



# **Aplicando a Teoria Mie-Debye para Caracterização de Parâmetros Físicos em Pinças Óticas**

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# Introdução

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## Goal

Describe the process of scattering of EM waves by a spherically symmetric object.

Discuss the application of this model to experiments that try to measure Casimir interactions.

Path:

Find a solution for a scalar wave equation in spherical coordinates



Adapt the result to a vector field → Electromagnetic field description



Scattering description with developed tools



Applications

# Spherical Wave Solutions of the Scalar Wave Equation

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# Spherical Wave Solutions of the Scalar Wave Equation

Consider the scalar function  $\psi(\vec{r}, \omega)$ , which satisfies the Helmholtz wave equation

$$(\nabla^2 + k^2) \psi(\vec{r}, \omega) = 0.$$

Note that  $k^2 = \omega^2/c^2$  and  $\psi(\vec{r}, \omega) = FT_t \psi(\vec{r}, t)$ .

# Spherical Wave Solutions of the Scalar Wave Equation

The laplacian  $\nabla$  is then written in spherical coordinates and, after separating the variables and solving the angular part, we find:

$$\psi(\vec{r}, \omega) = \sum_{l,m} F_{l,m}(r) Y_{l,m}(\theta, \phi)$$

and  $F_{l,m}(r)$  is the solution for the radial part of the equation (don't depend on  $m$ ).

With the transformation:

$$F_l(r) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} u_l(r)$$

the radial part of the equation becomes a Bessel equation, which solutions are:

$$F_l(r) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} (A_{l,m} J_{l+1/2}(r) + B_{l,m} N_{l+1/2}(r))$$



# Spherical Wave Solutions of the Scalar Wave Equation

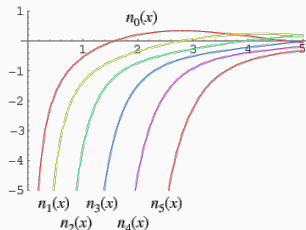
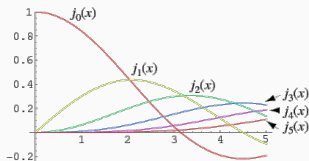
Now, we define the *Spherical Bessel and Henkel Functions*:

$$j_l(kr) = \left(\frac{\pi}{2kr}\right)^{1/2} J_{l+1/2}(kr)$$

$$n_l(kr) = \left(\frac{\pi}{2kr}\right)^{1/2} N_{l+1/2}(kr)$$

$$h_l^{\pm}(kr) = j_l(kr) \pm i n_l(kr)$$

which look like:



# Spherical Wave Solutions of the Scalar Wave Equation

When  $kr \gg l$ , those functions will behave as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}j_l(kr) &\rightarrow \frac{1}{kr} \sin\left(kr - \frac{l\pi}{2}\right) \\n_l(kr) &\rightarrow -\frac{1}{kr} \cos\left(kr - \frac{l\pi}{2}\right) \\h_l^+(kr) &\rightarrow (-i)^{l+1} \frac{e^{ikr}}{kr}\end{aligned}$$

Now, we have a complete set of functions to describe  $\psi$ :

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}, \omega) = \sum_{l,m} [A_{lm}^{(+)} h_l^{(+)}(kr) + A_{lm}^{(-)} h_l^{(-)}(kr)] Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$$

# **Electromagnetic Fields description**

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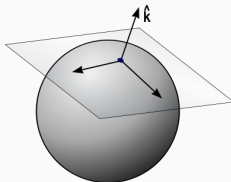
# Electromagnetic Fields description

Motivation:

Right now we have the wave equation solution for a scalar field.

Transverse field can be obtained by multiplying the solution by a transverse vector.

But which transverse vector?

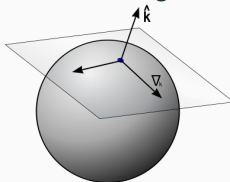


# Electromagnetic Fields description

The vector operator  $\nabla_k$  (in reciprocal space) is a good way to start. Assuming the field has no longitudinal component ( $\vec{k} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$ ), we can write the operator as:

$$\nabla_k = \frac{1}{k} \left( \hat{\theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \hat{\phi} \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right)$$

where is clear that it is defined in the tangential plane.

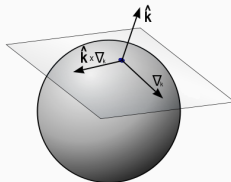


# Electromagnetic Fields description

Now, the last component should be perpendicular to, not just  $\hat{k}$ , but also  $\nabla_k$ . The obvious choice is to take the vector product:

$$\hat{k} \times \nabla_k = \alpha \vec{L}$$

and, now, we finally have a set of vectors that describes our vector field:



# Electromagnetic Fields description

Since the spherical harmonics are eigenfunctions of the operator  $\vec{L}$ , we can build our fields with the normalized vector

$$\vec{X}_{lm}(\theta, \phi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{l(l+1)}} \vec{L} Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi).$$

First, we build the magnetic multipole field, using the scalar field expansion found earlier:

$$\vec{E}_{lm}^{(M)}(\vec{r}) = c^2 g_l(kr) \vec{X}_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$$

$$\vec{B}_{lm}^{(M)}(\vec{r}) = \frac{-i}{kc^2} \nabla \times \vec{E}_{lm}^{(M)}(\vec{r})$$

where

$$g_l(kr) = B_l^{(+)} h_l^{(+)}(kr) + B_l^{(-)} h_l^{(-)}(kr).$$

# Electromagnetic Fields description

The same idea is used to construct the electric multipole field, which leads us to the final result:

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = c^2 \sum_{l,m} \left[ \frac{i}{k} a_E(l, m) \nabla \times f_l(kr) \vec{X}_{lm}(\theta, \phi) + a_M(l, m) g_l(kr) \vec{X}_{lm}(\theta, \phi) \right],$$
$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \sum_{l,m} \left[ a_E(l, m) f_l(kr) \vec{X}_{lm}(\theta, \phi) - \frac{-i}{k} a_M(l, m) \nabla \times g_l(kr) \vec{X}_{lm}(\theta, \phi) \right].$$



Plane waves also have a spherical wave expansion. As an example, we have the case of  $\hat{k} = \hat{z}$ :

$$e^{ikz} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} i^l (2l+1) j_l(kr) P_l(\cos\theta)$$

where

$$P_l(\cos\theta) = Y_{l0}(\theta)$$

# Electromagnetic Fields description

This leads to the field:

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} i^l \sqrt{4\pi(2l+1)} \left[ j_l(kr) \vec{X}_{l,\pm 1}(\theta, \phi) \pm \frac{1}{k} \nabla \times j_l(kr) \vec{X}_{l,\pm 1}(\theta, \phi) \right],$$
$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{c} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} i^l \sqrt{4\pi(2l+1)} \left[ \frac{-i}{k} \nabla \times j_l(kr) \vec{X}_{l,\pm 1}(\theta, \phi) \mp ij_l(kr) \vec{X}_{l,\pm 1}(\theta, \phi) \right].$$

Those will be a sum of *ingoing* spherical waves of various  $l$ 's.

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We begin to discuss our problem by stating that we can divide our fields in 2 parts:

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \vec{E}_{inc}(\vec{r}) + \vec{E}_{sc}(\vec{r})$$

$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \vec{B}_{inc}(\vec{r}) + \vec{B}_{sc}(\vec{r})$$

We use the multipole basis to describe them all! But with caution...

# Scattering of Electromagnetic Waves by a sphere (Mie)

$\vec{A}_{inc}(\vec{r})$  is an incoming wave, described by the plane wave expansion.

$\vec{A}_{sc}(\vec{r})$  is the scattered wave. Only one Henkel function describe *outgoing* spherical wave:  $H_l^+(kr)$ .

$$\vec{E}_{sc}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} i^l \sqrt{4\pi(2l+1)} \left[ \alpha_{\pm} h_l^+ \vec{X}_{l,\pm 1} \pm \beta_{\pm} \frac{1}{k} \nabla \times h_l^+ \vec{X}_{l,\pm 1} \right],$$

$$\vec{B}_{sc}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{2c} \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} i^l \sqrt{4\pi(2l+1)} \left[ \alpha_{\pm} \frac{-i}{k} \nabla \times h_l^+ \vec{X}_{l,\pm 1} \mp i\beta_{\pm} h_l^+ \vec{X}_{l,\pm 1} \right].$$

# Scattering of Electromagnetic Waves by a sphere (Mie)

$\alpha_{\pm}$  and  $\beta_{\pm}$  are both determined by the boundary conditions. Since the scatterer is spherically symmetric, no direction will be treated differently; and assuming there is no absorption, the scattering effect only changes the

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## Conclusion

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