

# High Energy Electromagnetic Conversion Processes in Intense Magnetic Fields

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## **Introduction**

In this notebook we reproduce some results from the paper.

## Figure 3: Graph of the bremsstrahlung function

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Clear[k, z, x]
k = z Integrate[BesselK[5 / 3, x], {x, z, ∞}] // Normal // Simplify

(* z→0, see also A27 *)
Series[k, {z, 0, 2}] // Normal // N

(* z→ ∞*)
Asymptotic[
  Asymptotic[k, z → ∞, SeriesTermGoal → 2] // Simplify // N // Simplify // Chop,
  z → ∞, SeriesTermGoal → 1]

(*k[z_]:=NIntegrate[BesselK[5/3,x],{x,z,∞}]*)
LogLogPlot[{k, 2.1495282415344787` z^(1 / 3), 1.2533141373155` Sqrt[z] Exp[-z]},
  {z, 10^-3, 10^1}, PlotRange → {{10^-3, 10^1}, {10^-4, 10^1}},
  AspectRatio → 1, Frame → True, FrameLabel → {"z", "k(z)"}, PlotPoints → 2,
  PlotStyle → {Black, Directive[Black, Dashed], Directive[Black, Dashed]},
  PlotLegends → {"k(z)", "2.14 z^(1/3)", "1.25 z^(1/2)e^-z"}]

Print["TABLE I"]
Print["z | k(z)"]
zlst = Flatten[{0.001, Table[i 0.01, {i, 1, 9}],
  Table[i 0.1, {i, 1, 9}], Table[i, {i, 1, 10}]}];
klst = Table[k /. {z → zlst[[i]]} // N, {i, 1, Length[zlst]}];
TableForm[Transpose[{zlst, klst}]]

Out[*]= 
$$2^{2/3} z^{1/3} \Gamma\left[\frac{2}{3}\right] \text{HypergeometricPFQ}\left[\left\{-\frac{1}{3}\right\}, \left\{-\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}\right\}, \frac{z^2}{4}\right] +$$


$$\frac{\pi z \left(-320 + \frac{81 \cdot 2^{1/3} z^{8/3} \text{HypergeometricPFQ}\left[\left\{\frac{4}{3}\right\}, \left\{\frac{7}{3}, \frac{8}{3}\right\}, \frac{z^2}{4}\right]}{\Gamma\left[-\frac{1}{3}\right]}\right)}{320 \sqrt{3}}$$


Out[*]=  $2.14953 z^{1/3} - 1.8138 z$ 

Series: Unable to decide whether numeric quantity

$$-\frac{\pi}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{1}{3} (-1)^{1/3} \Gamma\left[-\frac{2}{3}\right] \Gamma\left[\frac{2}{3}\right] + \frac{2 (-1)^{2/3} \pi^2}{3 \Gamma\left[-\frac{1}{3}\right] \Gamma\left[\frac{4}{3}\right]}$$

is equal to zero. Assuming it is.

Out[*]= 
$$\frac{0.957393 e^{-1 \cdot z}}{\sqrt{z}} + 1.25331 e^{-1 \cdot z} \sqrt{z}$$


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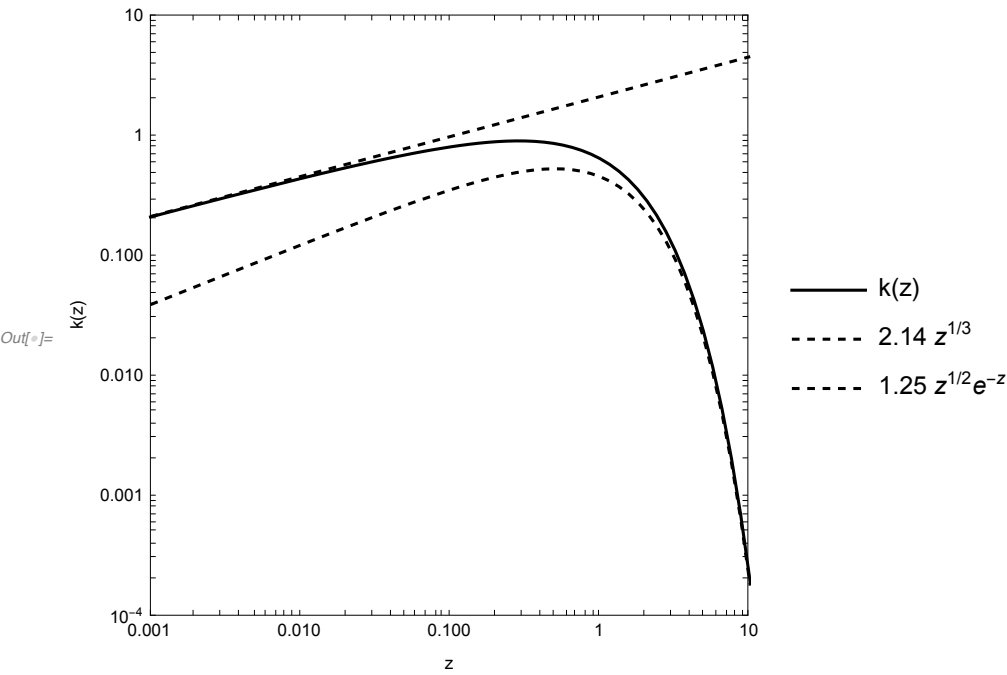


TABLE I

$z \mid k(z)$

Out[ ]:=TableForm=

0.001	0.213139
0.01	0.444973
0.02	0.547239
0.03	0.613607
0.04	0.662796
0.05	0.701572
0.06	0.733248
0.07	0.759722
0.08	0.782199
0.09	0.801493
0.1	0.818186
0.2	0.903386
0.3	0.917705
0.4	0.901937
0.5	0.870819
0.6	0.831475
0.7	0.787875
0.8	0.742413
0.9	0.696603
1	0.651423
2	0.301636
3	0.128566
4	0.0528274
5	0.0212481
6	0.00842608
7	0.00330761
8	0.00128845
9	0.000498893
10	0.000192238

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In[ ]:= Clear[k, z, x, f, y]
k[z_?NumericQ] := k[z] = z NIntegrate[BesselK[5 / 3, x], {x, z, ∞}] // Quiet
(* eq 2.23b *)
f[y_] :=
  3
  (y^2 k[y] + 3 NIntegrate[z k[z], {z, y, ∞}]) / NIntegrate[k[z], {z, y, ∞}] //
  Quiet
(* "table" 2.23c *)
f[1]
f[2]
f[3]

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Out[ ]:= 10.9245

Out[ ]:= 19.2364

Out[ ]:= 30.5554

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(* Figure 4 *)
LogLogPlot[{Γ^2 (1 - 5.953 Γ), 0.5563 Γ^{2/3}},
  {Γ, 10^{-2}, 10^3}, Frame → True, FrameLabel → {"Γ", "g(Γ)"}]

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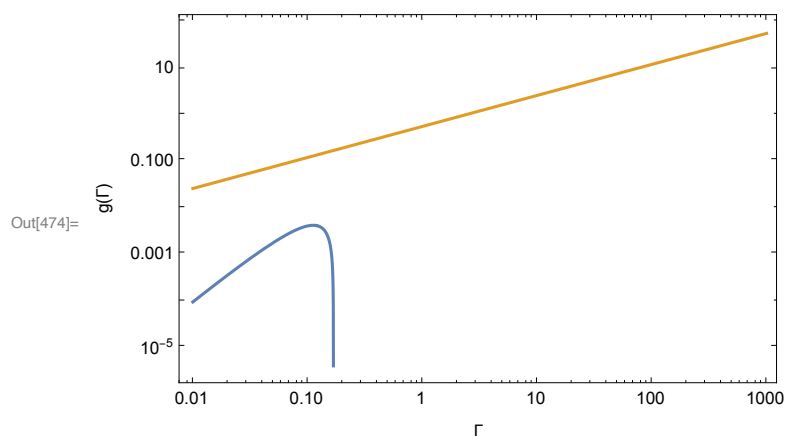


Table II:  $h(Z; A, \rho, \alpha)$  is defined in 2.31b

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In[ ]:= Clear[ρ, α, Z, A, h]
h = 6 (ρ / A) (α Z) ^2 (Log[183 / Z ^ (1 / 3)] + 0.083 - 1.2 (α Z) ^2 (1 - 0.86 (α Z) ^2));
α = 1 / 137;
Zlst = {"Z", 4, 7, 8, 13, 29, 82, 92};
Alst = {"A", 9, 14, 16, 27, 63, 204, 238};
ρlst = {"ρ", 1.84, 1.25 × 10^-3, 1.7, 2.7, 8.89, 11, 18.7};
hlst =
  {"h", Table[h /. {Z → Zlst[[i]], ρ → ρlst[[i]], A → Alst[[i]]}, {i, 2, Length[Zlst]}]} //
  Flatten;
Print["Beryllium | Air | High explosive | Aluminium
      | Copper | Lead | Uranium"]
TableForm[{Zlst, Alst, ρlst, hlst}]
Beryllium | Air | High explosive | Aluminium | Copper | Lead | Uranium

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Out[ ]//TableForm=

Z	4	7	8	13	29	82
A	9	14	16	27	63	204
ρ	1.84	0.00125	1.7	2.7	8.89	11
h	0.00505005	$6.49044 \times 10^{-6}$	0.00998916	0.0239158	0.15624	0.408694

## Figure 9

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Clear[T, χ, u, w, tab]
(* in this formulation,
the double numerical integral can lead to some integration imprecision *)
T[χ_] :=
  
$$\frac{4}{3 \pi^2 \chi^2} \text{NIntegrate}\left[\text{NIntegrate}\left[(2 \cosh[w]^2 \cosh[u]^5 - \sinh[u]^2 \cosh[u]^3) \right. \right.$$


$$\left. \left. \text{BesselK}\left[1/3, \frac{2}{3 \chi} \cosh[w]^2 \cosh[u]^3\right]^2 + \right. \right.$$


$$\left. \left. (2 \cosh[w]^2 - 1) \cosh[u]^5 \text{BesselK}\left[2/3, \frac{2}{3 \chi} \cosh[w]^2 \cosh[u]^3\right]^2, \right. \right.$$


$$\left. \left. \{u, 0, \infty\}\right] // \text{Quiet}, \{w, 0, \infty\}\right] // \text{Quiet}$$

tab = ParallelTable[ $\left\{10^x, \frac{1}{2} T[10^x]\right\}$ , {x, -1, 4, 0.5}];

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In[ ]:= (\* maximum value of T would be different from fig9 without the factor of  $\frac{1}{2}$  \*)

Show[  

$$\left\{ \text{LogLinearPlot}\left[\left\{\frac{1}{2} \frac{0.16}{\chi} \text{BesselK}\left[1/3, \frac{2}{3\chi}\right]^2, \frac{1}{2} \times 0.46 \text{Exp}\left[-\frac{4}{3\chi}\right], \frac{1}{2} \frac{0.6}{\chi^{1/3}}\right\}, \right.\right.$$
  

$$\left.\left\{\chi, 10^{-1}, 10^{3.8}\right\}, \text{PlotRange} \rightarrow \{0, 0.12\}, \text{Frame} \rightarrow \text{True},\right.$$
  

$$\left.\text{FrameLabel} \rightarrow \{\chi, T(\chi)\}, \text{PlotLegends} \rightarrow \{\text{"analytic approx"}, \chi \ll 1, \chi \gg 1\}\right],$$
  

$$\text{ListLogLinearPlot}[\text{tab}, \text{PlotLegends} \rightarrow \text{"3.2b"}]]]$$

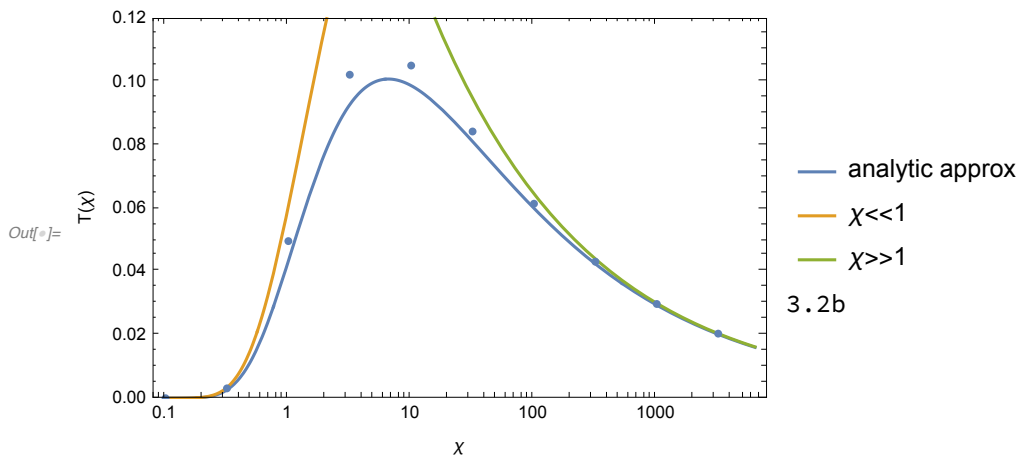


Table VI.

In[ ]:= Clear[χlst, Tlst]  
 χlst = {0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.7, 1.2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 15, 30};  
 Tlst = ParallelTable[  

$$\left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{0.16}{\chi} \text{BesselK}\left[1/3, \frac{2}{3\chi}\right]^2 /. \{\chi \rightarrow \chi\text{lst}[[i]]\}\right), \{i, 1, \text{Length}[\chi\text{lst}]\}];$$
  
 Print["χ | T(χ)"]  
 TableForm[Transpose[{χlst, Tlst}]]

χ | T(χ)

Out[ ]//TableForm=

0.2	0.000231226
0.3	0.00210049
0.4	0.0062894
0.7	0.025274
1.2	0.0531372
3	0.0915078
5	0.0999294
6	0.100821
7	0.100851
9	0.0996915
15	0.0939284
30	0.0821556

## 4. TRIDENT CASCADES

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Clear[x, W]
(* eq 4.3b *)
W[x_] := x BesselK[0, x] BesselK[1, x] - x^2 / 2 (BesselK[1, x]^2 - BesselK[0, x]^2)

(* x << 1 *)
Series[W[x], {x, 0, 1}] // Normal // N // Chop // Expand
(* x >> 1 *)
Asymptotic[W[x], x -> Infinity, SeriesTermGoal -> 1]

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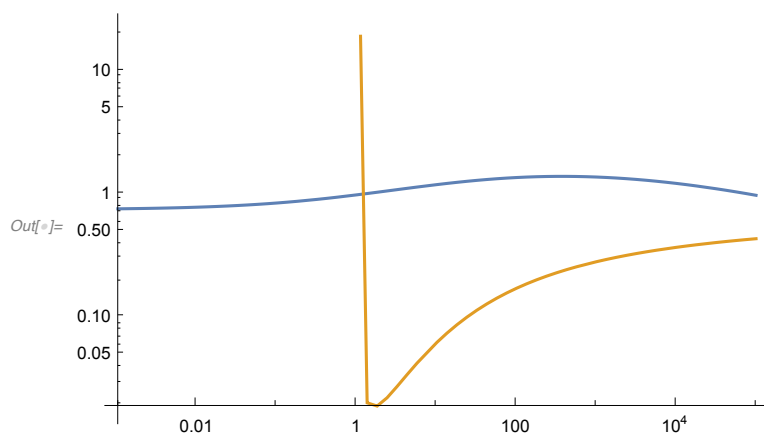
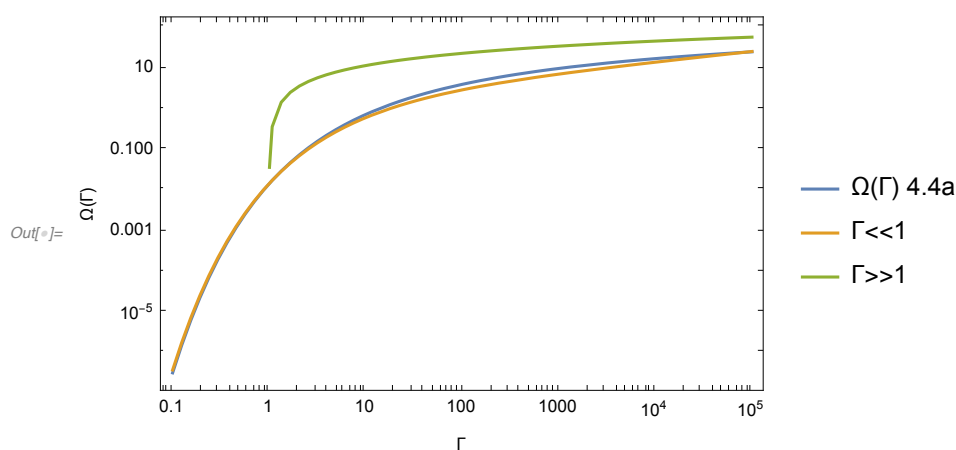
Out[4]=  $-0.384068 - 1. \operatorname{Log}[x]$

Out[5]=  $\frac{1}{4} e^{-2x} x \pi$

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In[ ]:= Clear[χ, W, Ω, Γ, u]
(* eq 4.3b *)
W[χ_] := χ BesselK[0, χ] BesselK[1, χ] - χ^2 / 2 (BesselK[1, χ]^2 - BesselK[0, χ]^2)
Ω[Γ_] := NIntegrate[u^-2 W[u / Γ] BesselK[1 / 3,  $\frac{4}{3u}$ ]^2, {u, 0, ∞}]
LogLogPlot[{Ω[Γ],  $\frac{\pi^{5/2}}{16} (3 \Gamma)^{1/4} \text{Exp}[-8 (3 \Gamma)^{-1/2}]$ ,  $\pi^2 / 2 \text{Log}[\Gamma]$ },
{Γ, 10^-1, 10^5}, PlotPoints -> 2, Frame -> True,
FrameLabel -> {"Γ", "Ω(Γ)"}, PlotLegends -> {"Ω(Γ) 4.4a", "Γ<<1", "Γ>>1"}]
(* ratio *)
LogLogPlot[{ $\frac{\Omega[\Gamma]}{\frac{\pi^{5/2}}{16} (3 \Gamma)^{1/4} \text{Exp}[-8 (3 \Gamma)^{-1/2}]}$ ,  $\frac{\Omega[\Gamma]}{0.5 \pi^2 \text{Log}[\Gamma]}$ },
{Γ, 10^-3, 10^5}, PlotPoints -> 2]

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## 5: Cherenkov radiation and photon splitting

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In[446]:= Clear[x, xtil, dI, v, J, dv, dIp13, dIm13]
(*
(* differentiation with respect to index will not work with: *)
dv=1;
dI[v_?NumericQ, x_?NumericQ] := dI[v, x] =  $\frac{\text{BesselI}[v+dv, x] - \text{BesselI}[v, x]}{dv}$ ; *)

(* instead, follow the series formulation as in https://
functions.wolfram.com/Bessel-TypeFunctions/BesselI/20/01/01/0001/ *)
(*BesselI[v, z] Log[z/2] - Sum[(PolyGamma[1+k+v]/(k! Gamma[1+k+v]))
(z/2)^(2 k+v), {k, 0, Infinity}]] /. {v -> -1/3} // Simplify*)
dI[v_, z_] := BesselI[v, z] Log[z/2] -
Sum[(PolyGamma[1+k+v]/(k! Gamma[1+k+v])) (z/2)^(2 k+v), {k, 0, Infinity}]
dIp13[z_] := BesselI[ $\frac{1}{3}$ , z]  $\left( \text{Log}\left[\frac{z}{2}\right] - \text{PolyGamma}\left[0, \frac{4}{3}\right] \right) -$ 
 $\frac{1}{2^{1/3}} z^{1/3} \text{Gamma}\left[\frac{4}{3}\right] \text{HypergeometricPFQRegularized}\left(\{1\}, \{0, 0\}, 0\right) \left[\left\{\frac{4}{3}\right\}, \left\{\frac{4}{3}, \frac{4}{3}\right\}, \frac{z^2}{4}\right]$ 
dIm13[z_] := BesselI[- $\frac{1}{3}$ , z]  $\left( \text{Log}\left[\frac{z}{2}\right] - \text{PolyGamma}\left[0, \frac{2}{3}\right] \right) -$ 
 $\frac{1}{z^{1/3}} 2^{1/3} \text{Gamma}\left[\frac{2}{3}\right] \text{HypergeometricPFQRegularized}\left(\{1\}, \{0, 0\}, 0\right) \left[\left\{\frac{2}{3}\right\}, \left\{\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}\right\}, \frac{z^2}{4}\right]$ 

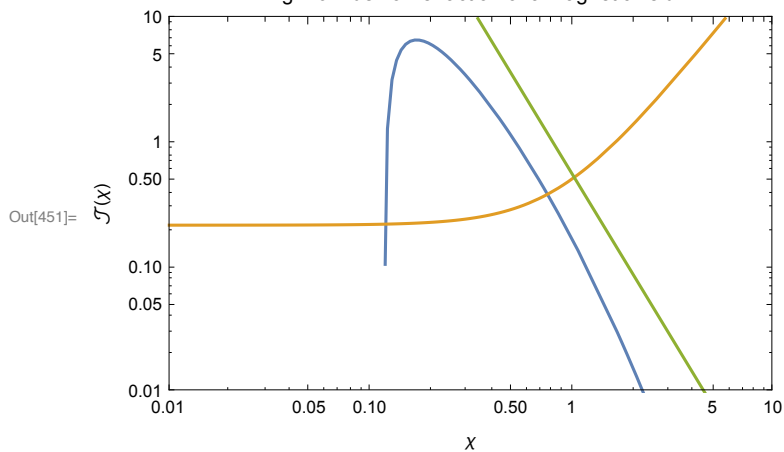
J[xtil_] :=
-0.027  $\pi^2 \left(\frac{3}{2} xtil\right)^{-2} \left( \text{BesselK}\left[\frac{1}{3}, xtil\right] \left( \text{BesselI}\left[\frac{1}{3}, xtil\right] + \text{BesselI}\left[-\frac{1}{3}, xtil\right] \right) + \right.$ 
 $\left. 2 \left( \text{BesselI}\left[-\frac{1}{3}, xtil\right] dIp13[xtil] + \text{BesselI}\left[\frac{1}{3}, xtil\right] dIm13[xtil] \right) \right)$ 

LogLogPlot[ $\left\{ J[xtil] /. \left\{ xtil \rightarrow \frac{2}{3} x \right\}, 0.22 + 0.3 x^2, 0.56 x^{-2.4/3} \right\}$ ,
{x, 10^-2, 10^1}, PlotPoints -> 3, PlotRange -> {{10^-2, 10^1}, {0.01, 10}},
Frame -> True, FrameLabel -> {"x", "J(x)"},
PlotLabel -> "Fig. 16 Index of refraction of a magnetic field"]

FindMaximum[J[x], {x, .3}] // Quiet
FindRoot[J[x], {x, 7}] // Quiet

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Fig. 16 Index of refraction of a magnetic field



Out[451]=  $\mathcal{I}(x)$

Out[452]= {1.45076, { $\chi \rightarrow 0.3$ }}

Out[453]= { $\chi \rightarrow 9.38354$ }

Table IX

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In[459]:= Clear[ $\chi$ lst,  $\mathcal{I}$ lst]
 $\chi$ lst = {0.17, 0.22, 0.4, 1, 2.22, 3.33, 6.66, 9.52};
 $\mathcal{I}$ lst = ParallelTable[( $\mathcal{I}[\chi]$  /. { $\chi \rightarrow \chi$ lst[[i]]}) // N], {i, 1, Length[ $\chi$ lst]};
Print[" $\chi$  |  $\mathcal{I}(\chi)$ "]
TableForm[Transpose[{ $\chi$ lst,  $\mathcal{I}$ lst}]]
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$\chi$  |  $\mathcal{I}(\chi)$

Out[463]//TableForm=

0.17	4.50699
0.22	2.83711
0.4	0.713651
1	0.0442083
2.22	0.002045
3.33	0.000379695
6.66	0.000022448
9.52	$5.3357 \times 10^{-6}$

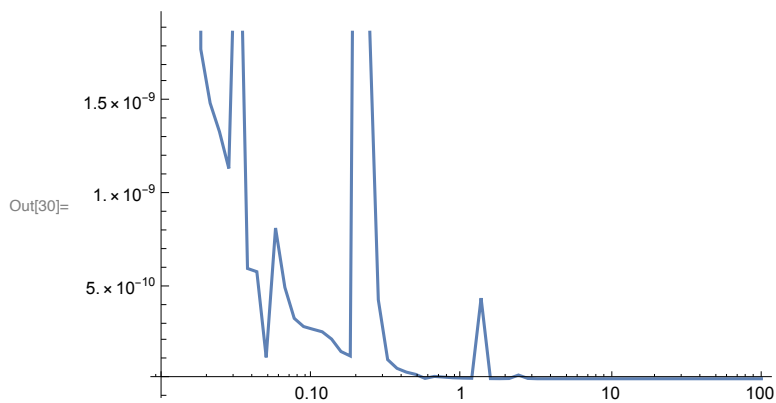
# Appendix 1:

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In[27]:= (* prove identity 2.8e: difference is near machine precision *)
Clear[x, ξ, int1, int2]
int1[ξ_] :=
  
$$\frac{\pi}{2 \times \sqrt{3} \xi} \text{NIntegrate}[\text{BesselK}[5/3, x], \{x, 2 \xi, \infty\}] // \text{Normal} // \text{Simplify}$$

int2[ξ_] := NIntegrate[Cosh[x]^5 BesselK[2/3, ξ Cosh[x]^3]^2 +
  Cosh[x]^3 Sinh[x]^2 BesselK[1/3, ξ Cosh[x]^3]^2, {x, 0, ∞}]
LogLinearPlot[Abs[int1[ξ] - int2[ξ]], {ξ, 10^-2, 10^2}, PlotPoints -> 2]

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## Appendix 2:

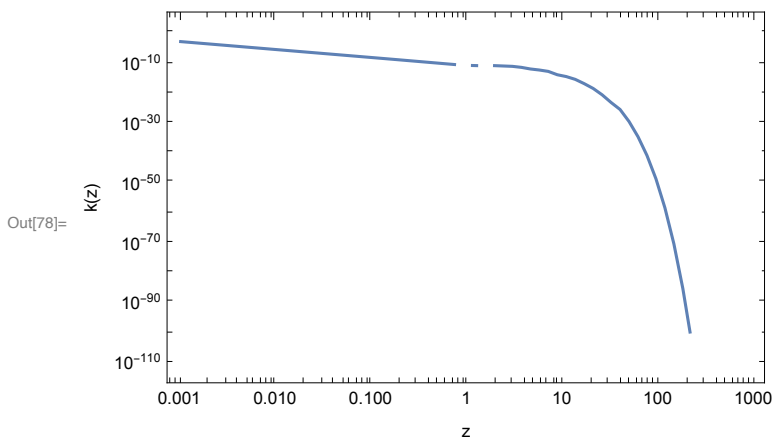
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In[73]:= Clear[k, z, x, f, y, dz, A23]
(* A22 *)
k[z_?NumericQ] := k[z] = z NIntegrate[BesselK[5 / 3, x], {x, z, ∞}] // Re // Quiet
s = FindMaximum[k[z], {z, 2}]
(*k[s[[2,1,2]]]*)

(* A23: near machine precision *)
dz = 10^-5;
A23[z_] :=
Abs[ $\frac{k[z + dz] - k[z - dz]}{2 dz} - \left( \frac{1}{z} k[z] - \left( \frac{4}{3} \text{BesselK}[2 / 3, z] + z \text{BesselK}[1 / 3, z] \right) \right)$ ]
LogLogPlot[A23[z], {z, 10^-3, 10^3}, PlotPoints → 2,
Frame → True, FrameLabel → {"z", "k(z)"}]

(* derivative should be ~0 *)
dk = D[z Integrate[BesselK[5 / 3, x], {x, z, ∞}], z] // Normal // Simplify;
dk /. {z → s[[2, 1, 2]]}

(* Bessel function transformation (before A24) *)
Refine[BesselK[5 / 3, x] - (- (BesselK[1 / 3, x] + 2 D[BesselK[2 / 3, x], x])),
{x > 0}] // FullSimplify
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Out[75]= {0.918012, {z → 0.285812}}



Out[80]=  $2.5602 \times 10^{-8}$


Out[81]= 0

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(* A25: not implemented *)
Clear[Kv, x, nmax, nmin]
nmin = 0;

Kv[x_, v_, nmax_] := 
$$\frac{\pi/2}{\sin[v\pi]} \left( (x/2)^{-v} \text{Sum}\left[\frac{(x/2)^{2n}}{n! \Gamma[n-v+1]}, \{n, nmin, nmax\}\right] - \right.$$


$$\left. (x/2)^v \text{Sum}\left[\frac{(x/2)^{2n}}{n! \Gamma[n+v+1]}, \{n, nmin, nmax\}\right] \right)$$


Kv[10, 2, 10]
BesselK[10, 2]
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 **Power:** Infinite expression  $\frac{1}{0}$  encountered.

Out[165]= ComplexInfinity

Out[166]= BesselK[10, 2]

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LogLogPlot[{Kv[x, 2, 5]}, {x, 10^-1, 10^2}, PlotPoints -> 2]
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In[ ]:= (* to obtain A26 expansion *)
Clear[khat, x, z, series]
khat = Integrate[BesselK[1/3, x], {x, 0, z}] // Normal // Simplify;
series = Series[khat, {z, 0, 8}] // N // Chop
(* z^{2/3} series *)
{series[[3, 1]], series[[3, 7]], series[[3, 13]], series[[3, 19]]} / 2.531438288439613`
(* z^{4/3} series *)
{series[[3, 3]], series[[3, 9]], series[[3, 15]], series[[3, 21]]} / -1.2091096358631443`
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Out[ ]=  $2.53144 z^{2/3} - 1.20911 z^{4/3} + 0.237322 z^{8/3} - 0.0906832 z^{10/3} + 0.010171 z^{14/3} -$   
 $0.00303627 z^{16/3} + 0.00022249 z^{20/3} - 0.0000552049 z^{22/3} + O[z]^{26/3}$

Out[ ]= {1., 0.09375, 0.00401786, 0.0000878906}

Out[ ]= {1., 0.075, 0.00251116, 0.0000456575}

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In[ ]:= (* threshold energy 5.6a *)
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$$\left( \frac{2\pi}{1/137 \times 0.25} \right)^{1/2}$$

Out[ ]= 58.6787

## Appendix 4: Evaluation of the auxiliary function $\Xi(\Gamma)$