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## Silicon photonics for application in life science



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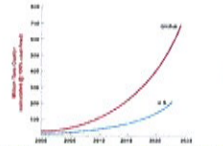
### What is silicon photonics?

The implementation of high density photonic integrated circuits by means of CMOS process technology in a CMOS fab





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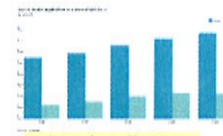
### Why silicon photonics matters




**Evolution of energy usage by datacenters**





**Drastic reduction of energy consumption through optical fiber interconnect and silicon photonic chips**



**Evolution of cost of health care**





**Affordable point of care solutions**

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### Outline

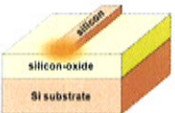
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### Why silicon photonics




High index contrast  $\Rightarrow$  very compact PICs  
 CMOS technology  $\Rightarrow$  nm-precision, high yield, existing fabs, low cost in volume



- High performance passive devices
- High performance Ge photodetectors
- High performance modulators
- Wafer-level automated testing
- Hierarchical set of design tools
- Light source integration (hybrid/monolithic?)
- Integration with electronics (hybrid/monolithic?)



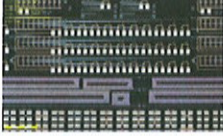





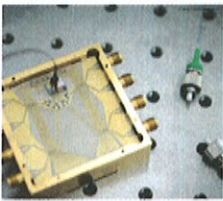




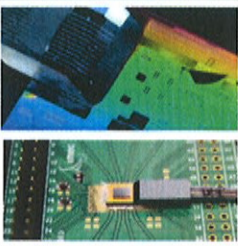
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
### Silicon photonic chips









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### Industrial take-up

#### Si photonic products

- First Si photonic products were introduced on the market by Kosura in 2006
- Many more should soon follow!

From Silicon Photonics 2014 report (by Yole Development)

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### Biosensors

Detect presence and concentration of

- Proteins
- Viruses
- Bacteria
- DNA
- ...

Two classes:

- Labeled: detection of label bound to biomolecule
- Label-free: direct detection of biomolecule

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### Label-free ring resonator biosensor

Wavelength shift

Time trace

Concentration measurement

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### Multiplex sensing results

K. De Vos et al, Optics Express (2007)


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### DNA hybridisation

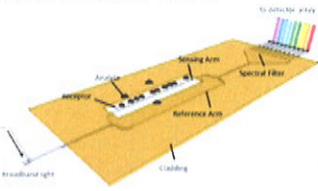
Concentrations down to 100 pM can be detected

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### Pocket project (FP7)



- Detection of **Tuberculosis** biomarkers in urine
- SiN PIC-platform in visible: cheaper sources and detectors
- Cheap readout: broadband source + sensor + on-chip spectrometer




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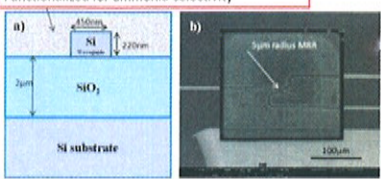
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### Selective, reversible and fast ammonia gas detection

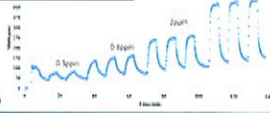
Application: breath analysis



Microporous silica layer, pores: 2nm; porosity: 45%  
Functionalized for ammonia-selectivity



Sensitivity down to 100ppb demonstrated  
No interference from H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub>



N. Yebo et al, Optics Express, 20(11), pp. 11855 (2012)

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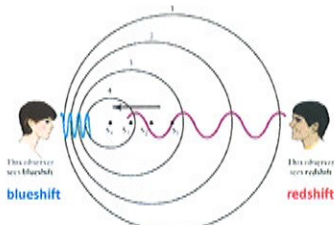
Biosensing and gas sensing

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### Doppler effect



$$\frac{\Delta f_{opt}}{f_{opt}} = \frac{2v_{target}}{c}$$

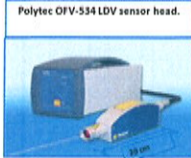
Example:

- $v_{target} = 15 \text{ cm/s}$
- $c = 30 \text{ cm/ns}$
- $\Delta f/f = 10^{-9}$
- $\Delta f = 100\text{-}1000 \text{ kHz}$

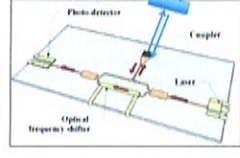
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### Laser Doppler Vibrometer: measuring the velocity of a surface

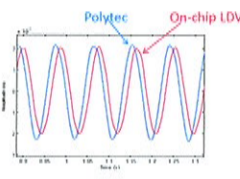
Moving target



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Doppler effect:  $\frac{\Delta f_{opt}}{f_{opt}} = 2 \frac{v_{target}}{c}$

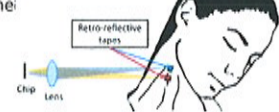
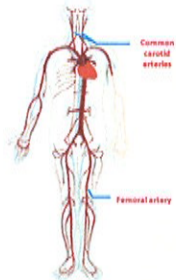


Y. Li et al, Optics Express (2013)

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### Pulse wave velocity measurement

- pulse wave velocity: measure for aortic stiffness, an important marker for atherosclerosis
- gold standard: carotid-femoral PWV
- not practical for general practitioner
- hence: move to local carotid PWV

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### LDV-measurement of blood pulse velocity

Blood pulse velocity: increases when blood vessels become stiffer due to atherosclerosis

Velocity (m/s)  $\times 10^{-3}$

Correlation (a.u.)

$\Delta t = 0.003s$

Pulse velocity: 4.5 m/s

Y. Li, et al, Biomedical Optics Express, 4(9), p.1229(2013)

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### CARDIS project (Horizon 2020)

Goal: develop a prototype for a point-of-care LDV device

Timeframe: 2015-2018

Budget: 3.5 Meuro

Electronics

266 LDV beams

Laser

Mock-up

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### Silicon photonics circuit for swept source OCT

Silicon chip:  $0.75 \times 5 \text{ mm}^2$  (waveguide loss: 0.35 dB/cm)

Reference arm with 13 cm physical length (50.4 cm optical length)

Sensitivity: -62 dB with 115  $\mu\text{W}$  power delivered to the sample

Axial resolution: 25  $\mu\text{m}$  (limited by spectral bandwidth of fiber-chip grating couplers)

G. Yurtsever et al, Optics Letters 2014

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### $\text{Si}_3\text{N}_4/\text{SiO}_2$ circuit for Fourier domain OCT

$\text{Si}_3\text{N}_4/\text{SiO}_2$  waveguides (TriPleX) on silicon chip:  $10 \times 33 \text{ mm}^2$

Waveguide loss: 0.14 dB/cm

Reference arm with 19 cm physical length

Sensitivity: -65 dB with 100  $\mu\text{W}$  power delivered to the sample

stratum corneum viable epidermis papillary dermis reticular dermis

G. Yurtsever et al, Biomedical Optics Express (2014)

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### Spectroscopy-on-chip: what

Fluid or gas

waveguide

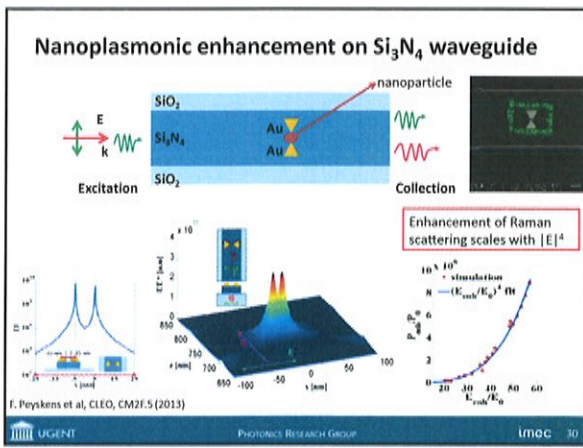
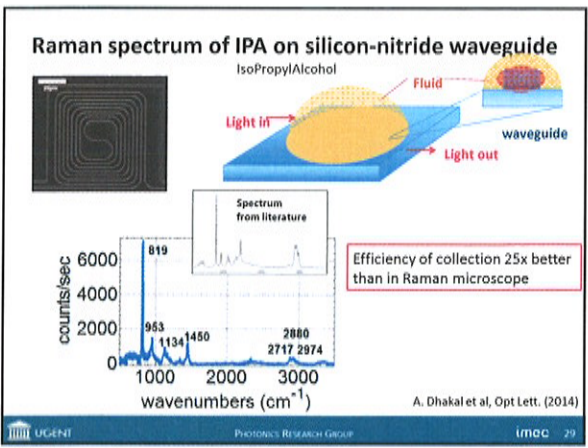
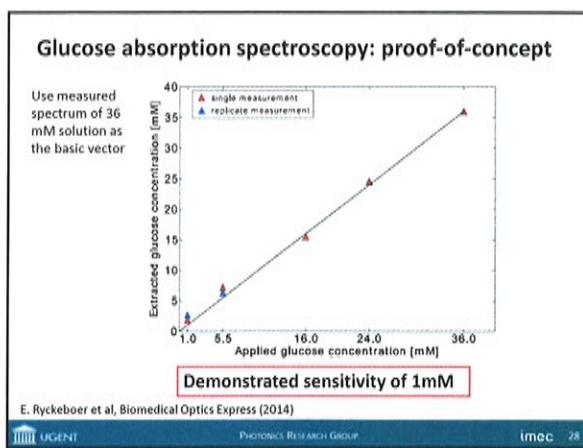
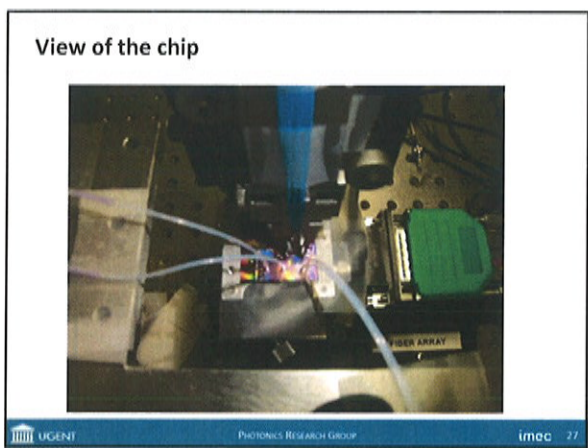
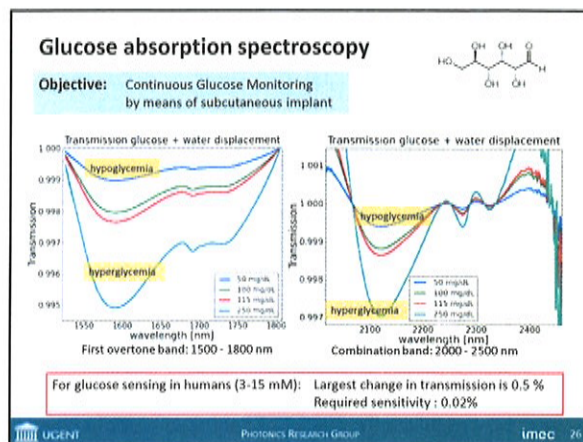
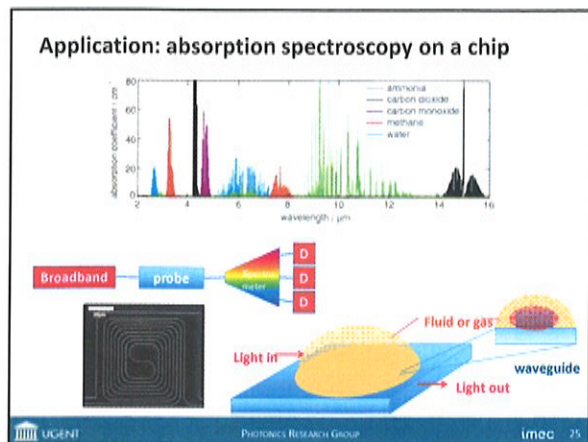
Light in

Light out

On-chip light source

On-chip detection

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**Session 04: Silicon Photonics**

**13:30 Georgia A**

**Chairs:**

- 13:30 Lawrence Chen, McGill University (lawrence.chen@mcgill.ca)  
*Silicon Photonics: Enabling Microwave Photonic Systems and Applications*
- 13:50 Jianping Yao, University of Ottawa (jyao@uottawa.ca)  
*Silicon Photonics for Microwave Signal Processing*
- 14:10 Maurizio Burla, INRS-EMT (maurizio.burla@emt.inrs.ca; maurizio.burla@gmail.com)  
with J. Azaña  
*Integrated Waveguide Bragg Gratings for Microwave Photonic Signal Processing: Current Trends and Future Prospects*
- 14:30 Trevor James Hall, University of Ottawa (thall@site.uottawa.ca)  
*Photonic Integrated Circuits for Electro-optic Microwave Frequency Multiplication and Frequency Translation: Spurious Harmonics Suppression by Design*
- 14:50 COFFEE BREAK (GEORGIA FOYER)  
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- 15:10 Roel Baets, Ghent University (roel.baets@intec.ugent.be)  
*Silicon Photonics for Applications in Life Science*
- 15:30 Xiaoguang (Leo) Liu, University of California, Davis (lxgliu@ucdavis.edu)  
with H. Rashtian, B. Yu and J. Gu  
*High-Speed CMOS-based THz Interconnect with Micromachined Silicon Dielectric Waveguide*
- 15:50 Mohamed Osman, McGill University (mohamed.osman2@mail.mcgill.ca)  
with D. Plant  
*Silicon Photonics Enabled 400G/1T Short Reach Optical Interconnects*
- 16:10 Sébastien Le Beux, Ecole Centrale de Lyon (sebastien.le-beux@ec-lyon.fr)  
*Thermal Aware Design Method for VCSEL-based On-Chip Optical Interconnect*
- 16:30 Bahram Jalali, University of California, Los Angeles (jalali@ucla.edu)  
*Optical Information Capacity of Silicon*
- 16:50 Douglas M. Gill, IBM (dmgill@us.ibm.com)  
*CMOS Compatible Monolithic Traveling Wave Electro-Optic Modulators*

**Session 04: Radiation Effects and Detection**

**13:30 Plaza B**

**Chairs: Nicola Guerrini, Science and Technology Facilities Council (nicola.guerrini@stfc.ac.uk)**

- 13:30 Kate Shanks, Cornell University (ksg52@cornell.edu)  
*X-ray Area Detectors for High Dynamic Range Imaging*
- 13:50 Klaus-Peter Ziock, Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ziockk@ornl.gov)  
*Data Fusion of Visual, LWIR, and Gamma-Ray Imaging for Nuclear Security*
- 14:10 Antoine Touboul, University of Montpellier (antoine.touboul@ies.univ-montp2.fr)  
*Radiation Effects in Power Applications*
- 14:30 Mokhtar Chmeissani, Institut de Fisica d'Altes Energies (mokhtar@ifae.es)  
*3D Semiconductor Sensor For Position Emission Tomography*
- 14:50 COFFEE BREAK (GEORGIA FOYER)  
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- 15:10 Frédéric Wrobel, University of Montpellier (frederic.wrobel@ies.univ-montp2.fr)  
*Simulation Tools for Soft Error Rate Calculations in SRAM*
- 15:30 Minoru Fujishima, Hiroshima University (fuji@hiroshima-u.ac.jp)  
*Evaluation and Modeling of Terahertz CMOS Devices*
- 15:50 Salvador Pinillos Gimenez, Centro Universitario da FEI (sgimenez@fei.edu.br)  
*An Innovative Non-Standard Layout Style (Diamond) to Boost the Electrical Performance and the Radiation Tolerance of MOSFETs, Focusing on Space and Medical CMOS ICs Applications*
- 16:10 Maurice Garcia-Schveres, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (mgarcia-schveres@lbl.gov)  
*Data Compression Efficiency in Silicon Detector Readout*
- 16:30 Amin Arbabian, Stanford University (arbabian.a@gmail.com)  
*RF and Microwave Imaging with Applications in Medicine*
- 16:50 Jean-Luc Autran, Aix-Marseille University (jean-luc.autran@univ-amu.fr)  
with P. Roche, G. Gasiot and D. Munteanu  
*Natural Radiation in Bulk CMOS and FD SOI*

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