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1: Optical Scattering Off of a Gold Nanosphere

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Scattering Save Scattering is a general physical process where some forms of radiation , such as light , sound , or moving particles, are forced to deviate from a straight trajectory by one or more paths due to localized non-uniformities in the medium through which they pass. In conventional use, this also includes deviation of reflected radiation from the angle predicted by the law of reflection. Reflections that undergo scattering are often called diffuse reflections and unscattered reflections are called specular mirror-like reflections. Scattering may also refer to particle-particle collisions between molecules, atoms, electrons , photons and other particles. The types of non-uniformities which can cause scattering, sometimes known as scatterers or scattering centers, are too numerous to list, but a small sample includes particles , bubbles , droplets , density fluctuations in fluids , crystallites in polycrystalline solids, defects in monocrystalline solids, surface roughness , cells in organisms, and textile fibers in clothing. The effects of such features on the path of almost any type of propagating wave or moving particle can be described in the framework of scattering theory. Some areas where scattering and scattering theory are significant include radar sensing, medical ultrasound , semiconductor wafer inspection, polymerization process monitoring, acoustic tiling, free-space communications and computer-generated imagery. Particle-particle scattering theory is important in areas such as particle physics , atomic, molecular, and optical physics , nuclear physics and astrophysics. Single and multiple scattering Zodiacal light is a faint, diffuse glow visible in the night sky. The phenomenon stems from the scattering of sunlight by interplanetary dust spread throughout the plane of the Solar System. It is very common that scattering centers are grouped together; in such cases, radiation may scatter many times, in what is known as multiple scattering. The main difference between the effects of single and multiple scattering is that single scattering can usually be treated as a random phenomenon, whereas multiple scattering, somewhat counterintuitively, can be modeled as a more deterministic process because the combined results of a large number of scattering events tend to average out. Multiple scattering can thus often be modeled well with diffusion theory. 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2: JCMwave - Optical Scattering

Optical Scattering Photon Systems has developed a unique instrument to measure the deep UV non-specular scatter properties of optical elements, including gratings, mirrors, filters, etc. Extraneous scattering may adversely affect the performance of spectrometers and other deep UV instruments, even with a grating separator on the laser beam to clean-up laser lines and various plasma.

Diffuse sky radiation Scattered blue light is polarized. The picture on the right is shot through a polarizing filter: This results in the indirect blue light coming from all regions of the sky. Rayleigh scattering is a good approximation of the manner in which light scattering occurs within various media for which scattering particles have a small size parameter. A portion of the beam of light coming from the sun scatters off molecules of gas and other small particles in the atmosphere. It is this scattered light that gives the surrounding sky its brightness and its color. As previously stated, Rayleigh scattering is inversely proportional to the fourth power of wavelength, so that shorter wavelength violet and blue light will scatter more than the longer wavelengths yellow and especially red light. However, the Sun, like any star, has its own spectrum and so I0 in the scattering formula above is not constant but falls away in the violet. The resulting color, which appears like a pale blue, actually is a mixture of all the scattered colors, mainly blue and green. Conversely, glancing toward the sun, the colors that were not scattered away â€” the longer wavelengths such as red and yellow light â€" are directly visible, giving the sun itself a slightly yellowish hue. Viewed from space, however, the sky is black and the sun is white. The reddening of the sun is intensified when it is near the horizon because the light being received directly from it must pass through more of the atmosphere. This removes a significant proportion of the shorter wavelength blue and medium wavelength green light from the direct path to the observer. The remaining unscattered light is therefore mostly of longer wavelengths and appears more red. Some of the scattering can also be from sulfate particles. For years after large Plinian eruptions , the blue cast of the sky is notably brightened by the persistent sulfate load of the stratospheric gases. Some works of the artist J. Turner may owe their vivid red colours to the eruption of Mount Tambora in his lifetime. The moonlit sky is not perceived as blue, however, because at low light levels human vision comes mainly from rod cells that do not produce any color perception Purkinje effect. Silica fibers are glasses, disordered materials with microscopic variations of density and refractive index. These give rise to energy losses due to the scattered light, with the following coefficient:

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Optical scattering can be used in the evaluation of highly polished optical surfaces, bulk optical materials, surface residues, and diffuse scattering materials. It can also aid in assessing the uniformity of periodic structures such as found on compact disks, patterned photoresists, and deposited lines on semiconductors.

Contact Us Optical Scattering and Surface Roughness For optical systems, the main reason to be concerned about surface roughness is that rough surfaces scatter light. If a surface is intended to reflect or refract light, it is unusual for optical scattering to be desirable, so the scattering needs to be controlled by limiting the surface roughness. Half a century ago, Bennett and Porteus came up with the concept of Total Integrated Scatter TIS, the total amount of light scattered by a surface and found a functional relationship between TIS and surface roughness. There are several rules of thumb we can learn from this equation. The first is that optical scattering is proportional to reflectance; this means that surfaces intended to reflect light will inherently scatter more light than transmissive surfaces. Second, scatter is related to Rq and not one of the other measures of scatter. Third, shorter wavelengths will scatter more than longer ones. And finally, more light scatters at normal incidence than grazing incidence. Most of these rules of thumb make sense and correlate well with experience and observation, with Rq being the only one that is hard to relate to. To help it make more sense, remember that for a typical surface Rq is about 1. Bigger scratches scatter more light, so they should be weighted more heavily. Using Rq simply reflects this weighting. Equations are nice, but pictures convey concepts better. To that end, here is a plot of the above equation: Dropping Rq down to about 17nm cuts the scatter in half. Five percent scatter is still a lot of scatter, so this is the loosest tolerance we would think of using for surface roughness. At the other end of the roughness spectrum, commercially polished glass has an Rq of 1. This is about as tight a spec as one could place on a molded plastic optic. A loose spec would be SPI A The Society for the Plastics Industry has a range of specifications for the finish of molds for plastic, and A-1 is the smoothest. It calls for Ra between 0. Given that the measure is Ra about 0. If you need surface roughness measured, calibrated surface roughness samples or the instruments to do it yourself, contact or call us. Schedule a consultation with our expert engineers to help figure out the best course of action.

4: Scattering - Wikipedia

Optical scattering is caused by two mechanisms: surface scattering and volume scattering. With the former mechanism, scattered light comes only from the interaction of light with the surfaces of the optical element.

How to cite the article ; suggest additional literature Rayleigh scattering is a common optical phenomenon, named after the British physicist Lord Rayleigh. It is linear scattering of light at scattering centers which are much smaller than the wavelength of the light. Scattering at larger centers can be described by Mie scattering theory named after Gustav Mie. Here, the characteristics are different; for example, the scattering amplitudes are stronger for forward scattering, and the wavelength dependence is different. Scattering centers for Rayleigh scattering can be individual atoms or molecules. However, one can also describe Rayleigh scattering in the atmosphere, for example, as resulting from microscopic density fluctuations, which are caused by the random distribution of molecules in the air. Note that for scattering at multiple particles or scattering centers, one cannot simply add the powers scattered by individual centers, as there are interference effects: As a result, there would be no Rayleigh scattering of light in a perfectly pure and regular crystal. Also, Rayleigh scattering in air is possible only due to the above-mentioned random density fluctuations. Scattering Losses in Optical Fibers In amorphous materials such as silica glass, there are always random density fluctuations due to the irregular microscopic structure. Rayleigh scattering sets a lower limit to the propagation losses in optical fibers. Of course, additional losses can result e. Silica fibers which have been optimized for long-distance optical fiber communications have very low propagation losses, approaching the limit given by Rayleigh scattering. For wavelengths substantially below the often used 1. At substantially longer wavelengths, Rayleigh scattering would be weaker, but the infrared absorption of silica sets in. In principle, one could have mid-infrared fibers made of other glasses e. Most of the Rayleigh-scattered light in a fiber exits the fiber on the side. Only a small portion of the scattered light is scattered back such that it is again guided in the fiber core. Therefore, the return loss of fiber devices is generally very high; the overall return loss of a fiber setup is more often caused by reflections at interfaces such as fiber ends, mechanical splices or fiber connectors. Due to the high optical intensities which often occur in optical fibers, nonlinear scattering processes like Raman scattering and Brillouin scattering can also occur. Rayleigh scattering, being a linear process, is equally important at low light intensities.

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6: Scattering losses in optical fiber.

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8: Optical Scattering and Surface Roughness - Eckhardt OpticsEckhardt Optics LLC

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