

Success in fabricating many single-photon sources in solid matter that emit identical photons

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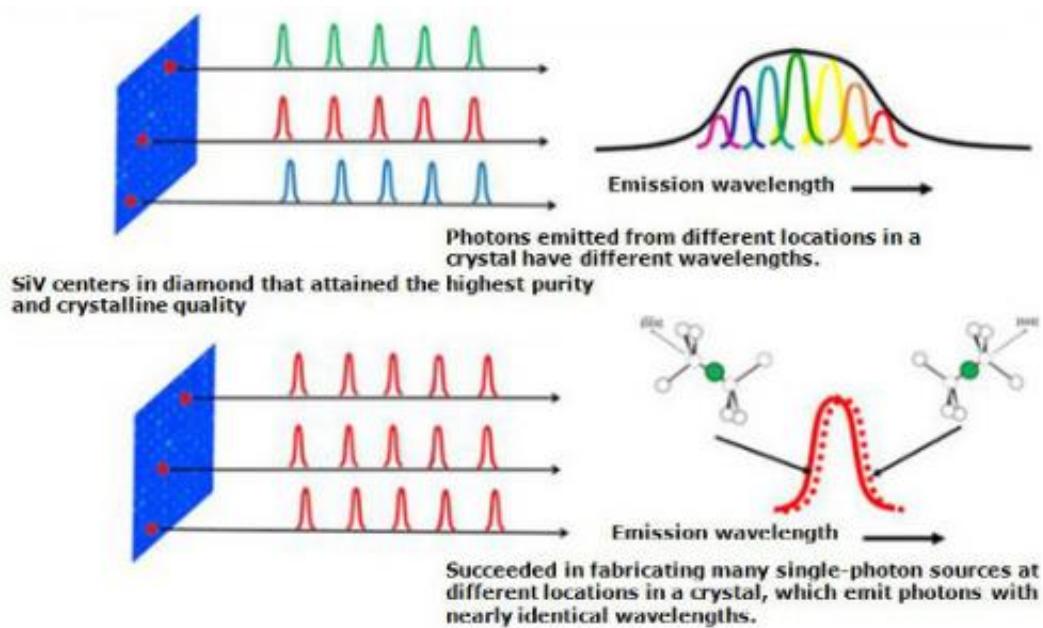


Figure 4 in the press release material. The research group resolved the challenging issue attributed to solid crystals, namely widely spread emission wavelengths, and succeeded in fabricating many single-photon sources that emit photons with nearly identical emission wavelengths.

A research group succeeded for the first time in fabricating single-photon sources of SiV centers which are one of the color centers in diamond during the growth of thin film diamond having high purity and crystalline quality by introducing them at extremely low concentrations.

The results of this research have been published in *Nature Communications*.

The research group led by Junichi Isoya, professor emeritus, University of Tsukuba (also a former principal researcher, Research Center for Knowledge Communities, University of Tsukuba), and Tokuyuki Teraji, principal researcher, Optical and Electronic Materials Unit, NIMS, succeeded for the first time in the world in fabricating single-photon [sources](#) of SiV (silicon vacancy) centers which are one of the color centers in diamond during the growth of thin film diamond having high purity and crystalline quality by introducing them at extremely low concentrations.

By using this advanced technology to grow diamond thin film, the research group succeeded in fabricating many bright and stable single-photon sources at different locations in a crystal. Furthermore, the group obtained nearly identical emission spectra, with a spectral overlap of 91 %, between two photons emitted from two single-photon sources that were fabricated at different locations in a crystal. These results are promising as a key step toward the realization of using single-photon sources in solid matter applied to such fields as [quantum](#) optics, quantum computing and quantum information networks that involve quantum interference.

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