

Optical Properties of Solids: Lecture 5

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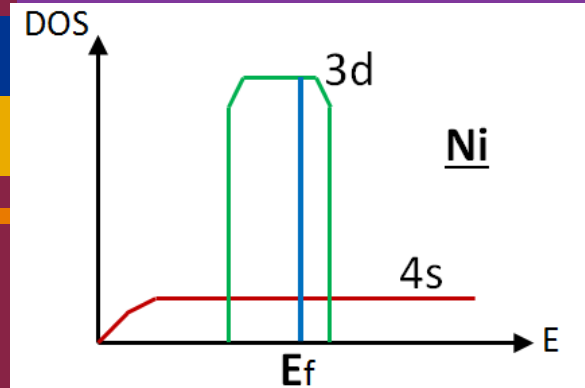
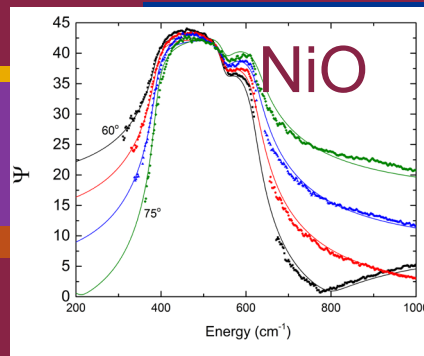
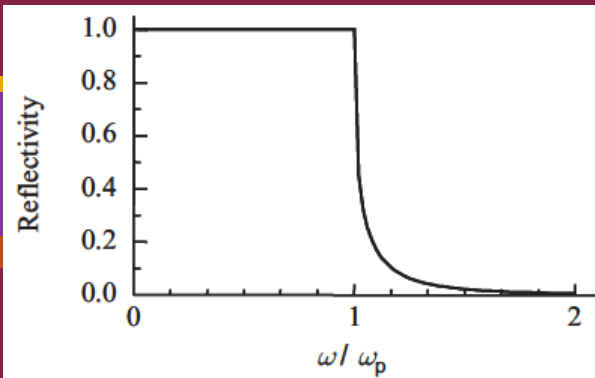
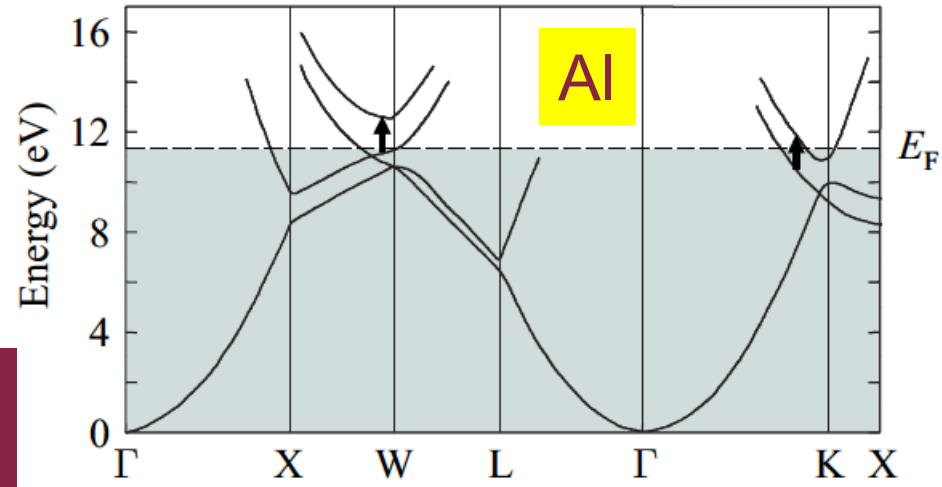
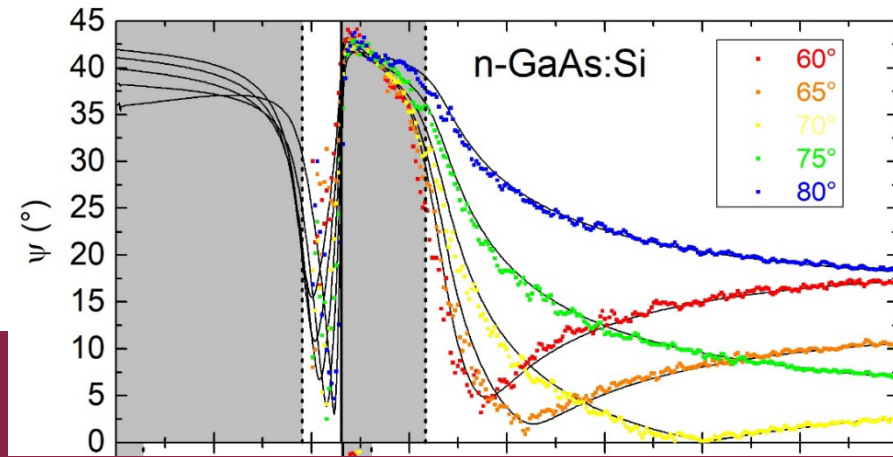
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Lorentz and Drude model: Applications

1. Metals, doped semiconductors

2. Insulators

Sellmeier equation, Poles, Cauchy dispersion



References: Dispersion, Analytical Properties

Standard Texts on Electricity and Magnetism:

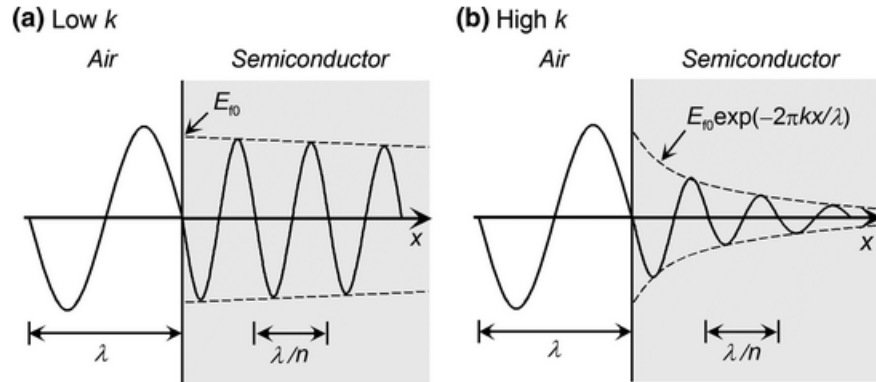
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- **L.D. Landau & J.M. Lifshitz, Vol. 8: *Electrodynamics of Cont. Media***

Ellipsometry and Polarized Light:

- R.M.A. Azzam and N.M. Bashara: *Ellipsometry and Polarized Light*
- **H.G. Tompkins and E.A. Irene: *Handbook of Ellipsometry* (chapters by Rob Collins and Jay Jellison)**
- **H. Fujiwara, *Spectroscopic Ellipsometry***
- **Mark Fox, *Optical Properties of Solids***
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Question: Inhomogeneous Plane Waves

Plane waves do not solve Maxwell's equations, if $\text{Im}(\epsilon) \neq 0$.



The amplitude of the plane wave decays in the medium due to absorption.

Snell:
$$\frac{\sin \theta_1}{\sin \theta_2} = \frac{n_1}{n_2}$$

Inhomogeneous plane wave (aka generalized plane waves):

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{E}_0 \exp \left[i \left(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t \right) \right]$$

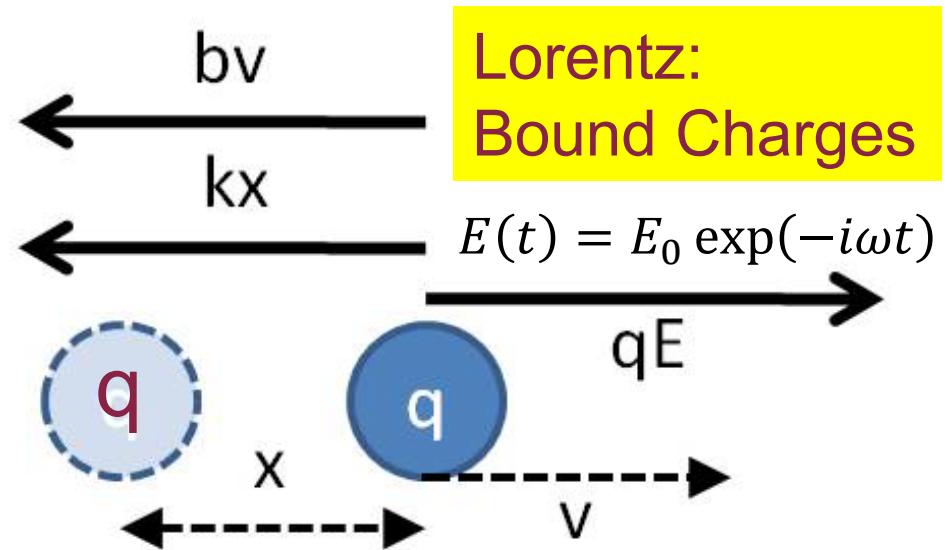
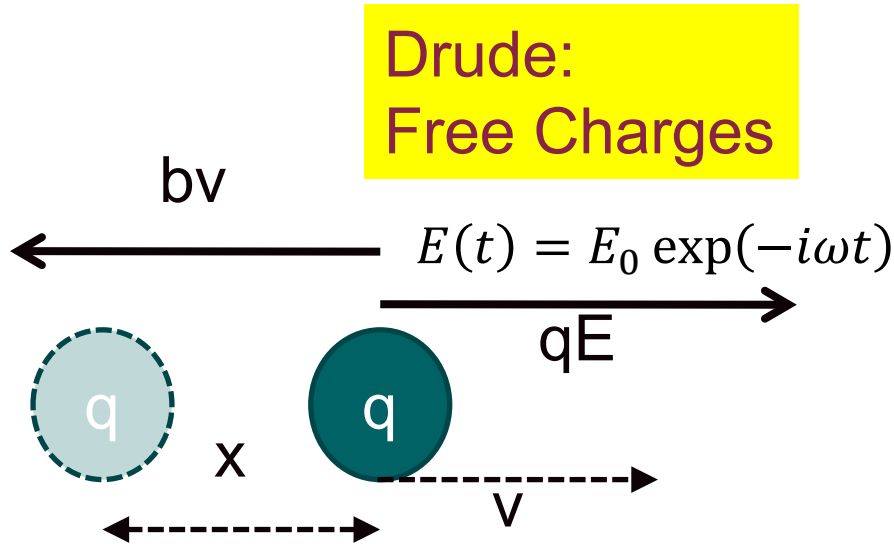
Allow complex wave vector: $\vec{k} = \vec{k}_1 + i\vec{k}_2 = k_1 \vec{u} + ik_2 \vec{v}$

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{E}_0 \exp \left[-\vec{k}_2 \cdot \vec{r} \right] \exp \left[i \left(\vec{k}_1 \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t \right) \right]$$

Attenuation

Propagation

Drude and Lorentz Models: Free and Bound Charges



$$\varepsilon(\omega) = 1 - \frac{\omega_P^2}{\omega^2 + i\gamma\omega}$$

$$\omega_P^2 = \frac{n_f e^2}{m \varepsilon_0} \quad \text{plasma frequency}$$

$$\omega_0^2 = 0 \quad \text{resonance frequency}$$

$$\varepsilon(\omega) = 1 + \frac{\omega_P^2}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2 - i\gamma\omega}$$

$$\omega_P^2 = \frac{n_b q^2}{m \varepsilon_0} \quad \text{plasma frequency}$$

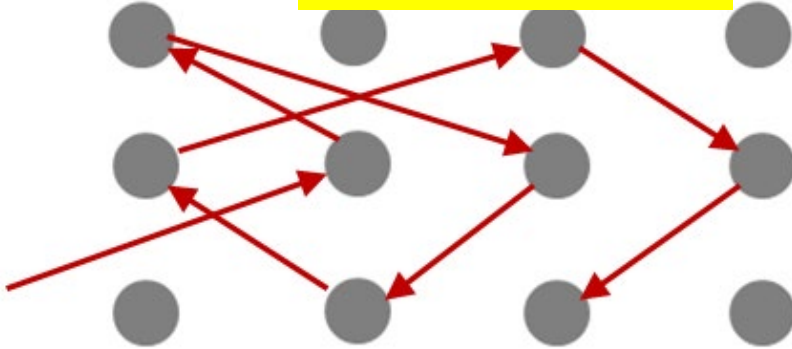
$$\omega_0^2 = \frac{k}{m} \quad \text{resonance frequency}$$

P. Drude, Phys. Z. 1, 161 (1900).

H. Helmholtz, Ann. Phys 230, 582 (1875)

Drude-Lorentz Model: Free and Bound Charges

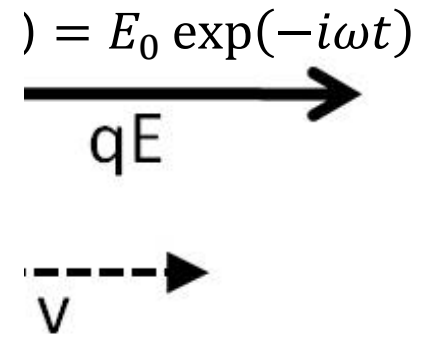
Drude:
Free Charges



bv



Lorentz:
Bound Charges



$$\epsilon(\omega) = 1 - \sum_i \frac{\omega_{P,i}^2}{\omega^2 + i\gamma_{D,i}\omega} + \sum_i \frac{A_i \omega_{0,i}^2}{\omega_{0,i}^2 - \omega^2 - i\gamma_{0,i}\omega}$$

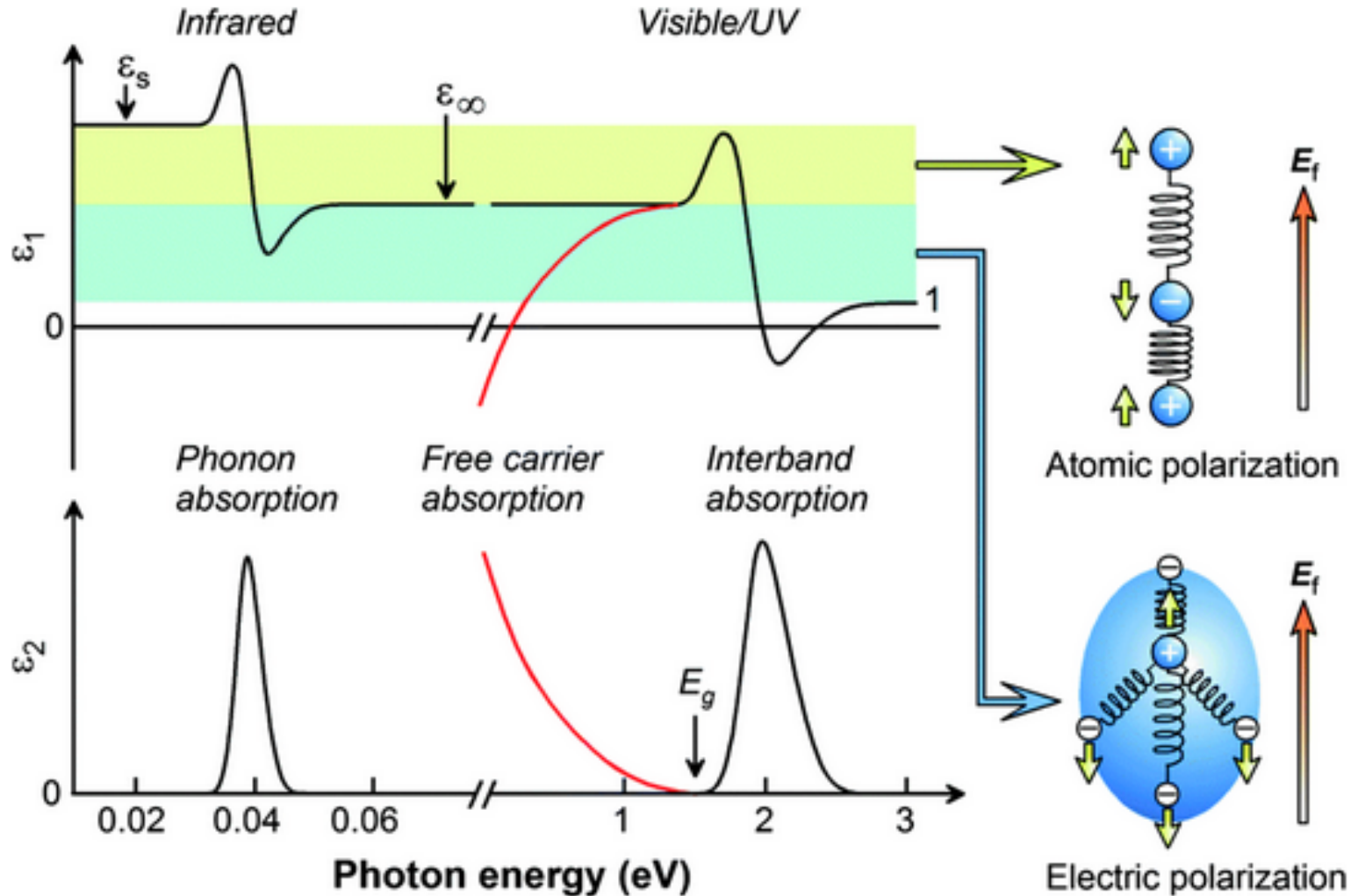
- ω_P (unscreened) **plasma frequency** of free charges
- ω_0 **resonance frequency** of bound charges
- γ_D, γ_0 **broadenings** of free and bound charges
- A **amplitude** of bound charge oscillations (density, strength)

$$\omega_P^2 = \frac{n_f e^2}{m \epsilon_0}$$

Discuss plasma frequency trends.



Drude-Lorentz Model: Free and Bound Charges

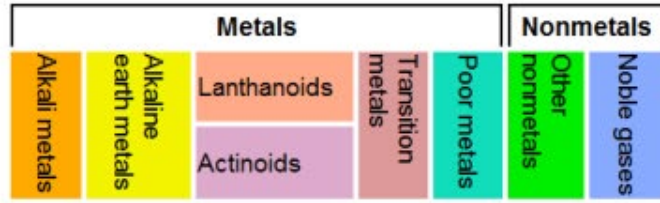


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Metals

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1 H Hydrogen 1.00794	Atomic # Symbd Name Atomic Mass																2 He Helium 4.002602
3 Li Lithium 6.941	4 Be Beryllium 9.012182																
11 Na Sodium 22.98976928	12 Mg Magnesium 24.3050																
19 K Potassium 39.0983	20 Ca Calcium 40.078	21 Sc Scandium 44.955912	22 Ti Titanium 47.867	23 V Vanadium 50.9415	24 Cr Chromium 51.9961	25 Mn Manganese 54.938045	26 Fe Iron 55.845	27 Co Cobalt 58.933195	28 Ni Nickel 58.6934	29 Cu Copper 63.546	30 Zn Zinc 65.38	31 Ga Gallium 69.723	32 Ge Germanium 72.64	33 As Arsenic 74.92160	34 Se Selenium 78.96	35 Br Bromine 79.904	36 Kr Krypton 83.796
37 Rb Rubidium 85.4678	38 Sr Strontium 87.62	39 Y Yttrium 88.90585	40 Zr Zirconium 91.224	41 Nb Niobium 92.90638	42 Mo Molybdenum 95.96	43 Tc Technetium (97.9072)	44 Ru Ruthenium 101.07	45 Rh Rhodium 102.90550	46 Pd Palladium 106.42	47 Ag Silver 107.8682	48 Cd Cadmium 112.411	49 In Indium 114.818	50 Sn Tin 118.710	51 Sb Antimony 121.760	52 Te Tellurium 127.60	53 I Iodine 126.90447	54 Xe Xenon 131.293
55 Cs Cesium 132.9054519	56 Ba Barium 137.327	57-71	72 Hf Hafnium 178.49	73 Ta Tantalum 180.94788	74 W Tungsten 183.84	75 Re Rhenium 186.207	76 Os Osmium 190.23	77 Ir Iridium 192.217	78 Pt Platinum 195.084	79 Au Gold 196.966569	80 Hg Mercury 200.59	81 Tl Thallium 204.3833	82 Pb Lead 207.2	83 Bi Bismuth 208.98040	84 Po Polonium (209.9824)	85 At Astatine (209.9871)	86 Rn Radon (222.0176)
87 Fr Francium (223)	88 Ra Radium (226)	89-103	104 Rf Rutherfordium (261)	105 Db Dubnium (262)	106 Sg Seaborgium (266)	107 Bh Bohrium (264)	108 Hs Hassium (277)	109 Mt Meitnerium (268)	110 Ds Darmstadtium (271)	111 Rg Roentgenium (272)	112 Uub Ununbium (285)	113 Uut Ununtrium (284)	114 Uuq Ununquadium (289)	115 Uup Ununpentium (288)	116 Uuh Ununhexium (282)	117 Uus Ununseptium	118 Uuo Ununoctium (294)

- C** Solid
- Hg** Liquid
- H** Gas
- Rf** Unknown



For elements with no stable isotopes, the mass number of the isotope with the longest half-life is in parentheses.

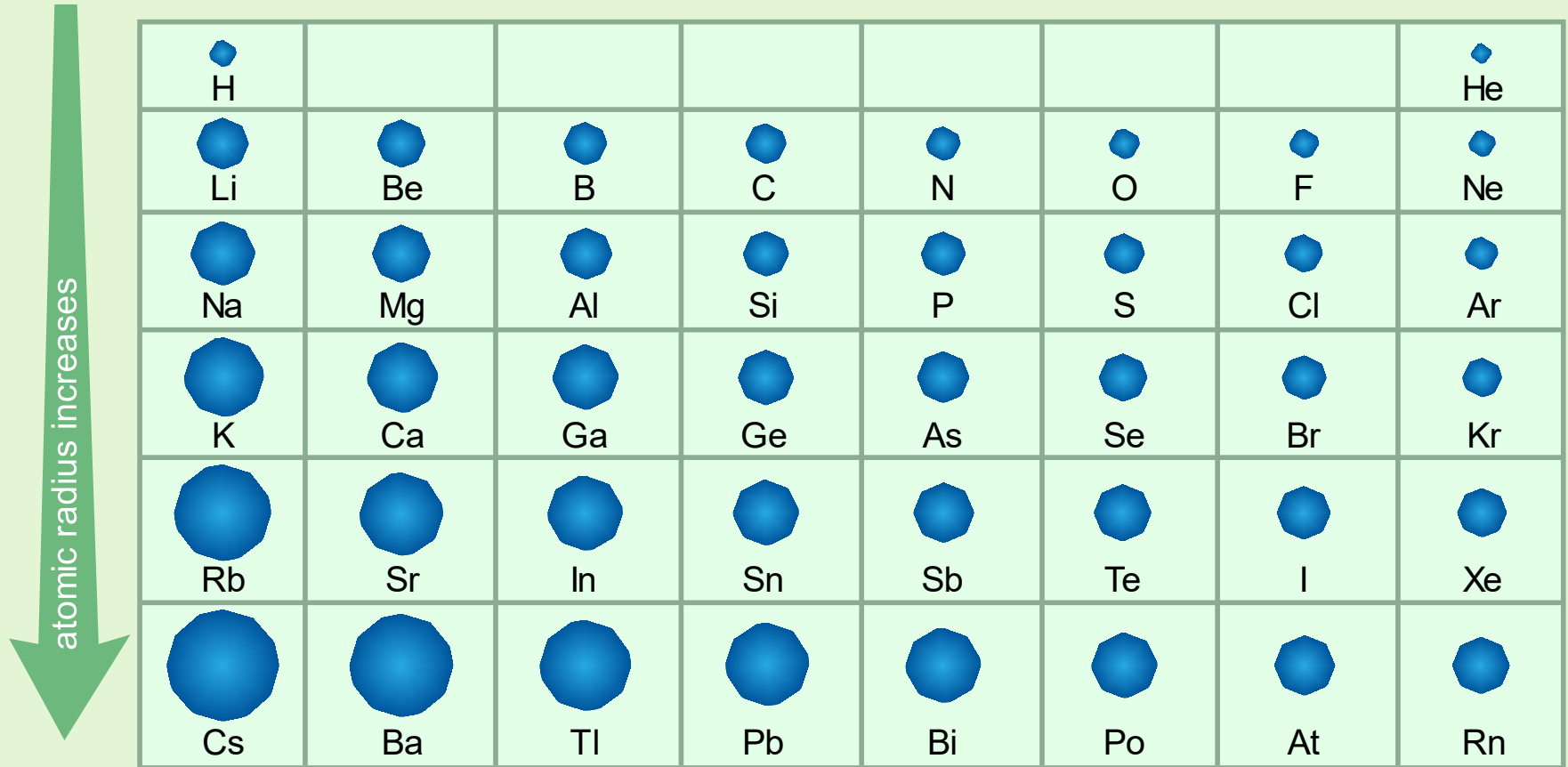
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57 La Lanthanum 138.90547	58 Ce Cerium 140.116	59 Pr Praseodymium 140.90765	60 Nd Neodymium 144.242	61 Pm Promethium (145)	62 Sm Samarium 150.36	63 Eu Europium 151.964	64 Gd Gadolinium 157.25	65 Tb Terbium 158.92535	66 Dy Dysprosium 162.500	67 Ho Holmium 164.93032	68 Er Erbium 167.259	69 Tm Thulium 168.93421	70 Yb Ytterbium 173.054	71 Lu Lutetium 174.9668
89 Ac Actinium (227)	90 Th Thorium 232.03806	91 Pa Protactinium 231.03688	92 U Uranium 238.02891	93 Np Neptunium (237)	94 Pu Plutonium (244)	95 Am Americium (243)	96 Cm Curium (247)	97 Bk Berkelium (247)	98 Cf Californium (251)	99 Es Einsteinium (252)	100 Fm Fermium (257)	101 Md Mendelevium (258)	102 No Nobelium (259)	103 Lr Lawrencium (262)



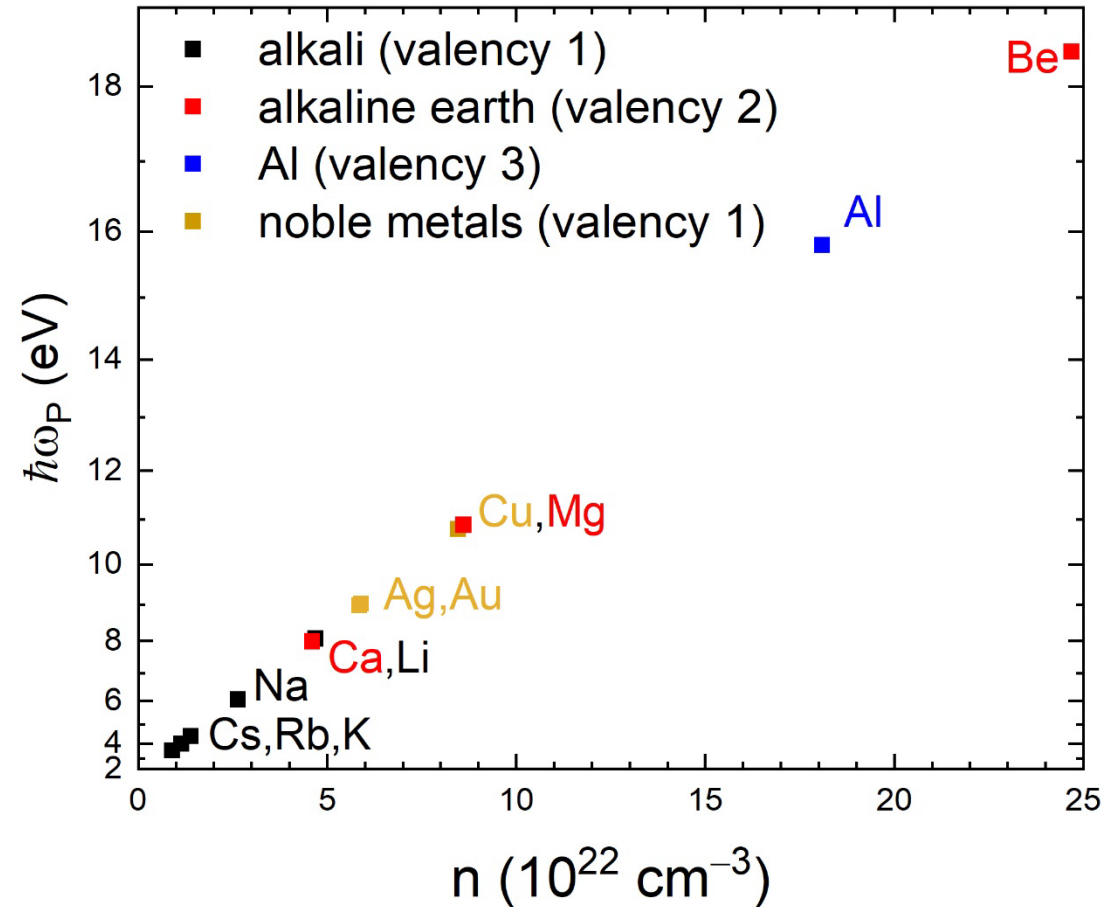
Atomic Radius

atomic radius decreases



Atomic radius decreases from K to Ca to Cu.

(Unscreened) Plasma Frequency



$$\omega_P^2 = \frac{n_f e^2}{m \epsilon_0}$$

Metal	Valency	N (10^{28} m^{-3})	$\omega_P/2\pi$ (10^{15} Hz)	λ_P (nm)
Li (77 K)	1	4.70	1.95	154
Na (5 K)	1	2.65	1.46	205
K (5 K)	1	1.40	1.06	282
Rb (5 K)	1	1.15	0.96	312
Cs (5 K)	1	0.91	0.86	350
Cu	1	8.47	2.61	115
Ag	1	5.86	2.17	138
Au	1	5.90	2.18	138
Be	2	24.7	4.46	67
Mg	2	8.61	2.63	114
Ca	2	4.61	1.93	156
Al	3	18.1	3.82	79

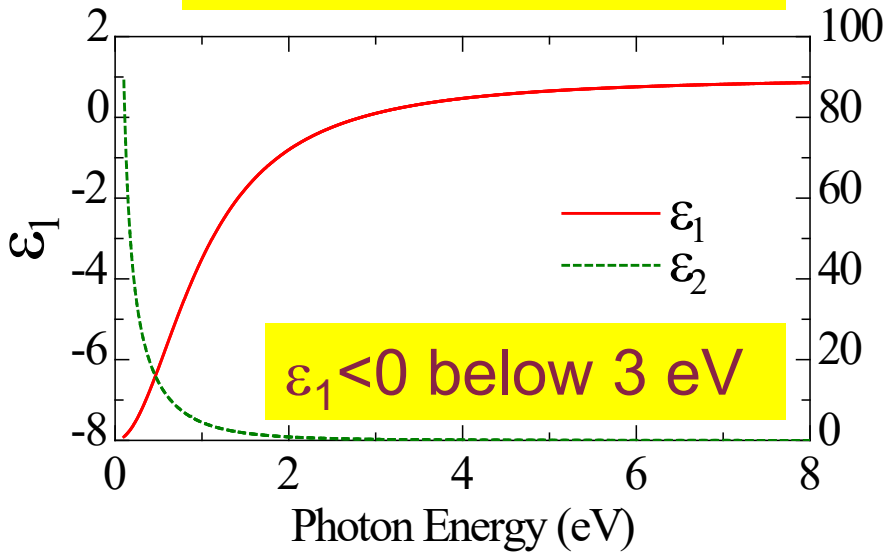
Fox, Table 7.1

Valency determined by row in period table.
Atomic radius decreases from K to Ca to Cu.

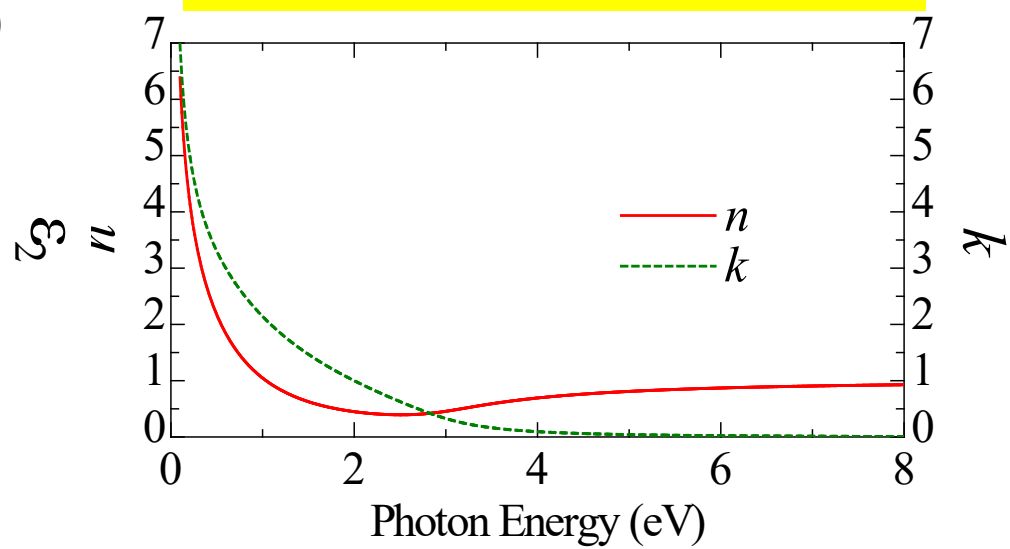


Free-Carrier Reflection/Absorption in Metals

Dielectric function ϵ



Refractive index $n+ik=\sqrt{\epsilon}$

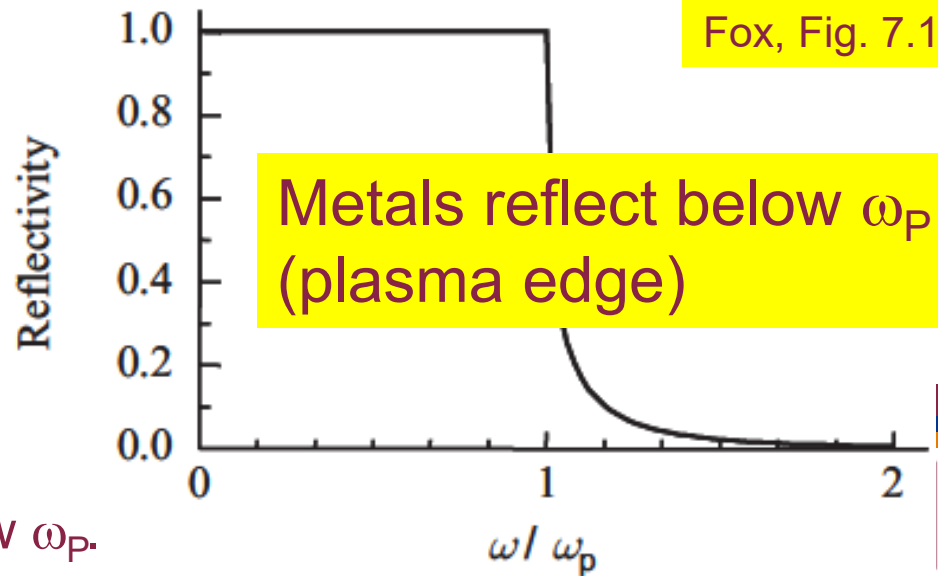


$$\epsilon(\omega) = 1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2 + i\gamma\omega}$$

$$\omega_p = 3 \text{ eV}, \gamma = 1 \text{ eV}$$

$$R_{90}(\omega) = \left| \frac{n + ik - 1}{n + ik + 1} \right|^2$$

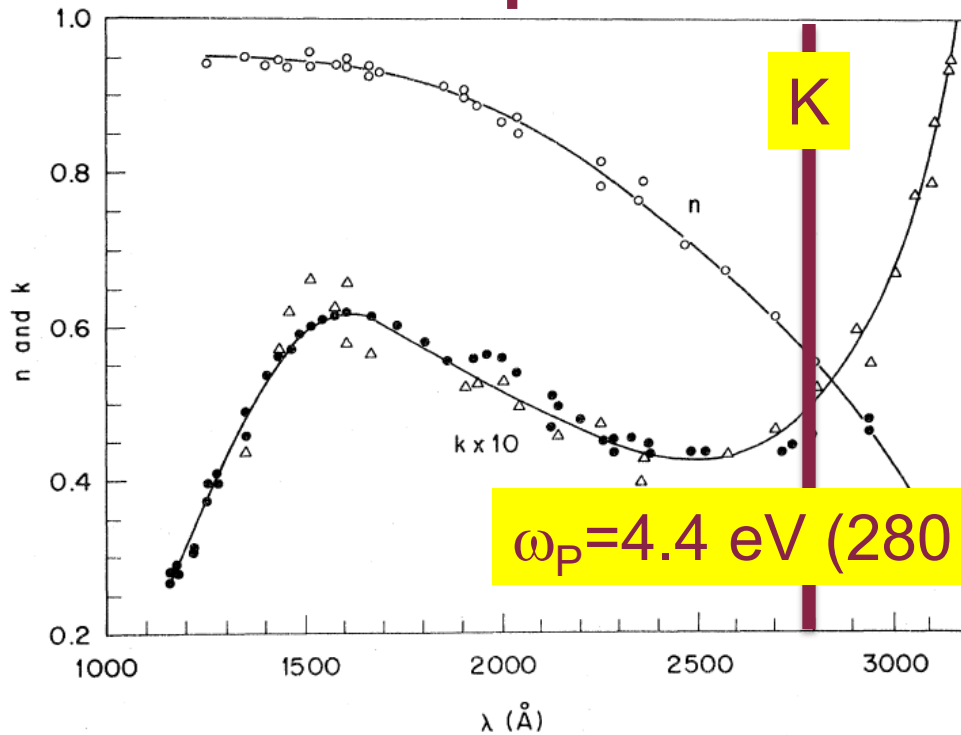
Fox, Fig. 7.1



R=1 if n is purely imaginary ($\gamma=0$) below ω_p .

Transparent Alkali Metals above ω_p

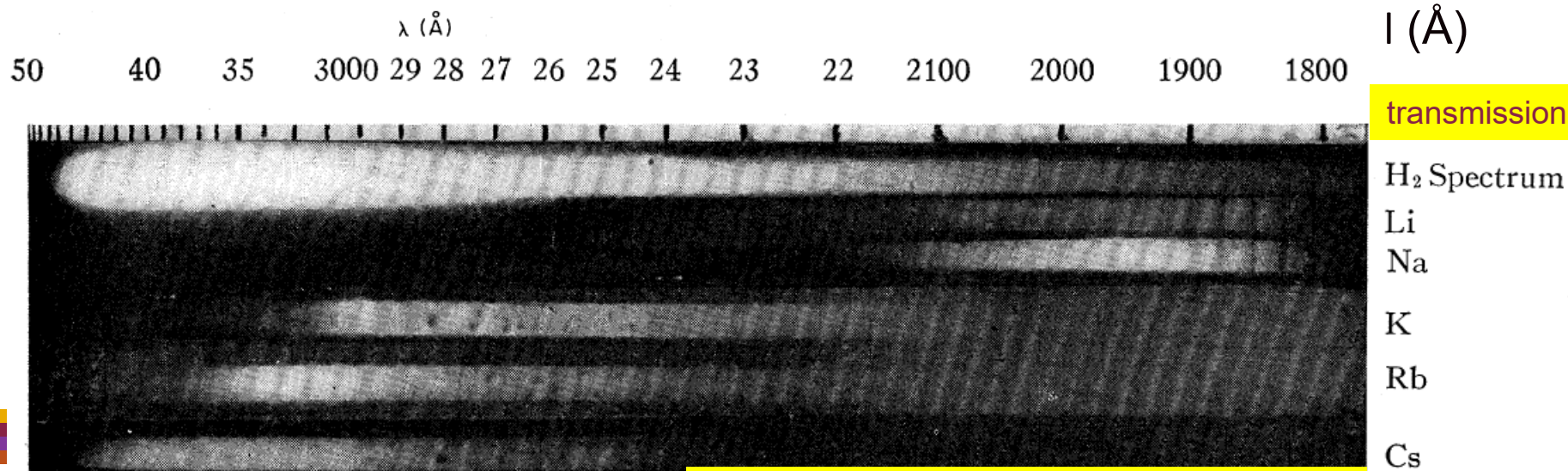
U.S. Whang *et al.*, PRB 6, 2109 (1972)



$\omega_p = 4.4 \text{ eV}$ (280 nm)

Metal	λ_{UV} (nm)
Li	205
Na	210
K	315
Rb	360
Cs	440

Fox, Table 7.2



R.W. Wood, Phys. Rev. 44, 353 (1933)



Bands of Total Reflection

Occur below plasma frequency and between TO/LO energies.
Increased sensitivity to weak absorption processes.

Drude model:

$$\varepsilon(\omega) = 1 - \frac{\omega_P^2}{\omega^2 + i\gamma\omega}$$

Small damping ($\gamma \ll \omega_P$):

$$\varepsilon(\omega) = 1 - \frac{\omega_P^2}{\omega^2} \quad (\text{real, negative})$$

Low frequency ($\omega \ll \omega_P$):

$$\varepsilon(\omega) < 0$$

Refractive index ($\omega \ll \omega_P$):

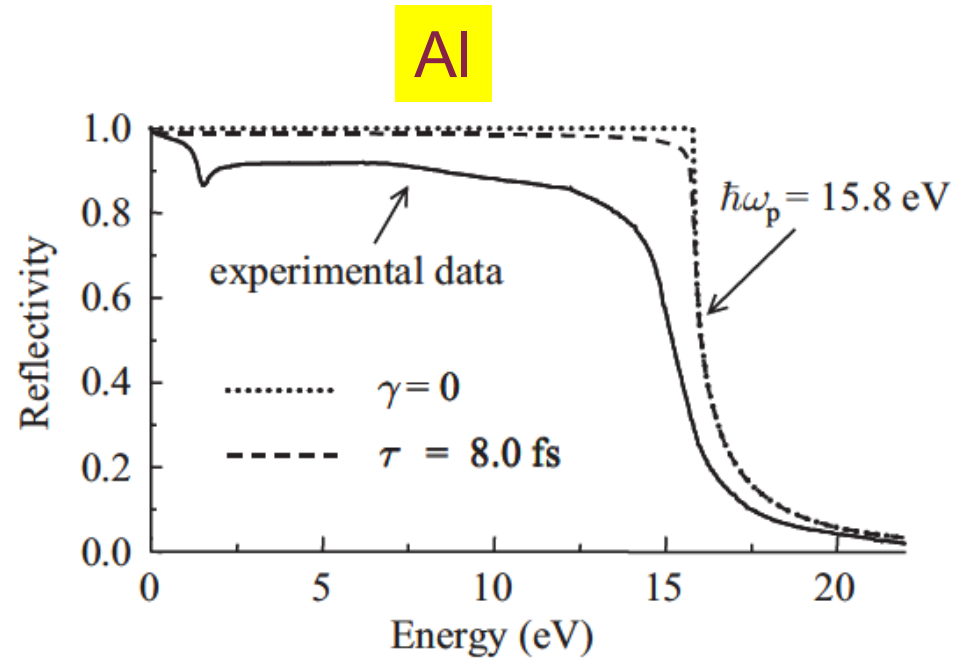
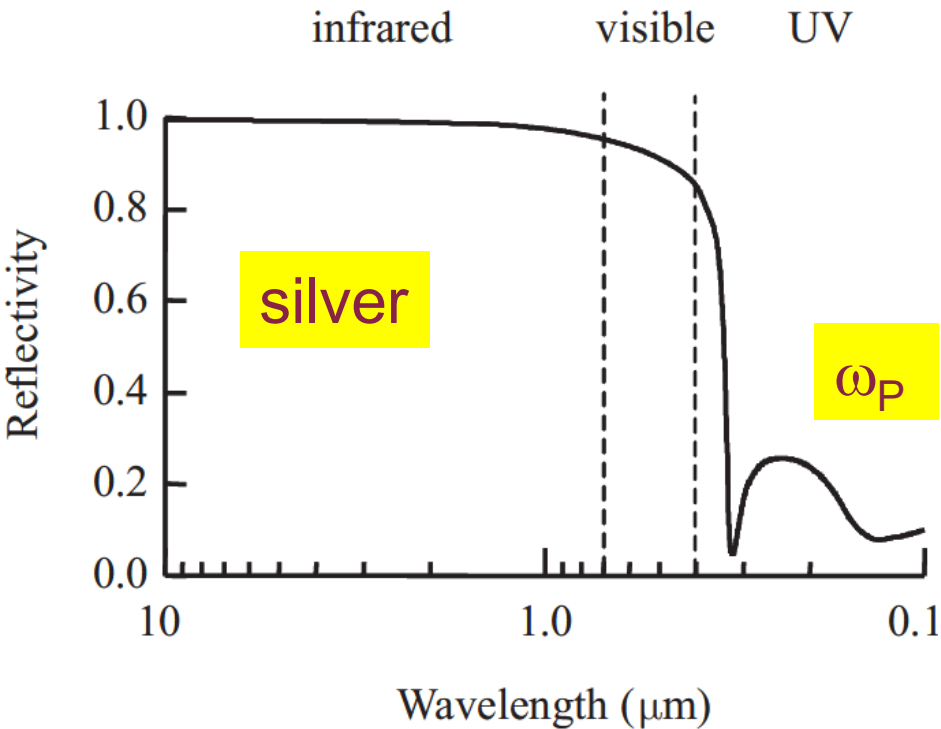
$$\tilde{n}(\omega) = \sqrt{\varepsilon(\omega)} = ik$$

Reflectance at 90° ($\omega \ll \omega_P$):

(purely imaginary)

$$R_{90}(\omega) = \left| \frac{n + ik - 1}{n + ik + 1} \right|^2 = \left| \frac{ik - 1}{ik + 1} \right|^2 = \frac{(ik - 1)(-ik - 1)}{(ik + 1)(-ik + 1)} = 1$$

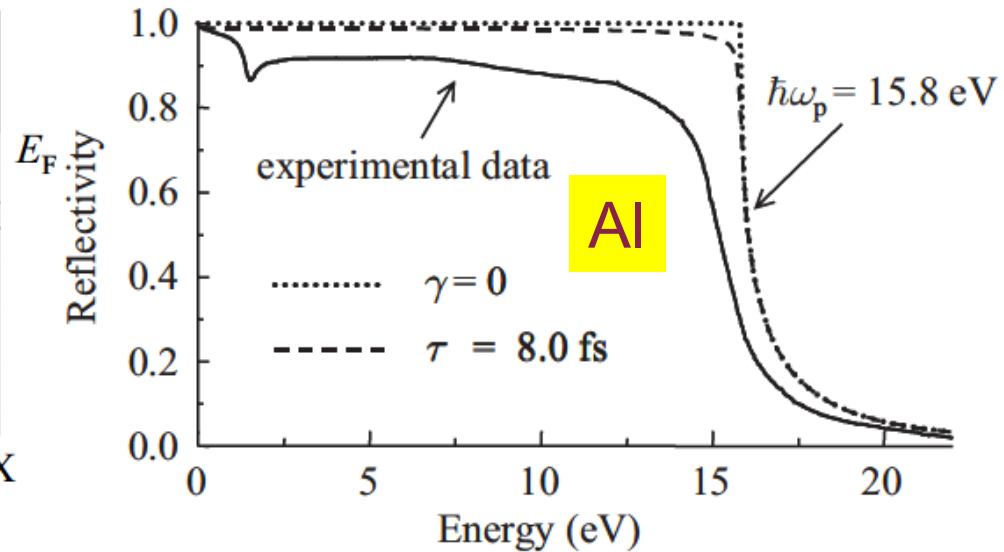
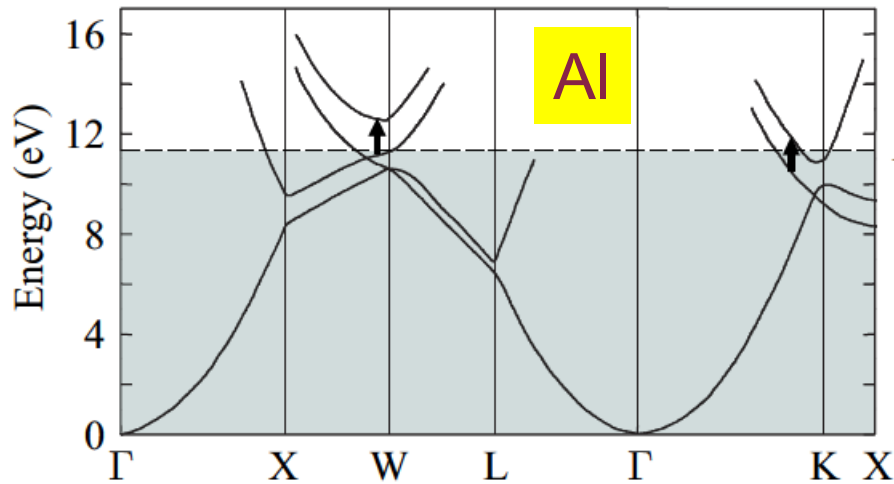
Free-Carrier Reflection in Ag and Al



Ag is a noble metal.
 Filled 4d-shell, 5s¹
 High reflectance
 below $\omega_p = 9 \text{ eV}$ (above 138 nm)
 Sharp drop above ω_p . Damping.

Al has three electrons (3s², 3p¹)
 High reflectance
 below $\omega_p = 16 \text{ eV}$ (above 78 nm)
 Sharp drop above ω_p .
 Damping, interband absorption.

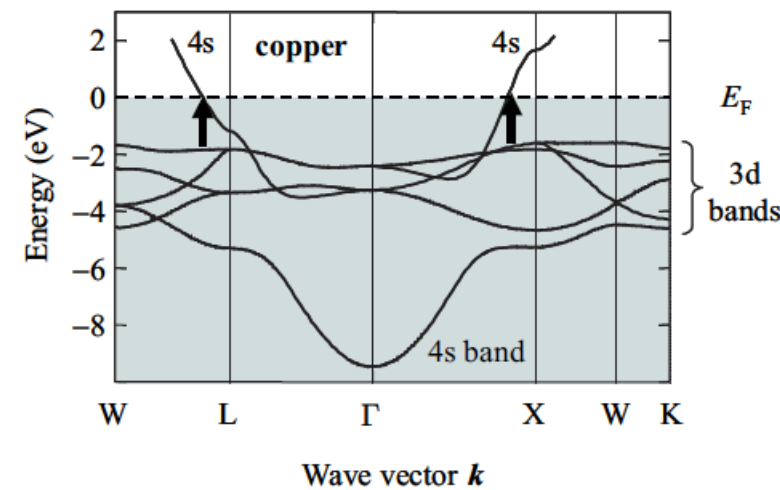
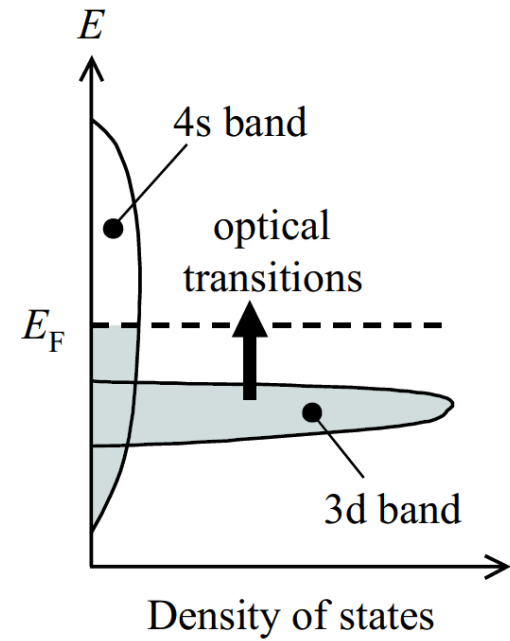
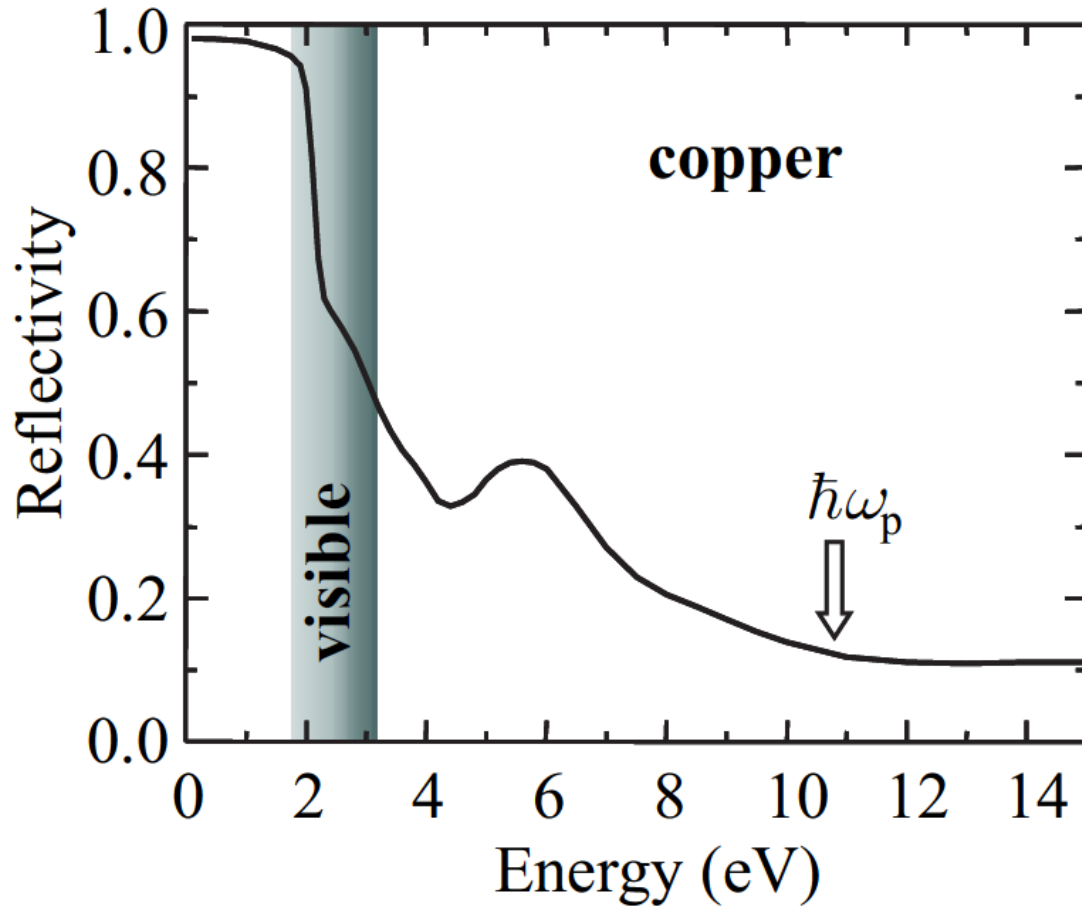
Free-Carrier Reflection in Al



Interband transitions at W cause absorption band at 1.5 eV, lowers reflectivity.

Al has three electrons ($3s^2, 3p^1$)
 High reflectance
 below $\omega_p = 16$ eV (above 78 nm)
 Sharp drop above ω_p .
 Damping, interband absorption.

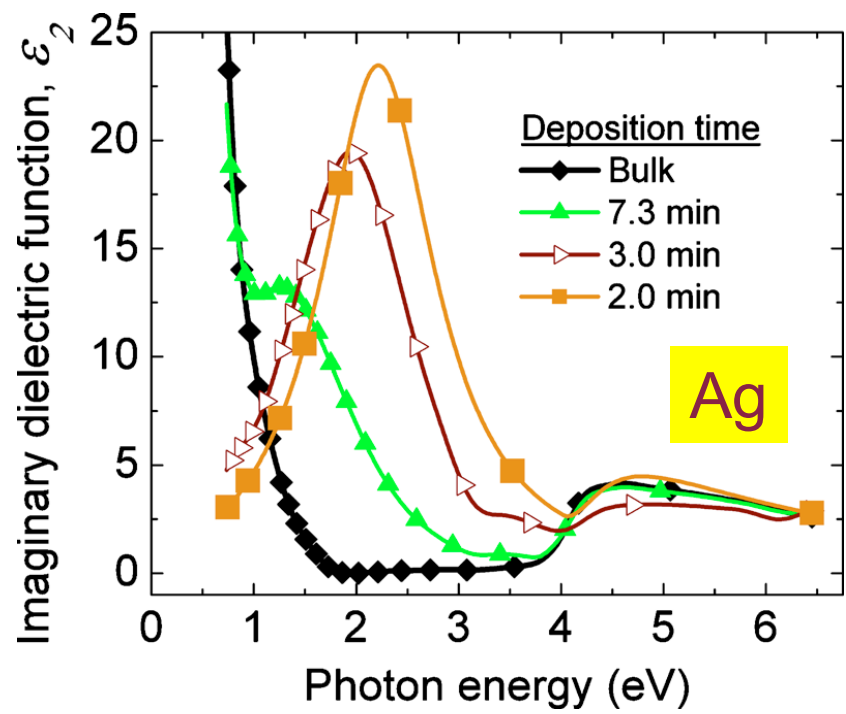
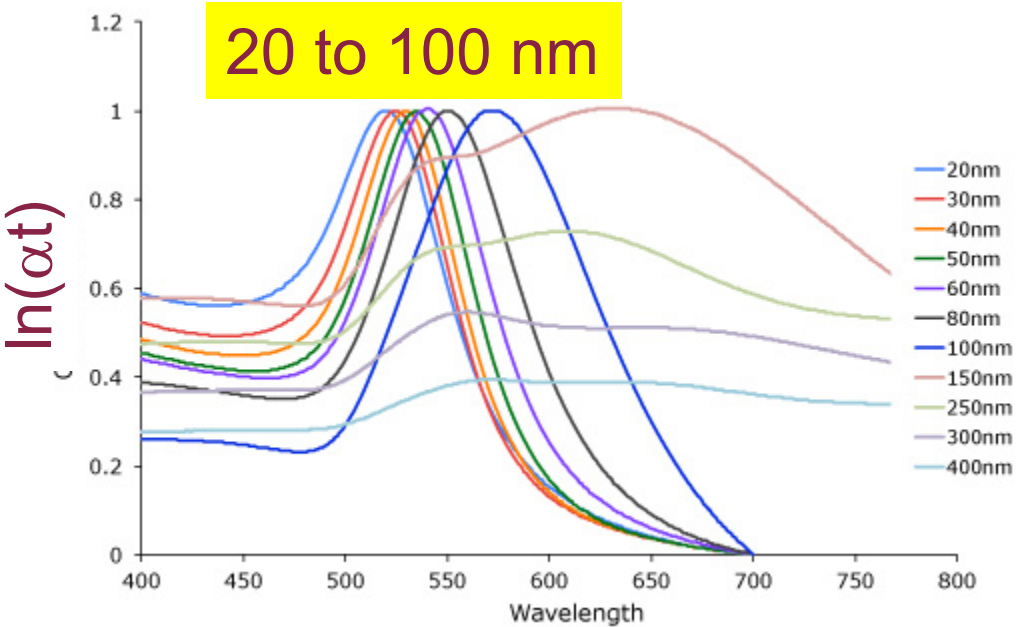
Free-Carrier Reflection in Cu



Noble metal, $4s^1$, $\omega_p=10.8$ eV
 Transitions from 3d to 4s at 2 eV
 (near L and X). Similar for Ag, Au.

Plasmon resonance in gold nanoparticles

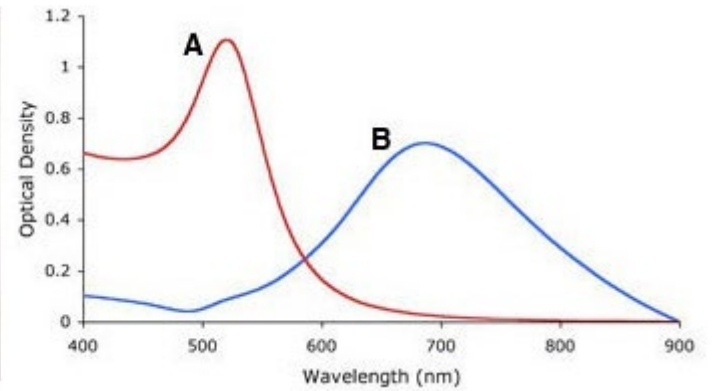
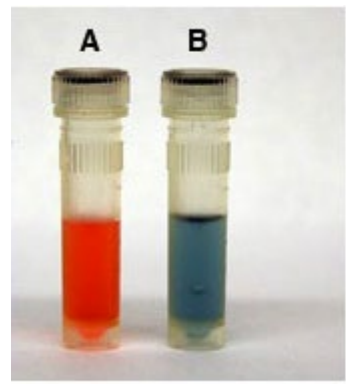
20 to 100 nm



Gold is not always yellow.
Nanoparticle radius $a < \lambda$

$$\alpha = 4\pi a^3 \frac{\epsilon_m - \epsilon_d}{\epsilon_m + \epsilon_d}$$

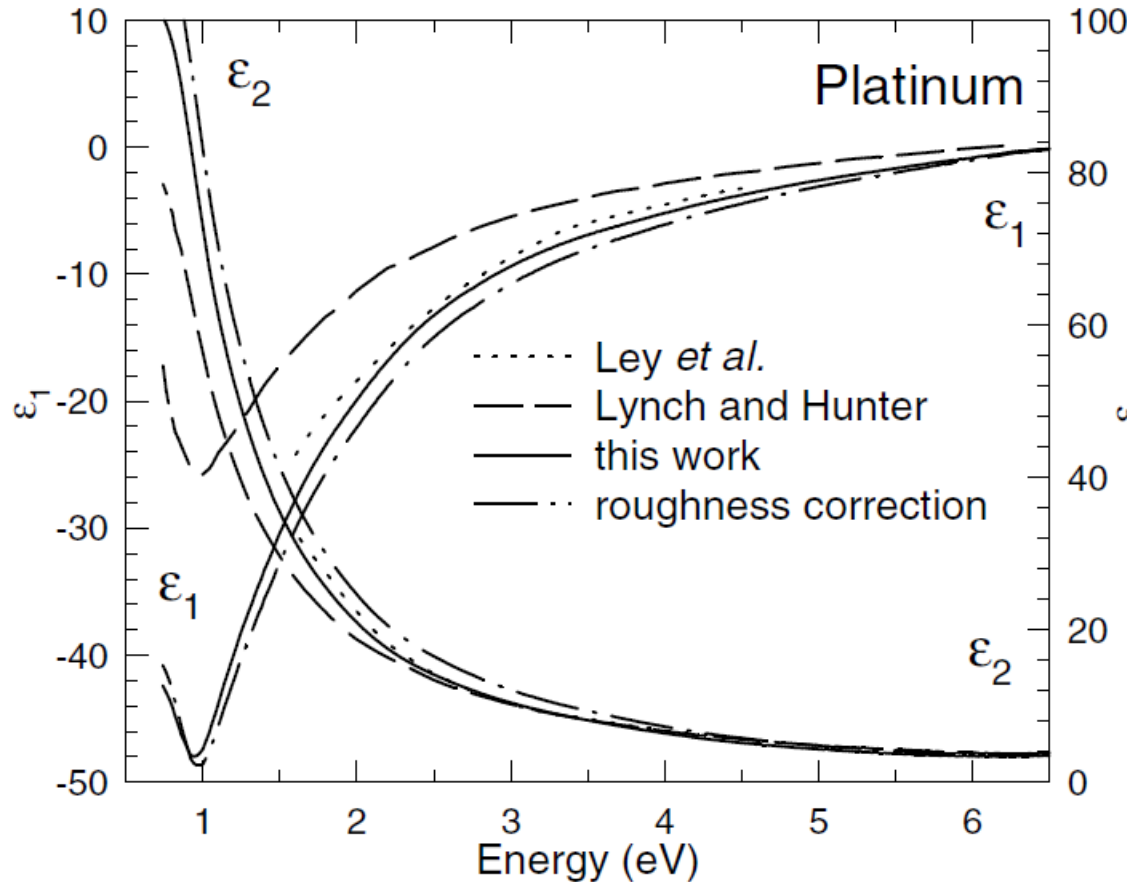
m: metal, d: dielectric
Enhance molecular absorption.



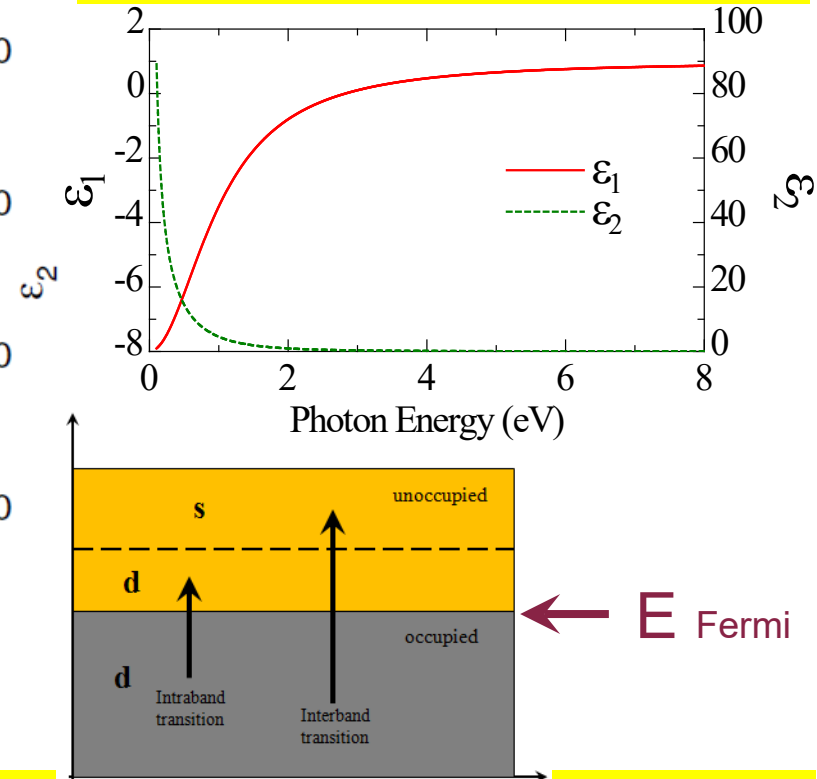
Fox, *Optical Properties of Solids*
Little, *APL* **98**, 101910 (2011)



Dielectric function of transition metals (Pt)



Drude-like ϵ above 1 eV

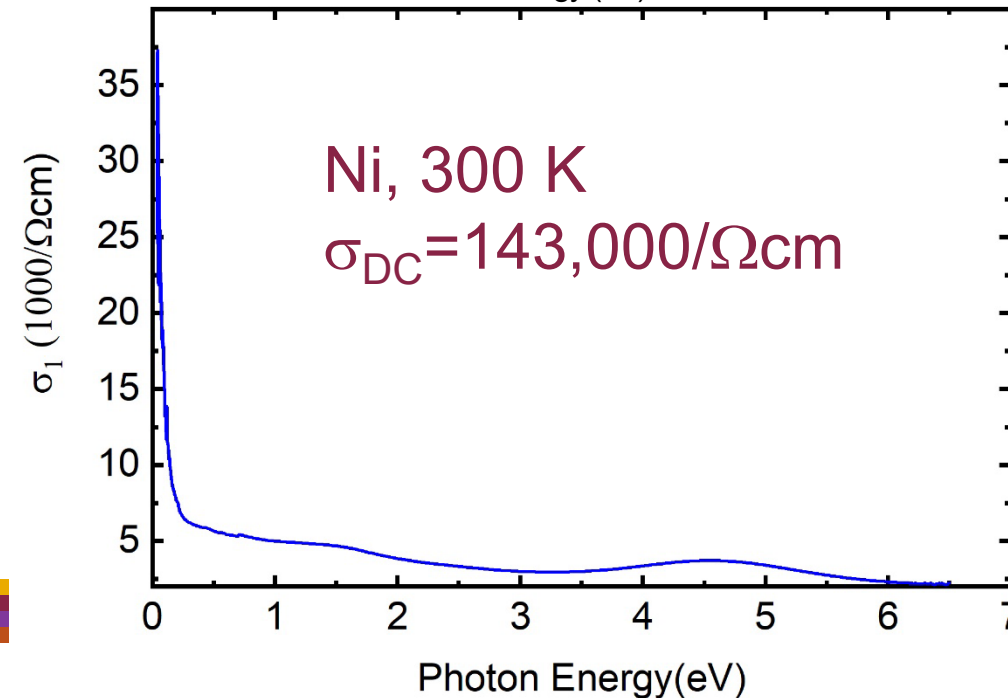
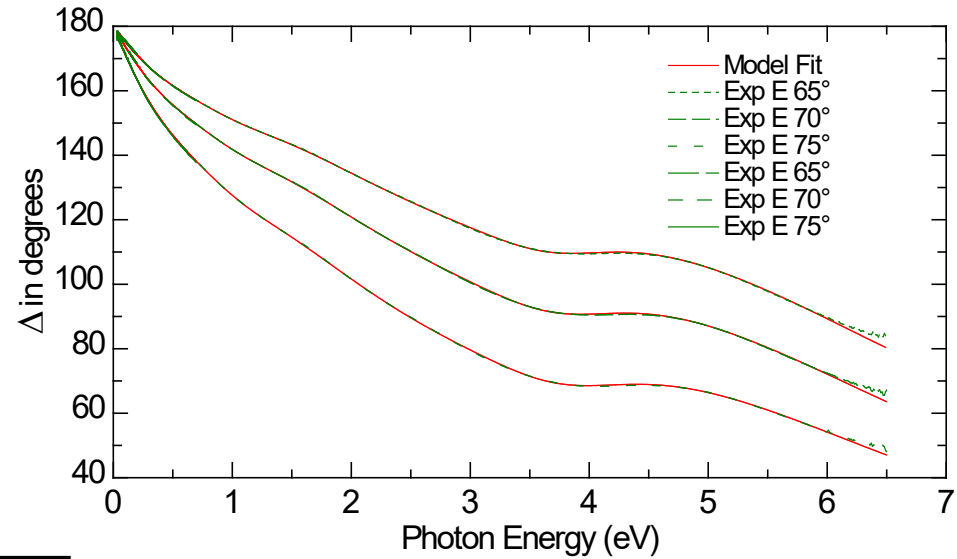
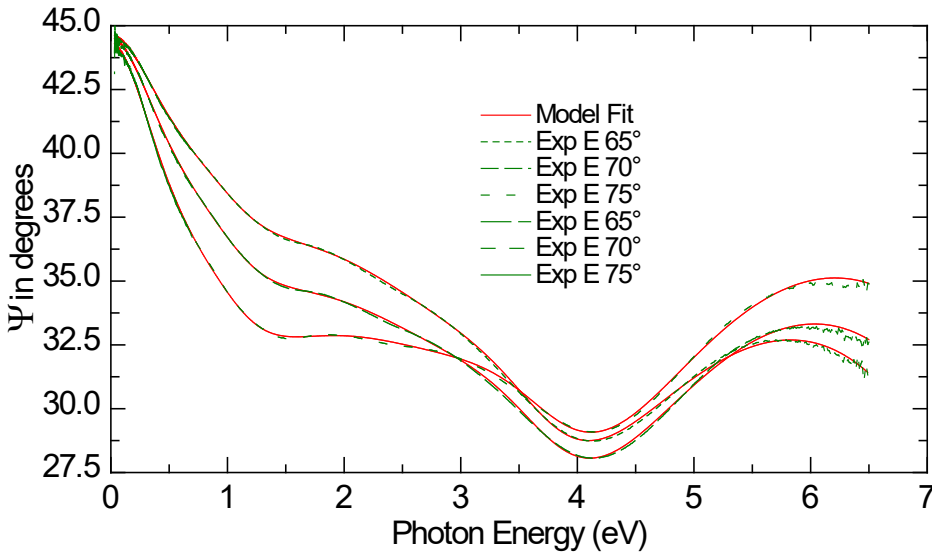


The dielectric function of Pt deviates from the Drude model below 1 eV due to d-interband transitions.

Pt is **not a noble metal**, partially filled d-shell.

S. Zollner, *phys. stat. solidi (a)* **177**, R7 (2000)

Dielectric function of transition metals (Ni)



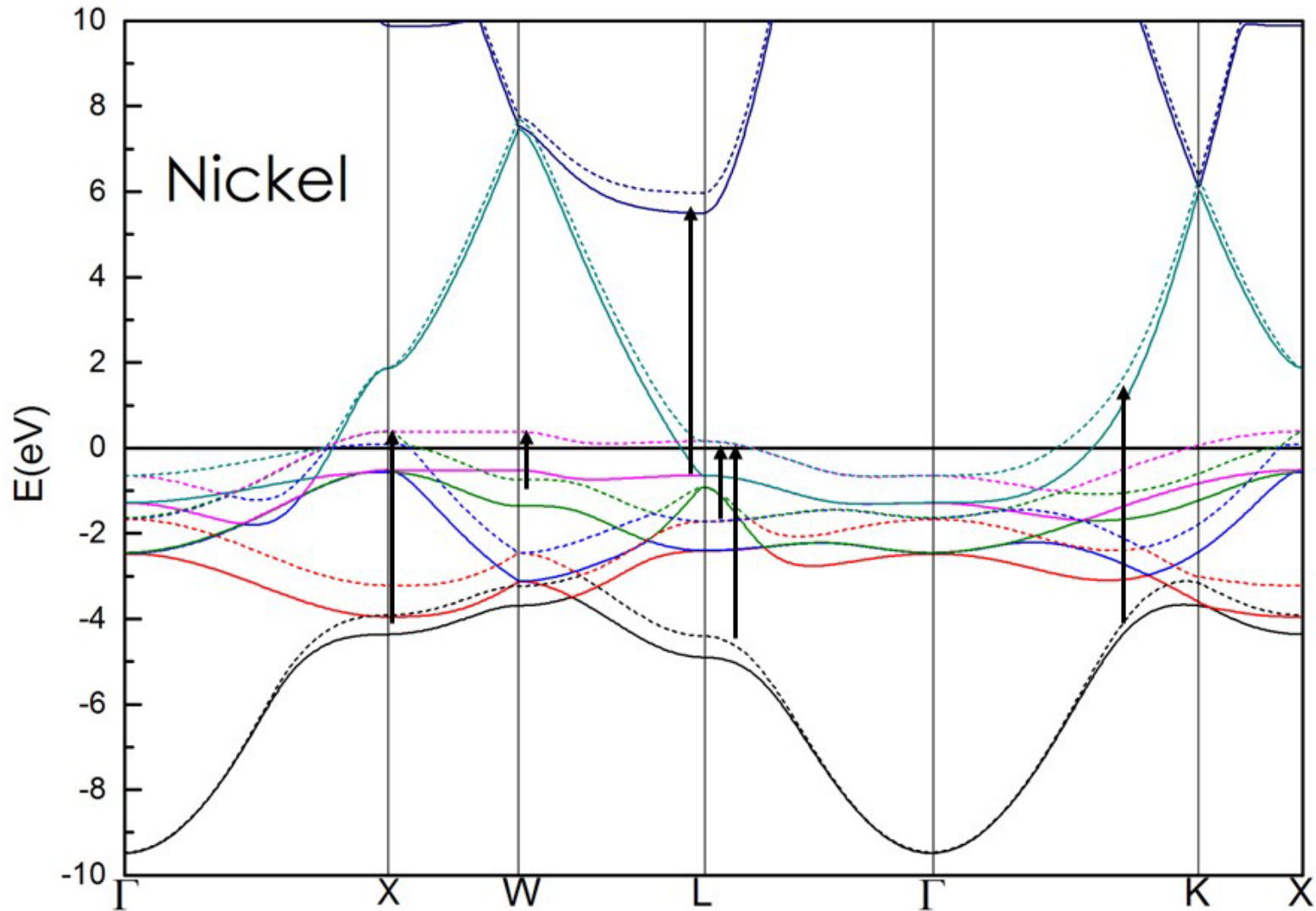
Low frequency:
 $\psi \rightarrow 0, \Delta \rightarrow 180^\circ$

Even at 30 meV, the optical σ is still much smaller than σ_{DC} .

Farzin Abadizaman, JVST B 37, 062920 (2019);
 JVST A 40, 033202 (2022).



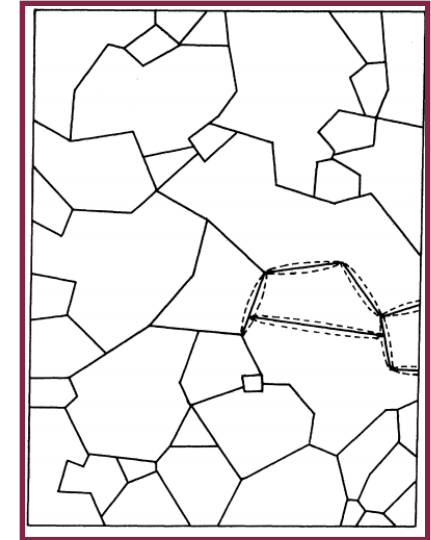
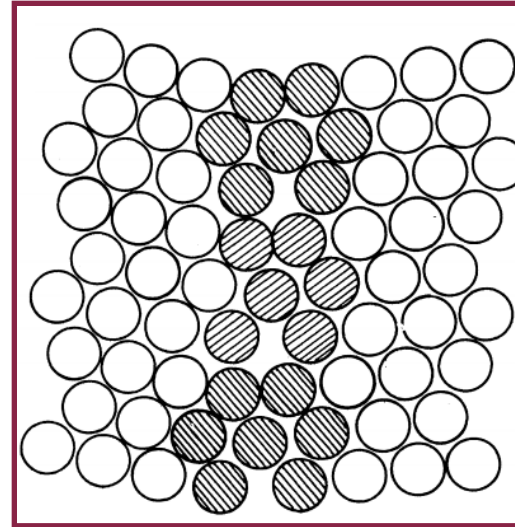
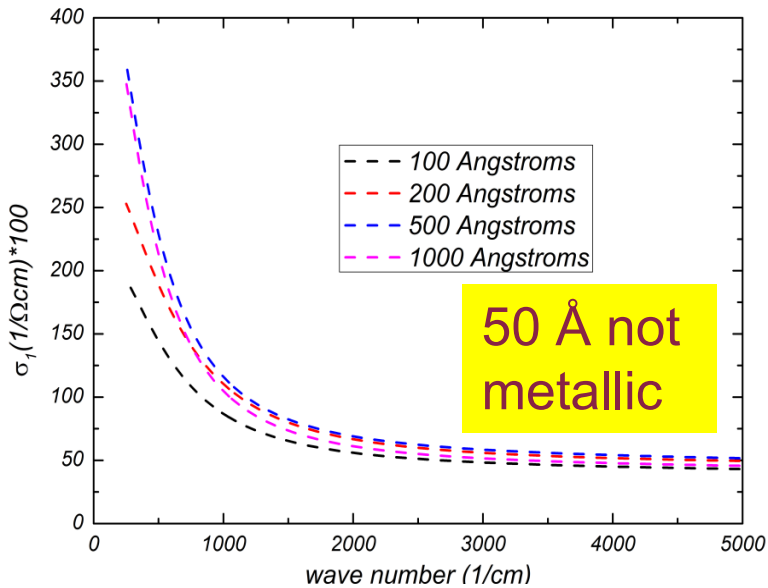
Band structure of Ni; Interband transitions



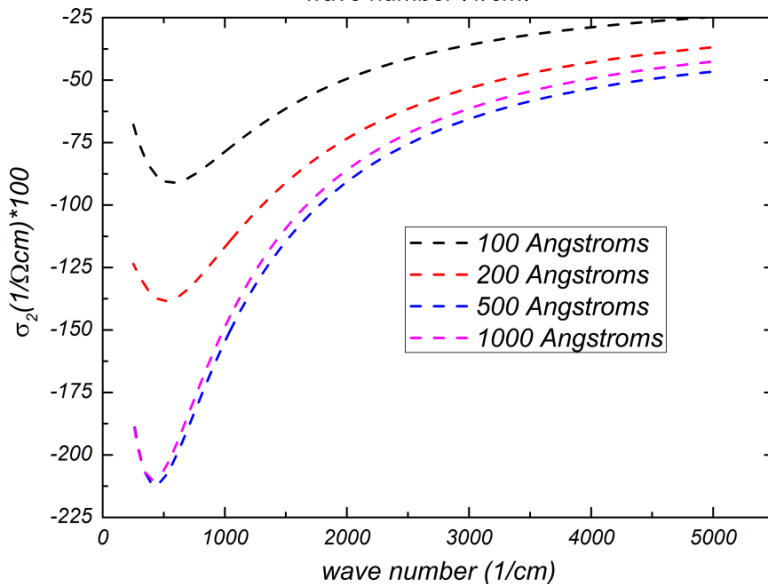
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Thickness dependence of dielectric function (Ni)



Ola Hunderi, PRB, 1973

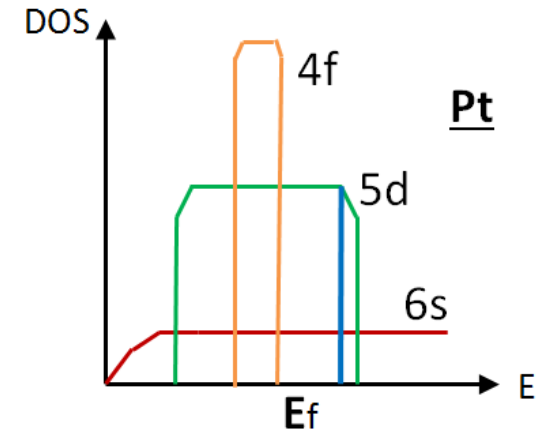
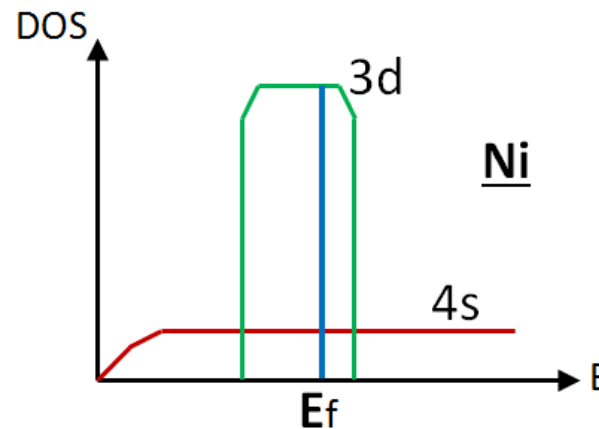
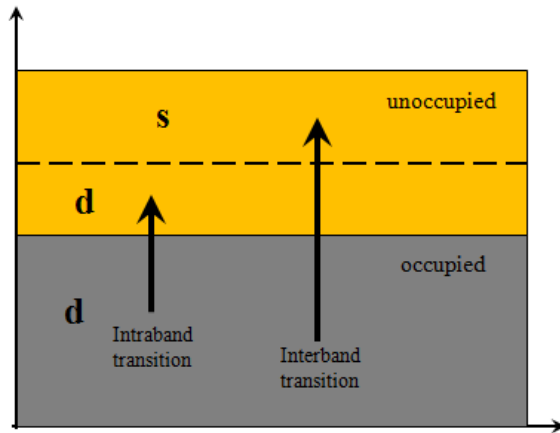


$\sigma_1 \uparrow$ with $t \uparrow$
 reduced grain boundary scattering in thicker films

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Difference between Ni and Pt



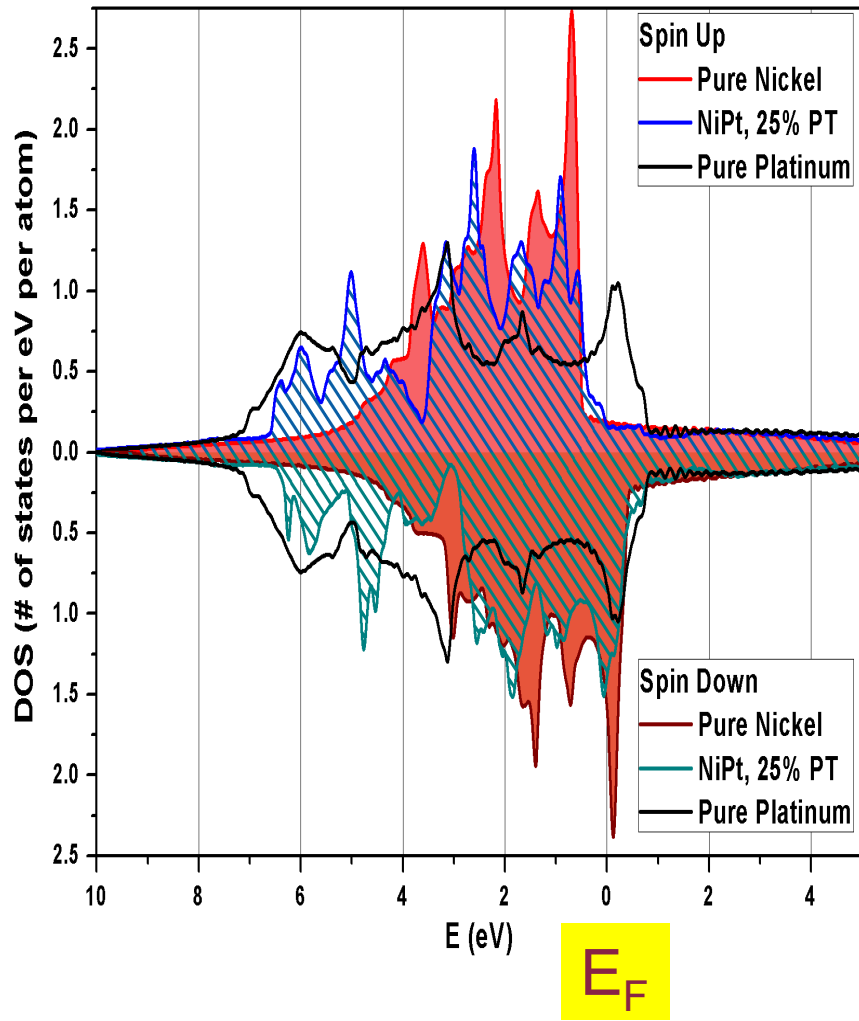
Ni 3d states are more localized.

Pt 5d states are broader, more dispersive.

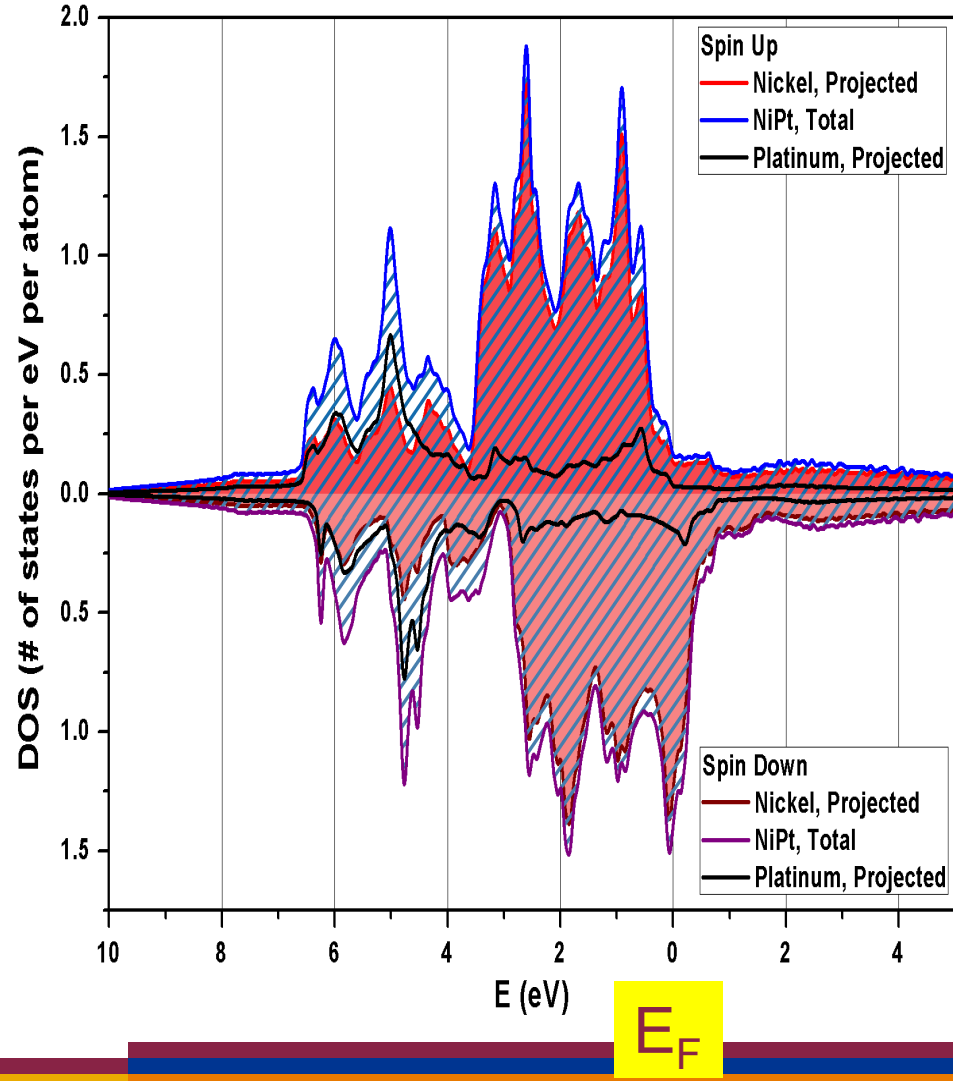
Ni-Pt alloys have broader transitions than pure Ni.

- Alloy broadening: Potential fluctuations
- Initial Pt 5d states broader than Ni 3d states.

Total DOS



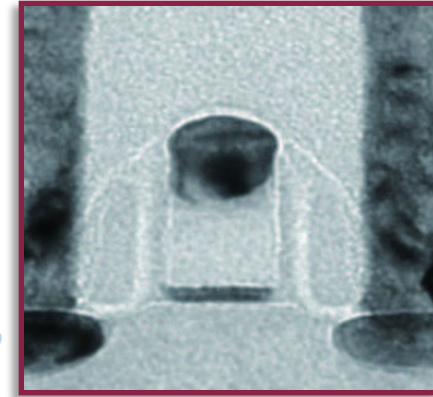
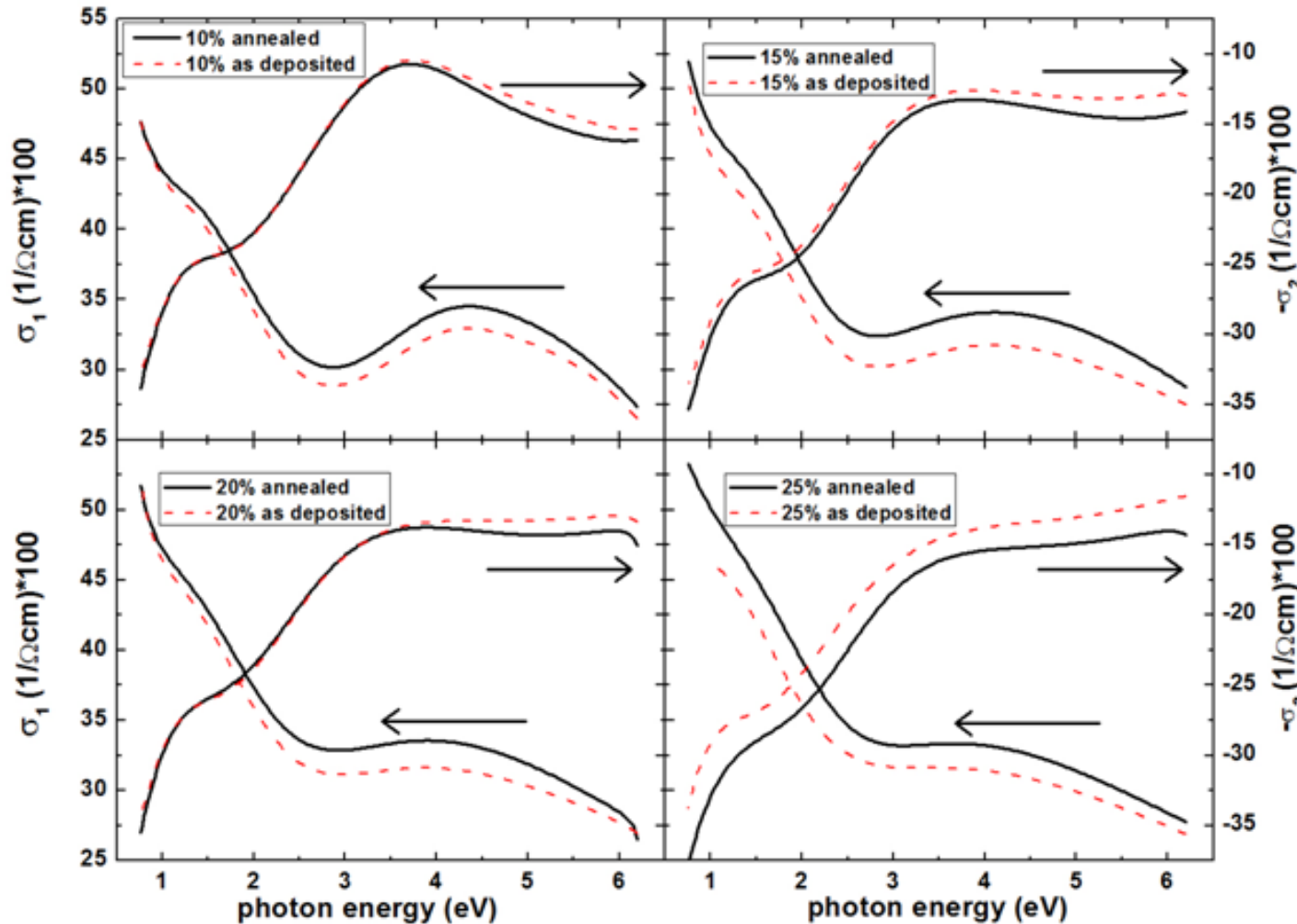
Ni₃Pt Projected DOS



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Optical conductivity of Ni-Pt alloys



Si CMOS
32 nm
(~10% Pt)



Interband transitions broader in Ni-Pt alloys than in pure Ni.

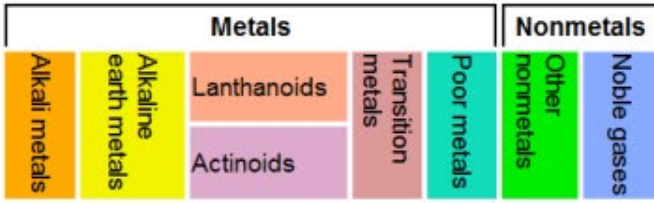
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Semiconductors

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1 H Hydrogen 1.00794	Atomic # Symbd Name Atomic Mass																2 He Helium 4.002602
3 Li Lithium 6.941	4 Be Beryllium 9.012182																10 Ne Neon 20.1797
11 Na Sodium 22.98976928	12 Mg Magnesium 24.3050																18 Ar Argon 39.948
19 K Potassium 39.0983	20 Ca Calcium 40.078	21 Sc Scandium 44.955912	22 Ti Titanium 47.867	23 V Vanadium 50.9415	24 Cr Chromium 51.9961	25 Mn Manganese 54.938045	26 Fe Iron 55.845	27 Co Cobalt 58.933195	28 Ni Nickel 58.6934	29 Cu Copper 63.546	30 Zn Zinc 65.38	31 Al Aluminium 26.9815386	32 Ge Germanium 72.64	33 As Arsenic 74.92160	34 Se Selenium 78.96	35 Br Bromine 79.904	36 Kr Krypton 83.796
37 Rb Rubidium 87.4678	38 Sr Strontium 87.62	39 Y Yttrium 88.90585	40 Zr Zirconium 91.224	41 Nb Niobium 92.90638	42 Mo Molybdenum 95.96	43 Tc Technetium (97.9072)	44 Ru Ruthenium 101.07	45 Rh Rhodium 102.90550	46 Pd Palladium 106.42	47 Ag Silver 107.8682	48 Cd Cadmium 112.411	49 In Indium 114.818	50 Sn Tin 118.710	51 Sb Antimony 121.760	52 Te Tellurium 127.60	53 I Iodine 126.90447	54 Xe Xenon 131.293
55 Cs Caesium 132.9054519	56 Ba Barium 137.327	57-71	72 Hf Hafnium 178.49	73 Ta Tantalum 180.94788	74 W Tungsten 183.84	75 Re Rhenium 186.207	76 Os Osmium 190.23	77 Ir Iridium 192.217	78 Pt Platinum 195.084	79 Au Gold 196.966569	80 Hg Mercury 200.59	81 Tl Thallium 204.3833	82 Pb Lead 207.2	83 Bi Bismuth 208.98040	84 Po Polonium (209.9824)	85 At Astatine (209.9871)	86 Rn Radon (222.0176)
87 Fr Francium (223)	88 Ra Radium (226)	89-103	104 Rf Rutherfordium (261)	105 Db Dubnium (262)	106 Sg Seaborgium (266)	107 Bh Bohrium (264)	108 Hs Hassium (277)	109 Mt Meitnerium (268)	110 Ds Darmstadtium (271)	111 Rg Roentgenium (272)	112 Uub Ununbium (285)	113 Uut Ununtrium (284)	114 Uuq Ununquadium (289)	115 Uup Ununpentium (288)	116 Uuh Ununhexium (282)	117 Uus Ununseptium	118 Uuo Ununoctium (294)

- C** Solid
- Hg** Liquid
- H** Gas
- Rf** Unknown



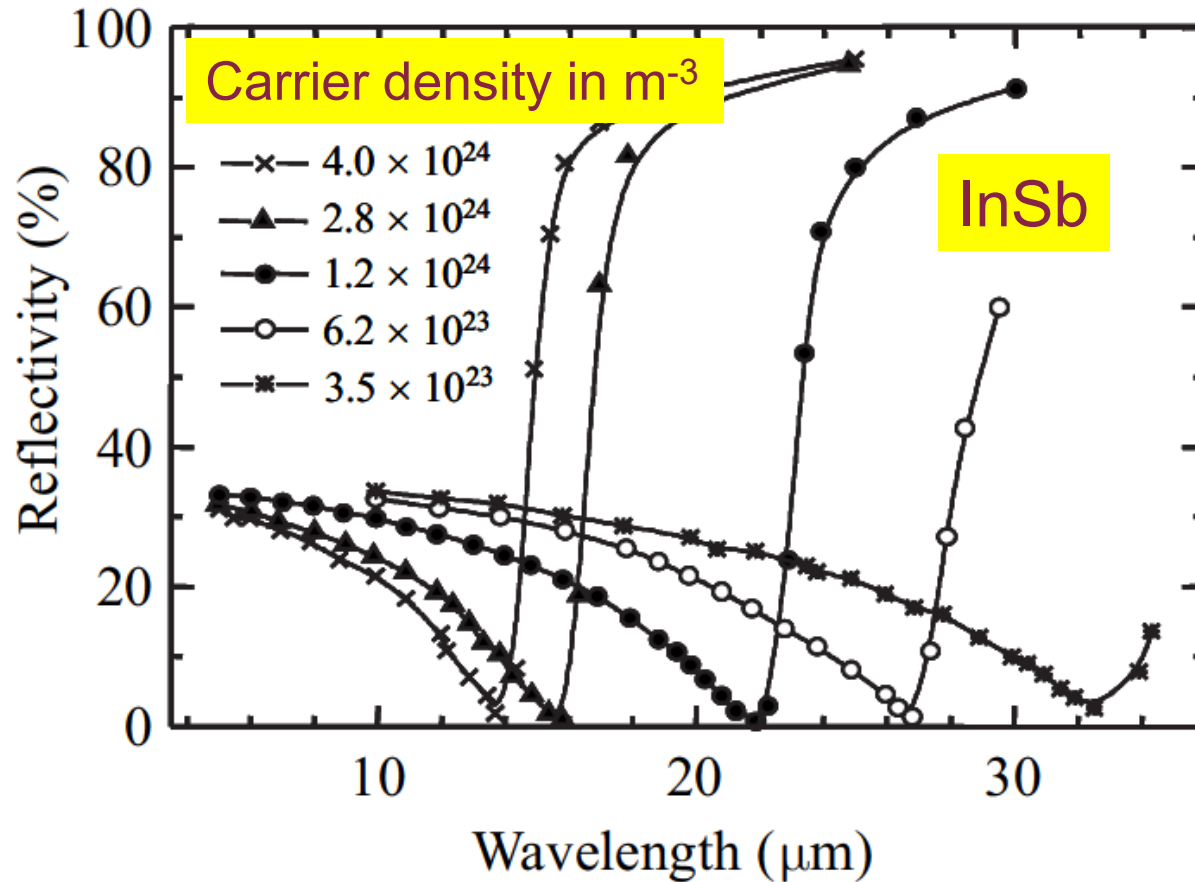
For elements with no stable isotopes, the mass number of the isotope with the longest half-life is in parentheses.

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57 La Lanthanum 138.90547	58 Ce Cerium 140.116	59 Pr Praseodymium 140.90705	60 Nd Neodymium 144.242	61 Pm Promethium (145)	62 Sm Samarium 150.36	63 Eu Europium 151.964	64 Gd Gadolinium 157.25	65 Tb Terbium 158.92535	66 Dy Dysprosium 162.500	67 Ho Holmium 164.93032	68 Er Erbium 167.259	69 Tm Thulium 168.93421	70 Yb Ytterbium 173.054	71 Lu Lutetium 174.9668
89 Ac Actinium (227)	90 Th Thorium 232.03806	91 Pa Protactinium 231.03688	92 U Uranium 238.02891	93 Np Neptunium (237)	94 Pu Plutonium (244)	95 Am Americium (243)	96 Cm Curium (247)	97 Bk Berkelium (247)	98 Cf Californium (251)	99 Es Einsteinium (252)	100 Fm Fermium (257)	101 Md Mendelevium (258)	102 No Nobelium (259)	103 Lr Lawrencium (262)



Free-Carrier Reflection in doped semiconductors



Reflectance minimum near plasma frequency

Doped semiconductors behave just like a metal, except for the lower carrier density; **plasma frequency in infrared region.**

Why infrared ellipsometry ?

Advantages:

- Measures amplitude ψ and phase Δ .
- Direct access to complex ε (no Kramers-Kronig transform).
- Modeling may contain depth information.
- No need to subtract substrate reference data.
- Anisotropy information (off-diagonal Jones and MM data)
- Possible measurements in a magnetic field (optical Hall effect)
- Obtain plasma frequency and scattering rate ($B=0$)
- Obtain *carrier density*, scattering rate, *effective mass* ($B\neq 0$).

Disadvantages:

- Time-consuming (15 FTIR reflectance spectra)
- Requires polarizing elements (polarizer, compensator)
- Requires **large samples** (no focusing), at least 5 by 10 mm²
- Requires modeling for thin layer on substrate.
- Commercial instruments **only down to 30 meV (250 cm⁻¹)**

Summary

- **Drude model** explains optical response of metals.
- High reflectance below the plasma frequency.
- Interband transitions overlap with Drude absorption.

- Doped semiconductors have infrared plasma frequencies.

- **Lorentz model** explains infrared lattice absorption.
- TO/LO modes result in reststrahlen band.
- Multiple modes for complex crystal structures.