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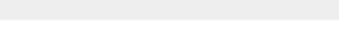


A Century — and More — of Innovation

MIKE WHEELER, MANAGING EDITOR

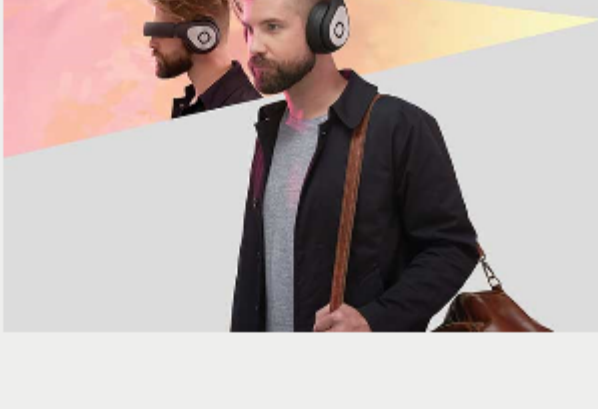
This month, the Optical Society of America (OSA) will hold its annual meeting in Rochester, N.Y., at Frontiers in Optics, the capstone event of a year-long celebration of the society's 100th anniversary. Rochester is a fitting venue, after all, as it was the site of the society's founding in 1916 by physicist Perley Nutting.

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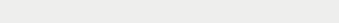


3D Displays Get Closer but Face Hurdles

Glasses-free three-dimensional display technology is on the horizon, driven by changes in photonics, optics and the market. For now, though, commercially available 3D displays are stereoscopic, presenting different images to the left and right eyes to create a 3D picture. This is done through glasses that passively filter or actively switch between the two different images.



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Great Strides in Optical Fabrication

Largely unchanged for centuries, optical fabrication is today an evolving and dynamic field with notable advances in molding, surface process optimization and freeform-capable tools. In 2018, a six-and-a-half-meter mirror made up of 18 hexagonal segments will quietly unfurl 1.5 million km from Earth, marking the end of years of intense research and refining of optics fabrication techniques.



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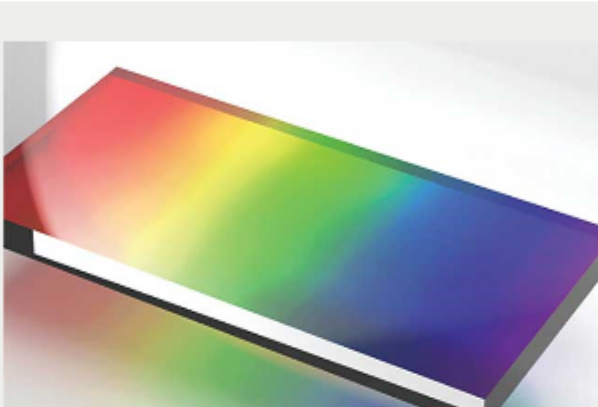
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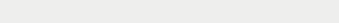
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Innovations in design and scalable manufacturing have led to the development of linear variable filters that cover a broader wavelength range than ever before.



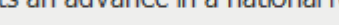
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Direct-Drive Laser Fusion Experiments Move Toward Target Ignition

Conditions capable of producing a direct drive laser fusion yield that is five times higher than the current record for laser fusion energy yield have been demonstrated. The work, which shows the use of direct-drive laser fusion to compress fuel to about half the pressure required to ignite it, represents an advance in a national research initiative to develop fusion as an energy source.

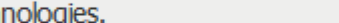
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Photosynthesis Map May Hold Clue to Improving Solar Cell Efficiency

The results of measuring the flow of energy during photosynthesis using spectroscopy could contribute to the development of more efficient solar energy technologies.

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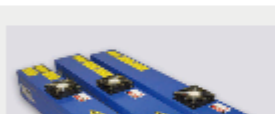


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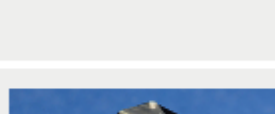


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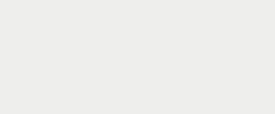


USB Microstage has Built-in Controller

New Scale Technologies Inc.

The M3-LS Linear Smart Stage is a direct-drive, high-precision micro stage built for fast, simple integration into miniature OEM systems. All drive electronics are integrated right into the compact stage housing – no external board needed!

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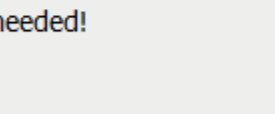
Test and Burn-In System

Yelo Limited

Yelo Ltd. has announced a new automated high-volume test and burn-in system. Designed to increase throughput for 100-G data center optical components, the system improves yield

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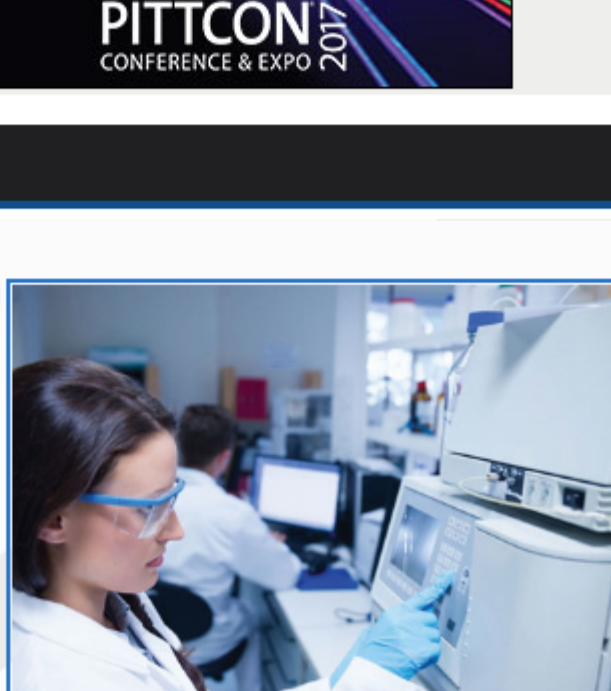
Webinars

Choosing the Right LED for Medical Diagnostics and Bioanalytical Systems

Wed, Oct 19, 2016 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EDT

With recent advancements in LED technology, OEMs are presented with new possibilities through a growing number of light source options. There are key factors to consider when determining which light source is best suited for your application, including: wavelengths; uniformity; technology platforms; thermal management; light delivery; power budget; and economy of space. Which light source will provide reliable and repeatable results? How can these factors expedite path to market and ensure success? In this webinar, Dr. Kavita Aswani and Tom Papanek will discuss these factors in detail and their impact on biomedical or diagnostic design, engineering and integration. Dr. Kavita Aswani is the Senior Applications Scientist for the Life Sciences products at Excelitas Technologies. Tom Papanek is Director of Global Product Development for Excelitas Technologies, Solid State Lighting.

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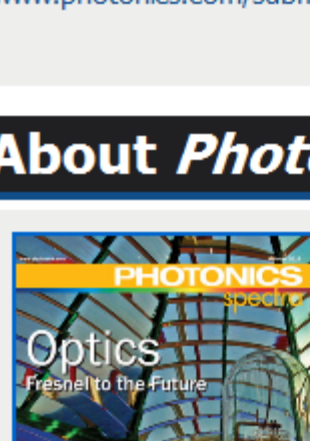
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