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Pores in III–V Semiconductors

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Abstract

Abstract The paper reviews electrochemically etched pores in III–V compound semiconductors (GaP, InP, GaAs) with emphasis on nucleation and formation mechanisms, pore geometries and morphologies, and to several instances of self-organization. Selforganization issues include the formation of single-crystalline twodimensional hexagonal arrays of pores with lattice constants as small as 100 nm found in InP, synchronized and unsynchronized diameter oscillations coupled to current and voltage oscillations, and pore domain formation. The findings are discussed in relation to pores observed in silicon. Some novel properties of the porous layers obtained in III–V compounds are briefly described.