



Nanowire sensors and emitters for infrared astronomy and medical applications

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Consortium composition



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Infrared astronomy

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Infrared astronomy is the branch of [astronomy](#) and [astrophysics](#) that studies [astronomical objects](#) visible in [infrared](#) (IR) radiation. The [wavelength](#) of infrared light ranges from 0.75 to 300 micrometers. Infrared falls in between [visible](#) radiation, which ranges from 380 to 750 [nanometers](#), and [submillimeter](#) waves.

Infrared astronomy began in the 1830s, a few decades after the discovery of infrared light by [William Herschel](#) in 1800. Early progress was limited, and it was not until the early 20th century that conclusive detections of astronomical objects other than the [Sun](#) and [Moon](#) were made in infrared light. After a number of discoveries were made in the 1950s and 1960s in [radio astronomy](#), [astronomers](#) realized the information available outside the visible wavelength range, and modern infrared astronomy was established.



Carina Nebula in infrared light captured by the [Hubble's Wide Field Camera 3](#).

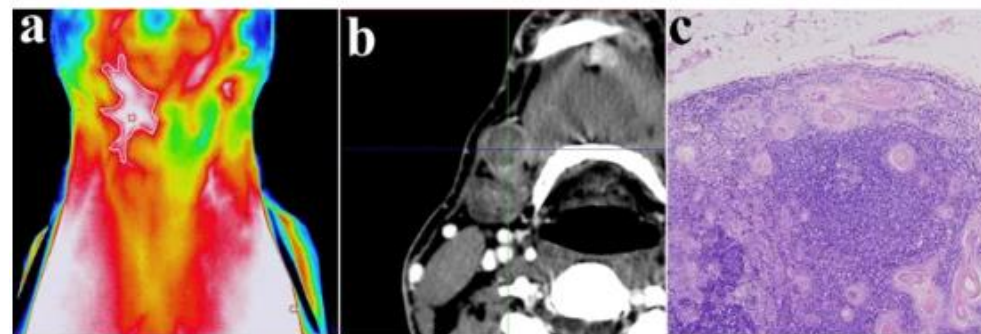
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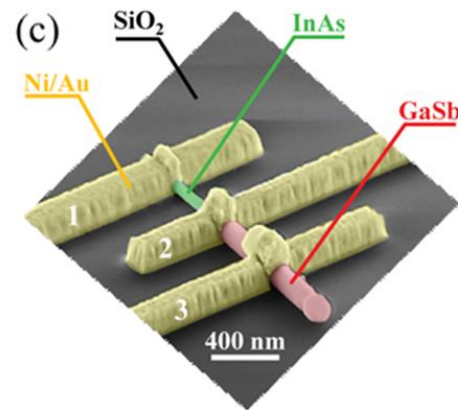
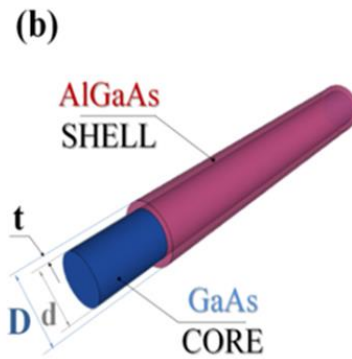
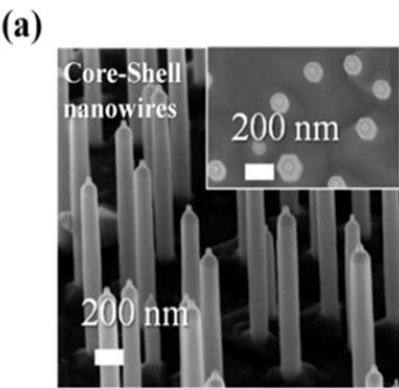
Detection of cervical lymph node metastasis from oral cavity cancer using a non-radiating, noninvasive digital infrared thermal imaging system

Fan Dong, Chuansibo Tao, Ji Wu, Ying Su, Yuguang Wang, Yong Wang, Chuanbin Guo & Peijun Lyu

Figure 4



Representative case correctly confirmed with both IR imaging and contrast-enhanced CT. **(a)** Elevated surface temperature and increased vascular density on the right side using IR imaging; **(b)** Metastatic lymph node in contrast-enhanced CT; **(c)** Microscopic appearance of metastatic lymph nodes (hematoxylin and eosin staining, original magnification $\times 200$).

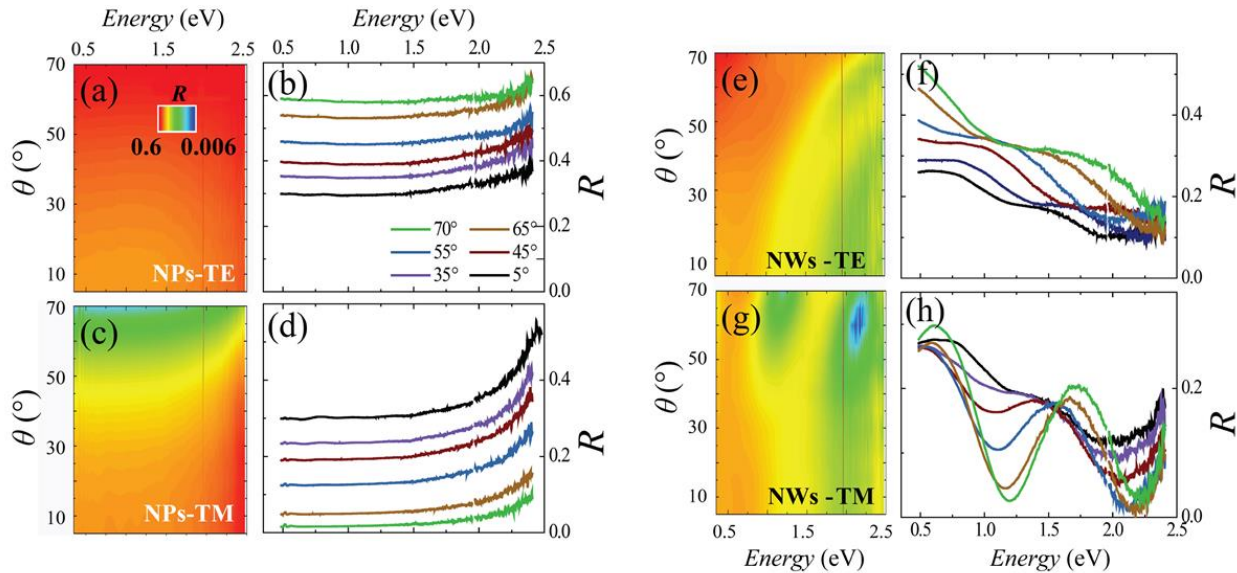


45° tilted scanning electron micrograph of one of our GaAs-AlGaAs core-shell nanowire samples (nanowire average length ≈ 960 nm, diameter ≈ 150 nm, density ≈ 10 NW/ μm^2).

(b) Sketch of a core-shell NW. The core and shell materials and typical dimensions are indicated: inner diameter $d \approx 50$ nm, outer diameter $D \approx 150$ nm, shell thickness $t \approx 30$ nm.

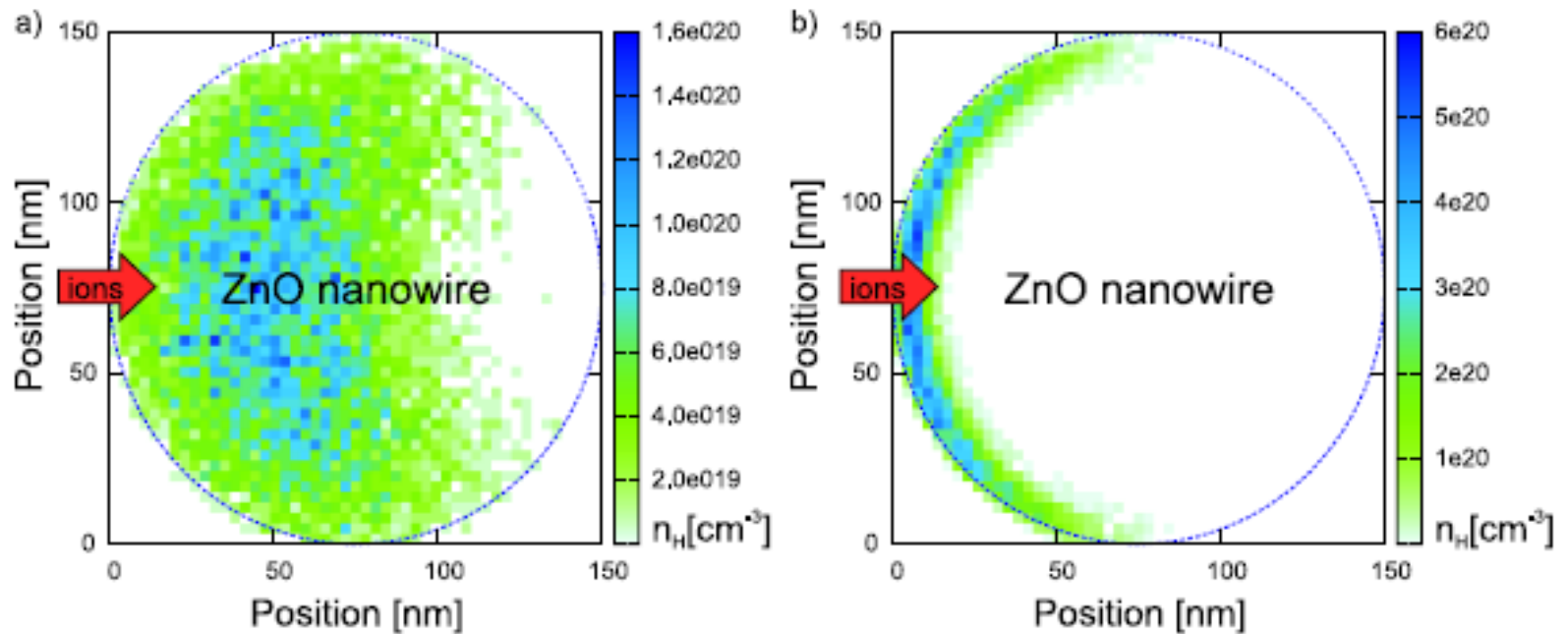
(c) SEM image (60° tilt) of a typical InAs/GaSb IR sensor, deposited on a SiO₂/p-Si substrate.

F. Floris, L. Fornasari, A. Marini, V. Bellani, F. Banfi, S. Roddaro, D. Ercolani, M. Rocci, F. Beltram, M. Cecchini, L. Sorba and F. Rossella, *Self-Assembled InAs Nanowires as Optical Reflectors*, Nanomaterials 7, 400 (2017).



Angle- and energy-resolved specular reflectance measured on the InAs substrate with the dispersed Au-rich NPs (a,c) and on the InAs NWs (e,g). Reflectance spectra measured at different incident photon angle θ for the Au-rich NPs dispersed on the InAs substrate (b,d) and for the InAs NWs (f,h). Transverse electric (TE) and magnetic (TM) light polarizations are indicated by labels.

F. Floris, L. Fornasari, V. Bellani, A. Marini, F. Banfi, F. Marabelli, F. Beltram, L. Sorba and F. Rossella, *Strong Modulations of Optical Reflectance in Tapered Core-shell Nanowires*, Materials MDPI, in press (2019).



We will study the selective modification of the electrical and optical response of the NWs by means of ion implantation. Simulation using numerical using GEANT4 code, with the Livermore low energy package, will allow to evaluate the energy deposit and the range the ions on the nanoscale . This code also simulates emission of scintillation and fluorescent light following irradiation and could be exploited to evaluate the photon spectrum emitted by the NWs. The selective control of the nanowire properties, by modifying either the wire composition or the surface conditions, will allow the development of novel, functional elements for next generation semiconductor devices.

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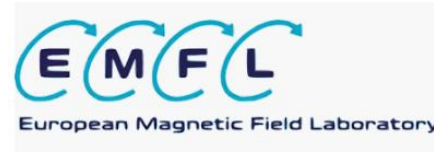
Mobility details

Experiments at CINT Livermore



Measurements of the photo-conductivity at milli-Kelvin temperatures and high fields, to explore the sensors sensitivity and energy band line-up

Experiments at EMFL Grenoble, Nijmegen



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Experiments at LPENS Paris

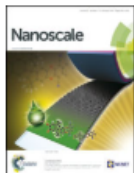


Determination of the ultrafast electro-optical response of the devices, with radiation in the far-IR and THz

Experiments at MagLab Tallahassee



Photoluminescence measurements on the NWS at high field for the study of the emission mechanisms

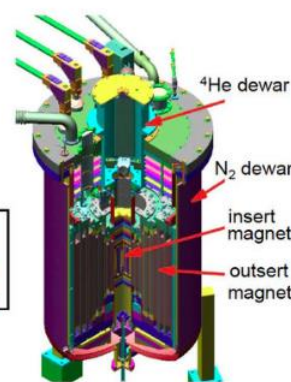
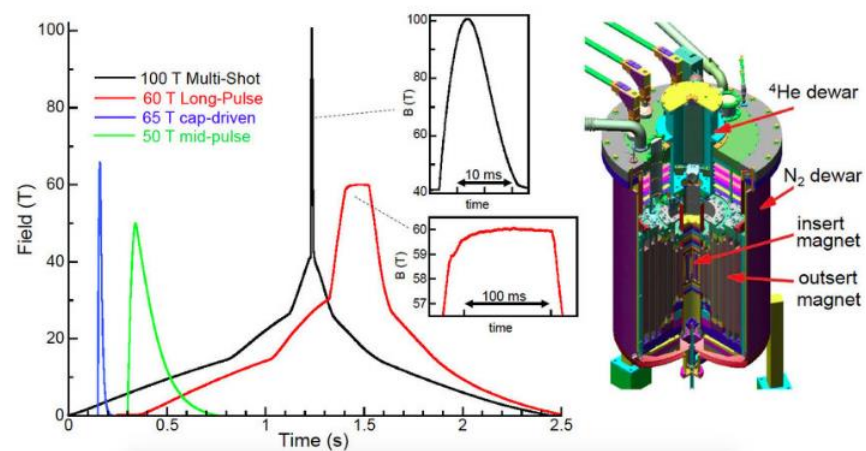
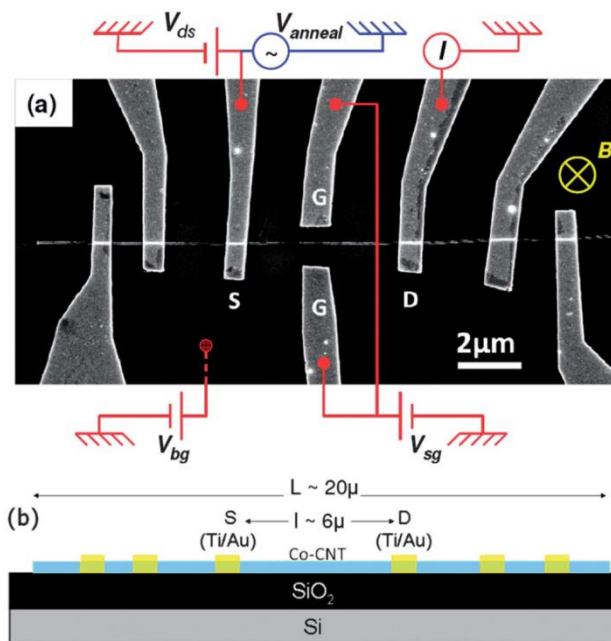
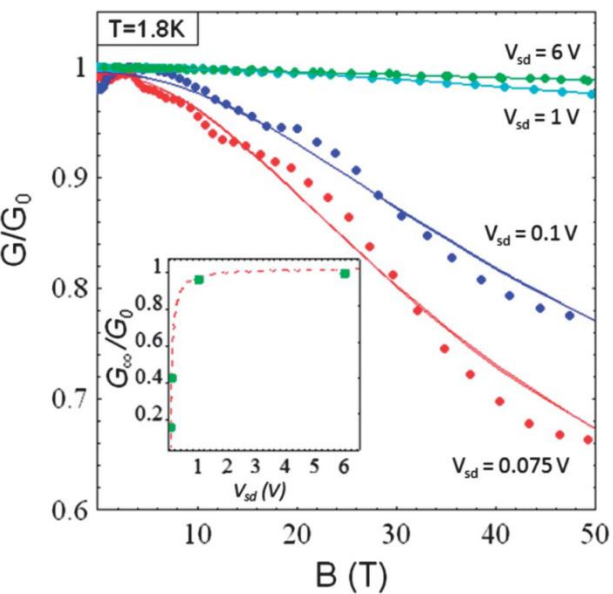


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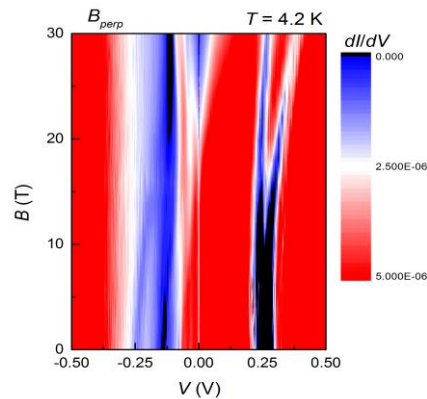
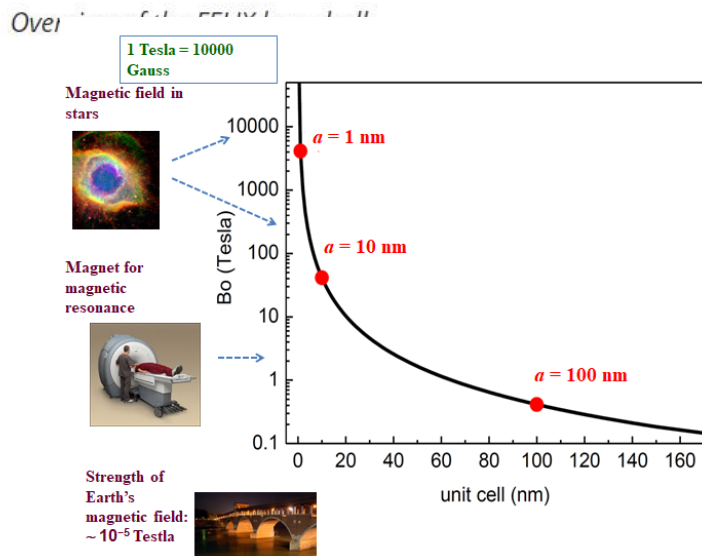
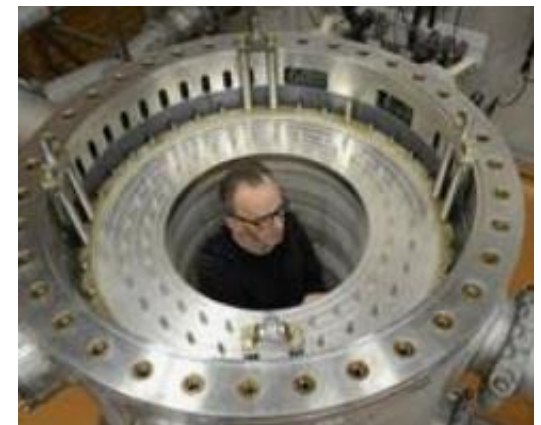
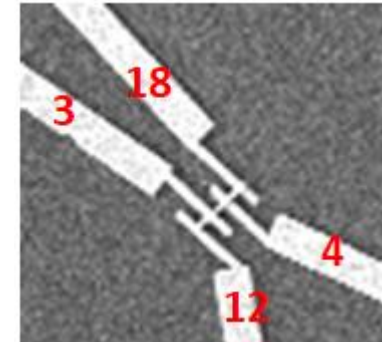
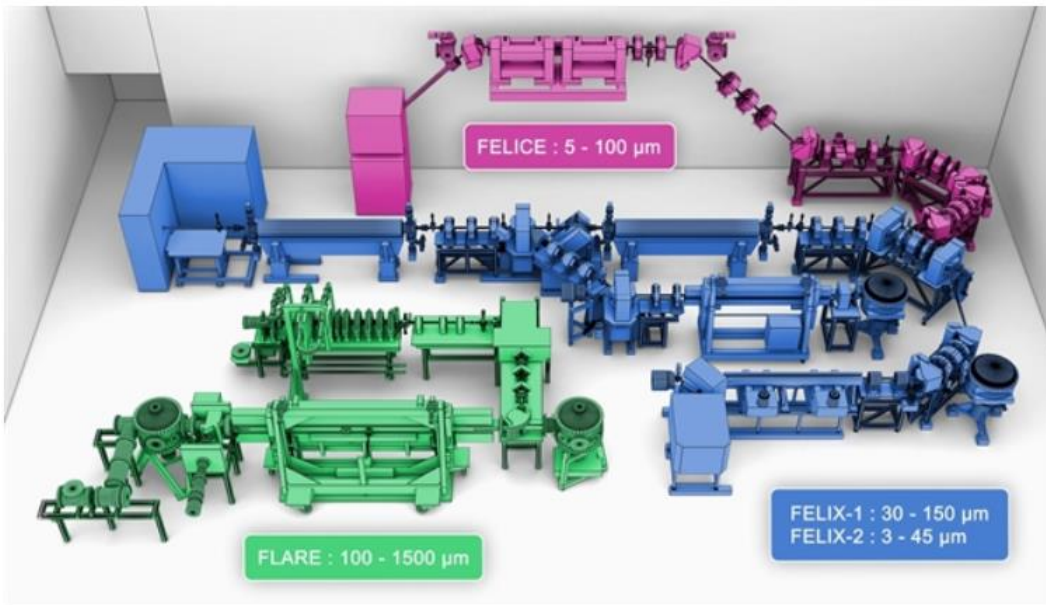


Tuning electronic transport in cobalt-filled carbon nanotubes using magnetic fields

Francesco Rossella,^{*a} Caterina Soldano,^b Pasquale Onorato^a and Vittorio Bellani^a

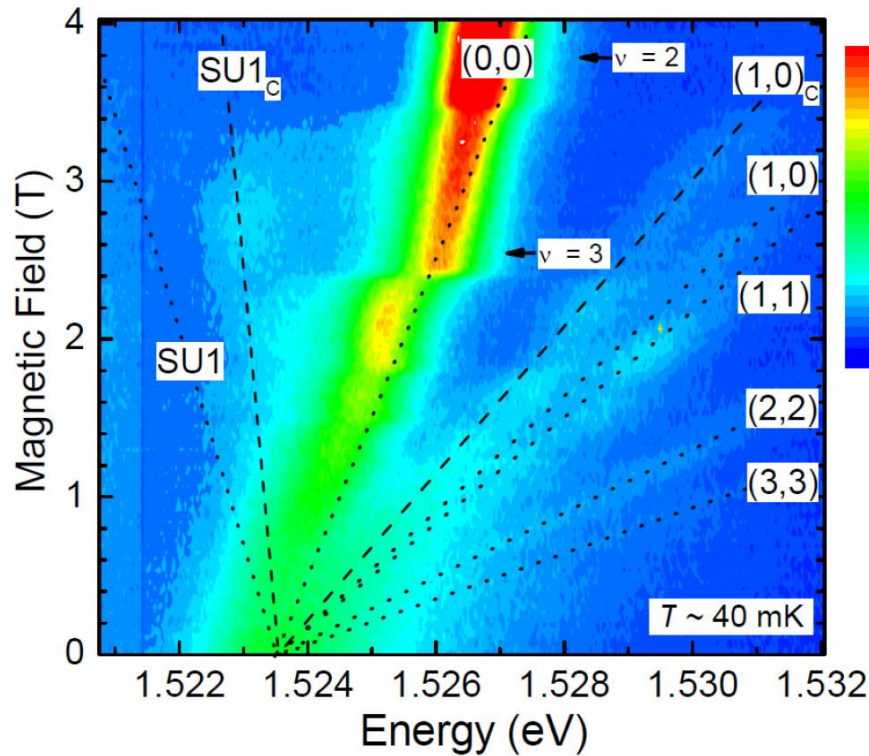


Normalized magneto-conductance, $G(B)/G_0$ measured at $T = 1.8$ K for different biases. Solid lines are fits according to theoretical models



Optical detection of quantum Hall effect of composite fermions and evidence of the $\nu = 3/8$ state

V. Bellani, F. Dionigi, F. Rossella, M. Amado, E. Diez, G. Biasiol, and L. Sorba
Phys. Rev. B **81**, 155316 – Published 21 April 2010

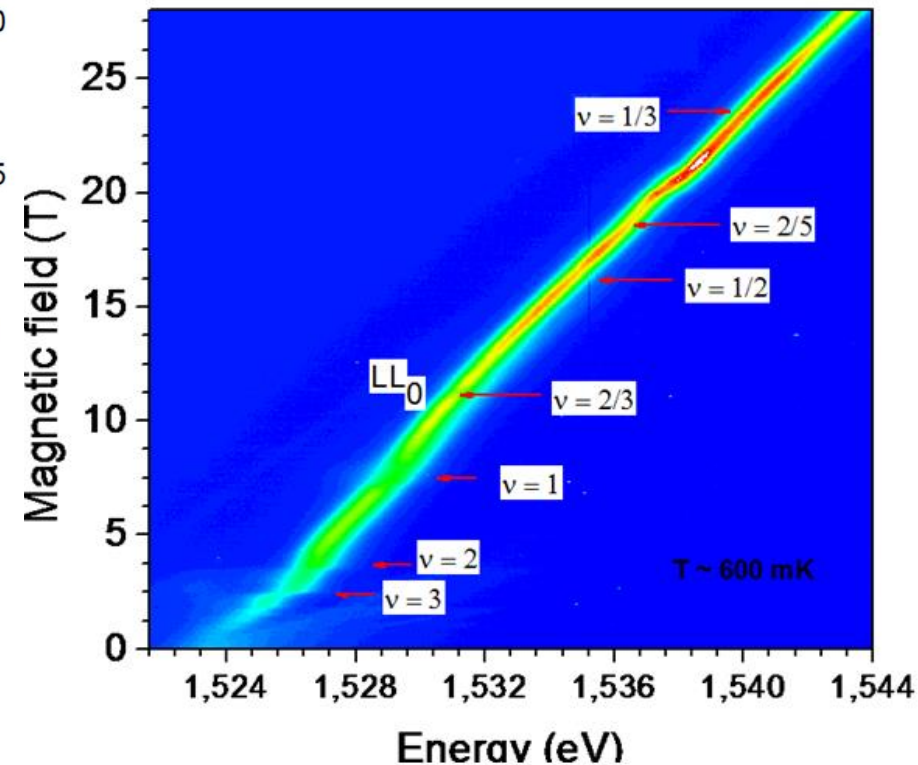


Optical probing of the metal-to-insulator transition in a two-dimensional high-mobility electron gas

F Dionigi^{1,7}, F Rossella¹, V Bellani^{1,8}, M Amado^{2,3}, E Diez³, K Kowalik^{4,9}, G Biasiol⁵ and L Sorba⁶

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Anomalous large resistance at the charge neutrality point in a zero-gap InAs/GaSb bilayer

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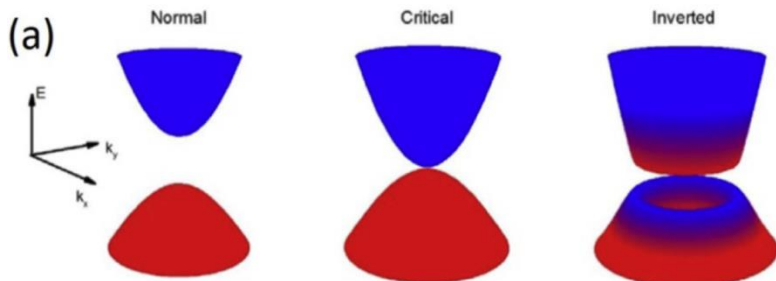
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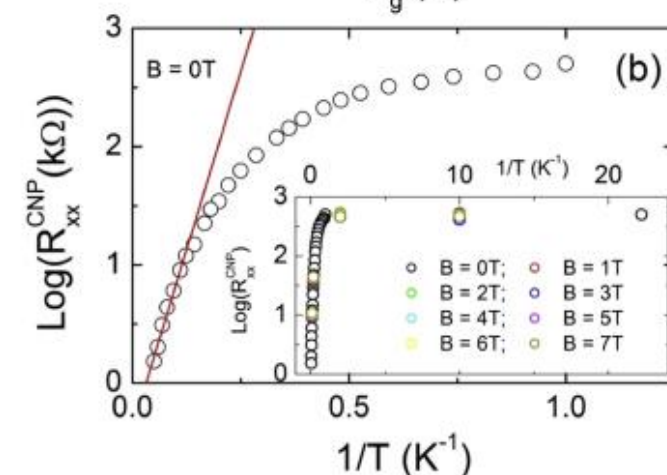
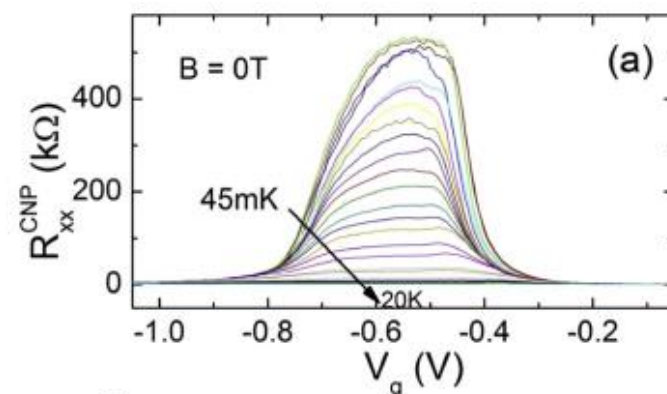
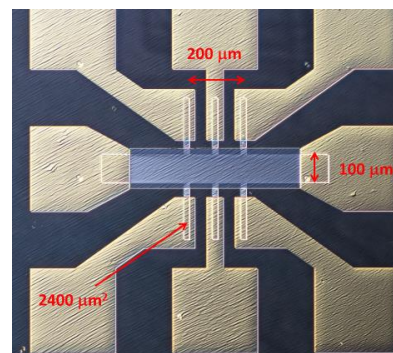
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(a) Band structures of the InAs/GaSb DQWs calculated using the eight-band $k \cdot p$ method.





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Proposal P17862

Title: High magnetic field photoluminescence study of InAs quantum wells and InP crystal-phase quantum disks in core-multishell InP-InAs-InP nanowires

Discipline: Condensed Matter Physics

Status: Reviewed

Date Submitted: 10/30/2018

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Reviews on Proposal P17862

Grade: B
Date Created: 11/16/2018 8:19:30 PM
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Comment:
 The proposed experiments follow from prior work at the NHMFL by the PI. The ready availability of high quality samples is a strong feature of this proposal. The main goal is to study the g-factor and exciton dynamics in wurtzite InP via photoluminescence spectroscopy techniques already used by the PI. The experiments appear to be feasible with the systems already present at NHMFL. This is a good proposal that should have priority for access to systems at NHMFL.

Grade: A
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 The PI is proposing to study the electronic properties of quantum wells and quantum dots in InP-InAs-InP nanowire radial heterostructures. The PI has a demonstrated track record of crystalline semiconductor nanowire synthesis and preparation and a track record of investigating their electronic properties. The proposed work is a photoluminescence study of the nanowires in high magnetic field of 30-35 T. It will provide fundamental information, such as specific anisotropy, g-factor, and magneto-excitonic effects. The PI and his team have developed two different methods of sample preparation to study individual nanowires in magnetic. They also collected photoluminescence data on individual nanowires in low magnetic field up to 10 T. The proposed photoluminescence work in high magnetic field should provide new fundamental knowledge and result in high-impact publications.

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CINT USER PROPOSAL FORM

Electrical transport in InAs-GaSb nanowires for optoelectronic quantum devices.

Proposal Number: 2019AU0021
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 Prior Accomplishments:
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If yes, name of staff member? Wei Pan

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Project Implementation, Budget Breakdown and Final Deliverables

How the project will be implemented (steps)

- Year 1: NW fabrication and optical and electrical measurements
- Year 2: Sensors and emitters fabrication and optical measurements
- Year 3: Sensors and emitters electro-optical measurements and test

The project deliverables after the first year (2020)

- Fabrication of core-shell the GaAs-AlAs and InAs GaSb NWs
- Optical measurements of the nano-wires (NWs) with micro Raman photo-luminescence and reflectance
- Photoluminescence study of the NWs emission up to 18 Tesla
- Magneto-transport investigation of the electrical transport mechanisms up to 12 Tesla and down to 50 milliKelvin temperatures
- Simulation of the NWs optical response using LUMERICAL and effect of implantation using GEANT4

Budget: Option 1

Project budget breakdown in cost voices for the first year (2020). 2021 and 2022 will be similar

Instrumentation

25 K€: Micro positioning and optical elements for upgrade of the photo-luminescence setup in Pavia, for improving spatial resolution and stability

Consumables

10 K€: Cryogenic liquid for low temperature photo-luminescence (Pavia), electronic and optical consumables. Photo-lithography chemicals and epitaxy materials (Pisa). Informatics material (l'Aquila)

Mobility

15 K€: *Experiments at CINT, EMFL, LPENS, MagLab (see nex slide for the details)*

- Measurements of the photo-conductivity at milli-Kelvin temperatures and high fields, to explore the sensors sensitivity and energy band line-up
- Study of the electrical response at high field, to get information on energy band profile, I-V characteristic with and without illumination
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50 K€ project total for 2020 (similar in 2021 and 2022)

Experiments at CINT Livermore

1 months, 1 scientist: 4 K€

Measurements of the photo-conductivity at milli-Kelvin temperatures and high fields, to explore the sensors sensitivity and energy band line-up.

Experiments at EMFL Nijmegen

2 weeks, 2 scientists: 5 K€

Study of the electrical response at high field, to get information on energy band profile, I-V characteristic with and without illumination.

Experiments at LPENS Paris

1 month 1 scientist: 3 K€

Determination of the ultrafast electro-optical response of the devices, with radiation in the far-IR and THz.

Experiments at MagLab Tallahassee

2 weeks, 1 scientist: 3 K€

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