

Semiconductor Quantum Dots and to Test Their Application for Second Harmonic Generation

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Abstract

Semiconductor quantum dots (QDs) are nanoscale materials with unique optical and electronic properties arising from quantum confinement effects. Their tunable band gaps, size-dependent optical responses, high surface-to-volume ratios, and nonlinear optical behaviour make them promising materials for advanced photonic and optoelectronic applications. This study focuses on the preparation, characterization, and investigation of semiconductor quantum dots for their potential application in second harmonic generation (SHG), a nonlinear optical process in which two photons of the same frequency interact with a material to produce a photon at twice the original frequency. Semiconductor QDs can exhibit significant nonlinear optical responses due to quantum confinement, surface states, and electronic transitions. The synthesized quantum dots can be characterized using techniques such as UV–Visible spectroscopy, photoluminescence spectroscopy, X-ray diffraction, and electron microscopy to determine their optical properties, crystal structure, particle size, and morphology. Their SHG response can be evaluated using a suitable laser source and nonlinear optical measurement system. Parameters such as quantum-dot size, concentration, excitation wavelength, surface composition, and material structure may influence the efficiency of second harmonic generation. The study aims to understand the relationship between the structural and optical characteristics of semiconductor QDs and their nonlinear optical performance. Investigation of these properties may contribute to the development of compact and efficient nonlinear optical materials for applications in frequency conversion, optical communication, laser technology, imaging, and photonic devices. Semiconductor quantum dots therefore offer considerable potential for future nonlinear optical technologies.

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