

3D device processing of GaN nanostructures for electronic and optoelectronic sensor platforms

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GaN nanostructures with vertical 3D architecture, well-designed geometry, high aspect ratio, and large area coverage have been continuously developed as an alternative path towards novel nanodevices for enhanced multiple optoelectronic and electronic sensor systems. Such building blocks offer large surface-to-volume ratio, high-quality material (i.e., almost defect-free), non-polar surface orientations, and feasibility to use enormous area foreign substrates without devising strain. All these unique characteristics are difficult to be obtained in planar thin film approaches. To manufacture 3D GaN nanoarrays, both bottom-up and top-down approaches involving different nanolithography techniques (i.e., photolithography, nanoimprint lithography, nanosphere lithography, and e-beam lithography), can be employed offering homogeneous size distribution and fine morphology. However, 3D processing is still a major challenge. Here, we report on the further development of 3D processing towards biomedical/chemical sensors and vertical field-effect transistors (FETs). In terms of the geometry, nanofins potentially provide more benefits than vertical nanowires as they can reduce edge effects, have a higher gain in effective surface area, and be more accessible for material analysis. The talk will focus on the comparison of direct bottom-up MOCVD growth with top-down hybrid etching results, with particular highlight on the subsequent 3D processing. The performance of 3D micro-/nanoLEDs and vertical FETs as well as their integration into sensor devices for different applications will be presented and discussed.

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