

# Radiation-Reaction Forces in the Hydrogen Atom, and in the Neutron

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**Abstract** The Radiation Reaction is a frictional force due to the loss of Radiation Energy by an orbiting electron or proton that appears in the equation of motion for that charge.

The force is

$$\vec{F}_{\text{radiation reaction}} = \frac{e^2}{6\pi_0 c^3} \dot{\vec{a}}$$

But a correct derivation for the formula was not given before, and we supply the derivation here.

We compute its weight in the equations for the Hydrogen's electron, the Hydrogen's proton, the Neutron's electron, and the Neutron's proton.

While that force is negligible, we show that without compensation from the proton for the lost radiation the

electron spirals onto the proton, and without compensation from the electron for lost radiation the proton spirals onto the electron in split seconds.

We show that for both the Hydrogen, and the Neutron, the Radiation Reaction Force on the Proton is

~6.5 (Radiation Reaction Force on the Electron)

We resolve the paradox of “the Runaway Solution”.

Radiation damping widens the spectral line generated by the transition of an electron from a higher orbit to a lower one:

We recall that at the angular frequency  $\omega_0$ , the

broadened spectral line bell has Mean Duration  $t = \frac{1}{\omega_0}$ ,

And at half the spectral line height, its width is  $\Delta\omega = \frac{1}{2t}$ .

where  $\ddot{x}$  is the radiation reaction term in  $\ddot{x} = \dot{x} - \frac{2}{3} \ddot{x} = 0$ .

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# The Abraham-Lorentz Radiation-Damping Equation vs. Bohr's Loss-less Equation

At the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Abraham and Lorentz had different models for a moving electron. Abraham assumed that during its motion the electron remained a rigid sphere, while Lorentz allowed that sphere to contract in the direction of the motion.

To test their electron models, Abraham and Lorentz used an equation of motion for the electron that took into account Radiation Damping by the accelerating electron:

$$m\vec{a} = \vec{F}_{\text{radiation reaction}} + k\vec{x} = 0$$

Where

$$\vec{a} = \ddot{\vec{x}} = \frac{d^2\vec{x}}{dt^2} \text{ is the acceleration,}$$

$$m\vec{a} = m\ddot{\vec{x}} \text{ is Newton's 2<sup>nd</sup> Law Force}$$

$$k\vec{x} = \vec{F}_{\text{external}} \text{ is supplied by say electric or magnetic field}$$

And the Radiation Reaction Force is due to the loss of radiation energy by the accelerating electron. Then, the

radiation power loss by the electron

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{e^2}{6 \pi_0 c^3} \vec{a}^2,$$

can be written as

$$\frac{\vec{F}_{\text{radiation reaction}}}{dt} \frac{d\vec{x}}{dt} = \vec{F}_{\text{radiation reaction}} \cdot \dot{\vec{x}} = \vec{F}_{\text{radiation reaction}} \cdot \vec{v}.$$

Thus,

$$\vec{F}_{\text{radiation reaction}} = - \frac{e^2}{6 \pi_0 c^3} \vec{a}^2.$$

Previous attempts to derive an explicit formula for

$$\vec{F}_{\text{radiation reaction}}$$

have failed, exposing ignorance of basic Math. We shall supply a correct derivation in the next section.

For the Hydrogen's electron, the external force due to the proton's electric field is the attraction to the center

$$\frac{1}{4 \pi_0} \frac{e^2}{r_H^2} \vec{1}_{\vec{r}_H}$$

The equality of the accelerating force to the centripetal force

$$m \vec{a} = m \omega^2 \vec{r}_H = 0$$

is Bohr's Loss-less equation.

Then, the electric force balances

$$m \omega^2 \vec{r}_H.$$

The equation that includes the Radiation Reaction force

$$m\vec{a} = \vec{F}_{\text{radiation reaction}} - m \ddot{\vec{r}}_H = 0,$$

is the Abraham Lorentz Frictional Equation.

Then, the electric force balances

$$\vec{F}_{\text{radiation reaction}} = m \ddot{\vec{r}}_H$$

# 1.

## The Radiation Reaction Force on a Charge in a Circular Motion

### 1.1 A Bizarre Claim that if a Sum is Zero, Each of its Terms is Zero

Assuming that the electron's motion has a Period  $T$ , and integrating by parts the equation

$$\vec{F}_{\text{radiation reaction}} = \frac{e^2}{6\pi_0 c^3} \dot{\vec{a}},$$

over a period, textbooks obtain

$$\int_{t=0}^{t=T} \vec{F}_{\text{radiation reaction}} dt = \frac{e^2}{6\pi_0 c^3} \dot{\vec{a}} dt = 0.$$

Namely, the summation

$$\int_{t=0}^{t=T} \vec{F}_{\text{radiation reaction}} dt = \frac{e^2}{6\pi_0 c^3} \dot{\vec{a}} dt = 0$$

From this they conclude that

$$\vec{F}_{\text{radiation reaction}} = \frac{e^2}{6\pi_0 c^3} \dot{\vec{a}} \neq 0$$

at any given time during the period.

To see how bizarre is that conclusion, subtract

$$1 - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} - \dots = 1,$$

from

$$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{8} - \dots = 1.$$

Then,

$$\frac{1}{2} - (1 - \frac{1}{2}) - \frac{1}{4} - (\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3}) - \frac{1}{8} - (\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4}) - \dots = 0.$$

Can we conclude that

$$\frac{1}{4} - (\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3}) = 0?$$

$$\frac{1}{8} - (\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4}) = 0?$$

$$\frac{1}{16} - (\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{5}) = 0?$$

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We will prove here the

### 1.2 Abraham-Lorenz Formula

*In the Circular Motion of a Charge e*



$$\vec{F}_{\text{radiation reaction}} = \frac{e^2}{6_0 c^3} \dot{\vec{a}}$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{F}_{\text{radiation reaction}} &= \frac{e^2}{6_0 c^3} \vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} \\ &= \frac{e^2}{6_0 c^3} \dot{\vec{a}} \\ &= \frac{e^2}{6_0 c^3} \frac{d}{dt}(\vec{a}) = \dot{\vec{a}} \end{aligned}$$

In a circular motion,

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a} &= -\vec{a}, \\ \dot{\vec{a}} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{F}_{\text{radiation reaction}} &= \frac{e^2}{6_0 c^3} \dot{\vec{a}}, \\ \vec{F}_{\text{radiation reaction}} &= \frac{e^2}{6_0 c^3} \dot{\vec{a}} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since at any time  $t$ ,  $\vec{a}(t) = 0$ ,

$$\vec{F}_{\text{radiation reaction}} = \frac{e^2}{6_0 c^3} \dot{\vec{a}}. \square$$

## 2.

# The Damped Harmonic Motion of a Charge in a Circular Motion

The Abraham-Lorentz Equation for a charge in a circular motion is

$$m\ddot{x} - \frac{e^2}{6\epsilon_0 c^3} \dot{a} - m^2 x = 0$$

We want to show that the spring term

$$m^2 x,$$

dominates the damping term

$$\frac{e^2}{6\epsilon_0 c^3} \dot{a},$$

so that the solution of the damped equation is close to the solution of the loss-less equation

$$m\ddot{x} - m^2 x = 0.$$

To that end we need to approximate

$$\dot{a} \approx \ddot{x}$$

in terms of  $x(t)$ , which we don't know.

To obtain that approximation for  $\dot{a} \ddot{x}$ , we iterate the solution of the damped equation by the solution of the loss-less equation

$$x(t) = x_0 e^{i(\omega t - \phi)}$$

Then,

$$\dot{x}(t) = i \omega x_0 e^{i(\omega t - \phi)},$$

$$\ddot{x}(t) = -\omega^2 x_0 e^{i(\omega t - \phi)},$$

$$\ddot{\ddot{x}}(t) = i^3 \omega^3 x_0 e^{i(\omega t - \phi)}.$$

Thus, we approximate  $\frac{F_{\text{radiation reaction}}}{m^2 x}$  by

$$\frac{\frac{e^2}{6 \epsilon_0 c^3} \dot{a}}{m^2 x} \sim \frac{\frac{e^2}{6 \epsilon_0 c^3} \omega^3 x_0 e^{i(\omega t - \phi)}}{m^2 x} = \frac{e^2}{6 \epsilon_0 c^3 m}$$

**2.1**  $\frac{e^2}{6 \epsilon_0 c^3 m}$

*approximates the weight of the Radiation Damping Force in the Abraham Lorentz Equation*

### 3.

## The Radiation-Reaction Force on the Hydrogen's Electron

### 3.1 The Abraham-Lorentz Equation for the Hydrogen's Electron

$$m\ddot{x} - \frac{e^2}{6\pi\epsilon_0 c^3} \dot{a} = m\omega_H^2 x = 0,$$

where from [Dan1, p.47], the Hydrogen's electron  
angular velocity is

$$\omega_H = 4.1334366 \times 10^{16} \text{ radians/sec}$$

### 3.2 The Weight of Radiation Damping in the Hydrogen Electron equation is $(2.584815483) \cdot 10^{-7}$

Proof:

$$\frac{e^2}{6\pi\epsilon_0 c^3 m} = \frac{(1.60217733)^2 (10^{-19})^2 (4.1334366)(10^{16})}{6 (8.854187817)10^{-12} (9.1093897)10^{-31} (3)^3 (10^8)^3} \\ (2.584815483) \cdot 10^{-7}$$

While the Radiation-Reaction Force in the equation seems negligible, without the compensation by the proton the electron would spiral onto the proton in a split second:

**3.3** *If not for compensating radiation from the Hydrogen's Proton, the Electron would spiral onto the Proton in*

$$\approx 1.57 \times 10^{-11} \text{ sec.}$$

Proof: Since 
$$m \frac{v^2}{r} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{r^2},$$

The kinetic energy of the electron in its circular orbit is

$$\frac{1}{2} m v^2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{r}.$$

The electric energy of the Hydrogen Atom is

$$-\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{r}.$$

Therefore, the total electron energy is

$$-\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{r},$$

and its rate of change is

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{r} \right\} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{r^2} \frac{dr}{dt}.$$

This equals the rate at which the electron radiates energy as it accelerates towards the proton,

$$\left[ \frac{e^2}{6\pi\epsilon_0 c^3} a^2 \right]_{t - \frac{r_H}{c}},$$

where

$$r_H = 5.29277249 \cdot 10^{-11} \text{ m} \sim 5.3 \cdot 10^{-11} \text{ m}.$$

The retarded time is

$$t - \frac{r_H}{c} \approx t - \frac{5.3 \times 10^{-11}}{3 \times 10^8} \sim t - \frac{1.77}{10^{19}} \approx t,$$

and the acceleration of the electron is

$$a = \frac{[v\gamma(v)]^2}{r} \approx \frac{v^2}{r}.$$

Therefore, the Electron's Radiation rate is

$$\frac{e^2}{6\pi\epsilon_0 c^3} \left( \frac{v^2}{r} \right)^2 \approx \frac{e^2}{6\pi\epsilon_0 c^3} \left( \frac{1}{m} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{r^2} \right)^2.$$

Since it equals the rate of change of the electron's energy,

$$\frac{\phi^2}{6\pi\epsilon_0 c^3} \left( \frac{1}{m} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{r^2} \right)^2 \approx \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\phi^2}{r^2} \frac{dr}{dt},$$

$$dt \approx \frac{3}{4} c^3 \left( 4\pi\epsilon_0 \frac{m}{e^2} \right)^2 r^2 dr,$$

where

$$m \quad 9.1093897 \quad 10^{-31} \text{Kg} \sim 9.11 \quad 10^{-31} \text{Kg},$$

$$e \quad 1.60217733 \quad 10^{-19} \text{C} \sim 1.6 \quad 10^{-19} \text{C}$$

Therefore, the electron will spiral into the proton in

$$\begin{aligned} t \Big|_{r=0}^{r=5.3 \times 10^{-11}} &\approx \frac{1}{4} c^3 \left( 4\pi \epsilon_0 \frac{m}{e^2} \right)^2 r^3 \Big|_{r=0}^{r=5.3 \times 10^{-11}} \quad \text{sec} \\ &\approx \frac{1}{4} c^3 \underbrace{\left( \frac{4\pi}{\underbrace{\mu_0}_{10^7} \underbrace{\epsilon_0}_{c^{-2}}} \right)^2}_{\frac{1}{4c} 10^{14}} \left( \frac{m}{e^2} \right)^2 (5.3)^3 10^{-33} \\ &\approx \frac{1}{12 \cdot 10^8} 10^{14} \frac{(9.11 \cdot 10^{-31})^2}{(1.6 \cdot 10^{-19})^4} (5.3)^3 \cdot 10^{-33} \\ &\approx \frac{1}{12} \cdot \frac{(9.11)^2}{(1.6)^4} (5.3)^3 10^{-13} \\ &\approx 1.57 \times 10^{-11} \text{sec.} \end{aligned}$$

## 4.

# The Radiation-Reaction Force on the Hydrogen's Proton

### 4.1 The Abraham-Lorentz Equation for the Hydrogen's Proton

$$M\ddot{X} = \frac{e^2}{6\epsilon_0 c^3} \dot{A} - M \frac{2}{H} X = 0,$$

where from [Dan1, p.38], the Hydrogen's Proton  
angular velocity is

$$\Omega_H = 2.705755062 \times 10^{17} \text{ radians/sec}$$

### 4.2 The Weight of Radiation Damping in the Hydrogen's Proton equation is $(8.159182866) \cdot 10^{-9}$

Proof:

$$\frac{e^2}{6\epsilon_0 c^3 M_p} = \frac{(1.60217733)^2 (10^{-19})^2 (2.705755062) 10^{17}}{6 (8.854187817) 10^{-12} (3)^3 (10^8)^3 (1.6726231) 10^{-27}}$$

$$(8.159182866) \cdot 10^{-9}$$

While the Radiation-Reaction Force in the equation seems



negligible, without the compensation by the electron the proton would spiral onto the electron in a split second:

**4.3** *If not for compensating radiation from the Hydrogen's Electron, the Proton would spiral onto the Electron in*

$$\approx 1.8 \times 10^{-8} \text{ sec.}$$

Proof: Since 
$$M \frac{V^2}{\rho} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{\rho^2},$$

The kinetic energy of the proton in its circular orbit is

$$\frac{1}{2} MV^2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{\rho}.$$

The electric energy of the Electron-Proton Atom is

$$-\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{\rho}.$$

Therefore, the total proton energy is

$$-\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{\rho},$$

and its rate of change is

$$\frac{d}{d\tau} \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{\rho} \right\} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{\rho^2} \frac{d\rho}{d\tau}.$$

This equals the rate at which the proton radiates energy as it accelerates towards the electron,

$$\left[ \frac{e^2}{6\pi\epsilon_0 c^3} A^2 \right]_{\tau - \frac{\rho_H}{c}} .$$

By [Dan2, p.21],

$$\rho_H = 1.221173735 \times 10^{-12} \sim 1.2 \times 10^{-12}$$

Then, the retarded time is

$$\tau - \frac{\rho_H}{c} \approx \tau - \frac{1.2 \times 10^{-12}}{3 \times 10^8} \sim \tau - \frac{4}{10^{19}} \approx \tau .$$

The acceleration of the proton is

$$A = \frac{[V\gamma(V)]^2}{\rho} \approx \frac{V^2}{\rho} .$$

Thus, the Proton's Radiation rate is

$$\frac{e^2}{6\pi\epsilon_0 c^3} \left( \frac{V^2}{\rho} \right)^2 \approx \frac{e^2}{6\pi\epsilon_0 c^3} \left( \frac{1}{M} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{\rho^2} \right)^2 .$$

Since it equals the rate of change of the proton's energy,

$$\frac{\phi^2}{6\pi\epsilon_0 c^3} \left( \frac{1}{M} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{\rho^2} \right)^2 \approx \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\phi^2}{\rho^2} \frac{d\rho}{d\tau} ,$$

$$d\tau \approx \frac{3}{4} c^3 \left( 4\pi\epsilon_0 \frac{M}{e^2} \right)^2 \rho^2 d\rho ,$$

Where

$$M = 1.6726231 \times 10^{-27} \text{ Kg} \sim 1.7 \times 10^{-27} \text{ Kg} ,$$

$$e = 1.60217733 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C} \sim 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

Therefore, the proton will spiral into the electron in

$$\begin{aligned}
\tau \Big|_{\rho=0}^{\rho=1.2 \times 10^{-12}} &\approx \frac{1}{4} c^3 \left( 4\pi \epsilon_0 \frac{M}{e^2} \right)^2 \rho^3 \Big|_{\rho=0}^{\rho=1.2 \times 10^{-12}} \text{ sec} \\
&\approx \frac{1}{4} c^3 \underbrace{\left( \frac{4\pi}{10^7} \underbrace{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}_{c^{-2}} \right)^2}_{\frac{1}{4c} 10^{14}} \left( \frac{M}{e^2} \right)^2 (1.2)^3 10^{-36} \\
&\approx \frac{1}{12 \cdot 10^8} 10^{14} \frac{(1.7 \cdot 10^{-27})^2}{(1.6 \cdot 10^{-19})^4} (1.2)^3 \cdot 10^{-36} \\
&\approx \frac{1}{12} \cdot \frac{(9.11)^2}{(1.6)^4} (1.2)^3 10^{-8} \\
&\approx 1.8 \times 10^{-8} \text{ sec.}
\end{aligned}$$

## 5.

# The Radiation-Reaction Force on the Neutron's Electron

### 5.1 The Abraham-Lorentz Equation for the Neutron's Electron

$$m\ddot{x} - \frac{e^2}{6\epsilon_0 c^3} \dot{a} = m_e \ddot{x} = 0,$$

where from [Dan1, p.46], the Neutron's Electron  
angular velocity is

$$\omega_e = 5.485642074 \times 10^{20} \text{ radians/sec}$$

### 5.2 The Weight of Radiation Damping in the Neutron's Electron equation is $(3.430407659) \cdot 10^{-3}$

Proof:

$$\frac{e^2}{6\epsilon_0 c^3 m} = \frac{(1.60217733)^2 (10^{-19})^2 (5.485642074) 10^{20}}{6 (8.854187817) 10^{-12} (3)^3 (10^8)^3 (9.1093897) 10^{-31}}$$

$$(3.430407659) \cdot 10^{-3}$$

While the Radiation-Reaction Force in the electron equation

seems negligible, without the compensation by the proton the electron would spiral onto the proton in a split second:

**5.3** *If not for compensating radiation from the Neutron's Proton, the Electron would spiral onto the Proton in*

$$\approx 8.77 \times 10^{-20} \text{ sec.}$$

Proof: Since 
$$\frac{m}{\sqrt{1 - \beta_e^2}} \frac{v_e^2}{r} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{r^2},$$

The kinetic energy of the electron in its circular orbit is

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{m}{\sqrt{1 - \beta_e^2}} v_e^2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{r}.$$

The electric energy of the Electron-Proton Neutron is

$$-\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{r}.$$

Therefore, the total electron energy is

$$-\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{r},$$

and its rate of change is

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{r} \right\} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{r^2} \frac{dr}{dt}.$$

This equals the rate at which the electron radiates energy as

it accelerates towards the proton,

$$\left[ \frac{e^2}{6\pi\epsilon_0 c^3} a^2 \right]_{t-\frac{r_N}{c}} .$$

By [Dan1, p. 45],

$$r_N \sim 9.398741807 \times 10^{-14} \text{ m} \sim 9.4 \times 10^{-14} \text{ m}$$

Thus, the retarded time is

$$t - \frac{r_N}{c} \approx t - \frac{9.398741807 \times 10^{-14}}{3 \times 10^8} \sim t - \frac{3.133}{10^{22}} \approx t,$$

The acceleration of the electron is

$$a = \frac{[v_e \gamma(v)]^2}{r} \approx \frac{v_e^2}{r}.$$

Thus, the Electron's Radiation rate is

$$\frac{e^2}{6\pi\epsilon_0 c^3} \left( \frac{v_e^2}{r} \right)^2 \approx \frac{e^2}{6\pi\epsilon_0 c^3} \left( \frac{1}{m} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{r^2} \right)^2.$$

Since it equals the rate of change of the electron's energy,

$$\frac{\phi^2}{6\pi\epsilon_0 c^3} \left( \frac{1}{m} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{r^2} \right)^2 \approx \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\phi^2}{r^2} \frac{dr}{dt},$$

$$dt \approx \frac{3}{4} c^3 \left( 4\pi\epsilon_0 \frac{m}{e^2} \right)^2 r^2 dr ,$$

where

$$m \sim 9.1093897 \times 10^{-31} \text{ Kg} \sim 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ Kg},$$

$$e \quad 1.60217733 \quad 10^{19} \text{C} \sim 1.6 \quad 10^{19} \text{C}$$

Therefore, without compensating radiation from the Proton,  
the electron will spiral into the proton in

$$\begin{aligned} t \Big|_{r=0}^{r=9.4 \times 10^{-14}} &\approx \frac{1}{4} c^3 \left( 4\pi \epsilon_0 \frac{m}{e^2} \right)^2 r^3 \Big|_{r=0}^{r=9.4 \times 10^{-14}} \quad \text{sec} \\ &\approx \frac{1}{4} c^3 \underbrace{\left( \frac{4\pi}{\mu_0} \underbrace{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}_{c^{-2}} \right)^2}_{\frac{1}{10^7}} \left( \frac{m}{e^2} \right)^2 (9.4)^3 10^{-42} \\ &\approx \frac{1}{12 \cdot 10^8} 10^{14} \frac{(9.11 \cdot 10^{-31})^2}{(1.6 \cdot 10^{-19})^4} (9.4)^3 \cdot 10^{-42} \\ &\approx \frac{1}{12} \cdot \frac{(9.11)^2}{(1.6)^4} (9.4)^3 10^{-22} \\ &\approx 8.77 \times 10^{-20} \text{sec.} \end{aligned}$$

## 6.

# The Radiation-Reaction Force on the Neutron's Proton

### 6.1 The Abraham-Lorentz Equation for the Neutron's Proton

$$M\ddot{X} = \frac{e^2}{6 \epsilon_0 c^3} \dot{A} - M \omega_p^2 X = 0,$$

where from [Dan1, p.38], the Neutron's Proton  
angular velocity is

$$\Omega_p = 3.577789504 \times 10^{21} \text{ radians/sec}$$

### 6.2 The Weight of Radiation Damping in the Neutron's

Proton equation is  $(1.218496378) \cdot 10^{-5}$

Proof:

$$\frac{e^2}{6 \epsilon_0 c^3 M_p} = \frac{(1.60217733)^2 (10^{-19})^2 (3.577789504) 10^{21}}{6 (8.854187817) 10^{-12} (3)^3 (10^8)^3 (1.6726231) 10^{-27}}$$

$$(1.218496378) \cdot 10^{-5}$$



While the Radiation-Reaction Force in the equation seems negligible, without the compensation by the electron the proton would spiral onto the electron in a split second:

**6.3** *If not for compensating radiation from the Neutron's electron, the Proton would spiral onto the Electron in*

$$\approx 1.1 \times 10^{-16} \text{ sec.}$$

Proof: Since 
$$M \frac{V^2}{\rho} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{\rho^2},$$

The kinetic energy of the proton in its circular orbit is

$$\frac{1}{2} MV^2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{\rho}.$$

The electric energy of the Electron-Proton Atom is

$$-\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{\rho}.$$

Therefore, the total proton energy is

$$-\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{\rho},$$

and its rate of change is

$$\frac{d}{d\tau} \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{\rho} \right\} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{\rho^2} \frac{d\rho}{d\tau}.$$

This equals the rate at which the proton radiates energy as it accelerates towards the electron,

$$\left[ \frac{e^2}{6\pi\epsilon_0 c^3} A^2 \right]_{\tau - \frac{\rho_p}{c}}.$$

By [Dan1, p.32],

$$\rho_p = 2.209505336 \times 10^{-15} \sim 2.2 \times 10^{-15}$$

Then, the retarded time is

$$\tau - \frac{\rho_H}{c} \approx \tau - \frac{2.2 \times 10^{-15}}{3 \times 10^8} \sim \tau - \frac{7.3}{10^{22}} \approx \tau.$$

The acceleration of the proton is

$$A = \frac{[V\gamma(V)]^2}{\rho} \approx \frac{V^2}{\rho}.$$

Thus, the Proton's Radiation rate is

$$\frac{e^2}{6\pi\epsilon_0 c^3} \left( \frac{V^2}{\rho} \right)^2 \approx \frac{e^2}{6\pi\epsilon_0 c^3} \left( \frac{1}{M} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{\rho^2} \right)^2.$$

Since it equals the rate of change of the proton's energy,

$$\frac{e^2}{6\pi\epsilon_0 c^3} \left( \frac{1}{M} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{\rho^2} \right)^2 \approx \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{\rho^2} \frac{d\rho}{d\tau},$$

$$d\tau \approx \frac{3}{4} c^3 \left( 4\pi\epsilon_0 \frac{M}{e^2} \right)^2 \rho^2 d\rho,$$

Where

$$M = 1.6726231 \times 10^{-27} \text{ Kg} \sim 1.7 \times 10^{-27} \text{ Kg},$$

$$e \quad 1.60217733 \quad 10^{-19} \text{C} \sim 1.6 \quad 10^{-19} \text{C}$$

Therefore, the proton will spiral into the electron in

$$\begin{aligned} \tau \Big|_{\rho=0}^{\rho=2.2 \times 10^{-15}} &\approx \frac{1}{4} c^3 \left( 4\pi \epsilon_0 \frac{M}{e^2} \right)^2 \rho^3 \Big|_{\rho=0}^{\rho=2.2 \times 10^{-15}} \text{ sec} \\ &\approx \frac{1}{4} c^3 \underbrace{\left( \frac{4\pi}{\underbrace{\mu_0}_{10^7} \underbrace{\epsilon_0}_{c^{-2}}} \right)^2}_{\frac{1}{4c} 10^{14}} \left( \frac{M}{e^2} \right)^2 (2.2)^3 10^{-45} \\ &\approx \frac{1}{12 \cdot 10^8} 10^{14} \frac{(1.7 \cdot 10^{-27})^2}{(1.6 \cdot 10^{-19})^4} (2.2)^3 \cdot 10^{-45} \\ &\approx \frac{1}{12} \cdot \frac{(9.11)^2}{(1.6)^4} (2.2)^3 10^{-17} \\ &\approx 1.1 \times 10^{-16} \text{ sec.} \end{aligned}$$

## 7.

# Electron's Radiation Reaction Force vs. Proton's Radiation Reaction Force

**7.1** *Radiation Reaction Force on the Hydrogen Proton is  
~ 6.5 (Radiation Reaction Force on the Hydrogen Electron)*

$$\text{Proof: } \left| \frac{\frac{e^2}{6 \epsilon_0 c^3} \frac{3}{r_H} e^{i(\omega t)}}{\frac{e^2}{6 \epsilon_0 c^3} \frac{3}{r_H} e^{i(\omega t)}} \right| = \frac{3}{r_H} \frac{r_H}{3},$$

where

$r_H$  the Hydrogen electron orbit radius,

$r_H$  the Hydrogen proton orbit radius.

$$\text{By [Dan2, p.22]} \quad \frac{r_H}{r_H} = \sqrt{\frac{m}{M}}; \quad \frac{r_H}{r_H} = \frac{M}{m}^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

$$\frac{M}{m}^{\frac{3}{4}} = \frac{m}{M}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\frac{M}{m}^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

$$\sqrt[4]{1836}$$

$$6.545881555$$

**7.2**     *Radiation Reaction Force on the Neutron's Proton is*  
 ~ 6.5     *(Radiation Reaction Force on the Neutron's Electron)*

Proof:      $\left| \frac{\frac{e^2}{6_0 c^3} \frac{3_p}{r_p} e^{i(\omega t - \phi_p)}}{\frac{e^2}{6_0 c^3} \frac{3_e}{r_N} e^{i(\omega t - \phi_e)}} \right| = \frac{3_p}{3_e} \frac{r_p}{r_N},$

where

$r_N$      the Neutron's electron orbit radius,  
 $r_p$      the Neutron's proton orbit radius.

By [Dan1, p.18],      $\frac{r_p}{r_N} = \frac{m}{M}^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{v_p^2}{c^2}}^{\frac{1}{4}}.$

And by [Dan1, p.66],      $\frac{3_p}{3_e} = \frac{M}{m}^{\frac{3}{4}} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{v_e^2}{c^2}}^{\frac{3}{8}}.$

Therefore,

$$\frac{3_p}{3_e} \frac{r_p}{r_N} = \frac{M}{m}^{\frac{1}{4}} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{v_e^2}{c^2}}^{\frac{1}{8}}$$

$$\frac{M}{m}^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

$$\sqrt[4]{1836}$$

$$6.545881555$$

## 8.

# The Runaway Solution that Does Not Exist

The Abraham Lorentz Frictional Equation

$$m\vec{a} = \vec{F}_{\text{radiation reaction}} + m\omega^2\vec{r} - eEe^{i\omega t}$$

says that the electron  $e$  is accelerated to  $\vec{a}$ , by an External Force opposed by the radial Force  $m\omega^2\vec{r}$ , and by an external radiation field  $Ee^{i\omega t}$  that opposes the radiation reaction force  $\vec{F}_{\text{radiation reaction}}$ , and compensates for the radiation damped by the electron.

The external force may be the electric attraction to the Hydrogen proton,  $\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}\frac{e^2}{r_H^2}$ , or it may be the Lorentz Force  $e\vec{v} \times \vec{B}$  of a Magnetic Induction  $\vec{B}$ .

With no external force, the circular motion stops, and the radial force vanishes.

With no external radiation field, an accelerating electron will keep losing radiation energy.

Thus, with no external force, and with no external radiation field, an accelerating electron will satisfy the equation

$$m\vec{a} - \vec{F}_{\text{radiation reaction}} = 0,$$

$$ma = m \underbrace{\frac{e^2}{6\pi\epsilon_0 c^3}} \dot{a},$$

$$a = \dot{a},$$

$$a = e^{\frac{1}{t}}.$$

That is, if the electron will accelerate, without an external force, and without an external radiation field, we obtain a runaway solution with exponential acceleration.

By Newton's Second Law, that will never happen: Without an external force, or energy of any kind, the acceleration must be zero, and the runaway solution does not exist.



## 9.

# Radiation Damping Widening of Spectral Lines

We recall the role of radiation reaction in the widening of a spectral line:

A bound electron radiating energy is described by

$$m\ddot{x} - \frac{e^2}{6\pi\epsilon_0 c^3}\ddot{x} = m\ddot{x} = 0.$$

Assuming  $\ddot{x} = \ddot{x} = 0$ , implies  $\ddot{x} = \ddot{x}$ , and

$$\ddot{x} - \frac{e^2}{6\pi\epsilon_0 mc^3}\dot{x} = \ddot{x} = 0.$$

The solution is the damped wave train

$$x(t) = e^{-\frac{1}{2}t} e^{i\omega t}.$$

At angular frequency  $\omega$ , the Radiation Intensity per angular frequency,  $\frac{dI(\omega)}{d\omega}$ , is proportional to

$$\left| \int_{t_0}^t x(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt \right|^2,$$

which is proportional to

$$\frac{1}{(\omega - \omega_0)^2 + \frac{1}{4}\gamma^2}.$$

Thus, the spectral line generated by transition of the electron from a higher orbit to a lower one, at the angular frequency  $\omega_0$ , is a broadened bell shaped distribution.

The Potential Energy is proportional to

$$(e^{-\frac{1}{2}\gamma t})^2 = e^{-\gamma t}.$$

The Mean Duration of the radiated pulse is

$$t = \frac{1}{\gamma}.$$

And the Mean length of the wave train is

$$\frac{c}{\gamma}.$$

Applying the Energy-time uncertainty at half the spectral line height,

$$\left(\frac{E}{\hbar}\right)\left(\frac{t}{1}\right) \sim \hbar,$$

.

Thus, at half the spectral line height, the frequency width is

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where  $\dot{x}$  is the radiation reaction term in  $\ddot{x} = \dot{x} - \frac{2}{3} \frac{e^2}{c^3} \dot{x} = 0$ .

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