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NLO #10

- Acousto-optic modulation

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Acousto-optic modulators (travelling wave)

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\mu_0 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \mathbf{D}$$

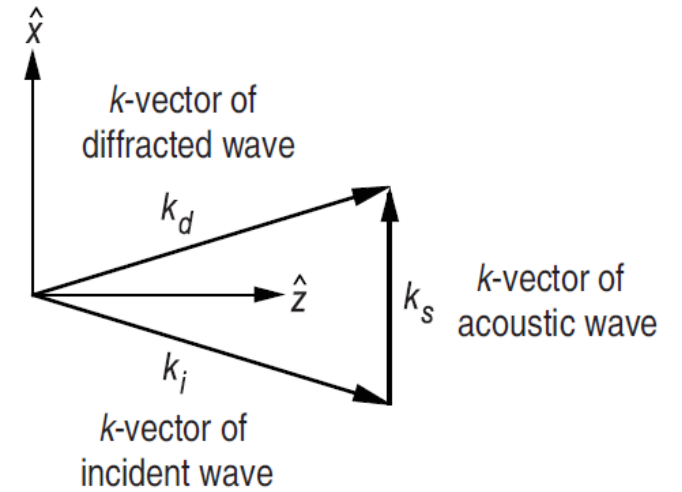
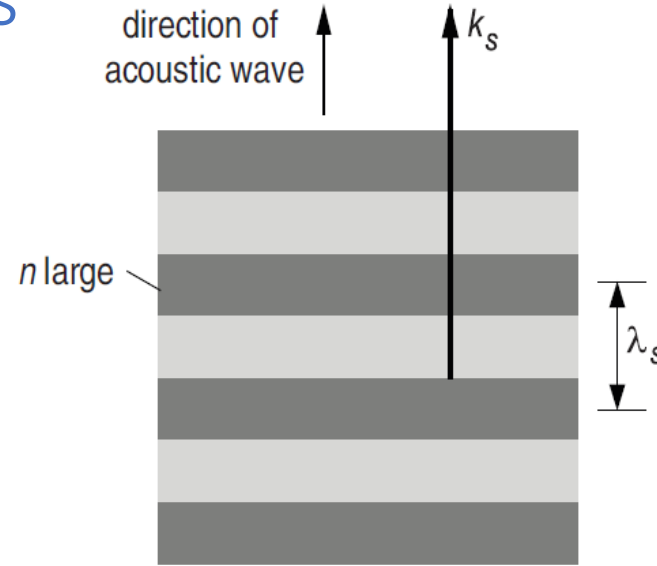
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{D} &= \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{P} = \epsilon_0 (n + \Delta n(r, t))^2 \mathbf{E} \\ &\approx \epsilon_0 n^2 \mathbf{E} + \underline{2\epsilon_0 n \Delta n(r, t) \mathbf{E}}, \end{aligned}$$

Acoustic wave:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta n(r, t) &= \Delta \hat{n} \cos(\omega_s t - \mathbf{k}_s \cdot \mathbf{r}) \\ &= \frac{\Delta \hat{n}}{2} [e^{j(\omega_s t - \mathbf{k}_s \cdot \mathbf{r})} + e^{-j(\omega_s t - \mathbf{k}_s \cdot \mathbf{r})}] \end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \mathbf{E} + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{E}}{\partial t^2} = -2 \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \left[\frac{\Delta n(r, t)}{n} \mathbf{E} \right]$$

$\mathbf{E} \cdot \nabla \epsilon = 0$
 if E-field is y-polarized



Optical wave:

$$\mathbf{E} = \hat{\mathbf{E}}_i e^{j(\omega_i t - \mathbf{k}_i \cdot \mathbf{r})} + \underline{\hat{\mathbf{E}}_d e^{j(\omega_d t - \mathbf{k}_d \cdot \mathbf{r})}} + c.c.$$

$$\mathbf{k}_d = \mathbf{k}_s + \mathbf{k}_i$$

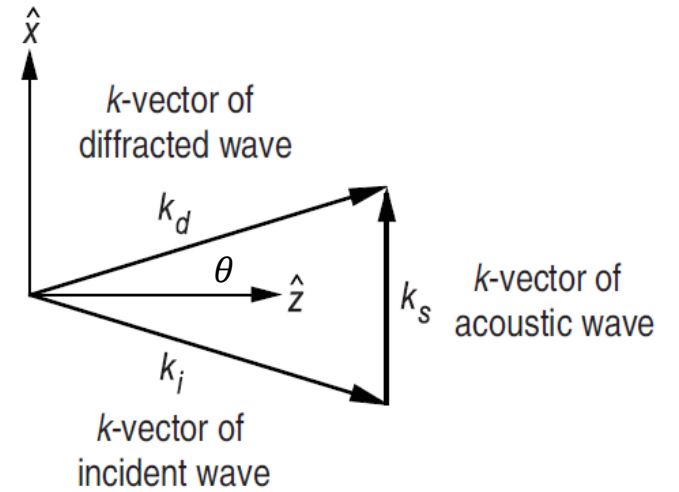
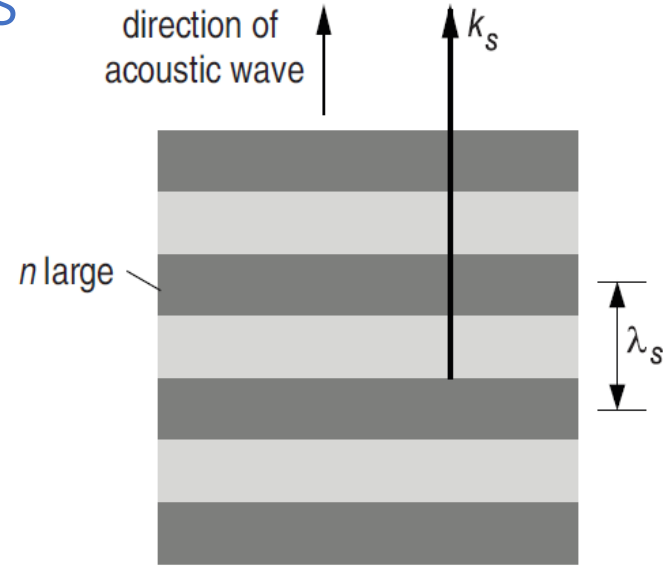
$$\omega_d = \omega_s + \omega_i$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{E} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{E}}{\partial t^2} = +2 \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \left[\frac{\Delta n(r, t)}{n} \mathbf{E} \right]$$

Acousto-optic modulators (travelling wave)

$$\mathbf{E}_i = \mathbf{e}_y A_i(z) e^{j(\omega_i t - \mathbf{k}_i \cdot \mathbf{r})} + c.c.$$

$$\mathbf{E}_d = \mathbf{e}_y A_d(z) e^{j(\omega_d t - \mathbf{k}_d \cdot \mathbf{r})} + c.c.$$



Insert fields in wave equation and apply SVEA:

$$-\left(\mathbf{k}_d^2 - \frac{\omega_d^2}{c^2}\right) A_d(z) - 2j\mathbf{k}_d \cdot \nabla A_d(z) \simeq -\frac{\omega_d^2}{c^2} \Delta \hat{n} A_i(z)$$

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$$\mathbf{k}_d \cdot \nabla A_d(z) = k_d \cos \theta \frac{dA_d}{dz}$$

$$|\mathbf{k}_d| \simeq |\mathbf{k}_i|$$

$$\frac{dA_d(z)}{dz} \simeq -j \frac{\omega_d}{2c} \frac{\Delta \hat{n}}{\cos \theta} A_i(z)$$

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$$A_i(z) = A_i(0) \cos |\kappa| z$$

$$A_d(z) = -j A_i(0) \sin |\kappa| z$$

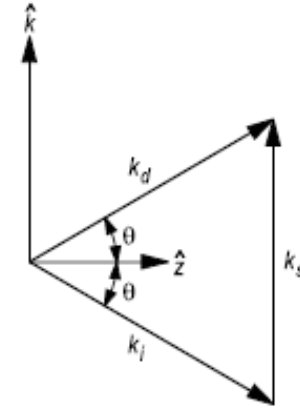
$$\kappa = \frac{\omega_d}{2c} \frac{\Delta \hat{n}}{\cos \theta} \simeq \frac{\omega_i}{2c} \frac{\Delta \hat{n}}{\cos \theta}$$

- Beam steering
- Frequency shifting

Acousto-optic modulators (standing wave)

Standing acoustic wave:

$$\Delta n(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{\Delta n}{4j} \left\{ \exp [j (\omega_s t - \mathbf{k}_s \mathbf{r})] + \exp [j (\omega_s t + \mathbf{k}_s \mathbf{r})] - \exp [-j (\omega_s t - \mathbf{k}_s \mathbf{r})] - \exp [-j \omega_s t + \mathbf{k}_s \mathbf{r}] \right\}.$$



$$\omega_d = \omega_i \pm m\omega_s \quad (\text{phase matched for up to large } m)$$

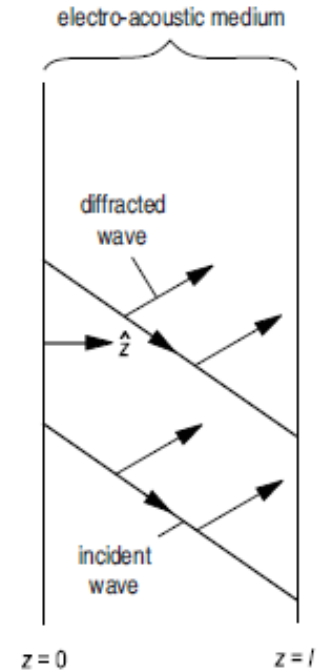
$$A_i(\ell) = A_i(0) \cos \left(\frac{\omega_i}{c} \frac{\Delta n}{2 \cos \theta} \ell \right)$$

$$A_d(\ell) = -j A_i(0) \sin \left(\frac{\omega_i}{c} \frac{\Delta n}{2 \cos \theta} \ell \right)$$

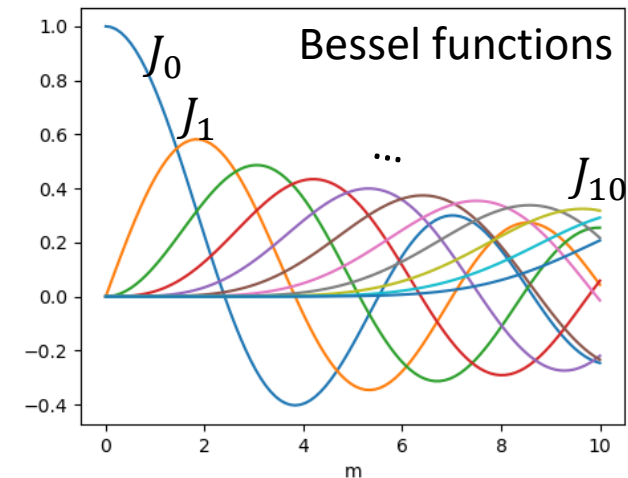
$\xrightarrow{\Delta n(t) = \Delta n \sin \omega_s t}$

$$A_i(\ell) = A_i(0) \sum_{m \text{ even}} J_m \left(\frac{\omega_i}{c} \frac{\Delta n}{2 \cos \theta} \ell \right) e^{jm\omega_s t},$$

$$A_d(\ell) = -A_i(0) \sum_{m \text{ odd}} J_m \left(\frac{\omega_i}{c} \frac{\Delta n}{2 \cos \theta} \ell \right) e^{jm\omega_s t}$$



Amplitude modulation (of $m = 0$ zero order beam)



Third-order susceptibility and symmetries

$$\chi_{ijkl}^{(3)}$$

$3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 = 81$ elements (accounting for polarization)
also depends on involved optical frequencies

$$P_i = \dots + \epsilon_0 \chi_{ijkl}^{(3)} E_j E_k E_l + \dots$$

(sum over double indices)

This greatly simplifies for **isotropic** materials:
(nothing should change when rotating, inverting, mirroring the material)

$$\chi_{1111} = \chi_{2222} = \chi_{3333},$$

$$\chi_{1122} = \chi_{1133} = \chi_{2211} = \chi_{2233} = \chi_{3311} = \chi_{3322},$$

$$\chi_{1212} = \chi_{1313} = \chi_{2323} = \chi_{2121} = \chi_{3131} = \chi_{3232},$$

$$\chi_{1221} = \chi_{1331} = \chi_{2112} = \chi_{2332} = \chi_{3113} = \chi_{3223}.$$

All other elements with odd number of occurrence of one index are zero

Moreover:

$$\chi_{1111} = \chi_{1122} + \chi_{1212} + \chi_{1221}$$

(only 3 independent elements)

If **Kleinman's symmetry** is assumed

(lossless, all frequencies well below material resonance):

- Frequency independence
- instantaneous
- Order of indices does not matter

$$\chi_{1111} = 3 \chi_{1122}$$

Overview $\chi^{(3)}$ processes

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} E - \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \mu_0 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} E = \mu_0 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} P_{NL}$$

$$P_{NL} = \epsilon_0 \chi^{(3)} E^3$$

assume only one polarization

$$E(z, t) = \sum_n E_n(z) e^{-i(\omega_n t - k_n z)} + \text{c.c.}$$

index indicates frequency

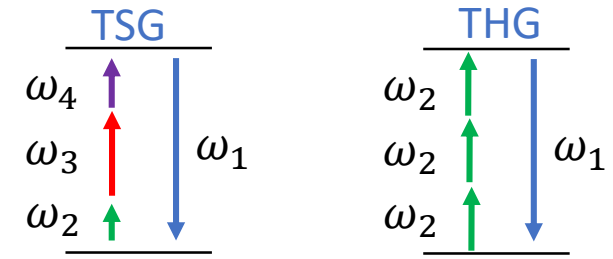
$$\Downarrow \quad |k_n E_n| \gg \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial z} E_n \right|$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_m 2ik_m \frac{\partial}{\partial z} E_m e^{-i(\omega_m t - k_m z)} &= \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \chi^{(3)} \sum_{n,p,q} (\omega_n + \omega_p + \omega_q)^2 E_n E_p E_q e^{-i[(\omega_n + \omega_p + \omega_q)t - (k_n + k_p + k_q)z]} \\ &+ 3\mu_0 \epsilon_0 \chi^{(3)} \sum_{n,p,q} (\omega_n + \omega_p - \omega_q)^2 E_n E_p E_q^* e^{-i[(\omega_n + \omega_p - \omega_q)t - (k_n + k_p - k_q)z]} \end{aligned}$$

Require that this equation holds for each frequency component separately:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} E_m &= -i \frac{\omega_m}{2cn_m} \chi^{(3)} \sum_{n,p,q} \delta(\omega_n + \omega_p + \omega_q - \omega_m) E_n E_p E_q e^{i(k_n + k_p + k_q - k_m)z} \\ &- i \frac{3\omega_m}{2cn_m} \chi^{(3)} \sum_{n,p,q} \delta(\omega_n + \omega_p - \omega_q - \omega_m) E_n E_p E_q^* e^{i(k_n + k_p - k_q - k_m)z} \end{aligned}$$

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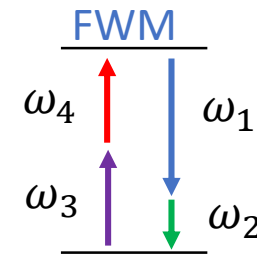
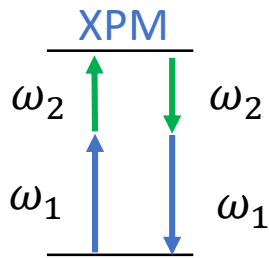
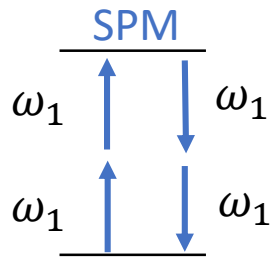


$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} E_m = -i \frac{\omega_m}{2cn_m} \chi^{(3)} \sum_{n,p,q} \delta(\omega_n + \omega_p + \omega_q - \omega_m) E_n E_p E_q e^{i(k_n + k_p + k_q - k_m)z}$$

$$-i \frac{3\omega_m}{2cn_m} \chi^{(3)} \sum_{n,p,q} \delta(\omega_n + \omega_p - \omega_q - \omega_m) E_n E_p E_q^* e^{i[(k_n + k_p - k_q - k_m)z]}$$

Triple-sum (TSG)
Third harmonic (THG)

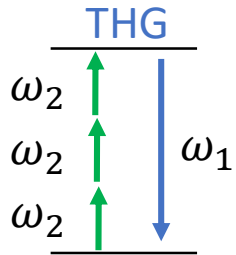
Self-phase modulation (SPM)
Cross-phase modulation (XPM)
Four-wave mixing (FWM)



Third-harmonic generation

Two frequencies:

$$\omega_m = 3\omega_n$$



$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} E_m = & -i \frac{\omega_m}{2cn_m} \chi^{(3)} \sum_{n,p,q} \delta(\omega_n + \omega_p + \omega_q - \omega_m) E_n E_p E_q e^{i(k_n + k_p + k_q - k_m)z} \\ & - i \frac{3\omega_m}{2cn_m} \chi^{(3)} \sum_{n,p,q} \delta(\omega_n + \omega_p - \omega_q - \omega_m) E_n E_p E_q^* e^{i[(k_n + k_p - k_q - k_m)z} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} E_m = -i \frac{\omega_m}{2cn_m} \chi^{(3)} E_n E_n E_n e^{i\Delta k z} \quad \Delta k = 3k_n - k_m$$

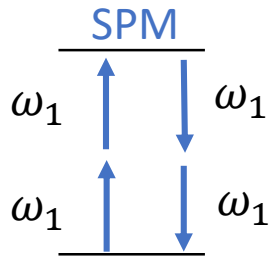
Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} E_m(l) &= -i \frac{\omega_m}{2cn_m} \chi^{(3)} E_n^3 \int_0^l e^{i\Delta k z} dz \\ &= -i \frac{\omega_m}{2cn_m} \chi^{(3)} E_n^3 \frac{e^{i\Delta l} - 1}{i\Delta k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_m &= \left(\frac{\omega_m \chi^{(3)}}{2cn_m} \right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{2cn_n \epsilon_0} \right)^2 |I_n|^3 l^2 \left(\frac{\sin(\Delta k l / 2)}{\Delta k l / 2} \right)^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{\omega_m \chi^{(3)}}{8c^2 n_m n_n \epsilon_0} \right)^2 |I_n|^3 l^2 \text{sinc}^2(\Delta k l / 2) \end{aligned}$$

Self-Phase modulation (SPM)

Only one frequency
 ω_m



$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} E_m = -i \frac{\omega_m}{2cn_m} \chi^{(3)} \sum_{n,p,q} \delta(\omega_n + \omega_p + \omega_q - \omega_m) E_n E_p E_q e^{i(k_n + k_p + k_q - k_m)z}$$

$$-i \frac{3\omega_m}{2cn_m} \chi^{(3)} \sum_{n,p,q} \delta(\omega_n + \omega_p - \omega_q - \omega_m) E_n E_p E_q^* e^{i(k_n + k_p - k_q - k_m)z}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} E_m = -i \frac{3\omega_m}{2cn_m} \chi^{(3)} (E_m E_m^*) E_m$$

Perfectly phase matched

Solution:

$$E_m(z) = E_m(0) \exp \left[-i \underbrace{\frac{3\omega_m \chi^{(3)}}{2cn_m} |E_m|^2}_{\Delta k_m} z \right]$$

Δk_m

$$\Delta n_m = \frac{3\chi^{(3)}}{2n_m} |E|^2$$

$$\Delta n_m = \frac{3\chi^{(3)}}{4c\epsilon_0 n_m^2} I_m = n_2 I_m$$

Intensity:

$$I_m = 2n_m \epsilon_0 c |E_m|^2$$

Alternatively:

$$\begin{aligned} (n_m + n_2 I_m)^2 &= 1 + \chi_{\text{eff},m} \\ &= 1 + \chi^{(1)} + 3\chi^{(3)} |E_m|^2 \\ &= 1 + \chi^{(1)} + \frac{3\chi^{(3)}}{2\epsilon_0 cn_m} I_m \end{aligned}$$

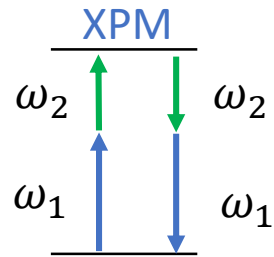
$$n_2 = \frac{3\chi^{(3)}}{4\epsilon_0 cn_m^2} I_m$$

n_2 is the **nonlinear refractive index**
(---> intensity dependent refractive index)

$$n_2 = \frac{3\chi^{(3)}}{4\epsilon_0 cn^2} I \quad n = n + n_2 I$$

Cross-Phase modulation (XPM)

Two frequencies
 ω_m, ω_n



$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} E_m = -i \frac{\omega_m}{2cn_m} \chi^{(3)} \sum_{n,p,q} \delta(\omega_n + \omega_p + \omega_q - \omega_m) E_n E_p E_q e^{i(k_n + k_p + k_q - k_m)z}$$

$$- i \frac{3\omega_m}{2cn_m} \chi^{(3)} \sum_{n,p,q} \delta(\omega_n + \omega_p - \omega_q - \omega_m) E_n E_p E_q^* e^{i[(k_n + k_p - k_q - k_m)z]}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} E_m = -i \frac{3\omega_m}{2cn_m} \chi^{(3)} (E_m E_m^*) E_m - \underline{2} i \frac{3\omega_m}{2cn_m} \chi^{(3)} (E_n E_n^*) E_m$$

Solution:

$$E_m(z) = E_m(0) \exp \left[-i \left(\frac{3\omega_1 \chi^{(3)}}{2cn_m} |E_m|^2 + \underline{2} \frac{3\omega_1 \chi^{(3)}}{2cn_m} |E_n|^2 \right) z \right]$$

$$\Delta n_m = n_2 I_m + \underline{2} n_2 I_n$$

XPM twice as strong as SPM

$$\chi_{1111} = 3 \chi_{1122}$$

In case of crossed polarizations,
 $\chi^{(3)}$ is reduced by factor of 3

SPM/XPM for circular polarized light

What happens if we have an arbitrary polarization:

$$\mathbf{E}(z) = E_x(z) e^{-i(\omega t - kz)} \mathbf{e}_x + E_y(z) e^{-i(\omega t - kz)} \mathbf{e}_y$$

Polarization

$$P_x = \epsilon_0 \chi^3 \left[3|E_x|^2 E_x + \frac{2 \cdot 3}{3} |E_y|^2 E_x + E_y^2 E_x^* \right]$$

$$P_y = \epsilon_0 \chi^3 \left[3|E_y|^2 E_y + \frac{2 \cdot 3}{3} |E_x|^2 E_y + E_x^2 E_y^* \right]$$

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Circular pol. basis

$$\sigma_{\pm} = \frac{e_x \pm i e_y}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\sigma_{\pm}^* = \sigma_{\mp}$$

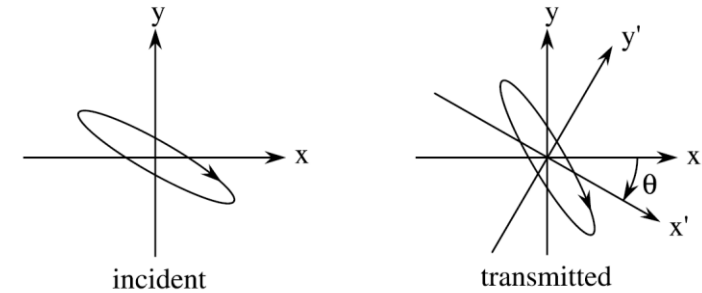
$$\sigma_{\pm} \cdot \sigma_{\pm} = 0$$

$$\sigma_{\pm} \cdot \sigma_{\mp} = 1$$

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$$P_{\pm} = 2\epsilon_0 \chi^{(3)} \left[|E_{\pm}|^2 E_{\pm} + 2|E_{\mp}|^2 E_{\pm} \right]$$

For elliptically polarized light the polarization ellipse rotates

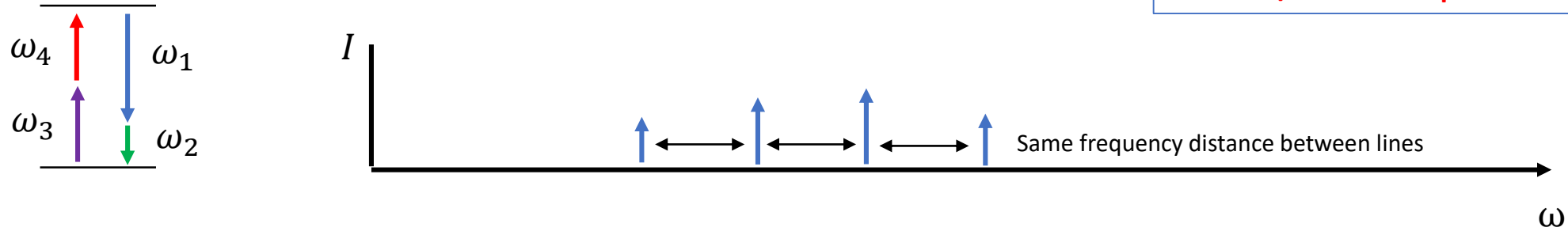


$$n_2^{\text{circ}} = \frac{2}{3} n_2^{\text{lin}}$$

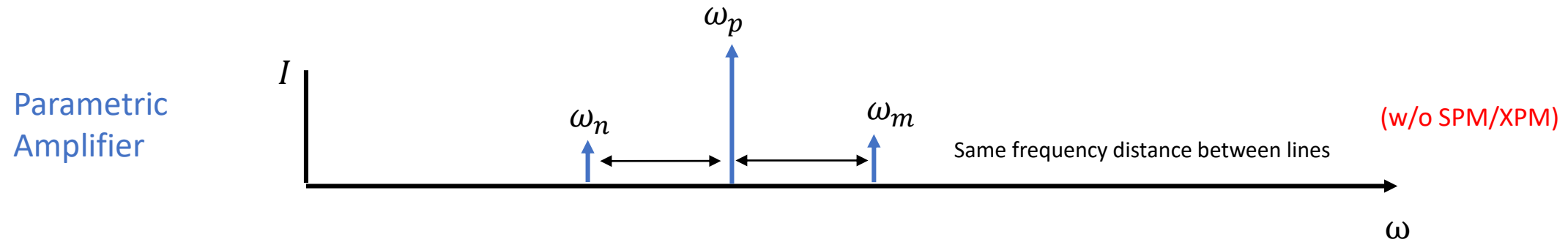
- Circular polarized light remains circular
- XPM twice as strong as SPM

Four wave mixing (FWM)

- Photon number is conserved
- 'Center of gravity' of the spectrum is conserved
- Short range mixing (in terms of frequency separation)
- **SPM / XPM are important**

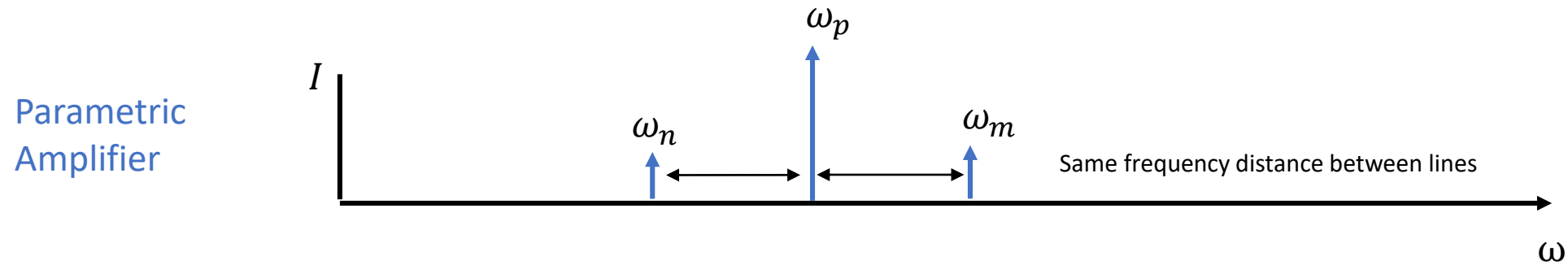


$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} E_m = -i \frac{3\omega_m}{2cn_m} \chi^{(3)} \sum_{n,p,q} \delta(\omega_n + \omega_p - \omega_q - \omega_m) E_n E_p E_q^* e^{i[(k_n + k_p - k_q - k_m)z]} \quad (\text{w/o SPM/XPM})$$

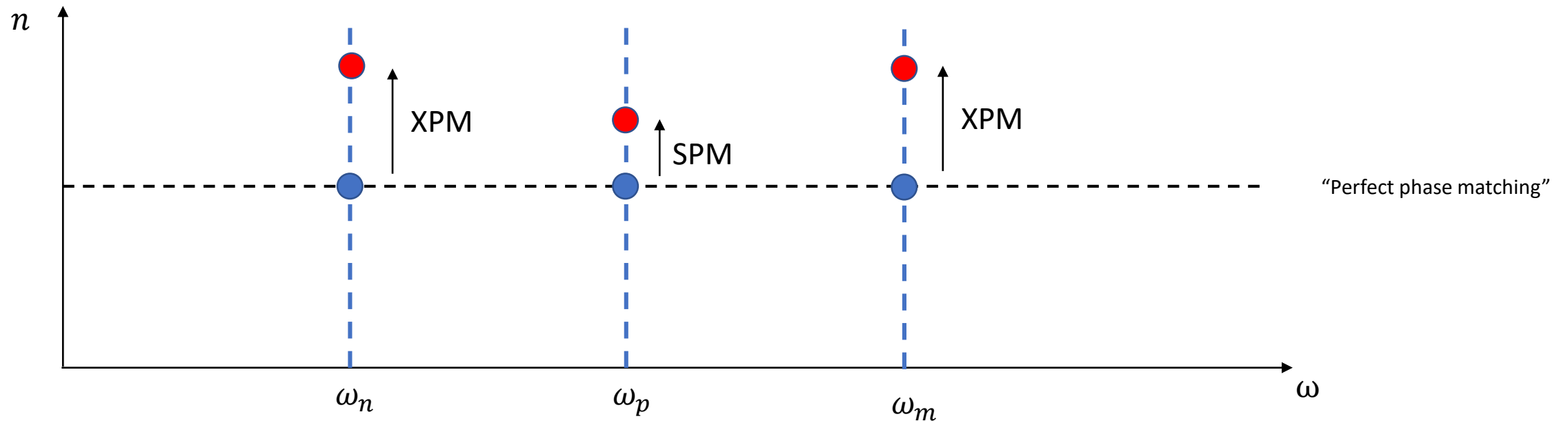


$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} E_m = -i \frac{3\omega_m}{2cn_m} \chi^{(3)} \delta(\omega_p + \omega_p - \omega_n - \omega_m) E_p E_p E_n^* e^{i[(2k_p - k_n - k_m)z]}$$

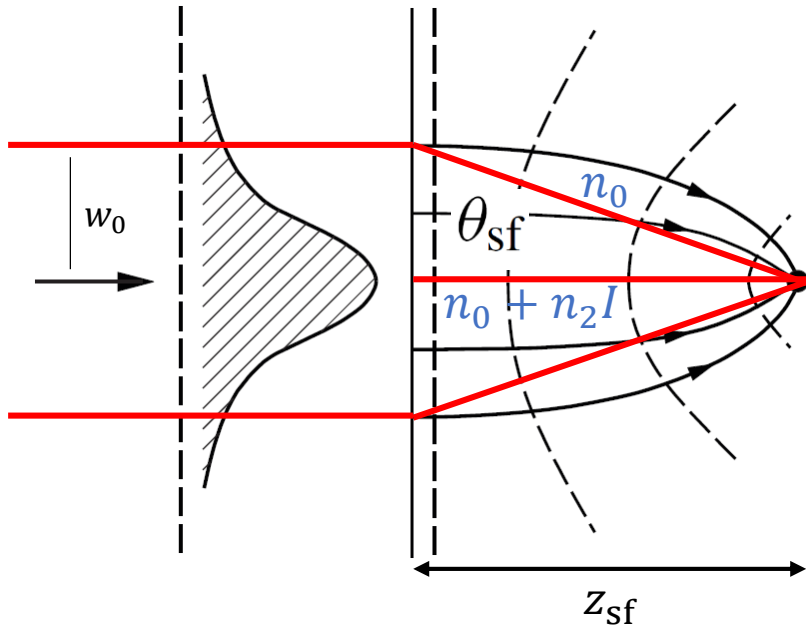
Example: Importance of SPM/XPM and Dispersion



$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} E_m = -i \frac{3\omega_m}{2cn_m} \chi^{(3)} \delta(\omega_p + \omega_p - \omega_n - \omega_m) E_p E_p E_n^* e^{i[(2k_p - k_n - k_m)z]}$$

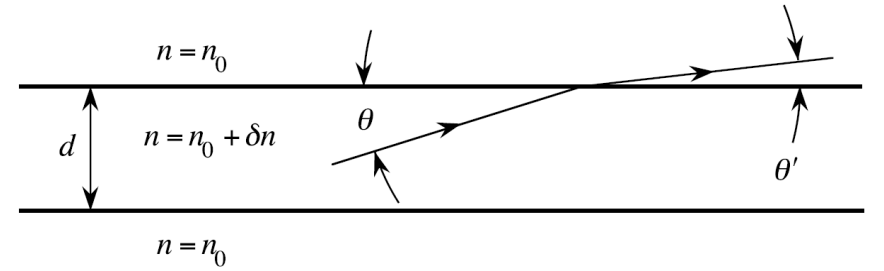


Self-focusing and self-trapping



Diffraction angle of Gauss beam:

$$\theta_{\text{dif}} = \frac{\lambda}{\pi n w_0}$$



Limit angle for total internal reflection

$$\cos \theta_0 = \frac{n_0}{n_0 + \delta n} \quad \theta_0 = (2\delta n / n_0)^{1/2}$$

$$P_{\text{cr}} \approx \frac{\lambda^2}{8n_0 n_2}$$

Power is relevant, not intensity

$$\theta_{\text{dif}} = \theta_0$$

$$(n_0 + n_2 I) z_{\text{sf}} = n_0 z_{\text{sf}} / \cos \theta_{\text{sf}}$$

Self-focusing angle

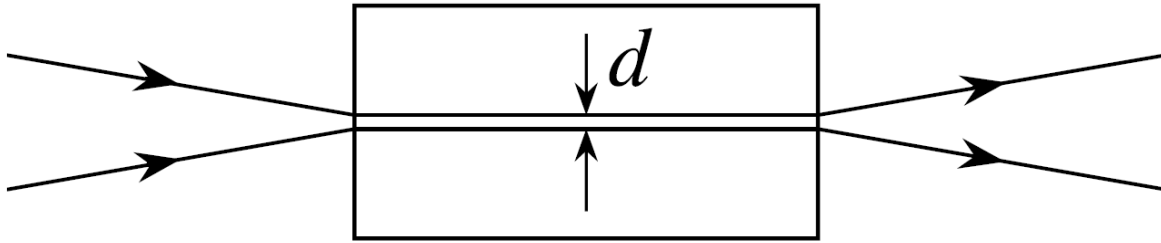
$$\theta_{\text{sf}} = \sqrt{2n_2 I / n_0}$$

Self-focusing distance

$$z_{\text{sf}} = w_0 \sqrt{\frac{n_0}{2n_2 I}}$$

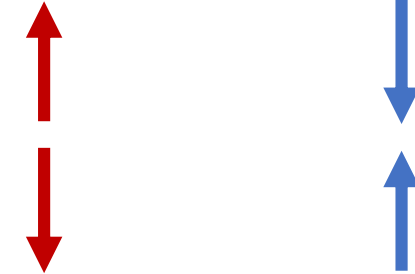
$$\theta_{\text{dif}} = \theta_{\text{sf}}$$

Spatial solitons



$$2ik_0 \frac{\partial A}{\partial z} + \nabla_T^2 A = -\frac{\omega^2}{\epsilon_0 c^2} p_{\text{NL}} \quad p_{\text{NL}} = 3\epsilon_0 \chi^{(3)} |A|^2 A$$

Balance between
Diffraction Self-focusing



$$2ik_0 \frac{\partial A}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial x^2} = -3\chi^{(3)} \frac{\omega^2}{c^2} |A|^2 A$$

Spatial soliton

$$A(x, z) = A_0 \operatorname{sech}(x/x_0) e^{i\gamma z}$$

$$x_0 = \frac{1}{k_0} \sqrt{\frac{n_0}{2\bar{n}_2 |A_0|^2}} = \frac{1}{k_0} \sqrt{\frac{n_0}{n_2 I}} \quad \gamma = k_0 \bar{n}_2 |A_0|^2 / n_0 = k_0 n_2 I / (2n_0)$$