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Narrow-linewidth III-V/Si/Si₃N₄ laser using multilayer

heterogeneous integration

Chao Xiang, Warren Jin, Joel Guo, Jonathan D. Peters, M. J. Kennedy, Jennifer Selvidge, Paul A. Morton, and John E. Bowers

Optica 7(1) 20-21 (2020)





Silicon nitride is a dielectric material that is important for optical clocks and optical sensors. The authors integrated silicon nitride into a high-performance laser, potentially enabling a class of integrated photonic devices that do not require external light sources



Hybrid integration methods for on-chip quantum

Je-Hyung Kim, Shahriar Aghaeimeibodi, Jacques Carolan, Dirk Englund, and Edo Waks

Optica 7(4) 291-308 (2020)



Future quantum photonics requires the integration of multiple components for the generation, manipulation, and detection of nonclassical light in a phase stable and efficient platform. The hybrid integration approach combines independently developed materials, photonic functional structures, and control techniques in a single chip. The authors review recent advances and future prospects of integrated quantum photonics systems based on the hybrid integration method.



Large-scale optical phased array using a low-power multi-pass silicon photonic platform

Steven A. Miller, You-Chia Chang, Christopher T. Phare, Min Chul Shin, Moshe Zadka, Samantha P. Roberts, Brian Stern, Xingchen Ji, Aseema Mohanty, Oscar A. Jimenez Gordillo, Utsav D. Dave, and Michal Lipson

Optica 7(1) 3-6 (2020)



Long-range high-performance optical phased arrays require a large beam emission area, densely packed with thousands of actively phase-controlled and power-hungry light-emitting elements. The authors demonstrate a multipase photonic platform integrated into a large-scale phased array that lowers phase shifter power consumption by nearly nine times and could enable scalable phased arrays.



Ultrabroadband nonlinear optics in nanophotonic periodically poled lithium niobate waveguides

Marc Jankowski, Carsten Langrock, Boris Desiatov, Alireza Marandi, Cheng Wang, Mian Zhang, Christopher R. Phillips, Marko Lončar, and M. M. Fejer Optica 7(1) 40-46 (2020) HTML PDF

Pulsed interactions in nonlinear devices efficiently generate different frequencies of coherent laser light. Typical devices are limited to short lengths by the different velocities of the interacting waves. The authors report how anonphotonic devices can overcome these limits, and demonstrate efficient interactions with orders of magnitude less energy than conventional devices.



Hyperspectral terahertz microscopy via nonlinear ghost imaging

Luana Olivieri, Juan S. Totero Gongora, Luke Peters, Vittorio Cecconi, Antonio Cutrona, Jacob Tunesi, Robyn Tucker, Alessia Pasquazi, and Marco Peccianti Optica 7(2) 186-191 (2020) HTML PDF

The authors experimentally demonstrate time-resolved nonlinear ghost imaging, a technique based on near-field, optical-to-terahertz nonlinear conversion and detection of illumination patterns. Their approach enables high-fidelity subwavelength imaging and enables reconstruction of hyperspectral images of complex samples inaccessible via standard fixed-time methods.



Megapixel time-gated SPAD image sensor for 2D and 3D imaging applications

Kazuhiro Morimoto, Andrei Ardelean, Ming-Lo Wu, Arin Can Ulku, Ivan Michel Antolovic, Claudio Bruschini, and Edoardo Charbon

Optica 7(4) 346-354 (2020)



With the recent miniaturization of single-photon avalanche diodes (SPADs) in CMOS, large-format cameras benefiting a wide variety of timing- and speed-sensitive applications are possible. The authors demonstrated a one megapixel SPAD camera with sub-100-picosecond time resolution and large array size, which could be useful in industrial and robotic monitoring, safety and secrutify, automotive and consumer sensing, biomedical and scientific imaging, as well as in quantum optics applications.



Large-area, high-numerical-aperture multi-level diffractive lens via inverse design

Monjurul Meem, Sourangsu Banerji, Christian Pies, Timo Oberbiermann, Apratim Majumder, Berardi Sensale-Rodriguez, and Rajesh Menon

Optica 7(3) 252-253 (2020)



The authors leverage rotational symmetry and high-resolution grayscale-optical lithography to demonstrate a flat lens with diameter of 4.13 mm, numerical aperture of 0.9, and focusing performance better than that of a conventional refractive lens. Such a lens could replace bulky microscope objectives with wafer-thin, lightweight, flat optics.



Water window soft x-ray source enabled by a 25 W few-cycle 2.2 µm OPCPA at 100 kHz

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Optica 7(2) 168-171 (2020) HTML PDF

Long-wavelength ultrafast lasers enable coherent soft x-ray generation at photon energies beyond a few hundred electronvolts. Extending sensitive attosecond time-domain studies into this spectral region requires production of soft x-ray flashes at high repetition rates, which is limited by long-wavelength laser technology. The authors designed a laser amplification system and a soft x-ray generation target to overcome these limitations and demonstrate a tabletop source producing coherent soft x-ray flashes at a rate of 100,000 shots per second, enabling applications in the physical and biological sciences.



Deep-inverse correlography: towards real-time highresolution non-line-of-sight imaging

Christopher A. Metzler, Felix Heide, Prasana Rangarajan, Muralidhar Madabhushi Balaji, Aparna Viswanath, Ashok Veeraraghavan, and Richard G.

Optica 7(1) 63-71 (2020)



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This article describes an approach to recover high-resolution images of objects that are obscured/hidden from view by exploiting the spatial correlations in scattered light. However, this requires solving a noisy phase retrieval problem, which has limited the utility of similar approaches and necessitated the use of long exposure times. By combining spectral estimation theory and deep learning, the authors demonstrate submillimeter resolution non-line-of-sight imaging from a one meter stand-off in near-real-time.



Two-dimensional topological quantum walks in the momentum space of structured light

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Optica 7(2) 108-114 (2020)





This article reports the realization of two-dimensional quantum walks in an optical platform based on cascaded patterned geometric-phase elements. The devised evolution constitutes an easily tunable and configurable periodically-driven Chern topological insulator. The authors probe the topology of the underlying band structure in a Quantum Hall type experiment by reading out the quantized anomalous response arising in the direction orthogonal to an applied constant force.



Bufferless 1.5 µm III-V lasers grown on Si-photonics 220 nm silicon-on-insulator platforms

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Si-photonics needs bufferless III-V lasers to seamlessly couple epitaxial light sources with other Si-based photonic components. The authors devised a III-V/Si heteroepitaxy scheme and demonstrated direct growth of bufferless 1.5 µm III-V lasers on the standard 220 nm SOI platform for Si-photonics.



Reconfigurable multilevel control of hybrid alldielectric phase-change metasurfaces

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All-dielectric metasurfaces allow for the manipulation of optical wavefronts with ultrahigh efficiency. By embedding deeply subwavelength-sized inclusions of phase-change materials within the body of all-dielectric meta-atoms, and switching their phase state, the authors achieved multilevel and fully reversible control of wavefronts in the near infrared, with potential applications ranging from spectral filtering to color displays, sensors, LIDAR, holography, and more.



Distribution of high-dimensional orbital angular momentum entanglement over a 1 km few-mode fiber

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By employing an actively stabilizing phase precompensation technique, the authors demonstrate distribution of three-dimensional orbital angular momentum (OAM) entanglement via a 1 km long few-mode optical fiber. The method can, in principle, be extended to higher OAM dimensions and larger distances, which would help developing future OAM-based high-dimensional long-distance quantum communication.



Visible nonlinear photonics via high-order-mode dispersion engineering

Yun Zhao, Xingchen Ji, Bok Young Kim, Prathamesh S. Donvalkar, Jae K. Jang, Chaitanya Joshi, Mengjie Yu, Chaitali Joshi, Renato R. Domeneguetti, Felippe A. S. Barbosa, Paulo Nussenzveig, Yoshitomo Okawachi, Michal Lipson, and Alexander L. Gaeta

Optica 7(2) 135-141 (2020)





The development of nonlinear photonics at visible wavelengths is limited by large intrinsic material dispersion. The authors show that this can be overcome using high-order

waveguide modes. They demonstrate a visible Kerr frequency comb and a visible photonpair source, which have a wide range of applications including metrology, bio-imaging, and quantum information processing.



Waveguide-integrated three-dimensional quasi-phase-matching structures

Jörg Imbrock, Lukas Wesemann, Sebastian Kroesen, Mousa Ayoub, and Cornelia Denz

Optica 7(1) 28-34 (2020)



The authors write three-dimensional nonlinear structures into waveguides using laser lithography and report parallel generation of laser light with new wavelengths. When applied to integrated optics, this technique could enable compact devices for efficient frequency conversion and laser beam shaping.

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