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CHERENKOV RADIATION OF A LASER PULSE IN ION DIELECTRICS

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The process of excitation of Cherenkov electromagnetic radiation by a laser pulse in ion dielectric waveguide is investigated. Nonlinear electric polarization in isotropic ion dielectric medium and, accordingly, polarization charges and currents induced by a ponderomotive force of a laser pulse are determined. Frequency spectra of the excited wakefields in the infrared and microwave frequency ranges are obtained. The spatiotemporal structure of the wakefield in ion dielectric waveguide is obtained and studied. It is shown that the excited field consists of a potential polarization electric field, as well as a set of eigen electromagnetic waves of ion dielectric waveguide.

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INTRODUCTION

An electric charge moving in a dielectric medium with superluminal speed radiates electromagnetic waves called Cherenkov radiation [1, 2]. The electric field of a moving charge polarizes the atoms (ions) of the dielectric medium, which in turn coherently re-radiate electromagnetic waves.

A similar effect takes place when a high-power laser pulse propagates in a dielectric [3, 4]. A necessary condition for the appearance of a Cherenkov radiation of a laser pulse is that the group velocity of the laser pulse must exceed the phase velocity of the radiated electromagnetic wave. The effect of Cherenkov radiation of a laser pulse in a dielectric medium is as follows. When a laser pulse propagates in a dielectric a pulsed ponderomotive force quadratic in the laser field propagating in the medium with the group velocity of the laser pulse will act on the bonded electrons of the atoms (ions) of a medium. This force, in turn, will lead to the polarization of the atoms (ions) of the dielectric. Induced polarization charges and currents will coherently radiate electromagnetic waves (Cherenkov radiation). The effect of the Cherenkov radiation of a laser pulse is quite similar to the Cherenkov radiation of an electron bunch moving in a dielectric medium, with the difference that the ponderomotive force of the laser pulse plays the role of the pulse electric field of the electron bunch.

The Cherenkov wakefield radiation in a dielectric medium of a high-power ultrashort laser pulse can be used to accelerate charged particles similarly to a laser-plasma wakefield acceleration method [5].

In [6, 7], the effect of the Cherenkov radiation of a laser pulse was studied using a simple model of a dielectric medium consisting of atoms of the same type. A bright example of such a medium is diamond, whose crystal lattice consists only of carbon atoms. The carbon atoms in diamond are held by covalent forces, which are of a quantum nature and arise as a result of the bonding pairs of the valence electrons of neighboring atoms (overlapping of the wave functions of the valence electrons). Atoms retain their electrical neutrality. Only the electron shells of atoms contribute to the electric polarization of covalent dielectrics. Due to large mass the nuclei of atoms do not participate in the polarization of dielectrics. Namely, due to the electronic nature of po-

larization, for covalent dielectrics, the values of dielectric constant in the optical frequency range and in the static limit are close.

A much wider class of dielectrics is formed by ion-bonded dielectrics. No pure element of the periodic table is related to dielectrics of this class. All ion dielectrics are chemical compounds. Ion crystals are composed of positive and negative ions. These ions form a crystal lattice as a result of Coulomb attraction of oppositely charged ions.

The traditional example of ion dielectrics are crystals of an alkali-halide group with the formula $A_I B_{VII}$ (for example, NaCl and KCl). In crystals of this group, it is energetically advantageous for an atom of alkali metal to transfer its valence electron to an adjacent halide atom and fill its outer shell. As a result, an ion bond arises between the atoms of different elements. This bond is due to the interaction of oppositely charged ions. Below we restrict consideration to the simplest case of diatomic crystals. These dielectrics also include ion crystals with the formulas $A_{II} B_{VI}$ and $A_{III} B_V$. Note also that in ion crystals a covalent bond share is always present. For example, in ion crystals of the alkali halide group, in the total binding energy, it is less than 5% [8-10].

In determining the total electric polarization induced by a laser pulse in an ion dielectric, it is necessary to take into account both the total contribution of the polarizations of the electron shells of all the ions which form the crystal and the total contribution of the positive and negative ions of the crystal.

In this paper, a system of nonlinear equations of macroscopic electrodynamics is formulated, which describes the process of excitation of Cherenkov radiation by a laser pulse in an ion dielectric medium.

On the basis of these equations, the effect of the Cherenkov radiation of a laser pulse in a dielectric waveguide (light guide) will be investigated. A complete picture of the excitation of Cherenkov radiation by a laser pulse propagating in an ion dielectric is presented. The frequency spectrum of Cherenkov radiation is determined. The spatiotemporal structure of the Cherenkov electromagnetic field has been obtained and studied.

1. PROBLEM STATEMENT. BASIC EQUATIONS

A laser pulse (wave packet) with electromagnetic field components propagates in a homogeneous dielectric medium

$$\vec{E}_L(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{2} \vec{E}_0(\vec{r}, t) e^{i\psi_L} + c.c.,$$

$$\vec{H}_L(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{2ik_0} \text{rot} [\vec{E}_0(\vec{r}, t) e^{i\psi_L}] + c.c., \quad (1)$$

$\psi_L = \vec{k}_L \vec{r} - \omega_L t$. \vec{k}_L is wave vector, $k_0 = \omega_L / c$, ω_L is carrier frequency of a laser pulse, $\vec{E}_0(\vec{r}, t)$ is a laser pulse envelope slowly varying in space and time.

Under the action of the ponderomotive force (RF-pressure force) a polarization arises in the dielectric, slow on the carrier frequency scale, which in turn is the source of the electromagnetic field of the laser pulse (Cherenkov radiation). Maxwell's system of equations describing the electromagnetic field, which is excited by a polarization induced by a laser pulse, has the form

$$\text{rot} \vec{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t}, \quad \text{rot} \vec{H} = \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} + \frac{4\pi}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{P}}{\partial t},$$

$$\text{div} \vec{E} = -4\pi \text{div} \vec{P}, \quad \text{div} \vec{H} = 0, \quad (2)$$

\vec{P} is vector of electric polarization.

In ion dielectrics there are two mechanisms of electric polarization. This is primarily an electronic polarization mechanism inherent in all types of dielectrics. Electron polarization is due to the displacement of a shell of bound electrons relative to their nuclei under the action of an electric field. The second polarization mechanism is ionic; it is caused by the relative displacement of oppositely charged ions. It should be noted that such a separation of the polarization mechanisms is not quite rigorous. A more adequate is the polarization model, in which the ions are not only displaced, but also deformed (the model of deformable ions [9]). Under the action of an electric field, the electron shell of each ion will be deformed and displaced relative to the nucleus, so that an internal dipole moment is formed in the ion, which will weaken the applied electric field. Accordingly, the force causing the displacement of the ions will decrease and, as a result, the ion polarization will decrease. Qualitatively, this weakening effect can be taken into account by renormalizing the ion charge or by introducing the effective Scigetty charge [9]. For most ion dielectrics, the Scigetty charge is 0.7...0.9 of the ion charge. However, to simplify the analysis of the Cherenkov effect of a laser pulse, we restrict ourselves to the model of hard (non-deformable) ions.

First of all, we formulate equations describing the electron polarization of diatomic ionic crystals induced by a laser pulse. Induced electron polarization can be described in the framework of the following model [10]. An atom is represented as a point nucleus surrounded by an electron cloud. When the electron cloud is displaced as a whole relative to the nucleus, a dipole moment of the atom $\vec{p} = -Ze\vec{r}$ arises, where \vec{r} is the radius-vector of the electron cloud center, Ze is charge nucleus. Accordingly, a dipole returning force will act on the cloud [11]

$$\vec{F}_{de} = -\frac{(Ze)^2}{R_0^3} \vec{r},$$

which leads to harmonic dipole oscillations of an atom with its eigen frequency

$$\omega_{de} = \sqrt{\frac{Ze^2}{mR_0^3}}, \quad (3)$$

R_0 is the radius of the atom.

In a condensed medium, each atom is in a local (acting) electric field \vec{E}_{loc} , which can differ substantially from the macroscopic field \vec{E} included in Maxwell's equations (2). The local electric field \vec{E}_{loc} includes both the external field and the total electric field of the induced dipoles surrounding a given atom (ion). In a crystal medium with a cubic crystal lattice, the local electric field is described by the Lorentz formula [8 - 12]

$$\vec{E}_{loc} = \vec{E} + \frac{4\pi}{3} \vec{P}, \quad (4)$$

Taking into account the local field effect, the expression for the ponderomotive force acting on the electrons of the crystal ion shell from the side of the laser pulse has the form [6, 7]

$$\vec{F}_{pon}^{(\pm)} = \frac{e^2}{4m} \frac{\varepsilon_L + 2}{3} \frac{1}{\omega_{de(\pm)}^2 - \omega_L^2} \vec{\Pi}, \quad (5)$$

$$\vec{\Pi} = \nabla \left[\vec{E}_0 \right]^2 + \frac{\varepsilon_L - 1}{3} \left[(\vec{E}_0^* \nabla) \vec{E}_0 + (\vec{E}_0 \nabla) \vec{E}_0^* \right]. \quad (6)$$

The indexes (\pm) correspond to positive and negative ions, $\omega_{de(\pm)}$ are frequencies (3) of the dipole oscillations of the electron shells of ions, ε_L is the dielectric constant of the medium at the frequency of the laser pulse. The first term in (6) describes the gradient force of HF-pressure. The second term appears only in the case of a crystal medium and is caused by the difference between the local electric field in a crystal and the electric field of a laser pulse in vacuum. In dielectric media where the active field coincides with the external field, for example, in the gas dielectric or plasma this term is absent.

Under the action of ponderomotive force in dielectric electron polarization appears

$$\vec{P}_e = \vec{P}_e^{(+)} + \vec{P}_e^{(-)},$$

where $\vec{P}_e^{(\pm)}$ are the partial electron polarizations of positive and negative ions. Partial electron polarizations are described by the following equations [6, 7]

$$\frac{\partial^2 \vec{P}_e^{(\pm)}}{\partial t^2} + \omega_{de(\pm)}^2 \vec{P}_e^{(\pm)} - \frac{1}{3} \omega_{pe(\pm)}^2 \vec{P} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \omega_{pe(\pm)}^2 \vec{E} - \frac{eN_0}{4m} \frac{\varepsilon_L + 2}{3} \alpha_L^{(\pm)} \vec{\Pi}, \quad (7)$$

where

$$\alpha_L^{(\pm)} = \frac{eq^{(\pm)}}{m} \frac{1}{\omega_{de(\pm)}^2 - \omega_L^2}$$

are electron polarizabilities of individual positive and negative ions at laser pulse frequencies,

$\omega_{pe(\pm)}^2 = \frac{4\pi eq^{(\pm)} N_0}{m}$ is square of the effective plasma frequency, $q^{(\pm)}$ is full charge of the electron shell of the

corresponding ion, N_0 is concentration of ions of each type.

The left-hand sides of equations (7) for electron polarizations include complete polarization of the ion dielectric.

$$\vec{P} = \vec{P}_e^{(+)} + \vec{P}_e^{(-)} + \vec{P}_i, \quad (8)$$

which also includes ion polarization \vec{P}_i . Ion polarization occurs as a result of the relative displacement of positive and negative ions under the action of an electric field. If the ions are not deformed, then the dipole moment of the unit cell of a crystal containing two ions of opposite sign is

$$\vec{p}_i = q_i \vec{R}_i, \quad \vec{R}_i = \vec{R}_i^{(+)} - \vec{R}_i^{(-)},$$

where $\vec{R}_i^{(\pm)}$ are the displacements of positive and negative ions from the equilibrium position, q_i is ion charge. If the crystal deformation is smooth over the microscopic scale of the crystal (unit cell size), then the displacements of positive and negative ions obey to the equations [6]

$$M^{(+)} \frac{d^2 \vec{R}_i^{(+)}}{dt^2} + K (\vec{R}_i^{(+)} - \vec{R}_i^{(-)}) = q_i \left(\vec{E} + \frac{4\pi}{3} \vec{P} \right),$$

$$M^{(-)} \frac{d^2 \vec{R}_i^{(-)}}{dt^2} + K (\vec{R}_i^{(-)} - \vec{R}_i^{(+)}) = -q_i \left(\vec{E} + \frac{4\pi}{3} \vec{P} \right),$$

which are reduced to one equation for the relative displacement of ions

$$\frac{d^2 \vec{R}_i}{dt^2} + \omega_{di}^2 \vec{R}_i = \frac{q_i}{M} \left(\vec{E} + \frac{4\pi}{3} \vec{P} \right), \quad (9)$$

$M^{(\pm)}$ are ion masses, K is force parameter, is reduced mass, $\omega_{di} = \sqrt{K/M}$ is the eigen frequency of ion dipole oscillations. Note that since the ponderomotive force acting on ions is inversely proportional to the mass of the ion, then it is small and we neglected it in equation (9). The equation for motion (9) implies the following equation for ion polarization

$$\frac{\partial^2 \vec{P}_i}{\partial t^2} + \omega_{di}^2 \vec{P}_i - \frac{1}{3} \omega_{pi}^2 \vec{P} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \omega_{pi}^2 \vec{E},$$

where $\omega_{pi}^2 = \frac{4\pi q_i^2 N_0}{M}$ is the square of the ion plasma frequency.

Thus, partial polarizations are described by a system of coupled linear oscillators.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{P}_e^{(+)}}{\partial t^2} + \omega_{de+}^2 \vec{P}_e^{(+)} - \frac{1}{3} \omega_{pe+}^2 (\vec{P}_e^{(+)} + \vec{P}_e^{(-)} + \vec{P}_i) &= \\ = \frac{1}{4\pi} \omega_{pe+}^2 \vec{E} - \frac{eN_0}{4m} \frac{\varepsilon_L + 2}{3} \alpha_L^{(+)} \vec{\Pi}, \\ \frac{\partial^2 \vec{P}_e^{(-)}}{\partial t^2} + \omega_{de-}^2 \vec{P}_e^{(-)} - \frac{1}{3} \omega_{pe-}^2 (\vec{P}_e^{(+)} + \vec{P}_e^{(-)} + \vec{P}_i) &= \\ = \frac{1}{4\pi} \omega_{pe-}^2 \vec{E} - \frac{eN_0}{4m} \frac{\varepsilon_L + 2}{3} \alpha_L^{(-)} \vec{\Pi}, \\ \frac{\partial^2 \vec{P}_i}{\partial t^2} + \omega_{di}^2 \vec{P}_i - \frac{1}{3} \omega_{pi}^2 (\vec{P}_e^{(+)} + \vec{P}_e^{(-)} + \vec{P}_i) &= \frac{1}{4\pi} \omega_{pi}^2 \vec{E}. \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

The external force exciting these oscillators is the ponderomotive force from the side of the laser pulse.

The Maxwell equations (2), together with the equations for partial polarizations (10) and the relation (8) for the full polarization, are closed and describe the Cherenkov excitation of electromagnetic radiation of a laser pulse in an ion dielectric.

We will solve this system of equations by the method of Fourier transform

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \vec{E}_\omega(r) e^{-i\omega t} d\omega, \quad \vec{P}(\vec{r}, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \vec{P}_\omega(r) e^{-i\omega t} d\omega,$$

where $\vec{E}_\omega(r)$, $\vec{P}_\omega(r)$ are Fourier-components of the corresponding quantities. For example

$$\vec{E}_\omega(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) e^{i\omega t} dt.$$

From the system of coupled equations for partial polarizations (10) we find the expression for the Fourier components of the full polarization vector

$$\vec{P}_\omega = \frac{\varepsilon(\omega) - 1}{4\pi} \vec{E}_\omega - \mu \vec{\Pi}_\omega, \quad (11)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon(\omega) &= \frac{1 + \frac{2}{3} \Lambda(\omega)}{1 - \frac{1}{3} \Lambda(\omega)}, \\ \Lambda(\omega) &= \frac{\omega_{pi}^2}{\omega_{di}^2 - \omega^2} + \frac{\omega_{pe-}^2}{\omega_{de-}^2 - \omega^2} + \frac{\omega_{pe+}^2}{\omega_{de+}^2 - \omega^2}, \\ \Gamma(\omega) &= \frac{\alpha_L^{(+)}}{\omega_{de+}^2 - \omega^2} + \frac{\alpha_L^{(-)}}{\omega_{de-}^2 - \omega^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

$\vec{\Pi}_\omega$ is Fourier-component of the quadratic dependence of the ponderomotive force (6) on the intensity of the electric field of a laser pulse. The value $\varepsilon(\omega)$ is the dielectric constant of a diatomic dielectric with an ion bond. Note that the expression for the dielectric constant (12) follows the Lorentz-Lorentz relation [12]

$$\frac{\varepsilon(\omega) - 1}{\varepsilon(\omega) + 2} = \frac{4\pi}{3} N_0 (\alpha_e^{(-)} + \alpha_e^{(+)} + \alpha_i), \quad (13)$$

where

$$\alpha_e^{(\pm)}(\omega) = \frac{eq^{(\pm)}}{m} \frac{1}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2}$$

are electron polarizabilities of ions,

$$\alpha_i(\omega) = \frac{q_i^2}{M} \frac{1}{\omega_{di}^2 - \omega^2}$$

is ion polarizability of a pair of oppositely charged ions in the unit cell. The relation (13) establishes a relationship between the dielectric constant and the sum of the polarizations of all particles forming the crystal.

Maxwell's system of equations for Fourier-component of the electromagnetic field, taking into account the relation for the full polarization (11) can be represented as

$$\text{rot} \vec{H}_\omega = -ik_0 \varepsilon(\omega) \vec{E}_\omega + \frac{4\pi}{c} \vec{j}_{\omega pol}, \quad \text{rot} \vec{E}_\omega = ik_0 \vec{H}_\omega,$$

$$\varepsilon(\omega) \text{div} \vec{E}_\omega = 4\pi \rho_{\omega pol}, \quad \text{div} \vec{H}_\omega = 0, \quad (14)$$

$k_0 = \omega/c$. The Fourier-components of the polarization currents and charges induced in the dielectric by the

ponderomotive force of a laser pulse are described by the expressions

$$\vec{j}_{pol\omega} = i\omega\mu\vec{\Pi}_\omega, \quad \rho_{pol\omega} = \mu\text{div}\vec{\Pi}_\omega. \quad (15)$$

The resulting working system of equations makes it possible to investigate Cherenkov radiation in a wide variety of physical situations: the model of an infinite dielectric medium, dielectric waveguides and cavities.

2. CHERENKOV RADIATION OF A LASER PULSE IN A DIELECTRIC WAVEGUIDE

We consider the dielectric waveguide, made in the form of a homogeneous dielectric cylinder, the lateral surface of which is covered with a perfectly conductive metal film. A circularly polarized laser pulse with electric field components propagates along the axis of the waveguide

$$E_{0x} = \sqrt{\frac{I_0}{2}}\psi(r, \tau), \quad E_{0y} = iE_{0x}, \quad (16)$$

$$\psi = [R(r)T(\tau)]^{1/2}.$$

The function $R(r)$ describes the radial profile of the laser pulse intensity $I_0 = |\vec{E}_0|^2$, $R(0) = 1$, $R(r=b) = 0$, b is the waveguide radius, the function $T(\tau)$ describes the longitudinal profile, $\tau = t - z/v_g$, v_g is the group velocity, $\max T(\tau) = 1$, I_0 is the maximum intensity.

From the system of Maxwell equations (14) the wave equation for the longitudinal Fourier component of the Cherenkov electric field follows

$$\Delta E_{z\omega} + k_0^2 \varepsilon(\omega) E_{z\omega} = 4\pi \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon(\omega)} \frac{\partial \rho_{pol\omega}}{\partial z} - i \frac{k_0}{c} j_{zpol\omega} \right). \quad (17)$$

Fourier-components of polarization charges and currents $\rho_{pol\omega}$, $j_{zpol\omega}$ are defined by expressions (15). For a circularly polarized laser pulse (16), these expressions take the form

$$\rho_{pol\omega} = \mu \left[(\Delta_\perp - k_g^2) I_\omega(r) + \frac{\varepsilon_L - 1}{6} \Delta_\perp I_\omega(r) \right] e^{ik_g z}, \quad (18)$$

$$j_{zpol\omega} = -\omega k_g \mu I_\omega(r) e^{ik_g z}, \quad (19)$$

where $k_g = \omega/v_g$, Δ_\perp is the transverse part of Laplacian, $I_\omega(r)$ is Fourier component of the intensity of the laser pulse field. We introduce a function

$$D_{\omega z} = \varepsilon(\omega) E_z - 4\pi i k_g \mu I_\omega(r). \quad (20)$$

For this function, instead of equation (17), taking into account relations (18), (19), we obtain the equation

$$\Delta D_{\omega z} + k_0^2 \varepsilon(\omega) D_{\omega z} = 4\pi i k_g \mu \frac{\varepsilon_L - 1}{6} e^{ik_g z} \Delta_\perp I_\omega(r). \quad (21)$$

The function $D_{\omega z}$ has a simple physical meaning and is a longitudinal Fourier-component of the longitudinal electric induction $D_z = E_z + 4\pi P_z$, taking into account the polarization (11) caused by the action of the ponderomotive force of the laser pulse.

The longitudinal component of electrical induction should be sought as a series of Bessel functions.

$$D_{\omega z} = e^{ik_g z} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n(\omega) J_0\left(\lambda_n \frac{r}{b}\right), \quad (22)$$

where λ_n are the roots of the Bessel function $J_0(x)$. Using the orthogonality of the Bessel functions $J_0(\lambda_n r/b)$, from the equation (21) we find the expansion coefficients

$$C_n(\omega) = -4\pi i k_g \mu \frac{\varepsilon_L - 1}{6} I_0 T(\omega) \frac{\delta_n}{\Delta_n(\omega)}. \quad (23)$$

Here

$$\delta_n = \frac{\lambda_n^2}{b^2} \frac{\rho_n}{N_n}, \quad N_n = \frac{b^2}{2} J_1^2(\lambda_n), \quad \rho_n = \int_0^b R(r) J_0\left(\lambda_n \frac{r}{b}\right) r dr,$$

$$T(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} T(\tau) e^{i\omega\tau} d\tau, \quad (24)$$

$$\Delta_n(\omega) = k_0^2 \varepsilon(\omega) - k_g^2 - \frac{\lambda_n^2}{b^2}.$$

Taking into account relations (22) - (24), we obtain the following expression of Fourier component of the longitudinal electric field

$$E_{\omega z}(r) = A_0 T(\omega) G(r, \omega) e^{ik_g z}. \quad (25)$$

Here

$$G(r, \omega) = i\omega \frac{\varepsilon(\omega) + 2}{3\varepsilon(\omega)} \Gamma(\omega) \Phi_\omega(r) - \frac{i\omega(\varepsilon_L - 1)[\varepsilon(\omega) + 2]}{18} \Gamma(\omega) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \delta_n \frac{k_0^2}{k_n^2 \Delta_n(\omega)} J_0\left(\lambda_n \frac{r}{b}\right), \quad (26)$$

$$\Phi_\omega(r) = R(r) + \frac{\varepsilon_L - 1}{6} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\delta_n}{k_n^2} J_0\left(\lambda_n \frac{r}{b}\right), \quad k_n^2 = k_g^2 + \lambda_n^2 / b^2.$$

Accordingly, the longitudinal component of the excited electric field can be represented as a convolution

$$E_z(r, \tau) = A_0 \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} T(\tau_0) G(r, \tau - \tau_0) d\tau_0, \quad (27)$$

where

$$G(r, \tau - \tau_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} G(r, \omega) e^{-i\omega(\tau - \tau_0)} d\omega \quad (28)$$

is Green function. For further analysis, we will present the Green function in the form

$$G(r, \tau - \tau_0) = G_l(r, \tau - \tau_0) + G_{tr}(r, \tau - \tau_0), \quad (29)$$

$$G_l(r, \tau - \tau_0) = i \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \omega \frac{\varepsilon(\omega) + 2}{3} \frac{\Gamma(\omega)}{\varepsilon(\omega)} \Phi_\omega(r) e^{-i\omega(\tau - \tau_0)} d\omega,$$

$$G_{tr}(r, \tau - \tau_0) = -i \frac{\varepsilon_L - 1}{6} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \delta_n J_0\left(\lambda_n \frac{r}{b}\right) S_n(\tau - \tau_0),$$

$$S_n(\tau - \tau_0) = i \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \omega \frac{\varepsilon(\omega) + 2}{3} \frac{k_0^2 \Gamma(\omega)}{k_n^2 \Delta_n(\omega)} e^{-i\omega(\tau - \tau_0)} d\omega.$$

The Green function actually describes the structure of the wakefield in a dielectric medium excited by a laser pulse with a δ -shaped longitudinal intensity profile. Moreover, the term $G_l(r, \tau - \tau_0)$ takes into account the excitation of potential longitudinal oscillations of the ionic dielectric, and the term $G_{tr}(r, \tau - \tau_0)$ describes the excitation of transverse electromagnetic waves.

2.1. FREQUENCY DISPERSION OF DIELECTRIC PERMEABILITY

The Green's function (28) and, accordingly, the wakefield (27) are largely determined by the value and frequency dispersion of the dielectric constant $\varepsilon(\omega)$ determined by the formula (12). For the qualitative analysis of this dependence, the expression for the dielectric constant can be conveniently represented as

$$\varepsilon(\omega) = \frac{(\omega^2 - \omega_{Li}^2)(\omega^2 - \omega_{Le-}^2)(\omega^2 - \omega_{Le+}^2)}{(\omega^2 - \omega_{Ti}^2)(\omega^2 - \omega_{Te-}^2)(\omega^2 - \omega_{Te+}^2)}, \quad (30)$$

where $\omega_{Li}, \omega_{Le(\pm)}$ are the roots of the cubic equation with respect to the square of the frequency

$$\Lambda(\omega) = -\frac{3}{2}. \quad (31)$$

It is easy to show that all three roots are positive, i.e. the frequencies are real. At these frequencies, the dielectric permeability is zero. The frequency ω_{Li} is the frequency of longitudinal optical phonons and belongs to the infrared frequency range. Frequencies $\omega_{Le(\pm)}$ are the frequencies of longitudinal polarization electron oscillations and are in the optical or even ultraviolet frequency ranges. The specified frequencies are in the intervals

$$\omega_{de-} > \omega_{Li} > \omega_{di}, \omega_{de+} > \omega_{Le-} > \omega_{de-}, \omega_{de-} < \omega_{Le+}.$$

For definiteness, we assumed that $\omega_{de+} > \omega_{de-}$. Since the frequencies of the longitudinal ion and electron oscillations are very different, the roots of the cubic equation (30) can be found approximately

$$\omega_{Li}^2 = \omega_{di}^2 + \frac{2}{9} \frac{\varepsilon_{opt} + 2}{\varepsilon_{opt}} \omega_{pi}^2, \quad (32)$$

$$\omega_{Le(\pm)}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left[\omega_{ge+}^2 + \omega_{ge-}^2 \pm \sqrt{(\omega_{ge+}^2 + \omega_{ge-}^2)^2 + \frac{16}{9} \omega_{pe+}^2 \omega_{pe-}^2} \right].$$

Here

$$\omega_{ge(\pm)}^2 = \omega_{de(\pm)}^2 + \frac{2}{3} \omega_{pe(\pm)}^2,$$

$$\varepsilon_{opt} = \frac{1 + \frac{2}{3} \Lambda_{opt}}{1 - \frac{1}{3} \Lambda_{opt}}, \quad \Lambda_{opt} = \frac{\omega_{pe+}^2}{\omega_{de+}^2} + \frac{\omega_{pe-}^2}{\omega_{de-}^2},$$

ε_{opt} is dielectric permeability of an ion crystal in the optical frequency range

$$\omega_{de+}^2 \gg \omega^2 \gg \max(\omega_{pi}^2, \omega_{di}^2).$$

The poles of the dielectric constant (30) are the roots of the cubic equation with respect to the square of the frequency

$$\Lambda(\omega) = 3. \quad (33)$$

This cubic equation has three positive roots too. These roots correspond to the frequencies $\omega_{Ti}, \omega_{Te(\pm)}$. These frequencies are the absorption lines of the electromagnetic waves of an ion crystal. In the vicinity of these frequencies, the imaginary part of the dielectric constant and, accordingly, the energy losses of electromagnetic waves increase greatly. The frequency of absorption by the ion subsystem is the frequency of transverse optical phonons. Note that the optical longitudinal and transverse ion oscillation branches are characterized by the fact that in the unit cell of the crystal oppositely

charged ions are displaced towards each other. At the same time, the center of gravity of the unit cell remains motionless. As in the case of longitudinal optical phonons, the frequencies of transverse optical phonons lie in the infrared range. Electron resonance absorption frequencies are in the optical ranges. For the indicated frequencies from the cubic equation (33) we find the following approximate expressions

$$\omega_{Ti}^2 = \omega_{di}^2 \frac{3 - \Lambda_{st}}{3 - \Lambda_{opt}} \equiv \omega_{di}^2 \frac{\varepsilon_{opt} + 2}{\varepsilon_{st} + 2}, \quad (34)$$

$$\Lambda_{st} = \frac{\omega_{pi}^2}{\omega_{di}^2} + \Lambda_{opt}, \quad \varepsilon_{st} = \frac{1 + \frac{2}{3} \Lambda_{st}}{1 - \frac{1}{3} \Lambda_{st}},$$

$$\omega_{Te(\pm)}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left[\omega_{he+}^2 + \omega_{he-}^2 \pm \sqrt{(\omega_{he+}^2 + \omega_{he-}^2)^2 + \frac{4}{9} \omega_{pe+}^2 \omega_{pe-}^2} \right],$$

where

$$\omega_{he(\pm)}^2 = \omega_{de(\pm)}^2 - \frac{1}{3} \omega_{pe(\pm)}^2.$$

From the obvious requirement $\varepsilon_{st} > 1$ from equality (35) it follows that for ion crystal dielectrics the condition on the parameter value $3 > \Lambda_{st} > 1$ is always satisfied. Note also that the expression for the frequency of transverse optical phonons (34) implies that when it tends to zero $\Lambda_{st} \rightarrow 3$, and the static dielectric constant increases indefinitely $\varepsilon_{st} \rightarrow \infty$ (the phenomenon of "polarization catastrophe" [12]).

In the frequency range

$$\omega \ll \omega_{Li} \quad (35)$$

the dielectric permeability of the ion crystal frequency independent and has constant value $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_{st}$, where

$$\varepsilon_{st} = \frac{\omega_{Li}^2 \omega_{Le-}^2 \omega_{Le+}^2}{\omega_{Ti}^2 \omega_{Te-}^2 \omega_{Te+}^2} \quad (36)$$

is the static dielectric constant. On the other hand in the optical frequency range

$$\omega_{Te-}^2 \gg \omega^2 \gg \omega_{Li}^2 \quad (37)$$

dielectric permeability is also constant $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_{opt}$

$$\varepsilon_{opt} = \frac{\omega_{Le-}^2 \omega_{Le+}^2}{\omega_{Te-}^2 \omega_{Te+}^2}. \quad (38)$$

And for all ion dielectrics always $\varepsilon_{st} > \varepsilon_{opt}$. We note that from the expressions (36) and (38) imply the well-known Liddane-Sachs-Teller relation [12]

$$\frac{\omega_{Li}^2}{\omega_{Ti}^2} = \frac{\varepsilon_{st}}{\varepsilon_{opt}},$$

relating the ratio of the frequency of longitudinal and transverse optical phonons with the values of the static and optical dielectric constants. From inequality $\varepsilon_{st} > \varepsilon_{opt}$ important conclusion follows. Since Cherenkov radiation appears for a laser pulse when the condition

$$\frac{v_g^2}{c^2} \varepsilon_{st} > 1$$

is satisfied and the group velocity of the laser pulse in the optical range is equal $v_g = 1/\sqrt{\varepsilon_{opt}}$, then in the ion

crystal the condition for the appearance of Cherenkov radiation in the microwave and terahertz ranges is always fulfilled.

The expression for the dielectric constant of the ion dielectric (12) can be given the usual and comfortable look

$$\varepsilon(\omega) - 1 = \frac{\Omega_{pi}^2}{\omega^2 - \omega_{Ti}^2} - \frac{\Omega_{pe+}^2}{\omega^2 - \omega_{Te-}^2} - \frac{\Omega_{pe-}^2}{\omega^2 - \omega_{Te+}^2}.$$

Here, the plasma frequencies are defined as follows

$$\Omega_{pi}^2 = \frac{(\varepsilon_{opt} + 2)}{9} \omega_{pi}^2,$$

$$\Omega_{pe+}^2 = \frac{\omega_{Te+}^2}{\omega_{Te+}^2 - \omega_{Te-}^2} \left[\omega_{Te-}^2 (\varepsilon_{opt} - 1) - \omega_{Le}^2 + \omega_{Te}^2 \right],$$

$$\Omega_{pe-}^2 = \frac{\omega_{Te-}^2}{\omega_{Te+}^2 - \omega_{Te-}^2} \left[\omega_{Te+}^2 (\varepsilon_{opt} - 1) - \omega_{Le}^2 + \omega_{Te}^2 \right],$$

$$\omega_{Le}^2 = \omega_{Le+}^2 + \omega_{Le-}^2, \quad \omega_{Te}^2 = \omega_{Te+}^2 + \omega_{Te-}^2.$$

Fig. 1 shows the qualitative dependence of the dielectric constant on frequency, described by formula (30).

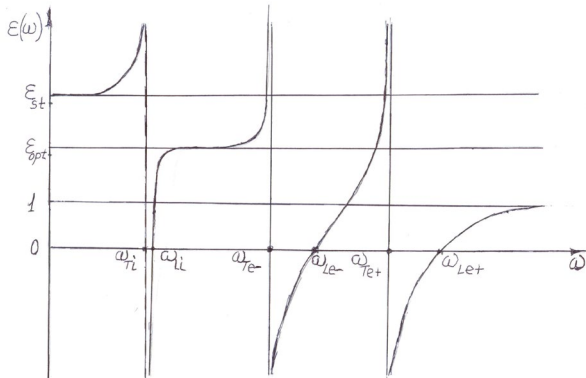


Fig. 1. Dependence of the dielectric constant on frequency

2.2. DISPERSION PROPERTIES OF ION DIELECTRIC WAVEGUIDE

Let us now briefly discuss the question of the propagation of electromagnetic waves in an ion dielectric waveguide. Dispersion equations for potential longitudinal oscillations and electromagnetic waves have the form

$$\varepsilon(\omega) = 0, \quad (39)$$

$$\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \varepsilon(\omega) - k_z^2 - \frac{\lambda_n^2}{b^2} = 0, \quad (40)$$

k_z is longitudinal wave number. The dielectric constant is described by the formula (30).

Fig. 2 shows the qualitative dependences of the frequency on the longitudinal wave number k_z . In total, there are three branches of longitudinal oscillations

$$\omega = \omega_{Li}, \omega_{Le(\pm)}$$

and four branches (1) - (4) of electromagnetic waves. The low-frequency branch corresponds to the longitudinal optical phonons, and the other two branches are polarization electron oscillations. As for the electromagnetic branches, the lowest frequency (ion) branch 1 is in the infrared and microwave ranges.

$$\omega_{Ti} > \omega_1(k_z) > \omega_{ci-},$$

$\omega_{ci-} = \lambda_n c / b \sqrt{\varepsilon_{st}}$ is low frequency ion cutoff frequency.

In the frequency range $\omega_{Ti} \gg \omega \gg \omega_{ci-}$, the dispersion curve has a linear plot $\omega = k_z c / \sqrt{\varepsilon_{st}}$.

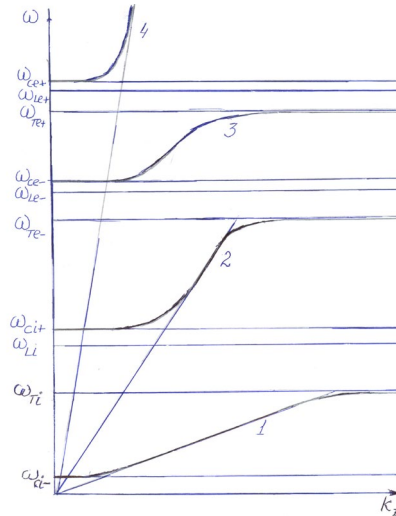


Fig. 2. Dispersion curves of ion dielectric for longitudinal oscillations and electromagnetic waves on the plane (ω, k_z)

The frequencies of the electromagnetic branch 2 are within $\omega_{Te-} > \omega_2(k_z) > \omega_{ci+} \approx \omega_{Li}$, ω_{ci+} is high frequency ion cutoff frequency. The low-frequency section of this branch corresponds to the infrared frequency range and the high-frequency region corresponds to the optical one. This branch also has a linear dispersion region $\omega = k_z c / \sqrt{\varepsilon_{opt}}$. The tilt angle of this line exceeds the tilt angle of the straight section of branch 1. And finally, branches 3 and 4 are purely electron branches and locate in the optical and ultraviolet frequency ranges. The phase velocity of electromagnetic waves belonging to the fourth branch exceeds the speed of light and in the limiting case approaches it.

2.3. CALCULATION OF GREEN'S FUNCTION

The Green function (29) contains two terms that describe the excitation of longitudinal potential oscillations and electromagnetic waves. The potential Green's function $G_I(r, \tau - \tau_0)$ has only simple poles, which are the zeros of the dielectric constant $\varepsilon(\omega) = 0$. The frequency spectrum of longitudinal oscillations contains the frequency of longitudinal optical phonons ω_{Li} and the frequencies $\omega_{Le(\mp)}$ of electron polarization oscillations. Below we restrict ourselves to the study of wake fields in the infrared and lower frequency ranges. This is due to the fact that for effective wake field excitation by a laser pulse necessary to achieve coherency of excitation. For this, it is necessary that the longitudinal and transverse dimensions of the laser pulse be smaller (substantially less) than the length of the radiated wave. For the optical and especially the ultraviolet frequency ranges, this requirement is very problematic. And if this requirement is not satisfied, the amplitude of the wake waves will be negligible.

Calculating the residues in the integral $G_i(r, \tau - \tau_0)$ at the poles $\omega = \pm\omega_{Li} - i0$, we find the following expression for the potential Green function

$$G_i = \frac{4\pi}{3} \omega_{Li}^2 \frac{\varepsilon_{st} - \varepsilon_{opt}}{\varepsilon_{st} \varepsilon_{opt}} \Gamma_0 \Phi_i(r) \mathcal{G}(\tau - \tau_0) \cos \omega_{Li}(\tau - \tau_0), \quad (41)$$

where $\mathcal{G}(\tau - \tau_0)$ is the Heaviside function,

$$\Phi_i(r) = R(r) + \frac{\varepsilon_L - 1}{6} k_i^2 \int_0^b G_r(r, r_0) R(r_0) r_0 dr_0,$$

$$G_r(r, r_0) = \frac{1}{I_0(k_i b)} \begin{cases} I_0(k_i r) \Delta_0(k_i r_0), & r < r_0, \\ I_0(k_i r_0) \Delta_0(k_i r), & r > r_0, \end{cases}$$

$$\Delta_0(k_i r) = I_0(k_i r) K_0(k_i b) - I_0(k_i b) K_0(k_i r),$$

$$k_i = \omega_{Li} / v_g, \quad \Gamma_0 = \frac{\alpha_L^{(+)} + \alpha_L^{(-)}}{\omega_{de+}^2 + \omega_{de-}^2}.$$

Term in the total Green's function (29) $G_r(r, \tau - \tau_0)$ describes the Cherenkov excitation of the eigen electromagnetic waves of the dielectric waveguide. Integrands of Fourier integrals $S_n(\tau - \tau_0)$ contain only simple poles, which are the roots of the equation

$$\Delta_n(\omega) = 0. \quad (42)$$

As we are interested in the infrared (microwave) frequency range equation (42) three pairs of roots. Two of them are located on the real axis

$$\omega = \pm\omega_{in} - i0, \quad \omega_{in} = \frac{\lambda_n v_g}{b} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\beta_g^2 \varepsilon_{st} - 1}}, \quad (43)$$

$$\omega = \pm\omega_{en} - i0, \quad \omega_{en} = \sqrt{\omega_{Te+} \omega_{Te-} \left(\frac{\omega_n^2}{\varepsilon_{opt} \omega_{Te}^2 - \omega_{Le}^2} \right)^{1/4}}, \quad (44)$$

$$\omega_n = \frac{\lambda_n c}{b},$$

and one pair $\omega = \pm i\omega_{en}$ on the imaginary axis. Calculating the residues in these poles we find the expression for the Green function

$$G_r = -\frac{\pi}{9} e_{st} \Gamma_{st} \mathcal{G}(\tau - \tau_0) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \omega_n^2 \sigma_n J_0 \left(\lambda_n \frac{r}{b} \right) \cos \omega_n(\tau - \tau_0) - \frac{\pi}{18} e_{opt} \Gamma_{st} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \omega_n^2 \sigma_n J_0 \left(\lambda_n \frac{r}{b} \right) \left[\mathcal{G}(\tau - \tau_0) \cos \omega_n(\tau - \tau_0) - \frac{1}{2} \text{sign}(\tau - \tau_0) e^{-\omega_n |\tau - \tau_0|} \right], \quad (45)$$

where

$$\sigma_n = \frac{\rho_n}{N_n}, \quad e_{st} = \frac{(\varepsilon_L - 1)(\varepsilon_{st} + 2)}{\varepsilon_{st}}, \quad e_{opt} = \frac{(\varepsilon_L - 1)(\varepsilon_{opt} + 2)}{\varepsilon_{opt}}.$$

The first term in the expression for the electromagnetic Green's function (45) describes the electric field in the microwave (terahertz) frequency range $\omega_{Li}^2 \gg \omega_{in}^2$ (ion branch 1) and is a set of eigen electromagnetic waves with frequencies ω_n . The second term in expression (45) describes a purely electron electromagnetic field and belongs to branch 2 in the infrared frequency range $\omega_{Te-}^2 \gg \omega_{en}^2 \gg \omega_{Li}^2$. The longitudinal structure of this field is more complicated. Each radial harmonic contains a wake monochromatic wave, as well as a bipolar antisymmetric solitary pulse. Moreover, the height of this pulse is exactly two times smaller than the ampli-

tude of the wake wave. The characteristic width of the polarization pulse is equal to the reverse frequency of the wake wave $\Delta\tau = 1/\omega_{en}$. We also note an important point. Since the amplitudes of the waves entering the Green function are proportional to the square of their frequencies, the electron electromagnetic waves will have a larger amplitude compared to the ion waves.

2.4. THE EXCITATION OF WAKE FIELD BY LASER PULSE

The wakefield excited by a laser pulse is described by convolution (27), in which the Green function is the key element. We first consider the excitation of longitudinal optical phonons. Using the potential polarization part of the Green function (41), we obtain the following expression for the wake field of longitudinal optical phonons

$$E_{iz}(r, \tau) = E_{Li} \Phi_i(r) Z(\omega_{Li} \tau), \quad (46)$$

where

$$Z(\omega\tau) = \frac{1}{t_L} \int_{-\infty}^{\tau} T\left(\frac{\tau_0}{t_L}\right) \cos \omega(\tau - \tau_0) d\tau_0,$$

$$E_{Li} = \frac{2\pi (\varepsilon_{opt} + 2)(\varepsilon_{st} - \varepsilon_{opt}) e \omega_{Li}^2 v_g t_L}{9 \varepsilon_{st} \varepsilon_{opt} v_g^2 r_{cl}} \kappa_L a_0^2,$$

t_L is characteristic duration of a laser pulse.

$$\kappa_L = \Gamma_{st} N_0 \omega_L^2, \quad r_{cl} = e^2 / mc^2, \quad a_0^2 = \left(\frac{e}{mc\omega_L} \right)^2 I_0.$$

The function $Z(\omega\tau)$ describes the distribution of the wakefield on frequency ω in the longitudinal direction at each moment of time. We will consider a laser pulse with a symmetric longitudinal profile $T(\tau_0) = T(-\tau_0)$.

The wake function $Z(\omega\tau)$ is conveniently represented as

$$Z(\omega\tau) = \hat{T}(\Omega) \mathcal{G}(\tau) \cos \omega\tau - X(\bar{\tau}), \quad (47)$$

where $\Omega = \omega t_L$, $\bar{\tau} = \tau / t_L$

$$\hat{T}(\Omega) = 2 \int_0^{\infty} T(s) \cos(\Omega s) ds.$$

The first term in (47) describes the wake wave propagating behind the laser pulse. The amplitude of the wake wave is equal to the Fourier amplitude function $T(\tau_0 / t_L)$, which describes the longitudinal profile of the laser pulse. The second term in (47) describes a bipolar antisymmetric pulse of a polarization field localized in the region of a laser pulse. The field of this pulse decreases and tends to zero with increasing distance from the laser pulse.

Behind a laser pulse, the wakefield (46) of longitudinal optical phonons has the form of a monochromatic wave

$$E_{iz}(r, \tau) = E_{Li} \Phi_i(r) \hat{T}(\Omega_{Li}) \cos \omega_{Li} \tau, \quad \Omega_{Li} = \omega_{Li} t_L.$$

Let us give expressions for the Fourier amplitude $\hat{T}(\Omega_{Li})$ for two model longitudinal profiles of a laser pulse: a Gaussian and a power ones

$$T(\tau_0 / t_L) = e^{-\tau_0^2 / t_L^2}, \quad \hat{T}(\Omega) = \sqrt{\pi} e^{-\Omega^2 / 4}, \quad (48)$$

$$T(\tau_0 / t_L) = \frac{1}{1 + \tau_0^2 / t_L^2}, \quad \hat{T}(\Omega) = \pi e^{-\Omega}.$$

Longitudinal optical phonons are most efficiently radiated when the coherence condition $\omega_{Li} t_L \leq 1$ is satisfied. If the condition $\omega_{Li} t_L \gg 1$ is satisfied, then the longitudinal optical phonons are radiated incoherently and the amplitude of the wake wave is exponentially small.

Let us now consider the excitation of electromagnetic waves by a laser pulse. Taking advantage of the electromagnetic Green's function, we obtain the wake electromagnetic field as a superposition of radial harmonics

$$E_{iz}(r, \tau) = -E_{ii} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\omega_{in}^2}{\omega_0^2} \sigma_n J_0 \left(\lambda_n \frac{r}{b} \right) Z(\omega_{in} \tau) - E_{ie} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\omega_{en}^2}{\omega_0^2} \sigma_n J_0 \left(\lambda_n \frac{r}{b} \right) \left[Z(\omega_{en} \tau) - \frac{1}{2} Y(\omega_{en} \tau) \right],$$

where

$$Y(\omega_{en} \tau) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} T(\tau_0 / t_L) \text{sign}(\tau - \tau_0) e^{-\omega_{en} |\tau - \tau_0|} d\tau_0,$$

$$E_{ii} = \frac{\pi}{18} e_{st} \frac{\varepsilon_{opt} + 2}{3} \kappa_L \frac{v_g t_L}{r_{cl}} \frac{e \omega_0^2}{v_g^2} a_0^2, \quad \omega_0 = c / b,$$

$$E_{ie} = \frac{\pi}{36} e_{opt} \frac{\varepsilon_{opt} + 2}{3} \kappa_L \frac{v_g t_L}{r_{cl}} \frac{e \omega_0^2}{v_g^2} a_0^2.$$

Behind the laser pulse $\tau / t_L \gg 1$, $\omega_{ni} \tau \gg 1$, the pulse fields are negligible and only the set of eigen waves of the dielectric waveguide remains

$$E_{iz}(r, \tau) = -E_{ii} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\omega_{in}^2}{\omega_0^2} \sigma_n J_0 \left(\lambda_n \frac{r}{b} \right) \hat{T}(\Omega_{in}) \cos(\omega_{in} \tau) - E_{ie} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\omega_{en}^2}{\omega_0^2} \sigma_n J_0 \left(\lambda_n \frac{r}{b} \right) \hat{T}(\Omega_{en}) \cos(\omega_{en} \tau). \quad (49)$$

Let us consider, for example, a laser pulse that has a Gaussian profile both in the longitudinal direction (48) and in the transverse one

$$R(r_0 / r_L) = \exp(-r_0^2 / r_L^2)$$

moreover, the radius of the laser pulse is small compared with the radius of the dielectric waveguide $r_L \ll b$. In this case, for the expansion coefficients in the series (49) we have

$$\sigma_n = \frac{r_L^2}{b^2} \frac{1}{J_1^2(\lambda_n)} e^{-\frac{\lambda_n^2 r_L^2}{4b^2}}.$$

Accordingly, for the wake electromagnetic field instead of (49) we obtain

$$E_{iz}(r, \tau) = -\sqrt{\pi} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_n J_0 \left(\lambda_n \frac{r}{b} \right) \left[E_{ii} \frac{\omega_{in}^2}{\omega_0^2} e^{-\frac{\omega_{in}^2 t_L^2}{4}} \cos(\omega_{in} \tau) + E_{ie} \frac{\omega_{en}^2}{\omega_0^2} e^{-\frac{\omega_{en}^2 t_L^2}{4}} \cos(\omega_{en} \tau) \right]. \quad (50)$$

Amplitudes of wake electromagnetic waves are proportional to the square of their frequencies. Therefore, a short laser pulse will predominantly excite electron electromagnetic waves, since their frequencies greatly exceed the frequencies of ion electromagnetic waves $\omega_{en} \gg \omega_{in}$. But the number of these waves is limited by inequality $\omega_{en} t_L \leq 1$. If the laser pulse is long at the

scale of the minimum period of electron electromagnetic waves $\omega_{en} t_L > 1$, but short compared with the periods of ion electromagnetic waves $\omega_{in} t_L \ll 1$, then low-frequency ion electromagnetic waves will be most effectively excited. Under these conditions, only low-frequency waves are emitted coherently by a laser pulse.

CONCLUSIONS

In this work, the process of excitation of wake Cerenkov radiation by a laser pulse in an ion dielectric waveguide is investigated. For definiteness, a diatomic ion crystal medium is considered. The nonlinear electric polarization of the ion dielectric medium, induced by the ponderomotive force with the side of the laser pulse, is determined. The total electric polarization in the ion dielectric includes the electron polarization of the electron shells of ions of opposite charges, as well as the ion polarization proper, due to the displacement of ions in the electric field. A system of three strongly coupled linear oscillator equations is obtained, which describes the excitation of partial electric polarizations of an ion dielectric by a ponderomotive force from the side of a laser pulse. The solution of these equations is obtained and the complete polarization in a diatomic ion dielectric medium is determined. Accordingly, expressions are obtained for polarization charges and currents, which, in turn, are the source of Cerenkov wake waves. The frequency spectrum and the space-time structure of the Cerenkov wake field, excited by a laser pulse in an ion dielectric waveguide, is determined. It is shown that in the infrared (microwave) frequency range, the excited wake electric field consists of a potential field of longitudinal optical phonons and a set of eigen wake electromagnetic waves of a dielectric waveguide. The dielectric constant in the infrared (microwave) frequency range in ion dielectrics always exceeds the dielectric constant in the optical range. Therefore, the condition of the Cerenkov radiation of a laser pulse in ion dielectrics is always satisfied.

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ЧЕРЕНКОВСКОЕ ИЗЛУЧЕНИЕ ЛАЗЕРНОГО ИМПУЛЬСА В ИОННОМ ДИЭЛЕКТРИКЕ

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Исследован процесс возбуждения черенковского электромагнитного излучения лазерным импульсом в ионном диэлектрическом волноводе. Определена нелинейная электрическая поляризация в ионной диэлектрической среде и, соответственно, поляризационные заряды и токи, индуцированные пондеромоторной силой со стороны лазерного импульса. Получена и исследована пространственно-временная структура кильватерного поля в ионном диэлектрическом волноводе. Показано, что возбуждаемое поле состоит из потенциального поляризованного электрического поля продольных оптических фононов и набора собственных электромагнитных волн ионного диэлектрического волновода.

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Досліджено процес збудження черенківського електромагнітного випромінювання лазерним імпульсом в іонному діелектричному хвилеводі. Визначена нелінійна електрична поляризація в іонному діелектричному середовищі та, відповідно, поляризаційні заряди і струми, індуковані пондеромоторною силою з боку лазерного імпульсу. Отримана та досліджена просторово-часова структура кильватерного поля в діелектричному хвилеводі. Показано, що збуджуване поле складається з потенціального поляризаційного електричного поля поздовжніх оптичних фононів та набору власних електромагнітних хвиль іонного діелектричного хвилеводу.