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Assignment 2

A is absorption as a function of angle θ

$$A(\sin \theta) = \tau^2 \exp(-2\tau^2) = \\ = \left((k_0 L)^{1/3} \sin \theta \right)^2 \exp(-2(k_0 L)^{1/3} \sin \theta)^2)$$

$$a = (k_0 L)^{1/3}$$

$$= a^2 \sin^2 \theta \exp(-2a^2 \sin^2 \theta)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} A(\sin \theta) =$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (a^2 \sin^2 \theta \exp(-2a^2 \sin^2 \theta)) =$$

$$= a^2 \sin^2 \theta \cos \theta \cdot 2 \cdot \exp(-2a^2 \sin^2 \theta) -$$

$$+ 2a^2 \sin^2 \theta \cdot (-2a^2 \cdot 2) \sin \theta \cos \theta \cdot$$

$$\cdot \exp(-2a^2 \sin^2 \theta)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} A(\sin \theta) = 0$$

To find min of function $A(\theta)$

$$\frac{\partial A(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & a^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \cdot 2 \cdot \exp(-2a^2 \sin^2 \theta) - \\
 & - 2a^2 \sin^2 \theta (-2a^2) \sin \theta \cos \theta \cdot \\
 & \exp(-2a^2 \sin^2 \theta) = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$1 - 2a^2 \sin^2 \theta = 0$$

$$\sin \theta = \left(\frac{1}{2a^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sin \theta &= \left(2^{-\frac{1}{2}} a^{-\frac{1}{2} \cdot 2} \right) = \\
 &= 2^{-\frac{1}{2}} a^{-1} = 2^{-\frac{1}{2}} (k_0 L)^{-\frac{1}{3}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sin \theta = \sin^{-1} \left(2^{-\frac{1}{2}} (k_0 L)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \right)$$

b) Only p-polarised light undergoes resonance absorption, because the light has to have some of component of \vec{E} directed into the surface.

If a light is not p-polarised, there is not component of \vec{E} into the surface.

c) Resonance absorption is not significant under low laser irradiance, lower than 10^{14} W/cm^2 , because there is not ionisation of plasma, which happens because of multiphoton absorption. For multiphoton absorption we need high irradiance more than 10^{14} W/cm^2 .

2. (a) Inverse bremsstrahlung radiation heats mostly slow electrons and doesn't heat fast electrons. Because fast electrons have a very low cross-section for interaction with light.

For ICF we need to heat substance evenly.

But if we heat fast electrons, these electrons escape with a lot of energy.

2) (b). Condition of Raman scattering is that it happens in area of $\frac{1}{4}$ of critical plasma density.

However if a pulse of laser is too short, it is not enough energy to form and achieve plasma density high enough. So, plasma density is too low to satisfy Raman scattering.

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