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Advances in Synchrotron and Undulator Radiation Studies

Message from the Guest Editor

Radiation from accelerated charges and the underlying physical symmetries have been attracting researchers' attention for more than 70 years. The synchrotron radiation (SR) was discovered in 1947, following its prediction in 1944. Its beam has strongly asymmetric spatial distribution along the direction of the charge motion and it is highly polarized in the plane of the orbit. The undulator radiation (UR) is based on the physical principles of the SR. Interacting with the electrons, the UR groups them in micro-bunches separated by the radiation wavelength, resulting in intense short bursts of coherent UR. This idea, expressed by Ginzburg, gave rise to the development of the theory of the free electron laser (FEL), invented by John Madey in 1971. The SR, UR and FELs have been intensively studied and exploited by researchers. The applications appear in many branches of science, such as medicine, archeology, chemistry, biology and others...

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