

2011 Day 1 Question 3 (Diagnoses)

a. Since this is a grücker, perhaps we can assume the differential cross section

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = r_e^2 \sin^2\theta$$

$$\sigma_{tot} = \int \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} d\Omega = 2\pi r_e^2 \int_0^\pi \sin^2\theta d\theta$$

$$\sin^2\theta = \left(\frac{1}{2i}\right)^2 (e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta})^2 = \left(\frac{1}{2i}\right)^2 (e^{3i\theta} - 3e^{i\theta} + 3e^{-i\theta} - e^{-3i\theta})$$

$$= -\frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{2i}\right) (2i \sin(3\theta) - 3 \cdot 2i \sin\theta) = \frac{1}{4} (3\sin\theta - \sin 3\theta)$$

$$\sigma_{tot} = \frac{\pi r_e^2}{2} \int_0^\pi (3\sin\theta - \sin 3\theta) d\theta = \frac{\pi r_e^2}{2} \left[-3\cos\theta \Big|_0^\pi + \frac{1}{3} \cos 3\theta \Big|_0^\pi \right]$$

$$= r_e^2 \frac{\pi}{2} [6 - 2/3] = \frac{8\pi}{3} r_e^2 = \frac{4 \cdot 8\pi}{3} r_e^2 = \frac{2.8 \cdot 8\pi}{3} \times 10^{-30} \text{ m}^2$$

$$\sigma_{tot} \approx 8^2 E^{-30} \text{ m}^2 \approx 6.4 E^{-29} \text{ m}^2$$

b. $N_{scatt} = N_{inc} N_{scatt} \sigma_{tot} \left(\frac{0.1}{2\pi}\right)$ $N_{scatt} = N \Delta x$

$$\frac{N_s}{N_{inc}} = \left(2 E^{20} \text{ m}^{-3}\right) (E^{-2} \text{ m}) (6.4 E^{-29} \text{ m}^2) \frac{(E^{-2})}{12}$$

$$\approx 10^{-13}$$

Or starting (a) somewhat earlier, Larmor formula $\frac{dP}{d\Omega} = \frac{q^2 a^2}{4\pi c^3}$

Electron dipole radiation has fields $E_{rad} \approx \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{q \ddot{p}}{r} \sim \text{Brad}$

where $\ddot{p} = q \ddot{d} = q \left(\frac{q}{m} E_{in}(t)\right)$

$$\langle S_{rad} \rangle = \frac{1}{c} E_{rad}^2 = \frac{1}{c} \left(\frac{q^2}{m^2}\right)^2 \frac{q^2 \sin^2\theta}{r^2} \langle E_{in}^2(t) \rangle$$

$$P = \oint \langle S \rangle \cdot d\mathbf{a} \rightarrow \frac{dP}{d\Omega} = \langle S \rangle \cdot \hat{r} r^2 = \frac{1}{c} \langle E_{in}^2(t) \rangle r_e^2 \sin^2\theta$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{dP/d\Omega}{\langle S_{in} \rangle} = \frac{dP/d\Omega}{\frac{1}{c} \langle E_{in}^2(t) \rangle} = r_e^2 \sin^2\theta$$

where $r_e = \frac{q^2}{m^2}$