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Electromagnetic Waves in Matter

- *Maxwell's equations* \Rightarrow electromagnetic waves
- optics: interaction of electromagnetic waves with matter as described by *material equations*
- polarization of electromagnetic waves are integral part of optics

Maxwell's Equations in Matter

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot \vec{D} &= 4\pi\rho \\ \nabla \times \vec{H} - \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} &= \frac{4\pi}{c} \vec{j} \\ \nabla \times \vec{E} + \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} &= 0 \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{B} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Symbols

\vec{D} electric displacement
 ρ electric charge density
 \vec{H} magnetic field
 c speed of light in vacuum
 \vec{j} electric current density
 \vec{E} electric field
 \vec{B} magnetic induction
 t time

Linear Material Equations

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E}$$
$$\vec{B} = \mu \vec{H}$$
$$\vec{j} = \sigma \vec{E}$$

Symbols

ϵ dielectric constant

μ magnetic permeability

σ electrical conductivity

Isotropic and Anisotropic Media

- isotropic media: ϵ and μ are scalars
- anisotropic media: ϵ and μ are tensors of rank 2
- isotropy of medium broken by
 - anisotropy of material itself (e.g. crystals)
 - external fields (e.g. Kerr effect)

Wave Equation in Matter

- static, homogeneous medium with no net charges: $\rho = 0$
- for most materials: $\mu = 1$
- combine Maxwell, material equations \Rightarrow differential equations for damped (vector) wave

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} - \frac{\mu\epsilon}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} - \frac{4\pi\mu\sigma}{c^2} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} = 0$$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{H} - \frac{\mu\epsilon}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{H}}{\partial t^2} - \frac{4\pi\mu\sigma}{c^2} \frac{\partial \vec{H}}{\partial t} = 0$$

- damping controlled by conductivity σ
- \vec{E} and \vec{H} are equivalent \Rightarrow sufficient to consider \vec{E}
- interaction with matter almost always through \vec{E}
- but: at interfaces, boundary conditions for \vec{H} are crucial

Plane-Wave Solutions

- Plane Vector Wave ansatz $\vec{E} = \vec{E}_0 e^{i(\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}-\omega t)}$
 - \vec{k} spatially and temporally constant *wave vector*
 - \vec{k} normal to surfaces of constant phase
 - $|\vec{k}|$ *wave number*
 - \vec{x} spatial location
 - ω *angular frequency* ($2\pi \times$ frequency)
 - t time
 - \vec{E}_0 (generally complex) vector independent of time and space
- could also use $\vec{E} = \vec{E}_0 e^{-i(\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}-\omega t)}$
- damping if \vec{k} is complex
- real electric field vector given by real part of \vec{E}

Complex Index of Refraction

- temporal derivatives \Rightarrow Helmholtz equation

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} + \frac{\omega^2 \mu}{c^2} \left(\epsilon + i \frac{4\pi\sigma}{\omega} \right) \vec{E} = 0$$

- dispersion relation* between \vec{k} and ω

$$\vec{k} \cdot \vec{k} = \frac{\omega^2 \mu}{c^2} \left(\epsilon + i \frac{4\pi\sigma}{\omega} \right)$$

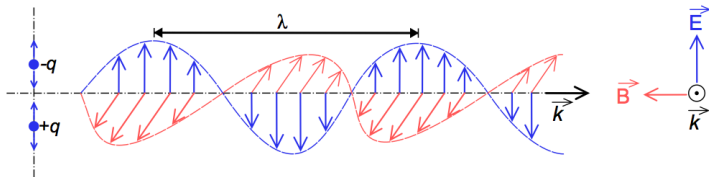
- complex index of refraction*

$$\tilde{n}^2 = \mu \left(\epsilon + i \frac{4\pi\sigma}{\omega} \right), \quad \vec{k} \cdot \vec{k} = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \tilde{n}^2$$

- split into real (n : *index of refraction*) and imaginary parts (k : *extinction coefficient*)

$$\tilde{n} = n + ik$$

Transverse Waves



- plane-wave solution must also fulfill Maxwell's equations

$$\vec{E}_0 \cdot \vec{k} = 0, \quad \vec{H}_0 \cdot \vec{k} = 0, \quad \vec{H}_0 = \frac{\tilde{n}}{\mu} \frac{\vec{k}}{|\vec{k}|} \times \vec{E}_0$$

- isotropic media: electric, magnetic field vectors normal to wave vector \Rightarrow transverse waves
- \vec{E}_0 , \vec{H}_0 , and \vec{k} orthogonal to each other, right-handed vector-triple
- conductive medium \Rightarrow complex \tilde{n} , \vec{E}_0 and \vec{H}_0 out of phase
- \vec{E}_0 and \vec{H}_0 have constant relationship \Rightarrow consider only \vec{E}

- *Poynting vector*

$$\vec{S} = \frac{c}{4\pi} (\vec{E} \times \vec{H})$$

- $|\vec{S}|$: energy through unit area perpendicular to \vec{S} per unit time
- direction of \vec{S} is direction of energy flow
- time-averaged Poynting vector given by

$$\langle \vec{S} \rangle = \frac{c}{8\pi} \text{Re} (\vec{E}_0 \times \vec{H}_0^*)$$

Re real part of complex expression

* complex conjugate

$\langle \cdot \rangle$ time average

- energy flow parallel to wave vector (in isotropic media)

$$\langle \vec{S} \rangle = \frac{c}{8\pi} \frac{|\tilde{n}|}{\mu} |E_0|^2 \frac{\vec{k}}{|\vec{k}|}$$

Quasi-Monochromatic Light

- monochromatic light: purely theoretical concept
- monochromatic light wave always fully polarized
- real life: light includes range of wavelengths \Rightarrow *quasi-monochromatic light*
- quasi-monochromatic: superposition of mutually incoherent monochromatic light beams whose wavelengths vary in narrow range $\delta\lambda$ around central wavelength λ_0

$$\frac{\delta\lambda}{\lambda} \ll 1$$

- measurement of quasi-monochromatic light: integral over measurement time t_m
- amplitude, phase (slow) functions of time for given spatial location
- *slow*: variations occur on time scales much longer than the mean period of the wave

Polarization of Quasi-Monochromatic Light

- electric field vector for quasi-monochromatic plane wave is sum of electric field vectors of all monochromatic beams

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

- can write this way because $\delta\lambda \ll \lambda_0$
- measured intensity of quasi-monochromatic beam

$$\langle \vec{E}_x \vec{E}_x^* \rangle + \langle \vec{E}_y \vec{E}_y^* \rangle = \lim_{t_m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t_m} \int_{-t_m/2}^{t_m/2} \vec{E}_x(t) \vec{E}_x^*(t) + \vec{E}_y(t) \vec{E}_y^*(t) dt$$

$\langle \dots \rangle$: averaging over measurement time t_m

- measured intensity independent of time
- quasi-monochromatic: frequency-dependent material properties (e.g. index of refraction) are constant within $\Delta\lambda$

Polychromatic Light or White Light

- wavelength range comparable wavelength ($\frac{\delta\lambda}{\lambda} \sim 1$)
- incoherent sum of quasi-monochromatic beams that have large variations in wavelength
- cannot write electric field vector in a plane-wave form
- must take into account frequency-dependent material characteristics
- intensity of polychromatic light is given by sum of intensities of constituting quasi-monochromatic beams

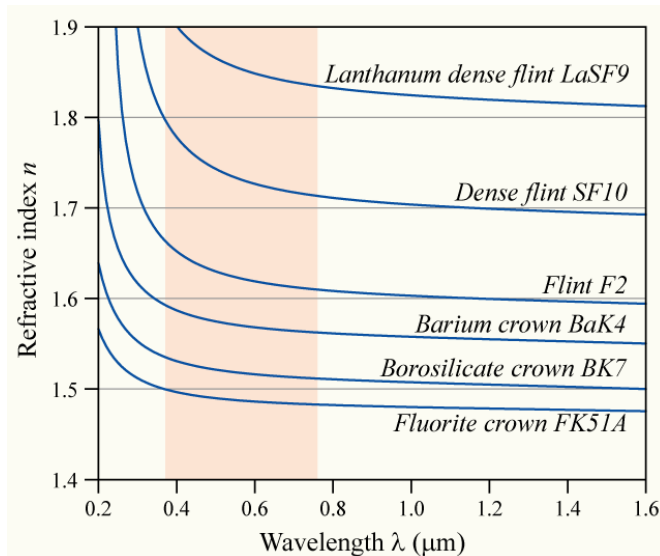
Index of Refraction

- complex index of refraction

$$\tilde{n}^2 = \mu \left(\epsilon + i \frac{4\pi\sigma}{\omega} \right), \quad \vec{k} \cdot \vec{k} = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \tilde{n}^2$$

- no electrical conductivity \Rightarrow real index of refraction
- dielectric materials: real index of refraction
- conducting materials (metal): complex index of refraction
- index of refraction depends on wavelength (dispersion)
- index of refraction depends on temperature
- index of refraction roughly proportional to density

Glass Dispersion



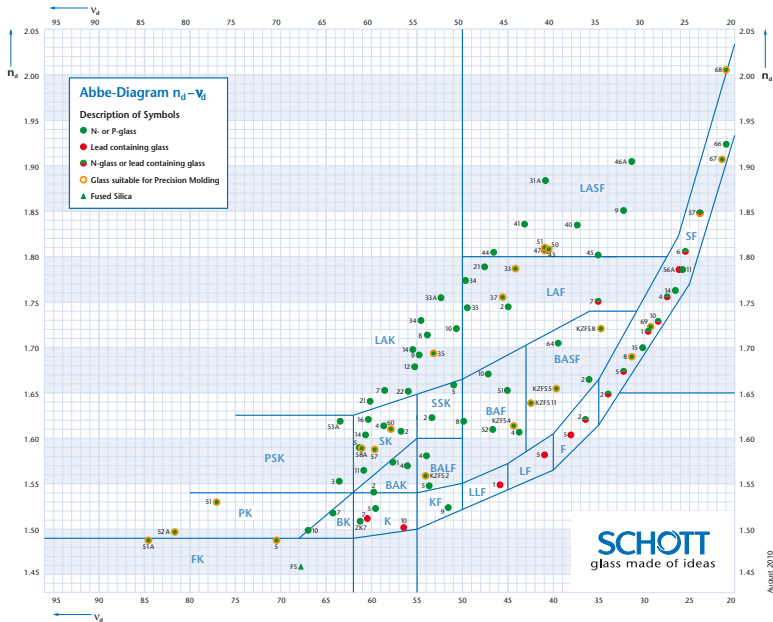
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Dispersion-curve.png>

Wavelength Dependence of Index of Refraction

- tabulated by glass manufacturer
- various approximations to express wavelength dependence with a few parameters
- typically index increases with decreasing wavelength
- Abbé number:

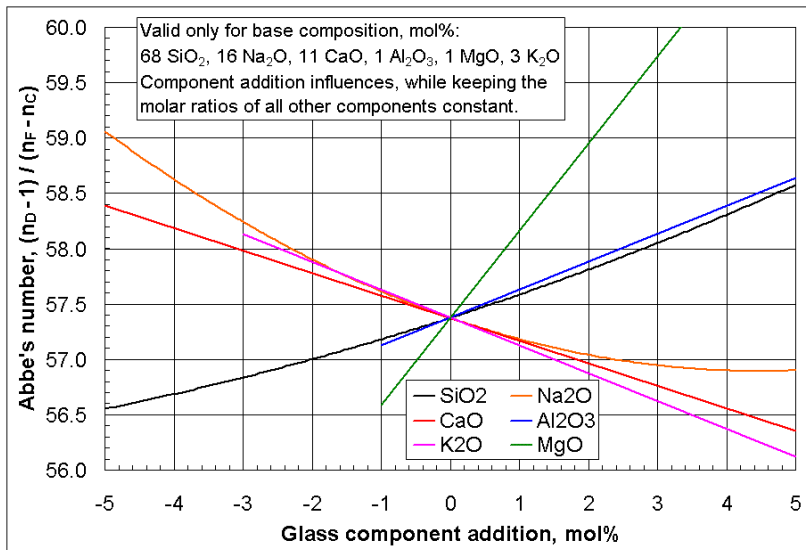
$$\nu_d = \frac{n_d - 1}{n_F - n_C}$$

- n_d : index of refraction at Fraunhofer d line (587.6 nm)
- n_F : index of refraction at Fraunhofer F line (486.1 nm)
- n_C : index of refraction at Fraunhofer C line (656.3 nm)
- low dispersion materials have high values of ν_d
- Abbe diagram: ν_d vs n_d



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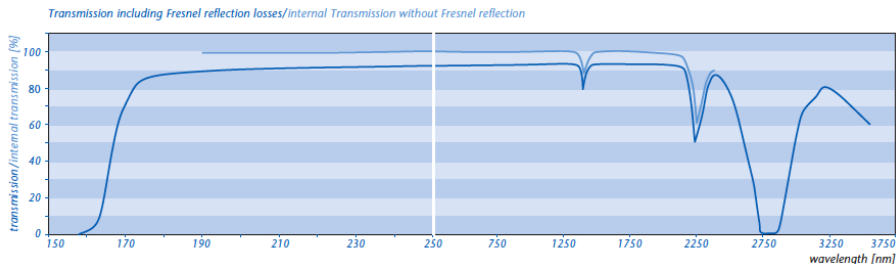
Glass Ingredients



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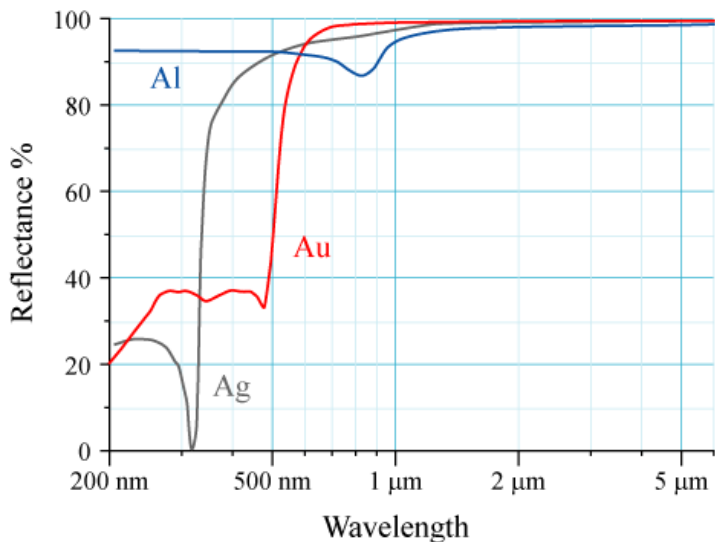
Internal Transmission

Typical Transmission of LITHOSIL® (10 mm path length)



- internal transmission per cm
- typically strong absorption in the blue and UV
- almost all glass absorbs above $2 \mu\text{m}$

Metal Reflectivity



<http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Image-Metal-reflectance.png>

Introduction

- classical optics due to interfaces between 2 different media
- from Maxwell's equations in integral form at interface from medium 1 to medium 2

$$\left(\vec{D}_2 - \vec{D}_1\right) \cdot \vec{n} = 4\pi\Sigma$$

$$\left(\vec{B}_2 - \vec{B}_1\right) \cdot \vec{n} = 0$$

$$\left(\vec{E}_2 - \vec{E}_1\right) \times \vec{n} = 0$$

$$\left(\vec{H}_2 - \vec{H}_1\right) \times \vec{n} = -\frac{4\pi}{c}\vec{K}$$

\vec{n} normal on interface, points from medium 1 to medium 2

Σ surface charge density on interface

\vec{K} surface current density on interface

Fields at Interfaces

- $\Sigma = 0$ in general, $\vec{K} = 0$ for dielectrics
- *complex* index of refraction includes effects of currents $\Rightarrow \vec{K} = 0$
- requirements at interface between media 1 and 2

$$(\vec{D}_2 - \vec{D}_1) \cdot \vec{n} = 0$$

$$(\vec{B}_2 - \vec{B}_1) \cdot \vec{n} = 0$$

$$(\vec{E}_2 - \vec{E}_1) \times \vec{n} = 0$$

$$(\vec{H}_2 - \vec{H}_1) \times \vec{n} = 0$$

- normal components of \vec{D} and \vec{B} are continuous across interface
- tangential components of \vec{E} and \vec{H} are continuous across interface

Plane of Incidence

- plane wave onto interface
- incident (i), reflected (r), and transmitted (t) waves

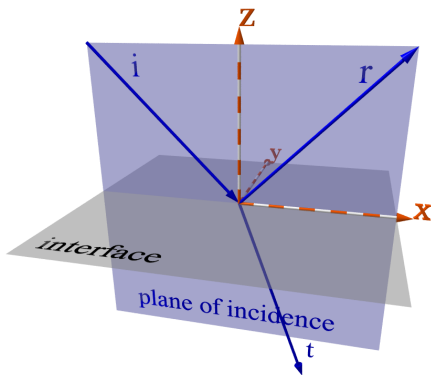
$$\vec{E}^{i,r,t} = \vec{E}_0^{i,r,t} e^{i(\vec{k}^{i,r,t} \cdot \vec{x} - \omega t)}$$

$$\vec{H}^{i,r,t} = \frac{c}{\mu\omega} \vec{k}^{i,r,t} \times \vec{E}^{i,r,t}$$

- interface normal $\vec{n} \parallel z$ -axis
- spatial, temporal behavior at interface the same for all 3 waves

$$(\vec{k}^i \cdot \vec{x})_{z=0} = (\vec{k}^r \cdot \vec{x})_{z=0} = (\vec{k}^t \cdot \vec{x})_{z=0}$$

- valid for all \vec{x} in interface \Rightarrow all 3 wave vectors in one plane, *plane of incidence*



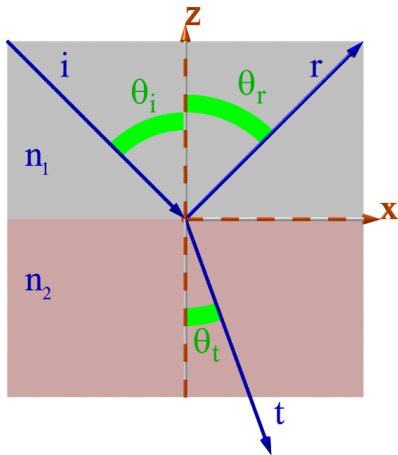
Snell's Law

- spatial, temporal behavior the same for all three waves

$$(\vec{k}^i \cdot \vec{x})_{z=0} = (\vec{k}^r \cdot \vec{x})_{z=0} = (\vec{k}^t \cdot \vec{x})_{z=0}$$

- $|\vec{k}| = \frac{\omega}{c} \tilde{n}$
- ω, c the same for all 3 waves
- Snell's law

$$\tilde{n}_1 \sin \theta_i = \tilde{n}_1 \sin \theta_r = \tilde{n}_2 \sin \theta_t$$



Monochromatic Wave at Interface



$$\vec{H}_0^{i,r,t} = \frac{c}{\omega\mu} \vec{k}^{i,r,t} \times \vec{E}_0^{i,r,t}, \quad \vec{B}_0^{i,r,t} = \frac{c}{\omega} \vec{k}^{i,r,t} \times \vec{E}_0^{i,r,t}$$

- boundary conditions for monochromatic plane wave:

$$\left(\tilde{n}_1^2 \vec{E}_0^i + \tilde{n}_1^2 \vec{E}_0^r - \tilde{n}_2^2 \vec{E}_0^t \right) \cdot \vec{n} = 0$$

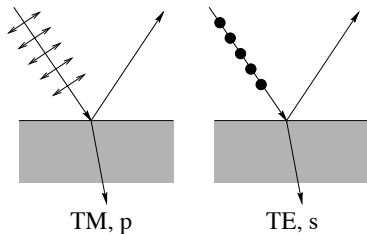
$$\left(\vec{k}^i \times \vec{E}_0^i + \vec{k}^r \times \vec{E}_0^r - \vec{k}^t \times \vec{E}_0^t \right) \cdot \vec{n} = 0$$

$$\left(\vec{E}_0^i + \vec{E}_0^r - \vec{E}_0^t \right) \times \vec{n} = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{\mu_1} \vec{k}^i \times \vec{E}_0^i + \frac{1}{\mu_1} \vec{k}^r \times \vec{E}_0^r - \frac{1}{\mu_2} \vec{k}^t \times \vec{E}_0^t \right) \times \vec{n} = 0$$

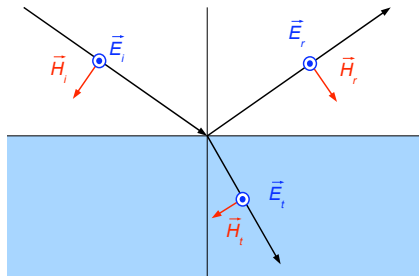
- 4 equations are not independent
- only need to consider last two equations (tangential components of \vec{E}_0 and \vec{H}_0 are continuous)

Two Special Cases



- 1 electric field **p**arallel to plane of incidence \Rightarrow magnetic field is transverse to plane of incidence (TM)
- 2 electric field **p**articular (German: **s**enkrecht) or transverse to plane of incidence (TE)
 - general solution as (coherent) superposition of two cases
 - choose direction of magnetic field vector such that Poynting vector parallel, same direction as corresponding wave vector

Electric Field Perpendicular to Plane of Incidence

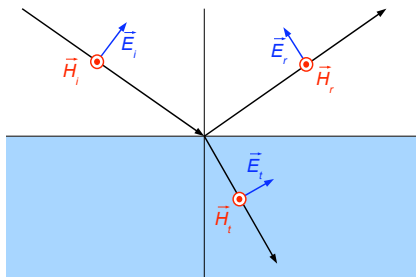


- $\theta_r = \theta_i$
- ratios of reflected and transmitted to incident wave amplitudes

$$r_s = \frac{E_0^r}{E_0^i} = \frac{\tilde{n}_1 \cos \theta_i - \frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2} \tilde{n}_2 \cos \theta_t}{\tilde{n}_1 \cos \theta_i + \frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2} \tilde{n}_2 \cos \theta_t}$$

$$t_s = \frac{E_0^t}{E_0^i} = \frac{2\tilde{n}_1 \cos \theta_i}{\tilde{n}_1 \cos \theta_i + \frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2} \tilde{n}_2 \cos \theta_t}$$

Electric Field in Plane of Incidence



- ratios of reflected and transmitted to incident wave amplitudes

$$r_p = \frac{E_0^r}{E_0^i} = \frac{\tilde{n}_2 \cos \theta_i \frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2} - \tilde{n}_1 \cos \theta_t}{\tilde{n}_2 \cos \theta_i \frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2} + \tilde{n}_1 \cos \theta_t}$$

$$t_p = \frac{E_0^t}{E_0^i} = \frac{2\tilde{n}_1 \cos \theta_i}{\tilde{n}_2 \cos \theta_i \frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2} + \tilde{n}_1 \cos \theta_t}$$

Summary of Fresnel Equations

- eliminate θ_t using Snell's law $\tilde{n}_2 \cos \theta_t = \sqrt{\tilde{n}_2^2 - \tilde{n}_1^2 \sin^2 \theta_i}$
- for most materials $\mu_1/\mu_2 \approx 1$
- electric field amplitude transmission $t_{s,p}$, reflection $r_{s,p}$

$$t_s = \frac{2\tilde{n}_1 \cos \theta_i}{\tilde{n}_1 \cos \theta_i + \sqrt{\tilde{n}_2^2 - \tilde{n}_1^2 \sin^2 \theta_i}}$$

$$t_p = \frac{2\tilde{n}_1 \tilde{n}_2 \cos \theta_i}{\tilde{n}_2^2 \cos \theta_i + \tilde{n}_1 \sqrt{\tilde{n}_2^2 - \tilde{n}_1^2 \sin^2 \theta_i}}$$

$$r_s = \frac{\tilde{n}_1 \cos \theta_i - \sqrt{\tilde{n}_2^2 - \tilde{n}_1^2 \sin^2 \theta_i}}{\tilde{n}_1 \cos \theta_i + \sqrt{\tilde{n}_2^2 - \tilde{n}_1^2 \sin^2 \theta_i}}$$

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Consequences of Fresnel Equations

- complex index of refraction $\Rightarrow t_s, t_p, r_s, r_p$ (generally) complex
- real indices \Rightarrow argument of square root can still be negative \Rightarrow complex t_s, t_p, r_s, r_p
- real indices, arguments of square roots positive (e.g. dielectric without total internal reflection)
 - therefore $t_{s,p} \geq 0$, real \Rightarrow incident and transmitted waves will have same phase
 - therefore $r_{s,p}$ real, but become negative when $n_2 > n_1 \Rightarrow$ negative ratios indicate phase change by 180° on reflection by medium with larger index of refraction

Other Form of Fresnel Equations

- using trigonometric identities

$$t_s = \frac{2 \sin \theta_t \cos \theta_i}{\sin(\theta_i + \theta_t)}$$

$$t_p = \frac{2 \sin \theta_t \cos \theta_i}{\sin(\theta_i + \theta_t) \cos(\theta_i - \theta_t)}$$

$$r_s = -\frac{\sin(\theta_i - \theta_t)}{\sin(\theta_i + \theta_t)}$$

$$r_p = \frac{\tan(\theta_i - \theta_t)}{\tan(\theta_i + \theta_t)}$$

- refractive indices “hidden” in angle of transmitted wave, θ_t
- can always rework Fresnel equations such that only ratio of refractive indices appears
- \Rightarrow Fresnel equations do not depend on absolute values of indices
- can arbitrarily set index of air to 1; then only use indices of media measured relative to air

Relative Amplitudes for Arbitrary Polarization

- electric field vector of incident wave \vec{E}_0^i , length E_0^i , at angle α to plane of incidence
- decompose into 2 components: parallel and perpendicular to interface

$$E_{0,p}^i = E_0^i \cos \alpha, \quad E_{0,s}^i = E_0^i \sin \alpha$$

- use Fresnel equations to obtain corresponding (complex) amplitudes of reflected and transmitted waves

$$E_{0,p}^{r,t} = (r_p, t_p) E_0^i \cos \alpha, \quad E_{0,s}^{r,t} = (r_s, t_s) E_0^i \sin \alpha$$

Reflectivity

- Fresnel equations apply to electric field amplitude
- need to determine equations for intensity of waves
- time-averaged Poynting vector $\langle \vec{S} \rangle = \frac{c}{8\pi} \frac{|\tilde{n}|}{\mu} |E_0|^2 \frac{\vec{k}}{|\vec{k}|}$
- absolute value of complex index of refraction enters
- energy along wave vector and not along interface normal
- each wave propagates in different direction \Rightarrow consider energy of each wave passing through unit surface area on interface
- does not matter for reflected wave \Rightarrow ratio of reflected and incident intensities is independent of these two effects
- relative intensity of reflected wave (*reflectivity*)

$$R = \frac{|E_0^r|^2}{|E_0^i|^2}$$

Transmissivity

- transmitted intensity: multiplying amplitude squared ratios with
 - ratios of indices of refraction
 - projected area on interface
- relative intensity of transmitted wave (*transmissivity*)

$$T = \frac{|\tilde{n}_2| \cos \theta_t |E_0^t|^2}{|\tilde{n}_1| \cos \theta_i |E_0^i|^2}$$

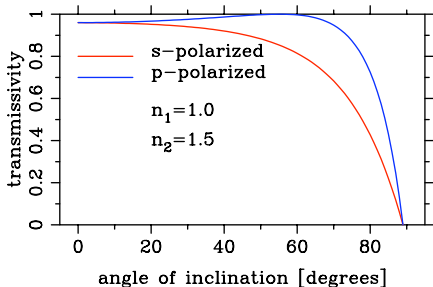
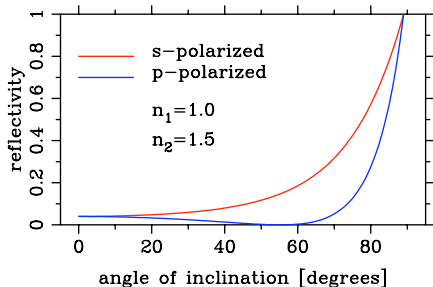
- arbitrarily polarized light with \vec{E}_0^i at angle α to plane of incidence

$$R = |r_p|^2 \cos^2 \alpha + |r_s|^2 \sin^2 \alpha$$

$$T = \frac{|\tilde{n}_2| \cos \theta_t}{|\tilde{n}_1| \cos \theta_i} \left(|t_p|^2 \cos^2 \alpha + |t_s|^2 \sin^2 \alpha \right)$$

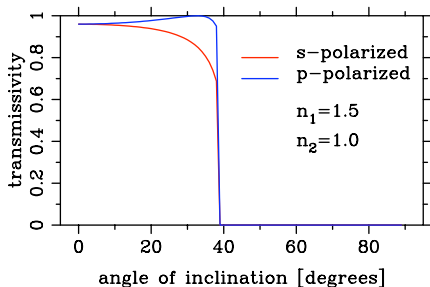
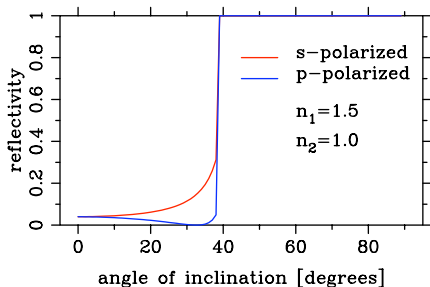
- $R + T = 1$ for dielectrics, not for conducting, absorbing materials

Brewster Angle



- $r_p = \frac{\tan(\theta_i - \theta_t)}{\tan(\theta_i + \theta_t)} = 0$ when $\theta_i + \theta_t = \frac{\pi}{2}$
- corresponds to *Brewster angle* of incidence of $\tan \theta_B = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$
- occurs when reflected wave is perpendicular to transmitted wave
- reflected light is completely s-polarized
- transmitted light is moderately polarized

Total Internal Reflection (TIR)



- Snell's law: $\sin \theta_t = \frac{n_1}{n_2} \sin \theta_i$
- wave from high-index medium into lower index medium (e.g. glass to air): $n_1/n_2 > 1$
- right-hand side > 1 for $\sin \theta_i > \frac{n_2}{n_1}$
- all light is reflected in high-index medium \Rightarrow *total internal reflection*
- transmitted wave has complex phase angle \Rightarrow damped wave along interface

Phase Change on Total Internal Reflection (TIR)

- TIR induces phase change that depends on polarization

- complex ratios:

$$r_{s,p} = |r_{s,p}| e^{i\delta_{s,p}}$$

- phase change $\delta = \delta_s - \delta_p$

$$\tan \frac{\delta}{2} = \frac{\cos \theta_i \sqrt{\sin^2 \theta_i - \left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right)^2}}{\sin^2 \theta_i}$$

- relation valid between critical angle and grazing incidence
- for critical angle and grazing incidence, phase difference is zero

