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## Key Points:

- Sudden braking during the bremsstrahlung process causes a particle to rotate and re-orientate.
- If this sudden braking is periodic (periodic particle motion), the radiation pattern is spiral.
- If this sudden braking is non-periodic, sudden braking induces bremsstrahlung asymmetry, R.

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**Plain Language Summary**

High energy particles following circular periodic trajectory emit spiral radiation pattern. Spiral radiation pattern has a changing radius as it expands from its source. A discontinuous single high-frequency radiation pattern has non-uniform radiation intensities known as asymmetries. When these asymmetries are repeated continuously, they cause uniform circular radiation pattern to vary in radius repeatedly. As it is a continuous process, each different sized circular radiation pattern is connected to form a spiral radiation pattern.

**1 Introduction**

Bremsstrahlung high-frequency radiation pattern of a charged particle peaks in the forward direction. This peaking scales with the inverse of the Lorentz factor depending on the particle velocity (Koch & Motz, 1959). Moreover, peaking of radiation intensity was predicted to be Doppler and bremsstrahlung asymmetric and occurs in the backward direction as well as forward direction (Yucemoz & Füllekrug, 2020). These predictions are based on a single particle following a specific trajectory only once and interacting with only one particle. When a relativistic particle follows a periodic circular trajectory, continuously interacts with a target particle, and radiates, radiation pattern is shown to be spiral (Tsien, 1972). However, the detail of the radiation pattern transition is not quite well understood. The transition process is quite important to understand as it helps understand how the particle behaves and radiates. A particle with a peaking radiation pattern coming from the only one bremsstrahlung interaction transforms into a spiral radiation pattern when the particle continuously interacts with other target particles periodically. Spiral radiation pattern was found to be associated with the bremsstrahlung asymmetry,  $R$  which occurs as a result of a particle following spiral particle trajectory. Spiral is an important particle trajectory where the particle follows a curved path of the varying radius within a single mean free time,  $\tau$ . This means that the bremsstrahlung asymmetry,  $R$  is one of the two-parameter that changes within a single period without affecting the periodicity of the continuous radiation process of an incoming particle. The second parameter that is independent of particle motion periodicity

62 is the emitted angular radiation frequency,  $\omega$  which scales with the particle acceleration.  
 63 These two parameters are the only parameters that cause a spiral radiation pattern by  
 64 changing the radius of the emitted circular wave constantly without affecting the peri-  
 65 odicity of the particle motion. Emitted angular radiation frequency,  $\omega$  is significant in  
 66 explaining spiral radiation patterns emitted by circular motion. The circular motion has  
 67 a constant bremsstrahlung asymmetry, R parameter. As R is constant, it cannot con-  
 68 tribute to the spiral radiation generation in the case of circular particle motion. How-  
 69 ever, particle acceleration, hence the emitted angular radiation frequency,  $\omega$  is not con-  
 70 stant and varies along the circular particle path. Varying particle acceleration is the prop-  
 71 erty of a periodic particle motion. Varying emitted angular radiation frequency,  $\omega$  causes  
 72 spiral radiation pattern in periodic circular particle trajectory.

## 73 2 Theory of Transition from Asymmetric Forward-Backward Radia- 74 tion to Spiral Radiation pattern

75 The radiation pattern for a charged particle following a spiral trajectory (Eq.1) is  
 76 predicted to be dipole at non-relativistic and asymmetric forward-backward peaking at  
 77 relativistic particle speed (Yucemoz & Füllekrug, 2020).

$$r(t) = \frac{(t^R)^2 b^R (\omega')^R \cos(\theta_{n,r(t)})^R c}{\tau^{2R} c^R \omega' \cos(\theta_{n,r(t)})} - \frac{at}{\tau}, \quad (1)$$

78 A charged particle following periodic motion emits spiral radiation pattern (Tsien,  
 79 1972).

80 To understand how spiral radiation can be emitted by the particle when it already  
 81 emits a peaking radiation pattern, following a spiral trajectory can be understood by trans-  
 82 forming a peaking radiation pattern into a periodic radiation pattern. This would mean  
 83 that the particle is now following the original spiral radiation pattern defined in equa-  
 84 tion (1) but repeats in periodic intervals. This periodic interval is in every mean free time,  
 85  $\tau$ . The transformation from a discrete radiation pattern into a periodic continuous ra-  
 86 diation pattern can be achieved using the Fourier series.

87 Discrete peaking radiation pattern for one mean free time,  $\tau$  period is found to be  
 88 (Yucemoz & Füllekrug, 2020, p.18, Eq.36),

$$\frac{d^2 I}{d\omega \Omega_{rad}} = \frac{z^2 e^2 (\gamma \omega (S_{SpecialR} - \beta S_{SpecialR} \cos(\theta_{n,\beta}))^2}{4\pi^2 c \epsilon_0} \left| \sin(\theta_{n,\beta}) \left[ -\frac{s_{fv} s_f z (s_{ft})^{1.461} 4.365 \times 10^{26}}{c} \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. \left[ \pi^{1/2} 2^{-(1/2)\nu_1} \alpha^{-\nu_1-1} e^{-\frac{y^2 \alpha^{-2}}{8}} \times D_{\nu_1}(2^{-1/2} \alpha^{-1} y) \right] + \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. \frac{s_{fv} z s_f (s_{ft})^{1.5} 1.565 \times 10^{27}}{c} \left[ \pi^{1/2} 2^{-(1/2)\nu_2} \alpha^{-\nu_2-1} e^{-\frac{y^2 \alpha^{-2}}{8}} \times D_{\nu_2}(2^{-1/2} \alpha^{-1} y) \right] \right] \right|^2, \quad (2)$$

89 Equation two needs to be simplified before the Fourier series representation by elim-  
 90 inating the coefficient of modulus as it only scales and sharpens the pattern. The coef-  
 91 ficient of modulus represents part of the Doppler effect. However, the effect is still act-  
 92 ing on the radiation pattern as the Doppler shift is also embedded in parameters  $\alpha$  and  
 93  $y$ .

94 Moreover, further simplification allows parabolic cylinder function,  $D_\nu(z)$  to be elim-  
 95 inated as it replicates and only adds details to the pattern predicted by the exponential  
 96 factor. In addition, one of the terms inside the modulus can also be neglected, as it is

97 identical to the first term. Lastly, by neglecting all the constants multiplying the expo-  
 98 nential function in the first term, the simplified equation (2) can be written as,

$$\frac{d^2 I}{d\omega \Omega_{rad}} = \left| \sin(\theta_{n,\beta}) e^{-\frac{y^2 \alpha^{-2}}{8}} \right|^2, \quad (3)$$

99 Where,  $\alpha$  is  $\alpha^2 = \frac{b^R (\gamma \omega (S_{SpecialR} - \beta S_{SpecialR} \cos(\theta_{n,\beta})))^R (\sin(\theta_{n,\beta}))^R}{(\tau^R)^2 c^R} [s^{-2}]$ , and  $y$  is  $y =$   
 100  $\frac{\gamma \omega (S_{SpecialR} - \beta S_{SpecialR} \cos(\theta_{n,\beta})) \sin(\theta_{n,\beta}) a}{c \tau} [s^{-1}]$ .

101 Equation 3 is the simplified version of equation 2. However, it still contains all the  
 102 physical information of bremsstrahlung asymmetry, Doppler effect, and preserves peak-  
 103 ing radiation pattern. All the physical details are preserved to predict, simulate, and ex-  
 104 plain the spiral radiation pattern of a constant period coming from the initial peaking  
 105 pattern. A constant period is a time it takes for a particle to complete its one bremsstrahlung  
 106 spiral particle trajectory.

107 Either case, as the parameters  $\alpha$  and  $y$  involve both mean free time,  $\tau$ , and the  $\theta_{n,\beta}$ ,  
 108 they should be substituted into the equation (3) and simplified.

109 Substituting and simplifying equation 3 gives,

$$\frac{d^2 I}{d\omega \Omega_{rad}} = \left| \sin(\theta_{n,\beta}) e^{\frac{1.391 \times 10^{-18} a^2 \omega^2 \tau^{2R-2} e^{19.519R} S_{SpecialR}^2 b^{-R} (-\beta^R + 1)^{0.5R} \sin(\theta_{n,\beta})^{2-R} (-\cos(\theta_{n,\beta}) \beta + 1)^{2-R} (\omega S_{SpecialR})^{-R}}{\beta^{2-R}}} \right|^2, \quad (4)$$

110 Collecting all factors of the Solid angle,  $\theta_{n,\beta}$  together leads to,

$$111 \beta_2 = \frac{1.391 \times 10^{-18} a^2 \omega^2 \tau^{2R-2} e^{19.519R} S_{SpecialR}^2 b^{-R} (-\beta^R + 1)^{0.5R} (\omega S_{SpecialR})^{-R}}{\beta^{2-R}}.$$

112 Where,  $\omega' = \gamma \omega (S_{SpecialR} - \beta S_{SpecialR} \cos(\theta_{n,\beta}))$ .

113 Periodic radiation pattern can be written as Fourier series of  $n = 1$ . Where,  $n =$   
 114  $1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, \infty$

$$\frac{d^2 I}{d\omega \Omega_{rad}} = \left| \int_0^{2\pi} \sin(\theta_{n,\beta}) e^{\beta_2 \sin(\theta_{n,\beta})^{2-R} (-\cos(\theta_{n,\beta}) \beta + 1)^{2-R}} d\theta_{n,\beta} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [a_n \cos(n\theta_{n,\beta}) + b_n \sin(n\theta_{n,\beta})] \right|^2, \quad (5)$$

115 Factors of cosine and sine terms are  $a_n = \int_0^{2\pi} \sin(\theta_{n,\beta}) e^{\beta_2 \sin(\theta_{n,\beta})^{2-R} (-\cos(\theta_{n,\beta}) \beta + 1)^{2-R}} \cos(\theta_{n,\beta}) d\theta_{n,\beta}$   
 116 and  $b_n = \int_0^{2\pi} \sin(\theta_{n,\beta}) e^{\beta_2 \sin(\theta_{n,\beta})^{2-R} (-\cos(\theta_{n,\beta}) \beta + 1)^{2-R}} \sin(\theta_{n,\beta}) d\theta_{n,\beta}$ .

117 At relativistic speeds " $\beta \approx 1$ ", where bremsstrahlung asymmetry becomes signif-  
 118 icant, equation 5 can be written as:

$$\frac{d^2 I}{d\omega \Omega_{rad}} = \left| \int_0^{2\pi} \sin(\theta_{n,\beta}) e^{\beta_2 (i+1)^{2-R}} d\theta_{n,\beta} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [a_n \cos(n\theta_{n,\beta}) + b_n \sin(n\theta_{n,\beta})] \right|^2, \quad (6)$$

119 Therefore, radiation intensity of a particle is,

$$\frac{d^2 I}{d\omega \Omega_{rad}} \approx \left| \left[ -e^{\beta_2(1+i)^{2-R}} \cos(\theta_{n,\beta}) \right]_0^{2\pi} + \left[ -\frac{1}{2} e^{\beta_2(1+i)^{2-R}} \cos^2(\theta_{n,\beta}) \right]_0^{2\pi} \cos(\theta_{n,\beta}) + \left[ \frac{1}{2} e^{2i\beta_2(1+i)^{-R}} (\theta_{n,\beta} - \sin(\theta_{n,\beta}) \cos(\theta_{n,\beta})) \right]_0^{2\pi} \sin(\theta_{n,\beta}) \right|^2, \quad (7)$$

120 Simplified,

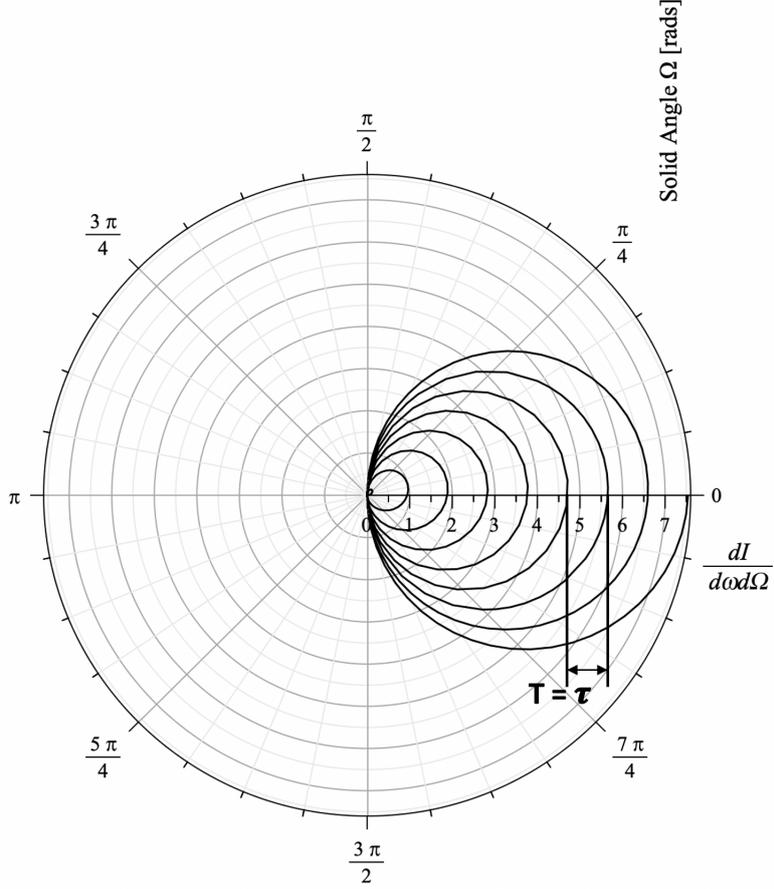
$$\frac{d^2 I}{d\omega \Omega_{rad}} \approx \left| \pi e^{\beta_2(1+i)^{2-R}} \sin(\theta_{n,\beta}) \right|^2, \quad (8)$$

### 121 3 Results

122 In this section, the radiation patterns of a particle undergoing a continuous particle collision following a spiral trajectory with a period of mean free time,  $\tau$  for each collision is predicted using equation 8. The mean free time,  $\tau$  that remains constant after each particle-particle collision makes the whole journey periodic.

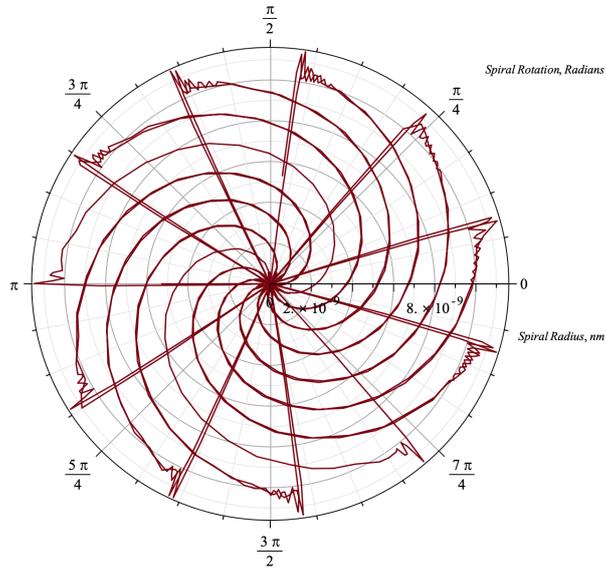
126 As can be seen in equation 8, the exponential coefficient of sine is made up of parameters bremsstrahlung asymmetry,  $R$ , mean free time,  $\tau$ , emitted radiation frequency,  $\omega$ , scaled particle velocity,  $\beta$ , relative speed between a particle and an observer frame of reference,  $S_{SpecialR}$  and spiral trajectory properties  $a$  and  $b$ . When an incoming particle collides periodically with many target particles, all these parameters remain constant. However, bremsstrahlung asymmetry parameter,  $R$ , relative speed between a particle and an observer frame of reference,  $S_{SpecialR}$  and emitted angular radiation frequency,  $\omega$  are independent of the particle's periodic motion. Parameters  $R$  and  $\omega$  only change within each spiral trajectory followed by incoming particle.

135 Changing bremsstrahlung asymmetry,  $R$ , relative speed between a particle and an observer frame of reference,  $S_{SpecialR}$  and emitted angular radiation frequency,  $\omega$ , changes the radius of the emitted circular wave without affecting the periodicity of the multiple particle-particle interactions. Parameter,  $R$ , relative speed between a particle and an observer frame of reference,  $S_{SpecialR}$  and  $\omega$  transforms circular wave into multiple circular waves with different radius. Overall, when detected by sensors, this effect is measured as a spiral radiation pattern.



**Figure 1.** Radiation patterns of a single relativistic particle following a spiral trajectory at periodic intervals of mean free time,  $\tau$  is predicted by derived equation 8. Radiation intensity values are arbitrary and do not reflect the actual observations. Prediction assumes relativistic speed,  $\beta \approx 1$  and Fourier series index,  $n = 1$ . The spiral radiation pattern is formed by the multiple, changing radius circular wave interference. When a particle is in periodic motion, the emitted radiation intensity is expected to be uniform around the particle. This is the result of a periodic motion, as parameters defining the particle motion should not change to preserve periodicity. The possibility of the spiral radiation pattern in a periodic motion means there should be some parameters that can change to different values without affecting the particle period and periodic motion. These parameters are found to be bremsstrahlung asymmetry parameter,  $R$ , emitted angular radiation frequency,  $\omega$  and relative speed between particle and observer frame of reference,  $S_{SpecialR}$ . parameters  $R$  and  $\omega$  vary as a result of a defined spiral particle trajectory. As they vary as a result of spiral trajectory and as the spiral trajectory is constant and same when an incoming particle interacts continuously with different particles,  $\omega$  and  $R$  are cannot affect periodicity of continuous particle-particle interaction. On the other hand, continuous variation of speed between two particle and observer frame of references, triggers and affects the magnitude of emitted radiation by particle. This is causes parameter  $\omega$  to vary and initiate spiral radiation pattern. In addition, parameter  $\omega$  also varies as a result of Doppler effect, which in turn contributes to the generation of spiral radiation pattern.

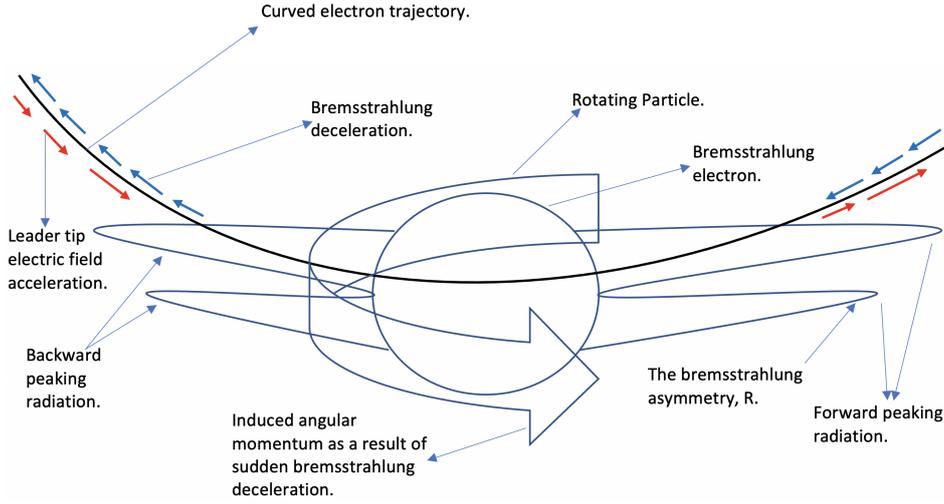
142        Periodic spiral particle trajectory could be one spiral right after another. Alterna-  
 143        tively, periodic spiral particle trajectory could be a spiral combined with a linear mo-  
 144        tion until the next particle-particle interaction, presented in figure 2.



**Figure 2.** Periodic particle following spiral combined with linear trajectory at each mean free time,  $\tau$  intervals.

#### 4 Electron Rotation Caused by The Combined Non-uniform Leader Tip Acceleration and The Bremsstrahlung Deceleration

Mathematically, it has been shown in sections two and three, that the bremsstrahlung asymmetric forward-backward peaking radiation pattern can transform into a spiral radiation pattern under periodic particle motion. This section explains qualitatively how spiral radiation from a periodic motion could be achieved, how bremsstrahlung asymmetry could also be induced in a linear motion, where particle follows a straight trajectory however, experiences a non-uniform deceleration and acceleration.



**Figure 3.** Non-uniform bremsstrahlung deceleration (braking) field and lightning acceleration field cause a particle to spin and re-orientate. This re-orientation induces bremsstrahlung asymmetry in the emitted radiation. In addition, if a particle experiences periodic motion and re-orientation, this asymmetric radiation with a rotating particle induces an overall spiral radiation pattern.

Theoretically, it has been predicted that change in particle's orientation can induce bremsstrahlung asymmetry in the emitted radiation (Yucemoz & Füllekrug, 2020). With the prediction of equation 8, demonstrated in Figure 1, when a particle emitting forward-backward radiation pattern with an associated bremsstrahlung asymmetry goes under periodic motion, it emits a spiral radiation pattern.

As all of these outcomes relate to the change in particle's orientation, it could be beneficial to try to understand how a particle could re-orientate itself. One way could be the unbalance of external forces. Non-uniform lightning and target particle's electric fields could induce a rotation on an incoming particle (bremsstrahlung electron).

#### 5 Discussion & Conclusion

The particle's radiation pattern is not only dependent on periodic motion but is also dependent on the trajectory it follows. Hence, a particle following a spiral trajectory in a periodic motion with a period of  $\tau$  can radiate a spiral radiation pattern similar to a particle following a circular periodic motion. A single particle following a spiral trajectory in periodic motion emits a spiral radiation pattern. Spiral trajectory has a property that its bremsstrahlung asymmetry index,  $R$  is not constant and changes with time. The reason for a transition from forward-backward peaking to spiral radiation pat-

170 tern is that, when particle starts to repeat the bremsstrahlung process continuously with  
 171 a period of mean free time,  $\tau$ , factor  $e^{-\frac{y^2\alpha-2}{8}}$  in equation (2) overtakes, and starts pro-  
 172 ducing circular radiation. Produced circular radiation is similar to the circular waves pro-  
 173 duced on the surface of the water closer to its disturbance. However, when these circu-  
 174 lar waves are affected by the bremsstrahlung asymmetry,  $R$ , relative speed between a par-  
 175 ticle and an observer frame of reference,  $S_{SpecialR}$  and emitted angular radiation frequency,  
 176  $\omega$ , the radius of emitted circular waves changes. This in turn causes circular waves to  
 177 be spiral waves, which are measured by the radio observer as pulses.

178 In summary, firstly, the spiral radiation pattern is caused by the bremsstrahlung  
 179 spiral trajectory that changes, parameter,  $R$  to create a spiral. The second cause of spi-  
 180 ral radiation pattern is the Doppler effect and particle acceleration that changes the emit-  
 181 ted angular radiation frequency,  $\omega$ . Finally, another affecting factor is the relative speed  
 182 between a particle and an observer frame of reference,  $S_{SpecialR}$  that again causes the  
 183 circular wave to change radius for spiral radiation pattern.

184 On the other hand, the spiral trajectory has limits in terms of the number of dif-  
 185 ferent radii that it consists of. This puts a limit or a range of values that parameters bremsstrahlung  
 186 asymmetry,  $R$  and emitted angular radiation frequency,  $\omega$  can achieve. This implies that,  
 187 during a single period  $\tau$ , the particle is limited in the number of spirals that it can gen-  
 188 erate. Afterward, the radiation pattern either should become uniform or the second pe-  
 189 riod starts with the generation of a new set of the same spiral radiation pattern.

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