

Nonlinear Microwave Optics in Liquid Suspensions of Shaped Microparticles

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The unique properties of shaped microparticle suspensions make them suitable as candidate media for such active optical process as phase conjugate via degenerate four-wave mixing at microwave and millimeter wavelengths. We have generated up 250 mW of phase conjugate radiation, a medium composed of rod shaped carbon fibers suspended in a passive fluid dielectric that is maintained in a waveguide. The theory for the nonlinear optical properties of shaped particle suspensions is presented and shown to be in excellent agreement with the available experimental data.

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