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# Frontiers of Fiber-Optics Communications: Emerging Technologies and Applications

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# The Beginning: High Energy Physics, UCR



Joined Dept. of Physics and Astronomy of UCR in 1970

My Ph.D. Thesis Committee Members at UCR:

- *Robert T. Poe*, Experimental and Theoretical Atomic & Hardon Physics
- *Anne Kernan*, Strong Interactions
- *Sun-Yiu Fung*, E-M Interactions
- *Bipin Desai*, Quantum Field Theory
- *Benjamin Shen*, Thesis Advisor

I Completed my thesis in 1976, “Strange particle productions at CERN ISR”

**Research Faculty Members in High Energy Physics, 1970-1976**

- John Layter
- Dave Sager
- Bill Gorn
- S. Y. Chu

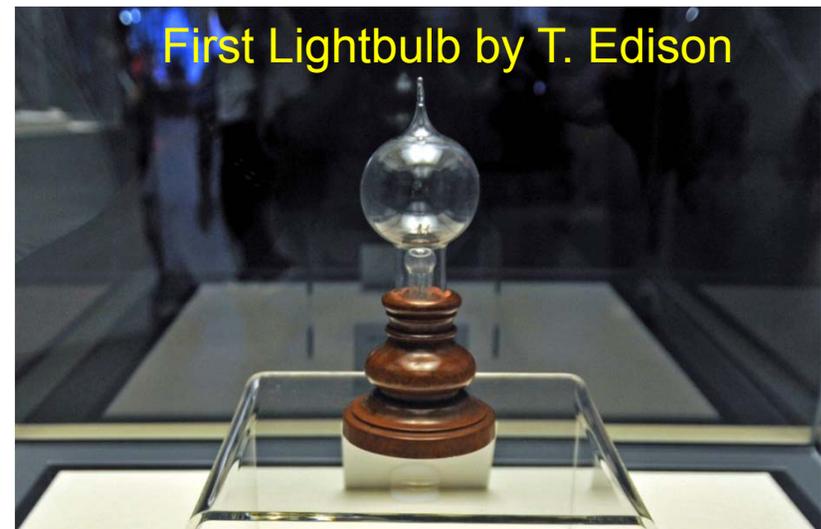
# Journey from Physics to Electrical & Computer Eng



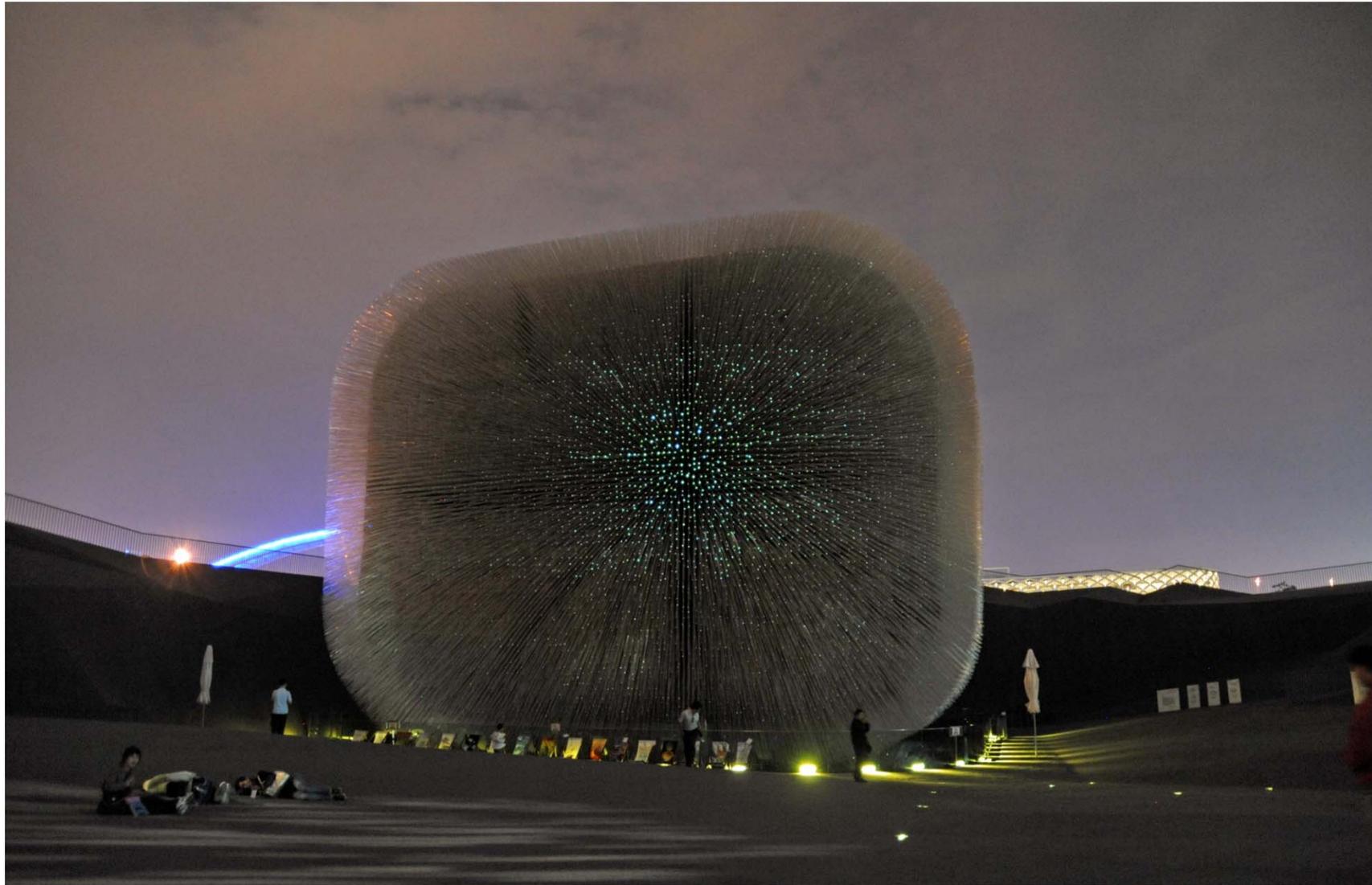
- **Lawrence Berkeley Lab, 1973-74**
  - Heavy ion collisions in streamer chamber, Exp. 152, Shen-UCR
- **CERN ISR, 1975-76**
  - Strange particle production in pp ISR experiment
- **Brookhaven National Lab, 1976-77**
  - pp collisions
- **Cornell Electron Synchrotron, 1977-78**
  - Built CLEO for > 1 GeV photon detection for e+ e- annihilations
- **Bell Labs, Bellcore & Telcordia Technologies, 1979-2001**
  - Avalanche photodiode for 1 eV photon detection
  - HEX switch: realized high energy cross-connects in silicon ICs
  - Elected to a Fellow for pioneering contributions to Optical Networks
- **OpNext, Inc, 2001-2002**
  - VP & Chief Technology Strategist for R&D in optoelectronic systems
- **Georgia Institute of Technology, 2002-present**
  - Endowed Chair Professor in Electrical and Computer Engineering
  - Pioneer in VHT Wireless over Fiber Technologies and Applications
  - Fellow of IEEE and Optical Society of America

# Highlights of Past World Expos

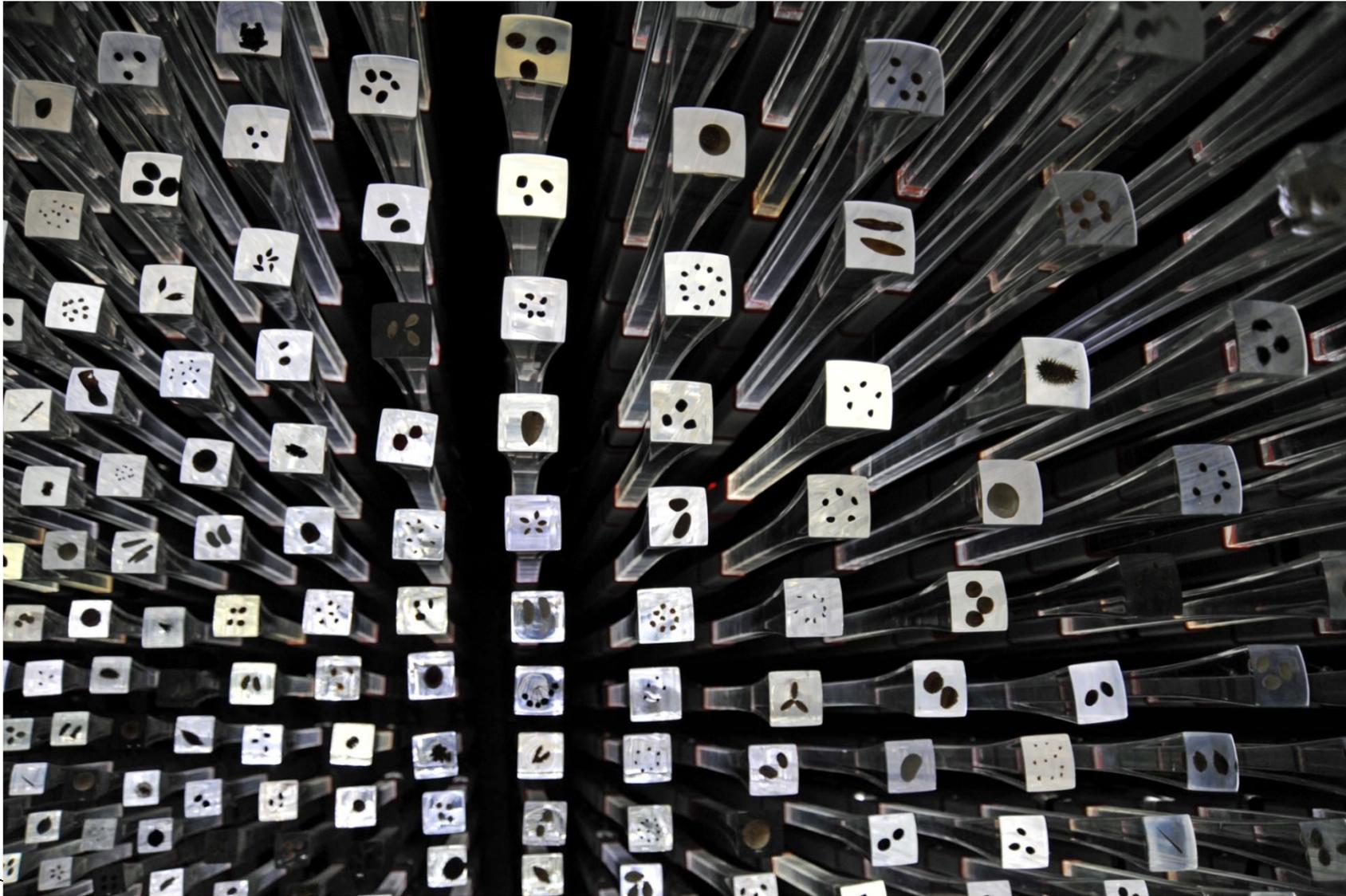
## Innovations in Communications: 1877-1900



# First Light at Dusk: UK Pavillion



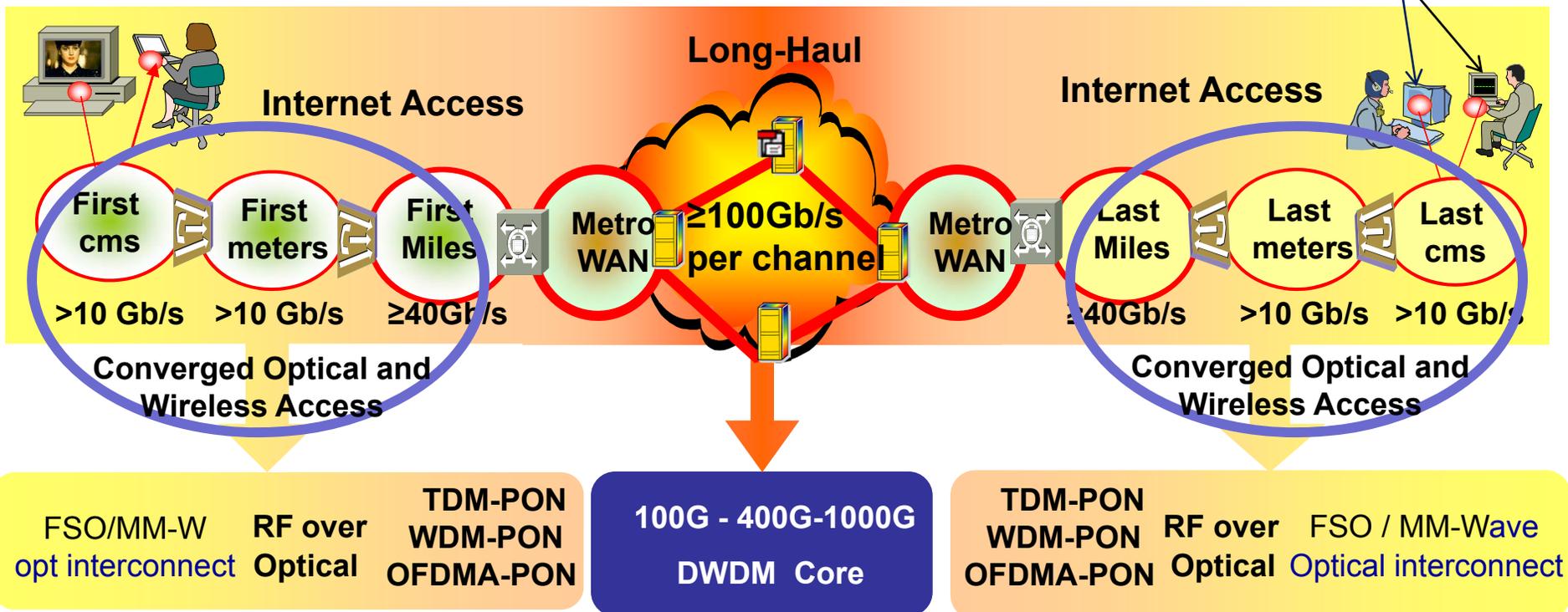
# Optical Waveguides: Sowing Information Seeds of the Future



# End-to-End Broadband Internet Connectivity

- Multi-view 3-D HD Video Distribution
- Interactive Multimedia and Game Contents
- Very High Throughput Telepresence and Telehealth
- High Performance Computers and Data Centers
- Exa-bytes data transport and storage systems

Inside the box  
Last centimeters  
Interconnect



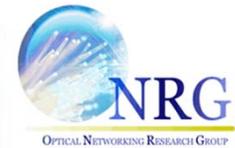
# Access for Internet of Things

## Converged Optical and Wireless Access Networks

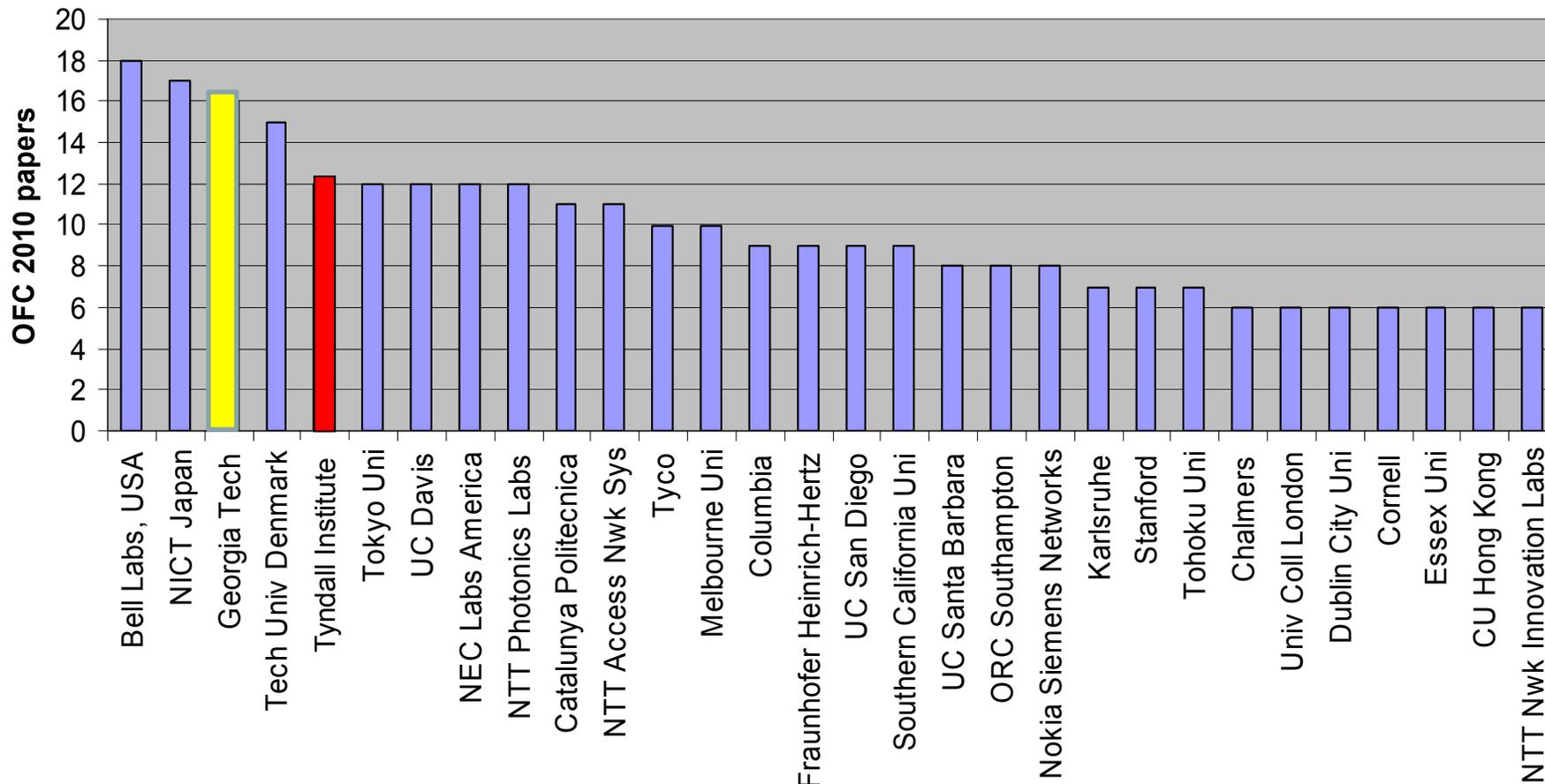


- 1 Layered architecture
- 2 Consistent user experience
- 3 Seamless transition between networks and devices
- 4 A single, common service platform, with uniform treatment of network access
- 5 Communications and entertainment that adapt to customer's lifestyle

# Optical Networking Research Groups in the World by Total Numbers of Papers Accepted by OFC 2010

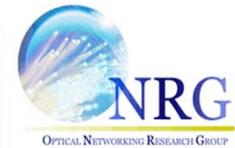


Total number of papers accepted by Optical Fiber Communications Conference 2010, the premier optical communications conference in the world



Compiled by Tyndall National Institute, Ireland

# Georgia Tech 100G Research Center



## Founding Members

- ADVA Optical Networking
- OFS
- Verizon
- Ciena



## Member Companies

- Optametra
- Oclaro
- Nistica
- Picometrix
- Rsoft
- Hitachi
- IBM



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Research Alliance



# Terabit Optical Networking Research: Future Challenges



There are 40 Tera Hz bandwidth available in singlemode fiber.

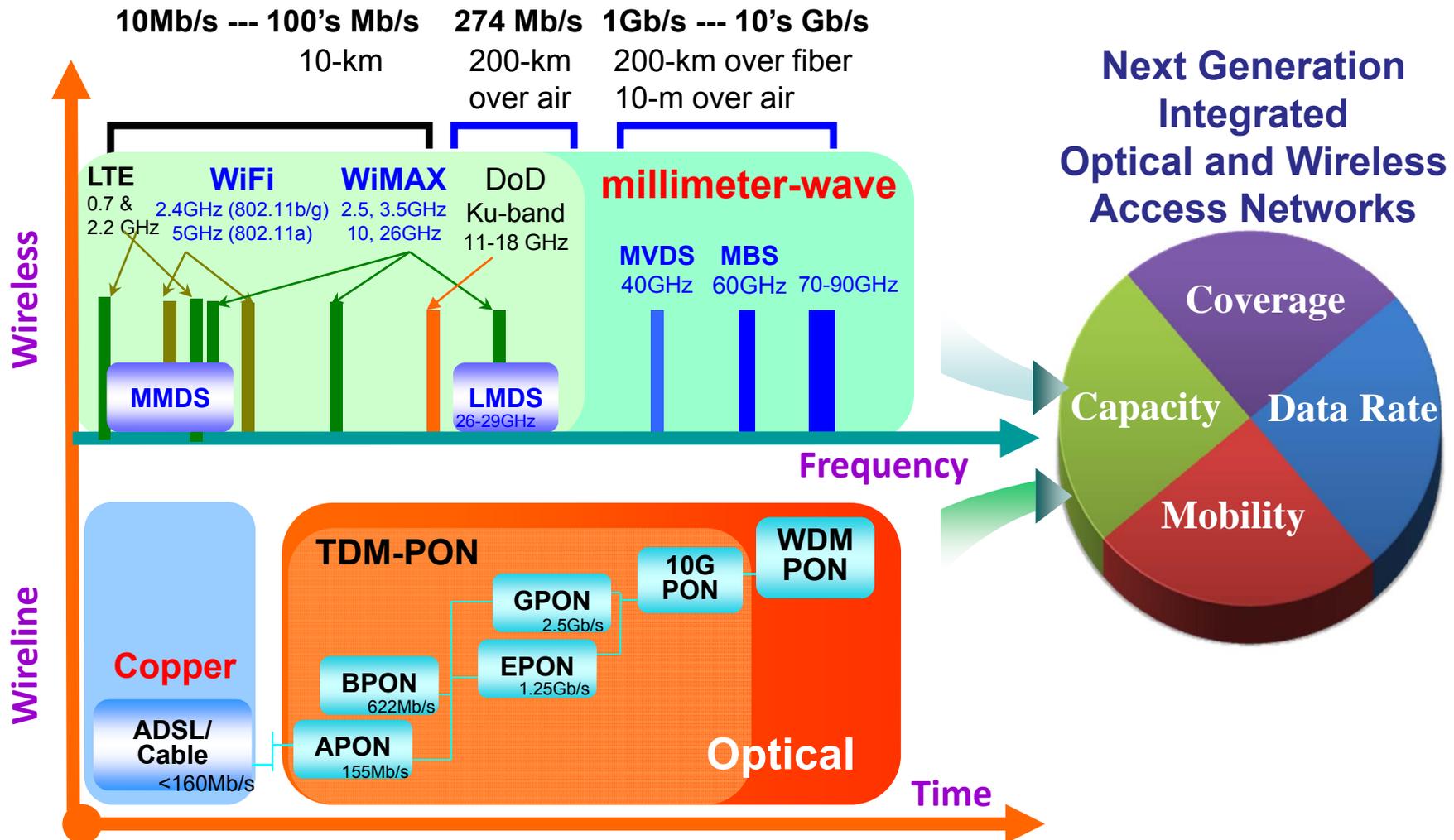
**Towards pitabit ( $10^{15}$ ) per fiber Optical Transport System:**

**with  $10^3$  wavelengths per fiber and  $10^{12}$  bits per wavelength**

**100G, 400G, and 1000G per wavelength Systems**

- QPSK, 16QAM, 32QAM, and 64 QAM multi-level modulation
- Hybrid Schemes: Polarization Multiplexing, Coherent WDM, OTDM
- Future of wavelength grid, do we need 25 GHz/50 GHz ITU-T grid?
- Coherent Demodulation Algorithms
- OFDM and OFDMA
- Superchannel, multi-carrier systems

# Optical and Wireless Access Convergence



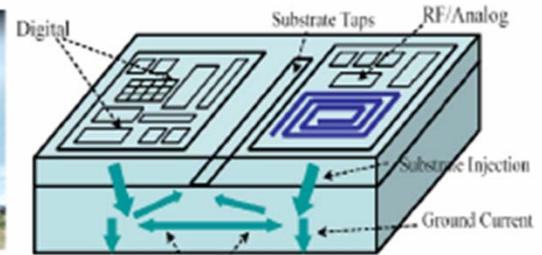
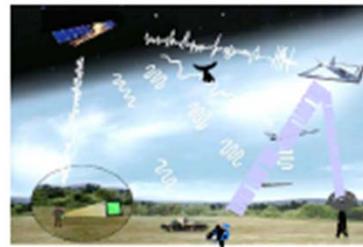
MMDS: multichannel multipoint distribution service, LMDS: local multi-point distribution service  
MVDS: microwave video distribution system, MBS: mobile broadband system

# Emerging Fiber-Optic Applications

**Compact communication systems with higher data rates backhalls**

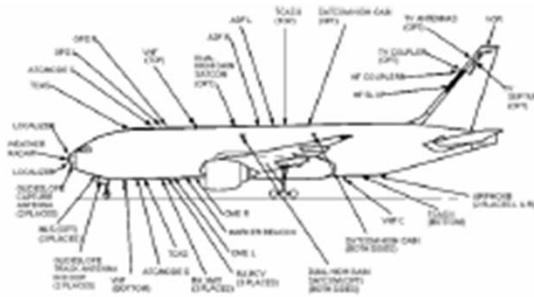


**Miniaturization need for sensors and mobile systems**



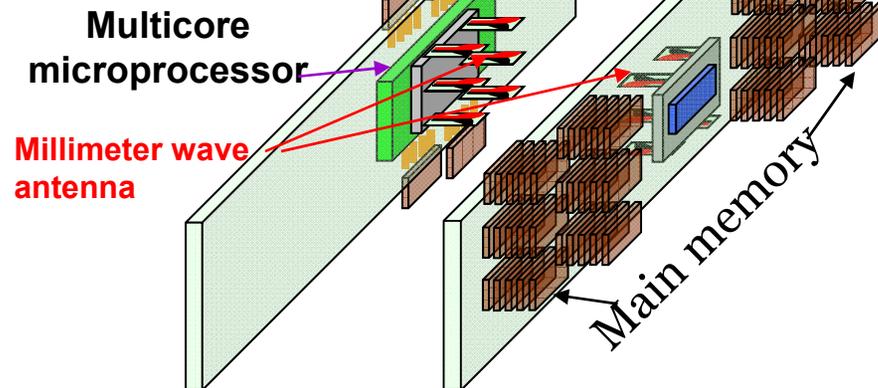
**More than 50% of a system-on-a-chip consists of passive RF devices** *RF & Microwave Magazine 2006*

**Multifunctionality to sensors decrease complexity & cost**



54 antennas on Jetliner

**Millimeter Wave Wireless Interconnect for high capacity memory access**



# Interconnects for HPC and Data Center

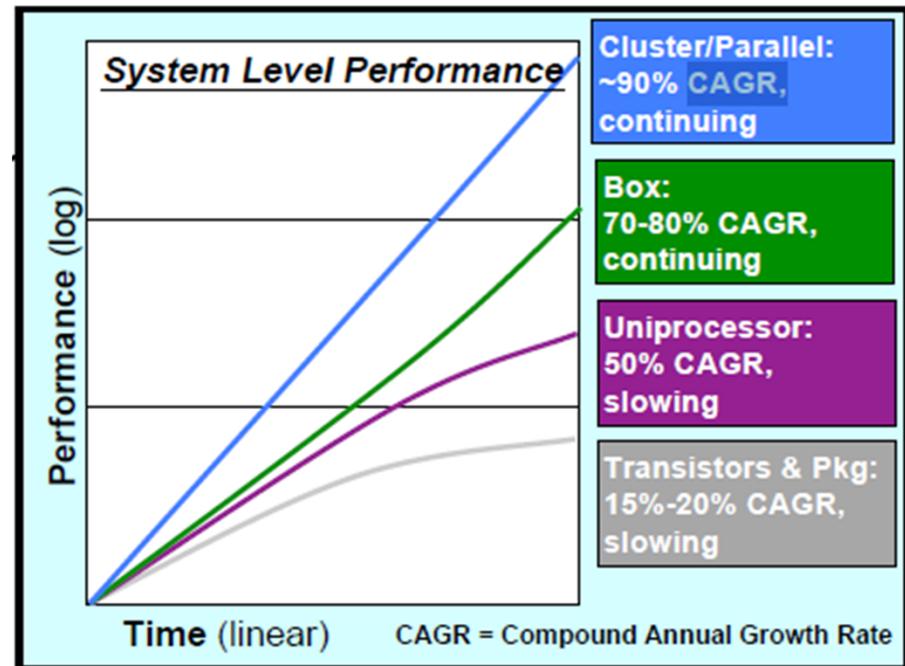
- As the speed of silicon transistors begins saturating, the development of high-performance computing or data centers continue growing exponentially.
- Recently, the highest computational speed is about 1 petaflops per second ( $10^{15}$ ). HPC of 1 exaflop per second ( $10^{18}$ ) is expected in 10 years.

## Top high performance computers

**Tienhe-1A, NUDT, China**  
2.57 petaflops

**Cray Jaguar, Cray, USA**  
1.75 petaflops

**Roadrunner, IBM, USA**  
>1 petaflops



OFC'11, OThH3 (IBM)

# Interconnects Bottleneck

- Even the CPUs of Top 10 HPC still runs around 1.8 GHz to 3.0 GHz. Therefore, the bottleneck of HPC parallel computing lies majorly in the “interconnects”

Petaflop Supercomputer

IBM Roadrunner (LANL)    Cray Jaguar(ORNL)

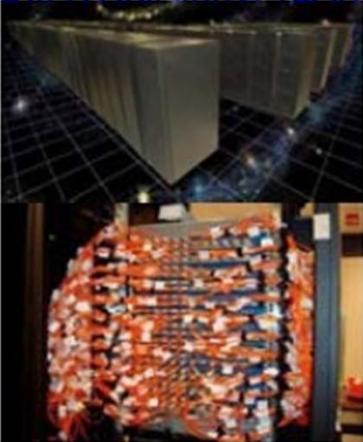


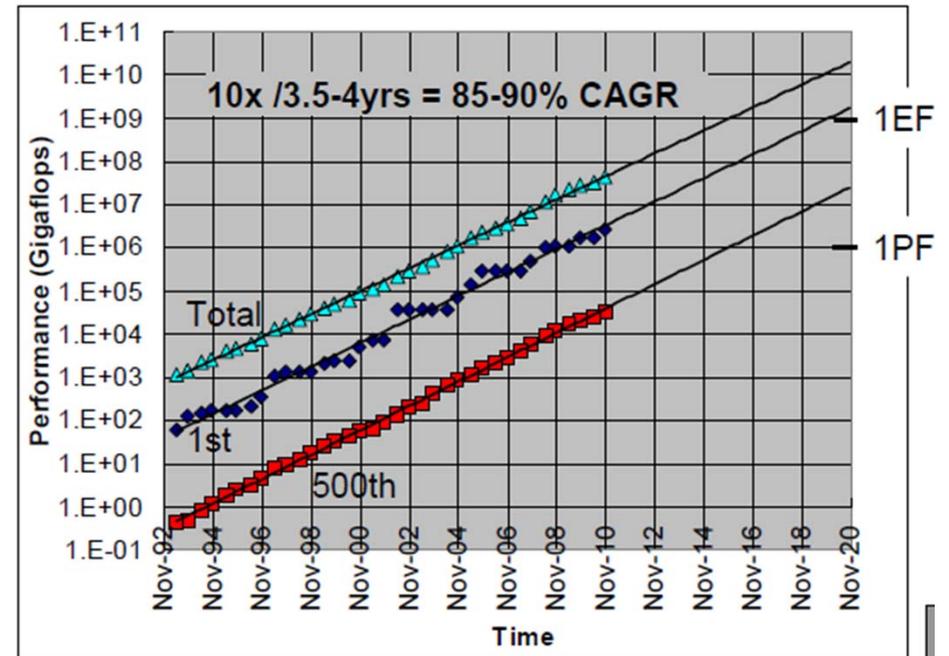

Image courtesy of the National Center for Computational Sciences, Oak Ridge National Laboratory

- 5Gb/s/ch transceivers
- 55 miles of Active Optical Cables

- Was #2 in June, 2009
- Infiniband
- 3 miles of Optical Cables, longest = 60m

**Active optical cable**

## Supercomputer roadmap



# Optical Interconnects for Exaflop Computers

## • Board-Level Packaging

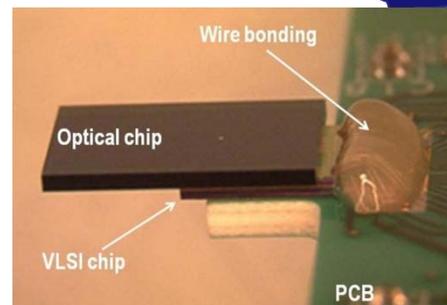
- O-E-O Electrical Packet switching
- Cable/fiber
  - Total throughput/Card Edge
  - \$/Gbps (components+packaging+test)
  - pJ/Gbps
- New Topology
  - Fat-Tree
  - Flattened Butterfly, dragonfly...
- Requirement:
  - 100k Computational nodes
  - 16 x 50Gb/s per node

Google

IBM

Fujitsu

Intel



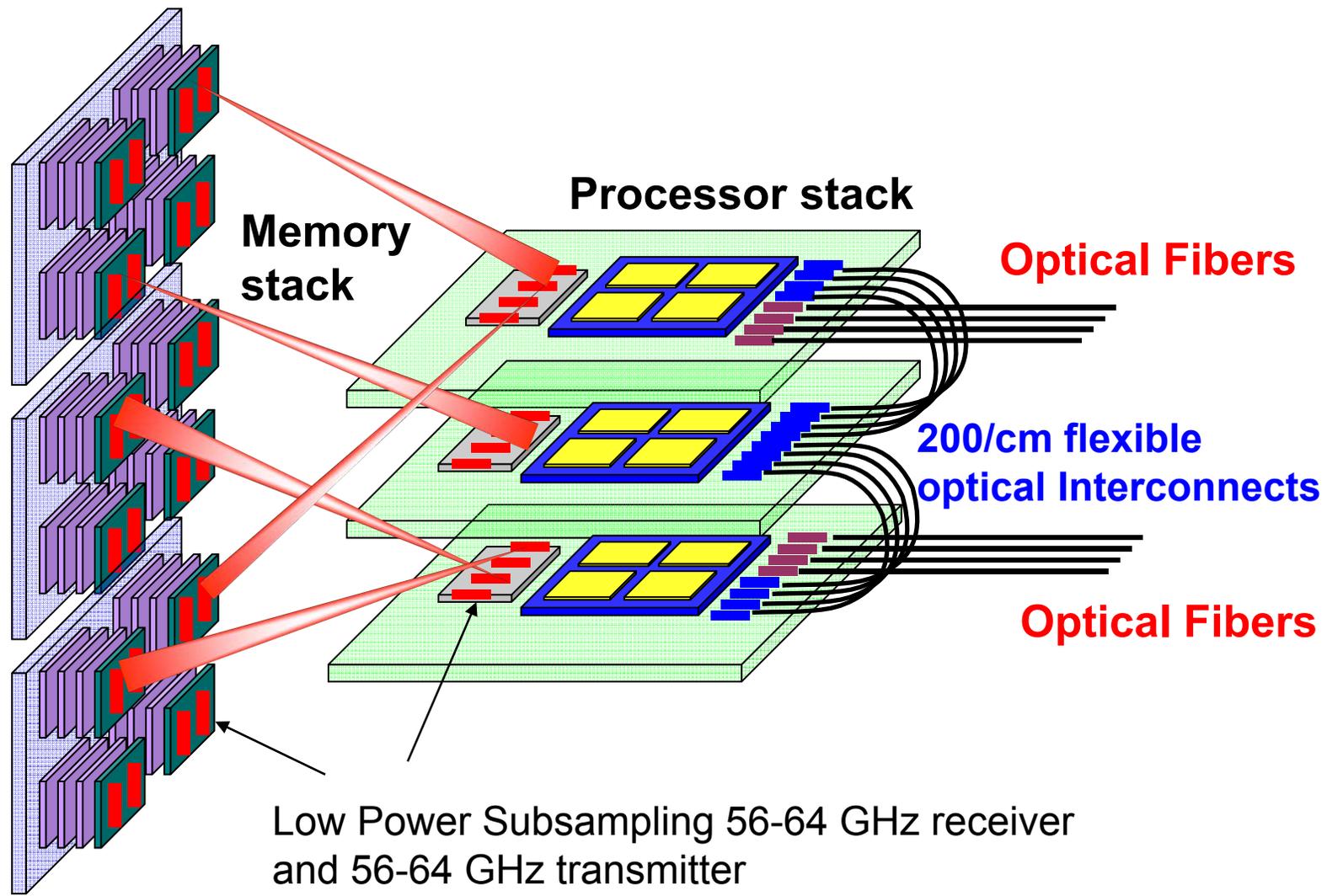
## • Interconnects > 10m

- Optical Fiber-Array Connector
- Active Optical Cable
- VCSEL/PD
- VCSEL/CMOS Integration

## • Integrated Interconnects > 10m

- Optical circuit switch
- Polymer waveguides
- Silicon Photonics
- Photonic Lightwave Circuit
- Free Space Optics
- Modulation formats (QAM, DSP)
- Gbps/fiber (WDM, PolMux...)

# Optical Wireless over Optical Fiber Interconnects for High Speed Memory Access



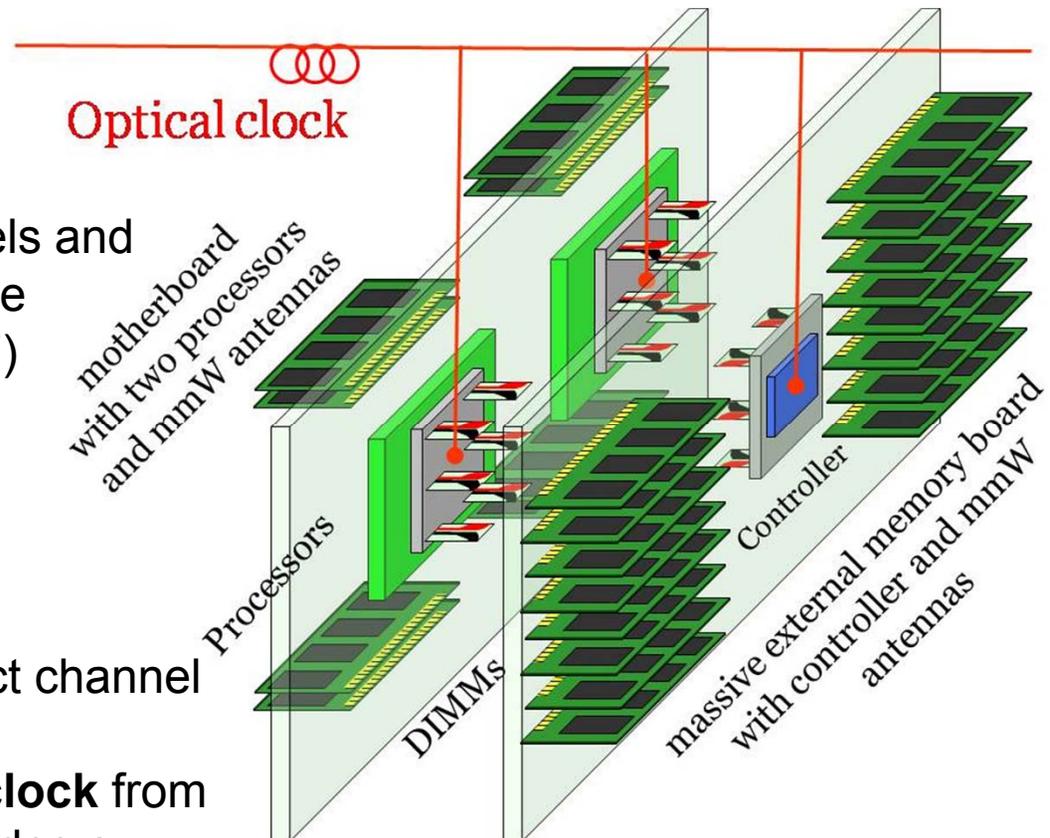
# Optically Assisted MM-Wave Memory Access

## Terabit interconnects without backplane

More memory interconnect channels and faster memory DIMMs can enhance system performance. (Intel Core i7)

### Design Features:

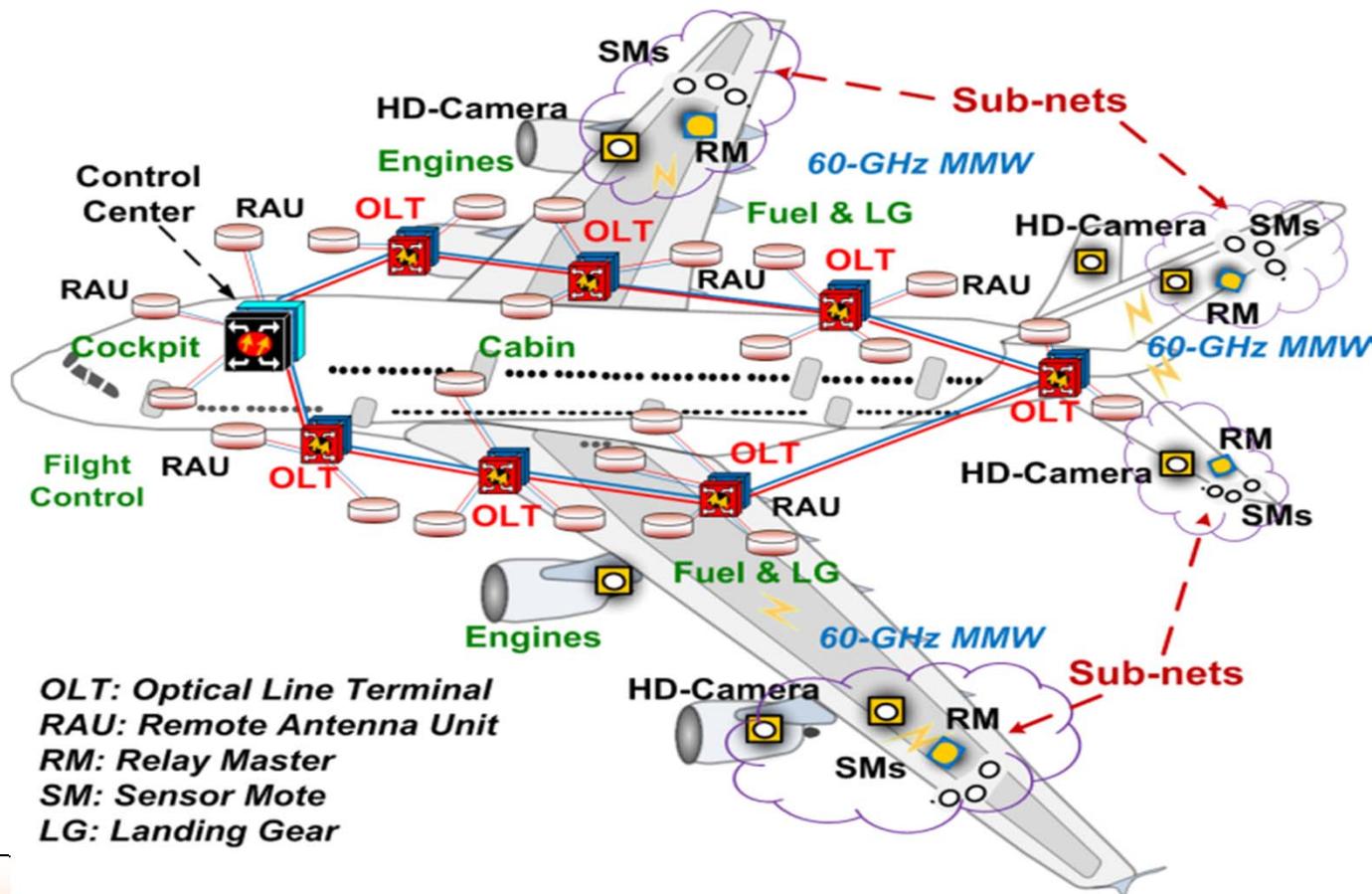
- 40-100Gbps wireless interconnect channel
- 90~65nm CMOS
- A **centrally distributed optical clock** from an off-board modulated laser provides a correlated, self tracking local oscillator (LO). VCOs PLLs are not required.



DIMM: dual in-line memory module

# Avionic Millimeter-Wave over Fiber Sensor Communications Networks

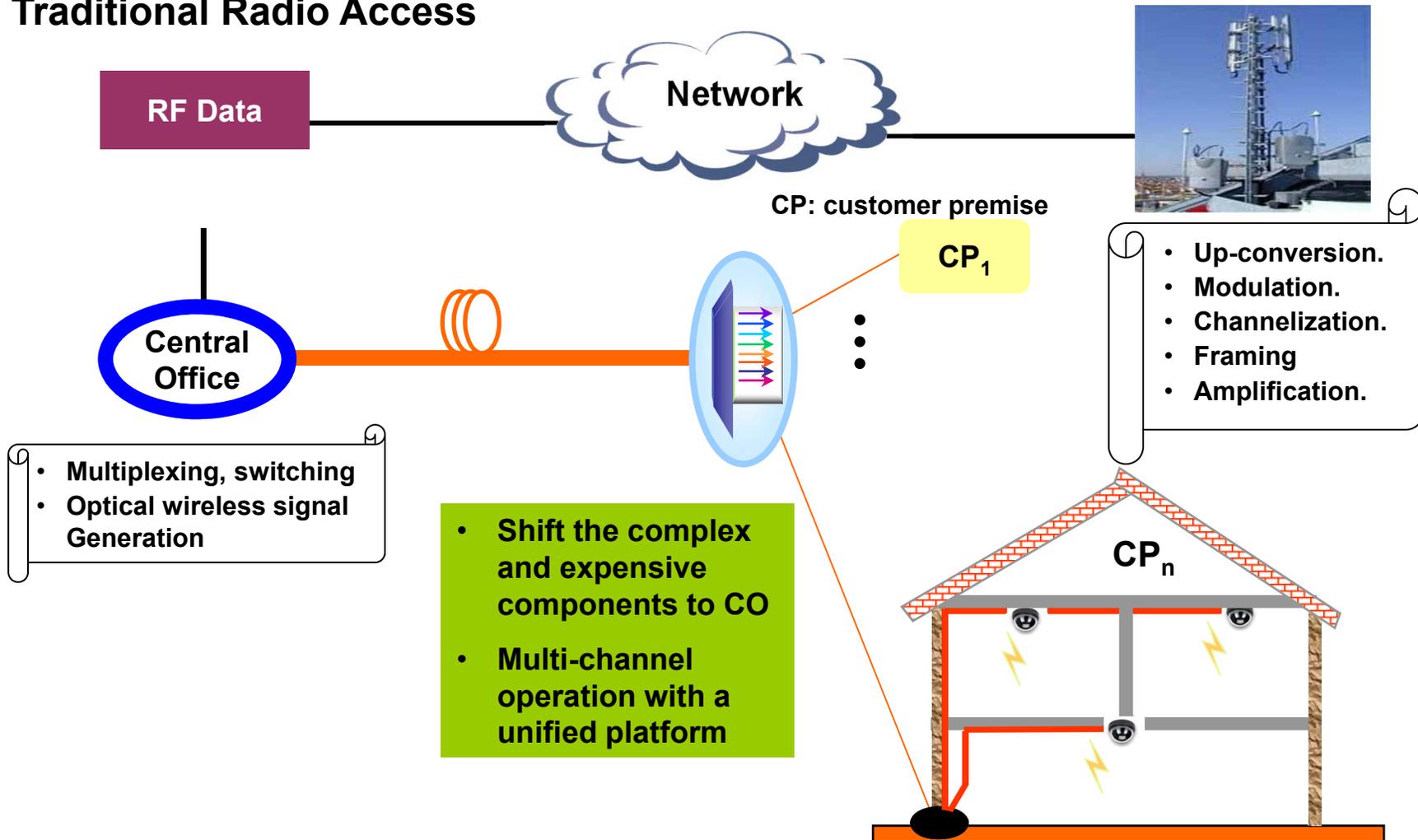
- Minimize interference with RF control and command systems
- Secure and less vulnerable to E-M wave attacks
- Super high bandwidth:  $\geq 10$  Gb/s wireless channels
- Frequency reuse and directional link for deterministic sensor communications





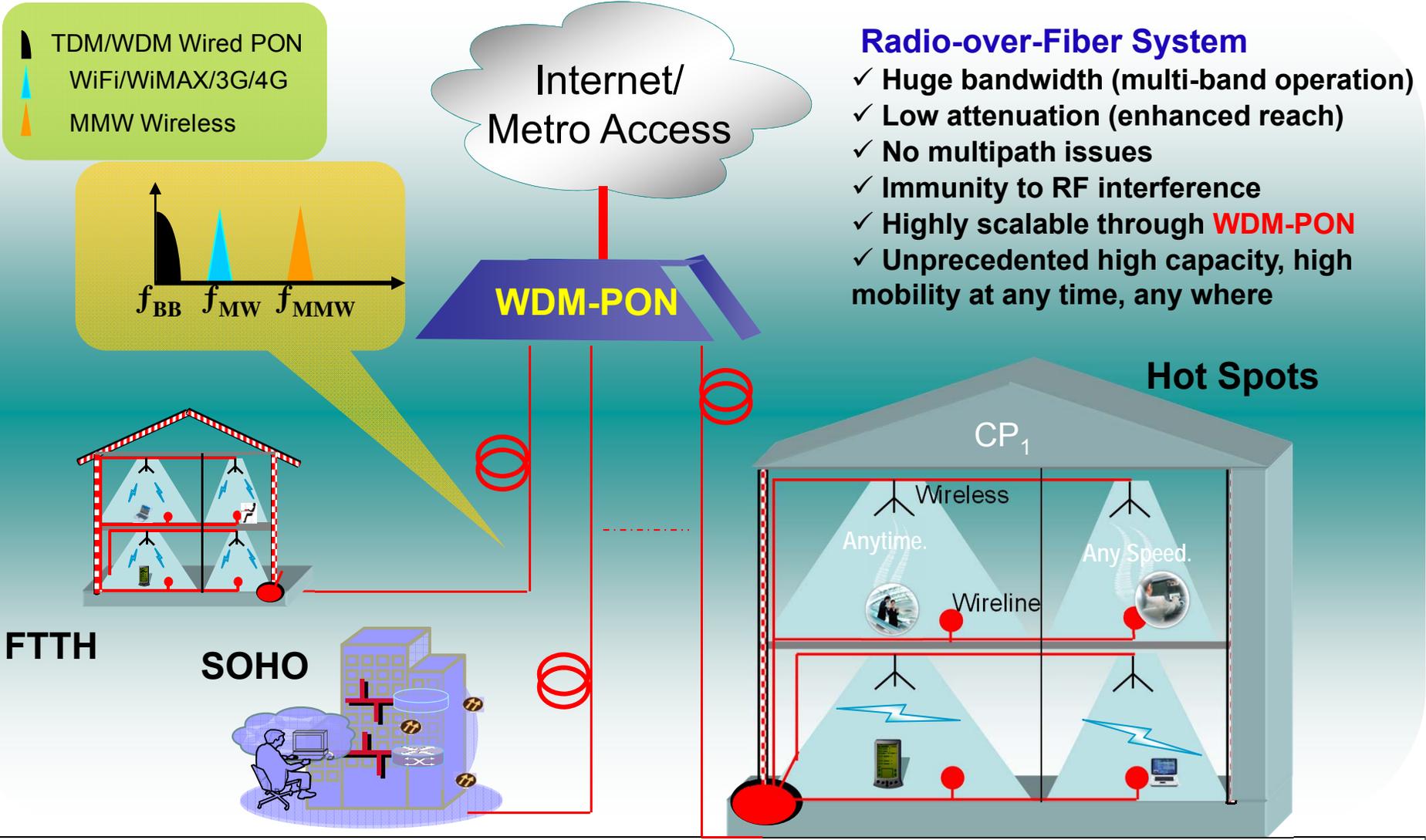
# Impact of Radio over Fiber on Wireless Networking Architectures

## Traditional Radio Access



# Radio-over-Fiber Wireless Access Network

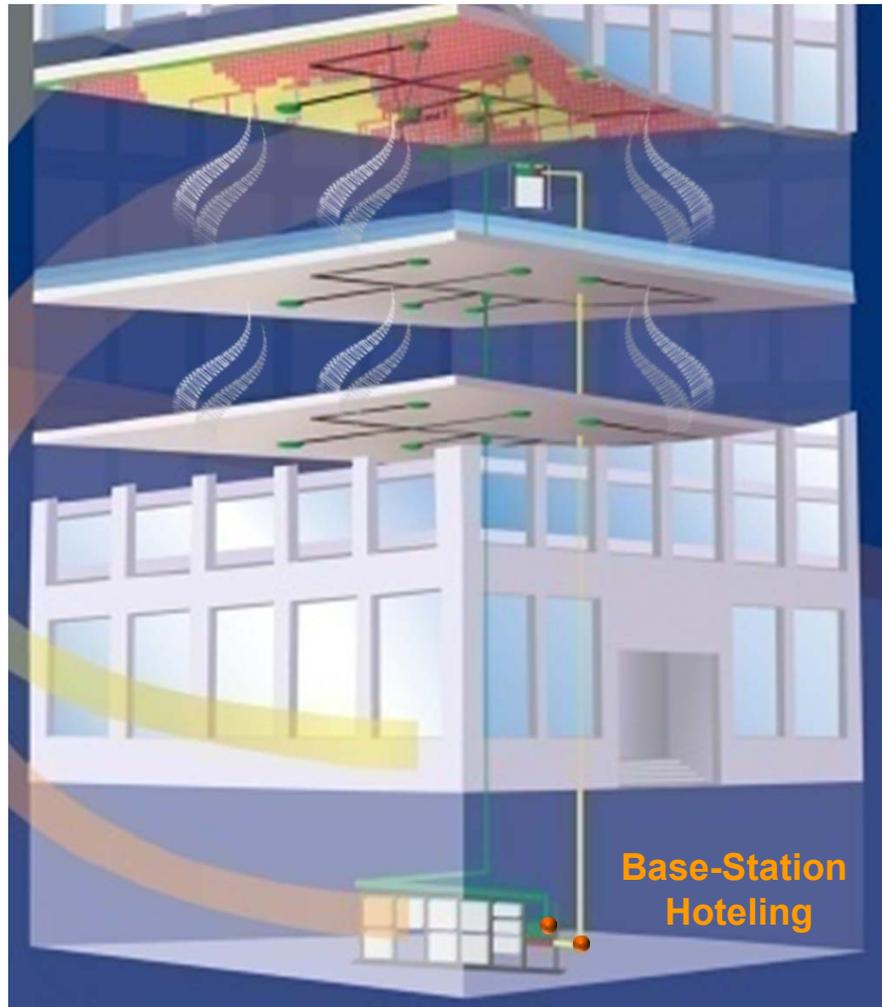
## Combining the Best of Both Worlds: Fiber and Wireless



### Radio-over-Fiber System

- ✓ Huge bandwidth (multi-band operation)
- ✓ Low attenuation (enhanced reach)
- ✓ No multipath issues
- ✓ Immunity to RF interference
- ✓ Highly scalable through **WDM-PON**
- ✓ Unprecedented high capacity, high mobility at any time, any where

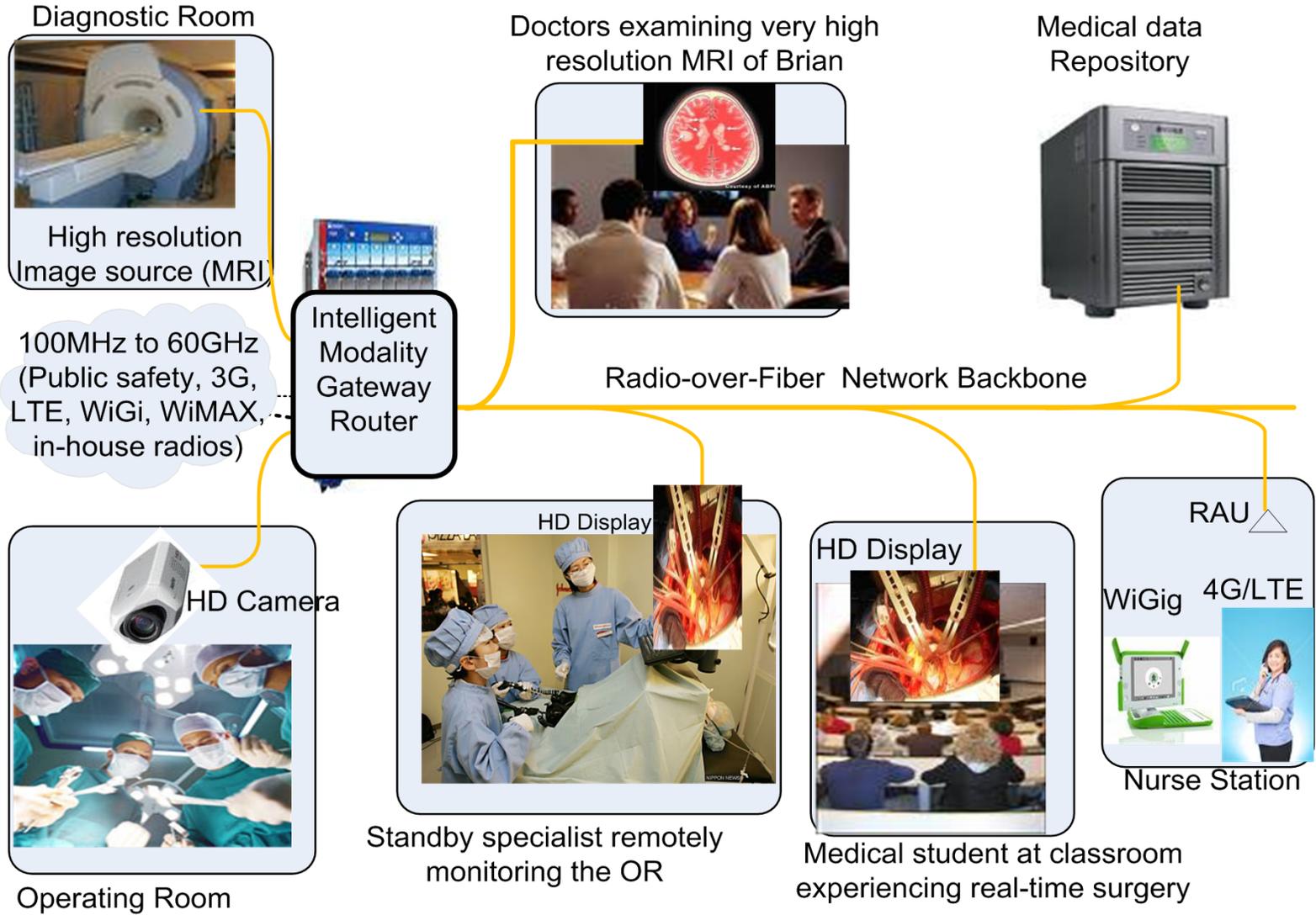
# Wideband Optically Distributed Antenna System for In-building Multi-gigabit Wireless Networks



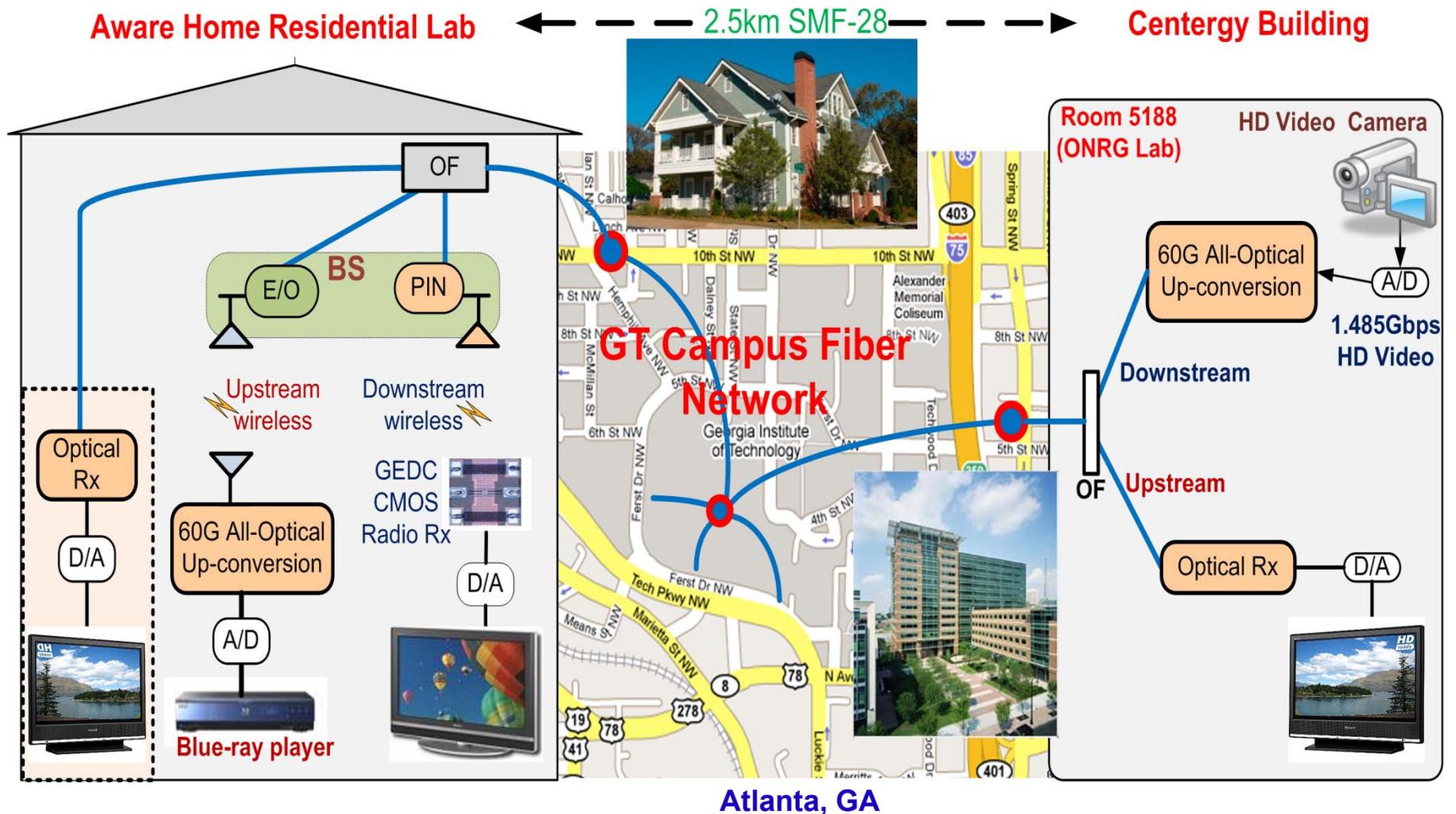
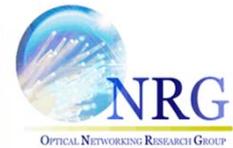
70~80 % of mobile phone calls originate inside of buildings, and full coverage is critical to data services revenue growth \$2B market in 2008, exceeding \$15B by 2013 (*source: ABI Research*)

- **Multiple base stations located in the basement are connected to antennas via optical fibers**
- **Antennas are distributed throughout the building to provide full coverage without dead spots**
- **All connections are transparent to the service provider. The standard wireless protocols handle all call management.**

# Broadband e-Health Services: Converged Optical and Wireless Access Network



# Emerging Internet Access Demonstration: Georgia Tech VHT Wireless over Fiber Access Network

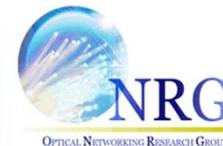


# Converged Broadband Access Networks --- a New Frontier of Optical Communications



- Convergence of broadband wireless over fiber network architecture creates new wave of communications
- Very high throughput, low latency, HD-video and data applications are emerging for next generation converged optical and wireless access networks.
- Design and manufacturability of low-cost, optical, RF, and electronic components and systems for the converged access networks are needed urgently.
- The time is right for RF and photonics industry to harness revenues from emerging RF, millimeter-wave photonics technologies.

# Celebration of 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dept. of Physics and Astronomy, UCR



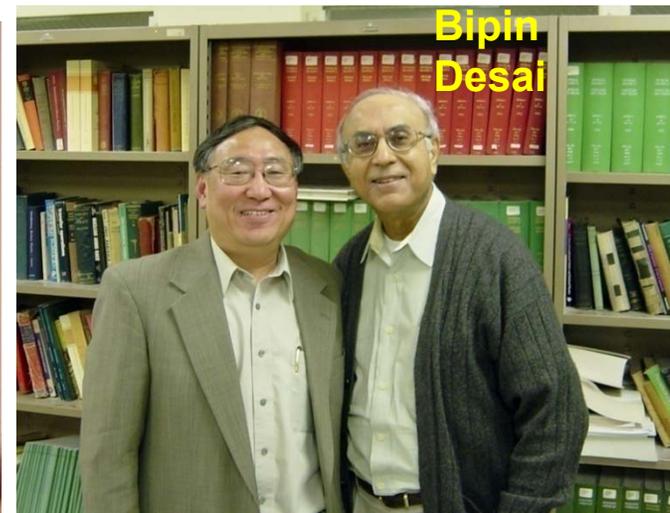
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Steve White

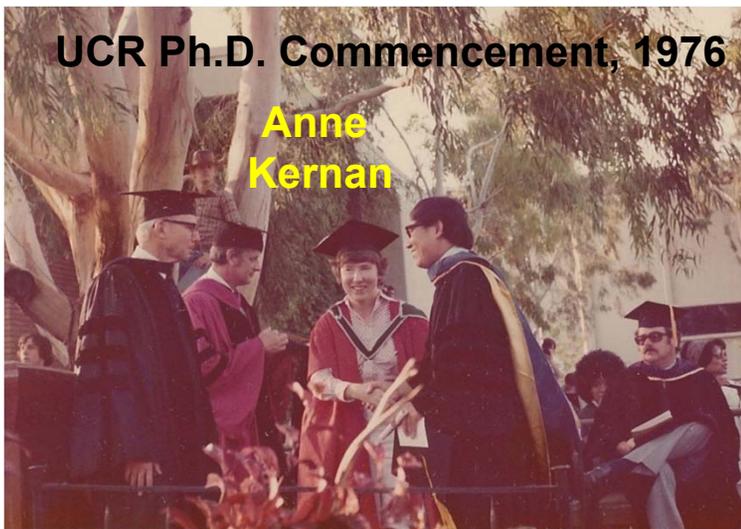


Bipin Desai

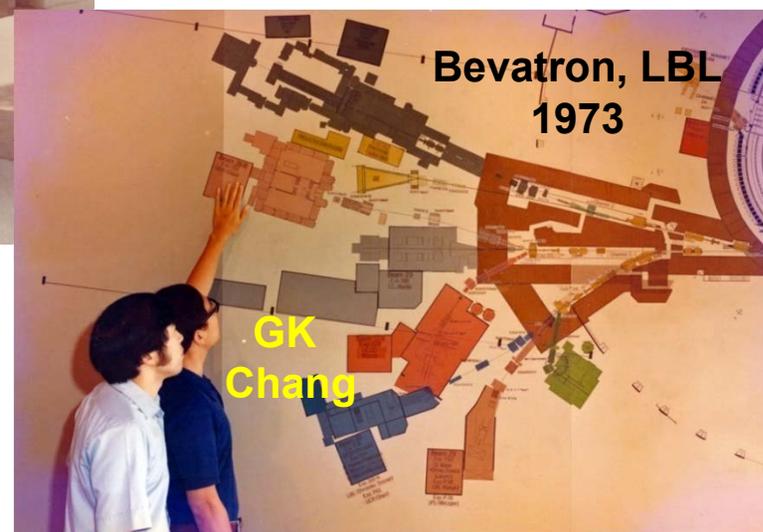


UCR Ph.D. Commencement, 1976

Anne Kernan



Bevatron, LBL  
1973



GK Chang

# Celebration of 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary , UCR Physics

Ph.D. degrees awarded in my group (now 14) at Georgia Tech



# New Frontiers for Physics



## The Nobel Prize in Physics 2000

- Zhores I. Alferov, Herbert Kroemer, **Jack S. Kilby**
- For advancements in high-speed semiconductor devices and integrated circuit (IC) technologies

## The Nobel Prize in Physics 2007

- Albert Fert, Peter Grünberg
- For their discovery of Giant Magnetoresistance phenomenon and revolutionized techniques for retrieving data from hard disks.

## The Nobel Prize in Physics 2009

- **Charles K. Kao**, Willard S. Boyle, George E. Smith
- For their contributions in **optical fiber communications** and charge coupled devices (CCDs) in display technologies