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PASER: particle acceleration by stimulated emission of radiation

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Abstract

Cherenkov radiation occurs when an electron traverses a passive dielectric material at a velocity which exceeds the phase velocity of an electromagnetic wave in the medium; thus the electron is decelerated. It is shown that if the electron traverses an active medium it may be accelerated. The acceleration is proportional to the population inversion.

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