

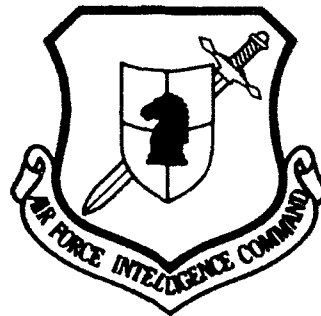
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By use of the Induced Furnace Up-pumping Method (IFUS) developed by ourselves, a new technique enables us to grow a titanium-doped gem crystal which can emit pulses in the forward as well as in the backward direction in the preparation of a continuous laser beam transmission. Since December of 1991 after it first appeared in our country, the continuous transmission of a titanium crystal laser (1) with hydrogen ion laser-pumping has reached a laser output efficiency of 303 mW and the threshold efficiency of 1.5 W. Recently, the crystalline mass grown by us has made another step forward to form a continuously lasing apparatus which acquired new progress in the output efficiency and resonance-harmonization capability.

By use of several different doping concentrations ( $\text{Ti}^{3+}$  0.94 Wt % - 0.2 Wt %) and different lengths for the crystalline rods (6.5 mm - 26 mm), a series of continuous laser experiments was carried out with the hydrogen laser pump. Among them  $\text{Ti}:\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  laser rod of magnitude roughly of  $3.5 \times 3.5 \times 15 \text{ mm}^3$ ;  $\alpha_{490} = 2.0 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , using A-240 hydrogen ion-laser pump, made in China (wavelength: 488 nm and 514 nm, total line), gave a maximum output efficiency reaching

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1.25 W, a threshold efficiency below 1 W, total body transformation efficiency of 12.5 % and a slanting ratio efficiency of 15%.

For the most recently acquired continuous chain laser output, the existing parameters are being presently measured.

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