

# IONIZATION EFFECT FROM ULTRA RELATIVISTIC ELECTRON-POSITRON PAIR IN THIN PLATE

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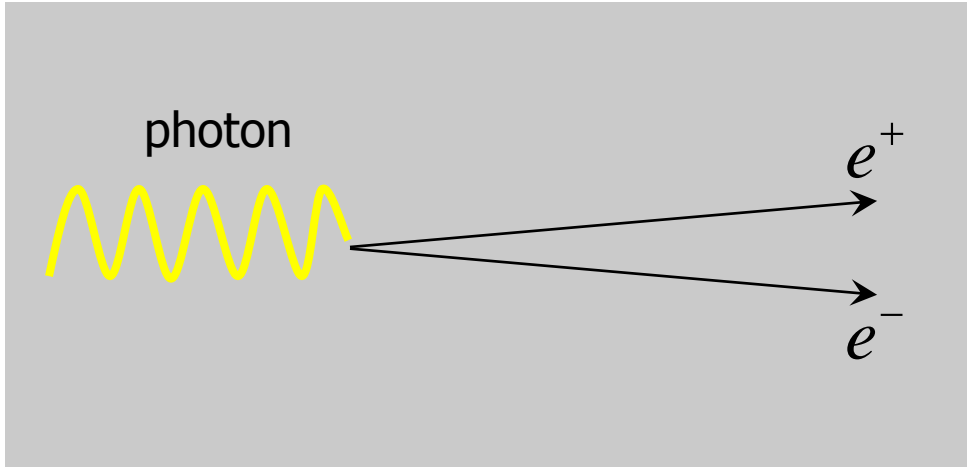
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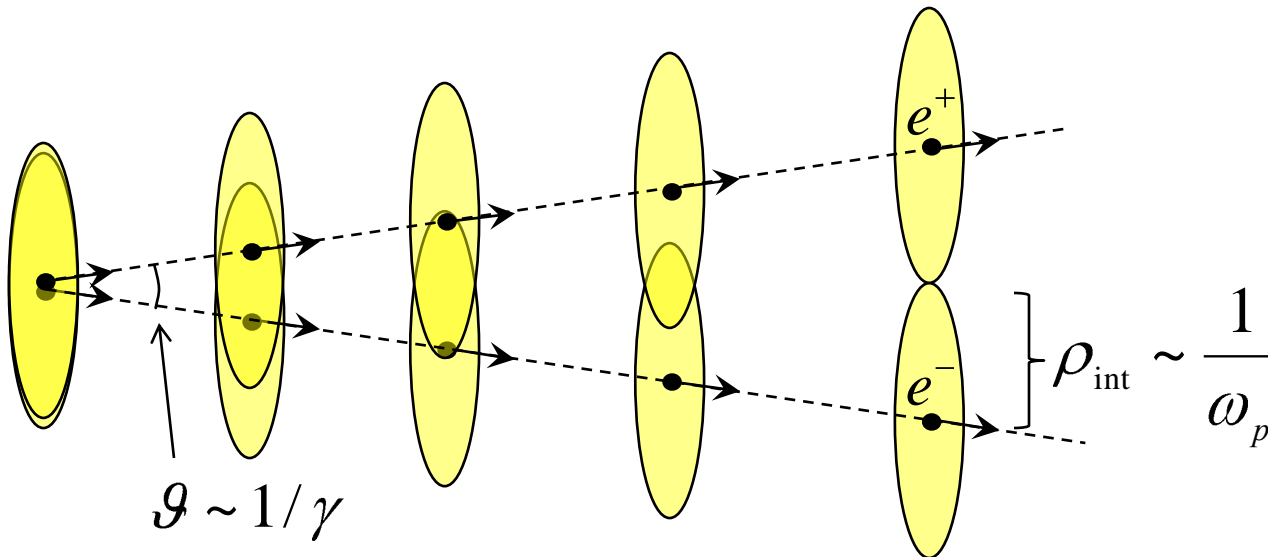
# CHUDAKOV EFFECT (ionization loss in boundless medium)



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**Interference length:**

$$L_{\text{int}} \approx \frac{\rho_{\text{int}}}{\mathcal{G}} \sim \frac{\gamma}{\omega_p}$$



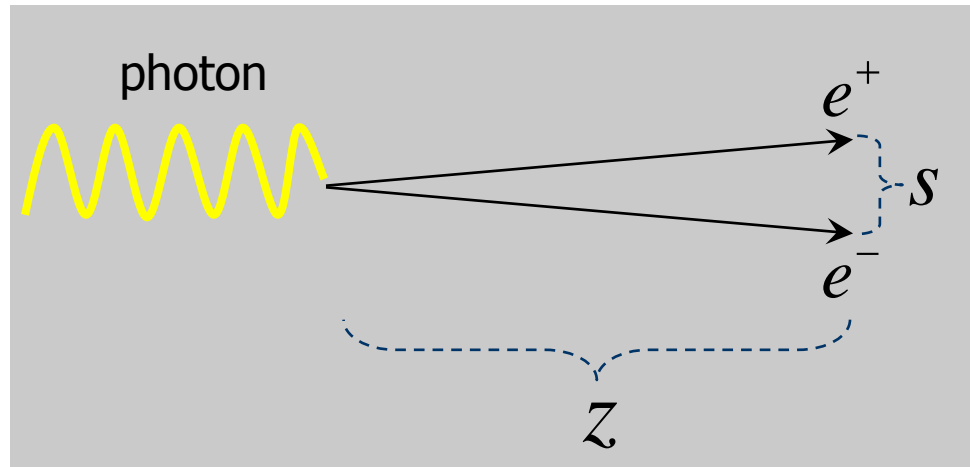
**For**  $\mathcal{E} = 100 \text{ GeV}$

$$L_{\text{int}} \sim 1 \text{ mm}$$

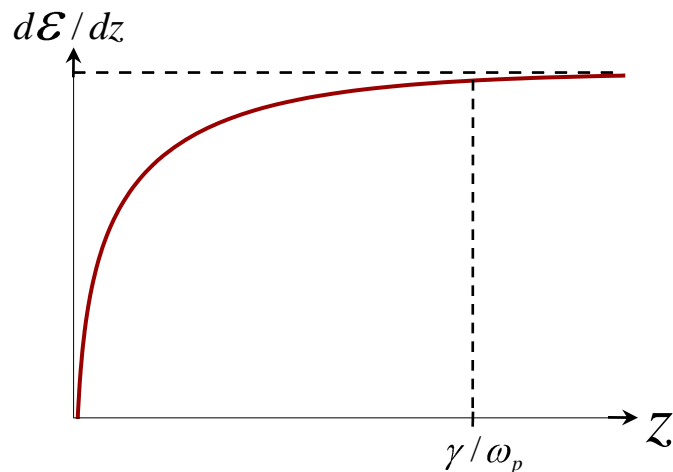
$\gamma$  – Lorenz-factor of each particle

$\omega_p$  – plasma frequency of substance

# CHUDAKOV EFFECT (ionization loss in boundless medium)



Dependence of pair ionization loss  
on distance from its creation point



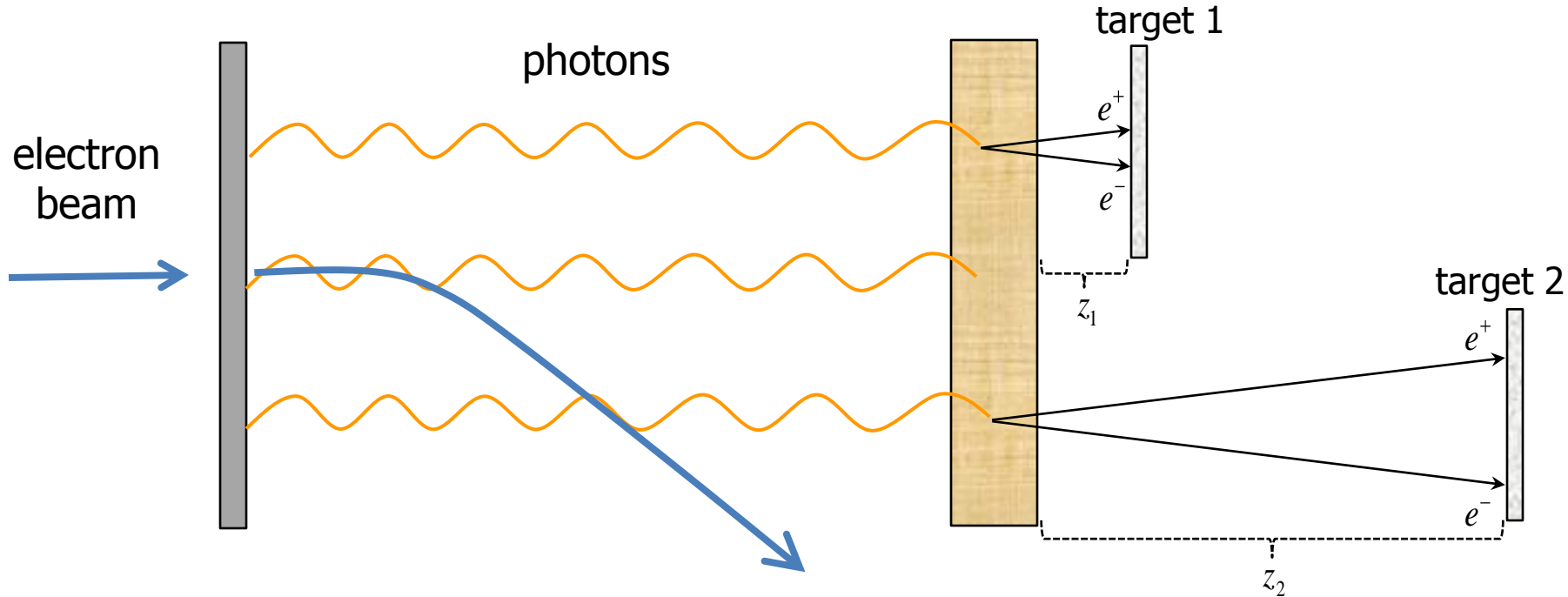
For  $z < \gamma / \omega_p$  (which corresponds to  $s < 1 / \omega_p$ ):  
strong suppression of  $d\mathcal{E} / dz$

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The ratio of pair ionization losses in two plates  $\sigma = \Delta\mathcal{E}_1 / \Delta\mathcal{E}_2$  as a function of the pair energy  $\mathcal{E}$  was measured in the range  $1\text{ GeV} < \mathcal{E} < 100\text{ GeV}$

For  $L_{\text{int}} > z_1$  and  $L_{\text{int}} > z_2 \longrightarrow \sigma < 1$

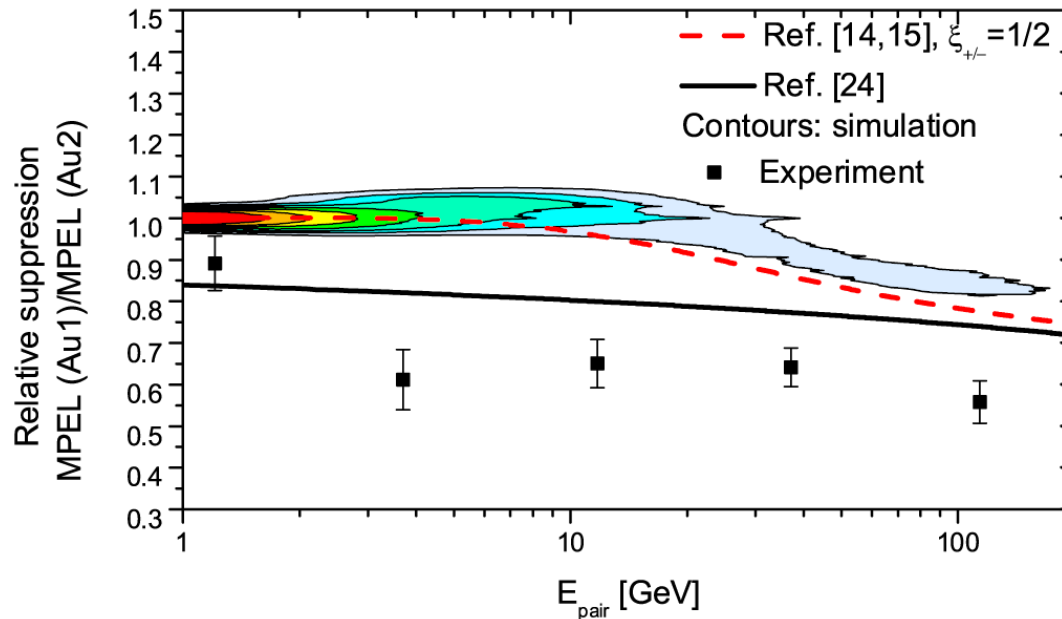
For  $L_{\text{int}} \ll z_1$  and  $L_{\text{int}} \ll z_2 \longrightarrow \sigma = 1$

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$\Delta\mathcal{E}_1 / \Delta\mathcal{E}_2$  as a function of the pair energy  $\mathcal{E}$



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# PAIR FIELD EVOLUTION IN VACUUM

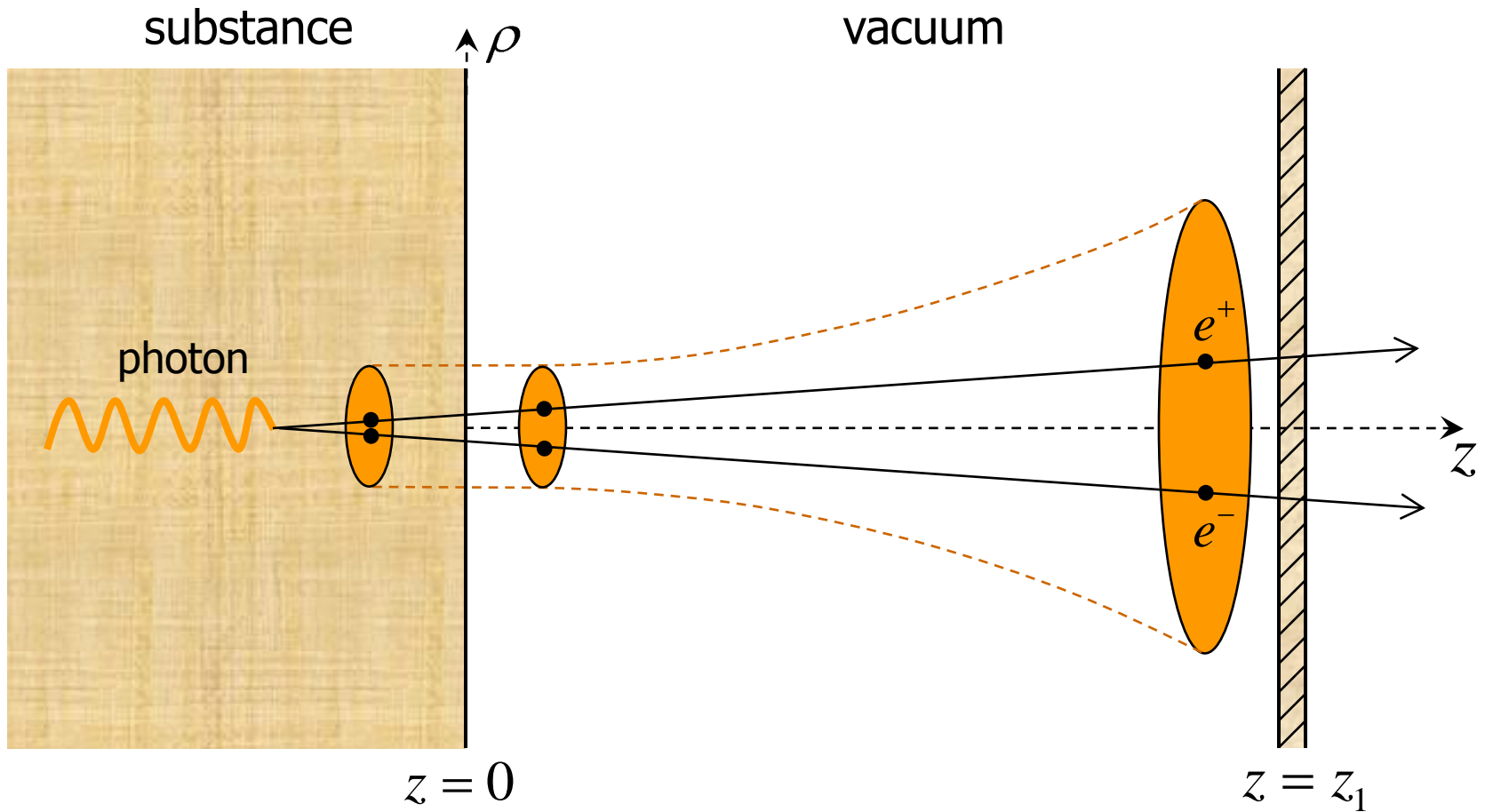
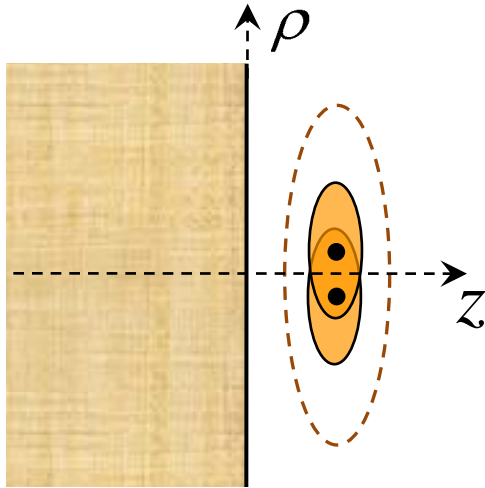


Plate thickness  $a \leq I / \eta_p^2$   
 $\eta_p$  – plasma frequency of the plate

$I$  – mean ionization potential

# PAIR FIELD EVOLUTION IN VACUUM



Total field around the pair in vacuum:

$$\vec{E} = \vec{E}_C^+ + \vec{E}_C^- + \vec{E}^F$$

Total electric field Fourier-component:

$$\vec{E}_{\omega\perp}(\vec{r}) = -\frac{ie}{\pi v} \int d^2 q \vec{q} \left\{ Q_c(q) e^{i\omega z/v} + Q_f(q) e^{i\omega z(1-q^2/2\omega^2)} \right\} e^{i\vec{q}\vec{\rho}} (1 - e^{-i\vec{q}\vec{s}})$$

where:  $Q_f(q) = \frac{1}{q^2 + \omega_p^2 + \omega^2/v^2\gamma^2} - \frac{1}{q^2 + \omega^2/v^2\gamma^2}$  and  $Q_c(q) = \frac{1}{q^2 + \omega^2/v^2\gamma^2}$

# PAIR IONIZATION LOSS IN PLATE

(the plate is situated on distance  $z_1$  from the substance)

$$\frac{d\mathcal{E}}{dz} = 2\eta_p^2 e^2 \left\{ \underbrace{\ln \frac{q_0 v \gamma}{I} - \frac{1}{2}}_{\text{ionization by particles' own coulomb fields}} + \underbrace{\ln \frac{\omega_p v \gamma}{I} - 1}_{\text{ionization by transition radiation}} + \underbrace{F(z_1)}_{\text{influence on ionization by interference of the particles' fields with each other and with transition radiation field}} \right\}$$

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where:

$$F(z_1) = \lambda_\gamma \text{Si} \lambda_\gamma + \text{Ci} \lambda_\gamma + \cos \lambda_\gamma - \cos \lambda_p \text{Ci}(\lambda_p + \lambda_\gamma) - \sin \lambda_p \text{Si}(\lambda_p + \lambda_\gamma) -$$

$$- 2K_0\left(2 \frac{Iz_1}{\gamma^2}\right) + 2 \frac{Iz_1}{\gamma^2} K_1\left(2 \frac{Iz_1}{\gamma^2}\right) + K_0\left(2 \frac{\omega_p z_1}{\gamma}\right) + \frac{\omega_p z_1}{\gamma} K_1\left(2 \frac{\omega_p z_1}{\gamma}\right) +$$

$$+ 2\omega_p^2 \int_0^\infty dq q^3 \frac{J_0(2qz_1/\gamma) \cos(\lambda_\gamma + q^2 \lambda_p / \omega_p^2)}{(q^2 + \omega_p^2 + \omega^2 / \gamma^2)(q^2 + \omega^2 / \gamma^2)^2}$$

$$\lambda_\gamma = \frac{Iz_1}{2\gamma^2}$$

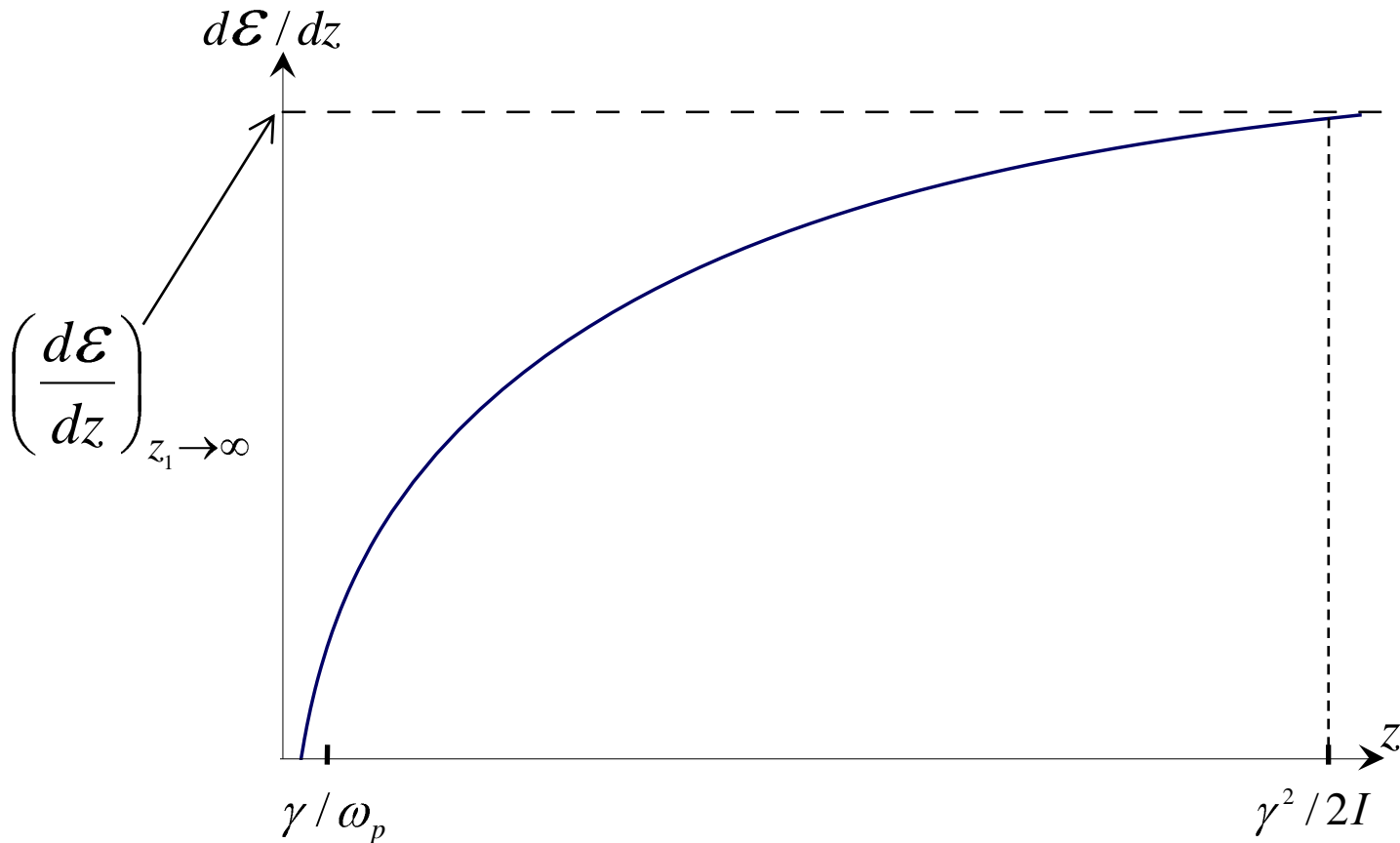
$$\lambda_p = \frac{\omega_p^2 z_1}{2I}$$

$K_i(x)$  – Macdonald function



# PAIR IONIZATION LOSS IN PLATE

(the plate is situated on distance  $z_1$  from the substance)



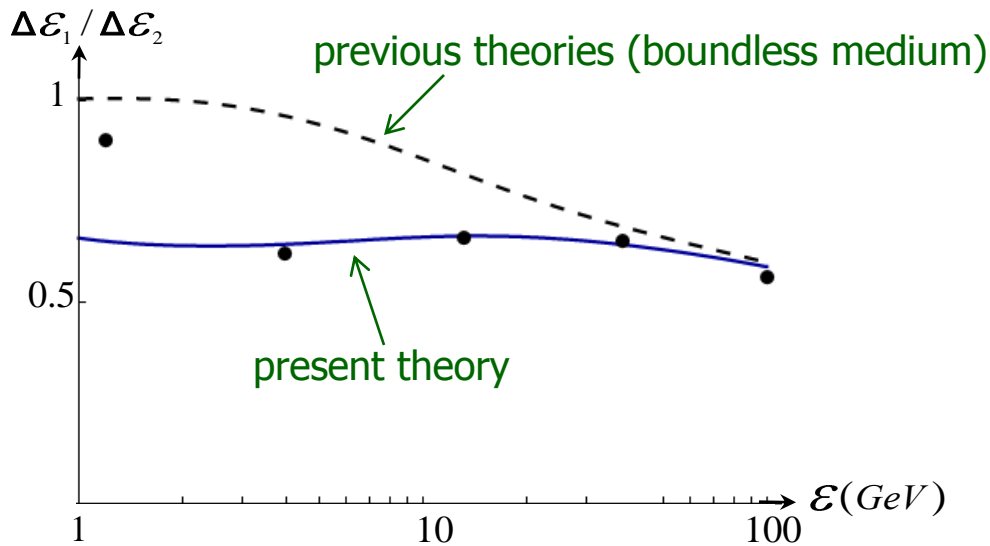
**For:**

$$\mathcal{E} = 100 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\frac{\gamma^2}{I} \sim 10 \text{ m!}$$

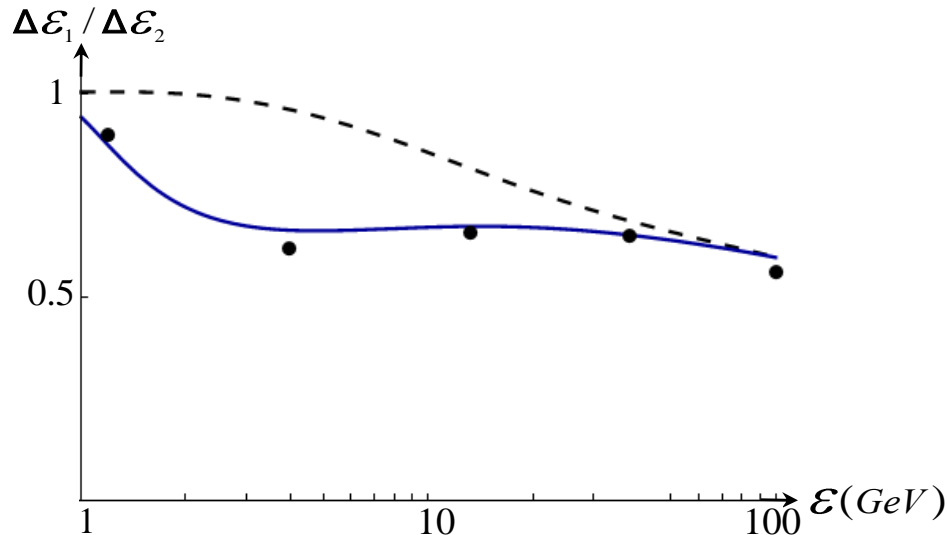
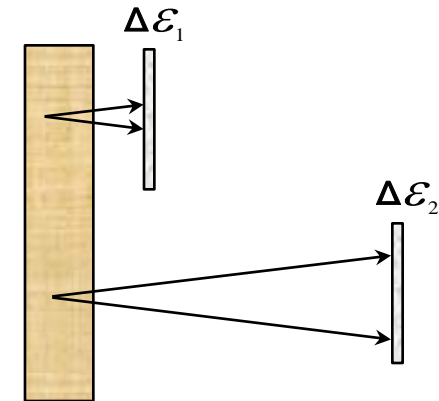
Interference effects exist on distances  $z_1 \sim \gamma^2 / I$ , which are much larger than the corresponding distances  $z_1 \sim \gamma / \omega_p$  in the case of the pair motion in boundless medium

# RATIO OF PAIR IONIZATION LOSSES IN TWO PLATES (as a function of pair energy)



total ionization loss

$I \sim 100 \text{ eV}$  (mean ionization potential)

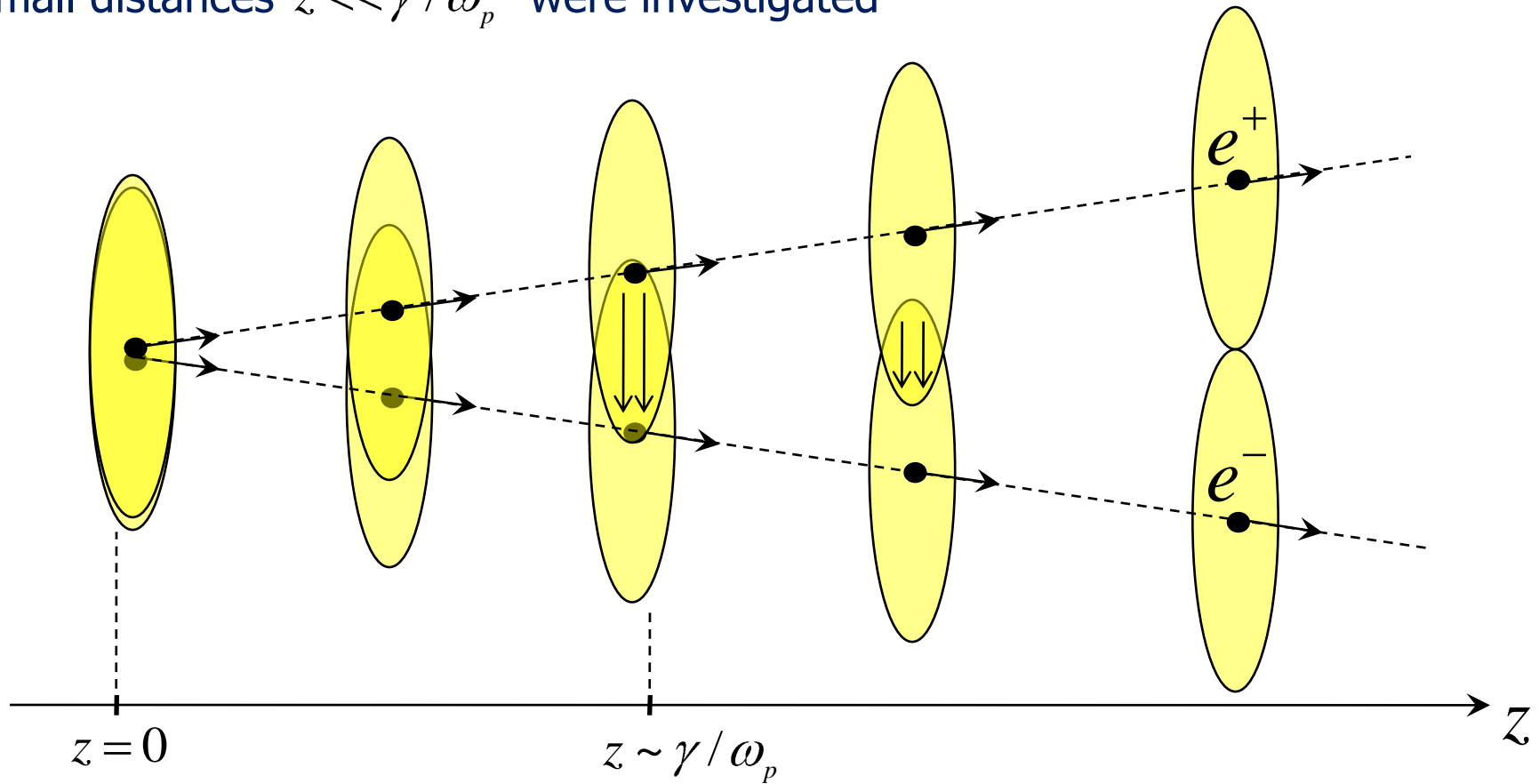


loss due to inner-shell (K-shell) excitation

$I_{in} \sim 2000 \text{ eV}$  (inner-shell ionization potential)

# ANTI-CHUDAKOV EFFECT

Previously either total pair energy loss (ionization+cherenkov) on arbitrary distances from the pair creation point  $0 < z < \infty$ , or just ionization loss on small distances  $z \ll \gamma / \omega_p$  were investigated



It is natural to expect increase of ionization loss at  $z \sim \gamma / \omega_p$

# PAIR IONIZATION LOSS IN BOUNDLESS MEDIUM

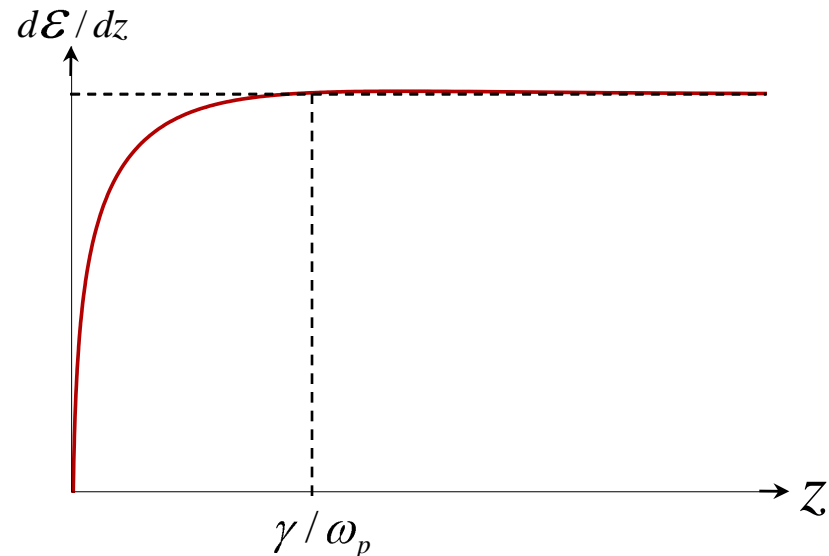
Total ionization per unit path:

$$\frac{d\mathcal{E}}{dz} = 2\omega_p^2 e^2 \left\{ \ln \frac{q_0}{\omega_p} - \frac{1}{2} - K_0(\lambda) + \frac{\lambda}{2} K_1(\lambda) \right\}$$

where  $\lambda = 2\omega_p z / \gamma$

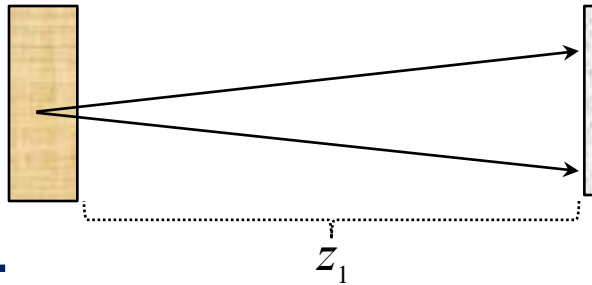
Pair divergence angle  $\vartheta = 2/\gamma$

$K_i(x)$  – Macdonald function



# PAIR IONIZATION LOSS IN PLATE (from slide 9)

$$\frac{d\mathcal{E}}{dz} = 2\eta_p^2 e^2 \left\{ \ln \frac{q_0 v \gamma}{I} - \frac{1}{2} + \ln \frac{\omega_p v \gamma}{I} - 1 + F(z_1) \right\}$$



$$F(z_1) = (d\mathcal{E}/dz)_{z=z_1} - (d\mathcal{E}/dz)_{z \rightarrow \infty}$$

where:

$$F(z_1) = \lambda_\gamma \text{Si} \lambda_\gamma + \text{Ci} \lambda_\gamma + \cos \lambda_\gamma - \cos \lambda_p \text{Ci}(\lambda_p + \lambda_\gamma) - \sin \lambda_p \text{Si}(\lambda_p + \lambda_\gamma) -$$

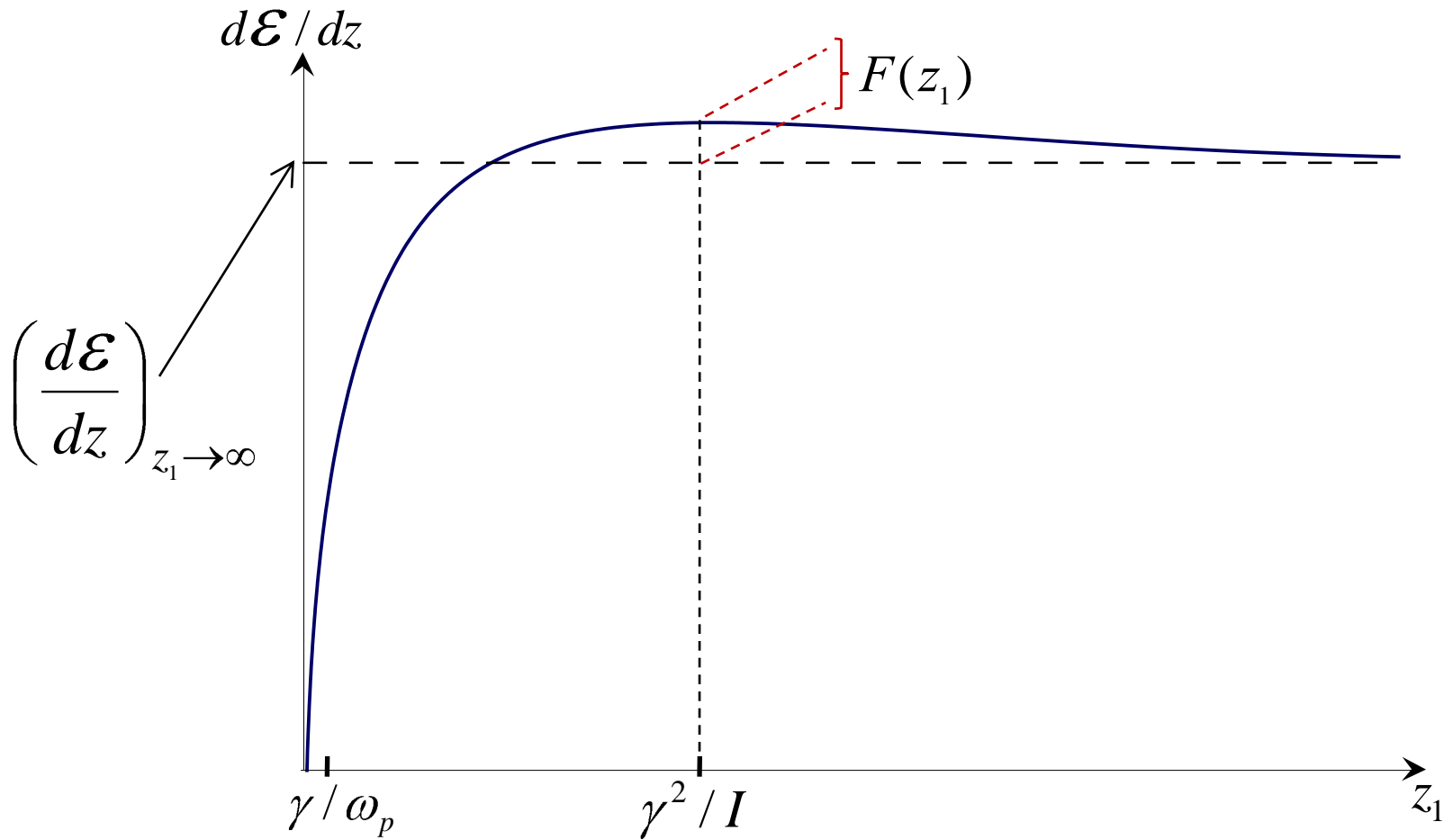
$$- 2K_0 \left( 2 \frac{I z_1}{\gamma^2} \right) + 2 \frac{I z_1}{\gamma^2} K_1 \left( 2 \frac{I z_1}{\gamma^2} \right) + K_0 \left( 2 \frac{\omega_p z_1}{\gamma} \right) + \frac{\omega_p z_1}{\gamma} K_1 \left( 2 \frac{\omega_p z_1}{\gamma} \right) +$$

$$+ 2\omega_p^2 \int_0^\infty dq q^3 \frac{J_0(2qz_1/\gamma) \cos(\lambda_\gamma + q^2 \lambda_p / \omega_p^2)}{(q^2 + \omega_p^2 + \omega^2 / \gamma^2)(q^2 + \omega^2 / \gamma^2)^2}$$

$$\lambda_\gamma = \frac{I z_1}{2\gamma^2}$$

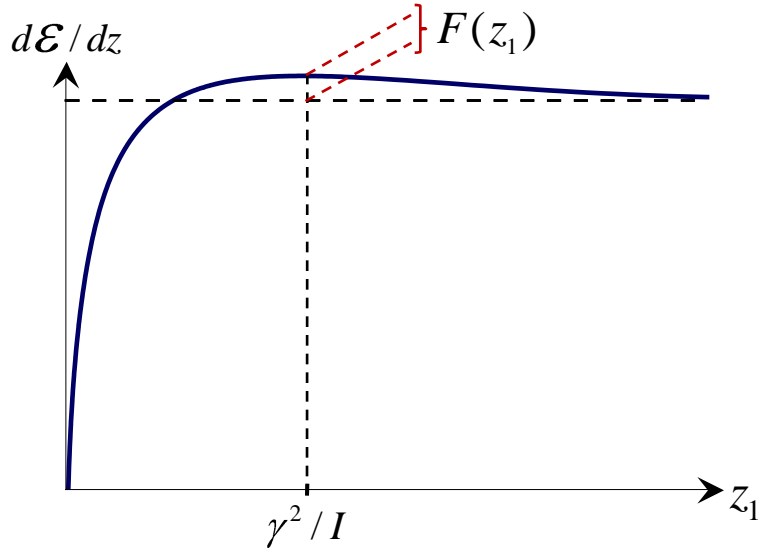
$$\lambda_p = \frac{\omega_p^2 z_1}{2I}$$

# PAIR IONIZATION LOSS IN PLATE



The effect is most significant for  $z_1 \approx \gamma^2 / I$

# ANTI-CHUDAKOV EFFECT



For  $z_1 \sim \gamma^2 / I$ :

$$F(z_1) = xSi(x) + Ci(x) + \cos x - 2[K_0(4x) - 2xK_1(4x)] + \frac{4}{25} \frac{\sin 3x}{x}$$

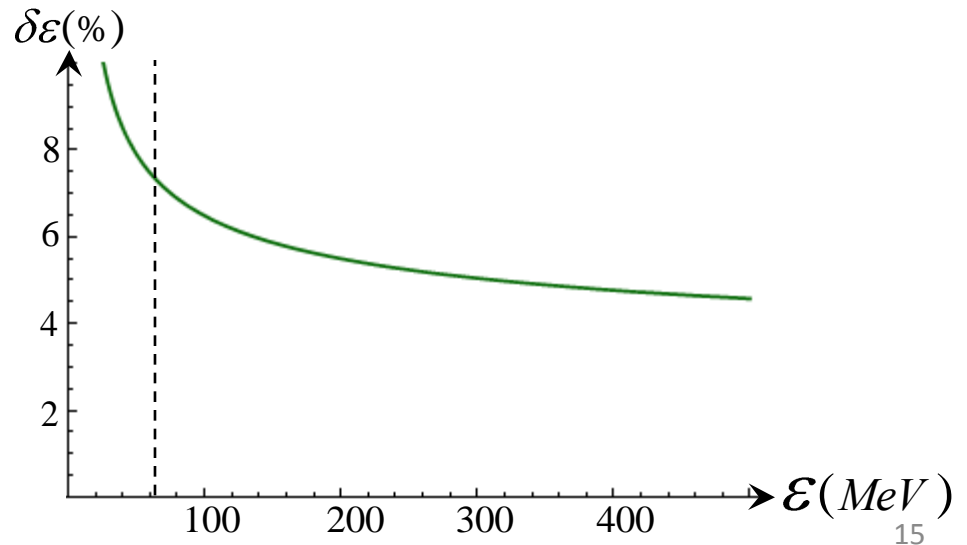
where  $x = Iz_1 / 2\gamma^2$

Relative excess of ionization loss ( $\gamma \gg I / \omega_p$ ):

$$\delta\mathcal{E} = \frac{F(\gamma^2 / I)}{(d\mathcal{E}/dz)_{z \rightarrow \infty}} = \frac{\alpha}{2 \ln \gamma + \beta}$$

where:  $\alpha \approx 1/2$

$$\beta \approx \ln(q_0 \omega_p / I^2) - 3/2$$



# CONCLUSIONS

- In thin targets interference effects in electron-positron pair ionization loss should be manifested **on much larger distances** from the pair creation point than in homogeneous infinite substance
- Together with Chudakov effect of electron-positron pair ionization loss reduction there **exists the opposite effect** (anti-Chudakov effect) of exceeding by the pair loss of the sum of single electron and positron losses.
- **In thin plates** anti-Chudakov effect is much more significant than in homogeneous infinite substance