#### PHOTONICS RESEARCH GROUP



## BRINGING YOUR RESEARCH TO LIFE

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# WHO HAD A GREAT IDEA LINKED TO THEIR RESEARCH? SOMETHING USEFUL FOR SOCIETY/INDUSTRY?





WHAT HAPPENED?





Too busy, forgot about it

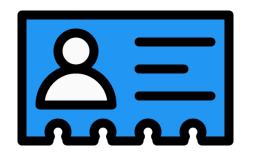


Start to investigate





#### WHAT YOU CAN DO



Eva Ryckeboer

IOF business developer photonics

Contact me!

Role: Facilitates and supports NB-photonics members with valorization of their scientific results





## "VALORIZE YOUR RESEARCH"

create economic or societal impact with your scientific knowledge



Collaborate with companies/organizations looking for a solution?



Starting a new business?





# I AM HERE TO DO SCIENCE & PUBLISHING IT, WHY BOTHER TO NOTIFY YOU ABOUT MY IDEA?



## WHY SHOULD YOU CONTACT ME?



#### Your employment contract

Compulsory notification of any scientific result with a potential commercial or societal relevance before any form of publication (art. 5.1)



## WHY SHOULD YOU CONTACT ME?



#### Public funded collaboration project

Committed to protect inventive ideas by patent applications

Committed to disseminate



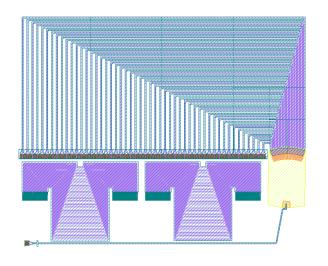


## WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

Increase the **impact** of your research efforts

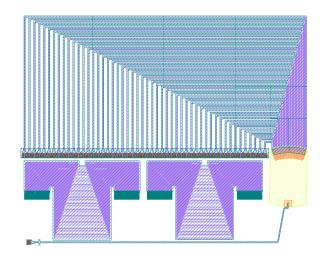


## **EXAMPLE**





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PCT application Business case

Exploitation plan espacenet Due diligence





#### WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

#### Criteria for achieving PhD degree

A doctoral student is only allowed to take the doctoral examination for a doctorate in engineering or engineering technology if s/he is

- either a first author of at least two A1 publications, both at least need to have been accepted;
- or a first author of one A1 publication, which at least needs to have been accepted, and a first author of at least four accepted or published C1/P1 publications
- or a first author of one A1 publication, which at least needs to have been accepted, and inventor of at least one patent application, published by an official patent office with the exception of the publication of a priority document.



## WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

#### Financial return



#### Valorization regulation at UGent

7.4 Het Persoonlijk Aandeel zal rechtstreeks aan de desbetreffende Onderzoekers uitgekeerd of toegekend worden.



## MAKE IT BIG ?!



Find resources to strengthen your idea



## OUR TOOLKIT TO STRENGTHEN YOUR IDEA

Idea protection



Idea funding

Coaching





#### **IDEA PROTECTION**

Trademark

**Patents** 

Integrated circuit layout design protection

Trade secret

Database right

Plant breeders' right

Copyright







## WHO HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN A PATENT APPLICATION?





## PATENT?





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#### WHAT IS A PATENT?

#### Legal definition:

A patent is a **legal title** granting its holder the <u>right to prevent third parties</u> from commercially exploiting an invention without authorization.

#### National right

A patent is a prohibitive right







## **K**EY REQUIREMENTS



Outside the public domain



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Inventive, non-obvious



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useful, relevant



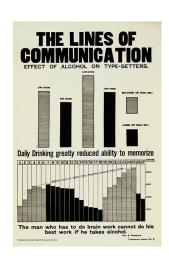


#### PITFALLS: WHERE CAN PRIOR ART BE FOUND?

#### "Anything which is publicly available"



Conference



Posters, flyers



Master/PhD thesis



#### PATENT VS PUBLISHING



**Before** submitting a paper or presenting in public:

- 1. Discuss with your promotor
- 2. Discuss with me (Eva)
- 3. If positive: we start patent procedure
- 4. Patent application

**Submission** of paper





#### PATENT PROCEDURE

2. 1h meeting with Tech Transfer (TT)

3. Review patent draft



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#### **IDEA FUNDING**

#### 1. Public funding

IOF VLAIO EU BOF SIM

+ (industry)

#### 2. Bilateral/(private) funding 3. Competitions



imec X-pand
Google.org Impact
Advanced materials
competition

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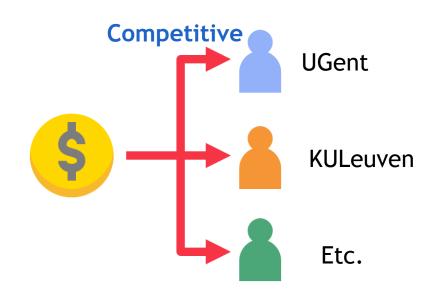


## PUBLIC FUNDING: INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH FUND (IOF)



bridge the gap

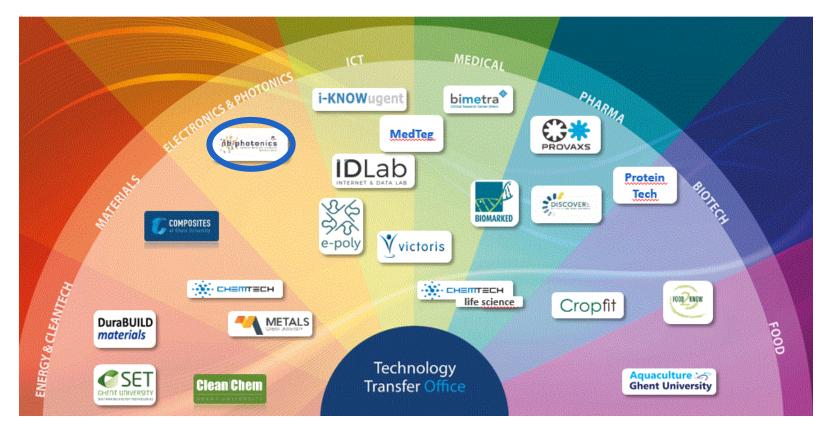
academic research and the industrial and societal challenges







## **IOF** BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

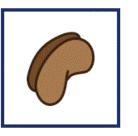






## **IOF** FUNDING

YOUR RESEARCH

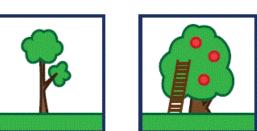


CONCEPT



INDUSTRIAL PROOF OF CONCEPT





VALORISATION

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UNIVERSITY



STARTT

ADVANCED

**STEPSTONE** 



25.000 -



50.000 -







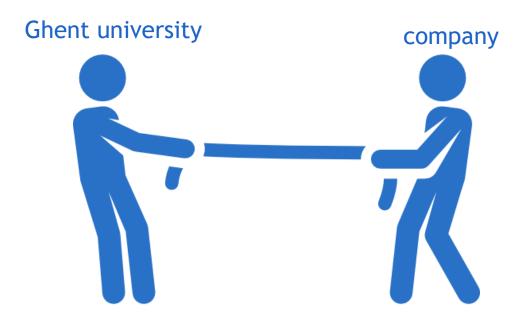


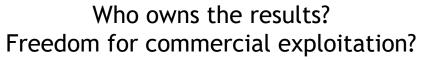


max 3 years

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## COMPANY (CO-)FUNDING

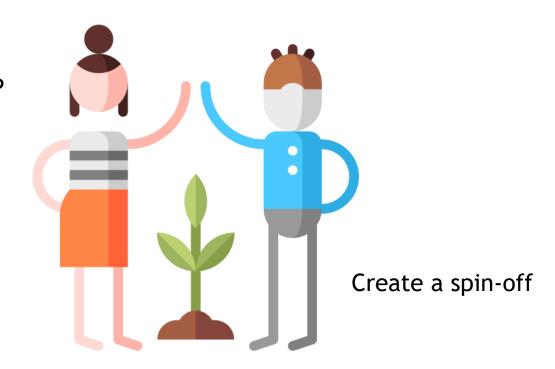






## FUNDING & FINALITY?

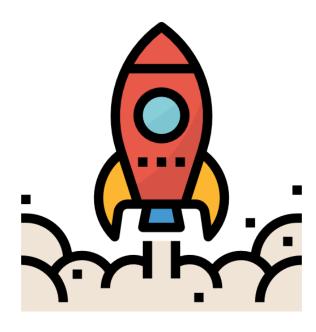
Transfer/license IP and know-how to an existing organisation







## SPIN-OFF

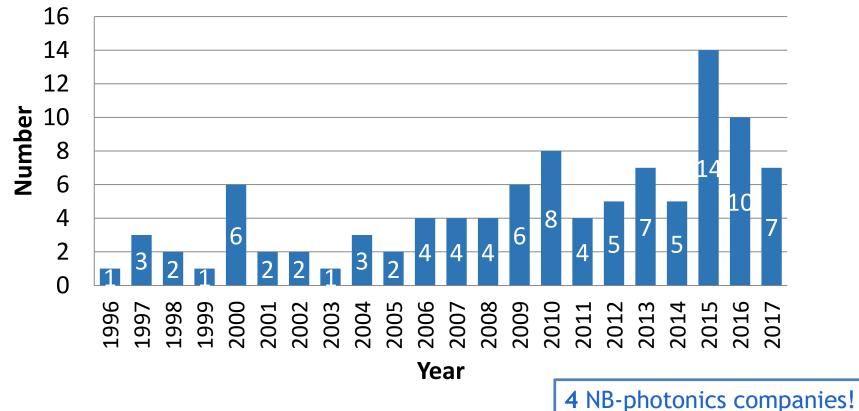


Win – Win – Win



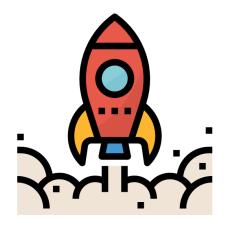


#### **UGENT SPIN-OFF COMPANIES**





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WHO IS/WOULD LIKE TO BE INVOLVED IN A SPIN-OFF?



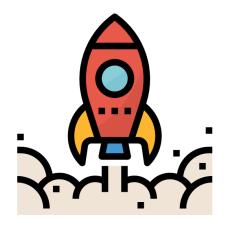


## WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN SPIN-OFF TRAJECTORY?

## Support for:

- Building team
- Attracting funding
- BD (market analysis, financial plan, IP,...)
- Prototype development





WHO IS/WOULD LIKE TO BE INVOLVED IN A SPIN-OFF?

Not now... Maybe later?





## **ENTREPRENEUR COACHING**





















startups.be

## TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER COURSE

Interactive course, audience: 30-40 persons 5 days: 7/11 - 14/11 - 21/11 - 28/11 - 5/12

#### Program:

- Funding possibilities: VLAIO/FWO/EU/IOF
- Intellectual property rights
- Contract negotiation
- Thinking like the customer (Jeff Skinner)
- Spin-offs
- Making technology offers



#### **SPIN-OFF COURSES**

Interactive course, audience: 10-20 persons (in a spin-off trajectory)

5 half days: March-April-May

#### Program:

- Market segmentation
- Value proposition
- Customer acquisition
- o Business model
- 0 ...

the MIT 'Disciplined Entrepreneurship' methodology



#### SPIN-OFF EVENT

















2 more to come!







## **OTHER MATTERS**





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Always welcome!



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