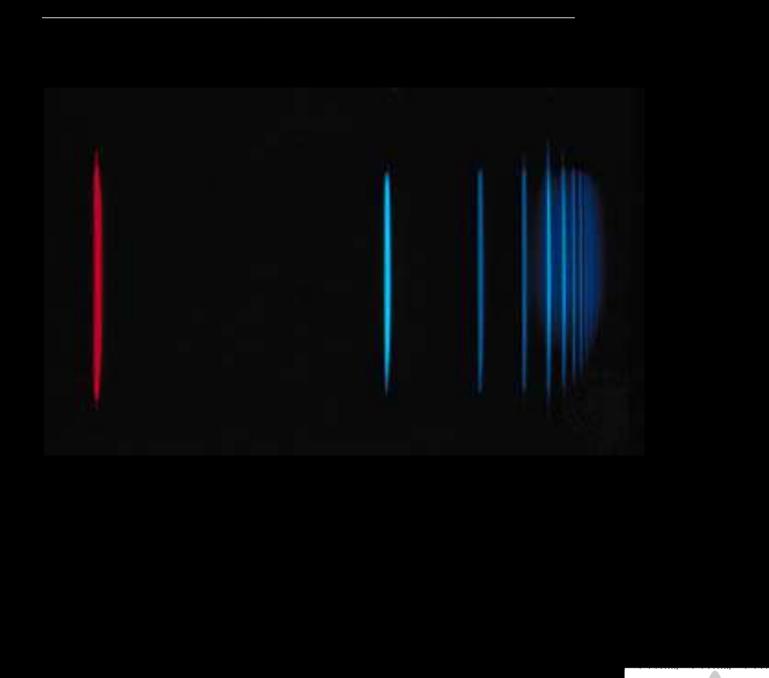
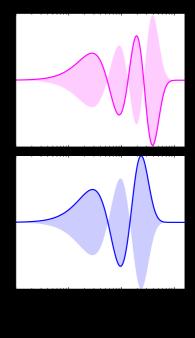
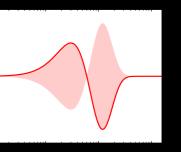
Quantum dots

Natural electron traps (atoms & molecules)



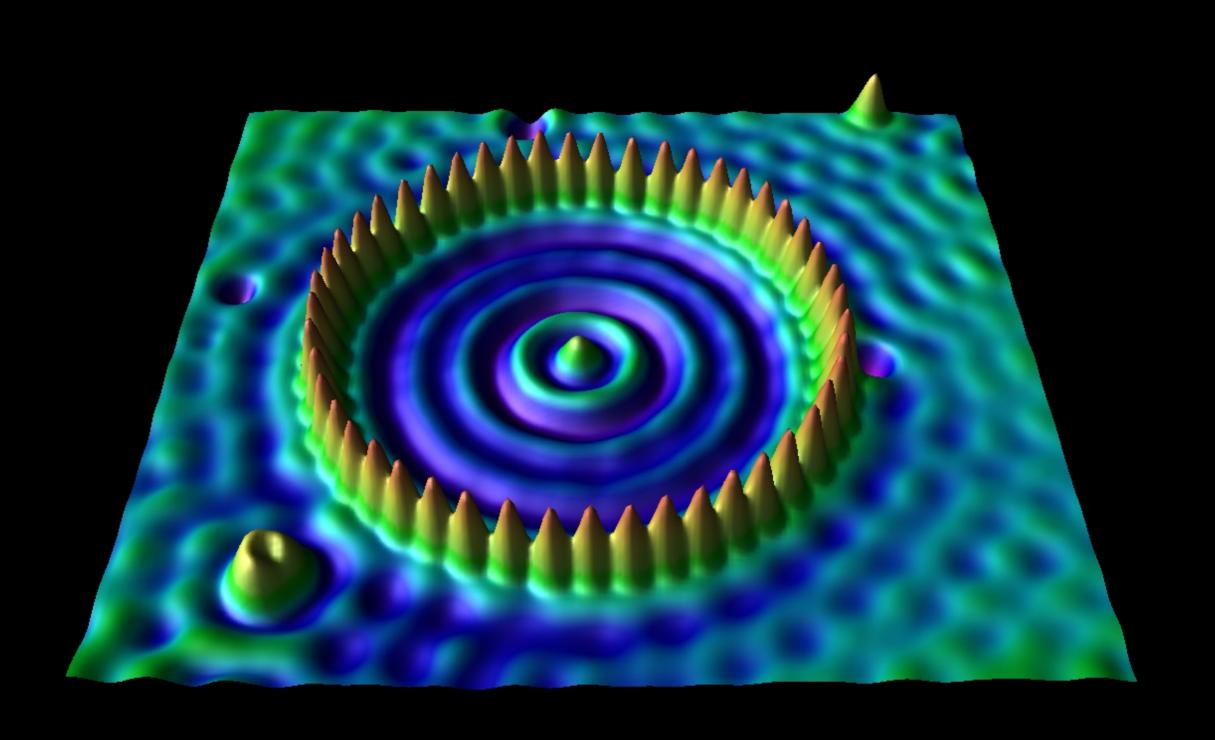




Natural electron traps (atoms & molecules)

- Finding a particular color means finding the right trap
- Scavenger hunt
- What if we could make a trap? An 'artificial atom'?

Quantum corral

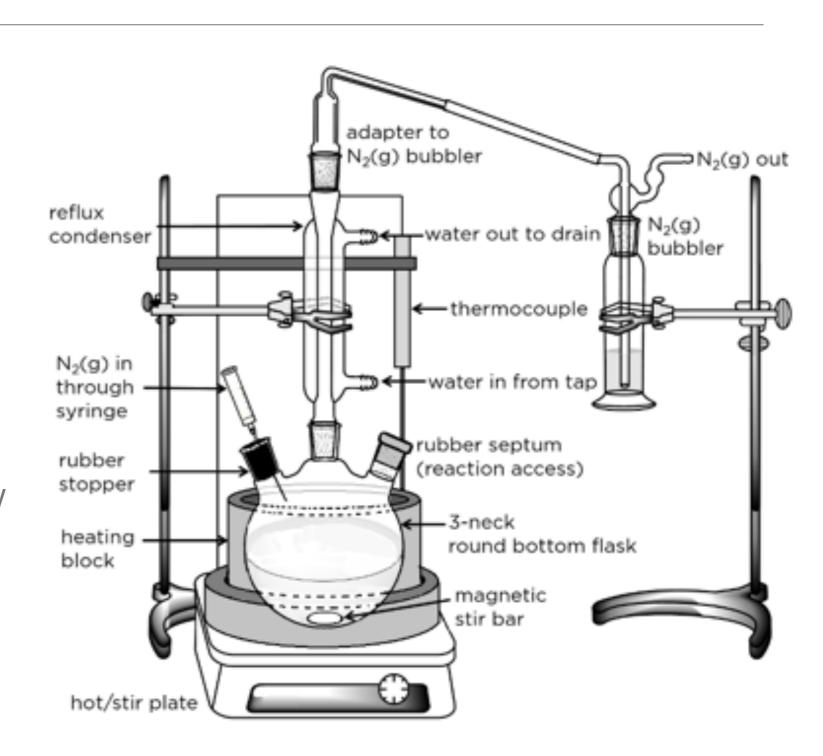




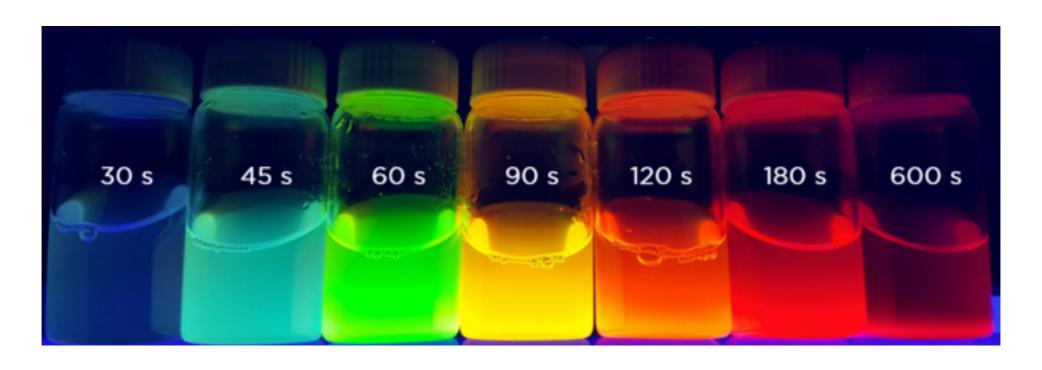


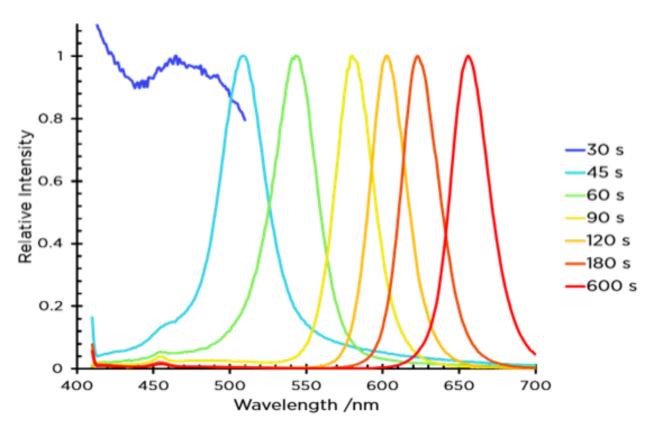
Making Cadmium Selenide QD

- Make a solution of Cadmium oxide
- At 250° C, add
 Selenium solution
- Small beads of Cadmium Selenide immediate start to grow
- Pull out samples with a pipet every few seconds

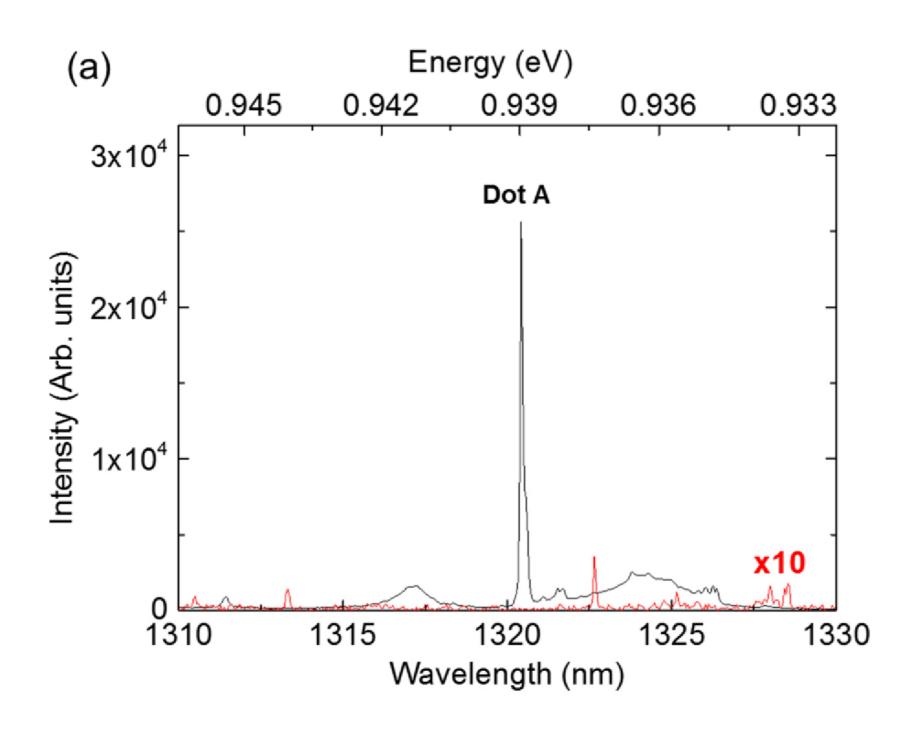


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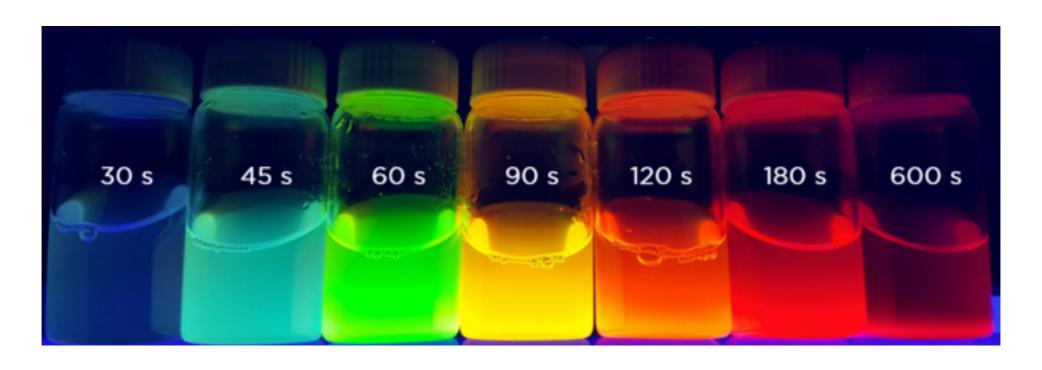


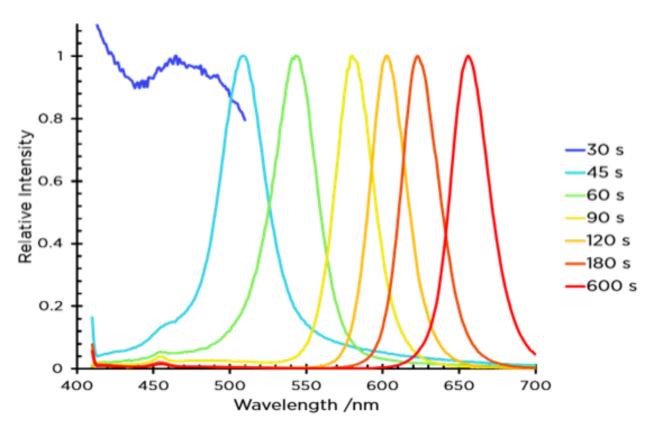


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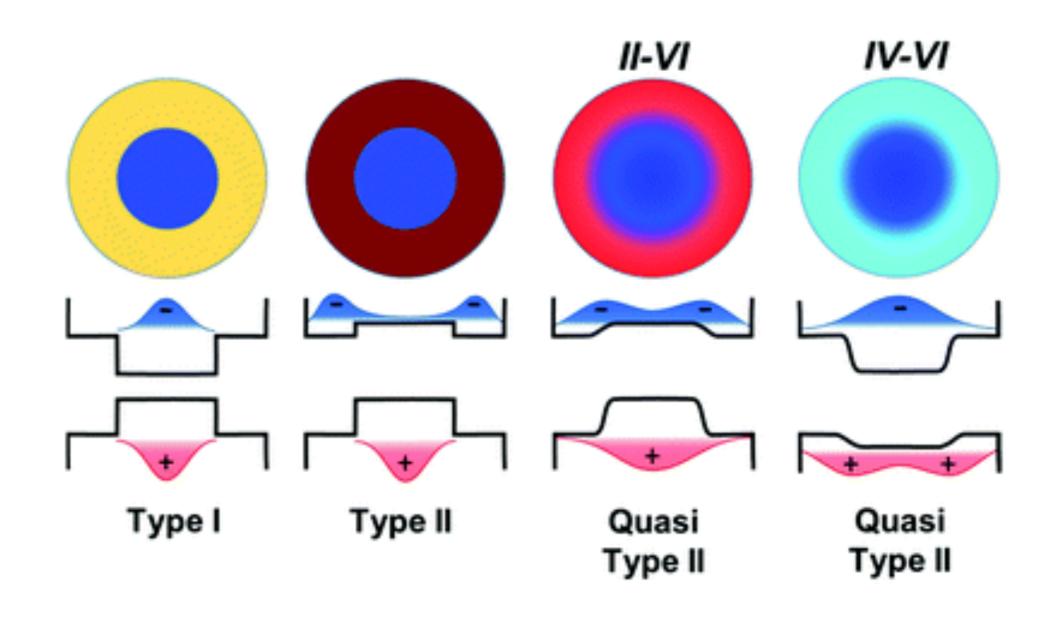


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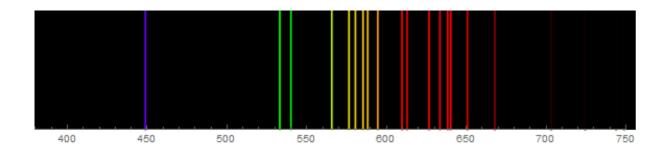
Two-layer beads



Natural vs. artificial traps

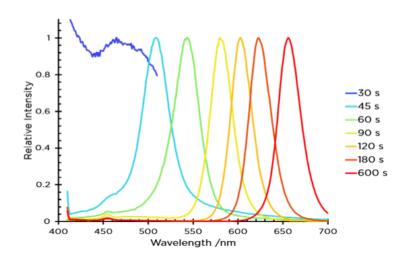
Natural

- Colors are what they are
- All traps of a type are identical (all neon atoms are identical)



Artificial (QD)

- Color can be tuned
- A variety of related traps is often unavoidable



Screens



Electrons move as waves

