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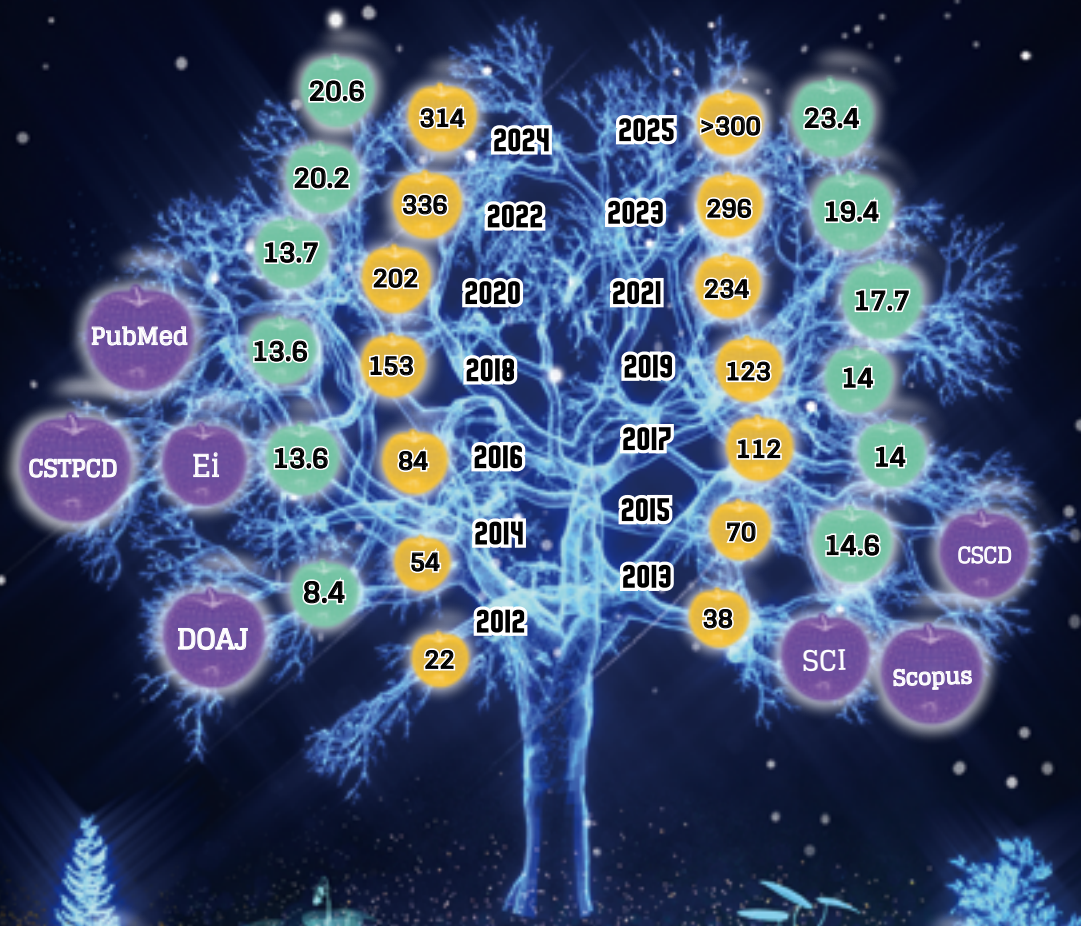
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The year 2026 will mark the fifth edition of the forum, which will be held from May 1 to May 5, 2026, in Maratea, Italy. Under the theme "Light Connects Innovation, Cooperation Illuminates the Future," the forum aims to build a high-level international platform dedicated to the future of photonic science. It seeks to promote deep collaboration and technology transfer among the scientific and industrial communities of China, Italy, and Europe at large.

General Information

May 2, Local Government Conference Hall

May 3-5, Hotel Club San Diego

Address: Via Marina-Nazionale - 85046 Maratea (Basilicata)

Brief Schedule

May 1: Registration + Welcome Reception (voucher for entry)

May 2: Opening ceremony and presentations + Social Event (voucher for entry)

May 3: Presentations + Gala Dinner (voucher for entry)

May 4: Presentations

May 5: Presentations



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Programs

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<p style="text-align: center;">Friday, May 1, Hotel Club San Diego Registration, Lobby, 10:00-17:00 Welcome reception(voucher for entry), Sala degli Archi-the main wing of the hotel, 19:00</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, May 2, Local Government Conference Hall - Mara Congress (shuttle buses will be waiting at San Diego and Gabbiano Hotels and will depart from the two hotels to the conference venue at 8:20 AM)</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Opening Ceremony Chair: Jingze Yuan</p>	
<p>9:00-9:30</p>	<p>Remark 1: Pietro Ferraro (ISASI-CNR, Italy) Remark 2: Giulio Cerullo (Politecnico di Milano, Italy) Remark 3: Bo Chen (CIOMP, China) Remark 4: Yuhong Bai (Light Publishing Group, China) Remark 5: Liangcai Cao (Tsinghua University, China) Light: Science & Applications Editorial Board Appointment Ceremony</p>
<p>Sat, May 2 9:30-11:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Topic 4: Optical Imaging and AI Integration Session 1 Chair: Pietro Ferraro</p>
<p>9:30-10:00</p>	<p>Prof. Demetri Psaltis (EPFL, Switzerland) (Keynote) Title: Inverse scattering in non-Hermitian systems</p>
<p>10:00-10:20</p>	<p>Prof. David Brady (The University of Arizona, USA) (Invited) Title: Array Camera Design with Coherent Illumination</p>
<p>10:20-10:40</p>	<p>Prof. Maciej Trusiak (Warsaw University of Technology, Poland) (Invited) Title:Computational lensless holographic microscopy and tomography from deep-UV to near-IR on a standard sensor</p>
<p>10:40-11:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Group Photo & Coffee break</i></p>



Sat, May 2 11:00-12:30	Topic 4: Optical Imaging and AI Integration Session 2 Chair: Liangcai Cao
11:00-11:30	Prof. Dieter Bimberg (CIOMP & TU Berlin, Germany) (Keynote) Title: Energy Efficient Multi Terabit Photonics: Quantum Dots at Work
11:30-11:50	Prof. Chao Zuo (Nanjing University of Science and Technology, China) (Invited) Title: Computational phase imaging for label-free 3D microscopy: noninterferometric phase retrieval and intensity diffraction tomography
11:50-12:10	Prof. Giuseppe Chirico (Milan Bicocca University, Italy) (Invited) Title: High resolution photo-thermal imaging for biological tissues
12:10-12:30	Prof. Pietro Ferraro (ISASI-CNR, Italy) (Invited) Title: Quantitative Coherent Imaging: A New Opportunity for In-Situ Water Quality Assessment
12:30-14:00	<i>Lunch (voucher for entry)</i> <i>Ristorante Pizzeria La Torre</i> <i>The shuttle will wait at the door</i>
Sat, May 2 14:00-15:30	Topic 4: Optical Imaging and AI Integration Session 3 Chair: Maciej Trusiak
14:00-14:20	Prof. Liangcai Cao (Tsinghua University, China) (Invited) Title: Coherent and incoherent lensless imaging based on holography
14:20-14:40	Prof. Wenhao Li (CIOMP, China) (Invited) Title: Development and Application of Large-Scale and High-Precision Gratings
14:40-15:00	Prof. Linpeng Lu (Nanjing University of Science and Technology, China) (Invited) Title: PDL-TIQPI: A Physics-Unrolled Deep Learning Framework for Accurate Quantitative Phase Imaging under Partial Coherence
15:00-15:20	Prof. Vito Reno (STIIMA-CNR, Italy) (Invited) Title: Deep learning architectures for quality control via hyperspectral data processing: a case study of Vision Transformers for textile materials classification
15:20-15:30	Dr. Jinwen Wei (Tsinghua University, China) (Oral) Title: Computational Achromatic Imaging for Large-Scale Diffractive Lenses
15:30-15:50	<i>Coffee break</i>

Time	Content
Sat, May 2 15:50-17:30	Topic 2: Photonics in Medicine Session Chair: Liangyi Chen / Sara Coppola
15:50-16:10	Prof. Feng Pan (Beijing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, China) (Invited) Title: Pose-Free 3D Quantitative Phase Imaging of Flowing Cellular Populations
16:10-16:30	Prof. Lisa Miccio (ISASI-CNR, Italy) (Invited) Title: BIO-Photovoltaic interface: all-optical and wireless handling of living cell through Lithium Niobate platform
16:30-16:50	Prof. Liangyi Chen (Peking University, China) (Invited) Title: Quantitative and holistic superresolution live-cell imaging: from structured illumination microscopy to the sparse deconvolution
16:50-17:10	Prof. Peng Zhang (Politecnico di Torino, Italy) (Invited) Title: Lighting up the Ambient Droplet Reactor: An Analytical Platform for Single-molecule Manipulations and Characterizations
17:10-17:30	Prof. Anna Grazia Mignani (National Research Council, Italy) (Invited) Title: Beyond the spectrometer: LED-driven near-infrared sensing for low-resource agri-food applications
17:30-19:00	<i>Social Event (voucher for entry)</i> <i>(shuttle buses will be waiting at the door and will depart at about 17:30pm)</i>
Sunday, May 3, Hotel Club San Diego Sala Orizzonte Room (<i>Parallel Venue A</i>) <i>(shuttle buses will be waiting at Gabbiano Hotel and will depart to the conference venue at 8:30 AM)</i>	
Sun, May 3 9:00-10:45	In Memoriam: Orazio Svelto – A Pioneer of Laser Science —Sala Orizzonte Room Chair: Sandro De Silvestri
9:00-9:15	Prof. Sandro De Silvestri (Politecnico di Milano, Italy) Title: Orazio Svelto: Scientist, Mentor, Pioneer
9:15-9:45	Prof. Mauro Nisoli (Politecnico di Milano, Italy) Title: Watching Electrons Move: Attosecond Methods for Molecular Physics
9:45-10:15	Prof. Roberto Osellam (CNR-IFN, Italy) Title: Femtosecond laser writing: an enabling tool for integrated photonic microsystems
10:15-10:45	Prof. Giulio Cerullo (Politecnico di Milano, Italy) Title: Real-time observation of conical intersection in biomolecules
10:45-11:10	<i>Coffee break</i>



Sun, May 3 11:10-13:10	Topic 5: Quantum Optics and Communication Session 1—Sala Orizzonte Room Chair: Zhiliang Yuan
11:10-11:40	Prof. Christoph Becher (Saarland University, Germany) (Keynote) Title: Highly indistinguishable single photons for quantum networks
11:40-12:00	Prof. Armando Rastelli (Johannes Kepler Universität Linz, Austria) (Invited) Title: Semiconductor Quantum Dots integrated in electrically-controlled nanophotonic structures as sources of entangled and indistinguishable photons
12:00-12:20	Prof. Fei Ding (Leibniz University Hannover, Germany) (Invited) Title: Towards long-distance quantum communication with deterministic single photon sources
12:20-12:40	Prof. Lizhong Yang (Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, China) (Invited) Title: Low altitude economy and battery safety
12:40-13:00	Dr. Vittorio Bianco (ISASI-CNR, Italy) (Invited) Title: Adaptive line scanning holographic microscopy for optical metrology and bioimaging
13:00-13:10	Dr. Qiushuang Lian (Tsinghua University, China) (Oral) Title: Quantum-inspired super-resolution imaging for wide-linewidth objects
<i>12:30-14:00</i>	<i>Lunch (voucher for entry) Sala degli Archi—the main wing of the hotel</i>
Sun, May 3 14:00-16:00	Topic 5: Quantum Optics and Communication Session 2—Sala Orizzonte Room Chair: Armando Rastelli
14:00-14:20	Prof. Zhiliang Yuan (Beijing Academy of Quantum Information Sciences) (Invited) Title: A Spontaneous-Emission Model for Resonance Fluorescence
14:20-14:40	Prof. Gianluigi Zito (National Research Council, Italy) (Invited) Title: Dirac Polariton Condensation in Monolayer WS ₂ Enabled by Bound States in the Continuum
14:40-15:00	Prof. Daqing Wang (University of Bonn, Germany) (Invited) Title: New insights on molecular platforms for quantum science
15:00-15:20	Prof. Michele Rota (University of Rome La Sapienza, Italy) (Invited) Title: All-photonic entanglement swapping with remote quantum dots
15:20-15:40	Prof. Taira Giordani (Sapienza Università di Roma, Italy) (Invited) Title: Adaptive Boson Sampling for quantum machine learning

15:40-15:50	Dr. Xinyao Huang (Beihang University, China) (Oral) Title: Entanglement manipulation via non-Hermitian exceptional points
16:00-16:20	<i>Coffee break</i>
Sun, May 3 16:20-17:50	Topic 4: Optical Imaging and AI Integration Session 4—Sala Orizzonte Room Chair: Wenhao Li
16:20-16:40	Prof. Anna Archetti (University of Padova, Italy) (Invited) Title: Light at the nanoscale: Fluorophores and Photonics for Advanced Optical Imaging
16:40-17:00	Prof. Zdańkowski Piotr (Warsaw University of Technology, Poland) (Invited) Title: A unified 3D QPI platform enabled by single-shot polarization-grating shearing interferometry and incoherent illumination
17:00-17:20	Prof. Xiaojuan Sun (CIOMP, China) (Invited) Title: III-Nitride semiconductor based in-sensor computing devices
17:20-17:40	Prof. Shaojuan Li (CIOMP, China) (Invited) Title: Optoelectronic devices and heterogeneous integration based on lowdimensional materials
17:40-17:50	Dr. Yunhui Gao (Tsinghua University, China) (Oral) Title: Characterizing complex wavefields with a high-resolution computational wavefront sensor
19:00-21:00	<i>Gala Dinner (voucher for entry)</i> <i>Sala degli Archi—the main wing of the hotel</i>
Time	Content
Sunday, May 3, Hotel Club San Diego The Bar Lounge (Parallel Venue B) (shuttle buses will be waiting at Gabbiano Hotel and will depart to the conference venue at 8:30 AM)	
Sun, May 3 10:50-12:30	Topic 3: Astronomical and Dynamic Imaging Optics— The Bar Lounge Session Chair: Chen Tao
10:50-11:10	Prof. Zhipeng Huang (Dortmund University of Technology, Germany) (Invited) Title: Capture molecular movies with ultrafast photons and electrons: from isolated gas-phase to liquid- and solid-phase samples
11:10-11:30	Prof. Jianwei Sun (CIOMP, China) (Invited) Title: Thermal Plume-Induced Aero-Optic Distortions in High-Temperature Chamber Windows for Imaging and Measurement



11:30-11:50	Prof. Yutang Wang (CIOMP, China) (Invited) Title: Stabilization Control for High-Resolution Imaging in a Rigid-Flexible Coupled Platform
11:50-12:10	Prof. Cristian Manzoni (CNR, Italy) (Invited) Title: An ultrastable and portable interferometer for Fourier-transform spectroscopy and imaging in the thermal infrared
12:10-12:30	Prof. Chen Tao (CIOMP, China) (Invited) Title: Space X-EUV Optical Technology and Applications
<i>12:30-14:00</i>	<i>Lunch (voucher for entry)</i> <i>Sala degli Archi-the main wing of the hotel</i>
Sun, May 3 14:00-15:10	Topic 3: Astronomical and Dynamic Imaging Optics— The Bar Lounge Session Chair: Jianwei Sun
14:00-14:20	Prof. Sara Coppola (ISASI-CNR, Italy) (Invited) Title: Innovative fabrication techniques for micro optics and photonic structures
14:20-14:40	Prof. Zhe Wang (University of Naples Federico II, Italy) (Invited) Title: Programmable formation of ultrathin polymer membranes enabled by digital holography
14:40-15:00	Prof. Hanyu Wang (CIOMP, China) (Invited) Title: Target detection in hyperspectral remote sensing imagery
15:00-15:10	Dr. Qifeng Li (Changchun UP Optotech Co., Ltd, China) (Oral) Title: Analysis of Coupled Degradation Mechanisms and Physically Consistent Joint Reconstruction for Spaceborne Pushbroom/TDI Full-Stokes Polarimetric Imaging
Sun, May 3 15:30 - 17:00	Tsinghua Connect: Networking Session for Optics and Photonics Talents— The Bar Lounge Session Chair: Liangcai Cao
<i>19:00-21:00</i>	<i>Gala Dinner (voucher for entry)</i> <i>Sala degli Archi-the main wing of the hotel</i>

Time	Content
Monday, May 4 Hotel Club San Diego—Sala Orizzonte Room (shuttle buses will be waiting at Gabbiano Hotel and will depart to the conference venue at 8:30 AM)	
Mon, May 4 9:00-10:50	Topic 1: Nonlinear and Ultrafast Photonics Session 1—Sala Orizzonte Room Chair: Zhigang Chen
9:00-9:30	Prof. Costantino De Angelis (University of Brescia, Italy) (Keynote) Title: Virtual metasurfaces for space and time image processing in a thin nonlinear film
9:30-9:50	Prof. Michele Celebrano (Polytechnic University of Milan, Italy) (Invited) Title: Modulation and routing of nonlinear optical signals with metasurfaces above GHz rates
9:50-10:10	Prof. Goery Gentry (Tampere University of Technology, Finland) (Invited) Title: TBD
10:10-10:30	Prof. Ming Yan (East China Normal University, China) (Invited) Title: Optical frequency comb spectroscopy and imaging
10:30-10:50	Prof. Marcello Ferrera (Heriot-Watt University, United Kingdom) (Invited) Title: Novel phenomena in low-index time-varying media
<i>10:50-11:15</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>
Mon, May 4 11:15-13:05	Topic 1: Nonlinear and Ultrafast Photonics Session 2—Sala Orizzonte Room Chair: Hrvoje Buljan
11:15-11:45	Prof. Stefan Wabnitz (Sapienza Università di Roma, Italy) (Keynote) Title: Spatiotemporal mode-locking transitions in a multimode fiber laser
11:45-12:05	Prof. Eugenio Del Re (University of Rome La Sapienza, Italy) (Invited) Title: Solitons and topology: from optical soliton pseudovorticity to photonics in topological ferroelectric soliton lattices
12:05-12:25	Prof. Giuseppe Leo (Université Paris Cité & CNRS, France) (Invited) Title: Harmonic light structuring with nonlinear metasurfaces
12:25-12:45	Prof. Monica Bollani (Polytechnic University of Milan, Italy) (Invited) Title: Nanofabrication and Process Optimization of High-Q Dielectric Metasurfaces for quasi-BIC Resonances
12:45-13:05	Prof. Dawei Wang (Zhejiang University, China) (Invited) Title: Realizing the Haldane Model in Room-Temperature Atoms



<i>12:30-14:00</i>	<i>Lunch (voucher for entry) Sala degli Archi—the main wing of the hotel</i>
Mon, May 4 14:00-15:50	Topic 1: Nonlinear and Ultrafast Photonics Session 3—Sala Orizzonte Room Chair: Monica Bollani
14:00-14:20	Prof. Dario Pisignano (University of Pisa, Italy) (Invited) Title: Light-Controlled Photonic Systems by Photoresponsive Materials and Additive Manufacturing
14:20-14:40	Prof. Vito Mocella (ISASI-CNR, Italy) (Invited) Title: Broadband BICs in Photonic Crystal Slabs
14:40-15:00	Prof. Stefano Luigi Oscurato (University of Naples Federico II, Italy) (Invited) Title: All-optical surface morphing of azomaterials with multiple light degrees of freedom
15:00-15:20	Prof. Marcella Salvatore (University of Naples Federico II, Italy) (Invited) Title: Real-Time Optical Metrology and Enhanced Inscription of Azomaterial Surface Relief Gratings Dielectric Metasurfaces for quasi-BIC Resonances
15:20-15:40	Prof. Hao Tian (Harbin Institute of Technology) (Invited) Title: New types of ferroelectric crystals and photoelectric functional devices
<i>15: 40-16:00</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>
Mon, May 4 16:00-18:30	Topic 1: Nonlinear and Ultrafast Photonics Session 4—Sala Orizzonte Room Chair: Eugenio DelRe
16:00-16:20	Prof. Heping Zeng (East China Normal University, China) (Invited) Title: Ultrafast breather lasers and fractal routes to chaos
16:20-16:40	Prof. Mario Ferraro (Università della Calabria, Italy) (Invited) Title: Beam cleaning and wave thermalization in optical fibers
16:40-17:00	Prof. Zihui Wu (Southern University of Science and Technology, China) (Invited) Title: The role of non-Hermiticity in Optical Trapping and Binding
17:00-17:20	Prof. Pengfei Wang (Northeast Normal University, China) (Invited) Title: Mid-infrared soliton generation, amplification and wavelength tuning in fluoride and fluorotellurite fibres
17:20-17:40	Prof. Neven Šantić (University of Zagreb, Croatia) (Invited) Title: Observation of Discrete 1D Solitons in an Optically Induced Lattice in Rubidium Atomic Vapor
17:40-18:00	Prof. Daniele Pirone (ISASI-CNR, Italy) (Invited) Title: Intracellular specificity through in silico staining enabled by Holotomography-driven learning in flow cytometry

18:00-18:20	<p>Prof. Yu Wang (Harbin Institute of Technology, China) (Invited) Title:Terahertz multifunctional devices based on electrically controlled liquid crystal with structured electrodes and metasurfaces</p>
18:20-18:30	<p>Dr. Huifang Zhang (University of Electronic Science and Technology of China, China) (Oral) Title:High-Efficient Terahertz Metasurfaces for Simultaneous Polarization Selection and Wavefront Shaping</p>
Time	Content

Tuesday May 5, Light Special Event (voucher for entry)



Abstracts

Inverse scattering in non-Hermitian systems

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Abstract: Phase conjugation and the related transmission matrix method have been used extensively to focus light through scattering media such as biological tissues or multi-mode fibers. These techniques however work only in media with no loss or gain. We will describe *Singular Phase Conjugation*, a novel method that allows us to focus light and carry out inverse scattering in linear media with gain and/or loss.



Short Bio:

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Array Camera Design with Coherent Illumination

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Abstract: Parallel camera arrays enable gigapixel-scale imaging systems. When combined with coherent illumination, such arrays allow wide-field of view microscopic imaging at 1-10 meter standoff. Beyond traditional applications in biological imaging, wide field microscopes enable novel machine vision and manufacturing process control. Here we review design considerations for coherent array cameras and discuss phase encoding and reconstruction strategies.



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III-Nitride semiconductor based in-sensor computing devices

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Abstract: Parallel camera arrays enable gigapixel-scale imaging systems. When combined with coherent illumination, such arrays allow wide-field of view microscopic imaging at 1-10 meter standoff. Beyond traditional applications in biological imaging, wide field microscopes enable novel machine vision and manufacturing process control. Here we review design considerations for coherent array cameras and discuss phase encoding and reconstruction strategies.



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Computational phase imaging for label-free 3D microscopy: noninterferometric phase retrieval and intensity diffraction tomography

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Abstract: Nowadays, fluorescence microscopy has made the leap from 2D to 3D or even 4D (xyz+t) imaging. On the other hand, Zernike phase contrast microscopy, which was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1953, has become the standard feature for modern biological microscopy, but is still limited to 2D imaging. Currently, life science research urgently needs a new “label-free 3D microscopy” mode that complements confocal/two-photon/super-resolution 3D fluorescence microscopy technology to meet the needs of rapid, high-resolution, long-term imaging of live cells in 3D. In this talk, we will present some of our research progress in “noninterferometric” intensity diffraction tomography, including: quantitative phase imaging and diffraction tomography based on transport of intensity and Fourier ptychography. Our results highlight a new era in which strict coherence and interferometry are no longer prerequisites for quantitative phase imaging and diffraction tomography, paving the way toward new generation label-free three-dimensional microscopy, with applications in all branches of biomedicine.



Short Bio:

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High resolution photo-thermal imaging for biological tissues.

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Abstract: High-order nonlinear excitation microscopy enables deeper and deeper imaging within biological tissues, to the expense of increasingly higher pulse energies. These elevated energy levels raise the risk of thermal and photochemical stress, potentially leading to long-term tissue effects such as the activation of heat-shock protein pathways. Thermal imaging resolution is heavily limited by diffraction. We present methods to bring photoactivated far-infrared thermography from the millimeter to the micrometer scale. We apply raster scanning 2D super-resolution imaging approach that allows us to overcome the resolution barriers that arise from diffraction-limited signal collection and, most importantly, from lateral spatiotemporal heat diffusion. The proposed imaging strategy relies on a full-wave forward model of farinfrared thermography and on an image-inversion approach, which reconstructs the surface distribution of the sample photothermal absorbers via gradient-descent optimization as the one yielding the best match between predicted and experimental images. With minute-long acquisitions on a commercial lowcost far-infrared camera, less-than-5 μm spatial resolution is demonstrated on both synthetic samples and human liver biopsies ex vivo, thereby exemplifying the applicability of super-resolution photothermal imaging to the fast non destructive characterization of biological specimens well below the tissue spatial scale. The methodology can be applied both experimentally and numerically to the study of the thermal load on tissues under 2 and 3 photons excitation.



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High-throughput flexible on-chip optical tweezers

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Abstract: Precise optical manipulation at the single-cell level is essential for unraveling dynamic life processes and addressing challenges in major diseases. However, conventional optical tweezers are fundamentally limited by the diffraction barrier and low throughput, restricting their ability to handle bioparticles across scales—from nanometers to micrometers—in complex biological microenvironments. To address these challenges, we developed high-throughput flexible on-chip optical tweezers. An optothermal-tension regulation method was developed to construct thousands of microlens arrays with single-particle precision on a soap film, which can be nondestructively transferred onto various curved biological substrates, including PDMS, leaf surfaces, skin, and intestinal tissues. Leveraging the photonic nanojet effect of microlenses, we developed high-throughput flexible on-chip optical tweezers capable of parallel trapping and sorting of multi-scale bioparticles—from sub-100 nm viruses/exosomes, sub-micron bacteria, to ten-micron immune cells—with throughput reaching hundreds of particles. Moreover, mechanical stretching allows tunable intercellular interactions for on-demand analysis. This technology overcomes the trade-off among multi-scale capability, high throughput, and flexibility in conventional optical manipulation, providing a versatile platform for high-throughput precision analysis of multi-scale bioparticles in complex in vitro environments.



Short Bio:

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Coherent and incoherent lensless imaging based on holography

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Abstract: In 1948, Dennis Gabor proposed the concept of holography, providing a pioneering solution to a quantitative description of the optical wavefront. After more than 70 years of development, holographic imaging has become a powerful tool for optical wavefront measurement and quantitative phase imaging. In this talk, we introduce holography-based coherent and incoherent lensless imaging techniques recently proposed by our group. For coherent imaging, we designed and developed a diffuser-based wavefront sensor, which exploits the optical memory effect to enable both amplitude and phase information encoding. To recover the complex amplitude from intensity-only measurement, we propose spatial and Fourier domain regularized inversion (SAFARI), a computational phase retrieval framework that leverage the intrinsic physical properties of optical wavefronts. We experimentally demonstrate single-shot, high-resolution wavefront sensing of various complex optical fields, including high-order aberrations, structured light, and speckle fields. For incoherent imaging, we developed a single-shot lensless imaging system using a Fresnel zone aperture (FZA) inspired by the principle of holography, and proposed image reconstruction algorithms using compressed sensing and deep learning. The FZA lensless camera enables single-shot, passive, and full-color imaging of incoherent scenes. We experimentally demonstrated its applications in machine vision tasks such as fast QR code recognition.



Short Bio:

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Development and Application of Large-Scale and High-Precision Gratings

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Abstract: Large-area and high-precision diffraction grating is widely used in spectral analysis, laser, displacement measurement, optical communication and other fields. It is an indispensable core component of inertial confinement nuclear fusion device, large astronomical observation equipment, synchrotron radiation light source and other important national scientific projects. The modulation of light field by micro-scale groove precision and distribution determines the diffraction efficiency and wave front of grating macroscopic characteristics. Based on the development trend of large-area and high-precision grating, the report analyzes the effect of grating diffraction efficiency and wave front on groove parameters, and introduces the key technologies that the team has conquered in the production of meter-scale and nano-precision grating. The echelle grating with the largest area 400mm×500mm in the world and the 650mm×1700mm domestic largest monomer non-jointing holographic grating have been developed. The gratings developed by the team have been applied in the high-tech fields such as large optical system and high-end lithography machine industry.



Short Bio:

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Optoelectronic devices and heterogeneous integration based on low-dimensional materials

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Abstract: The richness of physical and electrical properties of low-dimensional materials (for instance 0D, 2D) attracts a great deal of interest. They have been hailed as the rising star in broadband photonics and optoelectronics, promoting its potential applications in the next-generation miniaturized, low energy-consumption, and high-efficiency photon integrated circuits. Here, I will show that by carefully combing the plasmonic materials and facile device structure designs, the hybrids can show unexpected properties covering a broad wavelength range that paves the way for practical applications in remote sensing, imaging and environmental monitoring etc. We proposed new photodetection mechanisms and structures, and with these, the performance of the photodetection device for optical field has been improved to a higher level; Then we built up optical coupling architecture based on plasmonic effect and silicon-based heterogeneous signal processing technology, which expands the integration function and achieves applications including infrared imaging and human-machine interactions. With these studies, we aim to create opportunities for future on-chip detection system that are highly-integrated and mimic multifunctional functions.



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Computational Achromatic Imaging for Large-Scale Diffractive Lenses

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Abstract: Lightweight diffractive lenses including DOEs and metalenses significantly reduce optical thickness and enable compact imaging systems. However, as the aperture size increases, the thickness and structural complexity required for broadband achromatism grow rapidly, making large-scale diffractive lenses difficult to design using phase-compensation-based strategies. To overcome these challenges, we propose a PSF-aware neural achromatic imaging framework that exploits cross-channel image correlations through attention mechanisms to achieve high-quality achromatic reconstruction. Experimental results on the 7-mm-aperture metalens demonstrate a 51% reduction in an introduced image-based chromatic aberration metric. For larger-scale diffractive lenses, oversized PSFs cause severe degradation particularly at the image periphery. We further demonstrate 130-mm-aperture achromatic imaging with a multi-level diffractive lens via selective scanning deconvolution, which restores image information degraded by oversized PSFs and severe chromatic aberration. These methods can be extended to other imaging schemes and spectral regimes, providing a practical route for chromatic aberration correction and pushing flat optics toward larger scales.



Short Bio:

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Pose-Free 3D Quantitative Phase Imaging of Flowing Cellular Populations

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Abstract: High-throughput 3D quantitative phase imaging (QPI) in flow cytometry enables label-free, volumetric characterization of individual cells by reconstructing their refractive index (RI) distributions from multiple viewing angles during flow through microfluidic channels. However, current imaging methods assume that cells undergo uniform, single-axis rotation, which require their poses to be known at each frame. This assumption restricts applicability to near-spherical cells and prevents accurate imaging of irregularly shaped cells with complex rotations. As a result, only a subset of the cellular population can be analyzed, limiting the ability of flow-based assays to perform robust statistical analysis. We introduce OmniFHT, a pose-free 3D RI reconstruction framework for in-flow holographic tomography (FHT) that leverages the Fourier diffraction theorem and implicit neural representations (INRs) for high-throughput flow cytometry tomographic imaging. By jointly optimizing each cell's unknown rotational trajectory and volumetric structure under weak scattering assumptions, OmniFHT supports arbitrary cell geometries and multi-axis rotations. Its continuous representation also allows accurate reconstruction from sparsely sampled projections and restricted angular coverage, producing high-fidelity results with as few as 10 views or only 120° of angular range. OmniFHT enables, for the first time, in situ, high-throughput tomographic imaging of entire flowing cell populations, providing a scalable solution for label-free morphometric analysis in flow cytometry platforms.



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Quantitative and holistic superresolution live-cell imaging: from structured illumination microscopy to the sparse deconvolution

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Abstract: Here we present an overview of our recent works in live-cell superresolution (SR) microscopy. The first is a structured illumination microscopy technique based on the continuity of biological structures embedded in Hessian matrices (Hessian-SIM), which significantly reduces the photon dosage required for SR microscopy while suppressing reconstruction artifacts induced by random noise¹. Next, we developed a dual-mode microscopy technique that combines SIM with label-free three-dimensional optical diffraction tomography to enable holistic SR imaging². To further push the resolution limit of live-cell SR imaging, we developed a two-step iterative deconvolution algorithm based on continuity and sparsity of fluorescence signals (Sparse deconvolution), which extends resolutions beyond the physical limits of optical systems³. To make live-cell SIM microscopy more quantitative, we proposed a physical model-based background removal method (BF-SIM)⁴. Finally, we develop a rolling Fourier ring correlation method to non-biasedly evaluate reconstruction uncertainty of the SR images⁵.

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Lighting up the Ambient Droplet Reactor: An Analytical Platform for Single-molecule Manipulations and Characterizations

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Abstract: Droplet evaporation on superhydrophobic surfaces offers a powerful molecular enrichment mechanism by leveraging the movement of the three-phase contact line. This movement prevents molecular deposition on the interface, ensuring that molecules continuously migrate to the droplet's edge. As evaporation progresses, this leads to significant molecular concentration, making the process highly effective for applications requiring precision and sensitivity, such as analytical chemistry, biosensing, and environmental monitoring. Unlike conventional concentration methods, this approach minimizes contamination while enhancing the detection of target molecules.

Beyond molecular enrichment, this method facilitates the separation of biological macromolecules, including DNA and proteins, from solution. Importantly, it preserves these macromolecules in their native conformations, which is crucial for studying their structure and function. By combining in-situ characterization techniques such as Raman spectroscopy, X-ray diffraction, and transmission electron microscopy (TEM), we gain detailed structural insights into these macromolecules. This enables a deeper understanding of complex biological systems and supports advancements in biochemical analysis, molecular biology, and nanotechnology. An additional breakthrough in our research reveals that evaporating droplets not only enrich molecules but also concentrate electric charge. Even when starting with an initial charge as small as a few tens of picocoulombs (pC), the charge progressively accumulates as the droplet shrinks. This continuous charge enrichment intensifies the electric field on the droplet's surface. When the charge reaches a critical threshold, known as the Rayleigh limit, the electrostatic repulsion overcomes surface tension, leading to spontaneous droplet fission—also known as Rayleigh Fission. This marks the first reported instance of spontaneous Rayleigh Fission driven purely by charge enrichment during evaporation.

This phenomenon has significant implications for fields such as electrochemical reactions and bioreactors. The ability to manipulate charge concentration in droplets opens new possibilities for optimizing reactions at the microscale. By harnessing charge enrichment, researchers may develop innovative methodologies to control electrochemical processes, enhance reaction efficiency, and improve the performance of microfluidic systems. The potential applications extend to nanotechnology, where precise charge manipulation could play a role in advanced material synthesis and molecular assembly.

The combination of molecular and charge enrichment through droplet evaporation presents a unique and versatile platform for scientific and technological advancements. It offers a novel



approach to molecular concentration, separation, and charge manipulation, with applications spanning analytical chemistry, biosensing, nanotechnology, and electrochemistry. By further exploring this phenomenon, we can unlock new capabilities in biochemical analysis, develop next-generation diagnostic tools, and refine microscale reaction control techniques. This research paves the way for innovative applications, demonstrating how fundamental physical processes can be harnessed for practical and transformative advancements.

**Short Bio:**

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Since 2024, Dr. Zhang has joined the Polytechnic University of Turin, where he conducts scientific research and teaches courses. His research focuses on bioanalysis of ***micro-nano devices, singlemolecule detection, super-resolution imaging, and interfacial molecular physicochemical processes***. He has established an interdisciplinary research system integrating nanophotonics, microfluidics, and spectroscopy analysis. To date, he has published 28 SCI papers, 1 book chapter, and holds 3 patents. His research achievements have been cited over 1,000 times, with several works published in top international journals including PNAS, Communications Biology, Chemical Science, Scientific Reports, and JPC Letters.

Orazio Svelto: Scientist, Mentor, Pioneer

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Watching Electrons Move: Attosecond Methods for Molecular Physics

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Abstract: Attosecond science has emerged as a powerful framework for probing and ultimately controlling electron dynamics in matter, with particular emphasis on molecular systems. As recognized by the 2023 Nobel Prize in Physics, attosecond light pulses provide access to the natural timescale of electronic motion, opening an unprecedented window onto the ultrafast processes that initiate and govern photoinduced transformations in molecules. Particular attention will be devoted to charge migration, charge localization, and electron-nuclear coupling, together with the broader perspective of attochemistry, where steering electronic motion may offer new routes to influence chemical reactivity at its most fundamental level.

The experimental breakthroughs that have enabled these advances will also be discussed, including high-order harmonic generation, temporal gating, pulse compression, attosecond pulse characterization, and attosecond metrology. In this context, selected scientific contributions of Orazio Svelto will be highlighted, particularly pioneering work on the generation of ultrashort high-peak-power laser pulses and on hollow-fiber compression, which established essential laser technologies for attosecond research.

Recent progress in few-femtosecond UV / attosecond EUV spectroscopy will then be presented, with emphasis on the development of a UV-EUV pump-probe beamline based on resonant dispersive wave emission in gas-filled hollow-core fibers. By providing tunable sub-3-fs UV excitation together with few-femtosecond temporal resolution, this approach opens new opportunities for resolving the earliest non-adiabatic steps of photochemical, biological, and optoelectronic processes.



Short Bio:

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Femtosecond laser writing: an enabling tool for integrated photonic microsystems

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Real-time observation of conical intersection in biomolecules

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Abstract: When light interacts with a biomolecule, it can initiate dynamical processes that unfold on ultrafast timescales. These processes, including energy relaxation, energy and charge transfer, and conformational changes, underlie many fundamental biochemical phenomena such as vision, photosynthesis, and the photoprotection of DNA against ultraviolet radiation. The remarkable speed of these elementary events is closely tied to their efficiency, making ultrafast optical spectroscopy an indispensable tool for probing their dynamics.

In this talk, I will discuss the generation of tunable light pulses lasting only a few optical cycles and their use in capturing “molecular movies” of ultrafast processes. In particular, I will focus on conical intersections—special regions of a molecule’s potential energy landscape where electronic and nuclear motions become strongly coupled, leading the system into a distinctly quantum-mechanical regime. Conical intersections can be thought of as “molecular roundabouts”, where the photoexcited wavepacket decides which reaction pathway to follow. I will present examples of the real-time visualization of conical intersections in biomolecules: the ultrafast isomerization of the retinal chromophore within the opsin protein, that initiates visual transduction, and the rapid energy dissipation in nucleobases that prevents photochemical reactions capable of damaging genetic material.

Finally, I will discuss the emerging potential of X-ray free-electron lasers for the direct observation of conical intersections in complex molecular systems.



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Highly indistinguishable single photons for quantum networks

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Abstract: For many applications in the field of quantum information processing stationary qubits are required, providing long-lived spin coherence and suitable level schemes for coherent control and efficient optical read out. In addition, transferring the spin information to indistinguishable single photons is necessary e.g. to distribute entanglement in quantum networks. Eventually, the communication wavelength should fall within the low-loss telecom bands, which typically requires quantum frequency conversion of the single photons.

We here present emission of highly indistinguishable single photons from a single SnV center in bulk diamond. Using resonant pi-pulse excitation, confocal cross-polarization suppression of the excitation laser, and temporal gating of the detection events we observe raw Hong-Ou-Mandel visibilities for consecutively emitted photons exceeding 97% (for detecting 99% of the single photon pulse area), mainly limited by residual laser leakage. We furthermore demonstrate quantum frequency conversion of the indistinguishable SnV photons to the telecom C-band with high efficiency of 45% and very low noise < 5 photons/s/GHz. The converted telecom photons still exhibit high indistinguishability with raw visibility $V > 0.92$ (99% of photon pulse area).

A simulation of a quantum repeater link with SnV-based network nodes reveals the need for high photon indistinguishability in order to achieve reasonable entanglement distribution rates.



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Semiconductor Quantum Dots integrated in electrically-controlled nanophotonic structures as sources of entangled and indistinguishable photons

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Abstract: Emerging photonic quantum technologies require the development of high-performance sources of quantum light. Among different platforms, self-assembled GaAs quantum dots (QDs) in AlGaAs have demonstrated excellent performance both as quantum emitters as well as hosts of electron and nuclear spins with long coherence times. The most established method to produce GaAs QDs relies on the Al-droplet etching epitaxy. Under optimized conditions, the QDs have high in-plane symmetry, good ensemble homogeneity, high oscillator strengths, and high optical quality, especially when embedded in charge-tunable diode structures. These properties make them particularly suited for the generation of polarization-entangled photon pairs. To make sure the QDs fulfil simultaneously criteria of maximal brightness, desired emission wavelength and charge state, it is necessary to integrate them in photonic devices, which ideally should display a high degree of tunability.

In this talk, we will present recent results on an electrically tunable source of highly entangled photon pairs and indistinguishable single photons based on a diode-circular-Bragg-gratings resonator with deterministically embedded QDs.



Short Bio:

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Towards long distance quantum communication with deterministic single photon sources

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Abstract: This talk presents three recent works that collectively advance deterministic single-photon sources toward practical long-distance quantum communication. We first highlight a landmark field demonstration of intercity QKD using a deterministic quantum dot source, achieving secure key distribution over a 79 km deployed fiber link with low error rates and record key efficiency. This work shows that deterministic emitters can significantly improve loss tolerance and extend achievable distances compared to conventional weak-coherent sources.

To overcome phase instability over long distances, we successfully integrated telecom C-band QDs with self-stabilized time-bin encoders. This setup enabled QKD over 120 km of standard optical fiber, while maintaining a Quantum Bit Error Rate (QBER) below 11% for over six hours. This achievement represents a milestone in the stability and secure key rate (SKR) of true SPS systems in fiber networks.

Finally, our latest research introduces an ultra-stable, low-error dynamic polarization encoding scheme. This approach allows for precise manipulation of single-photon states with high fidelity, ensuring robust performance in fluctuating environmental conditions.

In summary, deterministic single-photon sources are evolving from laboratory prototypes into key enabling components for long-distance quantum communication, with promising prospects for integration into quantum repeater architectures and future large-scale quantum networks.



Short Bio:

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Quantum-inspired super-resolution imaging for wide-linewidth objects

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Abstract: Quantum metrology suggests that measuring the spatial modes of a diffraction-limited image can enable the estimation of sub-diffraction object parameters. Previous implementations of quantum-inspired super-resolution imaging have largely relied on heterodyne detection or multiphase modulation, which limits their applicability to objects illuminated by narrowband sources. Here, we present a diffraction-based mode-measurement method based on a single-layer, point-spread-function-aware phase mask, enabling the reconstruction of sub-diffraction structures under illumination with a linewidth of 40 nm. To validate the proposed approach, we perform experiments on sub-diffraction point-source localization and two-dimensional object reconstruction. Using calibration-driven estimators, we achieve a two-source separation estimation accuracy of $0.03\lambda/\text{NA}$ and a full two-dimensional imaging resolution of $0.31\lambda/\text{NA}$. We believe that this approach provides a practical route toward passive incoherent super-resolution imaging in microscopy and astronomy.



Short Bio:

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A Spontaneous-Emission Model for Resonance Fluorescence

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Abstract: Resonance fluorescence from a coherently driven two-level emitter is conventionally described using mixed-state field correlations. In this talk, I will present a spontaneous-emission model for resonance fluorescence that treats the emitter and its emission within a unified quantum-state framework. This picture provides an intuitive understanding of how phase coherence and photon antibunching can coexist in resonance fluorescence, especially in the Heitler regime. I will discuss how the model captures recent observations and leads to a range of experimentally testable predictions. These include interference between mutually detuned resonance-fluorescence fields, tunable higher-order coherence through interference with laser light, and the synthesis of nonclassical and entangled photonic states using only passive linear interferometry. More generally, this framework offers a useful perspective on resonance fluorescence and its coherence properties, complementary to the conventional field-correlation approach.



Short Bio:

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Dirac Polariton Condensation in Monolayer WS₂ Enabled by Bound States in the Continuum

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Abstract: We report experimental evidence of room-temperature exciton–polariton Bose–Einstein condensation in a monolayer WS₂ platform enabled by Dirac-point bound states in the continuum (BICs). By coupling a WS₂ monolayer to a silicon nitride photonic crystal slab supporting Dirac BIC modes, the system overcomes intrinsic radiative losses that typically hinder condensation at ambient conditions. A combined theoretical and experimental approach is employed to capture strong coupling and condensate dynamics. Experimental photoluminescence measurements confirm robust strong coupling with a Rabi splitting of ~60 meV, persisting above the lasing threshold. The system exhibits polariton condensation, characterized by negative-mass dispersion, self-trapping via reservoir-induced potentials, and the formation of discrete condensate states within the Dirac gap. Additionally, pump-dependent blueshifts up to ~28 meV, and inheritance of topological charge are observed. The condensate can be dynamically reconfigured through optical pump shaping, enabling all-optical control of its spatial and spectral properties. This open-cavity architecture supports scalable condensate arrays and integration with van der Waals heterostructures, establishing a versatile platform for coherent light–matter states and quantum photonic functionalities at room temperature.



Short Bio:

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New insights on molecular platforms for quantum science

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Abstract: Molecules are ubiquitous in daily life and play essential roles across many areas of science. The earlier development of organic molecules embedded in solid-state matrices laid the foundation for the fields of solid-state single-photon emitters and single-spin magnetic resonance. In this talk, I will discuss the physics of molecular host-guest systems and present an overview of their potential in solid-state quantum photonics and magnetic-field sensing. In particular, I will highlight recent advances in room-temperature spin coherence, integration with two-dimensional materials, and discuss efforts to exploit the vast chemical space to facilitate molecules as tailorable and designable quantum resources.



Short Bio:

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All-photonic entanglement swapping with remote quantum dots

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Abstract: Entanglement swapping is a protocol that details how to create entanglement between previously uncorrelated particles. Its all-photonic version - mediated by the interference of photon pairs generated by separate quantum systems - finds disparate applications in quantum networks^[1]. So far, all-photonic entanglement swapping between remote systems has been implemented only using sources that operate probabilistically. However, the scaling up of quantum networks requires deterministic quantum emitters that do not suffer from a trade-off between degree of entanglement and photon pair generation rate. Here, we demonstrate all-photonic entanglement swapping using photon-pairs generated by two separate GaAs quantum dots^[2]. The emitters are deterministically embedded in hybrid semiconductor-piezoelectric devices that make the entangled-photons from two dissimilar quantum dots nearly identical. Entanglement swapping is demonstrated with a fidelity as high as 0.71(2), more than 10 standard deviations above the classical limit. The experimental data are quantitatively explained by a theoretical model that also suggests how to boost the protocol performances. Our work opens the path to the exploitation of quantum dot entangled-photon sources in quantum repeater networks^[3].

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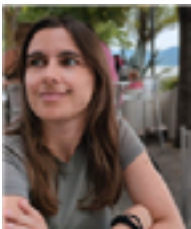
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Adaptive Boson Sampling for quantum machine learning applications

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Abstract: The realization of a universal photonic quantum computer remains a significant challenge due to the difficulty of implementing efficient nonlinear gates, leading research toward non-universal models like Boson Sampling that offer limited applications beyond specific sampling tasks. In this work, we investigate an intermediate regime by exploring the computational potential of adding moderate adaptivity to linear optical circuits. Specifically, we introduce and experimentally validate a paradigm known as Adaptive Boson Sampling (ABS) tailored for quantum machine learning applications^[1,2]. The ABS framework utilizes a subset of optical modes within a Boson Sampling interferometer to act as a feature map for encoding classical data into quantum states. This is enabled by performing intermediate measurements on a subset of modes: the detected photon configurations trigger specific unitary transformations on the remaining modes, establishing a direct correspondence between classical input and quantum state preparation. We report the experimental implementation of this paradigm emulated in postselection using fully reprogrammable and universal integrated optical circuits fabricated via femtosecond-laser-writing^[3] with up to 8-mode and a semiconductor quantum dot source. The system allowed for the execution of 3- and 4-photon experiments and the estimation of quantum kernels with varying dimensionalities. We demonstrated the utility of the ABS kernels for enhancing the performance of support-vector machines in the classification of datasets^[2]. Our results highlight a viable path for enhancing the functionality of near-term photonic hardware, providing a flexible tool for quantum machine learning. Future perspectives regard achieving real-time adaptivity to ensure the protocol scalability and its feasibility for implementation of more complex scheme, such as quantum neural networks^[4].



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Entanglement manipulation via non-Hermitian exceptional points

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Abstract: Exceptional points (EPs) are spectral singularities unique to non-Hermitian systems, giving rise to a wealth of novel phenomena. While their classical effects have been extensively studied, their role in shaping quantum entanglement remains largely unexplored. In this work, we present a unified framework for manipulating multipartite entanglement using non-Hermitian EPs. We first map a bosonic mode chain onto a non-Hermitian Bogoliubov–de Gennes model, revealing multiple types of EPs. A rigorous correspondence is established between the spectral phases separated by exceptional points—namely purely real, purely imaginary, and mixed spectra—and distinct entanglement dynamics, including oscillatory, exponentially growing, and mixed behavior. By accessing higher-order EPs, we further demonstrate that the multipartite entanglement strength is exponentially enhanced with the EP order. Building on these findings, we uncover a universal scaling law: genuine multipartite entanglement near an n th-order EP exhibits maximal sensitivity to a perturbation, with the response scaling as the n th root of the perturbation strength, providing a direct entanglement-based signature for high-order EPs. Using group representation theory in a generic identical non-Hermitian spin system, we prove that permutation symmetry restricts the EP order to at most the system size $(N+1)$, and derive the condition to saturate this bound. Our results establish a deep connection among multipartite entanglement and non-Hermitian degeneracies, opening new avenues for quantum technologies such as enhanced sensing and noise-resilient entanglement detection.



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Light at the nanoscale: Fluorophores and Photonics for Advanced Optical Imaging

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Optical imaging stands as one of the most powerful tools in modern biological and biomedical research. Its unique compatibility with living systems, ability to capture dynamic processes in real time, and potential for high-throughput analysis make it a cornerstone for investigating complex biological phenomena — from cellular architecture to molecular interactions.

Yet, light-based imaging is not without fundamental constraints. The diffraction barrier limits spatial resolution to roughly half the wavelength of light, while inherent trade-offs between spatial and temporal resolution challenge the study of fast biological events. Additionally, the balance between signal and background remains a persistent obstacle, often limiting sensitivity in complex biological environments. Not least, many advanced microscopy techniques come at the cost of sophisticated, bulky, and hard-to-integrate optical setups, limiting their accessibility and widespread adoption.

Over the past decades, the microscopy community has actively worked to overcome these challenges. By exploiting the photophysical properties of fluorophores, engineering advanced photonic components, and developing sophisticated image processing algorithms, researchers have progressively pushed these boundaries — giving rise to a new generation of super-resolution and high-sensitivity imaging techniques.

The talk will follow a journey from the microscale to the nanoscale, showing how metasurface technology can make structured illumination microscopy (SIM) more practical — simplifying its implementation, and offering greater flexibility and versatility — and then how single-molecule approaches combined with waveguide-based illumination enable nanoscale imaging, moving from the imaging of neurons down to the level of DNA-origami structures.



Short Bio:

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A unified 3D QPI platform enabled by single-shot polarization-grating shearing interferometry and incoherent illumination

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Abstract: Quantitative phase imaging (QPI) and optical diffraction tomography (ODT) face three practical limitations for high-throughput translation: laser speckle, motion artifacts, and the mechanical complexity of angular scanning. While common-path shearing interferometry addresses these problems, it typically fails on dense samples due to overlapping conjugate beams. We present a compact polarization grating (PG)-based common-path platform that overcomes these challenges for 2D QPI and 3D ODT imaging.

Our system uses programmable LED illumination to mitigate speckle and achieve high-speed tomographic cone illumination entirely without moving parts. Detection utilizes a vibration-robust PG lateral shearing interferometer. By tuning PGs to a small shear, we capture orthogonal phase gradients, bypassing total-shear limitations to image dense biological samples. A polarization-resolved sensor captures four phase-shifted images simultaneously for true single-shot acquisition.

To avoid error-prone numerical integration, 2D quantitative data is recovered using an optimization-based solver that jointly estimates phase and shear to suppress drift. For volumetric imaging, Gradient Optical Diffraction Tomography (GODT) directly maps phase gradients into the 3D refractive index reconstruction via the first-order Rytov approximation, bypassing 2D integration entirely.

Validated on 3D cell phantoms and highly confluent neural cells, our platform delivers speckle-free, mechanically stable, and label-free volumetric tomography



Short Bio:

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Title: PDL-TIQPI: A Physics-Unrolled Deep Learning Framework for Accurate Quantitative Phase Imaging under Partial Coherence

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Computational lensless holographic microscopy and tomography from deep-UV to near-IR on a standard sensor

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Abstract: Lensless holographic microscopy offers a powerful route to high-content two- and three-dimensional imaging over large fields of view, but its broader use is often constrained by limited chemical specificity and by multiple scattering in optically dense samples. In this lecture, I will present a unified lensless imaging framework implemented on a standard CMOS camera and operating across an exceptionally wide spectral range, from deep ultraviolet (~240 nm) to the silicon cut-off near 1100 nm. This platform enables UV absorption imaging with intrinsic chemical contrast, near-infrared complex-field imaging with reduced scattering in turbid specimens, and multiple-scattering-aware phase tomography at gigavoxel scale. Together, these advances show how a simple on-chip detector platform can support computational microscopy and tomography across complementary spectral regimes, opening new possibilities for mesoscale information-rich imaging of complex samples.



Short Bio:

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Characterizing complex wavefields with a high-resolution computational wavefront sensor

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Abstract: Optical waves encode rich information in their spatial profiles and topological structures, making wavefront characterization a key requirement for applications including adaptive optics, wavefront shaping, label-free imaging, optical communication, surface profilometry, and imaging through scattering. However, existing wavefront sensing techniques such as Shack-Hartmann wavefront sensing, shearing interferometry, digital holography, and pyramid wavefront sensing, often face trade-offs between spatiotemporal resolution, compactness, and versatility.

Here, we introduce spatial and Fourier-domain adaptive regularized inversion (SAFARI), a computational wavefront sensing method that leverages intrinsic physical properties, such as wavefront smoothness, to reconstruct complex wavefronts reliably from a single exposure. Using a compact diffuser-based sensor, we experimentally demonstrated single-shot, reference-free characterization of diverse complex wavefronts, including aberrations with up to 200 Zernike modes, structured beams with a topological charge of 150, and speckle fields comprising over 190,000 spatial modes.

We also studied and validated the compatibility of SAFARI with a broader class of wavefront sensors, including Shack-Hartmann wavefront sensors and quadri-wave lateral shearing interferometers. The most prominent feature of our wavefront sensing approach is its unprecedented generalizability while maintaining comparable or even superior performance compared with existing task-specific, state-of-the-art solutions. The results highlight its potential for coherent imaging and sensing at unprecedented resolution and complexity.



Short Bio:

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Capture molecular movies with ultrafast photons and electrons: from isolated gas-phase to liquid- and solid-phase samples

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Abstract: Atoms and molecules serve as the fundamental building blocks of our natural world. In the case of the ground state hydrogen atom, its size is approximately 52.92 picometers (radius), with the classical period of its electron being 150 attoseconds. At the microscopic level, electrons and nuclei exhibit rapid movement, vibration, or rotation, and their dynamics significantly influence macroscopic physical, chemical, and biological processes. Capturing molecular movies with temporal resolution in the (sub)femtosecond range and spatial resolution in the picometer scale has long been a goal for physicists, chemists, and biologists. Recent advancements in hard X-ray free electron lasers and femtosecond electron pulses are bringing us closer to realizing this goal through femtosecond hard X-ray imaging and ultrafast electron diffraction.

In this talk, I will present our home-built ultrafast electron diffraction setup for imaging gas-phase, liquid-phase, and solid-phase samples, along with our newly constructed ultra-high vacuum system, which integrates argon ion sputtering cleaning, quadrupole mass spectrometry, Low Energy Electron Diffraction (LEED), Auger Electron Spectroscopy (AES), Thermal Desorption Spectroscopy (TDS), and femtosecond-resolved polarization and azimuthal-dependent sum frequency generation spectroscopy, for studying ultrafast dynamics at solid-gas and solid-liquid interfaces.



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His research interests focus on imaging the ultrafast electron and nuclear/lattice dynamics of samples (from isolated gas-phase molecules, liquids, solids, solid-liquid/solid-gas interfaces to electrochemical cells) under ultrashort optical excitation using ultrafast electron/X-ray imaging and spectroscopy techniques. He is an experienced experimental physicist with expertise in ultra-high vacuum apparatus development, device control, data acquisition/analysis automation, laser-driven molecular source development, ultrafast electron diffraction, mass spectrometry, non-linear optics/spectroscopies, etc., and has successfully developed/constructed several state-of-the-art scientific instruments (e.g. a scientific instrument which combines a laser-induced acoustic desorption molecular source with a time-of-flight mass spectrometer for free-electron laser experiments (Huang et al., *Anal Chem* 90, 3920-3927 (2018)), a scientific instrument which combines a laser-driven molecular beam with a table-top femtosecond electron gun and a pulsed bright-field optical microscope (Huang et al., *Structural Dynamics* 9, 054301 (2022)), an ultra-high vacuum system which integrates low energy electron diffraction, auger electron spectroscopy, thermal desorption spectroscopy, time-resolved sum frequency generation spectroscopy, etc.) to perform these cutting-edge research (Huang et al., *Review of Scientific Instruments*, 95, 063903 (2024)).



**Title: Thermal Plume–Induced Aero-Optic Distortions in
High-Temperature Chamber Windows for Imaging and Measure-
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Stabilization Control for High-Resolution Imaging in a Rigid-Flexible Coupled Platform

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Abstract: Attaining high-resolution imaging from dynamic platforms is fundamentally constrained by line-of-sight jitter induced by dynamic disturbances. A predominant yet challenging scenario emerges when vibration isolators are integrated internally, introducing a strong nonlinear rigid-flexible coupling effect between the gimbals. This structural coupling severely corrupts the image stabilization control loop, limiting system bandwidth and degrading final imaging quality. To address this limitation, we present a systematic methodology encompassing modeling, disturbance mitigation, and robust control. We first establish an accurate rigid-flexible coupled multi-body dynamic model and identify its governing parameters. Then, we develop a decoupling control scheme, featuring a disturbance observer, to precisely estimate and cancel the induced torque. Furthermore, an anti-saturation compensator is integrated to enhance robustness against actuator saturation. The proposed integrated solution is validated on an experimental prototype. This work provides a practical framework to significantly improve line-of-sight stability, enabling high-performance imaging under dynamic conditions.



Short Bio:

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An ultrastable and portable interferometer for Fourier-transform spectroscopy and imaging in the thermal infrared

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Abstract: Fourier-transform spectroscopy is a powerful technique for the measurement of the spectrum of an optical waveform. In this method, the waveform is split by an interferometer into two delayed replicas, whose interference pattern is measured by a detector as a function of the relative delay. The FT of an interferogram yields the intensity spectrum of the impinging waveform. Compared to frequency domain methods, the time domain approach allows flexible spectral resolution by selecting of the maximum scan delay, has higher optical throughput since it does not employ neither spectral nor spatial filtering and higher signal-to-noise ratio in case of detector-limited noise. FT spectroscopy poses the challenging requirement that the delay of the replicas must be controlled within a small fraction of the optical cycle. Here we introduce a novel design of a common-path birefringent interferometer, which can operate from the visible spectral range to 20 micrometers wavelength. We report the results of the experimental validation, which demonstrates that the interferometer can generate phase-locked light replicas with delay accuracy better than fractions of the wavelength, and long-term stability. Compared to previous designs, the interferometer presented here solves a known issue which up to now reduced the spatial coherence of the replicas and hence enables its applications also to the challenging TIR range. We demonstrate interferometric contrast higher than 90%, spectral resolution below 4.5/cm, and a spectral coverage between 3 and 14 μm , limited only by the detector and its optical components.



Short Bio:

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Title: Space X-EUV Optical Technology and Applications

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Abstract: We present the development and application of X-ray, extreme ultraviolet (EUV), and far ultraviolet (FUV) optical payloads and key components for space weather monitoring. Key components include metal thin-film filters, multilayer mirrors, single-photon counting imaging detectors, and calibration facilities from component to instrument level. For solar observation: the Fengyun-3E Solar X-EUV Imager uses a dual-band compound optical system with high-precision tracking; the Lyman-alpha Solar Telescope observes the Sun in the Ly- α and visible bands; the Fengyun-4C Solar EUV Imager monitors coronal structures and eruptive events such as flares, prominences, and CMEs in multiple EUV bands. For Earth observation: the Chang'e-3 EUV camera observed Earth's plasmasphere and discovered the erosion law of its top; the Queqiao-2 relay satellite carries a dual-band EUV imaging system with a large-area curved single-photon counting detector, capturing panoramic images of Earth's ionosphere and monitoring plasmasphere contraction during strong geomagnetic storms; the Fengyun-3D/3H Wide-Angle Aurora Imager achieves large-scale polar region imaging in the FUV band for auroral substorm dynamics studies.



Short Bio:

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Target detection in hyperspectral remote sensing imagery

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Abstract: Hyperspectral images can capture not only topographic features and spatial distributions but also the radiance and spectral properties of objects, exhibiting the unique characteristics and advantages of spectral-spatial integration. This report will focus on three key technologies: feature extraction, enhancement, and multi-feature fusion detection to effectively improve the target detection performance of hyperspectral remote sensing images. To address the characteristics of remote sensing targets with varying scales and irregular shapes, we have proposed a spectral-spatial feature extraction method based on cross-subspace combination and differential attribute filtering. In addition, a multi-feature prioritized target detection method based on a genetic algorithm is introduced. A series of real hyperspectral datasets containing targets with diverse shapes, sizes, and materials is employed for performance validation. The proposed algorithm demonstrates superior performance in terms of detection accuracy, algorithm stability, and background-target separation.



Short Bio:

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Analysis of Coupled Degradation Mechanisms and Physically Consistent Joint Reconstruction for Spaceborne Pushbroom/TDI Full-Stokes Polarimetric Imaging

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Abstract: Spaceborne polarization remote sensing typically retrieves the Stokes vector from multi-channel intensity measurements to derive polarization metrics such as the angle of polarization (AoP) and the degree of linear polarization (DoLP). However, constrained by platform power and structural budgets, polarization channels often suffer from low spatial resolution and elevated noise, which limits the detail fidelity and stability of polarization products. From a systems-engineering perspective, this paper analyzes the underlying degradation mechanisms and shows that the observed degradation is not merely due to spatial undersampling; rather, it arises from the coupled effects of PSF/MTF attenuation induced by optical aberrations and alignment/assembly errors, directional motion blur introduced by pushbroom/TDI temporal integration, and the interaction between channel architecture and spatiotemporal perturbations. This coupling violates the “same-pixel, same-location” condition required by conventional RAW-to-Stokes linear demodulation, making the traditional sequential pipeline of “interpolation–demodulation–super-resolution” difficult to reconcile with physical consistency. To improve spatial detail and robustness of polarization products, we adopt a physically consistent joint reconstruction strategy: six-channel polarized RAW measurements are used as input to fuse cross-channel polarimetric information with imaging-degradation characteristics, directly estimate high-resolution Stokes components, and consistently derive AoP/DoLP. This approach mitigates inter-channel crosstalk and error amplification, enhancing output stability, and provides a practical design and integration-validation pathway for next-generation lightweight, multifunctional intelligent optical remote-sensing payloads.

Spaceborne polarization remote sensing has become an increasingly important technique for observing the Earth system because polarization carries rich information about atmospheric particles, aerosols, clouds, and surface properties. Unlike conventional radiometric imaging, which measures only the total intensity of reflected or scattered light, polarization sensing captures the vector nature of electromagnetic radiation. In practice, most satellite-borne polarization instruments retrieve the Stokes vector from multiple intensity measurements acquired through different polarization channels. The Stokes parameters I, Q, U (and sometimes V) provide a complete description of the polarization state of light, from which key polarization metrics such as the angle of polarization (AoP) and the degree of linear polarization (DoLP) can be derived. These quantities are widely used in aerosol retrieval, cloud microphysical characterization, ocean color observation, and surface property inversion. However, despite its scientific value, achieving high-quality polarization measurements from space remains techni-

cally challenging.

One of the primary limitations arises from the stringent constraints imposed on spaceborne optical payloads. Satellite instruments must operate within strict budgets for power consumption, mass, volume, and thermal stability. As a result, polarization channels in many operational systems are often implemented with simplified optical architectures or reduced detector resources. Compared with conventional intensity channels, polarization channels frequently exhibit lower spatial resolution and higher noise levels. This disparity becomes particularly evident when polarization information is reconstructed from multiple channels that do not share identical optical paths or sampling characteristics. Consequently, the resulting polarization products, including AoP and DoLP maps, may exhibit reduced spatial detail, increased noise sensitivity, and limited stability in heterogeneous scenes.

From a systems-engineering perspective, the degradation observed in polarization imagery cannot be explained solely by spatial undersampling or detector limitations. Instead, it originates from a complex coupling of several physical and instrumental factors that jointly influence the imaging process. One important contributor is the attenuation of spatial frequencies caused by the point spread function (PSF) and the corresponding modulation transfer function (MTF) of the optical system. Optical aberrations, manufacturing tolerances, and alignment or assembly errors can broaden the PSF, thereby suppressing high-frequency information and reducing image sharpness. In multi-channel polarization systems, even small differences in optical paths or filter configurations can lead to slight variations in PSF and MTF across channels, which complicates subsequent polarization reconstruction.

Another key factor arises from the imaging mechanism commonly used in Earth observation satellites: pushbroom scanning combined with time delay integration (TDI) detectors. While this architecture improves signal-to-noise ratio by accumulating multiple exposures during satellite motion, it also introduces directional motion blur along the flight direction. The extent of this blur depends on satellite velocity, detector integration time, and synchronization accuracy between the optical system and detector readout. Because each polarization channel may experience slightly different temporal or spatial sampling conditions, the resulting motion blur can vary across channels, further disturbing the spatial correspondence required for accurate polarization retrieval.

Equally important is the interaction between channel architecture and spatiotemporal perturbations. In many practical implementations, polarization channels are arranged using polarization filters, beam splitters, or micro-polarizer arrays. Although these designs allow simultaneous or near-simultaneous acquisition of multiple polarization states, they inevitably introduce small spatial offsets or differing optical transfer characteristics among channels. When combined with platform motion, structural vibration, thermal drift, and detector noise, these discrepancies lead to a mismatch between the pixels that are assumed to represent the same ground location. In other words, the measurements used to reconstruct the Stokes vector may not strictly correspond to identical spatial samples.

This phenomenon violates a key assumption underlying conventional polarization processing



pipelines: the “same-pixel, same-location” condition required for linear demodulation from RAW intensity measurements to Stokes parameters. Traditional workflows generally follow a sequential process consisting of three steps: spatial interpolation to align channels, linear demodulation to compute the Stokes vector, and optional super-resolution or denoising to enhance spatial detail. However, when channel misregistration and imaging degradations are strongly coupled, this sequential strategy becomes physically inconsistent. Errors introduced during interpolation can propagate into the demodulation stage, where they may be amplified due to the linear combination of multiple noisy measurements. Subsequent super-resolution or enhancement steps may further distort the polarization relationships, resulting in artifacts, unstable AoP estimates, or exaggerated DoLP values.

To address these limitations, this study proposes a physically consistent joint reconstruction framework for spaceborne polarization imaging. Instead of treating interpolation, demodulation, and resolution enhancement as separate steps, the proposed approach integrates them into a unified reconstruction process. Specifically, six-channel polarized RAW measurements are used directly as input to the reconstruction model. By jointly exploiting cross-channel polarimetric correlations and the physical characteristics of the imaging degradation—such as PSF blur, motion effects, and channel-dependent sampling—the method estimates high-resolution Stokes components in a consistent manner.

In this framework, the reconstruction algorithm models the forward imaging process of each polarization channel, including spatial degradation, sampling differences, and noise. The high-resolution Stokes parameters are treated as latent variables that generate the observed RAW measurements through these physical models. By solving the inverse problem in a joint optimization or learning-based framework, the algorithm effectively fuses complementary information from multiple channels while enforcing polarization consistency constraints. As a result, spatial details suppressed in individual channels can be recovered through cross-channel information integration.

Once the high-resolution Stokes components are reconstructed, polarization metrics such as AoP and DoLP can be derived directly and consistently from the recovered parameters. Because the reconstruction explicitly accounts for inter-channel relationships and imaging degradations, it significantly reduces the risk of error amplification during demodulation. Moreover, the joint strategy suppresses inter-channel crosstalk and mitigates noise propagation, thereby improving the robustness and stability of the final polarization products.

Experimental analysis demonstrates that this physically consistent reconstruction approach yields notable improvements in both spatial detail and polarization accuracy. Compared with conventional sequential pipelines, the proposed method produces smoother and more reliable AoP distributions, while maintaining realistic DoLP magnitudes in regions with weak polarization signals. Fine structural features in complex scenes—such as cloud edges, land-water boundaries, or aerosol plumes—are also better preserved.

Beyond algorithmic performance, the proposed framework also provides valuable insights for the design and system integration of next-generation polarization imaging payloads. By

explicitly modeling the interactions between optical degradation, channel configuration, and platform motion, the method offers a practical pathway for evaluating system-level trade-offs during instrument development. This capability is particularly important for future lightweight, multifunctional optical remote-sensing platforms, where compact design and resource efficiency must be balanced with high-quality data products.

In summary, spaceborne polarization imaging faces unique challenges arising from coupled optical, mechanical, and sampling effects that degrade measurement fidelity. Traditional processing pipelines struggle to maintain physical consistency under these conditions. The physically consistent joint reconstruction strategy proposed in this work addresses these challenges by directly integrating multi-channel RAW measurements with imaging degradation models to estimate high-resolution Stokes parameters. By enhancing spatial detail, suppressing inter-channel artifacts, and improving polarization robustness, this approach supports the development of more reliable polarization products and contributes to the advancement of intelligent optical remote-sensing systems.

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“Spatiotemporal mode-locking transitions in a multimode fiber laser”

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Abstract: The transitions between spatiotemporal mode-locking (STML) and noise-like pulse (NLP) generation in multimode fiber lasers—and the mechanisms governing them—have remained unexplored. We present the first systematic experimental study of these transitions in an Yb-doped multimode fiber laser. We show that intracavity spectral filtering drives the system from disordered NLP emission to stable STML, and that an optimal balance between chromatic and modal dispersion—tuned via graded-index fiber (GIF) length—maximises pulse compressibility. At the GIF length of 5.2 m, pulses are compressed to 170 fs. Numerical simulations validate this dispersion-balance picture. We further establish that Kerr spatial self-cleaning ($M^2 \approx 1.5$) is a consequence of high peak power, not a prerequisite for mode-locking. This work provides practical design guidelines for ultrashort-pulse multimode fiber sources. Controllable switching between coherent STML and broadband NLP emission from a single cavity is directly relevant to optical coherence tomography, multiphoton imaging, and material processing, where temporal coherence, peak power, and beam quality must be tailored. More broadly, these results advance the understanding of multimode laser dynamics and open new avenues for spatiotemporal light engineering in fiber systems.



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Solitons and topology: from optical soliton pseudovorticity to photonics in topological ferroelectric soliton lattices

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Abstract: We will discuss recent advances in the investigation of high-dimensional optical spatial solitons, focusing on the first observation of their built-in pseudovorticity and its connection to Berry optical current vorticity. We will also describe experiments allowing the direct observation of a polarization soliton lattice, where topological and non-topological solitons lace together to form a multi-phase paraelectric-ferroelectric nonlinear photonic-crystal-like structure. Finally, we will present evidence for spontaneous polar nanovortices in near-transition potassium-tantalate-niobate.



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Optical frequency comb spectroscopy and imaging

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Abstract: Optical frequency comb that contains hundreds and thousands of evenly-spaced frequency elements (or comb lines) has advanced approaches to various applications, ranging from optical metrology to precision molecular spectroscopy and to gas sensing and imaging. We will report on our recent works on broadband optical comb generation and its applications to direct frequency comb spectroscopy, i.e. dual-comb spectroscopy (DCS). In fact, DCS is one of the most promising comb-enabled spectroscopic techniques for nondestructive interrogation of, e.g., molecular structures, with unprecedentedly high spectral resolution and high acquisition speed. With two frequency combs of slightly different line spacing beating on a single detector, it enables simultaneous detection of multiple molecular transition lines covered in the wide spectral range of the combs. Here, dual-comb spectroscopy with two electro-optic frequency combs tunable in the near-infrared and high-wavenumber fingerprint region will be reported for molecular sensing as well as real-time 3D optical imaging.



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Title: Novel phenomena in low-index time-varying media

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Virtual metasurfaces for space and time image processing in a thin nonlinear film

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Abstract: Metasurfaces have transformed wavefront engineering by enabling subwavelength control over amplitude, phase, and polarization through tailored nanostructuring^[1, 2]. Despite these advances, metasurface functionality remains largely encoded at fabrication. The state of the art motivates a complementary paradigm to conventional metasurface engineering. Instead of permanently encoding functionality into nanostructured geometry, nonlinear wave mixing allows the dynamic programming of an effective optical response through structured illumination in space and in time. We demonstrate here that by structuring these fields, it becomes possible to write, in real time, an effective metasurface response (virtual, rather than lithographically defined) capable of emulating or augmenting metasurface functionalities^[3, 4].

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Modulation and routing of nonlinear optical signals with metasurfaces above GHz rates

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Abstract: Optical metasurfaces are rapidly gaining traction as ultrathin multifunctional platforms for light management. Their capability to shape the wavefront of light makes them ideal for free-space optical analog computing. In this framework, the fast reconfigurability of metasurfaces constitutes an indisputable requirement to secure practical application. To date, electro-optical and all-optical modulation represent the foremost approaches for light manipulation through metasurfaces, thanks to the compatibility with CMOS technology and the modulation rates above the GHz. Yet, fast modulation often comes at the expense of optical signals modulation depths (i.e. efficiency). The exploitation of nonlinear optical signal offers an alternative route. While conversion efficiencies at the nanoscale will unlikely reach those of bulk nonlinear crystals, the nonlinear and intrinsic background-free character of these signals grants higher sensitivity to environmental changes compared to linear signals. This enables strong signal modulation depths at the nanoscale, fueling the development of nonlinear metasurfaces for electro- and all-optical light manipulation (e.g. modulation, steering and amplification).

In this seminar, I will show our latest approaches to nonlinear light enhancement, modulation and routing by means of optical metasurfaces.



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Harmonic light structuring with nonlinear metasurfaces

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Abstract: Two decades after the advent of spatial light modulators, research and engineering development have been revolutionized by metasurfaces, with their promise of replacing bulky optical systems and providing new functionalities by nanostructured thin films. Their potential of light structuring is even stronger and more fascinating in the nonlinear regime, where the present maturity of nonlinear meta-optics enables to create light harmonics with unprecedented phase, amplitude, polarization and topological complexity. In this framework, the generation of vortex beams in frequency up-conversion has become an interesting test bed for design and experimental protocols, because of their scientific relevance and experimental challenge. Here, we report on our recent findings on the generation of second-harmonic vortices with optical metasurfaces, and subsequent results in the nonlinear generation of more complex Bessel-vortex beams and vortex inverted pin beams. In both cases we unravel the generation of high-purity orbital angular momentum (OAM) with an arbitrary topological charge, via nonlinear meta-holograms fabricated in the AlGaAs-on-insulator platform, under the approximation of a quasi-local nonlinear response.



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Nanofabrication and Process Optimization of High-Q Dielectric Metasurfaces for quasi-BIC Resonances

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Abstract: This work investigates the fabrication and optical response of a high-Q dielectric metasurface engineered to support a quasi-bound-state-in-the-continuum (quasi-BIC) resonance that strongly enhances light–matter interaction. The device consists of a onedimensional array of amorphous-silicon nanobars on fused silica, where a slight unit-cell asymmetry enables excitation of the quasi-BIC mode under TE-polarized illumination. We examine how practical fabrication constraints, including lithography accuracy, etch anisotropy, resist-pattern defects, and sidewall roughness, affects the resonance characteristics and Q-factor, identifying the most critical tolerances and process steps.

The optical behavior is further explored through third-harmonic generation (THG) experiments using picosecond and femtosecond excitation. Under picosecond pumping, efficient coupling to the quasi-BIC yields strong THG with resonance-centered excitation spectra that broaden redshift with increasing intensity. Simulations attribute this behavior to ultrafast modulation of the third-order susceptibility, which shifts the resonance and produces sub-cubic scaling; off resonance, the expected cubic dependence is recovered, while at resonance saturation leads to nearly linear scaling. With femtosecond pulses, coupling to the quasi-BIC is weaker, yet selfaction effects still induce pronounced spectral broadening and modulation near resonance, whereas far from resonance the TH spectrum remains largely unchanged.



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Realizing the Haldane Model in Room-Temperature Atoms

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Abstract: Topological materials hold great promise for developing next-generation devices with transport properties that remain resilient in the presence of local imperfections. However, their susceptibility to thermal noise has posed a major challenge. In particular, the Haldane model, a cornerstone in topological physics, generally requires cryogenic temperatures for experimental realization, limiting both the investigation of topologically robust quantum phenomena and their practical applications. In this talk, I will introduce a room-temperature realization of the Haldane model using atomic ensembles in momentum-space superradiance lattices, a platform intrinsically resistant to thermal noise. The topological phase transition is revealed through the superradiant emission contrast between two timed Dicke states in the lattice. Crucially, the thermal resilience of this platform allows us to access a deep modulation regime, where topological transitions to high Chern number phases emerge — going beyond the traditional Haldane model. Our results not only deepen the understanding of exotic topological phases, but also offer a robust, reconfigurable, and room-temperature-compatible platform that connects quantum simulation to real-world quantum technologies



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Light-Controlled Photonic Systems by Photoresponsive Materials and Additive Manufacturing

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Abstract: Recent progress in nanophotonics is increasingly fueled by new stimuli-responsive optical materials, which enable dynamic and reversible control of light–matter interactions in hybrid systems. Soft photonic architectures incorporating photoresponsive molecules exhibit tunable optical properties that can be reconfigured via light-induced molecular rearrangements, paving the way for high-performance programmable photonic components.

Here we report on the ongoing work of our group, about optically tunable photonic platforms that integrate photoresponsive organic materials and additive manufacturing. Various examples of new photoresponsive materials are presented that, upon processing by photopolymerization or other additive methods, show great potential for efficient and reversible photo-gated switching as well as all-optical data processing. These results open new opportunities for applications ranging from optical computing to light harvesting, sensing, and light-emitting devices.



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Broadband BICs in Photonic Crystal Slabs

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Abstract: Bound states in the continuum (BICs) in photonic crystal slabs are commonly associated with isolated points in momentum space, especially near high-symmetry points such as Γ . Here we report a combined theoretical, numerical, and experimental study of broadband BICs—namely continuous BIC lines that develop along high-symmetry directions and sustain high-quality-factor states over a finite spectral range above the light line—and extend this framework to explore the nonlinear optical response achievable by coupling such non-radiating resonances to the epsilon-near-zero (ENZ) regime of indium tin oxide (ITO).

We focus on vertically asymmetric photonic crystal slabs with in-plane C_4 symmetry and show that broadband BICs can arise in a simple dielectric platform without requiring a complex photonic environment. Our theoretical analysis is based on a two-mode non-Hermitian description involving symmetric and antisymmetric resonances near Γ . The model shows that a continuous BIC line emerges when the two resonances become frequency-degenerate and radiatively balanced, so that destructive interference suppresses radiation leakage along the Γ -M direction. Full-wave numerical calculations of the dispersion surfaces support this mechanism and identify extended regions where the radiative linewidth collapses and the quality factor strongly increases. Experimental visualization is achieved using Photonic Angle-Resolved Transmission Spectroscopy (PARTS), a bi-angular transmission method developed by our group to reconstruct three-dimensional dispersion surfaces over an extended region of the Brillouin zone. The technique provides angular resolution up to 3×10^{-4} radians and spectral accuracy of 0.2 nm, enabling direct observation of broadband radiation suppression along Γ -M in square-lattice Si_3N_4 photonic crystal slabs.

Building on these results, we investigate how the extreme field confinement associated with broadband BIC resonances can amplify the intrinsically large nonlinear optical susceptibility of ITO in its ENZ spectral window. In the ENZ regime, the real part of the dielectric permittivity of ITO approaches zero near its epsilon-near-zero wavelength (~ 1240 nm in the near-infrared), leading to dramatic enhancement of the optical electric field inside the film and unity-order nonlinear refractive index changes at moderate pump fluences. By designing photonic crystal slab geometries that spectrally and spatially overlap a broadband BIC mode with the ITO ENZ condition, we predict that the effective nonlinear interaction length and the Purcell-like field enhancement can be simultaneously maximized. Finite-difference time-domain simulations incorporating the dispersive and nonlinear permittivity of ITO demonstrate that the third-order nonlinear susceptibility $\chi^{(3)}$ is enhanced by more than two orders of magnitude compared to bare ITO films, enabling efficient all-optical modulation, intensity-dependent

phase shifting, and harmonic generation in a compact, CMOS-compatible planar platform.

These results establish a design strategy for integrating broadband non-radiating photonic states with ENZ materials, opening a route toward ultrafast all-optical switching, low-threshold nonlinear photonics, and high-sensitivity nanophotonic sensors based on ITO-loaded photonic crystal platforms.



Short Bio:

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All-optical surface morphing of azomaterials with multiple light degrees of freedom

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Abstract: Light-induced structuring of azobenzene-containing films enables direct micro- and nanoscale patterning through a non-destructive and fully reprogrammable surface morphing process. This behavior originates from light-driven mass transport induced by cyclic trans-cis isomerization of azobenzene molecules, which generates anisotropic photoinduced stress and drives plastic deformation of the film surface. Within the Viscoplastic Photo-Alignment model, this migration is interpreted as the macroscopic expression of polarization-driven molecular reorientation, linking azobenzene photophysics to photoalignment, birefringence, and surface relief formation that happen in the material across different length scales.

In parallel, computer-generated holography and spatial light modulators now enable the synthesis of structured vector fields ideally suited to control this response. Here, I discuss how these advances converge into a vectorial holographic lithography platform for azomaterials, allowing anisotropic reliefs, reconfigurable diffractive optical elements, and complex surface morphologies to be written, erased, and rewritten with light alone. This approach opens new opportunities for flat optics, surface engineering, and biointerfaces.



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Ultrafast breather lasers and fractal routes to chaos

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Abstract: Our recent research establishes ultrafast breathing-soliton laser as a platform for studying synchronization within a single oscillator. We have observed Farey hierarchies of frequency-locked breather states, self-similar fractal structures (devil's staircases), and unusual synchronization domains marked by non-conventional Arnold tongues. More recently, we introduced a unified theoretical model for breather lasers, which clarifies distinct formation mechanisms under net-normal and near-zero cavity dispersion. This framework accounts for experimentally observed differences in pump-power accessibility relative to stationary mode locking, oscillation periods, spectral profiles, and synchronization behavior across the two dispersion regimes. In parallel, we have shown that genetic algorithms offer an effective strategy for exploring such complex experimental parameter spaces. This approach enables self-optimization of breather lasers and facilitates access to new dynamical regimes, including frequency-locked breathers and super-rogue-wave structures. Together, these findings enhance our understanding of nonlinear dissipative systems and reinforce mode-locked fiber lasers as a versatile testbed for investigating complex dynamics



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Beam cleaning and wave thermalization in optical fibers

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Abstract: Beam cleaning and wave thermalization in optical fibers have attracted increasing interest due to their fundamental relevance and potential applications in high-power beam delivery, imaging, and nonlinear photonics. However, despite extensive experimental and theoretical efforts, significant challenges remain in achieving a comprehensive and unambiguous interpretation of beam self-cleaning, particularly regarding its description as a thermodynamic process.

A critical review of the current state of the art on beam self-cleaning and wave thermalization in multimode optical fibers is presented, with the aim of clarifying the extent to which thermodynamic frameworks successfully capture the underlying physics. Special emphasis is placed on the role of pulse-to-pulse fluctuations, highlighting the intrinsically statistical nature of the phenomenon and its impact on the interpretation of experimental results. It is shown that fluctuations are not merely a perturbative effect but a key ingredient in understanding the emergence and stability of self-cleaned beams.

The analysis provides guidelines for reconciling deterministic and statistical approaches, offering a more complete picture of wave thermalization processes and outlining open questions for future research in nonlinear multimode fiber optics.



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Title: The role of non-Hermiticity in Optical Trapping and Binding

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Mid-infrared soliton generation, amplification and wavelength tuning in fluoride and fluorotellurite fibres

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Abstract: Mid-infrared (MIR) ultrafast fibre lasers operating in the 3–5 μm spectral region are of great importance for applications in molecular spectroscopy, biomedical diagnostics, and strong-field physics. However, the development of high-power, broadband, and tunable MIR ultrashort pulse sources is fundamentally limited by fibre material loss, nonlinear effects, and dispersion engineering.

In this work, we systematically investigate soliton generation, amplification, and wavelength tuning in fluoride (InF₃/ZBLAN) and fluorotellurite (TBAY) fibres. Firstly, domain-wall dark solitons are experimentally observed in a 2.7 μm SESAM mode-locked Er³⁺/Pr³⁺ co-doped InF₃ fibre laser, where the interplay between net cavity dispersion and gain–loss dynamics governs the formation and evolution of dark pulses. Secondly, a high-performance 2.8 μm master oscillator power amplifier (MOPA) system is developed, delivering 116 fs pulses with an average power of 2.5 W. By pumping a highly nonlinear TBAY fibre, broadband Raman solitons based on soliton self-frequency shift (SSFS) are generated with continuous tunability from 2.8 to 3.9 μm .

To further extend the wavelength beyond 4 μm , a high-energy 3.5 μm femtosecond pump source is implemented. Through dispersion engineering and nonlinear optimization, Raman solitons up to ~ 4.6 μm and dispersive waves around ~ 4.2 μm are achieved. Numerical simulations based on generalized nonlinear Schrödinger equation reveal the underlying spectral and temporal evolution mechanisms.

These results provide a viable route toward high-power, widely tunable MIR ultrafast fibre sources, and offer new insights into nonlinear pulse dynamics and dispersion engineering in soft-glass fibre platforms.



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Observation of Discrete 1D Solitons in an Optically Induced Lattice in Rubidium Atomic Vapor

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Abstract: We present an experimental study of the propagation of light through an optically induced lattice in a far-detuned system in Doppler-broadened ⁸⁷Rb atomic vapor. Discrete diffraction patterns are observed when a probe beam propagates through an optically induced lattice created by the interference of two coupling laser fields intersecting at a small angle. We investigate the influence of various experimental parameters, such as probe beam size, probe and coupling laser detunings and intensities, and the concentration of atoms on the observed diffraction patterns and the patterns' contrasts. Finally, we show that by increasing the power of the probe beam we enter a nonlinear regime, where, for suitable detunings we observe the formation of a discrete soliton.

These periodic structures in atomic systems are analogous to weakly coupled waveguides, yet they have tunable optical properties. As such, they provide a powerful experimental platform that can enable the exploration of complex quantum and optical physics phenomena, such as non-Hermitian physics, Aubry–André localization, PT-symmetric potentials, and photonic Floquet topological insulators.



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Title: Terahertz multifunctional devices based on electrically controlled liquid crystal with structured electrodes and metasurfaces

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High-Efficient Terahertz Metasurfaces for Simultaneous Polarization Selection and Wavefront Shaping

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Abstract: Precise polarization control over terahertz waves is essential for advancing next generation communication, imaging, and sensing systems. Conventional metasurface devices, however, often face limitations in functional integration and operational efficiency. Here, we propose and experimentally demonstrate a high-efficiency terahertz metasurface that simultaneously enables polarization selection and wavefront shaping within a single-layer metasurface. The metasurface comprises an array of silicon-pillar meta-molecules, each consisting of a pair of silicon-pillar meta-atoms. Through interference coupling between the silicon-pillar meta-atoms, the metasurface can serve as a polarization filter for arbitrary incident polarization state. By locally tailoring the meta-molecule's geometry, including the geometric parameters and rotation angles of the silicon pillars, a continuous 2π phase coverage is achieved, allowing direct integration of arbitrary polarization selection with arbitrary phase modulation. To validate this design platform, three distinct device prototypes were fabricated and experimentally characterized, including polarization selectors, polarization-selective beam deflectors, and polarization-selective metalens for linear polarization, circular polarization and elliptical polarization. At the center frequency of 1.17 THz, the metasurface devices exhibit a maximum transmittance of 0.65 and a power ratio as high as 99.5%. We also show that the metasurface can be integrated with a liquid crystal (LC) layer to achieve active amplitude modulation. These results confirm that the composed single layer all-dielectric metasurface platform offers a versatile and promising route toward compact, efficient, and multifunctional terahertz components for integrated terahertz systems.

Keywords: Terahertz, Metasurface, Arbitrary Polarization Selection, Wavefront Shaping, Integrated Terahertz Systems.

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Energy Efficient Multi Terabit Photonics: Quantum Dots at Work

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Abstract: The rapidly growing demand for higher data rates in metropolitan area networks, local area networks, and optical access networks requires novel ultra-high bit rate sources, which are more energy efficient than any semiconductor laser sources presently existing. Quantum Dot Lasers based on GaAs emit up to the O-band at 1.3 μm . They show record low threshold current density, and complete temperature stability up to at least 80°C. Emission from the saturated ground state shows a hat-like structure with intensity differences of the longitudinal modes below 0.5 db. Passive mode-locking generates pulses down to the sub-ps range at repetition rates up to 90 GHz. Optical self-feed-back reduces the jitter to 200 fs, reaching an electrical linewidth of 2 kHz. PML QD-lasers are also excellent microwave sources showing the same extremely small phase noise as the optical pulses. Multiplexed 80 Gbit/s RZ OOK based on PML-QDLs and Mach-Zehnder modulators show a S/N of 12, rms timing jitter of 452 fs and BER below $10\text{exp-}9$. Data transmission across 45 km using RZ Differential Quadrature Phase-Shift Keying (DQPSK) with BER below $10\text{exp-}11$ is demonstrated. The hat spectrum of one single laser of several tens of closely spaced narrow is a pulse source for bit rates ~ 6 TBit/s. In a similar approach SOAs based on QDs show superior properties at 1.3 μm as compared to QW-based ones [1-4].

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Beyond the spectrometer: LED-driven near-infrared sensing for low-resource agri-food applications

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Abstract: Low-resource agricultural and food production settings require innovative, sustainable, and affordable technologies to improve efficiency without further straining limited financial resources. We present a pocket-sized, low-cost solution for near-infrared spectroscopy based on LED-driven illumination and single-point PIN photodetection. It is coupled with advanced chemometric calibration models to enable both qualitative and quantitative analysis of multiple agri-food parameters from a single measurement. The device is compact, battery-operable, and can interface either with a smartphone via Bluetooth or with a laptop via USB, enabling friendly field use. Its performance was simulated against a commercially available spectral sensor relying on broadband white-light illumination and a filtered detector array. We present results on two representative agri-food case studies: water stress assessment in olive trees, and carob molasses authentication and fraud detection.

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Intracellular specificity through *in silico* staining enabled by Holotomography-driven learning in flow cytometry

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Abstract: Quantitative Phase Imaging Flow Cytometry (QPI-FC) has emerged as a powerful tool for high-throughput stain-free imaging of single cells, enabling the 2D and 3D reconstruction of refractive index (RI) distributions while preserving cellular structure in its native unstained state. Despite its potential, the broader biological and clinical impact of QPI-FC remains limited by the intrinsic lack of intracellular specificity typical of RI-based imaging. Recent efforts in QPI have addressed this limitation through virtual staining approaches based on supervised learning from co-registered fluorescence data. However, these strategies introduce experimental biases and are inherently challenging to implement in flow cytometry due to the difficulty of accurate large-scale co-registration. Here, a new paradigm based on Holotomography-driven learning is presented, in which deep neural networks are trained directly on stain-free datasets of 3D RI tomograms of flowing cells, eliminating the need for fluorescence-based supervision and the associated co-registration. By leveraging the intrinsic information content of label-free data, this self-supervised approach enables, for the first time, *in silico* staining in QPI-FC using neural networks, achieving fully stain-free intracellular specificity within a unified computational framework and overcoming key limitations of conventional virtual staining for unbiased single-cell analysis. Together, these advances could establish Holotomography-driven learning as a foundation for next-generation label-free imaging flow cytometry, enabling clinically actionable intracellular phenotyping at the single-cell level.



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Low altitude economy and battery safety

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Abstract: This study examines battery safety as a critical enabler and vulnerability in the low-altitude economy. Powering eVTOLs, UAVs, and electric helicopters demands ultra-high energy density (target: 400–500 Wh/kg), yet intensifies thermal runaway risks. Aviation’s extreme safety constraints ($<10^{-9}$ /hour failure rate), coupled with weight-limited thermal management, harsh operational environments, and catastrophic failure modes, render automotive solutions inadequate. Key bottlenecks include energy-density gaps (current: 285 Wh/kg), power-safety trade-offs, immature fast-charging infrastructure, fragmented global certification, and insufficient aviation-specific aging models. While solid-state batteries show promise, their thermal hazards require mitigation.



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**Title: Programmable formation of ultrathin polymer membranes
enabled by digital holography**

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Adaptive line scanning holographic microscopy for optical metrology and bioimaging

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Abstract: Line scanning holographic microscopy remaps the holographic patterns of a time sequence in a hybrid space-time domain and recovers, in closed form, the complex amplitude of moving objects using phaseshifting interferometry. Very fast linear sensor arrays can be used for highthroughput imaging. Phase-shift is provided by the sample motion itself in the absence of piezoelectric actuators. Here we showcase the advantages of this approach for imaging flow cytometry, histological tissue analysis, and for metrological characterization of micro-optics. In imaging flow cytometry, an adaptive algorithm smartly adapts the reconstruction algorithm to the cells speed in a microfluidic channel. The sample motion is also exploitable to augment the resolution beyond the limits of the optical system. We exploit this technology to achieve whole slide phase imaging of histological tissues without sacrificing lateral resolution, and apply it to characterize breast cancer and fibroadenoma patient tissue slides. Then, we use it to characterize arrays of polymer micro-lenses. Finally, we demonstrate it is the most suitable method to characterize meta-lenses of large (mm-size) dimensions.



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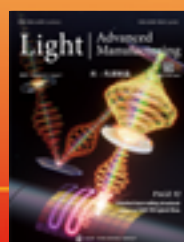
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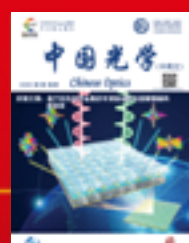
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