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Chapter 1 : IOS Press Ebooks - Silicon-based Microphotonics: from Basics to Applications

*Light Emitting Silicon for Microphotonics [Stefano Ossicini, Lorenzo Pavesi, Francesco Priolo, L. Pavesi, F. Priolo] on theinnatdunvilla.com *FREE* shipping on qualifying offers. A fascinating insight into the state-of-the-art in silicon microphotonics and on what we can expect in the near future.*

As chips get faster, the electrons that carry messages through the tiny metal wires within the integrated circuit are having a hard time keeping up. One place where this looming problem is particularly acute is in the ultrafast clocks used to pace computation. Roughly speaking, faster clocks mean faster computing; microprocessors now run at clock rates over one gigahertz a billion pulses per second and are getting faster all the time. The solution, says Kimerling, is tiny pulsed lasers that can distribute the clock signals through the processor chip. It would be a kind of optical network to ferry data around the microprocessor, boosting its capabilities in the same way fiber optics have transformed telecommunications. Other semiconductor materials are good light emitters because when their electrons are kicked up to a higher energy by a current, the electrons can drop right down again and fire off a photon in the process. Pump a lot of electrons rapidly into a higher energy state, and you can make a laser. This is how the semiconductor laser used in a DVD player works, for example. But the laws of physics say that the electrons in silicon cannot travel directly back to a lower state. As a result, the electron usually gives up its energy as heat rather than as light. Other groups have found ways to get silicon itself to emit the desired light. In , Philippe Fauchet and his colleagues at the University of Rochester reported a light-emitting diode made from silicon. The device had an important characteristic: But, says Fauchet, the efficiency of the device in emitting light is too low to interest chip makers. What made this exciting is that amplification is the first step toward making a silicon laser. These silicon-based light-emitting diodes are not optimized for efficiency, Homewood acknowledges, but he says they are only a factor of three away from conventional light-emitting diodes. Despite these tantalizing hints of success, Fauchet says research in light-emitting silicon faces some tough challenges. For a multibillion-dollar chip industry built around silicon, the clock is rapidly ticking toward a way to take that step. Will you lead or follow? Join us at EmTech Digital

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Light Emitting Silicon for Microphotonics offers fascinating insight the state-of-the-art in silicon microphotonics and what we can expect in the near future. The book presents an overview of the current understanding of obtaining light from silicon.

But students graduating in the next few years will enter into an optoelectronics industry that has achieved the seemingly impossible: Silicon microphotonics has boomed in the last few years. Many silicon-based devices have been demonstrated: But not a laser. A silicon laser would, for the first time, allow monolithic integration of photonics and electronics to share the same chip. Despite huge research efforts by groups around the world, a silicon laser â€" the device that promises to revolutionize the optoelectronics industry â€" remains elusive. However, many researchers have made silicon-based LEDs and a few have shown gain. The most interesting aspect of silicon laser research is that no two teams are developing the same technology. Each is trying different and novel approaches in an attempt to squeeze light out of silicon. A laser host Porous silicon was at one time thought to be the answer to the quest for a silicon laser, but after several years of work, researchers have been unable to increase the efficiency of light emission. He and his colleagues used ions of rare-earth metals such as erbium or cerium implanted in a layer of silicon-rich oxide â€" silicon dioxide enriched with silicon nanocrystals 1 to 2 nm in diameter Figure 1. His colleagues used ions of rare-earth metals such as erbium or cerium implanted in a layer of silicon-rich oxide. The frequency of the emitted light depends on the choice of rare-earth dopant â€" 1. These devices will have numerous applications, including motor control, power supplies, solid-state relays and others where the power circuit must handle much higher voltages than the control circuit does. In the longer term, the company is investigating optical data transmission systems as well as low-cost integrated devices for dense wavelength division multiplexing. Although many applications use an LED as a light source, silicon LEDs have slow switching times and some applications need faster modulation. Coffa is confident that building a laser is the solution. This means that, because of the absence of defects, the carriers have no place to recombine and will eventually emit a photon. It has an internal quantum efficiency of 10 percent and an external efficiency of 1 percent â€" approximately the same levels obtained from GaAs devices 10 years ago. These efficiencies were obtained by drastically reducing nonradiative recombinations. High emissivity is obtained using inverted pyramids on the top surface, formed by anisotropic etching. These pyramids not only reduce reflection, but, more importantly, also increase emissivity by trapping weakly absorbed light within the cell. Observers of his work say that the need for ultrapure silicon can be a disadvantage. This is why we are going to make 2-D structures. Due to quantum confinement effects, the bandgap increases and emission at short wavelengths will occur. We expect to get photoluminescence at 0. Using this approach, he hopes to have developed a fully functioning optically pumped silicon laser in five years and an electrically pumped laser in eight. And all this promising work has stemmed from research into photovoltaic cells. Now we have turned the tables and given the microchip industry something to work with. This localization increases the recombination rate of injected carriers. The resultant LED has a tunable wavelength between 1. He has started a company, Si Light Technologies, to commercialize the work and is looking for funding, he said. Of the other approaches, he is most skeptical about silicon nanocrystals. We even patented the approach. But we could not get sensible charge injection into the nanocrystals because they are based on silicon dioxide. Our new silicon-based approach does not have these problems. His group has made silicon LEDs by layering amorphous silicon with silicon dioxide and using an annealing process to turn the amorphous silicon into an array of silicon nanocrystals. Silicon nanocrystals emit visible light at room temperature, and the emission band depends on the mean size of the nanocrystals: The emission band shows a blue shift and a narrowing as their size decreases. The mechanism for this luminescence is still being debated, but Pavesi believes that the emission originates in nanocrystals that are coated with a stressed silica shell. This enhances the formation of interface oxygen-related states on the surface of the silicon nanocrystals, which emit when excited. Although this approach has been successful for Pavesi, he said that not all the physics behind the technology is completely understood. The light gray lines are the Si barriers, the dark gray lines are

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SiGe 80 percent Ge and, where the scale is indicated, SiGe 50 percent Ge. The small dots are atoms. He has a system â€" the quantum cascade laser â€" that is well-understood and that theoretically will produce a laser with very high efficiencies Figures 4 and 5. But, practically, his group still has a long way to go before it demonstrates a laser. The white line is the waveguide, and along the waveguide are the top metal electrodes dark gray. The light gray rectangles are the bottom electrodes. Most of the black surface is a silicon-nitride insulating layer. The group recently published a paper showing electroluminescence from quantum cascade structures. But the scientists have used strain compensation techniques on samples consisting of up to 50 periods about quantum wells and redesigned the active region. Using these devices, Faist believes population inversion may be possible. Population inversion is the next milestone in the race to develop a silicon laser. But although all the aforementioned researchers believe that population inversion â€" and therefore a laser â€" will be possible, Coffa believes that there is one parameter that many have not considered. But for most other applications, milliwatts of power are needed, and I am not sure if this can be achieved by any of the groups working on a silicon laser. Output power, efficiencies, optical gain and radiative recombination rates need to be increased if the silicon laser is to become a reality. But if one takes into account that modern gas lasers operate with very low gain and modern solid-state lasers have low radiation decay rates, the prospect of a visible silicon laser becomes more realistic. Efficient silicon light-emitting diodes. An efficient room-temperature silicon-based light-emitting diode. Optical gain in silicon nanocrystals. Electroluminescence from strain-compensated Si0. Silicon is an indirect bandgap material. Light emission is via a phonon-mediated process with low probabilities: Spontaneous recombination lifetimes are in the millisecond range. In standard bulk silicon, competitive nonradiative recombination rates are much higher than the radiative ones, and more of the excited electron-hole pairs recombine nonradiatively. This yields very low internal quantum efficiencies for bulk silicon luminescence. In addition, fast nonradiative processes such as Auger or free-carrier adsorption prevent population inversion for silicon optical transitions at the high pumping rates needed to achieve optical amplification.

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It brought together 15 lecturers and 50 students from all over the world. All participants were engaged in a common goal: Introductory and more specialistic lectures were presented. The different devices needed for an all-Si-based optoelectronics were treated, spanning from light sources to waveguides, from amplifiers and modulators to detectors. During the School both the very basic theoretical treatments as well as applications to real prototype devices and integration in an optical integrated circuit were presented. The enormous progresses made in the last few years in this fast developing field were so evident that further breakthroughs are predicted for the near future. This was particularly clear since many presentations gave a historical overview on how improvements proceeded in this last period and the gap between the initial stages and the latest results was evident. Among the discussed new results, we can mention the stable and efficient emission in Si-rich silicon dioxide devices, the 10 MHz room temperature modulation in Er-doped light-emitting diodes, the narrow and directional emission in porous Si microcavities, the very intense enhanced emission in rare-earth-doped nanocrystals, the gain in Erdoped waveguide amplifiers, etc. An Si-based laser is not out of sight. Many still unresolved problems have been also underlined: During the School attendees had also the opportunity to present results in specially devoted sessions and they could discuss them with the lecturers. The economics and impact of this field was also taken into account in a special presentation by P. Malinverni of the European Commission, where the point of view of the European Community was given. The atmosphere of the School was one of enthusiasm. This was also true thanks to the marvellous location in Villa Monastero and to the kindness ;1nd efficiency of the Italian Physical Society staff. In particular we would like to thank E. Mazzi and all of the staff in the secretariat. These Proceedings collect the lectures reported during the School. They give a state-of-the-art picture of Si-based optoelectronics and will represent an important tool for all those researchers intending to work in this fascinating field. In fact, due to its mature technology and to the continuous improvements in the scale integration, this semiconductor is able to satisfy the increasing demand for higher complexity integrated circuits. There is no doubt that the silicon technology will dominate the semiconductor market for at least two more decades. At the same time optoelectronics, especially optocommunication, has entered a long term growth phase. Due to its indirect bandgap and to the absence of linear electro-optic effects, Si has been considered unsuitable for optoelectronic applications which remain the domain of III-V semiconductors and glass fibers. Several applications, such as optical interconnections at the chip-to-chip level, require integration of electrical and optical functions on the same device. This hybrid integration is realized by attaching distinct optical components onto Si electronic circuits through a solder bonding technique. This requires a precise alignment between the different components and results in high packaging costs. Alternatively, monolithic growth of III-V semiconductor optical devices on the Si circuit has been explored. This approach guarantees a better positioning accuracy and potentially has a small additional cost. Finally, it should be noted that the manufacturing of these optoelectronic devices requires a simultaneous know how of processing of both Si and III-V semiconductors. Therefore, any successful step to realize discrete and integrated optoelectronic functions directly in silicon has very favorable economic perspectives and industrial relevance. This would allow to use the low cost and mature VLSI technology to fabricate optoelectronic devices and would attract the attention of Si device industries. Many new experimental and theoretical contributions recently came from academia, research laboratories and industry, demonstrating that Si-based optoelectronics is an active rapidly developing field where inputs from both materials scientists as well as engineers are needed to solve the physical problems and to transform good ideas into real working devices. The main limiting step towards an Si-based optoelectronics has been the absence of efficient light sources. Recently a strong effort has been devoted to study all those processes able to circumvent the physical inability of silicon to emit efficiently light. Since the discovery of light emission from porous silicon made in by Leigh Canham, a lot of work has been devoted in studying silicon nanostructures. These comprehend not only porous silicon but also nanocrystals produced by several techniques, as well as siliconinsulator multilayers. The initial problems related to the instability of the luminescence yield have finally been solved and today reliable, stable structures, compatible with the silicon technology have been fabricated. In particular, a group at the Rochester University has now produced silicon-rich silicon dioxide electroluminescent devices integrated with silicon microelectronic circuitry. Alternative approaches comprehend the doping of silicon with rare earths. In this case the luminescence is due to an internal 41 shell transition of the rare earth ion excited through electron-hole recombinations within the silicon matrix. The initial problems related to erbium incorporation and luminescence quenching have been now understood and can be maintained under control. This led to the fabrication of Er: Si devices operating at room temperature, with efficiencies of 0. The last approach to appear in the scientific arena is that of iron disilicide. In its beta phase, this silicide is semicoducting with a direct bandgap and its capabilities in competing with other approaches are under investigation. Also other elements to build an Si-based optoelectronics are of major importance. Waveguides are now built directly within silicon with low losses. Moreover waveguide amplifiers in several materials compatible with silicon processing have now been fabricated and present net optical gain. For instance, Er doping of several waveguide materials such as Al2O3, sodalime silica glasses and polymers holds high potentialities for an Si-based optoelectronics since these materials with excellent optical properties can be deposited directly on Si. Also in the case of silicon processing compatible modulators and detectors the progresses are enormous. For instance, fast and efficient detectors in the visible region have been fabricated by metal-semiconductor-metal structures using a buried epitaxial cobalt disilicide layer and detectors in the infrared region are not out of sight by using epitaxial SiGe layers. Indeed the evolution in Si-based optoelectronics has been extremely fast in these last few years and it is predicted that this growth will still continue in the near future. The integration of Si-based optical functions with microelectronic circuitry is no longer a dream but reality. The present book is a collection of reviews on the different aspects of Si-based optoelectronics written by some of the major experts in the field. We think it gives a fascinating picture of the state-of-the-art in Si microphotonics and a perspective on what we can expect in the near future. For these reasons we hope this book might be useful not only to graduate students but also to all those researchers involved in this field.

Chapter 4 : Silicon Lasers - MIT Technology Review

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