



Advanced laser sources and detectors for SWIR LIDAR systems

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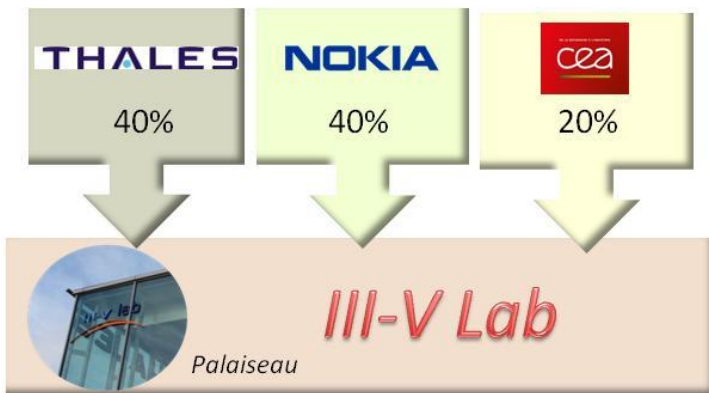
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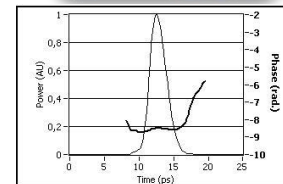
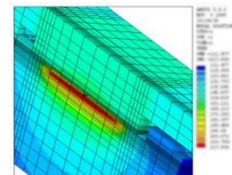
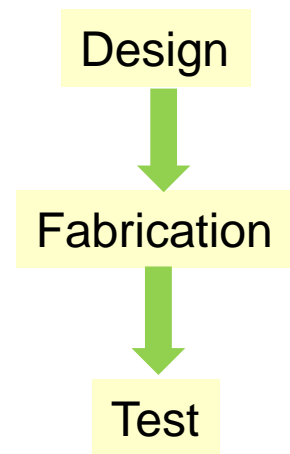
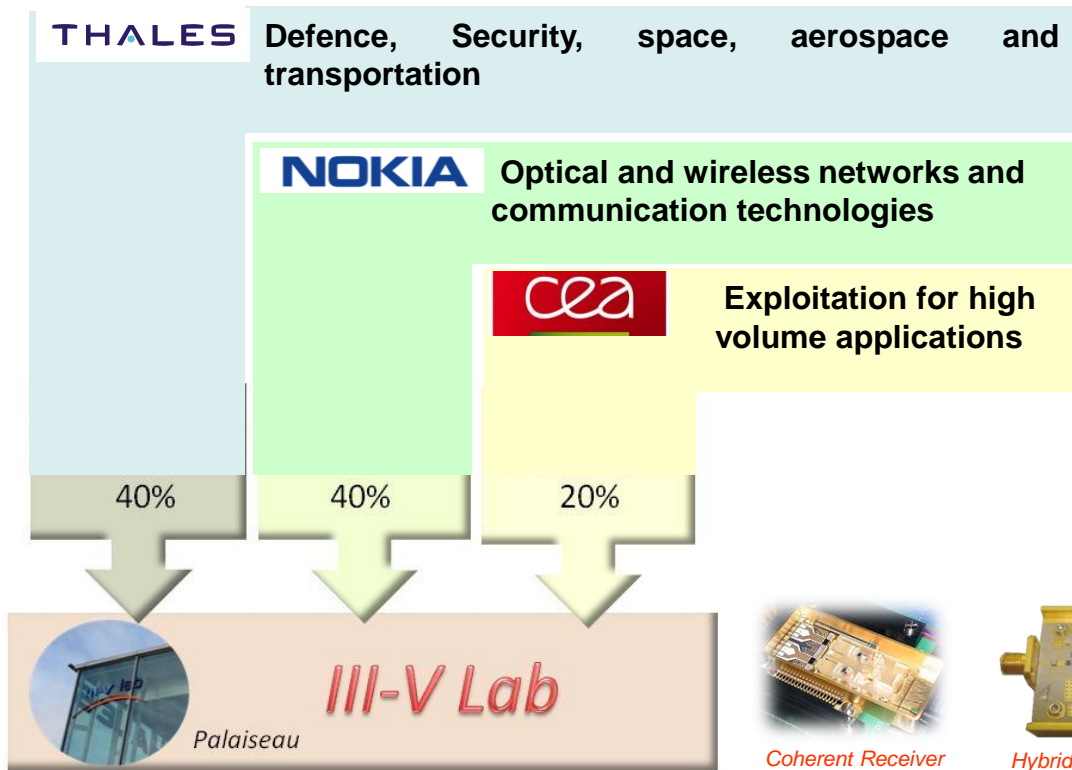
THALES

- ▶ **A private research lab set-up between Thales, Nokia and CEA/Leti**
 - 120 research staff including 20 PhD students
 - Specific legal entity (Group of Economic Interest)
 - 1 site in Paris region: Palaiseau
- ▶ **Focus on III-V semiconductors technologies development (GaAs, InP, GaN ...) and their integration with Si circuits and micro-systems.**



III	IV	V
B	C	N
Al	Si	P
Ga	Ge	As
In	Sn	Sb
Tl	Pb	Bi

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Coherent Receiver



Hybrid RF GaN Circuit



1-Tb/s optical transmitter with 64 QAM modulation



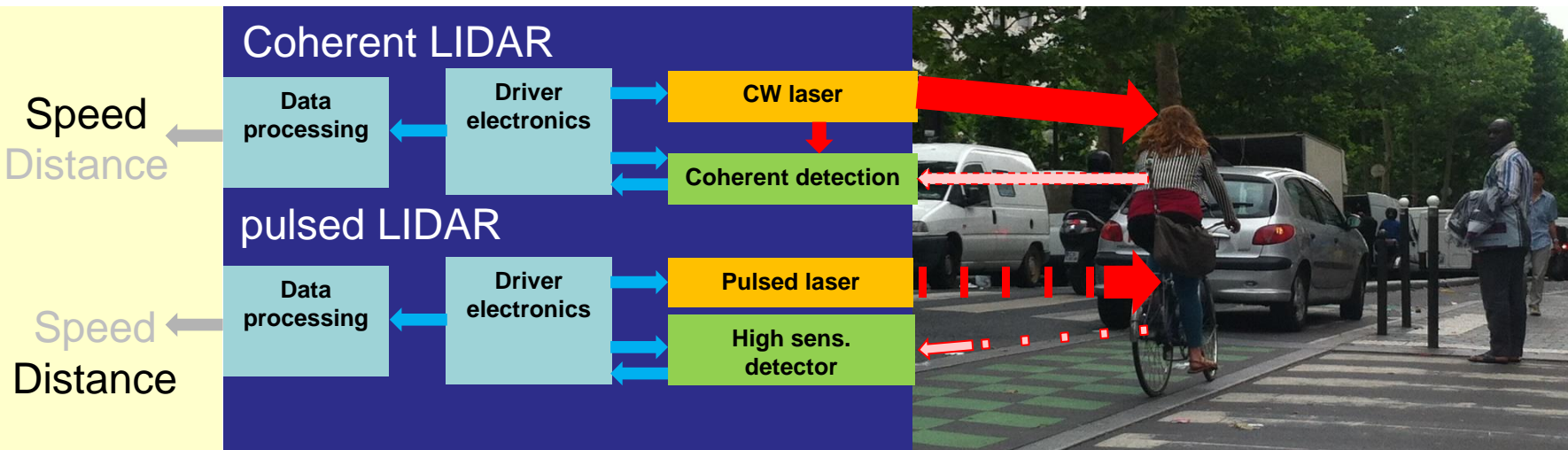
laser diode for atomic clock



- ▶ **Taking benefit of developments for telecom applications:**
 - 1.5µm Single mode lasers, high speed modulators and detectors
- ▶ **Using synergies with defence and space applications:**
 - Laser range finder, satellite free-space optical transmissions
- ▶ **Two type of LIDAR systems:**



- Advanced eye-safe emitters and detectors
- Expertise on advanced sensing systems

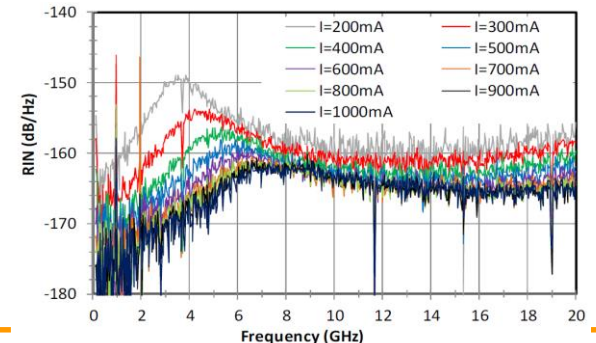
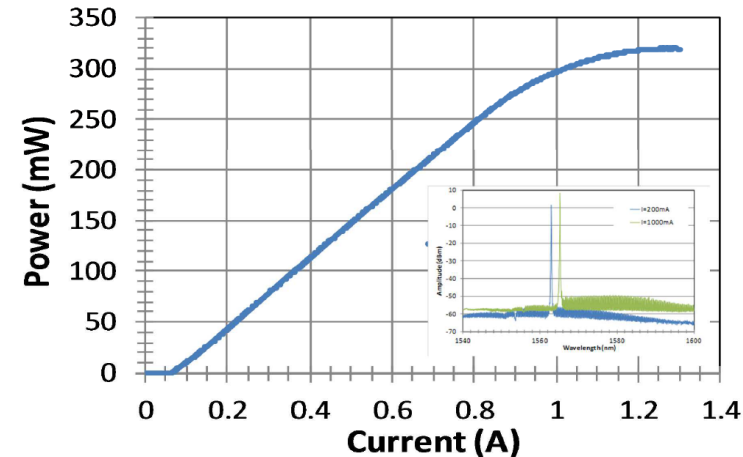


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▶ Multiquantum well DFB laser:

- Pout > 300 mW (chip)
- Linewidth < 200 kHz (lorentzian fit)
- Tunability: 1.5 pm/mA
- RIN < -160 dB/Hz from 0.1 to 20 GHz

M. Faugeron et al, "High-performance DFB laser module for space applications: the FP7 HiPPO achievements from chip fabrication to system validation," ICSO Conference 2018.

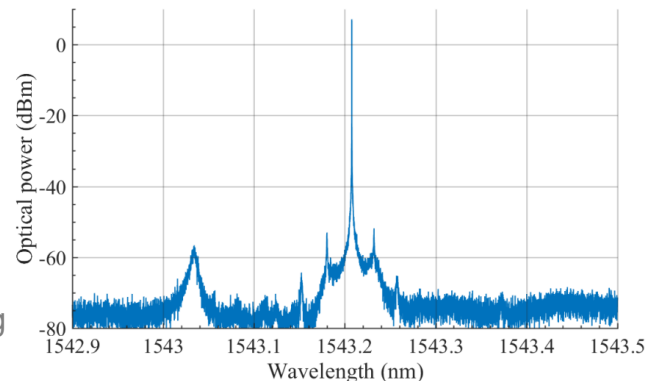
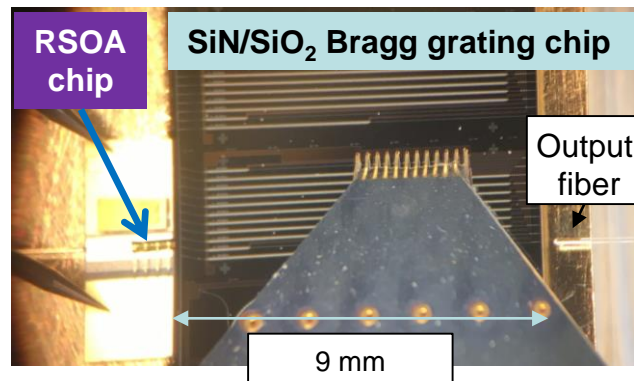


► Hybrid SiN/III-V laser cavity:

- Bragg grating reflector on low loss SiN platform (<2 dB/m)
- InP reflective optical amplifier

► Performances:

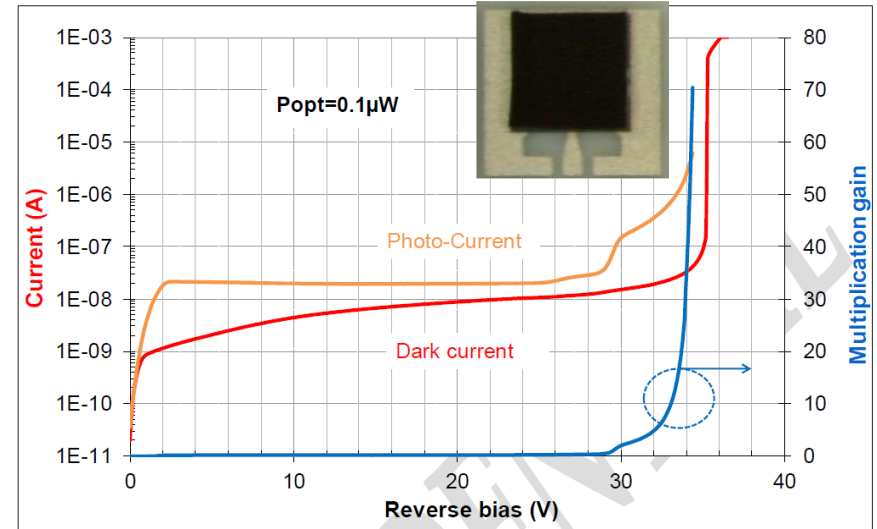
- Linewidth < 10 kHz
- Fast continuous tuning range > 5 GHz
- Tuning speed > 70 MHz/ μ s
- Output power > 10 mW



P. Primiani et al., "Silicon Nitride Bragg Grating With Joule Thermal Tuning for External Cavity Lasers," in IEEE Photonics Technology Letters, 2019.

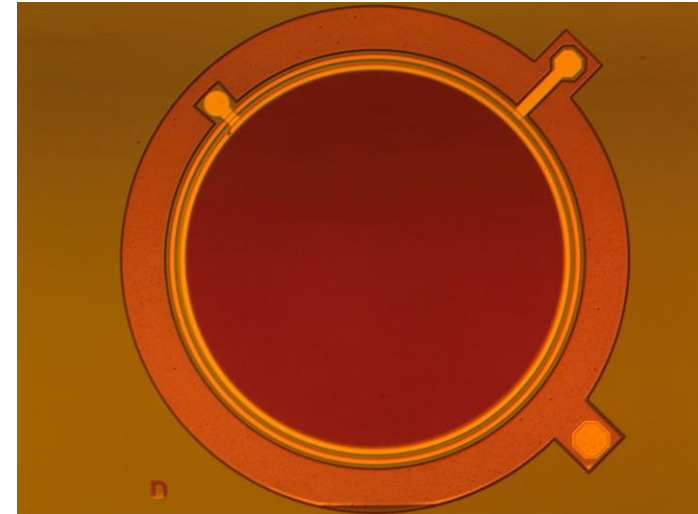
▶ 200 μm diameter Avalanche Photodiodes (APD)

- Low avalanche voltage (<35V)
- Dark current <40 nA
- Multiplication gain > 10
- Bandwidth > 100 MHz



▶ **Photodiodes from 2 to 3 mm of diameter**

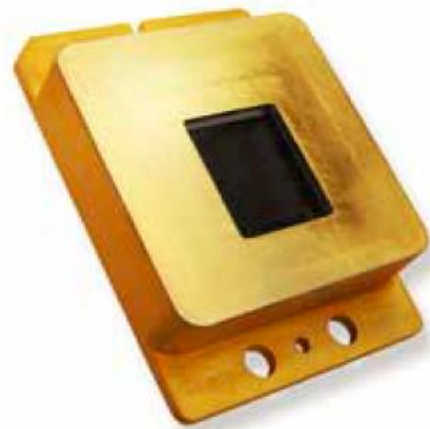
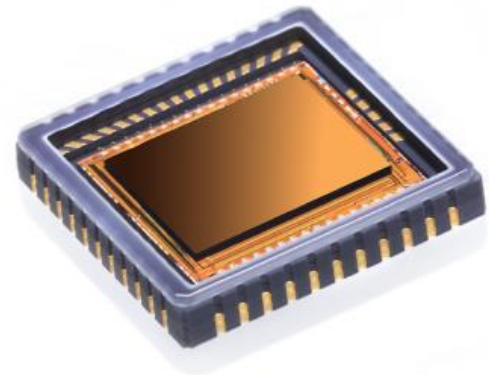
- Capacitance below 400pF
- Dark current below $13\mu\text{A}$ at 98°C and 5 V of reverse bias
- High bandwidth capability



VT2TA

▶ Snake SW detector

- VGA (650 x 512)
- Quantum efficiency > 70 % from 1 to 1.6 μm
- 15 μm x 15 μm pixels
- 30 fA dark current à -0.2 V
- Scientific applications





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OBJECTIVE

Develop innovative technologies for **optical sensors** and **laser sources**, for short to long-range **3D-imaging**, and **demonstrate their value** in several key applications

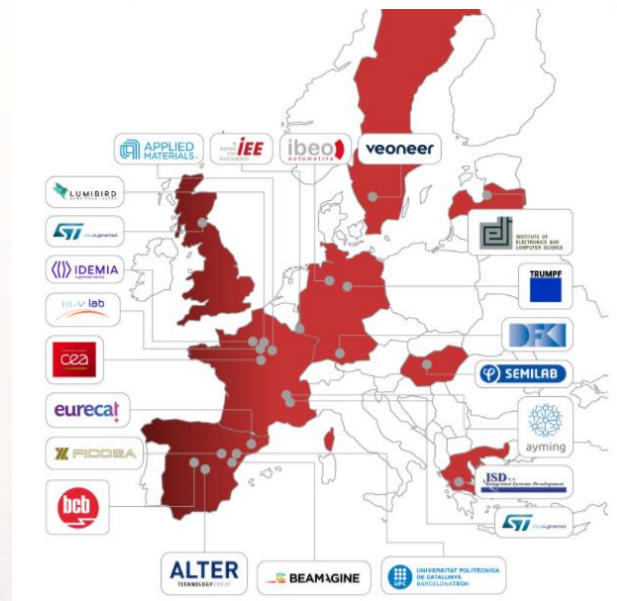
MAIN TARGETS

- Develop innovative technologies for 3D-imaging depth map high resolution sensors and associated IR light sources
- Exercise new 3D sensors and light sources in key applications with various ranges: Secured access, driver monitoring, object recognition, few cm to several meters, up to LiDARs systems with hundreds meters range
- Build partnership ecosystems foreseeing future competitive European products for Automotive, Security, Smart Cities and Industry4.0 and anticipate normative requirements

DURATION 3,5 years - May 2019 until Oct 2022

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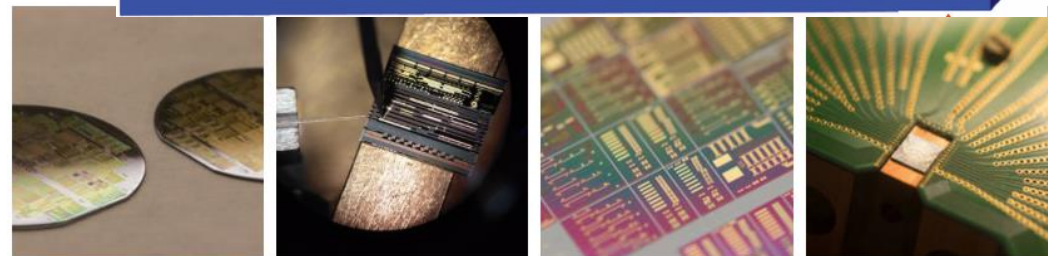
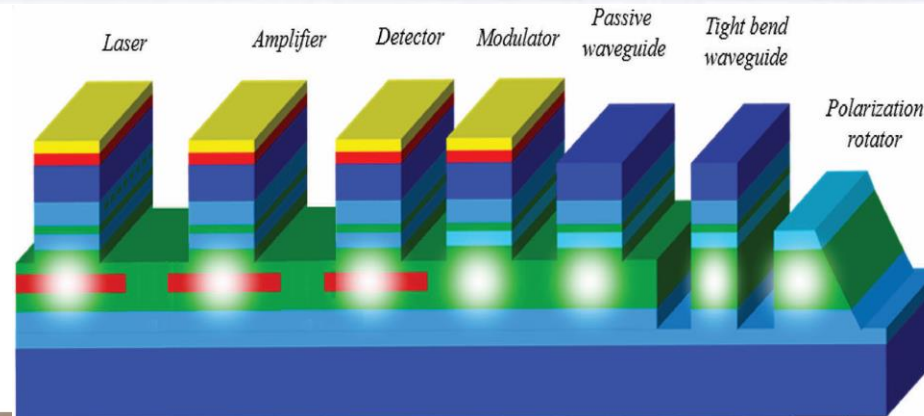


▶ More integration of LIDAR optical elements?

- Photonic Integrated Circuits
- Supported by european platforms

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InPULSE

▶ **We can provide:**

- R&D capabilities on design, process and test of III-V devices
- High performance lasers emitters and detectors

▶ **We are looking for:**

- Collaboration in the frame of research projects
- Partners for back-end, packaging
- Partners for further system tests

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