

ECE 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year Information Session

# Area 1: Photonics

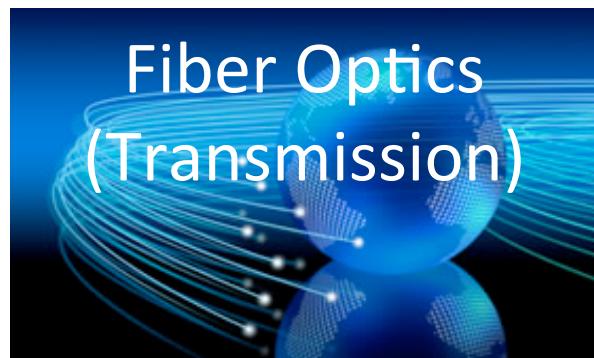
***“Photonics includes the generation, emission, transmission, modulation, signal processing, switching, amplification, and detection/sensing of light.”***

--Wikipedia

# Technologies



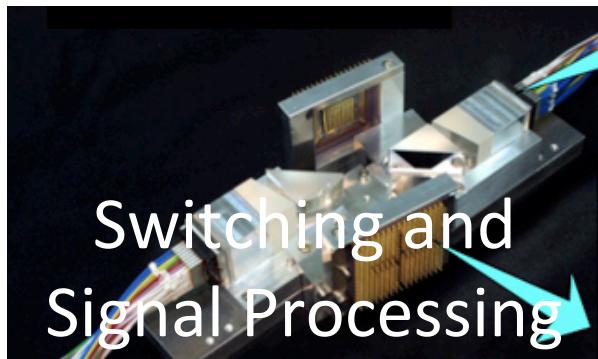
Lasers & LEDs  
(Generation)



Fiber Optics  
(Transmission)



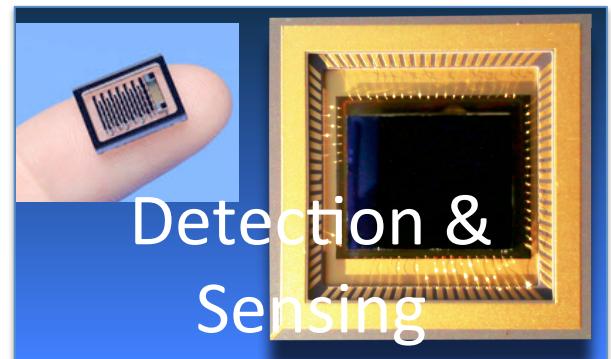
Modulators  
(Modulation)



Switching and  
Signal Processing

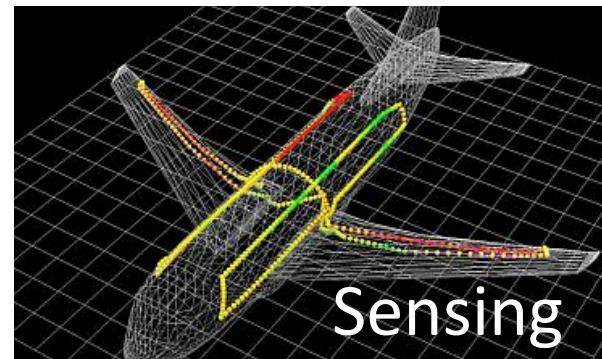
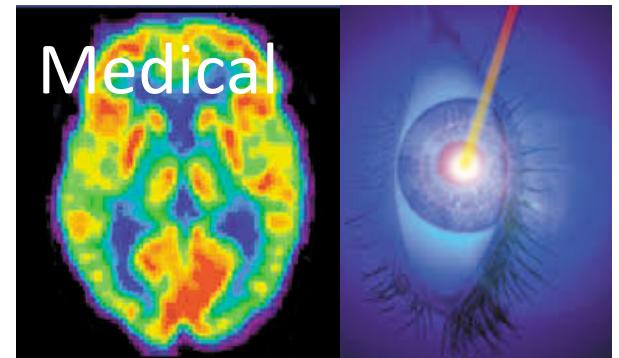


Light  
Amplification

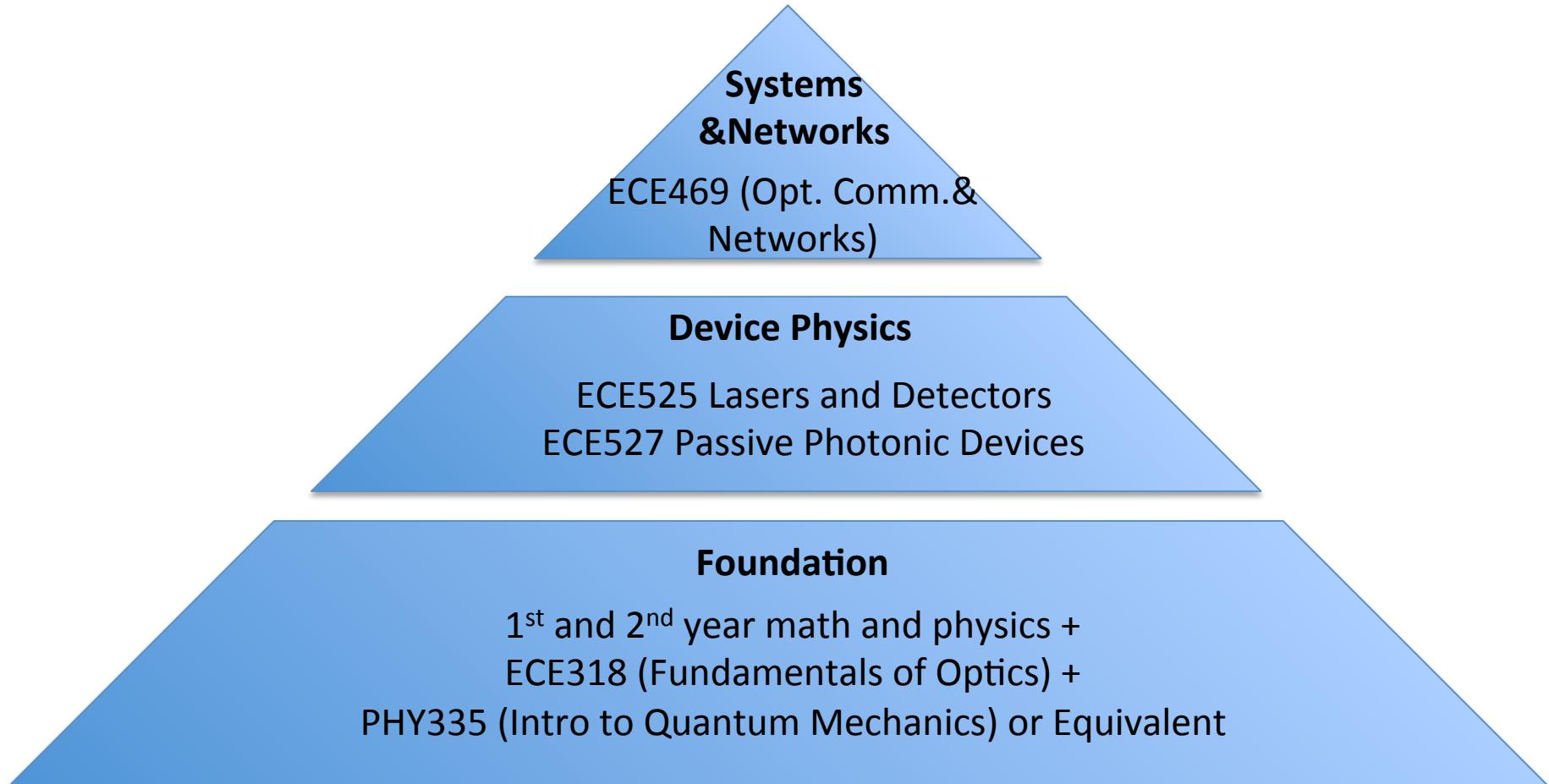


Detection &  
Sensing

# Applications

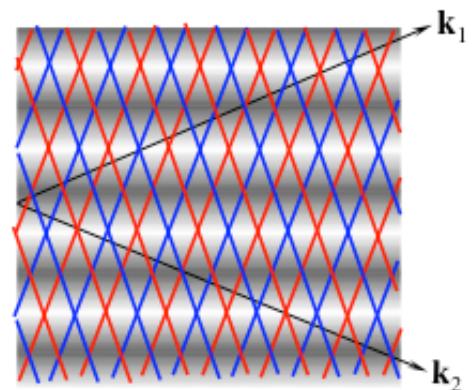


# Interested in Photonics?



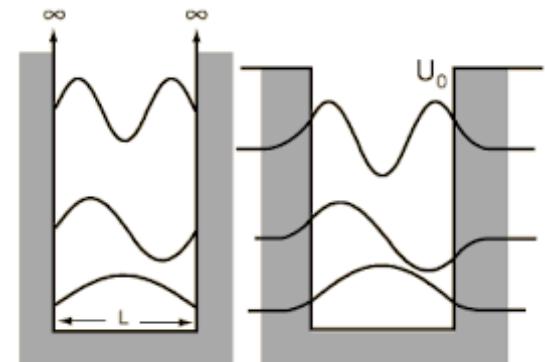
# ECE318 Fundamentals of Optics

- Geometric Optics
  - Optical imaging systems
- Wave Optics
  - Maxwell's wave equations
  - Reflection, refraction, and total internal reflection
  - Interference (optical resonators, filters)
  - Diffraction (+ optical signal processing)
- Polarization Optics
  - Birefringence, waveplates, rotators
- Light and Matter
  - Absorption
  - Refractive index
  - Laser basics



# PHY335 Intro to Quantum Mechanics

- Blackbody radiation & Planck theory
- Photoelectric effect & Compton scattering
- Wave-Particle duality: electrons & photons
- Bohr model of hydrogen atom
- Schrodinger equation & its interpretation
- Quantum confinement: 1D and 3D (Cartesian and spherical)
- Quantum harmonic oscillator
- Superposition states & time evolution
- Heisenberg uncertainty principle
- Angular momentum
- Exchange symmetry: Fermions vs. Bosons



# ECE527 Photonic Devices

- Electromagnetic plane waves
- Guided waves
- Optical devices
  - Modulators
  - Interferometers
  - Electrooptic devices
  - Electroabsorption



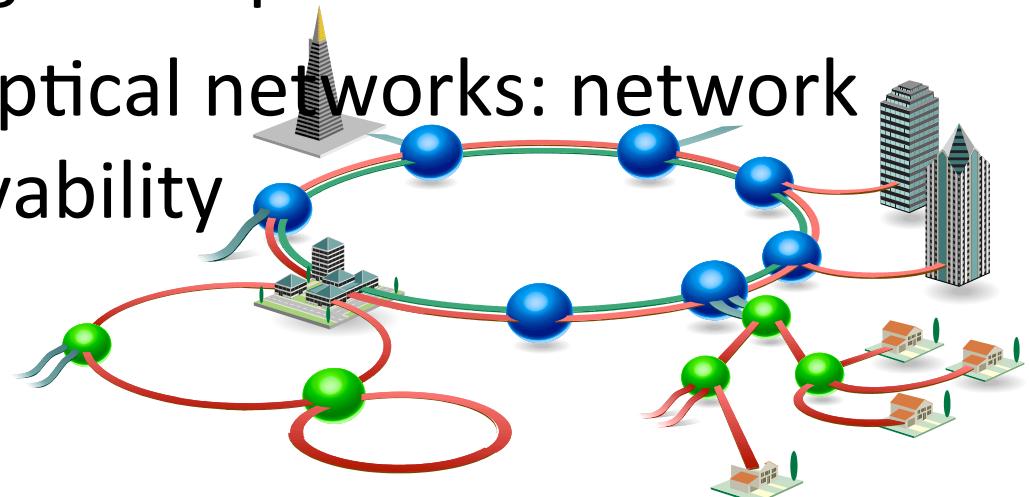
# ECE525 Lasers and Detectors

- Semi-classical light-matter interactions
- Quantum-mechanical light-matter interactions
- Lasers
  - Basics
  - Semiconductor lasers
- Detectors and Noise
- Various topics in research and industry

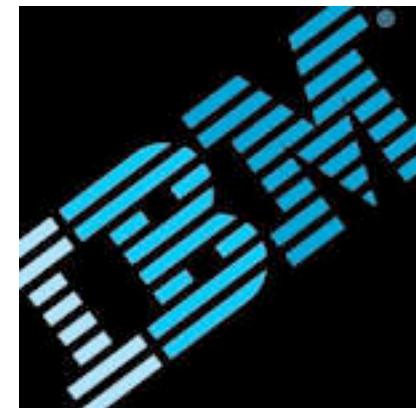


# ECE469 Optical Communication & Networks

- Basic principles of transmitting data using light: How does an optical link work?
- Functional introduction to components used in optical communications
- System level design for optical links
- Design tools for optical networks: network routing and survivability



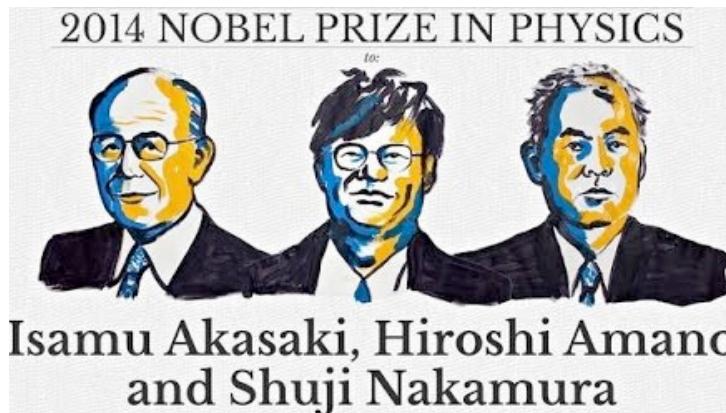
# Photonics Industry



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# Recent Nobel Prizes in Photonics



2014: Blue LED



Eric Betzig



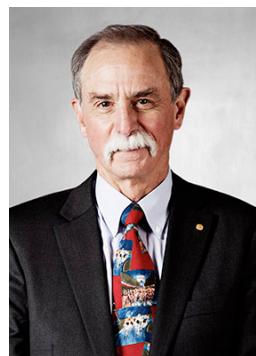
Stefan W. Hell



William E. Moerner

2014:  
Super-resolved  
Fluorescence  
Microscopy

# Recent Nobel Prizes in Photonics



Serge Haroche   David Wineland

2013: Quantum measurements  
(including quantum optics)



Charles Kao

2009: Fiber Optics



Willard Boyle



George Smith

2009: CCD imaging

# International Year of Light



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