Recent developments on long-wavelength InGaAlAs-InP vertical-cavity surface-emitting lasers (VCSELs) enable various application fields. Designed for applications in gas sensing and for optical interconnects these lasers open novel application concepts. Fabricated monolithically in one or two-dimensional array configuration, these lasers enable scalable bandwidth or high continuous wave (CW) output powers. Covering the wavelength-range from 1.3 to 2.3 µm, application-fields in fiber-telecommunications or tunable diode laser spectroscopy (TDLS) are open. Results obtained include operation at 2.3 µm wavelength with an InP-based interband laser, bandwidth in excess of 11 GHz at 1.55 µm, and 3 W CW output-powers with a VCSEL array. In this talk, the properties and applications of these VCSELs will be reviewed.

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