

I. GYROTROPIC EQUATION OF MOTION

In a gyroelectric medium, the polarization vector \mathbf{P}_n is governed by the Landau-Lifshitz-Gilbert equation,

$$\frac{d\mathbf{P}_n}{dt} = -\mathbf{P}_n \times (\sigma \mathbf{E} + \omega_n \mathbf{b}_n) + \gamma \mathbf{P}_n \times \frac{d\mathbf{P}_n}{dt}$$

Although this is different from the damped harmonic oscillator equation used for Drude-Lorentz susceptibility, the constants σ , ω_n , and γ_n play analogous roles: σ couples the polarization to the electric field, ω_n is an angular frequency of precession, and γ_n is a damping factor. The "bias vector" b_n describes the direction of an applied static magnetic field, and is assumed to have unit length. Note that this equation of motion is time-reversal asymmetric; in the absence of an \mathbf{E} field, the polarization vector executes a damped counterclockwise precession around the bias vector \mathbf{b}_n . The norm of the polarization vector, $P_{ns} = |\mathbf{P}_n|$, is a constant of motion.

In the frequency domain, the Landau-Lifshitz-Gilbert equation generates an ϵ tensor with skew-symmetric off-diagonal components. To see this, take $\mathbf{b}_n = \hat{\mathbf{z}}$ and decompose the polarization into a static and oscillating part, $\mathbf{P}_n = P_{ns} \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{p}_n$. Assuming both \mathbf{p}_n and \mathbf{E} have harmonic time-dependence $\exp(-i\omega t)$, the oscillating part gives

$$-i\omega \mathbf{p}_n = \mathbf{b} \times \left(-\sigma P_{ns} \mathbf{E} + \omega_n \mathbf{p}_n - i\omega \gamma P_{ns} \mathbf{p}_n \right)$$

This implies that

$$\mathbf{p}_n = \chi_n \mathbf{E}, \quad \chi_n = \frac{\sigma_n P_{ns}}{(\omega_n - i\omega \gamma_n P_{ns})^2 - \omega^2} \begin{bmatrix} \omega_n - i\omega \gamma_n P_{ns} & -i\omega & 0 \\ i\omega & \omega_n - i\omega \gamma_n P_{ns} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence, the frequency domain dielectric function is

$$\epsilon = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_{\perp} & -i\eta & 0 \\ i\eta & \epsilon_{\perp} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \epsilon_{\infty} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{where} \quad \begin{cases} \epsilon_{\perp} &= \epsilon_{\infty} + \frac{\Omega_n(\omega_n - i\omega \alpha_n)}{(\omega_n - i\omega \alpha_n)^2 - \omega^2} \\ \eta &= \frac{\Omega_n \omega}{(\omega_n - i\omega \alpha_n)^2 - \omega^2} \\ \Omega_n &= \sigma_n P_{ns}. \quad \alpha_n = \gamma_n P_{ns} \end{cases}$$

II. IMPLEMENTATION

We track \mathbf{p}_n where

$$\mathbf{P}_n = P_{ns} \mathbf{b}_n + \mathbf{p}_n \quad (1)$$

The Landau-Lifshitz-Gilbert equation can be re-written as

$$\frac{d\mathbf{p}_n}{dt} = -\sigma(P_{ns} \mathbf{b}_n + \mathbf{p}_n) \times \mathbf{E} - \omega_n \mathbf{p}_n \times \mathbf{b}_n + \gamma(P_{ns} \mathbf{b}_n + \mathbf{p}_n) \times \frac{d\mathbf{p}_n}{dt} \quad (2)$$

In component terms,

$$\left[\delta_{ij} + \gamma \varepsilon_{ijk} (P_{ns} b_n^k + p_n^k) \right] \frac{dp_n^j}{dt} = \varepsilon_{ijk} \left[\sigma E^j (P_{ns} b_n^k + p_n^k) + \omega_n b_n^j p_n^k \right] \quad (3)$$

We can discretize this into time steps τ using standard midpoint rules:

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\delta_{ij} + \gamma \varepsilon_{ijk} (P_{ns} b_n^k + p_n^{k(t)}) \right] p_n^{j(t+1)} &= \left[\delta_{ij} + \gamma \varepsilon_{ijk} (P_{ns} b_n^k + p_n^{k(t)}) \right] p_n^{j(t-1)} \\ &\quad + \varepsilon_{ijk} \left[2\tau \sigma E^j (P_{ns} b_n^k + p_n^{k(t)}) + 2\tau \omega_n b_n^j p_n^{k(t)} \right] \end{aligned}$$

We can do the matrix inversion using the fact that

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & Z & -Y \\ -Z & A & X \\ Y & -X & A \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1/A}{A^2 + X^2 + Y^2 + Z^2} \begin{bmatrix} A^2 + X^2 & XY - AZ & XZ + AY \\ YX + AZ & A^2 + Y^2 & YZ - AX \\ ZX - AY & ZY + AX & A^2 + Z^2 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (4)$$