Intensity correlations and entanglement by frequency doubling in a two-port resonator

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We show that nonclassical intensity correlations and quadrature entanglement can be generated by frequency doubling in a resonator with two output ports. We predict twin-beam intensity correlations 6 dB below the coherent-state limit, and that the product of the inference variances of the quadrature fluctuations gives an Einstein-Podolsky-Rosen correlation coefficient of \( V_{EPR} = 0.64 < 1 \), using the criterion of Reid [Phys. Rev. A 40, 913 (1989)]. Comparison with an entanglement source based on combining two frequency doublers with a beam splitter shows that the dual-ported resonator provides stronger entanglement at lower levels of individual beam squeezing. Calculations are performed using a self-consistent propagation method that does not invoke a mean-field approximation. Results are given for physically realistic parameters that account for the Gaussian shape of the intracavity beams, as well as intracavity losses.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Parametric down-conversion has been widely used to generate nonclassical optical fields at the level of single photons, as well as many photon fields described by continuous variables [1]. At the microscopic level nonclassical correlations and entanglement arise due to the possibility of converting a single high-frequency photon into a pair of correlated lower-frequency photons. The down-conversion process can be used to generate so-called twin beams that have intensity correlations that are stronger than would be obtained with individual coherent states [2–8]. Twin beams have been successfully applied to sub-shot-noise spectroscopy [9] and quantum nondemolition measurements [10]. The generation of entangled beams in parametric down-conversion was predicted by Reid and Drummond in the late 1980s [11–13], and is crucial for studies of quantum teleportation and networking [14–18].

The complementary process of second-harmonic generation (SHG), where a fundamental field at \( \omega_1 \) is frequency doubled to create a harmonic field at frequency \( \omega_2 = 2\omega_1 \), can also be used for creating nonclassical light. The possibility of using frequency doubling may be convenient for reaching spectral regions that are not readily accessible by down-conversion. It is well known that quadrature squeezing of both the fundamental and harmonic fields occurs in second-harmonic generation [19–21]. The generation of multibeam correlations in second-harmonic generation is less well studied than in the case of parametric down-conversion. Calculations have demonstrated the existence of correlations between the fundamental and harmonic fields [22–25] including entanglement between the fundamental and harmonic fields [26,27] and entanglement in type-II SHG in the fundamental fields alone [28,29]. The possibility of nonclassical spatial correlations in either the fundamental or harmonic fields alone [30–32] and of entanglement in the fundamental field [33] has also been shown in models that include diffraction.

In this work we investigate the production of two beams at the harmonic frequency that exhibit nonclassical intensity correlations and quadrature entanglement. The device we analyze is the dual-ported resonator shown in Fig. 1. The pump beam at \( \omega_1 \) is resonant in the cavity, while the generated harmonic exits at both end mirrors. As we show below the harmonic outputs exhibit strong quantum correlations. This can be understood naively as follows. While traversing the crystal to the right squeezing is generated in the fundamental and harmonic fields, as well as correlations between the fundamental and harmonic. Even though all of the harmonic leaves the cavity at the right-hand mirror, the intracavity fundamental that generates a harmonic field on the backward pass through the crystal is correlated with harmonic output 1. The intracavity field transfers the correlations to output 2, leading to a nonzero correlation between outputs 1 and 2.

In order to describe this process theoretically we need to go beyond the usual mean-field description of SHG squeezing [21], and account for variations in the fields at different locations inside the cavity. To do so we combine the linearized solutions for propagation of quantum fluctuations in traveling-wave SHG [34,35] with a self-consistent application of the cavity boundary conditions as was first done by Maeda and Kikuchi [36]. It was shown in Ref. [36] that the propagation model reproduces the mean-field results at low coupling strength, but predicts larger quantum noise reduction at high coupling strength. Since the propagation model relies on a linearized description of the quantum fluctuations its validity may break down in the limit of very large squeezing, where the fluctuations in the unsqueezed quadrature are no longer small. The accuracy of the linearized model was studied by comparison with numerical solutions of a quan-

FIG. 1. (Color online) A dual-ported singly resonant cavity which provides two harmonic outputs.
tum phase-space model [25]. It was found that the linearized model provides accurate predictions provided the normalized interaction length $\xi$ [34,35] does not exceed 2–3. In the results presented here, using realistic physical parameters and Gaussian beams, we have $\xi<1$. We are therefore confident that the linearized theory provides an accurate description of the nonlinear resonator for the range of parameters considered here.

The structure of the paper is as follows. In Sec. II we define notation and present the solutions for the quadrature fluctuations and squeezing spectra of the harmonic outputs. These results are used to calculate the intensity correlations in Sec. III. Einstein-Podolsky-Rosen (EPR) correlations and inseparability [37] of the outputs are demonstrated in Sec. IV. We compare the EPR correlations created in the dual-ported resonator with the alternative approach of combining two separate SHG resonators at a beam splitter in Sec. V, and give a discussion of the results obtained in Sec. VI.

II. PROPAGATION MODEL OF INTRACAVITY SHG

The dual-ported resonator of Fig. 1 is shown in more detail in Fig. 2 where we have separated the forward and backward passes to create an equivalent ring-resonator model. Since the counterpropagating beams are strongly phase mismatched in the crystal we can neglect any direct interaction between them. The pump beam at frequency $\omega_1$ enters through an input coupler described by transmission and reflection matrices $T_1$ and $R_1$ (defined below). The second-harmonic outputs are allowed to escape through input and output mirrors. The cavity is assumed to be resonant at the frequency $\omega_2$ of the external pump beam.

The coupled propagation of the slowly varying wave envelopes of the fundamental (frequency $\omega_1$) and second harmonic (frequency $\omega_2$) in the crystal is described by the classical equations

\[
\frac{\partial \xi_1}{\partial z} = i \kappa_1 \xi_1 \xi_2 e^{-i\Delta k z}, \quad (1a)
\]

\[
\frac{\partial \xi_2}{\partial z} = i \kappa_2 \xi_1^* \xi_2 e^{i\Delta k z}. \quad (1b)
\]

The intensities of each field are given by $I_j=(\epsilon_j/2)n_i|\xi_j|^2$, $n_i$ is the refractive index at frequency $\omega_i$, $c$ is the speed of light in vacuum, and the phase mismatch is $\Delta k=2k_1-k_2$ where $k_1=\omega_1 n_i/c$. The coupling constants are given by $\kappa_i=\omega_i d/(cn_i)$, where $d$ is the effective second-order susceptibility of the crystal.

These equations are valid for plane waves whereas real experiments are typically performed with Gaussian beams. In order to obtain the correct value for the coupling constant when using Gaussian beams we avail ourselves of the results of the Boyd-Kleinman theory [38]. We assume that the fundamental field is a lowest-order Gaussian beam with waist $w$ ($1/e^2$ intensity radius) that is symmetrically located in the center of the crystal, and introduce scaled field amplitudes $A_i=i\sqrt{\epsilon_i cn_i/(2\hbar \omega_i)} \xi_i$. The characteristic field strength $\xi=(2P/\epsilon cn_i)^{1/2}$ is chosen such that $|A_i|^2$ gives the number of photons per second at frequency $\omega_i$ carried by the Gaussian beam with power $P_i$. The coupled equations for the scaled amplitudes then take the form

\[
\frac{\partial A_1}{\partial z} = -i \kappa A_1 A_2^*, \quad (2a)
\]

\[
\frac{\partial A_2}{\partial z} = \kappa A_1^*, \quad (2b)
\]

where the complex coupling coefficient is

\[
\kappa = \kappa_1 \kappa_2 \frac{L_c}{n_i^2 \hbar} \quad (3a)
\]

\[
E_{NL} = \frac{2\omega_i^2 d^2}{\epsilon_0 c^3 n_i^2 \hbar} \frac{L_c}{\pi \omega_i^2 |h|^2}, \quad (3b)
\]

\[
h = \int_{-1/2}^{1/2} d\xi \left( \frac{1}{1 + (L_c/\hbar \omega_i)^{1/2}} \right) \xi \quad (3c)
\]

where $\phi_0=\arg(h)$, $L_c$ is the length of the crystal, and $z_{R1} = 2\pi n_i \omega_1 w^2/(2\pi c)$ is the Rayleigh length of the fundamental beam. The single-pass conversion efficiency is determined by $E_{NL}=P_1(z=L_c)/P_2^2(z=0)$, where $P_1$ and $P_2$ are the powers of the two fields. The Boyd-Kleinman solution assumes that the harmonic is generated with a waist that gives equal Rayleigh lengths for both frequencies, and that the attenuation of the fundamental field due to up-conversion is small. As shown in Appendix A the fractional depletion of the intracavity field due to a single pass through the crystal is always small for the parameters considered here. For parameters where this is not the case it would be necessary to use a more cumbersome multimode theory that accounts for the coupling of different spatial modes [39] which is outside the scope of the present work.

To solve for the transformation of quantum fluctuations we replace the classical fields in Eqs. (2) by annihilation operators $\hat{A}_j$. The propagation equations for $\hat{A}_j$ are the same as the classical equations (2). These nonlinear operator equations can be solved perturbatively by putting $\hat{A}_j(z) = A_j(z)$.
+∫z(t,ζ) where A(z) are the (classical) mean fields and
\hat{a}(z,\xi,\zeta) time- and space-dependent fluctuation operators that
satisfy the commutation relations [\hat{a}(z,\xi,\zeta),\hat{a}^\dagger(z',\zeta')]=\delta_{z,z'}\delta(z-z'). [\hat{a}_j(z,\xi,\zeta),\hat{a}_i(z',\zeta')]=0. We then linearize in the
fluctuation operators, and write the resulting operator equations as equations for classical fluctuations with the replace-
ments \hat{a}(z,\xi,\zeta)→a(z,\xi,\zeta), \hat{a}_j(z,\xi,\zeta)→a_j(z,\xi,\zeta). The semiclassical
theory [40] expresses the expectation values of symmetrical
ordered quantum operators in terms of the classical c
numbers a_j, a_j^\dagger.

The solutions to the linearized propagation equations are
known [34,35]. We can write the solutions in the form
\textbf{x}(\xi,\zeta)=N(\xi)\textbf{x}(0,\zeta) where \textbf{x}=(\textbf{x}_1,\textbf{x}_2,\textbf{y}_1,\textbf{y}_2) and
\begin{align*}
\textbf{x}(z,\xi)=a(z,\xi)+a_j^\dagger(z,\xi),
\textbf{y}(z,\xi)=-i(a_j(z,\xi)-a_j^\dagger(z,\xi))
\end{align*}
are the amplitude and phase quadrature fluctuations. When
A(0)=0 the transformation matrix is given by
\begin{align*}
N=\begin{pmatrix}
N_{11} & N_{12} & 0 & 0 \\
N_{21} & N_{22} & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & N_{33} & N_{34} \\
0 & 0 & N_{43} & N_{44}
\end{pmatrix}.
\end{align*}

Expressions for the matrix elements N_{ij}(z) are given in
Appendix B. The normalized propagation length is given by
\begin{align*}
\xi=\frac{1}{2}\|A(0)\|/|\kappa|L_c.
\end{align*}

Using Eqs. (3) we can express \xi in terms of experimentally
accessible parameters as
\begin{align*}
\xi=\left(\frac{n_1P_1(0)n_{ENL}}{n_2}\right)^{1/2}.
\end{align*}

At this point we note that the transformation matrix (4) is
only valid when \kappa is real. In the more general case of com-
plex \kappa propagation mixes the x and y quadratures. We will
limit our study to the case of real \kappa for which the analytical
solutions can be expressed in terms of simple hyperbolic
functions (the more general case involves elliptic functions).
We therefore wish to have \kappa real which is the case when
\Delta k=0. Unfortunately the maximum value of E_{NL} and hence \xi
is obtained for [38] z_{R1}=0.176L_c and \Delta kL_c=3.26, which
implies a complex value of \kappa. For the analysis presented below we choose \Delta k=0 in order to make \kappa real. For zero phase
mismatch the optimum value of the beam focusing corres-
ponds to z_{R1}=0.325L_c, which gives a value of E_{NL} that is
about 40% smaller than could be obtained with nonzero phase
mismatch. We will assume these focusing conditions in all the
subsequent analysis. Numerical results will be
given for a KNbO_3 crystal, with fundamental wavelength of
\lambda_c=860 nm, L_c=1 cm, d=11 pm/V, n_1=n_2=2.2, and \Delta k
=0, for which the optimum focusing is \omega=21.1 \mu m which
gives E_{NL}=0.015 W^{-1}.

A self-consistent solution for the fluctuations in the cavity of
Fig. 2 is found by combining the transfer matrix for the
crystal propagation with the effects of mirror reflections and
transmissions as well as intracavity losses. We first transform
to frequency domain variables defined by
\begin{align*}
a_j(z,\Omega)=\int dt a_j(z,t)e^{i\Omega t},
\end{align*}
and
\begin{align*}
a^*_j(z,-\Omega)=[a_j(z,-\Omega)]^* =\int dt a^*_j(z,t)e^{i\Omega t}.
\end{align*}
The corresponding frequency domain quadrature fluctuations are
\begin{align*}
x_j(z,\Omega)=a_j(z,\Omega)+a^*_j(z,-\Omega),
y_j(z,\Omega)=-i(a_j(z,\Omega)-a^*_j(z,-\Omega)).
\end{align*}
Note that in the frequency domain the quadrature amplitudes
x(z,\Omega) and y(z,\Omega) are complex variables.

We introduce the 4×4 matrices for trans-
mission and reflection with nonzero diagonal elements
T_j = diag(\sqrt{1-L_{1j}}, \sqrt{1-L_{1j}}, \sqrt{1-L_{1j}}, \sqrt{1-L_{1j}}),
R_j = diag(\sqrt{1-L_{1j}}, \sqrt{1-L_{1j}}, \sqrt{1-L_{1j}}, \sqrt{1-L_{1j}}),
where \sqrt{1-L_{1j}} denotes the power transmittance for frequency i at mirror j. Residual intracavity losses due to
crystal absorption, reflections at crystal surfaces, and mirror
losses are lumped into effective loss beam splitters indicated by
\ell_1 and \ell_2 in Fig. 2. These losses are described by coeffi-
cients \ell_{ij} for frequency \omega_i at position j and corresponding
reflection and transmission matrices \ell_j = diag(\sqrt{1-L_{1j}},
\sqrt{1-L_{1j}}, \sqrt{1-L_{1j}}, \sqrt{1-L_{1j}}), \ell_j = diag(\sqrt{1-L_{1j}},
\sqrt{1-L_{1j}}, \sqrt{1-L_{1j}}, \sqrt{1-L_{1j}}).

The phase shift acquired in one cavity round trip is rep-
resented by the matrix \mathbf{D}=diag(e^{i\phi_{11}}, e^{i\phi_{12}}, e^{i\phi_{13}}, e^{i\phi_{14}}),
where the cavity free spectral range is \delta=\epsilon/(2nL_c+2L_a),
and 2L_a is the round-trip length of air in the cavity. We have
assumed the cavity is on resonance, so that the phase shift is
an odd function of \Omega. This ensures that \mathbf{D} can be used with the
quadrature fluctuation vector \textbf{x}(z,\Omega) which contains
components at \pm \Omega. If the cavity were detuned it would mix
the x, y quadratures and the round-trip phase would have to be
calculated separately for a(\Omega, \Omega) and a(\zeta, \zeta).

Vacuum noise sources enter the cavity at mirrors 1, 2 and
through the loss ports. We describe these by quadrature noise
vectors \textbf{x}=(u_j(\Omega), v_j(\Omega), u_j(\Omega), v_j(\Omega))\textbf{t}, where \textbf{u}_j(\Omega)
and \textbf{v}_j(\Omega) are frequency domain amplitude and phase
quadrature fluctuations of frequency \omega_i at position j.

Using Eqs. (4)–(8) and the above definitions the self-
consistent solution for the intracavity fluctuations to the right
of beam splitter 1 is
\begin{align*}
\textbf{x}_1=\left[\mathbf{I}+\mathbf{D}\mathbf{T}_{\ell_4}\mathbf{N}(\zeta_1)\mathbf{T}_2\mathbf{R}\mathbf{N}(\zeta_2)\right]^{-1}\mathbf{T}_1\textbf{x}_1
+\mathbf{R}\mathbf{T}_{\ell_4}\mathbf{N}(\zeta_2)\mathbf{T}_2\mathbf{R}_2\mathbf{R}_1\mathbf{N}(\zeta_2)\mathbf{R}_2\mathbf{R}_3\mathbf{v}_3
-\mathbf{R}\mathbf{T}_{\ell_4}\mathbf{N}(\zeta_1)\mathbf{T}_2\mathbf{R}_2\mathbf{R}_3\mathbf{v}_3
\end{align*}
where \mathbf{I} is the identity matrix. The result depends on the
propagation lengths \xi_1 and \xi_2 which in turn are functions of the
pump beam power and resonator parameters. Expressions for
the propagation lengths in terms of experimentally acces-
sible parameters are given in Appendix A. The vectors
of output quadrature fluctuations are defined as \textbf{X}_j
=(\textbf{X}_1, \textbf{X}_2, \textbf{Y}_1, \textbf{Y}_2)\textbf{t}, where j labels the spatial position. The
outputs can be written in terms of the self-consistent intracavity field as
\[ X_1 = T_x T_{\xi_3} N(\xi_3) x_1 - R_y v_2 - T_y R_{\xi_3} v_3, \quad (10a) \]
\[ X_2 = T_1 T_{\xi_4} N(\xi_4) R_x T_{\xi_4} N(\xi_4) x_1 - R_x v_1 + T_1 T_{\xi_4} N(\xi_4) T_y v_2 - T_1 T_{\xi_4} N(\xi_4) R_x R_{\xi_4} v_3 - T_1 T_{\xi_4} N(\xi_4) v_3, \quad (10b) \]

Equations (10) are quite general and can be used to describe singly or doubly resonant cavities provided the nonlinear propagation is phase matched and the cavity is on resonance at both frequencies. The general expressions for the output quadratures that result from evaluation of these equations are very cumbersome. We will restrict ourselves to the case of a resonant fundamental, and complete transmission of the harmonic at mirrors 1,2, i.e., \( T_{21} = T_{22} = 1 \). We will assume that the intracavity losses \( \mathcal{L}_3, \mathcal{L}_4 \) affect only the fundamental fields so \( \mathcal{L}_{23} = \mathcal{L}_{24} = 0 \). This last assumption is not a loss of generality since harmonic losses can be accounted for at the detectors external to the cavity. Finally, since we will take \( L_{13} = 0 \) which accounts for fundamental loss between the two passes through the crystal, we can put \( T_{12} = 0 \) without loss of generality. With these assumptions the results for the harmonic output quadrature fluctuations can be written as
\[ X_{21} = f_1 u_{11} + f_1 u_{13} + f_{14} u_{14} + f_{21} u_{21} + f_{22} u_{22}, \quad (11a) \]
\[ Y_{21} = g_1 u_{11} + g_1 u_{13} + g_{14} u_{14} + g_{21} u_{21} + g_{22} u_{22}, \quad (11b) \]
\[ X_{22} = h_1 u_{11} + h_1 u_{13} + h_{14} u_{14} + h_{21} u_{21} + h_{22} u_{22}, \quad (11c) \]
\[ Y_{22} = j_1 u_{11} + j_1 u_{13} + j_{14} u_{14} + j_{21} u_{21} + j_{22} u_{22}. \quad (11d) \]
The locations of the input fluctuations \( u_i \) are shown in Fig. 2. Explicit expressions for the coefficients \( f, g, h, \) and \( j \) are given in Appendix B. Except when needed for clarity we will in what follows suppress the dependence on \( z \) and \( \Omega \) for brevity.

We can use the solutions (11) to calculate the normalized squeezing spectra of the harmonic fields at output port \( j \) defined by
\[ S_{X_j} = \frac{\langle X_{2j}(\Omega) X^{*}_{2j}(\Omega') \rangle}{\langle u_{2j}(\Omega) u^{*}_{2j}(\Omega') \rangle}, \quad (12a) \]
\[ S_{Y_j} = \frac{\langle Y_{2j}(\Omega) Y^{*}_{2j}(\Omega') \rangle}{\langle u_{2j}(\Omega) u^{*}_{2j}(\Omega') \rangle}. \quad (12b) \]
The spectra \( S_{X_j} \) and \( S_{Y_j} \) are normalized by the input noise so that \( S < 1 \) corresponds to a squeezed quadrature. To evaluate the spectra we make the usual assumption that the input noise fields at different locations and frequencies are uncorrelated so that
\[ \langle u_{ij}(\Omega) u^{*}_{kl}(\Omega') \rangle = \delta_{ij} \delta_{kl} \delta(\Omega - \Omega'). \quad (13) \]
Using Eq. (13) we can write the output squeezing spectra of the harmonic fields as
\[ S_{X_1} = \|f_{11}\|^2 + \|f_{13}\|^2 + \|f_{14}\|^2 + \|f_{21}\|^2 + \|f_{22}\|^2, \quad (14a) \]
\[ S_{Y_1} = |g_{11}|^2 + |g_{13}|^2 + |g_{14}|^2 + |g_{21}|^2 + |g_{22}|^2. \quad (14b) \]
\[ S_{X_2} = |h_{11}|^2 + |h_{13}|^2 + |h_{14}|^2 + |h_{21}|^2 + |h_{22}|^2, \quad (14c) \]
\[ S_{Y_2} = |j_{11}|^2 + |j_{13}|^2 + |j_{14}|^2 + |j_{21}|^2 + |j_{22}|^2. \quad (14d) \]

It can be readily verified using the expressions given in Appendix B that when \( \xi_1 = \xi_2 = 0 \), which corresponds to a purely linear resonator, all the squeezing spectra are identically unity.

Representative results for the squeezing spectra are given in Fig. 3. The results are shown as a function of the pump beam power external to the cavity for parameters \( E_{NL1} = E_{NL2} = 0.015 \text{ W}^{-1} \), \( T_{11} = 0.01 \), and \( L_{13} = L_{14} = 0.005 \). The dependence of \( \xi_1 \) and \( \xi_2 \) on pump power is shown in Appendix A. The smaller squeezing effect on the second output beam can be attributed to the fact that the mean-field value of the intracavity power is reduced due to the SHG process after the forward pass through the crystal. Since, as is shown in Appendix A, the normalized propagation lengths are less than 0.25 at the highest pump power used, we can expect the linearized semiclassical results to be accurate [25].

III. NONCLASSICAL INTENSITY CORRELATIONS

Given the squeezing spectra we can evaluate the quantum correlation of the intensity difference or sum \( I_{ds} \) of the two output beams. Using two detectors we combine the intensities of the harmonic outputs to form
\[ I_{ds} = I_1 - g I_2 \]
where \( g \) is an electronic gain factor. As the intensities of the two harmonic outputs are not equal due to different propagation lengths \( \xi_1, \xi_2 \) as well as the possibility of unequal detector sensitivities, we introduce an electronic gain parameter \( g \) that can be adjusted to minimize the noise of the intensity difference or sum. When \( g > 0 \) we obtain the intensity difference \( I_d \) and when \( g < 0 \) we get the intensity sum \( I_s \).

We can express the variance of the detected intensity fluctuations in terms of the squeezing spectra calculated above as follows. The spectral fluctuations of a beam with intensity \( I \) are \( \langle |\Delta I(\Omega)|^2 \rangle = 2 I \langle |\chi(\Omega)|^2 \rangle \langle |\Delta(\Omega)|^2 \rangle \). We have normalized the fields such that for a coherent state \( S^{coh}(\Omega) = \langle |\chi^{coh}(\Omega)|^2 \rangle / \langle |\Delta(\Omega)|^2 \rangle = 1 \); thus the normalized variance of the detected signal due to a coherent state with average intensity \( I \) is just \( I \).
The corresponding formula for the fluctuations of the intensity difference or sum of the output beams is
\[ i_{ds} = \sqrt{I_1} X_{21} - g \sqrt{I_2} X_{22}. \]
The variance of the fluctuations is thus
\[ (\Delta|i_{ds}|)^2 = \langle |i_{ds}|^2 \rangle - \langle |i_{ds}| \rangle^2 = I_1 \langle |X_{21}|^2 \rangle + g^2 I_2 \langle |X_{22}|^2 \rangle - g \sqrt{I_1 I_2} C_X, \]
where we have introduced the correlation coefficient \( C_X \).
\[ C_X = \langle X_{21}(\Omega) X_{22}(\Omega) \rangle. \]

The case of \( g = -1 \) corresponds to the sum of intensities \( I_s \) which has a noise variance below the level of uncorrelated coherent-state beams. There is a simple physical explanation of this effect. A positive amplitude fluctuation in the harmonic output at port 1 corresponds to an increased depletion of the fundamental beam. The weakened fundamental then results in a smaller amplitude output of the harmonic at the second port. Thus the correlation function \( C_X \) is negative and the sum of the output intensities has a reduced expectation value. The opposite case of \( g = 1 \) corresponds to \( I_d \) the intensity difference which we find has noise very close to the coherent-state or shot-noise limit.

Using the optimum values \( g_{opt} \) the normalized variance of the fluctuations given by Eq. (15) can be written as
\[ (\Delta|i_{ds}|)^2_{\text{norm}} = \frac{I_1 S_{X1} + g^2 I_2 S_{X2}}{I_1 + g^2 I_2} - g \sqrt{I_1 I_2} C_X, \]
where the minus sign corresponds to the case \( g = -1 \). The normalized intensity noise is shown in Fig. 4 as a function of pump power. The fluctuations of the intensity sum for \( g = g_{opt} \) are indistinguishable from the case \( g = -1 \) for the range of pump powers shown. We see that the nonclassical intensity correlation is stronger than the squeezing of each output beam shown in Fig. 3.

IV. EPR CORRELATIONS AND ENTANGLEMENT

The presence of nonclassical twin-beam correlations motivates evaluating the presence of EPR correlations and entanglement between the two output beams. Optical beams with quadrature fluctuations that embody EPR correlations were first demonstrated in 1992 [41]. The essence of the EPR paradox is the ability to infer an observable of one system from a measurement performed on a second system spatially separated from the first. Hence a conditional variance is used to quantify the degree of EPR correlation. As shown by Reid [12] a linear estimate of the inference variance can be used as a sufficient condition for the presence of the EPR paradox.

We define the normalized inference variances as
\[ (\Delta X)^2_{\text{inf}} = \langle |X_{21} - g X_{22}|^2 \rangle / \delta(0), \]
\[ (\Delta Y)^2_{\text{inf}} = \langle |Y_{21} - g Y_{22}|^2 \rangle / \delta(0). \]
Here \( g_x \) and \( g_y \) are real gain parameters that are chosen to minimize the inference variances. The condition for EPR correlations is
\[ V_{EPR} = (\Delta X)^2_{\text{inf}} (\Delta Y)^2_{\text{inf}} < 1. \]
The variances are individually minimized with the choices
\[ g_{x,\text{opt}} = \frac{C_X}{2 S_{X2}}, \]
\[ g_{y,\text{opt}} = \frac{C_Y}{2 S_{Y2}}, \]
where \( C_X = \langle Y_{21}(\Omega) Y_{22}^*(\Omega) + Y_{21}^*(\Omega) Y_{22}(\Omega) \rangle / \delta(0) \). The minimum of the inference product is thus
\[ V_{EPR} = \left( \frac{S_{X1} S_{X2} - \frac{1}{4} C_X^2}{S_{X1} S_{X2}} \right) \left( \frac{S_{Y1} S_{Y2} - \frac{1}{4} C_Y^2}{S_{Y1} S_{Y2}} \right) \]
\[ \leq \frac{S_{X1} S_{X2} + S_{Y1} S_{Y2}}{S_{X1} S_{X2}}. \]
We plot the inferred variance product in Fig. 5 as a function of the fundamental pump power. The variance product is less than 1, implying that the outputs are EPR correlated, for pump power above about 30 mW.

The presence of EPR correlations is a sufficient but not a necessary condition for entanglement of the two output beams.
V. EPR CORRELATIONS ON A BEAM SPLITTER

An alternative approach to creating EPR correlations is to combine two individually squeezed beams on a beam splitter [14], as shown in Fig. 6. The two input beams are labeled with subscripts 1,2 and the two output beams are labeled $a,b$. For notational convenience we drop the first subscript labeling the harmonic frequency. We can choose the phase of the incident beams such that the harmonic field fluctuations transform as

$$V_{\text{DGCZ}} = \frac{1}{4} (S_{X_1} + S_{X_2} + C_X + S_{Y_1} + S_{Y_2} - C_Y) < 1. \quad (20)$$

In order to facilitate comparison with $V_{\text{EPR}}$ defined in Eq. (19) we have included a factor of 1/4 in the definition of $V_{\text{DGCZ}}$. Thus entanglement is indicated for both criteria by $V < 1$. Figure 5 shows that $V_{\text{DGCZ}} < 1$ for all finite values of the pump power, and that $V_{\text{DGCZ}} < V_{\text{EPR}}$. These results verify that the harmonic fields at the two output ports are always entangled, but strong EPR correlations are only present when the pump power exceeds a threshold value.

FIG. 5. (Color online) Normalized inferred variance of the harmonic outputs at $\Omega=0$. The parameters used were the same as in Fig. 3.

FIG. 6. (Color online) Method for generating EPR correlations by mixing individually squeezed beams on a 50-50 beam splitter.

$$a_a = \frac{a_1 - ia_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad (21a)$$

$$a_b = \frac{a_1 + ia_2}{\sqrt{2}}. \quad (21b)$$

The quadrature fluctuations of the output fields are

$$X_a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (X_1 + Y_2), \quad (22a)$$

$$X_b = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (X_1 - Y_2), \quad (22b)$$

$$Y_a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (Y_1 - X_2), \quad (22c)$$

$$Y_b = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (Y_1 + X_2). \quad (22d)$$

Following the same procedure as in the analysis of the dual-ported cavity we define the normalized inference variances at frequency $\Omega$ as

$$\langle \Delta X \rangle^2 = \frac{\langle |X_a(\Omega) - g_a X_b(\Omega)|^2 \rangle}{\delta(0)}, \quad (23a)$$

$$\langle \Delta Y \rangle^2 = \frac{\langle |Y_a(\Omega) - g_a Y_b(\Omega)|^2 \rangle}{\delta(0)}. \quad (23b)$$

The optimum $g$ factors that minimize the inferred variances are given by Eqs. (18) to be

$$g_{X,\text{opt}} = \frac{\langle X_a(\Omega)X_b(\Omega) + X_a^*(\Omega)X_b(\Omega) \rangle}{2\delta(0)S_{Xb}} = \frac{C_{Xab}}{2S_{Xb}}.$$
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FIG. 7. (Color online) EPR (solid lines) and inseparability (dashed line) correlation coefficients for nonideal squeezed beams combined on a beam splitter.

$$g_{Y,opt} = \frac{\langle Y_x(\Omega)Y_x^*(\Omega) + Y_y(\Omega)Y_y^*(\Omega) \rangle}{2\Re(\Omega)S_{Yb}} = \frac{C_{Yab}}{2S_{Yb}}.$$  

Hence, the inference product is

$$V_{EPR} = \frac{(S_{Xa}S_{Xb} - \frac{1}{4}C_{Xab}^2)(S_{Ya}S_{Yb} - \frac{1}{4}C_{Yab}^2)}{S_{Xa}S_{Xb}S_{Ya}S_{Yb}}.$$  

Using Eqs. (22) we find

$$S_{Xa} = S_{Xb} = \frac{1}{2}(S_{X1} + S_{X2}),$$  

$$S_{Ya} = S_{Yb} = \frac{1}{2}(S_{Y1} + S_{Y2}),$$  

$$C_{Xab} = S_{X1} - S_{Y2},$$  

$$C_{Yab} = S_{Y1} - S_{X2}.$$  

When the input beams 1 and 2 are generated in equivalent resonators we have $S_{X1}=S_{X2}$, $S_{Y1}=S_{Y2}$ and the EPR correlation reduces to

$$V_{EPR} = \frac{4S_{X1}^2S_{Y1}^2}{(S_{X1} + S_{Y1})^2},$$  

where the condition for an EPR paradox is $V_{EPR} < 1$. As seen in Fig. 3 second-harmonic generation results in nonideal squeezed states with $S_{X1}, S_{Y1} = p > 1$. We can then write $V_{EPR} = 4S_{X1}^2 p^2 / (S_{X1}^2 + p^2)^2$.

The EPR correlation is shown in Fig. 7 for several values of $p$. We see that for strong amplitude squeezing the EPR correlation is quite insensitive to the degree of excess noise in the phase quadrature. On the other hand, for moderate levels of squeezing, less than about 4 dB, $V_{EPR}$ increases significantly with $p$. Referring to Fig. 3 we see that $P_{in} = 0.5$ W gives $S_X = -2$ dB and $p = 2.2$. For these values the EPR correlation obtained by mixing two individually squeezed beams on a beam splitter is $V_{EPR} = 1.1$, so there is no EPR paradox. On the other hand, for $P_{in} = 0.5$ W the dual-ported resonator gives $V_{EPR} = 0.7$. Thus the dual-ported resonator is able to generate much stronger EPR correlations even though the output beams have a lower level of squeezing than is required using a beam-splitter to mix two squeezed sources.

When combining two equivalent squeezed sources on a beam splitter the DGCZ criterion as given by Eq. (20) takes on the simple form $V_{DGCZ} = S_X$, which is independent of the parameter $p$. Thus, as seen in Fig. 7, nonseparable beams can always be created by beam-splitter mixing, even using non-ideal squeezed sources.

We can also compare the EPR correlation generated in the dual-ported resonator directly with beam-splitter mixing as a function of total pump power. As seen in Fig. 8 the value of $V_{EPR}$ generated using two sources and a beam splitter depends strongly on the characteristics of the source. The top curve labeled “linear resonator” shows the results obtained by using one of the outputs from a dual-ported resonator with the parameters used in Figs. 3, 4, 5. This is clearly suboptimal as only half of the generated harmonic light is being used, and no EPR paradox is seen for moderate pump powers in this case. The bottom curve labeled “ring resonator” corresponds to an optimized ring resonator which has the same parameters as for the dual-ported resonator except $E_{NL2} = 0$. This corresponds to unidirectional propagation in a ring resonator which generates stronger squeezing and also a smaller $V_{EPR}$ than the dual-ported resonator. We defer until the next section a discussion of the optimal approach to generating EPR correlations using SHG.

VI. DISCUSSION

We have shown that SHG in a resonator with two output ports can be used to generate output beams that exhibit non-
classical intensity correlations, as well as entanglement. The use of SHG to create entangled beams, as opposed to the more commonly employed method of parametric oscillation or amplification, may be advantageous in that it provides additional flexibility in the choice of spectral region for the entangled beams. The analysis uses a propagation model for the quantum fluctuations that goes beyond the usual mean-field approximation. The propagation model is needed to calculate correlations between fields at different spatial positions in the resonator. We have shown results for the zero-frequency noise fluctuations. The nonclassical correlations and entanglement will degrade as the frequency considered is increased, with the frequency dependence following the usual Lorentizan form for a nonlinear cavity [21].

It is also possible to combine two individually squeezed beams with a 50-50 beam splitter to create entanglement [14]. The question therefore arises as to which method, the dual-ported resonator or two separate resonators, is most efficient at creating usable entanglement. This question has been considered for the case of degenerate vs nondegenerate parametric oscillation in Ref. [42] where it was shown that a single nondegenerate oscillator was generally preferred.

We have compared the entanglement created in the dual-ported resonator with the approach of combining separate squeezing sources on a beam splitter in Fig. 8. We see that the EPR correlation strength for a given available pump power obtainable with the dual-ported resonator lies between the results obtained by combining the outputs of two separate dual-ported or single-port ring resonators. The results presented were obtained for resonator parameters given in the text. Although differences occur for different parameter choices we believe the results presented are representative of the current state of the art in nonlinear resonators.

Figure 8 suggests that, as far as EPR correlations are concerned, it is most efficient to combine the outputs of two separate resonators with a beam splitter. We nonetheless suggest that this conclusion may not be warranted. The single-output resonator which generates the strongest EPR correlation in Fig. 8 does so by producing large amounts of squeezing. For the parameters used in the text and $P_{in}/2 = 0.5$ W the ring resonator is predicted to give about 6 dB of amplitude squeezing into a single-harmonic output. On the other hand the largest amount of amplitude squeezing ever reported in a SHG experiment was, to the best of our knowledge, measured to be 2.4 dB, with an inferred squeezing of 5.2 dB [43]. It may therefore not be possible to achieve the level of squeezing predicted in the theoretical model. The difficulties include parasitic effects such as blue-light-induced infrared absorption that become prominent when large amounts of the harmonic field are generated [44]. There are also more fundamental limitations present in high-conversion-efficiency SHG due to the excitation of competing parametric processes which have been shown to limit the level of harmonic squeezing that is attainable [45].

Given these considerations the use of a dual-ported resonator which generates a strong EPR correlation even though the squeezing level and the power of each beam are not large may be advantageous compared to combining separate SHG resonators on a beam splitter. As no experiments producing entangled beams by SHG have yet been performed the question of which method is experimentally preferable will require further study. Finally, we note that the dual-ported configuration of Fig. 1 is also attractive in terms of experimental simplicity, compared to a two resonator plus beam splitter arrangement.

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**APPENDIX A: EFFECTIVE INTERACTION STRENGTH**

In order to use Eqs. (10) to calculate output spectra we must first evaluate the interaction strength in each crystal. Because the fundamental is partially converted to the second harmonic in the first pass through the crystal the interaction in the second pass will be slightly weaker.

The cavity geometry is shown in Fig. 2. After some simple algebra we find for the conversion efficiency of crystal 1

\[
\sqrt{\epsilon_1} = \frac{4T_{11}\sqrt{E_{NL,1}P_{in}}}{[2 - \sqrt{1 - T_{11}}\sqrt{1 - T_{12}}(2 - L_{13}) - L_{14} - \sqrt{\epsilon_1E_{NL,1}P_{in} - \sqrt{\epsilon_2E_{NL,2}P_{in}}}]^2}.
\]  

(A1)

We have introduced the conversion efficiencies $\epsilon_1 = P_{21}/P_{in}$, $\epsilon_2 = P_{22}/P_{in}$, $P_{21}$, $P_{22}$ are the harmonic output powers after the first and second crystal passes, $P_{in}$ is the fundamental pump power external to the cavity, and the other parameters are defined in Sec. II. When $E_{NL,2}=L_{14}=T_{12}=0$ Eq. (A1) reduces to the known result [46] for a single-crystal ring cavity.

In the two-crystal case the conversion efficiencies are related by

\[
\epsilon_2 = \frac{E_{NL,2}}{E_{NL,1}}(1 - T_{12})^2(1 - L_{13})^2\epsilon_1(1 - \sqrt{\epsilon_1E_{NL,1}P_{in}})^2.
\]  

(A2)

Using this result in (A1) we get a closed expression for $\epsilon_1$ that can be solved numerically. The normalized propagation lengths are then given by

\[
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\]
Numerical examples using the same parameters as in Sec. II \( E_{NL1}=E_{NL2}=0.015 \text{ W}^{-1}, n_1=n_2=2.2, T_{11}=0.01, T_{12}=0, L_{13}=L_{14}=0.005 \) are shown in Fig. 9. The conversion efficiencies, second-harmonic power, and propagation lengths are shown in Fig. 9 as a function of the input pump power. The parameters were chosen to give strong nonclassical correlations, but are not optimal for power conversion since \( \varepsilon_1 \) and \( \varepsilon_2 \) peak at quite low power, and the cavity is under-coupled at higher input powers. We see that the normalized propagation lengths \( \xi_1, \xi_2 \leq 1 \) so the linearized analysis used in the paper is reliable. In addition the fractional pump depletion due to a single pass of the intracavity field with power \( P_c \) through the crystal is given by \( \Delta P/P = \sqrt{\varepsilon_1E_{NL1}P/m} \). For the parameters used the fractional depletion is always less than 5%, so the Boyd-Kleinman analysis, which is based on the assumption of an unaltered spatial form for the fundamental field, is a good approximation.

\[ \xi_1 = \sqrt{\frac{n_1}{n_2}} \varepsilon_1 E_{NL1} P_{in}, \quad (A3a) \]
\[ \xi_2 = \sqrt{\frac{n_1}{n_2}} \varepsilon_2 E_{NL2} P_{in}. \quad (A3b) \]

**APPENDIX B: COEFFICIENTS OF OUTPUT QUADRATURES**

The coefficients appearing in Eqs. (11) are

\[ f_{11} = \frac{e^{i\Omega_P c_1} \sqrt{T_{11} N_{21}(\xi_1)}}{F}, \]
\[ f_{13} = -\frac{e^{i\Omega_P c_1} \sqrt{1-T_{11} T_{14} N_{21}(\xi_1) N_{11}(\xi_2)}}{F}, \]
\[ f_{14} = -\frac{e^{i\Omega_P c_1} \sqrt{1-T_{11} T_{14} N_{21}(\xi_1)}}{F}, \]
\[ f_{21} = \frac{N_{22}(\xi_1) - e^{i\Omega_P c_1} \sqrt{1-T_{11} T_{14} N_{21}(\xi_1) N_{22}(\xi_1) N_{12}(\xi_2) - N_{12}(\xi_2) N_{21}(\xi_1)}}{F}, \]
\[ f_{22} = \frac{e^{i\Omega_P c_1} \sqrt{1-T_{11} T_{14} N_{21}(\xi_1) N_{12}(\xi_2)}}{F}, \]
\[ g_{11} = \frac{e^{i\Omega_P c_1} \sqrt{T_{11} N_{43}(\xi_1)}}{G}, \]
\[ g_{13} = -\frac{e^{i\Omega_P c_1} \sqrt{1-T_{11} T_{14} N_{43}(\xi_1) N_{33}(\xi_2)}}{G}, \]
\[ g_{14} = -\frac{e^{i\Omega_P c_1} \sqrt{1-T_{11} T_{14} N_{43}(\xi_1)}}{G}. \]
\[ g_{21} = N_{44}(\xi_1) - e^{i\Omega_{41}} \sqrt{1 - T_{11} \sqrt{1 - L_{13} \sqrt{1 - L_{4d} N_{33}(\xi_2) [N_{33}(\xi_1) N_{44}(\xi_1) - N_{34}(\xi_1) N_{43}(\xi_1)]}}} \]

\[ g_{22} = \frac{e^{i\Omega_{41}} \sqrt{1 - T_{11} \sqrt{1 - L_{13} N_{43}(\xi_1) N_{43}(\xi_2)}}}{G} \]

\[ h_{11} = \frac{e^{i\Omega_{41}} \sqrt{1 - T_{11} \sqrt{1 - L_{13} N_{11}(\xi_1) N_{21}(\xi_2)}}}{F} \]

\[ h_{13} = -\frac{\sqrt{L_{13} N_{21}(\xi_2)}}{F} \]

\[ h_{14} = -\frac{e^{i\Omega_{41}} \sqrt{1 - T_{11} \sqrt{1 - L_{13} L_{4d} N_{11}(\xi_1) N_{21}(\xi_2)}}}{F} \]

\[ h_{21} = \frac{\sqrt{L_{13} N_{12}(\xi_1) N_{21}(\xi_2)}}{F} \]

\[ h_{22} = N_{22}(\xi_2) - e^{i\Omega_{41}} \sqrt{1 - T_{11} \sqrt{1 - L_{13} \sqrt{1 - L_{4d} N_{11}(\xi_1) [N_{11}(\xi_2) N_{22}(\xi_2) - N_{12}(\xi_2) N_{21}(\xi_2)]}}} \]

\[ j_{11} = \frac{e^{i\Omega_{41}} \sqrt{1 - T_{11} \sqrt{1 - L_{13} N_{33}(\xi_1) N_{43}(\xi_2)}}}{G} \]

\[ j_{13} = -\frac{\sqrt{L_{13} N_{43}(\xi_2)}}{G} \]

\[ j_{14} = -\frac{e^{i\Omega_{41}} \sqrt{1 - T_{11} \sqrt{1 - L_{13} L_{4d} N_{33}(\xi_1) N_{43}(\xi_2)}}}{G} \]

\[ j_{21} = \frac{\sqrt{1 - L_{13} N_{34}(\xi_1) N_{43}(\xi_2)}}{G} \]

\[ j_{22} = \frac{N_{44}(\xi_2) - e^{i\Omega_{41}} \sqrt{1 - T_{11} \sqrt{1 - L_{13} \sqrt{1 - L_{4d} N_{33}(\xi_1) [N_{33}(\xi_2) N_{44}(\xi_2) - N_{34}(\xi_2) N_{43}(\xi_2)]}}}}{G} \]

In the above expressions, we have introduced the definitions

\[ F = 1 - e^{i\Omega_{41}} \sqrt{1 - T_{11} \sqrt{1 - L_{13} \sqrt{1 - L_{4d} N_{11}(\xi_1) N_{11}(\xi_2)}}} \]

\[ G = 1 - e^{i\Omega_{41}} \sqrt{1 - T_{11} \sqrt{1 - L_{13} \sqrt{1 - L_{4d} N_{33}(\xi_1) N_{33}(\xi_2)}}} \]

The propagation matrix elements are \([34, 35]\)

\[ N_{11}(\xi) = \frac{1 - \xi \tanh \zeta}{\cosh \zeta}, \quad N_{12}(\xi) = -\sqrt{2} \frac{\tanh \zeta}{\cosh \zeta} \]

\[ N_{21}(\xi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\tanh \zeta + \xi \sech^2 \zeta), \quad N_{22}(\xi) = \sech^2 \zeta \]

\[ N_{33}(\zeta) = \sech \zeta, \quad N_{34}(\zeta) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\sinh \zeta + \xi \sech \zeta), \]

\[ N_{43}(\zeta) = \sqrt{2} \tanh \zeta, \quad N_{44}(\zeta) = 1 - \xi \tanh \zeta \]


