

Title (en)

BROAD-BAND QUANTUM WELL INFRARED PHOTODETECTORS

Title (de)

BREITBANDIGE INFRAROT FOTODETEKTOREN MIT QUANTUMWELL

Title (fr)

PHOTODETECTEURS INFRAROUGE LARGE BANDE A PUITS QUANTIQUE

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Abstract (en)

[origin: WO9927583A1] A quantum well (200) can be designed to detect light of a particular wavelength by tailoring the potential depth and width of the well (202). The design produces two energy states (210, 208) in the well (202) separated by the desired photon energy. The GaAs/Al_xGa_{1-x}As material system allows the quantum well shape to be varied over a range wide enough to enable light detection at wavelengths longer than approximately 6 mm. Hence, large bandgap materials such as GaAs/Al_xGa_{1-x}As material has made fabrication of a large focal plane arrays tuned to detect light at wavelengths from 6 to 25 mm possible.

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