# Optical properties of turbid colloids: An effective-medium approach

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### refractive index of milk







# Colloidal systems

continuous	disperse		
phase	phase	name	examples
liquid	solid	sol	Milk, paints, blood, tissues
liquid	liquid	emulsion	milk, water in benzene
liquid	gas	foam	foam, whipped cream
solid	solid	solid sol	composites, policrystals, rubys
solid	liquid	solid emulsion	milky quatz, opals
solid	gas	solid foam	porous media
gas	solid	solid aereosol	smoke, powder
gas	liquid	liquid aereosol	fog

# "Ordered" colloids





### Photonic crystals

### **Metamaterials**



### Propagation of light





### transmission





### turbidity







macroscopic field









 $ka = \frac{2\pi a}{\lambda} \approx 1$ 

Is it possible to define an effective medium?



Is there an effective index of refraction?

# Homogenization





 $\lambda \sim 10 a$ 

 $n_{eff} = \sqrt{\mathcal{E}_{eff} \,\mu_{eff}}$ 

Effective medium for turbid colloids

### Coherent beam

$$\left\langle \vec{E} \right\rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\{C_n\}} \vec{E} \left( \vec{r}; \left\{ \vec{R_1}, \vec{R_2}, ..., \vec{R_N} \right\}_{C_n} \right)$$

configurational average





Coherent beam

 $\left\langle \vec{E} \right\rangle = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\{C_n\}} \vec{E} \left( \vec{r}; \left\{ \vec{R_1}, \vec{R_2}, \dots, \vec{R_N} \right\}_{C_n} \right)$ 



# Extended effective medium





Continuum Electrodynamics

# Energy conservation

 $\langle Power \rangle \propto \langle E^2 \rangle = \langle E \rangle^2 + \langle \delta E^2 \rangle$ 





scattering

dissipation



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# Comments

static regime. However, for most of the metamaterials demonstrated to date, d is not negligible with respect to the wavelength; yet, in these cases, the description of the structure as a homogeneous medium has produced sensible and useful results, implying that it should be pos-

#### Coherent beam

sible to modify or extend the homogenization concepts embodied in Eqs. (1). In 2000, such a modification was suggested and shown to produce self-consistent results for the permittivity and permeability of wire and SRR media.<sup>23</sup>

Our intent here is to justify a numerically based homogenization scheme based on Eqs. (1), in which the local fields computed for one unit cell of a periodic structure are averaged to yield a set of macroscopic fields. Once

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}) = \exp[i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}]\vec{e}(\vec{r})$$
$$\vec{e}(\vec{r}) = \sum_{\vec{G}}\vec{e}_{\vec{G}}\exp[i\vec{G}\cdot\vec{r}]$$
$$e_{\vec{G}} = \int_{V}\vec{e}(\vec{r})\exp[-i\vec{G}\cdot\vec{r}]d^{3}r$$

$$\left\langle \vec{E} \right\rangle(\vec{r}) = \vec{e}_{\vec{G}=0} \exp[i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}]$$
$$e_{\vec{G}=0} = \int_{V} \vec{e}(\vec{r}) d^{3}r$$





MODEL: Random system of identical spheres a identical  $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}_p(\omega)$  local  $\mu = \mu_0$  nonmagnetic  $n_p = \sqrt{\mathcal{E}_p(\omega)/\mathcal{E}_0}$ 

 $k_0 = \frac{\omega}{c}$ 



*Light scattering by small particles (1957)* 



# $f \ll 1$ dilute limit



# Scattering matrix

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



sphere

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







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transmission

reflection

 $n_{eff} = 1 + i\gamma S(0)$  $n_{eff} = 1 + i\gamma S_1(\pi)$ 

Proposition

$$\varepsilon_{eff} = \mathbf{1} + i\gamma [S(0) + S_1(\pi)]$$
  
$$\mu_{eff} = \mathbf{1} + i\gamma [S(0) - S_1(\pi)] \quad \text{MAGNETIC ?}$$

$$r = \frac{\sqrt{\mu} - \sqrt{\varepsilon}}{\sqrt{\mu} + \sqrt{\varepsilon}}$$

...It might be expected that a composite medium is nonmagnetic if its components are, but this is not correct... which was recognized as long ago as 1909 by Gans and Happel...



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$$\mu_{eff}^{TE}(\theta_{i}) = 1 + \frac{i\gamma S_{-}^{(1)}(\theta_{i})}{\cos^{2} \theta_{i}}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{eff}^{TE}(\theta_{i}) = 1 + i\gamma \left(2S_{+}^{(1)}(\theta_{i}) - S_{-}^{(1)}(\theta_{i}) \tan^{2} \theta_{i}\right)$$
MAGNETIC

$$S_{+}^{(1)}(\theta_{i}) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ S(0) + S_{1}(\pi - 2\theta_{i}) \right]$$

$$\mathcal{S}^{(1)}_{-}(\theta_i) = \mathcal{S}(0) - \mathcal{S}_{1}(\pi - 2\theta_i)$$

#### Comment:

...is a quite uncomfortable result... ....to say the least...

Normal incidence

$$\varepsilon_{eff} = 1 + i\gamma \left[ S(0) + S_1(\pi) \right]$$
$$\mu_{eff} = 1 + i\gamma \left[ S(0) - S_1(\pi) \right]$$

Small particles  $S(0) = S_1(\pi - 2\theta_i)$ 



#### IN TURBID COLLOIDAL SYSTEMSTHE EFFECTIVE MEDIUM **EXISTS** BUT IT IS **NONLOCAL**

ELECTROMAGNETIC RESPONSE

**GENERALIZED EFFECTIVE CONDUCTIVITY** 



Local vs nonlocal

Is it a matter of taste?...



 $\vec{J}_{ind}(\vec{r};\omega) = \sigma_{S}(\vec{r};\omega)\vec{E}_{I}(\vec{r};\omega)$  $= \int \vec{\sigma}_{S}^{NL}(\vec{r},\vec{r}';\omega)\cdot\vec{E}_{ext}(\vec{r}';\omega)d^{3}r'$ 



Effective-Field Approximation

$$\vec{E}_{exc,i}(\vec{r}';\vec{r}_1,\vec{r}_2,...\vec{r}_{i-1},\vec{r}_{i+1},...\vec{r}_N;\omega) \approx \left\langle \vec{E}(\vec{r}',\omega) \right\rangle$$

...valid in the dilute regime

$$\vec{J}_{ind}(\vec{r};\omega) = \sum_{i} \int \vec{\sigma}_{S}^{NL}(\vec{r}-\vec{r}_{i},\vec{r}'-\vec{r}_{i};\omega) \cdot \left\langle \vec{E}(\vec{r}',\omega) \right\rangle d^{3}r'$$

$$\left\langle \vec{J}_{ind}(\vec{r};\omega) \right\rangle = \int \left\langle \sum_{i} \vec{\sigma}_{S}^{NL}(\vec{r}-\vec{r}_{i},\vec{r}'-\vec{r}_{i};\omega) \right\rangle \left\langle \vec{E}(\vec{r}',\omega) \right\rangle d^{3}r'$$
the probability density
Is homogeneous
$$\vec{\sigma}_{eff}(|\vec{r}-\vec{r}'|;\omega) \longleftarrow \begin{array}{c} \text{GENERALIZED NONLOCAL}\\ \text{CONDUCTIVITY} \end{array}$$

GENERALIZED NONLOCAL OHM'S LAW

Momentum representation

$$\left\langle \vec{J} \right\rangle^{ind} (\vec{p}, \omega) = \vec{\sigma}_{eff} (\vec{p}, \omega) \cdot \left\langle \vec{E} \right\rangle (\vec{p}, \omega) \qquad n_0 = \frac{N}{V}$$

$$\vec{\sigma}_{eff}(\vec{p},\omega) = n_0 \vec{\sigma}_{S}^{NL}(\vec{p}'=\vec{p},\vec{p};\omega)$$

FT  

$$\vec{\sigma}_{S}^{NL}(\vec{r},\vec{r}';\omega) \longrightarrow \vec{\sigma}_{S}^{NL}(\vec{p},\vec{p}';\omega) \longrightarrow \vec{\sigma}_{S}^{NL}(\vec{p},\vec{p}'=\vec{p};\omega)$$
  
3 X 3 = 9

LT scheme



Probability density is homogeneous and isotropic

$$\vec{\sigma}_{eff}(\vec{p};\omega) = \sigma_{eff}^{L}(p,\omega)\hat{p}\hat{p} + \sigma_{eff}^{T}(p,\omega)(\overline{1} - \hat{p}\hat{p})$$

generalized effective nonlocal dielectric function

$$\vec{\varepsilon}_{eff}(\vec{p};\omega) = \vec{1}\varepsilon_0 + \frac{i}{\omega}\vec{\sigma}_{eff}(\vec{p};\omega)$$
$$\boldsymbol{\downarrow}$$
$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{eff}^{L}(\boldsymbol{p},\omega) \qquad \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{eff}^{T}(\boldsymbol{p},\omega)$$





Ag (radius=0.1µm)













$$\mathbf{D} = k_0 \sqrt{\tilde{\varepsilon}_{eff}^T(\mathbf{p} \to \mathbf{0}; \omega)}$$
 local

$$\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{k}_0 \sqrt{\tilde{\varepsilon}_{eff}^T(\mathbf{p}, \omega)}$$
 nonlocal

Exact 
$$p = k_0 \sqrt{\tilde{\varepsilon}_{eff}^T(p,\omega)} = k_0 \sqrt{\tilde{\varepsilon}_{eff}^{[0]}(\omega)} + \tilde{\varepsilon}_{eff}^{L(T)[2]}(\omega) (pa)^2 + \dots$$



# Light-cone approximation

#### nonlocal

$$p^{2} = k_{0}^{2} \tilde{\varepsilon}^{T} (p = k_{0}, \omega)$$

nonlocal ancestry

 $n_{eff} = 1 + i\gamma S(0)$ 

van de Hulst





# Metamaterials

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$$\bar{\varepsilon}_x = \varepsilon_0 \frac{\sin(q_y d)}{q_y d}.$$
(19)

A similar calculation for the permeability yields

$$\bar{\mu}_z = \mu_0 \frac{\sin(q_y d)}{q_y d}.$$
(20)

Equations (19) and (20) reveal that the material parameters found from the field-averaging method exhibit spatial dispersion; that is, the material parameters are functions of the propagation vector. Inserting Eqs. (19) and (20) into Eq. (17), we recover the correct dispersion relation for free space, or

$$\nu = q_y \sqrt{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}.$$
 (21)

Spatially dispersive medium parameters are less intuitive and less convenient to apply. However, the terms dependent on **q** in Eqs. (19) and (20) are seen to be a result of the finite differencing or discretization of Maxwell's equations and have no other physical origin. Since we recover the correct free-space dispersion relation, Eq. (21), via this scheme there is the hint that the averaged material parameters may have validity if we simply remove the term  $\sin(q_y d)/q_y d$ . When the unit cell is not empty, this procedure will obviously not lead to an exact result but may still be a reasonable approximation.



If  $n_{eff}(\omega)$  has a nonlocal ancestry it cannot be used in local CE (Fresnel's relations)



$$n_{\rm eff} = 1 + i\gamma S(0)$$



## Internal Reflection configuration

# Internal reflection configuration

great sensitivity



 $R^{\text{Fresnel}}(\theta_i; n_{\text{eff}}^{\text{vdH}})$ 



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 $R(\theta_i)$ 



Comparison







translational invariance

$$\varepsilon_{eff}^{T}(\boldsymbol{p},\omega) \to \varepsilon_{eff}^{T}(\vec{p}_{||};\boldsymbol{p}_{z},\boldsymbol{p}_{z}';\omega)$$
$$\varepsilon_{eff}^{L}(\boldsymbol{p},\omega) \to \varepsilon_{eff}^{L}(\vec{p}_{||};\boldsymbol{p}_{z},\boldsymbol{p}_{z}';\omega)$$



 $\epsilon\,\mu$  scheme



material fields

dispersion relation

dispersion relation



### MAGNETIC RESPONSE

Ag (radius=0.1µm)





In turbid colloidal systems the effective index of refraction, due to its nonlocal character, is able to describe the *propagation* of light, but it cannot describe its *reflection* 

This is important because the naïve use of the effective index of refraction in the calculation of reflection amplitudes has been done many times without too much (intellectual) reflection

There is a magnetic response in colloidal systems with non magnetic components (optical magnetism)



### Latex spheres / water

### **Refraction Spectroscopy**



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# Firm theoretical grounds for particle sizing in turbid colloids using light refraction

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**Abstract.** Using a non-local effective-medium approach we analyze the refraction of light in a colloidal medium. We discuss the theoretical grounds and all the necessary precautions to design and perform experiments to measure the effective refractive index in dilute colloids. As an application, we show that it is possible to size small dielectric particles in a colloid from the measurement of the complex effective refractive index and the volume fraction occupied by the particles.

#### 1. Introduction.

Particle sizing





### BULK

## HIGHER DENSITY

# LONGITUDINAL MODES

$$\varepsilon^{L}(\vec{p},\omega)=0$$

ENERGY TRANSFER

$$\vec{S} = \vec{E} \times \vec{H} = \vec{E} \times \hat{\mu}^{-1} \vec{B}$$
$$\vec{p}(\omega) \times \vec{E} = k_0 n_{eff}(\omega) \hat{p} \times \vec{B}$$

Quasicrystalline approximation

#### DO THEY EXIST ?

$$\vec{S} \cdot \hat{p} = ?$$

**LEFTHANDED** ?

# Coherent scattering model



$$r_{hs}^{TE} = \frac{\gamma S_1(\pi - 2\theta_i) / \cos \theta_i}{i(\cos \theta_i + [\cos^2 \theta_i + 2i\gamma S(0)]^{1/2}) - \gamma S(0) / \cos \theta_i}$$







Fit with n<sup>van de Hulst</sup>

 Table 1. Retrieved and nominal values of experimental parameters.

Particle size	Retrieved values	Nominal values
Small spheres	$a = 0.1076 \mu \text{m}$ $n_{\text{sphere}} = 1.566$ $\theta_1 = 47.955^\circ$ L = 2.039 mm	$a = 0.111 \pm 0.005 \mu \text{m}$ $n_{\text{sphere}} = 1.588$ $\theta_1 = 48.1 \pm 0.22^\circ$ $L = 1.9 \pm 0.25 \text{mm}$
Medium spheres	$a = 0.155 \mu \text{m}$ $n_{\text{sphere}} = 1.588$ $\theta_1 = 48.175^\circ$ L = 2.05 mm	$a = 0.155 \pm 0.007 \mu \text{m}$ $n_{\text{sphere}} = 1.588$ $\theta_1 = 48.1 \pm 0.22^\circ$ $L = 2 \pm 0.25 \text{mm}$
Large spheres	$a = 0.247 \mu \text{m}$ $n_{\text{sphere}} = 1.55$ $\theta_1 = 48.337^\circ$ L = 1.65 mm	$a = 0.24 \pm 0.01 \mu\text{m}$ $n_{\text{sphere}} = 1.588$ $\theta_1 = 48.1 \pm 0.22^\circ$ $L = 1.9 \pm 0.25 \text{mm}$





$$\frac{\mu_{\text{eff}}(p,\omega)}{\mu_0} = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{k_0^2}{p^2} \left( \varepsilon_{\text{eff}}^T(p,\omega) - \varepsilon_{\text{eff}}^L(p,\omega) \right)}$$

$$\frac{\mu_0}{\mu_{eff}(\boldsymbol{p},\omega)} - 1 = -\frac{k_0^2}{p^2} \left( \varepsilon_{eff}^T(\boldsymbol{p},\omega) - \varepsilon_{eff}^L(\boldsymbol{p},\omega) \right)$$

## MAGNETIC RESPONSE



### MAGNETIC RESPONSE

 $[(\mu(p,\omega)/\mu_0)^{-1}-1]/f$  for TiO<sub>2</sub> (radius=0.1µm)



#### GENERALIZED NONLOCAL OHM'S LAW





HOMOGENEOUS AND ISOTROPIC

### "ON THE AVERAGE"



### CONFIGURATION

# Generalized NL conductivity

$$U(\vec{r};\omega) = i\omega\mu_0\sigma_s(\vec{r};\omega)$$

$$\vec{T}(\vec{r},\vec{r}';\omega) \longrightarrow i\omega\mu_0\vec{\sigma}_s^{NL}(\vec{r},\vec{r}';\omega)$$

$$/$$
T matrix

# Small pa

$$\tilde{\varepsilon}_{eff}^{L(T)}(p,\omega) = \tilde{\varepsilon}_{eff}^{[0]}(\omega) + \tilde{\varepsilon}_{eff}^{L(T)[2]}(\omega) (\underline{pa})^2 + \dots$$

$$\tilde{\varepsilon} \equiv \frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon_0}$$
NONLOCAL
$$p \to 0 \text{ LOCAL LIMIT}$$
DEPENDENCE

# CALCULATION PROCEDURE

INDEPENDENT

Scattering from an *isolated* sphere

$$\vec{E}_0 \exp[i(\vec{p}' \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)]$$
 (p',  $\omega$ 

$$\vec{J}^{ind}(\vec{p},\omega) = \vec{\sigma}_{S}^{NL}(\vec{p},\vec{p}';\omega) \cdot \vec{E}_{0}$$
$$\vec{p}' = \vec{p}$$





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



$$\frac{\varepsilon^{L}(\boldsymbol{p};\boldsymbol{\omega})-1}{f}$$



longitudinal

$$\varepsilon^{L}(p,\omega) = 1 + f_{\varsigma} \left[ 1 + \chi_{S} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 3n(n+1)(2n+1)d_{n}^{L} \frac{j_{n}(x_{S})}{x_{S}} \frac{j_{n}(x_{i})}{x_{i}} \right]$$
$$x_{i} = pa$$
$$x_{S} = k_{S}a$$

$$k_{\rm S} = \omega \sqrt{\varepsilon_{\rm S} \mu_0}$$



$$\varepsilon'(p,\omega) = 1 + f\chi_{s}(1-\xi) + 2\pi x_{0}^{2}a\chi_{s}\xi\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (2n+1)\left\{c_{n}I_{2}(n,n) + d_{n}\left[\frac{n+1}{x_{i}}I_{1}(n,n-1) + \frac{n}{x_{i}}I_{1}(n+1,n) - I_{2}(n+1,n-1)\right]\right\}$$

$$I_{2}(n,m) \equiv \int_{0}^{1} x^{2} j_{n}(x_{i}x) j_{m}(x_{s}x) dx \qquad \begin{aligned} x_{i} &= pa \\ x_{s} &= k_{s}a \end{aligned}$$
$$I_{1}(n,m) \equiv \int_{0}^{1} x j_{n}(x_{i}x) j_{m}(x_{s}x) dx \qquad \begin{aligned} x_{s} &= k_{s}a \end{aligned}$$
$$I_{2}(n,n) \equiv \frac{1}{x_{i}^{2} - x_{s}^{2}} \Big[ x_{s} j_{n}(x_{i}) j_{n-1}(x_{s}) - x_{i} j_{n-1}(x_{i}) j_{n}(x_{s}) \Big] \qquad \begin{aligned} k_{0} &= \omega \sqrt{\varepsilon_{0} \mu_{0}} \end{aligned}$$