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VTT Microelectronics and Quantum Technologies -5G/6G Technologies for SNS JU

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VTT Microelectronics research examples for 5G/6G

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- Edge computing, AI/ML circuits
- Combined photonics & RF solutions for wideband applications eg. beam steering
- Massive MIMO antenna systems with integrated RF filters and front-end modules.
- Millimeter wave and THz technologies eg. D-band link reasearch and development
- Acoustic filter technologies for radio front end



E-band 128-element phased array transceiver



Integrated post-CMOS array of ferroelectrical transistors for analog inmemory computations



34 GHz MIMO radar prototype for long-range applications. Targets detecting human or small UAV approximately up to 0.5 -1.5 km distance & car from about 5 km's distance



Solidly mounted laterally coupled BAW filter – a monolithic acoustic thin film filter.



Silicon photonics chip

VTT Microelectronics research infra for 5G/6G

- 5G/6G test network and link
 - Testing of radio access and services
 - Satellite test link for W band
- Antennas and RF components testing
 - Anechoic rooms,
 - Millimetre Wave Laboratory of Finland
- Fabrication
 - 2600 m² clean room (under extension)
 - MEMS
 - Integrated photonics
 - Post-CMOS integration
 - Superconducting quantum sensors and comp.
 - LTCC



Un-echoing antenna measurement room



Drones: 77 GHz FMCW radar in a drone.

Initiative 1: Optilink – Silicon photonics for 6G hardware

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3 µm SOI photonic platform







Call:

STREAM-B01-03: Communication Infrastructure Technologies and Devices (RIA)

Status

- Mature silicon photonics (SiPh) platform:
 - ultra-low loss (3-4 dB/m)
 - polarization independency
 - dense integration (1 m long waveguide fits into an area of < 1 cm²)
 - monolithic PDs and flip-chip integration of SOAs/lasers
 - High speed modulators and light sources provided by partner companies
- Demonstration of optical delay lines with a wide dynamic range of true time delay (TTD)
- Tools and expertise for co-simulation of RF and optics for hardware development

Proposal

- Develop energy-efficient <u>EO/OE conversion</u> in RF
- Realize optical <u>delay lines</u> with true time delay (TTD)
- Using SiPh platform in 6G compatible hardware development
 - Analog <u>Radio over fiber (ARoF)</u> and Optical <u>beam forming</u> network (OBFN)
 - OBFN with focus on new 6G RF communication band 7 15 GHz

Partners needed

- We are especially looking for
 - end users in the 6G
 - photonics/RF packaging expert
 - RF electronics chip manufacturer
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Initiative 2: 6G radio-based weather sensing

- HORIZON-JU-SNS-2024-STREAM-B-01-02: Wireless Communication Technologies and Signal Processing – Standardisation and Follow-up/PoCs
 - Sub-topic: joint communication and sensing (JCAS) and energy efficient radio solutions
- Propose: Hyperlocal weather sensing using 6G frequency OFDM radars or base stations used in radar-operating mode
 - Hardware and JCAS signal processing development
 mm-wave frequencies (~30-100 GHz)
 - periodogram processing

Recent work:

- MIMO radar development (34 to 60 GHz)
- SG parametrized OFDM JCAS simulator (National funded projects and IEEE publications [1])
- Analysis of radar weather sensing (weather radar parameters, periodogram processing, rain rate calculations)
- Consortium: looking for partners
 - VTT (radars and JCAS algorithms), telecom partners, operator partners, ...
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[1] I. Moilanen, T. Lintonen, M. Kiviranta, P. Sangi, J. Pyhtilä, and P. Pirinen, M. Juntti, "Ray Tracing Assisted Radar Detection in 6G," 2023 IEEE 98th Vehicular Technology Conference (VTC2023-Fall), Hong Kong, Hong Kong, 2023

Initiative 3: Validation and demonstration of key 6G candidate HW technologies for D band and above frequency bands

Call:

• STREAM-C-01-01: SNS Microelectronics Lighthouse

Status

- D band link (130-175 GHz) with beam steering functionality is realized (including original RF chipset, antennas and integration technology)
 - H2020 DREAM & DRAGON projects as background
- Understanding what should be improved on bases of the D band link testing
- Micromachining technology for RF waveguides is developed. The technology is ready to be used as integration technology for radio systems up to 300 GHz and above.

Proposal

- Push the disruptive <u>D band technologies to higher TRL levels</u>
- Utilize the developed micromachining technology into a complete THz communication demonstrator,

Partner needed

 Partners with relevant competences especially key European industrial supply side players

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Laboratory link setup.



Flip-chipped CPW line on Si.



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