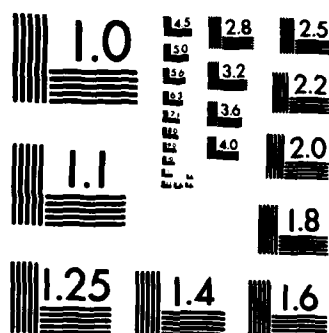


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1. Introduction and Objectives

Nonlinear optics, the study of matter interactions with intense electromagnetic fields, has uncovered surprising and useful physical effects, such as stimulated scattering of light by which an intense monochromatic beam can be converted to intense coherent beams of different wavelengths. Recently interesting processes involving nonlinear optical image-bearing beams have been discovered, such as optical-beam phase conjugation. Optical beam phase conjugation is the name given any process which generates, in real time, the time-reversed replica of a complex, image-bearing, optical beam, or which generates other related reflected beams, both monochromatic and polychromatic. Device applications of phase-conjugation include correction of image aberrations, rightness enhancement of laser outputs, and automatic steering of beams, at optical and other wavelengths. Also, such nonlinear optical techniques are being extended to perform many forms of beam processing, sorting, and routing on pico second time scales. This project aims at exploring and developing these and other new wave-mixing processes, and the necessary nonlinear materials. Other novel electromagnetic scattering processes which occur at the intense optical fields available from lasers are also explored for their scientific and device interest. The approaches taken in this project are both experimental and theoretical.

2. Major Accomplishments of Current Grant Period - (12/3/82-12/2/83.)

The major accomplishments of the current grant period were: (1) the first theoretical study of pump beam requirements for phase conjugation by a general scattering process: results promise low power requirements at infrared and longer wavelengths, (2) the establishment of a more accurate value for the standard scattering cross-section of the 992 cm^{-1} Raman line of benzene and its wavelength dependence. Also, we made the first determination of wavelength dispersion of the nonlinear refractive index of benzene, which gives the best available standard for comparative measurements,

(3) the first quantitative measurements of the effect of applied static electric fields on the buildup and decay of photorefractive gratings, (4) a study of the energy requirements for optical logic using photorefractive gratings, and (5) the first unambiguous measurements of the three parameters needed to predict all photorefractive effects in bismuth silicon oxide for changes slower than an electron recombination time.

2.1. Low power cw phase conjugation.

We have demonstrated theoretically that phase conjugation with reflectivity near unity can be achieved by cw degenerate four-wave mixing in any medium in which beam attenuation arises mainly from scattering with pump beam intensities of order

$$I_0 = n^2 k_B T \omega^3 / c^2, \quad (1)$$

where n is the refractive index, k_B is Boltzmann's constant, T is the absolute temperature, ω is the angular frequency of its beams, and c is the velocity of light. This means pump intensities of only 10^{-4} W/cm² will be required for ten micron radiation, or only $\sim 10^{-13}$ W/cm² should be required for one centimeter radiation.

2.2. Establishment of nonlinear index, dispersion, and light scattering standards.

We have completed experimental spectral studies of the 992 cm⁻¹ Raman quintuplet in benzene using Raman-induced phase conjugation (RIPC). These give an accurate ($\pm 10\%$) value of the ratio of Raman to Rayleigh intensities from which we obtain the most accurate values to date for this benzene Raman cross-section (the most used standard) and its variation with wavelengths from the infrared to 360 nm. We were also able to determine the wavelength dependence of the nonlinear refractive index of benzene, making it the first such standard for the dispersion of self-focusing thresholds and of the "B integral".

2.3. Effect of applied electric field on the buildup and decay of photorefractive gratings.

Using a model of simple drift and diffusion for electron transport in the conduction band, Kukhtarev has predicted that, in the more sensitive photorefractive materials, a small applied electric field $E_0 (> V/\lambda)$ will produce a) dramatic slowing-down of the writing and erasing of photorefractive charge gratings, and b) large temporal oscillations during writing. (Sov. Tech. Phys. Lett. 2, 433, (1976).) (Here V =Boltzmann's constant times temperature divided by the electron charge; λ =the grating period $\pm 2\pi$.) This is predicted if λ is less than the average distance d moved by an optically excited electron (with $E_0=0$) before recombination, but is greater than the Debye screening length. We have made the first quantitative experimental check of this slowing down, writing a grating of $\lambda \sim 0.5$ microns with intersecting 488 nm laser beams in a nominally-undoped crystal $\text{Bi}_{12}\text{SiO}_{20}$. The above conditions are satisfied. The grating amplitude is monitored by Bragg diffraction of a weak 633 nm laser beam. The internal value of E_0 produced by different applied voltages is determined by the electro-optic effect experienced by the 633 nm beam. We have verified the quantitative predictions of Kukhtarev for the rise and decay functions for 488 nm intensities up to 0.1 W/cm^2 and E_0 up to 8 kV/cm , observing field-induced-slowing off up to 25 times.

These experiments were made possible by collaboration with G. Roosen of the Institut d-Optique (Orsay, France) who supplied the electrode technology necessary to create stable, constant, and calibrated internal electric fields.

2.4. Energy requirements for optical logic using photorefraction.

We have continued theoretical studies of the lower limit on the optical energy required to perform one logic operation by four-wave-mixing in photorefractive materials. For materials of high quantum efficiency and sufficient electro-optic coefficient (such as possessed by barium titanate), this lower limit was found to be of order $10^3 n \epsilon k_B T m^2$,

where ϵ is the dc dielectric constant and m is the number of wavelengths of interaction required to obtain unity scattering efficiency from a photorefractive grating of period half-optical wavelength. ($m \sim 10^2$ for barium titanate). This indicates for example a practical limit of picojoules per operation for optimally doped barium titanate.

2.5. Optical measurement of the photorefractive parameters of bismuth silicate.

We have completed measurements of all three photorefractive parameters of bismuth silicate necessary to predict all optical interactions, with or without applied electric fields, in the "adiabatic" regime where all process times are along compared to the electron recombination time ($\sim$ microseconds). These parameters are a) an effective density of active electron trap sites (which we find to be $1.4 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ for 515 nm beams), b) an average hopping distance or range travelled by an electron in a single excitation-recombination process (which we find to be ~ 3 microns), and c) the rate of electron excitation per unit light intensity per unit volume (which we find contributes $\sim 1.4 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ to beam attenuation at 515 nm). This latter measurement with the measured absorption coefficient indicates near unity quantum efficiency. Our measurements were performed using only optical techniques, thus avoiding electrical contact problems inherent in previous methods, which are much more difficult to interpret in any case. Our method was to measure the dependence on writing beam angles and erasure intensities of the decay times of photorefractive holograms.



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