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Flexible Silicon Photodetectors Biointerfaces for Wireless and Noninvasive Tissue Monitoring and Regeneration

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This review presents the current progress of flexible Si-based photoelectric biointerfaces for wireless and noninvasive tissue monitoring and regeneration. It begins, biomechanical mechanisms, and characteristics of Si-based photodetectors, and then discusses their working principles and fundamental properties, while also highlighting their advantages in flexibility, biocompatibility, adaptation, and transient biodegradation.

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Solution and Vacuum-Based Scalable Deposition Methods for Perovskite/Si Tandem Solar Cells

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This review comprehensively explores scalable solution, vacuum, and hybrid deposition strategies, such as blade coating, slot-die coating, screen printing, and inkjet printing, for fabricating perovskite/Si tandem solar cells. It highlights recent efficiency breakthroughs (over 34% in 2T tandems), critical challenges in uniformity, defect passivation, interface stability, and compatibility with fully textured Si bottom cells, and provides insights into future research and generation roadmap perovskite/Si tandem commercial deployment.

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Nitrogen-free multi-resonance emitters with vertically twisted structures, fast reverse ISC, and suppressed aggregation emitters, enabling efficient deep-blue narrowband electroluminescence with a peak wavelength of 456 nm, a full width at half maximum (FWHM) of 18 nm, and a maximum external quantum efficiency (EQE) of 36.4%.

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A CsMOCs-compatible photochromic host–guest material platform is realized by incorporating diarylethene photoswitches into a Zr-based MOF. Reversible photoisomerization enables light-programmable optical modulation, rewritable photonic dots, and multilevel anticounterfeiting encryption, with a record-high On/Off ratio of 10^6 in a photonic-hydrogen molecular photochromism and non-destructive readout.

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Phonon-Dressed States of Dark Excitons in Transition-Metal Dichalcogenides

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Strain-localized momentum-dark excitons in monolayer WSe2 exhibit phonon-driven exciton–phonon coupling, revealed by temperature-dependent photoluminescence. Mg/Ag/Au/Ni/Au thin-film sensing, polarization, and Raman spectroscopy. Phonon-dressed states enable luminescent, establishing dark excitons as optically addressable nanoscale probes for quantum sensing in 2D semiconductors.

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Ultrafast Light-Induced Waveguide-Enabled Lattices (PreWLs) with Optical Functionality: From Enhanced Fields of Free (PDF) to 3D Data Encoding

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3M describe the fabrication of 3D polymeric waveguide architectures with tunability of waveguide dimensions, refractive index, and spacing. Waveguides with a refractive index change of 0.0 and an inexpensive 1 NAO CW digital light projector. We demonstrate the fabrication of Waveguide-Enabled Lattices (PreWLs) possess advanced functionality including tunable fields of view (FOV) and 3D data encoding, enabling the fabrication of high-resolution data including photographs.

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Stabilizing Iodine in 2D Mixed-Halide Perovskites: Diim-Jacobson Versus Ruddlesden-Popper Phases

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We achieve the rearrangement and reconstruction of the V2O5 crystal structure through a hydrothermal and condensation strategy. As illustrated in the schematic diagram, this process exposes the (001) crystal plane and (010) orthogonal plane and improves substantially the primary ion/electron diffusion rate and structural stability and diffusion kinetics of ZnSO4.

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Controlling Ultrafast Photonic-Plasmonic Coupling in a Hybrid Platform for Biosensing Applications

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A metal–dielectric hybrid system composed of gold nanorods (AuNRs) and a thin layer of indium tin oxide (ITO) nanoparticles interacting with the photonic landscape under ultrafast transient conditions. This coupling can be exploited to enhance the sensitivity of plasmonic biosensors in response to biochemical interaction, opening new opportunities for ultrafast biosensing applications.

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Solvent-Kinetics-Regulated Anti-Solvent Crystallization Enables Tunable-Bandgap $CsPbI_3$/$CsPb_2I_5$ Perovskite Microcrystal Films for High-Performance Photodetectors

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A synergistic crystallization strategy combining fluidar solvent engineering and antisolvent vapor assisted (AVA) enables the scalable growth of high-quality $CsPbI_3$/$CsPb_2I_5$ perovskite films with tunable thickness, bandgap, and crystallinity. Optimized films exhibit low trap-state density, long carrier lifetime, and high photocurrent, demonstrating their potential for photodetection and bandgap engineering.

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Quasi-Single-Mode Polaritonic Crystal for Hyperbolic Phonon-Polaritons

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Near-field study of the polaritonic fourier crystal (MoO3 on SiNx) reveals that the hyperbolic phonon-polaritons (HPhPs) in MoO3 are quasi-single-mode. Fourier crystal engineering can be used to not only tune the fundamental mode propagation but also suppress the HPhP modes. Our results demonstrate the realization of a quasi-single-mode regime for the inherently multimode hyperbolic phonon-polaritons.

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