

Custom Process for Low-Loss Planar Waveguides in Security Applications



AI Overview

Low-loss planar waveguides for security applications can be achieved through careful material selection, optimized waveguide geometry, and CMOS-compatible fabrication processes such as LPCVD, TriPleX, or Photonic Damascene techniques. Materials and Core-Cladding Selection Ultra-low-loss planar waveguides rely on high optical transparency and low scattering materials. Common choices include Si₃N₄-core with SiO₂ cladding or Ta₂O₅-core with SiO₂ cladding, which provide high index contrast and low propagation loss across visible to infrared wavelengths. Ta₂O₅ cores, in particular, allow for enhanced nonlinear optical performance and reduced propagation loss compared to Si₃N₄, making them suitable for high-precision sensing and secure optical communications. Fabrication Techniques Several fabrication processes are used to achieve low-loss waveguides: Low-Pressure Chemical Vapor Deposition (LPCVD): Alternating layers of Si₃N₄ and SiO₂ are deposited to form high-contrast waveguides with low channel attenuation. LPCVD allows precise control of modal birefringence and waveguide geometry, which is critical for minimizing loss in tight bends and cascaded structures. TriPleX Process: A CMOS-compatible process that enables waveguides to operate from visible to infrared wavelengths with channel attenuation ≤ 0.06 dB/cm and low insertion loss, suitable for high-density photonic integration. Photonic Damascene Process: Used for Si₃N₄ waveguides, this process reduces sidewall roughness and scattering, achieving ultra-low propagation losses and enabling integration with active components. Design Considerations Minimizing loss requires balancing optical confinement and interface scattering. Key strategies include: Optimizing waveguide cross-section to reduce sidewall scattering while maintaining tight mode confinement. Using annealing and refined core deposition t...

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Fabrication techniques for low loss silicon nitride waveguides

An optimized process was developed for Si₃N₄/SiO₂ waveguide manufacturing so as to produce very low loss waveguide devices in a fully operational CMOS fabrication line.

Ultra-Low Loss Si₃N₄ Planar Waveguide Platform and Applications

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In CMOS process, low pressure chemical vapor deposition (LPCVD) is one of the common methods to prepare silicon nitride films with low intrinsic loss and good repeatability. The

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In this paper an effective top-down route is developed to fabricate SiO₂-HfO₂:Er³⁺ planar waveguides with mechanical flexibility and low optical losses via RF-sputtering.

Low-loss optical waveguides made with a high-loss material

Planar waveguides with low loss that are fully compatible with existing photonic circuit fabrication techniques are missing. Furthermore, it has been overlooked that such waveguides

Ultra-low loss SOI waveguide crossings designed by a hybrid global ...

Abstract We demonstrate an ultra-low loss single-mode silicon waveguide crossing and an ultra-compact and ultra-low loss polarization-insensitive silicon waveguide crossing using a hybrid

Optical meta-waveguides for integrated photonics and beyond

Brief physical fundamentals with explicit design methods and representative applications for meta-waveguides are comprehensively summarized.

Additive manufacturing of planar waveguides for

Abstract and Figures The emerging planar photonic crystal (PC) and effective medium (EM) waveguides are considered promising technical platforms

Ultra-Low-Loss Silicon Waveguides for

Integrated ultra-low-loss waveguides are highly desired for integrated photonics to enable applications that require long delay lines, high-Q resonators,

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We describe the process and test and measurement results, and compare them with LPCVD nitride, and the potential for future use of this process technology.

Low loss, high contrast planar optical waveguides

Abstract A new class of integrated optical waveguide structures ("TriPleX") is presented, based on low cost CMOS-compatible LPCVD

Low-loss optical waveguides made with a high-loss material

Based on subwavelength gratings, here, we show that it is possible to create broadband, multimode waveguides with very low propagation losses despite using a strongly absorbing material.

Low-loss planar optical waveguides fabricated from polycarbonate.

For low-loss optical waveguides, a promising polymer must be almost apparent at the communication wavelength range. Thus, we measured the absorption spectrum of the fabricated

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yabinsk 454080, Russia (Dated: August 14, 2024) We report low-loss multiscan waveguides fabricated in fused silica using femtosecond laser writing technology. The multiscan

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