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Ellipsometry Solutions

Semi-absorbing Films using the General Oscillator Layer

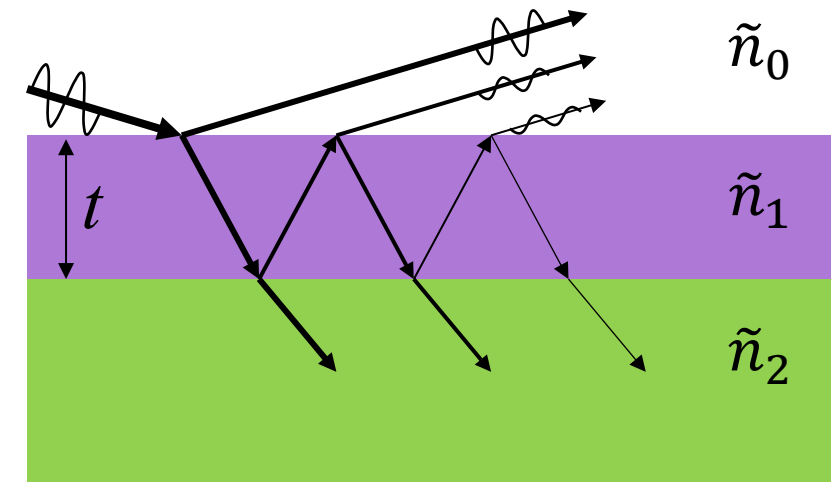
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Course Outline

- Session 1: Theory, Substrates (Si and Glass)
- Session 2: Transparent Films
- Session 3: Absorbing & Semi-Absorbing Films (B-Spline)
- **Session 4: Semi-Absorbing Films (Gen-Osc)**
- Session 5: Thin Absorbing Films and Multilayers
- Session 6: Advanced Topics

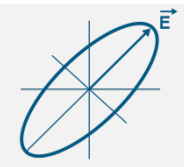




Session 4 Outline

- General Oscillator Layer
- Fitting materials with absorption using Gen-Osc
 - Pre-built Gen-Osc layers
 - Creating your own Gen-Osc
 - Cauchy \rightarrow B-Spline \rightarrow Gen-Osc
- Gen-Osc Diagnosis

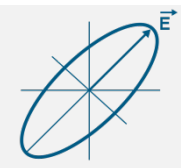




Using the Gen-Osc Layer



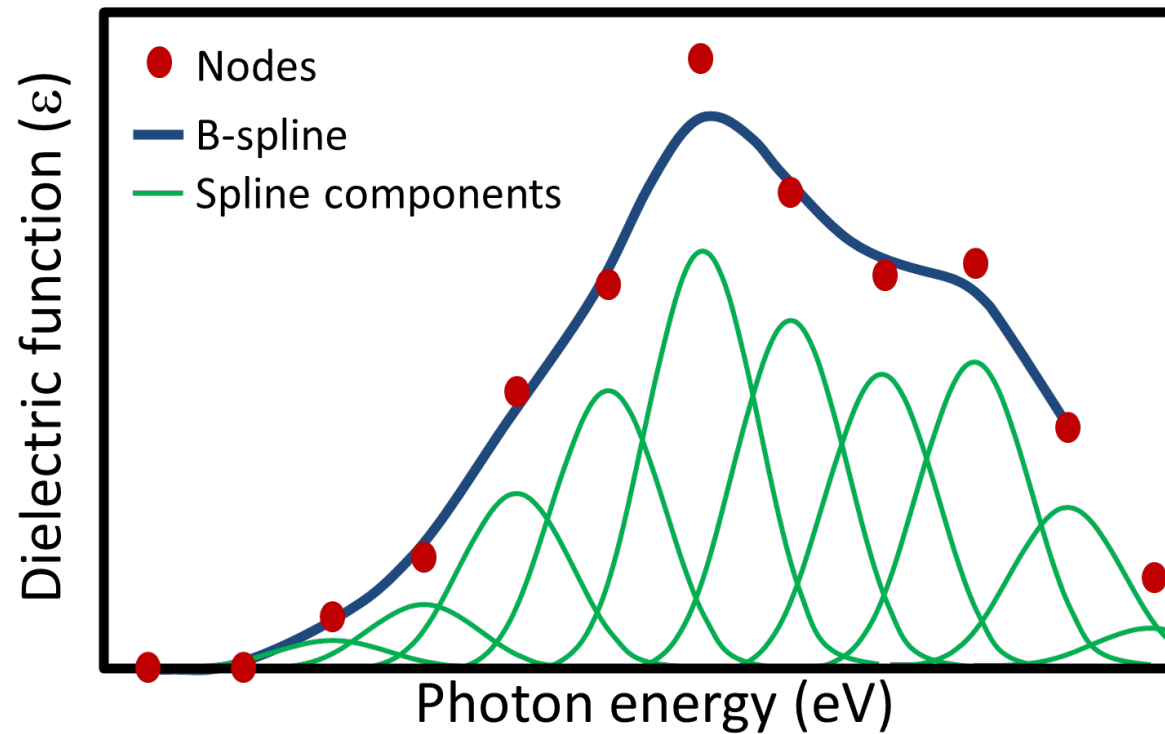
- Gen-Osc contains equations to describe material optical constants
- It is useful for any material (transparent or absorbing)
- It is often more robust than the B-spline



Modeling Absorbing Region

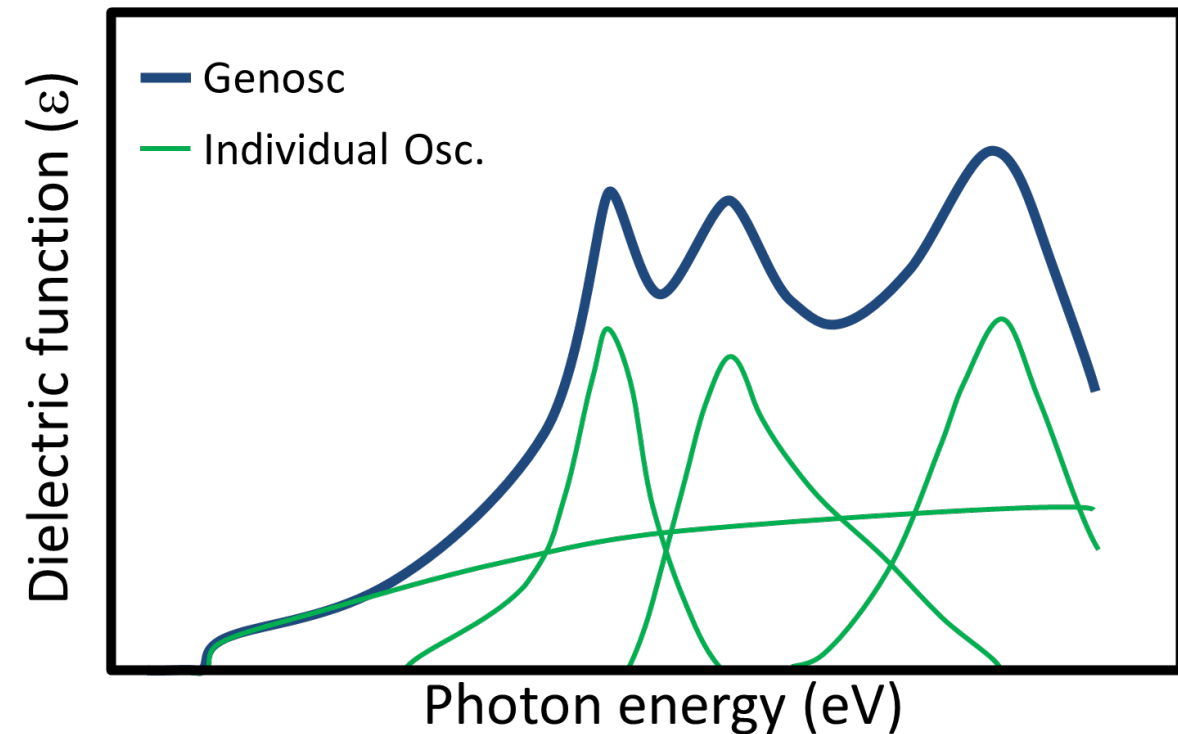
B-Spline

- Overlapping “hills” at preset spacing



Gen-Osc

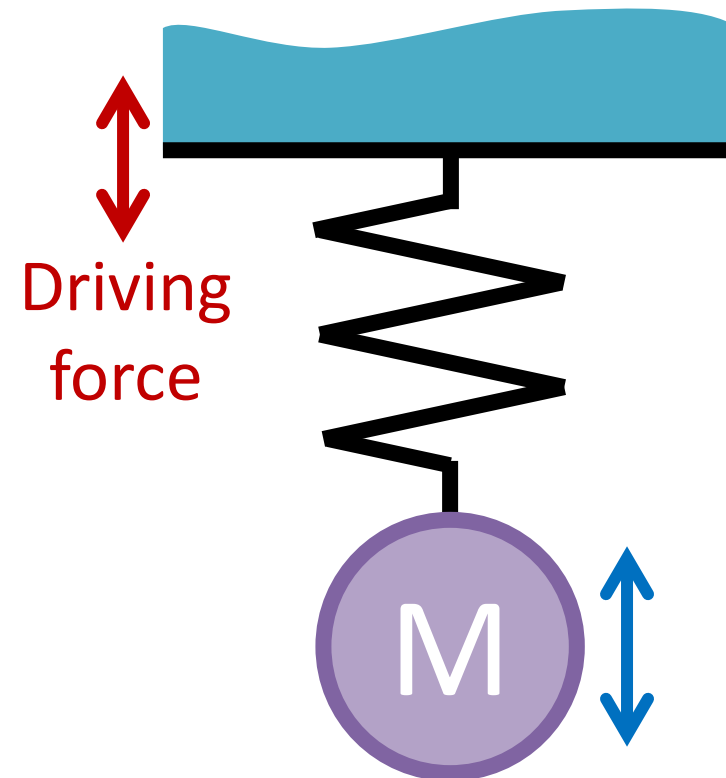
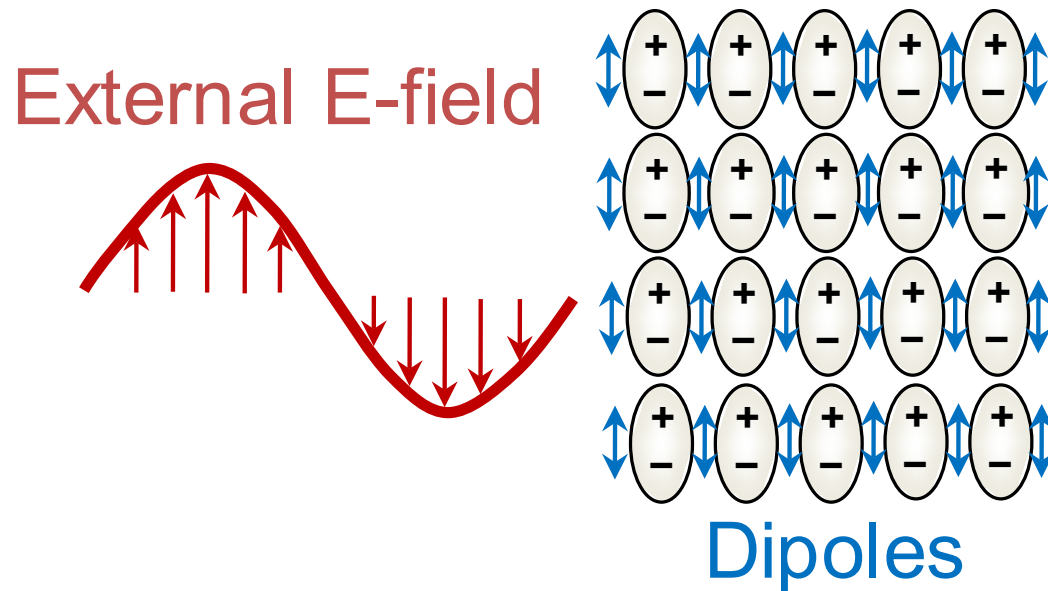
- Choice of “hills” with selective shapes



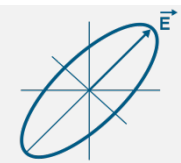


Oscillator Model for Optical Functions

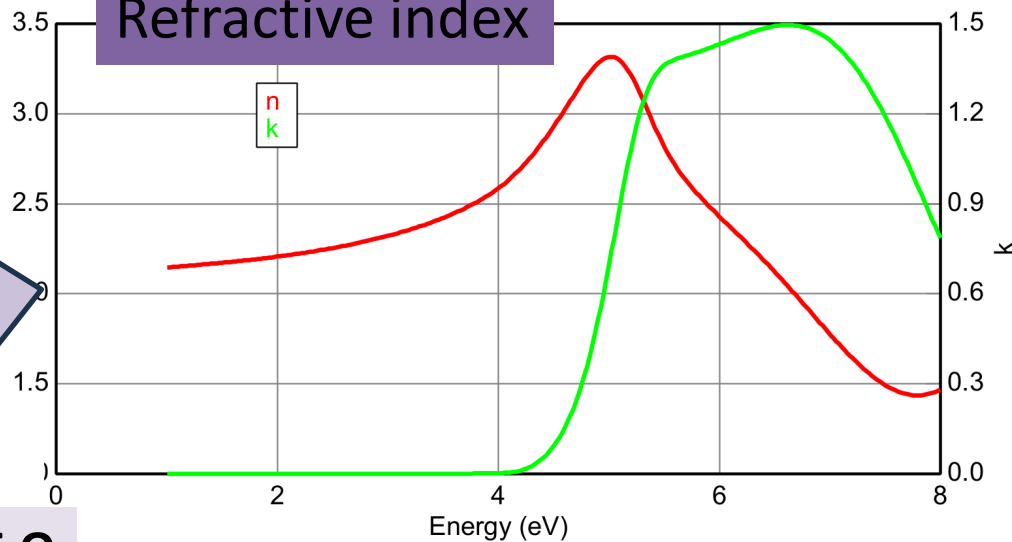
- Interaction between light and materials (optical vibration) can be described by same classical equation of motion as mass on a spring (mechanical vibration)



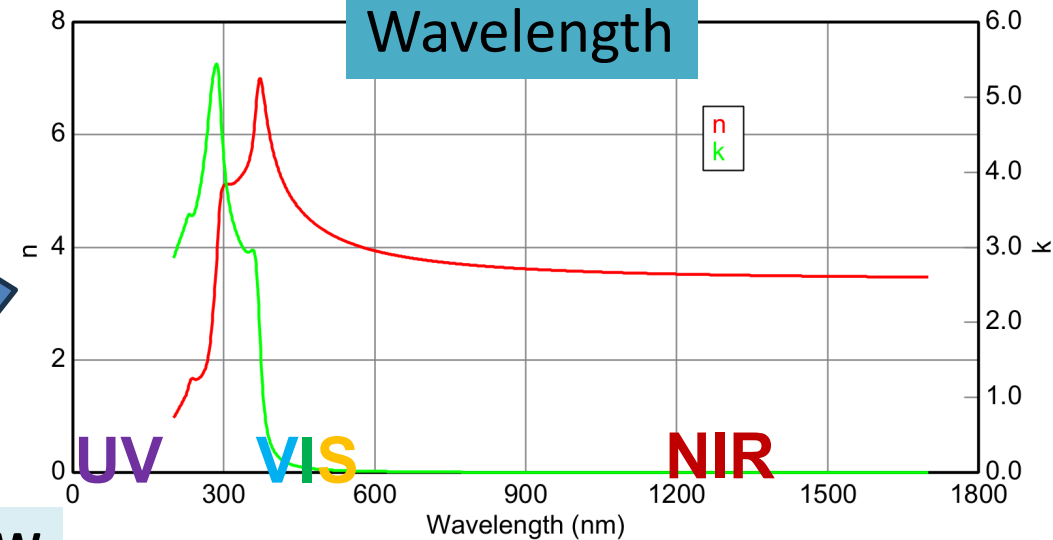
Using Different Units



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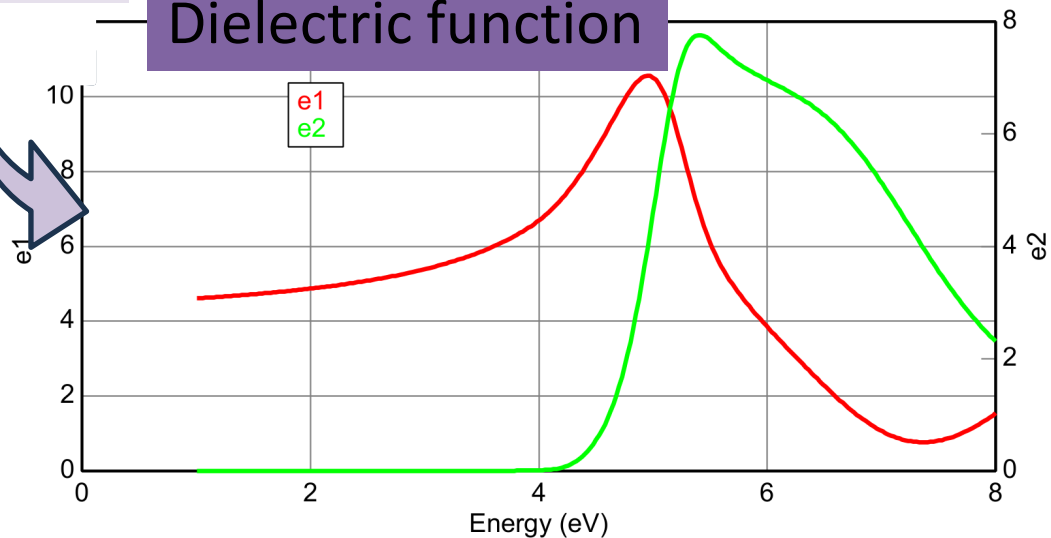


Wavelength

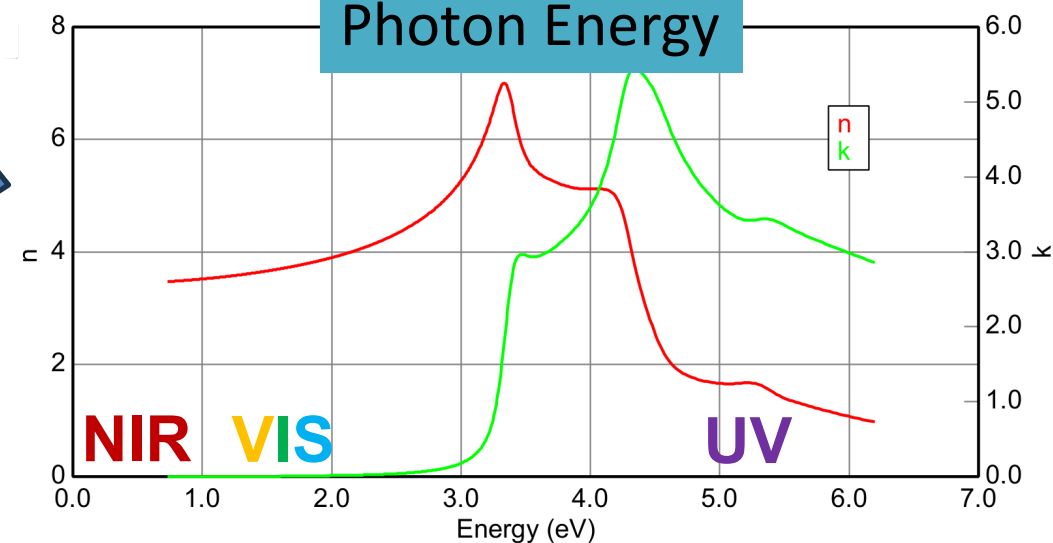


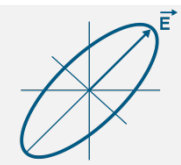
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Dielectric function



Photon Energy

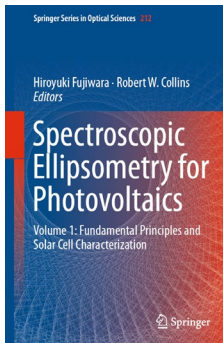
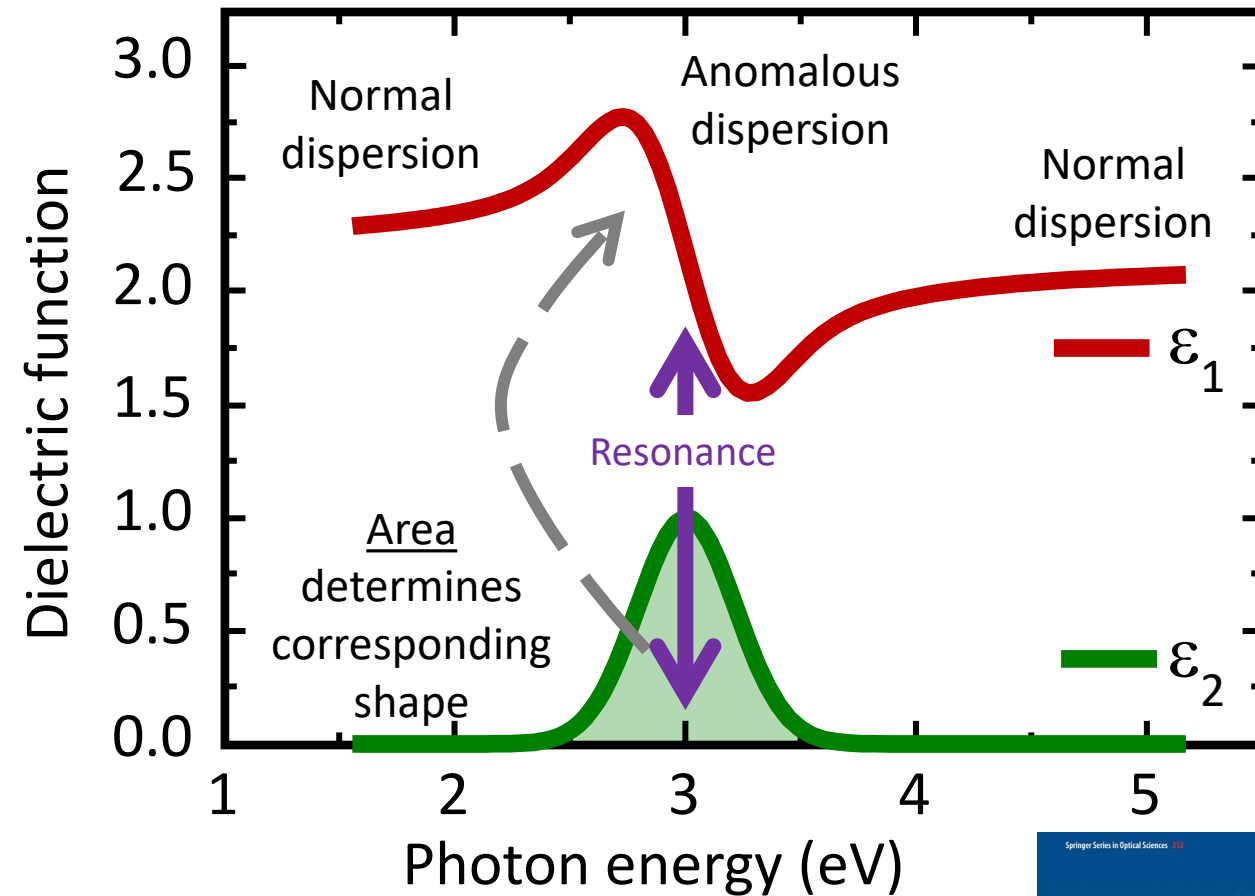


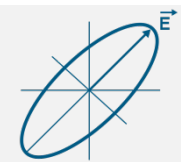


Kramers Kronig Consistency

- The dipole response is like a mechanical oscillator
- Real and imaginary components are “connected” via Kramers-Kronig (KK) equations.

$$\epsilon_1(\omega) = 1 + \frac{2}{\pi} P \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\omega' \epsilon_2(\omega')}{\omega'^2 - \omega^2} d\omega'$$





Gen-Osc Layer in CompleteEASE

- Substrate = [Gen-Osc](#)

Show Dialog

- e1 Components

Einf = [1.000](#)

UV Pole Amp. = [0.000](#) UV Pole En. = [11.000](#)

IR Pole Amp. = [0.000](#)

- e2 Components

Oscillator Menu: [Add](#) [Delete](#) [Delete All](#)

Fit Menu: [All](#) [None](#) [Amp.](#) [Br.](#) [En.](#)

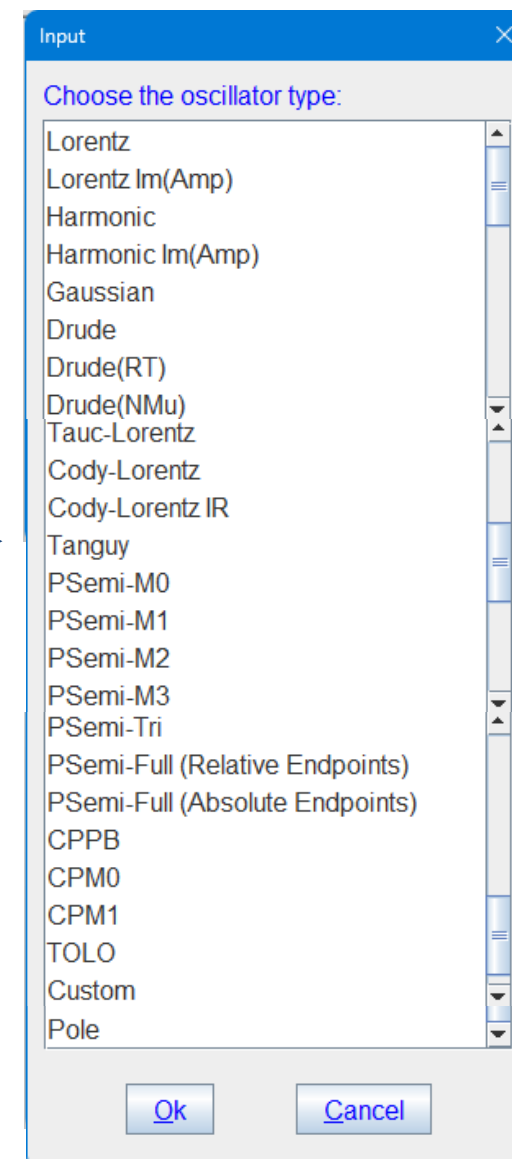
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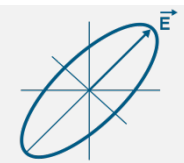
e1 - Einf & Poles:

Describes the effect on ϵ_1 from out-of-range absorptions

e2 - Oscillator List:

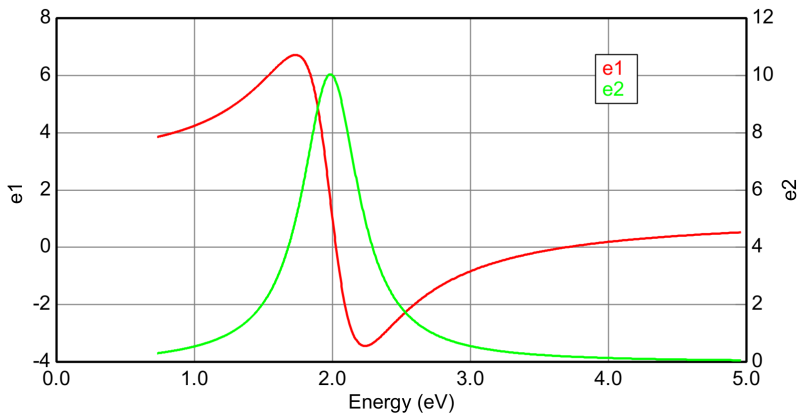
Describe absorptions within the analysis range, affecting ϵ_2 and KK transformed ϵ_1 shape



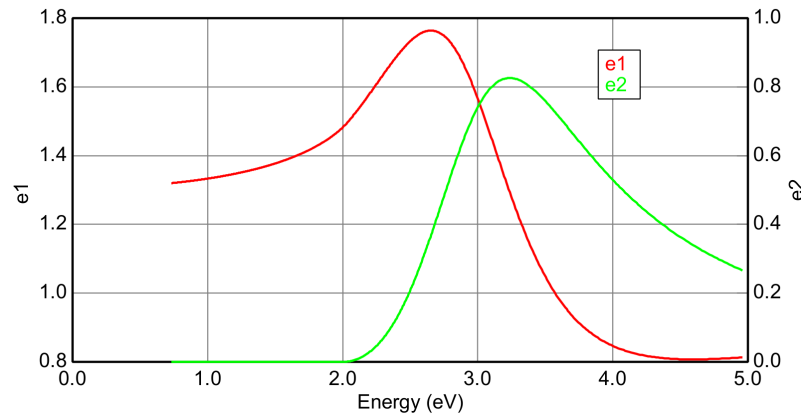


Common Oscillator Types

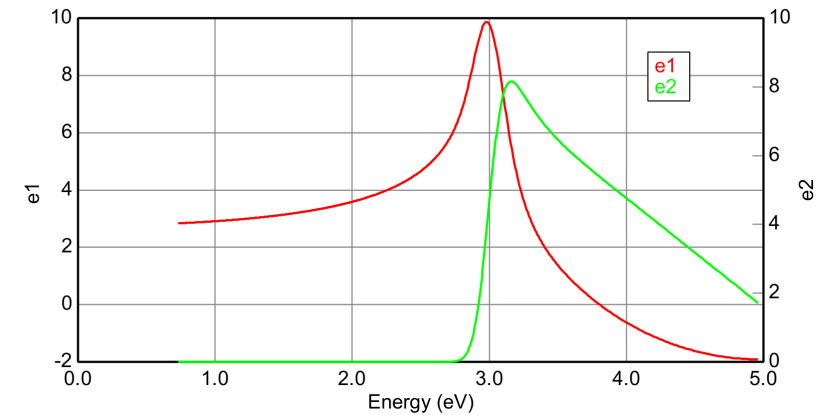
Lorentz oscillator



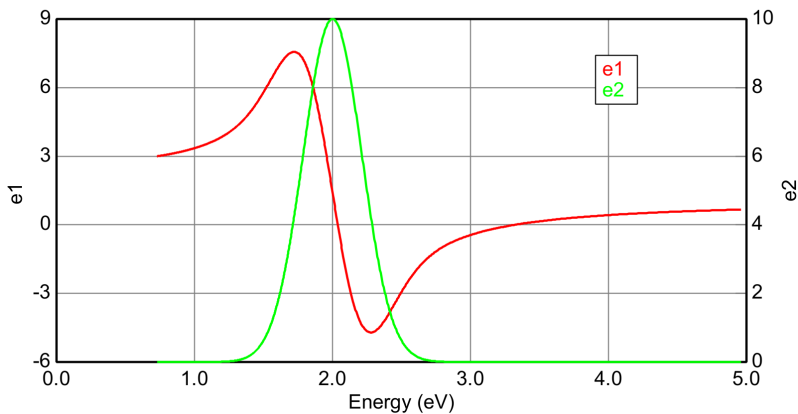
Tauc-Lorentz Oscillator



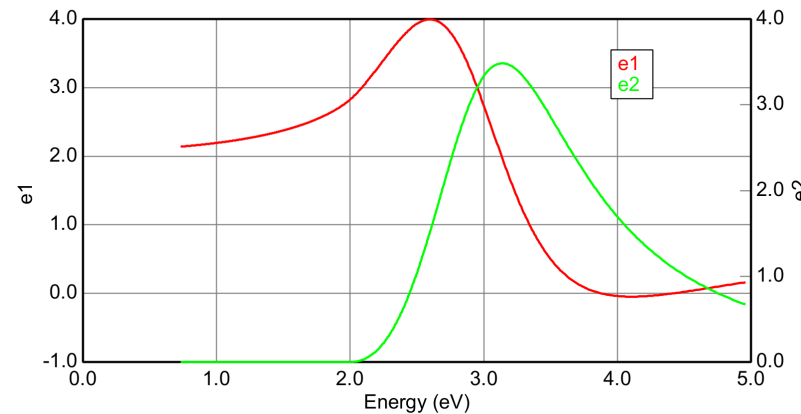
P-Semi (M0) Oscillator



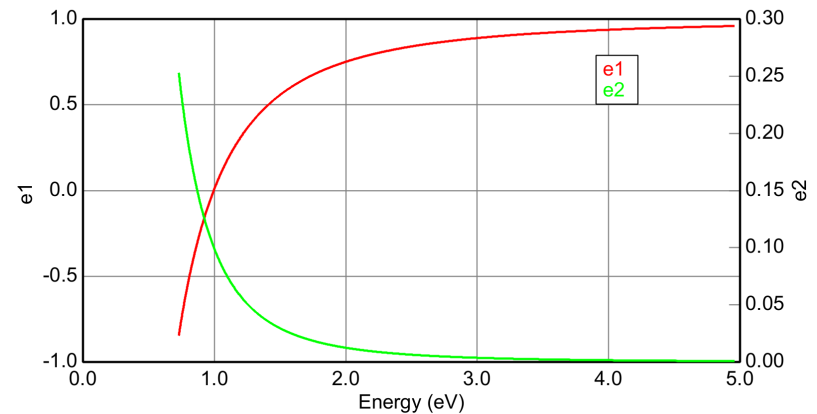
Gaussian oscillator

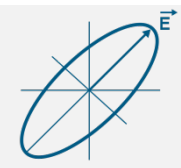


Cody-Lorentz Oscillator



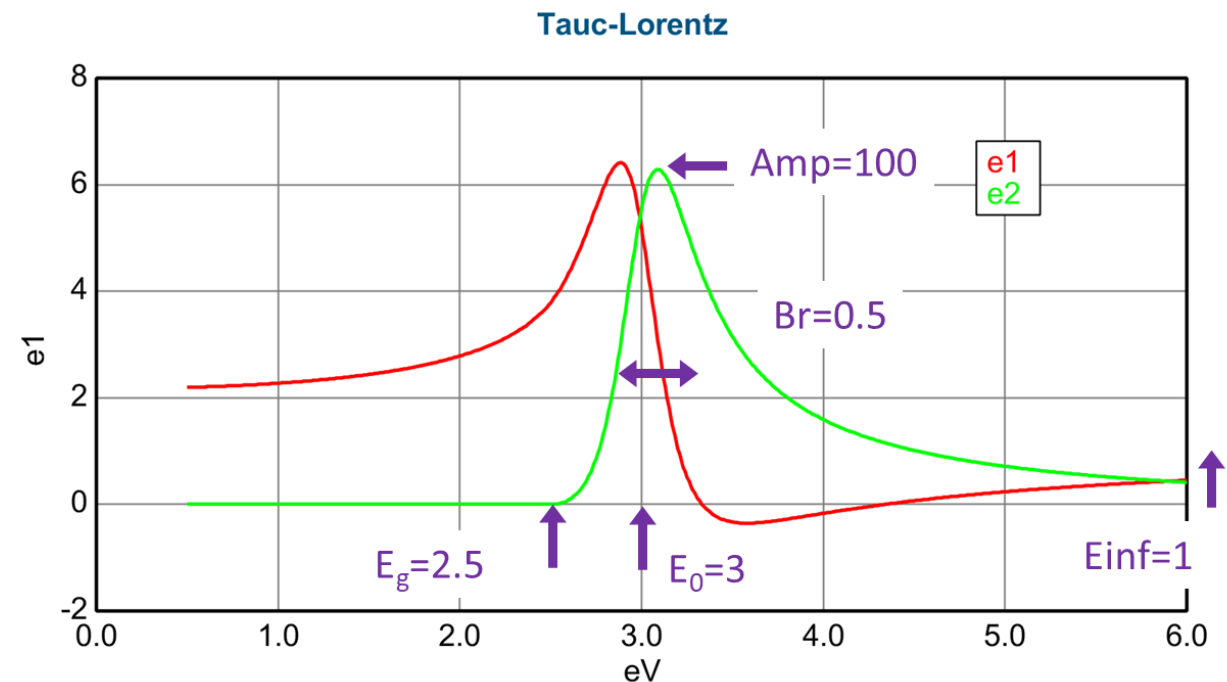
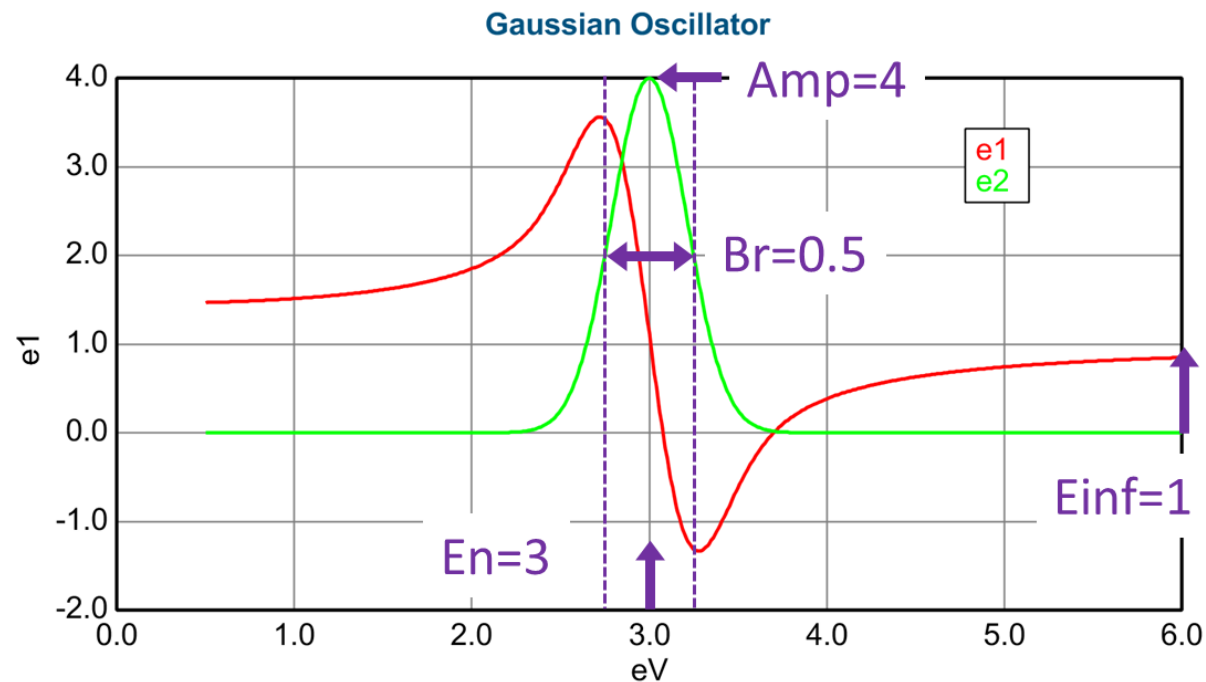
Drude Oscillator





Describing Absorption Shapes

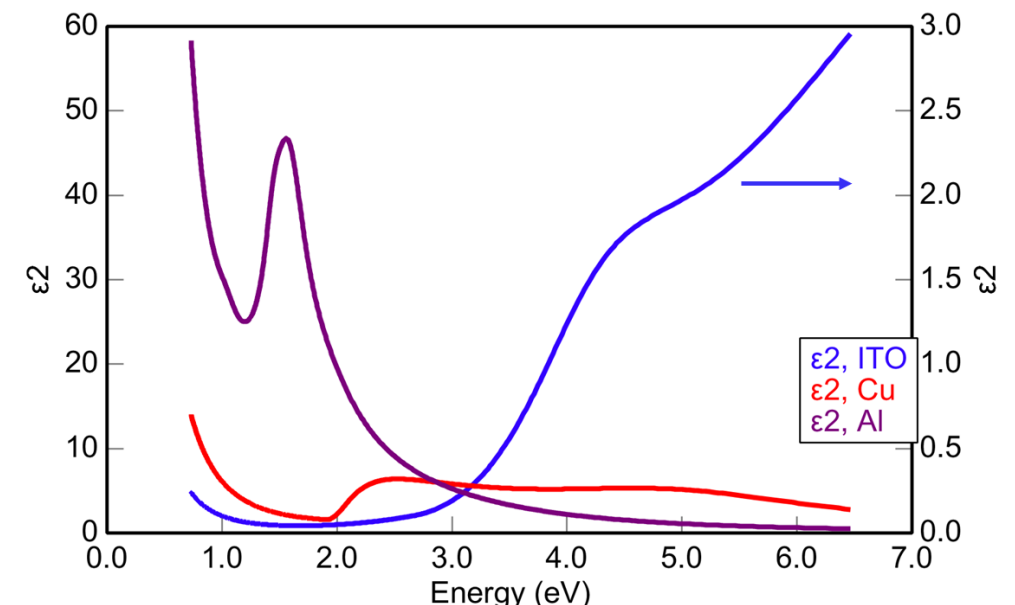
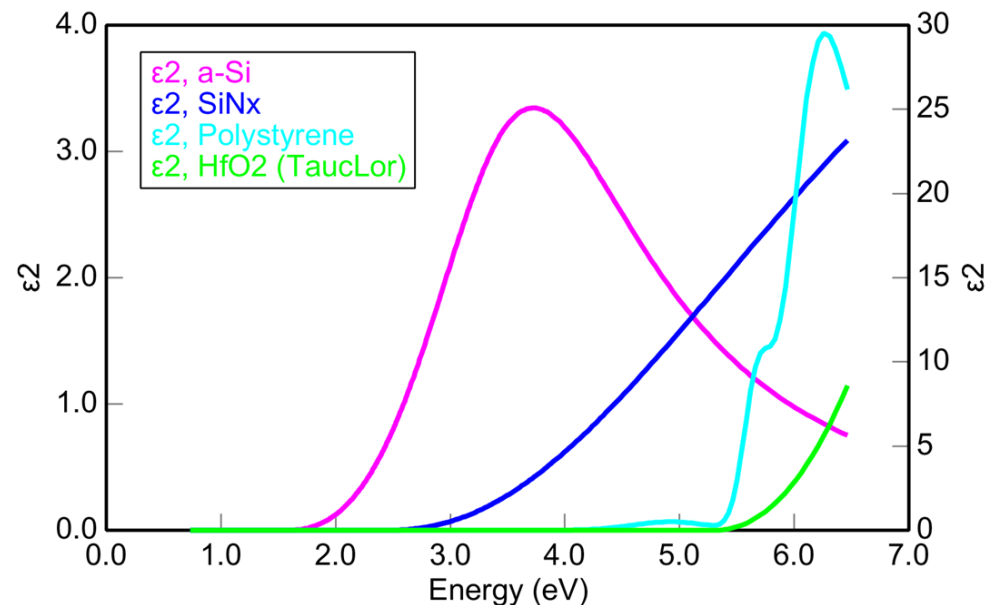
- Most oscillators have **Amplitude**, **Broadening**, and **Center Energy** to describe the shape of ϵ_2 .
- Some also include **Bandgap Energy** –separates absorbing and transparent regions.

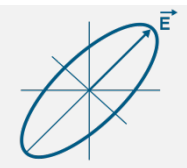




Which oscillators should I choose?

- **Gaussian**: organics, dielectric, semiconductors
- **Tauc-** and **Cody-Lorentz**: amorphous dielectrics and semiconductors
- **PSEMI**: crystalline materials, especially direct bandgap
- **Lorentz**: Metals and mid-IR phonons
- **Drude**: Conductive materials (metals, TCOs, heavily doped semis)

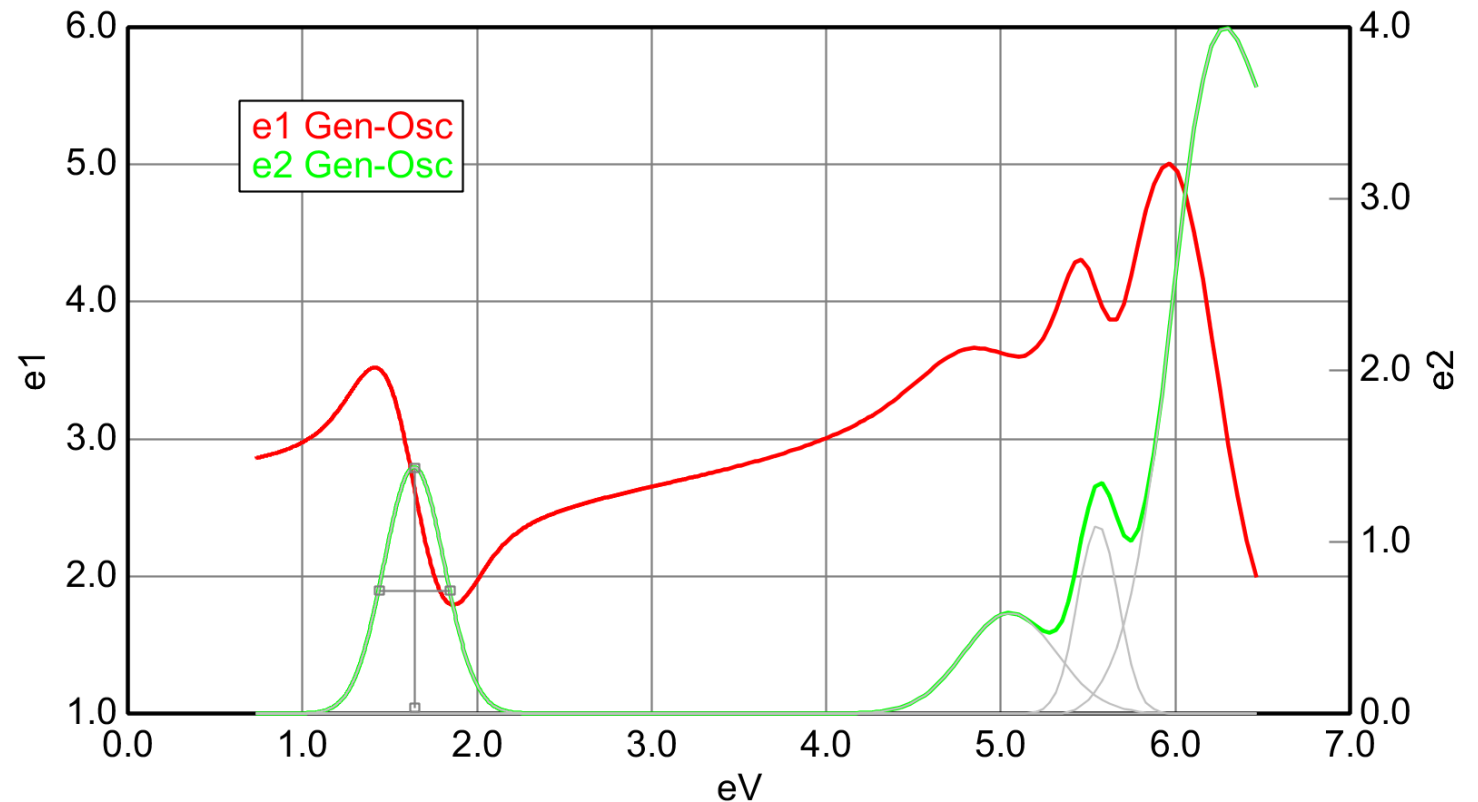




Optical Properties of Real Materials

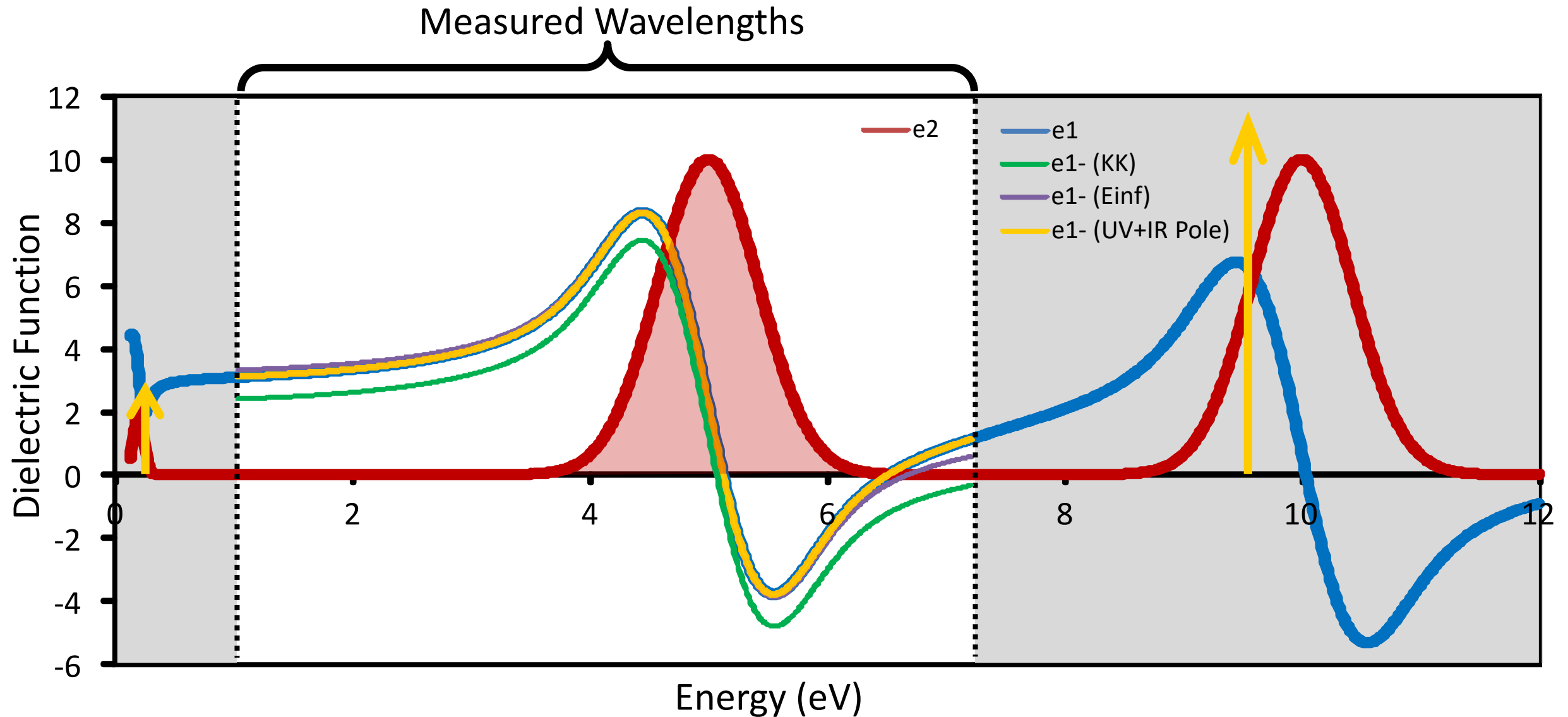
- Absorption from different sources occurs at different wavelengths
- Integration under all absorptions is required to get the correct real part from KK transformation

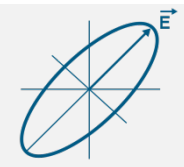
$$\varepsilon_1(\omega) = 1 + \frac{2}{\pi} P \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\omega' \varepsilon_2(\omega')}{\omega'^2 - \omega^2} d\omega'$$





Using Einf and Poles





Gen-Osc Methods

METHOD 1:

Fit Data with
Pre-built Gen-Osc

METHOD 2:

Constructing your
Own Gen-Osc

METHOD 3:

Cauchy ► B-Spline



Build Gen-Osc
from B-spline n, k

Demonstration 1: Using existing Gen-Osc

■ Amorphous silicon thin film on 1737 Glass

Roughness = [5.33 nm](#) (fit)

- Layer # 1 = [a-Si_Aspnes_cl](#) Thickness # 1 = [335.66 nm](#) (fit)

[Show Dialog](#)

- e1 Components

Einf = [1.133](#) (fit)

UV Pole Amp. = [0.000](#) UV Pole En. = [11.000](#)

IR Pole Amp. = [0.000](#)

- e2 Components

Oscillator Menu: [Add](#) [Delete](#) [Delete All](#) [Sort](#)

Fit Menu: [All](#) [None](#) [Amp.](#) [Br.](#) [En.](#) Display Units = [OFF](#)

[1:](#) Type = [Cody-Lorentz](#) Amp1 = [83.943](#) (fit) Br1 = [2.681](#) (fit)

Eo1 = [3.871](#) (fit) Eg1 = [1.791](#) (fit) Ep1 = [1.545](#) (fit)

+ Urbach Absorption Parameters

+ Substrate = [1737 Glass_Genosc](#)

MSE = 3.456

Roughness = 5.33 ± 0.015 nm

Thickness # 1 = 335.66 ± 0.085 nm

Einf = 1.133 ± 0.0116

Amp1 = 83.943 ± 0.7446

Br1 = 2.681 ± 0.006380

Eo1 = 3.871 ± 0.006881

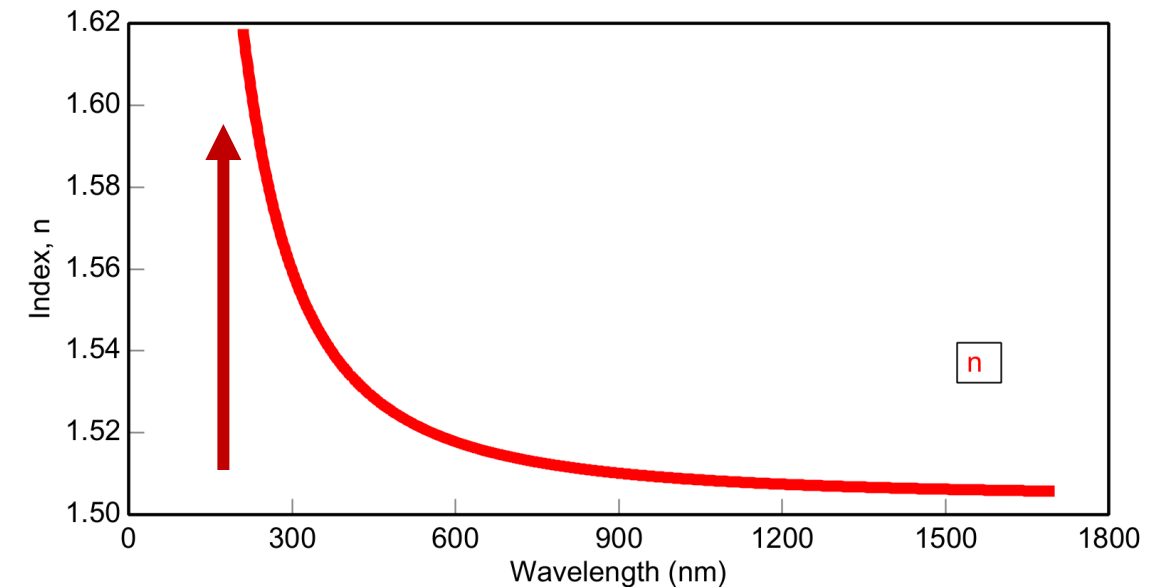
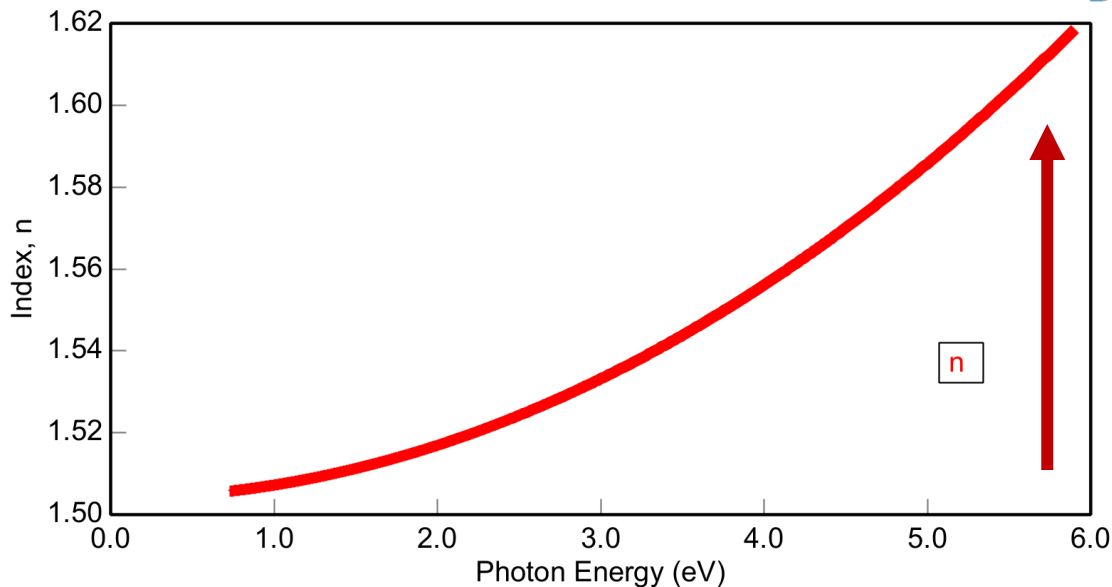
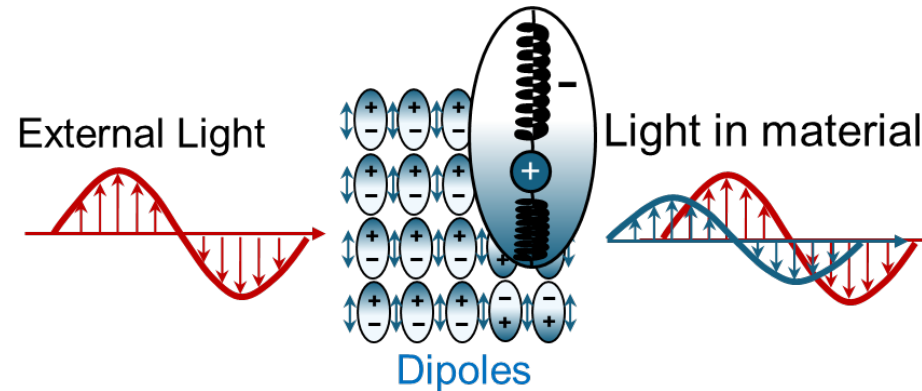
Eg1 = 1.791 ± 0.001238

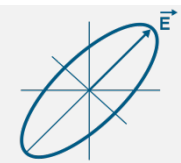
Ep1 = 1.545 ± 0.0164



Normal Dispersion

- Increasing the frequency (higher energy, shorter wavelengths) typically increases the dipole effects in the material (increases the index)





Poles and Einf

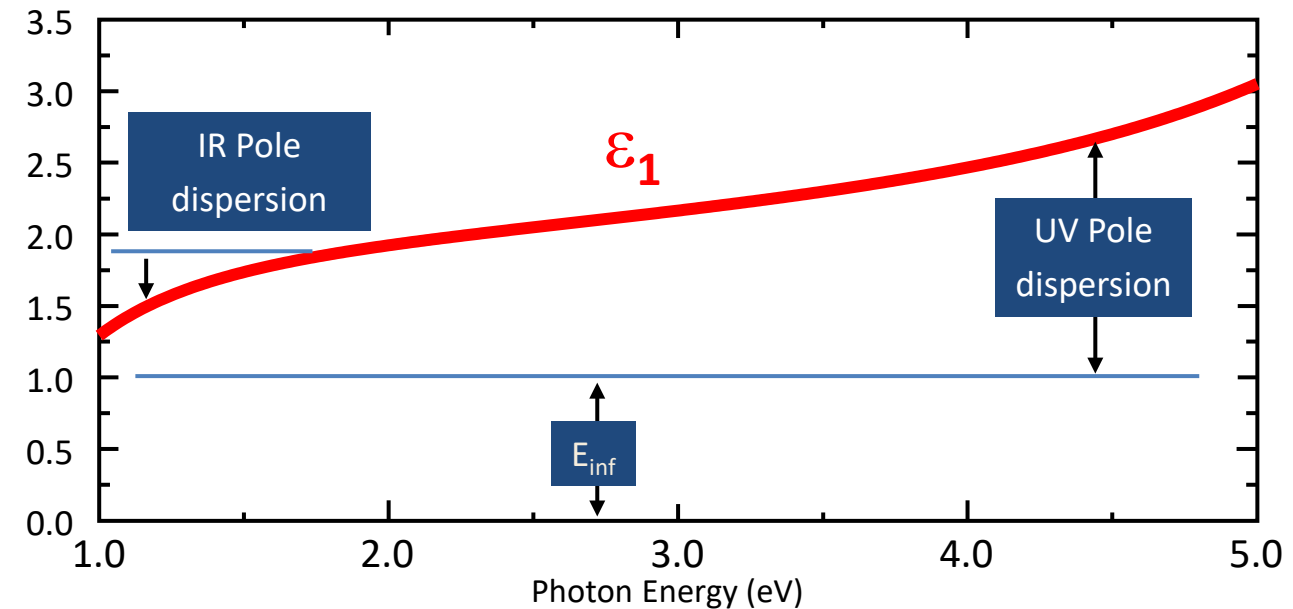
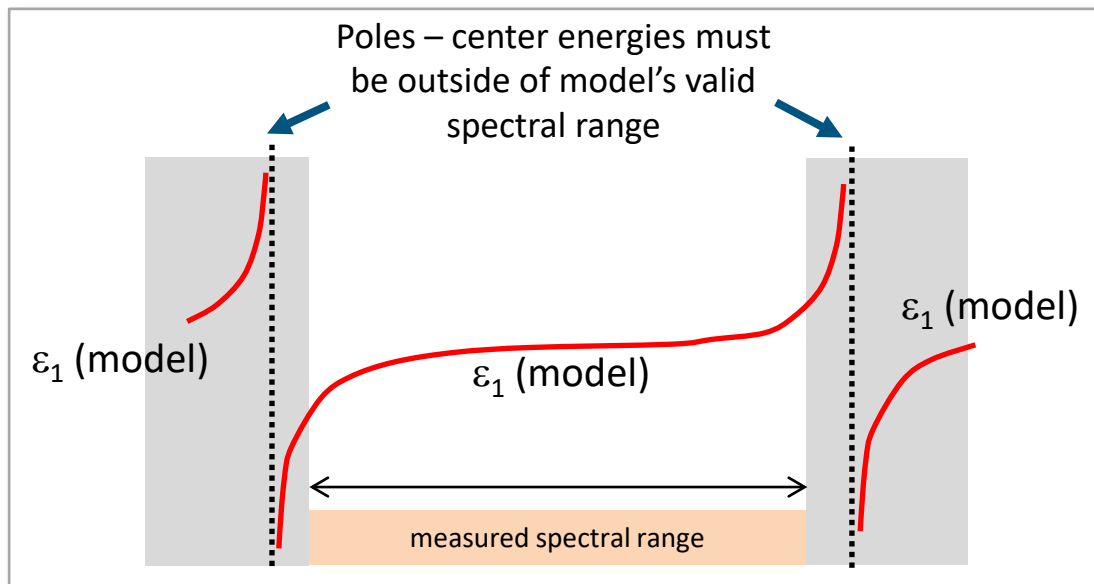
Poles add dispersion (curvature) to the ends of the transparent spectral range

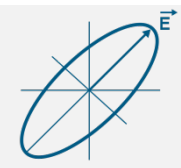
$$\varepsilon(E) = \sum_n \frac{A_n}{E_n^2 - E^2}$$

- Substrate = [Gen-Osc](#)
[Show Dialog](#)

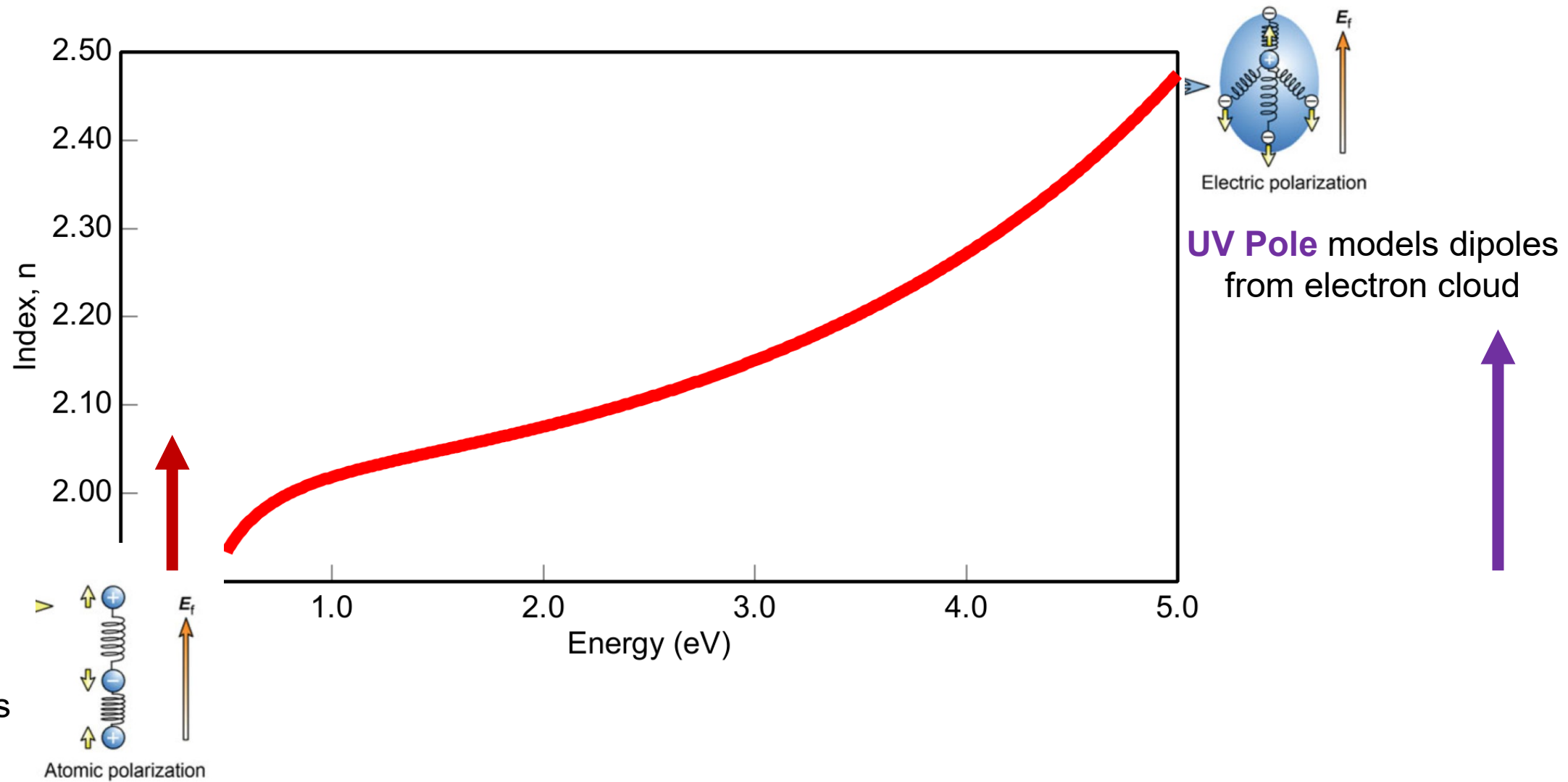
- e1 Components
 Einf = [1.000](#)
 UV Pole Amp. = [0.000](#) UV Pole En. = [11.000](#)
 IR Pole Amp. = [0.000](#)

- e2 Components
 Oscillator Menu: [Add](#) [Delete](#) [Delete All](#)
 Fit Menu: [All](#) [None](#) [Amp.](#) [Br.](#) [En.](#)
[1:](#) Type = [Gaussian](#) Amp1 = [10.000000](#) Br1 =





Physics behind “2 Poles”



Demonstration 2: BK7 Substrate

- Fit data with both Sellmeier and Cauchy – compare results

Include Surface Roughness = [ON](#) Roughness = [13.44 Å](#) (fit)

- Substrate = [Gen-Osc](#)

Show Dialog

- **e1 Components**

Einf = [1.466](#) (fit)

UV Pole Amp. = [92.7823](#) (fit) UV Pole En. = [10.665](#) (fit)

IR Pole Amp. = [0.0200](#) (fit)

- **e2 Components**

Oscillator Menu: **Add Delete Delete All Sort**

Fit Menu: [All](#) [None](#) [Amp.](#) [Br.](#) [En.](#) Display Units = [OFF](#)
(There are no oscillators added.)

MSE = 1.054

Roughness = $13.44 \pm 0.039 \text{ Å}$

Einf = 1.466 ± 0.0117

UV Pole Amp. = 92.7823 ± 2.28468

UV Pole En. = 10.665 ± 0.0560

IR Pole Amp. = 0.0200 ± 0.00017652



BK7 Substrate: Sellmeier or Cauchy?

Full Wavelength Range:

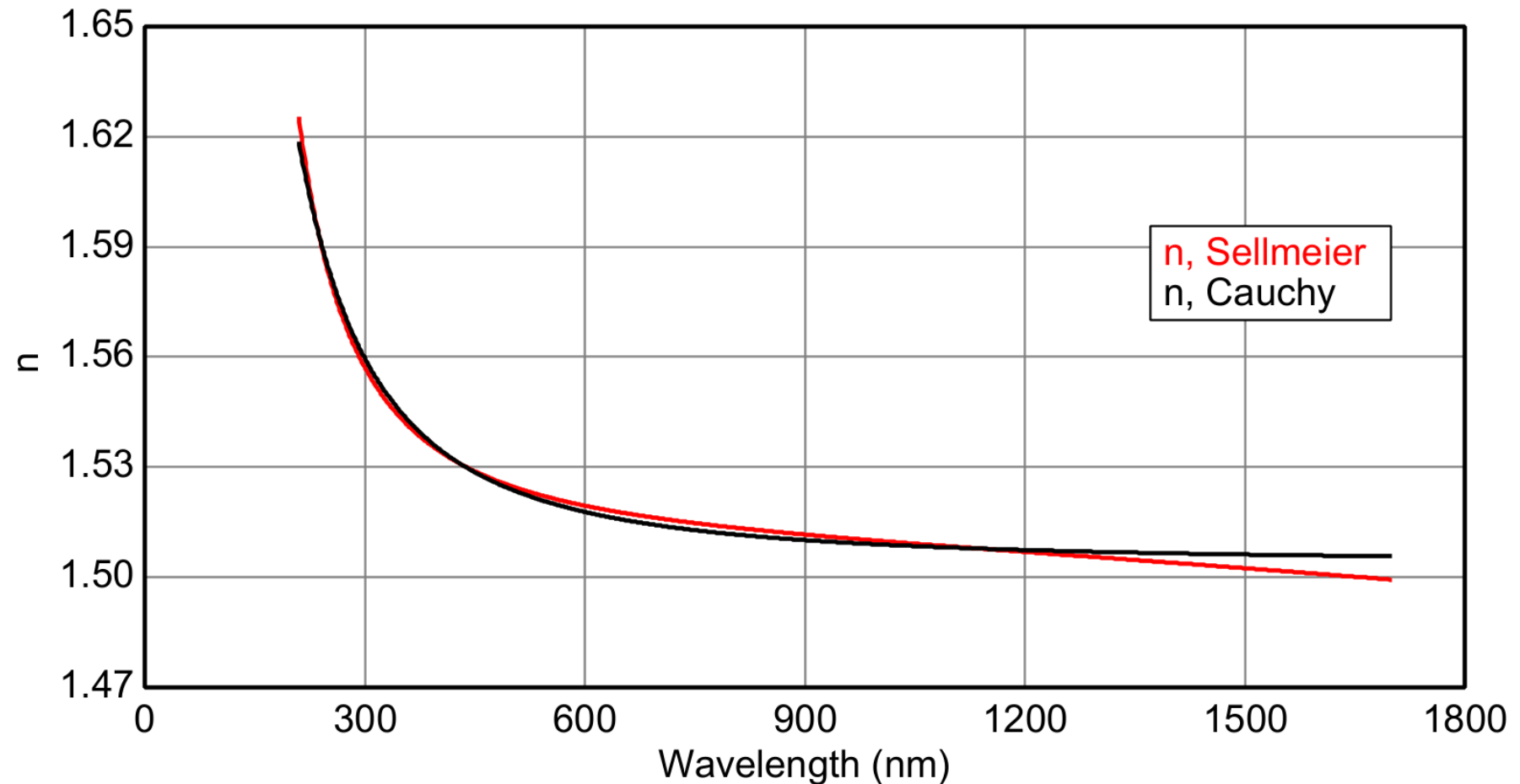
MSE (Sellmeier) = 1.054

MSE (Cauchy) = 1.536

Limited 250-1000 nm:

MSE (Sellmeier) = 0.723

MSE (Cauchy) = 0.734



4-01: Fused Silica Substrate

- Fit data with both Sellmeier and Cauchy – compare results

MSE (Sellmeier) = 0.626

MSE (Cauchy) = 1.188

Roughness = [0.17 nm](#) (fit)

- Substrate = [Fused Silica_Sellmeier](#)

[Show Dialog](#)

- **e1 Components**

Einf = [1.528](#) (fit)

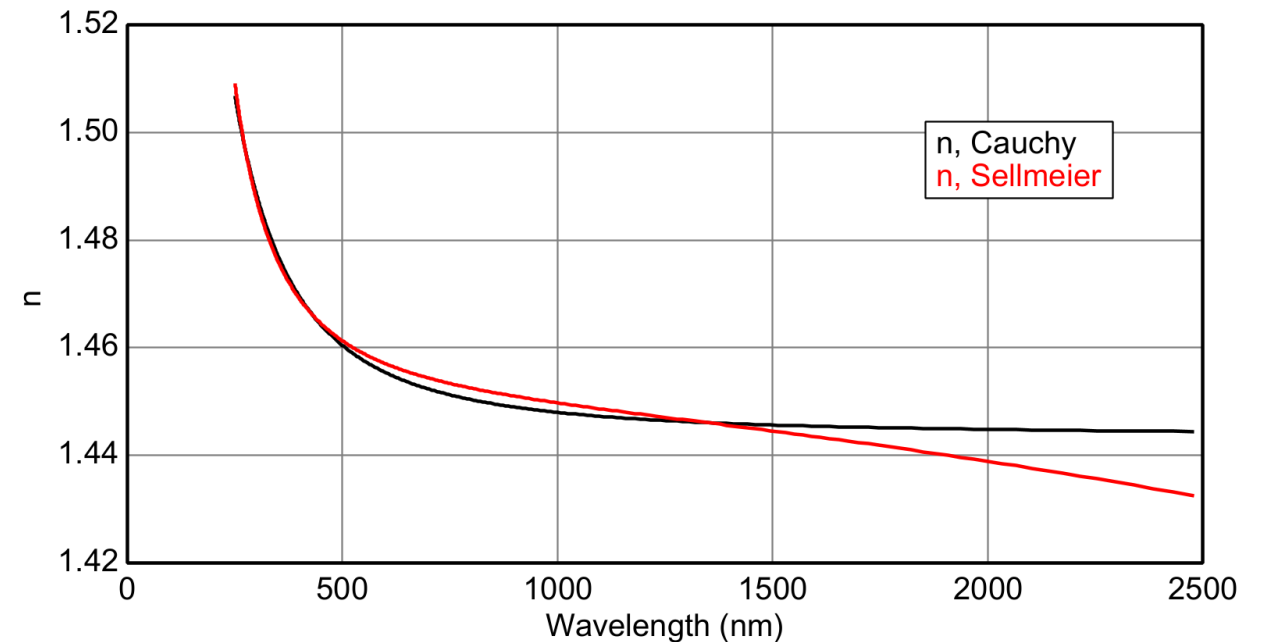
UV Pole Amp. = [59.9546](#) (fit) UV Pole En. = [10.225](#) (fit)

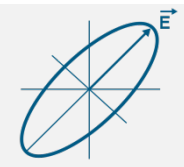
IR Pole Amp. = [0.0128](#) (fit)

- **e2 Components**

Oscillator Menu: [Add](#) [Delete](#) [Delete All](#) [Sort](#)

Fit Menu: [All](#) [None](#) [Amp.](#) [Br.](#) [En.](#) Display Units = [OFF](#)
(There are no oscillators added.)





Gen-Osc Methods

METHOD 1:

Fit Data with
Pre-built Gen-Osc

METHOD 2:

Constructing your
Own Gen-Osc

METHOD 3:

Cauchy ► B-Spline



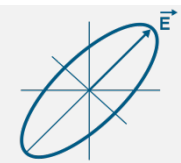
Build Gen-Osc
from B-spline n, k



Pre-Built Gen-Osc

Fit Data with
Pre-Built Gen-Osc

1. Add pre-built Gen-Osc layer in your model.
2. Adjust and fit Thickness-only to match data.
 - prevents oscillator parameters from getting lost.
3. Turn on Oscillator Fit parameters.
4. Watch for “lost” parameters – simplify your model.



Material File Names and Comments

- The new material files tell you they are a “Genosc”.
- Click on a file to see **Comment**

File Name:

Comment:

- Right-click layer name to **View Layer Info**.

Subst: **LiNbO3 Genosc_Extraordinary_VUV-NIR**

En. = 10

Layer Information

LiNbO3 film on SiO₂-Si, Fit to VUV, RC2, and IR data (3 orientations): 140nm to 6um

Applicable Wavelength Range: 140.0 nm to 6000.0 nm

Anisotropy: extraordinary

Long Name: lithium niobate

Files:

Name ^
Float Glass_Tin Side_Genosc.mat
Fused Silica_IR-Grade_Genosc_VUV-NIR.mat
Fused Silica_Sellmeier.mat
Fused Silica_UV Grade_Genosc_VUV-NIR.mat
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4-02: Using Existing Genosc: Al_2O_3 thin film on Si

- Fit data with both Sellmeier and Cauchy – compare results
 - Hint: Delete the oscillator (we are fitting the transparent region)*

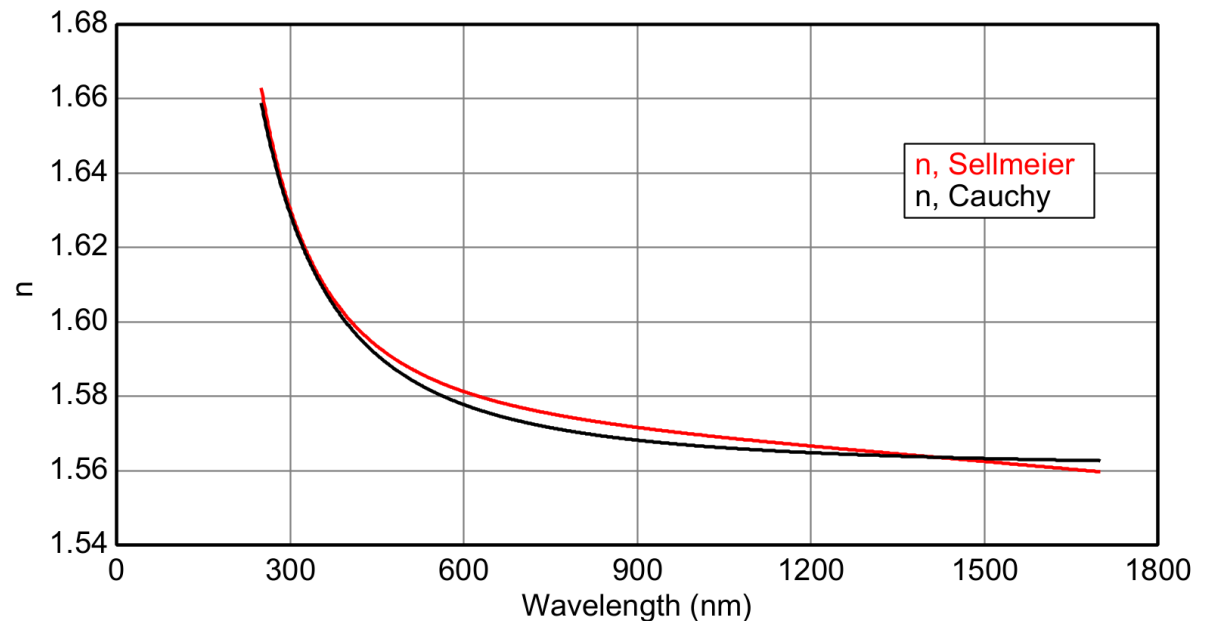
MSE (Sellmeier) = 3.552

MSE (Cauchy) = 8.941

- Layer # 1 = [Gen-Osc](#) Thickness # 1 = [2971.24 Å](#) (fit)
[Show Dialog](#)

- **e1 Components**
 - Einf = [1.485](#) (fit)
 - UV Pole Amp. = [100.6613](#) (fit) UV Pole En. = [10.142](#) (fit)
 - IR Pole Amp. = [0.0200](#) (fit)
- **e2 Components**
 - Oscillator Menu: [Add](#) [Delete](#) [Delete All](#) [Sort](#)
 - Fit Menu: [All](#) [None](#) [Amp.](#) [Br.](#) [En.](#) Display Units = [OFF](#)
(There are no oscillators added.)

Substrate = [SI_JAW](#)





Which Gen-Osc Parameters to Use?

- Are oscillators in the same energy range as your data?
- What parameters have been used?
- Which parameters have a big effect?
- Test parameters – do they improve fit quality (lower MSE)?
 - If no, press **RESET** and turn them off.



Lost Parameters may include:
i) negative amplitudes, ii) very small broadenings,
and iii) out-of-range energies

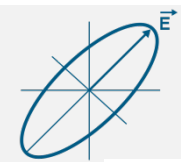
4-03: Use Prebuilt Gen-Osc: SiNx on Si

- Use Prebuilt SiNx GenOsc mat file
- Match thickness
- Fit parameters and check for correlation

HINTS:

- Did you try surface roughness?

Fit Data with
Pre-Built Gen-Osc



SiNx on Si: Results



Roughness = **51.07 Å** (fit)

- Layer # 1 = **SiNx (CodyLor)** Thickness # 1 = **1180.04 Å** (fit)

Show Dialog

- e1 Components

Einf = **1.025**

UV Pole Amp. = **97.2437** (fit) UV Pole En. = **9.460** (fit)

IR Pole Amp. = **0.000**

- e2 Components

Oscillator Menu: **Add Delete Delete All Sort**

Fit Menu: **All None Amp. Br. En.** Display Units = **OFF**

1: Type = **Cody-Lorentz** Amp1 = **29.204** (fit) Br1 = **6.587** (fit)

Eo1 = **7.851** (fit) Eg1 = **2.226** (fit) Ep1 = **3.671** (fit)

+ Urbach Absorption Parameters

Substrate = **Si_JAW**

MSE = 5.342

Roughness = 51.07 ± 0.238 Å

Thickness # 1 = 1180.04 ± 0.116 Å

UV Pole Amp. = 97.2437 ± 8.91036

UV Pole En. = 9.460 ± 0.0826

Amp1 = 29.204 ± 3.1452

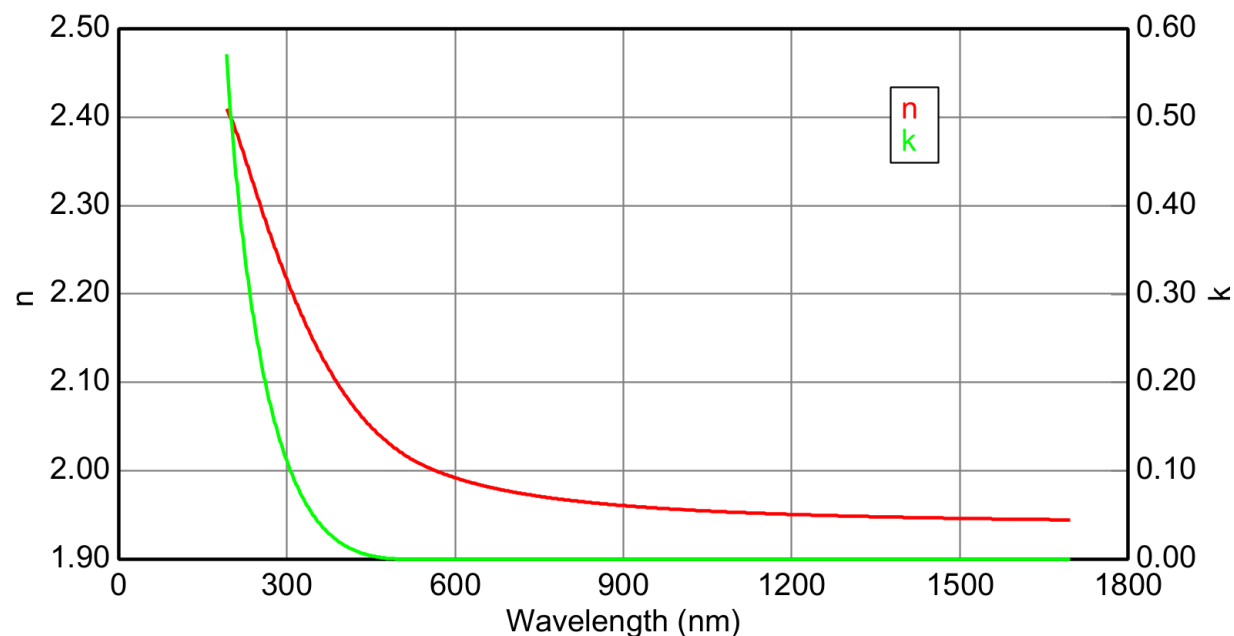
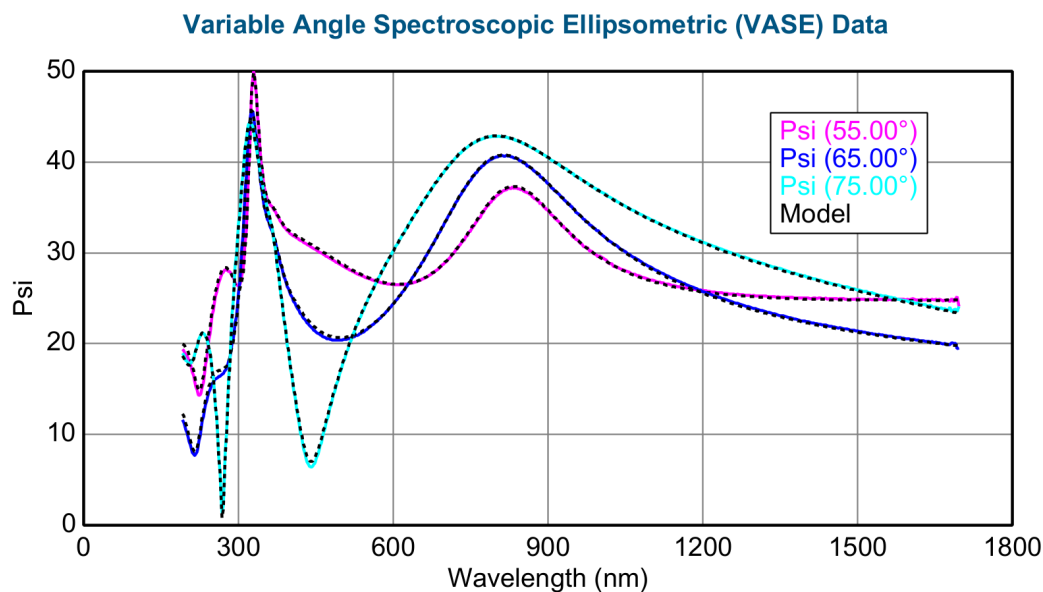
Br1 = 6.587 ± 0.4039

Eo1 = 7.851 ± 0.1154

Eg1 = 2.226 ± 0.0111

Ep1 = 3.671 ± 0.2445

Optical Constants of SiNx (CodyLor) vs. nm



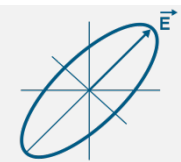
4-04: Use Prebuilt Gen-Osc: Nb₂O₅ on Si

- Use Prebuilt Nb2O5_GenOsc.mat file
- Match thickness
- Fit parameters and check for correlation

Hints:

- Any non-idealities?

Fit Data with
Pre-Built Gen-Osc



Nb₂O₅ on Si: Results



- Layer # 1 = [Nb2O5_Genosc](#) Thickness # 1 = [8091.86 Å](#) (fit)
[Show Dialog](#)

- **e1 Components**
Einf = [1.000](#)
UV Pole Amp. = [107.0559](#) UV Pole En. = [10.443](#)
IR Pole Amp. = [0.0374](#)
- **e2 Components**
Oscillator Menu: [Add](#) [Delete](#) [Delete All](#) [Sort](#)
Fit Menu: [All](#) [None](#) [Amp.](#) [Br.](#) [En.](#) Display Units = [OFF](#)
1: Type = [Cody-Lorentz](#) Amp1 = [313.841](#) (fit) Br1 = [1.521](#) (fit)
Eo1 = [4.397](#) (fit) Eg1 = [3.364](#) (fit) Ep1 = [6.444](#) (fit)
+ Urbach Absorption Parameters

Substrate = [Si_JAW](#)

MSE = 10.798

Thickness # 1 = 8091.86 ± 1.221 Å

Amp1 = 313.841 ± 4.2777

Br1 = 1.521 ± 0.006641

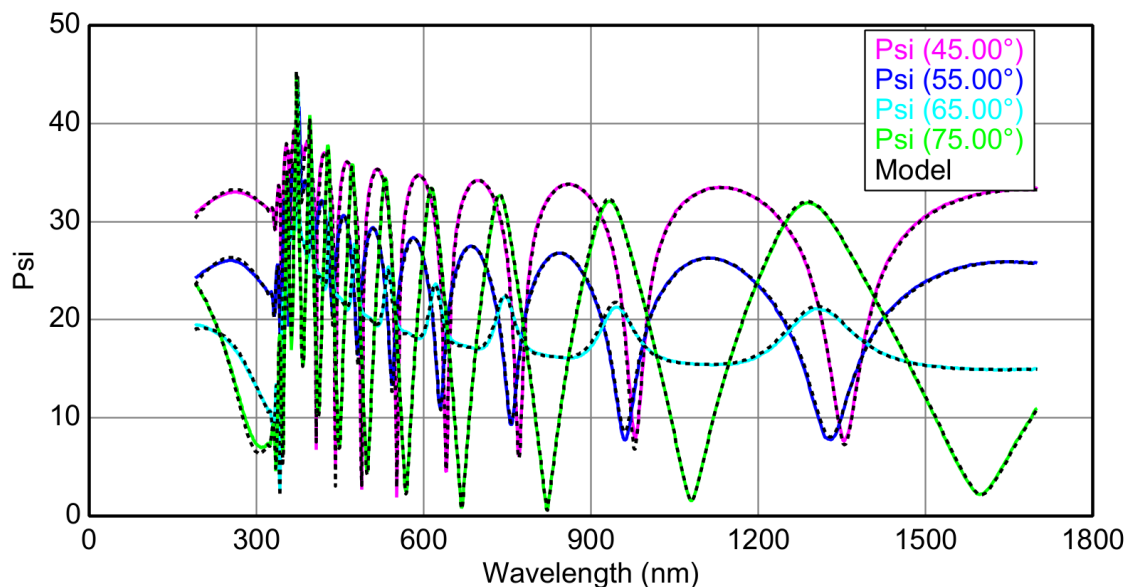
Eo1 = 4.397 ± 0.002294

Eg1 = 3.364 ± 0.001027

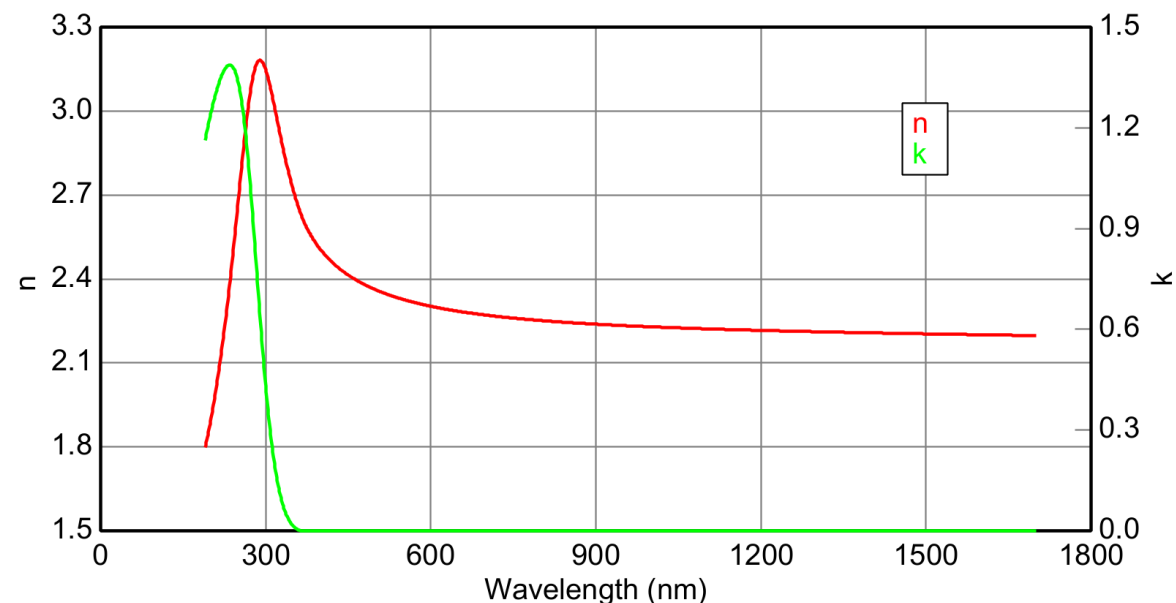
Ep1 = 6.444 ± 0.0553

Bandwidth (nm) = 3.024 ± 0.0125

Variable Angle Spectroscopic Ellipsometric (VASE) Data



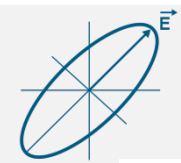
Optical Constants of Nb2O5_Genosc vs. nm



4-05: Using Existing Gen-Osc: amorphous Silicon on Glass

- Start by fitting the Glass substrate (or use Glass Substrate_4-05.mat)
- Add the a-Si Genosc, roll-in the thickness and oscillator parameters.
- Fit to get thickness and optical constants.

Fit Data with
Pre-Built Gen-Osc



Results: a-Si on Glass



Roughness = **48.62 Å** (fit)

- Layer # 1 = **a-Si_Aspnes_cl** Thickness # 1 = **923.60 Å** (fit)

Show Dialog

- **e1 Components**

Einf = **1.000**

UV Pole Amp. = **0.000** UV Pole En. = **11.000**

IR Pole Amp. = **0.000**

- **e2 Components**

Oscillator Menu: **Add Delete Delete All Sort**

Fit Menu: **All None Amp. Br. En. Display Units = OFF**

1: Type = **Cody-Lorentz** Amp1 = **611.390** (fit) Br1 = **2.683** (fit)

Eo1 = **3.424** (fit) Eg1 = **1.450** (fit) Ep1 = **11.896** (fit)

+ Urbach Absorption Parameters

+ Substrate = **Glass Substrate_4-03**

MSE = 2.413

Roughness = 48.62 ± 0.098 Å

Thickness # 1 = 923.60 ± 0.105 Å

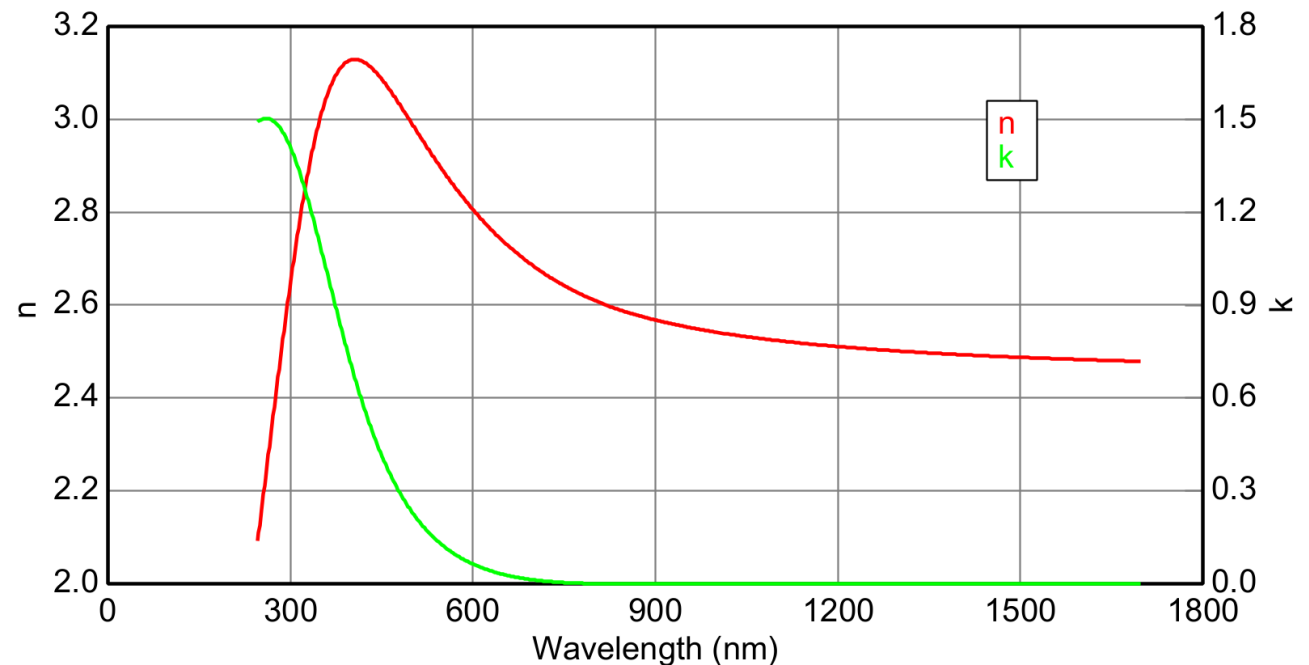
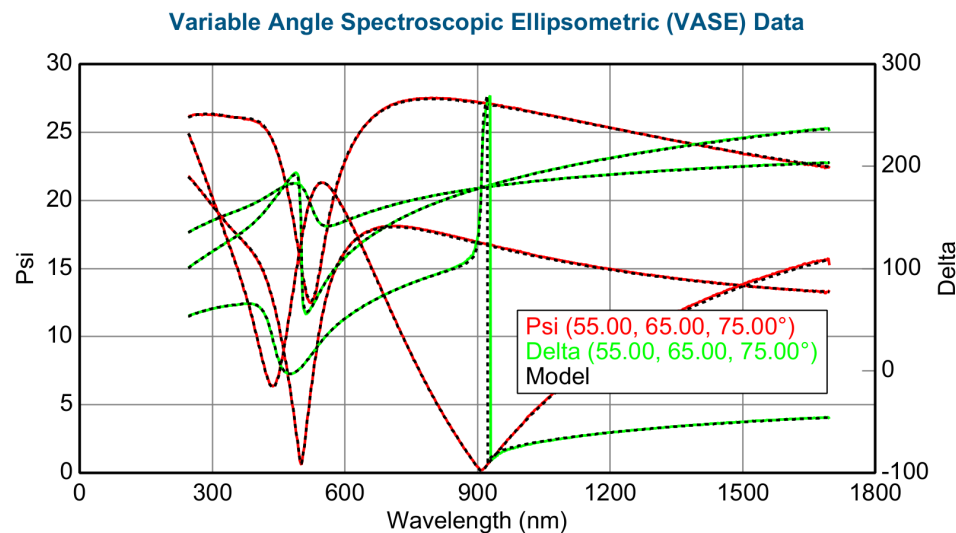
Amp1 = 611.390 ± 8.4071

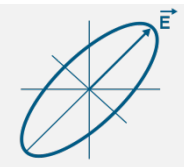
Br1 = 2.683 ± 0.005517

Eo1 = 3.424 ± 0.001935

Eg1 = 1.450 ± 0.002748

Ep1 = 11.896 ± 0.1049





Gen-Osc Methods

METHOD 1:

Fit Data with
Pre-built Gen-Osc

METHOD 2:

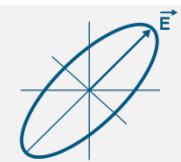
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Own Gen-Osc

METHOD 3:

Cauchy ► B-Spline



Build Gen-Osc
from B-spline n, k



Simplify my Genosc

- Check to see if your oscillators are outside the data energy range. If yes, they only contribute to the KK integration (ϵ_1).

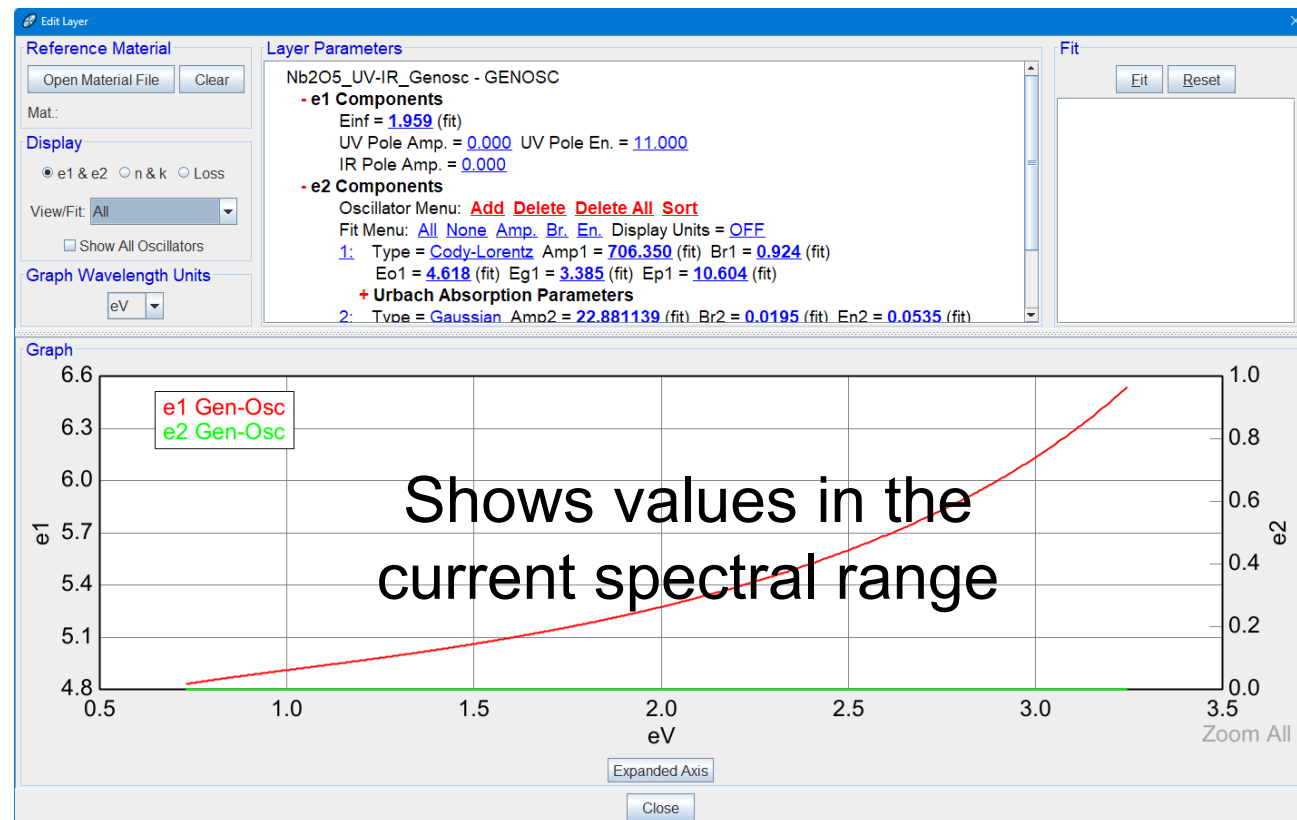
Layer # 1 = [Nb2O5_UV-IR_Genosc](#) Thickness # 1 = [808.53 nm](#) (fit)

Show Dialog

- e1 Components
Einf = [1.959](#) (fit)
UV Pole Amp. = [0.000](#) UV Pole En. = [11.000](#)
IR Pole Amp. = [0.000](#)

- e2 Components
Oscillator Menu: [Add](#) [Delete](#) [Delete All](#) [Sort](#)
Fit Menu: [All](#) [None](#) [Amp.](#) [Br.](#) [En.](#) Display Units = [OFF](#)
1: Type = [Cody-Lorentz](#) Amp1 = [706.350](#) (fit) Br1 = [0.924](#) (fit)
Eo1 = [4.618](#) (fit) Eg1 = [3.385](#) (fit) Ep1 = [10.604](#) (fit)
+ Urbach Absorption Parameters
2: Type = [Gaussian](#) Amp2 = [22.881139](#) (fit) Br2 = [0.0195](#) (fit) En2 = [0.0535](#) (fit)
3: Type = [Gaussian](#) Amp3 = [9.902605](#) Br3 = [0.0318](#) En3 = [0.0556](#)
4: Type = [Gaussian](#) Amp4 = [8.123109](#) Br4 = [0.0239](#) En4 = [0.0740](#)
5: Type = [Gaussian](#) Amp5 = [1.480561](#) Br5 = [0.0246](#) En5 = [0.105](#)

Substrate = [Si_JAW](#)





Replacing Oscillators with Poles

- Strategy 1: Delete the unnecessary oscillators – change pole values
- Strategy 2: “Start Over” - use the Parameterize Layer command to use your current values as reference for a new Genosc.

- Layer # 1 = **Nb2O5_UV-IR_Genosc** Thickness # 1 = 808.53 nm (fit)

Show D

- e1 Com Graph Layer Optical Constants
- Einf Graph Layer Absorption Coefficient
- UV F Graph Layer Optical Conductivity
- IR P Graph Layer Loss Function
- e2 Com Rename Layer and Fit Parameters
- Osci Save Layer Optical Constants
- Fit M Parameterize Layer

1: View Layer Information

2: Convert To EMA

3: Convert To Anisotropic

4: Grade Layer

5: Start Superlattice

6: Delete Layer

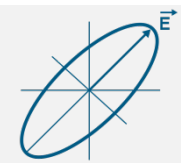
7: Type = Gaussian Amp5 = 1.480561 Br5 = 0.0246 En5 = 0.105

Substrate = Si_JAW

Gen-Osc t
B-Spline
Cauchy

its = OFF
t) Br1 = 0.924 (fit)
ity Lpt = 10.604 (fit)

11139 (fit) Br2 = 0.0195 (fit) En2 = 0.0535 (fit)
2605 Br3 = 0.0318 En3 = 0.0556
3109 Br4 = 0.0239 En4 = 0.0740



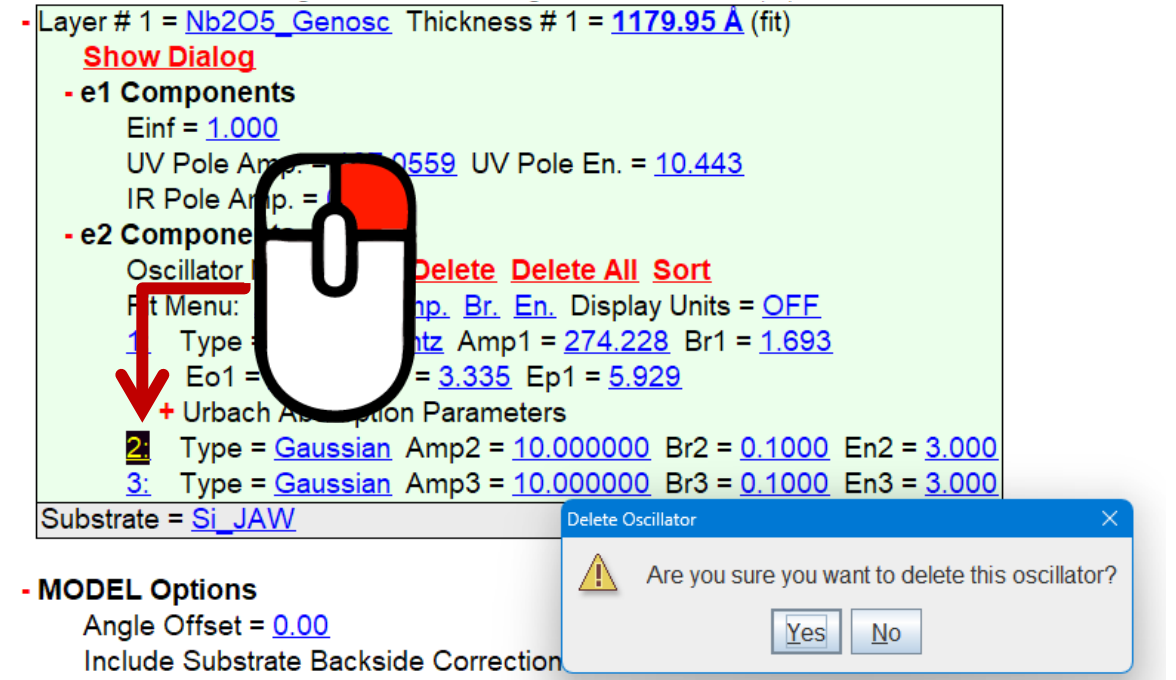
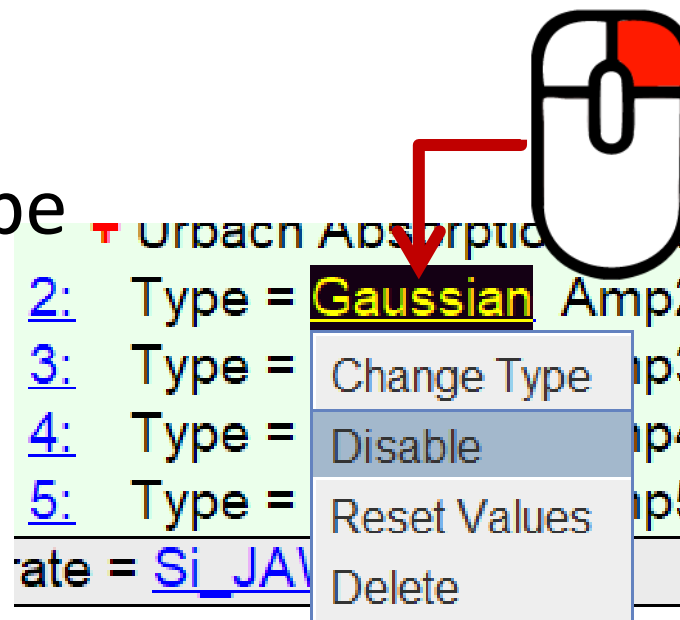
Disabling or Deleting oscillators

DELETE

- Right-Click “#”
 - Shift-Right-Click “#” deletes without warning

DISABLE

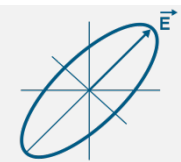
- Right-Click Oscillator Type



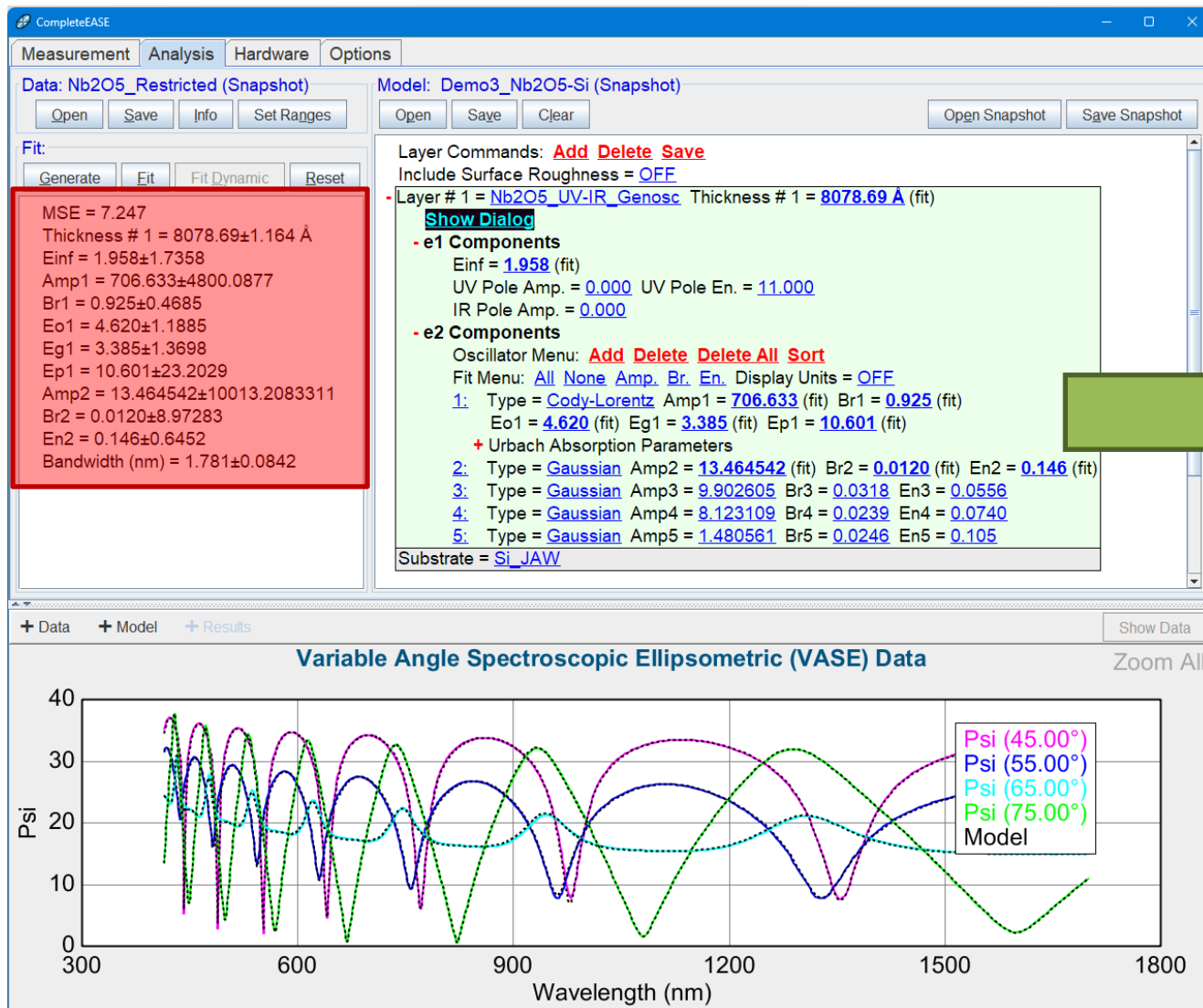
Demonstration 3: Simplify Existing Gen-Osc: Nb₂O₅ on Si

- Open SNAPSHOT: Demo3_Nb2O5-Si
- Simplify the existing model.

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Nb₂O₅ Demonstration: Results



Model: Demo3_Nb2O5-Si (Snapshot)

Open Save Clear

Layer Commands: **Add Delete Save**

Include Surface Roughness = **OFF**

- Layer # 1 = **Gen-Osc** Thickness # 1 = **8078.48 Å** (fit)

Show Dialog

- e1 Components

Einf = **2.775** (fit)

UV Pole Amp. = **49.8056** (fit) UV Pole En. = **4.877** (fit)

IR Pole Amp. = **0.0429** (fit)

- e2 Components

Oscillator Menu: **Add Delete Delete All Sort**

Fit Menu: **All None Amp. Br. En. Display Units = OFF**

(There are no oscillators added.)

Substrate = **Si_JAW**

Data: Nb2O5_Restricted (Snapshot)

Open Save Info Set Ranges

Fit:

Generate Fit Fit Dynamic Reset

MSE = 7.151

Thickness # 1 = 8078.48±0.939 Å

Einf = 2.775±0.0110

UV Pole Amp. = 49.8056±0.38905

UV Pole En. = 4.877±0.007033

IR Pole Amp. = 0.0429±0.00075211

Bandwidth (nm) = 1.785±0.0757

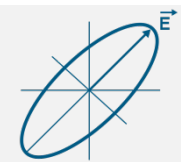
4-06: Making a Genosc: Ta_2O_5 on Fused Silica

- Fit the data with existing Genosc
- Simplify the Genosc for the limited wavelength range

HINTS:

- Is the backside smooth or rough?

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Ta₂O₅ on Fused Silica: Results



Include Surface Roughness = [OFF](#)

- Layer # 1 = [Gen-Osc](#) Thickness # 1 = [8021.94 Å](#) (fit)

[Show Dialog](#)

- **e1 Components**

Einf = [2.290](#) (fit)

UV Pole Amp. = [72.3690](#) (fit) UV Pole En. = [5.934](#) (fit)

IR Pole Amp. = [0.0175](#) (fit)

+ **e2 Components**

+ Substrate = [Fused Silica_Sellmeier](#) Substrate Thickness = [1.0000 mm](#)

- **MODEL Options**

Angle Offset = [0.00](#)

Include Substrate Backside Correction = [ON](#)

Transmission SE Data = [OFF](#) Reverse Direction = [OFF](#)

Back Reflections = [1.543](#) (fit)

% 1st Reflection = [100.00](#)

MSE = 6.367

Thickness # 1 = 8021.94 ± 2.181 Å

Einf = 2.290 ± 0.0974

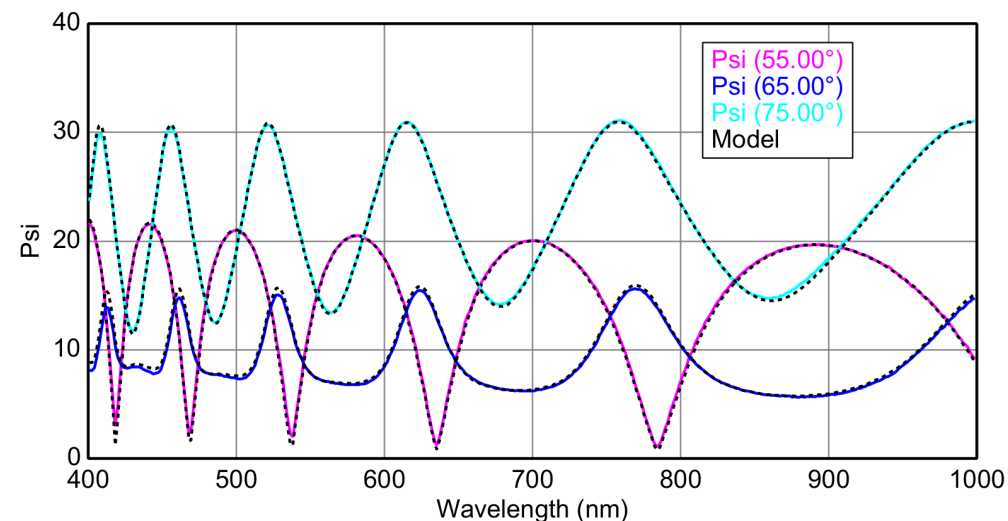
UV Pole Amp. = 72.3690 ± 5.39413

UV Pole En. = 5.934 ± 0.0877

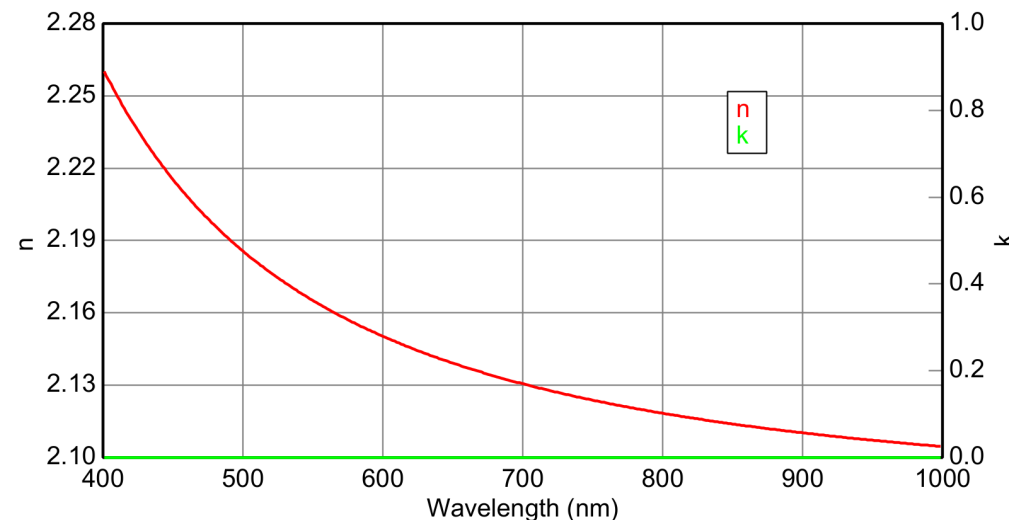
IR Pole Amp. = 0.0175 ± 0.00682

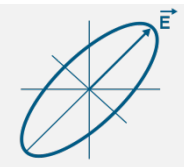
Back Reflections = 1.543 ± 0.0339

Variable Angle Spectroscopic Ellipsometric (VASE) Data



Optical Constants of Gen-Osc vs. nm





Gen-Osc Methods

METHOD 1:

Fit Data with
Pre-built Gen-Osc

METHOD 2:

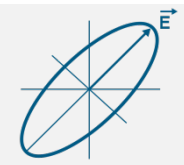
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Own Gen-Osc

METHOD 3:

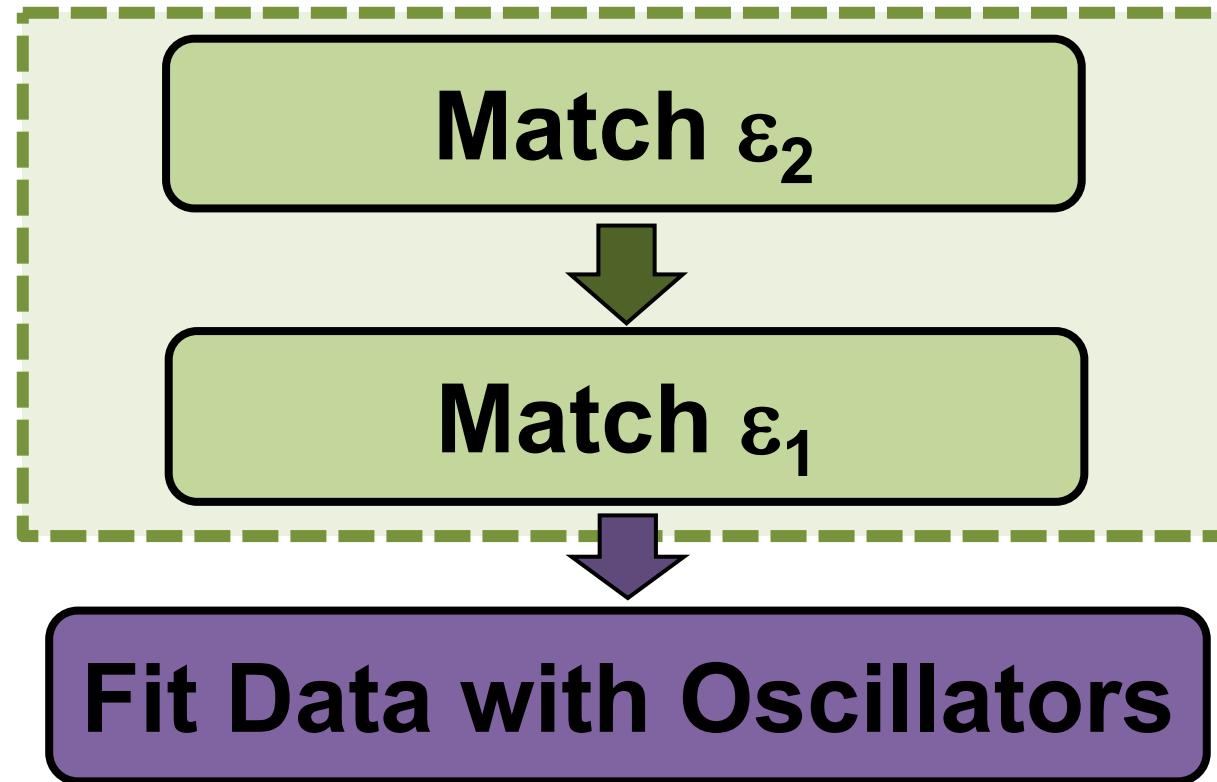
Cauchy ► B-Spline



Build Gen-Osc
from B-spline n, k



Procedure: Building your own Gen-Osc

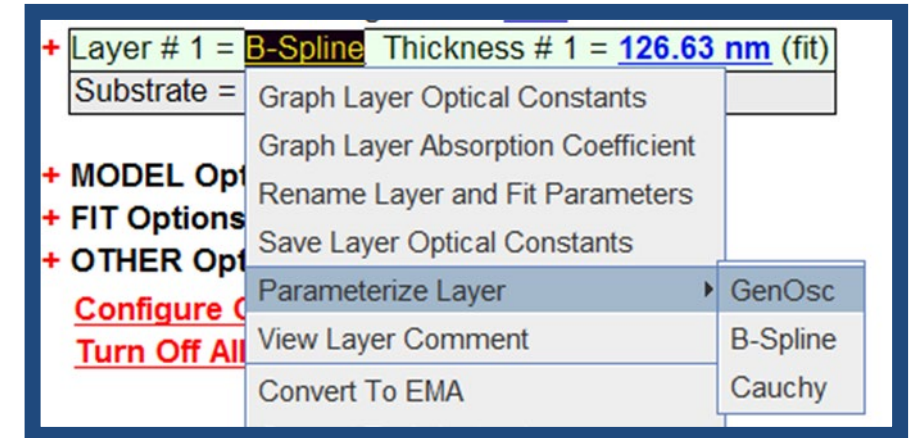
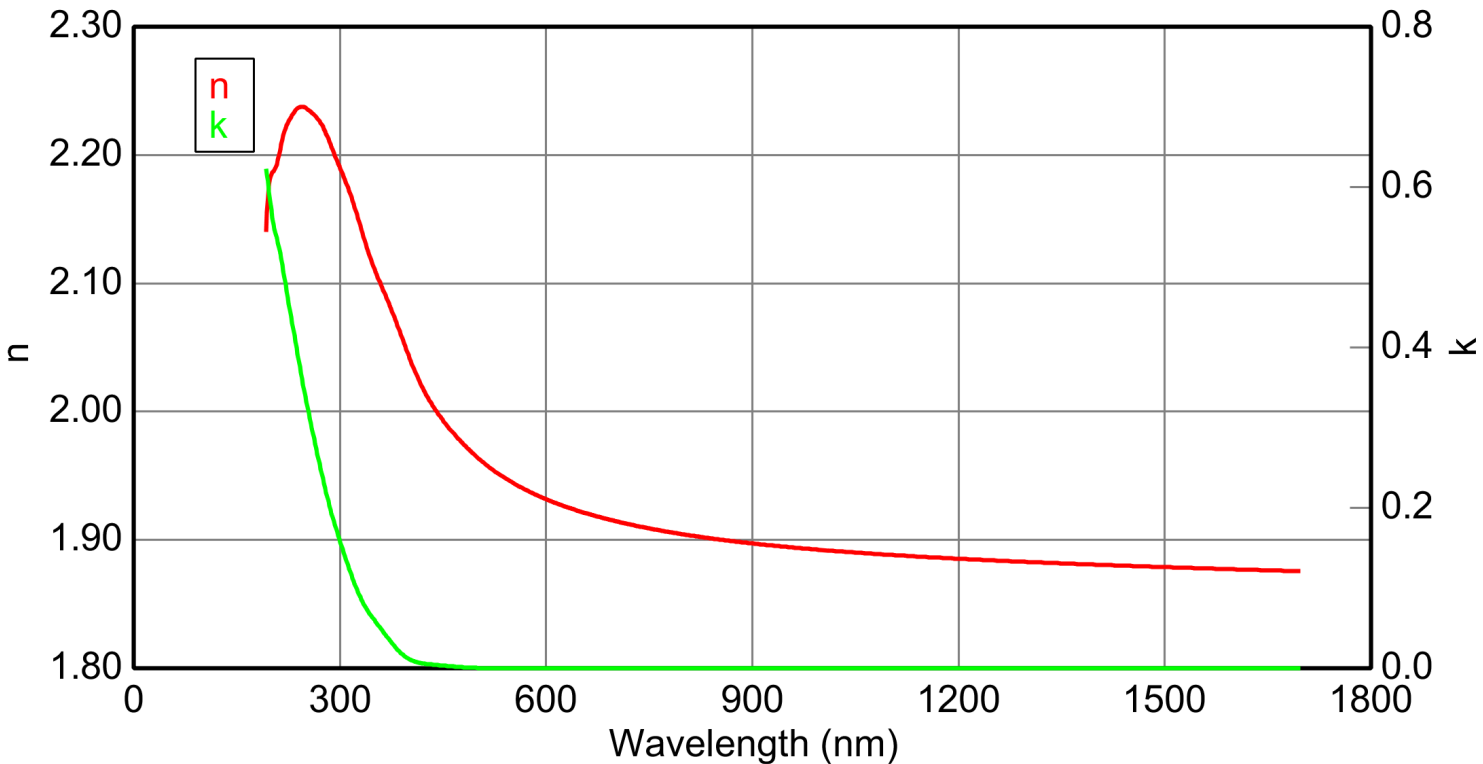


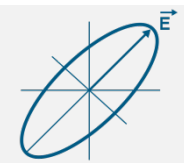
**Building
Oscillator
Model**



Using Current Results as Reference

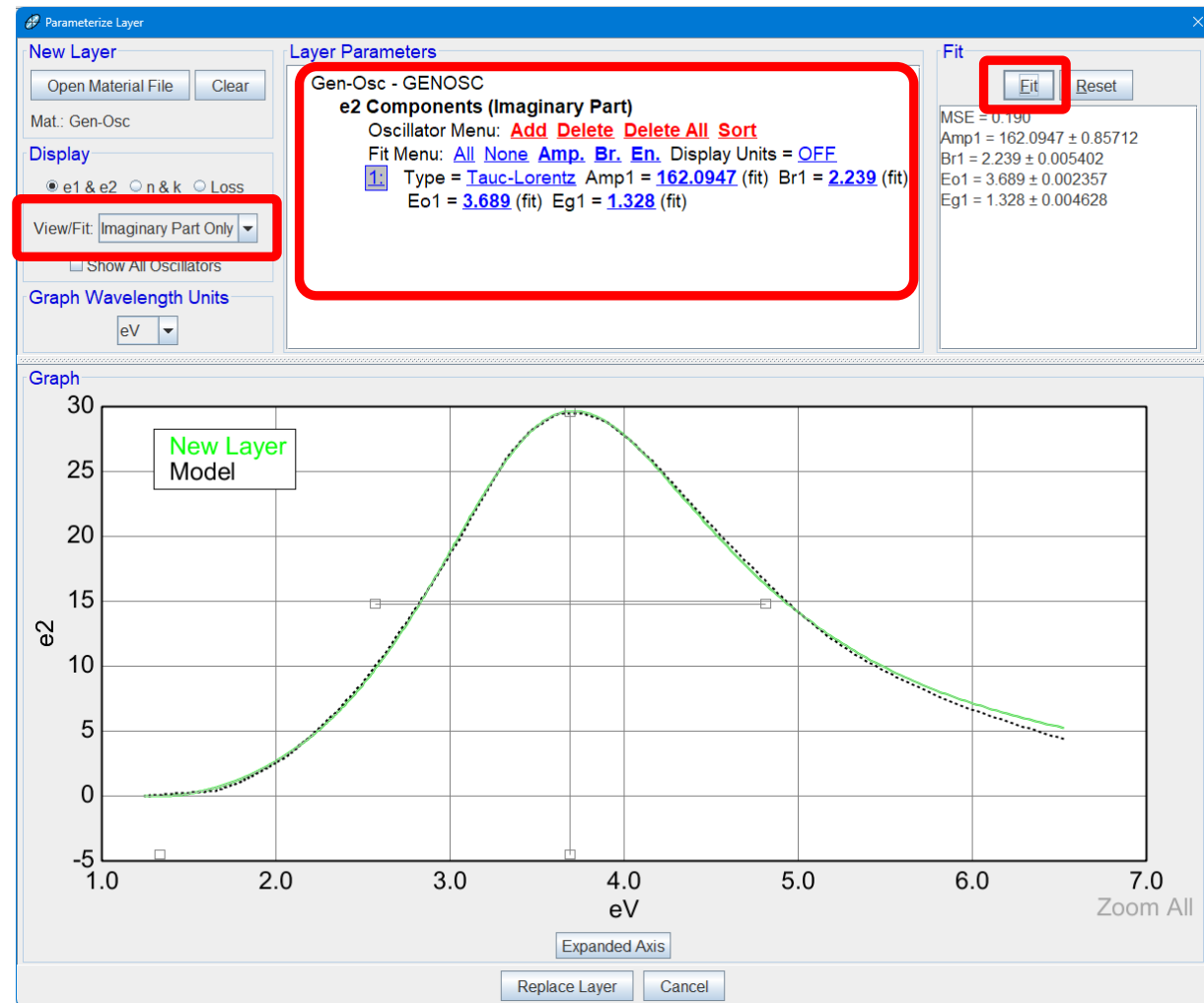
Opt. Const. of B-Spline vs. nm



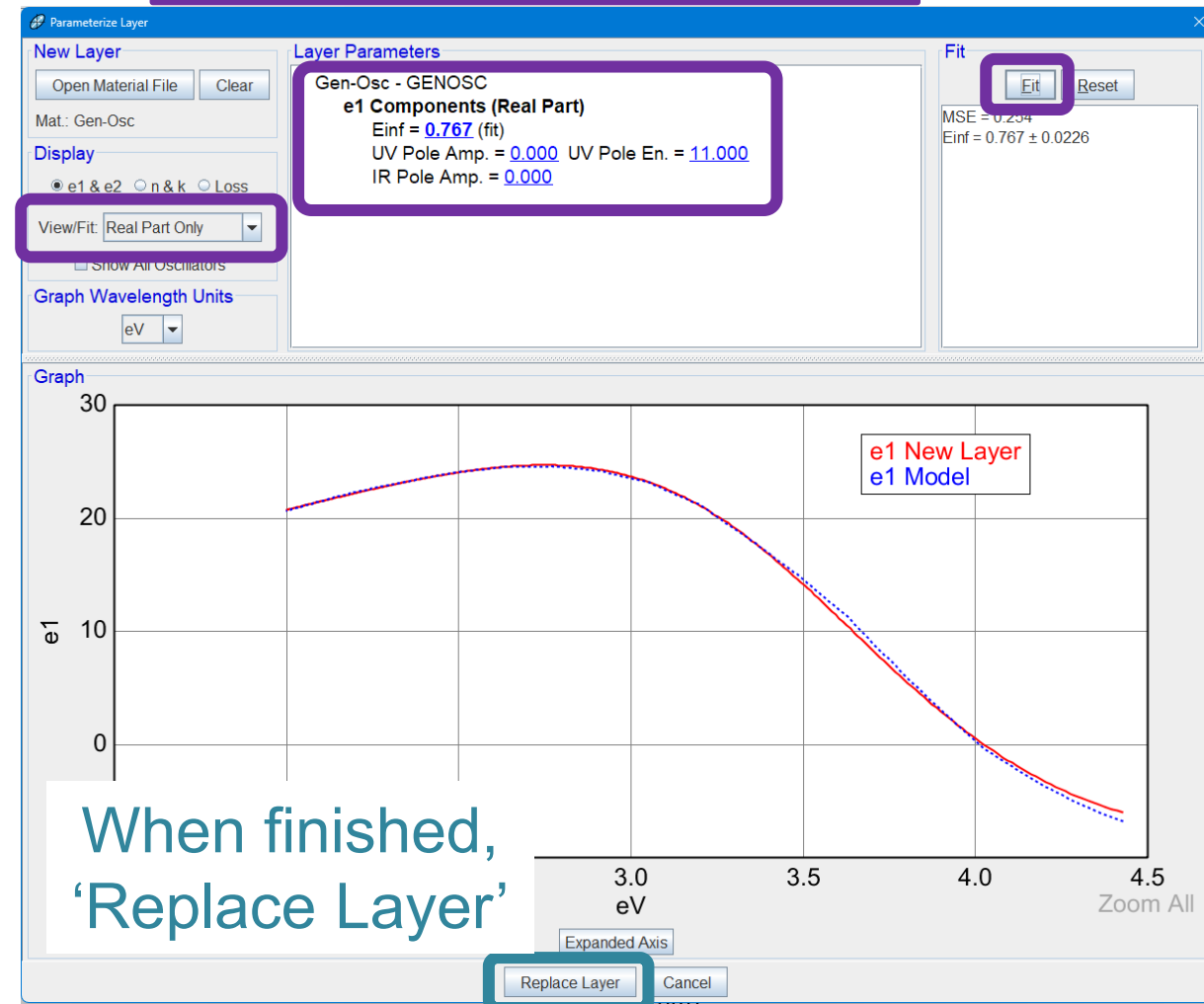


Building a Gen-Osc

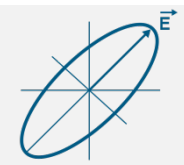
Match ε_2 with oscillators



Match ε_1 with Einf, Poles

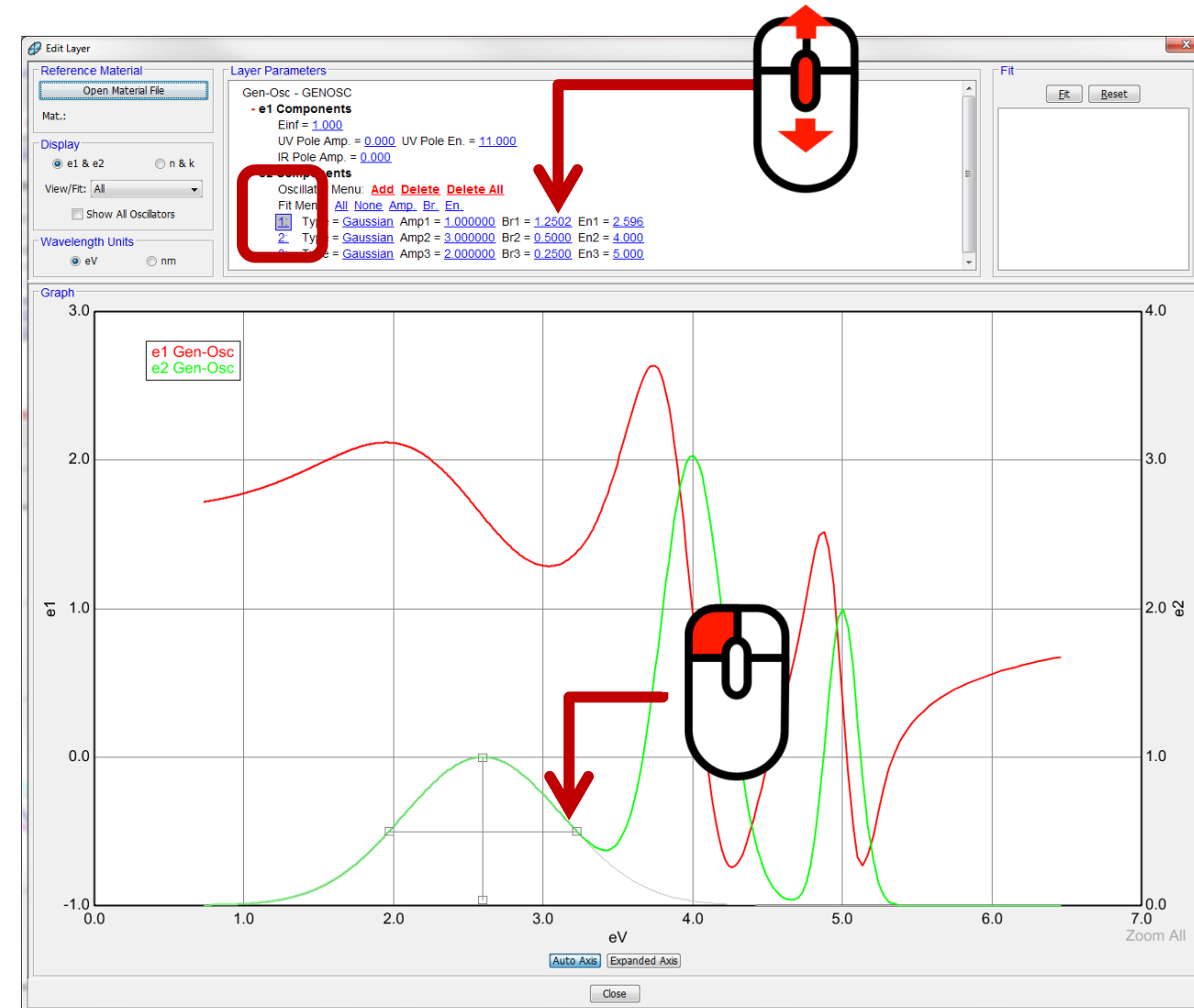


When finished,
'Replace Layer'



Manipulating oscillators

- SHIFT- “Mouse-Roll” on Parm.
 - CTRL-SHIFT for smaller step
- Left-Click # to view “handles”
 - Drag grey boxes with mouse



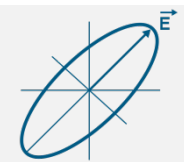
4-07: Making a Genosc: a-Ge Thin Film

- B-spline fit is already completed > saved as Snapshot
- Convert the b-spline to a Genosc
 - Can you get similar MSE?
 - How do your Genosc optical constants compare to B-spline

HINTS:

- It will take more than one oscillator to find a great match to the b-spline.

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a-Ge Thin Film : Results



Roughness = **46.83 Å** (fit)

- Layer # 2 = **a-Ge_Adachi_cl** Thickness # 2 = **3179.79 Å** (fit)

Show Dialog

- e1 Components

Einf = **1.296** (fit)

UV Pole Amp. = **0.000** UV Pole En. = **11.000**

IR Pole Amp. = **0.000**

- e2 Components

Oscillator Menu: **Add Delete Delete All Sort**

Fit Menu: **All None Amp. Br. En.** Display Units = **OFF**

1: Type = **Cody-Lorentz** Amp1 = **55.015** (fit) Br1 = **2.642** (fit)

Eo1 = **3.101** (fit) Eg1 = **0.878** (fit) Ep1 = **0.699** (fit)

+ Urbach Absorption Parameters

2: Type = **Gaussian** Amp2 = **3.483783** (fit) Br2 = **1.1284** (fit) En2 = **1.857** (fit)

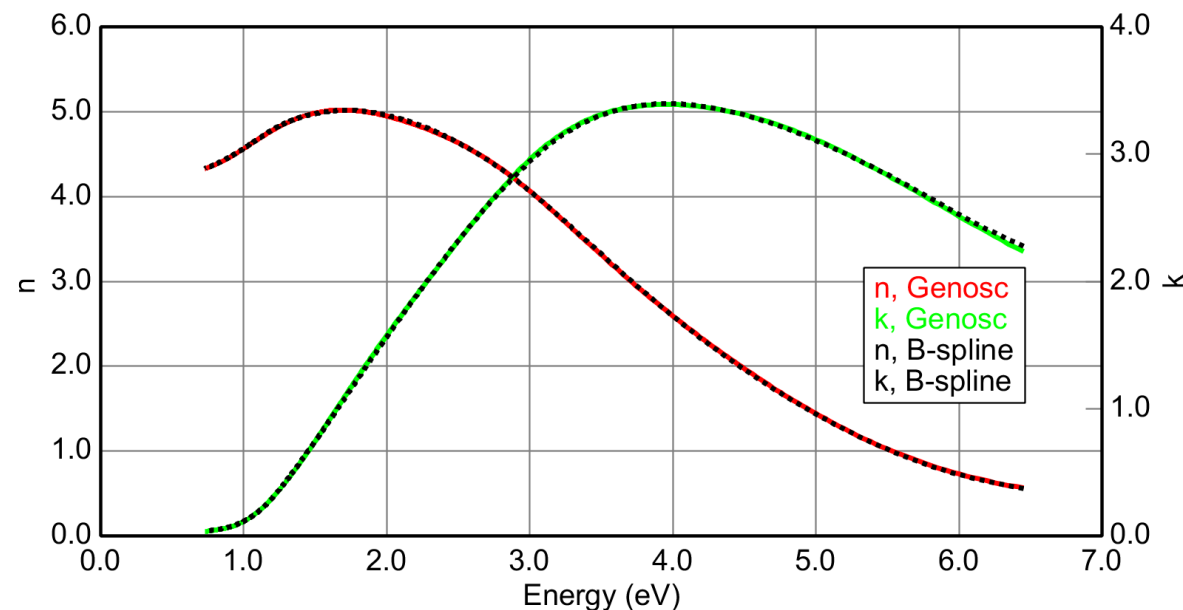
3: Type = **Gaussian** Amp3 = **6.358459** (fit) Br3 = **2.5087** (fit) En3 = **3.876** (fit)

Layer # 1 = **SiNx_Film** Thickness # 1 = **955.45 Å** (fit)

Substrate = **Glass Substrate**

Genosc MSE = 2.803

B-spline MSE = 2.485



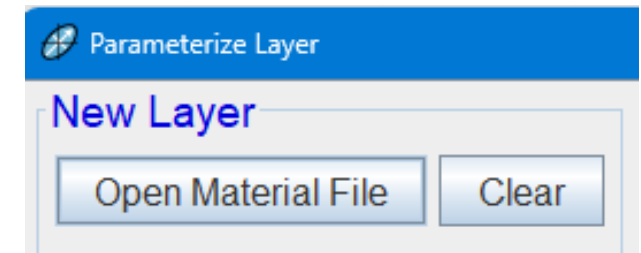
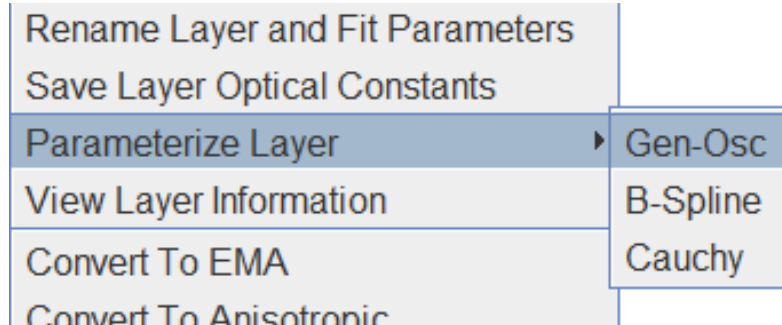
4-08: Making a Genosc: ZnO Thin Film

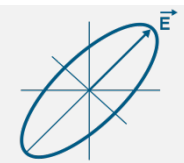
- B-spline fit is already completed > saved as Snapshot
- Convert the b-spline to a Genosc
 - Can you get similar MSE?
 - How do your Genosc optical constants compare to B-spline

Constructing your
Own Gen-Osc

HINTS:

- Why build your own when there is an existing ZnO gen-osc?
 - Parameterize to Genosc, then “Open Material File” and choose ZnO_Genosc.mat





ZnO Thin Film : Results



Roughness = **126.29 Å** (fit)

- Layer # 1 = **ZnO_Genosc** Thickness # 1 = **926.09 Å** (fit)

Show Dialog

- e1 Components

Einf = **1.000**

UV Pole Amp. = **219.7595** (fit) UV Pole En. = **11.035** (fit)

IR Pole Amp. = **0.0446** (fit)

- e2 Components

Oscillator Menu: **Add Delete Delete All Sort**

Fit Menu: **All None Amp. Br. En.** Display Units = **OFF**

1: Type = **PSemi-M0** Amp1 = **1.871** (fit) Br1 = **0.0765** (fit)

Eo1 = **3.301** (fit) WR1 = **5.1752** (fit) PR1 = **0.354** (fit)

AR1 = **0.666** (fit) O2R1 = **-0.394** (fit)

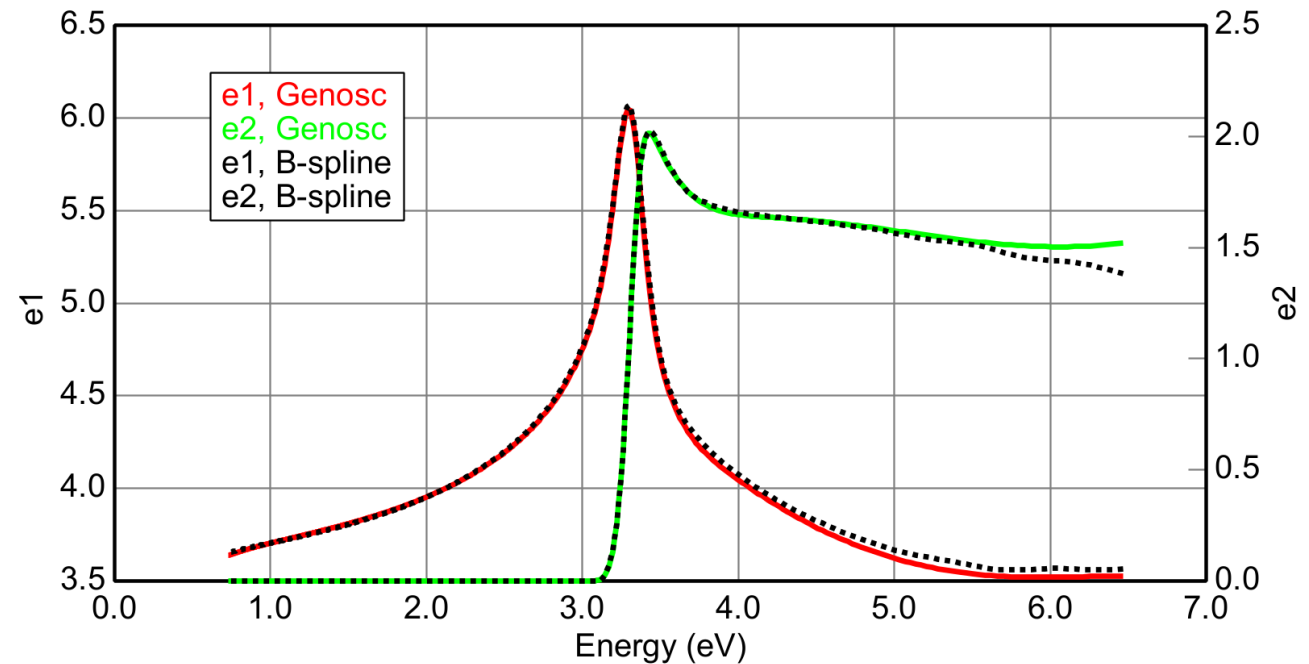
2: Type = **Gaussian** Amp2 = **0.270272** (fit) Br2 = **0.2460** (fit) En2 = **3.398** (fit)

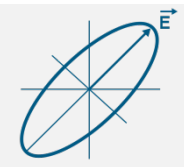
3: Type = **Gaussian** Amp3 = **0.551993** (fit) Br3 = **0.9438** (fit) En3 = **6.960** (fit)

+ Substrate = **7059_Genosc**

B-spline MSE = 3.329

Genosc MSE = 3.206





Gen-Osc Methods

METHOD 1:

Fit Data with
Pre-built Gen-Osc

METHOD 2:

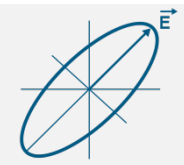
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METHOD 3:

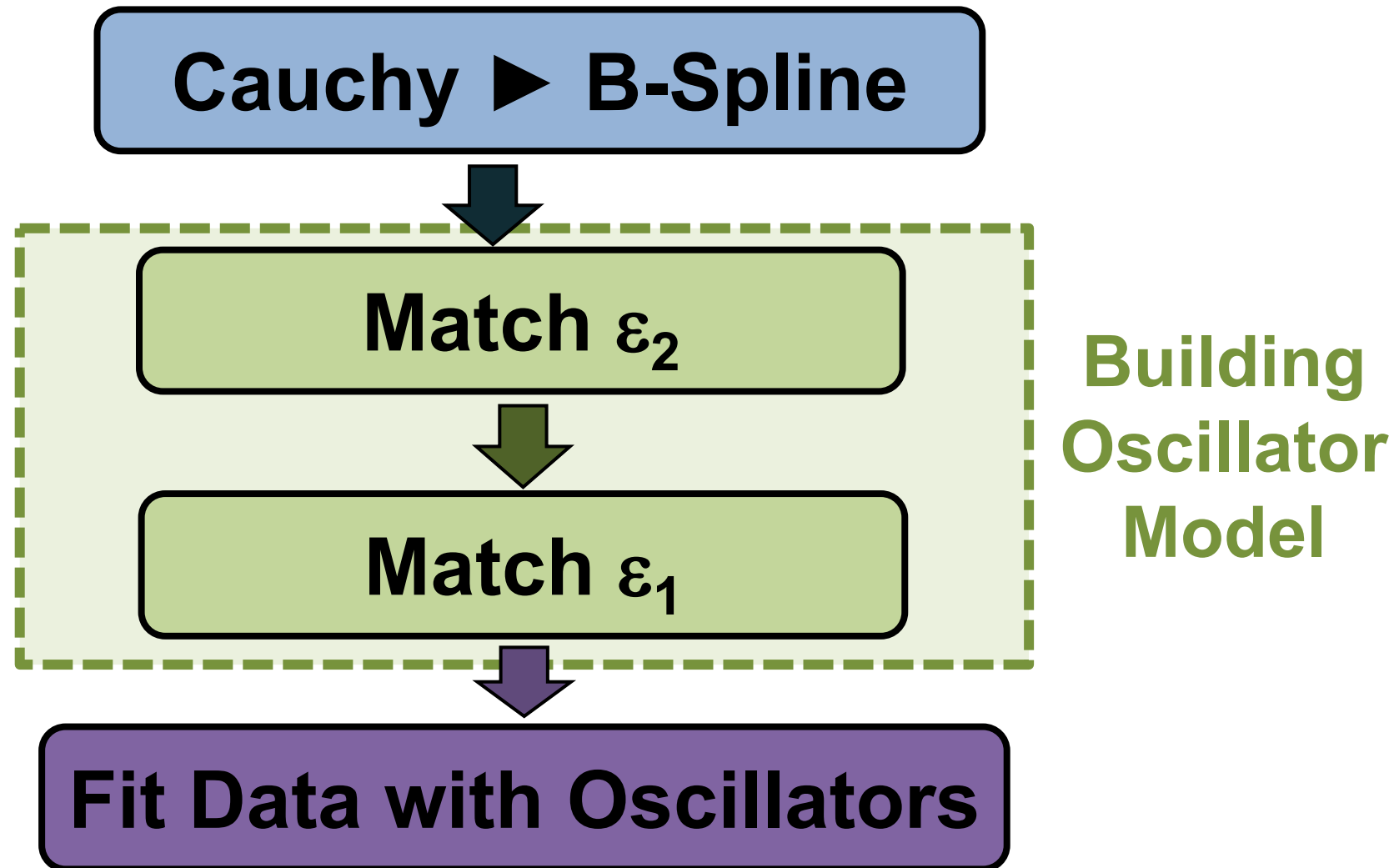
Cauchy ► B-Spline

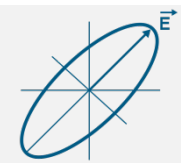


Build Gen-Osc
from B-spline n, k



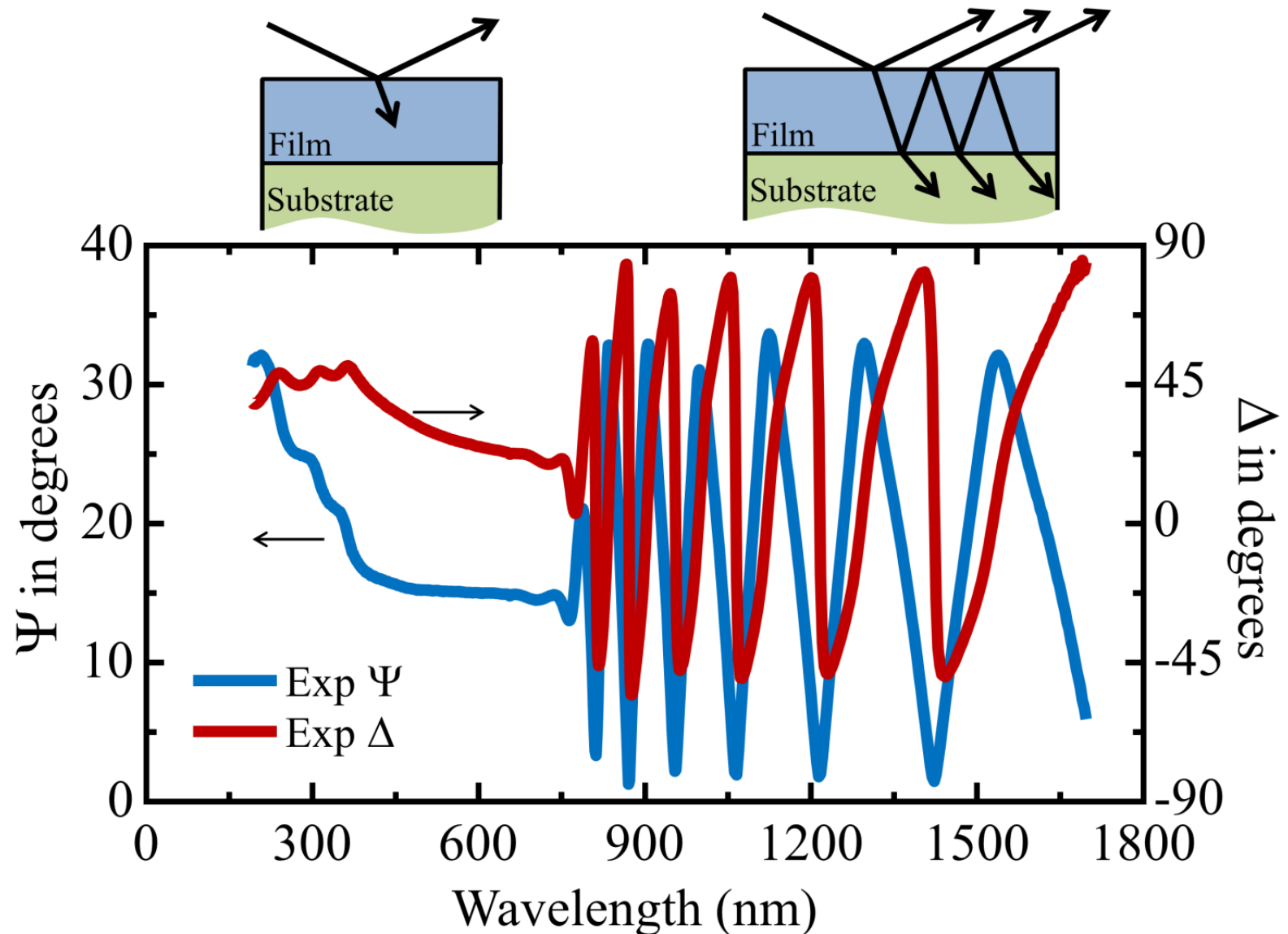
Procedure: Building your own Gen-Osc





Cauchy \rightarrow B-Spline \rightarrow Gen-Osc

- Putting all the pieces to





Build Gen-Osc from B-spline fit results

Cauchy ► B-Spline



Build Gen-Osc
from B-Spline n,k



Fit Data with
Gen-Osc

1. Cauchy Fit transparent region only
2. B-Spline fit to all wavelengths
3. Build Gen-Osc from B-spline n,k results
 - Fit reference – ε_2 first, then ε_1
 - Generate data before fitting
4. Fit Data (Ψ & Δ) using Gen-Osc

4-09: Fit Chalcogenide Glass Substrate with Genosc

- Start with Cauchy Fit (> 900 nm)
- Extend to all wavelengths with B-spline
- Convert to Genosc

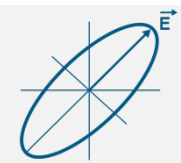
Cauchy ► B-Spline



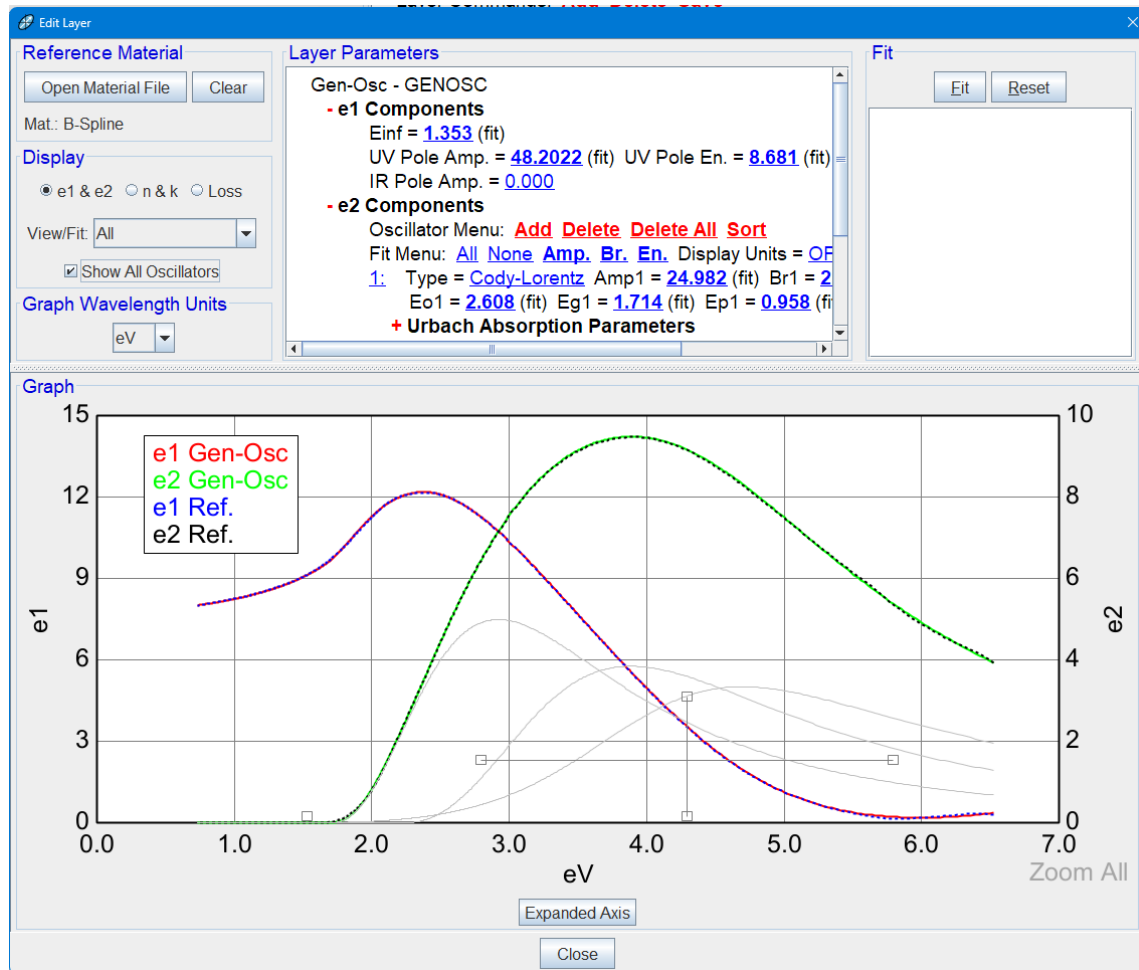
Build Gen-Osc
from B-Spline n,k



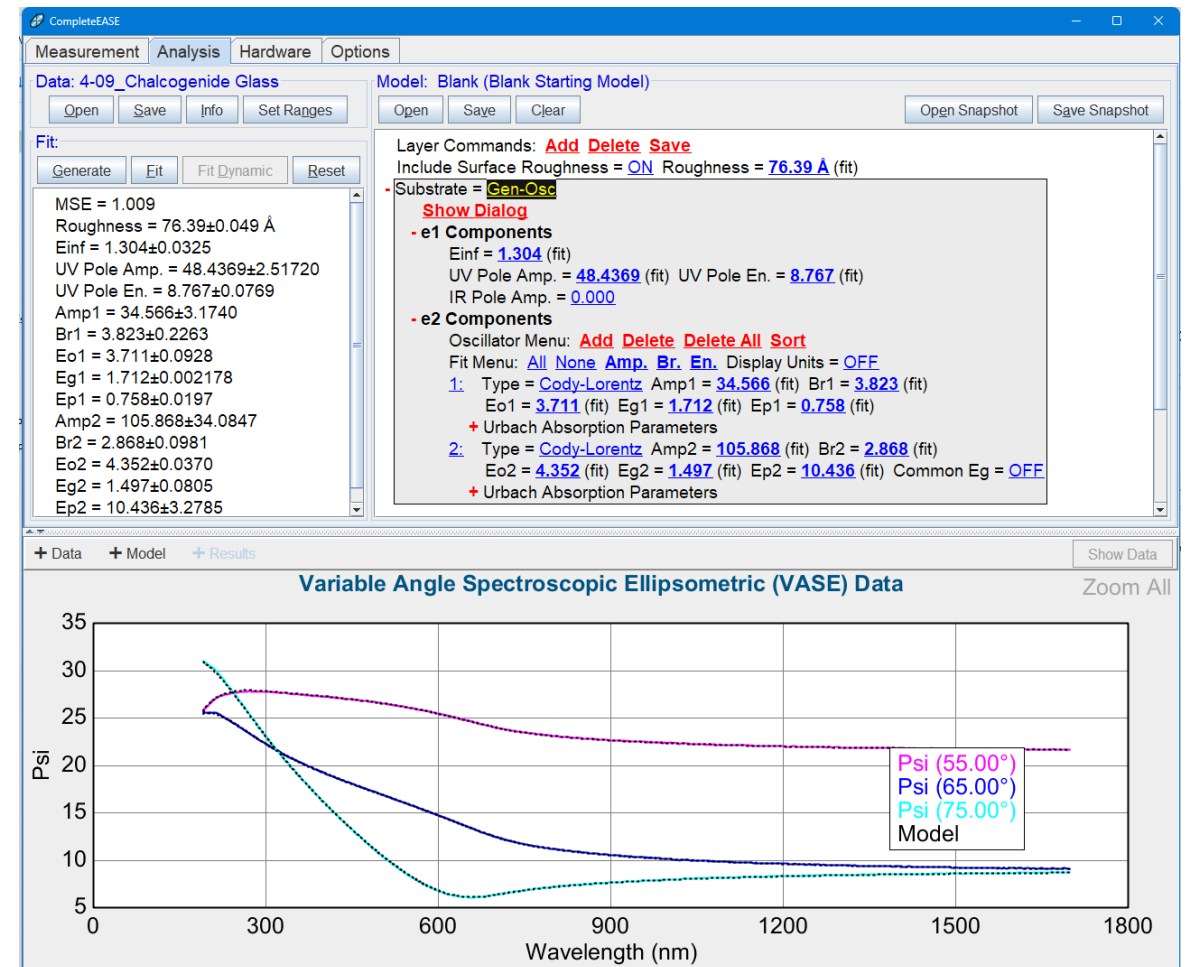
Fit Data with
Gen-Osc

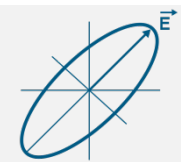


Chalcogenide Substrate: Results



B-spline MSE = 0.947
Genosc MSE = 1.009





Are Additional Oscillators necessary?

Roughness = **3.79 nm** (fit)

- Layer # 1 = **Gen-Osc** Thickness # 1 = **147.21 nm** (fit)

Show Dialog

- e1 Components

Einf = **0.501** (fit)

UV Pole Amp. = **165.9057** (fit) UV Pole En. = **11.000**

IR Pole Amp. = **0.000**

- e2 Components

Oscillator Menu: **Add Delete Delete All Sort**

Fit Menu: **All None Amp. Br. En.**

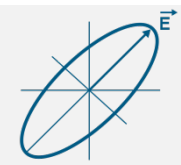
1: Type = **Tauc-Lorentz** Amp1 = **55.2007** (fit)

Br1 = **7.072** (fit) Eo1 = **6.767** (fit) Eg1 = **2.780** (fit)

Substrate = **SI_JAW**

- **Add** from Oscillator Menu
- SHIFT-“Left-Click” on graph

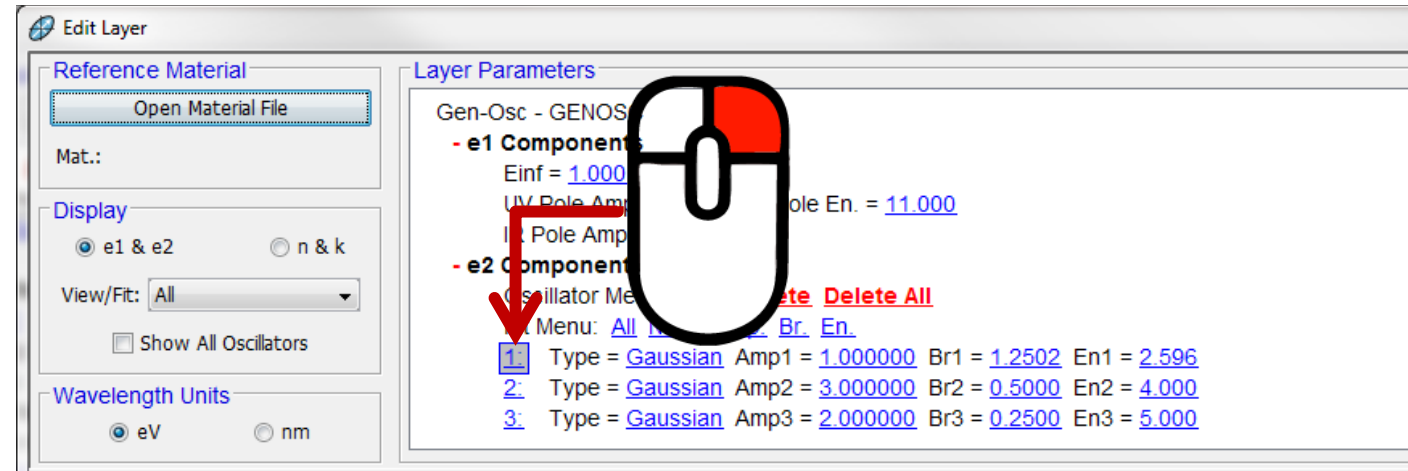




Disabling or Deleting oscillators

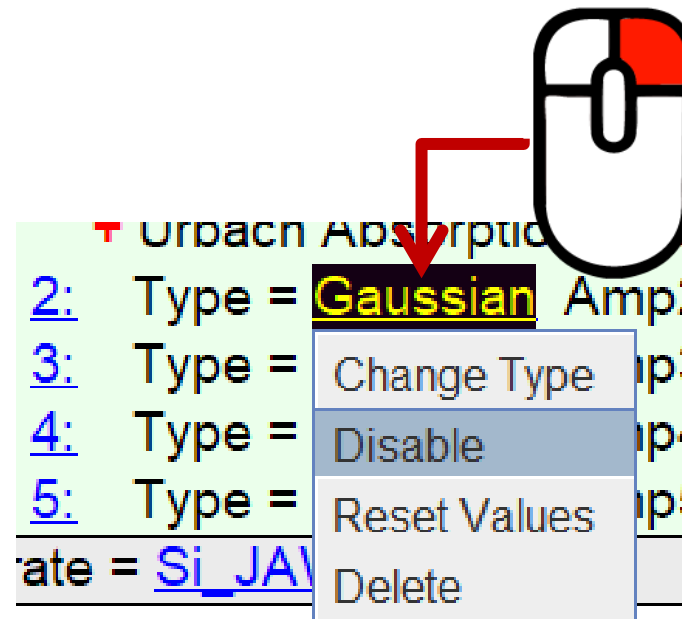
DELETE

- Right-Click “#”
 - Shift-Right-Click “#” deletes without warning



DISABLE

- Right-Click Oscillator Type



4-10: Photoresist on Silicon: Cauchy → B-Spline → Genosc

- Build a Genosc for this Photoresist.
- If you have trouble with the b-spline, I saved my snapshot – start there

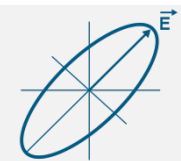
HINTS:

- Can you match MSE of your b-spline fit?
- How many oscillators did it take?

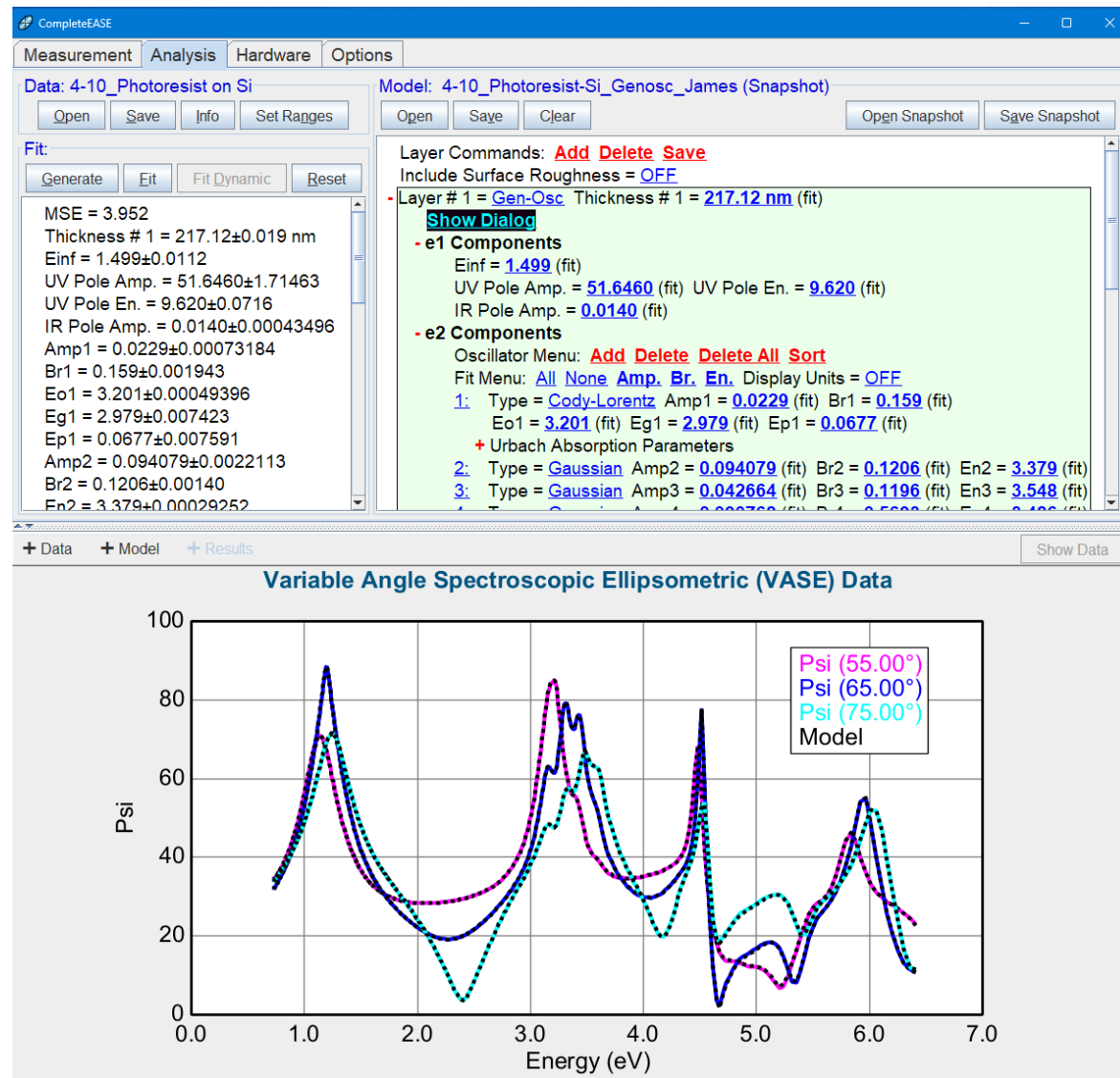
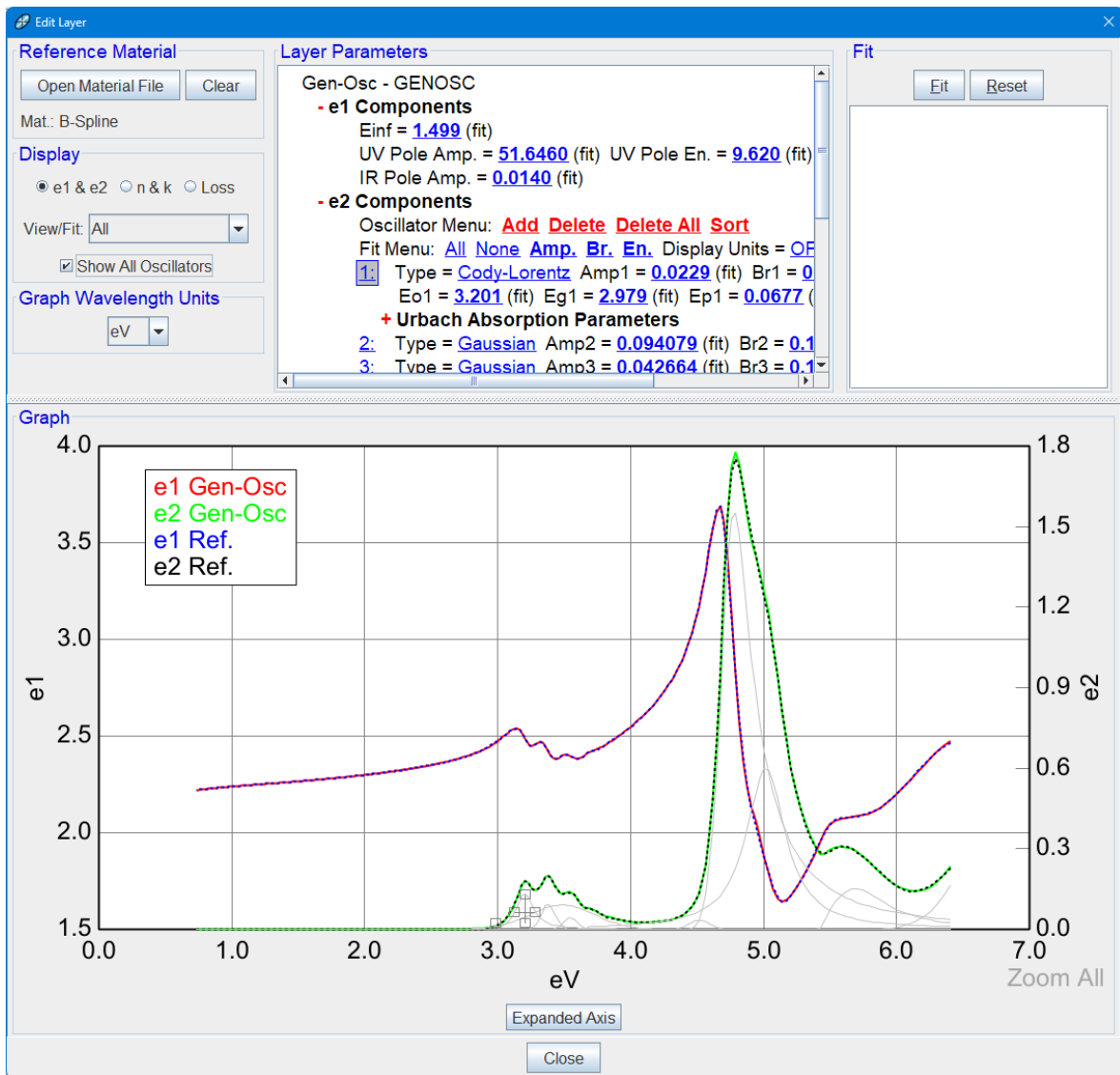
Cauchy ► B-Spline



Build Gen-Osc
from B-spline n,k



Photoresist on Si: Results



4-10B: Photoresist on Silicon: Diagnosing Genosc Problems

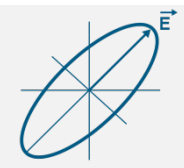
Open Snapshot: 4-10B_Photoresist-Si_Genosc_PROBLEMS

- I quickly made a Gen-osc to match the b-spline for this photoresist.
- Please diagnose (and fix) any problems with my Gen-Osc

Cauchy ► B-Spline

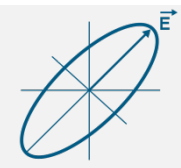


Build Gen-Osc
from B-spline n,k



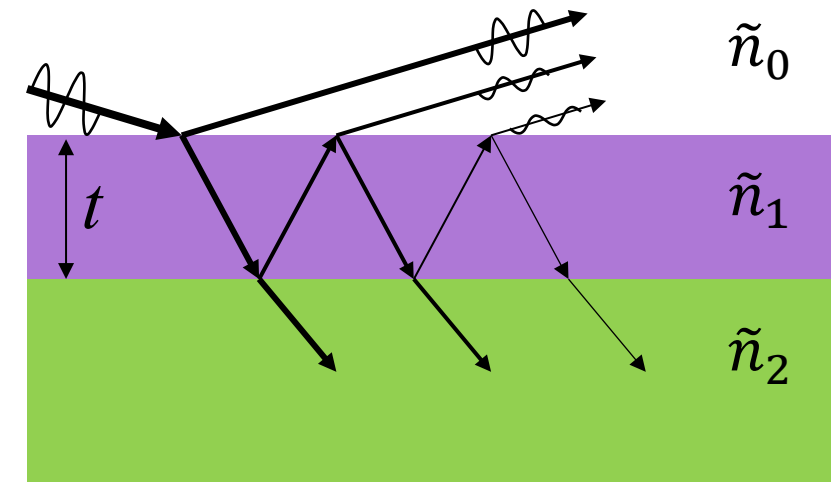
Model Comparison

Model	Advantages	Disadvantages	Recommend
B-spline	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Easy to use.▪ Smooth functions.▪ Customize node spacing.▪ Kramers-Kronig consistent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ No physical basis – just “curve fitting”.▪ Large number of fit parameters.▪ Easy to use incorrectly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Best for metals, organics, and crystalline materials. *can capture all details in n, k *perfect for sharp features when using custom node spacing
Gen-osc	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Few Fit parameters.▪ Kramers-Kronig consistent.▪ May be physically related to absorption phenomena	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Can be tedious.▪ May not capture all features.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Best for amorphous dielectrics and semiconductors. *can be described with 1-2 oscillators.▪ Better for constraining certain parameters for similar materials (or for anisotropic optical constants)

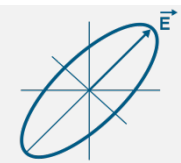


Course Outline

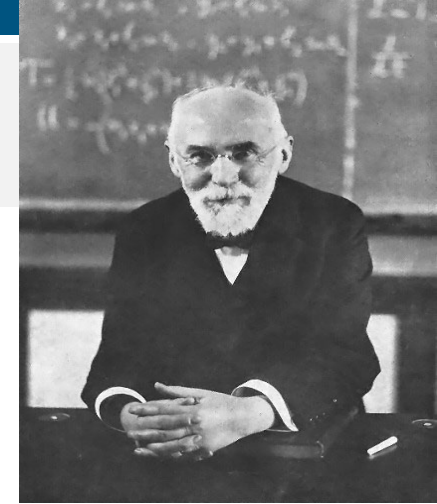
- Session 1: Theory, Substrates (Si and Glass)
- Session 2: Transparent Films
- Session 3: Absorbing & Semi-Absorbing Films (B-Spline)
- **Session 4: Semi-Absorbing Films (Gen-Osc)**
- Session 5: Thin Absorbing Films and Multilayers
- Session 6: Advanced Topics



EXTRA SLIDES



Lorentz oscillator



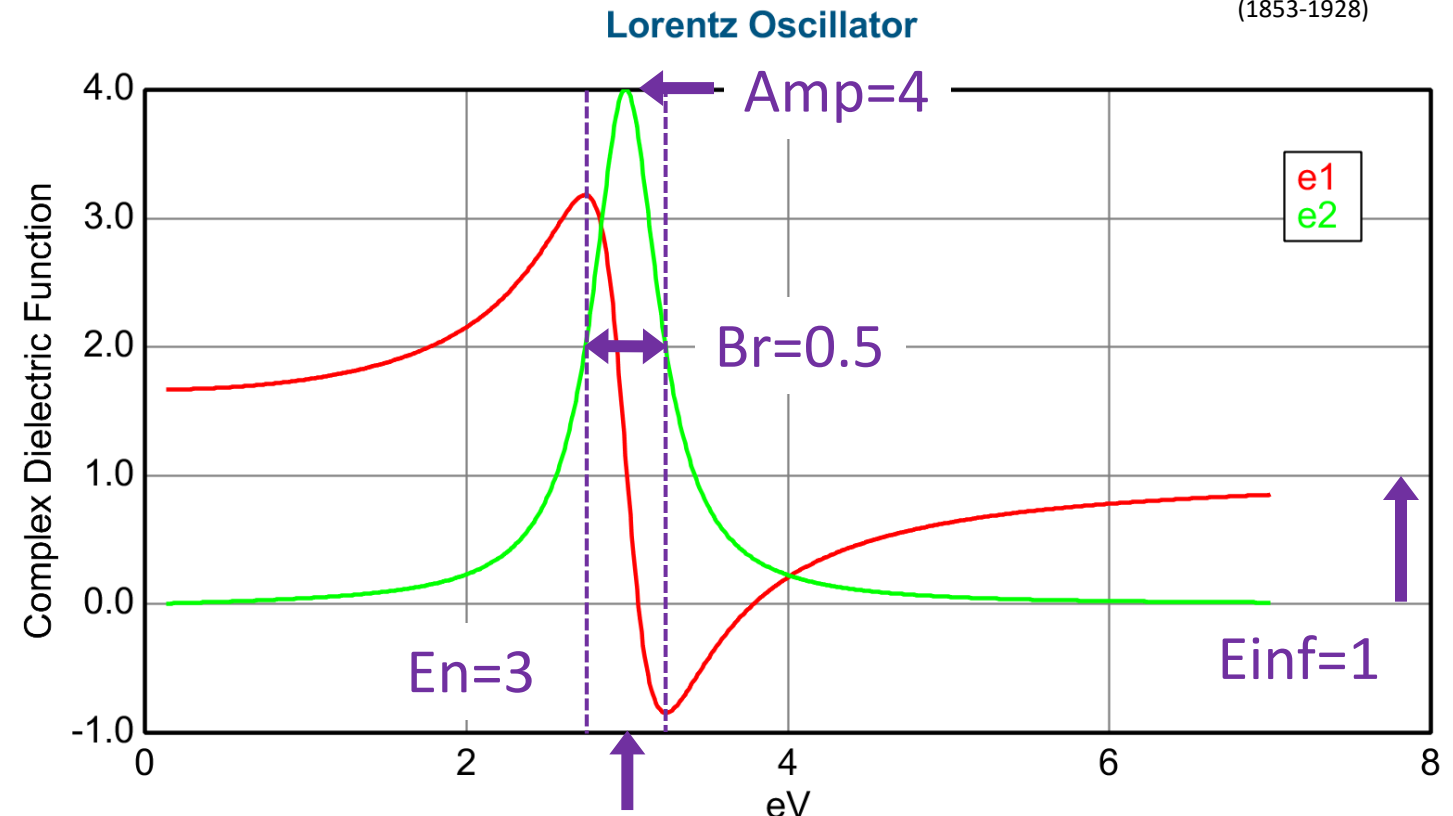
Hendrik Antoon Lorentz
(1853-1928)

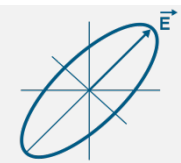
■ Classic “Harmonic” Oscillator

$$\tilde{\epsilon}(E) = \epsilon_1(\infty) + \frac{A\Gamma E_0}{E_0^2 - E^2 + i\Gamma E}$$

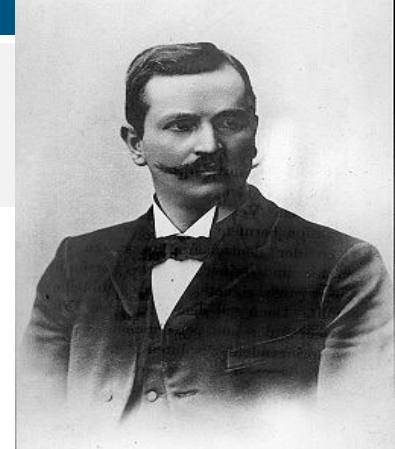
- Substrate = [Gen-Osc](#)
[Show Dialog](#)
 - e1 Components
 Einf = [1.000](#)
 UV Pole Amp. = [0.000](#) UV Pole En. = [11.000](#)
 IR Pole Amp. = [0.000](#)
 - e2 Components
 Oscillator Menu: [Add](#) [Delete](#) [Delete All](#)
 Fit Menu: [All](#) [None](#) [Amp.](#) [Br.](#) [En.](#)
 1: Type = [Lorentz](#) Amp1 = [4.000000](#) Br1 = [0.5000](#) En1 = [3.000](#)

- 3 ϵ_2 Parameters: **Amp, En, Br**
- Broad Absorption
- Useful for metals





Drude Oscillator

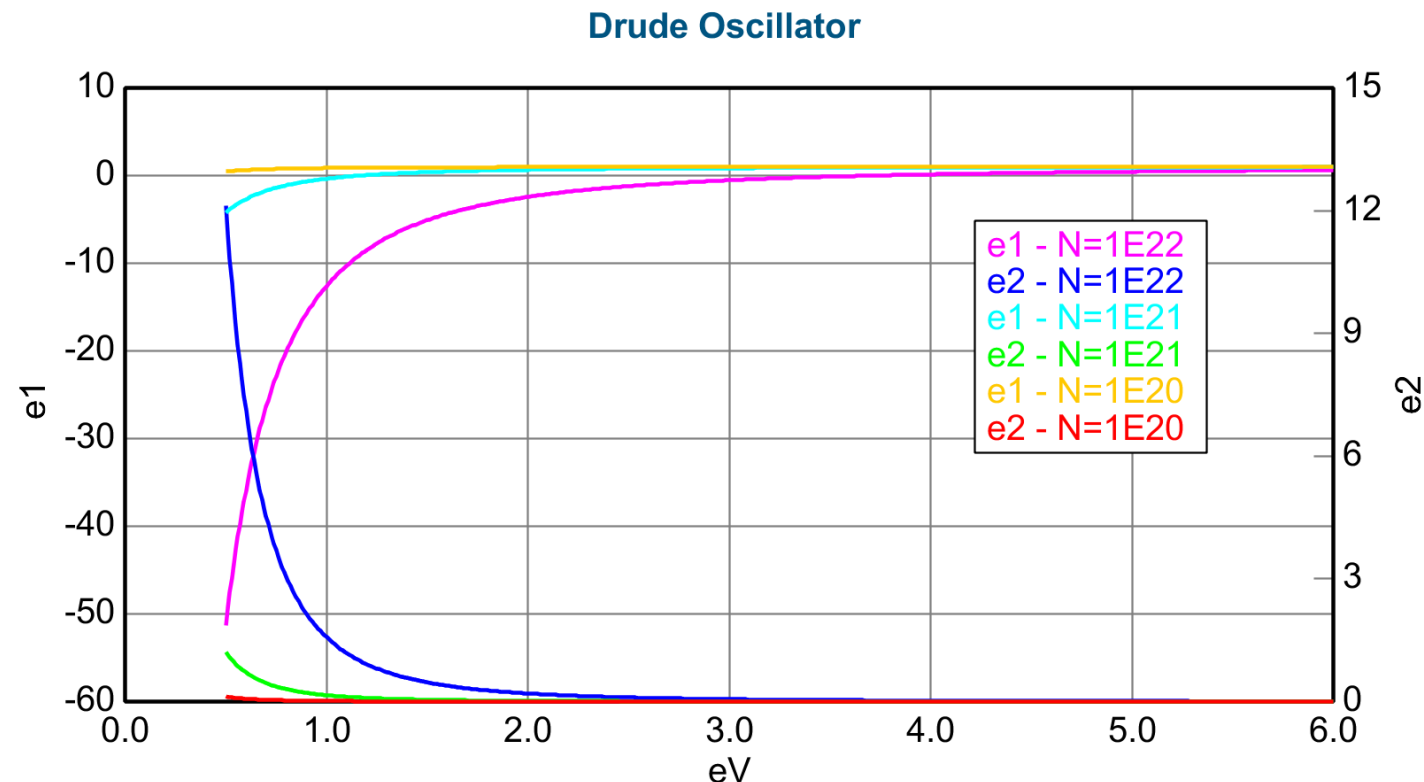


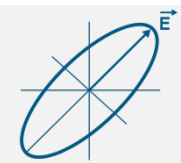
Paul Drude
(1863-1906)

- Lorentz oscillator with $E_0 = 0$
- Describes unbound charge - no restoring force

- Substrate = [Gen-Osc](#)
[Show Dialog](#)
 - e1 Components
 Einf = [1.000](#)
 UV Pole Amp. = [0.000](#) UV Pole En. = [11.000](#)
 IR Pole Amp. = [0.000](#)
 - e2 Components
 Oscillator Menu: [Add](#) [Delete](#) [Delete All](#)
 Fit Menu: [All](#) [None](#) [Amp.](#) [Br.](#) [En.](#)
 1: Type = [Drude\(RT\)](#) Resistivity (Ohm·cm)1 = [0.001000](#) Scat. Time (fs)1 = [5.000](#)
 2: Type = [Drude\(NMu\)](#) N2 = [1.0000E+20](#) mu2 = [10.000](#)
 mstar2 = [1.000](#)

- 2 ϵ_2 Parameters: **R, T** or **N, Mu**
- Describe long-wavelength absorption from conductivity: metals, doped semiconductors & conductive oxides





Gaussian Oscillator



Carl Friedrich Gauss
(1777-1855)

- Gaussian line-shape for ε_2 , KK for ε_1

$$\varepsilon_2(E) = Ae^{-\left(\frac{E-E_0}{\sigma}\right)^2} - Ae^{-\left(\frac{E+E_0}{\sigma}\right)^2} \quad \text{with} \quad \sigma = \frac{\Gamma}{2\sqrt{\ln(2)}}$$

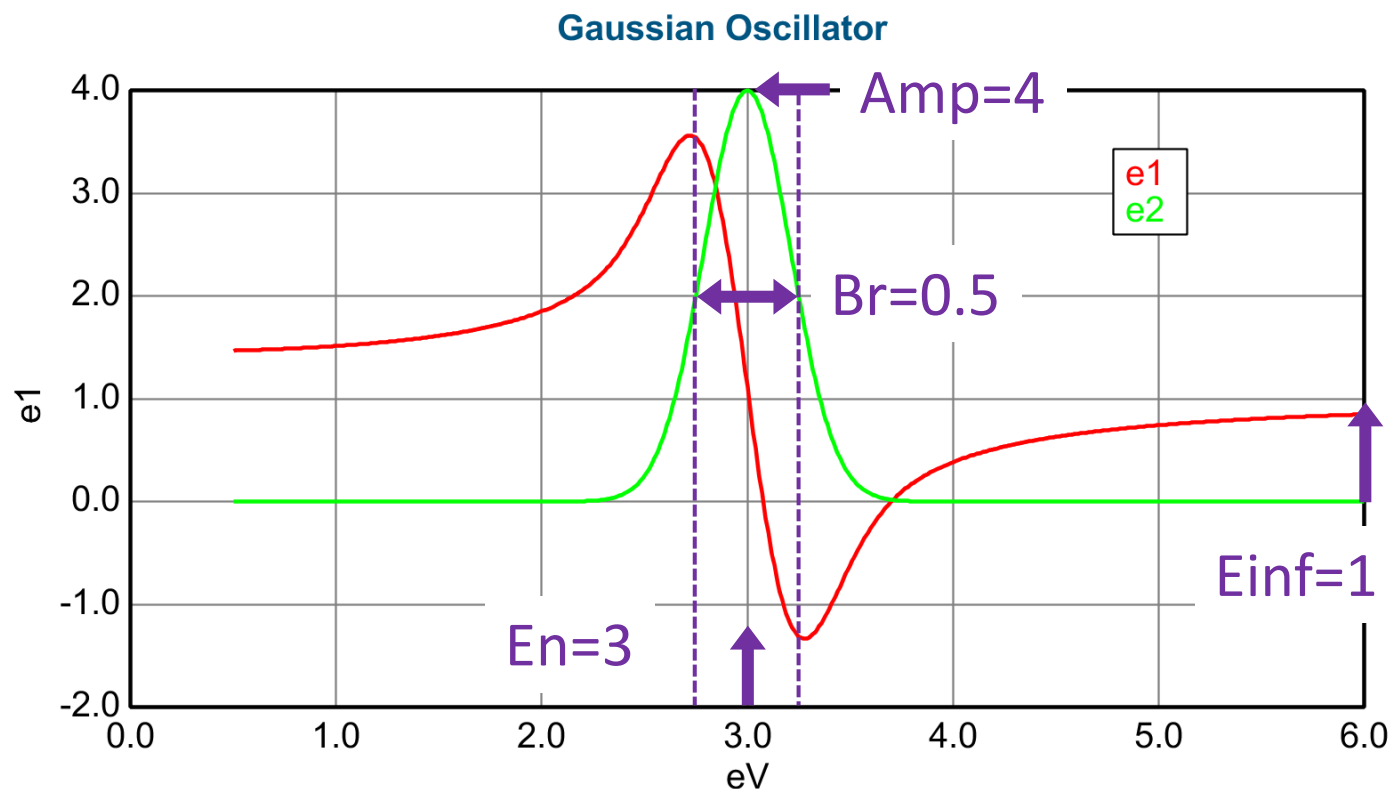
- Shorter absorption tails than Lorentz

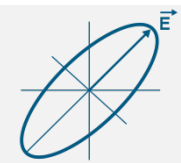
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 - e1 Components
 Einf = [1.000](#)
 UV Pole Amp. = [0.000](#) UV Pole En. = [11.000](#)
 IR Pole Amp. = [0.000](#)
 - e2 Components
 Oscillator Menu: [Add](#) [Delete](#) [Delete All](#)
 Fit Menu: [All](#) [None](#) [Amp.](#) [Br.](#) [En.](#)
 1: Type = [Gaussian](#) Amp1 = [10.000000](#) Br1 = [0.1000](#) En1 = [3.000](#)

- 3 Parameters: **Amp, Br, En**

Very useful for:

- Materials with bandgaps
- Multiple UV absorptions in amorphous materials





Tauc-Lorentz Oscillator



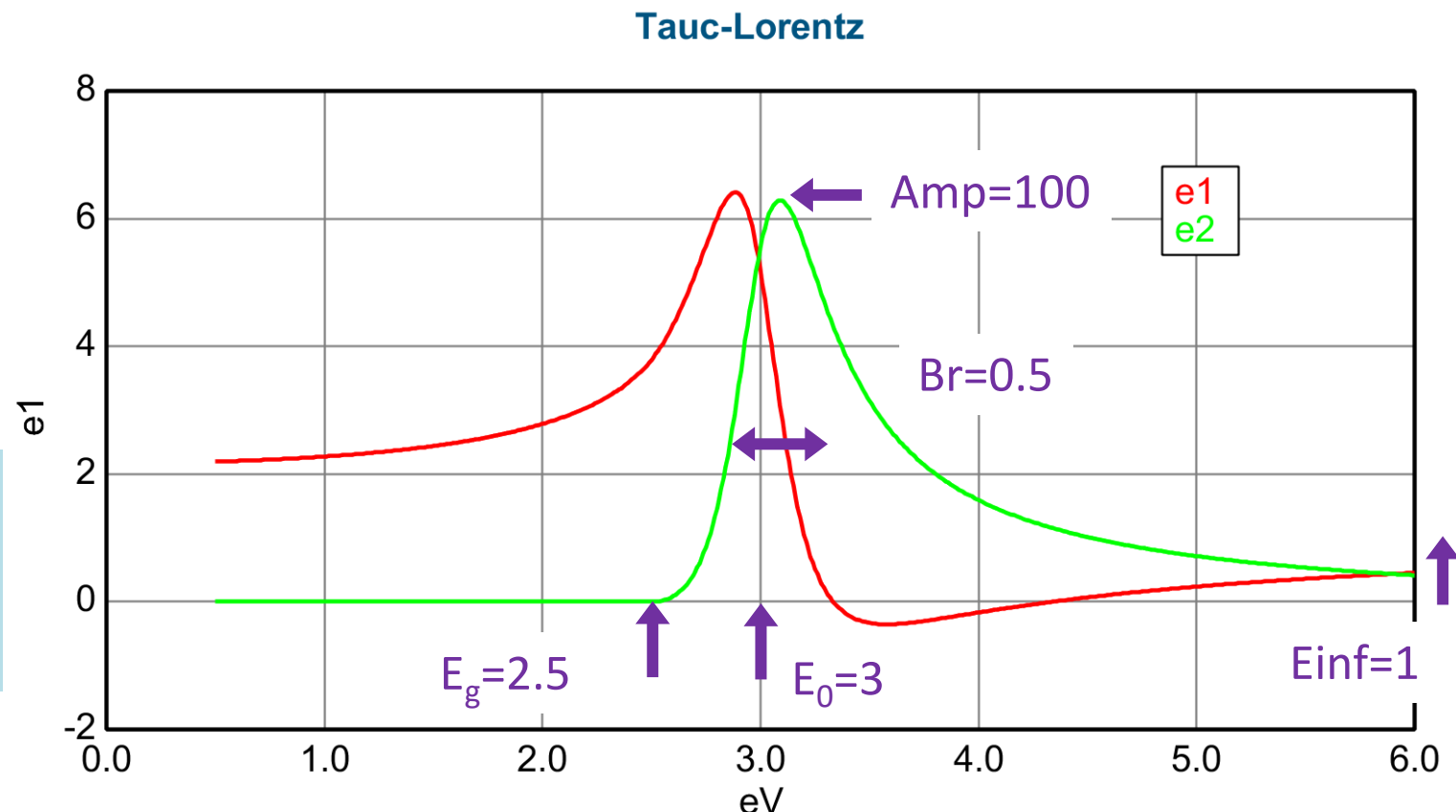
G.E. Jellison Jr.
(Oak Ridge NL)

- Adds Bandgap Energy (E_g)
 - NO absorption at energies below E_g
- Near band edge, ϵ_2 follows Tauc-law formula:
- Asymmetric shape of ϵ_2

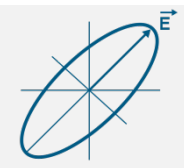
$$\epsilon_2(E) \propto \frac{(E - E_g)^2}{E^2}$$

- Substrate = [Gen-Osc](#)
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 - e1 Components
 Einf = [1.000](#)
 UV Pole Amp. = [0.000](#) UV Pole En. = [11.000](#)
 IR Pole Amp. = [0.000](#)
 - e2 Components
 Oscillator Menu: [Add](#) [Delete](#) [Delete All](#)
 Fit Menu: [All](#) [None](#) [Amp.](#) [Br.](#) [En.](#)
 1: Type = [Tauc-Lorentz](#) Amp1 = [100.0000](#)
 Br1 = [0.500](#) Eo1 = [3.000](#) Eg1 = [2.500](#) Common Eg = [OFF](#)

- 4 ϵ_2 Parameters: **Amp, Br, Eo, Eg**
- Amorphous semiconductors and dielectrics (UV absorptions)



G.E. Jellison, Jr. and F.A. Modine, *Appl. Phys. Lett.* **69**, 371 (1996), Erratum, *Appl. Phys. Lett.* **69**, 2137 (1996)



Cody-Lorentz Oscillator



Robert Collins
(Univ-Toledo)

- Defines band-gap and optional Urbach tail below the gap
- Follows Cody absorption:

$$\varepsilon_2(E) \propto (E - E_g)^2$$

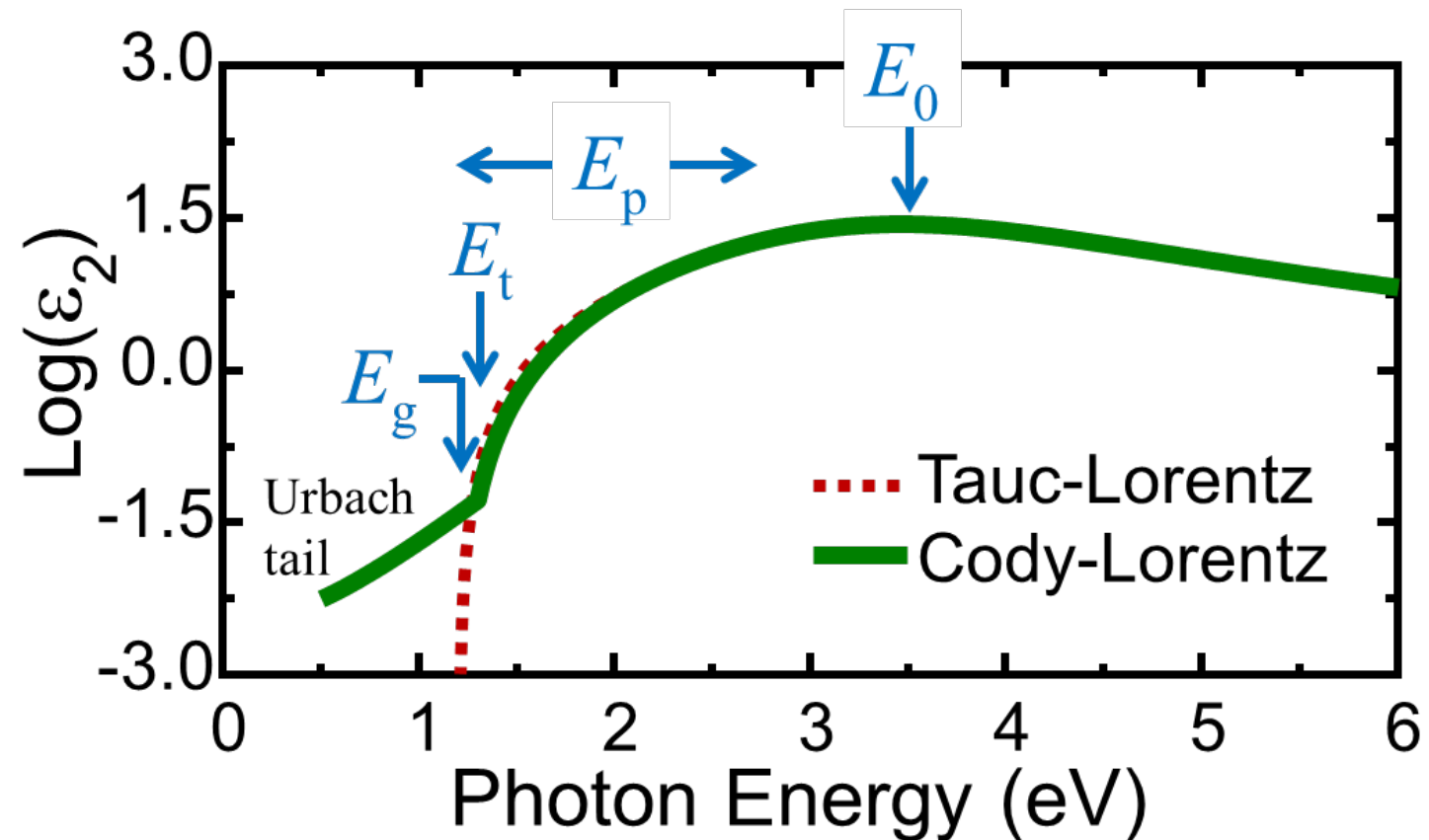
- Substrate = [Gen-Osc](#)
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- e1 Components
Einf = [1.000](#)
UV Pole Amp. = [0.000](#) UV Pole En. = [11.000](#)
IR Pole Amp. = [0.000](#)

- e2 Components
Oscillator Menu: [Add](#) [Delete](#) [Delete All](#) [Sort](#)
Fit Menu: [All](#) [None](#) [Amp.](#) [Br.](#) [En.](#)
1: Type = [Cody-Lorentz](#) Amp1 = [20.000](#) Br1 = [6.000](#)
Eo1 = [6.000](#) Eg1 = [1.000](#) Ep1 = [1.000](#)
+ Urbach Absorption Parameters

- 7 (5) Params: **Amp, Br, Eo, Eg, Ep, Et, Eu**
- Amorphous semiconductors and dielectrics (UV absorptions)

Hint: Leave Et=0, Eu=0.5



A.S. Ferlauto, G.M. Ferreira, J.M. Pearce, C.R. Wronski, R.W. Collins, Xunming Deng, and Gautam Ganguly, J. Appl. Phys. **92**, 2424 (2002).



Parametric Grading

- Allow individual parameter to vary with depth through the film
- Select main parameters, such as amplitudes, bandgap energies, resistivities
- Keep balance between # of slice and model complexities

Roughness = [7.04 nm](#) (fit)

- [Graded Layer](#) Thickness # 1 = [199.60 nm](#) (fit)

Grade Type = [Parametric](#) # of Slices = [51](#)

Profile = [Two Segment](#) Position (%) = [84.04](#) (fit)

- Material = [ITO \(GenOsc\)](#)

[Show Dialog](#)

- e1 Components

Name	Value	Grade	Bottom Value	Middle Value	Top Value	Graph
Einf	1.595	OFF				
UV Pole Amp.	0.000	OFF				
UV Pole En.	11.000	OFF				
IR Pole Amp.	0.000	OFF				

- e2 Components

Oscillator Menu: [Add](#) [Delete](#) [Delete All](#) [Sort](#)

Fit Menu: [All](#) [None](#) [Amp](#) [Br](#) [En](#)

1: Type = [Tauc-Lorentz](#)

Name	Value	Grade	Bottom Value	Middle Value	Top Value	Graph
Amp1	(Graded)	ON	40.4117	31.8177	66.5203	Draw
Br1	30.893	OFF				
Eo1	15.000	OFF				
Eg1	2.424	OFF				

2: Type = [Gaussian](#)

Name	Value	Grade	Bottom Value	Middle Value	Top Value	Graph
Amp2	6.094700	OFF				
Br2	2.0850	OFF				
En2	6.787	OFF				

3: Type = [Drude\(RT\)](#)

Name	Value	Grade	Bottom Value	Middle Value	Top Value	Graph
Resistivity (Ohm-cm)3	(Graded)	ON	0.00012887	0.00016768	0.00027680	Draw
Scat. Time (fs)3	(Graded)	ON	7.845	6.367	12.741	Draw

+ Substrate = [7059_Cauchy](#) Substrate Thickness = [1.0000 mm](#)

Demonstration #4: ITO on Silicon

- Fit the data with existing ITO layer.
- Improve fit with “Parametric Gradient”

Fit Data with
Pre-Built Gen-Osc

