Last update in Photonics technology towards edge performance sensors Join us at IRT Nanoelec webinar On Monday, July 6th 2020, 5pm CET Last update in Photonics technology towards edge performance sensors Live webinar July 6th 2020

Photonic devices with reduced In, Ga content

Baron Thierry, Webinar

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Data exchange

Big data, Artificial Intelligence, Quantum computing ...





Data transmission Data transfer, RF Cloud computing, AI ...

Si photonics = best of two worlds, Si platform + III-V physical properties



Based on hardware devices to, collect, process, store, exchange datas
III-V, noble metals,... co-integration with silicon

III-As,P integration in a silicon platform



- 3 major integration schematics
 - Molecular bonding
 - Regrowth on bonding template
 - Direct growth of III-V on silicon





(a) (b) (c) (c



• III-V heteroepitaxy on standard CMOS Si substrates

Challenges for III-V direct epitaxy on Si





Thick buffer layer (TD in 10⁷ cm⁻² range)





J. Kwoen et al, Vol. 26, No. 9 | 30 Apr 2018 | OPTICS EXPRESS 11568

Selective epitaxy (TD less than 3x10⁶ cm⁻²)



B. Kunert et al 2018 Semicond. Sci. Technol. 33 093002

Compatibility with current fab







- Large scale deposition process, 300 mm Si(100) wafers
- Metalorganic chemical vapor deposition (MOCVD)
- **CMOS clean room compatibility**
- In-situ cleaning of the wafers



GaAs, InP, GaSb thin APB free buffer layers on Si(100)





- Fabrication of thin layers (<1 μm) pseudo substrates No APB</p>
- Gain in materials consumption
- Engineering is still necessary to decrease the structural defect density (currently in the 10⁸-10⁹ cm⁻² for thicknesses between 400 nm to 1 μm)

Devices demonstration

R. Cipro et al., APL 104(26), N°262103 (2014); R. Alcotte et al., APL MATERIALS, 4 (4), N°046101 (2016); M. Martin et al., APL, 109(25), N°253103 (2016); J. Widiez et al., JJAP, 55 (4), N° 04EB10 (2016)

First QD laser directly grown on on-axis Si substrate collaboration UCL in 2016



S. Chen et al., Optics Express, vol 5, no. 5, 4632, 2016

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 λ = 1.3 µm, electrically pumped, 400 A/cm² threshold current density Maximum operating temperature: 34 °C (CW) Characteristic temperature T0 32K

Further improvement of QD laser

- **Optimisation of QD**, FWHM 28 meV
- **4 sets of Defect filter** layer successfully reduce the threading dislocation density to 10⁷ cm⁻²
- **Threading dislocations** are most eliminated within DFLs





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As-cleaved facet

Z. Liu et al., Journal of Lightwave Technology, 2019

Further improvement of QD laser

GaAs photodetector on Ge/Si(100)









H. Medhi, L. Virot et al., and JM Hartmann for Ge buffer layer

- t<1 µm
- I_{reverse} depend on light illumination
- Brand new results, further characterization and optimization in progress
- Devices were done with TD 1x10⁸ cm⁻²
- Current TD on Ga/Ge/Si(100) is around 2-3x10⁷ cm⁻²

Process efficiency : selective growth on Si(100)



- Aspect Ratio Trapping selective epitaxy
 - Put the materials at the useful position
 - Reduce the structural defects density

GaAs SiO₂ SiO₂ SiO₂ Si (100) substrat



J.Z. Li et al., APL 91, 021114, 2007

- The materials is deposited only at the desired place
- GaAs selective deposition, and quantum wells structures





Conclusions

- A lot of developments have been done recently on III-As and III-P heteroepitaxy on Si(100) substrates
- Demonstration of electrically pumped CW laser at room temperature for 2D structures epitaxially grown @ 1,3 μm
- Demonstration of optically pumped laser at room temperature for selective epitaxy grown structures @ 1,3µm and 1,55 µm
- Need to be demonstrate : electrically pumped laser for selective epitaxy
- Integration in a Si photonics chip

