

# NONLINEAR OPTICS

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**7 Lectures (7x1h30)**

**1 Homework**

**6 tutorial sessions**

(including one in numerical simulation)

## Lecture 4 /7 : learning outcomes

### **By the end of this lecture, students will be able to...**

- Evaluate nonlinear interaction performances/efficiencies under approximations that should be specified, explained and justified (T2)

### **By the end of this lecture, students will be skilled at...**

- deriving and solving the nonlinear wave equation in a parametric situation under the undepleted pump approximation (S3)
- Determining the phase matching conditions for a given nonlinear interaction and achieving/fulfilling this condition by exploiting birefringence properties of materials (S2)

### **By the end of this lecture, students will understand ...**

- Nonlinear optics is an essential tool to create novel optical frequencies(U4) generated through the interaction of incident beams within nonlinear materials
- Nonlinear effects are subject to phase matching conditions (U5)

## • 2nd ORDER NONLINEARITIES

- The Manley-Rowe Relations
- Three wave mixing in  $\chi^{(2)}$  materials
- Second Harmonic Generation
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  - Reminder : propagation in a linear anisotropic material
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- Frequency generation - Parametric processes
  - optical parametric fluorescence and amplification
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## 1- The Manley-Rowe relations

General description of the **NL interaction of 3 waves @  $\omega_1, \omega_2$ , and  $\omega_3$  (with  $\omega_3 = \omega_1 + \omega_2$ ) in a 2nd order NL lossless medium :**

$$\begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\omega_1} \\ \xrightarrow{\omega_2} \\ \xrightarrow{\omega_3} \end{array} \chi^{(2)}$$

$$I = 2nc\epsilon_0 |A|^2$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \chi_{eff}^{(2)} &= 2 \mathbf{e}_3 \cdot \underline{\underline{\chi}}^{(2)}(\omega_3; \omega_1, \omega_2) \mathbf{e}_1 \mathbf{e}_2 \\ &= 2 \mathbf{e}_2 \cdot \underline{\underline{\chi}}^{(2)}(\omega_2; \omega_3, -\omega_1) \mathbf{e}_3 \mathbf{e}_1 \\ &= 2 \mathbf{e}_1 \cdot \underline{\underline{\chi}}^{(2)}(\omega_1; \omega_3, -\omega_2) \mathbf{e}_3 \mathbf{e}_2. \end{aligned}$$

Lossless material :

- Full permutation between the indices of the susceptibility tensor
- Purely real quantities

and reminding that  $\omega_3 = \omega_1 + \omega_2$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dI_3(z)}{dz} + \frac{dI_2(z)}{dz} + \frac{dI_1(z)}{dz} = 0$$

# 1- The Manley-Rowe relations

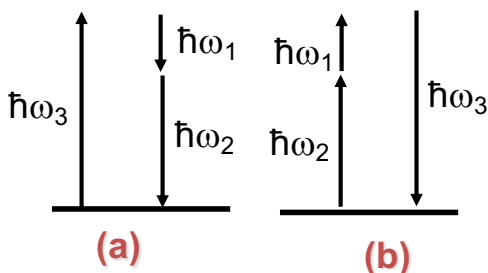
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$$\frac{d(I_1/\omega_1)}{dz} = \frac{d(I_2/\omega_2)}{dz} = -\frac{d(I_3/\omega_3)}{dz}$$

$$\frac{d(N_1 + N_3)}{dz} = \frac{d(N_2 + N_3)}{dz} = \frac{d(N_1 - N_2)}{dz} = 0$$

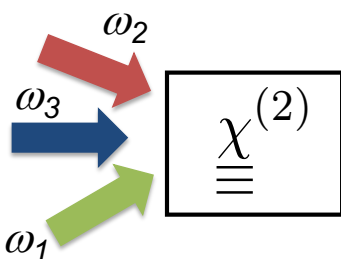


## creation/annihilation

The annihilation **(a)** (or the creation **(b)**) of one  $\omega_3$  photon must be accompanied by the creation **(a)** (or the annihilation **(b)**) of photon **and** one  $\omega_2$  photon

*Consistent with quantum-mechanical interpretation*

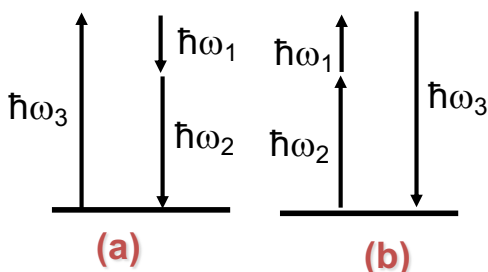
# 2 - Three-wave Mixing Interactions in a $\chi^{(2)}$ material



Nonlinearities in  $\chi^{(2)}$  leads to 3-wave mixing interactions. They are governed by :

- Energy conservation law

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



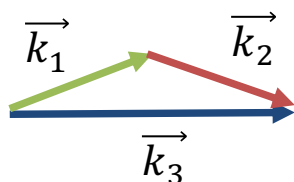
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- Phase-matching condition = Law of conservation of momentum

$$\vec{k}_1 + \vec{k}_2 = \vec{k}_3$$

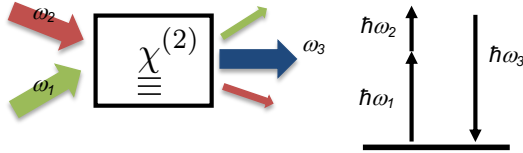
(Important : vectorial relation)



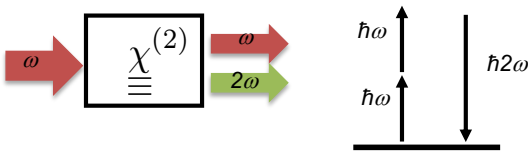
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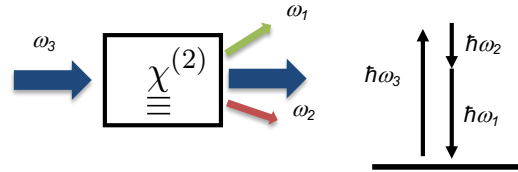
**Sum-Frequency Generation (SFG)**



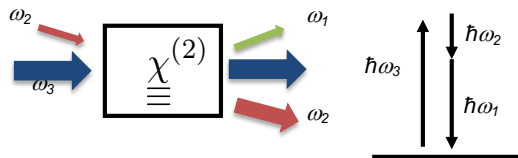
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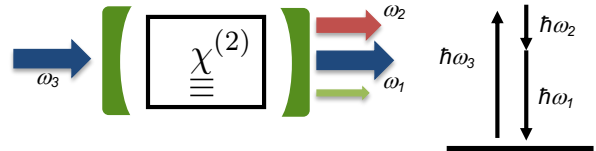
**Optical Parametric Fluorescence**



**Optical Parametric Amplification (APO)**



**Optical Parametric Oscillation (OPO)**



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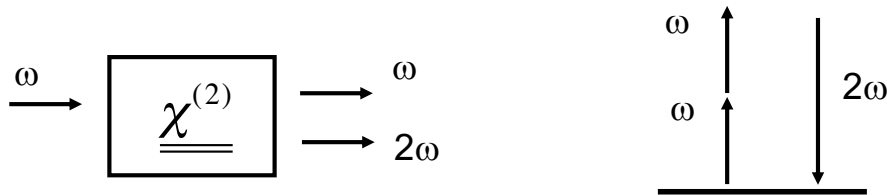
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## 2nd Harmonic Generation

**Assumption :** Lossless medium



### 1. Undepleted pump approximation regime $A_\omega(z) = \text{Cste}$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dA_\omega(z)}{dz} = 0 \\ \frac{dA_{2\omega}(z)}{dz} = \frac{i(2\omega)}{2\epsilon_0 n_{2\omega} c} e_{2\omega} \cdot P_{NL}(z, 2\omega) e^{-ik_{2\omega} \cdot z} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_{NL}(z, 2\omega) &= \epsilon_0 \underline{\chi}^{(2)}(2\omega; \omega, \omega) E(z, \omega) E(z, \omega) \\ &= \epsilon_0 \underline{\chi}^{(2)}(2\omega; \omega, \omega) e_\omega e_\omega A_\omega^2(z) e^{i2k_\omega \cdot z} \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{dA_{2\omega}(z)}{dz} = \frac{i(2\omega)}{2n_{2\omega} c} \chi_{\text{eff}}^{(2)} A_\omega^2(z) e^{i\Delta k \cdot z}}$$

Wavevector mismatch:

$$\Delta k = 2k_\omega - k_{2\omega}$$

Effective nonlinear susceptibility

$$\chi_{\text{eff}}^{(2)} = e_{2\omega} \cdot \underline{\chi}^{(2)}(2\omega; \omega, \omega) e_\omega e_\omega$$

## 2nd Harmonic Generation

### 1. Undepleted pump approximation regime

**Solution :** Intensity evolution

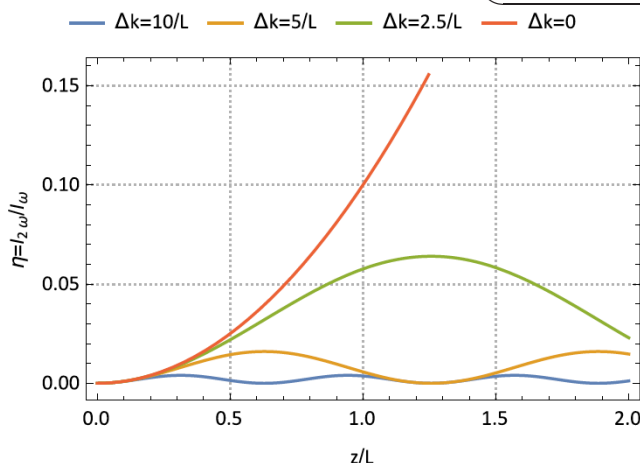
Field intensity :

$$I = 2nc\epsilon_0 |E_0|^2,$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_{2\omega}(z) &= \frac{(2\omega)^2}{2\epsilon_0 n_\omega^2 n_{2\omega} c^3} |\chi_{\text{eff}}^{(2)}|^2 \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta k}{2} z\right) \frac{I_\omega^2}{(\Delta k)^2} \\ &= \frac{(2\omega)^2}{8\epsilon_0 n_\omega^2 n_{2\omega} c^3} |\chi_{\text{eff}}^{(2)}|^2 \text{sinc}^2(\Delta k z/2) I_\omega^2 z^2. \end{aligned}$$

**SHG efficiency :**

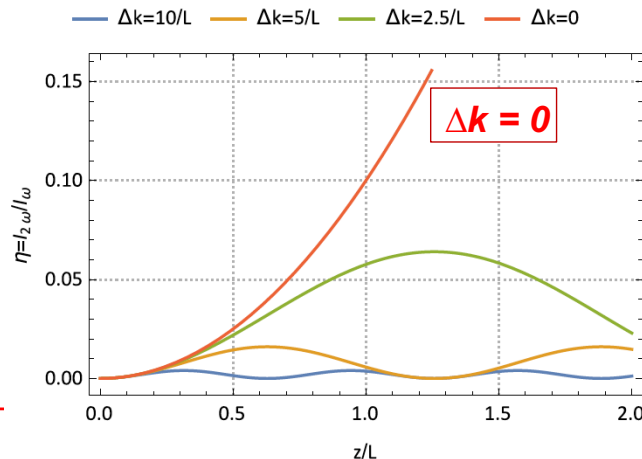
$$\eta_{\text{SHG}} = \frac{I_{2\omega}}{I_\omega} = \frac{(2\omega)^2}{8\epsilon_0 n_\omega^2 n_{2\omega} c^3} |\chi_{\text{eff}}^{(2)}|^2 \text{sinc}^2(\Delta k z/2) I_\omega z^2.$$



# 2nd Harmonic Generation

## 1. Undepleted pump approximation regime

### SHG efficiency :



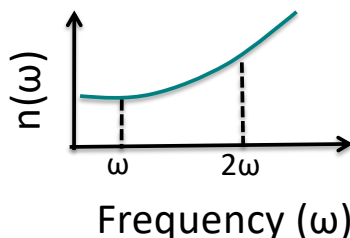
### Conclusions :

- Non-phasematched situation : generation @  $2\omega$  occurs on a typical length  $L_{coh} = \pi/\Delta k$ , called **coherent buildup length (coherence length)**
- Intensity @  $2\omega$  is proportional to  $I_\omega^2 / \Delta k^2$
- The conversion efficiency  $I_{2\omega}/I_\omega$  is proportional to  $I_\omega$  (need to focus the beam @  $\omega$  to increase the efficiency)
- **Efficiency Max. :** requires to fulfill the **phasematching condition:  $\Delta k=0$**

## Phase matching condition

### About the difficulty to achieve the phase matching condition :

In general, the refractive index for lossless materials shows a **NORMAL DISPERSION** : the refractive index is increasing with the frequency



Case of 2<sup>nd</sup> Harm. Gen. :

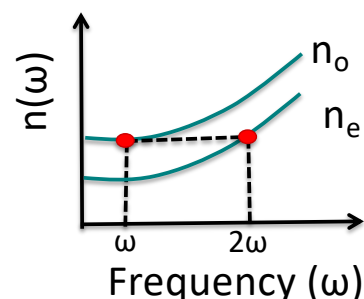
Phase matching condition implies :

$$n(\omega) = n(2\omega)$$

**IMPOSSIBLE!**

The most common procedure for achieving the phase matching condition :

Use of birefringence properties of crystals.

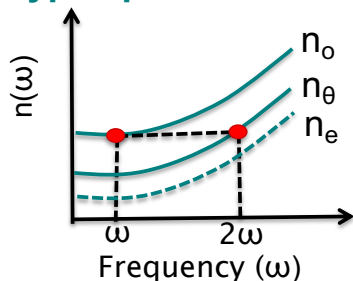


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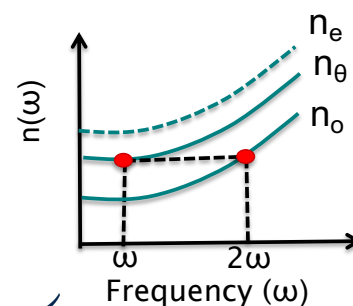
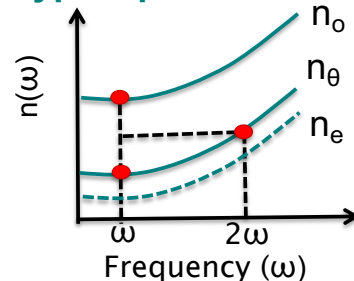
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Type I phase matching



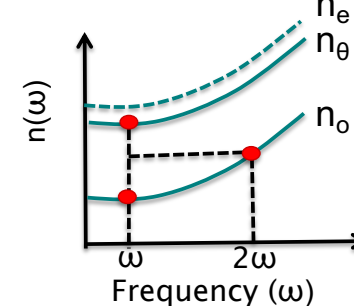
Negative  
uniaxial crystal

Type II phase matching



Positive  
uniaxial crystal

Reminder :  
 $n_e = n_{\theta = \pi/2}$



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# Linear Wave Eq. in an anisotropic material

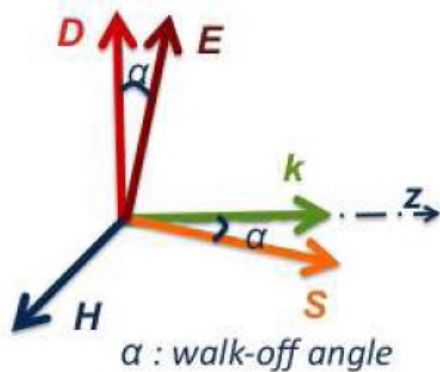
- **Maxwell's equations**

no free charges, no free currents, nonmagnetic

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} \end{array} \right. \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = 0 \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{D} = 0 \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{H} = i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{H} = 0 \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{k} \perp \mathbf{D} \\ \mathbf{k} \perp \mathbf{H} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\mathbf{D}(\omega) = \underline{\underline{\epsilon}} \mathbf{E} \quad \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{H}$$

Poynting vector :  $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{H}$



$$\vec{k} \perp \vec{D}$$

$$\vec{S} \perp \vec{E}$$

$\alpha$  : walk-off angle

# Linear Wave Eq. in an anisotropic material

## Wave equation

In the time domain

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{E}(t) + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{E}}{\partial t^2} = -\mu_0 \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{P}}{\partial t^2}$$

In the frequency domain

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{E}(\omega) - \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \mathbf{E}(\omega) = \omega^2 \mu_0 \mathbf{P}(\omega)$$

The complex field amplitude of the plane wave is defined as

$$\mathbf{E}(\omega) = E(\omega) e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}} \mathbf{e}$$

Polarization vector

# Linear Wave Eq. in an anisotropic material

Wave equation

$$\mathbf{k} \times (\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{e}) + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \underline{\underline{\epsilon}}(\omega) \mathbf{e} = 0$$

$$\vec{k} = |\mathbf{k}| \vec{s}$$

$$\vec{s} = (s_x, s_y, s_z)$$

Unit vector

$$\mathbf{D}(\omega) = \underline{\underline{\epsilon}} \mathbf{E}$$

$$\underline{\underline{\epsilon}}(\omega) = \epsilon_0 (1 + \underline{\underline{\chi}}^{(1)}(\omega))$$

$$\underline{\underline{\epsilon}} = \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_{xx} & \epsilon_{xy} & \epsilon_{xz} \\ \epsilon_{yx} & \epsilon_{yy} & \epsilon_{yz} \\ \epsilon_{zx} & \epsilon_{zy} & \epsilon_{zz} \end{pmatrix}$$

New coordinate system

$$\underline{\underline{\epsilon}} = \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_{xx} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \epsilon_{yy} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \epsilon_{zz} \end{pmatrix}$$

Principal axis system

Fresnel's equation

$$\frac{s_x^2}{n^2 - n_x^2} + \frac{s_y^2}{n^2 - n_y^2} + \frac{s_z^2}{n^2 - n_z^2} = \frac{1}{n^2}$$

(in the principal axis system)

$n_x, n_y, n_z$  are the principal refractive indices

For any direction of propagation, two waves can propagate (independently) with phase velocity  $v_1 = c/n_1$  and  $v_2 = c/n_2$  where  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  are solutions of the Fresnel's equation

# Linear Wave Eq. in an anisotropic material

The index of ellipsoid : method to determine the refractive indices and the related directions of the electric fields

The electric energy density stored in a medium  $w_e = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{D} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,k} E_k \epsilon_{kj} E_j$

$$2w_e = \epsilon_{XX} E_X^2 + \epsilon_{YY} E_Y^2 + \epsilon_{ZZ} E_Z^2 + 2\epsilon_{YZ} E_Y E_Z + 2\epsilon_{XZ} E_X E_Z + 2\epsilon_{XY} E_X E_Y$$

→ The surface of constant energy forms an ellipsoid

$$\epsilon_{XX}, \epsilon_{YY}, \epsilon_{ZZ} > 0$$

In a lossless material

→ In the principal dielectric axes, the equation is

reduced to  $2w_e = \epsilon_{xx} E_x^2 + \epsilon_{yy} E_y^2 + \epsilon_{zz} E_z^2$

The constant energy surfaces in the space  $(D_x, D_y, D_z)$  form ellipsoids defined by:

New variable :  $\vec{r} = \vec{D} \sqrt{2w_e \epsilon_0}$

$$2w_e = \frac{D_x^2}{\epsilon_{xx}} + \frac{D_y^2}{\epsilon_{yy}} + \frac{D_z^2}{\epsilon_{zz}}$$

$$\frac{x^2}{n_x^2} + \frac{y^2}{n_y^2} + \frac{z^2}{n_z^2} = 1$$

It defines the index of ellipsoid equation that is used to determine, for any direction of propagation, the two refractive indices and the associated direction for  $\vec{D}$



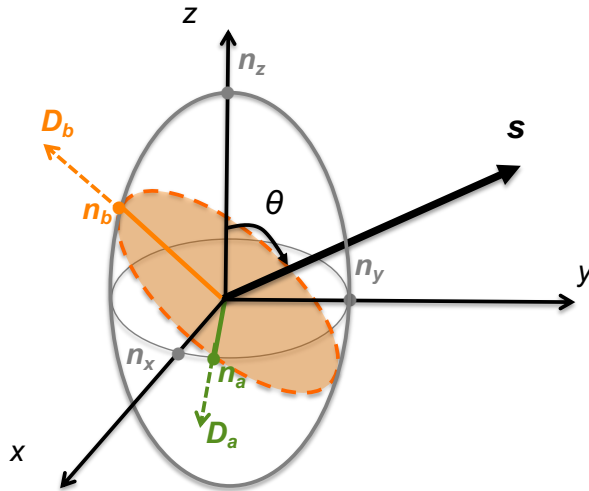
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The two axes of the ellipse formed by the intersection between the plane perpendicular to  $\vec{s}$ , the direction of propagation, and the ellipsoid, are equal to  $2n_a$  and  $2n_b$ . Their related field  $\vec{D}_a$  and  $\vec{D}_b$  are parallel to these two axes.

# Linear Wave Eq. in an anisotropic material

## Case of an uniaxial crystal

It exhibits two identical principal refractive indices :  $n_x = n_y = n_o$  and  $n_z = n_e \neq n_o$

$$\frac{x^2}{n_o^2} + \frac{y^2}{n_o^2} + \frac{z^2}{n_e^2} = 1$$

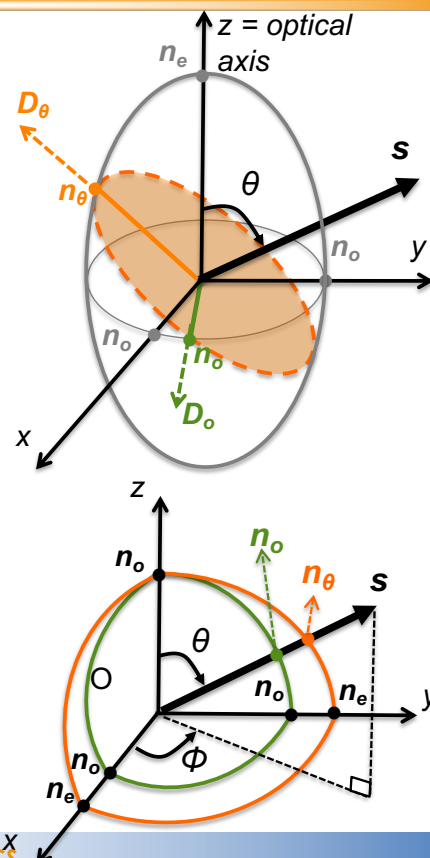
$n_o$  — Ordinary wave with polarization state

$n_\theta$  Extraordinary wave with polarization state

$$e_o = \begin{pmatrix} \sin \phi \\ -\cos \phi \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$e_\theta = \begin{pmatrix} -\cos \theta \cos \phi \\ -\cos \theta \sin \phi \\ \sin \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

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



# Stationary Nonlinear Wave Equation

## Nonlinear wave equation at steady state

Nonlinear dielectric material

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P}$$

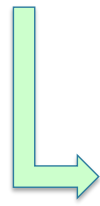
$$\vec{P} = \vec{P}_L + \vec{\mathcal{P}}_{NL}$$

Nonlinear polarization

$$\vec{P}_L(\omega) = \epsilon_0 \underline{\chi}^{(1)}(\omega) \vec{E}(\omega)$$

Wave equation in frequency domain including a nonlinear polarization:

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \vec{E}(\vec{r}, \omega) = \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \underline{\epsilon}(\vec{r}, \omega) \vec{E}(\vec{r}, \omega) + \omega^2 \mu_0 \vec{P}^{(NL)}(\vec{r}, \omega)$$



Steady-state solution of the form:  $\vec{E}(\vec{r}, \omega) = A(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}}$

$$- \left[ \vec{k} \times (\vec{k} \times \vec{e}) + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \underline{\epsilon}(\omega) \vec{e} \right] A(\vec{r})$$

$$+ i [\nabla A \times (\vec{k} \times \vec{e}) + \vec{k} \times (\nabla A \times \vec{e})] + \nabla \times (\nabla A \times \vec{e}) = -\omega^2 \mu_0 \vec{P}_{NL}(z, \omega) e^{-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}}$$

## Nonlinear Wave Equation

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- Simplification :  $\vec{E} = \vec{E}_o + \vec{E}_\theta = \vec{E}_{ordinary} + \vec{E}_{extraordinary}$

Eigen polarization states of Fresnel Eq. :

$$\vec{k} \times (\vec{k} \times \vec{e}) + \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} \underline{\epsilon}(\omega) \vec{e} = 0$$

- **Slowly-varying amplitude approximation :**

$$\left| k \frac{\partial A}{\partial x_i} \right| \gg \left| \frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial x_i \partial y_i} \right|$$

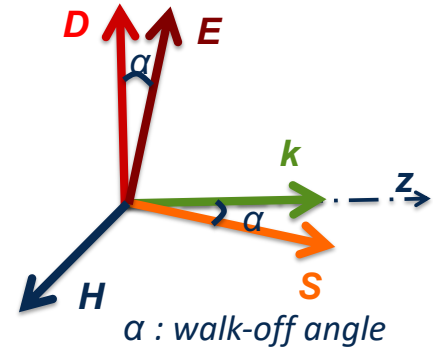
Slow variation of the field  
amplitude on a typical length of  
the order of  $\lambda$

# Nonlinear Wave Equation

$$2i\nabla A \cdot [(k \times e) \times e] = \omega^2 \mu_0 e \cdot \Pi_{NL}(z, \omega) e^{i\Delta k \cdot r}$$

$$\text{where } P_{NL}(z, \omega) = \Pi_{NL}(z, \omega) e^{i k_p(\omega) \cdot r}$$

- Now, vector  $k \times (k \times e)$  is parallel to Poynting vector



**Wave equation in the coordinate system**  $(\vec{D}, \vec{H}, \vec{k})$

$$- \tan \alpha \frac{\partial A}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A}{\partial z} = \frac{\omega^2 \mu_0}{2k \cos^2 \alpha} e \cdot \Pi_{NL}(z, \omega) e^{i\Delta k \cdot r}$$

**Wavevector mismatch**

$\alpha$  : walk-off angle

# Nonlinear Wave Equation

- Neglecting the walk-off angle, form for wave equation :

$$\frac{\partial A(z)}{\partial z} = \frac{i\omega}{2\epsilon_0 n c} e \cdot P_{NL}(z, \omega) e^{-ikz}$$

$$P_{NL}(z, \omega) = \Pi_{NL}(z, \omega) e^{i k_p(\omega) \cdot r}$$

$$\frac{\partial A(z)}{\partial z} = \frac{i\omega}{2\epsilon_0 n c} e \cdot \Pi_{NL}(z, \omega) e^{-i\Delta k z}$$

$A(\omega)$  Slowly varying electric field amplitude of wave  $\omega$

$\vec{P}_{NL}(\omega)$  Complex amplitude of the nonlinear polarization at  $\omega$

$\vec{e}$  Polarization unit vector of the electric field

$n$  Refractive index at frequency  $\omega$

$\omega$  Frequency (in vacuum)

$\Delta \vec{k} = \vec{k}_s - \vec{k}$  Wavevector mismatch : difference between the wavevectors of the NL polarization and of the electric field

# CONCLUSIONS

- Nonlinear propagation of waves in an anisotropic material can be treated as the propagation in an isotropic material by priorly decompose the incoming field other the eigen polarization modes, the ordinary and the extraordinary fields.
- Energy transfer condition :
  - phase matching condition  $\Delta k=0$
  - Non-zero projection between the electric field and the NL polarization  $\vec{e} \cdot \vec{P}_{NL} \neq 0$

## Lecture 4 - Content

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# Phase-matching condition in birefringent materials

## Example : Second Harmonic Generation

The fields at  $\omega$  and  $2\omega$  are decomposed into the sum of ordinary and extraordinary vibration modes :

$$E(\omega) = E_o(\omega) + E_\theta(\omega)$$

$$E(2\omega) = E_o(2\omega) + E_\theta(2\omega)$$

$$E_o(\omega) = A_o(\omega) e_o \exp i(\mathbf{k}_o(\omega) \cdot \mathbf{s})$$

$$E_\theta(\omega) = A_\theta(\omega) e_\theta \exp i(\mathbf{k}_\theta(\omega) \cdot \mathbf{s})$$

$$E_o(2\omega) = A_o(2\omega) e_o \exp i(\mathbf{k}_o(2\omega) \cdot \mathbf{s})$$

$$E_\theta(2\omega) = A_\theta(2\omega) e_\theta \exp i(\mathbf{k}_\theta(2\omega) \cdot \mathbf{s})$$

## Nonlinear wave equations :

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial A_o(2\omega)}{\partial s} = \frac{i(2\omega)}{2\epsilon_0 n_o(2\omega) c} e_o \cdot \mathcal{P}_{NL}(2\omega) e^{-i\mathbf{k}_o(2\omega) \cdot \mathbf{s}} \\ \frac{\partial A_\theta(2\omega)}{\partial s} = \frac{i(2\omega)}{2\epsilon_0 n_\theta(2\omega) c} e_\theta \cdot \mathcal{P}_{NL}(2\omega) e^{-i\mathbf{k}_\theta(2\omega) \cdot \mathbf{s}} \end{cases}$$

With :

$$\mathcal{P}_{NL}(2\omega) = P_{NL}(2\omega) e^{i\mathbf{k}_P(2\omega) \cdot \mathbf{s}}$$

## Phase matching condition :

$$k_P(2\omega) = k_o(2\omega) \quad \text{OR} \quad k_P(2\omega) = k_\theta(2\omega)$$

(vectorial relation)

# Phase-matching condition in birefringent materials

## Example : Second Harmonic Generation

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}_{NL}(2\omega) &= \epsilon_0 \chi^{(2)}(\omega, \omega) \mathbf{E}(\omega) \mathbf{E}(\omega), \\ &= \epsilon_0 \chi^{(2)}(\omega, \omega) [\mathbf{E}_o(\omega) \mathbf{E}_o(\omega) + \mathbf{E}_\theta(\omega) \mathbf{E}_\theta(\omega) + \mathbf{E}_o(\omega) \mathbf{E}_\theta(\omega) + \mathbf{E}_\theta(\omega) \mathbf{E}_o(\omega)] \end{aligned}$$

Type I:

$$k_p(2\omega) = \mathbf{k}_\theta(\omega) + \mathbf{k}_\theta(\omega) = \mathbf{k}_o(2\omega) \Rightarrow n_\theta(\omega) = n_o(2\omega)$$

$$k_p(2\omega) = \mathbf{k}_o(\omega) + \mathbf{k}_o(\omega) = \mathbf{k}_\theta(2\omega) \Rightarrow n_o(\omega) = n_\theta(2\omega)$$

Type II:

$$k_p(2\omega) = \mathbf{k}_\theta(\omega) + \mathbf{k}_o(\omega) = \mathbf{k}_o(2\omega) \Rightarrow \frac{n_\theta(\omega) + n_o(\omega)}{2} = n_o(2\omega)$$

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Collinear interactions

# Phase-matching condition in birefringent materials

## CONCLUSION

→ Use of birefringence properties of crystals to satisfy the phase matching condition.

- Phase matching condition can be fulfilled by playing with the birefringent properties of the materials
- This condition to be satisfied sets the polarization states of the interacted fields.
- Note that in some cases, it might be impossible to find a proper phase matching configuration

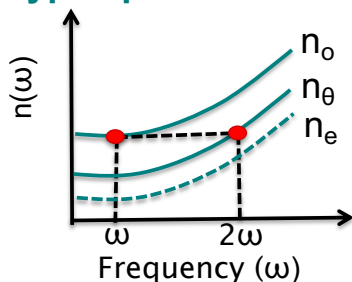
# Phase-matching condition in birefringent materials

## CONCLUSION

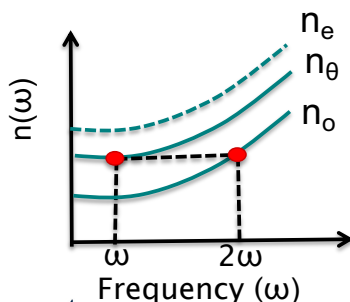
→ Case of SHG in uniaxial crystals

- In a negative (positive) uniaxial crystal : the  $2\omega$  wave is necessarily polarized along the extraordinary (ordinary) direction

### Type I phase matching



Negative  
uniaxial crystal



Positive  
uniaxial crystal

Reminder :  
 $n_e = n_{\theta = \pi/2}$

### Type II phase matching

