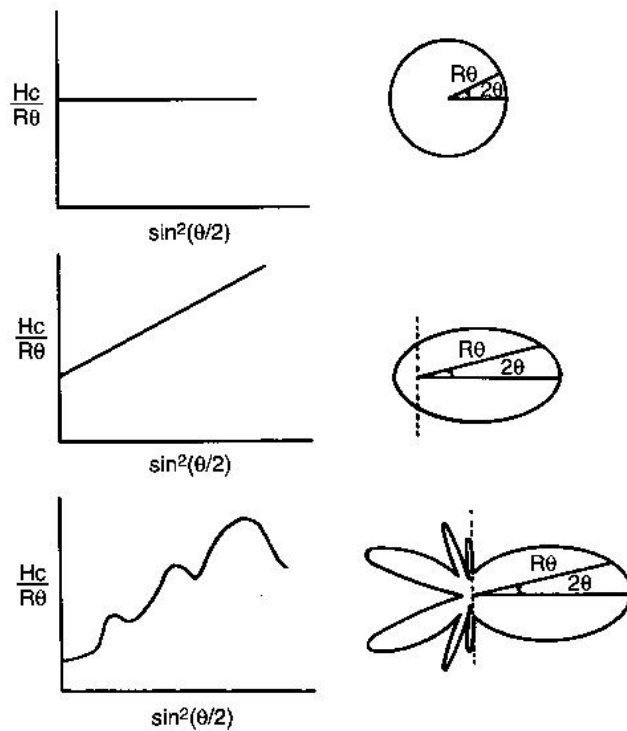


Figure 3.8 middle: Until 180° phase difference is attained scattering intensity decreases with increasing angle. Scattering must be observed for angle smaller than  $KR_g=1$  (Eq 55) to determine  $R_g$ .



**Figure 3.8** Scattering intensity envelopes for small, medium, and large particles. The  $\Theta$  region contains both the small and medium ranges, but the medium range is far more useful for scattering experiments.

For ordinary sized polymer,  $R_g = O(100-200\text{\AA})$

→ For light scattering,  $\Theta$  is measured in  $45^\circ < \Theta < 135^\circ$  because  $\lambda$  is  $5000\text{\AA}$ .

$$\langle K = \frac{4\pi_1}{\lambda} \sin\left(\frac{\Theta}{2}\right) \rangle \quad (3.49)$$

→ For X ray ( $\lambda = 1-2\text{\AA}$ ), thermal neutrons ( $\lambda = 5\text{\AA}$ ) →  $\Theta < 1^\circ$ .

Note  $R_g$  is the mean square distance away from the center of gravity:

$$R_g^2 = (1/N) \sum r_i^2 \quad (N = \text{Total number of scattering points})$$

For random coil,

$$R_g^2 = \frac{r^2}{6} \quad (3.56) \quad (r = \text{End-to-end distance}).$$

Depending on the geometry P(θ) is given by

### Sphere

$$P(\theta) = \left[ \frac{3}{x^3} (\sin x - x \cos x) \right]^2 \quad x = \frac{ksD}{2} \quad (3.57)$$

D = Diameter of sphere, ks = K

### Rod

$$P(\theta) = \frac{1}{x} \int_0^{2x} \frac{\sin w}{w} dw - \left( \frac{\sin x}{x} \right)^2 \quad x = \frac{ksL}{2} \quad (3.58)$$

L = Length of rod

### Coil

$$P(\theta) = \frac{2}{x^2} [e^{-x} - (1 - x)] \quad x = \frac{k^2 s^2 r^2}{6} \quad (3.59)$$

R = rms of end-to-end distance

Note (59) is rearranged to (49).

## 3.6.3 The Zimm plot

Plotting of the data is shown in [Figure 3.10](#).

$$\left(\frac{H}{R(\theta)}\right)_{\theta=0} = \frac{1}{M_w} + 2A_2c + \dots \quad (3.50)$$

$$\left(\frac{H}{R(\theta)}\right)_{c=0} = \frac{1}{M_w} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{4\pi_1}{\lambda'} \right)^2 R_g^2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + \dots \right] \quad (3.51)$$

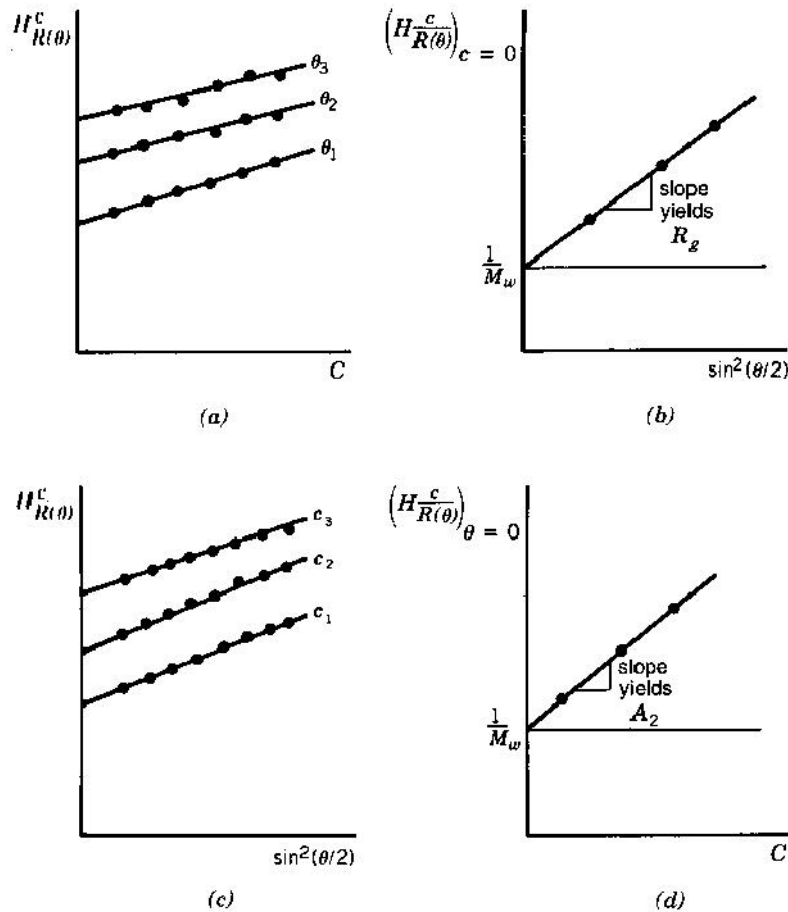


Figure 0.10 Illustration of a light-scattering calculation.

(a)  $\left(\frac{H}{R(\theta)}\right)$  vs concentration plot for three angles extrapolated to  $c=0$ .

(b) Replot of the intercept from (a) vs  $\sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}$  to yield  $M_w$  and  $R_g$ .

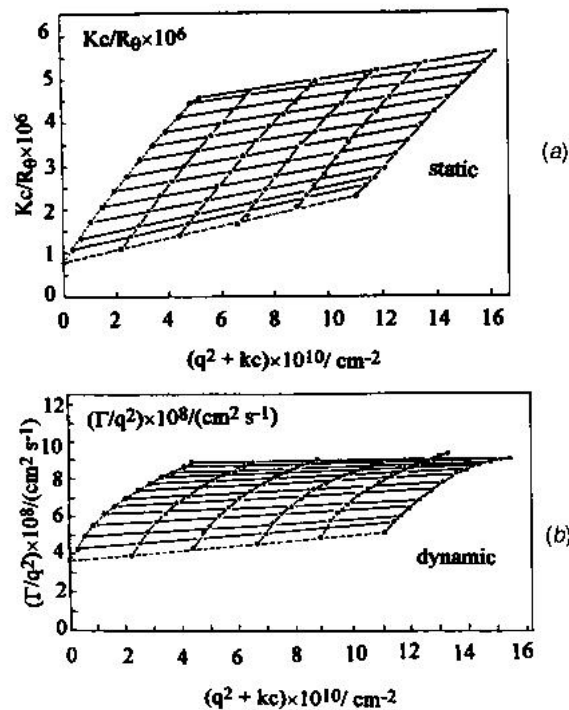
(c) Same data as (a) are replotted against  $\sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}$

(d) Intercepts of (c) are plotted against concentration to yield  $M_w$  and  $A_2$ .

Note the intercept of (b) and (d) must be equal.

Most powerful Zimm plot is obtained by plotting  $\left(H \frac{c}{R(\theta)}\right)$  vs a function of both angle and concentration to calculate  $M_w$ ,  $R_g$ ,  $A_2$  from a single master curve (Figure 3.11a). Concentration is multiplied by a constant ( $1 \times 10^3$ ) which is divided out for the final answer.

Scan Figure 3.11 here (Better plot is shown on the next page)



**Figure 3.11** Zimm plots of a bacterial polysaccharide in 0.1 M NaCl. Top: Static, bottom: Dynamic light scattering.  $\lambda_0 = 488 \text{ nm}$ ,  $dn/dc = 0.145 \text{ cm}^3/\text{g}$ . Static light-scattering yields  $M_w$ ,  $R_g$ , and  $A_2$ . Dynamic light-scattering yields the diffusion coefficient,  $D$ . Results:  $M_w = 1.25 \times 10^6 \text{ g/mol}$ ,  $D_2 = 3.58 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$ . Terms:  $q = (4\pi/\lambda) \sin(\theta/2)$ ,  $\Gamma = Dq$ .

### 3.6.8 Polymer chain dimensions and random coils

Drop a string of beads (mers) to water → Conformation of the string changes continuously → Resemble random coiled or Gaussian chains

For random chains the two relationships are hold:

$$r^2 = CM \quad (3.60) \quad C=C \text{ (Molecular structure)}$$

$$R_g^2 = \frac{1}{6} r^2 \quad (3.61)$$

### 3.6.5 Scattering data

- ▶1950s: Polymer chains in amorphous bulk state are similar to those under Flory  $\Theta$  condition (But no bulk state data available)
- ▶1970s: SANS determined bulk state and  $\Theta$  condition gave substantially the same value of  $(R_g^2/M_w)^{1/2}$ .
- ▶ $(R_g^2/M_w)^{1/2} = R_g$  (in  $\Lambda$ ) = Measure of chain stiffness.  
 $(R_g^2/M_w)^{1/2} = 0.475$  (PC),  $0.275$  (PS): PC is stiffer than PS
- ▶Melt and solution viscosity depends on the  $R_g$ .
- ▶Random coil theory is used in rubber elasticity, mechanical and relaxation calculations.

### 3.6.6 Dynamic light scattering

Make use of scattering from very small volume at very short time intervals, and **correlates the scattering intensity fluctuations with time** to measure **diffusion coefficients** and **particle size** in polymers and colloids.

#### Two approaches

- 1) Modified Doppler experiment

Frequency increases/decreases as molecules or particles moving toward/away from the beam → Frequency broadening is 10-100hz which is hard to be resolved.

2) Focus a laser light beam down to a waist of 0.1mm, yielding volume of  $1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mm}^3$ . Each measurement time is  $O(1\mu\text{s})$ .

► Under these condition there exist **scattering intensity-time (I-t) correlations (Autocorrelation)**.

► Diffusion coefficient is determined by **Stokes-Einstein** relationship.

For dilute solution

$$D_{\text{app}}(K, c) = D_{z0} (1 + CR_g^2 K^2) (1 + k_{\text{Dc}}) \quad (3.62)$$

$D_{\text{app}}(K, c)$  = Diffusion coefficient at finite angle and concentration

$D_{z0}$  = Corresponding z-average value at zero concentration and angle

$C$  = Coefficient characteristic of the polymer

$k_{\text{Dc}}$  = Dynamic interaction parameter

**Figure 3.11** illustrate the DLS Zimm plot where  $\Gamma = DK^2$ ,

$K = q \rightarrow M_w = 1.27 \times 10^6 \text{ g/mol}$ ,  $D_z = 3.58 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$ .

## Stokes-Einstein equation to determine D and d (More common)

► For a solution of given viscosity ( $\eta$ ), at a constant temperature (T), the rate of diffusion is given by the **Stokes-Einstein equation (Accept)**,

$$D = (kT) / (6\pi\eta d)$$

- Measure intensity (I) at various time interval ( $\tau$ ),
- $I(0) = I(\tau)$  for short  $\tau \rightarrow$  "Correlated"
- Define **auto-correlation function**,  $G(\tau) = \langle I(t) I(t+\tau) \rangle =$  Average of the intensity product. Correlation decreases as  $\tau$  increases.
- High  $G(\tau)$  means particles have not diffused away during  $\tau$ .
- Thus  $G(\tau)$  remaining high for a long time interval indicates **large, slowly** moving particles.

The time scale of fluctuation is called **decay time** which is related to the particle size. **Decay constant** ( $\Gamma$ )  $\equiv 1/\text{Decay time}$

Large, slowly moving particles  $\rightarrow$  long decay time and small  $\Gamma$