

1. Let the axis of the cylinder be along the  $z$  direction, and choose  $x$  axis so that it is parallel with  $\mathbf{q}_{\perp}$  (see diagram above), where  $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}_0$ .

To the first order of  $\delta\epsilon/\epsilon$ , we can use Born approximation (10.31) for the outgoing polarization  $\epsilon$  and initial polarization  $\epsilon_0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\epsilon^* \cdot \mathbf{A}_{\text{sc}}^{(1)}}{D^{(0)}} &= \frac{k^2}{4\pi} \int d^3x e^{i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{x}} (\epsilon^* \cdot \epsilon_0) \left( \frac{\delta\epsilon}{\epsilon} \right) \\ &= \frac{k^2}{4\pi} (\epsilon^* \cdot \epsilon_0) \left( \frac{\delta\epsilon}{\epsilon} \right) \int_0^L dz e^{iq_{\parallel} z} \int_0^a \rho d\rho \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi e^{iq_{\perp} \rho \cos \phi} \quad \text{see steps from (10.112) to (10.113)} \\ &= \frac{k^2}{2} (\epsilon^* \cdot \epsilon_0) \left( \frac{\delta\epsilon}{\epsilon} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{e^{iq_{\parallel} L} - 1}{iq_{\parallel}} \right) \cdot a^2 \frac{J_1(q_{\perp} a)}{q_{\perp} a} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

This gives

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(\epsilon_0, \epsilon) &= \left| \frac{\epsilon^* \cdot \mathbf{A}_{\text{sc}}^{(1)}}{D^{(0)}} \right|^2 = \frac{k^4 a^4}{4} |\epsilon^* \cdot \epsilon_0|^2 \left( \frac{\delta\epsilon}{\epsilon} \right)^2 \left| \frac{2 \sin(q_{\parallel} L/2)}{q_{\parallel}} \cdot \frac{J_1(q_{\perp} a)}{q_{\perp} a} \right|^2 \\ &= \frac{k^4 a^4 L^2}{16} |\epsilon^* \cdot \epsilon_0|^2 \left( \frac{\delta\epsilon}{\epsilon} \right)^2 \left[ \frac{\sin(q_{\parallel} L/2)}{q_{\parallel} L/2} \cdot \frac{2J_1(q_{\perp} a)}{q_{\perp} a} \right]^2 \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Summing over all outgoing polarizations and averaging over all initial polarizations will turn  $|\epsilon^* \cdot \epsilon_0|^2$  into  $(1 + \cos^2 \theta)/2$  (see (10.10)), where  $\theta$  is the angle between  $\mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{k}_0$ . Thus the total differential cross section is

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{k^4 a^4 L^2}{32} (1 + \cos^2 \theta) \left( \frac{\delta\epsilon}{\epsilon} \right)^2 \left[ \frac{\sin(q_{\parallel} L/2)}{q_{\parallel} L/2} \cdot \frac{2J_1(q_{\perp} a)}{q_{\perp} a} \right]^2 \quad (3)$$

2. With varying orientations of the cylinder, we keep  $\mathbf{q}$  as the  $z$  direction in this part, and let the cylinder's axis be described by the polar angle  $\beta$  and azimuthal angle  $\gamma$ , then (3) can be rewritten as

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(\beta, \gamma) = \frac{k^4 a^4 L^2}{32} (1 + \cos^2 \theta) \left( \frac{\delta\epsilon}{\epsilon} \right)^2 \left[ \frac{\sin(qL \cos \beta/2)}{qL \cos \beta/2} \cdot \frac{2J_1(qa \sin \beta)}{qa \sin \beta} \right]^2 \quad (4)$$

When  $ka \ll 1$ , we have  $qa = 2ka \sin(\theta/2) \ll 1$ . For small argument  $J_1(x) \rightarrow x/2$ , so

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(\beta, \gamma) \approx \frac{k^4 a^4 L^2}{32} (1 + \cos^2 \theta) \left( \frac{\delta\epsilon}{\epsilon} \right)^2 \left[ \frac{\sin(qL \cos \beta/2)}{qL \cos \beta/2} \right]^2 \quad (5)$$

Averaging over  $\beta \in [0, \pi]$ ,  $\gamma \in [0, 2\pi]$ , we have

$$\left\langle \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right\rangle \approx \frac{k^4 a^4 L^2}{32} (1 + \cos^2 \theta) \left( \frac{\delta\epsilon}{\epsilon} \right)^2 \frac{\int_0^{\pi} \left[ \frac{\sin(qL \cos \beta/2)}{qL \cos \beta/2} \right]^2 \sin \beta d\beta \int_0^{2\pi} d\gamma}{4\pi} \quad (6)$$

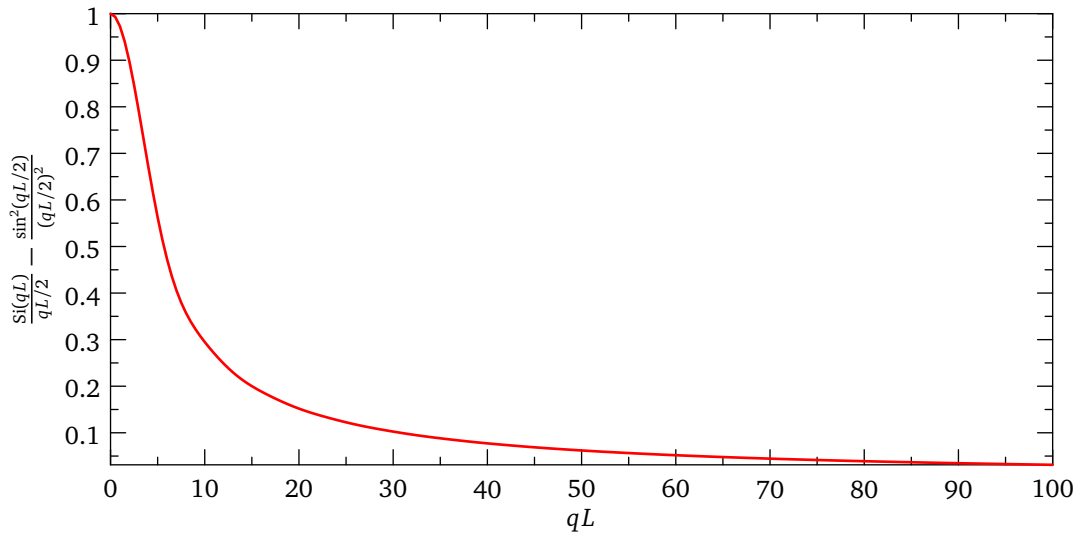
The first integral on the numerator is evaluated explicitly as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
I &= \int_0^\pi \frac{\sin^2(qL \cos \beta/2)}{(qL \cos \beta/2)^2} \sin \beta d\beta && \text{let } t \equiv qL \cos \beta/2 \\
&= \frac{2}{qL} \int_{-qL/2}^{qL/2} \frac{\sin^2 t}{t^2} dt = \frac{2}{qL} \cdot 2 \int_0^{qL/2} \sin^2 t \frac{d(-1/t)}{dt} dt \\
&= \frac{2}{qL} \cdot 2 \left( -\frac{\sin^2 t}{t} \Big|_0^{qL/2} + \int_0^{qL/2} \frac{\sin 2t}{t} dt \right) && \text{note } \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^2 t}{t} = 0 \\
&= \frac{2}{qL} \cdot 2 \left[ -\frac{\sin^2(qL/2)}{qL/2} + \text{Si}(qL) \right] = 2 \left[ \frac{\text{Si}(qL)}{qL/2} - \frac{\sin^2(qL/2)}{(qL/2)^2} \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

Plugging this back to (6) gives the desired result

$$\left\langle \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right\rangle = \frac{k^4 a^4 L^2}{32} (1 + \cos^2 \theta) \left( \frac{\delta\epsilon}{\epsilon} \right)^2 \left[ \frac{\text{Si}(qL)}{qL/2} - \frac{\sin^2(qL/2)}{(qL/2)^2} \right] \tag{8}$$

3. The plot of the square-bracketed term with varying  $qL$  is shown below (not sure why the problem asks to plot as function of  $q^2 L^2$ ).



When  $kL \ll 1$ , the square-bracketed term is very close to unity, giving

$$\left\langle \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right\rangle \approx \frac{k^4 a^4 L^2}{32} (1 + \cos^2 \theta) \left( \frac{\delta\epsilon}{\epsilon} \right)^2 \tag{9}$$

Comparing this with the dielectric sphere result (10.10)

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{k^4 a^6}{2} \left( \frac{\epsilon_r - 1}{\epsilon_r + 2} \right)^2 (1 + \cos^2 \theta) \approx \frac{k^4 a^6}{18} (1 + \cos^2 \theta) \left( \frac{\delta\epsilon}{\epsilon} \right)^2 \tag{10}$$

we see that there is a factor of  $(9/16)(L/a)^2$  which can be attributed to the shape difference (i.e., cylinder v.s. sphere). When  $kL \gg 1$  while keeping  $ka \ll 1$ , note that  $\text{Si}(x) \approx \pi/2 - \cos x/x$  for  $x \gg 1$ , we can estimate the total cross section by integrating (8)

$$\begin{aligned}
\sigma &= \int d\Omega \left\langle \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right\rangle \approx \frac{k^4 a^4 L^2}{32} \left( \frac{\delta\epsilon}{\epsilon} \right)^2 \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_0^\pi \sin \theta d\theta (1 + \cos^2 \theta) \left[ \frac{\pi}{2kL \sin(\theta/2)} + O\left(\frac{1}{k^2 L^2}\right) \right] \\
&= \frac{k^3 a^4 L}{32} \left( \frac{\delta\epsilon}{\epsilon} \right)^2 \cdot 2\pi^2 \left[ \underbrace{\int_0^\pi \cos \frac{\theta}{2} (1 + \cos^2 \theta) d\theta}_{44/15} + O\left(\frac{1}{kL}\right) \right] \\
&= \frac{11\pi^2 k^3 a^4 L}{60} \left( \frac{\delta\epsilon}{\epsilon} \right)^2 \left[ 1 + O\left(\frac{1}{kL}\right) \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

Unlike the  $kL \ll 1$  case, the cross section is proportional to  $\omega^3$ .