

Emerging Multi-functional and High-Performance Metamaterials for Biosensing

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"I can't see what exactly would happen,

but when we have some control of the arrangement of things in the small scale,

we will get an enormously greater range of possible properties that substances can have."





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1950s

Silicon Transistor

1 Transistor



1960s

16 Transistors



8-bit Microprocessor



4500 Transistors

1980s 32-bit

Microprocessor

275,000

Transistors

32-bit Microprocessor



1990s

3,100,000 Transistors 2000s

64-bit Microprocessor



592,000,000 Transistors



3072-Core GPU



8,000,000,000 Transistors

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Image Source: Computer History Museum

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About META



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The META Timeline

- 2021 1st Metamaterial Company on NASDAQ
- 2011 META Founded
- 2000 Negative Refraction Demonstrated
- 1968 Veselago's Paper
- 1865 Maxwell's Equations
- 1492 AD America Discovered
- 55 BCE Romans invade Britain
- 776 BCE First Olympiad
- 3000 BCE Great Pyramid Built
- 10,000 BCE Farming
- 200,000 BCE Early Humans







Global Footprint

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Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada Head Office Research and development Manufacturing facility

London, England, United Kingdom EU Europe Sales office Research and Development

Boston, MA, Unite States USA HQ

Pleasanton, California, United States U.S.A. sales office Research and development head office

Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan Cornes Technologies Ltd. Japan sales office

Copenhagen, Denmark SATAIR (Airbus subsidiary) Sales distribution partner

META Applications

Functional Films for the People





metaAIR[®] Laser Glare Protection Eyewear





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Augmented Reality





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Augmented Reality: ARfusion[™] & holoOPTIX[™]



- Illumination expansion
- Beam geometry shaping
- Illumination structures: diffuse, uniform, structured light, etc.
- Polarization control
- Optical power for light condensing and collection
- Wavelength diversity
- Angular diversity
- Multiplexed optical functions
- Switchable optical functions
- SERS integration: pump beam management and signal collection

Films in Casted Lenses

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Outdoor 5G Coverage Enhancement



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Indoor Coverage Enhancement



NANOWEB[®] 5G Antennas





Transparent Microwave Doors





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UEFA Euro Cup Tickets

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Biosensing Applications

Seeing through the skin



Microscopy (Fluorescence and Colour Imaging) METF





Thermo Fisher Scientific EVOS XL Core Imaging System

Improvements to fluorescence and color imaging system:

- Lasers form factor, image brightness, wavelength diversity, DOE-enablement
- Homogenization phase randomization for uniform illumination
- Diffractive condensers precise beam shaping, precise beam-shaping solutions
- Dichroic beam splitters separated of source and fluorescent wavelengths
- Thin imaging optics more advanced nanostructures can replace imaging lenses
- Compact form factors smartphone application enablement



Laser/LED

Sample

Output Coupler

Waveguide

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Raman Spectroscopy for Infectious Diseases

PROBLEM: Current gold standard equipment is very expensive, and too bulky to be brought to the patient, let alone scalable to a personal device. Current equipment is unsuitable for deployment in GP surgeries, pharmacies or care homes or for the large-scale testing.







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SOLUTION:

- Compact low cost solutions for consumer applications, e.g. Covid-19 detection
- Optical function compression and thin form factor for smartphone integration
- Efficient integration of SERS and nanostructures
- Laser beam delivery using switching gratings
- Compact application-customized nanostructure-based spectrometer solutions

Focus Application

Non-Invasive Glucose Sensing





Monitoring Glucose as a Type 1



Recommended: 8-10 readings per day

Average: 5 readings per day

MediWise survey of diabetes patients (600) October 2013

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GlucoWise Wearable Biosensor





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Technology

Impedance Matching for Skin



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Biosensing w/ Impedance Matching





Simulation Results



Relative power changes in the dissipated, reflected and transmitted power

H. Cano-García, P. Kosmas, E. Kallos, "Metamaterial Antireflection Coating for Biological Tissues at Millimeter Waves"," 6th International Conference on Metamaterials, Photonic Crystals and Plasmonics (META'15), 2015. (Chapter 5)





Transmission Through an Acrylic Slab



Transmission Through a Pig Ear



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Transmission through Human Tissue





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Thank You!

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