

## Mie Theory Sphere in Medium.

Consider Maxwell's equations in a homogeneous non-absorbing medium:

$$(1) \quad \nabla \times \vec{B} = \frac{n^2 \epsilon_m}{c^2} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla \times \vec{E} = - \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \quad (2)$$

We also have:

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{E} = \rho = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

i.e. the divergence in electric field vanishes in a homogeneous medium  
Apply curl ( $\nabla \times$ ) operator to each of eq<sup>s</sup> (1) & (2):

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{B}) = \frac{n^2 \epsilon_m}{c^2} \frac{\partial (\nabla \times \vec{E})}{\partial t} = - \frac{n^2 \epsilon_m}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{B}}{\partial t^2}$$

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{E}) = \frac{\epsilon_m}{\epsilon_0} \frac{\partial (\nabla \times \vec{B})}{\partial t} = - \frac{n^2 \epsilon_m}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2}$$

Also consider

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{A}) = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{A}) - \nabla \cdot \nabla \vec{A} = \nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{A}) - \nabla^2 \vec{A}$$

$\therefore$

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{E}) = \underbrace{\nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{E})}_0 - \nabla^2 \vec{E} = -\nabla^2 \vec{E}$$

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{B}) = \underbrace{\nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{B})}_0 - \nabla^2 \vec{B} = -\nabla^2 \vec{B}$$

So we have

$$\nabla^2 \vec{B} = \frac{n^2 \epsilon_m}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{B}}{\partial t^2} ; \quad \nabla^2 \vec{E} = \frac{n^2 \epsilon_m}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2}$$

electromagnetic  
the wave vector equation

$$\nabla^2 \vec{A} = \frac{n^2 \epsilon_m}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{A}}{\partial t^2} , \quad \underline{\underline{\vec{A} = \vec{E} \text{ or } \vec{B}}}$$

each component of  $\vec{A}$  must satisfy the scalar wave equation...

$$\nabla^2 \varphi = \frac{n^2 \epsilon_m}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial t^2}$$

assume  $\varphi$  to be separable:

$$\varphi(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$$

$$\nabla^2 X(x)T(t) = \frac{n^2 \epsilon_m}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 X(x)T(t)}{\partial t^2}$$

$$\frac{\nabla^2 X(x)}{X(x)} = \frac{n^2 \epsilon_m}{c^2} \frac{1}{T(t)} \frac{\partial^2 T(t)}{\partial t^2}$$

$$\text{Let } \beta = \frac{\omega c}{n} = k \quad \frac{\partial^2 T(t)}{\partial t^2} + \omega^2 T(t) = 0$$

$$T \sim \begin{Bmatrix} \cos(\omega t) \\ \sin(\omega t) \end{Bmatrix}$$

and the spatial component

$$\nabla^2 X + k^2 \epsilon_m X = 0 \quad (\text{Helmholtz Eq.})$$

write in spherical coordinates

$$\left[ \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \right] X + k^2 \epsilon_m X = 0 \quad (3)$$

~~(3) \* (3) \* (3)~~ assume  $X$  is separable i.e.  $X(r, \theta, \phi) = R(r) \Theta(\theta) \Phi(\phi)$

$$(4) \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial R}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \Theta \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \Phi \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \phi^2} + k^2 \epsilon_m = 0$$

$$(4) \times r^2 \sin^2 \theta$$

$$\frac{\sin^2 \theta}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial R}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{\sin \theta}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\Phi} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \phi^2} + k^2 \epsilon_m r^2 \sin^2 \theta = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{\Phi} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \phi^2} = \text{constant} = -m^2$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \phi^2} + m^2 \Phi = 0$$

$$\Phi \sim \begin{cases} \cos m\phi \\ \sin m\phi \end{cases}$$

$$\Phi(0) = \Phi(2\pi) \therefore m \in \mathbb{Z}$$

so eq<sup>n</sup> (4) becomes

$$(5) \quad \frac{1}{r^2 R} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial R}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) - \frac{m^2}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} + k^2 \epsilon_m = 0$$

$$(5) \times r^2$$

$$\frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial R}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) - \frac{m^2}{\sin^2 \theta} + k^2 \epsilon_m r^2 = 0$$

$$(5a) \quad \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) - \frac{m^2}{\sin^2 \theta} = \text{constant} = -l(l+1)$$

so eq<sup>n</sup> (5) becomes

$$(6) \quad \frac{1}{r^2 R} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial R}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} + k^2 \epsilon_m = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial R}{\partial r} \right) + \left[ \epsilon_m k^2 + \frac{l}{r^2} \right] R = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^2 \frac{\partial R}{\partial r} \right) + \left[ \epsilon_m k^2 r^2 + l \right] R = 0$$

$$r^2 \frac{\partial^2 R}{\partial r^2} + 2r \frac{\partial R}{\partial r} + \left[ \epsilon_m k^2 r^2 + l \right] R = 0$$

If we let  $l = -l(l+1)$

$$r^2 \frac{\partial^2 R}{\partial r^2} + 2r \frac{\partial R}{\partial r} + \left[ \epsilon_m k^2 r^2 - l(l+1) \right] R = 0$$

the sol<sup>n</sup> to this is defined as a spherical Bessel function

$$R \sim \begin{Bmatrix} j_l(\hat{n}_m k r) \\ y_l(\hat{n}_m k r) \end{Bmatrix} \quad \text{where } \hat{n}_m = \sqrt{\epsilon_m} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{refractive} \\ \text{index of} \\ \text{medium.} \end{array}$$

and 
$$j_l = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2\hat{n}_m k r}} J_{(l+\frac{1}{2})}(\hat{n}_m k r)$$

$$y_l = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2\hat{n}_m k r}} Y_{(l+\frac{1}{2})}(\hat{n}_m k r)$$

with  $J_{(l+\frac{1}{2})}(x) / Y_{(l+\frac{1}{2})}(x)$  are the ordinary Bessel functions.

consider (5b)

$$\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial \theta} \right) - m^2 / \sin^2 \theta = -l(l+1)$$

$$\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial \theta} \right) + l(l+1) - m^2 / \sin^2 \theta = 0$$



$$\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \frac{\sin \theta}{2\theta} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} \right) + \psi \left[ \frac{l(l+1)}{\sin^2 \theta} - \frac{m^2}{\sin^2 \theta} \right] = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \frac{\sin \theta}{2\theta} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} \right) + \psi \left[ \frac{l(l+1)}{1-\cos^2 \theta} - \frac{m^2}{1-\cos^2 \theta} \right] = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \left\{ \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{2\theta^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial \theta^2} - \frac{2 \cos \theta}{2\theta} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} \right\} + \psi \left[ \frac{l(l+1)}{1-\cos^2 \theta} - \frac{m^2}{1-\cos^2 \theta} \right] = 0$$

$$(1-\cos^2 \theta) \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{2(\cos \theta)^2} - \frac{2 \cos \theta}{2(\cos \theta)} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} + \psi \left[ \frac{l(l+1)}{1-\cos^2 \theta} - \frac{m^2}{1-\cos^2 \theta} \right] = 0$$

these eq's satisfy the Legendre Polynomials

$$\psi \sim \begin{Bmatrix} P_{lm}(\cos \theta) \\ Q_{lm}(\cos \theta) \end{Bmatrix}$$

so we now have  $\psi$

$$\psi \sim \begin{Bmatrix} \cos(\omega t) \\ \sin(\omega t) \end{Bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} \cos m\phi \\ \sin m\phi \end{Bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} j_l(\hat{r}kr) \\ y_l(\hat{r}kr) \end{Bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} P_{lm}(\cos \theta) \\ Q_{lm}(\cos \theta) \end{Bmatrix}$$

$Q_{lm}(\cos \theta)$  has singularities in  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$   $y_l(\hat{r}kr) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $r \rightarrow 0$

$\Rightarrow$  both dropped

$$h^{(2)}_l(\hat{r}kr) \sim \frac{1}{\hat{r}kr} e^{-i\hat{r}kr}$$

at  $\infty \Rightarrow$  elliptical spherical wave  
✓ Huygen's principle.

$$\text{so } \psi \sim e^{+i\omega t} \begin{Bmatrix} \cos m\phi \\ \sin m\phi \end{Bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} j_l(\hat{r}kr) \\ y_l(\hat{r}kr) \end{Bmatrix} P_{lm}(\cos \theta)$$

so we now have sol<sup>n</sup> to

$$\nabla^2 \chi + k^2 \epsilon_m \chi = 0 \quad \text{but need sol<sup>n</sup> to vector wave so...}$$

$$X \sim \begin{Bmatrix} \cos m\phi \\ \sin m\phi \end{Bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} j_l(\hat{r}_{mkr}) \\ y_l(\hat{r}_{mkr}) \end{Bmatrix} P_{lm}(\cos\theta)$$

Theorem: If  $X$  satisfies the scalar wave equation then the vectors  $\vec{M}_\alpha$  &  $\vec{N}_\alpha$  must satisfy the vectorial Helmholtz equation where  $\vec{M}_\alpha$  &  $\vec{N}_\alpha$  are defined by...

$$\vec{M}_\alpha = \nabla \times (\vec{r} X)$$

$$\hat{r}_{mk} \vec{N}_\alpha = \nabla \times \vec{M}_\alpha$$

and related by...

$$\hat{r}_{mk} \vec{M}_\alpha = \nabla \times \vec{N}_\alpha$$

Aside 1: Check this...

$$\nabla \times (\vec{r} \nabla^2 X) + \epsilon_{mk}^2 \vec{M}_\alpha = 0$$

using  $\nabla [\nabla \cdot (\nabla X \otimes \vec{r})] = \vec{r} (\nabla \otimes \nabla^2 X) - \nabla X (\nabla \otimes \vec{r}) = 0$

we get...

~~$$\nabla \otimes \nabla \otimes (\nabla X \otimes \vec{r}) = \vec{r} \nabla \otimes (\nabla \otimes \nabla^2 X) - \nabla X (\nabla \otimes \nabla \otimes \vec{r})$$~~

$$\nabla \otimes \nabla \otimes (\nabla X \otimes \vec{r}) = \nabla [\nabla \cdot (\nabla X \otimes \vec{r})] - \nabla^2 (\nabla X \otimes \vec{r}) = -\nabla^2 (\nabla X \otimes \vec{r})$$

also

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \otimes \nabla \otimes (\nabla X \otimes \vec{r}) &= \nabla \otimes [(\vec{r} \cdot \nabla) \nabla X - \vec{r} \nabla^2 X - (\nabla X \cdot \nabla) \vec{r} + \nabla X (\nabla \cdot \vec{r})] \\ &= \nabla \otimes [(\vec{r} \cdot \nabla) \nabla X] - \nabla \otimes [\vec{r} \nabla^2 X] - \nabla \otimes [(\nabla X \cdot \nabla) \vec{r}] + \nabla \otimes [\nabla X (\nabla \cdot \vec{r})] \end{aligned}$$

using  $\vec{r} \cdot \nabla = r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \Rightarrow \nabla \times [(\vec{r} \cdot \nabla) \nabla X] - \nabla \times \left( r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \nabla X \right) = 0$

$$(\nabla X \cdot \nabla) \vec{r} = \nabla X \Rightarrow \nabla \times [(\nabla X \cdot \nabla) \vec{r}] = \nabla \times \nabla X = 0$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{r} \Rightarrow \nabla \times [\nabla X (\nabla \cdot \vec{r})] = 0$$

giving

$$\nabla \otimes \nabla \otimes (\nabla \chi \otimes \vec{r}) = -\nabla \otimes (\vec{r} \nabla^2 \chi)$$

so we can say...

$$\nabla \chi (\vec{r} \nabla^2 \chi) = \nabla^2 (\nabla \chi \times \vec{r})$$

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$$\nabla \chi (\vec{r} \nabla^2 \chi) = \nabla^2 (\nabla \chi \times \vec{r})$$

merging

$$\nabla^2 \vec{M}_n + \epsilon_m k^2 \vec{M}_n = 0 \quad \forall \vec{M}_n \text{ satisfy Helmholtz}$$

$$\vec{E} = M_u + i N_u$$

$$\vec{B} = \hat{n}_m$$

$$\vec{B} = \hat{n}_m (-M_u + i N_u)$$

where  $u, v$  are solutions to Helmholtz eq<sup>n</sup>

Consider a linearly polarized incoming plane wave

$$\vec{E} = \vec{a}_x e^{-ikz + i\omega t}$$

$$\vec{H} = \vec{a}_y e^{-ikz + i\omega t}$$

Outside incident wave  $m=1$

$$\vec{E} = e^{i\omega t} \cos \phi \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} (-i)^l \frac{2l+1}{l(l+1)} P_l^1(\cos \theta) j_l(kr)$$

$$\vec{H} = e^{i\omega t} \sin \phi \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} (-i)^l \frac{2l+1}{l(l+1)}$$

$$u = e^{i\omega t} \cos \phi \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} (-i)^l \frac{2l+1}{l(l+1)} P_l(\cos \theta) j_l(\hat{n}_m k r)$$

$$v = e^{i\omega t} \sin \phi \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} (-i)^l \frac{2l+1}{l(l+1)} P_l(\cos \theta) j_l(\hat{n}_m k r)$$

Outside wave scattered  $\Rightarrow$  use Helmholtz theorem for Huygens's principle satisfaction.

$$u = -e^{i\omega t} \cos \phi \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} a_l (-i)^l \frac{2l+1}{l(l+1)} P_l(\cos \theta) h_l^2(\hat{n}_m k r)$$

$$v = -e^{i\omega t} \sin \phi \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} b_l (-i)^l \frac{2l+1}{l(l+1)} P_l(\cos \theta) h_l^2(\hat{n}_m k r)$$

Inside Now follow Van der Hilst... pg 122.

or