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**Education:**

1987: B.Sc. in Physics and Computer Science, Tel-Aviv University, Israel.

1995: M.Sc. in Physics, Tel-Aviv University, Tel-Aviv, Israel. Subject of Thesis: "Measurement of the velocity and spatial distribution of cathode spots on the cathode surface of a vacuum arc as a function of the magnetic field", conducted under the supervision of Prof. S. Goldsmith. Magna Cum Laude.

2005: Ph.D in Physics, Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel. Subject of Thesis: "Laser configurations for high-order transverse mode selection and coherent beam combining", conducted under the supervision of Prof. A. A. Friesem.

**Employment history and experience:**

2024- Head of the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, BGU

2018- Full Professor - Ben Gurion University

2012-2018 Associate Professor – Ben Gurion University (tenure since Dec. 2012)

2007-2012 Senior Lecturer – Ben Gurion University

Laser sources and nonlinear optical devices based on photonic crystal fibers and semiconductor waveguides. Developing efficient high-power fiber-based laser designs, investigating synchronization and coherent combining of multiple laser sources, extending the wavelength range of lasers into the UV and infrared by various non-linear optical processes, and developing compact on-chip optical devices.

2005-2007 Postdoctoral research associate – Cornell University

Experimental research of nonlinear optical interactions in bulk Kerr media and in photonic crystal fibers. In bulk Kerr media, this includes studying the collapse dynamics and filamentation of special beams in the femto-second regime, such as super-Gaussian, phase vortex, necklace, and radially-azimuthally polarized beams, as well as the interaction and collapse dynamics of coupled beams. In photonic crystal fibers, studying nonlinear interactions

in gas filled hollow core photonic band gap fibers, such as harmonic generation within these fibers and various other nonlinear processes (Electromagnetic induced transparency, slow light, etc.).

- 2001-2005      Ph.D research - Weizmann Institute of Science  
Investigated laser configurations for phase locking and coherent addition of laser beams, as well as high-order transverse mode selection in various laser configurations utilizing novel phase elements. These configurations included Q-switched pulsed solid-state lasers, microlasers and fiber lasers. Furthermore, investigated laser beam shaping techniques and transverse mode transformations for improving and controlling the beam quality of laser beams.
- 1999-2001      Project Manager / System Engineer - Laser Products Operation, El-Op Electro-Optics Industries Ltd.  
▪ Project manager of the APACHE Switchable Eyesafe Laser Rangefinder Designator.  
▪ Led and coordinated a large-scale proposal concerning laser development and production.
- 1994-1999      Laser Physicist - Laser Products Operation, El-Op Electro-Optics Industries Ltd.  
Performed and led various laser R&D projects and feasibility studies. Conducted laboratory development of new solid state lasers. Actively involved also in system-level R&D including transmitter-receiver-observation systems, LIDAR, simulations and modeling for performance evaluation, and field tests of prototype systems. These included activities with Nd:YAG lasers, unstable resonators (Hard edge, GRM), MOPA schemes, nonlinear processes and nonlinear crystals, beam analyzing and characterization, and high power Q-switched laser systems. The work also involved preparation of technical proposals and reports, and presentation in numerous Design Reviews (Concept, PDR, CDR etc.).
- 1991-1994      Master's research - Tel-Aviv University  
Investigated high current (500A DC) vacuum arc discharge systems. Specifically, measurement of cathode spot retrograde motion under various transverse magnetic fields.
- 1986-1991      Research Officer - Planning Branch, The Center for System Analysis, Israeli Defense Forces  
Rank: *Major*  
Conducted Operations Research and system analysis studies. These included planning the assimilation of new technical systems, cost-effective evaluation of systems, optimization models and simulations. All these exploited physics, mathematics and computers.

### **Professional activities:**

#### Positions in academic administration

- 2024-              Head, school of Electrical and Computer Engineering, BGU  
2023-2024        Deputy Dean, Faculty of Engineering, BGU

2023-2024	Head of Admissions Committee, School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, BGU
2022-	BGU Senate member
2017-2021	BGU Senate member
2017-2021	Deputy Dean, Faculty of Engineering, BGU
2016-2021	Member of the university Ethics Committee, BGU
2016-2017	Member of the Engineering Faculty Teaching Committee.
2013-2016	Head of the undergraduate teaching committee in the ECE department (~1000 students).
2012-2016	Coordinator of undergraduate Physics courses for ECE students.
2012-2013	Undergraduate second year advisor.
2011-2013	Undergraduate advisor for pre-military students (Atuda program).
2011-2013	Member of ECE department committee for projects and Industry relations.
2010-2013	Member of ECE department Undergraduate Teaching committee.

#### Professional functions outside the university

- A member of the organizing committee of the “International Meeting on Fiber Lasers and Applications”, Tel Aviv, Israel (April 2019).
- A member of the Scientific Committee of the OASIS 2019 conference (Tel Aviv, Israel).
- Part of the team leading the establishment of the Israeli Center of Advanced Photonics, Yavne, Israel (2014-present).
- The local organizer of 2nd Annual Conference of COST Action MP1401, Tel Aviv University, Israel (March 2017).
- A member of the organizing committee of the “International Meeting on Fiber Lasers and Applications”, Tel Aviv, Israel (Feb. 2017).
- A member of the organizing committee of the OASIS 2015 and OASIS 2017 conferences (Tel Aviv, Israel).
- Chairman of the “Lasers and Applications” session at OASIS 2017, the 16<sup>th</sup> International Meeting on Optical Engineering and Science in Israel, Tel-Aviv, Israel (Feb. 2017).
- Chairman of the “Lasers and Applications” session at OASIS 2015, the 15<sup>th</sup> International Meeting on Optical Engineering and Science in Israel, Tel-Aviv, Israel (Feb. 2015).
- A member of the organizing committee of the “International Meeting on Fiber Lasers and Applications”, Bar Ilan University, Israel (June 2014).
- Chairman of the “Lasers and Applications” session at OASIS 2013, the 14<sup>th</sup> International Meeting on Optical Engineering and Science in Israel, Tel-Aviv, Israel (Feb. 2013).

#### Reviewer for journals

Optics Letters, Optics Express, J. of the Optical Society of America B, Applied Optics, Optics Communications, Physical Review Letters, Physical Review A, Applied Physics B.

#### Reviewer for grant proposals

Israel Science Foundation (ISF), German Israeli Foundation (GIF), Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF).

#### Membership in scientific societies

2001-present    Optical Society of America (OSA).

2002-present IEEE Photonics Society.

### **Educational activities:**

2018-present Full Professor in ECE at Ben Gurion University, Israel.  
2012-2017 Assoc. Professor in ECE at Ben Gurion University, Israel.  
2007-2012 Senior Lecturer in ECE at Ben Gurion University, Israel.  
1995-1998 Lecturer of Statistics, Ramat-Gan College, Ramat-Gan, Israel.  
1992-1994 Physics teaching assistant at the Raymond and Beverly Sackler Faculty of Exact Sciences, Tel-Aviv University, Tel-Aviv, Israel.  
1985-1986 Physics teaching assistant at the Raymond and Beverly Sackler Faculty of Exact Sciences, Tel-Aviv University, Tel-Aviv, Israel.

### Courses taught at Ben-Gurion University

1. Laser Engineering – for senior undergraduate and graduate students.
2. Infrared Engineering – for senior undergraduate students.
3. Nonlinear Optics – for graduate students.
4. Introduction to Photoelectronics – for senior undergraduate students.

Teaching load ~ three courses per year

### Research students - MSc

2008-2010 **Boris Shulga**, “High peak power photonic crystal fiber laser”.  
2008-2009 **Amir Gilad**, “Self-phase modulation in gas filled hollow core photonic crystal fibers”. Did not complete thesis. (secondary supervisor – Prof. Bar from Ben-Gurion University)  
2009-2011 **Amir Hertzog**, “Wavelength conversion of nano-second pulses to the mid-IR in optical fibers and waveguides”.  
2010-2011 **Avishay Shamir**, “Wavelength conversion in photonic crystal fibers and femtosecond material processing”.  
2010-2012 **Oleg Shnieder**, “Spectral narrowing in a system of coherently combined fiber lasers”.  
2011-2013 **Moshe Vanohozker**, “Single mode lasing and amplification in a highly multimode active fiber”.  
2011-2013 **Lior Kedar**, “Stimulated Raman scattering in gas filled hollow core photonic crystal fibers”.  
2012-2014 **Avry Shirakov**, “High peak and average power flexible PCF laser”.  
2012-2014 **Zeev Montz**, “Hollow core photonic crystal fibers with special spectral characteristics”.  
2014-2016 **Ziv Alperovich**, “Misalignment sensitivities in an intra-cavity coherent combining crossed-Porro resonator configuration”.  
2015-2016 **Harel Hecht**, “Passive Q-switching of a Tm:YLF laser with a Co<sup>2+</sup> doped silver halide saturable absorber”.

- 2016-2019 **Shachar Edelstein** – MSc, “Wavelength conversion schemes for a high peak power PCF laser”.
- 2016-2020 **Omri Moschovits** – MSc, “Experimental optimization of Er:Yb phosphate fiber amplifiers at 1.538  $\mu\text{m}$ ”.
- 2016-2020 **Yair Alon** – MSc, “Inscription of Femtosecond Bragg Gratings in Yb-doped Multicore Fiber lasers”.
- 2018-2021 **Sapir Humphries** – MSc, “Spectral characterization of passive coherent beam combining of fiber lasers at 1.55  $\mu\text{m}$ ”.
- 2022-2025 **Aron Peseikhov** – MSc. in process
- 2023- **Guy Shafri** – MSc. in process
- 2025- **Michal Mor** – MSc. in process

#### Research students - PhD

- 2008-2013 **Eitan Ronen**, “Phase locking of large laser arrays”. (in the last two years additional supervisor Prof. Davidson from the Weizmann Institute).
- 2010-2014 **Boris Rosenstein**, “Coherent combining of high peak power pulsed fiber lasers”.
- 2012-2016 **Amir Herzog**, “Biological tissue ablation using laser- sources, delivery and applications”.
- 2012-2017 **Avishay Shamir**, “Femtosecond laser induced permanent and transient fiber Bragg gratings”.
- 2012-2024(est.) **Yehuda Benudiz**, “Ultrashort pulse amplification in active PCFs”. Part-time student.
- 2014-2021 **Ted Frumkin**, “Silicon based photonic nanostructures”.
- 2014-2021 **Avry Shirakov**, “Co<sup>2+</sup> doped materials for ultra-short pulsed lasers”.
- 2014-2021 **Zeev Montz**, “Conversion to the UV in gas filled kagome and antiresonant fibers”.
- 2015-2019 **Aviran Halstuch**, “Transient Bragg gratings in waveguides based on Kerr and free carriers”.
- 2016-2021 **Ziv Alperovich**, “Acoustic tissue characterization in pulsed laser ablation”.
- 2017-2021 **Igor Sakaev**, “Laser Supported Combustion of Steel and Laser-induced Micro-explosion in Thin-film Structures: from Basic Physics to Advanced Applications”.
- 2019- **Yakov Greenberg**, in process
- 2022- **Eilon Meidan**, in process

#### **Awards and Fellowships:**

- 2016 NTU Tan Chin Tuan Exchange Fellowship in Engineering FY2017, awarded by Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.
- 2005 Fulbright Post-doctoral Scholar Award, awarded by the United States – Israel Educational Foundation (USIEF).
- 2004 New Focus Travel Grant, awarded by the Optical Society of America.
- 2004 LEOS Travel Grant, awarded by the IEEE Lasers and Electro-Optics Society.

2001/2/3	High-Technology Research Prize for excellence in research, awarded by the Israeli Council for High Education, VATAT.
2002-2005	Eshkol Excellence Fellowship, awarded by the Israeli Ministry of Science.
1994-2001	Several internal awards of excellence, El-Op Electro-Optics Industries Ltd, Israel.
1995	M.Sc. degree with distinction, Tel-Aviv University, Tel-Aviv, Israel.
1985	Second year physics undergraduate studies with distinction, Tel-Aviv University, Tel-Aviv, Israel.

### Scientific publications:

h-index: 19 (ISI), 23 (Google Scholar)

Total number of citations: 1263 (ISI), 1923 (Google Scholar)

Total number of citations without self references: 1122 (ISI)

### Book chapters

1. "Coherent addition of laser beam distributions", V. Eckhouse, **A. A. Ishaaya**, N. Davidson and A. A. Friesem, ICO Book VI on Information Optics, Edited by R. Danliker and A. Friberg (SPIE press 2008).
2. "Femtosecond transient Bragg gratings", A. Shamir, S. Aviran, Halstuch, S. and A. A. Ishaaya, PI, published in "Brillouin Distributed and Fiber-bragg-grating-based Fiber Sensing - Principle, Measurement and Applications", edited by Dr. Shien-Kuei Liaw (IntechOpen 2018).

### Refereed articles and letters in scientific journals

1. **A. A. Ishaaya**, R. Oron, N. Davidson, E. Hasman and A. A. Friesem, "Improving the beam quality of high-order laser modes", *Optics & Photonics News – Optics in 2001*, **12**(12), 55-55 (2001).
2. G. Machavariani, N. Davidson, E. Hasman, S. Blit, **A. A. Ishaaya** and A. A. Friesem, "Efficient conversion of a Gaussian beam to a high purity helical beam", *Optics Communications* **209**, 265-271 (2002).
3. G. Machavariani, N. Davidson, **A. A. Ishaaya**, A.A. Friesem and E. Hasman, "Efficient formation of high-quality beam from a pure high-order Hermite-Gaussian mode", *Optics Letters* **27**, 1501-1503 (2002).
4. **A. Ishaaya**, R. Oron, N. Davidson, E. Hasman and A. A. Friesem, "Efficient mode conversion of laser beams", *Optics & Photonics News - Optics in 2002*, **13** (12), 43-43 (2002).
5. **A. A. Ishaaya**, N. Davidson, G. Machavariani, E. Hasman and A. A. Friesem, "Efficient selection of high-order Laguerre-Gaussian modes in a Q-switched Nd:YAG laser", *IEEE Journal of Quantum Electronics* **39**, 74-82 (2003).
6. **A. A. Ishaaya**, G. Machavariani, N. Davidson, E. Hasman and A. A. Friesem, "Conversion of a high-order mode beam into a nearly Gaussian Beam using a single interferometric element", *Optics Letters* **28**, 504-506 (2003).
7. G. Machavariani, **A. A. Ishaaya**, L. Shimshi, N. Davidson, A. A. Friesem and E. Hasman, "Efficient mode transformations of degenerate Laguerre-Gaussian beams," *Applied Optics* **43**, 2561-2567 (2004).
8. **A. A. Ishaaya**, N. Davidson, L. Shimshi and A. A. Friesem, "Intra-cavity coherent addition of Gaussian beam distributions using a planar interferometric coupler", *Applied Physics Letters* **85**, 2187-2189 (2004).
9. G. Machavariani, N. Davidson, **A. A. Ishaaya** and A. A. Friesem, "Improving the stability of longitudinal and transverse laser modes", *Optics Communications* **239**, 147-151 (2004).
10. **A. A. Ishaaya**, L. Shimshi, N. Davidson and A. A. Friesem, "Coherent addition of spatially incoherent light beams", *Optics Express* **12**, 4929-4934 (2004).
11. V. Eckhouse, **A. A. Ishaaya**, L. Shimshi, N. Davidson and A. A. Friesem, "Imposing a Gaussian distribution in multichannel laser resonators", *IEEE Journal of Quantum Electronics* **41**, 686-693 (2005).
12. **A. A. Ishaaya**, V. Eckhouse, L. Shimshi, N. Davidson and A. A. Friesem, "Improving the output beam quality of multimode laser resonators", *Optics Express* **13**, 2722-2730 (2005).

13. **A. A. Ishaaya**, V. Eckhouse, L. Shimshi, N. Davidson and A. A. Friesem, "Intra-cavity coherent addition of single high order modes", *Optics Letters* **30**, 1770-1772 (2005).
14. **A. A. Ishaaya**, N. Davidson and A. A. Friesem, "Very high-order pure Laguerre-Gaussian mode selection in a passive Q-switched Nd:YAG laser", *Optics Express* **13**, 4952-4962 (2005).
15. V. Eckhouse, **A. A. Ishaaya**, L. Shimshi, N. Davidson and A. A. Friesem, "Intra-cavity coherent addition of sixteen laser distributions", *Optics Letters* **31**, 350-352 (2006).
16. L. Shimshi, **A. A. Ishaaya**, V. Eckhouse, N. Davidson and A. A. Friesem, "Passive intracavity coherent addition of nine laser distributions", *Applied Physics Letters* **88**, 041103 (2006).
17. L. Shimshi, **A. A. Ishaaya**, V. Eckhouse, N. Davidson and A. A. Friesem, "Passive intra-cavity phase locking of laser distributions", *Optics Communications* **263**, 60-64 (2006).
18. L. T. Vuong, T. D. Grow, **A. A. Ishaaya**, A. L. Gaeta, G. W. 't Hooft, E. R. Eliel, and G. Fibich, "Collapse of optical vortices", *Physical Review Letters* **96**, 133901 (2006).
19. T. D. Grow, **A. A. Ishaaya**, L. T. Vuong, A. L. Gaeta, N. Gavish, G. Fibich, "Collapse dynamics of Super-Gaussian beams", *Optics Express* **14**, 5468-5475 (2006).
20. **A. A. Ishaaya**, T. D. Grow, S. Ghosh, L. T. Vuong and A. L. Gaeta, "Self-focusing dynamics of coupled optical beams", *Physical Review A* **75**, 023813 (2007).
21. T. D. Grow, **A. A. Ishaaya**, L. T. Vuong and A. L. Gaeta, "Collapse and stability of necklace beams in Kerr media", *Physical Review Letters* **99**, 133902 (2007).
22. L. Shimshi, **A. A. Ishaaya**, N. Davidson and A. A. Friesem, "Upscaling coherent addition of laser distributions", *Optics Communications* **275**, 389-393 (2007).
23. R. Rabinovici, **A. A. Ishaaya**, I. Peer, L. Shimshi, N. Davidson, and A. A. Friesem, "Increasing output energy from a passively Q-switched Er:glass laser", *Applied Optics* **46**, 7426-7431 (2007).
24. **A. A. Ishaaya**, L. T. Vuong, T. D. Grow and A. L. Gaeta, "Self-focusing dynamics of polarization vortices in Kerr media", *Optics Letters* **33**, 13-15 (2008).
25. **A. A. Ishaaya**, C. J. Hensley, B. Shim, S. Schrauth, K. W. Koch and A. L. Gaeta, "Highly-efficient coupling of linearly- and radially-polarized femtosecond pulses in hollowcore photonic band-gap fibers", *Optics Express* **17**, 18630-18637 (2009).
26. **A. A. Ishaaya**, N. Davidson and A. A. Friesem, "Passive laser beam combining with intra-cavity interferometric combiners", **special issue** on Laser Beam Combination and Fiber Laser Systems, *IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Quantum Electronics* **15**, 301-311 (2009). **[INVITED PAPER]**
27. B. Shim, S. E. Schrauth, C. J. Hensley, L. T. Vuong, P. Hui, **A. A. Ishaaya**, and A. L. Gaeta, "Controlled Interactions of Femtosecond Light Filaments in Air", *Physical Review A* **81**, 061803(R) (2010). **[rapid communication]**
28. B. Shulga and **A. A. Ishaaya**, "Off-axis pumping of a photonic crystal fiber laser", *Applied Physics B* **101**, 701-704 (2010). **[rapid communication]**
29. E. Ronen and **A. A. Ishaaya**, "Phase locking a fiber laser array via diffractive coupling", *Optics Express* **19**, 1510-1515 (2011).
30. E. Ronen and **A. A. Ishaaya**, "Phase clusters induced by degeneracy in a phase locked fiber laser array", *IEEE Journal of Quantum Electronics* **47**, 1526-1530 (2011). **[appeared on cover page]**
31. A. Herzog, A. Shamir, and **A. A. Ishaaya**, "Wavelength conversion of nano-second pulses to the Mid-IR in photonic crystal fibers", *Optics Letters* **37**, 82-84 (2011).
32. E. Ronen, **A. A. Ishaaya**, "Frequency, phase, and polarization locking of evanescent coupled lasers", *Journal of the Optical Society of America B* **29**, 1226-1230 (2012).
33. E. Ronen, **A. A. Ishaaya**, M. Nixon, A. Godel, A. A. Friesem, and N. Davidson, "Phase locking of lasers with self-stabilized minimal coupling", *Optics Express* **27**, 28163-28170 (2012).
34. O. Shneider, B. Shulga, **A. A. Ishaaya**, "Imposing spectral content when coherently combining laser channels", *Optics Letters* **38**, 603-605 (2013).
35. A. Shamir and **A. A. Ishaaya**, "Large volume ablation of Sapphire with ultra-short laser pulses", *Applied Surface Science* **270**, 763-766 (2013).
36. E. Ronen, B. Rosenstein, E. Grinvald, N. Davidson, and **A. A. Ishaaya**, "Single large mode cladding amplification in active double-clad fibers", *Laser Physics* **23**, 105102 (2013).
37. T. Frumkin, H. Genish, **A. A. Ishaaya**, and Z. Zalevsky, "Silicon nano photonic multi taper for efficient light coupling between fiber and silicon waveguide", *Journal of Nanophotonics* **7**, 073084 (2013).

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39. B. Rosenstein, A. Shirakov, D. Belker, and **A. A. Ishaaya**, "Experimental characterization of an off-axis scheme for pumping high power photonic crystal fiber lasers", *Applied Physics B: Lasers and Optics* **114**, 327-331, Rapid Communication (2014).
40. L. Ben Yehud, D. Belker, G. Ravnitzki, and **A. A. Ishaaya**, "Competition between stimulated Raman and Brillouin scattering processes in CF<sub>4</sub> gas", *Optics Letters* **39**, 1026-1029 (2014).
41. A. Herzog, B. Hadad, V. Lyubin, M. Klebanov, A. Reiner, A. Shamir, and **Amiel A. Ishaaya**, "Chalcogenide waveguides on a sapphire substrate for mid-IR applications", *Optics Letters* **39**, 2522-2525 (2014).
42. B. Rosenstein, A. Shirakov, D. Belker, and **A. A. Ishaaya**, "Single-channel Q-switching in a system of coherently combined fiber lasers," *Appl. Phys. B: Lasers and Optics* **117**, 995-999 (2014).
43. Z. Montz and **A. A. Ishaaya**, "Dual-bandgap hollow-core photonic crystal fibers for third harmonic generation," *Optics Letters* **40**, 56-59 (2015).
44. A. Herzog, D. Malka, Z. Zalevsky, and **A. A. Ishaaya**, "The effect of spatial-coherence on damage occurrence in multimode optical fibers," *Optics Letters* **40**, 415-418 (2015).
45. B. Rosenstein, A. Shirakov, D. Belker, and **A. A. Ishaaya**, "Highly efficient 10-cm long fiber laser," *Optics Letters* **40**, 407-410 (2015).
46. A. Herzog, S. Bogdan, M. Glikson, **A. A. Ishaaya**, and C. J. Love, "Selective tissue ablation using laser radiation at 355 nm in lead extraction by a hybrid catheter; a preliminary report," *Lasers in Surgery and Medicine*, doi: 10.1002/lsm.22451 (2015).
47. A. Herzog, I. Steinberg, E. Geinsberg, R. Nomborg, and **A. A. Ishaaya**, "A route to laser angioplasty in the presence of fluoroscopy contrast media, using a nanosecond-pulsed 355 nm laser," *IEEE JSTQE* **22**, 1-6 (2016).
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49. A. Shamir and **A. A. Ishaaya**, "Femtosecond inscription of phase-shifted gratings by overlaid fiber Bragg gratings," *Optics Letters* **41**, 2017-2020 (2016).
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59. A. Halstuch and **A. A. Ishaaya**, "Characterizing the effect of femtosecond photo-treatment on the center wavelength of fiber Bragg gratings", *Optics Express* **26**, 18990-18997 (2018).
60. J. Ji, S. Raghuraman, X. Huang, J. Zang, D. Ho, Y. Zhou, Y. Benudiz, U. Ben Ami, **A. A. Ishaaya**, and Seongwoo Yoo, "115 W fiber laser with all solid-structure and large-mode-area multicore fiber", *Optics Letters* **43**, 3369-3372 (2018).
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65. S. Edelstein and **A. A. Ishaaya**, "High-efficiency Raman conversion in SF<sub>6</sub>- and CF<sub>4</sub>-filled hollow-core photonic bandgap fibers", *Optics Letters* **44**, 5856-5859 (2019).
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#### Seminar presentations at universities and institutions

- 2004 Dept. of Applied Physics, Stanford University, USA
- 2004 Nuclear Research Center, Israel
- 2004 Ariel University Center of Samaria, Israel
- 2005 Dept. of Engineering, Bar-Ilan University, Israel
- 2005 Elop Electrooptics Industries Ltd., Israel
- 2006 Dept. of Applied Physics, Hebrew University, Israel
- 2006 Dept. of Engineering, Bar-Ilan University, Israel
- 2006 Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Ben-Gurion University, Israel
- 2006 Dept. of Physics of Complex Systems, Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel
- 2006 School of Electrical Engineering, Tel-Aviv University, Israel
- 2006 Nuclear Research Center, Israel
- 2007 Dept. of Physics, Ben-Gurion University, Israel
- 2008 ILEOS meeting, Bar-Ilan University, Israel
- 2012 Nano center, Bar-Ilan University, Israel
- 2013 Xlim Laboratory, University of Limoges, France (\*)
- 2015 2nd Working Group Meeting, COST Action 1401, Dresden, Germany (\*)
- 2016 Dept. of Applied Physics, Hebrew University, Israel (\*)
- 2017 General seminar, The Photonics Institute, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (\*)
- 2017 Specific seminar, The Photonics Institute, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (\*)
- 2017 DSO, Singapore (\*)

## Patents:

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- 2007 University startup/seed funding for setting up a lab; total - \$550,000. PI
- 2008 Chief Scientist (Ministry of Labor, Trade, and Industry, Israel), "Advanced Fiber Lasers" (consortium); total – \$384,000. 2008-2011. PI
- 2008 Israel Science Foundation (ISF) personal grant 1205/08; "Lasers and wavelength converters based on photonic crystal fibers"; total – \$204,000. 2008-2012. PI
- 2008 Israel Science foundation (ISF) New Faculty Equipment Grant 1626/08; "Lasers and nonlinear optical devices laboratory"; total – \$400,000 (50% matching). PI
- 2011 Israel MOD (Mafat); "multicore fibers"; total budget – \$276,000. 2011-2014. PI
- 2012 Chief Scientist (Ministry of Labor, Trade, and Industry, Israel) Kamin Grant; "Low cost, compact, PCF laser"; total budget – \$222,000. 2012-2014. PI
- 2012 Chief Scientist (Ministry of Labor, Trade, and Industry, Israel) Magneton Grant; "Novel UV High Power Fiber Laser Technologies"; total budget – \$142,000. 2012-2013. PI
- 2013 Israel MOD (Mafat); High power laser + OSA equipment; cost – \$250,000. PI
- 2013 M.F.S grant (internal BGU); "Transient gratings in fibers and waveguides for ultrafast applications"; total budget – \$90,000. 2013. PI
- 2014 Israel Chief Scientist (Ministry of Labor, Trade, and Industry) Magneton Grant; "Passive coherent combining of solid-state lasers"; total budget – \$166,000. 2014-2016. PI
- 2014 Israel MOD (Mafat); "High power laser processing"; total budget \$320,500. 2014-2017. PI
- 2014 Israel Ministry of Science, MOST, "Wavelength conversion to the UV with gas-filled Kagome and antiresonant fibers"; total budget \$200,000. 2014-2017. PI
- 2016 Chief Scientist (Ministry of Labor, Trade, and Industry, Israel), "Advanced Lasers technologies for Industrial Applications" (consortium); First year – \$162,000; 2016-2019. PI
- 2017 NATO Science for Peace and Security Program, "Compact Eye-Safe Lidar Source for Airborne Laser Scanning (CALIBER)"; 90,000 Euro for two years; 2017-2019. PI

- 2018 Israel Science Foundation (ISF) personal grant 2021/18; “Spatial mode control in novel active Yb-doped multicore fibers”; total – \$302,700. 2018-2022. PI
- 2021 Israel Innovation Authority Meymad grant – “High power Raman conversion in hollow core fibers”; total \$172K
- 2022 Israel MOD (Mafat); “Towards high power 1.5um fiber lasers”; total budget \$120K. 2022-2024. PI
- 2023 NATO Science for Peace and Security Program, “Novel laser technologies for 2 μm eye-safe next generation drone interceptors (Laser2Drones)”; 150,000 Euro for two years; 2023-2025. PI
- 2025 Israel Innovation Authority Nofar grant, “High peak power 1um laser”; total budget \$K334 2025-2027. PI
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