

Lecture 6

<u>Phys 446:</u>



<u>Solid State Physics / Optical</u> <u>Properties</u>

Lattice vibrations: optical properties and Raman scattering

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Thermal Conductivity

Temperature gradient in a material \rightarrow heat flow from the hotter to the cooler end.

Heat current density j (amount of heat flowing across unit area per unit time) is proportional to the temperature gradient (dT/dx):

$$j_u = -K \frac{dT}{dx}$$
 K - thermal conductivity

- In metals the heat is carried both by electrons and phonons; electron contribution is much larger
- ${}^{\bullet}$ In insulators, there are no mobile electrons \Rightarrow heat is transmitted entirely by phonons

Heat transfer by phonons

- •*phonon gas*: in every region of space there are phonons traveling randomly in all directions, much like the molecules in an ordinary gas
- •phonon concentration is larger at the hotter end $\rightarrow \mbox{they move to the cooler end}$
- •the advantage of using this gas model: can apply familiar concepts of the kinetic theory of gases

Solid State Physics

(Ch. 3)

Last week:

Lecture 6

- Phonons, Einstein and Debye models, QZ1 results
- Today:

Optical Properties, Raman scattering, Thermal conductivity

Introduction to metals (Ch. 4)

Substance	$k (W/m \cdot K)$
Metals	
Stainless steel	14
Lead	35
Ahminum	235
Copper	401
Silver	428
Gases	
Air (dry)	0.026
Helium	0.15
Hydrogen	0.18
Building Materials	
Polyurethane form	0.024
Rock wool	0.043
Fiberglass	0.048
White pine	0.11
Window glass	1.0

"Conductivities change somewhat with temperature. The given values are at room temperature

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Elementary kinetic considerations:

if *c* is the heat capacity of the single particle, then moving from region with $T+\Delta T$ to a *T*, particle will give up energy $c\Delta T$

 ΔT between the ends of the free path length l_x : $\Delta T = \frac{dT}{dx} l_x = \frac{dT}{dx} v_x \tau$ where τ is the average time between collisions

The net energy flux (n - concentration):

$$j_{u} = -n \left\langle v_{x}^{2} \right\rangle \frac{dT}{dx} c \tau = -\frac{1}{3} n \left\langle v^{2} \right\rangle c \tau \frac{dT}{dx}$$

for phonons, v is constant. nc = C; $l = v\tau$

$$\Rightarrow j_u = -\frac{1}{3}Cvl\frac{dT}{dx} \Rightarrow K = \frac{1}{3}Cvl \qquad \begin{array}{c} \text{-phonon thermal} \\ \text{conductivity} \end{array}$$

Dependence of the thermal conductivity on temperature

- C_v dependence on temperature has already been discussed
- Sound velocity v essentially insensitive to temperature
- The mean free path *l* depends strongly on temperature

Three important mechanisms are to be considered:

- (a) collision of a phonon with other phonons
- (b) collision of a phonon with imperfections in the crystal
- (c) collision of a phonon with the external boundaries of the crystal

The phonon-phonon scattering is due to the *anharmonic interaction*. If interatomic forces are purely harmonic – no phonon-phonon interaction.

At high temperature atomic displacements are large \Rightarrow stronger anharmonism \Rightarrow phonon-phonon collisions become more important

At high T the mean free path $l \propto 1/T$: number of phonons $n \propto T$ at high T

collision frequency $\propto n \qquad \Rightarrow l \propto 1/n$

The second mechanism - phonon scattering results from defects. Impurities and defects scatter phonons because they partially destroy the periodicity of the crystal.

At very low T, both phonon-phonon and phonon-defect collisions become ineffective:

- there are only a few phonons present,
- the phonons are long-wavelength ones = not effectively scattered by defects, which are much smaller in size

In the low-temperature region, the primary scattering mechanism is the external boundary of the specimen - so-called *size* or *geometrical effects.*

Becomes effective because the phonon wavelengths are very long - comparable to the size of the sample L.

The mean free path here is $l \sim L$ \Rightarrow independent of temperature.



Suppose that two phonons of vectors \bm{q}_1 and \bm{q}_2 collide, and produce a third phonon of vector \bm{q}_3 .

Momentum conservation: $\mathbf{q}_3 = \mathbf{q}_1 + \mathbf{q}_2$

 \mathbf{q}_3 may lie inside the Brillouin zone, or not. If it's inside \rightarrow momentum of the system before and after collision is the same.

This is a *normal process*. It has no effect at all on thermal resistivity, since it has no effect on the flow of the phonon system as a whole.

If \mathbf{q}_3 lies outside the BZ, we reduce it to equivalent \mathbf{q}_4 inside the first BZ: $\mathbf{q}_3 = \mathbf{q}_4 + \mathbf{G}$ Momentum conservation: $\mathbf{q}_1 + \mathbf{q}_2 = \mathbf{q}_4 + \mathbf{G}$ The difference in momentum is transferred to the center of mass of the lattice.



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This type of process is is known as the *umklapp process*

- highly efficient in changing the momentum of the phonon
- responsible for phonon scattering at high temperatures

Anharmonism

So far, lattice vibrations were considered in harmonic approximation. Some consequences:

- Phonons do not interact; no decay
- No thermal expansion
- Elastic constants are independent of pressure and temperature
- Heat capacity is constant at high $T(T \ge \theta_D)$.

Anharmonic terms in potential energy:



x - displacement from equilibrium separation at T = 0

Thermal expansion

Calculate average displacement using Boltzmann distribution function:

$$\left\langle x\right\rangle = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x e^{-U(x)/k_B T} dx}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-U(x)/k_B T} dx}$$

If anharmonic terms are small, can use Taylor expansion for exponent



Thermal expansion from Phys 103



Techniques for probing lattice vibrations

- Inelastic X-ray scattering
- Neutron scattering
- Infrared spectroscopy
- Brillouin and Raman scattering

Inelastic X-ray scattering

$$\mathbf{k}_{\mathbf{k}_{0}} = \mathbf{k}_{0} \pm \mathbf{q} \qquad \hbar \omega = \hbar \omega_{0} \pm \hbar \Omega(\mathbf{q}) \qquad \text{assumed } \Omega(\mathbf{q}) << \omega_{0} \\ - \text{ true for x-rays:} \\ \hbar \Omega < 100 \text{ meV}; \ \hbar \omega_{0} \sim 10^{4} \text{ eV} \\ n - \text{ index of refraction} \end{cases}$$

measuring ω - ω_0 and θ sin one can determine dispersion $\Omega(\mathbf{q})$ main disadvantage – difficult to measure ω - ω_0 accurately This difficulty can be overcome by use of *neutron scattering* Energy of "thermal" neutrons is comparable with $\hbar\Omega$ (80 meV for $\hbar \approx 1$ Å)

Techniques for probing lattice vibrations



Brillouin and Raman spectroscopy

Inelastic light scattering mediated by the *electronic polarizability* of the medium

- a material or a molecule scatters irradiant light from a source
- Most of the scattered light is at the same wavelength as the laser source (elastic, or Raileigh scattering)
- but a small amount of light is scattered at different wavelengths (inelastic, or *Raman scattering*)



Analysis of scattered light energy, polarization, relative intensity provides information on lattice vibrations or other excitations¹³

Raman scattering in crystalline solids

Not every crystal lattice vibration can be probed by Raman scattering. There are certain Selection rules:

1. Energy conservation:

 $\hbar\omega_i = \hbar\omega_s \pm \hbar\Omega;$

2. Momentum conservation:



 \Rightarrow only small wavevector (cloze to BZ center) phonons are seen in the 1st order (single phonon) Raman spectra of bulk crystals

3. Selection rules determined by crystal symmetry

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Raman scattering in crystalline solids

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The Nobel Prize in Physics 1930

scattering



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SUMMARY

Raman scattering (in Russia called combination scattering) was discovered in 1928 by Indian and Russian scientists, at almost the same time. In 1930, the Nobel Prize for Physics was awarded to the Indian scientist Sir C.V. Raman, F.R.S., while the Russian scientists G.S. Landsberg and L.I. Mandelstam were rejected. The reasons for this are illustrated by analysing the nomination letters for the three scientists, as well as the report of the Nobel Committee for the year 1930.

INTRODUCTION

In 1930, the covered Nobel Prize for Physics was awarded to Sir C V Rama (1888–1970) for his achievements in the field of light scattering and the discovery of the Raman effect. The effect deals with the scattering of monochromatic light from substances. The spectrum of the scattered light gives information about the mo structure.

The discovery of the effect was hailed by an American physicist R.W. Wood (1868-1955) as '...one of the best convincing proofs of the quantum theory'. Due to the simplicity of the apparatus,' the application of the discovery in the field of experimental and theoretical physics grew rapidly. Within two years and five months, 385 papers and five special monographs were published.¹ The significance of the invention was so evident that the Nobel Committee decided to honour the discoverer within two years of the discovery.⁴ However, in the past, questions have been raised about the sharing of

between the Russian scientists and Raman. For example, the authors R. G. W. Brown and E.R. Pike wrote, '...in view of all the circumstances, however, it would be interesting to know why it was not shared with the Russians'.' Similarly, Raman's biographer, G.H. Keswani, asked, 'Why did the Nobel Committee for physics not vote for the sharing of the prize by the ... Russians?'.⁵ The famous Russian scientist LL, Fabelinskii pointed out: 'In 1930 ... the Nobel Prize in physics was awarded to Raman alone for the discovery of combination scattering?, and 'There remains the question why the Russian physicists were not awarded the Nobel Prize for physics

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Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman

India

Example of Raman scattering in crystalline solids



1 μ m STO film at T = 5 K without electric field and in the

presence of an external electric field of 22×10^4 V/cm di-

rected normal to the film plane, respectively. The soft-mode components are labeled A and E. Structural modes are denoted

by R. Optical phonons from the SRO buffer layer are marked

with stars. The inset shows the schematics of the investigated trilayer ITO/STO/SRO structure grown on an STO substrate.

(b) Electric-field-induced modification of the Raman intensity

obtain by subtracting spectrum at $\ell = 22 \times 10^4$ V/cm from that at $\ell = 0$ for different temperatures shown next to the spec-

tra. Spectra are shifted vertically for clarity.

3S = 15 modes3 acoustic modes 12 optical modes; 3×4 SF = 0 SF = 0

 $K = \frac{1}{3}Cvl$

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- How do we measure dispersion curves? Inelastic neutron scattering
- If you can measure the energy lost by the neutron (by causing a vibration in the solid), and you can measure which direction you created the wave (the wavevector), then you can construct a dispersion curve



Summary

Phonon thermal conductivity

- Mechanisms of phonon scattering affecting thermal resistivity:
 - umklapp processes of phonon-phonons collision important at high T
 - collision of a phonon with defects and impurities in the crystal
 - collision of a phonon with the external boundaries of the crystal important at low T
- Anharmonism of potential energy is responsible for such effects as:
 - phonon-phonon interaction
 - thermal expansion
- Techniques for probing lattice vibrations:

Inelastic X-ray scattering, Neutron scattering, Infrared spectroscopy, Brillouin and Raman scattering Electron energy loss spectroscopy

Optical Properties of Solids

Dielectric function formalism Phonon contribution to Dielectric function and Light interaction with Phonons

(in this Lecture K is a wavevector of light)

The interaction of radiation with matter

	Name	Differential form		Integral form	∂	. 2 . 2
	Gauss's law:	$ abla \cdot \mathbf{E} = rac{ ho}{\epsilon_0}$	$\oint_{S} \mathbf{E}$	$\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{dA} = \frac{\mathbf{Q}_S}{\epsilon_0}$	$\nabla = i \frac{\partial x}{\partial x}$	$\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{j} \frac{\partial y}{\partial y} + \mathbf{k} \frac{\partial z}{\partial z}$
	Gauss' law for magnetism (absence of magnetic monopoles):	$ abla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$	$\oint_{S} \mathbf{E}$	$\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{dA} = 0$		
	Faraday's law of induction:	$\nabla\times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$	$\oint_{\partial S}$	$\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{dl} = -\frac{d\mathbf{\Phi}_{B,S}}{dt}$		
	Ampère's Circuital Law (with Maxwell's correction):	$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{J} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{J}}{\partial t}$	$\frac{\mathbf{E}}{t} \oint_{\partial S}$	$\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{dl} = \mu_0 \mathbf{I}_S + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{d}{dt}$	$\frac{\mathbf{\Phi}_{E,S}}{dt}$	
an	$\begin{split} \mathbf{P} &= \chi_e \varepsilon_0 \mathbf{E} \\ \mathbf{M} &= \chi_m \mathbf{H} \\ \text{d the } \mathbf{D} \text{ and } \mathbf{B} \text{ fields are rela} \\ \mathbf{D} &= \varepsilon_0 \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{P} \\ \mathbf{B} &= \mu_0 (\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{M}) = \end{split}$	ted to \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{H} by: $(1 + \chi_{\epsilon})\varepsilon_{0}\mathbf{E} = \varepsilon \mathbf{I}$ $= (1 + \chi_{m})\mu_{0}\mathbf{H} =$	Ξ μH	$\vec{D} = \hat{\varepsilon}(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) = \hat{\sigma}(\vec{a} + \vec{b})$	$\omega)ec{E}$ wh $\omega)ec{E}$	$c = \frac{c_0}{n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu\varepsilon}}$ ere $n = \sqrt{\frac{\mu\varepsilon}{\mu_0\varepsilon_0}}$
2	$_{arepsilon}$ is the electrical susceptibility	y of the material, د	Symbol	Name	Numerical Value	SI Unit of Measure
2	is the magnetic susceptibili	ty of the material, 🦷	c	Speed of light in vacuum	2.99792458×10^{8}	meters per second
ξ	is the electrical permittivity o	f the material, and و	ē0	electric constant	8.85419×10^{-12}	farads per meter
ŀ	ι is the magnetic permeability	of the material	μ	magnetic constant	$4\pi \times 10^{-7}$	henries per meter
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For your references:

Symbol	Meaning (first term is the most common)	SI Unit of Measure	
∇-	the divergence operator	per meter (factor contributed by applying either operator)	
∇×	the curl operator		
$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$	partial derivative with respect to time	per second (factor contributed by applying the operator)	
Е	electric field also called the electric flux density	vot per meter or, equivalently, newton per coulomb	
В	Magnetic field also called the magnetic induction also called the magnetic field density also called the magnetic flux density	tesla, or equivalently, weber per square meter	
ρ	electric charge density	coulomb per cubic meter	
⁶ 0	Permittivity of free space, a universal constant	farads per meter	
$\oint_{S} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{A}$	The flux of the electric field over any closed Gaussian surface S	joule-meter per coulomb	
Qs net unbalanced electric charge enclosed by the Gaussian surface S, including so- called Bound charges		coulombs	
$\oint_{S} \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{A}$	The flux of the magnetic field over any closed surface S	Tesla meter-squared or webber	
$\oint_{\partial S} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{I}$ Ine integral of the electric field along the boundary (therefore necessarily a closed curve) of the surface S		Joule per coulomb	
$\Phi_{B,S} = \int_{S} \mathbf{B} \cdot dA$	magnetic flux over any surface S (not necessarily closed)	webber	
40	magnetic permeability of free space, a universal constant	hennies per meter, or newtons per ampere squared	
J	current density	ampere per square meter	
$\int_{\partial S} \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{I}$ line integral of the magnetic field over the closed boundary of the surface S		tesia-meter	
$l_S = \int_S \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{A}$ net electrical current passing through the surface S		amperes	
$\Phi_{E,S} = \int_{S} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{A}$	Electric flux over any surface S, not necessarily closed		
dA differential vector element of surface area A, with infinitesimally small magnitude and direction normal to surface S		square meters	

The interaction of radiation with matter

Decoupled form of MaxEq. in vacuum:	$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{E}}{\partial t^2} &- c^2 \cdot \nabla^2 \mathbf{E} &= 0\\ \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{B}}{\partial t^2} &- c^2 \cdot \nabla^2 \mathbf{B} &= 0 \end{aligned}$
Same in material medium (solid state) [SI]	[CGS]
$\nabla^{2}\vec{E} = \varepsilon\mu\frac{\partial^{2}\vec{E}}{\partial t^{2}} + \sigma\mu\frac{\partial\vec{E}}{\partial t}$	$\nabla^2 \vec{E} = \frac{\varepsilon \mu}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial t^2} + \frac{4\pi \sigma \mu}{c^2} \frac{\partial E}{\partial t}$
$\nabla^2 \vec{H} = \varepsilon \mu \frac{\partial^2 \vec{H}}{\partial t^2} + \sigma \mu \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t}$	$\nabla^2 \vec{H} = \frac{\varepsilon \mu}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{H}}{\partial t^2} + \frac{4\pi \sigma \mu}{c^2} \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t}.$
Solution:	
Plane EM wave (light)	$E = E_0 e^{i(\mathbf{K} \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega t)}$

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The interaction of radiation with matter

$\nabla^{2}\vec{E} = \varepsilon\mu\frac{\partial^{2}\vec{E}}{\partial t^{2}} + \sigma\mu\frac{\partial\vec{E}}{\partial t}$	$\vec{E} = \vec{E}_0 e^{i(\vec{K} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)}$
K-vector of light:	
If K is real $K_0^2 = \mu_0 \varepsilon_0 \omega^2 = 0$ (no losses)	$\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \qquad \qquad K_0 = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} = \frac{\omega}{c}$
$K^2 = \mu \varepsilon \omega^2 + i\omega \mu c$	$\sigma = \mu_0 \varepsilon_0 \omega^2 \left(\frac{\mu \varepsilon}{\mu_0 \varepsilon_0} + i \frac{\mu \sigma}{\mu_0 \varepsilon_0 \omega} \right)$
	Loss part of K-vector
for nonmagnetic media: $\mu = \mu_0$	$K = K_0 \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon_0} + i \frac{\sigma}{\varepsilon_0 \omega}} = \tilde{n} K_0$
complex refractive index: $\tilde{n} = \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon_0}}$	$-+i\frac{\sigma}{\varepsilon_0\omega} = n_R + in_I = n_R + i\frac{\alpha(\omega)}{2K_0}$
$lpha$ - absorption coefficient (m ⁻¹); $ ilde{E}_0$:	$=E_0e^{-\alpha z/2}$ and $I(z)=I_0e^{-\alpha(\omega)z}$

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The interaction of radiation with matter

Complex Dielectric Function $\begin{aligned}
\vec{\mathcal{L}} &= \varepsilon \vec{E} \\
\vec{\mathcal{L}} &= \varepsilon$

onductivity σ_{complex} , we will relate these quantities in two ways:

- 1. to observables such as the reflectivity which we measure in the laboratory,
- 2. to properties of the solid such as the carrier density, relaxation time, effective masses, energy band gaps, etc.



Hypothetical absorption spectrum for a typical III-V semiconductor as a function of phonon energy.

Linear spectroscopy

Schematic diagram for normal incidence reflectivity.



Electric field and Displacement vector in a material medium In general situation:

$$\vec{E}(r,t) = \vec{E}_0 \exp[i(\vec{K}\vec{r} - \omega t)] = \begin{bmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \\ E_z \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\vec{D} = \hat{\varepsilon}\vec{E}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} D_x \\ D_y \\ D_z \end{bmatrix} = \varepsilon_0 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_{xx} & \varepsilon_{xy} & \varepsilon_{xz} \\ \varepsilon_{yx} & \varepsilon_{yy} & \varepsilon_{yz} \\ \varepsilon_{zx} & \varepsilon_{zy} & \varepsilon_{zz} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \\ E_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{\varepsilon}(\omega) = \varepsilon_0 [1 + \hat{\chi}(\omega)]$$

6 independent components

$$\widehat{\varepsilon} = \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_{xx} & \varepsilon_{xy} & \varepsilon_{xz} \\ \varepsilon_{yx} & \varepsilon_{yy} & \varepsilon_{yz} \\ \varepsilon_{zx} & \varepsilon_{zy} & \varepsilon_{zz} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_{xx} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \varepsilon_{yy} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \varepsilon_{zz} \end{bmatrix}$$

In crystals the number of independent components decreases according to

the symmetry



In isotropic media:



Ionic polarizability / Phonon contribution

Evaluate the dielectric constant of an ionic crystal. onic polarizability is related to the motion of ions.



Recall the linear chain model we used to describe lattice vibrations:

Equations of motion
in the presence of
external field:
$$M_{1} \frac{d^{2}u_{n}}{dt^{2}} = -C(2u_{n} - u_{n+1} - u_{n-1}) - e^{*}E$$

$$M_{2} \frac{d^{2}u_{n+1}}{dt^{2}} = -C(2u_{n+1} - u_{n+2} - u_{n}) + e^{*}E$$

$$R_{2} \frac{d^{2}u_{n+1}}{dt^{2}} = -C(2u_{n+1} - u_{n+2} - u_{n}) + e^{*}E$$
assume $E = E_{0}e^{i(qx - \omega t)}$
also assume long wavelength, $\lambda >> a_{0} \rightarrow q \approx 0 \Rightarrow$

$$u_{n} = u_{0-}e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$u_{n+1} = u_{0+}e^{-i\omega t}$$
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At high frequencies, $\omega >> \omega_t$, the ionic term vanishes: $\varepsilon_{r\infty} = 1 + \chi_{el}$

at
$$\omega = 0$$
, $\mathcal{E}_{r0} = 1 + \chi_{el} + \frac{n_m e^{*2}}{M_R \mathcal{E}_0 \omega_t^2}$

can rewrite

$$\varepsilon_r(\omega) = 1 + \chi_{el} + \frac{n_m e^{*2}}{M_R \varepsilon_0 \omega_t^2 (1 - \omega^2 / \omega_t^2)} = \varepsilon_{r\omega} + \frac{\varepsilon_{r0} - \varepsilon_{r\omega}}{1 - \omega^2 / \omega_t^2}$$

Note that $\varepsilon_r(\omega_t) \to \infty$. Also, $\varepsilon_r(\omega) = 0$ at $\omega_l = \omega_t \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon_{r0}}{\varepsilon_{r\infty}}}$

Between ω_t and $\omega_l \quad \varepsilon_r(\omega) < 0 \Rightarrow$ index of refraction is imaginary:

$$N(\omega) = \sqrt{\varepsilon_r} = i \cdot k(\omega)$$
 wave is reflected

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Physical meaning of ω_t - the frequency of longitudinal optical phonon



Lyddane-Sachs-Teller relation

We had
$$\varepsilon_r(\omega) = \varepsilon_{r\infty} + \frac{\varepsilon_{r0} - \varepsilon_{r\infty}}{1 - \omega^2 / \omega_t^2}$$
 and $\omega_l^2 = \frac{\varepsilon_{r0}}{\varepsilon_{r\infty}} \omega_t^2$

combine, get

$$\varepsilon_r(\omega) = \varepsilon_{r\infty} \frac{\omega_l^2 - \omega^2}{\omega_t^2 - \omega^2}$$
 or $\frac{\varepsilon_{r0}}{\varepsilon_{r\infty}} = \frac{\omega_l^2}{\omega_t^2}$

If many phonon branches:

$$\varepsilon(\omega) = \varepsilon_{\infty} \prod_{j} \frac{\omega_{LO_{j}}^{2} - \omega^{2}}{\omega_{TOj}^{2} - \omega^{2}}$$

If phonon decay is included:

$$\varepsilon(\omega) = \varepsilon_{\infty} \prod_{j} \frac{\omega_{LO_{j}}^{2} - \omega^{2} - i\gamma_{LO_{j}}\omega}{\omega_{TO_{j}}^{2} - \omega^{2} - i\gamma_{TO_{j}}\omega}$$

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Electronic polarizability of solids similar to electronic transitions in atoms

For an accurate quantitative description, quantum mechanics is needed

But we can get some general ideas with classical approach

Recall our model of atom:

Displaced electronic cloud feels a restoring force, which is linear (for small displacements)

Total force
$$\mathbf{F} = e\mathbf{E} - \kappa\Delta\mathbf{r} = m\frac{d^2}{dt^2}\Delta\mathbf{r}$$

 $\kappa = \text{spring constant}$
 $m = \text{mass}$

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Without an external field:

$$-kx = m\frac{d^2x}{dt^2}$$

Equation for harmonic oscillator. Solution: harmonic vibration

$$x(t) = x_0 e^{-i\omega_0 t}$$
 with frequency $\omega_0 = \sqrt{k/m}$

Now, have electromagnetic wave with field $E(t) = E_0 e^{-i\omega t}$

Force $F(t) = eE_0e^{-i\omega t}$ Equation of motion becomes $eE_oe^{-i\omega t} - m\omega_0^2 x = m\frac{d^2x}{dt^2}$ (forced oscillator)

Look for a solution $x(t) = x_0 e^{-i\omega t}$

get
$$x(t) = \frac{e/m}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} E_o e^{-i\omega t} = \frac{e/m}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} E(t)$$

$$x(t) = \frac{e/m}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} E(t)$$

Expect strong response (large x), \Rightarrow large susceptibility $\chi \Rightarrow$ large refractive index *n* at $\omega \approx \omega_0$

Dipole moment p = qx, so polarization P = eNZx(*N* atoms per unit volume, *Z* electrons per atom) \Rightarrow

$$P = \frac{e^2 ZN/m}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} E \qquad \text{Recall} \quad P = \varepsilon_0 \chi E \text{ and } \varepsilon = \varepsilon_0 (1+\chi)$$
get
$$\chi = \frac{NZe^2}{\varepsilon_0 m} \frac{1}{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)} \qquad \text{or} \qquad \varepsilon = \varepsilon_0 \left(1 + \frac{NZe^2}{\varepsilon_0 m} \frac{1}{(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)} \right)$$
and
$$n^2(\omega) = \frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon_0} = 1 + \frac{NZe^2}{\varepsilon_0 m} \left(\frac{1}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} \right)$$
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Now, consider damping force proportional to speed :

$$F_{damp} = -m\gamma \frac{dx}{dt}$$

Equation of motion becomes (damped oscillator):

$$eE_{o}e^{-i\omega t} - m\omega_{0}^{2}x - m\gamma\frac{dx}{dt} = m\frac{d^{2}x}{dt^{2}}$$

Again, look for a solution $x(t) = x_0 e^{-i\omega t}$

get
$$x(t) = \frac{e}{m}E(t)\frac{1}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2 + i\omega\gamma}$$
 Same just in

e form as before. ncludes damping

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Therefore

$$n^{2}(\omega) = \frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon_{0}} = 1 + \frac{NZe^{2}}{\varepsilon_{0}m} \left(\frac{1}{\omega_{0}^{2} - \omega^{2} + i\omega\gamma}\right)$$

 $\widetilde{n} = n_R + in_I$ *n* is complex for nonzero damping: - complex wavenumber and $\vec{K} = \tilde{n}\vec{K}_0$,

What does it mean?

$$E = E_0 e^{i(Kx - \omega t)} = E_0 e^{i[n_R + in_I]K_0 x - i\omega t} = E_0 e^{-n_I K_0 x} e^{i(n_R K_0 x - \omega t)}$$
or
$$E = \tilde{E}_0 e^{i(n_R K_0 x - \omega t)} \quad \text{where} \quad \tilde{E}_0 = E_0 e^{-n_I K_0 x}$$

 $E = \overline{E}_0 e^{i(n_R K_0 x - \omega t)} \quad \text{where} \quad E_0 = E_0 e^{-n_I K_0 t}$ Amplitude decays as wave propagates - absorption;

results from damping

Usually write
$$\tilde{n} \to n + i \frac{\alpha}{2k_0}$$
 Then $\widetilde{E}_0 = E_0 e^{-\alpha x_2}$
instead of $n_R + in_I$ and intensity $I \propto \widetilde{E}_0^2 = I_0 e^{-\alpha x}$

 α - absorption coefficient (m⁻¹)

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Reflectivity at normal incidence (in air)

Field amplitude:
$$r = \frac{n-1}{n+1}$$
 power (intensity): $R = |r|^2 = \frac{(n-1)^2}{(n+1)^2}$

If $\widetilde{n} = n_R + in_I$ then

$$R = |r|^{2} = rr^{*} = \frac{(n_{R} - 1)^{2} + n_{I}^{2}}{(n_{R} + 1)^{2} + n_{I}^{2}}$$

As we've seen, the dielectric function and refractive index

are generally complex:







Quantum mechanics gives similar result for Electronic polarizability:

$$\alpha_e(\omega) = \frac{e^2}{m} \sum_j \frac{f_j}{\omega_j^2 - \omega^2 + i\omega\gamma_j}$$

Many resonant frequencies ω_i correspond to energy transitions Weighting factors f_i called oscillator strengths (related to transition matrix elements)

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Optical properties of conductive solids (metals)



conductivity of a medium σ : $J = \sigma E$

Including conductivity in Maxwell's equations in the medium:

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu \mathbf{J} + \mu \varepsilon \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}$$

leads to wave equation:

 $\nabla^2 \vec{E} = \varepsilon \mu \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} + \sigma \mu \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$

Differs from a "standard" wave equation by the first term in the right part

Still, look for plane wave solution: $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r},t) = \mathbf{E}_0 e^{i(\vec{K}\cdot\vec{r}-\omega t)}$

Reflection from metals

Have complex refractive index n_i : $\tilde{n} = \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon_0} + i\frac{\sigma}{\varepsilon_0\omega}\right)^{1/2} = n_1 + i\frac{\alpha}{2K_0}$ n_R , $n_I = \alpha/2K_0$ are real Reflectivity at normal incidence (in air) $R = |r|^2 = rr^* = \frac{(n_R - 1)^2 + n_I^2}{(n_R + 1)^2 + n_I^2}$ Consider a very good metal: large σ

(e.g. silver: $\sigma \approx 6.10^7 \,\Omega^{-1} \text{m}^{-1}$) 100 For $\lambda = 500$ nm and $\epsilon \approx \epsilon_0$

then
$$\frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0 \omega} \approx 2000$$

 $\frac{\alpha}{2K_0} = n_I >> n_R - 1$
 $\Rightarrow R \rightarrow 1$



Dispersion equation in metals

The dispersion we got in a model of oscillating electrons:

in metal, there are free electrons – no restoring force $\Rightarrow \omega_0 = 0$ Still, there may be bound electrons, too.

So
$$n^{2}(\omega) = 1 + \frac{N_{FC}e^{2}}{\varepsilon_{0}m} \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{-\omega^{2} + i\omega\gamma_{e}} + \sum_{j} \frac{f_{j}}{\omega_{0j}^{2} - \omega^{2} + i\omega\gamma_{j}}\right)}_{\text{free electrons}} + \underbrace{\sum_{j} \frac{f_{j}}{\omega_{0j}^{2} - \omega^{2} + i\omega\gamma_{j}}}_{\text{bound electrons}}$$

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The Free Carrier Contribution

Where carrier concentration is higher? Choose between *a* and *b*. Show work

 $\label{eq:plasma} Plasma edges observed in the room temperature reflectivity spectra of$ *n*-type InSb with carrier concentration*n* $varying between 3.5 <math display="inline">\times$ $10^{17}~{\rm cm}^{-3}$ and $4.0 \times 10^{18}~{\rm cm}^{-3}.$





If we neglect the contribution of bound electrons and also neglect free electron damping γ_e

$$n^2(\omega) = 1 - \frac{N_{FC}e^2}{\varepsilon_0 m \omega^2}$$

 $\omega_{p} = \sqrt{\frac{N_{FC}e^{2}}{\varepsilon_{core}m_{e}}} \qquad \text{- plasma frequency} \\ \varepsilon_{core} = \varepsilon(\omega \to \infty)$

Then

$$\varepsilon'(\omega) = \varepsilon_{core} \cdot \left[1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2} \right]$$

Below ω_p refractive index is complex – absorption;

 $n^2(\omega) = 1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2}$

Then

above ω_p *n* is real, free electron absorption is small For most metals ω_p lies in the UV range

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Summary

Ionic contribution to dielectric function is related to lattice vibrations and exhibits dispersion in infrared region, given by the Lyddane-Sachs-Teller relation:

$$\varepsilon(\omega) = \varepsilon_{\infty} \prod_{j} \frac{\omega_{LO_{j}}^{2} - \omega^{2}}{\omega_{TOj}^{2} - \omega^{2}}$$

Electronic polarizability is given by

$$\alpha_{e}(\omega) = \frac{e^{2}}{m} \left(\frac{1}{-\omega^{2} + i\omega\gamma_{e}} + \sum_{j} \frac{f_{j}}{\omega_{0j}^{2} - \omega^{2} + i\omega\gamma_{j}} \right)$$
free electrons bound electrons

◆ Dielectric function and refractive index are generally complex: $ε_r = ε_r' + iε_r'';$ $\tilde{n} = n_R + in_I$; $ε_r' = n_R^2 - n_I^2;$ $ε_r'' = 2n_R n_I$ absorption coefficient $α = 2K_0n_I$ n_I - extinction coefficient 48

For your references:

Symbol	Meaning (first term is the most common)	SI Unit of Measure	
$\nabla \cdot$	the divergence operator	per meter (factor contributed by applying either operator)	
$\nabla \times$	the curl operator		
$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$	partial derivative with respect to time	per second (factor contributed by applying the operator)	
Е	electric field also called the electric flux density	volt per meter or, equivalently, newton per coulomb	
в	Magnetic field also called the magnetic induction also called the magnetic field density also called the magnetic flux density	tesla, or equivalently, weber per square meter	
ρ	electric charge density	coulomb per cubic meter	
ε ₀	Permittivity of free space, a universal constant	farads per meter	
$\oint_{S} \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{dA}$	The flux of the electric field over any closed Gaussian surface S	joule-meter per coulomb	
\mathbf{Q}_{S}	net unbalanced electric charge enclosed by the Gaussian surface S, including so- called <i>Bound charges</i>	coulombs	
$\oint_{S} \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathrm{d}\mathbf{A}$	The flux of the magnetic field over any closed surface S	Tesla meter-squared or webber	
$\oint_{\partial S} \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathrm{d} \mathbf{l}$	line integral of the electric field along the boundary (therefore necessarily a closed curve) of the surface S	Joule per coulomb	
$\mathbf{\Phi}_{B,S} = \int_S \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathrm{d}\mathbf{A}$	magnetic flux over any surface S (not necessarily closed)	webber	
μο	magnetic permeability of free space, a universal constant	henries per meter, or newtons per ampere squared	
J	current density	ampere per square meter	
$\oint_{\partial S} \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathrm{d} \mathbf{l}$	line integral of the magnetic field over the closed boundary of the surface S	tesla-meter	
$\mathbf{I}_S = \int_S \mathbf{J} \cdot \mathbf{dA}$	net electrical current passing through the surface S	amperes	
$\mathbf{\Phi}_{E,S} = \int_{S} \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathrm{d} \mathbf{A}$	Electric flux over any surface S, not necessarily closed		
dA	differential vector element of surface area <i>A</i> , with infinitesimally small magnitude and direction normal to surface <i>S</i>	square meters	
dl	differential vector element of path length tangential to contour	meters	