

A Hybrid Dielectric-Semiconductor Metasurface for Efficient Second-Harmonic Generation

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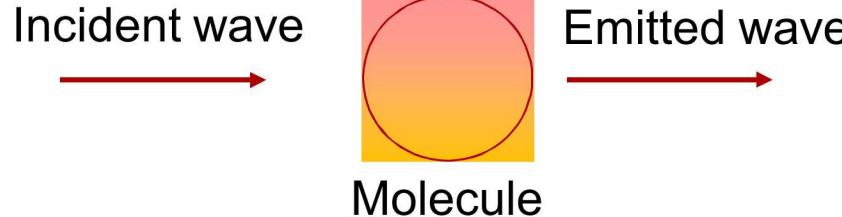
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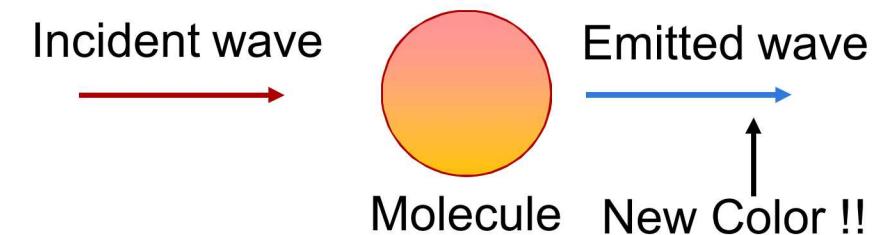
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Nonlinear Optics : Second-Harmonic Generation (SHG)

Linear Optics



Nonlinear Optics



Strong electromagnetic field \rightarrow Distorted electronic cloud \rightarrow Induced dipole

Dielectric polarization density $\mathbf{P}(t)$
– dipole moment per unit volume

$$\mathbf{P}(t) = \epsilon_0 (\chi^{(1)} \mathbf{E}(t) + \chi^{(2)} \mathbf{E}^2(t) + \chi^{(3)} \mathbf{E}^3(t) + \dots),$$

where the coefficients $\chi^{(n)}$ are the n -th-order **susceptibilities** of the medium.

Prominent On-Chip Approaches for SHG



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Phased-array sources based on nonlinear metamaterial nanocavities

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Max. Conversion factor $\sim 16.8 \text{ mW/W}^2$
Max. Efficiency $\sim 7 \times 10^{-4}$ at 15 kW/cm^2

All Dielectric Metasurface

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Efficient Nonlinear Metasurface Based on Nonplanar Plasmonic Nanocavities

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Max. Efficiency 6×10^{-5} at $\sim 0.5 \text{ GW/cm}^2$

Desired Properties for Nonlinear Metasurfaces

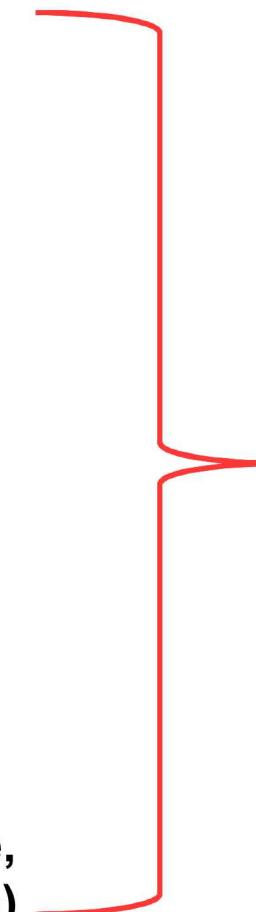
1. **High second-order nonlinear susceptibility** : IST in QWs

2. **Large field enhancement** : High Q Resonances

3. **Large damage threshold and low loss at all wavelengths**
: Dielectric structures

4. **Large bandwidth** : Require new type of resonances as
high Q and bandwidth work in
opposite directions

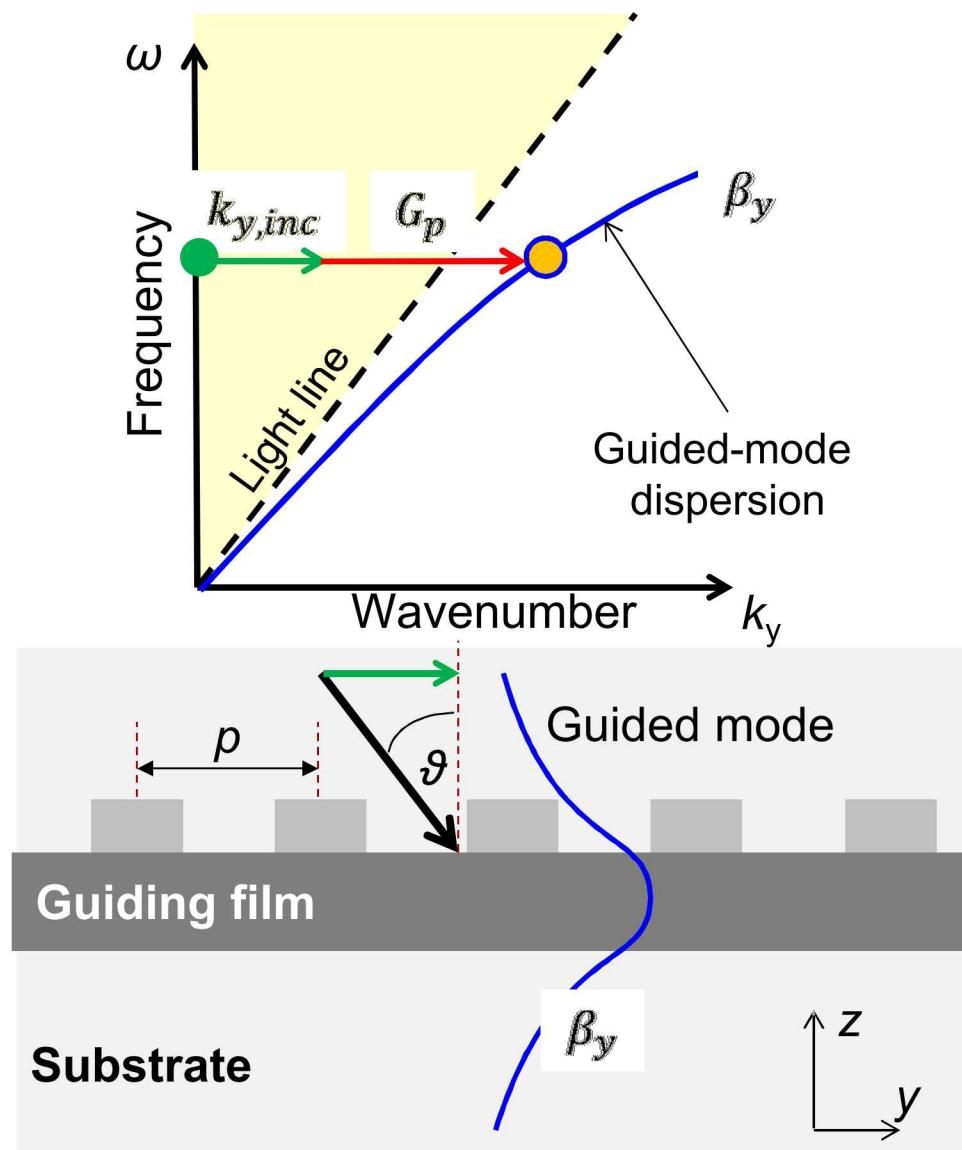
5. **Practical aspects** : Easy to fabricate, monolithically integrable,
Dual mode operation (reflection/transmission)



Can we design a hybrid
approach that has all
these properties ?

Yes, using a hybrid
approach of ***coupling
leaky mode resonances***
in dielectric structures
to ***ISTs*** in QWs

What is a Leaky Mode Resonance ?



Incident transverse wavenumber

$$k_{y,inc} = \frac{\omega}{c} \sin \vartheta$$



Lattice transverse momentum

$$G_p = \frac{2\pi}{p} m, \text{ where } m = \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots$$

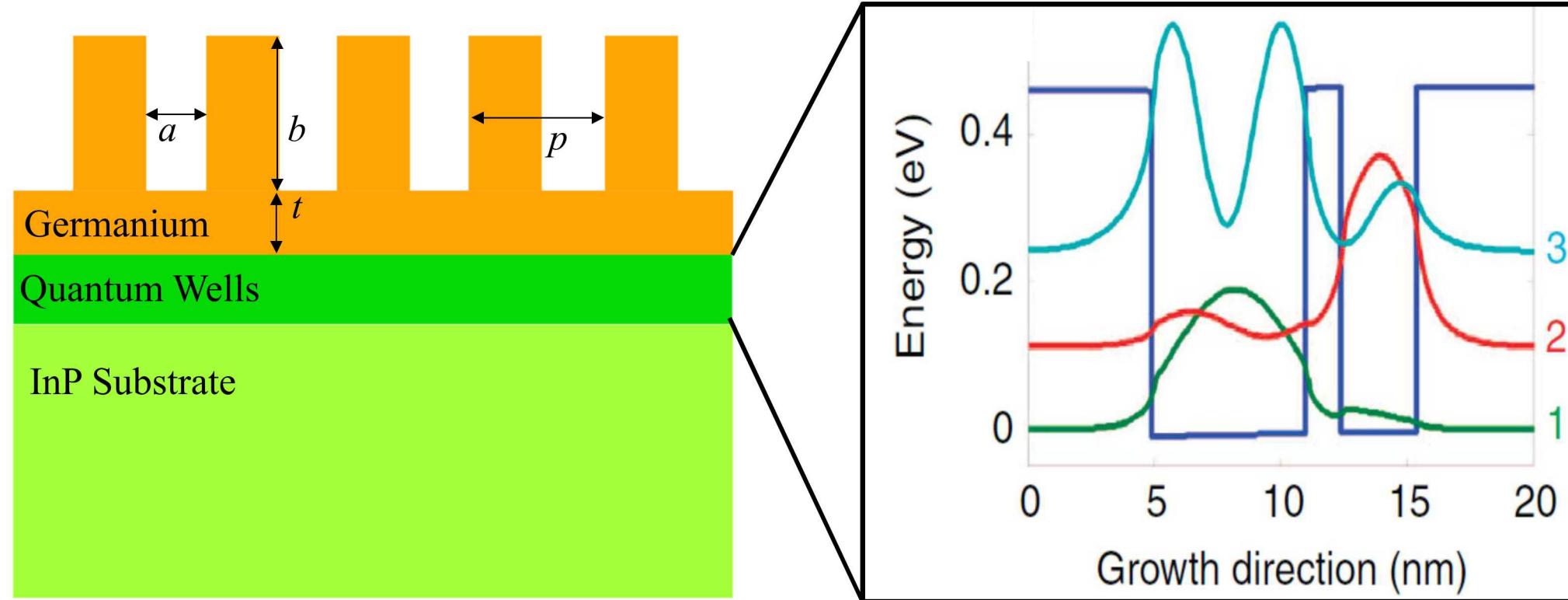


Plane wave excitation of a
Leaky Mode Resonance

$$|k_{y,inc} + G_p| = \tilde{\beta}_y$$

For small perturbation, $\tilde{\beta}_y \sim \beta_y$

Dielectric-Semiconductor Hybrid Structure for SHG

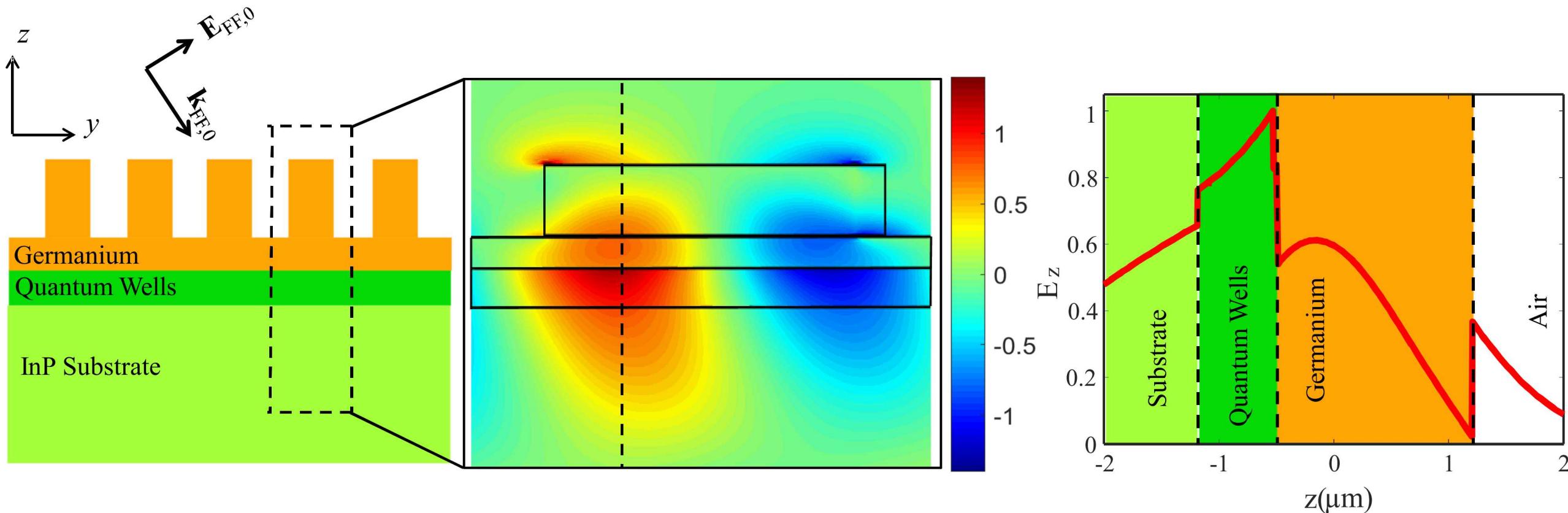


$a=1070\text{nm}$, $b=1200\text{nm}$, $t=500\text{nm}$
 $p=3150, 3250, 3350\text{ nm}$

InGaAs QWs with AlInAs barriers
Ref. : O. Wolf et. al., Nature Comm. 6 (2015)

The thickness of the InGaAs QWs is optimized to have transitions at 10 microns and 5 microns. The geometrical parameters of the grating structure is designed for these wavelengths.

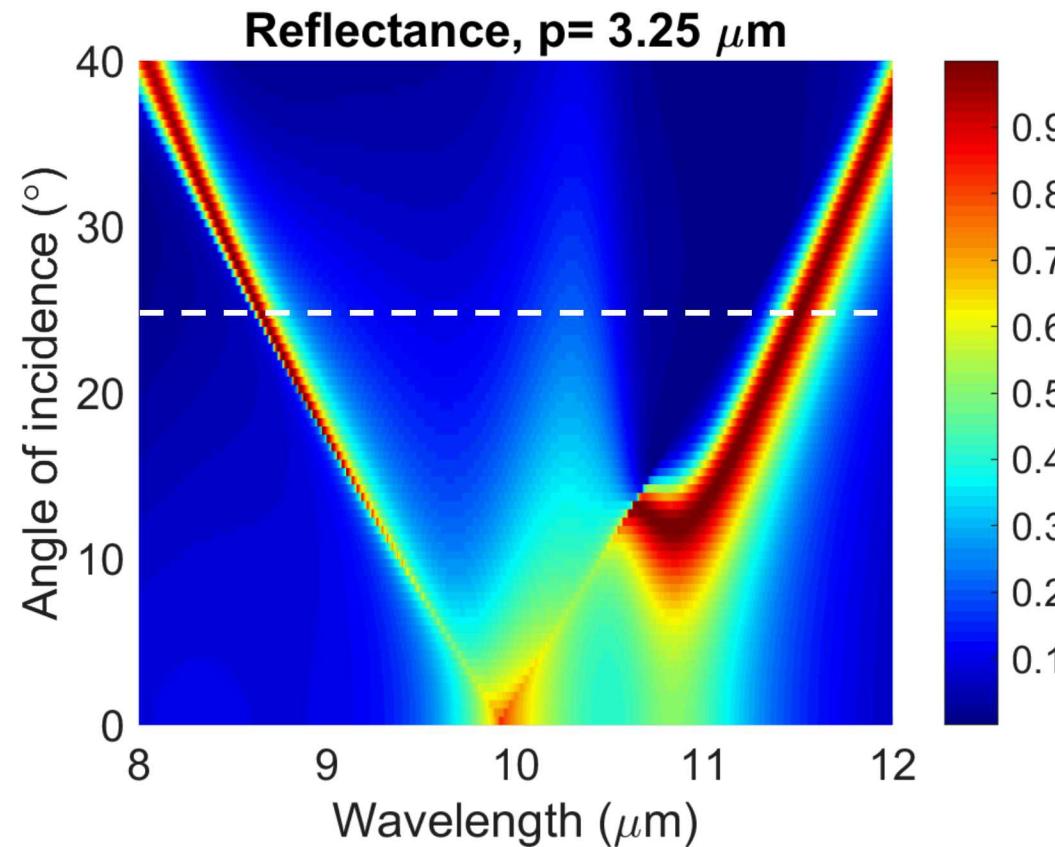
Leaky Mode Resonance Coupled to IST



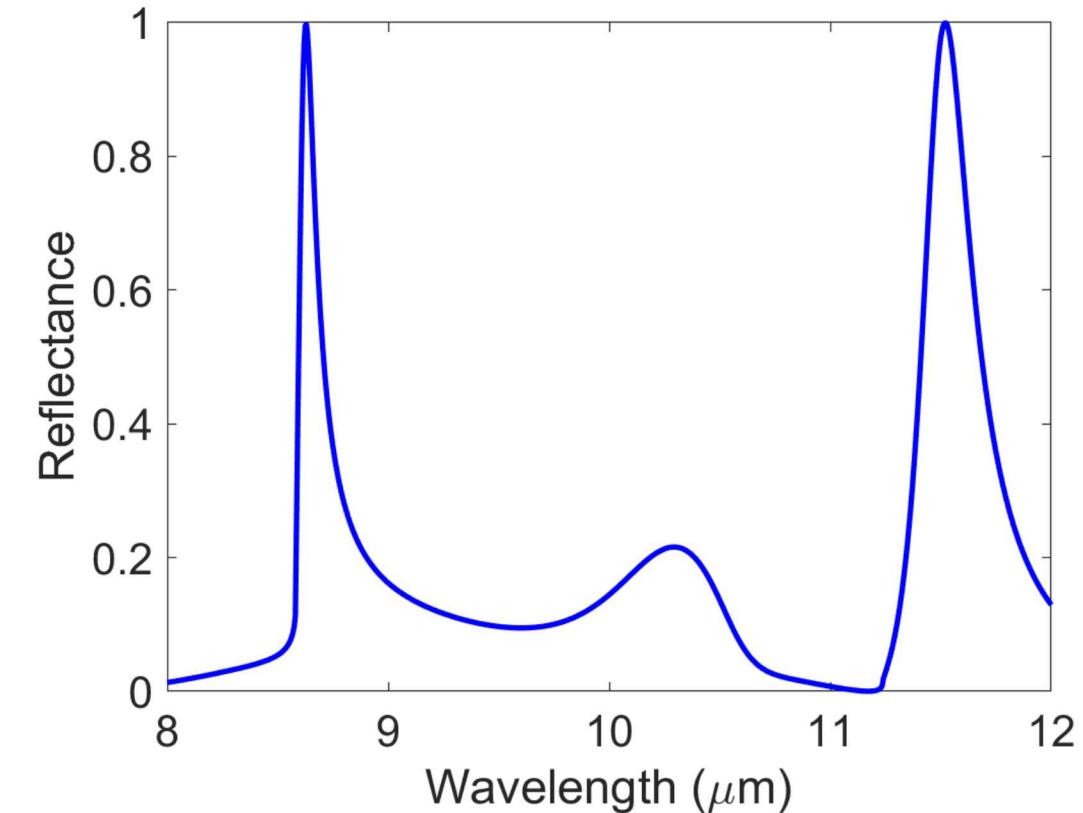
The pump wavelength (fundamental frequency, FF) is at 10 microns. The evanescent fields of the leaky mode resonance drives the ISTs in the QWs.

Leaky Mode Resonances : High Q and Large Bandwidth

Linear Simulations (Ignoring IST absorption)



Cross Section of Reflectance (white dashed line)

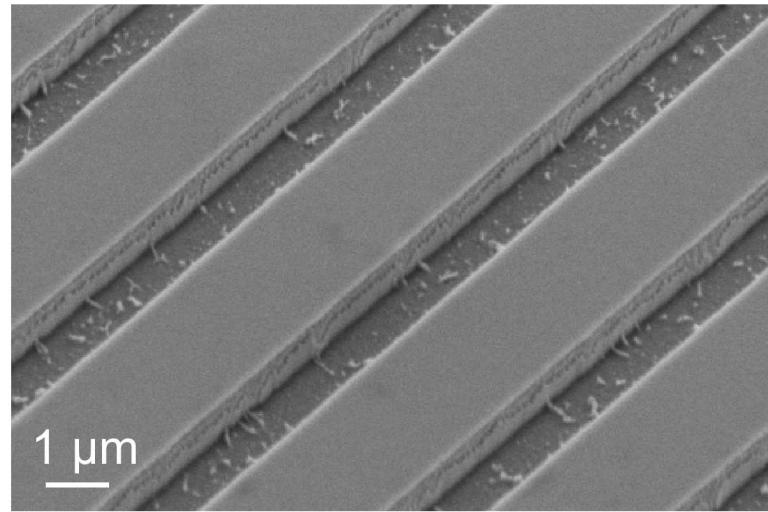
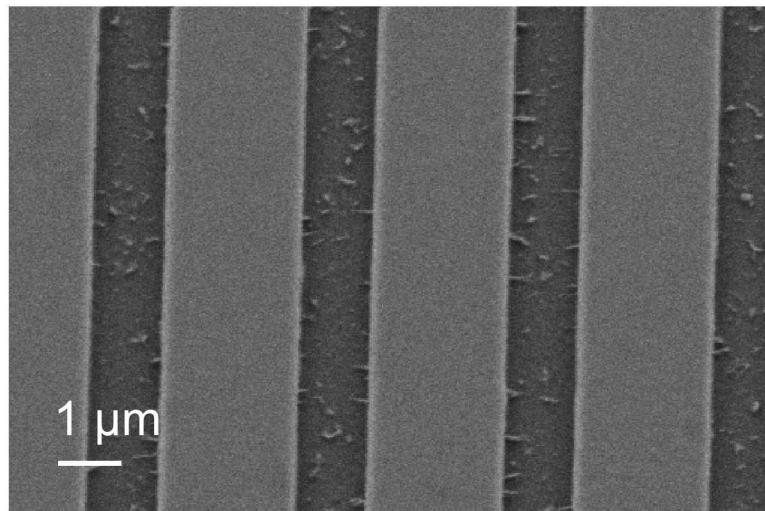


The leaky mode resonances have high Q with Fano features and can exist for all wavelengths between 8-12 microns

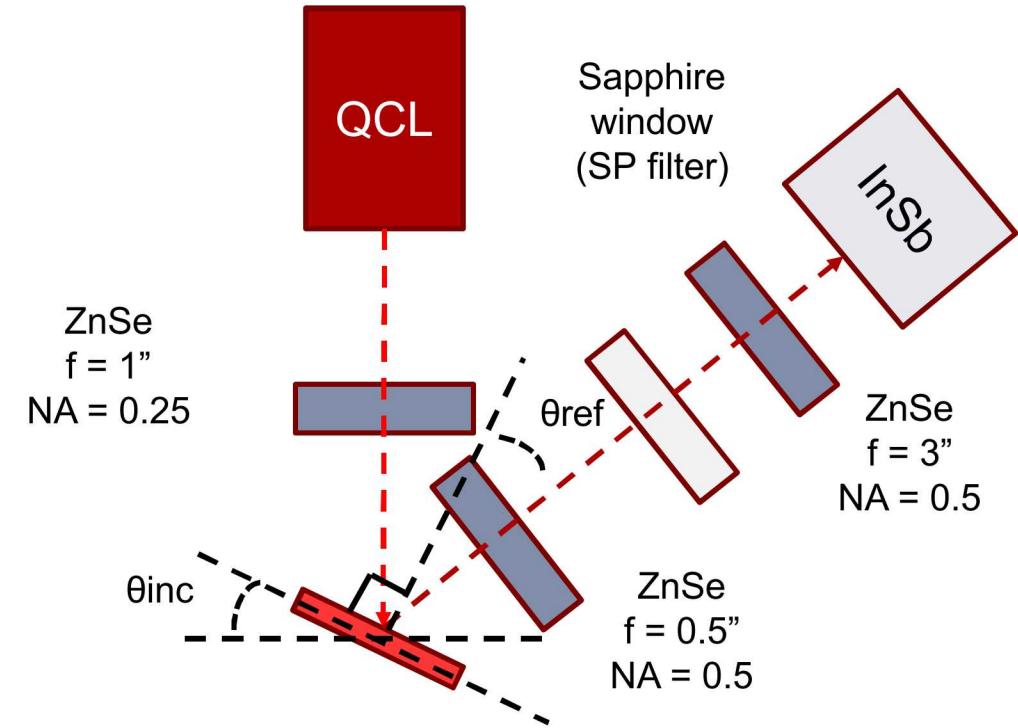
Device Fabrication and Experimental Setup



Scanning Electron Micrographs

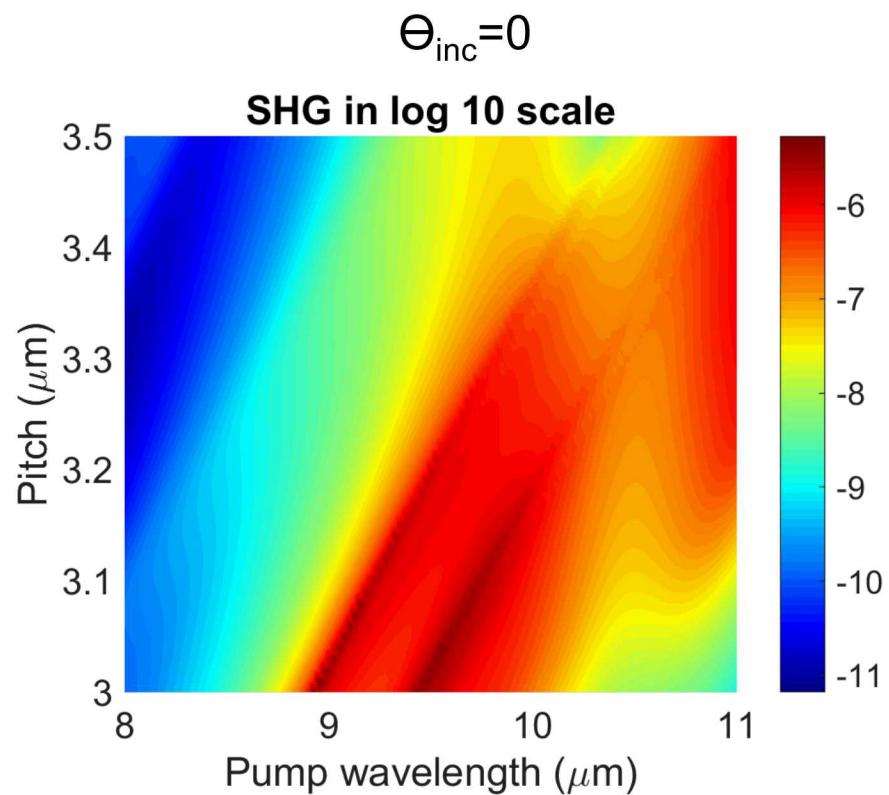


Experimental Setup



Normal incidence measurements correspond to $\Theta_{\text{inc}} = 0$

Experimental Data and Comparison to Simulations

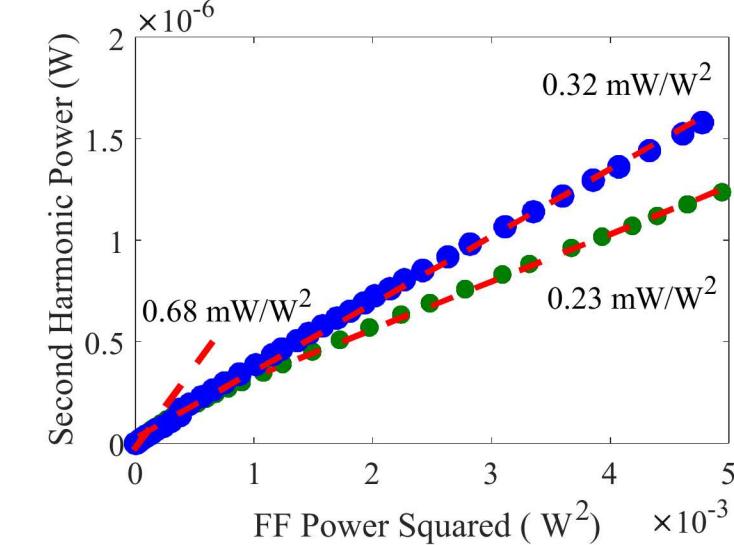
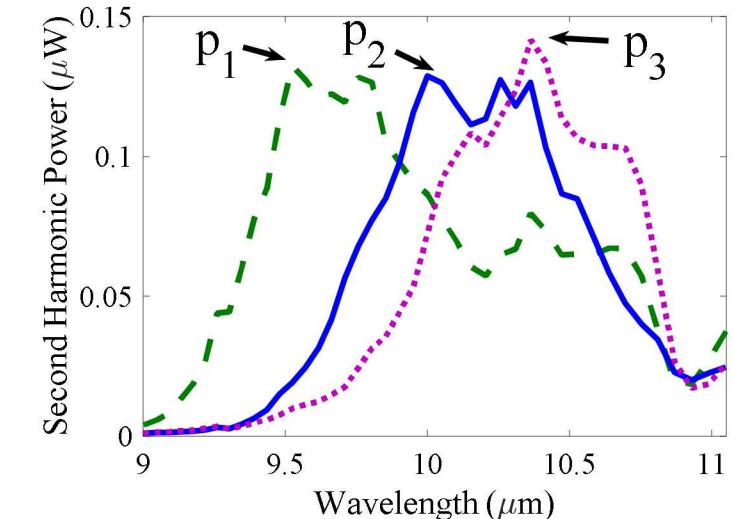


As predicted by simulations, the peak of SHG red shifts as period increases

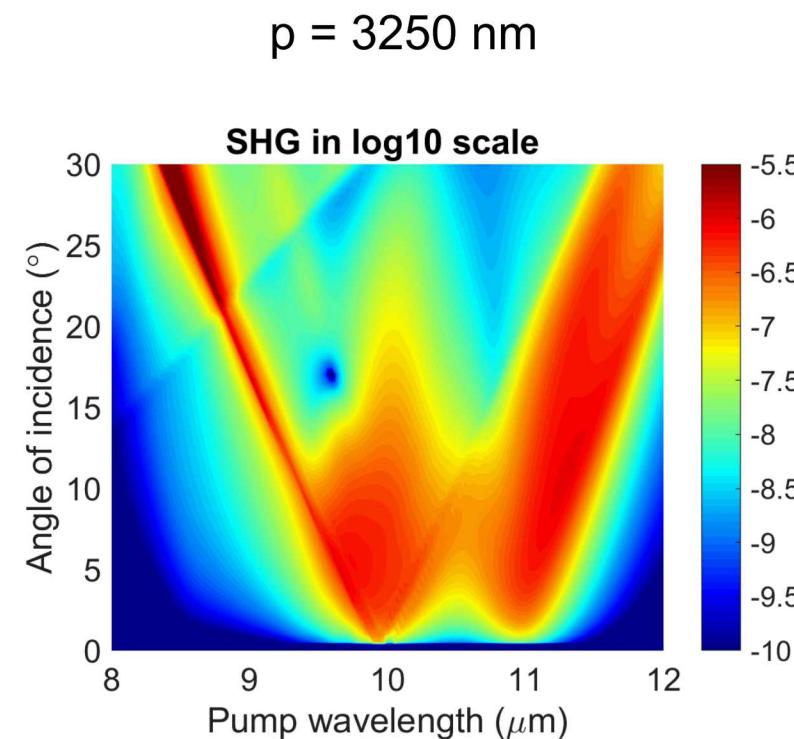
Maximum SHG conversion factor = 0.68 mW/W^2

Max. SHG efficiency $\sim 3 \times 10^{-5}$ at 15 kW/cm^2

$\Theta_{\text{inc}}=0$ and $p = 3150, 3250$ and 3350 nm



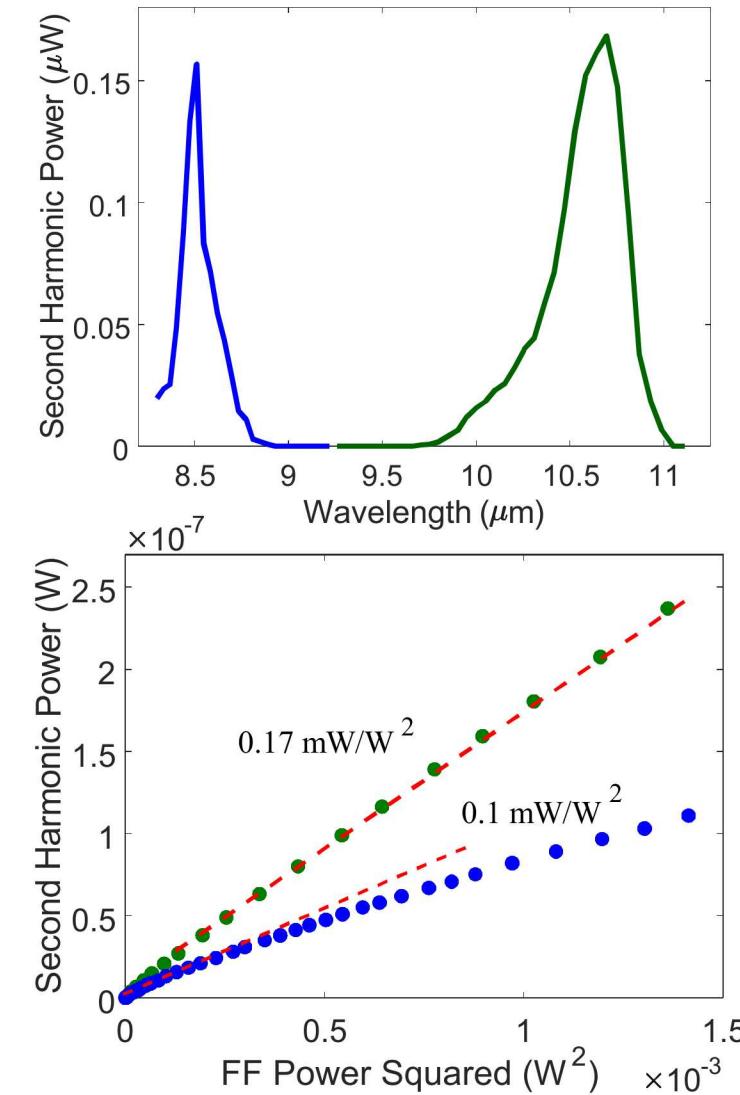
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As predicted by simulations, at $\Theta_{\text{inc}}=25$ degrees, two peaks of SHG are observed at 8.5 (narrower) and ~ 10.75 microns (broader).

Maximum SHG conversion factor = 0.17 mW/W^2
 Max. SHG efficiency $\sim 1.8 \times 10^{-5}$ at $\sim 10 \text{ kW/cm}^2$

$\Theta_{\text{inc}}=25$ degrees and $p = 3250 \text{ nm}$



Summary

1. We have demonstrated a hybrid approach for realizing a dielectric-semiconductor planar nanostructure for high efficiency SHG with increased bandwidth.
2. Using our devices, we demonstrate SHG at pump wavelengths ranging from $\sim 8.5\text{-}11$ microns. The maximum observed SHG conversion factor is 0.68 mW/W^2 and maximum conversion efficiency observed is $\sim 3 \times 10^{-5}$ at 15 kW/cm^2 pump power.
3. In addition to fundamental advantages, the approach also has practical advantages such as wavelength scalability, monolithic integrability, and ease of fabrication. The devices can also be fabricated using optical lithography.
4. The results here demonstrate a proof-of-concept and there is further scope of improvement of SHG efficiency by optimizing various parameters such as the dielectric medium of the grating, geometrical parameters, semiconductor heterostructure etc.