

From  $F_{\mu\nu} = a_{\mu\sigma} a_{\nu\lambda} F_{\sigma\lambda}$  we can get  
Lorentz transf for  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B}$

For a transformation from  $K$  to  $K'$  with  $K'$  moving  
with  $v$  along  $x$ , with respect to  $K$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} E'_1 &= E_1 & B'_1 &= B_1 \\ E'_2 &= \gamma (E_2 - \frac{v}{c} B_3) & B'_2 &= \gamma (B_2 + \frac{v}{c} E_3) \\ E'_3 &= \gamma (E_3 + \frac{v}{c} B_2) & B'_3 &= \gamma (B_3 - \frac{v}{c} E_2) \end{aligned}$$

### Kinematics

"dot" is  $\frac{d}{ds}$

4-momentum  $p_\mu = m \dot{x}_\mu = m u_\mu = (m\gamma \vec{v}, i m c \gamma)$

$$p_\mu^2 = m^2 u_\mu^2 = -m^2 c^2$$

4-force  $K_\mu = (\vec{K}, i K_0)$  "Minkowski force"

Newton's 2nd law:

$$m \frac{d^2 x_\mu}{ds^2} = K_\mu$$

$$\Rightarrow m \frac{d u_\mu}{ds} = \frac{d p_\mu}{ds} = K_\mu$$

$$p_\mu^2 = -m^2 c^2 \Rightarrow \frac{d}{ds} (p_\mu^2) = p_\mu \frac{d p_\mu}{ds} = p_\mu K_\mu = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m\gamma \vec{v} \cdot \vec{K} - m c \gamma K_0 = 0 \quad \text{or}$$

$$K_0 = \frac{\vec{v}}{c} \cdot \vec{K}$$

Define the usual 3-force by

$$\frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} = \vec{F}$$

(we identify Newtonian momentum  $\vec{p}$  with the space components of  $\vec{p}_\mu$ )

$$\frac{d\vec{p}}{ds} = \vec{K} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d\vec{p}}{ds} = \gamma \frac{d\vec{p}}{dt} = \gamma \vec{F} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \vec{K} = \gamma \vec{F}$$

$$K_0 = \gamma \frac{\vec{v}}{c} \cdot \vec{F}$$

Consider 4<sup>th</sup> component of Newton's eqn

$$m \frac{d}{ds} u_4 = m \frac{d}{ds} (ic\gamma) = iK_0 = i\gamma \frac{\vec{v}}{c} \cdot \vec{F}$$

$$d(m\gamma) = \gamma \frac{\vec{v}}{c^2} \cdot \vec{F} ds = \frac{dt}{c^2} \vec{v} \cdot \vec{F} = \frac{d\vec{r} \cdot \vec{F}}{c^2}$$

Work-energy theorem:  $d(m\gamma c^2) = d\vec{r} \cdot \vec{F} = \text{work done}$

$\Rightarrow d(m\gamma c^2)$  is change in kinetic energy

$E = m\gamma c^2$  is relativistic kinetic energy

$$\boxed{\vec{p}_\mu = \left( \vec{p}, \frac{iE}{c} \right) \quad \begin{array}{l} \vec{p} = m\gamma \vec{v} \\ E = m\gamma c^2 \end{array}}$$

$$E = \frac{mc^2}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}} \approx mc^2 \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{v^2}{c^2} \right) = mc^2 + \frac{1}{2} m v^2$$

$\uparrow$  small  $\frac{v}{c}$ 
 $\uparrow$  rest mass energy
 $\uparrow$  non-rel kinetic energy

$\frac{d\vec{p}_\mu}{ds} = K_\mu$  is therefore relativistic analog of Newton's 3<sup>rd</sup> law as well as law of conservation of energy

## Lorentz force

$$\frac{dp_\mu}{ds} = K_\mu$$

What is the  $K_\mu$  that represents the Lorentz force and how can we write it in ~~relativistic~~ Lorentz covariant way?

$K_\mu$  should depend on the fields  $F_{\mu\nu}$  and the particles trajectory  $x_\mu$

$$\text{as } \vec{v} \rightarrow 0 \quad \vec{K} = q \vec{E}$$

$K_\mu$  can't depend directly on  $x_\mu$  as should be indep of origin of coords. So can depend only on  $\dot{x}_\mu, \ddot{x}_\mu, \dots$ , etc.

as  $v \rightarrow 0$ ,  $K$  does not depend on the acceleration, so  $K$  does not depend on  $\ddot{x}_\mu$

$K_\mu$  only depends on  $F_{\mu\nu}$  and  $\dot{x}_\mu$   
we need to form a 4-vector out of  $F_{\mu\nu}$  and  $\dot{x}_\mu$  that is linear in the fields  $F_{\mu\nu}$  and proportional to the charge  $q$ .

The only possibility is

$$q f(x_\mu^2) F_{\mu\nu} \dot{x}_\nu$$

But  $\dot{x}_\mu^2 = -c^2$  is a constant. Choose  $f(x_\mu^2) = \frac{1}{c}$

$K_\mu = \frac{q}{c} F_{\mu\nu} \dot{x}_\nu$  is only possibility

This gives force

$$\vec{F} = \frac{1}{\gamma} \vec{K}$$

$$F_i = \frac{1}{\gamma} K_i = \frac{q}{\gamma c} (F_{ij} \dot{x}_j + F_{i4} \dot{x}_4)$$

$$= \frac{q}{\gamma c} \left( \frac{\partial A_j}{\partial x_i} - \frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x_j} \right) \dot{x}_j + \frac{q}{\gamma c} (-iE_i)(ic\gamma)$$

$$= \frac{q}{\gamma c} \left[ \epsilon_{ijk} B_k \gamma v_j \right] + \frac{q}{\gamma c} E_i c \gamma$$

$$= q E_i + q \epsilon_{ijk} \frac{v_j}{c} B_k$$

$$\vec{F} = q \vec{E} + q \frac{\vec{v}}{c} \times \vec{B}$$

Lorentz force is the same form in all inertial frames.  
No relativistic modification is needed.

## Relativistic Larmor's formula

non-relativistic  $\mathcal{P} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{q^2 [a(t_0)]^2}{c^3}$

Consider inertial frame in which charge is instantaneously at rest. Call the rest frame  $K'$ .

power radiated in  $K'$  is  $\mathcal{P}' = \frac{d\mathcal{E}'(t')}{dt'}$

where  $\mathcal{E}'$  is energy radiated. In  $K'$ , the momentum density  $\vec{\Pi}' = \frac{1}{4\pi c} \vec{E}' \times \vec{B}' \sim \hat{r}'$  is in outward radial direction. Integrating over all directions, the radiated momentum vanishes  $\vec{\mathcal{P}}' = 0$

energy-momentum is a 4-vector  $(\vec{\mathcal{P}}', \frac{i}{c} \mathcal{E}')$

To get radiated energy in original frame  $K$  we can use Lorentz transf

$$\frac{\mathcal{E}}{c} = \gamma \left( \frac{\mathcal{E}'}{c} - \vec{v} \cdot \vec{\mathcal{P}}' \right) \Rightarrow \mathcal{E} = \gamma \mathcal{E}' \quad \text{as } \vec{\mathcal{P}}' = 0$$

and  $dt = \gamma dt'$  is time interval in  $K$   
( $d\vec{r}' = 0$  as charge stays at origin in  $K'$ )

$$\text{So } \frac{d\mathcal{E}}{dt} = \frac{\gamma d\mathcal{E}'}{\gamma dt'} = \frac{d\mathcal{E}'}{dt'} \Rightarrow \mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}'$$

radiated power is Lorentz invariant!

in  $K^0$  we can use non-relativistic Larmor's formula since  $v=0$ . So

$$P = \frac{2}{3} \frac{q^2 a^2}{c^3} \quad \text{a is acceleration in } K^0$$

To write an expression without explicitly making mention of frame  $K^0$ , we need to find a Lorentz invariant scalar that reduces to  $a^2$  as  $v \rightarrow 0$ .

Only choice is  $\alpha_\mu^2$  the 4-acceleration  $\alpha_\mu = \frac{d u_\mu}{ds}$

$$\alpha_\mu = \frac{d u_\mu}{ds} = \gamma \frac{d u_\mu}{dt} = \gamma \frac{d}{dt} (\gamma \vec{v}, c\gamma)$$

$$\vec{\alpha} = \gamma^2 \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} + \gamma \vec{v} \frac{d\gamma}{dt}$$

$$\alpha_4 = ic \gamma \frac{d\gamma}{dt}$$

$$\frac{d\gamma}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-v^2/c^2}} \right) = \frac{\frac{v \cdot d\vec{v}}{dt}}{(1-v^2/c^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{1}{c^2} \gamma^3 \vec{v} \cdot \vec{a}$$

$$\text{as } \vec{v} \rightarrow 0, \quad \gamma \rightarrow 1, \quad \frac{d\gamma}{dt} \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{so } \begin{cases} \vec{\alpha} \rightarrow \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = \vec{a} \\ \alpha_4 \rightarrow 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\alpha_\mu^2 \rightarrow |\vec{a}|^2 \quad \text{as desired}$$

Relativistic Larmor's formula

$$P = \frac{2}{3} \frac{q^2}{c^3} \alpha_\mu^2 = \frac{2}{3} \frac{q^2}{c^3} (\dot{u}_\mu)^2$$

$$\alpha_\mu = \left( \gamma^2 \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} + \gamma \vec{v} \frac{d\gamma}{dt}, \quad i c \gamma \frac{d\gamma}{dt} \right)$$

$$\frac{d\gamma}{dt} = \frac{1}{c^2} \gamma^3 \vec{v} \cdot \vec{a}$$

$$\alpha_\mu = \left( \gamma^2 \vec{a} + \gamma^4 \frac{1}{c^2} (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{a}) \vec{v}, \quad i c \frac{\gamma^4}{c^2} \vec{v} \cdot \vec{a} \right)$$

$$\alpha_\mu^2 = \gamma^4 a^2 + \gamma^8 \frac{(\vec{v} \cdot \vec{a})^2}{c^4} v^2 + \frac{2\gamma^6}{c^2} (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{a})^2 - \frac{\gamma^8}{c^2} (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{a})^2$$

$$= \gamma^4 \left[ a^2 + \gamma^4 \frac{(\vec{v} \cdot \vec{a})^2}{c^2} \left( \frac{v^2}{c^2} - 1 \right) + \frac{2\gamma}{c^2} (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{a})^2 \right]$$

$$= \gamma^4 \left[ a^2 - \gamma^2 \frac{(\vec{v} \cdot \vec{a})^2}{c^2} + \frac{2\gamma^2}{c^2} (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{a})^2 \right]$$

$$\alpha_\mu^2 = \gamma^4 \left[ a^2 + \gamma^2 \frac{(\vec{v} \cdot \vec{a})^2}{c^2} \right]$$

as  $\vec{v} \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\alpha_\mu^2 \rightarrow a^2$

$\alpha_\mu^2 = \dot{a}^2$  Lorentz invariant  
 $\dot{a}$  = acceleration in instantaneous rest frame

For a charge accelerating in linear motion,  $(\vec{v} \cdot \vec{a})^2 = v^2 a^2$

$$\alpha_\mu^2 = \gamma^4 a^2 \left( 1 + \gamma^2 \frac{v^2}{c^2} \right) = \gamma^6 a^2$$

$$P = \frac{2}{3} \frac{a^2}{c^3} \gamma^6 = \frac{2}{3} \frac{a^2}{c^3} \gamma^2$$

For a charge in circular motion  $(\vec{v} \cdot \vec{a}) = 0$

$$\alpha_\mu^2 = \gamma^4 a^2$$

$$P = \frac{2}{3} \frac{a^2}{c^3} \gamma^4$$