

Notes for Paper SS

The Lorentz Force Equation

Standard Model (Jackson Third Edition)

$$\frac{dp^\mu}{d\tau} = m \frac{dU^\mu}{d\tau} = \frac{e}{c} F^{\mu\nu} U_\nu \quad - (1)$$

(eq. 11.144 p 557 of Jackson)

Here τ is the proper time as seen in the rest frame:

$$\tau = \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right)^{1/2} t = t/\gamma \quad - (2)$$

and
$$U^\mu = \left(1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}\right)^{-1/2} (c, \underline{u}) \quad - (3)$$

$$:= \gamma V^\mu$$

So eq. (1) is:

$$\frac{dp^\mu}{dt} = \frac{e}{c} F^{\mu\nu} V_\nu \quad - (4)$$

where t is the time in the laboratory frame

and
$$p^\mu = \gamma m V^\mu \quad - (5)$$

is the relativistic momentum. Here:

$$F^{\mu\nu} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -E^1 & -E^2 & -E^3 \\ E^1 & 0 & -cB^3 & cB^2 \\ E^2 & cB^3 & 0 & -cB^1 \\ E^3 & -cB^2 & cB^1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad - (6)$$

2) and $E' = \bar{E}_x$ etc. So :

$$\frac{d p^\mu}{dt} = \frac{e}{c} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -E_x & -E_y & -E_z \\ E_x & 0 & -cB_z & cB_y \\ E_y & cB_z & 0 & -cB_x \\ E_z & -cB_y & cB_x & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c \\ -v_x \\ -v_y \\ -v_z \end{bmatrix} \quad - (7)$$

The space part of eq. (7) is :

$$\frac{d \underline{p}}{dt} = e (\underline{E} + \underline{v} \times \underline{B}), \quad - (8)$$

$$\underline{p} = \gamma m \underline{v} \quad - (9)$$

The time part of eq. (7) is :

$$\frac{d p^0}{dt} = e E = \int \underline{\rho} \cdot \underline{E} dV \quad - (10)$$

using: $p^\mu = \left(\frac{E_n}{c}, \underline{p} \right) \quad - (11)$

Eq. (9) is the rate of energy change.

ECE Theory

The electromagnetic field tensor is the

3) Cartesian tensor :

$$F^{a\mu\nu} \text{ (eq. (6))} = c A^{(0)} T^{a\mu\nu} \quad - (12)$$

for each polarization index a . Therefore eq (1) generalizes to :

$$\frac{d p^{a\mu}}{d\tau} = e A^{(0)} T^{a\mu\nu} \dot{x}^\nu \quad - (13)$$

and eq. (4) to :

$$\boxed{\frac{d p^{a\mu}}{dt} = e A^{(0)} T^{a\mu\nu} \dot{x}^\nu} \quad - (14)$$

where :

$$T^a = d \wedge q^a + \omega^a_b \wedge q^b \quad - (15)$$

$$R^a_b = d \wedge \omega^a_b + \omega^a_c \wedge \omega^c_b \quad - (16)$$

$$\square q^a = R q^a \quad - (17)$$

The tensor is generally covariant, and the most rigorous form of the Lorentz force law in ECE is given by the transformation properties of $T^{a\mu\nu}$. These will be given in the next note.