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LIST OF NOTATIONS

BOR-FDTD – body of revolution finite difference in time domain

DOE – diffractive optical element

FDTD – finite difference in time domain

FWHM – full width at half maximum

IR – infrared

LOP – laser with optical pumping

NA – numerical aperture

OPL – optically pumped laser

THz – terahertz

WCD – waveguide in channel dielectric