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*Alternative Representations of the
Radiant Energy Transport*

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The Stellar Atmosphere Physical System

Two components:

- *radiation field*
- *matter*

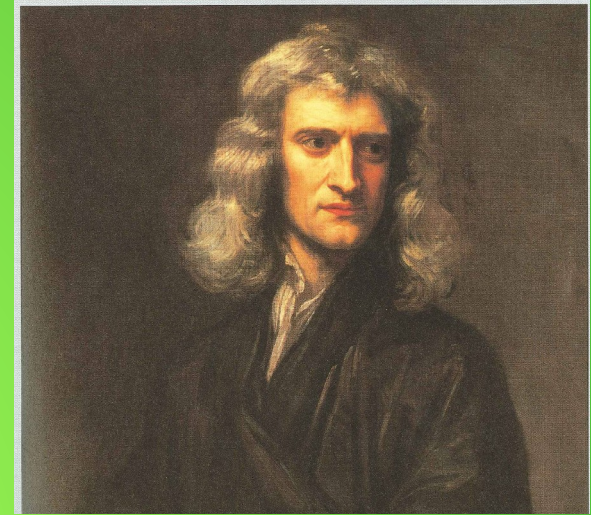
Representation of the physical system:

macroscopic and *microscopic* description

- The physical ground of **radiative transfer** is the propagation of radiation through a medium, namely a **transport process**
- Any transport process is **characterized by the flux of a proper quantity**
- We will consider the **specific** transport process where **radiant energy** is carried on through a **medium** with which it **exchanges energy**.

Ab initio

*God said, Let Newton be!
And all was light*
(A. Pope)



Rays of light

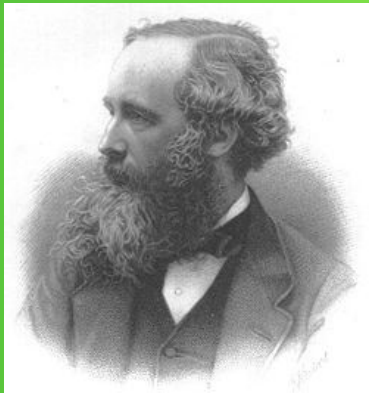
The least Light, or part of Light, which may be stopp'd alone without the rest of the Light, or propagated alone, or do suffer anything alone, which the rest of the Light doth not or suffers not, I call a Ray of Light.
(Optiks, 1704)

Light is made of corpuscle

The dual nature of light

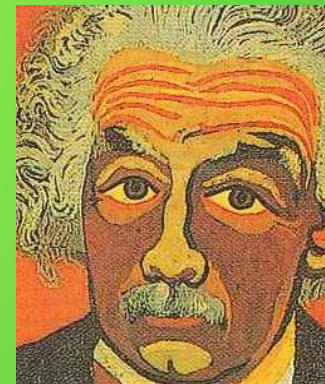
Huygens wave theory (17th century)

confirmed experimentally by Young and Fresnel



*Maxwell's **electromagnetic waves**
revealed by Hertz's experiments*

*Einstein's hypothesis of the
quantum of light*

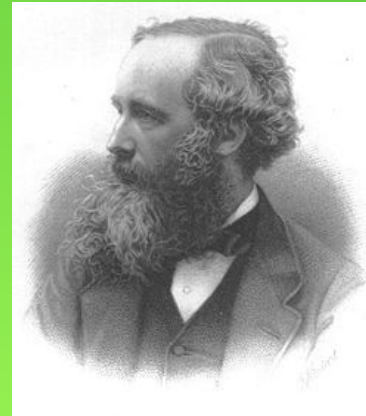


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1. Electrodynamic formulation

James Clark Maxwell
(1831 - 1879)



*A Dynamical Theory of the
Electromagnetic Field (1865)*

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = 4\pi\rho ;$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 ;$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = 0 ;$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} = \frac{4\pi}{c} \mathbf{J} .$$

**War es ein Gott,
Der diese Zeichen
schreib?**

Following Maxwell:

magnetic and electric **energy density**

$$W_{mag} = \frac{1}{8\pi} \mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{B} ; \quad W_{elec} = \frac{1}{8\pi} \mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbf{E} .$$

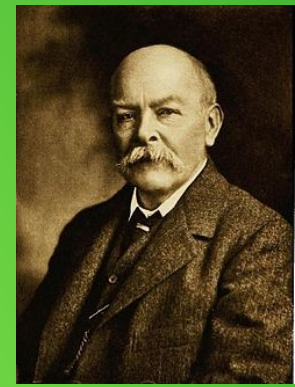
Energy is **localized** in the field.

We adopt the **Gauss conventional system of units**, where

$$[E] = [D] = [B] = [H] = M^{1/2} L^{-1/2} T^{-1}$$

$$\epsilon = \mu = 1 ; \quad [\epsilon] = [\mu] = M^0 L^0 T^0$$

John H. Poynting
(1852 – 1914)



Poynting's vector: $\mathbf{S} \equiv \frac{c}{4\pi} \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}$

$$[S] = (L T^{-1}) (M^{1/2} L^{-1/2} T^{-1})^2 = (M L^2 T^{-2}) T^{-1} L^{-2}$$

i.e. $\frac{\text{energy}}{\text{time} \cdot \text{surface}} = \text{power flux}$

By a proper treatment of the last two Maxwell's equations

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{4\pi} \mathbf{H} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{B}} + \frac{1}{4\pi} \mathbf{E} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{D}} + \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{J} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{S} = 0$$

Poynting's theorem

$$[\text{each term}] = M L^{-1} T^{-3} = (M L^2 T^{-2}) T^{-1} L^{-3} \quad \text{i.e. power density}$$

Joule heat: $W_J \equiv \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{J}$

$$W \equiv W_{elec} + W_{mag}$$

It can be shown that $\dot{W}_{elec} = \frac{1}{8\pi} \mathbf{E} \cdot \dot{\mathbf{D}} + \frac{1}{8\pi} \dot{\mathbf{E}} \cdot \mathbf{D} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \mathbf{E} \dot{\mathbf{D}}$

The same for \dot{W}_{mag} .

Hence from Poynting's theorem

$$\dot{W} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{S} = -W_J .$$

energy balance of the electromagnetic field

By integration over a volume V and Gauss theorem

$$\int_{\Sigma} \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{n} d\sigma = - \int_V \left[\frac{\partial W}{\partial t} + W_J \right] dV$$

conservation equation

Physical meaning of the Poynting's vector:

energy flux per unit time

across ***unit area*** of the

boundary surface of the volume considered

→ ***Transport of energy of the electromagnetic field***

The Poynting's ***vector*** accounts for the

intrinsic directed aspect

of the ***propagation of the electromagnetic field.***

Transport of radiant energy by an e.m. wave

monochromatic polarized plane wave

propagating along the x – axis, specified by $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$

$\mathbf{E} \perp \mathbf{H}$: *only E_y and H_z not 0*

$$\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 E_y}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial^2 E_y}{\partial x^2} = 0 \quad \text{wave equation}$$

$$\text{solution } E_y(x, t) = E_0 \cos(kx - \omega t)$$

by proper manipulation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left\{ \frac{1}{8\pi k^2} \left[\frac{1}{c^2} \left(\frac{\partial E_y}{\partial t} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x} \right)^2 \right] \right\} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{1}{4\pi k^2} \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial t} \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x} \right) = 0 .$$

$$e \equiv \frac{1}{8\pi k^2} \left[\frac{1}{c^2} \left(\frac{\partial E_y}{\partial t} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x} \right)^2 \right] \quad f \equiv - \left(\frac{1}{4\pi k^2} \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial t} \frac{\partial E_y}{\partial x} \right)$$

From the previous definitions:

$$\frac{\partial e}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 0 .$$

wave equation \Rightarrow **equation of continuity**

$$[e] = (M L^2 T^{-2}) L^{-3} ; \quad [f] = (M L^2 T^{-2}) T^{-1} L^{-2}$$

energy density

power flux

$$e(t) = \frac{E_0^2}{4\pi} \sin^2(kx - \omega t)$$

$e \Leftrightarrow W$

$$W(t) = W_{elec}(t) + W_{mag}(t) = \frac{E_0^2}{4\pi} \cos^2(kx - \omega t)$$

$$f(t) = \frac{E_0^2}{4\pi} \frac{\omega}{k} \sin^2(kx - \omega t) = \frac{c}{4\pi} E_0^2 \sin^2(kx - \omega t)$$

$f \hat{x} \Leftrightarrow S$

$$S(t) = \frac{c}{4\pi} E_y^2(t) \hat{x} = \frac{c}{4\pi} E_0^2 \cos^2(kx - \omega t) \hat{x} .$$

2. Fluid dynamic – like picture

Picture based on **macroscopic quantities**
related to the **microscopic photon picture**
(*corpuscular model of the radiation field*)

Analogue with fluid dynamics:

macroscopic flux of particles propagating along the
paths of geometrical optics (eikonal equation)

that **carry on and exchange energy** with matter particles

Ray :

amount of **radiant energy** of frequency ν
carried on along the **direction** n with speed c
per unit time

across a unit surface perpendicular to n

rays \longleftrightarrow **transport of energy**

Under the assumptions of

*a **weak** electromagnetic field and
propagation through a **diluted** medium*

*the energy carried on by rays obeys the **empirical** laws of*

radiometry

- 1. propagation through vacuum along straight lines with speed c ;*
- 2. all rays through a given point are **independent**;*
- 3. they are **linearly additive** both in **direction and frequency**.*

(Hypotheses already formulated by Newton in his Opticks)

*The above laws of photometry warrants that
the **transport process** is intrinsically **linear***

However

*a **single directed** quantity (i.e. a vector) is not enough
to specify **completely** the radiation field:*

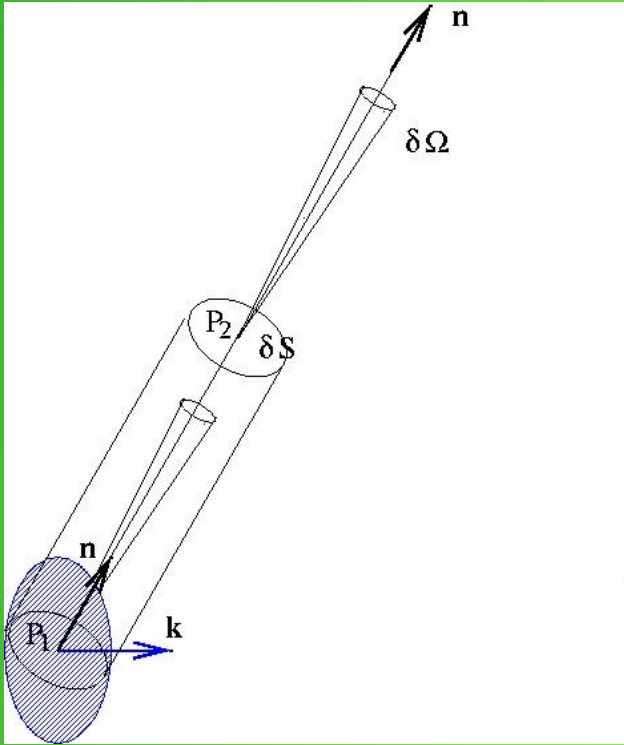
virtually infinite pencil of rays

From rays to specific intensity

Fundamental **physical observable** in radiative transfer:
the **energy** carried on by a ray

→ *Scalar* macroscopic **local** and **directed** quantity :

specific intensity of the radiation field



observable:

amount of energy $\delta E_{\nu}(\mathbf{n})$

elements of the measure:

oriented surface $\mathbf{k} \delta S$ around P_1

solid angle $\delta \Omega$ around \mathbf{n}

time interval δt spectral range $\delta \nu$

$$\delta E_{\nu}(\mathbf{n}) \propto \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{k} \delta S \delta \Omega \delta \nu \delta t$$

$$(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{k})^{-1} \lim_{\delta S \delta \Omega \delta \nu \delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta E_{\nu}(\mathbf{n})}{\delta S \delta \Omega \delta \nu \delta t} \equiv I(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{n}, \nu)$$

By definition the **specific intensity** $I(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{n}, \nu)$

characterized by (\mathbf{n}, ν)

is the **coefficient of proportionality**

between the

observable and the **elements of the measurement**

Dimension:

$$[I] = (M L^2 T^{-2}) \cdot L^{-2} \cdot T^{-1} \cdot T$$

i.e. energy flux per unit time and unit frequency band

Moments of the specific intensity

0th order moment: average mean intensity

$$J(\mathbf{r}, t; \nu) \equiv \frac{1}{4\pi} \oint I(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{n}, \nu) d\mathbf{n} \quad \text{scalar}$$

1st order moment: flux of radiation

$$\mathbf{F}_\nu(\mathbf{r}, t) \equiv \oint I(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{n}, \nu) \mathbf{n} d\mathbf{n} \quad \text{vector}$$

2nd order moment: radiation pressure

$$\underline{\underline{\mathbf{T}}}_\nu(\mathbf{r}, t) \equiv \frac{1}{c} \oint I(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{n}, \nu) \mathbf{n} \mathbf{n} d\mathbf{n} \quad \text{tensor}$$

Dyadic notation

Energy density of the radiation field

In the time interval dt the volume $dV = n \cdot k dS c dt$ is filled in by radiant energy

Specific energy density: $U(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{n}, \nu) \equiv \frac{d E_\nu(\mathbf{n})}{dV}$
directed and spectral

By definition $U(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{n}, \nu) d\Omega d\nu = \frac{1}{c} I(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{n}, \nu) d\Omega d\nu$

By integration over all the directions

$$u_\nu \equiv u(\mathbf{r}, t; \nu) \equiv \frac{1}{c} \oint I(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{n}, \nu) d\Omega = \frac{4\pi}{c} J(\mathbf{r}, t; \nu)$$

→ *spectral*

$$[u_\nu] = (ML^2T^{-2}) L^{-3} T$$

3. Microscopic picture

The photon distribution function

Because of the **corpuscular nature** of photons, let us define a **distribution function** such that

$$f(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{n}, \nu) d\Omega d\nu$$

is **equal** to the

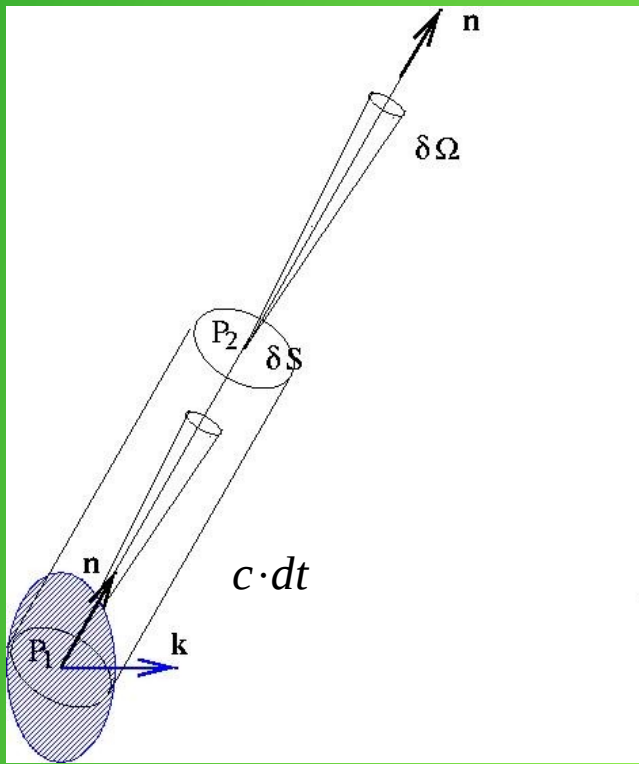
nr. of photons per unit volume at \mathbf{r} and t

in the band $(\nu, \nu + d\nu)$

that propagates along \mathbf{n} with speed c into $d\Omega$.

f is characterized by the pair $(\mathbf{n}; \nu)$
directed and **spectral**

$$[f] = L^{-3} \cdot T$$



The **number of specific photons** crossing the surface $\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS$ into $d\Omega$ during dt to fill a volume $dV = \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{k} dS c dt$

is by definition

$$f(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{n}, \nu) \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{k} dS c dt d\Omega d\nu$$

Each photon carries on its energy $h\nu$

Transport process in terms of the **photon distribution function**

Specific energy flowing through $\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS$

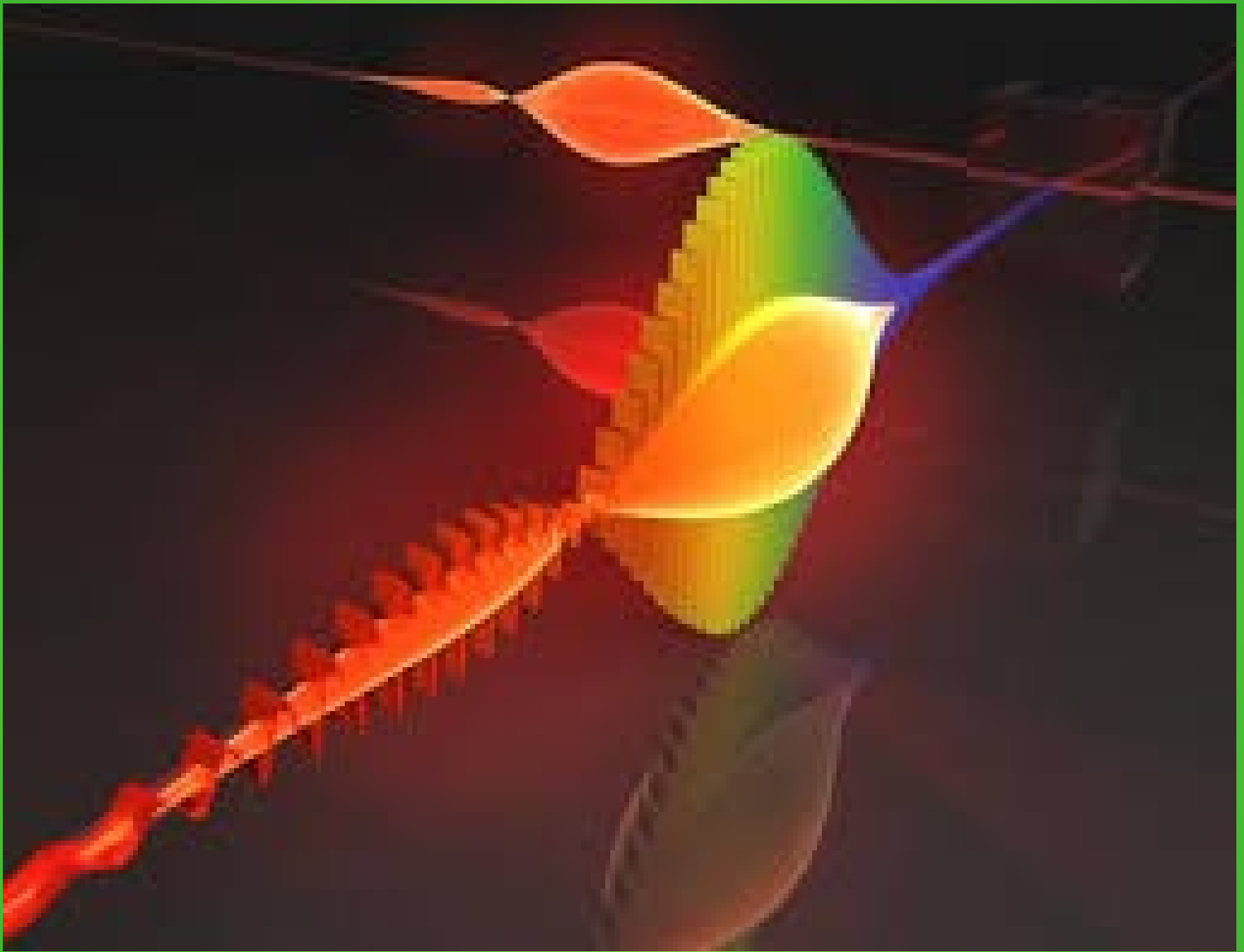
$$dE_\nu(\mathbf{n}) = h\nu c f(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{n}, \nu) \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{k} dS d\Omega d\nu dt$$

By direct comparison

$$I(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{n}, \nu) = ch\nu f(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{n}, \nu)$$

Time for a cup of tea

(Maybe a pint would be better)



4. The RT equation as a kinetic equation for photons

From a **formal standpoint**

a **kinetic equation** for any **transported quantity** is formally

Total rate of change = Source terms – Sink terms

(Boltzmann's equation)

Total rate of change = Eulerian derivative:

$$\frac{d}{dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} + \dot{\mathbf{p}} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{p}}$$



In our case

Sources and sinks determined by:

atomic properties of the interaction matter - radiation
equation of state of matter (LTE) or **SE equations**

Distribution function $F(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}, t)$ **for photons with momentum**

$$\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{n} \frac{h\nu}{c} ; \quad \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{p}(\mathbf{n}, \nu)$$

Kinetic equation:

$$\frac{d}{dt} F(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}, t) = \left[\frac{\delta F}{\delta t} \right]_{\text{sources}} - \left[\frac{\delta F}{\delta t} \right]_{\text{sinks}}$$

It can be shown that

$$f(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{n}, \nu) = \frac{h^3 \nu^2}{c^3} F(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}, t)$$

$$I(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{n}, \nu) = ch\nu f(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{n}, \nu) \quad \text{parameters } (\mathbf{n}, \nu)$$

$$\rightarrow F(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}, t) = \frac{c^2}{h^4 \nu^3} I(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{n}, \nu)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} + \dot{\mathbf{p}} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{p}} ; \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} = \nabla$$

For photons $\mathbf{v} = c \mathbf{n}$ and $\dot{\mathbf{p}} = 0$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} I(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{n}, \nu) + \mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla I(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{n}, \nu) =$$

$$\frac{1}{c} \left[\frac{\delta I}{\delta t} \right]_{sources} - \frac{1}{c} \left[\frac{\delta I}{\delta t} \right]_{sinks} = \left[\frac{\delta I}{\delta l} \right]_{sources} - \left[\frac{\delta I}{\delta l} \right]_{sinks}$$

where $\delta l = c \delta t$ is a **path length** along \mathbf{n}

Radiative Transfer equation:

$$\frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} I(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{n}, \nu) + \mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla I(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{n}, \nu) = \left[\frac{\delta I}{\delta l} \right]_{\text{sources}} - \left[\frac{\delta I}{\delta l} \right]_{\text{sinks}}$$

mathematical formulation of a directional problem

in terms of the **macroscopic quantity** specific intensity

For any **specific intensity**,

characterized by the pair of parameters $(\mathbf{n}; \nu)$

one **specific** RT equation

Each term in the RT equation has dimension

$$(M L^2 T^2) L^{-2} L^{-1} = M L^{-1} T^{-2}$$

From a linear to non-linear problem

*Mathematical complications arise when
the **individual** specific RT equations are **coupled** together
through the Source and Sink terms*

Non-local problems

*Moreover the **transport process** necessarily implies
non-local effects*

*brought about by **matter-radiation interaction***

5. Macroscopic RT coefficients

Consistently with the macroscopic picture

*we consider **homogeneous volume elements** that **emit** and **absorb** radiant energy **isotropically***

*All the physical information at **atomic level** is incorporated into a **limited number** of **macroscopic coefficients***

Thermal emission coefficient

ΔE_{ν}^{th} energy emitted along \mathbf{n} by ΔV
measurable quantity into $\Delta \Omega$
during Δt
in $(\nu, \nu + \Delta \nu)$
parameters of the measure

$$\Delta E_{\nu}^{th} \propto \Delta V \Delta \Omega \Delta \nu \Delta t$$

$$\lim_{\Delta \sigma \Delta \Omega \Delta \nu \Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta E_{\nu}^{th}}{\delta V \delta \Omega \delta \nu \delta t} \equiv \eta_{\nu}^{th}$$

Decrease of the specific intensity

along a path δl in the direction \mathbf{n}

True absorption coefficient $a_v(\mathbf{n})$:

fraction of energy removed

converted into internal energy

$$\delta I(\mathbf{n}) \propto I(\mathbf{n}) \delta l \qquad \frac{\delta I(\mathbf{n})}{I(\mathbf{n})} = a_v(\mathbf{n}) \delta l$$

Likewise

Scattering coefficient $\sigma_v(\mathbf{n})$:

fraction of energy removed

diverted into a different direction

Extinction coefficient

Global effect of the attenuation,

i.e., removal of photons from a given beam

$$\chi_{\nu}(\mathbf{n}) \equiv a_{\nu}(\mathbf{n}) + \sigma_{\nu}(\mathbf{n})$$

$$[\chi_{\nu}] = [a_{\nu}] = [\sigma_{\nu}] = L^{-1}$$

Factorization of the macroscopic coefficients

coefficient = cross section \times nr.of carriers

$$a(\mathbf{v}) = a_P(\mathbf{v}) n_{Pa} ; \quad \sigma(\mathbf{v}) = \sigma_P(\mathbf{v}) n_{Ps}$$

a_P and σ_P atomic data

$$[a_P] = [\sigma_P] = L^2$$

n_{Pa} and n_{Ps} populations density

$$[n_{Pa}] = [n_{Ps}] = L^{-3}$$

6. Transport like a fluid dynamics process

Analogy between fluid dynamics and radiative transfer

*Fluid dynamics considers the motion of
fluid elements along **streamlines***

Macroscopic representation of the radiation field:

*The **amount of specific energy** $\Delta E_{\nu}(\mathbf{n})$ carried on along \mathbf{n}
takes the place of the **fluid elements***

*Correspondence between the **equations of fluid dynamics**
and the **eikonal equation** of geometrical optics*

streamlines** \Leftrightarrow **rays

generic **scalar** quantity $Q = q N_c$

q quantity for an individual particle

N_c Nr. of carriers along \mathbf{n}

velocity $\mathbf{v} = v \mathbf{n}$

associated with the vector quantity $Q \mathbf{v}$

Space – time evolution of $Q(\mathbf{r}, t)$:

$$\frac{dQ(\mathbf{r}, t)}{dt} = \frac{\partial Q(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial t} + \nabla Q(\mathbf{r}, t) \cdot c \mathbf{v} = \frac{\partial Q(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot [Q(\mathbf{r}, t) \mathbf{v}] .$$

if v constant

If Q is **conserved** $\frac{dQ(\mathbf{r},t)}{dt} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial Q(\mathbf{r},t)}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot [Q(\mathbf{r},t) \mathbf{v}] \quad \text{continuity equation}$$

$Q \mathbf{v} (\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{k}) d\sigma$ is the **flux** of $Q \mathbf{v}$ through $\mathbf{k} d\sigma$

divergence theorem ;

$$\iiint_V \frac{\partial Q(\mathbf{r},t)}{\partial t} dV = - \iint_{\Sigma} Q(\mathbf{r},t) \mathbf{v} (\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{k}) d\sigma .$$

The integral over some volume V of the **time derivative** of the **transported scalar quantity** is equal to the **flux of the associated vector quantity** through the boundary of V .

In the case of radiative transfer

carriers: ***specific photons*** (\mathbf{n}, ν)

with ***individual energy*** $h \nu$

and ***momentum*** $\frac{h \nu}{c} \mathbf{n}$

travelling along \mathbf{n} with velocity $c \mathbf{n}$

N_c is given by the photon distribution function

7. Electrodynamical vs. macroscopical picture

Correspondence between
the **specific intensity** and the **electric field strength**

Monochromatic plane wave of frequency $\nu_0 = 1/T$
propagating along $\mathbf{n}_0 = \mathbf{n}_0(\theta_0, \phi_0)$

$$\mathbf{n}_0 \equiv \hat{\mathbf{x}} ; \quad \hat{\mathbf{x}} \perp \mathbf{E} \perp \mathbf{H}$$

$$[\mathbf{E}] = [\mathbf{D}] = [\mathbf{B}] = [\mathbf{H}]$$

The solution of the wave equation

$$\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 E_y}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial^2 E_y}{\partial x^2} = 0$$

is $E_y(x, t) = E_0 \cos(kx - \omega t)$

From the average over T of

$$W_{elec} \equiv \frac{1}{8\pi} \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{D}$$

and

$$W_{mag} \equiv \frac{1}{8\pi} \mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{B} .$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle W(t) \rangle_T = \frac{E_0^2}{8\pi} .$$

Corresponding specific intensity :

$$I(\vartheta, \phi, \nu) = I_0 \delta(\vartheta - \vartheta_0) \delta(\phi - \phi_0) \delta(\nu - \nu_0)$$

$$[I] = M T^{-2} ; \quad [\delta(\nu - \nu_0)] = T ; \quad [I_0] = M T^{-3}$$

From the physical standpoint

$$\langle W(t) \rangle_T = u(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

$$u_\nu \equiv u(\mathbf{r}, t; \nu) \equiv \frac{1}{c} \oint I(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{n}, \nu) d\Omega$$

$$\Rightarrow I_0 = \frac{c}{8\pi} E_0^2 ,$$

$$[I_0] = [c E_0^2] = M T^{-3}$$

Electromagnetic counter part of $F_\nu(\mathbf{r}, t)$

$$F_\nu(\mathbf{r}, t) \equiv \oint I(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{n}, \nu) \mathbf{n} d\mathbf{n}$$

is the **monochromatic power flux** of the radiation field

$$E_y(x, t) = E_0 \cos(kx - \omega t); \quad \hat{\mathbf{x}} \perp \mathbf{E} \perp \mathbf{H}; \quad |E_0| = |H_0|$$

$$\int_0^\infty d\nu \oint d\mathbf{n} I(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{n}, \nu) \mathbf{n} = I_0 \mathbf{n}_0 = \frac{c}{8\pi} E_0^2 \mathbf{n}_0$$

bolometric vector flux

$$\langle \mathbf{S}(t) \rangle_T = \frac{c}{8\pi} E_0^2 \mathbf{n}_0$$

Correspondence of the **radiative pressure** with the
Maxwell stress tensor

$$\mathbf{p}(\mathbf{n}, \nu) = \begin{pmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ p_z \end{pmatrix} = \frac{h\nu}{c} \begin{pmatrix} n_x \\ n_y \\ n_z \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{moment carried on by a photon } (\mathbf{n}, \nu)$$

radiative pressure tensor

$$\underline{\underline{\mathbf{T}_\nu}}(\mathbf{r}, t) \equiv \frac{1}{c} \oint I(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{n}, \nu) \mathbf{n} \mathbf{n} d\mathbf{n}$$

$$[\underline{\underline{\mathbf{T}_\nu}}] = (M L T^{-1}) L^{-2} \quad \text{flux of momentum}$$

$$\mathbf{k} \cdot \underline{\underline{\mathbf{T}_\nu}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{c} \oint I(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{n}, \nu) n_x (\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{n}) d\mathbf{n} \\ \frac{1}{c} \oint I(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{n}, \nu) n_y (\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{n}) d\mathbf{n} \\ \frac{1}{c} \oint I(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{n}, \nu) n_z (\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{n}) d\mathbf{n} \end{pmatrix}$$

net flux of \mathbf{p}_j across unit area \mathbf{k} :

$$\oint \frac{1}{c} I(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{n}, \nu) n_j (\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{n}) d\mathbf{n} = (\mathbf{k} \cdot \underline{\underline{\mathbf{T}_\nu}})_j$$

$$(\mathbf{n} \cdot \underline{\underline{\mathbf{T}}}_{\nu})_j = \frac{1}{c} \oint I(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{n}, \nu) n_j d\mathbf{n} = \frac{1}{c} (\mathbf{F}_{\nu})_j$$

net transport of \mathbf{p} :

$$\mathbf{n} \cdot \frac{1}{c} \mathbf{F}_{\nu} = \mathbf{n} \cdot \oint \frac{h\nu}{c} f(\mathbf{r}, t; \mathbf{n}, \nu) c \mathbf{n} d\mathbf{n}$$

Let us define

$$\mathbf{G}_{\nu}(\mathbf{r}, t) \equiv \frac{1}{c^2} \mathbf{F}_{\nu}(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

monochromatic momentum density of the radiation field

$$[G_{\nu}] = (MT^{-2}) L^{-2} T^2 = (MLT^{-1}) L^{-3} T$$

$$\mathbf{G} \equiv \int_0^\infty \mathbf{G}_v d v = \frac{1}{c^2} \int_0^\infty \mathbf{F}_v d v = \frac{1}{c^2} \mathbf{S}$$

To cut a long story short:

$$\frac{\partial (\mathbf{G}_v)_j}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial (\mathbf{F}_v)_j}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot [(\mathbf{G}_v)_j c \mathbf{n}] \quad \text{continuity equation}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_0^\infty \mathbf{G}_v d v = -\nabla \cdot \int_0^\infty \underline{\underline{\mathbf{T}}}_v d v \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{G}}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot \underline{\underline{\mathbf{T}}}$$

$(M L T^{-1}) L^{-3} T^{-1}$

*momentum density associated with the **electromagnetic field**:*

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{G}_{em}}{\partial t} = \nabla \cdot \underline{\underline{\mathbf{T}}}^M \quad (M L T^{-1}) L^{-3} T^{-1}$$

$$\mathbf{G} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{G}_{em}$$

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