
Modern Optics II: Nonlinear Optics

SHEET VII

Second harmonic with finite beams

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Exercise 1 *Second harmonic with spatially limited beam*

Let assume that we have a KDP crystal, that we want to use for second harmonic of an incidence continuous laser operating at $\lambda = 1064$ nm. The crystal is cut to achieve type-I phase matching (*eo*) and is 1 cm-long.

1. Calculate the phase-matching angle for second harmonic.
2. Calculate what intensity $I(\omega)$ is needed to achieve 58 % conversion efficiency assuming that the incident beam is a *plane-wave*. What is the walk-off angle?
3. In the case of low conversion efficiency (10 %), what is the power required for $L = 2Z_R$? What is the waist of the beam (w_0) in the center of the crystal? What is the beam diameter at the entrance on the crystal $2w$?
4. What is the loss of harmonic due to walk-off?

The parameters for KDP are $n_o(\omega) = 1.4942$, $n_e(\omega) = 1.4603$, $n_o(2\omega) = 1.5129$, $n_e(2\omega) = 1.4709$. $\chi^{(3)} = 0.56$ pm/V.

Exercise 2

Lithium Niobate is a very popular nonlinear material that can be used either in birefringent phase-matching or in quasi-phase-matching. In the present case, we use the crystal at $\lambda = 1064$ nm. At this wavelength phase matching occur (*eo*).

1. Calculate the input intensity required for a plane-wave input for a conversion of 58% in the second harmonic.
2. Assuming that the beam is now Gaussian and the length of the crystal is $L = 2Z_R$, find the input power required for a conversion efficiency of 10%.

The parameters for $LiNbO_3$ are $n_o(\omega) = 2.2340$, $n_e(\omega) = 2.1554$, $n_o(2\omega) = 2.3251$, $n_e(2\omega) = 2.2330$, $\chi^{(3)} = 36$ pm/V.