

Exercise I: Optical conductivity of a metal

To obtain the optical conductivity of a Aluminum $\sigma(\omega, T)$, we measured its reflectivity (the data are available in the attached file).

- 1) Draw the reflectivity and comment the its behaviour with energy.
- 2) From the graph, extract the plasma frequency of Al.
- 3) Now use Reffit software to fit the reflectivity.

Note: For the fit, use two Lorentzians.

- 4) With Reffit, calculate the optical conductivity of Al, discuss the behaviour.
- 5) In the context of Drude model, extract, the scattering rate, the number of the carriers and the effective mass.

Exercise II: Optical conductivity of a doped Mott insulator

We measured the reflectivity of the optimal doped $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{CaCu}_2\text{O}_{8+\delta}$ at two temperatures $T=294\text{ K}$ and $T=20\text{ K}$, (the data are available in the attached file).

- 1) Draw the reflectivity at both temperatures and comment the its behaviour with energy and temperature.
- 2) Use Reffit software to fit the reflectivity of BiSCO.
- 3) With Reffit, calculate the optical conductivity of BiSCO, and discuss the behaviour.
- 4) Extract, the scattering rate, the number of the carriers and the effective mass.
- 5) Make a comparison between a normal metal and a doped Mott insulator.