

Enhanced Sensitivity for Imaging and Tracking Applications via Black Silicon

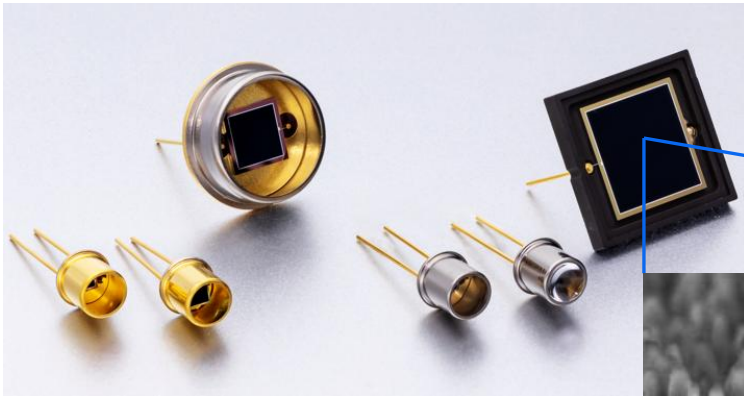
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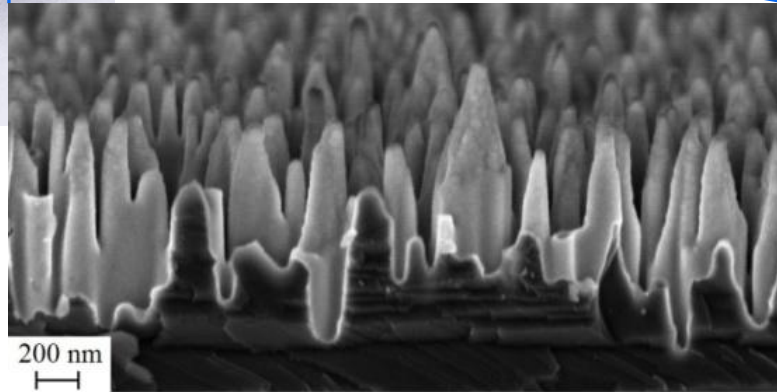


Innovation: Black-silicon photodiode

ElFys produces **light detectors with superior sensitivity** by utilizing advanced nanotechnology & atomic layer deposition technique



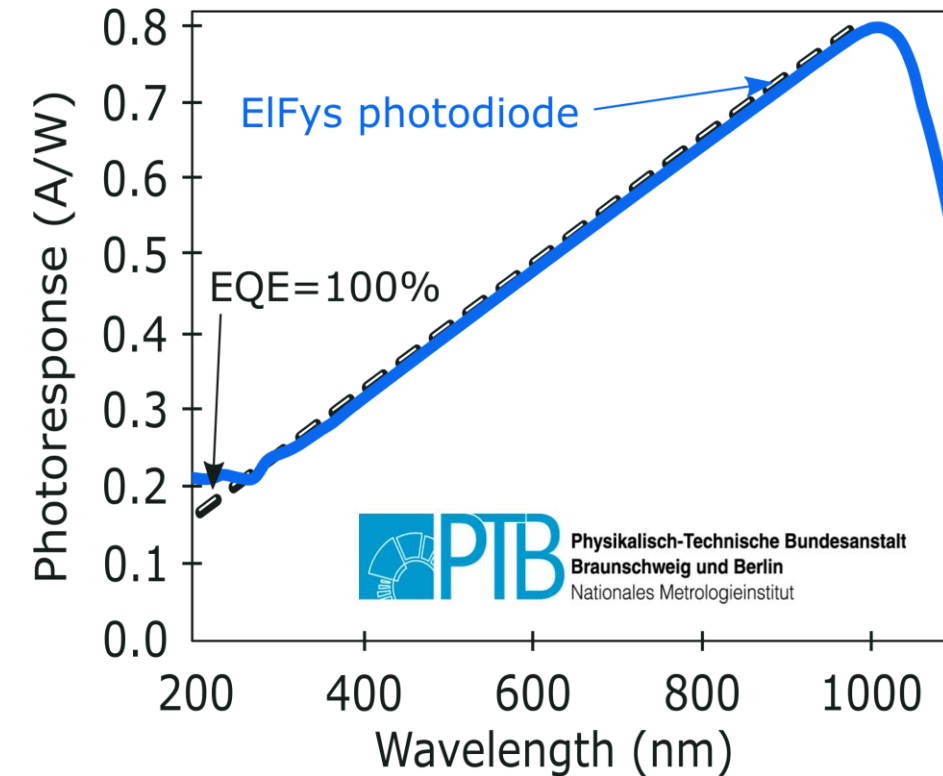
Nanostructure traps and absorbs all light photons



~100 % quantum efficiency

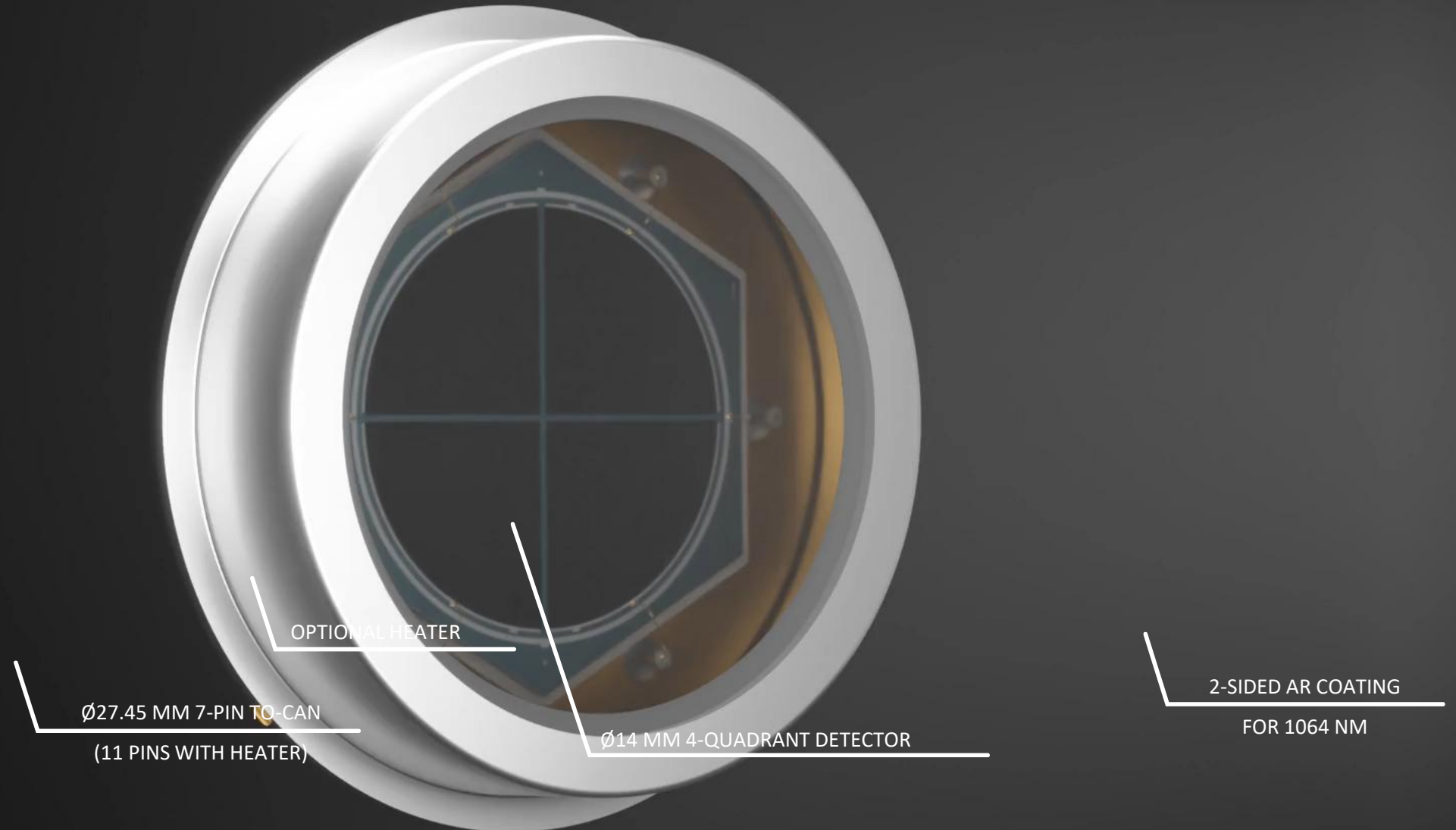
Ideal broadband response

Wide detection angle



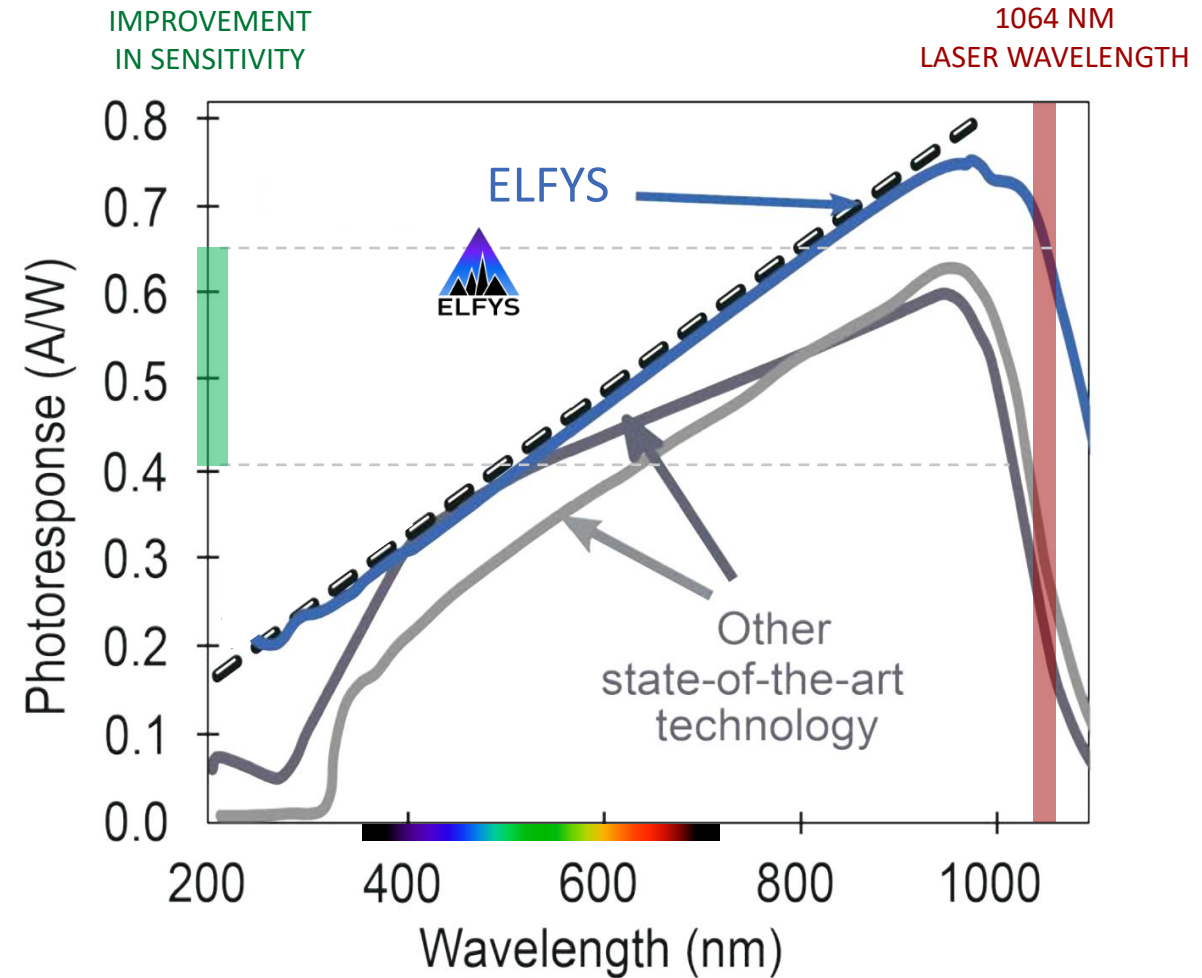


Introducing Black Silicon 4-Quadrant Detector



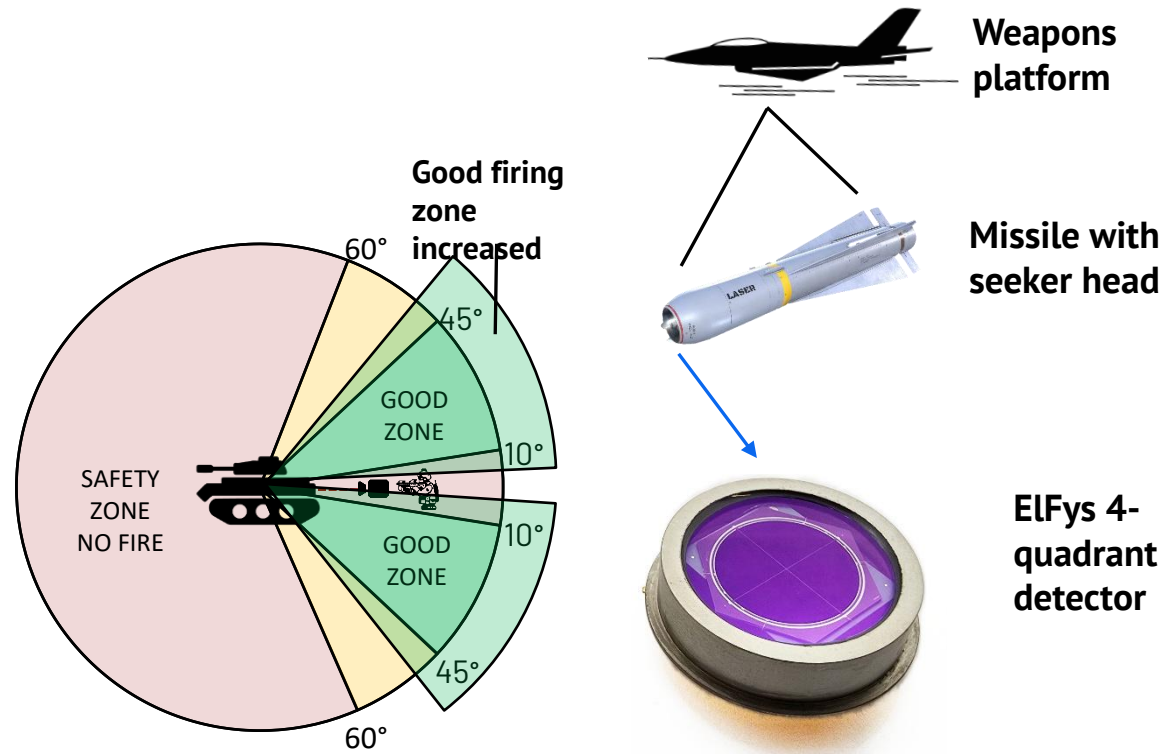
CAPTURING EVERY RAY OF LIGHT

ELFys Black Silicon 4-quadrant detector



0.64 A/W responsivity and <15 ns rise time for 1064 nm

Application example: Guided munition



- Missile lock-on distance can be increased by up to **30 % compared to state-of-the-art**.
- Weapon system becomes **more reliable and robust against air disturbances** like smoke, dust etc.



Application example: Image sensors

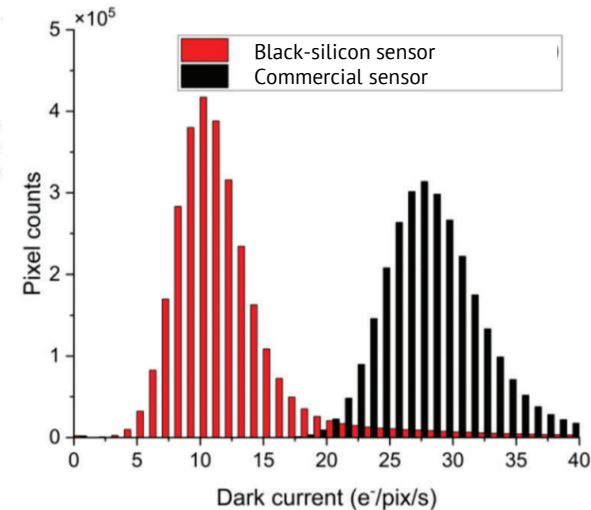
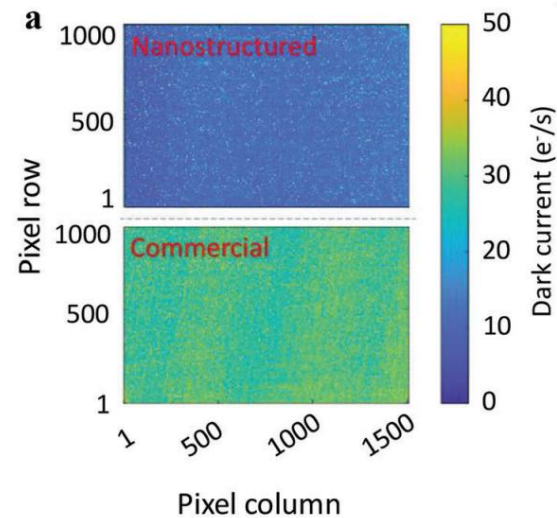
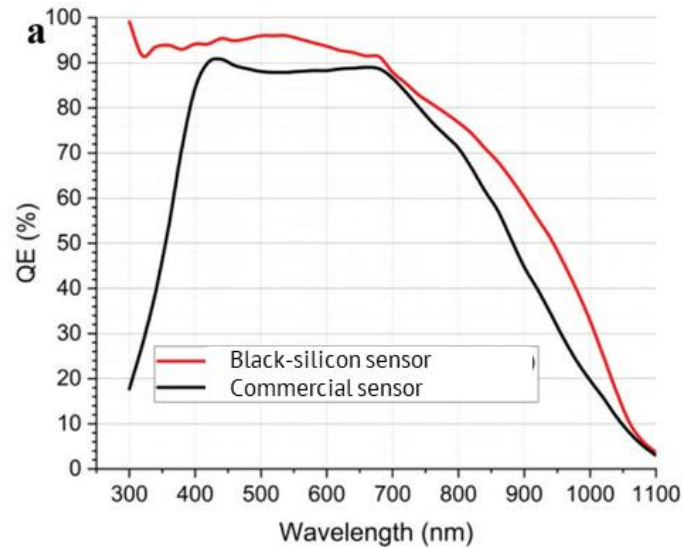
Moon light or low level NIR illumination



Getting good pictures with today's image sensors in low-light conditions is still challenging.

ELFys nanostructured photodetector technology can greatly enhance image quality and low-light performance of camera sensors.

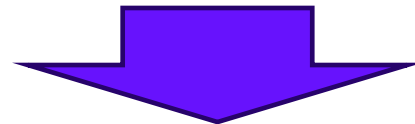
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1. Higher quantum efficiency over a very wide wavelength range

2. Better dark current uniformity throughout the sensor

3. Lower dark noise



Greatly improved signal-to-noise ratio enables better pictures in low-light conditions

O. Setälä et al. "CMOS Image Sensor for Broad Spectral Range with >90% Quantum Efficiency", Small, 2023



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Webinar

**Black Silicon Technology:
Thermal Characteristics and applications of 4-Quadrant Photodiodes**

17th November, 2025 15:00 - 15:30 EET (UTC +2)

Registration: www.elfys.fi