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Compact Terahertz Vortex Beam Source Based on Smith–Purcell Radiation and a Double-Layer Metasurface (Advanced Optical Materials 37/2026)

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Smith–Purcell Radiation
The cover image depicts a double-layer C-ring metasurface under electron-beam excitation, where Smith–Purcell radiation generates terahertz vortex beams carrying orbital angular momentum. Layer I enhances radiation intensity via field superposition, while Layer II imparts dynamic and geometric phase modulation for precise OAM control. The design supports tunable frequencies and diverse polarizations, offering a promising platform for integrated terahertz photonic devices with multifunctional capabilities. More details can be found in the Research Article by Suguo Chen, Yue Wang, and co-workers (DOI: 10.1002/adom.71562).

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Luminance Saturation in Luminescent Material: From Fundamental Mechanisms to Anti-Saturation Material Design

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High-power laser-excited phosphors face performance degradation originating from coupled thermal and optical quenching. This review summarizes mitigation approaches covering defect-trap engineering, lattice-rigidity tuning, thermal management, as well as optical-quenching suppression via lifetime modulation, doping optimization and single-crystal design for high-brightness laser-lighting phosphors. Illustration created in PPT combined with AI-generated elements (Doubao, ByteDance AI assistant; accessed September 2026). The final image was refined and annotated by the author. All figure details were cross-checked against the author's intended communication and reviewed for accuracy.

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Compact Terahertz Vortex Beam Source Based on Smith–Purcell Radiation and a Double-Layer Metasurface

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In this work, the double-layer metasurface not only effectively enhances the Smith–Purcell radiation intensity, but also achieves modulation phase by designing the sorting method of the upper layer metasurface units. The purity of vortex rotation achieved by this method has been significantly improved.

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High-Performance Large-Format AlN-Based Vacuum Ultraviolet Imaging Detector

Zhengyi Yue, Lixin Zhang, Zhuogeng Lin, Kaikai Duan, Xin Zhang, Jun Wang, Wei Zheng, Chaofan Zhang

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> VUV imaging enables clear observation of sub-100-nm objects without overcoming the diffraction limit. In this work, a high-performance 16 16 pixel AlN-based array detector is fabricated. In conjunction with a custom-designed readout circuit, VUV imaging is successfully achieved, and the visual quality of the images is further enhanced through algorithmic processing.

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A Layered Two-Dimensional Hydrogen-Bonded Organic Framework Based on 2,5,8,11-Tetrakis(4-Carboxyphenyl)Perylene Diimide: Structural Nature, Optical and Photophysical Properties

Mario de la Hoz Tomás, Taito Hashimoto, Boiko Cohen, Yuzuki Murata, Kazuki Shiga, Ryota Hanyu, Ryusei Oketani, Norimitsu Tohnai, Ichiro Hisaki, Abderrazzak Douhal

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> A novel hydrogen-bonded organic framework (HOF) based on perylene diimide (PDI) is synthesized, structurally and spectroscopically characterized. Its photophysical behavior highlights how supramolecular organizations govern the optical properties, including emission from monomers, aggregates, and excimer-like species. Structural transformations induced by solvent removal modify the luminescent properties of the material.

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Fast-Responding Thermal Hydrogel Smart Windows for Energy-Efficient Buildings

Kegui Lu, Guang Chen, Wenshuo Zhang, Jiahao Ni, Yong Hao, Yezi You, Chongwen Zou, Gang Pei, Bin Zhao

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> A fast-response strategy is developed for PNIPAm hydrogel window by doping cesium-tungsten oxide nanoparticles, which selectively absorbs near-infrared light and thereby enable a solar-thermal synergistic response mechanism. This yields superior response accuracy and marked building energy savings, offering a promising pathway for next-generation building envelopes.

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Metal Ions Selectively Activate Emissive Centers in Carbon Dots, Triggering Color-Tunable Phosphorescence for Visual Detection

Jing Tan, Longtao Liu, Dian Wu, Yi Li, Peng Sha, Xingyu Gu, Songnan Qu, Zhiwen Jin, Haibo Zeng, Qijun Li, Jianning Ding

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> A novel CD-based phosphorescent test paper with color-tunable "off–on" phosphorescence was developed through the competitive interplay between the heavy-atom effect and aggregation-induced quenching. This unique mechanism triggers a vivid color transition from orange to green, enabling precise and smartphone-assisted quantitative detection of trace Pb^{2+}.

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Intrinsic Electric Field Driven High Sensitive Photodetection in Alloy TMDC MoSSe

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> This study demonstrates that monolayer MoSSe, a polar TMDC with an inherent out-of-plane dipole moment confirmed by piezoelectric force microscopy and first-principles calculations, exhibits improved optoelectronic performance. The prolonged exciton lifetime facilitates enhanced charge separation. Furthermore, MoSSe exhibits broadband photodetection with tunable response speed via the photogating effect, highlighting its potential for future nanodevice applications.

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Multimodal Synergistic Optical Encryption Using Holographic Cholesteric Liquid Crystal Polymer Composite Films

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> A monolithic holographic cholesteric liquid crystal composite film enables cooperative multidimensional optical encryption by coupling thermally programmable structural color, dynamic holographic phase modulation, and stimulus-responsive fluorescence within a unified material platform. Thermal deformation of the polymer network simultaneously drives cholesteric pitch evolution and holographic grating deformation, enabling coordinated wavelength tuning and phase modulation, while the embedded fluorescent system provides an independent temperature- and stimulus-time-dependent authentication channel. The cooperative evolution of these complementary optical responses enables hierarchical, sequential decoding with enhanced information capacity and resistance to optical replication, offering a promising strategy for high-security anti-counterfeiting and optical information storage.

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Freeform Light Routing in Nearly-Hyperuniform Slabs: Toward a General-Purpose Design Platform for Integrated Photonics

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> Nearly hyperuniform disordered photonic slabs guide light along prescribed freeform pathways without relying on lattice symmetry. A pathway-first design embeds curved channels within a photonic bandgap hyperuniform network, maintaining high transmission through freeform bends. Simulations, silicon near-infrared measurements, and 3D-printed ceramic sample's field maps establish that the pathway-first HUD design preserves low-loss, confined guidance along prescribed freeform interconnects.

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Turning Light Into Matter: Programmable Microstructures Via Dose Control in Two-Photon Polymerization

Michał Ziemczonok, Koen Vanmol

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> This work augments two-photon polymerization with point-wise dose control, enabling structures with heterogeneous material properties such as refractive index. An open source toolbox and superior calibration methodology for the refractive index pave the way for bio-mimicking or numerically optimized structure designs, and enhance the synergy between 3D microfabrication and tomography.

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Electrically Reconfigurable Optical Initialization of Spin Valley Polarization in Monolayer WS_2 Enabled by Switchable Dual-Mode Liquid Crystal Lasers

Yu-Chuan Tsao, Ya-Ping Hsieh, Yang-Fang Chen, Hui-Yu Chen

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> This work presents an electrically controllable approach to spin–valley polarization in monolayer WS2 by integrating it with a dual-mode liquid crystal laser. Applying an external field triggers phase transitions that switch the laser emission between helicity-defined band-edge lasing and unpolarized random lasing. This reversible control directly governs valley polarization, enabling new possibilities for programmable valleytronic and quantum devices.

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Wavelength-Multiplexed 2D Beam Steering via a Passive Diffractive Network

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> Illustration of a wavelength-multiplexed diffractive beam steering system, which is composed of *K* cascaded diffractive layers, each containing phase-modulating elements that are jointly optimized using deep learning–based optimization. When illuminated with a set of wavelengths , the system projects N_λ optical beams toward distinct and programmable angular positions at the output. An initial version of this artistic illustration was created using ChatGPT with the authors' text prompt, which was subsequently modified by the authors.

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Harnessing Ultralong-Lived Triplet Excitons in Color-Tunable Carbon Dots for Multilayer Security Platform

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> Precursor engineering strategy enables excited-state modulation in carbon dots derived from a single benzenic core. Controlled co-pyrolysis of urea with benzoic acid and methoxy-substituted derivatives systematically tunes the electron-donating character of the carbonizing precursor, thereby regulating electronic structure and triplet energy levels.

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A Water-Resistant Bi-Based Optoelectronic Synapse for Underwater Neuromorphic Vision

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> A water-resistant optoelectronic synapse is developed for underwater neuromorphic vision. The hydrophobic Rubrene layer suppresses water infiltration, preserving device integrity and performance. The device exhibits multi-spectral response, synaptic plasticity, and conditioned-reflex learning. Integrated with a neural network, the optoelectronic synaptic array achieves 95.89% accuracy in classifying aquatic organism motion trajectories, enabling intelligent visual perception in complex underwater environments.

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Mixed-Dimensional GaN/AlN Microwires/Graphene/u-GaN Van der Waals Heterojunctions for High-Performance Hot-Electron Transistors and Ultraviolet Photodetectors

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> Mixed-dimensional GaN/AlN microwire/graphene/u-GaN van der Waals heterojunctions are constructed for hot-electron transistors and ultraviolet photodetectors. The AlN tunneling barrier realizes effective cold-electron filtering. The device exhibits competitive ultraviolet photodetection performance, offering a feasible route for wide-bandgap optoelectronic-electronic integrated devices.

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Decoupling Power and Polarization via Bipolar BP/MoS_2 Heterojunctions for Multidimensional Imaging

Kuanxin Chen, Qingguo Xu, Hongshun Zhang, Xiao Wang, Zhangcheng Liu, Zhiwei Chen, Jie You, Yang Li, Jinping Ao

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> A compact, single-pixel near-infrared photodetector based on a bipolar BP/MoS_2 van der Waals heterojunction is developed. By engineering interfacial energy band alignments and leveraging an elliptical fitting algorithm, this device successfully decouples optical power from polarization states, enabling high-responsivity, low-power, and multidimensional polarimetric imaging at 1550 nm without complex optical components.

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Resonance Energy Transfer-Driven Lasing Mode Switching Visualizes DNA Zippering in Real Time

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> This work develops a coupler-free microlaser platform that integrates resonance energy transfer (RET) with whispering-gallery-mode lasing. DNA hybridization recruits fluorescent acceptors to the microcavity interface, redistributing the donor–acceptor gain balance and triggering quantized mode hopping between adjacent WGM resonances. The resulting spectral signatures enable real-time kinetic tracking and mismatch discrimination in short oligonucleotides.

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Ortho-Diboron Blue Multiple Resonance Thermally Activated Delayed Fluorescence Material

Yu Wang, Jia-Qi Xi, Si-Wei Wei, Yi Wei, Jia-Zhen Zhu, Shuai Xing, Li Yuan, You-Xuan Zheng

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> The isolated *ortho*-diboron strategy with partially offset frontier molecular orbitals is successfully employed to develop a blue multi-resonance thermally activated delayed fluorescence material. The fabricated thermally activated sensitized fluorescence organic light-emitting diode demonstrates blue emission with a peak at 464 nm, accompanied by a remarkable maximum external quantum efficiency of 34.9% with low efficiency roll-off at 1000 cd m^{-2}.

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