



Chapter 8 Optical Properties

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Tutorial

Course Review & Exam Briefing

Light waves in a homogeneous medium

Light exhibits wave-like properties such as interference and diffraction. Light is an electromagnetic (EM) wave (电磁波) with time-varying electric and magnetic fields \mathbf{E}_x and \mathbf{B}_y , respectively, which propagate through space in a way that they are perpendicular to each other and the direction of propagation \mathbf{z} .

The simplest mathematical form of a monochromatic (单色) plane wave:

$$E_x = E_0 \cos(\omega t - kz + \phi_0)$$

E_x : the electric field at position \mathbf{z} and time t

E_0 : the **amplitude** (幅值) of the wave

ω : the **angular frequency** ($\omega=2\pi\nu$) (角频率)

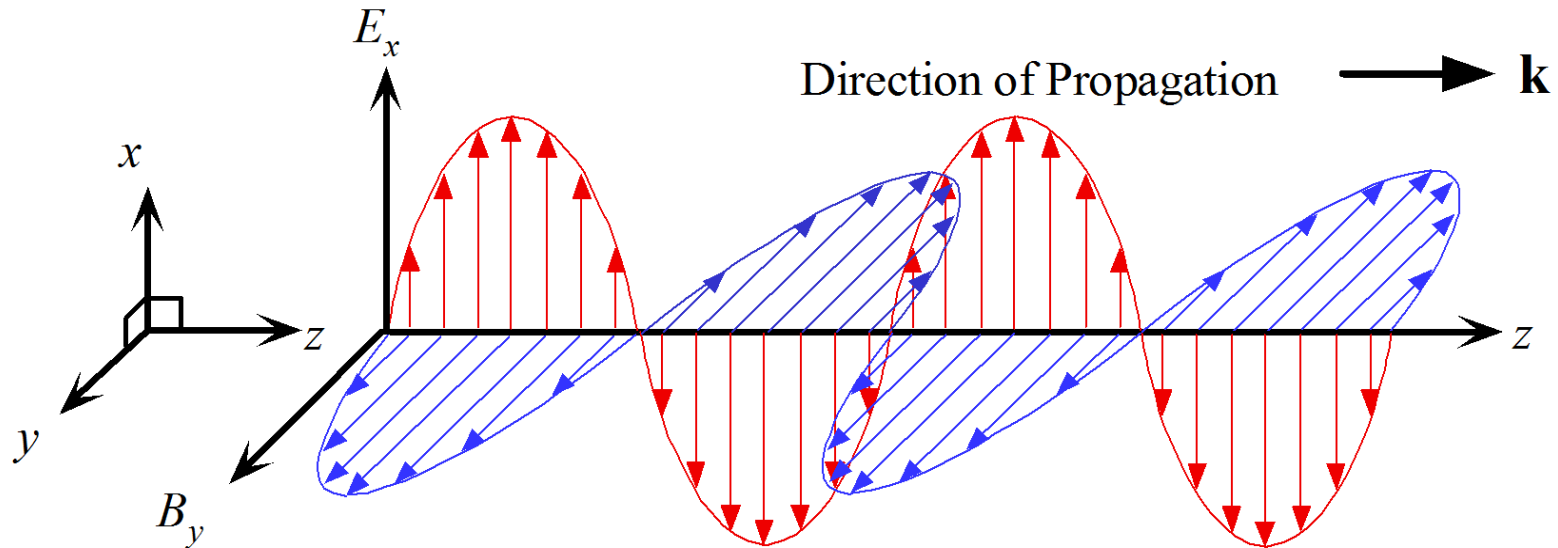
k : the **propagation constant, wavevector** (波矢),

or **wavenumber** ($k = 2\pi/\lambda$) (波数)

$(\omega t - kz + \phi_0)$: is called the phase, ϕ (相位)

Φ_0 : a phase constant (相位常数)

Light waves: EM wave

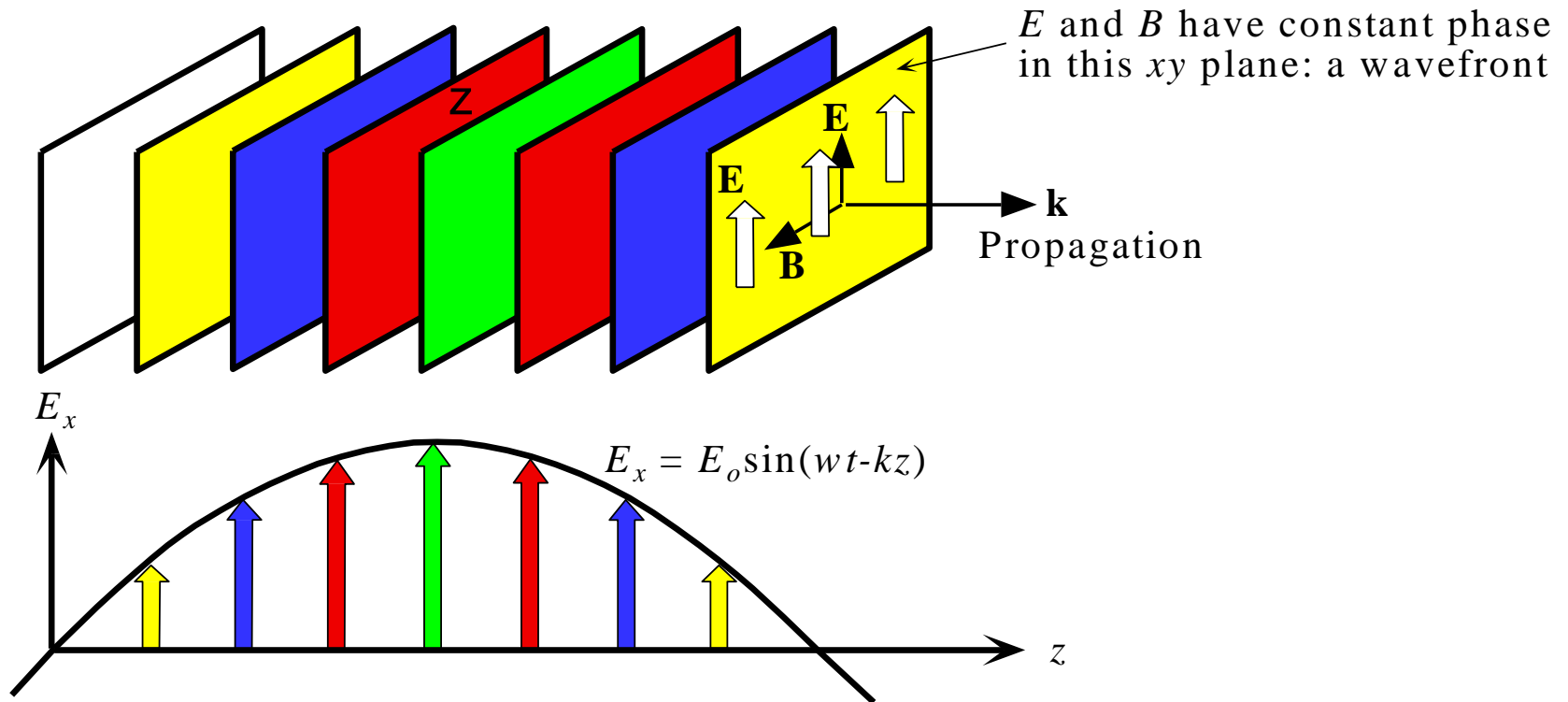


An electromagnetic wave is a travelling wave which has time varying electric and magnetic fields which are perpendicular to each other and the direction of propagation, z .

A traveling electric field \mathbf{E}_x is accompanied by a traveling magnetic field \mathbf{B}_y with the same wave frequency and propagation constant (ω and \mathbf{k}).

We describe the interaction of a light wave with a matter through the electric field component \mathbf{E}_x rather than \mathbf{B}_y because it is the electric field that displaces the electrons in ions or molecules in the crystal. The **optical field** (光学场) refers to the electric field \mathbf{E}_x .

Wavefront (波前)



A plane EM wave travelling along z , has the same E_x (or B_y) at any point in a given xy plane. All electric field vectors in a given xy plane are therefore **in phase**.

Phase velocity (相速度)

The time and space evolution of a given phase ϕ , is described by

$$\phi = \omega t - kz + \phi_o = \text{constant}$$

During a time interval δt , this constant phase moves a distance δz .

The phase velocity of this wave is therefore $\delta z / \delta t$.

From $\phi = \omega t - kz + \phi_0 = \text{constant}$, we obtain: $\omega \delta t - k \delta z = 0$

The **phase velocity** (相速度) v is:

$$v = \frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\omega}{k} = v\lambda$$

Refractive index (折射率)

EM traveling in a medium: the oscillating **electric field** polarizes the molecules of the medium at the frequency of the wave.

The field and the induced molecular dipoles become coupled. The polarization mechanism **delays** the propagation of the EM wave.

The stronger the interaction between the field and the dipoles, the slower is the propagation of the wave.

For an EM wave traveling in a non-magnetic medium, the phase velocity is given by:

$$v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r \epsilon_0 \mu_0}}$$

$\epsilon_0 = 8.8542 \times 10^{-12} \text{ CV}^{-1}\text{M}^{-1}$ 真空介电常数

$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ Hm}^{-1}$ 真空磁导率

optical frequency range

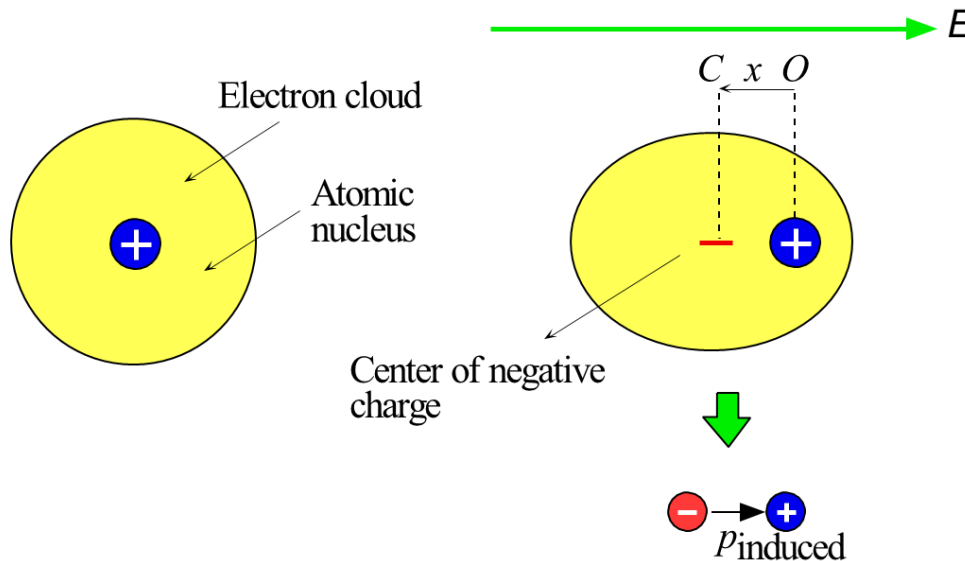
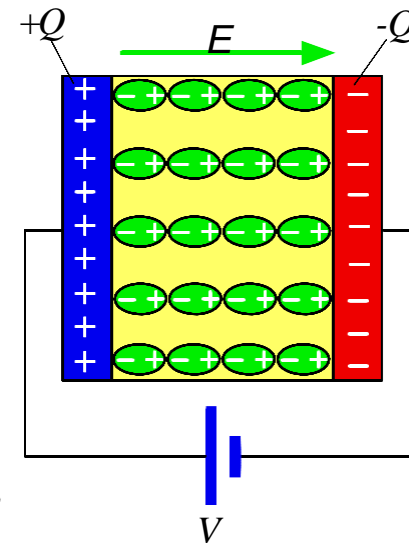
In free space, $\epsilon_r = 1$ and $v_{\text{vacuum}} = 1/\sqrt{(\epsilon_0 \mu_0)} = c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$

$$v = \frac{c}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r}}$$

When a dielectric slab is inserted into the parallel plate capacitor, the charge on the electrodes increases from Q_0 to Q . The relative permittivity (or the dielectric constant) ϵ_r of the dielectric is defined as:

$$\epsilon_r = \frac{Q}{Q_0} = \frac{C}{C_0}$$

The increase in the stored charge is due to the polarization of the dielectric by the applied field.



(a) A neutral atom in $E = 0$.

(b) Induced dipole moment in a field

The origin of electronic polarization.

The ratio of the speed of a light in free space to its speed in a medium is called the **refractive index** of the medium:

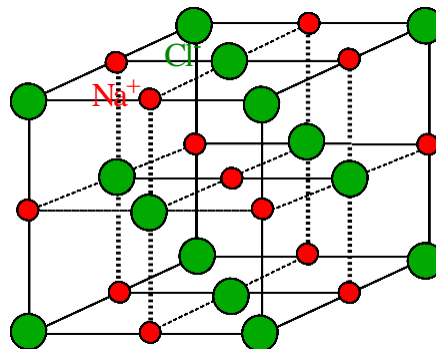
$$n = \frac{c}{v} = \sqrt{\epsilon_r}$$

Suppose that in free space k_0 is the wavevector ($2\pi/\lambda_0$), the wavevector k in the medium will be nk_0 and $\lambda=\lambda_0/n$, if the medium is **isotropic** (各向同性).

$$n = \frac{k}{k_0}$$

For an anisotropic crystal, $\epsilon_x \neq \epsilon_y \neq \epsilon_z$ in general, the refractive index n is **orientation dependent**.

Noncrystalline materials such as glasses and liquids, are optically isotropic.



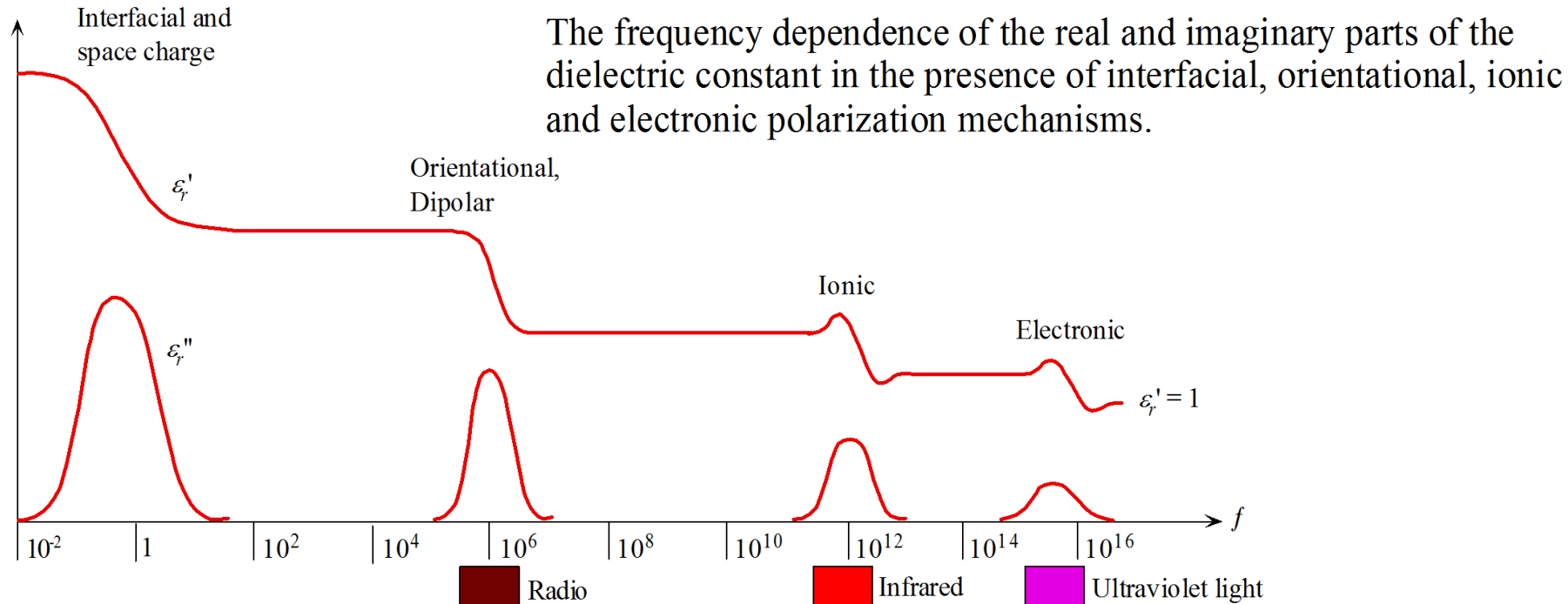
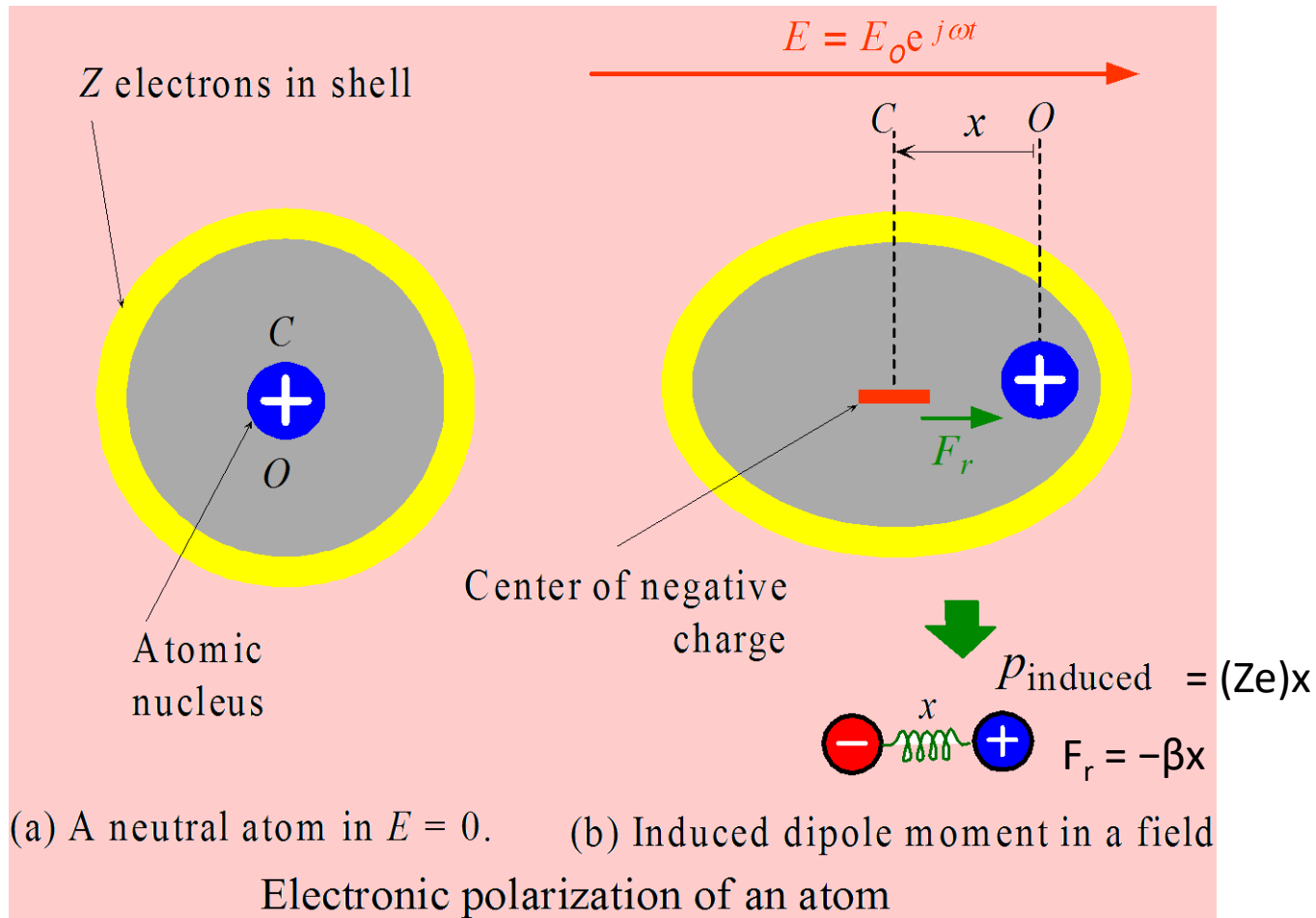
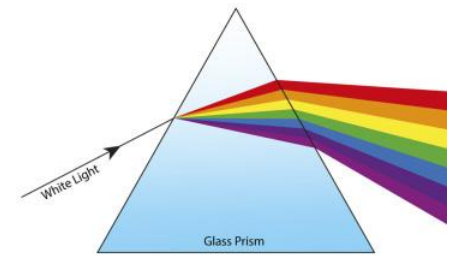


Table 9.1 Low-frequency (LF) relative permittivity $\epsilon_r(\text{LF})$ and refractive index n

Material	$\epsilon_r(\text{LF})$	$\sqrt{\epsilon_r(\text{LF})}$	$n(\text{optical})$	Comments
Diamond	5.7	2.39	2.41 (at 590 nm)	Electronic bond polarization up to UV light
Si	11.9	3.44	3.45 (at 2.15 μm)	Electronic bond polarization up to optical frequencies
AgCl	11.14	3.33	2.00 (at 1–2 μm)	Ionic polarization contributes to $\epsilon_r(\text{LF})$
SiO ₂	3.84	2.00	1.46 (at 600 nm)	Ionic polarization contributes to $\epsilon_r(\text{LF})$
Water	80	8.9	1.33 (at 600 nm)	Dipolar polarization contributes to $\epsilon_r(\text{LF})$, which is large

Dispersion (色散) : refractive index – wavelength behavior

The refractive index in general depends on the frequency, or the wavelength.



Dispersion relation (色散关系) : relationship between n and λ (or ω)

In equilibrium under a E field, the net force on the negative charge is zero or $ZeE = \beta x$:

$$p_{induced} = (Ze)x = \frac{Z^2 e^2}{\beta} E$$

When the E field is removed:
restoring force = mass \times acceleration

$$-\beta x = Zm_e \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2}$$

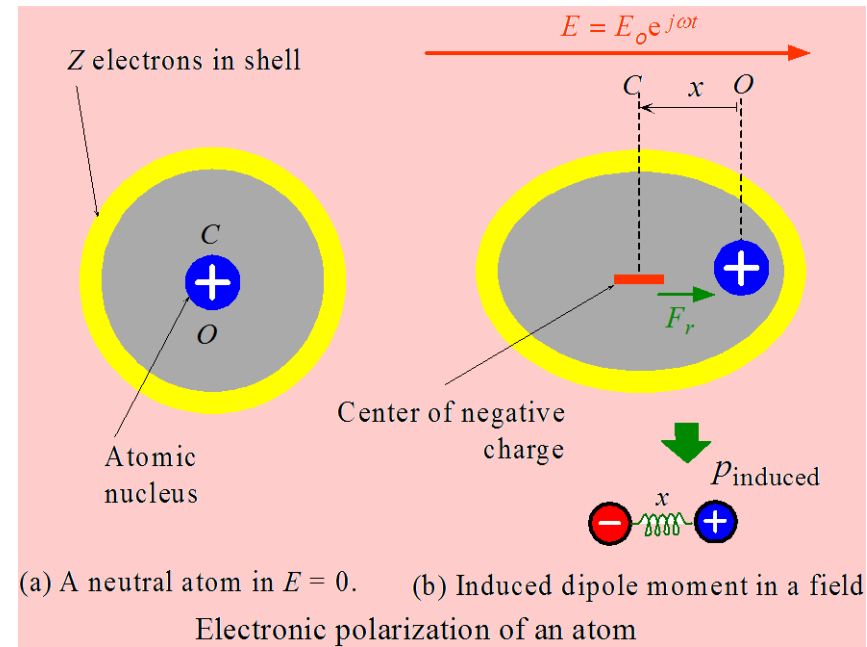
A simple harmonic motion:

$$x(t) = x_0 \cos(\omega_0 t)$$

The solution of the oscillation ω_0 :

$$\omega_0 = \left(\frac{\beta}{Zm_e} \right)^{1/2}$$

ω_0 is called the resonance frequency



In equilibrium under a E field, the net force on the negative charge is zero or $ZeE = \beta x$. The induced electronic dipole:

$$p_{induced} = (Ze)x = \frac{Z^2 e^2}{\beta} E$$

When an ac field is applied $E = E_0 \exp(j\omega t)$:

$$Zm_e \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = -Ze \cdot E_0 \exp(j\omega t) - \beta x$$

The solution of the above equation:

$$x = x(t) = -\frac{eE_0 \exp(j\omega t)}{m_e(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)}$$

The electronic polarizability (极化率) α_e :

$$\alpha_e = \frac{p_{induced}}{E} = \frac{Ze^2}{m_e(\omega_0^2 - \omega^2)} \quad \epsilon_r = 1 + \frac{N}{\epsilon_0} \alpha_e$$

From $n^2 = \epsilon_r$ and $\lambda_0 = 2\pi c/\omega_0$:

Dispersion relation: relationship between n and λ (or ω)

$$n^2 = \epsilon_r = 1 + \frac{N}{\epsilon_0} \alpha_e = 1 + \left(\frac{NZe^2}{\epsilon_0 m_e} \right) \frac{1}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2} = 1 + \left(\frac{NZe^2}{\epsilon_0 m_e} \right) \left(\frac{\lambda_0}{2\pi c} \right)^2 \frac{\lambda^2}{\lambda^2 - \lambda_0^2}$$

N is the number of atoms per unit volume

Dispersion relation (色散关系)

The relationship between **n** and λ (or ω) is called the **dispersion relation**.

In a solid, a series of **resonance frequencies** may exist, Sellmeier dispersion 塞梅尔色散:

$$n^2 = 1 + \frac{A_1 \lambda^2}{\lambda^2 - \lambda_1^2} + \frac{A_2 \lambda^2}{\lambda^2 - \lambda_2^2} + \frac{A_3 \lambda^2}{\lambda^2 - \lambda_3^2}$$

Where A_1, A_2, A_3 and λ_1, λ_2 and λ_3 are constant, called Sellmeier coefficients.

There is another well-known useful **n- λ** dispersion by Cauchy (1836):

$$n^2 = A + \frac{B}{\lambda^2} + \frac{C}{\lambda^4}$$

Cauchy equation
柯西方程:

$$n = n_{-2}(h\nu)^{-2} + n_0 + n_2(h\nu)^2 + n_4(h\nu)^4$$

where $h\nu$ is the photon energy, and n_0, n_{-2}, n_2 , and n_4 are constants

Table 9.2 Sellmeier and Cauchy coefficients

	Sellmeier					
	A_1	A_2	A_3	λ_1 (μm)	λ_2 (μm)	λ_3 (μm)
SiO ₂ (fused silica)	0.696749	0.408218	0.890815	0.0690660	0.115662	9.900559
86.5% SiO ₂ –13.5% GeO ₂	0.711040	0.451885	0.704048	0.0642700	0.129408	9.425478
GeO ₂	0.80686642	0.71815848	0.85416831	0.068972606	0.15396605	11.841931
Sapphire	1.023798	1.058264	5.280792	0.0614482	0.110700	17.92656
Diamond	0.3306	4.3356	—	0.1750	0.1060	

	Cauchy				
	Range of $h\nu$ (eV)	n_{-2} (eV ²)	n_0	n_2 (eV ⁻²)	n_{-4} (eV ⁻⁴)
Diamond	0.05–5.47	-1.07×10^{-5}	2.378	8.01×10^{-3}	1.04×10^{-4}
Silicon	0.002–1.08	-2.04×10^{-8}	3.4189	8.15×10^{-2}	1.25×10^{-2}
Germanium	0.002–0.75	-1.0×10^{-8}	4.003	2.2×10^{-1}	1.4×10^{-1}

SOURCE: Sellmeier coefficients combined from various sources. Cauchy coefficients from D. Y. Smith *et al.*, *J. Phys. CM* **13**, 3883, 2001.

Example (GaAs dispersion relation): For GaAs, from $\lambda = 0.89$ to $4.1 \mu\text{m}$, the refractive index is given as the following dispersion relation:

$$n^2 = 7.10 + \frac{3.78\lambda^2}{\lambda^2 - 0.2767}$$

Where λ is in microns (μm). What is the refractive index of GaAs for light with a photon energy of 1 eV.

At $h\nu = 1 \text{ eV}$:

$$\lambda = \frac{hc}{h\nu} = \frac{6.62 \times 10^{-34} \cdot 3 \times 10^8}{1 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}} = 1.24 \mu\text{m}$$

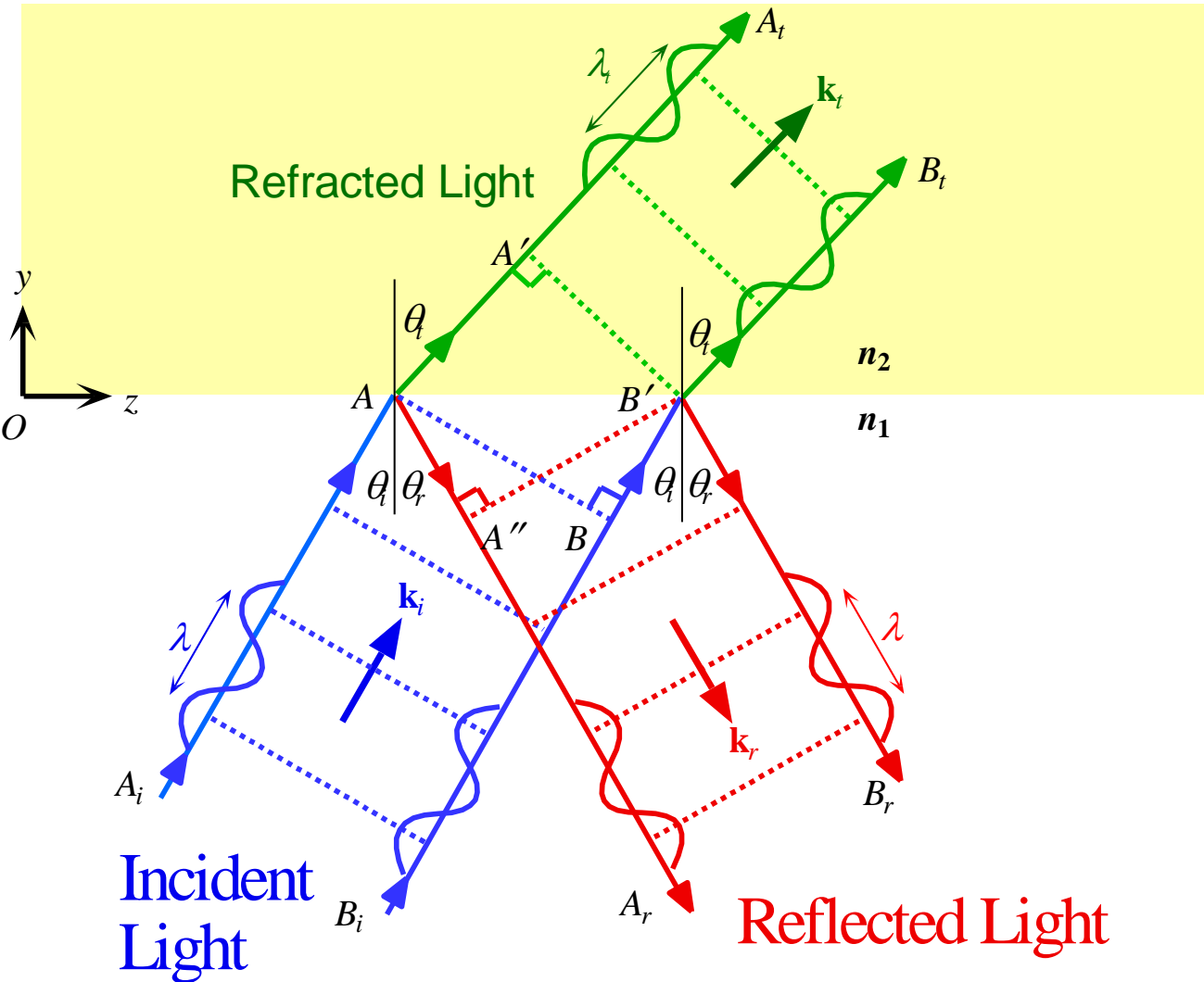
Thus

$$n^2 = 7.10 + \frac{3.78\lambda^2}{\lambda^2 - 0.2767} = 7.10 + \frac{3.78 \cdot (1.24)^2}{(1.24)^2 - 0.2767} = 11.71$$

So that

$$n = 3.42$$

Snell's law 斯涅尔定律 and total internal reflection (TIR)



A traveling plane EM wave in a medium (1) with the refractive index n_1 propagating toward a medium (2) with the refractive index n_2 .

$$BB' = v_1 t = ct / n_1$$

$$AA' = v_2 t = ct / n_2$$

\Rightarrow

$$AB' = \frac{v_1 t}{\sin \theta_i} = \frac{v_2 t}{\sin \theta_t}$$

A light wave travelling in a medium with a greater refractive index ($n_1 > n_2$) suffers reflection and refraction at the boundary.

Snell's law:

$$\frac{\sin \theta_i}{\sin \theta_t} = \frac{v_1}{v_2} = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$$

Consider the reflected wave: $BB' = AA'' = v_1 t$:

$$AB' = \frac{v_1 t}{\sin \theta_i} = \frac{v_1 t}{\sin \theta_r}$$

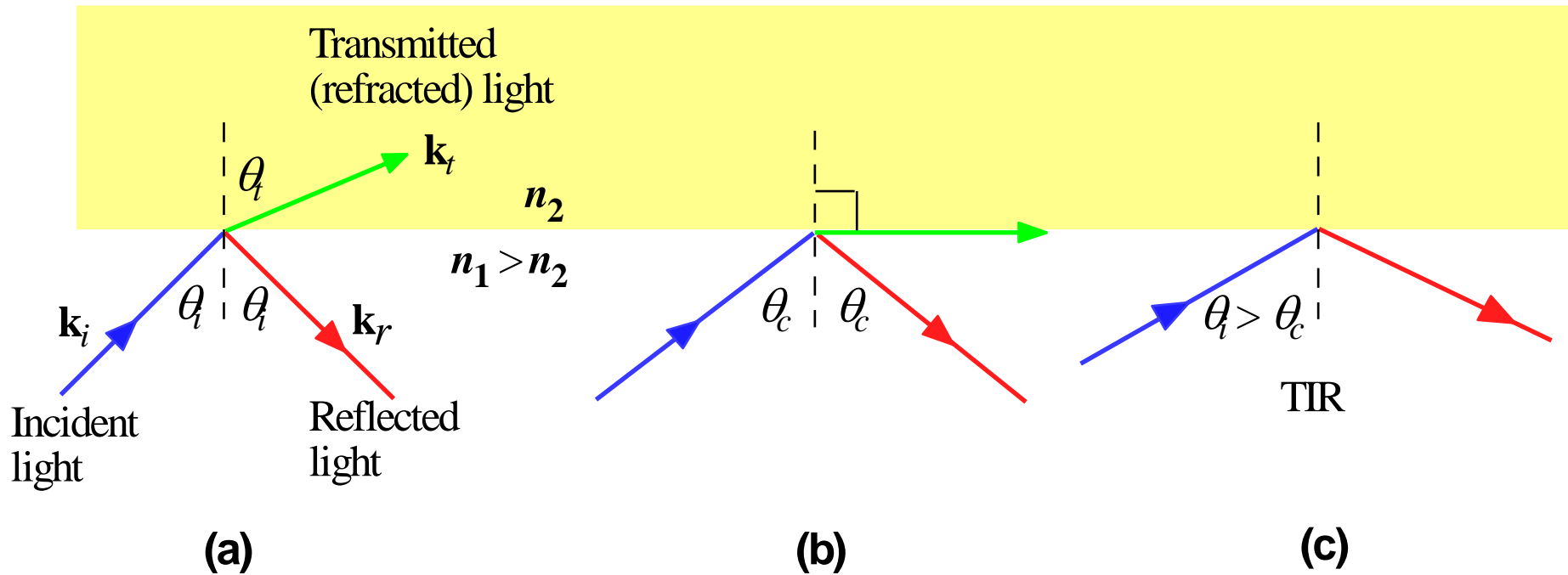
$$\Rightarrow \sin \theta_i = \sin \theta_r \quad \text{and} \quad \theta_i = \theta_r$$

When $n_1 > n_2$, $\theta_t > \theta_i$ from the Snell's law.

If $\theta_t = 90^\circ$, \Rightarrow the critical angle θ_i

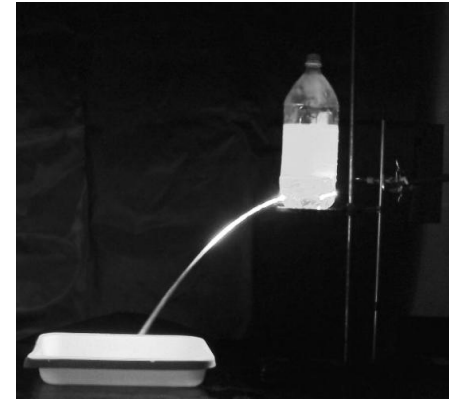
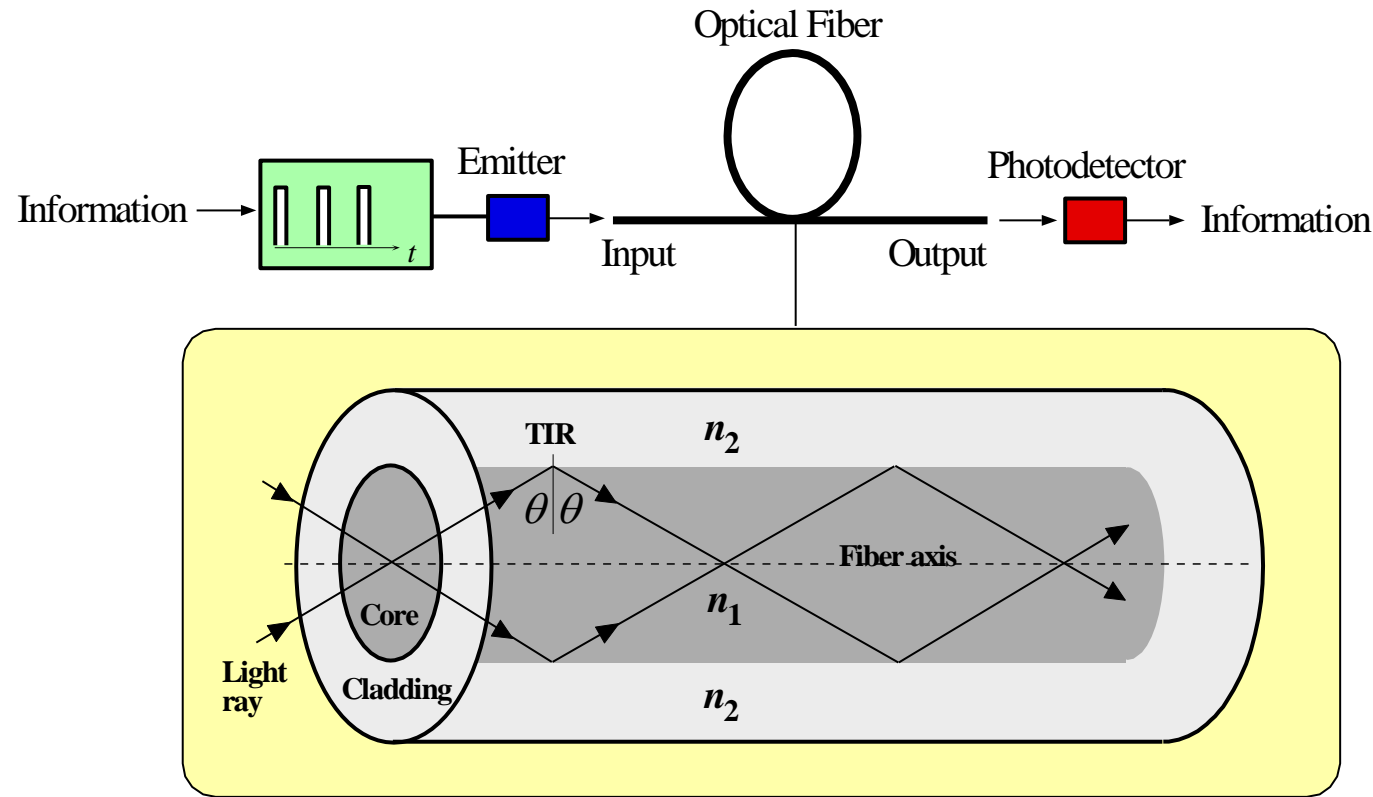
$$\sin \theta_c = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$$

Total internal reflection (TIR)



Light wave travelling in a more dense medium strikes a less dense medium. Depending on the incidence angle with respect to θ_c , which is determined by the ratio of the refractive indices, the wave may be transmitted (refracted) or reflected.

(a) $\theta_i < \theta_c$ (b) $\theta_i = \theta_c$ (c) $\theta_i > \theta_c$, total internal reflection (TIR).



The light guiding by a water jet was demonstrated by John Tyndall in 1854 to the Royal Institution.

An optical fiber link for transmitting digital information in communications. The fiber core has a higher refractive index so that the light travels along the fiber inside the fiber core by total internal reflection at the core-cladding interface.

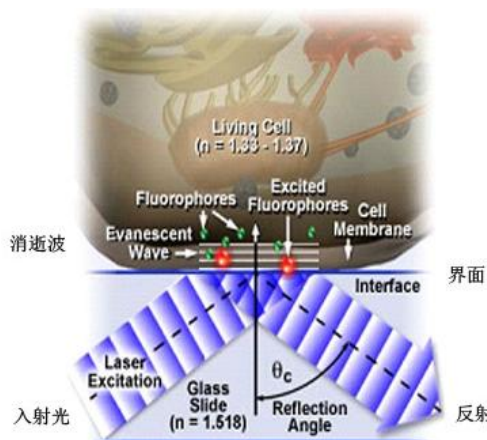
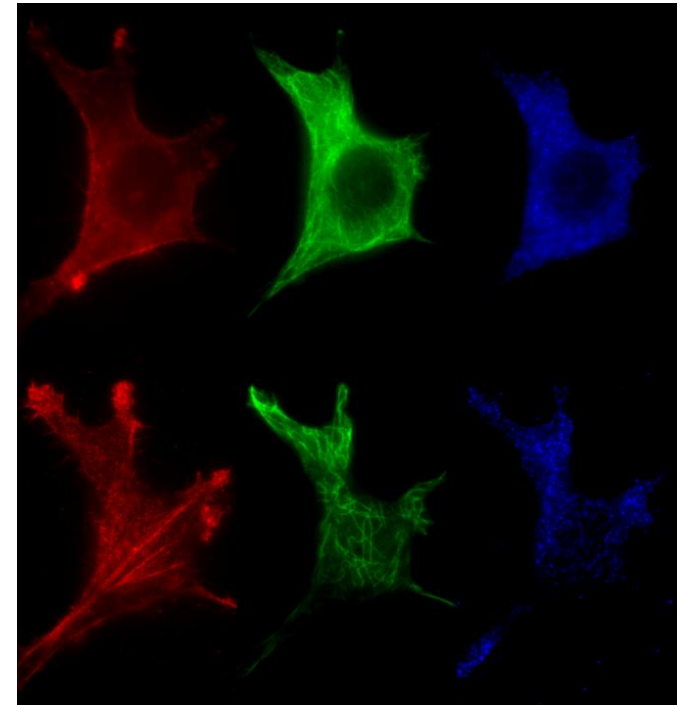
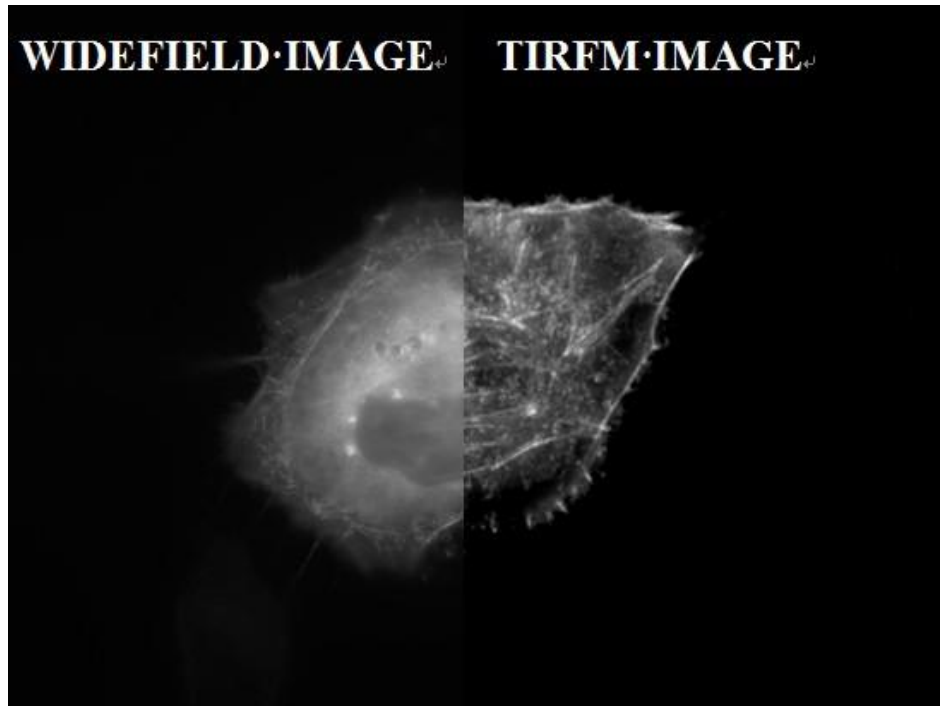
If $n_1(\text{core}) = 1.455$ and $n_2(\text{cladding}) = 1.440$

$$\theta_c = \arcsin\left(\frac{n_2}{n_1}\right) = \arcsin\left(\frac{1.440}{1.455}\right) = 81.8^\circ$$

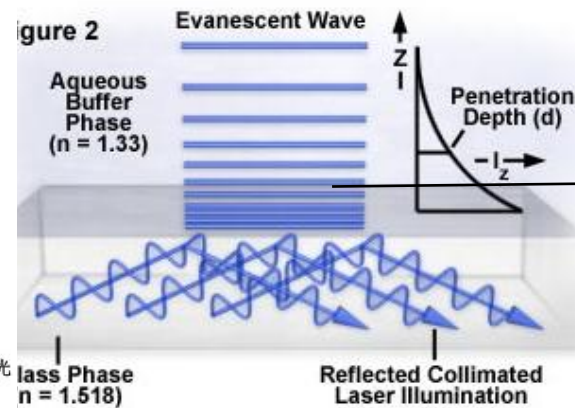


Total internal reflection fluorescence microscope (TIRF)

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Evanescent Wave Exponential Intensity Decay



→ 倏逝波 (Evanescent wave)

完成 **Assignment 8.1**

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