where

$$\begin{split} n_{1,\;2}^2 &= \{(ag-a^2)\,\varepsilon_1 + ag\,(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_3) + b^2\varepsilon_1 \\ &+ (\varepsilon_1^2 a - \varepsilon_2^2 a + \varepsilon_1\varepsilon_3 g)\,\beta^2 \,\pm [(\varepsilon_1^2 a - \varepsilon_2^2 a - \varepsilon_1\varepsilon_3 g)^2\,\beta^4 \\ &- 2a\varepsilon_1\,(\varepsilon_3 g - \varepsilon_1 a)^2\,\beta^2 + 2a^2\varepsilon_2^2\,(\varepsilon_1 a + \varepsilon_3 g)\,\beta^2 \\ &+ 2b^2\varepsilon_1\,(a\varepsilon_1^2 - a\varepsilon_2^2 + g\varepsilon_1\varepsilon_3)\,\beta^2 - 8abg\varepsilon_1\varepsilon_2\varepsilon_3\beta^2 \\ &+ (g\varepsilon_3 - \varepsilon_1 a)^2\,a^2 + b^2\varepsilon_1\,(b^2\varepsilon_1 - 2a^2\varepsilon_1 + 2ag\varepsilon_3)]^{1/2}\}\,/\,2\varepsilon_1 ag\beta^2, \\ a &= \mu_1/(\mu_1^2 - \mu_2^2), \quad b = \mu_2/(\mu_2^2 - \mu_1^2), \quad g = 1/\mu_3. \end{split}$$

The regions of integration are determined by the following inequalities (cf. reference 3):

I:
$$\beta^2 n_m^2 > \beta^2 n_1^2 > 1$$
, II: $\beta^2 n_m^2 > \beta^2 n_2^2 > 1$.

In the case of a non-gyrotropic uniaxial crystal ($\epsilon_2 = b = 0$) we have

From the above it is apparent that the radiation intensity for an anisotropic dielectric ($\mu_1 = \mu_3 = 1$) differs from an isotropic dielectric only in that $\epsilon \to \epsilon_1$. In this case, in general ϵ_3 does not appear in the final expression. The formula for the

isotropic case coincides with the well known expression obtained by Frank¹ (cf. also reference 4). It should be noted that the results which have been obtained apply for Cerenkov radiation of a small closed current loop. In this case by μ_0 we are to understand the magnetic moment associated with the current loop.

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RELATION BETWEEN THE GRAVITA-TIONAL CONSTANT, THE CHARGE TO MASS RATIO OF THE ELECTRON, AND THE FINE STRUCTURE CONSTANT

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THE following numerical relation exists between the gravitational constant $G = 6.673 \times 10^{-8} \, \mathrm{g^{-1} \, cm^3}$ sec⁻², the electron mass m, the electron charge e, and the fine structure constant $\alpha = \mathrm{e^2/\hbar c} = (137.0377 \pm 0.0016)^{-1}$

$$\frac{1}{G} \left(\frac{e}{m} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{4\pi}{3} \right)^{\hbar c/2e^2}.$$

This relation is extremely sensitive to the value of the fine structure constant; nevertheless, the numerical relation holds to an accuracy of 1%.

It may be assumed that this simple relation is no accident.

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SATURATION IN A HYPERON SYSTEM

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THE phenomenon of saturation is a characteristic property of a system of nucleons. At the present time it is believed that saturation is due to certain attributes of two-body nucleon forces - namely the repulsion at short distances and the exchange character of some of the forces. The main features of contemporary phenomenological nucleonnucleon potential are deduced from meson theory. Thus repulsion at short distances is related to the existence of the function $\delta(\mathbf{r})$ in the secondorder interaction potential of pseudoscalar meson theory. The energy of a system of nucleons depends strongly on the radius of the repulsive core and on the admixture of exchange forces. A decrease in the radius of the repulsive core and in the amount of exchange forces leads to a considerable increase in the binding energy of a system of nucleons.1

According to present-day ideas about hyperons

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