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About Conference

Dear colleagues and friends,

On behalf of organizing and program committees, it is my pleasure to invite you all to join Global Congress on Laser, Optics and Photonics (GCLOP2023) which is going to be slated with the support of eminent personalities in the Research field during August 10-12, 2023 in London,UK.

Theme: "Unveiling the Recent Trends and Advancements of Laser, Optics and Photonics"

GCLOP2023 will provide a wonderful opportunity for academicians, researchers, scientists, engineers and pioneering students working in the fields of lasers, optics and photonics to exchange, share and discuss their unique ideas, new knowledge and cutting-edge science, unveiling recent trends and advancement for accelerating scientific discoveries in the area, offering the opportunity to all delegates for networking, also globalizing the research by installing a dialogue between industries and academics for launching new technologies and applications.

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We are sure that you will find the conference enlightening and inspiring. Come to share stimulating perspectives about the new frontiers in Laser, Optics and Photonics. We hope that, despite the intense scientific program, you will be able to get some glimpses of wonderful London, one of the most fascinating cities in the world.

You are welcome: enjoy the conference and the beauty of London!!!

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Green Data Communication: Intelligent Physics and Engineering will contribute to a sustainable society

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Abstract

Since 2014 novel consumer applications like Netflix, Block Chain, LIDAR... not known at that time have led to a huge increase of internet traffic of 60%/year, much more than then originally predicted by companies like Cisco. This increased use of the internet is increasing its electrical power consumption due to increased data traffic mostly inside data centers. New data centers have crossed the 500 MW level. 5G and 6G with their big jumps in data speed will be further enablers for new services, like LIDAR and more, we cannot think about yet, and will increase the energy consumption to an extent not further tolerable.

New research goals are followed presently, focusing on energy-efficiency of data traffic at all hierarchy levels. Inside data centers advanced design of active optical cables, their electronic driver and receiver circuits and the active photonic devices are suddenly in the focus, but now with the goal to minimize their combined power consumption. Vertical-cavity surface-emitting lasers (VCSELs) for 200+ Gbit/s single fiber data transmission across OM5 multimode fiber with a record heat to bit rate ratio (HBR) of only 240 fJ/bit x wavelength @ 50Gbit/s developed in our labs are presented [1]. Photon lifetime management is a new key to adopt the overall energy consumption to the bit rate of the data traffic (e.g. 25 Gb/s, 50 Gb/s,..) [2]

A completely novel design approach for VCSELs will be presented based on etching multiple holes, oxidizing one or several apertures from these holes and refilling them with metal, in order to increase heat conduction and cut-off frequency and reduce parasitic effects. Thermal roll-over is expected to appear at much larger currents compared to the present standard designs, allowing larger single mode output power and possibly dense wavelength multiplexing across distances of several hundred m to 1 km in data centers [3-4].

Finally work on high speed novel drivers based on advanced CMOS design is reported, leading to dramatically reduced energy consumption of VCSEL modules below 500 fJ/bit. A dc-coupled single-ended voltage-mode clock-less driver is demonstrated in 22-nm SOI CMOS eliminating the need for area- and energy-inefficient equalization techniques for data rates up to 60 Gb/s while maintaining error free (BER<1e-12) in our transmission experiments. The highly digitized driver architecture inherently features an impedance (voltage-level) calibration scheme to handle both driver and VCSEL-based process variations. At 60 Gb/s data rate, an energy efficiency of 420 fJ/b is achieved from a single 0.9 V supply which is to the authors knowledge a 3x improvement in terms of energy-efficiency compared to the optical TXs reported to date. The highly digital driver architecture enables the supply scalability down to 0.6 V.

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Discover Functional Photonic Structures via Machine Learning

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ABSTRACT

Advanced neural networks and optimization algorithms have enabled a paradigm shift in the discovery and design of structured photonic materials and devices. In this talk we report a diverse set of inversely designed meta-optical structures, devices, and systems for wavefront control, imaging, computing, and nonlinearity. Flat optics, represented by metamaterials and metasurfaces, foresees a promising route to ultra-compact optical devices. Conventional designs of such meta-structures start with a certain structure as the prototype, followed by extensive parametric sweeps to accommodate the requirements of phase and amplitude of the emerging light. Regardless of how computation-consuming the process is, a predefined structure can hardly realize the independent control over polarization, frequency, and spatial channels, which hinders the potential of metasurfaces to be multifunctional. Besides, achieving complicated and multiple functions calls for designing meta-systems with multiple cascading layers of metasurfaces, which introduces exponential complexity. We have developed a series of deep-learning enabled generative frameworks for the inverse design of plasmonic structures in response to on-demand optical properties, with extended case studies and experimental demonstrations. Moreover, we further present a hybrid deep learning framework for designing multilayer meta-systems with multifunctional capabilities. as well as nonlinear metasurfaces for the generation of new spectral components and active control of light waves. The machine learning methods developed here is applicable to the inverse design of other photonic components and systems, including photonic crystals, chipscale silicon devices, quantum-optical devices, and nonlinear optical materials. This design methodology is also significant to other disciplines of natural sciences, such as the design of nano materials, searching for new topological insulators, planning of chemical syntheses, prediction of protein structures, and many more.

Keywords

nanophotonics, metasurfaces, inverse design, neural networks, machine learning

Biography

Wenshan Cai is a full professor in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, with a joint appointment in Materials Science and Engineering. Prior to joining Georgia Tech in 2012, he was a postdoctoral fellow at Stanford University. Dr. Cai received his B.S. and M.S. from Tsinghua University in 2000 and 2002, respectively, and his Ph.D. from Purdue University in 2008. His research is focused on nanophotonic materials and devices, in which he has made major impacts on the evolving field of plasmonics and metamaterials. Dr. Cai has published ~100 journal articles, which in total have been cited over 20,000 times. He authored the book, Optical Metamaterials: Fundamentals and Applications, which is used as a textbook or a major reference around the world. Dr. Cai is the recipient of several distinctions, including the OSA/SPIE Joseph W. Goodman Book Writing Award and the Office of Naval Research Young Investigator Award. He is a Fellow of SPIE.

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Towards Large-Scale and Integrated Functional Metasurfaces

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Abstract

Metasurfaces, artificially engineered ultrathin sub wavelength nanostructures with unparalleled light controllability, have shown great potential to revolutionize conventional optics. However, making those devices usually rely on scanning-based techniques, such as electron beam lithography and focused ion beam milling, which have slow speed, high expense, and limited scalability. We developed a mass production-friendly workflow for fabricating large-scale meta-optical devices using deep-ultraviolet photolithography and a multi-exposure process. As a demonstration, we built a single-lens telescope based on a wafer-scale single-aperture metasurface lens. Another limitation of the current metasurfaces is that they require free-space light excitation, making it challenging to integrate them on-chip fully. To address this, we developed a hybrid architecture that synergizes sub wavelength metaphotonic structures with photonic integrated waveguide platforms. Such meta-waveguides achieve various functions in a completely integrated platform, such as steering and focusing guided waves into free space, projecting holograms with controlled phase and amplitude control, and generating laser emission carrying orbital angular momenta. Our study shows a viable route toward complete control of light across integrated photonics and free-space platforms and paves the way for creating multifunctional photonic integrated devices with agile access to free space.

Biography

Dr. Xingjie Ni is an Associate Professor of School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science as well as Materials Research Institute at the Pennsylvania State University. He joined Penn State in 2015. Prior to that, he was a postdoctoral fellow in Professor Xiang Zhang's group at the University of California, Berkeley. He completed his Ph.D. degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering at Purdue University in 2012 under Professor Vladimir Shalaev's supervision. He received his BS degree in Engineering Physics in 2005 and his MS degree in Automation in 2007 from Tsinghua University.

Dr. Ni's research focus lies in nanophotonics, plasmonics, and metamaterials/metasurfaces. He has made significate contributions to the development of the metasurface since its emergence. Dr. Ni has published over 40 peer-reviewed journal papers, including 2 Science, 1 Nature, and 3 Nature sister-journal (including Nature Photonics, Nature Nanotechnology, etc.) papers, which have about 8500 citations as of today.

Dr. Ni received the Charles H. Fetter Endowed Faculty Fellowship in 2015. He was selected as an inaugural Moore Inventor Fellow (only five fellows nationwide) in 2016. He also received NASA Early Career Faculty Award in 2017 (eight awards nationwide), Sony Faculty Innovation Award in 2018, and the 3M Non-Tenured Faculty Award in 2019. He received the National Science Foundation CAREER award in 2021.

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Parametric Wavelength Conversion between Infrared and Terahertz wave

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ABSTRACT

Terahertz wave region (frequency: 0.1 - 10 THz (corresponding wavelength: $3000 - 30 \mu$ m)) are important not only in basic sciences, such as spectroscopy, electron acceleration, plasma measurement, and radio astronomy, but also in numerous industrial applications, such as in broadband wireless communication, high precision radar, global environmental measurement, and non-destructive inspection, since they have higher directivity than microwaves and higher transmittances in atmosphere and in soft materials than mid-infrared. Therefore, in the terahertz region, high-brightness and tunable sources, high-sensitivity and wideband detectors that could be widely used in these studies and applications are required. In this presentation, we show the generation of high-brightness terahertz wave using parametric wavelength down-conversion from infrared to terahertz wave in a nonlinear MgO:LiNbO₃ crystal [1]. We also represent the measurement of terahertz wave using parametric wavelength up-conversion from terahertz wave to infrared in the same process. We speculate that the high-brightness generation and the coherent measurement of terahertz wave could be powerful tools not only for solving real world problems but also fundamental physics, such as real-time spectroscopic imaging, remote sensing, 3D-fabrication, and manipulation or alteration of atoms, molecules, chemical materials, proteins, cells, chemical reactions, and biological processes. We expect that these methods will open new fields.

Keywords

Terahertz wave, Wavelength conversion, Nonlinear Optics.

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Biography

Shin'ichiro Hayashi received the Ph.D. degree in physics from Meiji University, Japan, in 2004. From 2004, he was with RIKEN, Japan, as a Research Scientist. In 2016, he joined the National Institute of Information and Communications Technology, as a Senior Research Scientist. His research interests include terahertz wave generation and measurement using nonlinear optics and their applications.

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Monolithic Integration of Silicon-on-Insulator & Silica-on-Silicon Waveguides via CMOS Compatible Fabrication

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ABSTRACT

Aimed at the applications of the warming-up silicon-on-insulator (SOI) waveguide photonic integrated circuit (PIC) chips in fibre-optic telecommunications and computer data-communications, numerous research works with plethora achievements have been dedicated to lowering the chip-fibre coupling loss and the guided-mode transfer loss between two different waveguide structures in PIC chip. Thus, an advanced chip-fibre coupling scheme is intrinsically crucial to the research and development of PIC chips. In this work, on the SOI waveguide platform, we present a monolithic integration regime of the silicon core of SOI high-index waveguide and the silicon dioxide core of silica-on-silicon (SOS) waveguide through a CMOS compatible fabrication technique. Such an SOS-SOI integration regime can significantly reduce both the optical loss of mode-conversion between two different waveguide structures and the butt-coupling loss between SOI photonic single-waveguide chip and single-mode fibre. First, starting with the thermodynamic insights to the Deal-Grove model for defining the thermal oxidation, we modelled the Henry's law constant in the silicon oxidation process with the ensemble contributions of thermodynamic and chemical energies. This thermodynamic model clearly presents a significant point as that the oxidation temperature is the dominant approach to handling the oxidation efficiency. Then, we systematically simulated the temperature/time dependences of Henry's constant, and further both the oxidation rate and the oxide thickness. Then, according to the simulation results, on a thick silicon-film SOI platform we realize the low-loss butt-coupling between small-size mode SOI waveguide and large-size mode fibre with a monolithically integrated SOS-SOI-tapered structure fabricated by complementary etching and oxidation of silicon (CEOS). Consequently, the SOS waveguide has a silicon-rich silicon oxide (SiOx) core where the refractive index is efficiently controlled with an alternative etching/oxidation scheme. Consequently, an average chip-fibre butt-coupling (CFBC) loss of 1.3~1.7 dB/facet is experimentally observed. Both the CFBC scheme and the CEOS fabrication feature CMOS-compatible low-cost fabrication and substantial applications in the mass coupling/assembling process of SOI-wire based PIC chips irrespective of the mode-field/dimension discrepancies between PIC wire and fibre. Therefore, in this work, the SOS-SOI regime proved the advancement in reducing the CFBC loss, and the CEOS fabrication leads to monolithic integration, which is compatible with the CMOS technique of micro/nanoscale silicon PIC circuitry. So, such a SOS-SOI-taper regime is envisaged not only to significantly reduces the fibre-chip coupling loss, but also is conducive to both the mass packaging and applications in product industrialization.

Keywords

Silicon-on-Insulator Waveguide, Silica-on-Silicon Waveguide, Monolithic Integration, Etching-Oxidation of Silicon, Chip-Fibre Butt-Coupling.

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Enlarge KGW Crystal abilities towards the NIR Spectral Range in Raman Lasers.

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Graphical Abstract





1. KGW gain for tow Stokes shiftsalong crystal axis

2. Schematic design of KGW Raman laser for the NIR

Abstract

Near-infrared (NIR) coherent sources have drawn much attention, as is evident from the recent efforts to develop high power lasers that cover this spectral range, due to several potential applications, including LIDAR, biomedicine, polymer material processing, defense applications, and gas sensing (1). Solid-state Raman lasers are an efficient and useful way to get such high-brightness sources that extend the spectral span of existing lasers (2). Potassium gadolinium tungstate (KGd(WO4)2 or KGW) is one of the most popular Raman gain mediums owing to its good optical and thermal properties. Conveniently, the Raman gain decreases as the wavelength increase, hence KGW mainly use for Raman lasers at the visible spectral range. Moreover, because KGW is biaxial, it has Raman interaction with two different vibrational modes (901 cm-1 and 768 cm-1), yielding the option to obtain two different stokes wavelengths by controlling the polarization direction of the pump source.(3)

At this presentation, results that enlarge the ability of using the KGW up to 2343 nm will present, using different Tm based / KGW external-cavities configurations (4-6). Some of the designs achieved relatively high conversion efficiencies values of up to 40.5 %, and in other design achieved high energy per pulse up to 2mJ. To the best of our knowledge, we are the first to demonstrate Raman conversion in the NIR using KGW crystal and to achieve this level of results, in conversion efficacies and in energy per pulse.

Keywords

NIR Raman laser, Solid state laser, Tm:YLF laser ,Tm:YLF laser, KGW crystal

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Biography

Prof. Salman Noach received his Ph.D. in 2002 from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem Israel. Due to 30 years of experience on a wide variety of topics in electro-optics, since he finished his first degree in Electro-optics at JCT, he brings both industrial and academic skills to his researches topics. In 2003, after few years in the industry, hejoin the physics faculty at JCT, since then he has been a faculty member of the Physics Department. In 2009, he founded the Solid State Lasers Laboratory at JCT. The lab is mainly engaged in applied research and development of CW and Pulsed solid-state lasers, Nonlinear optics, Raman wavelength shifting, and Optical amplifiers in the SWIR and the NIR spectral range. Over the years, Prof. Noach has participated and conducted Israel Innovation Authority projects, Israel Ministry of Science, and Ministry of Industrial affairs. The results of his research have been the subject of more than 35 peer review publications, presentation at the leading conferences in laser photonics, two patents, and have led to the establishment of a new start-up company, "Laser Team Medical", <u>https://lasertm.com/</u>.

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Polaritonics: New Geometries and New Materials

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Abstract

Polaritons are hybrid light-matter quasiparticles forming in quantum microcavities in the regime of strong lightmatter coupling. They possess a set of remarkable properties, which make them a unique laboratory for study of quantum collective phenomena at surprisingly high temperatures and perspective optoelectronic applications, including polariton lasers and optical integrated circuits.

In the presentation, we will give an overview of recent developments in polaritonics, namely the physics of polariton lattices and polaritonics of 2D materials, such as transition metal dichalcogenides and μ hromium halides.

Biography

Education: - 1993–1999 St. Petersburg State Technical University Physico-Mechanical Faculty, student. - 1999-Master degree. Thesis "Interference of the ballistic carriers in semiconductor quantum wires", thesis supervisor Prof. V.K. Ivanov - 1999-2001 St. Petersburg State Technical University department of General Physics, Ph.D. student; specialisation: physics of condensed matter. - Ph.D. Thesis: "Coherent phenomena in semiconductor quantum wires", thesis supervisor Prof. V.K. Ivanov. Ph. D. obtained 17.10. 2001 in St. Petersburg State Polytechnical University, St. Petersburg, Russia Work experience: September 2001- November 2002 Teaching Assistant in St. Petersburg State Polytechnical University, St. Petersburg, Russia. November 2002- November 2005 Postdoc "Marie Curie" in Blaise Pascal University, Clermont-Ferrand, France November 2005- November 2006 Post. Doc. in the department of the Physics and Astronomy of the University of Southampton, United Kingdom November 2006- August 2008 Visiting professor in International Center for Condensed Matter Physics, Brasilia, Brazil. Head of the group "Quantum wells and 2DEG (Theory)" From June 2008 Professor in Physics Department, Faculty of Science and Engineering, University of Iceland, Reykjavik, Iceland. Head of "Center of excellence in polaritonics" February 2012- January 2017 Nanyang Associate Professor, Division of Physics and Applied Physics, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore From June 2016- Main researcher in ITMO University, St. Petersburg, Russia. Teaching: Science Institute, University of Iceland (2008-present) - Introduction to quantum mechanics - Quantum mechanics I - Quantum mechanics II - Nanophotonics -Electrodynamics II - Classical mechanics II - Nuclear and elementary particle physics

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Towards 800G/1.6T Data Center Interconnects Based on Low Chirp Electro-Absorption Modulated Laser

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ABSTRACT

Due to the increasing traffic on cloud-based services, the data traffic through the data centres continues to grow exponentially. To meet the fast growing demands, Ethernet standards have evolved to 400GbE and discussions are ongoing for 800GbE and 1.6TbE standardization. For the short reach interconnects within datacentres, intensity-modulation direct-detection (IM/DD) systems are highly attractive due to their simpler architecture and lower power consumption. One of the key components, Electro-absorption modulated laser (EML) consisting of distributed feedback laser (DFB) and electro-absorption modulator (EAM), is well suited for short-reach optical interconnect applications at 2-10km range, thanks to its smaller footprint, high bandwidth, high extinction ratio (ER) and low driving voltage which allow oDSP directly driven without driver.

In this study, a packaged low chirp high power EML suitable for 800G/1.6T was developed, it has demonstrated back-to-back (BTB) and 2km transmission of 200Gb/s (100Gbaud) PAM4 signals and clear PAM4 eye opening at semi-cool temperature of 52µC at CWDM wavelength range. We report the first demonstration of a packaged electroabsorption modulated laser is capable of transmission over 2km under 200Gb/s PAM4 operation condition at two CWDM wavelengths of 1271nm and 1331nm. The electroabsorption modulated laser showed over 4.5dB extinction ratio at 1.0Vpp in back-to-back and clear PAM4 eye diagrams after 2km transmission were observed. The TEDCQ is 2.28dB after 2km transmission at 1331nm, less than 1 dB worse than back-to-back. No penalty was observed for 1271nm, TEDCQ remains 1.3dB. BER measurement show less than 0.5 dB penalty after 2km transmission at 1331nm. Electroabsorption modulated laser with greater than 76GHz 3dB bandwidth and higher than 5.0dB extinction ratio at 1.0Vpp have also been developed recently.

Keywords

Electroabsorption modulated laser, Chirp, IMDD, Datacenter, Optical transmitter, Optical Interconnects

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Sterically Hindered Diarylethenes with Benzobis(thiadizole) Bridge:

Enantiospecific Transformation and Reversible Photo-Superstructures

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Abstract



Sterically hindered diarylethenes: Making *"unrotatable"* Novel "star" building block Light-modularity, high bistability and anti-fatigue

Our group has recently developed a unique sterically hindered diarylethene system based on benzobis(thiadiazole) ethene bridge, which are allowing us to address the above issues. The use of sterically hindered diarylethenes, as developed in our group, provides the following advantages: (i) introducing a less aromatic benzobis(thiadiazole) unit as the central ethene bridge with high bistability, (ii) successfully separating multiple conformers of diarylethene with high photocyclization quantum yields and enantiospecific photoreaction, (iii) exhibiting conformer dependent and enantiospecific transformations of supramolecular metallacycles, (iv) enabling digital photo-programming of liquid crystal superstructures with intrinsic chirality, and (v) exhibiting dual AIE behavior fluorescent photoswitches.

We believe that our unique sterically hindered diarylethene system acts as a unique photochromic or photoresponsive building block with intrinsic chirality, excellent bistability, high photocyclization quantum yields and enantiospecific transformation. As such, it is expected to act as a key building block for those developing applications in such diverse areas as non-destructive information encoding, self-assembly, and liquid crystal modulation.

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Ultra-Broadband Wavelength-Swept Crystalline Fiber Lasers

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ABSTRACT

Broadly tunable lasers are useful for basic spectroscopy studies and various applications, from optical communications to biomedical imaging. Transition-metal-ions doped solid-state gain media are eminently suitable for generating ultra-broadband emissions. Glass-clad Ti³⁺:sapphire and Cr⁴⁺:YAG crystal fibers have shown superior performance for broadly tunable lasers in the visible and near-infrared wavelength ranges.^[1] The tunable Ti³⁺:sapphire crystal fiber lasers are efficient and have demonstrated the lowest threshold over a 200-nm tuning range. The Cr⁴⁺:YAG crystal fiber laser shows a tuning range of 170 nm, limited by the excited state absorption. Concurrently, wavelength-swept lasers (WSLs) are now widely used for optical coherence tomography (OCT) for fast and non-invasive biomedical imaging. Using Ti³⁺:sapphire bulk crystal demonstrated an axial resolution of 10 µm.^[2] The low axial resolution is because the gain response time of bulk Ti³⁺:sapphire cannot keep up with the sweeping wavelength for broadband emission. Though higher doping concentrations can raise the gain of bulk Ti³⁺:sapphire, heat dissipation becomes a challenge with high doping concentrations. Ti³⁺:sapphire single-crystalline fiber grown by the laser-heated pedestal growth method significantly improves thermal dissipation and pump interaction length.^[3] Furthermore, a Ti³⁺:sapphire crystal fiber waveguide with a propagation loss of 0.045 dB/cm was achieved to allow a low doping concentration.

In this talk, a wavelength-swept Ti³⁺:sapphire laser with a 250-nm tuning range at a tuning speed of 1200 Hz will be described.^[4,5] The sweeping laser dynamics are analyzed in detail. When used in an OCT system, the point spread function of the WSL is estimated to be as low as 1.8 µm, which could offer physicians and clinicians a cellular view of the lesion for facilitating early disease diagnosis.

Keywords

Wavelength-swept lasers, optical coherence tomography, crystalline fiber.

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Unlocking the Full Potential of Telecom Fiber Networks with Distributed Fiber Optic Sensing

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Abstract

This presentation explores the multi-faceted applications of Distributed Fiber Optic Sensing (DFOS) in outdoor-grade telecom fiber networks, transforming standard cables into advanced sensing platforms. Through analysis of backscattered light, DFOS measures variables like temperature, strain, and vibrations, thus leveraging the fiber network for diverse applications.

The talk will cover several use cases including but not limited to traffic monitoring and rain detection. DFOS's ability to detect real-time, nuanced changes in underground and aerial cables empowers both improved traffic management and localized weather surveillance, respectively.

While environmental challenges, long-distance signal transmission, and potential interference pose hurdles to DFOS deployment, the potential for comprehensive, real-time data collection in areas such as infrastructure monitoring, environmental surveillance, and beyond is transformative. This discussion will navigate these challenges and opportunities, highlighting how DFOS can revolutionize outdoor telecom fiber networks, leading to more efficient, interconnected systems.

Keywords

Telecom Fiber Networks, Distributed Fiber Optic Sensing, Traffic Monitoring, Rain Detection, Machine Learning

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Draw-Tower Fiber-Optic Grating Array and its Applications

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ABSTRACT

A draw-tower fiber Bragg grating platform is proposed and technically realized at the National Engineering Research Center for Fiber Optic Sensing Technology and Networks (NERC-FOST), Wuhan University of Technology. This system is capable of writing thousands of fiber Bragg gratings during the fiber drawing production. This talk will review the technical congress of this draw-tower fiber-optic grating system with some typical industrial applications.

Keywords

Fiber Bragg grating; draw-tower; industrial applications.

Biography

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Thermally Evaporated High Quality Thin Films to Achieve Amplified Spontaneous Emission in All CsPb $(Br_{1-x}Y_x)_3$ (Y = I, Cl) Perovskites

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ABSTRACT

As a wavelength-tunable lasing material, perovskites are now generating a lot of scientific attention. Conventional solution-processed CsPbX₃ perovskite films sometimes suffer unavoidable pinhole defects and poor surface morphology, severely limiting their performance on amplified spontaneous emission (ASE) and lasing application. Herein, a thermal evaporation approach is explored in our work to achieve a uniform and high-coverage CsPb(Br_{1-x}Y_x)₃ (Y = I, Cl) perovskites polycrystalline thin film. The ASE of these films was studied using a picosecond laser system. The ASE profile increases rapidly over the narrow peak in relation to the laser pump intensity, confirming the development of stimulated emission. ASE began when the energy density threshold was reached and ranged between 25 and 170 μ J/cm² per pulse for perovskite materials when replacing I with Br and then Cl. This work emphasizes the notable optical properties of high-quality perovskite thin films, leading to possible accessible uses in optoelectronic applications.

Keywords

Perovskite; Inorganic perovskite; thin films; optical properties; ASE profile.

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Investigation of photophysical & optoelectronic properties of thin films and photonics.

Nanostructured Materials and possible applications in Photovoltaics and Optoelectronics.

Synthesis and characterization of Dye Sensitized Solar Cells.

Dynamic Measurements study (EIS, IMPS and IMVS).

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Low Dimension Bi₂O₂Se based Photodetector

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Abstract

The unique electronic, optical, and mechanical characteristics of 2D materials make them play significant roles in the field of electronics and optoelectronics. And for the various band gaps corresponding with widely wave length, new 2D materials are being explored in roles in the field of photodetection. The extraordinary electronic, optical, and mechanical characteristics of 2D materials make them promising candidates for optoelectronics, specifically in infrared (IR) detectors owing to their flexible composition and tunable optoelectronic properties. Due to the high carrier mobility, the large current on/off ratio (> 106), moderate energy bandgap(\approx 0.8eV), and high air-stability of 2D bismuth oxyselenide (Bi2O2Se) μ Bi2O2Se nanosheets have received increasing attention in Visible-NIR detection.

Here, high-quality 1D nanobelt and 2D nanosheet were synthesized by chemical vapor deposition (CVD) method, as well as the preparing condition and synthetic method were investigated. To study the photoelectric properties of the Bi2O2Se nanobelt and nanosheets, the photodetectors based on 1D Bi2O2Se nanobelt and 2D Bi2O2Se nanosheet were fabricated. The values of the responsivity(R), response time(μ), and specific detectivity (D^{*}) were obtained, which shown great potentiality on the application of Visible-NIR detection and imaging.

Biography

Dr. Chen Chao received his bachelor degree of electronic information engineering and master degree of optical engineering degree in 2004 and 2008 respectively in Electronic Science and Technology of China (UESTC). He completed his doctorate in optical engineering with the Computer Aided Design (CAD) on microbolometer at UESTC in 2015. Druing the past ten years, Dr Chen has been engaged in infrared detector and CAD technology on MEMS device. After his analytical study of uvcooled infrared focal plane arrays, he conducted his research on low dimension and topological insulator materials photodetectors..

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Advances of Laser and Fiber Optic Sensors for Industrial Applications

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Abstract

Fiber optic sensors have been increasing deployed in broad industrial applications due to their advantages such as high accuracy, high reliability, immune to EM interference, distributed sensing and large multiplexing capability. This paper reports recent advances of Quantum Cascaded Laser (QCL)-based CO gas sensors, and non-cooling of laser methane gas senors for large temperature changes. Typical applications in coal mine safety and gas industries are discussed.

Keywords

laser methane sensors, QCL CO sensor, coal mine, safety

Biography

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Investigating Optical Properties of Gold Nearly Percolated Thin Films

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ABSTRACT

To investigate the evolution of the optical response in the low frequency side regime of annealed gold (Au) films, a study is performed on gold thin films. Thin films were deposited at room temperature by electron beam evaporation and annealing was conducted on continuous (continuous films just above percolation and continuous films well above percolation) and granular thin films with temperature that induces solid-state dewetting of percolated or continuous films.

Optical characterization is carried out using transmittance and spectroscopic ellipsometry. The measurements showed that optical response of annealed nearly percolated gold films widely varies with the annealing temperature. The properties near or at percolation threshold are influenced by several factors, such as film thickness, particle size distribution and degree of percolation. Furthermore, two different mechanisms of the effect of annealing temperature on the optical and morphological properties of films were studied. Hole formation is easier in thinner films and the holes tend to be closer together. This affects the quality of the film and the homogeneity of annealing at different temperatures.

These results evidence that the optical response of films just above percolation can be broadly tuned in a simple manner, making these samples attractive candidates for temperature detection applications.

Keywords

Au thin films, percolation, electron beam evaporation, spectroscopic ellipsometry

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Ring-core Optical Fiber for OAM-based Communications

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ABSTRACT

Nowadays, optical communications serves as the information transmission infrastructures through global networks. Emerging applications place huge demands on the data capacity of communication systems. This talk presents high-speed optical communications systems enabled by orbital angular momentum (OAM) mode-division multiplexing.

First, OAM basics and its traditional applications will be introduced. Spatial division multiplexing (SDM) utilizes multiple spatially orthogonal channels to transmit signals simultaneously, dramatically increasing the data capacity. OAM states can be used as an extra dimension, creating an additional set of data carriers in the SDM system. First, we will provide several typical scenarios for free-space optical OAM communications. Next, we will discuss the potential and applications of using OAM modes for spatial multiplexing in a ring-core optical fiber. Several types of ring-core fibers carrying different functions for OAM modes will be presented.

Keywords

Optical Communications, Orbital Angular Momentum, Optical Fiber

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Lasers in Live Cell Microscopy

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ABSTRACT

Due to their unique properties –coherent radiation, diffraction limited focusing, low spectral bandwidth and in many cases short light pulses –lasers play an increasing role in microscopy of living cells.1In particular, laser-assisted methods are used for creating images of single planes in 3D specimens, which in a further step are combined in a highly resolved 3-dimensional image. The techniques mostly applied are Confocal Laser Scanning Microscopy (CLSM), where the sampleis imaged point by point– with out-of-focus information being rejected by an appropriate aperture – and Light Sheet Fluorescence Microscopy (LSFM), where individual planes are illuminated selectively. Technical requirements, relevant light exposures (to avoid phototoxic damages) and biomedical applications are summarized for both cases. For selective studies of cell membranes, Total Internal Reflection Microscopy (TIRFM) is used, and cell-membrane topology is studied for various kinds of diseases.Laser-assisted microscopy also includes various methods of super-resolution microscopy below the Abbe criterion. These methods include Structured Illumination Microscopy (SIM), Single Molecule Localization Microscopy (SMLM), Stimulated Emission Depletion Microscopy (STED) and related techniques. As a method of low light exposure we used SIM for identifying sub-cellular structures and location of fluorophores, which are relevant for detection and treatment of diseases (e.g. diabetes).

Fluorescence microscopy also includes methods of SpectralImaging and Fluorescence Lifetime Imaging (FLIM), since fluorescence spectra and lifetimes of various molecular species are relevant for their microenvironment. Techniques include the application of Förster Resonance Energy Transfer (FRET) microscopy, probing changes of intramolecular as well as intermolecular distances in the nanometer range. Prominent examples are reactions to the application of pharmaceutical agents, apoptosis or molecular reactions in the pathogenesis of diseases. Lasers can transfer not only photon energy, but also photon momenta to specimens like living cells. The latter effect is used for micromanipulation, e.g. insertion of certain molecules or genes (laser-assisted optoporation) as well as for holding or moving cells within a focused laser beam (laser tweezers). Application, e.g. single cell sorting or laser assisted transfection, are shown and relevant light doses needed to maintain cell viability are discussed.

Keywords

Laser, living cells, 3D microscopy, super-resolution, FLIM, FRET, micromanipulation

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All-Optical Control of the Photonic Hall Lattice in a Pumped Waveguide Array

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ABSTRACT

The quantum Hall system possesses topologically protected edge states, which have enormous theo retical and practical implications in both fermionic and bosonic systems. Harnessing the quantum Hall effect in optical platforms with lower dimensionality is highly desirable with synthetic dimensions and has attracted broad interests in the photonics society. Here, we introduce an alternative way to realize the artificial magnetic field in a frequency dimension, which is achieved in a pump-probe configuration with cross-phase modulations in a one-dimensional four-waveguide array. The dynamics of the topological chiral edge state has been studied and the influence from the crosstalk of the pump fields has been explored. Our work shows an all-optical way to simulate the quantum Hall system in a photonic system and holds potential applications in manipulating light in waveguide systems.

Keywords

light transmission, nonlinear optics, topological optics, waveguide.

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Structural Health Monitoring Using Fiber Sensor

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ABSTRACT

In this work, a comparative study based on FBG and distributed fiber sensors for structural health monitoring (SHM) applications is reported. The repeatability of measurements andtheir long-term stability and reliability due to the mechanical and environmental impact are analysed and presented. The work presents the use of plastic and glass optical fiber sensors for SHM. The main aspects studied in this paper are the application of different types of fiber sensors for structural health monitoring by measuring the strain. A detailed study on the application of signal processing techniques including machine learning techniques for improving the performance of fiber sensors is explained in this paper. The technology developed under this work will enable practical, cost-effective, and reliable systematic maintenance of civil structures like dams, bridges, railway tracks, and other structures. The study will provide a unique opportunity for future growth and adaptation of this technology across the globe.

Keywords

FBG, Distributed fiber sensor, noise reduction, repeatability

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Optical Phase Change Nanocavity with Dynamic Structural Color

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Abstract

Thin film structures have been widely utilized in many applications, such as optical coating,¹ semiconductors,² optical memories,³ and photovoltaic cells,⁴ which are largely owing to the scalable and cost-effective fabrication processes. Even though thin film technology has been well established, there is still a limitation that the passive structures cannot dynamically adjust the optical response of thin films once fabricated. Dynamically tuning the optical response of thin film structures after fabrication will enable the multi-functional devices to address the demand for the next-generation technology and advanced materials play a critical role in achieving the tunable response of thin film devices. An electrical approach has been demonstrated to alter the order based on the solid-state thin film to alter the order, number and thickness of layers, which eventually changing the reflectance spectrum.⁵ However, the speed, uniformity and cyclability still need improvement.

In this work, we have demonstrated a multi-layered thin-film structure, in which a layer of antimony trisulfide (Sb₂S₃) is sandwiched in the metal-dielectric-metal (MDM) cavity. This cavity acts as a Fabry-Pérot cavity to enhance light confinement inside the Sb₂S₃ layer. Sb₂S₃ is a low loss phase change material in the visible spectrum with a bandgap of around 2.25eV.⁶Upon activation by continuous wave and pulsed laser annealing, the material property of Sb₂S₃, i.e., amorphous, intermediate and crystalline states can be switched quickly and a near unity refractive index contrast between amorphous and crystalline phases can be acquired. After the phase change of Sb₂S₃, the reflection resonance tuned over a broad wavelength range in the visible spectrum. Using a continuous-wave laser with different excitation times, we achieved many intermediate states inside Sb₂S₃ using a picosecond laser with different energy densities during the reverse transition from crystalline to amorphous. Our work provides a cost-effective framework for the realization of reconfigurable thin-film-based nanophotonic devices.

In addition, I will present one-step printing of 3D photonic structural colors without requiring post-processing or subwavelength features. Vivid colors with reflectance peaks exhibiting a full width at half maximum of ~25 nm, a maximum reflectance of 50%, a gamut of ~85% of sRGB, and large viewing angles, were achieved. In addition, we also demonstrated voxel-level manipulation and control of colors in arbitrary-shaped 3D objects constituted with WPCs as unit cells, which has great potential for applications in dynamic color displays, colorimetric sensing, anti-counterfeiting, and light-matter interactionplatforms.

Keywords

dynamic structural color, phase change, Fabry-Pérot cavity, thin film, reconfigurable

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On-Chip Magnetic-Free Quantum Nonreciprocity

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Abstract

Quantum nonreciprocity, breaking the Lorentz reciprocity in the quantum regime, promises a manner for unconventional quantum information processing. This presentation will show two routines to achieve on-chip quantum nonreciprocity. The first one uses a chiral cavity quantum electrodynamics system. The second achieves quantum nonreciprocity by quantum squeezing a nonlinear resonator with a unidirectional pump laser. These works pave the way towards nonreciprocal quantum information processing.

Biography

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Optical Imaging and Microvessels In-Vitro and In-Vivo

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ABSTRACT

Optical imaging has contributed significantly to medical and biological science advancement over the last 40 years. Known branches of optical imaging are optical and confocal microscopy, optical coherence tomography (OCT), and optoacoustic tomography. The contribution of these branches to the understanding of microvessels both in-vitro and in-vivo was amazing.

Concerning in-vitro microvessel applications, among the many optical imaging techniques there is microparticle image velocimetry (μ PIV) (Koutsiaris et al 1999). The basic parts of a μ PIV system are going to be described and potential difficulties such as field of view loss (Koutsiaris 2022 [a]) are going to be presented.

Concerning in-vivo microvessel applications on humans, there is conjunctival video capillaroscopy (CVC) (Koutsiaris et al 2022 [b]), sublingual video capillaroscopy (SVC) (Rovas et al 2021; Wang et al 2023), nailfold video capillaroscopy (NVC) (Mrowietz et al 2020) and optical coherence tomography angiography (OCTA) (Koutsiaris et al 2022 [c]). Some of the latest state-of-the-art results of these applications are going to be presented.

Keywords

Optical imaging, microvessels, in-vitro, in-vivo, video capillaroscopy

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Regenerative Retinal Laser and Light Therapies for the Treatment of Retinal Diseases - a possible way to save sight?

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Abstract

Purpose Vision threatening eye diseases mainly affect the centralpart of the retina, the macula. The most common cause for legal blindness in the western world is age-related macular degeneration (AMD). A cure for this disease in its early stage does not exist. Several laser and light therapies of the eye, aim to act on the choroid/retinal pigment epithelium (RPE)/photoreceptor complex, leaving the neuroretina undamaged. These are a promising approach to treat early AMD and other macular diseases. By categorizing these laser therapies, we aim to make them comparable and more visible as therapeutic option.

Methods A systematic literature review of reported macular laser and light therapies was conducted and data from the author's studies on molecular mechanisms of these laser therapies are included. Application methods were categorized into a standardized system based on their mechanisms of actions.

Results The literature search found 3001 articles. Of those, 194 described laser techniques, 50 addressed dosimetry, 272 were clinical trials and 82 reviews. We analyzed the different laser techniques and propose "regenerative retinal laser and light therapies (RELITE)" as general header. We subdivided RELITE into 4main subcategories that refer to the intended physical and biochemical effects of temperature increase (photothermal laser therapy, PTL), RPE rejuvenation(photodisruptive laser therapy, PDL),photochemical processes (photochemical laser therapy, PCL) and photobiological modulations (photobiological light therapy, PBL). The different irradiation techniques to achieve this were given three-letter-codes, most of them have been reported before.

The known effects of these laser treatments were reviewed, showing the common goal of regenerative mechanisms in the choroid/RPE/photoreceptor complex.

Conclusion RELITE therapies may evolve to an important ophthalmic therapy for macular diseases. We defined categories for a systematic therapeutic goal-based nomenclature. A precise nomenclature system and strict reporting standards are needed to allow for a better understanding, reproduceable and comparable clinical trials and overall acceptance.



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