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Motivations

Realization of an optical laser sources with high spectral purity, low intensity noise and highly tunability for microwave photonics and coherent communication systems

Applications

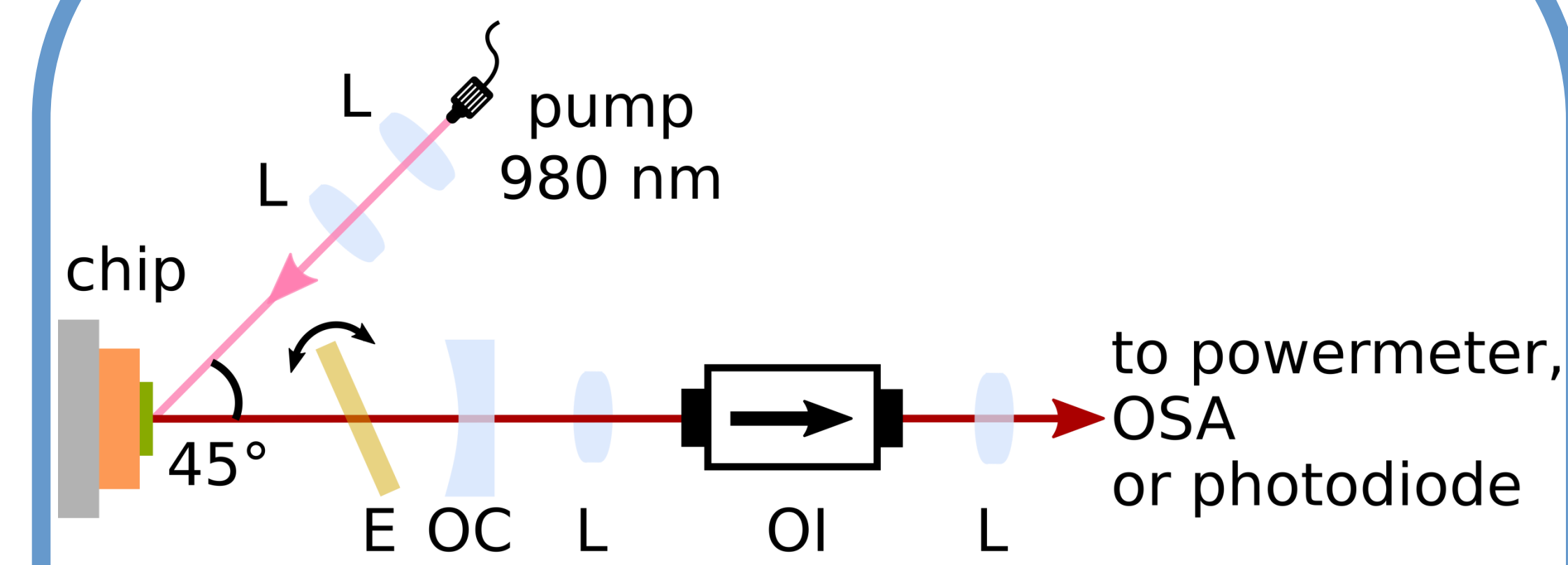
MICROWAVES:

- RADAR/LIDAR systems
- Ultra low-noise sources
- Dual-frequency lasers
- THz generation

METROLOGY:

- High resolution spectroscopy
- High pure optical references signals distribution
- Time/frequency metrology

Experimental setup



Setup 1 (MM emission):

$R_{OC} = 15 \text{ mm}$
 $R = 99.2\% @ 1.6 \mu\text{m}$
 $L_{cav} = 12 \text{ mm}$
 $\omega_{pump} = 145 \mu\text{m} \times 210 \mu\text{m}$
 Multi-mode pumping
 No etalon

Setup 2 (SM emission):

$R_{OC} = 50 \text{ mm}$
 $R = 99.5\% @ 1.6 \mu\text{m}$
 $L_{cav} = 49 \text{ mm}$
 $\omega_{pump} = 80 \mu\text{m} \times 120 \mu\text{m}$
 Single-mode pumping
 40 μm -thick etalon ($R_{eta} = 30\%$)

Conclusion

Demonstration of an Optically-Pumped InAs Quantum Dash-based Vertical-External-Cavity Surface-Emitting Laser on InP.

$P_{out} = 163 \text{ mW} @ P_{inc} = 7 \text{ W}, T=20^\circ\text{C}$ (MM emission)

$P_{out} = 10.4 \text{ mW} @ P_{inc} = 1.1 \text{ W}, T=19.5^\circ\text{C}$ (SM emission)

Polarization aligned along dash [1-10] direction, OPSR = 39 dB

Laser linewidth estimation: 22 kHz (49 mm-long cavity)

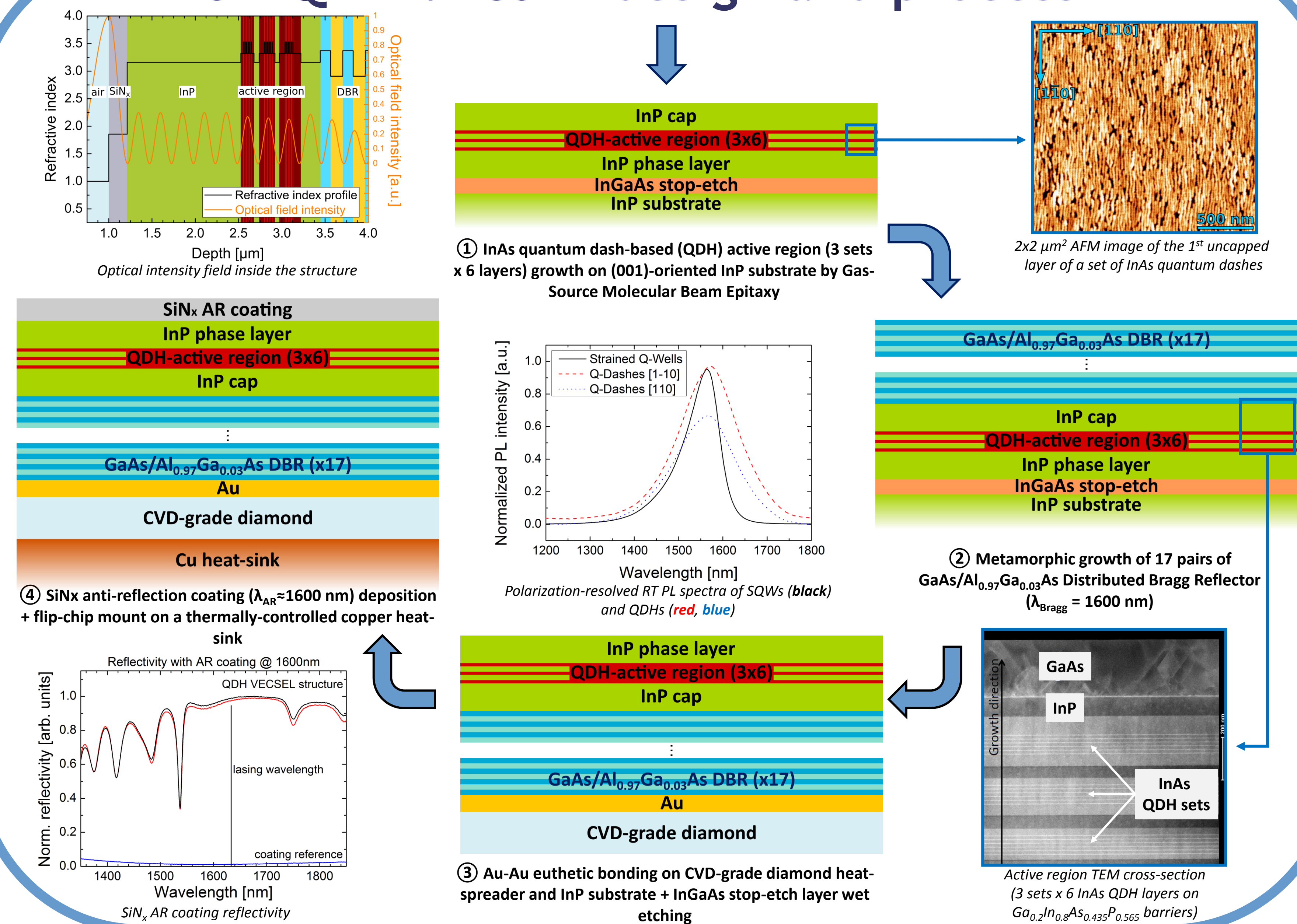
Future perspectives

- Low-noise laser characterization
- Dual-frequency operation
- Laser stabilisation on ULE cavity (metrology)
- Electrical pumping

Funding

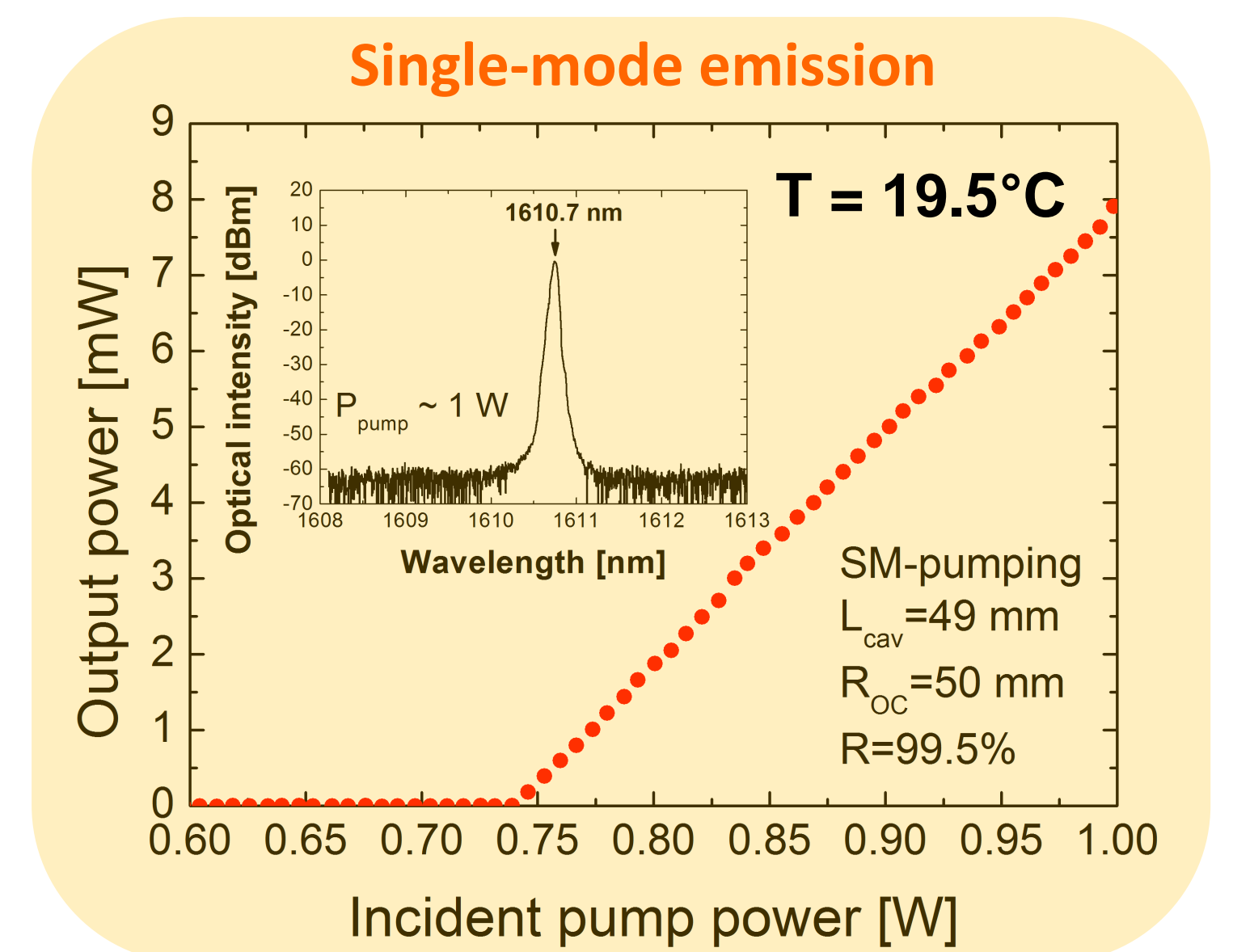
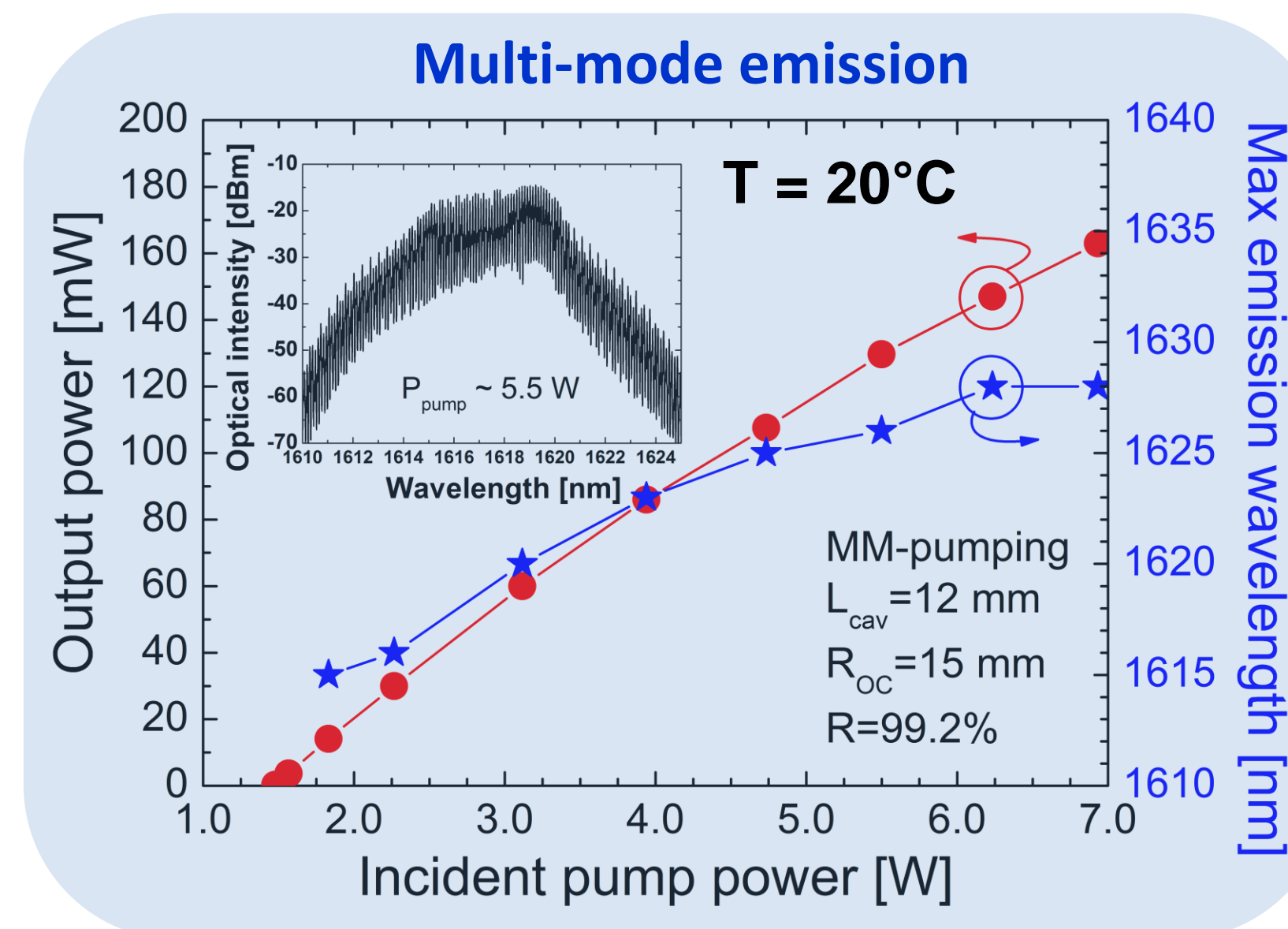
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OP-QDH-VECSEL design and process



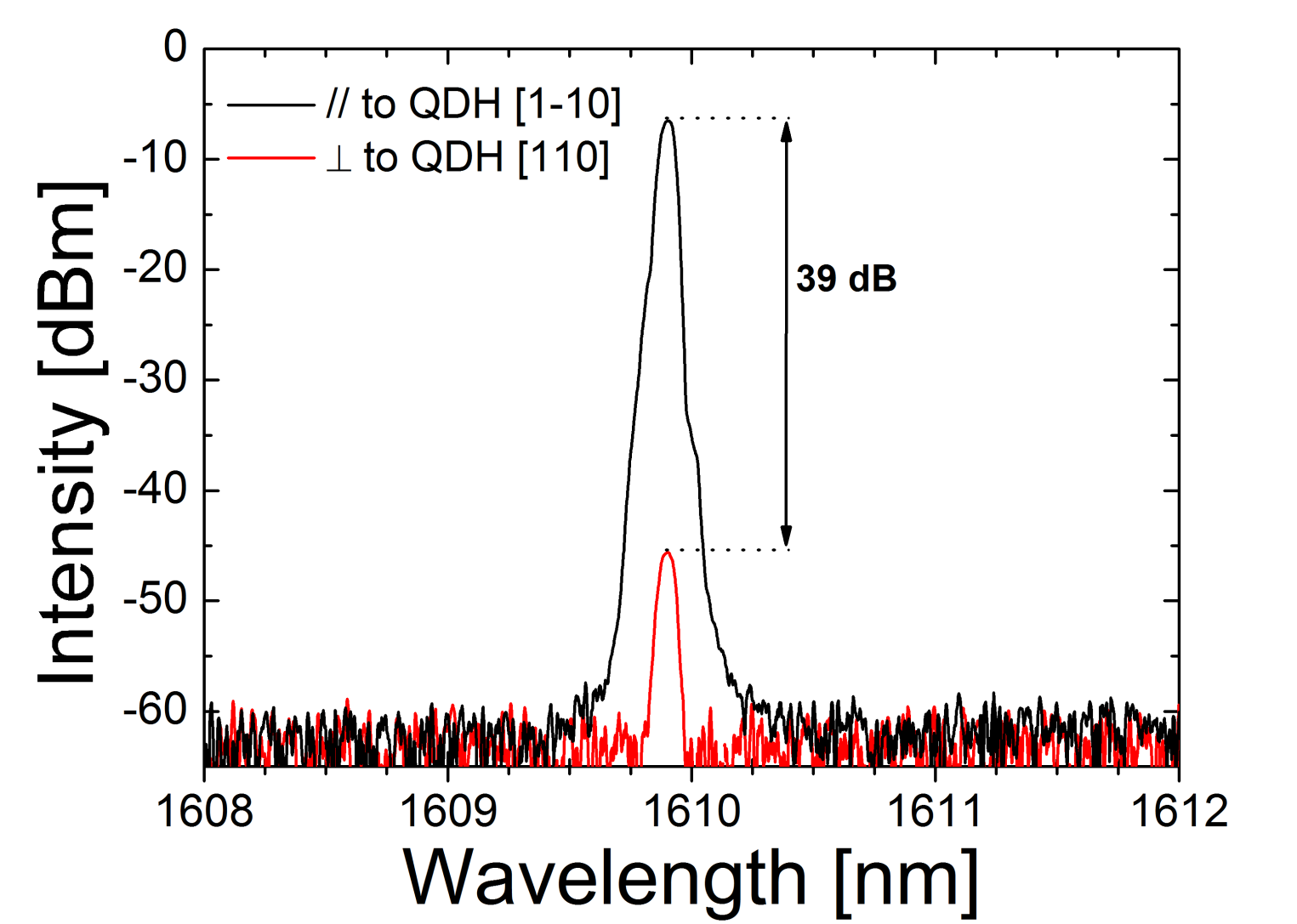
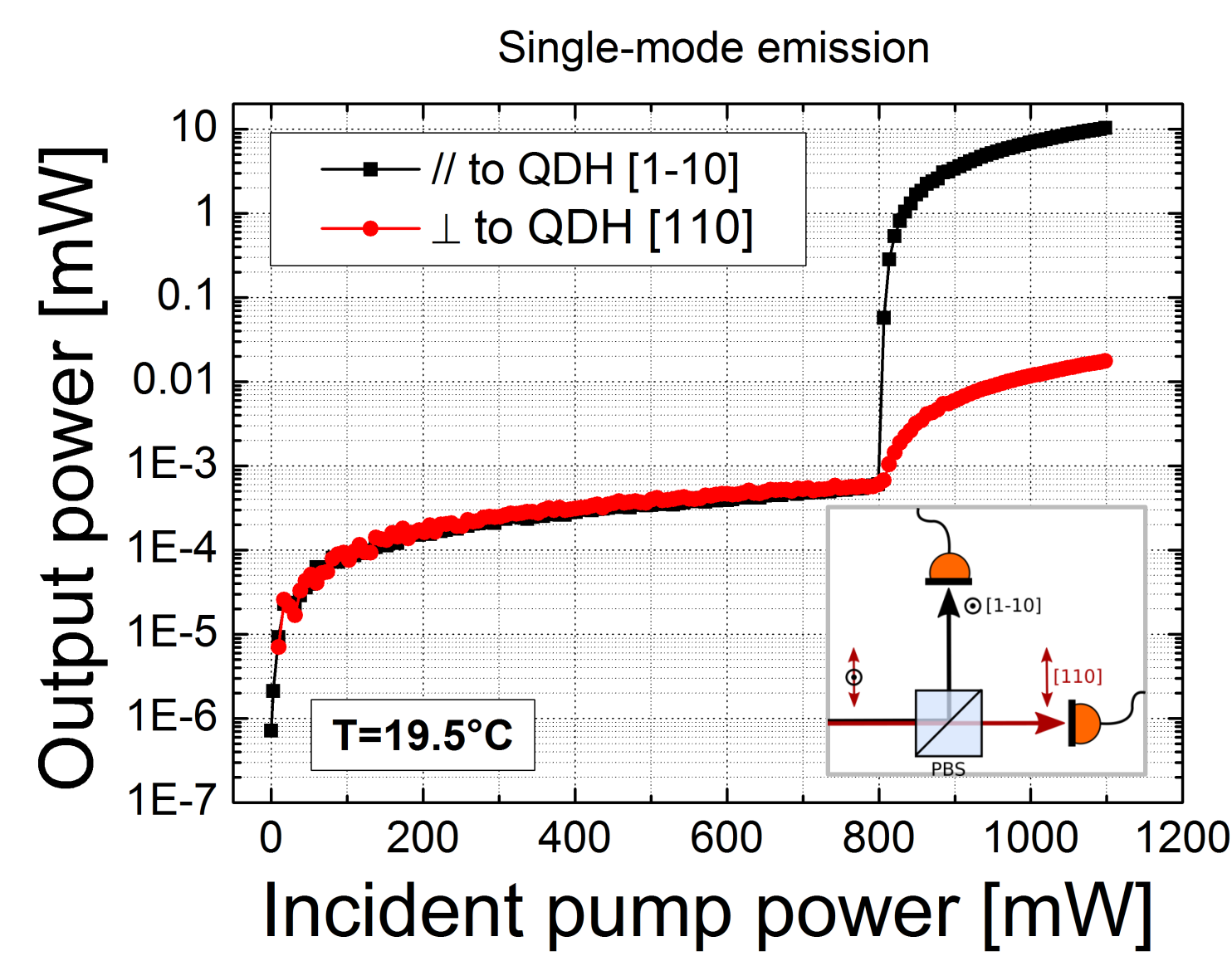
Laser characterization

Output characteristics and emission spectra



Single-mode emission tunable in the 1609-1622 nm range

Polarization-resolved laser emission



Laser linewidth estimation (delayed self-heterodyne measurement)

