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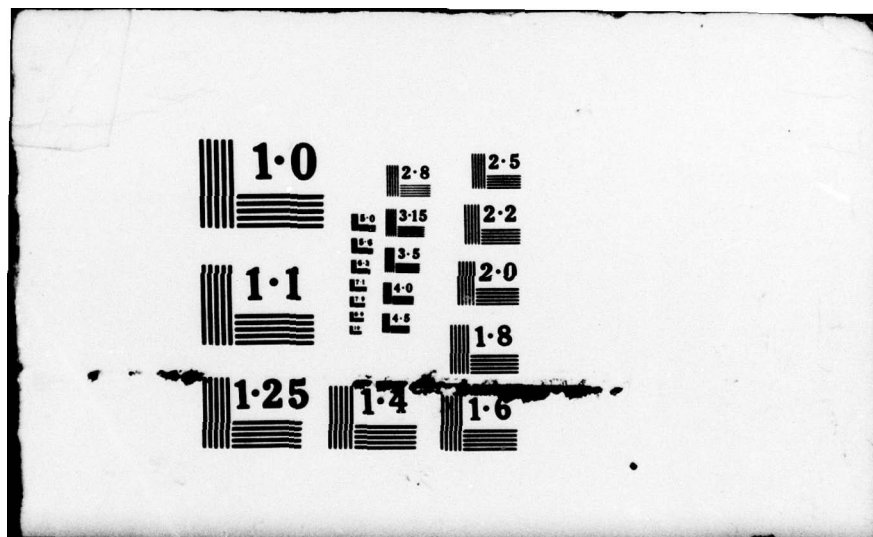
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The basic problems studied on this grant were: the possibility of obtaining dye vapor laser action, the diagrammatic analysis of the density operator for the derivation of nonlinear optical susceptibilities, and the generation of organic dye laser mode-locked pulses.

The organic dye vapor work related to the radiative excitation of one species followed by an energy transfer to a second species, the transfer being detected by the fluorescence of the latter. A ten percent conversion efficiency was observed in a transfer from pyrene to perylene. Based upon these experiments it was believed that a discharge excited transfer laser was possible with a fair efficiency.

The diagrammatic work has lead to a specific and simple classification of perturbative non-linear optical effects and an evaluation of the nonlinear polarizations according to well established rules. A single diagram for each term of the density matrix is obtained, although it has been shown that several diagrams can contribute to one particular nonlinear effect. For certain approximations several diagrams which have a time-ordering relationship can be combined into a single one. This has in the past given rise to discrepancies in the definition of nonlinear optical susceptibilities. Further advantages to be gained by these double-sided Feynman graphs include the simplicity with which damping and Doppler effects can be included, the ease with which results pertaining to a quantized radiation field can be obtained and the simplicity with which transition rates can be obtained.

In a third phase of the work we have been constructing a mode-locked flash-lamp pumped dye laser in order to investigate certain nonlinear terms which have been predicted on the basis of the diagrammatic analysis.

The flashlamp pumped dye laser operates in the simmer mode and is pre-pulsed in order to increase efficiency and to increase the power out of the laser.

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