

13.6 (a) In the nonrelativistic limit, $\beta \ll 1$, then $\lambda = \omega/v$, which is real. Equation (13.86)

becomes $\left(\frac{dE}{dx}\right)_{k_0 b > 1} = \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{z^2 e^2}{v^2} \int_0^{+\infty} \operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{i\omega}{\epsilon(\omega)} \right) \left(\frac{\omega}{k_0 v} \right) K_1 \left(\frac{\omega}{k_0 v} \right) K_0 \left(\frac{\omega}{k_0 v} \right) d\omega$.

Using the small limit approximation of the modified Bessel function, we have

$$\chi K_1(x) K_0(x) \sim \log \left(\frac{1.123}{x} \right),$$

which leads to the expression of the energy loss as

$$\left(\frac{dE}{dx}\right)_{k_0 b > 1} \sim \frac{2z^2 e^2}{\pi v^2} \int_0^{+\infty} \operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{i\omega}{\epsilon(\omega)} \right) \log \left(\frac{1.123 k_0 v}{\omega} \right) d\omega.$$

(b) Given the form of the dielectric constant,

$$\frac{1}{\epsilon(\omega)} = \frac{\omega^2 + i\omega\Gamma}{\omega^2 - \omega_p^2 + i\omega\Gamma} = \frac{\frac{\omega^2}{\omega_p^2} + \frac{i\omega}{\omega_p} \frac{\Gamma}{\omega_p}}{\left(\frac{\omega^2}{\omega_p^2} - 1\right) + \frac{i\omega}{\omega_p} \frac{\Gamma}{\omega_p}}$$

In the limit of $\Gamma \ll \omega_p$, we can approximately write the above equation as

$$\frac{1}{\epsilon(\omega)} \rightarrow \text{P.V.} \left(\frac{\omega^2}{\omega^2 - \omega_p^2} \right) - i\pi \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_p^2} \delta \left(\frac{\omega^2}{\omega_p^2} - 1 \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then, } \left(\frac{dE}{dx}\right)_{k_0 b > 1} &\sim \frac{2z^2 e^2}{\pi v^2} \int_0^{+\infty} \omega \cdot \pi \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_p^2} \delta \left(\frac{\omega^2}{\omega_p^2} - 1 \right) \log \left(\frac{1.123 k_0 v}{\omega} \right) d\omega \\ &= \frac{2z^2 e^2}{v^2} \int_0^{+\infty} \omega \cdot \frac{\omega^2}{\omega_p^2} \cdot \frac{i\omega_p^2}{2\omega} \delta(\omega - \omega_p) \log \left(\frac{1.123 k_0 v}{\omega} \right) d\omega \\ &= \frac{z^2 e^2}{v^2} \omega_p^2 \log \left(\frac{1.123 k_0 v}{\omega_p} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Combine with the result from prob 13.5, the total energy loss becomes

$$\frac{dE}{dx} = \frac{z^2 e^2}{v^2} \omega_p^2 \log \left(\frac{1}{\lambda \cdot k_0 b_{\min}} \right) + \frac{z^2 e^2}{v^2} \omega_p^2 \log \left(\frac{\lambda k_0 v}{\omega_p} \right) = \frac{z^2 e^2}{v^2} \omega_p^2 \log \left(\frac{\lambda v}{\omega_p b_{\min}} \right),$$

where λ is a constant of order 1.