

# ENEE381

Lecture 8

Dispersion

Absorption

Skin Effect

Group and Phase Velocity

# Topics

Dispersion

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Skin Effect

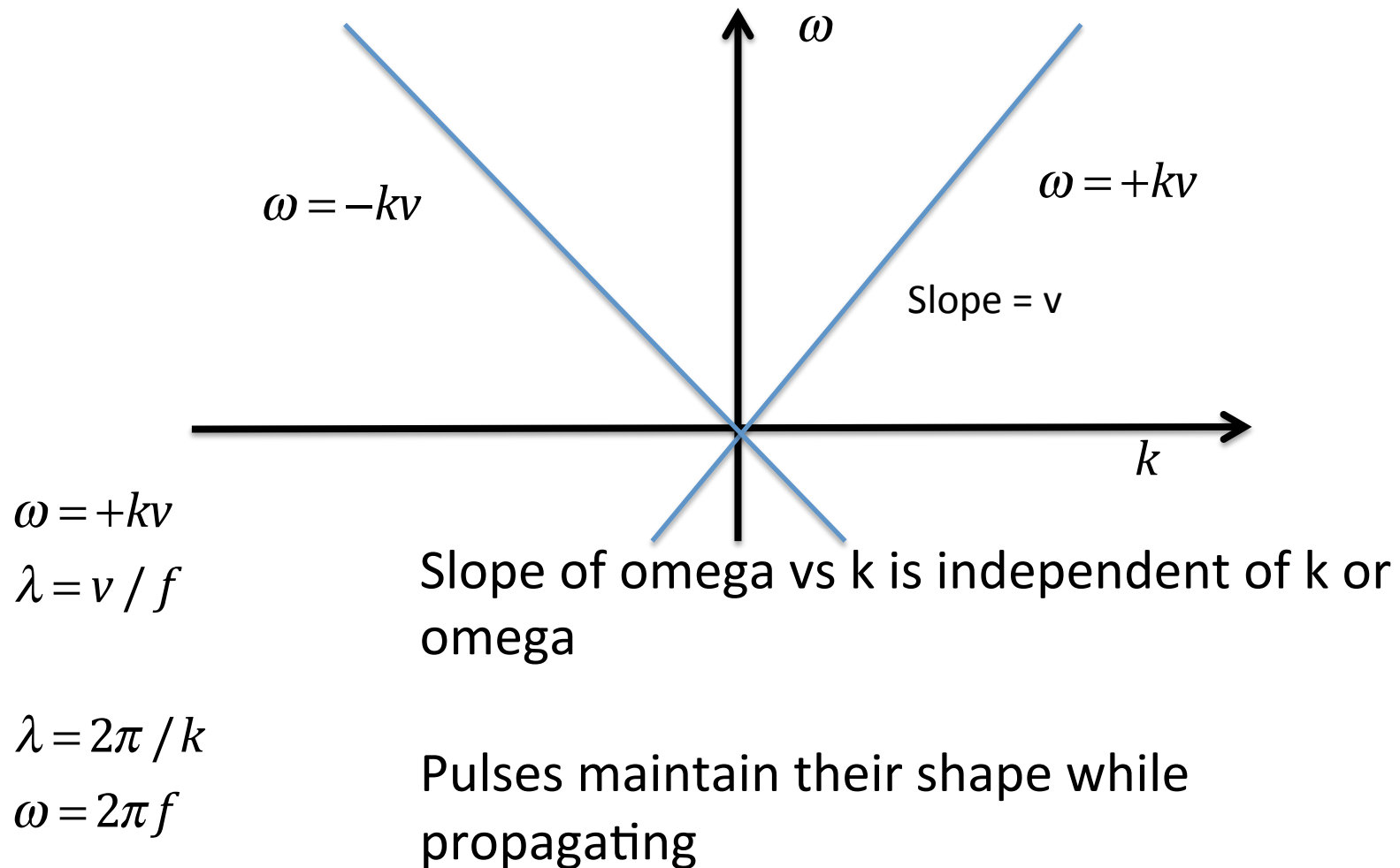
Group and phase velocity

# Dispersion Relation

Plane waves in a nondispersive medium

$$v = 1 / \sqrt{\epsilon\mu}$$

$\epsilon, \mu$  independent of frequency



# Dispersion

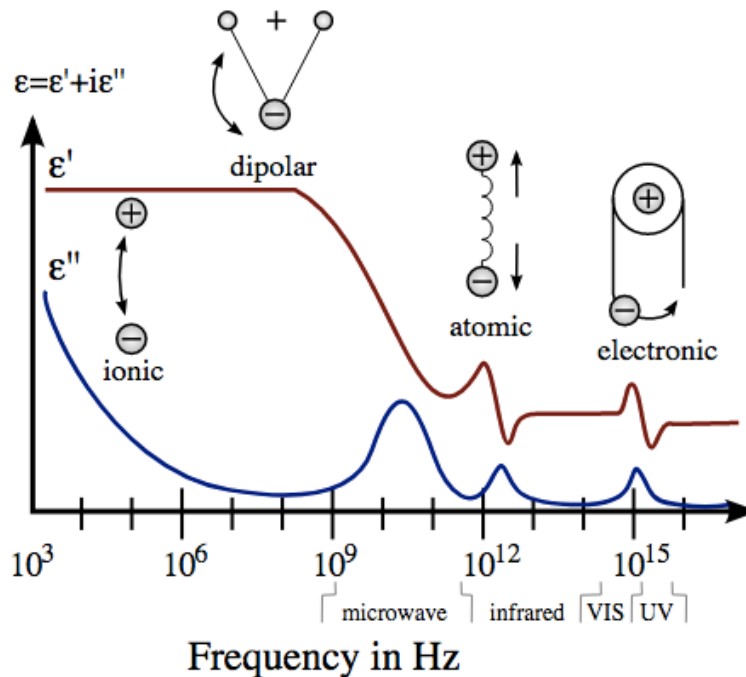
$$\omega^2 = \frac{k^2}{\epsilon\mu} = k^2 v^2$$

But in reality

$$\epsilon = \epsilon(\omega)$$

$$\mu = \mu(\omega)$$

$$v = v(\omega)$$



Different frequencies propagate with different speeds

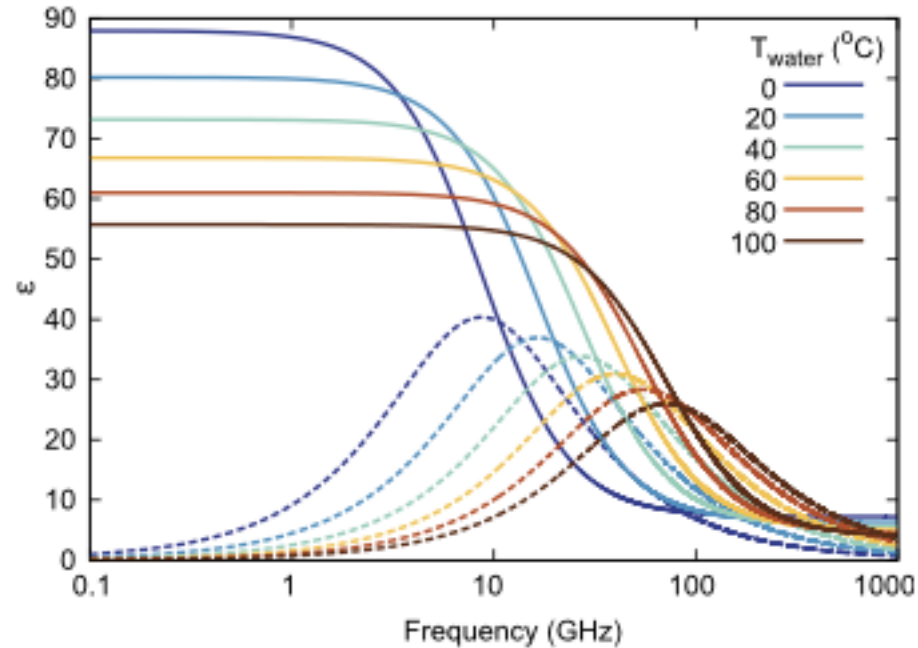
Group velocity dispersion - GVD

Dielectric function is complex  
Absorption

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# Dielectric Function for H<sub>2</sub>O



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# Phase and Group Velocity

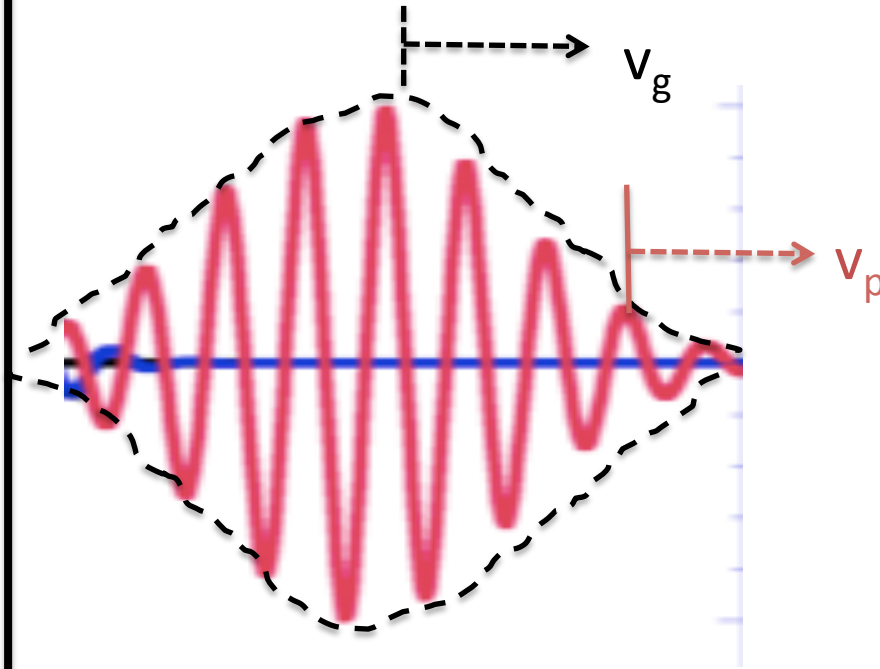
$$\omega \sqrt{\epsilon(\omega) \mu_0} = k$$

The crests travel at the phase velocity

$$v_p = \frac{\omega_c}{k(\omega_c)}$$

The envelope travels at the group velocity

$$v_g = \left. \frac{d\omega}{dk} \right|_{\omega_c}$$



# Group and Phase Velocity

Consider a superposition of two waves:

$$E = E_0 \cos(k_1 z - \omega_1 t) + E_0 \cos(k_2 z - \omega_2 t)$$

$$\omega_1 = \omega(k_1), \quad \omega_2 = \omega(k_2)$$

Trig identity::

$$\cos(A) + \cos(B) = 2 \cos\left(\frac{A+B}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{A-B}{2}\right)$$

$$E = 2E_0 \cos(\bar{k}z - \bar{\omega}t) \cos(\Delta k z - \Delta \omega t)$$

$$\bar{k} = \frac{1}{2}(k_1 + k_2), \quad \bar{\omega} = \frac{1}{2}(\omega_1 + \omega_2) = \frac{1}{2}(\omega(k_1) + \omega(k_2))$$

$$\Delta k = \frac{1}{2}(k_1 - k_2), \quad \Delta \bar{\omega} = \frac{1}{2}(\omega(k_1) - \omega(k_2)) \approx \Delta k \frac{d\omega}{dk}$$

# Carrier and Envelope

$$E = 2E_0 \cos(\bar{k}z - \bar{\omega}t) \cos(\Delta kz - \Delta\omega t)$$

Carrier

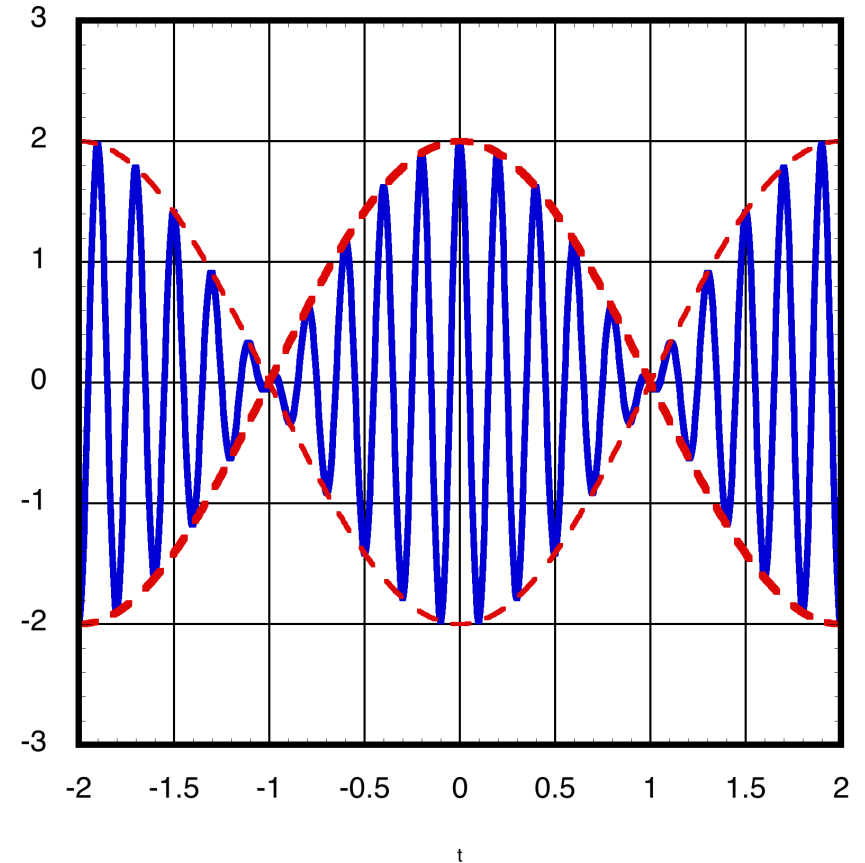
envelope

Speed of carrier:  $\bar{\omega} / \bar{k} = v_{phase}$

Speed of envelope:  $\Delta\omega / \Delta k$

$$\simeq d\omega(k)/dk = v_{group}$$

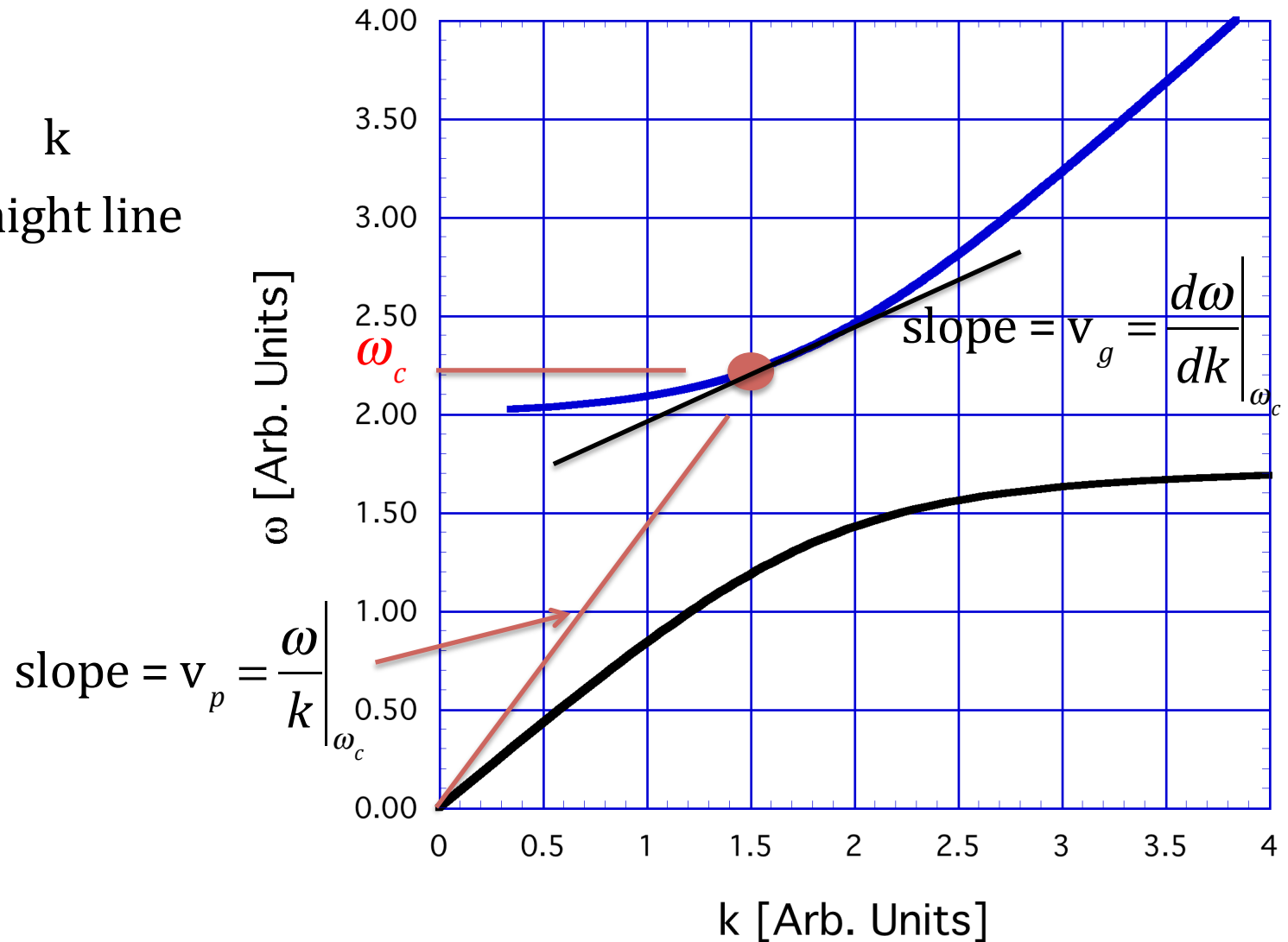
$E(t)$





# Dispersion Relation

$\omega(k)$  vs  $k$   
not a straight line



# Problem

The dielectric function for a plasma is

$$\varepsilon(\omega) = \varepsilon_0 \left( 1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2} \right), \quad \text{where } \omega_p^2 = \frac{ne^2}{m\varepsilon_0}, \quad n \text{ is the electron number density.}$$

$\omega_p$  is called the plasma frequency.

Find the dispersion relation

$\omega(k)$ , also find  $v_p, v_g$

$$k^2 = \omega^2 \varepsilon \mu_0 = \omega^2 \varepsilon_0 \mu_0 \left( 1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2} \right) = \frac{1}{c^2} (\omega^2 - \omega_p^2)$$

$$v_p = \frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{c\omega}{(\omega^2 - \omega_p^2)^{1/2}} = \frac{c}{(1 - \omega_p^2/\omega^2)^{1/2}}$$

rewriting the dispersion relation

$$\omega = (k^2 c^2 + \omega_p^2)^{1/2}$$

$$v_g = \frac{d\omega}{dk} = \frac{kc^2}{(k^2 c^2 + \omega_p^2)^{1/2}} = c \left( 1 - \omega_p^2/\omega^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

# Simple Models

Suppose you have a dielectric material that also has a conductivity?

$$\nabla \times \vec{\mathbf{H}} = \vec{\mathbf{J}}_{free} + \frac{\partial \epsilon \vec{\mathbf{E}}}{\partial t}$$

$$\vec{\mathbf{J}}_{free} = \sigma \vec{\mathbf{E}} \quad \text{Ohm's Law}$$

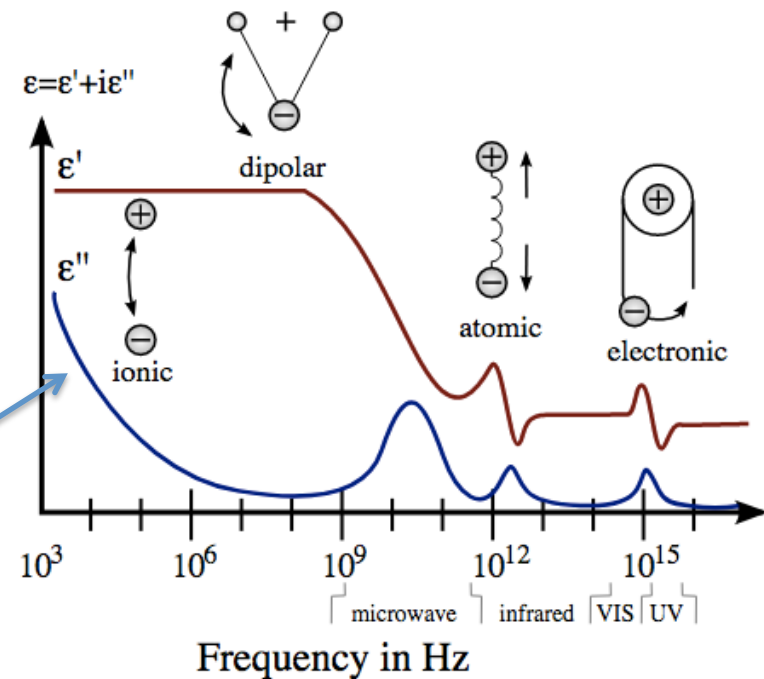
Pass to Phasor Representation

$$i\mathbf{k} \times \hat{\mathbf{H}} = (\sigma - i\omega\epsilon) \hat{\mathbf{E}}$$

$$= i\omega \left( \epsilon + i \frac{\sigma}{\omega} \right) \hat{\mathbf{E}}$$

Effective Dielectric function

$$\epsilon' + i\epsilon'' = \left( \epsilon + i \frac{\sigma}{\omega} \right)$$



# Modification to dispersion relation

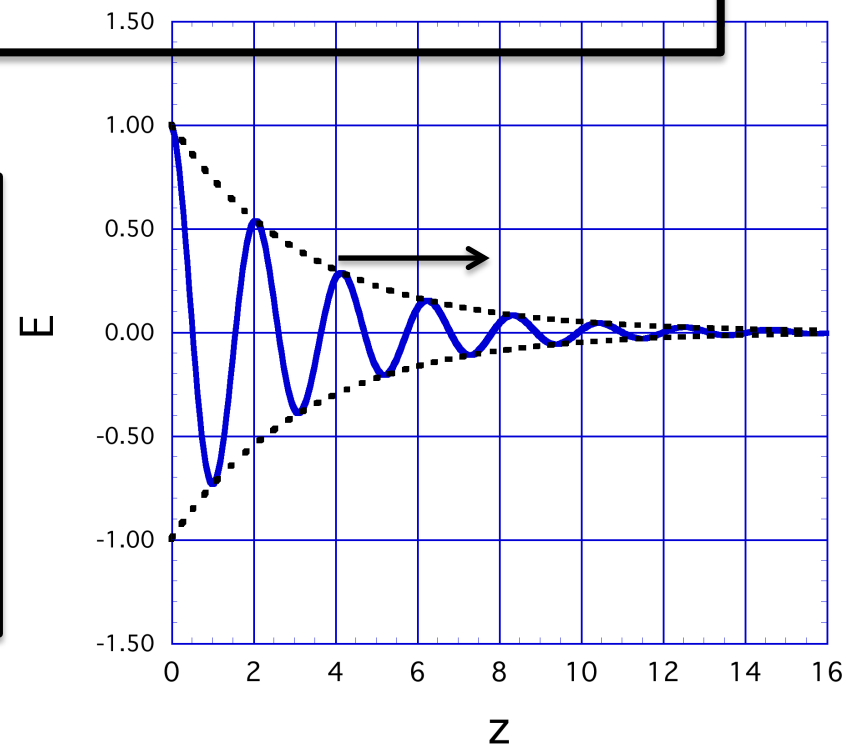
$$k^2 = \omega^2 \epsilon \mu = \omega^2 \mu (\epsilon' + i\epsilon'')$$

If frequency is real, (controlled by source of waves),  $k$  must be complex.

$$k = k' + ik''$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \text{Re} \left\{ \hat{\mathbf{E}} \exp \left[ i(k' + ik'')z - i\omega t \right] \right\}$$

$$= \exp[-k''z] \text{Re} \left\{ \hat{\mathbf{E}} \exp[ik'z - i\omega t] \right\}$$



Two limiting cases: 1. weak damping  
2. good conductor

$$\epsilon' \gg \epsilon''$$

$$\epsilon'' = \frac{\sigma}{\omega} \gg \epsilon$$

Weak damping  $k^2 = \omega^2 \mu \epsilon' \left( 1 + i \frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'} \right)$   $1 \gg \frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'}$  loss tangent

$$k = k' + ik'' \quad k'' \ll k'$$

$$k^2 = (k' + ik'')^2 = k'^2 - k''^2 + 2ik'k'' \quad \approx k'^2 + 2ik'k''$$

$$k'^2 = \omega^2 \mu \epsilon'$$

$$2k'k'' = \omega^2 \mu \epsilon''$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \text{Re} \left\{ \hat{\mathbf{E}} \exp \left[ i(k' + ik'')z - i\omega t \right] \right\}$$

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Decay per wavelength  
determined by loss tangent

$$\frac{k''}{k'} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'}$$

# Good Conductor

$$k^2 = \omega^2 \mu \left( \epsilon + i \frac{\sigma}{\omega} \right) \approx i \omega \mu \sigma$$

$$k = k' + ik'' \quad k'' = k' = \sqrt{\frac{\omega \mu \sigma}{2}}$$

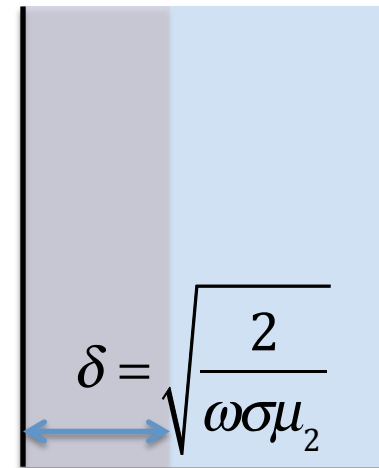
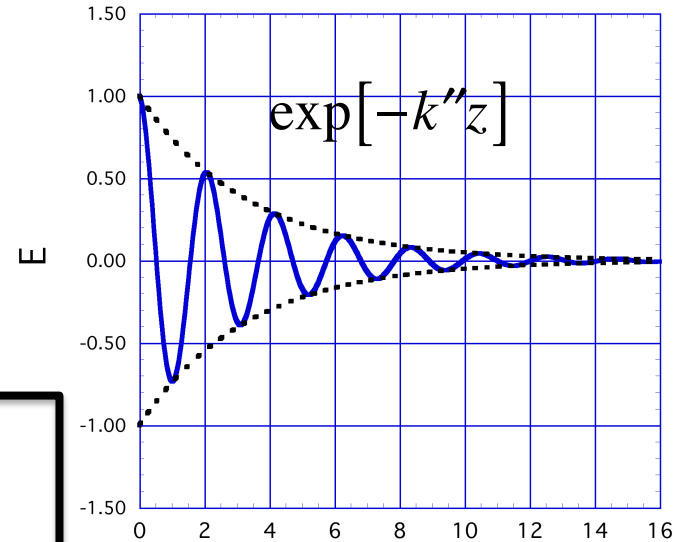
$$\sqrt{i} = \frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Current flows in a layer

$$\delta = k''^{-1} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\omega \sigma \mu_2}}$$

Surface Impedance

$$\eta_2 = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_2}{\epsilon_2}} = \sqrt{\frac{\omega \mu_2}{i \sigma}}$$



# Skin Depth

$$\delta = k''^{-1} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\omega\sigma\mu_2}}$$

TABLE 8-1  
Skin Depths,  $\delta$  in (mm), of Various Materials

| Material                    | $\sigma$ (S/m)     | $f = 60$ (Hz) | 1 (MHz)    | 1 (GHz)     |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------|------------|-------------|
| Silver                      | $6.17 \times 10^7$ | 8.27 (mm)     | 0.064 (mm) | 0.0020 (mm) |
| Copper                      | $5.80 \times 10^7$ | 8.53          | 0.066      | 0.0021 —    |
| Gold                        | $4.10 \times 10^7$ | 10.14         | 0.079      | 0.0025      |
| Aluminum                    | $3.54 \times 10^7$ | 10.92         | 0.084      | 0.0027      |
| Iron ( $\mu_r \cong 10^3$ ) | $1.00 \times 10^7$ | 0.65          | 0.005      | 0.00016     |
| Seawater                    | 4                  | 32 (m)        | 0.25 (m)   | †           |

† The  $\epsilon$  of seawater is approximately  $72\epsilon_0$ . At  $f = 1$  (GHz),  $\sigma/\omega\epsilon \cong 1$  (not  $\gg 1$ ). Under these conditions, seawater is not a good conductor, and Eq. (8-57) is no longer applicable.

# Surface Impedance

Ratio of tangential E to tangential H at surface

$$\eta_2 = Z_s = \sqrt{\frac{\omega\mu_2}{i\sigma}}$$

$$Z_s = (1-i)\sqrt{\frac{\omega\mu_2}{2\sigma}} = (1-i)R_s$$

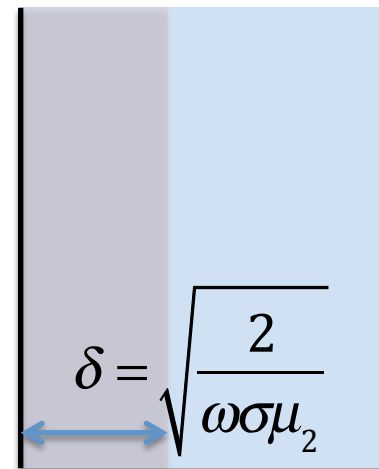
Resistance + i Reactance

Poynting Flux

$$S_z = \frac{1}{2}\text{Re}\{E_{\text{tan}}^* H_{\text{tan}}\} = \frac{1}{2}R_s |H_{\text{tan}}|^2$$

$$\frac{E_{\text{tan}}}{H_{\text{tan}}} = \eta_2$$

$$\eta_2 = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_2}{\varepsilon_2}} = \sqrt{\frac{\omega\mu_2}{i\sigma}}$$





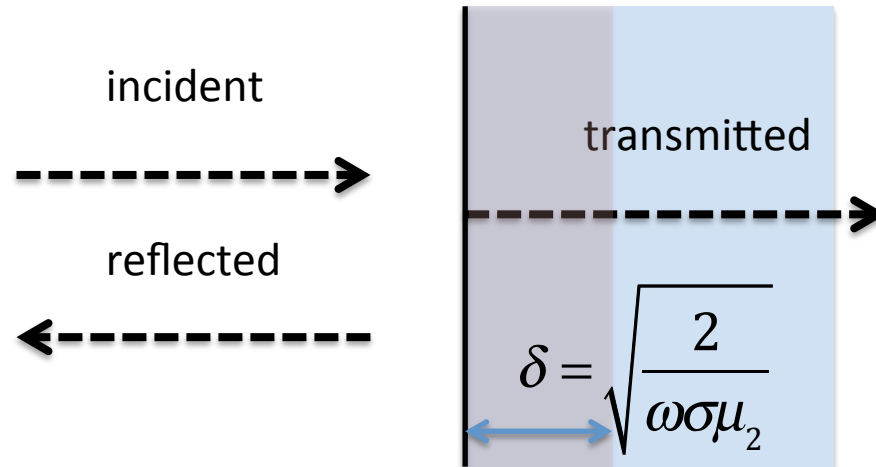
# Reflection from conductor

Formally the same as reflection from dielectric. Just use the surface impedance

$$\rho = \frac{Z_s - \eta_1}{Z_s + \eta_1}$$

$$\eta_2 = Z_s = \sqrt{\frac{\omega\mu_2}{i\sigma}}$$

$$Z_s = (1-i)\sqrt{\frac{\omega\mu_2}{2\sigma}} \equiv (1-i)R_s$$



Calculate power transmission coefficient

$$T = 1 - R = 1 - |\rho|^2$$

Assume  $|Z_s| \ll \eta_1$

$$S_z = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ E_{\tan}^* H_{\tan} \right\} = \frac{1}{2} R_s |H_{\tan}|^2$$

$$H_{\tan} = 2\hat{H}_{inc}$$

$$S_z = \frac{1}{2} \frac{R_s}{\eta_1} 4\eta_1 |\hat{H}_{inc}|^2 = 4 \frac{R_s}{\eta_1} P_{inc}$$

# Simple model of polarizable material

Displacement Atom/molecule

$\mathbf{x}_d(t)$



$q, m$

Spring constant-  $m\omega_0^2$

Newton's law

$$m \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \mathbf{x}_d(t) = \overset{\substack{\text{Restoring} \\ \text{force}}}{-m\omega_0^2 \mathbf{x}_d(t)} - \overset{\substack{\text{friction} \\ \text{force}}}{m\nu \frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{x}_d(t)} + \overset{\substack{\text{driving} \\ \text{force}}}{q\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}, t)}$$

Phasors

$$\left[ \omega_0^2 - i\omega\nu - \omega^2 \right] \hat{\mathbf{x}}_d = \frac{q}{m} \hat{\mathbf{E}}(\mathbf{x})$$

Current density

$$\mathbf{J} = qN \frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{x}_d(t)$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{J}} = -i\omega q N \hat{\mathbf{x}}_d$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{J}} - i\omega\epsilon_0 \hat{\mathbf{E}} = -i\omega\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \hat{\mathbf{E}}$$

Number density,  $m^{-3}$

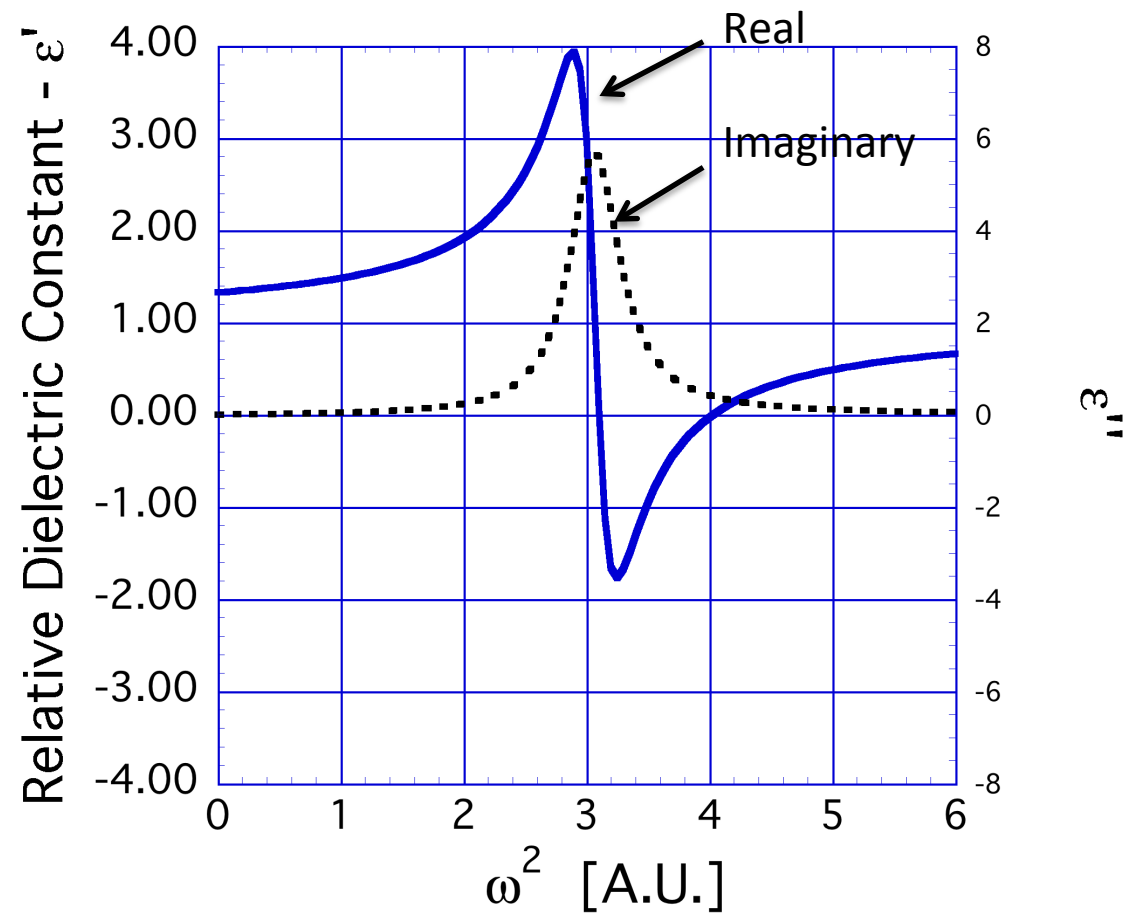
$$\omega_p^2 = \frac{Nq^2}{\epsilon_0 m}$$

Complex relative dielectric function

$$\epsilon_r = \left[ 1 + \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega_0^2 - i\omega\nu - \omega^2} \right]$$

# Model relative dielectric function

$$\epsilon_r = \left[ 1 + \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega_0^2 - i\omega\nu - \omega^2} \right]$$

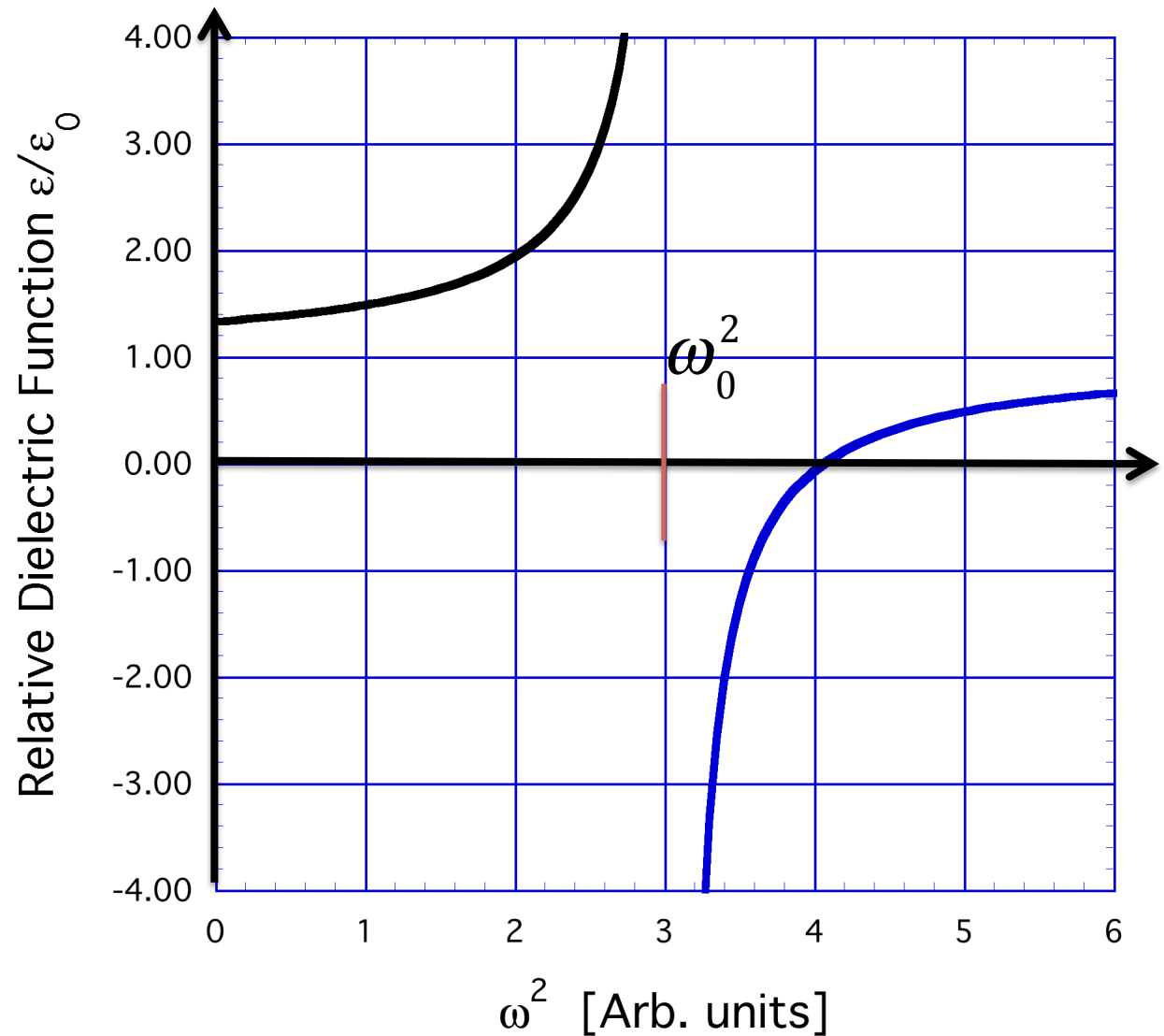


# Simple Model for Dielectric Function

Loss free case

$$\epsilon_r = \left[ 1 + \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} \right]$$

Restoring  
force

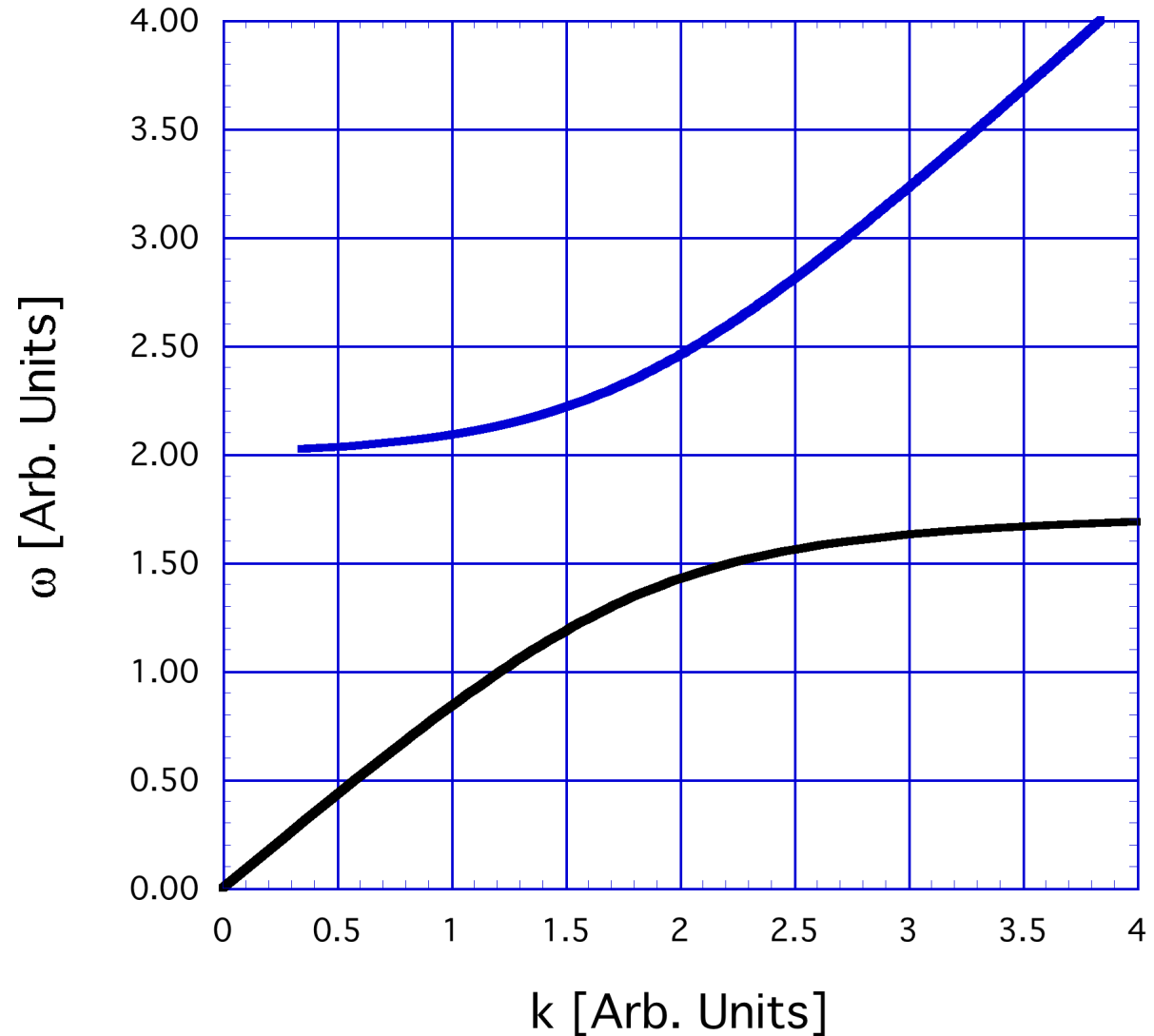


# Dispersion Relation

$$\omega^2 \left[ 1 + \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} \right] = k^2 c^2$$

Two modes

$\omega(k)$  vs  $k$   
not a straight line



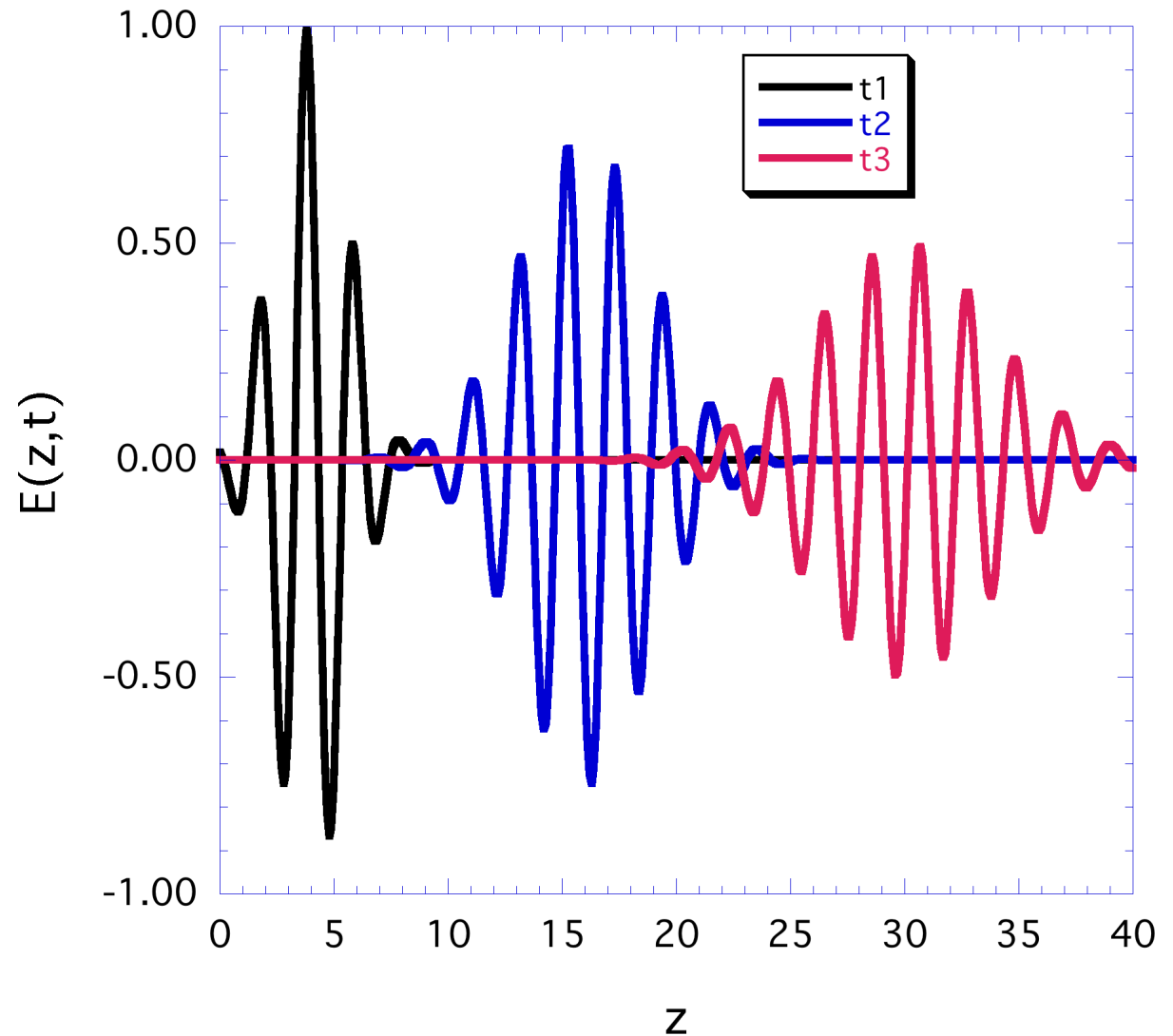
# Dispersion and Attenuation

Pulses contain a spectrum of frequencies.

In dispersive media different frequency components propagate with different speeds.

Pulses spread out.

Losses lead to attenuation



# How to represent a pulse

At  $z=0$ ,

$$E(z=0,t) = \text{Re} \left\{ \hat{E}_e(z=0,t) \exp[-i\omega_c t] \right\}$$

$\hat{E}_e(z=0,t)$  - time varying envelope

$\omega_c$  - carrier frequency

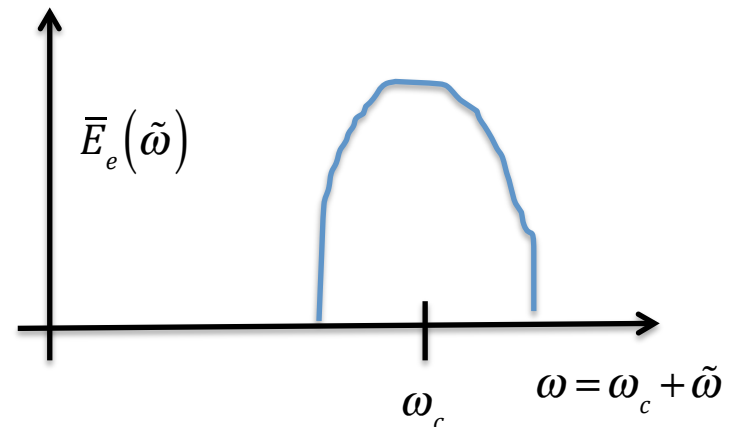
The same waveform can be represented as a Fourier integral

$$\hat{E}_e(z=0,t) \exp[-i\omega_c t] = \int \frac{d\tilde{\omega}}{2\pi} \bar{E}_e(\tilde{\omega}) \exp[-i(\omega_c + \tilde{\omega})t]$$

$\bar{E}_e(\tilde{\omega})$  - Fourier transform of time varying envelope

$\omega_c + \tilde{\omega}$  - frequency

Spectrum is narrow and peaked at the carrier frequency





# After Propagation

$$\hat{E}_e(z,t)\exp[-i\omega_c t] = \int \frac{d\tilde{\omega}}{2\pi} \bar{E}_e(\tilde{\omega}) \exp\left[ ik(\omega_c + \tilde{\omega})z - i(\omega_c + \tilde{\omega})t \right]$$

$\bar{E}_e(\tilde{\omega})$  - Peaked at  $\tilde{\omega}=0$

Taylor expand  $k(\omega_c + \tilde{\omega}) = k(\omega_c) + \left. \frac{dk}{d\omega} \right|_{\omega_c} \tilde{\omega} + \dots$

$$\hat{E}_e(z,t)\exp[-i\omega_c t] = \exp\left[ i\left( k(\omega_c)z - \omega_c t \right) \right] \int \frac{d\tilde{\omega}}{2\pi} \bar{E}_e(\tilde{\omega}) \exp\left[ -i\tilde{\omega} \left( t - \left. \frac{dk}{d\omega} \right|_{\omega_c} z \right) \right]$$

Carrier Wave

Envelope

The pulse envelope retains its shape, but travels at a different speed than the crests of the carrier.

$$\hat{E}_e(z=0, t - z/v_g),$$

$$v_g = \left. d\omega / dk \right|_{\omega_c} \text{ the group velocity}$$

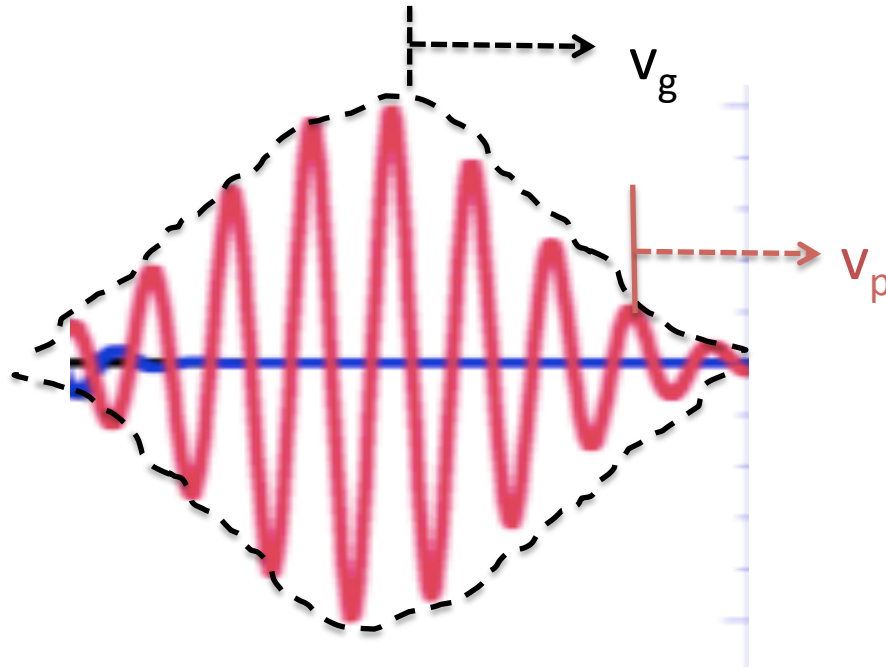
# Phase and Group Velocity

The crests travel at the phase velocity

$$v_p = \frac{\omega_c}{k(\omega_c)}$$

The envelope travels at the group velocity

$$v_g = \left. \frac{d\omega}{dk} \right|_{\omega_c}$$

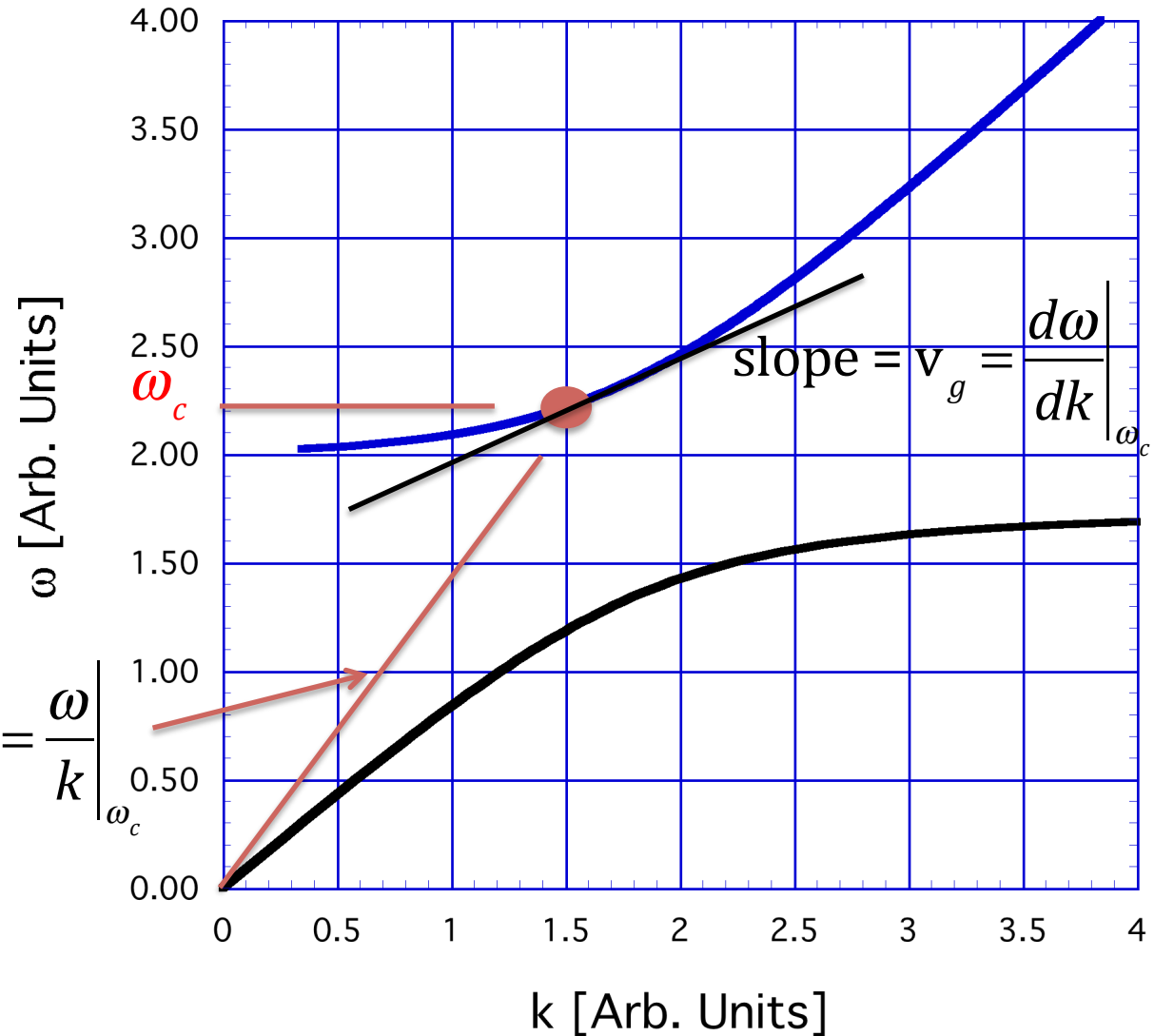


# Dispersion Relation

Two modes

$\omega(k)$  vs  $k$   
not a straight line

$$\text{slope} = v_p = \left. \frac{\omega}{k} \right|_{\omega_c}$$



# Energy and Momentum of Light

$$\left( \frac{\epsilon_0 |\vec{\mathbf{E}}|^2}{2} + \frac{|\vec{\mathbf{B}}|^2}{2\mu_0} \right)$$

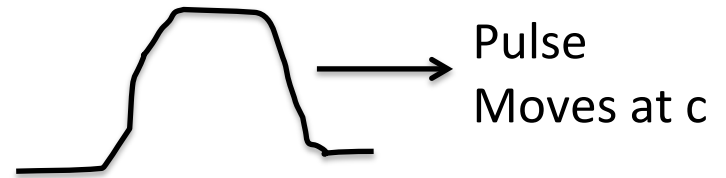
Energy density

Units: Joules/m<sup>3</sup>

$$\vec{\mathbf{S}} = (\vec{\mathbf{E}} \times \vec{\mathbf{H}})$$

Power Flux

Watts/m<sup>2</sup>



Power Flux = c Energy Density

EM linear momentum density:  $\epsilon_0 \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{S} / c^2$

$$\frac{\text{Energy Density}}{\text{Momentum Density}} = \frac{S / c}{S / c^2} = c$$

A pulse of light carries energy and momentum: ratio = c

# Energy and Momentum

~~$$\left( \frac{\epsilon |\vec{\mathbf{E}}|^2}{2} + \frac{\mu |\vec{\mathbf{H}}|^2}{2} \right)$$~~

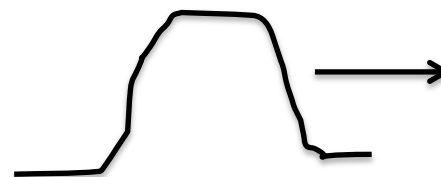
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$$\vec{\mathbf{S}} = (\vec{\mathbf{E}} \times \vec{\mathbf{H}})$$

Power Flux

Watts/m<sup>2</sup>



Pulse  
Moves at  $v_g$

$$\text{Power Flux} = v_g \text{ Energy Density}$$

Energy Density

$$U = \int d^3x \left( \frac{\partial(\omega\epsilon(\omega))}{\partial\omega} \frac{|\vec{\mathbf{E}}|^2}{2} + \frac{\partial(\omega\mu(\omega))}{\partial\omega} \frac{|\vec{\mathbf{H}}|^2}{2} \right)$$


# Group Velocity Dispersion (GVD)

Different frequencies propagate with different group velocities  
 Evolution of pulse envelope

$$\hat{E}_e(z,t)\exp[-i\omega_c t] = \int \frac{d\tilde{\omega}}{2\pi} \bar{E}_e(\tilde{\omega}) \exp\left[ik(\omega_c + \tilde{\omega})z - i(\omega_c + \tilde{\omega})t\right]$$

$\bar{E}_e(\tilde{\omega})$  - Peaked at  $\tilde{\omega}=0$

Taylor expand  $k(\omega_c + \tilde{\omega}) = k(\omega_c) + \left. \frac{dk}{d\omega} \right|_{\omega_c} \tilde{\omega} + \dots$



Remember, we stopped at first order

Let's go one order higher

$$k(\omega_c + \tilde{\omega}) = k(\omega_c) + \left. \frac{dk}{d\omega} \right|_{\omega_c} \tilde{\omega} + \frac{1}{2} \tilde{\omega}^2 \left. \frac{d^2k}{d\omega^2} \right|_{\omega_c}$$

$$\frac{d^2k}{d\omega^2} = -\frac{1}{v_g^2} \frac{d}{d\omega} v_g$$

# Gaussian Pulse Envelope

Pulse width -  $\tau$   
Chirp-  $\Omega'$

$$\hat{E}_e = E_0 \exp\left[-\frac{t^2}{\tau^2} - i\Omega' \frac{t^2}{2}\right]$$

Instantaneous frequency -  $\frac{d}{dt} \Omega' \frac{t^2}{2} = \Omega' t$

If  $\Omega' > 0$  Low frequencies come before high frequencies

If  $\Omega' < 0$  High frequencies come before low frequencies

Fourier Transform

$$\bar{E}(\tilde{\omega}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \hat{E}_e(t) \exp[i\tilde{\omega}t] = \pi^{1/2} \tau_c E_0 \exp\left[-\frac{\tilde{\omega}^2 \tau_c^2}{4}\right]$$

$$\tau_c^2 = \frac{\tau^2}{1 + i\Omega' \tau^2 / 2}$$

# Inverse Transform

$$\hat{E}_e(z,t)\exp\left[ik(\omega_c)z - i\omega_c t\right] = \int \frac{d\tilde{\omega}}{2\pi} \bar{E}_e(\tilde{\omega}) \exp\left[iz\left(\frac{dk}{d\omega}\tilde{\omega} + \frac{d^2k}{d\omega^2}\frac{\tilde{\omega}^2}{2}\right) - i(\omega_c + \tilde{\omega})t\right]$$

$$\hat{E}_e(z,t) = \frac{\tau_c}{\tau_s} E_0 \exp\left[-\frac{(t - z/v_g)^2}{\tau_s^2}\right]$$

$$\tau_c^2 = \frac{\tau^2}{1 + i\Omega'\tau^2/2}$$

$$\tau_s^2 = \tau_c^2 - 2iz\frac{d^2k}{d\omega^2}$$

You will be asked to make plots for HW



# Simple Case: no initial chirp

$$\hat{E}_e(z,t) = \frac{\tau_c}{\tau_s} E_0 \exp \left[ -\frac{(t - z/v_g)^2}{\tau_s^2} \right]$$

$$\tau_c^2 = \frac{\tau^2}{1 + i\Omega' \tau^2 / 2} = \tau^2$$

$$\tau_s^2 = \tau_c^2 - 2iz \frac{d^2k}{d\omega^2} = \tau^2 - i(2zk'')$$

$$\hat{E}_e(z,t) = \frac{\tau_c}{\tau_s} E_0 \exp \left[ -\frac{(t - z/v_g)^2}{\tau^4 + (2zk'')^2} (\tau^2 + i(2zk'')) \right]$$

Pulse Width:  $\tau_w(z) = \sqrt{\tau^2 + (2zk'')^2} / \tau^2$

Chirp:  $\Omega'(z) = 4(zk'') / (\tau^4 + (2zk'')^2)$

# CPA – 2018 Nobel Prize in Physics

[Gérard Mourou](#) and [Donna Strickland](#) “for their method of generating high-intensity, ultra-short optical pulses”



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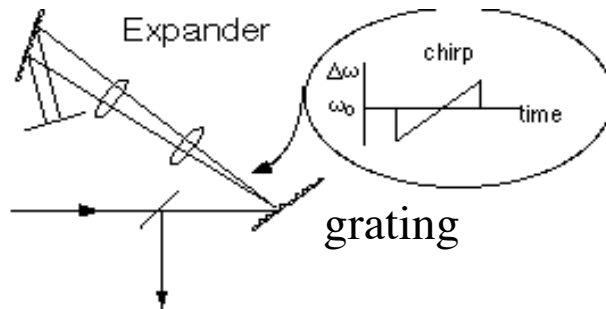
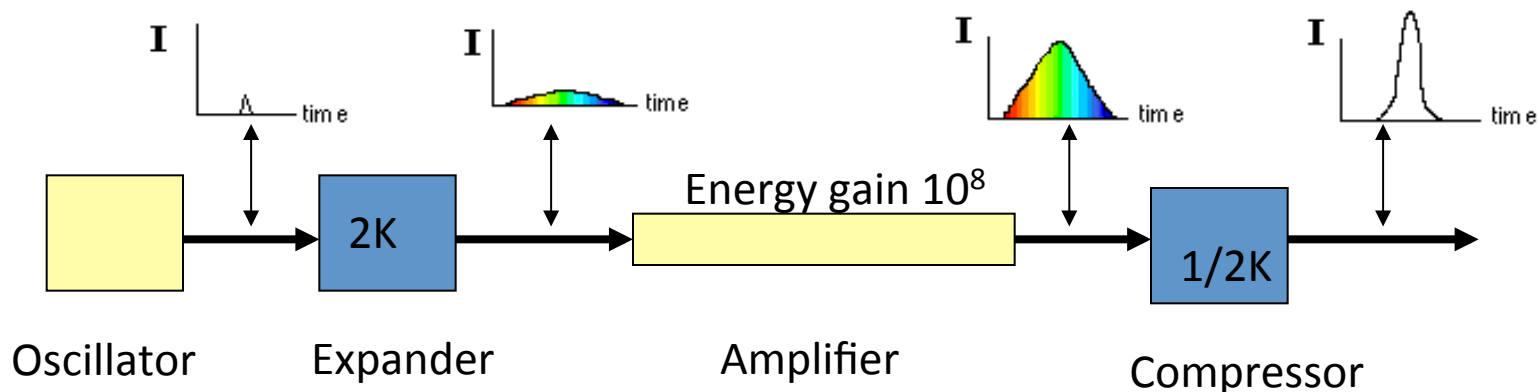


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# T<sup>3</sup> Lasers - (Table Top Terawatt) Ultra- High Intensity -CPA

CPA: Chirped Pulse Amplification,



## Sample parameters:

Pulse energy 1 Joule

Pulse Duration 100 fsec =  $1 \times 10^{-13}$  sec

Power 10 TW =  $1 \times 10^{13}$  W

Wave Length 1 mm =  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  cm

Spot Size 10 mm =  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  cm

Power Density  $6.4 \times 10^{18}$  watts/cm<sup>2</sup>

# Realization at UMD – H. Milchberg

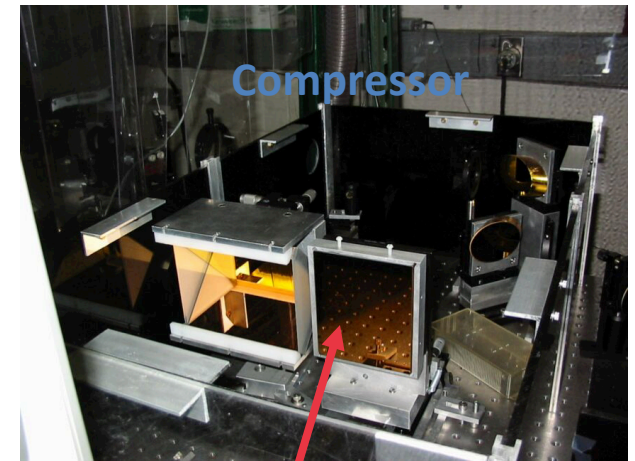


Stretcher

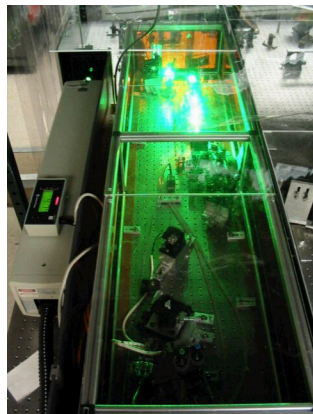
Grating



Power Amplifiers



Grating



Oscillator



Experimental chamber

## Applications of Short Pulse Lasers

**Review:** G. A. Mourou, C. P. J. Barty, and M. D. Perry, *Physics Today* **51**, 22 (1998).

- **Particle Acceleration:** Use laser as a driver of plasma waves. Ultra High gradient 50 GeV/m (50 MeV/mm)
- **Ultra-short wavelength radiation:** generate high harmonics in nonlinear media  
soft X-rays in cluster gasses (Ditmire, Milchberg)
- **ICF fast Igniter:** Inertial fusion approach, use short pulse to burn a hole for  
subsequent long pulse to heat and compress target
- **X ray lasers:** create population inversions in partially ionized gasses