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# Photonics for the Internet and Datacenter

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# HHI's origin: Long Reach (~100s-1000s km) Telecom



Traffic growth 40% to 60% p.a.  
since a couple of decades

Small market sizes of 100.000s pcs  
p.a. worldwide

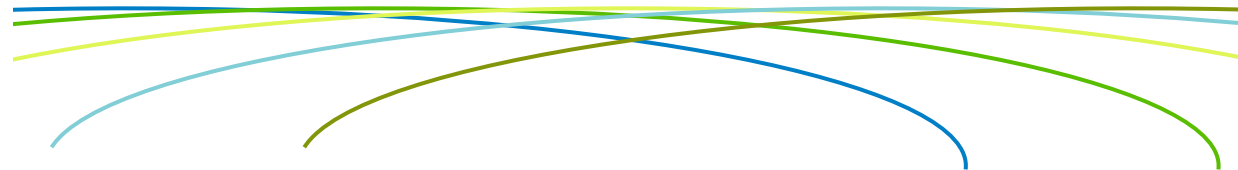
Optochip performance is  
paramount

# Long Reach: Dispersion is our Challenge ... and problems grow quadratically with speed

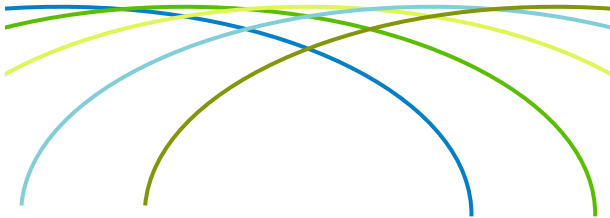
At fiber input, 1 bit is  
~ 1 cm long ...



... at output, it has  
smeared out to ~ 1 m  
and overlaps with 100  
others



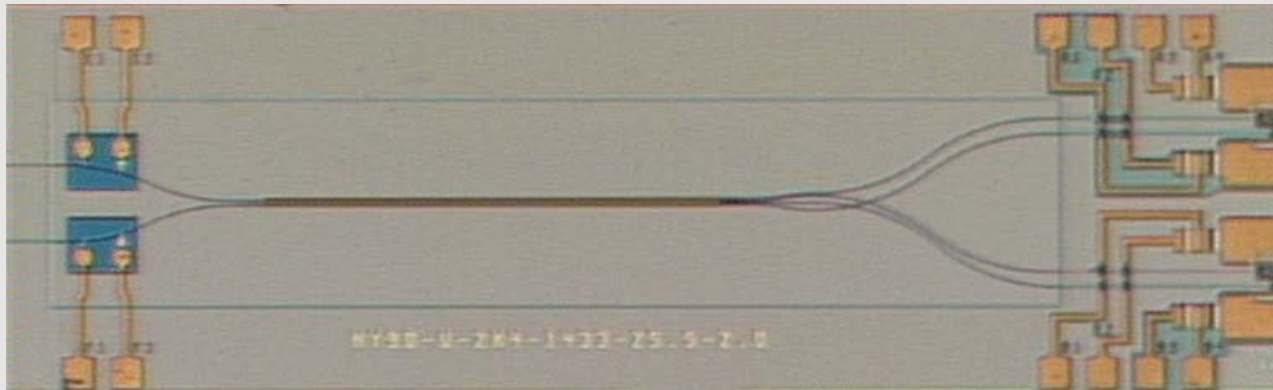
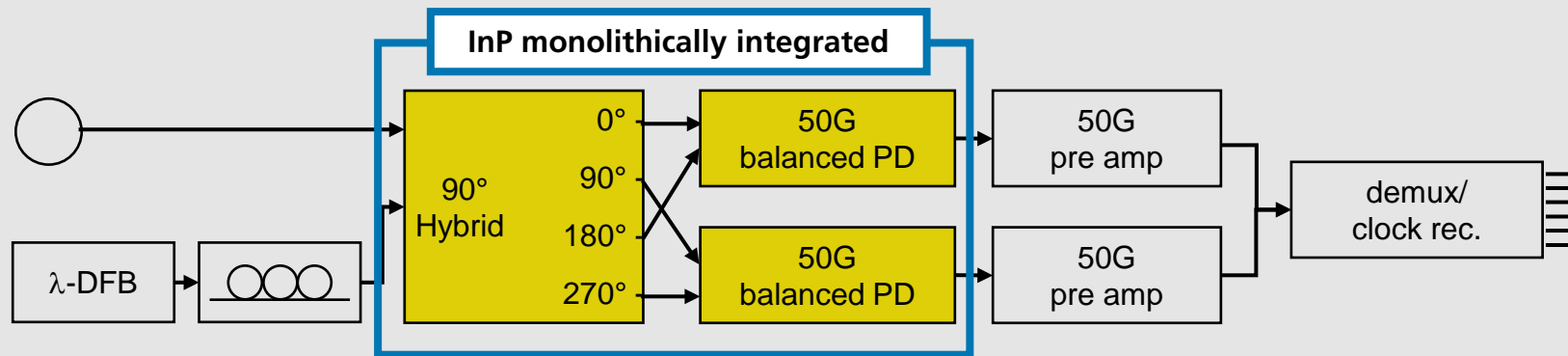
# Fourier transforming allows for Compensation but Requires Detecting Phase and Amplitude



$$\text{FFT} \Rightarrow e^{iD\omega^2} \Rightarrow \text{IFFT}$$

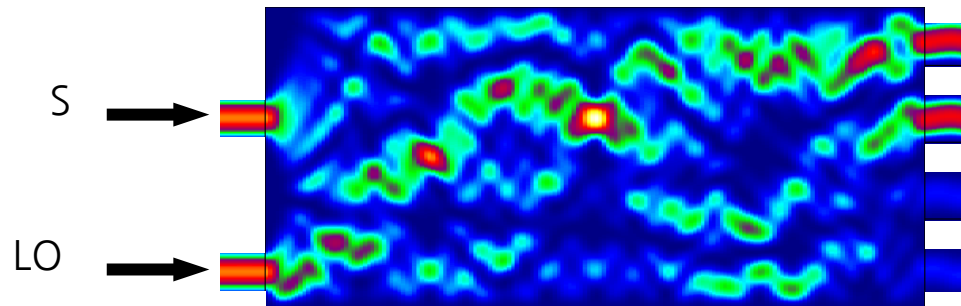


# InP monolithic QPSK receiver

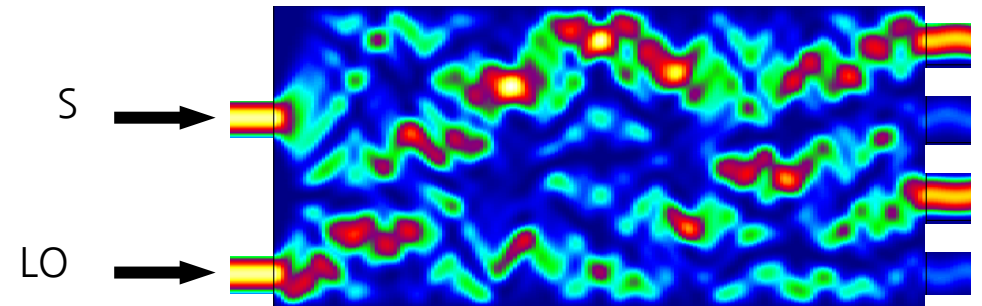


# InP monolithic QPSK receiver - Phase difference of input signals determines output ports

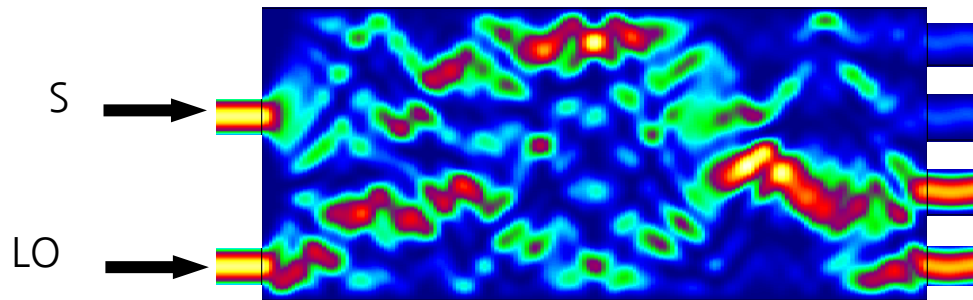
$\Delta\varphi = 0\text{deg}$



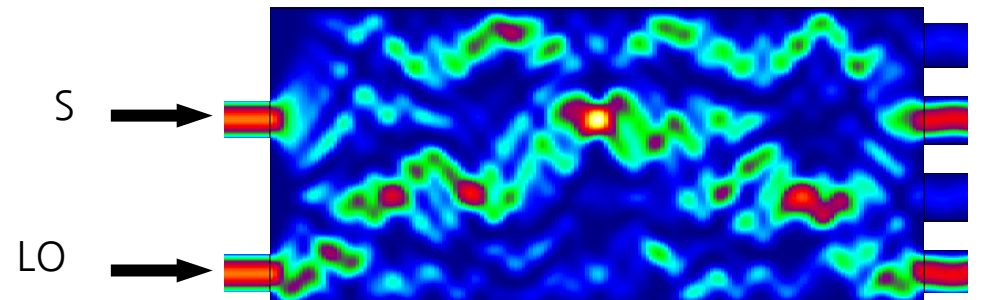
$\Delta\varphi = 90\text{deg}$



$\Delta\varphi = 180\text{deg}$

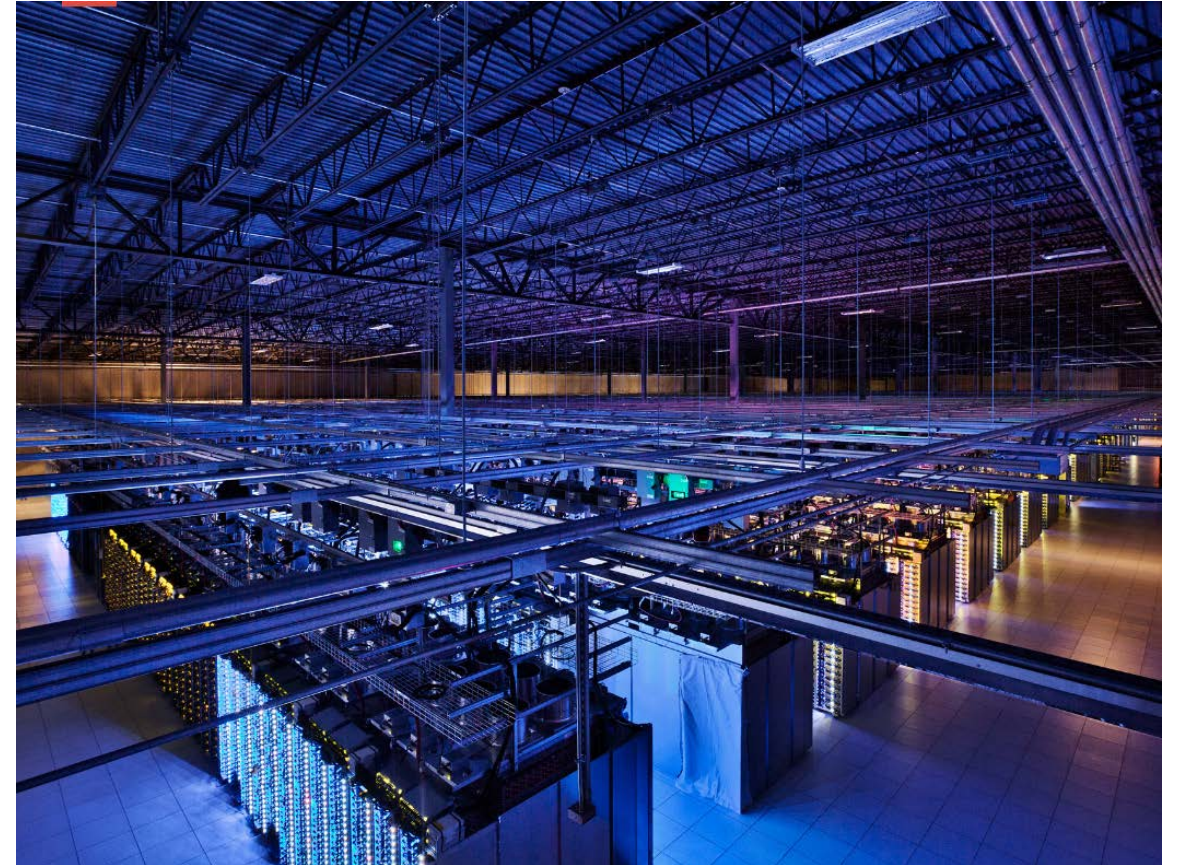


$\Delta\varphi = 270\text{deg}$





# HHI's target: Intra Datacenter





# In Datacenters, 'normal' Lasers Compete Well: One single 3" InP Laser wafer can transport the internet

White paper  
Cisco public

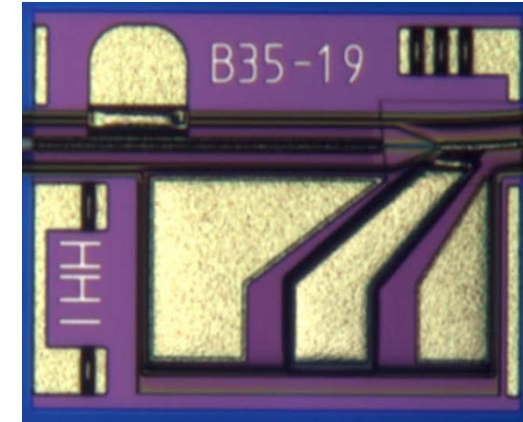


## The Zettabyte Era: Trends and Analysis

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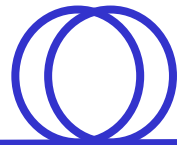
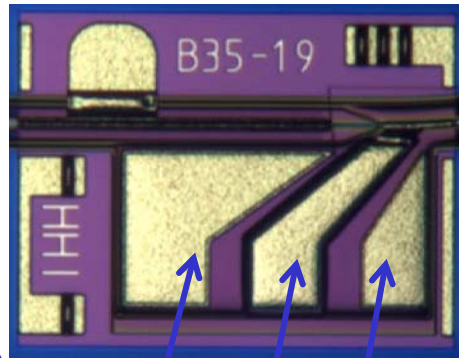
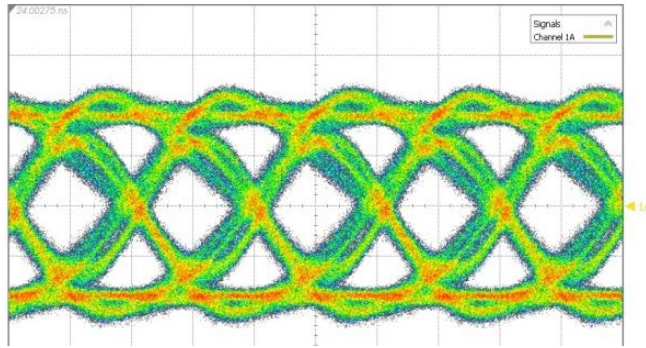
„Annual global IP traffic will reach  
3.3 ZB per year by 2021, ... . In  
2016, the **annual runrate ... was  
1.2 ZB per year**“

500µm x  
400µm



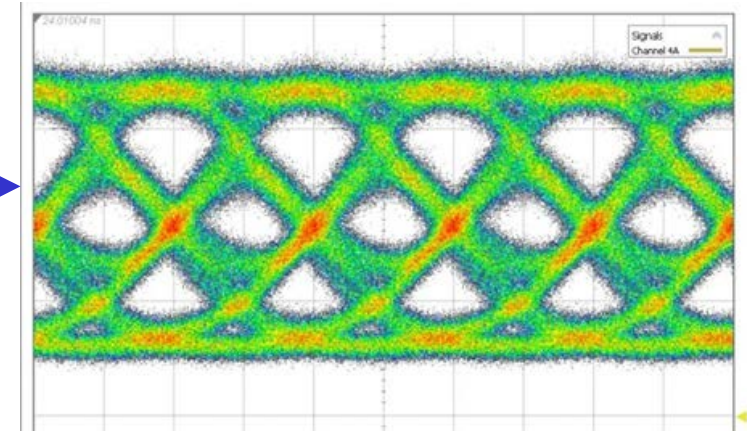
About 20.000 chips per 3" wafer,  
56 GBit/chip  
**A single InP 3" Wafer can  
support 3 ZB/year**

# Single Laser supports 100 Gb/s on/off



10km

**100Gb/s Optical Signal**



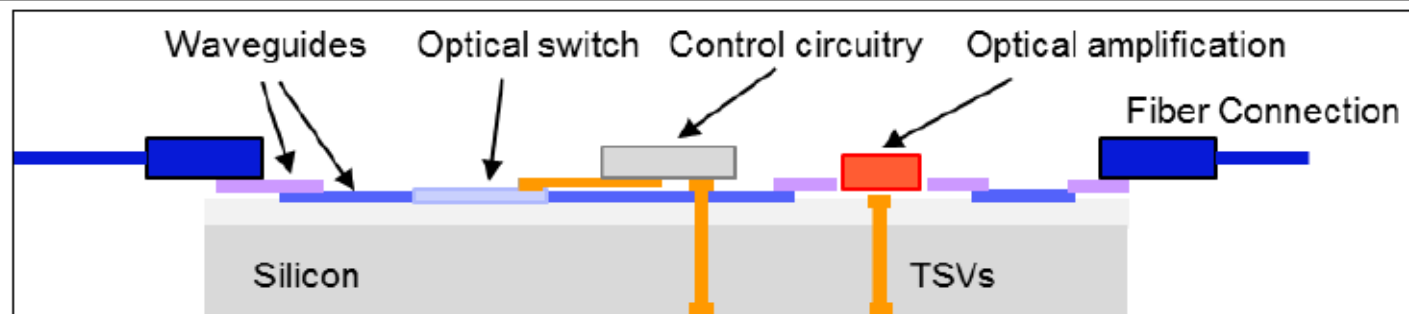
# Farer future: Optical Switch Matrices

## 1.6 Mio Cores to be Connected

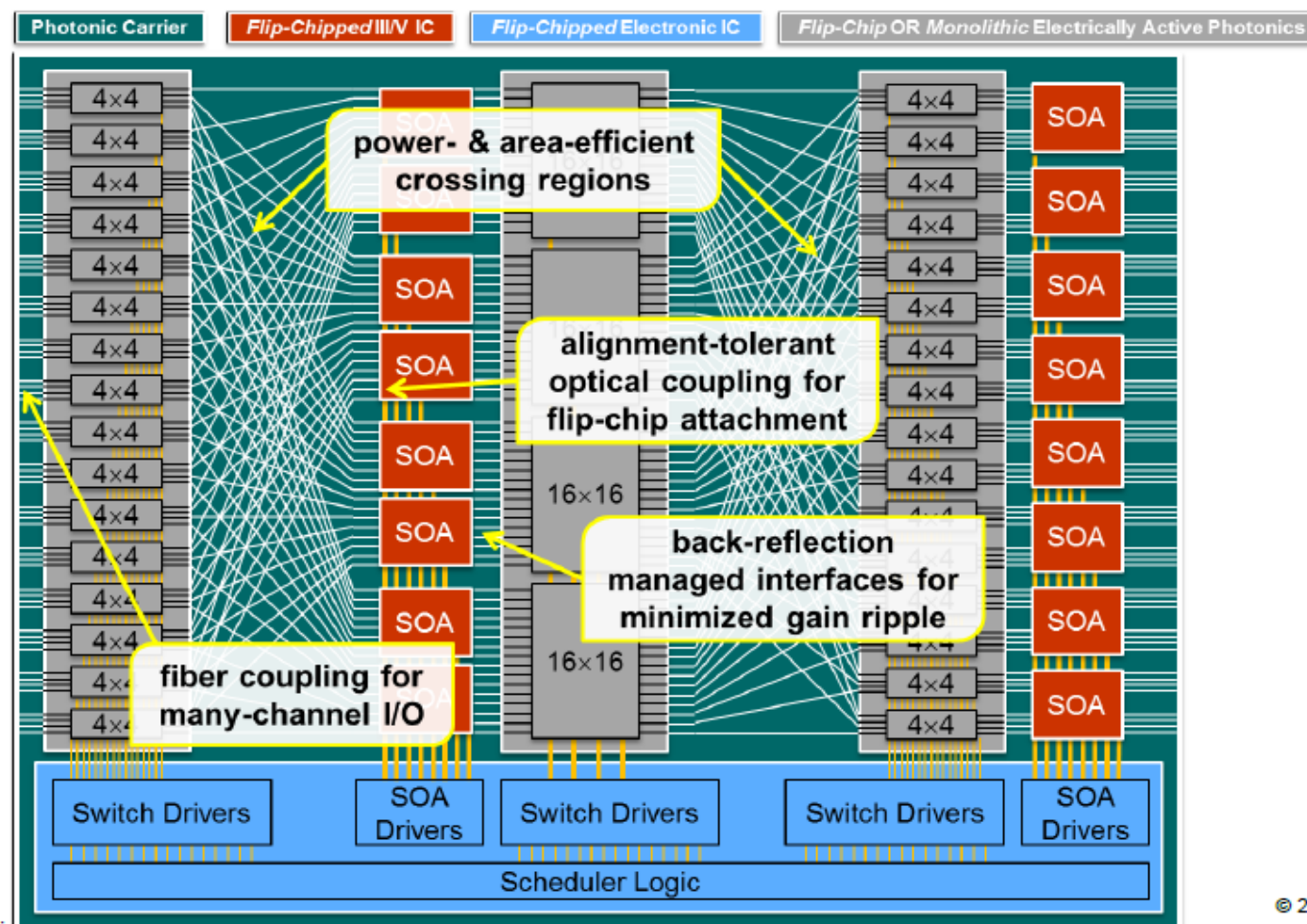




**Conceptual cross-section:**



**Topological view:**





# A Gain-Integrated Silicon Photonic Carrier with SOA-Array for Scalable Optical Switch Fabrics

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**Abstract:** We built a 4-channel photonic carrier with input/output SiN waveguides and a flip-chip-attached SOA array, incorporating end-to-end reflection-management and mode-matching. All channels demonstrate fiber-to-fiber gain of >10dB and support error-free 4- $\lambda$  x 25-Gb/s WDM links.

**OCIS codes:** (200.0200) Optics in computing; (230.4480) Optical Amplifiers; (200.4650) Optical interconnects

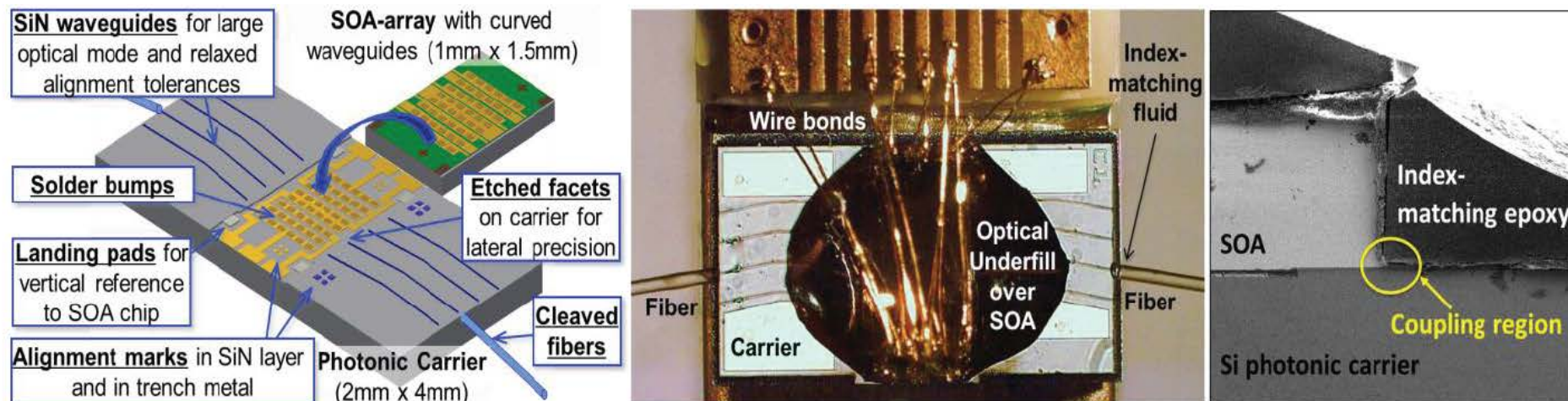
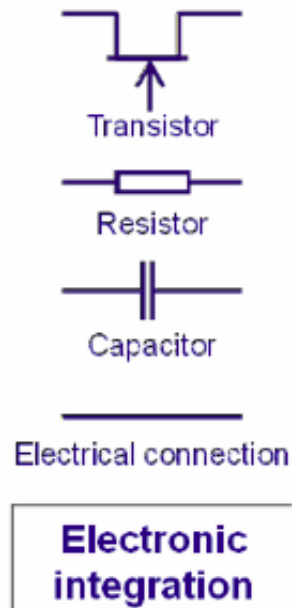
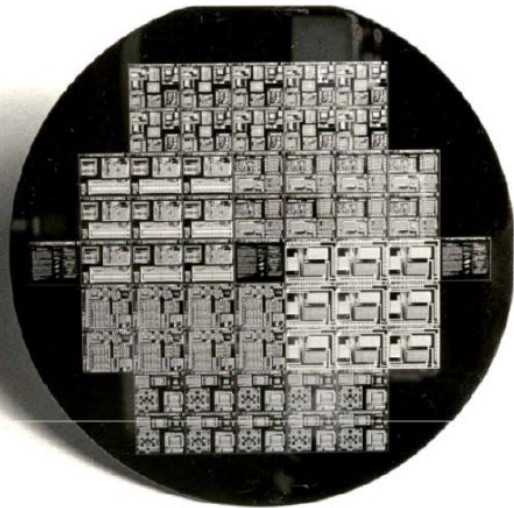


Fig.1. Left: SOA / photonic substrate integration test vehicle. Center: Assembled carrier with SOA embedded in optical underfill. Right: SEM image of cross-sectioned assembly showing the index matching epoxy between SOA and SiN waveguides.

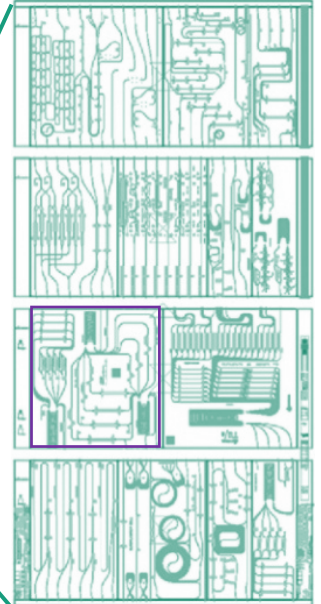
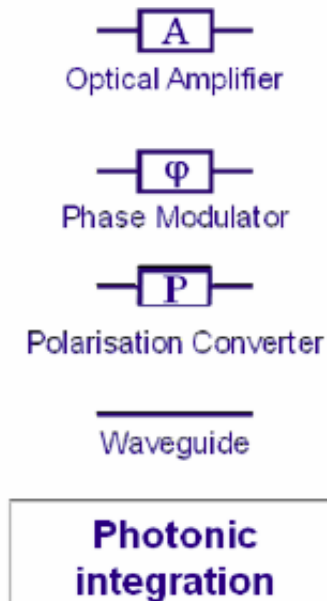
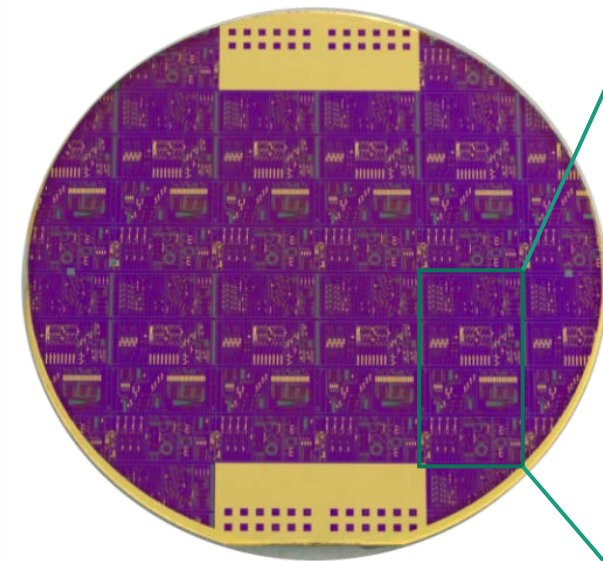
# Adopt foundry model widely used with Silicon ICs to InP PICs

Like Electronics: Make Building Blocks, Separate Design from Process

**Silicon ICs ~1979**

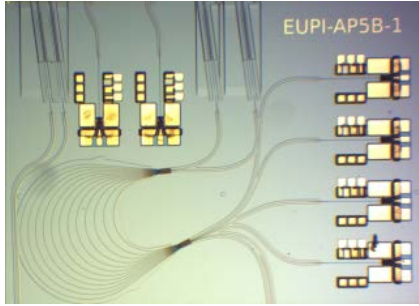


**InP Photonic ICs ~2014**

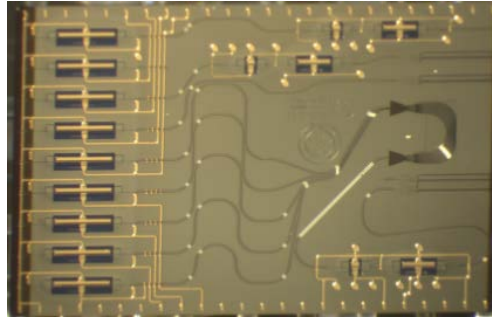




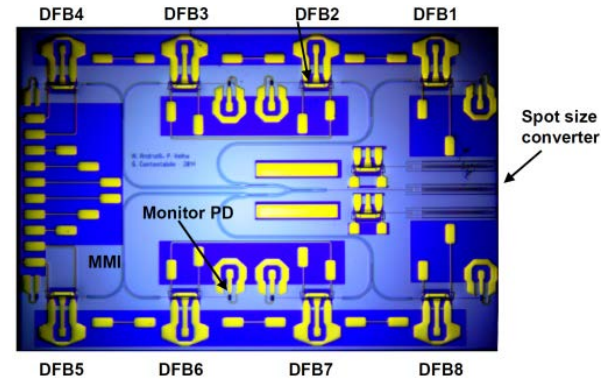
# PIC Examples From Fraunhofer HHI Fab



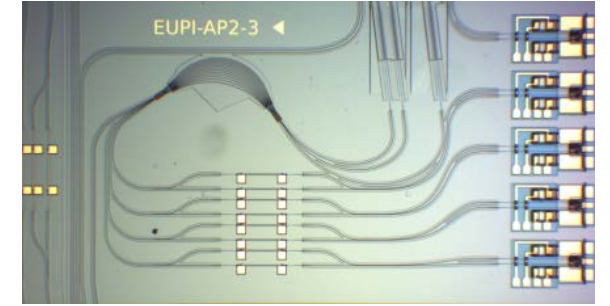
WDM receiver for FTTH  
(Genexis)



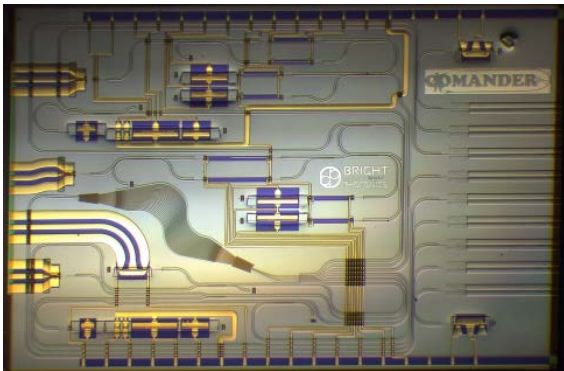
AWG-based harmonic mode-locked laser  
(Chinese Acad. of Sciences)



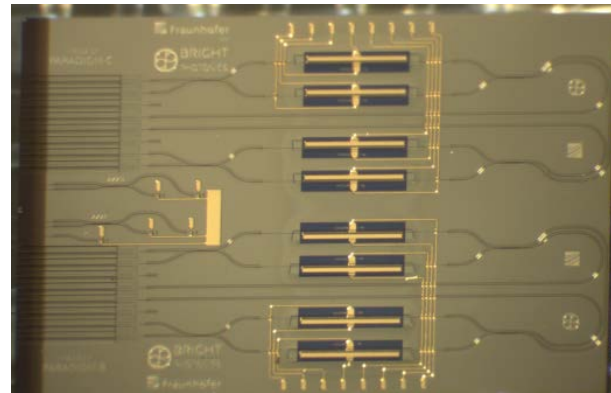
Multi-Wavelength transmitter  
(Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna)



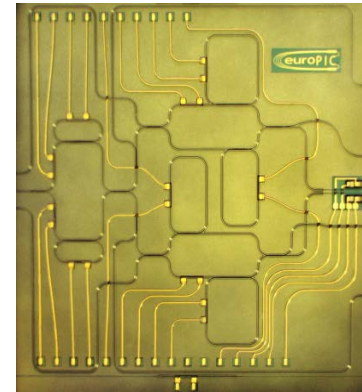
FBG-readout  
(Fibresensing)



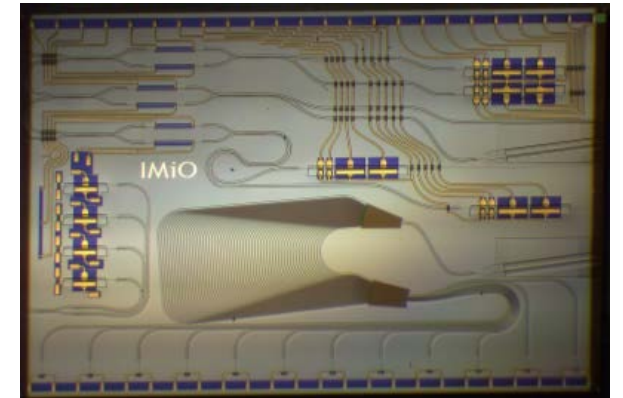
Integrated Tunable Filter  
(EU Commander)



5Gb/s Optical Flip-Flop Chip  
(Uni Thessaloniki)



Optical frequency discriminator  
(U Valencia/VLC)



Photonic integrated interrogator  
for fiber-optic sensor networks  
(Uni Warsaw)



# Summary

InP Optochips for all communication needs – long reach to intra-datacenter

Current focus on TOR connections 500 m – 2 km

Small chip size gives volume capability even to 3" fab

Eye-safe 1.3 $\mu$ m..1.5 $\mu$ m LIDAR

Proven history in transferring ideas from TRL1 to TRL9

One of the three worldwide accessible InP Photonic Integrated Circuits foundries



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