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Down-conversion in doped GaSe for spectroscopic applications

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Physical properties of nonlinear p-type ϵ -GaSe crystal have paid great attention due to its outstanding ability to generate broadband emission from the near IR through the mid- and far-IR (THz) and further into the mm-range. This lecture introduces the current state of the art of the solid solution synthesis and growth technology of pure, light and heavy doped GaSe single crystals, the physical properties and the results achieved for the applications in laser frequency conversion into the mid-IR and THz range, and standoff detection of generated emission of 0.5-1 mm wavelength at distances over 110 m. To improve the optical quality of the synthesized GaSe material, the synthesis was conducted in heavily charged, up to 65% by volume, quartz ampoules to decrease the quantity of rest gases. The quartz ampoules were covered by pyrolytic carbon to decrease interaction of melts with the ampoules impurities. Modified vertical Bridgman growth technology includes application of a rotating heat field to achieve high melt uniformity and thin crystallization front resulting in high optical quality of crystals. To further improve optical quality and strengthen the lattice structure, GaSe was doped with different impurities. Significant improvement of optical quality was achieved for the first time by identified optimal doping with isovalent elements that form isostructural binary compounds. The best result was achieved by doping with small atomic size S atoms that allowed formation of solid solution $\text{GaSe}_{1-x}\text{S}_x$ single crystals with mixing ratio x up to 0.44. Accumulative effect was found in the improvement of optical quality after double element doping independent on the type of doping element. Doping with Al demonstrated the possibility to control plasma frequency and absorption, which finally allowed control dispersion properties in THz regime. It also resulted in the efficient lattice strengthening possibly through formation of strong chain-type guest atoms bounding. As a result, S & Al doping in layered and extremely soft GaSe result in the crystals to avoid of cracking under strong mechanical or optical impact. Optical properties were also studied over the entire transparency range and criterion for selection adequate measurement data recorded in the THz region. It was also shown that visual criterion cannot be used in the determination of the optical damage threshold.

The most important results achieved in frequency conversion include multistage frequency conversion of non selective CO laser in single GaSe sample with fixed position into wide range (2.3–8.5 μm), demonstrating the equality of GaSe and ZnGeP_2 nonlinear susceptibility coefficients and standoff detection of narrow bandwidth ($<0.1 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) THz emission generated by DFG of Nd:YAG and near IR KTP OPO systems within 0.5-1 mm region at distances over 110 m. Two model of room temperature Schottky diodes were used, as well as LHe cooled Si bolometer. Other results will be presented in details.

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