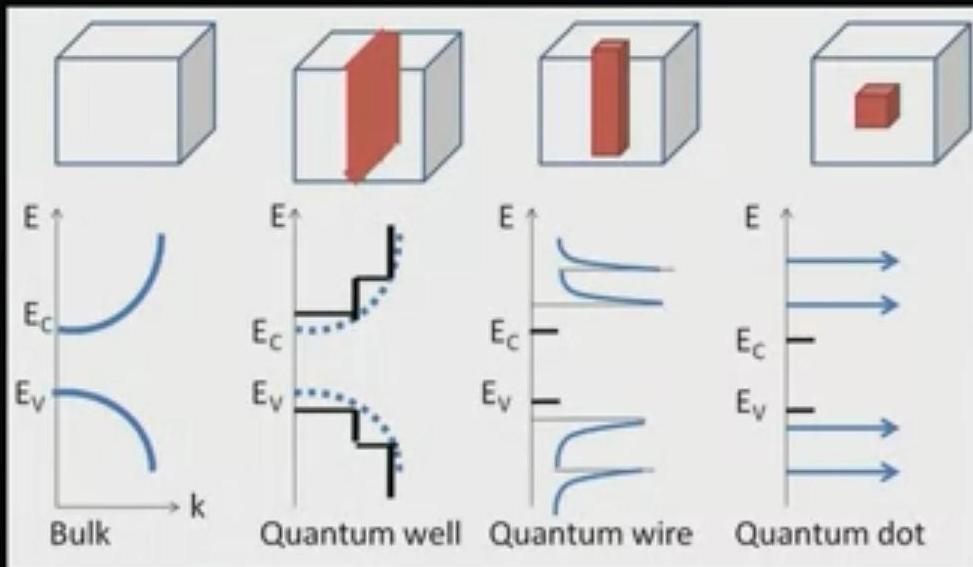


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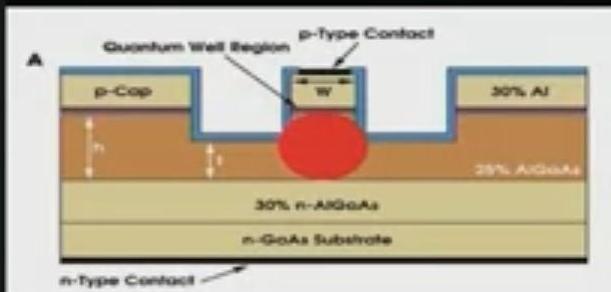
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Quantum effects and lasers

Quantum cascade laser [1]



Quantum well laser [2]



[1]

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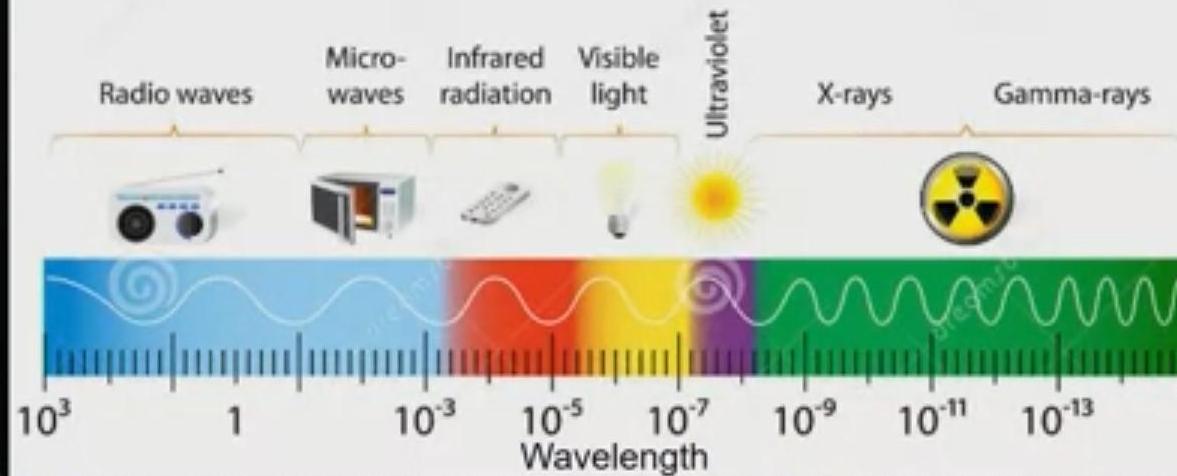


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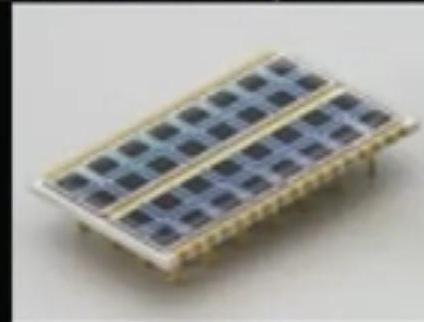


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Detectors

Silicon avalanche photodiode



PIN photodiode



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Questions to answer

- How do different detectors work?
- What are pros/cons?
- State of the art?

also a PIN photo diode and answer questions of how do these detectors work?

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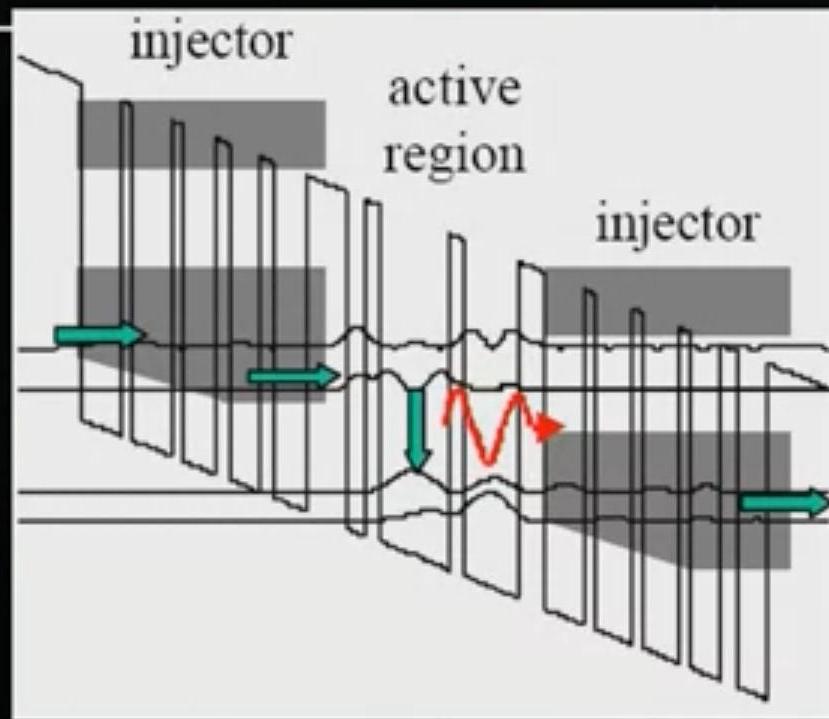
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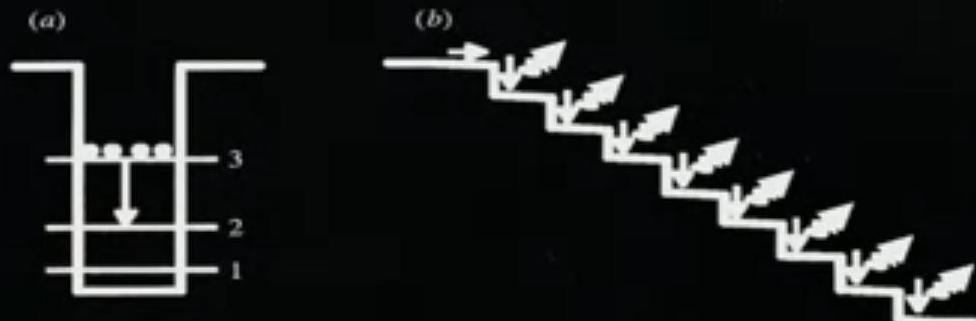
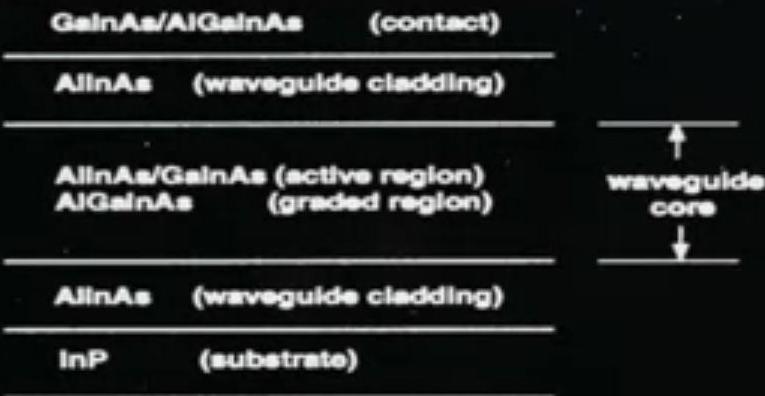
Quantum Cascade Laser



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based on a series of hundreds of semiconductor laser layers.

Quantum Cascade Laser



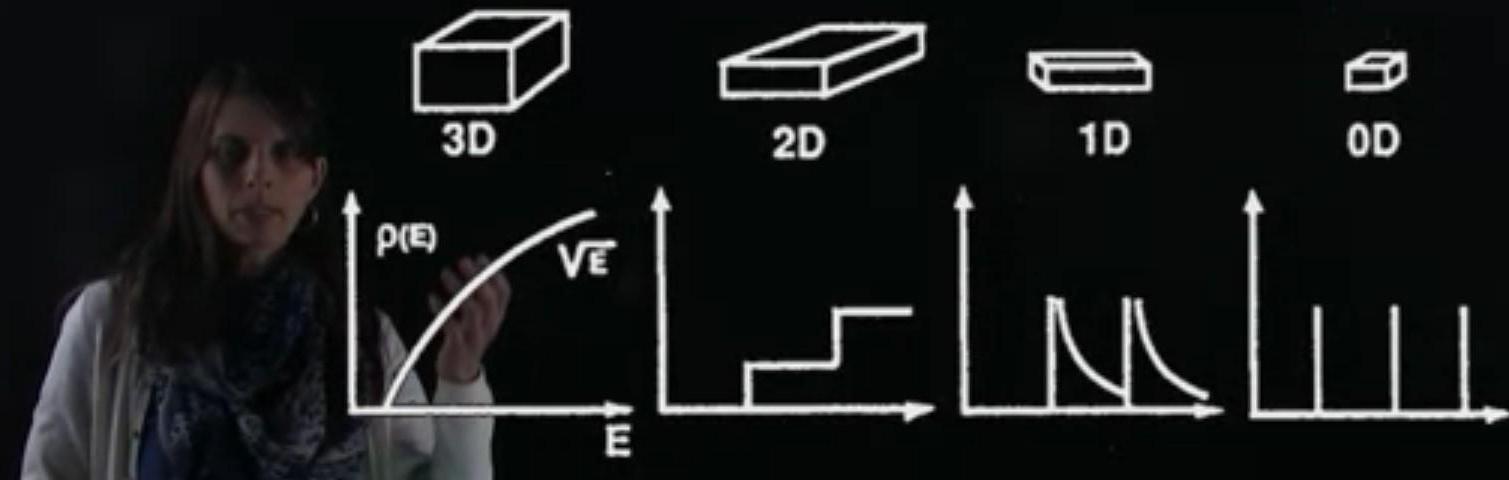
That's in essence what's happening with the quantum cascade laser.



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DOS in Low-Dimensional Structures



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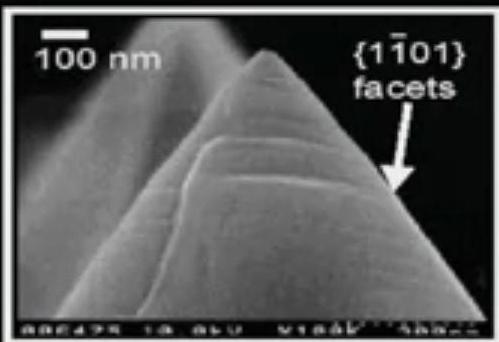
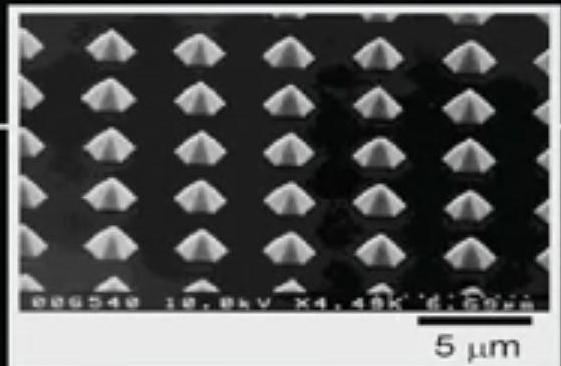
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Nitride Quantum Dot Laser



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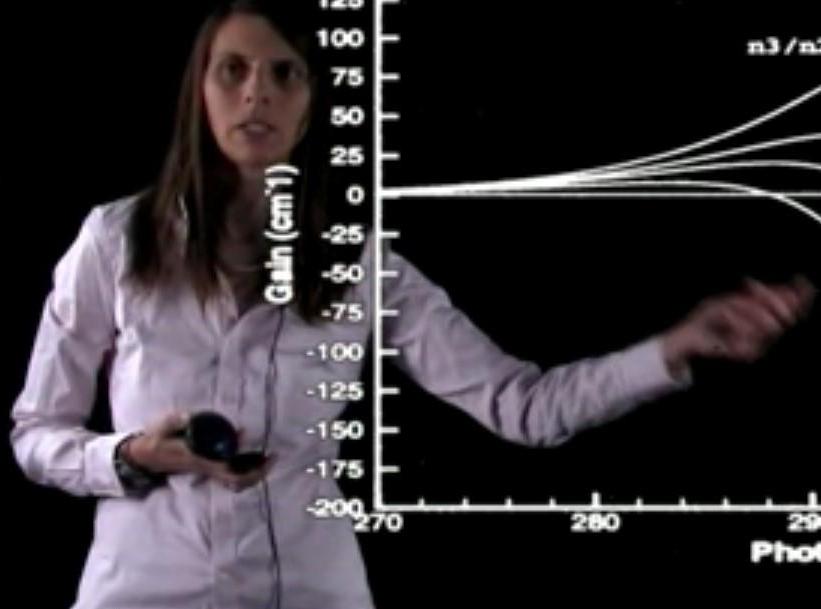
This is an example of a nitride quantum dot laser



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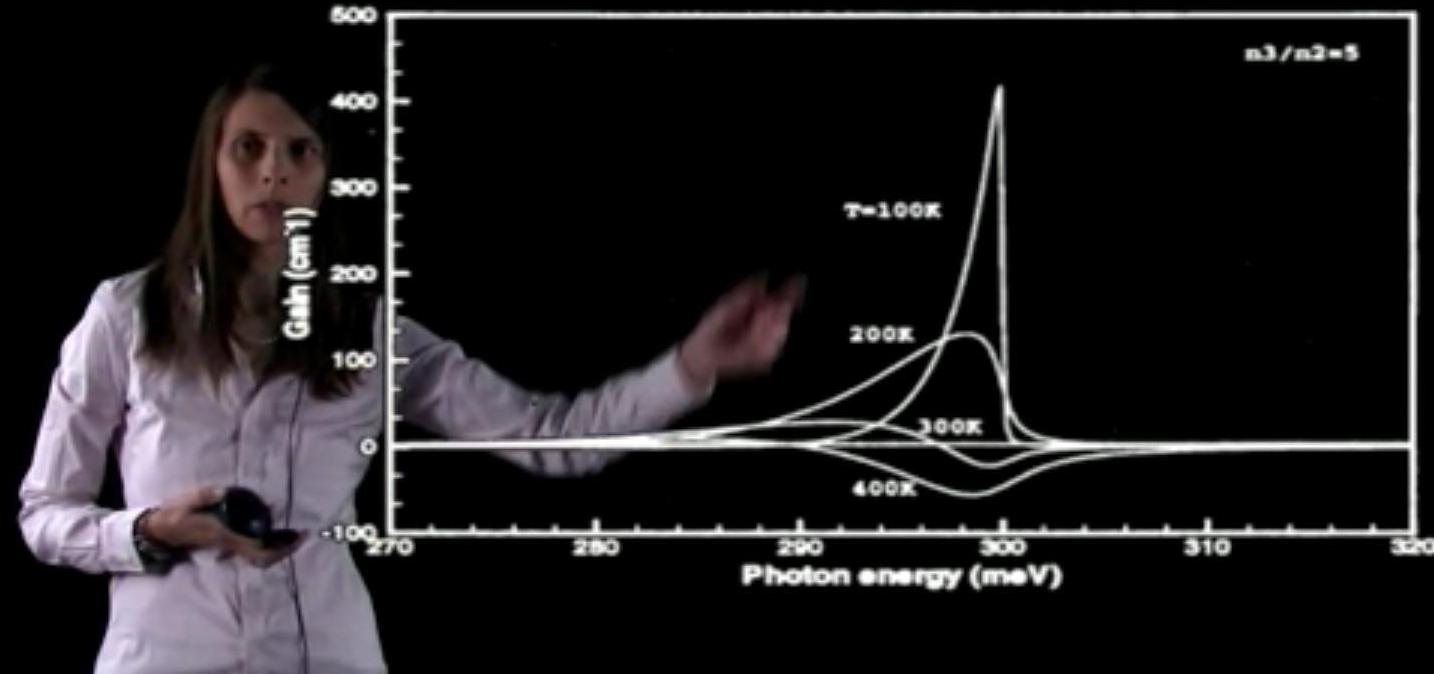
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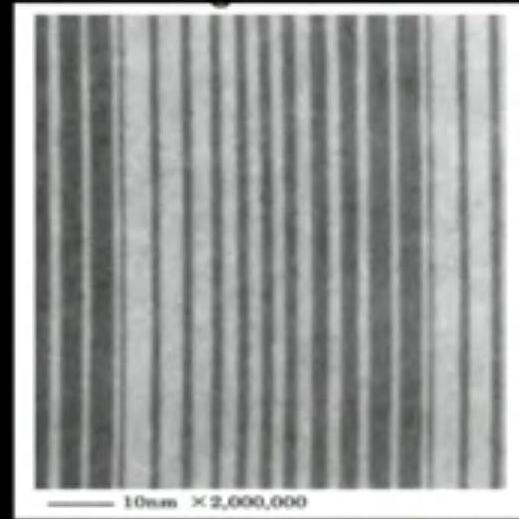
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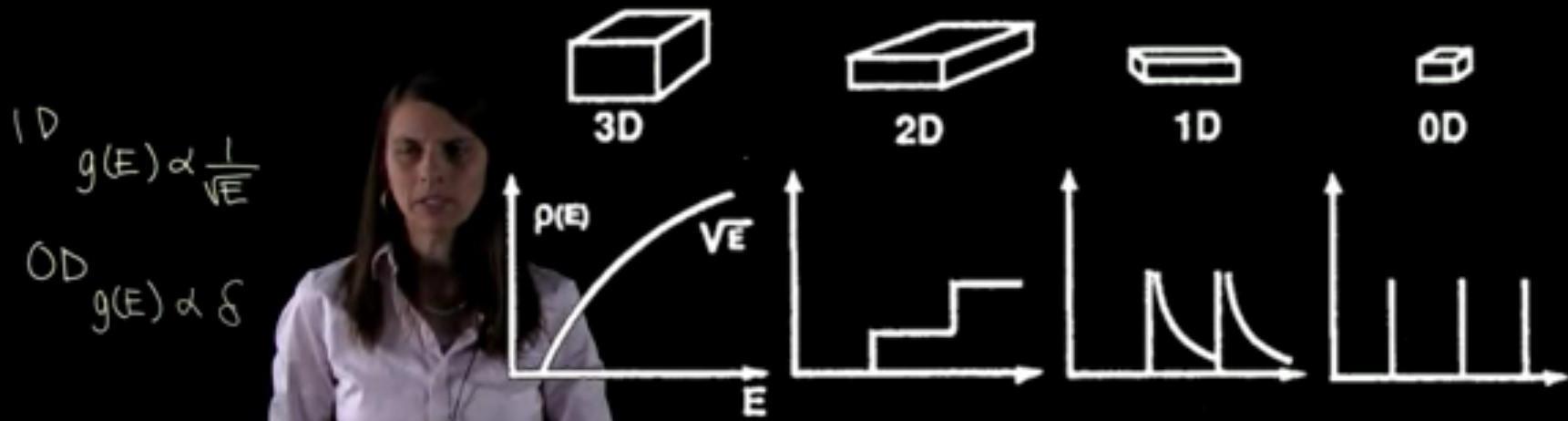
you the different layers in a typical Quantum Cascade Laser.



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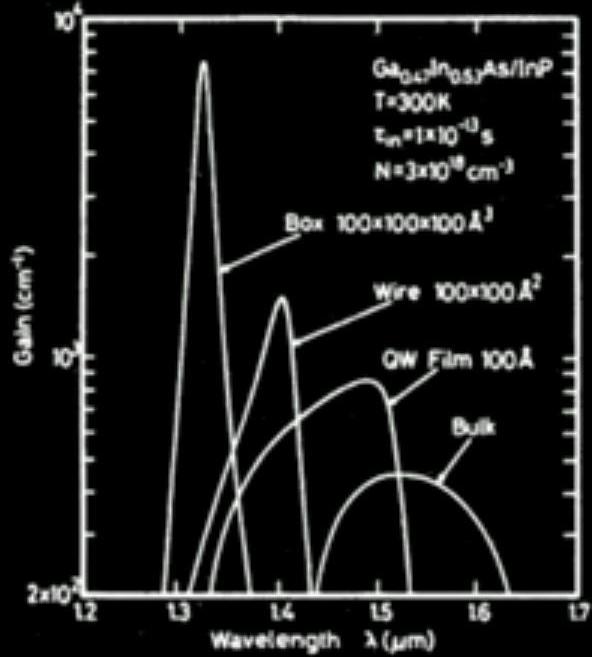
the lever we have on the device performance is that it modifies the gain.



DOS in Low-Dimensional Structures

$$1D \quad g(E) \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{E}}$$

$$0D \quad g(E) \propto \delta$$



Arai and Maruyama, GaInAsP/InP quantum wire lasers, IEEE Sel. Top. In Quant. Electron. 15, 731 (2009)

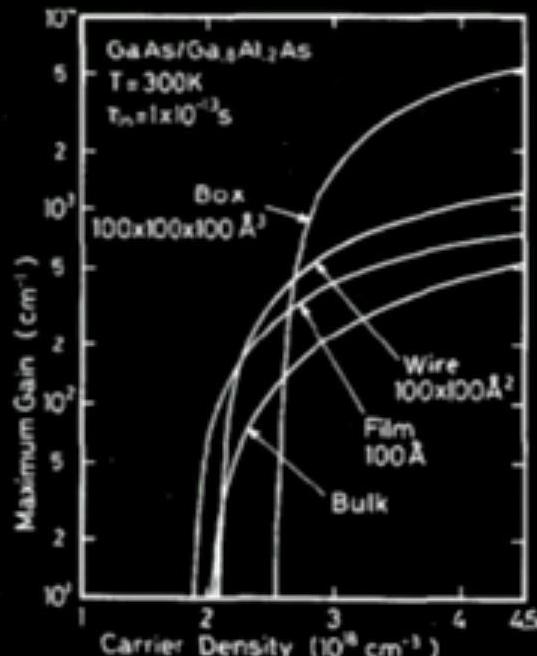
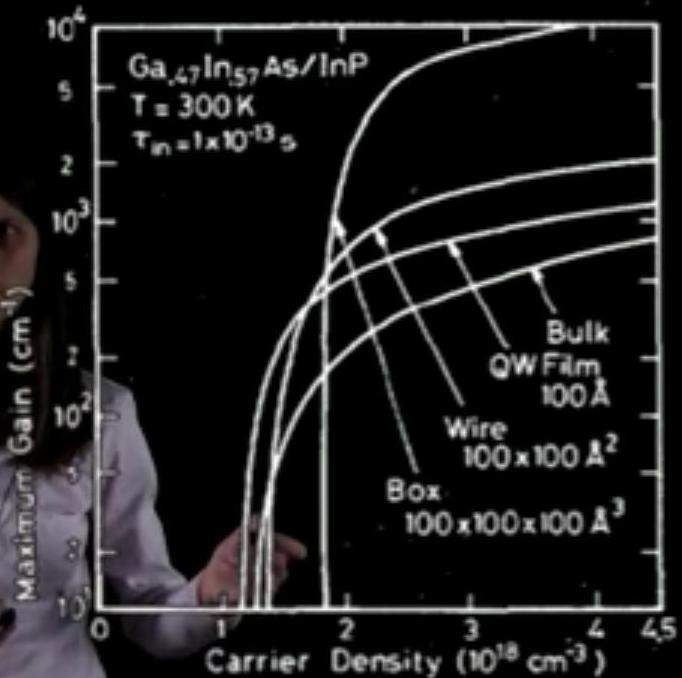
So here you're looking at gallium
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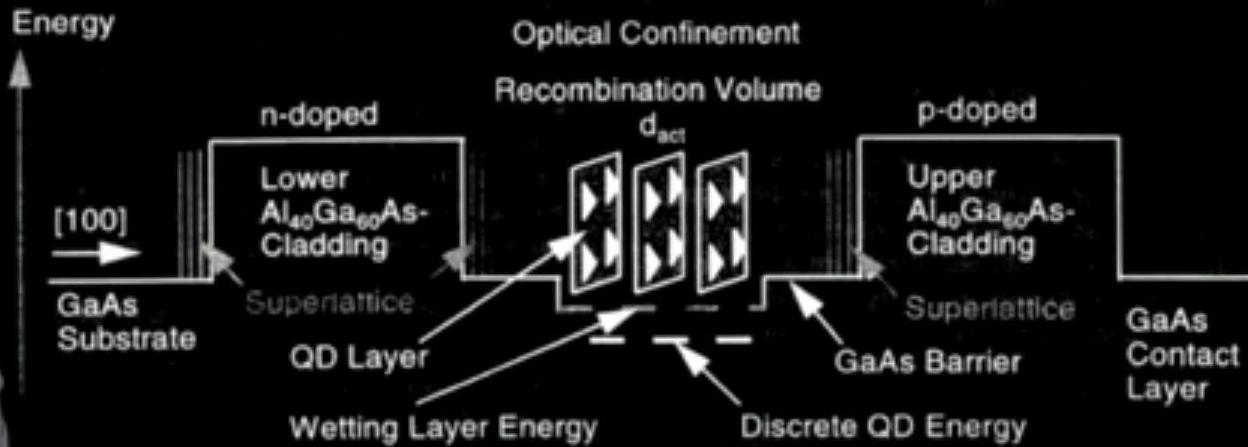
And so here, you can see what happens with the bulk structure, it's actually



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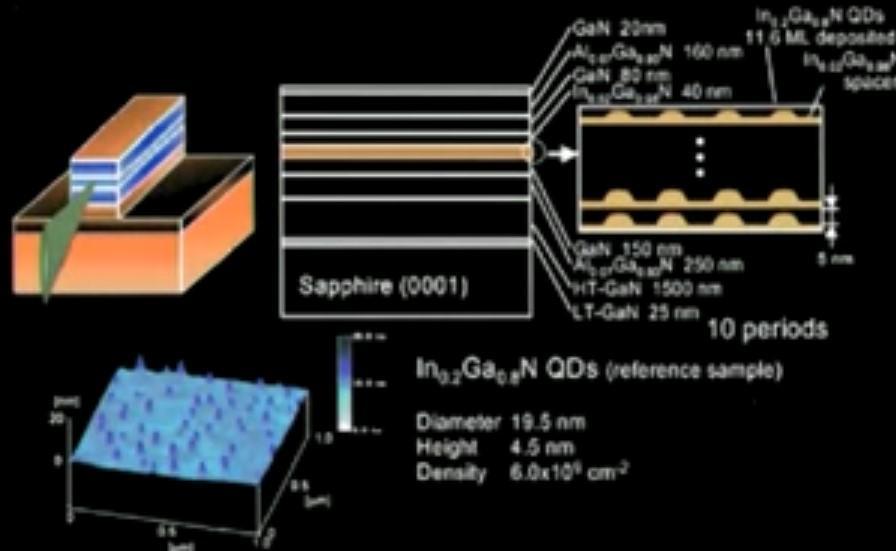
Self-Organized Quantum Dots



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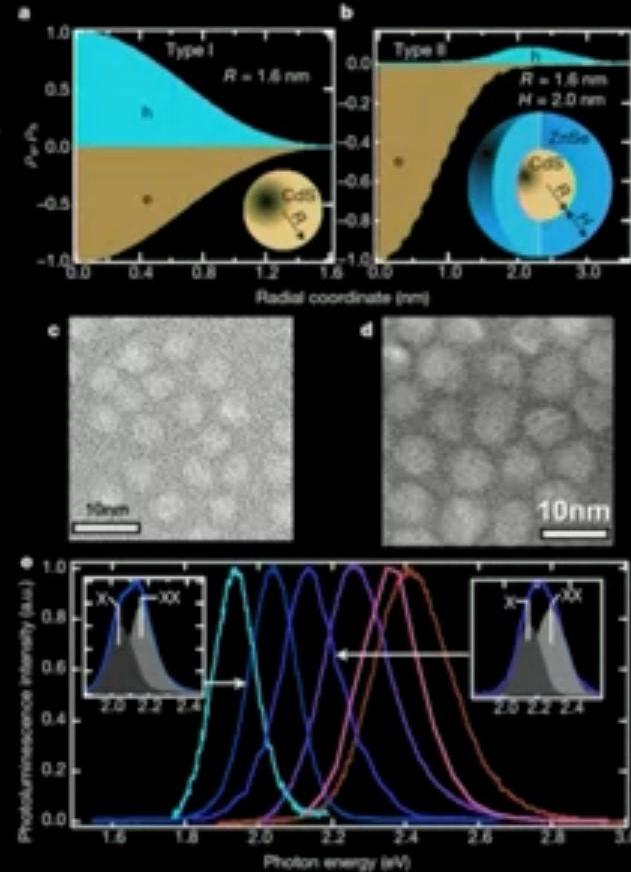
we've got a wave guide defined by this ridge to confine the light.



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Colloidal QD



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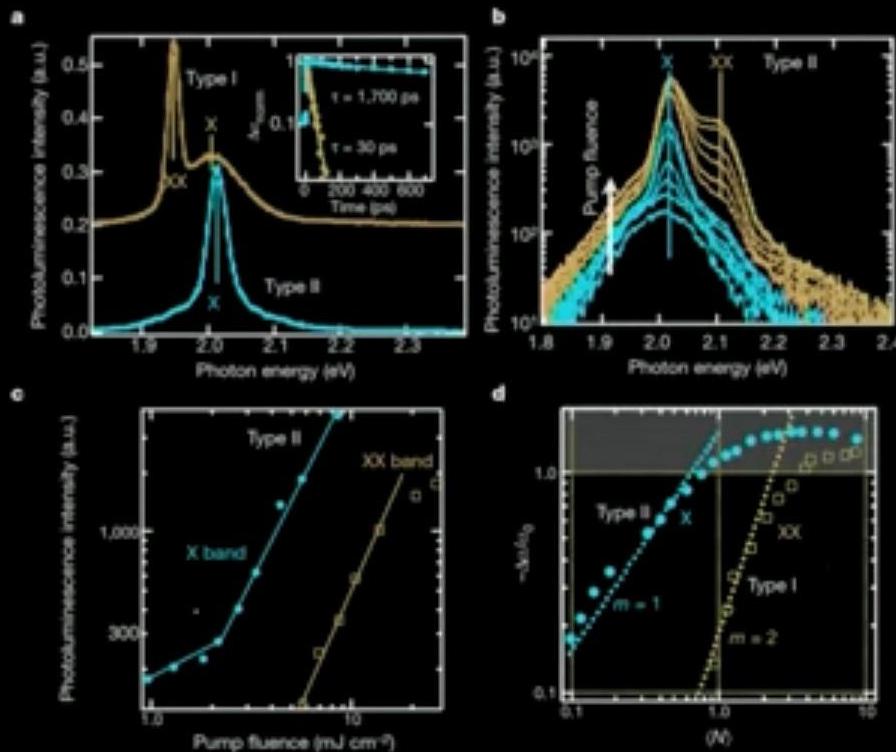
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the system showing you that depending on the type quantum dot that we use,

Ex] 150nm Ge on Si

substrate

⇒ proper GaAs

nucleation

Dislocation GaAs $10^8/\text{cm}^2$



aluminum gallium arsenide structure
with quantum dots or grinch.



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