

Resummations in Strong-Field QED

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In this talk, I will present some recent results and methods based on resummation methods. The focus is on resummations of expansions in α and/or χ .

The $\chi \ll 1$ expansion is typically asymptotic. Such series can be resummed with standard Borel-Padé (-conformal) methods. In [1,2] I applied these methods to nonlinear trident, double Compton and photon trident. I also showed that more recent resummation methods could be much better. For example, the method in [3] allows one to incorporate the leading $\chi \gg 1$ scaling into the resummation of the $\chi \ll 1$ series. In [1] I obtained resummations that include an arbitrary number of terms from both the $\chi \ll 1$ and $\chi \gg 1$ series. This gives faster convergence and resummations that work for any value of χ .

In [4] I found a new way to obtain radiation reaction to all orders in α . This is based on our Mueller-matrix approach [5, 6], where higher-order diagrams are approximated by sequences of $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ Mueller matrices for the tree processes $e^\pm \rightarrow e^\pm + \gamma$ and $\gamma \rightarrow e^+ + e^-$, and the loops $\gamma \rightarrow \gamma$ and $e^\pm \rightarrow e^\pm$. This works for arbitrary spin and polarization, and as long as the pulse is sufficiently long, even if a_0 is not large. In [4] I showed that the α expansion could be resummed either 1) directly from the start into a new matrix integrodifferential equation, or 2) by first calculating the first, *e.g.* 10 orders ($\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ to $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^{10})$) separately and then resumming them using Padé approximants. 2) can be much faster than 1). One way to obtain each order in α for 2) is to make an expansion in $\chi \ll 1$: The asymptotic χ expansion of $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ is used to obtain the χ expansion of $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^2)$, which is used to obtain the χ expansion of $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^3)$ and so on. Afterwards, each of these expansions in χ is resummed, and then the α expansion is resummed. In [7] I used this method for a circularly polarized field with $a_0 = 1$.

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