

Last time

Transmission coefficient:

$$T = \sqrt{\frac{\mu \epsilon'}{\mu' \epsilon}} \left| \frac{\bar{E}_0'}{E_0} \right|^2$$

Reflection coefficient

$$R = \left| \frac{E_0''}{E_0} \right|^2$$

Electromagnetic Waves in Conductors (cont'd)

Ohm's law $\vec{J} = \sigma \vec{E}$, $\rho = 0$ on average

get waves with the wave vector

$$k = \omega \sqrt{\mu \epsilon} \sqrt{1 + \frac{\epsilon \sigma}{\epsilon \omega}} \equiv k_1 + i k_2$$

$\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon \omega} \gg 1$ good conductor

$\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon \omega} \ll 1$ bad conductor

$$\text{if } \vec{k} \parallel \hat{z} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \vec{E} = E_0 \hat{x} e^{-i\omega t + i k_1 z - k_2 z} \\ \vec{B} = B_0 \hat{y} e^{-i\omega t + i k_1 z - k_2 z} \end{cases}$$

$$B_0 = \frac{k}{\omega} E_0. \quad \vec{k} \cdot \vec{B}_0 = 0, \quad \vec{k} \cdot \vec{E}_0 = 0$$

$$B_0 = \frac{k_1 + i k_2}{\omega} E_0 \sim \text{out of phase}$$

⇒ we get $(\nabla^2 + k^2) \vec{E} = 0$ with $k^2 = \mu \epsilon \omega^2 + i \omega \mu \sigma$

⇒ $k = \pm \sqrt{\mu \epsilon} \omega \sqrt{1 + \frac{i \sigma}{\epsilon \omega}} \equiv k_1 + i k_2$

As $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{k} \cdot \vec{E}_0 = 0$. ~ still transverse.
 $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{k} \cdot \vec{B}_0 = 0$.

Good conductor: $\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon \omega} \gg 1$

Bad conductor: $\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon \omega} \ll 1$

Assume that $\vec{k} \parallel \hat{z}$ and $\vec{E} \parallel \hat{x}$ (linear polarization)

$\vec{E} = \hat{x} E_0 e^{i(kz - \omega t)} = \hat{x} E_0 e^{i k_1 z - k_2 z - i \omega t} = \vec{E}$

⇒ wavelength $\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{k_1}$

$E \sim e^{-k_2 z}$ ~ exponentially decaying

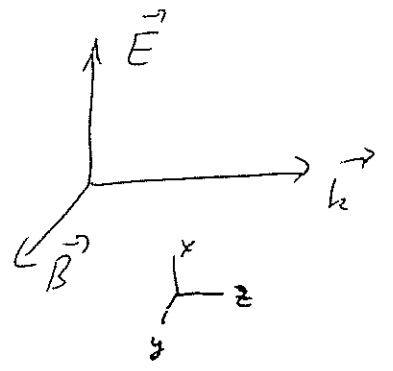
\vec{B} -field: $\vec{B} = -\frac{i}{\omega} \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} = \frac{1}{\omega} \vec{k} \times \vec{E}_0 e^{i(kz - \omega t)} \Rightarrow$

$\vec{B} = \frac{k}{\omega} \hat{y} E_0 e^{i(kz - \omega t)}$

⇒ $\vec{B} \perp \vec{k}$, $\vec{B} \perp \vec{E}$

but: as k is complex, \vec{B} & \vec{E}

are out of phase.



Time-averaged Poynting vector:

$\langle S_z \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \text{Re} (\vec{E} \times \vec{H}^*)_z = \frac{1}{2\mu} \text{Re} \left(\frac{k^*}{\omega} |E_0|^2 e^{-2k_2 z} \right) =$

$$= \frac{1}{2\mu} \frac{k_1 |\mathbf{E}_0|^2}{\omega} e^{-2k_2 z} \propto e^{-z/\delta} \Rightarrow \delta = \frac{1}{2k_2} \text{ "skin depth"}$$

$$k_2 = \text{Im} \left[\sqrt{\mu \epsilon} \omega \sqrt{1 + \frac{i\sigma}{\epsilon \omega}} \right]$$

Bad conductor. $k_2 \approx \sqrt{\mu \epsilon} \omega \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon \omega} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}} \frac{\sigma}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow \delta = \frac{1}{\sigma} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{\mu}} \quad (\text{if } \sigma \text{ is small } \Rightarrow \delta \text{ is large})$$

Good conductor. $k_2 \approx \sqrt{\mu \epsilon} \omega \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon \omega}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma \mu \omega}{2}}$

$$\Rightarrow \delta = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\sigma \mu \omega}} \quad (\text{if } \sigma \text{ is large } \Rightarrow \delta \text{ is small})$$

Frequency - dependent ϵ, μ, σ .

We just showed that $k = \sqrt{\mu \epsilon} \omega \sqrt{1 + \frac{i\sigma}{\epsilon \omega}} = \omega \sqrt{\mu \left(\epsilon + \frac{i\sigma}{\omega} \right)}$ \Rightarrow if we want $k = \sqrt{\mu \epsilon} \omega$

as in non-conductors, we have to, in general,

assume that $\epsilon = \epsilon(\omega)$, $\mu = \mu(\omega)$, $\sigma = \sigma(\omega)$

and, here redefine

$$\epsilon \rightarrow \epsilon(\omega) = \epsilon_0 + \frac{i\sigma}{\omega} \quad \text{due to bound charges}$$

"Complex dielectric function" (not a constant!)

$$n(\omega) = \sqrt{\frac{\mu(\omega) \epsilon(\omega)}{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} \quad \text{"complex index of refraction"}$$

$$v_{ph} = \frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu \epsilon}} = \frac{c}{n(\omega)} \text{ still. } \Rightarrow k = \frac{n(\omega) \cdot \omega}{c}$$

(real $n(\omega)$)

a simple model for $\epsilon(\omega)$: consider an electron in external electric field:

$$m \ddot{\vec{x}} = \vec{F} = -K \vec{x} - m\gamma \dot{\vec{x}} - e \vec{E}$$

↑ mass
↑ spring const
↑ damping
↑ constant within the "atom"

$$\omega_0^2 = \frac{K}{m} \Rightarrow m (\ddot{\vec{x}} + \gamma \dot{\vec{x}} + \omega_0^2 \vec{x}) = -e \vec{E}$$

if $\vec{E} = \vec{E}_0 e^{-i\omega t} \Rightarrow \vec{x} = \vec{x}_0 e^{-i\omega t} \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow m (-\omega^2 - i\omega\gamma + \omega_0^2) \vec{x}_0 = -e \vec{E}_0$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{x}_0 = \frac{e \vec{E}_0}{m(\omega^2 + i\omega\gamma - \omega_0^2)}$$

\Rightarrow the amplitude of the ~~atomic~~ ^{molecular} dipole moment

$$\vec{p} = -e \vec{x}_0 = \frac{e^2 \vec{E}_0}{m(\omega_0^2 - i\omega\gamma - \omega^2)}$$

\Rightarrow if there were n electrons per unit volume

$$\Rightarrow \vec{P}(t) = n \vec{p}(t) = \frac{n e^2 (\vec{E}_0 e^{-i\omega t})}{m(\omega_0^2 - i\omega\gamma - \omega^2)} = \vec{P}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{P} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P} = \left[\epsilon_0 + \frac{n e^2}{m(\omega_0^2 - i\omega\gamma - \omega^2)} \right] \vec{E} \equiv \epsilon(\omega) \vec{E}$$

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

\sim frequency-dependent!

In general various electron states have different

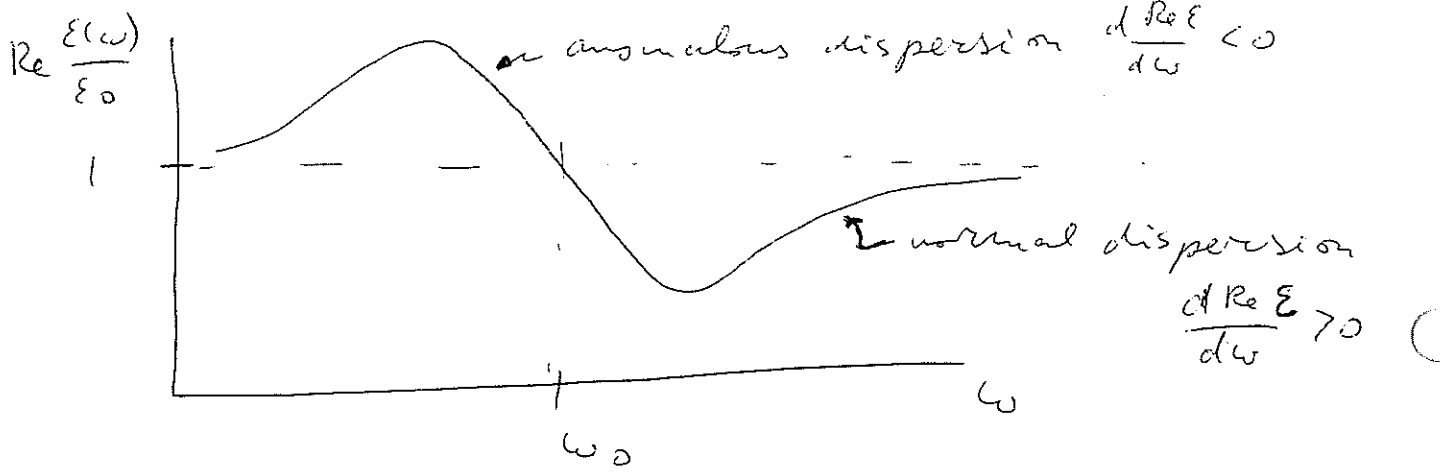
frequencies ω_i , $\gamma_i \Rightarrow$ & damping const's \uparrow

$$\frac{\epsilon(\omega)}{\epsilon_0} = 1 + \frac{ne^2}{\epsilon_0 m} \sum_i \frac{f_i}{\omega_i^2 - i\omega\gamma_i - \omega^2}$$

Oscillator strength
 f_i (# electrons/volume
 $\sum_i f_i = \sum_i \omega_i^2 \gamma_i$)

$$\text{Re} \frac{\epsilon(\omega)}{\epsilon_0} = 1 + \frac{ne^2}{m\epsilon_0} \frac{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2}{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + \omega^2 \gamma^2}$$

$$\text{Im} \frac{\epsilon(\omega)}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{ne^2}{m\epsilon_0} \frac{\omega \gamma}{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)^2 + \omega^2 \gamma^2}$$



$$k = k_1 + ik_2 \Rightarrow |\vec{E}|^2 \sim e^{-2k_2 z} \equiv e^{-\alpha z}$$

$\alpha = 2k_2 = \frac{1}{\delta}$ = absorption coefficient (attenuation const.)

$$k = \omega \sqrt{\mu(\omega)\epsilon(\omega)} \quad \text{if } \mu(\omega) = \mu_0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \omega \sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0} \sqrt{1 + \frac{ne^2}{m\epsilon_0(\omega_0^2 - i\omega\gamma - \omega^2)}}$$

$\Rightarrow k_2 \neq 0$ is due to $\gamma \neq 0 \Rightarrow$ absorption is due to damping.
 due to $\text{Im } \epsilon \neq 0$, which is

Low frequency: if electrons are free

$$\Rightarrow \omega_0 = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\epsilon(\omega)}{\epsilon_0} = 1 - \frac{ne^2}{m\epsilon_0\omega(\omega + i\gamma)} =$$

$$= 1 + \frac{ne^2 i}{m\epsilon_0\omega(\gamma - i\omega)} \quad \leftarrow \text{on the other hand, by definition} = 1 + \frac{i\sigma}{\epsilon_0\omega} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma(\omega) = \frac{ne^2}{m} \frac{1}{\gamma - i\omega}$$

Drude model (1900) of conductivity
 \checkmark if $\omega \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \epsilon = \text{Im}$, $\epsilon \sim \frac{i}{\omega} \Rightarrow n \sim \sqrt{\frac{i}{\omega}}$
 $\Rightarrow R = \left| \frac{1 - \frac{n^2}{\epsilon_0 \omega^2}}{1 + \frac{n^2}{\epsilon_0 \omega^2}} \right|^2 \approx 1 \Rightarrow$ metals are shiny!

High frequency: $\frac{\epsilon(\omega)}{\epsilon_0} \approx 1 - \frac{ne^2}{m\epsilon_0\omega^2} = 1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2}$
 ($\omega \gg \omega_0$, $\omega \gg \gamma$ too)

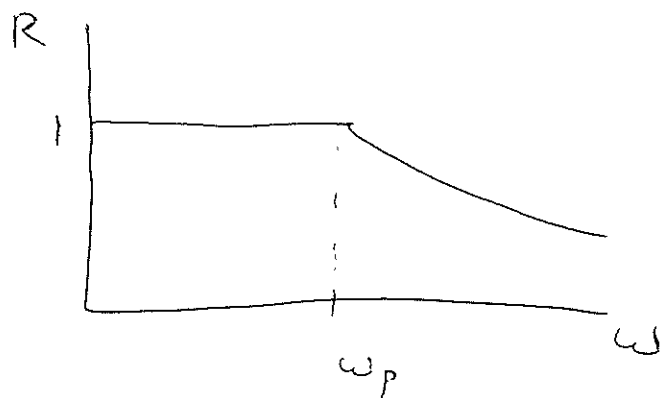
where $\omega_p^2 = \frac{ne^2}{m\epsilon_0}$ is the plasma frequency

$$k = \omega \sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0} \sqrt{1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2}} = \frac{1}{c} \sqrt{\omega^2 - \omega_p^2}$$

\Rightarrow if $\omega < \omega_p \Rightarrow k = \frac{i}{c} \sqrt{\omega_p^2 - \omega^2} \sim$ imaginary \Rightarrow

\Rightarrow waves do not propagate! \sim screening

\Rightarrow Reflectivity $R = \left| \frac{1 - n(\omega)}{1 + n(\omega)} \right|^2 = \left| \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2}}}{1 + \sqrt{1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2}}} \right|^2 = \begin{cases} 1, & \omega < \omega_p \\ < 1, & \omega > \omega_p \end{cases}$



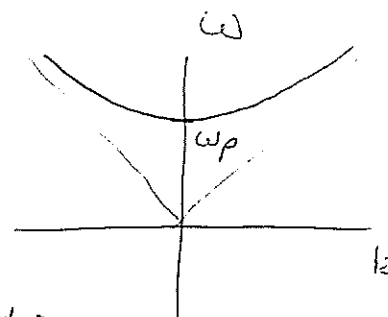
most energy is
reflected!
(at $\omega < \omega_p$)

$$\omega^2 = c^2 k^2 + \omega_p^2 \Rightarrow \omega = \sqrt{c^2 k^2 + \omega_p^2}$$

dispersion relation

cf. $E^2 = c^2 k^2 + m^2 c^4$ for relativistic

particle of mass m : ω_p is like a "mass"
for photons in the medium!



Kramers-Kronig Relations

Is $\epsilon(\omega)$ arbitrary? No. In fact, due to causality

$\epsilon(\omega)$ is an analytic function of ω !

Suppose $\vec{D}(\vec{x}, \omega) = \epsilon(\omega) \vec{E}(\vec{x}, \omega)$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{D}(\vec{x}, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega D(\vec{x}, \omega) e^{-i\omega t} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \epsilon(\omega) \vec{E}(\vec{x}, \omega) e^{-i\omega t} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \epsilon(\omega) e^{-i\omega t},$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt' e^{i\omega t'} \vec{E}(\vec{x}, t') = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt' \vec{E}(\vec{x}, t') \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \epsilon(\omega) \cdot e^{i\omega(t'-t)} =$$