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(1) Introduction

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(2) List of Appendixes --- N/A

(3) Statement of Problem Studied

The problem addressed in this AFOSR effort on high-performance III-nitride quantum-dot-based devices is to design and characterize optically III-nitride laser heterostructures through the application of the quantum-engineering techniques. The investigators study mechanisms, phenomena, and interactions --- strain-induced shifts in the phonon frequencies in GaN quantum dots, confinement-induced shifts in the phonon frequencies in GaN quantum dots, carrier transport in heterostructure lasers, spontaneous-polarization effects in III-nitride quantum dots, radiation absorption due to two-phonon effects --- having potential for enhancing the performance III-nitride and related würtzite quantum-dot-based optoelectronic devices.

(4) Summary of Most Important Results

The most important results obtained during this period of this effort include: electrical and optical studies of components of devices and systems of III-nitride and related würtzite quantum-dot-based optoelectronic devices; electronic and optical properties of quantum dots in ensembles; models of heterostructure-based and nanowire-based devices; models and measurements of strain-induced shifts in the phonon frequencies in GaN quantum dots; models and measurements of confinement-induced shifts in the phonon frequencies in GaN quantum dots; the characterization of quantum dots in chemically-assembled optoelectronic structures; formulating a theory of the spontaneous polarization of the nanoscale würtzite structures; formulating models for conductance in nanowire components for optoelectronic devices and systems; and designing photodetectors using würtzite-based quantum dots.

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(6) List of All Participating Scientific Personnel

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(7) Honors and Awards

The PI was:

named the Richard and Loan Hill Professor in September 2006;

selected for the Technical Leadership Award a for the Nano-DDS Conference in July 2008;

appointed to the Editorial Board of the IEEE Proceedings in Fall 2007;

appointed as a member of the National Research Council (NRC) Board on Army Science and Technology (BAST) in January 2008.

(8) Report of Inventions: None