50x increase of volumes of information transmitted in the last ten years, continuing to grow at the same rate!

10% of all electric energy in the world is consumed by Internet, this demand doubles every four years

400 Gb/s IEEE already looking at options for 400G Ethernet. Need for extra bandwidth continues to increase rapidly

$1/Gb/s Facebook’s well published target is $1/Gb/s, has set another challenge for the optics/photonics industry

Only Photonics, i.e. light-based technologies, can meet these challenges!

Photonics of Information-Communication Systems
Internet/Clouds/Datacenters - the largest global market for photonics.
The largest Cloud providers (Google, Amazon, Microsoft, etc.) are all moving into photonics.

The 21st century is the era of photonics, as the 19th was the steam era, and the 20th was the electronics era
The global photonics market is already worth more than $500 billion. By 2020, the market will grow to about $800 billion.

Development of the Science and Technology of Photonics — a current global challenge!

ITMO University — a world class scientific and educational center for photonics, an acknowledged leader in Russia!
The aim of creation and development of the School of Photonics at the ITMO University:
- establishment of a solid backlog of advanced scientific and technological knowledge
- training of highly qualified and well educated professionals
through the promotion of the “Photonics of Information-Communication Systems” initiative

Head of School: Vladislav E. Bougrov

42 years old, h=12, Master degree in optoelectronics from LETI University
Cand. Sci. in 1999 and Dr. Sci. in 2013 in physics from Ioffe Institute
Prize of the Government of Russia in science and engineering for 2014
inventor in > 100 patent applications, > 30 granted patents
extensive experience with management of international start-up companies
E-mail: vladislav.bougrov@niuitmo.ru
50 professors, including 3 members of the Russian Academy of Sciences

220 personnel academic staff, including >50 researchers with Ph.D. (Cand.Sci.) degree

1800 students, 240 Ph.D. students

Opportunities for students for internships in top universities in Europe, China, USA

Unique advanced R&D for leading companies, including the civil and military industries

11 world-class research centers

Research and Engineering/Technology Educational Programs

> 600 scientific articles in 2015 in well-known international journals (>60% of the total University)

100% employment of graduates; 60% receive extra money for participating R&D during education

> 1 billion rubles - ITMO Photonics R&D budget, > 340 mln. contractual funding

In 2015 ITMO University implemented the first quantum network in Russia!
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TOP RESEARCH AREAS

- Semiconductor & hybrid nanophotonics
- Quantum Informatics
- Metamaterials
- Solid-state laser systems

- Advanced functional materials
- Optical materials
- Compound semiconductor optoelectronics
- Bio-photonics
Recent awards and grants:

Russian Federation Government Prizes:
1) in the field of science and technology for 2012 (V.E. Bougrov)
2) in the field of education for 2014 (A.V. Fedorov)

Megagrants from the Ministry of Education and Science of Russian Federation:
1) «The development of new chiral systems of quantum dots and their application» (leading scientist Y.K. Gun’ko)
2) «Non-linear, dynamic, and non-local metamaterials for the optical, microwave and telecommunications technologies» (leading scientist Y.S. Kivshar)

20 medals from the All-Russia D.S. Rozhdestvenskii Optical Society

Three leading schools in Russia in the field of photonics: (former in the Soviet Union)

1) the classical school of opticians (including, e.g., the founder of optical holography Y.N. Denisyuk); leading experts from the Vavilov State Optical Institute joined them in 2003

2) School of optical and quantum informatics emerges in the mid-1990s

3) The plaid of experts in the field of optoelectronics and optoelectronic materials from the Ioffe Institute joined in 2013-2014

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BASIC RESEARCH - TEAM LEADERS

Pavel A. Belov, 38 years, h=29, Nanophotonics and Metamaterials, International Research & Education Center (includes specialized Chair)

Anatoly V. Fedorov, 59 years, h=20, Physics of Nanostructures, International Research & Education Center (includes specialized Chair)

Sergey A. Kozlov, 59 years, h=11, Optical and Quantum Informatics, Bioinformatics, International Research Center

Alexey E. Romanov, 60 years, h=38, Functional Materials and Devices of Optoelectronics and Electronics, International Research Center

Evgeny A. Viktorov, 54 years, h=14, Laser Systems and Technologies International Research Center
APPLIED RESEARCH - TEAM LEADERS

Nikolay V. Nikonorov, 63 years, Optical Material Science, Research Center

Andrei A. Mak, 58 years, Laser Physics, Research Center

Maya V. Uspenskaya, 43 years, Bio-engineering, Research Center

Valerii V. Korotaev, 63 years, Optical-Electronic Devices, Research Center

Vladislav E. Bougrov, 42 years, Integrated & Microwave Photonics, Research Center

Vladimir E. Prokhorovich, 52 years, Technologies of Quality Control in Space Systems, Research Center
**SELECTED RESEARCH PLANS**

**Quantum Informatics**

**The quantum network** with dynamical control to connect all ITMO University buildings

**Four-nod prototype quantum network for city of Kazan**

**International quantum line Saint Petersburg/Helsinki** to connect RUNNet (Russia) and NORDNet (North Europe) science and educational networks

**Advanced functional materials**

**New types of nanomaterials**, e.g. nanowiskers and nanoheterostructures, including those integrated with silicon substrates; Hybrid quantum nanocrystals synthesized via colloidal root

**Bulk materials** growth techniques from liquid phase or sol-gel precursors for glass-ceramics photonics media and advanced crystalline oxides, e.g. Ga₂O₃

**Nanophotonic components** created by using metamaterials and metadevices

In 2015, ITMO University started the UniFEL Center for Advanced Methods of Materials Research for the preparation to the experiments at the European **X-Ray Free-Electron Laser Facility** (Hamburg, Germany), the largest instrument of such type in the World.

Activities in this field in Russia are coordinated by The National Research Center "Kurchatov Institute".
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SELECTED DEVELOPMENT PLANS

- Special attention on magazines, published by the ITMO University

- **Commercialization** of innovations through a number of spin-offs currently having strong connections with major industrial customers

- **Outreach activities** are on the rise in ITMO Photonics:
  - International Congress "Lasers and Photonics" 2016
  - IX International Congress of Optical Sciences "Optics-XXI Century"
  - World-class “Magic of Light” exhibition

- In December 2015, the ITMO University became the organizer of the **Quantum Consortium** that included 16 educational and commercial organizations of Russia.
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Student Union, which main goal is to involve students into the University scientific life of optics and photonics.

- Optical Student Chapter (project leader Egor Gurvitz)
- Student Scientific Laboratory of Optics (Azaliya Saitgalina)
- School of Laser Technologies (Ekaterina Tiguntseva)
- OptiLAB (Elvira Timofeeva)
- School of Light Design (Anastasia Dubinovskaya)