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MORE THAN 30 YEARS OF TECHNOLOGY HERITAGE



Spin-off SMART Photonics

First production



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WE MAKE PHOTONIC INTEGRATED CIRCUITS

- Pure play InP foundry
- Custom design wafers
- Extensive portfolio of high-performance design/process building blocks



INP BASED INTEGRATION IS KEY TO SUCCESS!

- Photonic integration needs light sources and amplification:
 - InP offers monolithic integration of all functionalities!
- Butt-joint integration: no compromise between active and passive components
- Full on-wafer electrical testing
- Mature technology: no compromise on laser reliability
- Enabler for low-cost integrated circuits





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WHAT IS YOUR PERFECT LIDAR?



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SNAPSHOT OF REFERENCE CASES

Original:

Previous generations:



Sensing within Aerospace



Design challenge:

Original solution is too large, fragile and not in-flight

SMART Solution:

- Much smaller
- 10,000 times more sensitive
- Lower power consumption
- Lower cost
- Full integration allows continuous safety monitoring

Enable Fiber to the Home



Design challenge:

- Multiplexing to accommodate traffic growth
- Needs to be compact, tunable, low cost and reduce power consumption

SMART Solution:

- Gen1 discrete within Si photonics chip
- Gen2 discrete+ component to:
 - Add functionality (incl. modulator)
 - Reduce power loss
 - Simplify integration with Si chip

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Design challenge:

More data and higher data rates to base station

Enable 5G

- Harsh environment -40°C to 85°C
- Low Power dissipation and long reach: 40km

SMART Solution:

- PIC enables tunable laser at cost of discrete laser
- Much smaller with enhanced performance
- Full integration of light sources and modulators
- Route to low-cost high bandwidth >>100Gb/s

NEXT STEPS

What can we offer you?

- Indium Phosphide platform
- Rapid prototyping & manufacturing of optical chips
- Strong process technology foundation and know-how
- Extensive portfolio of high-performance design/process building blocks

What can you offer us?

- Ambitious companies
- Partners to develop new applications
- System integrator partner
- Collaborations in research projects



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