

Minimizing “ R_{56} ” for a non-ultrarelativistic electron beam

Elegant defines R_{56} as

$$R_{56} \equiv \frac{d\delta}{ds} \quad (1)$$

where $s \equiv \beta ct$ is pathlength and δ the fractional momentum offset. At relativistic energies, when $s = ct$, one can apply the assimilate $R_{56} = c\partial t_{final}/\partial\delta_{initial}$. At low energies the latter mapping breaks as velocity spread can be significant and needs to be accounted for. Therefore, following M. Borland’s suggestions let’s introduce

$$R_{76} \equiv \frac{d\delta}{dt} = \frac{d\delta}{ds} \frac{ds}{dt}, \quad (2)$$

where $ds = c(\beta dt + t d\beta)$ so that

$$R_{76} \equiv \frac{d\delta}{dt} = R_{56} \left(\beta c + ct \frac{d\beta}{dt} \right) \quad (3)$$

$$= R_{56} \left(\beta c + ct \frac{d\beta}{d\delta} \frac{d\delta}{dt} \right) \quad (4)$$

$$= R_{56} \left(\beta c + ct R_{76} \frac{d\beta}{d\delta} \right) \quad (5)$$

$$= R_{56} \left(\beta c + \beta ct R_{76} \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{d\beta}{d\delta} \right) \quad (6)$$

$$= R_{56} \left(\beta c + s R_{76} \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{d\beta}{d\delta} \right) \quad (7)$$

Since $\delta \equiv (1/\gamma)\Delta\gamma$, $d\delta = (1/\gamma)d\gamma$. From $\beta^2 = 1 - 1/\gamma^2$ I get $d\beta = 1/(\beta\gamma^2)d\gamma/\gamma = 1/(\beta\gamma^2)d\delta$. So that

$$\frac{1}{\beta} \frac{d\beta}{d\delta} = \frac{1}{\beta^2\gamma^2}. \quad (8)$$

Inserting in Eq. (4) and rearraging I get

$$R_{76} = \frac{\beta c R_{56}}{1 - R_{56} \frac{s}{\beta^2\gamma^2}}. \quad (9)$$