Metal organic chemical vapor deposition of core-shell InAs-Al nanowires for proximity-induced superconductivity

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Here we use metal organic chemical vapor deposition (MOCVD) to grow high quality InAs nanowires on predefined Au catalyst sites. An aluminum shell is deposited immediately after the InAs growth is terminated. The resulting core-shell nanowires are structurally and electrically characterized.

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