

SCAN TINEL® PHOTONICS

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SCANTINEL's approach to FMCW LiDAR

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Overview of SCANTINEL



Our mission is to create optimum value for our customers and partners by providing outstanding LIDAR solutions

- Located in Germany with offices in Ulm and Karlsruhe
- Focus on FMCW-LiDAR technology for mobility applications

SCANTINEL is backed by:





Rita Levi-Montalcini (1909-2012)

- Italian researcher in the field of Neurobiology
- Awarded the 1986 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine



Imperfection drives evolution and innovation

In Praise of Imperfection: how imperfection drives innovation



1885 - Safety bike John Kemp Starley



2021 – Bolide HR Campagnolo







TOF ----> FMCW



- 5D Data: 3D + velocity and reflectivity
- 0ver 300m range
- High immunity to interference through coherent detection



The challenges of FMCW LiDAR

SCANNING

- Avoid phase decorrelation to prevent the loss of coherence of the system
- Allow channel parallelization to enhance the pixel rate of the system

Our Approach



- Optical Enhanced Array (OEA[™]) combines a photonic integrated chip (PIC) with advanced optics
- Solid-state scanning on the fast axis avoids phase decorrelation and guarantees the coherence of the system
- Silicon photonics-based scanner enables massive parallelization of FMCW channels in the system to achieve up to 2MP/s

The challenges of FMCW LiDAR

FMCW ENGINE

- Linear tunability and narrow linewidth of the laser
- Amplification of laser light power
- Coherent detection

Our Approach

- Integrated InP laser on Photonic Integrated Circuit to achieve high linearity and narrow linewidth
- 1550nm laser to achieve over 300m range and to enhance system performances in fog
- Light amplification based on EDFA or SOA based on customer requirements of operating temperature
- Integrated detectors to reduce losses and achieve higher detection performances

The challenges of FMCW LiDAR

SCALABILITY

- Flexibility to fit different customers requirements
- Mass manufacturability
- Competitive price

Our Approach

- Photonic integrated chip approach combined with parallelization of FMCW channels enables the flexibility of the system to fit different requirements and use cases
- CMOS-compatible silicon photonics platform and highly integration of the system drives mass manufacturability and price-point competitivity

Development is on track and shows very good traction

A-Sample



- First system with OEA[™] approach and photonics integrated circuit
- First data available in October 2021
- Target specs available on request

Traction



- Received "2021 Best Practices Technology Innovation Leadership Award" from Frost & Sullivan
- Interaction and joint development projects with customers in all the targeted market segments

Scantinel believes that collaboration is essential

Topics for collaboration

- Cost reduction for 1550nm EDFA
- Active cooling systems to allow efficient use of SOA at high temperature

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Thank You. Let's connect.



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