

OPENPICS PROJECT WP2 – REVIEW MEETING

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- M0.2 WP2 Milestone Planning

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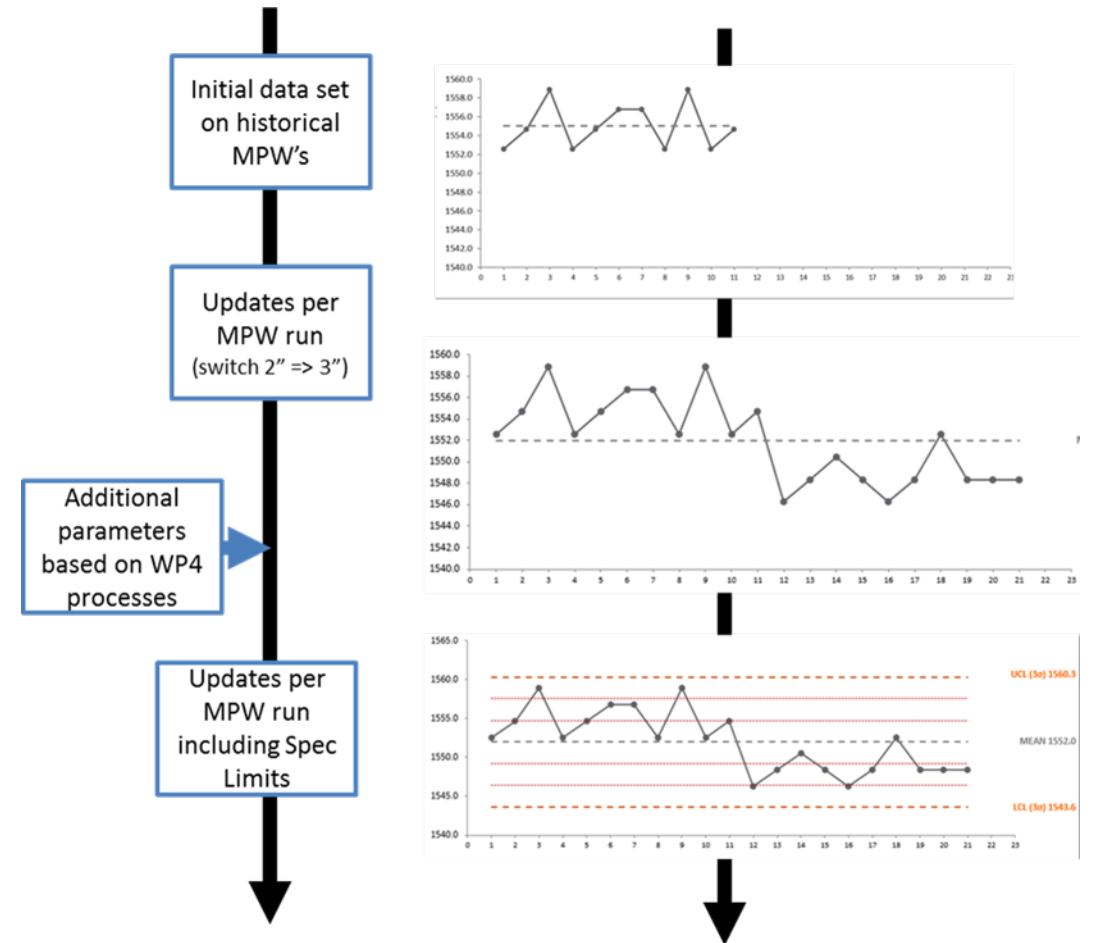
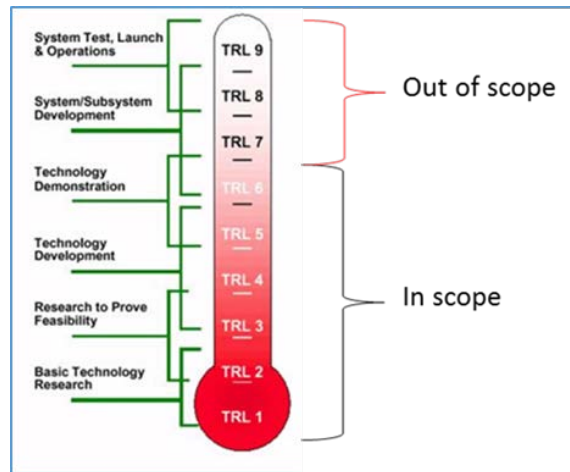
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- General Improvements
 - M1.1 Metallization
- Laser Threshold & Passivation Improvements
 - M2.1 Dielectric Material Improvements
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WP2 – MPW PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS & BB CHARACTERIZATION

- WP2 Overall Goal
 - Tracking and Process Improvement of Existing MPW Building Blocks & *Introduction of New BB's*
- WP2 Work Packages
 - WP2.1 Track BB parameters in available BB's
 - WP2.2 Improve quality and reduce variation in available BB's
 - WP2.3 Introduce new BB's in the MPW (& PDK)
 - Link to WP3/WP4 – parallel MPW runs until Fit-for-Release



| Planning WP2 (June 2017 update) | | Milestone Description | SP19 | SP20 | SP21 / Review | SP22 | SP23 | SP24 | SP25 / Review? |
|---|---|--|---------------|--------------|------------------|------------------------|--------------|------------|-----------------------|
| | | Design Submission Date | Dec-16 | Mar-17 | Jun-17 | Sep-17 | Dec-17 | Mar-18 | Jun-18 |
| | | Remarks | 2months delay | 1month delay | | | | | |
| Description | Milestone # | Expected MPW Delivery Date | June '17 | Aug'17 | Oct'17 | Jan'18 | Apr'18 | TBD | TBD |
| WP2 General | WP2-M0.1 | WP2 Project Charter | | | WP2-M0.1 | | | | |
| | WP2-M0.2 | WP2 Milestone Planning | | | WP2-M0.2 | | | | |
| WP2.1 MPW Generic BB Data & Characterisation | MPW Characterisation & Monitoring | | | | | | | | |
| | WP2.1-M1.1 | List of Generic MPW parameters for data monitoring & MPW cadence | | | WP2.1_M1.1 | | | | |
| | WP2.1-M1.2 | Generic Update Q3'16 - Q2'17 Data up to and including SP19 (1st 3inch MPW) | | | WP2.1_M1.2 | | | | |
| | WP2.1-M?? | T.B.D. | | | | | | | |
| WP2.2 MPW Generic BB Process Improvements | General Improvements | | | | | | | | |
| | WP2.2-M1.1 | Metallization - Lift-Off improvements | | | WP2.2_M1.1 | | | | |
| | WP2.2-M1.? | T.B.D. | | | | | | | |
| | Laser Threshold & Passivation improvements | | | | | | | | |
| | WP2.2-M2.1 | Dielectric Material Improvements | | | WP2.2_M2.1 | | | | |
| | WP2.2-M2.2 | Integration Improvements | | | WP2.2_M2.2 | | | | |
| | WP2.2-M2.3 | Passivation Integrity/Integration Improvements update | | | | | WP2.2_M2.3 | | |
| | Planarisation | | | | | | | | |
| | WP2.2_M3.1 | Polyimide Planarisation sequence on SP20 | | | | WP2.2_M3.1 | | | |
| | WP2.2_M3.2 | Dummy Structures/Tiling (on SP22) | | | | | WP2.2_M3.2 | | |
| | WP2.2_M3.? | T.B.D. | | | | | | | |
| | Waveguide Loss improvements | | | | | | | | |
| | WP2.2_M4.1 | T.B.D. | | | | | | | |
| WP2.3 New Building Block Introduction | New Building Blocks (from WP3) Commercially Available on MPW | | | | | Plating & DBR laser | SI substrate | Effect MQW | Spotsize Convertor |
| | WP2.3-M1.1 | DBR laser | | | | WP2.3-M1.1 | | | |
| | WP2.3-M1.2 | SI substrate | | | | | WP2.3-M1.2 | | |
| | WP2.3-M1.3 | Effect MQW | | | | | | WP2.3-M1.3 | |
| | WP2.3-M1.4 | Spotsize Convertor | | | | | | | WP2.3-M1.4 |
| | WP2.3-M1.5 | AI MQW | | | | | | | =>SP28 |

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WP2.1 – MPW GENERIC BB DATA & CHARACTERISATION

Initial reported tracking List

Epitaxy Photo Luminescence

- Active Layer PLpeak
- Passive Layer PLpeak
- Other parameters (T.B.D.)

Waveguide Processing

- Shallow WG width
- Deep WG width
- Other parameters (T.B.D.)

Building Block Performance

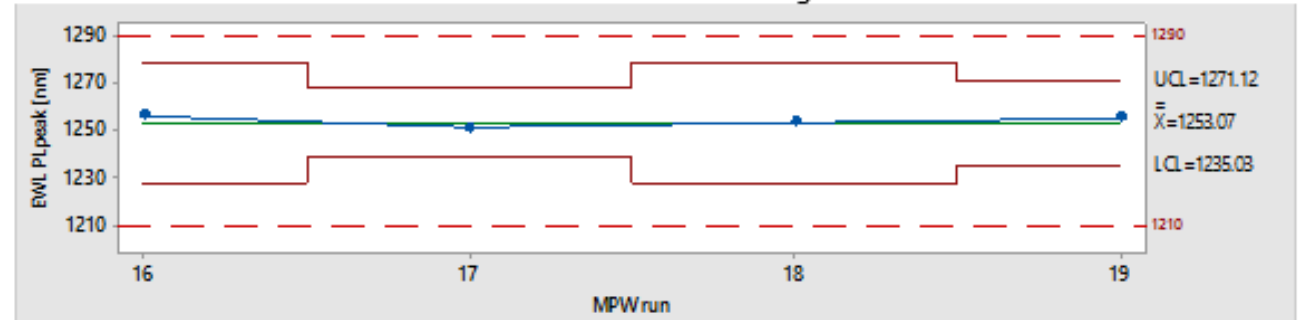
- Passives: Deep WG losses
- Active Laser Threshold
- Other parameters (T.B.D.)

Extend data set with New BB's

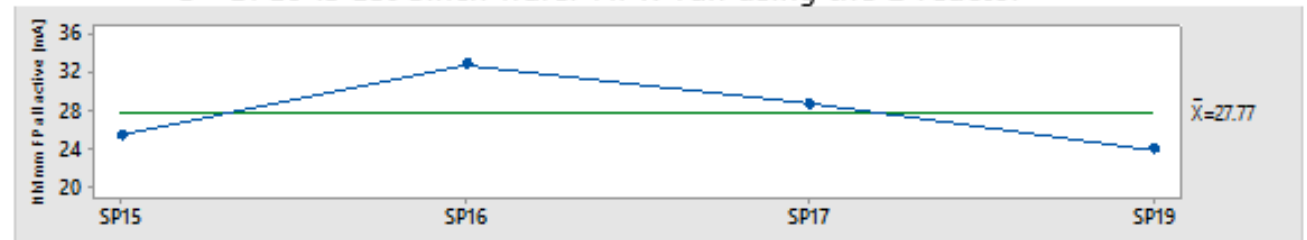
- once available from WP3

Some Examples

- Epitaxy: Passive Layer PLpeak
 - Current Target 1250nm \pm 40nm
 - SP19 is 1st 3inch wafer MPW run using the L-reactor



- BB performance: Threshold Current 1mm FP All Active
 - Current target – TBD
 - SP19 is 1st 3inch wafer MPW run using the L-reactor



At SP19 MPW switched from 2" to 3" wafer size (incl. new passivation)

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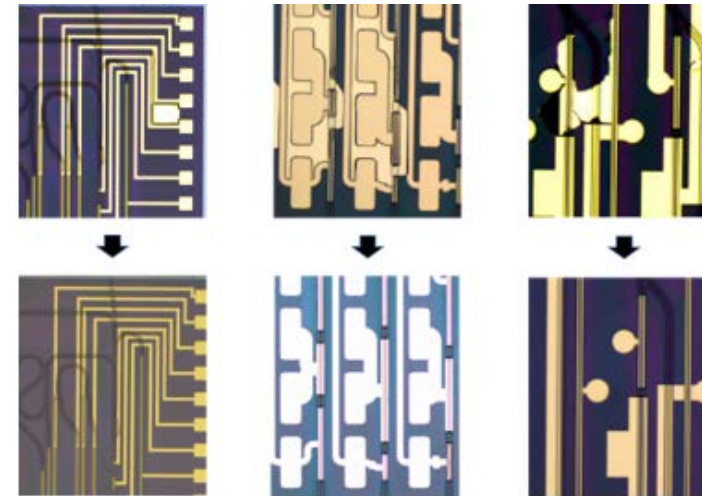
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GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS

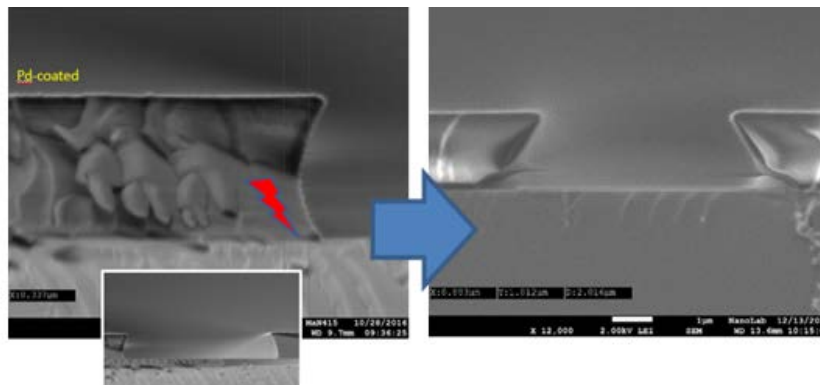
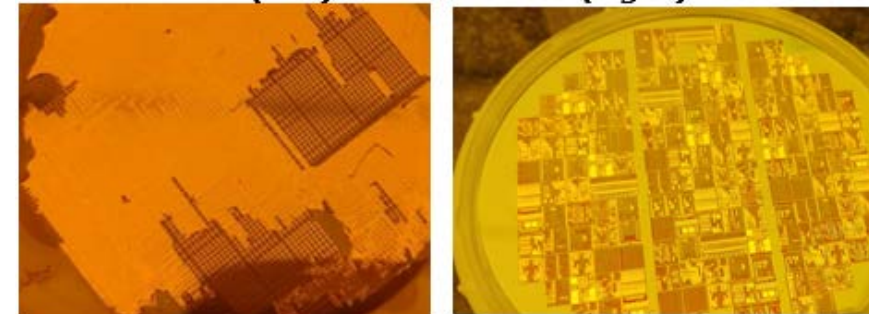
M1.1 Metal Lift-Off - Achievements

- A process assessment was carried out on the existing Lift-Off Resist (LOR) process (i.e. MaN415)
- A new LOR with better Thermal Properties (higher Tg) was selected (MaN1420)
- The new LOR was successfully applied on InP wafers with Full Topography resulting in a new and improved Lift-Off process with reduced metal residues
- Critical Dimension (CD) performance of the MaN1420 at targeted line widths of 2.5 and 5.0 μm has dramatically improved

Example of the Improvements w.r.t. residues



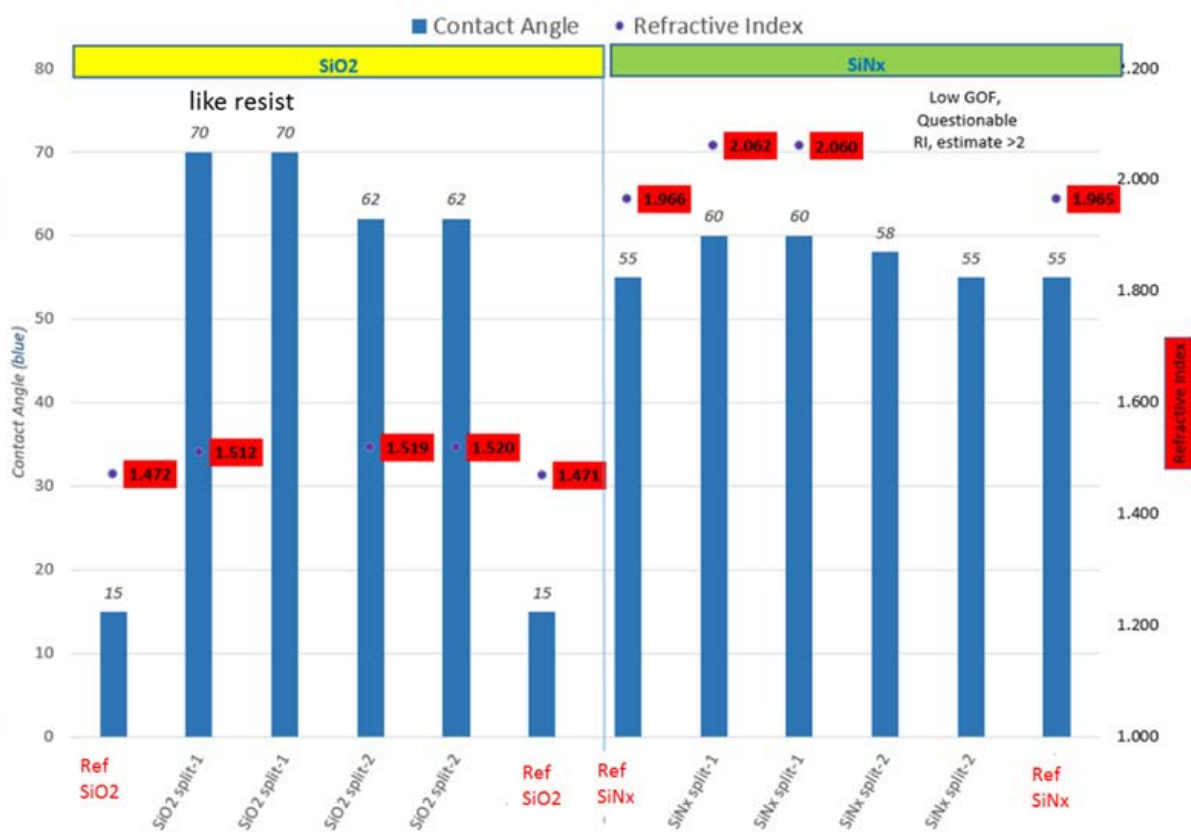
Previous LOR (left) and New LOR (right)



WP2.2 MPW GENERIC BB PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS

LASER THRESHOLD & PASSIVATION

M2.1 Dielectric Material Quality – PECVD updates



Achievements

- Contact Angle improvements
 - SiO₂ Contact Angle of has been improved from hydrophilic 15° to a hydrophobic > 60°. Small SiN_x improvements.
- Breakdown Improvements
 - SiO₂ Split-1 showing no early fails around 85V with consistent breakdown occurring >160V
 - SiN_x Split-2 improving with tight spread

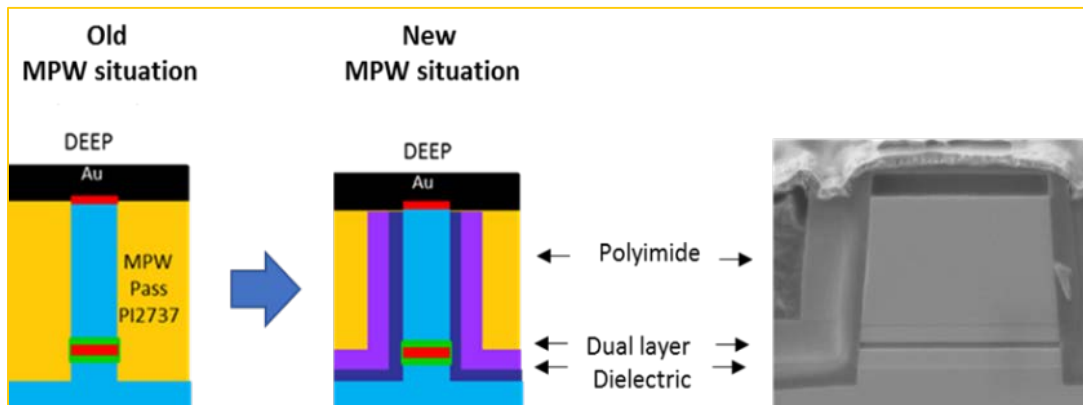
| Material | Split | Breakdown Results [0 - 200V] | Contact Angle [°] |
|------------------|----------------------------|---|-------------------|
| SiO ₂ | Reference SiO ₂ | Early fails at 85-100V, wide spread towards 200V | 15 |
| | Split-1 SiO ₂ | No early fails, consistent fails between 160-185V | 70 |
| | Split-2 SiO ₂ | Early fails around 100V, remaining 170-190V | 62 |
| SiN _x | Reference SiN _x | Consistent ≥ 190V | 55 |
| | Split-1 SiN _x | ≥160V, but wide spread | 60 |
| | Split-2 SiN _x | Very tight spread 190-200V | 55 |

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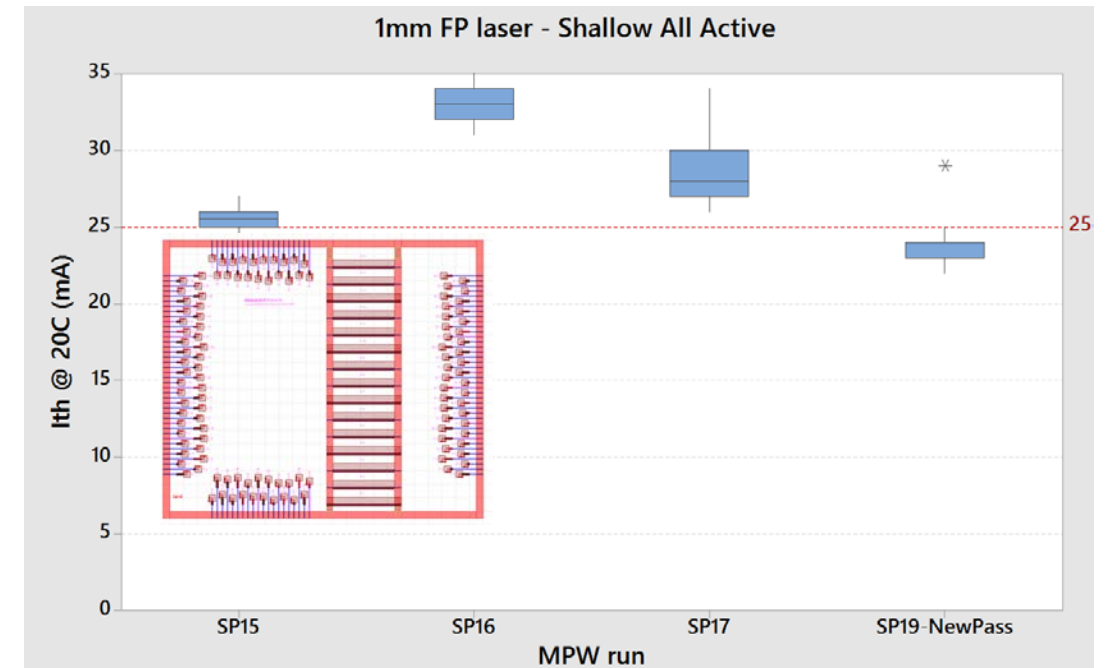
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M2.2 Integration Improvement - Achievements

- New Passivation Integration approach developed using Higher Quality Dielectrics
 - Self-aligned Processing
 - Dry etch recipe updated
 - Excellent Reliability & Life Time results obtained
 - Also for DEEP lasers



- New Passivation implemented on MPW SP19
 - Laser Threshold Currents brought back below 25mA
 - More stable performance observed



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 - WP2.2 Improve quality and reduce variation in available BB's
 - WP2.3 Introduce new BB's in the MPW (& PDK)
 - Input from WP3/WP4 to run in parallel to MPW before release
 - i.e SP19 Au plating
- 7 Milestone reports created
 - Performance Tracking started using initial selected parameters
 - Several Improvements made to improve quality & stability
- *Other MPW news*
 - *SP20 almost finished*
 - *SP21 started*



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PHOTONICS**

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