

Polarization dependency of coherent IP QED backgrounds

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- Review CAIN polarization dependency of coherent processes
- Introduce *new* coherent Breit-Wheeler process
- Discuss simplifications of analytic forms and implementation into CAIN

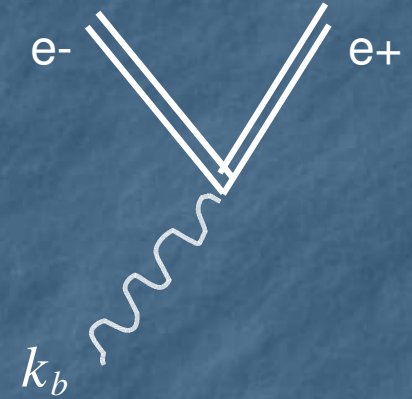
CAIN polarization effects

- Coherent pair production

- fermion wavefunction solutions in beam field

$$n \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{k}_b \rightarrow e^- + e^+$$

LT polarizations

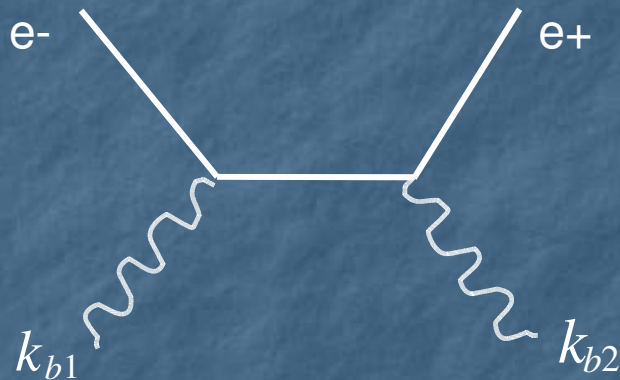


- Incoherent (ordinary) Breit-Wheeler

- final state polarization ignored

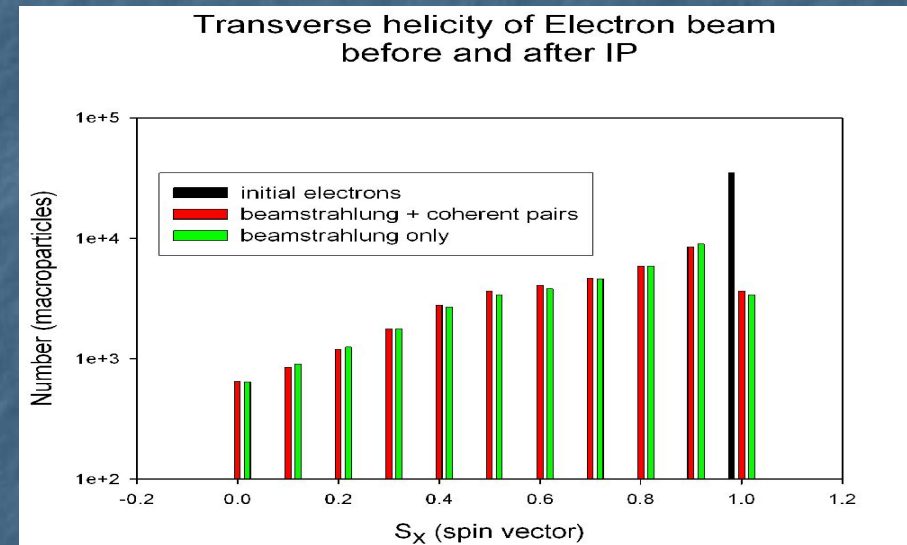
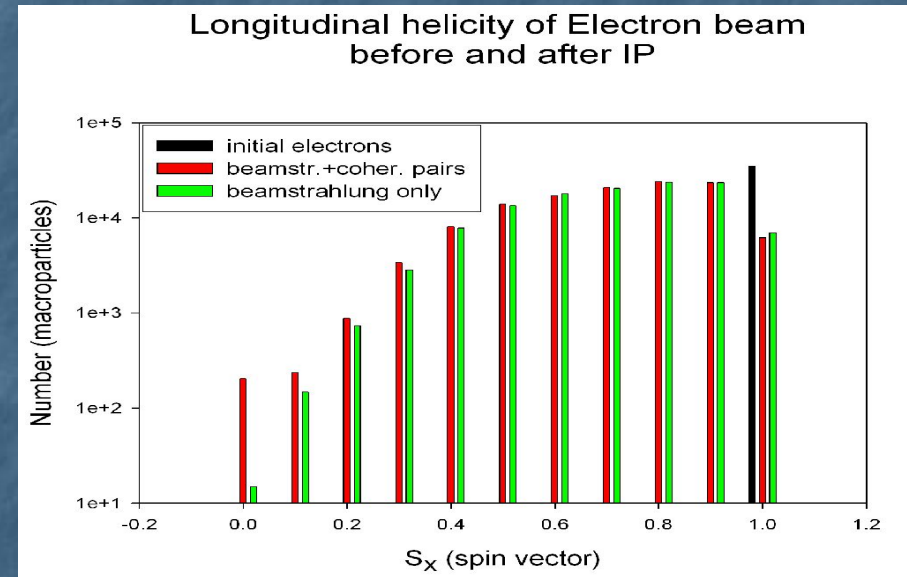
$$\mathbf{k}_{b1} + \mathbf{k}_{b2} \rightarrow e^- + e^+$$

circular polarization



CAIN- final helicity of coherent pairs

- CAIN has switches to turn on and off coherent pair production
- final polarization states of incoherent pair processes not computed



CAIN – incoherent BW analytic form

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\cos(\theta)} = \frac{\pi m^2 p}{2 \omega^2 \omega} r_e^2 (F_0 - F_2 h)$$

currently in CAIN

– h is product of circular polarizations of initial photons

- full treatment due to Baier & Grozin
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$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\cos(\theta)d\phi} = \frac{\alpha^2}{4s^2 x^2 y^2} \sum_{\ddot{u}' \ddot{j} \ddot{j}'} F_{\ddot{j} \ddot{j}'}^{\ddot{u} \ddot{u}'} \xi_j \xi_{j'}' \zeta_i \zeta_i'$$

- F are simple functions of scalar products
- s,x,y are Mandelstam invariants

There is nothing particularly complicated about including this in CAIN!

Solution of Dirac equation in beam field A^e

$$\left[(p - eA^e)^2 - m^2 - \frac{ie}{2} F_{\mu\nu}^e \sigma^{\mu\nu} \right] \psi_V(x, p) = 0$$

- Look for a solution of the form: $\psi_V(x, p) = u_s(p) F(\phi)$
- Substitution of the general solution for ψ_V yields a first order d.e. whose solution can be expanded in powers of k, A^e

$$\psi_V(x, p) = \left[1 + \frac{e}{2(kp)} k A^e \right] \exp[F(k, A^e)] e^{-ipx} u_s(p)$$

- Now look for simplifications by physical considerations

The Volkov solution in more detail

$$\psi_V(x, p) = \left[1 + \frac{e}{2(kp)} \not{k} \not{A}^e \right] \exp[F(x, p, k, A^e)] e^{-ipx} u_s(p)$$

make Fourier transform to get
linear term in x

$$\int dn \exp[-i(n + v^2/kp)kx] F_2(p, k, A^e)$$

n term interpreted as a
contribution from n external
field photons (n can be -ve!)
 v^2 term is a shift in electron
momentum

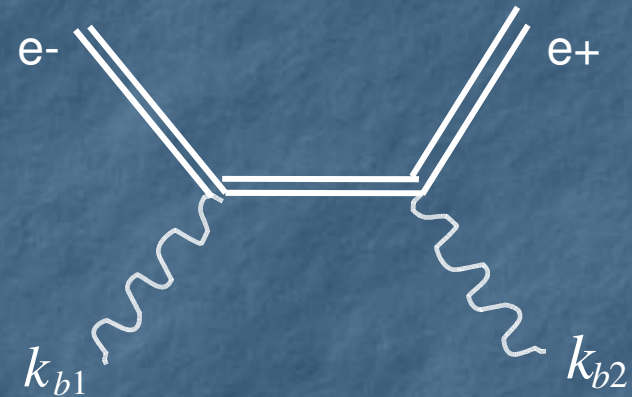
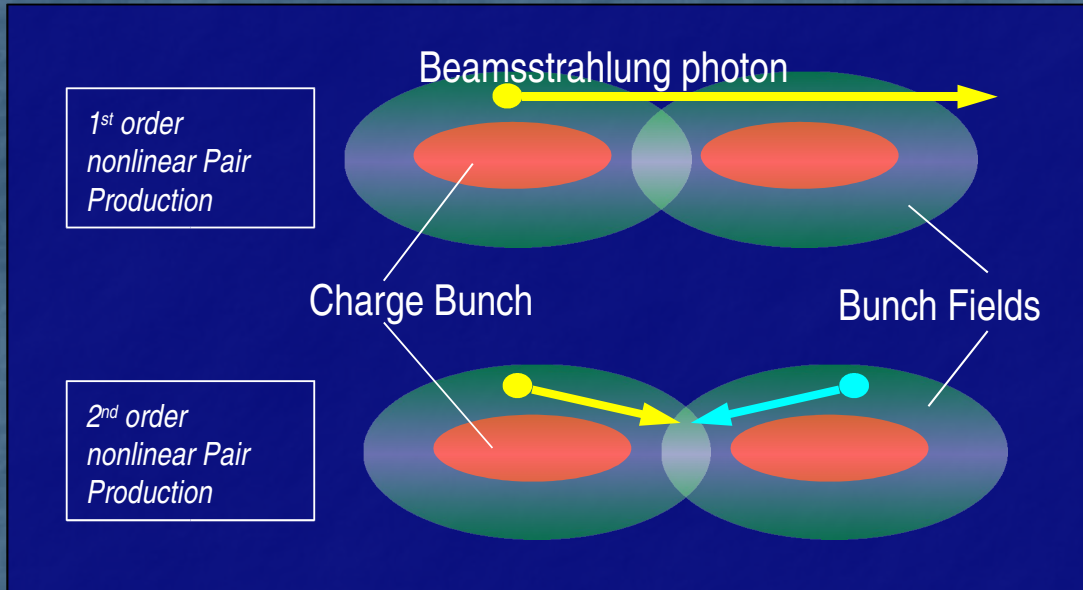
non-external field
Dirac solution

for ILC parameters

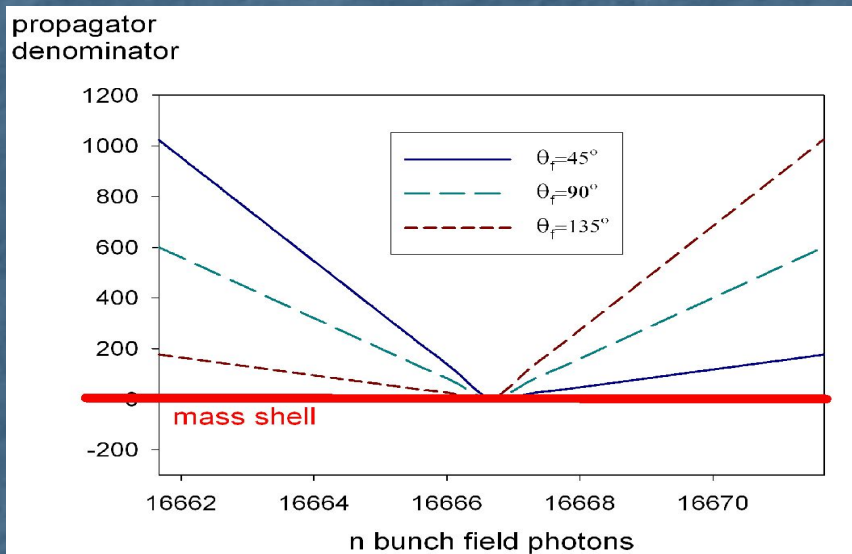
$$\frac{\omega}{m} \approx 0.06, \quad \frac{e|A^e|}{m} \approx 1$$

so for large E_p second
term can be neglected

Coherent Breit-Wheeler process



- 2nd order process contains twice as many Volkov E_p
- spin structure same as ordinary Breit-Wheeler



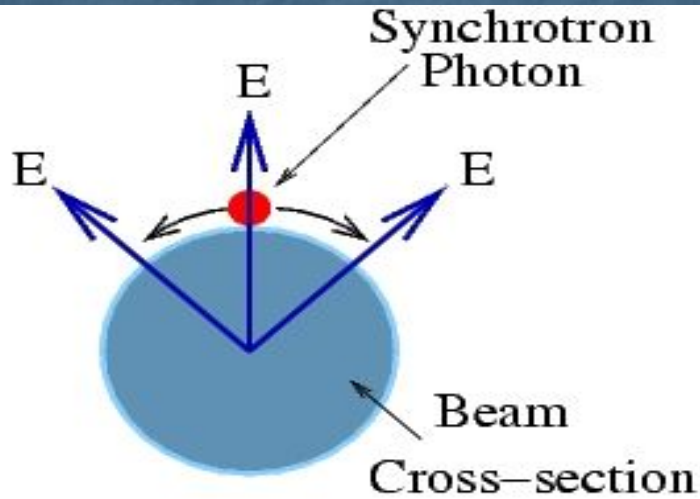
- fermions receive a mass shift due to bunch field and the propagator can reach mass shell whenever $n\omega \sim \omega_b$

CBW cross-section with simplifications

$$\frac{d\sigma_{CBW}}{d\Omega} \approx \frac{d\sigma_{BW}}{d\Omega} \int_{-\omega_1/\omega}^{\infty} \frac{dn}{[(n\omega \pm \omega_1)^2 + \Gamma^2]^2} F$$

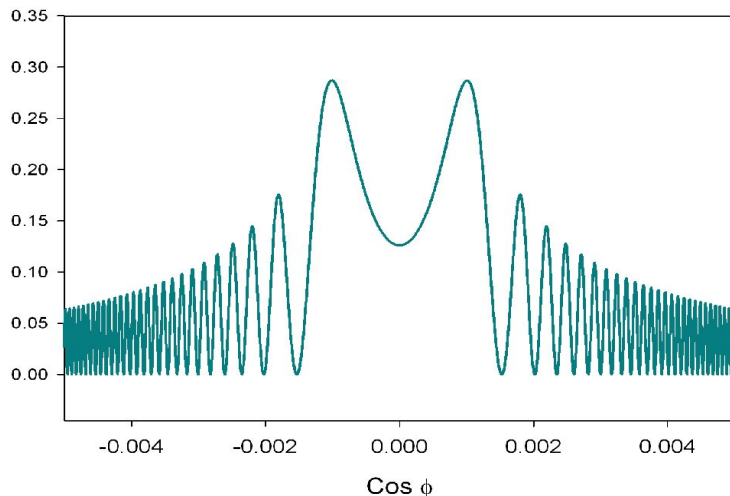
- Can write CBW diff x-section as the ordinary BW diff x-section times a numerical factor
- lower bound of integration is determined physically – c of m energy must be at least 2×0.511 MeV
- F is a product of Airy functions for crossed beam field (Bessel functions for circ polarized field)
- Γ is a resonance width determined from a self energy calculation

Numerical function F in more detail



(a) Non-azimuthally symmetric

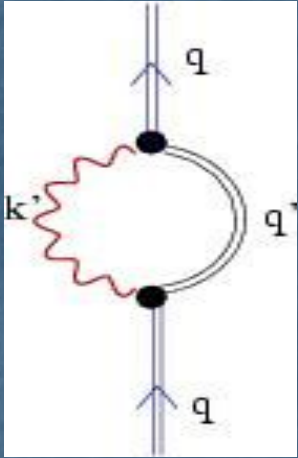
$Ai^2(z)$ for $n=1$, $\omega_1/\omega=1000$



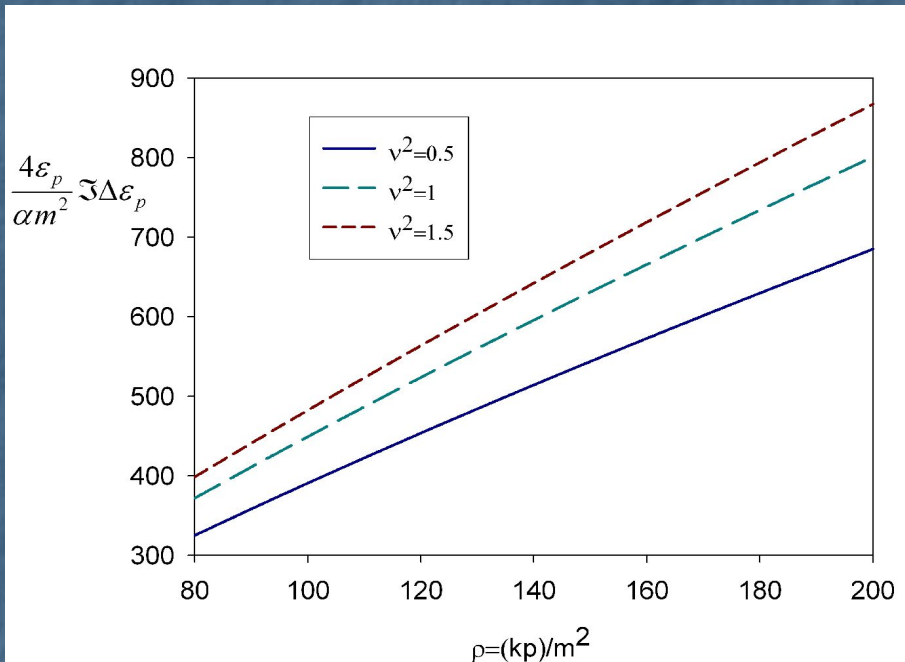
$$F = \int d\phi f(\phi) Ai^2\left(z(n, \phi, \omega_1/\omega)\right)$$

- dependence on ϕ due to pair production processes taking place off axis
- difficult to integrate numerically, but will be able to parametrise for CAIN
- Analytic solutions available for some $f(\phi)$ –
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Calculation of Resonance widths



- The Electron Self Energy must be included in the Multiphoton Breit-Wheeler process
- This is a 2nd order IFQED process in its own right.
- Renormalization/Regularization reduces to that of the non-external field case



- The Electron Self Energy in external **CIRCULARLY POLARISED** e-m field originally due to Becker & Mitter 1975 for low field intensity parameter $v=(ea/m)^2$. Has been recalculated for general v
- ESE in external **CONSTANT CROSSED** field is due to Ritus, 1972
- Optical theorem: the imaginary part of the ESE is the same form as the Sokolov-Ternov equations

Things to do

- include extra polarization dependent terms with existing CAIN processes
- parametrise Volkov solution numerical factor for coherent Breit-Wheeler (CBW) process
- include simplified CBW cross-section as correction to incoherent Breit-Wheeler in CAIN
- determine extent of the contribution to final helicity
- prepare full calculation of CBW for inclusion