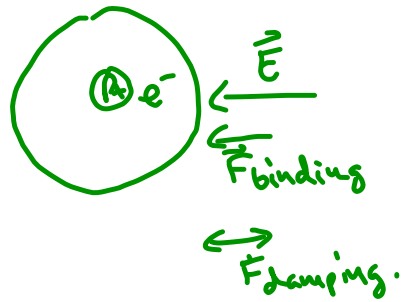
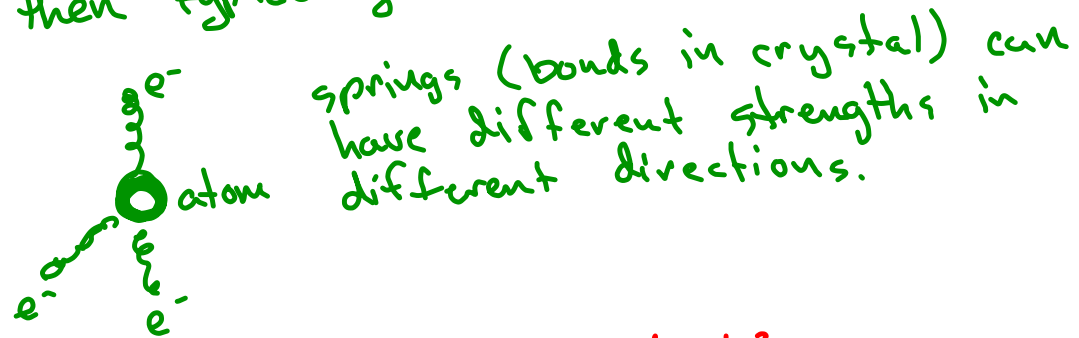


We assumed we had an isotropic effect.



Good for gases, liquids, amorphous solids.
What about crystals?

If you have an ordered material,
then typically the model looks like



springs (bonds in crystal) can
have different strengths in
different directions.

What's the result of that?

Birefringent materials, where $\tilde{\epsilon}$ in
one direction is different from an-
other.

In practice, $\tilde{\epsilon}(\lambda)$

- ① You model the $\tilde{\epsilon}(f)$ like as a SHM.
- ② You experimentally measure $\tilde{\epsilon}(\lambda), \tilde{\epsilon}(f)$ and then apply some fit parameters.

Common Forms

Cauchy Formula

$$\text{Re}(n) = 1 + A \left(1 + \frac{B}{\lambda_0^2} \right)$$

Sellmeier Eqn

Typically the better one. →

$$\epsilon(\lambda) = 1 + \frac{B_1 \lambda_0^2}{\lambda_0^2 - C_1} + \frac{B_2 \lambda_0^2}{\lambda_0^2 - C_2} + \frac{B_3 \lambda_0^2}{\lambda_0^2 - C_3}$$

What are the effects of dispersion

Some terminology

v_{phase} = speed of wave fronts = $\frac{\omega}{k}$

v_{group} \approx speed of wave packets
speed of energy propagation = $\frac{\partial \omega}{\partial k}$

\Rightarrow Solve for v_{group} for a plane wave in a material (non-dispersive) of index n .

$$v_{\text{group}} = \frac{c}{n}$$

\Rightarrow Solve for v_{group} for a dispersive material where $n = n_0 + n_1 \omega$