Recent Advances on the Effective Optical Properties of Turbid Colloids

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### The problem



#### index of refraction of complex fluids



milk







#### optical properties









Index of refraction in continuum electrodynamics







Plane waves

$$\vec{S} = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re}\left(\vec{E} \times \vec{H}^{*}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re}\left[\left(\left\langle\vec{E}\right\rangle + \delta\vec{E}\right) \times \left(\left\langle\vec{H}\right\rangle + \delta\vec{H}\right)^{*}\right] = \left\langle\vec{S}\right\rangle + \delta\vec{S}$$

not enough







Traditional approach  $(\vec{P}, \vec{M})$ 

$$\left\langle \vec{J}_{ind} \right\rangle = \frac{\partial \vec{P}}{\partial t} + \nabla \times \vec{M}$$
$$\vec{J}_{P} \qquad \vec{J}_{M}$$

AVERAGE

$$\rho_{\rm ind} \,{\rightarrow} \left< \rho_{\rm ind} \right>$$

$$ec{J}_{\mathit{ind}} 
ightarrow \left\langle ec{J}_{\mathit{ind}} 
ight
angle$$

$$abla \cdot \left\langle \vec{J}_{ind} \right\rangle + rac{\partial \left\langle \rho_{ind} \right\rangle}{\partial t} = 0$$

#### **MATERIAL FIELDS**

polarization  $\vec{P}$ magnetization  $\vec{M}$ 



Tradition  $\vec{H} = \frac{\left\langle \vec{B} \right\rangle}{\mu_0} - \vec{M}$  $\vec{D} = \varepsilon_0 \left\langle \vec{E} \right\rangle + \vec{P}$ H field Displacement field Isotropic and homogeneous "on the average" Linear materials  $\vec{D} = \hat{\varepsilon} \langle \vec{E} \rangle$  $ec{H}=\hat{\mu}^{-1}\left\langle ec{B}
ight
angle$ Frequency domain time dispersion  $a_{_{NL}}$  $\vec{D}(\vec{r},\omega) = \int \varepsilon(|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|;\omega) \langle \vec{E} \rangle(\vec{r}',\omega) d^3r' \qquad \vec{H}(\vec{r},\omega) = \int d^3r' \mu^{-1}(|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|;\omega) \langle \vec{E} \rangle(\vec{r}',\omega)$ non-local  $\varepsilon(\bar{k},\omega)$ spatial dispersion  $\mu(\vec{k},\omega)$ 

electric permittivity

magnetic permeability



$$a_{_{NL}}\ll\lambda$$

$$\varepsilon(k \to 0, \omega) = \varepsilon(\omega)$$

$$\varepsilon(\omega) = \varepsilon'(\omega) + i \varepsilon''(\omega)$$

long-wavelength limit 
$$(k \rightarrow 0)$$

$$\mu(k\to 0,\omega)=\underline{\mu(\omega)}$$

 $\mu(\omega) \approx \mu_0$ 

dissipation

Index of refraction

$$n(\omega) = \sqrt{\varepsilon(\omega)/\varepsilon_0}$$

$$= n'(\omega) + i n''(\omega)$$

$\left( c, \mu \right)$	
$(\varepsilon, \mu_0)$	

"continuum"

How about inhomogeneous materials?

Can one extend the continuum approach?

colloids



dispersed phase / homogeneous phase

EXAMPLES









colloidal particles / matrix

"ordered" colloids















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# turbidity

diffraction

 $\left< \vec{S} \right>_{diffuse} \sim \left< \vec{S} \right>_{coh}$ 





If there is one, it should be .... for the coherent beam If there is one, the theory should be... incomplete





effective properties... coherent beam... scattering... as... dissipation

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first attempts

van de Hulst



*Light scattering by small particles (1957)* 





# sphere

$$\begin{pmatrix} E_{\parallel}^{s} \\ E_{\perp}^{s} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{e^{ikr}}{-ikr} \begin{pmatrix} S_{2}(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & S_{1}(\theta) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E_{\parallel}^{inc} \\ E_{\perp}^{inc} \end{pmatrix}$$
 MIE

$$S_1(0) = S_2(0) = S(0)$$



#### Effective index of refraction







critical-angle refractometer



$$R(\theta_i)$$

Results





#### Results





# Refractive index errors in the critical-angle and the Brewster-angle methods applied to absorbing and heterogeneous materials

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#### 5. Conclusion

We have studied the reflection of light at the interface between a transparent medium, and a sample material which may be optically absorbing or scattering, where the light is incident upon the sample from within the transparent medium. This is the configuration of most criticalangle refractometers, where the transparent medium is an optical prism of accurately known refractive index. The interpretation of the critical angle and the Brewster angle is shown to be complicated by the presence of absorption or heterogeneity in the sample, when the refractometer will generally read an apparent refractive index which is erroneous.

For a non-absorbing but heterogeneous sample a theoretical prediction of the measurement error in critical-angle or Brewster-angle refractometry is presently unavailable. Critical-angle results for suspensions show the effect of heterogeneity length scale through the effect of particle size. Good critical-angle measurements are possible even at high concentrations (50% vol.) if the particle diameter is less than about half the optical wavelength, and also at any concentration for particles much larger than the wavelength if the refractive index increment is negligible. For intermediate particle diameters the angle dependence of reflectance may deviate grossly from that predicted by Fresnel's equations, with features which make definition of the critical angle and refractive index measurements impossible. Sufficient study has not been given to the effects of heterogeneity length scale and concentration to enable measurement criteria to be established for Brewster-angle refractometry.

Why?



## IN TURBID COLLOIDAL SYSTEMS AN EFFECTIVE MEDIUM EXISTS, BUT IT IS NONLOCAL

$$\mathcal{E}_{eff}(k,\omega)$$

 $\mu_{eff}(k,\omega)$ 

magnetic response



Fresnel's equations are not valid

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effective index of refraction

$$k^{T}(\omega) = k_{0} n_{eff}(\omega)$$



Local (long wavelength)

$$k = k_0 \sqrt{\tilde{\varepsilon}_{eff}^T} (k \to 0, \omega) = k_0 \sqrt{\tilde{\varepsilon}_{eff}} (\omega)$$

$$n_{\rm eff}(\omega) = \sqrt{\varepsilon(\omega)}$$

Light-cone approximation (LCA)

$$k^{T}(\omega) = k_{0}\sqrt{\tilde{\varepsilon}_{eff}^{T}(k_{0},\omega)}$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$n_{eff}(\omega) = \sqrt{\varepsilon^{T}(k_{0},\omega)} \rightarrow 1 + i\gamma S(0)$$

LCA is close to the exact...



van de Hulst has a non-local ancestry Thus it is restricted

# How to measure the effective refractive index?

Critical-angle refractometry

• Reflectance from a medium with a non-local response

#### Reflectance



Reflectance of a half-space with an effective non-local response



Although there are attempts...there is still not a reliable solution to the reflectance problem...

...but there will be one soon...



#### Surface sensitive

Probability interface





An alternative experimental set up to measure the effective refractive index











 $1.2 \text{ ml H}_2\text{O}$  incial

Latex particles in solution

*f* = 1.2%

Diameter: 0.31 µm



#### 1.2 ml of water







#### + 0.25 ml in solution



+ 0.35 ml in solution



+ 0.45 ml in solution



+ 0.55 ml in solution





# **Rigorous theoretical framework for particle sizing in turbid colloids using light refraction**

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On the retrieval of particle size from the effective optical properties of colloids

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Fig. 3. Graphs of  $\text{Im}(n_{\text{eff}}) / f$  versus  $\text{Re}(n_{\text{eff}}) / f$  for a colloid with a matrix of refractive index  $n_{p} = 1.36$  and particles of refractive index  $n_{p} = 1.45, 1.47, \dots 1.55$ . The symbols in each plot in (a) are for a particles of radius a = 0, 30 nm, 60 nm,  $\dots 1500$  nm. In (b) are for a = 0, 5 nm, 10 nm, 15 nm,  $\dots 50$  nm.



effective medium scattering theory

 $i\omega\mu_0\vec{\sigma}_{eff}(\vec{k},\vec{k}') \rightarrow \ddot{T}(\vec{k},\vec{k}')$ 

coherent-scattering model

 $r = \frac{\gamma k^2 S_m(\pi - 2\theta_i)}{i(k_-^i + k_-^{\text{eff}})k_-^i - \gamma k^2 S(0)}$ 

*pol.* s m = 1  $\gamma = \frac{3}{2} \frac{f}{(k_0 a)^3}$ 

dilute regime

"generalized" conductivity

$$\vec{J}_{ind}(\vec{k},\omega) = \int \vec{\sigma}_{eff}(\vec{k},\vec{k}';\omega) \cdot \left\langle \vec{E} \right\rangle(\vec{k}',\omega) d^{3}k'$$

$$\uparrow$$
TOTAL
$$BULK \longrightarrow \vec{\sigma}_{eff}(\vec{k},\vec{k};\omega)$$

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Results







We have provided arguments for the use of refraction as a secure way for the experimental determination of the effective index of refraction in turbid colloids.

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$$\mathcal{E}_{eff}$$

$$r = \frac{\sqrt{\mu_{eff}} - \sqrt{\varepsilon_{eff}}}{\sqrt{\mu_{eff}} + \sqrt{\varepsilon_{eff}}}$$

reflection  $n_{eff} = 1 + i\gamma S_1(\pi)$ 

Half-space





## dilute



#### coherent-scattering model

$$r = \frac{\gamma k^2 S_m(\pi - 2\theta_i)}{i(k_z^i + k_z^{eff})k_z^i - \gamma k^2 S(0)}$$

*pol.* s 
$$m = 1$$
  $\gamma = \frac{3}{2} \frac{f}{(k_0 a)^3}$ 

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critical-angle refractometer



 $R(\theta_i)$ 







Laser diode

 $\lambda_0 = 0.635 \, \mu m$ 

# Internal reflection configuration

great sensitivity

assume to beunrestricted

$$\mathcal{R}^{ extsf{Fresnel}}( heta_{ extsf{i}}; extsf{n}_{ extsf{eff}}^{ extsf{vdH}}, \mu_{ extsf{eff}} = 1)$$

Coherent scattering model

$$R = \left| \frac{\gamma k^2 S_m(\pi - 2\theta_i)}{i(k_z^i + k_z^{\text{eff}})k_z^i - \gamma k^2 S(0)} \right|^2$$

Sample TiO<sub>2</sub> / water Gonometer

Dove prism

 $R(\theta_i)$ 

