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Review of the Properties of Up-Conversion Phosphors for New Emissive Displays

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Abtract—In this paper, we review the properties of up-conver-sion (UC) materials and assess their potential for a new distribution of the convertients of the convertient of the convertient of the convertient of the convertients of the convertient of t advantages include simplicity of fabrication, versatility of opera-tion modes, and the potential for greatly reduced display weight and depth.

Index Terms—Displays, fluorescence spectroscopy, lumines-cence, optical frequency up-conversion (UC), optical scattering, rure-earth (RE) compounds.

I. BACKGROUND

THE concept of frequency up-conversion (UC) of in-frared-to-visible light in rare-earth (RE) doped materials was reported more than 40 years ago [1], [2]. The efficiency that was observed or expected for this process was low in singly doped media, but it was quickly noticed that the mechanism doped media, but it was quickly noticed that the mechanism could be made one or two orders of magnitude more efficient by using ytterbium $({\rm Fb}^{3+})$ as a sensitizer ion in addition to the active ion: erbium $({\rm Ec}^{3+})$, holmium $({\rm Ho}^{3+})$, or thulium $({\rm Im}^{3+})$ [3]+(8). Efficient UC materials were extensively investigated, as they could be used for several potentially important photonic applications including UC lasers [9]-[14] (visible lasers that are pumped by infrared diode lasers), and displays. However, because no powerful and narrow spectrum source existed in the 980-nm region to efficiently excite such up-converters no practical product came out of the research. With the development of powerful 980-nm diode lasers for the telecommunication industry and as part of the Super High Efficiency Diode Sources or SHEDS program [15] led by the Efficiency Diode Sources or SHEDS program [15] led by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency or DARPA (a tween the crystallites and the polymer caused stresses and separations of the control of the control of the crystallites and the polymer caused stresses and separation confidents the crystallites and the polymer caused stresses and separation confidents the crystallites and the polymer caused stresses and separation confidents the crystallites and the polymer caused stresses and separation confidents the crystallites and the polymer caused stresses and separation confidents the crystallites and the polymer caused stresses and separation confidents the crystallites and the polymer caused stresses and separation confidents the crystallites and the polymer caused stresses and separation confidents the crystallites and the polymer caused stresses and separation confidents the crystallites and the polymer caused stresses and separation confidents the crystallites and the polymer caused stresses and separation confidents the crystallites and the polymer caused stresses and separation confidents the crystallites and the polymer caused stresses and separation confidents the crystallites and the polymer caused stresses and separation confidents the crystallites and the polymer caused stresses and separation confidents the crystallites and the polymer caused stresses and separation confidents the crystallites and the polymer caused stresses and separation confidents the crystallites and the polymer caused stresses and crystallites and the crystallites and crystallites are crystallites and crystallites and crystallites are crystallites and crystallites and crystallites are crystallites and crystallites are crystallites and crystallites are crystallites are crystallite projected diode laser efficiency of 85% optical to electrical is expected at the end of this program), the up-conversion technology which appeared to be too inefficient in the past

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now has legitimate practical applications. Other work useful as background to what we report can be found in [16] and [17]. On the emitter side, fabrication processes leading to materials of higher purity have been successfully explored by one of the au-

thors, A. Cassanho. She now uses a process of hydrofluorination during the growth of the various fluoride crystals which results in materials of better quality, better reproducibility, and higher up-conversion efficiency than have been studied in the past. Finally our recent investigation [18]-[22] of those materials

has enabled us to understand the optimal conditions for operation (excitation conditions, screen preparation, choice of materials) as are discussed in this paper.

The combination of the three factors listed above resulted in a maximum visible light power to incident infrared power ef-ficiency measurement for our UC materials listed in Table I. Those numbers show that UC technology is a realistic alterna-tive to the existing display technologies. Up-conversion offers its own set of advantages listed at the end of this pager.

II. REVIEW OF RESULT

A. Materials and General Properties

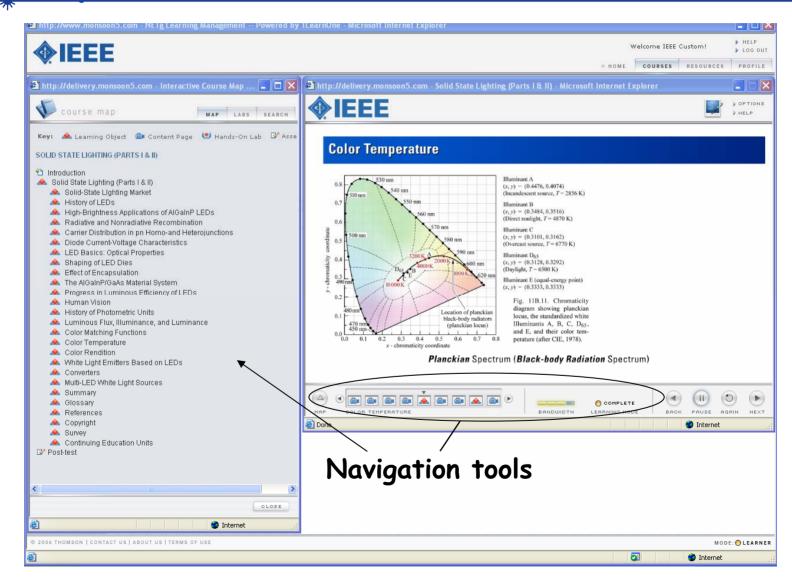
The base materials we use are fluoride crystals doped with + and an active ion (Er3+ or Tm3+). In particular, we have found 1% Er. 18 Yb:YF1, 1% Er. 18% Yb:NaYF1 (NYF), and 0.4% Tm, 20% Yb:KY3F10 to be desirable red, green and blue up-conversion emitters, respectively. To make the technology scalable, we grind these materials into powder and disperse the powdered material in a polymeric host. The mixture is then coated on a substrate to form a screen. Common polymethylmethacrylate (PMMA) was used at first but samples quickly ration. A phosphorylated version of PMMA that was developed in collaboration with Prof. Kevin Belfield [23] has shown much improved properties with sample screens in use for over 4 years wing no sign of deterioration.

An infrared laser beam is scanned (direct writing) or projected (projection display) onto the UC screen to form an image. This can be done in transmission where the infrared excitation is incident on one side and the visible emission is viewed on the other side of the screen (similar to a cathode ray tube (CRT) emissive display) or in reflection where the infrared is incident

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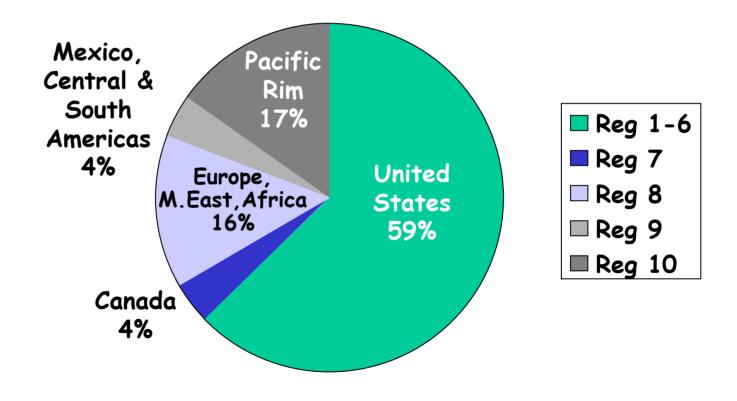
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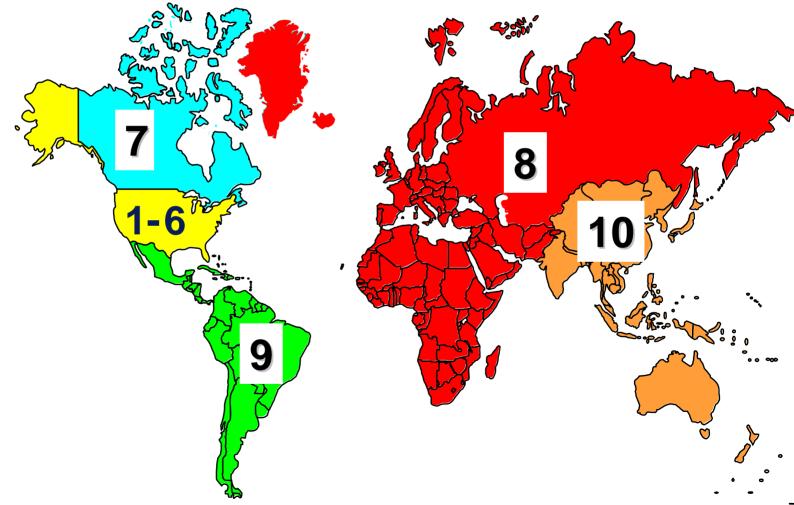
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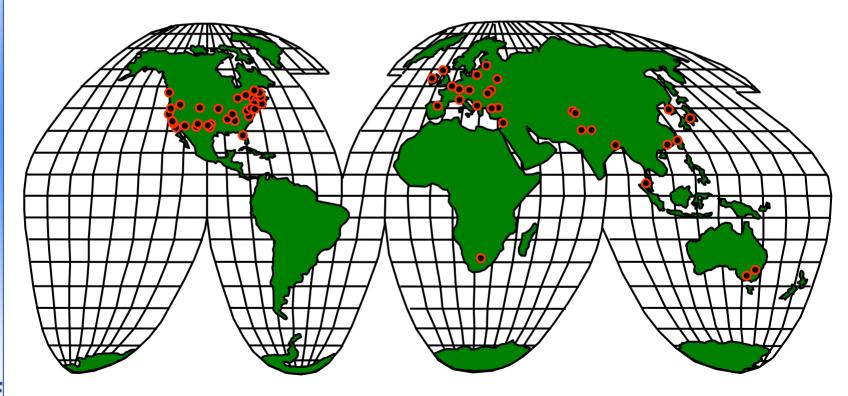
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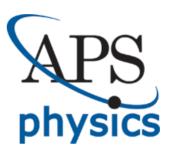
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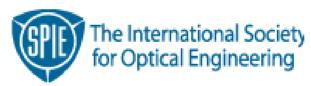














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- Conference on "Installation Techniques and Optical Technologies for New Generation Access Networks" (Roma, Apr. 29, 2009) (Organized with ComSoc IC)
- For the celebration of LEOS 30th Anniversary, the IEEE-LEOS Italian Chapter organized
 - Workshop on "Thirty years of electro-optics in Italy: milestones and perspectives" (Roma, Jan. 30, 2008)
 - Workshop on "Photonics and Electro-optics instrumentation" (Pavia, Mar. 14, 2008)
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8,15 - 8,50 Registrazione

8,50 – 9,00 Benvenuto del *Prof. Fabrizio Vestroni*, Preside della Facoltà di Ingegneria, Sapienza Univ. di Roma

9,00 - 9,25 Introduzione alla giornata (C. Attaianese, R. Cusani, A. Neri, T. Tambosso, F. Vatalaro)

I Sessione – Soluzioni tecnologiche e regolamentazione (Chair: F. Vatalaro – Università Tor Vergata, ComSoc Italy Chapter)

9,25 - 9,50 A. Pattavina (Politecnico di Milano) "Introduzione sulle problematiche dell'accesso in fibra ottica"

9,50 - 10,15 R. Casale (RadioLabs-Uniroma2) "Panoramica internazionale sulle soluzioni per l'accesso"

10,15 - 10,40 F. Ananasso (AGCOM) "Regolamentazione dell'accesso di nuova generazione"

10.40 - 11.05 Pausa Caffé (offerto dagli Sponsor)

II Sessione - Tecnologie impiantistiche ed infrastrutture (Chair: T. Tambosso - LEOS Italy Chapter)

11,05 - 11,30 G. Cerquozzi (Consulente) "Dall'accesso in rame all'accesso in fibra: infrastrutture e impianti"

11,30 – 12,00 F. Montalti (Telecom Italia) "Componentistica per reti PON e le move tecniche di realizzazione delle infrastruture"

12,00 – 12,30 *P. Regio* (Telecom Italia) "Fiber To The Home: soluzioni innovative non invasive per il cablaggio degli edifici"

III Sessione - Alcuni esempi applicativi (Chair: R. Cusani - Sapienza Università di Roma)

12,30 - 13,00 G. Proietti Silvestri (FASTWEB) "L'esperienza FASTWEB nelle reti d'accesso di muova generazione"

13.00 – 13.30 C. Attaianese (Università di Cassino) "L'esperienza UniCasNet: una rete universitaria per il territorio"

13,30 - 14,30 Pausa Pranzo (libero)

14,30 – 16,00 Tavola rotonda su "Reti" e sistemi in fibra ottica: realizzazioni in Italia e nel mondo"

Chair: M. Listanti (Università di Roma La Sapienza)

Partecipano: R. Castelli (Alcatel-Lucent), R. Sabella (Ericsson), E. Valente (GARR), D. Cattoni (Cisco)

16,00 - 16,15 Conclusioni della giornata (T. Tambosso, F. Vatalaro)











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- Adele Sassella (Universita' di Milano-Bicocca): "Microscopie a stilo: principi ed esempi applicativi", April 22, 2009 Universita' di Pavia
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- Roberto Sabella (Manager Technology & Innovation ERICSSON): "Nuove tecnologie verso una nuova generazione di Reti Ottiche", Dicember 15, 2008 -Sapienza Università di Roma
- Silvano Donati (Universita' di Pavia): "Coupling dynamics in semiconductor lasers and applications to self-mixing interferometry and chaotic cryptography", July 17, 2008 - Sapienza Univ. Roma
- Iam-Choon Khoo (Pennsylvania State University): "Nano-Dispersed Liquid Crystalline Structures for Tunable Sub-unity/negative Index Meta-Materials", June 10, 2008 - "Sapienza" Università di Roma
- Adele Sassella (Universita' di Milano-Bicocca): "Microscopie a stilo: principi e esempi di applicazione", June 10, 2008 - Università di Pavia
- Silvano Donati (Universita' di Pavia): "Accoppiamento in laser a semiconduttore ed applicazioni all'interferometria", June 03, 2008 -Politecnico di Milano
- Lorenzo Pavesi (Universita' di Trento): "Silicon Photonics: Challenges and Future", May 27, 2008 - Università di Pavia
- Masaya Notomi (NTT Basic Research Laboratories, Japan): "All-Optical Control of Photonics", January 18, 2008 - INOA-CNR Pozzuoli-Napoli



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