

Silicon Photonics for HEP Applications

Myth or Reality?

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Université Paris Sud (CERN-EP-ESE seminar <https://indico.cern.ch/event/291295/>)



What is Silicon Photonics ?

- A photonic system using silicon as an optical medium
- The silicon waveguide lies on top of a silica cladding layer (SOI)
- Silicon is patterned with sub-micron precision into planar microphotonic components

- Expectations:
 - Fuel Moore's law by enabling low-power high-density chip scale optical communication
 - Replicate for photonics the amazing success of CMOS electronics
 - Open the possibility to explore and exploit light-matter interactions at sub-wavelength dimensions



Electronics and Photonics, a historical perspective

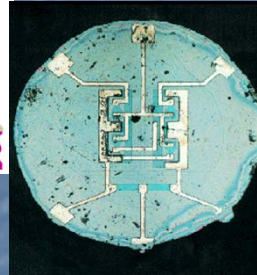
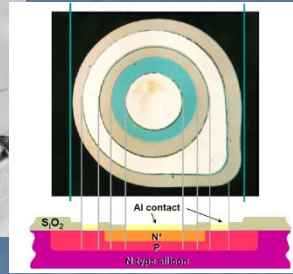
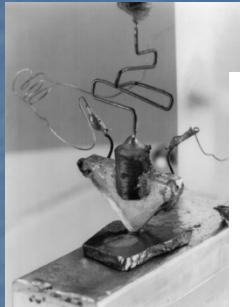
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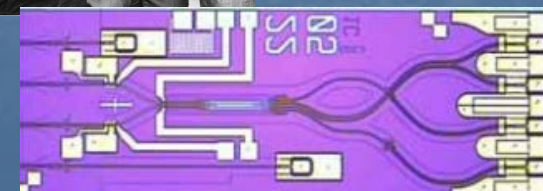
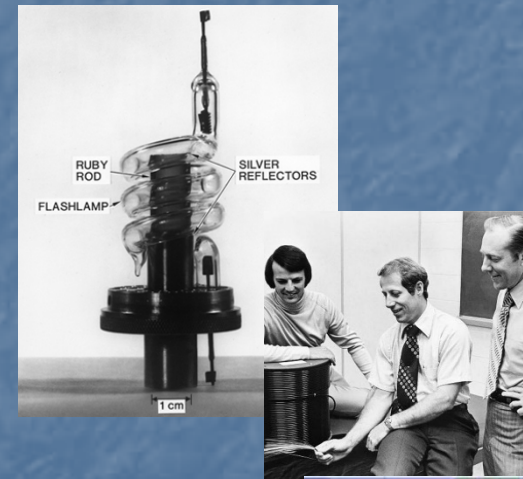


■ Electronics

- 1947: 1st transistor
- 1959: first planar transistor
- 1961: first planar IC

■ Photonics

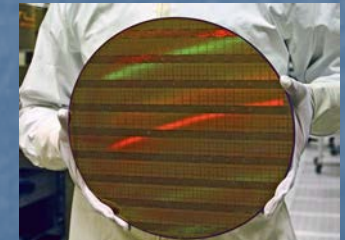
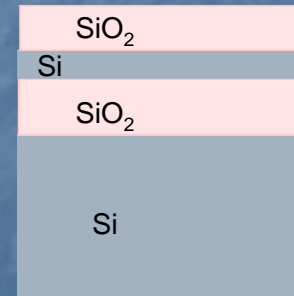
- 1960 1st Ruby laser
- 1962 first semiconductor laser
- 1970: 1st RT CW semiconductor laser
1st low loss optical fibre
- 1984: 1st InP opto IC (HBT plus laser)
- 1985: Reports about Si optical modulators
- 1988: 1st RT CW VCSEL
- 1989: 1st Er-doped fibre amplifier



Silicon for optics: Pros



- Transparent in 1.3-1.6 μm region
 - ✓ Low loss waveguides
- Take advantage of CMOS platform
 - ✓ Mature technology
 - ✓ High production volume
- Low cost
- Silicon On Insulator (SOI) wafer
 - ✓ Natural optical waveguide
- High-index contrast ($n_{\text{Si}}=3.5 - n_{\text{SiO}_2}=1.5$)
 - ✓ Strong light confinement
 - Small footprint (450nm x 220nm)



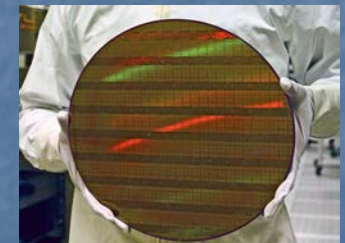
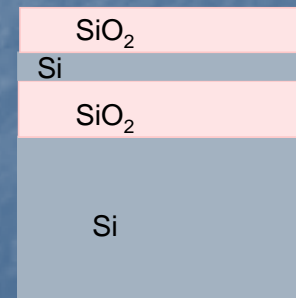
Silicon for optics: Pros and Cons



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- Indirect bandgap material
 - ✓ No or weak electro-optic effect
 - ✓ “Lacks” efficient light emission
 - No Si laser
- No detection in 1.3-1.6 μm region
- Strong light confinement
 - ✓ Large mode mismatch with fibre



Silicon Photonics for HEP Applications

Outline

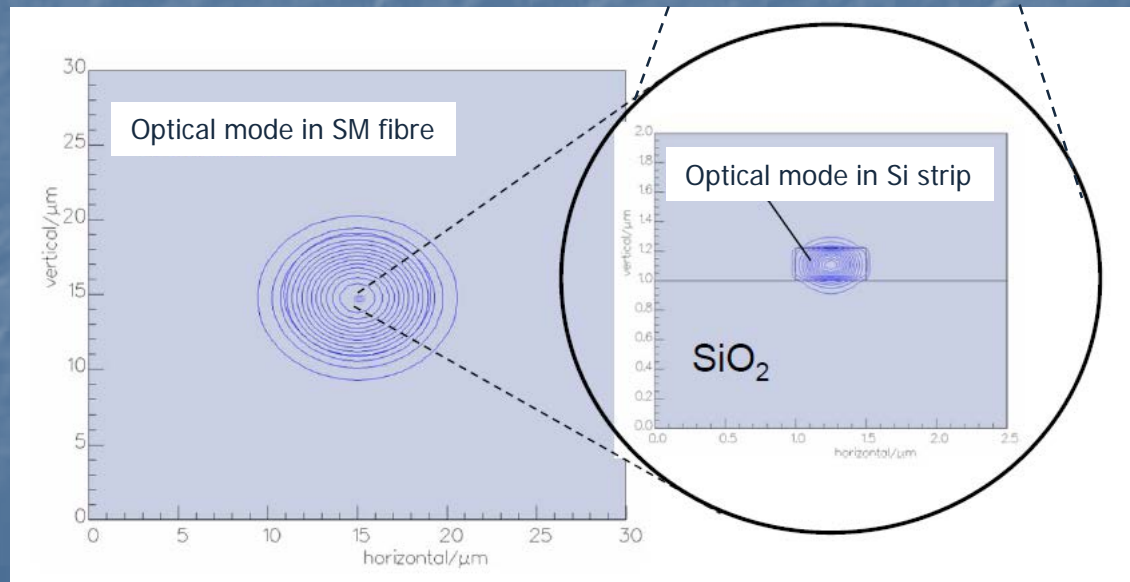
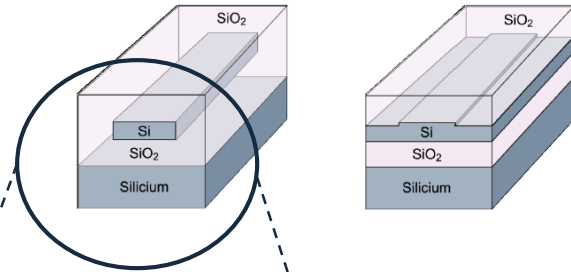
- A. Technology, Process and Devices
- B. Radiation Resistance Tests and Simulation
- C. Photonic Circuit Design
- D. Co-Integration with Electronics
- E. System



A: Process and Devices 1: Waveguiding

Silicon optical waveguides:

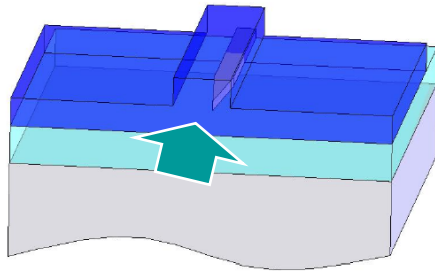
- Silicon on insulator substrate
- Rib or strip waveguide



Process and Devices 1: In and Out-coupling

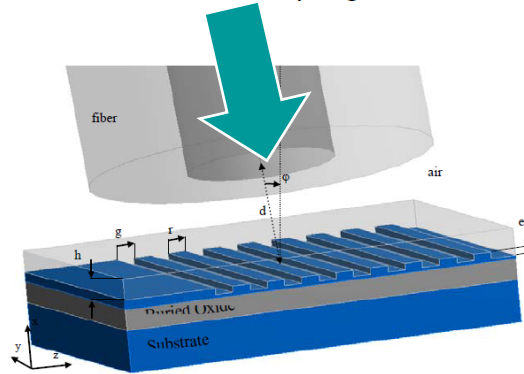
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Lateral coupling

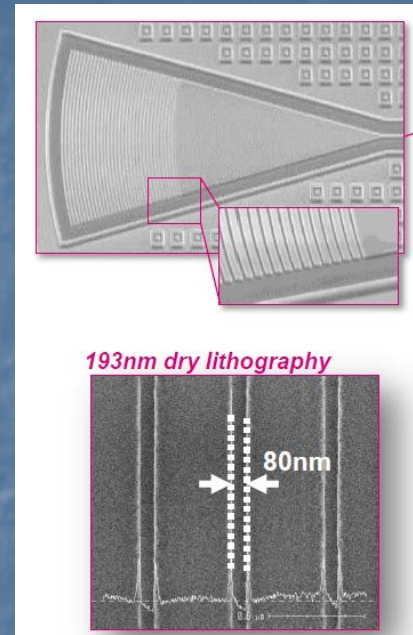


- typically based on inverted tapers
- spotsize: $\sim 3 \mu\text{m}$

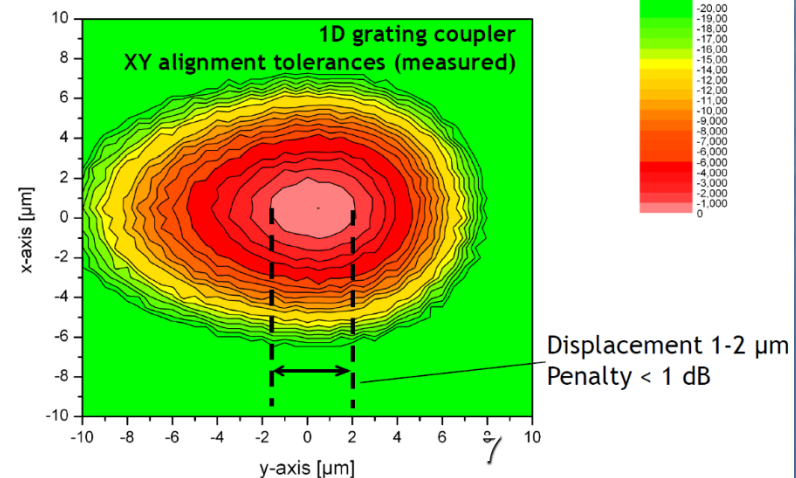
Vertical coupling



- typically based on gratings
- spotsize: $\sim 10 \mu\text{m}$



Vertical - single fiber coupling issues



Process and Devices 1: Waveguiding and Coupling

A) Technology

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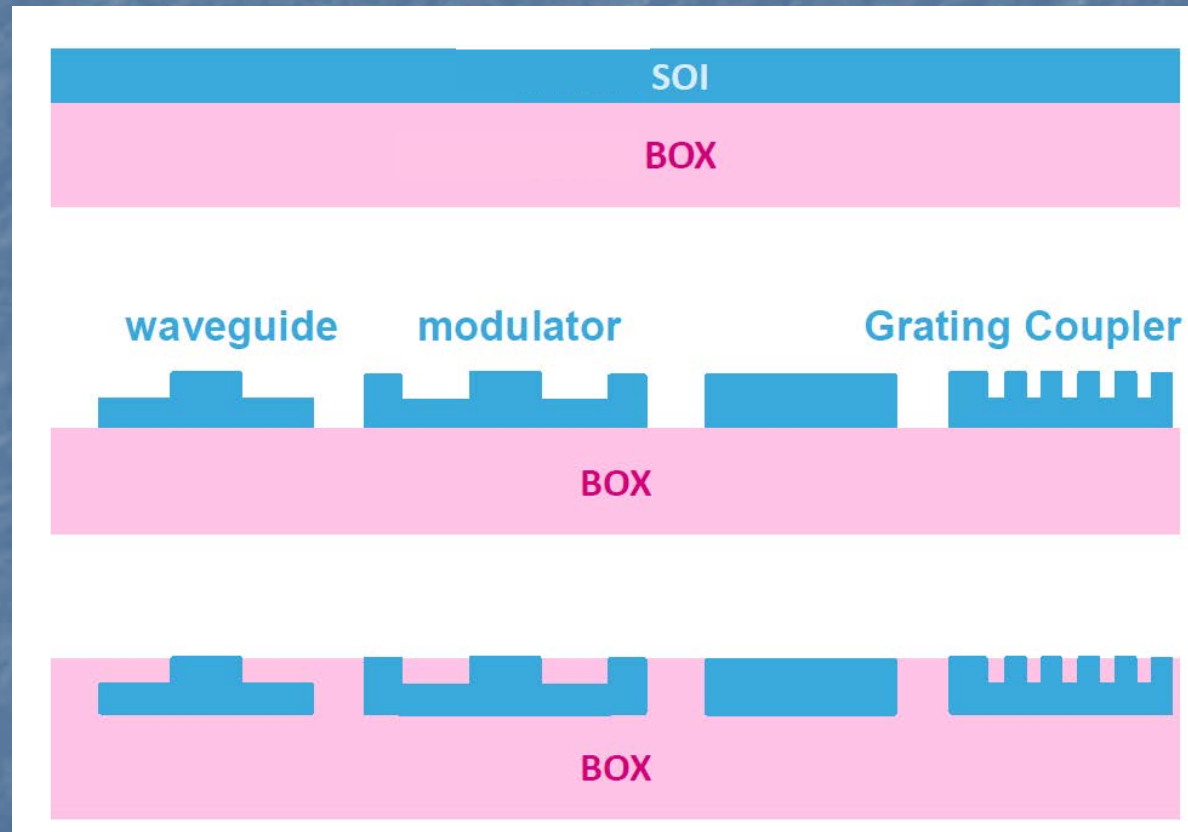
SOI wafer



Pattern/etch



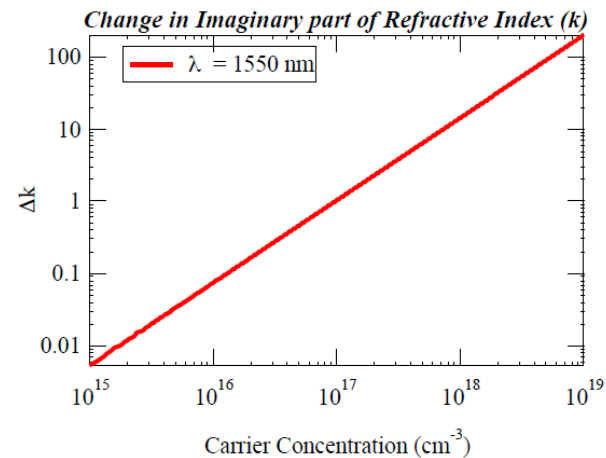
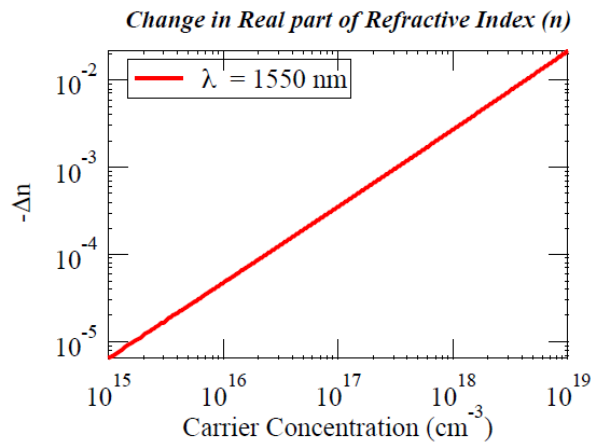
Oxide regrowth



Process and Devices 2: Phase Modulation

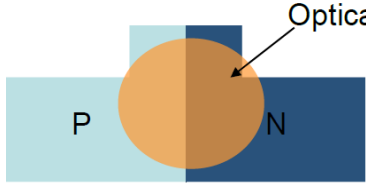
Plasma dispersion effect in silicon.

- Changing the free carrier concentration in the silicon changes the real and imaginary parts of the refractive index :
 1. changes to the real part (n) \rightarrow change the effective index of the waveguide (n_{eff}).
 2. changes to the imaginary part (k) \rightarrow change the absorption (α) of the waveguide.



Effect is small - large number of carriers needed to get a 0.1% change in n .

Process and Devices 2: Phase Modulation



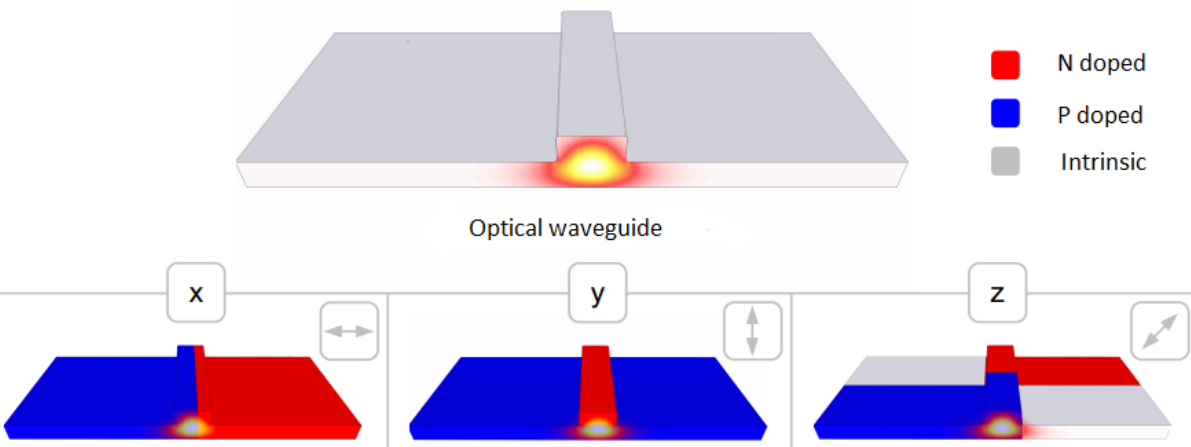
Optical mode

Vertical junction

P

N

- Theoretical performances: birefringence free device
- Gardes et al Opt. Express 13, 8845 (2005)*
- $V_{\pi}L_{\pi}=2.5 \text{ V cm}$
- rise and fall times: 7 ps (drive voltage ≈ -5 volts)
- excess loss: 2 dB for TE and TM polarizations



Optical waveguide

Legend:
■ N doped (red)
■ P doped (blue)
■ Intrinsic (grey)

x

y

z

Lateral pn junction

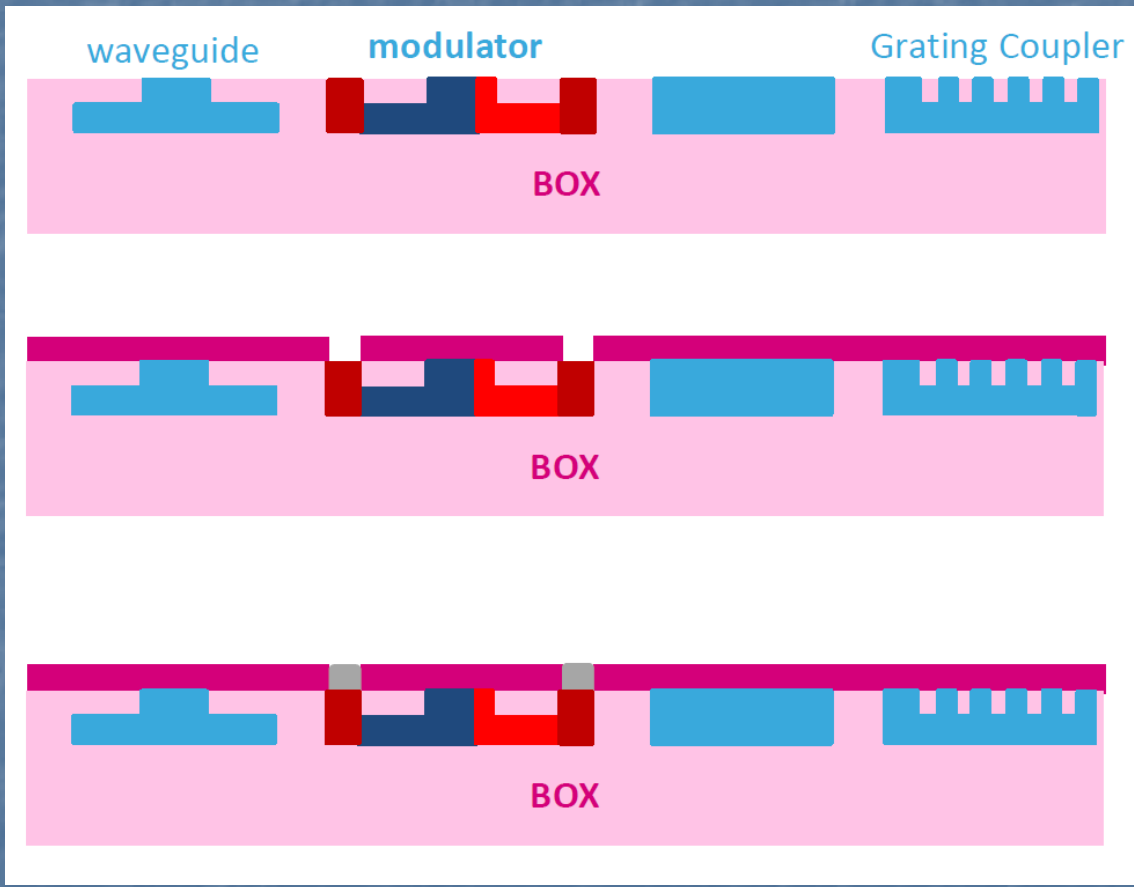
Vertical pn junction

interleaved pn junction

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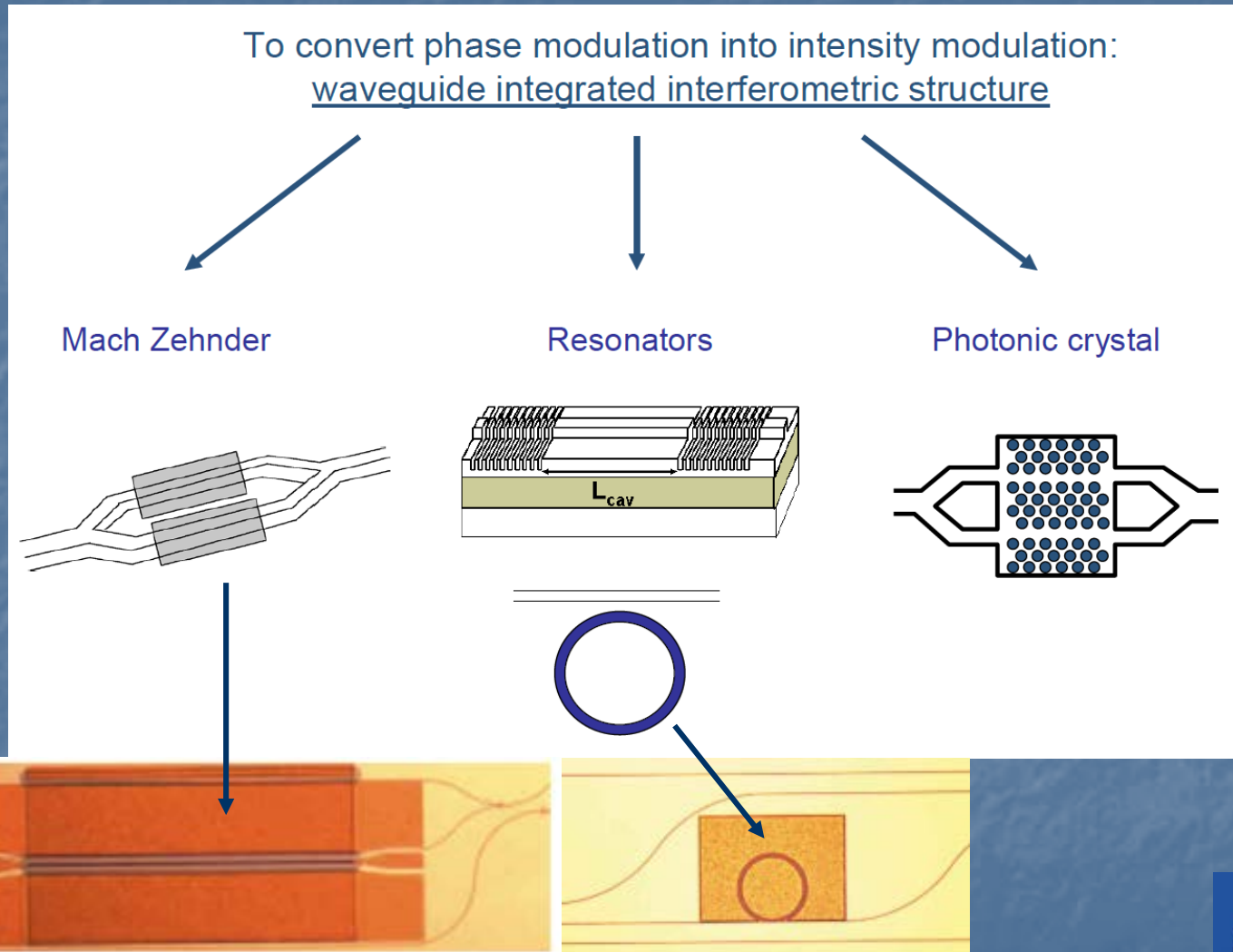
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Doping
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Silicide/etch
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Salicide



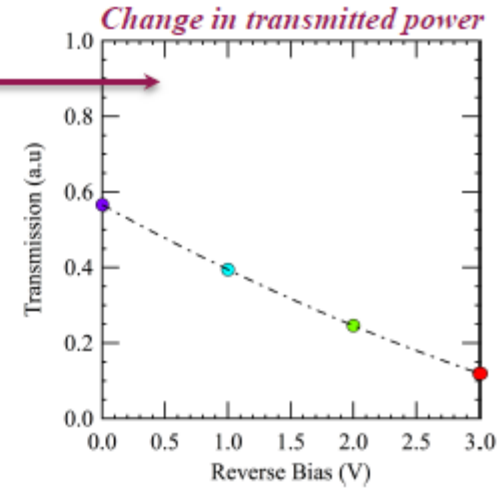
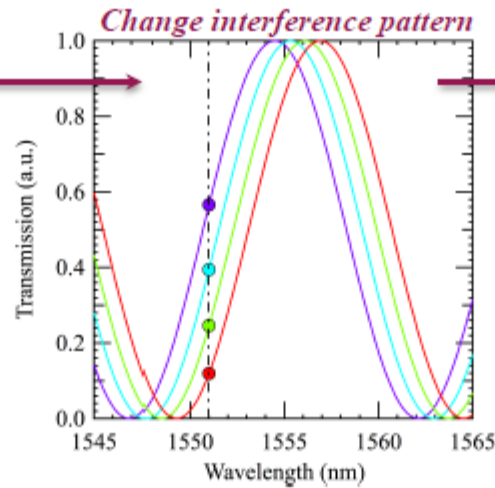
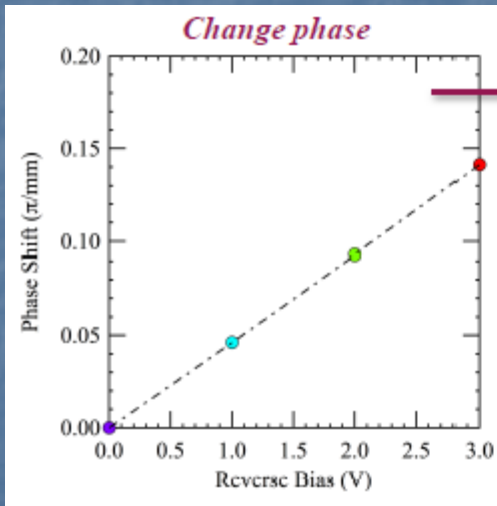
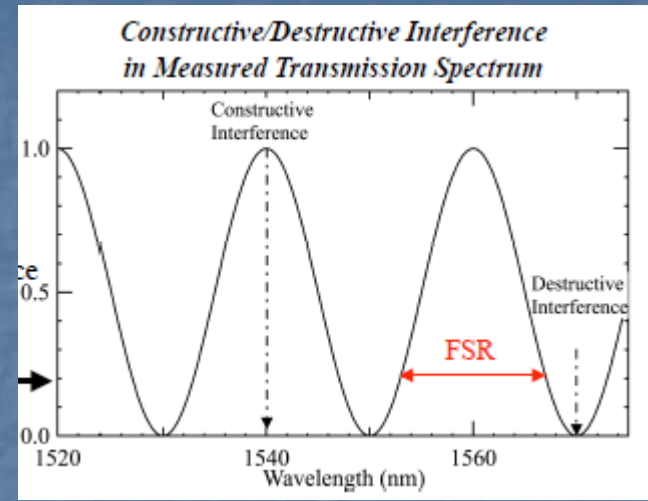
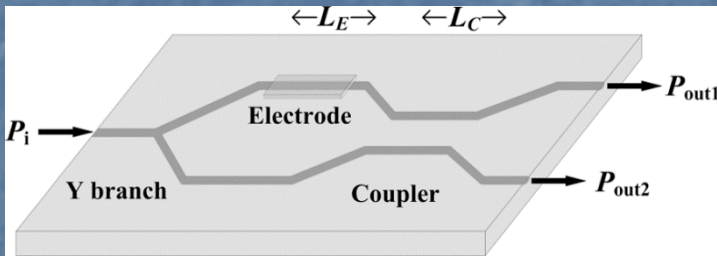
Process and Devices 2: Intensity Modulation

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- B) Radiation
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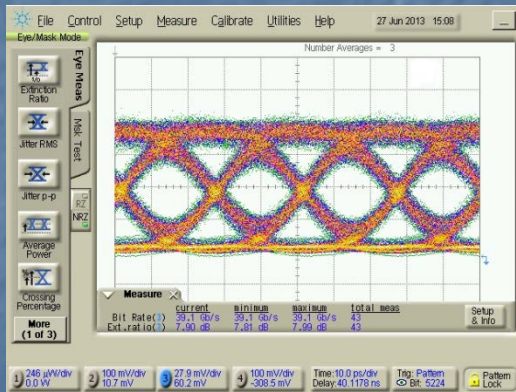
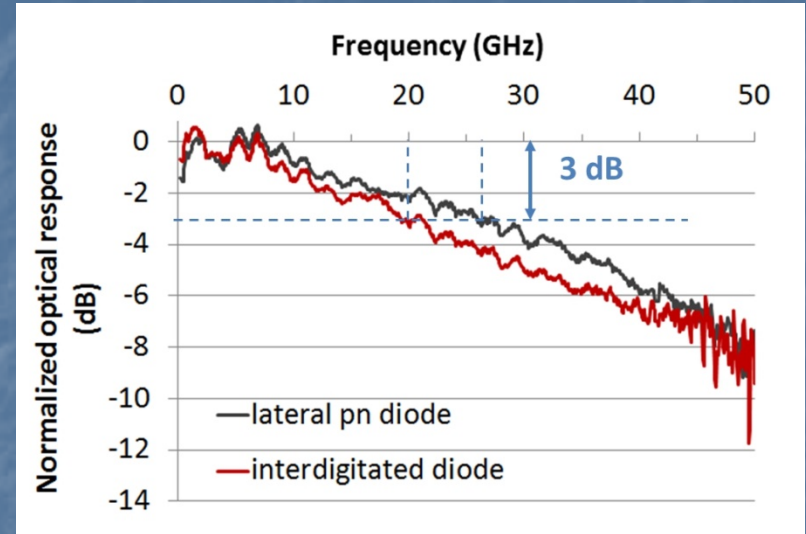
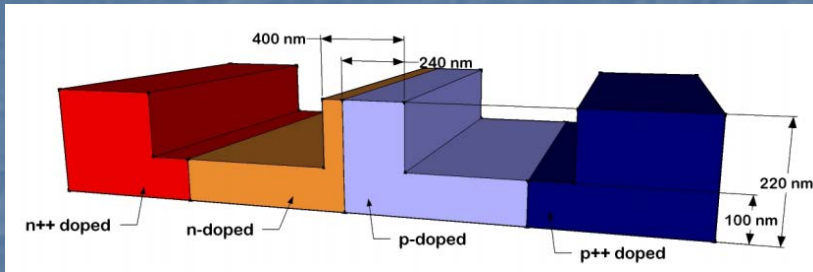
Si modulators performance: a) static

Integrated Mach-Zehnder modulator



Si modulators performance: b) dynamic

0.95mm long Mach-Zehnder modulator



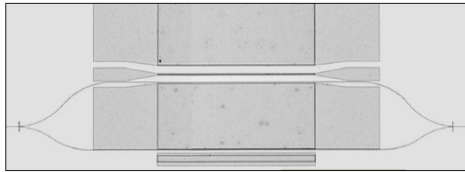
- ✓ $V_{\pi}L_{\pi} \sim 2.2 \text{ V.cm}$
- ✓ Extinction ratio: 8 dB
- ✓ Insertion loss: 4 dB
- ✓ Frequency: 26 GHz
- ✓ Data rate: 40 Gbit/s
- ✓ $V_{\text{mod}} = 7\text{V}$

D. Marris-Morini et al, Opt. Exp. (2013)



Si modulators performance: c) power

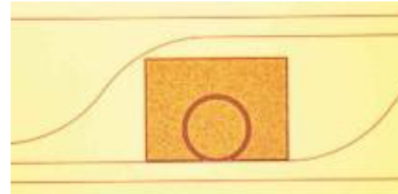
40 Gbit/s Mach Zehnder modulator



$L=1.8\text{mm} \Rightarrow C \sim 0.5\text{ pF}$
 $V_{pp} = 7\text{ V}$

Energy/bit $\sim 6\text{ pJ/bit}$

10 Gbit/s ring modulator



Ring radius of $50\text{ }\mu\text{m} \Rightarrow C \sim 0.08\text{ pF}$

Laser excluded

Energy/bit $\sim 0.7\text{ pJ/bit}$

$1\text{ pJ/bit} = 1\text{ mW/Gbps}$

Optical wavelength-division multiplexed (WDM) links in internet

- $\sim 10\text{ nJ/bit}$ (total) (Tucker, 2008)

Reading from DRAM

- $\sim 30\text{ pJ/bit}$ (Dally, 2009)

Communicating a bit off chip

- Several to 10^3 pJ/bit

Floating point operation (FLOP)

- $\sim 1\text{ pJ/bit}$ (50 pJ for double precision (64b) operation) (Dally, 2009)

Energy stored in DRAM cell

- $\sim 10\text{ fJ}$

Switching one CMOS gate

- $< 1\text{ fJ}$

(1 electron at 1V, or one photon $\sim 0.16\text{ aJ}$)

(one google search $\sim 1\text{ kJ}$)

W. Dally, "Power Efficient Supercomputing," talk at ACS, 2009
R. S. Tucker, "Energy and the Internet," OECC '08, Sydney, Australia, July 2008; also J. Baliga, K. Hinton, and R. S. Tucker, "Energy Consumption of the Internet," Optical Internet, 2007 and the 2007 32nd Australian Conference on Optical Fibre Technology, COIN-ACOFT 2007, Joint International Conference on 24-27 June 2007, Page(s):1 - 3; K. Hinton et al., "Power Consumption and Energy Efficiency in the Internet," IEEE Network 25, 2, SI pp6-12 (Mar. Apr. 2011)

Process and Devices 3: Detection

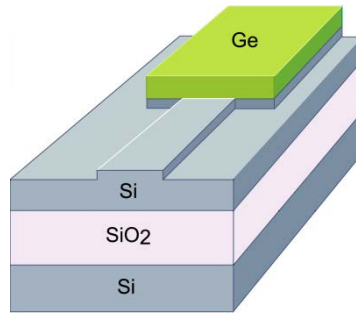


Ge in Si

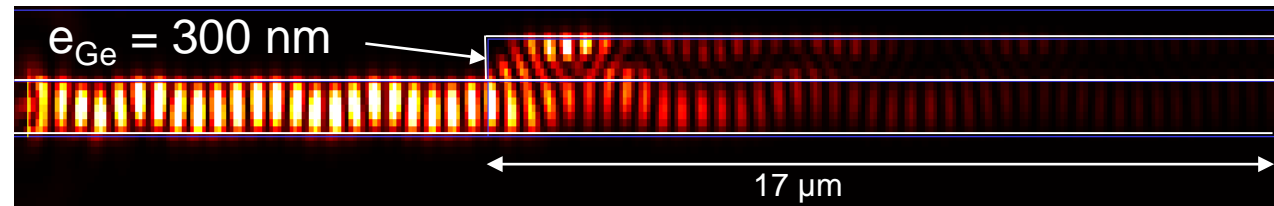


- Absorption coefficient of pure Ge
 - $\alpha \approx 9000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ at $\lambda = 1.3 \mu\text{m}$
 - ⇒ $L_{\text{ABS}}^{95\%} \approx 3.3 \mu\text{m}$ (!)
 - ⇒ Low capacitance devices
 - ⇒ High frequency operation
- High carrier mobility
- Lattice misfit with Si of about 4.2%
 - ⇒ specific growth strategies required (wafer-scale and localized)
- Low indirect bandgap: $E_G = 0.66 \text{ eV}$
 - ⇒ high dark current for MSM devices

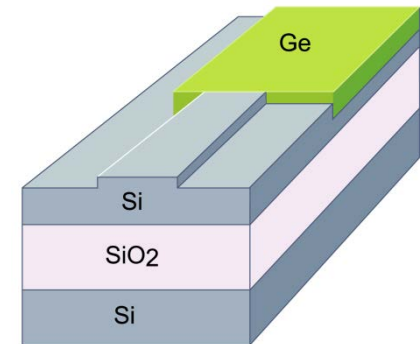
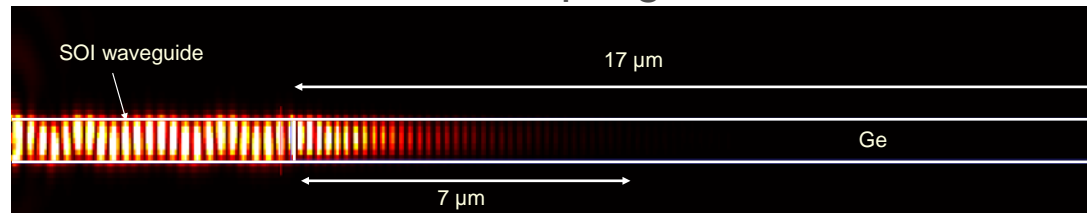
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Vertical coupling



Butt coupling

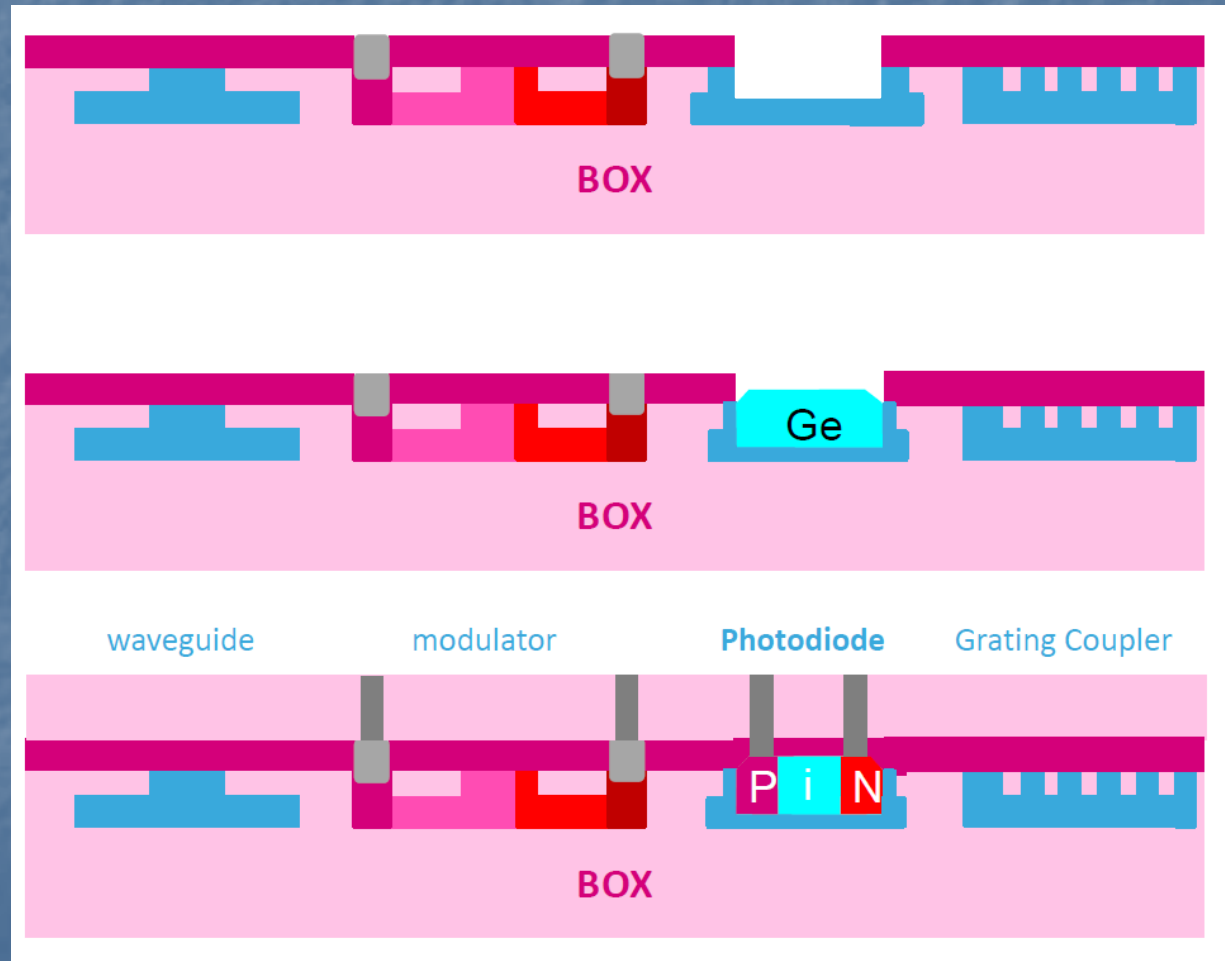


- ⇒ Short absorption length => Low capacitance
- ⇒ Light absorption is independent of Ge film thickness

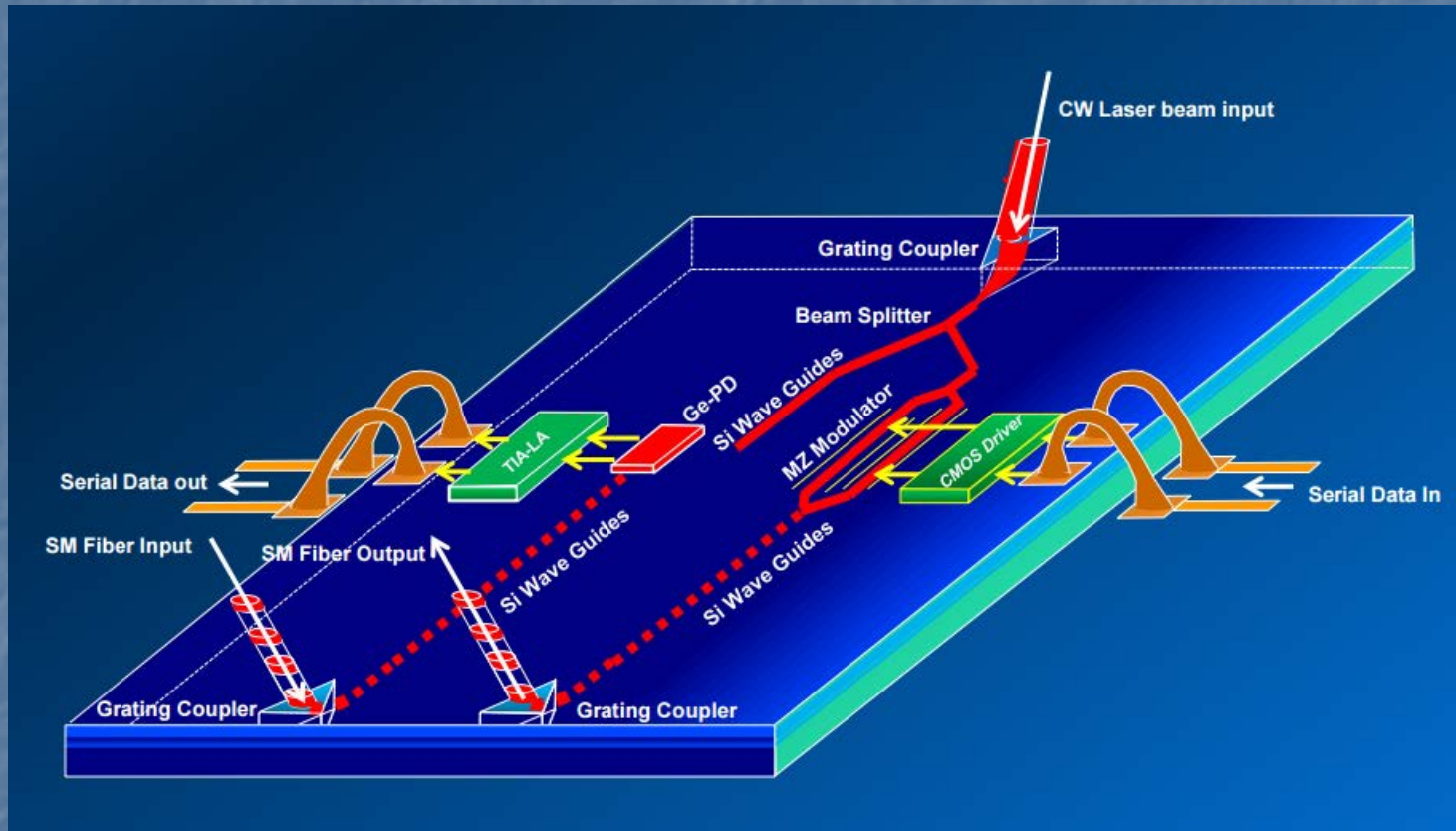
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Cavity
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Ge deposition
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Doping
Contacting
Oxide regrowth



Process and Devices 4: Full Circuit

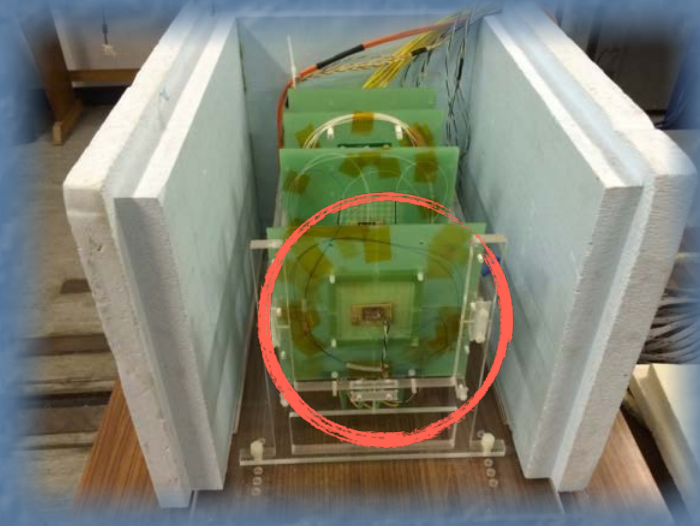
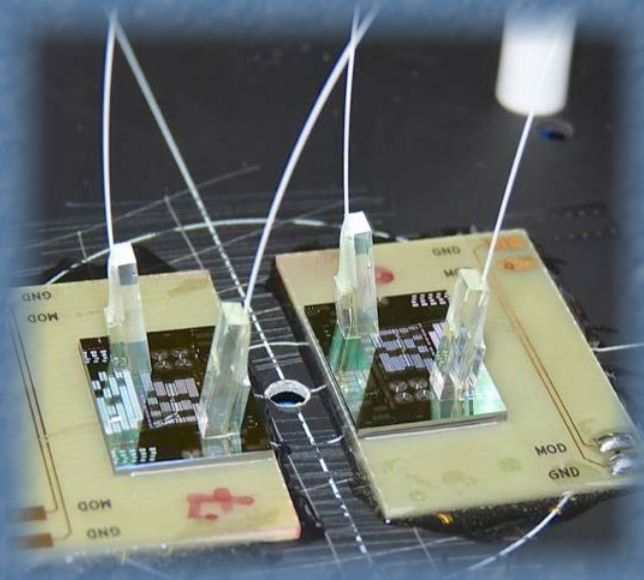


So, why is Si-Photonics of interest to HEP?

- Radiation resistance potentially as good as Si-sensors and CMOS electronics
- Possibility to design custom circuits in MPW framework
- Possible Co-integration with sensor and electronics



B. Radiation testing MZI Modulators



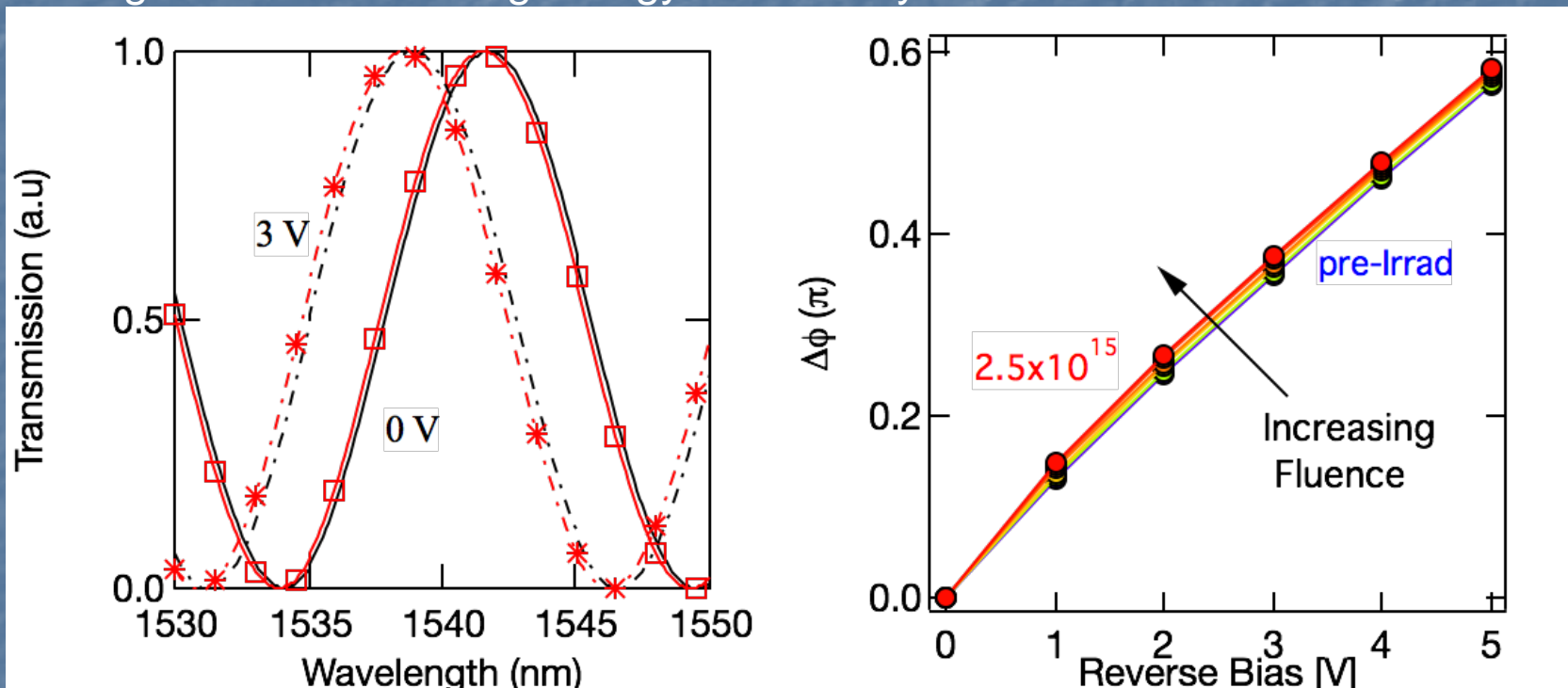
Devices ready for testing. Devices provided by the Université Paris Sud and fibre coupling done by CEA-LETI.

- a) High-intensity neutron beam line at the Cyclotron Resource Center in Louvain-la-Neuve used to expose devices to non-ionizing radiation (5×10^{16} 1 Mev $n_{eq} \text{cm}^{-2}$)
- b) X-ray irradiation facility at CERN used to expose the devices to X-rays (1.3 MGy)



Radiation testing MZI modulators: a) displacement damage

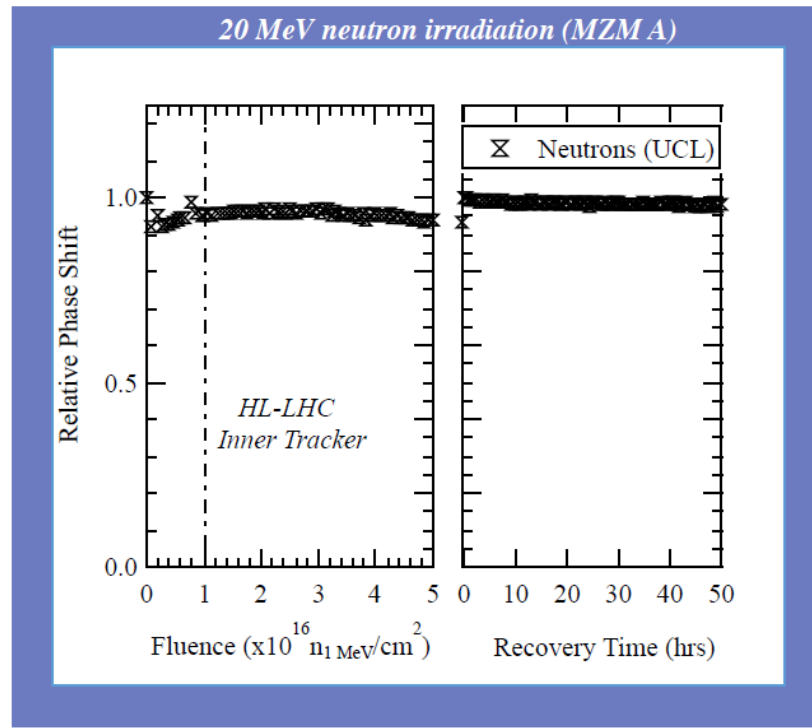
Damage from non-ionizing energy loss is very small



0 V 3 V
 □ *
 ■ *
 pre-Irrad
 $2.5 \times 10^{15} \text{ neq}$

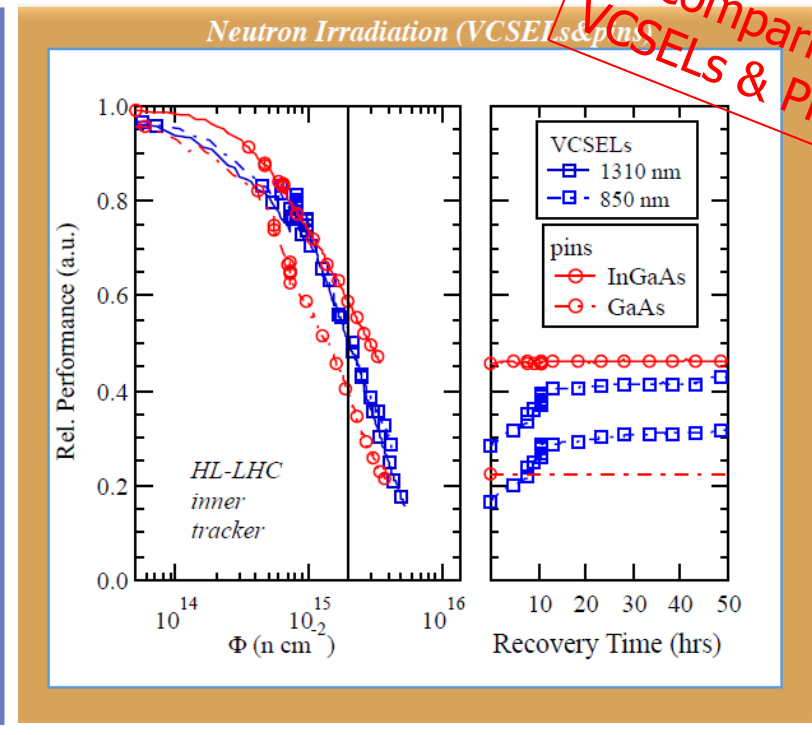
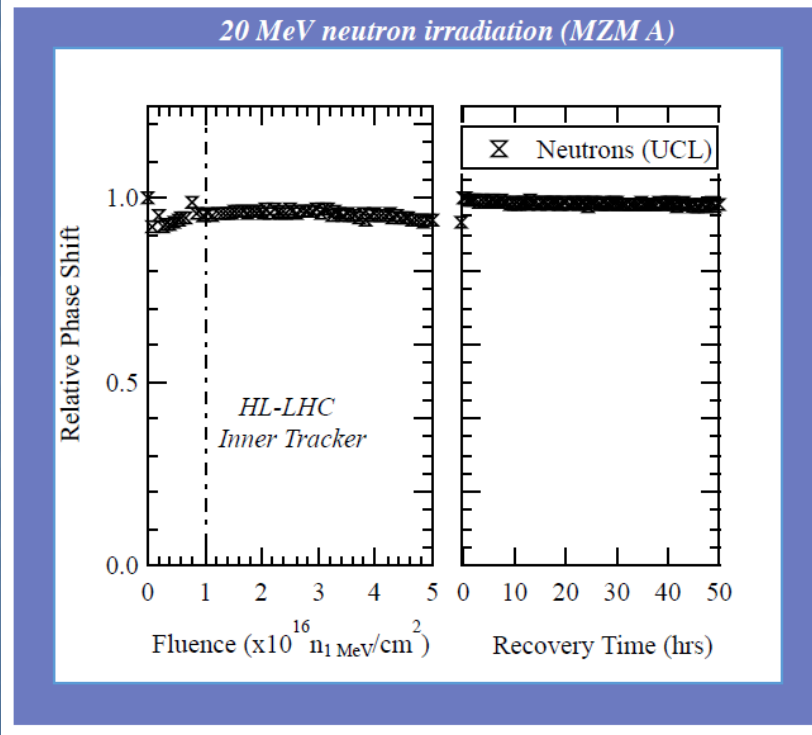
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 - Modulators vs VCSELs

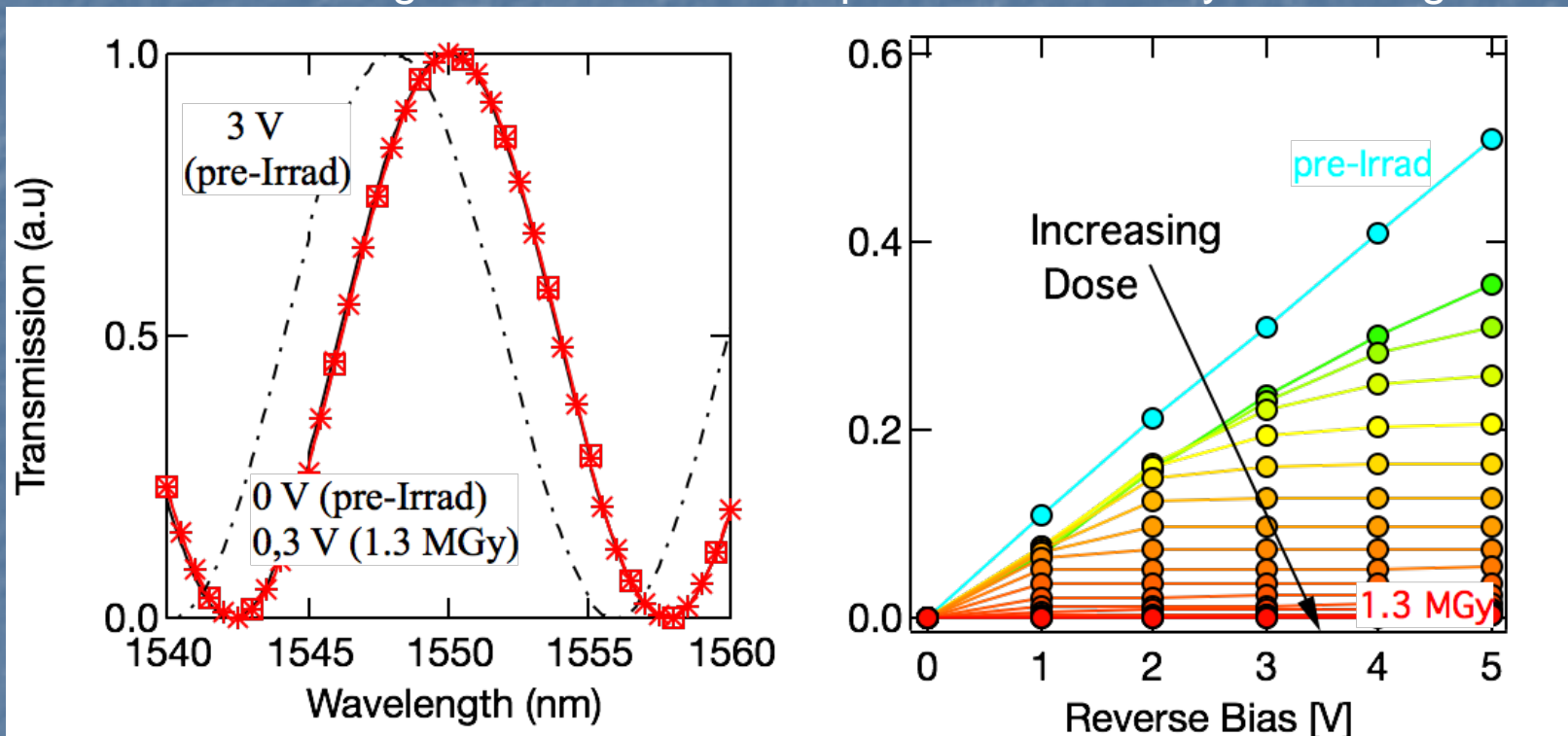


As comparison:
VCSELs & Pins



Radiation testing MZI modulators: b) ionizing damage

Devices are no longer functional after exposure to 1.3 MGy of ionizing radiation.



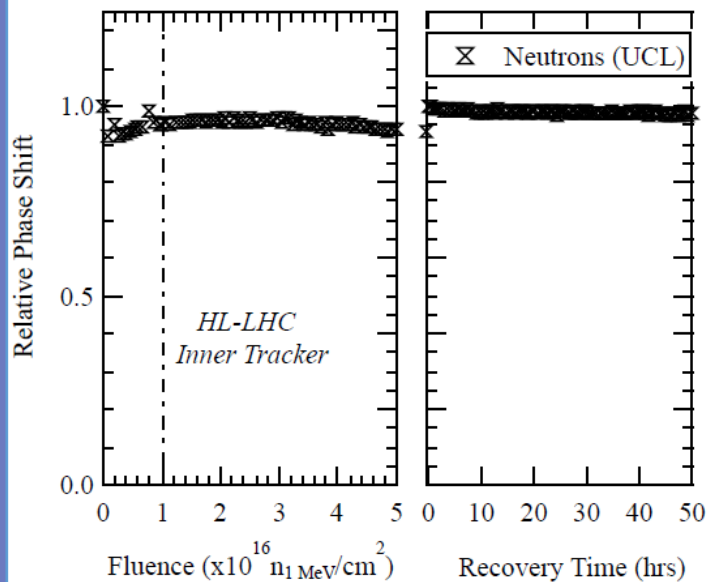
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■ * 1.3 MGy

Radiation testing MZI modulators: c) summary

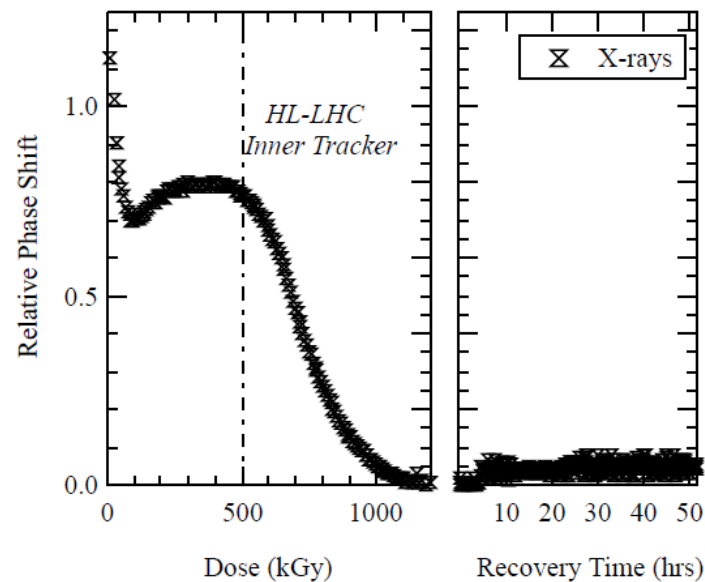
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 - neutron irradiation
 - X-ray irradiation



20 MeV neutron irradiation (MZM A)

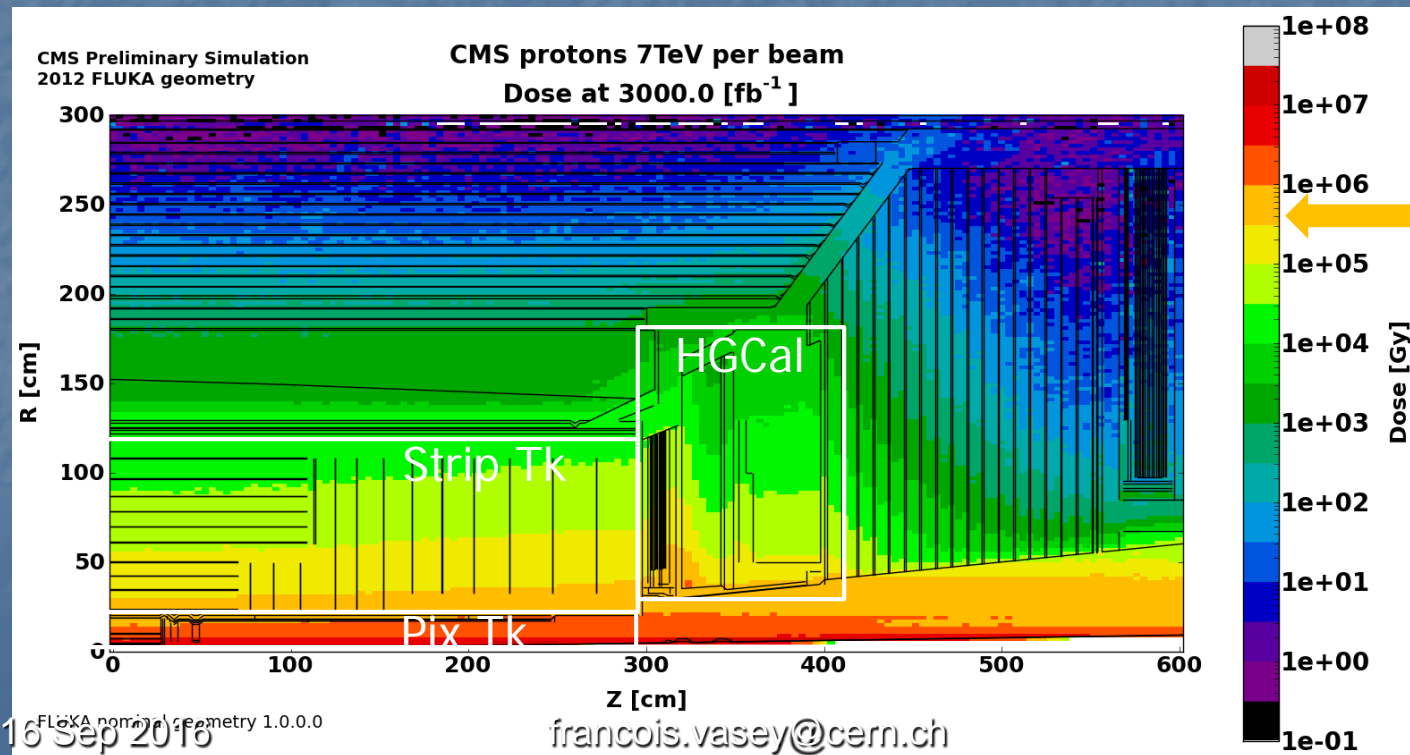


1.1 kGy/min X-ray irradiation (MZM A)



Si-Photonics MZM Use range in HL-LHC detector

- Straight off-the-shelf, before any device optimization:
 - Use-range smaller or possibly similar to active (VCSEL-based) optoelectronics
 - Large process (vendor) dependence
 - Sensitivity to TID but not to displacement



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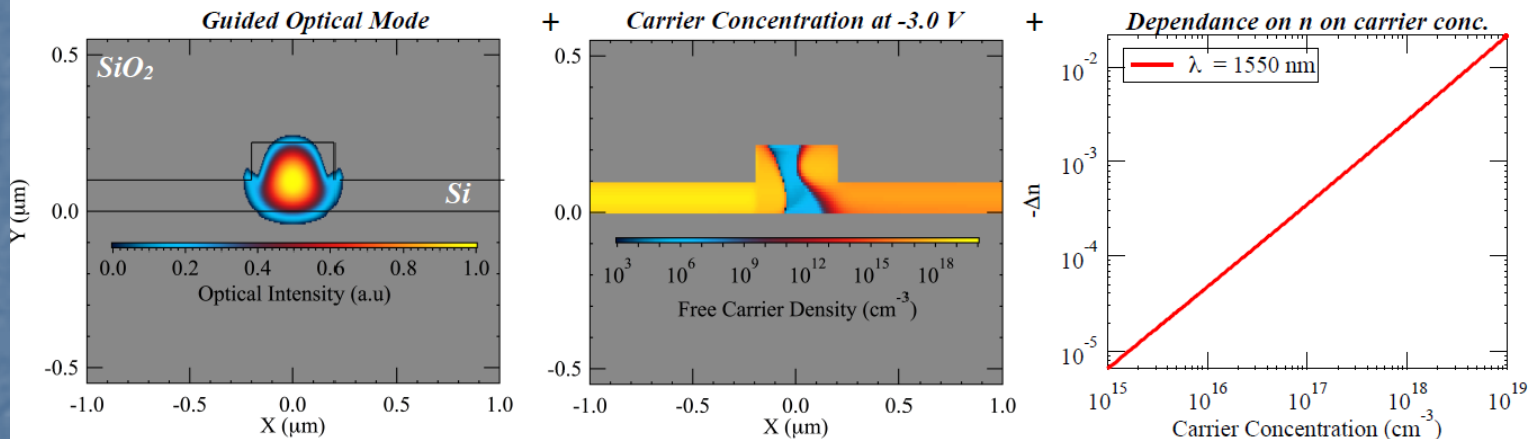
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Modeling Radiation Damage in a MZM

- Change in phase at a given applied bias can be calculated using :
 - the mode profile of the guided optical mode (ψ).
 - the carrier concentration (e,h) in the silicon at a given applied bias.
 - the dependence of n on the carrier concentration.

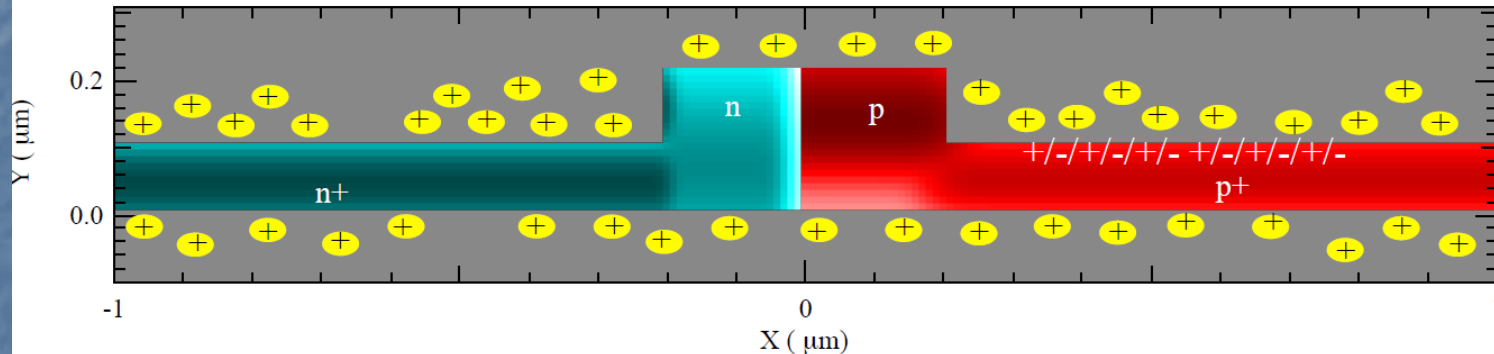
$$\Delta\phi \propto \iint \Delta n |\Psi(x,y)|^2 dx dy$$



Modeling Radiation Damage in a MZM

Adding radiation damage to electro-optic simulation.

- Fixed charge (N_{ot}) and interface traps are added to the device :
 - $N_{ot} \rightarrow$ positive fixed charge in the oxide.
 - $N_{it} \rightarrow$ acceptor/donor traps in the Si/SiO₂ interface.

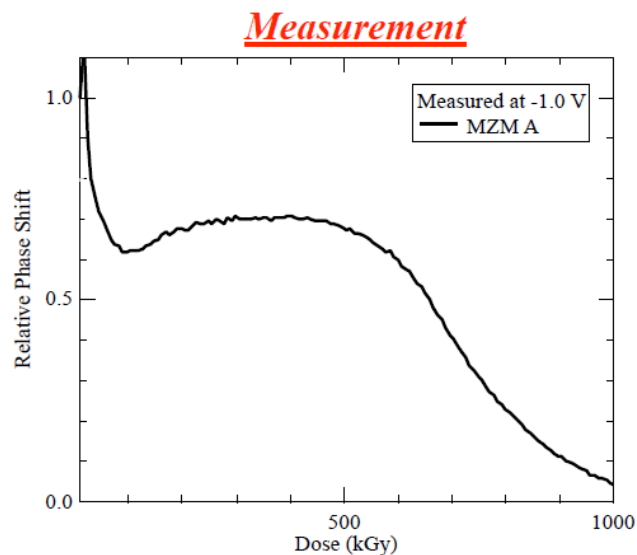
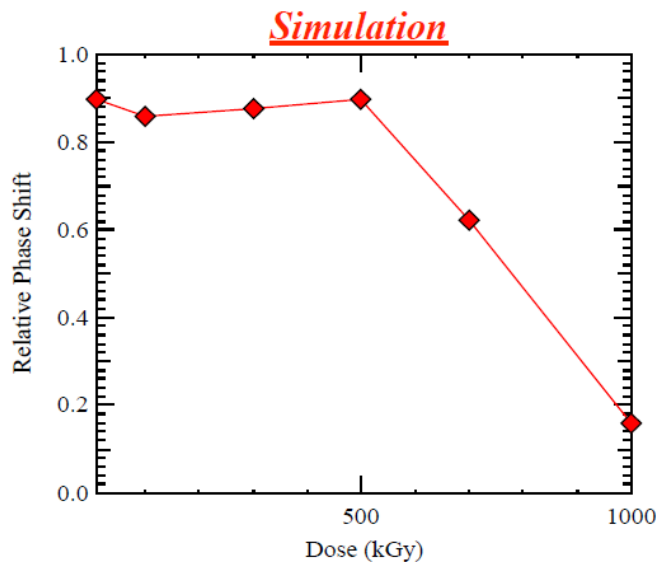


- Both are calculated as a function of dose using :
 - N_{ot} :
 - the electric field in the oxide (to calculate # e-h pairs).
 - *the distribution of hole traps in the oxide.*
 - N_{IT} :
 - *the introduction rate of interface traps.*
 - *the maximum concentration of interface traps.*

Modeling Radiation Damage in a MZM

Simulating an irradiated SiPh MZM.

- Parameters describing radiation damage were varied to produce a degradation in the simulated phase-shift which best matches the measured data :

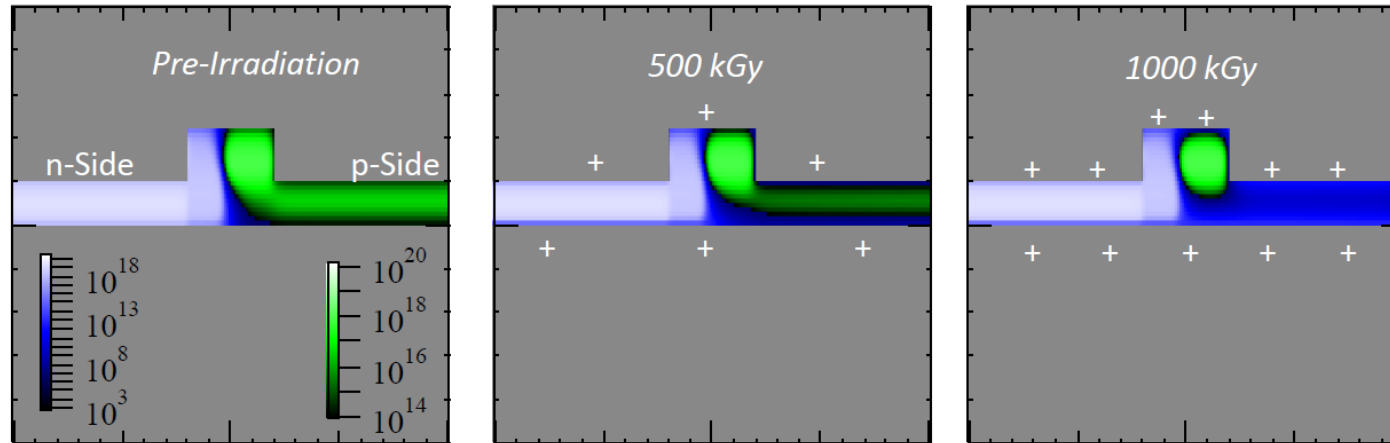


Looking for reasonable qualitative agreement!!

Modeling Radiation Damage in a MZM

Using the simulation to understand why devices fail.

Free-Carrier Concentration in SiPhMZM at different doses



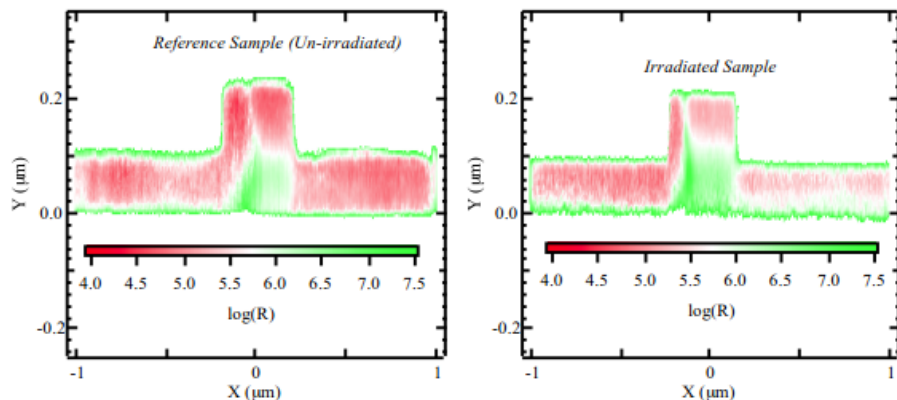
- What happens to a SiPh MZM as its exposed to ionizing radiation?
 - Positive charge build-up at the Si-SiO₂ interface leads to this “pinch-off” effect :
 - decrease in hole concentration on the p-side of the slab.
 - increased resistance on the p-side of the slab.
 - can no longer deplete the p-n junction.
 - no phase-shift.



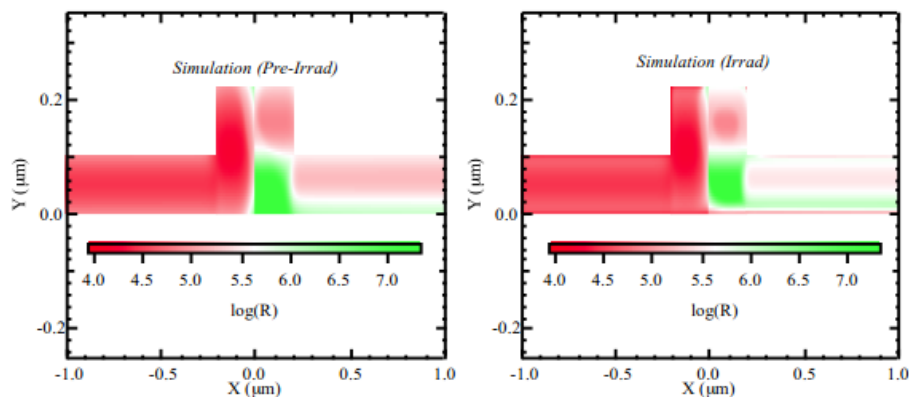
Tuning simulation to fit characterization

Simulation vs. SSRM (Scanning Spreading Resistance Microscopy)

Measurement



Simulation

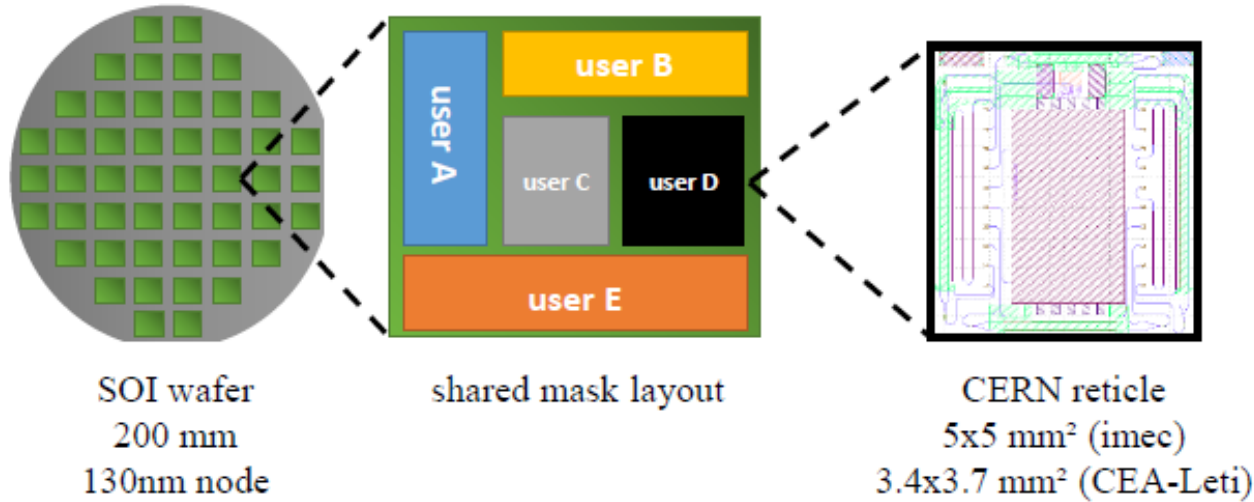


Radiation Resistance: Wrap Up

- Radiation resistance of MZMs potentially as good as Si-sensors and CMOS electronics
 - But thick oxide layers (on top and bottom) make devices sensitive to ionizing radiation damage
- Possibility to design custom circuits in MPW framework
- Co-integration with sensor and electronics



C. Designing a custom MZM for HEP



- Multi Project Wafer (MPW) run chosen to fabricate:
 - offered through **ePIXfab**
 - administered through **Europractice**
- 2 different designs submitted to two foundries:

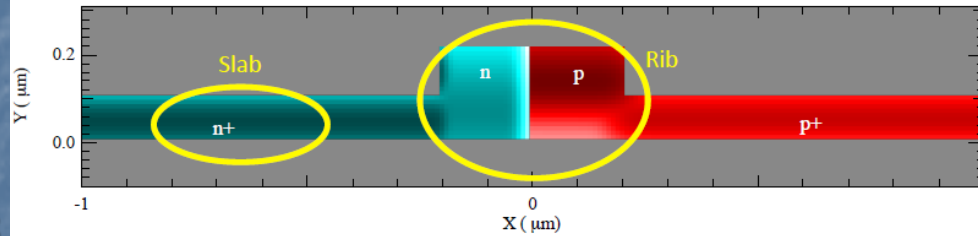


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Improving MZM radiation hardness

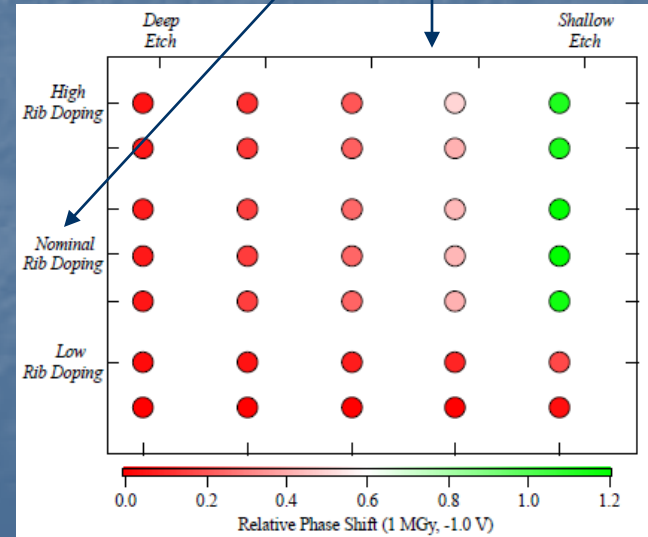
- Simulation can be used to optimize performance of MZM before and after considering the effects of ionizing radiation.



Scan process parameters available to MPW user



	Parameter	Range
Doping Concentration in the Rib	D	0.1-10x
Slab Thickness (/ etch depth)	h	Shallow-Deep

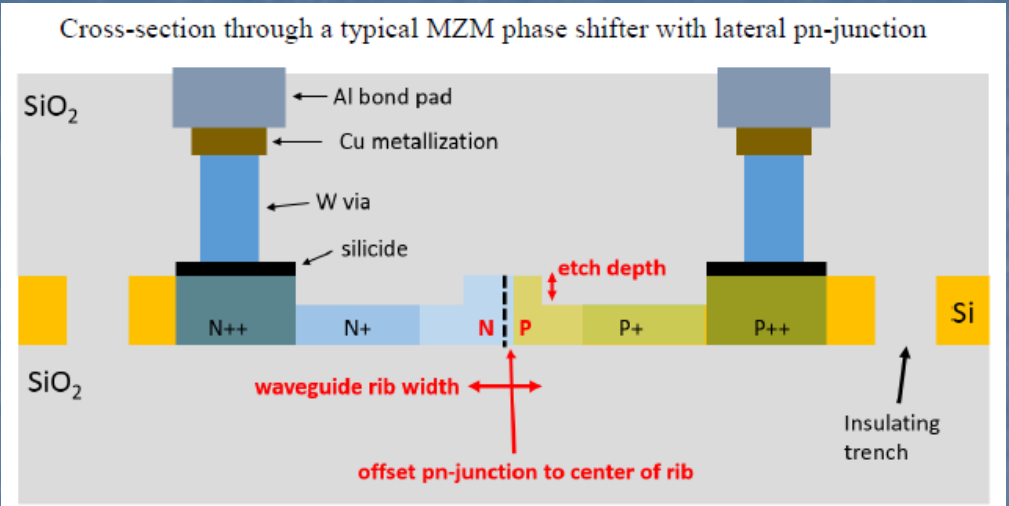


Model MZM efficiency change after 1MGy



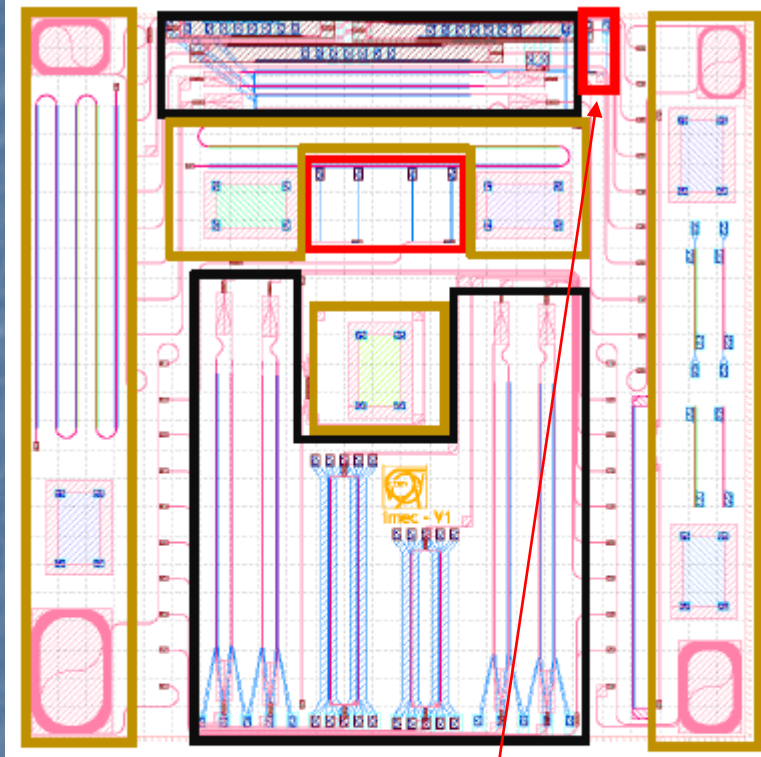
First full custom Si-Photonics chip from CERN

A) Technology
B) Radiation
C) Design
D) Integration
E) System



Free Design Parameters	Range
waveguide doping (P/N)	discrete: nominal, 2x nominal
etch depth	discrete: shallow, deep
waveguide rib width	continuous: >150nm
pn-junction offset	continuous within rib width

- ❑ IMEC 130nm CMOS (65nm-grade litho)
- ❑ 5x5mm die, 40 pcs x 2 doping steps
- ❑ 9 months turnaround time
- ❑ Heterogeneous design flow

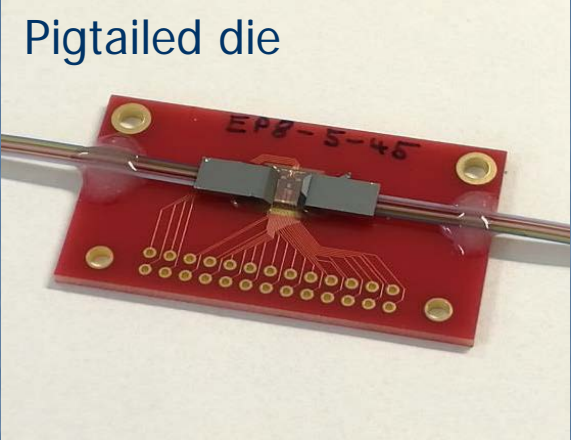


- Chip contains
- 12 modulators
 - 3 photo diodes (germanium on silicon)
 - Various passive test components (e.g. sheet resistance, waveguide loss)

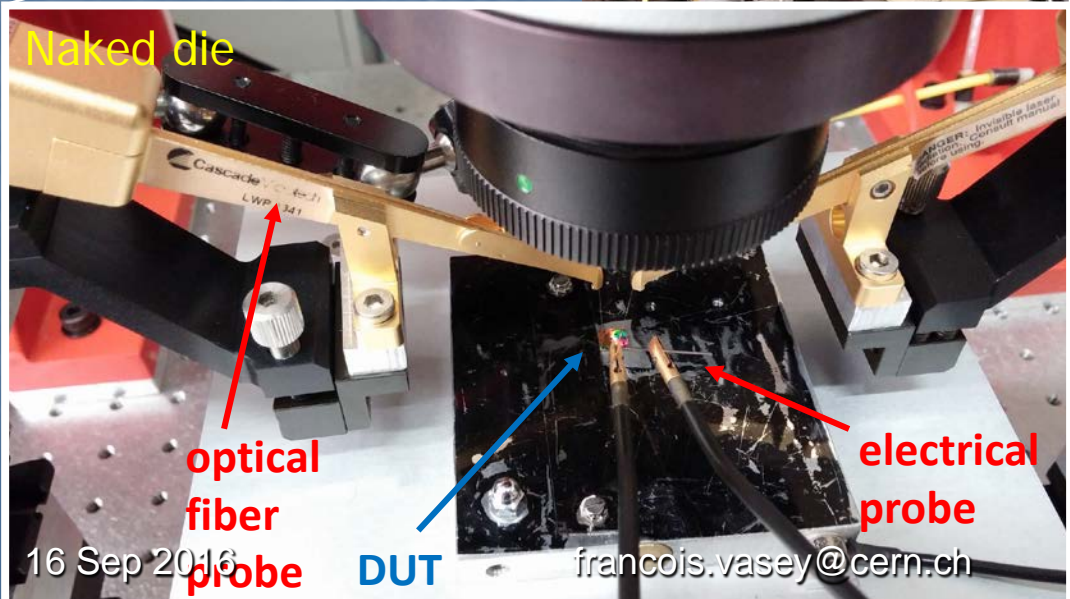
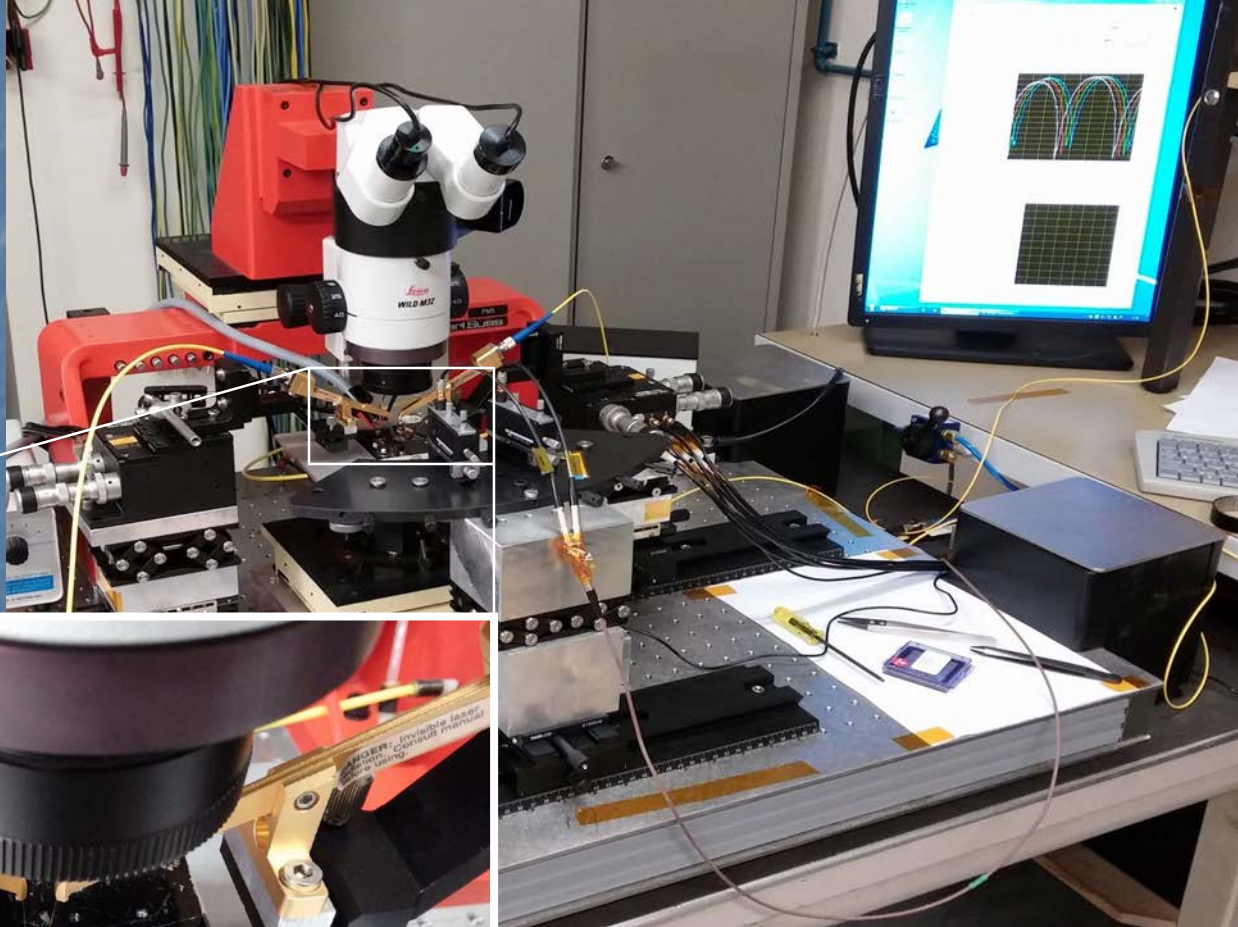


Characterization

- A) Technology
- B) Radiation
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Pigtailed die



Naked die

optical fiber probe

electrical probe

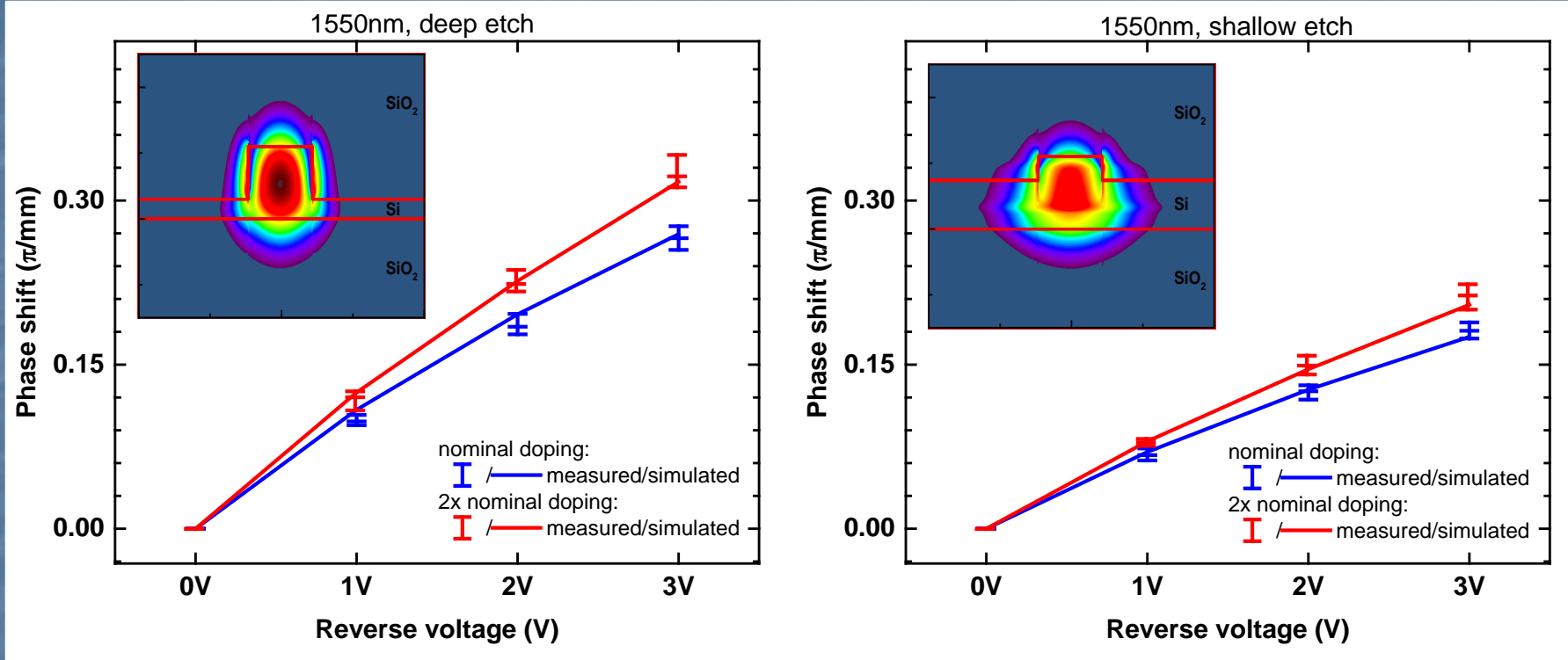
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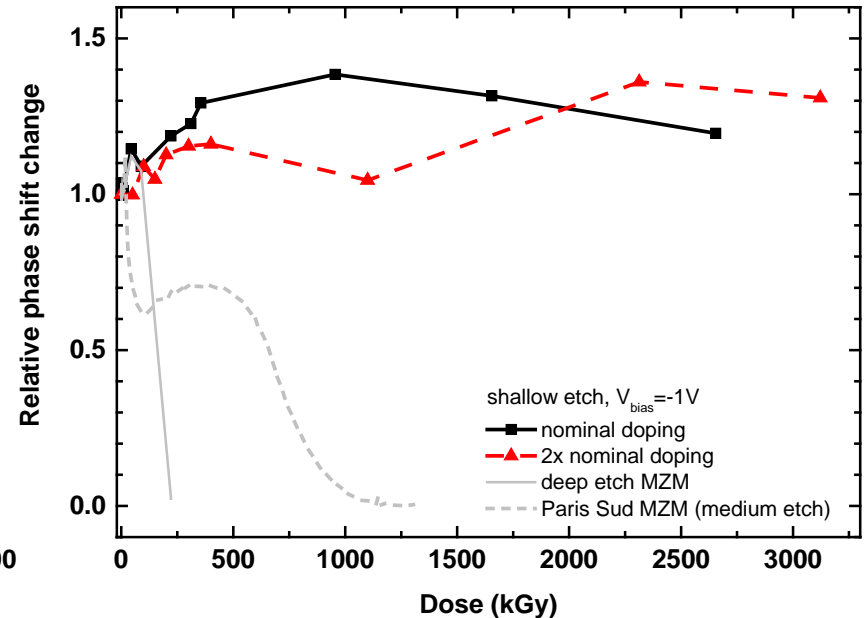
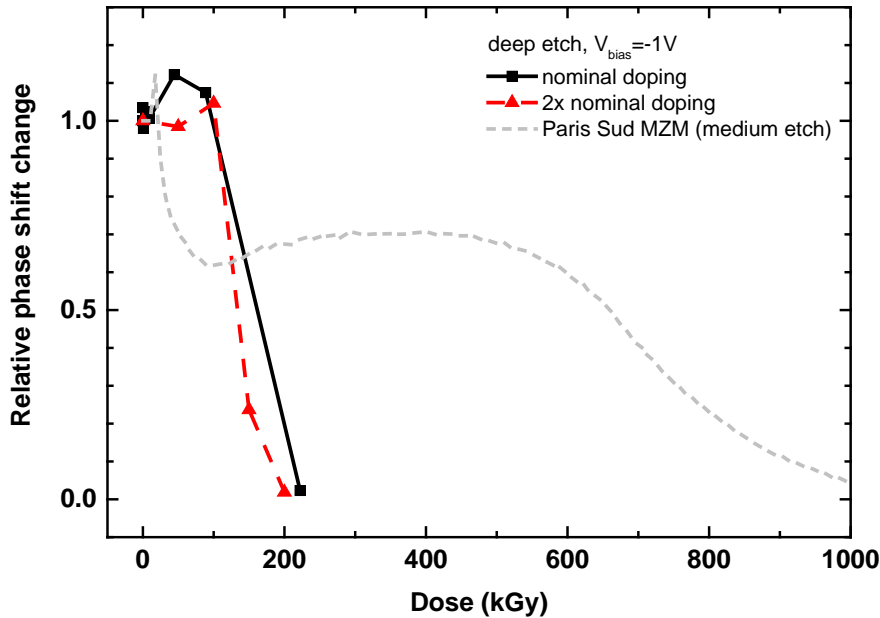
Pre-Irradiation Characterization



- Good agreement between pre-irradiation measurements and simulations for CERN designed SiPh MZMs
- deep etch MZMs show larger phase shift because optical mode is more strongly confined in waveguide
- larger overlap with depletion zone of pn-junction



During-irradiation Characterization



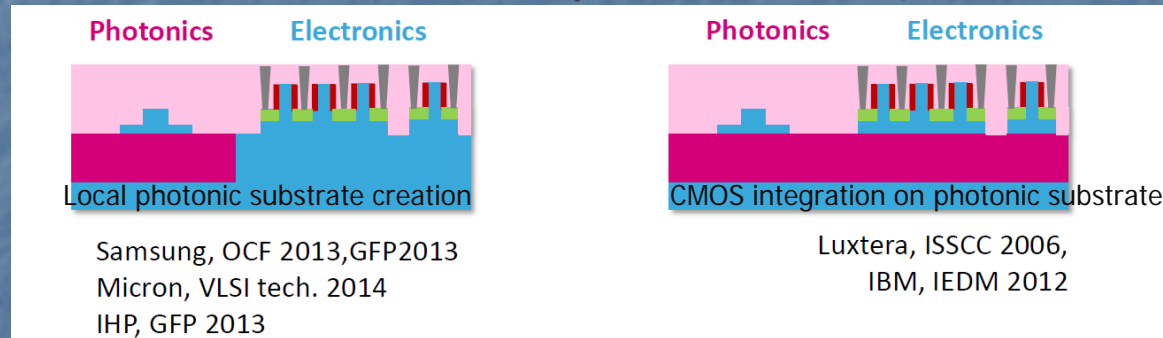
- measurements confirm qualitative predictions: resistance to dose can be improved
- etch depth, doping concentrations, energies and profiles are not precisely known
 - ➔ quantitative agreement between model and devices cannot be expected
- Irradiation conditions are not representative of final operational situation
 - Room temperature, No bias during irradiation
- More results to be published this fall (Radecs, TWEPP, NSS)

Custom MZM Design: Wrap Up

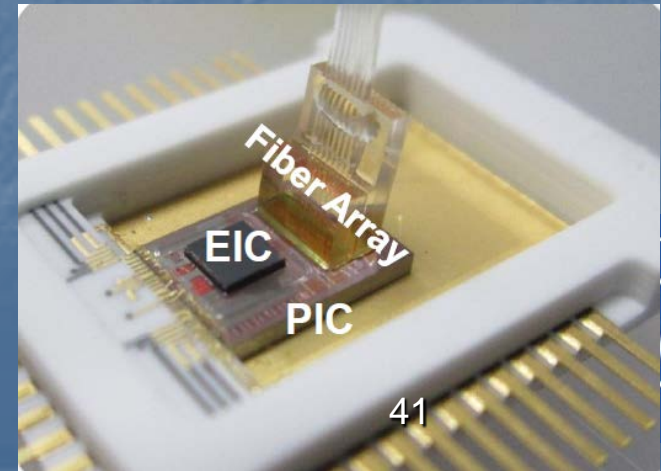
- Possibility to design custom circuits in MPW framework
 - Successful first submission
 - Preliminary simulation, design and characterization results indicate good prospect of developing extremely radiation hard modulators
 - But full control of doping conditions likely to be needed (i.e. dedicated engineering run and process customization)
 - Modelling effort must continue to the point where a simulation can be trusted to validate a design before submission
- Co-integration with sensor and electronics

D. Co-Integration a) with electronics

- Co-Integration of electronics and photonics can be achieved in a hybrid or monolithic fashion
- Si-Photonics requires thick oxide (~1um compared to 10-100nm for current SOI processes)
- Monolithic approaches have been successfully demonstrated, also commercially

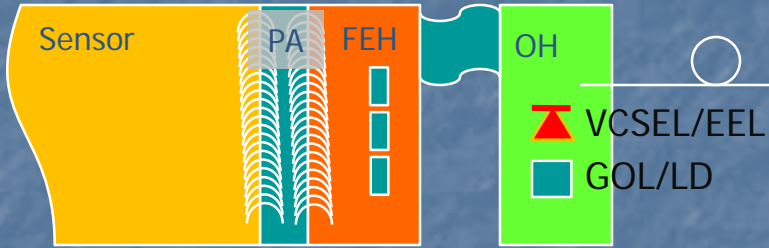


- But hybrid integration allows more flexibility at least in our specific context
 - Electronics and photonics can be optimized separately
 - Photonic circuit becomes interposer

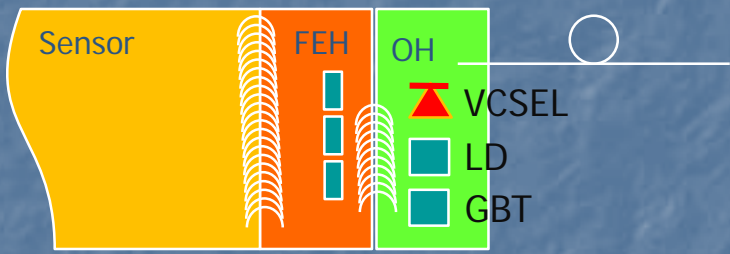


D. Co-Integration b) with sensors

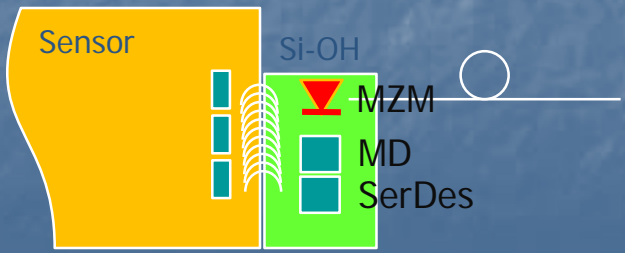
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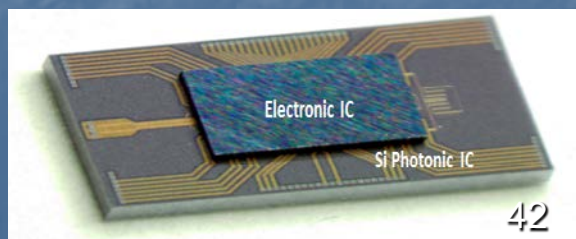
- LHC Tracker (2005)



- HL-LHC Tracker (2020)



- R&D, full Si module (2025?)

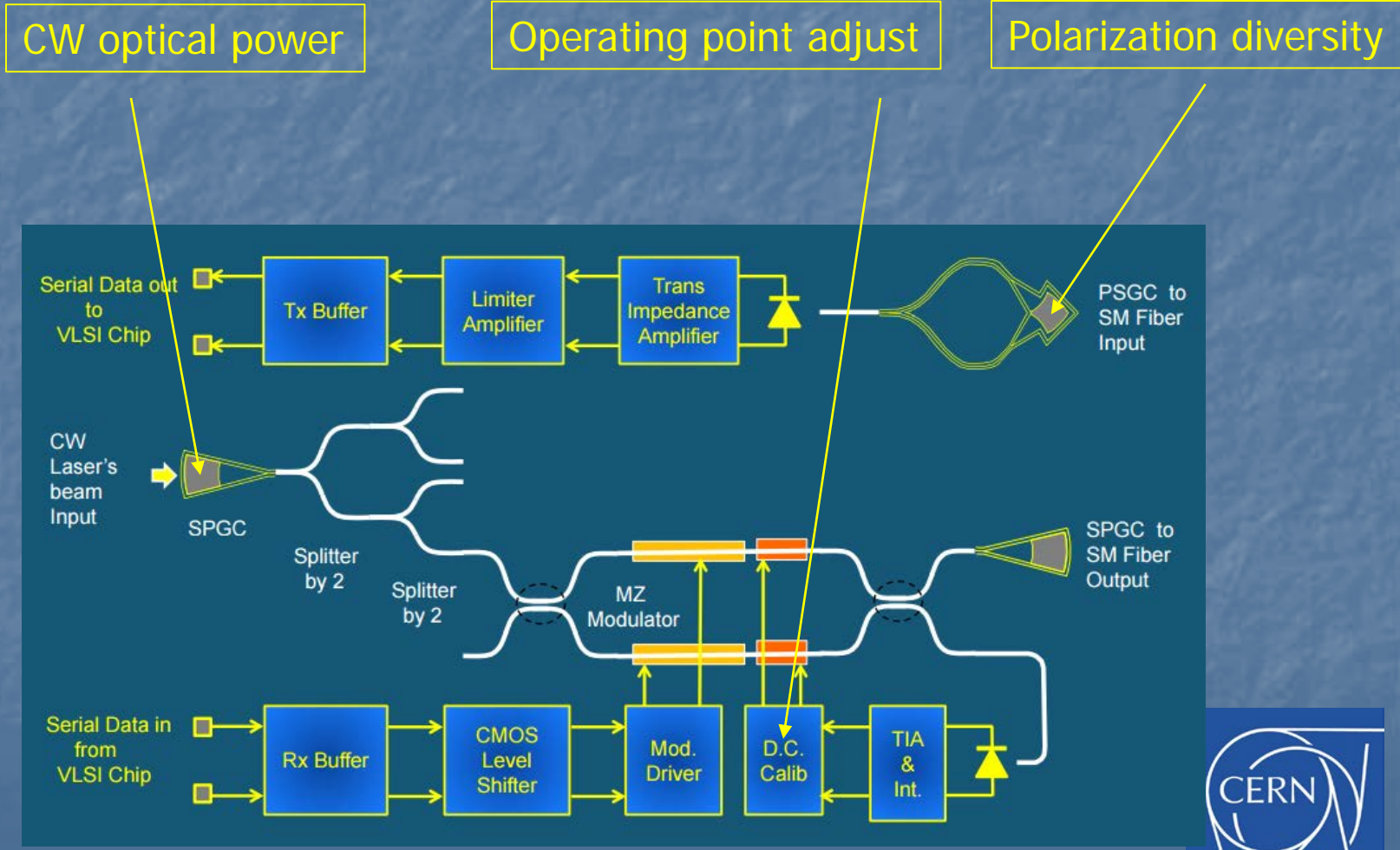


E. System

- The system-level challenges of Si-Photonics:
 - MZM System-on-a-chip
 - Maintain stable operating point
 - Manage polarization diversity
 - Reduce insertion loss
 - Reduce power dissipation
 - System-in-a-detector
 - Feed CW optical power
 - Maintain laser polarization
 - Manage power budget
 - Optical
 - Electrical

Si-Ph Transceiver System on a chip

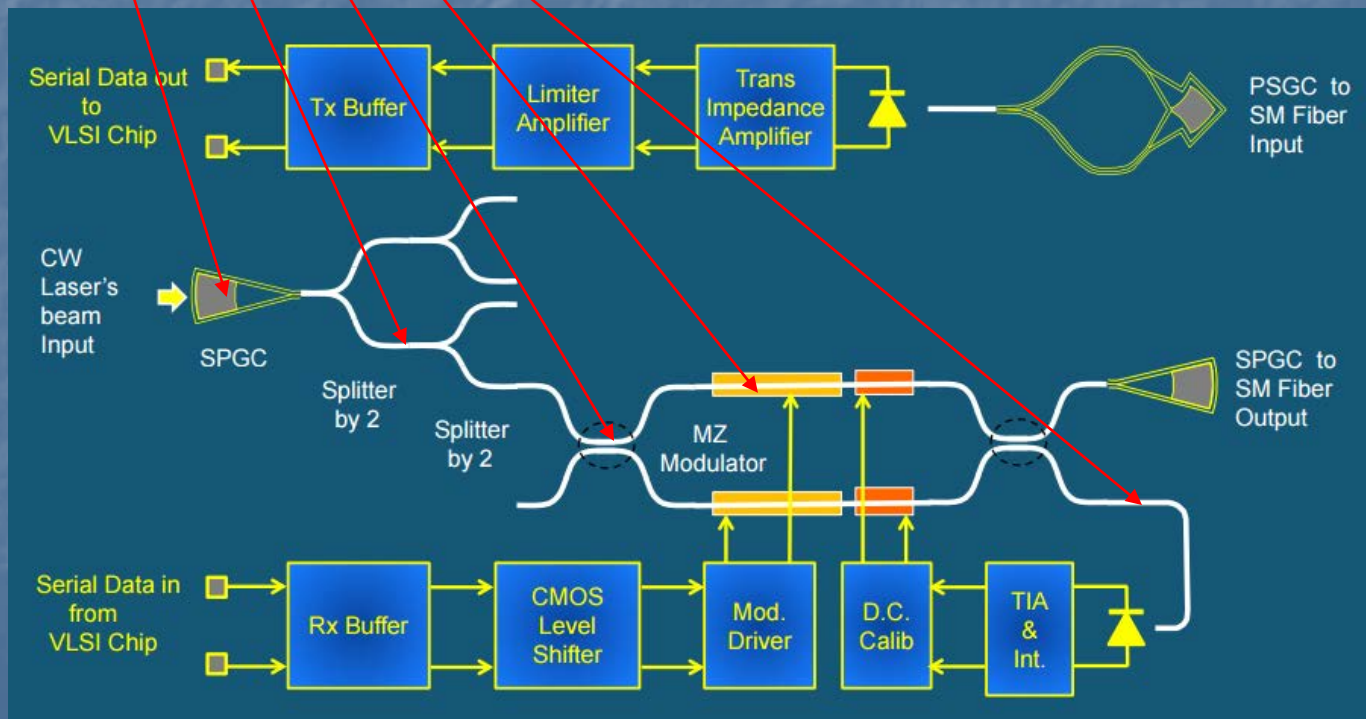
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Si-Ph Transceiver System on a chip

The Insertion Loss challenge (typical loss values shown):

- Grating coupler: 2dB
 - Waveguide loss: 2dB/cm
 - Quadrature point: 3dB
 - Modulator loss: 4dB/mm
 - Taps and misc.: 2dB
- Excess loss: typ 15dB



Dynamic MZM transmitter performance

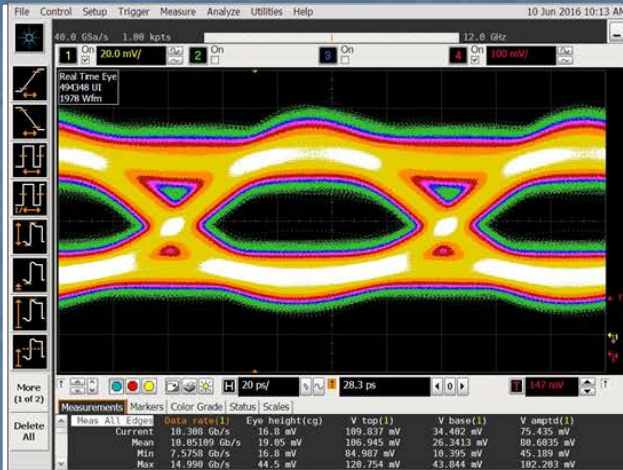
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B) Radiation

C) Design

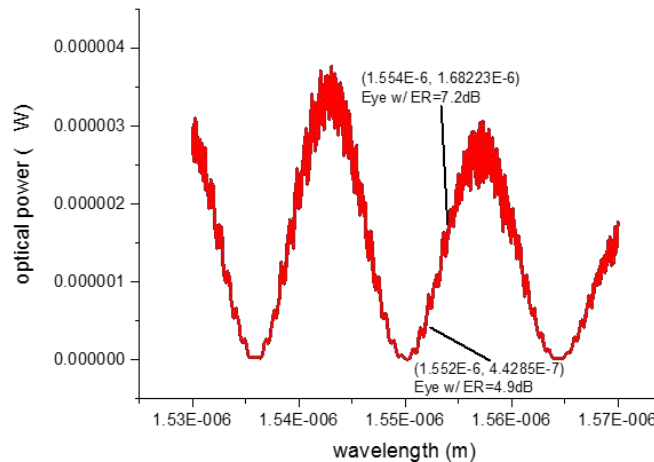
D) Integration

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measured for 1.0 mm long travelling wave MZM

- 10Gb/s, $\Lambda=1.554 \mu\text{m}$
- $V_{\text{bias}}=-3\text{V}$
- $V_{\text{pp}}=6\text{V}$
- **ER=7.2dB**
- **OMA=-7.6dBm**
- 50Ohm external termination
- 2³¹-1 pattern



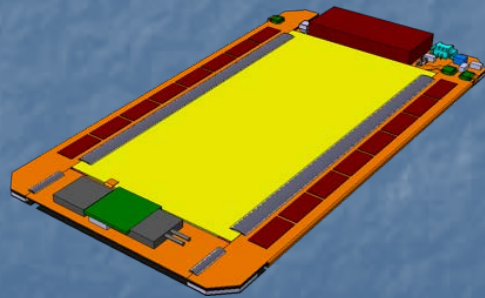
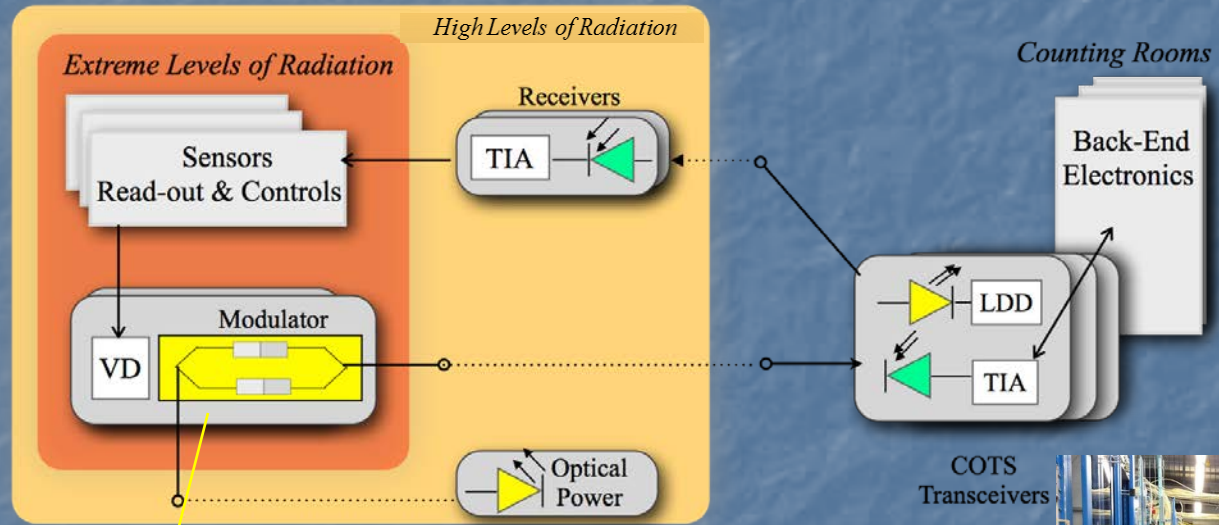
measured for 1.0 mm long travelling wave MZM

- 10Gb/s, $\Lambda=1.552 \mu\text{m}$
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- $V_{\text{pp}}=6\text{V}$
- **ER=4.9dB**
- **OMA=-8.7dBm**
- 50Ohm external termination
- 2³¹-1 pattern



System in a detector

■ Modulator-based architecture



- Radiation-resistant modulator
- Radiation-resistant modulator driver
- Packaging solution



E. System: Wrap up

- The system-level challenges of Si-Photonics:
 - Feed CW optical power
 - Maintain stable operating point
 - Manage polarization
 - Reduce insertion loss
 - Co-integrate with electronics and package
- Tough competition with incumbent technology (III-V based)
 - Only few commercial successes so far despite considerable hype
 - Multiple acquisitions of Si-Photonics start-ups by major actors in networking
- Si-Photonics advantage can be harnessed by:
 - moving to complex systems and architectures (multi-channel, advanced modulation schemes, wavelength multiplexing, etc...)
 - Moving to longer distances and higher bitrates (Single Mode, 400GbE, 2km)
 - Moving to large volume chipscale interconnection, as optical interposer
 - But must reach \ll pJ/bit efficiency
 - Must develop fJ/b receivers



Conclusions

- Si-Photonics opens access to custom designed, radiation hard optical circuits for HEP
- Simulation and design flow is available (but still heterogeneous)
- Access to MPW foundry services is possible (but long turnaround time)
- First attempts at modelling, designing and fabricating simple circuits are successful
- Characterization and simulation results are promising
- Co-integration with sensor and electronics is attractive
 - Packaging and system aspects remain very challenging
 - Prepare to invest even more in advanced packaging than in design and process optimization



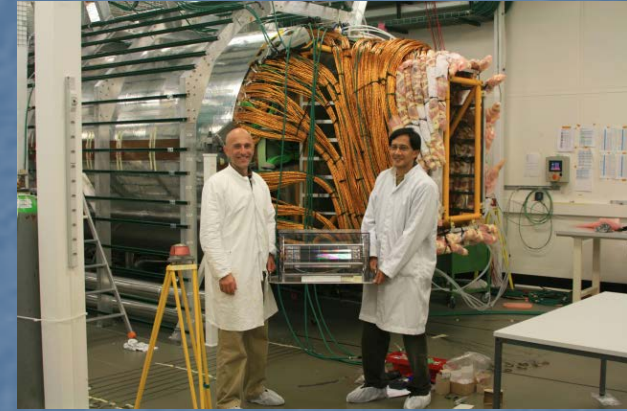
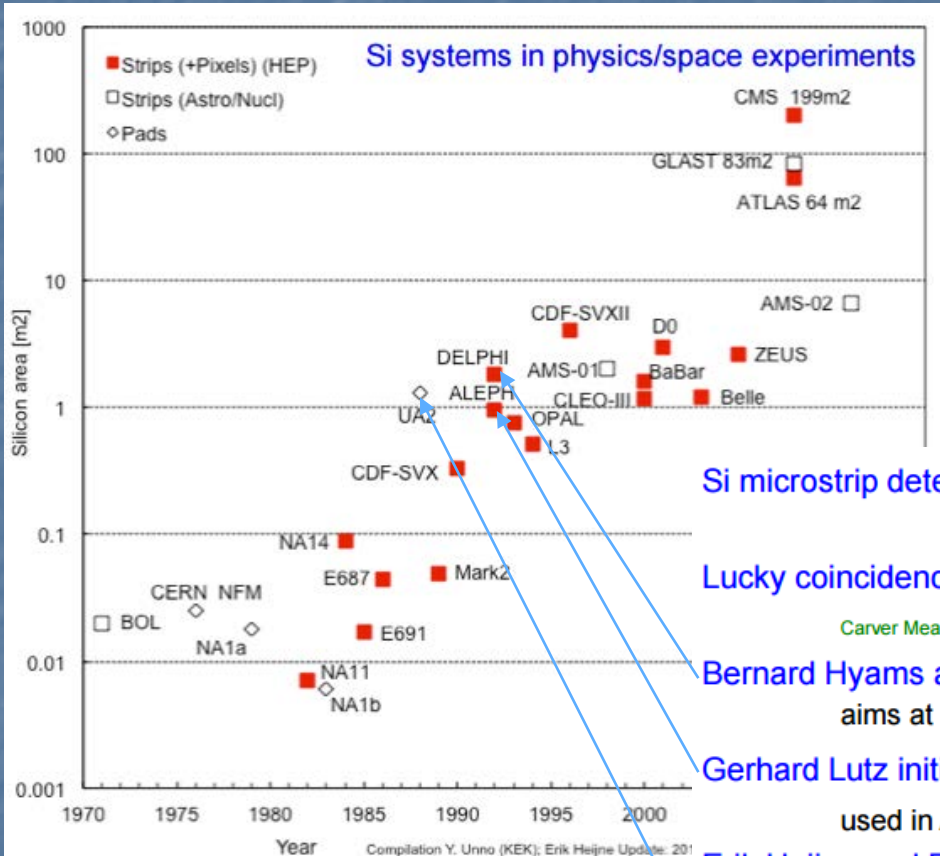
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Si microstrip detectors obviously need ICs, but how to do this?

Lucky coincidence: 1979 Mead & Conway design, using multi-project

Carver Mead and Lynn Conway, Introduction to VLSI systems, Addison-Wesley New York 1980

Bernard Hyams asks SLAC, begins Microplex with Sherwood Parker
aims at DELPHI tracker 128 channels NIM A226 (1984)

Gerhard Lutz initiates CAMEX64 with in Dortmund/Duisburg

used in ALEPH and elsewhere 64 channels IEEE TNS 36 (1989)

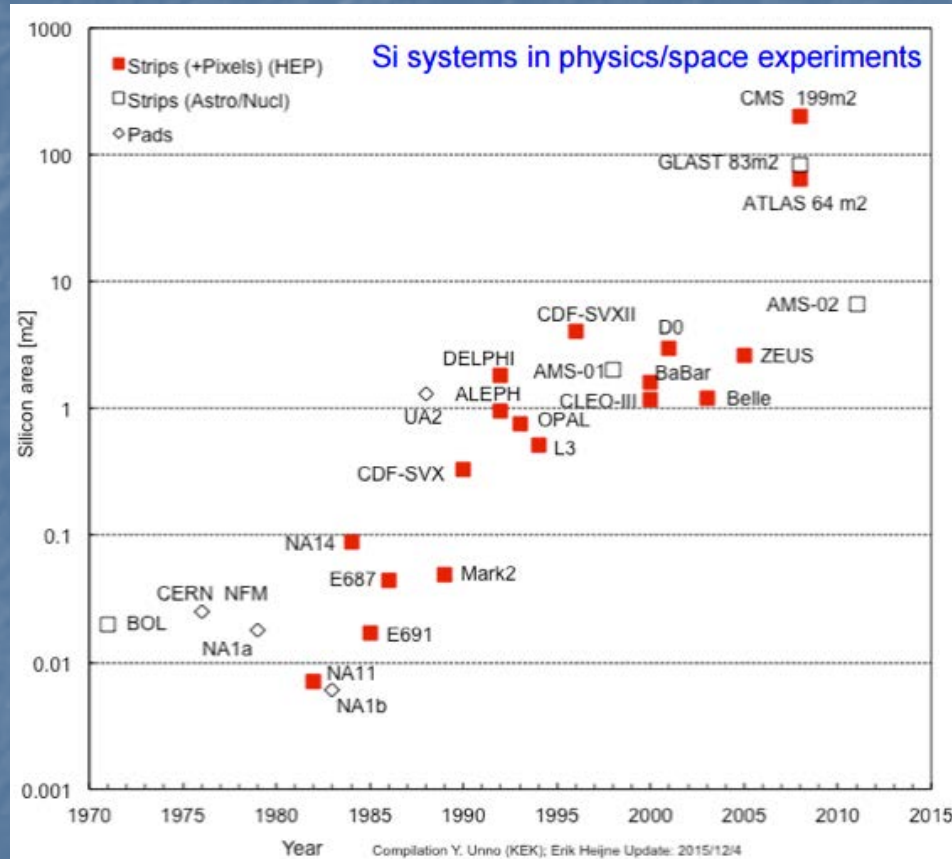
Erik Heijne and Pierre Jarron begin CCD-based readout with Philips Heijne
first try to include pipeline memory, no good result

begins collaboration ESAT/IMEC (Leuven) resulting in AMPLEX Stuart
used in UA2 *Beuville et al. NIM A288 (1990)*

Kleinfelder and David Nygren at LBL: Microplex 2 for CDF



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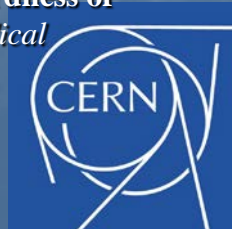


- Much R&D effort was required in the 80's to develop the microelectronics of the LHC era (see for instance the LAA project)
- A large effort is required now to incubate the optoelectronics of the next decades (if experiments are serious about their aim to massively extract data from their front-ends)
- Only so, will we be able to extract the reality from the myth



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Backups

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C) Design

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E) System

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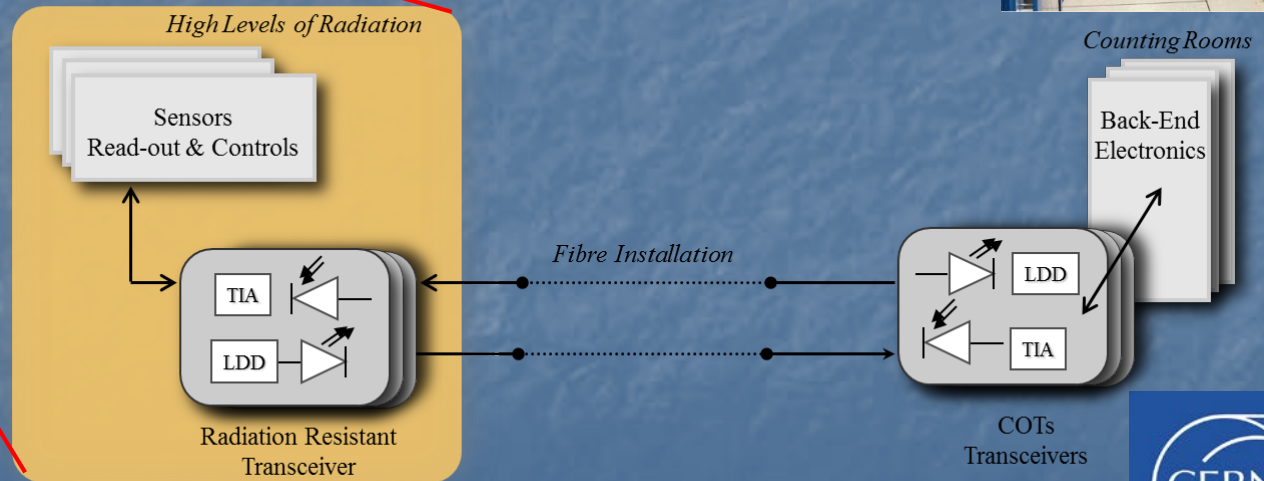
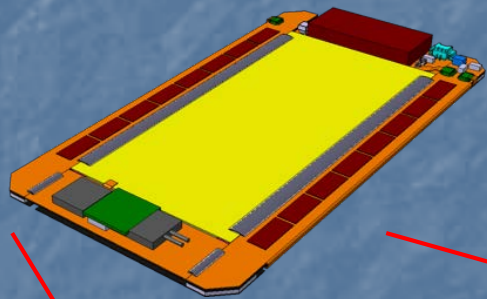
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System in a detector

- Current VCSEL-based architecture



Radiation Resistance of Lasers of different types

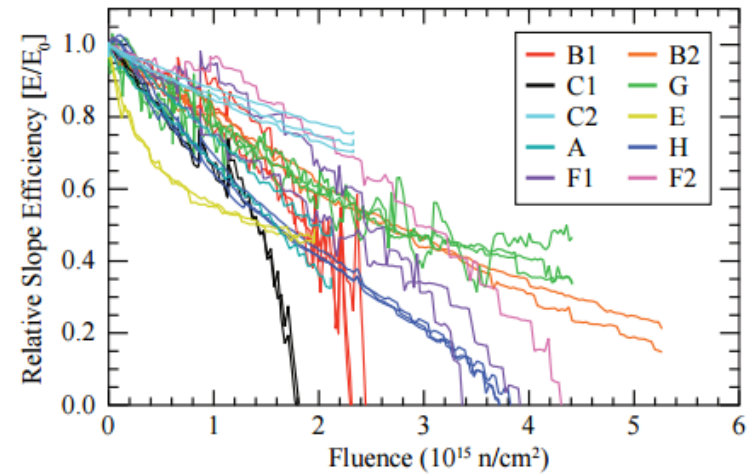
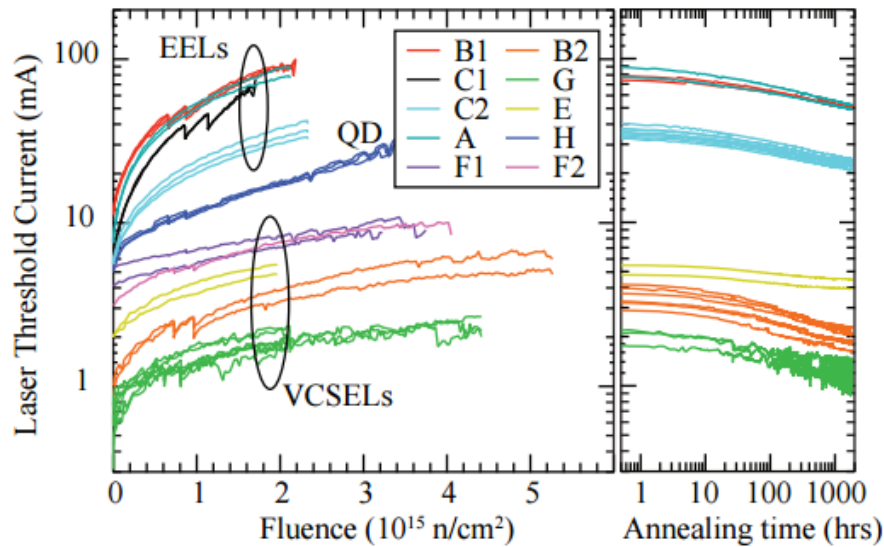
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Versatile Link Specification

Radiation penalties in Link Budget



Tracker Grade

	MM_VTx_Rx	MM_Tx_VRx	SM_VTx_Rx	SM_Tx_VRx
Min. Tx OMA	-5.2 dBm	-1.6 dBm	-5.2 dBm	-3.6 dBm
Max. Rx sensitivity	-11.1 dBm	-13.1 dBm	-12.6 dBm	-15.4 dBm
Power budget	5.9 dB	11.5 dB	7.4 dB	11.8 dB
Fiber attenuation	0.6 dB	0.6 dB	0.1 dB	0.1 dB
Insertion loss	1.5 dB	1.5 dB	2.0 dB	2.0 dB
Link penalties	1.0 dB	1.0 dB	1.5 dB	1.5 dB
Tx radiation penalty	0 dB	-	0 dB	-
Rx radiation penalty	-	5.4 dB	-	5.4 dB
Fiber radiation penalty	1.0 dB	1.0 dB	1.0 dB	1.0 dB
Margin	1.8 dB	2.0 dB	2.8 dB	1.8 dB



Increasing front panel density of GbE modules

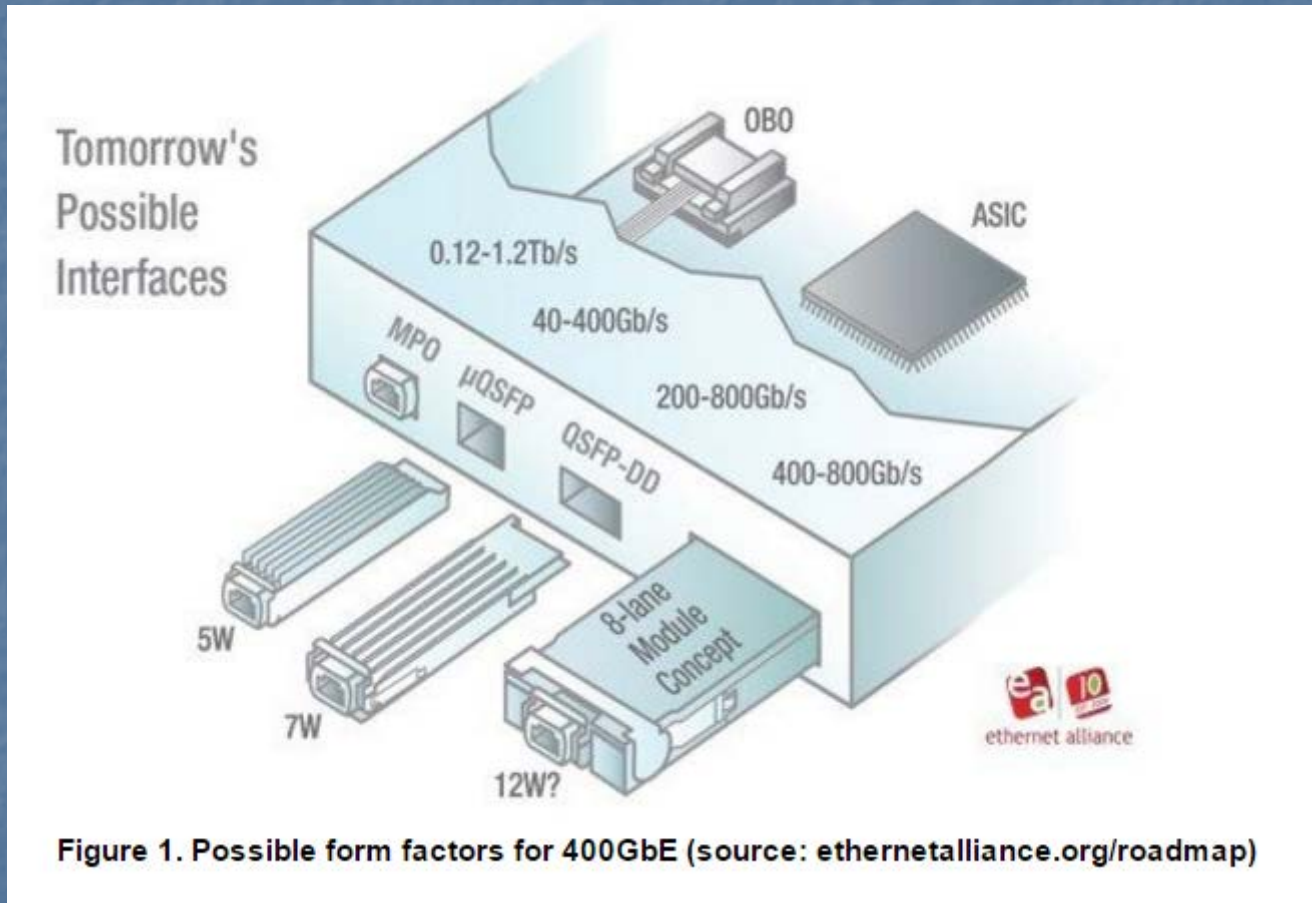
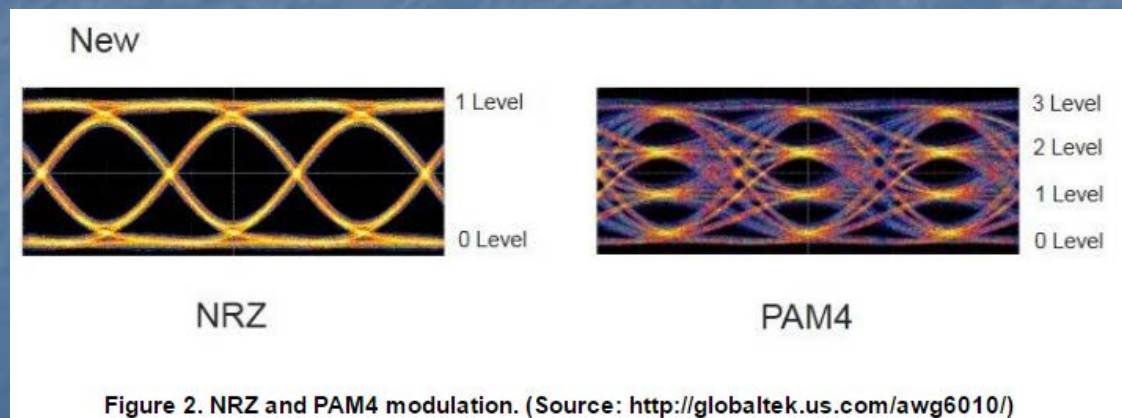
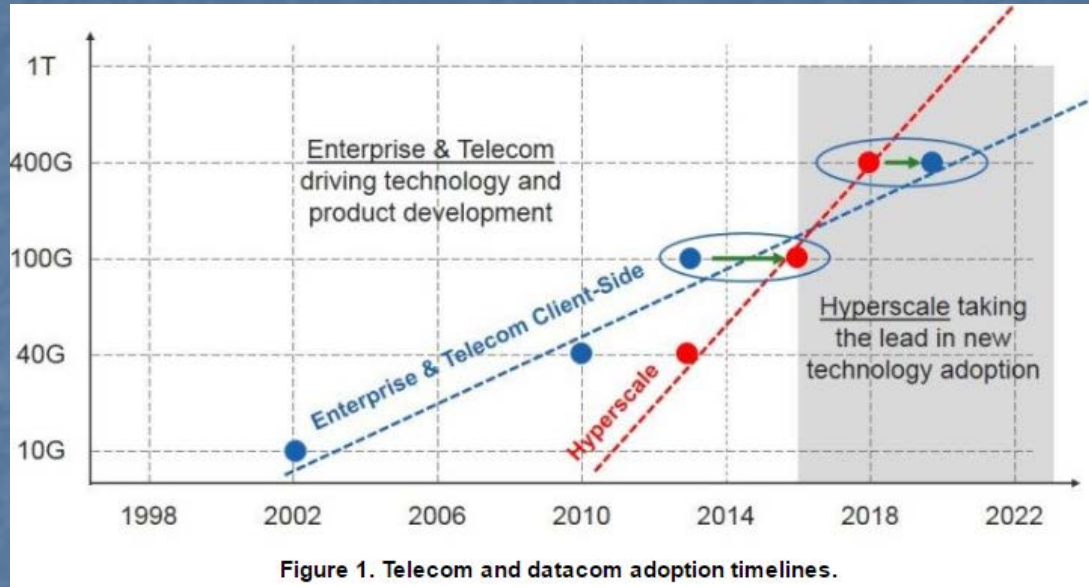


Figure 1. Possible form factors for 400GbE (source: ethernetalliance.org/roadmap)

Telecom vs Datacom evolution towards 400GbE




Si (IV) vs III-V

	λ (μm)	Band gap	$\Delta n/n$ (%)	Tx	Rx	waveguides	Optical component
Si	1.1	I	70	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
GaAs	0.8	D	0-14	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
InP/InGaAs	1.55	D	0-3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

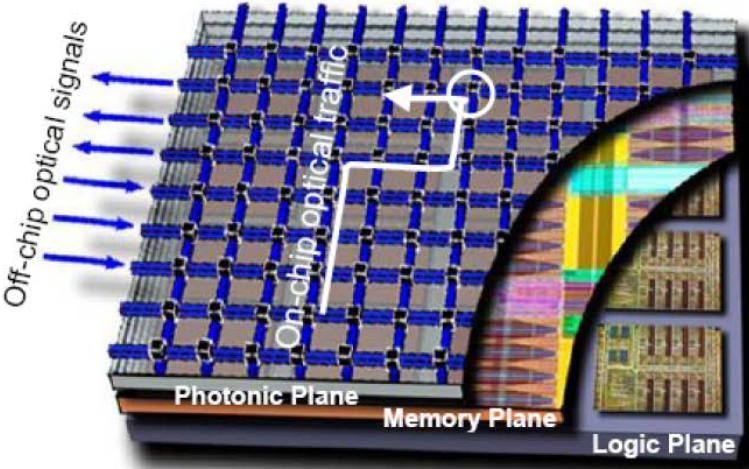
	Wafer size (R&D)	Wafer size (commercial)	Wafer cost (€)	mm ² substrate cost (€)
Si	450 mm	300 mm	100	0.001
SOI	?	300 mm	800	0.008
InP	150 mm	100 mm	300	0.03
GaAs	200 mm	150 mm	300	0.013



A 2008 Si-Photonics vision for 2018



Vision for 2018 – Optically connected 3-D Supercomputer Chip



- 36 “Cell” 3-D chip
- Silicon photonics layer integrated with high performance logic and memory layers
- Layers separately optimized for performance and yield

Photonic layer not only connects the multiple cores, but also routes the traffic

Logic plane	~300 cores
Memory plane	~30GB eDRAM
Photonic plane	On-Chip Optical Network
	>70Tbps optical on-chip
	>70Tbps optical off-chip
	70Tbps @ 1pJ/b = 70W !!!

System level study:
 IBM, Columbia, Cornell, UCSB
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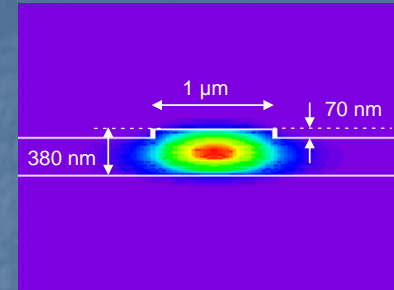


Intensity Modulation

Electro-refraction effect:

✓ carrier density variation: accumulation, depletion, injection

$$\Delta n = -8.8 \times 10^{-2} \Delta N - 8.5 \times 10^{-1} \Delta P^{0.8}$$



Refractive index variation



Effective index variation of the guided optical mode

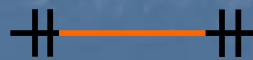
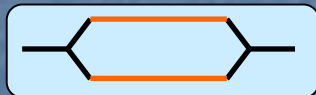


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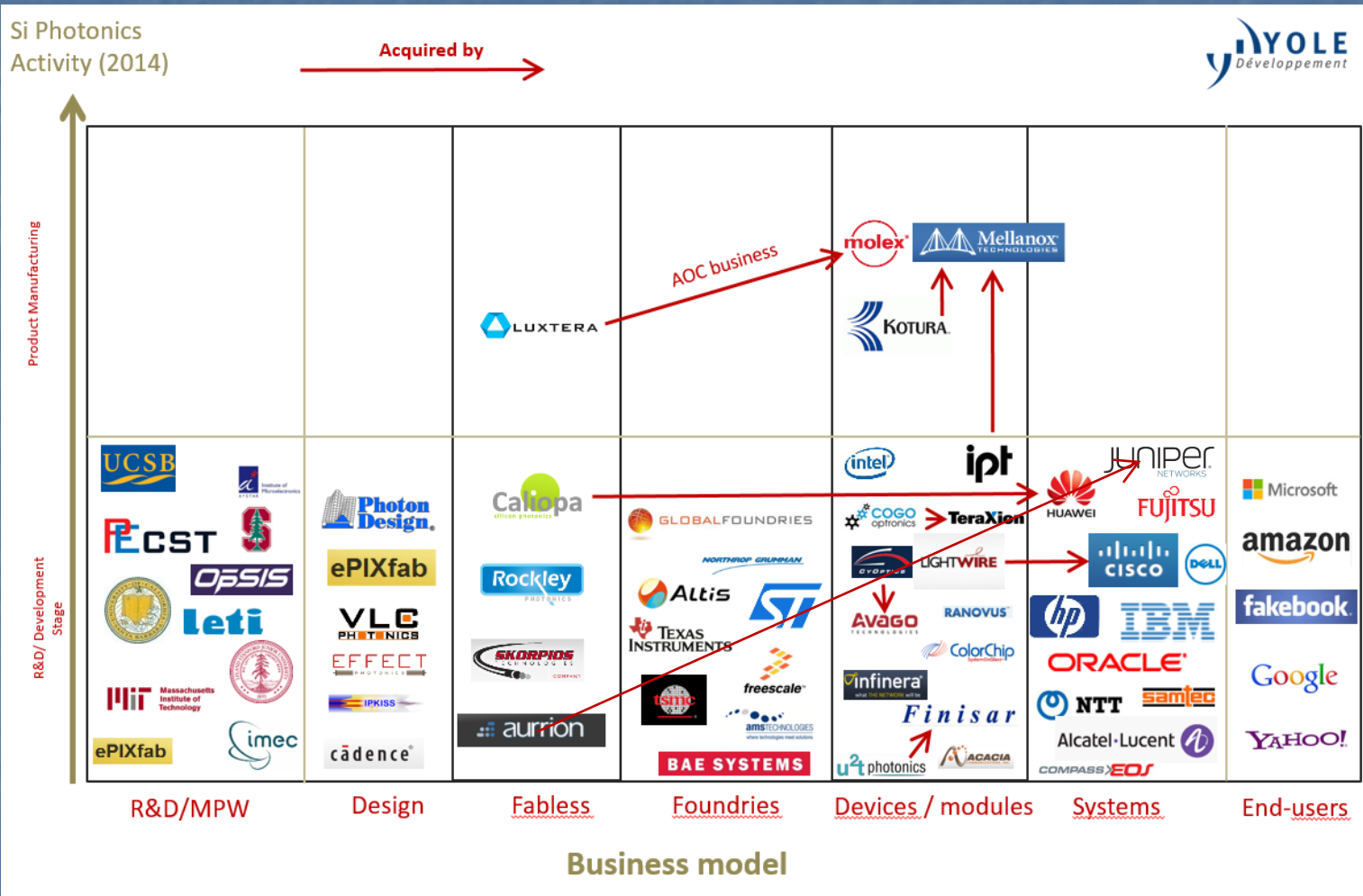


Optical intensity variation

Interferometers



Si-Photonics Supply chain



Hybrid laser integration

Flip-chip bonded on the chip
(example Luxtera)

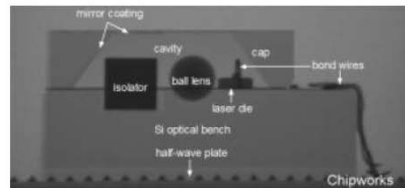


Figure 8: Laser module – side-view X-ray

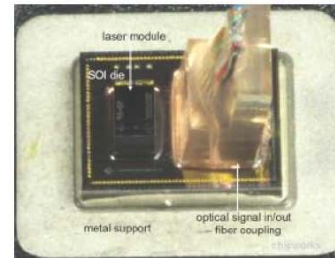


Figure 4: Si CMOS photonics die module – tilt view

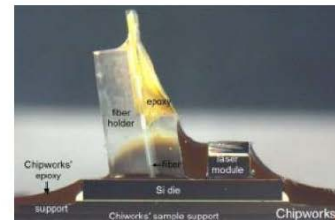


Figure 5: Si CMOS photonics die module – optical cross section