
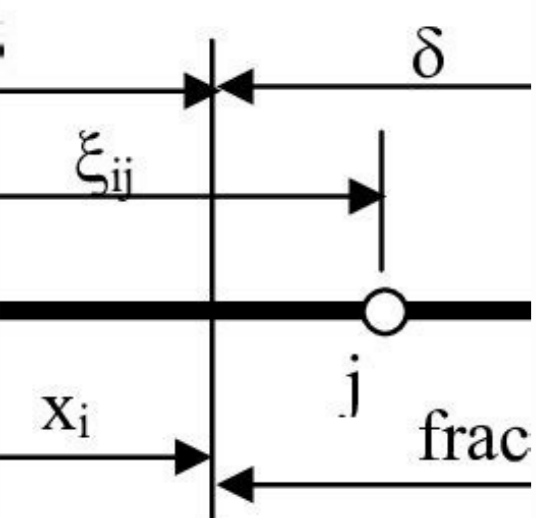
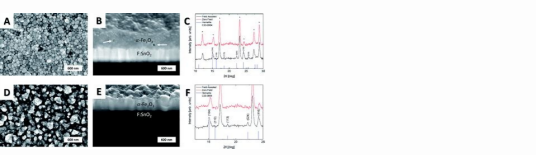
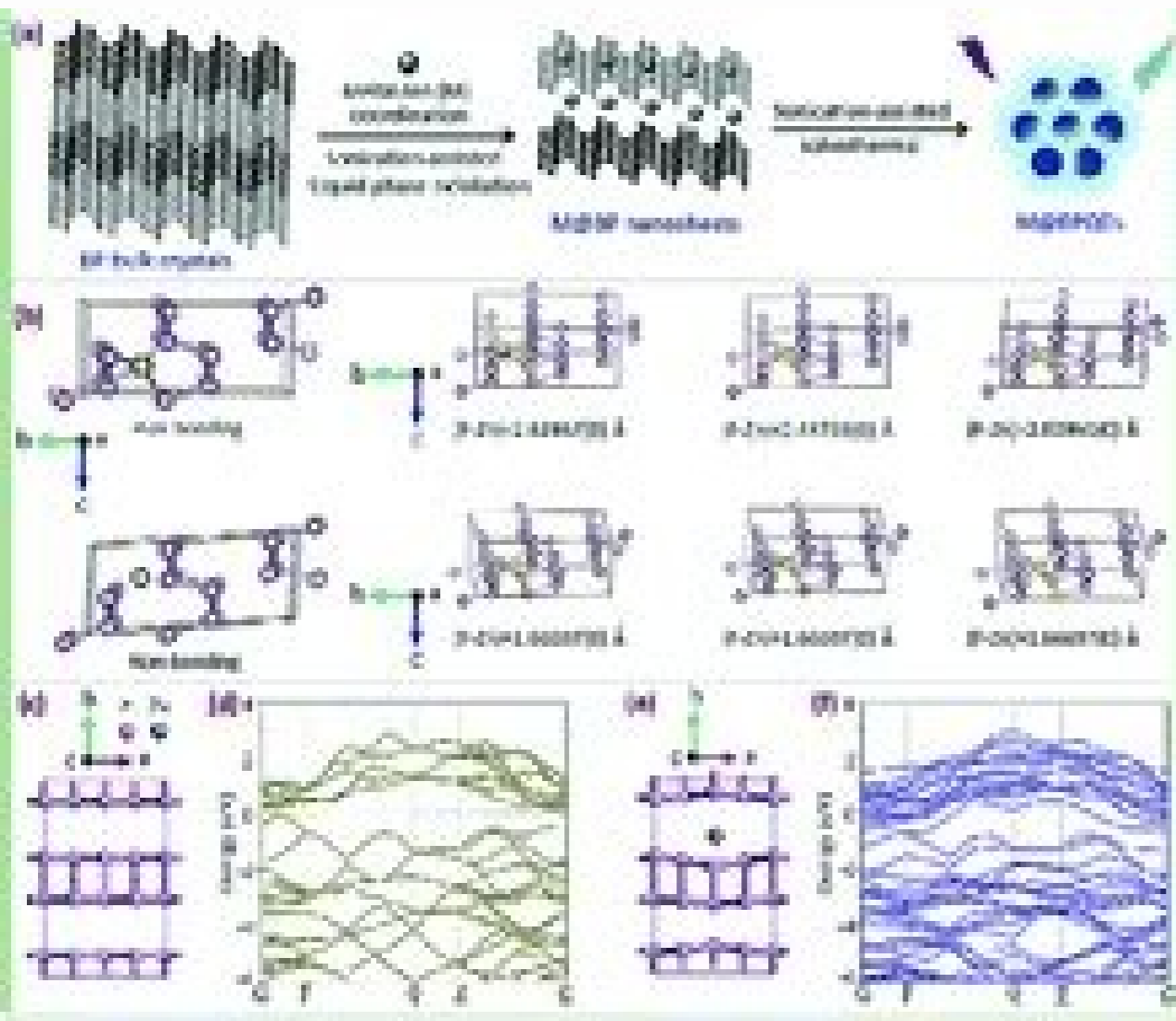
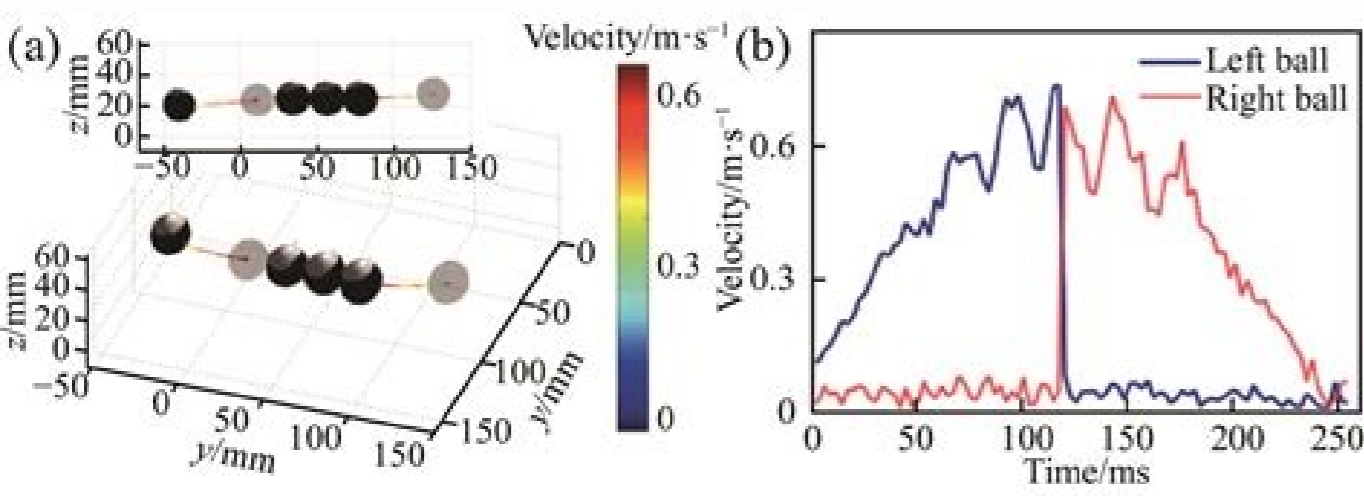


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This allows us to fairly decrease the thickness of the PCM layer without compromising the optical performance. δ_{ij} represent the normally incident light coupled to $(i, j) = (1, 0)$ LR-SPP mode of the phase-change metasurface. It then optimizes these two similarity measures based on a predefined cost function. δ_{ij} display that, for all three phases of GST, variation of $d\lambda$ negligibly affects the location of the resonance dip, as predicted by Eq. 1, which ascertains the existence of the LR-SPP mode in the lower wavelengths. Along with the LR-SPP mode, when the phase-change metasurface is illuminated by an x-polarized beam, the nanodisk, and adjacent layers can be modeled as a Fabry-Pérot resonator supporting the SR-SPP mode with a resonantly enhanced field at the interface of the Au nanodisk and the top Al₂O₃ layer. M. To corroborate the design strategy, the statistical distribution of experimentally measured reflectance spectra over 50 consecutive cycles of crystallization-amorphization is displayed in Fig. 2c (see Supplementary Fig. 2). The application of a thin PCM layer is necessary for the realization of a repeatable and reliable amorphization process while avoiding elemental segregation as a typical failure mechanism of PCMs during melt-quenching^{19,21}. Another grand challenge is the realization of sufficiently fast cooling rate of PCMs in the amorphization process. Evidently, a pronounced tuning range is achieved upon multi-state conversion of GST using electrical pulses with small voltages. In addition, our architecture significantly reduces the deformation of the meta-atoms caused by inevitable heating of the alternative resistive microheaters³³ that use plasmonic materials like silver with low melting temperature. 8, 1 (2017).ADS Google Scholar Kamali, S. 6, 1 (2015). A scanning electron microscope (SEM) image of the heterostructure metadvice and a bird's-eye view of the metasurface consisting of an array of 17×17 identical meta-atoms are depicted in Fig. 2a(ii) and a(iii), respectively. First, the heterostructure metadvice platform formed by the integration of a robust microheater underneath the metasurface enables uniform electrothermal phase conversion without adding excessive dissipative loss to the optical device. Google Scholar Maaten, L. Nano-electronic programmable synapses based on phase change materials for brain-inspired computing. Alii acknowledges support from Air Force Office of Scientific Research and the Simons Foundation. Light: Science & Applications (2022) By submitting a comment you agree to abide by our Terms and Community Guidelines. White dashed lines in Supplementary Fig. 3, we use technologically mature GST that provides highest index contrast among all PCMs at the near-infrared (near-IR) spectral range. For the full crystallization of the GST film in the meta-deflector, we apply a 1.05 V set pulse with 200 μ s-long double exponential waveform to the Au pads connected to the microheater. In situ optical measurements Experimental optical measurements is performed by directly measuring the intensity of the reflected light from the surface of the fabricated device installed on a xyz-translation stage (see Fig. 2b). Nonvolatile programmable silicon photonics using an ultra-low-loss sb₂Se₃ phase change material. By fully converting the state of GST using electrical Joule heating, a significant index contrast can be observed (see Supplementary Fig. 10, 396 (2019).ADS PubMed Central Google Scholar Abdollahramezani, S. To verify the material state of GST, we benefit from confocal Raman microscopy to study the Raman scattering of the A-GST/C-GST film after applying set/reset pulses. & Faron, A. Relevant data supporting the key findings of this study are available within the article and the Supplementary Information file. Data visualization by nonlinear dimensionality reduction. Res. Reaching 80% optical efficiency, our platform outperforms the recently developed reflector-absorber PCM-switches^{32,33}. 27, 4597 (2015).CAS PubMed Google Scholar Lettis, A. Tunable mid-infrared phase-change metasurface. The field profiles in the x-z cross section of a meta-atom in Fig. 3c show excitation of the SR-SPP mode and LR-SPP mode for $\lambda_1 = 1407$ nm and $\lambda_2 = 1600$ nm, respectively. Science 343, 160 (2014).ADS MathSciNet CAS PubMed MATH Google Scholar Huang, Y.-W. A switchable mid-infrared plasmonic perfect absorber with multispectral thermal imaging capability. et al. To enable the benefits of ranking the importance of design parameters in achieving the maximum modulation depth at 1550 nm (with 10% bandwidth) upon switching from A-GST to C-GST, we employ a feature-selection algorithm, namely the wrapper method⁴³. Mems-tunable dielectric metasurface lens. An introduction to variable and feature selection. Rev. Data Min. Such a highly confined mode is excited in virtue of constructive interference of propagating waves between the two lateral end-faces of the nanodisk. Optical metasurfaces, planar devices comprising densely arranged arrays of patterned nanostructures, extend most functionalities realized by conventional bulky optical components by imparting arbitrary spatial and spectral transformations on incident light waves^{1,2,3}. Light: Sci. L. Light propagation with phase discontinuities: generalized laws of reflection and refraction. 5, 51 (2015). 52). More importantly, with average 82% reflectance in the reflective mode, our platform surpasses the state-of-the-art electrically tunable PCM meta-switches^{32,33}. A low-power beam (to prevent the conversion of GST during measurements) from a fiber-coupled light source is focused on the device using a $\times 50$ Achromatic near-IR objective lens with numerical aperture of 0.42. S6a fairly follows the trend of dashed lines as p increases, which corroborates the LR-SPP nature of the lower wavelength mode. Upon applying to a high-dimensional but well-clustered data set, t-SNE tends to generate a visual embedding with distinctly isolated clusters. Figure 5a represents three-dimensional (3D) embeddings of reflectance responses of the metasurface in Fig. 1a with different structural parameters for both A-GST and C-GST cases. 16, 667 (2021).ADS CAS PubMed Google Scholar Yamada, N., Ohno, E., Nishihuchi, K., Akahira, N. b Real-time voltage of the applied "set" and "reset" pulses (solid blue lines) and the corresponding temperature responses (dashed red lines) in the center of the GST film for (i) full crystallization and (ii) amorphization processes. S116) is also used in our calculations. Amongst existing PCMs, archetypal compound germanium antimony telluride (Ge₂Sb₂Te₅ or GST for short) has been vastly exploited in commercial rewritable optical disk storage technology and phase-change electronic memory applications exhibits attractive intrinsic features including non-volatility (long retention time of at least 10 years), ultrafast switching speed (10–100 s of ns), high switching robustness (potentially up to 1012 cycles), considerable scalability (down to nanometer-scale lengths), low energy transition (down to a few aJ/nm³), compatibility with CMOS processes, and good thermal stability, among others^{17,18,19,20,21,22,23}. The simulated deflection intensities as a function of the steering angle, displayed in 2D maps in Fig. 4c(i), (cii), are in good agreement with the calculated angles from the theory. I. Core-level spectra of elements are plotted in Supplementary Fig. d. As shown in Fig. 1b(i), the low-voltage set pulse with 200 μ s-long double exponential waveform and a peak voltage of 1.7 V heats amorphous GST (A-GST for short) above the crystallization temperature ($\sim 160^\circ\text{C}$) for a sufficiently long time to ensure full nucleation and formation of monolithic crystalline islands. 31, 1901033 (2019).Gholipour, B. S18 show Bragg peaks verifying the face-centered cubic configuration of C-GST. In situ electrical characterization In our experiments, Supplemental Fig. Here, we demonstrate a reconfigurable phase-gradient metasurface, called meta-deflector, to selectively steer the incident light to the +1st/0th diffracted order when GST is in its amorphous/crystalline state. The meta-deflector is formed by a 2D array of supercells each consisting of a linear arrangement of 7 meta-atoms (IEN), a member of the National Nanotechnology Coordinated Infrastructure (NNCI), which is supported by NSF (ECCS1542174). 12, 2179 (2012).ADS CAS PubMed Google Scholar Zhang, Y. Nat. Commun. 5, 569 (2014).ADS CAS PubMed Central Google Scholar Zhang, Y. 3. Multi-state operation of the active phase-change metasurface. (i) Measured and (ii) simulated color-coded reflectance spectra of the programmed meta-switch with A-GST (i.e., 0% crystallization fraction), C-GST (i.e., 100% crystallization fraction), and 4 accessed intermediate states (with 20% crystallization steps). Nanophotonics, 9, 1189 (2020).CAS Google Scholar Michel, A.-K. By switching the state of GST from amorphous to crystalline, we can selectively control the amount of the optical power concentrated into the +1st and the 0th order of diffraction. S1 Fig. 55), which further broadens and dampens the existing resonance modes. Google Scholar Wittig, M., Bhaskaran, H. The parameters of contributed materials are taken from four-point probe measurements and existing experimental data in the literature (see Supplementary Note 1 for details). Numerical simulations Full-wave simulations are carried out using the commercial finite element method (COMSOL Multiphysics) and verified by the finite integral technique software CST Microwave Studio. The short pulse used in the latter biasing scheme avoids unwanted material flow during amorphization. With such record optical contrast, unprecedented ultrawide spectral tuning range, and potential fast switching operation, our platform outperforms many existing works relying on electro-optical, electro-mechanical, and thermo-optic effects³⁸. Fig. The reflectance maps in Supplementary Fig. Starting from an empty feature subset, the algorithm sequentially adds each of the structural parameters as a candidate to the subset and performs cross-validation by repeatedly calculating the evaluation criterion until the stopping condition is reached. The electric field magnitude profile in Fig. 3c (and flowlines of the Poynting vector in Supplementary Fig. 4a) following the working principle of phase-gradient metasurfaces³⁹. Spectral properties of plasmonic resonator antennas. Wiley Interdiscip. 44. Theoretical modeling Upon scattering of the incident light by the nanodisks array, the in-plane component of the wavevector, i.e., $k_{\parallel}(\lambda)$, matches that of the LR-SPP mode whose dispersion can be described by Bragg's equation⁴⁰ $k_{\parallel}(\lambda) = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \sin \theta$. $k_{\parallel}(\lambda) = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \sin \theta$ is the wavevector of the LR-SPP mode. $k_{\parallel}(\lambda) = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \sin \theta$ is the angle of incidence with respect to the normal direction (z in Fig. 1a(i)). $k_{\parallel}(\lambda) = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \sin \theta$ are the Bragg vectors associated with the two orthogonal lattices of the metasurface, i and j are the integers accounting for the orders of the scattering event, and LR-SPP(λ) is the wavevector of the LR-SPP mode. The measured 95% confidence intervals (shaded areas) of ± 1 and $\pm 7.5\%$ for the reflective and absorptive state, respectively, verify the highly reproducible switching process. Chalcogenides by design: Functionality through meta-atom bonding and confinement. The far-field radiation patterns for 3 different wavelengths presented in Fig. 4e justify anomalous to specular reflection operation upon switching the state of GST from amorphous to crystalline. 29, 1806181 (2019). The reset pulse has a leading/trailing edge of ~ 10 ns that is generated by Tektronix AFG3252C function generator and delivered to ENI 510L RF power amplifier before applying to the device. S15) In our calculations, Phase-change materials for non-volatile photonic applications. Explore content We also leverage X-ray crystallography to determine the atomic structure of GST in its extreme phases. We further experimentally demonstrate an electrically reconfigurable phase-change gradient metasurface capable of steering an incident light beam into different diffraction orders. El-Sayed, Eric Pop <https://doi.org/10.1038/nature20000> (2019).Yu, X. X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy is performed to study the existing elements and determine the binding energies of the core electrons. In this regard, dynamically tunable hybrid plasmonic-PCM metasurfaces offer high potentials for engineering both the amplitude and phase properties of incident light waves enabling switching and beam steering applications. Sample preparation The electrically driven programmable metasurfaces are implemented through a series of standard and customized fabrication processes (see the flow diagram in Supplementary Fig. A 2D monitor is used in the free space above the metasurface to record the reflected light amplitude and phase. The slight discrepancy can be ascribed to the high refractive index of GST that fundamentally limits the excitation of higher diffraction orders, as a source of adding extra momentum to the incident light to excite the LR-SPP mode, in the intermediate layers. c Inspection of the normalized magnetic field magnitude and electric field magnitude at the resonance wavelengths of the meta-switch with 80%-crystalline GST (in panel (a)(ii)) in the x-z plane of a meta-atom. To quantitatively analyze the crystallization kinetics upon electrical pulse excitation, we compare the measured reflectance spectra with simulated ones for different crystallization fractions of GST, whose optical properties are approximated using an effective medium theory (see Supplementary Note 2). Co-located in situ optical and electrical measurements are carried out while the metasurface under the microscope is connected to the external signal generators with a high frequency infinity probe. As shown in Fig. 2e, the normalized Raman spectra for the two randomly chosen conversion cycles exhibit a similar trend: possessing a rather broad peak in the amorphous state and a dual-band peak upon transition to the crystalline state. Express 16, 16529 (2008).ADS Google Scholar Shportko, K. A coupled multiphysics model including the Electric Currents module, for simulating the electrical current profile, and Heat Transfer in the Solid module, for calculating the heating exchange and temperature distribution, is employed. Moreover, our platform enables three orders-of-magnitude faster registration of the crystalline state with lower dynamic power in GST in comparison to other platforms using emerging PCMs with slow response time such as GSST³². Active multi-state tuning of the phase-change metasurface Besides the binary-level switching, distinctive and stable intermediate crystallographic states of GST, in virtue of its giant index contrast, non-volatile, and nucleation-dominant characteristics, hold the promise for multi-state switching operation. (ii) Reflectance (left axis) and phase shift (right axis) of the scattered field from the meta-atom as a function of the Au nanodisk diameter. 15, 870 (2016).ADS CAS PubMed Google Scholar Kuzum, D., Jayasingh, R. Inset: a generic scheme of atomic distribution of partial crystalline GST (P-GST), fully crystalline GST (C-GST), and amorphous GST (A-GST) after mid-annealing by applying a low low-intensity pulse, hard-annealing by applying a long medium-intensity pulse, and melt-quenching by applying a short high-intensity pulse. Note that this conclusion is made through the learning process without adding any physical a priori knowledge. Highly tunable elastic dielectric metasurface lenses. In contrast, the coupling of accumulated charges at both lateral end-faces of the nanodisk can form a pronounced electric dipole resonance at λ_2 . Opt. e Raman scattering spectra of the GST film after applying two consecutive cycles of set/reset electrical pulses. Google Scholar Yin, X. It is seen that for case (i), the corresponding color-coded circles are fairly centered in the 3D embeddings while for case (ii), the magenta shapes are distinguishably expanded over the 3D latent space. Representation learning: A review and new perspectives. Spatiotemporal light control with active metasurfaces. Light: Sci. By encountering the two truncations of the resonator, the SR-SPP mode is partially scattered into free-space modes and partially reflected back at each interface. Advanced optical programming of individual meta-atoms beyond the effective medium approach. Active control of anapole states by structuring the phase-change alloy ge 2 sb 2 te 5. d Angled SEM image of the fabricated sample with false-colored Au nanodisks in a supercell defined by the dashed box. & Hinton, G. 32, 1908302 (2020). Science 364, eaat3100 (2019).Yu, X. X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy is performed to study the existing elements and determine the binding energies of the core electrons. In this regard, new efficient material platforms improving the dynamic range of amplitude and phase modulations, facilitating the pixel-level programming, enhancing the efficiency and broadband quarter-wave plates by gap-plasmon resonators. Next separate steps involve electron beam (e-beam) lithography to define the patterns of the microheater/probing pads followed by RF sputtering of a 50 nm-thick W layer/e-beam evaporation of a 100 nm-thick Au layer and ultimately a lift-off process. All-dielectric programmable Huygens metasurfaces. & Wong, H.-S. Tauc-Lorentz and Cody-Lorentz⁴⁷ are chosen as fitting models with optical bandgap, oscillator width, Lorentz oscillator amplitude, resonance energy, and Urbach energy as fitting parameters. Small differences with simulated results are mainly attributed to the discrepancy between the thermal properties of fabricated and simulated materials, the parasitic resistances associated with the probing pads and contacts, random resistance variation of the W patch, and the thermal boundary resistance between contributed materials. We further quantitatively investigate the crystallization fractions of GST in different intermediate states as a function of the induced temperature (see Supplementary Note 1 and Fig. Despite impressive progress in the realization of tunable metasurfaces, most existing demonstrations suffer from limitations including relatively weak optical modulation strength (due to low quality-factor (Q) nanoantenna), low optical performance (imposed by excessive material losses), low-speed modulation (limited by the intrinsic properties of tunable materials), and/or challenging manufacturing (on account of non-complementary metal oxide semiconductor (CMOS)-friendly fabrication processes). The key concept is to form an easy-to-interpret low-dimensional representation of the structured data with the end goal of unveiling data points with unusual attributes, demystifying the underlying connections, and revealing the governing patterns. The refractive index of Al₂O₃ and GST used in the simulations are obtained through spectroscopic ellipsometry measurements (see Supplementary Note 2 and Fig. Commun. (ii) Cross section view of the heterostructure metadvice. S5). Mater. Phase-change materials for rewritable data storage. For the former, the voltage pulses features zero width and leading/trailing edge of 100 μ s resolution imposed by the limitations of the source measurement unit (Keithley 2614B). Multi-level electro-thermal switching of optical phase-change materials using graphene. The codes that support

