



### Optocap

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# Packaging for Space & Quantum Technologies

- Optocap Capability
- Optocap Space Heritage
- Space Qualified Photonic Device Example
- Optocap Quantum Solutions





### **Optocap High-Reliability Packaging Capability**

Optocap is a leader in the design, manufacture and test of *High Reliability* micro and Optoelectronics for *Harsh Environments* 





- Space
- Aerospace & Defence
- Oil & Gas
- Medical





### Experienced Hi-Reliability

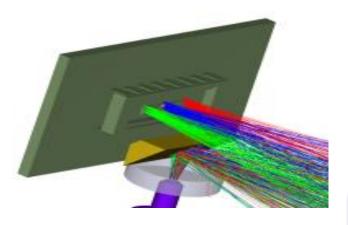
#### Manufacturer

- ISO7 Clean Room >200m<sup>2</sup>
- Laminar flow for ISO5 / Class 1000
- Wafer & die handling
- Precision die attach
- Al wedge wire bonding
- Optical alignment
- Hermetic sealing
- Manufacturing in accordance wit

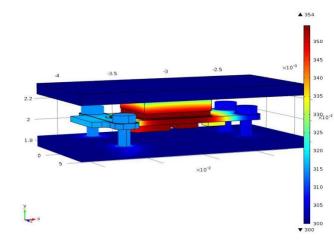
**MIL-STD-883 and ESCC standards** 



# **Optocap Design Capability (Experience > 16 years)**

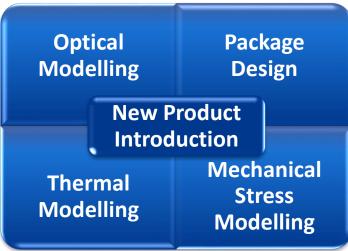


Hi-Reliability Packaging



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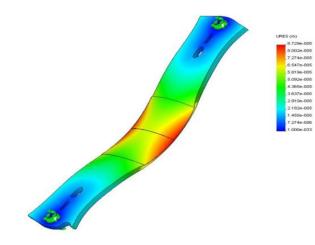
**Optoelectronic & Optical Packaging** 



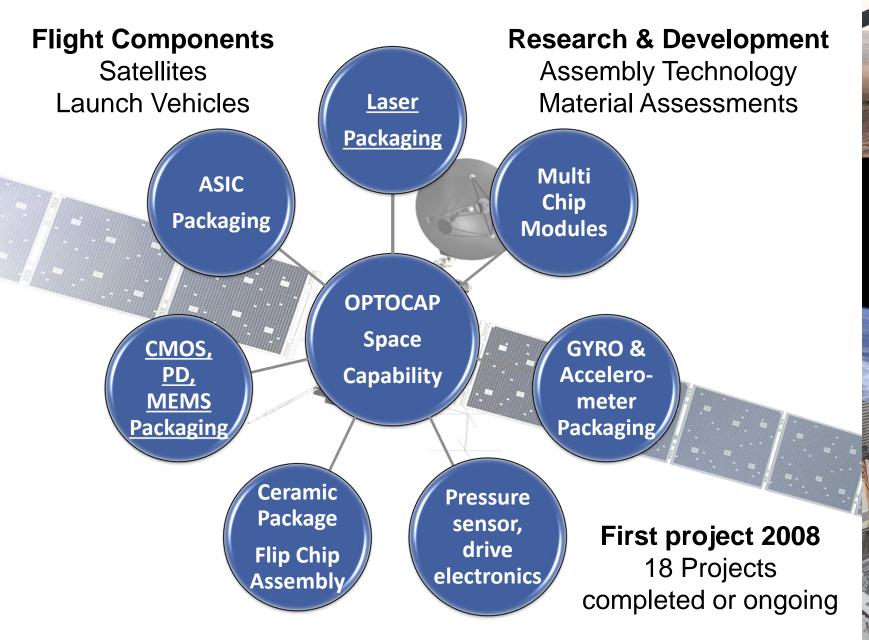
Microelectronic & MEMS Packaging



Design for Manufacture



### **Optocap Space Heritage (>11 years)**



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## **Optocap Space Flight Projects 2017-2018**



Meteosat Third Generation - Infrared sounder Photodiode Array in Hermetic Package / Application: Weather Imaging

> Jupiter Icy Moons Explorer (JUICE) Image Sensor for Monitoring Camera Instrumentation ASICs / Application: Space Exploration





Mars Environmental Dynamic Analyser (MEDA) ASICs for Instrumentation / Application: Mars 2020 Rover

High Accuracy Star Tracker CMOS Sensor Hermetic Package / Application: Star Tracker





Sensor ROIC ASIC MELCO / JAXA

> **CCFA CCD sensor** Application: Earth Observation / Cube Sat





ESA PROBA-3 SiPM Hermetic Packaging



# **Example Optocap Space Qualified 14 Pin Butterfly**

**Bill of material previously** 

qualified on space

programs for single mode

DFB laser diodes.

- Thermistor
- TEC
- Optical bench
- Monitor mount & monitor

#### PD

- Fibre subassembly
- Expansion matched and

thermally optimised design.

Use of standard, high reliability,

Space compliant assembly processes

- Organic and flux free construction
- Hermetically sealed



#### Au Wire bonding

- Automated wire bonding
- 25mm Au wire

#### Laser Welded Fibre Attach

- Sub micron alignment
- Polarisation maintaining fibre

#### **Fibre Features**

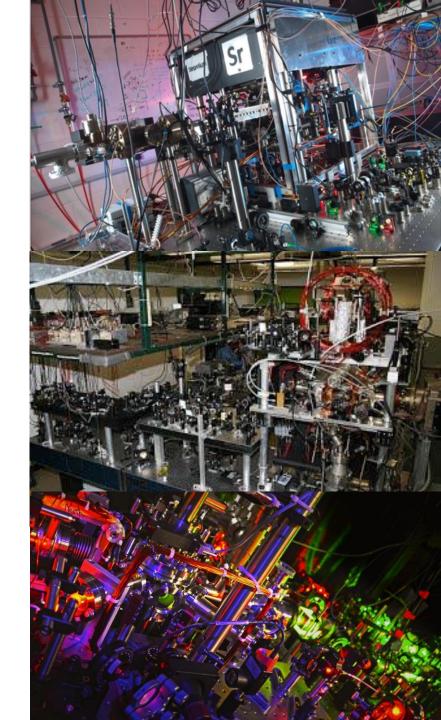
- AVIM connectors ruggedized
- Option to splice component
- Glass hermetic seals
- Tight buffer jacket
- Integrated lens tip of fibre
- High performance AR coatings
- Multiple fibre types (PM, SM,

MM)



Narrow Linewidth SWaP-C Lasers are essential for Quantum Applications

- Laser cooling of atoms requires a number of laser sources.
- Narrow linewidths from <1MHz 500kHz down to Hz in some cases
- Wavelength stabilised to an atomic reference
- Real-world applications require robust, reliable, miniaturised, space-qualified, costreduced packaging of narrow-linewidth lasers



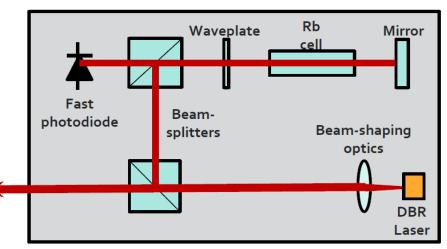


## **Optocap FLAME 780**

- Narrow Linewidth laser with integrated Rubidium atomic reference cell (852 with integrated Cs cell in development)
- 780.24nm, <1MHz linewidth, >150mW
- SWaP-C optimised: only 60 x 40 x 16 mm<sup>3</sup>
- Cleanliness & low-outgassing:
  - Gold-coated components
  - Ilux-free soldering
  - Iow-outgassing space-qualified adhesives
  - ø proven cleaning techniques
- Maximise repeatability, minimise production time
  - Automated wire bonding
  - Pick & place alignment of many components minimise production time and maximise repeatability





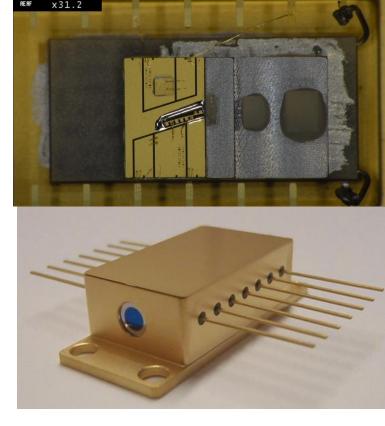


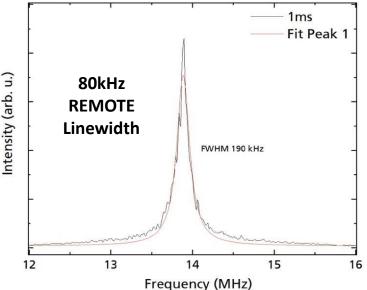




### **Optocap REMOTE 780**

- Narrow Linewidth laser
- 780 nm, <100 kHz linewidth, >100mW
- SWaP-C optimised: only 30 x 12.7 x 8.9 mm<sup>3</sup>
- Cleanliness & low-outgassing:
  - Gold-coated components
  - Ilux-free soldering
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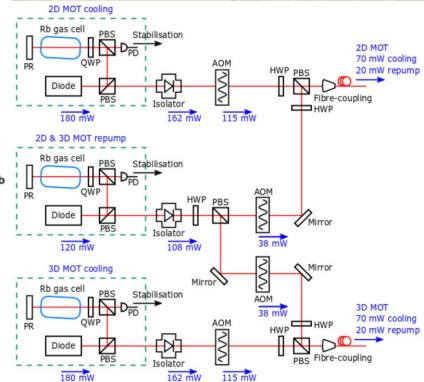






- FLAME, REMOTE and amplifier modules to deliver a full functional system for a gravity gradiometer.
- Optocap extending FLAME, REMOTE and RAMPART system to provide robust and reliable laser cooling and interferometer Raman beam functions









### **Optocap - QUEST Z** Fraunhofer

### **Quantum Entangled Source for Quantum** Communication

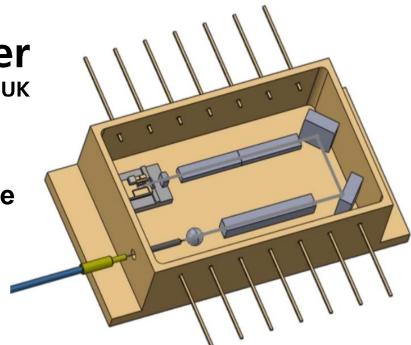
Quest-QKD is a feasibility study aimed at evaluating the potential of a device for the generation of entangled photons, targeting the emerging market of space quantum key distribution (QKD).

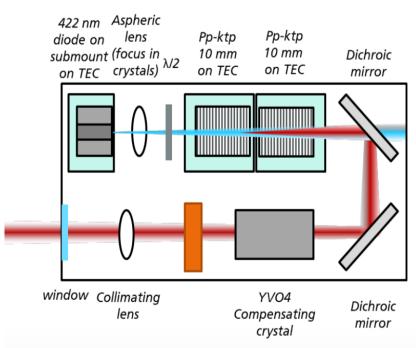
#### **Partners**:

- **Optocap** (Lead) 0
- Fraunhofer Centre for Applied Photonics 0

#### **Optocap Responsibilities:**

- **Project management** 0
- **Component drawing set** 0
- **Component procurement and process development** 0
- Assembly and testing of packaged source 0
- Final reporting and road-mapping 0





### **Optocap - Single Ion Microtraps**

Atomic quantum technology experimentation & development

The use of microfabricated ion traps coupled with scalable entanglement techniques facilitate advances in atomic clocks and quantum processors.

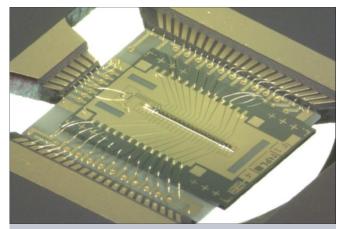
The aim of this development was to achieve a repeatable low cost, high volume design and repeatable sub-assembly process solution for a double sided MEMS ion trap devices for use in UHV (ultra high vacuum) applications

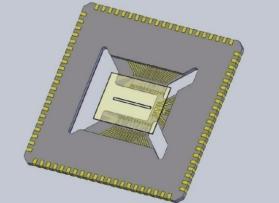
Partners:

- Optocap,
- NPL, (lead)
- Kelvin Nanotechnology

**Optocap Responsibilities:** 

- Design and manufacture of a bespoke ITCC (Ion-Trap-Chip-Carrier) to hold a double sided MEMS silicon chip.
- Development of bespoke and scalable assembly processes
- Demonstrate confidence test data showing compliance to withstand UHV (ultra high vacuum) application requirements
- Materials analysis and procurement
- Pilot assembly of assembly solution









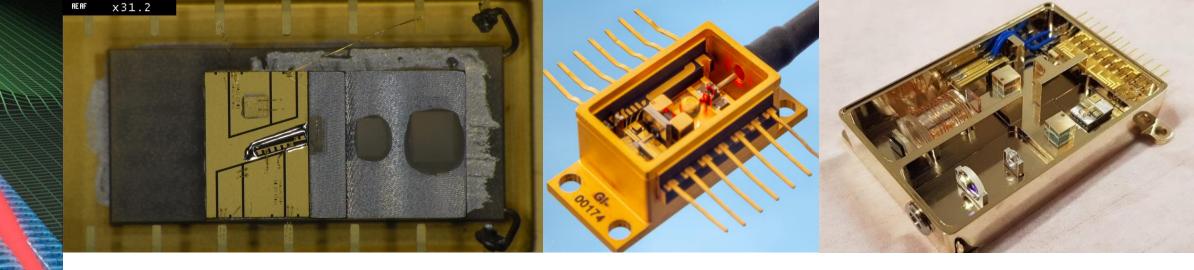
### **Optocap Conclusion**

Optocap provides photonic and microelectronic packaging capabilities

Experienced in qualified space, aerospace, telecoms ... devices

Through funded QT projects we are continuing to develop our own product line of rugged / miniaturised narrow linewidth lasers for SWaP-C space ... applications





- What we can offer: package development to deliver demonstrator units to final products.
- What do we want: more blue diode chips Yb, Ca, Sr Clock: 369, 397, 399, 421, 423. New methods for TA coupling to fibres ...

### THANK YOU

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