# Fine Structure Splitting in QDs Crystal Symmetry, Strain, and Piezo-Electricity

#### **Objective:**

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an NCN project

#### Approach:

- Implement piezoelectric charges through electrostatic potential
- Compare effects of
  - Crystal symmetry
  - Strain
  - Piezoelectricity
- Disk shaped dots d=10nm, h=2.5 nm, 10nm cap, 20nm substr., 0.6nm WL

#### Impact:

- Demonstrated quantitative agreement with experiment
- Atomistic approach is essential











## no strain

#### with strain

w/ strain&piezo

### **Result:**

- Disk shaped dots d=10nm, h=2.5 nm, 10nm cap, 20nm substr., 0.6nm WL
- Crystal symmetry alone breaks symmetry of set of first excited states (weak)

=> effective mass, k.p fail!

- Strain breaks symmetry stronger
- Piezoelectric effect opposes strain => can flip orientation of the excited states



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