



# The School of Optics/FPCE

Florida Photonics Center of Excellence

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# OPTICS AND PHOTONICS ARE ENABLING, PERVASIVE TECHNOLOGIES ...

## In the Home

- ◆ TV remote
- ◆ CD player
- ◆ CD ROM
- ◆ Motion sensor
- ◆ Smoke detector
- ◆ Light bulbs
- ◆ Etc.

## In the Economy

- ◆ Telecommunications
- ◆ Bar code scanners
- ◆ Surveying
- ◆ All sorts of manufacturing
- ◆ Crop dusting
- ◆ Entertainment
- ◆ Data storage (nano)
- ◆ Etc.

## In Bio-Medicine

- ◆ Tattoo removal
- ◆ Various types of surgery
- ◆ Vision correction
- ◆ Various diagnostics
- ◆ Cosmetic surgery
- ◆ Blood monitors
- ◆ Etc.

## In National Defense

- ◆ Night vision
- ◆ Reconnaissance systems
- ◆ Communications
- ◆ Range finders
- ◆ Designators
- ◆ Smart weapons
- ◆ Etc.



# The Florida Photonics Center of Excellence within the School of Optics

Imaging and Display, Nano-Photonics, Bio-Photonics  
Chosen as unique niche areas

- ◆ Focused excellence in research and graduate education chosen to serve industry cluster in the state - FPC
- ◆ Leverage limited state resources via partnerships with industry and government.
- ◆ Work with local, regional, and state EDO's to attract, retain, and grow tech-based, wealth-producing industry in Florida.
- ◆ Vision: Establish Florida as the national leader in photonics-based industries and industries enabled by photonics.



# Florida Optics Industry

## The Florida Photonics Cluster

### FPC

- ◆ 148 in Florida
- ◆ 16,000 Employees in Florida
- ◆ \$4 Billion in annual revenues

Source: FHTCC report 1999



## **FPCE establishes a larger home for local photonics industries**

Build nano-photonics fabrication facility (\$1.4M + \$5M equipment)

Serves as a resource center for university as well as a potential user facility for industry.

Hire chaired eminent scholars in nano, bio and 3D.



# Hiring Eminent Scholars

## Nano-Photonics, Bio-Photonics, & Imaging / Display (3D)

- ◆ Endowment + startup attract best
- ◆ They will attract others  
e.g. in collaboration with UCF's Biomolecular Sciences Center
- ◆ They will leverage \$ for funding research and funding students
- ◆ They will partner with Florida industry, transfer technology, . . .

Highly leverages \$ and ensures continuation of FPCE



# Proposed use of \$10,000,000 (yellow – FPCE: white – match)

◆ Infrastructure	\$4.6 M
◆ Competitive proposals to Universities	\$4.5M
◆ Commercialization and outreach	\$0.9M
◆ Infrastructure match	\$8.8 M
◆ Sponsored Research	\$10.2M
◆ Commercialization	\$3.9M

**Total \$10M + \$22.9 M**



# Accountability: IMPACT

- ◆ Patent and licensing
- ◆ New companies spun off
- ◆ External funding record (federal and industrial)
- ◆ Students and post docs recruited and supported
- ◆ Company partnerships
- ◆ Publication record
- ◆ Awards
- ◆ Faculty and Student Recognition
- ◆ Recruitment of outstanding faculty, post docs, and students.

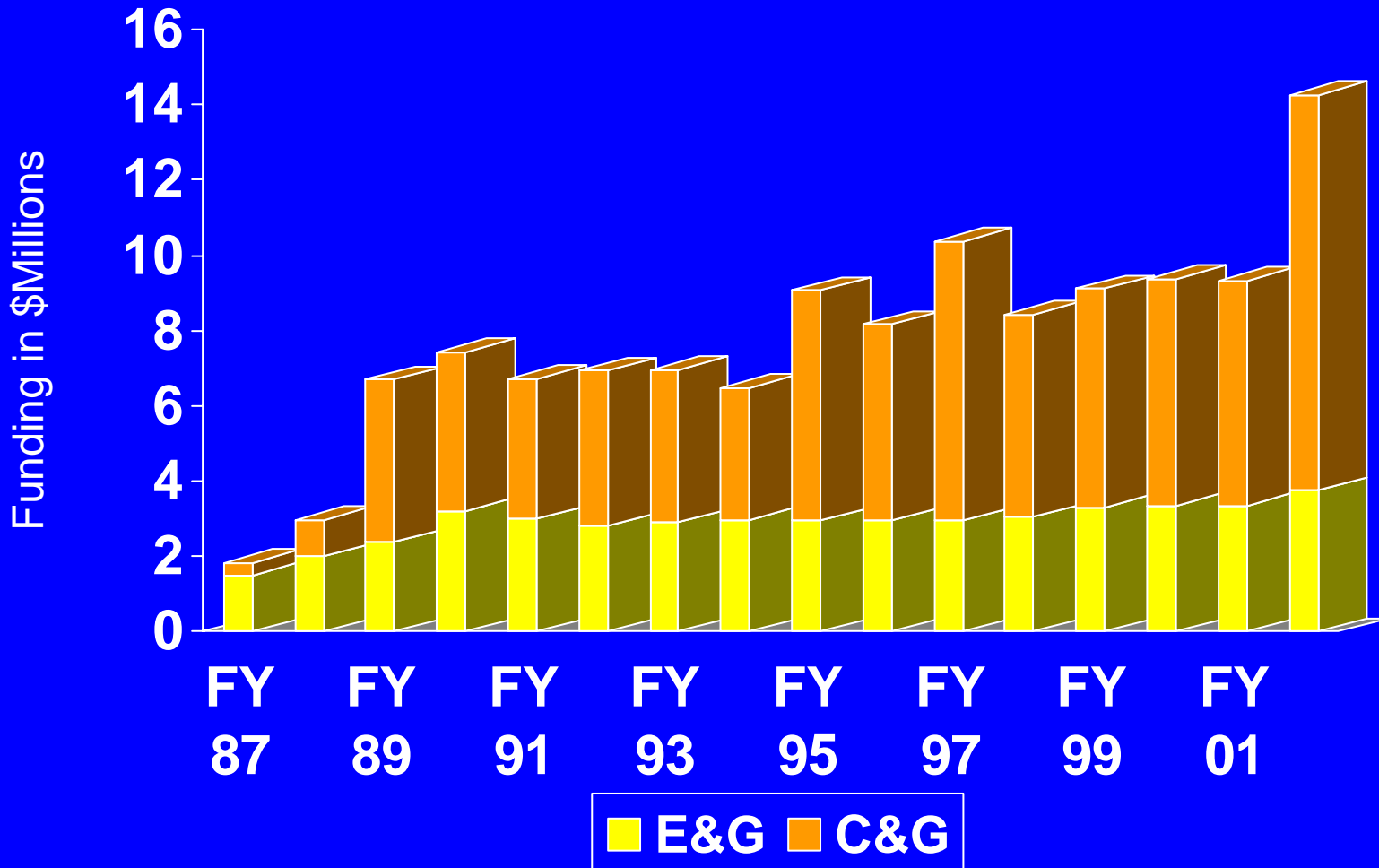
**Look at CREOL's history**

**Center for Research and Education in Optics and Lasers**



# School of Optics/CREOL

## Total Funding Received by Year





# Florida High Tech Corridor **CREOL**

## Economic Development

## Florida Photonics Cluster

## UCF Incubator Project CREOL/Bus/Eng

### SPINOFF COMPANIES

- ◆ CRYSTAL PHOTONICS INC.
- ◆ Beam, Inc.
- ◆ Laser Classics
- ◆ OPTICAL DIAGNOSTICS
- ◆ LIGHT PROCESSING & TECH
- ◆ Laser Energetics
- ◆ POLARA
- ◆ Applied Photonics
- ◆ NUONICS
- ◆ OPTIUM

Other companies drawn here

GelTech

Infinite Photonics

Products commercialized:

LiSAF/LiSGaF etc. -VLOC

Laser Art- Laser Crystal Design

Crystals-Crystal Photonics

Thermal Mgmt-Rini Tech.



# The Future

- ◆ **The transistor and microelectronics was the technology of the 20th century**
- ◆ **Optics and Photonics is the technology of the 21st century**