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INFRARED METROLOGY WITH VISIBLE LIGHT

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Introduction and motivation



Infrared light for materials fingerprinting & sensing



Industrial use:

- ✓ Greenhouse gas and pollution
- Semiconductor manufacturing
- Pharmaceutical analysis

Defence and security:

Threat detection (chemical, explosive)

Medical diagnostics:

- Breath analysis
- Tissue pathology
- ✓ Stem cell research

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Challenges of IR metrology

Capability gap: High cost and limited performance of existing IR-range spectral instruments

- Requires specialized IR-range optics
- Inferior performance of light sources and detectors
- High cost (~25.000\$-250.000\$)









IR metrology with visible light?

Value proposition: exploit effects of quantum optics to measure IR properties using visible range equipment

- Well developed optical materials
- A variety of lasers and detectors
- Low-cost and efficient









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Applications of NL interferometers

Kalashnikov et al Nat.Phot. ('16) Lemos et al Nature ('14) Spectroscopy Paterova et al SciRep ('17) Lahiri et al PRA ('15) Paterova et al NJP ('18) Paterova et al QST ('18) maging **Reviews**: Yurke et al PRA ('86) Chekhova, Ou Adv in Opt & Phot ('16); Ou, Li APL Findamentals Phot ('20) Metrology Wang et al PRA ('91) Grayson et al PRA ('94) Herzog et al PRL ('94) Hudelist et al NatComm ('14) Heuer et al PRA ('15) Vergyris et al APL ('20) Lahiri et al PRA ('17)

IR spectroscopy with visible light

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Single-rail nonlinear interferometer

$$I_s \propto \operatorname{sinc}^2\left(\Delta k \cdot L/2\right)\left(1 + |\tau| \cdot \cos\left(\varphi_s + \varphi_i - \varphi_p\right)\right)$$





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- Measurements of the IR properties of the material
- Tunable range of wavelengths



CO2 absorption



Studied media: CO₂ gas with absorption line @ 4.3 micron

λp=532nm ; λs=608nm ; λi=4.3 μm

Source: wikipedia



Experimental setup



D. A. Kalashnikov, A. V. Paterova, S. P. Kulik and L. A. Krivitsky, «Infrared spectroscopy with visible light», *Nature Photonics*, **10**, 98–101 (2016).



Injecting the CO₂ gas





Results



Theoretical data: http://hitran.iao.ru

Nonlinear interference in crystal superlattices

- A Paterova, L. Krivitsky *Light: Science and Applications* 9, 82 (2020)
- D. Toa et al., *Quantum Science and Technology* (accepted) arXiv:2109.00690





Cascaded NL interferometer a.k.a. superlattice (2020)



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First theoretical proposal D Klyshko JETPh 1993

Adapted from K. E. Dorfman Light: Science & Applications 9, 123 (2020)

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Interference fringes in superlattice



$$\mathrm{I}_N(\omega_s, heta_s) = |F|^2 \propto \left\{\mathrm{sinc}igg(rac{\Delta kl}{2}igg)\cdotrac{\mathrm{sin}[N\phi/2]}{\mathrm{sin}[\phi/2]}
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- Increased sensitivity
- ➤ Hard to realize experimentally



Measurement of the fringes



2-crystal interferometer: Δφ₂ = -(0.167 ± 0.015)π
 5-crystal interferometerΔφ₅ = -(0.187 ± 0.009)π.



Scaling of the width of the fringes





Scaling of the width of the fringes

Sensitivity study 1.2 2.5 Δθc Ideal case 1.0 $\Delta \lambda s$ theory $\Lambda l'$ 2.0 ^{Ns}θǫ/^{zs}θǫ ? 0.8 Intensity 0.6 0.4 0.2 experiment 0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 θs (deg) 1.0 3 5 Major factor: Uncertainty in crystal 2 4 \succ Ν orientation



Scaling of the width of the fringes



Price to pay: stronger dependence on the uncertainty of the experimental parameters



Bi-PPLN Superlattice



Concept

- Consider the stacks as individual emitters
- Interference occurs between stacks
- Like classical diffraction



Schematic of biPPLN Superlattice



$$\begin{array}{l} \lambda_{pump} = 532 \ nm \\ l_{domain} = 5.16 \ \mu m \\ l_{stack} = \mathbf{n_{nl}} \times l_{domain} \\ l_{gap} = \mathbf{m_{gap}} \times l_{stack} \end{array}$$

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$$n_{nl} = 4, n_{gap} = 16, m_{gap} = 32$$



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Schematic of biPPLN Superlattice



Customizable comb-like IR spectra



Exploring the parameter space

Design	Design Parameters			
	n_{nl}	n_{gap}	m_{gap}	
1	16	85 (!)	8	
2	64	21	8	
3	16	23	32	

 $\begin{array}{l} \lambda_{pump} = 532 \text{ nm (CW)} \\ \lambda_{signal} \sim 647 \text{ nm; } \lambda_{idler} \sim 3 \ \mu\text{m} \end{array}$

Crystal Physical Dimensions: 63.5 mm (L) \times 8.2 mm (W) \times 0.5 mm (H)



Exploring the parameter space



Toa, Z.S., A.V. Paterova, and L.A. Krivitsky, Broadband diffraction of correlated photons from crystal superlattices. Quantum Science and Technology arXiv preprint arXiv:2109.00690, 2021





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IR optical coherence tomography

• A Paterova et al. *Quantum Science & Technology* 3, 025008 (2018)





Optical coherence tomography (OCT)





Optical coherence tomography (OCT)



ophthalmology

cardiology







Optical coherence tomography (OCT)













R. Su et al, Perspectives of mid-infrared optical coherence tomography for inspection and micrometrology of industrial ceramics, Opt. Exp. 22(13), 15804-19 (2014)





A. Paterova, et al "Tunable Optical Coherence Tomography in the Infrared Range Using Visible Photons", *Quantum Science and Technology* **3** 025008 (2018)





Results: axial scans



Silicon window







Results: axial scans



Silicon window







Results: axial scans



Silicon window







Results: axial scans



Silicon window



All measurements with the same configuration



Wide field hyperspectral imaging

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- A Paterova et al Nanophotonics 10 (6), 1775-1784 (2021)



Conventional IR imaging techniques

- IR imaging over wide range of wavelengths
- ✓ Measurement of chemical maps
- ✓ High resolution
- * IR array detectors =>expensive
- * Often point by point imaging =>slow
- ^x Cryogenically cooled
- * Dual use => EC restrictions





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- ✓ Visible range laser and camera => lower cost
- ✓ Wide field imaging => faster
- ✓ Room temperature operation
- ✓ No EC components



Experimental setup





Experimental setup



Hyperspectral imaging

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Quality control of silicon chips

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A Paterova et al Appl. Phys. Lett. **117**, 054004 (2020) (Editor's Pick);

Quality control of silicon chips



- Imaging at 1550 nm with detection at 810 nm
- ✓ Fast readout of the system ~ 1 min
- Adjustable magnification
- \checkmark Achieved 2 μm spatial resolution



Wide field imaging through opaque Silicon layer

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Hyperspectral microscopy



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Si- based metasurface with phase gradient





IR probe wavelength: 1550nm Detected wavelength: 812 nm

Our technique reveals the phase image of the object (metasurface) in the IR beam

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8220 1.0kV 9.2mm x150 LM/UL

Imaging of IR metasurface



 A Paterova, D Kalashnikov et al Nanophotonics 10 (6), 1775-1784 (2021)

Summary and future work





We can substitute and/or complement conventional IR-methods, as we use well-developed components for the visible range.

Spectroscopy



Interferometry









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Spectroscopy



Interferometry







Ongoing work:

- On-chip realization of nonlinear sensors
- Investigation of materials in far-IR
- Developing practical imaging system



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IR spectroscopy

- IR OCT and polarimetry
 - Crystal superlattice
 - IR imaging



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Si slab

SiO₂



2 µm

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