

Final Program



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Program

Monday

12H00 : Welcome / registration

13H30 : Opening Brief information (C. Sirtori, J. Mangeney)

14H00 : Session 1 - Sources (THz and MIR)

Chairman : T. Yasui

- 14H00 : M1 S. Houver «Multi-THz Sideband Generation on an optical telecom carrier at room temperature»
- 14H30 : M2 F. Joint «Development of low power consumption quantum cascade lasers at 2.7 THz for compact and ultra-sensitive heterodyne detectors»
- 14H45 : M3 S. Barbieri «5ps-long terahertz pulses from an active mode-locked quantum cascade laser»
- 15H00 : M4 R. Wang «DFB laser array in the 2.3 μm wavelength range on a silicon photonic integrated circuit»
- 15H15 : M5 K. Maussang «Monolithic Echo-less Photoconductive Switches for High-Resolution Terahertz Time-domain Spectroscopy»
- 15H30 : *** Coffee break ***

DFB laser array in the 2.3 μ m wavelength range on a silicon photonic integrated circuit

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The spectral range of 2.3 μ m is of interest for gas sensing as many important gases have strong absorption lines in this wavelength range, including NH₃, CH₄, CO, C₂H₂ and HF. Besides, it also attracts interest in bio-sensing applications, such as non-invasive blood glucose measurements. Recently developed short-wave infrared and mid-infrared silicon photonic integrated circuits offer great potential to realize miniature gas and bio-sensors on silicon photonics chips. Low-loss and compact mid-infrared circuits can be fabricated in a CMOS pilot line, which enables high performance passive components such as (de)multiplexer. A compact silicon photonics spectroscopic sensor requires an integrated light source on silicon. However, the development of silicon photonics light sources above 2 μ m wavelength still lags behind.



Fig.1. Heterogeneously integrated 2.3 µm III-V-on-silicon DFB lasers with different silicon grating pitchs (a) and device widths (b) in an array.

At Ghent University-IMEC, we developed a heterogeneous III-V-on-silicon platform for optical communication and sensing applications [1]. Here we report 2.3 μ m range InP-based type-II DFB laser arrays heterogeneously integrated on a silicon photonic integrated circuit (PIC). An InP-based type-II epitaxial layer stack with "W"-shaped InGaAs/GaAsSb quantum wells is used as the gain medium and bonded to the silicon PIC. Detailed information of the device structure and fabrication process flow can be found in [2]. As shown in Fig. 1(a), the continuous wave (CW) operated DFB lasers can cover a broad wavelength range from 2.28 μ m to 2.43 μ m by varying the silicon grating pitch. By adjusting the laser device widths, a four wavelength DFB laser array with 10 nm continuous tuning is achieved as shown Fig. 1(b). In CW regime, the DFB laser can operate up to 25 °C and emits a maximum optical power of around 3 mW at 5 °C.

References

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[2] R. Wang et al., Appl. Phys. Lett., 109 (2016) 221111.