

65. (a) If both mirrors are perfectly reflecting, there is a node at each end of the crystal. With one end partially silvered, there is a node very close to that end. We assume nodes at both ends, so there are an integer number of half-wavelengths in the length of the crystal. The wavelength in the crystal is  $\lambda_c = \lambda/n$ , where  $\lambda$  is the wavelength in a vacuum and  $n$  is the index of refraction of ruby. Thus  $N(\lambda/2n) = L$ , where  $N$  is the number of standing wave nodes, so

$$N = \frac{2nL}{\lambda} = \frac{2(1.75)(0.0600 \text{ m})}{694 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}} = 3.03 \times 10^5 .$$

- (b) Since  $\lambda = c/f$ , where  $f$  is the frequency,  $N = 2nLf/c$  and  $\Delta N = (2nL/c) \Delta f$ . Hence,

$$\Delta f = \frac{c \Delta N}{2nL} = \frac{(2.998 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s})(1)}{2(1.75)(0.0600 \text{ m})} = 1.43 \times 10^9 \text{ Hz} .$$

- (c) The speed of light in the crystal is  $c/n$  and the round-trip distance is  $2L$ , so the round-trip travel time is  $2nL/c$ . This is the same as the reciprocal of the change in frequency.
- (d) The frequency is  $f = c/\lambda = (2.998 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s})/(694 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}) = 4.32 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$  and the fractional change in the frequency is  $\Delta f/f = (1.43 \times 10^9 \text{ Hz})/(4.32 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}) = 3.31 \times 10^{-6}$ .