

Finding the Index of Refraction

Of Lead Tungstate crystals (PbWO_4)

Snell's Law

- $n_1 \sin(\theta_i) = n_2 \sin(\theta_r)$
- Since n_1 is the refractive index of air which is very close to 1, n_2 can be fairly approximated by:
$$n_2 = \sin(\theta_i) / \sin(\theta_r)$$
- However, a more precise calculation, since the measurements are simpler, can be found with:
$$n_2 = \sin((A+D)/2) / \sin(A/2)$$



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Measuring the angle incidence and displacement caused by refraction



