

EMT : Scattering II (Wh7)

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Reminder of last time: We derived diff^l scattering cross-section in case of incident plane wave scattering off air molecule with induced polarization vector $\vec{P}$ and magnetization $\vec{M}$

$$\vec{D} = \vec{D}_0 + \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \vec{A} \quad ; \quad \vec{A}(\vec{x}) = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^3x' e^{-ik\vec{n} \cdot \vec{x}'} \vec{S}(\vec{x}')$$

$$\vec{S}(\vec{x}') = \frac{i\omega}{c^2} \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{M} - \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{P}) = \text{"source" term for scattering of incident plane wave } \vec{D}_0$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{|\vec{e}^* \vec{A}|^2}{|\vec{D}_0|^2}$$

Now since air has $\epsilon \approx 1$; induced $\vec{P}, \vec{M}$ expected to be small.
 $\mu \approx 1$

Recall that for weak fields / linear media $\vec{P} \propto \vec{E}$; $\vec{M} \propto \vec{B}$

$$\vec{P} = \vec{D} - \epsilon_0 \vec{E} = \epsilon_0 (\epsilon_r - 1) \vec{E} \quad ; \quad \vec{M} = (\mu_r - 1) \vec{H}$$

Define $\delta\epsilon_r = (\epsilon_r - 1)$; $\delta\mu_r = (\mu_r - 1)$; $\delta\epsilon_r, \delta\mu_r$ are small.

- use them as expansion parameters in 'perturbation theory' approach to finding an expression for scattered field $\vec{A}$.

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$$\vec{P} = \epsilon_0 \delta \epsilon_r \vec{E} ; \quad \vec{M} = \frac{\delta \mu_r}{\mu_0} \vec{B}$$

To make progress in computing $\vec{A}$ we need to know what $\vec{P}, \vec{M}$ are. Looks like 'circular' problem as they are related to the very $\vec{E}$ and $\vec{B}$ we want to find!

- However if we only need leading order part of $\vec{P}, \vec{M}$ for $\delta \epsilon_r, \delta \mu_r \ll 1$: We can simply take

$$\vec{E} = \vec{E}_0 + O(\delta \epsilon_r) ; \quad \vec{B} = \vec{B}_0 + O(\delta \mu_r)$$

where $\vec{E}_0, \vec{B}_0$ are fields associated to incident (unscattered) plane wave! This approximation

is called 'Born Approximation' :-

$$\vec{P} \sim \epsilon_0 \delta \epsilon_r \vec{E}_0 = \delta \epsilon_r \vec{D}_0 ; \quad \vec{M} \sim \frac{\delta \mu_r}{\mu_0} \vec{B}_0 \\ \sim \delta \mu_r c \vec{\Pi}_0 \times \vec{D}_0$$

where we have used $\vec{B}_0 = \vec{\Pi}_0 \times \vec{E}_0 / c$ which holds for incident plane wave.

Integrating by parts:-

$$\vec{A} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^3x' e^{-ik\vec{n}\cdot\vec{x}'} \left[\frac{i}{c^2} \omega \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{M} \pm \vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{P}') \right]$$

$$= -\frac{k^2}{4\pi} \int d^3x' e^{-ik\vec{n}\cdot\vec{x}'} \left[\vec{n} \times (\vec{n} \times \vec{P}') + \vec{n} \times \vec{M}'/c \right]$$

Subbing in Born approximation:-

$$\vec{A}_{\text{Born}} = -\frac{k^2}{4\pi} \int d^3x' e^{-ik\vec{n}\cdot\vec{x}'} \left[\vec{n} \times (\vec{n} \times \vec{D}_0') \delta\epsilon_r + \vec{n} \times \vec{D}_0' \delta\mu_r \right]$$

$$\vec{D}_0(\vec{x}') = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{polarization}}}{D_0 \vec{e}_0} e^{ik\vec{n}_0 \cdot \vec{x}'} \quad (\text{incident plane wave})$$

$$\rightarrow \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{\text{Born}} = \left(\frac{k^2}{4\pi} \right)^2 \int d^3x e^{i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{x}} \left[\vec{e}^* \cdot \vec{e}_0 \delta\epsilon_r + \frac{(\vec{n} \times \vec{e}^*) \cdot (\vec{n} \times \vec{e}_0) \delta\mu_r}{(\vec{n} \times \vec{e}_0)^2} \right]^2$$

$$\vec{q} \equiv (\vec{n}_0 - \vec{n}) \quad \& \text{ recall } \vec{e}^* \cdot \vec{n} = 0$$

[[A check of this formula is provided by consistency

due to small dielectric sphere - see printed notes

take use of Clausius-Mossotti relation $\gamma_{\text{mol}} = \frac{4}{3} \pi a^3 \frac{3\epsilon_0}{N} \left(\frac{\epsilon_r - 1}{\epsilon_r + 2} \right)$

$$\vec{d} = \gamma_{\text{mol}} \vec{E}_0 = 4\pi \epsilon_0 a^3 \left(\frac{\epsilon_r - 1}{\epsilon_r + 2} \right) \vec{E}_0 \quad \text{with } N=1$$

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Rayleigh's 'Blue Sky' revisited

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We now have enough theory based on Born approximation to scatter of light of polarized (magnetized) molecules to try and provide another way of understanding why the sky is blue in colour!

$\delta\epsilon_r = \chi_e \equiv (\epsilon_r - 1)$; we can ignore $\delta\epsilon_{lr}$ as it $\ll \delta\epsilon_r$ at optical wavelengths.

the refractive index $n^2 \equiv \epsilon_r \epsilon_{lr} \sim (\chi_e + 1)$

Previously we found $\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{\text{Born}}$ due to 1 polarized molecule

contributing $\vec{P}$ (take $\vec{M} = 0$ since as we said $\delta\epsilon_{lr} \ll \delta\epsilon_r$ at optical wavelengths).

Let's consider

Contribution from many randomly distributed electric dipoles (polarized molecules drawing dipole moment $\vec{d}_j$)

$$\chi_e(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \sum_j \gamma_{\text{mol}} \delta^{(3)}(\vec{r} - \vec{x}_j)$$

where

$$\vec{d}_j = \gamma_{\text{mol}} \vec{E}(\vec{x}_j)$$

↑ electric field creating dipole moment of molecule

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Substituting for $\delta\epsilon(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \sum_j \gamma_{\text{mol}} \delta^{(3)}(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_j)$

we find:

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right) = \left(\frac{k^2}{4\pi} \right)^2 \left| \int d^3x e^{i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{x}} \vec{e}^* \cdot \vec{e}_0 \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} \sum_j \gamma_{\text{mol}} \delta^{(3)}(\vec{x} - \vec{r}_j) \right|^2$$

$$= \left(\frac{k^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \right)^2 |\vec{e}^* \cdot \vec{e}_0|^2 \gamma_{\text{mol}}^2 N$$

where used that $\left| \sum_j e^{i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{r}_j} \right|^2 = N$ for random distribution of molecules (see last time) 'incoherent scattering'

We have simplified things by

taking each of the N molecules to have same polarizability, γ_{mol} .

γ_{mol} is defined as molecular polarizability. We need to relate this to bulk property of our medium (e.g.

bulk polarizability). This precise relation we derived

earlier via Clausius - Mossotti relation:

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$$\gamma_{\text{mol}} = \frac{3\epsilon_0 (\epsilon_r - 1)}{\rho_N (\epsilon_r + 2)}$$

$\rho_N = N/V =$ number density of molecules.

$\Rightarrow$ in terms of refractive index n :-

$$\frac{\gamma_{\text{mol}}}{4\pi\epsilon_0} = \frac{3}{4\pi\rho_N} \left(\frac{n^2 - 1}{n^2 + 2} \right) \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} n^2 \approx \epsilon_r \\ \text{if } \mu_r \equiv 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \left(\frac{d\sigma}{dn} \right)_{\text{mol}} &= k^4 |\vec{e}^* \cdot \vec{e}_0|^2 \left(\frac{3}{4\pi\rho_N} \left(\frac{n^2 - 1}{n^2 + 2} \right) \right)^2 \\ &\parallel \\ \frac{1}{N} \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right) &\sim \boxed{k^4 |\vec{e}^* \cdot \vec{e}_0|^2 \left(\frac{1}{2n\rho_N} \right)^2 (n-1)^2} \end{aligned}$$

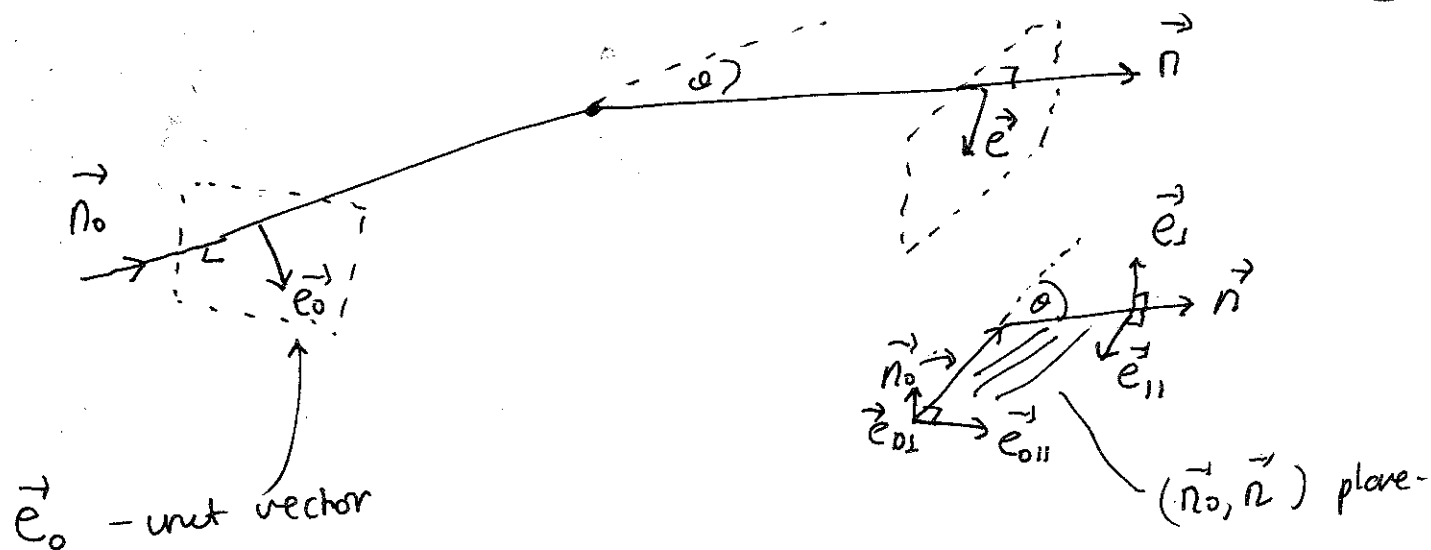
(where $(n-1) \ll 1$ - Taylor Exp in $(n-1)$: $\left(\begin{array}{l} (n^2 - 1) = (n+1)(n-1) \\ n^2 + 2 \approx 3 \end{array} \right)$)

Recall polarization of incident / scattered wave is

encoded in the two (generally complex) unit vector $\vec{e}_0, \vec{e}^*$

Incident sunlight hitting atmosphere is unpolarized

- so we should average over the ^{possible} 2 polarizations of the incoming / incident wave



Averaging over 2 polarization states of

incident wave $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\alpha \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{\text{inc}}$

$$|\vec{e}^* \cdot \vec{e}_0|^2 = |\vec{e}^* \cdot \vec{e}_{0||} \sin\alpha + \vec{e}^* \cdot \vec{e}_{0\perp} \cos\alpha|^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\alpha |\vec{e}^* \cdot \vec{e}_0|^2 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\alpha \left(\sin^2\alpha |\vec{e}^* \cdot \vec{e}_{0||}|^2 + \cos^2\alpha |\vec{e}^* \cdot \vec{e}_{0\perp}|^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sin 2\alpha (\vec{e}^* \cdot \vec{e}_{0||})(\vec{e}^* \cdot \vec{e}_{0\perp}) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} |\vec{e}^* \cdot \vec{e}_{0||}|^2 + \frac{1}{2} |\vec{e}^* \cdot \vec{e}_{0\perp}|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Taking $\vec{e}^*$ to be || to $\vec{n}_0 - \vec{n}$ plane; $(\vec{e}^* \cdot \vec{e}_{0||}) = \cos\theta$

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{||} = \frac{1}{2} k^4 \left(\frac{1}{2\pi \rho_N} \right)^2 (n-1)^2 \cos^2\theta$$

$\Rightarrow$ diff^l scatt. cross-section for scattered waves have polarization || to $(\vec{n}_0, \vec{n})$ plane.

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Similarly if we take $\vec{e}$ to be $\perp$ to $(\vec{n}_0, \vec{n})$ plane; since $|\vec{e} \times \vec{e}_0|^2 = 1$.

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{\perp} = \frac{1}{2} k^4 \left(\frac{1}{2\pi\rho_N}\right)^2 (n-1)^2.$$

$\therefore$ total drff^l cross-section:

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{\tau} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{\parallel} + \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{\perp} = \frac{1}{2} k^4 \left(\frac{1}{2\pi\rho_N}\right)^2 (n-1)^2 (1 + \cos^2\theta)$$

Scattering

from which the total $\wedge$ cross-section / molecule :-

$$\sigma_{\text{mol}} = \frac{2}{3\pi} \frac{k^4}{\rho_N^2} (n-1)^2$$

$$\left(\int_0^{\pi} \sin\theta d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi (1 + \cos^2\theta) \right) \rightarrow 16\pi/3$$

- power scattered from incident flux per molecule :

$$\vec{n}_0 \xrightarrow{dx} \vec{n}$$

$$I \rightarrow I + dI$$

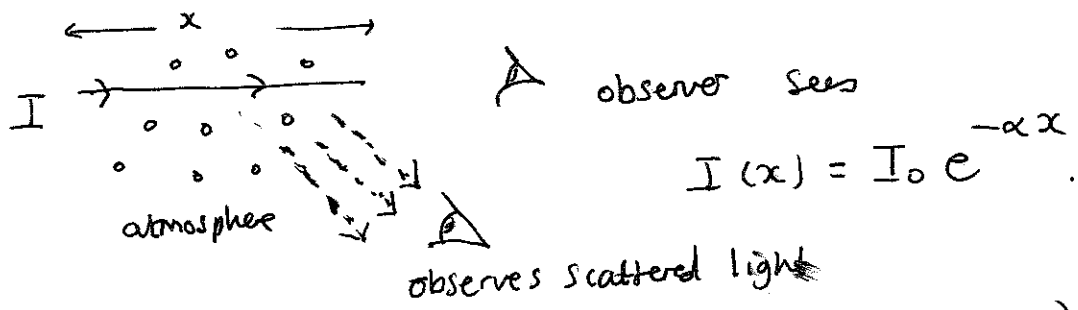
intensity of
incident flux

$$dI = -I \rho_N \sigma_{\text{mol}} dx$$

$\Rightarrow$ incident beam travels through
thickness x of atmosphere

$$I(x) = I_0 e^{-\alpha x}$$

$$\alpha \equiv \text{attenuation coeff} = \sigma_{\text{mol}} \rho_N = \frac{2}{3\pi} k^4 \frac{1}{\rho_N} (n-1)^2$$



- Since α has λ dep such that blue (shorter) wavelengths have larger values of α than red light observer looking directly at incident white light from sun will observe redish appearance because shorter wavelengths have scattered in directions $\vec{n}$ away from initial direction $\vec{n}_0$.
- Effect more noticable at sunset/sunrise when light passes through thickest length of atmosphere than e.g. when directly overhead.

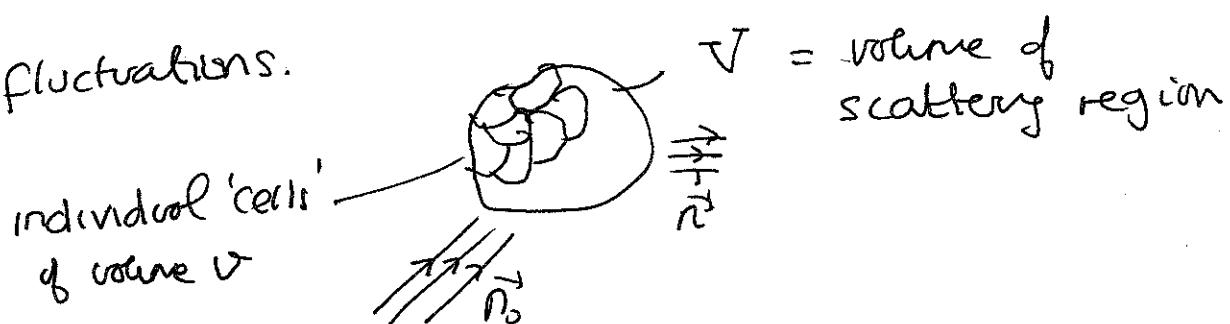
Meanwhile viewing sky away from sun, - we are seeing the scattered waves - which are predominantly in blue part of spectrum due to k^4 factor in σ (or $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}$).

[n.b. there is also a dependence on λ via the refractive index n which we have ignored but which also contributes]

Critical Opalescence

Our previous discussions about scattering are fine if medium is basically uniform and ρ_N not too large. But for dense medium we expect density fluctuations might be the origin of scattering more than individual molecules in a uniform medium.

Let's consider a model which can include these density fluctuations.



average number of molecules in a cell $\sim \rho_N v$

where ρ_N = average # molecules / unit volume $\leftarrow$ macroscopic

$(v)^{1/3} \ll \lambda$ (so linear size of cell $\ll \lambda$)

- but still take $v \rho_N \gg 1$ (still large # molecules in each cell)

A density fluctuation in cell 'j' $\rightarrow$ fluctuation in number of molecules inside it, compared to $\rho_N v$.

$\Delta_j \equiv$ fluctuation in number of molecules in j^{th} cell

i.e. $(\rho_N v + \Delta_j) = \text{number of molecules in } j^{\text{th}} \text{ cell.} \Rightarrow \delta \rho_j = (\Delta_j / v)$

How does this effect the relative permittivity of j^{th} cell? Well have seen $\epsilon_r = \epsilon_r(\rho_N)$

$$\therefore \delta \epsilon_{rj} = \frac{\partial \epsilon_r}{\partial \rho_N} \delta \rho_N = \frac{\partial \epsilon_r}{\partial \rho_N} \frac{\Delta_j}{v}$$

From Clausius-Mosotti relation we learn:

$$\frac{\epsilon_r - 1}{\epsilon_r + 2} = \frac{4\pi \rho_N}{3} \frac{\gamma_{\text{mol}}}{4\pi \epsilon_0} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \epsilon_r}{\partial \rho_N} = \frac{(\epsilon_r - 1)(\epsilon_r + 2)}{3 \rho_N}$$

$$\rightarrow \delta \epsilon_{rj} = \frac{(\epsilon_r - 1)(\epsilon_r + 2)}{3 \rho_N} \frac{\Delta_j}{v} \quad \left[\frac{\Delta_j / v}{\rho_N} \sim \frac{\delta \rho}{\rho} \ll 1 \right]$$

Recall (ignore $\delta \mu_r$ so take $\mu_r = 1$)

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right) = \left(\frac{k^2}{4\pi} \right)^2 \left| \int_V d^3x e^{i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{r}} \vec{e}^* \cdot \vec{e}_0 \delta \epsilon_r \right|^2$$

- so now need to include $\delta \epsilon_r$ from each cell ($\# = \frac{V}{v}$)

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right) = \left(\frac{k^2}{4\pi} \right)^2 \left| \sum_{j=1}^{j=V/v} v \vec{e}^* \cdot \vec{e}_0 \frac{(\epsilon_r - 1)(\epsilon_r + 2)}{3 \rho_N v} \Delta_j \right|^2$$

(taken $e^{i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{r}} \approx 1$ because $(v)^{1/3} \ll \lambda$ so inside cells $|\vec{q} \cdot \vec{r}| \ll 1$)

$$\rightarrow \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right) = \left(\frac{k^2}{4\pi} \right)^2 |\vec{e}^* \cdot \vec{e}_0|^2 \left[\frac{(\epsilon_r - 1)(\epsilon_r + 2)}{3\rho_N} \right]^2 \left| \sum_j (\Delta_j) \right|^2$$

Now average over initial polarizations, as before

gives factor $(\frac{1}{2})$. $\int d\theta d\phi \sin\theta$ and average over final polarization $\vec{e}^*$ gives $\frac{16\pi}{3} \Rightarrow$ overall $\frac{8\pi}{3}$

$$\sigma = \left(\frac{k^2}{4\pi} \right)^2 \frac{8\pi}{3} \left[\frac{(\epsilon_r - 1)(\epsilon_r + 2)}{3\rho_N} \right]^2 \left| \sum_j \Delta_j \right|^2$$

Scattering cross-section

from $\rho_N V$ molecules

in side region V .

$$\therefore \sigma_{\text{mol}} = \sigma / \rho_N V$$

$$\text{Attenuation Coefficient } \alpha = \sigma_{\text{mol}} \times \rho_N = \left(\frac{k^2}{4\pi} \right)^2 \frac{8\pi}{3} \left(\frac{(\epsilon_r - 1)(\epsilon_r + 2)}{3\rho_N} \right)^2 \frac{(\sum_j \Delta_j)^2}{V}$$

$$(\rightarrow I(x) = I_0 e^{-\alpha x} \text{ as before})$$

$\left| \sum_j \Delta_j \right|^2$ - is the ^{square of the} sum of fluctuation in number of molecules taken over all cells in V .

- This can be related to macroscopic properties of medium using statistical mechanical result:

$$\Delta_V^2 / \rho_N V = \rho_N k_B T \beta_T \quad ; \quad \beta_T = -\frac{1}{V} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial P} \right)_T$$

= isothermal compressibility.

where $|\sum_j \Delta_j|^2 = \Delta_V^2 = \text{square of fluctuation}$
in # particles in vol V .

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$k_B = \text{Boltzmann Constant.}$, $T = \text{temperature.}$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = k^4 \frac{2}{3\pi\rho_N} \left[\frac{(\epsilon_r - 1)(\epsilon_r + 2)}{6} \right]^2 \rho_A k_B T \beta_T$$

Called Einstein - Smoluchowski Equation.

For ideal gas $\rho_A k_B T \beta_T = 1$ and also for $\delta\epsilon_r \ll 1$

$$\frac{(\epsilon_r - 1)(\epsilon_r + 2)}{6} \sim (n - 1)$$

- recover $\alpha = k^4 \frac{2}{3\pi\rho_N} (n - 1)^2$ result previously.

However something novel happens at certain critical temp.

T_c when $\lim_{T \rightarrow T_c} \beta_T \rightarrow \infty \therefore \alpha \rightarrow \infty!$

$\rightarrow$ phenomenon of 'critical opalescence'

$I(x) \rightarrow 0$ (since $e^{-\alpha x} \rightarrow 0$) - so all incident light

scattered! This phenomenon can be observed in certain

mixtures of liquids - at $T \rightarrow T_c$, previously transparent

solution suddenly becomes opaque as all light is scattered

- however ^{more} careful analysis is needed because e.g. cell

sizes grow and violate $r^{1/3} \ll \lambda$.

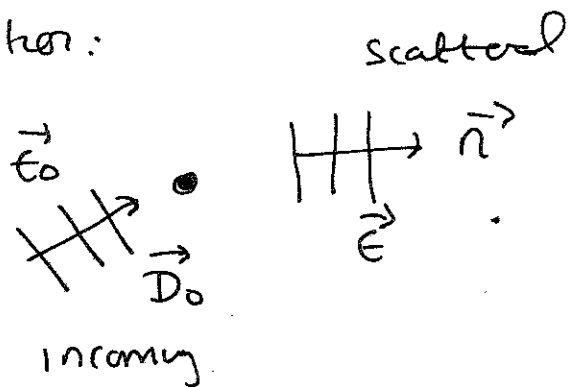


$r^{1/3} \sim \text{correlation length}$

Optical Theorem

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This, like the Kramers-Kronig relation earlier, is a result that basically follows from causality (via Green's functions) - and relates total cross-section to scattering in forward direction:



At large distance from source of scattering.

$$\vec{D} = \vec{D}_0 + \frac{e^{ikr}}{r} \vec{A}$$

and we have shown $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{|\vec{E}^* \cdot \vec{A}|^2}{|\vec{D}_0|^2}$

where $\vec{A} = +\frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^3x' e^{-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}'} \vec{S}(\vec{x}')$

$$\vec{S} = -\frac{i\omega}{c^2} \vec{\nabla}' \times \vec{M} - \vec{\nabla}' \times \vec{\nabla}' \times \vec{P}$$

Using various vector identities including Green's Theorem (Stokes theorem in 2d) + Divergence theorem [see book by Chirap p147 for explicit derivation]

one may re-express $\vec{A}$ as:-

$$\vec{A} = \frac{i}{4\pi} \int_{S'} \vec{e}^{-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}} [\omega(\vec{n} \times \vec{B}_s) + \vec{k} \times (\vec{n} \times \vec{E}_s)] dS$$

where $\vec{k} = k \vec{n}$; S is any surface enclosing scatterer.

$\vec{E}_s, \vec{B}_s$ are fields corresponding to scattered wave:

$$\vec{A} = \vec{A}_0 + \boxed{\vec{A}_{sc}} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \vec{B}_{sc} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}_{sc} \\ \vec{E}_{sc} = i\omega \vec{A}_{sc} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{via Maxwell Eqs.}$$

Then we can define a scattering amplitude

$F(\vec{k}, \vec{e}; \vec{k}_0, \vec{e}_0)$ for scattering incoming wave

with polarization $\vec{e}_0$ and wave $\vec{k}_0$ to final wave vector

$\vec{k}$ and polarization $\vec{e}$:

$$F(\vec{k}, \vec{e}; \vec{k}_0, \vec{e}_0) \equiv \frac{\vec{e}^* \cdot \vec{A}(\vec{k})}{|\vec{D}_0|}$$

So that $\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right) = |F|^2$ (so F is an 'amplitude')

recall that $\vec{A} = \vec{A}_0 + \vec{A}_{sc}$;

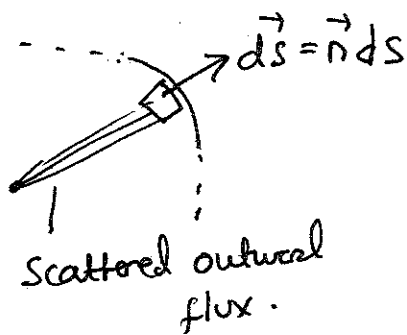
$$\rightarrow \vec{E} = \vec{E}_0 + \vec{E}_s ; \vec{B} = \vec{B}_0 + \vec{B}_s$$

Now in general scatter will not just scatter but also absorb radiation incident on it.

The time averaged Power that is scattered we

find before:-
$$\vec{P}_{scatt} = \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \int \text{Re} [(\vec{E}_s \times \vec{B}_s^*) \cdot \vec{n}] dS$$

from $\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T dt [\text{Re}(\vec{E}_s(\vec{r}, t)) \times \text{Re}(\vec{B}_s(\vec{r}, t)) \cdot \vec{n}] dS$



Calculate absorbed power by scatterer:-

$P_{absorbed} = \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \int \text{Re} [(\vec{E} \times \vec{B}^*) \cdot \vec{n}] dS$

$P_{incident}(\vec{n})$ ← not in notes!!

n.b no subscript s!

$$P_{incident} = \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \int \text{Re} (\vec{E}_0 \times \vec{B}_0^*) \cdot \vec{n} = \text{component of incident power along } \vec{n}.$$



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Hence total power removed from incident wave (either by absorption or scattering)

$P_{\text{incident}}(\vec{n})$

$$P = +\frac{1}{2\mu_0} \int R [(\vec{E}_s \times \vec{B}_s^*) \cdot \vec{n} - \text{Re} [\vec{E}_s \times \vec{B}^*] \cdot \vec{n}]$$

use $\vec{E} = \vec{E}_0 + \vec{E}_s$; $\vec{B} = \vec{B}_0 + \vec{B}_s$

$$= \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \int \left\{ R(\vec{E}_0 \times \vec{B}_0^*) \cdot \vec{n} - \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \text{Re} [(\vec{E}_0 \times \vec{B}_0^*) \cdot \vec{n}] \right\} ds$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \int R [(\vec{E}_s \times \vec{B}_0^* + \vec{E}_0^* \times \vec{B}_s) \cdot \vec{n}] ds$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \int \text{Re} [(\vec{E}_s \times \vec{B}_0^*) + (\vec{E}_0^* \times \vec{B}_s)] \cdot \vec{n} ds$$

Taking $\vec{E}_0 = E_0 \vec{e}_0 e^{i\vec{k}_0 \cdot \vec{x}}$; $\vec{B}_0 = \frac{c}{k} \vec{k}_0 \times \vec{E}_0$

($\vec{k}_0 = k \vec{n}_0$)

$$P = \frac{1}{2\mu_0} R \{ E_0^* \int e^{-i\vec{k}_0 \cdot \vec{x}} \vec{e}_0^* \cdot [\vec{n} \times \vec{B}_s + \frac{\vec{k}_0 \times (\vec{n} \times \vec{E}_s)}{ck}] \} ds$$

Now total cross-section (not just scattering cross-section)

$$\sigma_{\text{Tot}} \equiv \frac{P}{\text{Incident Flux}} = \frac{P}{\epsilon_0 |E_0|^2 c/2}$$

$$\sigma_{T \rightarrow T} = \text{Re} \left\{ c \vec{E}_0 \cdot \int e^{-i \vec{k}_0 \cdot \vec{x}} \vec{E}_0^* [\vec{n} \times \vec{B}_s + \vec{k}_0 \times (\vec{n} \times \vec{E}_s) / c] d s \right\}$$

However going back to our definition of

scattering amplitude $F(\vec{e}, \vec{k}; \vec{e}_0, \vec{k}_0)$

we see that:-

$$\sigma_{T \rightarrow T} = \frac{4\pi}{k} \text{Im} F(\text{forward, elastic})$$

$$F(\text{forward, elastic}) \equiv F(\vec{k}_0, \vec{e}_0; \vec{k}_0, \vec{e}_0)$$

= amplitude of forward scattered wave
($\vec{n} = \vec{n}_0$) and no change in
polarization ($\vec{e} = \vec{e}_0$)

This relation has far reaching implications

beyond just scattering / absorption of light - also in-elastic scattering

we in QFT when discussing scattering / absorption or 'annihilation' ↙

processes in many particle collisions $\leftrightarrow$ concept
of unitarity.