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摘要: We report room-temperature terahertz sources based on Cerenkov difference-frequency generation in dual-wavelength mid-infrared quantum cascade lasers with giant resonant optical nonlinearities originating from intersubband transitions. A Cerenkov difference-frequency generation scheme allows for extraction of THz radiation along the whole length of the laser waveguide and provides directional terahertz emission. Experimentally, our sources demonstrate a conversion efficiency of up to 70 μW/W-2 approximately an order of magnitude improvement over the previous reports.

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