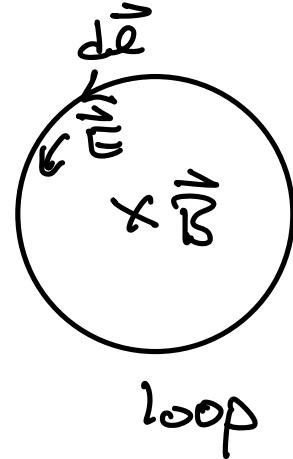


## Electromagnetic waves

Faraday's law:  $\text{EMF} = -\frac{d}{dt} \Phi_m$

$$\text{EMF} = \oint_{\text{loop}} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l}$$



$$\Phi_m = \iint_{\text{area of loop}} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

$$\text{so } \oint_{\text{loop}} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{l} = -\frac{d}{dt} \iint_{\text{area of loop}} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

relates changing  $\vec{B}$  to an  $\vec{E}$

Ampere's law:  $\oint_{\text{loop}} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = \mu_0 I_{\text{in}} + \epsilon_0 \frac{d\Phi_E}{dt}$

$$\epsilon_0 \frac{d}{dt} \iint_{\text{area of loop}} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{A}$$

relates changing  $\vec{E}$  to a  $\vec{B}$

$$\text{so } \frac{d\vec{B}}{dt} \rightarrow \vec{E} \text{ and } \frac{d\vec{E}}{dt} \rightarrow \vec{B}$$

this is why there is Electromagnetic radiation (EM radiation)  
and velocity  $v = c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s} = 0.3 \times 10^8 \text{ GHz}$

various wavelength/frequencies have names

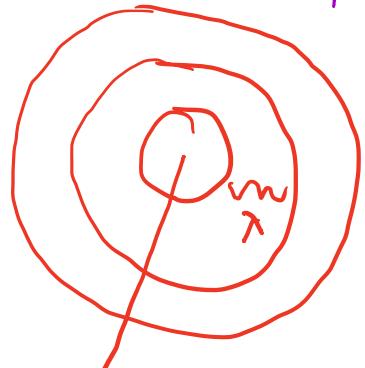
$\lambda \text{ (m)}$		
$10^{-14}$	Gamma rays	
$10^{-12} - 10^{-10}$	X-rays	
$10^{-8}$	UV	10 nm
$10^{-7}$	visible	$\sim \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \mu\text{m}$
$10^{-6} - 10^{-4}$	IR	$\mu\text{m}$
$10^{-2}$	Radar	$\text{mm}$
1	FM	m
10	TV	10m
100	Short wave	100m
$10^4$	AM	$10^4 \text{ m}$

But in this chapter we focus on visible

$\lambda \ll$  dimensions of normal things  
 $\Rightarrow$  wave-like nature hard to see

so can treat EM radiation as rays

EM waves propagate in 3 dimensions



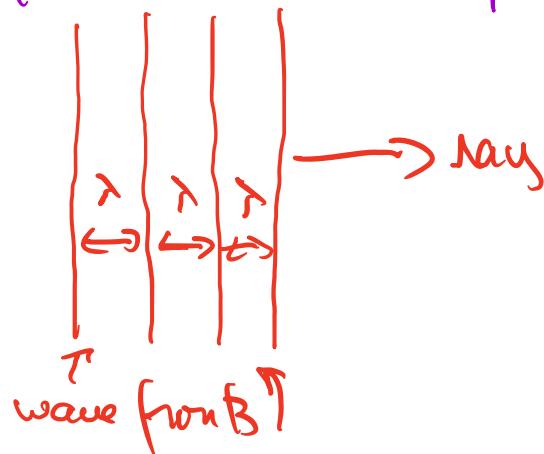
wave fronts  
usually at some phase  
dist between fronts  
usually the wavelength

ray = direction of wave front at that point

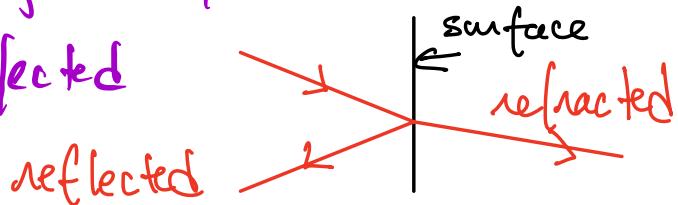
for EM radiation "infinitely far" from the source:

$$r \gg \lambda$$

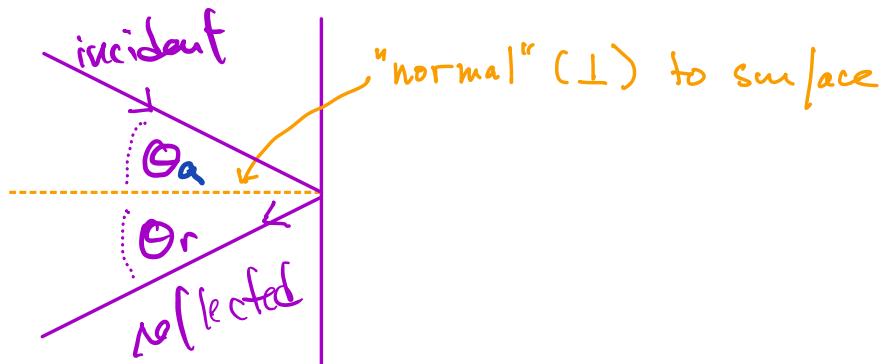
wave front  $\perp$  ray - plane waves



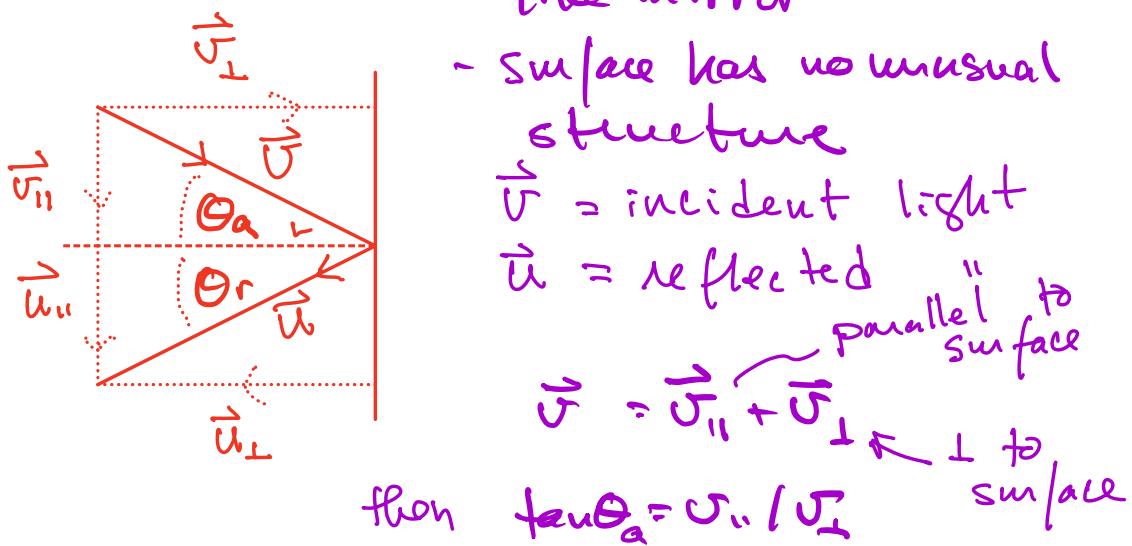
light waves hitting a surface can be both  
transmitted and reflected



## Reflection at a surface



specular reflection - from smooth surface  
like mirror



reflected light:  $\vec{U}_{\parallel} = \vec{U}_{\parallel}$  so  $\parallel$  unchanged  
 $\vec{U}_{\perp} = -\vec{U}_{\perp}$  so  $\perp$  reverses dir

$$\text{so } \vec{U}_{\parallel} + \vec{U}_{\perp} = \vec{U}_{\parallel} - \vec{U}_{\perp}$$

$$\text{reflected angle } \tan \theta_r = \frac{U_{\parallel}}{U_{\perp}} = \frac{U_{\parallel}}{U_{\perp}} = \tan \theta_a$$

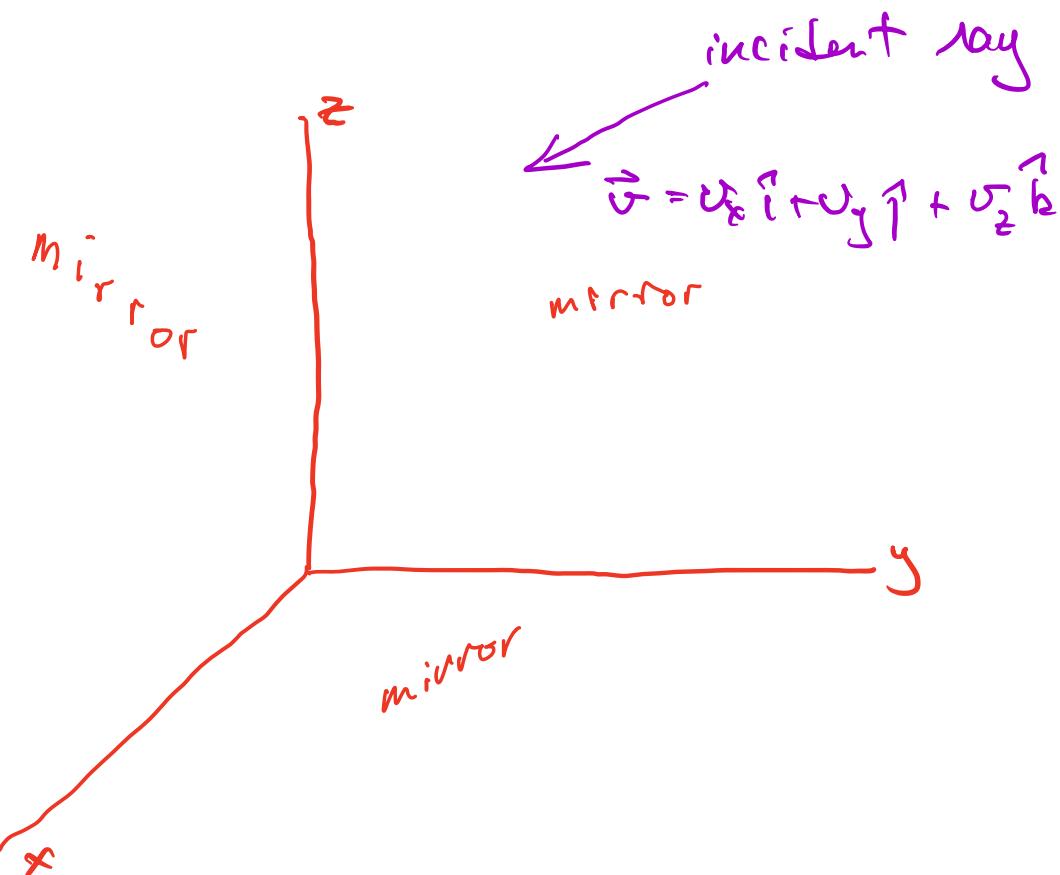
⇒ law of reflection:  $\Theta_r = \Theta_a$

(not for diffuse reflection! - need very smooth surface)

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Reflection at mirrors is almost perfect  
Regular mirror, loss is few % (absorbed)  
Can make highly reflective mirrors w/ special coating, loss < 0.001% or better

Corner reflector - 3 mirrors that makes a corner



incident wave reflects off of all 4 mirrors

1<sup>st</sup> reflection // xz plane - y component reverses

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} x & \leftarrow & " & x & y & " & -z \\ z & \leftarrow & " & y & \cancel{z} & " & -x \end{array}$$

$$\vec{v}_f = -v_x \hat{i} - v_y \hat{j} - v_z \hat{k} = -\vec{v} !$$

corner reflector will send beam back in same direction originated?

### Refraction

speed of light is  $c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$  in vacuum

in materials, light slows down

→ interaction w/atoms & molecules

$$v_n = \frac{c}{n} \quad n = \text{index of refraction}, v_n = \text{vel in material}$$

	vacuum	glass	water	diamond	argon
$n:$	1	~1.5	~1.3	~2.5	~2.0

note: in materials, (e.g.  $f$  does not change)

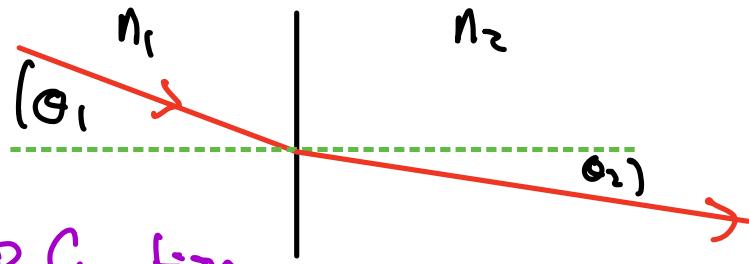
$$c = \lambda f \quad \text{and} \quad v_n = \lambda_n f = \frac{c}{n} \lambda f$$

$$\therefore \lambda_n = \frac{\lambda}{n} \quad \lambda \text{ is in vacuum}$$

### Refraction

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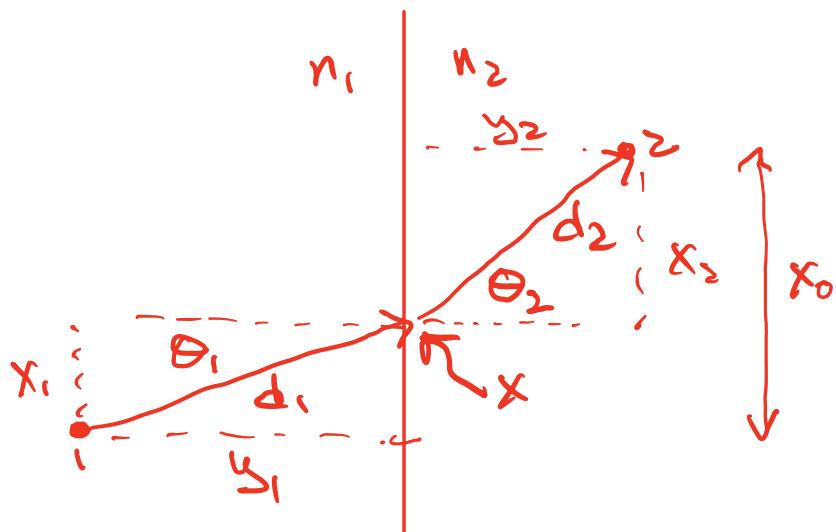
- refraction is the bending of light when transitioning between regions w/different index of refractions



### Law of Refraction

$$n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$$

derivation using Principle of Least Time



- $x$  is the variable that tells you where you hit the boundary
- $x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2$  are fixed
- $v_1$  and  $v_2$  are velocities in the 2 regions

$\Rightarrow$  calculate time going from point 1 to point 2 as a function of "x"

$$t = t_1 + t_2 \quad t_1 = d_1/v_1 \quad t_2 = d_2/v_2$$

we can vary  $x$  to find value that minimizes total time  $t_1 + t_2$ . Note:  $x_1 + x_2 = x_0$  is constant  
 $v_1 \neq v_2$  are constant

$$x = x_1$$

$$d_1 = \sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2} = \sqrt{x^2 + y_1^2} = v_1 t_1$$

$$d_2 = \sqrt{x_2^2 + y_2^2} = \sqrt{(x_0 - x)^2 + y_2^2} = v_2 t_2$$

$$\text{so } t = t_1 + t_2 = \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y_1^2}}{v_1} + \frac{\sqrt{(x_0 - x)^2 + y_2^2}}{v_2}$$

to find minimum take  $\frac{dt}{dx} = 0$

$$\frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{2x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y_1^2} v_1} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{2(x_0 - x)(-1)}{v_2 \sqrt{(x_0 - x)^2 + y_2^2}} = 0$$

$$\text{or } \frac{x}{v_1 \sqrt{x^2 + y_1^2}} = \frac{(x_0 - x)}{v_2 \sqrt{(x_0 - x)^2 + y_2^2}}$$

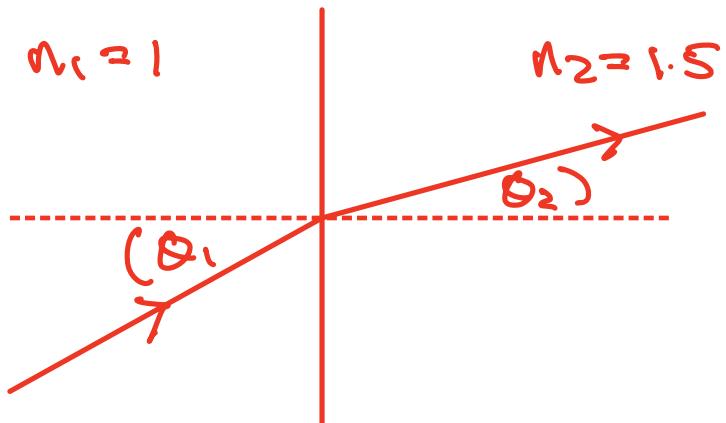
$$\text{note: } \frac{x_0}{\sqrt{x^2 + y_1^2}} = \sin \theta_1 \text{ and } \frac{(x_0 - x)}{\sqrt{(x_0 - x)^2 + y_2^2}} = \sin \theta_2$$

$$\text{substitute } v_1 = \frac{c}{n_1} \text{ and } v_2 = \frac{c}{n_2}$$

$$\text{so } \frac{\sin \theta_1}{c/n_1} = \frac{\sin \theta_2}{c/n_2}$$

$$\text{gives } n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$$

cases:  $n_1 < n_2 \Rightarrow \sin\theta_1 > \sin\theta_2$   
 e.g. air  $\rightarrow$  glass  $\therefore \theta_1 > \theta_2$  so it bends towards normal



for  $n_2 < n_1$ , its opposite  $\rightarrow$  as if light goes backwards in time

note: there will always be some reflection at the boundary

for glass  $\sim$  loss is around 4% intensity

Rule

so  $n_2 > n_1$  (from smaller to larger  $n$ )  
 $\Rightarrow$  bends towards normal

for  $n_2 < n_1$  (from larger to smaller  $n$ )

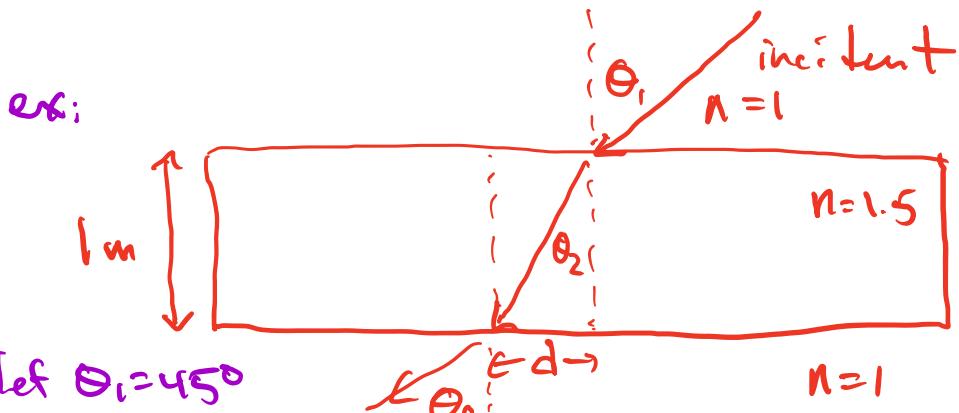
$\Rightarrow$  bends away from normal

note:  $c = \lambda f$  for light

$f$  = vibration freq,  $\lambda$  = how far in the medium  
for 1 cycle

so if  $v = \frac{c}{n} = \frac{\lambda f}{n}$  then  $\lambda = \frac{\lambda}{n}$  wavelength in medium  
but  $f$  is the same

ex: light goes thru slab of glass



let  $\theta_1 = 45^\circ$

$$n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$$

$$n_1 \sin \theta_1 = \sin 45^\circ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = n_2 \sin \theta_2 = 1.5 \sin \theta_2$$

$$\theta_2 = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{1.5\sqrt{2}} \right) = \sin^{-1}(0.47) = 28.1^\circ \Rightarrow \text{bent } \underline{\text{towards normal}}$$

$$\tan \theta_2 = \frac{d}{\text{thickness}} = \frac{d}{1\text{m}}$$

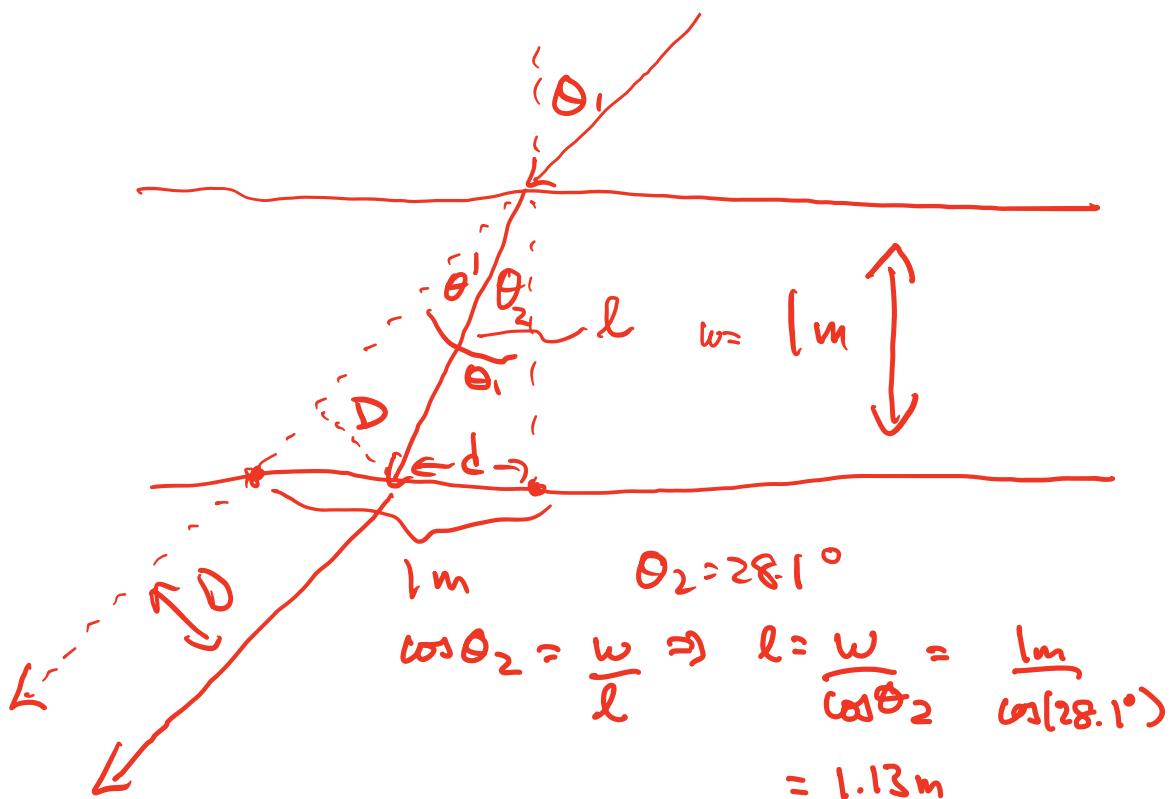
$$d = 1 \cdot \tan \theta_2 = \tan(28.1^\circ) = 0.53\text{m}$$

what angle does light leave slab?

$n_2 \sin \theta_2 = n_1 \sin \theta_f \Rightarrow$  same eqn as when it entered

$$\text{so } \theta_f = 45^\circ$$

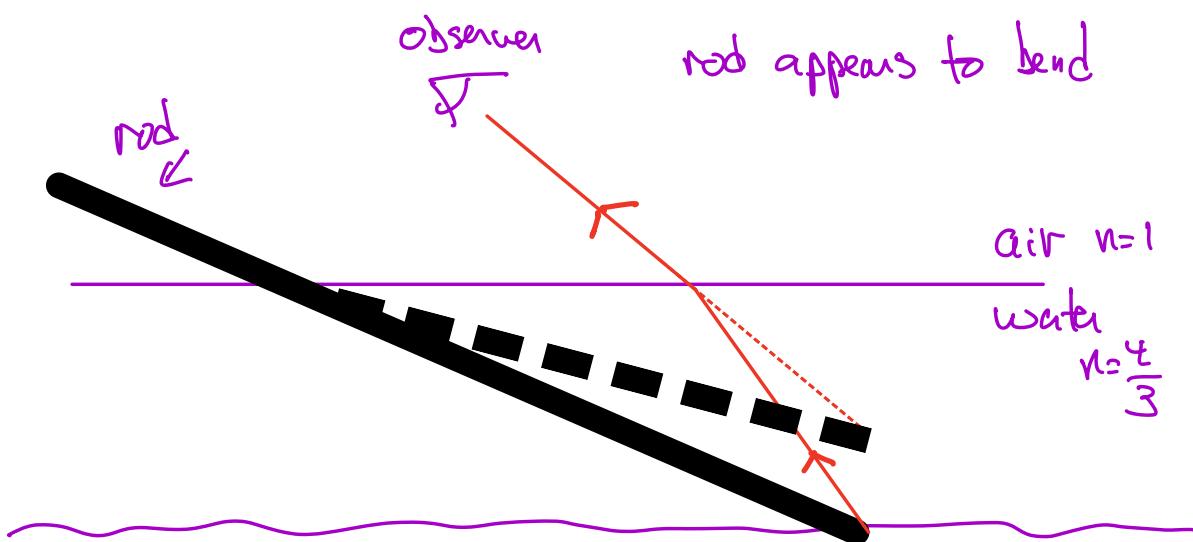
what is displacement  $D$  when it exits?



$$\theta_2 + \theta' = \theta_1 = 45^\circ \Rightarrow \theta' = 45 - 28.1 = 16.9^\circ$$

then  $D = l \sin \theta' = 1.13 \text{ m} \cdot \sin(16.9^\circ) = 0.33 \text{ m}$

"Optical illusion"  $\uparrow$  objects underwater

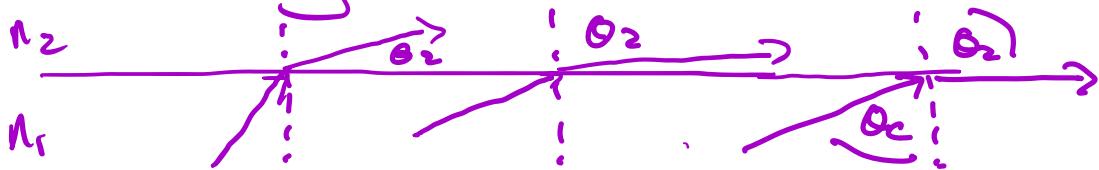


## Total internal reflection

going from region 1 to 2 where  $n_1 > n_2$

( $n$  is decreasing!)

$\Rightarrow$  bent away from normal

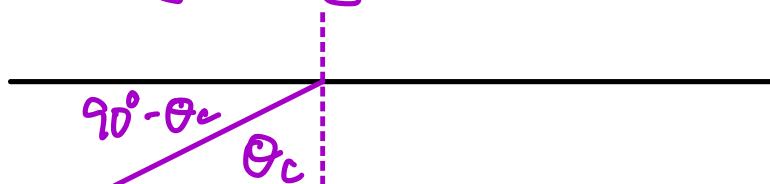


at some incident "critical angle"  $\theta_c$ ,  $\theta_2 > 90^\circ$

$$n_1 \sin \theta_c = n_2 \sin 90^\circ = n_2$$

any angle  $\theta_1 > \theta_c$  will not be transmitted out of region 1  $\Rightarrow$  total internal reflection  
 $\Rightarrow$  remember  $\theta$  is with respect to normal

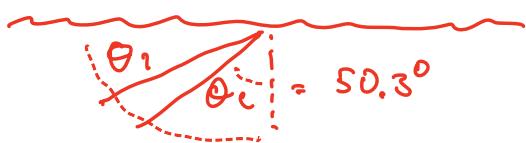
so  $\theta_c$  is smallest incident angle for transmission  
 $\Rightarrow 90^\circ - \theta_c$  is largest angle for total internal reflection



ex: water  $n = 1.3$ , air  $= 1.0$

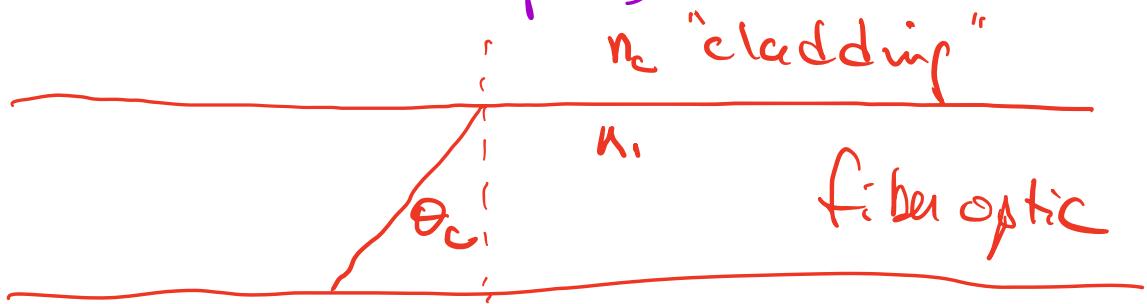
$$1.3 \sin \theta_c = 1 \Rightarrow \sin \theta_c = \frac{1}{1.3} \Rightarrow \theta_c = 50.3^\circ$$

remember  $\theta_1$  is angle wrt normal!



$\Rightarrow$  any  $\theta_1 > 50.3^\circ$  will be internally reflected

## Fiber Optics



want to make critical angle small so that  
more light rays stay in fiber

$$\sin \theta_c = \frac{n_{\text{cladding}}}{n_{\text{core}}}$$

example:

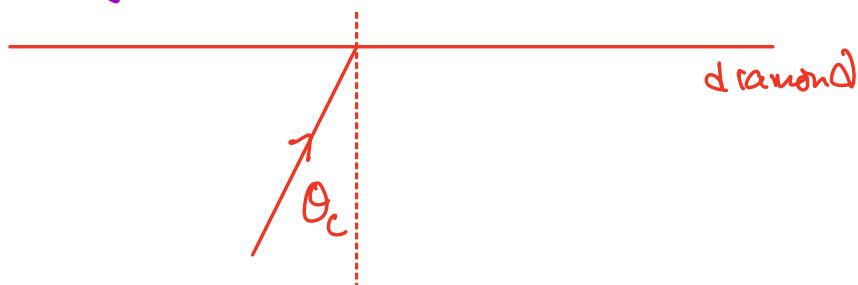
glass:  $n_{\text{core}} = 1.5$

$$\sin \theta_c = \frac{1}{1.5} = 0.67 \quad \theta_c = 41.8^\circ$$

diamond:  $n_{\text{core}} = 2.4$

$$\sin \theta_c = \frac{1}{2.4} = 0.42 \quad \theta_c = 24.6^\circ$$

that means any light ray exiting at  $\theta > \theta_c$   
will stay inside

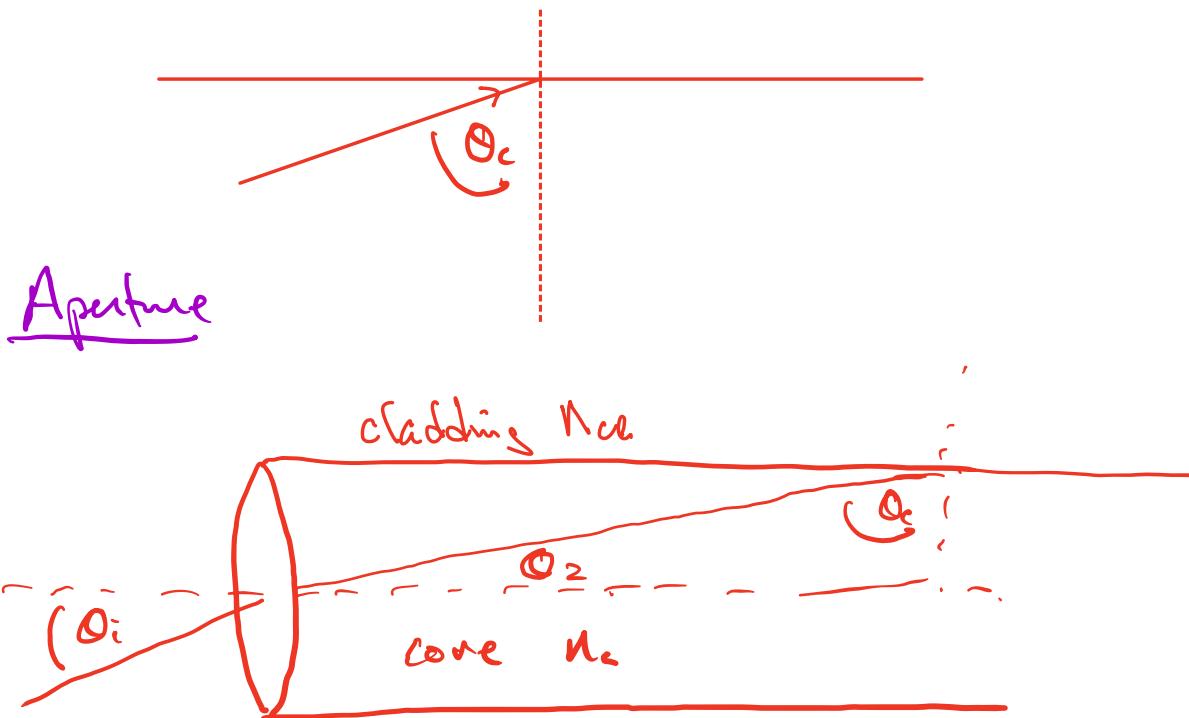


Fiber optics use cladding & cores that have similar index of refraction

ex: core is silica doped w/ germanium  $n=1.465$   
cladding is pure silica  $n=1.450$

$$\sin \Theta_c = \frac{n_{\text{cladding}}}{n_{\text{core}}} = \frac{1.45}{1.465} = 0.99$$

$$\Theta_c = 81.79$$



$\Theta_i$  is the entering angle in air,  $n_i = 1$

$$\text{so } \sin \Theta_i = n_c \sin \Theta_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta_2 + \Theta_c &= 90^\circ \text{ so } n_c \sin \Theta_2 = n_c \sin(90^\circ - \Theta_c) \\ &= n_c \cos \Theta_c \quad \text{for total internal reflection (TIR)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\sin\theta_i = n_c \cos\theta_c \Rightarrow \cos\theta_c = \frac{\sin\theta_i}{n_c}$$

$$\sin\theta_c = \frac{n_{cl}}{n_c} \quad \text{TIR}$$

$$\frac{\sin\theta_i}{n_c} = \cos\theta_c$$

$$\cos^2\theta_c + \sin^2\theta_c = 1 = \frac{\sin^2\theta_i}{n_c^2} + \frac{n_{cl}^2}{n_c^2} \quad \text{solve for } \theta_i$$

0.21

$$\sin^2\theta_i = n_i^2 - n_{cl}^2$$

$$\text{or } \boxed{\sin\theta_i = \sqrt{n_i^2 - n_{cl}^2}} \quad \underline{\text{aperture}}$$

$$\text{for above case, } \sin\theta_i = \sqrt{1.465^2 - 1.45^2} = 0.21$$

$$\theta_i = 12.1^\circ$$

this is the "aperture" and tells you what entering angles will keep the light inside the fiber ( $\theta > \theta_{\text{ap}} \text{ won't stay in}$ )

$\Rightarrow$  it is a very shallow angle to minimize light bouncing so that the pulse doesn't "spread"

## Dispersion

"white light" is made up of all colors

some materials have index of refraction that is dependent on wavelength  $\Rightarrow n(\lambda)$

$\Rightarrow$  this will disperse different colors during refraction

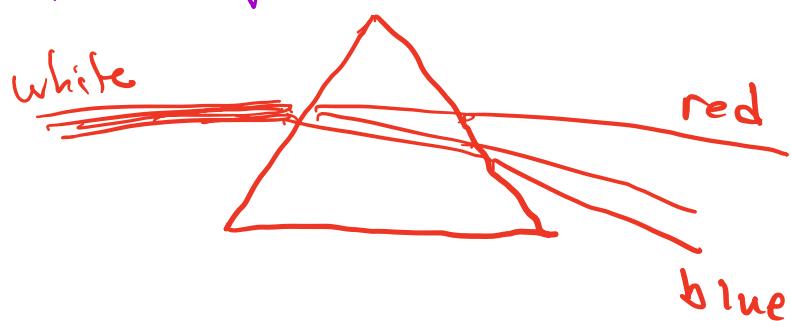
usually  $n(\lambda)$  is bigger for smaller (bluer)



This is very useful in separating wavelengths

Quartz, silicate flint glass, etc. is dispersive

Prisms disperse light



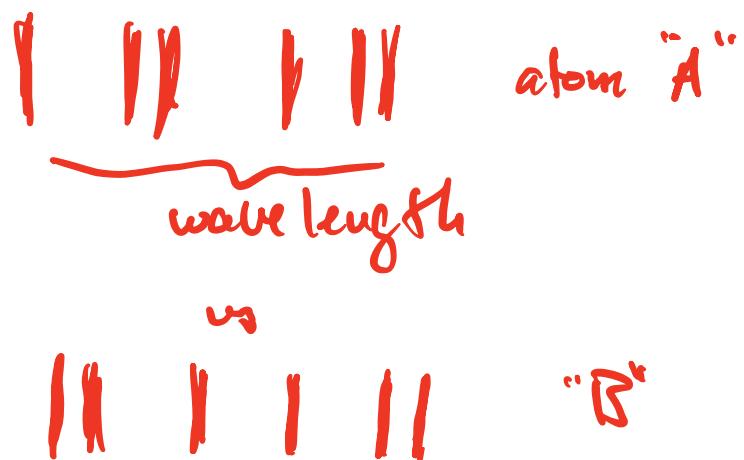
used in astronomy to detect wavelength

Big Bang: all galaxies are moving apart  
⇒ length scales are increasing?

(balloon analogy)

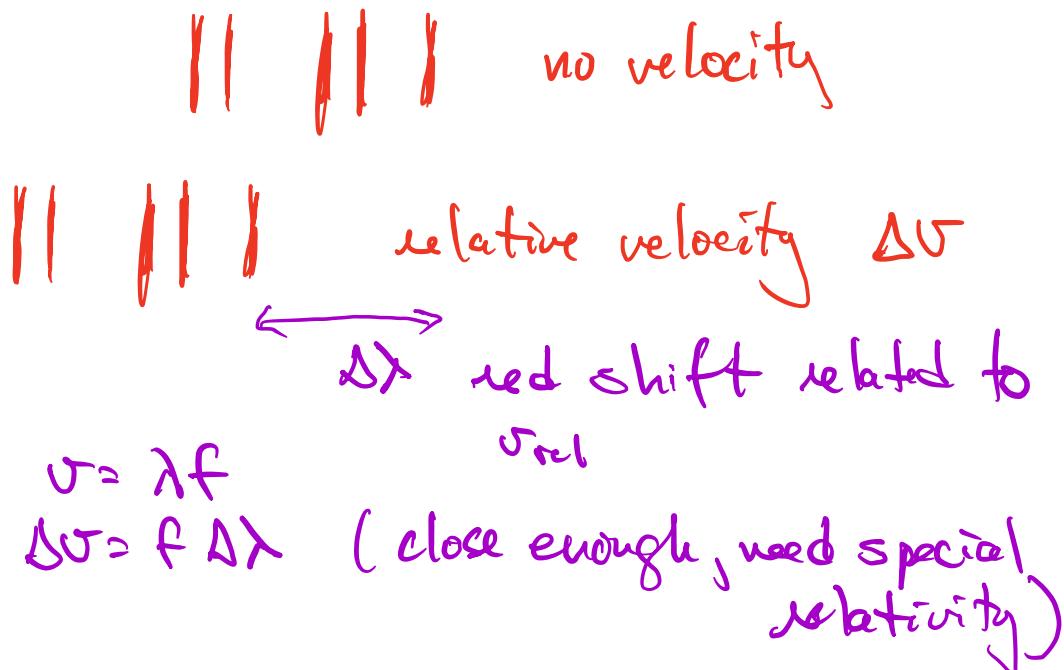
⇒ the further away a galaxy is, the  
faster it's receding

Atomic spectra: atoms excite & deexcite  
and emit photons  
spectrum of light emitted identifies the  
atom

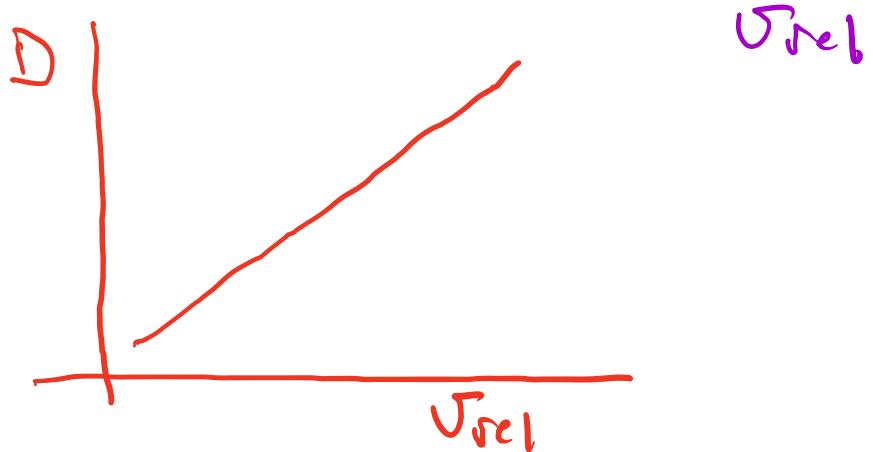


astronomers use prisms to disperse light

so they can see the pattern  
the wavelengths will be doppler shifted  
due to the relative motion



Hubble's constant - relates distance to



by using pulsars & atomic spectroscopy we  
can map the galaxies in the universe!

## Polarization

this concerns the wave nature of light

(wave equation  $\Rightarrow \vec{E} = E_0 \hat{x} \cos(kx - \omega t)$ )

here the vector nature is constant along  $\hat{x}$  direction

waves w/ constant direction are linearly polarized

can make materials that have "preferred" directions, will only let light thru if polarization is parallel to that direction

$\Rightarrow$  called polarizing filter, or polarizer

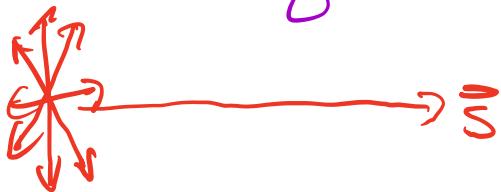
Polarizer direction of EM wave is usually the direction of  $\vec{E}$  field, not  $\vec{B}$

For polarizer filter, want direction to match to get transmission

Polarizer filters can pick out direction of light polarization

Unpolarized light

superposition of lots of light waves w/ random polarization



Polarizer filter will only allow light polarized along direction of polarization of filter to pass

Sunglasses filter intensity  $\Rightarrow$  light is not too bright

$\Rightarrow$  if  $I_0$  is initial intensity of unpolarized light

then transmitted intensity  $I_t = I_0/2$  after filter

What happens when light hits a material?

$\Rightarrow$  light = EM waves w/ E fields

these fields accelerate atoms

Reflected light is the reemission away from the surface!

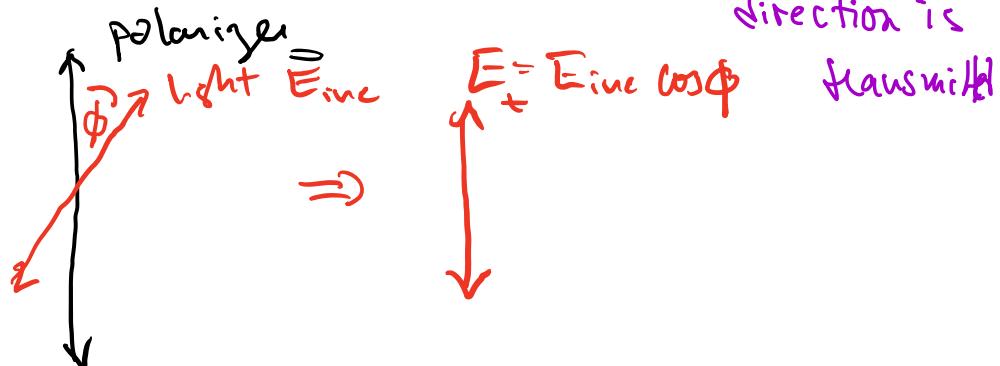
Refracted light is reemission inside the material

The treatment of reflection & refraction at the atomic level is very complex!

The thing to understand:

- light consists of oscillating E-fields that accelerate atoms
- accelerating atoms radiate light only

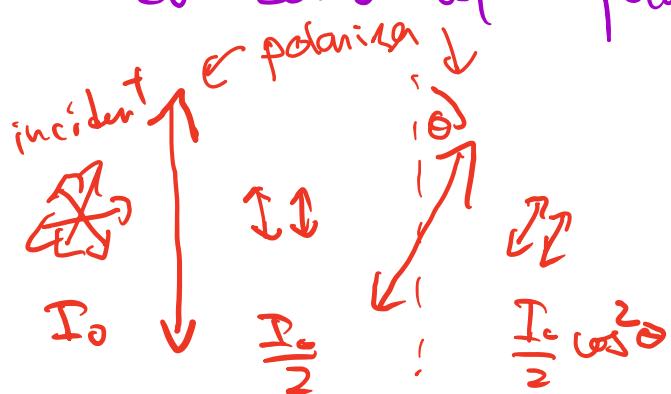
Polarized intensity - light oscillating along polarization direction is



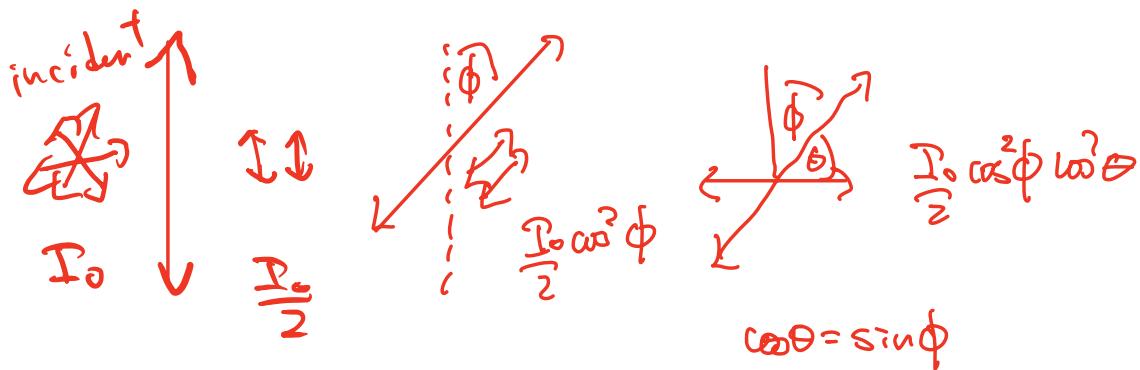
Intensity  $I \propto E^2$  so transmitted intensity  $I_{trans}$

$$I_{trans} = I_{incident} \cdot \cos^2 \phi$$

do demo w/ 3 polaroid filters

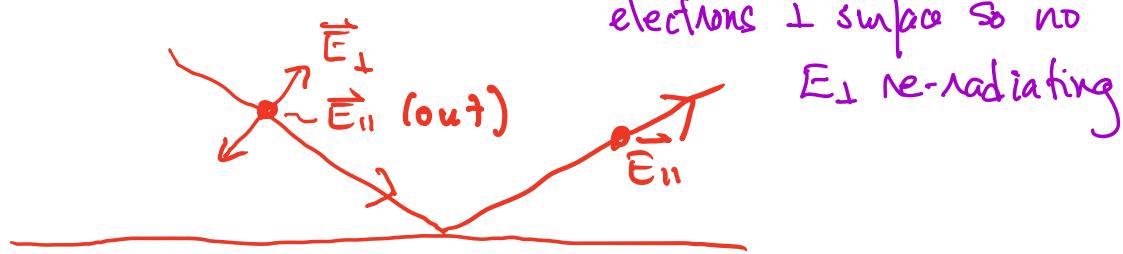


lomo w/ 3 polarizers



$$\Leftrightarrow I_{\text{trans}} = \frac{I_0}{2} \cos^2 \phi \leq \sin^2 \phi$$

Reflection at a surface  $\Rightarrow \vec{E}_\perp$  won't accelerate



the incoming wave will have an oscillating  $E$ -field:

$$\vec{E} = \vec{E}_\parallel + \vec{E}_\perp$$

$\vec{E}_\parallel$  is parallel to surface

$\vec{E}_\perp$  is  $\perp$  to surface

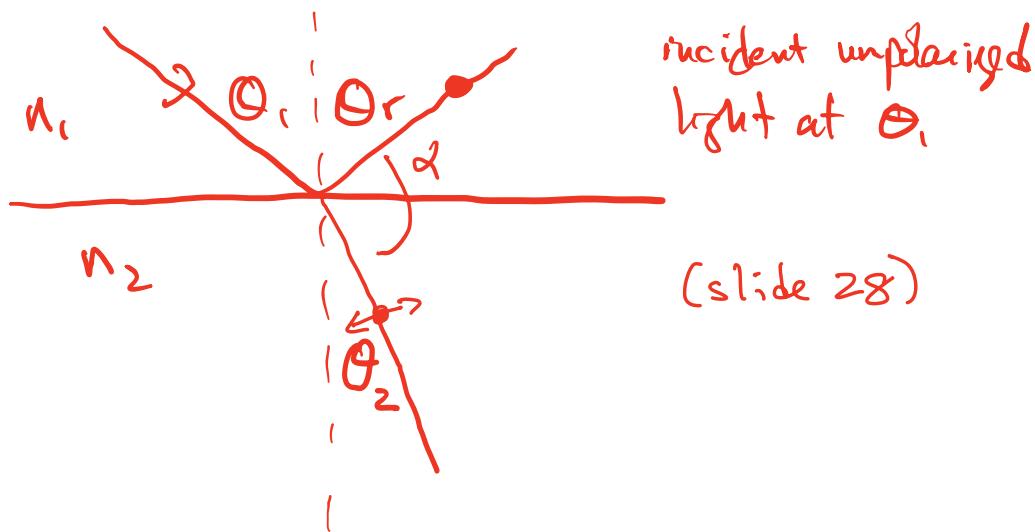
remember:  $\vec{E}$   $\perp$  direction of propagation

atoms on the surface will tend to move along surface and not into surface

most of  $\vec{E}_\parallel$  component causes acceleration

" " " " is reflected

$\Rightarrow$  Reflected light is partially polarized parallel to surface of reflection



reflected light is polarized parallel to ground  
 refracted light has both  $\parallel$  &  $\perp$  polarizations

$\Rightarrow$  what if  $\theta_2 + \theta_r = 90^\circ$ ? then  $\alpha = 90^\circ$

conservation of electric field: transmitted  
 light is all  $\perp$  polarized so reflected  
 light is completely polarized  $\parallel$  to surface

this condition:

$$n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2 \quad \theta_1 = \theta_r$$

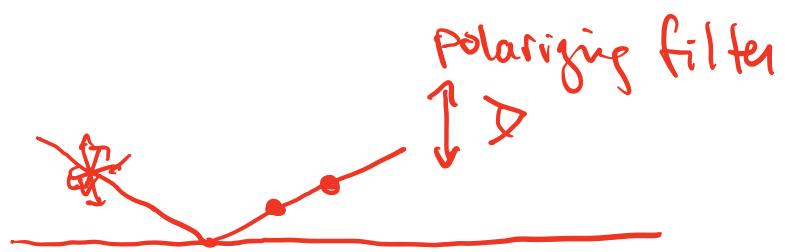
$$= n_2 \cos \theta_r \quad \theta_2 = 90^\circ - \theta_r$$

$$= n_2 \cos \theta_1$$

so 
$$\tan \theta_1 = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$$

  
 $\sin \theta_2 = \cos \theta_1$

polaroid sunglasses:

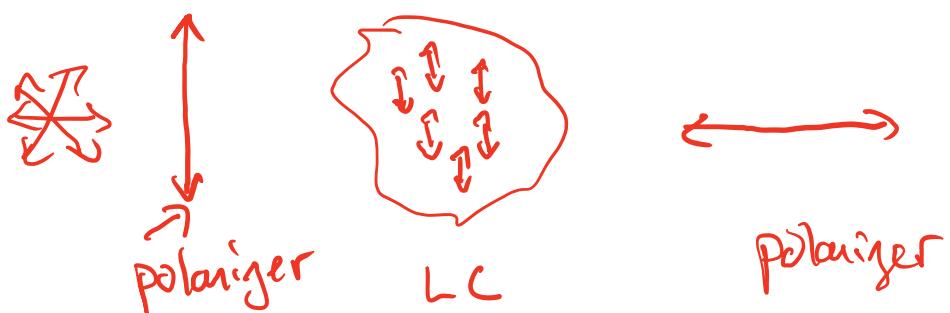


## Liquid crystals

Liquids w/ crystal domains like iron



- 1<sup>st</sup> polarizer will only allow 1 direction of polarization to pass
- LC will rotate light so it gets thru 2<sup>nd</sup> filter
- applying voltage to LC : crystals line up



2<sup>nd</sup> filter blocks all light

voltages can control whether pixel is on/off

LCD: has array of pixels + back light  
computer controls which pixel is on/off  
color is implemented using color filters

$\Rightarrow$  contrast is important in LCD's

- can make LC layer thicker to increase contrast
- but switching LC direction is not instant

$\Rightarrow$  thickness  $\propto$  time  $\sim$  constant

faster LCD's mean less contrast  
more contrast means can't refresh as fast

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