

## ANTIMONIDE QUANTUM MATERIALS FOR LASER APPLICATIONS

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**A**ntimonide materials are featured with their large spin-orbit splitting energy, that could suppress the Auger recombination consequently advance in the applications for lasers. However, its combination with arsenide materials always constructs a hole-confinement type-II band alignment, which reduces electron-hole wave-function overlap and makes them less attractive for use in lasers. Use of quantum ring (QR) and quantum dot (QD) geometries in antimonide/arsenide heterostructures, produces strong Coulomb binding of electrons to the positively charged QR/QD which allows efficient radiative recombination resulting in photoluminescence emission up to 400 K. In addition, the QR/QD of GaSb/GaAs offers room temperature emission wavelengths in the commercially important 1260-1675 nm telecom bands, while InSb/InAs QD provides emission wavelengths in the important mid-infrared range (2.0-5.0  $\mu\text{m}$ ). In this talk, I will review our recent research achievements in GaSb/GaAs QR lasers for telecom use and InAs/InAs QD mid-infrared lasers. Furthermore, I will discuss the quantum structures of GaSb disks embedded in GaAs nanowire and their potential applications in single photon emissions

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