

Nonlinear wave propagation.

- go from microscopic to macroscopic.

As before, we use Maxwell eqns to get wave eqn.

$$\nabla \times \nabla \times \vec{E} + \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} = -\frac{4\pi}{c} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{P}}{\partial t^2}$$

$$\nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{E}) - \nabla^2 \vec{E}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{P} = \nabla \cdot (\epsilon \vec{E}) = 0$$

We'll assume $\epsilon \sim$ spatially constant, even though there is nonlinearity

Next separate $\vec{P} = \vec{P}^{(1)} + \vec{P}^{NL}$, bring linear part over.

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} (\vec{E} + 4\pi \vec{P}^{(1)}) = \frac{4\pi}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{P}^{NL}}{\partial t^2}$$

$= \vec{D}^{(1)} = \epsilon^{(1)} \vec{E}$, assume isotropic
assume this is t-indep.

$$\nabla^2 \vec{E} - \frac{\epsilon^{(1)}}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{E}}{\partial t^2} = \frac{4\pi}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \vec{P}^{NL}}{\partial t^2}$$

Solutions:

linear eqn has wave solutions.

we will make the assumption that there will be several diff waves at distinct frequencies.

$$\text{e.g. } \vec{E}_n(\vec{r}, t) = E_n(\vec{r}) e^{-i\omega_n t} + \text{c.c.}$$

$$\vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) = \sum_n \vec{E}_n(\vec{r}, t) \quad n \geq 0$$

$$\text{similar for } \vec{P}_n, \text{ and } \vec{D}_n^{(1)} = \epsilon_n^{(1)} \vec{E}_n^{(1)}$$

$$\rightarrow -\nabla^2 \vec{E}_n(\vec{r}) - \frac{\omega_n^2}{c^2} \epsilon^{(1)}(\omega_n) \vec{E}_n(\vec{r}) = \frac{4\pi\omega_n^2}{c^2} \vec{P}_n^{NL}(\vec{r})$$

What if material is birefringent?

$$\vec{D}_n^{(1)} = \overset{\leftrightarrow}{\epsilon}^{(1)}(\omega_n) \cdot \vec{E}_n^{(1)} \quad \text{since } \epsilon \text{ is a tensor}$$

\therefore change $\epsilon \rightarrow \overset{\leftrightarrow}{\epsilon}$ and dot it with \vec{E}

Notes: we have several coupled equations, each at diff't ω_n

- coupling is through \vec{P}^{NL}

$$\text{e.g. } P^{(2)} = \chi^{(2)} E_m E_n$$

each of these equations is for 3 vector components.

Application: SFG (sum freq. gen.)

- CW

- ignore polarization effects for now

- 2 inputs at ω_1, ω_2

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

- plane waves prop in z direction

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

with no nonlinearity, no coupling of separate, linear w.e.

\therefore all A_n 's are constant

with nonlinearity, RHS $\rightarrow P^{NL}$ terms, e.g.

$$P_3^{(2)} = 4 \text{dets} E_1 E_2 \quad \text{recall } \chi^{(2)} \equiv 2 \text{dets}$$

$$= 4 \text{dets} A_1 A_2 e^{i(k_1 + k_2)z}$$

second $2x$ from $\omega_1 + \omega_2$ or $\omega_2 + \omega_1$

to put this into the NLWE, we have to account

for $A_n(z)$, no dependence on x, y

$$-\frac{d^2}{dz^2} \vec{E}_3(z) - \frac{\omega_3^2}{c^2} \epsilon_3 \vec{E}_3(z) = \frac{16\pi\omega_3^2}{c^2} \text{dets} \vec{E}_1(z) \vec{E}_2(z)$$

Non-depleted pump approximation:

- input beams have powers $\propto A_1^2, A_2^2$
- anticipate growth of A_3 from zero, no initial change (much) of pump beams. A_1, A_2 const.
- \therefore equations are decoupled.

$$\rightarrow -\left(\frac{d^2}{dz^2} A_3\right) e^{ik_3 z} - 2ik_3 \left(\frac{dA_3}{dz}\right) e^{ik_3 z} + k_3^2 A_3 e^{ik_3 z} - \frac{\epsilon_3 \omega_3^2}{c^2} A_3 e^{ik_3 z} = \frac{16\pi \omega_3^2}{c^2} \text{deff} A_1 A_2 e^{ik_3 z}$$

cancellation from $k_3^2 = \epsilon_3 \omega_3^2 / c^2$

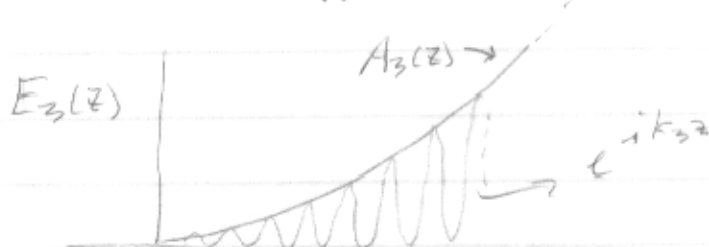
notice where $e^{ik_3 z}$ is: only on LHS

divide it out:

$$-\frac{d^2 A_3}{dz^2} - 2ik_3 \frac{dA_3}{dz} = \frac{16\pi \omega_3^2}{c^2} \text{deff} A_1 A_2 e^{i\Delta k z}$$

where $\Delta k \equiv k_1 + k_2 - k_3 =$ phase mismatch.

Can we drop $d^2 A_3 / dz^2$ term?



let scale length for growth of A_3 be l

$$\rightarrow \frac{dA_3}{dz} \text{ scales as } \frac{1}{l} A_3 \quad \text{eg. } A_3 = A_{30} e^{z/l}$$

compare terms:

$$\frac{1}{l^2} A_3 : \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} A_3 \quad \text{if } \lambda l \ll l^2 \text{ or } \lambda \ll l$$

we can drop $d^2 A_3 / dz^2 \rightarrow$ slowly varying envelope approx

Effect of phase mismatch

- assume $\Delta k = 0 \rightarrow A_3(z) \propto z \quad I_3(z) \propto z^2$

- for $\Delta k \neq 0$:

$$\frac{dA_3}{dz} = s e^{i\Delta k z}$$

integrate directly:

$$A_3(z) = s \int_0^L e^{i\Delta k z} dz = s \left(\frac{e^{i\Delta k L} - 1}{i\Delta k} \right)$$

$$= s e^{i\Delta k L/2} \left(\frac{e^{i\Delta k L/2} - e^{-i\Delta k L/2}}{i\Delta k} \right)$$

$$= s e^{i\Delta k L/2} \frac{2i \sin(\Delta k L/2)}{\Delta k} = s e^{i\Delta k L/2} \frac{\sin(\Delta k L/2)}{\Delta k/2}$$

Intensity is $\propto |A_3|^2$

$$I_i = \frac{n_i c}{8\pi} |E|^2$$

$$= \frac{n_i c}{2\pi} |A|^2$$

$$E = E \cos(kz - \omega t)$$

$$= A e^{i(kz - \omega t)} + c.c.$$

$$A = E/2$$

$$\rightarrow I_3(L) = \frac{5}{2\pi^2} \frac{\text{delt}^2}{n_1 n_2 n_3} \frac{I_1 I_2}{\lambda_3^2 c} L^2 \text{sinc}^2(\Delta k L/2)$$

notes: $\cdot I_3 \propto \text{delt}^2$ magn. of delt is imp.

$\cdot I_3$ is linear in I_1, I_2

\cdot For $\Delta k \neq 0$, $I_3 \propto \frac{\text{sinc}^2(\Delta k L/2)}{(\Delta k)^2}$

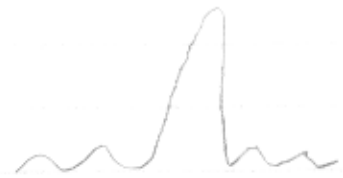
power osc. along length.

- as $\Delta k \rightarrow 0$ period \uparrow

ampl. \uparrow

$\cdot \Delta k \neq 0$ fixed L vary Δk

$$I_3 \propto \text{sinc}^2(\Delta k L/2)$$



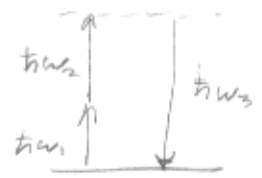
Conservation Laws

photon energy:

$$\left(-\nabla^2 + \frac{n_3^2}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2}\right) E_3 e^{-i\omega_3 t} = 4\pi\chi^{(2)} E_1 e^{-i\omega_1 t} E_2 e^{-i\omega_2 t}$$

to cancel time-dep. exponentials,

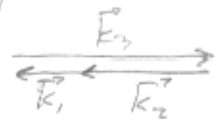
$$\hbar\omega_3 = \hbar\omega_1 + \hbar\omega_2$$



photon momentum

same argument if k 's are all parallel

$$\hbar k_3 = \hbar k_1 + \hbar k_2$$



note that $\hbar k_i = \hbar n(\omega_i) \frac{\omega_i}{c}$

if $\omega_1 = \omega_2$,

$$\hbar k_3 = 2\hbar k_1$$

$$\text{or } \frac{n(\omega_3)\omega_3}{c} = 2 \frac{n(\omega_1)\omega_1}{c} \rightarrow \frac{1}{v_{ph}(\omega_3)} = \frac{1}{v_{ph}(\omega_1)}$$

so phase vel. are equal if $\Delta k = 0$

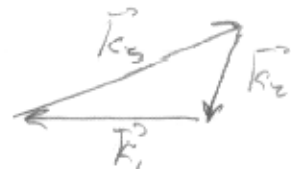
but for SFG this isn't right

$$\frac{\omega_3}{v_{ph3}} = \frac{\omega_1}{v_{ph1}} + \frac{\omega_2}{v_{ph2}}$$

so just remember $\Delta k = \sum k_i$

nonlinear case:

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



beam power: Manley-Rowe

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

intensity is a photon flux $I_i = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 \omega_i \cdot U_i = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\epsilon_0}{n_i} \frac{n_i^2 \epsilon_0^2}{8\pi}$

$$I_i = \frac{\hbar \omega_i \cdot N_i}{\text{area} \cdot \text{time}} = \hbar \omega_i \cdot F_i \rightarrow \text{photon flux}$$

note location of index

\therefore see that M-R relations result from photon conservation.

Solution of coupled mixing eqns - no phase mismatch

3-wave mixing, SVEA:

$$\text{let } \xi = 8\pi d_{\text{eff}}/c$$

$$A_1' = i \xi \frac{\omega_1}{n_1} A_3 A_2^* e^{-i\Delta k z}$$

valid for any input,

$$\text{SFG: } \omega_1 + \omega_2 \rightarrow \omega_3$$

$$A_2' = i \xi \frac{\omega_2}{n_2} A_3 A_1^* e^{-i\Delta k z}$$

$$\text{DFG: } \omega_3 - \omega_2 \rightarrow \omega_1$$

$$A_3' = i \xi \frac{\omega_3}{n_3} A_1 A_2 e^{i\Delta k z}$$

$$\Delta k = k_1 + k_2 - k_3$$

SHG: A_1, A_2 only $2\omega_1 \rightarrow \omega_2$

$$A_1' = i \xi \frac{\omega_1}{n_1} A_2 A_1^* e^{-i\Delta k z}$$

$$\Delta k = 2k_1 - k_2$$

$$A_2' = \frac{1}{2} i \xi \frac{\omega_2}{n_2} A_1^2 e^{i\Delta k z}$$

note factor of $\frac{1}{2}$

It is important to understand limiting cases, esp. $\Delta k = 0$

i) SFG upconversion: assume $A_2' = 0$ (small A_1, A_3 ; large A_2)

$$A_1' = i \xi \frac{\omega_1}{n_1} A_2^* A_3$$

$$A_1'' = i \xi \frac{\omega_1}{n_1} A_2^* \left(i \xi \frac{\omega_3}{n_3} A_2 A_1 \right) = - \underbrace{\left(\xi \right)^2 A_2^2 \frac{\omega_1 \omega_3}{n_1 n_3}}_{\equiv K^2 > 0, \text{ real}} A_1$$

→ osc solutions

$$A_1(z) = B \cos Kz + C \sin Kz$$

$$A_1'(z) = -KB \sin Kz + KC \cos Kz = i \xi \frac{\omega_1}{n_1} A_2^* A_3$$

$$A_3(z) = \frac{-iK n_3}{\xi \omega_1 A_2^*} \left(-B \sin Kz + C \cos Kz \right)$$

up conversion $A_3(0) = 0 \rightarrow C = 0 \quad B = A_1(0)$

$$A_1(z) = A_1(0) \cos Kz$$

$$A_3(z) = \frac{i K n_1}{\omega_1 A_2^*} A_1(0) \sin Kz = i \frac{|A_2| \left(\frac{\omega_1 \omega_3}{n_1 n_3}\right)^{1/2}}{\omega_1 A_2^*} A_1(0) \sin Kz$$

$$= i \underbrace{\left(\frac{n_1 \omega_3}{n_3 \omega_1}\right)^{1/2}}_{\text{ampl. determines max conversion.}} A_1(0) e^{i\phi_2} \sin Kz \quad \text{let } A_2 = |A_2| e^{-i\phi_2}$$

every photon at ω_3 uses a photon at ω_1

$$\text{should have } n_1 \frac{|A_1(z)|^2}{\omega_1} + n_3 \frac{|A_3(z)|^2}{\omega_3} = n_1 \frac{|A_1(0)|^2}{\omega_1}$$

$$\checkmark \quad n_1 \frac{|A_1(0)|^2}{\omega_1} \sin^2(Kz) + \frac{n_3}{\omega_3} \frac{n_1 \omega_3}{n_3 \omega_1} |A_1(0)|^2 \cos^2(Kz) = n_1 \frac{|A_1(0)|^2}{\omega_1}$$

Note: > max conversion not set by dett.

> but distance required to convert is $\propto 1/\text{dett}$

> If $A_1(0) = 0$ no output. In principle, vacuum fluct. can be converted, but getting some signal at ω_3 doesn't increase rate.

> down conversion possible too.

2) DFG and parametric amp

here, assume strong pump at ω_3 $A_3' = 0$

$$A_1' = i \left\{ \frac{\omega_1}{n_1} A_2^* A_3 \right.$$

$$A_2' = i \left\{ \frac{\omega_2}{n_2} A_1^* A_3 \right. \rightarrow A_2'' = i \left\{ \frac{\omega_2}{n_2} A_3 \left(-i \left\{ \frac{\omega_1}{n_1} A_3^* A_2 \right. \right) \right.$$

$$= + \left\{ |A_3|^2 \frac{\omega_1 \omega_2}{n_1 n_2} A_2 \right.$$

$K^2 > 0, \text{ real}$

now +ve sign \rightarrow exponential soln's.

- can seed with either one.

- exponential gain $\sinh(Kz)$ or $\cosh(Kz)$

for every photon we make at ω_1 , get one at ω_2

- process builds on itself.

\therefore high gain - can get optical parametric generation (OPG)

- also spontaneous param. down conversion

w/ no seed!

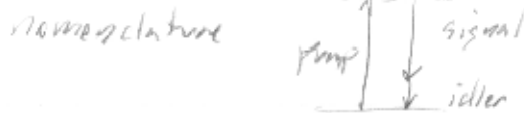
$\uparrow \downarrow$ ω_1, ω_2 determined by $\Delta k = 0$

OPG can be a seed for an DPA (parametric amp)

- also use white-light from continuum.



can do multiple stages.



spontaneous parametric down conversion: only pump, no seed (vacuum seeding).

- used for creating "entangled" photons. for quantum optics.

- properties of photons in pair are linked.

2) second harmonic generation:

$$A_1' = i \left\{ \frac{\omega_1}{n_1} A_2 A_1^* \right\} e^{-i\Delta k z}$$

$$A_2' = \frac{1}{2} i \left\{ \frac{\omega_2}{n_2} A_1^2 \right\} e^{i\Delta k z}$$

this time do more to decouple eqns:

$$I = I_1 + I_2 \rightarrow \frac{c}{2\pi} \left(n_1 |A_1|^2 + n_2 |A_2|^2 \right) = I$$

make amplitudes dimensionless

$$A_i = \left(\frac{2\pi I}{n_i c} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} a_i \quad \text{so that } |a_1|^2 + |a_2|^2 = 1$$

$$\left(\frac{2\pi I}{n_2 c} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} a_2' = i \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{8\pi d}{c} \right) \left(\frac{2\pi I}{n_1 c} \right) \frac{\omega_2}{n_2} a_1^2 \right\} e^{i\Delta k z}$$

remaining constants must have dims of $1/l$

$$\text{let } l = \left(\frac{n_1^2 n_2 c^3}{2\pi I} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{8\pi d \omega_2}$$

Note that $\omega_1 = \frac{1}{2} \omega_2$ in this case, so both eqns have the same l .

Scale z to l : $z = z/l$ $\Delta s \equiv \Delta k l$

$$a_1' = i a_1^* a_2 e^{-i\Delta s}$$

$$a_2' = i a_1^2 e^{i\Delta s}$$

From here

1) numeric solution (see mixing solutions. nb)

2) analytic:

let $a_i = u_i e^{i\phi_i}$ w/ u_i, ϕ_i real funcs.

separate out Re, Im parts of eqns.