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Absorption and photoluminescence of Gao.017Geo.25Aso.083So.65 glasses doped with rare-earth ions

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Abstract

The visible luminescence from Pr^{3+} , Dy^{3+} , Nd^{3+} , Sm^{3+} and codoped with Ho^{3+} and Dy^{3+} ions embedded in $Ga_{0.017}Ge_{0.25}As_{0.083}S_{0.65}$ glass hosts at room temperature and at T=10 K is reported, when pumping with an Ar+-ion laser at λ =488 nm. Fluorescence emissions at 1.3 µm was observed for Dy^{3+} and both at 1.3 and at 1.5 µm for Pr^{3+} doped glasses with wavelength pumping at 950 nm. Energy transfer from $Ho^{3+}:^5F_3$ level to $Dy^{3+}:^4F_{9/2}$ level increase the visible emission efficiency at 650 nm in the codoped glasses. The investigated $Ga_{0.017}Ge_{0.25}As_{0.083}S_{0.65}$ glasses doped with Pr^{3+} are promising amplifier materials for 1.3 and 1.5 µm fiber optic telecommunication windows.