

For our simple model

$$\frac{\epsilon(\omega)}{\epsilon_0} = 1 + \frac{Ne^2}{m\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2 - i\omega\gamma}$$

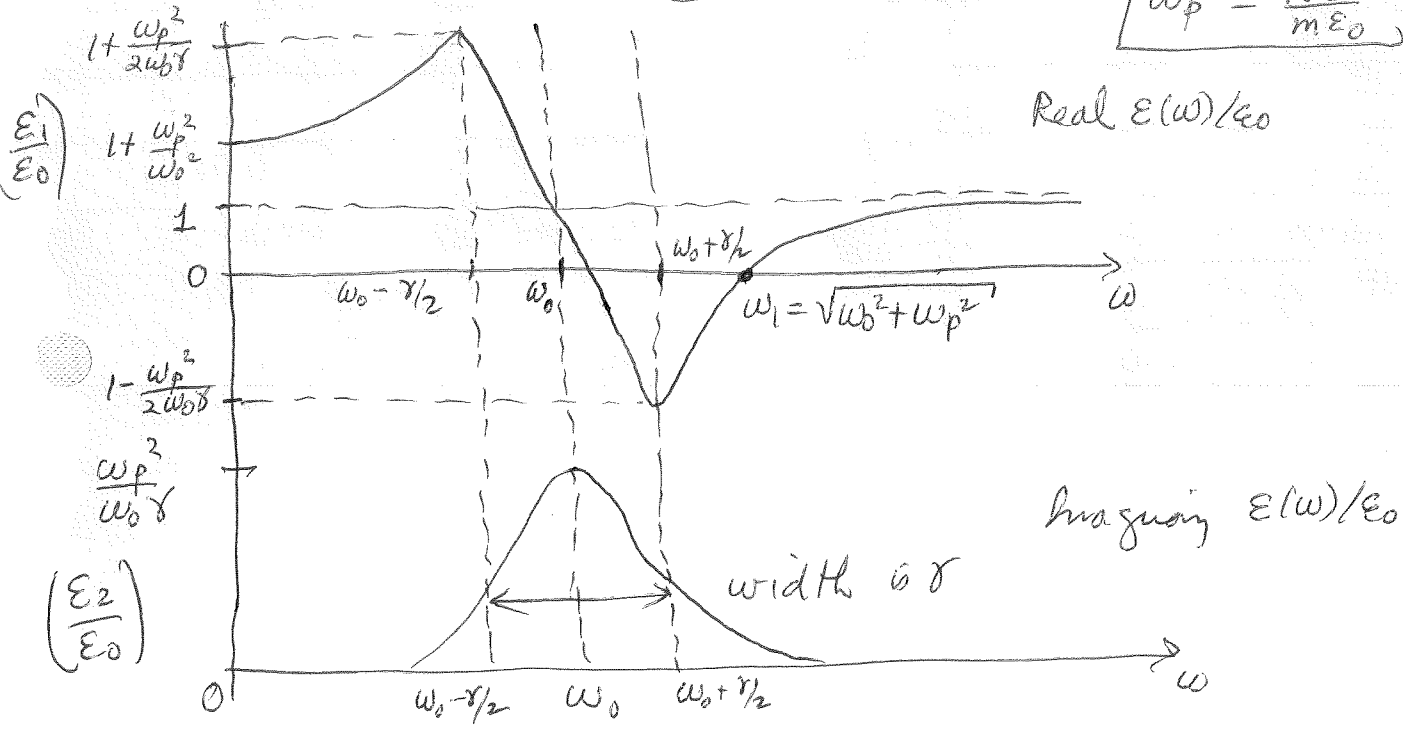
$$\Rightarrow \frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_0} = 1 + \frac{Ne^2}{m\epsilon_0} \frac{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2}{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + \omega^2\gamma^2} \quad \text{Real part } \epsilon$$

$$\frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{Ne^2}{m\epsilon_0} \frac{\omega\gamma}{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + \omega^2\gamma^2}$$

Imaginary part ϵ

$\omega_p^2 \equiv \frac{Ne^2}{m\epsilon_0}$

plasma freq



as $(\frac{\gamma}{\omega_0}) \rightarrow 0$, width of resonance decreases
height of peaks diverges

Notes for sketch

max and min of ϵ_1/ϵ_0 occur when

$$\frac{\partial(\epsilon_1/\epsilon_0)}{\partial\omega} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow [(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + \omega^2 \gamma^2](-2\omega) - (\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)[2(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)(-2\omega) + 2\omega\gamma^2] = 0$$

$$(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + \omega^2 \gamma^2 - 2(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + (\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)\gamma^2 = 0$$

$$(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 = \omega_0^2 \gamma^2$$

$$|\omega_0^2 - \omega^2| = \omega_0 \gamma$$

$$|\omega_0 - \omega|(\omega_0 + \omega) = \omega_0 \gamma$$

for sharp resonance, peaks are when $\frac{\omega - \omega_0}{\omega_0} \ll 1 \rightarrow \omega_0 + \omega \approx 2\omega_0$

$$\Rightarrow |\omega_0 - \omega| 2\omega_0 = \omega_0 \gamma$$

$$|\omega_0 - \omega| = \frac{\gamma}{2} \Rightarrow \boxed{\omega - \omega_0 = \pm \frac{\gamma}{2}} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{location of max and min} \\ \Rightarrow \text{width of resonance} = \gamma \end{array}$$

zero's of ϵ_1 define $\omega_p^2 \equiv \frac{Ne^2}{m\epsilon_0}$

$$0 = 1 + \omega_p^2 \frac{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2}{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + \omega^2 \gamma^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^2 - \omega_p^2 (\omega^2 - \omega_0^2) + \omega^2 \gamma^2 = 0$$

For the zero near the resonance, $\omega^2 \gamma^2 \rightarrow \omega_0^2 \gamma^2$ a good approx

$$\omega^2 - \omega_0^2 \rightarrow (\Delta\omega) 2\omega_0, \quad \Delta\omega \equiv \omega - \omega_0$$

$$(\Delta\omega)^2 4\omega_0^2 - \Delta\omega 2\omega_0 \omega_p^2 + \omega_0^2 \gamma^2 = 0$$

$$(\Delta\omega)^2 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{2\omega_0} \Delta\omega + \frac{\gamma^2}{4} = 0$$

$$\text{for } \omega_p \gg \omega_0, \quad \Delta\omega \approx \frac{\gamma^2 \omega_0}{2\omega_p^2} = \frac{\gamma}{2} \underbrace{\left(\frac{\gamma}{\omega_0}\right) \left(\frac{\omega_0}{\omega_p}\right)^2}_{\text{both small}}$$

generally true

shift of resonance small compared to width of resonance

For the zero above the resonance at ω_1

$$(\omega_1^2 - \omega_0^2)^2 - \omega_p^2 (\omega_1^2 - \omega_0^2) + \omega_1^2 \gamma^2 = 0$$

γ small so ignore

$$\Rightarrow \omega_1^2 - \omega_0^2 = \omega_p^2$$

$$\omega_1^2 = \omega_0^2 + \omega_p^2 \approx \omega_p^2 \text{ when } \omega_p \gg \omega_0$$

max of \mathcal{E}_2

$$\mathcal{E}_2 = \frac{\omega_p^2 \omega \gamma}{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + \omega^2 \gamma^2}$$

peak when $\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}_2}{\partial \omega} = 0 \Rightarrow ((\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + \omega^2 \gamma^2) \gamma - \omega \gamma [2(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)(-2\omega) + 2\omega \gamma^2] = 0$

$$\Rightarrow (\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 \gamma + 4\omega^2 \gamma (\omega_0^2 - \omega^2) - \omega^2 \gamma^3 = 0$$

near resonance,

$$(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2) = \Delta \omega (2\omega_0) = \frac{\omega^2 \gamma^3}{4\omega^2 \gamma} = \frac{\gamma^2}{4}$$

$$\Delta \omega = \frac{\gamma^2}{8\omega_0} \text{ small } \Rightarrow \text{peak at } \approx \omega_0$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{E}_2(\omega_0)}{\mathcal{E}_0} = \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega \gamma}$$

half height at ω such that $\frac{\mathcal{E}_2(\omega)}{\mathcal{E}_0} = \frac{\omega_p^2}{2\omega \gamma}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2\omega \gamma} = \frac{\omega \gamma}{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + \omega^2 \gamma^2} \Rightarrow (\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + \omega^2 \gamma^2 = 2\omega^2 \gamma^2$$

$$\omega_0^2 - \omega^2 = \pm \omega \gamma$$

for sharp resonance $\Delta \omega (2\omega_0) = \pm \omega_0 \gamma$

$$\Delta \omega \approx \pm \frac{\gamma}{2}$$

width of resonance peak in $\frac{\mathcal{E}_2}{\mathcal{E}_0}$ is γ .

$$k = k_1 + ik_2 = \pm \frac{\omega}{c} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_0} + i \frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_0}}$$

if we want a wave traveling to the right, we take the + sign,

want to express k_1 and k_2 in terms of ϵ_1 and ϵ_2

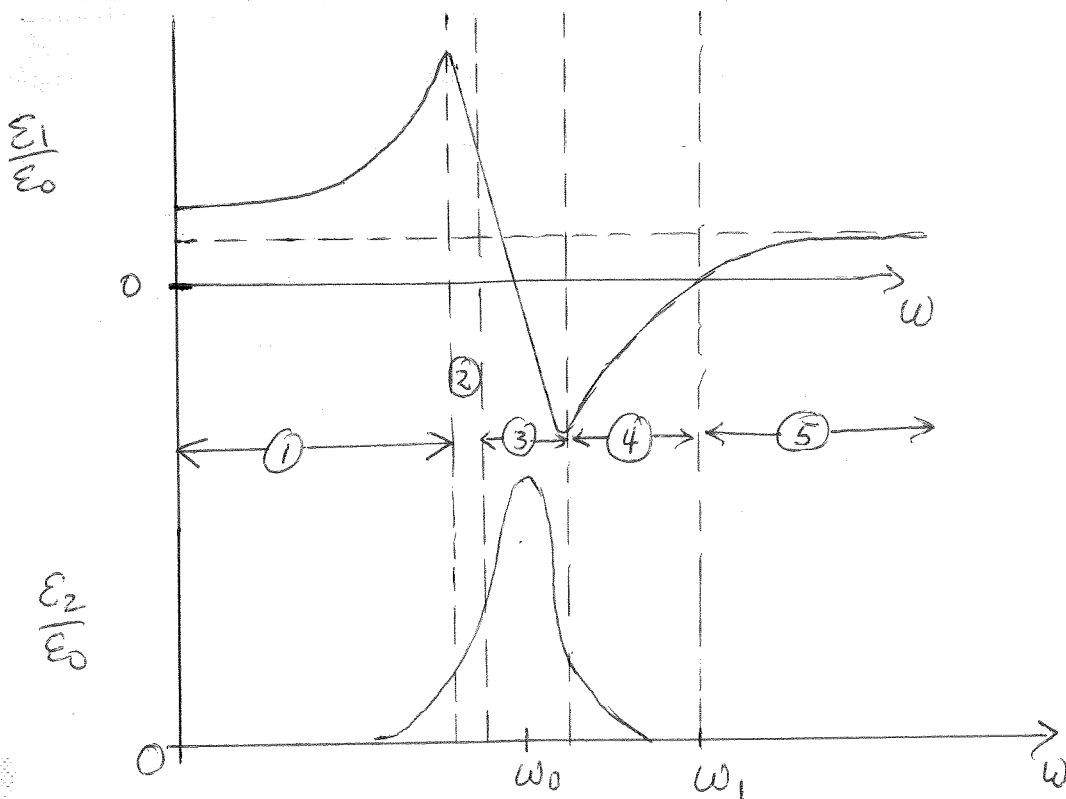
$$k^2 = k_1^2 - k_2^2 + 2ik_1k_2 = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_0} + i \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_0}$$

equate real and imaginary pieces, and solve for k_1 and k_2

$$k_1 = \pm \frac{\omega}{c} \left[\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\left(\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_0}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_0}\right)^2} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_0}\right) \right]^{1/2}$$

$$k_2 = \pm \frac{\omega}{c} \left[\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\left(\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_0}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_0}\right)^2} - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_0}\right) \right]^{1/2}$$

Regions of different behavior



Regions ① and ⑤: transparent propagation

$$\epsilon_1 > 0 \quad \epsilon_1 \gg \epsilon_2$$

$$k_1 = \pm \frac{\omega}{c} \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_0} \right) \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1} \right)^2} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_0} \right) \right]^{1/2}$$

use $\sqrt{1+x} \approx 1 + \frac{x}{2}$
small x

$$\approx \pm \frac{\omega}{c} \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_0} \right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1} \right)^2 \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_0} \right) \right]^{1/2}$$

$$= \pm \frac{\omega}{c} \left[\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_0} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{\epsilon_2^2}{\epsilon_1 \epsilon_0} \right]^{1/2} \approx \pm \frac{\omega}{c} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_0}} \left(1 + O\left(\frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1}\right)^2 \right)$$

$$k_2 = \pm \frac{\omega}{c} \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_0} \right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1} \right)^2 \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_0} \right) \right]^{1/2}$$

↑ small so
can ignore

$$\approx \pm \frac{\omega}{c} \left[\frac{1}{4} \frac{\epsilon_2^2}{\epsilon_1 \epsilon_0} \right]^{1/2} = k_1 \left(\frac{\epsilon_2}{2\epsilon_1} \right)$$

so $k_2 \ll k_1$ small attenuation \Rightarrow transparent propagation

index of refraction $n = \frac{ck_1}{\omega} \approx \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_0}}$

$$\frac{dn}{d\omega} > 0 \Rightarrow \text{normal dispersion } (v_g < v_p)$$

phase velocity $v_p = \frac{\omega}{k_1} = \frac{c}{n} = c \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_0}{\epsilon_1}}$

in region ① $\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_0} > 1 \Rightarrow v_p < c$

in region ⑤ $\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_0} < 1 \Rightarrow v_p > c!$ (but $v_g < c$ always)

Region ②: Similar to region ①, except that $\frac{dm}{d\omega} < 0 \Rightarrow$ anomalous dispersion ($v_g > v_p$)

Region ③: $\omega \approx \omega_0$ resonant absorption

$$\frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1} = \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega_0 \gamma} = \left(\frac{\omega_p}{\omega_0}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\omega_0}{\gamma}\right) \gg 1 \quad \text{for a sharp resonance } \frac{\gamma}{\omega_0} \ll 1$$

(typically $\omega_p \gg \omega_0$)

So: $\epsilon_2 \gg \epsilon_1$

$$k_1 = \pm \frac{\omega}{c} \left[\frac{1}{2} \frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_0} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_2}\right)^2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_0} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$\approx \pm \frac{\omega}{c} \left[\frac{1}{2} \frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_0} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_2}\right)^2\right) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_0} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$\approx \pm \frac{\omega}{c} \left[\frac{1}{2} \frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_0} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{\epsilon_1^2}{\epsilon_2 \epsilon_0} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_0} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$k_1 \approx \pm \frac{\omega}{c} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_2}{2\epsilon_0}} \left(1 + O\left(\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_2}\right)\right)$$

small so can ignore

$$k_2 \approx \pm \frac{\omega}{c} \left[\frac{1}{2} \frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_0} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{\epsilon_1^2}{\epsilon_2 \epsilon_0} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_0} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$\approx \pm \frac{\omega}{c} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_2}{2\epsilon_0}}$$

$k_1 \approx k_2 \Rightarrow$ strong attenuation

wave is exciting atoms near their resonant frequency ω_0
 \Rightarrow large atomic displacements \Rightarrow media absorbs most energy from the wave. Wave decays rapidly (factor e^{-1}) within one wave length of propagation.

Region (4) $\epsilon_1 < 0, |\epsilon_1| \gg \epsilon_2$ total reflection

width of this region is $\omega_1 - \omega_0 = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 + \omega_p^2} - \omega_0 \sim \omega_p \sim \sqrt{N}$
 width increases with atomic density since generally $\omega_p \gg \omega_0$

$$k_1 = \pm \frac{\omega}{c} \left[\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\left(\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_0}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_0}\right)^2} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_0}\right) \right]^{1/2}$$

$$k_2 = \pm \frac{\omega}{c} \left[\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\left(\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_0}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_0}\right)^2} - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_0}\right) \right]^{1/2}$$

For $\epsilon_1 < 0$ but $|\epsilon_1| \gg \epsilon_2$ we can write

$$k_1 = \pm \frac{\omega}{c} \left[\frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_0} \right| \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1}\right)^2} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_0}\right) \right]^{1/2}$$

expand $\sqrt{\quad}$

$$\approx \frac{\omega}{c} \left[\frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_0} \right| \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1}\right)^2\right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_0}\right) \right]^{1/2}$$

$$= \pm \frac{\omega}{c} \left[\frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_0} \right| + \frac{1}{4} \frac{\epsilon_2^2}{\epsilon_0 |\epsilon_1|} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_0} \right]^{1/2}$$

since $\epsilon_1 < 0$ then $|\epsilon_1| = -\epsilon_1$ so

$$k_1 = \pm \frac{\omega}{c} \frac{1}{2} \frac{\epsilon_2}{\sqrt{\epsilon_0 |\epsilon_1|}} = \pm \frac{\omega}{c} \frac{1}{2} \frac{\epsilon_2}{|\epsilon_1|} \sqrt{\frac{|\epsilon_1|}{\epsilon_0}}$$

whereas

$$k_2 \approx \pm \frac{\omega}{c} \left[\frac{1}{2} \frac{|\epsilon_1|}{\epsilon_0} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{\epsilon_2^2}{\epsilon_0 |\epsilon_1|} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_0} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$= \pm \frac{\omega}{c} \left[\frac{|\epsilon_1|}{\epsilon_0} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{\epsilon_2^2}{\epsilon_0 |\epsilon_1|} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$\epsilon_1 = -|\epsilon_1|$$

$$\approx \pm \frac{\omega}{c} \sqrt{\frac{|\epsilon_1|}{\epsilon_0}} \left(1 + O\left(\frac{\epsilon_2^2}{\epsilon_1}\right)\right)$$

\uparrow small so can ignore

$$\text{So } \frac{k_2}{k_1} = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{|\epsilon_1|}{\epsilon_0}}}{\frac{1}{2} \frac{\epsilon_2}{|\epsilon_1|} \sqrt{\frac{|\epsilon_1|}{\epsilon_0}}} = \frac{2|\epsilon_1|}{\epsilon_2} \gg 1$$

wave vector k is almost pure imaginary $k_2 \gg k_1$
 wave decays exponentially $\rightarrow 0$ before traveling
 even one wave length into the material

We will see that this is a region of total reflection.
 Since $\omega \gg \omega_0$ in region (4), we are not at resonance,
 material is not absorbing much energy from the
 wave. The strong attenuation is due to the
destructive interference between the wave
 and the induced fields of the polarized atoms.

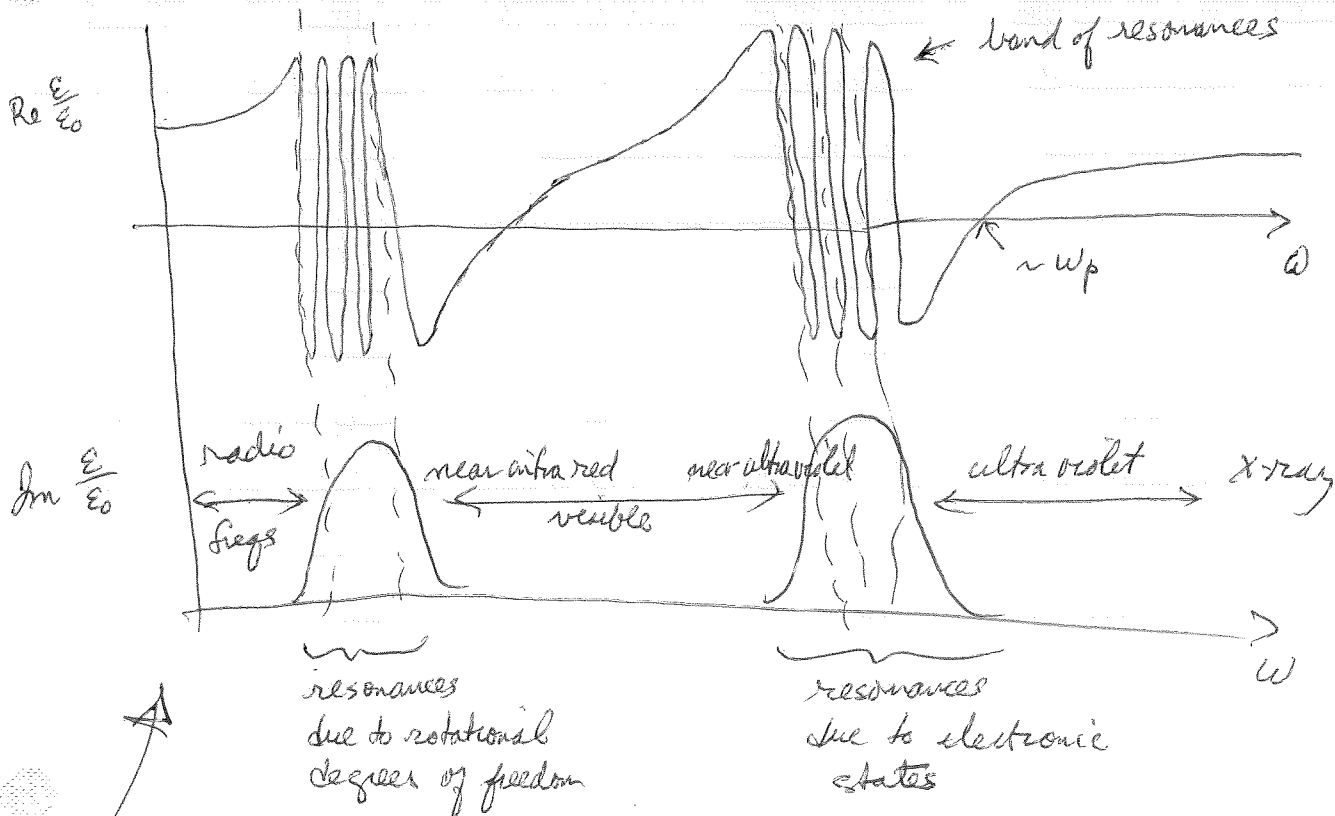
One single model was

$$\frac{\epsilon(\omega)}{\epsilon_0} = 1 + \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2 - i\omega\gamma} \quad \leftarrow \text{single resonance at } \omega \approx \omega_0$$

A more realistic model of an atom or molecule would give many resonances

$$\epsilon(\omega) = 1 + \omega_p^2 \sum_i \frac{f_i}{\omega_i^2 - \omega^2 - i\omega\gamma_i}$$

where $\hbar\omega_i$ are the energy spacings between quantized electron energy levels with an allowed electric dipole transition.



for a typical molecular gas

$$\omega_p = \sqrt{\frac{Ne^2}{m\epsilon_0}}$$

$$\omega_p = c \sqrt{\frac{N_A \frac{e^2}{mc^2}}{\epsilon_0}} \sqrt{\frac{N}{N_A}}$$

$$\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 mc^2} = 2.8 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}$$

$$c = 3 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm/sec}$$

$$N_A = 6 \times 10^{23} \text{ cm}^{-3} \quad \text{Avogadro's \#}$$

$$\omega_p = 4.4 \times 10^{16} \sqrt{\frac{N}{N_A}} \text{ sec}^{-1}$$

$$\hbar\omega_p = 185 \sqrt{\frac{N}{N_A}} \text{ eV}$$

typical densities for H_2O or other ^{dielectric} liquid $\frac{N}{N_A} \approx 0.05$

$$\hbar\omega_p \approx 40 \text{ eV}$$

compared to $\hbar\omega_0 \sim \text{eV}$

for a metal, typical densities $\frac{N}{N_A} \approx \frac{5 \times 10^{22} \text{ cm}^{-3}}{6 \times 10^{23} \text{ cm}^{-3}} \approx 0.1$

$$\omega_p \approx 4.4 \times 10^{16} \text{ sec}^{-1}$$

$$\hbar\omega_p \approx 58 \text{ eV}$$

For typical molecules, energies associated with electronic excitations are typically $\hbar\omega \sim 0(1) \text{ eV}$. This sets the scale for ω_0 , so we see, as claimed earlier, that generally $\omega_p \gg \omega_0$.