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# **Introduction and Overview**

- Why integration?
- Photonic IC technology—focus on InP
- Early development of PICs—serial and parallel approaches
- Coherent and WDM drove needs--tunable transmitters and receivers, or transmitter and receiver arrays resulted
- After focus on WDM due to EDFA, coherent has returned for more spectral efficiency
- Heterodyne vs. Intradyne—optical phase locked loops (OPLLs) for energy efficiency in sensors and communication
- What about Active Si-Photonics

# Why Integration

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# **Motivation for Photonic Integration**

- Reduced size, weight, power
- Improved performance (coupling losses, stability, etc.)
- Improved reliability (fewer pigtails, TECs...)
- Cost





Horizontal and vertical integration possible - multiple functionality and arrays of chips in one

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#### CESANTA BARBARA engineering Network traffic, Data Center and Supercomputer connections are growing exponentially





Exponential network traffic growth is driven by high-bandwidth digital applications Video-on-demand, telepresence, wireless backhaul, cloud computing & services

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- A full-featured cell phone with discrete electronics would be unreliable, the size of a large building, and unimaginably expensive to assemble, test, and power.
- ⇒ We are now beginning to make similar statements about photonic ICs and the systems they enable



courtesy of T. Koch

# **Industrial sensors New Applications include structural & industrial sensors**



#### **Bragg gratings:**

- Temperature
- Pressure
- Displacement / Strain
- Damage/Delamination

#### **Coherent Fiber Sensing**

- Distributed Acoustics
- Vibration
- Flow
- Intrusion
- Perimeter Monitoring



New lasers, such as all-semiconductor very high-speed swept lasers (>kHz rates), are enabling new methodologies (photo courtesy of Insight Photonic Solutions)

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# Integration Platforms



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- Most mature and widely used
- Driven by communication and sensor applications
- Examples
  - Widely tunable laser (SGDBR)
  - Externally modulated laser (EML)
    - EAM based
      - MZI based
  - Preamplified receiver
  - Transmitter/Receiver Arrays
  - Coherent (vector) transmitters and receivers
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#### →EML = electroabsorption-modulated laser

- Still in production today

M. Suzuki, et al., J. Lightwave Technol., LT-5, pp. 1277-1285, 1987.





# **Coherent Communication Motivated Photonic Integration**

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Desire lossless, reflectionless transitions between sections

3 Bandgaps usually desired Need simple, high-yield process

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•Requires Single 'Planar' MOCVD Regrowth

### Simple/robust QWI process



# **QWI-Tunable-Laser with Integrated EA-Modulator**

- · Optimized band edges for various devices
- Three band edges across wafer
- Widely-tunable SGDBR laser/EAM





Raring, Skogen, Coldren, et al

# Implementation Implementation Deeply-etched Ridge Buried channel Surface ridge Buried rib

Higher index contrast

#### MMI coupler



# **OCSANTA BARBARA Desire for Practical Tunable Lasers Motivates Integration**

- Both WDM and coherent communication systems desired tunable lasers
- · Sensor systems also needed tunable sources
- Mechanically-tuned 'External-cavity' tunable lasers exist, but they tend to be costly, bulky, tune slowly, and are subject to vibration



# **Solutions for Tunable Lasers**

Chip size: 0.4 x 2.15 mm<sup>2</sup>

 DBR Lasers Gain Phase Rear Mirror Light Out - Conventional DBR (<8 nm) Extended Tuning DBR's (≥ 32 nm) DBR • External Cavity Lasers (≥ 32 nm) - Littman-Metcalf/MEMs Light Out - Thermally tuned etalon Light Out MEMS Tunable VCSEL (< 32 nm)</li> - Optically or electrically pumped Window DFB Array (3-4 nm X #DFBs) • NEC - On-chip combiner + SOA - Or, off-chip MEMs combiner 8 Microarray DFB-LDs мм - Thermally tuned S-bent waveguides Window SOA

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# Sampled-Grating DBR: Monolithic and Integrable

#### SGDBR+X widely-tunable transmitter:

#### • Foundation of PIC work at UCSB

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 $(UCSB'90 \rightarrow Agility'99 \rightarrow JDSU'05 \rightarrow)$ 

"Multi-Section Tunable Laser with Differing Multi-Element Mirrors," US Patent # 4,896,325 (January 1990)



Agility

J. S. Barton, et al, "Tailorable Chirp using Integrated Mach-Zehnder Modulators with Tunable Sampled-Grating Distributed Bragg Reflector Lasers," *ISLC*, TuB3, Garmish, (Sept, 2002)

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# Sampled-Grating DBR Laser

Uses vernier effect for multiband tuning
Δλ/λ = N x Δn/n by differential mirror tuning





Taper:20µm



- Volume deployment typically needs form factors optimized for port count, size, power dissipation and cost
  - Transceiver module form factors are MSA driven and ecosystem is more mature
  - Photonic integration is essential to achieve cost, power and size roadmap
  - ILMZ is a good example of photonic integration





A. Tauke-Pedretti, etal, Photon. Tech. Lett., 18 (18) 1922-4 (2006).

#### CCSANTA BARBARA engineering Evolution of InP Integration technology enables more functionality —Tranceivers/wavelength converters



M. Dummer et al. Invited Paper Th.2.C.1, ECOC 2008.

# More functionality: 8 x 8 MOTOR Chip



Monolithic Tunable Optical Router

See S. Nicholes, et al, "Novel application of quantum-well intermixing implant buffer layer to enable high-density photonic integrated circuits in InP," *IPRM '09*, paper WB1.2, Newport Beach (May, 2009)









M. G. Young, et al., *Electron. Lett.*, **31**, pp. 1835-1836, 1995.

# Successful and the selectable light sources (WSLs)

### Feature

- DFB-LD-array-based structure
- Wide-band tunability
- Compact & stable Multi-λ locker module

# Performance

- WSLs for S-, C-, L- bands (OFC'02)
   8 array, Δλ ~ 16 nm (ΔT = 25K) x 6 devices
- Multi λ-locker integrated Wide-band WSL module (OFC'02) Δλ ~ 40 nm (ΔT = 45K)





CS engineering Early PIC multi-wavelength receiver

Wavelength Demultiplexer + Detectors



J. B. D. Soole, et. al., *Electron. Lett.*, pp. 1289-1290, 1995.



(chip size : 7.0 x 7.0 mm<sup>2</sup>)

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# Sengineering ASPICs made in the first EuroPIC MPW runs

Kikuchi (NTT), EL, Volume 39, Issue 3, p.312-314 , 2003

The convergence of research and innova



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### Large-Scale DWDM Photonic Integrated Circuits



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courtesy of C. Joyner







# Coherent returns to extend spectral efficiency++

• Vector modulation/coherent detection utilizes full complex field to enhance spectral efficiency

Increase bit-rate without increasing baud rate





N. Kikuchi, ECOC, 10.3.1, 2007.





# CSAUTA BARBARA 2011: 500 Gb/s PM-QPSK Coherent PICs





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courtesy of F. Kish



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# **Data Capacity Scaling in The Network**



# Integration Enables the Terabit Age:

#### 1.12 Tb/s PM-QPSK Transmitter and Receiver PICs













**448 Gb/s** (10 subcarriers) 16-QAM 5 bit/s/Hz 2000 km transm. [Liu et al., OFC'10]



606 Gb/s (10 subcarriers) 32-QAM 7 bit/s/Hz 2000 km transm.

[Liu et al., ECOC'10]



1.2 Tb/s (24 subcarriers) QPSK 3 bit/s/Hz 7200 km transm. [Chandrasekhar et al., ECOC'09] Courtesy P. Winzer



#### Intradyne Coherent Detection

- Phase and polarization diversity
- Frequency-locked local oscillator Digital signal processing of received
  - electrical signals
  - Electronic CD compensation
  - > Electronic polarization demultiplex
  - Adaptive PMD compensation





Typical Intradyne receiver architecture

- Use 'Intradyne' without phase-locked LOs, or do we need true Heterodyne detection?
  - Desire data-rate independent generic chips—when are phase-locked narrow-linewidth LOs desired?
  - High-speed A/Ds & DSPs require lots of <u>power</u> and are <u>expensive</u> to design, especially as data rate increases
  - Some impairments can be removed with much slower, lower-power, lower-cost signal-processing circuits

#### UCSANTA BARBARA engineering Integrated Optical Phase Locked Loops (OPLLs): provide a new stable control element

- Offset locking of two SGDBRs → viable using close integration of PICs with electronics in a OPLL
- Hz-level relative frequency control, potentially over 5 THz









#### All require close integration of electronics with photonics



# **OPLL Receiver Layout**







# UCSANTA BARBARA engineering Heterodyne Phase Noise (Swept Source) The convergence of research and innovation.

- Phase noise is comparable to commercial RF synthesizer
  - < -100 dBc/Hz phase noise above 5 kHz</li>
  - 0.03 *rad*<sup>12</sup> phase error variance (Integration from 100Hz)





Cross correlation between SG-DBR and reference lasers

-100dBc/Hz @ above 50kHz

Self-heterodyne using 25km optical fiber 10MHz linewidth for free-running SG-DBR Reference laser (Koshin) linewidth 100kHz 100kHz linewidth for locked SG-DBR laser







# **OPLL Locking Speed**

400MHz/512bits ON-OFF laser Locking conditions: EIC output - DC, External PD output – 100MHz

2)

Frequency pull-in time ~600ns Phase lock time <10ns \* Worst conditions





#### PRBS 2<sup>31</sup>-1 signals – up to 40Gb/s BPSK data

Open eye diagrams for 25Gb/s and 40Gb/s



# BPSK Data Reception—BERs

#### BER vs. OSNR (20Gb/s to 40Gb/s)

See Postdeadline Th3A.2 Room A

# Error-free up to 35Gb/s , < 1.0E-7 @ 40Gb/s





# Why Silicon Photonics?

 Harness unprecedented process control platform that gives everincreasing functionality per unit area at low cost

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65 nm Generation Transistors ... but already moving to 22nm!!



From Intel Corp.



From ICE Corp.



- 2 Billion transistors onto a chip at low cost?
  - $\rightarrow$  Huge \$\$ annual investments to achieve extreme quality of materials, precision of fab tools, process yields
- IC product development team project done when tape-out complete!
  - → Extreme predictability, mature CAD tools

CMOS IC Development – a world of difference from most of today's photonic chip design

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In brief:

1) Cost

2) Performance

- 3) "Saving Moore's Law"
- -very different drivers

But can one get access to these state-of-the-art Si fabs? Likely not—however, probably can gain access to last generation fabs generating legacy EIC products

#### Performance reasons:

- Ultra-high index contrast
  - Low bending losses, compact devices
  - Benefits of TM polarization for some apps
- · High performance actives? Lower power devices?
  - High confinement, small active volumes ...??
- Potential for on-board integrated electronics
  - Reduced parasitics, eliminate impedance matching issues ... → no 50 Ω loads !!!
  - Low-cost, highly sophisticated CMOS drive, preamp, digital processing, ...
  - Proliferation of new applications?
- Critical to continued scaling of traditional electronic functionality?
   <u>courtesy of T. Koch</u>

#### UC SANTA BARBARA engineering Hybrid-Si Laser via Wafer Bonding





Bowers, et al, 2009

Integrated AlGaInAs-silicon evanescent racetrack laser and photodetector

Alexander W. Fang<sup>1</sup>, Richard Jones<sup>2</sup>, Hyundai Park<sup>1</sup>, Oded Cohen<sup>3</sup>, Omri Raday<sup>3</sup>, Mario J. Paniccia<sup>2</sup>, & John E. Bowers<sup>1</sup> 5 March 2007 / Vol. 15, No. 5 / OPTICS EXPRESS 2316





Summary

- Active InP-based Photonic ICs can be created with size, weight, <u>power</u> and <u>stability</u> as well as system performance metrics superior to discrete solutions in many situations. If produced in some volume, the cost can be much lower.
- Coherent approaches will be greatly improved by the use of Photonic Integration, and numerous <u>sensor</u> applications may be enabled in addition to <u>higher-spectral-efficiency communications.</u>
- <u>Close integration of control/feedback electronics will be desirable in many</u> future PIC applications—it is required for low-cost Optical Phase Locked Loop (OPLL) systems with conventional semiconductor lasers, but efficiency can be high.
- <u>New high-volume (client) applications may emerge as low-cost ,high-performance PIC/EIC transmitter/receiver engines are developed—interconnect, computing, sensing, communication, etc.</u>
- Active integrated <u>Si-photonics is rapidly emerging</u>, and many applications are being explored. Integrated PIC/EIC devices would appear to be compelling, but not on the horizon yet.

# Available now

- Worked examples throughout
- New homework problems
- New material:
  - VCSELs
  - GaN lasers
  - DFB, MMI, AWGR, & other component design
  - FTP site with software and color figs

