MASSTART - Mass Manufacturing of Transceivers for Terabit/s Era

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How to enable mass-manufacturing of datacom photonics products?

- Automated manufacturing
- Optical transceivers transfer rates > 1Tb/s
- Competitive costs according to the interconnection distance

- Proven designs
- Chip manufacturing (photonic/electronic)
- Integration & Packaging
- Testing
- Demonstration in a real environment
- Standardisation
- PIC-based optical transceivers with transfer rates above 1Tb/s enabling massive deployment in datacenter environments (<1€/Gb/s between racks and <0.1€/Gb/s inside racks)</p>

Ecosystem and improved cross fertilisation between photonics and other technology areas

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MASSTART surpasses the cost metric threshold by using enhanced and scalable techniques

- Glass interface based laser/PIC and fiber/PIC coupling approaches, leveraging glass waveguide technology to obtain spot size and pitch converters in order to dramatically increase optical I/O density, while facilitating automated assembly processes,
- 3D packaging (TSV) enabling backside connection of the high speed PIC to a Si carrier,
- A new generation of flip chip bonders with enhanced placement in a complete assembly line compatible with Industry 4.0 which will guarantee an x6 improvement in throughput and
- Wafer-level evaluation of assembled circuits with novel tools that will reduce the characterization time by a factor of 10, down to 1 minute per device.
 - 4-channel PSM4 module in QSFP-DD format with 400G aggregate bit rate,
 - 8-channel WDM module in a QSFP-DD format with 800G aggregate bit rate,
 - 16-channel WDM on-board module delivering 1.6Tb/s aggregate line rate,
 - A tunable single-wavelength coherent transceiver with 600Gb/s capacity following the DP-64QAM modulation format on 64Gbaud/s line rate.

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