

Lecture 19

Third harmonic generation. Nonlinear absorption.

Parametric processes due to 4-wave mixing.

Third harmonic generation

Third harmonic generation (THG)

Assume that the input field has only one frequency component: ω $E(t) = \frac{1}{2} E_1 e^{i\omega t} + c.c.$ Fourier component

Also assume a scalar version of the 3-wave interaction : all fields are along one axis (e.g. x-axis)

We will now look for the nonlinear polarization component at angular frequency $\pm 3\omega$ in the form

$$P^{(3)}(t) = \frac{1}{2} (P(3\omega)e^{i3\omega t} + c.c.)$$

NL polarization:

$$P_i^{(3)} = \epsilon_0 \sum_{j,k,l} \chi_{ijkl} E_j E_k E_l \quad \rightarrow \text{scalar version} \quad P^{(3)}(t) = \epsilon_0 \chi^{(3)} E^3(t) \quad \boxed{\chi^{(3)} = \chi_{xxxx}}$$

$$P^{(3)}(t) = \epsilon_0 \chi^{(3)} \left(\frac{1}{2} E_1 e^{i\omega t} + c.c. \right)^3 = \frac{1}{8} \epsilon_0 \chi^{(3)} (E_1^3 e^{3i\omega t} + 3(E_1 E_1^*) E_1 e^{i\omega t} + c.c.) =$$

pick only components with $\pm 3\omega$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \epsilon_0 \chi^{(3)} \left(\frac{1}{2} E_1^3 + c.c. \right)$$

$$\rightarrow P(3\omega) = \frac{1}{4} \epsilon_0 \chi^{(3)} E_1^3 \quad (19.1)$$

Third harmonic generation (THG)

Now use Slowly Varying Envelope Approximation (SVEA) from Lecture 2 to calculate the THG output :

$$\frac{\partial E(z)}{\partial z} = -\frac{i\omega c}{2n} \mu_0 P \quad (2.3)$$

perturbation polarization

$$P(3\omega) = \frac{1}{4} \epsilon_0 \chi^{(3)} E_1^3(\omega)$$

In the slowly varying envelope (SVEA) approximation

$$\frac{\partial E(3\omega)}{\partial z} = -\frac{i\omega}{2nc\epsilon_0} P_{NL}$$

$$E(3\omega) = E_3(z)$$

phase mismatch

$$\Delta k = k_3 - 3k_1$$

In the low conversion limit:
 $E_3 \ll E_1$, $E_1 = \text{const}$

$$\frac{\partial E_3(z)}{\partial z} = -\frac{i\omega}{8nc} \chi^{(3)} E_1^3(\omega) e^{-i\Delta kz}$$

Third harmonic generation (THG)

Easy to integrate
if $\Delta k=0$:

$$E_3(3\omega) = -i \frac{\omega}{8nc} \chi^{(3)} E_1^3 L \quad \text{TH field grows linearly with length}$$

$$|E_3(3\omega)|^2 = \left(\frac{\omega}{8nc} \chi^{(3)}\right)^2 |E_1|^6 L^2$$

Now recall that the intensity $I = \frac{1}{2} c \epsilon_0 n |E|^2 \quad \rightarrow \quad |E|^2 = 2I / c \epsilon_0 n$

$$I_{3\omega} = \left(\frac{\omega}{8nc} \chi^{(3)}\right)^2 \left(\frac{2}{c \epsilon_0 n}\right)^2 I_\omega^3 L^2 = \left(\frac{\omega}{4\epsilon_0 n^2 c^2} \chi^{(3)}\right)^2 I_\omega^3 L^2 \quad (19.2)$$

Power $P = I \times A_{eff} \quad \rightarrow \quad I = \frac{P}{A_{eff}}$

$$\frac{P_{3\omega}}{A_{eff}} = \left(\frac{\omega}{4\epsilon_0 n^2 c^2} \chi^{(3)}\right)^2 \left(\frac{P_\omega}{A_{eff}}\right)^3 L^2$$

Power

$$P_{3\omega} = \left(\frac{\omega}{4\epsilon_0 n^2 c^2} \chi^{(3)}\right)^2 \frac{P_\omega^3 L^2}{A_{eff}^2} \quad (19.3)$$

– scales as P_ω^3 and grows quadratically with length

Third harmonic generation (THG)

Refractive indices, phase-matching directions and third order nonlinear coefficients of rutile TiO_2 from third harmonic generation

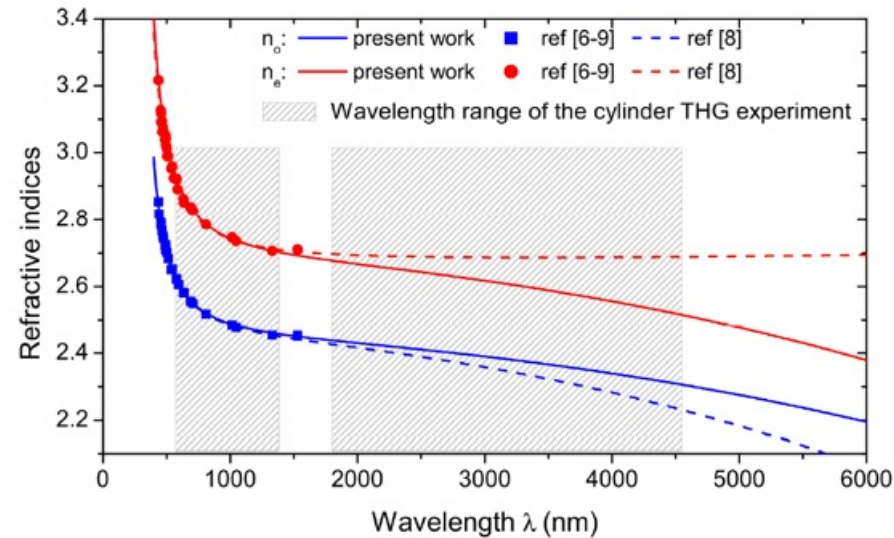
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Abstract: Experiments of third harmonic generation in rutile TiO_2 allowed us to determine the phase-matching angles and the refractive indices of the crystal up to 4500 nm. We also showed that χ_{16} and χ_{18} coefficients of the third order electric susceptibility tensor exhibit opposite signs, and that $|\chi_{18}(616.7\text{nm})| = 9.7 \times 10^{-20} \text{ m}^2\text{V}^{-2}$.

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$$\omega^{(o)} + \omega^{(e)} + \omega^{(e)} \rightarrow 3\omega^{(o)}$$

phase matching

Fig. 3. Ordinary n_o and extraordinary n_e principal refractive indices of TiO_2 as a function of wavelength from present work in solid lines, and from [6–9] in symbols (experiments) and dashed lines (calculations).

Third harmonic generation (THG)

For $\Delta k \neq 0$

and low conversion limit:

$E_3 \ll E_1$, $E_1 \approx \text{const}$

$$\frac{\partial E_3(z)}{\partial z} = -\frac{i\omega}{8nc} \chi^{(3)} E_1^3(\omega) e^{-i\Delta kz}$$

$$E_3(3\omega) = -\frac{i\omega}{8nc} \chi^{(3)} E_1^3(\omega) \underbrace{\int_0^L e^{-i\Delta kz} dz}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ -\frac{i}{\Delta k}(1 - e^{-i\Delta kL}) = -\frac{2i}{\Delta k} \text{ (at } L=L_c=\pi/\Delta k)}} = -\frac{\omega}{4nc\Delta k} \chi^{(3)} E_1^3(\omega)$$

$$|E_3|^2 = \left(\frac{\omega}{4nc\Delta k} \chi^{(3)}\right)^2 |E_1|^6 \quad \text{field intensity}$$

Now recall that the intensity $I = \frac{1}{2} c \epsilon_0 n |E|^2 \quad \rightarrow \quad |E|^2 = 2I / c \epsilon_0 n$

Third harmonic generation (THG)

for intensities:

$$2I_{3\omega}/c\epsilon_0 n = \left(\frac{\omega}{4nc\Delta k}\chi^{(3)}\right)^2 (2I_\omega/c\epsilon_0 n)^3$$

$$I_{3\omega} = \left(\frac{\omega}{2\epsilon_0 n^2 c^2 \Delta k}\chi^{(3)}\right)^2 I_\omega^3 \quad (19.4)$$

$$\text{Power } P = I \times A_{eff} \quad \rightarrow \quad I = \frac{P}{A_{eff}}$$

$$\frac{P_{3\omega}}{A_{eff}} = \left(\frac{\omega}{2\epsilon_0 n^2 c^2 \Delta k}\chi^{(3)}\right)^2 \left(\frac{P_\omega}{A_{eff}}\right)^3$$

$$\boxed{P_{3\omega} = \left(\frac{\omega}{2\epsilon_0 n^2 c^2 \Delta k}\chi^{(3)}\right)^2 \frac{P_\omega^3}{A_{eff}^2}} \quad (19.5)$$

– grows as P_ω^3 over one coherence length

Third harmonic generation in a fiber

Now let us take a concrete example: THG
in a fiber 1.56 μm \rightarrow 0.52 μm (green)

Fused silica: $\chi^{(3)} = 2.5 \times 10^{-22} \text{ m}^2/\text{V}^2$

$$\Delta k = 2\pi \left(\frac{n_3}{\lambda_3} - 3 \frac{n_1}{\lambda_1} \right) = 2\pi \left(\frac{1.4613}{0.52} - 3 \frac{1.4439}{1.56} \right) = 0.21 \mu\text{m}^{-1} = 2.1 \times 10^5 \text{ m}^{-1}$$

(coh. length $\frac{\pi}{\Delta k} \sim 15 \mu\text{m}$)

Assume a fused silica fiber with $A_{eff} = (10 \mu\text{m})^2 \rightarrow 10^{-10} \text{ m}^2$

Assume 1-W CW pump laser at frequency ω (1.56 μm)

$$P_{3\omega} = \left(\frac{\omega}{2\epsilon_0 n^2 c^2 \Delta k} \chi^{(3)} \right)^2 \frac{P_\omega^3}{A_{eff}^2} =$$

$$= (1.2 \times 10^{15} \cdot 2.5 \times 10^{-22} / 2 / 8.85 \times 10^{-12} / 1.46^2 / 3 \times 10^8^2 / 2.1 \times 10^5)^2 \cdot 1 / 10^{-10}^2 =$$

$$= 1.7 \times 10^{-17} \text{ W}$$

\rightarrow 45 photons per second

is it
practical ?

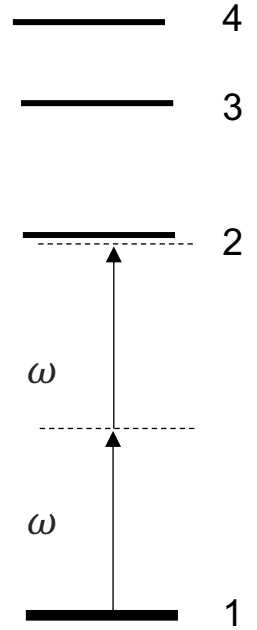
* green photon at 0.52 μm is: $\hbar\omega = 3.8 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$

Two-photon absorption

Nonlinear susceptibility $\chi^{(3)}$, quantum mechanical model

see e.g. Boyd, Stegeman

$\chi^{(3)}$ - is the sum of many different terms, but let us take the term that is **close to resonance 1-3**:



$$\chi^{(3)} \approx \frac{N}{\epsilon_0 \hbar^3} \frac{\mu_{14} \mu_{12} \mu_{23} \mu_{34}}{(\omega_{31} - 2\omega)(\omega_{21} - 2\omega)(\omega_{21} - \omega)}$$

$$\rightarrow \chi^{(3)} \approx \frac{N}{\epsilon_0 \hbar^3} \frac{\mu_{14} \mu_{12} \mu_{23} \mu_{34}}{(\omega_{31} - 2\omega)(\omega_{21} - 2\omega + i\gamma_{21})(\omega_{21} - \omega)} = -i \frac{N}{\epsilon_0 \hbar^3} \frac{1}{\gamma_{21}} \frac{\mu_{14} \mu_{12} \mu_{23} \mu_{34}}{(\omega_{31} - 2\omega)(\omega_{21} - \omega)}$$

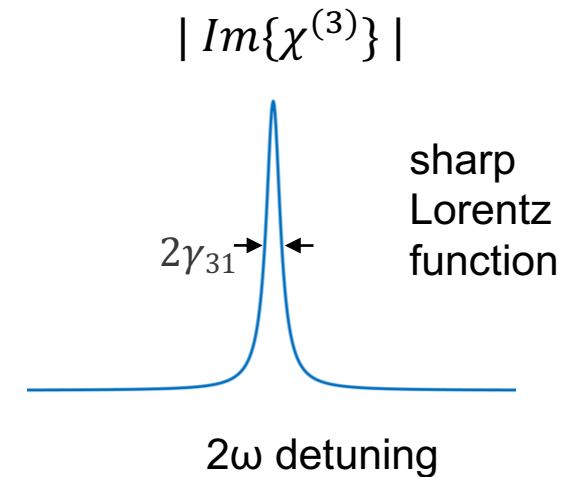
added damping term

$$Im\{\chi^{(3)}\} = -\frac{N}{\epsilon_0 \hbar^3} \frac{1}{\gamma_{21}} \frac{\mu_{14} \mu_{12} \mu_{23} \mu_{34}}{(\omega_{31} - 2\omega)(\omega_{21} - \omega)} \quad (19.6)$$

$$Re\{\chi^{(3)}\} = 0$$

At 2-photon resonance 1-3

2-photon transitions can take place where 1-photon transitions may be forbidden



Two-photon absorption

Recall slowly varying envelope approximation (SVEA) equation

$$\frac{\partial E(z)}{\partial z} = -\frac{i\omega c}{2n} \mu_0 P = -\frac{i\omega}{2\epsilon_0 c n} P \quad (2.3) \quad (\text{from L2})$$

Recall NL polarization for the $\omega = \omega + \omega - \omega$ process

$$P(\omega) = \frac{3}{4} \epsilon_0 \chi^{(3)} |E_1(\omega)|^2 E_1(\omega) \quad (17.3) \quad (\text{from L17})$$

Hence we have at 1-2 photon resonance:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial E}{\partial z} &= -\frac{i\omega}{2\epsilon_0 c n} P = -\frac{i\omega}{2\epsilon_0 c n} \frac{3}{4} \epsilon_0 \chi^{(3)} |E|^2 E \\ &= -\frac{i3\omega}{8nc} \{-i|Im(\chi^{(3)})|\} |E|^2 E = -\frac{3\omega}{8nc} |Im(\chi^{(3)})| |E|^2 E \\ &= -\frac{3\omega}{8nc} \frac{2I}{c\epsilon_0 n} |Im(\chi^{(3)})| E = -\frac{3\omega}{4\epsilon_0 n^2 c^2} I |Im(\chi^{(3)})| E \end{aligned} \quad I = \frac{1}{2} c \epsilon_0 n |E|^2$$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial z} = -\alpha_2^E I E \quad \alpha_2^E = \frac{3\omega}{4\epsilon_0 n^2 c^2} |Im(\chi^{(3)})|$$

$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial z} = -\alpha_2 I^2 \quad \alpha_2 = \frac{3\omega}{2\epsilon_0 n^2 c^2} |Im(\chi^{(3)})| \quad (19.7)$$

Two-photon absorption (another way to derive)

How does the power change if $Im\{\chi^{(3)}\} \neq 0$?

$$\text{Power} \sim |E(\omega)|^2 = E(\omega)E^*(\omega)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dz} |E(\omega)|^2 &= \frac{d}{dz} E(\omega)E^*(\omega) = E^* \frac{dE}{dz} + E \frac{dE^*}{dz} = E^* \left(-i \frac{3\omega}{8nc} (-i |Im\{\chi^{(3)}\}|) |E|^2 E \right) + E \left(-i \frac{3\omega}{8nc} (-i |Im\{\chi^{(3)}\}|) |E|^2 E^* \right) = \\ &= -\frac{3\omega}{4nc} |E|^4 |Im\{\chi^{(3)}\}| \end{aligned}$$

$$Im\{\chi^{(3)}\} = -|Im\{\chi^{(3)}\}|$$

Recall that the intensity $I = \frac{1}{2} c \epsilon_0 n |E|^2 \rightarrow |E|^2 = \frac{2I}{c \epsilon_0 n}$

$$\frac{2}{c \epsilon_0 n} \frac{dI}{dz} = -\frac{3\omega}{4nc} \left(\frac{2I}{c \epsilon_0 n} \right)^2 |Im\{\chi^{(3)}\}|$$

$$\frac{dI}{dz} = -\frac{3\omega}{2n^2 \epsilon_0 c^2} |Im\{\chi^{(3)}\}| I^2 = -\alpha_2 I^2$$

power is absorbed if $\chi^{(3)}$ has imaginary portion

Two-photon absorption (2PA) coefficient

$$\alpha_2 = \frac{3\omega}{2\epsilon_0 n^2 c^2} |Im\{\chi^{(3)}\}|$$

(19.8)

same as (19.7) !

2PA units: cm/W or m/W

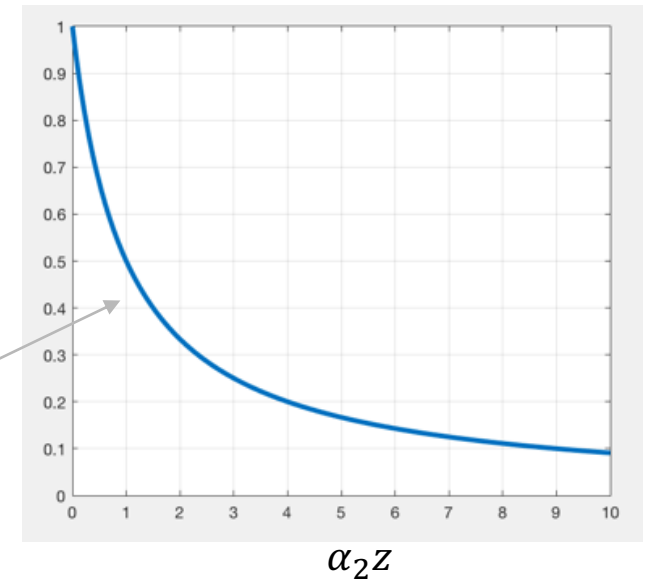
Two-photon absorption

It is easy to integrate $\frac{dI}{dz} = -\alpha_2 I^2$

to get :
$$I(z) = \frac{I_0}{1 + I_0 \alpha_2 z} \quad (19.9)$$

$I(z)/I_0$

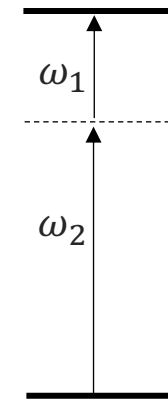
the decay rate is **slower** than exponential



Non-degenerate 2PA

$$\frac{dI_1}{dz} \sim -\alpha_2^{non-degen.} I_1 I_2$$

$$\frac{dI_2}{dz} = \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} \frac{dI_1}{dz}$$

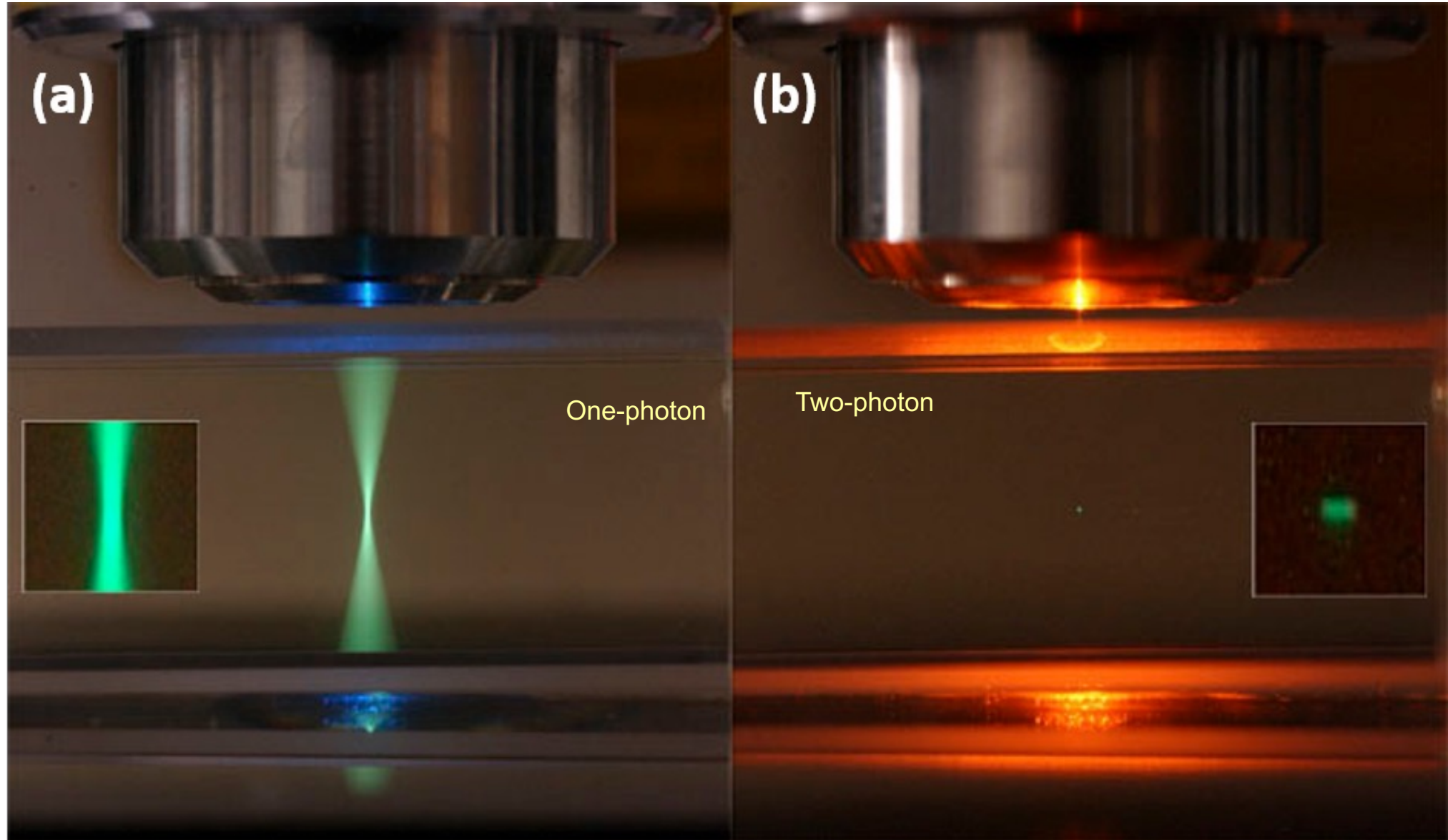


$$\omega_1 = \omega_1 + \omega_2 - \omega_2$$

- 2-photon absorption (2PA) is a $\chi^{(3)}$ process: $\omega = \omega + \omega - \omega$
- 3-photon absorption (3PA) is a $\chi^{(5)}$ process: $\omega = \omega + \omega - \omega + \omega - \omega$
- 4-photon absorption (4PA) is a $\chi^{(7)}$ process: $\omega = \omega + \omega - \omega + \omega - \omega + \omega - \omega$

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Two-photon absorption



Is the energy conserved
in the self-phase
modulation (SPM)
process?

Is the energy conserved in the SPM process?

Now $\chi^{(3)}$ is real (far from resonances)

$$\text{Im}\{\chi^{(3)}\} = 0$$

Slowly varying envelope approximation (SVEA) equation

$$\frac{\partial E(z)}{\partial z} = -\frac{i\omega c}{2n} \mu_0 P = -\frac{i\omega}{2\varepsilon_0 c n} P$$

$$P(\omega) = \frac{3}{4} \varepsilon_0 \chi^{(3)} |E_1(\omega)|^2 E_1(\omega)$$

$$\frac{dE(z, \omega)}{dz} = -i \frac{3\omega}{8nc} \chi^{(3)} |E(\omega)|^2 E(\omega) \quad (19.10)$$

Does the power change as a result of SPM?

$$\text{Power} \sim |E(\omega)|^2 = E(\omega)E^*(\omega)$$

$$\frac{d}{dz} |E(\omega)|^2 = \frac{d}{dz} E(\omega)E^*(\omega) = E^* \frac{dE}{dz} + E \frac{dE^*}{dz} = E^* \left(-i \frac{3\omega}{8nc} \chi^{(3)} |E|^2 E \right) + E \left(+i \frac{3\omega}{8nc} \chi^{(3)} |E|^2 E^* \right) = 0$$

$$\chi^{(3)} = \text{Re}\{\chi^{(3)}\}$$

No power change in SPM if $\chi^{(3)}$ is real

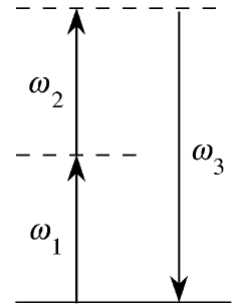
Parametric vs non-parametric process

In a parametric process, population can be removed from the ground state only for those brief intervals of time when it resides in a virtual level. According to the uncertainty principle, population can reside in a virtual level for a time interval of the order of $\sim \frac{\hbar}{\Delta E}$, where ΔE is the energy difference between the virtual level and the nearest real level.

Photon energy is always conserved in a parametric process

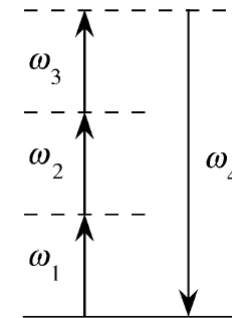
3-photon process

$$\omega_3 = \omega_1 + \omega_2$$



4-photon process

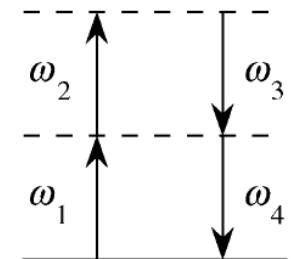
$$\omega_4 = \omega_1 + \omega_2 + \omega_3$$



4-photon process

$$\omega_3 = \omega_1 + \omega_2 - \omega_3$$

self-phase modulation
when all ω 's are the same



Parametric processes due to
four-wave mixing (FWM)

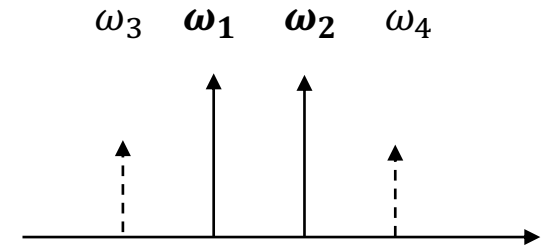
Four-wave mixing (FWM), two pump waves

We have two strong waves ω_1 ω_2
 that can create two new waves ω_3 ω_4

in a 4-wave process

$$\omega_1 + \omega_2 = \omega_3 + \omega_4$$

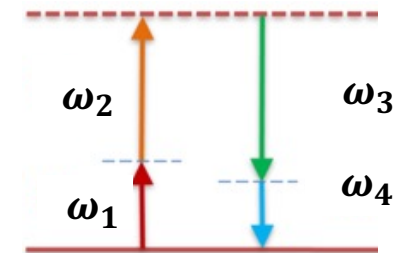
Phase matching is essential here; will talk about it in the next lecture. Assume $\Delta k=0$ for now



total field $\mathcal{E}(t) = \frac{1}{2} (E_1 e^{i\omega_1 t} + E_2 e^{i\omega_2 t} + E_3 e^{i\omega_3 t} + E_4 e^{i\omega_4 t} + c.c.)$

total NL polariz. $\mathcal{P}_{NL}(t) = \frac{1}{8} \epsilon_0 \chi^{(3)} (E_1 e^{i\omega_1 t} + E_2 e^{i\omega_2 t} + E_3 e^{i\omega_3 t} + E_4 e^{i\omega_4 t} + c.c.)^3$

8³ = 512 terms



Now let us pick only components with $\pm\omega_3$ and $\pm\omega_4$ - due to interaction of all 4 waves

$$\mathcal{P}_{NL}(t)|_{\omega_3} = \frac{1}{8} \epsilon_0 \chi^{(3)} (6E_1 E_2 E_4^* e^{i\omega_3 t} + c.c.) = \frac{3}{4} \epsilon_0 \chi^{(3)} (E_1 E_2 E_4^* e^{i\omega_3 t} + c.c.)$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{NL}(t)|_{\omega_4} = \frac{1}{8} \epsilon_0 \chi^{(3)} (6E_1 E_2 E_3^* e^{i\omega_4 t} + c.c.) = \frac{3}{4} \epsilon_0 \chi^{(3)} (E_1 E_2 E_3^* e^{i\omega_4 t} + c.c.)$$

Four-wave mixing (FWM), two pump waves

Fourier components for P_{NL}

$$P(\omega_3) = \frac{3}{2} \epsilon_0 \chi^{(3)} (E_1 E_2 E_4^*) \quad (19.11)$$

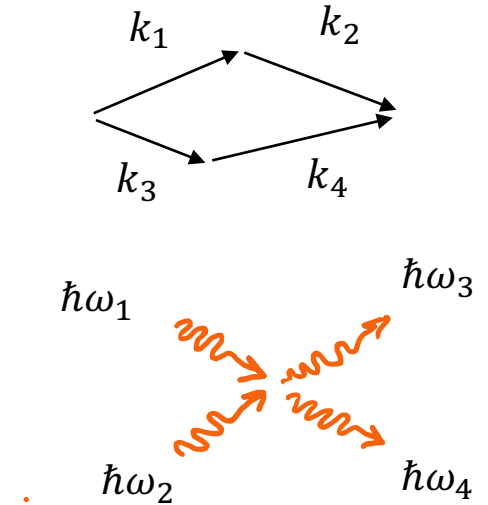
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$$P(\omega_4) = \frac{3}{2} \epsilon_0 \chi^{(3)} (E_1 E_2 E_3^*)$$

Now plug them into SVEA equation: $\frac{\partial E(\omega_i)}{\partial z} = -\frac{i\omega_i}{2nc\epsilon_0} P_{NL}(\omega_i)$

to get:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{dE(\omega_3)}{dz} &= -\frac{i\omega_3}{2nc\epsilon_0} \frac{3}{2} \epsilon_0 \chi^{(3)} (E_1 E_2 E_4^*) e^{-\Delta kz} = -i \frac{3}{4} \frac{\omega_3 \chi^{(3)}}{nc} E_1 E_2 E_4^* e^{-\Delta kz} \\ \frac{dE(\omega_4)}{dz} &= -\frac{i\omega_4}{2nc\epsilon_0} \frac{3}{2} \epsilon_0 \chi^{(3)} (E_1 E_2 E_3^*) e^{-\Delta kz} = -i \frac{3}{4} \frac{\omega_4 \chi^{(3)}}{nc} E_1 E_2 E_3^* e^{-\Delta kz} \end{aligned} \right\} (19.12)$$



interaction of 4 photons

$\Delta k = k_1 + k_2 - k_3 - k_4 + \dots$
 .. plus NL phase modulation terms

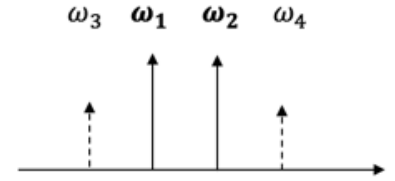
Assume no pump depletion E_1, E_2 - const
 and $\Delta k=0$ (an additional phase mismatch comes from NL phase modulation)

Four-wave mixing (FWM), two pump waves

$$\frac{dE_3}{dz} = -i \frac{3 \omega_3 \chi^{(3)}}{4 nc} E_1 E_2 E_4^* \quad (19.13)$$

$$\frac{dE_4}{dz} = -i \frac{3 \omega_4 \chi^{(3)}}{4 nc} E_1 E_2 E_3^* \quad E_1 = E(\omega_1)$$

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Introduce a new field variables (as in Lecture 5):

$$A_i = \sqrt{\frac{n_i}{\omega_i}} E_i$$

Then it simplifies to:

$$\frac{d}{dz} \left| \begin{array}{l} \frac{d A_3}{dz} = -igA_1 A_2 A_4^* \\ \frac{d A_4}{dz} = -igA_1 A_2 A_3^* \end{array} \right. \quad (19.10) \quad \text{where} \quad g = \frac{3\chi^{(3)}}{4c} \sqrt{\frac{\omega_1 \omega_2 \omega_3 \omega_4}{n_1 n_2 n_3 n_4}}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{d^2 A_3}{dz^2} - \Gamma^2 A_3 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d^2 A_4}{dz^2} - \Gamma^2 A_4 = 0 \quad \text{where} \quad \Gamma = |A_1| |A_2| g$$

Four-wave mixing (FWM), two pump waves

Similarity to the 3-wave optical parametric amplification (Lecture 12)

The general solutions to this equation are:

$$e^{\pm\Gamma z} \quad \text{or the same as a combination of } \cosh(\Gamma z) \text{ \& } \sinh(\Gamma z)$$

Look for solutions in the form:

$$A_3 = a_3 \cosh(\Gamma z) + b_3 \sinh(\Gamma z)$$

$$A_4 = a_4 \cosh(\Gamma z) + b_4 \sinh(\Gamma z)$$

Initial conditions:

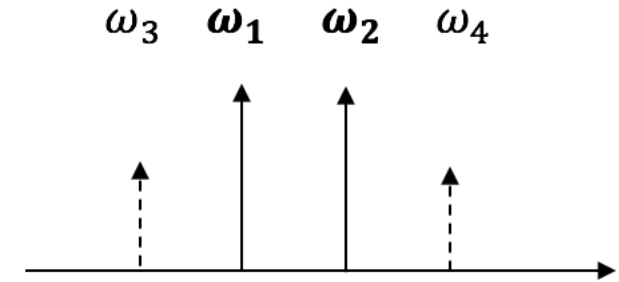
$$A_3 = A_{30}$$

$$A_4 = 0$$

Solution:

$$A_3 = A_{30} \cosh(\Gamma z)$$

$$A_4 = -iA_{30}^* \sinh(\Gamma z) \quad (19.14)$$



Generation of new frequency components via four-wave mixing.

The 4-photon **OPA** uses four-wave mixing to provide optical gain of the 'seed' at ω_3 . Simultaneously, the wave at ω_4 grows from zero. For each photon created at ω_3 a photon at ω_4 is created

The corresponding photon-flux densities are:

$$\Phi_3 = \Phi_{30} \cosh^2(\Gamma z)$$

$$\Phi_4 = \Phi_{30} \sinh^2(\Gamma z) \quad (19.14)$$

In terms of intensities:

$$I_3 = I_{30} \cosh^2(\Gamma z)$$

$$I_4 = \frac{\omega_4}{\omega_3} I_{30} \sinh^2(\Gamma z) \quad (19.16)$$

These expressions are symmetric under the interchange of ω_3 and ω_4

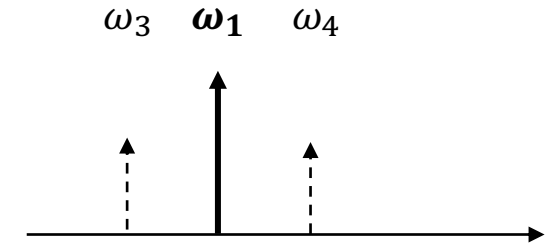
Four-wave mixing (FWM), one pump wave

(a degenerate four-wave mixing)

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in a 4-wave process

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total NL polariz. $\mathcal{P}_{NL}(t) = \frac{1}{8} \epsilon_0 \chi^{(3)} (E_1 e^{i\omega_1 t} + E_3 e^{i\omega_3 t} + E_4 e^{i\omega_4 t} + c.c.)^3$

Now let us pick only components with $\pm\omega_3$ and $\pm\omega_4$ - due to interaction of all 3 waves

$$\mathcal{P}_{NL}(t)|_{\omega_3} = \frac{1}{8} \epsilon_0 \chi^{(3)} (3E_1 E_1 E_4^* e^{i\omega_3 t} + c.c.) = \frac{3}{8} \epsilon_0 \chi^{(3)} (E_1^2 E_4^* e^{i\omega_3 t} + c.c.)$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{NL}(t)|_{\omega_4} = \frac{1}{8} \epsilon_0 \chi^{(3)} (3E_1 E_1 E_3^* e^{i\omega_4 t} + c.c.) = \frac{3}{8} \epsilon_0 \chi^{(3)} (E_1^2 E_3^* e^{i\omega_4 t} + c.c.)$$

Four-wave mixing (FWM), one pump wave

Phase matched, no pump depletion:

$$\frac{d}{dz} \begin{cases} \frac{d A_3}{dz} = -igA_1A_2A_4^* \\ \frac{d A_4}{dz} = -igA_1A_2A_3^* \end{cases} \quad (19.14)$$

note that this coeff is 2 times less than in the non-degenerate case

where

$$g = \frac{3\chi^{(3)}}{8c} \sqrt{\frac{\omega_1\omega_2\omega_3\omega_4}{n_1n_2n_3n_4}} \approx \frac{3\chi^{(3)}\omega^2}{8cn^2}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{d^2 A_3}{dz^2} - \Gamma^2 A_3 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d^2 A_4}{dz^2} - \Gamma^2 A_4 = 0$$

where

$$\Gamma = |A_1|^2 g$$

Exponential gain coefficient Γ is proportional to I_1 and $\chi^{(3)}$

The corresponding photon-flux densities are:

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_3 &= \Phi_{30} \cosh^2(\Gamma z) \\ \Phi_4 &= \Phi_{30} \sinh^2(\Gamma z) \end{aligned} \quad (19.17)$$

In terms of intensities:

$$\begin{aligned} I_3 &= I_{30} \cosh^2(\Gamma z) \\ I_4 &= \frac{\omega_4}{\omega_3} I_{30} \sinh^2(\Gamma z) \end{aligned} \quad (19.18)$$