

CHM 696-11: Week 9

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Semiconductor Nanoparticles, Nanorods,
and Nanowires:

Properties and Applications

Recent review:

H. M. Mansur, *WIREs: Nanomed. Nanobiotechnol.* **2010**, 2, 113

Other photophysical properties of Q-dots

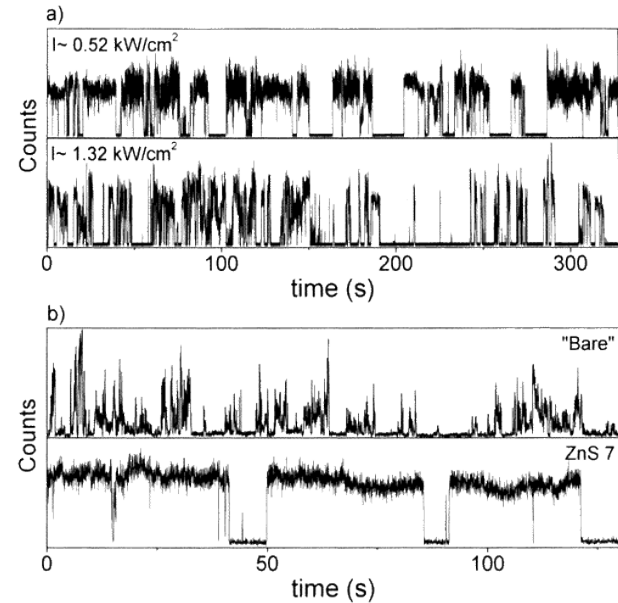
1) Intermittent “blinking” emission

Nirmal et al, *Nature* **1996**, 383, 802;
Nirmal and Brus, *Acc. Chem. Res.* **1999**, 32, 407.

Nonradiative photoionization
produces temporary “off” state

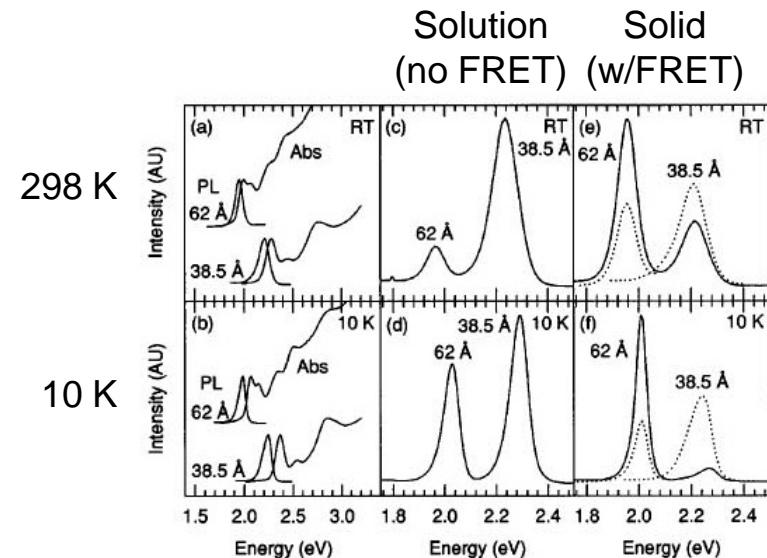
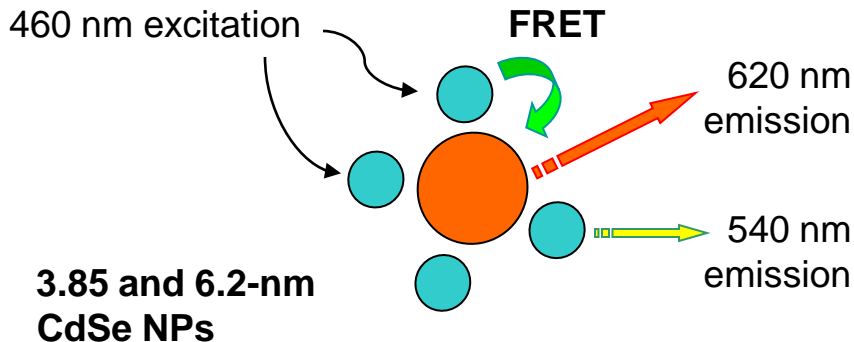
2.1-nm CdSe QDs,
TOPO-coated

CdSe/ZnS core-shell QDs



2) Fluorescent resonant energy transfer (FRET) in mixed QD solids

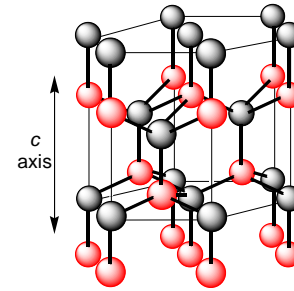
Kagan et al, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **1996**, 76, 1517



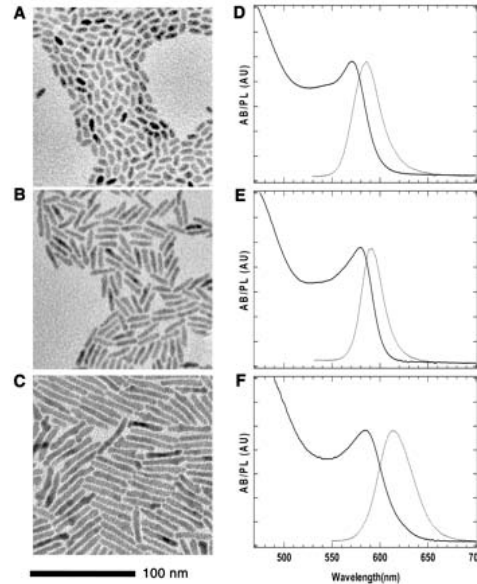
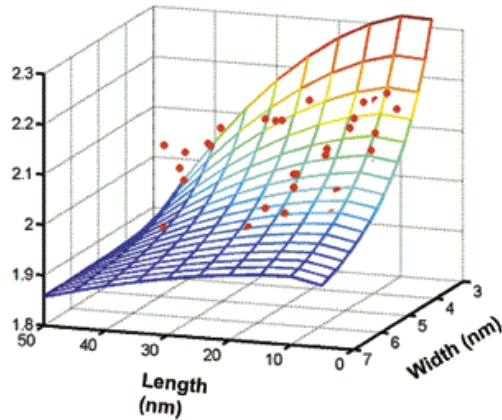
Anisotropic Q-dots: quantum rods

Linearly polarized emission from wurtzite CdSe nanorods:

Peng et al, *Nature* **2000**, 404, 59; Hu et al, *Science* **2001**, 292, 2060;
Li et al, *Nano Lett.* **2001**, 1, 349.

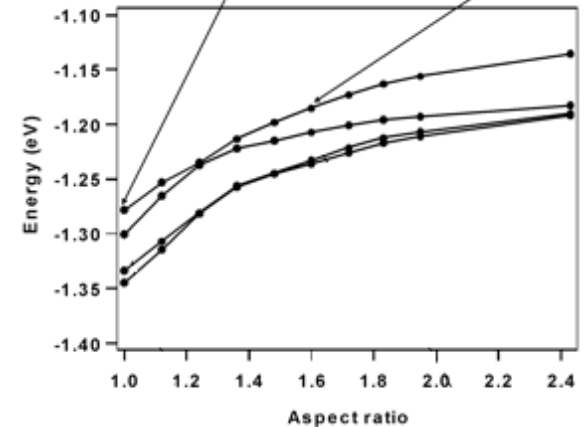
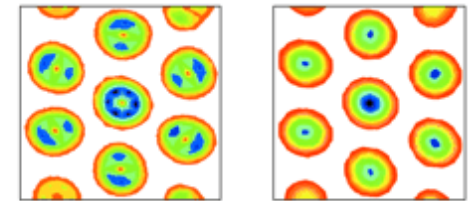


Nanorod emission as a function of aspect ratio

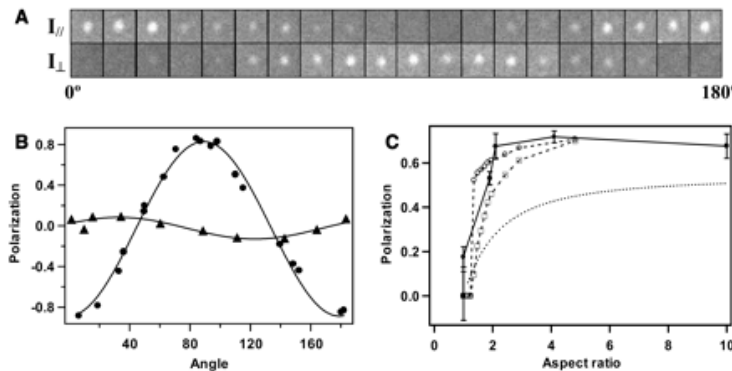


Change in HOMO with aspect ratio:

Se($p_{x,y}$) Se(p_z)



Emission of single quantum rod as a function of polarization angle



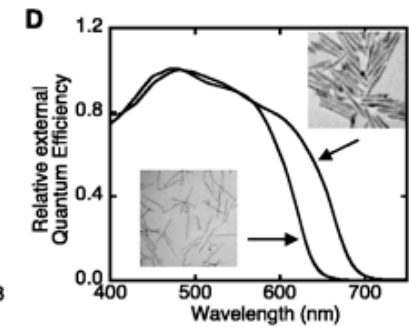
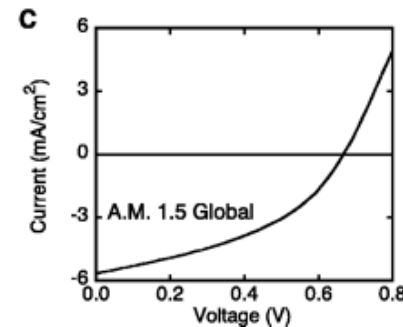
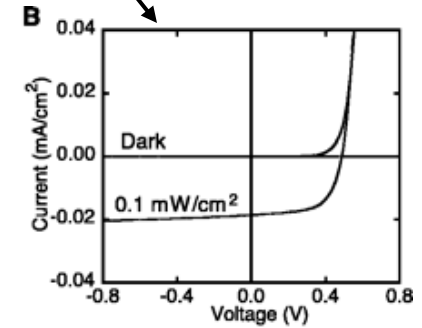
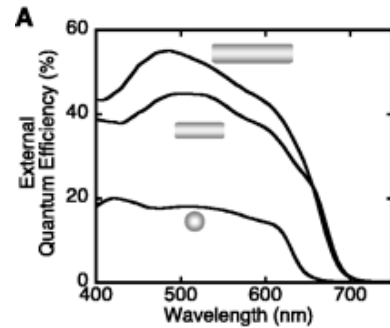
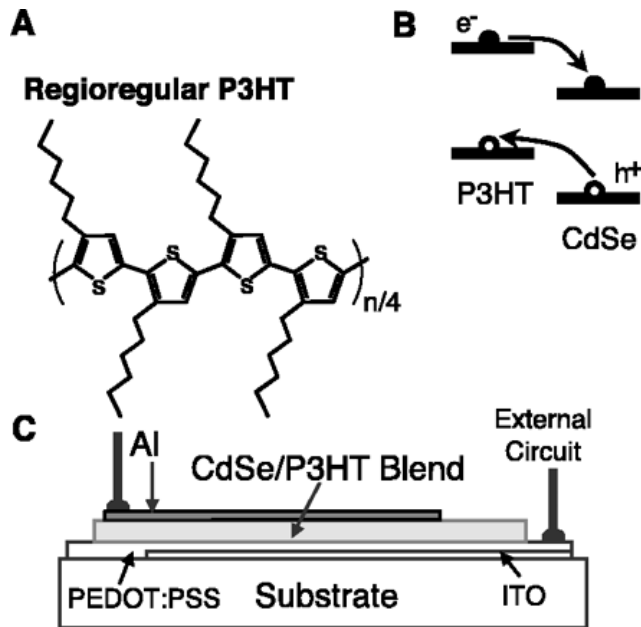
Quantum nanorods: photovoltaic applications

Hybrid nanorod-polymer solar cells: Huynh, Dittmer, and Alivisatos, *Science* **2002**, 295, 2425.

Inorganic solar cells: up to 10% power efficiency

Organic (conducting polymer) solar cells: ~2.5% efficiency

Hybrid nanorod-polythiophene solar cell: 6.9% efficiency at 515 nm irradiation



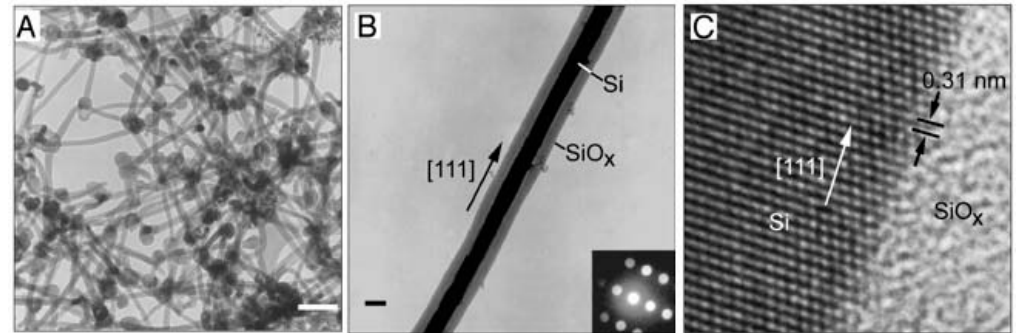
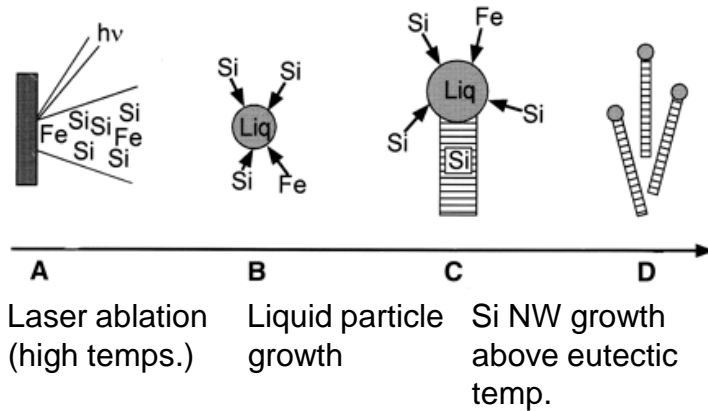
Simulated daylight

Semiconductor nanowires: synthesis

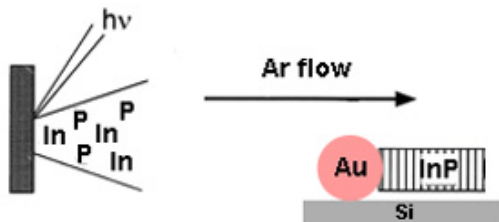
Review: Law, Goldberger, and Yang, *Annu. Rev. Mater. Sci.* **2004**, 34, 83

Laser-catalyzed vapor-liquid-solid (VLS) growth of nanowires (NWs)

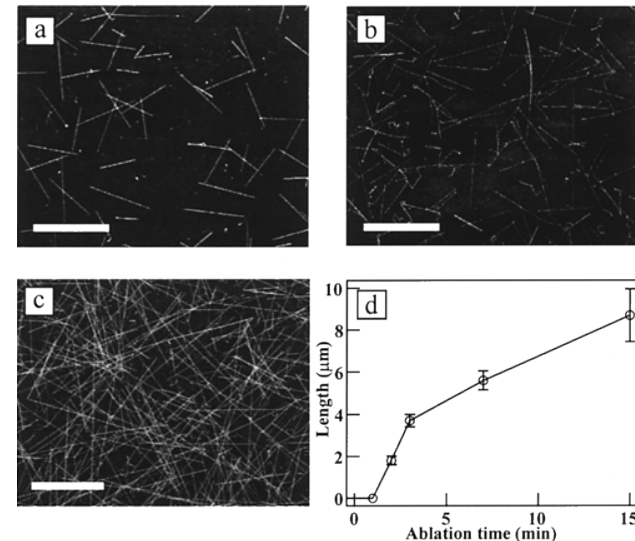
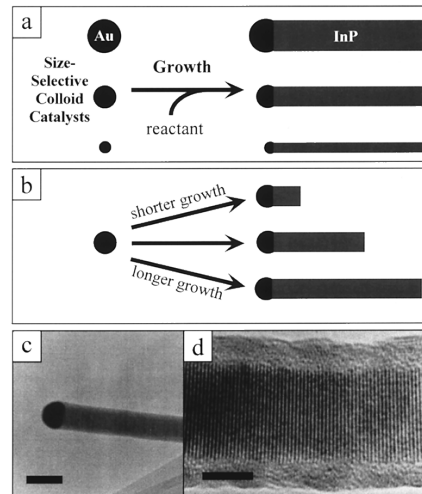
Si NWs: Morales and Lieber, *Science* **1998**, 279, 208



Semiconductor NWs: Gudiksen and Lieber, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2000**, 122, 8801; Gudiksen, Wang and Lieber, *J. Phys. Chem. B* **2001**, 105, 4062.

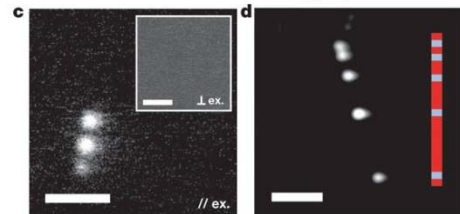
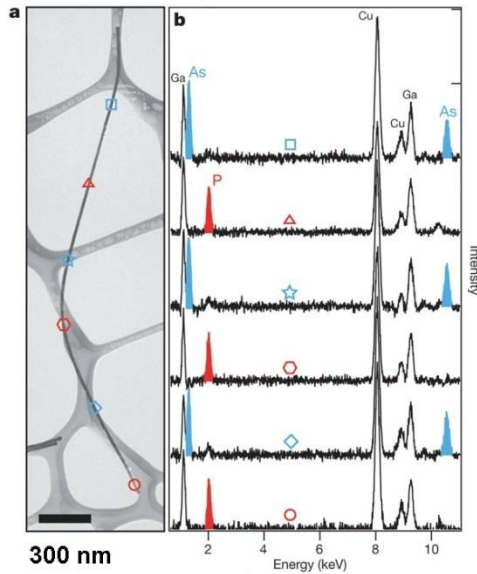
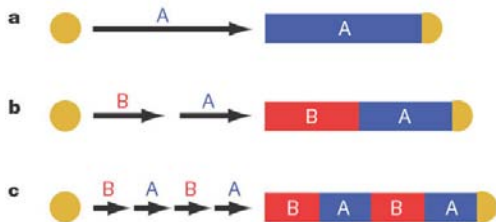


Au nanoparticle as 'solvent':

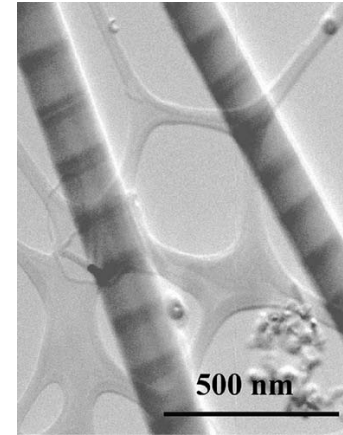
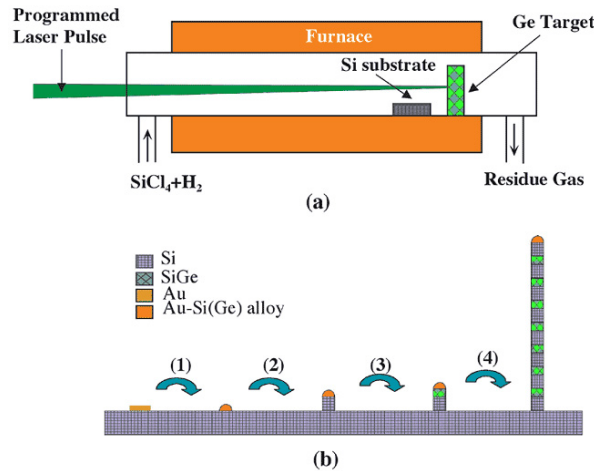


Semiconductor nanowire heterostructures

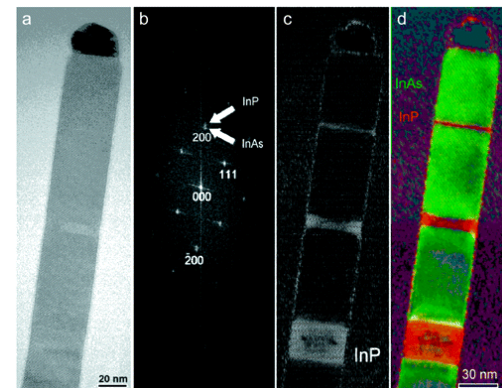
GaAs/GaP “striped” nanowires:
 Gudiksen et al, *Nature* **2002**, 415, 617.



Si/SiGe superlattice nanowires:
 Wu, Fan, and Yang, *Nano Lett.* **2002**, 2, 83.

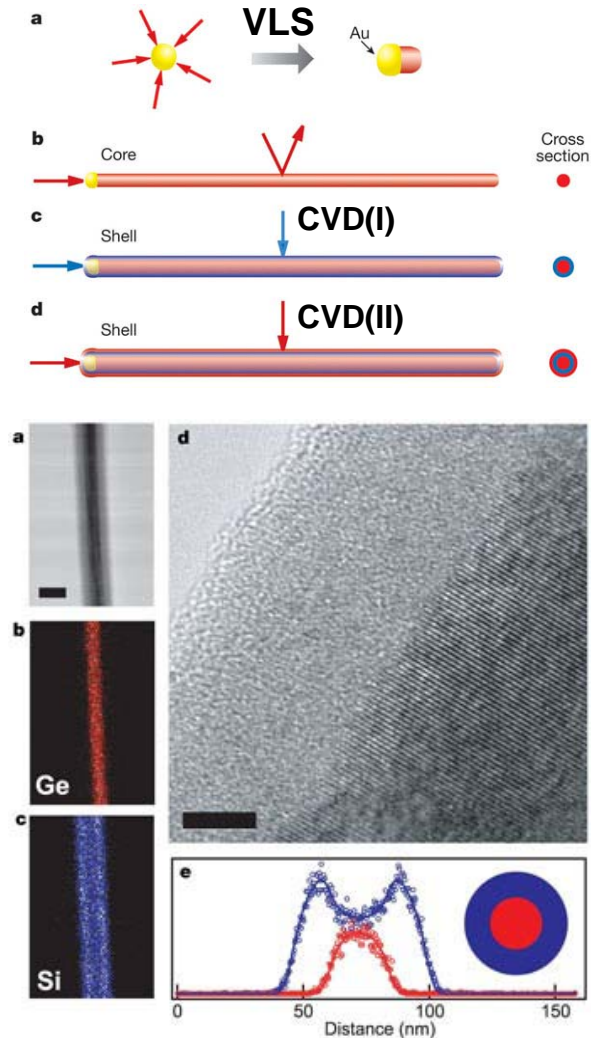


InAs/InP superlattice nanowires by chemical-beam epitaxy:
 Bjork et al, *Nano Lett.* **2002**, 2, 87.

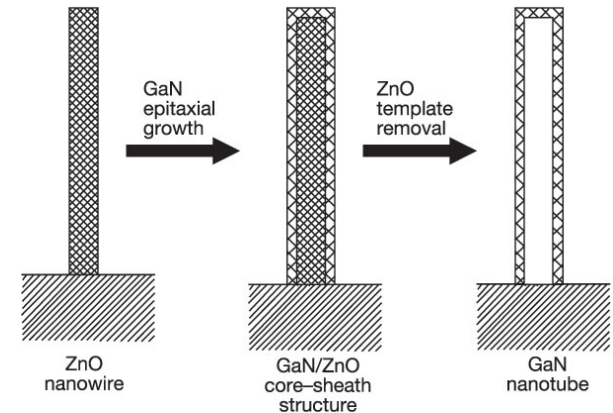
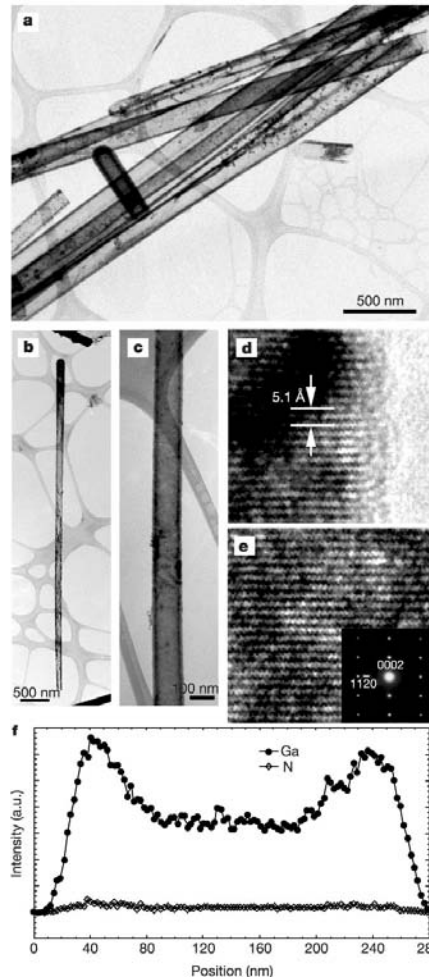


Core-shell nanowires and nanotubes

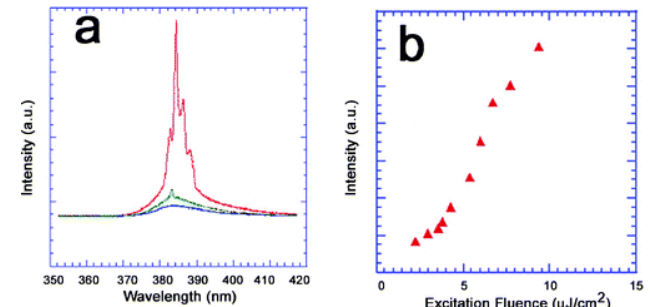
Co-axial nanowires by VLS/CVD:
Gudixsen et al, *Nature* **2002**, 415, 617.



Templated synthesis of GaN nanotubes:
Goldberger et al, *Nature* **2003**, 422, 599.



GaN has a wide band gap (3.42 eV);
near-UV lasing capabilities

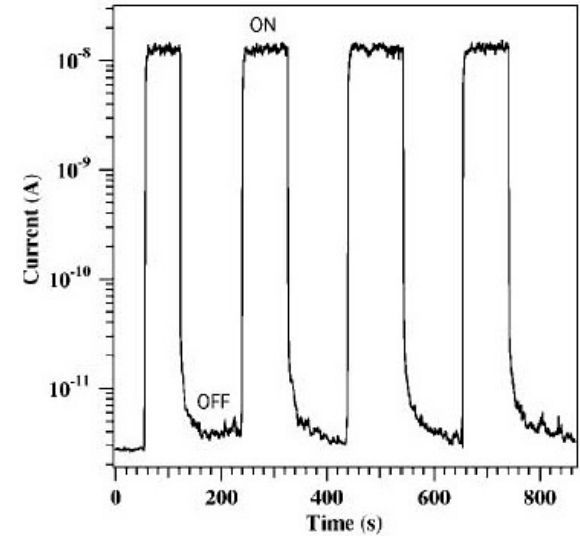
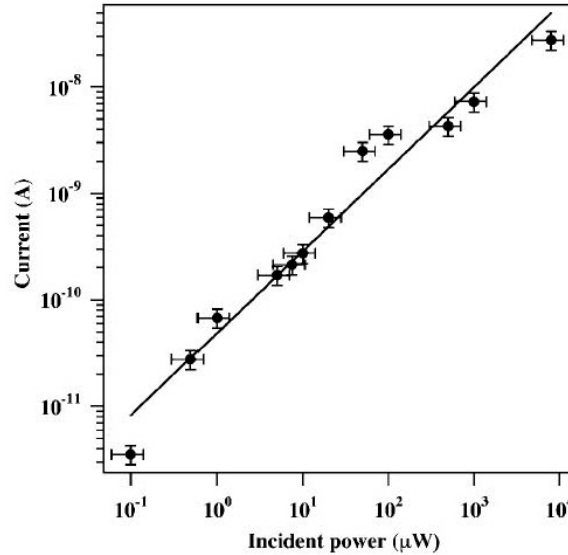
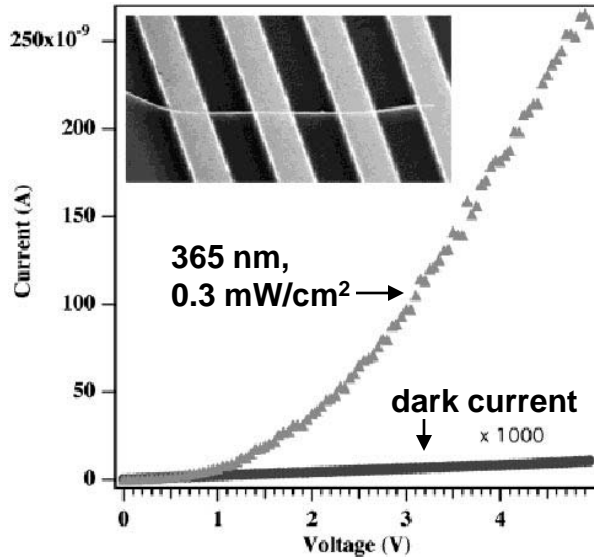


Choi et al, *J. Phys. Chem. B* **2003**,
107, 8721.

Energy-filtered TEM imaging: element-specific

Semiconductor nanowires: optoelectronic properties

I. Photoconductivity of ZnO nanowires: Kind et al, *Adv. Mater.* 2001, 14, 158.



I/V curve of semiconducting wire

Photocurrent @ 355 nm, 1 V

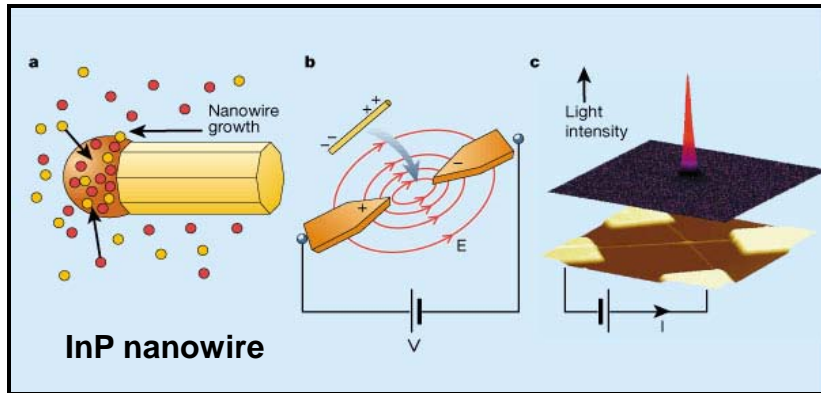
Photoresponsive switching

Oxygen adsorption creates depletion layer in dark current: $O_2(g) + e^- \rightarrow O_2^-(ad)$

Photocurrent produces hole-electron dissociation, discharges adsorbed O_2 : $O_2^-(ad) + h^+ \rightarrow O_2(g)$

Semiconductor nanowires: optoelectronic properties

II. Nanoscale LED from InP nanowire *p-n* junction: Duan et al, *Nature* 2001, 409, 66.



Zn-doped InP nanowire: *p*-type

Te-doped InP nanowire: *n*-type

