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**Fabrication of Highly Oriented 4H-SiC Gourd-shaped Nanowire Arrays and
Their Field Emission Properties**

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Table S1. Turn-on fields (E_{to})^a of various SiC and typical inorganic semiconductor nanostructured emitters.

	Emitters	Preparation Methods	E_{to} (V/ μ m)	Ref.
Typical SiC nanostructured field emitters that fabricated by the anodic oxidation	4H-SiC gourd-like nanowires arrays SiC nanoporous	Electrochemical anodic oxidation Electrochemical anodic oxidation	0.95 Current density reached 6 A/ cm ² at 7.5 V/ μ m	This work 1
Typical SiC nanostructured field emitters that having the degree of sharp features	Au-decorated SiC nanowires P-doped SiC nanoparticles Carbon decorated SiC nanowires Aligned SiC tower-like nanowires B-doped 3C-SiC nanowires Al_2O_3 -decorated tubular SiC Al-doped β -SiC nanowires β -SiC nanoarchitectures Bamboo-like β -SiC nanowires <i>n</i> -type SiC nanoneedles emitters <i>n</i> -type β -SiC nanoarrays B-doped SiC nanoneedles arrays N-doped 3C-SiC nanoneedles N-doped 3C-SiC nanoneedles N-doped β -SiC nanowires Tapered SiC Nanowires β -SiC nanowires β -SiC nanowires β -SiC nanowires Tubular β -SiC β -SiC nanowires Aligned SiC porous nanowires Nonaligned SiC nanowires SiC nanowires/nanorods	Pyrolysis of polysilazane Pyrolysis of polysilazane Chemical vapor reaction Pyrolysis of polysilazane Pyrolysis of polysilazane Heating evaporation Pyrolysis of polysilazane Thermochemical process Thermal evaporation Pyrolysis of polysilazane Pyrolysis of polysilazane Pyrolysis of polysilazane Pyrolysis of polysilazane Pyrolysis of polysilazane Pyrolysis of polysilazane Pyrolysis of polysilazane Chemical vapor deposition Pyrolysis of polysilazane Chemical vapor reaction Thermal heating process Template- and catalyst-free Chemical vapor deposition In situ carbonizing Thermal evaporation Thermal heating process	1.14 0.73-1.03 0.5 1.5 1.35 2.4 0.55-1.54 12 10.1 1.11-1.38 1.57-1.95 0.98 0.67 ~1.1 1.90-2.65 ~1.2 0.66-1.3 1.0-2.0 -- 5 -- 2.3-2.9 3.1-3.5 3.33	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25
Typical inorganic semiconductor nanostructured emitters	WO_3 nanowires Tungsten oxide nanowires Highly wrinkled graphene SnO_2 nanowires arrays SnO ₂ nanowires Patterned carbon nanotube arrays Ultrathin BN nanosheets Ultrafine ZnS nanobelts Single-crystalline CdS nanobelts	Chemical vapor deposition Thermal evaporation Wet chemical route Deposition and vapor Thermal evaporation Carbothermal reduction Chemical vapor deposition Thermal evaporation Chemical vapor deposition	1.8 -- 1.18 3.3 3.5 0.4 1.9 3.47 3.7	26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34

Ordered CdS nanostructure arrays	Chemical vapor deposition	12.2	35
Single-crystalline PrB ₆ nanorods	Gas-solid reaction	0.95-2.80	36
Aligned LaB ₆ nanowires arrays	Chemical vapor deposition	1.82	37
Aligned untralong ZnO nanobelts	Thermal evaporation	1.3	38
ZnS nanobelts quasi-arrays	Thermal evaporation	3.55	39
TaSi ₂ nanowires	Thermal evaporation	4-4.5	40
Si-doped AlN nanoneedle array	Thermal evaporation	1.8	41
Co ₅ Ge ₇ nanowire/nanobelt arrays	Chemical vapor transport	1.6	42
Carbon nanoparticles	Low-cost flame synthesis	1.33	43

^a The turn-on fields required to generate an emission current density of 10 $\mu\text{A}/\text{cm}^2$. If other values are used, it will be mentioned separately.

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