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## ACADEMIC DEGREES

<u>Ph.D. Elec. Eng. / Appl. Physics</u>	University of California San Diego	January 1992
<u>M.Sc. Optical Engineering</u>	University of Rochester	May 1986
<u>M.Sc. Physics</u>	University of British Columbia	September 1985
<u>B.Sc. Physics</u>	University of California Los Angeles	June 1983

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 12/02 to ? Associate Professor, UCSD Department of ECE  
Founder and head of the Photonic Systems Integration Lab
- 1/02 to 11/02 Sole Proprietor, Modern Optics  
Originated tunable filter design, licensed IP to telecom component manufacturer.
- 3/00 to 1/02 Project Director / Chief Scientist, Optical Micro-Machines  
Mid-sized telecom startup manufacturing planar and 3D MEMS switches.
- 3/94 to 3/00 Member of Technical Staff, Bell Laboratories, Lucent Technologies  
Initiated and lead WDM-MEMS in Advanced Photonics Research Department.
- 6/93 to 3/94 Research Scientist, Call/Recall Corporation  
Small startup: 3-D image storage in two-photon organic polymer materials.
- 1/92 to 6/93 Assistant Research Scientist, UCSD Electrical & Computer Engineering Dept.  
Started research on polarization-selective computer generated holograms
- 9/86 to 12/91 Research Assistant, UCSD Electrical & Computer Engineering Department  
Ph.D.: "*Reconfigurable array interconnection by photorefractive volume holography.*"
- 9/83 to 9/85 Research Assistant, University of British Columbia Physics Department  
M.Sc. thesis: "*Investigations into the XeCl excimer laser.*"

## MILESTONES

- 1997 Live public demonstration of first MEMS wavelength add/drop switch  
(Lucent Bell Labs Technology Showcase, Murray Hill, NJ)
- 2000 Live public demonstration of first MEMS dynamic spectral equalizer  
(Lucent/Agere Technology Exhibit, Optical Fiber Communications Conference)
- 2005/6 Live demonstrations of full and sectioned 8-fold imager prototypes  
(Shown to the Director of DARPA, Washington DC)

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

General Co-Chair, 2008 Optical Fiber Communications Conference (upcoming)

Topical Issue Co-Editor, IEEE Journal of Lightwave Technology (Feb. 2007)

Program Co-Chair, 2006 Optical Fiber Communications Conference,

Topical Issue Co-Editor, IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Quantum Electronic (Feb. 2002)

Conference Co-Chair: First IEEE/LEOS International Conference on Optical MEMS. Kawai, Hawaii (Sept. 2000)

Program Committees, 2002-2004 OSA / IEEE Optical Fiber Communications Conference, 2003 SPIE Conference on Device and Process Technologies for Microelectronics, MEMS, and Photonics, SPIE Asian-Pacific Optical and Wireless Communications, Optical Switching and Integration II, 2003 OSA Topical Meeting on Optics in Computing, 2003 IEEE Design, Test and Integration of MEMS/MOEMS (DTIP), 2002 OSA / IEEE Integrated Photonics Research Conference, 2002 IEEE Symposium on Design, Test, Integration and Packaging of MEMS/MOEMS, SPIE Asia-Pacific Optical and Wireless Communications Conference, IEEE International Conference on Optical MEMS, SPIE 2001 International Symposium on Microelectronics and Micro-Electro-Mechanical Systems, 2001 IEEE Symposium on Design, Test, Integration and Packaging of MEMS / MOEMS, IEEE CPMT & LEOS Workshop on Fiber-Optics, 1999 Optoelectronics, Photonics Assembly, Packaging & Manufacturing Technology, 1998 IEEE/LEOS Summer Topical Meeting on Optical MEMS, 1997 OSA Topical Meeting on Spatial Light Modulators, 1997 IEEE/LEOS Workshop on Interconnections within High-Speed Digital Systems.

Member of the Optical Society of America and IEEE Lasers & Electro-Optics Society

## **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS AND ARTICLES**

Publications: Author or co-author of more than 100 refereed journal articles and conference presentations, invited talks and panel discussions.

Patents: Author or co-author of 45 issued U.S. Patents on computing, data storage and communications technology.

## JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

1. J. E. Ford, J. Meyer, and H. Houtman, "Measurement of electrical characteristics and electron density in a fast discharge pumped XeCl excimer laser," *Applied Physics Letters* **48**, 1639-1641, 1986.
2. J. E. Ford, Y. Fainman, and S. H. Lee, "Time integrating interferometry using photorefractive fanout," *Optics Letters* **13**, 856-858, 1988.
3. J. E. Ford, Y. Fainman, and S. H. Lee, "Enhanced photorefractive performance from 45°-cut BaTiO<sub>3</sub>," *Applied Optics* **28**, 4808-4815, 1989.
4. J. E. Ford, Y. Fainman, and S. H. Lee, "Array interconnection by phase coded optical correlation," *Optics Letters* **15**, 1088-1090, 1990.
5. J. Ma, J. E. Ford, Y. Taketomi, and S. H. Lee, "Moving grating for enhanced holographic recording in SBN:60," *Optics Letters* **16**, 270-272, 1991.
6. R. Paturi, D. T. Lu, J. E. Ford, S. C. Esener, and S. H. Lee, "Parallel algorithms based on expander graphs for optical computing," *Applied Optics* **30**, 917-927, 1991.
7. J. Ma, Y. Taketomi, Y. Fainman, J. E. Ford, S. H. Lee, and Ken'ichi Chino, "Moving grating and dc external field in photorefractive GaP at 633 nm," *Optics Letters* **16**, 1080-1082, 1991.
8. Y. Taketomi, J. E. Ford, H. Sasaki, J. Ma, Y. Fainman, and S. H. Lee, "Incremental recording for photorefractive hologram multiplexing," *Optics Letters* **16**, 1774-1776, 1991.
9. H. Sasaki, Y. Fainman, J. E. Ford, Y. Taketomi, and S. H. Lee, "Dynamic photorefractive optical memory," *Optics Letters* **16**, 1874-1876, 1991.
10. H. Houtman, A. Cheuck, A. Y. Elezzabi, J. E. Ford, M. Laberge, W. Leise, J. Meyer, G. C. Stuart, and Y. Zhu, "High speed circuits for TE discharge lasers and high-voltage applications," *Review of Scientific Instruments* **64**(4), 839-853, 1993.
11. J. E. Ford, Y. Taketomi, D. Bize, R. R. Neurgaonkar, Y. Fainman, and S. H. Lee, "Multiplex holography in SBN:60 with applied field," *Journal of the Optical Society of America A* **9**, 1183-1192, 1992.
12. J. E. Ford, F. Xu, K. Urquhart, and Y. Fainman, "Polarization selective computer generated holograms," *Optics Letters* **18**, 456-458, 1992.
13. H. Takahashi, D. Zaleta, J. Ma, J. Ford, Y. Fainman and S. Lee, "Packaged optical interconnection system based on photorefractive correlation," *Applied Optics* **33**, 2991-2997, 1994.
14. J. E. Ford, Y. Fainman, and S. H. Lee, "Reconfigurable array interconnection by photorefractive correlation," *Applied Optics* **33**, 6363-6377, 1994.
15. J. Ma, B. Catanzaro, J. Ford, Y. Fainman, and S. Lee, "Photorefractive holographic lenses and applications for dynamic focusing and dynamic image shifting," *Applied Optics* **11**(8), 1994.
16. F. Xu, J. Ford, Y. Fainman, "Polarization selective computer generated holograms: Design, fabrication and applications," *Applied Optics* **34**, 256-266, 1995.
17. S. Hunter, C. Solomon, S. Esener, J. Ford, A. Dvornikov, P. Rentzepis, "3-dimensional optical image storage by 2-photon recording," *Optical Memory and Neural Networks* **3**, 261-290, 1994.

18. R. Piyaket, S. Hunter, J. Ford, and S. Esener, "Programmable ultra-short optical pulse delay using an acousto-optic deflector," *Applied Optics* **34**, 1445-1453, 1995.
19. J. E. Ford, F. Xu and Y. Fainman, "Wavelength-selective planar holograms," *Optics Letters* **21**, 80-82 1996.
20. A. V. Krishnamoorthy, A. L. Lentine, K. W. Goossen, J. A. Walker, T. K. Woodward, J. E. Ford, G. F. Aplin, L. A. D'Asaro, S. P. Hui, B. Tseng, R. Leibenguth, D. Kossives, D. Dahringer, L. M. F. Chirovsky and D. A. B. Miller, "3-D Integration of MQW modulators over active submicron CMOS circuits: 375 Mb/s transimpedance receiver-transmitter circuit," *IEEE Photonics Technology Letters* **7**, 1288-1290, 1996.
21. F. Xu, R-C. Tyan, Y. Fainman and J. E. Ford, "Single-substrate birefringent computer generated holograms" *Optics Letters* **21**, 516-518, 1996.
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23. A. V. Krishnamoorthy, F. Xu, J. E. Ford and Y. Fainman, "Polarization-controlled multistage switch based on polarization-selective birefringent computer generated holograms" *Applied Optics* **36**(5), 997-1010, 1997.
24. F. Xu Y. Fainman, J. E. Ford and A. V. Krishnamoorthy, "Optoelectronic-VLSI packaging with polarization-selective computer generated holograms," *Optics Letters* **22**(14), 1095-1097, 1997.
25. A. V. Krishnamoorthy, R. G. Rozier, J. E. Ford and F. E. Kiamilev, "CMOS static RAM chip with high-speed optical read and write," *IEEE Photonics Technology Letters* **9**(11), pp. 1517-1519, November 1997.
26. J. E. Ford and D. J. DiGiovanni, "1xN fiber bundle scanning switch," *IEEE Photonics Technology Letters* **10**(7), 967-969, July 1998.
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## **UNITED STATES PATENTS**

1. "Dual-Scale Topology Optoelectronic Matrix Algebraic Processing System"  
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2. "Fiber Optic Switching Device and Method Using Free Space Scanning"  
J. Ford (#5,621,829)
3. "Attenuation Device for Wavelength Multiplexed Optical Fiber Communications"  
J. Ford, D. Miller, M. Nuss and J. Walker (#5,745,271)
4. "Wafer Level Integration of an Optical Modulator and III-V Photodetector"  
J. Cunningham, J. Ford, K. Goossen and J. Walker (#5,784,187)
5. "Techniques for Modulating Signals in Optical Communications"  
J. Ford and J. Walker (#5,796,880)
6. "Optical Packaging Assembly for Reflective Devices"  
D. Bishop, J. Ford, M. MacDonald, R. Ruel and J. Walker (#5,815,616)
7. "Fourier-Plane Photonics Package"  
M. Feuer and J. Ford (#5,857,048)
8. "Multi-Fiber Optical Cable"  
D. DiGiovanni and J. Ford (#5,898,811)
9. "Level Setting Attenuator"  
J. Ford and K. Goossen (#5,900,983)
10. "Fiber Optic Network Using Space and Wavelength Multiplexed Data Channel Arrays"  
(covers parallel switch hardware)  
J. Ford, W. Knox, A. Krishnamoorthy, D. Miller and M. Nuss (#5,912,751)
11. "WDM Source for Access Applications"  
D. Bishop, J. Ford and J. Walker (#5,936,752)
12. "Optical Packaging Assembly for Transmissive Devices"  
D. Bishop, J. Ford, M. MacDonald, R. Ruel and J. Walker (#5,940,558)
13. "Micro-Mechanical, Anti-Reflection, Switched Optical Modulator Array & Fab. Method"  
J. Ford, K. Goossen and J. Walker (#5,943,158)
14. "Free Space Optical Bypass-Exchange Switch"  
V. Aksyuk, D. Bishop, J. Ford and J. Walker (#5,943,454)
15. "Multiple Wavelength Optical Transceiver"  
J. Ford, J. Walker and T. Wood (#5,963,684)
16. "Retro-Reflecting Electroabsorption Optical Modulators"  
J. Ford, A. Lentine and T. Woodward (#5,966,234)
17. "Article Comprising a Wavelength-Selective Add-Drop Multiplexer"  
V. Aksyuk, D. Bishop, J. Ford and R. Slusher (#5,974,207)
18. "Methods and Arrangements for Duplex Fiber Handling"  
J. Ford and M. Feuer (#5,980,117)
19. Method And Apparatus for a Network Comprising a Fourier Plane Photonics Package"

- J. Ford and M. Feuer (#5,991,058)
20. "Free-Space Optical Signal Switch Arrangement"  
M. Fatehi and J. Ford (#6,002,818)
21. "Fiber Optic Network Using Space and Wavelength Multiplexed Data Channel Arrays"  
(covers parallel transceiver hardware)  
J. Ford, W. Knox, A. Krishnamoorthy, D. Miller and M. Nuss (#6,023,361)
22. "Optical Receiver with Integrated Variable Attenuator"  
J. Ford and J. Walker (#6,066,844)
23. "Fiber Optic Network Using Space and Wavelength Multiplexed Data Channel Arrays"  
(covers network design & operation)  
J. Ford, W. Knox, A. Krishnamoorthy, D. Miller and M. Nuss (#6,097,519)
24. "Methods & Apparatus for Monitoring & Controlling Optical Modulator Signal Quality"  
K. Devenport, J. Ford, A. Krishnamoorthy and T. Woodward (#6,108,119)
25. "Micromechanical Membrane Tilt-Mirror Switch"  
J. Ford and J. Walker (#6,178,033)
26. "Variable Single-Mode Attenuators By Spatial Interference"  
E. Bergmann, J. Ford and J. Walker (#6,178,284)
27. "Reconfigurable Wavelength Division Multiplex Add/Drop Device Using Micromirrors"  
V. Aksyuk, D. Bishop, J. Ford and J. Walker (#6,204,946)
28. "Integrated Opto-Mechanical Apparatus"  
J. Ford (#6,212,314)
29. "Free-Space Arrayed Waveguide Router"  
C. Dragone, J. Ford (#6,263,127)
30. "Multiple collimated-beam photonics package"  
J. Ford (#6,272,272)
31. "Method and device for aligning optical fibers in an optical fiber array"  
J. Ford (#6,304,694)
32. "*Optomechanical platform*"  
J. Ford (#6,307,657)
33. "*Micro-opto mechanical multistage interconnection switch*"  
J. Ford (#6,317,530)
34. "*Dispersed image inverting wavelength multiplexer*"  
J. Ford, D. Neilson (#6,337,935)
35. "*Automatic level control circuit for optical system*"  
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39. "Free-space multi-port wavelength router with broad wavelength passbands"  
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40. "Optoelectronic network interface device"  
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41. "Electromechanical optical modulator providing stray light control"  
J. Ford, J. V. Gates, G. E. Henein, D. A. Ramsey, J. A. Walker (#6,704,130, March 2004)
42. "Optical MEMS switch with imaging system"  
J. Ford, R. C. Giles, D. T. Neilson, R. Ryf (#6,704,476, March 2004)
43. "Article comprising a tunable filter"  
J. Ford, K. Goossen, J. A. Walker (#6,718,086, April 2004)
44. "Method & apparatus for spatial-shift wavelength multiplexing in communication systems"  
J. E. Ford, D. T. Neilson (#6,763,163, July 2004)
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