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Intra-cavity Self-illuminated Image Up-conversion System based on SHG in a Compact Laser

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1. Introduction

Intra-cavity up-conversion of images by sum-frequency mixing (SFM) in nonlinear crystals [1] has been widely documented in the last few years as a competitive option to visualize infrared images in real time by CCD or CMOS video cameras [2, 3]. The transfer of images from the targeted spectral region to the silicon response band takes place inside the cavity of a continuous wave (CW) solid state laser where the external image is focused into the nonlinear crystal and mixed with the laser beam. The resolution of the up-converted image is constrained by the laser beam size allowed for the cross-sectional aperture of the nonlinear crystal [2, 3]. This limitation also has to do with the nonlinear mixing technique: Whilst quasi-phase matching (QPM) in non-linear poled crystals (like PPLN or PPKTP) provides higher up-conversion efficiencies and wider angular tolerances than perfect birefringent phase matching in bulk crystals of lower effective non-linear coefficients, the current fabrication techniques for poled crystals limit their cross-sectional apertures. In this way, off-the-shelf KTP bulk crystals with large cross-section allows for a potential increase in resolution of up-converted images while the up-conversion efficiency is compensated by intra-cavity schemes. Furthermore, the use of such nonlinear crystals in intra-cavity SFM by type II birefringent phase matching has been recently proposed for miniaturization of image up-conversion systems [4]. There, external images are polarization-coupled inside the laser cavity by a simple polarizing beam splitter (PBS) to enable the nonlinear interaction with the cross-polarized laser beam. Thus, external image coupling by polarization opens a way to explore intra-cavity second harmonic generation (SHG) by type II phase matching for image up-conversion applications unlike usual techniques in SFM based on image coupling by dichroic beam splitters [2, 3].

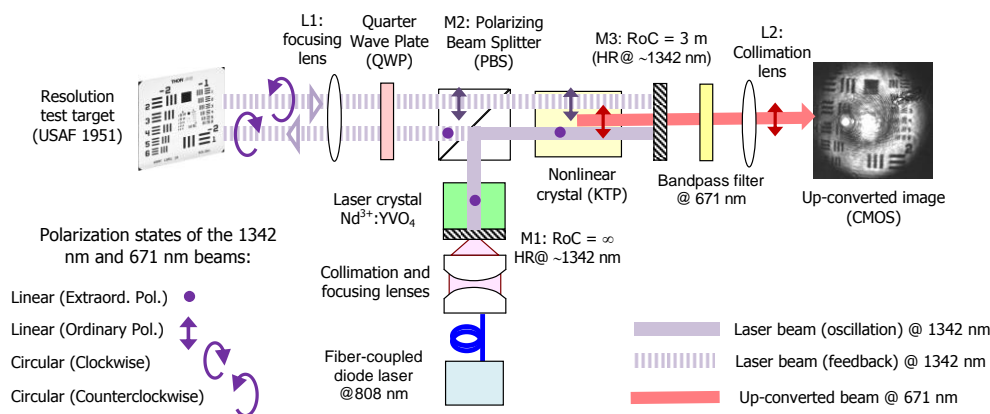


Fig.1. Experimental set-up of the proposed image up-conversion system.

2. Intracavity up-conversion of images by SHG

We present a compact system based on intra-cavity SHG by type II birefringent phase matching for image up-conversion from infrared to visible. Unlike recent up-conversion systems based on SFM, the proposed system stands out for using the same laser to illuminate and to perform the image intra-cavity up-conversion. The experimental set-up is shown in Fig. 1. It consists of a 808 nm diode-pumped Nd³⁺:YVO₄ solid state laser whose emission at 1342 nm is also used as illumination source. Reflected images are polarization-coupled into the laser resonator where a KTP

crystal is placed to perform the image up-conversion at 671 nm by CW intra-cavity frequency-doubling. The laser cavity follows a linear configuration folded at a right angle by a PBS acting as a mirror (M2) and delimited by a dielectric mirror (M1) deposited on the input facet of the laser crystal and by an almost flat mirror (M3) of 3 m radius of curvature as an output coupler (long enough to avoid distortion on converted images). The $\text{Nd}^{3+}:\text{YVO}_4$ crystal ($3 \times 3 \times 4 \text{ mm}^3$, with flat-parallel faces and 1% at. Nd doping) is *a*-cut to provide linearly-polarized laser emission according to the PBS configuration (S-polarization) to perform as a folding mirror and also according to the extraordinary polarization (parallel to the optical axis of the KTP crystal) involved in a type II phase matching. The KTP crystal ($6 \times 6 \times 8 \text{ mm}^3$) is cut at $\theta \sim 60^\circ$, $\phi = 0^\circ$ for type II SHG at 671 nm. The use of a quarter wave plate (QWP) is also required at the output of M2 to couple the external image into the laser cavity. Thus, linearly-polarized laser emission changes to circular before illuminating targets. After reflection, the resultant light beam remains circularly-polarized but with reversed direction while propagating back, and after passing again through the QWP, polarization changes to linear with a rotation of 90 degrees with respect to that oscillating inside. The infrared image was coupled through a 5 cm focal length lens, and the output up-converted image was focused on the sensor of a CMOS camera with a positive 15 cm lens through a 671 bandpass filter (10 nm FWHM) to block undesired wavelengths.

3. Results and conclusions

Fig.2 shows the up-converted image taken by a monochrome camera at 671 nm from the reflection of a standardized resolution test target (USAF 1951) after illuminating the region corresponding to groups 2 and 3 (resolution up to 14.3 lp/mm) with the $\text{Nd}^{3+}:\text{YVO}_4$ laser emission.

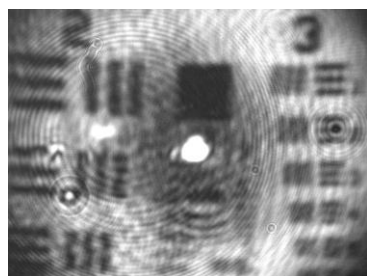


Fig. 2. Up-converted image by intra-cavity SHG at 671 nm (monochrome camera).

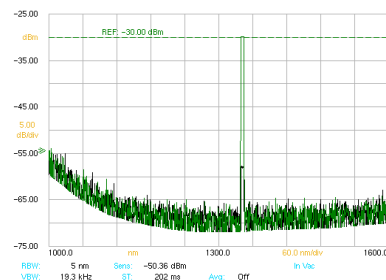


Fig.3. Orthogonal polarization components of the fundamental wave (1342 nm) at the output of M2

The image also reveals the presence of a light spot in the middle as a result of intra-cavity SHG even in absence of the feedback of the reflected beam (external image). This is due to the birefringence exhibited by KTP and $\text{Nd}^{3+}:\text{YVO}_4$ crystals leading to depolarization of the linearly-polarized emission of the laser. Thus, intra-cavity orthogonal components of the fundamental wave associated to ordinary (black trace) and extraordinary (green trace), as shown in Fig. 3, are responsible for such undesirable intra-cavity SHG component and also for causing extra losses at the PBS. Additional changes in birefringence due to the misalignment of principal axes of KTP and $\text{Nd}^{3+}:\text{YVO}_4$ crystals can also cause polarization instability in the fundamental laser oscillation and therefore affecting the quality of the up-converted image. In order to mitigate these constraints, usual techniques based on active temperature control of the doubling crystal or by inserting polarizing components inside the cavity in order to stabilize polarization in intra-cavity doubled-frequency systems [5] could be applied to the proposed image up-conversion system. Further details will be presented and discussed at the conference.

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