



# High-End Visible and Infrared Components for Aerospace and Defense Market

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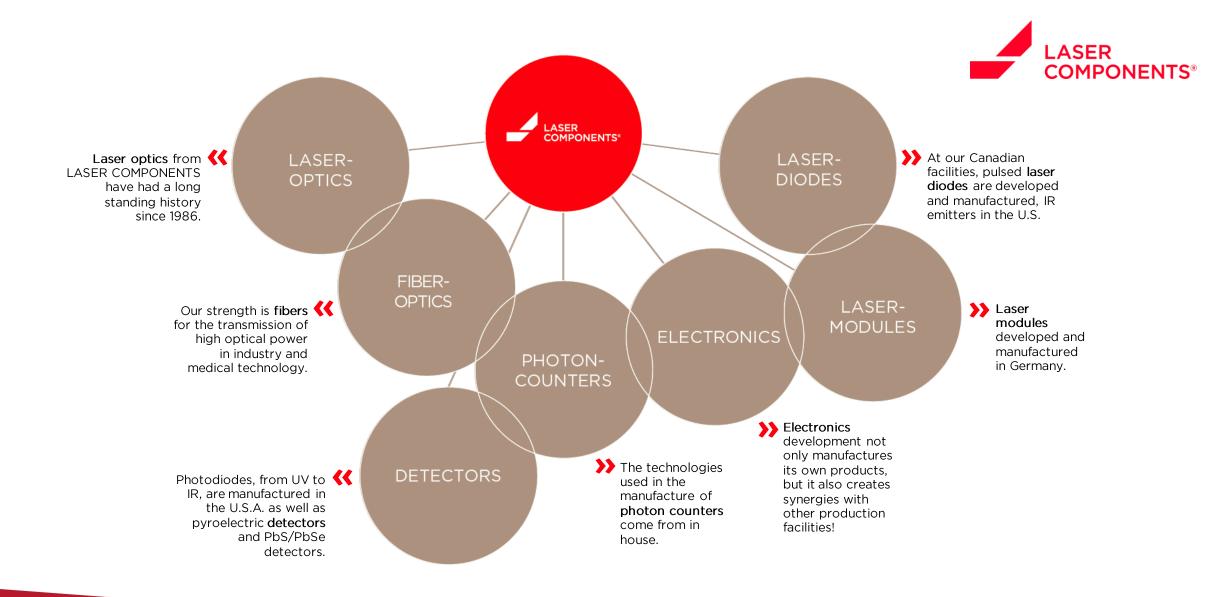
#### **Production facility for**

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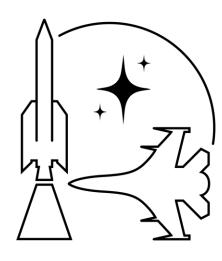






#### HERITAGE IN DEFENSE AND AEROSPACE

- \_ 40+ years of company history, privately owned
- \_ Strong footprint in Defense, Aerospace and Space business
- \_ Export Control: BAFA-, CGP- and ITAR-experience
- \_ ISO 9001 certified, design and production for Mil-, AEQC-, and AS9100 standards
- \_ Able to sign long-term supply agreements
- \_ Willingness to customize for smaller volume demand
- \_ Long-term strategy for A&D



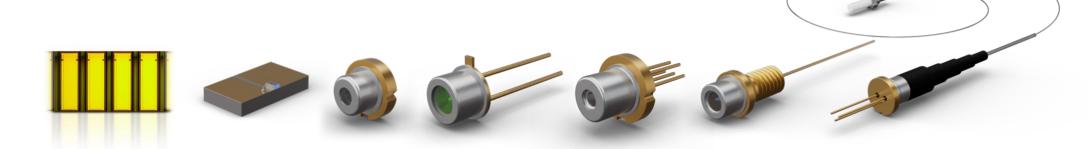


#### CAPABILITIES TO SUPPORT DESIGN EFFORTS

#### Pulsed Laser Diodes (PLDs)

- \_ Standard wavelengths (850, 905, 1550nm)
- \_ Custom stripe size and length
- \_ From single chip to arrays, single- to triple-junctions, and up to 5 stacked dies (up to 650W)
- Custom integrated collimation micro-optics for fast-axis correction and balanced divergence
- \_ Fiber pigtailing and unique square-fibers
- QuickSwitch®: Integrated electronics for 2 ns pulse widths







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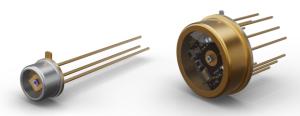
#### Avalanche Photodiodes (APDs)



- Si APDs from UV t o YAG
- \_ InGaAs APDs with world-leading high SNR and lower-cost alternatives
- \_ Different active areas (active diameter 80μm to 3mm on Si), optimized for speed, desired gain for given voltage bias range etc.
- \_ Integrated hybrid amplifier with custom gain and bandwidth
- \_ Monolithic linear arrays of Si APDs

- Different packaging options (SMD to TO-cans)
- Built-in TEC for instrumentation or remote differential LiDAR
- \_ Fiber pigtailing
- AR coating and BP filters on chip or window
- \_ Integration into Silicon photon counting modules - COUNT









### APPLICATIONS



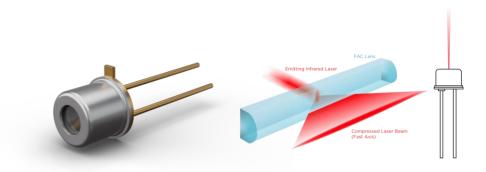
#### RANGE FINDING AND LIDAR

Emitter (PLD) - Standard 850, 905 and 1550 nm PLD

- \_ Powers up to 650 W@905nm; 50W@1550nm
- \_ Micro optics to optimize collimation
- \_ Integrated short pulsed drivers (Q-switch)

#### Receiver (Silicon and InGaAs APDs)

- \_ Wavelength: visible, NIR and SWIR (up to 2,6um)
- InGaAs Lowest Noise-equivalent power (NEP) on the market
- \_ Individual diodes and hybrid receivers, up to 700 MHz
- \_ SMD detectors for compactness







#### BATTLEFIELD SIMULATION

LASER COMPONENTS supported MILES (US) and other European training systems

#### **Emitters**

- \_ Emitter mostly 905 nm and Single Junction
- On-going migration to 1550 nm for eye-safety and higher range resolution

#### Receivers

- Silicon PINs
- Si APDs for added LRF-features used for ballistic calculation and high-power/distance simulation
- \_ InGaAs photodiodes for eye-safety systems





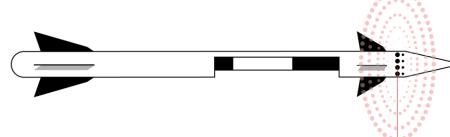


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PROXIMITY SENSOR

#### LASER PROXIMITY FUZING AND HEIGHT OF BURST

High speed range finder around missile nose or pointing towards ground for free-falling ordnance



#### **Emitter**

- \_ Harsch environment: temperature >120 °C, speed, high power (>200W), Overdrive for short operational lifetime (few minutes)
- \_ Long term storage, shock and vibration testing, statistical analysis of MTTF, hard drive for a few minutes
- \_ 905 nm PLD, stacked triple junction

#### Receiver

\_ Fast Silicon PIN , custom designs (bi-cell eg)





#### MISSILE GUIDANCE

\_YAG APD for distributed apertures (SAT series)

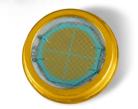
\_Silicon PIN diodes
(partner Advanced Photonix)

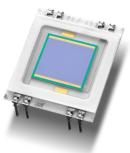
\_PLDs for beam riding

\_PSD (via SiTek)

\_Key differentators:
Large active area / Low noise /
TEC or heater ...







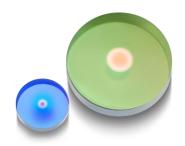


#### LASER WEAPONS AND DAZZLERS

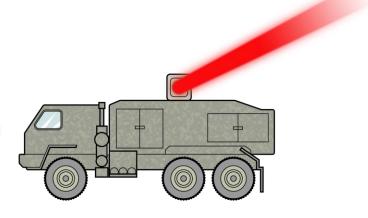
#### **High Power Lasers**

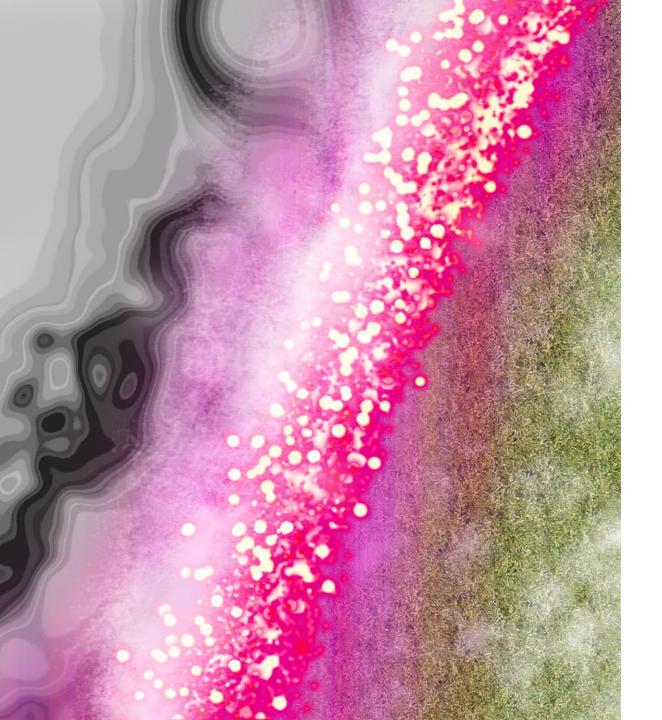
- \_ High energy coatings, very high Laser Induced Damage Thresdhold (LiDT) in CW and pulsed regimes:
  - $\_$  30 J/cm<sup>2</sup> (10 ns) 5 MW/cm<sup>2</sup> for HR coatings at 1064 nm
  - $\_$  20 J/cm<sup>2</sup> (10 ns) >35 MW/cm<sup>2</sup> for AR coatings at 1064 nm
- \_ Gaussian Mirrors (GRM) to improve laser beam divergence

Laser Dazzler: PLD/APD for distance monitoring











# REMOTE SENSING GAS DETECTION

- \_ Atmospheric LiDARs with TEC-stabilized APD receivers
  - \_ Ground based or Space Lidars
  - \_UV / NIR /SWIR APDs and temperature-controlled receivers
- \_ Spectrometers for CBRNE defense
  - \_ Pyrometers (Flamme detection)
  - \_PbS/PbSe detectors (FTIR,NDIR)









#### CONCLUSIONS

- \_ LC has a wide range of enabling technologies for the implementation of photonics in A&D systems
- \_ We are a component maker with added value
- We need RFQs from either Tier1s or Tier2s
- \_ We are quite flexible to provide quick prototyping

#### LASER COMPONENTS papers presented at OPTRO 2024:

- Design and Fabrication of Optical Waveguides for High-Power Density Laser Diodes for LiDAR Applications
  Wednesday, January 24 LASER SENSOR AND SYSTEMS-1
  Room 2, Session 2, 10:00
- Deep ICP-RIE Etched Trenches With Sidewall Slope Control of GaAs-Based High Power 905 nm Pulsed Laser Diodes Wednesday, January 24 – LASER SENSOR AND SYSTEMS-2 Room 2, Session 2, 11:00



## Thank you for your attention!

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