

Pump Laser: MicroSwiss Erfolgsgeschichte

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Oclaro Company Overview



- Founded in 1988, Headquarter in San Jose, CA
- Public, NASDAQ traded company
- Approx. 3000 employees
- Acquisitions-Mergers:
 - Marconi and Nortel optical components in 2002
 - Cierra Photonics and Ignis Optics in 2003
 - New Focus and Onetta in 2004
 - Avalon in 2006
 - Bookham rebranded as Oclaro on April 27, 2009, following its successful merger with Avanex Corporation
- Products & solutions for telecom and industrial&defense photonics
 - Telecommunications Optical Components
 - Advanced Photonics Solutions
 - High Power Laser Diodes, VCSELS, & Optomechanical Systems (NewFocus)

Global Presence and Flexible 24/7 Company OCCI



Fabs for Leading Chip-level Innovation

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Advanced Photonic Solutions Division



Advanced Optical Solutions for green applications

- High Power Laser Diodes for Industrial applications: Environmental-friendly manufacturing
- Low power / polarized VCSEL: Energy consumption in battery driven PC pointing devices
- RGB display & projection: Resource saving (printing)

Expansion of Portfolio

- Announced to acquire Spectra Physics High Power Laser Diode Business in exchange to New Focus
- Expected to form largest merchant supplier of high power laser diodes

High Power Laser Diode Bars

> Single Mode Single Emitters



Multi Mode Single Emitters



Photonics Tools and Filters



Lasers & Accessories



Optomechanics



Optoelectronics



Filters

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Employees: 170 Size: 116,585 sqft



Key Products

- High power 790 -1070nm multimode laser diode bars and single emitters
- 980 nm single mode pump laser diodes
- VCSELs

History

- Beginning: breakthrough in the reliability of 980nm pump laser diodes at IBM Zurich in 1987 using E2 facet passivation technology
- Today: Development and high volume manufacturing of high power laser diodes with highest brightness and reliability
- Owners:





980 Chip Development / Telecom





Market Drivers









MicroSwiss



- Technology leadership requires investment
 - Difficult in downturn... as well as in boom times
- Funding MicroSwiss PE48:
 - Funding of technology development
 - "Entwicklung der Prozess- und Montagetechnologie f
 ür Hochleistungs-Halbleiterdioden"
- Targeting alternative products & markets
 - Diode MM Pumps for Fiber laser & amplifier
 - Diode Bar Pumps for solid state laser pumping
 - Assembly process for efficient heat removal

High Power Laser Diode Markets



- Markets that we address
 - Materials Processing



Printing and Graphics Art



- Laser diode technology to enable
 - Fiber Lasers
 - Solid State Lasers (Rod&Disk)
 - Direct Diode Applications
 - Frequency Conversion

Medical / Analytical



Defense / Homeland Security



Components for Fiber Lasers





- 25W out of a 105µm fiber 0.15NA
 - Multiple single emitters inside
 - Prototypes with 40W and more
- 10W out of a 105µm fiber 0.15NA at 9xxnm
 - 14W out of 200µm fiber at 940nm
- 2W at 793nm out of a 105µm fiber
 - For Thulium pumping
- Up to 750mW telecom grade single-mode pumps
- 1W peak power wavelength stabilized seed
 1064nm and 1030nm wavelengths
- 80-100mW 1.5µm DFB seed

Most complete portfolio of active components for your Fiber Lasers

Components for Direct Diode Lasers











- 150W 200W Bar on Microchannel Cooler
 - Highest commercially available power
 - Wall plug efficiency up to 68%
 - 5 wavelengths available
- 80W VHB Bar on Microchannel Cooler
 - 3.2mm Aperture
 - 5 wavelengths available
- 80-100W Bar on passive Cooler
 - Fill Factor 20%- 30%
 - 4 wavelengths available
- Polarization & wavelength combiners
 - Wavelength combiner non-polarizing
 - High transmission

Widest portfolio of components to build your Direct Diode System

Components for DPSS Lasers













- Linear arrays at 808nm
 - 4 and 6 bar arrays readily available
 - Up to 12bars custom solutions
- 100W 50%FF Bar on Microchannel Cooler
 - 79x, 808nm
 - Highest commercially available power
- 60W 30%FF Bar on Passive Cooler
 - Fill Factor 20%- 30%
 - 793, 808nm
- Multimode Single Emitters 808nm
 - 4W/7W Chip on Submount, C-Mount
 - 3W/6W out of a 105µm / 200µm fiber
- Multi-emitter 808nm Modules
 - 3W/6W out of a 105µm / 200µm fiber
 - Prototypes with 30W from a 200µm fiber

Printing – Medical/Analytical - Defense





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Analytical and medical

- 250mW 976nm CW SHG Pump for frequency conversion
- 1W pulsed 1064/1030nm Narrow Band FBG pumps
- 2W single emitters and 30W bars at 1470/15xxnm

Defense and homeland security

- 14/15xx nm multimode single emitters and bars
- Up to 100mW 1.5µm DFB Lasers

Graphics Art and Printing

- 2W 830nm 40µm fiber / 3W 940nm 50µm fiber MM Single Emitters
- 808nm Single and MM Lasers



Fiber Amplifier: 1060 Seed & MM Pump



- Many ,fiber lasers' are based on a master laser diode and a fiber amplifier
 - Lower cost
 - More freedom to define spectrum
 - Ease of modulation

Pump Development





- Continuous improvement of maximum power and conversion
 efficiency at Pmax
- BASE 05:
 - ex-facet power of 20 W at I_{op} = 22 A, T_{hs} = 25°C
 - WPE_{max}= 63%, WPE_{20W} = 50%

Roadmap





- Scalability in wavelength range 780-1100nm and 1.3-1.6um
 - 808nm: >10W CW with high optical robustness
 - 1500nm: >2.5W with good temperature stability
- Direct diode or Thulium fiber laser
 - Eye-safe material processing





- Constant Radiance: it's not possible to increase radiance by combining radiation of several uncorrelated but otherwise identical sources
- Consequences:
 - Engineering to maximize efficiency from electrode to work piece:
 Brightness, coupling efficiency, wallplug efficiency and cost
 - Maximise fiber coupled power prior to fiber combining





- Brightness increase in fiber by multiplexing
 - Geometrical (multiple emitter): >10x
 - Polarization multiplexing: 2x
 - (Dense) wavelength multiplexing: >2x

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10W 105um MM Uncooled Module

• Module

- Improved chip with 90um stripe
- Hermetic 2-pin TO-258 package
- 0.15NA or 0.22NA 105um fiber
- Floating anode/cathode

Electro-Optical

- Power: 10W @ <12A
- Wavelength: 915, 940, 960, 975nm
- Slope Eff.: 1W/A
- Wallplug Eff: 48%
- Op. Temp: 15 to 60°C

• Reliability

- More than 3000h chip and module lifetest data available
 - Failure Rate: <5kFIT



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25W 105µm Multi-Emitter MM Module

• Module

- 3 single emitters inside
- 2-pin package
- 0.15NA or 0.22NA in 105µm fiber
- Floating anode/cathode
- Hermetically sealed
- Additional functionality: 1060nm blocking filter included

Electro-Optical

- Power: 25W
- Current: 11A
- Wavelengths: 915, 940, 960, 975nm
- 1064 isolation: >35dB





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High Power Laser Bars





4kW @ 30mm mrad (600um 0.1 NA)

Next Gen (G3) 808 nm Bars



BAC60C-808-02: 50% FF, 1.2 mm cavity Next generation 50% FF bar: 1.8 mm cavity

BPC40C-808-01: 30% FF, 1.2 mm cavity Next generation 30% FF bar: 1.8 mm cavity



- High Fill-Factor Design (50%)
 - 59% PCE at 110W, 58% at 140W
 - 160W power for 150A drive current



- Low Fill-Factor Design (30%)
 - 59% PCE at 80W, 56% for 91W
 - 91W power for 90A drive current

Industry leading efficiency, power and reliability

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- Optimized conversion efficiency
 - 2.4mm cavity length
 - 68% PCE for 120W output power
 - 280W peak power, limited by roll-over
- Reliability test at 230A/220W
 - Hard pulsed test condition (0-230A)
 - Degradation rates <1% per 1000h

	PCE	Light	Heat
Laser Diode	68%	120W	56W
Bulb Lamp	5%	120W	2280W

9xx Power Scaling





- Design for maximum power
 - 66% at 200W
 - 60% at 300W
 - Low smile: <2um
- => First 200W commercial product



- Reduced aperture for high brightness
 - PCE: 66% at 80W
- Peak output power 120W
 - Low smile: <1um
- => equivalent of 300W full size bar
- => Wavelength extension (1020, 1060) enabling further power scaling in WL multiplexed Direct-Diode Systems

14/15xxnm 30W BAC Prototype









P-I and noise curves of SHG pump:

Mechanical

- Cooled Butterfly package
- Polarization maintaining fiber

976nm Narrow Band SHG Pump

- Narrow band FBG

Application

 Second Harmonic Generation (SHG) Pump (e.g. blue lasers)

• Performance

- typ. 300mW - Power:
- 976nm - Wavelength:
- <100 pm – Bandwidth:
- Noise:

<0.25% RMS (100-250mW)



Optical power ex-fiber

350

300

250-

200

150 100

50





RMS Noise (%)

0.3

0.2

0.1

0.0

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1060nm / 1070nm Module without FBG

- Mechanical
 - Cooled Butterfly package
 - Polarization maintaining fiber
- Application
 - 10xxnm Module for Pulsed Fiber Laser Applications
- Electro-Optical
 - CW Power: 400mW
 - CW Currently: <750mA
 - Wavelength: 1060nm or 1070nm
 - Efficiency: >55%

• Reliability

- Qualified for industrial applications
- Pulsed data:
 - up to 5A 200ns PI
 - 10000hrs lifetest up to 2A 200ns and 4000hrs up to 3.5A 200ns available







1064nm Module with Broadband FBG







- Cooled butterfly package
- Polarization maintaining fiber
- Short distance broadband FBG (<20cm FBG to lens distance)
- Application
 - Pulsed Fiber Laser Applications
- Target Pulse Performance
 - Peak Power: 1W @ <2A
 - Pulse: 5-100ns; <500kHz
 - Wavelength: 1064nm
 - Spectral Width: 0.9nm (<2nm) (pulsed)
- Reliability
 - Qualified for Industrial Applications







10xx nm Module with Narrow Band FBG

NEN Device

- Cooled butterfly package with PM fiber
- Short distance narrow band FBG (<20cm FBG to lens distance)
- Application
 - Pulsed Frequency Conversion Applications

Pulse Performance

- Peak Power:
- 1W @ <2A at 1064nm 0.75W @ <1.5A at 1030nm
- Pulse: 5-100ns; <500kHz</p>
- Rise-time: <2ns
- Wavelength: 1030 or 1064nm
- Spectral Width: <0.3nm (pulsed)

• Reliability

- Qualified for Industrial Applications

Pulse performance of 1064 NB FBG



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Typical CW Spectrum of 1030nm Module with narrow band FBG





1.5µm DFB Module



NEW

• Device

- Cooled Butterfly package
- ITU grid wavelengths
- 80-100mW output power
- Application
 - Seed Laser Module for Eye Safe
 Pulsed Fiber Laser Applications

Electro-Optical

- CW Power: 80-100mW
- Wavelength: 1529 1605nm
- Linewidth: 0.3MHz
- RIN: <-150dB/Hz
- Isolation: >25dB







Summary



- High power laser diodes represent highly efficient light sources
- New and environmentally friendly applications enabled
- Roadmap for brightness >100W from 105um fiber
- Success story for technology funding



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