

Imager Innovations at imec: beyond Human and Silicon Vision (SWIR, Multispectral, Ultra-fast and Electron Imaging) Pawel.Malinowski@imec.be

### **IMEC: INDEPENDENT R&D HUB**

SEMICONDUCTOR SCALING AND NANOELECTRONICS FOUNDED 1984, HQ IN LEUVEN, BELGIUM >5500 PEOPLE OF >95 NATIONALITIES >600 PARTNERS 935 M€ REVENUE IN 2023 (70% FROM INDUSTRY) FAB INVESTMENT >3.5 B€

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# From Imaging to Sensing

Increasing importance of machine vision and computed imagery

from photography...

### ...to acquiring information





Beyond human vision and beyond silicon vision

SWIR, Spectral, Ultra-fast and Electron Imaging

from visible...

...to invisible



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# Beyond human vision and beyond silicon vision

### SWIR, Spectral, Ultra-fast and Electron Imaging

**Quantum Dot / Organic Image Sensors** Disruptive imagers for short-wave infrared (SWIR)



**Ultra-fast imagers** Fully custom products for scientific cameras

ULTRA-FAST







**Electron imagers** Fully custom products for high-end microscopy



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from concept ...

...to low volume manufacturing



## Beyond <u>human vision</u> and beyond <u>silicon vision</u> SWIR, Spectral, **Ultra-fast** and Electron Imaging



### Ultra-fast imagers for scientific cameras Highest datarate sensor in the world (1.2 Tbps / 2,720,000 fps ROI)



### PHARSIGHTED

### Photron

World's most Light-Sensitive Ultra High-Speed Camera

The Pharsighted E9-80S and E9-100S ultra high-speed cameras are the world's first backside-illuminated, full-frame high speed cameras. With unparalleled speed and unmatched light sensitivity the E9-80S and E9-100S are ideally suited for applications requiring visualization at over 100,000 fps.

### Model E9-80S and E9-100S

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Back Side Illuminated CMOS Image Sensor

640 x 480 pixels at 326,000fps (E9•100S) 640 x 480 pixels at 272,000fps (E9•80S)

Max Frame Rate 2,720,000fps at 640 x 32 (E9•100S) Max Frame Rate 2,457,000fps at 640 x 32 (E9•80S)

Class Leading Light Sensitivity ISO 160,000 Monochrome

ISO 40,000 Color



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Ultra High Speed imager

52 
 µm pixel, 59 ns T<sub>INT</sub>

326,000 fps @640x480

• **2,720,000** fps @640x32

33x25 mm<sup>2</sup>

• ISO 160,000

• 9 bit ADC

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**Electron imagers** Fully custom products for high-end microscopy



# Electron imagers for high-end microscopy

World's most sensitive and most accurate sensor that can "see" atoms





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### imec integrated approach On-chip spectral imaging

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### Wafer level patterned spectral filters

- Scalable CMOS process
- Snapshot, video & scanning
- Miniaturized and robust
- Easy to integrate @ application level
- VIS, NIR, SWIR and beyond







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# **TFPD:**Thin-Film Photodetector

Stack with thin-film absorber with thickness < wavelength New **image sensor platform** to expand CIS capabilities



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# **TFPD** platform

Technology modules being developed at imec:





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# → Imaging activities from exploration to high-end products → Expertise, infrastructure and ecosystem to tackle specialty imagers

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