First Demonstration (?) of Optical Harmonic Generation

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GENERATION OF OPTICAL HARMONICS*

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- Ruby Laser: $\lambda = 694.3 \text{ nm}$; P = 3 J; $\tau = 1 \text{ ms} \Rightarrow E \sim 10^5 \text{ V/cm}$
- Quarz Sample: no phase matching
- Output analyzed with prism spectrometer/photographic plate

Where is the evidence?



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FIG. 1. A direct reproduction of the first plate in which there was an indication of second harmonic. The wavelength scale is in units of 100 A. The arrow at 3472 A indicates the small but dense image produced by the second harmonic. The image of the primary beam at 6943 A is very large due to halation.