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Murata/Resonant, Skyworks, Qualcomm, Taiyo Yuden, Samsung Electro-Mechanics, ROFS Microsystem, Akoustis, Qorvo, Kyocera, Wisol, and Chinese IP newcomers: MEMSonics, EpicMEMS,

Main patent assignees for Sc doping and for AlScN growth

IP dynamics and current legal status of patents

StarShine, Sanan IC, Sappland Microelectronics

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SCOPE OF THE REPORT

- This report provides a detailed picture of the patent landscape for **RF acoustic wave filters** (SAW, TC-SAW, BAW, FBAR, SMR, LBAW, XBAR, etc.), from **materials** and **devices** to **RF circuit/architecture (multiplexers)** and **RF front-end modules** using them. This report is an update of the previous report published in 2019.
- This report covers **patents published worldwide** up to **July 2023**. We have selected and analyzed more than **26,900+ patents and patent applications** grouped in more than **11,300+ patent families** relevant to the scope of this report.
- The patent search strategy has been implemented by using advanced search equations in the patent database and by a cautious patent selection, that has been performed by the analyst, in order to get the most out of the corpus.

Patents related to SAW, BAW, etc. for sensor applications

	Selected patents			
Example	Relevant	Related	Excluded	
Patents related to SAW, BAW, FBAR, SMR, XBAR, LBAW for mobile applications	Х			
Patents related to multiplexers, diplexers, duplexers using acoustic wave filters	X			
Patents related to materials and substrate for acoustic wave filter applications	X			
Patents related to RF front-end module claiming the use of acoustic wave filters		Х		
Patents related to acoustic wave filters for other applications (defense, automotive, medical, etc.)			Х	
Patents related to non acoustic RF filter (LC, microstrip, etc.)			Х	





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METHODOLOGY

Methodology for patent search, selection and analysis

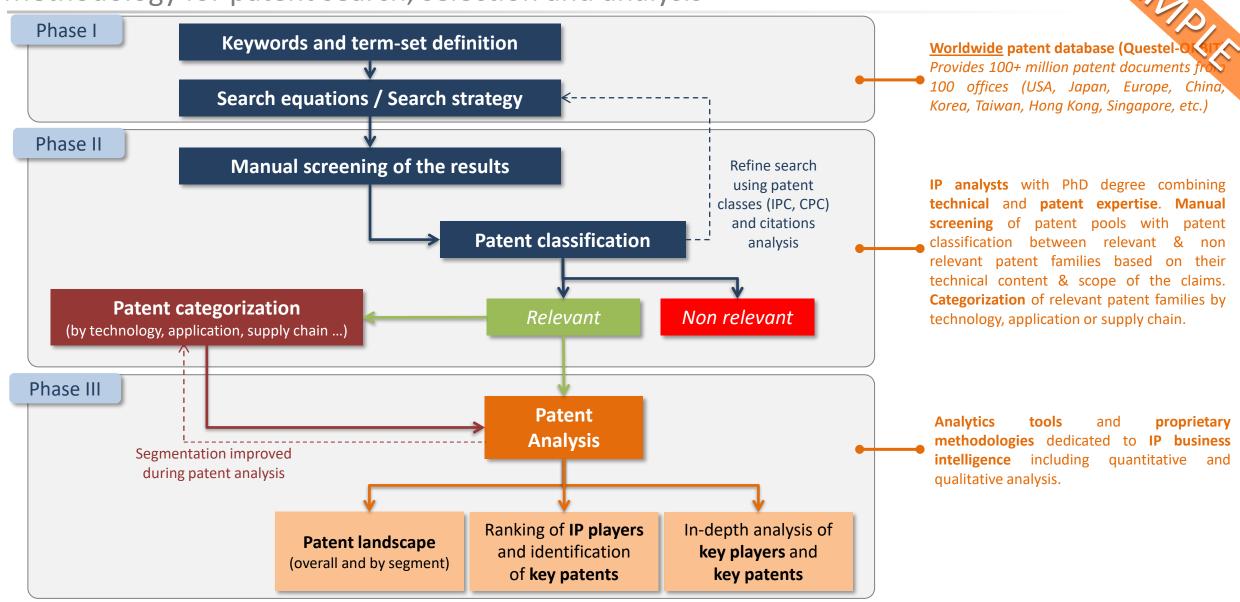
- The data are extracted from the **FamPat worldwide patent database** (Questel-ORBIT) which provides 100+ million patent document from 100 patent offices (USA, Japan, Europe, China, Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, etc.)
- The search for patents was completed in **July 2023**, hence patents published after this date are not available in this report.
- Both the selection of relevant patents and their categorization into technologies and/or applications are manually performed using keywords and patent classes (IPC, CPC), combined with manual analysis of each patent title, abstract, descriptions, illustrations and claims in conjunction with expert review of the subject-matter of the inventions.
- Some patents held by different entities are grouped considering the M&A history.
- The patents are grouped in **patent families**. A patent family is a set of patent applications filed in multiple countries to protect a single invention by a common inventor(s). A first patent application is filed in one country the priority country and is then extended to other countries.
- Data analysis is performed using the Questel Orbit IP Business Intelligence analytics platform combined with Excel-based data processing and will be supplemented by expert analysis.

We have selected and analyzed more than 11,300 patent families (inventions) relevant to the scope of this report



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WHY STUDY THE PATENT LANDSCAPE

SAM

Understanding the competitive landscape and technology developments from a patent perspective

- **Key IP players** (key patents, IP strategy, technology roadmap)
- Newcomers (technologies and markets of interest)
- Technology trends & Emerging technologies
- Benchmark patent portfolios (competitors' strength & weakness)
- Key patents (blocking, valuable)
- Key technical solutions
- Risks (patent infringement, new entrants, etc.)
- Opportunities (partnership, technology acquisition, licensing, etc.)



Perfectly complement market research

Give another point of view of the competitors, technologies and markets

Links between patents and

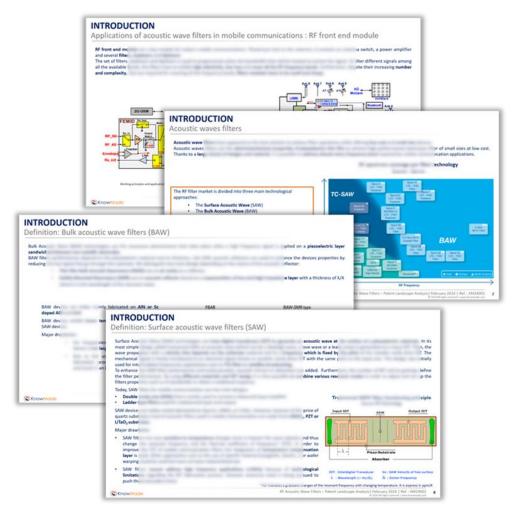
- Key market players
- Supply chain
- Technology Readiness Levels (TRL)
- Market product
- Emerging technologies/applications
- Forecast



INTRODUCTION

Context and objectives of the report

Acoustic wave filters: definitions and applications in mobile communications



Where did we stand in 2019?

(main results from our previous IP report)

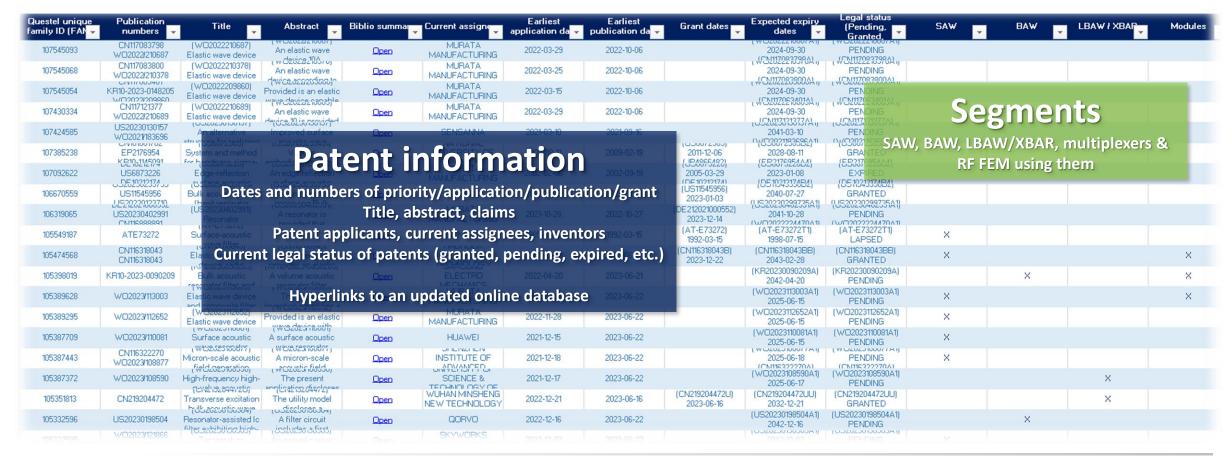




Excel file with all patents analyzed in the report

Useful patent database allows multi-criteria searches

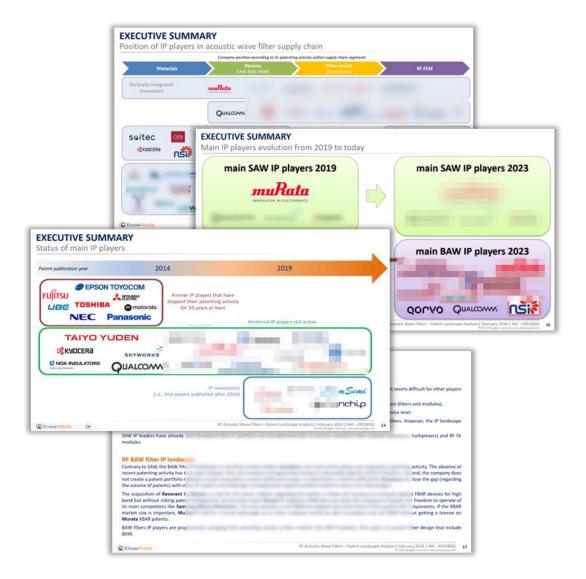
With the present report is provided an extensive Excel database with the 11,300+ patent families (inventions) analyzed in this study. The useful patent database allows for multicriteria searches and includes patent publication numbers, hyperlinks to an updated online database (original documents, legal status, etc.), priority date, title, abstract, patent assignees, patent's current legal status, and segments (SAW, BAW, LBAW/XBAR, multiplexers & RF FEM using them).



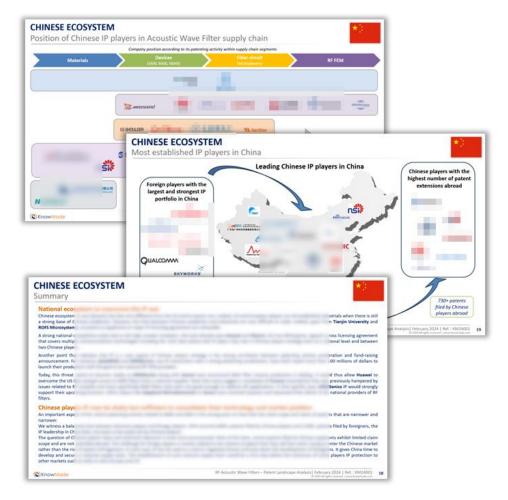


Executive summary

Take away messages, IP leaders, IP activities, IP competition



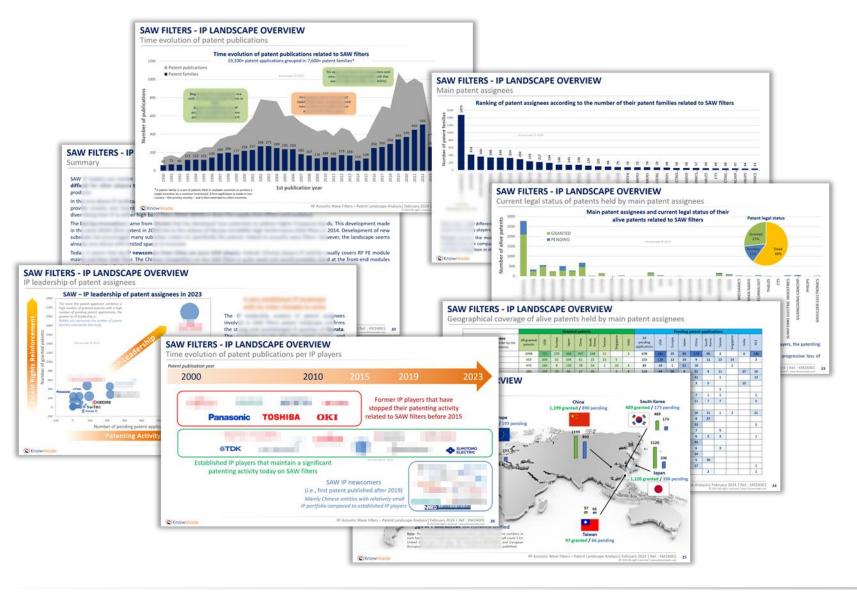
China ecosystem





SAW filters - Patent landscape overview

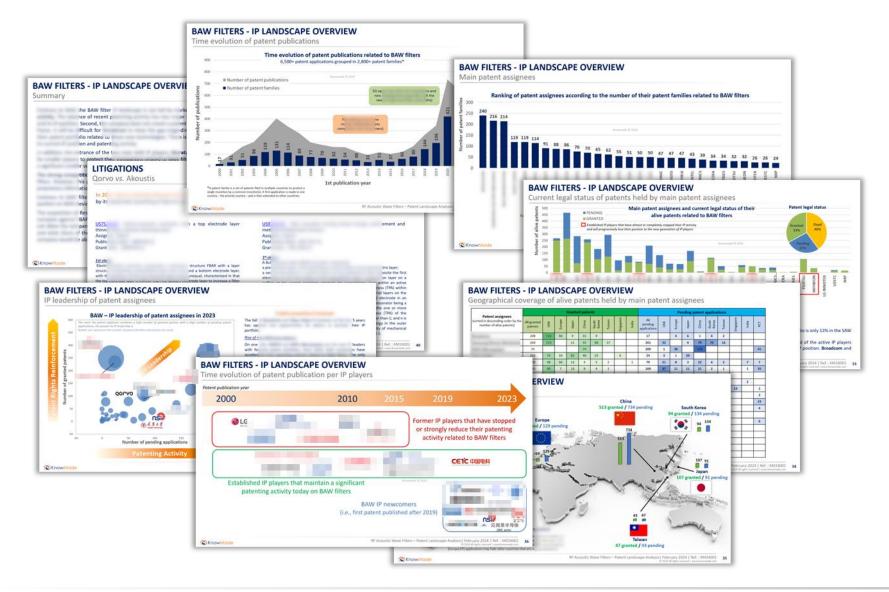
General trends, key patent assignees and newcomers





BAW filters - Patent landscape overview

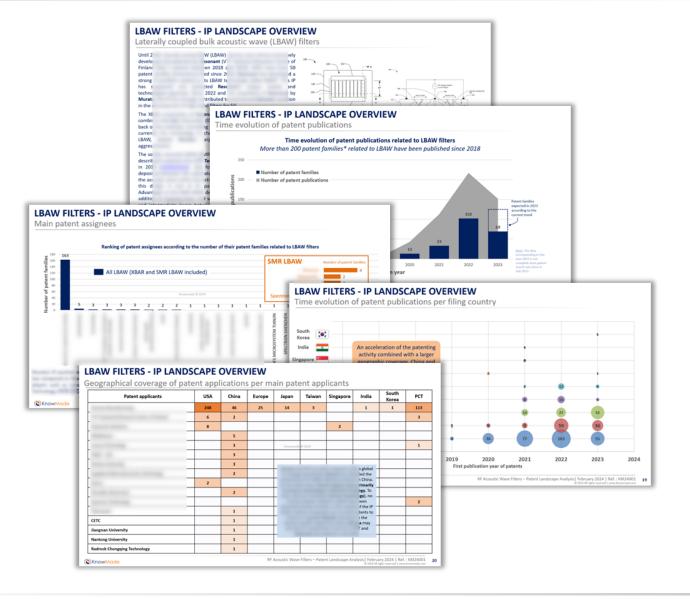
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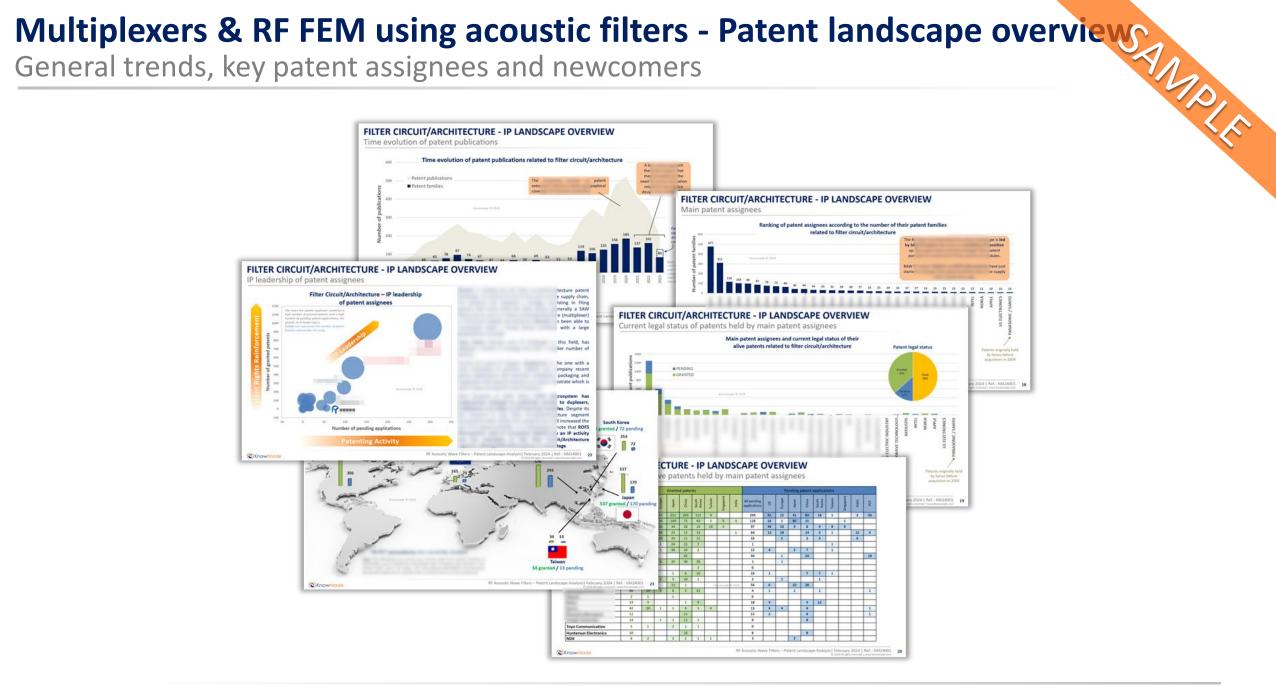


LBAW/XBAR filters - Patent landscape overview

General trends, key patent assignees and newcomers





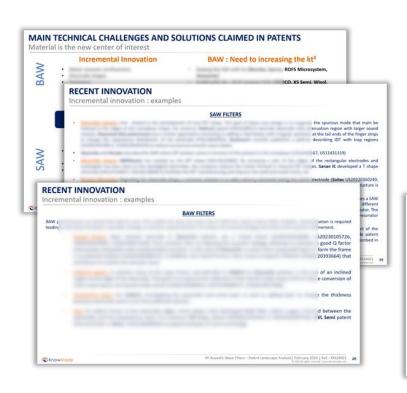




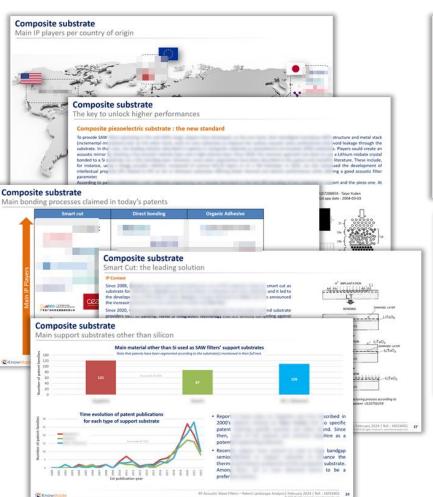
Recent key innovations

Technical solutions claimed in patents, examples of innovations for SAW and BAW

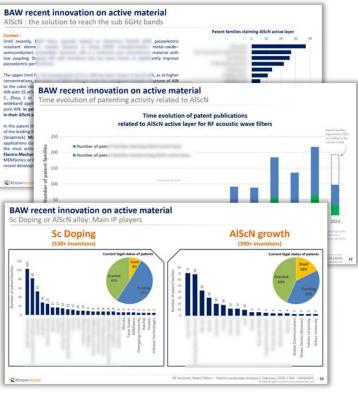




Composite substrate



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IP profile of key players

IP portfolio summary, IP strategy, key patents and recent IP activity

A focus on the **key IP players** and **Chinese IP newcomers** is provided in a dedicated section. For each player, the patent portfolio related to **RF acoustic** filters is analyzed to provide an overview of its **level of IP activity**, **technological coverage**, **geographical coverage**, **strengths**, **potential for reinforcement**, and the patential of the coverage of th

recent patenting activity.























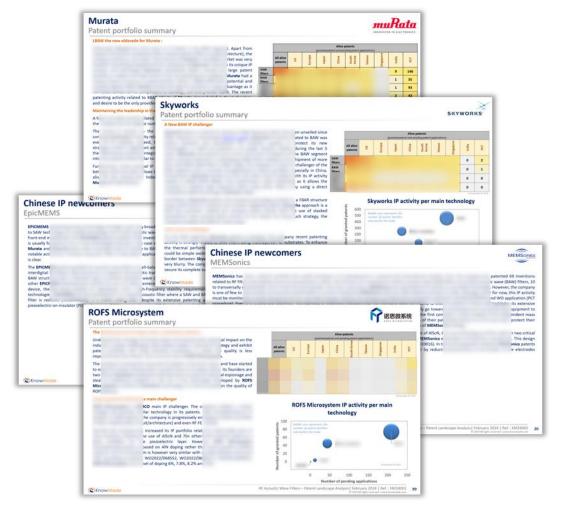












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Patent landscape Monitoring service Patent portfolio analysis Patent valuation

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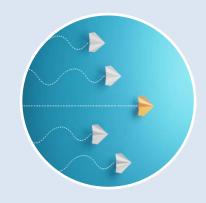
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- ➤ Identify competitors
- > Compare IP with market position
- > Evaluate the level of investment
- > Future products & target markets



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- > R&D activities
- > Technological roadmap
- > Position on the supply chain



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- Excel file with data.
- Access to the analyst.

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- > Patent landscape.
- Overview on IP dynamics, trends and players.
- Competitor, technology and strategy analysis.
- Benchmark of patent portfolios.
- Key IP players & key patents.

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- RF & Wireless datacom
- MEMS, Sensing & Imaging
- Photonics, Lighting & Display
- Memory
- Packaging

ENERGY

- Batteries
- > Fuel-cells
- Solar PV
- Power management



HEALTHCARE

- > Therapeutic tools
- Diagnostics and Theragnostics
- Medical devices and imaging
- Drug discovery and delivery

AGRI-FOOD

- Food processing & formulation
- Vegan food
- Next-gen packaging
- > Agriculture 4.0



SEMICONDUCTORS

Expertise

Semicon

Power electronics

- Wide bandgap semiconductors
- Power devices and IC
- Power modules
- Power applications





- > RF substrate & epiwafers
- > RF devices (SAW, BAW, PA/LNA, etc.), RFIC, MMIC
- > RF front-end module, RF packaging
- > MIMO, beamforming, carrier aggregation
- > 5G & 6G networks, Radar, mm-waves, microwaves, THz

MEMS, Sensing & Imaging

- MEMS sensors and actuators
- ➤ 3D imaging and sensing (ToF, CIS, thermal imaging, LiDAR, imaging Radar, event-based camera, etc.)
- ➤ AI/ML, sensor data fusion



SEMICONDUCTORS'

from materials and devices to circuits, packaging and modules/systems



Memory

- > SRAM, DRAM, flash
- ➢ 3D-stacked memories
- Emerging non-volatile memories (MRAM, PCM, RRAM, etc.)
- Embedded NVM

Photonics, Lighting & Display

- Optoelectronics & optical components (LED, OLED, laser, optical transceivers, waveguides, metasurfaces, etc.)
- ➤ Photonic crystal, photonic IC, silicon photonics
- > Optical communications, AR/VR, quantum



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Advanced packaging

- Fan-Out WLP/PLP, 2.5D/3D IC
- ➤ SiP, SoC, Chiplets
- > TSV, μbumps, interposer, interconnect bridge, hybrid bonding

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- Compound semiconductors
- Engineered substrates
- Epiwafers





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