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Generation of Terahertz Radiation Using Zinc Oxide as Photoconductive Material Source

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Abstract

Terahertz (THz) radiation is generated from photoconductive antennas fabricated on a single crystal zinc oxide (ZnO). The all-solid state UV femtosecond laser is used for excitation. The THz-radiation power shows quadratical dependence on the electric field below 800 V/cm, and the obtained spectrum extends up to 1 THz. Moreover, the high crystallinity of the hydrothermally grown ZnO single crystal shows high transparency in the visible, near-infrared, and THz frequency regions. These observed characteristics open up the possibility of using ZnO in integrated active optics. (25 References).