

15.4 (a) For multiple particles, the radiation electric field is

$$\vec{E}_{\text{rad}} = \frac{1}{c} \sum_j e_j \left[\frac{\vec{n} \times \{ (\vec{n} - \vec{\beta}_j) \times \dot{\vec{\beta}}_j \}}{(1 - \vec{\beta}_j \cdot \vec{n})^3 R} \right]_{\text{ret}}$$

Then, following the same argument leading to Eq. (14.63), we can see that the equivalent expression in the multi-particle case is

$$\frac{d^2 I}{d\omega d\Omega} = \frac{1}{4\pi^2 c} \left| \vec{E}^* \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \sum_j e_j \frac{\vec{n} \times [(\vec{n} - \vec{\beta}_j) \times \dot{\vec{\beta}}_j]}{(1 - \vec{\beta}_j \cdot \vec{n})^2} \exp\{i\omega(t - \vec{n} \cdot \vec{r}_j(t)/c)\} dt \right|^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi^2 c} \left| \vec{E}^* \cdot \sum_j e_j \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{\vec{n} \times (\vec{n} \times \vec{\beta}_j)}{1 - \vec{\beta}_j \cdot \vec{n}} \right] \exp\{i\omega(t - \vec{n} \cdot \vec{r}_j(t)/c)\} dt \right|^2$$

For $\omega t \ll 1$, we can treat $e^{i\omega t} \sim 1$, and $\vec{r}_j(t)$ can be approximated with $\vec{r}_j(0)$. Then, we will get

$$\frac{d^2 I}{d\omega d\Omega} = \frac{1}{4\pi^2 c} \left| \vec{E}^* \cdot \sum_j e_j \left(\frac{\dot{\vec{\beta}}_j}{1 - \vec{\beta}_j \cdot \vec{n}} - \frac{\vec{\beta}_j}{1 - \vec{\beta}_j \cdot \vec{n}} \right) e^{-i\omega \vec{n} \cdot \vec{r}_j(0)/c} \right|^2$$

(b) Before decay, both particles of the pair have 0 velocity. After decay, the particles have opposite velocity and charge. Also, their initial position is at the origin. Then,

$$\frac{d^2 I}{d\omega d\Omega} = \frac{1}{4\pi^2 c} \left| \vec{E}^* \cdot e \left(\frac{\vec{\beta}}{1 - \vec{\beta} \cdot \vec{n}} - \frac{-\vec{\beta}}{1 + \vec{\beta} \cdot \vec{n}} \right) \right|^2 = \frac{e^2}{\pi^2 c} \left| \vec{E}^* \cdot \frac{\vec{\beta}}{1 - (\vec{n} \cdot \vec{\beta})^2} \right|^2$$

Assuming $\vec{\beta}$ is in the z -direction, and $\vec{n} = (\sin\theta, 0, \cos\theta)$. It is easy to see that only polarization perpendicular to \vec{n} and in the same plane as \vec{n} and $\vec{\beta}$ will have non-zero contribution, i.e. $\vec{E} = (-\cos\theta, 0, \sin\theta)$. Therefore,

$$\frac{d^2 I}{d\omega d\Omega} = \frac{e^2}{\pi^2 c} \frac{\beta^2 \sin^2\theta}{(1 - \beta^2 \cos^2\theta)^2}$$

Performing the angular integration,

$$\frac{dI}{d\omega} = \int \frac{d^2I}{d\omega d\Omega} d\Omega = \frac{2e^2}{\pi c} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{\beta^2 \sin^2 \theta}{(1 - \beta \cos \theta)^2} d(\cos \theta) = \frac{e^2}{\pi c} \left[\frac{1+\beta^2}{\beta} \log\left(\frac{1+\beta}{1-\beta}\right) - 2 \right]$$

For $\beta \rightarrow 1$, $\frac{1+\beta^2}{\beta} \rightarrow 2$, and

$$\frac{1+\beta}{1-\beta} = \frac{1 + (1 - \frac{1}{\gamma^2})^{\frac{1}{2}}}{1 - (1 - \frac{1}{\gamma^2})^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{2 - \frac{1}{2\gamma^2}}{\frac{1}{2\gamma^2}} = 4\gamma^2.$$

Also, as the meson decays, most of its energy goes into the decay products, i.e., $M_w c^2 = 2\gamma m c^2$, or

$$\frac{M_w}{m} = 2\gamma. \quad \text{Then,}$$

$$\frac{dI}{d\omega} = \frac{e^2}{\pi c} \left(2 \log(4\gamma^2) - 2 \right) = \frac{4e^2}{\pi c} \left(\log(2\gamma) - \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{4e^2}{\pi c} \left[\log\left(\frac{M_w}{m}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \right].$$

Following Eq. (15.68) and (15.69),

$$\frac{E_{\text{rad}}}{E} = \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{e^2}{\hbar c} \left[\log\left(\frac{M_w}{m}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \right].$$