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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report  
(Date of earliest event reported): July 20, 2023

Aeluma, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

000-56218  
(Commission File Number)

85-2807351  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

27 Castilian Drive  
Goleta, California  
(Address of principal executive offices)

93117  
(Zip Code)

805-351-2707  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
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Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: none.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

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**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) *Exhibits.*

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Exhibit</b>
99.1	<a href="#">Power Point Presentation</a>
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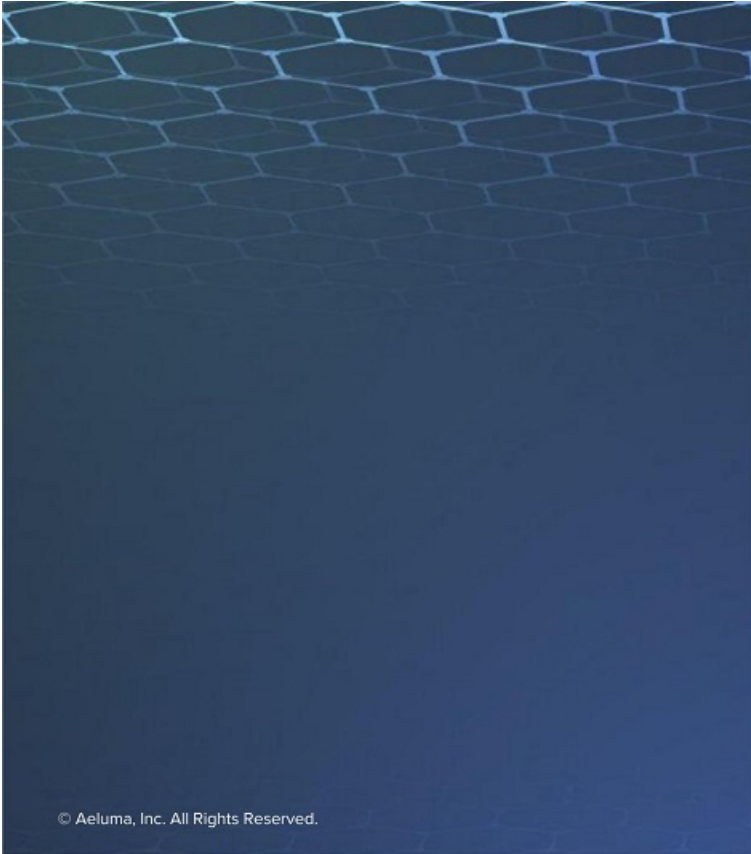
**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**AELUMA, INC.**

Date: July 20, 2023

By: /s/ Jonathan Klamkin  
Jonathan Klamkin  
President, Chief Executive Officer and Director



Sensing Reimagined™

**Investor  
Presentation**  
July 2023



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# At a Glance



## Enabling the future of automation with high-performance sensors and communications

### Overview

Aeluma is a leading-edge semiconductor company specializing in sensors and communications for a broad range of specialty and mass markets.

Aeluma wins by combining **high performance** with **scalable, cost-effective** manufacturing.

Corporate Headquarters: Goleta, California (Santa Barbara)

Founded: 2019

Team: ~15 employees (including five PhDs)

### Highlights

Broad and defendable **intellectual property** portfolio

World-class technical **team**

Highly experienced **advisors** and seed investors including Nobel Laureate Shuji Nakamura

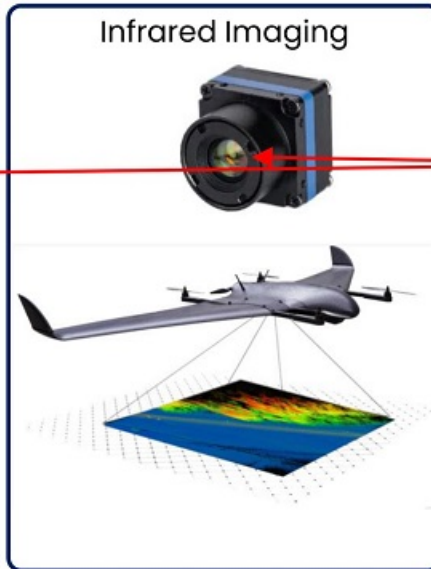
Went public through Form 10 Reverse Merger in June 2021 with \$8M oversubscribed raise – Listed on OTCQB (“ALMU”)



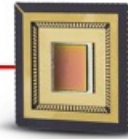
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# Background on Automotive LiDAR

High-Performance Semiconductor Sensors for Autonomous Systems



**Behind the "Eye"**  
Representative commercial InGaAs-on-InP FPA  
for 3D imaging and long-range LiDAR



Issues preventing broad adoption

- **Cost:** Price for detector array is too high
- **Scale:** Existing suppliers unable to scale

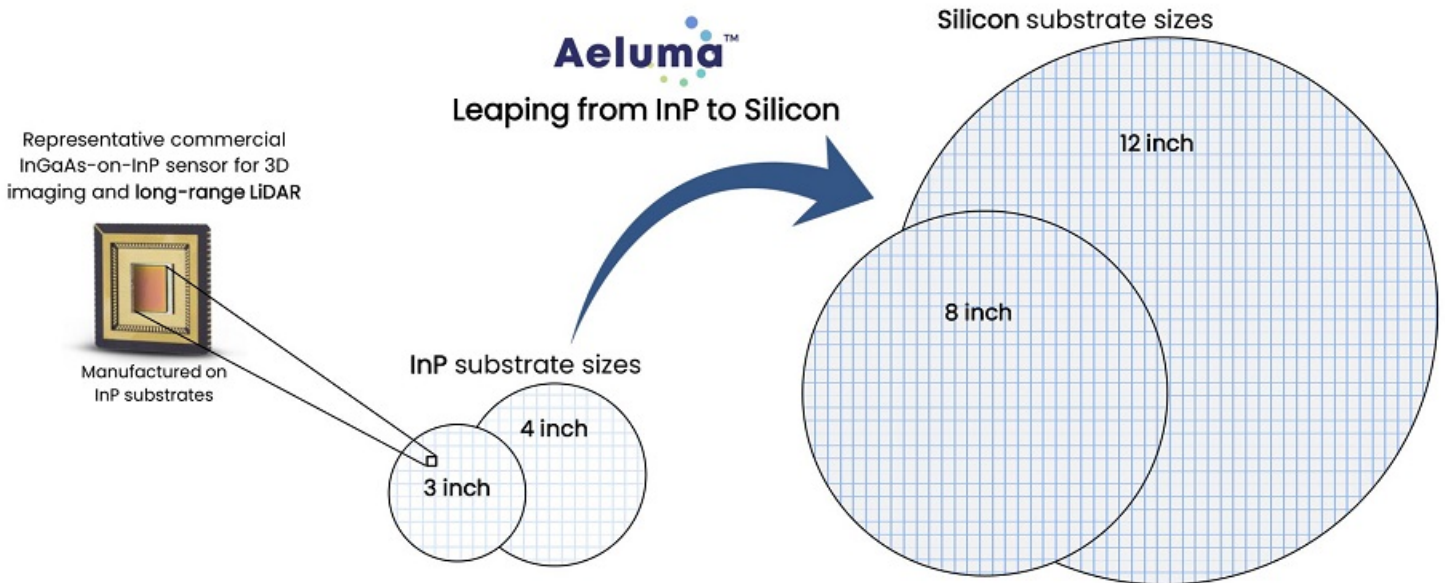
Aeluma's technology seeks to address these challenges with cost-effective, scalable manufacturing based on physics breakthroughs and cutting-edge intellectual property.

**High performance at low cost**

# The Aeluma Approach to Sensor Manufacturing



High-Performance Technology with Low-Cost, Large-Diameter Substrate Manufacturing





# Aeluma's Technology Breakthrough



Scalable, Cost-Effective Manufacturing Enabled by Cutting-Edge Intellectual Property

Conventional manufacturing of InGaAs photodetector arrays



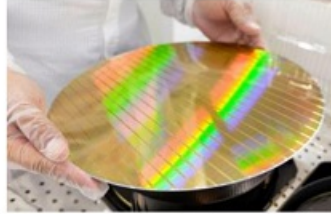
Non-scalable, manual and low throughput

16X wafer area



Moving from 3-inch to 12-inch wafers

**Aeluma high-performance InGaAs photodetector arrays with Silicon manufacturing**

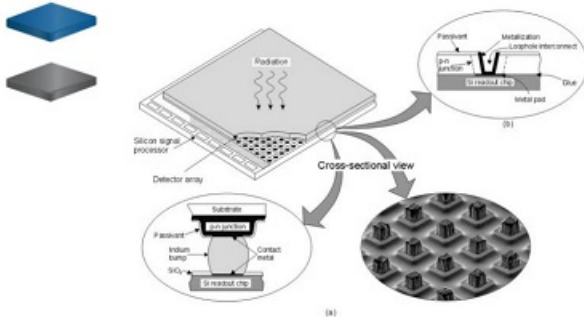


- ✓ Highly automated and ability to produce many arrays per wafer
- ✓ 10X lower manufacturing cost for mass market applications

# Wafer-Scale Integration and 3D Packaging

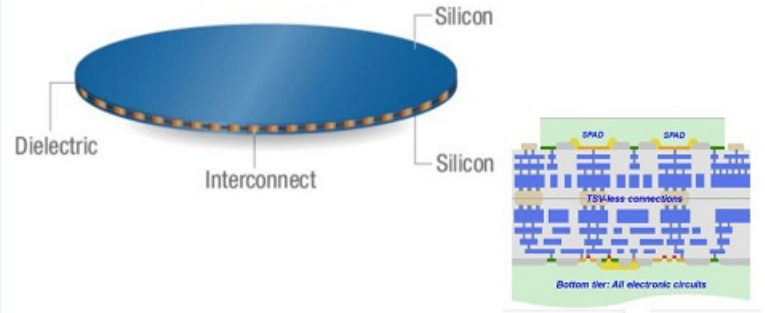
Silicon Manufacturing Environment Enables Advanced Integration and Packaging

## Conventional chip-to-chip hybridization



- Expensive packaging with low throughput
- Limited performance indium bumps
- Pixel sizes limited to  $\sim 5 \mu\text{m}$  ( $>10 \mu\text{m}$  typical)

## Wafer-to-wafer 3D Integration



- ✓ Low cost and high throughput
- ✓ Higher performance with low capacitance copper interconnect
- ✓ Small pixels ( $<1 \mu\text{m}$  possible)
- ✓ 3D stacking of multiple CMOS layers

# Aiming to Service a Broad Market

High-Performance Semiconductors for Sensing and Communications



### Automotive LiDAR



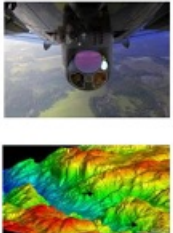
- Consumer vehicles
- Robotaxis
- Trucking

### Industrial and Logistics



- Robotics
- Delivery robots
- Factory automation
- Logistics
- Security

### Defense & Aerospace



- Imaging and LiDAR
- Security
- Autonomous systems
- Atmospheric sensing
- Topography

### Mobile and AR/VR



- Mobile phone, tablet
- Face ID
- LiDAR scanner
- Proximity sensors
- AR/VR glasses

### Communications, Quantum and AI



- Telecommunications
- Data centers
- Quantum computing
- 5G/6G
- AI communications

**Aggregate of these Markets is \$Trillions**

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High-Performance Semiconductors for Sensing and Communications



## Automotive LiDAR



- Consumer vehicles
- Robotaxis
- Trucking

## 2024 Market Projections<sup>1</sup>

113 million automotive vehicles

131 million tablets

1.73 billion mobile phones

2030 TAM for Automotive LiDAR<sup>2,3,4</sup>

\$5B-\$80B

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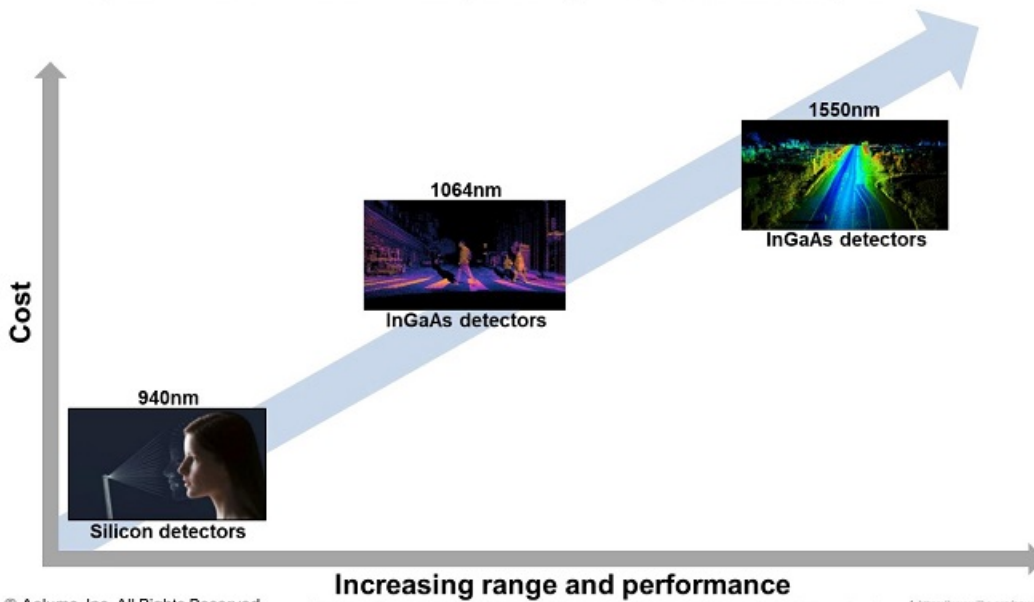
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# Aeluma's Initial Focus on Automotive LiDAR



- LiDAR is essential for Autonomous Driving (AD) and Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS).<sup>1</sup>
- Mid- and long-range LiDAR sensors require InGaAs-based receivers<sup>2</sup>, however, InGaAs manufacturing is expensive and low volume therefore preventing scaling and broad adoption.<sup>3</sup>



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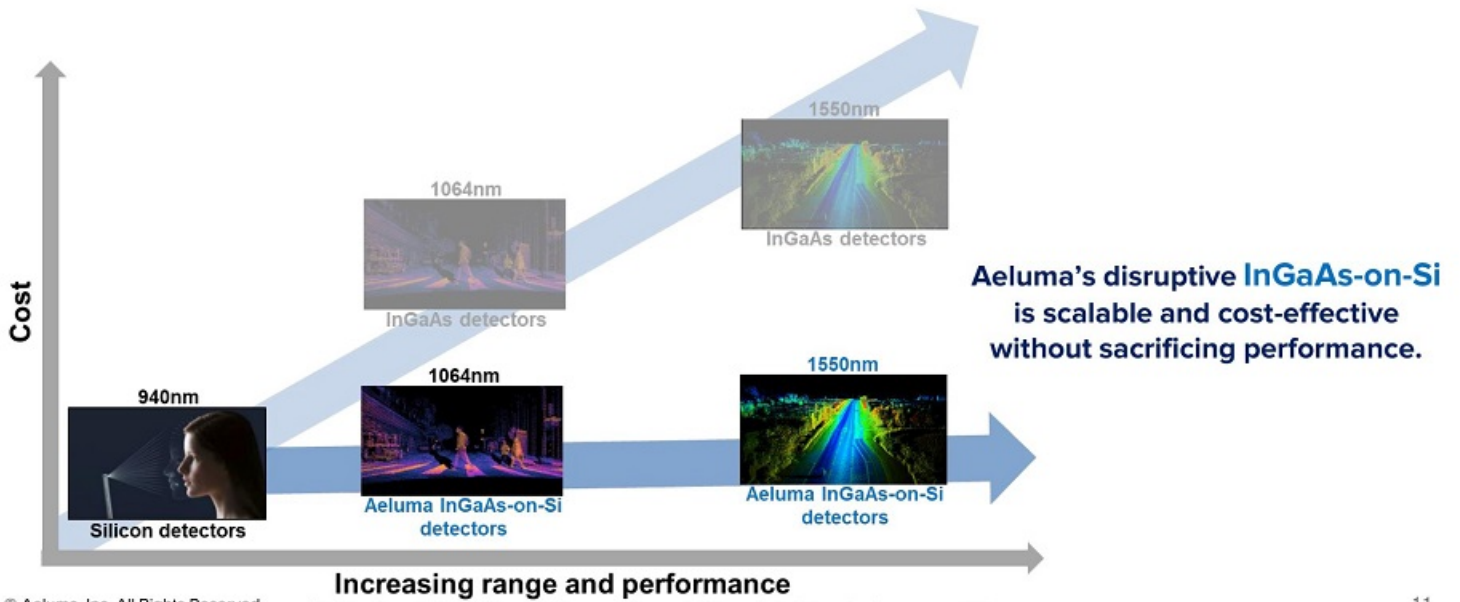
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1. <https://www.iihs.org/news/detail/pedestrian-crash-avoidance-systems-cut-crashes-but-not-in-the-dark>
2. C. Rabreau, "LiDAR - A new (self-driving) vehicle for introducing optics to..." ETOP 2019, paper 1143\_138
3. <https://www.mdpi.com/2076-3417/9/19/4093>

Aeluma's Goal:

# To Provide Increased Visibility and Longer Range Cost Effectively

Manufacturing high-performance InGaAs photodetector arrays at Silicon cost levels



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Si Silicon

# Emerging Market: Automotive OEM LiDAR Demand is Increasing



## Mercedes Taps Luminar for Laser Sensors, Takes Stake in the Company

- Technology company also has production pacts with Volvo, SAIC
- European automakers 'ahead of the game' on lidar, CEO says

By Gabrielle Coppola

January 20, 2022, 6:00 AM PST Updated on January 20, 2022, 9:41 AM PST

From **Hyperdrive**



## Volvo Will Install Lidar on All New Vehicles

Recently it was announced that Volvo will install LiDAR systems onto all new vehicles to help identify potential dangers at extreme distances.

Source and Image: LiDAR News, October 12, 2022  
<https://blog.lidarnews.com/volvo-will-install-lidar-on-all-new-vehicles/>



# Emerging Market: Automotive OEM LiDAR Demand is Increasing

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## Mercedes-Benz will add Luminar lidar to 'a broad range' of vehicles by mid-decade



Image: Mercedes-Benz AG

/ The two companies are expanding their partnership to include a lot more vehicles sporting the laser sensor that has quickly become an essential ingredient in autonomous driving.

By [Andrew J. Hawkins](#), transportation editor with 10+ years of experience who covers EVs, public transportation, and aviation. His work has appeared in *The New York Daily News* and *City & State*.  
Feb 22, 2023, 10:30 AM PST | [0 Comments](#) / [0 New](#)



Source: <https://www.theverge.com>



# Emerging Market: Automotive OEM LiDAR Demand is Increasing



Toyota's LS 500h and Mirai models with short and long-range LiDAR  
Image Credit: Toyota

<https://www.motor1.com/news/499716/lexus-toyota-advanced-drive-system/>



Image Credit: MIRISE (DENSO / Toyota)

# Emerging Market: Automotive OEM LiDAR Demand is Increasing



Nissan Motor Corporation: “Nissan aims to expand ProPILOT technology to over 2.5 million Nissan and INFINITI vehicles by fiscal year 2026. The company will also further develop its autonomous vehicle technologies, aiming to incorporate next generation LiDAR systems on virtually every new model by fiscal year 2030.”

<https://usa.nissannews.com/en-US/releases/nissan-unveils-ambition-2030-vision-to-empower-mobility-and-beyond>

# Emerging Market: Automotive OEM LiDAR Demand is Increasing



Source: TESLARATI Aug 3, 2022



## Israeli Startup To Supply Volkswagen With Lidar In ' \$4B Deal'



By Ariel Grossman, NoCamels August 03, 2022 7 minutes

Israeli lidar startup [Innoviz](#) struck a deal reported to be worth [\\$4 billion](#) with Volkswagen to supply advanced ADAS (advanced driver-assistance system) features for its next generation of automated vehicles. The deal will run for eight years starting "mid-decade", when the first Innoviz-equipped Volkswagen group vehicles are expected to ship. [Innoviz expects to supply units for between 5 million and 8 million Volkswagen Group vehicles in total.](#)

Source: NoCamels Aug 3, 2022

# Emerging Market: Automotive OEM LiDAR Demand is Increasing

## Volkswagen's autonomous ID.Buzz EVs to begin transporting passengers in Germany

 Scooter Doll | Jul 14 2023 - 6:26 am PT |  12 Comments



Source: <https://electrek.co>

# Manufacturing for a Mass Market

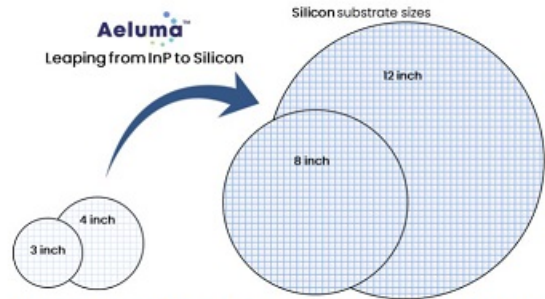
Aeluma's Large-Diameter Manufacturing Economies of Scale



## Cars will have Radar, LiDAR, and Camera sensors



- **Market: 113 million automotive vehicles in 2024<sup>1</sup>**
- **Each vehicle may have 1-5 LiDAR sensors**
- **Note: Some LiDARs require more than 1 FPA**



### Example case: Manufacturing 5,000,000 FPA units

Number of wafers required	
3-inch: 106,383 wafers	8-inch: 10,706 wafers
4-inch: 53,192	12-inch: 4,425
3-inch: 47 chips per wafer	8-inch: 467 chips per wafer
4-inch: 94 chips per wafer	12-inch: 1,130 chips per wafer

**Aeluma's manufacturing approach can enable the scaling and cost reduction required for mass market applications.**

# Aeluma Outperforms the Competition



## Technology Comparison



	Incumbent technologies		Technologies under consideration for scaling and cost reduction		
<b>Technology:</b>	Silicon SPAD	InGaAs-on-InP	Ge-on-Si	Thin film	InGaAs-on-Si
<b>Status:</b>	Incumbent for <b>short-range</b>	Incumbent for <b>long-range</b>	Considered for <b>long-range</b>	Considered for <b>long-range</b>	Considered for <b>long-range</b>
<b>Performance:</b>	Good	Very good	Okay	Okay	<b>Very good</b>
<b>Multiplication (ex. APD, SPAD):</b>	Yes	Yes	Maybe	No	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Wafer-scale integration:</b>	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	<b>Yes</b>

**Aeluma's is the only known technology that combines proven, high-performance InGaAs with scalable, cost-effective Silicon manufacturing, thereby overcoming the cost-performance tradeoff.**

# Aeluma's Headquarters

Ideal Location for Development and Commercialization



- Located in Goleta, California High-Tech Corridor
- In the heart of the Infrared Capital of the World
- 9,000 sq. ft. space with cleanroom facility
- Close to University of California Santa Barbara



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# Aeluma's Cost-Effective Scalable Manufacturing

Unique 12-inch Wafer Capability and Strong Intellectual Property



- Commercial 12-inch state-of-the-art deposition tool
- Set up for cassette loading production
- One of only a few such tools worldwide
- Extensive patent protection and trade secrets



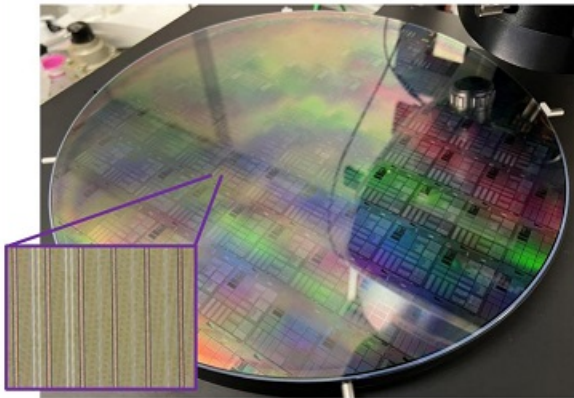


# Silicon Photonics and Laser Integration

Aeluma's Technology Can Enable Process Integration



## 12-inch Silicon Photonics Wafer with Aeluma Materials



[Aeluma, Inc. Enters into Agreement with RFSUNY to Support AIM Photonics](#)

## Silicon Photonics Applications

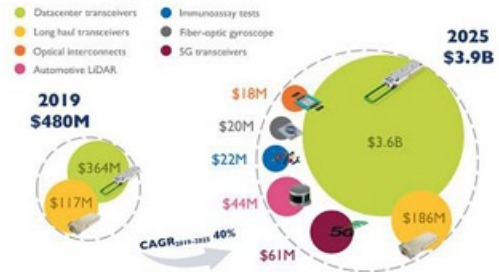
High-Performance Computing and Data Centers



AI and Photonic Computing



## Summary of Applications and Market Data



# Aeluma Intellectual Property Strategy

## Key Aspects and Status

- Trade Secrets
  - Secret information that provides a competitive advantage
  - Reasonable precautions taken to preserve secrecy
  - Examples: confidential business information, process recipes, chip designs, layer structures, employees and skill levels
- Patents (>20 issued and pending patents)
  - Aim to cover nearly all aspects of technology including systems, applications, architectures, circuits, materials, packaging and assembly, process, device manufacturing, testing, structures
- Trademarks (“Aeluma™” and “Sensing reimagined™”)
- Agreements including Non-Disclosure Agreements

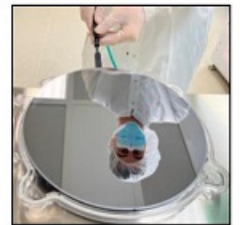
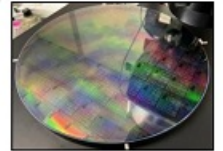
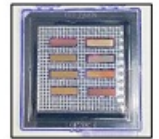


# Aeluma Milestones and Traction

## Selection of Press Releases and Updates



- Jul 6, 2023: [Aeluma Names Former ams-OSRAM Senior Staff Scientist, Matthew Dummer, Ph.D., as Director of Technology](#)
- May 11, 2023: [Aeluma, Inc. Closes \\$6 Million Oversubscribed Common Stock Only Private Placement](#)
- Apr 24, 2023: [Aeluma CEO to Appear on Bloomberg Businessweek on April 24, 2023 at 5:20 pm ET](#)
- Mar 28, 2023: [Aeluma CEO to Participate in Fireside Chat with Benchmark Company Semiconductor Analyst David Williams](#)
- Mar 10, 2023: [Aeluma Commences Sampling of Its Large-Diameter Wafer Photodetectors to a First Tier-1 Automotive Supplier Customer](#)
- Mar 2, 2023: [Aeluma Achieves Photodetector Performance Milestone with its Large-Diameter Wafer Manufacturing Platform](#)
- Dec 2, 2022: [Aeluma, Inc. Enters into Agreement with RFSUNY to Support AIM Photonics](#)
- Nov 30, 2022: [Aeluma, Inc. Delivers Sensor Engineering Samples to Tier-1 Automotive Supplier for Evaluation](#)
- Oct 11, 2022: [Aeluma, Inc. Achieves Device Fabrication Process Technology Milestone](#)
- Oct 4, 2022: [Aeluma, Inc. Joins the Lidar Coalition](#)
- Sep 16, 2022: [Aeluma, Inc. Achieves Materials Technology Milestone](#)
- Aug 26, 2022: [Aeluma, Inc. Common Stock Listed on the OTCQB Venture Market](#)
- Aug 1, 2022: [Aeluma, Inc. CEO Appears on NBC NOW Tonight!](#)
- Jul 7, 2021: [Aeluma, Inc. Raises \\$8 Million and Completes Reverse Merger](#)



**Aeluma has beat all of its milestones and more...**

# Our Leadership Team

Vision, Entrepreneurship and Expertise



**Jonathan Klamkin, PhD**  
 Founder, CEO &  
 Director



**Shuji Nakamura, PhD**  
 Seed Investor



**Matthew Dummer**  
 Director of Technology



**Jeffrey Shealy, PhD, MBA**  
 Advisor & Seed Investor



**Steven DenBaars, PhD**  
 Advisor, Seed Investor &  
 Director



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**Richard Ogawa, JD**  
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**John Paglia, PhD**  
 Director



# Aeluma Plans and Next Steps

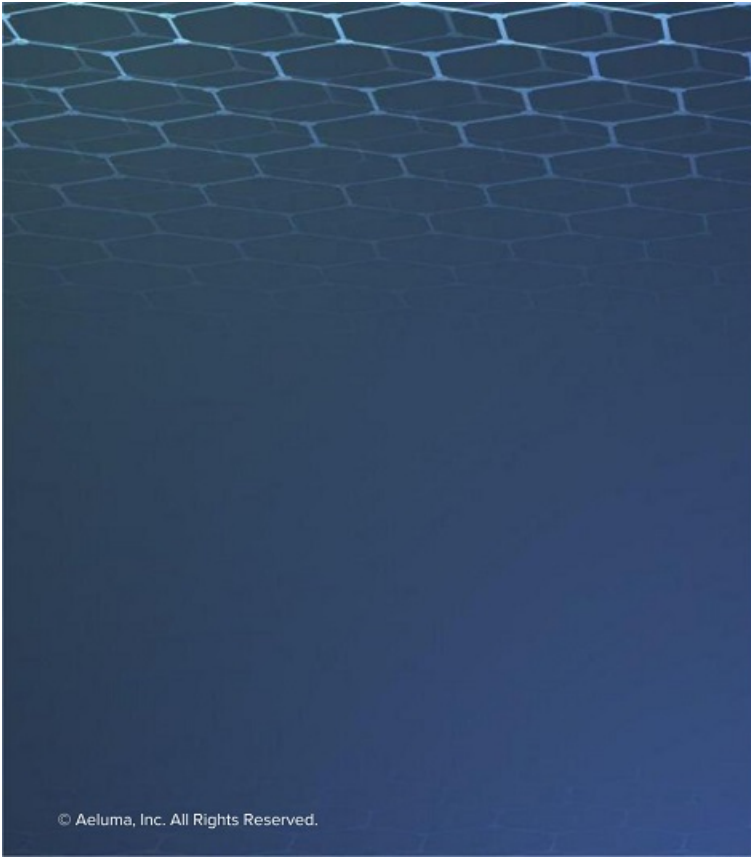
Building on our Momentum



- Deliver on customer orders and contracts
- Government funding opportunities with industrial partners
- CHIPS Act opportunities
- Further establish production-scale foundry process and pursue strategic relationships
- Further business development opportunities
  - Continue to focus on automotive LiDAR
  - Broaden scope to include mobile, AR/VR, AI, industrial LiDAR, robotics, defense & aerospace, communications
- More inventions and patent protection
- Next generation products



**Ready Aeluma for Mass-Market Scale**



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