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Abstract:Nonlinear optical frequency conversion is an effective technique for generating infrared (IR) and terahertz (THz) wavelengths not readily available from existing laser sources. Birefringent materials such as LiNbO<sub>3</sub> are often used to generate wavelengths where gaps exist, but are unsuitable in the mid-IR, far-IR, and THz regions as these materials are often opaque in these regions. As an alternative, GaAs has been employed for frequency conversion in these regions using quasi-phase-matching (QPM) to overcome the material's lack of birefringence. QPM has been successfully demonstrated in GaAs using fused stacks of thin alternately oriented layers or inverted orientation patterned (OP) grating templates overgrown with thick columnar GaAs layers. Although GaAs has a high nonlinear coefficient  $d_{14} = 170$  pm/V at 1.064  $\mu\text{m}$  and good thermal conductivity (52 W/m K), it suffers from strong two-photon absorption below 1.7  $\mu\text{m}$  making it inefficient when pumped with a source less than or equal to this wavelength. GaP also has a high nonlinear coefficient  $d_{14} = 71$  pm/V at 1.064  $\mu\text{m}$ , better thermal conductivity (110 W/m K) and much lower two-photon absorption in the 1  $\mu\text{m}$  region. Therefore, OPGaP is desirable for NLO applications in the mid-IR and THz that use commercially available pump lasers in the 1.06-1.55  $\mu\text{m}$  wavelength range. In this work the fabrication of OPGaP templates suitable for thick columnar hydride vapor phase epitaxial growth of GaP is reported using a commercially viable wafer fusion technique.

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