

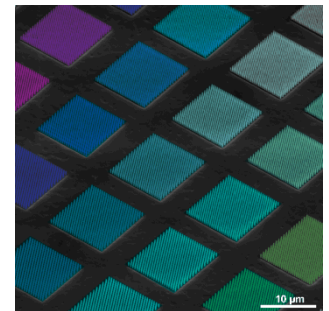
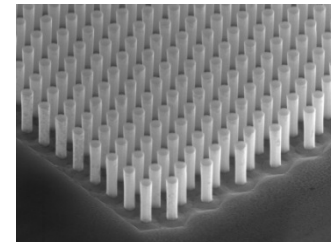
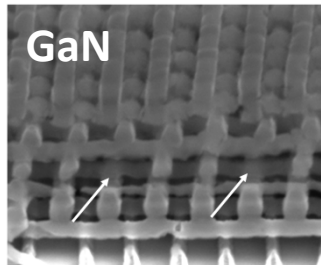
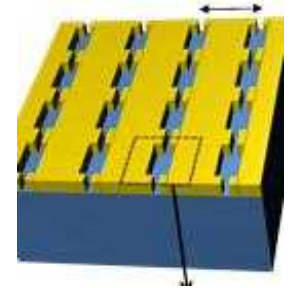
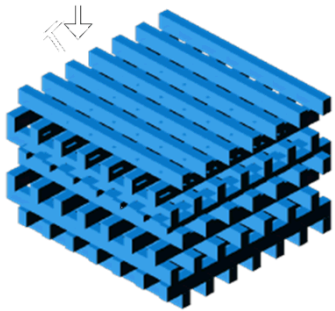
Nanophotonic structures for extreme light-confinement interaction

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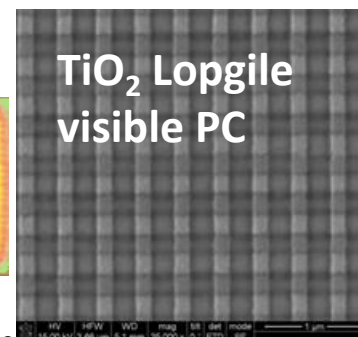
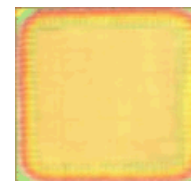
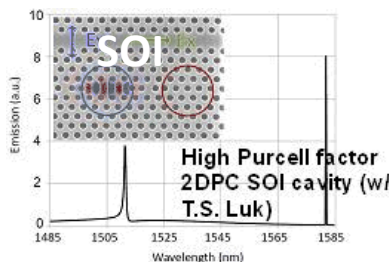
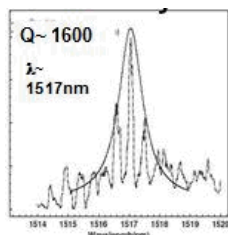
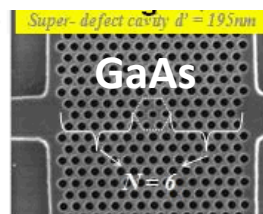


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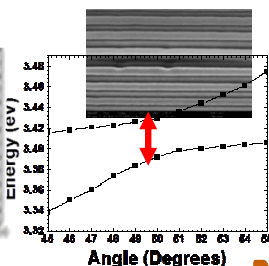
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Nanophotonics Activity

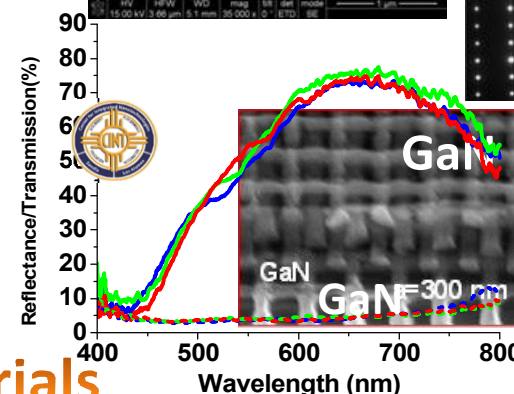
Integrated Photonics, Nanoscale lasing, Strong coupling, Full 3D emission control, Thermal control, Solid State lighting, Energy conversion



Strong coupling
(w/A. Fischer)



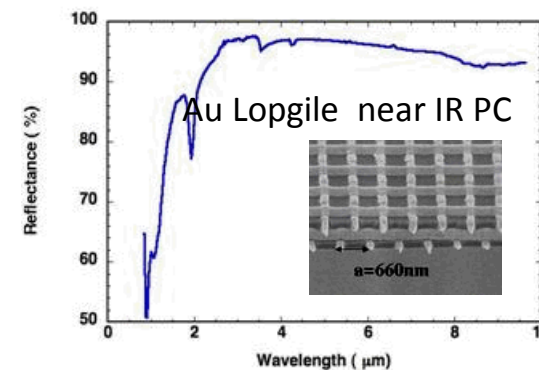
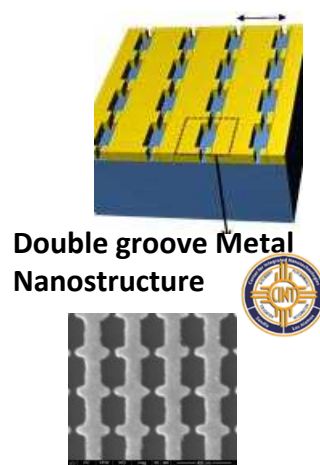
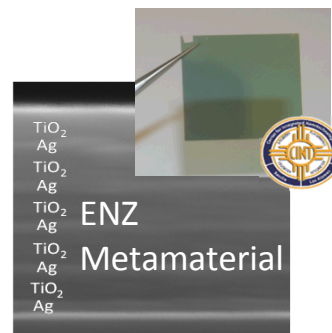
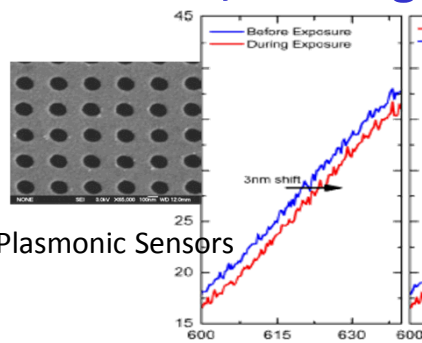
1,2D PC
3D PC
Photonic Nanostructures



GaN 2DPC laser w/ G. Wang, I. Brener

Metal optics and Metamaterials

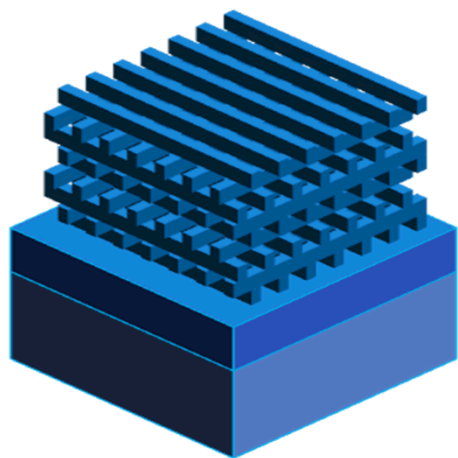
Ultrasubwavelength light control,
Detection, Sensing, Nanocircuitry



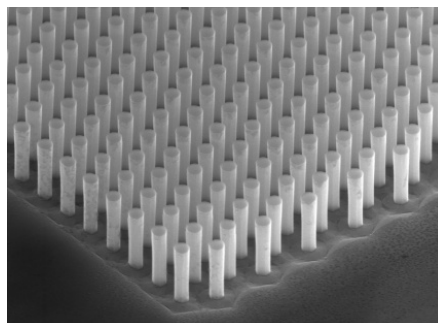
- **Background and Motivation**
- **Dielectric Nanostructures**
 - 3D logpile photonic crystals – TiO_2 and GaN
 - 2D photonic crystals – low threshold lasers, single photon sources
- **Metal based Nanostructures**
 - Epsilon-near-zero structures
 - Non-resonant broadband field confinement

Control of Light matter Interaction

- ❖ Three dimensional electromagnetic control
- ❖ Photonic density of states modulation
- ❖ Nanoscale confinement

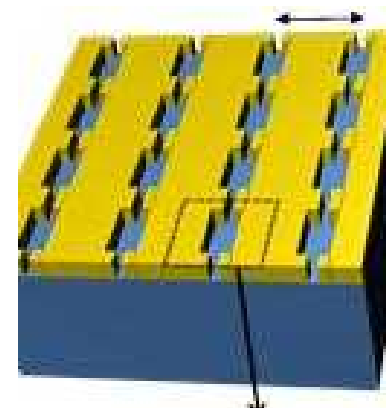
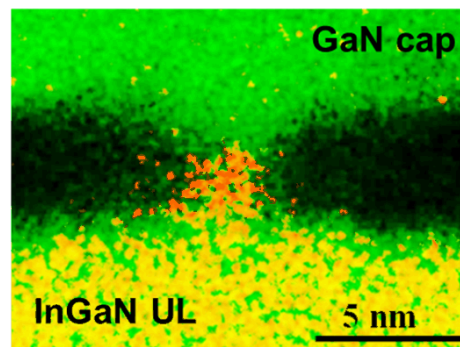


3D Photonic crystals



Low -threshold lasing

Single photon sources

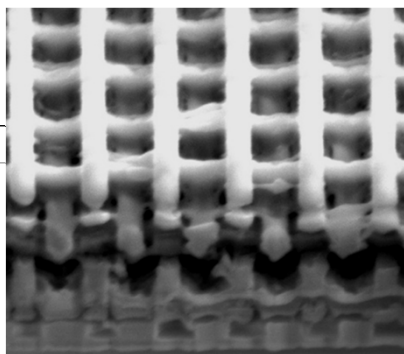
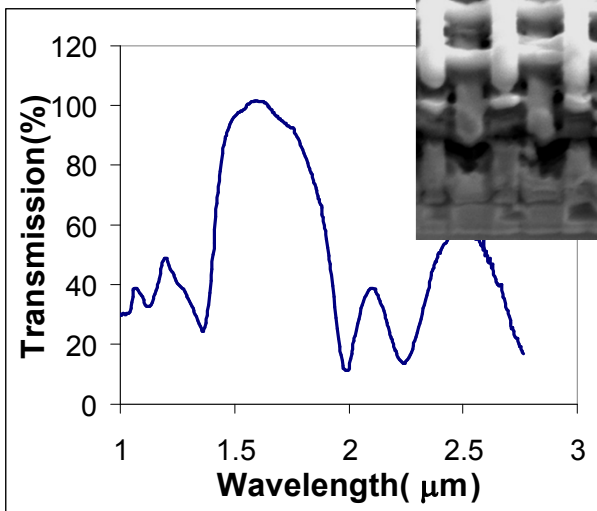


Broadband field confinement

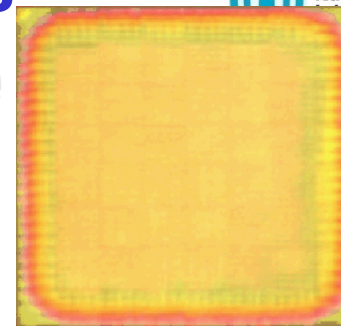
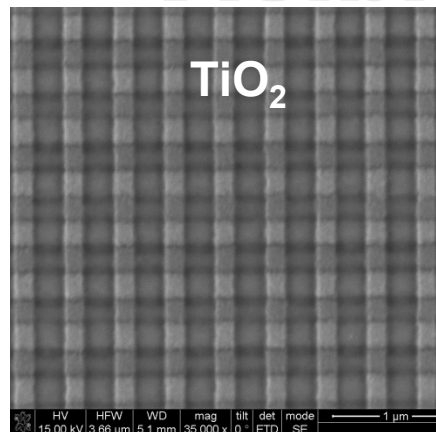
3DPCs: Wavelength, Materials

Visible

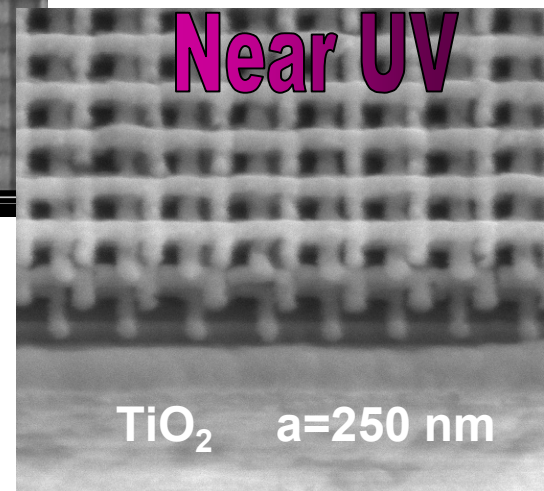
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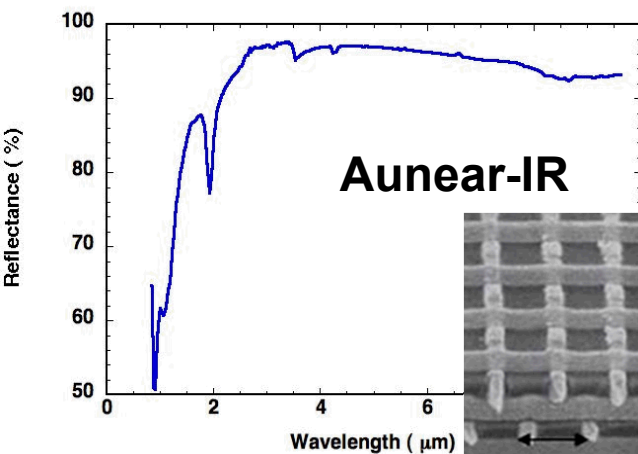
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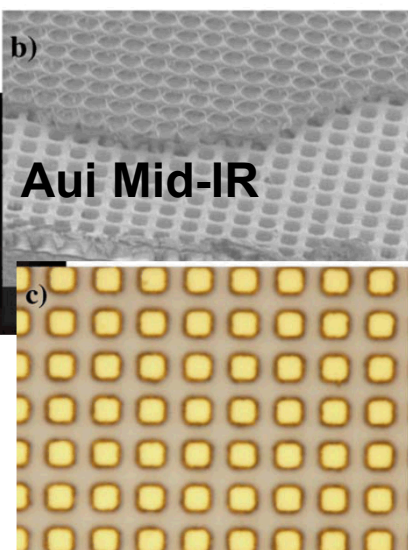
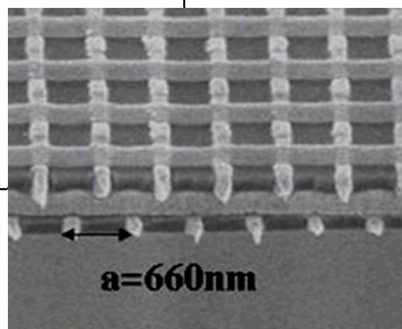
Near UV



- Mid IR to Near UV
- Si, Au, TiO₂ and GaN

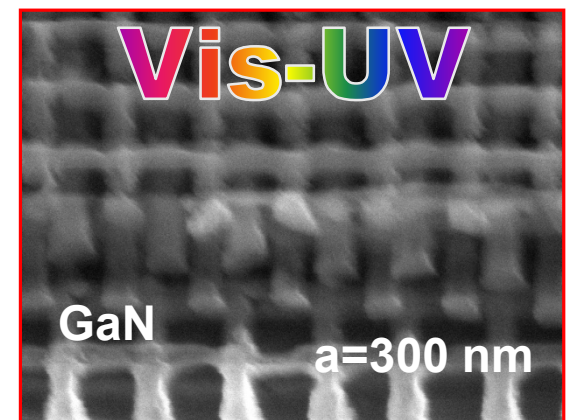


Au near-IR



Au Mid-IR

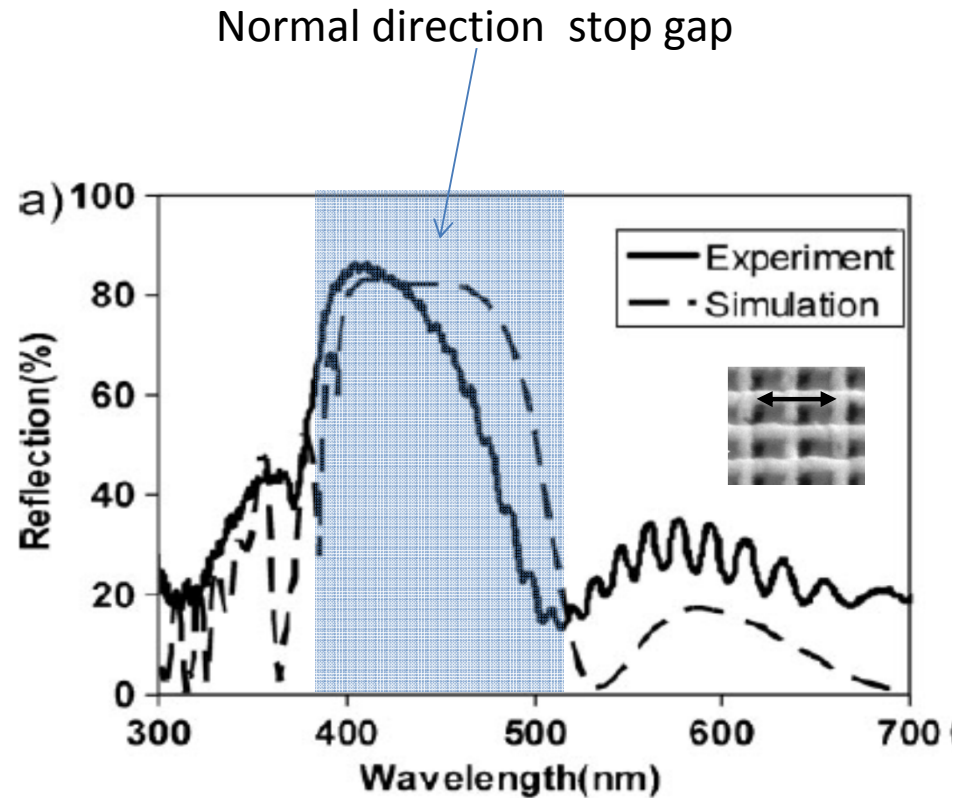
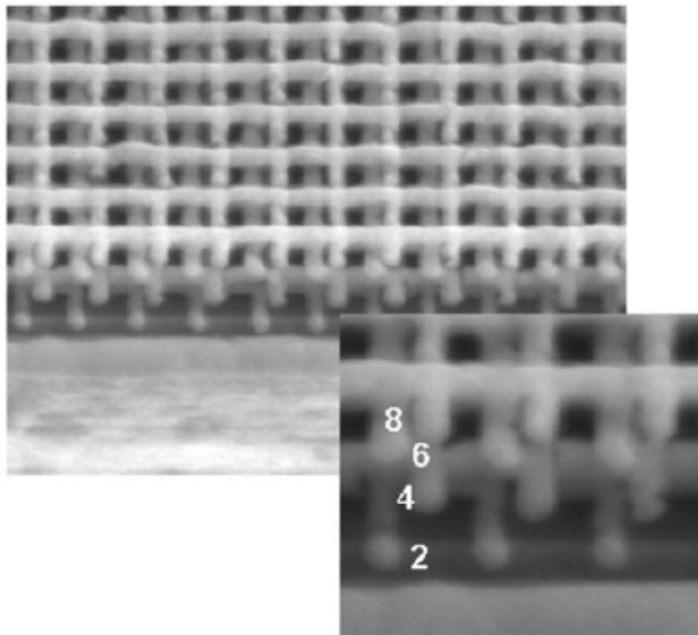
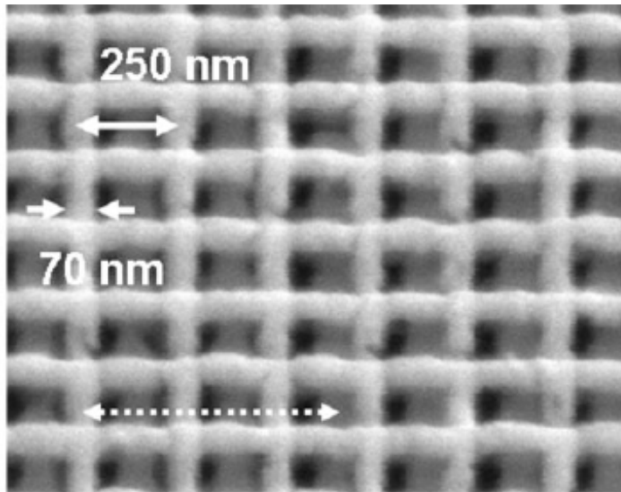
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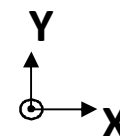
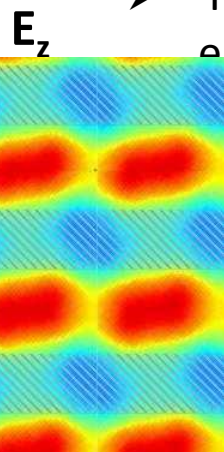
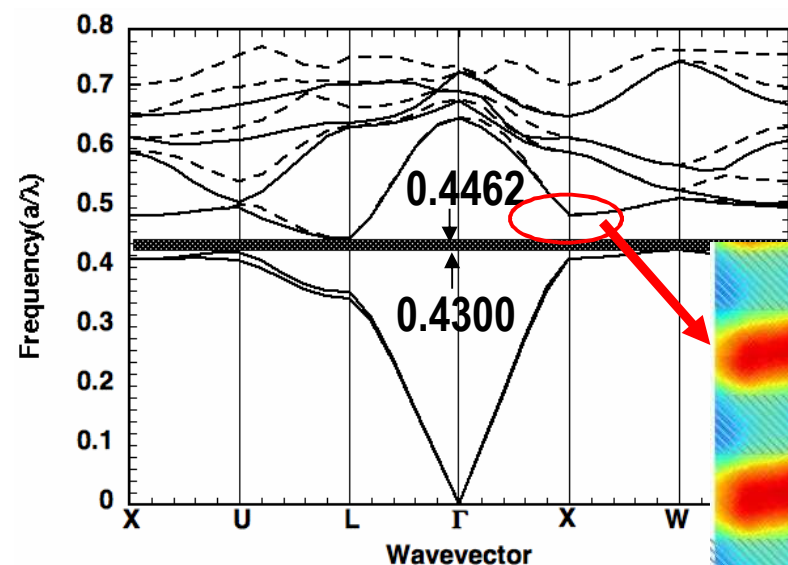
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TiO₂ Logpile- Visible 3D PC

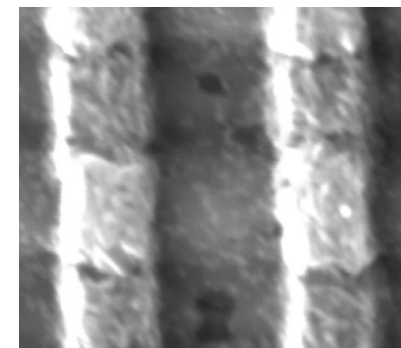


Air band Emission Modification in TiO_2 Logpile

- Post introduction of light source
- Choice of light source (QDs or dyes or gas)
- Potentially higher density of states enhancement

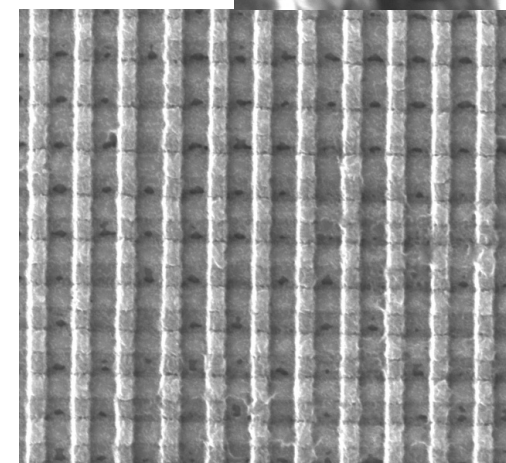
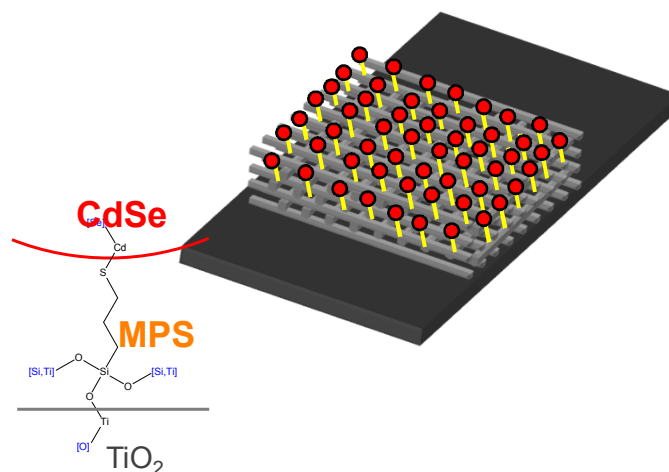
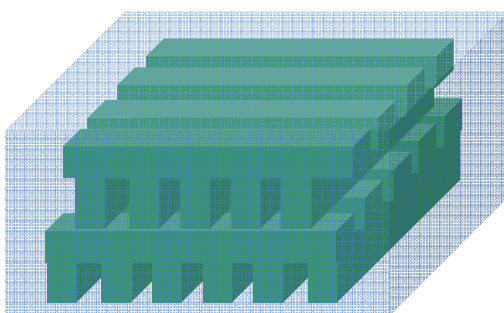


Aerogel Ref. index
~1.05-1.1

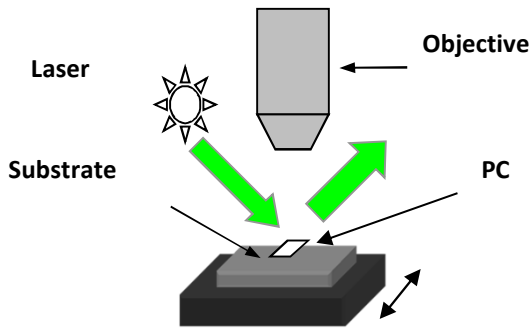


Spin coatable aerogel

Surface attachment of QDs

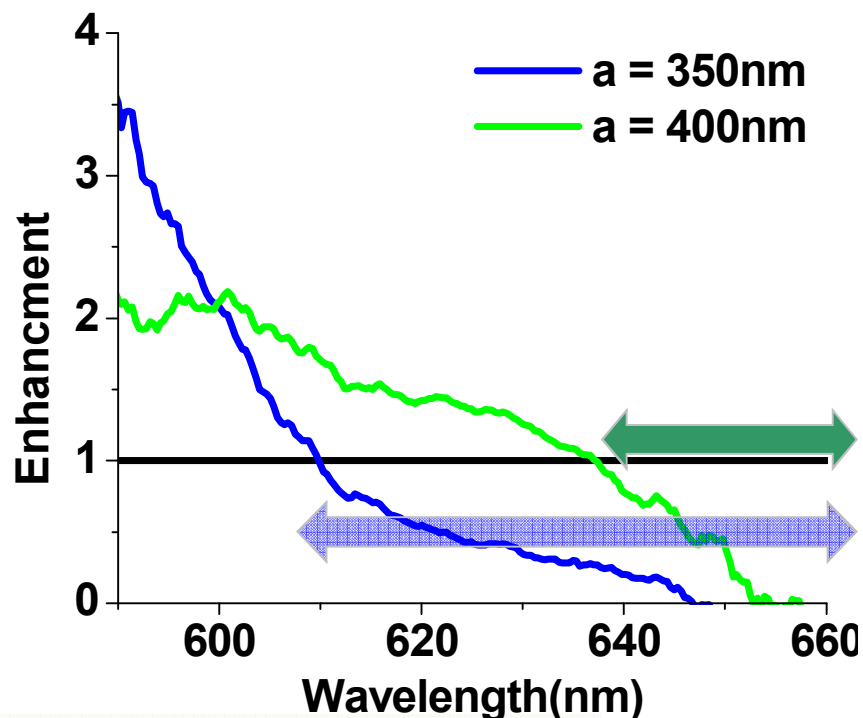
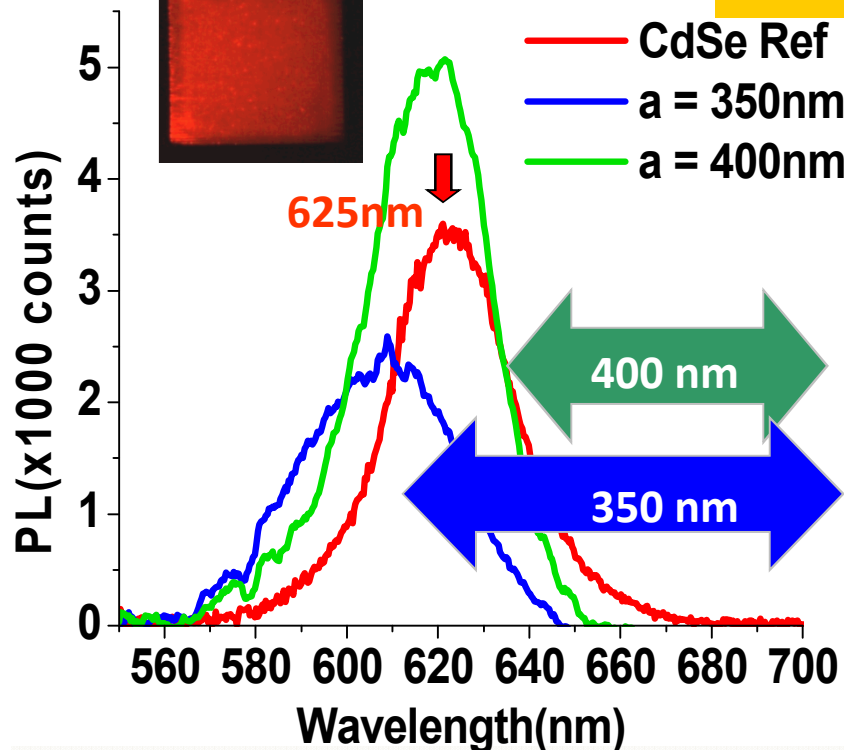


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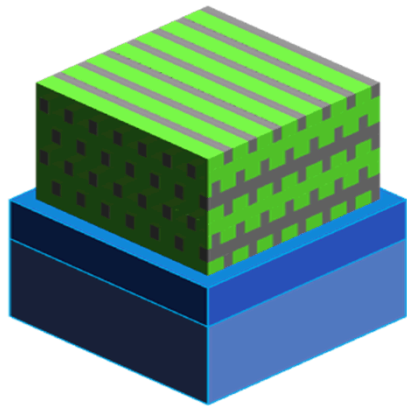
- Microphotoluminescence with 532nm (5mW CW pump)
- Equivalent volume of unpatterned CdSe infiltrated aerogel as reference

Light emission suppression inside the bandgap and enhancement at the band edge

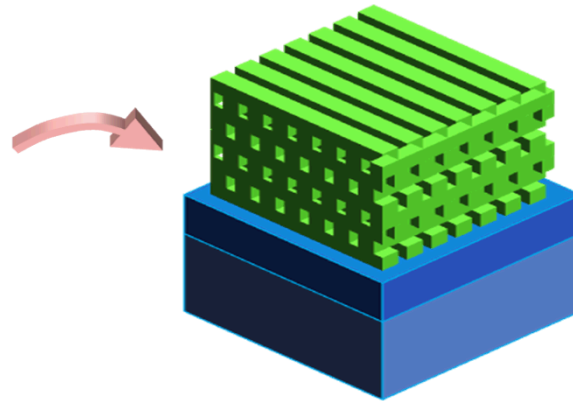


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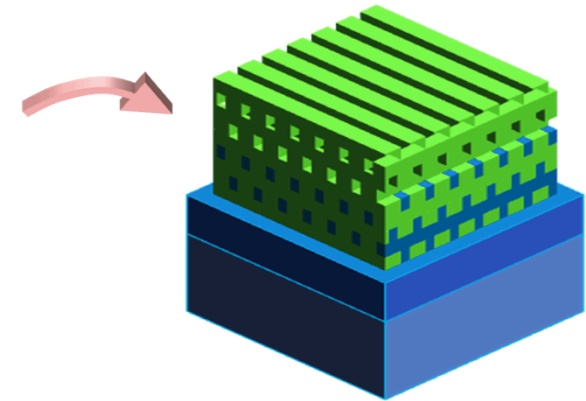
GaN growth through logpile template



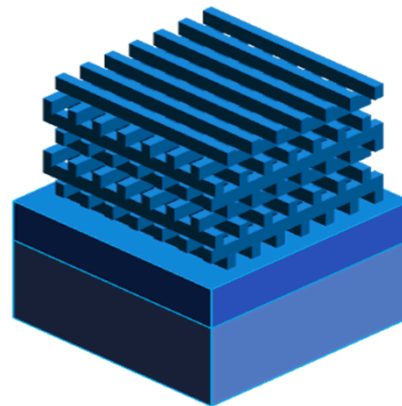
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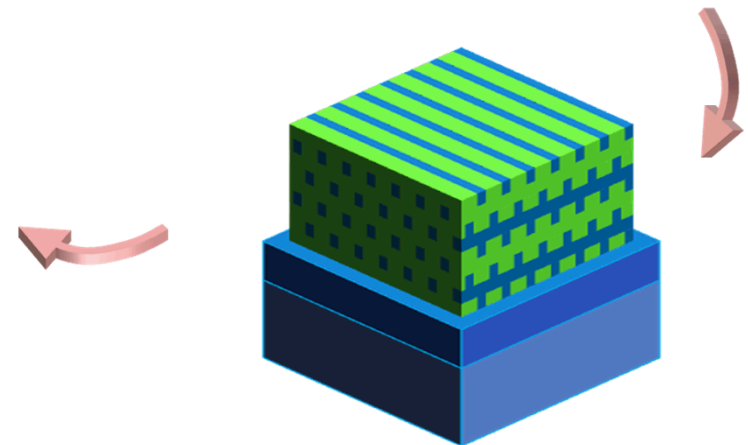
2. After Si is removed with KOH.



3. MOCVD GaN growth through SiO₂ template

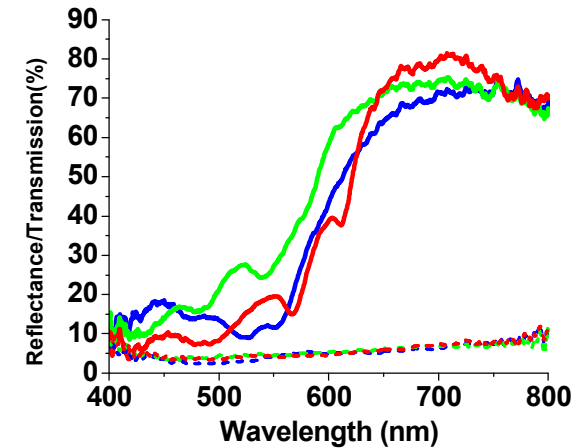
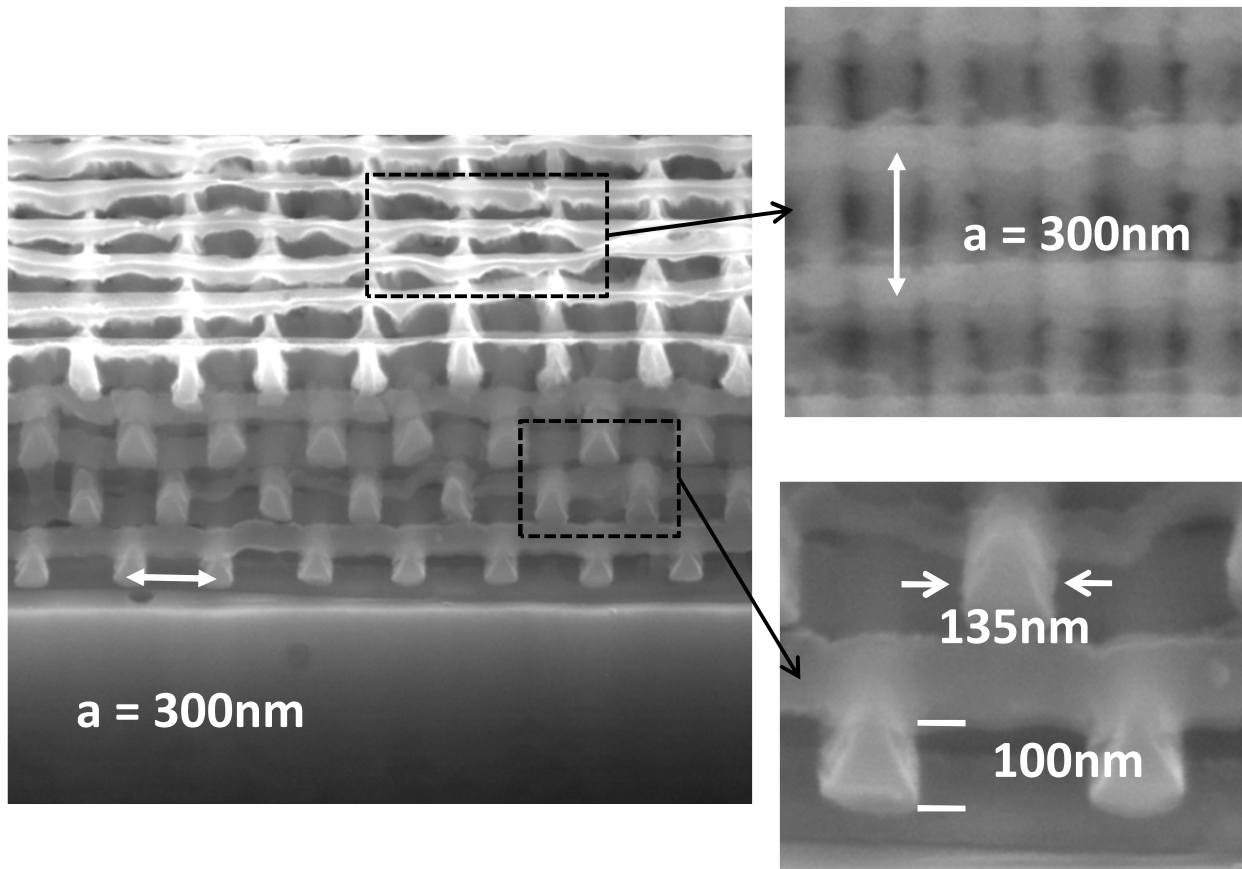


5. GaN logpile PC after SiO₂ logpile template removal



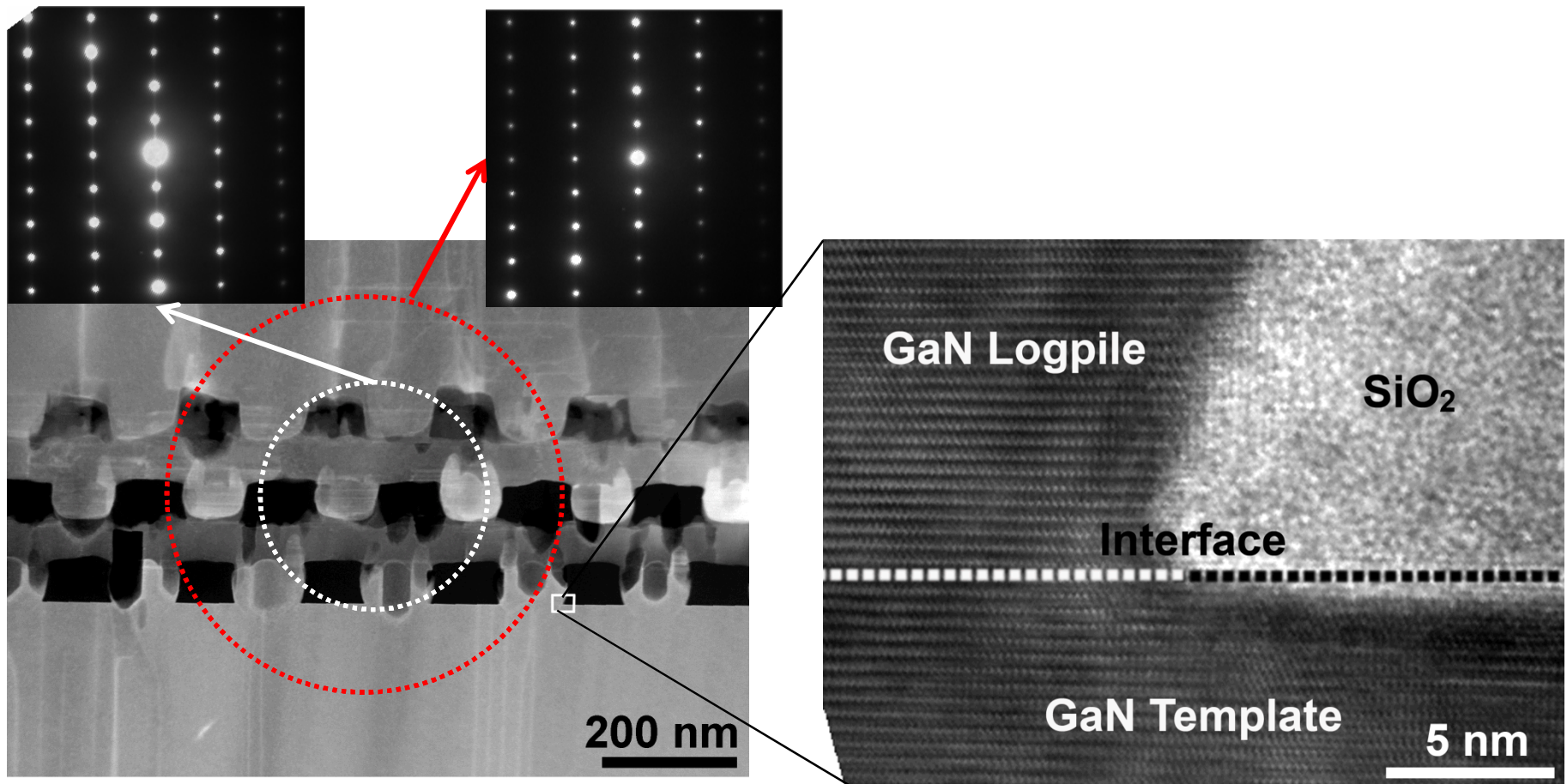
4. After complete GaN infiltration into SiO₂ logpile template

Epitaxial GaN logpile Photonic Crystal



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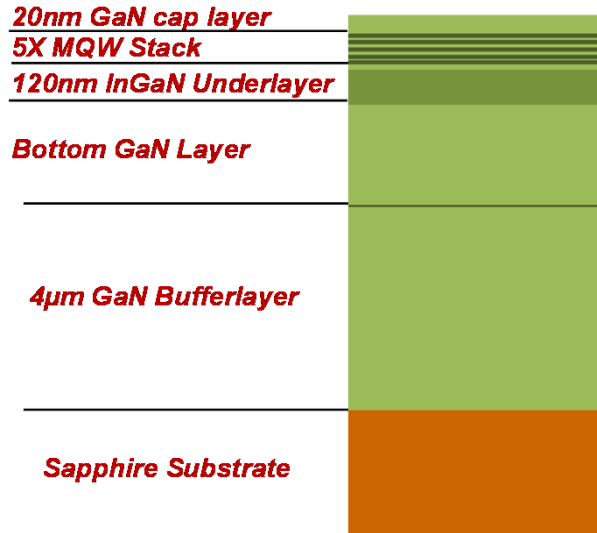
Bottom-up epitaxial growth of crystalline GaN



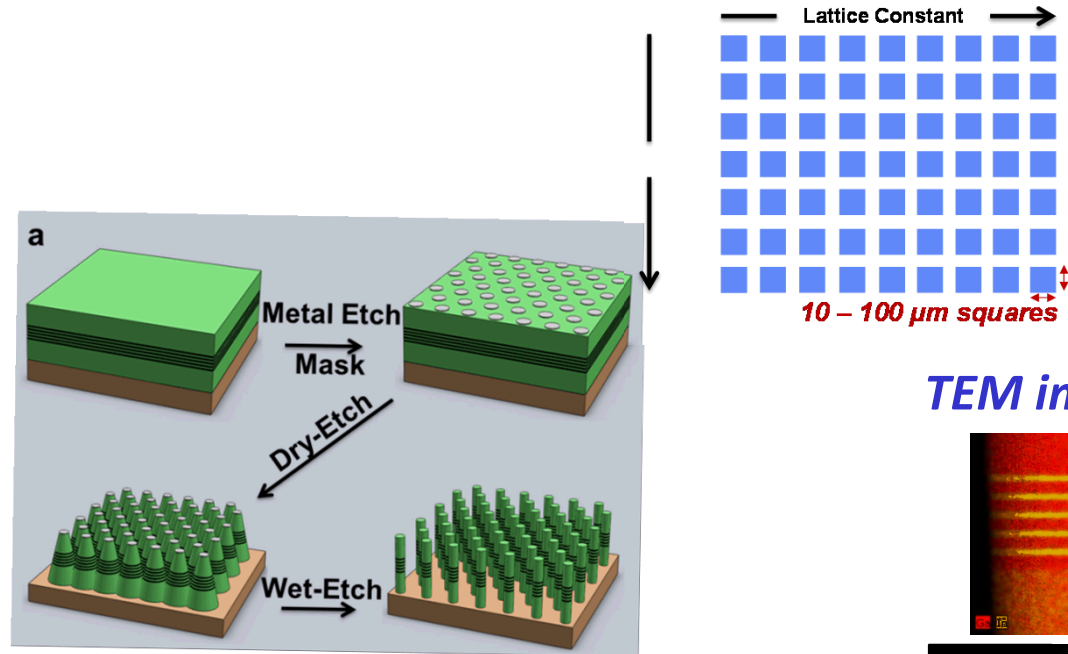
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Fabrication of III-N nanowire laser array

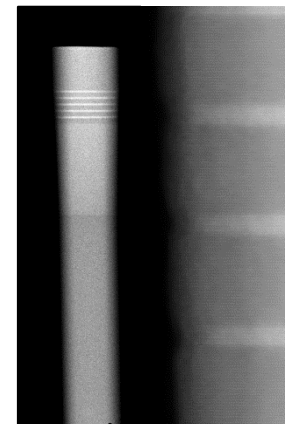
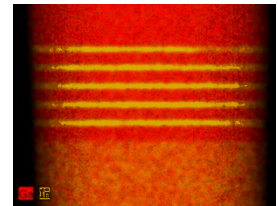
Growth of III-N active material



Patterning of 2DPC using e-beam lithography

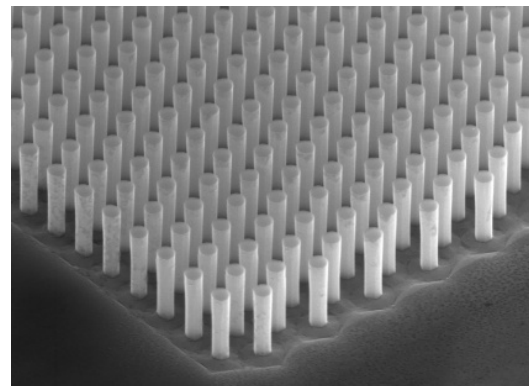
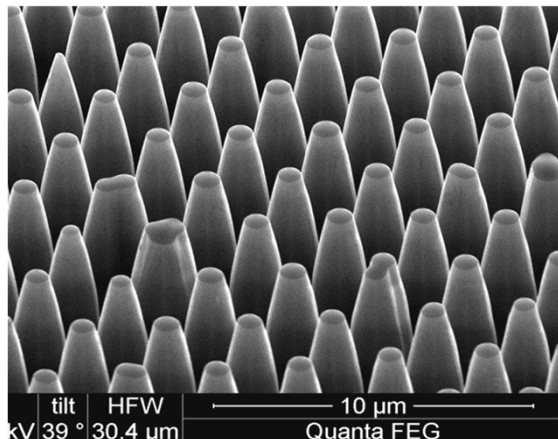


TEM images



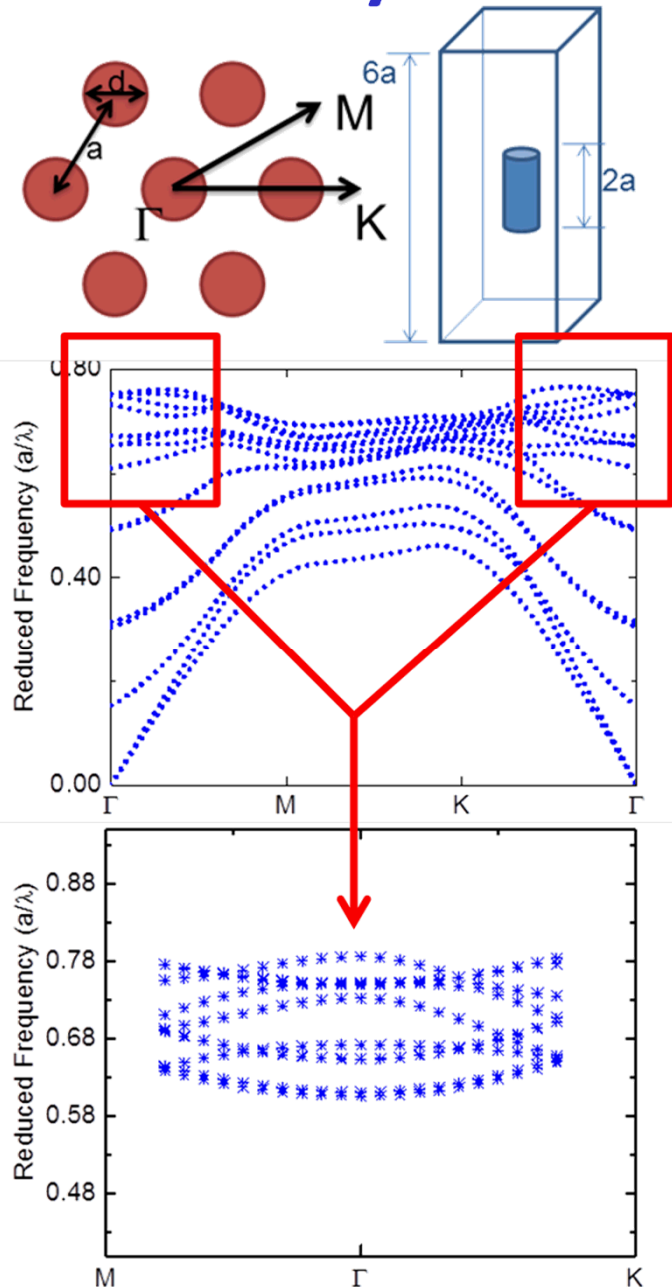
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Inductively coupled plasma dry etch



Wet etch using KOH process

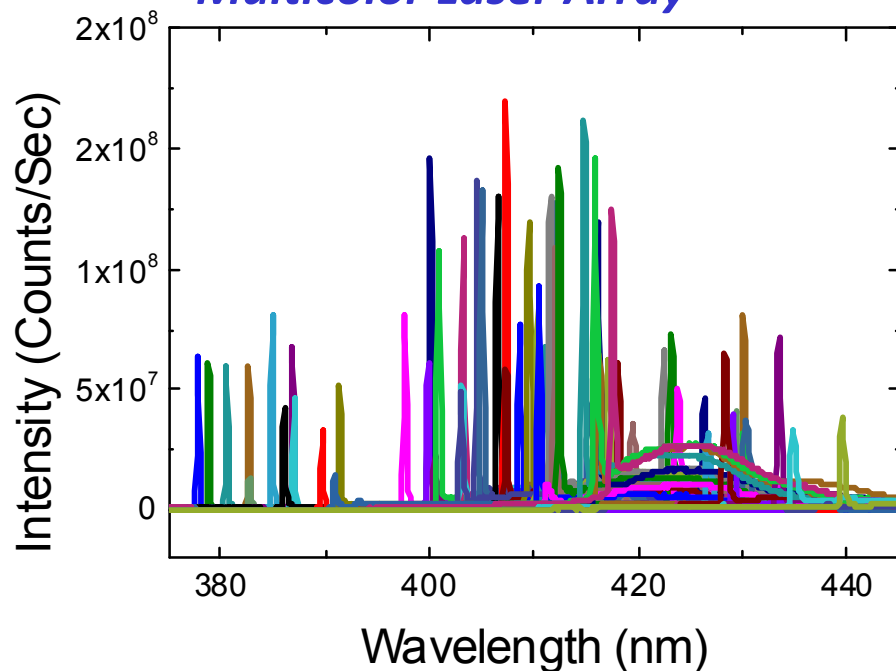
Vertically emitting photonic crystal lasers - Theory



- *Low lasing threshold*
 - *Increase interaction of light with the gain region*
 - *Enabled by 'Low group velocity modes' in photonic crystal**
- *Vertical Emission*
 - *At higher bands there are low group velocity modes near the Gamma point*
 - *Near the Gamma point the in-plane wave vectors are small resulting in near-normal emission*
- *Wavelength Tunability*
 - *Achieved through lattice constant and nanowire diameter variation*

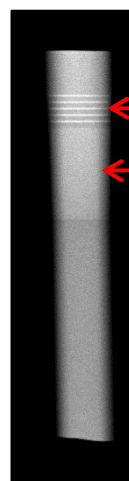
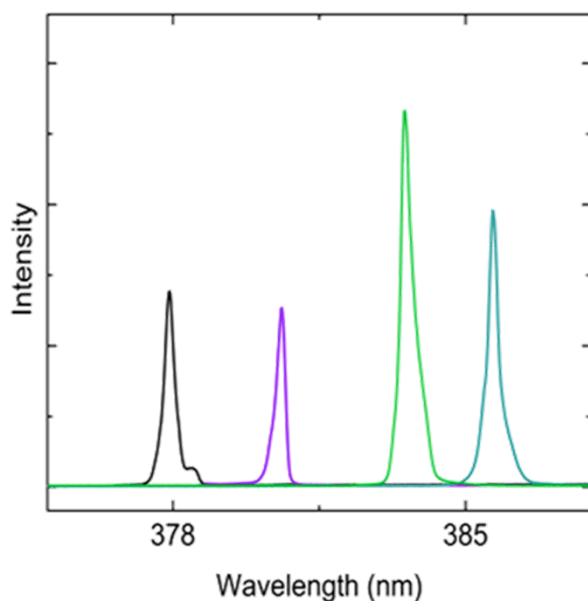
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Multicolor Laser Array



- Wavelength tunability (lattice constant and nanowire diameter).
- Multiple color laser emission on a single epitaxial wafer covering a spectral range from 380-440nm.

Gain from multiple gain sections



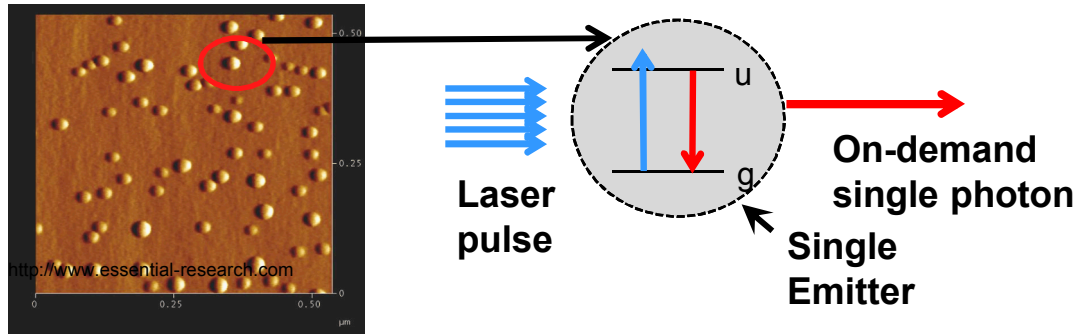
- ← InGaN MQWs
- ← InGaN Underlayer

- Multiple gain regions can simultaneously lase
- Pathway for enhancing the available lasing spectral range

Single Photon Source based on Quantum Dots

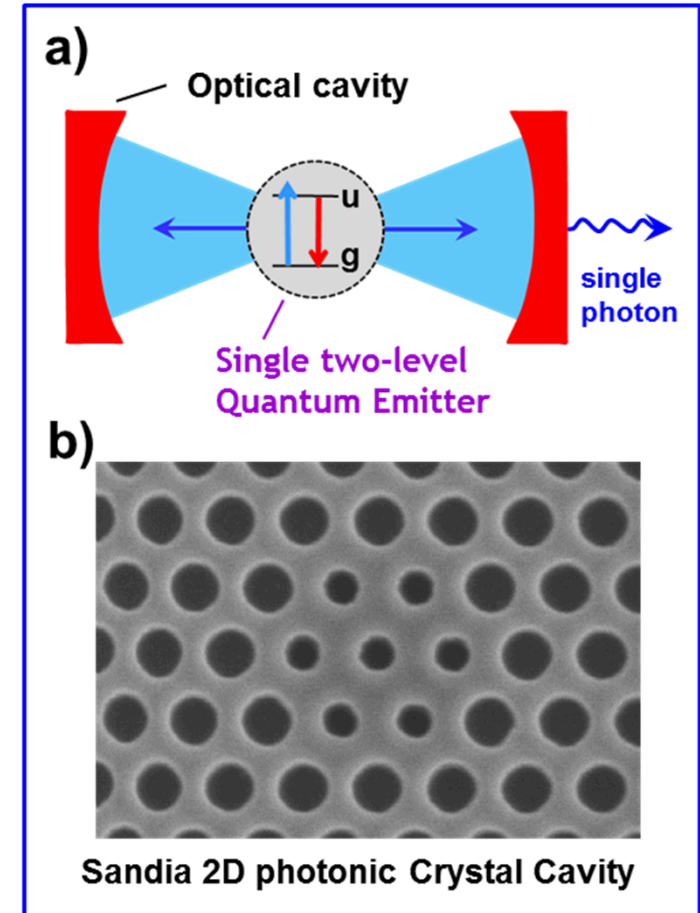
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AFM image of InAs QDs

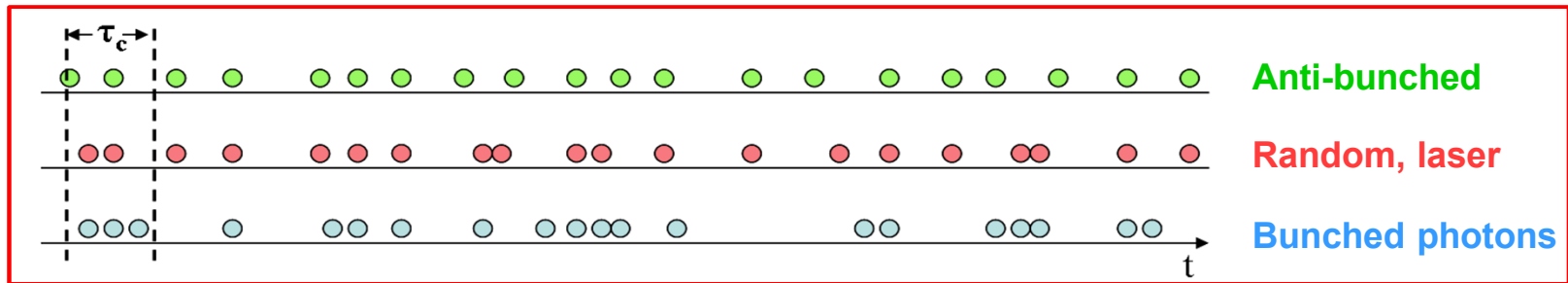


Nitride based QD Single Photon Source:

- Large exciton BE so R.T operation
- Path to electrical-injection/chip-scale integration
- Only one photon can be emitted
 - Absorption of one photon saturates transition
 - Can be excited using many photons
 - **Deterministic Source: on demand**
- Triggered emission within radiative lifetime
 - Short emitter lifetime (~ 1 ns) $\rightarrow$ Fast rep. rate
- Isolate emission from a single quantum dot



Single Photon Source: Photon Statistics



source: J.S. Lundeen

Classical light sources: $g(2)(t = 0) \geq 1$

- Bunched or random photons (Laser, LED, thermal source)

Quantum light source: $g(2)(t = 0) < 1$

- Anti-bunched photons (Quantum optics theoretical treatment)

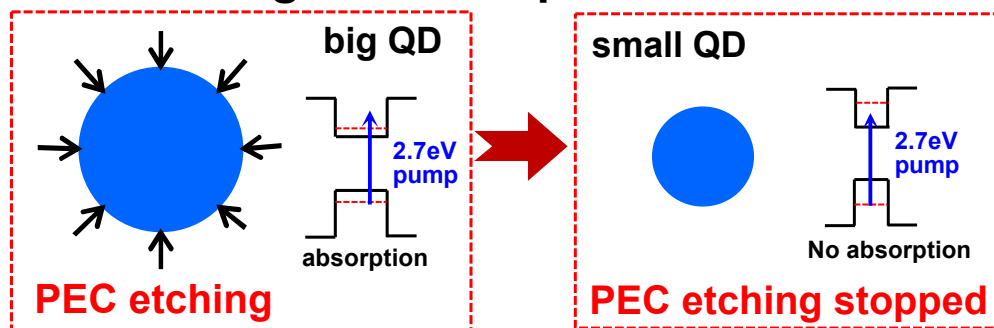
Applications:

- **Quantum key distribution**
 - Attenuated laser can be used
 - SPS is the gold standard for QKD
 - Future QKD involving quantum repeaters
- Quantum metrology
- Quantum computing with photons
- True random number generation

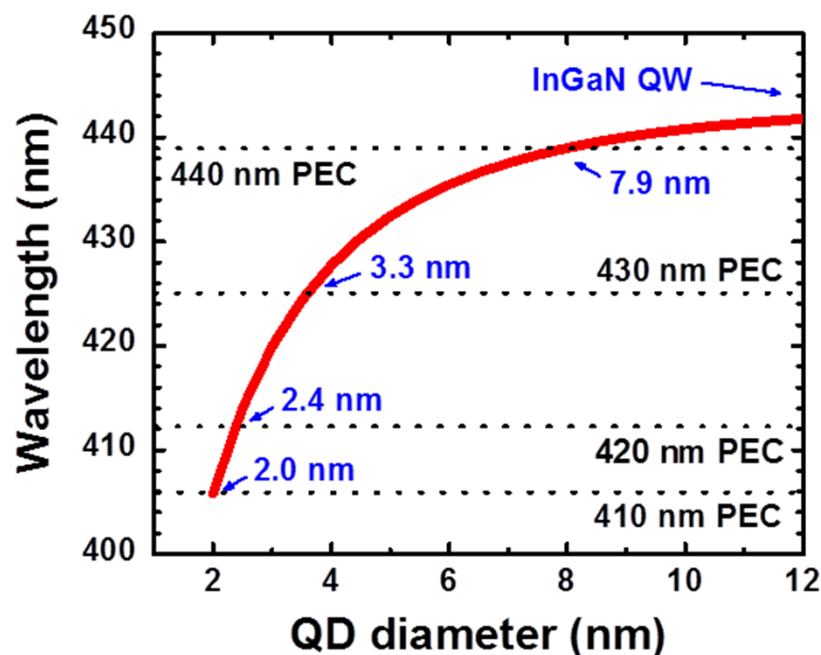
Fabrication of InGaN QDs via PEC etching

Quantum Size Control: Use size quantization to control QD size

Self-limiting PEC etch process:



- For QDs, band gap depends on size
- As etch proceeds,
 - QD size gets smaller, band gap goes up
 - Etch terminated for $E_g > E_{\text{photon pump}}$
- **Self-terminating etch process**
- **Band gap selective**
- **QD size depends on PEC wavelength**
- **Monodisperse QD distributions ??**



G. Pellegrini, et al., Journal of Applied Physics
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Transmission Electron Microscope Images

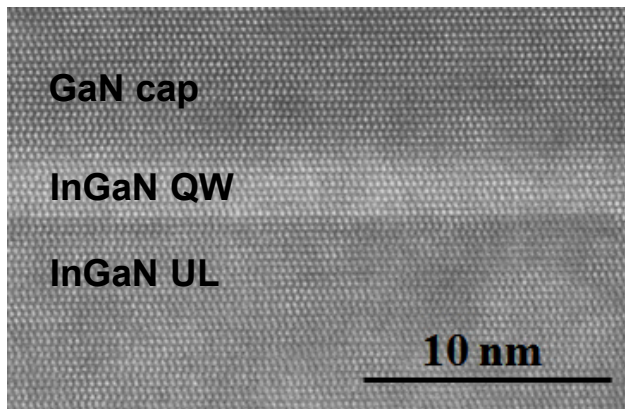
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Capped InGaN QW

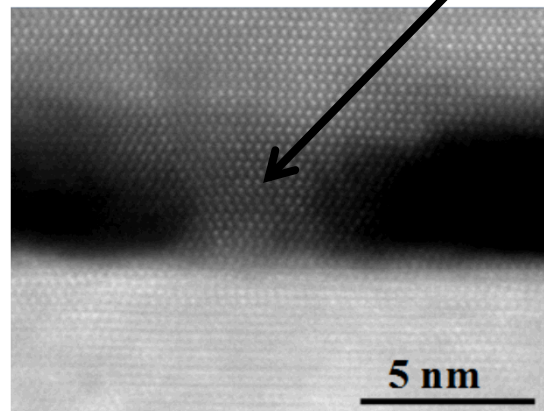


- High-angle annular dark-field (HAADF) TEM images
- Sample etched at 420 nm
- EDX mapping shows that dots are InGaN
- InGaN QDs are epitaxial to the underlying GaN
- 2% InGaN underlayer + GaN cap → PL is much brighter
- GaN cap provides partial passivation

before PEC etch

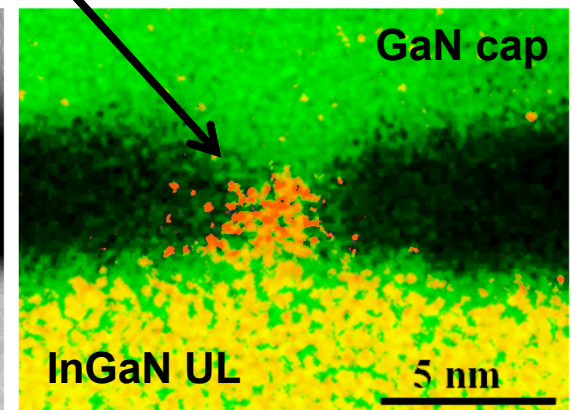


after PEC etch



InGaN QD

after PEC etch



Photoluminescence from fabricated InGaN QDs

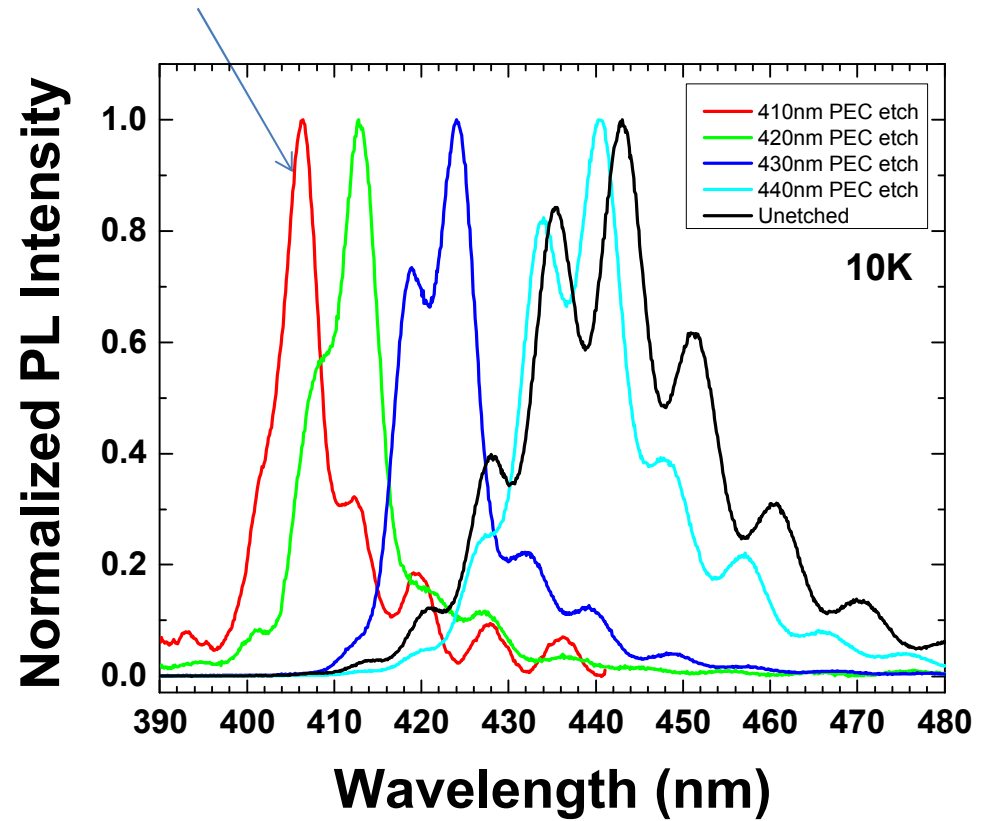
Capped InGaN QW

GaN cap
InGaN QW
InGaN underlayer
n-GaN
Sapphire

Photoluminescence (PL) data:

- 375 nm pump (ps pulsed)
- 10K PL data
- PL wavelength determined by PEC etch wavelength
- PL linewidth: 24 nm $\rightarrow$ 6 nm
- **Quantum size-controlled PEC etching works!**

As narrow as **6 nm** FWHM is consistent with a narrowing of the QD size distribution



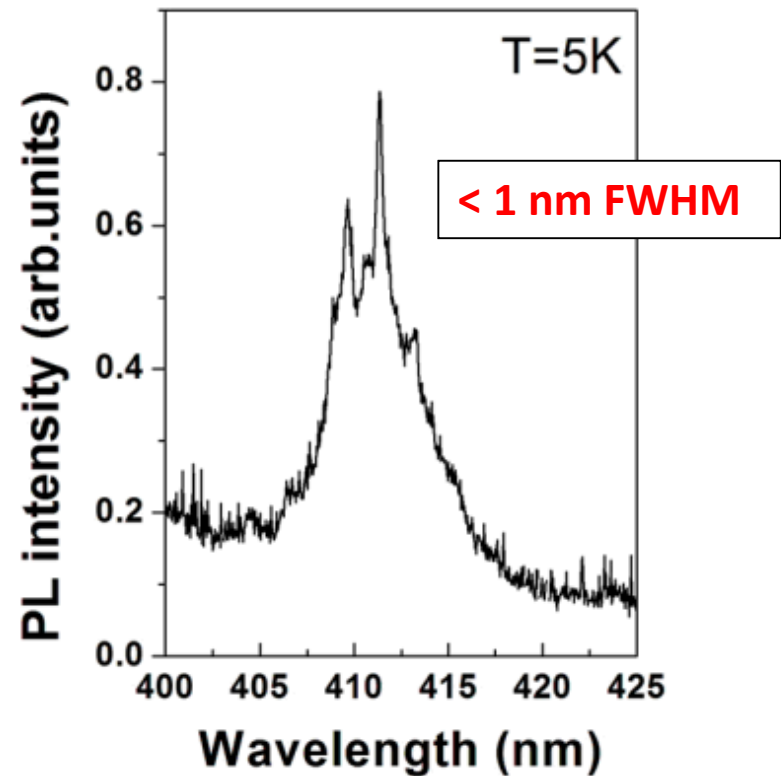
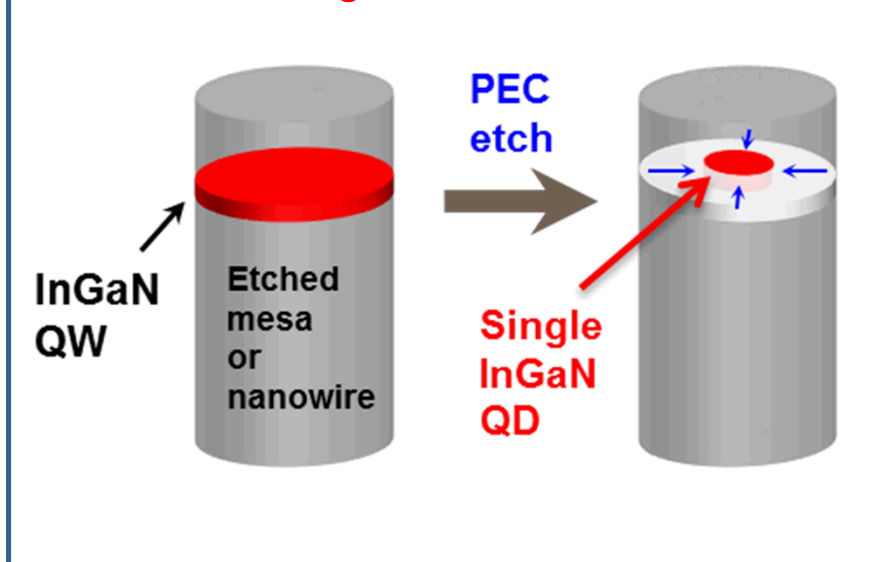
Emission from single InGaN QDs

Capped InGaN QW



- Posts (150 – 200 nm) patterned with e-beam lithography
- Narrow PL emission (<1 nm FWHM) observed
- Fabricate InGaN QDs at deterministic locations
- InGaN QD single photon source

Fabrication of single InGaN QDs

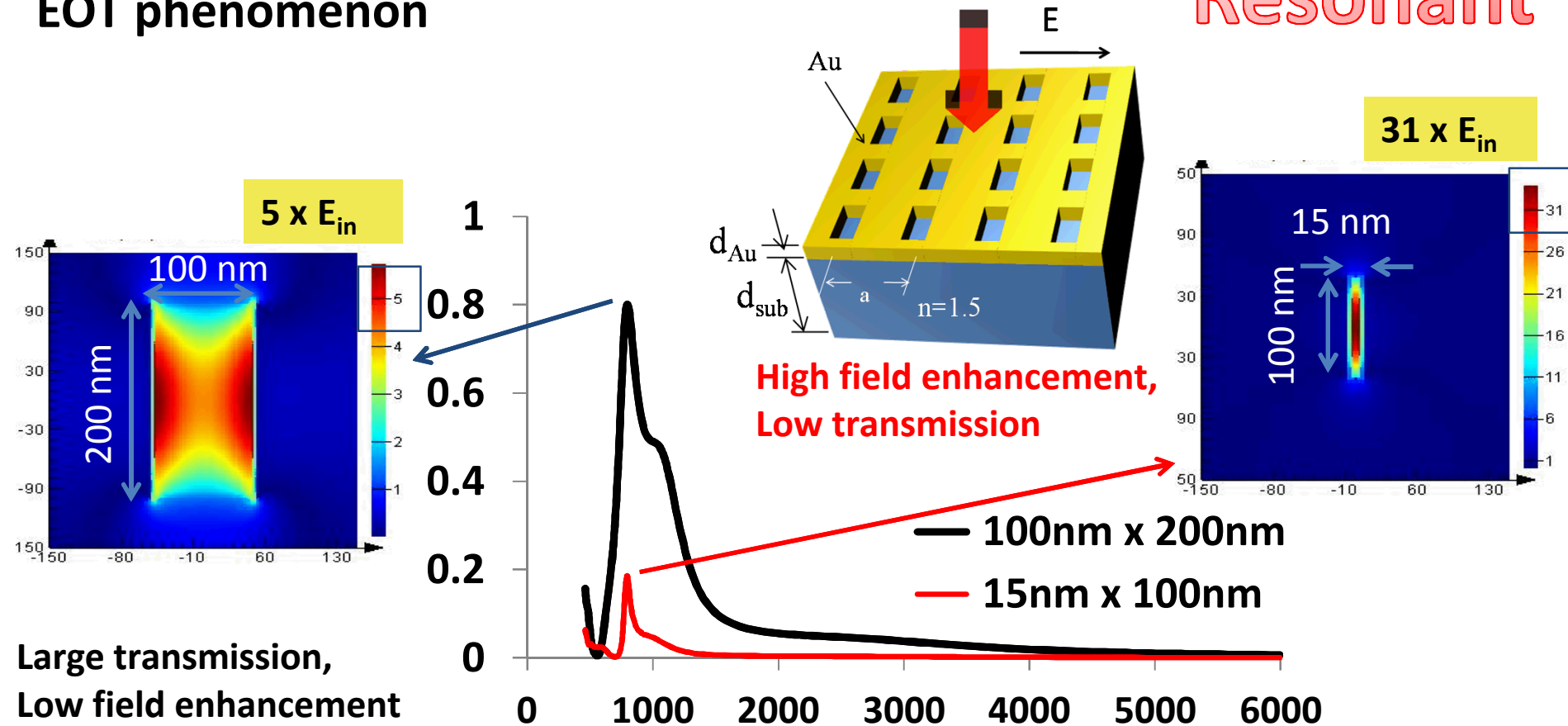


Next steps:

- Perform g2 measurement
- Create cavity for photon confinement for SPS

Current approach : Surface plasmon based using EOT phenomenon

Resonant

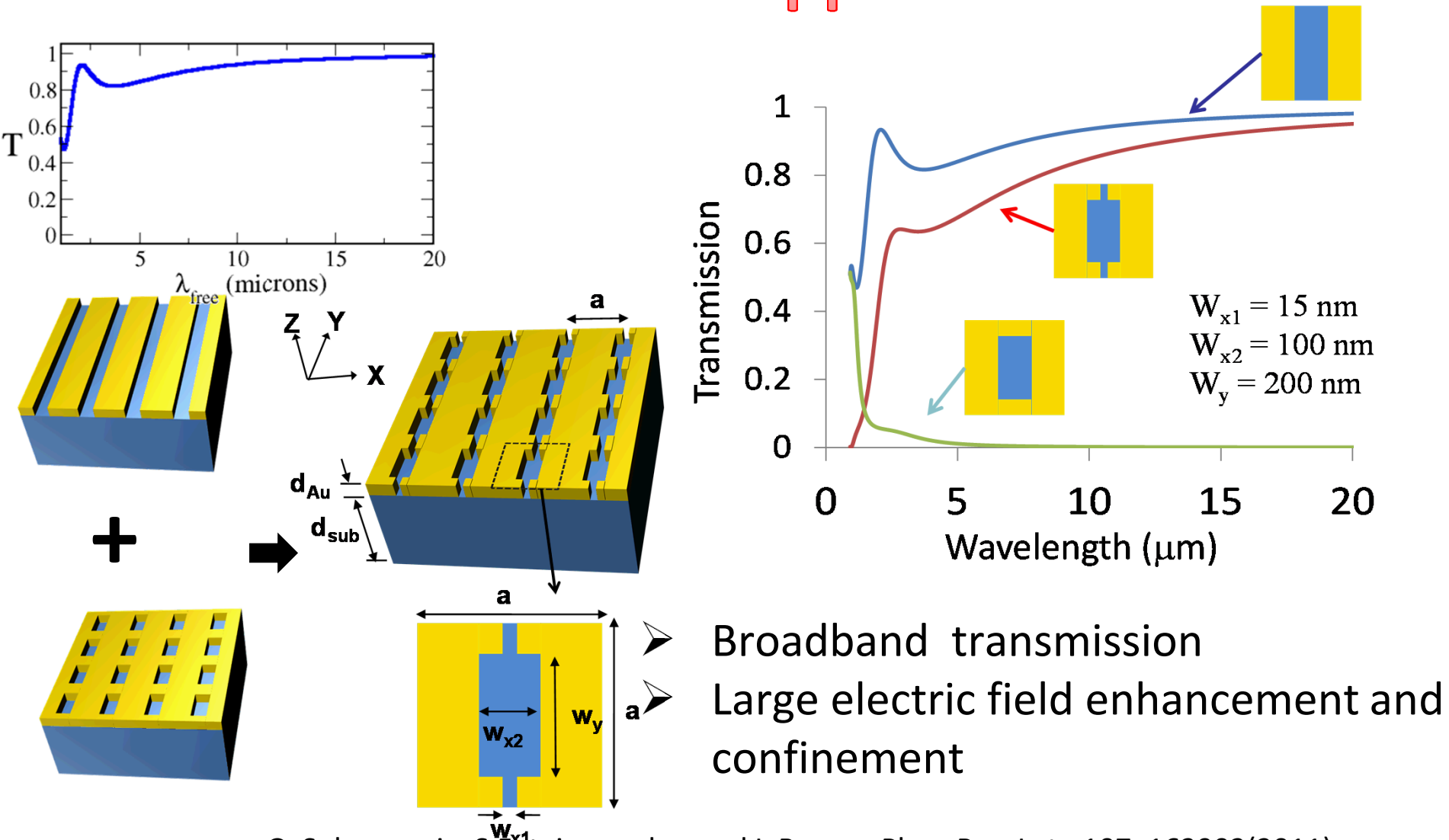


Can we achieve light confinement/field enhancement with broadband operation?

The Double-groove Structure

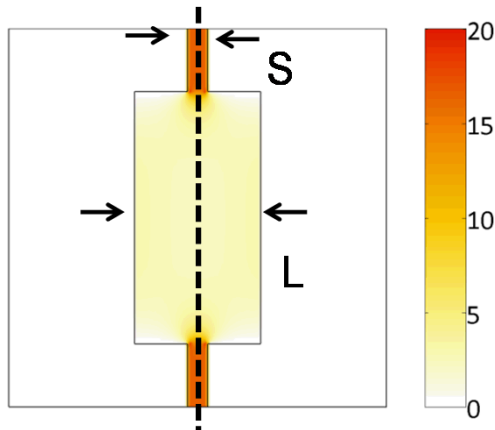
(In collaboration with S. Foteinopoulou- Univ. of Exeter, UK (Now at UNM) and I. Brener)

A: Non-resonant Approach

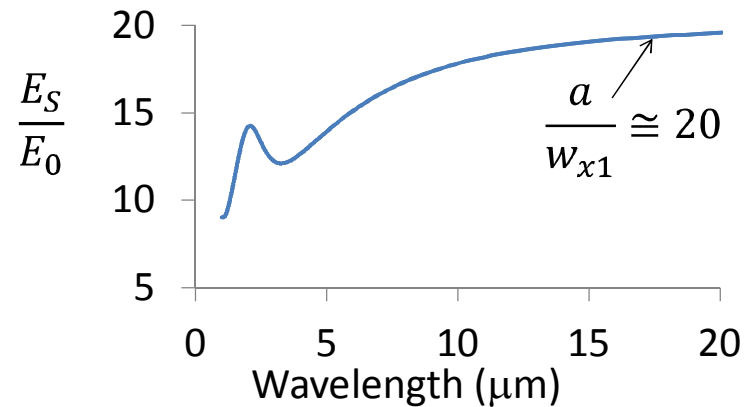


Key Results

Electric field (E_x)

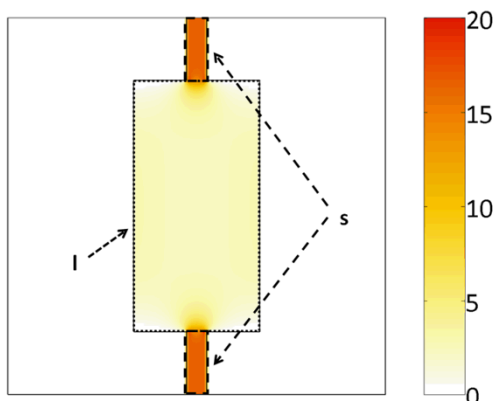


Electric field enhancement in the small gap

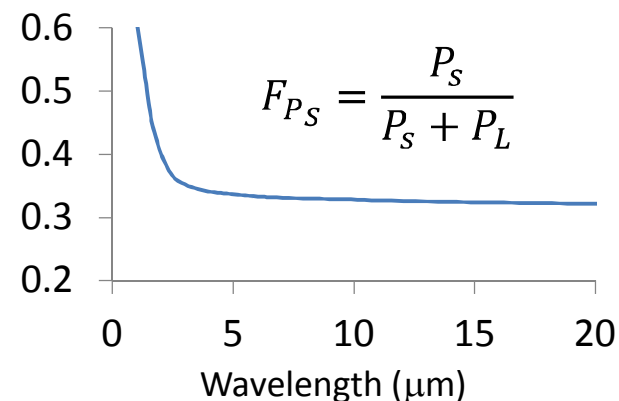


We can achieve large electric field enhancements in an ultra-subwavelength area ($\sim (\lambda/250)^2$) across broadband that can be controlled via structural geometry

Power Density (S_z)

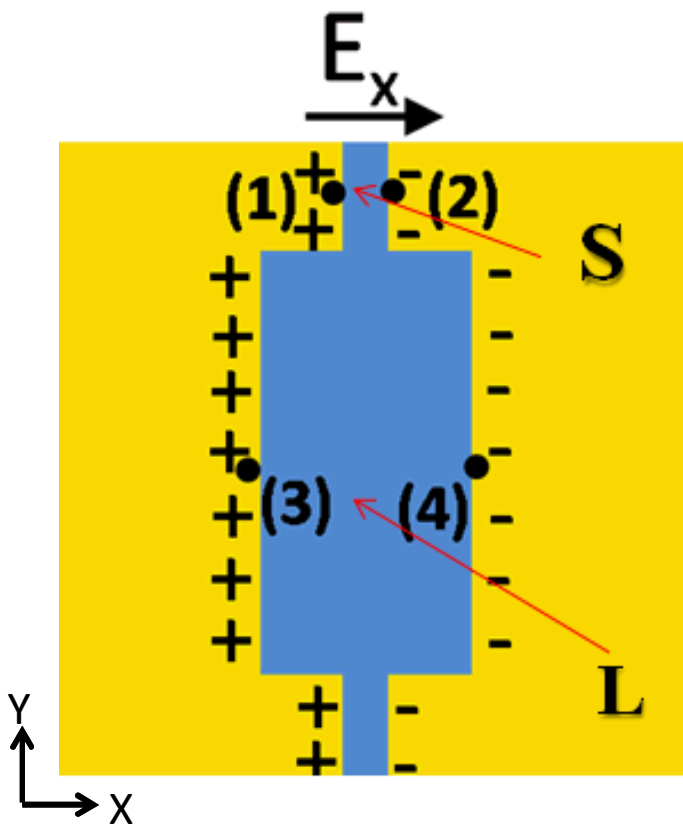


Power Fraction through the small gap



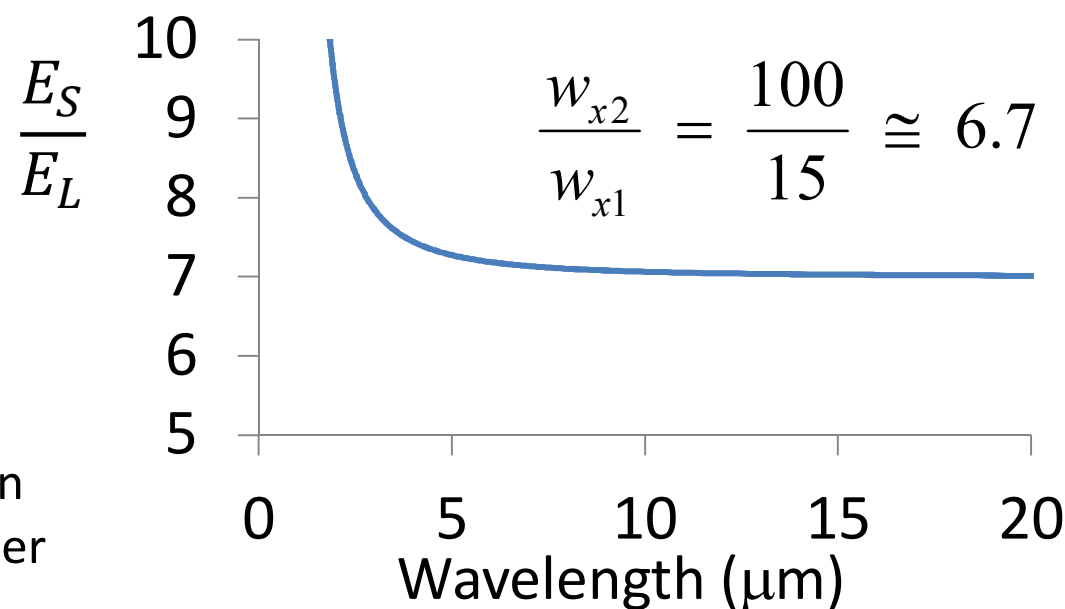
Surprisingly, nearly 30% of the transmitted power that is channeled through an area $\sim (\lambda/250)^2$ that is $1/60^{\text{th}}$ of the unit cell area.

Mechanism: Quasi-static response



- Voltage across the small and large gaps are nearly equal

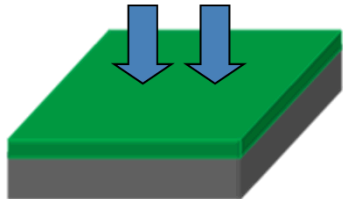
$$V_S \cong V_L \Rightarrow \frac{E_S}{E_L} = \frac{w_{x2}}{w_{x1}}$$



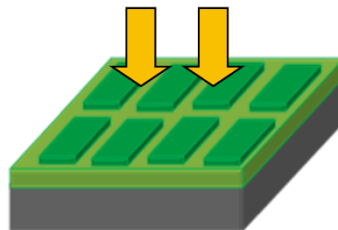
- Near-instantaneous response of charges even at mid-IR
- No effective current flow between small and large gap region on either side

Fabrication- Some recent results

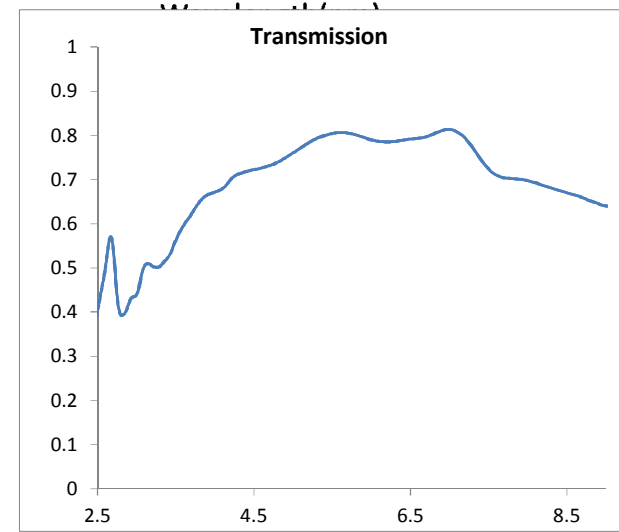
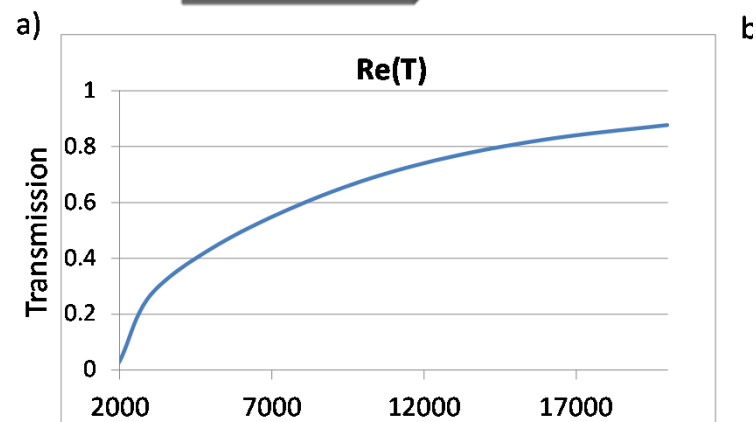
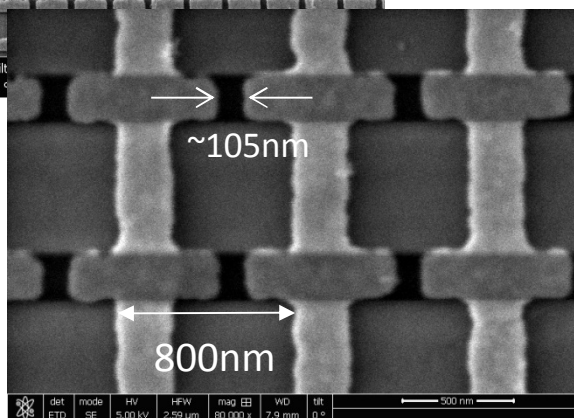
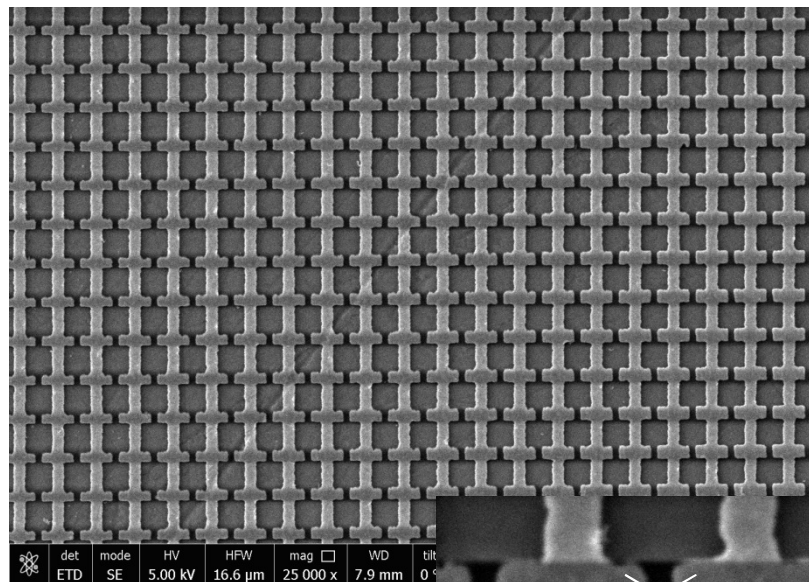
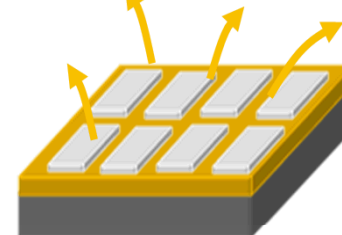
Electron beam
patterning of PC



Metal deposition

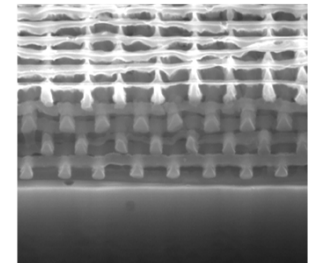
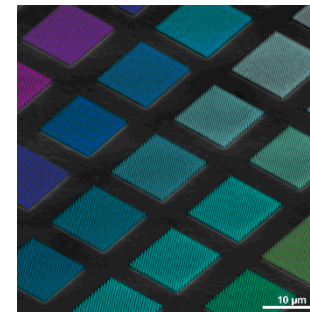
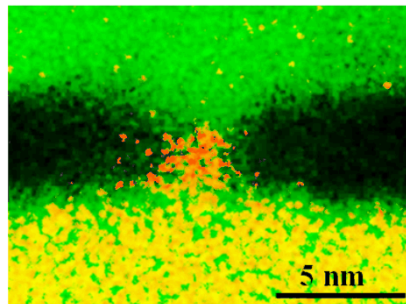
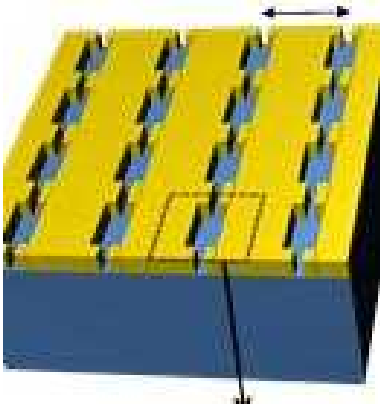
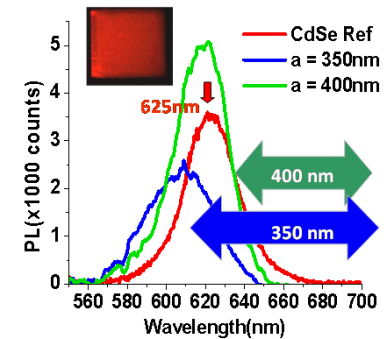
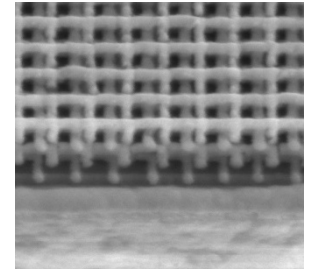


Metal Lift-off



Summary

- Spontaneous emission control in logpile TiO_2 PC
- Epitaxially grown GaN logpile PC
- Low-threshold multicolor nanowire lasers
- PEC etched size controlled III-nitride quantum dots
- Non-resonant nanoscale light confinement structures

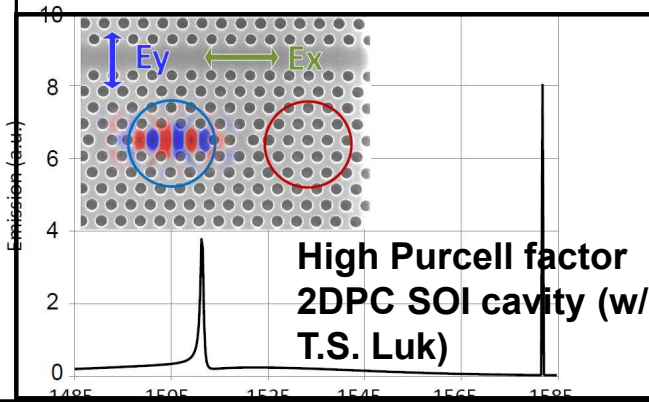
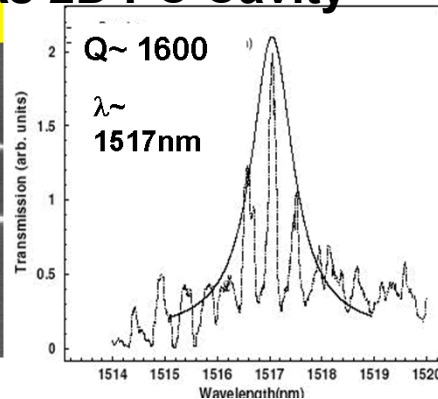
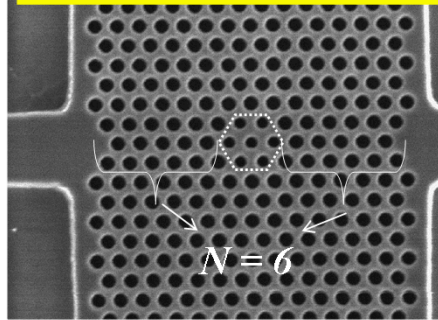


Thank you for your attention!

L-M Interaction in 2DPC

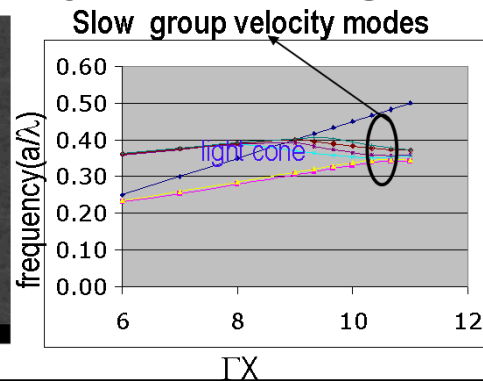
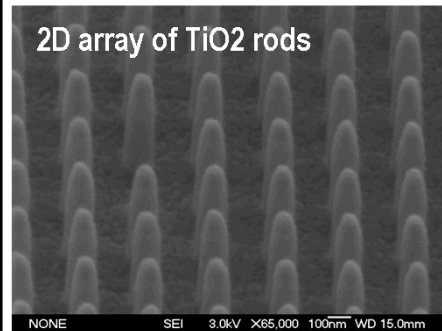
High Q GaAs 2D PC Cavity

Super-defect cavity $d' = 195\text{nm}$

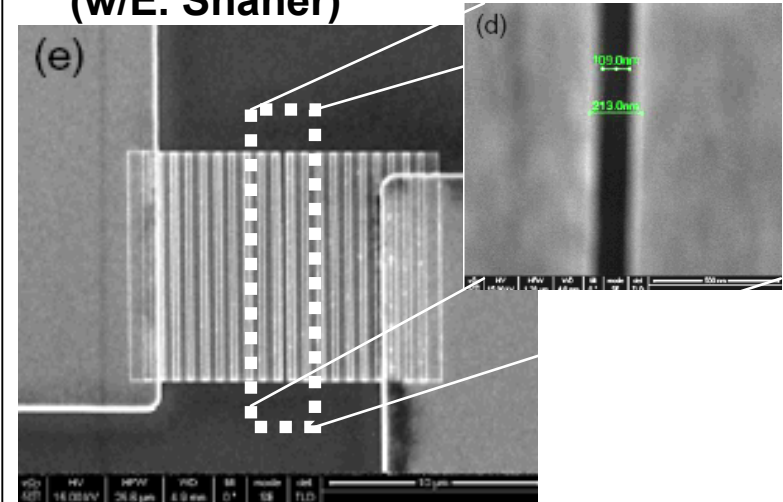


Slow group velocity mode lasing

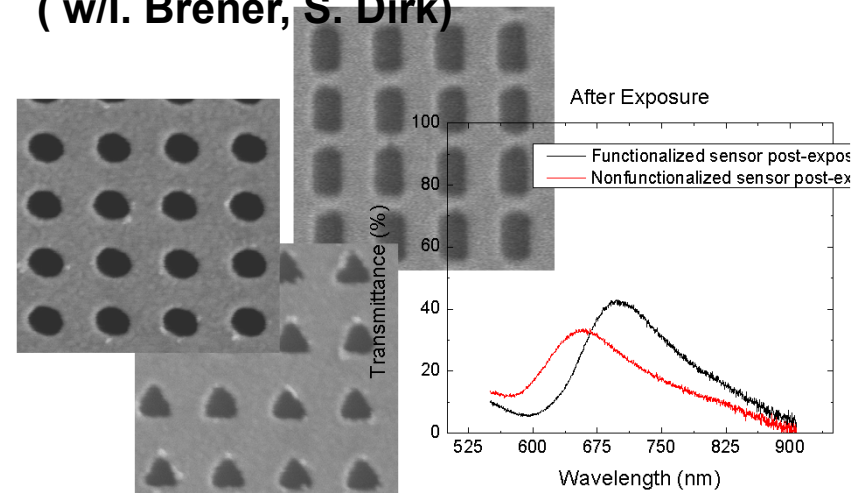
2D array of TiO2 rods



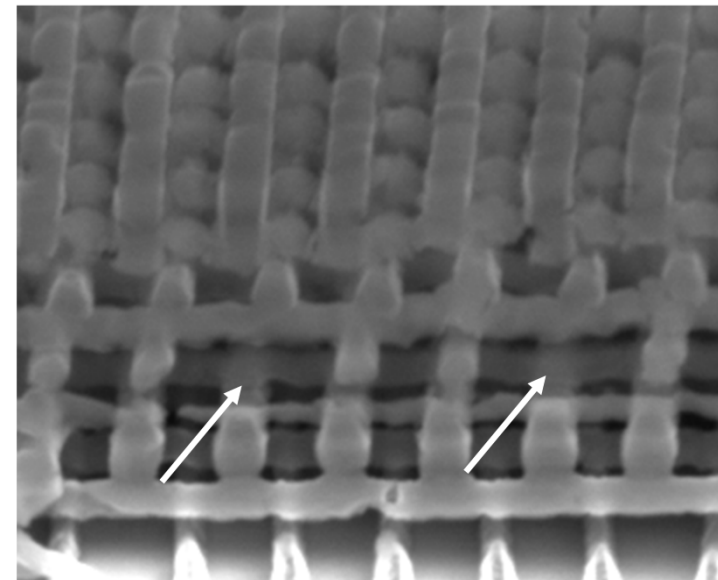
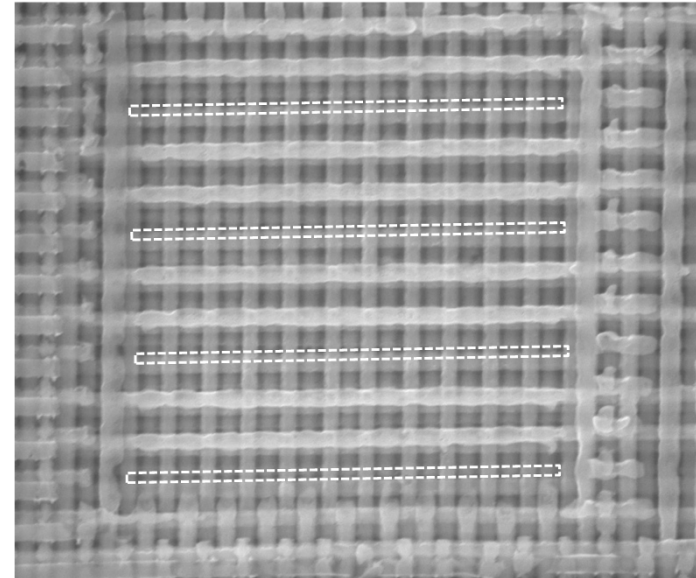
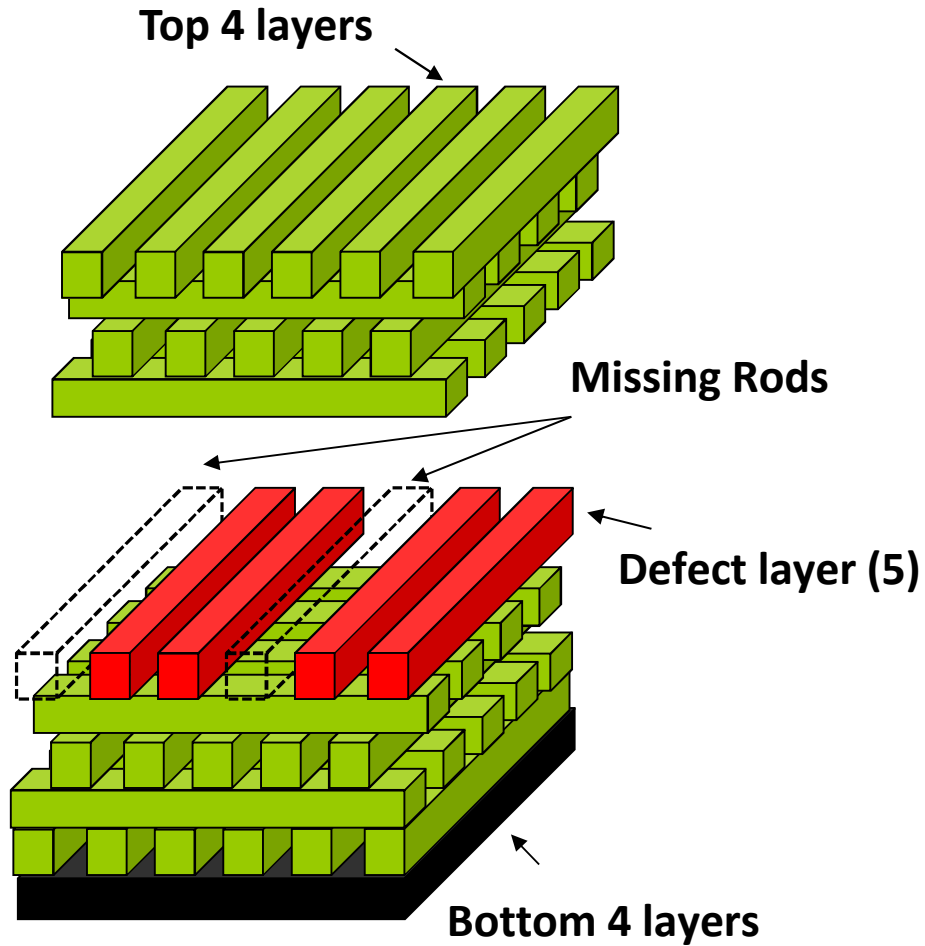
Surface plasmon Auston Switch (w/E. Shaner)



Nanohole EOT based sensors (w/I. Brener, S. Dirk)



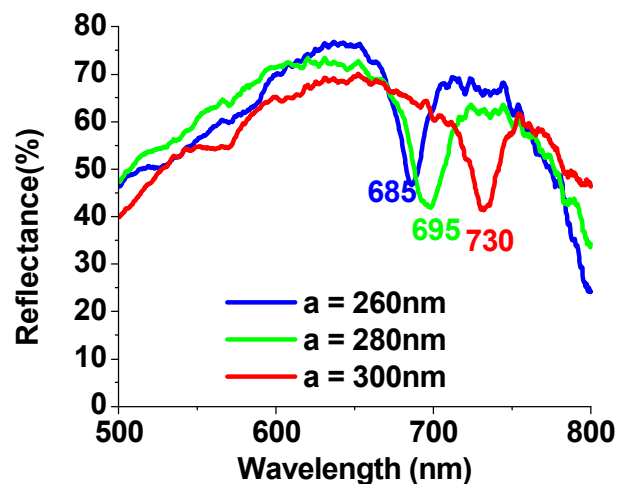
Logpile PC Cavity



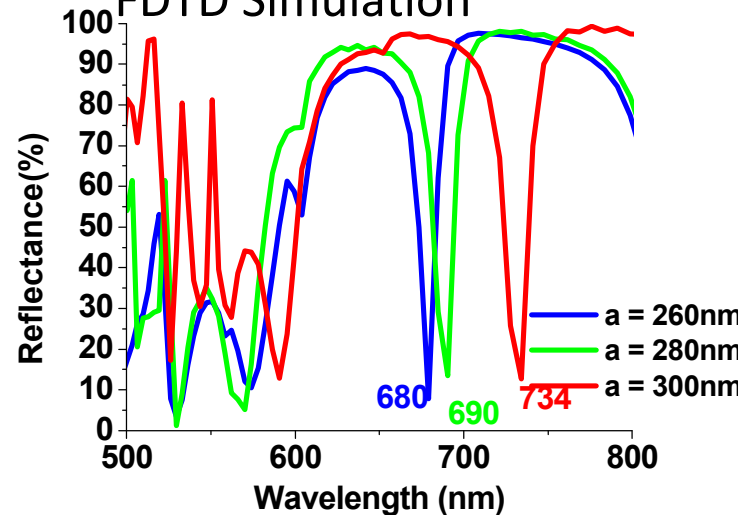
Logpile PC Cavity Optical Response

Reflection

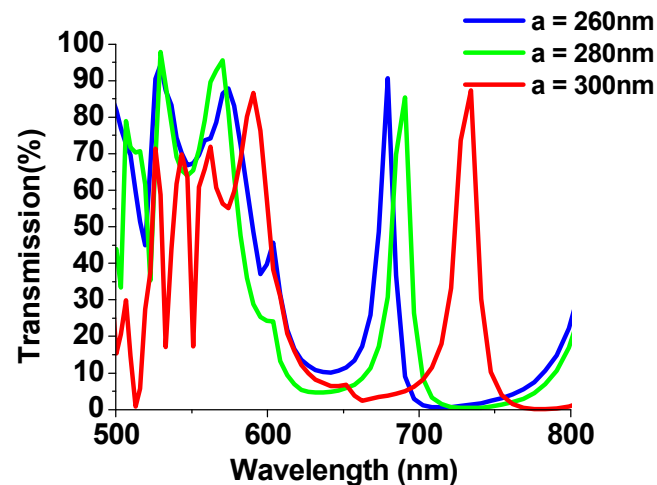
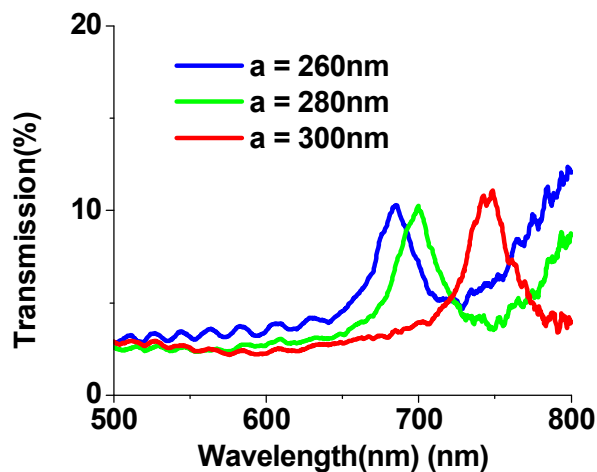
Experiment



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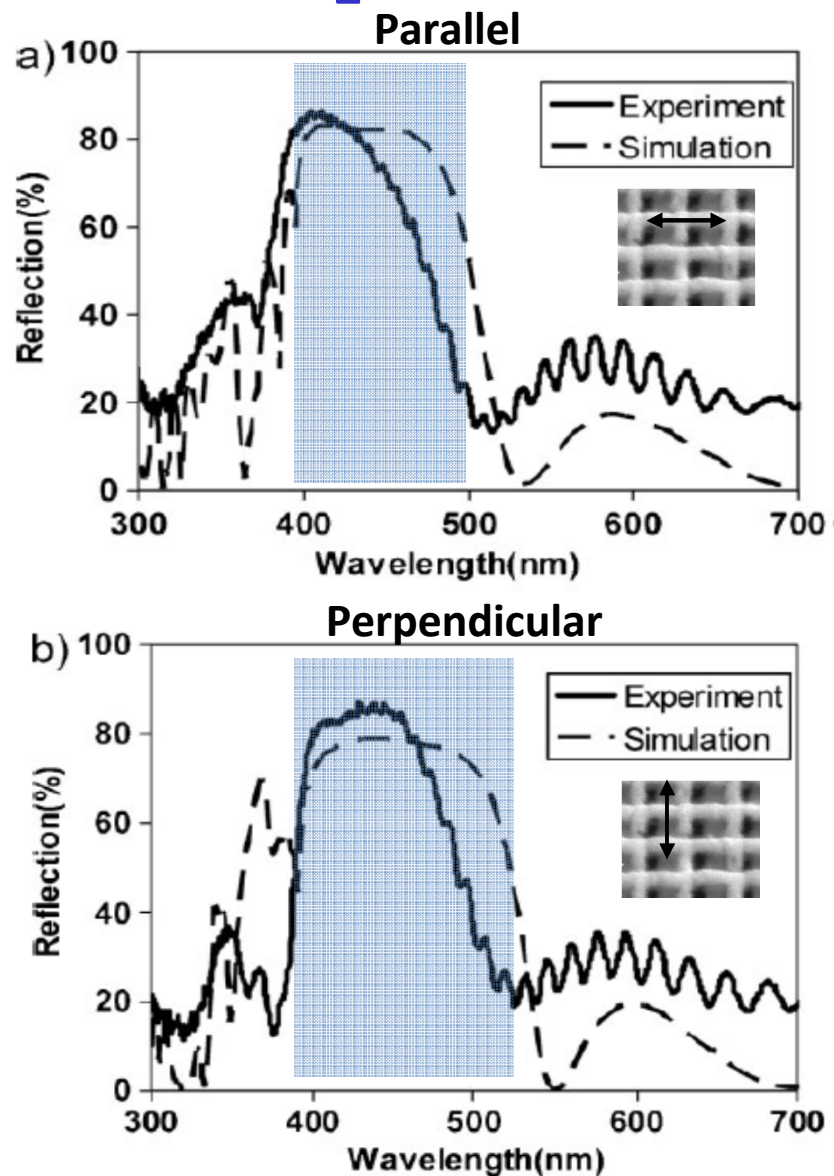
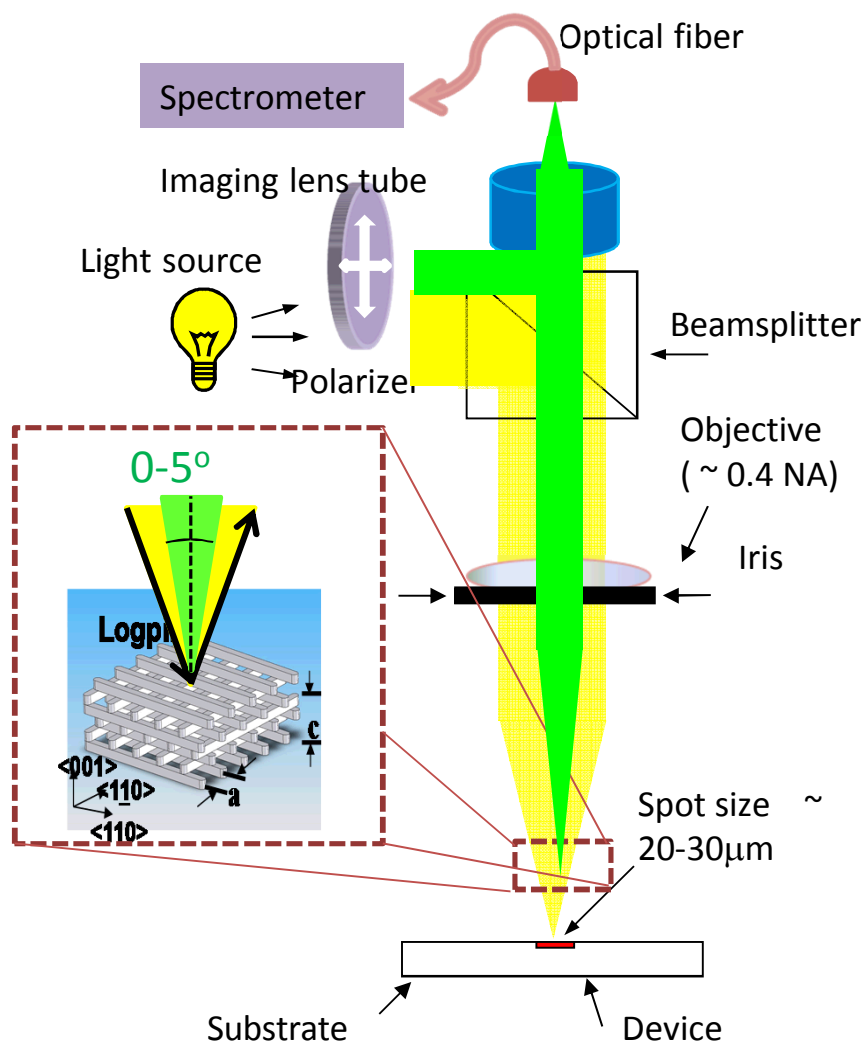


Transmission



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Visible- Near UV 9 Layer TiO_2 Logpile



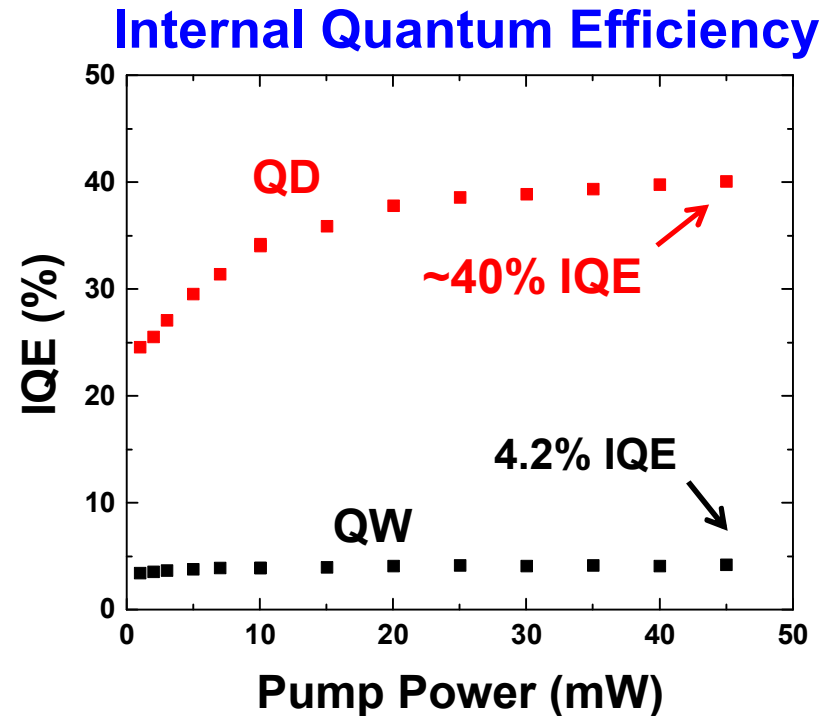
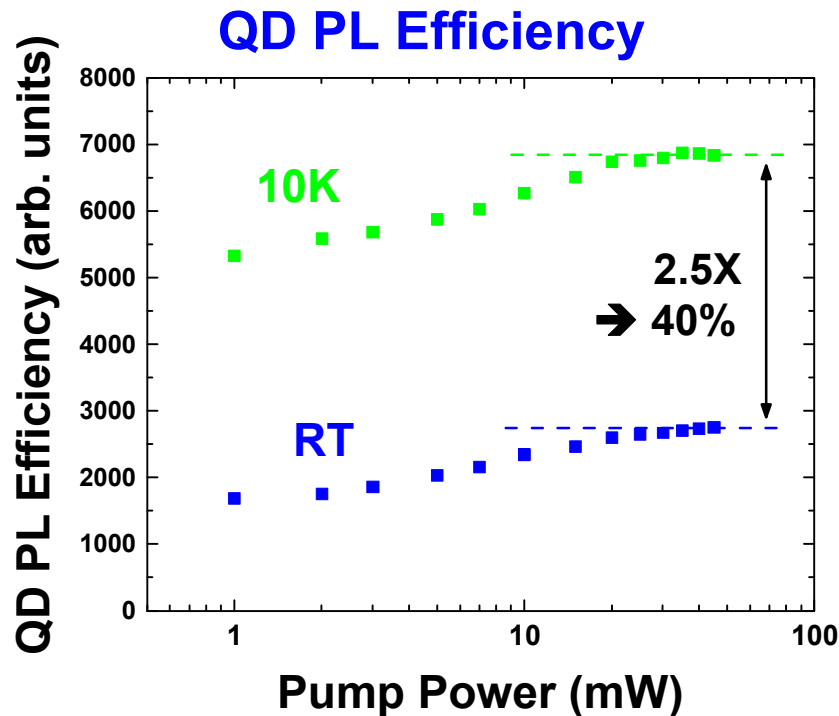
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InGaN QD internal quantum efficiency

Capped InGaN QW

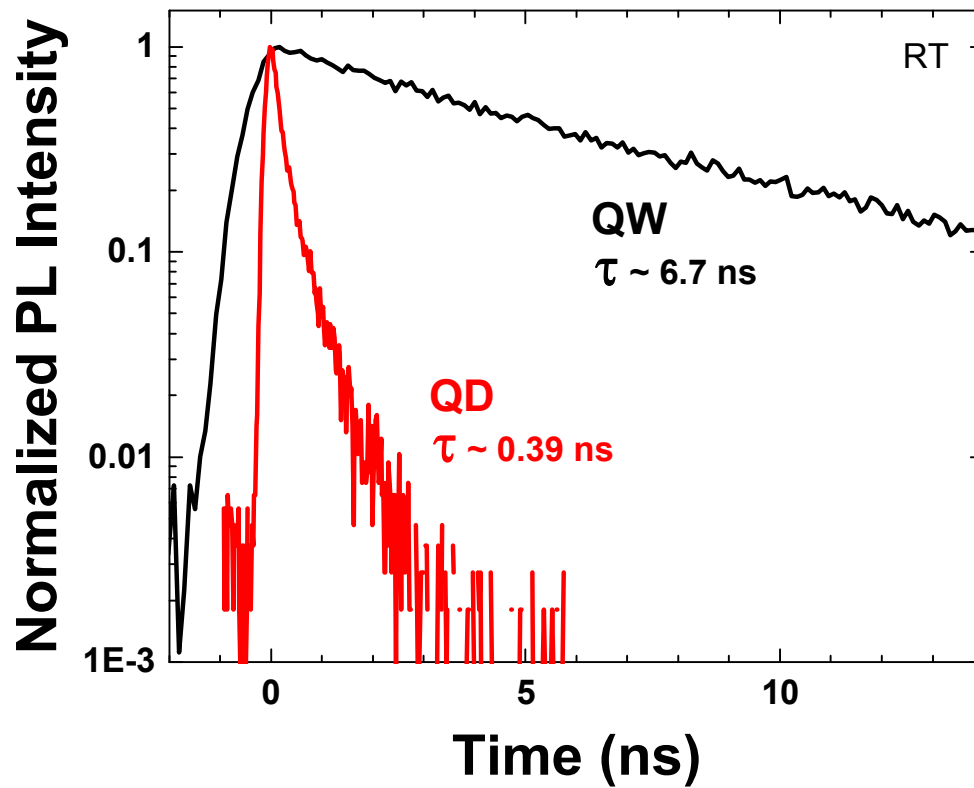


- Compare 10K and RT PL efficiency
- Assumes 10K PL is 100% efficient
- PL Intensity drops by >100X after QD etching
- IQE goes up by almost 10X after QD etching
- QDs are expected to have better IQE



Time-resolved PL data from InGaN QDs

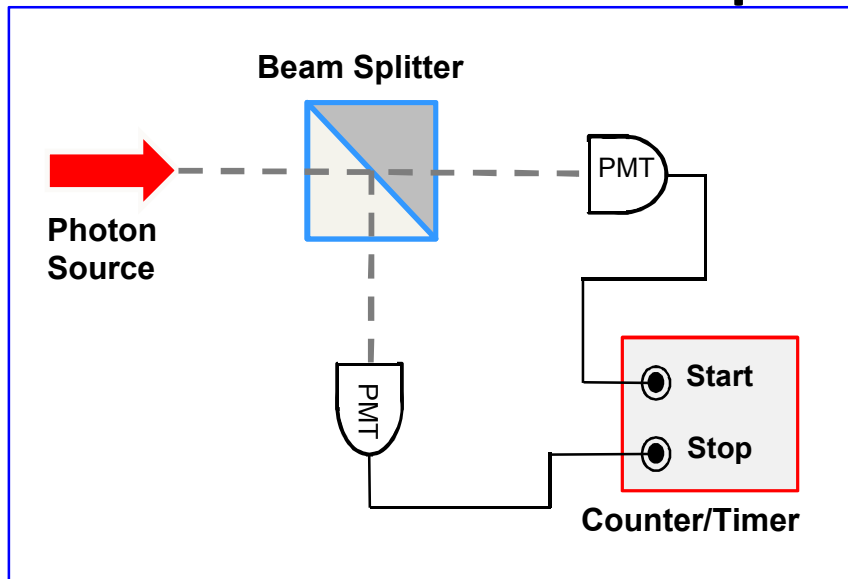
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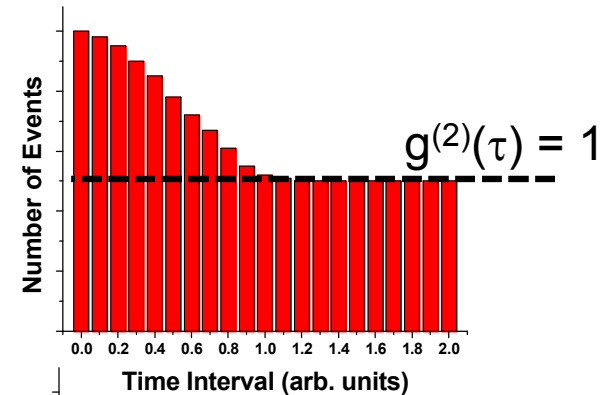
TRPL data:

- 405 nm pump (~ 2 ps, pulsed)
- Resonant pumping into InGaN
- Room temperature TRPL data
- Hamamatsu streak camera data
- 17X change in PL lifetime
- Lifetime is expected to be much shorter for QDs
- Shows that we have fundamentally changed the InGaN material
- QW $\rightarrow$ QDs

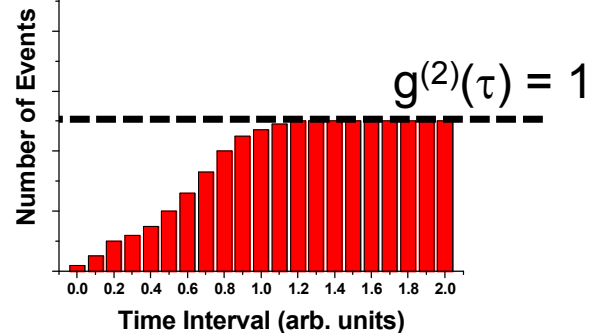
Single Photon Measurement: HBT experiment



Thermal Source
 $g^{(2)}(0) > 1$



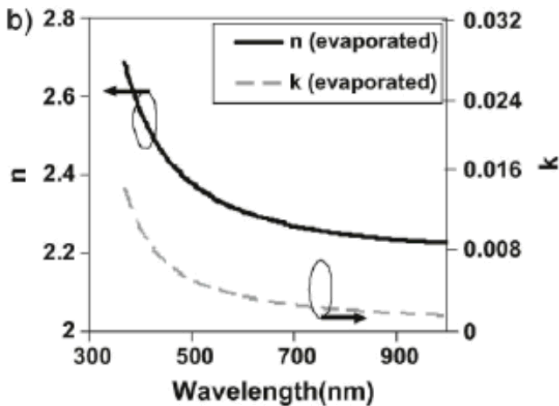
Quantum Source
 $g^{(2)}(0) < 1$



- Non-polarizing beamsplitter to split intensity between detectors
- Single photon counting required
 - Use PMTs or avalanche photodiodes
 - Single photon counting modules
- Measure correlation between detected photons
- Detectors: low QE, speed, and dark counts

Visible Frequency Logpile Photonic Crystal

Choice : TiO_2



Requirements:

- High enough index with low loss in the visible :
 - $n \sim 2.3\text{-}2.4$ in the visible /w $k < 0.015$
- Easy to deposit :
 - Sputtering, evaporation, solgel, Atomic Layer Deposition

Band Structure Calculation

Solve Electromagnetic wave equation for Plane wave

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} E(\mathbf{r}, t) \propto e^{-i\omega t} \\ H(\mathbf{r}, t) \propto e^{-i\omega t} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\nabla \times \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon(\mathbf{r})} \nabla \times \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}) \right) = \left(\frac{\omega}{c} \right)^2 \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r})$$

In a periodic potential

$$\epsilon(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{R}) = \epsilon(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\mathbf{R} = a_1 \hat{x} + a_2 \hat{y} + a_3 \hat{z}$$

Apply Bloch's Theorem

$$\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{R}) = \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r})$$

Plane Wave Expansion Method

Reciprocal (K) space

Reciprocal Lattice vector

$$\varepsilon(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\mathbf{G}} \overline{\varepsilon(\mathbf{G})} e^{i\mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{r}}$$

$$\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\mathbf{G}} \overline{\mathbf{E}}, \overline{\mathbf{H}}(\mathbf{G}) e^{-i(-\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}) \cdot \mathbf{r}}$$

$$\mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{R} = 2\pi n$$

Bloch Waves $\overline{\mathbf{H}}(\mathbf{G}) = H_x(\mathbf{G})\hat{x} + H_y(\mathbf{G})\hat{y} + H_z(\mathbf{G})\hat{z}$

Eigen value equation

$$\nabla \times \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon(\mathbf{r})} \nabla \times \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}) \right) = \left(\frac{\omega}{c} \right)^2 \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r})$$

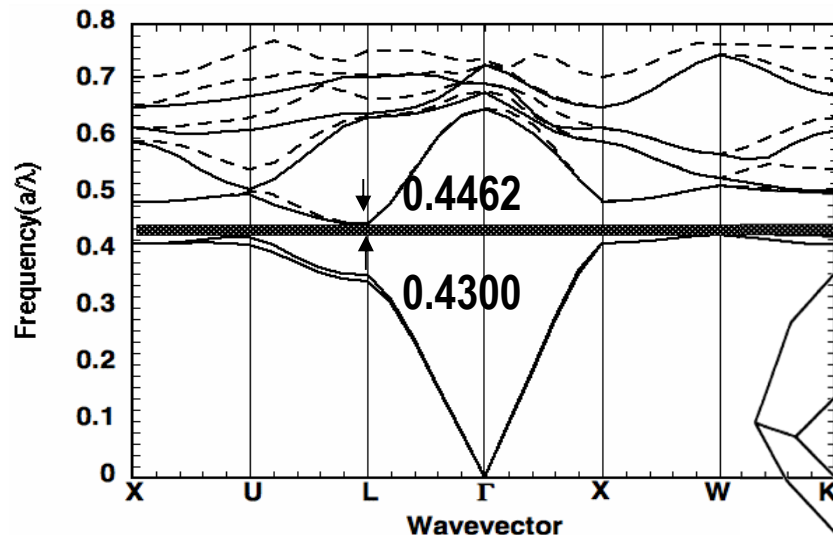


$$\mathbf{A} \overline{\mathbf{H}}_n(\mathbf{k}) = -\frac{a^2 \omega_n^2}{c^2} \overline{\mathbf{H}}_n(\mathbf{k})$$

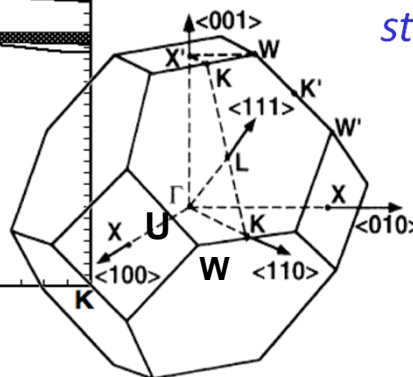
Band index

Wave vector within the first BZ

Photonic Band Structure for TiO₂ logpile



1st BZ



Eigen value equation becomes a matrix equation for which you can write a code and solve for band structure within the first Brillouin zone.

- $n \sim 2.3$
- 4% bandgap
- $\sim 20\text{nm @ } 500\text{nm}$

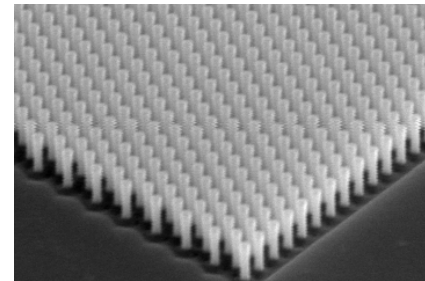
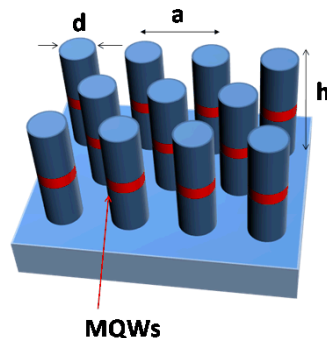
Summary / Future Possibilities

GaN

- Nanotemplated 3DPC growth possible (also demonstrated by UIUC group in GaAs)
- The GaN grows epitaxially maintaining crystallinity
- Solid state lighting app.
- Introducing InGaN QW emitters within the 3DPC during growth
- Newer QW geometries ? (axial vs. radial)
- Electrical injection

Fabrication is time consuming and challenging at this point !

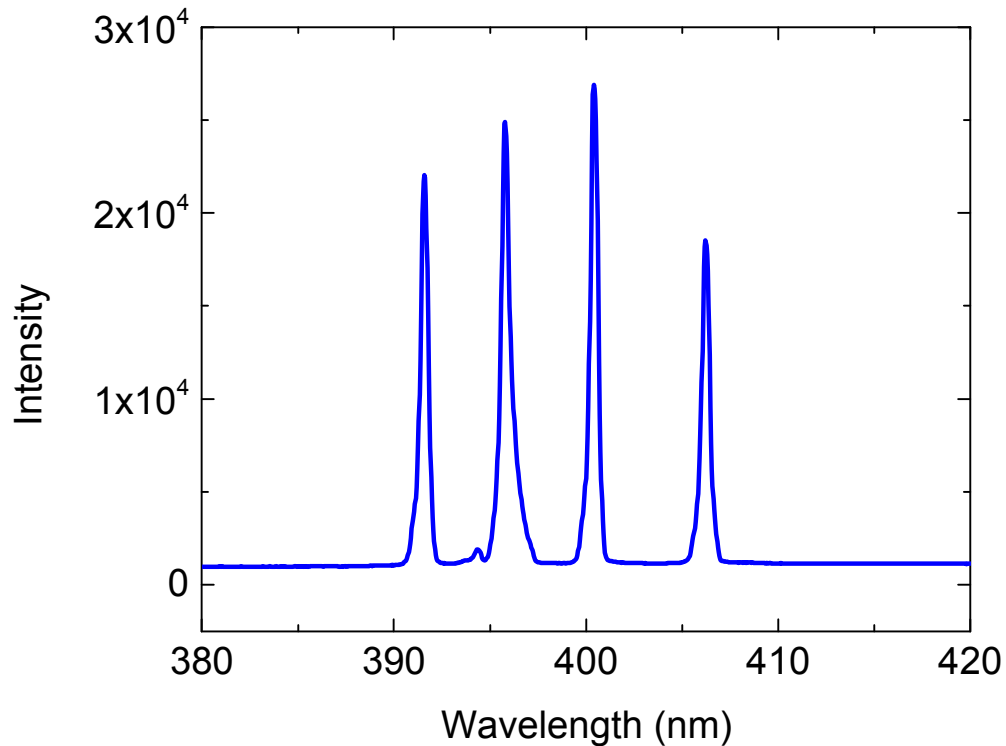
Investigating 2DPC GaN nanopillar array based light emission



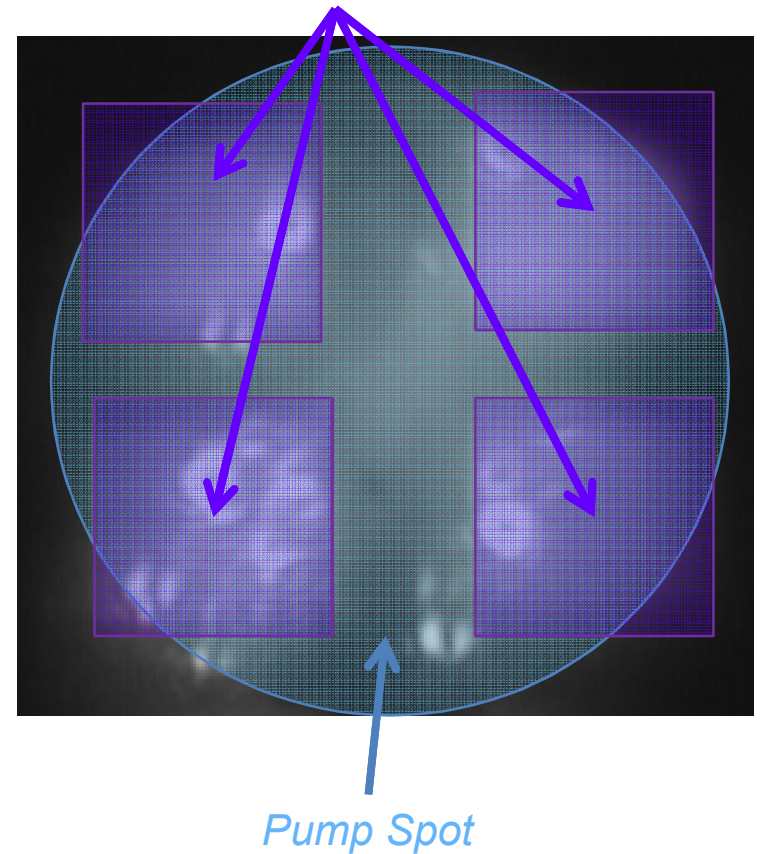
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Multiple Laser Pixels Coexcited

Emission from 4 adjacent laser pixels.



Photonic Crystal Laser Pixels

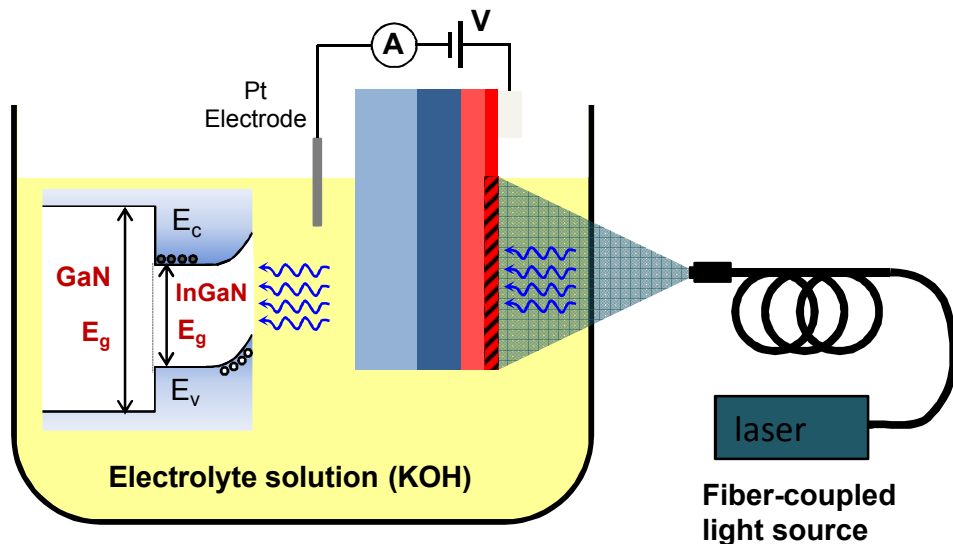


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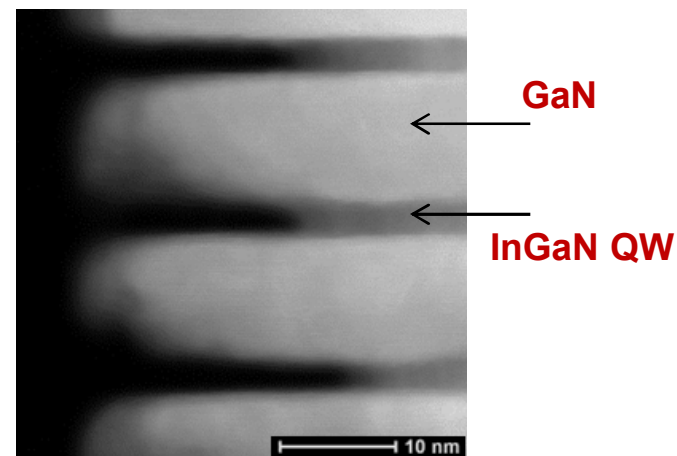
Introduction to InGaN PEC Etching

Photoelectrochemical (PEC) Etching:

- Very few wet etches work for III-nitrides
- **Band gap selective (Etch InGaN over GaN)**
- Dopant selective, light intensity dependent, etch current can be monitored
- Laser or lamp excitation (Xe arc lamp, tunable ps Ti:S)
- KOH ($\sim 0.1\text{M}$) typically used as electrolyte

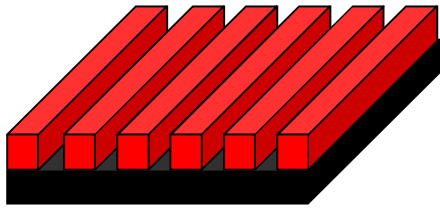


PEC etched InGaN/GaN QWS

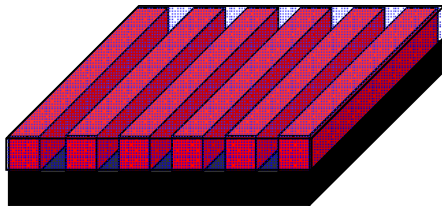


PC fabricated one layer at a time.

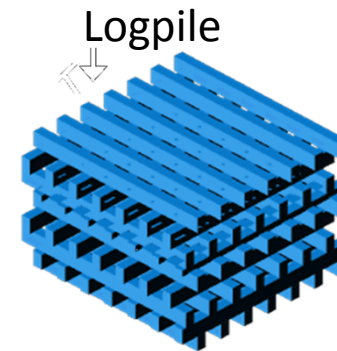
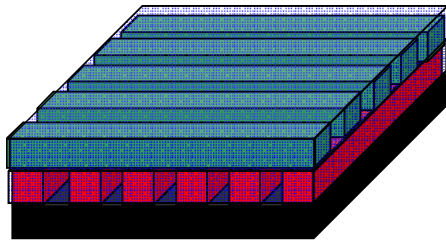
1. Fabricate first level



2. Fill and planarize



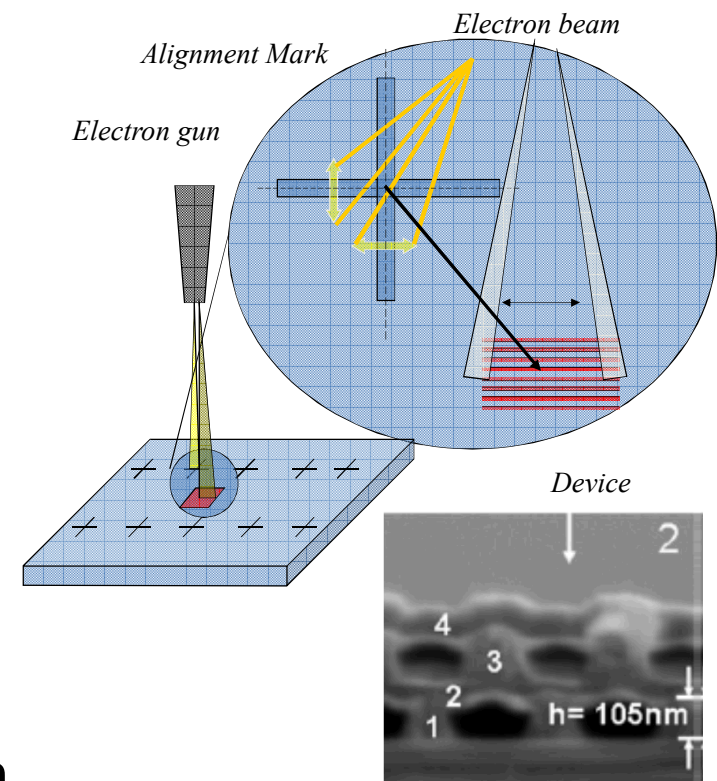
3. Make next level



- Alignment
- Planarization

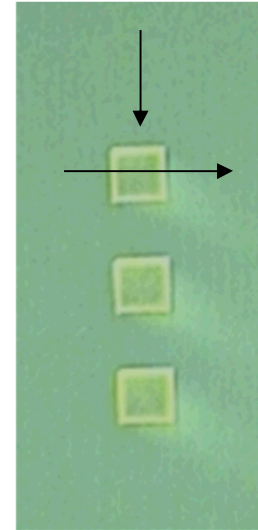
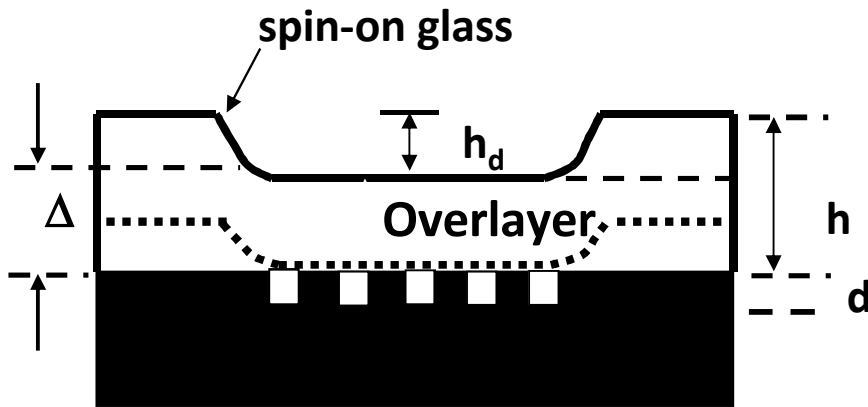
Alignment

- Lattice constants $< 400\text{nm}$
- Alignment precision to within 10% of lattice constant needed
- High quality Au registration marks



Excellent alignment was obtained with both JEOL- JBX5E and 9300FS

Planarization problem

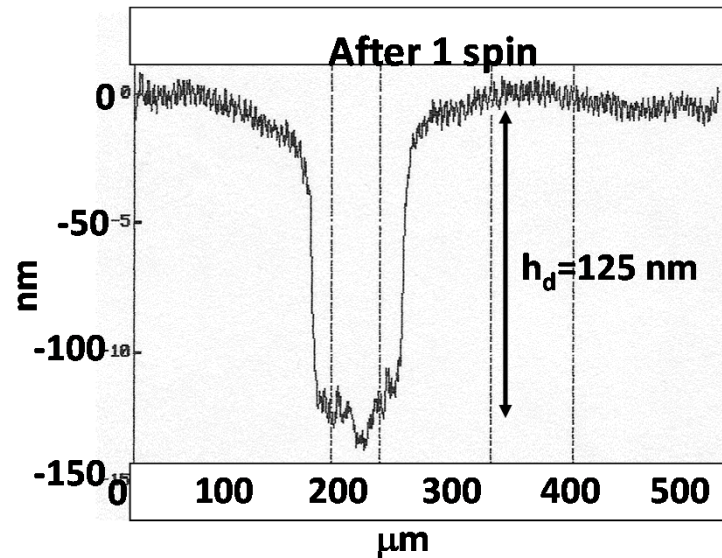


Global degree of planarization:

$$DOP_G(\%) = (1 - h_d/d) \times 100$$

with $h_d \sim 125\text{nm}$ and $d = 165\text{nm}$

$$DOP_G(\%) = 24.2 \%$$

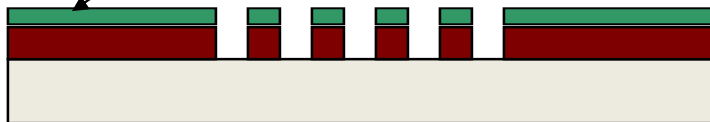


Planarization approach: Pre-fill and etch back

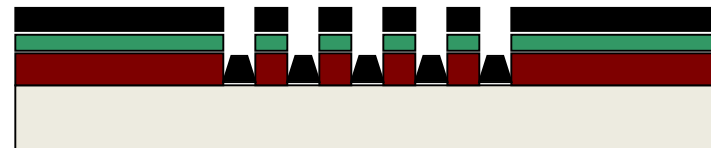


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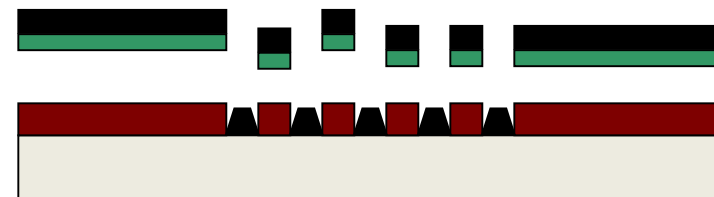
Residual resist after etch



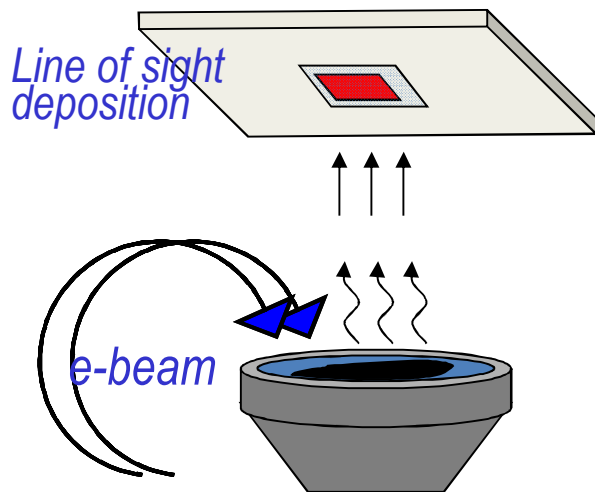
After Evaporation



Soak in solvent for lift-off



E-beam or thermal evaporation

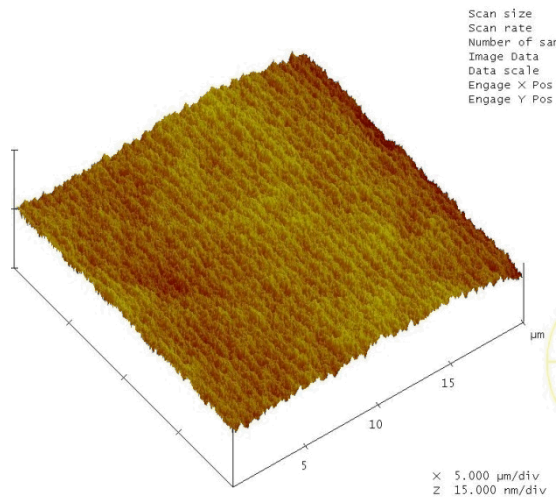
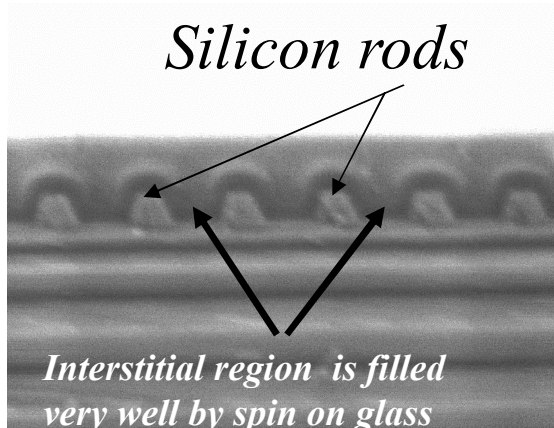


- Evaporated material should fill in the nanometer sized trenches
- Evaporated material should be compatible with spin on dielectric e.g., SiO_2
- Sufficient residual resist thickness $\sim 1.5 \times$ trench depth
- Etch profile should be conducive to lift-off



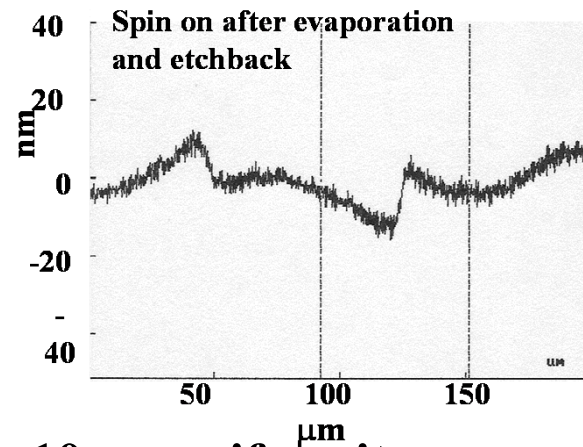
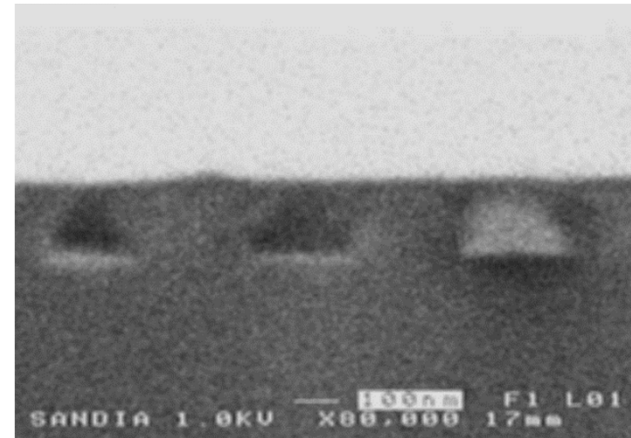
Planarization

Device Level planarization



Atomic force microscope image: RMS waviness ~ 1 nm !

Local planarization



~ 10 nm uniformity

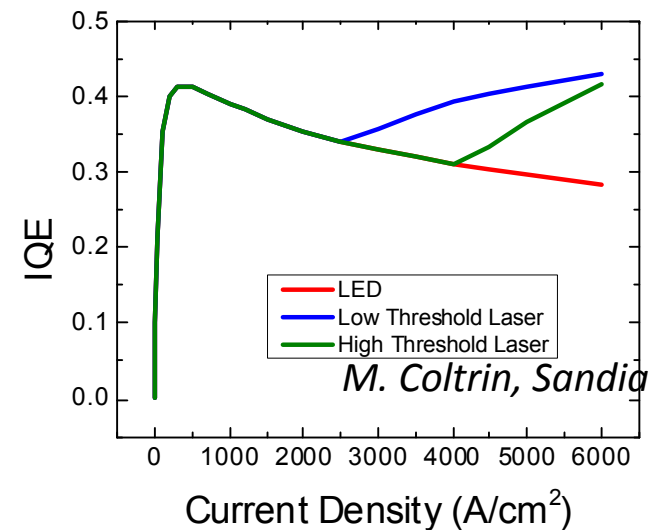
Nanowire Photonic Crystal Lasers

(Jeremy B. Wright, Sheng Liu, Alexander Benz, George T. Wang, Qiming Li, Daniel D. Koleske, Ping Lu, Huiwen Xu, Luke Lester, Ting S. Luk, Igal Brener)

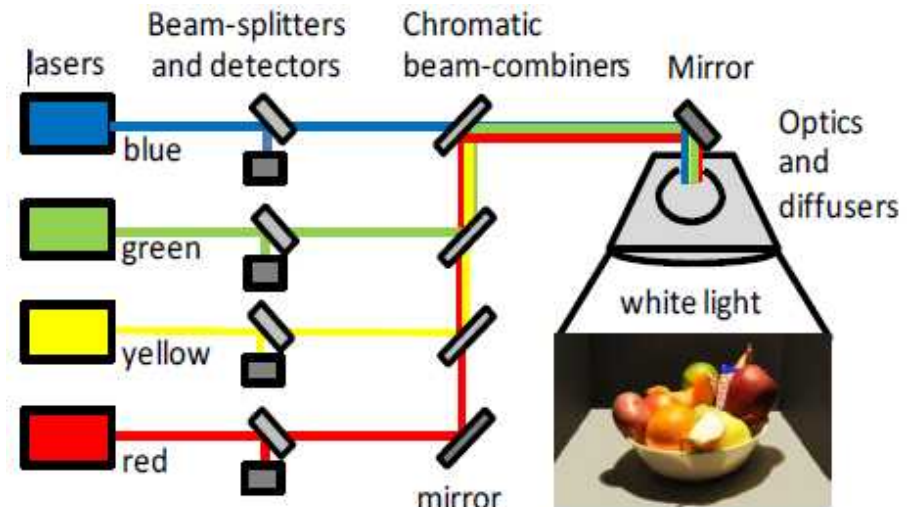
Why Lasers in Solid State Lighting?

The LED “efficiency droop” problem:

- InGaN LEDs exhibit a decrease in efficiency at high drive currents*
- limits the operating current density*
- increases the cost per lumen*



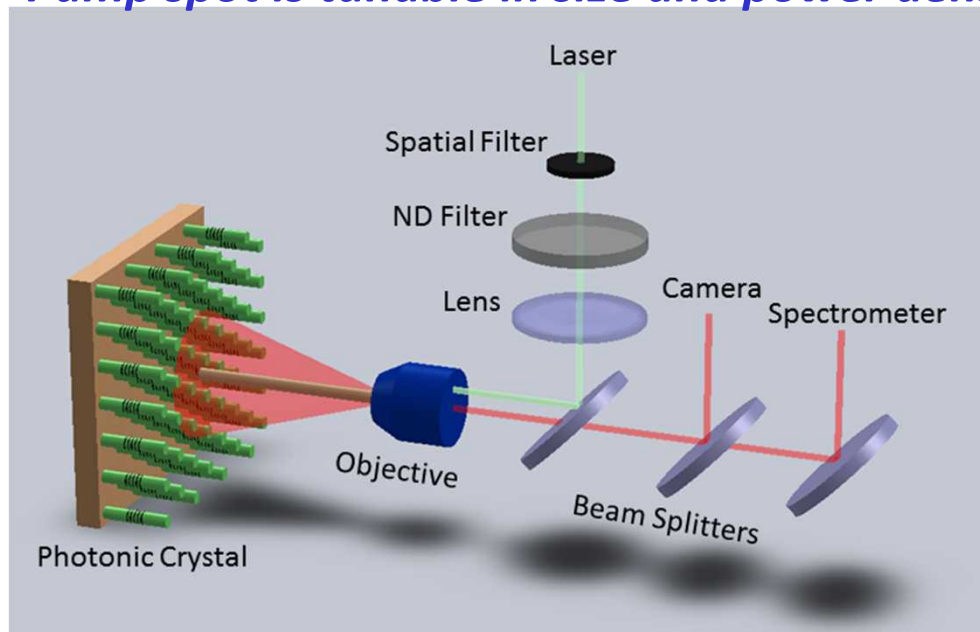
- *4 color lasers suitably combined can achieve high color rendering*
- *Lasers can potentially mitigate the efficiency droop problem !*



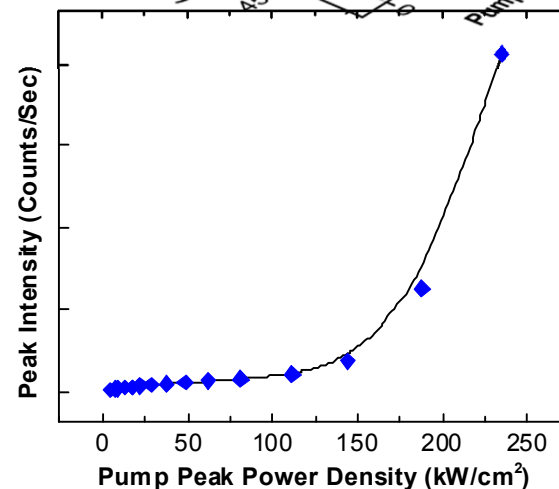
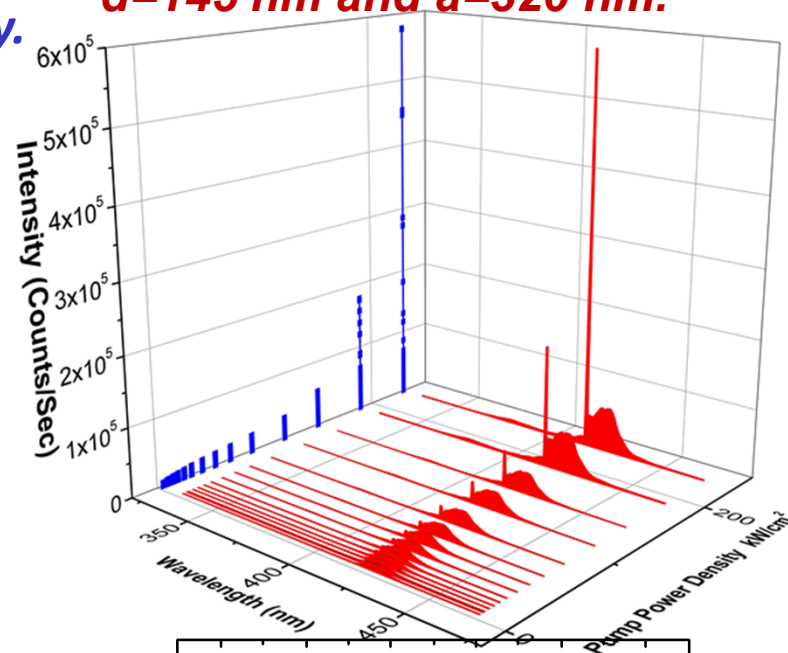
A. Neumann et al., "Four-color laser white illuminant demonstrating high color-rendering quality," *Opt. Express*, vol. 19, pp. A982-A990, 2011.

Optical response – low threshold lasing

Pump spot is tunable in size and power density.



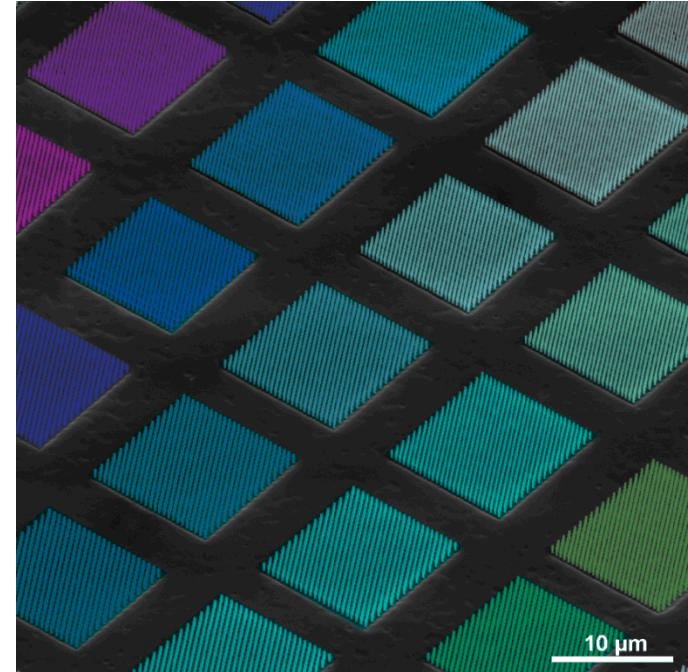
**Array Element Dimensions:
 $d=145\text{ nm}$ and $a=320\text{ nm}$.**



A low lasing threshold is achieved with $< 500\text{ kW/cm}^2$ for all PC lasers fabricated.

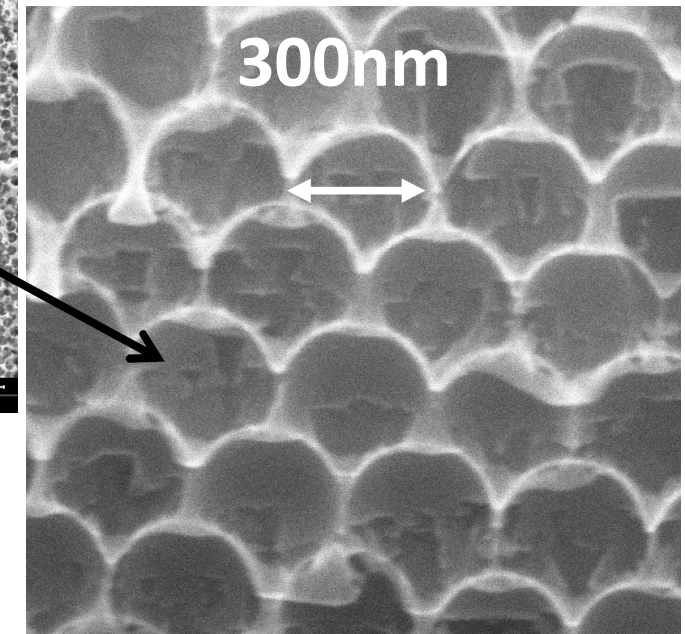
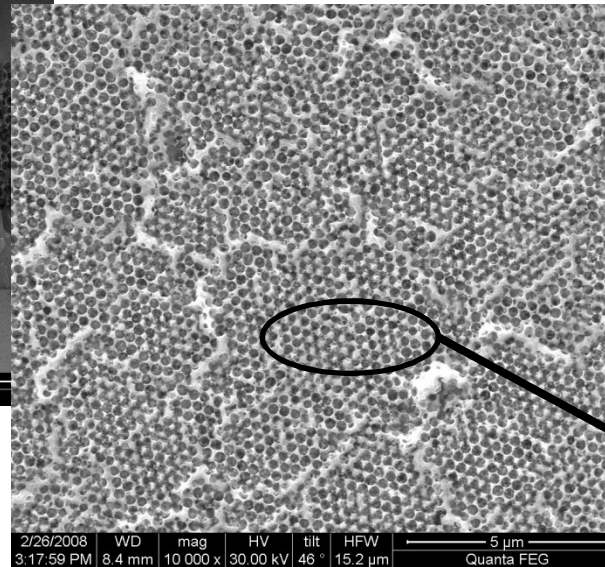
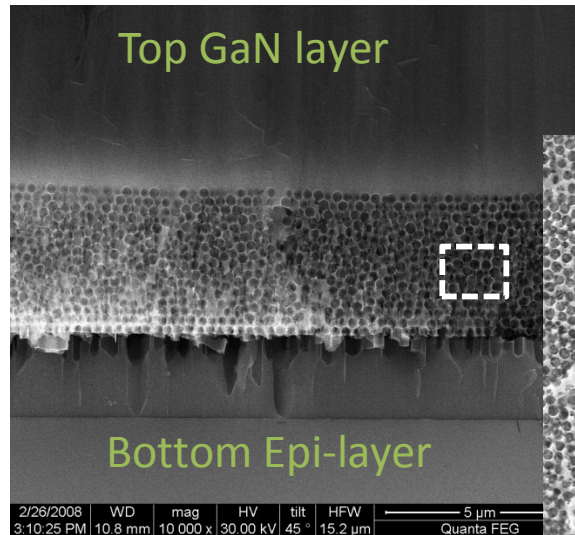
Possibilities

- *Laser arrays that span a broad spectral range*
- *Near-vertical single-mode emitters*
- *Low thresholds with optical pumping with wavelength tunability*
- *Possible to fabricate high density of emitters with a larger wavelength span*
- *Potential extension of lasing spectral range all the way to the green.*
- *Significant technological implications for solid state lighting , projectors and displays.*



Wright, J. B. *et al.* Multi-Colour Nanowire Photonic Crystal Laser Pixels. *Sci. Rep.* **3**, 2982, doi:10.1038/srep02982

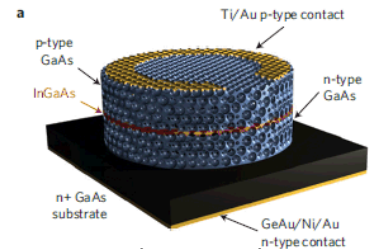
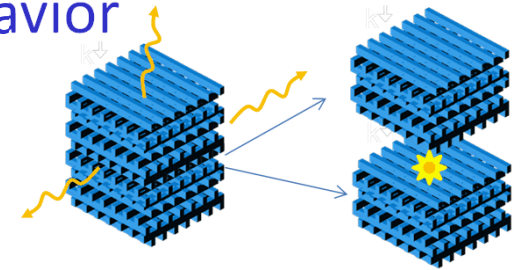
Epitaxial GaN grown though nanostructured template reduces dislocation density



Qiming Li et. al., Appl. Phys. Lett. 94, 231105(2009).

Summary/Possibilities

- Measure full 3D gap effect using emission behavior
- Emission life-time measurements - PDOS
 - QDs in the bulk of the 3DPC
- Strong-coupling at band edge
- Electrically injected 3DPC (GaN)

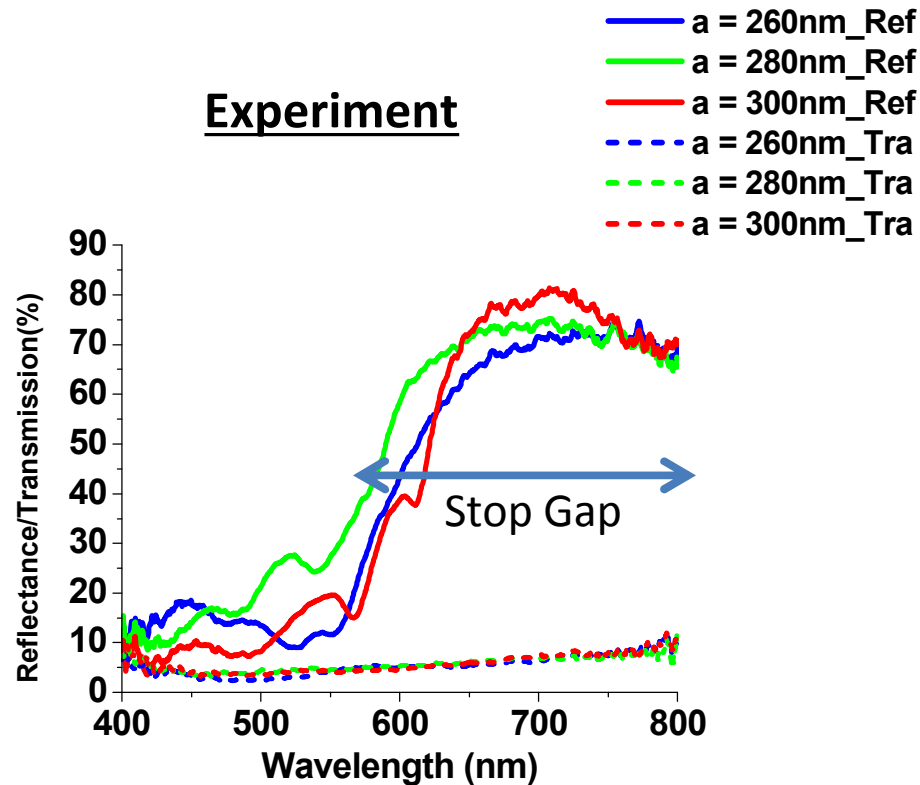


E. C. Nelson, et al., Nat Mater
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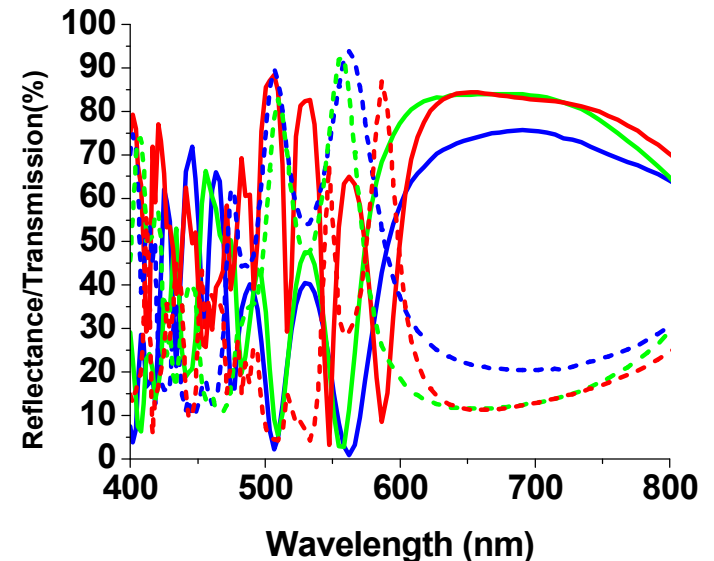
Three dimensional PC structure fabrication is resource and labor intensive.

Optical Response

Experiment



FDTD Simulation

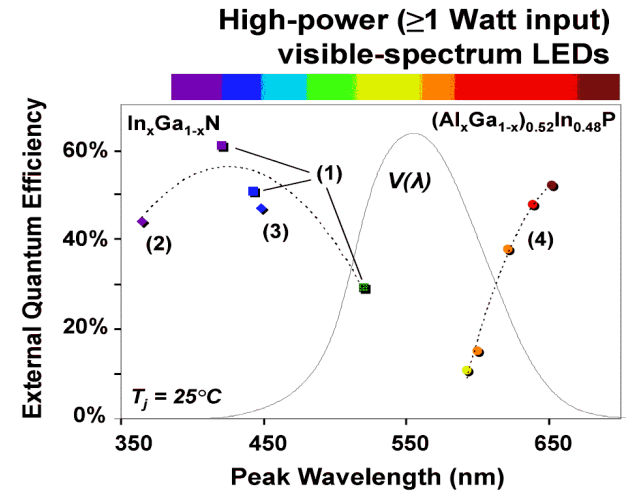
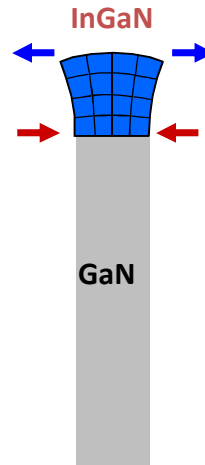


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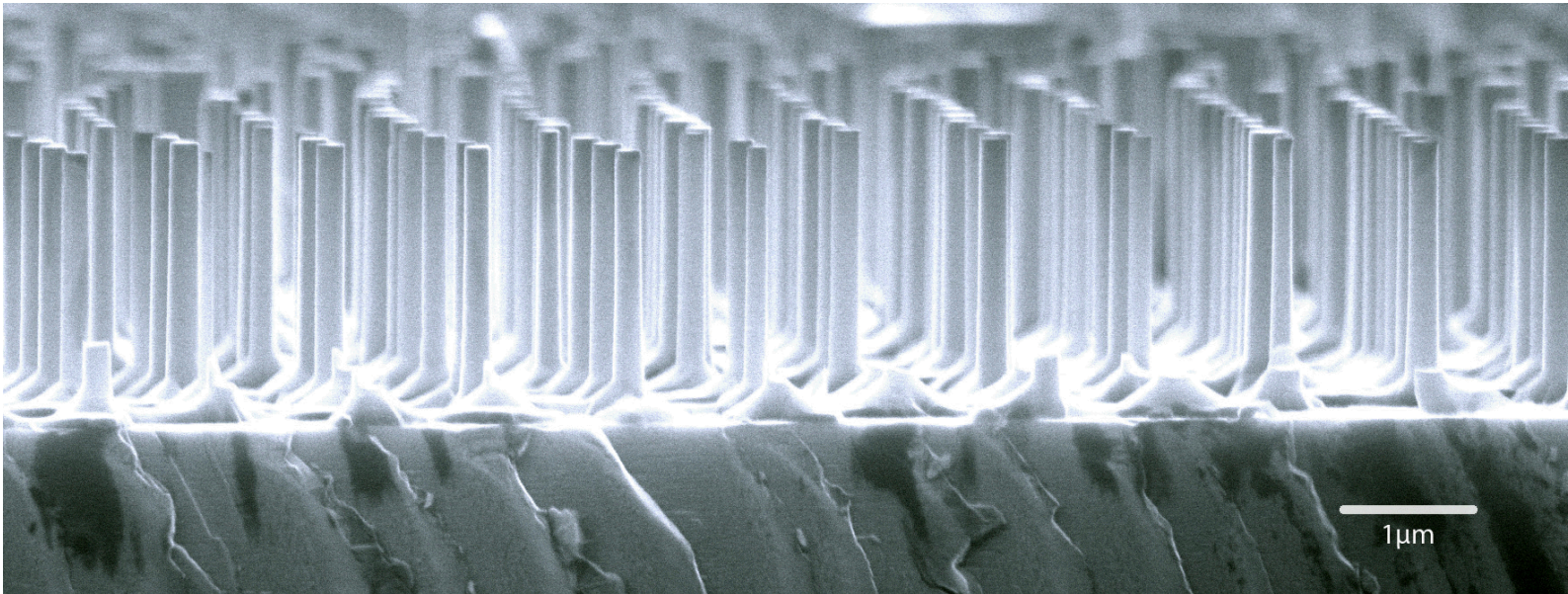
Nitride Nanowire Arrays

G.Wang

- Reduced strain
 - Greater range of alloy compositions
- Easily integrated into two-dimensional arrays

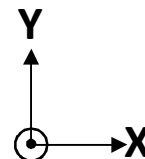
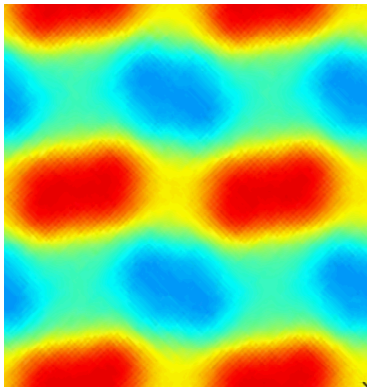


M. Krames, Philips Lumileds

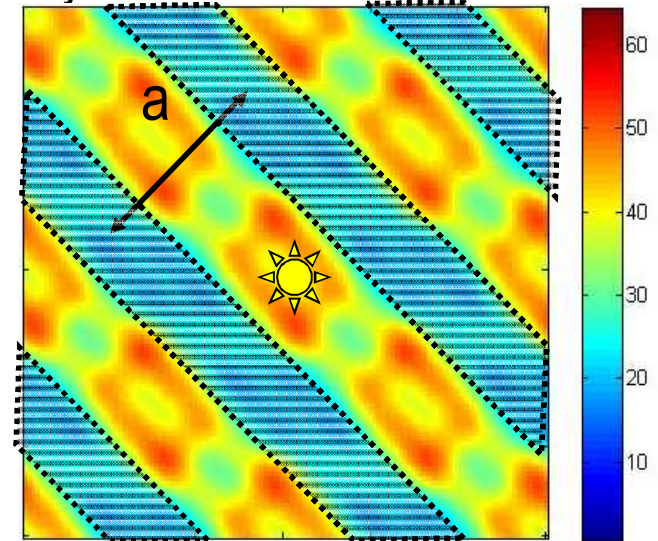


Emission Modification in TiO_2 Logpile

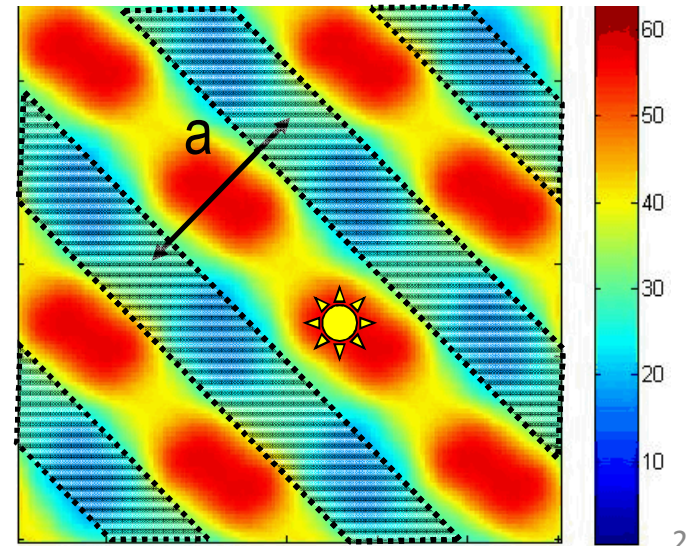
- Dielectric band vs. air band emission control
- Effect of 'air band' modes have not been probed
- Advantages
 - Post introduction of light source
 - Choice of light source (QDs or dyes or gas)
 - Potentially higher density of states enhancement

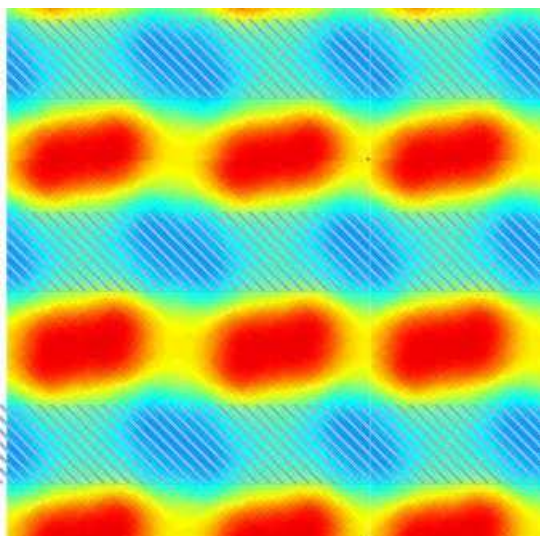
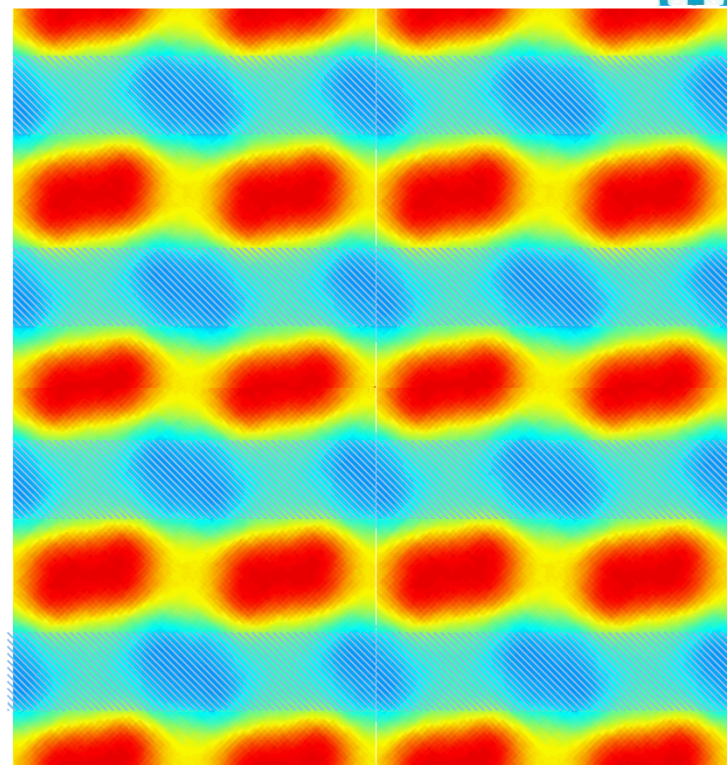
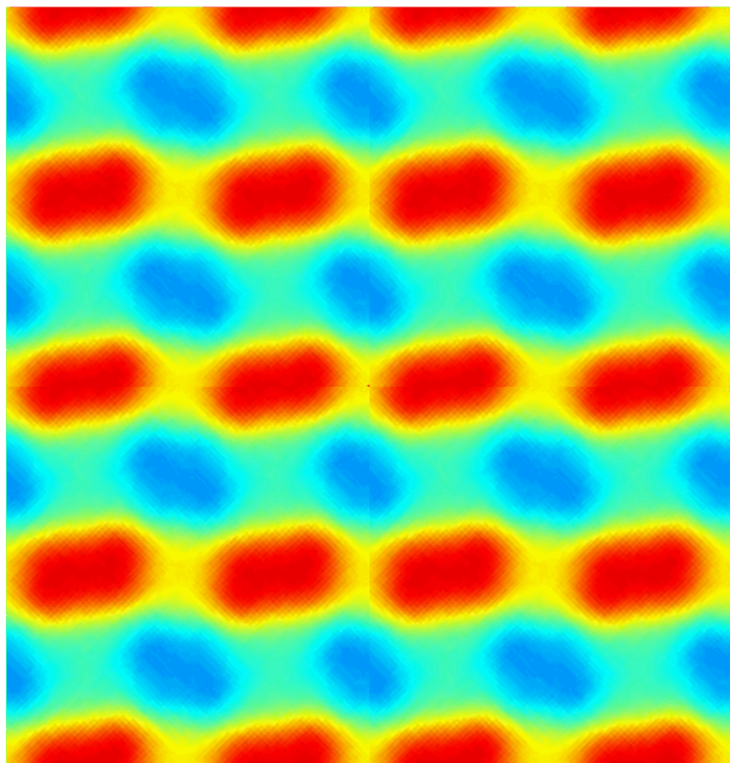


E_y field distribution at Xpt



E_z field distribution at Xpt





Requirements for Accessing the 'Air' Void Region of the PC

- **Key Challenge: Locating the QDs in the void region without affecting the photonic bandgap**
- Physical access to the 'air' region with ability to attach QDs
- Low refractive index: minimal disturbance to photonic bandgap

Room temperature Spin Coatable Aerogel

Brinker group (S. S. Prakash et al.,
Nature **374**, 439 (1995))

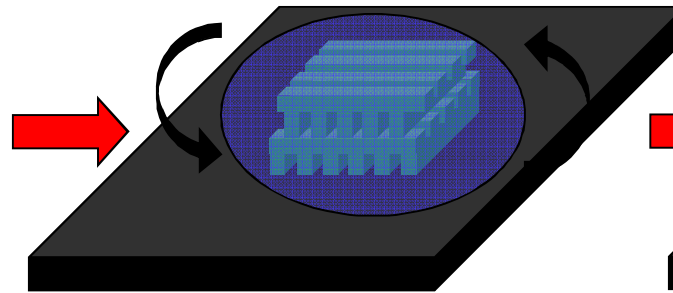
Age and
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Disperse by
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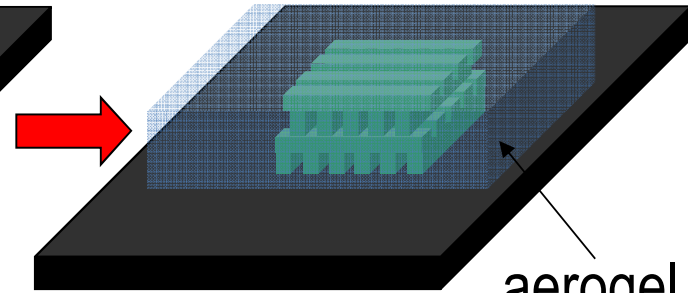


Spin coat



Logpile PC

dry at RT



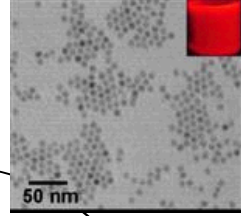
aerogel

Introduce QDs through chemical attachment (3-mercaptopropyltrimethoxysilane chemistry)

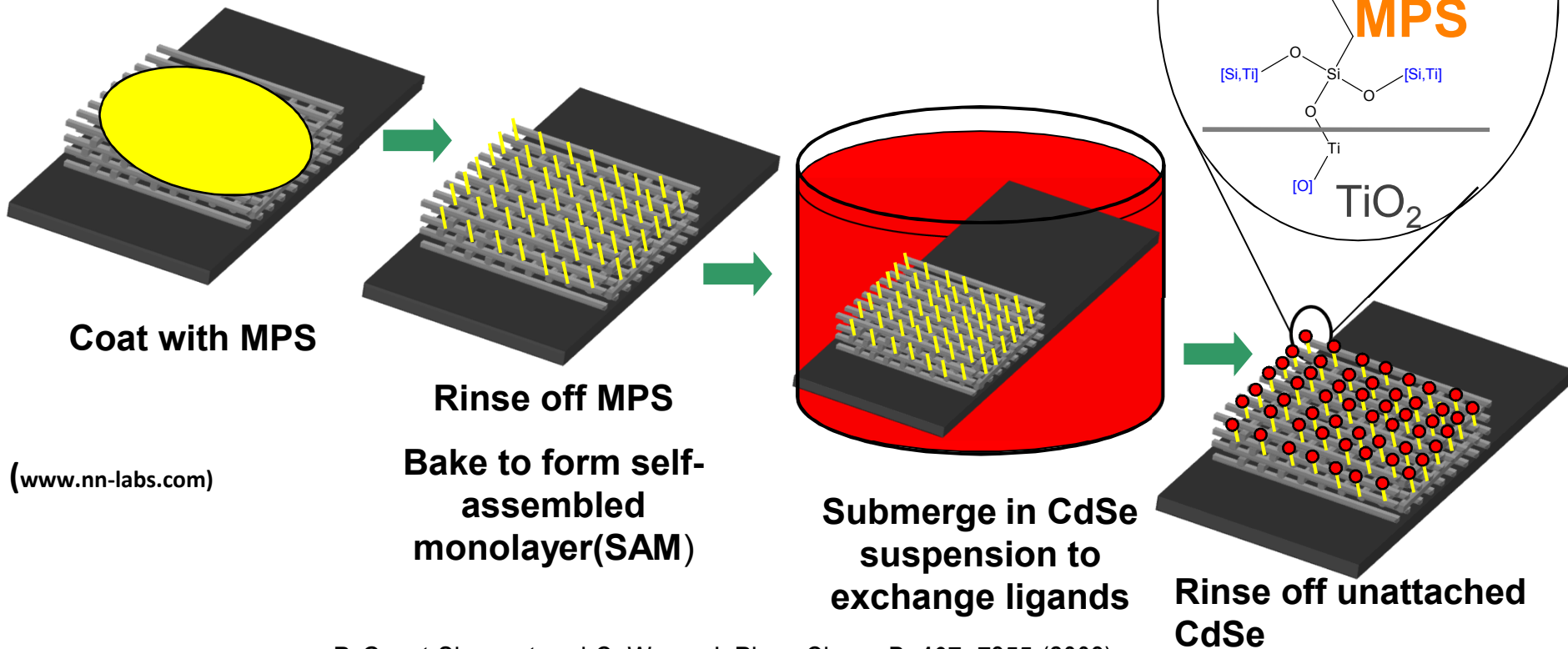
Developed by
Alex Lee



Controlled Coating of CdSe Self-assembled Monolayer On TiO_2 Rods



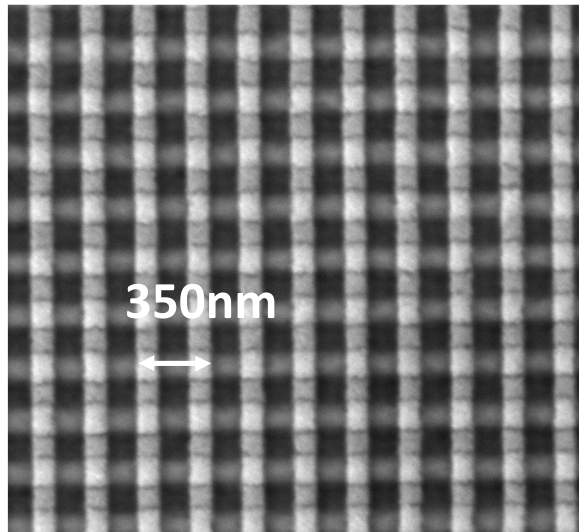
1. Coat TiO_2 wp with neat 3-mercaptopropyltrimethoxysilane (70 °C, 3 min)
2. Rinse with chloroform
3. Bake wp on hot plate to form linkage (120 °C, 30 min)
4. Place TiO_2 wp in TOPO-capped CdSe in toluene (RT, 1 hr)



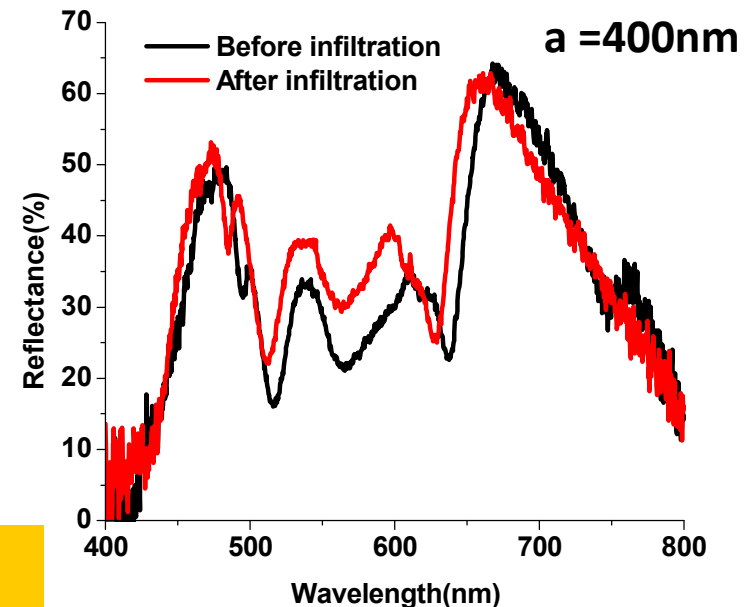
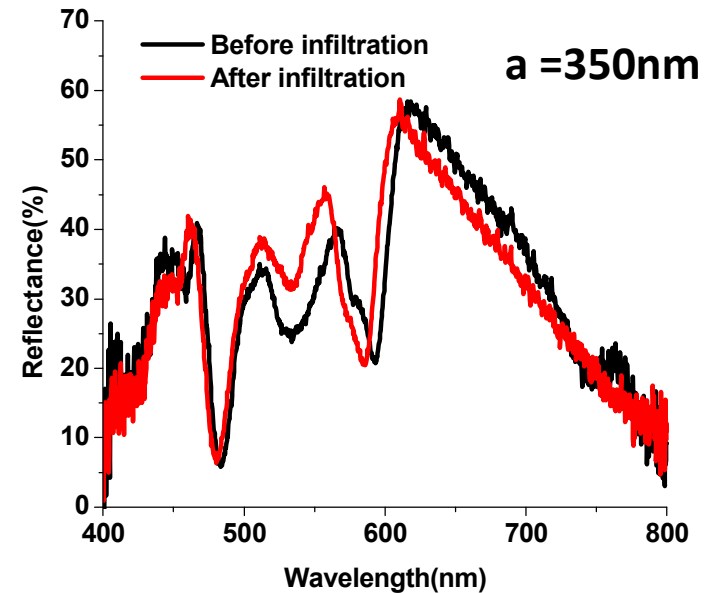
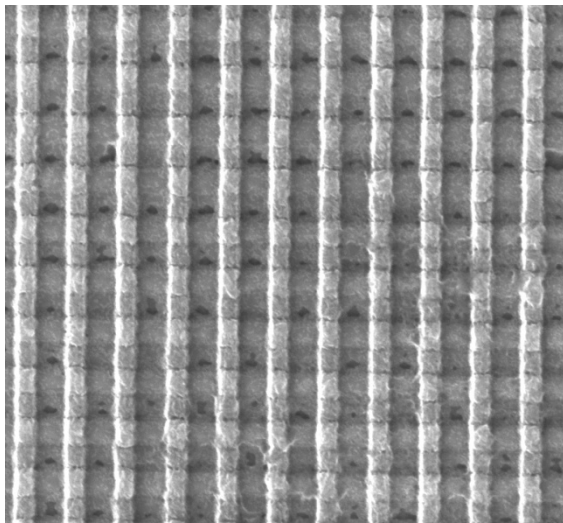
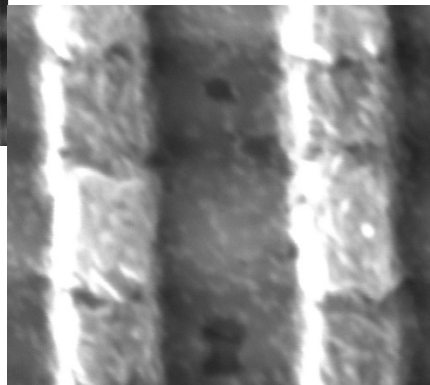
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Effect of Aerogel and CdSe QD infiltration



Aerogel Ref. index
~1.05-1.1



Aerogel and CdSe QD infiltration has negligible effect on the bandgap!