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Robust and Energy-Efficient VLSI Silicon Photonics for Communications and Computing

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Abstract: The ending decade of 2010s is an era when cloud-driven data centers and photonic interconnects, particularly silicon photonics, enable each other to scale. Same promise is held to develop interconnect solutions with energy efficiency, large bandwidth, low latency, and affordable cost for next-generation high-performance computing. To fulfil this mission, innovative materials, device structures, integration platform, and link architecture were extensively studied in Hewlett Packard Labs. I will review our recent progress in developing robust WDM transceivers on silicon and potential to extend integrated silicon photonics into the optical computing domain.

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