

184(2): Amplification of the Paramagnetic Inverse Faraday Effect

It is shown as follows that this effect is amplified at low frequency. Consider the Pauli Schrödinger equation

$$\hat{H}\psi = E\psi \quad - (1)$$

where

$$\hat{H} = \frac{1}{2m} \underline{\sigma} \cdot (\underline{p} - e\underline{A}) \underline{\sigma} \cdot (\underline{p} - e\underline{A}^*) + V \quad - (2)$$

where \underline{A}^* is the complex conjugate of the vector potential \underline{A} . The paramagnetic IFE term is:

$$H_{IFE} = i \frac{e^2}{2m} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{A} \times \underline{A}^* \quad - (3)$$

which follows from eq. (2) using Pauli algebra.

Therefore in complex circular notation:

$$H_{IFE} = i \frac{e^2}{2m} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{A}^{(1)} \times \underline{A}^{(2)} \quad - (4)$$

The $\underline{B}^{(3)}$ field is defined by:

$$\underline{B}^{(3)} = \underline{B}^{(3)*} = -i \frac{e}{\hbar} \underline{A}^{(1)} \times \underline{A}^{(2)} \quad - (5)$$

so

$$H_{IFE} = -\frac{e\hbar}{2m} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{B}^{(3)} = -\frac{e}{m} \underline{S} \cdot \underline{B}^{(3)} \\ = -\underline{m} \cdot \underline{B}^{(3)} \quad - (6)$$

The vector potential is considered to be the plane wave:

$$\underline{A}^{(1)} = \frac{A^{(0)}}{\sqrt{2}} (\underline{i} - i\underline{j}) \exp(i(\omega t - kz)) \quad - (7)$$

whose angular frequency is ω at instant t , and whose wave number is k at point z . The complex conjugate of eq. (7) is:

$$\underline{A}^{(2)} = \frac{A^{(0)}}{\sqrt{2}} (\underline{i} + i\underline{j}) \exp(-i(\omega t - kz)) \quad - (8)$$

so the Poynting vector product is:

$$\underline{A}^{(1)} \times \underline{A}^{(2)} = \frac{A^{(0)2}}{2} \begin{vmatrix} \underline{i} & \underline{j} & \underline{k} \\ 1 & -i & 0 \\ 1 & i & 0 \end{vmatrix} \quad - (9)$$

$$= i A^{(0)2} \underline{k} \quad - (10)$$

So:

$$H_{\text{IFE}} = - \frac{e^2 A^{(0)2}}{2m} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{k} \quad - (11)$$

The power density is watts per square metre of electromagnetic radiation is

$$\underline{I} = \frac{c}{\mu_0} B^{(0)2} \quad - (12)$$

where $B^{(0)}$ is the magnitude of the magnetic flux density of the plane wave.

3) A method must be found to relate $A^{(0)}$ and $B^{(0)}$.
One simple method is to use:

$$\underline{B}^{(1)} = \underline{\nabla} \times \underline{A}^{(1)} \quad - (13)$$

and $\underline{B}^{(2)} = \underline{\nabla} \times \underline{A}^{(2)} \quad - (14)$

In a fuller development based on FCF theory, the spin correction terms in eqs. (13) and (14) are considered.
In the simple theory based on eqs. (13) and (14):

$$\underline{B}^{(1)} = \underline{\nabla} \times \underline{A}^{(1)} = \kappa \underline{A}^{(1)} \quad - (15)$$

so: $B^{(0)} = \kappa A^{(0)} = \frac{\omega}{c} A^{(0)} \quad - (16)$

From eqs. (12) and (16):

$$A^{(0)2} = \mu_0 c \frac{I}{\omega^2} \quad - (17)$$

From eq. (17) in eq. (11):

$$\boxed{H_{IFE} = - \frac{e^2 \mu_0 c}{2m} \frac{I}{\omega^2} \underline{\sigma} \cdot \underline{k} = - \underline{m} \cdot \underline{B}^{(3)}} \quad - (18)$$

∴ the interaction Hamiltonian is proportional to I and inversely proportional to ω^2 .