

14.5 (a) For the particle with energy E in a repulsive potential, the shortest distance it can get to the central field with head-on collision is the solution to $E = V(r_{\min})$. From the Larmor's formula, the instantaneous power radiated is

$$P dt = \frac{2}{3} \frac{z^2 e^2}{c^3} |\dot{v}|^2 dt.$$

For nonrelativistic particle, using Newton's second law, we know

$$m \dot{v} = -\nabla V = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \hat{e}_r,$$

for head-on collision. Also, $dt = dr/v$, and from energy conservation,

$$E = V(r_{\min}) = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 + V(r), \Rightarrow v = \sqrt{\frac{2}{m} (V(r_{\min}) - V(r))}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Put everything together, we have

$$P dt = \frac{2}{3} \frac{z^2 e^2}{m^2 c^3} \sqrt{\frac{m}{2}} \left| \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right|^2 \frac{dr}{\sqrt{V(r_{\min}) - V(r)}}.$$

Since the particle will be reflected, we finally get

$$\Delta W = \frac{4}{3} \frac{z^2 e^2}{m^2 c^3} \sqrt{\frac{m}{2}} \int_{r_{\min}}^{+\infty} \left| \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right|^2 \frac{dr}{\sqrt{V(r_{\min}) - V(r)}}$$

1b) For $V(r) = \frac{zZe^2}{r}$, the integral can be evaluated as

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta W &= \frac{4}{3} \frac{z^2 e^2}{m^2 c^3} \sqrt{\frac{m}{2}} (zZe^2)^{3/2} \int_{r_{\min}}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{r^4} \frac{dr}{\sqrt{r_{\min}^{-1} - r^{-1}}} \\ &= \frac{4}{3} \frac{z^2 e^2}{m^2 c^3} \sqrt{\frac{m}{2}} (zZe^2)^{3/2} r_{\min}^{1/2} \int_{r_{\min}}^{+\infty} r^{-7/2} (r - r_{\min})^{-1/2} dr \\ &= \frac{4}{3} \frac{z^2 e^2}{m^2 c^3} \sqrt{\frac{m}{2}} (zZe^2)^{3/2} r_{\min}^{1/2} \cdot \frac{16}{15 r_{\min}^3} \left(\int_a^{+\infty} \frac{x^{-7/2}}{\sqrt{x-a}} dx = \frac{16}{15 a^3} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Since $E = \frac{1}{2} m v_0^2 = V(r_{\min}) = \frac{zZe^2}{r_{\min}}$, $r_{\min} = \frac{zZe^2}{m v_0^2}$. Substitute r_{\min} into the above

formula, we will get

$$\Delta W = \frac{64}{45} \frac{z^2 e^2}{m^2 c^3} \sqrt{\frac{m}{2}} (zZe^2)^{3/2} \left(\frac{zZe^2}{m v_0^2} \right)^{-5/2} = \frac{8}{45} \frac{z m v_0^5}{z^2 c^3}.$$