

Dynamics and radiation of vortex electrons in magnetic fields

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- Vortex electrons in vacuum
- Nonstationary states approach
- Properties of the electron state in the field

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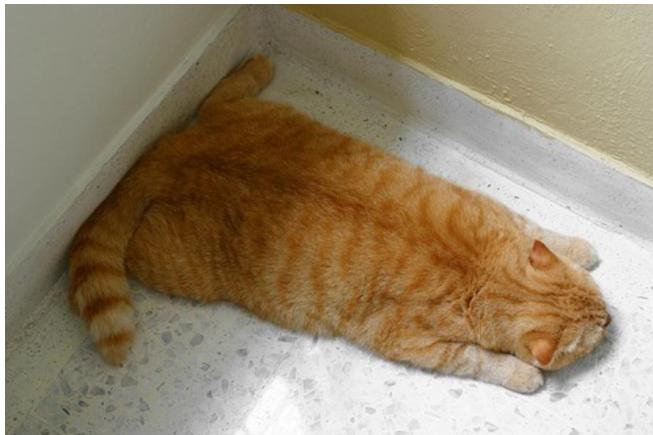


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Scalar cat waves

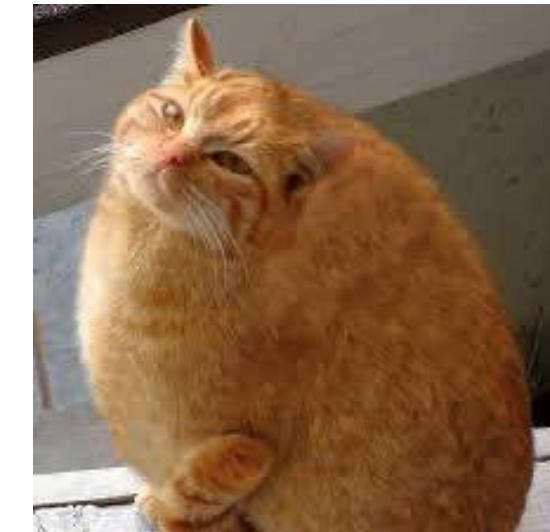
Plane waves

$$\Psi(p_x, p_y, p_z)$$



Spherical waves

$$\Psi(\omega, j, l)$$



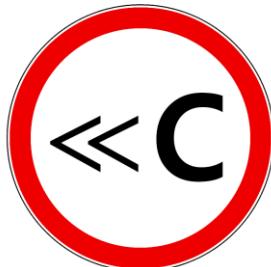
Cylindrical waves

$$\Psi(p_z, p_{\perp}, l)$$



Vortex electrons in vacuum

$$\hbar = c = 1$$



Nonrelativistic QM



No spin

Schrödinger equation

$$i \frac{\partial \Psi(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial t} = \hat{\mathcal{H}} \Psi(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

OAM eigenstate

$$\hat{l}_z \Psi(\mathbf{r}, t) = l_z \Psi(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

Schrödinger equation in cylindrical coordinates

$$i \frac{\partial \Psi(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2m} \left[\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \left(\rho \frac{\partial \Psi(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial \rho} \right) + \frac{1}{\rho^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial \varphi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Psi(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial z^2} \right] = 0$$

Bessel beam

$$\Psi(\mathbf{r}, t) = J_l(p_\perp \rho) e^{-i\varepsilon t + il\varphi}$$

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Paraxial Laguerre-Gaussian packet

Optics

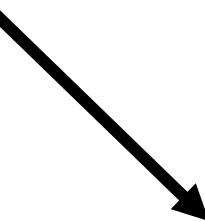
Paraxial Helmholtz equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + 2ik \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = 0$$

Nonrelativistic quantum mechanics

Paraxial Schrödinger equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial y^2} + 2ip \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial z} = 0$$



Paraxial Laguerre-Gaussian (LG) wave packet

$$u(r, \phi, z) = C_{lp}^{LG} \frac{w_0}{w(z)} \left(\frac{r\sqrt{2}}{w(z)} \right)^{|l|} \exp \left(-\frac{r^2}{w^2(z)} \right) L_p^{|l|} \left(\frac{2r^2}{w^2(z)} \right) \times \\ \exp \left(-ik \frac{r^2}{2R(z)} \right) \exp(-il\phi) \exp(i\psi(z))$$

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Nonstationary LG wave packet

Paraxial stationary Schrödinger equation

$$\Delta_{\perp}\Psi + 2ik\frac{\partial\Psi}{\partial z} = 0$$

Nonstationary Schrödinger equation

$$\Delta\Psi + 2im\frac{\partial\Psi}{\partial t} = 0$$

$$\Psi(s) = N \frac{\rho^{|l|}}{\sigma^{|l|+1}(s)} L_n^{|l|} \left(\frac{\rho^2}{\sigma^2(s)} \right) \exp \left[-\frac{\rho^2}{2\sigma^2(s)} \right] \exp[i l \varphi + i \times \text{phase}(s)]$$

$$s = z$$

$$s = t$$

Paraxial stationary solution

Exact nonstationary solution

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Comparison of Bessel and LG beams

Bessel vortex electrons

$$\Psi = N\Psi_{\parallel}(z)J_l(p_{\perp}\rho)e^{-i\varepsilon t+il\varphi}$$

ε – energy

p_{\perp} – transverse momentum

l – z-projection of OAM

Paraxial LG vortex electrons

$$\Psi = N \frac{\rho^{|l|}}{\sigma^{|l|+1}(z)} L_n^{|l|} \left(\frac{\rho^2}{\sigma^2(z)} \right) \exp \left[-\frac{\rho^2}{2\sigma^2(z)} \right] \exp [-i\varepsilon t + il\varphi + i \times \text{phase}(z)]$$

Nonstationary LG (NSLG) vortex electrons

$$\Psi = N\Psi_{\parallel}(z) \frac{\rho^{|l|}}{\sigma^{|l|+1}(t)} L_n^{|l|} \left(\frac{\rho^2}{\sigma^2(t)} \right) \exp \left[-\frac{\rho^2}{2\sigma^2(t)} \right] \exp [il\varphi + i \times \text{phase}(t)]$$

	Bessel	Paraxial LG	NSLG
Definite OAM	✓	✓	✓
Normalizable	✗	✓	✓
Exact solution	✓	✗	✓
Stationary	✓	✓	✗

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NSLG wave packet in free space

Transverse wave function

$$\Psi_{nl}(\rho, t) = N \frac{\rho^{|l|}}{\sigma^{|l|+1}(t)} L_n^{|l|} \left(\frac{\rho^2}{\sigma^2(t)} \right) \exp \left[-\frac{\rho^2}{2\sigma^2(t)} \right] \exp [il\varphi + i \times \text{phase}(t)]$$

Rms radius and transverse coordinate dispersion

$$\rho(t) \equiv \sqrt{\langle \rho^2 \rangle - \langle \rho \rangle^2} = \sigma(t) \sqrt{2n + |l| + 1}$$

Rms radius of a free LG packet

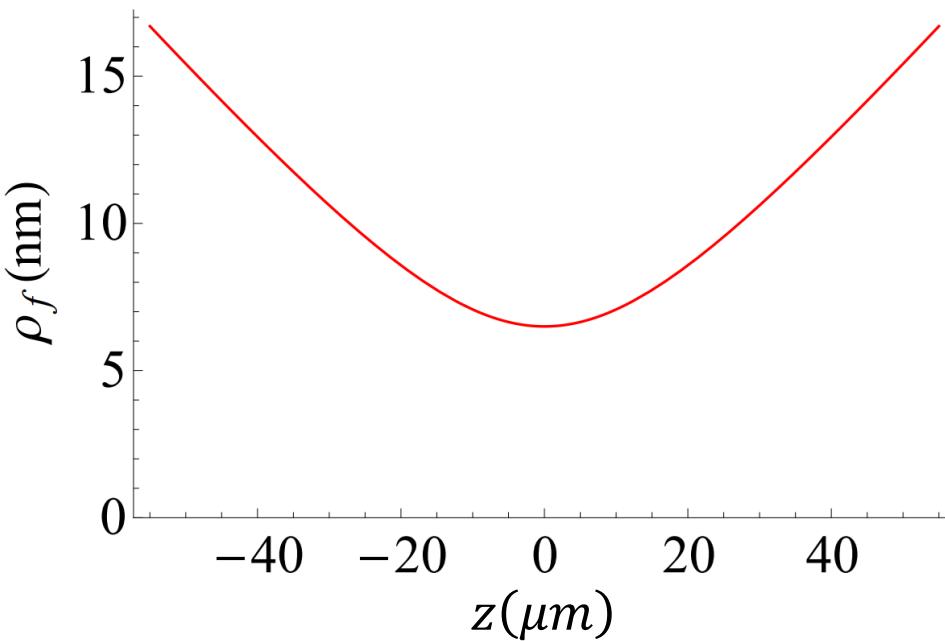
$$\rho_f(t) = \rho_w \sqrt{1 + (t - t_g)^2 / \tau_d^2}$$

ρ_w – rms radius at the waist

t_g – time of generation

$\tau_d = m\sigma_w^2$ – diffraction time

$$\sigma_w = \rho_w / \sqrt{2n + |l| + 1}$$



Rms radius of a free LG vortex electron wave packet, $z = vt$.*

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- Keeping vortex electrons from spreading
- Controlling parameters of vortex-electron wave packets
- Accounting for boundary conditions

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Problem statement

Incoming electron state

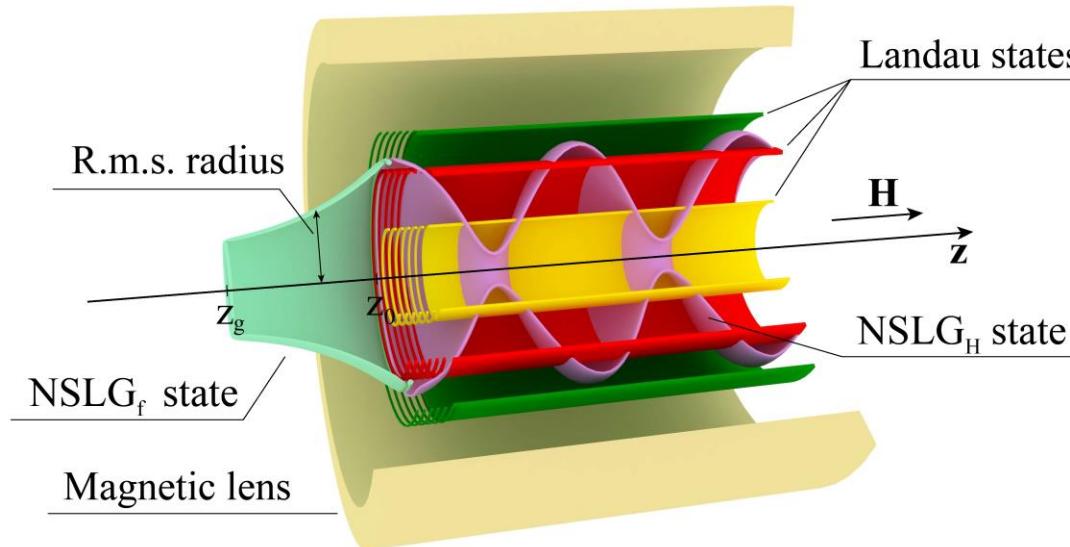
$$\Psi_{l,n}^{(f)}(\rho, t) = N \frac{\rho^{|l|}}{\sigma^{|l|+1}(t)} L_n^{|l|} \left(\frac{\rho^2}{\sigma^2(t)} \right) \exp \left(-\frac{\rho^2}{2\sigma^2(t)} \right) \exp \left(il\varphi - i\Phi_G(t) + i \frac{\rho^2}{2\sigma^2(t)} \frac{t}{t_d} \right)$$

Semi-infinite solenoid model

$$\mathbf{H} = H\theta(z - z_0) \mathbf{e}_z$$

Target values:

- The state of a VE inside the field
- Rms radius of the VE in the field



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Two approaches

Landau states approach



Nonstationary Laguerre-Gaussian approach



Superposition

$$\Psi_{n,l} = \sum_{n',l'} c_{n',l'} \Psi_{n',l'}^{(L)}$$

Initial condition

$$\Psi_{n,l} = \Psi_{n,l}^{(\text{in})}$$

Single mode

$$\Psi_{n,l} = \Psi_{n,l}^{(\text{NSLG})}$$

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LG states in magnetic field

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Paraxial stationary Schrödinger equation in magnetic field

$$\left(\nabla_{\perp}^2 - ieH \frac{\partial}{\partial\phi} - \frac{e^2 H^2 r^2}{4} + 2es_z H + 2ik \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \Psi = 0$$

Nonstationary Schrödinger equation in magnetic field

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System of optical equations

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System of optical equations

$$\frac{1}{R(t)} = \frac{\sigma'(t)}{\sigma(t)},$$

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_C^2 R^2(t)} + \frac{1}{\lambda_C^2} \left[\frac{1}{R(t)} \right]' = \frac{1}{\sigma^4(t)} - \frac{1}{\sigma_L^4},$$

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_C} \Phi'_G(t) = \frac{l}{\sigma_L^2} + \frac{2n + |l| + 1}{\sigma^2(t)}.$$

$\lambda_C = m^{-1}$ -
Compton wavelength

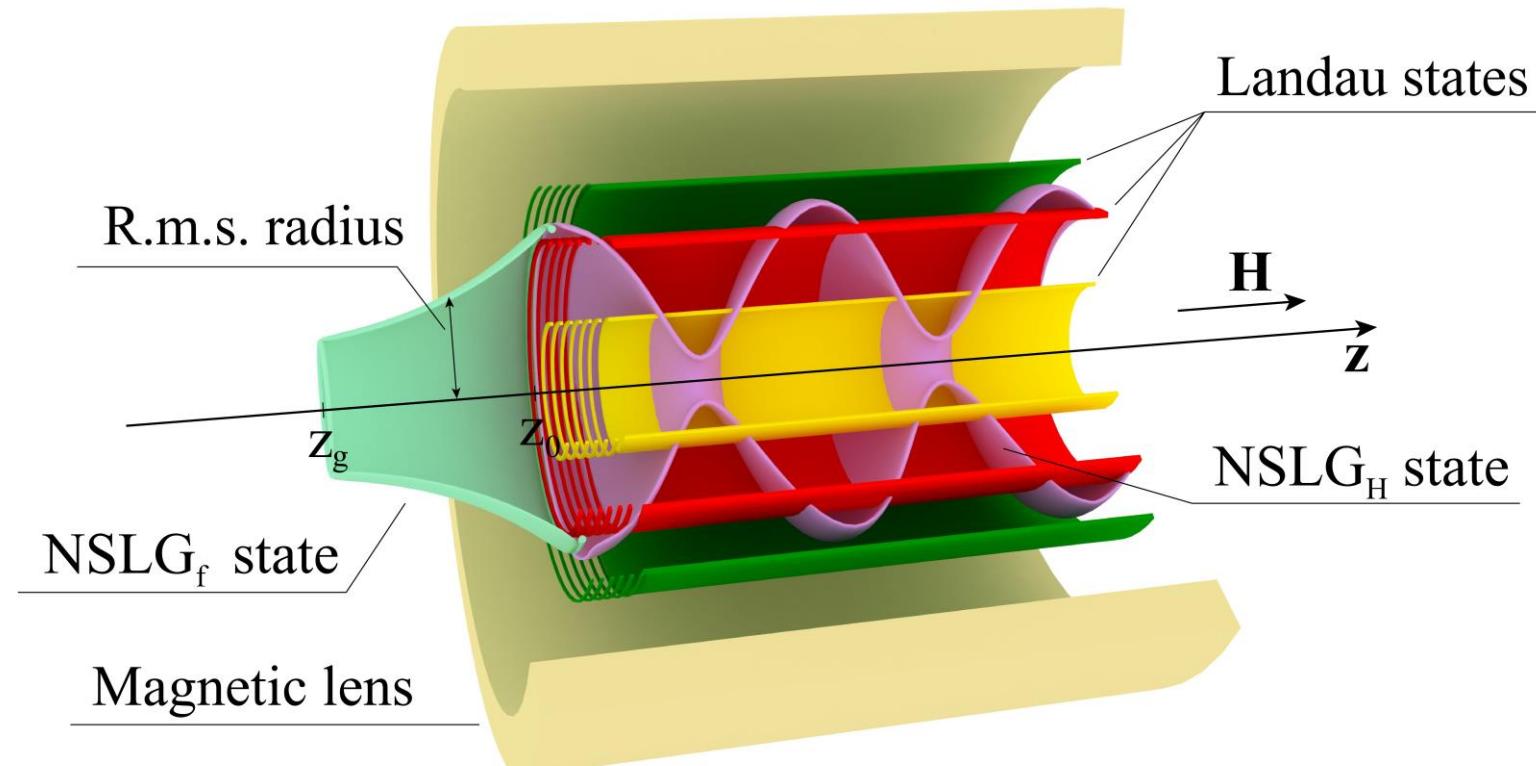
$\sigma_L = \sqrt{2/|eH|}$ -
magnetic length

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Initial conditions

$$\sigma(t_0) = \sigma_f(t_0) = \sigma_0 \quad \sigma'(t_0) = \sigma'_f(t_0) = \sigma'_0 \quad \Phi_G(t_0) = \Phi_f(t_0) = \Phi_0$$



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Dispersion

$$\sigma(t) = \sigma_{\text{st}} \sqrt{1 + \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\sigma_L}{\sigma_{\text{st}}}\right)^4} \sin [s(\sigma_0, \sigma'_0)\omega(t - t_0) - \theta]}$$

Rms radius

$$\rho(t) \equiv \sqrt{\langle \rho^2 \rangle - \langle \rho \rangle^2} = \sigma(t) \sqrt{2n + |l| + 1}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{st}} \geq \sigma_L$$



$$\rho_{\text{st}} = \sqrt{(2n + |l| + 1)} \sigma_{\text{st}} \geq \rho_L$$

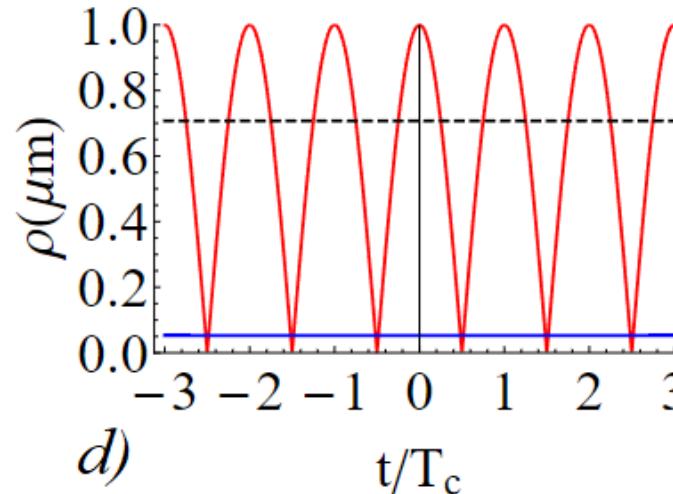
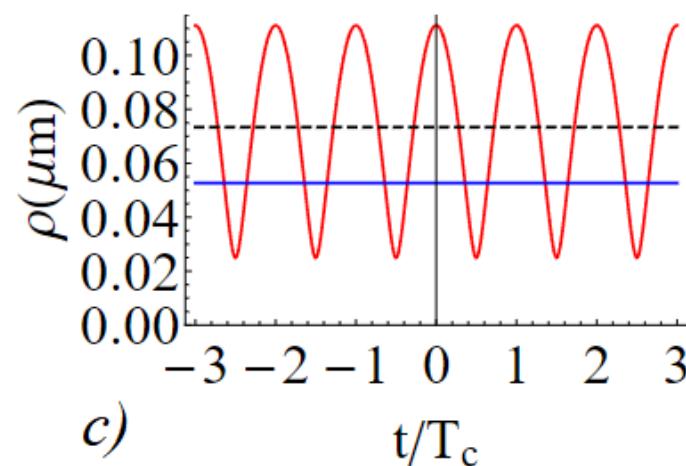
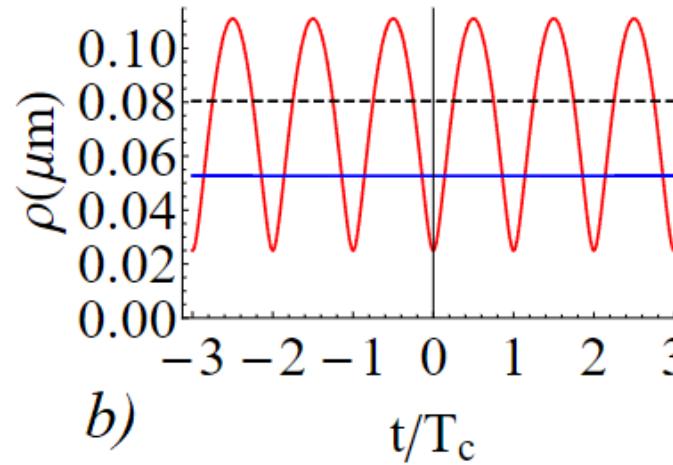
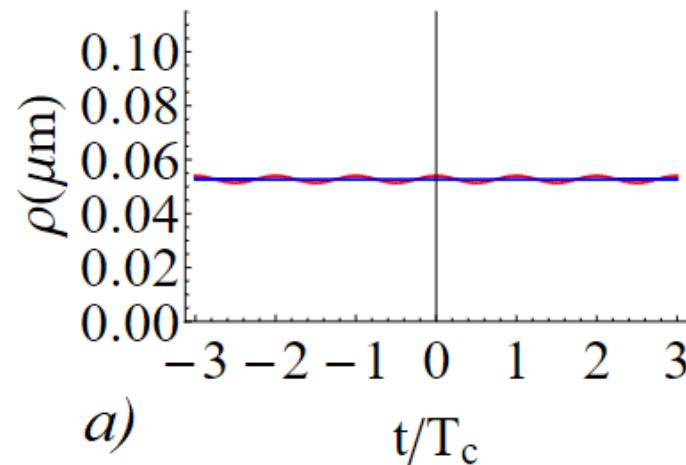
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Rms radius oscillations



Rms radius oscillations (in red). $\rho_L = 52.7 \text{ nm}$ (in blue). Black dashed lines correspond to the square of the period-averaged transverse radius squared. Magnetic field strength $H=1.9 \text{ T}$, $n=0$, $I=3$, $\rho'_0 = 0$. a) $\rho_0 = 54 \text{ nm}$, b) $\rho_0 = 25 \text{ nm}$, c) $\rho_0 = 111.1 \text{ nm}$, d) $\rho_0 = 1 \mu\text{m}$.

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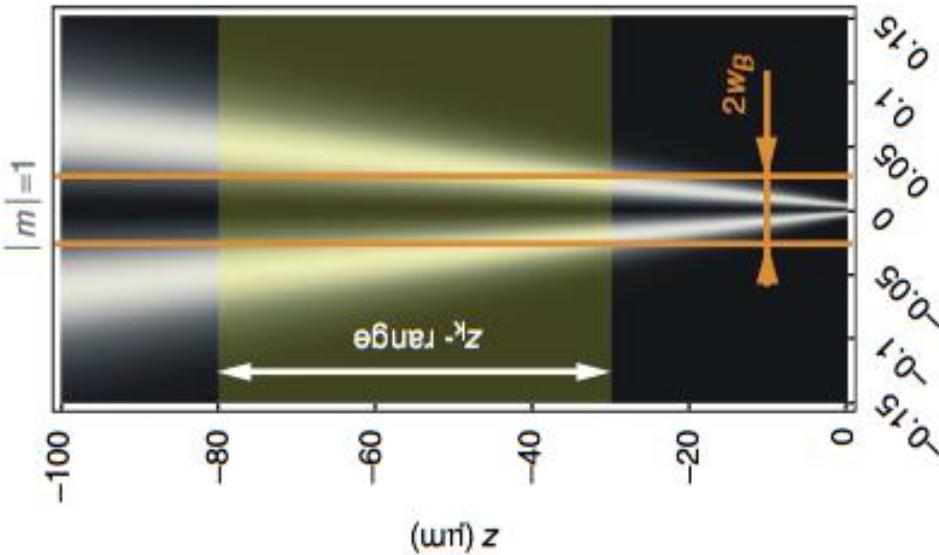
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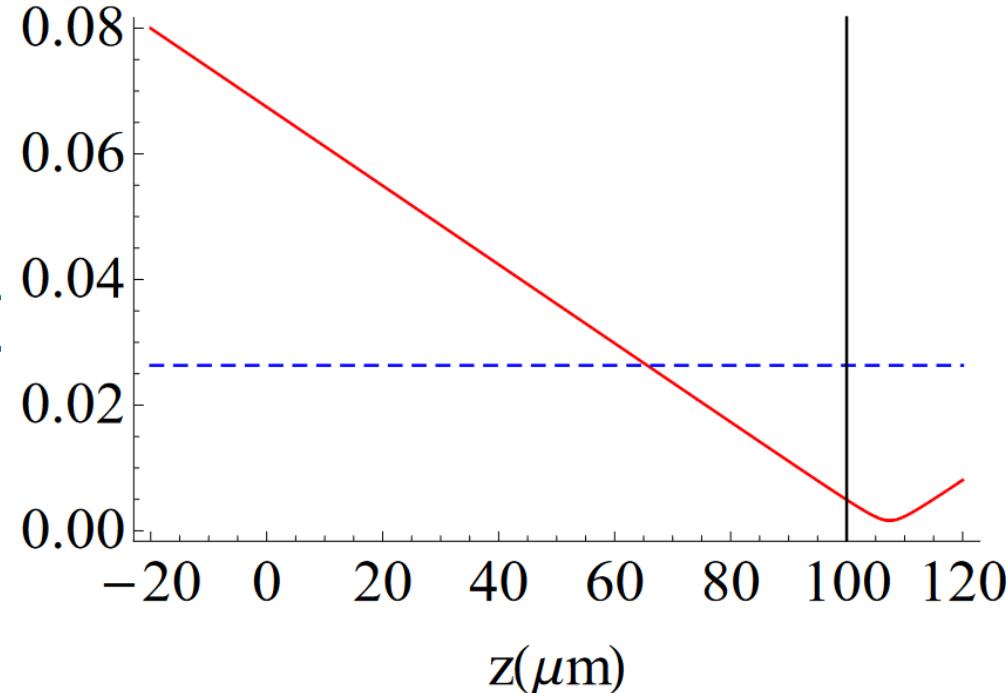
Experiment confirms?

Experiment of Schattschneider and others



Rms radius of a vortex electron in a TEM. *

NSLG calculation



Rms radius of a vortex electron in a TEM (in red).
Rms radius of the Landau state (in blue). $E_{\parallel} = 200$ keV, $H = 1.9$ T, $n = 0$, $l = 1$.

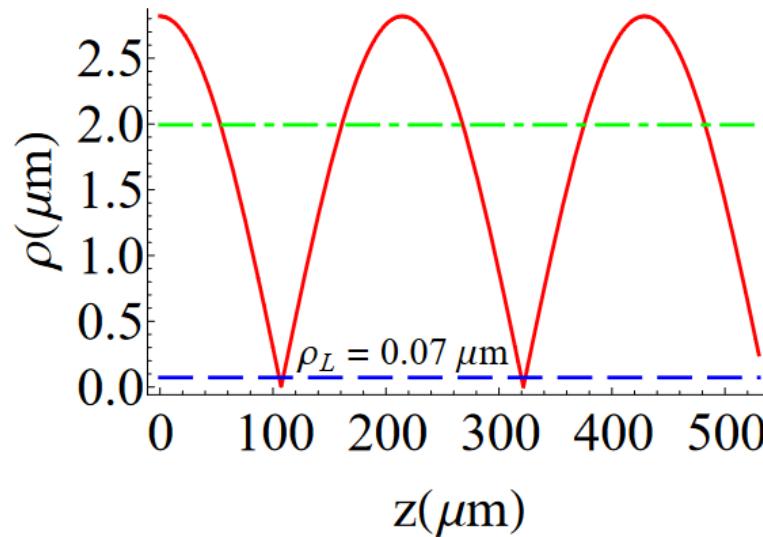
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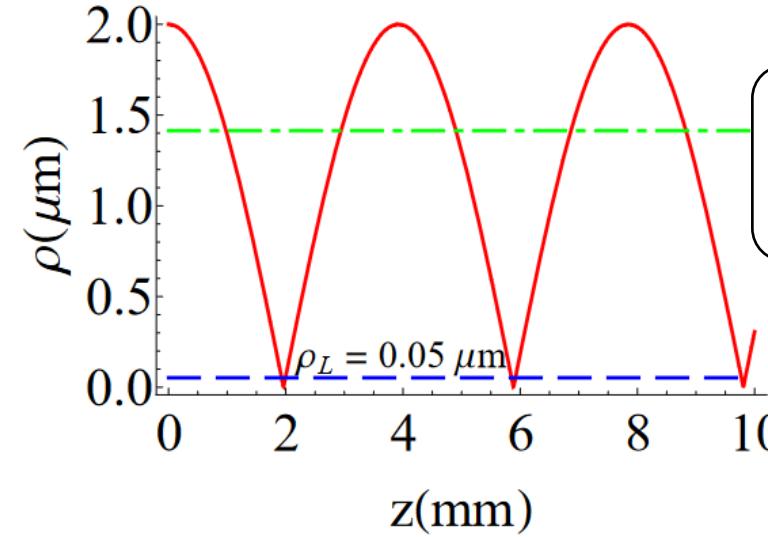
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Imaging the dynamics of free-electron Landau states.

Experimental feasibility

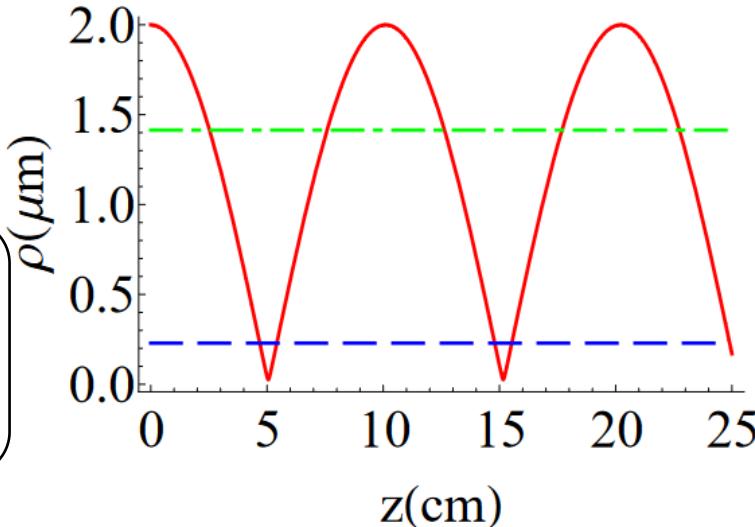
a) SEM
 $E_{\parallel} = 1 \text{ keV}$,
 $H = 1 \text{ T}$



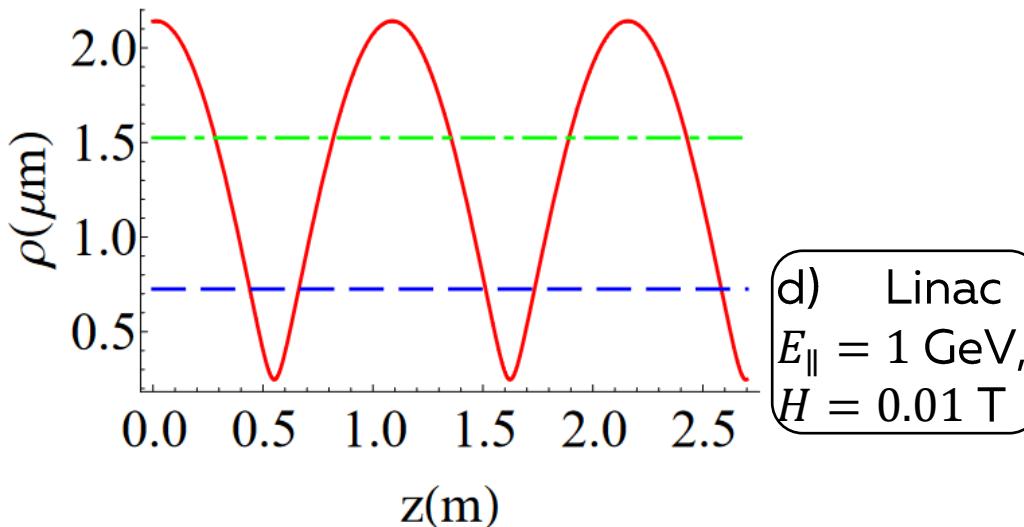
b) TEM
 $E_{\parallel} = 200 \text{ keV}$,
 $H = 1.9 \text{ T}$



c) medical
linac
 $E_{\parallel} = 1 \text{ MeV}$,
 $H = 0.1 \text{ T}$



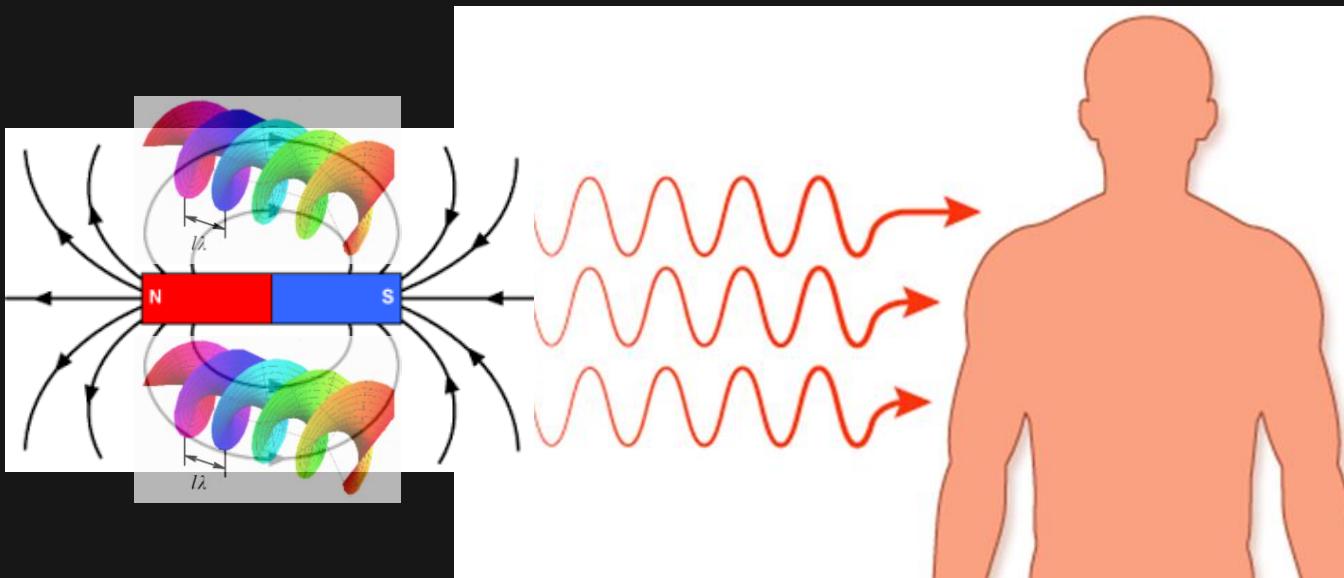
d) Linac
 $E_{\parallel} = 1 \text{ GeV}$,
 $H = 0.01 \text{ T}$



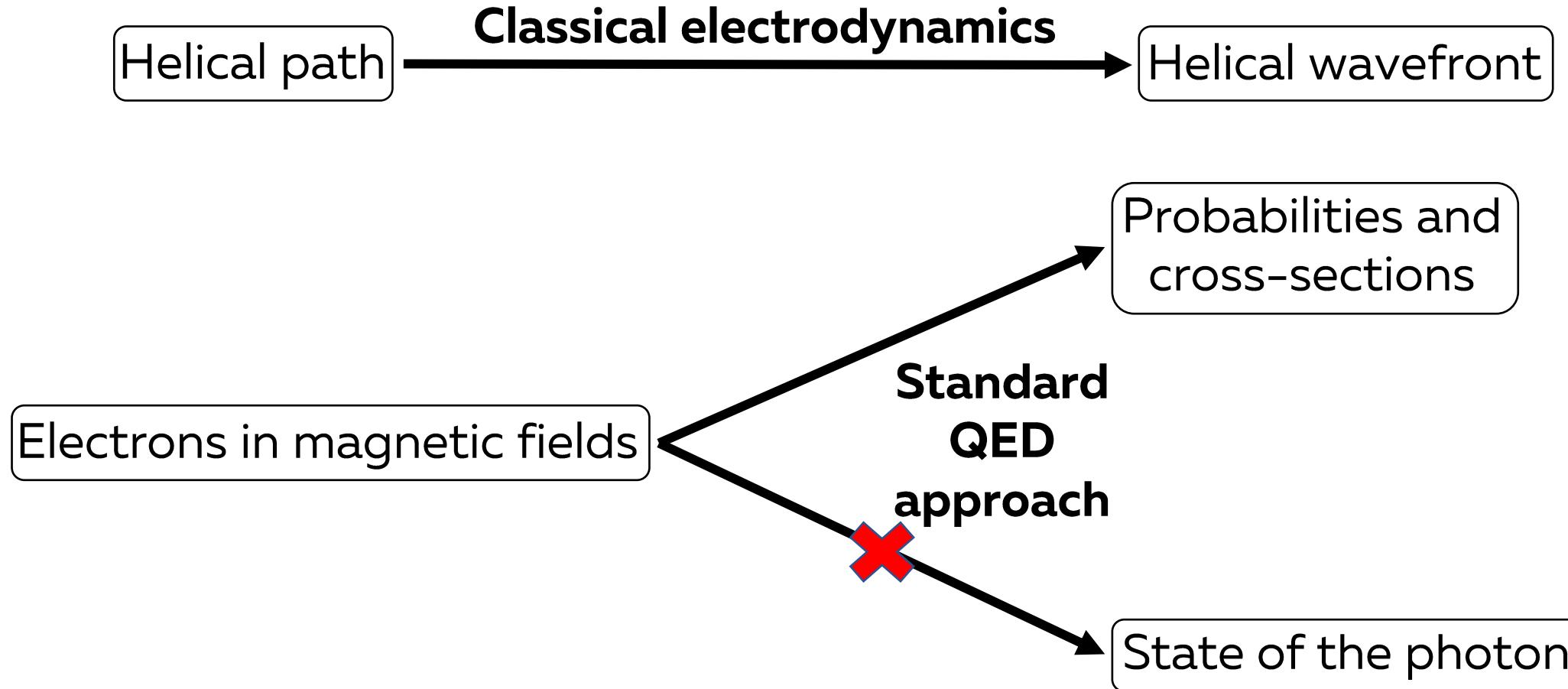
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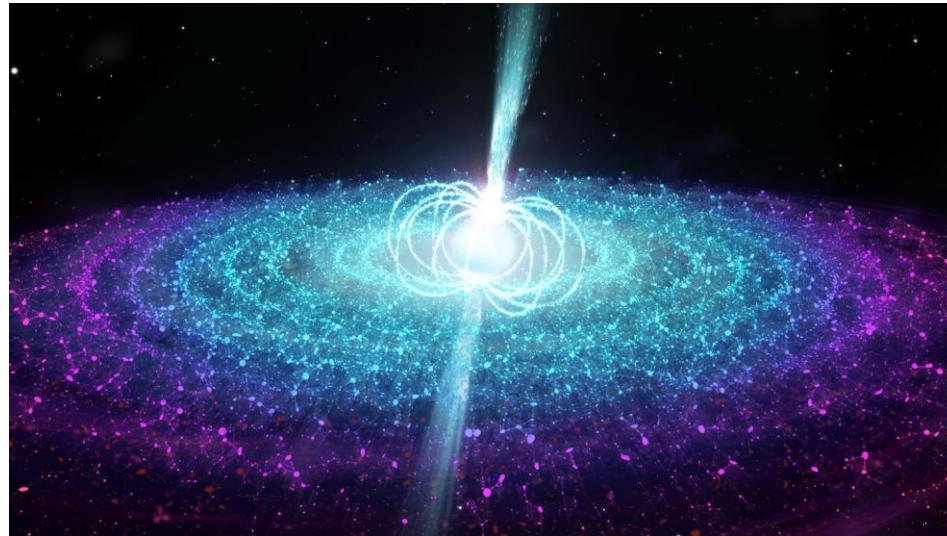
Applications

- Generation of vortex photons in laboratory
- Astrophysics: neutron stars et al. $H \lesssim H_c = 4.4 \times 10^9 T$

A vortex photon in a star is born



The photon interacts with matter
(not like a plane-wave photon!):



- Higher Landau states can be excited
- Multipole transitions in atoms become significant
- Vortex cross-section \neq plane-wave cross-section

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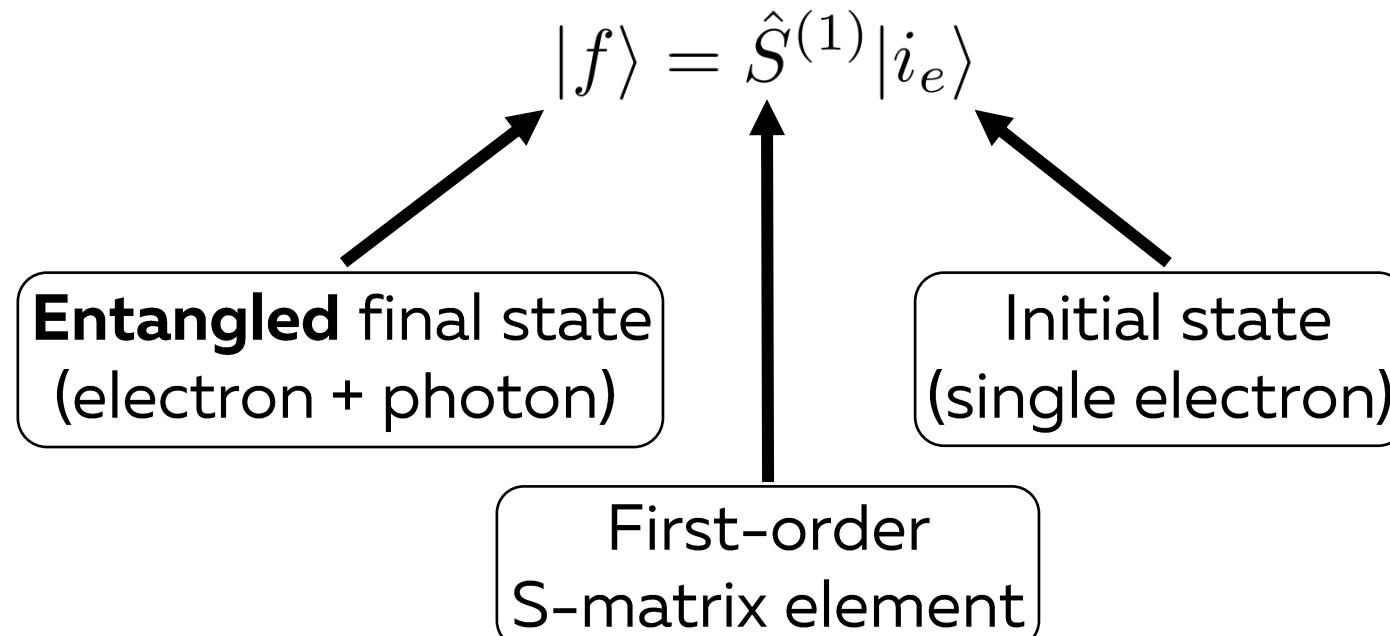
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State of the system



Photon emission

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


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Disentangling the final state

Final electron is measured: $|f_e\rangle$

Photon is **not** measured

Disentangled final state

$$|f'\rangle = P(f_e) \hat{S}^{(1)} |i_e\rangle = \sum_{f_\gamma} |f_e, f_\gamma\rangle \underbrace{\langle f_e, f_\gamma | \hat{S}^{(1)} | i_e \rangle}_{S_{fi}^{(1)}}$$

$$P(f_e) = |f_e\rangle\langle f_e| \otimes \hat{1}_\gamma$$

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Evolved state of the photon

Final disentangled state

$$|f'\rangle = |f_e\rangle \otimes |\gamma\rangle_{ev}$$

State of the photon

$$|\gamma\rangle_{ev} = \sum_{\lambda=\pm 1} \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2\omega} S_{fi}^{(1)}(\mathbf{k}, \lambda) |k, \lambda\rangle$$

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Vector potential of the photon

Vector potential of the emitted photon

$$\mathbf{A}(t, \mathbf{r}) = \langle 0 | \hat{\mathbf{A}}(t, \mathbf{r}) | \gamma \rangle_{ev} = \sum_{\lambda} \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega}} \mathbf{A}_{\lambda}(t, \mathbf{r}; \mathbf{k}) S_{fi}^{(1)}$$

$$\mathbf{A}_{\lambda}(t, \mathbf{r}; \mathbf{k}) = \frac{e_{\lambda}(\mathbf{k})}{\sqrt{2\omega}} e^{-i(\omega t - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r})}$$

Vector potential in the momentum representation

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{k}) = \sum_{\lambda=\pm 1} S_{fi}^{(1)} \mathbf{e}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{k})$$

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S-matrix element

Relativistic Landau state

$$\Psi_{s,\ell}^{\uparrow}(x) = N^{\uparrow} \begin{pmatrix} (m + \varepsilon)\Phi_{s,\ell-1/2}(\rho)e^{-i\varphi/2} \\ 0 \\ p_z\Phi_{s,\ell-1/2}(\rho)e^{-i\varphi/2} \\ -ieH\Phi_{s,\ell+1/2}(\rho)e^{i\varphi/2} \end{pmatrix} e^{-it\varepsilon_{s,\ell} + i\ell\varphi + ip_z z}$$

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S-matrix element

$$S_{fi}^{(1)} = \delta(k_{\perp} - \kappa)\delta(k_z + p'_z - p_z)e^{i(\ell - \ell')\varphi_k}\mathcal{F}$$

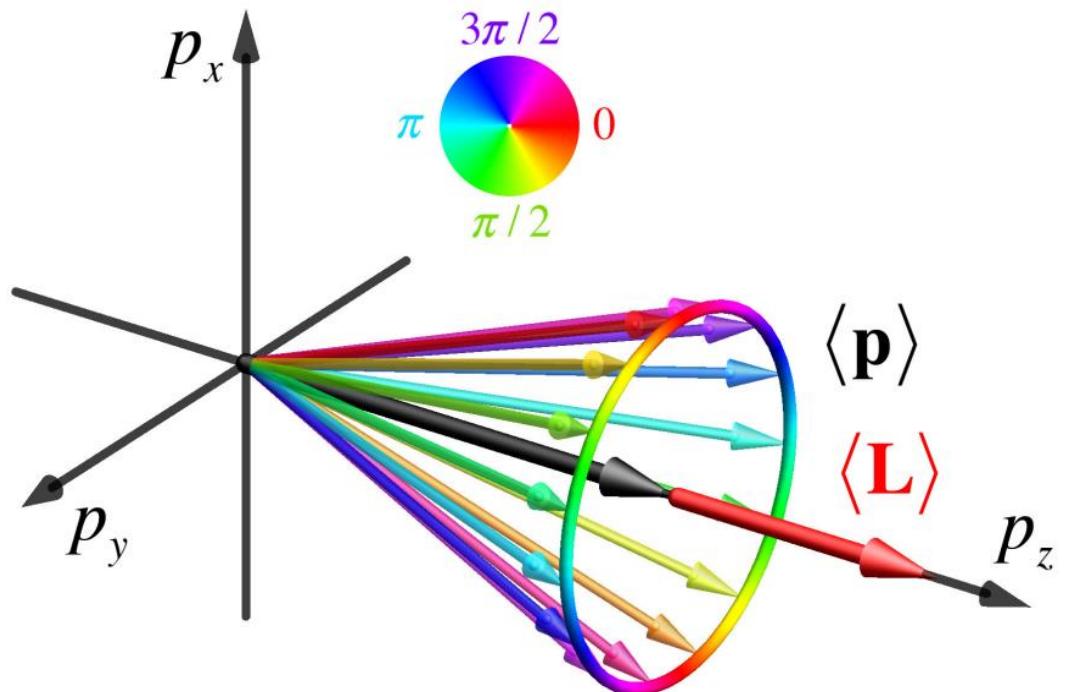
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Photon state

Photon is a Bessel beam

$$|\gamma\rangle_{ev} = (\varepsilon - \varepsilon') \sum_{\lambda=\pm 1} \mathcal{F} \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi_k |\mathbf{k}, \lambda\rangle e^{i(\ell-\ell')\varphi_k}$$



Photon TAM

$$\hat{j}_z \mathbf{A}^{(ev)}(\mathbf{k}) = (\ell - \ell') \mathbf{A}^{(ev)}(\mathbf{k})$$

From the work Bliokh, K.Y., et al. (2017). Theory and applications of free-electron vortex states. *Physics Reports*, 690, 1-70.

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Emission probability and intensity

Emission probability

$$\langle \gamma | \gamma \rangle = \sum_{\lambda=\pm 1} \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \left| S_{fi}^{(1)} \right|^2 \equiv W_{s',\ell'}^{(1)}(p'_z)$$

Intensity

$$I_{s',\ell'}^{(1)} \equiv \int L \frac{dp'_z}{2\pi} \omega \dot{W}_{s',\ell'}^{(1)}(p'_z)$$

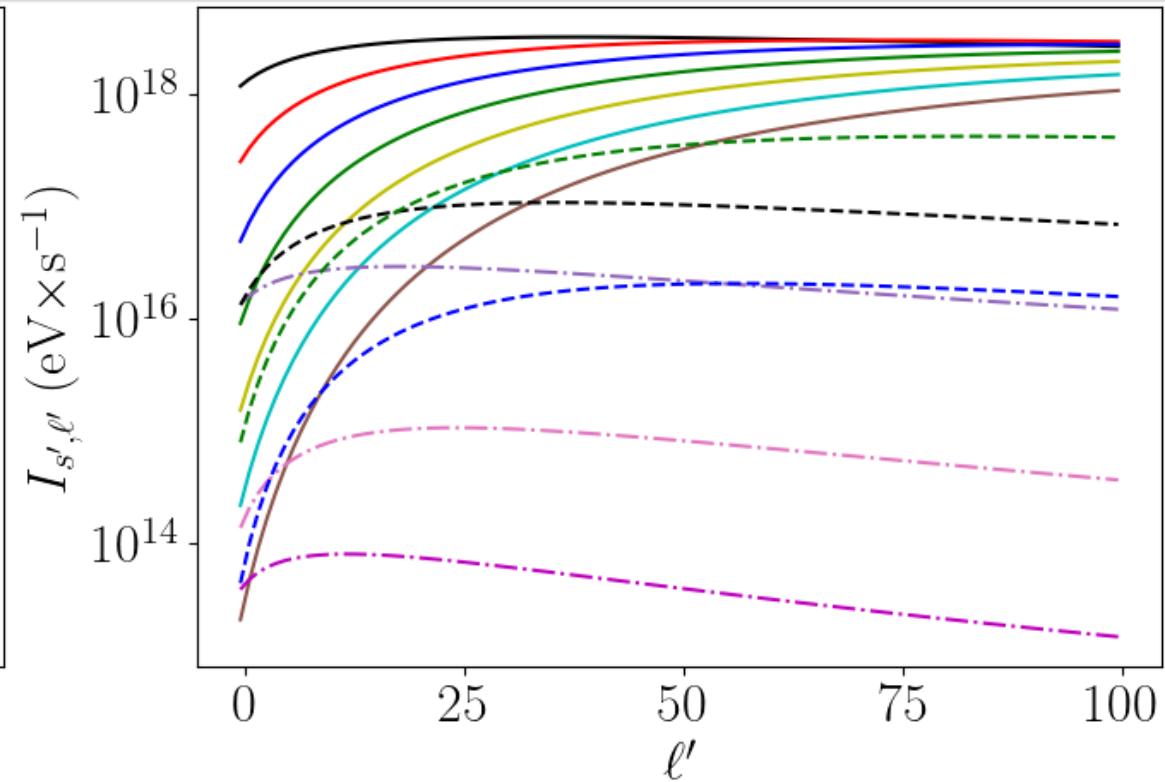
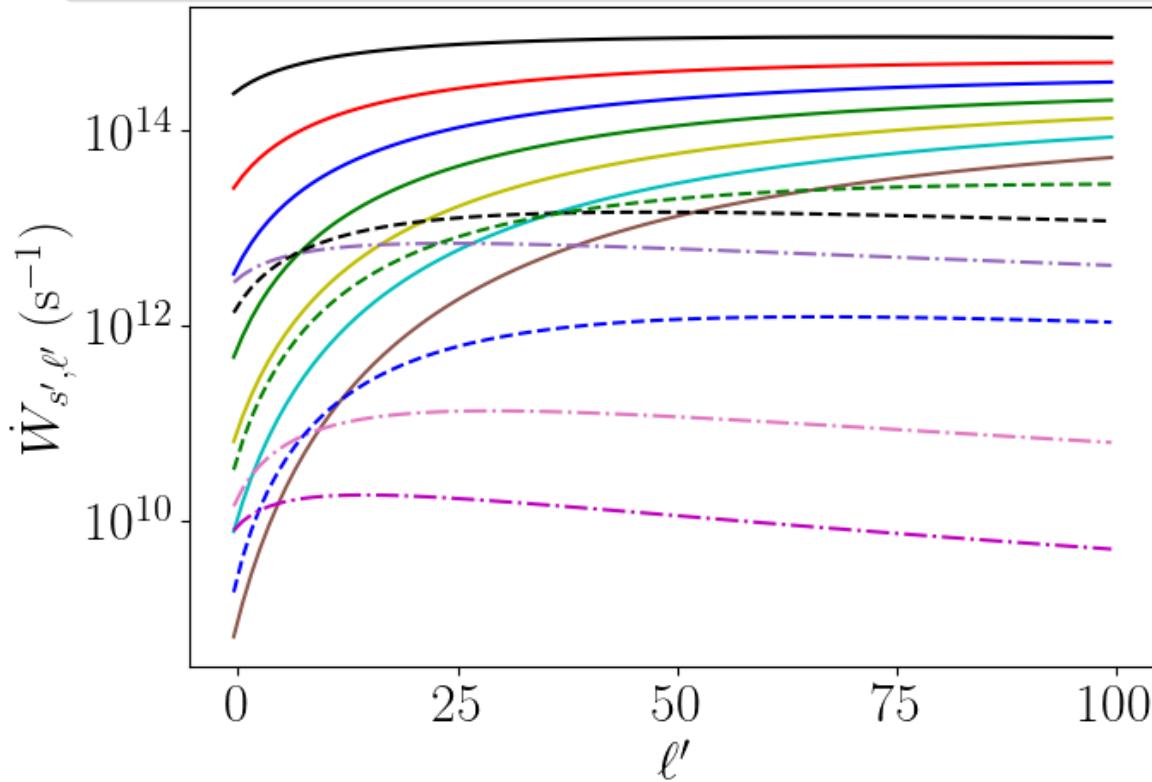
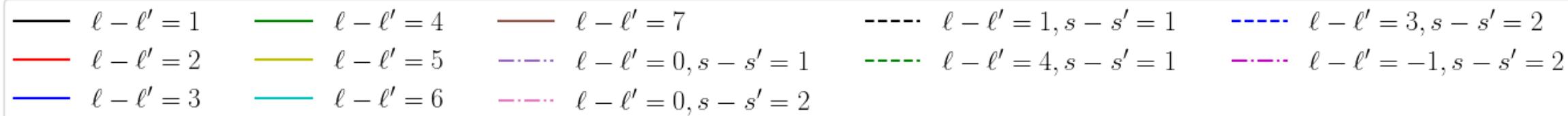
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Evolved-state approach



Probability and intensity of emission with definite angular momentum (with no spin-flip).

$$H = 10^{-2} H_c, s = s' = 5, p_z = 10^{-3} m$$

$$H_c = 4.4 \times 10^9 T$$

Conclusion

- NSLG states provide a single-mode description of a vortex electron transfer through a solenoid
- The NSLG states approach enable to easily account for the boundary conditions
- NSLG states highlight the dynamics of vortex electrons on magnetic fields
- Electrons in a constant magnetic field spontaneously emit twisted photons
- Total angular momentum is conserved in this process.
- The majority of the emitted photons turn out to be twisted,
with $\ell - \ell' \gtrsim 1$
- The obtained results can offer a new perspective on the synchrotron radiation, generation of twisted photons and astrophysical processes in extreme magnetic field.

Transmission of VEs through magnetic fields

- VE in vacuum
- Nonstationary states approach
- Properties of the electron state in the field

Radiation of VEs in magnetic fields

- Evolved-state approach
- Emitted photons' properties



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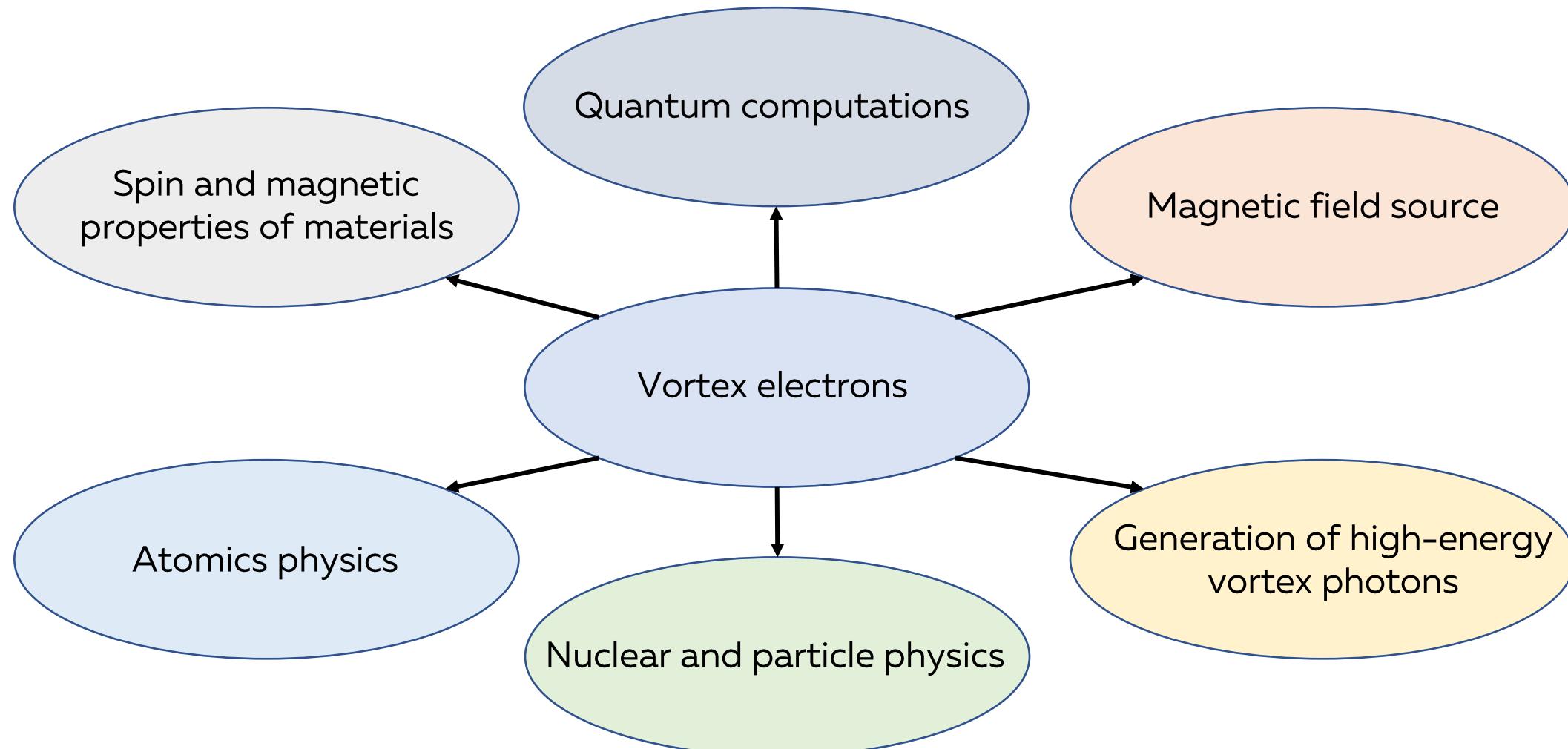


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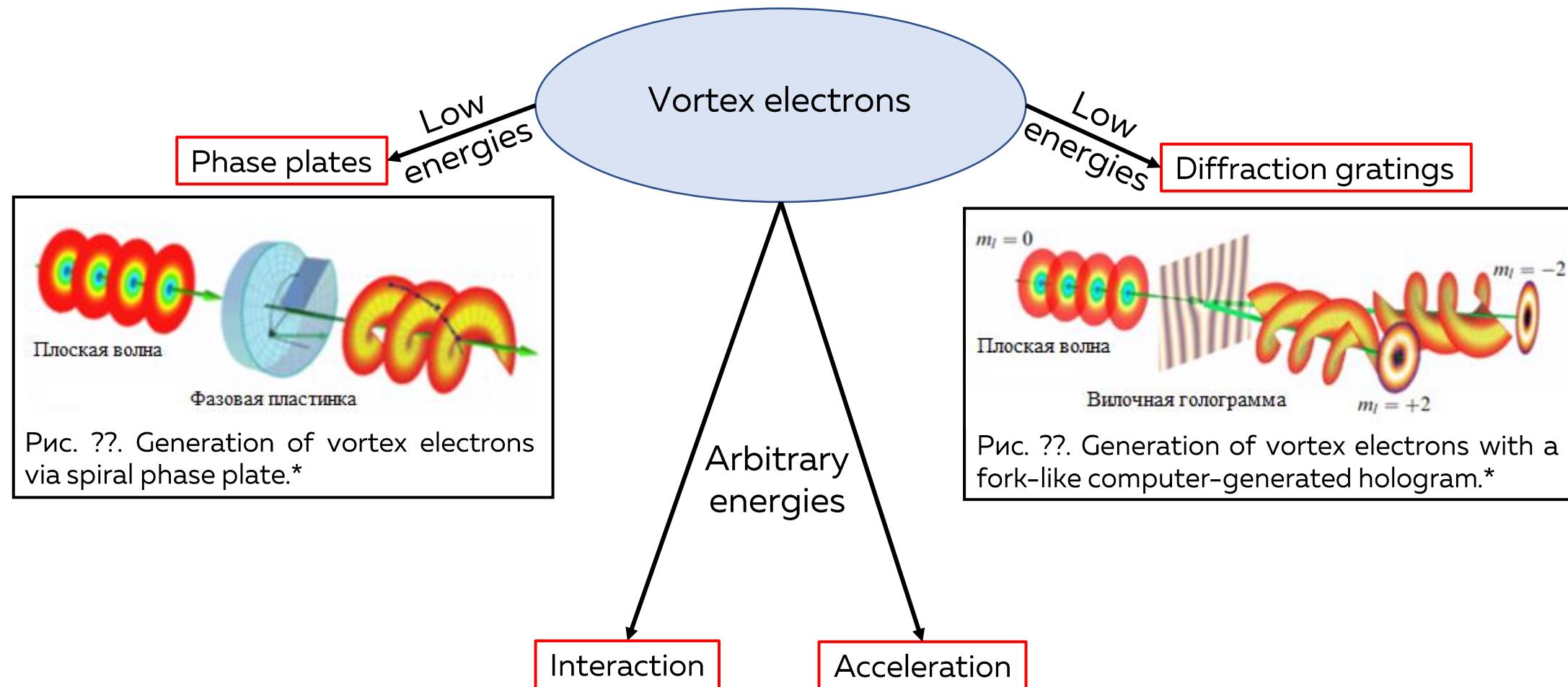
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Why study vortex electrons?



How to produce VE?



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Gouy phase of a free wave packet

$$\Phi_G(t) = (2n + |l| + 1) \arctan\left(\frac{t}{t_d}\right)$$

NSLG state in the field

General form of an NSLG state

$$\Psi_{n,l}(\rho, t) = N \frac{\rho^{|l|}}{\sigma^{|l|+1}(t)} L_n^{|l|} \left(\frac{\rho^2}{\sigma^2(t)} \right) \exp \left[il\varphi - i\Phi_G(t) - \frac{\rho^2}{2\sigma^2(t)} \left(1 - i \frac{\sigma^2(t)}{\lambda_C R(t)} \right) \right]$$

Curvature radius

$$R(t) = \frac{\sigma(t)}{\sigma'(t)}$$

Dispersion

$$\sigma(t) = \sigma_{\text{st}} \sqrt{1 + \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\sigma_L}{\sigma_{\text{st}}} \right)^4} \sin [s(\sigma_0, \sigma'_0)\omega(t - t_0) - \theta]}$$

Stationary dispersion

$$\sigma_{\text{st}}^2 = \frac{\sigma_0^2}{2} \left(1 + \left(\frac{\sigma_L}{\sigma_0} \right)^4 + \left(\frac{\sigma'_0 \sigma_L^2}{\lambda_C \sigma_0} \right)^2 \right)$$

Initial phase

$$\theta = \arcsin \frac{1 - (\sigma_0 / \sigma_{\text{st}})^2}{\sqrt{1 - (\sigma_L / \sigma_{\text{st}})^4}}$$

Sign function

$$s(\sigma_0, \sigma'_0) = \begin{cases} \text{sgn}(\sigma'_0), & \sigma'_0 \neq 0, \\ \text{sgn}(\sigma_L - \sigma_0), & \sigma'_0 = 0, \\ 0, & \sigma_0 = \sigma_L \text{ and } \sigma'_0 = 0. \end{cases}$$

Gouy phase

$$\Phi_G(t) = \Phi_0 + \frac{l\omega(t - t_0)}{2} + (2n + |l| + 1)s(\sigma_0, \sigma'_0) \times \left[\arctan \left(\frac{\sigma_{\text{st}}^2}{\sigma_L^2} \tan \frac{s(\sigma_0, \sigma'_0)\omega(t - t_0) + \theta}{2} + \frac{\sigma_{\text{st}}^2}{\sigma_L^2} \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\sigma_L}{\sigma_{\text{st}}} \right)^4} \right) - \arctan \left(\frac{\sigma_{\text{st}}^2}{\sigma_L^2} \tan \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{\sigma_{\text{st}}^2}{\sigma_L^2} \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\sigma_L}{\sigma_{\text{st}}} \right)^4} \right) \right].$$

Gouy phase

$$\Delta\Phi_G = (2n + |l| + l + 1)\pi$$

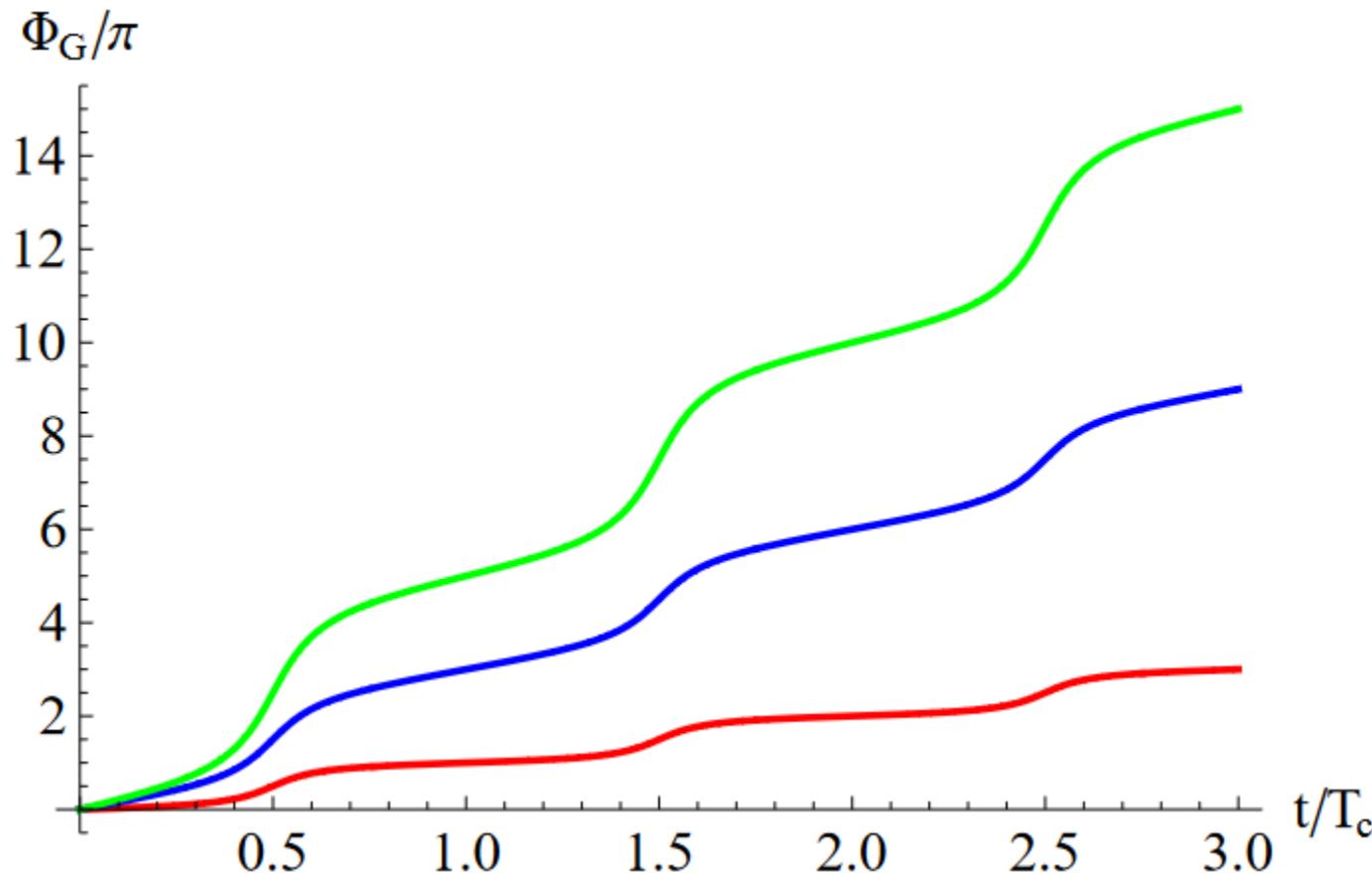
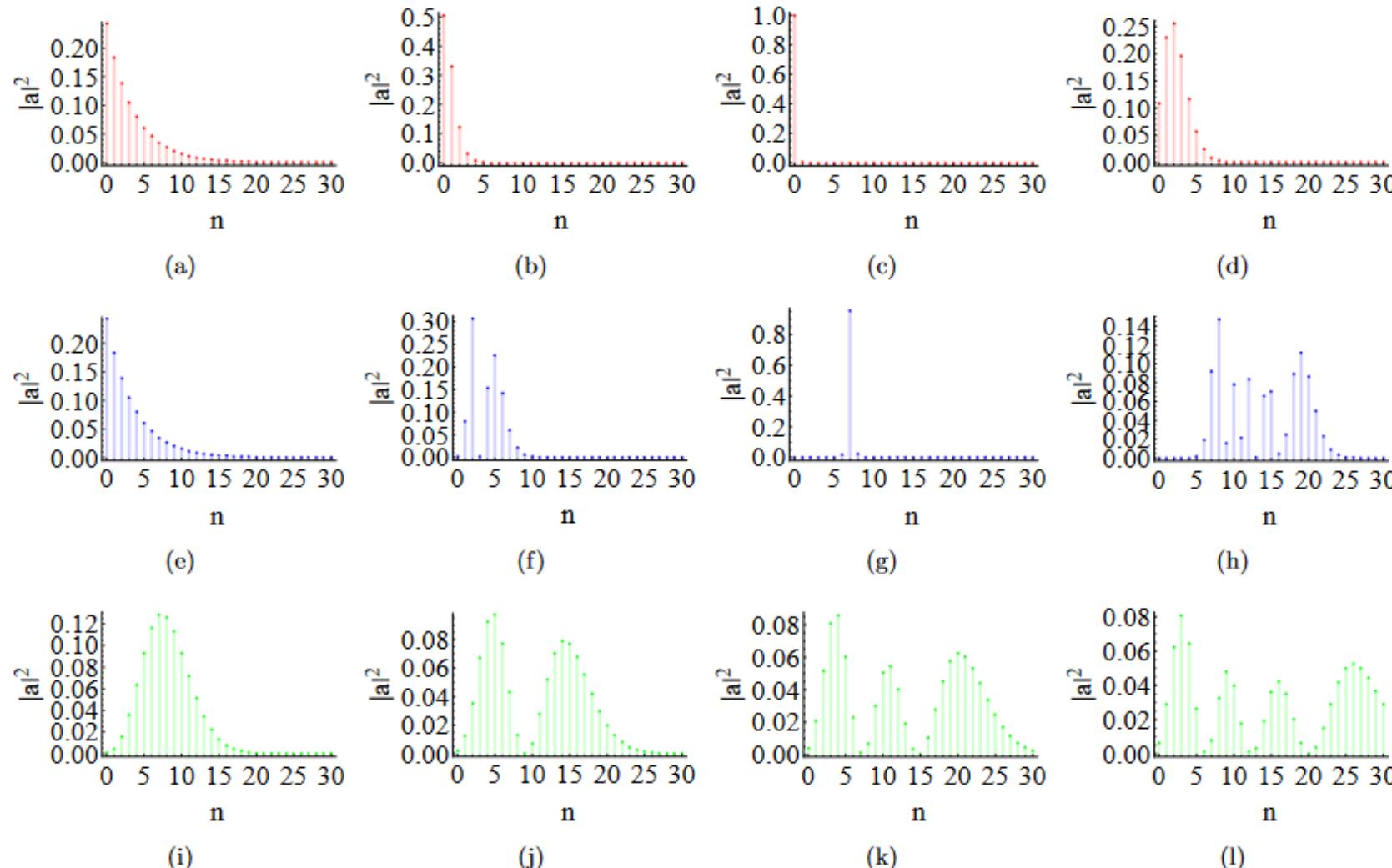


Figure 4: Gouy phase $\Phi_G(t)$ of the NSLG_H wave packet. The field strength $H = 1.9$ T (corresponding $\rho_L \approx 37$ nm), $\rho_0 \approx 71$ nm, $\rho'_0 = 0$, $T_c \approx 0.02$ ns, and $\Phi_0 = 0$. The quantum numbers are: $n = 0, l = 0$ (red line); $n = 0, l = 1$ (blue); and $n = 1, l = 1$ (green).

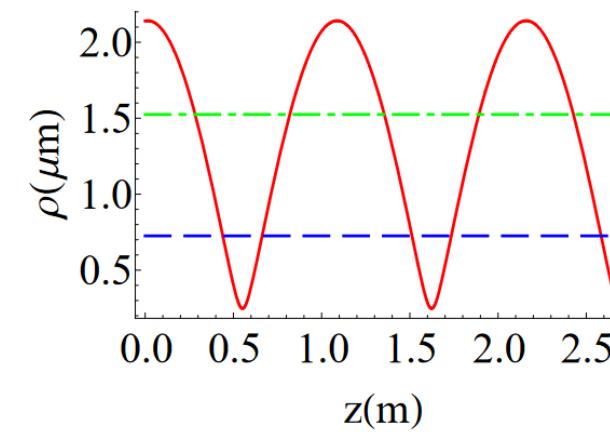
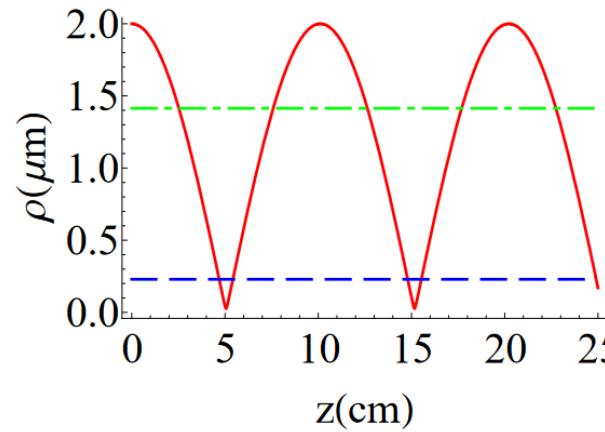
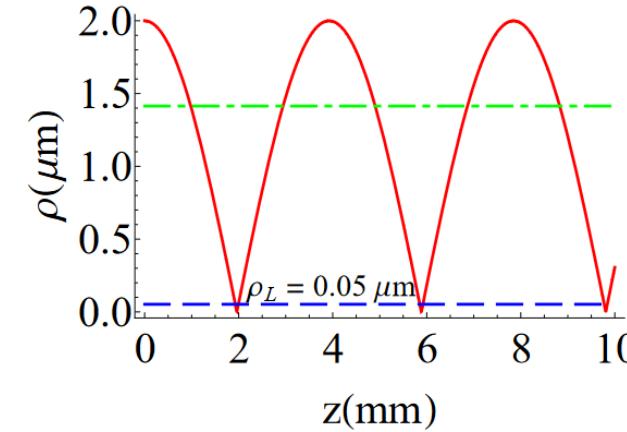
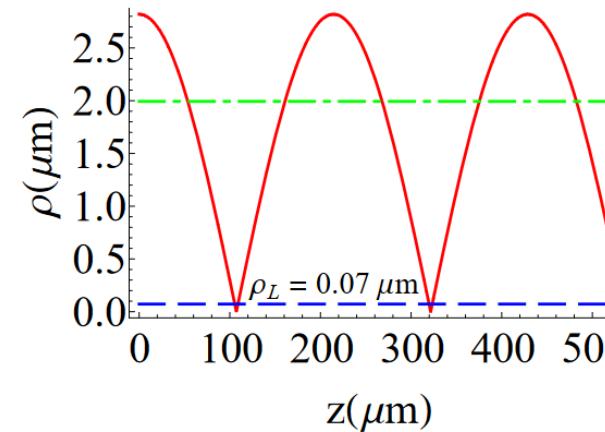
Decomposition into Landau states



Probability coefficients $|a_{nn'l}|^2$ for an NSLG state with the quantum numbers n, l decomposed into a superposition of the Landau states with the quantum numbers n', l . $\rho_0 = 100$ nm, $\rho'_0 = 0$, $B = 1.9$ T. Top panel (in red): (a) $n = 0, l = 0$, (b) $n = 0, l = 7$, (c) $n = 0, l = 13$, (d) $n = 0, l = 25$; middle panel (in blue): (e) $n = 0, l = 0$, (f) $n = 3, l = 0$, (g) $n = 7, l = 0$, (h) $n = 12, l = 0$; bottom panel (in green): (i) $n = 0, l = 35$, (j) $n = 1, l = 35$, (k) $n = 2, l = 35$, (l) $n = 3, l = 35$.

work [17]. The parameters of the NSLG packet are: energy $\varepsilon = 200$ KeV (corresponding velocity $v \approx 0.7c$), $n = 0, l = 1, \rho_0 \approx 67.5$ nm, $\rho'_0 \approx -4.4 \times 10^{-4}$. Magnetic field strength $B = 1.9$ T (corresponding $\sigma_L \approx 26$ nm).

Oscillations parameters



Setup	$E_{ }$	v	H	ρ_L	d	z_R	ρ_0	$d\rho/dz _{z=z_0}$	ξ_1	ξ_2
SEM	100 eV	$0.02c$	1 T	72.6 nm	5.16 cm	5.16 cm	$2.82 \mu\text{m}$	27 pm/ μm	0.025	6.6×10^{-4}
TEM	200 keV	$0.70c$	1.9 T	52.7 nm	10 cm	179 cm	$2 \mu\text{m}$	62 pm/mm	0.026	3.9×10^{-5}
Medical linac	1 MeV	$0.94c$	0.1 T	$0.23 \mu\text{m}$	10 cm	243 cm	$2 \mu\text{m}$	0.34 nm/cm	0.115	5.5×10^{-4}
Linac	1 GeV	c	0.01 T	$0.72 \mu\text{m}$	100 cm	258 cm	$2.14 \mu\text{m}$	0.28 $\mu\text{m}/\text{m}$	0.339	0.045

Transversely relativistic motion

Free NSLG: $2n + |l| + 1 \ll \frac{\rho_w}{\lambda_C}$

However, being refocused to a 1 nm waist size, electrons with quantum numbers of the order of 10^3 become transversely relativistic.

Landau: $\sqrt{(2n + |l| + l + 1)} \ll \frac{\sigma_L}{\lambda_C}$

such a state remains nonrelativistic for any attainable values of n and $|l|$. However, for $l > 0$, the relativistic regime cannot be achieved either, as it would require OAM of the order of 10^{10} .

NSLG in a field: $\sqrt{\left[(2n + |l| + 1) \frac{\sigma_{st}^2}{\sigma_L^2} + l \right]} \ll \frac{\sigma_L}{\lambda_C} \quad \sqrt{(2n + |l| + 1)} \ll \frac{\sigma_L}{\lambda_C} \frac{\sigma_L}{\sigma_0}.$

From here it follows that for wave packets with $\sigma_0/\sigma_L \geq \sigma_L/\lambda_C$, even a Gaussian mode with $n = l = 0$ is relativistic. For a field strength of the order of 1 T, this happens when $\sigma_0 \sim 1$ mm, which can also be decreased if the divergence rate σ'_0 in (34) is taken into account.

Slight misalignment

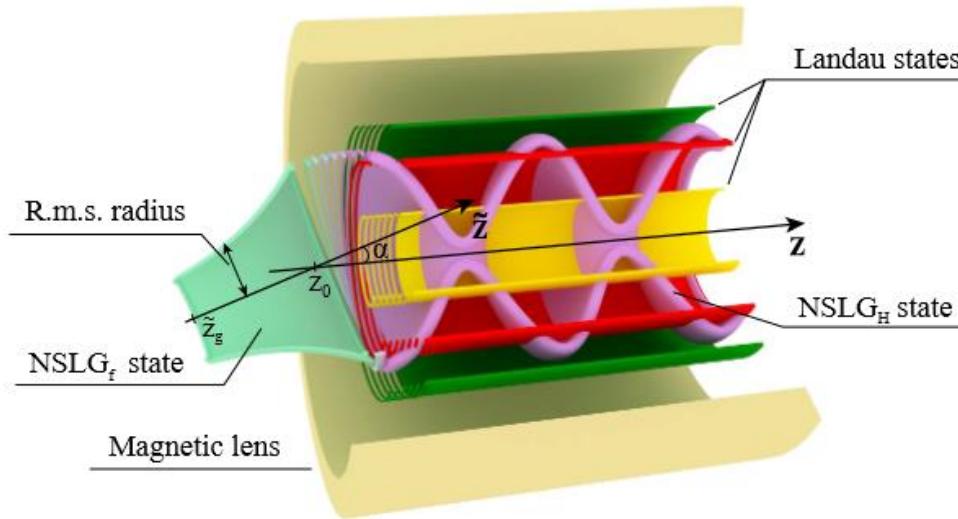


Figure 7: Free twisted electron entering a magnetic lens at a small angle α with respect to the field direction.

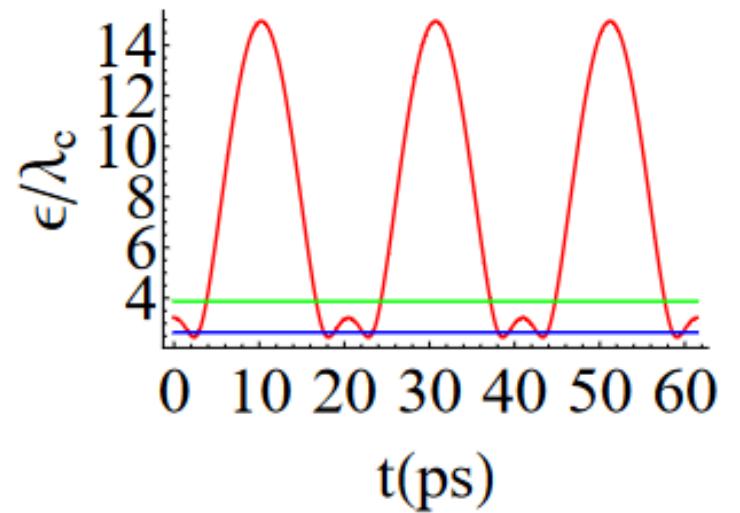
$$|c_{nn'l'l'}| = \delta_{n,n'}\delta_{l,l'} + \frac{\alpha \langle p_z \rangle \sigma(t_0)}{4\pi} \delta_{|l'|,|l|-1} \left[\delta_{n',n} \sqrt{n+|l|} + \delta_{n',n+1} \sqrt{n+1} \right] \\ + \frac{\alpha \langle p_z \rangle \sigma(t_0)}{4\pi} \delta_{|l'|,|l|+1} \left[\delta_{n',n} \sqrt{n+|l|+1} + \delta_{n',n-1} \sqrt{n} \right].$$

From Eq. (44), we see that the actual dimensionless parameter defining the magnitude of the coefficients is $\alpha \langle p_z \rangle \sigma(t_0)$. In real life, the value of $\sigma(t_0)$ is of the order of several μm or less. Provided that currently $n \sim 1$, $|l| \lesssim 10^4$, even for 10 GeV-electrons with $\langle p_z \rangle \sim 10^{-3} \mu\text{m}^{-1}$, we obtain $|c_{nn'l'l'}| \lesssim 10^{-2}\alpha$. This means that the off-axis corrections are negligible for any feasible experimental scenario.

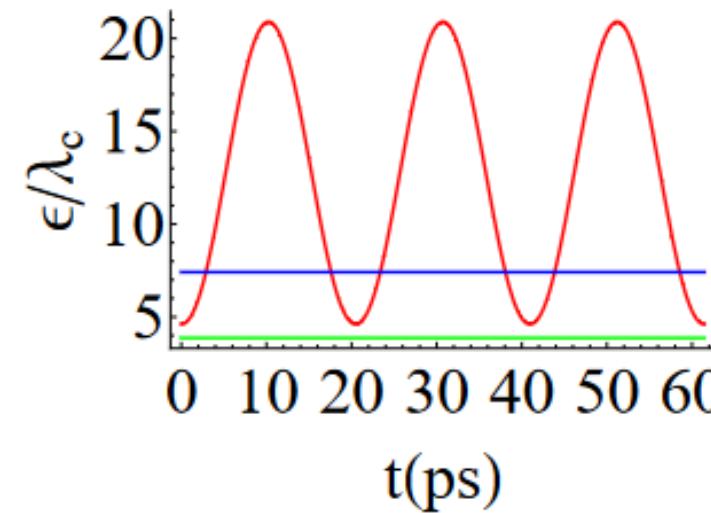
Quantum rms emittance

$$\epsilon_i = \sqrt{\langle x_i^2 \rangle \langle \hat{v}_i^2 \rangle - \langle x_i \hat{v}_i \rangle \langle \hat{v}_i x_i \rangle} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\langle \rho^2 \rangle \langle \hat{v}^2 \rangle - \langle \rho \cdot \hat{v} \rangle \langle \hat{v} \cdot \rho \rangle} \equiv \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

$$\epsilon_H(t) = \lambda_C \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_f^2}{\lambda_C^2} + \left[(2n + |l| + 1) \frac{\sigma^2(t)}{\sigma_L^2} + l \right]^2 - l^2}$$



(a)



(b)

Figure 9: Emittances of the NSLG_H (in red), the Landau (in blue), and the NSLG_f (in green) states. $B = 1.9$ T, $n = 0$, $\sigma_0 = 25$ nm, $\sigma' = 0$. (a) $l = -3$, (b) $l = 3$.

Heisenberg equation



$$\rho^2(t) = \rho_{\text{st}}^2 + (\rho_0^2 - \rho_{\text{st}}^2) \cos(\omega\tau) + \frac{2\rho_0\rho'_0}{\omega} \sin(\omega\tau)$$

$$\rho_{\text{st}}^2 = 2\lambda_C\omega^{-1} \left(2\omega^{-1}\langle \hat{\mathcal{H}}_\perp \rangle + \langle \hat{L}_z \rangle \right)$$

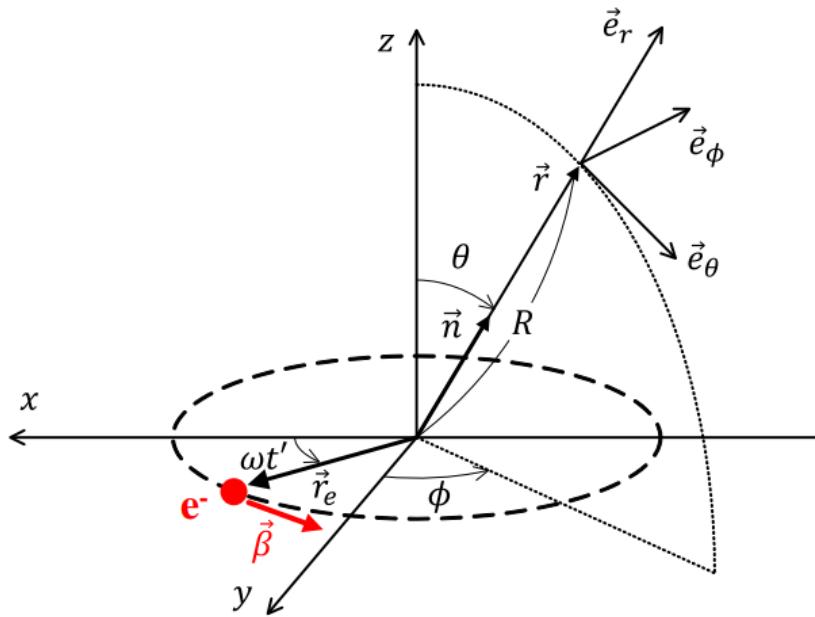
Classical radiation of vortex photons

$$\vec{E}(R_0, \theta, \varphi, \omega t) = \operatorname{Re} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{e}{cR} l\omega \{ \varepsilon_+^l(\theta) e^{i(l-1)\varphi} \vec{e}_+ + \varepsilon_-^l(\theta) e^{i(l+1)\varphi} \vec{e}_- + i\varepsilon_z^l(\theta) \vec{e}_z e^{il\varphi} \} e^{-il(\omega t - \frac{R_0}{c})}$$

$$\varepsilon_{\pm}^l(\theta) \equiv \frac{\varepsilon_x^l(\theta) \pm \varepsilon_y^l(\theta)}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$= \beta J_l'(l\beta \sin \theta) \pm \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{\sin \theta} J_l(l\beta \sin \theta)$$

$$\varepsilon_z^l \equiv \cos \theta J_l(l\beta \sin \theta)$$



Epp V., Guselnikova U., Angular momentum of radiation from a charge in circular and spiral motion, Physics Letters A, 2019

Relativistic Landau states

"Spin-up" state

$$\Psi_{s,\ell}^{\uparrow}(x) = N^{\uparrow} \begin{pmatrix} (m + \varepsilon)\Phi_{s,\ell-1/2}(\rho)e^{-i\varphi/2} \\ 0 \\ p_z\Phi_{s,\ell-1/2}(\rho)e^{-i\varphi/2} \\ -ieH\Phi_{s,\ell+1/2}(\rho)e^{i\varphi/2} \end{pmatrix} e^{-it\varepsilon_{s,\ell} + i\ell\varphi + ip_z z}$$

some radial function

"Spin-down" state

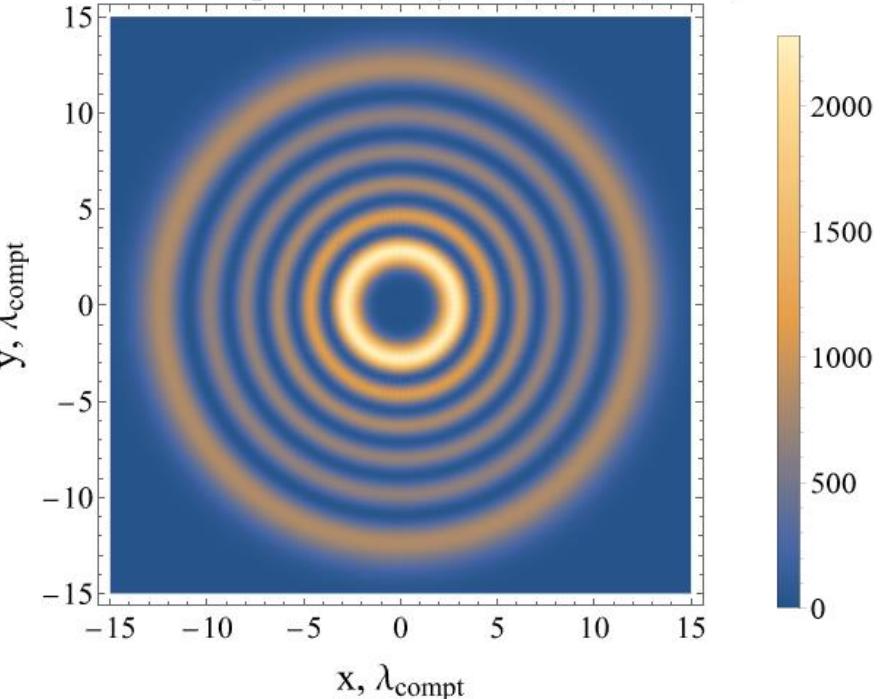
$$\Psi_{s,\ell}^{\downarrow}(x) = N^{\downarrow} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ (m + \varepsilon)\Phi_{s,\ell+1/2}(\rho)e^{i\varphi/2} \\ -2i(\ell + s + 1/2)\Phi_{s,\ell-1/2}(\rho)e^{-i\varphi/2} \\ -p_z\Phi_{s,\ell+1/2}(\rho)e^{i\varphi/2} \end{pmatrix} e^{-it\varepsilon_{s,\ell} + i\ell\varphi + ip_z z}$$

Energy

$$\varepsilon_{s,\ell} = \sqrt{m^2 + p_z^2 + 2|e|H(s + \ell + 1/2)}$$

radial quantum number

Probability density (arb. units)
 $s=5, l=11/2$



TAM projection (half-integer)

$$\hat{j}_z\Psi_{s,\ell}^{\uparrow} = \left(\hat{\ell}_z + \frac{1}{2}\hat{\Sigma}_z \right) \Psi_{s,\ell}^{\uparrow} = \ell \Psi_{s,\ell}^{\uparrow}$$

Photon transverse momentum

Transverse momentum of the photon

$$\kappa = \sqrt{(\varepsilon - \varepsilon')^2 - (p_z - p'_z)^2} \geq 0$$

Radiation in the critical field

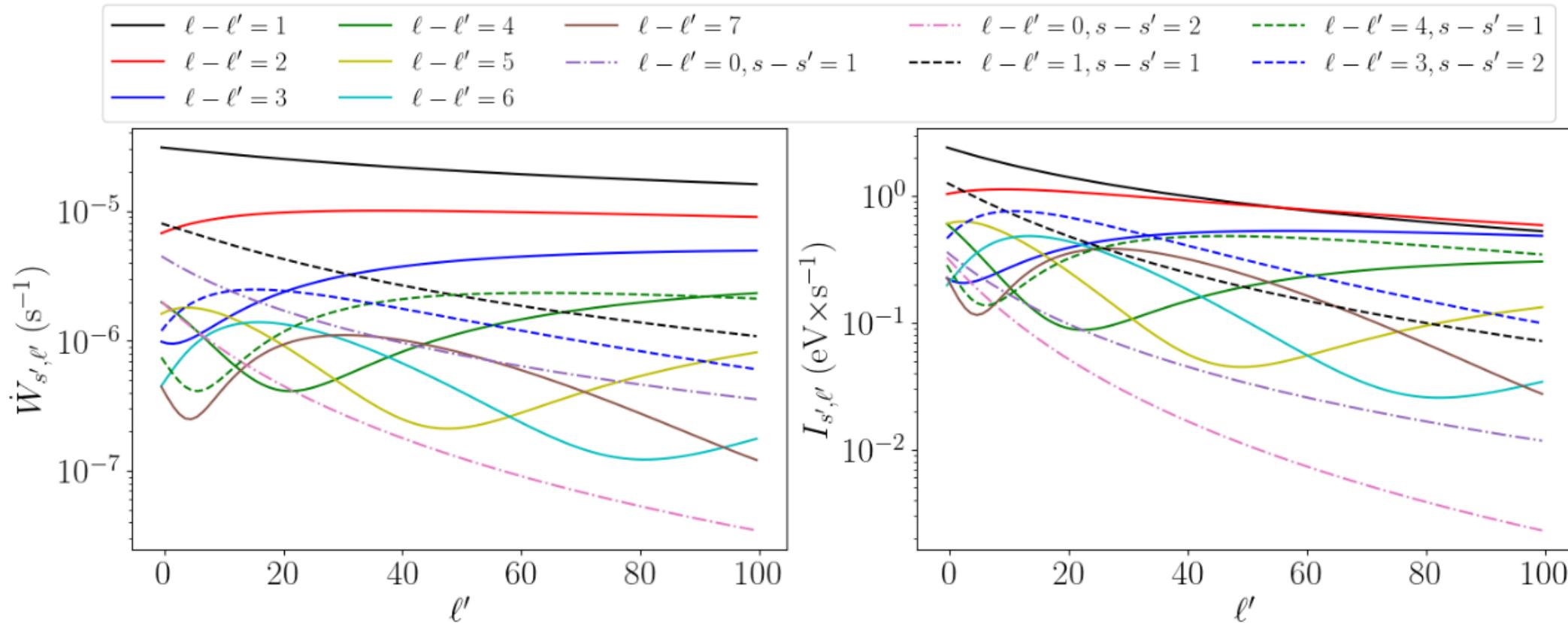


Figure 1: The emission probability (32) (left) and the corresponding intensity (33) (right) for $H = H_c$, $p_z = 10^{-3}mc$, and no spin-flip. For the solid lines $s = s' = 20$, the dashed lines correspond to the twisted photons with a simultaneous change of the radial quantum number $s \rightarrow s' \neq s$, the dash dotted lines correspond to the untwisted photons with the TAM $j_z = \ell - \ell' = 0$.

More radiation in the critical field

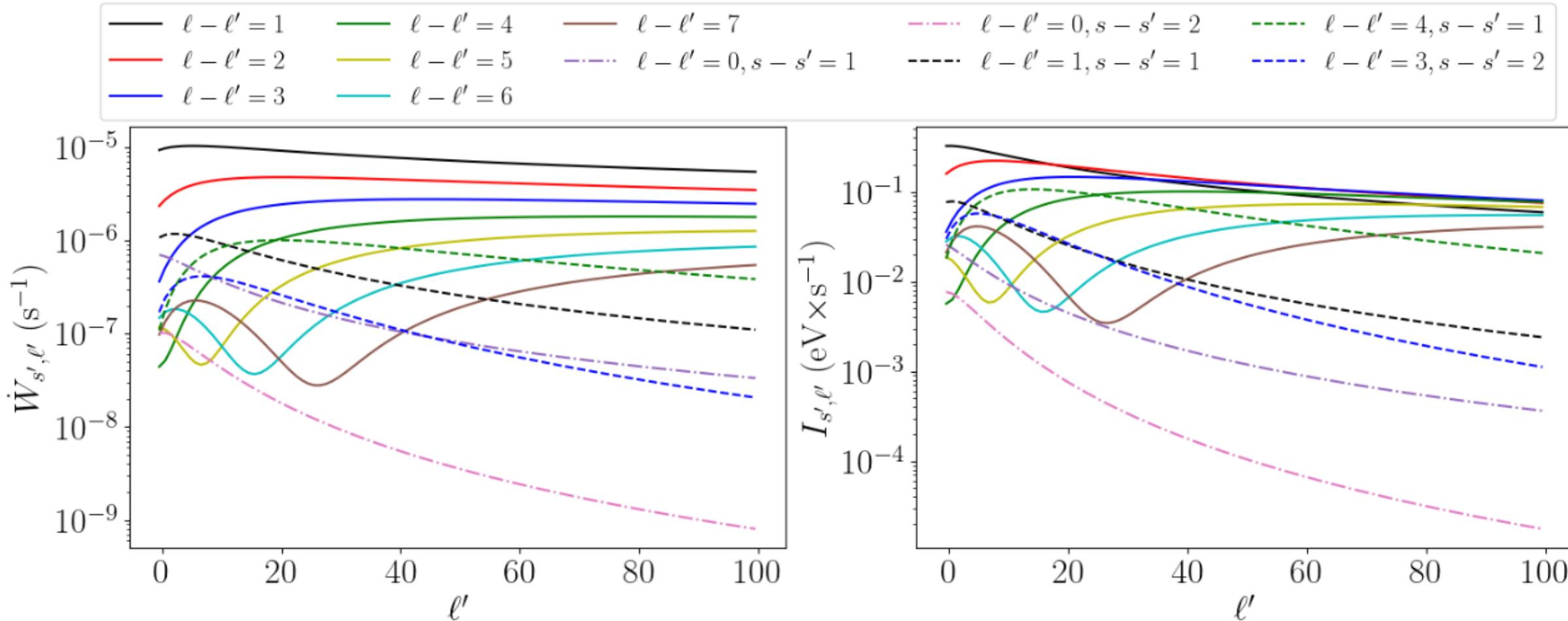


Figure 2: The same as in Fig 1, but for $H = 0.1H_c$ and $s = 5$.

Sokolov-Ternov effect

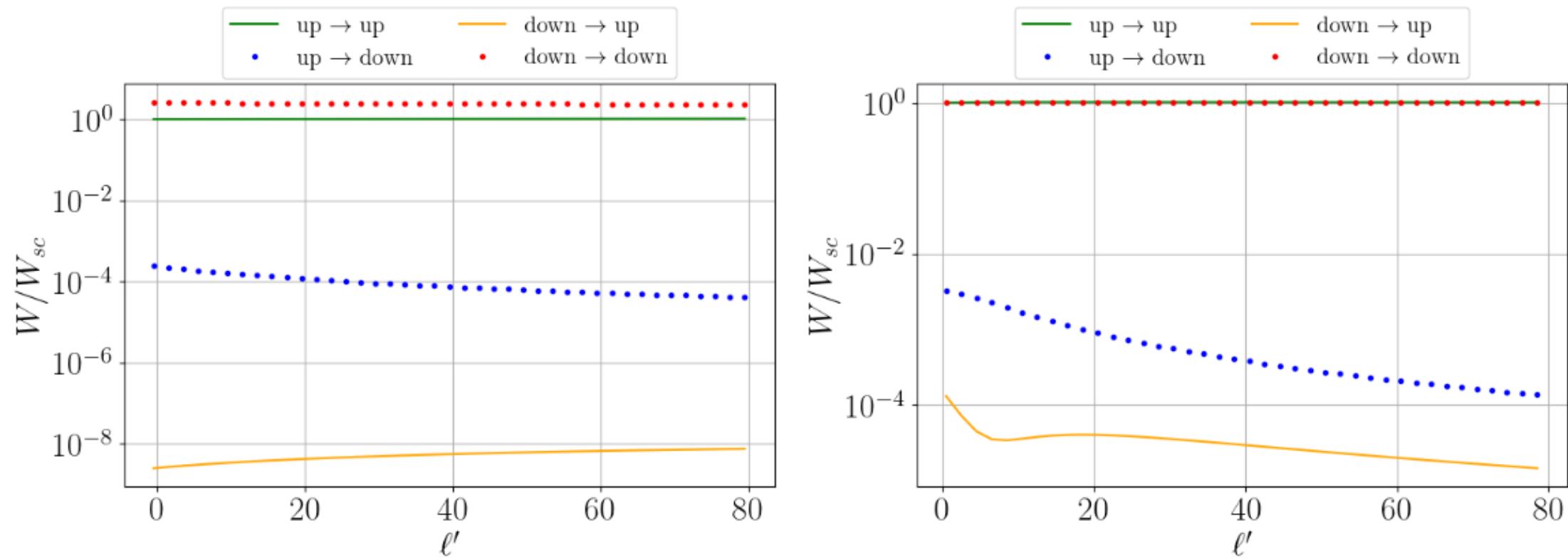


Figure 4: The ratio of four possible types of transition probabilities to the probability of emission by a scalar charge derived in [15]. $H = 10^{-3}H_c$ (left) and $H = H_c$ (right); $\ell - \ell' = 3$, $s = s' = 20$ for all transitions.

Dependence on p_z

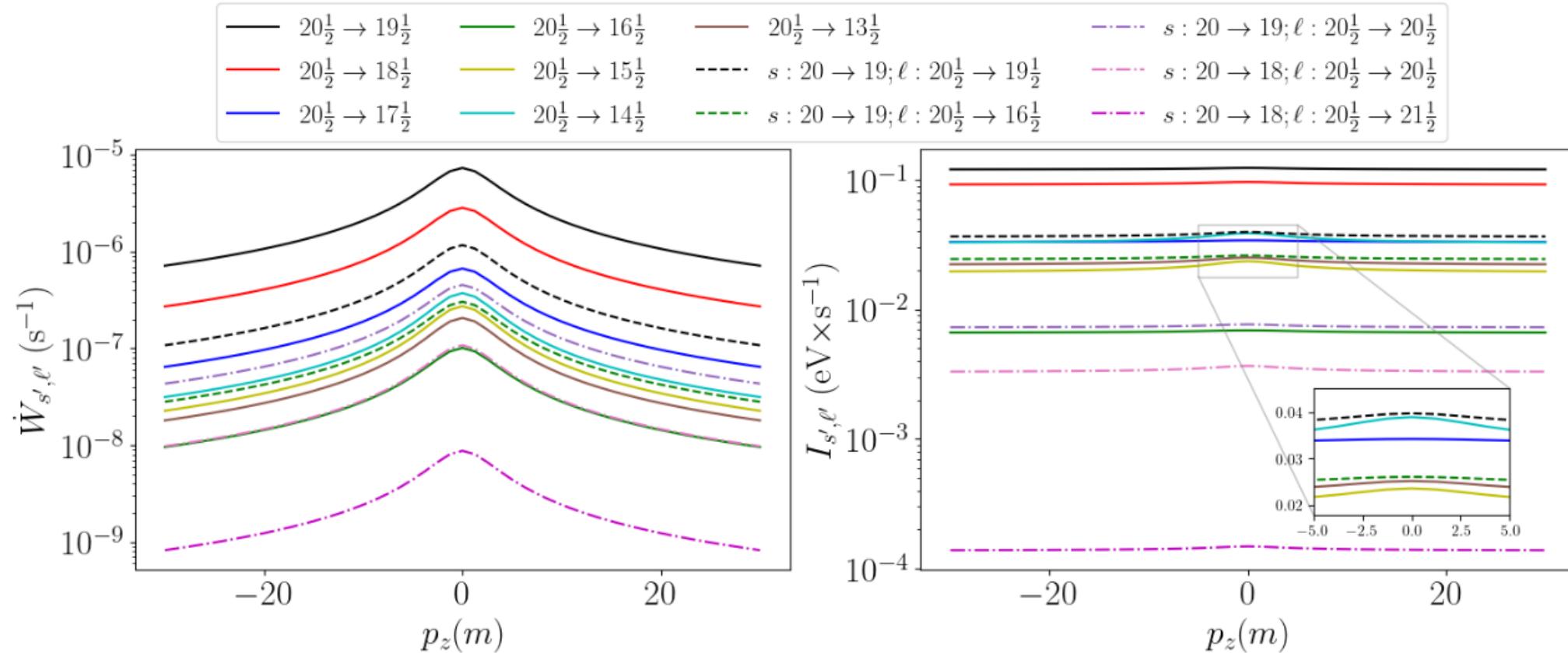


Figure 5: The dependence of the emission probability (left) and the intensity (right) on the electron momentum p_z for $H = 0.1H_c$, $s = s' = 20$. The transition $20\frac{1}{2} \rightarrow 19\frac{1}{2}$ means $\ell = 20\frac{1}{2}$, $\ell' = 19\frac{1}{2}$, $s = s' = 20$; those with $\ell : 20\frac{1}{2} \rightarrow 20\frac{1}{2}$ correspond to the untwisted photons with $j_z = 0$. The green line overlaps with the pink dashed one on the left; the cyan line on the left overlaps with the blue one on the right. The magenta dash-dotted line corresponds to increase of the electron OAM during the emission (so that the photon TAM is $\ell - \ell' = -1$).