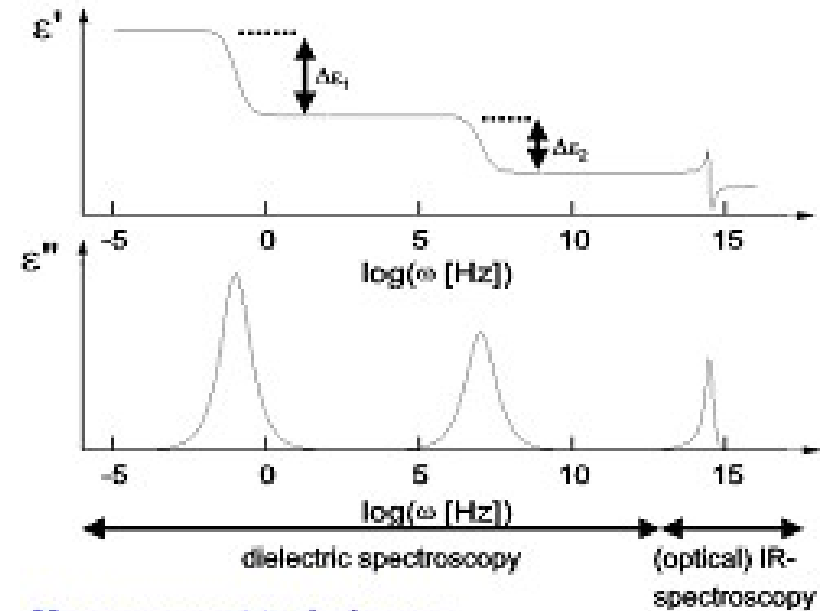
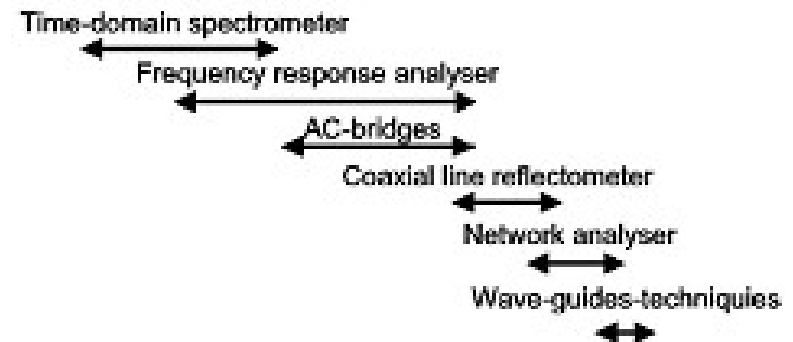


Introduction to Broadband Dielectric Spectroscopy BDS



Measurement techniques:



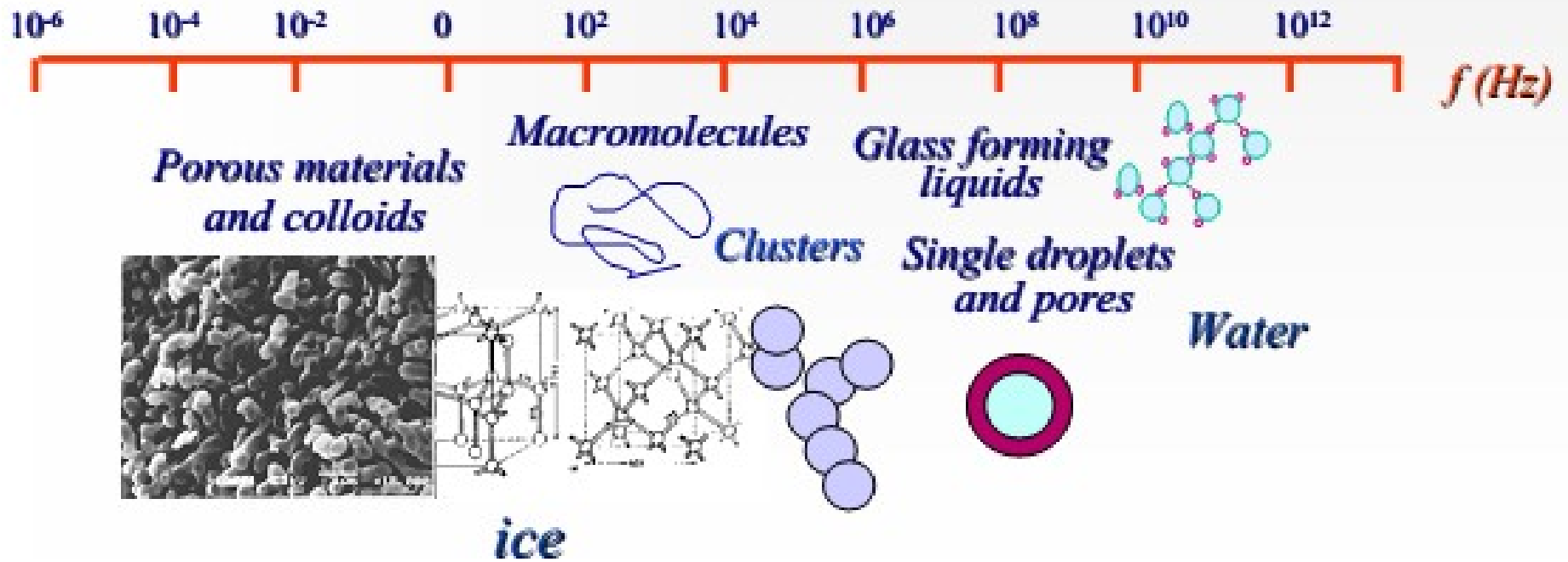
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Broadband Dielectric Spectroscopy

Time Domain Dielectric Spectroscopy; Time Domain Reflectometry





THE MATTER IN **STATIC** ELECTRIC FIELDS

Polarization $\vec{P} = \frac{1}{V} \sum \vec{p}_i = \int_V \vec{r} \rho(\vec{r}) dV$

If ρ_{FREE} polarize the dipoles: Displacement $\vec{D} \equiv \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P}$
 (related with electric flux (Gauss law))

$\vec{E} = -\text{grad}U$ related with force on charges

Linear response: $\vec{P} = \epsilon_0 \chi \vec{E} \longrightarrow \vec{D} = \epsilon_0 (1 + \chi) \vec{E} = \epsilon_s \vec{E}$

Susceptibility  *Dielectric constant* 
 (tensor)

$$\epsilon_s = \epsilon_0 (1 + \chi)$$

Correlation of macroscopic to molecular properties

Induced polarization: $\vec{P} = N\vec{p} = N\alpha\vec{E}_{\text{LOCAL}}$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \vec{P} &= \epsilon_0\chi\vec{E} \\ \epsilon_s &= \epsilon_0(1 + \chi) \end{aligned} \right\} \epsilon_s - 1 = \frac{N\alpha E_{\text{LOCAL}}}{\epsilon_0 E}$$

Polarizabilities

Electronic

Atomic

Permanent electric dipole rotation

Spatial localization of 'free' charges

Space charge

Interfacial

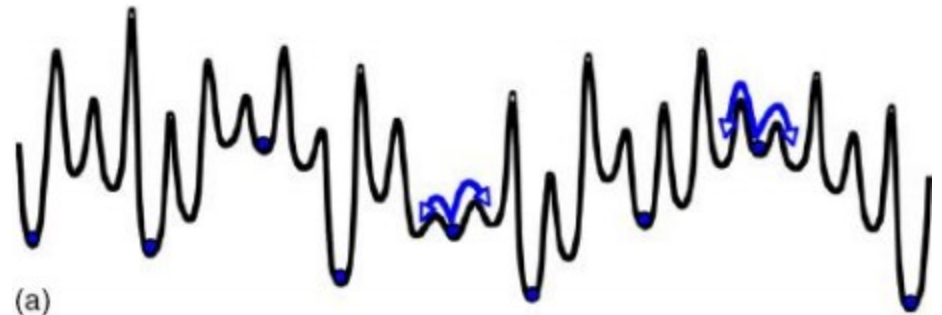
Disorder induced localization

Electrode polarization:

Experimental and

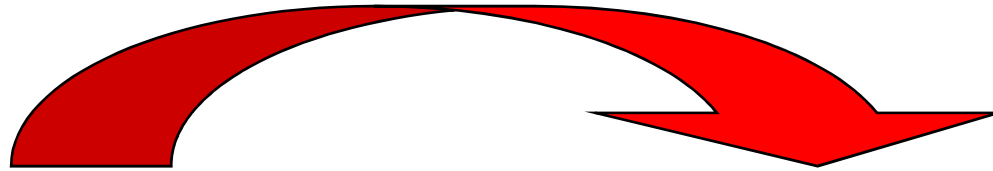
Computational

suppression



Dielectric relaxation

External 'force' E



Equilibrium state 1

Equilibrium state 2

Correlation between spatial and temporal scales

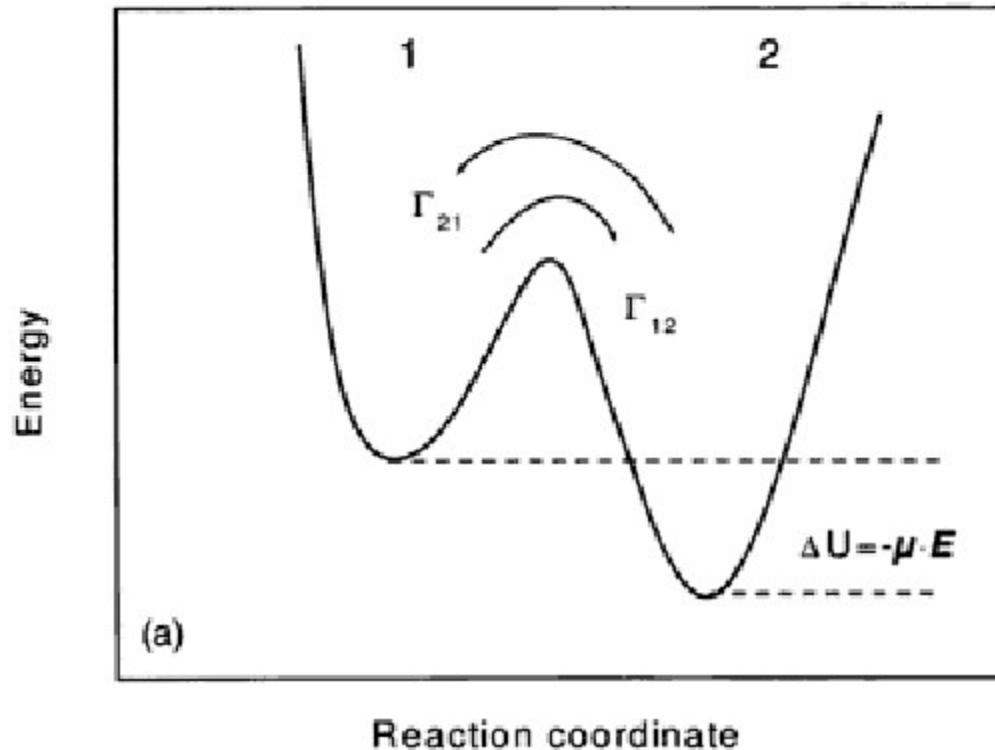
$$f \propto 1/\tau$$

$$L \approx \langle v \rangle \tau$$

Linear Response Theory (LRT):

Response proportional to perturbation

Extraction of Debye equations from microscopic principles

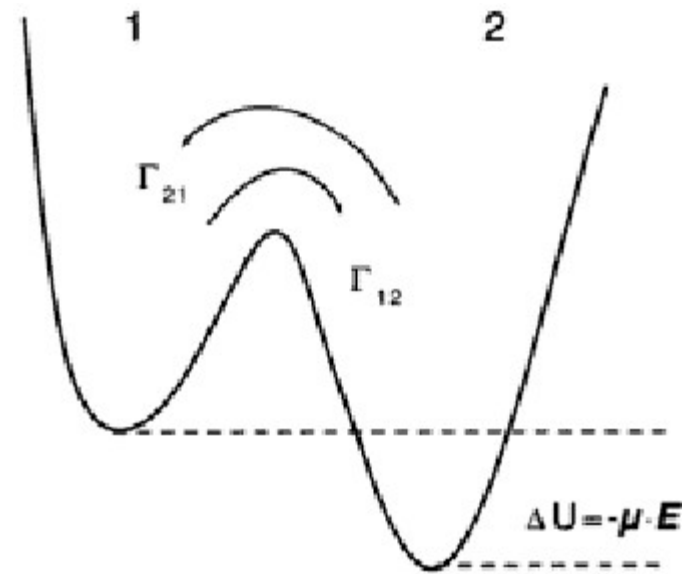
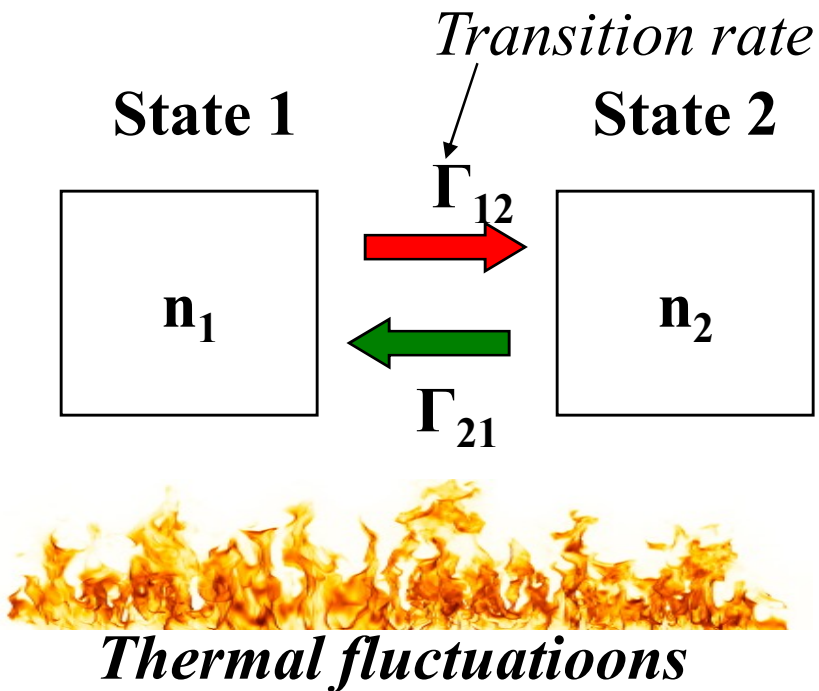


$$\begin{aligned} \text{Work} &= bF \cos \theta \\ &= beE \cos \theta \end{aligned}$$

Electric field modifies the potential, **but** too weak to push charges

$$\Delta G \gg kT$$

Fluctuations / thermal vibrations are needed.



symmetrical potential ($\Gamma_{12} = \Gamma_{21} = \Gamma$, $n_1 = n_2 = 1/2$)

Perturbation

$$\text{Work} = bF \cos \theta = beE \cos \theta$$

$\Gamma_{12} \neq \Gamma_{21}$ and $n_1 \neq n_2$

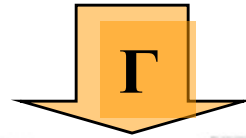
$$n_2 = n_1 \exp \left[-\frac{2\Delta U}{k_B T} \right]$$

$$P = \mu(n_1 - n_2)$$

$$n_1 \sim \exp \{ (-\Delta G - \Delta U) / kT \}$$

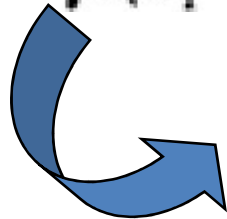
$$n_2 \sim \exp \{ (-\Delta G + \Delta U) / kT \}$$

Switch off E, at t=0



$$\frac{dn_1}{dt} = -n_1\Gamma + n_2\Gamma$$

$$P = \mu(n_1 - n_2)$$



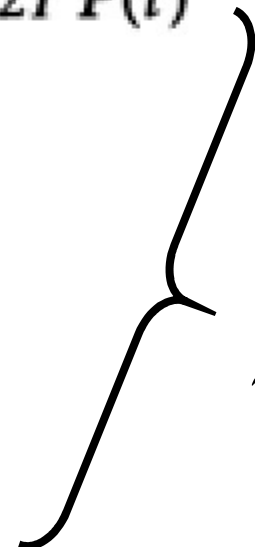
$$\frac{dP}{dt} = \mu \left[\frac{dn_1}{dt} - \frac{dn_2}{dt} \right] = -2\mu\Gamma[n_1 - n_2] = -2\Gamma P(t)$$

$$\frac{dn_1}{dt} = -\frac{dn_2}{dt}$$

(Debye equation)

$$\dot{P}(t) = -\frac{P_\infty - P(t)}{\tau_\epsilon}$$

$$\tau_\epsilon = 1/2\Gamma$$



Assymmetric potential minima

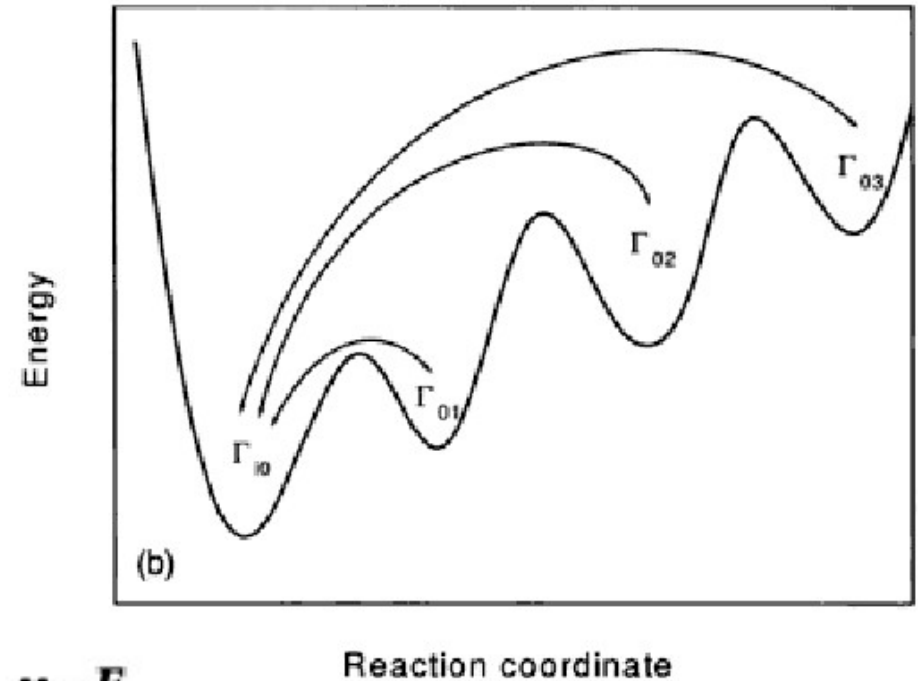
$$w_i = \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{U_i}{k_B T}\right)}{\sum_{i=k}^3 \exp\left(-\frac{U_k}{k_B T}\right)} \quad i=0, 1, 2, 3$$

$$\mu_{i0} = \mu_i - \mu_0$$

$$w_{iE} = \frac{\exp\left(-\left[\frac{U_i - \mu_{i0}E}{k_B T}\right]\right)}{\sum_{i=k}^3 \exp\left(-\left[\frac{U_k - \mu_{k0}E}{k_B T}\right]\right)} = w_i \frac{1 + \frac{\mu_{i0}E}{k_B T}}{1 + \sum_{k=0}^3 w_k \frac{\mu_{k0}E}{k_B T}} \quad \mu_{i0}E/k_B T \ll 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dn_0}{dt} + n_0(\Gamma_{01} + \Gamma_{02} + \Gamma_{03}) - n_1\Gamma_{10} - n_2\Gamma_{20} - n_3\Gamma_{30} &= 0 \\ -n_0\Gamma_{0j} + \frac{dn_j}{dt} + n_j\Gamma_{j0} &= 0 \quad j=1, 2, 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Gamma_{i,0} = \Gamma_{i,\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta U_i}{k_B T}\right), \quad \Gamma_{0,i} = \Gamma_{i,\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta U_i + U_i}{k_B T}\right)$$



Distributed relaxation time model

$$\int_0^{\infty} g(\tau) d\tau = 1$$

$$\varepsilon^*(\omega) = \int_0^{\infty} \varepsilon_{\text{DEBYE}}^*(\omega) g(\tau) d\tau$$

Correlations: The stretched exponential KWW model

Relaxation: $P(t) = F(t)E_0$

Debye system; $\dot{P}(t) = -\frac{P_{\infty} - P(t)}{\tau_{\varepsilon}}$ }

Single relax. time model: $dF(t)/dt = -wF(t)$ }

Identical, with $\tau_{\varepsilon} = w^{-1}$



Real system;

$$F(t) = \exp\left[-\left(\frac{t}{\tau_{\text{KWW}}}\right)^{\beta_{\text{NWW}}}\right] \quad 0 < \beta_{\text{KWW}} \leq 1$$

$$F(t) = \exp\left[-\left(\frac{t}{\tau_{\varepsilon}}\right)\right]$$

Kohlrausch-Williams-Watts (KWW)

$$\varepsilon(t) = \varepsilon_{\infty} + (\varepsilon_s - \varepsilon_{\infty}) \times \left[1 - \exp \left[- \left(\frac{t}{\tau} \right)^{\beta} \right] \right]$$

$$\tau_M \approx \tau_{\varepsilon} \times \left(\frac{\varepsilon_{\infty}}{\varepsilon_s} \right)^{\frac{1}{\beta}}$$

Cole-Cole (CC)

$$\hat{\varepsilon}(\omega) = \varepsilon_{\infty} + (\varepsilon_s - \varepsilon_{\infty}) \frac{1}{1 + (i\omega\tau)^{\alpha}}$$

$$\tau_M = \tau_{\varepsilon} \times \left(\frac{\varepsilon_{\infty}}{\varepsilon_s} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}$$

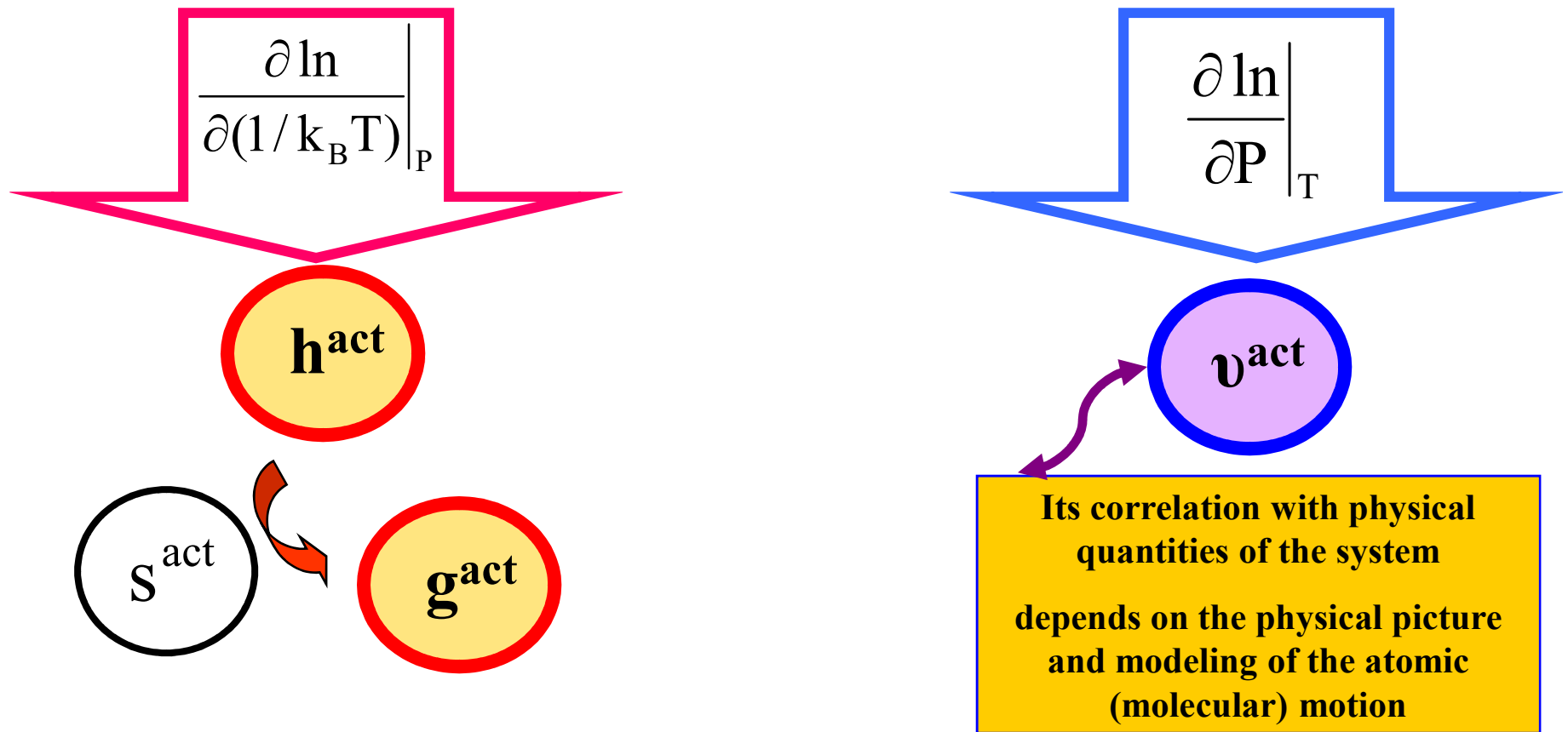
Cole-Davidson (CD)

$$\hat{\varepsilon}(\omega) = \varepsilon_{\infty} + (\varepsilon_s - \varepsilon_{\infty}) \frac{1}{[1 + i\omega\tau]^{\gamma}}$$

$$\tau_M \approx \tau_{\varepsilon} \times \left(\frac{\varepsilon_{\infty}}{\varepsilon_s} \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}}$$

Dielectric relaxation time

Time-scale for molecular motion (molecular dynamics)
or spatially localized electric charge flow.

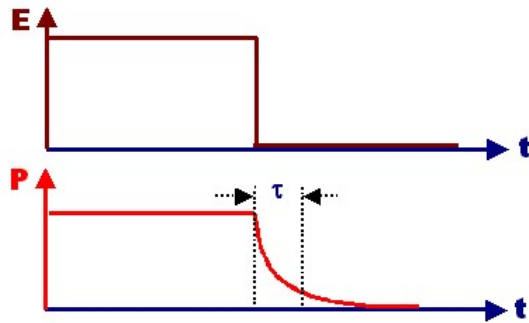


Dielectric Functions

Relaxation function $F(t)$

Response function $f(t)$

Susceptibility $\chi^*(\omega)$



δ -function 'force'

$$\bar{P}(\omega) = \chi^*(\omega) \bar{E}(\omega)$$

Time-domain experiments

Frequency domain

$$f(t) = -\frac{dF(t)}{dt} \propto J(t)$$

$$\chi^*(\omega) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-i\omega t} f(t) dt = L_{i\omega}[f(t)]$$

$$\bar{E}^* = E_0 \exp(i\omega t)$$

$$\bar{D}^* = D_0 \exp[i(\omega t - \delta\epsilon)]$$

$$\bar{D}^*(t) = \epsilon^*(\omega) \bar{E}^*(t)$$

$$\omega = 2\pi f$$

A Special Case of Linear Response Theory

Complex Compliance

$$\epsilon^*(\omega) = \epsilon'(\omega) - i\epsilon''(\omega)$$

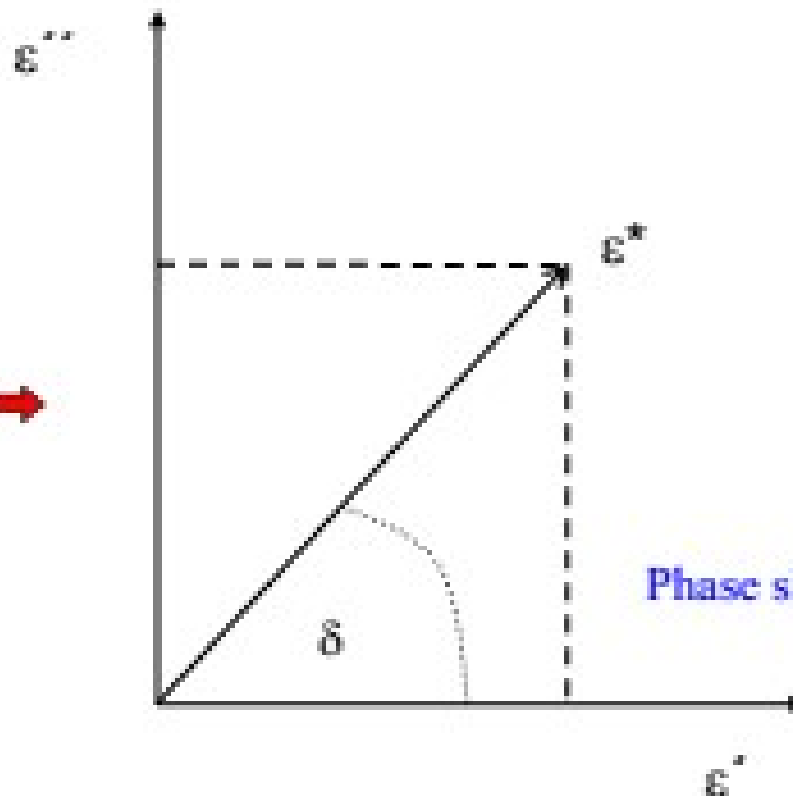
Real Part

Imaginary or Loss Part

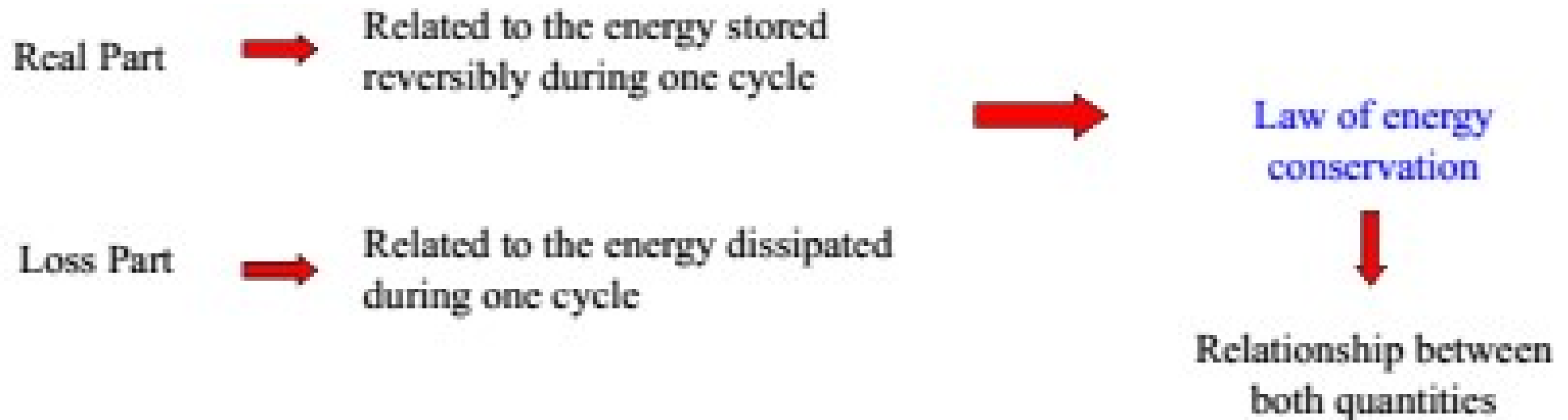
Related to the energy stored reversibly during one cycle

Related to the energy dissipated during one cycle

Complex Plane



$$\tan \delta = \frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'}$$



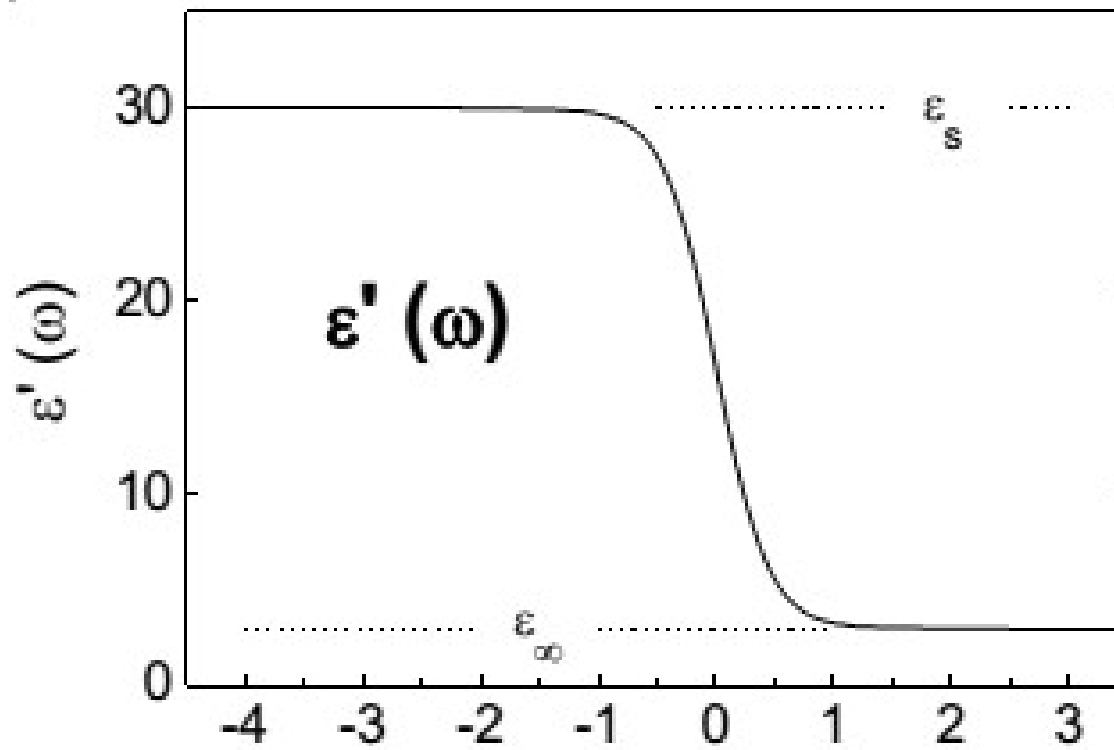
Kramers – Kronig Relationships

$$\varepsilon'(\omega) - \varepsilon_{\infty} = \frac{1}{\pi} \oint \frac{\varepsilon''(\xi)}{\xi - \omega} d\xi$$

$$\varepsilon''(\omega) = \frac{1}{\pi} \oint \frac{\varepsilon'(\xi) - \varepsilon_{\infty}}{\xi - \omega} d\xi$$

$$\epsilon_r = \epsilon(\omega \rightarrow 0) \approx \epsilon_s$$

$$\epsilon_u = \epsilon(\omega \rightarrow \infty) \approx \epsilon_\infty$$



Phenomenological Theory

$$\epsilon_r = \epsilon(\omega \rightarrow 0) \approx \epsilon_s$$

$$\epsilon_u = \epsilon(\omega \rightarrow \infty) \approx \epsilon_\infty$$

Polarization term

$$D(t) = \epsilon_u E_0 + \overbrace{(\epsilon_r - \epsilon_u) \Psi(t)}^{\text{Polarization term}} E_0$$

Superposition principle:



$$D(t) = \epsilon_u E(t) + (\epsilon_r - \epsilon_u) \int_{-\infty}^t E(s) \dot{\Psi}(t-s) ds$$

Dielectric decay function

$$\dot{\Psi}(t) = (1/\tau_\epsilon) \exp(-t/\tau_\epsilon)$$

$\Psi(t) = ?$
 $\Psi(t) = ?$

Single relaxation time model (Debye)

$$P_{\infty} = (\epsilon_r - \epsilon_u) E_0$$

$$\dot{P}(t) = -\frac{P_{\infty} - P(t)}{\tau_{\epsilon}}$$

Assumption: Single τ_{ϵ}

$$\Psi(t) = 1 - \exp(-t/\tau_{\epsilon}) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \dot{\Psi}(t) = (1/\tau_{\epsilon}) \exp(-t/\tau_{\epsilon})$$

Previous slide:

$$D(t) = \epsilon_u E(t) + (\epsilon_r - \epsilon_u) \int_{-\infty}^t E(s) \dot{\Psi}(t-s) ds$$

$$\tau_{\epsilon} \frac{dD(t)}{dt} + D(t) = \tau_{\epsilon} \epsilon_u \frac{dE(t)}{dt} + \epsilon_r E(t)$$

$$\vec{E}^* = E_0 \exp(i\omega t)$$

$$\vec{D}^* = D_0 \exp[i(\omega t - \delta_{\epsilon})]$$

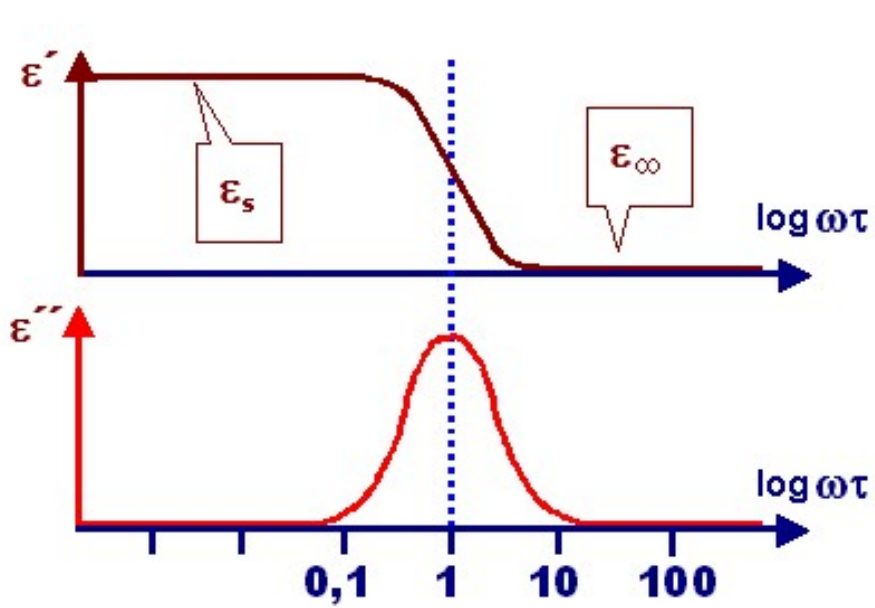
AC harmonic voltage:

$$\epsilon^*(\omega) = \epsilon_u + \frac{(\epsilon_r - \epsilon_u)}{1 + i\omega\tau_{\epsilon}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{\epsilon^*(\omega) - \epsilon_u}{(\epsilon_r - \epsilon_u)} = \frac{1}{1 + i\omega\tau_{\epsilon}}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \epsilon'(\omega) = \epsilon_u + \frac{(\epsilon_r - \epsilon_u)}{1 + \omega^2 \tau_{\epsilon}^2} \\ \epsilon''(\omega) = (\epsilon_r - \epsilon_u) \frac{\omega \tau_{\epsilon}}{1 + \omega^2 \tau_{\epsilon}^2} \end{array} \right.$$

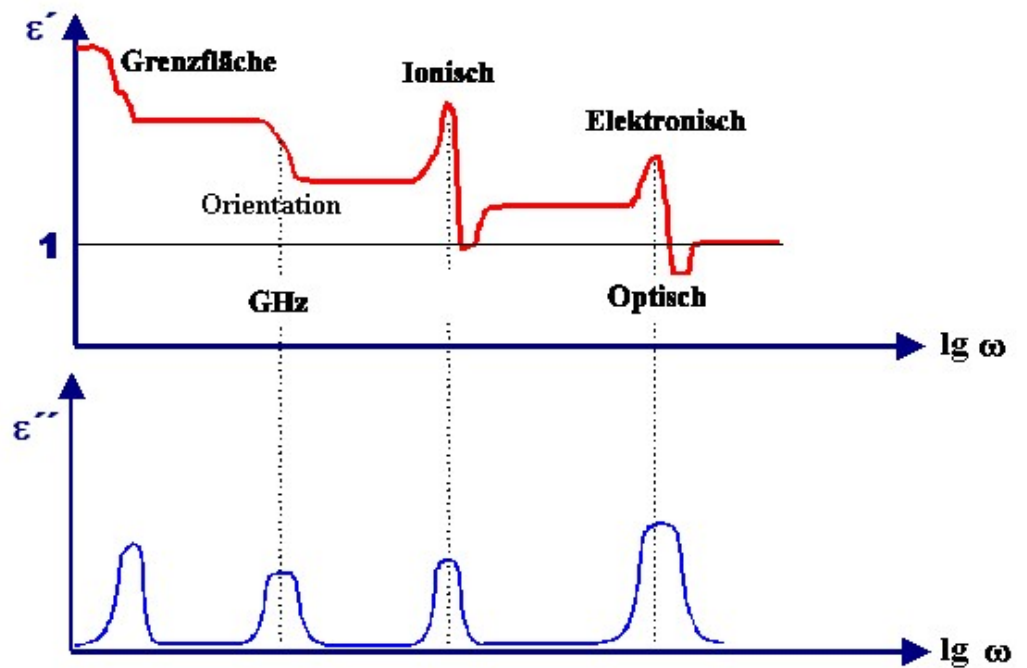
d/dt



$$\tau_\varepsilon = \frac{1}{\omega_{\max}}$$


$$\varepsilon''(\omega_{\max}) = \frac{\varepsilon_r - \varepsilon_u}{2}$$

$$\varepsilon'(\omega_{\max}) = \frac{\varepsilon_r + \varepsilon_u}{2}$$

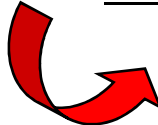


DC conductivity traced by BDS

Empty (parallel) capacitor $Q = C_0 V = C_0 V_0 \exp(j\omega t)$ (Q, V in phase)

 $I = \frac{dQ}{dt} = j\omega CV$ out of phase to $V(\omega)$ (no losses)

Capacitor with material of DC conductivity σ_{DC}

 $I = GV$ in phase with V

Conductance $G = \sigma_{DC} A/L$

$I = (j\omega C + G)V$

$C = \epsilon_0 \epsilon A/L$

$J = (j\omega \epsilon_0 \epsilon + \sigma_{DC})E$

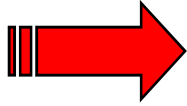


$J = (j\omega \epsilon_0 \epsilon^*)E$

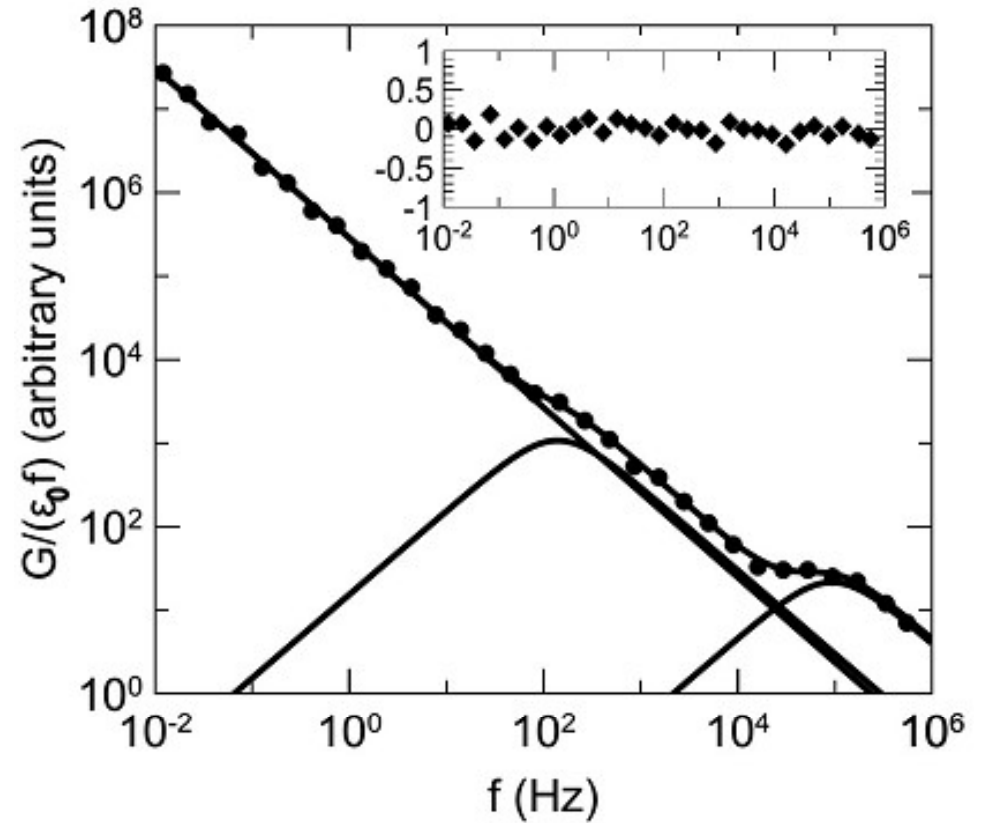
$\epsilon^*(\omega) = \epsilon' - j\epsilon''$

$\epsilon''(\omega) = \frac{\sigma_{DC}}{\epsilon_0 \omega}$

Straight line with slope -1 in a log-log plot



$$\varepsilon''(\omega) = (\varepsilon_r - \varepsilon_u) \frac{\omega\tau}{1 + \omega^2\tau^2} + \frac{\sigma_{DC}}{\varepsilon_0\omega}$$



A.N.Papathanassiou et al APL (2013)

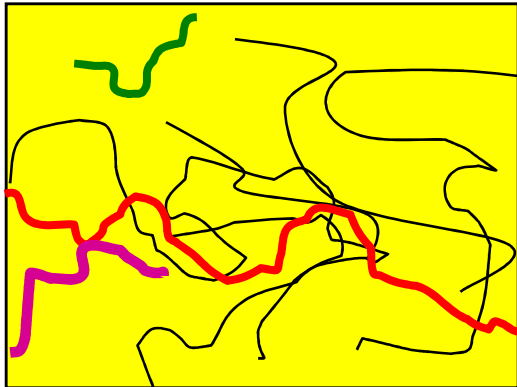
$$\left. \begin{aligned} \sigma^*(\omega) &= \sigma_0 + j\varepsilon_0\varepsilon^*(\omega) \\ \sigma^*(\omega) &= \sigma'(\omega) - j\sigma''(\omega) \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} \sigma'(\omega) &= \sigma_0 + j\varepsilon_0\omega\chi''(\omega) \\ \sigma''(\omega) &= \varepsilon_0\omega[1 + \chi'(\omega)] \end{aligned}$$

Localized electric charge flow in disordered material: 'free' charges in non-polar dielectrics

A.N. Papathanassiou, I. Sakellis and J. Grammatikakis

Universal frequency-dependent ac conductivity of conducting polymer networks

Appl. Phys. Lett. 91, 122911 (2007)



$$G(\omega) = G_{dc} + \sum_{L_k \geq L_c} G_k(L_k)$$

$$L_c = v/\omega_c$$

$$G_k \propto L_k^{-1}$$

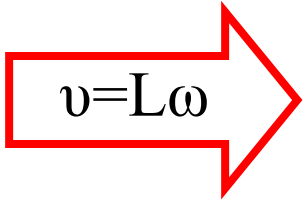
Distribution in lengths $f(\log L)$

$$G(\omega) = G_{dc} + \alpha \int_{L_{min}}^L L^{-1} f(\log L) dL = G_{dc} + \alpha \int_{\log L_{min}}^{\log L} \log f(\log L) d(\log L)$$

Generalization:

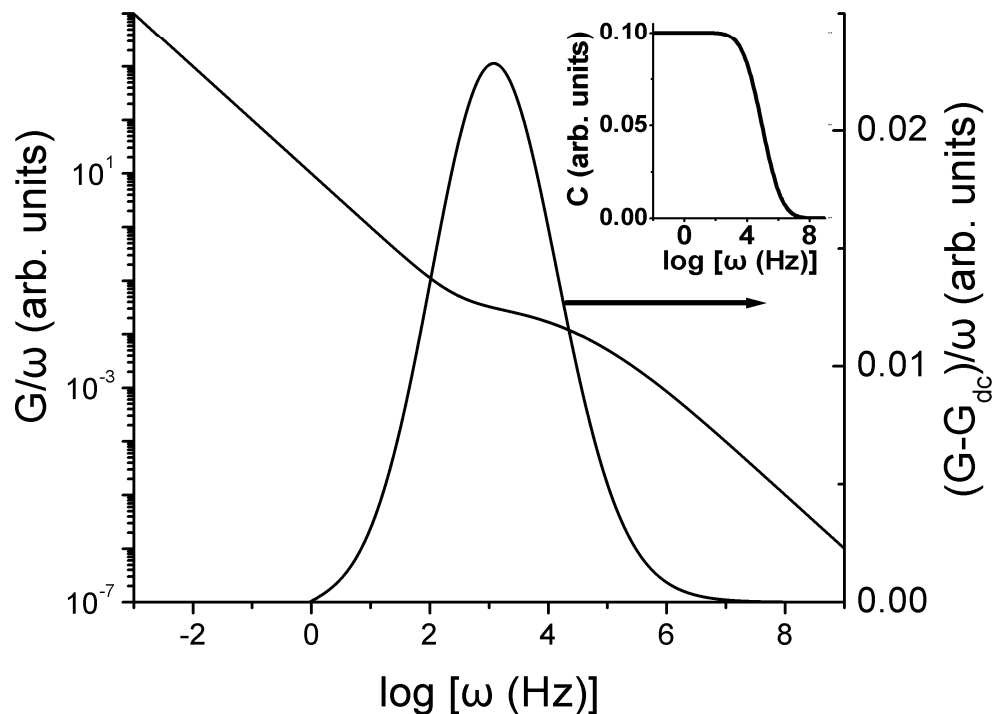
Chains \rightarrow Pathways of various lengths accessible to transporting charges

Normal distribution of log-L's $f(\log L) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-(\log L - \log L_0)^2 / (2\sigma^2)\right)$



$$G(\omega) = G_{dc} + A \int_0^\omega \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(\log \omega - \log \omega_0)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) d\omega$$

$$C(\omega) = C_0 \int_\omega^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(\log \omega - \log \omega_0)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) d\omega$$



ELECTRIC (or DIELECTRIC MODULUS $M^*(\omega)$)

$$M^*(\omega) = 1/\varepsilon^*(\omega)$$

$$M'(\omega) = \frac{\varepsilon'(\omega)}{[\varepsilon'(\omega)]^2 + [\varepsilon''(\omega)]^2}$$

$$M''(\omega) = \frac{\varepsilon''(\omega)}{[\varepsilon'(\omega)]^2 + [\varepsilon''(\omega)]^2}$$

$$M^*(\omega) = M_s \frac{i\omega\tau_\sigma}{1+i\omega\tau_\sigma} = M_s \frac{(\omega\tau_\sigma)^2}{1+(\omega\tau_\sigma)^2} + iM_s \frac{\omega\tau_\sigma}{1+(\omega\tau_\sigma)^2} \quad M_s = 1/\varepsilon_s \quad \tau_\sigma = \varepsilon_\infty / \sigma_0$$

$$M'(\omega) = M_s \frac{(\omega\tau_\sigma)^2}{1+(\omega\tau_\sigma)^2}$$

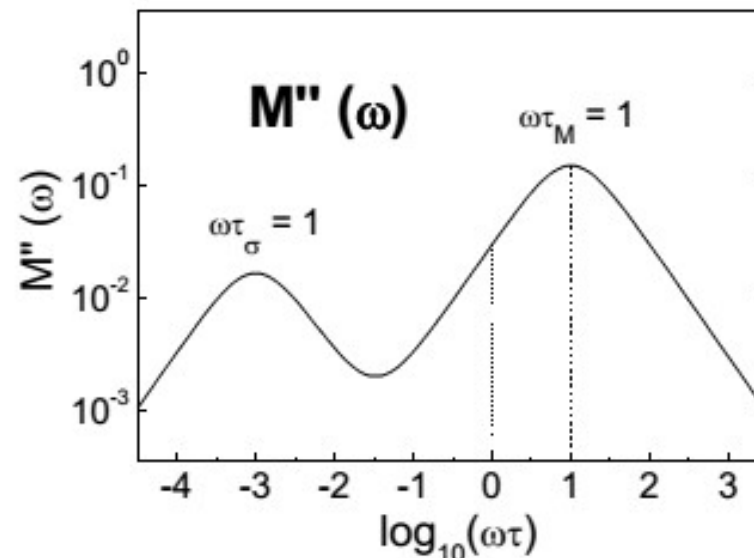
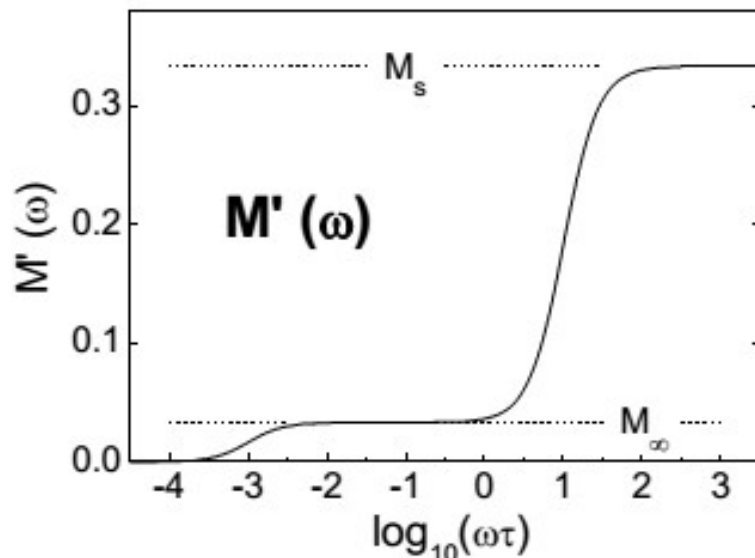
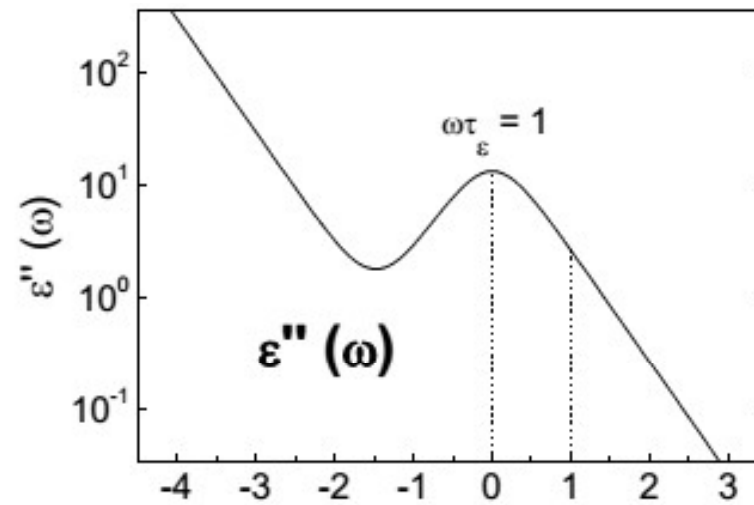
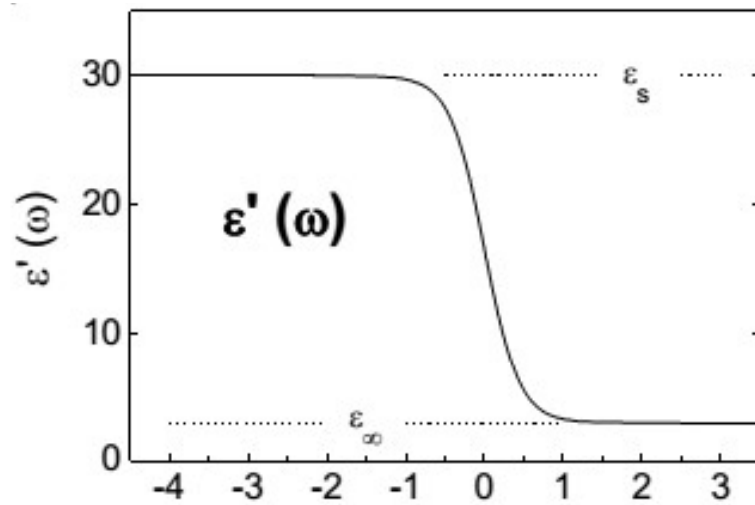
$$f_{0,\sigma} = \sigma_0 / (2\pi\varepsilon_\infty)$$

$$M''(\omega) = M_s \frac{\omega\tau_\sigma}{1+(\omega\tau_\sigma)^2}$$

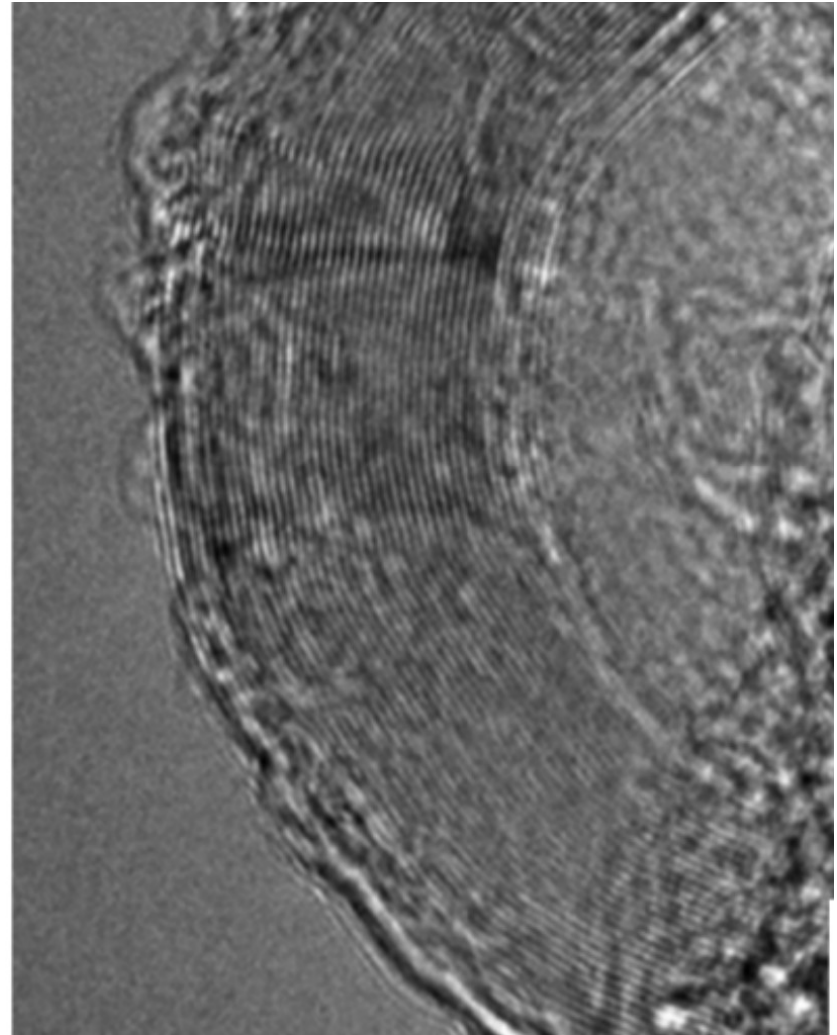
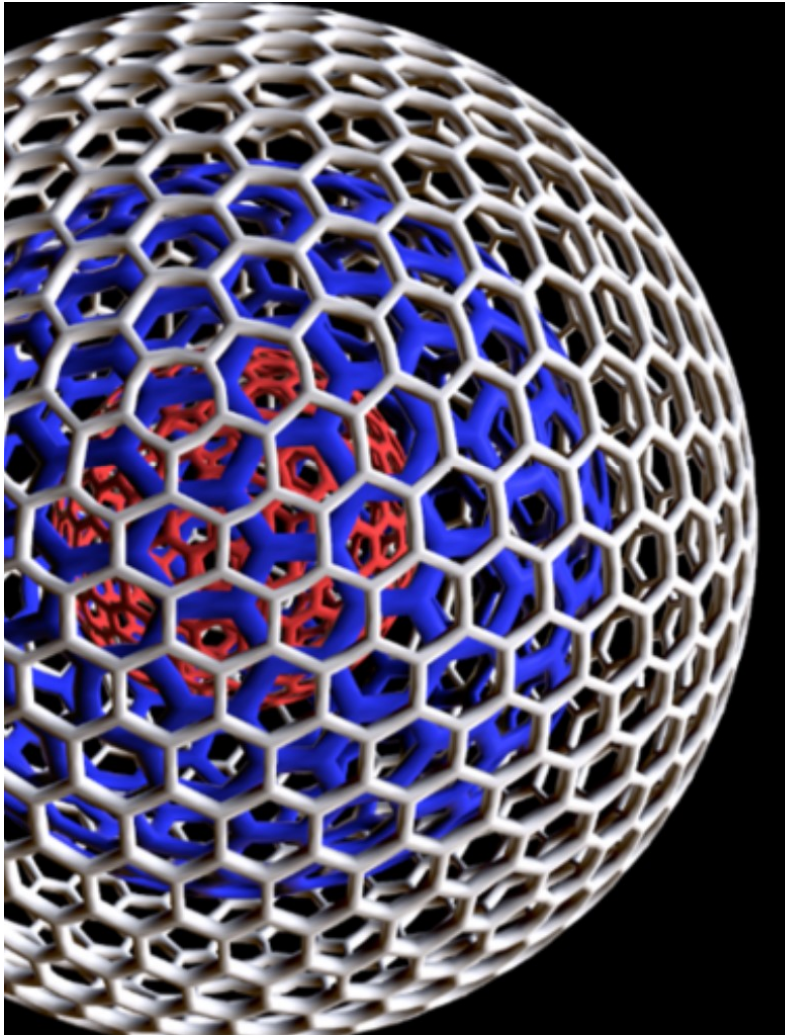
If the dc conductivity mechanism co-exists with a dielectric relaxation mechanism

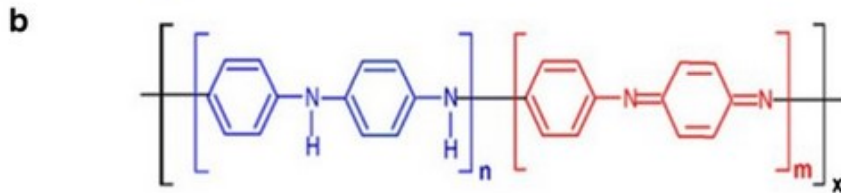
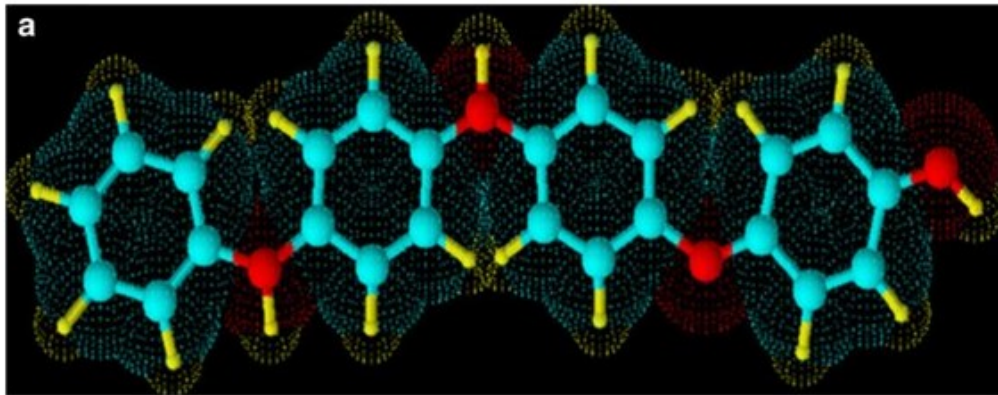
$$M^*(\omega) = M_s \frac{i\omega\tau_\sigma}{1+i\omega\tau_\sigma} + (M_\infty - M_s) \frac{i\omega\tau_d}{1+i\omega\tau_d}$$

$$\tau_d = (M_s/M_\infty)\tau_\epsilon.$$



Application:
Polyaniline: Carbon Nano-Onions (PANI/CNO composites)





Figure

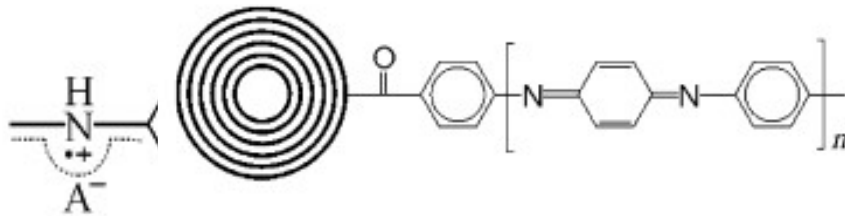
Caption

a 3D structure of polyaniline. The carbon atoms (cyan balls), nitrogen atoms (red balls), hydrogen atoms (small yellow balls), and clouds (molecular orbitals). (b) Polyaniline 2D structure. Reprinted with the permission from Dhand et al. 2011 [18]

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Reversible dopping:
 Oxidatuion by HCL \rightarrow H⁺ (polarons)



CNOs/4-ABAc/PANI (5)

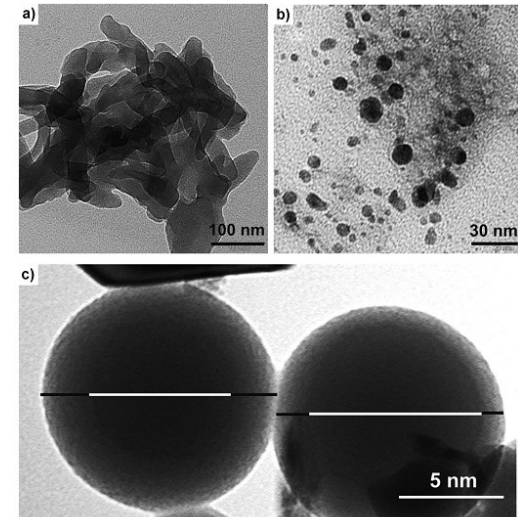


Figure 1. TEM images of a) ox-CNOs/poly-*p*-PDA/PANI and b,c) CNOs/4-ABAc/PANI.

Dielectric relaxation peak:

α =inverse localization length (1/radius of H^+ wave-function)

R =typical dimension of the region wherein trapped H^+ relax

Transition Rate Theory: $\tau = v_{ph}^{-1} \exp(2\alpha R) \exp(E/kT)$

Linear fit to $\ln f_0(1/kT)$ data points: $f_0 = C \exp(-E/kT)$

$\tau \equiv f_0^{-1}$

$R = (2\alpha)^{-1} \ln(v_{ph}/C)$

$\alpha^{-1} = 6.9 \text{ \AA}$

$v_{ph} \sim 10 - 40 \text{ THz}$