

Electric field on Dielectric & acoustic Properties of Ferroelectric crystal PbHPO_4

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Abstract

The third and fourth order phonon anharmonic interactions and external electric field terms are added in the two-sublattice pseudospin model for PbHPO_4 crystal. By using double time thermal Green's function method modified model, theoretical expressions for soft mode frequency, dielectric constant, shift, width and tangent loss are evaluated for PbHPO_4 crystal. Temperature and field variations of soft mode frequency, dielectric constant and loss tangent are calculated numerically. Present theoretical results agree with experimental results of Smutney and Fousek for dielectric constant of PbHPO_4

1. Introduction

Due to their promising application in the field of electronics and technology ferroelectric crystals are continuously being attracted to both physicists and material scientists. Memory devices, infrared and pyroelectric detectors, transducers, display devices piezoelectric devices are some common uses of these materials [1].

Lead hydrogen phosphate (PbHPO_4) crystal and its isomorphs (PbAsPO_4 , CaHPO_4 , BaHPO_4 , CaHPO_4 etc.) form an interesting group of quasi-one dimensional hydrogen bonded ferroelectric crystals. In PbHPO_4 the direction of spontaneous polarization is almost parallel to the direction of the H-bonded O-H...O projecting on the (010) plane unlike in KH_2PO_4 . The PO_4 groups are bound to one another by the O-H...O bonds in the form of a one dimensional chain along c-axis[2] Raman spectroscopic studies showed the value of tunneling integral for PbHPO_4 crystal very small although very large changes of Curie temperature and Curie-Weiss constant occur on deuteration [3]. According to Cochran[3] the frequency of some of the normal mode of vibration of crystal called soft mode becomes zero at the transition temperature. It is this soft

mode that largely determines the dielectric and scattering properties in ferroelectric crystals.

The acoustic experiments of Litov and Garland [4] clearly showed that external electric field has pronounced effect on temperature dependence of ultrasonic attenuation and elastic measurements on ferroelectric crystals. Baumgartner[5], Choi and Lockwood[6] and Silverman[7] have carried out experiments on effects of electric field on dielectric measurements in KDP and BaTiO_3 .

Ohno and Lockwood[8] have measured Raman Spectra in PbHPO_4 crystal in the temperature range 100K to 350K. Tezuka et al[9] have made experimental studies of soft mode spontaneous polarization in PbHPO_4 crystal. Ratajczak et al [10] have studied structural and second harmonic generation studies in PbHPO_4 crystal. Mahadevan et al[11] have grown PbHPO_4 crystal and measured its dielectric constant and loss.

Wesselinowa[12] has considered pseudospin-lattice coupled mode model with third and fourth order phonon interaction terms to study dynamical structure factor of central peak in PbHPO_4 crystal using Tsernikov's Green's function. This model is over simplified for the case of PbHPO_4 crystal since it does not explain salient features of these systems such as low value of tunneling integral etc. Their work is quite different to our approach. Chaudhuri et al [13] have used a two sublattice ~~pseudo-spin~~ pseudo-spin-lattice coupled mode model with a fourth order phonon anharmonic term. But they failed to consider third order phonon anharmonic term which is very important. Moreover they decoupled the correlation at an early stage so that some important cross terms disappeared from their calculated results.

In the present study a two sublattice pseudospin lattice coupled mode (PLCM) Model along with third and fourth order phonon anharmonic interactions is considered for PbHPO_4 crystal using Green's function method[15] the field dependent shift,

width, soft mode frequency dielectric constant and loss tangent have been calculated for, values for PbHPO₄ crystal, temperature dependence of the above quantities have been calculated in the presence of electric field and compared with experimental results of Smutny and Fousek[16].

2. Model Hamiltonian

Mitsui[17] and Blinc and Zeks [18] proposed a two-sublattice pseudospin model, which was applied to the case of PbHPO₄ and isomorphous crystals. For PbHPO₄ type crystals we have, extended their two-sublattice pseudospin-lattice coupled mode model⁴ by adding third and fourth order phonon anharmonic interaction terms [14] as well as external electric field term which is expressed as

$$H = -2\Omega \sum_i (S_{1i}^x + S_{2i}^x) - \sum_{ij} J_{ij} [(S_{1i}^z S_{2i}^z) + (S_{2i}^z S_{1i}^z)] - \sum_{ij} K_{ij} (S_{1i}^z S_{2i}^z) - 2\mu E \sum_i (S_{1i}^z + S_{2i}^z) + \frac{1}{4} \sum_k \omega_k (A_k A_k^+ + B_k B_k^+) \quad (1)$$

In Eq.(1) above Ω is proton tunneling frequency between O-H...O double well potential,

J_{ij} is exchange interaction between neighboring lattice dipoles, and k_{ij} that in same lattice μ is dipole moment of O-H...O bond, E is external electric field, is phonon frequency, A_k and B_k are position and momentum operators and S^x and S^z are components of spin variable.

Chaudhari et al[13] have modified above model by following Kobayashi [19] by adding pseudospin-lattice interaction terms

$$H_{s-p} = - \sum_{ik} V_{ik} S_{1i}^z A_k - \sum_{ik} V_{ik} S_{2i}^z A_k^+ \quad (2)$$

In Eqs(2) above V_{ik} is spin lattice interaction constant.

We add the third and the fourth-order phonon anharmonic interaction terms[14] as

$$H_{anh} = \sum_{k_1 k_2 k_3} V^{(3)}(k_1, k_2, k_3) A_{k_1} A_{k_2} A_{k_3} + \sum_{k_1 k_2 k_3 k_4} V^{(4)}(k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4) A_{k_1} A_{k_2} A_{k_3} A_{k_4}, \quad (3)$$

$V^{(3)}(k_1, k_2, k_3)$ and $V^{(4)}(k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4)$ are third and fourth-order atomic forces constants given by Born and Huang[20].

Green's functions, Width and Shift Equations

For the evaluation of expressions, soft mode frequency, dielectric susceptibility, dielectric constant and loss tangent we consider the evaluation of Green's function[15]

We consider the Green's function

$$G_{ij}(\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{t}') = \langle \langle S_{1i}^z(\mathbf{t}); S_{1j}^z(\mathbf{t}') \rangle \rangle = -i\theta(\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{t}') \langle \langle [S_{1i}^z(\mathbf{t}); S_{1j}^z(\mathbf{t}')] \rangle \rangle, \quad (4)$$

in which $\theta(\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{t}')$ is unity for $\mathbf{t} < \mathbf{t}'$ and zero otherwise. The angular bracket is ensemble average.

The Green's function (GF) is differentiated twice first with respect to time \mathbf{t} and then with respect to \mathbf{t}' , Fourier transforming the Green's function and putting in the or of Dyson's equation,

$$G_{ij}(\omega) = G_{ij}^0(\omega) + G_{ij}^0(\omega) P(\omega) G_{ij}^0(\omega) \quad (5)$$

where $G_{ij}^0(\omega)$ is unperturbed Green's function given as

$$G_{ij}^0(\omega) = \frac{\Omega \langle S_{1i}^x \rangle \delta_{ij}}{\pi(\omega^2 - 4\Omega^2)} \quad (6)$$

and $\tilde{P}(\omega)$ is polarization operator given by

$$\tilde{P}(\omega) = \pi f + \pi^2 \langle\langle F_{1i}(t); F_{j1}(t') \rangle\rangle \quad (7)$$

$$\text{where } f = \frac{i \langle\langle F, S_{1j}^y \rangle\rangle}{\Omega \langle S_{1i}^x \rangle} \quad \text{and} \quad (8)$$

$$F_{1i}(t) = 2\Omega (S_{1i}^x S_{1j}^z + S_{1j}^z S_{ij}^x) - 2\Omega K_{1j} (S_{1j}^x S_{1j}^z) + 2\Omega V_{ik} S_{1i}^x A_k + 2\Omega V_{ik} S_{1i}^x A_k^+ \quad (9)$$

The Green's function $G(\omega)$ is then obtained as

$$G(\omega) = G^0(\omega) [1 - G^0(\omega) \tilde{P}(\omega)]^{-1} \quad (10)$$

This gives the values of Green's function (4)

$$G_{ij}^0(\omega) = \frac{\Omega \langle S_{1i}^x \rangle \delta_{ij}}{\pi(\omega^2 - \tilde{\Omega}^2 - 2i\Omega\Gamma(\omega))}, \quad (11)$$

$$\text{where } \tilde{\Omega}^2 = 4\Omega^2 + \langle S^x \rangle^{-1} f \quad (12)$$

$$\tilde{P}(\omega) = \frac{\pi}{\langle S_1^x \rangle} \langle\langle F_i(t); F_j'(t) \rangle\rangle, \quad (13)$$

where $\langle\langle F_i(t); F_j(t') \rangle\rangle$ are higher order Green's functions. They are evaluated by decoupling them using decoupling scheme $\langle abcd \rangle = \langle ab \rangle \langle cd \rangle + \langle ac \rangle \langle bd \rangle + \langle ad \rangle \langle bc \rangle$

$\tilde{P}(\omega)$ after evaluation is resolved into its real and imaginary parts using formula

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x + im} = \left(\frac{1}{x} \right) \pm i\pi\delta(x) \quad (14)$$

The real part is called shift $\Delta(\omega)$ and the imaginary part is called half width $\Gamma(\omega)$

We therefore obtain shift and width as

$$\Delta(\omega) = \Delta_1(\omega) + \Delta_2(\omega) + \Delta_3(\omega) + \Delta_4(\omega) \quad (15)$$

where

$$\Delta_1(\omega) = \frac{a^4}{2\Omega(\omega^2 - \tilde{\Omega}^2)} \quad (16)$$

$$\Delta_2(\omega) = \frac{V_{ik}^2 N_k a^2}{2\Omega(\omega^2 - \tilde{\Omega}^2)} \quad (17)$$

$$\Delta_3(\omega) = \frac{4\mu^2 E^2 a^2}{2\Omega(\omega^2 - \tilde{\Omega}^2)} \quad (18)$$

$$\Delta_4(\omega) = \frac{2V_{ik}^2 \langle S_{1i}^x \rangle \omega_k \delta_{kk'} (\omega^2 - \tilde{\omega}_k^2)}{\left[(\omega^2 - \tilde{\omega}_k^2)^2 + 4\omega_k^2 \Gamma_k^2(\omega) \right]} \quad (19)$$

and width

$$\Gamma(\omega) = \Gamma_1(\omega) + \Gamma_2(\omega) + \Gamma_3(\omega) + \Gamma_4(\omega), \quad (20)$$

$$\Gamma_1(\omega) = \frac{\pi a^4}{4\Omega\tilde{\Omega}} [\delta(\omega - \tilde{\Omega}) - \delta(\omega + \tilde{\Omega})] \quad (21)$$

$$\Gamma_2(\omega) = \frac{V_{ik}^2 N_k a^2}{4\Omega\tilde{\Omega}} [\delta(\omega - \tilde{\Omega}) - \delta(\omega + \tilde{\Omega})], \quad (22)$$

$$\Gamma_3(\omega) = \frac{4V_{ik}^2 \langle S_{1i}^x \rangle \omega_k \delta_{kk'} (\omega^2 - \tilde{\omega}_k^2)}{\left[(\omega^2 - \tilde{\omega}_k^2)^2 + 4\omega_k^2 \Gamma_k^2(\omega) \right]} \quad (23)$$

$$\Gamma_4(\omega) = \frac{2\pi\mu^2 E^2 a^2}{4\Omega\tilde{\Omega}} [\delta(\omega - \tilde{\Omega}) - \delta(\omega + \tilde{\Omega})] \quad (24)$$

In Eqs.(19) and (23) $\tilde{\omega}_k$ and $\Gamma_k(\omega)$ are phonon frequency and phonon half width which are obtained by solving phonon Green's Function (in a similar way)

$$G_{kk'}(t-t') = \langle\langle A_k(t), A_{k'}(t') \rangle\rangle = -i\theta(t-t') \langle\langle A_k(t), A_{k'}(t) \rangle\rangle \quad (25)$$

which gives $G_{ij}(\omega) = \frac{\omega_k \delta_{kk'}}{\pi[\omega^2 - \tilde{\omega}_k^2 - 2i\Gamma_k(\omega)]}$

(26)

where

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\omega}_k^2 &= \tilde{\omega}_k^2 + 2\omega_k \Delta_k(\omega) \\ \tilde{\omega}_k^2 &= \omega_k + A_k \end{aligned} \quad (27a, b)$$

Phonon shift

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_k(\omega) &= \text{Re } P^0(k, \omega) \\ &= 18P \sum k_1 k_2 |V^{(3)}(k_1, k_2, -k)|^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\omega_{k_1} \omega_{k_2}}{\tilde{\omega}_{k_1} \tilde{\omega}_{k_2}} \left\{ (n_{k_1} + n_{k_2}) \frac{\tilde{\omega}_{k_1} + \tilde{\omega}_{k_2}}{\omega^2 - (\omega_{k_1} + \omega_{k_2})^2} + (n_{k_2} + n_{k_1}) \frac{\tilde{\omega}_{k_1} + \tilde{\omega}_{k_2}}{\omega^2 - (\omega_{k_1} + \omega_{k_2})^2} \right\}$$

$$+ 48P \sum |V^{(4)}(k_1, k_2, k_3, -k)|^2 \frac{\omega_{k_1} \omega_{k_2} \omega_{k_3}}{\tilde{\omega}_{k_1} \tilde{\omega}_{k_2} \tilde{\omega}_{k_3}}$$

$$\left\{ (1 + n_{k_1} n_{k_2} + n_{k_2} n_{k_3} + n_{k_3} n_{k_1}) \frac{\tilde{\omega}_{k_1} + \tilde{\omega}_{k_2} + \tilde{\omega}_{k_3}}{\omega^2 - (\tilde{\omega}_{k_1} + \tilde{\omega}_{k_2} + \tilde{\omega}_{k_3})^2} \right\} \quad (32)$$

$$+ 3(1 - n_{k_2} n_{k_1} + n_{k_2} n_{k_3} - n_{k_3} n_{k_1}) \frac{\tilde{\omega}_{k_1} + \tilde{\omega}_{k_2} + \tilde{\omega}_{k_3}}{\omega^2 - (\tilde{\omega}_{k_1} + \tilde{\omega}_{k_2} + \tilde{\omega}_{k_3})^2}$$

+ higher terms } (28)

Phonon width

$$\Gamma_k(\omega) = \text{Im } P(k, \omega)$$

$$= 9\pi \sum |V^{(3)}(k_1, k_2, -k)|^2 \frac{\omega_{k_1} \omega_{k_2}}{\tilde{\omega}_{k_1} \tilde{\omega}_{k_2}}$$

$$\left\{ (n_{k_2} + n_{k_1}) \left[\begin{aligned} & \delta(\omega + \tilde{\omega}_{k_1} + \tilde{\omega}_{k_1}) - \delta(\omega - \tilde{\omega}_{k_1} - \tilde{\omega}_{k_1}) \\ & + (n_{k_2} - n_{k_1}) \delta(\omega + \tilde{\omega}_{k_1} + \tilde{\omega}_{k_1}) - \delta(\omega + \tilde{\omega}_{k_1} + \tilde{\omega}_{k_1}) \end{aligned} \right] \right\} \hat{\Omega}_\pm^2 = \frac{1}{2} (\tilde{\omega}_k^2 + \tilde{\Omega}^2) \pm \frac{1}{2} \left[(\tilde{\omega}_k^2 - \tilde{\Omega}^2)^2 + 8V_{ik}^2 \langle S_{1i}^x \rangle \Omega \right]^{1/2} \quad (37)$$

$$+ 48\pi \sum |V^{(3)}(k_1, k_2, k_3, -k_4)|^2 X \{ 1 + n_{k_1} n_{k_2} + n_{k_2} n_{k_3} + n_{k_3} n_{k_4} \} X [\delta(\omega + \tilde{\omega}_{k_1} + \tilde{\omega}_{k_2} + \tilde{\omega}_{k_3}) - [\delta(\omega - \tilde{\omega}_{k_1} - \tilde{\omega}_{k_2} - \tilde{\omega}_{k_3})]] \quad (29)$$

In Eq(28) and (29) $n_{ki} = \text{Coth}\left(\frac{\tilde{\omega}_{ki}}{k_B T}\right)$ and P stand for principal part.

In Eq.(8) is solved by using mean field approximation for co-relation i.e. second term in Eq.(12) is evaluated using mean field approximation, i.e. correlations are finite, i.e.

$$\frac{\langle S_{1i}^z \rangle}{a} = \frac{\langle S_{1i}^x \rangle}{b} = \frac{1}{2\tilde{\Omega}} \tanh \beta \frac{\tilde{\Omega}}{2}, \quad (30)$$

which gives

$$\tilde{\Omega}^2 = a^2 + b^2 - bc \quad (\text{first frequency}) \quad (31)$$

where $a = 2J_0 \langle S_1^z \rangle + K_0 \langle S_2^z \rangle$,

$$b = 2\Omega; \quad (33)$$

and $c = 2J_0 \langle S_1^x \rangle + K \langle S_2^x \rangle$ (34)

Therefore, the Green's function finally takes the form

$$G_{ij}(\omega) = \frac{\Omega \langle S_{1i}^x \rangle \delta_{ij}}{\pi(\omega^2 - \hat{\Omega}^2 - 2\Omega i\Gamma(\omega))} \quad (35)$$

$$\hat{\Omega}^2 = \tilde{\Omega}^2 + 2\Omega \Delta(\omega) \quad (36)$$

In Eq.(35) and (36) $\Gamma(\omega)$ and $\Delta(\omega)$ are given by Eq.(20) and (15) respectively.

Solving Eq.(36) one gets

$$\hat{\Omega}_\pm^2 = \frac{1}{2} (\tilde{\omega}_k^2 + \tilde{\Omega}^2) \pm \frac{1}{2} \left[(\tilde{\omega}_k^2 - \tilde{\Omega}^2)^2 + 8V_{ik}^2 \langle S_{1i}^x \rangle \Omega \right]^{1/2} \quad (37)$$

The Curie temperature is given by

$$T_c = \frac{\eta}{2k_B \tanh^{-1}\left(\frac{\eta^3}{4\Omega^2 J'}\right)}$$

(38a)

Where $\eta^2 = (2J - K)^2 \sigma^2 + 4\Omega^2$

(38b)

$$J^* = (2J + K) + \frac{2V_{ik}^2 \tilde{\omega}_k^2}{\left[\tilde{\omega}_k^4 + 4\omega_k \Gamma_k^2\right]}$$

(38c)

Acoustic Attenuation

Acoustic attenuation is a measure of the energy loss of sound propagation in media. The acoustic attenuation provides an important clue about phase transition. At T_c is abruptly increase showing anomalous behavior. According To Tani & Tsuda[20] attenuation

is given by $\alpha = \frac{\Gamma(\omega)}{\nu}$

(39)

Where $\Gamma(\omega)$ is acoustic width and ν is sound velocity.

Dielectric constant and Loss

The response of a ferroelectric crystal to the external electric field is expressed dielectric susceptibility χ which is related to Green's function as

$$\chi = -\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} 2\pi N\mu^2 G_{ij}(\omega + i\epsilon)$$

(40)

The dielectric constant ϵ is related to electrical susceptibility as

$$\epsilon = 1 + 4\pi\chi \quad (41)$$

By putting value of Green's function from Eq.(39) and (40) we obtain

$$\epsilon(\omega) = (-8\pi N\mu^2) \langle S_i^i \rangle (\omega^2 - \hat{\Omega}^2) \left[(\omega^2 - \hat{\Omega}^2)^2 + 4\Omega^2 \Gamma^2 \right]^{-1}$$

(42)

The dissipation of power in dielectric material is called tangent loss which expressed as

$$\tan \delta = \frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'} \quad (43)$$

Where ϵ'' and ϵ' are imaginary and real parts of dielectric constant

$$\tan \delta = -\frac{2\Omega\Gamma(\omega)}{(\omega^2 - \hat{\Omega}^2)} \quad (44)$$

Where $\Gamma(\omega)$ and $\hat{\Omega}$ are half width and soft mode frequency given by Esq. (20) and (37) respectively. By using model values of various quantities in expression for $\Delta(\omega), \Gamma(\omega), \tilde{\Omega}, \hat{\Omega}, \epsilon, \alpha$ and $\tan \delta$ for PbHPO₄ crystal from literature their electric field and temperature dependences $\hat{\Omega}, \epsilon$ and $\tan \delta$ near transition temperature are calculated, which are shown in figs.1, 2, 3 and 4.

Figures For crystal

Calculated electric field and temperature dependences for PbHPO₄ crystal

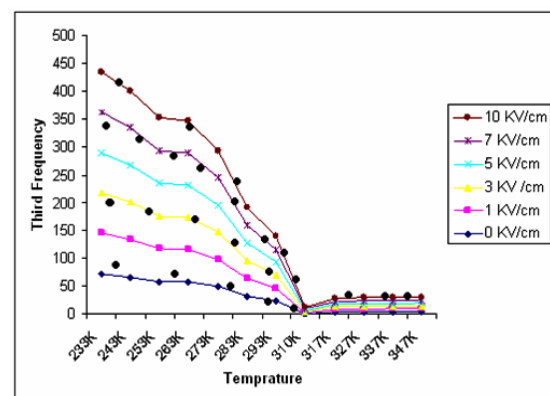


Fig 1. Soft mode frequency in PbHPO₄ crystal (Present calculation, ● Experimental results)

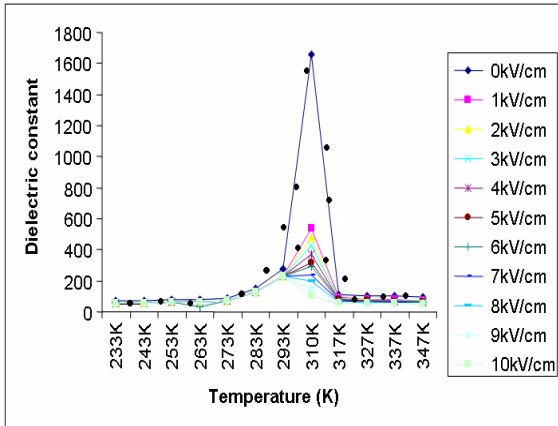


Fig.2. Dielectric constant in PbHPO₄ crystal (Present calculation, ● Experimental results)

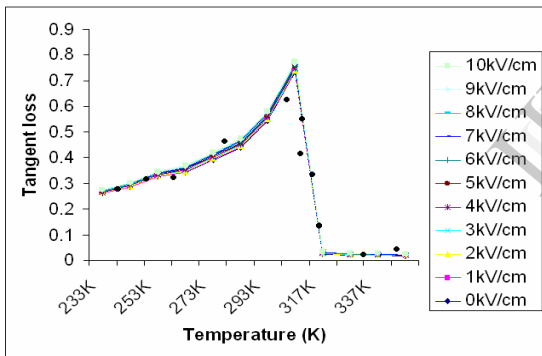


Fig 3. Tangent loss in PbHPO₄ crystal (Present calculation, ● Experimental results)

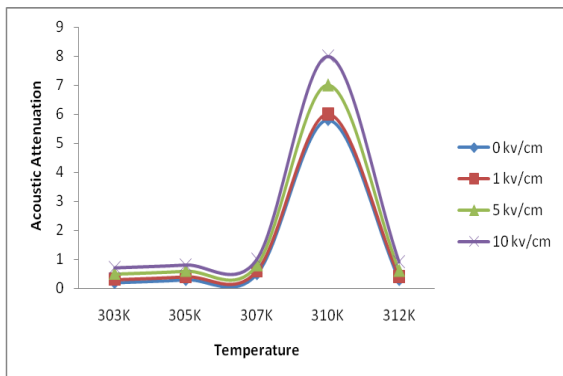


Fig.4 Acoustic Attenuation in PbHPO₄ crystal((Present calculation, ● Experimental results)

Conclusion

In the present work the effect of electric field on the dielectric properties of PbHPO₄ crystal has been studied. The two sub-lattice pseudo spin-lattice coupled mode model is extended by adding third and fourth order phonon anharmonic interaction terms and external electric field term. With the help of double-time Green's function method, theoretically the field dependent expression for shift, width, soft mode frequency dielectric constant and loss tangent have been obtained. By fitting model values of physical quantities appearing in the expressions derived, field and temperature dependences of soft mode frequency, dielectric constant width shift and loss tangent have been calculated. Theoretical results have been compared with experimental result of Smutney & Fousek. [16] Previous workers have not considered the third order interaction an electric field terms in their calculation. Chaudhari et al [13] have not considered third-order-phonon anharmonic interaction terms in their model. This term is essential to explain linear temperature dependence (A) of soft mode frequency square ($i.e. \hat{\Omega} = AT + BT$) since third order anharmonic term gives linear temperature dependence. Therefore, our calculation provides much better results to fit the experimental data. Secondly Chaudhuri et al [13] has decoupled the correlations in the early stage while we have decoupled them at a proper stage. As a result some important interactions disappeared from their calculations. If third order-phonon anharmonic terms are neglected from our expressions, these at once reduce to the expressions of previous workers. Present study shows that the electric field has pronounced effect on ferroelectric and dielectric properties of PbHPO₄-type crystal. The soft mode frequency increase while dielectric constant and loss

tangent decrease with increase in electric field strength. It can be seen from our expressions that our frequency $\tilde{\Omega}$ is same with the initial frequency of Chaudhuri et al [See Eqs(31)]. However, our soft mode frequency $\tilde{\Omega}$ contains extra terms $\Delta(\omega)$ [given in Eqs (15)]. Our soft mode frequency $\hat{\Omega}$ contains extra terms in $\tilde{\omega}_k$ and $\Gamma_k(\omega)$ applying in $\Gamma_k(\omega)$ (Eq.27a)]. These extra terms are given $|V^{(3)}(k_1, k_2, -k_3)|^2$ in $\Delta_k(\omega)$ [Eqs. (28)] and $|V^{(3)}(k_1, k_2, -k_3)|^2$ term given in $\Gamma_k(\omega)$ (Eq.29-)]. . These terms differentiate our expressions with the expressions given in the work of Chaudhuri et al[13]. Attenuation increase with electric field strength both below and above T_c in PbHPO₄ crystal. This is in agreement with experimental results of Litov & Garland²¹. So far we could not find experimentally data for electric field dependence for PbHPO₄ crystal. This Is quite similar to other ferroelectric crystal like KH₂PO₄ Experimentally.

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