

# Conductivity in Metals

$$\vec{F}_d = \frac{-m}{\tau} \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} \quad [1]$$

using Newton's Law

$$\vec{F}_{ext} + \vec{F}_d = m \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt^2} \quad [2]$$

$$F_{ext} = -e\vec{E}$$

then 
$$-e\vec{E} - \frac{m}{\tau} \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = m \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2}$$

$$\frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} + \frac{1}{\tau} \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \frac{-e}{m} \vec{E}$$

assuming 
$$\vec{E}(t) = \vec{E}_0 e^{-i\omega t}$$

then 
$$\vec{r} = \vec{r}_0 e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$\left\{ (-i\omega)^2 + \frac{(-i\omega)}{\tau} \right\} \vec{r}_0 = \frac{-e}{m} \vec{E}_0$$

$$\vec{r}_0 = \frac{-\frac{e}{m} \vec{E}_0}{-\omega^2 - \frac{i\omega}{\tau}} = \frac{\frac{e}{m} \vec{E}_0}{\omega^2 + \frac{i\omega}{\tau}} \quad [3]$$

-b) The conductivity [Implies free charge]

$$\vec{j}(\omega) = \sigma(\omega) \vec{E}(\omega) \quad [4]$$

$$\vec{j} = -ne\vec{v} \quad [5]$$

where  $n$  is the free electron density.

$$\vec{j} = -ne(-i\omega) \vec{r}_0$$

$$\vec{j} = \frac{+ne [i\omega] \frac{e}{m} \vec{E}_0}{\omega^2 + \frac{i\omega}{\tau}}$$

then 
$$\sigma = \frac{i\omega ne^2/m}{\omega^2 + \frac{i\omega}{\tau}} \quad [6]$$

-c) dielectric constant  $\epsilon$ :- the dipole moment is

$$\vec{p} = -e\vec{r}_0$$

then the "polarization"  $\vec{P}$  is

$$\vec{P} = n\vec{p} = \frac{-e^2 n}{\omega^2 + \frac{i\omega}{\tau}} \vec{E}_0$$

then the electric susceptibility is:

$$\vec{P} = \epsilon_0 \chi_e \vec{E}$$

$$\chi_e = \frac{-e^2 n / m \epsilon_0}{\omega^2 + \frac{i\omega}{\tau}}$$

therefore

$$\epsilon(\omega) = 1 + \chi_e = 1 - \frac{e^2 n}{m \epsilon_0} \frac{1}{\omega^2 + \frac{i\omega}{\tau}} \quad [7]$$

then

$$\epsilon(\omega) = 1 + \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0 \omega} \quad [8]$$

where  $\sigma$  is defined in eq [13].

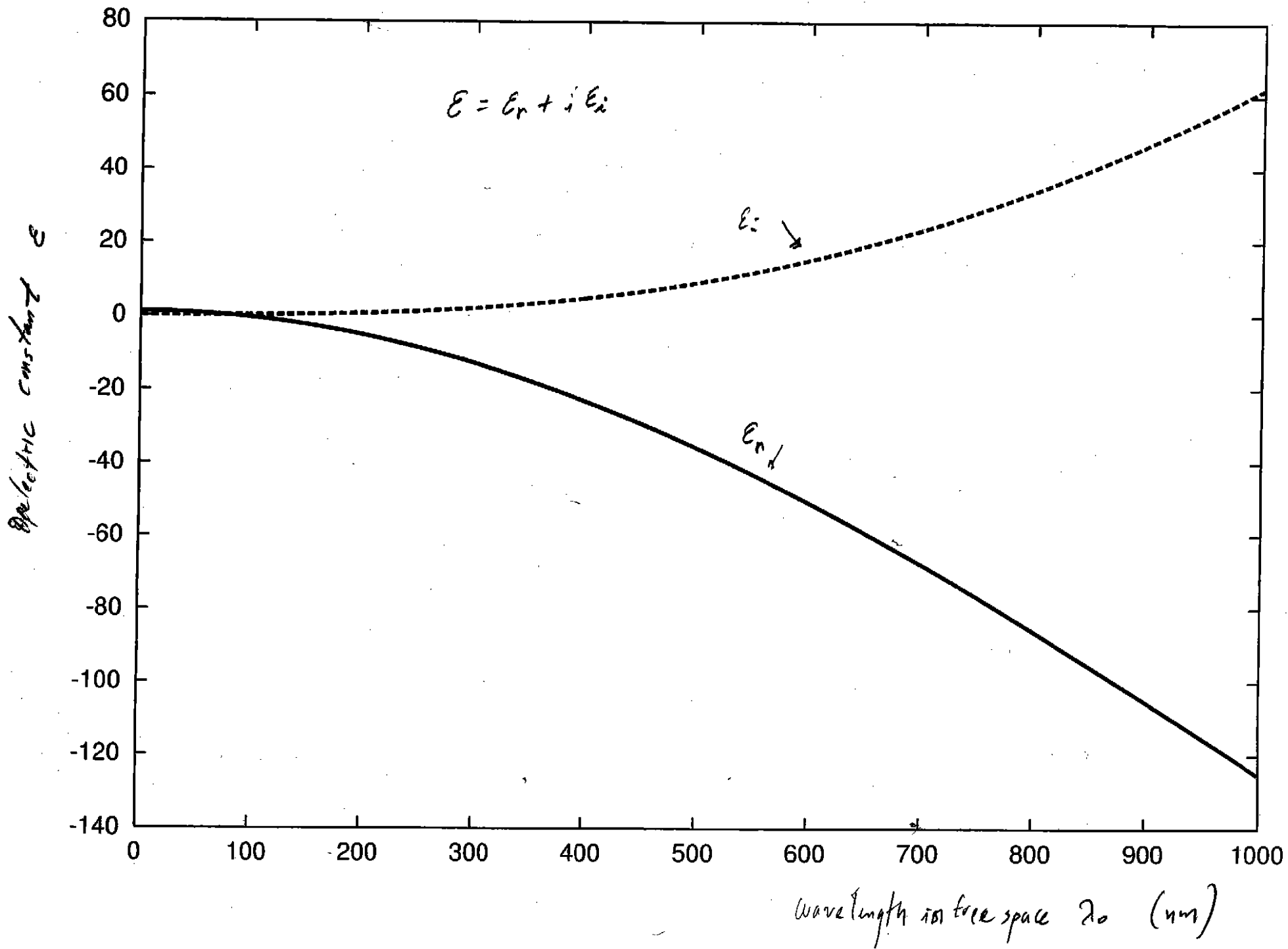
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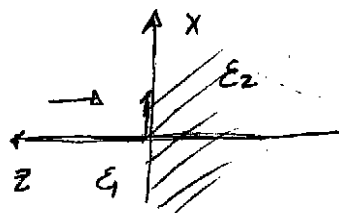
$$\epsilon(\omega_0) = 1 - \frac{e^2 n}{m \epsilon_0 c^2} \frac{1}{\frac{\omega^2}{c^2} + \frac{i\omega}{c^2 \tau}}$$

$$\epsilon(\omega_0) = 1 - \frac{e^2 n}{m \epsilon_0 c^2} \frac{1}{\frac{[\gamma \gamma]^2}{\lambda^2} + \frac{i \gamma \gamma}{\gamma_0} \frac{1}{c^2 \tau}}$$

$$\epsilon(\omega_0) = 1 - \frac{e^2 n}{m \epsilon_0 c^2} \frac{1}{\frac{\gamma \gamma}{\gamma_0} \left[ \frac{\gamma \gamma}{\gamma_0} + \frac{i}{c^2 \tau} \right]}$$

See plots





$$\vec{E}(z) = E_0 e^{-ik_0 z}$$

$$E_z(z) = t E_0 e^{-ik_0 n_2 z} = r E_0 e^{-ik_0 (n_2 + i\eta_2) z}$$

$$\vec{E}_z = t \vec{E}_0 e^{-k_0 n_2 |z|} e^{-ik_0 n_2 z}$$

amplitude

$$\vec{E}(z) = t E_0 e^{-k_0 n_2 |z|} e^{-ik_0 n_2 z}$$

$$\vec{H}(z) = \frac{1}{\mu_0 \omega} \frac{\partial E_x}{\partial z} \hat{y} = \frac{-i\omega}{\mu_0} [-ik_0 n_2 + k_0 n_1] e^{-k_0 n_2 |z|} e^{-ik_0 n_2 z} \hat{y}$$

$$\vec{H}(z) = \frac{t}{\mu_0 \omega} [k_0 n_2 - ik_0 n_1] e^{-k_0 n_2 |z|} e^{-ik_0 n_2 z} \hat{y} E_0$$

$$\vec{H}(z) = \frac{t}{\mu_0 \omega} [-k_0 n_2 + ik_0 n_1] e^{-k_0 n_2 |z|} e^{-ik_0 n_2 z} \hat{y} E_0$$

$$\langle S \rangle = \frac{1}{c} \text{Re} \{ \vec{E} \times \vec{H} \} = \frac{\omega k_0}{\mu_0} e^{-2k_0 n_2 |z|} |t|^2 \text{Re} \{ -\eta_2 \} E_0^2$$

$$|\langle S \rangle| = \frac{1}{2} \frac{k_0}{\mu_0 \omega} |t|^2 |n_2| E_0^2 e^{-2k_0 n_2 |z|}$$

$$|\langle S \rangle| = \frac{1}{2} \frac{c}{\omega} |t|^2 |n_2| E_0^2 e^{-2k_0 n_2 |z|}$$

Therefore  $-2k_0 n_2 |z|$

$$I = I_0 e^{-2k_0 n_2 |z|}$$

where  $I_0 = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 c |t|^2 |n_2| E_0^2$

then

$$\delta = \frac{1}{2k_0 n_2} = \frac{\lambda_0}{4\pi n_2}$$

$\delta$  is the distance in which the intensity drops to  $I_0/e$

For  $\lambda_0 = 633 \text{ nm}$

$$\epsilon = -0.5636 + i0.1783$$

$$n = 1.17 + i0.757$$

$$t = 0.069 - i0.242$$

$$|t|^2 = 0.064$$

then

$$\delta = \frac{633}{4\pi(0.757)} \text{ nm} = 6.63 \text{ nm}$$

$$I_0 = \left( \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E_0^2 \right) (0.073)$$

For  $\lambda_0 = 100 \text{ nm}$

$$\epsilon = -0.56 + i0.079$$

$$n = 0.051 + i0.75$$

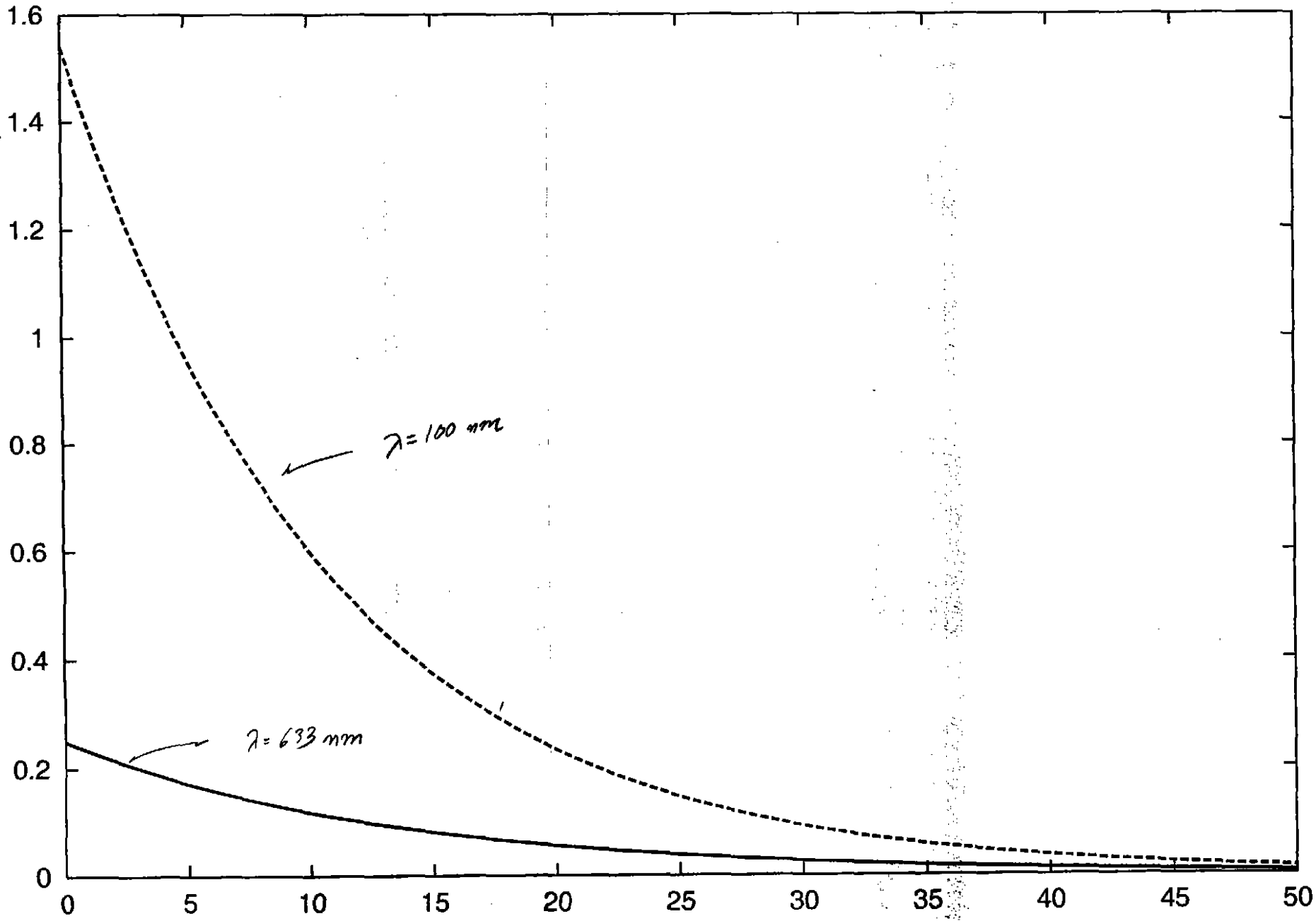
$$t = 1.2559 - i0.901$$

$$|t|^2 = 2.09$$

$$\delta = \frac{100 \text{ nm}}{4\pi(0.75)} = 10.61 \text{ nm}$$

$$I_0 = \left( \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E_0^2 \right) (0.1218)$$

Normalized transmitted electric field amplitude  $E_z/E_0$



$\lambda = 100$  mm

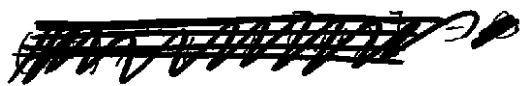
$\lambda = 633$  mm

$z$  (mm)

a] Diagonalize the matrix, since it is symmetric all eigenvalues are real



$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 29-\lambda & \sqrt{3} & 6 \\ \sqrt{3} & 31-\lambda & -2\sqrt{3} \\ 6 & -2\sqrt{3} & 20-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = 0$$



solving for the roots of the polynomial

$$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 2 \quad \lambda_3 = 1$$

Therefore since two axes have the same value, then the crystal is uniaxial

$$\begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_x = \epsilon_0 & 0 \\ 0 & \epsilon_y \epsilon_0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \epsilon_z = \epsilon_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

-b] We consider that the  $x, y, z$  axes coincide with the principal axes.

It is convenient to work with the  $\vec{D}$  vector since  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{D}$  are perpendicular, this fact comes from the divergence condition, namely

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{D} = 0 \quad [1]$$

$$\text{if } \vec{E} = k_x \hat{x} + k_y \hat{y} + k_z \hat{z} \quad [2]$$

$$\text{and } \vec{r} = x \hat{x} + y \hat{y} + z \hat{z} \quad [3]$$

then a plane wave has the form

$$\vec{D} = \vec{D}_0 e^{i\vec{E} \cdot \vec{r}}$$

eq. [3] implies

$$\vec{E} \cdot \vec{D}_0 = 0 \quad [5]$$

Suppose that  $\vec{E}$  is the  $z$  direction  
i.e.  $\vec{E} = k \hat{z}$

From eq [5] results that  $\vec{D}_0$  has components on the  $x-y$  directions, Furthermore

$$E_x = \frac{D_{0x}}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_x} \quad E_y = \frac{D_{0y}}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_y}$$

Therefore  $\vec{E}$  is also in the  $xy$  plane but since the scale factor for  $E_{0x}$  and  $E_{0y}$  are different then  $\vec{E}_0$  and  $\vec{D}$  are not collinear

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \vec{E} = +i\omega\mu_0 \nabla \times \vec{H} \quad (\text{assuming } e^{-i\omega t})$$

$$-\nabla^2 \vec{E} + \nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{E}) = i\omega\mu_0 \nabla \times \vec{H}$$

$$-\nabla^2 \vec{E} = i\omega\mu_0 (-i\omega) \epsilon_0 \vec{D}$$

$$-\nabla^2 \vec{E} = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \vec{D}$$

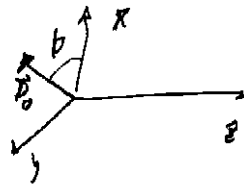
$$\text{since } \vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E}$$

then

$$-\nabla^2 \vec{E} = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \epsilon_0 \vec{E}$$

then the Helmholtz equation is

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \epsilon_0 \vec{E} = 0$$



$$\nabla^2 E_x + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \epsilon_x E_x = 0$$

$$\nabla^2 E_y + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \epsilon_y E_y = 0$$

Therefore

$$E_x = E_{0x} e^{i k_x z}$$

$$E_y = E_{0y} e^{i k_y z}$$

$$\text{where } k_x = \frac{\omega}{c} \sqrt{\epsilon_x} \quad k_y = \frac{\omega}{c} \sqrt{\epsilon_y}$$

Therefore, if  $\sqrt{\epsilon_x} \neq \sqrt{\epsilon_y}$  then the  $\vec{E}$  field with  $x$  direction propagates with a different phase velocity than the component of the  $y$  direction.

If  $\sqrt{\epsilon_x} = \sqrt{\epsilon_y}$  then both components have the same phase velocity.

