



SILICON PHOTONICS APPLIED TO 3D SENSING WITH LIDARs

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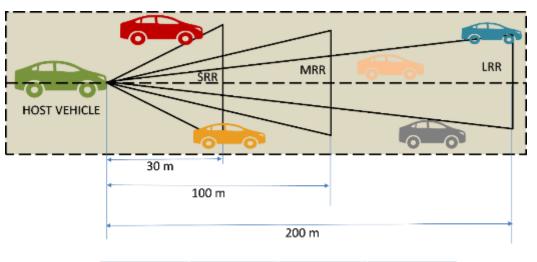


LIDARS —LIGHT DETECTION AND RANGING-PRINCIPLE



SIMILAR TO RADARS. NO UNIQUE LIDAR WILL SATISFY ALL THE APPLICATIONS

Various types of automotive RADAR sensors

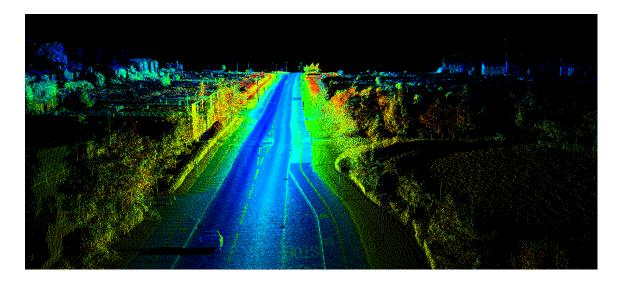


Туре	SRR	MRR	LRR
Frequency Band	76 -77 GHz	77- 79 GHz	77 – 81 GHz

BUT UNLIKE RADARS

LIDARS PROVIDE 3D IMAGES WITH HIGH RESOLUTION & PRECISION & CAN DETECT VERY SMALL OBJECTS

(RF wavelengths = mm range / Optics: $0.25-10\mu$ m)



LIDARS ARE 3D PERCEPTION TOOLS ESSENTIAL FOR A WIDE RANGE OF APPLICATIONS



HIGHER COSTS AND SIZE

CONSUMER

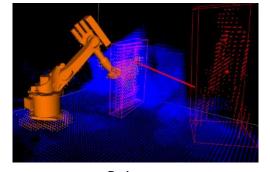


TRANSPORT



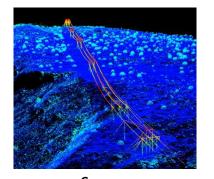
Autonomous driving

INDUSTRY



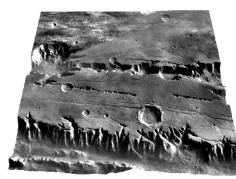
Robotics

ENGINEERING



Survey

SPATIAL



3D topography

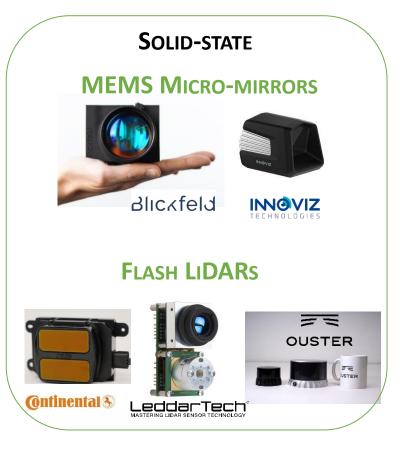
LARGER VOLUME

SILICON PHOTONICS ENABLING FUTURE LIDAR



TOWARDS LOW COST AND COMPACT SIZE

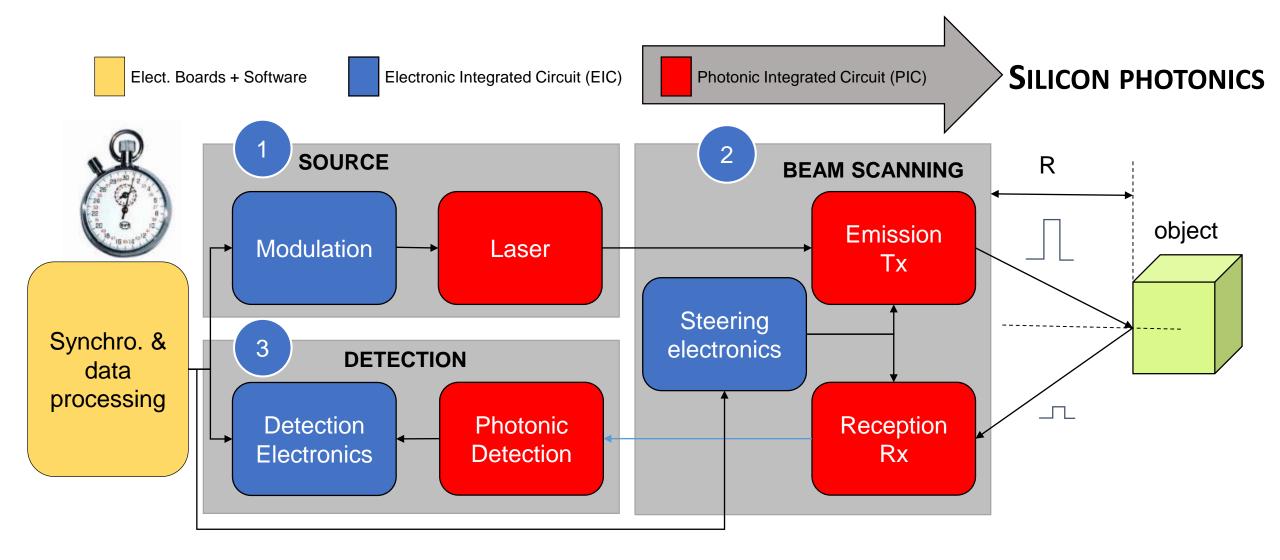
MECHANICAL CEPTON. Velodyne LUMINAR





SILICON PHOTONICS CAN PROVIDE THE OPTICAL FUNCTIONS OF LIDARS





SILICON PHOTONICS PLATFORM FOR FUTURE LIDAR

RF Input

Silicon Photonic Device

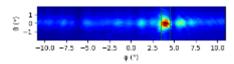
Electronic IC

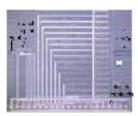




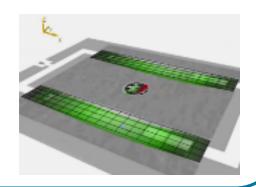
2 BEAM SCANNING

OPTICAL PHASED ARRAY

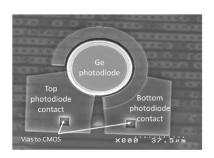


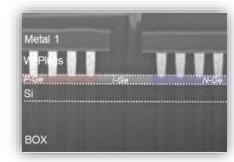






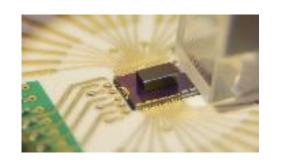
3 DETECTOR —
SIGE PHOTODETECTORS

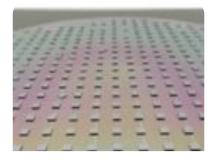




PHOTONICS / ELECTRONICS CHIP-SCALE ASSEMBLY

HETEROGENEOUS INTEGRATION & 3D STACKING



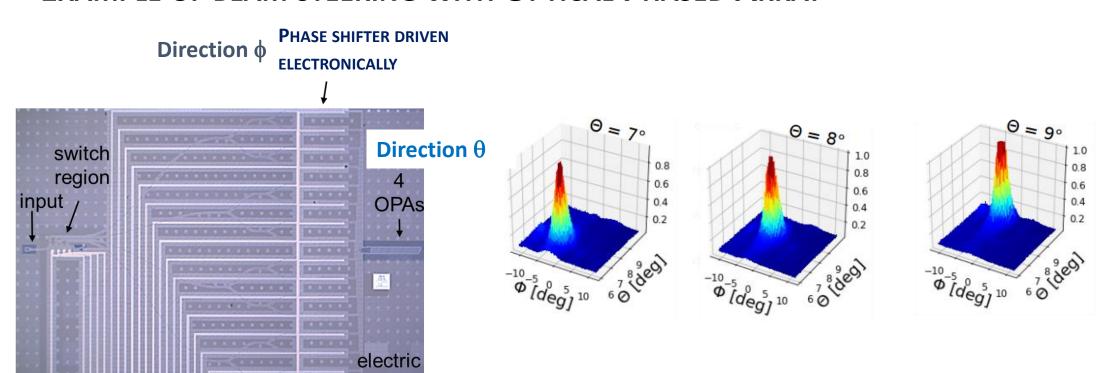


SILICON PHOTONICS PLATFORM FOR FUTURE LIDAR



EXAMPLE OF BEAM STEERING WITH OPTICAL PHASED ARRAY

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N. A. Tyler *et al. Optics Express*, Feb. 2019. Tyler, N. A., et al. CPMT Symposium **BEST PAPER AWARD**

905nm OPA based on SiN waveguides/devices

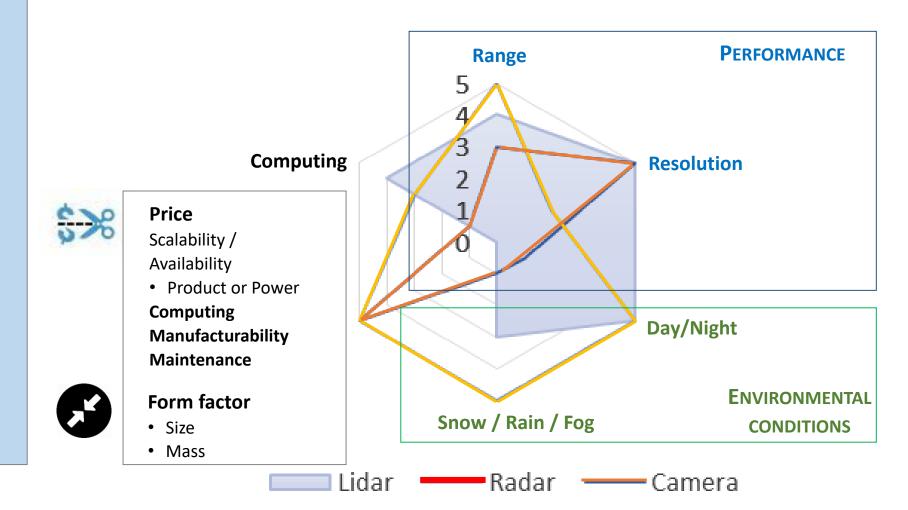
 θ , ϕ beam steering with no mechanical movement

KEY TAKEAWAYS: SILICON PHOTONICS, ENABLING TECHNOLOGY FOR FUTURE LIDAR



BENEFITS OF SILICON PHOTONICS

- Low cost, High Volume CMOS
 COMPATIBLE FACILITIES
 - EMBEDDED COMPUTING TO LOWER THE DATA FLOW
- REDUCED TEST COSTS BY DRIVING CONTROL & CONTAINMENT THROUGH AUTOMATION
 - High integration level of photonics & electronics









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