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Solid-State Material and Device Platforms for Integrated Quantum Systems

ABSTRACT

Over the past two decades, unprecedented advances have been witnessed in quantum science and technology, such as quantum sensing beyond uncertainty limits and the supremacy of quantum computing, facilitated by the capabilities of deterministically creating and coherently controlling quantum states in solid-state platforms. Various physical implementations (so-called artificial atoms) have been developed, including quantum dots, defect-related color centers, and superconducting junctions, to mimic the quantum behaviors of isolated atoms.

This talk spotlights several novel solid-state quantum materials, including silicon carbide (SiC), hexagonal boron nitride (h-BN), and lead halide perovskite (CsPb_2X_5 , $\text{X}=\text{Br}, \text{Cl}$), all possessing wide bandgaps and transparent windows at visible wavelengths that are primarily beneficial to constructing dielectric optical cavities. More intriguingly, luminescent defect states (or phases) with nonclassical attributes, despite the different mechanisms, have been discovered in these materials. Case studies will be presented on how the unique combination of wide-bandgap properties and atomistic defect characteristics can empower new device functions and performance. For instance, quantum electrodynamics in cavity-emitter coupled systems, high-frequency acoustic wave propagation in phononic crystal waveguides, and nonlinear frequency conversion and photon-pair generation in whispering gallery cavities will be elaborated, based on the synergy of numerical simulations and experimental demonstrations.

The perspectives of advanced engineering of such multifunctional devices and their hybrid integration will also be discussed, providing valuable guidelines for realizing quantum information transduction and processing in chip-scale integrated systems.

BIO

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