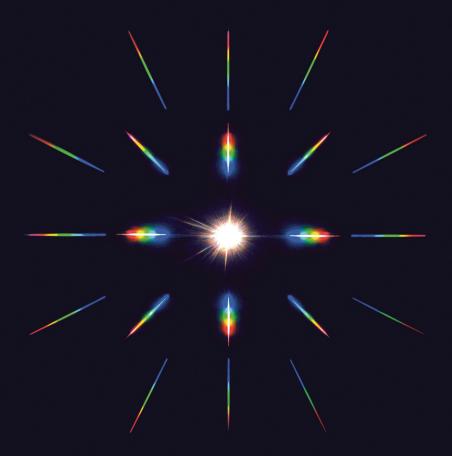
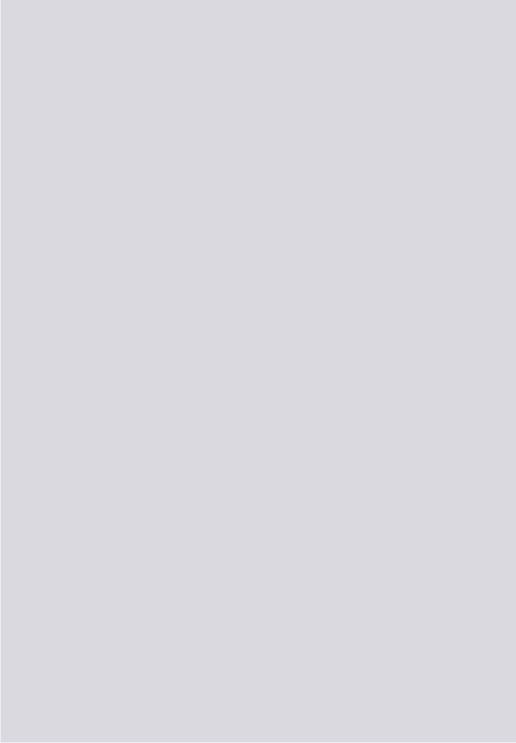
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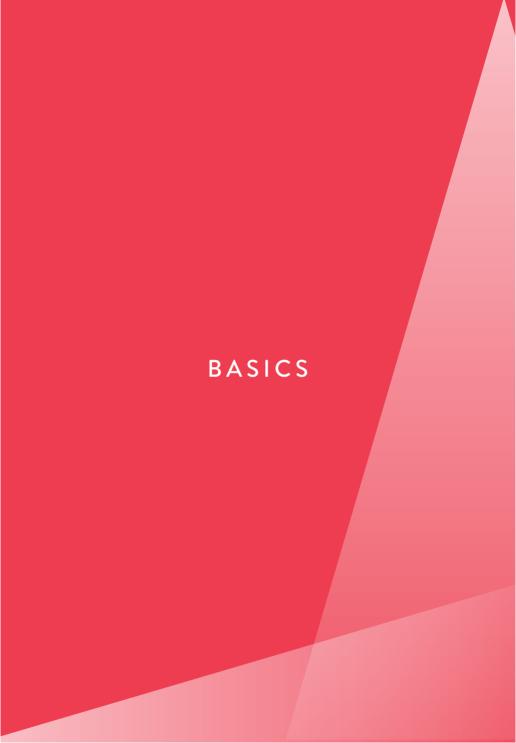
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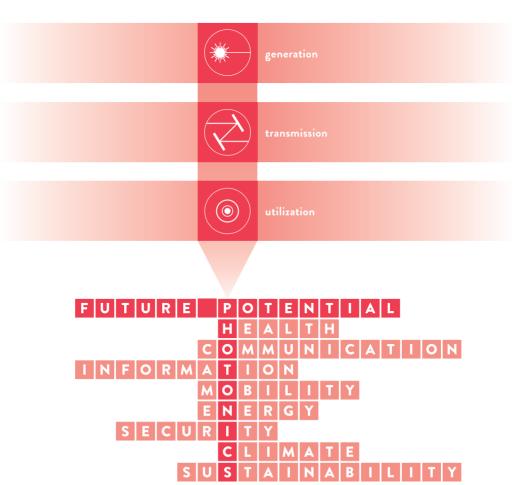
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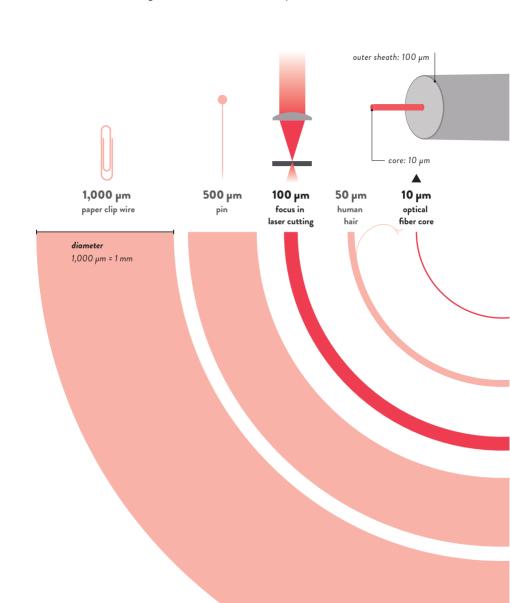
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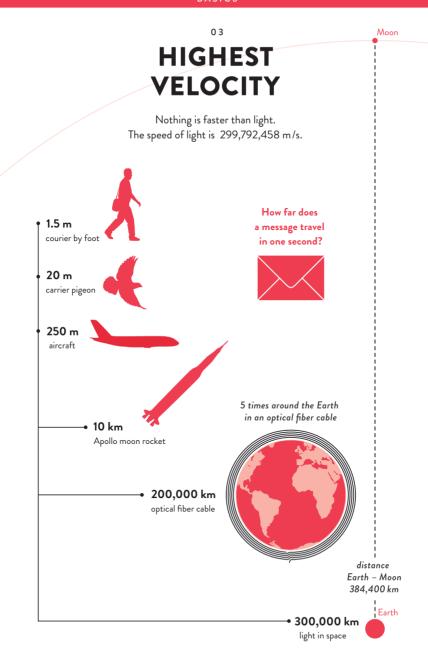
Photonics is the generation, transmission, and utilization of light and other electromagnetic radiation. Photonics offers solutions to the global challenges of our time.



SMALLEST POINTS

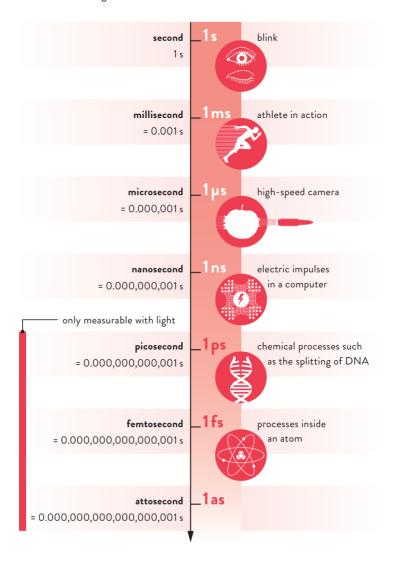
Light can be focused on extremely small diameters.





SHORTEST TIMES

Light makes even the fastest events measurable.



HIGHEST POWER

With the pulsed operation of lasers, a power orders of magnitude greater than anything we have known so far can be achieved.

This is made possible through the concentration of laser power to very short femtosecond pulses.

COMPARISON OF POWER



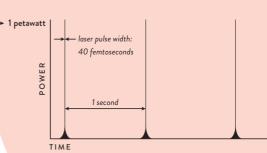
Worldwide power generated by electric power plants

2.6 terawatts = 2,600 gigawatts

around 400 times

Generated power of the Berkeley Lab Laser Accelerator

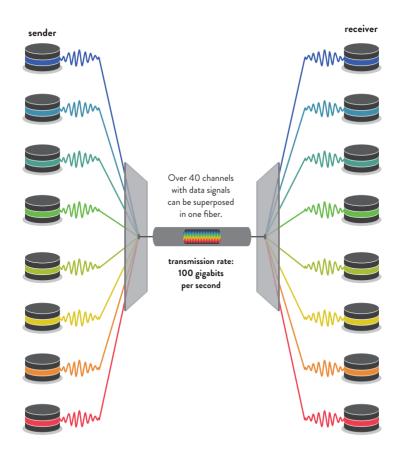
1 petawatt = 1,000,000 gigawatts



Peak powers are reached periodically for very short time intervals.

UNDISTURBED SUPER-POSITION

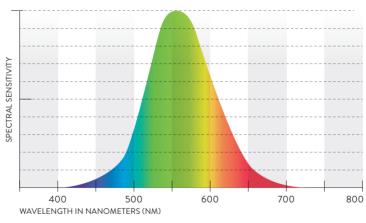
Dozens of data signals can be coupled into one single optical fiber and be separated again at the receiver's end. The signals can be very finely distinguished based on their wavelength (spectral color), polarization, and phase.



LIGHT SPECTRUM

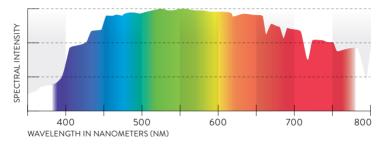
Light is the very small part of the electromagnetic spectrum visible to the human eye in the wavelength range of 380 to 780 nanometers.

SPECTRAL SENSITIVITY OF THE FYE AT DAYTIME





SPECTRAL DISTRIBUTION OF SUNLIGHT ON EARTH

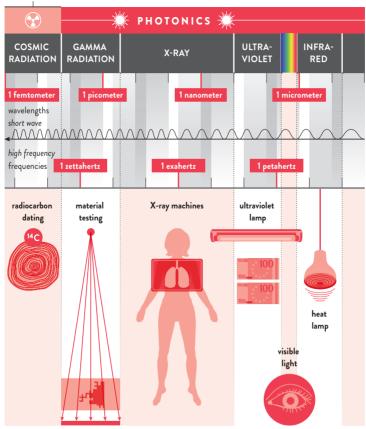


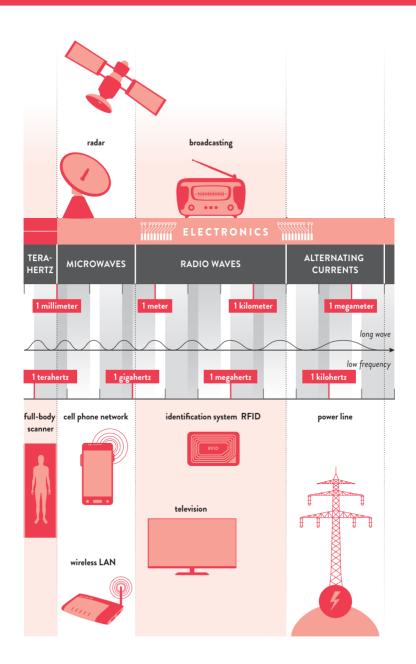
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HIDDEN REALM OF PHOTONICS

Photonic applications use a broad portion of the electromagnetic spectrum that is predominantly not visible to humans.

NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY

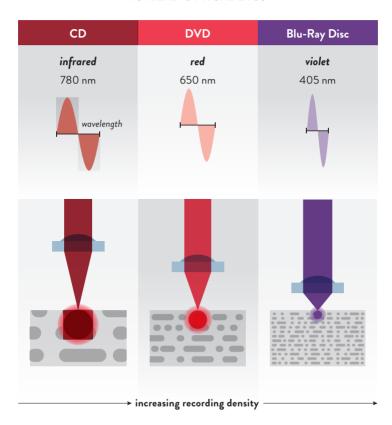




SHORTER WAVELENGTHS

Wavelength has a great influence on the performance of optical systems. Shorter wavelengths can produce smaller focus diameters making greater recording densities possible on optical storage media.

WAVELENGTHS USED TO READ OPTICAL DICS

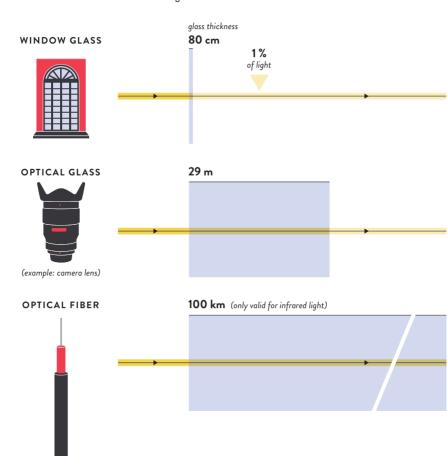


WINDOW GLASS vs OPTICAL FIBER

Glass is the most important component of optical systems. However, common window glass and glass used in photonics applications are worlds apart.

LIGHT TRANSMISSION OF GLASS

How thick can different glass types be so that 1 % of the emitted light is still transmitted?

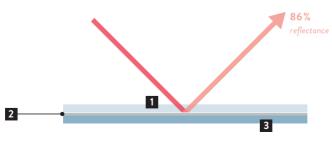


MIRRORS vs LASER MIRRORS

Many optical components can be found in their basic forms in the home.

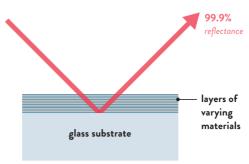
The components used in photonics, however, are characterized by the highest accuracy and technical finesse.

HOUSEHOLD MIRROR



- 1 glass plate
- 2 back silver coating
- 3 protective layer

LASER MIRROR CONSTRUCTION



Usually, at least 20 to 50 layers of 100 to 200 nanometers thickness are applied on the front of a substrate. The result is an extremely high reflectance.



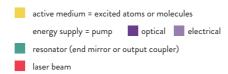
laser mirror in kinematic mount

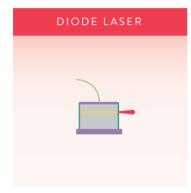
LASER TYPES

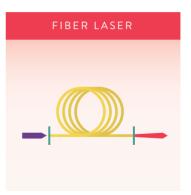
Lasers are the central component of many photonics applications.

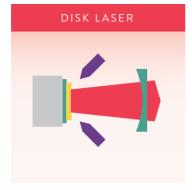
The numerous laser types always consist of the same basic elements
although their shape strongly varies.

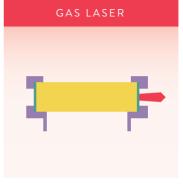
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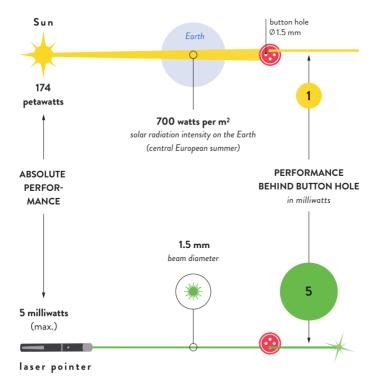




LASERS vs THE SUN

While conventional light sources emit their energy in all directions, lasers bundle the emitted light very efficiently into almost parallel light beams of small diameters.

PERFORMANCE COMPARISON



PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY

10 µm

1 /

IMAGE OF SMALLEST STRUCTURES

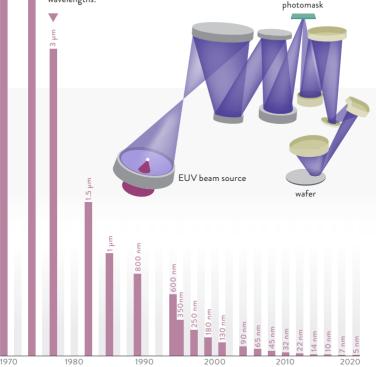
Modern technology requires efficient electronics in the smallest spaces. Thanks to optical technologies it is possible to organize increasingly smaller electronic components on semiconductor chips.

DEVELOPMENT OF SEMICONDUCTOR PRODUCTION PROCESSES

The image of increasingly smaller structures requires light sources with very short wavelengths.

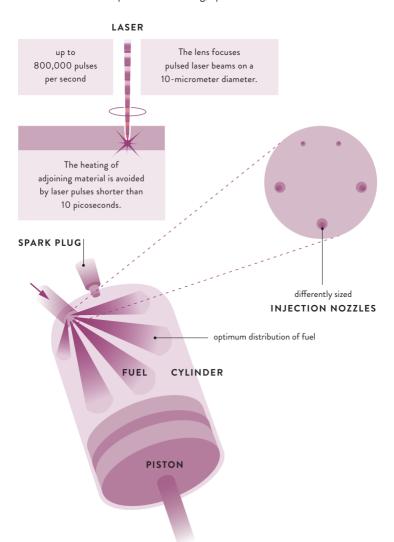
OPTICAL BEAM PATH

Extreme ultraviolet (EUV) light, which is already in use and which has a wavelength of only 13.5 nanometers, requires the application of purely reflective optics with extremely accurate geometry.



PRECISE LASER DRILLING

Ultrashort pulse lasers drill differently sized, accurately shaped injection nozzles that distribute the fuel in the best way possible. Thanks to laser precision machining, up to 30% of fuel can be saved.

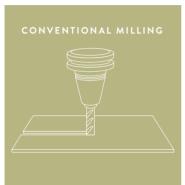


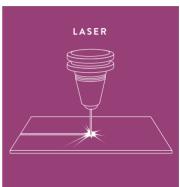
LASER CUTTING

Laser cutting enables very quick processing of materials with a low loss of material, which makes this method extremely energy-efficient.

EFFICIENCY AND PERFORMANCE COMPARISON OF CONVENTIONAL MILLING AND LASER CUTTING

cutting a 5-millimeter-thick steel plate for one meter





CUTTING WIDTH

(millimeters)

10

0.4

TOOL PERFORMANCE

(kilowatts)

0.4

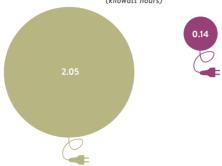
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DURATION
14 Minutes PER METER 12 Seconds



TOTAL ENERGY CONSUMPTION

taking into account material savings (kilowatt hours)

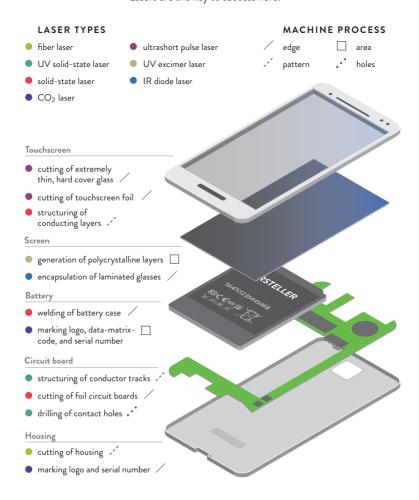


SMARTPHONES THANKS TO THE LASER

Hundreds of thousands of smartphones are manufactured daily.

Quality and efficiency of production are of crucial importance
to the manufacturers in this competitive market.

Lasers are the key to success here.



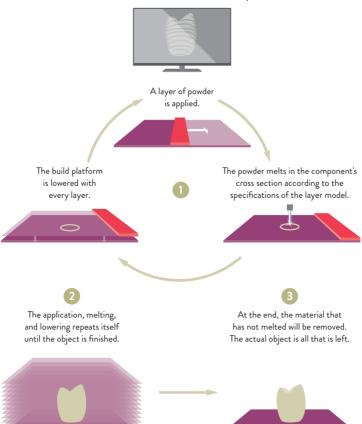
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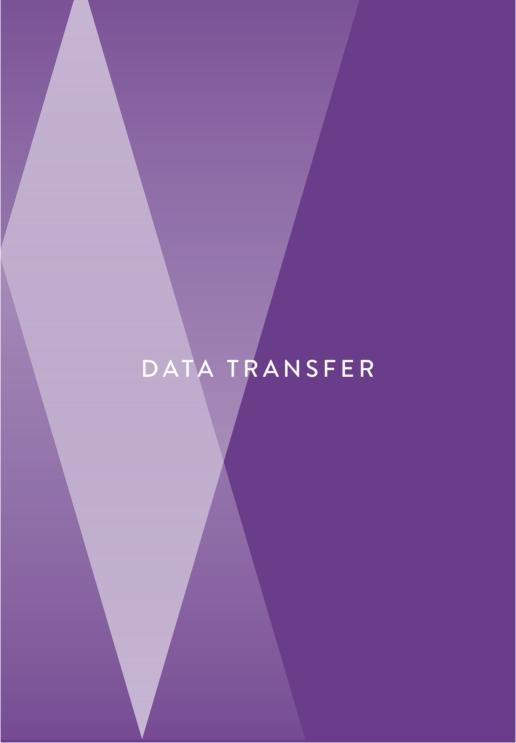
3D PRINTING

Based on a computer drawing, complex structures can be produced from plastics, ceramics, and metals with the help of selective laser melting. Dentures and implants are among the rapidly growing number of applications.

GENERAL OPERATING PRINCIPLE

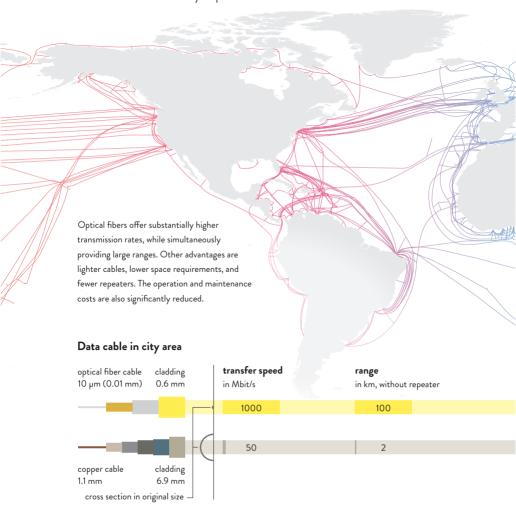
The digital model of an object is transformed into a model made of a series of thin layers.

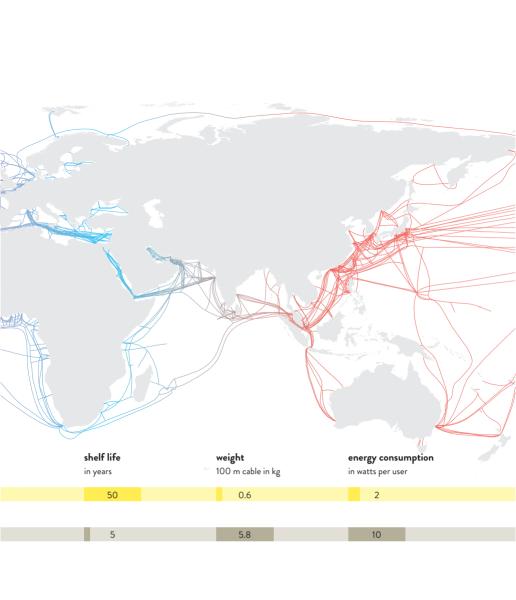




OPTICAL FIBER NETWORKS

In 1988, the first transatlantic optical fiber cable, the TAT-8, went into operation. Optical fiber quickly replaced copper cables to meet the fast-growing need for greater capacity. Today, submarine cables with capacities of up to several terabytes per second connect the whole Earth.





LASER COMMUNICATION IN SPACE

Free space optical communication between near-Earth and geostationary satellites enables the fast transfer of data to a ground station.

Vital data during natural catastrophes or in emergencies at sea can be received almost in real time in this way.

ADVANTAGES OF THE LASER

LARGE DATA

1.8

gigabytes per second corresponds to around 500 songs per second NO LIMIT

due to frequency

LOWER
ENERGY
CONSUMPTION

expands shelf life



LESS MASS

saves costs

THE LASER AND OPTICS MEET THE HIGHEST REQUIREMENTS

SMALLEST TOLERANCE

for generating a bundled laser beam across largest distances



stable
despite great
TEMPERATURE
DIFFERENCES

survive strong VIBRATIONS

and
ACCELERATIONS
during rocket launches

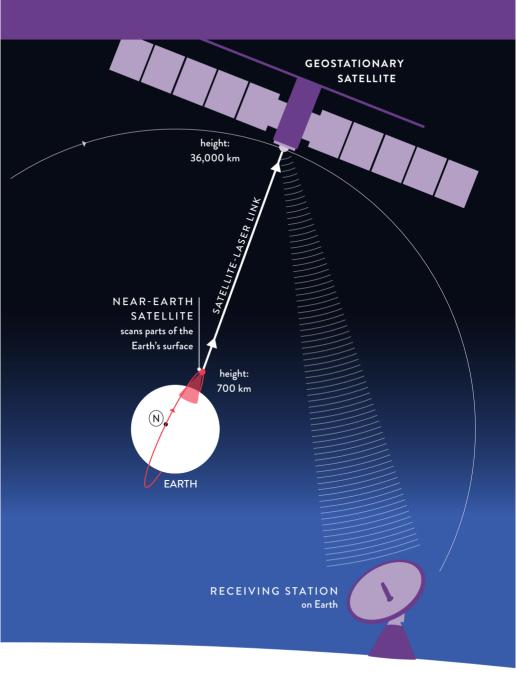








RESISTANT against UV and gamma radiation in space



QR CODES

Cameras and optical sensors often work together with intelligent image or data processing.

The QR code (Quick Response) shows this impressively.

USE OF QR CODES

QR codes are two-dimensional bar codes. A camera phone with the appropriate code reader software recognizes this information and decodes it.



QR-CODE STRUCTURE

Apart from the content, QR codes contain additional elements so that the software can recognize the data correctly.

This includes:





Up to **4,000 alphanumerical characters** fit on a QR code.

ADVANTAGES OF QR CODES

In comparison to the classic barcode, QR codes can store more information on a smaller area and make fewer requirements of reading devices.

They also function even if they are partly damaged or corrupted:



graphic/text in code distorted blurred twisted

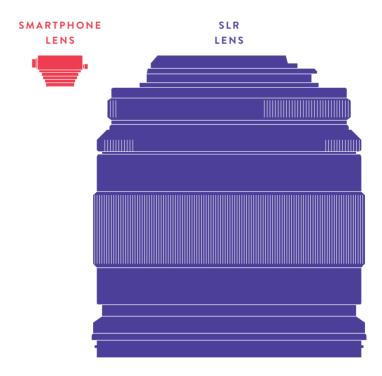
IMAGE CAPTURE & DISPLAY

CAMERA LENSES

Today, brilliant images are possible with the smallest smartphone lenses. Why then is it still necessary to have large lenses in photography?

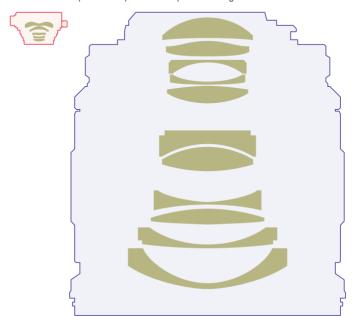
SIZE COMPARISON

(original sizes)



LENS ARRANGEMENT

Despite their small size, smartphone lenses have sophisticated optics with complex lens arrangements.



DEPTH OF FIELD

The most important consequence of the size difference is the different depths of field.

SMARTPHONE LENS



Smartphones display all objects from near to far with the same sharpness.

SLR LENS



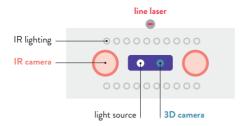
The depth of field can be set selectively with large SLR lenses.

GESTURE CONTROL

Optical systems can capture and interpret hand movements contactlessly – this is ideal in sterile workplaces such as hospital operating rooms.

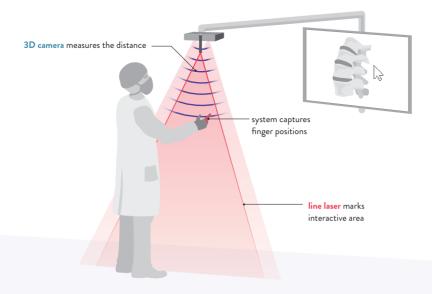
SURGICAL HAND-TRACKING SYSTEM

detailed view from below



Two infrared (IR) cameras capture the scene like two human eyes from slightly shifted perspectives.

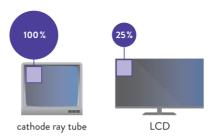
A 3D camera, which is based on the propagation time of light, verifies the distance.



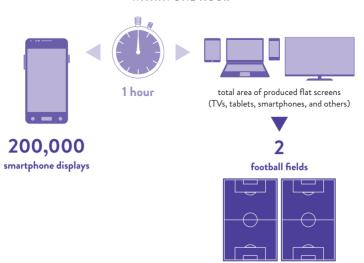
FLAT SCREENS

In contrast to early cathode ray tubes, flat screens save a great deal of energy per unit area. Impressive global production capacities meet the high demand for these displays.

ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION AT SAME DISPLAY SIZE



PRODUCTION OF FLATSCREENS WITHIN ONE HOUR

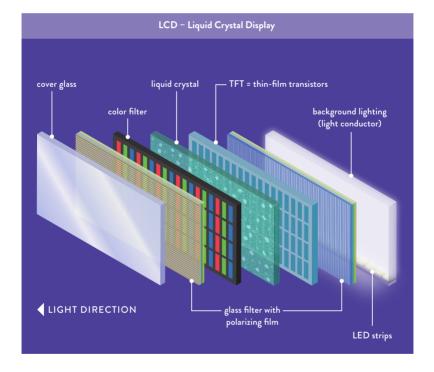


LCD vs OLED

Today, LCD displays dominate the flatscreen market, but in smartphones, organic LEDs (OLEDs) are conquering an increasingly larger market share. OLED displays are thinner, more energy-efficient, and higher in contrast but more expensive to produce.

LCD DISPLAY STRUCTURE

Today's most common type of display creates images by blocking off or letting through white light that LEDs create across the back of the display.

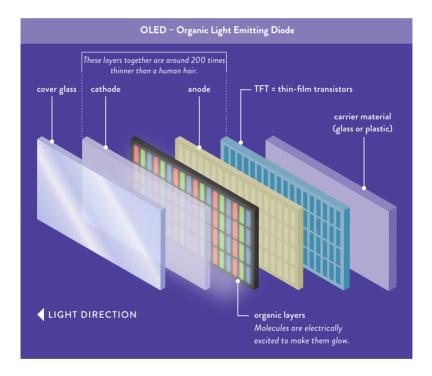




in pixels

OLED DISPLAY STRUCTURE

Organically luminous materials in OLED displays do not require a separate light source, which makes their construction depth much thinner.

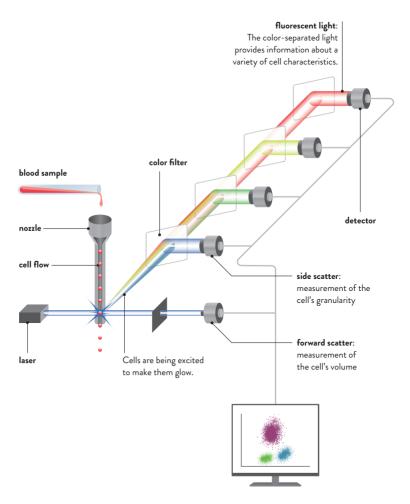




COUNTING BLOOD CELLS

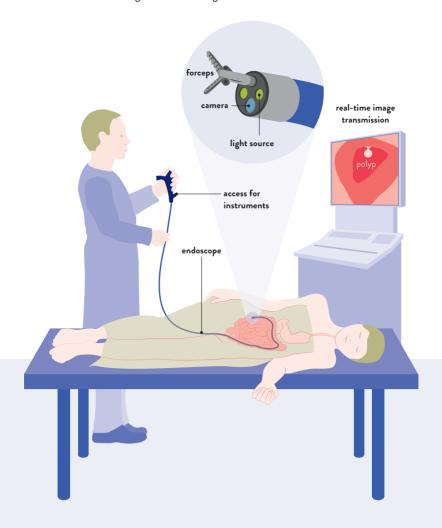
Thousands of cells per second are counted and characterized in medical and biotechnical analytics with laser-based flow cytometry.

This enables the fast and secure detection of blood anomalies.



ENDOSCOPY

Endoscopes enable doctors to examine body cavities and hollow organs, detect illnesses, and treat them with minimal invasion at the same time, if required. The tubes, which are only a few millimeters thick, transfer illumination in one direction and high-resolution images in real time in the other direction.

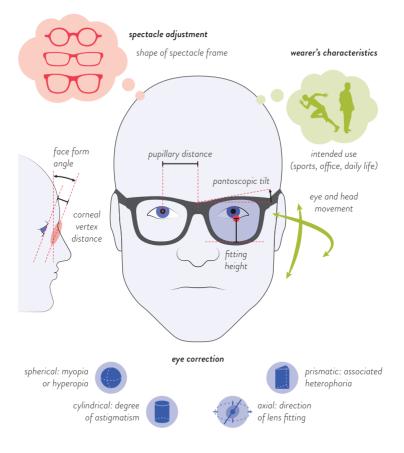


SEEING NEAR AND FAR

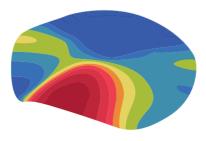
Individually adjusted varifocals help older people have good vision for all distances. A variety of criteria is included in the calculation for personalized and individual lens design.

CNC machines are used to translate the calculated design into individual lenses with micrometer precision.

INDIVIDUAL CRITERIA

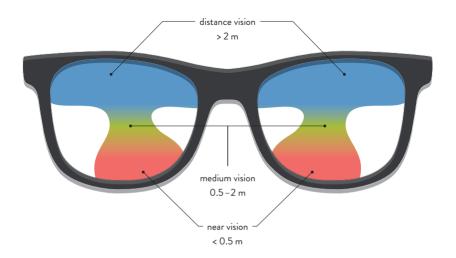


COMPUTER-CALCULATED LENS DESIGN



The different colors indicate the varying refractive power of the lens: from red (strong) to blue (weak).

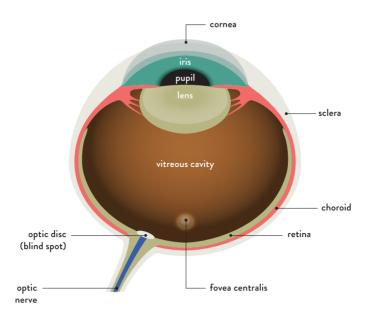
MODEL OF VARIFOCALS



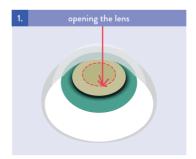
SEEING CLEARLY AGAIN

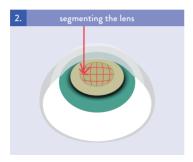
From the age of 60 onwards, most people get a slight cataract – known as the grey star. Treating cataracts is the most common operation around the world. The WHO estimates that by 2020, 32 million cataract operations will be performed. The use of the femtosecond laser with ultra-short pulses allows a precise and careful operation.

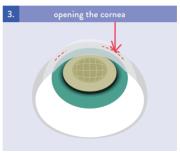
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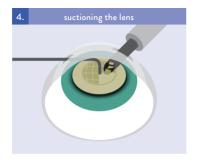


SEQUENCE OF A LASER OPERATION









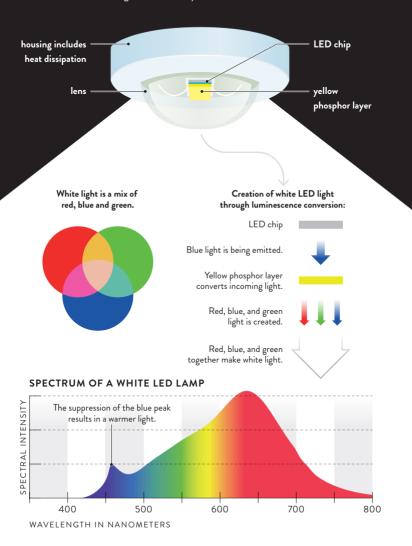




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WHITE LED LIGHT

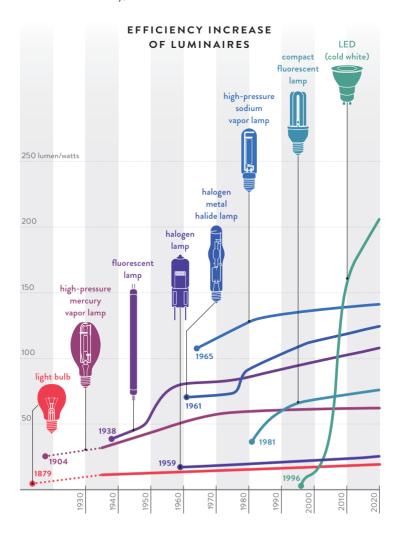
LED chips make colorful light.
White light is created by luminescence conversion.



BRIGHTER WITH LEDs

Since the light bulb, the light output of different types of lamps has been significantly increased.

Today, white LEDs are the most efficient ones.



LAMP SPECIFICATIONS

Just a few years ago, you could find out almost everything you needed to know about the light of a domestic lamp just by looking at the number of watts.

Nowadays, nearly a dozen criteria have to be considered.





power (watts)
electrical connected load



brightness (lumens) how bright the lamp's light is



color temperature (Kelvin)
the higher the color temperature,
the colder (more blue) the light



warm-up time

the time it takes for the lamp to fully light up



dimmability

lamp dimmable or not



shelf life

usage in hours



color rendering index

accuracy of color rendering



energy savings

in comparison to the conventional light bulb



mercury content

environmentally friendly without mercury



illumination angle

the scope and range of effective light

INTELLIGENT LUMINAIRES

LED lights can be switched on and off so quickly that it is imperceptible to the human eye. In this way, hundreds of megabytes per second can be transmitted to a mobile optical receiver as an additional function apart from the lighting – completely without electrosmog or additional cables.

MUSEUMS



BUSES



AIRCRAFT CABINS



TRADE FAIR STANDS



LASER SHOWS

Laser shows are an impressive way of demonstrating how fascinating photonics can be.

BRILLIANT COLORS

Only lasers can make colors that are completely saturated

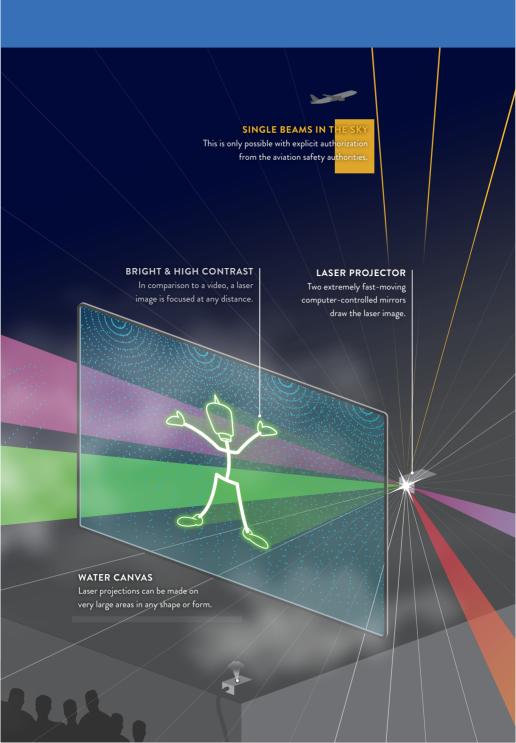
GREEN ENTERTAINMENT TECHNOLOGY

The relatively low energy consumption ensures environmentally-friendly entertainment for large crowds.

AUDIENCE

ARTIFICIAL FOG

Fog makes the laser beam visible.

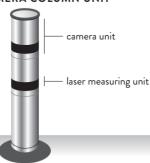


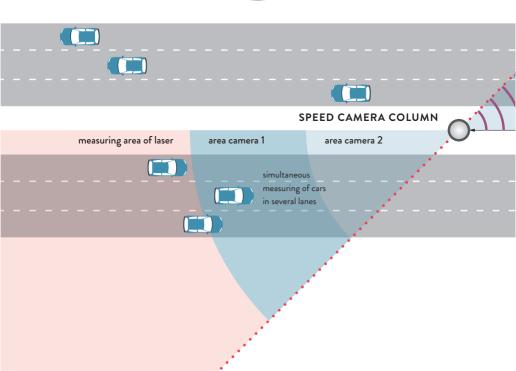


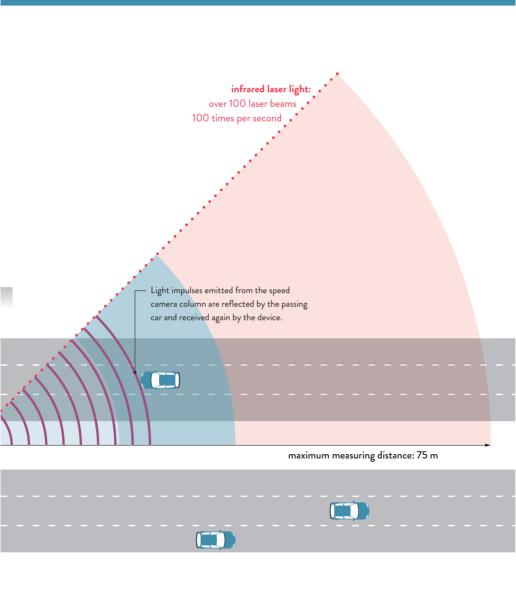
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Measuring systems based on the roundtrip time of emitted and reflected infrared laser beams can calculate the speed of vehicles precisely. Cameras take pictures of the vehicle and driver if they have committed a traffic offence.

SPEED CAMERA COLUMN UNIT



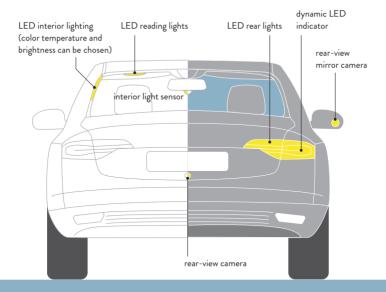




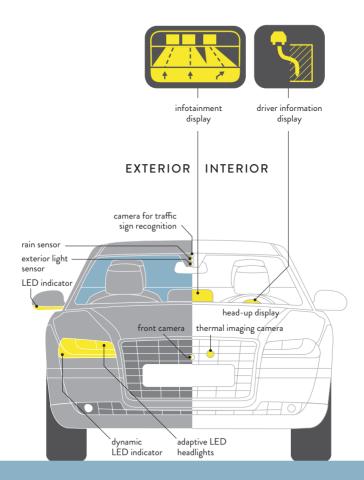
LIGHT ON AND IN THE CAR

Intelligent LED lights, camera-based assistance systems, and information displays ensure a greater security in all driving situations.

INTERIOR EXTERIOR



REAR VIEW

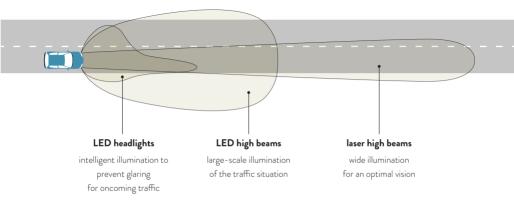


FRONT VIEW

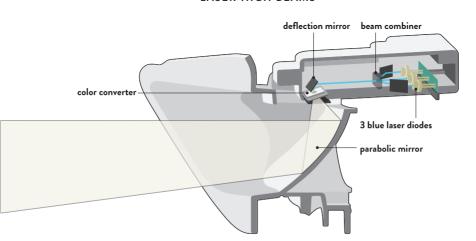
CAR HEADLIGHTS

Seeing further ahead: the combination of LED and laser light sources enables an optimum for roadway illumination in every traffic situation.

LIGHT CONE OF HEADLIGHTS



LASER HIGH BEAMS

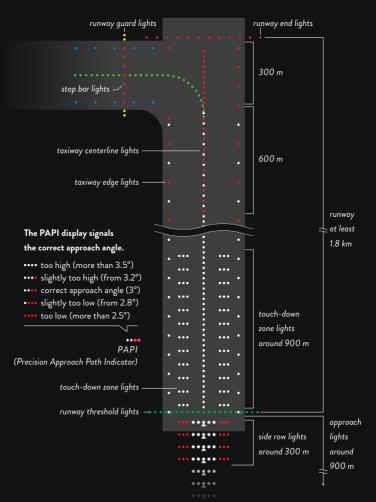


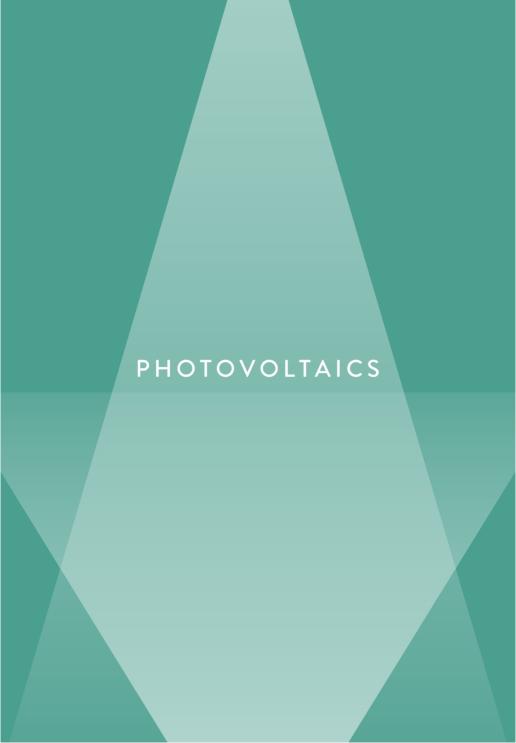
AIRPORT LIGHTING

Millions of new LED lamps lower the operation and maintenance costs of airports around the globe.

LED vs Halogen







SOLAR CELLS

Solar cells can transform sunlight directly into electricity.

An efficiency of around 45% has already been achieved under laboratory conditions. In commercial use, efficiency has to be weighed against acquisition costs.



BASIC COMMERCIAL TYPES

Monocrystalline silicon cells

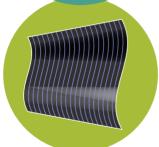
are cut out from a round silicon crystal.

The missing corners of the squares are characteristic. This form is created because the round cross section of the raw material is exploited in the best possible way.



Polycrystalline silicon cells

feature a characteristic texture that comes from crystal borders that are very close together.



Thin-film cells

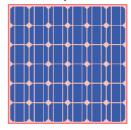
consist of amorphous silicone or other material compounds. They can be vapor deposited onto carrier materials, even onto flexible material.

GLOBAL MARKET SHARE



CHARACTERISTICS

monocrystallines



efficiency





polycrystalline



16 %



amorphous silicon



thin layer

copper indium diselenide



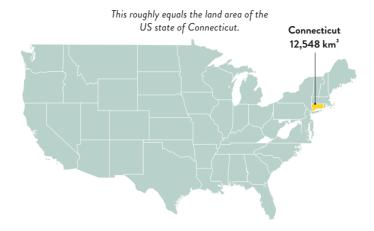


SOLAR ENERGY

Solar energy has the potential to satisfy the world's raising appetite for electricity without polluting the environment. What total size of solar power plants would be needed to run the United States on solar electricity?

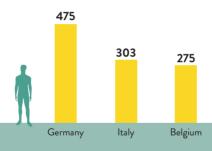
US electricity consumption per year: 4093 TWh (2014)

Area of solar cells needed to supply this energy: 12,800 km²



TOP PRODUCERS

installed power 2014 per capita in watts



PRODUCTION COMPARISON 2014



World photovoltaic energy per year

180 Terawatt hours

= 180,000,000,000 kilowatt hours



Nuclear energy

The photovoltaic energy produced corresponds to the electricity volume of 20 nuclear power stations.





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With regard to petroleum, the equivalent is 42 million tons. This amount corresponds to 140 oil tankers with a capacity of 300,000 GRT* each.

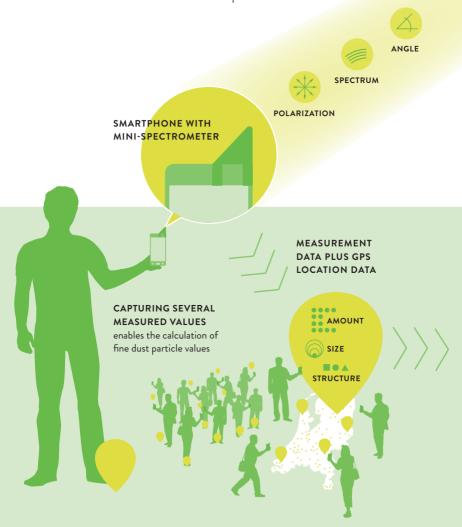
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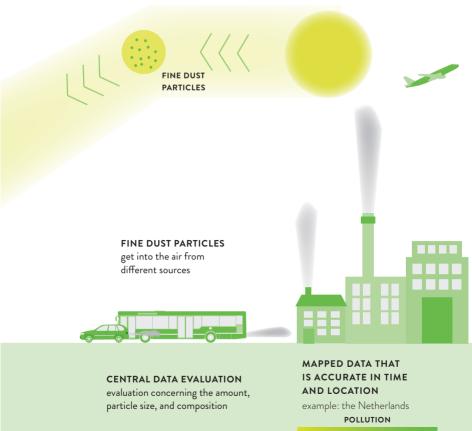
^{*} gross register tons



OPTICAL MEASUREMENTS IN CITIZEN PROJECTS

Smartphones with attachable mini-spectrometers make it possible to map current environmental data of entire countries with the help of thousands of citizens.

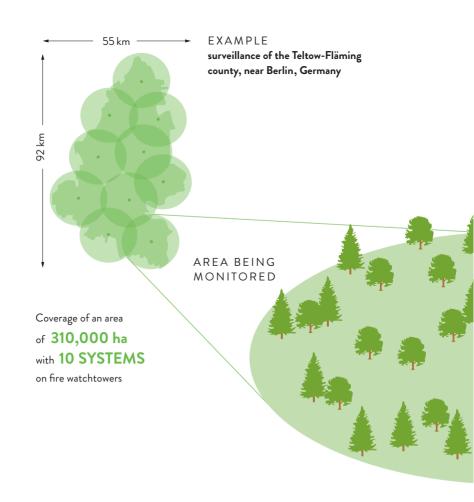


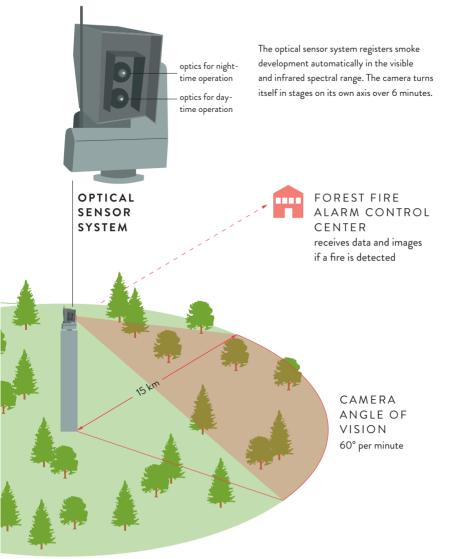




FOREST FIRE SURVEILLANCE

Automated optical sensor systems monitor large forest areas day and night for fires.

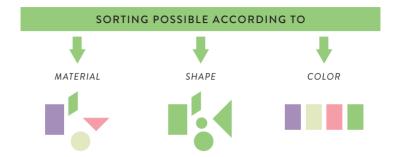


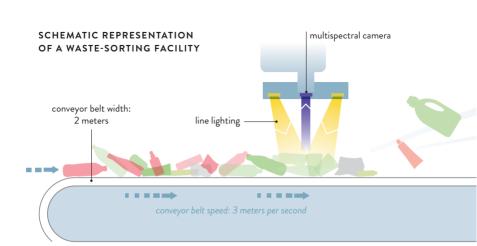


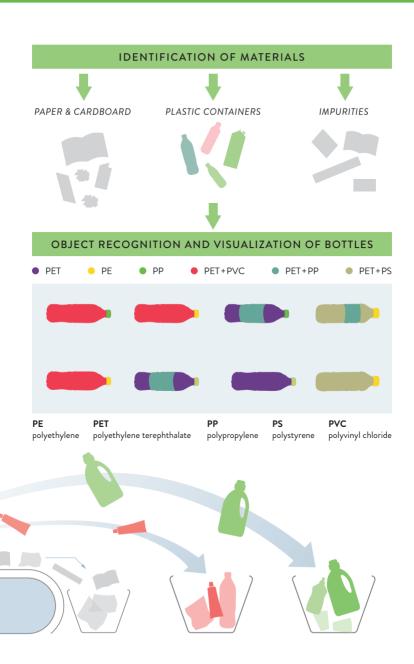
OPTICAL SORTING

Efficient sorting facilities are used to recover many materials in their raw form from heaps of domestic waste.

Together with fast image processing software, multispectral cameras capture within a split second what should be placed in which raw material container.





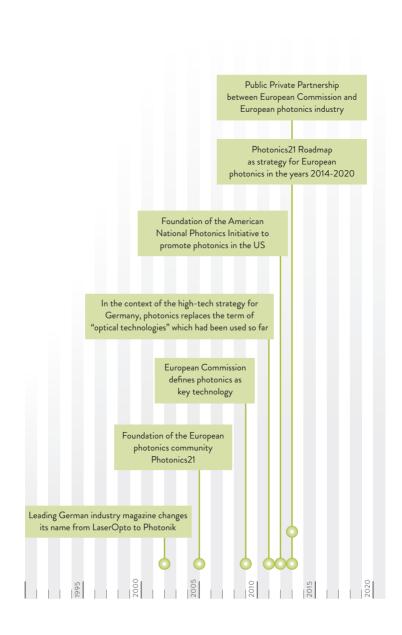




PHOTONICS AS AN INDUSTRY SECTOR

Within a few decades, the term photonics has developed from a technical term, used in research, to an industry term that encompasses all technical applications of light.





PHOTONICS AROUND THE GLOBE

Photonics is a global industry today. This graphic shows the strongest market segments in each region.

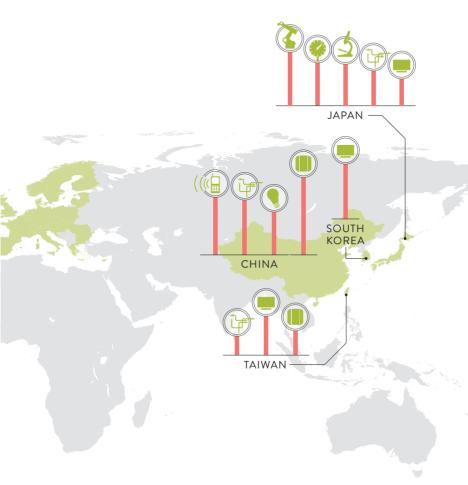


Global market share in the market segment

(information in %)

To emphasize regional strengths, only market shares of more than 10% are shown.







medical technology & life science



communication technology



information technology



displays



light sources



photovoltaics

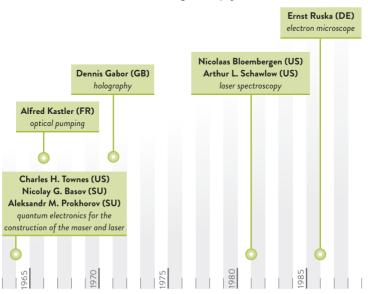
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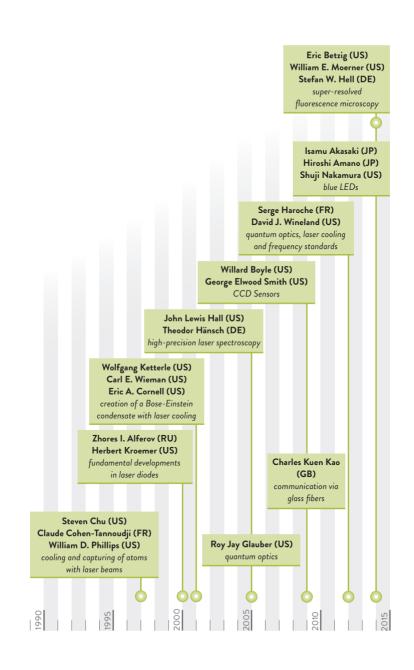
Nobel laureates with a connection to photonics since the invention of the laser in 1960



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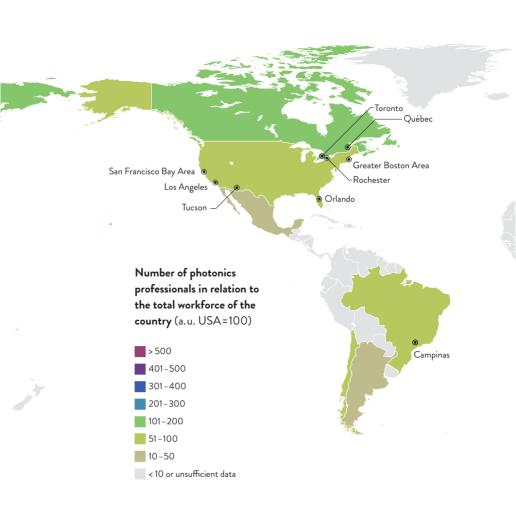
with award-winning research projects





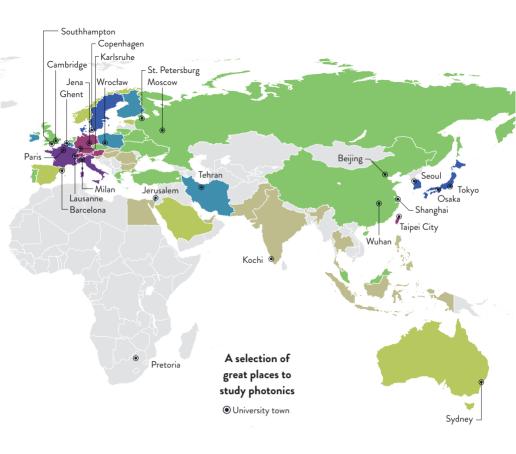
PHOTONICS COUNTRIES

The highest density of photonics professionals are found in Europe and East Asia.



PHOTONICS SCHOOLS

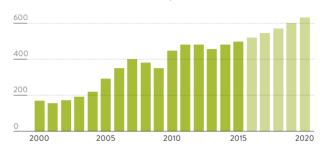
Business-oriented social media reveal where photonics-savvy professionals got their education.



ECONOMIC IMPACT OF PHOTONICS

Data suggests that there were approximately 2.32 million jobs in photonics in 2015.

Worldwide photonics products market in US-\$ bn



Photonics marketplace

from components to enabled services



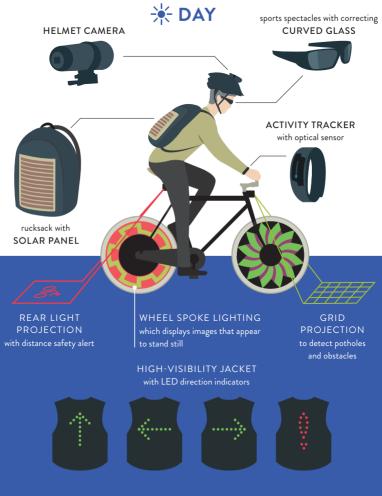
Market by country share of market in %





PHOTONICS ENTHUSIAST

An enthusiasm for photonics can also be implemented in the leisure sector.



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