

Generalized NL polarization

$$\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \sum_n \left[\mathbf{P}_n(r, t) \exp(i(\mathbf{k}_n \cdot \mathbf{r} - \omega_n t)) + c.c. \right]$$

- NL polarization does not necessarily point in the same direction as E field: must use tensors
- Second-order example: cartesian $\{i, j, k\} \in \{1, 2, 3\}$

$$P_i(\omega_n + \omega_m) = \epsilon_0 \sum_{jk} \sum_{(nm)} \chi_{ijk}^{(2)}(\omega_n + \omega_m; \omega_n, \omega_m) E_j(\omega_n) E_k(\omega_m)$$

- Output i 'th polarization direction, frequency $\omega_n + \omega_m$
- Input polarization directions j, k , frequencies ω_n, ω_m
- Sum (n m) so that $\omega_n + \omega_m$ is constant
- Sum over + and – frequencies!

2nd order NL polarization example

- The susceptibility is a *tensor* \mathbf{P} is in a different direction from \mathbf{E} , each component of $\chi_{ijk}^{(2)}$ is a function
- Consider sum mixing to produce $\omega_3 = \omega_1 + \omega_2$ along the x-direction. The x component of the NL polarization is

$$P_1(\omega_3) = \epsilon_0 \sum_{jk} \left[\chi_{1jk}^{(2)}(\omega_3; \omega_1, \omega_2) E_j(\omega_1) E_k(\omega_2) + \chi_{1jk}^{(2)}(\omega_3; \omega_2, \omega_1) E_j(\omega_2) E_k(\omega_1) \right]$$

- Permuting input frequencies
- For a given set of input, output freq, $\chi_{1jk}^{(2)}$ is a 3x3 matrix

2nd order NL polarization example

- All this looks hopelessly complicated, but typically...
 - We specify input frequencies and polarization
 - Phase matching allows us to focus on one output combination
 - Away from resonances, χ components indep of ω
- Examples: input $E_y(\omega_1)$ and $E_x(\omega_2)$

$$P_1(\omega_3) = \varepsilon_0 \left[\chi_{121}^{(2)} E_2(\omega_1) E_1(\omega_2) + \chi_{112}^{(2)} E_1(\omega_2) E_2(\omega_1) \right]$$
- Input along y-direction $E_y(\omega_1)$ and $E_y(\omega_2)$

$$P_1(\omega_3) = 2\varepsilon_0 \chi_{122}^{(2)} E_2(\omega_1) E_2(\omega_2)$$
- Because of crystal symmetry, many tensor components are either 0 or identical to others
- Negative frequency components go with conjugated fields

NL polarization: 2nd order

$$P_i^{(2)}(\omega_n + \omega_m) = \varepsilon_0 \sum_{jk} \sum_{(nm)} \chi_{ijk}^{(2)}(\omega_n + \omega_m; \omega_n, \omega_m) E_j(\omega_n) E_k(\omega_m)$$

In this situation, each $\chi(2)$ is a 3x3 matrix, and the vector form would be written

$$P_i^{(2)}(\omega_n + \omega_m) = \varepsilon_0 \sum_{(nm)} \mathbf{E}(\omega_n) \cdot \tilde{\chi}_i^{(2)}(\omega_n + \omega_m; \omega_n, \omega_m) \cdot \mathbf{E}(\omega_m)$$

In matrix form, this would be

$$P_1^{(2)}(\omega_3 = \omega_1 + \omega_2) = \varepsilon_0 \begin{pmatrix} E_1(\omega_1) & E_2(\omega_1) & E_3(\omega_1) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \chi_{111} & \chi_{112} & \chi_{113} \\ \chi_{121} & \chi_{122} & \chi_{123} \\ \chi_{131} & \chi_{132} & \chi_{133} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E_1(\omega_2) \\ E_2(\omega_2) \\ E_3(\omega_2) \end{pmatrix} \\ + \varepsilon_0 \begin{pmatrix} E_1(\omega_2) & E_2(\omega_2) & E_3(\omega_2) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \chi_{111} & \chi_{112} & \chi_{113} \\ \chi_{121} & \chi_{122} & \chi_{123} \\ \chi_{131} & \chi_{132} & \chi_{133} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E_1(\omega_1) \\ E_2(\omega_1) \\ E_3(\omega_1) \end{pmatrix}$$

We need to use as many symmetries as possible to reduce the complexity.
can reduce from ~ 324 terms to 10 or fewer

Centro-symmetric media

- For second-order response, the potential must have asymmetry.
- When the binding potential for the electrons is centrally symmetric, the response can still be nonlinear, but the order must be odd (3rd, 5th, etc).
- Consider a central restoring force:

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{r}) = -m\omega_0^2 \mathbf{r} + mb(\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{r}) \mathbf{r}$$

$$F_i(\mathbf{r}) = -m\omega_0^2 r_i + mbr_j r_j r_i$$
 - force is always directed along $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$ direction
 - At large r , force is less binding.
- As with the non-centrosymmetric potential, perform perturbation expansion.
 - $\chi^{(2)}$ does not contribute, so $\chi^{(2)}=0$

Solution of 3rd order

- Each term for 1st order solution can be a different frequency

$$\ddot{x}^{(3)} + 2\gamma\dot{x}^{(3)} + \omega_0^2 x^{(3)} = b(x^{(1)})^3$$

$$\left(\ddot{x}^{(3)}(\omega_q) + 2\gamma\dot{x}^{(3)}(\omega_q) + \omega_0^2 x^{(3)}(\omega_q)\right) e^{-i\omega_q t} = b \sum_{mnp} x^{(1)}(\omega_m) x^{(1)}(\omega_n) x^{(1)}(\omega_p) e^{-i(\omega_m + \omega_n + \omega_p)t}$$

– Note the m, n, p can all be + or – : for example, $\omega_{-2} = -\omega_2$

– Enforce energy conservation, so

$$\omega_q = \omega_m + \omega_n + \omega_p \rightarrow (mnp) \text{ in summation}$$

- Solution is

$$\mathbf{r}^{(3)}(\omega_q) = - \sum_{(mnp)} \frac{be^3}{m^3} \frac{(\mathbf{E}(\omega_m) \cdot \mathbf{E}(\omega_n)) \mathbf{E}(\omega_p)}{D(\omega_q) D(\omega_m) D(\omega_n) D(\omega_p)}$$

$$\mathbf{P}^{(3)}(\omega_q) = -N e \mathbf{r}^{(3)}(\omega_q) = + \sum_{(mnp)} N \frac{be^4}{m^3} \frac{(\mathbf{E}(\omega_m) \cdot \mathbf{E}(\omega_n)) \mathbf{E}(\omega_p)}{D(\omega_q) D(\omega_m) D(\omega_n) D(\omega_p)}$$

Calculation of $\chi^{(3)}$

- 3rd order NL polarization is

$$\mathbf{P}^{(3)}(\omega_q) = \sum_{(mnp)} N \frac{be^4}{m^3} \frac{(\mathbf{E}(\omega_m) \cdot \mathbf{E}(\omega_n))\mathbf{E}(\omega_p)}{D(\omega_q)D(\omega_m)D(\omega_n)D(\omega_p)}$$

- Defined in terms of the susceptibility

$$P_i^{(3)}(\omega_q) \equiv \epsilon_0 \sum_{jkl} \sum_{(mnp)} \chi_{ijkl}^{(3)}(\omega_q, \omega_m, \omega_n, \omega_p) E_j(\omega_m) E_k(\omega_n) E_l(\omega_p)$$

- $\chi^{(3)}$ is a *tensor*:

- $i j k l$ are *coordinate* indices (1, 2, 3 or x, y, z) that correspond to the directions of the *field* polarizations: i is output, j, k, l are distinct inputs
- q, m, n, p are frequency indices of the distinct fields
- All indices can potentially be the same
- (mnp) in summation means $\omega_q = \omega_m + \omega_n + \omega_p$

$\chi^{(3)}$ tensor

- Convert vector P to summation: e.g.

$$\mathbf{E}(\omega_m) \cdot \mathbf{E}(\omega_n) = \sum_j E_j(\omega_m) E_j(\omega_n) = \sum_{jk} E_j(\omega_m) E_k(\omega_n) \delta_{jk}$$

- 3rd order NL susceptibility is

$$P_i^{(3)}(\omega_q) = \sum_{jkl} \sum_{(mnp)} N \frac{be^4}{m^3} \frac{E_j(\omega_m) E_k(\omega_n) E_l(\omega_p) \delta_{jk} \delta_{il}}{D(\omega_q)D(\omega_m)D(\omega_n)D(\omega_p)}$$

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$$\chi_{ijkl}^{(3)}(\omega_q, \omega_m, \omega_n, \omega_p) = \frac{Nbe^4}{\epsilon_0 m^3} \frac{\delta_{jk} \delta_{il}}{D(\omega_q)D(\omega_m)D(\omega_n)D(\omega_p)}$$

- Account for “intrinsic permutation symmetry”

- Fields $E_j(\omega_m) E_k(\omega_n) E_l(\omega_p)$ can be in any order

$$\chi_{ijkl}^{(3)}(\omega_q, \omega_m, \omega_n, \omega_p) = \frac{Nbe^4}{3\epsilon_0 m^3} \frac{\delta_{ij} \delta_{kl} + \delta_{ik} \delta_{jl} + \delta_{il} \delta_{jk}}{D(\omega_q)D(\omega_m)D(\omega_n)D(\omega_p)}$$

- 3 terms aren't there b/c of dot product of fields

Summary of intrinsic symmetries for NL tensor

- Real fields and polarization

$$E_j(-\omega_n) = E_j^*(\omega_n) \quad P_i(-\omega_m - \omega_n) = P_i^*(\omega_m + \omega_n)$$

$$P_i^{(2)}(\omega_n + \omega_m)^* = \epsilon_0 \sum_{jk} \sum_{(nm)} \chi_{ijk}^{(2)}(\omega_n + \omega_m, \omega_n, \omega_m)^* E_j(\omega_n)^* E_k(\omega_m)^*$$

$$P_i^{(2)}(-\omega_n - \omega_m) = \epsilon_0 \sum_{jk} \sum_{(nm)} \chi_{ijk}^{(2)}(-\omega_n - \omega_m, -\omega_n, -\omega_m) E_j(-\omega_n) E_k(-\omega_m)$$

- Intrinsic permutation symmetry:

- j, k and m, n are dummy indices

$$\chi_{ijk}^{(2)}(\omega_n + \omega_m, \omega_n, \omega_m) E_j(\omega_n) E_k(\omega_m) = \chi_{ikj}^{(2)}(\omega_n + \omega_m, \omega_m, \omega_n) E_k(\omega_m) E_j(\omega_n)$$

- Swap j k and n m at same time. Not i and q in this case

Other common symmetries

- Lossless media (not always true)
 - Real components of $\chi^{(2)}$. Usually true if incident frequencies and their combinations are away from resonances.
 - full permutation symmetry: free interchange of all ω components, as long as i, j, k are swapped at same time.
- Kleinmans's symmetry (if dispersion of $\chi^{(2)}$ can be neglected)
 - Dispersion is intrinsically linked to time response. So if we neglect dispersion, it is the same as assuming NL response is instantaneous.
 - In this case, we can permute l j k without also permuting ω 's
 - This makes χ tensors symmetric
- **Note:**
 - From practical perspective of using NL crystals, many desirable crystals are designed to be transparent, non-dispersive, etc.
 - But for characterizing materials, measuring NL response leads to important information about structure and internal energy levels

Spatial symmetries

- Crystal structure leads to spatial symmetries: 32 different crystal point groups.
- Example: 4-fold symmetry around z-axis means $\chi_{zxx} = \chi_{zyy}$
- Spatial symmetry affects
 - linear optical properties (birefringence, optical activity)
 - high-order χ tensors
 - Even if $\chi^{(1)}$ is isotropic, $\chi^{(3)}$ may not be. Ex: XPW generation
- Inversion symmetry and $\chi^{(2)}$

$$P(t) = \epsilon_0 \chi^{(2)} E^2(t)$$

- If medium is centrosymmetric (possesses inversion symmetry), then $P(t)$ must have same sign as $E(t)$

$$-P(t) = \epsilon_0 \chi^{(2)} (-E(t))^2$$

- This means that $\chi^{(2)}$ must vanish.

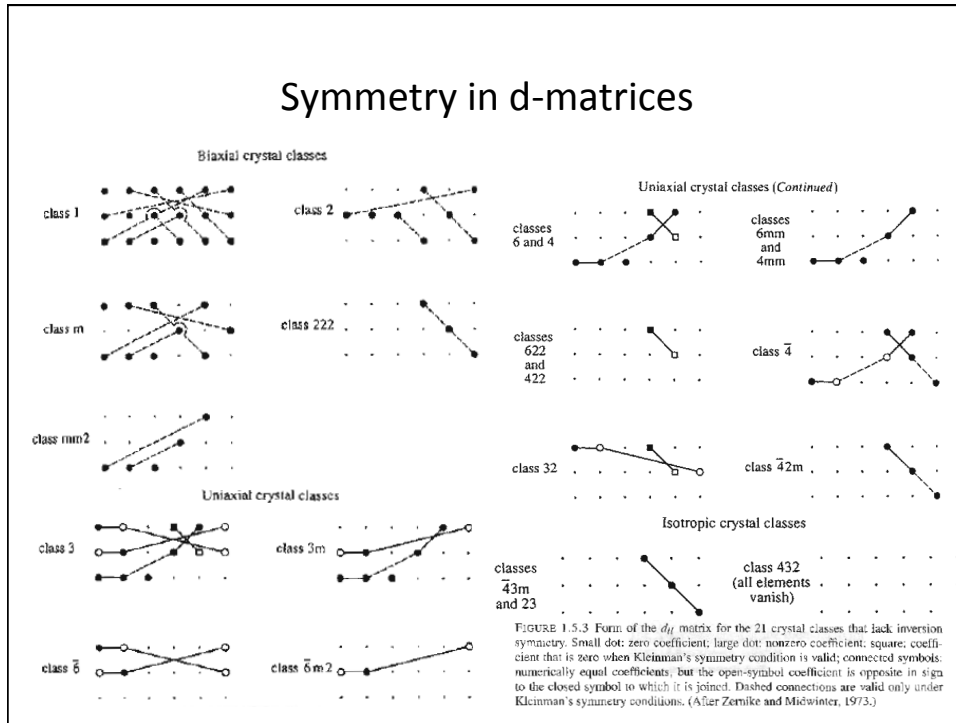
Contracted notation: non-dispersive, non-absorbing medium

Use one d-matrix instead of three

Non-dispersive: can permute any spatial index (Kleinmann symm)
 - like colors have the same value, except black terms are unique

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{pmatrix} d_{xxx} & d_{xxy} & d_{xxz} \\ & d_{xyy} & d_{xyz} \\ & & d_{xzz} \end{pmatrix} \\
 \begin{pmatrix} d_{xxy} & d_{xyy} & d_{xyz} \\ & d_{yyy} & d_{yyz} \\ & & d_{yzz} \end{pmatrix} \\
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 \end{array}
 \rightarrow
 \begin{pmatrix} d_{xxx} & d_{xyy} & d_{xzz} & d_{xyz} & d_{xzx} & d_{xxy} \\ d_{xxy} & d_{yyy} & d_{yzz} & d_{yyz} & d_{xyz} & d_{xyy} \\ d_{xxz} & d_{yyz} & d_{zzz} & d_{yzz} & d_{xzz} & d_{xyz} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} d_{11} & d_{12} & d_{13} & d_{14} & d_{15} & d_{16} \\ d_{21} & d_{22} & d_{23} & d_{24} & d_{14} & d_{12} \\ d_{15} & d_{24} & d_{zzz} & d_{23} & d_{13} & d_{14} \end{pmatrix}$$



Effective NL coefficient

- d -matrix contains NL tensor coefficients for each crystal type
- Orientation of crystal affects effective NL strength
- Example: BBO, 3m symmetry

$$\begin{pmatrix} P_x \\ P_y \\ P_z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & d_{31} & d_{22} \\ -d_{22} & d_{22} & 0 & d_{31} & 0 & 0 \\ d_{31} & d_{31} & d_{33} & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E_{1x}E_{2x} \\ E_{1y}E_{2y} \\ E_{1z}E_{2z} \\ E_{1z}E_{2y} + E_{1y}E_{2z} \\ E_{1z}E_{2x} + E_{1x}E_{2z} \\ E_{1y}E_{2x} + E_{1x}E_{2y} \end{pmatrix}$$

Example calculation of d_{eff}

- For type I phase matching:
 - Input \mathbf{E}_1 and \mathbf{E}_2 are polarized in the same direction
 - Both are o-waves, no projection on z-axis (optic axis), $\hat{\mathbf{D}} = \hat{\mathbf{E}}$
 - Define \mathbf{s} (= unit vector for \mathbf{k}) in spherical coords,

$$\mathbf{s} = \hat{\mathbf{k}} = \{\sin\theta \cos\phi, \sin\theta \sin\phi, \cos\theta\}$$
 - Find direction of \mathbf{E} consistent with \mathbf{k} :

$$\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{s} = 0$$

$$E_1 \cos\phi_E \sin\theta \cos\phi + E_1 \sin\phi_E \sin\theta \sin\phi = 0$$

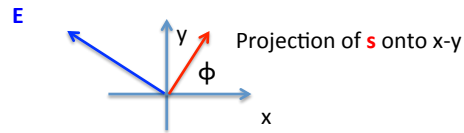
$$\cos\phi_E \cos\phi + \sin\phi_E \sin\phi = 0$$

$$\cos(\phi_E - \phi) = 0$$

$$\phi_E - \phi = \pi/2$$

$$E_1 = E_{10} \{-\sin\phi, \cos\phi, 0\}$$

$$E_2 = E_{20} \{-\sin\phi, \cos\phi, 0\}$$



Induced polarization

- Compose the $E_1 E_2$ vector:
- The d-matrix is used to calculate the induced NL polarization

$$\begin{pmatrix} E_{1x} E_{2x} \\ E_{1y} E_{2y} \\ E_{1z} E_{2z} \\ E_{1z} E_{2y} + E_{1y} E_{2z} \\ E_{1z} E_{2x} + E_{1x} E_{2z} \\ E_{1y} E_{2x} + E_{1x} E_{2y} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} E_1 E_2 \sin^2 \phi \\ E_1 E_2 \cos^2 \phi \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -E_1 E_2 \sin\phi \cos\phi \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} P_x \\ P_y \\ P_z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & d_{31} & d_{22} \\ -d_{22} & d_{22} & 0 & d_{31} & 0 & 0 \\ d_{31} & d_{31} & d_{33} & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E_1 E_2 \sin^2 \phi \\ E_1 E_2 \cos^2 \phi \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ -E_1 E_2 \sin\phi \cos\phi \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} d_{22} E_1 E_2 \sin 2\phi \\ d_{22} E_1 E_2 \cos 2\phi \\ d_{32} E_1 E_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

D-matrix for BBO SHG along all axes

Finding the e-wave (SH) vector

- Note that NL polarization is induced at 2ω in all 3 directions

$$\begin{pmatrix} P_x \\ P_y \\ P_z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} d_{22}E_1E_2 \sin 2\phi \\ d_{22}E_1E_2 \cos 2\phi \\ d_{32}E_1E_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- The generated e-wave unit vector \mathbf{a} must be perpendicular to \mathbf{E}_1 and \mathbf{s}

$$\mathbf{E}_1 \cdot \mathbf{a} = 0 \rightarrow -E_{10} \sin \phi a_0 \sin \theta_a \cos \phi_a + E_{10} \cos \phi a_0 \sin \theta_a \sin \phi_a = 0$$

$$\sin \phi \cos \phi_a = \cos \phi \sin \phi_a \rightarrow \phi_a = \phi$$

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{s} = 0 \rightarrow a_0 \cos \theta_a \cos \theta + a_0 \sin \theta = 0$$

$$\cos \theta_a = -\tan \theta$$

- \mathbf{a} is a unit vector, so from $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a} = 1$

$$a_0 = \cos \theta \quad \rightarrow \mathbf{a} = \left\{ \begin{matrix} \cos \theta \cos \phi & \cos \theta \sin \phi & -\sin \theta \end{matrix} \right\}$$

Component of P that drives e-wave

- Pick out component that will drive a wave propagating in the direction of \mathbf{k} ($= \mathbf{s}$) and that is an e-wave

$$\mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{a} = d_{\text{eff}} E_1 E_2 \rightarrow d_{\text{eff}} = d_{31} \sin \theta - d_{22} \cos \theta \sin 3\phi \quad (1.5.30a)$$

- For type II,

$$d_{\text{eff}} = d_{22} \cos^2 \theta \cos 3\phi \quad (1.5.30b)$$

- Different relations for crystals with different symmetry
- These equations are used to optimize the orientation of the crystal for maximum signal
- Some directions that could be phase-matched don't have an induced polarization in the right direction

Common NL crystals

- KDP, KD*P:
 - uniaxial, can grow large crystals, low dispersion.
 - Doubling, OPA Pockels cells,...
- BBO:
 - uniaxial, high NL coeff good UV transmisson,
 - Doubling, OPA, Pockels cells...
- KTP:
 - biaxial, high NL coeff for typell doubling
- LBO:
 - biaxial, high damage threshold
- LiNbO₃:
 - pockels cells, PPLN
- Newer: BiBO, ZGP
- Suppliers: Casix, Castech, EK SMA, Quantum Tech, Cleveland Crystals...

Evaluating crystals for applications

- Transparency for spectral region
- Orientations that allow for NL response (tensors), strength of NL coefficient
- Phase-matching geometries allowed
- Damage threshold (max intensity)
- Thermal issues (change in index with temperature)
- CW: birefringent walk-off (sets limit for crystal length)
- Angular acceptance: limits divergence of input, crystal length
- Short pulses: dispersion/phase matching bandwidth, connected to group velocity walkoff
- Dimensions of crystal, cost