

1. The energy spectrum is given in (13.85)

$$\frac{dI}{d\nu} = \frac{z^2 e^2 \gamma \omega_p}{\pi c} \left[ \left(1 + 2\nu^2\right) \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{\nu^2}\right) - 2 \right] \quad (1)$$

With

$$\nu = \frac{\omega}{\gamma \omega_p} \quad (2)$$

the total number of transition radiation quanta with  $\omega > \omega_p$  is thus the integral

$$N_\gamma = \int_{1/\gamma}^{\infty} \frac{dI/\hbar\omega}{d\nu} d\nu = \frac{z^2 e^2}{\pi \hbar c} \overbrace{\int_{1/\gamma}^{\infty} \left[ \left(1 + 2\nu^2\right) \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{\nu^2}\right) - 2 \right] \frac{d\nu}{\nu}}^A \quad (3)$$

Denote  $u = 1/\nu^2$ , the integral  $A$  becomes

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \int_{\gamma^2}^0 \left[ \left(1 + \frac{2}{u}\right) \ln(1+u) - 2 \right] u^{1/2} \left( -\frac{1}{2} u^{-3/2} \right) du \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\gamma^2} \frac{1}{u} \left[ \left(1 + \frac{2}{u}\right) \ln(1+u) - 2 \right] du \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \overbrace{\int_0^{\gamma^2} \frac{\ln(1+u)}{u} du}^{A_1} + \overbrace{\int_0^{\gamma^2} \frac{2 \ln(1+u)}{u^2} du}^{A_2} - \overbrace{\int_0^{\gamma^2} \frac{2}{u} du}^{A_3} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

From the integral representation of dilogarithm function (see [DLMF 25.12.2](#)), we have

$$\text{Li}_2(z) = - \int_0^z \frac{\ln(1-t)}{t} dt \quad (5)$$

we have

$$A_1 = -\text{Li}_2(-\gamma^2) \quad (6)$$

Using [DLMF 25.12.4](#)

$$\text{Li}_2(-z) + \text{Li}_2\left(-\frac{1}{z}\right) = -\frac{\pi^2}{6} - \frac{1}{2} (\ln z)^2 \quad (7)$$

we can rewrite  $A_1$  as

$$A_1 = \frac{\pi^2}{6} + \frac{1}{2} (\ln \gamma^2)^2 - \text{Li}_2\left(-\frac{1}{\gamma^2}\right) \quad (8)$$

With the series expansion of dilogarithm function (see [DLMF 25.12.1](#))

$$\text{Li}_2(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{k^2} \quad (9)$$

we have

$$A_1 = \frac{\pi^2}{6} + 2(\ln \gamma)^2 + O\left(\frac{1}{\gamma^2}\right) \approx \frac{\pi^2}{6} + 2(\ln \gamma)^2 \quad (10)$$

$A_2 - A_3$  can be computed by treating  $A_2$  by parts,

$$\begin{aligned}
A_2 - A_3 &= \int_0^{\gamma^2} \frac{2 \ln(1+u)}{u^2} du - \int_0^{\gamma^2} \frac{2}{u} du \\
&= 2 \left\{ \left[ -\frac{\ln(1+u)}{u} \right]_0^{\gamma^2} + \int_0^{\gamma^2} \left[ \frac{1}{u(1+u)} - \frac{1}{u} \right] du \right\} \\
&= 2 \left\{ \overbrace{\lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{\ln(1+u)}{u} \right]}^1 - \frac{\ln(1+\gamma^2)}{\gamma^2} - \int_0^{\gamma^2} \frac{du}{1+u} \right\} \\
&= 2 \left[ 1 - \frac{\ln(1+\gamma^2)}{\gamma^2} - \ln(1+\gamma^2) \right] \\
&= 2 \left[ 1 - \ln(1+\gamma^2) \overbrace{\left( 1 + \frac{1}{\gamma^2} \right)}^{\approx 1} \right] \\
&\approx 2 \left[ 1 - \ln \gamma^2 - \underbrace{\ln \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\gamma^2} \right)}_{\approx 0} \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

Putting (8) and (10) back to (4), and then to (3), we have

$$N_\gamma = \frac{z^2 e^2}{\pi \hbar c} \left[ (\ln \gamma - 1)^2 + \frac{\pi^2}{12} \right] \tag{12}$$

2. By (13.87) the total energy emitted in transition radiation is

$$I = \frac{z^2 e^2 \gamma \omega_p}{3c} \tag{13}$$

This gives the mean energy of the radiated photons as

$$\langle \hbar \omega \rangle = \frac{I}{N_\gamma} = \frac{\pi \gamma \hbar \omega_p}{3 \left[ (\ln \gamma - 1)^2 + \frac{\pi^2}{12} \right]} \tag{14}$$

With  $\hbar \omega_p = 20 \text{eV}$ , we have

$$\langle \hbar \omega \rangle = \begin{cases} 0.586 \text{keV} & \text{for } \gamma = 10^3 \\ 3.07 \text{keV} & \text{for } \gamma = 10^4 \\ 18.8 \text{keV} & \text{for } \gamma = 10^5 \end{cases} \tag{15}$$