

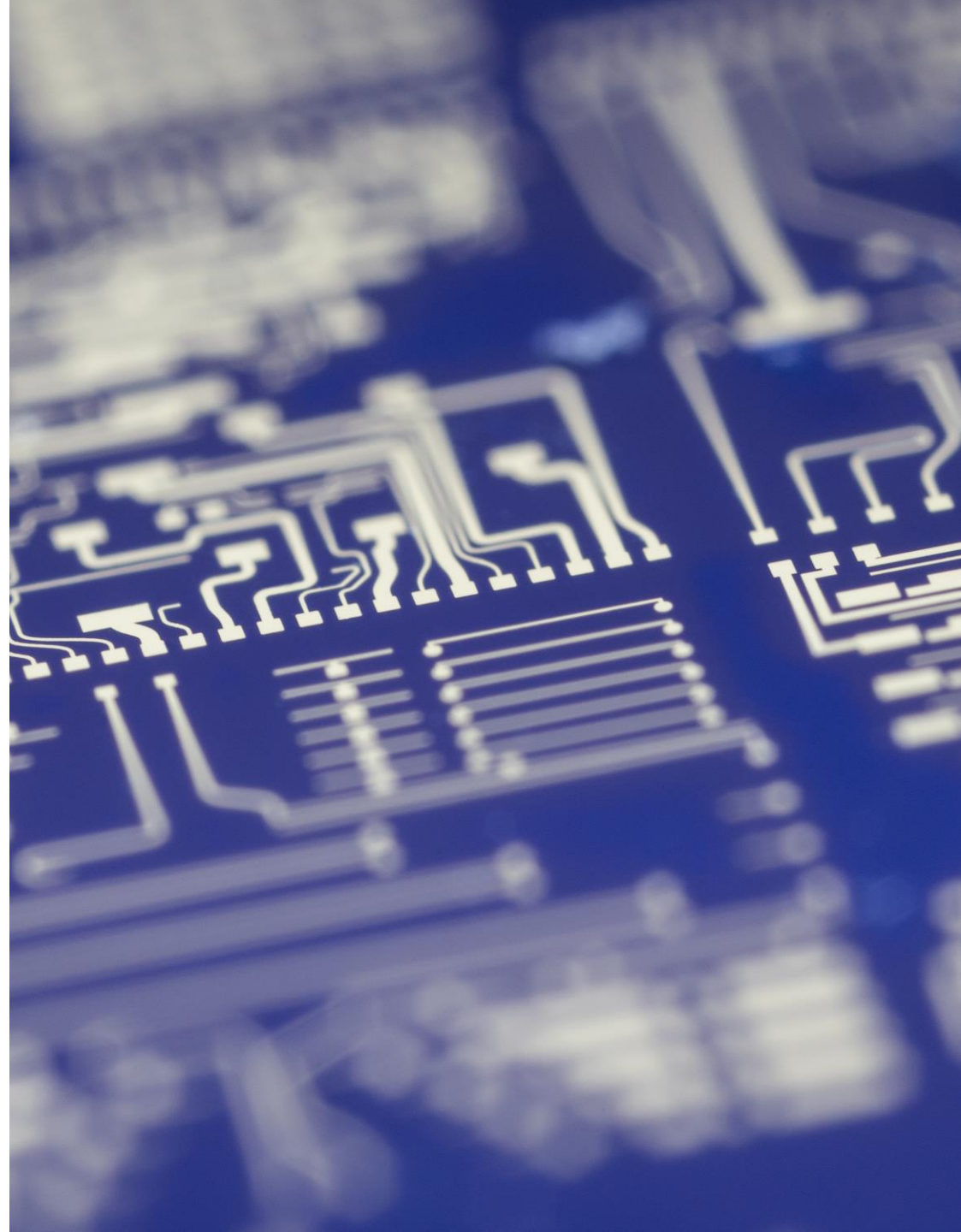
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SMART PHOTONICS

EPIC General meeting – April 7th 2022

AGENDA

- Introduction to SMART Photonics
- Industry developments
- InP pilot line building
- Dedicated Wafers and Multi-Project Wafer Runs
- PDK approach
- Summary



OUR HERITAGE: MADE IN EINDHOVEN



PHILIPS

 **JDS Uniphase**

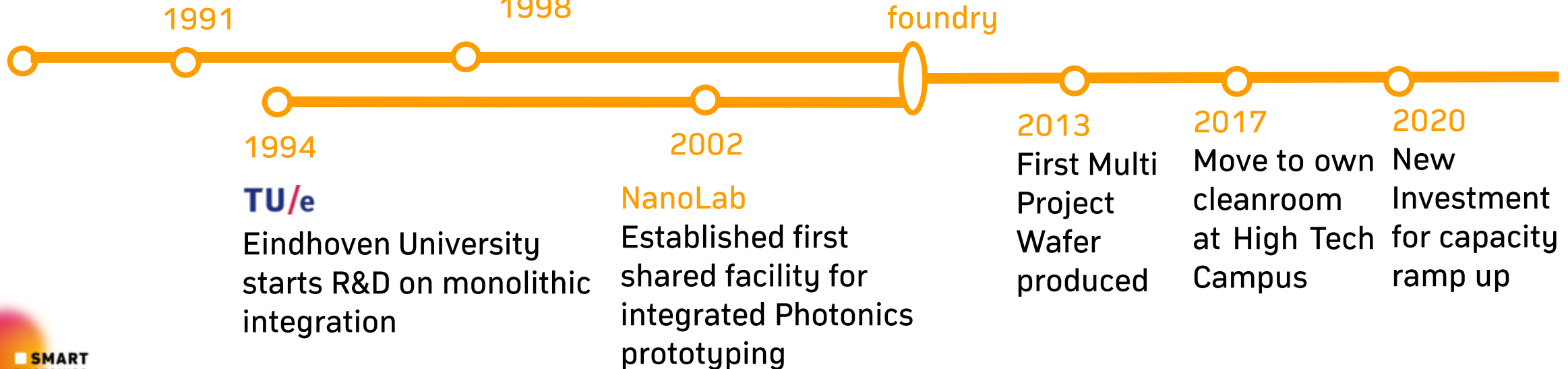
Early
1980s: start
of activities

First
commercialization
of components

Acquisition by
Uniphase for
€1.2B

**SMART
PHOTONICS**

2012: Spin-off as
independent pure-play
foundry



TU/e
Eindhoven University
starts R&D on monolithic
integration

NanoLab
Established first
shared facility for
integrated Photonics
prototyping

2013
First Multi
Project
Wafer
produced

2017
Move to own
cleanroom
at High Tech
Campus

2020
New
Investment
for capacity
ramp up



VISION AND MISSION FOR SMART PHOTONICS

OUR VISION

Integrated Photonics is used everywhere around us and improves the quality of our everyday lives.

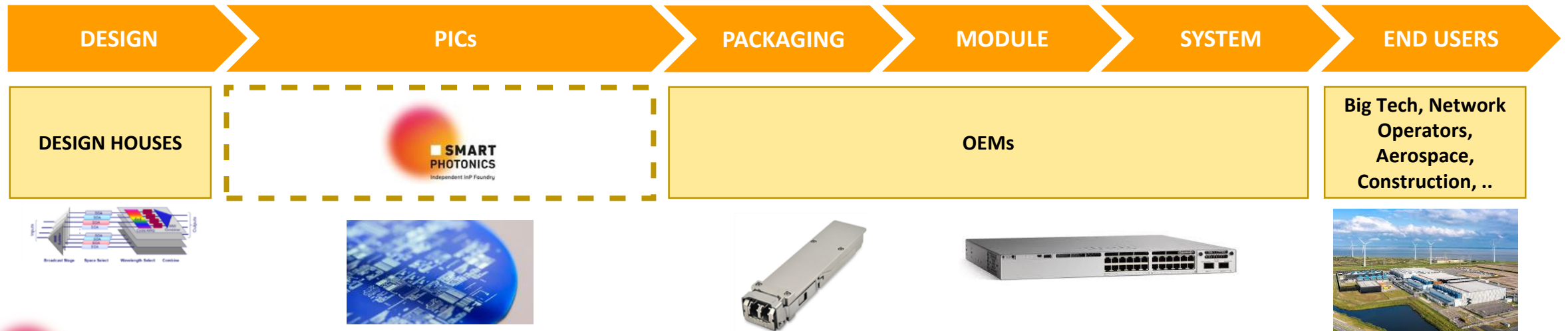
OUR MISSION

To be the leading foundry and development partner in integrated photonics that works closely together with our customers to create innovative products that improve people's lives.




SMART PHOTONICS


- We are producing Photonics chips: chips based on light instead of electronics
- We are the first player offering production of integrated photonic chips as a foundry.
- Our customers are predominantly OEMs and system companies
- Providing prototyping services and volume production




PHOTONICS FOLLOWS SEMICON IN VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT

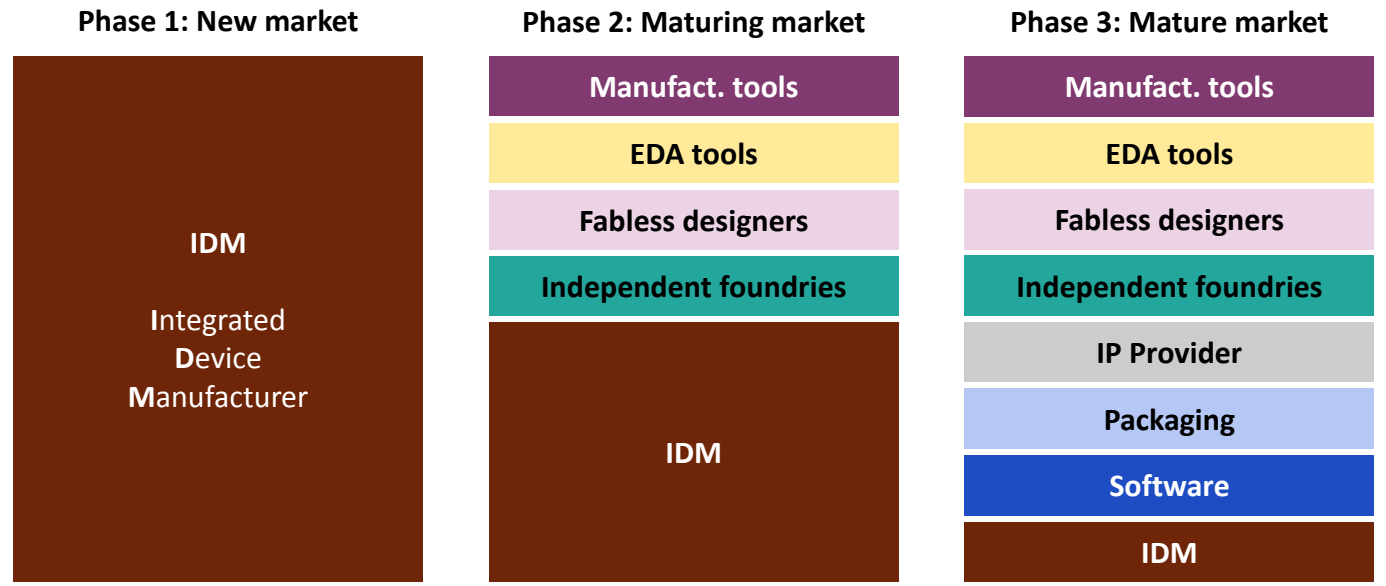
Trends in the market...

 *Fast growing demand of customer without manufacturing capability* ✓

 *Development of new and more complex designs* ✓

 *Consolidation in the industry* ✓

... driving a similar shift from integrated manufacturers to foundries

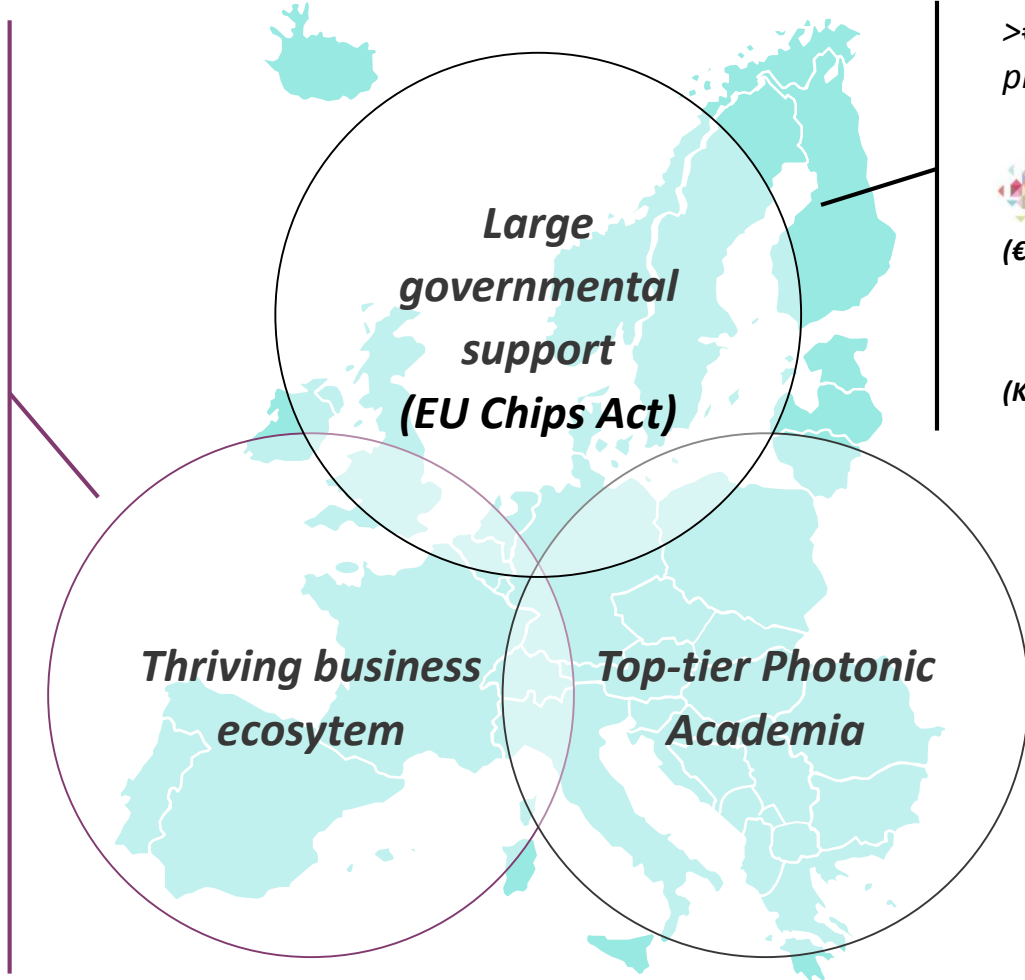


Photonics is maturing as companies enter the market requiring independent capacity with the broad scope of PDKs needed, which IDM's can't provide...

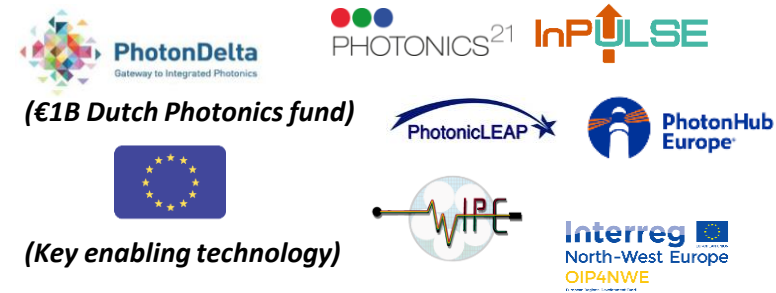
... and will eventually reach semiconductor maturity, where foundries represent an ~50% market share

GEOPOLITICS DRIVES EU TO STRONGLY INVEST IN PHOTONICS

Large ecosystem of fabless designers, system integrators, design tool providers, packaging companies, ...



>€3B available in EU and NL for Integrated photonics infrastructure (focus on foundries)



(€1B Dutch Photonics fund)



(Key enabling technology)

Many research institutes at the cutting-edge of Integrated Photonics ready to commercialize innovations



FUNDING 2020/21

- Realized major funding round of € 35 M – June 2020
- Added € 13 M non-equity financing in June 2021

Major targets

- Demonstrate Low Volume Manufacturing
- Increased capacity and yield
- Customers in production phase



STATE OF THE ART MANUFACTURING FACILITIES

SMART Photonics at High Tech Campus Eindhoven

- 1400m² Production facility
 - >1000m² 3" Production cleanroom (Class 1000)
 - Back-end, testing and layer growth capabilities



SMART Photonics at Nanolab

Eindhoven University of Technology Science Park

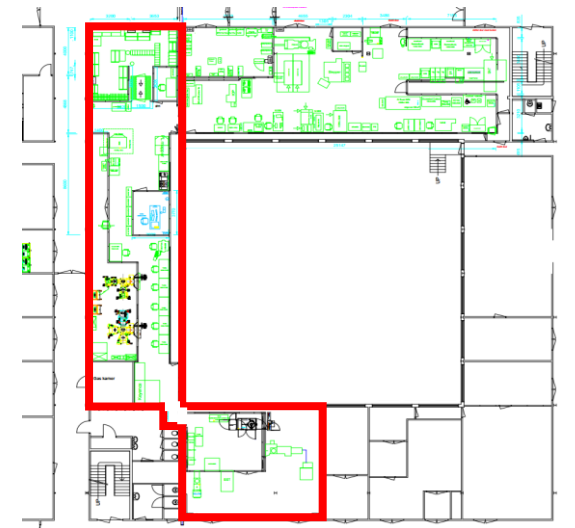
- 850m² Fully equipped R&D facility

Processing and epitaxy expertise at both sites



BUILD-OUT IN NUMBERS

- 25 Tools
 - ~60 vendors contacted and ~75 tools assessed
 - More than 2000 pages of specification
- Close to 200 process steps to be transferred, modified, reconfigured or newly developed
 - Move from shared facilities at University to own facility
 - And/or between tools
 - Fully new processes
- More than 2 x size of cleanroom
- Building the ICT infrastructure to monitor, control and plan the line
- Close to 60 new FMEA's, Control Plans and SPC implementations
- Integrate/train 70 new people
- And deal with corona....



SMART IS COVERING THE OVERALL PROCESS



- Epitaxial deposition of InGaAsP materials

- Lithography
- Scanner & stepper
- Semiconductor etching

- Deposition and etching of SiN / SiO_x layers

- Planarization for RF performance
- Deposition of P/N contacts

- Grinding & Polishing
- Dicing & Antireflection coating
- Cleaving into single ICs

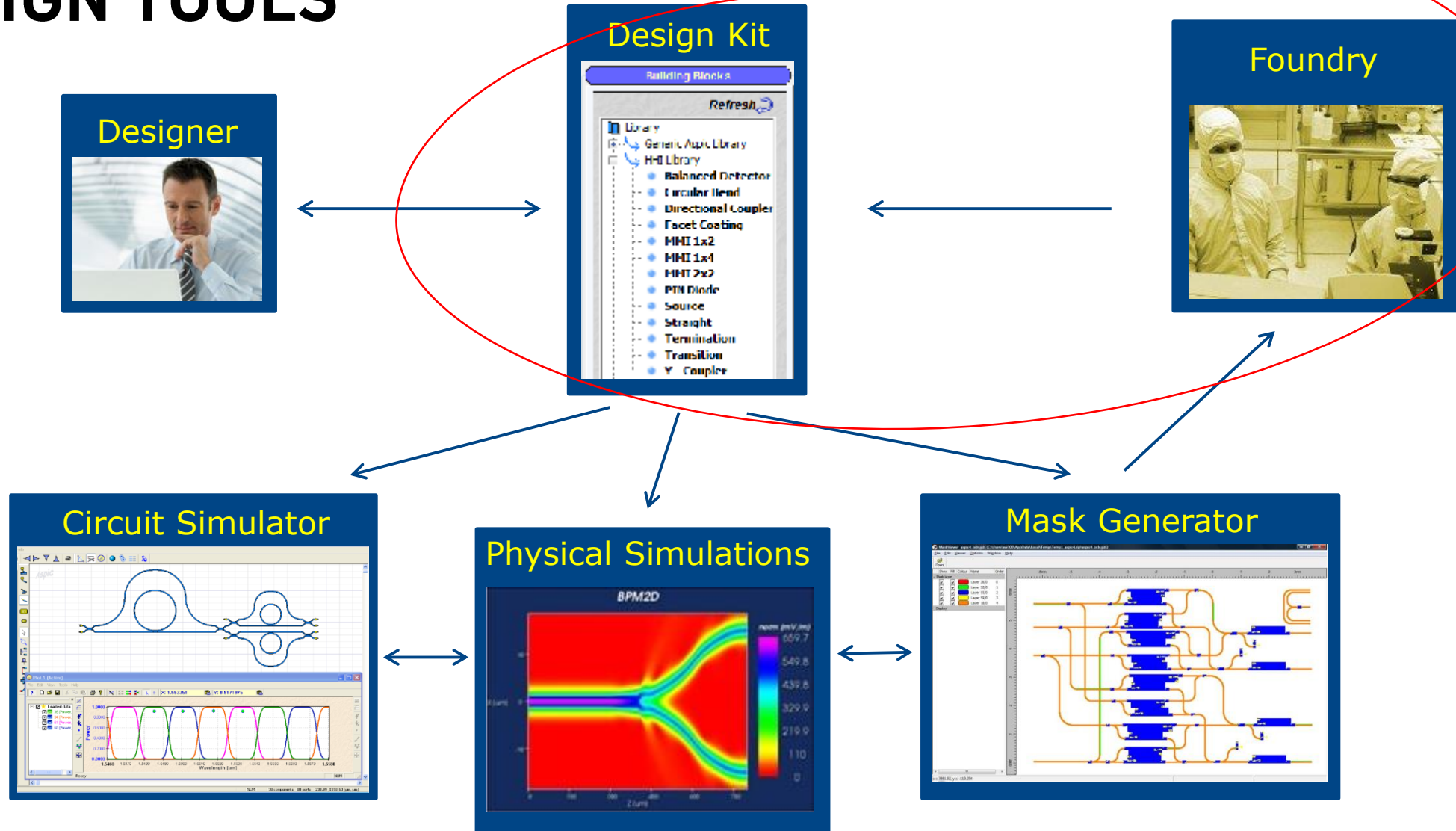




STATUS AND GROWTH PLANS

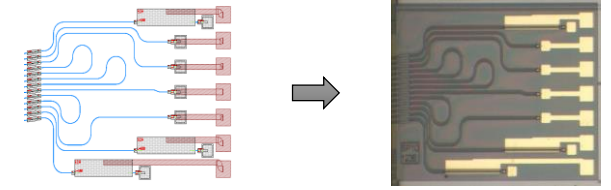
- Release of production line
 - All equipment released
 - Transition from manual process to semi-automated realized. Nearly all process modifications released.
 - Scale up to 3k wafer/yr (3") by end of 2022, 5k wafers/yr by end of 2023
 - Production line is 4" capable – first demonstration in 2022
 - Split production line and R&D facilities
- Increase wafer and die testing capabilities
- Longer term, we intend to expand further, based on blue-print of current facility

DESIGN TOOLS

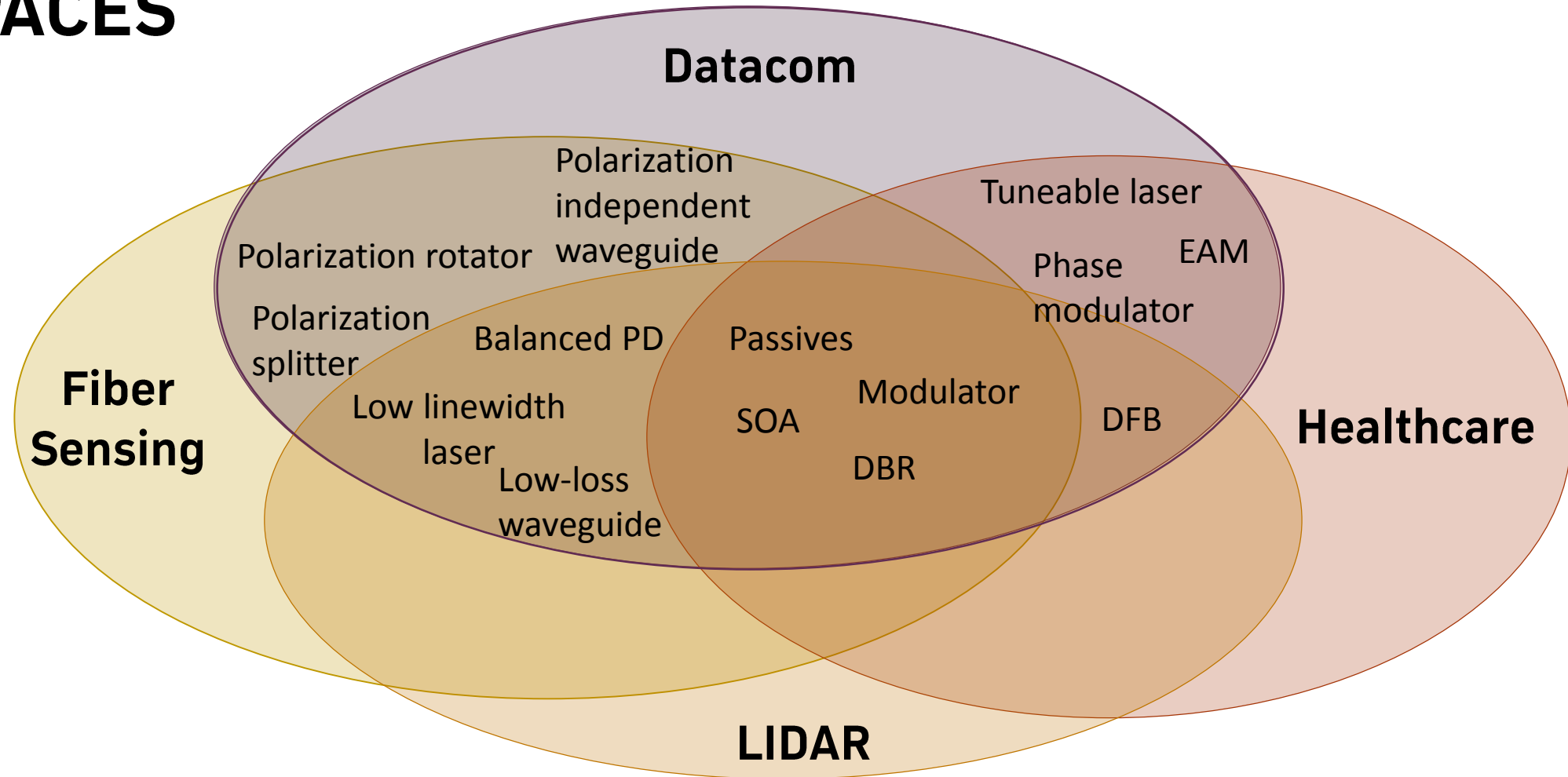


PROCESS DESIGN KIT APPROACH

- **Generic Integration**
 - **Standardized industrial integration process**
 - Design on **functional** level by using **building block** approach
 - Software design kits for **fast** and **accurate** design
 - Multi-project wafer (MPW) runs for **early access** prototyping
 - Enables **easier scale up** to high volume manufacturing
- **PDK Building Block Library**
 - For circuit simulation and mask design
 - Design manual and functional building block description
 - Full layout-aware design flow
 - Access via state of the art software tools



SHARED DEVELOPMENT ACROSS APPLICATION SPACES



SUMMARY

- Integrated photonics is growing rapidly and finding broader and higher volume applications
- Multiple factors are supporting a move to a foundry offer
- SMART Photonics has demonstrated blue print of pilot facility and is poised to fill the foundry role.
- We are investing heavily into growing capability and volumes as well as technology development