

## 5.1.5 Summary to: 5.1 Optics

Know your numbers and relations for visible light!

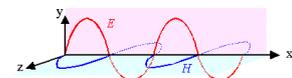
- Wavelengths:  $\lambda \approx 400 \text{ nm} - 800 \text{ nm}$ .  
 $\lambda_{\text{mat}} = \lambda_0/n$ .
- Frequency:  $\nu \approx 10^{15} \text{ Hz}$ .
- Index of refraction:  $n = \epsilon_r^{1/2} \approx 1,5 - 2,5$
- Energy  $E \approx 1,8 \text{ eV} - 3,2 \text{ eV}$ .
- Dispersion relation:  $c_0 = \nu \lambda_0 = 3 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m/s}$   
 $c_{\text{Mat}} = \nu \lambda_0/n(\lambda)$

For the **propagation** of light:  
use the **wave model**  
For the **generation** and  
disappearance (= **absorption**) of  
light:  
use the **photon model**

**Snellius law:**  
 $n = \sin\alpha/\sin\beta$  with  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  the angle of  
incidence  
or propagation, resp.

Know your basic equations and terminology

$$\begin{matrix} \underline{E}(\underline{r}, t) \\ \underline{H}(\underline{r}, t) \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} \underline{E}_0 \\ \underline{H}_0 \end{matrix} \cdot \exp\{i(\underline{k}\underline{r} - \omega t)\}$$



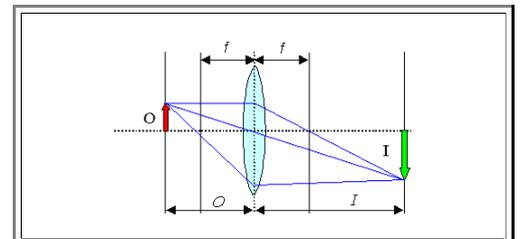
Coherent monochromatic plane wave  
 $\underline{E}$  and  $\underline{H}$  perpendicular and in phase

- Reflection** always with "angle in" = "angle out".
- Refraction** is the sudden "**bending**" or "flexing" of light beams at the interface
- Diffraction** is the continuous "**bending**" of light beams around corners; interference effects.

### Geometric optics

Key parameters

- Focal length  $f$  and numerical aperture **NA** of lenses, mirrors.
- Image formation by simple geometric construction
- Various aberrations (spherical, chromatic, astigmatism, coma, ...) limit performance.

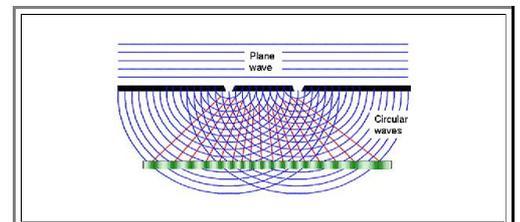


### Wave optics

Huygens principle: and interference

- Ultimate limit to resolution

$$d_{\text{min}} \approx \frac{\lambda}{2NA}$$



Know your basic types of waves:

- (Running, coherent, monochromatic) **plane wave**.
- Standing waves** = superposition of plane waves.
- Incoherent, multichromatic **real** waves

Relations between electrical field  $\underline{E}$ , magnetic field  $\underline{H}$  and **Poynting vector** (energy flow vector)  $\underline{S} = \underline{E} \times \underline{H}$

$$\langle \underline{S} \rangle = \frac{E_0 H_0}{2} = \frac{E_0^2}{Z_w}$$

This equation links *energy flow* (easy in photon picture) to *field strength* in wave picture.

- $Z_w$  = **wave impedance** of the medium.  
 $Z_w(\text{vacuum}) = 376,7 \Omega$

$$W_{\text{elect}} = \frac{\epsilon_0 \cdot E^2}{2}$$

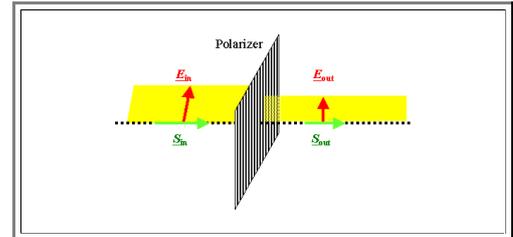
$$W_{\text{mag}} = \frac{\mu_0 \cdot H^2}{2}$$

$$[W_{\text{elect; magn}}] = [\text{Ws m}^{-3}]$$

$$E_0 = \left( \frac{\mu_r \mu_0}{\epsilon_r \epsilon_0} \right)^{1/2} \cdot H_0 = Z_w \cdot H_0$$

**Polarization** = key to "advanced" optics.  
Simple case: **linear polarization**.

- Plane of polarization contains  $\underline{E}$ -vector and  $\underline{S}(\underline{k})$  vector.
- Any (coherent) wave is polarized but *net polarization* of many waves with random polarization is zero!
- Light *intensity* ( $\propto \underline{E}^2$ ) between polarizers at angle  $\alpha$  scales with  $(\cos\alpha)^2$ .



General case: *elliptical* polarization; important are the two extremes: *linear* and **circular** polarization.

- For circular polarization the  $\underline{E}$ -vector rotates on a circle while moving "forward". This results from a superposition of two plane waves with  $\underline{E}$ -vectors at right angles and a *phase difference* of  $\pi/2$ .
- Technically important (3-dim Cinema; Lab optics)

## Questionnaire

Multiple Choice questions to all of 5.1