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Motivation

The essence of FEL

- Operates near resonant condition $\lambda_s \cong \lambda_w / 4\gamma_e^2$;
- e^- bunching inside potential well.

Description

- The beam electrons in the ponderomotive potential well are modelled by a discrete ensemble of initially uniform macro-electrons.

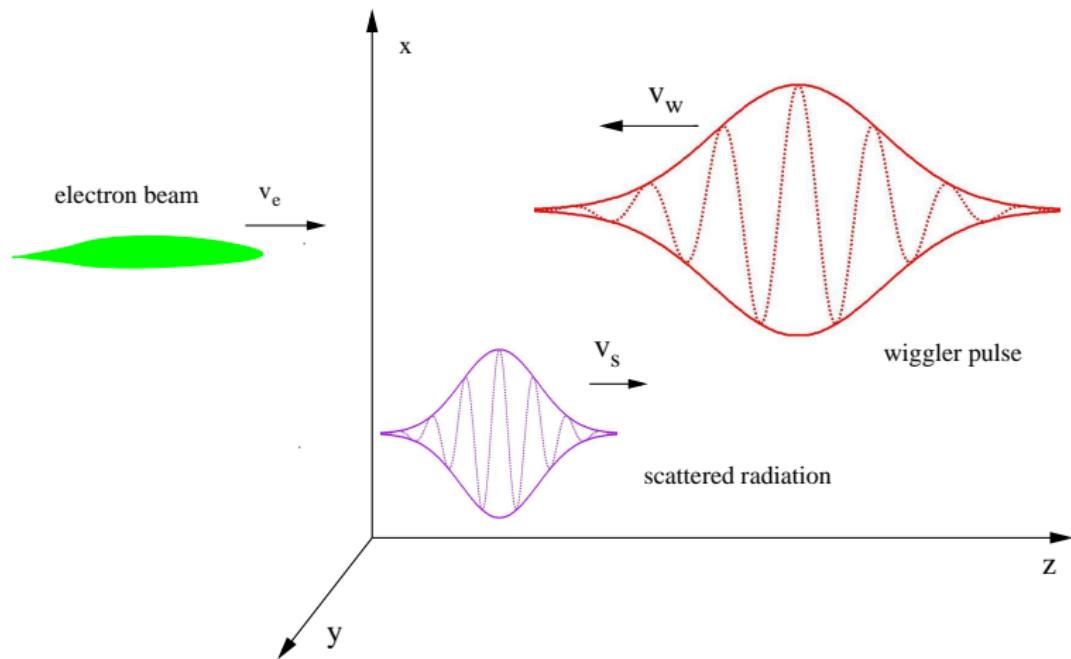
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Motivation

For X-Ray

- Very high frequency such that $\frac{\hbar\omega_s}{\gamma_e m_e c^2} \geq 1$
- For very high frequency, this picture of macro-electrons in the potential well has to be reconsidered, since the longitudinal dimension of the potential is so small that, for any beam density, a potential well would be occupied at the maximum by one single electron.

Interaction scheme



Model

New model → Quantum backscattering

- FEL dynamics as a simple case of backscattering of intense optical wigglers by the energetic, but not ultra energetic, beam electrons, taking into account the photon recoil ($\hbar k_s / \gamma_e m_e c \geq 1$)

Previous models

- Mclever and Fedorov - Derived a set of general quantum equations starting from K. G. equation.;
- Smetanin - Also from K. G. Eq., showed that Q. FEL behaves as a two-level quantum oscillator;
- Preparata - By using the QFT.

Quantum FEL Scheme - Schrodinger-like equation

Energy conservation

$$E = \sqrt{p_e^2 c^2 + m_e^2 c^4} + V(\vec{r}, t)$$

- $E = \hbar w_e \rightarrow e^-$ total relativistic energy;
- $\vec{p}_e = \hbar \vec{k}_e \rightarrow e^-$ momentum;
- $V \rightarrow$ ponderomotive potential
- For $V = 0$, E and \vec{p}_e are constants. But, if $V \neq 0$ they will vary slowly in \vec{r}, t
- Eikonal approximation

$$E \rightarrow \hbar \left(w_e + i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right), \quad \vec{p}_e \rightarrow \hbar (\vec{k}_e - i \nabla)$$

Quantum FEL Scheme - Schrodinger-like equation

- If ψ is the e^- wave function, then

$$\left| \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi \right| \ll w_e |\psi|, \quad |\nabla \psi| \ll |\vec{k}_e| \psi$$

- From E expression, the evolution of the e^- wave packet is

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$$i\hbar \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \vec{v}_e \cdot \nabla \right) \psi + \frac{c^2}{2w_e} \left[\nabla^2 - \left(1 - \frac{m_e^2 c^4}{\hbar^2 w_e^2} \right) (\hat{e}_{||} \cdot \nabla)^2 \right] \psi = [V(\vec{r}, t) - e\phi(\vec{r}, t)]\psi$$

- ϕ is the plasma potential; \vec{v}_e is the e^- velocity; $\hat{e}_{||} = \vec{k}_e / k_e$.

Quantum FEL Scheme - Schrodinger-like equation

- Transformation to the **Stationary beam frame**.

$$\vec{\zeta} = \vec{r} - \vec{v}_e t; \quad t' = t; \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} - \vec{v}_e \cdot \nabla$$

- Decomposing $\vec{\zeta}$ into parallel and perpendicular components to the e^- velocity ($\vec{\zeta} = \zeta_{||}\hat{e}_{||} + \zeta_{\perp}\hat{e}_{\perp}$), using $\hbar w_e = \gamma_e m_e c^2$, we get a **Schrödinger-like equation**

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} \psi + \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e \gamma_e} \left\{ \frac{1}{\gamma_e^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \zeta_{||}^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \zeta_{\perp}^2} \right\} \psi = (V - e\phi) \psi$$

- Longitudinal field

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \nabla \cdot \vec{E}_{\perp} + \nabla \cdot \vec{E}_{||} = \nabla \cdot \vec{E}_{\perp} - \nabla^2 \phi = 4\pi e |\psi|^2$$

Quantum FEL Scheme - Schrodinger-like equation

Gradient operator

$$\nabla = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta_{\parallel}} \hat{e}_{\parallel}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta_{\perp}} \hat{e}_{\perp} \right)$$

- ψ is the electron ensemble wave function (**not single electron**) in such a way that its density is $|\psi|^2 = n$.
- This normalization is valid since we are considering that the electrons in the ensemble interact only collectively through an electromagnetic potential, i.e., **we are assuming a pure state ensemble of N-electrons (perfectly coherent particle sample) to represent the relativistic electron beam which interacts with an intense optical wiggler.**

Quantum electron fluid

Quasi-classical approximation to the e^- wave function: Madelung transformation

$$\psi = A(\vec{\zeta}, t') e^{iS(\zeta, t')/\hbar};$$

L. D. Landau and E. M. Lifshitz, "Quantum Mechanics", 3rd Ed.

S is the action of the particle;

A is a slow-varying amplitude.

- Using this into the Schrodinger equation, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} S + \frac{1}{2\gamma_e m_e} \left\{ \frac{1}{\gamma_e^2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta_{\parallel}} S \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta_{\perp}} S \right)^2 \right\} \\ = -(V - e\phi) + \frac{\hbar^2}{2\gamma_e m_e} \left\{ \frac{1}{A} \left(\frac{1}{\gamma_e^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \zeta_{\parallel}^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \zeta_{\perp}^2} \right) A \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Quantum electron fluid

- It reduces to the classical **Hamilton-Jacob** Eq. when $\hbar \rightarrow 0$.
- The conservation eq. for the probability density, $A^2 = |\psi|^2$ is

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} A^2 + \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta_{||}} \left\{ \frac{A^2}{m_e \gamma_e^3} \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta_{||}} S \right\} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta_{\perp}} \left\{ \frac{A^2}{m_e \gamma_e} \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta_{\perp}} S \right\} = 0$$

Associations

$$A^2 = n, \quad \vec{p} = \nabla S, \quad \vec{v} = \left(\frac{p_{||}}{m_e \gamma_e^3} \hat{e}_{||}, \quad \frac{p_{\perp}}{m_e \gamma_e} \hat{e}_{\perp} \right);$$

Differential Operator D^2

$$D^2 = \left(\frac{1}{\gamma_e^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \zeta_{||}^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \zeta_{\perp}^2} \right)$$

Quantum electron fluid

- Electron momentum fluid equation:

$$\frac{\partial \vec{p}}{\partial t'} + \frac{1}{2} \nabla (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{p}) = -\nabla(V - e\phi) + \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e \gamma_e} \nabla \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} D^2 \sqrt{n} \right];$$

- Continuity:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t'} n + \nabla \cdot (n \vec{v}) = 0;$$

- Poisson: $\nabla^2 \phi = 4\pi e(n - n_0)$; $-\nabla \cdot \vec{E}_\perp = 4\pi e n_0$;
 n_0 → average beam density; n → density of an e^- fluid element;
 $\vec{v}(\vec{p})$ → velocity(momentum) of this element in the moving frame.
- $\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e \gamma_e} \nabla \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} D^2 \sqrt{n} \right]$ accumulates all quantum effects. [R. P. Feynman, R. B. Leighton and M. Sands, "Feynman Lectures on Physics", 2nd Edition, Vol.3, Chapter 21.]

Quantum electron fluid

- FEL is a 1-D phenomenon. Transverse effects are neglected
- **Electron momentum fluid equation:**

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t'} p + v \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} p = - \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} (V - e\phi) + \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e \gamma_e^3} \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \zeta^2} \sqrt{n} \right)$$

- **Continuity**

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t'} n + \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} (nv) = 0$$

- **Poisson**

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \zeta^2} \phi = 4\pi e(n - n_0)$$

- p , v and ζ now stand for the longitudinal components of \vec{p} , \vec{v} and $\vec{\zeta}$.

Radiation and wiggler fields

- Assuming the circularly-polarized fields, and using the wave equation, we get the Slow-varying amplitude equations:
- Optical wiggler**

$$\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t'} - (\nu_w + \nu_e) \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} \right] a_w = \frac{w_p^2}{2\gamma_e \omega_w} a_s \delta n e^{-i(k_l \zeta - [w_l - k_l \nu_e] t')}$$

- Radiation field**

$$\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial t'} + (\nu_s - \nu_e) \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} \right] a_s = - \frac{w_p^2}{2\gamma_e \omega_s} a_w \delta n e^{i(k_l \zeta - [w_l - k_l \nu_e] t')}$$

- $\nu_{s(w)} = c^2 k_{s(w)} / \omega_{s(w)}$ is the radiation(optical wiggler) group velocity.

Plasma equation

- 1-D e^- fluid perturbed equations;

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial t'} \delta p &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} V + e \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} \phi + \frac{\hbar^2}{4m_e \gamma_e^3} \frac{\partial^3}{\partial \zeta^3} \delta n \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial t'} \delta n + \frac{1}{m \gamma_e^3} \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} \delta p &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \zeta^2} \phi &= (4\pi e n_0) \delta n\end{aligned}$$

- A simple manipulation lead us to Eq. which represents the space-chage oscillation excited by a ponderomotive force through V

$$\left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t'^2} + \left(\frac{\hbar}{2m_e \gamma_e^3} \right)^2 \frac{\partial^4}{\partial \zeta^4} + \frac{w_p^2}{\gamma_e^3} \right] \delta n = \frac{1}{m \gamma_e^3} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \zeta^2} V$$

Ponderomotive potential/Matching conditions

- From our fields and Ponderomotive Force definition

$$V = \frac{mc^2}{2\gamma_e} \left(ia_w a_s^* e^{i(k_I \zeta - \Omega_I t)} + cc \right)$$

- Matching conditions:**
- Energy: $\hbar\omega_I = \hbar\omega_s - \hbar\omega_w$;
- Momentum: $\hbar k_I = \hbar k_s + \hbar k_w$;
- $\Omega_I = \omega_I - k_I v_e$

Free-electron laser instability

- Normalized set of FEL equations:

$$\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} - (\beta_w + \beta_e) \frac{\partial}{\partial \chi} \right] a_w = \frac{\omega_p}{2\gamma_e \omega_w} \bar{a}_s \tilde{n}$$

$$\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} - (\beta_e - \beta_s) \frac{\partial}{\partial \chi} - i \frac{\delta}{\omega_p} \right] \bar{a}_s = - \frac{\omega_p}{2\gamma_e \omega_s} a_w \tilde{n}^*$$

$$\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} + \beta_q \frac{\partial}{\partial \chi} + \frac{\nu}{\omega_p} \right] \tilde{n} = \frac{c^2 k_I^2}{4\gamma_e^4 \Omega_I \omega_p} a_w \bar{a}_s$$

where the damping (ν) and the mismatching (δ) have been introduced. Here, $\tau = \omega_p t'$, $\chi = (\omega_p/c)\zeta$, and $\Omega_I^2 - 1/4(\hbar/\gamma_e^3 m_e)^2 k_I^4 - \omega_p^2/\gamma_e^3 = 0$

Free-electron laser instability

- $\beta_q = \hbar k_l / \gamma_e m_e c \geq 1$ is the quantum parameter. β_e and β_s (β_w) are the normalized electron beam and radiation (wiggler) group velocities.

Steady-state FEL equations: Universal normalization

$$\frac{\partial \hat{a}_w}{\partial \chi} = -\hat{a}_s \hat{n} \cos \phi$$

$$\frac{\partial \hat{a}_s}{\partial \chi} = S \hat{a}_w \hat{n} \cos \phi$$

$$\frac{\partial \hat{n}}{\partial \chi} + \hat{\nu} \hat{n} = \hat{a}_w \hat{a}_s \cos \phi$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \chi} = -\hat{\delta} - \left(\frac{\hat{a}_w \hat{a}_s}{\hat{n}} + S \frac{\hat{a}_w \hat{n}}{\hat{a}_s} - \frac{\hat{a}_s \hat{n}}{\hat{a}_w} \right) \sin \phi$$

where

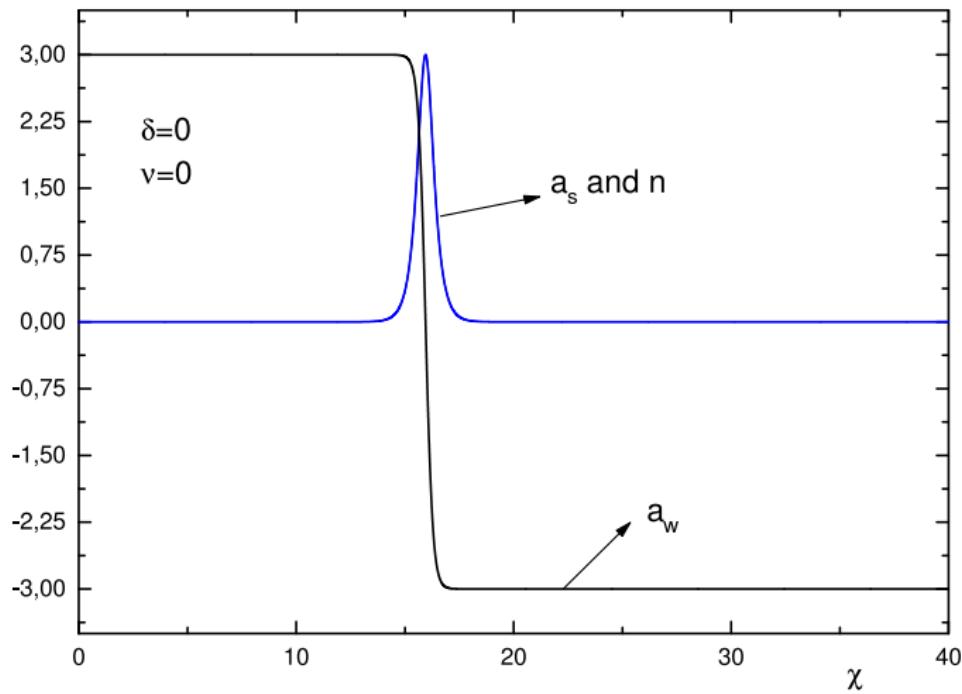
$$\hat{n} = n \sqrt{|C_1| C_2}; \quad \hat{a}_s = a_s \sqrt{C_0 C_2}; \quad \hat{a}_w = a_w \sqrt{C_0 |C_1|}; \quad S = \frac{|C_1|}{C_1}$$

$$C_0 = \frac{c^2}{4\gamma_e^4} \frac{k_I^2}{\Omega_I w_p} \frac{1}{\beta_q} = \frac{ck_I}{2w_p} \left(\frac{mc\gamma_e}{\hbar k_I} \right)^2,$$

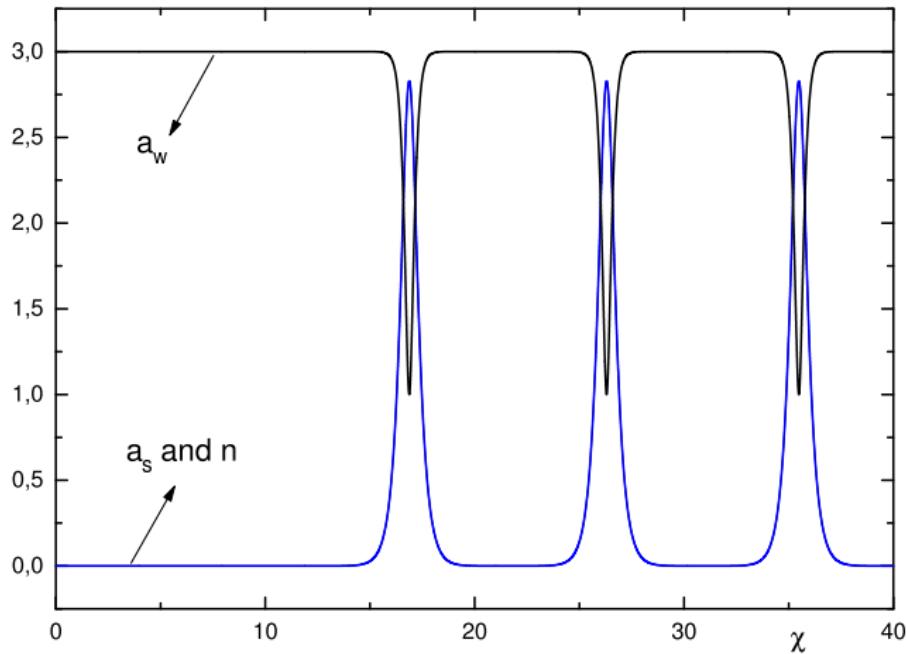
$$C_1 = \frac{w_p}{2w_s\gamma_e} \frac{1}{(\beta_e - \beta_s)}, \quad C_2 = \frac{w_p}{2w_w\gamma_e} \frac{1}{(\beta_w + \beta_e)}$$

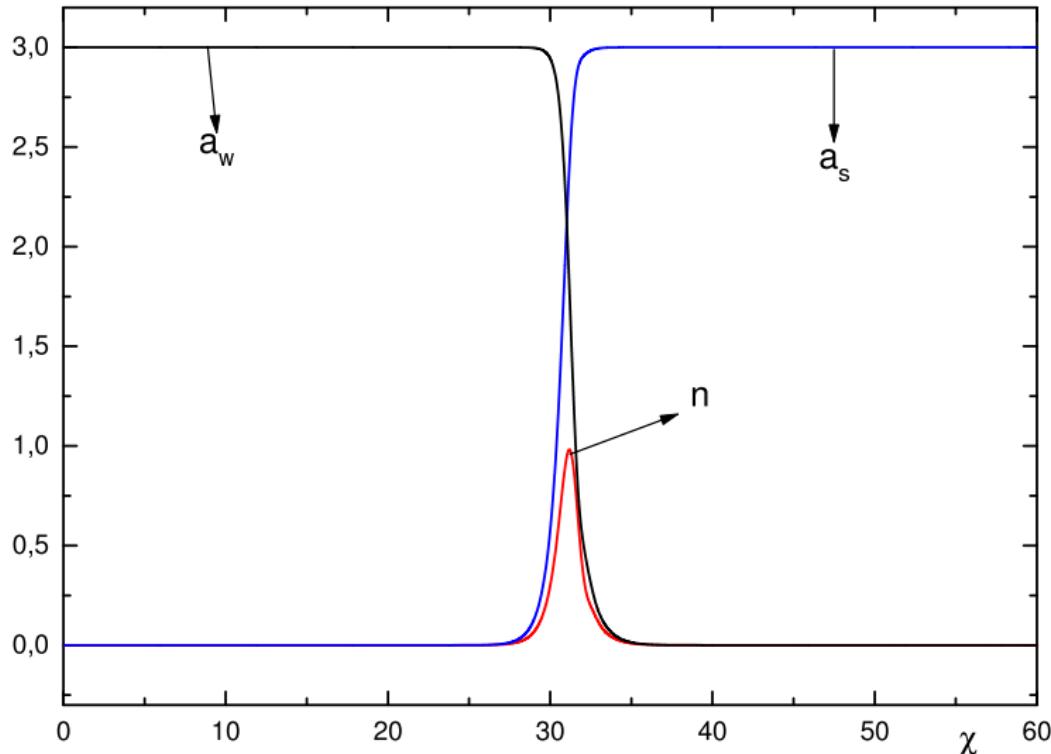
$$\hat{\nu} = \frac{\nu}{\omega_p\beta_q}, \quad \hat{\delta} = \frac{\delta}{\omega_p(\beta_e - \beta_s)}$$

- These equations can be solved by numerical methods or by the scheme of Galeev *et. al* *Reviews of Plasma Physics*, (*Plenum, New York*), Vol.7, Chapter 1 (1979)

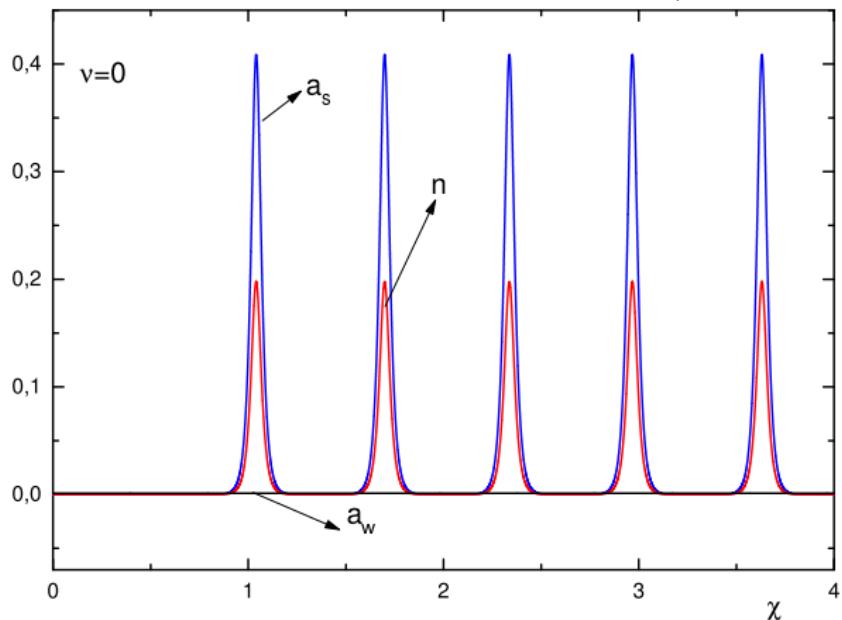
soliton

repeated explosion ($\delta = 2$, $v = 0$)



soliton + shock ($v=4$, $\delta=2$)

Physical parameters: $\gamma_e = 5.0$, $a_w = 1.2 \times 10^{-3}$, $\delta = 0.20699$,
 $n_0 = 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, $\lambda_s = 1.06 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}$, $\lambda_w = 1.1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm}$, $\beta_q = 1.85$



Conclusions

- We have presented a quantum plasma fluid model to describe the stimulated emission of coherent radiation by a relativistic electron beam interacting with an intense electromagnetic wave as a three-wave interaction process. This stimulated emission is treated as a Compton scattering process, **without the usual nonlinear electron bunching in the ponderomotive potential;**
- S. charge is negligible for dense and relativistic e^- beam, since the quantum term $1/4(\hbar/\gamma_e^3 m_e)^2 k_I^4 \gg \omega_p^2/\gamma_e^3$;
- This fluid model is simpler and more realistic to describe and simulate quantum FEL than previous quantum model based on the Wigner distribution description. (*Bonifacio, 2005, Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A; Europhys. Lett.; and Serbeto, 2008, Phys. Plasmas*)

That's all folks.

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