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### Education

D. Eng. (Electrical), Osaka University, Japan, 1974  
M. Eng. (Electrical), Osaka University, Japan, 1971  
B. Eng. (Electrical), Osaka University, Japan, 1969

### Research Interest

Molecular Beam Epitaxy for quantum devices and nanoelectronics & nanophotonics as well as for the development of high performance nanostructure solar cells

### Honors

1979 NRCT Award on "Schottky Barrier Solar Cells"  
1981 NRCT Award on "Solar Cell Technology"  
1982 NRCT Award on "Solar Cell Panels"  
1986 The Outstanding Researcher of the Year by National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT) in the Area of Engineering and Industrial Research  
1991 NRCT Award on "a-Si Solar Cells"  
1991 CU Scientific Invention Award on "Holographic ID"  
1993 CU Scientific Invention Award on "Multiple Exposure Holograms"  
1995-1998 The Senior Researcher Fellowship by the National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA)  
1996 Science and Technology Award by Thailand Toray Science Foundation  
1997 The Outstanding Researcher of the year 1997 by Ministry of University Affairs.  
1997 The Outstanding Engineer of the year 1997 by Engineering Alumni Association, Chulalongkorn University  
2000 The Outstanding Engineer of the year 2000 by Energy Conservation Association of

- Thailand
- 2004 Senior Research Scholar 2004 by Thailand Research Fund
  - 2004 PVSEC-Award on the Contribution to “Solar Cell Research”
  - 2004 Best Poster Award on “Ordered QDs” from MNE04
  - 2004 Best Paper Award on “QDMs for Quantum Computing” from EECON-27
  - 2007 Model Professor Award in S&T by CU Professor Council
  - 2007 Outstanding Researcher in Science and Technology by Thailand Toray Science Foundation
  - 2008 Highly honored receiving prestigious “Dussadeemala” medal from his Majesty the King on his life-long research contribution

### Invitations and Guest Professorships

- 1982-2000 The Member of Committee on Physical Science and Mathematics, National Research Council of Thailand
- 1989 The Member of International Advisory Committee of Solar World Congress'89, International Solar Energy Society (ISES)
- 1990-1991, 1993-1994, 1996, 1999, 2001, 2005 The Member of International Advisory Committee of the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> International Photovoltaic Science and Engineering Conferences (PVSEC-4, -5, -6, -7, -9, -11, -12 and -15)
- 2004 The General Chairman of International Advisory Committee of the 14<sup>th</sup> International Photovoltaic Science and Engineering Conference (PVSEC-14)
- 2000, 2002, 2005 The International Committee Member of the 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> IEEE Photovoltaic Specialists Conferences

He has written 5 books and 377 publications (journals, conference papers and technical reports) on solar cells, photovoltaic applications, laser engineering, optoelectronics and nanoelectronics.

## Abstract

# Novel Nanoelectronic and Nanophotonic Devices\*

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High performance solar cells have been developed using quantum nanostructures grown by molecular beam epitaxy (MBE). Thin-capping-and-regrowth of quantum dots (QDs) is key process to create novel quantum dot molecules (QDMs) which are laterally close packed nanostructures. InAs multi-stack quantum dot molecules are inserted in the GaAs/GaAlAs hetero-structure solar cells. This nanostructure solar cell gives broad spectral response at longer wavelength beyond the band-edge of GaAs. It is found that III-V compound semiconductors with nanostructures integration based solar cells are stable even being operated at high concentration sunlight. However, the low open circuit voltage is remained to be improved for higher efficiency of this new type quantum dot solar cell.

III-V compound semiconductors are used in most photonic devices, e.g. light emitting diodes (LEDs), laser diodes (LDs) as well as photo-detectors. High speed and energy efficient photonic and electronic devices could be realized by integration of active quantum dots into the respective structures, such as quantum dot lasers having the best record of lowest threshold current density, quantum dot transistors operating at very high frequency. Quantum dots could be active layers in infrared detectors for night vision, military and earth resource applications.

Various quantum nanostructures, such as aligned quantum dots, cross hatched quantum dots, quantum rings, bi-quantum dots ( $\times 2$ ), quadra quantum dots ( $\times 4$ ), quantum dot rings with octa quantum dots ( $\times 8$ ) have been developed by several MBE growth techniques, i.e. droplet epitaxy, quantum ring templates. Some of these quantum nanostructures have potential to be quantum bits for future computation based on spintronics and cellular automata. Electron spins could represent binary digital system which works with reliable data. Data transmission by Coulomb repulsion of electrons with negative charge could be conducted at very high speed and at low power consumption in quantum cellular automata using quadra quantum dots in a line. Inverters, logic gates, memories could be designed using aligned and cross hatched quadra quantum dots. In addition, octa quantum dots give 3 logic values of "1", "0" and " $\pm 1/2$ " for more intelligent computation like human brain.

Novel nanoelectronic and nanophotonic devices are key inventions for our future green and intelligent society.

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