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s and their nanostructure s is discussed. This book contains 200 open research problems which form the integral part of the text and are useful for both Ph. D aspirants and researchers in the fields of solid-state sciences, materials science, nanoscience and technology and allied fields in addition to the graduate courses in modern semiconductor nanostructure s. The book is

written for post graduate students, researchers and engineers, professionals in the fields of solid state sciences, materials science, nanoscience and technology, nanostructure d materials and condensed matter physics. Optical Switching in Low-Dimensional Systems Springer Science & Business Media This volume contains the

Proceedings of the NATO Advanced Research Workshop on "Optical Properties of Narrow-Gap Low-Dimensional Structures", held from July 29th to August 1st, 1986, in St. Andrews, Scotland, under the auspices of the NATO International Scientific Exchange Program. The workshop was not limited to optical properties of narrow-gap semiconductor structures (Part III). Sessions on, for example, the growth methods and characterization of III-V, II-VI, and IV-VI materials, discussed in Part II, were an integral part of the workshop. Considering the small masses of the carriers in narrow-gap low dimensional structures (LOS), in Part I the enhanced band mixing and magnetic field effects are explored in the context of the envelope function approximation . Optical nonlinearities and energy relaxation phenomena applied to the well-known systems of HgCdTe and GaAs/GaAlAs, respectively, are reviewed with comments on their extension to narrow gap LOS. The relevance of optical observations in quantum transport studies is illustrated in Part IV. A review of devices based on epitaxial narrow-gap materials defines a frame of

reference for future ones based on two-dimensional narrow-gap semiconductor s; in addition, an analysis of the physics of quantum well lasers provides a guide to relevant parameters for narrow-gap laser devices for the infrared (Part V). The roles and potentials of special techniques are explored in Part VI, with emphasis on hydrostatic pressure techniques, since this has a pronounced effect in small-

mass, narrow-gap, non-parabolic structures. New Physics and Applications Clarendon Press This volume represents the written account of the NATO Advanced Study Institute "Lower-Dimensional Systems and Molecular Electronics" held at Hotel Spetses, Spetses Island, Greece from 12 June to 23 June 1989. The goal of the Institute was to demonstrate

the breadth of chemical and physical knowledge that has been acquired in the last 20 years in inorganic and organic crystals, polymers, and thin films, which exhibit phenomena of reduced dimensionality . The interest in these systems started in the late 1960's with lower-dimensional inorganic conductors, in the early 1970's with quasi-one-dimensional crystalline organic

conductors. which by 1979 led to the first organic superconductors, and, in 1977, to the first conducting polymers. The study of monolayer films (Langmuir-Blodgett films) had progressed since the 1930's, but reached a great upsurge in the early 1980's. The pursuit of non-linear optical phenomena became increasingly popular in the early 1980's, as the attention

turned from inorganic crystals to organic films and polymers. And in the last few years the term "molecular electronics" has gained ever-increasing acceptance, although it is used in several contexts. We now have organic superconductors with critical temperatures in excess of 10 K, conducting polymers that are soluble and processable, and used commercially;

we have films of a few monolayers that have high in-plane electrical conductivity, and polymers that show great promise in photonics; we even have a few devices that function almost at the molecular level. Elementary Excitations and Applications Springer Science & Business Media This work represents the account of a NATO Advanced Research Workshop on

"Thin Film Growth Techniques for Low Dimensional Structures", held at the University of Sussex, Brighton, England from 15-19 Sept. 1986. The objective of the workshop was to review the problems of the growth and characterisation of thin semiconductor and metal layers. Recent advances in deposition techniques have made it possible to design new material which is based on

ultra-thin layers and this is now posing challenges for scientists, technologists and engineers in the assessment and utilisation of such new material. Molecular beam epitaxy (MBE) has become well established as a method for growing thin single crystal layers of semiconductors. Until recently, MBE was confined to the growth of III-V compounds and alloys, but now it is being used for group IV

semiconductors and II-VI compounds. Examples of such work are given in this volume. MBE has one major advantage over other crystal growth techniques in that the structure of the growing layer can be continuously monitored using reflection high energy electron diffraction (RHEED). This technique has offered a rare bonus in that the time dependent intensity variations of RHEED can be



used to determine growth rates and alloy composition rather precisely. Indeed, a great deal of new information about the kinetics of crystal growth from the vapour phase is beginning to emerge. *Spectroscopy of Systems with Spatially Confined Structures* Springer Science & Business Media Low-Dimensional Semiconductor Structures offers a

seamless, atoms-to-devices introduction to the latest quantum heterostructures. It covers their fabrication; electronic, optical, and transport properties; role in exploring new physical phenomena; and utilization in devices. The authors describe the epitaxial growth of semiconductors and the physical behavior of electrons and phonons in low-dimensional

structures. They then go on to discuss nonlinear optics in quantum heterostructures. The final chapters deal with semiconductor lasers, mesoscopic devices, and high-speed heterostructure devices. The book contains many exercises and comprehensive references. Low Dimensional Semiconductor Structures Springer Science & Business Media The field of low-

dimensional structures has been experiencing rapid development in both theoretical and experimental research.

Phonons in Low Dimensional Structures is a collection of chapters related to the properties of solid-state structures dependent on lattice vibrations. The book is divided into two parts. In the first part, research topics such as interface phonons and

polaron states, carrier-phonon non-equilibrium dynamics, directional projection of elastic waves in parallel array of N elastically coupled waveguides, collective dynamics for longitudinal and transverse phonon modes, and elastic properties for bulk metallic glasses are related to semiconductor devices and metallic glasses devices. The second part of the book

contains, among others, topics related to superconductor, phononic crystal carbon nanotube devices such as phonon dispersion calculations using density functional theory for a range of superconducting materials, phononic crystal-based MEMS resonators, absorption of acoustic phonons in the hyper-sound regime in fluorine-modified carbon nanotubes and single-

walled nanotubes, phonon transport in carbon nanotubes, quantization of phonon thermal conductance, and phonon Anderson localization.

**A Festschrift in Honour of Professor H. Kamimura**  
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The optical properties of semiconductor s have played an important role since the identification of semiconductor s as "small" bandgap

materials in the thinies, due both to their fundamental interest as a class of solids baving specific optical propenies and to their many important applications. On the former aspect we can cite the fundamental edge absorption and its assignment to direct or indirect transitions, many-body effects as revealed by exciton formation and photoconductivity. On the

latter aspect, large-scale applications such as LEDs and lasers, photovoltaic converters, photodetector s, electro-optics and non-linear optic devices, come to mind. The eighties saw a revitalization of the whole field due to the advent of heterostructur es of lower-dimensionality , mainly two-dimensional quantum wells, which through their enhanced photon-matter interaction yielded new devices with

unsurpassed performance. Although many of the basic phenomena were evidenced through the seventies, it was this impact on applications which in turn led to such a massive investment in fabrication tools, thanks to which many new structures and materials were studied, yielding further advances in fundamental physics. *Optical and Electrical Studies of Low*

*Dimensional Structures* Springer Science & Business Media In Bird of Passage by Rudolf Peierls, we find a paragraph in which he describes his Cambridge days in the 1930s: On these [relativistic field theory] problems my main contacts were Dirac, and the younger theoreticians. These included in particular Nevill (now Sir Nevill) Mott, perhaps the friendliest

among many kind and friendly people we met then. Professor Kamimura became associated with Sir Rudolf Peierls in the 1950s, when he translated, with his colleagues, Peierls's 1955 textbook, *Quantum Theory of Solids*, into Japanese. This edition, to which Sir Rudolf himself contributed a preface, benefitted early generations of Japanese solid state physicists.

Later in 1974/5, during a sabbatical year spent at the Cavendish Laboratory, Professor Kamimura met and began a long association with Sir Nevill Mott. In particular, they developed ideas for disordered systems. One of the outcomes is a paper coauthored by them on ESR-induced variable range hopping in doped semiconductors. A series of works on disordered

systems, together with those on two-dimensional systems, have served as building blocks for Physics of Interacting Electrons in Disordered Systems, in the International Series of Monographs on Physics, coauthored by Aoki and published in 1989 by the Oxford University Press. Soon after Professor Kamimura obtained a D. Sc. in 1959 for the work on the ligand field theory

under the supervision of Masao Kotani, his strong connections in the international physical community began when he worked at the Bell Telephone Laboratories in 1961/64. *The Physics of Low-dimensional Semiconductors* Springer Science & Business Media Optical Properties of Narrow-Gap Low-Dimensional Structures Springer *Compound Semiconducto*

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Defects in Advanced Electronic Materials and Novel Low Dimensional Structures provides a comprehensive review on the recent progress in solving defect issues and deliberate defect engineering in novel material systems. It

begins with an overview of point defects in ZnO and group-III nitrides, including irradiation-induced defects, and then look at defects in one and two-dimensional materials, including carbon nanotubes and graphene. Next, it examines the ways that defects can expand the potential applications of semiconductors, such as energy upconversion and quantum processing.

The book concludes with a look at the latest advances in theory. While defect physics is extensively reviewed for conventional bulk semiconductors, the same is far from being true for novel material systems, such as low-dimensional 1D and 0D nanostructures and 2D monolayers. This book fills that necessary gap. Presents an in-depth overview of both conventional bulk semiconductor

s and low-dimensional, novel material systems, such as 1D structures and 2D monolayers. Addresses a range of defects in a variety of systems, providing a comparative approach. Includes sections on advances in theory that provide insights on where this body of research might lead. Springer Science & Business Media. Compound Semiconducto

rs 1995 focuses on emerging applications for GaAs and other compound semiconductor s, such as InP, GaN, GaSb, ZnSe, and SiC, in the electronics and optoelectronic s industries. The book presents the research and development work in all aspects of compound semiconductor s. It reflects the maturity of GaAs as a semiconductor material and the rapidly increasing pool of

research information on many other compound semiconductor s. Covering the full breadth of the subject, from growth through processing to devices and integrated circuits, this volume provides researchers in materials science, device physics, condensed matter physics, and electrical and electronic engineering with a comprehensive overview of developments

in this well-established research area. A Crash Course Springer Science & Business Media The book describes how the electrons in small "low-dimensional" structures interact with their surroundings. It contains a series of linked up to date review chapters as well as explanatory material and is written to be understandable to graduate students and newcomers to

the field. All contributions come from leading scientists. *Thin Film Growth Techniques for Low-Dimensional Structures* Springer Starting with the first transistor in 1949, the world has experienced a technological revolution which has permeated most aspects of modern life, particularly over the last generation. Yet another such revolution looms up before us with

the newly developed capability to control matter on the nanometer scale. A truly extraordinary research effort, by scientists, engineers, technologists of all disciplines, in nations large and small throughout the world, is directed and vigorously pressed to develop a full understanding of the properties of matter at the nanoscale and its possible applications, to bring to fruition the



promise of nanostructures to introduce a new generation of electronic and optical devices. The physics of low dimensional semiconductor structures, including heterostructures, superlattices, quantum wells, wires and dots is reviewed and their modeling is discussed in detail. The truly exceptional material, Graphene, is reviewed; its functionalization and Van der Waals interactions

are included here. Recent research on optical studies of quantum dots and on the physical properties of one-dimensional quantum wires is also reported. Chapters on fabrication of nanowire - based nanogap devices by the dielectrophoretic assembly approach. The broad spectrum of research reported here incorporates chapters on nanoengineering and nanophysics. In its

presentation of tutorial chapters as well as advanced research on nanostructures, this book is ideally suited to meet the needs of newcomers to the field as well as experienced researchers interested in viewing colleagues' recent advances. Fundamental Aspects of Laser-matter Interaction, And, New Nonlinear Optical Materials and Physics of Low-dimensional

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Germanium, at optical telecommunication wavelengths. Self-assembled doped Germanium islands on Silicon have shown improved light-emission properties at telecommunication wavelengths with higher activation energies and improved ratio of radiative to non-radiative recombination . It is well known that the Stranski-Krastinov growth mode of these islands by molecular-beam-epitaxy is based on the strain due to the 4.2% lattice mismatch between the Germanium and Silicon atoms. Therefore it is extremely important to understand the strain in these structures and their influence on the optical properties of the islands, using various characterization techniques such as Raman spectroscopy, absorption measurement s, photoluminescence spectroscopy, temperature-dependent, excitation-intensity-dependent, and time-resolved photoluminescence and spectroscopy. Band-engineered Germanium nanocrystals are considered to be highly promising for Silicon photonics integration due the near-direct band structure of the material. Germanium is fully-compatible with CMOS and the

nanocrystals provide stronger confinement than Silicon nanocrystals due to the higher dielectric constant and larger Bohr-radius. In addition, large Germanium nanocrystals provide efficient emission, at room temperature, in the spectral range suitable for optical telecommunications. Fabrication of free-standing Germanium nanocrystals has been successful using a simple

and inexpensive process. Their excellent light-emission properties, simple fabrication, and compatibility with standard microelectronic processes make them highly attractive for Silicon photonics integration and it is essential to understand their structural and optical properties. Raman spectroscopy, high-resolution-transmission-electron-

microscopy, excitation-intensity-dependent photoluminescence spectroscopy, and time-resolved photoluminescence spectroscopy are used to gain insight into the structural properties, strain, photo-emission and recombination mechanisms in these structures. Thin, flexible semiconductor nanoscale membranes are superior platforms for high-performance flexible

optoelectronic devices and high-efficiency flexible solar cell designs. Existing processes are extremely complicated and expensive. We develop a simple and inexpensive process for the fabrication of Silicon thin films for application in flexible solar cells. The structural properties are studied with techniques such as surface-enhanced Raman spectroscopy. Further characterizati

on of optical properties and strain are being contemplated using x-ray diffraction, photoluminescence spectroscopy, and Raman spectroscopy techniques. In addition, this work will discuss the optical characterization of various III-V materials systems such as Gallium-Arsenide/Gallium-Arsenide-Antimonide and Indium-Gallium-Arsenide/Gallium-Arsenide to study effects of surface

passivation using Antimony and delta doping in these structures. These structures are of great interest for lasers and photodetectors in the long wavelength range and novel photovoltaic devices such as intermediate band solar cells. Room temperature photoluminescence spectroscopy and variations such as excitation-intensity dependent and

temperature-dependent spectroscopy techniques have been used to determine emission properties and sub-band level occupancies and other structural characteristics such as defect densities and crystal quality.

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suggested that an "ideal" conductivity could be associated to the sliding of this charge density wave. Since then, several classes of compounds, including layered transition metal dichalcogenides, quasi one-dimensional organic conductors and transition metal tri- and tetrachalcogenides have been extensively studied. The molybdenum bronzes or oxides have been

discovered or rediscovered as low dimensional conductors in this last decade. A considerable amount of work has now been performed on this subject and it was time to collect some review papers in a single book. Although this book is focused on the molybdenum bronzes and oxides, it has a far more general interest in the field of low dimensional conductors, since several of the

molybdenum compounds provide, from our point of view, model systems. This is the case for the quasi one-dimensional blue bronze, especially due to the availability of good quality large single crystals. This book is intended for scientists belonging to the fields of solid state physics and chemistry as well as materials science. It should especially be useful to many graduate

students involved in low dimensional oxides. It has been written by recognized specialists of low dimensional systems.

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 This book contains all the papers presented at the NATO workshop on "Optical Switching in Low Dimensional Systems" held in Marbella, Spain from October 6th to 8th, 1988. Optical switching is a basic function for optical data processing, which is of technological interest because of its potential parallelism and its



potential speed. Semiconductors which exhibit resonance enhanced optical nonlinearities in the frequency range close to the band edge are the most intensively studied materials for optical bistability and fast gate operation. Modern crystal growth techniques, particularly molecular beam epitaxy, allow the manufacture of semiconductor microstructure s such as quantum wells, quantum wires and quantum dots in which the electrons are only free to move in two, one or zero dimensions, of the optically excited electron-hole pairs in these low respectively. The spatial confinement dimensional structures gives rise to an enhancement of the excitonic nonlinearities. Furthermore, the variations of the microstruture extensions, of the compositions, and of the doping offer great new flexibility in engineering the desired optical properties. Recently, organic chain molecules (such as polydiacetylene) which are different realizations of one dimensional electronic systems, have been shown also to have interesting optical nonlinearities. Both the development and study of optical and

electro-optical devices, as well as experimental and theoretical investigations of the underlying optical nonlinearities, are contained in this book.

Devices Based on Low-Dimensional Semiconductor Structures

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Low-dimensional semiconductor quantum structures are a major, high-technological development that has a considerable

industrial potential. The field is developing extremely rapidly and the present book represents a timely guide to the latest developments in device technology, fundamental properties, and some remarkable applications. The content is largely tutorial, and the book could be used as a textbook. The book deals with the physics, fabrication, characteristics and performance

of devices based on low-dimensional semiconductor structures. It opens with fabrication procedures. The fundamentals of quantum structures and electro-optical devices are dealt with extensively. Nonlinear optical devices are discussed from the point of view of physics and applications of exciton saturation in MQW structures. Waveguide-based devices are also described in

terms of linear and nonlinear coupling. The basics of pseudomorphic HEMT technology, device physics and materials layer design are presented. Each aspect is reviewed from the elementary basics up to the latest developments. Audience: Undergraduates in electrical engineering, graduates in physics and engineering schools. Useful for active scientists and engineers wishing to update their

knowledge and understanding of recent developments. Fundamental Aspects of Laser-matter Interaction and New Nonlinear Optical Materials and Physics of Low-dimensional Structures : 29 June-3 July 1998, Moscow, Russia Springer Science & Business Media The past few decades have seen an explosive increase in our ability to create

nanostructures and nanosystems with a great degree of control, using a diversity of techniques. This ability has been accompanied by a similar enhancement in our ability to characterize structures and systems at the nanoscale. This book provides a broad overview of those nanostructures and nanosystems (together termed Nanotechnology). It covers structural

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