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Comparison of Numerical Methods for the Calculation of Synchrotron Radiation from Electrons*

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Introduction

- Modeling near-field SR *accurately & efficiently* is critical to understanding *self-consistent* beam dynamics
- Many methods and simulation tools have been developed, mostly based on 1D models
- We compare a few popular methods in order to develop a new simulation framework:
 - 2D analytic model based on Liénard-Wiechert (LW) equation
 - Particle-in-Cell (PIC) based on Finite Difference Time Domain
 - Jefimenko equation
 - A Lagrangian method for real-time calculation

2D analytic model based on LW equation

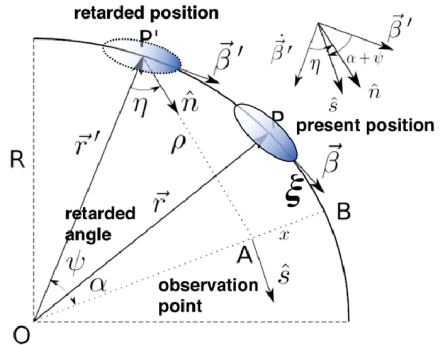
$$\vec{E} = \frac{e(\hat{n} - \vec{\beta}')}{\gamma^2 \rho^2 (1 - \hat{n} \cdot \vec{\beta}')^3} + \frac{e \hat{n} \times [(\hat{n} - \vec{\beta}') \times \dot{\vec{\beta}}']}{c \rho (1 - \hat{n} \cdot \vec{\beta}')^3}$$

$$E_s^{vel} = \frac{e \beta^2 [\sin(\eta + \alpha + \psi) - \beta \cos(\alpha + \psi)]}{\gamma^2 R^2 \psi^2 (1 - \beta \sin \eta)^3}$$

$$E_s^{rad} = \frac{e \beta^3 (\sin \eta - \beta) \cos(\eta + \alpha + \psi)}{R^2 \psi (1 - \beta \sin \eta)^3}$$

- Extension from 1D line charge model
- Applies to exact circular trajectory
- The key is to solve retarded angle $\psi = \psi(\alpha, x)$

Huang *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Accel. Beams **16**, 010701 (2013)



$$1 + (1+x)^2 - 2(1+x) \cos(\alpha + \psi) = \psi^2 / \beta^2$$

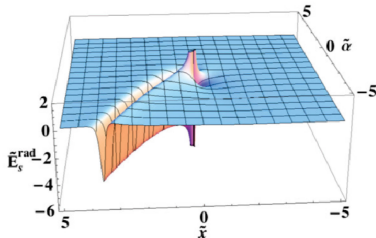
Self-similarities of single-particle kernel

Self-similarity in radiation field

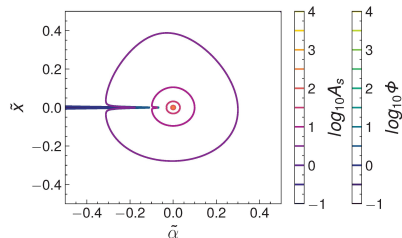
$$\tilde{x}^2 + 2\tilde{\alpha}\tilde{\psi} + (\tilde{x} - 1)\tilde{\psi}^2 - \tilde{\psi}^4/12 = 0$$

$$\tilde{x} \equiv x\gamma^2, \tilde{\alpha} \equiv \alpha\gamma^3, \tilde{\psi} \equiv \psi\gamma$$

$$\tilde{E}_s^{\text{rad}} \equiv E_s^{\text{rad}} / (e\gamma^4 / R^2)$$



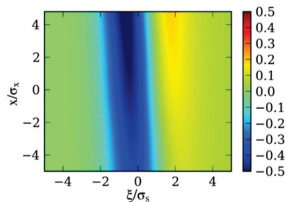
Self-similarity in potentials



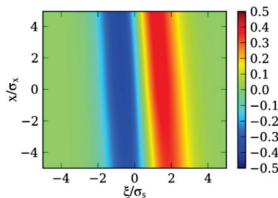
$$\Phi = \frac{e}{R\tilde{\psi}(1+\tilde{z}^2)} [\gamma^3(\beta + \sin \eta) - \gamma \sin \eta]$$

$$A_s = \frac{e}{R\tilde{\psi}(1+\tilde{z}^2)} [\gamma^3(\beta + \sin \eta) - \gamma(\beta^{-1}\tilde{z}^2 + \beta + \sin \eta)]$$

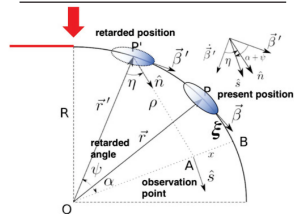
Steady-state field



Transient field

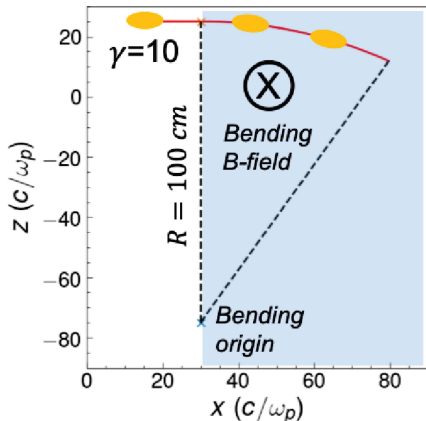


Transition into bends



3D PIC simulation: High resolution needed to mitigate numerical errors

transient steady-state

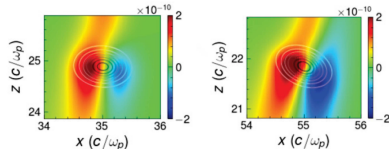


2D bi-Gaussian beam

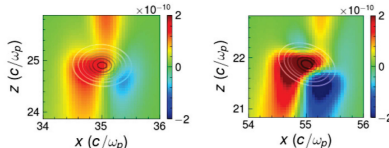
Yee solver

~ 3000 cpu-hrs

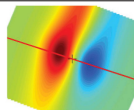
High resolution: $\sigma_x/dx = 25$



Low resolution: $\sigma_x/dx = 5$



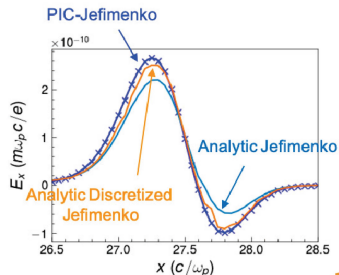
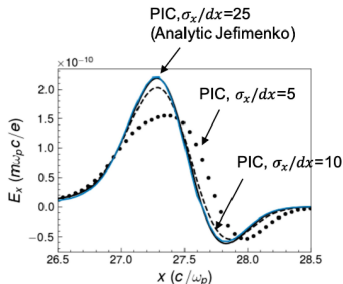
2D analytical model



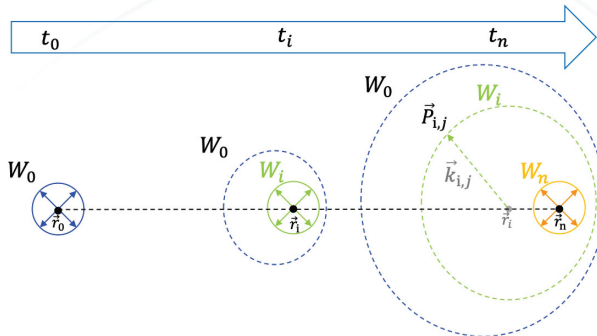
Jefimenko calculation & Comparison with PIC

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \left(\frac{\rho(\vec{r}', t') \hat{n}}{R^2} + \frac{\dot{\rho}(\vec{r}', t') \hat{n}}{R} - \frac{\ddot{\vec{J}}(\vec{r}', t')}{R} \right) d^3 \vec{r}'$$

	Discretization	Deposition	Dispersion	Integration
PIC-Jefi.	Yes	Yes	-	-*
Analytic-Jefi.	-	-	-	-*
Analytic-Discretized-Jefi.	Yes	-	-	-*
PIC	Yes	Yes	Yes	-



A Lagrangian method: Real-time animation of SR by tracing emission wavefronts



Construct wavefronts from emission points:

$$\vec{P}_{i,j}(N\Delta t) = \vec{r}_i + c(N-1)\Delta t \vec{k}_{i,j}, (N > i)$$

Emission angle determined by β :

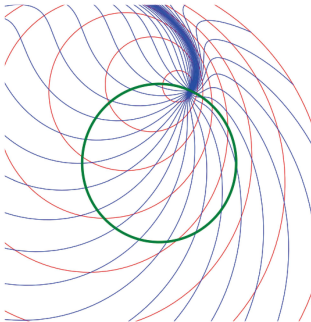
$$k_x = (\cos \theta' + \beta) / (1 + \beta \cos \theta')$$

$$k_y = \sin \theta' / \gamma (1 + \beta \cos \theta')$$

T. Shintake, Nucl. Instr. Methods Phys. Res. A **507**, 89-92 (2003)

Adaptive mesh & Radiation field due to electron acceleration

- Electron trajectory
- Field lines
- Wavefronts



Electric fields in electron frame:

$$\vec{E}'_{vel} = -e \frac{\hat{n}}{\rho^2}; \quad \vec{E}'_{acc} = e \frac{\hat{n} \times (\hat{n} \times \dot{\vec{\beta}}')}{\rho}$$

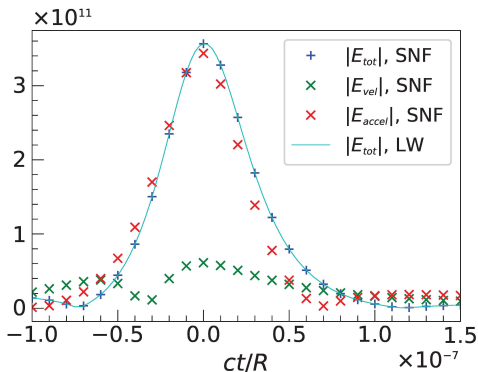


Total electric field in lab frame:

$$\vec{E} = \frac{e(\hat{n} - \vec{\beta}')}{\gamma^2 \rho^2 (1 - \hat{n} \cdot \vec{\beta}')^3} + \frac{e \hat{n} \times [(\hat{n} - \vec{\beta}') \times \dot{\vec{\beta}}']}{c \rho (1 - \hat{n} \cdot \vec{\beta}')^3}$$

Kirk T. McDonald, Notes (2017)

Double Lorentz transform & Equivalence to LW equation



- Transform to electron frame
- Obtain velocity field due to charge at rest
- Obtain radiation field due to charge acceleration
- Transform fields back to lab frame

Li, Huang, *et al.*, Proc. 10th Int. Particle Accelerator Conf. 397-399 (2019)

Summary

	Pros.	Cons.
Analytic models	Accurate Scaling	Case limited Non self-consistent (History searching)
PIC (FDTD)	Self-consistent	Numerical issues Expensive (small dx, dt)
Larangian (Shintake)	Accurate Free of searching Adaptive mesh Real-time Self-consistent	Can be expensive but inherently parallel