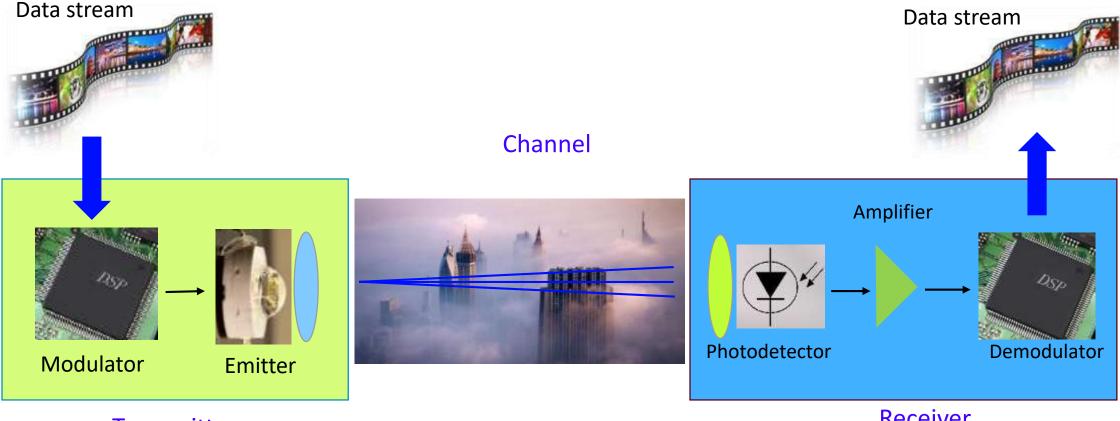
高速氮化镓基可见光收发器件与芯片技术

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Structure of a VLC Link



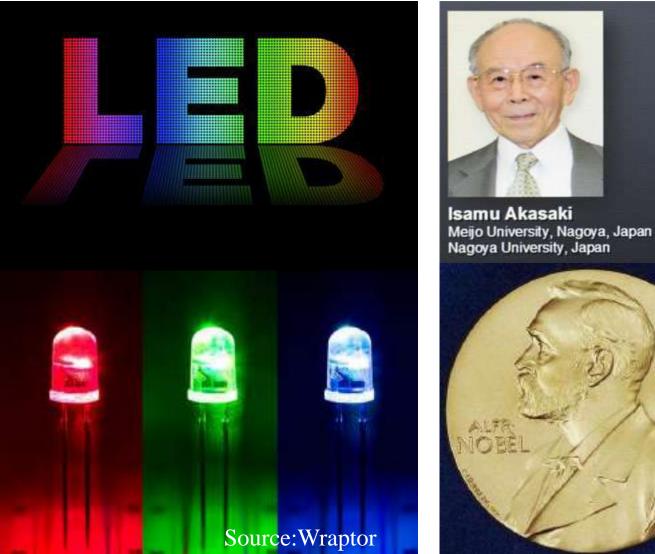
Transmitter

Receiver

VCL link consists of

- Transmitter: high modulation speed emitter
- Channel: distance, condition like dusty or foggy, LOS or Non-LOS •
- Receiver: high speed detector + demodulator ٠

The "Blue LED" Revolution

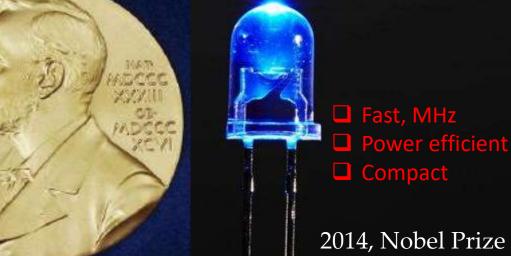




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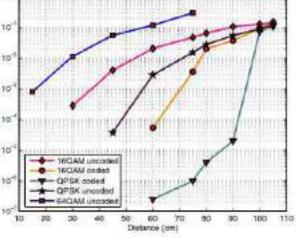
Shuji Nakamura University of California, Santa Barbara, CA, USA



Transmitter – Light Emitting Diode (LED)

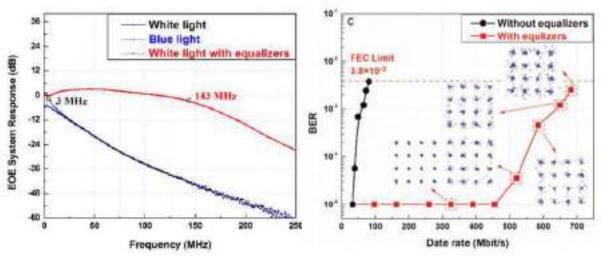
Indoor broadcasting via white LEDs and OFDM





H. Hass et al., IEEE Transactions on Consumer Electronics, 55 (3), August 2009 H. Hass et al., in IEEE 65th Vehicular Technology Conference, 2007

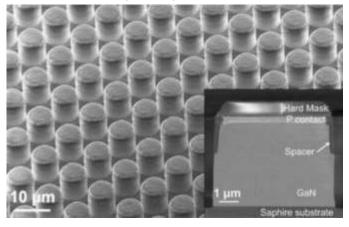
- + Advantage of LED
 - ✓ Long Lifetime: ~ tens of thousands hours
 - ✓ Compact: ~ µm
- + Disadvantage of LED for VLC system
 - Limited modulation bandwidth
 - ✓ Efficiency droop for illumination

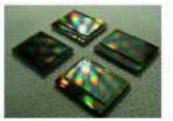


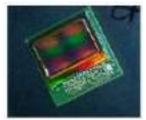
Chen et al., Optics Communication, 354, 107-111, May 2015

Transmitter – Micro-Light Emitting Diode (µLED)

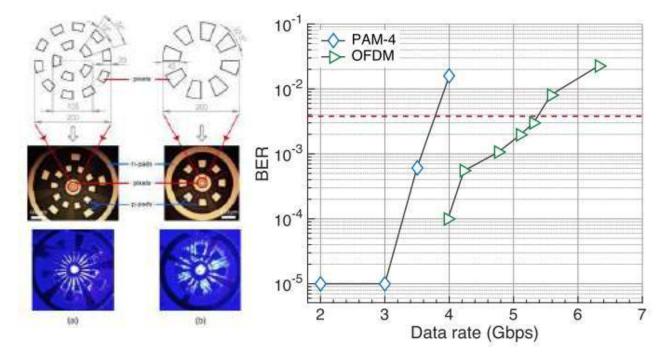
Wafer-level micro-LED matrix delivers high brightness at 2540dpi







F. Templier, et at., Proc. SPIE 10104, Gallium Nitride Materials and Devices XII, 1010422 (2017) SPIE OPTO, SPIE, 2018, p. 6. (Grenoble-France)

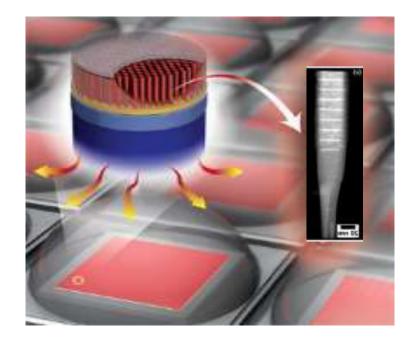


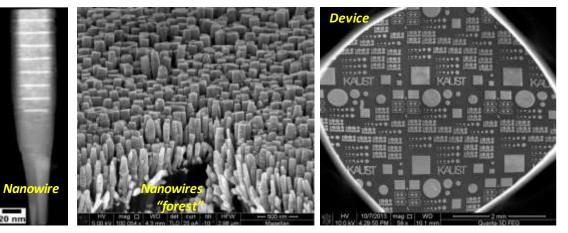
IEEE Photonics Technology Letters, 28 (19), October 2016 (Strathclyde, Glasgow & Oxford)

Improved bandwidth with smaller LED size

✓ 3.5 Gbps (PAM-4) and 5 Gbps (adaptive DCO-OFDM)

Transmitter – Nanowire LED

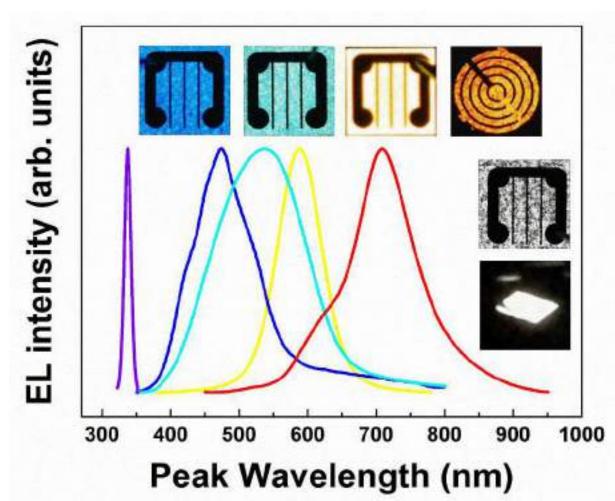




- -Successfully growth of GaN nanowire LED on metal substrate.
- -Metal serves as the device supporting material, electrical contact, heat-sink and light reflector.
- -No efficiency droop is observed from these devices.

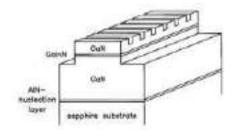
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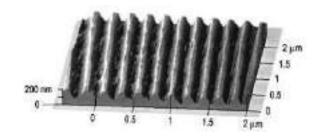
NW LED for multiple wavelength integration UV, BLUE, GREEN, YELLOW, RED, & WHITE LEDS

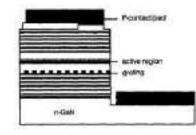


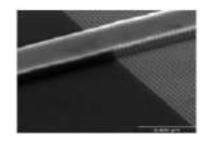
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Progress on III-Nitride Distributed Feedback (DFB) Laser Diodes



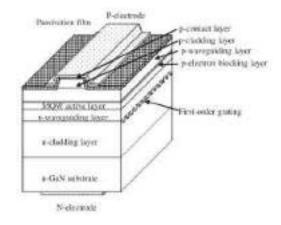






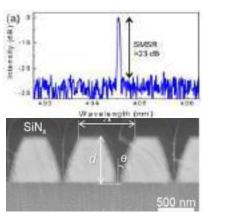
First GaN-based DFB laser Electrically injected DFB laser Embedded DFB gratings Laterally coupled DFB gratings

R. Hofmann, H. Schweizer et al. Univ. Stuttgart Appl. Phys. Lett. **69** (14) 1996



CW first-order DFB laser

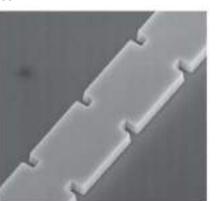
S. Masui, et al. NICHIA Jap. J. Appl. Phys. **45** (46),2006 D. Hofstetter, M. Kneissl, et al. Xerox Palo Alto Research Center Appl. Phys. Lett. **73** (15) 1998



Beyond 20 dB Sidemode suppression ratio

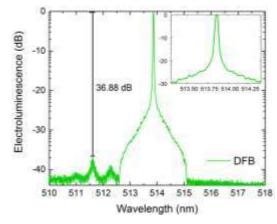
J.H. Kang, T. Wernicke, M. Kneissl et al. Ferdinand Braun Inst. Tech.Univ. Berlin, IEEE Phot. Tech. Lett. **30** (3) 2018

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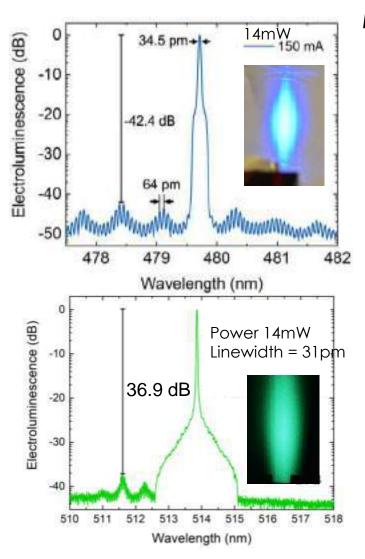
Ridge sidewall gratings, CW, 35 dB SMSR

T.J. Slight, A.E. Kelly, P. Perlin, M. Leszczynsky, et al. Compound Semi. Tech. Global, Topgan, Unipress, Univ. Glasgow, Aston Univ. Appl. Phys. Exp. **11** (112701) 2018 H. Schweizer, et al Univ. Stuttgart and OSRAM Phys. Stat. Sol. (a) **192** (2) 2002

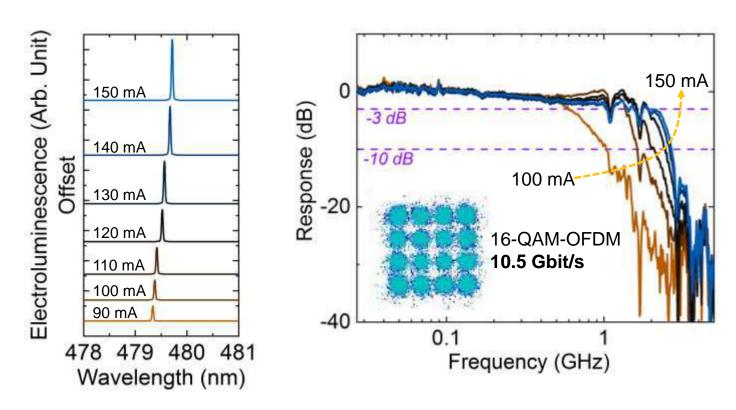


First InGaN green DFB laser B.S. Ooi, et al. KAUSTAppl. Phys. Exp. 12 (042007),2019

GaN-based DFB Laser Characterizations



First demonstration of GaN DFB emission at sky-blue and green color



Record fastest for any GaN DFB laser

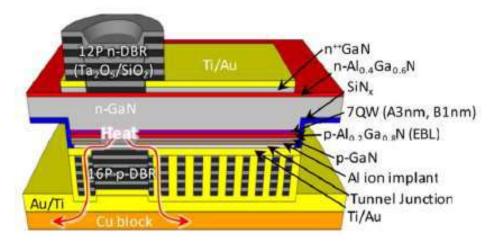
Record side-mode suppression ratio (SMSR) for GaN DFB laser

Opt. Lett. 45(3), 742 (2020) Appl. Phys. Express 12(4), 042007 (2019)

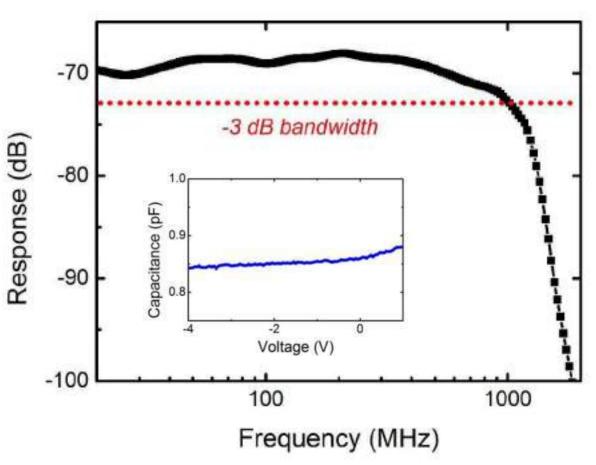
Proc. of SPIE 11301, 1130104 (2020)

InGaN VCSEL

Schematic of *m*-plane InGaN VCSEL



- Ta₂O₅/SiO₂ Dual-DBR mirrors.
- Al ion implanted aperture of 10 µm.
- PEC etched substrate removal.
- Flip-chip bonding.
- Tunnel junction intracavity contact.



<u>Sub-pF</u> (~0.85 pF) junction capacitance

Threshold current of 18 mA, corresponding to a threshold voltage of 7.5 V. Slope efficiency of 7.74 µW/mA.

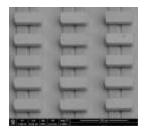
The maximum frequency response of the presented 10-µm-aperture VCSEL is expected to exceed 1 GHz, although the current result is limited by the BW of the APD.

GaN-based Light emitters



Light-emitting diode (LED)

- Spontaneous emission
- Efficiency droop
- 3-dB bandwidth: <100 MHz



Micro-LED

- Array integration
- High speed

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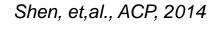
Relatively low power

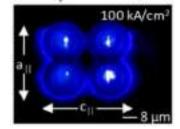
Shen, et,al., Opt. Express, 23(6), 7991, 2015



Laser diode (LD)

- Stimulated emission
- Droop-free
- 3-dB bandwidth: > GHz





VCSEL

- High quality beam
- Ultra-high speed
- Process challenges

Shen, et,al., ACS Photonics, 3 (2), 262, 2016; Opt. Express, 24 (22), 25502, 2016

Shen, et,al., CLEO, 2016

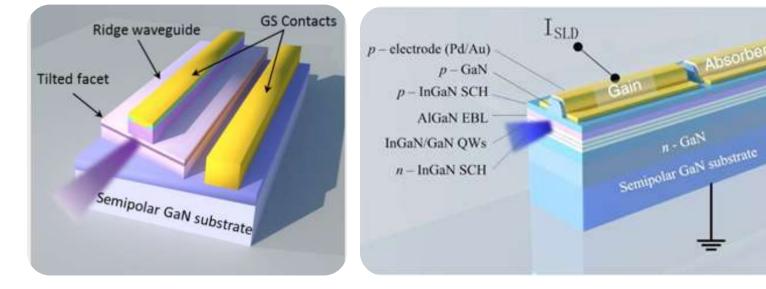


Superluminescent diode (SLD)

- Amplified spontaneous emission
- Droop-free, speckle-free
- 3-dB bandwidth: ~ GHz

Shen, et,al., Opt. Lett., 41(11), 2608, 2016; Opt. Express, 24 (18), 20281, 2016

Semipolar superluminescent diodes (SLDs)



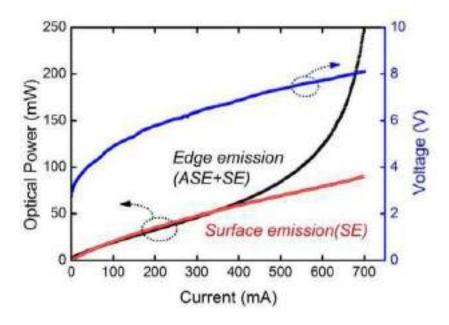
• Tilted facet configuration

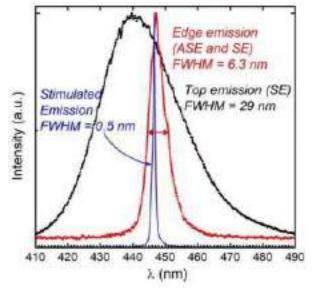
Passive absorber configuration



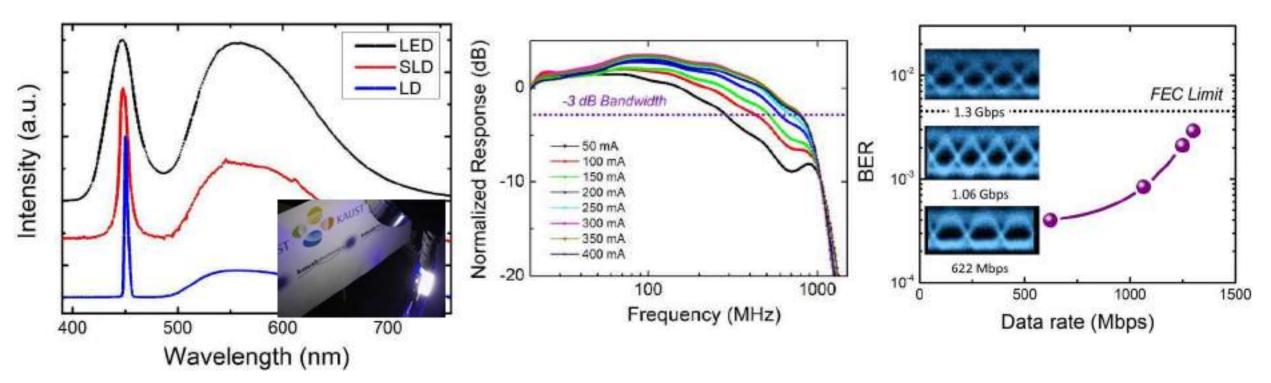
- Onset of superluminescence at 400 mA.
- Unlike LED, SLD is free of efficiency droop.

C. Shen, et,al. Optics Express, 2016 C. Shen, et,al. Optics Letters, 2016 C. Shen, et,al. Proc. SPIE, 2017





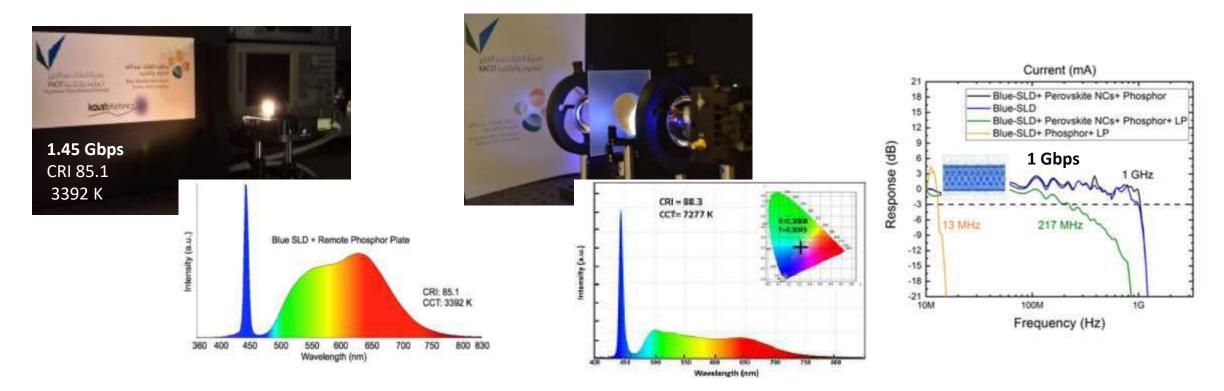
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SLD for SSL and VLC
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- The **first** report of utilizing SLD for SSL: InGaN based SLD is feasible for white light generation.
- The **first** investigation of high-frequency response of InGaN-based SLDs: > 800 MHz bandwidth.
- The **first** report of SLD based data communication achieving 1.3 Gbps data rate using OOK.

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SLDs for LiFi



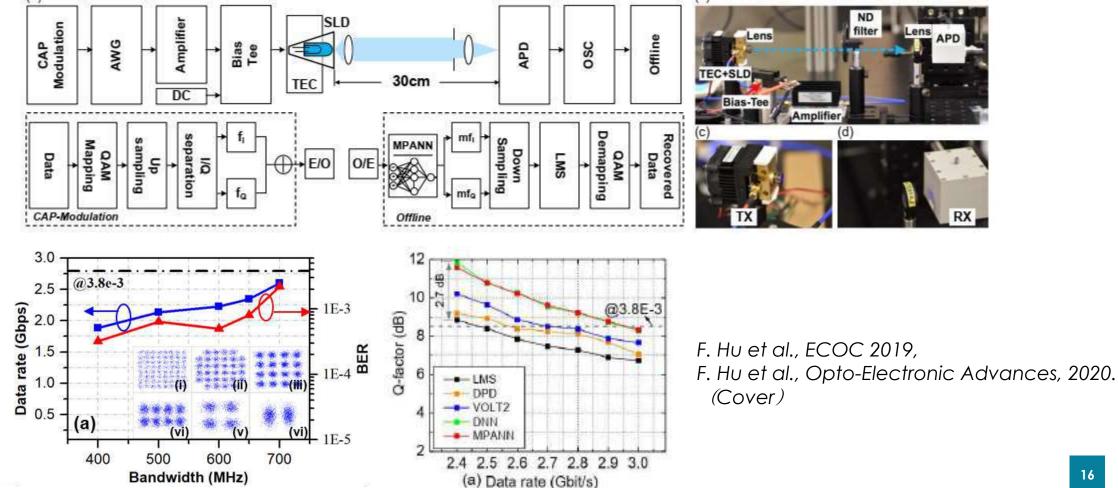
- Record SLD optical peak power of 475 mW
- High-performance C-plane SLD: suitable for industry adoption

A. Alatawi, J. Holguin-Lerma, Opt. Express, (2018).

- First report on c-plane SLD + Perovskite-phosphor
- High quality white light of 88.3 CRI and 7277 K CCT
- High modulation bandwidth of 1 GHz

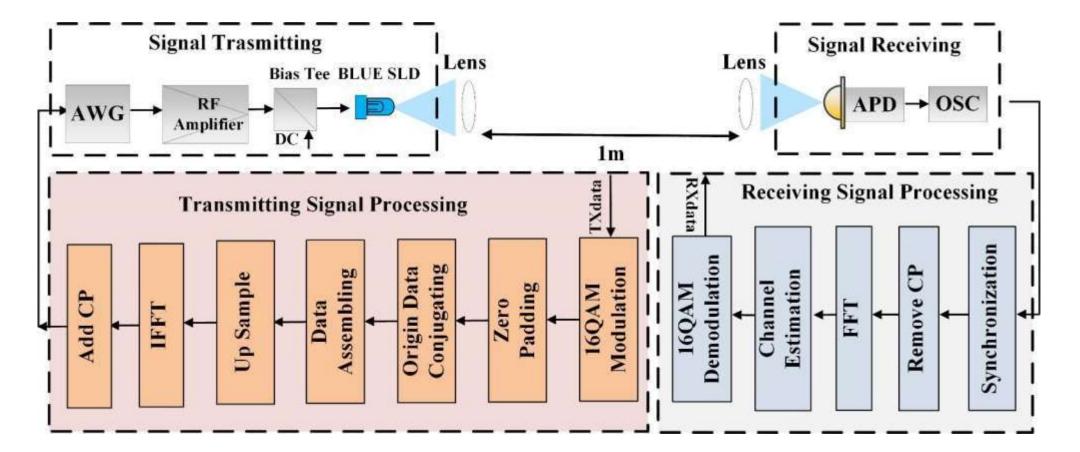
SLD based VLC with MPANN-aided CAP post-equalizer

- Using Memory-Polynomial-aided Neural Network to replace the traditional finite impulse response (FIR) post-equalization filters.
- 2.95-Gbit/s transmission using carrierless amplitude and phase modulation. ٠



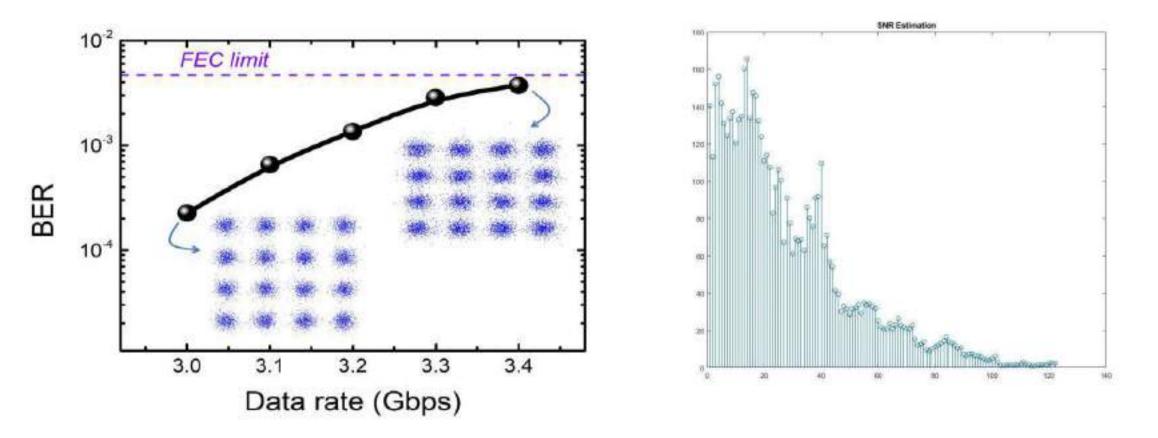
SLD based VLC using OFDM

Using 16 QAM DMT for high-speed data transmission



C. Shen et al., IEEE JSTQE (invited paper), 2019.

SLD based VLC using OFDM



At 3.4 Gbps, the blue SLD based VLC system shows a BER of 3.73 x 10⁻³.

C. Shen et al., IEEE JSTQE (invited paper), 2019.

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InP-based PIC: Realizing low-cost, –size, -weight, and power

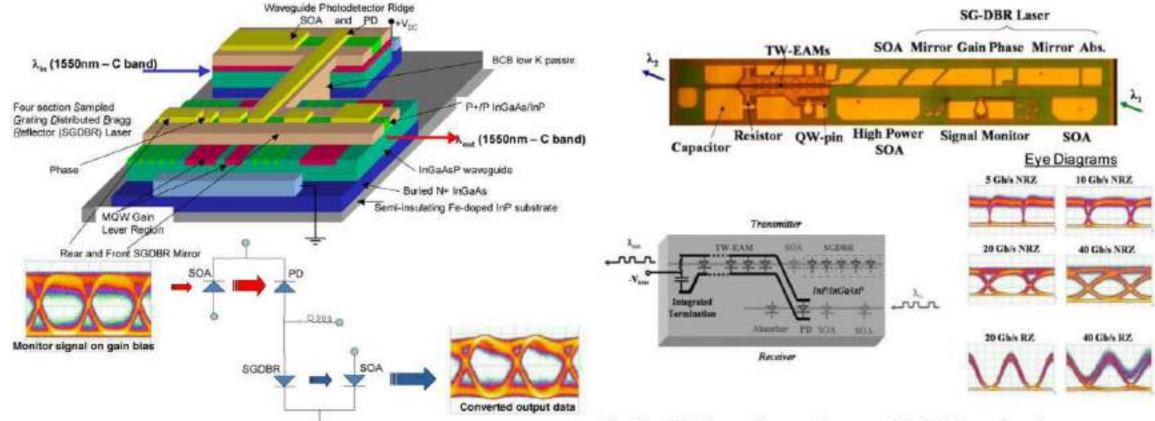
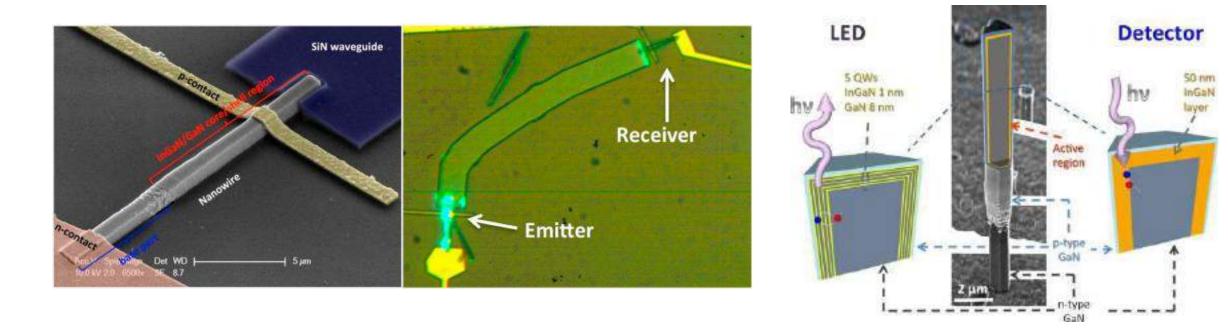


Fig. 17. Directly-driven SOA-PD/SGDBR-SOA wavelength converter. Schematic and equivalent circuit, including eye patterns from input and output data at 2.5 Gb/s [49].

Fig. 19. Widely tunable, traveling-wave PD-EAM wavelength converter transparent to data format and bit rate. Photo, equivalent circuit, and eye diagrams from 5 to 40 Gb/s [12].

Larry A. Coldren et, al. Journal of Lightwave Technology, 2011

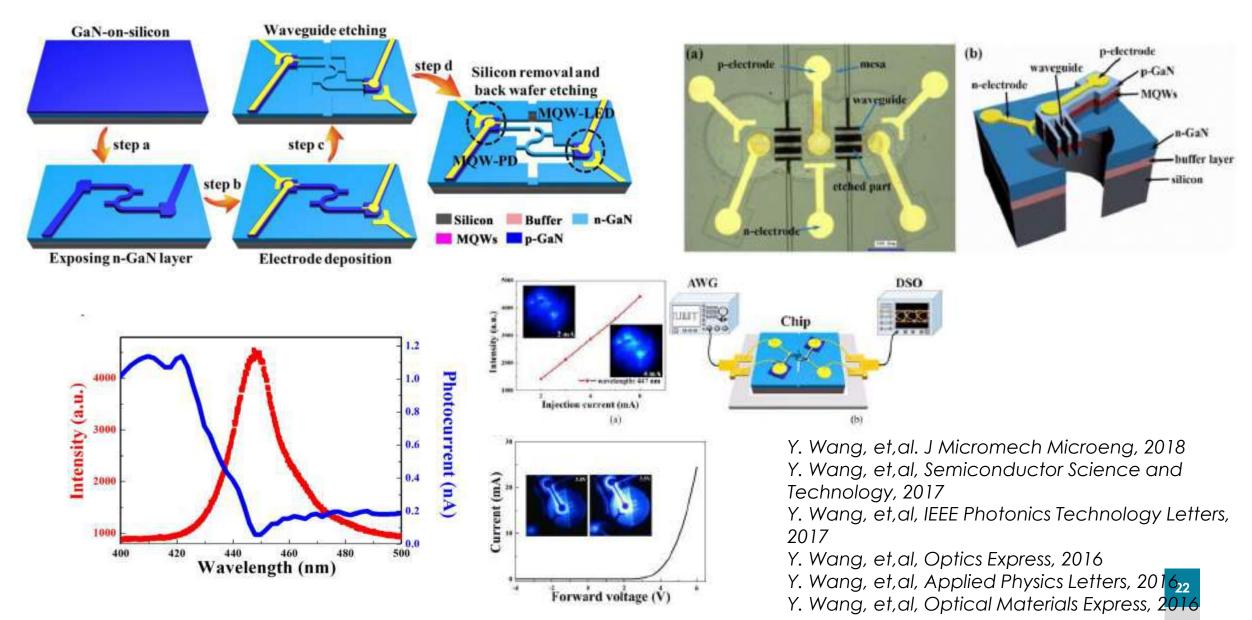
Combining InGaN/GaN Nanowire Emitters and Detectors



MOVPE-grown single wire InGaN/GaN p-n junction core-shell nanowires light-emitting diodes (LED) and photodetectors optically coupled by waveguides. The photodetector current trace shows signal variation correlated with the LED on/off switching with a fast transition time below 0.5 s.

M. Tchernycheva et,al. CNRS, Nano Letters, 2014

Integration of a LED with waveguide and receiver



On-chip integration of GaN-based laser, modulator and PD

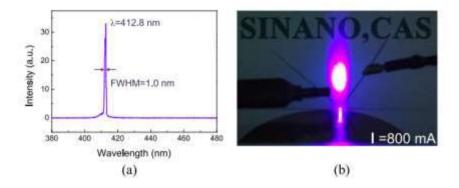


Fig. 2. (a) Lasing spectrum and (b) far-field pattern picture of the as-fabricated uncoated GaN-based LD grown on Si under $U_{Mod} = +2$ V and $I_{Gain} = 800$ mA at room temperature.

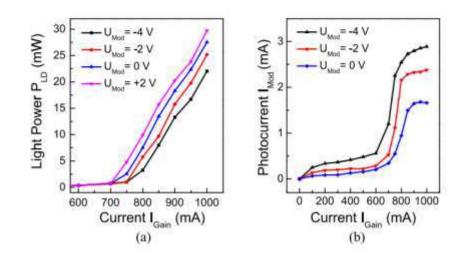


Fig. 3. (a) Output power of the LD $(P_{\rm LD})$ and (b) photocurrent of the modulator section $(I_{\rm Mod})$ as a function of the injection current in the gain section $(I_{\rm Gain})$ under various modulator voltages $(U_{\rm Mod})$.

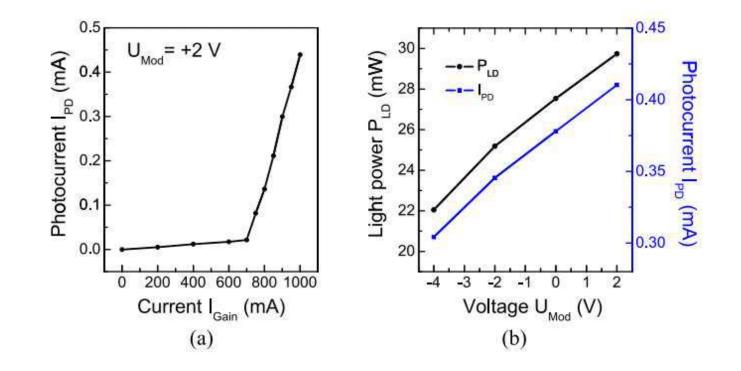
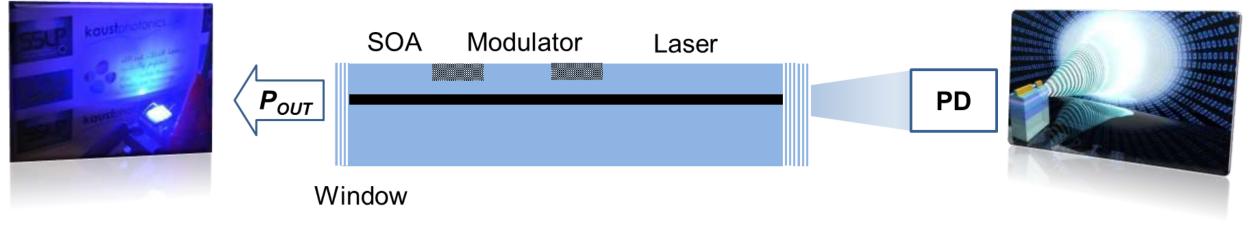


Fig. 4. (a) Photocurrent of the photodetector (I_{PD}) as a function of the injection current in the gain section (I_{Gain}) under $U_{Mod} = +2$ V. (b) Output power of the LD (P_{LD}) and photocurrent of the photodetector (I_{PD}) as a function of the applied voltage to the modulator (U_{Mod}) at $I_{Gain} = 1000$ mA.

M. Feng, et,al. IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Quantum Electronics, 2018

III-Nitride laser based photonic integration

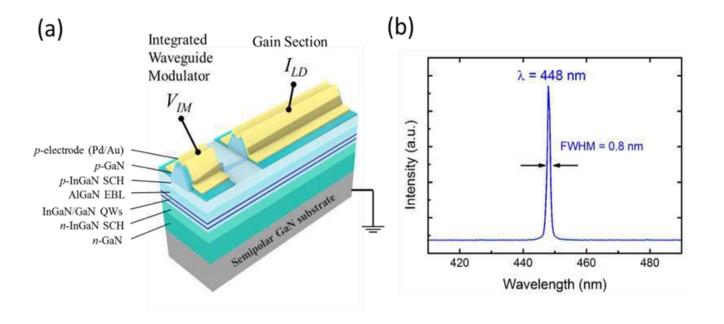
PIC at visible wavelength



Monolithic integration of III-nitride photonic devices offers a novel solution for SSL-VLC applications with advantages:

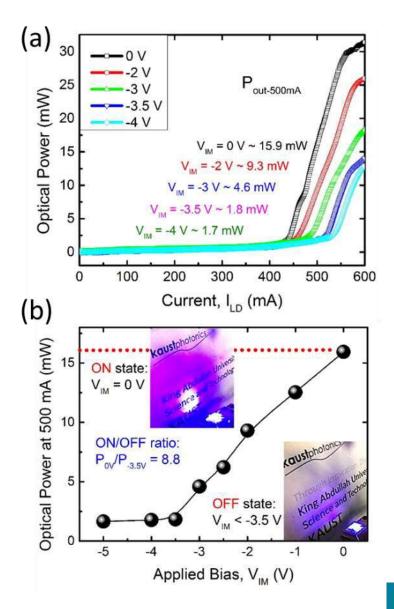
- Compact, small form factor
- Low-cost (reduced epitaxial and fabrication expense)
- Multi-functionality

Integrated waveguide modulator-laser diode (IWM-LD)

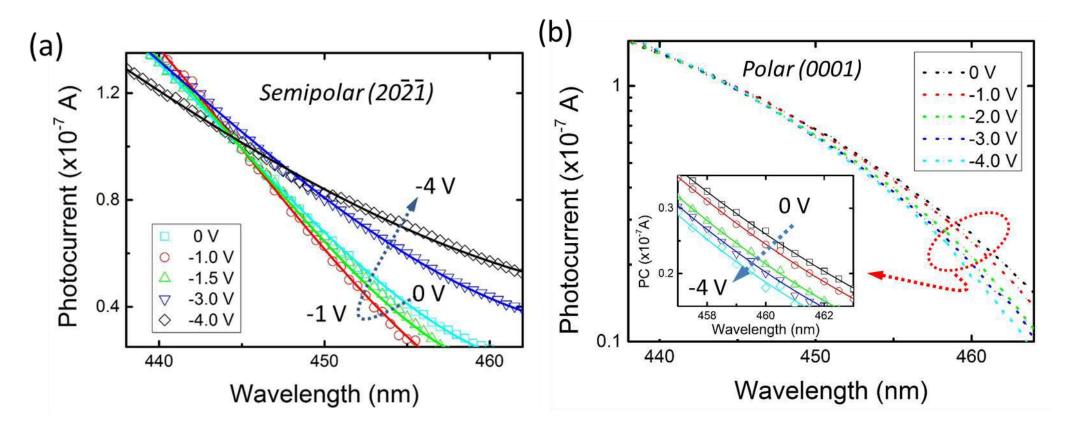


- IWM-LD at 448 nm.
- A large extinction ratio of 9.4 dB.
- A low operating voltage range of 3.5 V.
- A high modulation efficiency of 2.68 dB/V.

C. Shen, ACS Photonics, 2016 C. Shen, OECC, 2017 C. Shen, OMTA, 2020

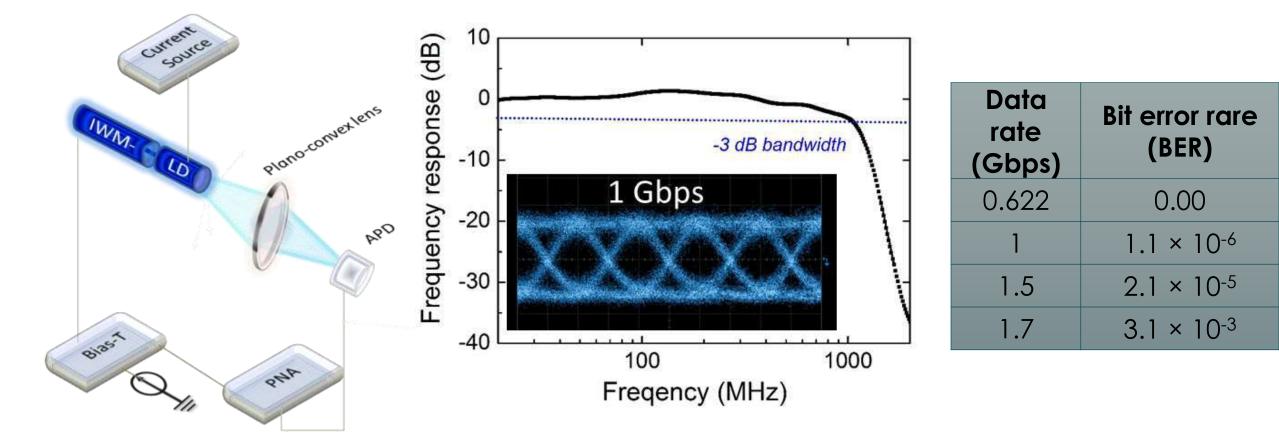


Integrated waveguide modulator-laser diode (IWM-LD)



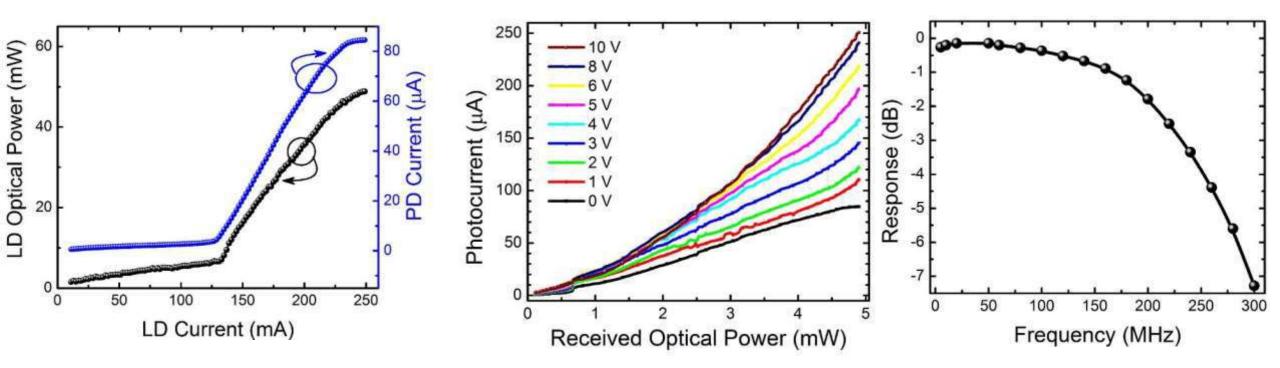
- > The red-shifting clearly indicates the occurrence of an external bias-induced change in the absorption edge.
- Due to a reduced polarization field in semipolar QWs, the significant shifting of absorption edges in the IM region in response to modulation bias is effective in modulating the optical output power of the IWM-LD.

Integrated waveguide modulator-laser diode (IWM-LD)



- APD-limited BW of ~ 1 GHz.
- A clear open eye at 1.7 Gbit/s using on-off keying (OOK) modulation scheme.

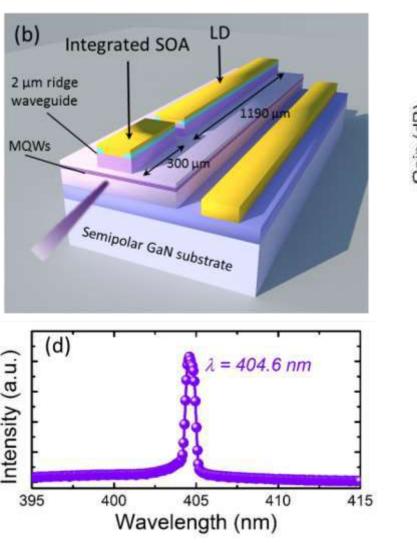
Integrated waveguide photodiode – laser diode (WPD-LD)

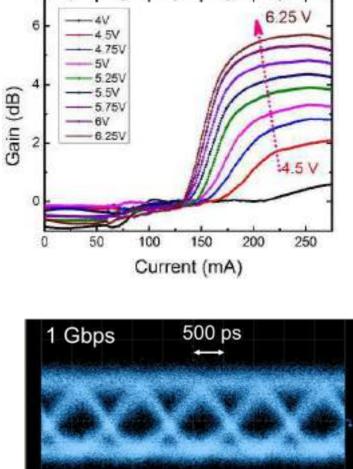


- Tx and Rx monolithic integration
- A 3-dB bandwidth of ~ 230 MHz is measured, suggesting a significantly improved modulation performance than the reported GaN p-i-n PDs.

C. Shen, et,al. APEX, 2017 C. Shen, SPIE Photonics Asia, 2020

Integrated semiconductor optical amplifier – laser diode (SOA-LD)





<u>**The first**</u> InGaN/GaN SOA-LD

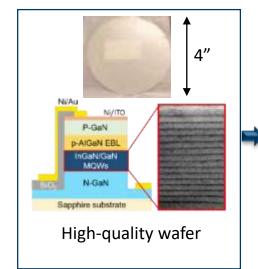
- Monolithic integration of SOA with LD at 405 nm.
- Optical gain and amplification ratio measured.
- The gain increase from 0.41
 dB to 5.71 dB, when VSOA
 increases from 4 V to 6.25 V.
- Enable high-speed modulations for VLC applications.

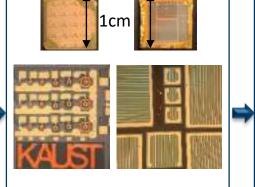
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Receiver – III-nitride micro-photodetectors (µPD)





In-house fabricated PDs with various designs

16 QAM
 8 QAM

4 4 OAM

FEC Limit

2.0

2.4

2.8

Data rate (Gbps)

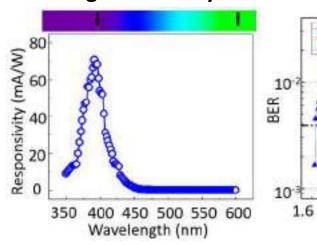


AlGaN Solar-blind PD

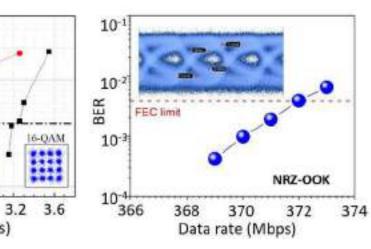
Different packages of photodetector chips

- First demonstrations of InGaN-based micro-PD optical-receiver for fast VLC.
- Similar devices can potentially offer switchable functions of beam tracking, energy harvesting and parallel data transmission.

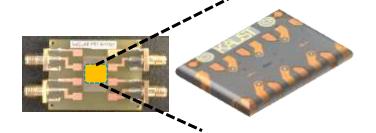
UV-violet light detection, High selectivity



405-nm link



375-nm link over 1-m



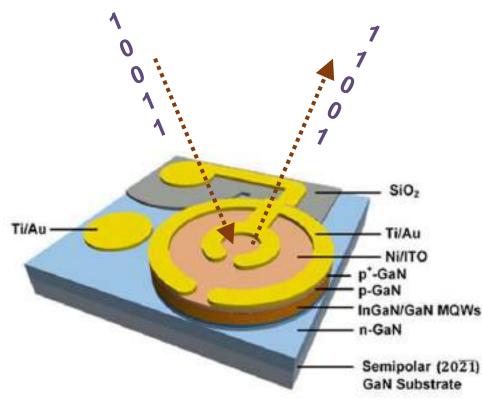
K-T. Ho et al., Optics Express, 26 (3), 2018

Wavelength-selective III-nitride micro-PD

Non-return-to-zero on-off keying

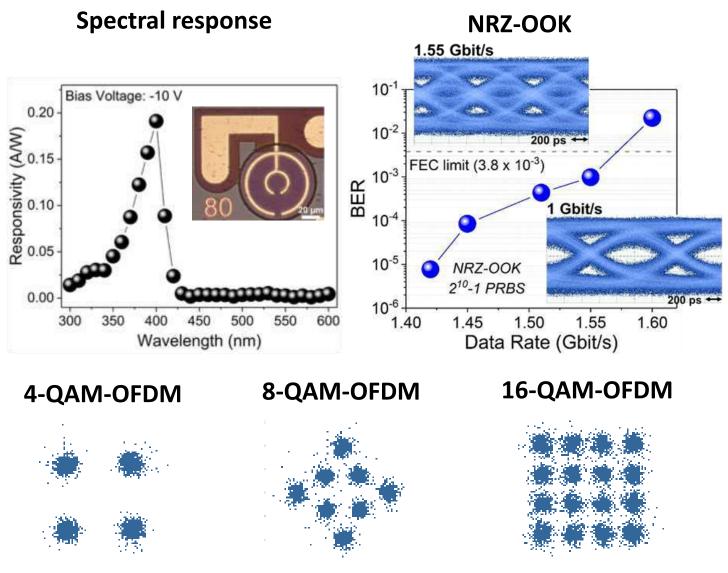
(NRZ-OOK): 1.55 Gbit/s

16-QAM-OFDM: 7.4 Gbit/s



Optics Express, 26(3), 3037-3045 (2018)

Appl. Phys. Express 13, 0141001 (2020) IEEE Photonics Tech. Lett. 32(13), 767 (2020)

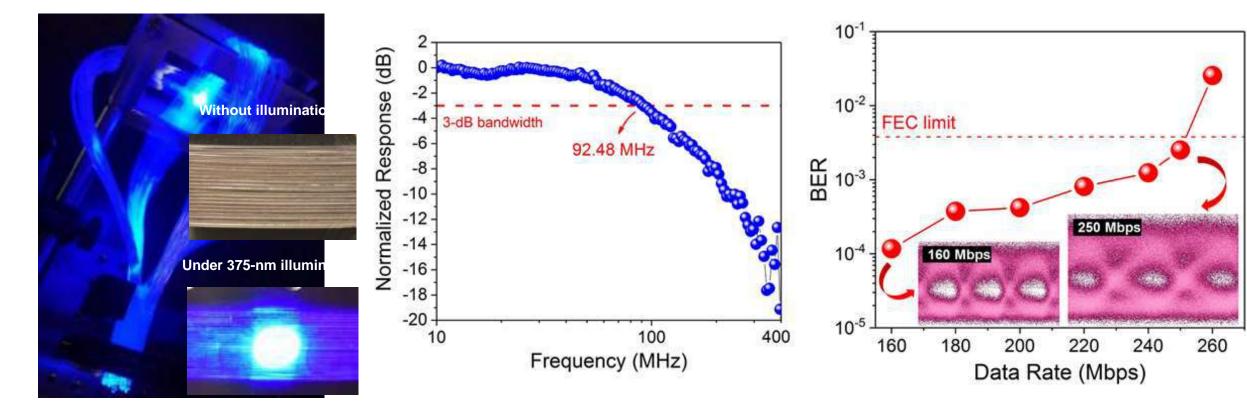


3 Gbit/s (Error-free)

4.5 Gbit/s (BER: 1.5 × 10⁻³)

7.4 Gbit/s (BER: 3.4 × 10⁻³)

Omnidirectional Optical-Antenna for High-speed UV Communication



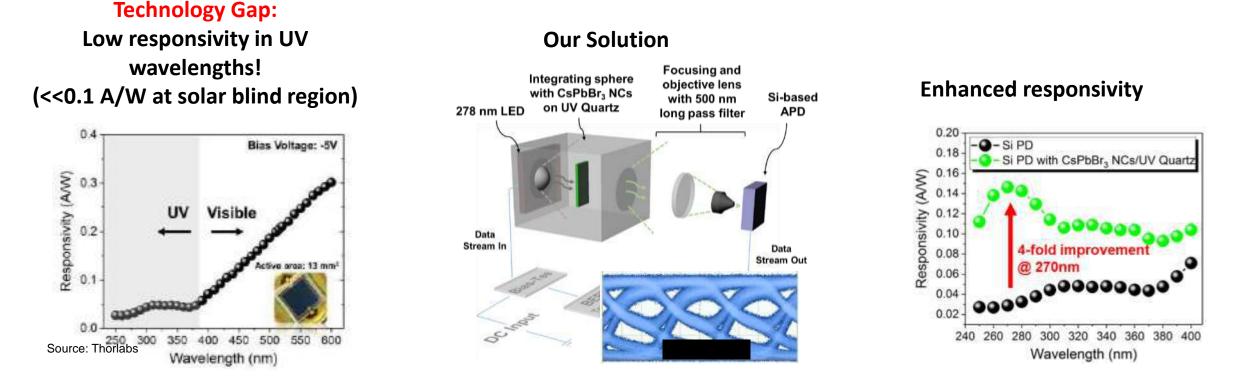
- Ultra-large, flexible and omnidirectional detection
- Complement UV-based NLOS communication in UWOC
- Obviates the costly development path for large-bandgap semiconductors
- Flexible and high-bandwidth devices for high-speed UV-based photodetection

C.H. Kang, B. S. Ooi et al., Optics Express, 2019 C.H. Kang, B. S. Ooi et al., CLEO-Europe 2019

250 Mbit/s over 1.5-m water channel

B. S. Ooi et al., USPTO 62/808,585

Receiver - Hybrid Perovskite-Silicon Solar-blind UVC Photoreceiver



First demonstration of UVC communication using coated-Si-based platform at 34 Mbps

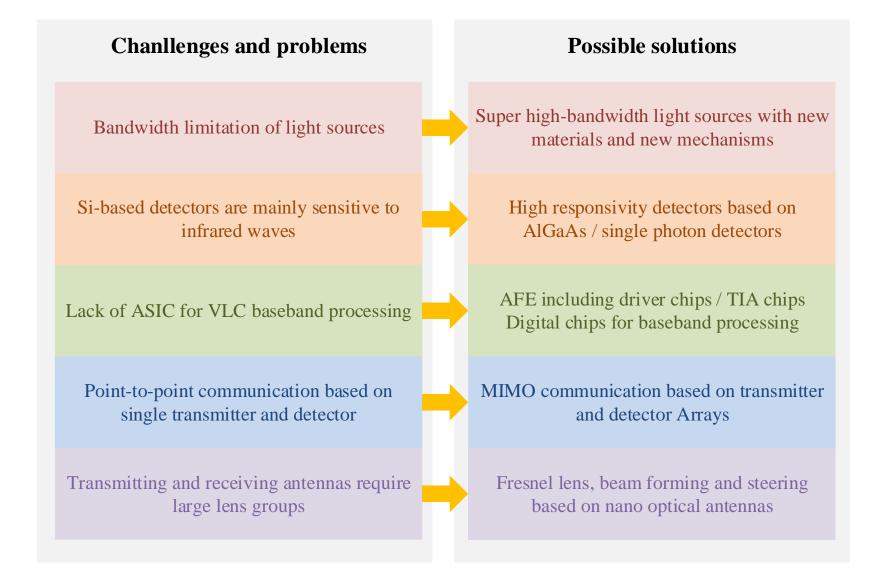
- 4-fold improvement in solar-blind detection
- Obviates costly III-nitride & III-oxide development path for UVC photodetector.

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