

Tunable optical properties of ZnO via doping lithium, manganese and iron.

Abstract

Implications of Li, Mn and Fe doping on optical properties of ZnO is discussed here. Simple one step sol-gel route was utilized to synthesize ZnO. The optical properties of ZnO exhibited a strong function of dopant type and concentration. Li, Mn and Fe incorporation resulted in red shift in band gap of ZnO; highest shift being for Fe doped ZnO followed by Mn and Li doped ZnO. Red shift of 11% is realized for 20% Fe doped ZnO, whereas it is 9% and 6% for Mn and Li doped ZnO. The emission spectra show quenching of UV emission for doped ZnO. Mn and Fe doped ZnO exhibited green luminescence.