

This is similar to the treatment of photoelectric effect, except the initial state $|i\rangle$ is now the ground state of the 3-dimensional isotropic oscillator. Referencing to eq (2.151), we have

$$\langle \mathbf{x} | i \rangle = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi} x_0} \right)^{3/2} e^{-r^2/(2x_0^2)} \quad \text{where } x_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m_e \omega_0}} \quad (1)$$

Eq (5.338) still holds

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} &= \frac{4\pi^2 \alpha \hbar}{m_e^2 \omega} \left| \overbrace{\langle \mathbf{k}_f | e^{i(\omega/c)(\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \mathbf{x})} \hat{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \mathbf{p} | i \rangle}^A \right|^2 \frac{m_e k_f L^3}{\hbar^2 (2\pi)^3} \\ &= \frac{\alpha k_f L^3}{2\pi m_e \omega \hbar} |A|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

And

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \hat{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \int d^3x \frac{e^{-i\mathbf{k}_f \cdot \mathbf{x}}}{L^{3/2}} e^{i(\omega/c)(\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \mathbf{x})} (-i\hbar \nabla) \left[\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi} x_0} \right)^{3/2} e^{-r^2/(2x_0^2)} \right] \\ &= \frac{-i\hbar}{L^{3/2}} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi} x_0} \right)^{3/2} \underbrace{\hat{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \int d^3x e^{-i\mathbf{k}_f \cdot \mathbf{x}} e^{i(\omega/c)(\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \mathbf{x})} \nabla \left[e^{-r^2/(2x_0^2)} \right]}_B \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Combining with (2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} &= \frac{\alpha k_f L^3}{2\pi m_e \omega \hbar} \left| \frac{-i\hbar}{L^{3/2}} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi} x_0} \right)^{3/2} \right|^2 |B|^2 \\ &= \frac{\alpha k_f \hbar}{2\pi m_e \omega} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi} x_0} \right)^3 |B|^2 \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Now we calculate B using integration-by-parts:

$$\begin{aligned} B &= \hat{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \int d^3x e^{-i\mathbf{k}_f \cdot \mathbf{x}} e^{i(\omega/c)(\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \mathbf{x})} \nabla \left[e^{-r^2/(2x_0^2)} \right] \\ &= \hat{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \left[\underbrace{e^{-i\mathbf{k}_f \cdot \mathbf{x}} e^{i(\omega/c)(\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \mathbf{x})} e^{-r^2/(2x_0^2)}}_{=0} \Big|_{-\infty}^{+\infty} - \int d^3x \nabla \left(e^{-i\mathbf{k}_f \cdot \mathbf{x}} e^{i(\omega/c)(\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \mathbf{x})} \right) e^{-r^2/(2x_0^2)} \right] \\ &= -\hat{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \int d^3x \left[(\nabla e^{-i\mathbf{k}_f \cdot \mathbf{x}}) e^{i(\omega/c)(\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \mathbf{x})} e^{-r^2/(2x_0^2)} + e^{-i\mathbf{k}_f \cdot \mathbf{x}} (\nabla e^{i(\omega/c)(\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \mathbf{x})}) e^{-r^2/(2x_0^2)} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

We can drop the second term in the integral since the gradient $\nabla e^{i(\omega/c)(\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \mathbf{x})}$ is along the $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$ direction, and $\hat{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} = 0$.

Now (5) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} B &= -\hat{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \int d^3x (\nabla e^{-i\mathbf{k}_f \cdot \mathbf{x}}) e^{i(\omega/c)(\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \mathbf{x})} e^{-r^2/(2x_0^2)} \\ &= i(\hat{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \mathbf{k}_f) \int d^3x e^{-i(\mathbf{k}_f - \omega \hat{\mathbf{n}}/c) \cdot \mathbf{x}} e^{-r^2/(2x_0^2)} \quad (\text{define } \mathbf{q} \equiv \mathbf{k}_f - \left(\frac{\omega}{c}\right) \hat{\mathbf{n}}) \\ &= i(\hat{\mathbf{e}} \cdot \mathbf{k}_f) \underbrace{\int d^3x e^{-i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{x}} e^{-r^2/(2x_0^2)}}_C \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Next, we evaluate the Fourier transform integral C in spherical coordinates where \mathbf{q} aligns with the z -axis (note, the z -axis in this integral evaluation, together with the corresponding θ, ϕ angles are different from the coordinates in Fig 5.13).

$$\begin{aligned}
C &= \int d^3x e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{x}} e^{-r^2/(2x_0^2)} \\
&= \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_0^\infty r^2 e^{-r^2/(2x_0^2)} dr \int_0^\pi \sin\theta d\theta e^{-iqr \cos\theta} \quad (\text{let } y \equiv -\cos\theta) \\
&= 2\pi \int_0^\infty r^2 e^{-r^2/(2x_0^2)} dr \int_{y=-1}^1 dy e^{iqry} \\
&= \frac{2\pi}{iq} \int_0^\infty r e^{-r^2/(2x_0^2)} dr (e^{iqr} - e^{-iqr}) \\
&= \frac{2\pi}{iq} \int_0^\infty r e^{-r^2/(2x_0^2)} 2i \sin(qr) dr \\
&= \frac{4\pi}{q} \int_0^\infty r e^{-r^2/(2x_0^2)} \sin(qr) dr
\end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

There is a clever trick to evaluate the integral in (7) as the following. Define

$$I(q) \equiv \int_0^\infty e^{-ar^2} \cos(qr) dr \tag{8}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
I'(q) &= \int_0^\infty -r e^{-ar^2} \sin(qr) dr \\
&= \int_0^\infty d\left(\frac{e^{-ar^2}}{2a}\right) \sin(qr) \\
&= -\frac{q}{2a} \int_0^\infty \cos(qr) e^{-ar^2} dr \\
&= -\frac{q}{2a} I(q)
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Viewing (9) as an ODE for variable q , we can see the general solution

$$I(q) = A e^{-q^2/(4a)} \tag{10}$$

where A can be determined by the boundary condition

$$A = I(0) = \int_0^\infty e^{-ar^2} dr = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{a}} \tag{11}$$

Plugging in $a = 1/(2x_0^2)$, we now have

$$\begin{aligned}
C &= \frac{4\pi}{q} [-I'(q)] = \frac{4\pi}{2a} I(q) = 4\pi x_0^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{2\pi} x_0 e^{-q^2 x_0^2/2} \\
&= 2\sqrt{2} (\sqrt{\pi} x_0)^3 e^{-q^2 x_0^2/2}
\end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

Now, together with (4) and (6),

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} &= \frac{ak_f \hbar}{2\pi m_e \omega} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi} x_0} \right)^3 (\hat{\epsilon} \cdot \mathbf{k}_f)^2 \cdot 8 (\sqrt{\pi} x_0)^6 e^{-q^2 x_0^2} \\
&= \frac{4ak_f \hbar}{\pi m_e \omega} (\hat{\epsilon} \cdot \mathbf{k}_f)^2 \pi x_0^2 \sqrt{\pi} x_0 e^{-q^2 x_0^2} \\
&= \frac{4ak_f \hbar^2}{m_e^2 \omega \omega_0} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar \pi}{m_e \omega_0}} (\hat{\epsilon} \cdot \mathbf{k}_f) e^{-q^2 x_0^2}
\end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

With the coordinate given by Fig 5.13,

$$(\hat{\epsilon} \cdot \mathbf{k}_f)^2 = k_f^2 \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \phi \quad (14)$$

$$\begin{aligned} q^2 x_0^2 &= \left[\left(k_f \cos \theta - \frac{\omega}{c} \right)^2 + (k_f \sin \theta)^2 \right] \frac{\hbar}{m_e \omega_0} \\ &= \frac{\hbar}{m_e \omega_0} \left[k_f^2 + \left(\frac{\omega}{c} \right)^2 \right] - \frac{2\hbar k_f \omega \cos \theta}{m_e c \omega_0} \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

which yields the final form

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{4\alpha k_f^3 \hbar^2}{m_e^2 \omega \omega_0} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar \pi}{m_e \omega_0}} \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \phi \exp \left\{ -\frac{\hbar}{m_e \omega_0} \left[k_f^2 + \left(\frac{\omega}{c} \right)^2 \right] \right\} \exp \left(\frac{2\hbar k_f \omega \cos \theta}{m_e c \omega_0} \right) \quad (16)$$