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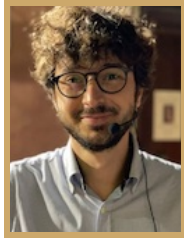
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Plenary Talks

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PLENARY 5 plenary lectures · 35 minutes each including Q&A

PLENARY LECTURE 1

PLENARY · 35 min



Zhi Ning Chen

National University of Singapore, Singapore

Provost's Chair and Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering and founder & Director of the Advanced Research and Technology Innovation Centre (ARTIC), NUS. He received two PhD degrees in Electrical Engineering, from the Institute of Communications Engineering, China (1993) and the University of Tsukuba, Japan (2003). He has published over 730 academic papers and six books (citations >34 000, h-index 100), holds 35 patents and 43 licensed deals. Pioneer in small and ultra-wideband antennas, wearable and implanted antennas, lens antennas, microwave metamaterial-metasurface antennas, and AI-guided generative antenna design. **IEEE Fellow** (2007), Fellow of the Academy of Engineering Singapore (2019). Recipient of the **IEEE AP-S John Kraus Antenna Award** (2021) and the **EurAAP Antenna Award** (2025).

TALK TITLE

Advancements in Deep Learning-enabled Generative Design of Metalens Antenna and Frequency-Selective Surface

ABSTRACT

The recent progress in developing prior-knowledge-guided DL-enabled generative designs of metalens antennas and FSSs in our group is updated. The generative metalens antenna achieves a dual-polarized low-scanning-loss across a wide-angle scanning range, and FSS demonstrates a low in-band loss, high lower-band suppression and sharp selection under dual-polarized wide-angle incident waves.

PLENARY LECTURE 2

PLENARY · 35 min



Giuseppe Leo

Université Paris Cité, France

Received a Laurea degree (cum laude) in Electrical Engineering from La Sapienza, Rome (1990) and a PhD in Physics from Paris-Saclay University (2001). Was at Roma Tre University as assistant (1992–2002) and associate professor (2002–04). Full Professor at Université Paris Cité since 2004, founder and former director of the Denis Diderot School of Engineering (2010–2022), and leader of the Nonlinear Optical Devices group of MPQ since 2007. Research in nonlinear integrated optics, nanophotonics and metasurfaces. **Optica Fellow**; Member of Institut Universitaire de France. Coordinator of national and EU research programs. 148 articles, 7 patents, 120 invited presentations (h-index 43, >6 000 citations).

TALK TITLE

Dielectric Metasurfaces: a New Platform for Nonlinear Optics

ABSTRACT

Flat optics revolutionized light propagation, and today dielectric metasurfaces enable to structure light in all its degrees of freedom, beyond the limits of the superposition principle. The irruption of nonlinear wavefront shaping, chirality, and analog processing on the scene makes nonlinear meta-optics an ever more exciting theater to perform forefront research.

PLENARY LECTURE 3

PLENARY · 35 min



Enrica Martini

University of Siena, Italy

Received the Laurea degree (cum laude) in telecommunication engineering from the University of Florence (1998) and dual PhDs from the University of Florence and the University of Nice-Sophia Antipolis (2002). Hans Christian Ørsted Postdoctoral Fellow at the Technical University of Denmark (2005–2007). Currently Associate Professor, Department of Information Engineering and Mathematics, University of Siena. Co-founder of Wave Up Srl, Siena (2012). Research: metasurfaces and metamaterial characterisation, metasurface-based antennas and microwave devices, electromagnetic scattering, antenna measurements and tropospheric propagation. Co-recipient of the **2016 Schelkunoff Transactions Prize Paper Award**; Best Paper Award at EuCAP 2017 and EuCAP 2021.

TALK TITLE

Intelligent Surface Wave Metasurfaces for Future Wireless Systems

ABSTRACT

This talk presents a surface-wave-based metasurface architecture for future high-frequency wireless systems that receives, guides, and re-radiates signals. A systematic design methodology enables flexible beam control, shaping, lateral shifts, obstacle bypassing around corners, and physical-layer frequency multiplexing by routing different frequencies along distinct paths.

PLENARY LECTURE 4

PLENARY · 35 min



Eva Rajo-Iglesias

University Carlos III of Madrid, Spain

Born in Monforte de Lemos, Spain, in 1972. Received the MSc in telecommunication engineering from the University of Vigo (1996) and the PhD from the University Carlos III of Madrid (2002). Full Professor in the Department of Signal Theory and Communications since 2018. Affiliated Professor with the Antenna Group, Chalmers University of Technology (2009–2016). Research: microstrip patch antennas, metamaterials, artificial surfaces and periodic structures, gap waveguide technology and MIMO systems. 75+ JCR journal papers; 120+ conference papers. Recipient of the **Loughborough AP Conference Best Paper Award** (2007), Bell Labs Prize Third Place (2014). Associate Editor, IEEE Antennas and Propagation Magazine.

TALK TITLE

Overview of Gap Waveguide Technology for Satellite Antenna Systems

ABSTRACT

An overview of Gap Waveguide technology for satellite communications will be presented, highlighting innovative scanning and multibeam antenna designs. The presentation will also include an analysis of the multipactor effect in high-frequency environments. Particular emphasis will be placed on cost-effective solutions that achieve sufficient gain and high-purity circular polarization.

PLENARY LECTURE 5

PLENARY · 35 min



Vladimir M. Shalaev

Purdue University, USA

Scientific Director for Nanophotonics at Birck Nanotechnology Center and Distinguished Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Purdue University. Specialises in nanophotonics, plasmonics, optical metamaterials and quantum photonics. **Fellow of IEEE, APS, SPIE, MRS and Optica**. Highly Cited Researcher (Web of Science) for 7 consecutive years (2017–2023). Recipient of the **APS Frank Isakson Prize** for Optical Effects in Solids, **Optica Max Born Award** for pioneering contributions to optical metamaterials, Willis E. Lamb Award for Laser Science and Quantum Optics, **IEEE Photonics Society William Streifer Scientific Achievement Award**, Rolf Landauer Medal (ETOPIM), and the **UNESCO Medal** for the development of nanosciences and nanotechnologies.

TALK TITLE

Quantum Photonics and Space-Time Metamaterials

ABSTRACT

In this talk we first discuss quantum photonic integrated circuitry (qPIC) based on the recently discovered single-photon emitters in silicon nitride and the avalanche-enhanced optical modulation in silicon at single-photon intensities.

Keynote Talks

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KEYNOTE 12 keynote lectures · 30 minutes each including Q&A

KEYNOTE 1

KEYNOTE · 30 min



Andrea Alù

City University of New York (CUNY), USA

Distinguished Professor and Founding Director of the Photonics Initiative at CUNY ASRC. Fellow of NAI, AAAS, IEEE, MRS, Optica, SPIE and APS. Highly Cited Researcher since 2017. Recipient of the **NSF Alan T. Waterman Award**, Blavatnik National Award for Physical Sciences, **IEEE Kiyo Tomiyasu Award**, and **URSI Issac Koga Gold Medal**.

TALK TITLE

Extreme Wave Control with Space-Time Metamaterials

ABSTRACT

In my talk, I will discuss the underlying physical principles that span over a wide range of frequencies in the design of metamaterials, and focus on the relevance of the temporal dimension as a knob for wave control. I will also discuss the impact of space-time metamaterials on practical technologies.

KEYNOTE 2

KEYNOTE · 30 min



Alexandra Boltasseva

Purdue University, USA

Ron and Dotty Garvin Tonjes Distinguished Professor of ECE at Purdue University. PhD from DTU (2004). Fellow of NAI, MRS, IEEE, Optica and SPIE. Former Editor-in-Chief of *Optical Materials Express*. Recipient of the **2023 R.W. Wood Prize** (Optica) and 2022 Guggenheim Fellowship.

TALK TITLE

Tailorable Quasi-2D Materials for Photonics

ABSTRACT

In this talk, we discuss the designer-like characteristics of MXenes, achievable with the choice of transition metal and control of stoichiometry and outstanding tailorability of properties of TD materials. We also analyze physical effects in atomically thin TD plasmonic films enabling metal-to-insulator transitions.

KEYNOTE 3

KEYNOTE · 30 min

**Lorenzo Crocco***IREA-CNR, Italy*

Research Director at the Institute for the Electromagnetic Sensing of the Environment, CNR. Activities: diagnostic and therapeutic uses of EM fields, ground-penetrating radars. **World's Top 2% Scientists** (since 2021). EurAAP Delegate for Italy, San Marino and Vatican City (since 2024). IEEE Senior Member, URSI Senior Member.

TALK TITLE

A New Two-Step Framework for Effective Electromagnetic Inverse Scattering

ABSTRACT

We introduce a unified perspective on a new class of methods for electromagnetic inverse scattering based on a two-step decomposition. The first step focuses on the joint retrieval of the contrast source and total field, while the second step consists of the linear inversion of their relationship.

KEYNOTE 4

KEYNOTE · 30 min

**Andrea Di Falco***University of St Andrews, UK*

Leader of the Synthetic Optics group, School of Physics and Astronomy, University of St Andrews. Research on multi-material platforms for nanoscale light control, with applications in biophotonics, imaging, augmented reality, and optical neural networks.

TALK TITLE

Optical Neural Networks Based on Photovoltaic Elements

ABSTRACT

Photovoltaic neural networks provide a powerful route to scalable optical computing by directly converting optical signals into electrical outputs. This enables efficient, large-area signal acquisition while simplifying system architectures and reducing energy consumption, opening pathways toward compact, self-powered optical neural networks for next-generation AI and edge computing.

KEYNOTE 5

KEYNOTE · 30 min

**Mauro Ettorre***Michigan State University, USA*

Professor at MSU (since 2023). Research: quasi-optical systems, wideband arrays, mm-wave antennas, non-diffractive radiation. 90+ journal papers, 14 patents. **IEEE Fellow. IEEE MTT-S and AP-S Inter-Society Distinguished Lecturer (2024).** Best Paper Awards at EuCAP 2018 and EuCAP 2021.

TALK TITLE

Long Slot Arrays: Advancing Next-Generation Communications Networks and Beyond

ABSTRACT

During this presentation, I will discuss the modeling of long slot arrays and highlight their advantages in terms of bandwidth and scanning capabilities, as well as their physical implementation. I will demonstrate the capability of these arrays to radiate short, high-power pulses, thereby extending their applications to high-power scenarios.

KEYNOTE 6

KEYNOTE · 30 min

**Anthony Grbic***University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA*

John L. Tishman Professor of Engineering, EECS, University of Michigan. Research: metamaterials, metasurfaces, wireless power transmission, space-time varying EM systems. **IEEE Fellow. IEEE MTT-S Distinguished Microwave Lecturer (2022–2025).** NSF CAREER Award; Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers.

TALK TITLE

Beamforming with Metasurfaces Connected to Reactive Loads or Networks

ABSTRACT

The talk will describe how a metasurface connected to reactive loads or networks can serve as a low-cost beamforming technology. Strong coupling between the unit cells, tailored by these reactive loads, allows energy to be shuttled across the aperture to enable beam steering, beam shaping, and multiple simultaneous beams.

KEYNOTE 7

KEYNOTE · 30 min

**Ortwin Hess***Trinity College Dublin, Ireland*

Chair Professor of Quantum Nanophotonics, Trinity College Dublin. Editor-in-Chief of *APL Quantum*. Fellow of the Institute of Physics and Optica. Discoverer of the 'trapped-rainbow' principle; pioneered active nanoplasmonics with quantum gain. Recipient of the **Royal Society Rumford Medal**.

TALK TITLE

Nanoplasmonic Cavities for Electromagnetic Wave Control: Quantum Dynamics in Open Resonators

ABSTRACT

Nanoplasmonic cavities enable extreme subwavelength electromagnetic control with strong light-matter coupling in open, lossy resonators. Combining waveguide-integrated architectures and quantum quasinormal-mode theory, this work shows how dissipation can be engineered for coherent control, state preparation, and stabilization, establishing nanoplasmonic systems as versatile platforms for room-temperature quantum electromagnetic functionality.

KEYNOTE 8

KEYNOTE · 30 min

**Thomas F. Krauss***University of York, UK*

Chair of Photonics, University of York (since 2012). Pioneered photonic crystals in semiconductor waveguides. Research on guided mode resonance for biosensing and healthcare applications. ≈ 400 publications; **h-index 98**, cited 35 000+ times.

TALK TITLE

Metasurfaces for Biomedical Sensing

ABSTRACT

Metasurfaces hold much promise for novel sensing systems, but their operation needs to be properly understood; simply maximising Q-factor is insufficient. We present a comprehensive framework for assessing their performance and apply it to the difficult problems of measuring small peptides as well as drug concentrations in the mid-IR.

KEYNOTE 9

KEYNOTE · 30 min

**Stefano Maci***University of Siena, Italy*

Professor at the University of Siena (since 1997). Founder and Director of the **European School of Antennas (ESoA)**: 34 courses, 150 teachers from 15 countries. Research: high-frequency methods, phased arrays, metamaterials and metasurfaces. **IEEE Fellow** (2004). EurAAP Award (2014), Shelkunoff Prize (2015), Chen-To Tai Award (2016). h-index 41, >6800 citations.

TALK TITLE

Multibeam Antennas without Beam Forming Networks

ABSTRACT

Gradient-index (GRIN) lenses and metasurface antennas enable compact, low-cost multibeam systems without beam forming networks. Designed using advanced synthesis and fast geometrical optics solvers, GRIN lenses achieve wideband and precise beam shaping. Metasurfaces convert guided or space waves into directive beams via engineered impedance which operate as a continuous BFN.

KEYNOTE 10

KEYNOTE · 30 min

**Marin Soljačić***MIT, USA*

Professor of Physics, MIT. Founder of WiTricity (2007) and Lightelligence (2017). Research: AI, nanophotonics, non-linear optics, wireless power transfer. 300+ articles, 100+ US patents. **MacArthur Fellowship** (2008), **Max Born Award** (Optica, 2023). Highly Cited Researcher for 7 consecutive years (2019–2025).

TALK TITLE

Certain Recent Developments in Photonics

ABSTRACT

I will present some of our recent results in the field of photonics, including novel phenomena in scintillators, X-ray imaging, and AI and robotics for photonic-science automation.

KEYNOTE 11

KEYNOTE · 30 min



Francesca Vipiana

Politecnico di Torino, Italy

Full Professor, Department of Electronics and Telecommunications, Politecnico di Torino (since 2021). Research: integral equation methods, multiresolution schemes, domain decomposition, microwave imaging for medical and industrial applications. **IEEE AP-S Lot Shafai Mid-Career Distinguished Award** (2017). Member of the EurAAP Board of Directors.

TALK TITLE

Integral Equations Advanced Techniques for the EM Analysis of Real-Life Multi-Scale Antenna Problems

ABSTRACT

This talk addresses the efficient and accurate analysis of real-life multi-scale antenna problems via the moment method (MoM) solutions of surface integral equations (SIEs). SIEs have emerged as the dominant technology for the EM modeling of antenna placement on large and complex platforms such as aircrafts, ships, satellite, and vehicles.

KEYNOTE 12

KEYNOTE · 30 min



Dan-Xia Xu

NRC Canada

Principal Research Officer, Quantum and Nanotechnologies Research Center, NRC Canada. **Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada** and Fellow of Optica. Research: AI-enabled photonic chip design, silicon photonics, machine-learning-assisted inverse design and fabrication optimisation. 400+ publications, 7 patents.

TALK TITLE

Machine Learning-Enabled Design and Metrology of Integrated Optical Antennas

ABSTRACT

We demonstrate how machine learning advances integrated optical antenna design and application by enabling structured exploration of high-dimensional parameter spaces, capturing environment-dependent effective-medium behavior, and converting radiative responses into fabrication diagnostics. Together, these capabilities establish a unified, closed-loop framework for scalable, physically informed photonic antenna engineering.

Venue & Travel

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Conference Venue

AES 2026 is hosted at the **University of Catania** in the magnificent **Monastero di San Nicolò l'Arena**, a 16th-century Benedictine monastery inscribed on the **UNESCO World Heritage List**. Sessions take place in beautifully restored halls and cloisters equipped with state-of-the-art A/V technology.

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Catania at a Glance

- **Language:** Italian (English widely spoken)
- **Currency:** Euro (€)
- **Climate:** 24–30°C in June
- **Time zone:** CET (UTC+2 in June)
- UNESCO World Heritage city

Getting There

By Plane — Catania-Fontanarossa Airport (CTA)

Sicily's busiest airport, 5 km southwest of the city centre.
aeroporto.catania.it

Alibus City centre, €4, every 20 min
AMTS 457 €1.20 (exact change required)
Taxi Fixed fare €25 to city centre
Metro €1.20 to Catania Centrale

By Train — Catania Centrale

Rome 4.5 h (high-speed)
 Naples 5.5 h
 Palermo 3 h via Messina



Mount Etna rising above Catania

Visa Information

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Guidelines for Presenters

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Talk Duration Reference

PLENARY TALK	Plenary lecture · flagship opening format · full Q&A included	35 min
KEYNOTE TALK	Keynote lecture · invited expert presentation · Q&A included	30 min
INVITED TALK	Invited talk within a thematic session · Q&A included	20 min
ORAL	Contributed oral presentation · selected from accepted submissions	15 min
POSTER	Poster presentation · displayed during dedicated session	session

Oral Presentations

- Each room has a stationary computer connected to a projector.
- Load your presentation **before the session starts**.
- Technical staff are available at all times.
- Report to your room and session chair **at least 15 minutes** before the session.
- The session chair must **strictly observe** starting times and time limits.
- Preferred formats: **PDF** or PowerPoint.

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 Session chairs must be in the room **15 minutes** before start. Timing is strictly enforced; presentations *will* be stopped at the limit.

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- One **A0 portrait board** (118.9 × 84.1 cm) per poster.
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invited presentations and poster sessions*

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Days

3–6 June 2026

17

Keynotes

5 plenary · 12 keynote

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Wednesday, June 3, 2026**Opening Address**

08:45 - 09:00

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Plenary Session I

09:00

PLENARY TALK

Intelligent Surface Wave Metasurfaces for Future Wireless Systems*Enrica Martini*

University of Siena (Italy)

This talk presents a surface-wave-based metasurface architecture for future high-frequency wireless systems that receives, guides, and re-radiates signals. A systematic design methodology enables flexible beam control, shaping, lateral shifts, obstacle bypassing around corners, and physical-layer frequency multiplexing by routing different frequencies along distinct paths

09:35

PLENARY TALK

Advancements in Deep Learning-enabled Generative Design of Metalens Antenna and Frequency-selective-surface*Zhi Ning Chen, Yanhe Lyu*

National University of Singapore (Singapore)

The recent progress in developing prior-knowledge-guided DL-enabled generative designs of metalens antennas and FSSs in our group is updated. The generative metalens antenna achieves a dual-polarized low-scanning-loss across a wide-angle scanning range, and FSS demonstrates a low in-band loss, high lower-band suppression and sharp selection under dual-polarized wide-angle incident waves.

Coffee Break

10:10 - 10:50

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Poster Session I

P1

Probabilistic Risk Mapping for Low-Altitude UAV Communications: An Empirical Tail Approach to Multipath and Interference Modeling*Hang Zhou, Zeyu Long, Yalong Qin*

Civil Aviation University (China)

An empirical tail-probability-based risk mapping method is proposed for low-altitude UAV communications, integrating deterministic propagation and stochastic modeling. Experiments show over 0.93 risk consistency and 30 times faster computation than baselines, with high-risk zones near dense urban structures, supporting optimized NLOS flight path planning.

P2

Flexible metasurface integrated planar rigid antenna for circular polarization in K band*Garima Joshi, R. Vijaya*

Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (India)

A flexible and lightweight metasurface integrated with a rigid planar antenna in Fabry-Perot arrangement changes the polarization state of radiation and enhances the gain and bandwidth of the antenna. Linear to circular polarization conversion over 18.6 to 21.3 GHz and a gain improvement of 2.7 dB is obtained.

P3

Monopulse-Based Blind-Spot Correction using a Full-Azimuthal Leaky-Wave Antenna Array*Alejandro Gil-Martínez¹, Jesus Perez-Valero¹, Julien Sarrazin², Guido Valerio², Antonio Skarmeta¹*¹Universidad de Murcia (Spain), ²Sorbonne University (France)

This paper presents a theoretical full-azimuthal angle estimation algorithm for ISAC systems based on a triangular array of bi-directional leaky-wave antennas. The impact of angular blind spots on amplitude-monopulse estimation is analyzed, and a lightweight deep-learning correction is introduced to improve angular robustness without increasing system complexity.

P4

A Comparison of Dirichlet-Impulse Frequency Diverse Array and Phased Array Radars*Altunkan Hizal¹, Ramazan Cetiner¹, Hayrullah Yildiz²*¹Rehis Division Aselsan Inc. (Türkiye), ²Baskent University (Türkiye)

This work compares a Dirichlet-waveform frequency diverse array (FDA) radar with a conventional phased array (PA) radar in terms of performance and SNR. Analytical theory and numerical simulations demonstrate that the FDA achieves PA-equivalent SNR while preserving its distinctive range-angle-time coupling.

P5

Aperture-Coupled Patch Antenna with Interdigitated Capacitor on FR4 for Wireless Humidity Sensing*Sofiane Tahraoui, Abdelkrim Belmecheri, Lila Mouffok, Imen Chettouh, Salima Kamel*

University of Saad Dahlab-Blida 1 (Algeria)

An aperture-coupled patch antenna with an interdigitated capacitor was designed on an FR4 substrate for passive wireless humidity sensing. Optimized for 2.45 GHz, the fabricated antenna resonated at 2.5 GHz. CST simulations show $S_{11} < -10$ dB, with measurement agreement within 38 MHz. Results suggest sensitive substrates could enhance antenna performance

P6

A 2-D Leaky-Wave Antenna Array for joint sensing, communication and wireless power transfer*Alejandro Gil-Martínez¹, Antonio Skarmeta¹, José Luis Gómez Tornero²*¹Universidad de Murcia (Spain), ²Universidad Politécnica de Cartagena (Spain)

This paper presents a compact 2-D multibeam leaky-wave antenna for integrated sensing and communication (ISAC) and wireless power transfer. A four-element half-width LWA array fed by a 4×4 Butler matrix enables wide field-of-view beam scanning in the 5 GHz ISM band, supporting multi-beam directional communication, sensing, and energy delivery.

P7

Control of Mode Propagation and End-Fire Radiation in Rectangular Waveguides with Metasurface Boundaries*Zisis Fofas¹, Thomas Koschny², Odysseas Tsilipakos¹*¹National Hellenic Research Foundation (Greece), ²Ames National Laboratory-Iowa State University (USA)

We study rectangular waveguides formed by metasurface boundaries made of cut-wire meta-atoms. We find novel opportunities for controlling the mode profile and propagation constant. We also show that an asymmetric profile can tilt the radiation from the open waveguide end.

P8

Numerical Simulation of a Low-Frequency Electromagnetic Induction Sensor for Non-Contact Soil Electrical Conductivity Measurement

Nahal Akbari¹, Mohammad Asef², Greg Bridges¹, Behzad Kordi¹

¹University of Manitoba (Canada), ²TerraWave Radar Solutions (Canada)

This paper presents a numerical model for a low-frequency electromagnetic induction sensor for non-contact soil conductivity measurement. A 3D finite element model is developed to solve the quasi-magnetostatic problem and evaluate the magnetic fields and induced currents. The effects of soil conductivity and frequency on the responses are analyzed.

P9

Plasmonic switches based on the composite gold-vanadium dioxide material platform

Rostislav Řepa, Jiří Kabát, Jiří Liška, Tomáš Šíkola, Vlastimil Krápek

Brno University of Technology (Czech Republic)

We introduce reconfigurable plasmonic devices (plasmonic switches) based on a composite material platform that combines gold and vanadium dioxide. Our approach represents both quantitative and qualitative advancement of traditional plasmonic switches based on vanadium dioxide. As a case study, we present switching between a bowtie and a diabolo plasmonic antenna.

1–02 | Room 252 | 10:50 - 12:30

SP12: From UV to Mid-IR: A Broad Spectrum for Innovative Applications

Organized by: Antonella Maria Loconsole and Francesco Anelli

Chaired by: Antonella Maria Loconsole and Francesco Anelli

10:50

INVITED TALK

Er³⁺ ions luminescence in nanoparticles-doped optical fibers

Nadia Giovanna Boetti¹, Zhuorui Lu², Joris Lousteau³, Maria Rita Cicconi⁴, Franck Pigeonneau⁵, Wilfried Blanc²

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Rare-earth-doped oxide nanoparticles optical fibers offer new opportunities for fiber lasers and amplifiers. Here, we focus on the effects of optical fiber manufacturing conditions on variations in the luminescence properties of Er³⁺ ions.

11:10

INVITED TALK

Development and Integration of Fluoride-Based Fiber Gratings for Mid-IR Photonics

Antreas Theodosiou

Lumoscribe LTD (Cyprus)

This work reports on recent advances in the inscription, characterization, and integration of gratings within fluoride and silica fibers. Key developments in inscription techniques, enhanced sensing performance for chemical detection, and splicing methodologies are discussed. The results demonstrate a pathway toward compact, monolithic mid-infrared sensing platforms and fiber laser systems.

11:30

INVITED TALK

Mid-IR Dispersion Spectroscopy for Liquid Sensing

Bernhard Lendl, Leopold Lindenbauer, Mauro David, Georg Ramer, Alicja Dabrowska

TU Wien (Austria)

A mid-IR laser spectrometer for recording refractive index and absorbance spectra of liquids is presented. It is based on a tunable External Cavity Quantum Cascade Laser and a Mach-Zehnder Interferometer. Results will be shown on the analysis of phosphate and sugars in aqueous solution and compared to established FTIR spectrometry.

11:50 INVITED TALK From Femtosecond Laser-written Waveguides to Fully Integrated Mid-Infrared Fiber Lasers*Alexander Fuebach¹, Tinghui An², Wajahat Hussain¹, Alexis Tryoen³, Thuy Ha¹, Toney Fernandez⁴*¹Macquarie University (Australia), ²Université Paris-Saclay (France), ³ONERA / Université Paris-Saclay (France), ⁴Adelaide University (Australia)

Mid-infrared photonics promises compact sources and integrated systems for spectroscopy, sensing, and environmental monitoring, yet photonic integration beyond 2.5 μm has remained challenging. This paper summarises recent progress in femtosecond-laser-written waveguides and their application to nonlinear and active mid-infrared devices, resulting in a novel fiber-chip integrated mid-infrared laser architecture.

12:10 INVITED TALK Hybrid laser integration for sensing application*Nicola Maraviglia¹, Davide Monopoli¹, Artem Vorobev¹, Fatih Bilge Atar¹, Natale Pruiti², Giovanna Calò³, Simone Iadanza⁴, Marc Sorel⁵, Brian Corbett⁵, Liam O'Faolain¹*¹Munster Technological University (Ireland), ²University of Glasgow (United Kingdom), ³Polytechnic University of Bari (Italy), ⁴Paul Scherrer Institute (Switzerland), ⁵Tyndall National Institute (Ireland)

We present a selection of hybrid lasers obtained by the integration of silicon nitride photonics with III-V semiconductor optical amplifiers. Side-coupled Fabry-Perot cavities are used to control the laser emission wavelength and narrow its linewidth. Micro transfer-printing further improves the mechanical stability of the system, making it suitable for sensing.

1–03 | Aula Magna | 10:50 - 12:40

SYM2: Computational Electromagnetics for Radiating Structures and Complex Media*Organized by: K. Kajikawa & J. Takahara***10:50 KEYNOTE TALK Optical Neural Networks based on photovoltaic elements***Andrea Di Falco*

University of St Andrews (United Kingdom)

Photovoltaic neural networks provide a powerful route to scalable optical computing by directly converting optical signals into electrical outputs. This enables efficient, large-area signal acquisition while simplifying system architectures and reducing energy consumption. Such approaches open pathways toward compact, self-powered optical neural networks for next-generation artificial intelligence and edge computing.

11:20 INVITED TALK Reduced-Order Framework for Layered Photonic Cavities*Przemysław Oliwa, Helgi Sigurdsson, Witold Bardyszewski, Jacek Szczytko*

University of Warsaw (Poland)

We introduce a symmetry-guided optimization framework that reconstructs effective photonic 2-mode Hamiltonians directly from measured or transfer-matrix-derived Stokes fields and energy for bands. The effective Hamiltonian provides rapid and predictive access to the polarization-resolved band structure across momentum or real space.

11:40 INVITED TALK Leakage from Uniform and Periodically Loaded Line Waveguides*Mikhail Madji¹, Paolo Baccarelli², Alessio Monti², Alessandro Toscano², Filiberto Bilotti², Paolo Burghignoli¹*¹Sapienza University of Rome (Italy), ²Roma Tre University of Rome (Italy)

This contribution presents recent results on dispersion and radiation properties of leaky edge modes (or line waves) supported by a linear discontinuity between inductive and capacitive metasurfaces.

12:00 INVITED TALK Infrared Cavity Enhanced Vibrational Relaxation in Layered MoS₂*Kosei Ueno*

Hokkaido University (Japan)

We demonstrate acceleration of excited state relaxation in multilayer MoS₂ by engineering infrared cavity resonances. Spectral matching between cavity modes and intermolecular vibrations enhances vibrational relaxation via the infrared Purcell effect, leading to reduced carrier lifetime and suppressed emission. This work highlights cavity-controlled energy dissipation in solid state systems.

12:20 Broadband Low-Reflectivity Design of Moth-Eye Structures Using RCWA and Bayesian Optimization*Yutaro Sato, Maria Vanessa Balois-Oguchi, Kotaro Kajikawa*

Institute of Science Tokyo (Japan)

To maximize anti-reflection performance in the visible light region, we developed a shape optimization method for moth-eye structures using Differentiable Rigid Coupled Wave Analysis (RCWA). As a result, we successfully designed a moth-eye structure capable of reducing the reflectance to 0.004% for PMMA film.

1-O4 | Room 268 | 10:50 - 12:30

SYM1: Recent Advances in Nanophotonics and Metamaterials*Organized by: Andrea Di Falco***10:50 INVITED TALK Hybrid 2D-plasmonic nanoantennas for photon emission and sensing***Maria Caterina Giordano¹, Giorgio Zambito¹, Giulio Ferrando¹, Matteo Barelli¹, Francesco Buatier de Mongeot¹, Antonino Fot², Pietro Gucciardi², Simone Sotgiu³, Tommaso Venanz³, Erica Fragomeni³, Leonetta Baldassarre³*¹Università di Genova (Italy), ²CNR-IPCF (Italy), ³Sapienza Università di Roma (Italy)

Hybrid 2D-plasmonic nanoantennas are engineered via thermal nanolithography to tailor the photon emission properties of 2D semiconductor layers. The plasmonic response of these nanosystems is tuned over a broadband spectrum showing plasmon enhanced photon emission in the Visible spectrum and resonant enhancement of the weak Raman signal in the Infrared.

11:10 INVITED TALK Field-enhancement in plasmonic tagged nanoplastics*Maria Antonia Iati¹, Shadi Rezaei¹, Alessandro Veltri², Pietro G. Gucciardi¹, Onofrio M. Maragò¹, Rosalba Saija¹*¹CNR-IPCF (Italy), ²Università della Calabria (Italy)

Nano-plastics represent a topic of growing interest due to their widespread presence in the environment. Plasmon-field-enhancement has the potential to be used for developing sensitive detection methods. Here, we present a computational approach, based on the Transition-matrix method, capable of modelling the optical response in plasmonic tagged nanoplastics.

11:30 INVITED TALK Textile-Embedded Metasurfaces for Enhancing Smart Devices Connectivity*Francisco Cuesta¹, Xianghui Qiu², Mohammad Asgari¹, Shuai Yuan¹, Sergei Tretyakov¹, Xuchen Wang², Viktor Asadchy¹*¹Aalto University (Finland), ²Harbin Engineering University (China)

In this talk, we present a textile-based metasurface to improve connectivity between a smart device, located near the metasurface edge, and the network. The metasurface, performing propagating to surface wave conversion, was designed based on the impedance density matrix approach, with induced currents' Green function estimated using simulation data.

11:50

INVITED TALK

Constructing High-order Exceptional Points and Perfect Absorber Based loss engineering*Changzhi Gu, Peng Fu*

Institute of Physics-CAS (China)

We center on the concepts of "loss engineering" and systematically investigate the modeling, optimization, and application of non-Hermitian metasurfaces. Based on machine learning, the third-order exceptional points (EP3) in terahertz non-Hermitian metasurfaces were designed; and a Polarization- and Angle-Insensitive Ultrawideband Perfect Absorber Metasurface was fabricated.

12:10

INVITED TALK

Near-field polarization photonics: controlling polarization of localized waves with metasurfaces*Oleh Yermakov*

Leibniz Institute of Photonic Technology (Germany)

We demonstrate near-field polarization control of localized electromagnetic waves using dielectric and self-complementary metasurfaces. The approach relies on TE-TM polarization degeneracy of guided and surface waves, enabling their on-demand polarization transformation and generation. The results are experimentally verified in the microwaves opening a direction of near-field polarization photonics.

1-05 | Room 254 | 10:50 - 12:30

SYM1: Recent Advances in Nanophotonics and Metamaterials*Organized by: Andrea Di Falco*

10:50

INVITED TALK

The role of resonances at dangling ligaments in the absorption of nanoporous gold*Muhammad Salman Wahidi, Maurice Pfeiffer, Xinyan Wu, Parastoo Ebrahimi, Manfred Eich, Alexander Yu. Petrov*

Hamburg University of Technology (Germany)

Nanoporous gold exhibits strong broadband absorption that cannot be explained by bulk response alone. We show that plasmon resonances at gaps between dangling ligaments at the surface of npAu films dominate absorption and introduce ligament-size dependence. The decrease in the surface density of such resonances explains reduced absorption upon coarsening.

11:10

INVITED TALK

Near-Infrared Spectroscopy Using Plasmonic Si MEMS*Tetsuo Kan¹, Teruya Noguchi¹, Eslam Abubakr¹, Shiro Saito², Hironori Suzuki²*¹The University of Electro-Communications (Japan), ²IMRA JAPAN CO., LTD. (Japan)

Silicon has no intrinsic sensitivity to infrared light; however, by utilizing the Schottky barrier formed at a metal/Si interface, infrared detection becomes possible. Furthermore, by introducing periodic structures into the metal layer, surface plasmon resonance can be excited, enabling the detection of wavelength spectra, incident angles, and polarization states.

11:30

INVITED TALK

Fluorescence-based chiral sensing with silicon metasurfaces*Tom T. C. Siermans¹, Artemijs Krimovs², Robert Pa², Alberto G. Curto¹*¹Ghent University (Belgium), ²Durham University (United Kingdom)

Chiral molecules with opposite handedness can have strongly differing biological properties. Identifying chirality is, however, limited by low sensitivity, restricting detection to high concentrations and large sample volumes. To overcome this, we propose a silicon nanophotonics-based sensing technique to enhance the sensitivity of chiral molecular detection.

11:50

INVITED TALK

Non-dichroic Chiral Photoelectron Spectroscopy

Letizia Fede¹, Debobrata Rajak², Chris Sparling³, David Ayuso⁴, Sylvain Betoule⁵, Valérie Blanchet¹, Piero Decleva⁶, Dominique Descamps¹, Stéphane Petit¹, Bernard Pons¹, Yann Mairesse¹, Andrés Ordóñez⁷

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We find enantiosensitive but non-dichroic signals in the 3D photoelectron angular distribution of chiral molecules upon multiphoton ionization with elliptically polarized light. The robustness of enantiosensitivity against ellipticity is an example of symmetry protection, opening unexplored opportunities for imaging ultrafast dynamics in chiral molecules with polarization-structured light.

12:10

INVITED TALK

Photoacoustic spectroscopy on plasmonic materials

Claudia Skubisz, E. Petronijevic, N. Borriello, G. Leahu, R. Li Voti, C. Sibilìa, A. Belardini

La Sapienza (Italy)

Metamaterials have transformed the control of electromagnetic waves, enabling new advanced designs. Circularly polarized light probes chirality through circular dichroism. Extrinsic chirality arises from structural asymmetry and non-planar light-sample geometry. Tunable near-infrared photoacoustic spectroscopy directly measures local absorption, enabling high-resolution mapping and precise assessment of sample homogeneity at microscopic scales.

Lunch Break

12:40 - 14:00

1-06 | Room 252 | 14:00 - 15:10

SP12: From UV to Mid-IR: A Broad Spectrum for Innovative Applications

Organized by: Antonella Maria Loconsole and Francesco Anelli

Chaired by: Antonella Maria Loconsole and Francesco Anelli

14:00

INVITED TALK

Fluoride all-Fibre Lasers: Opportunities and Challenges

Kirill Grebnev, Maria Chernysheva

Leibniz Institute of Photonic Technologies (Germany)

While only a few laser technologies have matured beyond the near-IR window, fluoride fibres enable broadband operation from visible to mid-IR. Along with new design opportunities, they also introduce distinct material and engineering challenges. This talk analyses the physical constraints and cavity design strategies toward spectrally versatile, fully fibre-integrated systems.

14:20

INVITED TALK

Hollow-Core Optical Fibers: Guiding Light from UV to Mid-IR and Beyond

Luca Vincetti

University of Modena and Reggio Emilia (Italy)

Hollow-core fibers offer unprecedented broadband light guidance from UV to mid-IR. By minimizing material interaction and enabling tunable light-matter interaction, they overcome conventional fiber limitations. This talk highlights design principles, loss-engineering strategies, and transformative applications in high-power delivery, gas photonics, classical, and quantum optical communications.

14:40

Development of Mid-Infrared Lasers in Fluoride Glasses with Positive Index Waveguides*Ori Henderson-Sapir, David Lancaster, David Ottaway, Heike Ebendorff-Heidepriem, Toney Fernandez*

Adelaide University (Australia)

Preliminary results in mid-infrared Er:ZBAN glass waveguide lasers using positive index modifications are presented. Single and dual-wavelength pumping are resulting with mid-IR fluorescence. Combined with numerical modelling, we demonstrate the first steps towards compact, mid-IR, integrated glass waveguide laser sources at 2.8 μm and 3.5 μm .

14:55

Germanate Glass as a Versatile Platform for Efficient 2 μm Laser Sources*Nadia Giovanna Boetti¹, Guy Shafir², Amiel Ishaaya², Martha Segura³, Davide Janner⁴, Simone Normani⁵, Pavel Loiko⁵, Venkatesan Jambunathan⁵, Alain Alain Braud⁶, Patrice Camy⁵, Joris Lousteau⁶*

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Germanate glass is investigated as a host material for laser sources operating near 2 micrometers. Its infrared transparency, high rare earth solubility, and good thermal stability enable efficient emission. Bulk and fiber laser demonstrations with thulium and holmium doping confirm the suitability of this glass system for eye-safe laser applications.

1-07 | Room 268 | 14:00 - 15:40

SYM1: Recent Advances in Nanophotonics and Metamaterials*Organized by: Andrea Di Falco*

14:00

INVITED TALK

Solar-thermal conversion with titanium nitride metamaterials*Luca Mascaretti¹, Morteza Afshar¹, Andrea Schirato², Alessandro Alabastr³, Paolo Fornasiero⁴, Ladislav Kalvoda⁵, Stepan Kment¹, Alberto Naldoni⁶, Ivan Richter⁵*

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Solar-thermal conversion requires solar absorbers with engineered optical properties. We discuss two different strategies based on titanium nitride (TiN) metamaterials: separated nanotube arrays and planar ultrathin metal/insulator/metal multilayers.

14:20

INVITED TALK

Toward Robust SE-FSRS: Managing Nanoantenna-Induced Spectral Distortions via Excitation-Wavelength and Pulse-Energy Tuning*Patryk Pycz, Sylwester Gawinkowski*

Institute of Physical Chemistry PAS (Poland)

We investigate how pulse energy and excitation wavelength govern spectral fidelity in surface-enhanced femtosecond stimulated Raman scattering (SE-FSRS). Distortions correlate with strong broadband backgrounds and are wavelength-dependent. By optimizing energies and wavelength choices, we suppress artifacts, recover reliable vibrational line shapes, and provide practical guidelines for robust quantitative SE-FSRS measurements.

14:40

INVITED TALK

Tip-Enhanced Nanocavities: Advances for Linear and Nonlinear Vibrational Spectroscopy*Philippe Roelli¹, Isabel Pascual Robledo¹, Iker Herrero Leon¹, Javier Aizpurua², Rainer Hillenbrand¹*

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Tip-enhanced nanocavities enable efficient light coupling into subwavelength gaps while minimally perturbing cavity modes, opening new opportunities for nanoscale vibrational spectroscopy spanning the infrared and visible spectral ranges.

15:00 INVITED TALK Inverse Electromagnetic Design for THz Antennas, Resonators and Wave-Based Analog Computing*Nikolas Hadjiantoni¹, Heedong Goh², Dou Feng¹, Andrea Alù³, Miguel Navarro-Cía¹, Stephen Hanham⁴*¹University of Birmingham (United Kingdom), ²Seoul National University (Korea), ³The City University of New York (USA), ⁴Imperial College London (United Kingdom)

Inverse electromagnetic design provides a systematic framework for engineering wave-matter interactions beyond intuition-driven approaches. We present our recent progress combining topology optimization and gradient-based methods for designing terahertz lens antennas, high-Q/V dielectric resonators, and global-local optimization approaches for analog computing platforms based on gyrotropic electromagnetic scattering.

15:20 INVITED TALK Plasmonic Metasurface Arrays for Universal Liquid Sensing*Justin Sperling¹, Finlay Walton¹, Daniel Osborne¹, Badri Aekbote¹, Anthony Perré², Rebecca Setford¹, Hanyu Gao¹, Liam Wilson¹, Chad Siperley², Rudolf Schick², Baptiste Poursat¹, Caroline Gauchotte-Lindsay¹, William Peveler¹, Alasdair Clark¹*¹University of Glasgow (United Kingdom), ²Spraying Systems Co. (USA)

We present a reusable, cross-reactive plasmonic metasurface sensor for liquid-phase chemical analysis. A 24-element metasurface, read by hyperspectral imaging, generates high-dimensional optical patterns reflecting overall sample composition. Lightweight machine learning enables both holistic quality monitoring and targeted event detection, supporting universal, point-of-need chemical sensing across beverage and drinking-water systems.

1-08 | Room 254 | 14:00 - 15:40

SYM2: Computational Electromagnetics for Radiating Structures and Complex Media*Organized by: K. Kajikawa & J. Takahara***14:00 INVITED TALK Advanced computational design of nonlinear and functional nanophotonics***Catarina Ferreira, Joel D. Cox, Line Jelver*

University of Southern Denmark (Denmark)

The evolution of integrated photonics demands materials and design frameworks that offer both extreme optical control and scalable manufacturability. Here we present two complementary computational advances that span from fundamental quantum dynamics in 2D nanostructures to neural networks for optimization of multilayer photonic devices.

14:20 INVITED TALK Nanoparticles of nitride-based materials for plasmonics and lattice-mode resonances*Ermelinda Salvaggio¹, Jérémie Béal¹, Gregory Abadias², Sophie Camelio², David Babonneau², Davy Gérard¹, Christophe Couteau¹, Jérôme Plain³*¹UTT (France), ²Université de Poitiers (France), ³University of Technology of Troyes (France)

This work characterizes TiN/ZrN nanoparticle films and networks and shows that stoichiometry can be used to adjust their plasmonic and photothermal responses. Measurements and simulations reveal narrow, tunable, and robust plasmonic network resonances that show promise for nitride-based devices and metasurfaces.

14:40 INVITED TALK Retrieving Electric and Magnetic Conductivities of Anisotropic Metasurfaces under Oblique Incidence*Dimitrios Chatzidimitriou, Alexandros Pitilakis, Odysseas Tsilipakos*

National Hellenic Research Foundation (Greece)

Analytical parameter-retrieval formulas are developed for anisotropic, electromagnetically thin metasurfaces with electric and magnetic surface currents. Valid for arbitrary polarizations and incidence angles, the approach avoids bidirectional scattering data. Examples of microwave and THz meta-atoms illustrate efficient polarization conversion and practical and experimental relevance.

15:00 INVITED TALK Plasmonic lightning-rod effect and nanofocusing: Revisiting traditional design concepts for plasmonic antennas*Rostislav Řepa, Michal Horák, Pavel Gajdoš, Tomáš Šíkola, Vlastimil Křápek*

Brno University of Technology (Czech Republic)

We analyze the plasmonic lightning-rod effect and the nanofocusing of localized surface plasmons and discuss their consequences for the design of plasmonic antennas.

15:20 INVITED TALK Advancements in Electromagnetic FEM for Parametric Studies, Frequency Sweeps and Shape Optimization*Michal Baronowski, Adam Lamecki, Michal Mrozowski*

Gdansk University of Technology (Poland)

We present advancements in a highorder FEM solver for electromagnetic analysis using curvilinear tetrahedra with Ingelström basis functions up to $p=2$. Broadband responses are computed via modelorder reduction. Largescale problems use a p -multilevel preconditioner. Geometry variation and optimization employ mesh morphing and RBFbased freeform deformation.

1-09 | Aula Magna | 14:00 - 15:30

GEN: Antenna Theory and Design**14:00 KEYNOTE TALK Multibeam Antennas without Beam Forming Networks***Stefano Maci*

University of Siena (Italy)

Gradient-index (GRIN) lenses and metasurface antennas enable compact, low-cost multibeam systems without beam forming networks. Designed using advanced synthesis and fast geometrical optics solvers, GRIN lenses achieve wideband and precise beam shaping. Metasurfaces convert guided or space waves into directive beams via engineered impedance which operate as a continuous BFN.

14:30 KEYNOTE TALK Long Slot Arrays: Advancing Next-Generation Communications Networks and Beyond*Mauro Ettore*

Michigan State University (USA)

During this presentation, I will discuss the modeling of long slot arrays and highlight their advantages in terms of bandwidth and scanning capabilities, as well as their physical implementation. I will demonstrate the capability of these arrays to radiate short, high-power pulses, thereby extending their applications to high-power scenarios.

15:00 Design and Optimization of a Multilayer Dielectric Radome for Ka-, Q-, and V-Band Applications*Olga Basile, Marco Simone, Santi Concetto Pavone, Gino Sorbello*

University of Catania (Italy)

This paper presents a multilayer radome for Ka-, Q-, and V-band operation. A longitudinally stratified model optimized via Particle Swarm Optimization maximizes transmission over multiple bands and incidence angles. The final 14-layer design, which considers all layers required by the manufacturing constraints, achieves a worst-case transmission loss below 0.4 dB.

15:15

868 MHz Yagi-Uda Antenna for Educational Purposes: Design and Measurement*Mauro da Silva Leme, João Alexandre Batista Coelho, João Paulo Coelho*

Instituto Politécnico de Bragança (Portugal)

Antennas are fundamental in wireless systems. This paper describes the design, simulation, and fabrication of an 868 MHz Yagi-Uda antenna for educational laboratories. Featuring a handcrafted balun and PCB matching network, the project evaluates S-parameters and radiation patterns. Results align with simulations, offering a practical, affordable approach for hands-on learning.

Coffee Break

15:40 - 16:20

1-O10 | Room 252 | 16:20 - 18:40

SYM1: Recent Advances in Nanophotonics and Metamaterials*Organized by: Andrea Di Falco*

16:20

INVITED TALK

Chiral Nonlinear Polaritonics and Quantum Metaphotonics with Bound States in the Continuum*Maxim Gorkunov, Alena Mamonova*

National University of Science and Technology "MISIS" (Russia)

High quality factor photonic eigenstates stemming from bound states in the continuum drastically enhance nonlinearity of dielectric metasurfaces. We discuss chiral harmonic generation underpinned by single and multiple states and demonstrate that spontaneous parametric down conversion by a state with controlled extrinsic chirality yields photon pairs with variable entanglement degree.

16:40

INVITED TALK

Efficient Lasing Metasurfaces Enabled by Quasi-Dark Resonances: A Temporal Coupled Mode Theory Approach*Georgios Nousios¹, Thomas Christopoulos², Dimitrios Zografopoulos³, Emmanouil Kriezis¹, Odysseas Tsilipakos⁴*

¹Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece), ²IOGS-Université de Bordeaux-CNRS (France), ³Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (Greece), ⁴National Hellenic Research Foundation (Greece)

We develop a temporal coupled-mode theory framework to accurately model light emission from metasurfaces incorporating bulk or sheet gain media. It is validated via time-domain finite-element simulations. We show lasing examples in the near infrared with a transition metal dichalcogenide hetero-bilayer for gain and in the visible using organic dyes.

17:00

INVITED TALK

Microbridge-Array Based Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces*Steffen Klingel, Lars Franke, Marco Rahm*

RPTU Kaiserslautern-Landau (Germany)

We report a MEMS-switchable reconfigurable intelligentsurface for beam control in the sub-terahertzfrequency-band. Simulation results promise a phase tuning range of 300° at 100 GHz with a reflection magnitude above 0.9. The operation bandwidth exceeds 4 GHz. A fabricated 10×10 unit cell prototype evidences the manufacturability of our design.

17:20

INVITED TALK

High Efficiency Active Terahertz Membrane Metasurfaces with Extended Kerker Effect*Longqing Cong, Junxing Fan*

Southern University of Science and Technology (China)

We introduce a membrane metasurface that merges extended Kerker's condition with q-BICs. Our experiment demonstrates an absolute beam deflection efficiency exceeding 92%, a 4 GHz linewidth, a 2.8° divergence angle, and a quality factor of 114.

17:40 INVITED TALK Multi-functional Imaging and Image Processing with Optical Metasurfaces*Cheng Zhang*

Huazhong University of Science and Technology (China)

Metasurfaces are considered as promising solutions for various advanced imaging and image processing applications. In this talk, I will present our recent efforts of implementing metasurface-based all-optical differentiators operating in direct-imaging mode, and their applications in biological imaging and analysis.

18:00 INVITED TALK Microcomb-Enabled Low-Phase-Noise Terahertz Wireless Links for High-Order Modulation*Takasumi Tanabe*

Keio University (Japan)

Terahertz wireless links promise fiber-like capacity but are limited by oscillator phase noise. We present a photonic approach using microcombs to suppress phase noise and enable high-order QAM transmission and reveal a phase-noise tolerance boundary for robust operation

18:20 INVITED TALK 2D CuCrP₂S₆-Integrated Silicon Microrings for Nonreciprocal Photonics*Mahmoud S. Rasras, Ghada Dushaq*

NYUAD (United Arab Emirates)

We demonstrate a compact nonreciprocal photonic device using a two-dimensional material integrated with silicon microring resonators. Magnetically induced symmetry breaking enables direction-dependent transmission with low loss and high isolation. The device operates in the transverse electric mode and exhibits a broadband response in the short-wavelength infrared regime.

1-O11 | Room 268 | 16:20 - 18:40

SP8: Nano-Objects and Metasurfaces for Opto-Thermo-Mechanical Management*Organized by: Marco Gandolfi, Andrea Gerini and Olga Sergaeva**Chaired by: Marco Gandolfi***16:20 INVITED TALK Modeling Terahertz Scattering from Plastic Contaminants for Inspection Applications***Rizwan Asif¹, Marco Gandolfi², Alfonso Tanga³, Matteo Gabardi³, Silvia Liprandi³, Bruno Garavelli³, Mark Justine Zapanta⁴, Wouter Saeys⁴, Claudio Giannetti¹*¹Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (Italy), ²Università Degli Studi di Brescia (Italy), ³Xnext S.p.A. (Italy), ⁴KU Leuven (Belgium)

Plastic contaminants can be weakly absorbing, so detectability is often limited by scattering and collection optics rather than transmission contrast. We present a simulation-to-measurement workflow: COMSOL scattered-field modeling, near-to-far-field transformation, and finite-aperture integration for detector-collected signal. Lorenz-Mie benchmarking validates accuracy; extensions target nonspherical fragments and realistic inspection geometries.

16:40 INVITED TALK Wiener–Hopf Modeling of a Parity Time Duality Waveguide Based on a Bed of Nails Metasurface*Xenofon Mitsalás¹, Nelson Castro², Eva Rajo Iglesias², Stefano Maci¹*¹Università di Siena (Italy), ²University Carlos III of Madrid (Spain)

A compact analytical model is presented for a parity time duality waveguide based on a bed of nails metasurface. The approach combines surface impedance and Wiener-Hopf methods to describe polarization selective dispersion, spectral confinement, and energy localization relevant to opto-thermo-mechanical metasurface platforms and applications.

17:00 INVITED TALK Quantization Pressure and Commensurability in Morphogenetic Metasurface Design*Thomas Fromentèze¹, Chidinma Uche¹, Emebet Hadgu¹, Cyril Decroze¹, Raphaël Pestourie²*¹University of Limoges - Xlim Research Institute (France), ²Georgia Institute of Technology (USA)

This study addresses domain size effects in the characterization of self-organizing metasurfaces. It is demonstrated that periodic boundaries induce a commensurability pressure, causing effective tensors to oscillate. This quantization phenomenon is analyzed, and a methodology is proposed to select optimal unit cells for accurate impedance synthesis.

17:20 INVITED TALK Ultrafast thermal exchanges around nano-objects probed by time-resolved optical spectroscopy*Margherita Vittucci¹, Alessandro Casto¹, Fabiano Tarull², Matteo Fasano², Aurélien Crut¹, Francesco Banfi¹, Natalia Del Fatti¹, Paolo Maioli¹*¹Universite Claude Bernard Lyon 1 (France), ²Politecnico di Torino (Italy)

Ultrafast thermal energy exchange between absorbing nano-objects and surrounding liquid or solid environments is investigated by time-resolved optical spectroscopy. Cooling dynamics are monitored from picoseconds to nanoseconds after excitation. An opto-thermal model extracts thermal boundary resistance and environmental thermal conductivity, enabling quantitative characterization of nanoscale heat transfer.

17:40 INVITED TALK Controlling nonlinear THz generation via two-beam excitation of all-dielectric nanostructures*Unai Arregui Leon¹, Luca Carletti², Davide Rocco³, Costantino De Angelis³, Giuseppe Della Valle¹*¹Politecnico di Milano (Italy), ²University of Brescia, ³University of Brescia (Italy)

All-dielectric nanoresonators exhibiting high second-order nonlinearity are a widely adopted platform for nanoscale frequency conversion. The all-optical management of terahertz radiation emitted nonlinearly from Mie-resonant nanoantennas is reported here. The method relies on the interaction among the multipolar moments induced at the difference-frequency window of two individual infrared excitation beams.

18:00 INVITED TALK Supermode Theory for Broadband All-Dielectric Metasurfaces*Pooja Uday Naik, Massimiliano Guasoni*

University of Southampton (United Kingdom)

Broadband metasurfaces are often chosen for robustness, yet their collective electromagnetic behavior remains underexplored. We present a supermode framework for metasurfaces that unifies linear and non-linear responses. The approach reveals how broadband polarization functionality and stability arise from the collective response, informing the design of scalable metasurface systems.

18:20 INVITED TALK Ultrafast modulation of semiconductor metasurfaces with photo-induced spatial inhomogeneities*Giulia Crotti¹, Pietro Baldin¹, Andrea Schirato¹, Olesiya Pashina², Olga Sergaeva³, Mihail Petrov², Costantino De Angelis³, Margherita Maiuri¹, Giuseppe Della Valle¹*¹Politecnico di Milano (Italy), ²ITMO University (Russia), ³University of Brescia (Italy)

Semiconductor metasurfaces can be reconfigured in an ultrafast and efficient way, exploiting photogenerated hot carriers for transient permittivity modulations. Here, we present our theoretical work on spatially inhomogeneous permittivity perturbations and demonstrate how to leverage them for novel reconfiguration strategies and faster modulation performances.

1-O12 | Aula Magna | 16:20 - 18:35

SP2: Light Engineering at the Nano-Scale: Insights from Plasmonics and Metamaterials

Organized by: P. Piotrowski & E. Petronijević

Chaired by: P. Piotrowski & E. Petronijević

16:20

INVITED TALK

Real-Space Plasmon Imaging Reveals Modified Charge Dynamics of Gold at the Monolayer Limit*Andrei Bylinkin¹, Philippe Roelli¹, Naveen Shetty², Rositsa Yakimova³, Ulrich Starke⁴, Camilla Coletti⁵, Stiven Fort⁵, A. Zakharov⁶, Vyacheslav M. Silkin⁷, Samuel Lara-Avila², Rainer Hillenbrand¹*

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We present the first optical study of a quasi-freestanding gold monolayer formed between graphene and silicon carbide. Near-field microscopy reveals propagating plasmon polaritons and their dispersion. Analysis shows bulk-like scattering time but enhanced Drude weight, indicating modified collective charge dynamics and electronic response in atomically thin gold.

16:40

INVITED TALK

Whispering-Gallery Mode Microcavities & Microlasers: From Advanced Single Molecule Measurements to Applications in Biology*Frank Vollmer*

University of Exeter (United Kingdom)

Whispering-gallery-mode (WGM) optical microcavities enable ultrasensitive, label-free biosensing via evanescent fields. Plasmonic nanorods enhance light-matter interactions, achieving single-molecule detection of proteins and neurotransmitters. Recently developed WGM microlasers capable of detecting individual molecules and even single atomic ions enable real-time lab-on-a-chip biosensing for single-molecule biophysics and ultrasensitive in vivo biosensing.

17:00

Deterministic Strain Engineered Quantum Emitters in Two Dimensional Semiconductors*Snezana Lazic, Sanja Đurđić Mijina*

Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (Spain)

We present a cost-efficient method to create deterministic quantum emitters in two-dimensional semiconductors using localized strain induced by dielectric microparticles. The approach enables spatial control of nanoscale light sources with single photon emission and exciton biexciton cascades for quantum photonic applications.

17:15

INVITED TALK

Polaritonic metasurfaces: extended hybridization and energy transfer*Clementine Symonds¹, Jean-Michel Benoit¹, François Bessueille², Joel Bellessa¹*

¹Institut Lumière Matière - Université Claude Bernard Lyon1 (France), ²Université de Lyon (France)

Extended plasmon-exciton polaritonic states enable long-range energy transfer between spatially separated donor and acceptor dye arrays on a metal film. Moiré-patterned multimaterial systems exhibit hybrid polaritonic modes that mediate energy transport beyond near-field interactions through collective strong coupling.

17:35

INVITED TALK

Recursive analog computing with light*Andrea Cordaro*

Harvard University (USA)

We report optical analog computing platforms based on metasurfaces and integrated photonics. Inverse-designed meta-gratings implement free-space integral equation solvers, while recursive electro-optic circuits enable programmable spectral and temporal operations. These results highlight new routes toward scalable high-speed optical computation.

17:55

INVITED TALK

Liquid-Crystalline Chiral Nanophotonics: From Plasmonic Circular Dichroism to Circularly Polarized Luminescence*Wiktoria Lewandowska*

University of Warsaw (Poland)

We present a scalable route to chiral photonic thin films in which nanoparticles are helically organized within a liquid-crystalline matrix. For gold nanobipyramids, we achieve tunable plasmonic circular dichroism, while perovskite nanocrystals exhibit strong circularly polarized luminescence (glum 0.24). Laser-writing enables microscale programming of handedness and chiroptical sign.

18:15

INVITED TALK

DNA-Origami-Assembled Rhodium Nanoantennas for Deep-UV Label-Free Single-Protein Detection*Karol Kolataj*

University of Fribourg (Switzerland)

In this work, we demonstrate the fabrication of plasmonic nanoantennas operating in the deep ultraviolet. A ligand exchange protocol enables DNA functionalization of rhodium nanoparticles and their precise positioning on DNA origami, yielding reproducible structures that enable label-free and highly specific fluorescence detection of single proteins

1-O13 | Room 254 | 16:20 - 17:30

SP4: Advanced Techniques for Antennas, RF, and MW Components Fabrication*Organized by: Giacomo Muntoni, Francesco Chietera and Alessio Mostaccio**Chaired by: Giacomo Muntoni*

16:20

INVITED TALK

Investigation on Powder-Bed Fusion Laser-Based Process for the Manufacturing of D-band Feed Horns*Giuseppe Addamo¹, Flaviana Calignano², Mario Zannoni³, Lorenzo Scalcinati³, Oscar Antonio Peverini¹, Fabio Paonessa¹*¹CNR-IEIIT (Italy), ²DIGEP-POLITO (Italy), ³University of Milano Bicocca (Italy)

Millimeter wave and sub-THz components represent the future of satellite communications and astrophysical research. Their realization through classical manufacturing processes can exhibit different limitations. In this work, we present the outcomes of an ongoing research activity devoted to understand the limits of PBF-LB/M process in the manufacturing of D-band horns.

16:40

Additive Manufacturing Techniques for Post-Fabrication Frequency Tuning of Printed Planar Antennas*Rubén Pedreño Martínez, David Cañete Rebenaque, José Luis Gómez Tornero*

Universidad Politécnica de Cartagena (Spain)

Manufacturing tolerances in printed RF antennas often lead to undesired frequency shifts, increasing development time and cost due to iterative redesign. This work presents two additive-only post-fabrication techniques to address these issues, based on the controlled addition of conductive or dielectric elements. A microstrip leaky-wave-antenna is proposed as an example.

16:55

A Wideband Microstrip Bandpass Filter Operating in Differential Mode with Built-In Common-Mode Rejection*Khaled Aliqab*

Jouf University (Saudia Arabia)

A microstrip bandpass filter in differential mode targeting wideband frequency coverage is reported. The architecture adopts a branch-line topology in which input/output crosscoupling is systematically incorporated. A particularly notable characteristic of the presented design is its capacity to suppress common-mode signals by more than 40dB without resorting to complex circuitry.

17:10

INVITED TALK

A 3D-printed Convex Antenna for ARBW and Gain Enhancement*Giacomo Muntoni*

University of Cagliari (Italy)

A convex microstrip patch antenna, obtained taking advantage of the 3D printing procedures, is proposed in this work, demonstrating the ability of the curved substrate to enhance the axial ration bandwidth of a circularly polarized antenna, as well as its efficiency and its realized gain.

1-O14 | Room 254 | 17:30 - 18:15

SP10: Advanced Antenna Designs for Joint Communication and Sensing*Organized by: José Luis Gómez Tornero and Julien Sarrazin**Chaired by: José Luis Gómez Tornero and Julien Sarrazin*

17:30

Monopulse-Based Blind-Spot Correction using a Full-Azimuthal Leaky-Wave Antenna Array*Alejandro Gil-Martínez¹, Jesus Perez-Valero¹, Julien Sarrazin², Guido Valerio², Antonio Skarmeta¹*¹Universidad de Murcia (Spain), ²Sorbonne University (France)

This paper presents a theoretical full-azimuthal angle estimation algorithm for ISAC systems based on a triangular array of bi-directional leaky-wave antennas. The impact of angular blind spots on amplitude-monopulse estimation is analyzed, and a lightweight deep-learning correction is introduced to improve angular robustness without increasing system complexity.

17:45

Phase-Based Ranging and Direction-of-Arrival Localization with a single-port Frequency-Scanned Antenna*Antonio David Hernández Mateos, José Antonio López Pastor, José Luis Gómez Tornero*

Universidad Politécnica de Cartagena (Spain)

A two-dimensional location system is proposed and simulated in this work thanks to the combination of a Direction of Arrival (DoA) and Phase-Based Ranging (PBR) technique implemented with a single-port frequency-dispersive leaky-wave antenna in the 2.4 GHz ISM band.

18:00

Acoustic leaky-wave antennas for localization of IoT devices*Pablo Antonio Martínez Vicente¹, Astrid Algaba-Brazalez¹, Jens Forssén², Jose Luis Gomez-Tornero¹*¹Universidad Politécnica de Cartagena (UPCT) (Spain), ²Technical University of Chalmers (Sweden)

This work presents an analytical design approach for acoustic leaky-wave antennas (ALWAs) using the Transverse Resonance Equation and Transverse Equivalent Network modeling. The method enables efficient leaky-mode analysis for synthesizing ALWAs with controlled leakage and beam scanning, with potential for IoT device localization in GNSS-denied, multipath environments.

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Thursday, June 4, 2026

2-P11 | Aula Magna | 08:25 - 09:35

Plenary Session II

08:25

PLENARY TALK

Dielectric metasurfaces: a new platform for nonlinear optics*Giuseppe Leo*

Université Paris Cité (France)

Flat optics revolutionized light propagation, and today dielectric metasurfaces enable to structure light in all its degrees of freedom, beyond the limits of superposition principle. The irruption of nonlinear wavefront shaping, chirality, and analog processing on the scene makes nonlinear meta-optics an ever more exciting theater to perform forefront research.

09:00

PLENARY TALK

Overview of Gap Waveguide Technology for Satellite Antenna Systems*Eva Rajo-Iglesias*

University Carlos III of Madrid (Spain)

An overview of Gap Waveguide technology for satellite communications will be presented, highlighting innovative scanning and multibeam antenna designs. The presentation will also include an analysis of the multipactor effect in high-frequency environments. Particular emphasis will be placed on cost-effective solutions that achieve sufficient gain and high-purity circular polarization.

Coffee Break

09:40 - 10:20

2-P1 | Corridoio dell'Orologio | 09:40 - 10:20

Poster Session II

P1

Convex Optimization for Deep-Null Synthesis in SKA-Low Station Beamforming*Giuseppe Caruso¹, Giada Maria Battaglia¹, Pietro Boll², Maria Grazia Labate³, Andrea Francesco Morabito¹*

¹Università degli Studi Mediterranea di Reggio Calabria (Italy), ²Arcetri Astrophysical Observatory (Italy), ³Catania Astrophysical Observatory (Italy)

This work explores the feasibility of generating deep nulls in individual SKA-Low station pattern using a convex programming-based antenna synthesis algorithm tailored for pencil beam design. In addition the method aims to achieve an overall reduction in sidelobe level and takes into account the real station layout and mutual coupling.

P2

A New Broadband Magneto-Electric Cross Dipole Sub-Array with Efficient Feed Configuration for Sub-6GHz 5G Base Stations*Hamed Tahmasbi, Hadi Aliakbarian, Reza Asadi, Davood Siyar, Soroush Shafigh, Mohammad Javad Namaazi*

K. N. Toosi University of Technology (Iran)

A compact linearly dual-polarized antenna element for 5G base stations is proposed, employing parasitic elements and leaf-shaped patches to achieve over 58% bandwidth from 2-4 GHz, high gain performance, and an efficient two-element sub-array configuration using a simple microstrip feed structure suitable for Sub-6 GHz applications.

P3

Giant Magnetoimpedance effect at GHz frequencies in amorphous microwires*Arcady Zhukov¹, Mihail Ipatov¹, Paula Corte-Leon², Juan Maria Blanco¹, Valentina Zhukova¹*¹University of Basque Country (Spain), ²Cambridge University (United Kingdom)

We studied Giant magnetoimpedance (GMI) effect and magnetic properties of various Co-rich amorphous microwires up to GHz frequency range. Observed dependences can be explained considering different magnetic anisotropy in the surface layers and in the inner part of metallic nucleus and using FMR-like approximation.

P4

Diffraction Contribution by a Junction of Chiral Layers with PEC Backing*Giovanni Riccio¹, Flaminio Ferrara¹, Gianluca Gennarelli², Rocco Guerriero¹, Francesco Chiadini¹*¹University of Salerno (Italy), ²I.R.E.A.-C.N.R (Italy)

The plane wave diffraction by the discontinuity of a PEC-backed planar junction formed by two uniaxial anisotropic chiral half-layers is addressed. A heuristic approach is applied to evaluate this contribution in the framework of the uniform geometrical theory of diffraction.

P5

Effect of asymmetry and disorder on spontaneous emission in resonant gratings supporting quasi-bound states in the continuum*Victor Kalt¹, Emmanuel Centeno², Rafik Smaali², Antoine Moreau²*¹Université Jean Monnet - Saint Etienne (France), ²Universite Clermont Auvergne (France)

We study the effect of controlled asymmetry and structural disorder on the light emission in the normal direction of a dipole source in a resonant grating supporting a bound state in the continuum (BIC) or a quasi-BIC (QBIC). Both regular and dimer gratings are compared.

P6

Defect-Engineered ZnO/Ag Nano-heterostructures for Energy-Related Applications*Roman Redko, Grigorii Milenin, Vitaliy Shvalagin, Svitlana Redko, Yelizaveta Savchuk*

National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine (Ukraine)

Defect engineered ZnO/Ag nanocomposites demonstrate magnetically tunable plasmonic properties relevant to useful applications. Defect induced ferromagnetism in ZnO nanoparticles enables controllable and long-lived blue shifts of localized surface plasmon resonance. These effects provide new routes for plasmon enhanced photovoltaics photocatalysis and multifunctional sensing technologies

P7

Ni-Co-Zn Composite Loaded Patch Antenna for MICS Band Biomedical Communications*Poonam Lathiya*

IISER Bhopal (India)

Microwave properties of Ni-Co-Zn/epoxy magneto-dielectric composites were studied for MICS band applications. Two patch antennas using Rogers (dielectric - control) and Ni-Co-Zn/epoxy substrates, were designed and analyzed through electromagnetic simulations, and the measured results were compared. An improved bandwidth and a smaller size of antenna were achieved.

P8

Metasurfaces for Light Harvesting in Perovskite Solar Cells*Sergii Mamykin¹, Iryna Mamontova¹, Roman Redko¹, Olena Shtykal¹, Tetiana Lunko¹, Igor Dmytruk², Oleg Yeshchenko², Olexander Fedotov², Nataliya Berezovska², Anatoliy Pinchuk³*¹V.E. Lashkaryov Institute of Semiconductor Physics of NAS (Ukraine), ²Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (Ukraine),³V.E. Lashkaryov Institute of Semiconductor Physics of NAS (USA)

We propose a plasmonic metasurface design integrating Au/SiO₂ core-shell nanoparticles to enhance absorption in thin-film perovskite solar cells. FDTD simulations demonstrate significant efficiency improvements in the near-infrared region driven by hybrid plasmon-gap modes. This architecture offers a pathway to stable, high-performance photovoltaics with reduced active layer thickness.

P9

Time-Modulated Metasurface-Based Corner Reflector for Radar Target Feature Manipulation*Haoran Han¹, Jiwei Zhao¹, Huan Lu¹, Peixuan Zhu¹, Rongrong Zhu², Bin Zheng¹*¹Zhejiang University (China), ²Hangzhou City University (China)

To overcome angular and polarization sensitivity in radar countermeasures, this paper combines time-modulated metasurfaces with corner reflectors. This approach generates Doppler frequency components across wide angles. By applying fast and slow-time modulations, the system creates effective interference strips in SAR imaging, demonstrating significant value for passive electronic countermeasures.

2-02 | Aula Magna | 10:20 - 12:30

SYM2: Computational Electromagnetics for Radiating Structures and Complex Media*Organized by: K. Kajikawa & J. Takahara*

10:20

KEYNOTE TALK

Nanoplasmonic Cavities for Electromagnetic WaveControl: Quantum Dynamics in Open Resonators*Ortwin Hess*

The University of Dublin (Ireland)

Nanoplasmonic cavities enable extreme subwavelength electromagnetic control with strong light-matter coupling in open, lossy resonators. Combining waveguide-integrated architectures and quantum quasinormal-mode theory, this work shows how dissipation can be engineered for coherent control, state preparation, and stabilization, establishing nanoplasmonic systems as versatile platforms for room-temperature quantum electromagnetic functionality.

10:50

INVITED TALK

Formation of Electromagnetic Spin Skyrmionsby Sparse Antenna Arrays*Andrei Afanasev*

George Washington University (USA)

We theoretically investigate properties of topological spin structures of electromagnetic waves formed by sparse phased antenna arrays. Formation of isolated electromagnetic spin skyrmions, their lattices and their propagation in space are described.

11:10

INVITED TALK

The Quasi-Normal Mode Method Applied to the Study of the Radiating Properties of Quasi-Bound States in the Continuum*Emmanuel Centeno¹, Victor Kalt², Rafik Smaali¹, Antoine Moreau¹*¹Université Clermont Auvergne / Institut Pascal (France), ²Université de Lyon (France)

We study the radiating properties of dimer grating supporting quasi-bound states in the continuum (QBICs) with a novel approach based on the quasi-normal mode method. This work clarifies the interplay between structural symmetry, disorder, and light-matter interaction in photonic structures supporting BICs and QBICs.

11:30 INVITED TALK Theoretical Modeling of Surface Electromagnetic Wave-Based Underwater Radio Communication*Igor Smolyaninov*

Saltenna Inc. (USA)

Surface electromagnetic waves propagating along the water-air interface may exhibit a "plasmonic gradient resonance", which leads to highly unusual propagation properties of radio fields, resulting in extremely large penetration depth and very large communication distances of radio fields underwater, reaching hundreds and in some cases thousands of skin depths.

11:50 INVITED TALK Opto-thermal tunability in phase-change metasurfaces*Marco Gandolfi¹, Jesse Frantz², Natalia M. Litchinitser³, Costantino De Angelis¹, Maria Antonietta Vincenti¹*¹Università degli Studi di Brescia (Italy), ²US Naval Research Laboratory (USA), ³Duke University (USA)

We study the opto-thermal reconfiguration of nanostructures and metasurfaces composed of phase-changing materials. We propose a GST ($\text{Ge}_2\text{Sb}_2\text{Te}_5$)-based metasurface enabling partial crystallization of the structure through all-optical ultrafast excitation. We prove that partial crystallization can be induced using an infrared laser pulse with an intensity as low as 35 MW/cm².

12:10 INVITED TALK The Leaky-Wave Paradigm for Nondiffractive Beams*Edoardo Negri¹, Stella Ventucci², Walter Fuscaldo¹, Paolo Burghignolli², Alessandro Galli²*¹Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (Italy), ²Sapienza University of Rome (Italy)

This contribution presents a comprehensive review of devices radiating nondiffractive beams, ranging from microwaves to THz, designed according to a leaky-wave paradigm.

2-03 | Room 252 | 10:20 - 12:40

SP9: Young Researchers in Antennas and Metasurfaces*Organized by: Edoardo Negri and Federico Giusti**Chaired by: Edoardo Negri and Federico Giusti***10:20 INVITED TALK In-Phase TE/TM Surface Wave Excitation on Self-Complementary Metasurfaces***Bouchez Marceau¹, David Gonzalez-Ovejero¹, Stefano Maci²*¹Université de Rennes - IETR (France), ²University of Siena (Italy)

We propose a simplified dual-polarized excitation strategy for self-complementary metasurfaces. By exploiting intrinsic self-dual symmetry, our theoretical framework demonstrates the equalization of TE and TM surface waves using a dual-feed configuration, overcoming standard network complexity.

10:40 INVITED TALK Multifunctional Metasurfaces with Mutual Coupling Mitigation for Advanced Wireless Systems at Millimeter-Waves and Terahertz*Damián Ernesto Rodríguez Trujillo, Alicia Elena Torres García, Mikel Aldea Esnaola, Jorge Teniente Vallinas, Asier Marzo Pérez, Miguel Beruete Díaz*

Public University of Navarra (Spain)

This work presents a single-layer transmission-mode multifunctional metasurface optimized using a neural-network-assisted model. By varying the illumination conditions, the metasurface projects different holographic patterns within a single passive structure. The proposed method combines theoretical electromagnetic formulations with mutual coupling regularization scheme for advanced wireless communication systems.

11:00 INVITED TALK Low-Cost 3-D Printable Modulated Dielectric Leaky-Wave Antenna*Ravel Carlos de Miranda Pimenta, Massimiliano Casaletti*

Geepeps-Sorbonne University (France)

A low-cost 3-D-printable dielectric leaky-wave antenna operating at 20 GHz is presented, where substrate-height modulation synthesizes a scalar surface impedance for holographic beam control. Full-wave simulations demonstrate broadside linearly polarized radiation, 22.8 dBi directivity, 20.1 dBi gain, and a 9.1% 3-dB gain bandwidth.

11:20 INVITED TALK Low-Loss CLAF Waveguides and Slot Arrays for 77 GHz Automotive Radar Using Mirror-Stacked Glide-Symmetric Mushroom EBGs*Ashray Ugle¹, Massimiliano Casaletti¹, Marta Arias Campo², Simona Brun², Guido Valerio³*¹Sorbonne Universite (France), ²IMST GmbH (Germany), ³Sorbonne University (France)

This work presents cost-effective CLAF waveguides using mirror-stacked glide-symmetric mushroom EBGs at 76-81 GHz. Building on prior dispersion analysis, prototypes are designed, fabricated and characterised, including straight and bent waveguides, power dividers and slot arrays. Measurements confirm low-loss, cost-efficient mmWave automotive radar components.

11:40 INVITED TALK Magnetically Tunable Graphene Plasmonic Emission for THz Amplification*Michela Longhi¹, Davide Mencarelli², Alessandro Toscano³, Luca Pieranton²*¹Niccolò Cusano University (Italy), ²Marche Polytechnic University (Italy), ³Roma Tre University (Italy)

Graphene monolayers confined between metallic electrodes enable low-THz amplification via the quantum Čerenkov effect, yielding plasmonic emission rates up to an order of magnitude higher. Introducing a transverse static magnetic field induces Landau quantization and magnetoplasmons, allowing directional, nonreciprocal, and frequency-tunable emission through resonant inter-Landau transitions.

12:00 INVITED TALK Advanced Near-Field Beam Synthesis via Spatially Distributed Ray-Caustics*Federica Anfuso, Ahsan Ullah Khan, Gino Sorbello, Santi Concetto Pavone*

University of Catania (Italy)

This work presents a method based on spatially distributed ray-caustics for synthesizing curved and focused electromagnetic beams in the near field. By defining the beam trajectory through a target caustic curve, the method enables precise control of field distribution. Simulations demonstrate accurate beam shaping along the prescribed trajectories.

12:20 INVITED TALK Interpolation of Periodic Method-of-Moments Impedance Matrices with a Physically Motivated Regularisation*Martin Petek¹, Denis Tihon², Jorge Alberto Tobon Vasquez¹, Christophe Craeye², Francesca Vipiana¹*¹Politecnico di Torino (Italy), ²UCLouvain (Belgium)

This work presents preliminary efforts for development of a combined frequency and wave vector interpolation approach for periodic method of moments problems. The interpolation method extracts the difficult-to-interpolate term, interpolates the remainder, and re-adds the extracted terms. We demonstrate the applicability of the approach to frequency interpolation.

2-04 | Room 254 | 10:20 - 12:30

SYM1: Recent Advances in Nanophotonics and Metamaterials*Organized by: Andrea Di Falco*

10:20 INVITED TALK Polymeric dynamic nanoantennas and metasurfaces*Magnus Jonsson*

Linköping University (Sweden)

Conducting polymers can be switched between plasmonic and dielectric properties through their redox state. We will here present our latest advances in utilizing this capability for active nanoantennas and metasurfaces.

10:40 INVITED TALK Controlling Fisher Information Flow in Optical Metrology*Kevin MacDonald¹, Maximilian Weimar², Huanli Zhou¹, Luca Neubacher², Thomas Grant¹, Jakob Hüpfel², Stefan Rotter², Nikolay Zheludev¹*¹University of Southampton (United Kingdom), ²TU Wien (Austria)

Fisher information defines the limit of measurement precision. We show it can be viewed as a propagating physical entity, which can resonate, diffract, and interfere. We illustrate how material composition, geometry, and environmental design can control generation and flow of information, just as antennas and metasurfaces can sculpt electromagnetic energy.

11:00 INVITED TALK Controlling Light confinement in metasurfaces: Gold Temporal Chirality and hBN Mie Resonators*Oscar Avalos-Ovando¹, Wei Wang², Ruggero Emmanuele³, Gary Wiederrecht², Lucas Besteiro⁴, Alexander Govorov⁵, Sergio Ulloa⁵, Xuedan Ma³*¹University of North Carolina at Greensboro (USA), ²Argonne National Laboratory (USA), ³Rice University (USA), ⁴Universidade de Vigo (Spain), ⁵Ohio University (USA)

We study two types of metasurfaces platforms for controlling light confinement. First, we show temporal chirality imprinting in several gold metastructures, both chiral and achiral. Second, we demonstrate high Q-factors in a square array of tapered cylindrical resonators of hexagonal boron nitride, which can even increase upon coating.

11:20 KEYNOTE TALK Metasurfaces for biomedical sensing*Thomas Krauss*

University of York (United Kingdom)

Metasurfaces hold much promise for novel sensing systems, but their operation needs to be properly understood; simply maximising Q-factor is insufficient. We present a comprehensive framework for assessing their performance and apply it to the difficult problems of measuring small peptides as well as drug concentrations in the mid-IR.

11:50 INVITED TALK Plasmonic Nanoantenna Architectures for Solar-Driven Hydrogen Production and Biomass Upgrading*Thanh-Lam Bui¹, Luca Mascaretti¹, Rambabu Yalavarthi¹, Hana kmentova¹, Alberto Naldon², Stepan Kment¹*¹Palacky University Olomouc (Czech Republic), ²University of Turin (Italy)

Periodic plasmonic nanoantennas enable efficient solar-driven chemical transformations by coupling broadband light harvesting with non-equilibrium catalytic activation. Scalable nanoantenna-reactor systems based on plasmonic materials are presented for photoelectrochemical water splitting, low-temperature ammonia decomposition, and selective biomass upgrading, highlighting the role of plasmon-induced hot carriers and photothermal effects in solar-to-fuel conversion.

12:10 INVITED TALK Time-Domain Modeling of Pulsed Dielectric Laser Accelerators

Davide Guarnera¹, Hatou Yvelin Donkeng², Roberta Palmeri³, Giorgio Sebastiano Mauro⁴, Nunzio Salerno¹, Alberto Bacc⁵, Santi Concetto Pavone¹, Giuseppe Torrisci⁴, Andrea Locatelli⁶, Gino Sorbello¹

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In this work, a general time-domain modeling for waveguide dielectric accelerators operating in the pulsed regime is presented. Accounting for pulse propagation within the tapered structure, the developed approach ensures continuous synchronization between the accelerating field and the particle motion by co determining waveguide taper and particle dynamics.

2-05 | Room 268 | 10:20 - 12:35

SP1: Electromagnetic Inverse Scattering Problems for Imaging, Sensing and Communications

Organized by: Martina Bevacqua, Maria Antonia Maisto and Rosa Scapatucci

Chaired by: Martina Bevacqua

10:20 INVITED TALK Handheld millimeter-wave scanner enabled by freehand imaging: acquisition design

Guillermo Alvarez-Narciandi, Maria Garcia-Fernandez, Jaime Laviada, Fernando Las-Heras

University of Oviedo (Spain)

Freehand radar systems offer fast high-resolution imaging capabilities by moving a compact radar-on-chip module by hand over the area under inspection. In particular, this work focuses on assessing the impact of positioning errors, irregular trajectories and limited survey speed on the imaging quality.

10:40 INVITED TALK On the usage of 1D Dynamic Metasurface Antennas for 3D Computational Radar Imaging

Maria Garcia-Fernandez¹, Guillermo Alvarez-Narciandi¹, Okan Yurduseven²

¹University of Oviedo (Spain), ²Queen's University Belfast (United Kingdom)

This contribution explores the usage of 1D single-fed Dynamic Metasurface Antennas (DMAs) for 3D Computational Microwave Imaging (CMI). Whilst recent works have focused on the Mills-Cross arrangement, in this case the linear motion of the antennas is exploited to generate a 2D aperture.

11:00 Assessment of Anatomical Prior Information in the Inversion Kernel for Microwave Brain Imaging

Alex Ramiro Masaquiza-Caiza, David Orlando Rodriguez-Duarte, Francesca Vipiana

Politecnico di Torino (Italy)

This work studies the impact of head anatomy-derived prior information on the imaging kernel of a Truncated Singular Value Decomposition-Based algorithm. Numerical results show that even anatomy-simplified imaging kernels, when no prior information is available, can provide valuable information about the morphological progression of an intracranial hemorrhage.

11:15 INVITED TALK Indirect Holography MIMO Imaging Exploiting Antenna Coupling

Alejandro del Hoyo Vijande, Yuri Álvarez-López, Fernando Las-Heras, Jaime Laviada

Universidad de Oviedo (Spain)

This work proposes a novel holographic multiple-input multiple-output (MIMO) imaging system that exploits antenna coupling to retrieve complex scattered fields from amplitude-only measurements by means of indirect holography techniques. Simulation results show that the quality of the reconstructed images is comparable to that obtained when processing vector field measurements.

11:35 INVITED TALK Averaged Steklov eigenvalues and applications to electromagnetic imaging problems*Mayeul Chavanne¹, Lorenzo Audibert², Housseem Haddar¹*¹INRIA Saclay (France), ²EDF R&D (France)

We study electromagnetic inverse scattering problems at fixed frequency using multi-static data. Classical imaging methods typically fail when the background medium is highly oscillatory. To overcome this limitation, we propose a new method based on the introduction of artificial resonators.

11:55 INVITED TALK A Three-Phase Quantitative Data-Assisted Microwave Imaging Method*Mohammad Omki, Alessandro Fedeli, Andrea Randazzo*

DITEN - University of Genoa (Italy)

A three-phase approach is presented in this paper for quantitative microwave imaging. It combines a fully connected neural network with a mild data-driven inexact-Newton approach, to solve the nonlinear inverse scattering problem and retrieve the dielectric properties of objects, allowing their reconstruction.

12:15 INVITED TALK Fast imaging methods for real-time electromagnetic tomography*Antonello Tamburrino¹, Vincenzo Mottola¹, Gianpaolo Piscitelli²*¹University of Cassino and Southern Lazio (Italy), ²Università degli Studi di Napoli Parthenope (Italy)

Industry 4.0 demands fast, low-cost techniques for real-time material health monitoring. Soft-field electromagnetic tomography is particularly attractive due to its contactless nature and inexpensive hardware. This talk presents the latest advances in real-time imaging methods for soft-field tomography, addressing both linear and nonlinear material responses.

Lunch Break

12:40 - 14:00

2-06 | Room 252 | 14:00 - 14:40

SP9: Young Researchers in Antennas and Metasurfaces*Organized by: Edoardo Negri and Federico Giusti**Chaired by: Edoardo Negri and Federico Giusti***14:00 INVITED TALK Generalized Rigorous Coupled Wave Analysis for Higher-Symmetric Dielectric Media***Dubravko Tomić, Zvonimir Šipuš*

University of Zagreb (Croatia)

This research extends Rigorous Coupled Wave Analysis to incorporate glide symmetry in multilayer periodic structures. Symmetry-specific matrices reduce computational complexity and enable semi-analytical calculation of dispersion diagrams. The method facilitates the optimization of leaky-wave antennas and microwave sensors by engineering unique electromagnetic responses through structural symmetry manipulation.

14:20 INVITED TALK Analysis of polarization purity in dual-polarized phased array antennas*Pilar Castillo Tapia, Gabriele Federico, Bart Smolders*

Eindhoven University of Technology (The Netherlands)

In weather radars, phased array antennas are required to maintain high polarization purity over wide scanning angles to provide information about constitution of water drops. Here, we analyze the cross-polarization level of a patch antenna embedded in an infinite array at different scanning angles and in two different lattice configurations.

2-07 | Room 254 | 14:00 - 15:30

SYM1: Recent Advances in Nanophotonics and Metamaterials*Organized by: Andrea Di Falco*

14:00 **INVITED TALK** **Enhanced Light Absorption and Photoluminescence in monolayer WS₂ on Si Huygens Metasurface***Junichi Takahara*

The University of Osaka (Japan)

We demonstrate enhanced light absorption and photoluminescence from two-dimensional exciton in monolayer WS₂ placed on Silicon Huygens Metasurface. We attribute such phenomena to the formation of Mie exciton, which is a coupled mode of Huygens dipoles in Mie resonator and A-exciton in monolayer WS₂.

14:20 **INVITED TALK** **Quantum Corrections in Nanoplasmonics and Thermoelectric Phenomena with Graphene Plasmons***P. André Gonçalves*

University of Southern Denmark (Denmark)

We present analytical expressions for quantum-corrected scattering coefficients of metallic cylinders, discussing how quantum effects modify plasmon resonances and light-matter interactions in both single cylinders and in dimers. We then show that graphene plasmons can be leveraged to probe ultrafast thermoelectric phenomena and manipulate donor-acceptor energy-transfer rates in nanoribbons.

14:40 **INVITED TALK** **Quantum Light in Engineered Nanophotonic Structures***Hamidreza Siampour*

Queen's University Belfast (United Kingdom)

This talk presents recent advances in integrated quantum nanophotonics and metasurface-engineered light-matter interfaces. I discuss nanocavity-enhanced quantum emitters in diamond and 2D materials, directional emission control via photonic crystals, and dual-resonant architectures for enhanced spin-photon coupling, targeting scalable quantum sensing and on-chip quantum photonic technologies.

15:00 **KEYNOTE TALK** **Machine Learning-Enabled Design and Metrology of Integrated Optical Antennas***Dan-Xia Xu*

National Research Council Canada (Canada)

We demonstrate how machine learning advances integrated optical antenna design and application by enabling structured exploration of high-dimensional parameter spaces, capturing environment-dependent effective-medium behavior, and converting radiative responses into fabrication diagnostics. Together, these capabilities establish a unified, closed-loop framework for scalable, physically informed photonic antenna engineering.

2-08 | Room 268 | 14:00 - 14:30

SP1: Electromagnetic Inverse Scattering Problems for Imaging, Sensing and Communications*Organized by: Martina Bevacqua, Maria Antonia Maisto and Rosa Scapatucci**Chaired by: Martina Bevacqua***14:00** **Point-Like Target Detection and Localization via Phase-Space Back-Projection***Davide Santagata¹, Gabriele Gradoni², Raffaele Solimene¹*¹Università degli Studi della Campania "Luigi Vanvitelli" (Italy), ²University of Surrey (United Kingdom)

We introduce a phase-space approach for localization of point-like scatterers using intensity-only, single-frequency measurements. By interpreting intensity along aspect-limited lines as a smoothed Wigner distribution, we obtain tomographic projections that enable linear imaging via inverse Radon transform. Simulations demonstrate accurate and robust reconstruction.

14:15

A Preliminary Study on Multipath-Based Techniques for Radar Imaging*Antonio Cuccaro¹, Angela Dell'Aversano¹, Loreto Di Donato², Raffaele Solimene¹*¹Università della Campania "L. Vanvitelli" (Italy), ²Università di Catania (Italy)

This paper presents a simple backpropagation-based radar imaging method that exploits single- and double-bounce wall reflections to estimate wall position and improve imaging in multipath indoor environments. By modeling propagator to separate LoS and NLoS components, it enables joint wall localization and imaging with low computational cost and strong robustness.

2-09 | Aula Magna | 14:10 - 15:40

GEN: Electromagnetic Theory: Analytical, Computational and Numerical Methods

14:10

KEYNOTE TALK

Integral Equations Advanced Techniques for the Electromagnetic Analysis of Real-Life Multi-Scale Antenna Problems*Francesca Vipiana*

Politecnico di Torino (Italy)

This talk addresses the efficient and accurate analysis of real-life multi-scale antenna problems via the moment method (MoM) solutions of surface integral equations (SIEs). SIEs have emerged as the dominant technology for the EM modeling of antenna placement on large and complex platforms such as aircrafts, ships, satellite, and vehicles.

14:40

Leaky-Wave Analysis of Circularly Polarized Bessel-Beam Launchers based on Anisotropic Modulated Metasurfaces*Edoardo Negri¹, Federico Giusti², David Gonzalez-Ovejero³, Enrica Martin², Walter Fuscaldo¹*¹Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (Italy), ²University of Siena (Italy), ³University Rennes (France)

This contribution deals with an original leaky-wave paradigm for characterizing circularly polarized Bessel-beam launchers based on anisotropic modulated metasurfaces. The proposed method is validated through a method of moments by achieving a remarkable agreement among full-wave and theoretical results.

14:55

Improving the performance of Iterative Physical Optics algorithm with Div/Curl-conforming basic-functions*Michael Katsav*

Tel Aviv University (Israel)

This paper discusses various methods for discretization and testing the magnetic field integral equation (MFIE) used in the iterative physical optics algorithm for solving the scattering by open-ended cavities. It is shown that the best results are achieved using Rao-Wilton-Glisson functions for discretization and NcrossBuffa-Christiansen functions for testing.

15:10

Method of Moments for the Analysis of Arbitrarily Shaped Metasurfaces*Federico Giusti, Stefano Maci, Enrica Martini*

University of Siena (Italy)

This paper introduces an entire-domain basis-function framework for Method of Moments analysis of metasurfaces with arbitrarily shaped metallic elements. Linear combinations of RWG functions capture fundamental-mode currents, drastically reducing unknowns and complexity. Dispersion analysis of a double-anchor patch validates accuracy against CST.

15:25

Inverse Design by Alternating Projections of Physically Realizable Modulated Metasurface Antennas*Marco Faenzi¹, David Gonzalez Ovejero², Enrica Martini¹, Stefano Maci¹*¹University of Siena (Italy), ²IETR (France)

This paper introduces a physically sound inverse design technique for metasurface antennas using tensor surface reactance synthesis. Solving the EFIE cast into a MoM formulation and constraining a passive, reciprocal reactance tensor, an iterative Gerchberg-Papoulis inspired projection algorithm efficiently reconstructs aperture currents and surface impedance generating complex, directive radiation patterns.

2-O10 | Room 252 | 14:40 - 15:40

SYM1: Recent Advances in Nanophotonics and Metamaterials*Organized by: Andrea Di Falco*

14:40

INVITED TALK

Electrical Control of Light-Matter Interactions and Nonlinear Optics in Plasmonic Tunnel Junctions*Hayk Harutyunyan*

Emory University (USA)

Ultrastable epitaxial plasmonic tunnel junctions combine extreme optical confinement with direct electrical control. I will present clear identification of photon-assisted transport mechanisms including optical rectification and hot-electron currents, and demonstrate electrically tunable second-harmonic generation with large modulation depths, establishing this platform for active nonlinear nanophotonics.

15:00

INVITED TALK

Engineering Plasmonic Nanoantennas to Boost Quantum Emitter Performance in the Visible and NIR*Nerea Zabala¹, Luis Montano-Priede², Mario Zapata-Herrera³, Ruben Esteban², Javier Aizpurua¹*¹University of the Basque Country (Spain), ²Materials Physics Center CSIC-EHU (Spain), ³Donostia International Physics Center (Spain)

We present a theoretical investigation of light emission enhancement of quantum emitters placed in plasmonic nanoantenna configurations. Numerical simulations are illustrated with experimental studies of photoluminescence enhancement of quantum dots in gold nanoantenna metasurfaces. The work provides design guidelines for efficient visible and near-infrared light emission engineering in nanophotonic platforms.

15:20

INVITED TALK

Free Space Whispering Gallery Microlaser for Biosensing*Stefano Ferretti, Angela Capocéfalo, Neda Ghofraniha*

Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (Italy)

We report a free-space Whispering Gallery Mode microlaser designed for highly sensitive, specific, label-free biosensing. By monitoring shifts in the lasing emission induced by minute environmental changes, the device enables robust detection of biomolecular interactions without the need for coupling. Deep learning autoencoder is used for automated spectral feature extraction.

Coffee Break

15:40 - 16:10

2-O11 | Room 254 | 16:10 - 18:50

SYM1: Recent Advances in Nanophotonics and Metamaterials*Organized by: Andrea Di Falco*

16:10 INVITED TALK Applications of single photons for quantum technologies*Christophe Couteau*

University of Technology of Troyes (France)

We will describe how single photon emission coming from single colour centres in diamond can be used for applications in quantum technologies such as quantum key distribution and quantum memristors. We will describe the optical properties of nanodiamonds and how they can be integrated into photonic platforms.

16:30 INVITED TALK Quantum Non-Reciprocity in Photon-Pair Generation from Nonlinear Metasurfaces*Jinyong Ma¹, Xiwen Qiu², Tongmiao Fan², Tuomas Haggren², Hark Hoe Tan², Chennupati Jagadish², Andrey Sukhorukov²*¹Shenzhen University (China), ²Australian National University (Australia)

Photon-pair generation from ultra-thin nonlinear metasurfaces opens new frontiers in quantum technologies. We reveal that the quantum photon states can exhibit a strongly non-reciprocal behaviour, where the generation rate and quantum entanglement can dramatically vary when the optical pump is incident on either side of the metasurface.

16:50 INVITED TALK Vibrations of single metal nanoparticles: morphology and environment effects*Noelle Lascoux¹, Clément Panais¹, Sylvie Marguet², Natalia Del Fatti¹, Sylvie Marguet², Aurélien Crut¹*¹Light and Matter Institute (France), ²Université Paris-Saclay (France)

The vibrational dynamics of gold nanodisks deposited on various solid substrates were investigated using single-particle time-resolved optical spectroscopy combined with finite-element numerical simulations. These studies clarify how the vibrational quality factors depend on both the nanodisk properties and their surrounding environment.

17:10 INVITED TALK Single-molecule Nanospectroscopy and Beyond with Scanning Tunneling Microscopy*Hiroshi Imada*

RIKEN (Japan)

We developed single-molecule nanospectroscopy combining scanning tunneling microscopy (STM) and near-field optics, enabling submolecular resolution of electronic, optical, and vibrational properties. This photon-STM approach overcomes limitations of conventional spectroscopy, visualizes frontier orbitals, and controls competing processes, offering new insights into excited states and energy conversion at the molecular scale.

17:30 INVITED TALK Atomistic Electromagnetic Model for Realistic Nanoplasmonics*Tommaso Giovannini*

University of Rome Tor Vergata (Italy)

We present an atomistic classical electromagnetic model that enables the simulation of the plasmonic response of realistic nanostructures. Our framework captures intraband and interband response, quantum tunneling in subnanometer gaps, and atomistic effects of defects, porosity, and chemical composition, including alloys and graphene.

17:50 INVITED TALK Frustrated Non-Hermitian Skin Effect and gauge-invariant ladder operators in a Floquet Photonic System*Li Ge*

City University of New York (USA)

The non-Hermitian skin effect (NHSE) is conventionally understood as boundary accumulation induced by nonreciprocal couplings. Here, we demonstrate the failure of this picture by a geometric scaling of the lattice couplings. We also reveal gauge-invariant ladder operators for the equally spaced Dirac-cone states when the Floquet bandgap closes.

18:10 INVITED TALK Fluctuation-induced Hall-like forces in a chiral-gain environment*Daigo Oue¹, Mário Silveirinha²*¹RIKEN (Japan), ²University of Lisbon (Portugal)

We show that a particle near a substrate under electrostatic bias experiences a Hall-like force parallel to the surface. This force arises from polarisation-selective amplification and dissipation. The effect is governed by the Berry-curvature dipole of the substrate's response. Our results open new routes for vacuum-mediated control at the nanoscale.

18:30 Harnessing Photonic Topological States via Non-Hermiticity from Geometry and Dissipation*Kun Ding*

Fudan University (China)

This work aims to leverage geometry and dissipation to explore unique non-Hermitian mechanisms for manipulating photonic topological states in both metamaterials and photonic crystals.

2-O12 | Room 268 | 16:10 - 18:30

SYM2: Computational Electromagnetics for Radiating Structures and Complex Media*Organized by: K. Kajikawa & J. Takahara***16:10 INVITED TALK Multipolar THz field generation using spintronic elements***Jamal Berakdar*

Martin-Luther University Halle (Germany)

Engineered spintronic THz emitters are shown to be capable of producing focused, broadband THz fields with multipolar character and also fields which embody spin, and orbital angular momentum densities as well as optical chirality density.

16:30 INVITED TALK Ultraviolet to Near Infrared Spectroscopic Emitters Based on Broadband Rare Earth-free Phosphors*Tadaaki Nagao, B. K. Barman, D. Hernandez-Pinilla, K. Watanabe, D. Thien Ngo*

National Institute for Materials Science (Japan)

We introduce our recently developed light-emitting devices combining rare-earth free carbon-dot phosphors and distributed Bragg reflector (DBR)-based microcavity as well as microbead whispering gallery mode resonator. We successfully demonstrated to spectroscopically engineer the sharp resonant emission and chromaticity via wavelength-tunable photoluminescence, lasing, and infrared emission.

16:50 INVITED TALK Numerical Investigation of Hyperbolic Metamaterial Probes for Broadband Near-field Enhancement in Tip-Enhanced Raman Spectroscopy*Maria Vanessa Oguchi*

Institute of Science Tokyo (Japan)

We numerically investigate the use of hyperbolic metamaterials to design probes with broadband near-field enhancement for tip-enhanced Raman spectroscopy. Using Au/Al₂O₃ multilayers, we examine how layer number and thickness influence the spectral response of a SiO₂ TERS probe, targeting robust enhancement across the 600 nm - 1100 nm wavelength range.

17:10 INVITED TALK Atomic-scale Investigation of Energy Conversion in a Single Molecule*Miyabi Imai-Imada*

RIKEN (Japan)

In this study, we use scanning tunnelling microscopy with plasmonic excitation to image photocurrent through molecular orbitals of a single free-base phthalocyanine. Bias-dependent, counter-flowing channels and competition with photoluminescence are observed, demonstrating controllable relaxation pathways and tunable energy-conversion efficiency via atomic-scale coupling engineering strategies.

17:30 INVITED TALK Leaf-based Ground Planes for Sustainable Wireless Communication*Jaume Anguera*

Universitat Ramon LLull (Spain)

Monitoring soil and wilderness is essential for sustainability and climate resilience, yet current methods face major limitations. This talk presents a techno-natural IoT approach that transforms living plants into self-powered sensing and communication nodes using plant microbial fuel cells and leaf-based groundplanes embedding Antenna Booster Technology.

17:50 INVITED TALK Multi-order exceptional points and structured perturbations*Konstantinos Makris*

IESL-FORTH and University of Crete (Greece)

The unique spectral singularities known as exceptional points (EPs) are typical in non-Hermitian photonics. Here we present a new class of EPs, the multi-order exceptional points (MoEPs) in composite 2D-waveguide lattices with distributed gain and loss. We systematically investigate the role of perturbation symmetries on their ultrasensitive-behavior.

18:10 INVITED TALK Hybrid AI design of reconfigurable and compact plasmonic Arithmetic and Logic Units*Amine Khitous, Nicolas Gros, Léo Martin, Florian Dell'Ova, Aurélie Bertaux, Ouassila Narsis-Labbani, Gérard Colas des Francs, Christophe Nicolle, Alexandre Bouhelier, Erik Dujardin*

Université Bourgogne Europe (France)

We introduce all-optical arithmetic and logic units (ALU) in single plasmonic cavities. The first prototype shows the addition of two 1-bit numbers and all 2-input logic gates. We have developed a hybrid AI approach that optimizes the cavity design and will present the experimental testing of these AI-designed ALU.

2-O13 | Room 252 | 16:10 - 18:10

SP7: Time-Modulated Electromagnetic Systems*Organized by: Mario Junior Mencagli and Dimitrios Sounas**Chaired by: Mario Junior Mencagli and Dimitrios Sounas***16:10 INVITED TALK Multimodal Space-Time Electromagnetic Structures***Anthony Grbic, Amirhossein Babaee*

University of Michigan (USA)

This presentation will describe semi-analytical methods to model and design multimodal, time-varying electromagnetic structures. These are structures that, in the absence of time modulation, can support multiple modes at the frequencies of operation such as multiconductor transmission lines.

16:30 INVITED TALK Sculpting waves in four dimensions: emulating time refraction and steering waves*Victor Pacheco-Peña*

Newcastle University (United Kingdom)

We will present our latest efforts in the field of temporal/spatiotemporal metamaterial. We will show how time refraction by a time interface can be emulated using smooth changes of the optical properties of materials. The combination of spatial and temporal boundaries to emulate temporal aiming will also be discussed.

16:50 INVITED TALK Emulating Time Invariant Electric Networks*Mohammad Sajjad Mirmoosa¹, Grigorii Ptitsyn², Silvio Hrbar³, Sergei Tretyakov⁴*

¹University of Eastern Finland (Finland), ²University of Pennsylvania (USA), ³University of Zagreb (Croatia), ⁴Aalto University (Finland)

We demonstrate that, by appropriately modulating lumped elements in canonical T-circuit (or pi-circuit) topologies, we reproduce the response associated with a two-port LTI network characterized by a target (impedance) matrix. This mechanism leads to advanced forms of signal manipulation and empowers the synthesis of desired reflection and transmission characteristics.

17:10 INVITED TALK On the Instantaneous Radiation Frequency Dynamics in Transient Wave-Guiding Structures*Amir Shlivinski¹, Yakir Hada²*

¹Ben Gurion University of the Negev (Israel), ²Tel-Aviv University (Israel)

This work investigates the instantaneous radiation frequency in transient, time-varying hollow cylindrical shell structures. Using a Laplace-transform-based framework, we show that a temporal switching excites frequency-chirped-radiation fields. We demonstrate that the resulting frequency dynamics in the far-radiation zone follow a non-monotonic chirped behavior.

17:30 INVITED TALK Wave Control at Space-Time Interface in Dispersive Media*Carlo Rizza¹, Alessandra Contestabile², Maria Antonietta Vincenti², Giuseppe Castaldi³, Michael Scalora², Marcello Ferrera⁴, Vincenzo Galdi³*

¹University of LAquila (Italy), ²University of Brescia (Italy), ³University of Sannio (Italy), ⁴Heriot-Watt University (United Kingdom)

We investigate wave scattering at a space-time interface. Specifically, we focus on a time-varying dispersive boundary characterized by Lorentz-type dispersion whose plasma frequency undergoes an abrupt temporal change. Our analysis reveals several unconventional photonic phenomena arising from such spatiotemporal discontinuities.

17:50 INVITED TALK Temporal Modulation for Dispersion-Free Impedance Matching*Mario Junior Mencagli¹, Dimitrios Sounas²*

¹University of Delaware (USA), ²Wayne State University (USA)

Impedance matching is fundamentally limited by the Bode-Fano bound for passive, linear, time-invariant networks. By relaxing time invariance, we show that a realistically aperiodically modulated capacitor surpasses this bound while preserving pulse shape, enabling dispersionless broadband matching for electrically small antennas, resonators, and absorbers.

2-O14 | Aula Magna | 16:10 - 19:00

SP11: Inverse Problems for Synthesis, Design and Characterisation of Electromagnetic DevicesOrganized by: *Roberta Palmeri and Giada Maria Battaglia*Chaired by: *Roberta Palmeri and Giada Maria Battaglia*

16:10 **KEYNOTE TALK** **A New Two-Step Framework for Effective Electromagnetic Inverse Scattering: From Contrast Source Retrieval to Linear Contrast Reconstruction**

Lorenzo Crocco

Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (Italy)

We introduces a unified perspective on a new class of methods for electromagnetic inverse scattering based on a twostep decomposition. The first step focuses on the joint retrieval of the contrast source and total field, while the second step consists of the linear inversion of their relationship.

16:40 **INVITED TALK** **MIMO Array Design for Near-Field Radar Imaging by a Warping Strategy**

Mario Del Prete, Raffaele Solimene, Maria Antonia Maisto

University of Campania (Italy)

In this contribution, we extend the warping approach to design MIMO arrays for near-field radar imaging purposes. It is shown that, although transmitting and receiving elements must be arranged non-uniformly, the number of sensors is dramatically reduced compared to other approaches, without any degradation in achievable imaging performance.

17:00 **INVITED TALK** **Numerical investigation of the internal scattering operator in a 2D geometry**

Giovanni Leone¹, Giovanni Volpicelli², Rocco Pierr²

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A spectral analysis of the internal scattered field operator in the data equation arising in the inverse scattering problem is performed numerically for an homogeneous dielectric strip. The comparison with the 1D reveals analogies and differences.

17:20 **INVITED TALK** **Ruling (e.m.) Wavefields through Primary Sources and Inverse Designed Scatterers: A Mediterranean Route**

Tommaso Isernia, Renat Abdullin, Giada Maria Battaglia, Andrea Francesco Morabito, Roberta Palmeri

Università Mediterranea di Reggio Calabria (Italy)

We review recent results obtained at Università Mediterranea of Reggio Calabria on the optimal mask-constrained power-pattern synthesis of far and near fields. The problem is addressed as a minimal-size synthesis of an aperture field, which can be either the primary source of interest or realized through inverse-designed scatterers.

17:40 **INVITED TALK** **Inverse Profiling of Plasma in Compact Reactor: Actual Challenges and Opportunities**

Shaimaa Elseddiq Abuelsaud Ali Elghetany¹, Maria A. Maisto², Raffaele Solimene², Gino Sorbello³, Luigi Celona⁴, Loreto Di Donato³

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This paper provides a methodical investigation of the main challenges inherent to the one-dimensional inverse scattering problem as applied to plasma profiling, particularly ill-posedness, nonlinearity, and limited data diversity. It explains how these factors impact reconstruction accuracy and presents and compares linearized, iterative, and data-driven strategies to overcome these issues.

18:00 **INVITED TALK** **Robust phase retrieval using learned phase diversity**

Kedar Khare

Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (India)

When a test object is illuminated by two phase-coded illuminations, the corresponding diffraction intensity patterns have implicit local correlations that may be learnt using image-to-image networks. The pseudo-diffraction data thus generated in this manner is shown to resolve the well-known stagnation problems in phase retrieval with simple Error-Reduction type algorithm.

18:20

INVITED TALK

Intensity-Only Linear Inverse Scattering via Phase-Space Formulation*Davide Santagata, Maria Antonia Maisto, Raffaele Solimene*

Università degli Studi della Campania "Luigi Vanvitelli" (Italy)

We present a phase-space framework for tomographic reconstruction from intensity-only, single-frequency measurements. Structured illumination models far-field intensities as a filtered Wigner distribution of the contrast function, with a smoothing kernel governed by the incident field. This formulation enables linear inversion via deconvolution, overcoming limitations of phaseless approaches.

18:40

Fault Detection in Antenna Arrays Through Inverse Approaches*Alessandro Fedeli, Maryam Iftikhar, Andrea Randazzo*

DITEN - University of Genoa (Italy)

Fault diagnosis plays a fundamental role in modern antenna array systems. This task can be regarded as an inverse problem, in which, starting from radiated field measurements, the aim is the retrieval of the antenna excitations. In this contribution, recent inversion approaches for addressing such an inverse problem are discussed.

Conference Dinner

20:00 - 23:00

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Friday, June 5, 2026

3-PI1 | Aula Magna | 08:30 - 09:05

Plenary Session III

08:30

PLENARY TALK

Quantum Photonics and Space-Time Metamaterials*Vladimir M. Shalaev*

Purdue University (USA)

In this talk we first discuss quantum photonic integrated circuitry (qPIC) based on the recently discovered single-photon emitters in silicon nitride and the avalanche-enhanced optical modulation in silicon at single-photon intensities.

Transfer to Rooms

09:05 - 09:20

3-O2 | Room 254 | 09:20 - 10:40

SYM1: Recent Advances in Nanophotonics and Metamaterials*Organized by: Andrea Di Falco*

09:20

INVITED TALK

Aluminum optical nanoantennas*Davy Gerard*

Universite de Technologie de Troyes (France)

Aluminum supports broadband plasmonic resonances from the UV to the IR and offers a low-cost platform for optical nanoantennas. This contribution reviews single aluminum antenna characterization by EELS, from nanorods to fractal geometries, notably highlighting plasmon-interband hybridization effects.

09:40

INVITED TALK

Thermoplasmonic Coupler for On-Chip Spatial Control of Heat Delivery*Giovanni Piscopo¹, Francesca Filograno¹, Marius Crouzier², Béatrice Dagens², Giovanna Calò¹, Antonella D'Orazio¹, Giovanni Magno¹*¹Politecnico di Bari (Italy), ²Université Paris-Saclay (France)

We introduce a novel thermoplasmonic architecture based on a tapered gold nanoparticle chain coupled to a SOI waveguide. Wavelength-dependent plasmonic coupling enables localized heating and reversible vanadium dioxide phase switching with milliwatt-level optical power. This architecture may support applications in adaptive optics, optical switching, and programmable photonic systems.

10:00

INVITED TALK

A nuclear clock accelerated by collective coherence*Karen Mamian¹, Georgy A. Kazakov², Jan de Haan³, Kasper van Gasse³, Thorsten Schumm², Charles Roques-Carmes¹*¹Institute of Science and Technology Austria (Austria), ²Atominstytut TU Wien (Austria), ³Ghent University-imec (Belgium)

We propose and analyze a method to accelerate the operation of a nuclear clock based on collective nuclear coherence build-up in a doubly resonant cavity doped with thorium-229.

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10:20 INVITED TALK Ultralow-power-operable monapixel reflective displays with thin-film photonics*Song Young Min*

KAIST (Korea)

We introduce a sub-1-volt, ultralow-power monapixel reflective display utilizing a reconfigurable Gires-Tournois resonator integrated with polyaniline. It achieves dynamic full-color tuning and ultrahigh 16,900 PPI scalability. By incorporating an active-matrix architecture, we resolve high-density array power dissipation, enabling highly efficient next-generation displays.

3-03 | Room 268 | 09:20 - 10:40

SYM1: Recent Advances in Nanophotonics and Metamaterials*Organized by: Andrea Di Falco***09:20 INVITED TALK Towards high-efficiency, many-mode photonic couplers***Owen D. Miller, Nazar Pyvovar, Hao Li, Yaxi Liu*

Yale University (USA)

We identify design strategies for efficient coupling of many free-space waves to propagating modes on chip. The key challenge is avoiding unwanted transitions, underpinning scaling laws corroborated by inverse design. In 3D, our strategies should lead to thousands of independent modes efficiently coupled, with applications from metrology to photonic computing.

09:40 INVITED TALK Metasurfaces-Enabled Cold Atoms Array Generation*Hac Huang Thu Le¹, Ryohei Takei¹, Akifumi Takamizawa¹, Sota Kagami², Yuiichi Kurashima¹, Taisei Motomura¹*¹National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST) (Japan), ²NEC-AIST (Japan)

This study reports flat optics composed of dielectric metasurfaces to prepare arrays of individual cold atoms. Our method exploits the capabilities of metastructures in controlling the phase, amplitude and polarization states of light at the sub-wavelength resolution to generate specific wavefronts necessary for magneto-optical trapping and optical-dipole trapping of atoms.

10:00 INVITED TALK Metasurfaces for topological electromagnetic waves*Yijie Shen*

Nanyang Technological University (Singapore)

I will navigate a direction combining the two emerging communities - meta-devices and novel topologies of light. I will start by a systematic review of optical topologies from low to high dimensions, and then focus on recent advances of metasurface-based generation of these topological textures of light.

10:20 INVITED TALK Ultra-confined plasmonics for control of light-matter interactions at nanoscale*Alexey Krasavin¹, Junsheng Zheng², Chenxinyu Pan², Limin Tong², Pan Wang², Anatoly Zayats¹*¹King's College London (United Kingdom), ²Zhejiang University (China)

Ultra-confined plasmonics provides a unique opportunity to localize and enhance light at the subwavelength dimensions, offering a wide playground for manipulation of light-matter interactions. In this talk we will overview our recent results on plasmonically-assisted control of strong coupling, electroluminescence and nonlinear harmonic generation at the nanoscale.

3-04 | Aula Magna | 09:20 - 10:35

GEN: Novel Materials, Metamaterials, Metasurfaces, FSS and EBG

09:20 **KEYNOTE TALK** **Extreme Wave Control with Space-Time Metamaterials***Andrea Alu*

City University of New York (USA)

In my talk, I will discuss the underlying physical principles that span over a wide range of frequencies in the design of metamaterials, and focus on the relevance of the temporal dimension as a knob for wave control. I will also discuss the impact of space-time metamaterials on practical technologies.

09:50 **KEYNOTE TALK** **Tailorable Quasi-2D Materials for Photonics***Alexandra Boltasseva*

Purdue University (USA)

In this talk, we discuss the designer-like characteristics of MXenes, achievable with the choice of transition metal and control of stoichiometry and outstanding tailorability of properties of TD materials. We also analyze physical effects in atomically thin TD plasmonic films enabling metal-to-insulator transitions.

10:20 **A Dual-Band Reconfigurable Metasurface Retroreflector with Enhanced Angular Stability***Xin Wei, Wei Zhou, Bin Zheng*

Zhejiang University (China)

We propose a dual-band wide-angle reconfigurable metasurface retroreflector. By integrating varactor- and PIN-diode-loaded meta-atoms with cavity-enhanced angular stability, the metasurface enables large-angle retroreflection at two distinct frequency bands, suitable for adaptive radar and sensing applications

3-05 | Room 252 | 09:20 - 10:40

SYM2: Computational Electromagnetics for Radiating Structures and Complex Media*Organized by: K. Kajikawa & J. Takahara***09:20** **INVITED TALK** **Large-area topological hybrid corner state in sonic crystals***Zhiwang Zhang, Longjie Zhou, Wei Xiong, Ying Cheng, Xiaojun Liu*

Nanjing University (China)

Here, we propose and experimentally demonstrate a topological hybrid corner state in an acoustic heterostructure that integrates a second-order topological insulator with a Dirac material layer. The THCS emerges at zero energy within a complete band gap and originates from the hybridization between the corner state and the bulk state.

09:40 **INVITED TALK** **Ultrafast Electron and Phonon Dynamics in Metasurface-Driven Photocatalysis***Alessandro Alabastrì*

Rice University (USA)

We discuss recent advances in ultrafast electron and phonon dynamics modeling in nanophotonic systems. In particular, we describe the spatio-temporal evolution of plasmon-induced hot-carrier dynamics, demonstrate efficient energy funneling with dielectric metasurfaces, and uncover fundamental phenomena such as electron-phonon temperature inversion under pulsed illumination.

10:00 **INVITED TALK** **In-Situ Physical Adjoint Computing***Tsampikos Kottos¹, John Guillaumon¹, Cheng-Zhen Wang¹, Zin Lin²*¹Wesleyan University (USA), ²Virginia Tech (USA)

We show real-time wave control in complex multi-resonant environments using time- and energy- efficient adjoint optimization. By exploiting multipath scattering, small in-situ perturbations are amplified, enabling targeted channel emission, coherent perfect absorption and camouflage. Our approach is applicable to in-door wireless technologies, imaging, power electronic and optical neural networks.

10:20

INVITED TALK

Artificial fractal network of silicon nanowires for imaging and sensing*Maria Josè Lo Faro¹, Antonio Leonard², Maurilio Galletta³, Francesco Priolo³, Barbara Fazio¹, Alessia Irrera³*¹University of Catania (Italy), ²University of Messina (Italy), ³CNR IMM (Italy)

Artificial fractal silicon nanowire networks enable strong light scattering, photoluminescence, and coherent Raman beaming for imaging and sensing. Fourier imaging reveals diffusion and localization lengths. Complementary fractal silver dendrites provide efficient surface enhanced Raman sensing of biomolecules in compact silicon compatible photonic platforms.

Coffee Break

10:45 - 11:25

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Poster Session III

P1

Numerical Design of Field-of-View-Efficient Silicon Optical Phased Arrays*Henna Farheen, Andreas Strauch, J. Christoph Scheytt, Viktor Myroshnychenko, Jens Förstner*

Paderborn University (Germany)

We numerically demonstrate a large-scale two-dimensional silicon optical phased array (OPA) using circular-grating nanoantennas with balanced power and phase. At 1.55 μm , optimized antennas achieve 90% upward radiation efficiency, with 6.8% of optical power within the field-of-view, enabling complex holography for LiDAR, optical trapping, optogenetics, and augmented-reality displays.

P2

Advanced Dielectric Transmit-array Antennas for RF and Microwave Applications*Alvaro F. Vaquero, Marcos R. Pino*

University of Oviedo (Spain)

This work presents an studio of dielectric transmit-array based on advanced unit cell geometries enabled by novel manufacturing processes. Different dielectric topologies and periodic surfaces are analyzed to assess their impact on antenna performance. The results highlight the potential of these unit cells for improved RF and microwave transmit-array performance.

P3

Ellipsometric and Scanning Electron Microscopy Checking of Plasmonic Properties of Layers of Gold Clusters Produced by Annealing*Alla Bogoslovsk¹, Tetiana Mishakova², Eugene Bortchagovsky¹*¹V. Lashkaryov Institute of Semiconductor Physics of NAS (Ukraine), ²Taras Shevchenko National University (Ukraine)

Annealing of thin films of metals on substrates with bad adhesion is a known method for the preparation of layers of metallic islands. We compare results of few annealing scenarios by scanning electron microscopy with ellipsometric registration of resulted plasmonic properties.

P4

Thermally Responsive Optical Switches with Tuned Switching Point: Core-shell Au@PEtOx-1-xPBuOxx Nanoparticle Colloids*Oleg Yeshchenko¹, Lea Daoud², Oles Fedotov¹, Pavlo Khort¹, Oksana Krupka²*¹Taras Shevchenko National University (Ukraine), ²University of Angers (France)

We focused on the study of thermo-controlled morphological transformations and optical switching phenomena in colloid solution of core-shell Au@PEtOx-stat-PBuOx and Au@PEtOx in water with gold core and statistical polymer shell of α -methyl- ω -hydroxy poly(2-ethyl-2-oxazoline)1-x-stat-poly(2-n-butyl-2-oxazoline)x and α -methyl- ω -hydroxy poly(2-ethyl-2-oxazoline) respectively using transmission electron microscopy, dynamic/electrophoretic light scattering, light absorption and SERS methods.

P5

Investigation on Q-switching pulsed lasing in Mid-IR via Semiconductor Saturable-Absorber Mirrors*Antonella Maria Loconsole, Francesco Anelli, Federico Moscatelli, Francesco Prudeniano*

Politecnico di Bari (Italy)

The dynamics of a mid-infrared passively Q-switching pulsed erbium-doped ZBLAN fiber laser, emitting at 3.44 μm , has been investigated via a FDTD homemade code. Preliminary results predict average signal power $P_s=0.9$ W, pulse duration $\tau=230$ ns and repetition rate $f=70$ kHz, paving the way for further optimization.

P6

Lithium-Niobate-Enabled Tuning of Optical Absorbance in Single- and Double-Layer Metallic Circular-Hole Arrays*Hanan Alhesseny, Christian Johnson-Richards, Ross Glyn MacDonald, Noel Healy, Toby Hallam, Victor Pacheco-Peña*

Newcastle University (United Kingdom)

We present a tunable structure based on extraordinary optical transmission (EOT) at telecommunication wavelengths (1550 nm). The design consists of a perforated metallic structure on a Lithium Niobate (LiNbO_3) layer. The tunable properties of the structure are studied by applying a DC voltage, which may open opportunities for sensing application.

P7

A Wideband Fast-response Energy Selective Surface*Jinghao Lv, Jiwei Zhao, Haoran Han, Huan Lu, Bin Zheng*

Zhejiang University (China)

This paper introduces a wideband energy-selective surface (ESS) based on diode-integrated metasurface units in a grid topology. It enables adaptive, power-dependent shielding from 1.68 to 5.97 GHz, ensuring low-power signal transmission while reflecting high-power microwaves with a fast response for effective electromagnetic protection.

3-06 | Room 254 | 11:25 - 12:45

SYM1: Recent Advances in Nanophotonics and Metamaterials*Organized by: Andrea Di Falco*

11:25

INVITED TALK

Complex on-fiber micro-optical systems with high-resolution 3D-printing*Carlo Liberale*

KAUST (Saudi Arabia)

Two-photon lithography-based micro-3D printing is a cutting-edge technique for fabricating intricate miniaturized optical systems in situ. Here, I present its use in developing innovative fiber-integrated optical devices, with applications including structured light generation and polarization control.

11:45

INVITED TALK

Rice-Mele nanolaser*Kaiwen Ji¹, Melissa Hedir², Qi Zhong³, Ramy ElGanainy⁴, Alejandro Yacomotti¹, Li Ge⁵*

¹Université de Bordeaux (France), ²Laboratoire des technologies de la microelectronique-CNRS (France), ³Michigan Technological University (USA), ⁴Saint Louis University (USA), ⁵CUNY (USA)

We experimentally demonstrate an orbital angular momentum (OAM) nanolaser ring array on an InP photonic crystal membrane implementing a non-Hermitian Rice-Mele model with alternating couplings and imaginary detunings.

12:05 INVITED TALK Manipulating evanescent waves with non-Hermitian spectral singularities*Huanan Li*

Nankai University (China)

We study evanescent-wave manipulation enabled by spectral singularities in non-Hermitian systems, focusing on their synergy with effective parity-time (PT) symmetry and saturable nonlinearity. The results reveal non-Hermitian mechanisms for controlling evanescent-wave responses and achieving extreme light-matter interactions, with potential applications in functional devices for communications and signal processing.

12:25 INVITED TALK Bound States in the Continuum for Biosensing and Selective Raman Enhancement*Silvia Romano*

National Research Council (Italy)

Bound states in the continuum (BICs) sustained by photonic crystal slabs (PhCS) support ultrahigh-Q resonances and intense electromagnetic-field localization, making them highly attractive for applications in label-free biosensing and surface-enhanced Raman spectroscopy. We report our progress on PhCS-based platforms exploiting BIC resonances for the real-time investigation of biomolecular interaction dynamics.

3-07 | Room 268 | 11:25 - 12:45

SYM1: Recent Advances in Nanophotonics and Metamaterials*Organized by: Andrea Di Falco***11:25 INVITED TALK Laser photo-acoustic spectroscopy with microscope for hyperspectral imaging of absorption and chirality in nanomaterials***Emilija Petronijevic¹, Grigore Leahu¹, Claudia Skubisz¹, Imene Kouicem², Concita Sibilio¹, Roberto Li Voti¹, Alessandro Belardini¹*¹Sapienza University (Italy), ²University of Eloued (Algeria)

We present a microscope-boosted photo-acoustic spectroscopy set-up which uses a scattering-free photo-acoustic signal to precisely monitor absorption in nanostructures. Multiple degrees of freedom (light polarization, modulation frequency, angle of incidence, positioning, beam diameter, variable power) show great potential in direct characterization of absorption and chirality at the nanoscale.

11:45 INVITED TALK Transition metal nitrides as potential alternative for noble metals for SERS sensing*Jan Krajczewski¹, Aleksandra Michałowska¹, Aleksandra Szymańska¹, Libor Nozka²*¹University of Warsaw (Poland), ²Palacky University (Czech Republic)

In this study, we demonstrate a SERS platform based on titanium nitride thin films. The sputtering conditions are shown to strongly influence the resulting film morphology and optical response. Furthermore, the SERS performance of TiN can be improved by decoration with gold nanoparticles.

12:05 INVITED TALK Plasmonic Metasurfaces for Enhanced Chiral Sensing*Alexa Guglielmelli, Giovanna Palermo, Giuseppe Strangi*

University of Calabria (Italy)

Chirality plays a crucial role in biology and pharmacology, as enantiomers of the same molecule may induce distinct physiological effects. Here we propose plasmonic metasurfaces for enhanced circular dichroism sensing, enabling sensitive and selective enantio-discrimination for biomedical diagnostics and bioanalytical applications.

12:25

INVITED TALK

Advanced photonics with liquid crystals in microcavities

Dmitry Solnyshkov¹, M. Muszynski², P. Kokhanchik¹, I. Settembre¹, D. Bobylev¹, R. Mirek³, D. Urbonas³, P. Tassan³, P. Kapuscinski², P. Oliwa², I. Georgakilas⁴, T. Stoferle⁴, R. F. Mahr⁴, M. Forster⁵, U. Scherf⁵, D. Dovzhenko⁶, E. Oton⁷, R. Mazur⁷, P. Morawiak⁷, W. Piecek⁷, P. Kula⁷, W. Bardyszewski², M. Krof², M. Kedziora², K. Łempicka-Mirek², P. G. Lagoudakis⁶, B. Pietka², G. Malpuech⁸, J. Szczytko²

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We provide an overview of recent results for microcavities with liquid crystals in the fields of topological and non-Hermitian photonics. We demonstrate synthetic gauge fields, spin-orbit coupling, control and annihilation of exceptional points, strong coupling and polariton condensation into a supersolid state, as well as OAM lasing from topological defects.

3-08 | Aula Magna | 11:25 - 12:30

GEN: Novel Materials, Metamaterials, Metasurfaces, FSS and EBG

11:25

KEYNOTE TALK

Beamforming with Metasurfaces Connected to Reactive Loads or Networks

Anthony Grbic¹, Malik Almunir²

¹University of Michigan (USA), ²USA (Grbic)

The talk will describe how a metasurface connected to reactive loads or networks can serve as a low-cost beamforming technology. Strong coupling between the unit cells, tailored by these reactive loads, allows energy to be shuttled across the aperture to enable beam steering, beam shaping, and multiple simultaneous beams.

11:55

Performance Analysis of RIS-Assisted Secrecy Key Generation in Indoor Environments

Alessandro Santorsola¹, Giovanni Magno¹, Vincenzo Petruzzelli¹, Sabino Roberto Caporusso², Giovanna Calo¹

¹Polytechnic University of Bari (Italy), ²Cybersecurity Lab. (Italy)

We study RIS-assisted secrecy key generation in an indoor Wi-Fi (802.11ax) link by comparing single-threshold and multi-level quantization. By sweeping RIS aperture and target key length, we show that larger surfaces significantly reduce key mismatch, enabling reliable multi-bit extraction and improving an effective key-rate proxy accounting for reconciliation overhead.

12:10

INVITED TALK

Advancements in Meta-Mirrors for High-Precision Optical Metrology

Stefanie Kroker

TU Braunschweig (Germany)

Meta-mirrors based on dielectric nanostructures offer a promising route to low-thermal-noise, high-reflectivity mirrors for next-generation laser stabilization and gravitational wave detection. We investigate the thermal noise of meta-mirrors and demonstrate that optical field tailoring enables co-optimization of reflectivity and noise, identifying robust low-noise parameter regimes across NIR and visible wavelengths.

3-09 | Room 252 | 11:25 - 12:20

GEN: Terahertz, Nanophotonics and Quantum Optics

11:25

Tunable Subterahertz Reflectarrays based on Novel Highly Anisotropic Liquid Crystals*Sergei Kuznetsov, Valeri Lapanik, Uładzimir Kislyi*

Maramako Ltd (Cyprus)

We report on unique nematic liquid crystal (LC) compositions based on quaterphenyl and quinquiphenyl substances and distinguished by high dielectric anisotropy and low dielectric losses at subTHz frequencies. Practical examples of reflective LC-based metamaterial structures with high phase and amplitude tunability promising for 6G communications and imaging applications are presented.

11:40

INVITED TALK

Temporal Dispersion Effects in Optical Spectra of Exciton-Plasmon Systems at Strong Coupling*Gabriele Williams, Sancenia Johnson, Tigran Shahbazyan*

Jackson State University (USA)

We show that temporal dispersion of the metal dielectric function significantly modifies the shape of scattering spectra of quantum emitters strongly coupled to surface plasmons by shifting spectral weight towards lower energy polaritonic band.

12:00

INVITED TALK

Ultra-small and ultra-efficient source of photon pairs*Stanislas Pasternak¹, Alfredo De Ross², Sylvain Combrie²*¹Paris-Saclay University (France), ²Thales Research and Technology (France)

We demonstrate efficient single photon generation using a InGaP photonic crystal cavities by taking advantage of the intrinsic small volume of the cavities. We measure generation rate of around 1MHz with high CAR of 250 for pump power in cavity of 4 μ W.

Lunch Break

12:45 - 14:00

3-O10 | Room 254 | 14:00 - 15:40

SYM1: Recent Advances in Nanophotonics and Metamaterials*Organized by: Andrea Di Falco*

14:00

INVITED TALK

Nano-resolved tip-enhanced photoluminescence of 2D MoS₂ on gold nanostripes*Antonino Foti¹, Giorgio Zambito², Maria Caterina Giordano², Francesco Buatier de Mongeot², Pietro Giuseppe Gucciardi³*¹IPCF CNR (Italy), ²University of Genova (Italy), ³IPCF - CNR (Italy)

Two-dimensional transition metal dichalcogenides (2D-TMD) are ultrathin semiconductors with tunable bandgaps in the visible -near infrared region, attractive for photoconversion technologies. Here, tip-enhanced photoluminescence is used to nanoscale-image monolayer MoS₂ on gold nanostripes, gaining insight into local electronic properties and plasmon-TMD coupling enabled by near-field enhancement.

14:20

INVITED TALK

Topological metasurface based on exceptional points*Qinghua Song*

Tsinghua Shenzhen International Graduate School (China)

In this talk, we will present topological metasurface based on exceptional points and their applications in wave-front manipulation. Unconventional arbitrary polarized exceptional point and zero-eigenvalue exceptional point are demonstrated.

14:40 INVITED TALK **Metasurfaces for Millimeter-Wave Wireless Systems***Miguel Beruete, Alicia E. Torres-García, Jorge Teniente, Damián E. Rodríguez-Trujillo*

Public University of Navarre (Spain)

This talk presents advanced metasurface concepts for millimeter-wave wireless devices, with emphasis on phase engineering, holography, and multifunctionality. Using representative implementations from the last decade, it discusses how metasurface design evolves from ideal phase masks to realistic radiating devices for next-generation wireless systems.

15:00 INVITED TALK **GEGD: Efficient Quasi-Global Search Algorithm for Strictly Fabrication-Feasible Design of Freeform Devices***Seokhwan Min, Junhyung Park, Jonghwa Shin*

Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (Korea)

We present an optimization algorithm which minimizes the ensemble cost of fabrication-feasible designs sampled under a Gaussian distribution by optimizing the distribution mean. It seamlessly transitions between exploration and exploitation while maintaining strict fabrication feasibility.

15:20 INVITED TALK **Terahertz Quantum Communication with Chip-integrated Superconducting Circuits***Kaveh Delfanazari*

University of Glasgow (United Kingdom)

We present our recent progress in terahertz quantum communication, covering both quantum key distribution protocols and chip-scale superconducting hardware. By integrating coherent THz emitters, detectors, and tunable quantum circuits, we show the potential of superconducting coherent THz devices for secure, high-bandwidth, and energy-efficient communication, advancing scalable quantum networks.

3-O11 | Aula Magna | 14:00 - 15:30

SYM1: Recent Advances in Nanophotonics and Metamaterials*Organized by: Andrea Di Falco***14:00** KEYNOTE TALK **Certain recent developments in photonics***Marin Soljacic*

MIT (USA)

I will present some of our recent results in the field of photonics, including novel phenomena in scintillators, X-ray imaging, and AI and robotics for photonic-science automation.

14:30 INVITED TALK **Microwave stress monitoring using amorphous microwire assessed by free space measurements***Valentina Zhukova, Mihail Ipatov, Arcady Zhukov*

University of Basque Country (Spain)

We provide new experimental results on effect of applied stress on Reflection coefficient (S22 parameter) of Co-rich ferromagnetic microwire measured using free space microwave spectroscopy at 2.45 GHz. The experimentally discovered stress dependence of the reflection coefficient allows for contactless stresses and damage monitoring of composites with microwire inclusions.

14:50

INVITED TALK

Light-based Additive Manufacturing and Nanofilm Technology: A Route Towards Substrate-Free Micro-Optics and Photonics*Andrea Ottomaniello, Virgilio Mattoli*

Italian Institute of Technology (Italy)

We report novel micro-optical and photonic devices enabled by microfabrication techniques arising from the combination of light-based additive manufacturing (i.e. direct laser writing) and nanofilm technology. Demonstrations include freestanding and conformable ultrathin metasurfaces, transferable free-form lenses and microcavities, highlighting a versatile route toward substrate-free photonic architectures.

15:10

INVITED TALK

Surface-protected electromagnetic nanoresonators for Raman analysis of surfaces*Andrzej Kudelski*

University of Warsaw (Poland)

Example applications of surface-protected nanoresonators for Raman analysis of various surfaces and example methods of synthesis of such nanomaterials will be presented. It will be demonstrated that Raman scattering from surfaces covered with surface-protected nanoresonators is a sensitive method useful for surface chemical analysis of various objects, including biological ones.

3-O12 | Room 268 | 14:00 - 15:35

SP3: Metasurface Modelling from Microwave to Optics*Organized by: Stefano Maci and Costantino De Angelis**Chaired by: Stefano Maci and Costantino De Angelis*

14:00

Solving the Helmholtz equation with waveguide-based metatronic circuits*Ross Glyn MacDonald, Alex Yakovlev, Victor Pacheco-Peña*

Newcastle University (United Kingdom)

Arrays of waveguide-based metatronic circuits are used to solve the Helmholtz equation. The analogy between the behavior of the network and a finite difference mesh is established and implemented to produce solutions to Dirichlet boundary value problems. It may also be applied to solve open boundary value problems.

14:15

INVITED TALK

Local-Based Synthesis of Reconfigurable Huygens' Metasurfaces for Beam Steering*Stefano Vellucci¹, Alessio Monti², Mirko Barbuto², Alessandro Toscano², Filiberto Bilotti²*¹Niccolò Cusano University (Italy), ²Roma Tre University (Italy)

This work presents a dual-state multi-objective optimization framework for the local impedance synthesis of reconfigurable transmissive Huygens' metasurfaces. The approach enforces distinct transmission phase transformations while preserving high efficiency within a fixed multilayer architecture. Two array-based examples validate the proposed modeling-driven design strategy.

14:35

INVITED TALK

Nonlinear Coupling between Nonlocal Resonances in a High-Contrast Grating Metasurface*Paolo Franceschini¹, Andrea Tognazz², Evgenii Menshikov¹, Leonid Y. Beliaev³, Radu Malureanu³, Osamu Takayama³, Ivano Alessandri¹, Alfonso C. Cino², Domenico de Ceglia¹, Andrei V. Lavrinenko⁴, Costantino De Angelis⁵*

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Here we report on the nonlinear coupling between two nonlocal resonances with different nature (i.e., a guided mode resonance and a quasi bound state in the continuum) via third-order nonlinear generation of radiation in a silicon-based high-index contrast metasurface.

14:55

INVITED TALK

Controlling Quantum Dot Emission and Enhancing Second Harmonic Generation with Dielectric Nanocylinders*Andrea Tognazzi*

University of Palermo (Italy)

Dielectric nanocylinders provide a versatile platform for engineering light-matter interactions at the nanoscale, enabling simultaneous control of quantum emitter radiation and nonlinear optical processes. We demonstrate several use cases of dielectric nanocylinders to tailor quantum dot emission directivity or to enhance second harmonic generation through resonant field confinement.

15:15

INVITED TALK

Metasurfaces for Extreme Wave Control*Andrea Alu*

City University of New York (USA)

Metasurfaces offer a powerful platform to address the challenges of modern technologies, from imaging to wireless communications, especially when considering the opportunity to integrate metasurface elements with nonlocal phenomena, nonlinearities and time-varying elements. I discuss the opportunities for extreme wave control, with an emphasis on applications in various technologies.

3-O13 | Room 252 | 14:00 - 15:40

SP13: Nanomaterials and Complex Media for Sensing and Optoelectronic Devices*Organized by: Maria Josè Lo Faro, Maria Caterina Giordano**Chaired by: Maria Josè Lo Faro*

14:00

INVITED TALK

Nanoscale terahertz dynamics in materials*Frank Hegmann*

University of Alberta (Canada)

Time-resolved terahertz spectroscopy (TRTS) and ultrafast terahertz scanning tunneling microscopy (THz-STM) are excellent probes of ultrafast nanoscale dynamics in nanomaterials and on surfaces. The application of these techniques to the study of carrier dynamics in silicon nanomaterials and on silicon surfaces down to the atomic scale is discussed.

14:20

INVITED TALK

Spacetime Imaging and Ultrafast Control of THz Surface Plasmon Polaritons of Graphene*Simon Anglhuber¹, Martin Zizlsperger¹, Eva A. A. Pogna², Yaroslav A. Gerasimenko¹, Anastasios D. Koulouklidis¹, Imke Gronwald¹, Svenja Nerreter¹, Leonardo Viti³, Miriam S. Vitiello³, Rupert Huber¹, Markus A. Huber¹*¹University of Regensburg (Germany), ²CNR-IFN (Italy), ³NEST-CNR (Italy)

Field-resolved terahertz near-field microscopy directly maps graphene plasmon polariton dynamics in both space and time, revealing key characteristics of their propagation such as group and phase velocities and damping. Interband photoexcitation with femtosecond pulses, provides sub-cycle control over non-equilibrium polariton properties.

14:40

INVITED TALK

Compact High-Q Photonic Crystal Cavities with Improved Robustness to Disorder*Nicoletta Granchi¹, Camilla Gonzin², Matteo Lodde³, Gabriele Calusi¹, René P. J. van Veldhoven³, Andrea Fiore³, Guillermo Arregui⁴, Francesca Intonti¹*¹University of Florence (Italy), ²LENS (Italy), ³Eindhoven University of Technology (The Netherlands), ⁴Switzerland (Italy)

Compact photonic crystal cavities enable dense integration but typically require large footprints to achieve high Q-factors, increasing sensitivity to fabrication disorder. We present high-Q, small-footprint cavities optimized through a non-Hermitian perturbation theory framework, where periodicity breaking enhances resilience to fabrication-induced disorder as demonstrated by the near-field scanning optical microscopy experiment.

15:00 INVITED TALK All-fibre-based MoS₂ photodetector for wearable applications*Felice Torrisi¹, Tong Wang², Longren Li², Shuwei Wu², Ao Yan², Artem Bakulin²*¹University of Catania (Italy), ²Imperial College London (United Kingdom)

This work demonstrated an all-fibre-based devices integrating wet-spun rGO fibre electrodes and inkjet-printed silver fibres, demonstrating complete cylindrical coverage (Raman/SEM), broadband response (470-680 nm), rapid switching (2.39 s rise/1.99 s fall), with high on/off ratio (4.62). The rGO fibre configuration proves critical for dark current suppression via work function modulation.

15:20 INVITED TALK Resonance Raman spectroscopy as a tool to assess the scattering channels in van der Waals materials for near-IR applications*Leonetta Baldassarre*

Sapienza University of Rome (Italy)

To explore electron-phonon interactions in van der Waals material we use a custom-built Raman setup with excitation at 1064 and 1550 nm, an energy seldom used in Raman spectroscopy. We demonstrate that it is possible to address the electron-phonon coupling in these material by studying their second-order two-phonon scattering processes.

Coffee Break

15:40 - 16:10

3-O14 | Room 254 | 16:10 - 18:10

SYM1: Recent Advances in Nanophotonics and Metamaterials*Organized by: Andrea Di Falco***16:10 INVITED TALK Graphene Nanosheet Gold Nanopatch Metasurfaces for Nonlinear Terahertz Response***A. Theodosi¹, I. Appiah Oto², A. D. Koulouklidis¹, N. Matthaiakakis³, G. Kakarantzas⁴, P. Mustonen¹, H. Lipsanen⁵, G. Fedorov², I. Lontos¹, P. Kuzhir², M. Kafesaki¹, Odysseas Tsilipakos⁴, Stelios Tzortzakis¹*¹FORTH-IESL (Greece), ²University of Eastern Finland (Finland), ³NCSR "Demokritos" (Greece), ⁴NHRF (Greece), ⁵Aalto University (Finland)

We demonstrate a fabrication friendly graphene gold metasurface engineered for strong nonlinear terahertz response. Doubly resonant enhancement enables predicted third harmonic efficiencies of 3.2% under continuous wave excitation at modest intensities. Experiments reveal intensity driven resonance shifts 0.5 THz, confirming pronounced nonlinear modulation.

16:30 INVITED TALK Tautochrone and Squeezing in Nonuniform Lattices*Ioannis Kiorpelidis¹, Matthias Heinrich², Alexander Szameit², Georgios A. Siviloglou¹, Konstantinos G. Makris¹*¹University of Crete (Greece), ²University of Rostock (Germany)

We introduce photonic lattices with nonuniform couplings that manifest the classical tautochrone phenomenon and mimic quantum squeezed state dynamics. We also demonstrate that Kerr nonlinearity provides a mechanism to control the evolution between coherent-state-like and squeezed regimes.

16:50 INVITED TALK Time-synthetic optical neural networks with stable programmable gain*Bei Wu, Yudong Ren, Rui Zhao, Haiyao Luo, Fujia Chen, Li Zhang, Lu Zhang, Hongsheng Chen, Yihao Yang*

Zhejiang University (China)

Optical neural networks suffer from limited depth due to signal decay in passive systems. This work integrates programmable gain into a time-synthetic ONN. Its forward-only evolution suppresses instability, enabling stable loss compensation and deeper networks. Experiments demonstrate robust image classification, offering a scalable path for photonic AI.

17:10 **INVITED TALK** **Nanophotonic Waveguides for Efficient Optical ChipEdge Coupling in CoPackaged Optical Engines**

Antonio La Porta

IBM Research Europe (Switzerland)

Advances in copackaged optics demand highly efficient optical I/O interfaces. This talk presents nanophotonic waveguide tapers engineered to minimize loss and mode-mismatch between photonic chips and optical fibres. I will discuss optical coupling strategies, performance metrics, and integration pathways enabling scalable optical I/O for nextgeneration AI and highperformance computing systems.

17:30 **INVITED TALK** **Collision-driven out-of-equilibrium nonlinear optics in ultraviolet epsilon-near-zero materials**

Matteo Silvestri¹, Luca Assogna¹, Davide Tedeschi¹, Carino Ferrante², Andrea Marin²

¹CNR-SPIN (Italy), ²University of L'Aquila (Italy)

We theoretically model collision-driven out-of-equilibrium nonlinear optics in ultraviolet epsilon-near-zero materials, particularly sodium and aluminum, exploring their potential for the development of table-top extreme ultraviolet radiation sources and integrated spectroscopy schemes.

17:50 **INVITED TALK** **Active Control of Optical Diffraction Using Excitonic Gratings**

Ershad Mohammadi, Mehmet Atif Durmus, Jorik van de Groep

University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands)

We propose excitonic diffractive gratings with tunable diffraction efficiency. We develop an analytical framework that reveals how material properties and grating parameters determine device performance. We find the fundamental limits of diffraction modulation and provide physical insight into the design of ultrathin, actively tunable diffractive elements.

3-O15 | Room 268 | 16:10 - 18:25

SP6: Recent Advancements in Metamaterials and Metasurfaces for Scattering and Wave Engineering

Organized by: Stefano Vellucci, Alessio Monti and Mirko Barbuto

Chaired by: Stefano Vellucci

16:10 **INVITED TALK** **Analytical Modeling of Anomalous Reflection via Piecewise-Uniform Boundary Conditions**

Federico Giusti, Enrica Martini, Stefano Maci, Matteo Albani

University of Siena (Italy)

In this work, we present an analytical solution for the canonical problem of anomalous reflection over a homogenized impenetrable impedance with a tangent profile. The proposed theoretical framework is validated through full-wave simulations, demonstrating excellent agreement in amplitude and phase for all reflected Floquet harmonics.

16:30 **Scattering properties of a cylindrical scatterer with time-modulated permittivity**

Jiaruo Yan¹, Ioannis Katsantonis¹, Mohamed Mostafa², Viktor Asadchy², Maria Kafesaki¹

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Employing Floquet-Mie theory, we study the scattering properties of an infinitely-long cylinder with permittivity that is modulated periodically in time. The interference between scattering coefficients of different harmonics, as well as of different multipolar orders, allows for the design of radiation direction via tuning the modulation parameters.

16:50

INVITED TALK

Efficient Optimization of Metasurface for Near-fieldmmWave Communications*Alvaro F. Vaquero¹, Manuel Arrebola², Marcos R. Pino¹*¹University of Oviedo (Spain), ²Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (Spain)

This work presents a computationally efficient framework for near-field optimization of electrically large metasurfaces. By combining the Plane Wave Spectrum method with Differential Contributions, the proposed approach accelerates the field computation on gradient based optimization by reducing field evaluations. The method scales efficiently with metasurface size, enabling practical metasurface synthesis.

17:10

Spatially-fed Metasurface Antenna with Active Feeder for Reconfigurable Beam Coverage*Daniel Martinez-de-Rioja¹, Yolanda Rodriguez-Vaqueiro², Antonio Pino², Eduardo Martinez-de-Rioja³, Jose A. Encinar¹, Manuel Arrebola¹*¹Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (Spain), ²Universidade de Vigo (Spain), ³Universidad Rey Juan Carlos (Spain)

A metasurface-based reflectarray illuminated by an active phased array is presented following a defocused fed array reflector architecture. The proposed approach allows for dynamic beam pointing and beam shaping, where the metasurface provides additional phase control. The work addresses the modeling and synthesis of such metasurface for different beam coverages.

17:30

Polarization-Decoupled Programmable Metasurface for Integrated Beam Steering and Electromagnetic Illusion*Yitian Huang¹, Min Huang², Ruichen Li¹, Haoran Han¹, Bin Zheng¹, Jiwei Zhao¹*¹Zhejiang University (China), ²National University of Defense Technology (China)

A polarization-decoupled programmable metasurface is presented for multifunctional electromagnetic control. Independent phase manipulation of two linear polarizations enables broadband wide-angle beam steering and target-driven scattering synthesis on a shared aperture. Experiments verify broadband wide-angle steering performance and high-fidelity electromagnetic illusion under normal and oblique incidences.

17:45

INVITED TALK

Physically Consistent Modeling of RIS Scattering under Multipath Incidence*Gang Yu, Gabriele Gradoni*

University of Surrey (United Kingdom)

This paper presents a physically consistent macroscopic model for finite-size RISs under multipath incidence. By combining physical optics and diffraction grating theory, phase nonuniformity is mitigated via a dominant-path reference, enabling efficient far-field scattering prediction and seamless integration into ray-tracing frameworks for smart radio environment optimization.

18:05

INVITED TALK

Gain-Enabled Spectral Singularities in Metasurface Cavities*Rasmus E. Jacobsen¹, Pietro Brugnolo², Samel Arslanagic¹*¹Technical University of Denmark (Denmark), ²Lund University (Sweden)

We present a theoretical framework for spectral singularities in metasurface cavities, characterized by effective electric and magnetic surface impedances, considering planar and curved metasurfaces in passive and active regimes. Divergent scattered fields with simultaneously vanishing internal fields of the respective cavities are demonstrated. The work includes analytical and numerical results.

3-O16 | Aula Magna | 16:10 - 18:30

SP5: Nonlinear Metasurfaces and Flat-Optics*Organized by: Paolo Franceschini and Andrea Tognazzi**Chaired by: Paolo Franceschini and Andrea Tognazzi*

16:10 INVITED TALK Hot-carrier Mediated Modulation of Linear and Nonlinear Photonic Metastructures*Andrea Schirato, Giulia Crotti, Giuseppe Della Valle*

Politecnico di Milano (Italy)

Hot carriers photogenerated at the nanoscale by femtosecond laser pulses enable efficient modulation of linear and nonlinear photonic metastructures. Here, we review our recent results in the field, where a versatile multi-temperature semiclassical approach is exploited to model a variety of systems, ranging from semiconductor metasurfaces to plasmonic picocavities.

16:30 INVITED TALK Peculiarities of the nonlinear optical effects in ultrathin dielectric membranes*Maxim Nikitin¹, Olav Thorbjørn Sandberg Schiess¹, Andrea Tognazz², Paolo Franceschini³, Osamu Takayama¹, Radu Malureanu¹, Ole Bang¹, Costantino De Angelis¹, Andrei Laurynenka¹*¹DTU (Denmark), ²University of Palermo (Italy), ³National University of Brescia (Italy)

We investigated nonlinear properties of ultrathin dielectric free-standing membranes. In particular, we studied the generation of the third harmonic in the membrane and analyzed possible enhancement of the effect by the film patterning. Such patterning generates resonances. Their scaling, enhancement factors, and potential constraints limiting these factors will be reported

16:50 INVITED TALK Thermo-optical effects and harmonic generation in bound states in the continuum metasurfaces*Mihail Petrov*

ITMO University (Russia)

We discuss the effects of thermo-optical bistability and harmonic generation in semiconductor and plasmonic metasurfaces supporting bound states in the continuum (BIC). We show how linear and nonlinear critical coupling condition governs the optical response

17:10 INVITED TALK High-Harmonic Generation from Resonant Dielectric Metasurfaces*Ivan Sinev¹, Pavel Tonkaev², Felix Brikh¹, Ivan Toftu², Maria Antonietta Vincenti³, Michael Scalora⁴, Hatice Altug¹, Yuri Kivshar²*¹EPFL (Switzerland), ²Australian National University (Australia), ³University of Brescia (Italy), ⁴Aviation and Missile Center (USA)

We discover that highly resonant metasurfaces driven by quasi-bound states in the continuum manifest non-integer intensity dependencies of the generated powers of higher harmonics. We demonstrate that these unconventional nonlinearities are enabled by strong local fields arising from the high-Q resonances that substantially alter the effective nonlinearities of the system.

17:30 INVITED TALK Nonlinear metasurfaces for Advanced Terahertz Generation*Davide Rocco¹, Luca Carletti¹, Paolo Franceschini¹, Andrea Tognazz², Olga Sergaeva¹, Unai Arregui Leon³, Giuseppe Della Valle³, Costantino De Angelis¹*¹University of Brescia (Italy), ²University of Palermo (Italy), ³Politecnico di Milano (Italy)

The terahertz spectral region offers unique opportunities for imaging, communications, and material characterization. This work reports terahertz generation in resonant AlGaAs dielectric metasurfaces via second-order nonlinearity. Specifically, difference-frequency generation enables compact THz emission and analog processing, yielding an output proportional to the temporal derivative of the optical inputs.

17:50 INVITED TALK Linear-Nonlinear: Polarization- and Orientation-Dependent Harmonic Response*Kristina Frizyuk*

Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (Germany)

We discuss two recent results showing that seemingly distinct polarization- and rotation-dependent phenomena in second-harmonic generation (SHG) admit compact "linearized" descriptions with predictive power.

18:10 INVITED TALK Nanoimprinted barium titanate sol-gel for electro-optic modulation*Virginia Falcone, Eleni Prountzou, Rachel Grange*

ETH Zürich (Switzerland)

Solution-processed BaTiO₃ patterned by soft nanoimprint lithography enables scalable electro-optic devices in both metasurface and integrated platforms. Resonant field confinement and ferroelectric domain alignment enhance modulation efficiency. These results demonstrate a versatile, low-cost route toward oxide-based active photonic devices across free-space and integrated photonics.

3-O17 | Room 252 | 16:10 - 18:30

SYM1: Recent Advances in Nanophotonics and Metamaterials*Organized by: Andrea Di Falco***16:10 INVITED TALK Broadband EM wave analysis and manipulation based on time-frequency structured light processing***Jose Azana, Xinyi Zhu, Benjamin Crockett, Lim Geunweon, Majid Goodarzi, Connor Rowe, Hao Sun*

INRS-EMT (Canada)

This talk will review photonic-enhanced real-time analysis and processing of broadband EM waves, including denoising and joint time-frequency analysis and filtering, over THz instantaneous bandwidths. The focus will be on a general, efficient methodology combining highly structured phase-only wave manipulations along time and frequency with solid potential for on-chip integration.

16:30 INVITED TALK Nonlinear Plasmonics for Photonic Terahertz Applications*Martin Mittendorff*

Universität Duisburg-Essen (Germany)

Plasmonic structures of two-dimensional electron gases with high charge carrier mobility are a highly attractive platform for photonic THz applications. Strong nonlinear effects are observed in pump-probe experiment that revealed above 40% pump-induced change in transmission at moderate pump fluence and can be tuned by a gate voltage.

16:50 INVITED TALK Double Zero-index Materials and Acoustic Leaky Wave Antennas*Ying Wu, Keqiang Lyu, Mohamed Farhat*

KAUST (Saudi Arabia)

An acoustic leaky-wave antenna is designed using zero-refractive-index metamaterials, achieving markedly enhanced radiation efficiency and directivity. Simultaneous vanishing density and compressibility attributed to the enhanced efficiency of the antenna, allowing frequency-controlled beam scanning, and functions as a passive sonar for direction-of-arrival sensing.

17:10 INVITED TALK Electromagnetic Wave Localisation in Hyperuniform Disordered Photonic Structures*Marian Florescu, Alexander Meek*

University of Southampton (United Kingdom)

We study electromagnetic wave transport and localisation in one dimensional stealthy hyperuniform disordered photonic structures. Ensemble simulations show that correlated disorder tunes transparency, localisation, and band gap formation. A minimum spacing constraint stabilises short range structure and enables controlled localisation.

17:30 **INVITED TALK** **Brillouin scattering in integrated photonic circuits***Moritz Merklein*

The University of Sydney (Australia)

This talk will explore stimulated Brillouin scattering (SBS) in photonic integrated circuits as a versatile mechanism for strong light–sound interactions on chip. I will compare different waveguide platforms that enable strong SBS, focusing on implementations based on both bulk acoustic waves and more recent breakthroughs that harness surface acoustic waves.

17:50 **INVITED TALK** **Holographic optical tweezers for manipulation of DNA-origami-linked hybrid multi-particle systems: the role of polarization in controlled rotation of dimers and trimers***Silvie Bernatova*

IPCF-CNR (Italy)

We present the experimental investigation of holographic optical manipulation of DNA-origami-linked hybrid particle systems composed of dielectric and magnetic spheres. Using holographic tweezers, we study the rotational dynamics of dimers and trimers under varying polarization states, highlighting angular momentum transfer mechanisms and demonstrating controlled rotation in complex multi-particle configurations.

18:10 **INVITED TALK** **Enabling Materials – Optical and Functional Composites***Doroła Pawlak, Piotr Piotrowski, Monika Tomczyk, Katarzyna Sadecka, Nada Aghad, Kingshuk Bandopadhyay, Ali Abbas, Krzysztof Markus, Andrzej Materna, Hamid Reza-Darabian*

Centre of Excellence ENSEMBLE3 sp. z o. o. (Poland)

Directional solidification provides a powerful platform for fabrication of bulk metamaterials and plasmonic composites. Using eutectic self-organization and nanoparticle direct doping methods, a broad range of functional photonic materials has been demonstrated, including plasmonic, luminescent, magneto-optical, and energy-related systems. Recent work also explores topological heterostructures generating THz radiation.

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Saturday, June 6, 2026

4-O1 | Room 254 | 09:00 - 10:30

GEN: Optics, Photonics and Nanophotonics

09:00

Mid-infrared Light Modulation with Silicon Membrane Metasurfaces*Ivan Sinev¹, Felix Brikh¹, Aleksei Ezerski², Olesia Pashina², Nikita Glebov¹, Mihail Petrov², Sergey Makarov³, Hatice Altug¹*¹EPFL (Switzerland), ²ITMO University (Russia), ³Qingdao Innovation and Development Center (China)

Actively tunable single-crystalline silicon membrane metasurfaces overcome low-Q and static limitations in mid-IR photonics. Achieving record resonance Q-factors up to 3000, they enable efficient electro-thermal modulation at kHz speeds and low-power all-optical tuning with nanosecond-scale response times.

09:15

Bridging Simulation and Measurement: Complex Permittivity Estimate with Neural Network Based on Calibrated Data*Francesco Ferretti, Emidio DiGiampaolo, Alessandro Di Carlofelice*

University of L'Aquila (Italy)

Artificial neural networks have the potential to treat complex inverse problems as estimating permittivity and the components of a solution. We propose a neural network approach utilizing calibrated scattering parameters to align simulated training data with real experimental measurements. This strategy ensures precise dielectric estimation when real-world data are used.

09:30

Investigation of Co-Directional Coupling in Mid-Infrared Fiber Gratings Fabricated by the Pull-and-Heat Technique*Francesco Anelli, Antonella Maria Loconsole, Federico Moscatelli, Francesco Prudeniano*

Polytechnic University of Bari (Italy)

This work illustrates the design and fabrication of mid-infrared fiber gratings based on co-directional mode coupling in ZBLAN optical fibers. Electromagnetic simulations were used to support the design. The gratings were fabricated using a controlled pull-and-heat tapering process by means of a Vytran GPX-2400 glass processing system.

09:45

Spatial Dispersion Effects Exhibited in Optical Properties of Layers of Plasmonic/Interacting Nanoparticles*Eugene Bortchagovsky¹, Alla Bogoslovskaya¹, Yurii Demydenko¹, Fang Da², Monika Fleischer², Dietrich Zahn³*¹V. Lashkaryov Institute of Semiconductor Physics of NAS (Ukraine), ²Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen (Germany), ³Chemnitz University of Technology (Germany)

The effects of spatial dispersion on optical properties of layers of plasmonic nanoparticles are analyzed and demonstrated both theoretically and experimentally. These effects cannot be described by standard dielectric tensors and should be taken into account in data treatment.

SAT

10:00

Breakdown of Harmonic Conversion Scaling Laws in Nonlinear Nanocavities*Marco Gandolfi, Michael Scalora, Costantino De Angelis, Maria Antonietta Vincenti*

Università degli Studi di Brescia (Italy)

We derive a relation that predicts the pump-intensity threshold at which deviations from the conventional $n-1$ power-law scaling of the n th-harmonic conversion efficiency emerge. This relation is validated through full-wave nonlinear simulations.

10:15

Scalar Potentials of Solutions to the Vibrotransport Maxwell's Equations*Lyudmila Alexeyeva, Ilmira Kanymgazyeva*

Institute of Mechanics and Engineering named after U.A. Dzholdasbeko (Kazakhstan)

This work uses vibrotransport solutions of Maxwell's equations to research the electromagnetic fields of electromagnetic wave emitters of various wavelengths (frequencies) located on moving platforms. Vibrotransport solutions of these equations are constructed using scalar potentials, which are vibrotransport solutions of the wave equation

4-O2 | Room 252 | 09:00 - 10:30

GEN: Antennas, Metasurfaces and Electromagnetic Devices

09:00

Wideband Design of a Breakdown-Safe WR-15 Multilayer Vacuum Window*Olga Basile, Marco Simone, Santi Concetto Pavone, Gino Sorbello*

University of Catania (Italy)

This paper presents the design of a wideband waveguide vacuum window based on a transfer-matrix formulation. A three-layer dielectric stack for a WR-15 waveguide is synthesized via Particle Swarm Optimization to minimize reflections while imposing a power-handling constraint via a stress coefficient χ , enabling estimation of the breakdown-safe input power.

09:15

Calculating the solution of partial differential equations using photonics analog processors*Ross Glyn MacDonald, Victor Pacheco-Peña*

Newcastle University (United Kingdom)

Grid-like networks of dielectric waveguides are used to emulate a finite-difference representation of the Helmholtz equation. A theoretical analysis of the proposed structure will be presented including a discussion regarding the impact of non-ideal components. Numerical results will also be presented demonstrating the capability of solving Dirichlet boundary value problems.

09:30

Convex Optimization for Deep-Null Synthesis in SKA-Low Station Beamforming*Giuseppe Caruso¹, Giada Maria Battaglia¹, Pietro Boll², Maria Grazia Labate³, Andrea Francesco Morabito¹*

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This work explores the feasibility of generating deep nulls in individual SKA-Low station pattern using a convex programming-based antenna synthesis algorithm tailored for pencil beam design. In addition the method aims to achieve an overall reduction in sidelobe level and takes into account the real station layout and mutual coupling.

09:45

A New Broadband Magneto-Electric Cross Dipole Sub-Array with Efficient Feed Configuration for Sub-6GHz 5G Base Stations*Hamed Tahmasbi, Hadi Aliakbarian, Reza Asadi, Davood Siyar, Soroush Shafigh, Mohammad Javad Namaazi*

K. N. Toosi University of Technology (Iran)

A compact linearly dual-polarized antenna element for 5G base stations is proposed, employing parasitic elements and leaf-shaped patches to achieve over 58% bandwidth from 2-4 GHz, high gain performance, and an efficient two-element sub-array configuration using a simple microstrip feed structure suitable for Sub-6 GHz applications.

10:00

Phase-Transparent Frequency Selective Metasurface Design via Kolmogorov-Arnold Network Based Generative Modeling*Wei Du, Jiwei Zhao, Bin Zheng*

Zhejiang University (China)

A phase-transparent frequency selective metasurface is designed using a Kolmogorov-Arnold network based generative model. The approach enables target-driven bandwidth control while maintaining near-zero insertion phase delay. Two prototypes demonstrate broadband transmission, angular stability, and strong agreement between simulation and measurement.

10:15

Photonic space-time metamaterials: mimicking isotropic-to-anisotropic time interfaces*Andrew Naylor, Victor Pacheco-Peña*

Newcastle University (United Kingdom)

Time interfaces are an example of how four-dimensional media can be used to enable full wave manipulation. Here, we show how spacetime media can be used to mimic isotropic-to-anisotropic time interfaces. Theoretical analysis accompanied by numerical results will be presented at the conference.

End of Conference

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