

Photonics On Crystals

POC-OC-122482-Co²⁺ /ZnS Crystal Datasheet

1 Main Features

- Broad tunability for mid-IR laser systems (1.5–4.0 μm range).
- High absorption and emission cross-sections, enabling efficient laser performance.
- Excellent durability and thermal stability for demanding applications.
- Suitable for high-power laser systems and medical devices.
- Precise optical performance with customizable coating options.



2. Material General Description

 Co^{2+}/ZnS crystals are a unique class of doped materials that exhibit remarkable optical and physical properties. These crystals are optimized for mid-infrared (mid-IR) applications, offering wide tunability in the 1.5–4.0 μ m wavelength range. Doping zinc sulfide (ZnS) with cobalt ions introduces strong absorption and emission characteristics, making it a superior gain medium for various laser applications. With excellent mechanical properties and thermal stability, Co^{2+}/ZnS is highly durable and resistant to environmental degradation, ensuring longevity and consistent performance. These crystals are compatible with advanced laser technologies and are suitable for both continuous-wave (CW) and pulsed laser operations.



3. General Applications and Examples

1. Mid-IR Laser Systems:

Co²⁺/ZnS crystals are widely used in mid-IR laser systems, especially in high-power and tunable laser configurations for material processing and industrial applications.

2. Medical Applications:

These crystals are ideal for laser surgery and therapeutic devices operating in the mid-IR spectrum, where high absorption by water and soft tissues ensures precise and effective procedures.

3. Remote Sensing and Spectroscopy:

Co²⁺/ZnS crystals serve as gain media in laser systems used for environmental monitoring, remote sensing, and gas detection, owing to their ability to operate in the mid-infrared atmospheric transmission windows.

4. Research Applications:

In scientific research, these crystals are used to develop novel laser systems and investigate optical properties for advanced photonics research.

5. Optical Parametric Oscillators (OPOs):

Co²⁺/ZnS is commonly utilized in OPOs to generate mid-IR radiation for use in spectroscopy, bioimaging, and industrial diagnostics.

4. Chemical, Physical, or Structural Properties

Property	Value	
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Chemical Formula	ZnS with Co ²⁺ doping	
Density	4.09 g/cm ³	
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Thermal Conductivity	~27 W·m ⁻¹ ·K ⁻¹	
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Melting Point	~1700 C	
Hardness	~3.5 (Moh's scale)	
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Crystal Structure	Cubic	
Refractive Index	~2.3	
Orientation	<111>, <110>, <100>	
Cleavage Plane	<111>	

5. Optical, Laser, or Nonlinear Optical Properties

Property	Value
Transparency Range	0.4–12 μm

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Emission Wavelength Range	1.5–4.0 μm
Absorption Cross-Section	High
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Pump Wavelength Range	~0.9–1.2 μm
Laser Damage Threshold	>500 MW/cm ²

6. Spectrum Transmission Curves

The transmission spectrum of Co^{2+}/ZnS crystal demonstrates high transparency over a broad wavelength range, particularly in the mid-IR region (0.4–12 μ m). This allows for efficient operation in laser and optical systems. Detailed graphs showcasing transmission curves can be provided upon request.

7. Coating Specification

- Anti-Reflection Coating: Customized for 1.5–4.0 μm with reflectance <0.5%.
- **Protective Coatings:** Enhance resistance to environmental damage and mechanical wear.
- Specialized Coatings: Tailored coatings available for specific wavelengths and applications.

8. Standard Fabrication Specifications

Specification	Value
Dimensional Tolerance	±0.05 mm
Surface Quality	40-20 (scratch-dig rating)
Surface Flatness	λ/8 @ 632.8 nm
Parallelism	<30 arcsec
Bevel	<0.25 × 45°
Diameter Range	Up to 100 mm
Thickness Range	1–10 mm

9. POC Strength and Capabilities

Photonics On Crystals (POC) is a leader in developing and manufacturing Co²⁺/ZnS crystals tailored for advanced laser and optical systems. Our expertise spans high-quality fabrication, cutting-edge research, and customized solutions to meet industry-specific demands. POC ensures the highest quality standards for all Co²⁺/ZnS products, delivering unmatched reliability and performance.



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10. Standard Products

Product	Dimensions	Price (USD)
Co ²⁺ /ZnS Laser Rods	10–50 mm length	\$1,000-\$5,000
Co ²⁺ /ZnS Optical Windows	20–100 mm diameter	\$1,500-\$8,000
Co ²⁺ /ZnS Gain Mediums	Custom dimensions	\$3,000-\$15,000
Customization Options	Available on request	Contact for quote