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摘要: We report on the demonstration of a maximum operating temperature of 142 K for InGaAs-based terahertz quantum cascade lasers. This result is achieved by using the alternative material combination In<sub>0.53</sub>Ga<sub>0.47</sub>As/GaAs<sub>0.51</sub>Sb<sub>0.49</sub>, lattice-matched to InP, which exhibits fabrication advantages over standard In<sub>0.53</sub>Ga<sub>0.47</sub>As/In<sub>0.52</sub>Al<sub>0.48</sub>As due to more suitable material parameters. An active region, based on a three-well phonon depletion design, with improved injection and extraction tunneling coupling, was designed. The devices exhibit threshold current densities of 0.75 kA/cm<sup>2</sup> and provide peak optical powers up to 9 mW. A broad spectral emission range between 3.3 and 4 THz is measured. (C) 2012 American Institute of Physics.

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