Lecture 7

Second-order $X^{(2)}$ nonlinear optical materials. Crystal classes and their symmetries. Nonlinear optical tensors. Electrooptic effect.

Anisotropic linear media



In an anisotropic medium, such as a crystal, the polarization field *P* is not necessarily aligned with the electric field of the light *E*. In a physical picture, this can be thought of as the dipoles induced in the medium by the electric field having certain preferred directions, related to the physical structure of the crystal.

In nonmagnetic and transparent materials, $\chi_{ij} = \chi_{ji}$, i.e. the χ tensor is real and <u>symmetric</u>.

It is possible to diagonalize the tensor by choosing the appropriate coordinate axes, leaving only χ_{xx} , χ_{yy} and χ_{zz} . This gives :

$$egin{aligned} P_x &= arepsilon_0 \chi_{xx} E_x \ P_y &= arepsilon_0 \chi_{yy} E_y \ P_z &= arepsilon_0 \chi_{zz} E_z \end{aligned}$$

Anisotropic linear media

The refractive index is: $n = \sqrt{1 + \chi}$ hence $n_{xx} = \sqrt{1 + \chi_{xx}}$ $n_{yy} = \sqrt{1 + \chi_{yy}}$ or $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_0 \begin{bmatrix} n_x^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & n_y^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & n_z^2 \end{bmatrix}$

Waves with different polarizations will see different refractive indices and travel at different speeds.

This phenomenon is known as **birefringence** and occurs in some crystals such as calcite and quartz.

> z-axis or c-axis

If $\chi_{xx} = \chi_{yy} \neq \chi_{zz}$, the crystal is known as **uniaxial**.

If $\chi_{xx} \neq \chi_{yy} \neq \chi_{zz}$ the crystal is called **biaxial**.

will come back to this in Lecture 8



Anisotropic linear media

Uniaxial crystals		$n_1 = n_2$ n_3			Biaxial crystals			n ₂	n ₃
Material 🔶	Crystal system +	<i>n</i> ₀ \$	n _e ♦	$\Delta n \Leftrightarrow$	Material 🔶	Crystal system +	$n_{\alpha} \Leftrightarrow$	<i>n</i> _β \$	<i>n</i> γ \$
barium borate BaB ₂ O ₄	Trigonal	1.6776	1.5534	-0.1242	borax Na ₂ (B ₄ O ₅)(OH) ₄ ·8H ₂ O	Monoclinic	1.447	1.469	1.472
beryl Be ₃ Al ₂ (SiO ₃) ₆	Hexagonal	1.602	1.557	-0.045	epsom salt MgSO ₄ ·7H ₂ O	Monoclinic	1.433	1.455	1.461
calcite CaCO ₃	Trigonal	1.658	1.486	-0.172	mica, biotite K(Mg Ee)a(AlSiaQta)(E OH)a	Monoclinic	1.595	1.640	1.640
ice H ₂ O	Hexagonal	1.309	1.313	+0.004	mica, muscovite KAI ₂ (AlSi ₃ O ₁₀)				
magnesium fluoride MgE-	Tetragonal	2.272	2.187	-0.085	(F,OH) ₂	Monoclinic	1.563	1.596	1.601
	Trigonal	1.500	1.505	+0.000	olivine (Mg,Fe) ₂ SiO ₄	Orthorhombic	1.640	1.660	1.680
	Trigonal	1.344	1.555	+0.009	perovskite CaTiO ₃	Orthorhombic	2.300	2.340	2.380
ruby Al ₂ O ₃	Irigonal	1.770	1.762	-0.008	topaz Al ₂ SiO ₄ (F,OH) ₂	Orthorhombic	1.618	1.620	1.627
rutile TiO ₂	Tetragonal	2.616	2.903	+0.287	ulexite NaCaB ₅ O ₆ (OH) ₆ :5H ₂ O	Triclinic	1,490	1.510	1.520
sapphire Al ₂ O ₃	Trigonal	1.768	1.760	-0.008					1.020
silicon carbide SiC	Hexagonal	2.647	2.693	+0.046					
tourmaline (complex silicate)	Trigonal	1.669	1.638	-0.031					
zircon, high ZrSiO ₄	Tetragonal	1.960	2.015	+0.055					
zircon, low ZrSiO ₄	Tetragonal	1.920	1.967	+0.047					

Nonlinear susceptibility is a 3-rd rank tensor (3 x 3 x 3 tensor) $\chi_{ijk}^{(2)}$

$$P_i = \epsilon_0 \sum_{j,k} \chi_{ijk} E_j E_k \tag{7.1}$$

When all of the optical frequencies are detuned from the resonance frequencies of the optical medium

the nonlinear susceptibility tensor $\chi^{(2)}_{ijk}$ has full permutation symmetry:

$$\chi_{ijk} = \chi_{ikj} = \chi_{jik} = \chi_{jki} = \chi_{kij} = \chi_{kji}$$

Kleinman's full permutation symmetry condition

... and does not actually depend of frequencies that participate, so instead of writing $\chi_{ijk}^{(2)}(\omega_3 = \omega_1 + \omega_2, \omega_1, \omega_2)$ we write simply $\chi_{ijk}^{(2)}$

Full permutation symmetry can be deduced from a consideration of the field energy density within a nonlinear medium (see Boyd or Stegeman books).

And also from quantum mechanics !

Consider mutual interaction of three waves at ω_1 , ω_2 , and $\omega_3 = \omega_1 + \omega_2$

Assume *E* is the total field <u>vector</u>

$$\boldsymbol{E} = \begin{bmatrix} E_{x} \\ E_{y} \\ E_{z} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} E_{1} \\ E_{2} \\ E_{3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} E_{1,\omega_{1}} \cos(\omega_{1}t) + E_{1,\omega_{2}} \cos(\omega_{2}t) + E_{1,\omega_{3}} \cos(\omega_{3}t) \\ E_{2,\omega_{1}} \cos(\omega_{2}t) + E_{2,\omega_{2}} \cos(\omega_{2}t) + E_{2,\omega_{3}} \cos(\omega_{3}t) \\ E_{3,\omega_{1}} \cos(\omega_{3}t) + E_{2,\omega_{2}} \cos(\omega_{2}t) + E_{3,\omega_{3}} \cos(\omega_{3}t) \end{bmatrix}$$

then
$$P_i = \epsilon_0 \sum_{j,k} \chi_{ijk} E_j E_k$$
 $i, j, k = 1, 2, 3 \ (= x, y, z)$

For example, x –component of the nonlinear polarization **P** is:

$$X \qquad P_{1} = \epsilon_{0} \sum_{j,k} \chi_{1jk} E_{j}E_{k} = \epsilon_{0} \left\{ \chi_{111}E_{1}E_{1} + \chi_{112}E_{1}E_{2} + \chi_{113}E_{1}E_{3} + \chi_{121}E_{2}E_{1} + \chi_{122}E_{2}E_{2} + \chi_{123}E_{2}E_{3} + \chi_{131}E_{3}E_{1} + \chi_{132}E_{3}E_{2} + \chi_{133}E_{3}E_{3} + \chi_{131}E_{3}E_{1} + \chi_{132}E_{3}E_{2} + \chi_{133}E_{3}E_{3} \right\}$$

$$Y \qquad P_{2} = \epsilon_{0} \sum_{j,k} \chi_{2jk} E_{j}E_{k} = \dots$$

$$Z \qquad P_{3} = \epsilon_{0} \sum_{j,k} \chi_{3jk} E_{j}E_{k} = \dots$$

note that the terms underlined by the same color are equal

(7.2)

amplitudes

Now introduce the tensor: $d_{ijk} = \frac{1}{2}\chi_{ijk}^{(2)} \qquad \text{(historical convention !)}$ and write: $P_1 = 2\epsilon_0 \left(d_{111}E_1E_1 + d_{122}E_2E_2 + d_{133}E_3E_3 + 2d_{123}E_2E_3 + 2d_{113}E_1E_3 + 2d_{112}E_1E_2 \right)$ $P_2 = 2\epsilon_0 \left(d_{211}E_1E_1 + d_{222}E_2E_2 + d_{233}E_3E_3 + 2d_{223}E_2E_3 + 2d_{213}E_1E_3 + 2d_{212}E_1E_2 \right)$ $P_3 = 2\epsilon_0 \left(d_{311}E_1E_1 + d_{322}E_2E_2 + d_{333}E_3E_3 + 2d_{323}E_2E_3 + 2d_{313}E_1E_3 + 2d_{312}E_1E_2 \right)$ now reduced to only 18 components

Matrix with 6x3 components
$$jk \rightarrow l$$
Reduce 3D tensor to 2D matrix $d_{il} = \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & d_{12} & d_{13} & d_{14} & d_{15} & d_{16} \\ d_{21} & d_{22} & d_{23} & d_{24} & d_{25} & d_{26} \\ d_{31} & d_{32} & d_{33} & d_{34} & d_{35} & d_{36} \end{bmatrix}$ $jk = 11 \quad 22 \quad 33 \quad 23,32 \quad 31,13 \quad 12,21 \\ l = 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 4 \quad 5 \quad 6$

Second-order susceptibility described using contracted notation

the way to find nonlinear polarizations in 3D case using contracted notation

$$\begin{bmatrix} P_{\chi} \\ P_{y} \\ P_{z} \end{bmatrix} = 2\epsilon_{0} \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & d_{12} & d_{13} & d_{14} & d_{15} & d_{16} \\ d_{21} & d_{22} & d_{23} & d_{24} & d_{25} & d_{26} \\ d_{31} & d_{32} & d_{33} & d_{34} & d_{35} & d_{36} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} E_{\chi}^{2} \\ E_{y}^{2} \\ E_{z}^{2} \\ 2E_{y}E_{z} \\ 2E_{\chi}E_{z} \\ 2E_{\chi}E_{y} \end{bmatrix}$$
(7.3)

Imagine we have only only x-components for **P** and **E** – get familiar (see 5.1 with $\chi^{(2)}=2 d_{NL}$)

$$P(t) = 2\varepsilon_0 d_{NL} E^2(t) \tag{7.4}$$

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By further applying Kleinman symmetry, we find that d_{il} matrix has only 10 independent elements

$$d_{il} = \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & d_{12} & d_{13} & \underline{d_{14}} & d_{15} & d_{16} \\ d_{21} & d_{22} & d_{23} & d_{24} & \underline{d_{25}} & d_{26} \\ d_{31} & d_{32} & d_{33} & d_{34} & d_{35} & \underline{d_{36}} \end{bmatrix}$$

for example: d ₁₄ is but d ₂₅ is and d ₃₆ is	=d ₁₂₃ =d ₁₂₃		
\rightarrow	d ₁₄ =	d ₂₅ =d ₃₆	etc

$$d_{il} = \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & d_{12} & d_{13} & d_{14} & d_{15} & d_{16} \\ d_{16} & d_{22} & d_{23} & d_{24} & d_{14} & d_{12} \\ d_{15} & d_{24} & d_{33} & d_{23} & d_{13} & d_{14} \end{bmatrix}.$$

 $d_{11} d_{22} d_{33} d_{12} d_{13} d_{14} d_{15} d_{16} d_{23} d_{24}$

Only 10 independent elements

 d_{14} d_{15} d_{16} d_{13} a_{11} d_{11} a_{12} d_{12} d_{13} d_{14} d_{15} d_{16} d_{24} d_{23} $d_{14} \quad d_{12}$ d_{21} d_{22} d_{23} d_{24} d_{25} d_{26} d_{16} \rightarrow (d_{22}) d_{33} d_{34} d_{35} d_{36} d_{31} d_{32} (d₃₃) d_{24} d_{23} d_{13} d_{14} . d_{15}

Spatial symmetries of crystals further reduce the amount of independent tensor elements





point group mm2 KTP (KTiO₂PO₄) crystal

This crystal class is invariant under 180° rotations around z-axis and mirror images on the planes m1 and m2, that contain the rotation axis

tensor elements transform just like the coordinates







Crystal of class 3m (e.g. Lithium Niobate, LiNbO₃)

only d_{22} , d_{31} and d_{33}



Physical origin of off-diagonal elements in d_{ijk} tensor



Physical origin of off-diagonal elements in d_{ijk} tensor

after Stegeman NLO book

KDP crystal





GaAs

Crystal of class $\overline{4}3m$ (e.g. Gallium Arsenide, **GaAs**)



Ga or ZnAs or S



$$\hat{P}^{(2)} = 2\epsilon_0 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & d_{14} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & d_{14} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & d_{14} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{E}_x \hat{E}_x \\ \hat{E}_y \hat{E}_y \\ \hat{E}_z \hat{E}_z \\ 2\hat{E}_y \hat{E}_z \\ 2\hat{E}_y \hat{E}_z \\ 2\hat{E}_z \hat{E}_x \\ 2\hat{E}_x \hat{E}_y \end{pmatrix}$$

(7.4)

How to calculate effective nonlinearity?

NL polarization

$$\begin{bmatrix}
P_{x}(t) \\
P_{y}(t) \\
P_{z}(t)
\end{bmatrix} = 2\epsilon_{0}
\begin{bmatrix}
d_{11} & d_{12} & d_{13} & d_{14} & d_{15} & d_{16} \\
d_{21} & d_{22} & d_{23} & d_{24} & d_{25} & d_{26} \\
d_{31} & d_{32} & d_{33} & d_{34} & d_{35} & d_{36}
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
E_{x}^{2}(t) \\
E_{y}^{2}(t) \\
E_{z}^{2}(t) \\
2E_{y}(t)E_{z}(t) \\
2E_{x}(t)E_{z}(t) \\
2E_{x}(t)E_{y}(t)
\end{bmatrix}$$
Crystal of class 3m (e.g. Lithium Niobate, LINbO₃)

$$d_{il} = \begin{bmatrix}
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & d_{31} & d_{22} \\
d_{21} & d_{22} & 0 & d_{31} & 0 & 0 \\
d_{21} & d_{31} & d_{32} & 0 & 0 & 0
\end{bmatrix}$$

1) LiNbO₃ $d_{33} \neq 0$ The pump wave *E*(t) is polarized along z-axis

$$\begin{bmatrix} P_x(t) \\ P_y(t) \\ P_z(t) \end{bmatrix} = 2\epsilon_0 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ d_{22} & d_{22} & 0 & d_{31} & 0 \\ d_{31} & d_{31} & d_{33} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ E_z^2(t) \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 2\epsilon_0 d_{33} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ E_z^2(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

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 $P_z(t) = 2\epsilon_0 d_{33} E_z^2(t)$

similar to scalar equation with $d_{eff}=d_{33}$

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input field
$$E_z(t) = Re(E_1 e^{i\omega_1 t} + E_2 e^{i\omega_2 t}) = \frac{1}{2} (E_1 e^{i\omega_1 t} + E_2 e^{i\omega_2 t} + c.c.)$$

Need to find z-component of $P(\omega_3)=P(\omega_1+\omega_2) = \operatorname{Re}\{P(\omega_3)e^{i(\omega_1+\omega_2)t}\} = \frac{1}{2}(Pe^{i(\omega_1+\omega_2)t}+P^*e^{-i(\omega_1+\omega_2)t})$

$$P_{z}^{(NL)}(t) = 2\epsilon_{0}d_{33}E_{z}^{2} = 2\epsilon_{0}d_{33}\frac{1}{4}(E_{1,z}e^{i\omega_{1}t} + E_{2,z}e^{i\omega_{2}t} + \text{c.c.})^{2} = \cdots$$

 $= 2\epsilon_0 d_{33} \frac{1}{4} (E_{1,z}^2 e^{2i\omega_1 t} + E_{2,z}^2 e^{2i\omega_2 t} + 2E_{1,z} E_{2,z} e^{i(\omega_1 + \omega_2)t} + 2E_{1,z} E_{2,z}^* e^{i(\omega_1 - \omega_2)t} + \text{c. c.}) + 2\epsilon_0 d_{33} \frac{1}{2} (E_{1,z} E_{1,z}^* + E_{2,z} E_{2,z}^*)$

for SFG term: $P(\omega_3)=P(\omega_1 + \omega_2) - \text{ pick only components with } \pm (\omega_1 + \omega_2)$

at
$$\omega_3$$
 $P_z^{(NL)}(t) = 2\epsilon_0 d_{33} \frac{1}{4} (2E_{1,z} E_{2,z} e^{i(\omega_1 + \omega_2)t} + c.c.) = \epsilon_0 2d_{33} (\frac{1}{2} E_{1,z} E_{2,z} e^{i(\omega_1 + \omega_2)t} + c.c.)$

 $P_z(\omega_3) = \epsilon_0 2 d_{33} E_{1,z} E_{2,z}$ Amplitude (Fourier component) of polarization at **sum frequency**

same as
$$P(t) = P_z(\omega_3)\cos(\omega_3 t)$$

once you know d_{eff} , you can treat fields as scalars

thus
$$P(\omega_1 + \omega_2) = 2\epsilon_0 d_{33}E_1E_2$$

$$P(2\omega_1) = \epsilon_0 d_{33} E_1^2$$
$$P(2\omega_2) = \epsilon_0 d_{33} E_2^2$$

- by analogy with the scalar case from previous lectures



for SFG $P(\omega_1 + \omega_2) = 2\epsilon_0 d_{14} E_1 E_2 \rightarrow d_{eff} = d_{14}$

Can treat fields as scalars keeping in mind that E_1 E_2 are in *xy* and E_3 is in *z* -direction.

GaAs

Because of the off-diagonal tensor elements, we can generate SFG with the output polarization perpendicular to the input polarizations

Electrooptic effect

The electrooptic effect (Pockels effect) is the change in refractive index of a material induced by the presence of a static (or low-frequency) electric field.

$$D_i = \epsilon_0 \sum_j \epsilon_{ij} E_j$$

the dielectric constant is a second-rank tensor

$$\begin{bmatrix} D_x \\ D_y \\ D_z \end{bmatrix} = \epsilon_0 \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_{xx} & \epsilon_{xy} & \epsilon_{xz} \\ \epsilon_{yx} & \epsilon_{yy} & \epsilon_{yz} \\ \epsilon_{zx} & \epsilon_{zy} & \epsilon_{zz} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \\ E_z \end{bmatrix}.$$

Dielectric tensor is represented as a diagonal matrix (by a proper choice of the coordinate system).

Linear anisotropic medium:

$$\begin{bmatrix} D_X \\ D_Y \\ D_Z \end{bmatrix} = \epsilon_0 \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_{XX} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \epsilon_{YY} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \epsilon_{ZZ} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} E_X \\ E_Y \\ E_Z \end{bmatrix}.$$
 in the principal dielectric axes



Uniaxial crystal: $n_1 = n_2 = n_o$;

n₃=n_e



Uniaxial crystals: The indicatrix is an ellipsoid of revolution.

For the direction of polarization perpendicular to the optic axis, known as the *ordinary* direction, the index is independent of the direction of propagation.

For the other direction of polarization, known as the extraordinary direction, the index changes between the value of the ordinary index n_0 , when the wave normal is parallel to the optic axis (z) and the extraordinary index n_e, when the wave normal is perpendicular to the optic axis.

The two beams of light so produced are often referred to as o-rays and e-rays, respectively.

When the wave normal is in a direction θ to the optic axis, the index is given by:

 $n = n_0$

perpendicular to the plane of

in the plane of the figure

$$\frac{1}{n(\theta)^2} = \frac{\cos(\theta)^2}{n_o^2} + \frac{\sin(\theta)^2}{n_e^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad n(\theta) = \frac{n_{\rm e} n_{\rm o}}{(n_{\rm o}^2 \sin^2 \theta + n_{\rm e}^2 \cos^2 \theta)^{1/2}}$$

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the index ellipsoid

← →



General case:

(only 6 independent terms)

 $\frac{x^2}{n_1^2} + \frac{y^2}{n_2^2} + \frac{z^2}{n_3^2} = 1$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \epsilon_{xx} & \epsilon_{xy} & \epsilon_{xz} \\ \epsilon_{yx} & \epsilon_{yy} & \epsilon_{yz} \\ \epsilon_{zx} & \epsilon_{zy} & \epsilon_{zz} \end{array}$$

General case for the the index ellipsoid

$$\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)_1 x^2 + \left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)_2 y^2 + \left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)_3 z^2 + 2\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)_4 yz + 2\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)_5 xz + 2\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)_6 xy = 1.$$

1 for ij = 11, 2 for ij = 22, 3 for ij = 33, 4 for ij = 23 or 32, 5 for ij = 13 or 31, 6 for ij = 12 or 21.

The essence of **linear electrooptic** effect

$$\Delta\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)_i = \sum_j r_{ij} E_j,$$

or

$\left\lceil \Delta(1/n^2)_1 \right\rceil$		r_{11}	<i>r</i> ₁₂	<i>r</i> ₁₃	
$\Delta(1/n^2)_2$		<i>r</i> ₂₁	r_{22}	<i>r</i> ₂₃	Γ_F]
$\Delta(1/n^2)_3$	_	<i>r</i> ₃₁	<i>r</i> ₃₂	<i>r</i> ₃₃	$\begin{bmatrix} L_{\chi} \\ F \end{bmatrix}$
$\Delta(1/n^2)_4$	_	<i>r</i> 41	<i>r</i> ₄₂	<i>r</i> 43	$\begin{bmatrix} L_y\\ F \end{bmatrix}$
$\Delta(1/n^2)_5$		<i>r</i> 51	<i>r</i> ₅₂	r53	
$\left\lfloor \Delta(1/n^2)_6 \right\rfloor$		r_{61}	<i>r</i> ₆₂	<i>r</i> ₆₃	



Electrooptic effect and NLO effects are present in the same classes of crystals

Apply field along z-axis

Electrooptic modulator, KDP $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ r_{41} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & r_{41} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \\ E_z \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \frac{x^2}{n_0^2} + \frac{y^2}{n_0^2} + 2xyr_{63}E_z = 1$

 $\frac{x^2}{n_{x'}^2} + \frac{y^2}{n_{y'}^2} = 1$

This causes (via r_{63}) induced index change in xy plane

rotate xy plane by 45° and get:

$$n_{x\prime} = n_0 - \frac{1}{2} n_0^3 r_{63} E_z,$$

$$n_{y\prime} = n_0 + \frac{1}{2} n_0^3 r_{63} E_z.$$



Electrooptic modulator, KDP



Evolution of the vertical polarization originally sent to the modulator



Electrooptic modulator, lithium niobate LiNbO₃

$$r_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -r_{22} & r_{13} \\ 0 & r_{22} & r_{13} \\ 0 & 0 & r_{33} \\ 0 & r_{42} & 0 \\ r_{42} & 0 & 0 \\ r_{22} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} E_x \\ E_y \\ E_z \end{bmatrix}$$

Apply field along <u>x-axis</u> (transverse effect)

This causes (via r_{22}) induced index change in xy plane

NLO tensor





Half-wave voltage in lithium niobate is much lower than in KDP

Electrooptic effect vs NLO effect

Let us now have another look at this phenomenon.

Before we saw that we can generate SFG with the output polarization perpendicular to the input polarizations.

SFG
$$\omega_3 = \omega_1 + \omega_2$$
 $\omega_1 \to 0$, $\omega_3 \to \omega_2$

EO
$$\omega = 0 + \omega$$

 $\sim - \sim$



may be orthogonal polarizations

The electrooptic effect can be seen as a frequency-mixing interaction (SFG or DFG) between the incident radiation and an externally applied DC voltage.

Connection between electrooptic and NLO coefficients

(we take one-dimensional scalar form)

$$E(t) = E_0 + E_\omega \cos(\omega t)$$

 $= \varepsilon_0 2d_{NL} (E_0^2 + 2E_0 E_\omega \cos(\omega t) + [E_\omega \cos(\omega t)]2)$

1) From NLO point of view

$$P(t) = \varepsilon_0 \chi^{(2)} E^2(t) = \varepsilon_0 2d_{NL} E^2(t) = \varepsilon_0 2d_{NL} (E_0 + E_\omega \cos(\omega t))^2$$

$$P_{\omega}(t) = \varepsilon_0 4 d_{NL} E_0 E_{\omega} \cos(\omega t); \quad \text{but from} \quad P = \varepsilon_0 \chi E \quad \rightarrow P_{\omega}(t) = \varepsilon_0 \Delta \chi \ E_{\omega} \cos(\omega t); \quad \rightarrow \Delta \chi = 4 d_{NL} E_0$$

also
$$\chi = n^2 - 1 \longrightarrow \Delta \chi = 2n\Delta n$$

thus $4d_{NL}E_0 = 2n\Delta n \qquad \Delta n = \frac{2d_{NL}E_0}{n}$
2) From EO point of view

$$\Delta\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right) = r_{EO}E_0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \left(-\frac{2}{n^3}\right)\Delta n = r_{EO}E_0 \qquad \Delta n = -\frac{n^2}{2}r_{EO}E_0$$



Electrooptic effect : - see Yariv 'Opt Waves in Cryst' (p 561) - for rijk vs dijk relations