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### **Effect of laser energy density on ZnO / $\alpha$ - Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> of films grown by pulsed laser deposition**

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## **Abstract**

In this work, Pulsed Laser Deposition (PLD) was employed for preparation of the thin films of Zinc Oxide on Sapphire  $\alpha$ - Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (0001). The effect of laser energy density on the structure and optical characterizations of the ZnO films have been studied by X-Ray diffraction (XRD), and Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM). The results showed that crystalline and (002)-oriented ZnO films were obtained at laser fluence 0.8, 1.6, and 2.4 J/cm<sup>2</sup> and the optimized growth ZnO films were at substrate temperature of 400 °C.

Optical transmission for all films was around 85-90% within the visible region of the spectrum.

**Key words:** Pulsed-laser deposition, Zinc oxide thin films, Nanostructures, Nd: YAG Q-Switching (SHG).

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