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Smart VCSEL technology: Added value by integrating advanced optical structures

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TRUMPF is...



Family business since 1923



Technology leader in two business divisions



Innovation promise – holistically and constantly



Close to its customers with over 70 subsidiaries



TRUMPF Photonic Components is...

5 reasons for a sustainable cooperation



20 years legacy in VCSEL & photodiode Strong IP portfolio Since April 2019 part of the TRUMPF team Business acquired from Philips Photonics **High volume supplier into multiple markets** Over 2 billion dies shipped (>350 Million in 2021)

International footprint German based company operating in multiple locations incl. Germany, Netherlands, China, Taiwan, Korea, USA

Strength in innovation Investing with a 30% quota in R&D projects



TRUMPF VCSEL world

From datacom to sensing to industrial heating to automotive



Datacom

Data Centers

 Transceivers (TxRx), Active Optical Cables (AOC), embedded optical modules

High Performance Computing

Enterprise Networks

Consumer Datacom

• USB, Thunderbolt, HDMI



Sensing

Consumer Sensing

- Face recognition
 - Proximity sensing
- Laser autofocus
- AR / VR
- User input device

Industrial Sensing

 Environmental and gas sensing



Industrial Heating

E-Mobility

- Battery foil drying
- Pouch sealing

Composite manufacturing

- Local steel treatment
- Pixelated heating
- Joining of plastic parts

Additive Manufacturing



Automotive

Data transfer

In-vehicle optical network

Sensing

- In-cabin sensing, driver monitoring
- LiDAR

Heating

 Local softening of body steel



TRUMPF offers a broad product portfolio World of VCSELs and photodiodes



Datacom

- 850 nm VCSELs and photodiodes up to 56 Gbps bandwidth, 100 G in development (release in '22)
- Various array configurations (1x4, 1x12, ...)
- Non-standard wavelengths (940 nm – 1310 nm)
- Single-mode and multimode VCSELs



Consumer Sensing

Smallest Chips

- 150 µm chip size
- 2 20 mW optical power
- 850 nm and 940 nm emission wavelength

VCSEL arrays

- 0.5 4 W (cw)
- High pulse power 10 x cw
- 850 nm and 940 nm emission wavelength
- Short pulses down to 1ns
- Large 2D arrays with addressable zones



Industrial Sensing

- 76x nm and 850 nm singlemode in TO package
 TEO antional
- TEC optional



High Power Systems

- Many chips to scale the power to multi kWs
- Addressable zones
- Slope efficiency ~1 W/A
- 980 nm emission wavelength



Trends in consumer sensing

Miniaturization

Power consumption reduction

Performance increase

VCSEL technology has to become smarter!

Integrating advanced optical structures to address industry needs.



VCSEL with integrated optical structures Added value



Integrated polarization control

Characteristics

- Polarization stable locked by a surface grating
- Future: VCSEL addressing two polarization directions

Applications

Underneath OLED display

Integrated photodiode

Characteristics

- Integrated photodiode into VCSEL
- 3 contacts on front, one backside

<u>Applications</u>

- Eye-tracking
- Speed and distance measurement
- Industrial sensing



Integrated backside optics

Characteristics

 Monolithically integrated micro-optical elements

Applications

- LiDAR
- In-cabin sensing
- Driver monitoring

VCSEL with polarization control For consumer applications



Integrated polarization control

Technical specs

- Polarization stable locked by a surface grating
- 2 8 emitter multimode VCSEL
- 940 nm wavelength
- 8 10 mW





Measured on-wafer distribution of polarization angle wrt. chip edge



of Application fields such as OLED displays

Improve illumination quality & resolution

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ViP - VCSEL with integrated Photodiode For consumer or industrial applications



Integrated photodiode

<u>Characteristics</u>

- 2 independent emitter and integrated photodiode
- 850 nm single-mode VCSEL
- 1-2 mW
- 3 contacts on front, one backside
- Grating for stable polarization

ViP as key enabler for SMI*, combining interferometric accuracy with compactness



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*SMI = self-mixing interference

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ViBO – VCSEL with integrated backside Optics For automotive applications



Integrated backside optics

Characteristics

- Monolithically integrated micro-optical elements
- 940 nm multimode VCSEL
- Inherently eye-safe
- > 10 W peak power for short-range sensors
- > 100 W peak power for long-range



Backside view with preformed contacts

- Easy SMD mounting to the board or driver IC
- Custom addressability of illumination zones

Customize your





immulination profile



Smart VCSEL technology

Added value by integrating advanced optical structures Reduce the complexity in your system design and assembly!

- Integrated polarization control to improve illumination quality and resolution in demanding 3D illumination applications
- Integrated photodiode to support SMI technology and miniaturization
- Integrated backside optics to enable miniaturization, increase lifetime and offer freedom in design

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