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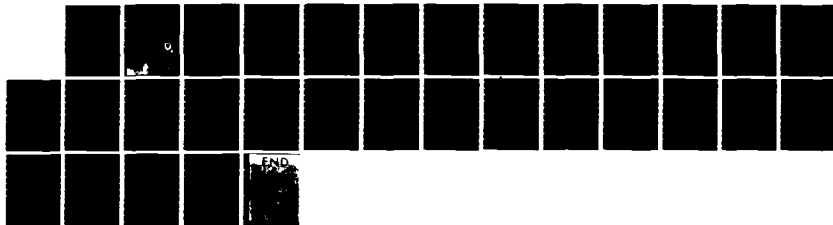
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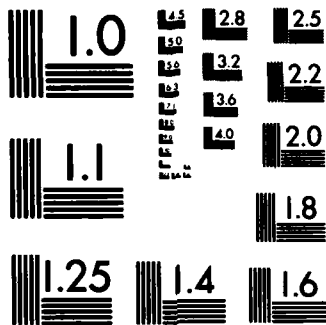
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1. INTRODUCTION

In a nonequilibrium beam-plasma system, the time-average nonlinear force $\langle \vec{F}_\alpha \rangle$ on a relativistic test particle due to the total electromagnetic field consists of a part $\langle \vec{F}_{\alpha a} \rangle$, acting on the actual charge of species α , and a part $\langle \vec{F}_{dp} \rangle$, acting on the dynamic polarization charge surrounding the particle. Thus,

$$\langle \vec{F}_\alpha \rangle = \langle \vec{F}_{\alpha a} \rangle + \langle \vec{F}_{dp} \rangle \quad (1)$$

The polarization charge arises from the redistribution of other particles due to the induced fields produced in the neighborhood of the particle as it moves through the beam-plasma. For a relativistic test particle the time-average force on its actual charge (bare charge) under conditions of the Born approximation for plasma is given by^{1,*}

$$\langle \vec{F}_{\alpha a} \rangle = \vec{F}_\alpha^{(1)} + \vec{F}_\alpha^{(2)} \quad (2)$$

where

$$\vec{F}_\alpha^{(1)} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2\pi}{t} e_\alpha \int dk \vec{k} \frac{\vec{v}_\alpha \cdot \vec{E}_k}{\omega + i\delta} \delta(\omega - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}_\alpha) \quad (3)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{F}_\alpha^{(2)} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi i}{t} e_\alpha \int dk dk_1 \frac{\delta(\omega + \omega_1 - (\vec{k} + \vec{k}_1) \cdot \vec{v}_\alpha)}{(\omega + i\delta)(\omega_1 + i\delta)} \\ \times E_{ki} E_{k_1j} [\vec{k} \Lambda_{ij}^{(\alpha)}(k_1, k) + \vec{k}_1 \Lambda_{ij}^{(\alpha)*}(k_1, k)] \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

and

¹A. V. Akopyan and V. N. Tsytovich, *Bremsstrahlung in a Nonequilibrium Plasma*, *Fiz. Plazmy*, 1 (1975), 673 [*Sov. J. Plasma Phys.*, 1 (1975), 371].

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$$\Lambda_{ij}^{(\alpha)}(k_1, k) = \frac{e_\alpha}{\gamma_\alpha m_\alpha} \left[\delta_{ij} + \frac{v_{\alpha i} k_j - v_{\alpha j} k_i}{\omega - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}_\alpha - i\delta} - \frac{v_{\alpha i} v_{\alpha j}}{(\omega - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}_\alpha - i\delta)^2} \left(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}_1 - \frac{\omega \omega_1}{c^2} \right) \right] . \quad (5)$$

Here t is the time, e_α is the actual charge of the particle of species α , m_α is its mass, $k = (\vec{k}, \omega)$ is a wave four-vector, δ is a small imaginary part of the frequency, $\delta(x)$ is the Dirac delta function, E_{ki} is the Fourier transform of the i^{th} component of the total electric field, $v_{\alpha i}$ is the particle velocity, $\gamma_\alpha = (1 - v_\alpha^2/c^2)^{-1/2}$, and c is the speed of light. The condition that equation (2) hold, namely, the Born approximation, is that

$$\frac{e_\alpha |\vec{E}_\alpha|}{\omega_{pe} |\vec{p}_\alpha|} \ll 1 , \quad (6)$$

where \vec{p}_α is the particle momentum and ω_{pe} is the electron plasma frequency.

In the present work, the time-average of the dynamic polarization force $\langle \vec{F}_{dp} \rangle$ is derived to fourth order in the total field for a slowly varying nearly spatially independent background with no external fields. It is shown to be dependent on the linear, second- and third-order nonlinear conductivity tensors. The result of this calculation agrees with that of Akopyan and Tsytovich.¹ It is important in calculations of collective radiation processes and the conditions for the occurrence of radiative instability in nonequilibrium beam-plasma systems.

2. THE DYNAMIC POLARIZATION CHARGE DENSITY

The dynamic polarization charge which surrounds the test particle results from the background distribution function being disturbed in the neighborhood of the particle. Thus, the associated current density is given by

$$\vec{j}_{dp} = \sum_s e_s \int \frac{d^3 p_s}{(2\pi)^3} \vec{v}_s (f^{(s)} - f^{R(s)}) , \quad (7)$$

where the sum is over all species and $f^{(s)}$ and $f^{R(s)}$ are the perturbed and regular background distribution functions, respectively, for species s . It is assumed that there are no external fields and the perturbation in the distribution is due to the field associated with the interaction between the test

¹A. V. Akopyan and V. N. Tsytovich, *Bremsstrahlung in a Nonequilibrium Plasma*, *Fiz. Plazmy*, 1 (1975), 673 [*Sov. J. Plasma Phys.*, 1 (1975), 371].

particle and the other particles in the system. The dynamic polarization charge density is related to the current in equation (7) by the equation of continuity, namely,

$$\frac{\partial \rho_{dp}}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{j}_{dp} = 0 \quad (8)$$

Equation (8) assumes local conservation of the dynamic polarization current. The Fourier decompositions of the polarization charge and current densities are given by

$$\rho_{dp} = \int dk \rho_{dpk} e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} \quad (9)$$

and

$$\vec{j}_{dp} = \int dk \vec{j}_{dpk} e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} \quad (10)$$

where

$$dk \equiv d^3\vec{k} d\omega \quad (11)$$

Using equations (9) and (10) in equation (8), then

$$\rho_{dpk} = \frac{\vec{k} \cdot \vec{j}_{dpk}}{\omega + i\delta} \quad (12)$$

Taking the Fourier transform of equation (7) one has also

$$\vec{j}_{dpk} = \sum_s e_s \int \frac{d^3p_s}{(2\pi)^3} (f_k^{(s)} - f_k^{R(s)}) \vec{v}_s \quad (13)$$

Substituting equation (13) in equation (12) one obtains the following expression for the Fourier transform of the dynamic polarization charge density:

$$\rho_{dpk} = \sum_s e_s \int \frac{d^3p_s}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{\vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}_s}{\omega + i\delta} (f_k^{(s)} - f_k^{R(s)}) \quad (14)$$

The particle distribution functions $f^{(s)}$ are determined by the relativistic Vlasov equation, namely,

$$\partial_t f^{(s)} + \vec{v}_s \cdot \vec{\nabla}_{\vec{r}_s} f^{(s)} + \vec{F}_s \cdot \vec{\nabla}_{\vec{p}_s} f^{(s)} = 0 \quad (15)$$

where the relativistic relation between velocity and momentum is given by

$$\vec{v}_s = \left[1 + \left(\frac{p_s}{m_s c} \right)^2 \right]^{-1/2} \frac{\vec{p}_s}{m_s} \quad (16)$$

and the force \vec{F}_s is given by

$$\vec{F}_s = e_s (\vec{E} + \vec{v}_s \times \vec{B}) \quad (17)$$

Here \vec{E} and \vec{B} are the total electric and magnetic fields. The distribution function and the fields can be expressed in terms of their Fourier transforms. Thus, for example,

$$f(s) = \int dk f_k^{(s)} e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}_s - \omega t)} \quad (18)$$

In terms of the Fourier transforms, equation (15) becomes

$$f_k^{(s)} = \frac{1}{i(\omega - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}_s + i\delta)} \int dk_1 dk_2 \delta(k - k_1 - k_2) \vec{F}_{sk_1} \cdot \vec{v}_{ps k_2} f_{k_2}^{(s)} \quad (19)$$

Expressing the distribution functions as power series in the total field, one has

$$f_k^{(s)} = f_k^R(s) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_k^{(s)}(n) \quad (20)$$

where $f_k^R(s)$ describes the background for the nonequilibrium beam-plasma. The $f_k^{(s)}(n)$ describe the perturbation in the background due to the total electromagnetic field. Assuming a slowly varying, nearly spatially independent background which in zeroth approximation is space and time independent and denoted by $f_{ps}^{R(0)}$, then

$$f_k^R(s) = (2\pi)^{-4} \int d^3\vec{r} dt f_{ps}^{R(0)} e^{-i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} \quad (21)$$

Performing the integration in equation (21), then

$$f_k^R(s) = f_{ps}^{R(0)} \delta(k) \quad (22)$$

where $\delta(\mathbf{k}) \equiv \delta^3(\vec{k})\delta(\omega)$ is the four-dimensional Dirac delta function. For stationary turbulence, equation (22) is exact. It follows from equations (19) and (20) by iteration that

$$f_{\mathbf{k}}^{(s)}(1) = \frac{1}{i(\omega - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}_s + i\delta)} \int dk_1 dk_2 \delta(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_2) \vec{F}_{s\mathbf{k}_1} \cdot \vec{v}_{p_s} f_{\mathbf{k}_2}^{R(s)}, \quad (23)$$

$$f_{\mathbf{k}}^{(s)}(2) = \frac{1}{i(\omega - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}_s + i\delta)} \int dk_1 dk_2 dk_3 dk_4 \delta(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_2) \delta(\mathbf{k}_2 - \mathbf{k}_3 - \mathbf{k}_4) \\ \times \vec{F}_{s\mathbf{k}_1} \cdot \vec{v}_{p_s} \frac{1}{i(\omega_2 - \vec{k}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_s + i\delta)} \vec{F}_{s\mathbf{k}_3} \cdot \vec{v}_{p_s} f_{\mathbf{k}_4}^{R(s)}, \quad (24)$$

and

$$f_{\mathbf{k}}^{(s)}(3) = \frac{1}{i(\omega - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}_s + i\delta)} \int dk_1 dk_2 dk_3 dk_4 dk_5 dk_6 \delta(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_2) \\ \times \delta(\mathbf{k}_2 - \mathbf{k}_3 - \mathbf{k}_4) \delta(\mathbf{k}_4 - \mathbf{k}_5 - \mathbf{k}_6) \vec{F}_{s\mathbf{k}_1} \cdot \vec{v}_{p_s} \frac{1}{i(\omega_2 - \vec{k}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_s + i\delta)} \\ \times \vec{F}_{s\mathbf{k}_3} \cdot \vec{v}_{p_s} \frac{1}{i(\omega_4 - \vec{k}_4 \cdot \vec{v}_s + i\delta)} \vec{F}_{s\mathbf{k}_5} \cdot \vec{v}_{p_s} f_{\mathbf{k}_6}^{R(s)}. \quad (25)$$

Substituting equation (22) in equations (23,24,25) and using the properties of the delta function to do some of the integrations, then

$$f_{\mathbf{k}}^{(s)}(1) = \frac{1}{i(\omega - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}_s + i\delta)} \vec{F}_{s\mathbf{k}} \cdot \vec{v}_{p_s} f_{p_s}^{R(0)}, \quad (26)$$

$$f_{\mathbf{k}}^{(s)}(2) = \frac{1}{i(\omega - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}_s + i\delta)} \int dk_1 dk_2 \delta(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_2) \vec{F}_{s\mathbf{k}_1} \cdot \vec{v}_{p_s} \\ \times \frac{1}{i(\omega_2 - \vec{k}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_s + i\delta)} \vec{F}_{s\mathbf{k}_2} \cdot \vec{v}_{p_s} f_{p_s}^{R(0)}, \quad (27)$$

and

$$f_k^{(s)(3)} = \frac{1}{i(\omega - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}_s + i\delta)} \int dk_1 dk_2 dk_3 dk_4 \delta(k - k_1 - k_2) \delta(k_2 - k_3 - k_4) \quad (28)$$

$$\times \vec{F}_{sk_1} \cdot \vec{v}_{p_s} \frac{1}{i(\omega_2 - \vec{k}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_s + i\delta)} \vec{F}_{sk_3} \cdot \vec{v}_{p_s} \frac{1}{i(\omega_4 - \vec{k}_4 \cdot \vec{v}_s + i\delta)} \vec{F}_{sk_4} \cdot \vec{v}_{p_s} f_p^{R(0)} .$$

The Fourier transform \vec{F}_{sk} of the Lorentz force \vec{F}_s is given by

$$\vec{F}_{sk} = e_s (\vec{E}_k + \vec{v}_s \times \vec{B}_k) . \quad (29)$$

However, from Maxwell's equation,

$$\partial_t \vec{B} = -\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} , \quad (30)$$

it follows that

$$\vec{B}_k = \frac{1}{\omega + i\delta} \vec{k} \times \vec{E}_k , \quad (31)$$

and substituting equation (31) in equation (29), then

$$\vec{F}_{sk} = e_s \left[\vec{E}_k + \frac{\vec{v}_s \times (\vec{k} \times \vec{E}_k)}{\omega + i\delta} \right] . \quad (32)$$

Then using the vector identity, one has

$$\vec{v}_s \times (\vec{k} \times \vec{E}_k) = (\vec{v}_s \cdot \vec{E}_k) \vec{k} - (\vec{v}_s \cdot \vec{k}) \vec{E}_k , \quad (33)$$

and equation (32) becomes

$$\vec{F}_{sk} = e_s \left[\vec{E}_k \left(1 - \frac{\vec{v}_s \cdot \vec{k}}{\omega + i\delta} \right) + \vec{k} \frac{\vec{v}_s \cdot \vec{E}_k}{\omega + i\delta} \right] . \quad (34)$$

Next substituting equation (20) in equation (14) one obtains for the Fourier transform of the dynamic polarization charge density

$$\rho_{dpk} = \sum_s e_s \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int \frac{d^3 p_s}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{\vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}_s}{\omega + i\delta} f_k^{(s)(n)} . \quad (35)$$

Similarly, the Fourier transform of the dynamic polarization current density equation (13) becomes

$$\vec{j}_{\text{dpk}} = \sum_{\text{s}} e_{\text{s}} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}_{\text{s}}}{(2\pi)^3} \vec{v}_{\text{s}} \vec{f}_{\text{k}}^{(\text{s})}(\text{n}) . \quad (36)$$

Equation (35) may be written as

$$\rho_{\text{dpk}} = \sum_{\text{s}} \rho_{\text{dpk}}^{(\text{s})} , \quad (37)$$

where

$$\rho_{\text{dpk}}^{(\text{s})} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \rho_{\text{dpk}}^{(\text{s})}(\text{n}) \quad (38)$$

and

$$\rho_{\text{dpk}}^{(\text{s})}(\text{n}) = \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}_{\text{s}}}{(2\pi)^3} e_{\text{s}} \frac{\vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}_{\text{s}}}{\omega + i\delta} f_{\text{k}}^{(\text{s})}(\text{n}) . \quad (39)$$

Similarly, equation (36) may be written

$$\vec{j}_{\text{dpk}} = \sum_{\text{s}} \vec{j}_{\text{dpk}}^{(\text{s})} , \quad (40)$$

where

$$\vec{j}_{\text{dpk}}^{(\text{s})} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \vec{j}_{\text{dpk}}^{(\text{s})}(\text{n}) \quad (41)$$

and

$$\vec{j}_{\text{dpk}}^{(\text{s})}(\text{n}) = \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}_{\text{s}}}{(2\pi)^3} e_{\text{s}} \vec{v}_{\text{s}} \vec{f}_{\text{k}}^{(\text{s})}(\text{n}) . \quad (42)$$

Equations (37) and (40) express the Fourier transform of the dynamic polarization charge density and current density in terms of a sum over the contributions of each species. Equations (38) and (41) represent the latter as expansions in the total electric field, the n^{th} order terms of which are given by equations (39) and (42). The first three orders can be obtained by substituting equations (26) to (28) and (34) in equations (39) and (42).

3. THE DYNAMIC POLARIZATION CURRENT DENSITY

The currents $\vec{j}_{dp}^{(s)(1)}$, $\vec{j}_{dp}^{(s)(2)}$, and $\vec{j}_{dp}^{(s)(3)}$ are the linear, second-order nonlinear, and third-order nonlinear dynamic polarization current densities, respectively. The linear and nonlinear electric field dependence is given by equations (42), (26) to (28), and (34).

Proceeding to reduce the linear current one has, using equations (42) and (26),

$$\vec{j}_{dpk}^{(s)(1)} = \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}_s}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{e_s \vec{v}_s}{i(\omega - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}_s + i\delta)} \vec{F}_{sk} \cdot \vec{v}_{ps} f_{ps}^{R(0)} . \quad (43)$$

Substituting equation (34) in equation (43) then, equation (43) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{j}_{dpk}^{(s)(1)} = & \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}_s}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{e_s^2 \vec{v}_s}{i(\omega - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}_s + i\delta)} \left[\vec{E}_k \left(1 - \frac{\vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}_s}{\omega + i\delta} \right) \right. \\ & \left. + \vec{k} \left(\frac{\vec{v}_s \cdot \vec{E}_k}{\omega + i\delta} \right) \right] \cdot \vec{v}_{ps} f_{ps}^{R(0)} . \end{aligned} \quad (44)$$

Using the Einstein convention with implicit summation over repeated indices, equation (44) may be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{j}_{dpki}^{(s)(1)} = & E_{kl} \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}_s}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{e_s^2 v_{si}}{i(\omega - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}_s + i\delta)} \left[\delta_{lm} \left(1 - \frac{\vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}_s}{\omega + i\delta} \right) \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{k_m v_{sl}}{\omega + i\delta} \right] \frac{\partial f_{ps}^{R(0)}}{\partial p_{sm}} . \end{aligned} \quad (45)$$

Equivalently, then, the linear dynamic polarization current density is given by

$$\vec{j}_{dpki}^{(s)(1)} = \sigma_{il}^{(s)}(k) E_{kl} , \quad (46)$$

where the linear conductivity tensor $\sigma_{il}^{(s)}$ is given by²

$$\sigma_{il}^{(s)}(k) = e_s^2 \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}_s}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{v_{si} \left[\delta_{lm} \left(1 - \frac{\vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}_s}{\omega + i\delta} \right) + \frac{k_m v_{sl}}{\omega + i\delta} \right]}{i(\omega - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}_s + i\delta)} \frac{\partial f_{ps}^{R(0)}}{\partial p_{sm}} . \quad (47)$$

²V. N. Tsytovich, *Theory of Turbulent Plasma*, Consultants Bureau, Plenum Publishing Corp. (New York, 1977).

Proceeding to reduce the second-order dynamic polarization current using equations (42) and (27), then

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{j}_{\text{dpk}}^{(s)(2)} = & \int \frac{d^3 p_s}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{e_s \vec{v}_s}{i(\omega - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}_s + i\delta)} dk_1 dk_2 \delta(\vec{k} - \vec{k}_1 - \vec{k}_2) \\ & \times \vec{F}_{s k_1} \cdot \vec{\nabla}_{p_s} \frac{1}{i(\omega_2 - \vec{k}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_s + i\delta)} \vec{F}_{s k_2} \cdot \vec{\nabla}_{p_s} f_{p_s}^{R(0)}. \end{aligned} \quad (48)$$

Substituting equation (34) in equation (48), then

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{j}_{\text{dpk}}^{(s)(2)} = & \int \frac{d^3 p_s}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{e_s \vec{v}_s}{i(\omega - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}_s + i\delta)} dk_1 dk_2 \delta(\vec{k} - \vec{k}_1 - \vec{k}_2) \\ & \times \left[\vec{E}_{k_1} \left(1 - \frac{\vec{k}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_s}{\omega_1 + i\delta} \right) + \vec{k}_1 \left(\frac{\vec{v}_s \cdot \vec{E}_{k_1}}{\omega_1 + i\delta} \right) \right] \cdot \vec{\nabla}_{p_s} \frac{1}{i(\omega_2 - \vec{k}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_s + i\delta)} \\ & \times \left[\vec{E}_{k_2} \left(1 - \frac{\vec{k}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_s}{\omega_2 + i\delta} \right) + \vec{k}_2 \left(\frac{\vec{v}_s \cdot \vec{E}_{k_2}}{\omega_2 + i\delta} \right) \right] \cdot \vec{\nabla}_{p_s} f_{p_s}^{R(0)}. \end{aligned} \quad (49)$$

Equivalently, then, the second-order nonlinear dynamic polarization current density, equation (49), may be rewritten as

$$\vec{j}_{\text{dpki}}^{(s)(2)} = -e_s \int \frac{dk_1 dk_2 \delta(\vec{k} - \vec{k}_1 - \vec{k}_2)}{(\omega_1 + i\delta)(\omega_2 + i\delta)} S_{ij\ell}^{(s)}(k, k_1, k_2) E_{k_1 j} E_{k_2 \ell}, \quad (50)$$

where the second-order nonlinear conductivity tensor $S_{ij\ell}^{(s)}(k, k_1, k_2)$ for species s is given by^{1,3-8}

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$$S_{ijl}^{(s)}(k, k_1, k_2) = e_s^2 \int \frac{d^3 p_s}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{v_{si}}{(\omega - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}_s + i\delta)} \left[(\omega_1 - \vec{k}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_s) \frac{\partial}{\partial p_{sj}} \right. \\ \left. + v_{sj} k_{1m} \frac{\partial}{\partial p_{sm}} \right] \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial p_{sl}} + \frac{v_{sl}}{\omega_2 - \vec{k}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_s + i\delta} k_{2n} \frac{\partial}{\partial p_{sn}} \right] f_{ps}^{R(0)}. \quad (51)$$

Equations (50) and (51) are in complete accord with Tsytovich.⁹ He has absorbed a factor of $(-e_s/\omega_1\omega_2)$ in equation (50) into his definition of the second-order conductivity. It is to be noted, however, that the Fourier transform and normalization conventions used by Tsytovich⁹ are identical to those used here, whereas those used by Akopyan and Tsytovich¹ are not. Note also that the tensor defined by their equations¹ (18) and (20) differs from equation (51) above in that the first complex denominator $\omega - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}_s + i\delta$ in equation (51) here is implicitly $\omega - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}_s - i\delta$ there.^{6,7}

Recently, some new exact symmetries of the second-order nonlinear conductivity tensor equation (51) have been discovered³⁻⁸ and related to long-established approximate symmetries related to the Manley-Rowe relations, crossing symmetry, and the nondissipative nature of the nonlinear current. Also, a useful new polynomial representation for the tensor was obtained in which all derivatives are removed and the pole structure is clearly exhibited.³⁻⁸ The symmetries are useful in the reduction of collective radiation probabilities.¹ Specifically the new exact symmetries are given by⁶⁻⁸

$$S_{ijl}^{(s)}(k_1 + k_2, k_1, k_2) + S_{ilj}^{(s)}(k_1 + k_2, k_2, k_1) \\ = S_{jil}^{(s)}(k_1, k_1 + k_2, k_2) - S_{jli}^{(s)}(k_1, k_2, k_1 + k_2) \quad (52)$$

¹A. V. Akopyan and V. N. Tsytovich, *Bremsstrahlung in a Nonequilibrium Plasma*, *Fiz. Plazmy*, 1 (1975), 673 [*Sov. J. Plasma Phys.*, 1 (1975), 371].

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and³⁻⁸

$$\begin{aligned}
 & S_{ijl}^{(s)}(-k_1 - k_2, k_1, k_2) + S_{ilj}^{(s)}(-k_1 - k_2, k_2, k_1) \\
 & = S_{jil}^{(s)}(k_1, -k_1 - k_2, k_2) + S_{jli}^{(s)}(k_1, k_2, -k_1 - k_2) .
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{53}$$

The approximate symmetries follow from equations (52) and (53) when resonant wave-particle interactions are negligible. For example, under this condition the well-known approximate symmetry--equation (2.83) of Tsytovich²--may be obtained from either equation (52) or equation (53).^{3-6,8}

Proceeding to reduce the third-order polarization current using equations (42) and (28) and integrating over one of the delta functions, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{j}_{dpk}^{(s)}(3) &= \int \frac{d^3 p_s}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{e_s \vec{v}_s}{i(\omega - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}_s + i\delta)} dk_1 dk_3 dk_4 \delta(k - k_1 - k_3 - k_4) \\
 & \times \vec{F}_{sk_1}^{\vec{v}_s} \frac{1}{i(\omega - \omega_1 - (\vec{k} - \vec{k}_1) \cdot \vec{v}_s + i\delta)} \vec{F}_{sk_3}^{\vec{v}_s} \frac{1}{i(\omega_4 - \vec{k}_4 \cdot \vec{v}_s + i\delta)} \\
 & \times \vec{F}_{sk_4}^{\vec{v}_s} f_{ps}^{R(0)} .
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{54}$$

Substituting equation (34) in equation (54) and renaming wave vector variables of integration, then

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$$\begin{aligned}
\vec{j}_{\text{d}p\mathbf{k}}^{(s)(3)} &= \int d^3p_s \frac{e_s^4 \vec{v}_s}{(2\pi)^3 i(\omega - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}_s + i\delta)} d\mathbf{k}_1 d\mathbf{k}_2 d\mathbf{k}_3 \delta(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_2 - \mathbf{k}_3) \\
&\times \left[\vec{E}_{\mathbf{k}_1} \left(1 - \frac{\vec{v}_s \cdot \mathbf{k}_1}{\omega_1 + i\delta} \right) + \mathbf{k}_1 \left(\frac{\vec{v}_s \cdot \vec{E}_{\mathbf{k}_1}}{\omega_1 + i\delta} \right) \right] \cdot \vec{v}_s \frac{1}{i[(\omega - \omega_1) - (\vec{k} - \mathbf{k}_1) \cdot \vec{v}_s + i\delta]} \\
&\times \left[\vec{E}_{\mathbf{k}_2} \left(1 - \frac{\vec{v}_s \cdot \mathbf{k}_2}{\omega_2 + i\delta} \right) + \mathbf{k}_2 \left(\frac{\vec{v}_s \cdot \vec{E}_{\mathbf{k}_2}}{\omega_2 + i\delta} \right) \right] \cdot \vec{v}_s \frac{1}{i(\omega_3 - \vec{k}_3 \cdot \vec{v}_s + i\delta)} \\
&\times \left[\vec{E}_{\mathbf{k}_3} \left(1 - \frac{\vec{v}_s \cdot \mathbf{k}_3}{\omega_3 + i\delta} \right) + \mathbf{k}_3 \left(\frac{\vec{v}_s \cdot \vec{E}_{\mathbf{k}_3}}{\omega_3 + i\delta} \right) \right] \cdot \vec{v}_s f_{p_s}^{R(0)}.
\end{aligned} \tag{55}$$

Equivalently then, the third-order nonlinear dynamic polarization current density--equation (55)--may be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
\vec{j}_{\text{d}p\mathbf{k}}^{(s)(3)} &= -e_s \int d\mathbf{k}_1 d\mathbf{k}_2 d\mathbf{k}_3 \frac{\delta(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_2 - \mathbf{k}_3)}{(\omega_1 + i\delta)(\omega_2 + i\delta)(\omega_3 + i\delta)} \\
&\times \Sigma_{ij\ell m}^{(s)}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3) E_{\mathbf{k}_1 j} E_{\mathbf{k}_2 \ell} E_{\mathbf{k}_3 m},
\end{aligned} \tag{56}$$

where the third-order nonlinear conductivity tensor for species s is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Sigma_{ij\ell m}^{(s)}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3) \\
&= -ie_s^3 \int d^3p_s \frac{v_{si}}{(2\pi)^3 \omega - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}_s + i\delta} \\
&\times [\delta_{jn}(\omega_1 - \vec{k}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_s) + k_{1n} v_{sj}] \frac{\partial}{\partial p_{sn}} \frac{1}{\omega - \omega_1 - (\vec{k} - \mathbf{k}_1) \cdot \vec{v}_s + i\delta} \\
&\times [\delta_{lu}(\omega_2 - \vec{k}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_s) + k_{2u} v_{sl}] \frac{\partial}{\partial p_{su}} \frac{1}{\omega_3 - \vec{k}_3 \cdot \vec{v}_s + i\delta} \\
&\times [\delta_{mq}(\omega_3 - \vec{k}_3 \cdot \vec{v}_s) + k_{3q} v_{sm}] \frac{\partial}{\partial p_{sq}} f_{p_s}^{R(0)}.
\end{aligned} \tag{57}$$

Equations (56) and (57) are also in complete accord with Tsytovich.⁹ He has absorbed a factor of $(-e_s/\omega_1\omega_2\omega_3)$ into the third-order nonlinear conductivity.

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4. THE NONLINEAR DYNAMIC POLARIZATION FORCE

The dynamic polarization force \vec{F}_{dp} on a test particle is given by the Lorentz force acting on the polarization charge accompanying the particle. Thus,

$$\vec{F}_{dp} = \sum_s \int d^3\vec{r} [\rho_{dp}^{(s)}(\vec{r}, t) \vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) + \vec{j}_{dp}^{(s)}(\vec{r}, t) \times \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t)] \quad (58)$$

The fields $\vec{E}(\vec{r}, t)$ and $\vec{B}(\vec{r}, t)$ are the electric and magnetic fields induced by the test particle interaction with the other particles in the system. It is assumed that there are no external fields. In terms of the Fourier decompositions, equation (58) becomes the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{F}_{dp} = \sum_s \int d^3\vec{r} dk_1 dk_2 e^{i(\vec{k}_1 \cdot \vec{r} - \omega_1 t)} e^{i(\vec{k}_2 \cdot \vec{r} - \omega_2 t)} \\ \times [\rho_{dpk_1}^{(s)} \vec{E}_{k_2} + \vec{j}_{dpk_1}^{(s)} \times \vec{B}_{k_2}] \quad , \end{aligned} \quad (59)$$

or performing the integral over space, then

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{F}_{dp} = \sum_s \int dk_1 dk_2 e^{-i(\omega_1 + \omega_2)t} (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\vec{k}_1 + \vec{k}_2) \\ \times [\rho_{dpk_1}^{(s)} \vec{E}_{k_2} + \vec{j}_{dpk_1}^{(s)} \times \vec{B}_{k_2}] \quad . \end{aligned} \quad (60)$$

The time-average dynamic polarization force is given by

$$\langle \vec{F}_{dp} \rangle = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_{-t/2}^{t/2} \vec{F}_{dp}(t') dt' \quad (61)$$

Substituting equation (60) in equation (61) and replacing the time limits of integration by the infinite limit, then

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \vec{F}_{dp} \rangle = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt' \sum_s \int dk_1 dk_2 e^{-i(\omega_1 + \omega_2)t'} (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\vec{k}_1 + \vec{k}_2) \\ \times [\rho_{dpk_1}^{(s)} \vec{E}_{k_2} + \vec{j}_{dpk_1}^{(s)} \times \vec{B}_{k_2}] \quad . \end{aligned} \quad (62)$$

Performing the time integration, then equation (62) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \vec{F}_{dp} \rangle = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2\pi)^4}{t} \sum_s \int dk_1 dk_2 \delta(k_1 + k_2) \\ \times \left[\rho_{dpk_1}^{(s)} \vec{E}_{k_2} + \vec{j}_{dpk_1}^{(s)} \times \vec{B}_{k_2} \right] \quad , \end{aligned} \quad (63)$$

where

$$\delta(k) \equiv \delta^3(\vec{k})\delta(\omega) . \quad (64)$$

Using the property of the delta function to integrate over k_1 , and renaming the remaining integration variable k_2 to be k , then equation (63) becomes

$$\langle \vec{F}_{dp} \rangle = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2\pi)^4}{t} \sum_s \int dk [\rho_{dp-k}^{(s)} \vec{E}_k + \vec{j}_{dp-k}^{(s)} \times \vec{B}_k] . \quad (65)$$

Using equations (12) and (31), one has

$$\rho_{dp-k}^{(s)} \vec{E}_k + \vec{j}_{dp-k}^{(s)} \times \vec{B}_k = \frac{\vec{k} \cdot \vec{j}_{dp-k}^{(s)} \vec{E}_k}{\omega - i\delta} + \frac{\vec{j}_{dp-k}^{(s)} \times (\vec{k} \times \vec{E}_k)}{\omega + i\delta} . \quad (66)$$

Next using the vector identity

$$\vec{j}_{dp-k}^{(s)} \times (\vec{k} \times \vec{E}_k) = (\vec{j}_{dp-k}^{(s)} \cdot \vec{E}_k) \vec{k} - (\vec{j}_{dp-k}^{(s)} \cdot \vec{k}) \vec{E}_k , \quad (67)$$

together with equation (12) and the fact that $\omega\delta(\omega) = 0$, then equation (66) becomes

$$\rho_{dp-k}^{(s)} \vec{E}_k + \vec{j}_{dp-k}^{(s)} \times \vec{B}_k = \frac{\vec{k} (\vec{E}_k \cdot \vec{j}_{dp-k}^{(s)})}{\omega + i\delta} . \quad (68)$$

Therefore, substituting equation (68) in equation (65) one has

$$\langle \vec{F}_{dp} \rangle = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2\pi)^4}{t} \sum_s \int dk \vec{k} \frac{\vec{E}_k \cdot \vec{j}_{dp-k}^{(s)}}{\omega + i\delta} . \quad (69)$$

Substituting equation (41) in equation (69), then

$$\langle \vec{F}_{dp} \rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \vec{F}_{dp}^{(n)} , \quad (70)$$

where

$$\vec{F}_{dp}^{(n)} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2\pi)^4}{t} \sum_s \int dk \frac{\vec{k}}{\omega + i\delta} \vec{E}_k \cdot \vec{j}_{dp-k}^{(s)(n+1)} . \quad (71)$$

Next, substituting equation (46) in equation (71), then

$$\vec{F}_{dp}^{(0)} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2\pi)^4}{t} \sum_s \int \frac{dk}{\omega + i\delta} \vec{k} E_{k_i} \sigma_{i\ell}^{(s)}(-k) E_{-k\ell} \quad (72)$$

Replacing the variable of integration k by $-k$ in equation (72), and realizing that because the fields are real

$$\vec{E}_{-k} = \vec{E}_k^* \quad (73)$$

then equation (72) becomes

$$\vec{F}_{dp}^{(0)} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2\pi)^4}{t} \sum_s \int \frac{dk}{\omega - i\delta} \vec{k} E_{k_i}^* E_{k_\ell} \sigma_{i\ell}^{(s)}(k) \quad (74)$$

An alternative form is obtained by introducing an integrated delta function in equation (72) to obtain an equivalent expression, namely,

$$\vec{F}_{dp}^{(0)} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2\pi)^4}{t} \sum_s \int \frac{dk dk_1}{\omega + i\delta} \delta(k + k_1) \vec{k} E_{k_i} E_{k_1\ell} \sigma_{i\ell}^{(s)}(k_1) \quad (75)$$

Next substituting equation (50) in equation (71), and noting that the delta function is even, one obtains

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{F}_{dp}^{(1)} = & -\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2\pi)^4}{t} \sum_s e_s \int \frac{dk dk_1 dk_2 \delta(k + k_1 + k_2)}{(\omega + i\delta)(\omega_1 + i\delta)(\omega_2 + i\delta)} \\ & \times E_{k_i} E_{k_1 j} E_{k_2 \ell} \vec{k} \bar{S}_{ij\ell}^{(s)}(-k, k_1, k_2) \quad (76) \end{aligned}$$

Equation (76) is in complete agreement with equation (18) of Akopyan and Tsytovich¹ since from equation (51) as noted earlier it follows that

$$\bar{S}_{ij\ell}^{(s)}(-k, k_1, k_2) = -\bar{S}_{ij\ell}^{(s)}(k, k_1, k_2) \quad (77)$$

where $\bar{S}_{ij\ell}^{(s)}(k, k_1, k_2)$ designates the conductivity tensor appearing in Akopyan and Tsytovich¹ in which evidently the first complex denominator is implicitly $\omega - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{v}_s - i\delta$. This may be seen from equation (18) there where, because of the delta function, one has effectively $\bar{S}_{ij\ell}^{(s)}(-k_1 - k_2, k_1, k_2)$. Assuming that

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equation (50) holds there also, except for the differing Fourier transform convention, then because of the delta function only $S_{ijl}^{(s)}(k_1 + k_2, k_1, k_2)$ can enter. Equation (18) of Akopyan and Tsytovich¹ has an additional factor of $(2\pi)^{-9}(2\pi)^{-3}$ which apparently arises from different Fourier transform and background normalization conventions. For example, in their equation (5)¹ the Fourier transform convention employed has a factor of $(2\pi)^{-3}$ in the inverse Fourier transform in the integration over the three-dimensional wave vector space, and a factor of 1 for the integration over frequency, giving a total factor of $(2\pi)^{-3}$, whereas here a total factor of 1 is used as in equation (9), for example. Also, the Fourier transform itself has a factor of $(2\pi)^{-1}$ there and $(2\pi)^{-4}$ here as in equation (21), for example. There is also another additional factor of $(2\pi)^{-3}$ in their equation (18)¹ which is apparently due to differing background normalization. Because of the different Fourier transform convention alone, the counterpart of their equation (18)¹ would have an additional factor of $(2\pi)^3$. Apparently it has been absorbed into the normalization of $f_{ps}^{R(0)}$ there. In short, the $f_{ps}^{R(0)}$ there must be $(2\pi)^3$ times that here. Alternatively if the normalization is in fact the same as that here, then there is an erroneous factor of $(2\pi)^{-3}$ appearing there. Also the factor of 1/6 in Akopyan and Tsytovich¹ arises from the explicit symmetrization chosen there.

Next substituting equation (56) in equation (71) and noting that the delta function is even, one obtains

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\hat{F}^{(2)}}{dp} = & -\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2\pi)^4}{t} \sum_s e_s \int \frac{dk dk_1 dk_2 dk_3 \delta(k + k_1 + k_2 + k_3)}{(\omega + i\delta)(\omega_1 + i\delta)(\omega_2 + i\delta)(\omega_3 + i\delta)} \\ & \times E_{ki} E_{k_1j} E_{k_2l} E_{k_3m} \hat{K} \Sigma_{ijlm}^{(s)}(-k, k_1, k_2, k_3) . \end{aligned} \quad (78)$$

It is to be noted that equations (78) and (57) are in apparent agreement with equations (19) and (21) of Akopyan and Tsytovich.¹ Evidently in the conductivity tensor $T_{ijlm}^{(s)}(k, k_1, k_2, k_3)$ given by equation (21) there,¹ the first two complex denominators are implicitly $\omega - \hat{k} \cdot \hat{v}_s - i\delta$ and $\omega + \omega_1 - (\hat{k} + \hat{k}_1) \cdot \hat{v}_s - i\delta$, respectively, and also there is no overall factor of i as there is in equation (57) here. Therefore

$$\Sigma_{ijlm}^{(s)}(-k, k_1, k_2, k_3) = -iT_{ijlm}^{(s)}(k, k_1, k_2, k_3) . \quad (79)$$

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Thus, comparing equations (78) and (79) with equation (19) of Akopyan and Tsytovich,¹ one finds that they are in complete agreement. Again the additional factors of $(2\pi)^{-12}$ and $(2\pi)^{-3}$ and $1/24$ in their equation (19)¹ apparently arise from differing Fourier transform and background normalization conventions and explicit symmetrization, respectively.

In summary, then, using equation (70), the time-average dynamic polarization force on a relativistic test particle to fourth order, in the field in a nonequilibrium beam-plasma system for a slowly varying, nearly spatially independent background with no external fields, is given by

$$\langle \vec{F}_{dp} \rangle = \vec{F}_{dp}^{(0)} + \vec{F}_{dp}^{(1)} + \vec{F}_{dp}^{(2)} . \quad (80)$$

The linear, second-order nonlinear, and third-order nonlinear dynamic polarization forces $\vec{F}_{dp}^{(0)}$, $\vec{F}_{dp}^{(1)}$, and $\vec{F}_{dp}^{(2)}$ are given by equations (75), (76), and (78), respectively.

5. CONCLUSION

An expression--equations (80), (75), (76), and (78)--has been obtained for the time-averaged dynamic polarization force on a relativistic test particle to fourth order in the total field in a nonequilibrium beam-plasma system for a slowly varying, nearly spatially independent background with no external fields. This result has been used in the work of Akopyan and Tsytovich in the theory of collective bremsstrahlung in nonequilibrium plasmas.

The present work together with related work by the author^{10,*†,‡} is important for ongoing work in calculating collective radiation processes and conditions for the occurrence of radiative instability in relativistic beam-plasma systems.

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