

Radiation Reaction Cooling as a Source of Anisotropic Momentum Distributions with Inverted Populations

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Introduction

In this notebook we reproduce some results from the paper.

Eq 5 Method of characteristics

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In[ ]:= Clear[t, pprp, ppll, f, f0, α, B0, γ]

(* the ansatz for the method of characteristics in eq 4 *)
f = 
$$\frac{f0[x, y]}{\left(\frac{2}{3} \alpha B0 pprp t - 1\right)^4}$$


(* these will be the characteristic arguments of the distribution function,
which will be the original one evaluated with updated momenta *)
x = 
$$\frac{pprp}{1 - \frac{2}{3} \alpha B0 pprp t};$$

y = 
$$\frac{ppll}{1 - \frac{2}{3} \alpha B0 pprp t};$$

γ = pprp;

(* the definition of f will automatically satisfy
eq4. trying an f0 function with a different combination
of arguments will in general not satisfy that equation *)
D[f, pprp] // Simplify;

(* PDE of equation 4 *)

$$\left( \frac{3}{2 \alpha B0} D[f, t] - \left( 4 \frac{pprp^2}{\gamma} f + \frac{pprp^3}{\gamma} D[f, pprp] + \frac{pprp^2 ppll}{\gamma} D[f, ppll] \right) \right) // Simplify$$

Out[ ]:= 
$$\frac{f0\left[\frac{pprp}{1 - \frac{2}{3} B0 pprp t \alpha}, \frac{ppll}{1 - \frac{2}{3} B0 pprp t \alpha}\right]}{\left(-1 + \frac{2}{3} B0 pprp t \alpha\right)^4}$$


Out[ ]:= 0

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Evolution of ring radius - Figure 2

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In[ ]:= (* for early times, the ring radius grows linearly *)
Clear[t, pR, pth, τ, B0, α, m, ωce, B, e, c, tt]
τ = 2 α B0 t / 3;
pR = 
$$\frac{1 + 6 pth^2 \tau^2 - \text{Sqrt}[1 + 12 pth^2 \tau^2]}{6 pth^2 \tau^3};$$

Series[pR, {t, 0, 2}]
Out[ ]:= 2 B0 pth^2 α t + O[t]^3

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In[]:= (* for late times, the ring radius decays as *)

Clear[t, pR, pth, τ , B0, α , m, ω ce, B, e, c, tt]

$\tau = 2 \alpha B0 t / 3$;

$$pR = \frac{1 + 6 pth^2 \tau^2 - \text{Sqrt}[1 + 12 pth^2 \tau^2]}{6 pth^2 \tau^3};$$

Asymptotic[pR, $t \rightarrow \infty$] // Normal

$$\text{Out[]} = \frac{3}{2 B0 t \alpha}$$

In[206]:= (* maximum value of ring until it starts decreasing, equation 8 *)

Clear[t, pR, pth, τ , B0, α , m, ω ce, B, e, c, tt]

$\tau = 2 \alpha B0 t / (3)$;

$$pR = \frac{1 + 6 pth^2 \tau^2 - \text{Sqrt}[1 + 12 pth^2 \tau^2]}{6 pth^2 \tau^3};$$

(* turning point time*)

Solve[(D[pR, t] // Simplify) == 0, t]

(* maximum radius *)

$$pR /. \left\{ t \rightarrow \frac{3}{4 B0 pth \alpha} \right\}$$

$$\text{Out[209]} = \left\{ \left\{ t \rightarrow -\frac{3}{4 B0 pth \alpha} \right\}, \left\{ t \rightarrow \frac{3}{4 B0 pth \alpha} \right\} \right\}$$

$$\text{Out[210]} = \frac{2 pth}{3}$$

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In[510]:= (* full evolution *)
Clear[t, pR, pth,  $\tau$ , B0,  $\alpha$ , m,  $\omega_{ce}$ , B, e, c, tt]
B0 = 2.5;
c =  $3 \times 10^8$ ;
m =  $9.11 \times 10^{-31}$ ;
e =  $1.6 \times 10^{-19}$ ;
 $\alpha$  = 1 / 137;
 $\omega_{ce}$  = e B0 / m;
 $\tau$  =  $\frac{2 \alpha B0 t}{3}$ ;
 $\frac{3}{4 B0 pth \alpha} \omega_{ce} 10^{-6}$ ;
pR =  $\frac{1 + 6 pth^2 \tau^2 - \text{Sqrt}[1 + 12 pth^2 \tau^2]}{6 pth^2 \tau^3}$  // Simplify;
Plot[{pR /. {pth  $\rightarrow$  50}, pR /. {pth  $\rightarrow$  100}, pR /. {pth  $\rightarrow$  200}},
{t,  $10^{-3}$ , 3.12}, PlotRange  $\rightarrow$  {0, 150}, Frame  $\rightarrow$  True,
PlotStyle  $\rightarrow$  {Green, Red, Black}, FrameLabel  $\rightarrow$  {"t", "pR"}]

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