the material, the last part of the path length is usually not accurately calculated when an analytical expression is used for the stopping power. Most such expressions are inaccurate at low energies. Because of this, a finite lower limit can be utilized. The Range is usually expressed in terms of g/cm^2 , i.e. the range in cm multiplied by the density of the material.

Range Straggling: When heavy particle loses energy by ionization all of the particles do not come to the end of their energy at the range and stop after traversing the thickness of the material. This variation is known as range straggling.

The increase of ionization near the end of the path occurs because of the ionization loss is inversely proportional to the square of speed of incoming particle.

Thus the ionization density rises as the particle slows, of course, the ionization must drop to zero when the energy of the incident particles has been dissipated and near the end of the track, the charge is released through electron

pickup and the curve falls off. And the peak is called Bragg's peak & curve is called Bragg's curve.



Electron & positron, e^\pm , energy loss in matter.

First of the electron (positron) mass is exact same as target electrons in material. Thus the calculation becomes more complicated as (a) they are spin $\frac{1}{2}$ particles (b) small & identical masses of projectile & target, and (c) identical particle is final & initial particle. (d) the multiple scattering becomes severe, (e) QM implies a indistinguishable of particles.

Electron as incident particle gets no repulsion from the positron as incident particle, thus the energy loss for electrons and positrons are different.

Electron

small mass of electron \rightarrow deflection \leftrightarrow same here. becomes more important

incident & target electron have the same mass m_e ($w_{max} = T/2$) \leftrightarrow same here positron have same mass at e^-

QM: after scattering, the incoming \leftrightarrow positron is not indistinguishable electron and the one from the ionization are indistinguishable

low energy the energy loss is smaller than e^+

low energy positron have larger energy loss because of annihilation

At same β , the difference is within 10%.

Thus the energy of e^\pm is divided in constitute contribution from two distinct categories.

$$\left| \frac{dE}{dx} \right|_{tot} = \left| \frac{dB}{dx} \right|_{rad} + \left| \frac{dS}{dx} \right|_{coll}$$

i.e., on top of the collisional energy loss electrons also loses energy through Bremsstrahlung. At low energies e^\pm

primarily lose the energy by ionization, and while ionization energy loss rise logarithmically with energy, radiative losses rises slowly, nearly linearly, and dominates above the critical energy; where the energy loss by collisions is equal to the energy loss by bremsstrahlung: critical energy.

$$\left(\frac{dE}{dx} \right)_{\text{rad}} = \left(\frac{dE}{dx} \right)_{\text{coll}} \quad \text{for } E = E_c.$$

Collision Energy loss for electron:

The stopping power differs somewhat for electron & positrons due to the kinematics, spin, charge etc. & somewhat differ from the Bethe-Bloch calculation for heavy particle. Thus Bethe-Bloch formula needs modification

$$-\frac{dE}{dx} = K \frac{2}{A} \frac{1}{\beta^2} \left[\ln \frac{meB^2c^2r^2T}{2I^2} + F(r) \right] - 5 - \frac{2C}{2}$$

T = kinetic energy of electron.

$$W_{\max} = \frac{1}{2} T.$$

For electron: large energy transfers to atomic electrons & the maximum energy transfer in a single collision should be the entire kinetic energy \Rightarrow Molar cross section:

$$W_{\max} = mec^2(r-1)$$

But the particle is identical so maximum is $W_{\max}/2$

$$-\frac{dE}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} K \frac{2}{A} \frac{1}{\beta^2} \left[\ln \frac{me^2B^2r^2 \{ me^2(r-1)/2 \}}{I^2} + (1-\beta^2) - \frac{2r-1}{r^2} \ln 2 + \frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{r-1}{r} \right)^2 - 8 - \frac{C}{2} \right]$$

for positron: the scattering can be described by the fairly complicated Bhoba cross-section. For this case there is no identical problem.

$$\left(-\frac{dE}{dx} \right) = \frac{1}{2} K \frac{2}{A} \frac{1}{\beta^2} \left[\ln \frac{me^2B^2r^2 \{ me^2(r-1) \}}{2I^2} + 2 \ln 2 - \frac{B^2}{12} \left(23 + \frac{14}{r+1} + \frac{10}{(r+1)^2} + \frac{4}{(r+1)^3} \right) - 8 - \frac{C}{2} \right]$$

For both electrons & positron $F(r)$ becomes a constant at very high incident energies. Comparison of electron & Heavy particle

$$\left. \frac{dE}{dx} \right|_c \propto \left[2 \ln \frac{2me^2}{I} + A \ln \gamma - B \right] \quad \text{at } \beta = 1.$$

	A	B
electron	3	1.95
Heavy particle	4	2

Radiation loss for e^\pm : Bremsstrahlung

Relativistic charge particles, as they propagate through matter and wiggle due to multiple scattering on ~~nuclei~~ nuclei, experience acceleration/deceleration, and therefore must be reradiating the electromagnetic waves - emission of such photons is called bremsstrahlung, or bremsstrahlung. This is a QED process.

The only particle for which radiation loss is not negligible upto several hundreds of GeV is the electron. Already for muons the contribution is 40000 time lower $\sqrt{(100 \text{ MeV}/0.5 \text{ MeV})^2}$

Bremsstrahlung depends on the electric field seen by the incident electron: the screening of the electrons around the nucleus play an important role.

The quantum mechanical calculation was first performed by the Bethe- and Heitler cross section for bremsstrahlung emission. However we will simply state the approximated equation somewhat the final one.

$$-\frac{dE}{dx} = 4\alpha NA \frac{e^2 Z^2}{A} \left(\frac{e^2}{4\pi \epsilon_0 m c^2} \right)^2 E \ln \frac{183}{2\gamma_3}$$

$\propto \frac{E}{m^2}$ Relavent for electron & positrons in the range upto few hundred GeV/c

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{dE}{dx} = 4\alpha NA \frac{Z^2}{A} \pi e^2 E \ln \frac{183}{2\gamma_3}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{dE}{dx} = \frac{E}{X_0} \quad \Rightarrow \quad X_0 = \frac{A}{4\alpha NA Z^2 \pi e^2} \ln \frac{183}{2\gamma_3}$$

Fact x_0 is the readiation length. This is the thickness of material over which the charged particle's energy is reduced by a factor e :

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dE}{dx} = -\frac{E}{x_0}$$

$$\Rightarrow E = E_0 e^{-x/x_0}$$

$$x_0 = \frac{A}{4\alpha N_A Z^2 m_e^2 \ln \frac{183}{2\sqrt{3}}}$$

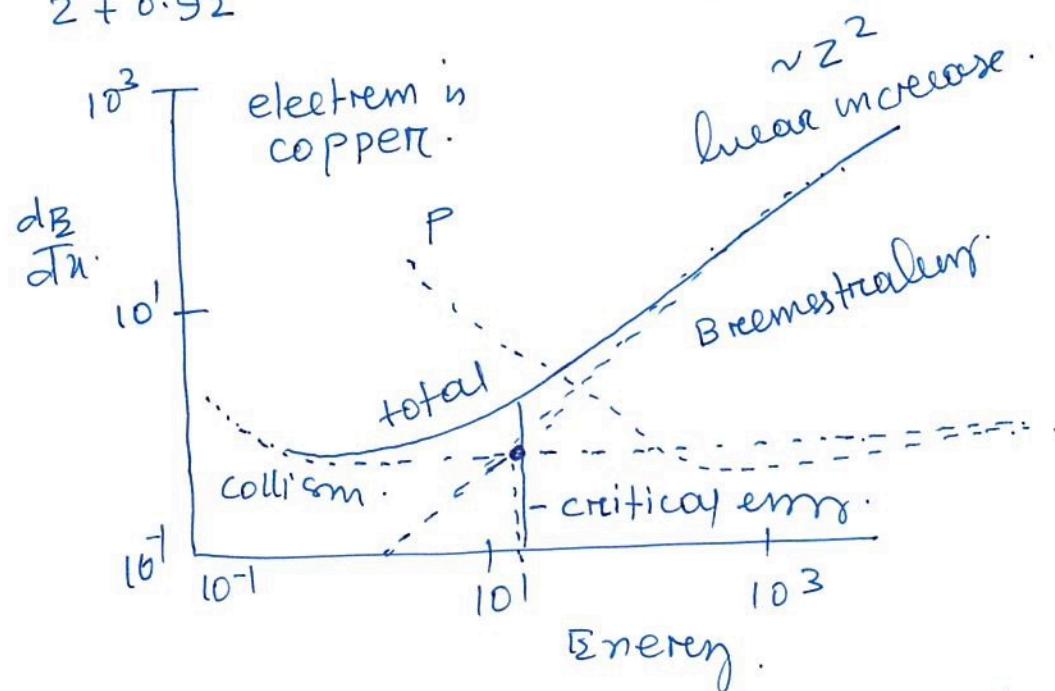
that is after passage of one x_0 electron has lost all but $(1/e)^{th}$ of its energy i.e. 63%.

Critical Energy: The energy where Bethe-Bloch contribution is equal to the Bremsstrahlung contribution

$$\left[\frac{dE(E_c)}{dx} \right]_{\text{Brems}} = \left[\frac{dE(E_c)}{dx} \right]_{\text{ion}}$$

$$E_c^{\text{gas}} = \frac{710 \text{ MeV}}{2 + 0.92}$$

$$E_c^{\text{solid/liquid}} = \frac{610 \text{ MeV}}{2 + 1.24}$$



Energy loss by collision losses comes from the sum of large number of scatterings. Bremsstrahlung energy can be emitted all in one or few photons \rightarrow much longer fluctuation in the energy in an electron beam

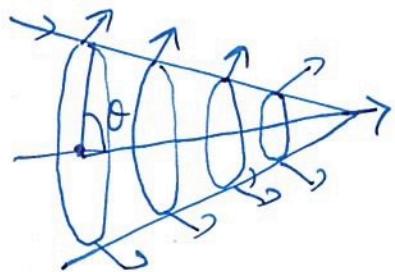
Note: For a compound material the radiation length is calculated as

$$\frac{1}{x_0} = w_1 \left(\frac{1}{x_0} \right)_1 + w_2 \left(\frac{1}{x_0} \right)_2 + \dots$$

Cerenkov Radiation:

charged particles undergo another form of energy loss in the media if they travel faster than light the local speed of light (c/n for medium with refractive index n) they emit a radiation in characteristic angle θ_c called Cerenkov Radiation.

As a charge particle traverse matter, it produces a wake of polarized molecules along its path. As the molecules get polarised and then get depolarized they emit radiation in all direction - Cerenkov Radiation



- charge particle polarize medium generating an electrical dipole varying in time
- Every point in trajectory emits a spherical EM wave, waves constructively interfere.

The direction of radiation becomes coherent and results in significant amount of light produced. The direction in which waves would add up coherently can be easily constructed using Huygen's wave technique of circular front. A charge particle mass M and velocity $v = \beta c$ travels in a medium with refractive index n .

$$\text{if } v > c_m \text{ namely } \beta > \beta_{th} = \frac{1}{n}$$

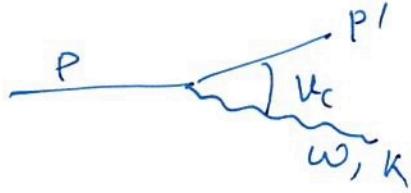
namely real photons are emitted.

$n^2 = \epsilon_r = \left(\frac{c}{c_m}\right)^2$ ϵ_r = real part of the medium of dielectric constant.

$c_m = \text{speed of light in medium } \frac{c}{n}$

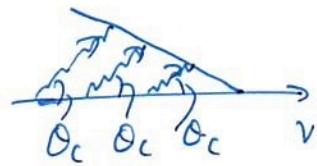
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photons are "soft" $|P| \approx |P'|$
 $\omega \ll 1/Mc^2$



Thus the characteristic emission angle

$$\cos \theta_c = \frac{\omega}{k \cdot v} = \frac{1}{n \beta}$$



θ_c = cerenkov angle.

A detector can be constructed using the cerenkov threshold: use different materials (refractive index) such that particles of different mass at equal momentum P , produce cerenkov radiation or not.

$$\xrightarrow{n, k, P} - \boxed{-n_1-} - \cdots - \boxed{-n_2-} . \quad n_2 > n_1$$

choose n_1 & n_2 such that for a given P ($\beta = P/E$)

$$\beta_\pi > \frac{1}{n_1}, \quad \beta_K, \beta_p < \frac{1}{n_1}$$

$$\beta_\pi, \beta_K > \frac{1}{n_2} \quad \beta_p < \frac{1}{n_2}$$

\Rightarrow light in c_1 and $c_2 \rightarrow$ pion (π)

light in c_1 and not $c_2 \rightarrow$ kaon (K)

light in not c_1 & $c_2 \rightarrow$ proton (p)

The number of photon can be calculated using following formula:

wave length

$$\frac{dN}{dx dz} = \frac{2\pi dz^2}{\lambda^2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\beta^2 n^2(\lambda)} \right) = \frac{2\pi dz^2 \sin^2 \theta_c}{\lambda^2}$$

integrate over total sensitive range of a good detector

$$\frac{dN}{dx} = \int dx \frac{d^2 N}{dx dz} = 750 z^2 \sin^2 \theta_c \text{ photons/cm}.$$

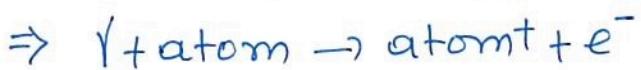
Energy

$$\frac{d^2 N}{dE dz} = \frac{z^2 d}{\hbar c} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\beta^2 n^2(\lambda)} \right) = \frac{z^2 d}{\hbar c} \sin \theta_c$$

one can see that below threshold minimum velocity $v = \frac{1}{n}$ there is no radiation.

Passage of photons through matter:

- ① photons are electromagnetic radiation with zero mass, zero charge, velocity c.
- ② Electrical neutral thus no coulombic interaction
- ③ photons travel considerable distances before undergoing the energy loss via electromagnetic interactions. There three very distinct processes of photon interacting with media:



- ④ Eventually photon deposits energy, but it is far more penetrating than charged particle with similar energies.

Photon interacts in matter basically in three principle as mentioned in ③ (a) photo electric effect, (b) compton scattering, and (c) pair production

$$\sigma(E) = \sigma_{PE} + \sigma_{CS} + \sigma_{pair}$$

Photon interaction probabilities can be estimated from the linear attenuation coefficient, μ . The exponential absorption of a beam of photons may be described by:

$$N(x) = N_0 e^{-\mu x}$$

The coefficient μ depends on photon energy and on the material being traversed. ~~Mass of coefficient~~
The mass attenuation coefficient μ/f

$$\Rightarrow N = N_0 e^{-(\frac{\mu}{f})(\rho x)}$$

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Hence $N(n)$ is the number of photons after distance n , with N_0 the initial number of photons at $n=0$, μ is the linear attenuation coefficient. If each atomic absorbing centre is given a cross-section s and they have a number density n then $\mu = n s$. Sometime the mass attenuation coefficient is used μ/f .

Mechanism of energy loss: ~~phot~~
photo electric effect:

This is the process of photo absorption leading to ionization of an atom. If photon energy is sufficient, an electron from a shell will eject out.

- The photoelectric effect dominates at low energy
- The photoelectric effect leads to the emission of electrons from matter after it is illuminated by light of a sufficiently high frequency.
- Since light is quantised into photons of energy hf the maximum energy an electron can receive in any one interaction is hf , therefore no matter how intense the radiation is, if it is not of sufficient frequency ~~no photon will be emitted~~ photo electron will be emitted.
- Typically, in metal, there are free electrons in the electron sea, and bound

bound electrons in atomic orbital. As a result of need to conserve both energy and momentum in any given reaction, a free electron cannot wholly absorb a photon instead it is the bound atomic electrons which partake in the photoelectric effect, transferring excess energy and momentum to the nucleus.

- The $n=1$ or k-shell electrons are tightly bound, and hence, are well coupled to the atomic nucleus making it easier for them to transfer excess momentum to the nucleus during a photoelectric interaction. For this reason, the cross-section for the emission of k-shell photoelectrons is bigger than that of L-shell photoelectrons and so forth.

The minimum energy an incident photon must have to liberate an electron from the surface of a particular material is the work function of that material.

$$E_{\min} = \phi = h\nu_0$$

Any excess energy an incident photon might have result in KE of liberated photoelectron:

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\text{photo}} &= \phi + E_{\text{kin}} \\ \Rightarrow E_{\text{kin}} &= h\nu - E_0 \end{aligned}$$

The cross-section due to the photoelectric effect is a function of the atomic number of the target atom Z and the energy of incident photon E,

$$\sigma_{PE} \propto \frac{Z^n}{E^3} \quad n = 4, 5$$

compton scattering:

This is the process of scattering of photons on atomic electrons. It is most often the predominant interaction mechanism for gamma-ray energies typically of radioisotope sources.

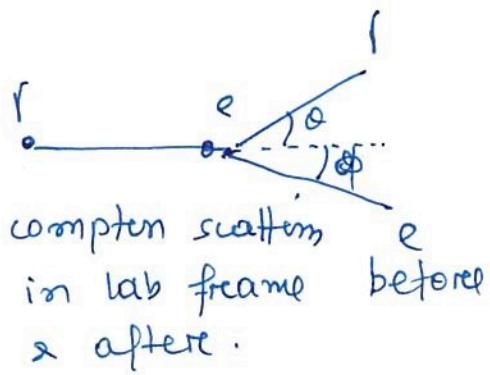
- compton scattering dominates at mid energies
- compton scattering is the scattering of photon by atomic electrons
- comparing the photon before and after compton scattering reveals that they undergo a wave-length shift, which turns out to be independent of both the initial wavelength and indeed the material they scattered off.
- The photon transfers energy to electron, which is then known as recoil electron or compton electron
- All angles of scattering are possible
- Energy transfer to the electron can vary from zero to a large fraction of gamma-ray energy.
- The compton process is most important for energy absorption for soft tissues in the range from 100 keV to 10 MeV.

compton shift formula:

conservation of four vectors in lab frame

$$p_{r,i} + p_{e,i} = p_{r,f} + p_{e,f}$$

rearrange in a way that it



$$\Rightarrow (P_{\gamma,i} - P_{\gamma,f})^2 = (P_{e,f} - P_{e,i})^2$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{\gamma,i}^2 + P_{\gamma,f}^2 - 2P_{\gamma,i} \cdot P_{\gamma,f} = P_{e,f}^2 + P_{e,i}^2 - 2P_{e,i} \cdot P_{e,f}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2P_{\gamma,i} \cdot P_{\gamma,f} = 2P_{e,i} \cdot P_{e,f} - 2m_e^2 c^2 \quad P_{\gamma}^2 = 0 \quad P_e^2 = m_e^2 c^2$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{\gamma,i} \cdot P_{\gamma,f} = P_{e,i} \cdot P_{e,f} - m_e^2 c^2$$

This yields the angle between the initial photon's path and the final photon's path, θ

$$\frac{E_{\gamma,i} E_{\gamma,f}}{c^2} - P_{\gamma,i} \cdot P_{\gamma,f} \cos\theta = \frac{E_{e,i} E_{e,f}}{c^2} - P_{e,i} \cdot P_{e,f} \cos\theta - m_e^2 c^2$$

since the initial electron is in stationary $P_{e,i} = 0 \Rightarrow E_{e,i} = \text{rest mass energy of electron } m_e c^2$

$$\Rightarrow E_{\gamma,i} E_{\gamma,f} (1 - \cos\theta) = m_e c^2 E_{e,f} - m_e^2 c^4$$

$E = pc$
for photon

Now look into the conservation of the energy:

$$E_{\gamma,i} E_{\gamma,f} (1 - \cos\theta) = m_e c^2 [E_{\gamma,i} + m_e c^2 - E_{\gamma,f}] - m_e^2 c^4$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 - \cos\theta) = m_e c^2 \left[\frac{1}{E_{\gamma,f}} - \frac{1}{E_{\gamma,i}} \right]$$

Finally convert the photon energy E_γ into wavelengths

$$\text{using } E_\gamma = hf = hc/\lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 - \cos\theta) = m_e c^2 \left(\frac{hf}{hc} - \frac{\lambda_i}{hc} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta\lambda = hf - \lambda_i = \frac{h}{m_e c} (1 - \cos\theta)$$

The Compton shift formula is usually simplified with the Compton wavelength λ_c

$$\lambda_c = \frac{h}{m_e c} \Rightarrow \Delta\lambda = \lambda_c (1 - \cos\theta)$$

similarly one can easily find out the compton scattering energies
 The energy of scattered photon hf' and compton electron
 E_e can be written as

$$hf' = hf \frac{1}{1 + \alpha(1 - \cos\theta)}$$

$$f' = f_f \\ f = f_i$$

$$E_e = hf_i \frac{\alpha(1 - \cos\theta)}{1 + \alpha(1 - \cos\theta)}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{hf_i}{mc^2}$$

The maximum energy transferred to recoil electron

$$mc^2 = 0.511 \text{ MeV}$$

rest mass of electron.

- angle of electron recoil is foreward at 0° , $\phi = 0^\circ$

→ the scattered photon will be scattered straight back $\theta = 180^\circ$: $\cos 180^\circ = -1$

$$\Rightarrow E_e^{\max} = hf_i \frac{2\alpha}{1 + 2\alpha}$$

$$(hf_f)^{\min} = hf_i \frac{1}{1 + 2\alpha}$$

let's calculate for photon energy 5.11 keV & 5.11 MeV.

$$\alpha = \frac{5.11 \text{ keV}}{0.511 \text{ MeV}} = 0.01 \Rightarrow E_e^{\max} = 5.11 \text{ keV } 2 \times \frac{0.1}{1.02} = 0.1 \text{ keV}$$

$$\Rightarrow hf_f = 5.11 \text{ keV } \frac{1}{1.02} = 5.01 \text{ keV}$$

Energy transferred is only 2%.

$$\text{for } 5.11 \text{ MeV} \quad \alpha = \frac{5.11 \text{ MeV}}{0.511 \text{ MeV}} = 10$$

$$E_e^{\max} = 5.11 \text{ MeV } \left(2 + \frac{10}{21}\right) = 4.87 \text{ MeV}$$

$$hf_f = 5.11 \text{ MeV } \frac{1}{21} = 0.24 \text{ MeV}$$

energy transfer is 95%.

Higher the ^{energy} the transfer is really large.

The cross-section for Compton scattering is estimated by Klein-Nishima formula.

$$G_{CS} \propto \frac{\ln E}{E}$$

and the differential cross-section is given by Klein-Nishima distribution function

$$\frac{dG_C}{d\Omega} = \frac{\pi e^2}{2} \frac{1}{(1 + \frac{E(1-\cos\theta)}{E})^2} \left[1 + \cos\theta \frac{\frac{E(1-\cos\theta)^2}{E}}{1 + \frac{E(1-\cos\theta)}{E}} \right]$$

$$E = \frac{E_f}{mc^2}$$

Pair production: if the photon enters matter with an energy in excess of 1.022 MeV, it may interact by a process called pair production. A photon passing near the nucleus of an atom, is subjected to strong field effects from the nucleus and may disappear as a photon and reappear as a positive and negative electron pair.

The two electrons produced, e^+ & e^- , are not scattered orbital electrons, rather they are newly created, in the energy/mass conversion of disappearing photons.

→ pair production dominates at high energies

→ The process is effectively gamma-ray absorption by the process \rightarrow production of e^+e^- pair.

-> Pair production cannot occur until the threshold energy of two electron masses is reached

$$E_{th} = 2mc^2 = 2 \times 0.511 \text{ MeV} = 1.022 \text{ MeV}$$

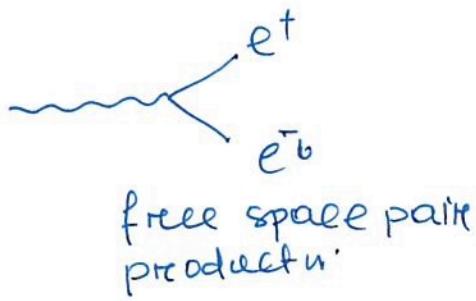
The pair production cannot take place in free space, because it is impossible to conserve momentum in free space pair production

conservation of momentum.

$$P_\gamma = \frac{E_\gamma}{c} = 2Pe \cos\theta$$

conservation of energy

$$E_\gamma = 2E_e$$



free space pair production.

equation E_γ from both the equations $E_e = Pe \cos\theta$.

The invariant applied to electron

$$E_e^2 = P_e^2 c^2 + m_e^2 c^4$$

$$\Rightarrow P_e^2 c^2 \cos^2\theta = P_e^2 c^2 + m_e^2 c^4$$

The biggest value that the left side can take is $P_e^2 c^2$ when $\cos^2\theta = 1$, so unless $m_e \rightarrow 0$ momentum cannot be ever conserved for pair production in free space.

Thus the kinetic Energy may utilize little bit in the medium, hence the kinetic energy of electrons produced will be difference between the energy of the incoming photon and the energy equivalent of two electron masses

$$E_{e^+} + E_{e^-} = hf - 1.022 \text{ MeV}$$

This ~~Rather~~ like bremsstrahlung, pair production does takes place in the vicinity of an atomic nucleus to absorb the recoil momentum.

The positrons nearly always annihilate to two photons instead of simply reversing the production process ($e^+ e^- \rightarrow$) and annihilating to one photon. This is because this is also forbidden in free space, since it is simply the reverse of the forbidden free space pair production.

Like pair production, it can take place in the E-field of an ~~electron~~ atom, but this rarely happens because of the ease with which free space annihilation to two photons can occur.

pair production cross section: This rises above the threshold but eventually saturates at large E_V because of the screening effects of the nuclear charge.

$$\sigma_{\text{pair}} \propto \frac{Z^2 \alpha^3}{m_e^2}$$

An approximated calculation shows

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{\text{pair}} &= 4Z^2 \alpha \pi e^2 \left(\frac{7}{9} \ln \frac{183}{2\sqrt{3}} - \frac{1}{54} \right) \\ &\approx 4Z^2 \alpha \pi e^2 \left(\frac{7}{9} \ln \frac{183}{2\sqrt{3}} \right) \\ &\times \frac{7}{9} \frac{A}{N_A} \times 0\end{aligned}$$

Absorbtion coefficient $\mu = n \sigma$ n is particle density.

$$\Rightarrow \mu_{\text{pair}} = f \frac{N_A}{A} \sigma_{\text{pair}}$$

$$\approx \frac{7}{9} \frac{1}{x_0}$$

photo electric effect

Dominates below $E_V \approx 100$ keV

$$E_V \propto \text{few 100 keV}^{1/2}$$

compton scattering

dominates at $E_V \approx 1$ MeV

pair production

dominates ≈ 2 MeV

