

# SYNCHROTRON RADIATION

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# Useful books and references

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## Synchrotron Radiation and Free Electron Lasers

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(A. Hofmann's lectures on synchrotron radiation)

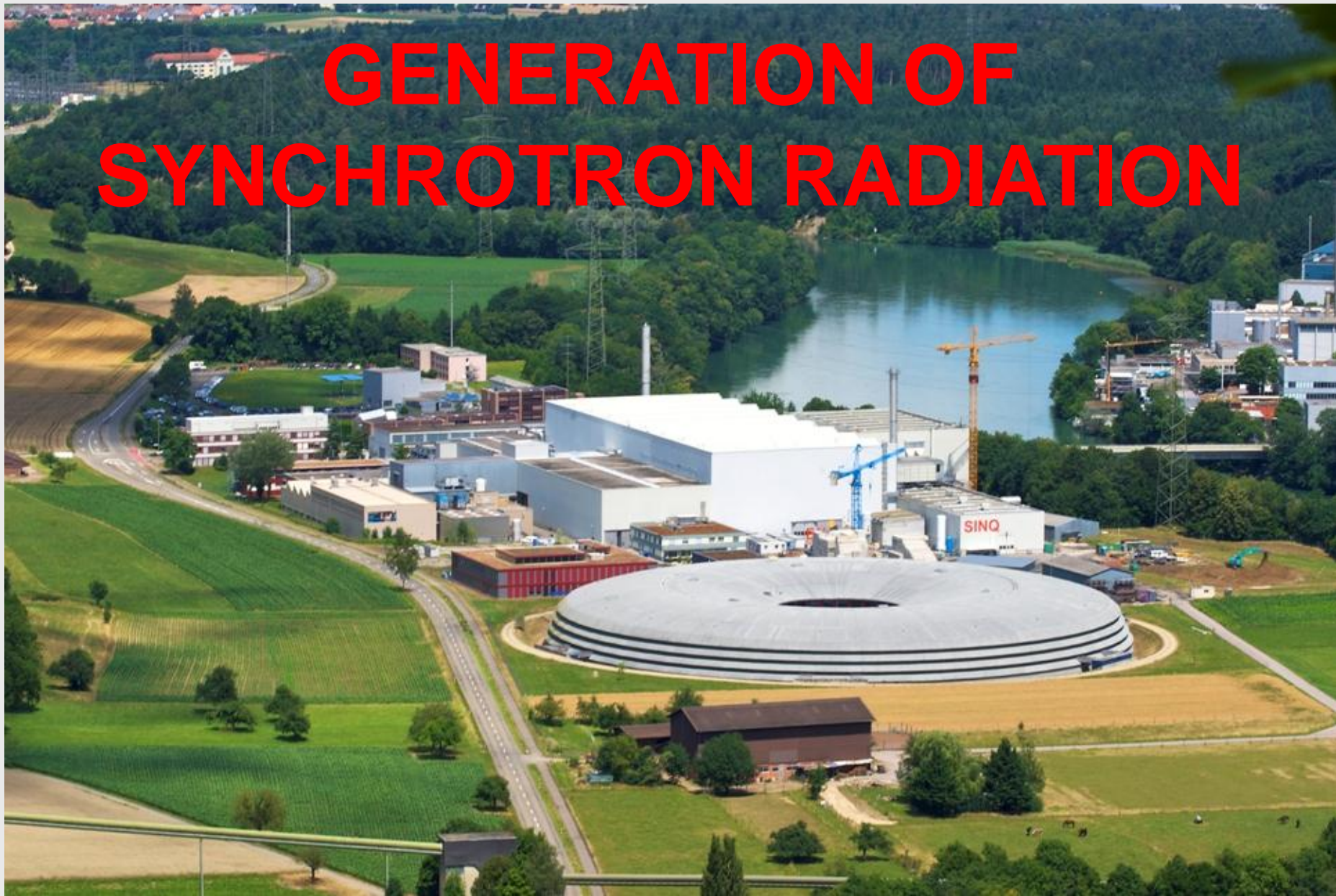
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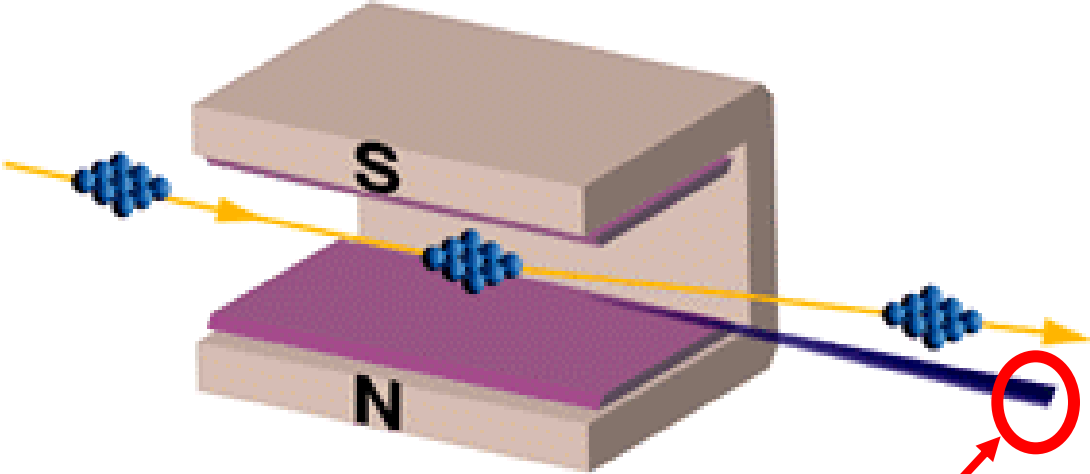
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# GENERATION OF SYNCHROTRON RADIATION



**Swiss Light Source, Paul Scherrer Institute, Switzerland**

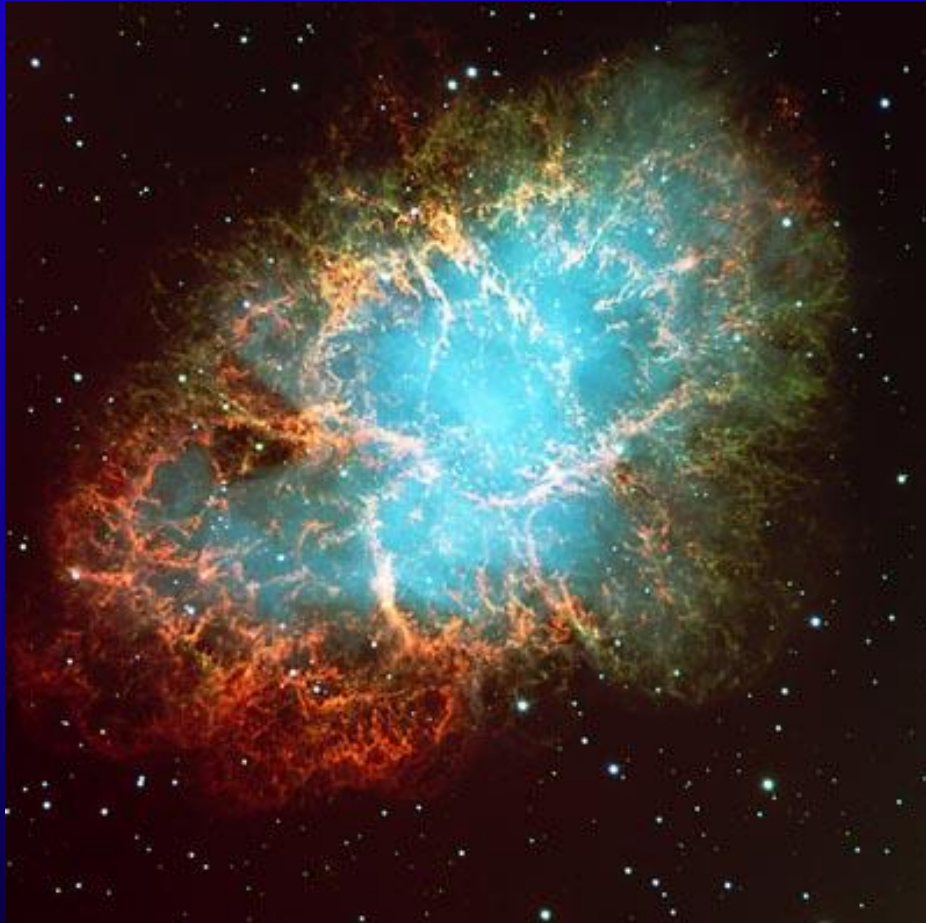
# Curved orbit of electrons in magnet field



Accelerated charge →

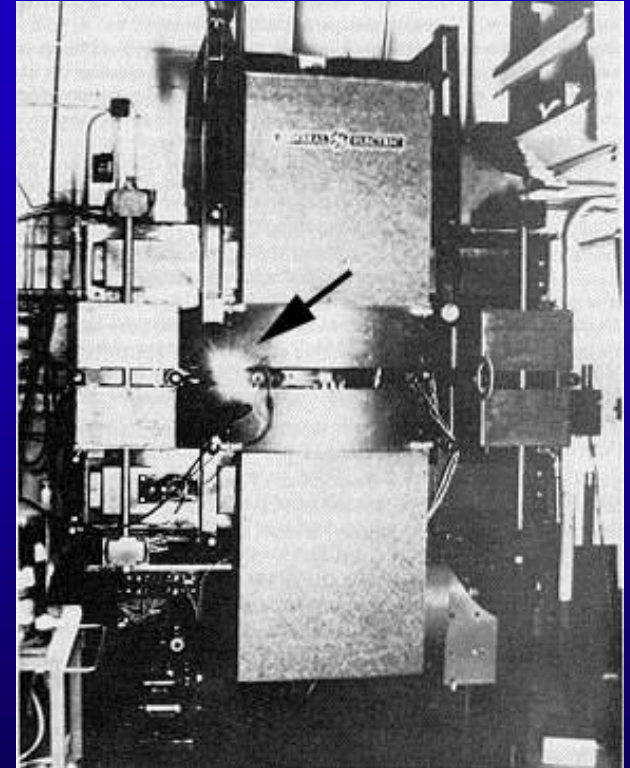
Electromagnetic radiation

**Crab Nebula  
6000 light years away**



**First light observed  
1054 AD**

**GE Synchrotron  
New York State**



**First light observed  
1947**

# Synchrotron radiation: some dates

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- 1873 Maxwell's equations
- 1887 Hertz: electromagnetic waves
- 1898 Liénard: retarded potentials
- 1900 Wiechert: retarded potentials
- 1908 Schott: Adams Prize Essay

... waiting for accelerators ...

1940: 2.3 MeV betatron, Kerst, Serber

# Maxwell equations (poetry)

*War es ein Gott, der diese Zeichen schrieb  
Die mit geheimnisvoll verborg'nem Trieb  
Die Kräfte der Natur um mich enthüllen  
Und mir das Herz mit stiller Freude füllen.*

Ludwig Boltzman

*Was it a God whose inspiration  
Led him to write these fine equations  
Nature's fields to me he shows  
And so my heart with pleasure glows.*

translated by John P. Blewett

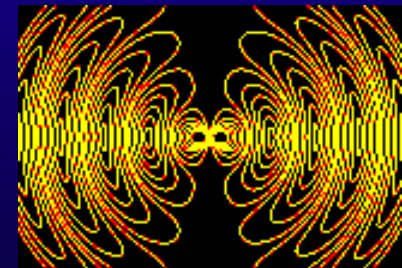
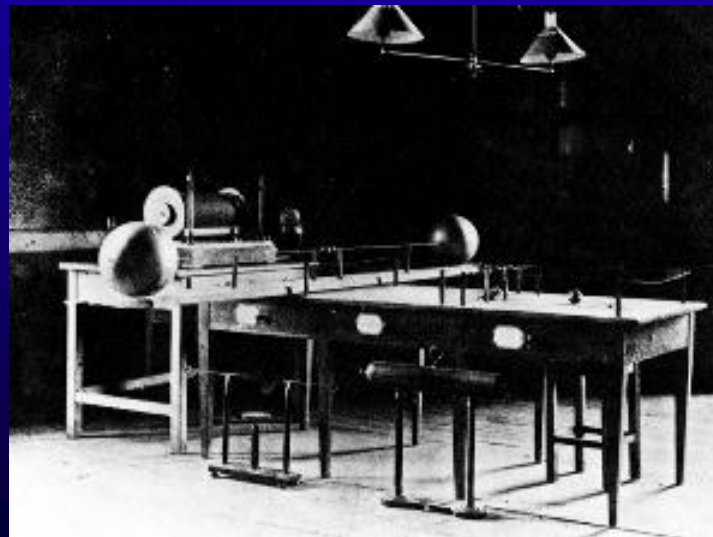


# THEORETICAL UNDERSTANDING →

## 1873 Maxwell's equations

→ made evident that changing charge densities would result in electric fields that would radiate outward

## 1887 Heinrich Hertz demonstrated such waves:



*..... this is of no use whatsoever !*

1898 Liénard:

# ELECTRIC AND MAGNETIC FIELDS PRODUCED BY A POINT CHARGE MOVING ON AN ARBITRARY PATH

(by means of retarded potentials

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proposed first by Ludwig Lorenz  
in 1867)

# L'Éclairage Électrique

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## CHAMP ÉLECTRIQUE ET MAGNÉTIQUE

PRODUIT PAR UNE CHARGE ÉLECTRIQUE CONCENTRÉE EN UN POINT ET ANIMÉE  
D'UN MOUVEMENT QUELCONQUE

Admettons qu'une masse électrique en mouvement de densité  $\rho$  et de vitesse  $u$  en chaque point produit le même champ qu'un courant de conduction d'intensité  $u\rho$ . En conservant les notations d'un précédent article<sup>(1)</sup> nous obtiendrons pour déterminer le champ, les équations

$$\frac{1}{4\pi} \left( \frac{d\gamma}{dy} - \frac{d\beta}{dz} \right) = \rho u_x + \frac{df}{dt} \quad (1)$$

$$V^2 \left( \frac{dh}{dy} - \frac{dg}{dz} \right) = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{dx}{dt} \quad (2)$$

avec les analogues déduites par permutation tournante et en outre les suivantes

$$z = \left( \frac{df}{dx} + \frac{dg}{dy} + \frac{dh}{dz} \right) \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{dx}{dx} + \frac{d\beta}{dy} + \frac{d\gamma}{dz} = 0. \quad (4)$$

De ce système d'équations on déduit facilement les relations

$$\left( V^2 \lambda - \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \right) f = V^2 \frac{d^2 z}{dx^2} + \frac{d}{dt} (\rho u_x) \quad (5)$$

$$\left( V^2 \lambda - \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \right) z = 4\pi V^2 \left[ \frac{d}{dt} (\rho u_y) - \frac{d}{dy} (\rho u_z) \right] \quad (6)$$

<sup>(1)</sup> La théorie de Lorenz, *L'Éclairage Électrique*, t. XIV, p. 417.  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ , sont les composantes de la force magnétique et  $f, g, h$ , celles du déplacement dans l'éther.

Soient maintenant quatre fonctions  $\psi, F, G, H$  définies par les conditions

$$\left( V^2 \lambda - \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \right) \psi = -4\pi V^2 \rho. \quad (7)$$

$$\left( V^2 \lambda - \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \right) F = -4\pi V^2 \rho u_x \quad (8)$$

$$\left( V^2 \lambda - \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \right) G = -4\pi \rho u_y$$

$$\left( V^2 \lambda - \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \right) H = -4\pi V^2 \rho u_z$$

On satisfera aux conditions (5) et (6) en prenant

$$4\pi f = -\frac{d\psi}{dx} - \frac{1}{V^2} \frac{dF}{dt} \quad (9)$$

$$z = \frac{dH}{dy} - \frac{dG}{dz}. \quad (10)$$

Quant aux équations (1) à (4), pour qu'elles soient satisfaites, il faudra que, en plus de (7) et (8), on ait la condition

$$\frac{d\psi}{dt} + \frac{dF}{dx} + \frac{dG}{dy} + \frac{dH}{dz} = 0. \quad (11)$$

Occupons-nous d'abord de l'équation (7). On sait que la solution la plus générale est la suivante :

$$\psi = \int \rho \left[ \frac{x', y', z', t - \frac{r}{V}}{r} \right] d\omega \quad (12)$$

Fig. 1. First page of Liénard's 1898 paper.

**1912 Schott:**

**COMPLETE THEORY OF  
SYNCHROTRON RADIATION  
IN ALL THE GORY DETAILS  
(327 pages long)**

... to be forgotten for 30 years  
(on the usefulness of prizes)

ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION

AND THE MECHANICAL REACTIONS  
ARISING FROM IT

BEING AN ADAMS PRIZE ESSAY IN THE  
UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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at the University Press  
1912

# Donald Kerst: first betatron (1940)



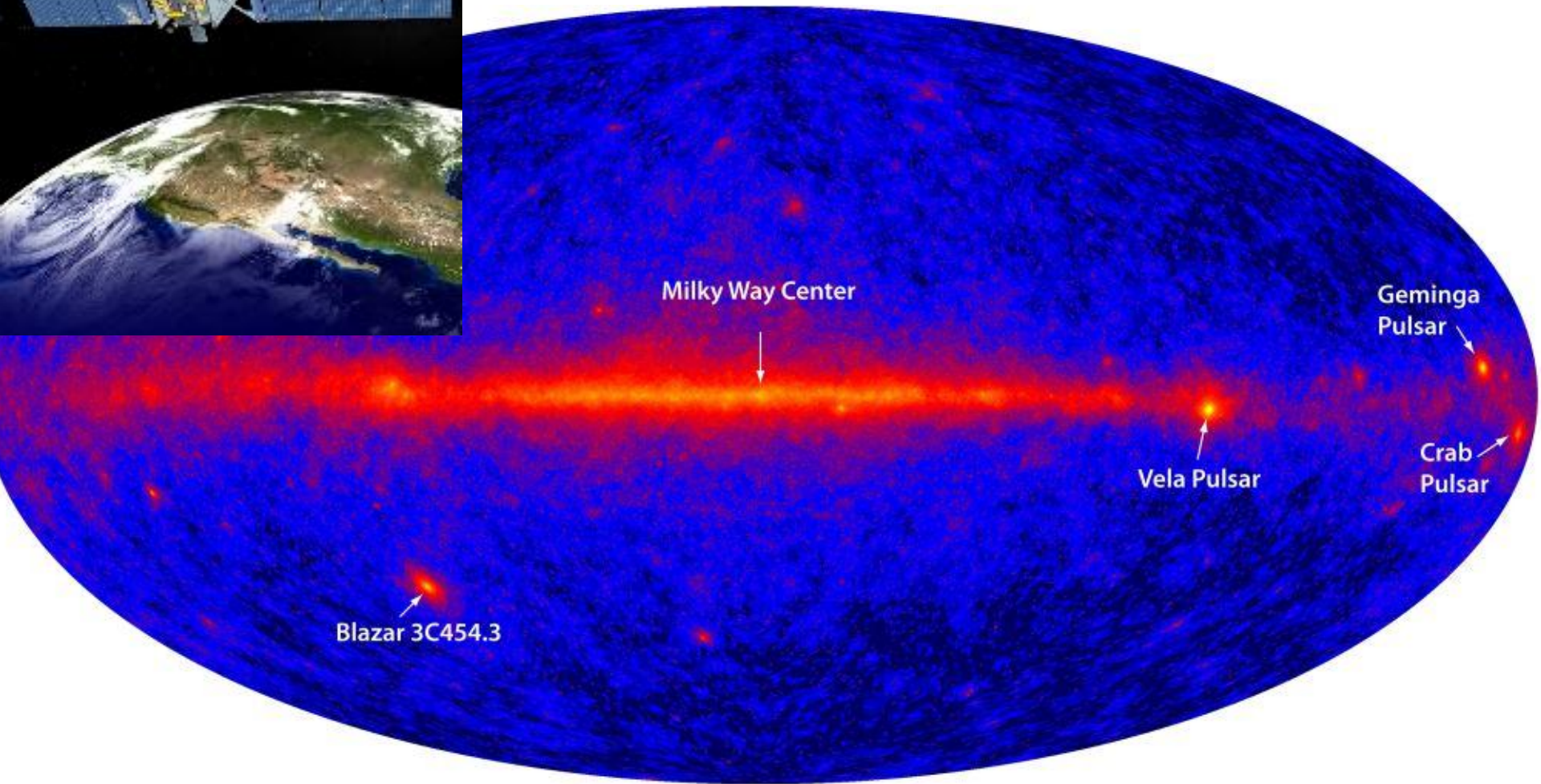
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# Synchrotron radiation: some dates

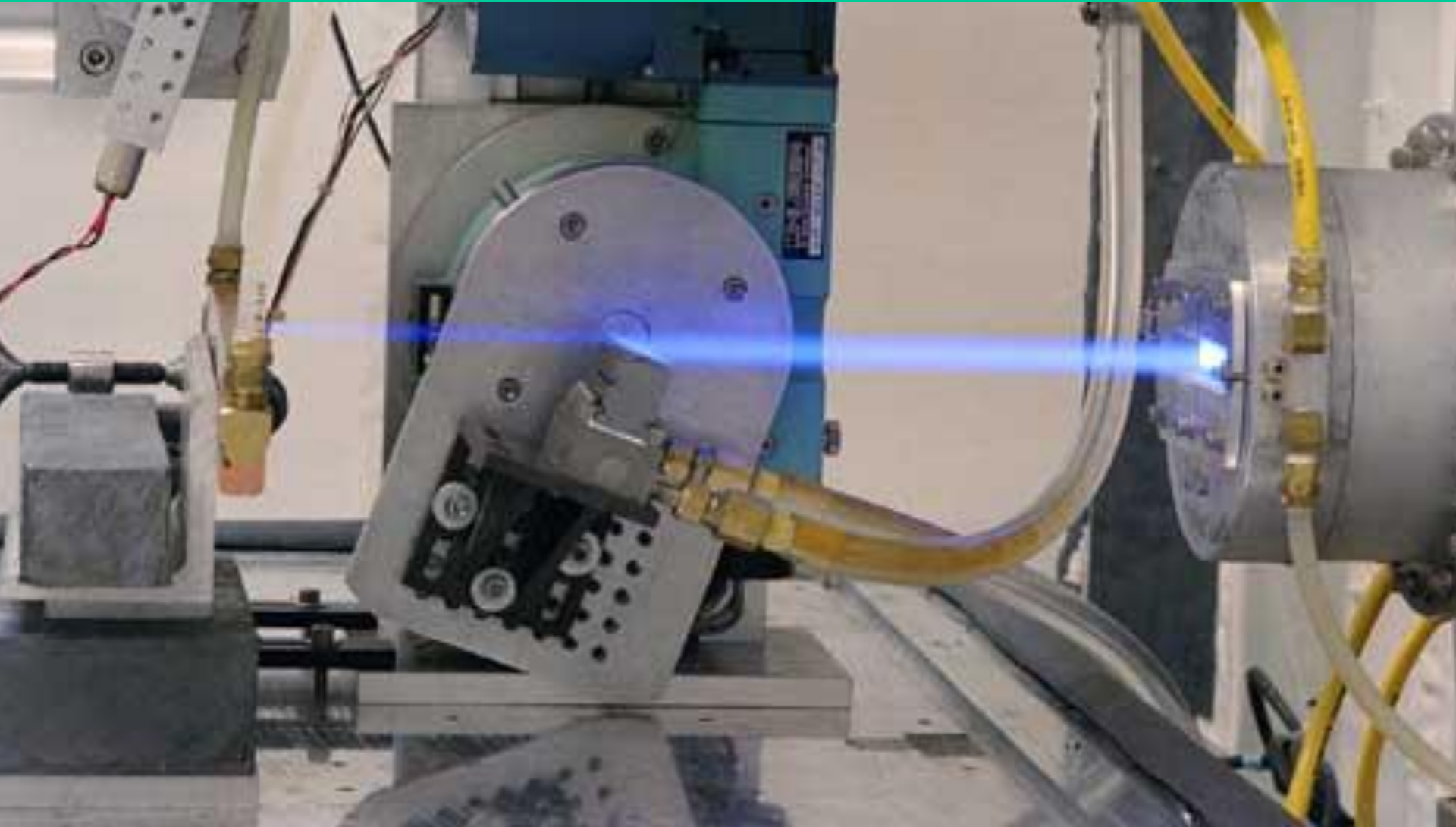
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- 1946      Blewett observes **energy loss**  
due to synchrotron radiation  
100 MeV betatron
- 1947      First **visual** observation of SR  
70 MeV synchrotron, GE Lab
- 1949      Schwinger PhysRev paper  
...
- 1976      Madey: first demonstration of  
**Free Electron laser**

# A larger view

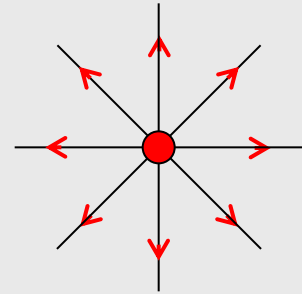


# Storage ring based synchrotron light source



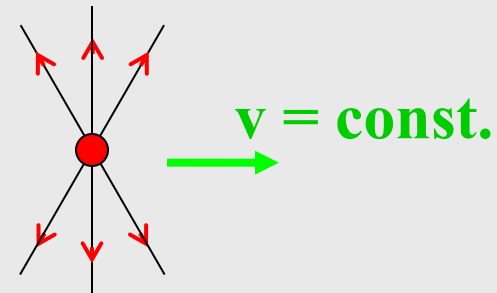
# Why do they radiate?

Charge at rest: Coulomb field, no radiation

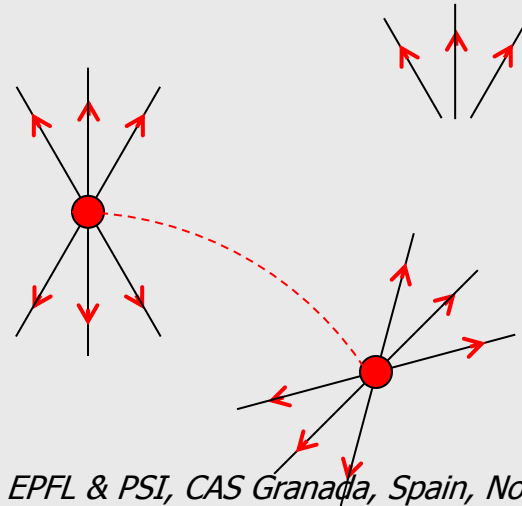


Uniformly moving charge  
does not radiate

But! Cerenkov!

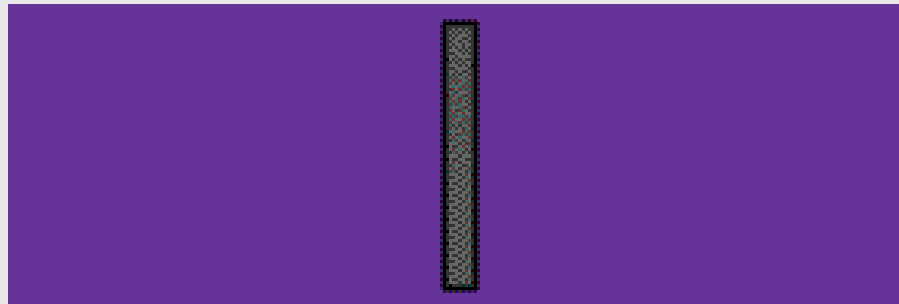


Accelerated charge





Bremsstrahlung  
or  
“braking” radiation



# Liénard-Wiechert potentials

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$$\varphi(\mathbf{t}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{[\mathbf{r}(1 - \mathbf{n} \cdot \vec{\beta})]_{ret}}$$
$$\vec{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbf{t}) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 c^2} \left[ \frac{\vec{\mathbf{v}}}{\mathbf{r}(1 - \mathbf{n} \cdot \vec{\beta})} \right]_{ret}$$

and the electromagnetic fields:

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{\mathbf{A}} + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} = 0 \quad (\text{Lorentz gauge})$$

$$\vec{\mathbf{B}} = \nabla \times \vec{\mathbf{A}}$$

$$\vec{\mathbf{E}} = -\nabla \varphi - \frac{\partial \vec{\mathbf{A}}}{\partial t}$$

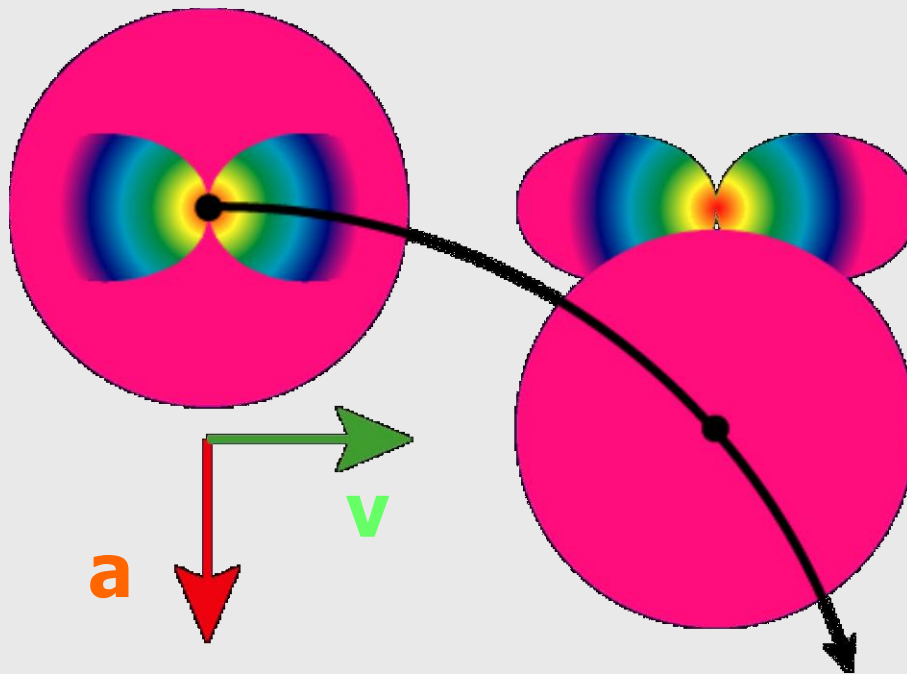
# Fields of a moving charge

$$\vec{\mathbf{E}}(t) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[ \frac{\vec{\mathbf{n}} - \vec{\boldsymbol{\beta}}}{(1 - \vec{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \vec{\boldsymbol{\beta}})^3 \gamma^2} \cdot \frac{1}{r^2} \right]_{ret} +$$

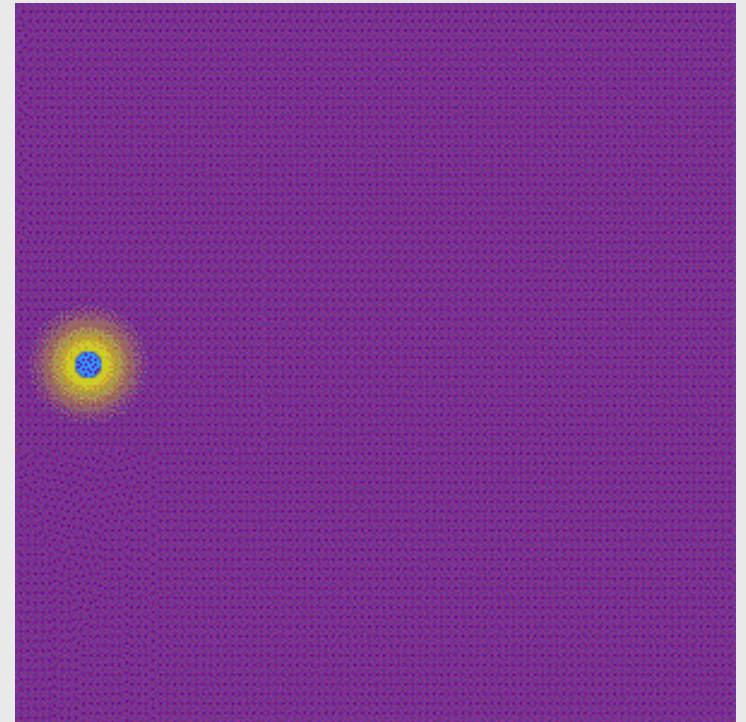
$$\frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 c} \left[ \frac{\vec{\mathbf{n}} \times [(\vec{\mathbf{n}} - \vec{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) \times \vec{\boldsymbol{\beta}}]}{(1 - \vec{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \vec{\boldsymbol{\beta}})^3 \gamma^2} \cdot \frac{1}{r} \right]_{ret}$$

$$\vec{\mathbf{B}}(t) = \frac{1}{c} [\vec{\mathbf{n}} \times \vec{\mathbf{E}}]$$

# Transverse acceleration

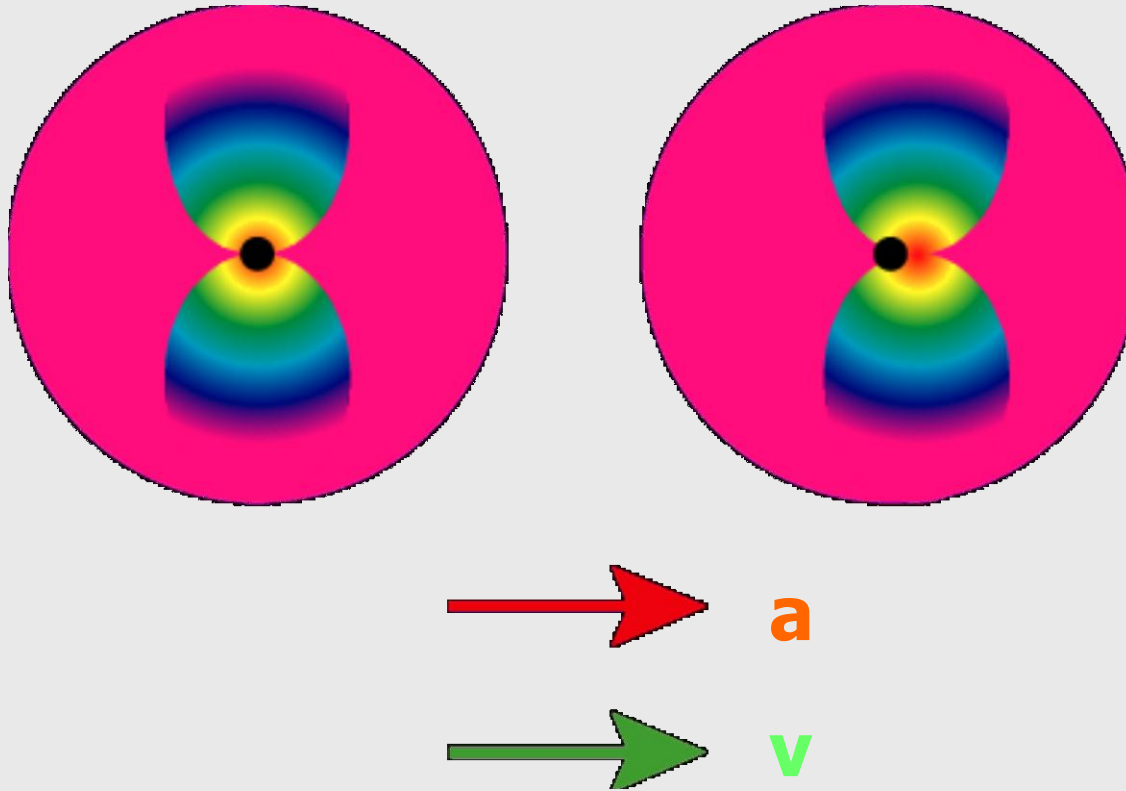


**Radiation field quickly separates itself from the Coulomb field**



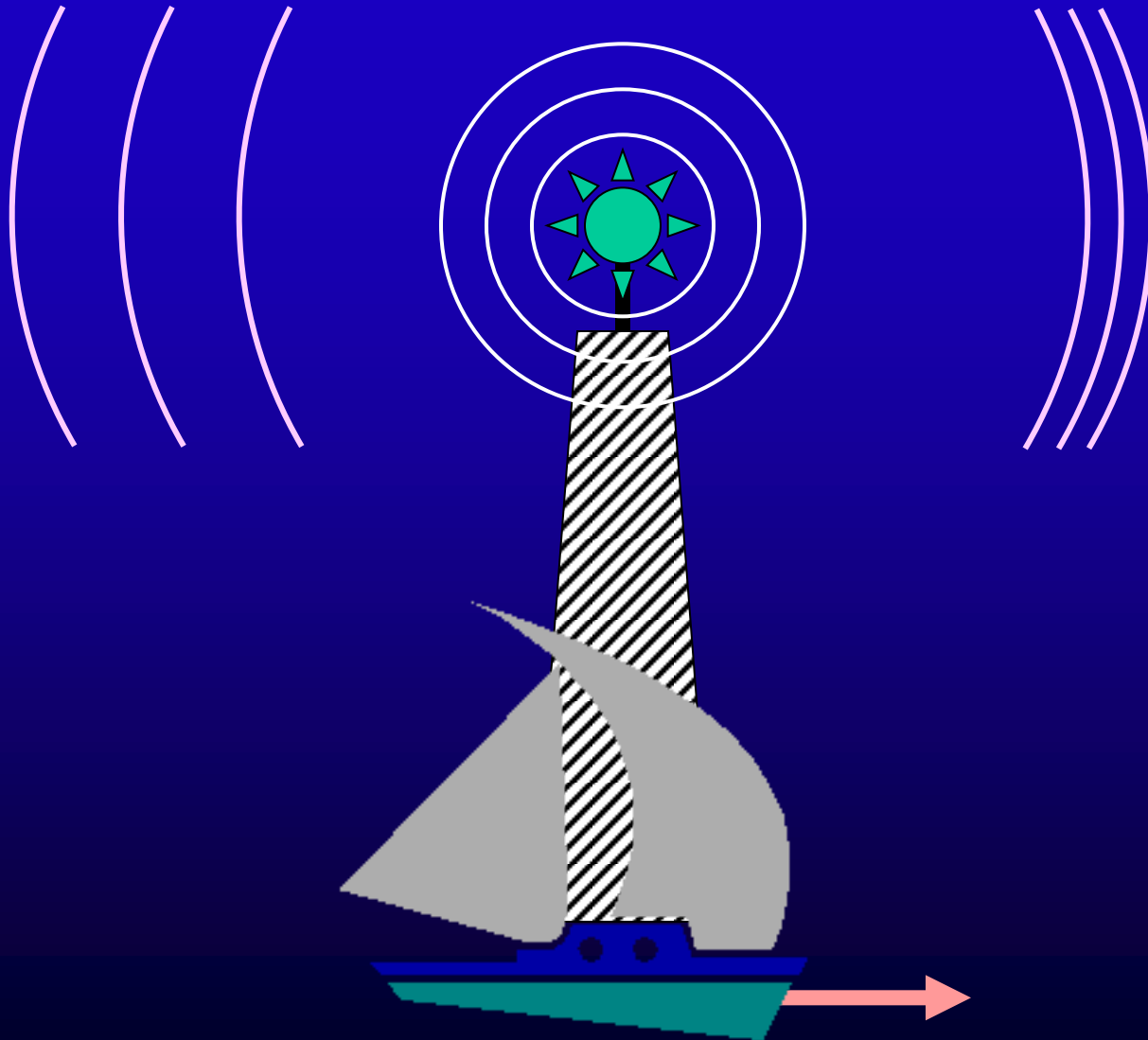
# Longitudinal acceleration

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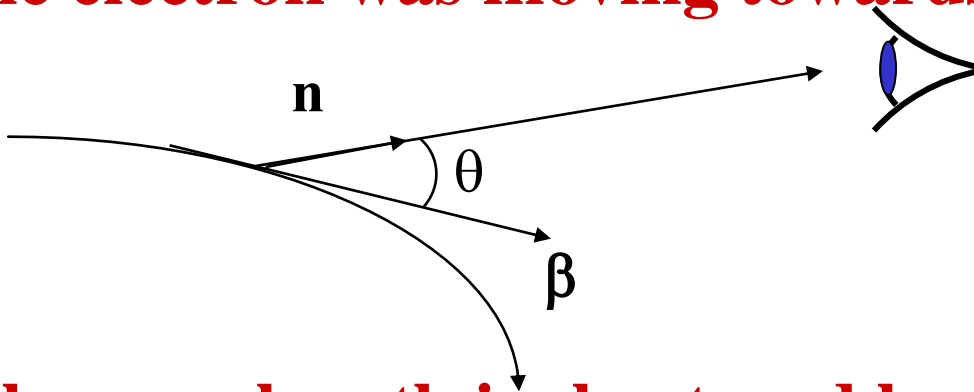
**Radiation field cannot  
separate itself from the  
Coulomb field**

# Moving Source of Waves



# Time compression

**Electron with velocity  $\beta$  emits a wave with period  $T_{\text{emit}}$  while the observer sees a different period  $T_{\text{obs}}$  because the electron was moving towards the observer**



$$T_{\text{obs}} = (1 - \mathbf{n} \cdot \boldsymbol{\beta}) T_{\text{emit}}$$

**The wavelength is shortened by the same factor**

$$\lambda_{\text{obs}} = (1 - \beta \cos \theta) \lambda_{\text{emit}}$$

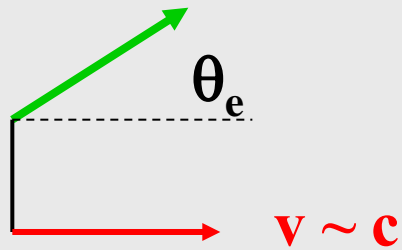
**in ultra-relativistic case, looking along a tangent to the trajectory**

$$\lambda_{\text{obs}} = \frac{1}{2\gamma^2} \lambda_{\text{emit}}$$

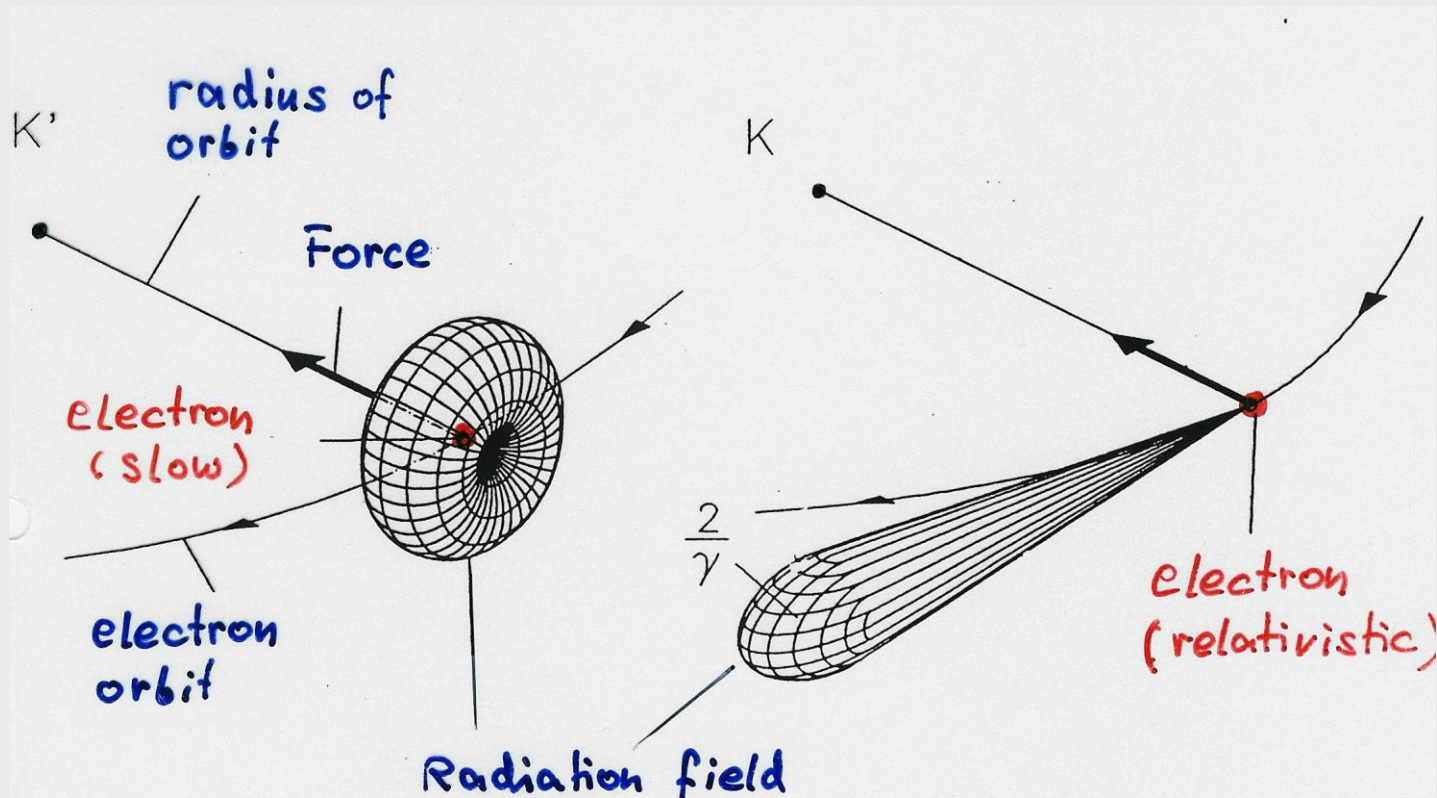
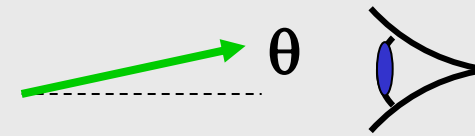
**since**

$$1 - \beta = \frac{1 - \beta^2}{1 + \beta} \approx \frac{1}{2\gamma^2}$$

# Radiation is emitted into a narrow cone



$$\theta = \frac{1}{\gamma} \cdot \theta_e$$



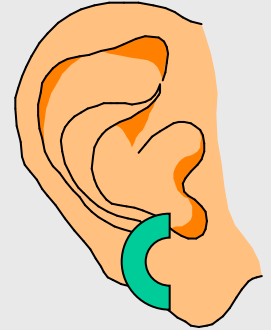
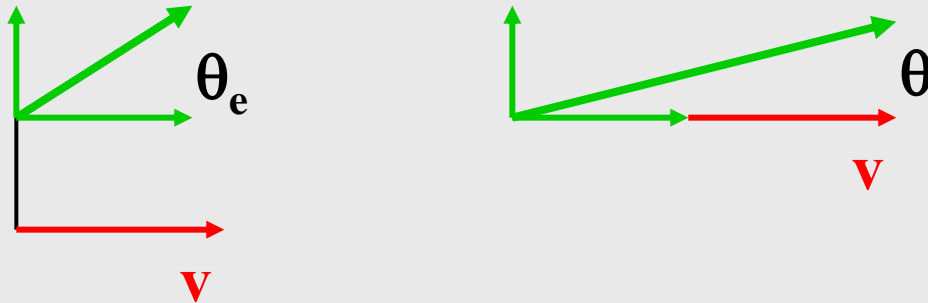
$$v \ll c$$

$$v \approx c$$



# Sound waves (non-relativistic)

## Angular collimation



$$\theta = \frac{v_{s\perp}}{v_{s\parallel} + v} = \frac{v_{s\perp}}{v_{s\parallel}} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + \frac{v}{v_s}} \approx \theta_e \cdot \frac{1}{1 + \frac{v}{v_s}}$$

## Doppler effect (moving source of sound)

$$\lambda_{heard} = \lambda_{emitted} \left( 1 - \frac{v}{v_s} \right)$$

# Synchrotron radiation power

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Power emitted is proportional to:

$$P \propto E^2 B^2$$

$$P_{\gamma} = \frac{c C_{\gamma}}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{E^4}{\rho^2}$$

$$C_{\gamma} = \frac{4\pi}{3} \frac{r_e}{(m_e c^2)^3} = 8.858 \cdot 10^{-5} \left[ \frac{\text{m}}{\text{GeV}^3} \right]$$

# The power is all too real!

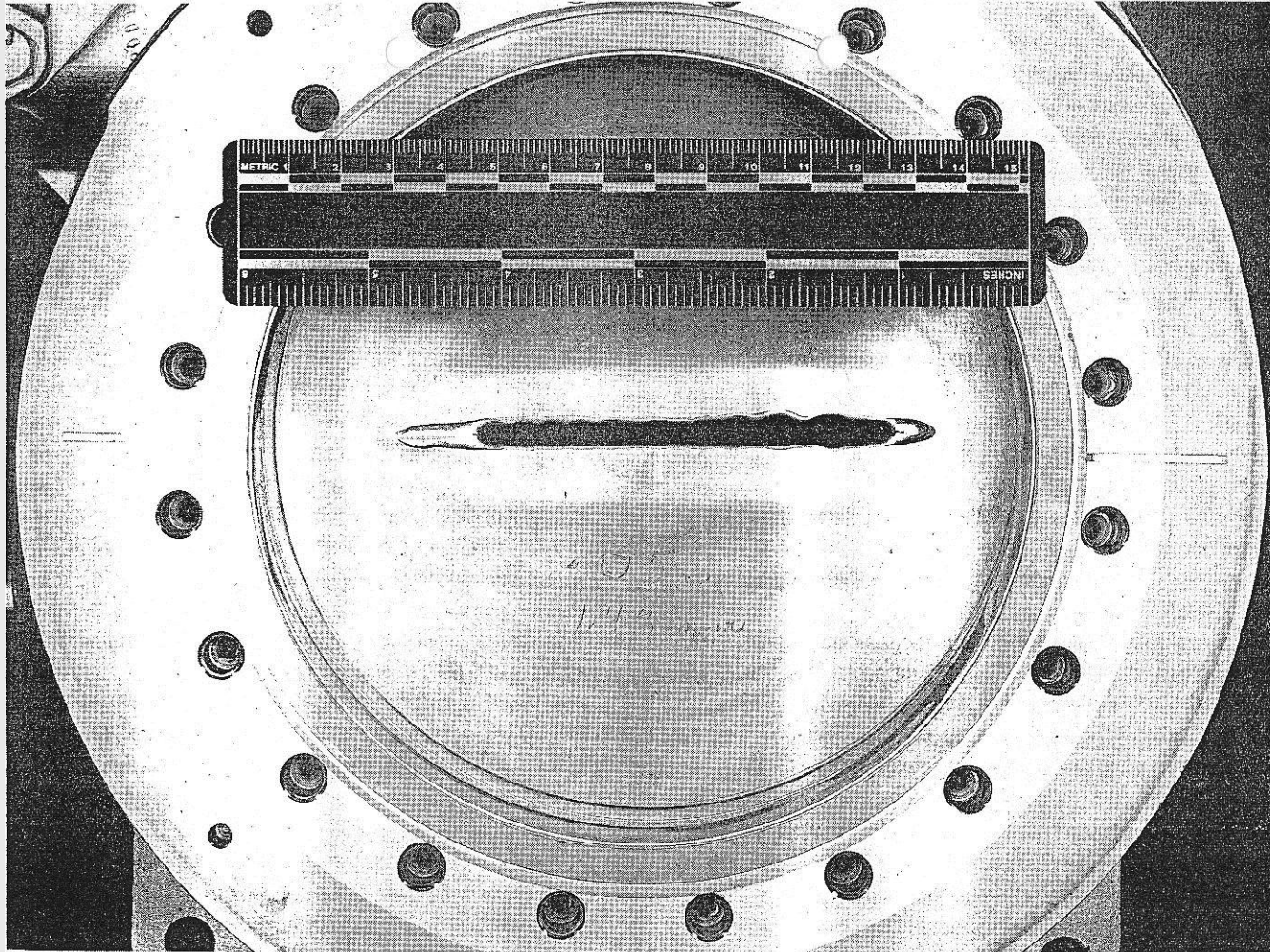


Fig. 12. Damaged X-ray ring front end gate valve. The power incident on the valve was approximately 1 kW for a duration estimated to 2–10 min and drilled a hole through the valve plate.

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$$P_\gamma = \frac{c C_\gamma \cdot E^4}{2\pi \rho^2}$$

$$P_\gamma = \frac{2}{3} \alpha \hbar c^2 \cdot \frac{\gamma^4}{\rho^2}$$

$$C_\gamma = \frac{4\pi}{3} \frac{r_e}{(m_e c^2)^3} = 8.858 \cdot 10^{-5} \left[ \frac{\text{m}}{\text{GeV}^3} \right]$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{137}$$

Energy loss per turn:

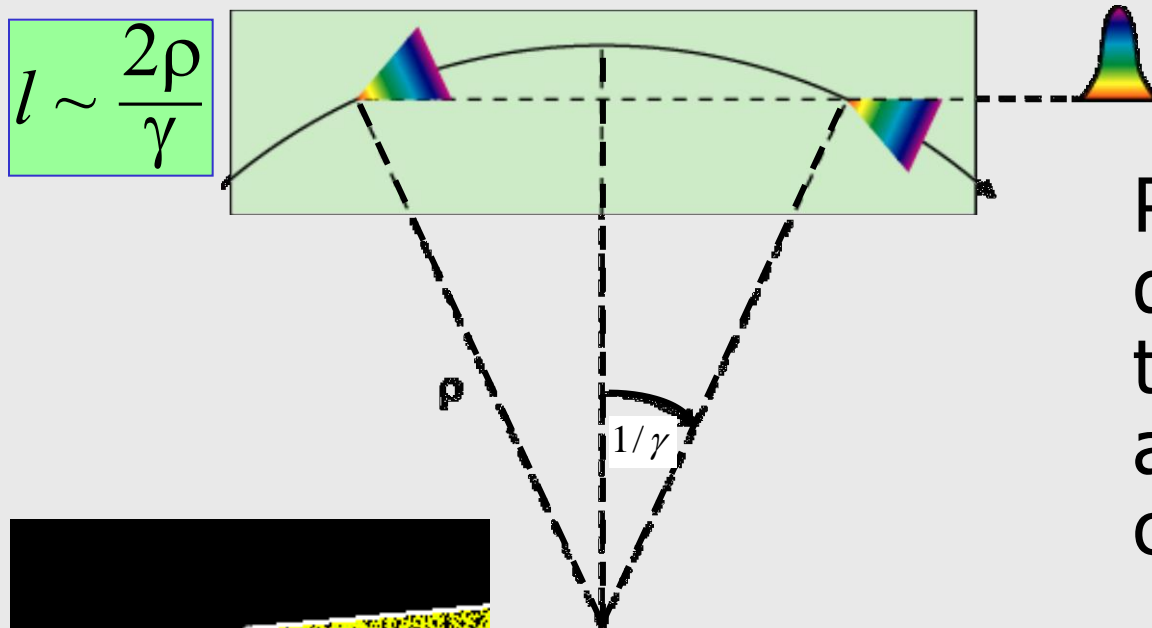
$$U_0 = C_\gamma \cdot \frac{E^4}{\rho}$$

$$\hbar c = 197 \text{ Mev} \cdot \text{fm}$$

$$U_0 = \frac{4\pi}{3} \alpha \hbar c \frac{\gamma^4}{\rho}$$

# Typical frequency of synchrotron light

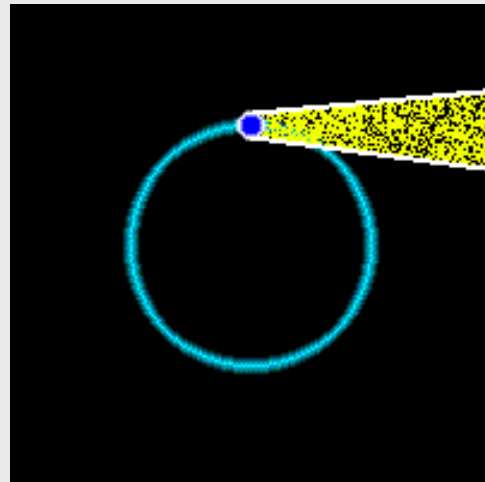
Due to extreme collimation of light observer sees only a small portion of electron trajectory (**a few mm**)



$$l \sim \frac{2\rho}{\gamma}$$

Pulse length:  
difference in times it  
takes an electron  
and a photon to  
cover this distance

$$\Delta t \sim \frac{l}{\beta c} - \frac{l}{c} = \frac{l}{\beta c}(1 - \beta)$$



$$\omega \sim \frac{1}{\Delta t} \sim \gamma^3 \omega_0$$

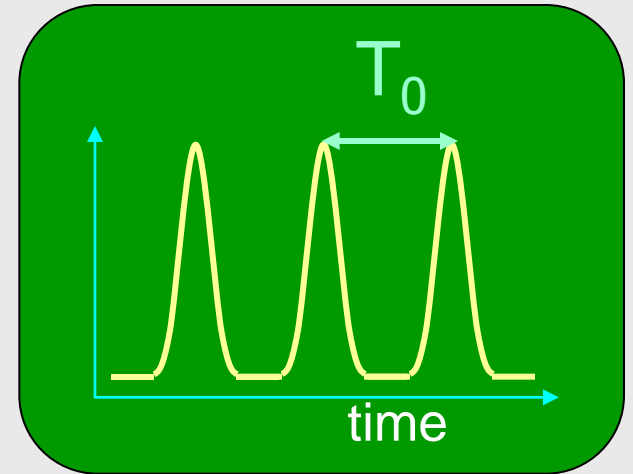
$$\Delta t \sim \frac{2\rho}{\gamma c} \cdot \frac{1}{2\gamma^2}$$

# Spectrum of synchrotron radiation

- Synchrotron light comes in a series of flashes every  $T_0$  (revolution period)

- the spectrum consists of harmonics of

$$\omega_0 = \frac{1}{T_0}$$



- flashes are extremely short: harmonics reach up to very high frequencies

$$\omega_{\text{typ}} \cong \gamma^3 \omega_0$$

- At high frequencies the individual harmonics overlap

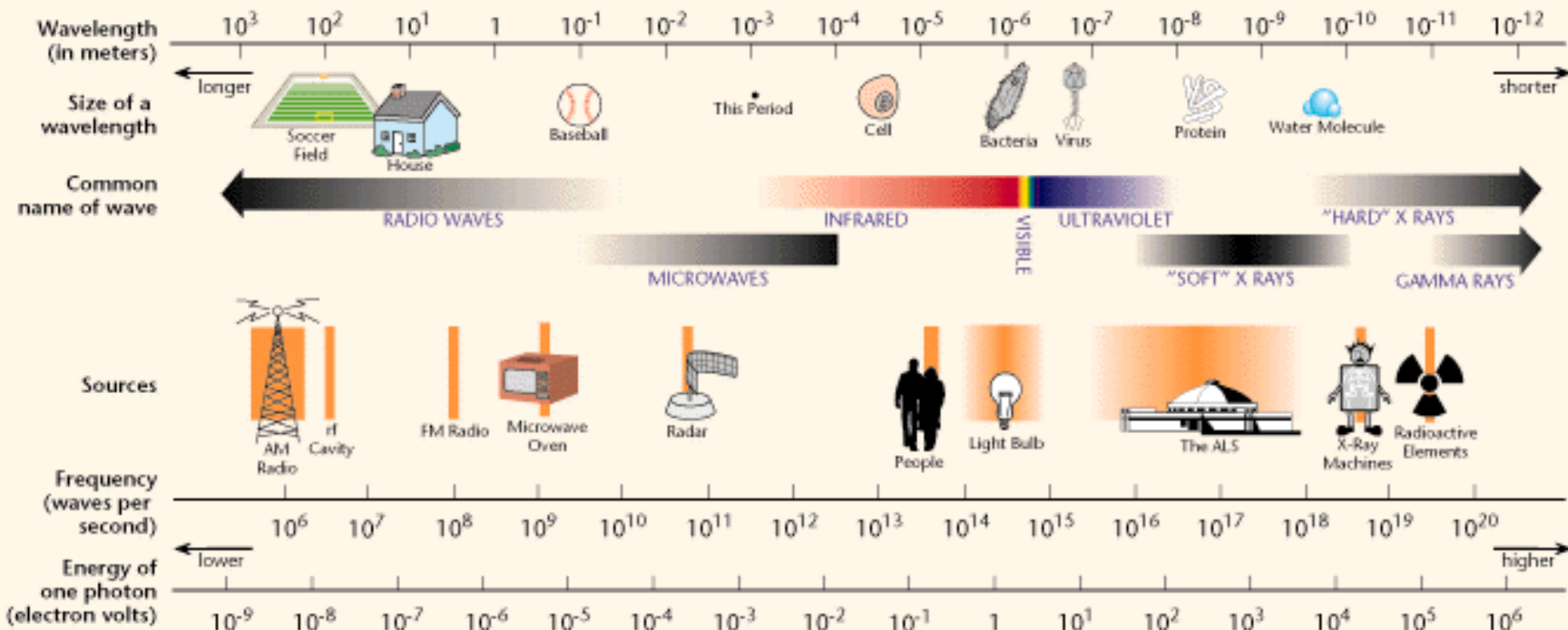
$$\omega_0 \sim 1 \text{ MHz}$$

$$\gamma \sim 4000$$

$$\omega_{\text{typ}} \sim 10^{16} \text{ Hz !}$$

continuous spectrum !

# THE ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM



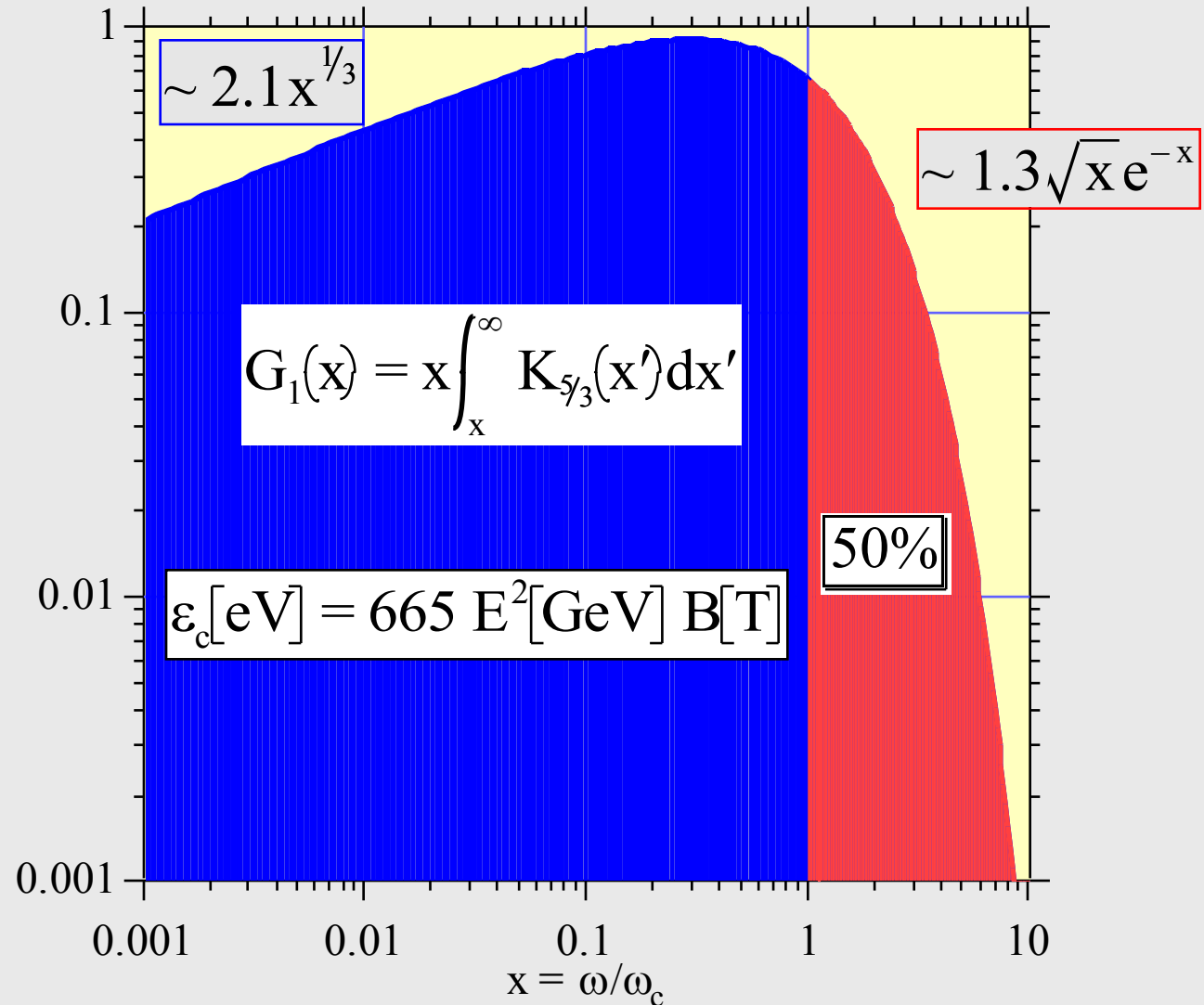
**Wavelength continuously tunable !**

$$\frac{dP}{d\omega} = \frac{P_{\text{tot}}}{\omega_c} S\left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_c}\right)$$

$$S(x) = \frac{9\sqrt{3}}{8\pi} x \int_x^\infty K_{5/3}(x') dx' \quad \int_0^\infty S(x') dx' = 1$$

$$P_{\text{tot}} = \frac{2}{3} \hbar c^2 \alpha \frac{\gamma^4}{\rho^2}$$

$$\omega_c = \frac{3c\gamma^3}{2\rho}$$





# A useful approximation

Spectral flux from a dipole magnet with field B

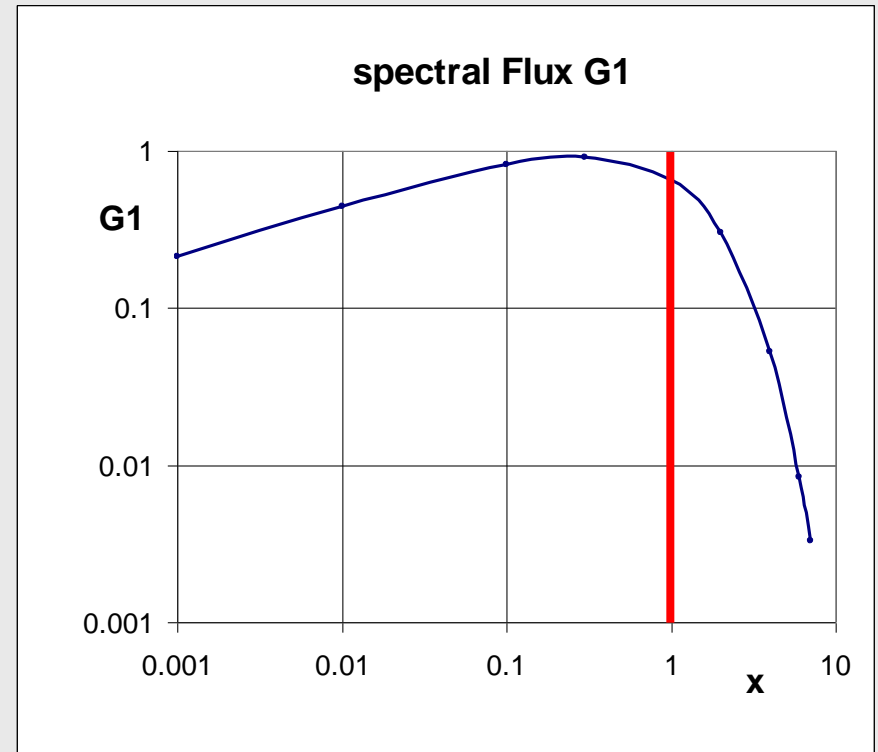
$$\text{Flux} \left[ \frac{\text{photons}}{\text{s} \cdot \text{mrad} \cdot 0.1\% \text{BW}} \right] = 2.46 \cdot 10^{13} E[\text{GeV}] I[\text{A}] G_1(x)$$

Approximation:  $G_1 \approx A x^{1/3} g(x)$

$$g(x) = \left[ \left( 1 - \left( \frac{x}{x_L} \right)^N \right)^S \right]^{1/S}$$

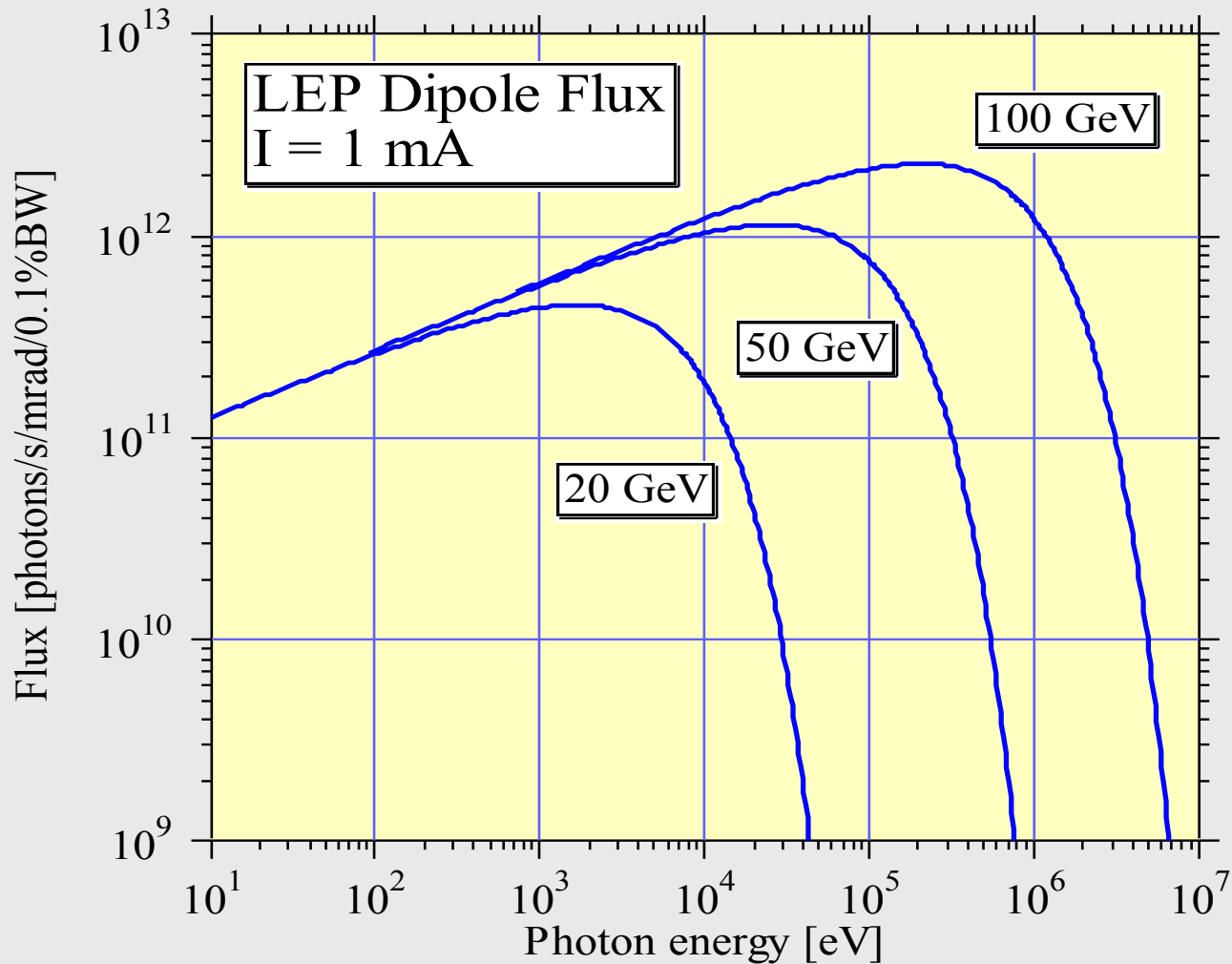
$$A = 2.11, \quad N = 0.848$$

$$x_L = 28.17, \quad S = 0.0513$$



Werner Joho, PSI

# Synchrotron radiation flux for different electron energies



# Angular divergence of radiation

## The rms opening angle $R'$

- at the critical frequency:

$$\omega = \omega_c \quad R' \approx \frac{0.54}{\gamma}$$

- well below

$$\omega \ll \omega_c \quad R' \approx \frac{1}{\gamma} \left( \frac{\omega_c}{\omega} \right)^{1/3} \approx 0.4 \left( \frac{\lambda}{\rho} \right)^{1/3}$$

**independent of  $\gamma$  !**

- well above

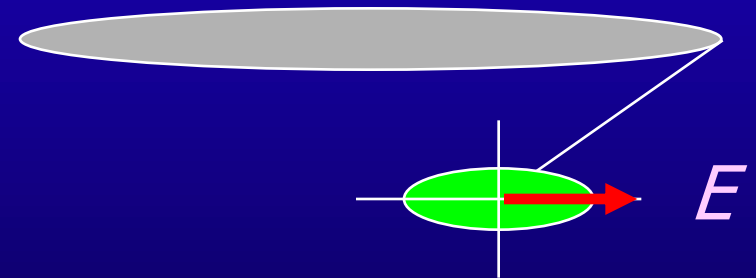
$$\omega \gg \omega_c \quad R' \approx \frac{0.6}{\gamma} \left( \frac{\omega_c}{\omega} \right)^{1/2}$$

# Electron in a storage ring:

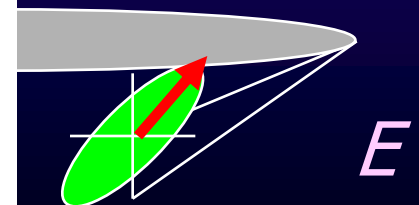
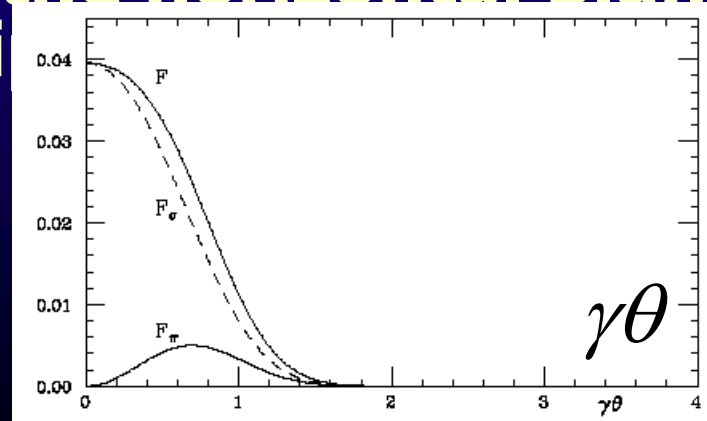


# Polarisation

**Synchrotron radiation observed in the plane of the particle orbit is horizontally polarized, i.e. the electric field vector is horizontal**



**Observed out of the horizontal plane, the radiation is elliptically polarized**

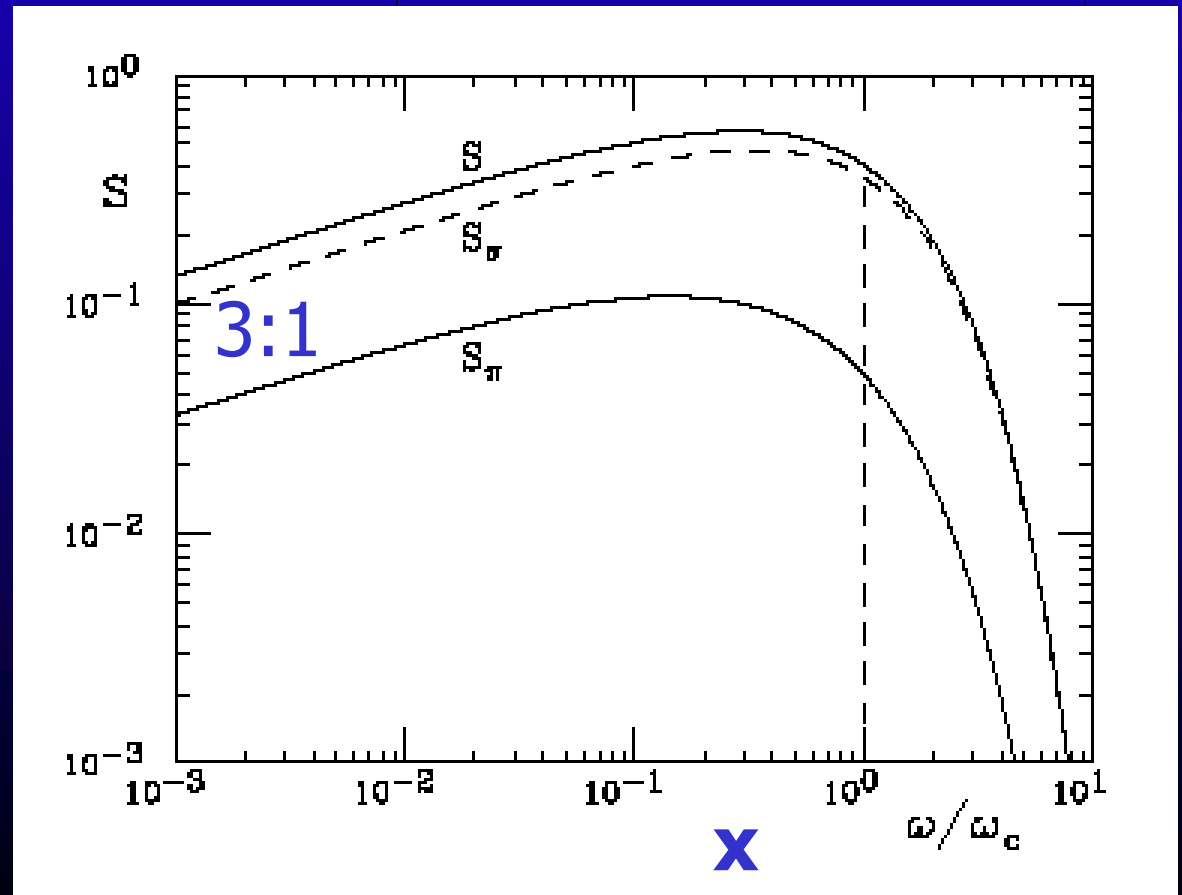


# Polarisation: spectral distribution

$$\frac{dP}{d\omega} = \frac{P_{tot}}{\omega_c} S(x) = \frac{P_{tot}}{\omega_c} [S_\sigma(x) + S_\pi(x)]$$

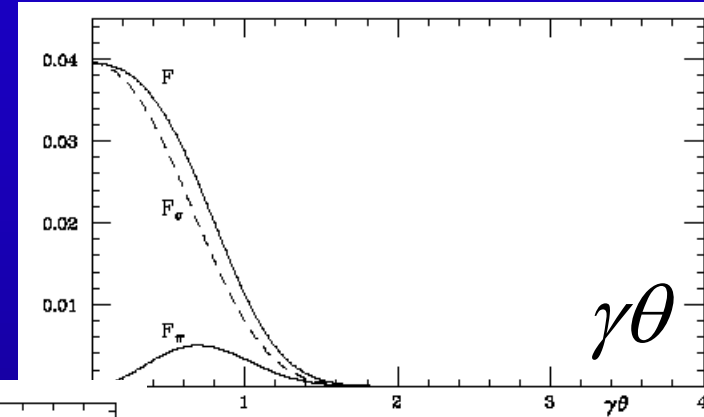
$$S_\sigma = \frac{7}{8} S$$

$$S_\pi = \frac{1}{8} S$$

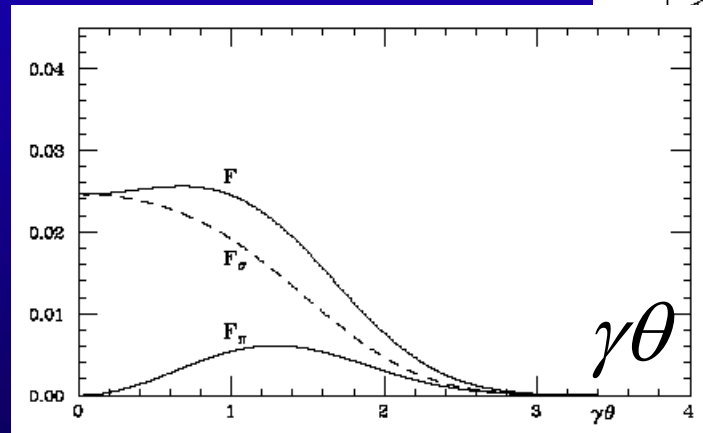


# Angular divergence of radiation

•at the critical frequency



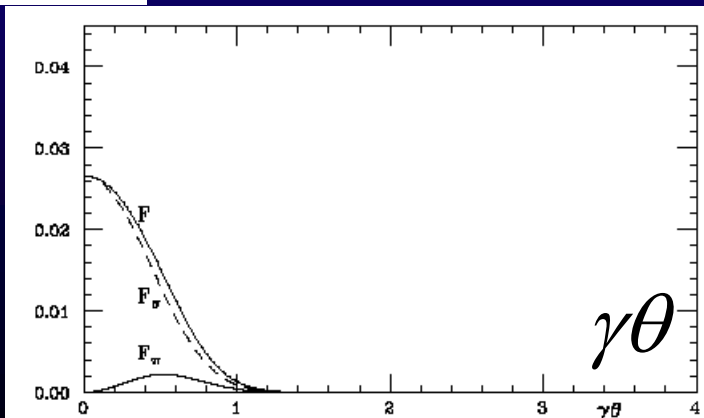
•well below



$$\omega = 0.2 \omega_c$$

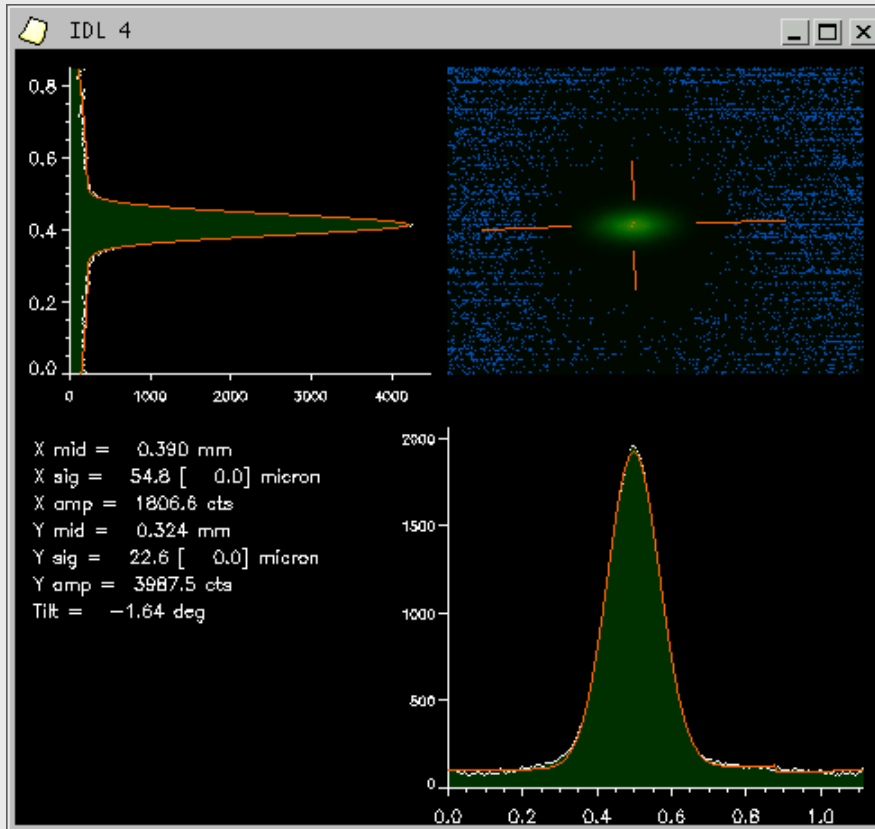
•well above

$$\omega = 2 \omega_c$$



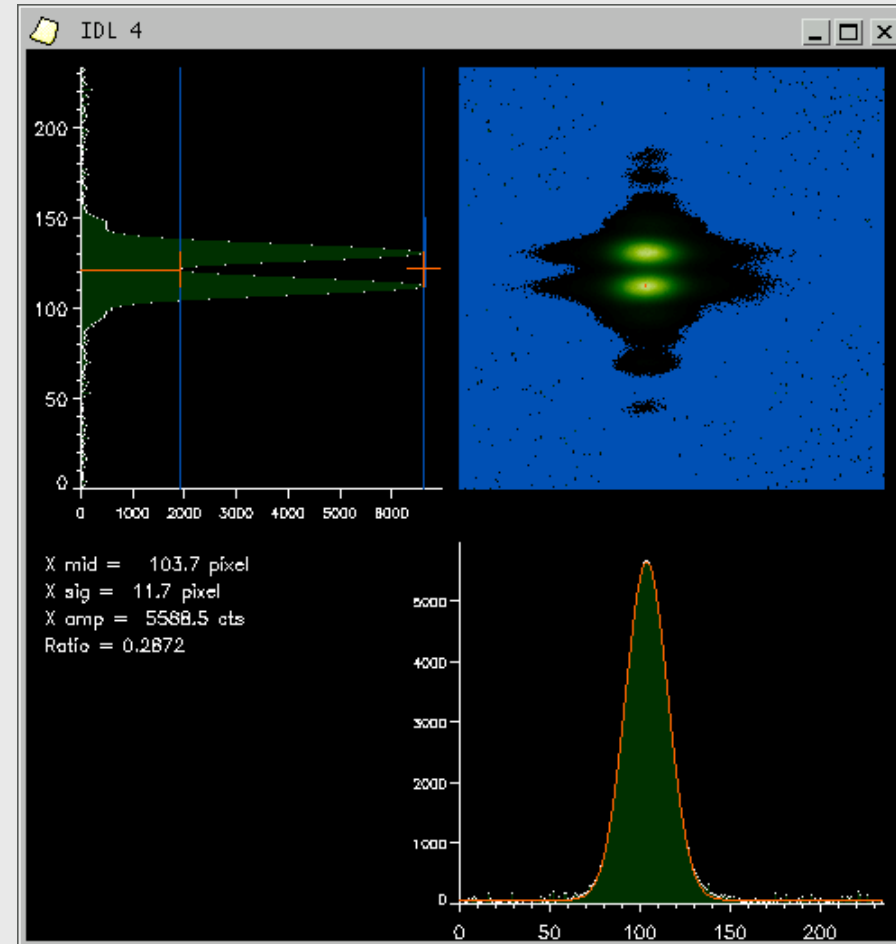
# Seeing the electron beam (SLS)

## X rays



$$\sigma_x \sim 55 \mu m$$

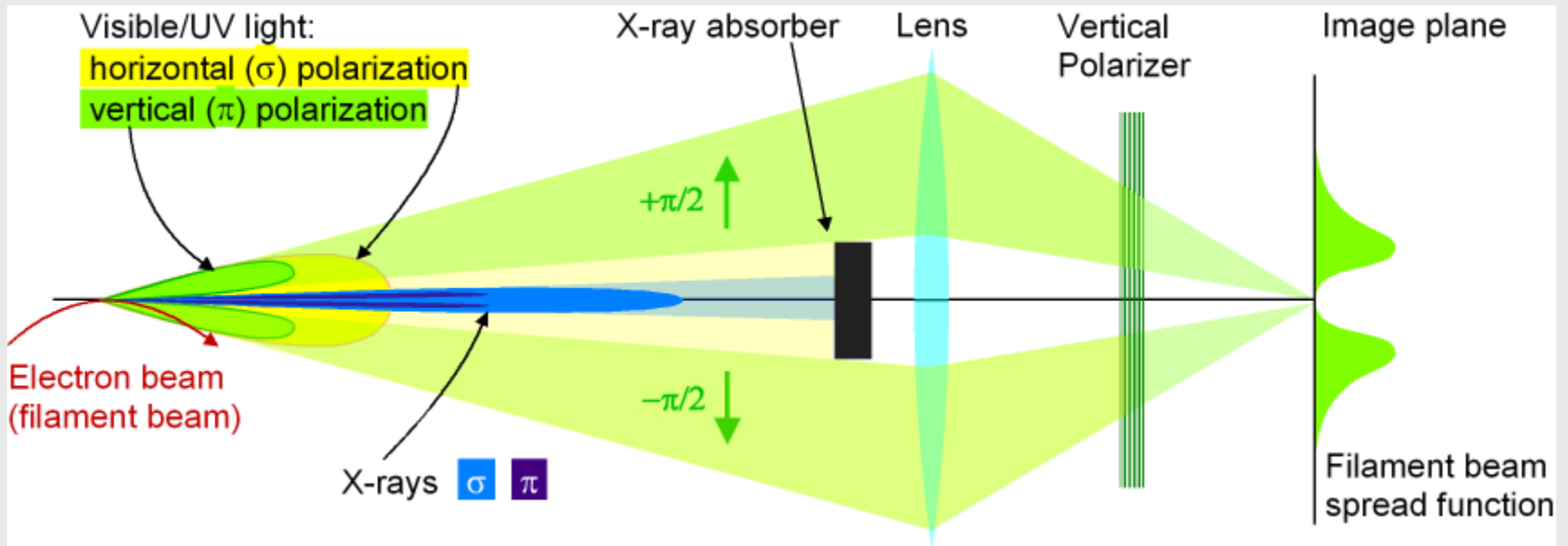
## visible light, vertically polarised





# Seeing the electron beam (SLS)

Making an image of the electron beam using the vertically polarised synchrotron light



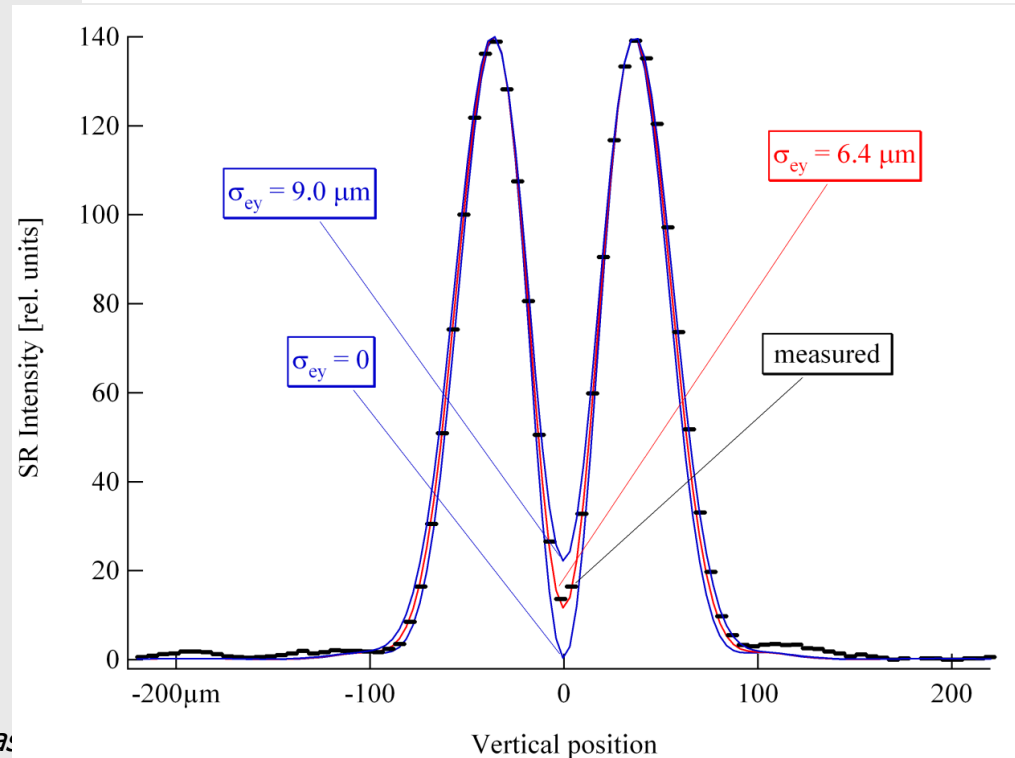
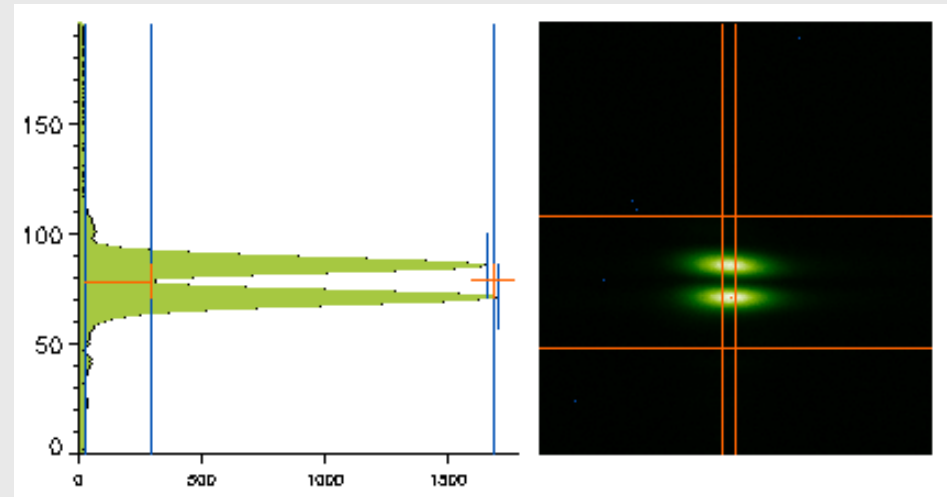
# High resolution measurement

Wavelength used: 364 nm

For point-like source the intensity on axis is zero

Peak-to-valley intensity ratio is determined by the beam height

Present resolution: **3.5  $\mu\text{m}$**



**END**