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The cover illustrates an on-chip photonic neural network, where multicolored optical channels propagate through an integrated network of photonic computing units. The design highlights the transformation of optical symbolizes the transformation of light-based device operations into neural computation, highlighting parallelism, high bandwidth, and low latency for next-generation artificial intelligence acceleration. More details can be found in the article by Hamza Kurt and co-workers (DOI: 10.1002/adom.70567).

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This review presents a comprehensive overview of on-chip photonic neural network architectures, covering key building blocks, representative network types, and emerging applications. Recent advances, challenges, and future directions in the field are examined, highlighting the potential of integrated photonics to enable ultrafast, energy-efficient, and scalable intelligent hardware.

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Compatibility of Low-Dimensional Perovskites in n-i-p and p-i-n Perovskite Solar Cells

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Low-dimensional perovskites effectively suppress non-radiative recombination and bolster environmental stability, yet their transport anisotropy constrains device efficiency. This review establishes a unified framework governing the functionality of spacer cations (A-site, 0D, 1D, quasi-2D, and 2D perovskites in n-i-p and p-i-n configurations, providing tailored design principles that align spatial phase distributions with directional charge extraction pathways.

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A Mini-Review on Perylene-Based Carbon Dots: Synthetic Strategies, Property Regulation, and Functional Applications

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Perylene-based carbon dots possess high efficiency in red/near-infrared emission, near-100% photoluminescence quantum yield, and enhanced charge transport capabilities due to their extended π-conjugated structure. This review systematically summarizes recent research progress on perylene-based carbon dots, focusing on their synthesis, luminescence mechanisms, structure-property relationships, and emerging applications in optoelectronics, biophotonics, and energy conversion.

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Chiral $Ag/Bi_2O_2S_x$ Hybrid NWs Film Tailored Intense SERS Activity for Sensitive Detection Application

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Chiral Ag NWs films embedded chiral enhanced plasmon resonance effects under linearly polarized excitation. $Bi_2O_2S_x$ NWs were assembled onto chiral Ag NWs films, with the SERS intensity reaching 2.3 times higher than that of the achiral Ag NWs film. Chiral $Ag/Bi_2O_2S_x$ hybrid NWs films were applied for the detection of ergothioneine (EGT), which was a potent mitochondria-targeted antioxidant.

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Chiroptical Imaging of Enantiomeric DNA Crystals

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Spatially mapped circular retardance of enantiomeric DNA single crystals when measured by imaging polarimetry. L-deoxyribose DNA and D-deoxyribose DNA were characterized by X-ray diffraction in the respective space groups $P6_1$ and $P6_5$. The sense of the order changes in the circular retardance was correlated with the crystal enantiomorphism.

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Photoluminescent Color Centers on a Mainstream Silicon Photonic Foundry Platform

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Silicon photonic chips route and process light efficiently but are inherently inefficient at generating it. Here, bright light-emitting defects, W-centers, are written into the silicon layer of finished chips from a mainstream commercial foundry. High-energy ions are implanted straight through the protective oxide and activated by a 250 thermal anneal, and the chips then emit efficiently at 1278 nm.

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Vectorial Complex-Amplitude Holography and Dual-Gray Nano-Printing via Synthesis Metasurfaces

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We propose and experimentally demonstrate a metasurface strategy enabling dual-independent grayscale nano-printing and holographic display via coherent synthesis light-field engineering. We suppress the original orthogonal polarization reconstruction components and generate a novel holographic field, as a third holographic reconstruction. This produces dual-grayscale nano-printing patterns with MAAct pattern to form encrypted information in the near field.

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Sub-Diffraction and Irreversibly Tunable Imaging With Potato Starch Lenses

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Native potato starch granules function as sustainable birefringent microlenses that enable polarization-controlled conventional and vortex lensing via spin-to-orbital angular momentum conversion. They provide sub-diffraction and spiral-contrast imaging, support vortex-array generation, and undergo irreversible tunability through controlled dehydration, offering a green and stimuli-triggered alternative, offering a new platform for adaptive and transient photonic applications.

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Revealing Anti-Thermal-Quenching Broadband Cyan-Green Emission in Oxonitrohalosilicate Phosphors Induced by Anion-Ordering Substitution

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In this work, we employed NPD refinement and DFT calculations to reveal the anti-thermal-quenching broad-band cyan-green emission behavior in oxonitrohalosilicate phosphors induced by anion-ordering substitution.

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Wide Angular Range Direction-of-Arrival Estimation Based on Diffractive Neural Network Integrated Stacked Intelligent Metasurface

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This work introduces a novel label-encoding and training algorithm that reformulates the diffractive neural network perception framework, enabling reliable continuous DOA inference across a wide angular range from −90° to +90°. All-wave simulations and microwave experiments validate this approach's exceptional generalization and robustness, highlighting its significant potential for next-generation intelligent sensing and IPoT applications.

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High-Stress Si_3N_4 Reflective Membranes Monolithically Integrated With Cavity Bragg Mirrors

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Silicon nitride membranes are record-breaking mechanical sensors, yet their delicate fabrication and alignment into precision optical cavities have confined them to the laboratory. A monolithic process directly integrates suspended high-stress membranes into Bragg mirrors, forming self-aligned optomechanical cavities in seconds. This dry, wafer-scale approach unlocks scalable, robust silicon-nitride sensors for precision measurement beyond the lab.

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Red-Green-Blue Circularly Polarized Luminescence: Ultra-large Dissymmetry Factors and Handedness Inversion for Information Encryption

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A composite system is fabricated by integrating nanoradian emissive perovskites with highly twisted chiral nematic liquid crystal templates. Ultra-large g_{lum} values of ±1.9 and ±1.8 are achieved. By utilizing a photoisomerizable chiral dopant, a patterned half-waveplate is prepared to realize CPL handedness inversion. It enables dual-mode information encryption and decryption via a specific circular polarizer under daylight and UV light.

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Fully Dry Assembly of Graphene/MoS_2 van der Waals Heterojunctions for Self-Powered Photodetection

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A probe-assisted, fully dry assembly strategy enables deterministic manipulation and precise stacking of graphene and MoS_2 flakes without polymer-assisted transfer or wet processing. The resulting van der Waals heterojunction exhibits a clean interface, efficient photocarrier generation and separation, yielding a high-performance self-powered photodetector with a responsivity of 0.577 A/W and a specific detectivity of 7.2×10^{12} Jones.

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Zero-Light Thermal Scanning of Multi-Level Security Information via Localized Emissivity Modulation

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Maskless laser-writing transforms a single 20 mL Ag film into programmable multi-level thermal security tags by locally controlling photothermal dewetting and infrared emissivity. Roughness-driven plasmonic field confinement produces distinct emissivity states, enabling 3 s and 4-level information to be decoded by long-wave infrared imaging in complete darkness and at temperatures up to 100°C.

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High-Entropy Engineering Enables Highly Enhanced Upconversion Luminescence in β-$NaGdF_4$ Structured Fluorides

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As the first β-activated high-entropy fluoride upconversion luminescent materials with an β-$NaGdF_4$ structure were successfully synthesized using a solvothermal method, demonstrating significantly enhanced luminescent performance. Experimental results indicate that the six-element high-entropy fluoride exhibits the optimum upconversion luminescence, with both emission intensity and quantum yield reaching 2.5 times those of the β-$NaGdF_4$:Yb/Er.

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Optically Gated Rotary Motion via a Dynamic AgEI-Bridged Molecular Motor–Switch Hybrid

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A dynamic AgEI bridge optically gates rotary motion in a molecular motor–switch hybrid. Closing the bridge raises the rotational barrier and slows the motor's thermal helix inversion half-life, while a rigid polymer matrix decouples this behavior.

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Upconversion Charging-Induced Near-Infrared Persistent Luminescence for Simultaneous Imaging and Temperature Sensing

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An upconversion charging (UCC) technique has been introduced to achieve long-wavelength high-efficiency charging in Cr^{3+}-activated persistent phosphors. UCC-induced persistent luminescence is used for simultaneous imaging and temperature sensing. Multiple linear regression was adopted to synergize three fewercost thermal response parameters, which greatly improved the relative sensitivity and reduced the temperature uncertainty of the thermometer.

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Dual-Bidirectional Optoelectronic Bi_2O_2Se Single Crystal Enabled by Site-Selective O-Se Substitution for Self-Contained Scene Perception-Recognition-Interaction System

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Herein, we report well-engineered dual-bidirectional optoelectronic Bi_2O_2Se crystals fabricated via a site-selective O-Se substitution strategy, boosting anisotropic transport with an I_{on}/I_{off} ratio of 10⁶ and a responsivity of 1.2 × 10⁴ A W⁻¹. This enables self-contained multifunctional applications in high-dimensional secure optical communication, visual bionic capabilities for round-the-clock motion detection and recognition, and context-aware interaction-to-dynamic events are demonstrated.

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