

ELECTROMAGNETIC SHOWERS

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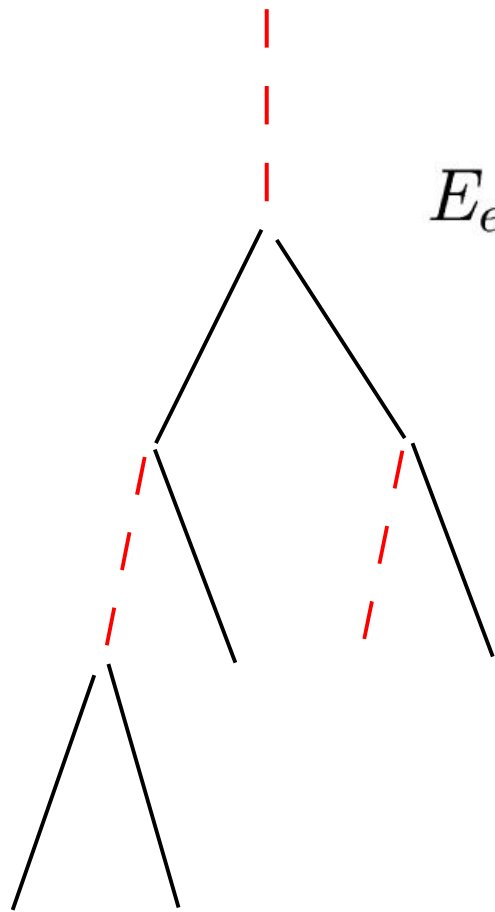
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MONTECARLO CALCULATIONS

ANALYTIC CALCULATIONS

PHYSICAL UNDERSTANDING

ELECTROMAGNETIC SHOWERS



$$E_{e^+} = E_\gamma u$$

$$E_\gamma = E_e v$$

$$\psi(u)$$

$$\varphi(v)$$

Pair
Production

Brems-
strahlung

Radiation Length
(Energy independent)

Vertices :
theoretically understood
(and scaling)

BREMSSTRAHLUNG

Fully ionized free nucleus (approximation of infinite mass)

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$$v = \frac{E_\gamma}{E_e}$$

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$$u = \frac{E_{e^+}}{E_\gamma}$$

FUNDAMENTAL PROCESSES

In QUANTUM ELECTRODYNAMICS

COMPTON SCATTERING

$$e + \gamma \rightarrow e + \gamma$$

ELECTRON-POSITRON ANNIHILATION

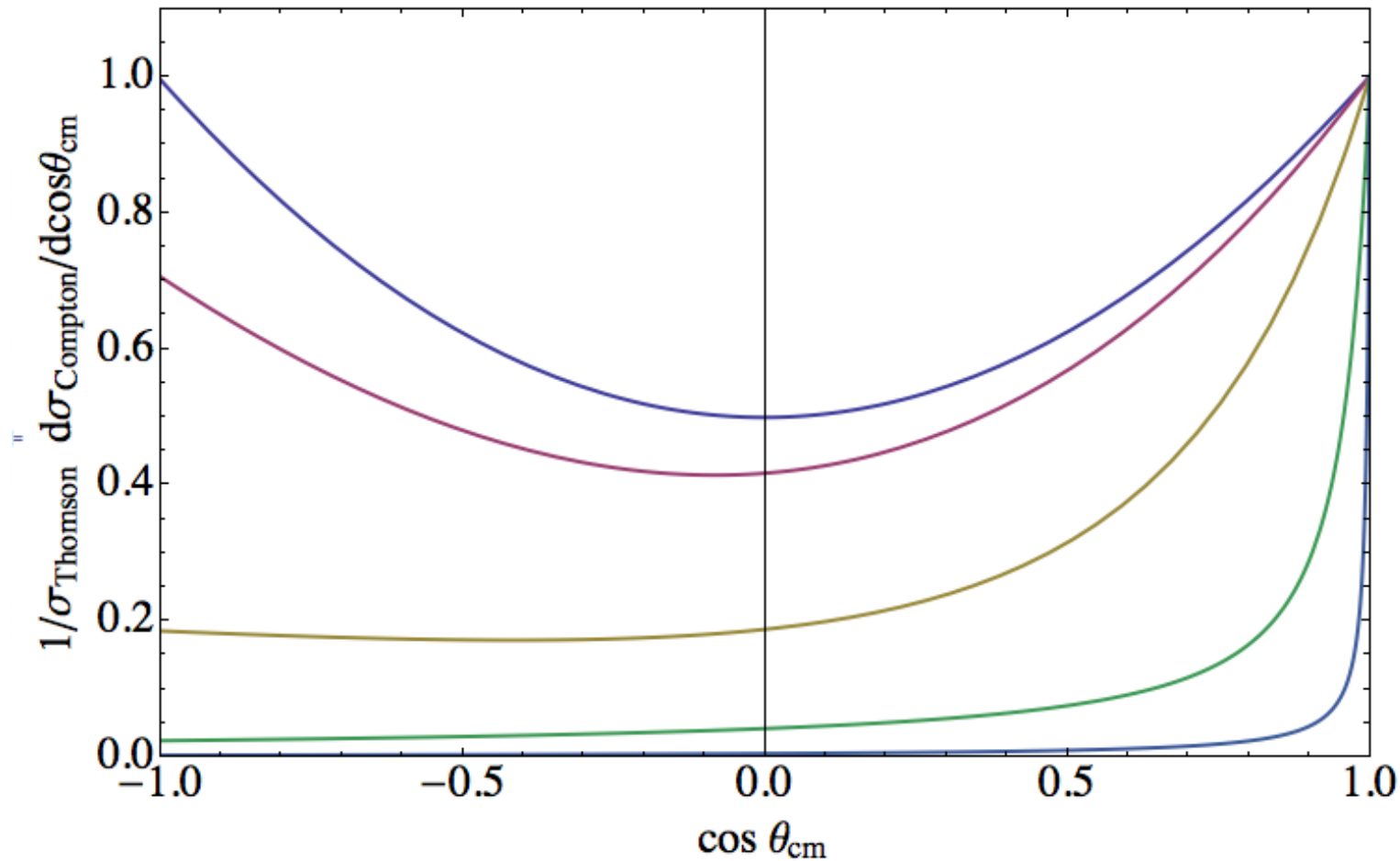
$$e^+ + e^- \rightarrow \gamma + \gamma$$

ELECTRON-POSITRON CREATION

$$\gamma + \gamma \rightarrow e^+ + e^-$$

COMPTON scattering $\cos\theta_{\text{rest frame}}$ distribution

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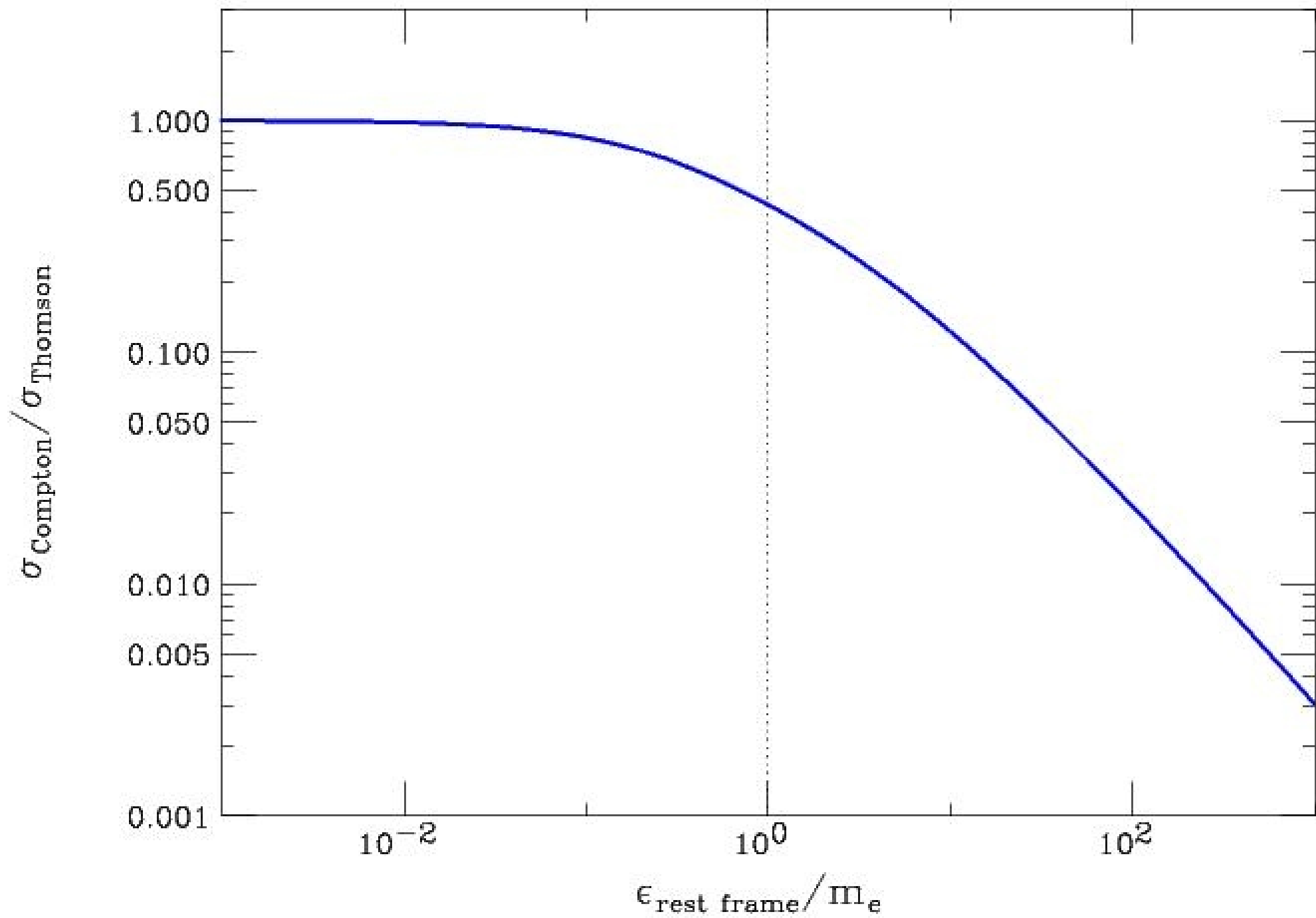
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$$\frac{-\epsilon ct^3 + (\epsilon^2 + \epsilon + 1)ct^2 - \epsilon(2\epsilon + 1)ct + \epsilon^2 + \epsilon + 1}{2((ct - 1)\epsilon - 1)^3}$$

Total COMPTON scattering cross section

$$-\frac{1}{m^2 \epsilon^3} \left(\text{alfa}^2 \pi \left(-\frac{2\epsilon(2 + \epsilon(1 + \epsilon)(8 + \epsilon))}{(1 + 2\epsilon)^2} + (2 - (-2 + \epsilon)\epsilon) \text{Log}[1 + 2\epsilon] \right) \right)$$



$$\sigma_{\text{Thomson}} = \frac{8\pi}{3} \frac{e^2}{(m_e c^2)^2} = \frac{8\pi}{3} r_0^2$$

$$\sigma_{\text{Thomson}} \simeq 6.65 \times 10^{-25} \text{ cm}^2$$

$$r_0 = \frac{e^2}{(m_e c^2)^2}$$

Electron “Classical Radius”

$$r_0 = \frac{\alpha}{m_e^2} \left(\frac{\hbar c}{c^4} \right)$$

$$r_0 = 2.81 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}$$

$$a_{\text{Bohr}} = \frac{\hbar^2}{m_e^2 e^2}$$

Bohr Radius

(dimension of the hydrogen atom)

$$a_{\text{Bohr}} = \frac{r_0}{\alpha^2}$$

$$r_0 = 2.81 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}$$

$$a_{\text{Bohr}} = 0.53 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}$$

Thomson cross section
for the electron scattering

$$e + \gamma \rightarrow e + \gamma$$

Larmor Formula:

Radiation of an accelerated charged particle
(system where the velocity is small)

$$\frac{dP}{d\Omega} = \frac{e^2}{4\pi c^3} \dot{v}^2 \sin^2 \Theta$$

$$P = \frac{2}{3} \frac{e^2 \dot{v}^2}{c^3}$$

$$\frac{dP}{d\Omega} = \frac{e^2}{4\pi c^3} \dot{v}^2 \sin^2 \Theta$$

Electromagnetic Plane wave

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \epsilon E_0 e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x} - i\omega t}$$

Electric field

$$\dot{\mathbf{v}}(t) = \epsilon \frac{e}{m} E_0 e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x} - i\omega t}$$

Acceleration

$$\left\langle \frac{dP}{d\Omega} \right\rangle = \frac{c}{8\pi} |E_0|^2 \left(\frac{e^2}{mc^2} \right)^2 \sin^2 \Theta$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{\text{Energy radiated/unit time/unit solid angle}}{\text{Incident energy flux in energy/unit area/unit time}}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left(\frac{e^2}{mc^2}\right)^2 \sin^2 \Theta$$

Linearly Polarized Light
(angle with respect
to the polarization vector)

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left(\frac{e^2}{mc^2}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos^2 \theta)$$

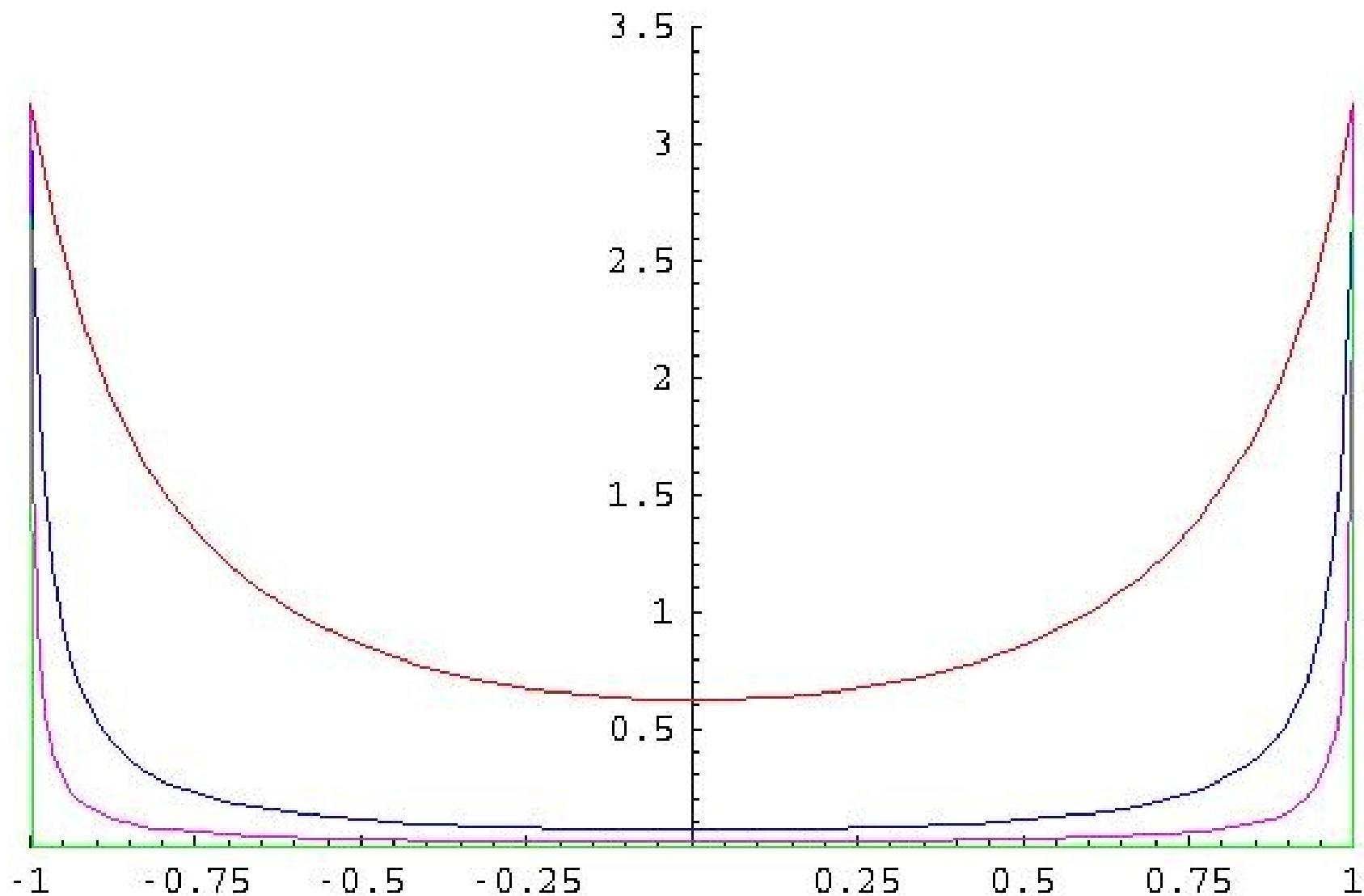
Unpolarized light
(angle with respect
To photon direction)

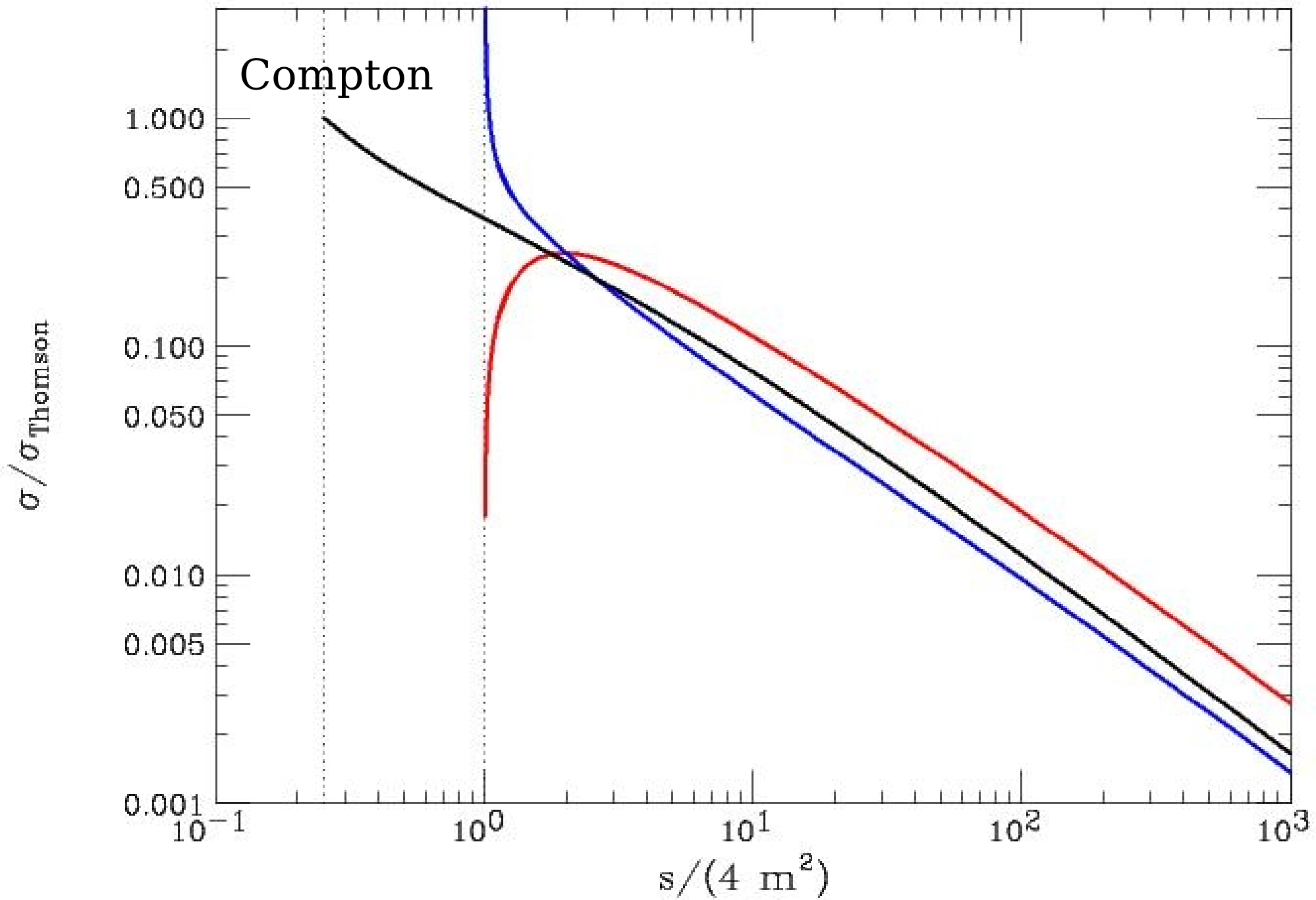
$$\sigma_T = \frac{8\pi}{3} \left(\frac{e^2}{mc^2} \right)^2$$

$$\sigma_{KN} = \left(\frac{e^2}{mc^2} \right)^2 \begin{cases} \frac{8\pi}{3} \left(1 - \frac{2\hbar\omega}{mc^2} + \dots \right), & \hbar\omega \ll mc^2 \\ \pi \frac{mc^2}{\hbar\omega} \left[\ln \left(\frac{2\hbar\omega}{mc^2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \right], & \hbar\omega \gg mc^2 \end{cases}$$

Pair Creation (or Annihilation) $\cos\theta_{\text{cm}}$ distribution

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Bremsstrahlung



Pair Creation



Bremsstrahlung

$$e + Z \rightarrow e + \gamma + Z$$

$$e + \gamma_{\text{virtual}} \rightarrow e + \gamma$$

Pair Creation

$$\gamma + Z \rightarrow e^+ + e^- + Z$$

$$\gamma + \gamma_{\text{virtual}} \rightarrow e^+ + e^-$$

Method of Virtual Photons

$$\vec{E} = q \frac{\vec{r}}{r^3}, \quad \vec{B} = 0$$

Charged particle at rest
Particle at Rest

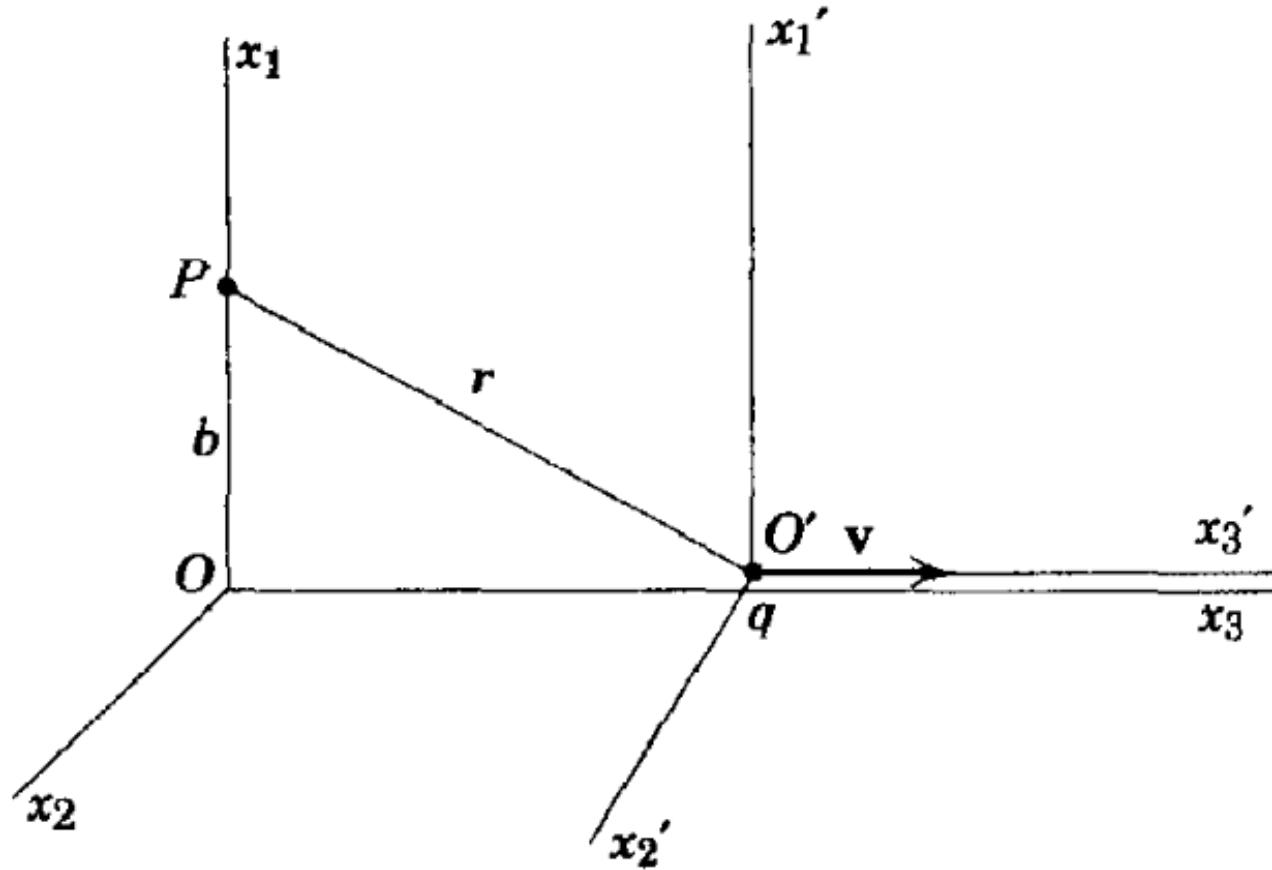
The particle moves with a constant velocity β (Lorentz factor γ), passing by an observer placed at the observation point P with a minimum distance (impact parameter) b .

Question: What are the electric and magnetic field $(\vec{E}(t), \vec{B}(t))$ that the observer at P measures as a function of observer time t ?

$$(\vec{E}(t), \vec{B}(t))$$

Method of Virtual Photons

$E(t)$
 $B(t)$
At point P



Particle of charge q
Velocity v

Method of Virtual Photons

$$\vec{E} = q \frac{\vec{r}}{r^3}, \quad \vec{B} = 0 \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Charged particle at rest} \\ \text{Particle at Rest} \end{array}$$

(primed reference frame, charged particle system)

$$P' = \{x', y', z'\} = \{b, 0, -\beta t'\}$$

$$\vec{E}' = \left\{ \frac{q b}{(r')^3}, \quad 0, \quad -\frac{q \beta t}{(r')^3} \right\} \quad \vec{B}' = 0$$

$$\vec{E}' = \left\{ \frac{q b}{(b^2 + \beta t')^{3/2}}, \quad 0, \quad -\frac{q \beta t}{(b^2 + \beta t')^{3/2}} \right\}$$

Lorentz Transformation of electromagnetic Field

$$\vec{E}' = \{\gamma (E_x - \beta B_y), \quad \gamma (E_y + \beta B_x), \quad E_z\}$$

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$$(E'_x, E'_y \neq 0)$$

$$\vec{E}' = \{\gamma E_x, \quad 0 \quad E_z\}$$

$$\vec{B}' = \{0, \quad -\beta \gamma E_x, \quad 0 \quad \}$$

$$\vec{E} = \left\{ \frac{q b \gamma}{[b^2 + (\beta t')^2]^{3/2}}, 0, -\frac{q (\beta t)}{(b^2 + [\beta t']^2)^{3/2}} \right\}$$

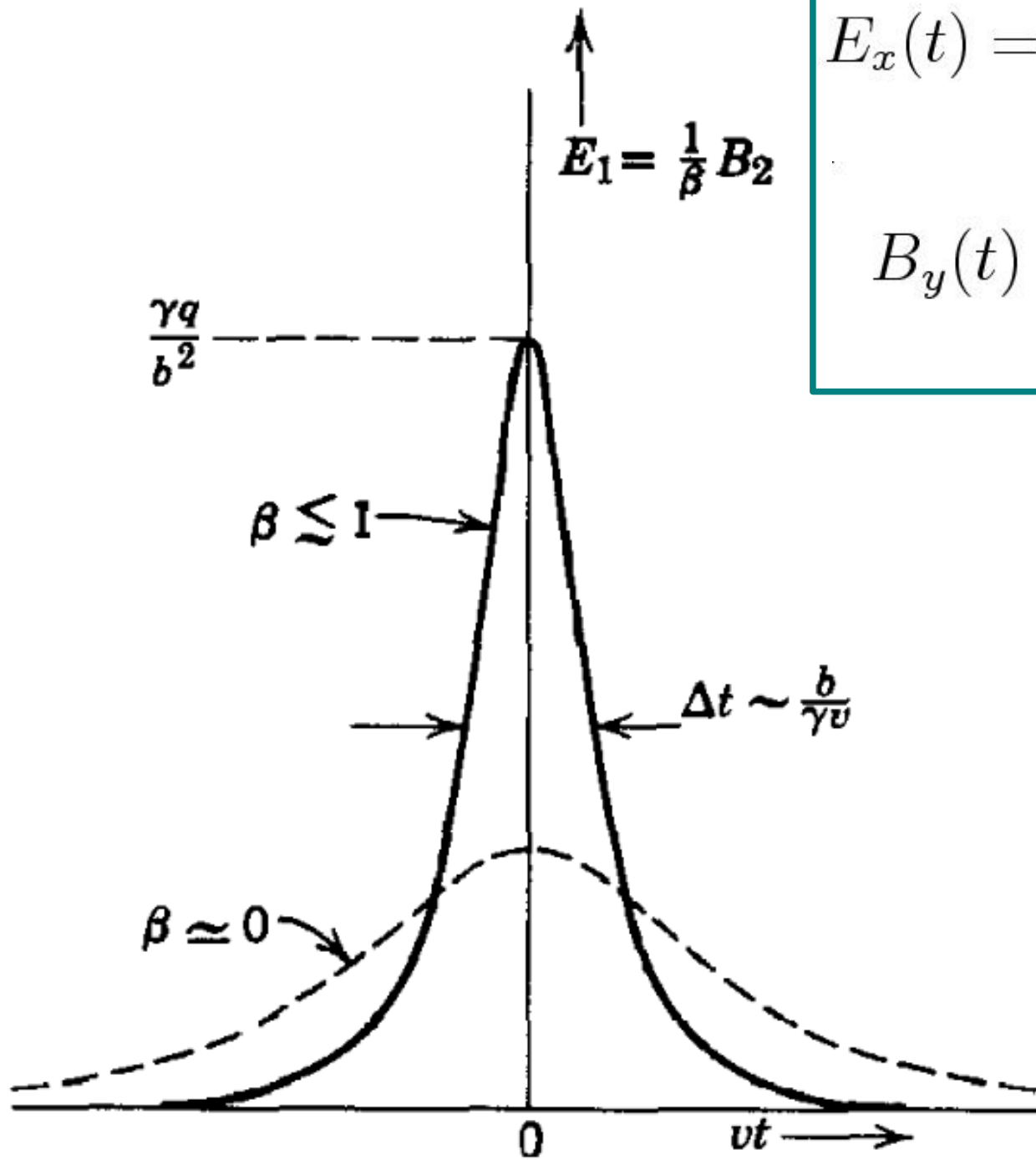
$$\vec{B} = \left\{ 0, \frac{q b \beta \gamma}{[b^2 + (\beta t')^2]^{3/2}}, 0 \right\}$$

$$t' = \gamma t$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{E} &\perp \vec{B} \\ \vec{E} &\perp \hat{v} \\ \vec{B} &\perp \hat{v} \end{aligned}$$

$$E_x(t) = \frac{q b \gamma}{[b^2 + (\beta \gamma t)^2]^{3/2}}$$

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The observer at P , that sees a relativistic particle “zipping by” at relativistic speed ($\beta \simeq 1$, $\gamma \gg 1$) sees an electromagnetic field that is undistinguishable from an electromagnetic plane wave propagating along the z direction. \vec{E} , \vec{B} , \hat{v} mutually perpendicular.

Fourier analysis of the electromagnetic wave

$$E_\omega = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int dt e^{i\omega t} E(t)$$

$$E_x(t) = \frac{q b \gamma}{[b^2 + (\beta \gamma t)^2]^{3/2}}$$

$$E_\omega = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int dt e^{i\omega t} \frac{q \gamma b}{(b^2 + \gamma^2 t^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$E_\omega = \frac{q}{2\pi} \frac{b}{b^2} \int dt e^{i\omega t} \frac{1}{[1 + ((\gamma/b) t)^2]^{3/2}}$$

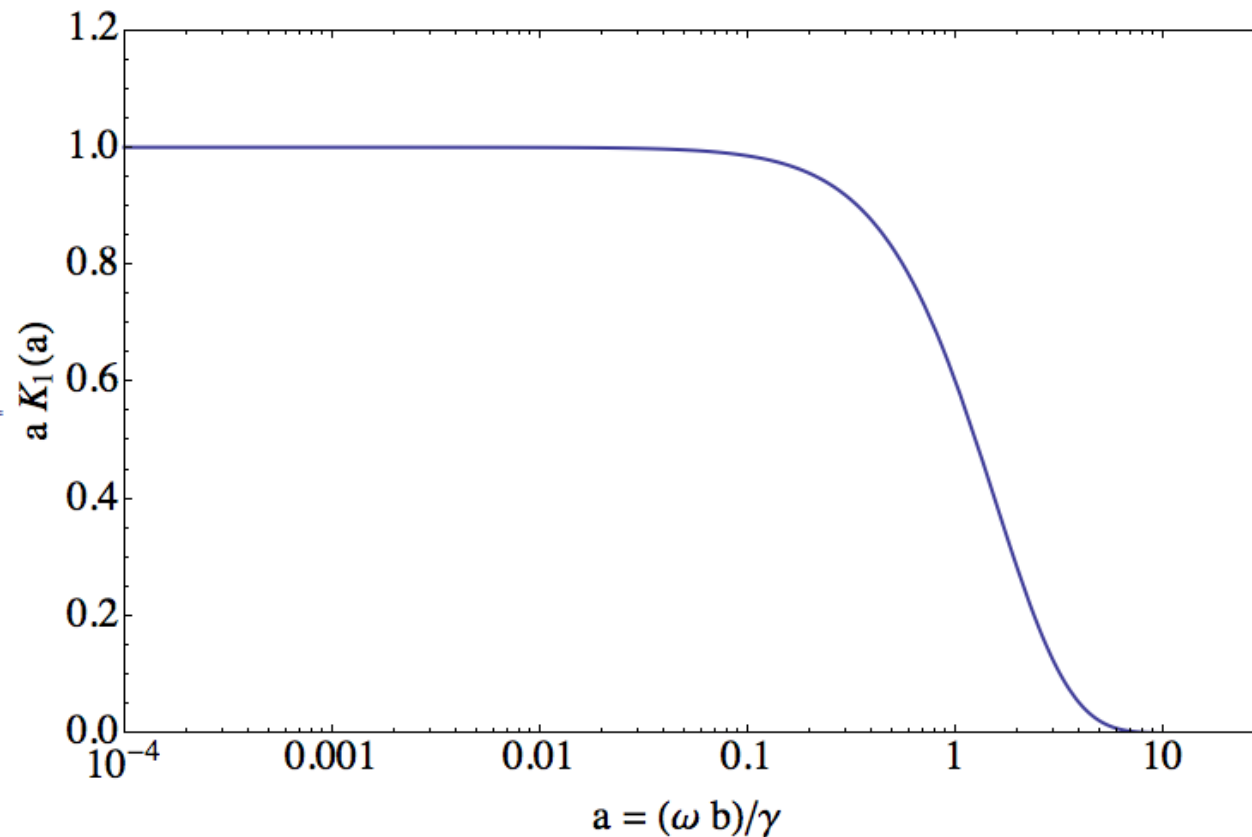
$$x = \frac{\gamma}{b} t$$

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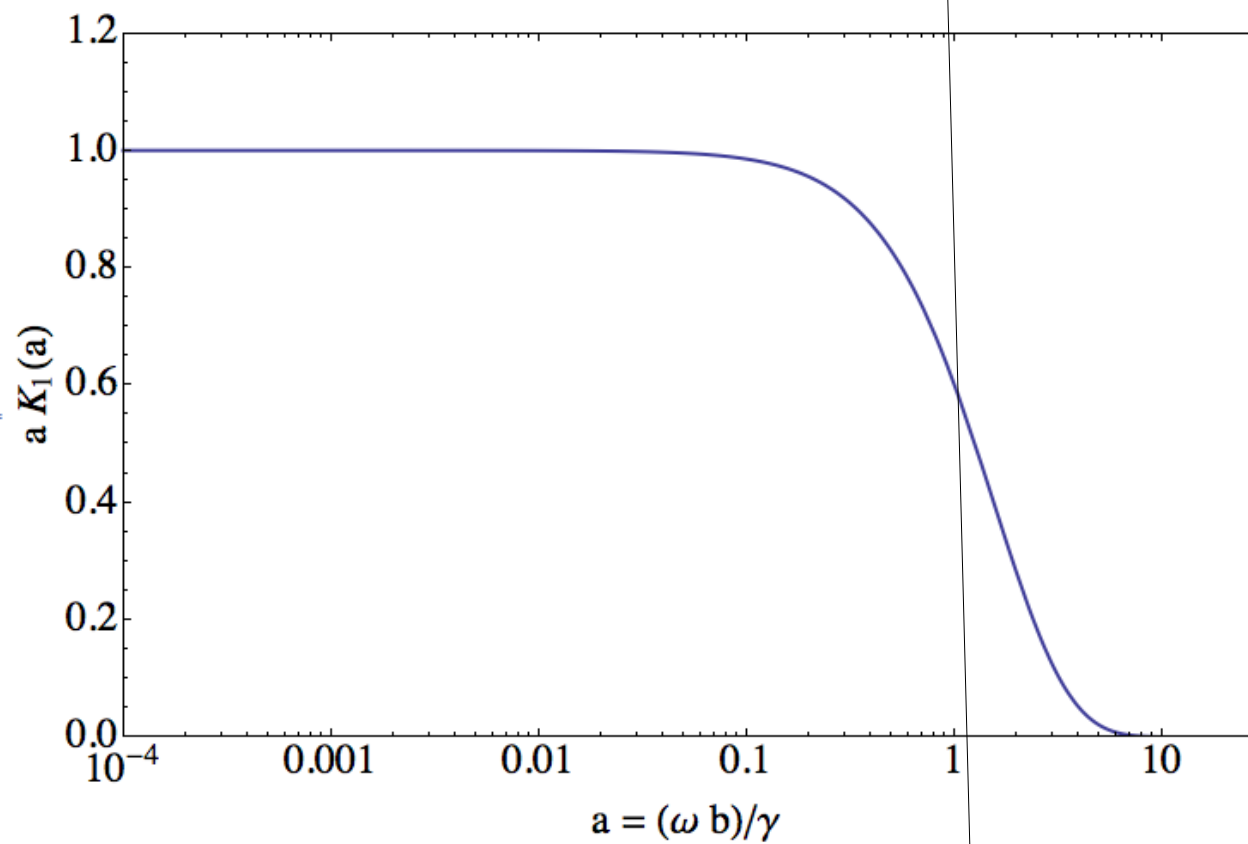
$$\int dt e^{i a x} \frac{1}{(1+x^2)^{3/2}} = 2 a K_1(a)$$

$$\int dx \frac{1}{(1+x^2)^{3/2}} = 2$$



$$E_\omega \simeq \frac{q}{\pi b}$$

$$E_\omega \simeq 0$$



Energy Fluence : Energy/(unit Area)

$$\int d\omega |E(\omega)|^2 = \int dt |E(t)|^2$$

$$|E(\omega)|^2 = \frac{d\mathcal{E}}{d\omega dA} = \frac{dN_{\gamma}^{\text{virtual}}}{d\omega dA} (\hbar \omega)$$

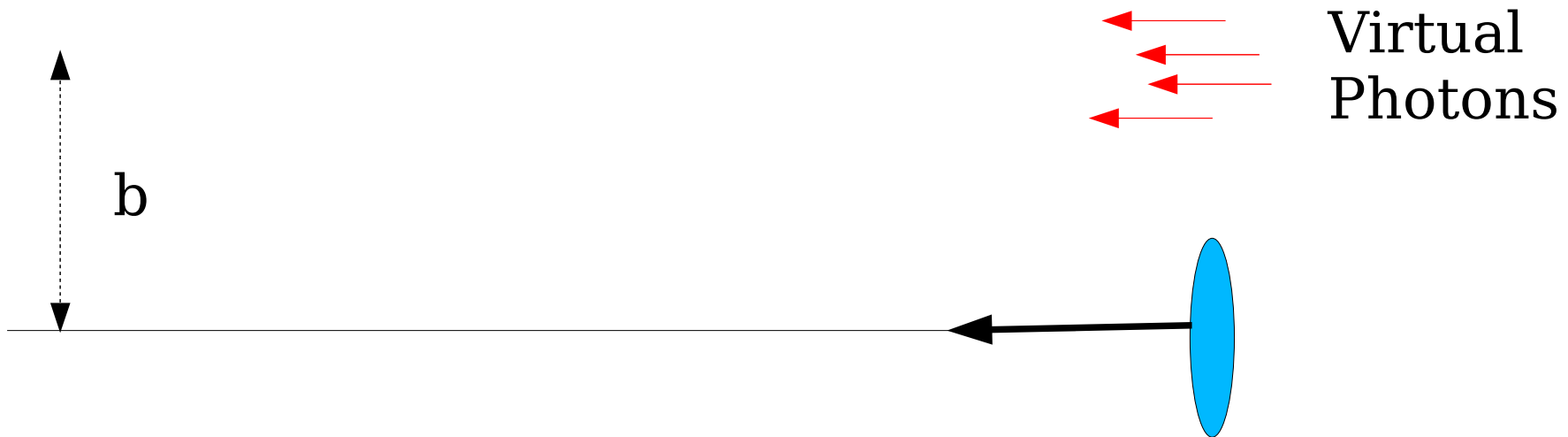
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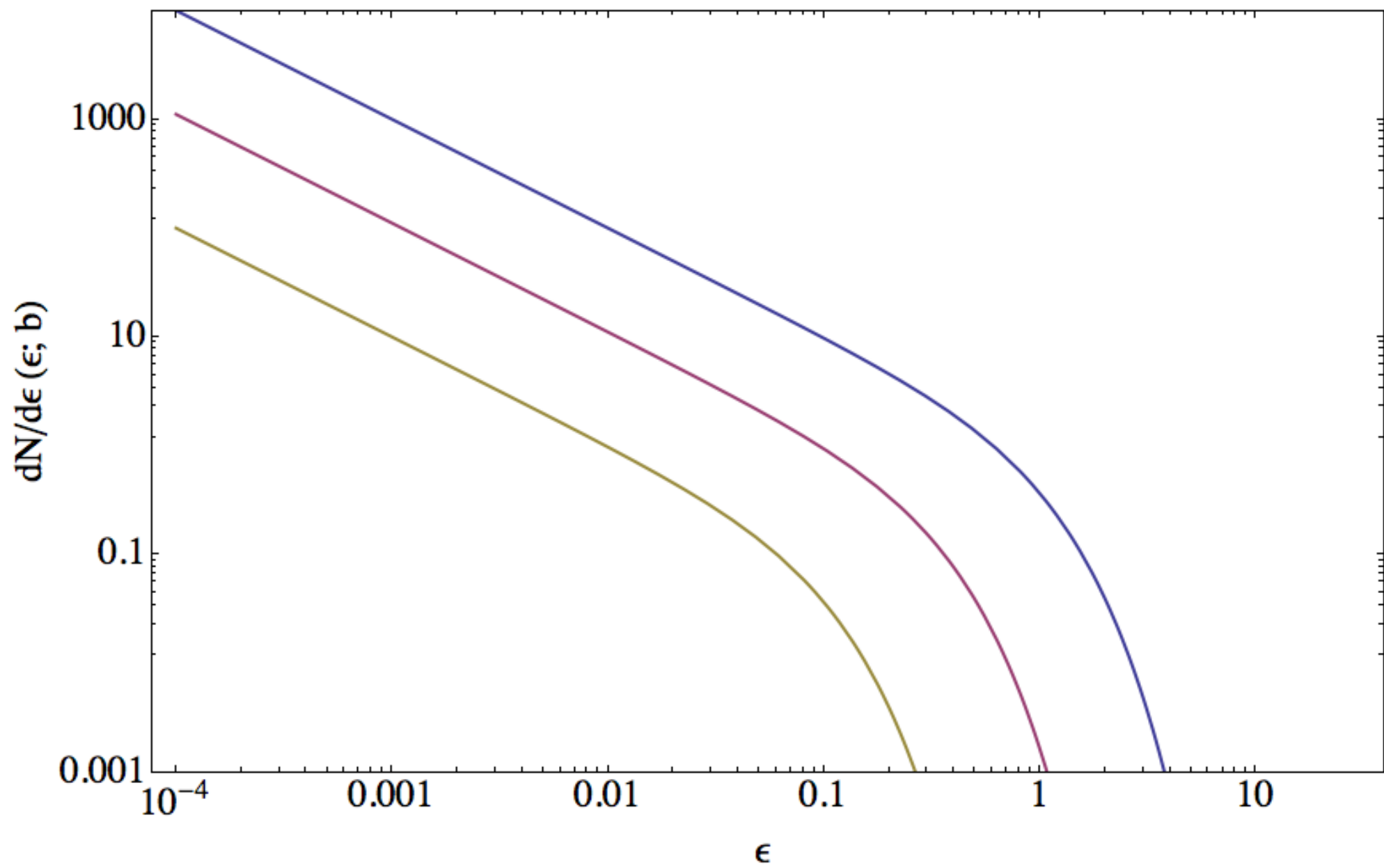
$$\frac{dN_{\gamma}^{\text{virtual}}}{d\omega dA} \simeq 0$$

Electron/Photon interaction with a nucleus.

Can be seen as an interaction with a virtual photon of energy

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$$\frac{dN_{\gamma}^{\text{virtual}}}{d\omega dA} = \frac{q^2}{\pi^2} \frac{1}{b^2} \frac{1}{\omega}$$

Extends only up to a maximum impact parameter

$$b_{\text{max}} \simeq \min\left[\frac{1}{2\varepsilon}, R_{\text{atom}}\right]$$

$$E_\omega = \frac{q}{2\pi b} \int dx e^{i(\omega b/\gamma)x} \frac{1}{(1+x^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$e^{i(\omega b/\gamma)x} \quad b_{\max} = \frac{\gamma}{\omega}$$

Considering the “Target Rest Frame

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\omega}{2\gamma}$$

$$b_{\max} = \frac{1}{2\varepsilon}$$

$$b_{\max} \simeq \min\left[\frac{1}{2\varepsilon}, R_{\text{atom}}\right]$$

$$\langle r_{\text{atomo}} \rangle \propto \frac{\xi}{m\alpha} Z^{-1/3} \propto \frac{183}{m} Z^{-1/3}$$

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PAIR PRODUCTION

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Total Cross section for Pair Production (full screening)

$$\sigma_{\text{pair}}^{\text{tot}} = \int_0^1 du \frac{d\sigma_{\text{pair}}}{du}(u) = 4 \alpha r_0^2 Z^2 \left\{ \ln[183 Z^{-1/3}] \frac{7}{9} - \frac{1}{54} \right\}$$

Total Pair Production Cross section

$$\sigma_{\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-}(K) = \int d^2b \int d\varepsilon \frac{dN_{\gamma}^{\text{virtual}}}{dA d\omega} \sigma_{\gamma\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-}(\hat{s})$$

$$\hat{s} = 4K\varepsilon$$

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$$(2\pi) \int db b \int d\varepsilon \left\{ \frac{\alpha Z^2}{\pi^2 b^2} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \Theta[b_{\text{max}}(\varepsilon) - b] \right\} \sigma_{\gamma\gamma}(4K\varepsilon)$$

$$b_{\text{max}}(\varepsilon) \simeq \frac{1}{2\varepsilon}$$

$$b_{\text{max}} \simeq R_{\text{atom}}$$

$$\sigma_{\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-}(K) = \frac{\alpha Z^2}{\pi^2} \left[(2\pi) \int_{b_{\min}}^{b_{\max}} \frac{db}{b} \right]$$

$$\int_{4m^2/K}^{\infty} \frac{d\varepsilon}{\varepsilon} \sigma_{\gamma\gamma}(4K\varepsilon)$$

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$$\frac{2\alpha Z^2}{\pi} \log \left[\frac{b_{\max}}{b_{\min}} \right] \int_{4m^2}^{\infty} \frac{ds}{s} \sigma_{\gamma\gamma}(s)$$

$$\int_{4m^2}^{\infty} \frac{ds}{s} \sigma_{\gamma\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-}(s) = (2\pi r_0^2) \frac{7}{9}$$

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Estimate of b_{\max} and b_{\min}

$$b_{\min} \simeq \frac{\hbar}{m_e c}$$

Quantum mechanical
Effect
(uncertainty principle)

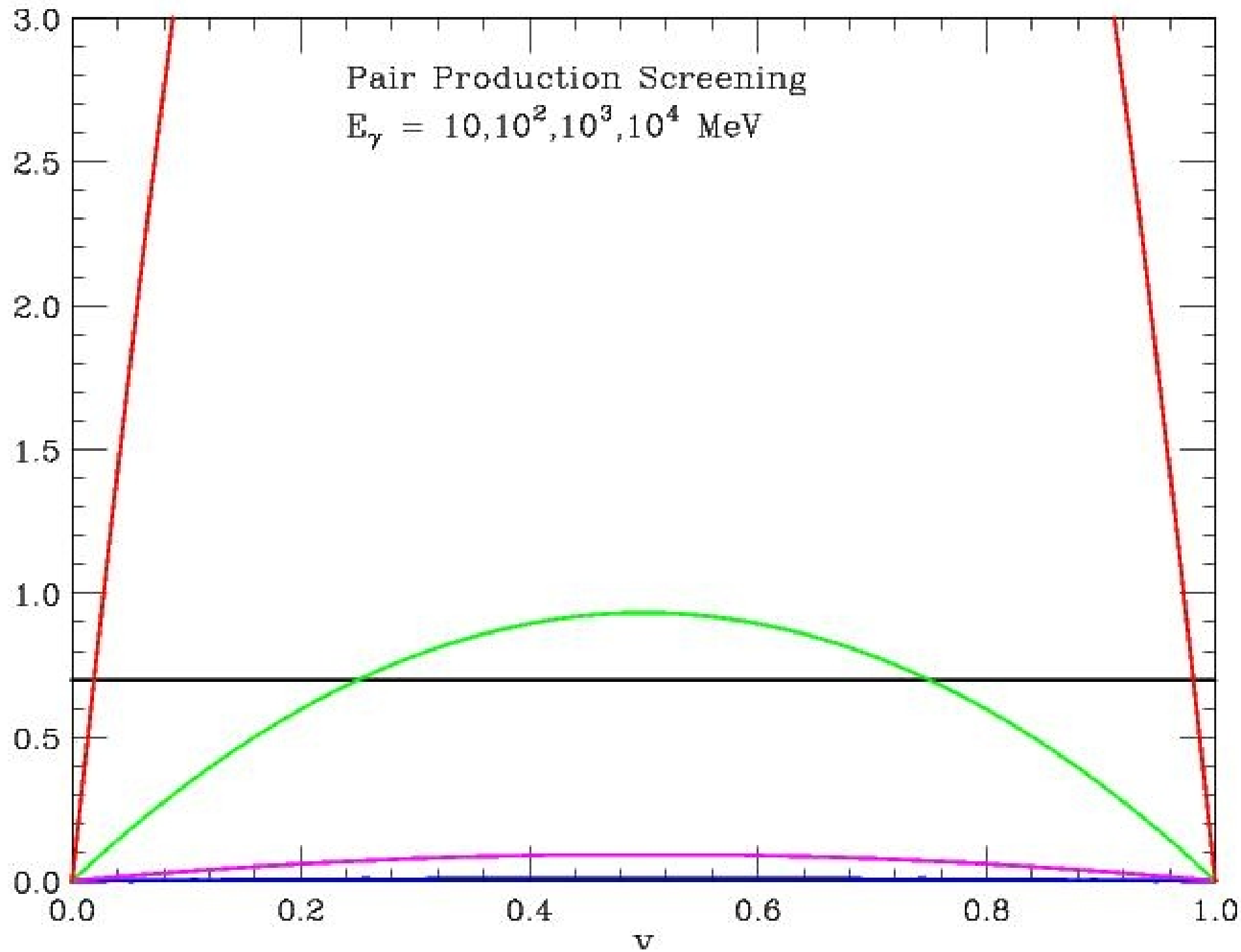
$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{brems}}}{dv}(v, E_e) = \int_{\varepsilon_{\min}(v, E_e)}^{\infty} d\varepsilon [\dots]$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{pair}}}{du}(u, E_\gamma) = \int_{\varepsilon_{\min}(u, E_e)}^{\infty} d\varepsilon [\dots]$$

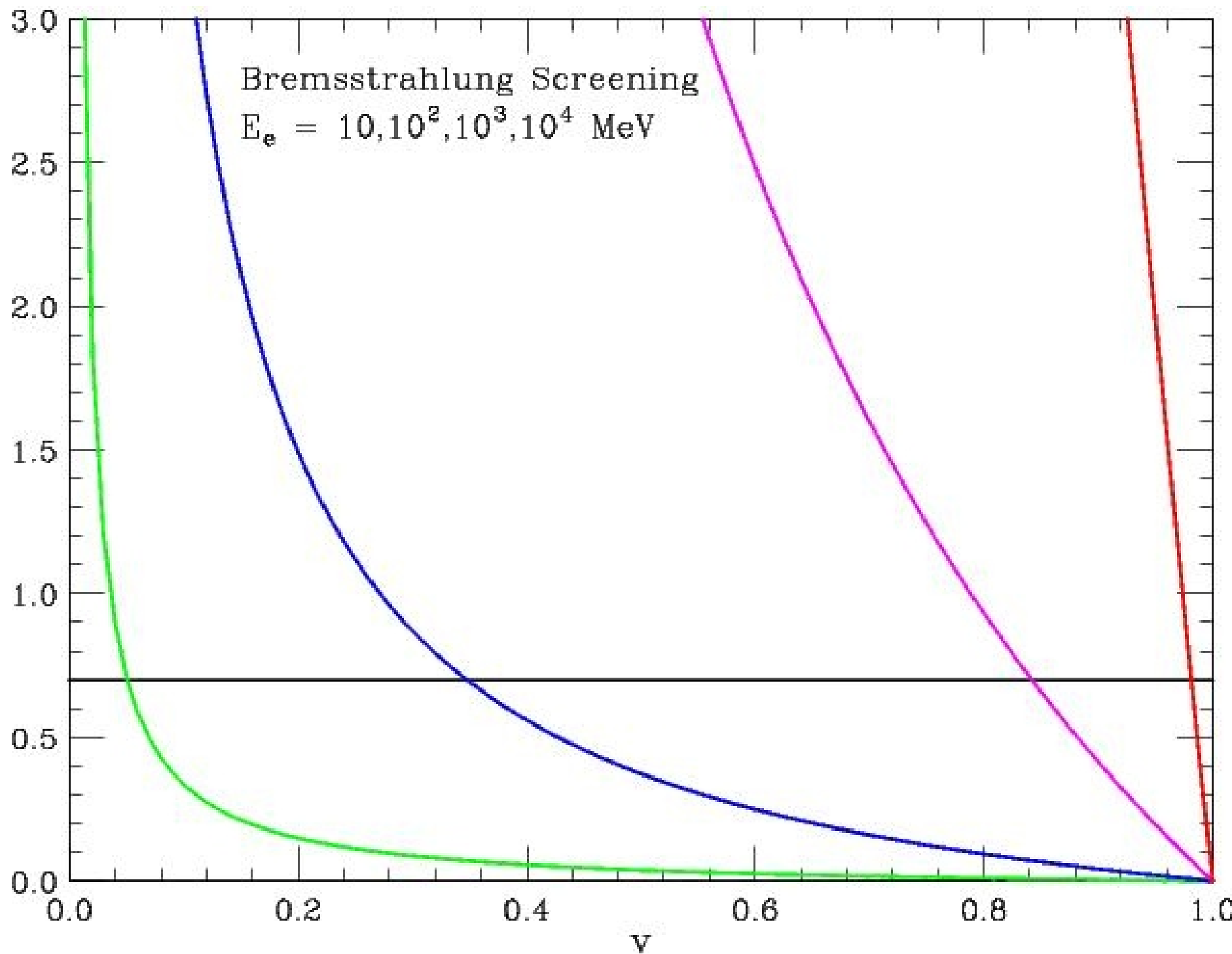
$$\varepsilon_{\min}(v, E_e) = \frac{m^2}{4 E_e} \frac{v}{1 - v}$$

$$\varepsilon_{\min}(u, E_\gamma) = \frac{m^2}{4 E_e u(1 - u)}$$

b_{\max} (Bohr Radius)



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Bremsstrahlung

$$\sigma_{\text{brems}}^{\text{tot}} \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\int_0^1 dv v \frac{d\sigma_{\text{brems}}}{dv}(v) = 4 \alpha r_0^2 Z^2 \left\{ \ln[183 Z^{-1/3}] + \frac{1}{18} \right\}$$

$$\left. \frac{dE}{dX} \right|_{\text{brems}} = \frac{N_A}{A} \int dE_\gamma E_\gamma \frac{d\sigma}{dE_\gamma}(E_\gamma, E_e)$$

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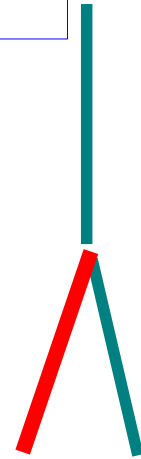
$$\lambda_{\text{rad}} = \frac{N_A}{A} 4 \alpha r_0^2 \left\{ \ln[183 Z^{-1/3}] + \frac{1}{18} \right\}$$

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Radiation
Length

The “SPLITTING FUNCTIONS”

$$\varphi(v) = \left[\frac{d\sigma}{dv}(v) \right]_{\text{brems}} \left(\frac{N_A}{A} \lambda_{\text{rad}} \right)$$



$$\psi(u) = \left[\frac{d\sigma}{du}(u) \right]_{\text{pair}} \left(\frac{N_A}{A} \lambda_{\text{rad}} \right)$$

