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Advanced manufacturing of dielectric meta-devices

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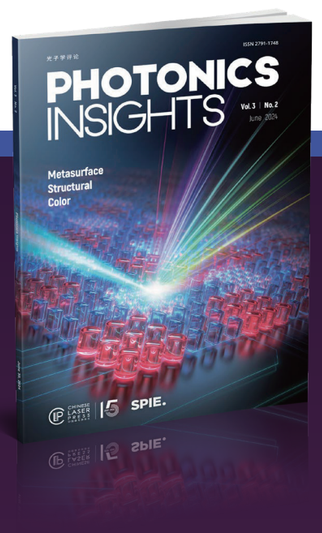
- Outline
  - Introduction
    - Nanofabrication Technology Enables structures less than 30 nm, transforming metasurface research.
    - Metasurfaces 2D metamaterials with subwavelength structures (meta-atoms) for wavefront control.
      - Plasmonic Metal nanoantennas (Au, Ag), limited by ohmic losses.
      - Dielectric High-refractive-index materials (TiO_2, Si, Si_3N_4, GaAs) with Mie resonance for low-loss optical devices.
  - Resonant Mechanisms in Dielectric Metasurfaces
    - Mie Resonance Depends on particle sizeshape, enabling electricmagnetic multipole modes.
    - Key Materials
      - Silicon Dominant in visibleNIR; CMOS-compatible but suffers from short-wavelength losses.
      - TiO_2 High refractive index (~2.87–2.31), transparent in visible; used for high-efficiency metasurfaces.
      - Others Si_3N_4, GaN, Ge, Te, HfO_2 for UV–IR applications.
    - Design Principle Tune geometric parameters to achieve ultranarrow linewidth resonances (e.g., BICs).
  - Nanofabrication Techniques
    - Standard Nanolithography
      - Electron Beam Lithography (EBL)
        - Advantages Sub-nm resolution, design flexibility.
        - Process Resist patterning via electron beam → Etching or Lift-off for Si or TiO_2 structures.
        - Examples Silicon metasurfaces for structural color, TiO_2 nanofins for holograms.
      - Focused Ion Beam (FIB) Lithography
        - High precision for planar or 3D structures but slower speed.
      - Laser Lithography
        - Moderate resolution, suitable for large-scale patterns but limited complexity.
    - Advanced Nanolithography
      - Grayscale Lithography Achieves height-variation patterns via dose-controlled exposure.
      - Scanning Probe Lithography (SPL) Nanoscale feature definition using localized probes.
    - Large-Scale Nanolithography
      - Nanoimprint Lithography Low-cost, high-throughput replication of patterns.
      - Deep Ultraviolet (DUV) Lithography Wafer-scale production with moderate resolution.
    - Extreme Nanofabrication
      - High-Aspect-Ratio Structures EBL + reactive ion etching (RIE) for vertical features.
      - Flexible Metasurfaces PDMS substrates with EBL-defined nanostructures.
      - Slanted Structures or Multilayer Structures Layer-by-layer lithography.
  - Challenges and Future Directions
    - Trade-off between resolution, cost, and throughput for commercial viability.
    - Material Tolerance Improve roughness control for ultranarrow resonances.
    - Emerging Techniques Molecular self-assembly, roll-to-roll processing for mass production.
    - Novel Materials Development of UV-efficient dielectrics (e.g., HfO_2, ZrO_2).



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