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(a) In the particle's rest frame, the screened Coulomb potential is

$$V(t', \vec{r}') = \frac{ze}{r'} e^{-k_0 r'}, \quad \text{where } r' = (x'^2 + y'^2 + z'^2)^{1/2}. \quad \text{Assume that the particle is}$$

moving nonrelativistically along the  $x$ -direction with velocity  $v$  in the laboratory frame. Applying the Galileo transform, the potential in the lab frame becomes

$$V(t, \vec{r}) = \frac{ze}{r} e^{-k_0 r}, \quad \text{where } r = [(x - vt)^2 + y^2 + z^2]^{1/2}.$$

The Fourier transform of the potential is then given by

$$\Phi(\vec{k}, \omega) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int d^3x \int dt V(t, \vec{x}) e^{i\omega t - i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}},$$

$$= \frac{ze}{2\pi} \delta(\omega - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}) \int d^3x \frac{e^{-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}} e^{-k_0 r}}{r}$$

$$= \frac{2ze}{k_0^2 + k^2} \delta(\omega - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{v})$$

where we have used the fact that  $\int \frac{e^{-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}} e^{-k_0 r}}{r} d^3x = \frac{4\pi}{k_0^2 + k^2}.$

Using Eq. (13.26) and noting that the particle moves nonrelativistically,  $v \ll c$ , the electric field is given by  $\vec{E}(\vec{k}, \omega) = -i\vec{k} \Phi(\vec{k}, \omega)$ , and by Eq. (13.28).

$$\vec{E}(\omega) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \int d^3k \vec{E}(\vec{k}, \omega) e^{ik_z b}.$$

For component of  $\vec{E}$  parallel to  $\vec{v}$ , we have

$$E_{\parallel}(\omega) = \frac{-i2ze}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \int d^3k e^{ik_z b} k_{\parallel} \frac{\delta(\omega - vk_{\parallel})}{k_0^2 + k^2} = \frac{-i2ze\omega}{v^2(2\pi)^{3/2}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dk_z e^{ik_z b} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dk_{\perp}}{k_{\perp}^2 + k_{\parallel}^2 + \lambda^2}$$

where  $\lambda^2 = k_0^2 + \omega^2/v^2$ . Performing the integrals in the transverse directions as in Section 13.3, we will have

$$E_{\parallel}(\omega) = \frac{-2ize\omega}{v^2(2\pi)^{3/2}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\pi}{(k_{\perp}^2 + \lambda^2)^{1/2}} e^{ik_z b} dk_z = \frac{-ize\omega}{v^2} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} K_0(\lambda b)$$

For the transverse component,

$$E_{\perp}(\omega) = \frac{-i2ze}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \int d^3k e^{ik_z b} k_{\perp} \frac{\delta(\omega - vk_{\parallel})}{k_0^2 + k^2} = \frac{-i2ze}{v(2\pi)^{3/2}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\pi k_{\perp}}{(k_{\perp}^2 + \lambda^2)^{1/2}} e^{ik_z b} dk_z = \frac{ze}{v} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \lambda K_1(\lambda b)$$

Following the same procedure as in Prob. 13.1(b), the transverse momentum transferred to the electron is  $\Delta p = \int e E_x(t) dt = \sqrt{\pi} e E_r(\omega=0)$ . Therefore,

$$\Delta p = \sqrt{\pi} \cdot e \cdot \frac{ze}{v} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} k_0 K_1(k_0 b) = \frac{2ze^2}{v} k_0 K_1(k_0 b),$$

and the energy transfer is

$$\Delta E(b) = (\Delta p)^2 / 2m = \frac{2z^2 e^4}{m v^2} k_0^2 K_1^2(k_0 b)$$

(b) Using equation (13.35), we have

$$\left( \frac{dE}{dx} \right)_{k_0 b < 1} = 2\pi N z \int_0^{k_0^{-1}} \Delta E(b) \frac{1}{b} db = \frac{z^2 e^2}{v^2} \frac{4\pi N z e^2}{m} \int_0^1 x K_1(x)^2 dx$$

Since  $K_1(x) \sim 1/x$ , for  $x \rightarrow 0$ , the integral diverges at the lower limit. To remedy this, we can separate the divergent part of the integral and set a cutoff. Then,

$$\int_0^1 x K_1(x)^2 dx = \int_0^1 x \left( \frac{1}{x} + K_1(x) - \frac{1}{x} \right)^2 dx = \int_0^1 \left[ \frac{1}{x} + 2 \left( K_1(x) - \frac{1}{x} \right) + \left( K_1(x) - \frac{1}{x} \right)^2 \right] dx$$

$$\rightarrow \int_{k_0 b_{\min}}^1 \frac{dx}{x} + \int_0^1 (1 + x K_1(x)) \left( K_1(x) - \frac{1}{x} \right) dx$$

$$= \log\left(\frac{1}{k_0 b_{\min}}\right) - 0.56697 = \log\left(\frac{1}{1.72 k_0 b_{\min}}\right),$$

$$\text{and } \left( \frac{dE}{dx} \right)_{k_0 b < 1} = \frac{z^2 e^2}{v^2} \omega_p^2 \log\left(\frac{1}{1.72 k_0 b_{\min}}\right),$$

which differs from Jackson's result by a constant.