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in time-dependent fields¹ HARINDRANATH AMBALAMPITIYA, ILYA FAB-RIKANT, University of Nebraska-Lincoln — Photodetachment microscopy studies spatial distribution of photodetached electrons in static electric fields. The theory of this phenomenon was recently extended [1] to time-dependent electric fields in the terahertz range. In the present paper we use the semiclassical propagator (timedependent Green's function) for investigation of temporal and spatial interference of classical electron trajectories in ac fields within a broad frequency range from radio to terahertz frequencies. The chosen length scale corresponds to the geometry of a traditional photodetachment microscopy experiment [2]. The propagator approach allows us to treat singularities in temporal and spatial distributions due to bifurcations, when the trajectories emerge in pairs from the complex space-time domain. ¹ B. C. Yang and F. Robicheaux, Phys. Rev. A **92**, 063410 (2015). ² C. Blondel, C. Delsart, and F. Dulieu, Phys. Rev. Lett. **77**, 3755 (1996).

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