

Depolarization in $\lambda/2$ Plate and Faraday Isolator

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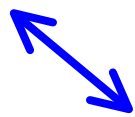
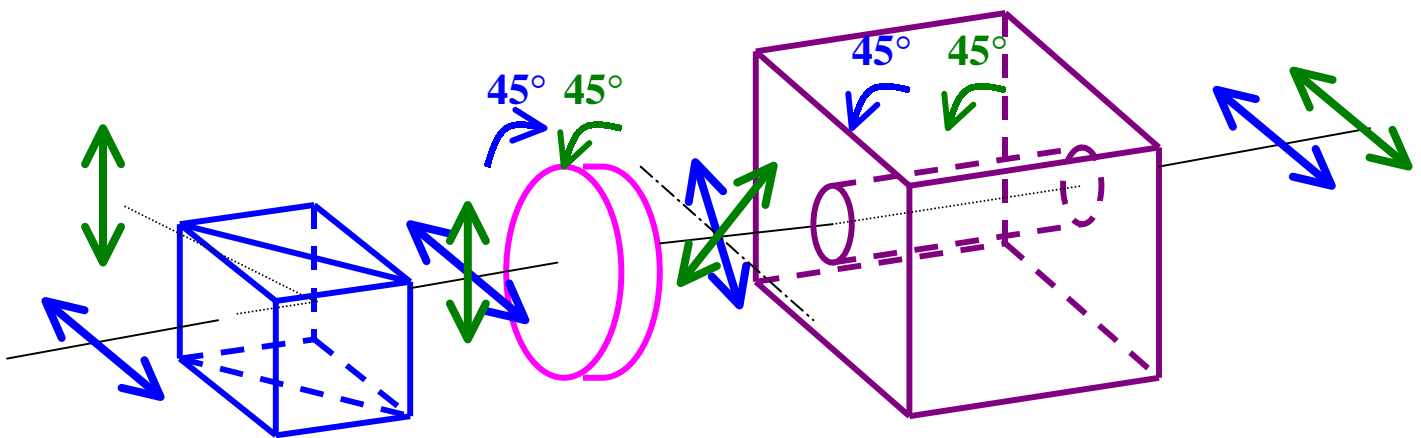
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$\lambda/2$ plate in Faraday Isolator

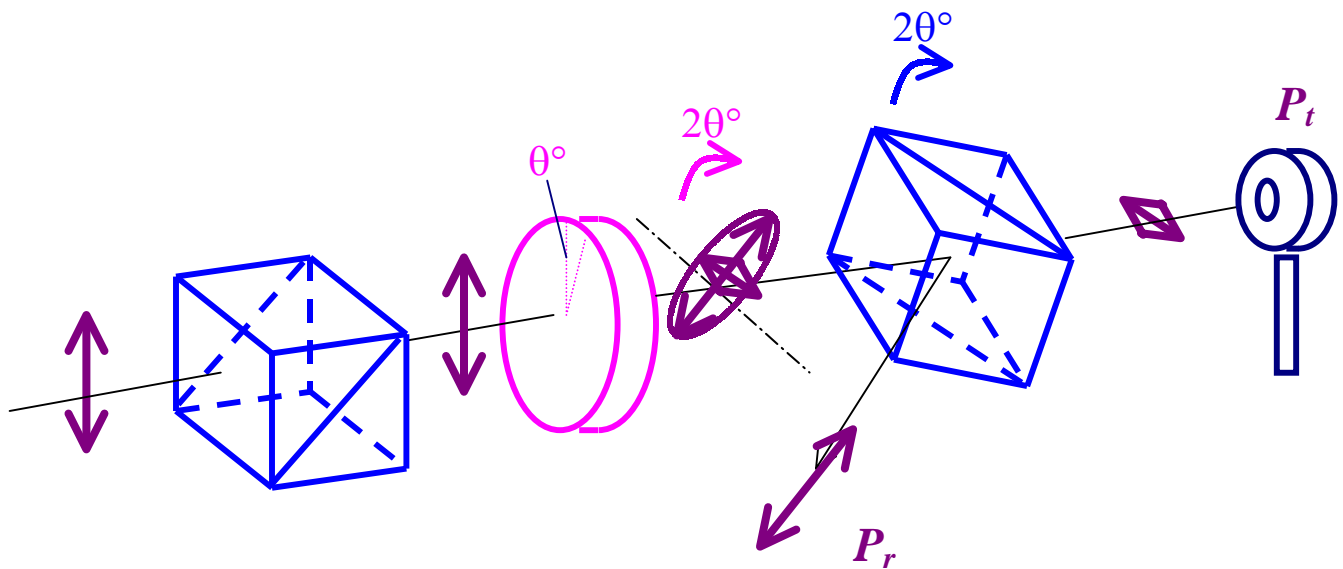


Forward-going beam



Backward-going beam

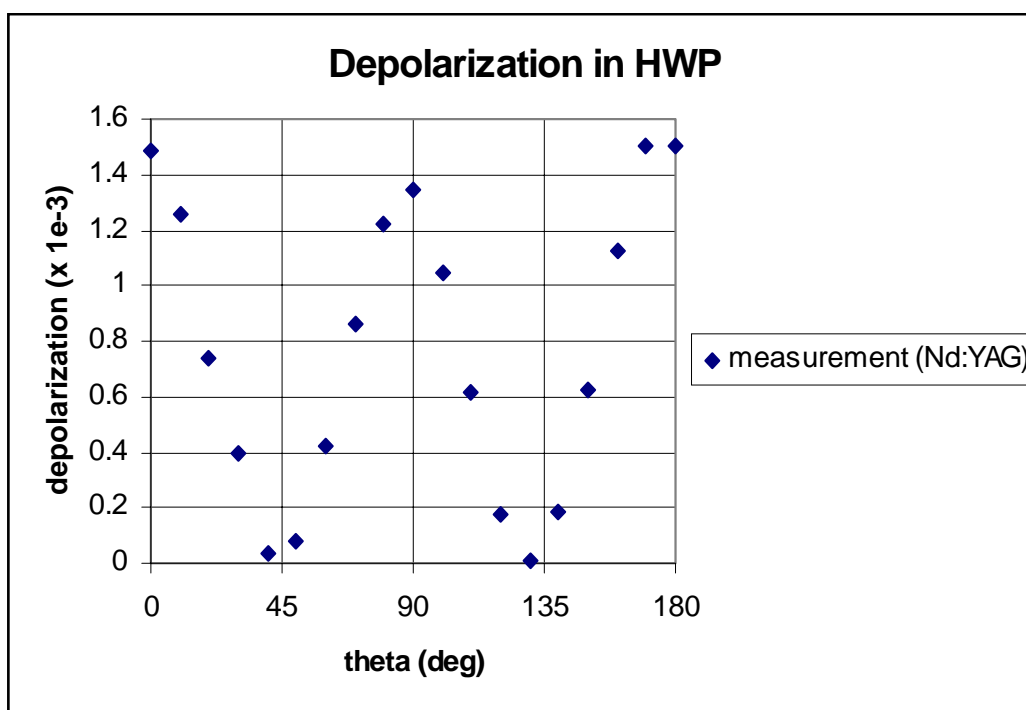
Experimental setup for one HWP



$$P_{in} = P_r + P_t$$

$$\text{Depolarization} = P_t / P_{in}$$

Measured depolarization (one HWP)



Measurement and calculation depolarization (one HWP)

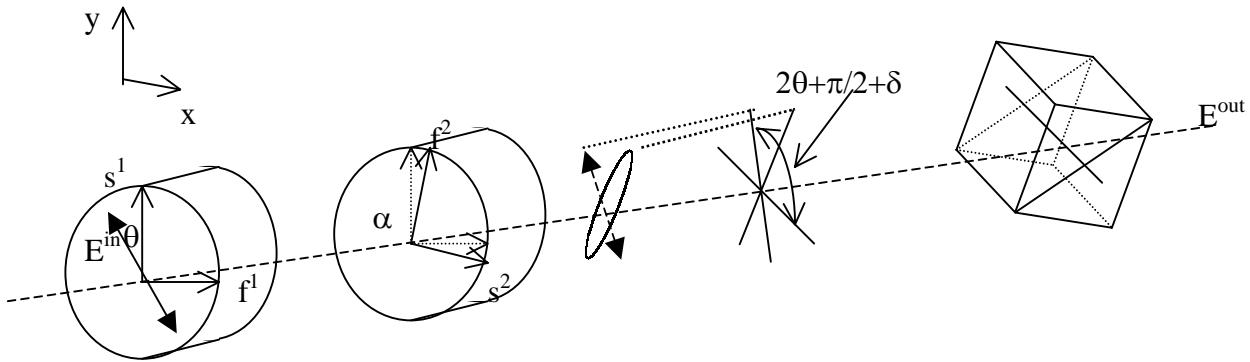


Fig.1 zero-order HWP and an analyzer cross-polarized to slightly elliptical output polarization.

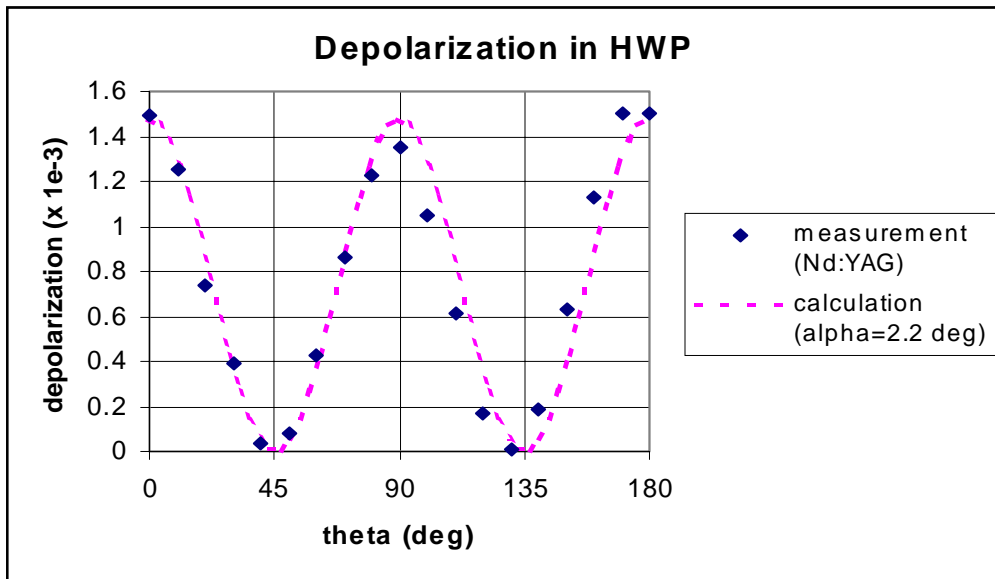


Fig.3 Depolarization due to imperfection of a half-wave plate

Depolarization in aligned HWP (He Ne)

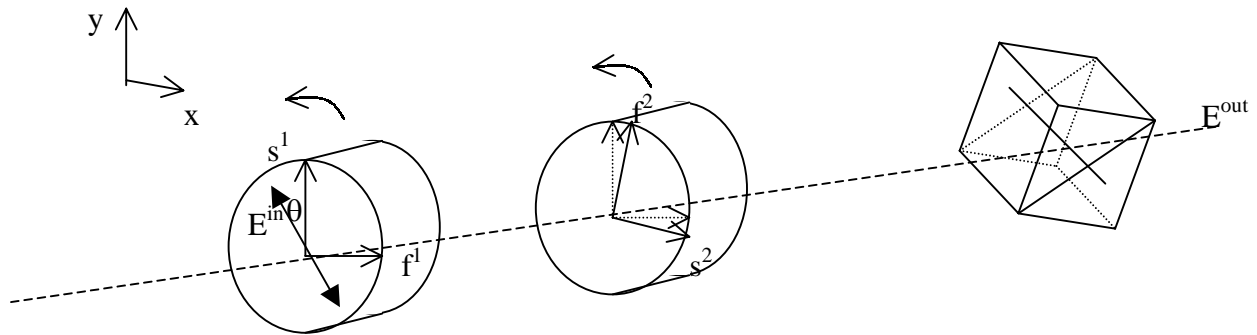
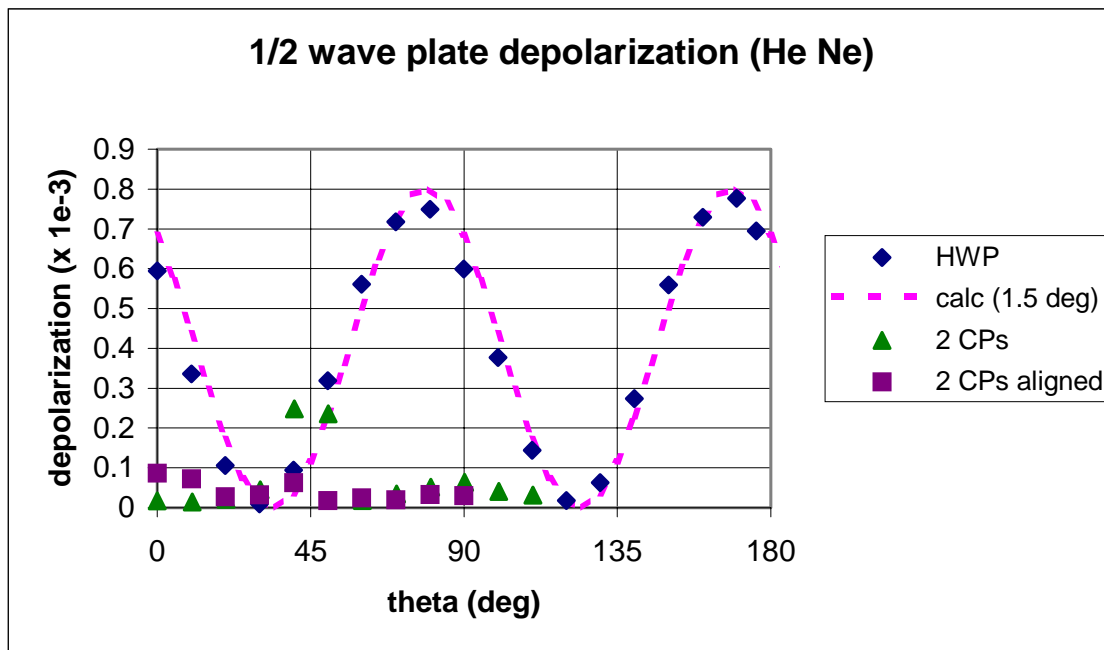
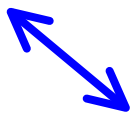
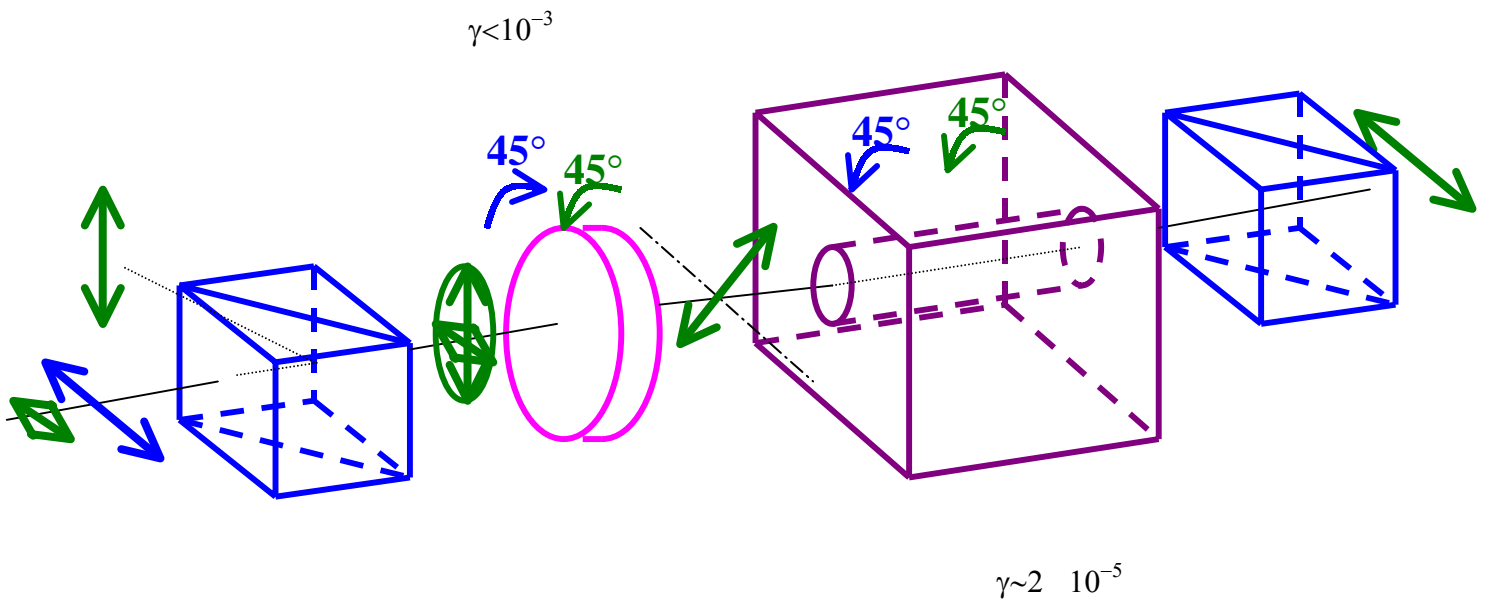


Fig.3 Rotate two components plates of HWP independently



$\lambda/2$ plate in Faraday Isolator (w/ depolarization)

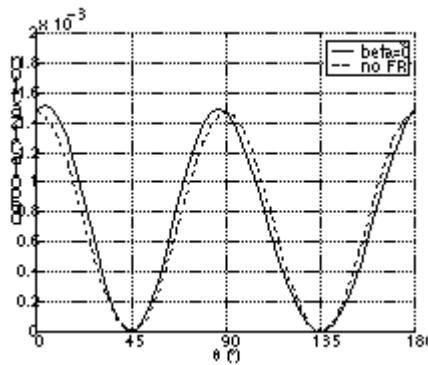


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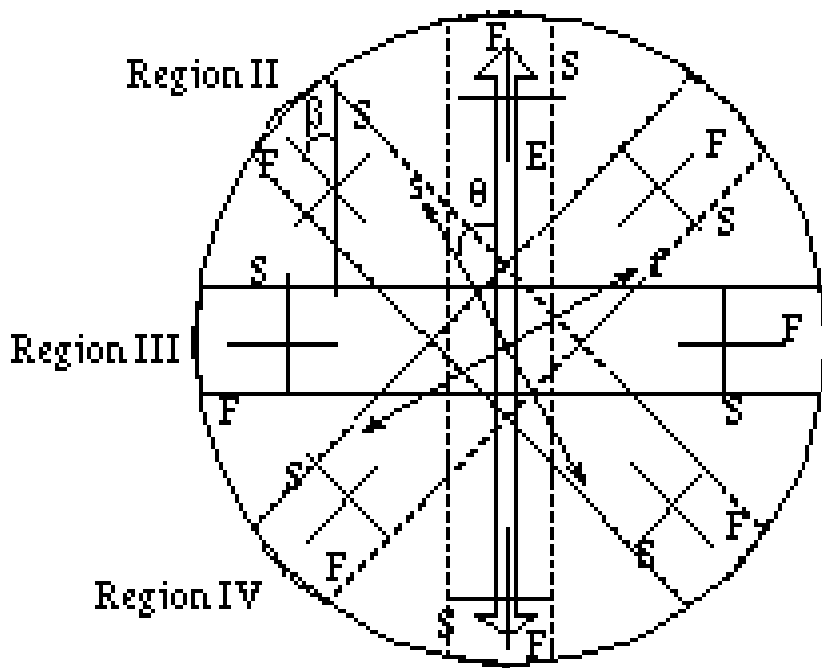
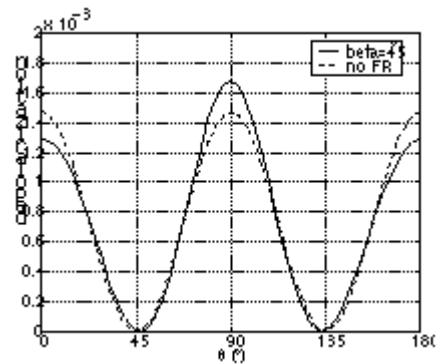
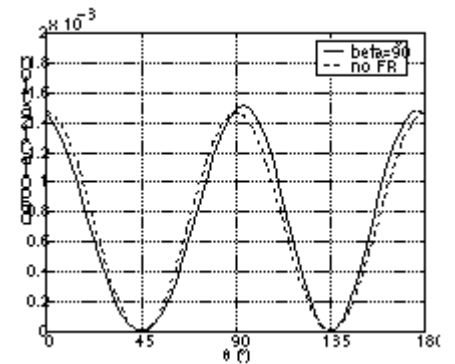
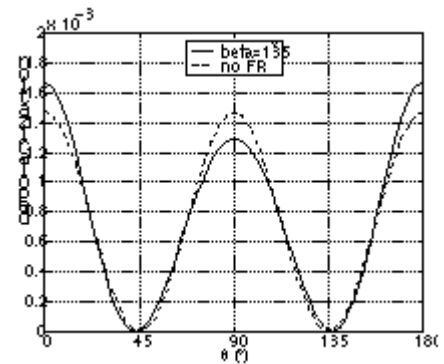


Backward-going beam

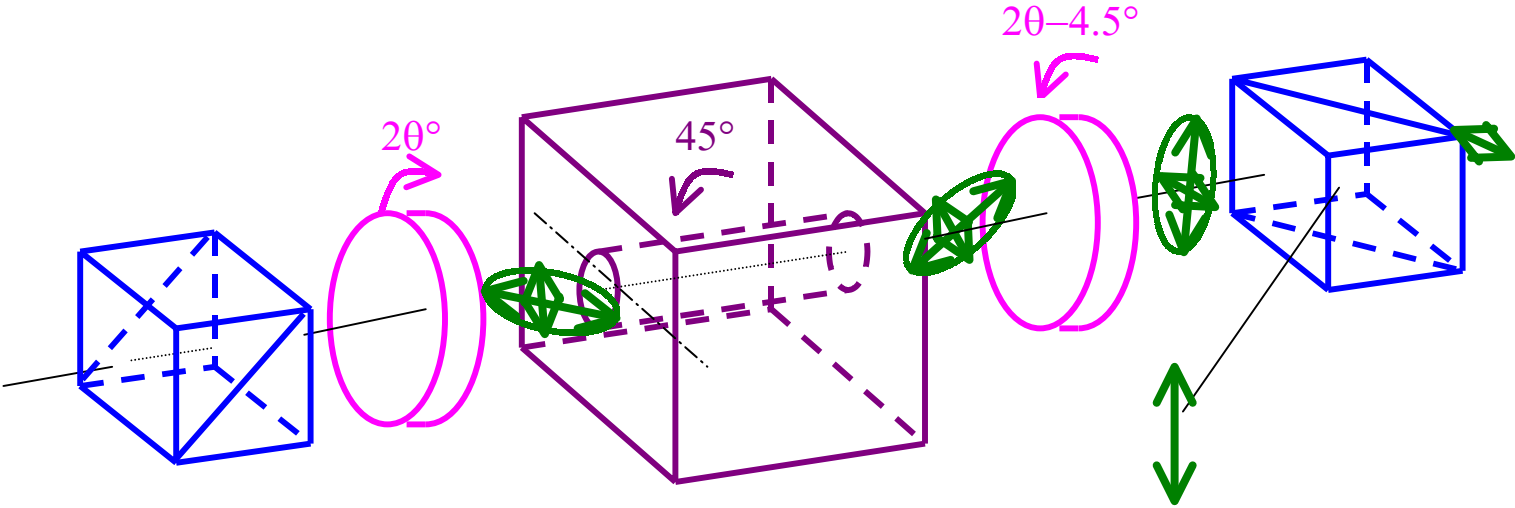
Depolarization in Faraday Isolator (HWP + FR)



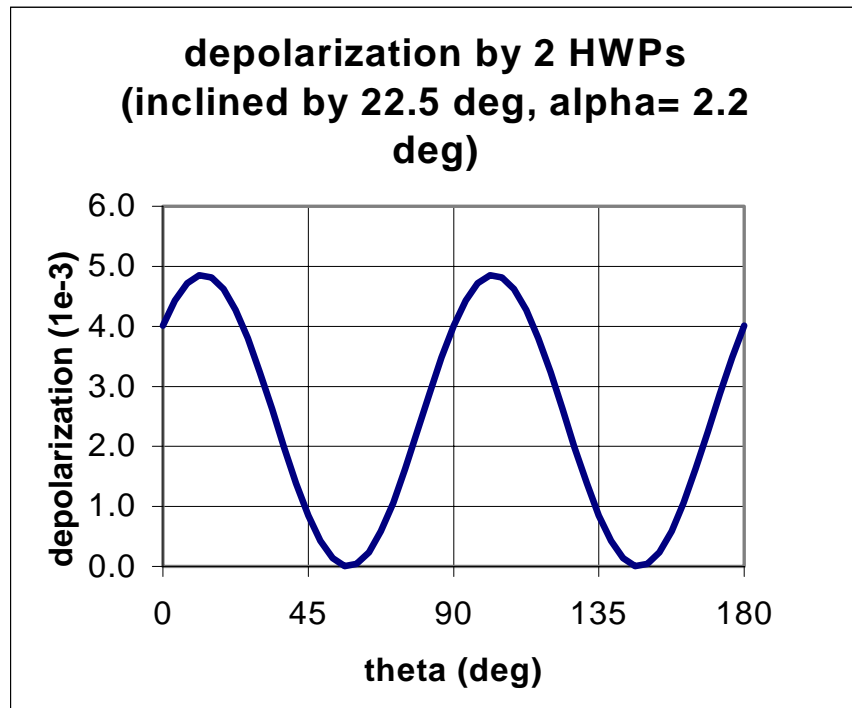
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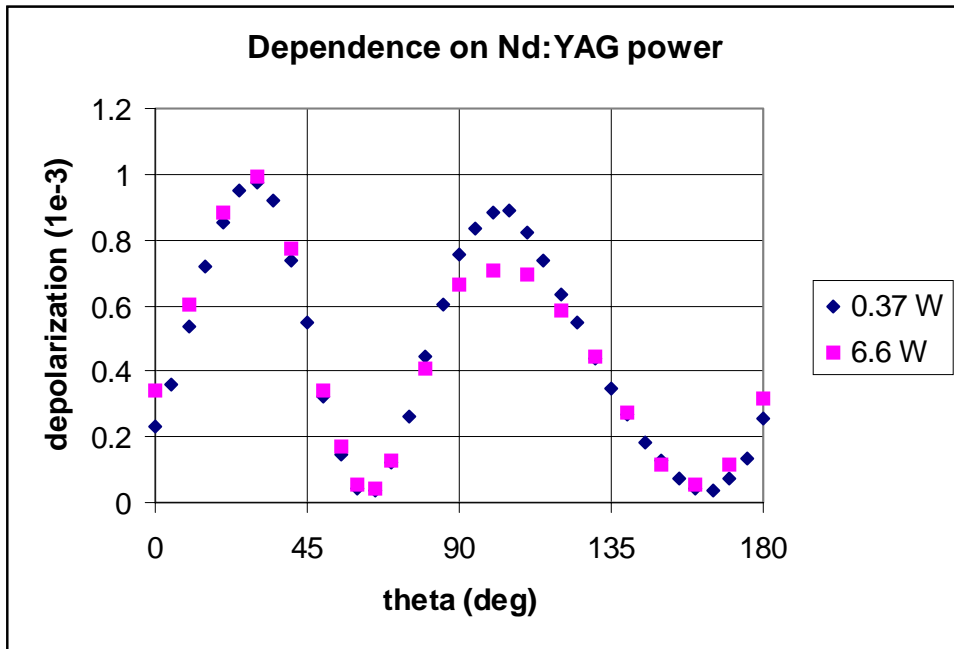
Depolarization in Faraday Isolator (HWP + FR + HWP)



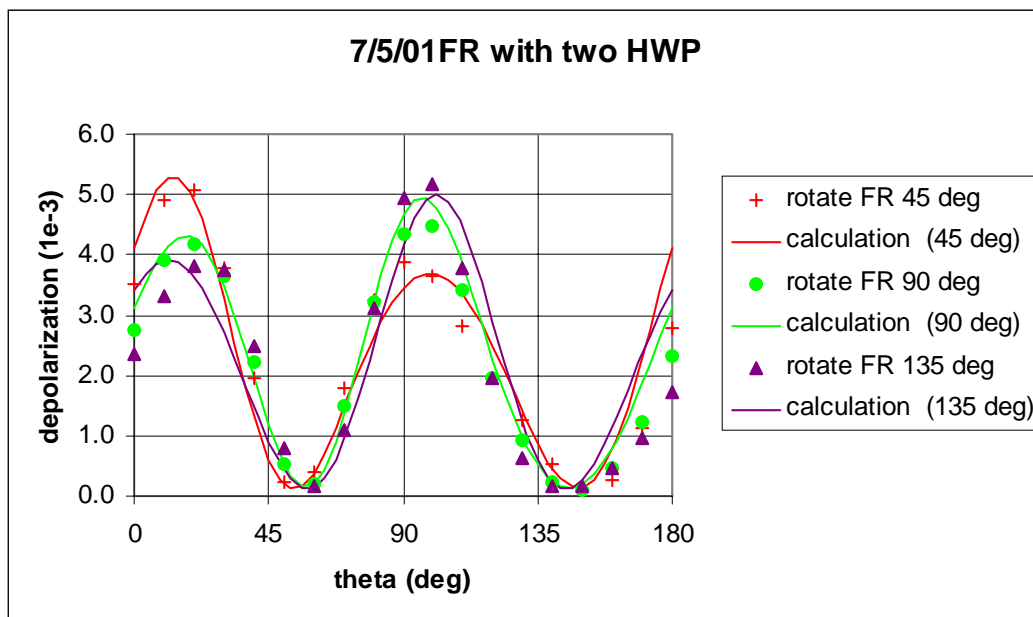
Depolarization in Faraday Isolator (HWP [+ FR] + HWP)



Nd:YAG laser power dependence



Depolarization in Faraday Isolator (HWP + FR + HWP)



Relative phase retardation in TGG crystal

