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Light-front time evolution in intense fields¹ GUANGYAO CHEN, Department of Physics and Astronomy, Iowa State University, XINGBO ZHAO, Institute of Modern Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China, YANG LI, PIETER MARIS, KIRILL TUCHIN, JAMES VARY, Department of Physics and Astronomy, Iowa State University — We report on the influence of strong electromagnetic fields generated by an ultra-relativistic heavy ion on the quantized field of a charged fermion particle using the time-dependent basis light-front quantization (tBLFQ) approach. We calculate transitions of the charged fermion and find agreement with light-front perturbation theory at small coupling. We then present non-perturbative effects, such as the real-time evolution of the momentum distribution and the helicity configuration of the fermion in strong fields. We will discuss prospects for applying the tBLFQ formalism to time-dependent QED and QCD fields in heavy ion collisions and electron-ion collisions.

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