

Breaking the interrogator cost barrier:

Photonic integration as disruptive technology for large-scale deployment of FBG sensing

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OUR COMPANY

Founded in 2018 Silicon photonics platform for sensing 10+ people



First products launched in 2021
Production ramp-up
Outsourced manufacturing

Patented and proven technology & 1.5M€ in research grants







Fiber optic system integration for various industrial sectors







Partnering with solution providers
Direct to OEMs

5M€ invested by consortium of corporate investors and VC's



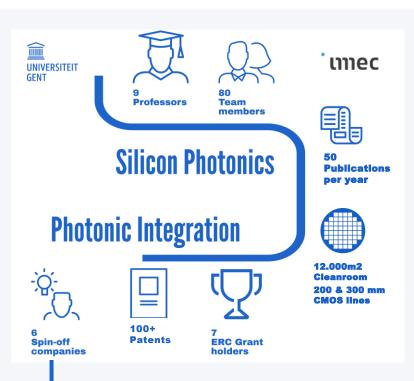








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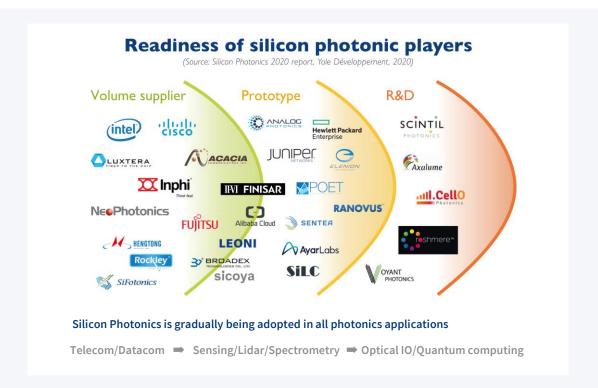








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DISRUPTIVE TECHNOLOGY FOR FBG SENSING

Bulk optics interrogators are expensive, limiting the use of FBG sensing to niche applications



Silicon Photonics makes interrogators affordable and enables for high volume application

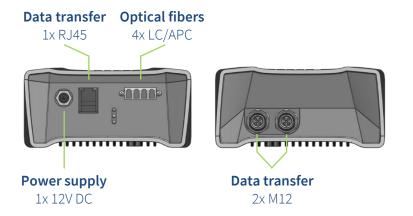




OUR INTEGRATED-PHOTONIC INTERROGATORS



DM-4120 FBG fiber interrogator



Functional characteristics	SR-1080	DM-4120	DM-8120
Number of channels	1	4	8
Max. number of sensors per channel	8	10	
Max. sampling frequency	200Hz	24kHz	
Wavelength range	1530-1570nm	1525-1575nm	
Wavelength sensitivity	< 0.5pm (1)		
Wavelength accuracy	< 10pm (2)		
Sensors FWHM	From 100pm to 1nm		
Light source	SLED		
Optical connection	LC/APC		
Data interface	Ethernet (TCP/UDP/MQTT) \cdot Modbus \cdot Trigger $^{\scriptscriptstyle{(3)}}$		
Software interface	PeakViewer $^{\text{\tiny{TM}}}$ visualization app \cdot API for Python		

Physical characteristics

Dimensions	170 x 135 x 65mm		
Weight	1.2kg		
Operating conditions (non-condensing)	0 to +40°C	-20 to +60°C	0 to +40°C
Power supply	12V DC external · 24V DC external		
Power consumption (room temperature)	Typically 7W		

⁽¹⁾ Defined as standard deviation over 10 minutes | (2) Over full temperature range | (3) In development



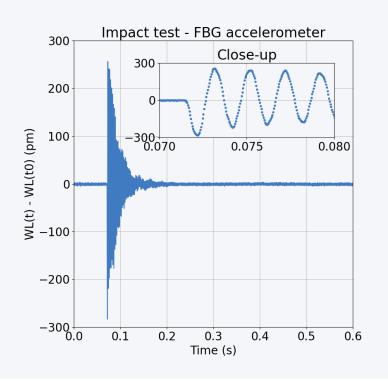


✓ Up to 24kHz













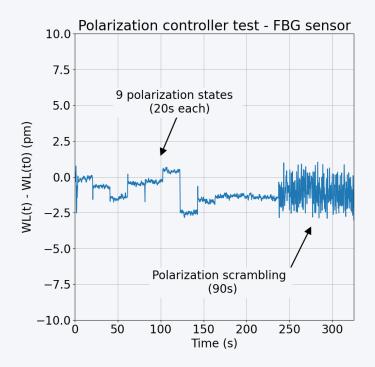






Reliable measurements

- ✓ Low polarization sensitivity
- ✓ Temperature stability (-20°C to +60°C)
- ✓ Long-term stability







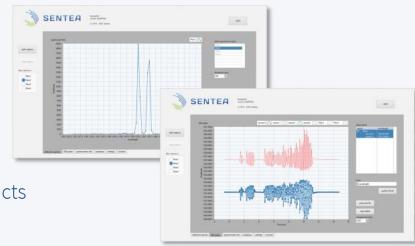






Seamless system integration

- ✓ PeakViewer software
- ✓ Python API library
- ✓ Embedding computing
- ✓ Interoperable with most FBG products













Cost-effective

- ✓ List price starting at 3,450 EUR
- ✓ Highly degressive pricing
- ✓ Tailored for large-scale deployment





WHAT IS NEXT?

Further integration and cost reduction, accompanying production ramp-up

Continued collaboration with the fiber optic sensing community to serve current and future industry needs:

- Sensor manufacturers
- System integrators & solution providers
- OEMs

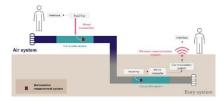
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