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This book provides a valuable reference for scientists and engineers in the field of accelerators, and for all users of synchrotron radiation.

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Preface

Under the rubric of synchrotron radiation we understand the electromagnetic waves emitted by a charge moving with relativistic velocity and undergoing a transverse acceleration. It is characterized by a small opening angle and a high frequency caused by the velocity of the charge being close to that of light. Owing to the relatively simple motion of the charge, the radiation has clear polarization properties. Ordinary synchrotron radiation is emitted by a charge moving on a circular arc determined by a deflecting magnetic field. It has a broad spectrum, a typical frequency being $\gamma^3$ times higher than the Larmor frequency of the charge. This spectrum can be modified by varying the curvature of the trajectory $1/\rho$ within a distance smaller than the formation length of the radiation, as is realized in undulators.

Synchrotron radiation has been investigated theoretically for over a century and experimentally for about half this time. Thanks to its unique properties, this radiation has become a research tool for many fields of science and electron-storage rings serving as radiation sources are spread over the whole globe.

This book tries to explain synchrotron radiation from basic principles and to derive its main properties. It is divided into four parts. First the general case of the electromagnetic fields created by an accelerated relativistic charge is investigated. This gives the angular distribution with the small opening angle of the emitted radiation and distinguishes between the ‘near’ (Coulomb) and the ‘far’ (radiation) field. The second part concentrates on the radiation emitted by a charge moving on a circular trajectory, which we usually call synchrotron radiation. Its distributions in angle, frequency, and polarization modes are derived. Undulator radiation is treated in the next part. We start with the simple case of a plane weak undulator with a spatially periodic field that emits quasi-monochromatic radiation. A strong undulator emits radiation that is more complicated and contains higher harmonics. There are more general undulators having a non-planar (helical) electron trajectory or a non-harmonic field. The last part deals with applications and investigates first the optics of synchrotron radiation, which is dominated by diffraction due to the small opening angle. This is followed by a description of electron-storage rings serving as radiation sources and the effect of the emitted radiation on the electron beam.

There are some technical remarks to be made. Throughout the book MKSA units are used. With very few exceptions the radiation field refers to a single positive elementary charge $e$ as a source. For convenience sometimes the radiation emitted by a current $I$ is
also given and, in the last chapter, the temporal coherence of the radiation from different particles is considered. As a basis for the properties of the radiation we give first the total emitted power or energy. In the case of ordinary synchrotron radiation we denote by $P_s$ the power radiated by the electron while it is going through the magnet and by $U_s$ the energy radiated during one revolution. For undulators we denote by $P_u$ the power radiated in the undulator but averaged over one period and by $U_s$ the energy emitted during one traversal through the undulator. These powers and energies can also be expressed in terms of the photon number or photon flux. Distributions in terms of angle and frequency are then given with these total values as a factor that makes it easy to express them in terms of power, energy, photon-number or photon-flux distributions or in other units. Vectors are printed in bold. They are also written as an array with three components between square brackets, like $E = [E_x, E_y, E_z]$. For radiation fields the $z$-component can often be neglected. The remaining two-component vector is written as $E_{\perp} = [E_x, E_y]$. These field components give the polarization of the radiated power. To mark the contributions of the horizontal or vertical polarization to the power, which is of course a scalar, we write it as a sum $P = P_{\sigma} + P_{\pi}$.

The calculation of synchrotron radiation leads to some integrals that can be expressed in terms of modified Bessel functions or Airy functions. Here the second type is chosen, but the important results are given in both. Some properties, integrals, and sums of Airy and Bessel functions are given in the appendices, partly for convenience and partly because they are not so easy to find. However, this is not meant to provide rigorous mathematical derivations but rather to provide some insight into how some results are obtained.

There are lots of publications on synchrotron radiation and related topics. Apart from well-known books and journals they appear often in laboratory reports and proceedings of workshops. The bibliography to this volume is by no means complete and refers mostly to the topics covered and the methods used to investigate them.
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Notation

A  vector potential
Ai(x), Ai′(x)  Airy function and its derivative
B  magnetic-field vector
B̃(ω)  Fourier transformed B-field of radiation
B0  amplitude of magnetic undulator field
Bγ(k̃g)  weak-magnet Fourier component at k̃g
c  speed of light
Cq  quantum excitation factor
Dx, Dx′  particle-beam-optics dispersion
e  elementary charge
E  electric-field vector
Ẽ(ω)  Fourier-transformed E-field of radiation
Ec = m0c2γ  particle energy
Eγ = ℏω  photon energy
Ff(ψ, ω/ωc)  normalized angular spectral density of SR
F0(θ, φ)  normalized angular power density of UR
ℏ, ℏ = ℏ/(2π)  Planck’s constant
H  emittance function
I2, I3, I4, I5  synchrotron-radiation integrals
Jn(x)  Bessel function of order n
Jε, Jε, Jγ  longitudinal and transverse damping partitions
K1/3, K2/3  modified Bessel function of order 1/3, 2/3
K1  quadrupole focusing parameter
k̃g  wave number of general weak magnet
k̃u = 2π/λ̃u  undulator period wave number
Kn = eB0/(m0ck̃u)  undulator parameter
K∗u  reduced plane undulator parameter
K∗ab  reduced helical undulator parameter
Lu = Nuλu  undulator length
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\( m_0 \) rest mass of a particle
\( \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{r}/r \) unit vector in \( r \)-direction
\( n_B = -\rho^2 K_f \) field index
\( n_s, \dot{n}_s \) photons per revolution, photon flux
\( n_u, \dot{n}_u \) photon number per traversal, photon flux
\( N_u \) undulator period number
\( P_s \) instantaneous radiated power of \( SR \)
\( P_u \) period-averaged total power of plane \( UR \)
\( \mathbf{r}(t') \) distance from source to observer
\( \mathbf{R}, \Phi \) polar coordinates in image plane
\( r_0 = e^2/(4\pi\epsilon_0 m_0 c^2) \) classical electron radius
\( \mathbf{r}_p \) vector from origin to observer
\( \mathbf{S} = [\mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B}]/\mu_0 \) Poynting vector
\( S_\text{hm}(\omega_m) \) normalized spectral power of helical \( UR \)
\( S_s(\omega/\omega_c) \) normalized spectral power densities of \( SR \)
\( t = t' + r/c \) observation time
\( t_p = t - r_p/c \) reduced observation time
\( T_0 = 2\pi/\omega_0 \) revolution time without straight sections
\( T_{\text{rev}} = 2\pi/\omega_{\text{rev}} \) revolution time with straight sections
\( t' \) emission time
\( U_s \) energy radiated per turn of \( SR \)
\( \mathbf{v}(t') = d\mathbf{R}/dt' \) particle velocity
\( V \) scalar potential
\( \hat{V} \) peak voltage of RF system
\( w \) transverse coordinate, \( x \) or \( y \)
\( X, Y \) rectangular coordinates in image plane
\( \alpha_c, \alpha_h, \alpha_v \) longitudinal and transverse damping rates
\( \alpha_f = e^2/(2\epsilon_0 c h) \) fine structure constant
\( \alpha_u = -\beta_u^2/2 \) particle-optics functions
\( \beta = v/c \) normalized velocity
\( \beta = v/c \) normalized velocity vector
\( \beta_w \) particle-optics functions
\( \beta^* \) normalized drift velocity in plane undulator
\( \beta_h^* \) normalized drift velocity in helical undulators
\( \gamma = 1/\sqrt{1 - \beta^2} \) Lorentz factor
\( \gamma_w \) particle-optics functions
\( \gamma^* \) Lorentz factor of drift velocity
\( \gamma_h^* \) drift Lorentz factor in helical undulators
\( \epsilon_0 \) vacuum permittivity
\( \epsilon_x, \epsilon_y \) horizontal and vertical particle-beam emittance
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$\epsilon_{x}, \epsilon_{y}$  
horizontal and vertical photon-beam emittance

$\eta_{x}, \eta_{y}$  
unit vectors in $x$- and $y$-directions

$\lambda_{\text{Comp}} = h/(m_0 c)$  
Compton wavelength

$\lambda_{u}$  
undulator period length

$\mu_0$  
vacuum permeability

$\rho$  
bending radius

$\sigma_{x}, \sigma'_{x}$  
RMS electron-beam size and angular spread

$\varphi_{B}$  
bending angle in a dipole magnet

$\varphi_{w}(s)$  
betatron phase within one turn

$\varphi_{s}$  
synchrotron phase angle in RF acceleration

$\psi$  
angle between median plane and $r_p$

$\omega_0 = \beta c / \rho = 2\pi / T_0$  
angular velocity, Larmor frequency

$\omega_1$  
fundamental UR frequency off axis

$\omega_{10}$  
fundamental UR frequency on axis

$\omega_c = 3\omega_0 \gamma^3 / 2$  
critical frequency

$\omega_m$  
$m$th harmonic UR frequency off axis

$\omega_{m0}$  
$m$th harmonic UR frequency on axis

$\omega_{\text{rev}} = 2\pi / T_{\text{rev}}$  
revolution frequency with straight sections

$\Omega_{u} = \beta c k_{u}$  
particle-motion frequency in undulator

$dP/d\Omega$  
power radiated per unit solid angle

$d^2 P/(d\Omega\,d\omega)$  
angular spectral radiated power density

$(\cdot)_{\pi}, (\cdot)_{\pi}$  
horizontal, vertical linear polarization

$(\cdot)^{+}, (\cdot)^{-}$  
positive, negative helicity circular polarization

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parenthesis evaluated at emission time $t'$