

→ as with  $\vec{J}$  and  $\vec{E}$ , relation between  $\vec{D}$  and  $\vec{E}$  is non-local in time

$$\vec{D}(t) \neq \epsilon \vec{E}(t)$$

rather

$$\vec{D}(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt' \vec{E}(t') \tilde{\epsilon}(t-t')$$

↻ Fourier transf of  $\epsilon(\omega)$

Ampere's law is

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} = 4\pi \vec{J} + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t}$$

becomes  $\frac{1}{\mu} \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} = 4\pi \vec{J} + \frac{1}{c} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt' \vec{E}(t') \frac{d \tilde{\epsilon}(t-t')}{dt}$

↻ integro-differential equation!

Maxwell's equations only look simple when expressed in terms of Fourier transforms

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) &= \vec{E}_\omega e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} \\ \vec{B}(\vec{r}, t) &= \vec{B}_\omega e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} \\ \vec{D}(\vec{r}, t) &= \vec{D}_\omega e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} \\ \vec{H}(\vec{r}, t) &= \vec{H}_\omega e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} \end{aligned}$$

Maxwell's Equ for source free system  $\rho = \vec{J} = 0$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = 0, \quad \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0, \quad \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{c \partial t}, \quad \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} = \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{c \partial t}$$

assume  $\mu$  is true constant - not freq dependent  
 dielectric response is  $\vec{D}_\omega = \epsilon(\omega) \vec{E}_\omega$

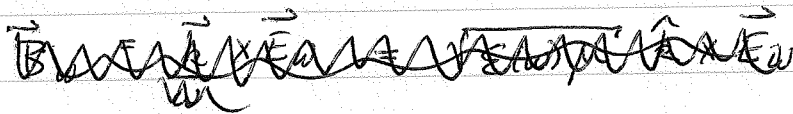
then for the Fourier amplitudes of the fields, Maxwell's Equations become

transverse polarized

$$\begin{aligned} 1) \quad i \vec{k} \cdot \vec{D}_\omega &= i \epsilon(\omega) \vec{k} \cdot \vec{E}_\omega = 0 & \Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{k} \perp \vec{E}_\omega} \quad (\text{unless } \epsilon(\omega) = 0) \\ 2) \quad i \vec{k} \cdot \vec{B}_\omega &= 0 & \Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{k} \perp \vec{B}_\omega} \\ 3) \quad i \vec{k} \times \vec{E}_\omega &= i \omega \vec{B}_\omega \\ 4) \quad i \vec{k} \times \vec{H}_\omega &= -i \frac{\omega}{c} \vec{D}_\omega \Rightarrow \frac{i \vec{k}}{\mu} \times \vec{B}_\omega = -\frac{i \omega \epsilon(\omega)}{c} \vec{E}_\omega \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{k} \times (3) &= i \vec{k} \times (\vec{k} \times \vec{E}_\omega) = i \frac{\omega}{c} \vec{k} \times \vec{B}_\omega \\ &\Rightarrow -i k^2 \vec{E}_\omega = -\frac{i \omega^2 \epsilon(\omega) \mu}{c^2} \vec{E}_\omega \quad \text{using (4)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{k^2 = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \epsilon(\omega) \mu} \quad \text{dispersion relation}$$



Note:  $\frac{\omega}{|k|} = \frac{c}{\sqrt{\epsilon(\omega) \mu}}$  varies with  $\omega$ .  
 there is not a single phase velocity.

$\Rightarrow \vec{E}$  is not in general a solution of a wave equation - different frequencies travel with different speeds

Since  $\epsilon(\omega)$  is complex  $\epsilon(\omega) = \epsilon_1(\omega) + i\epsilon_2(\omega)$

$\Rightarrow$  wave vector also complex For  $\vec{k} = k \hat{z}$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) &= \vec{E}_\omega e^{i(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} = \vec{E}_\omega e^{i[(k_1 + ik_2)z - \omega t]} \\ &= \vec{E}_\omega e^{-k_2 z} e^{i(k_1 z - \omega t)} \end{aligned}$$

$k_1$  determines the oscillation of the wave

$k_2$  determines the decay or attenuation of the wave as it propagates into the material

phase velocity  $v_p = \frac{\omega}{k_1}$

index of refraction  $n = \frac{c}{v_p} = \frac{ck_1}{\omega}$

group velocity  $v_g = \frac{1}{\frac{dk_1}{d\omega}}$

Magnetic field:  $\vec{B}_\omega = \frac{c\vec{k}}{\omega} \times \vec{E}_\omega$

for  $\vec{k} = k \hat{z}$ ,  $\vec{B}_\omega = \frac{c(k_1 + ik_2)}{\omega} \hat{z} \times \vec{E}_\omega$

if  $k_1 + ik_2 = \sqrt{k_1^2 + k_2^2} e^{i\delta}$   $\delta = \arctan\left(\frac{k_2}{k_1}\right)$   
 $= |k| e^{i\delta}$

$\vec{B}_\omega = \frac{c|k|}{\omega} \hat{z} \times \vec{E}_\omega e^{i\delta}$   
 $\uparrow$  phase shift

$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{c|k|}{\omega} (\hat{z} \times \vec{E}_\omega) e^{-k_2 z} e^{i(k_1 z - \omega t + \delta)}$$

Physical fields - take real parts

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{E}_\omega e^{-k_2 z} \cos(k_1 z - \omega t)$$

$$\vec{B}(\vec{r}, t) = (\hat{z} \times \vec{E}_\omega) \frac{c|k|}{\omega} e^{-k_2 z} \cos(k_1 z - \omega t + \delta)$$

Conclusions

1)  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B} \perp \vec{k}$  transverse polarized

2)  $\vec{E} \perp \vec{B}$

3) amplitude ratio  $\frac{|\vec{B}|}{|\vec{E}|} = \frac{c|k|}{\omega} = \sqrt{|\epsilon(\omega)| \mu'}$

4)  $\vec{B}$  is shifted in phase with respect to  $\vec{E}$  by phase shift  $\delta = \arctan(k_2/k_1)$

5) waves decay as they propagate  $e^{-k_2 z}$

} consequence of complex  $\epsilon(\omega)$

If  $\epsilon_2 = 0$ , i.e.  $\epsilon(\omega)$  is real, and if  $\epsilon > 0$ , then  $k_2 = 0 \Rightarrow$  no decay, no phase shift

consequences of frequency dependence of  $\epsilon(\omega)$

6)  $\vec{E}(t)$  and  $\vec{D}(t)$  non locally related in time

7) waves of different  $\omega$  travel with different  $v_p = \omega/k_1$

8) dispersion - wave pulses do not travel with  $v_p$

and they spread as they propagate pulses travel with group velocity  $v_g = \frac{d\omega}{dk}$  (see Quantum Mechanics discussion)

$v_g < v_p$  "normal dispersion"

$v_g > v_p$  "anomalous dispersion"

$$\frac{1}{v_g} = \frac{dk_1}{d\omega} = \frac{d}{d\omega} \left[ \frac{\omega}{c} m \right]$$

index of refraction

$$\frac{1}{v_g} = \frac{m}{c} + \frac{\omega}{c} \frac{dm}{d\omega} = \frac{1}{v_p} + \frac{\omega}{c} \frac{dm}{d\omega}$$

$$v_g = \frac{v_p}{1 + \frac{v_p}{c} \omega \frac{dm}{d\omega}}$$

⇒ when  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{dm}{d\omega} > 0, \quad v_g < v_p \quad \text{normal dispersion} \\ \frac{dm}{d\omega} < 0, \quad v_g > v_p \quad \text{anomalous dispersion} \end{array} \right.$

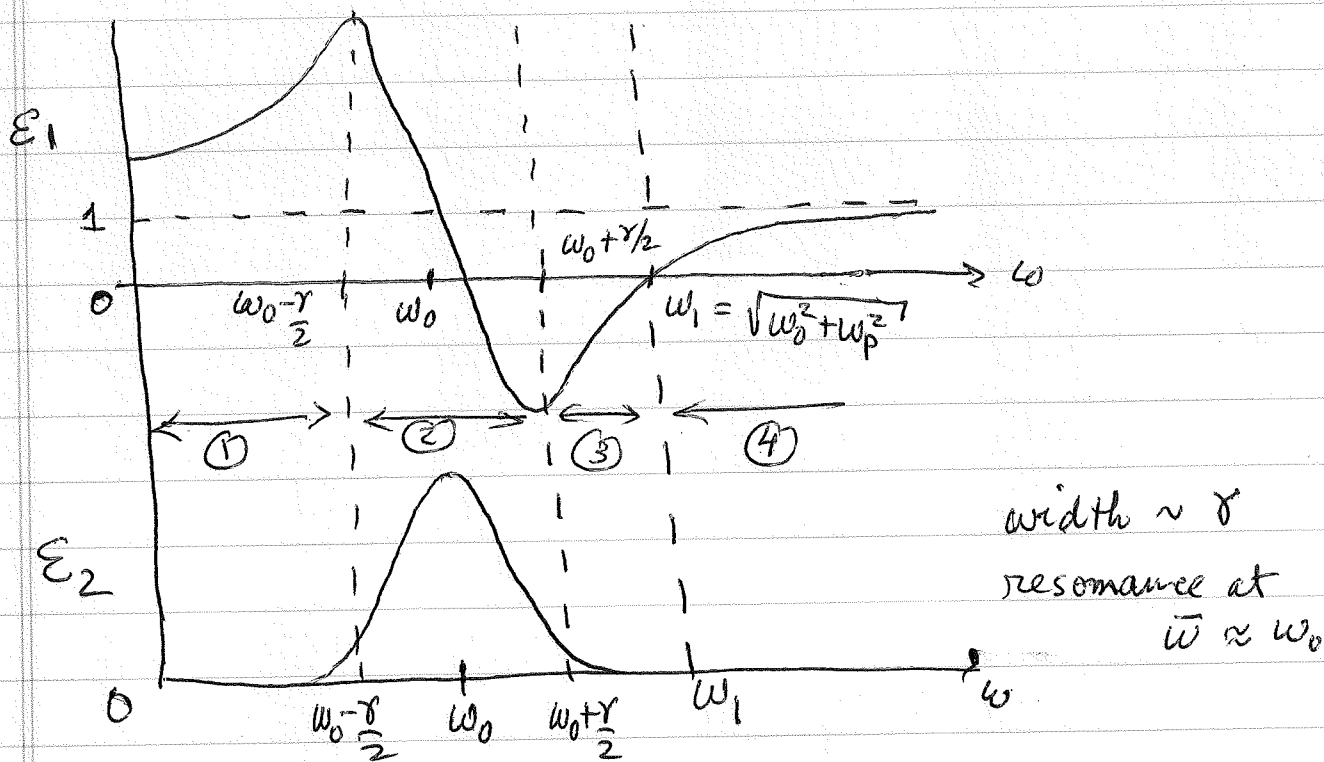
For our simple model:  $\epsilon = 1 + 4\pi\chi \approx 1 + 4\pi n \alpha$

$$\epsilon(\omega) = 1 + \frac{4\pi m e^2}{m} \frac{1}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2 - i\omega\gamma}$$

$$\epsilon_1 = 1 + \frac{4\pi m e^2}{m} \frac{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2}{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + \omega^2 \gamma^2}$$

$$\epsilon_2 = \frac{4\pi m e^2}{m} \frac{\omega \gamma}{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + \omega^2 \gamma^2}$$

Define  $\omega_p = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi m e^2}{m}}$  the "plasma frequency"



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

$$k^2 = k_1^2 - k_2^2 + 2ik_1 k_2 = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \mu (\epsilon_1 + i\epsilon_2)$$

equating real and imaginary pieces and solve for  $k_1$  and  $k_2$

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

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

Regions of different behavior

Regions ① and ④ - transparent propagation

$\epsilon_1 > 0$ ,  $\epsilon_1 \gg \epsilon_2$  expand the  $\sqrt{\quad}$  in Taylor series

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

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

$$\approx \pm \frac{\omega}{c} \sqrt{\mu \epsilon_1} + \text{small correction}$$

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

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

So  $k_2 \ll k_1$  small attenuation  
 $\Rightarrow$  medium is transparent

Note:  $v_p = \frac{\omega}{k_1} = \frac{c}{n} = \frac{c}{\sqrt{\epsilon_1 \mu}}$

in region ①,  $\epsilon_1 > 1 \Rightarrow v_p < c$

in region ④,  $\epsilon_1 < 1 \Rightarrow v_p > c$ !

but  $v_g < c$  always!

Region ②  $\omega \approx \omega_0$  resonant absorption

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

$$\epsilon_1 \approx 1$$

$$\gamma \ll \omega_0$$

$$\text{So } \epsilon_2 \gg \epsilon_1$$

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

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

$$k_1 \approx \pm \frac{\omega}{c} \sqrt{\mu} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_2}$$

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

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$$\approx \pm \frac{\omega}{c} \sqrt{\mu} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_2}$$

$$k_1 \approx k_2 \quad \text{strong attenuation}$$

wave excites atoms at resonance  $\Rightarrow$  large atomic displacements  $\rightarrow$  media absorbs most energy from the wave  $\Rightarrow$  wave decays rapidly, decreases factor  $\frac{1}{e^{2\pi}}$  within one wavelength of propagation.

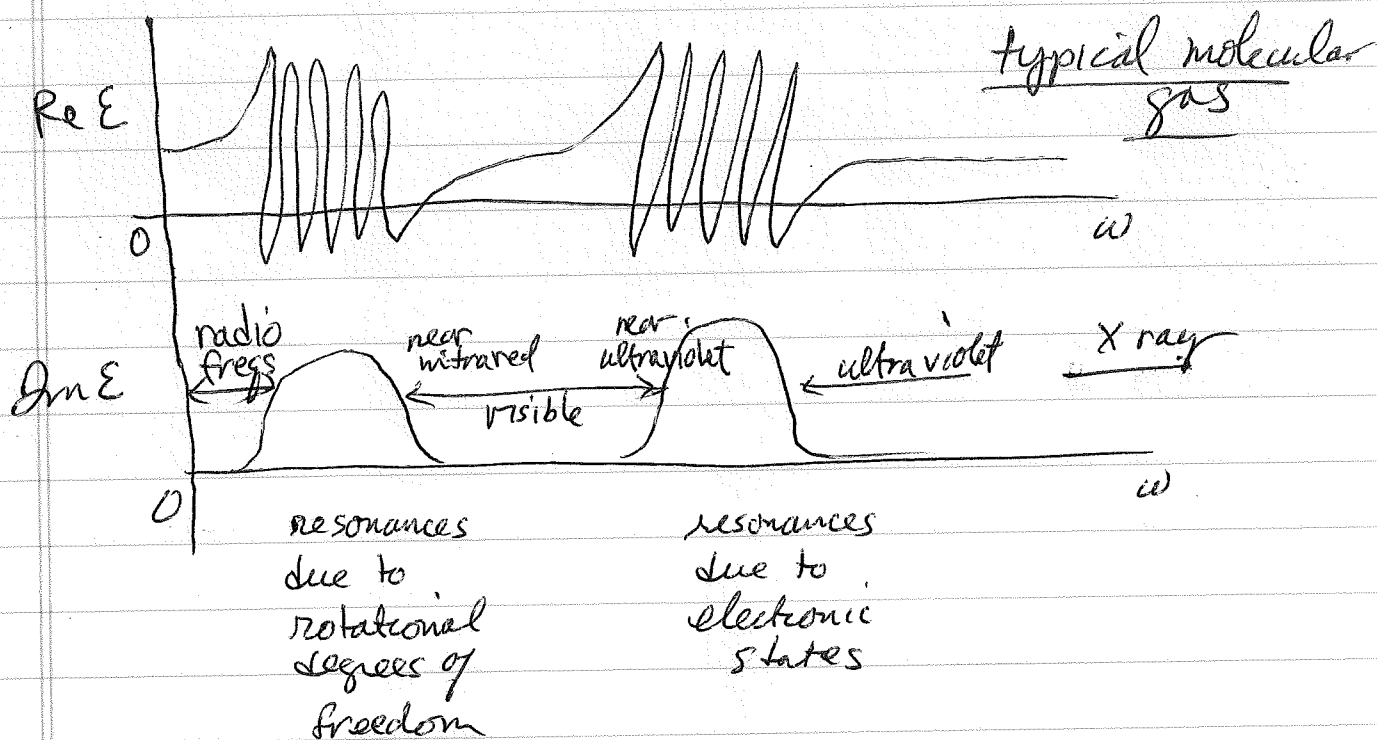




Our single model had a single resonance at  $\omega_0$ .  
 A more realistic model for molecules has many bands of resonances due to rotational, vibrational, and electronic modes of excitation.

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

where  $\hbar\omega_i$  are spacings between energy levels with allowed electric dipole transitions



$$\omega_p = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi n e^2}{m}}$$

$$= 4.4 \times 10^{16} \sqrt{\frac{n}{n_A}} \text{ sec}^{-1}, \quad n_A = 6 \times 10^{23} / \text{cm}^3$$

For  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

$$\Rightarrow \hbar \omega_p = 185 \sqrt{\frac{n}{n_A}} \text{ eV}$$

$$\text{For } \text{H}_2\text{O} \quad \frac{n}{n_A} \sim 0.05$$

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

$$\text{For typical metal } \frac{n}{n_A} \sim 0.1$$

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

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