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硅基量子点光频梳激光器

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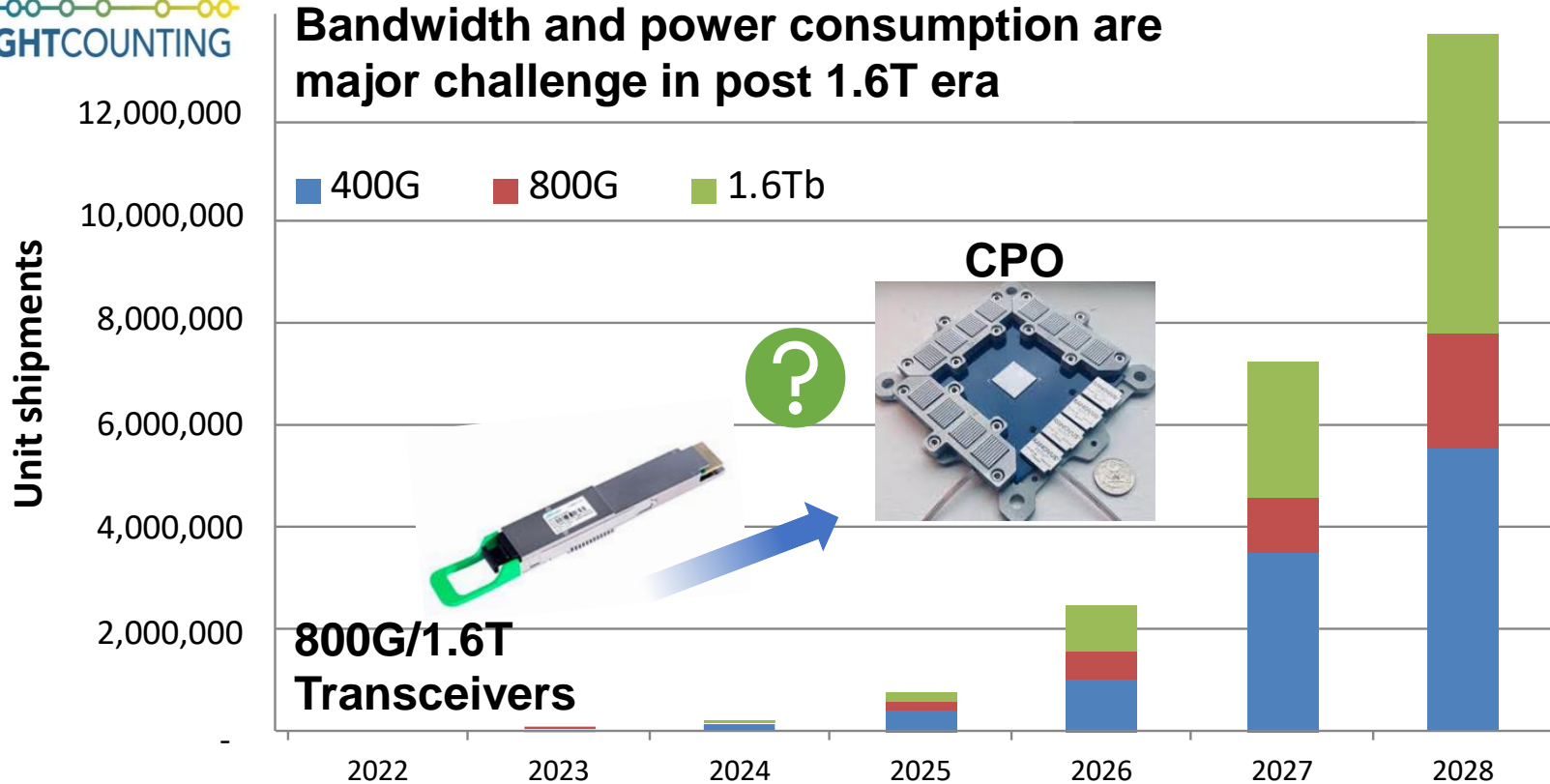
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- I. Multiwavelength lasers for CPO/optical chiplet
- II. InAs QDs comb lasers
- III. High order QDs comb lasers for WDM systems
- IV. Monolithically integrated QD comb lasers for silicon photonic transmitters
- V. Conclusion

Tb/s era is coming

LIGHTCOUNTING

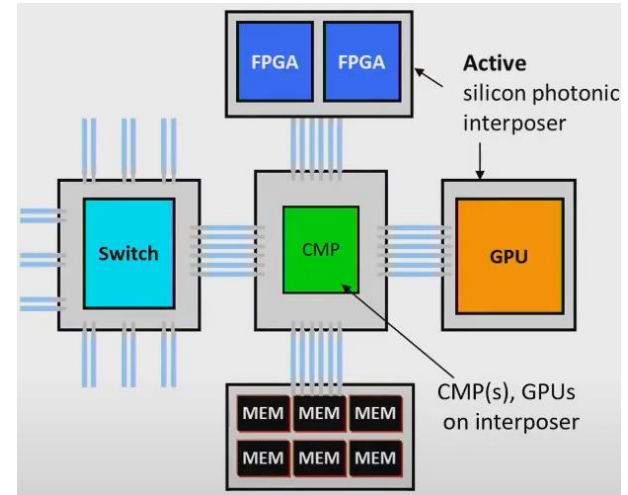


Optical I/O for Silicon Photonics Chiplet

- High BW \rightarrow Multi-Tb/s per wire
- Low power consumption \rightarrow $<1\text{pJ/s}$

Ultra dense WDM links on chip system

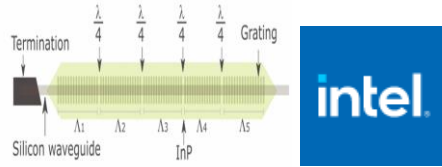
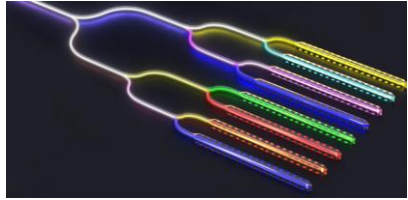
- High speed ring modulator (feedback controlled)
- Co-packaged or monolithic integrated with EIC
- For lasers:
 - **Small footprint, high density**
 - **Low power consumption**
 - **Multi λ laser source**
 - **On chip, temperature insensitive**



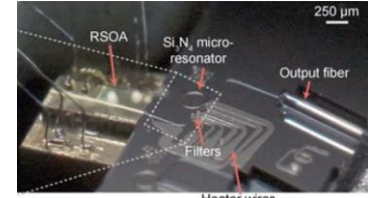
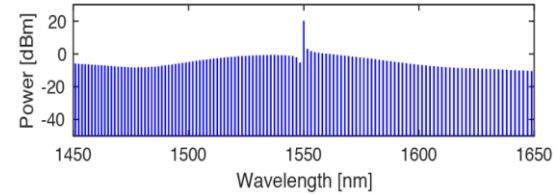
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Multiwavelength Lasers

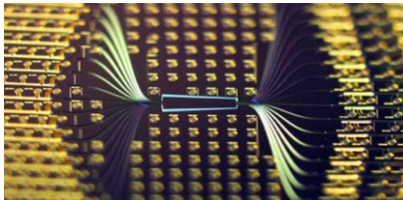
- DFB arrays/ cascade DFB
- DUV lithography defined grating
- Heterogeneous integrated on Si



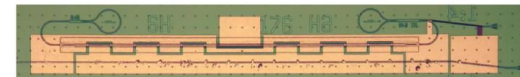
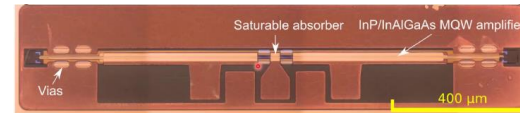
- Kerr frequency combs
- Ultrawide BW



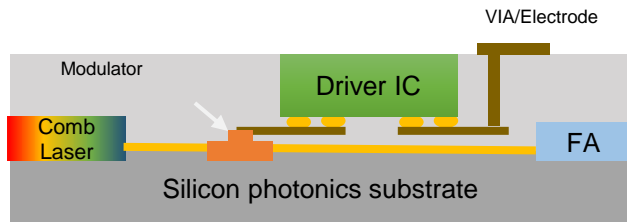
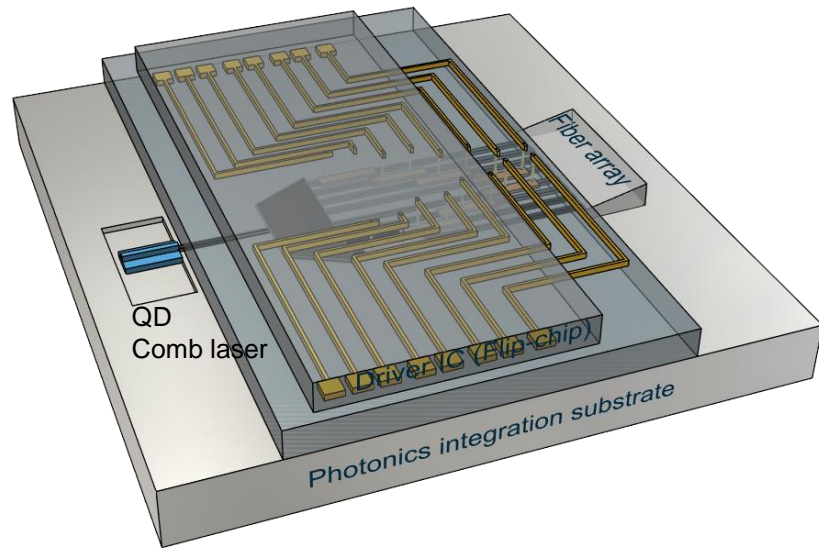
- DFB arrays
- High channel power
- External laser module



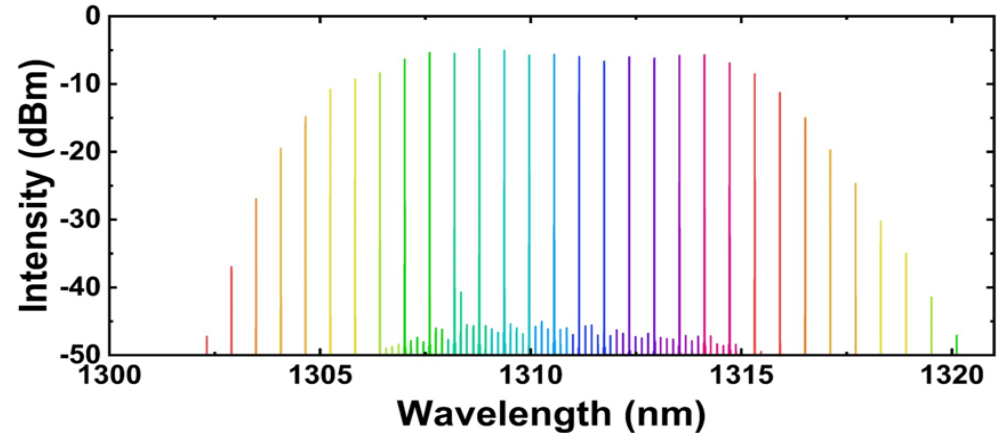
- Mode-locked lasers
- Flat-top spectrum
- Heterogeneous integrated on Si



QDs comb laser's solution

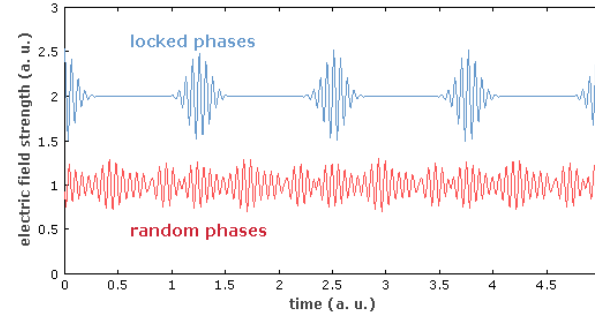
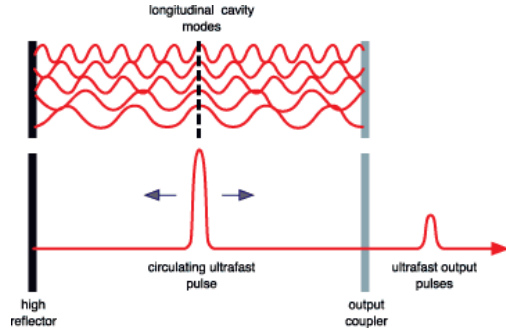


- One comb laser source to replace laser arrays
- One driver, onetime coupling (hybrid integration)
- Lower power consumption, Small footprint
- Uniform comb spacing ($\pm 5\text{GHz}$)
- Large bandwidth (8 lines 200GHz spacing; 16 lines 100GHz spacing)
- Monolithically integrate with Si

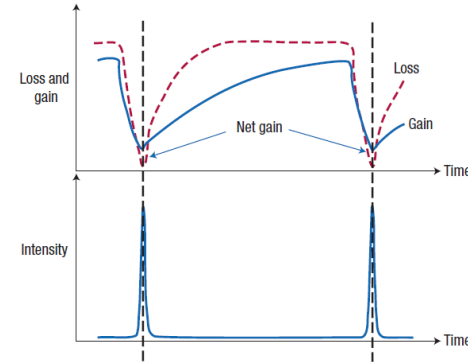
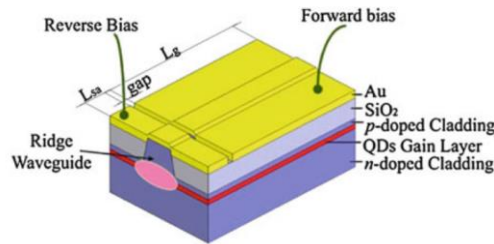


Comb Laser: mode-locked laser

Phase, amplitude and frequency/timing stability are required when using a laser as an optical clock.



Passive mode-locked uses a saturable absorber incorporated into the laser cavity



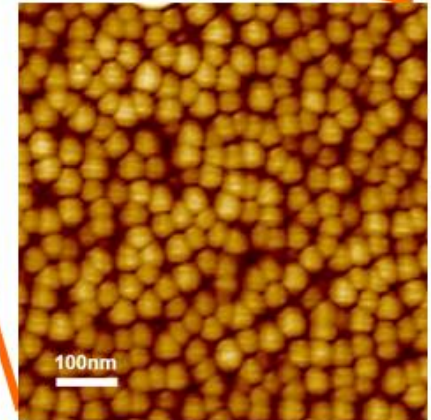
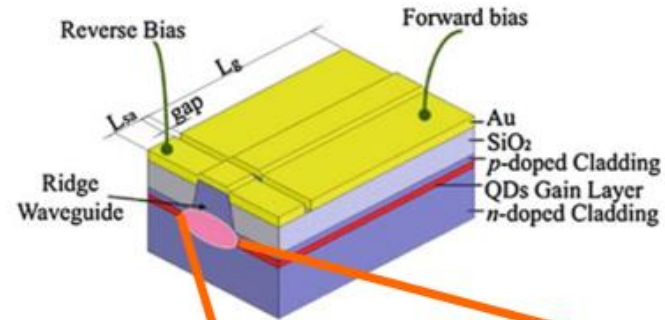
QDs mode-locked laser

Quantum dots are an ideal media for a semiconductor mode-locked laser (MLL)

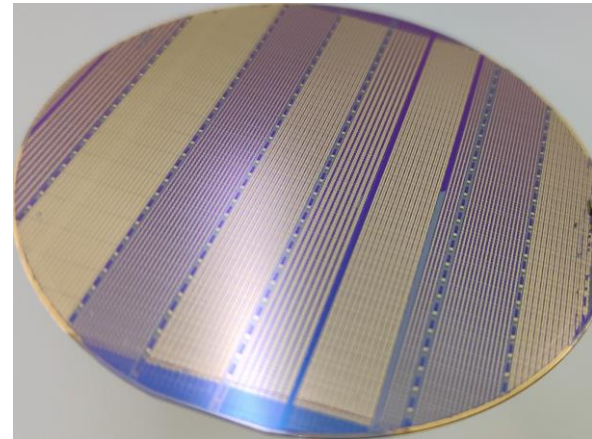
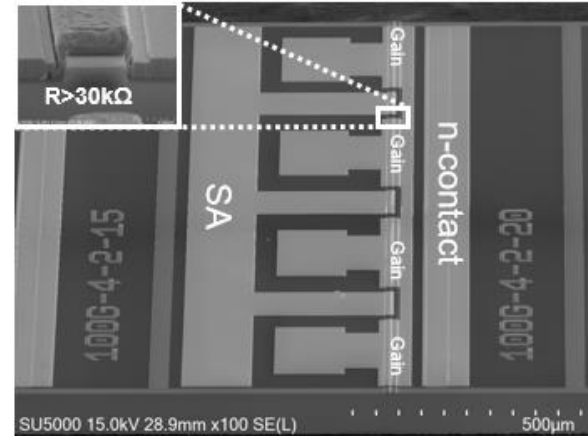
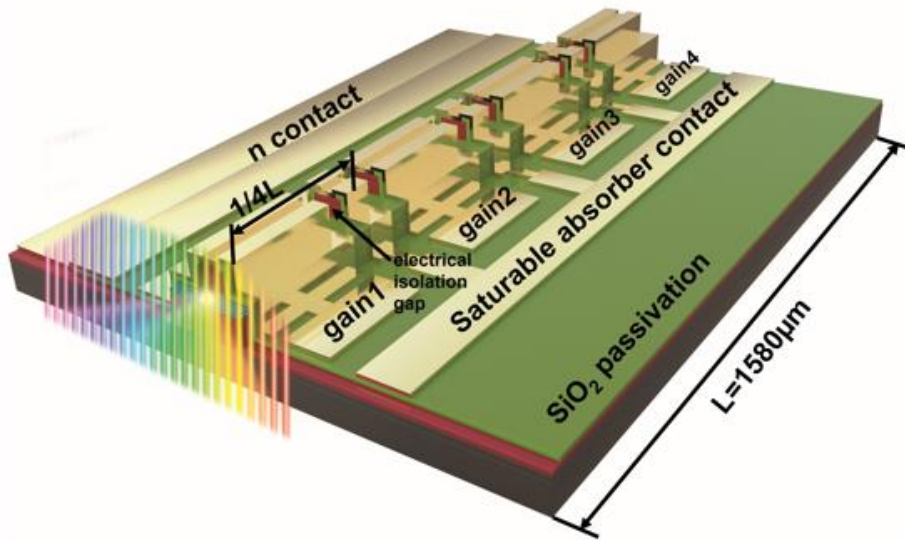
- Low threshold current, working near threshold, less spontaneous emission noise
- Temperature insensitivity
- Monolithically grown on Si
- Ultrafast recovery time—shorter pulse
- Inhomogeneous broadening—against gain spectral narrowing effect

$$\frac{c}{\lambda^2} \Delta\lambda \cdot \Delta\tau = K$$

$\Delta\lambda$ Optical spectrum B
 $\Delta\tau$ Pulse duration

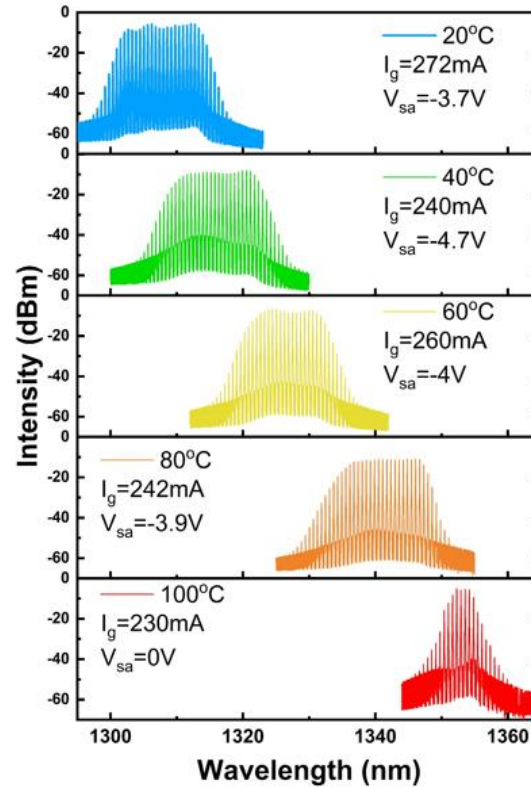
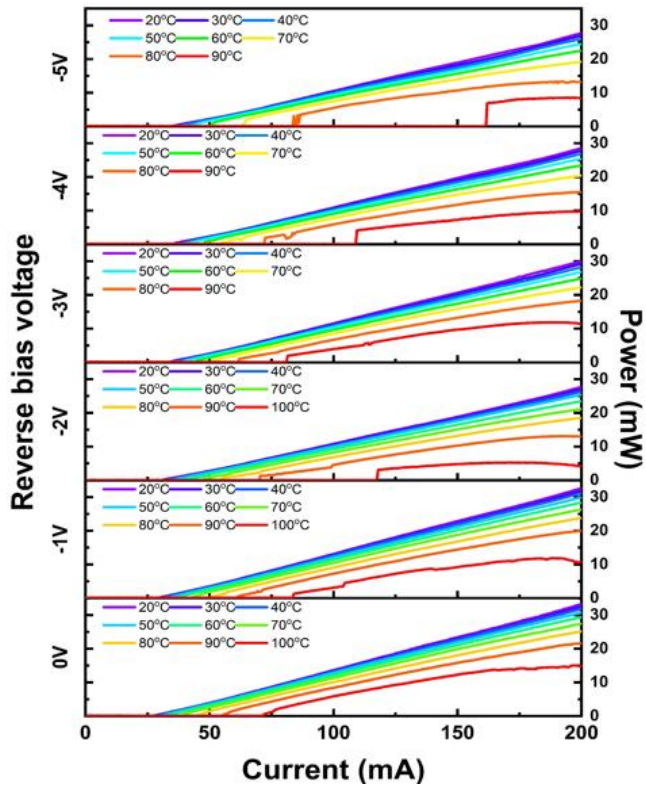
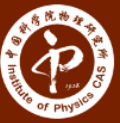


4th order CPM comb lasers



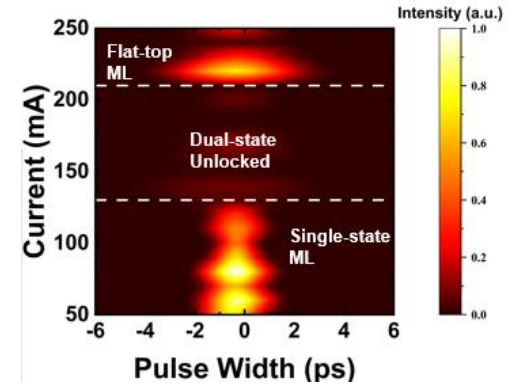
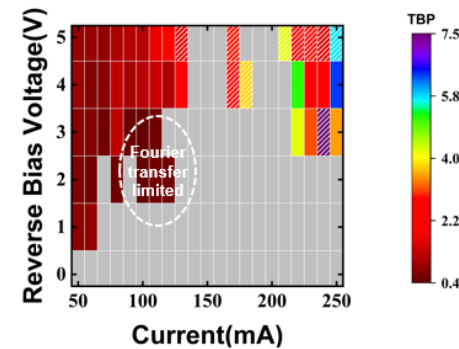
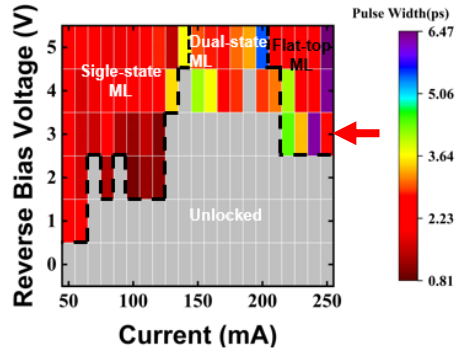
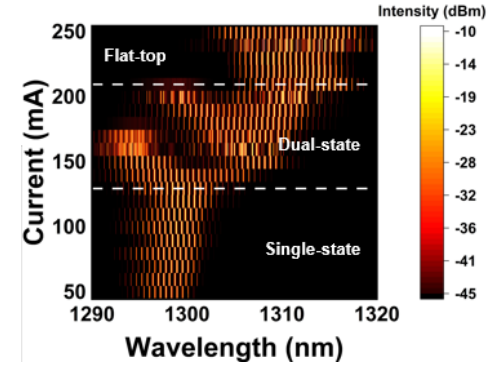
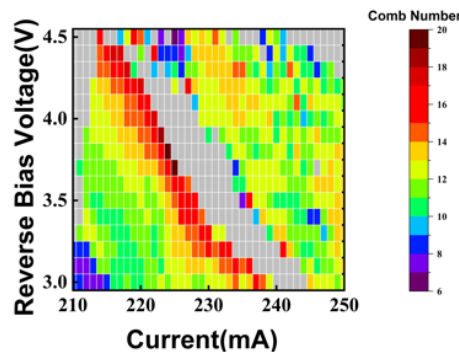
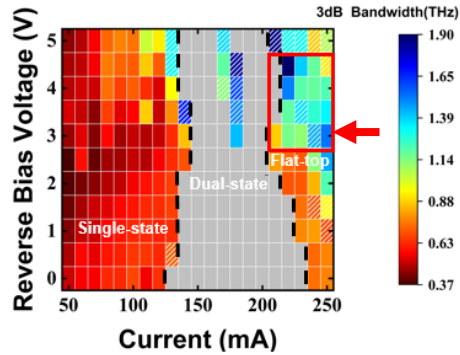
- 100GHz spaced 4th order MLL design
- Electrical isolation $R > 30k\Omega$

4th order CPM comb lasers



- CW operation temperature up to 100°C
- Flat-top spectrum

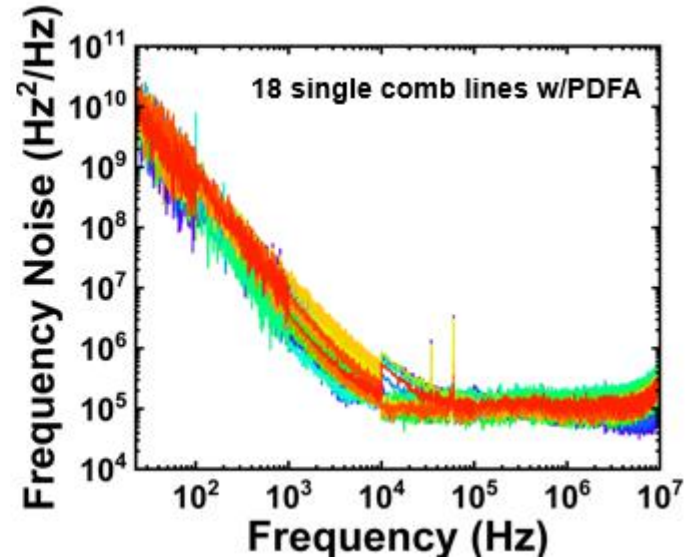
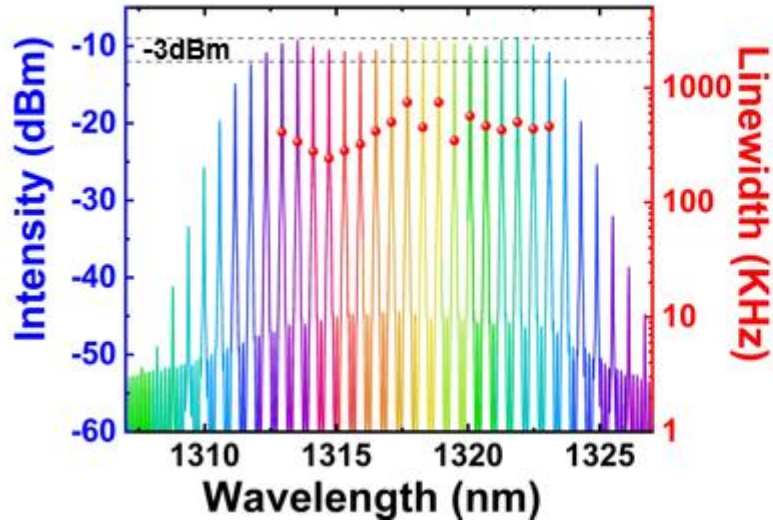
Flat-top operation regime



- QDs inhomogeneous broadened comb spectra

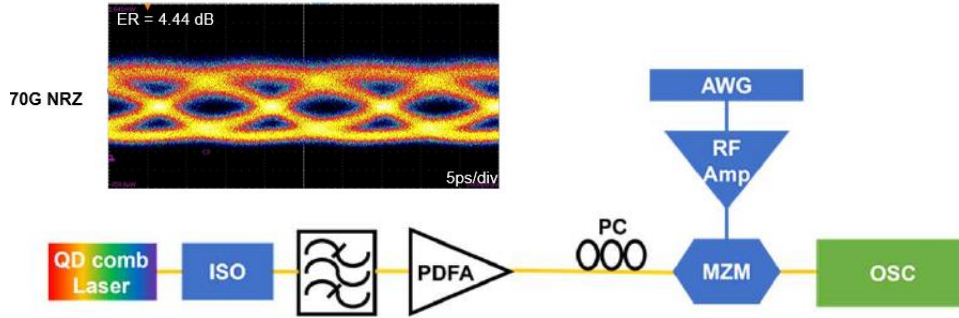
Flat-top QDs comb laser

$I_g=224$ mA, $V_{SA}=-3.8$ V

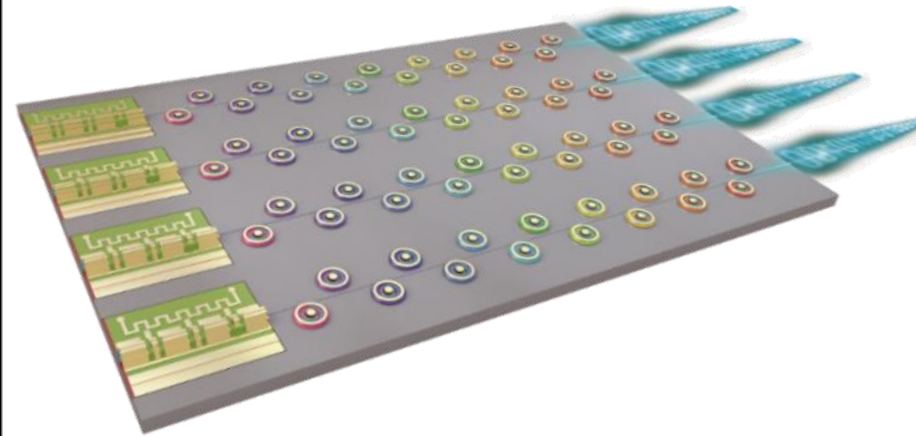
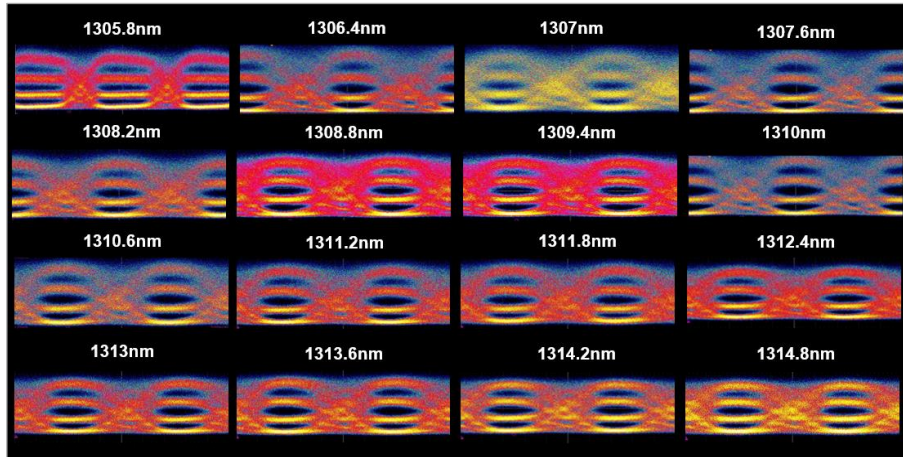


- 20 comb lines within 3dB variation
- Each comb lines has > 35 dB SNR
- Single comb line power > 1.7 mW (excluded insertion loss)
- Average comb linewidth < 440 kHz

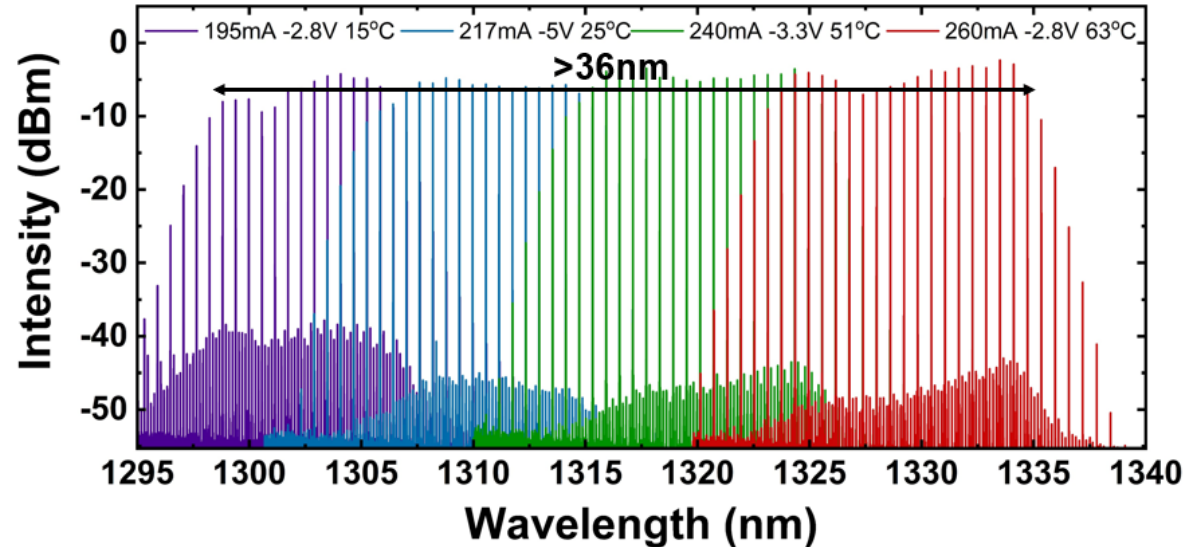
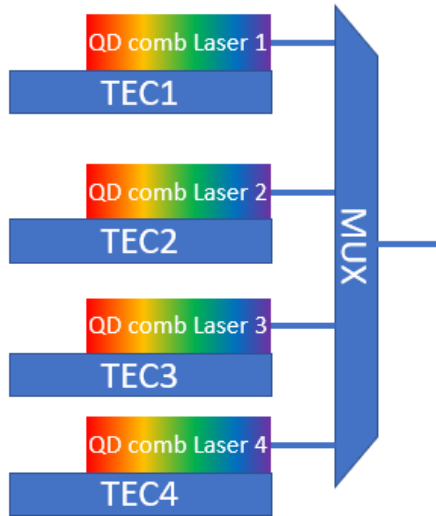
B2B transmission characteristics



- 40Gbaud PAM-4
- 70Gbps NRZ
- 20 comb lines: 1.6Tbps capacity

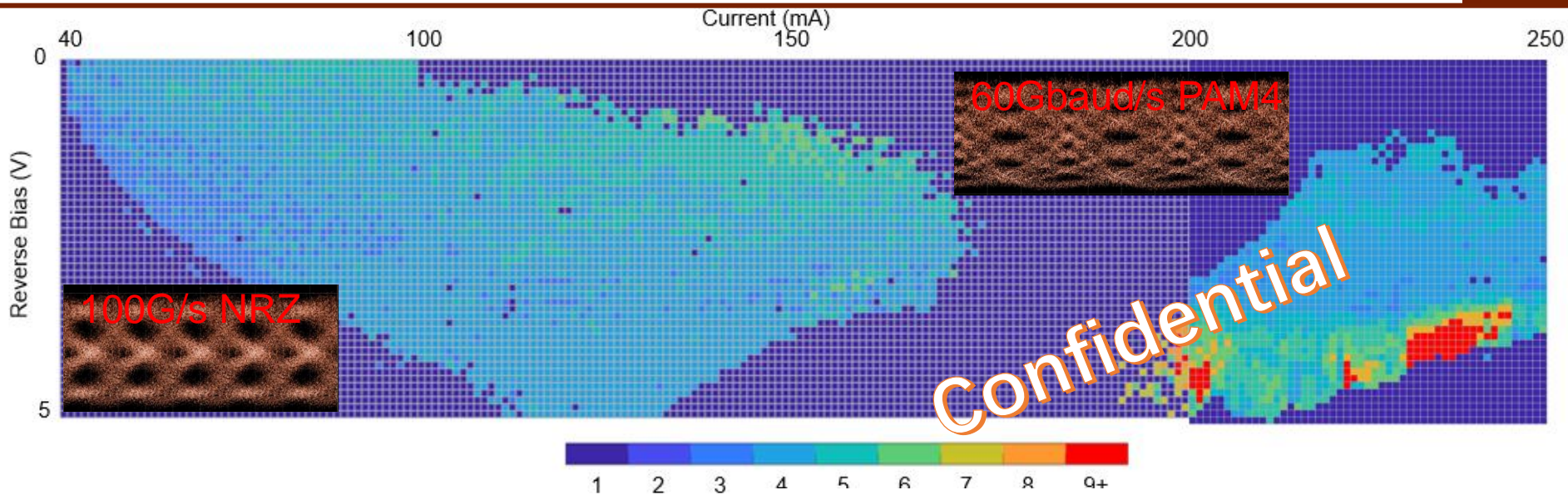


Wavelength expand solution

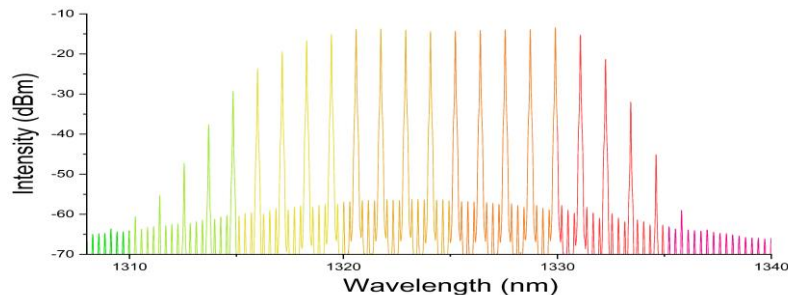


- Adjust temperature to expand comb bandwidth
- 60 comb lines: 4.8Tbps capacity

200GHz QDs comb lasers



- 4th order 200GHz QDs comb
- >9 comb lines
- >100 mW output power
- > 80°C CW operation
- 100Gbps NRZ; 60Gbaud/s PAM4



QDs comb vs. DFB arrays

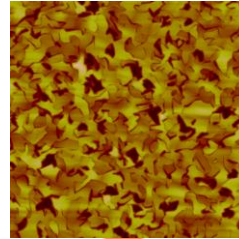
- DFB laser arrays design
 - Wavelength spacing: +/- 25GHz
 - **Power variation: <1 dB**
 - Wavelength number: 8
 - Mode spacing: 200GHz
 - Temperature: 0-60°C
 - **Single line power > 10dBm**
- High order MLL design
 - **Wavelength spacing: +/- 5GHz**
 - Power variation: <2 dB
 - **Wavelength number: 9@200GHz; 20@100GHz**
 - Mode spacing: 100/200GHz
 - **Temperature: 0-80°C@200GHz; 0-100 °C@100GHz**
 - Single line power: 5-10dbm

Ideal for ultra-high density, high temperature, mediate output power applications

Epitaxy of III-V on Si

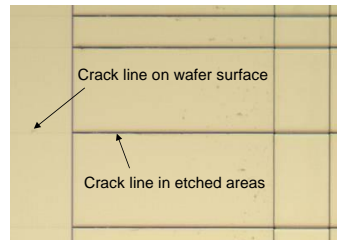
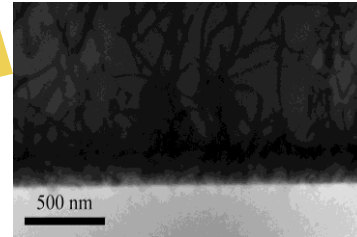
APDs

Polarity difference
between III-V/Si



TDs

Lattice mismatch
induced high
defect density



Thermal Cracks

Thermal expansion
contrast caused micro
cracks

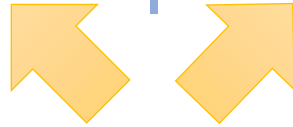


Approaches

Miscut Substrate

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- Suppress anti-phase boundaries by using Si substrates with $2 - 6^\circ$ miscut
- QW dislocation filter structures



Intermediate Layer

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- GaP or Ge intermediate buffer layers
- Lattice matched system at the III-V/IV interface

Patterned Substrate

3

- Patterned V-grooves on standard Si substrates
- CMOS compatible

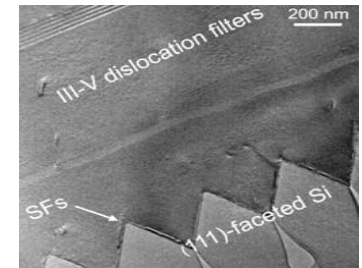
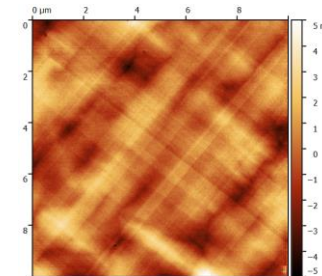
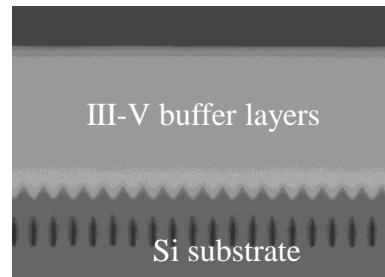
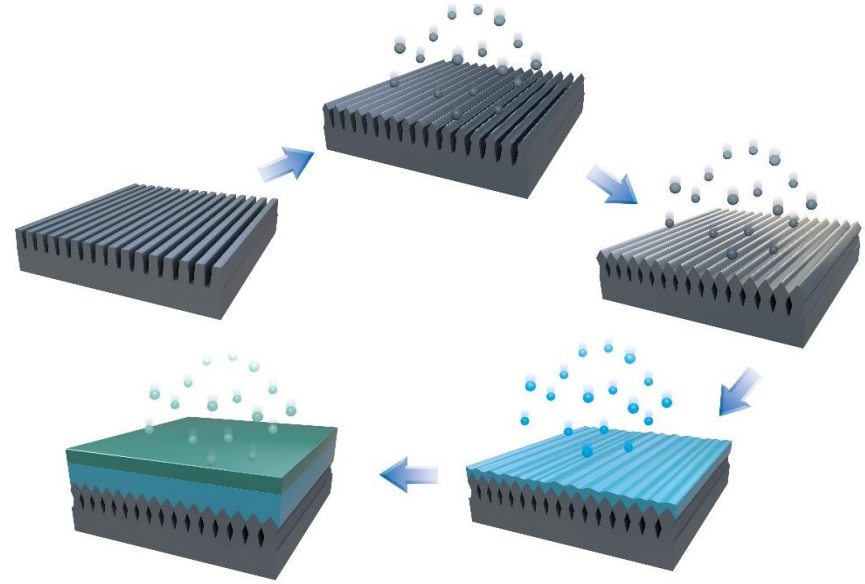


Complicated buffer structures and restricted wafer conditions

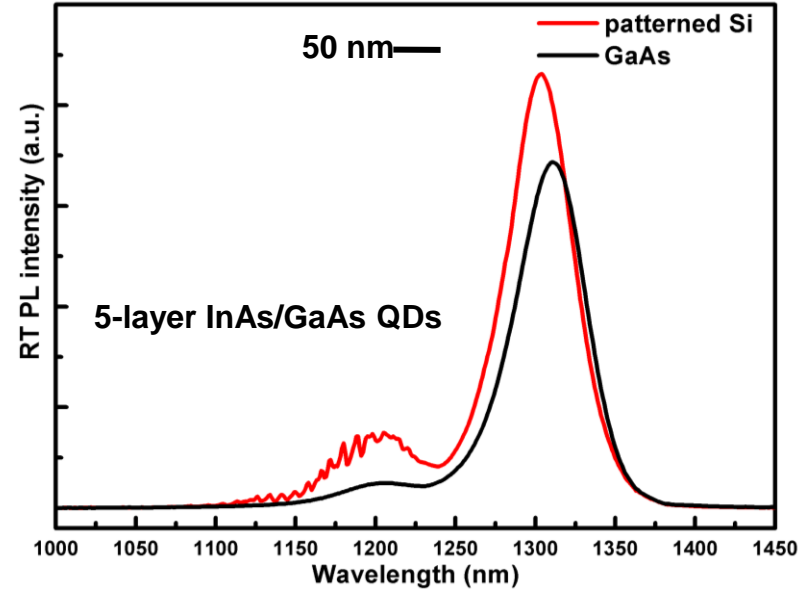
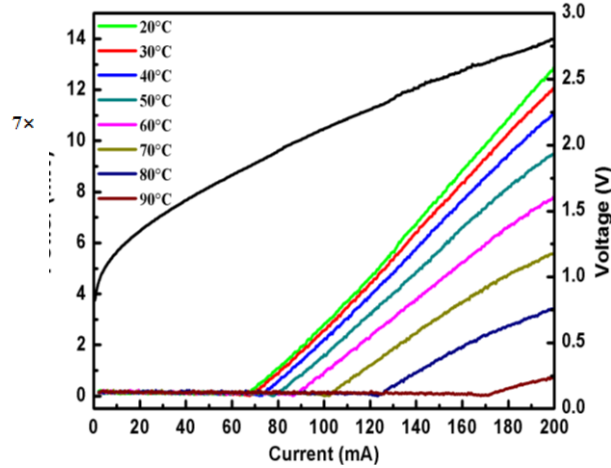
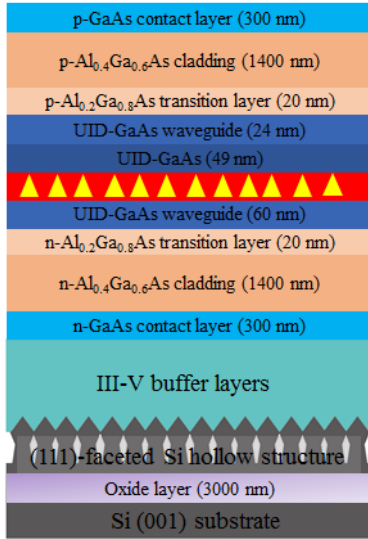
Patterning process induced defects

GaAs on (111)-faceted Si hollow structure

- 8-inch Si wafer
- Pattern period 360 nm
- U-shape ridge width ~ 140 nm
- U-shape pattern depth ~ 500 nm
- Homo-epitaxy of Si ~550 nm
- III-V dislocation filter structures
- $2 \times 2 \mu\text{m}^2$ AFM roughness: 0.24 nm

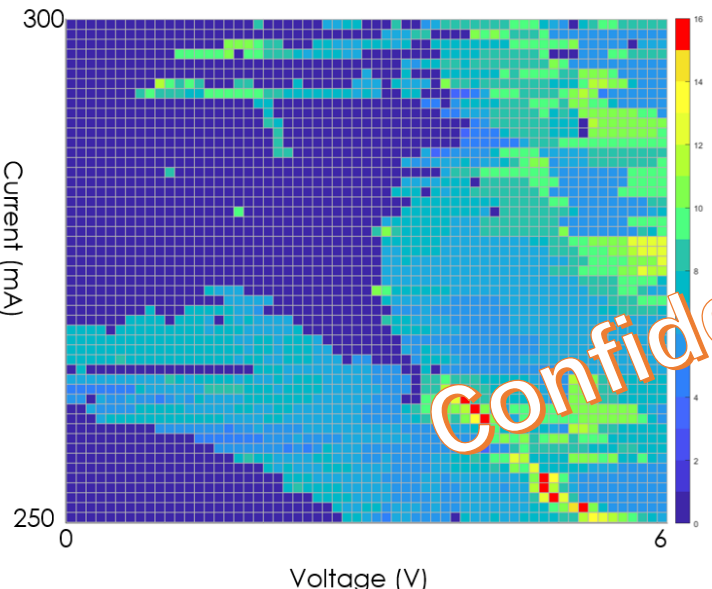


1.3 μm InAs QDs FP lasers on Si



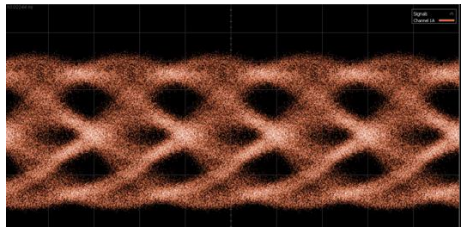
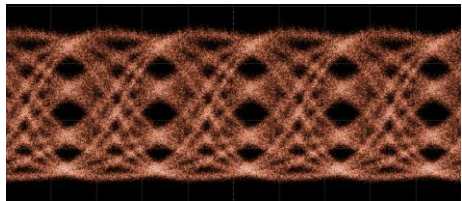
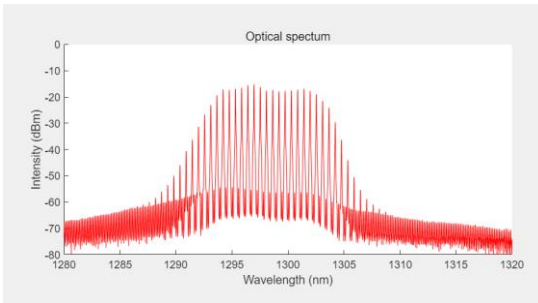
- High density InAs QDs: $3.3 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
- Enhanced PL intensity due to Si (111) grating structures
- CW operation up to 90 °C

100GHz QDs comb lasers



261mA 4.1V

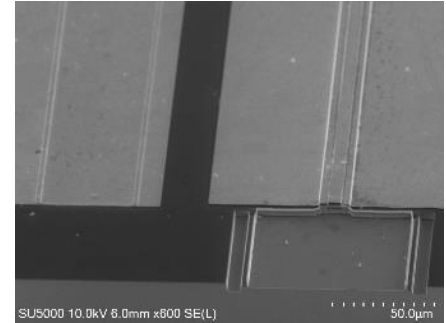
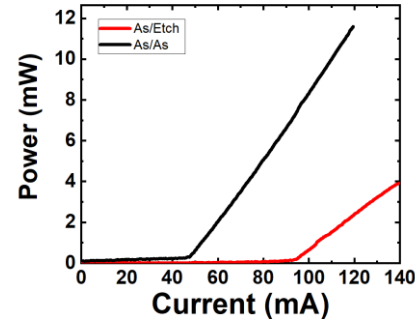
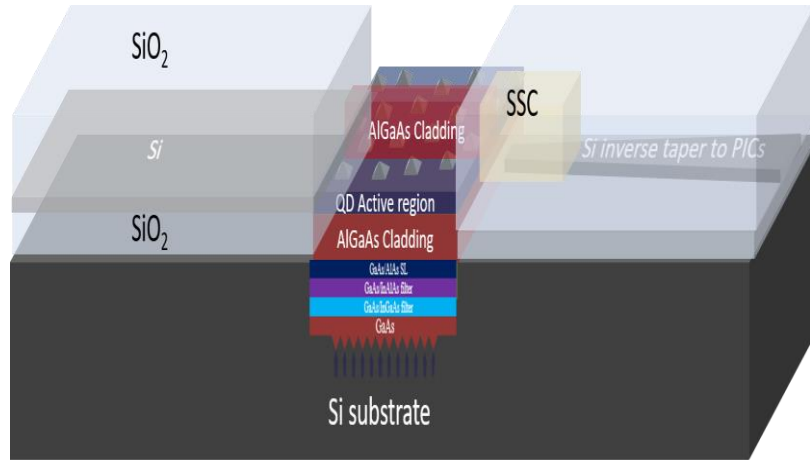
56GbaudPAM4



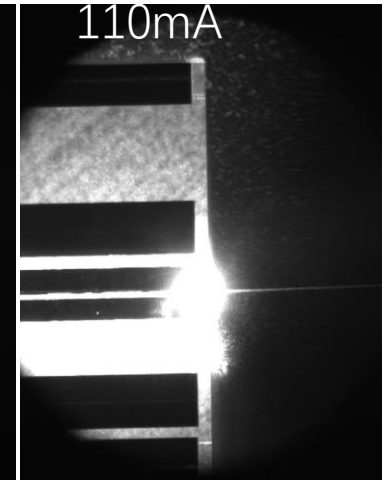
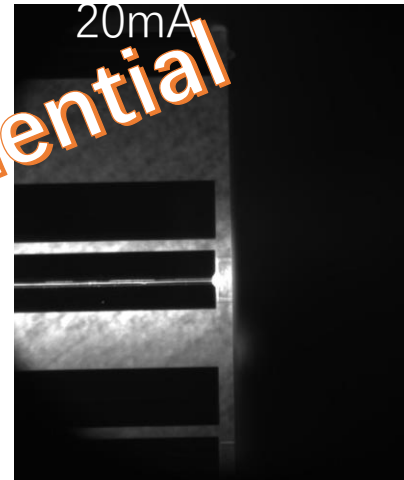
- 4th order 100GHz QDs comb on Si
- >16 comb lines
- > 50 mW output power
- > 75°C CW operation
- 100Gbps NRZ; 56Gbaud/s PAM4

100Gbps NRZ

Monolithically integrated QD comb lasers for silicon PIC



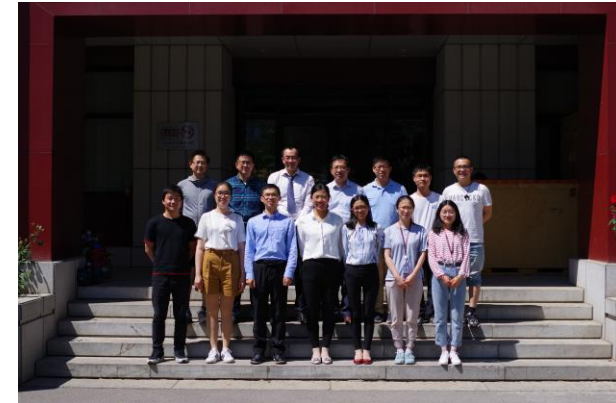
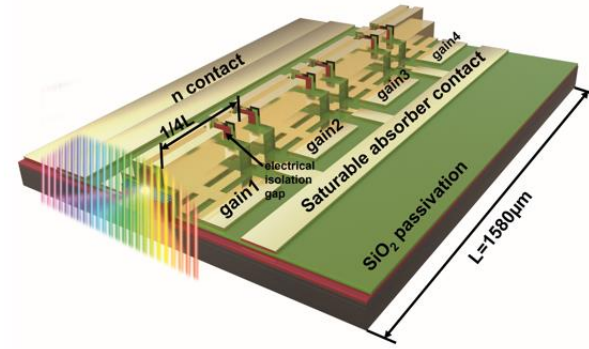
- Embedded FP Lasers in the SOI trench
- Light is coupled out of Si waveguide



Conclusion

- Comb laser source solution is proposed to provide energy efficient multi-wave light source for Tb/s WDM system
- 100GHz spaced InAs QDs comb laser is achieved by directly grown on Si
- 200GHz spaced InAs QDs comb on GaAs
- SOI embedded QD comb lasers are proposed on Si platform

Thanks to the students, postdocs and staff members!





Light up
Tomorrow