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Moore, 40 years ago (1965)....

Cramming more components onto integrated circuits

With unit cost falling as the number of components per circuit rises, by 1975 even many as 65,000 components

By Gordon E. Moore

Director, Research and Development Division of Fairchild Camera and Instrument

The future of integrated electronics is bright. The advantages of integration are becoming more apparent, pushing new areas.

Integrated circuits will lead to computers—or at least terminals computer—automatic controls for portable communications equipment, watch needs only a display to be fed.

But the biggest potential lies in systems. In telephone communication, digital filters will separate channels. Integrated circuits will also send and perform data processing.

Computers will be more powerful in completely different ways. For the future of integrated electronics may be determined.

The author

Dr. Gordon E. Moore is one of the new breed of electronic engineers, schooled in the physical sciences rather than in electronics. He earned a B.S. degree in chemistry from the University of California and a Ph.D. degree in physical chemistry from the California Institute of Technology. He was one of the founders of Fairchild Semiconductor and has been director of the research and development laboratories since 1959.

systems out of smaller functions, which are separately packaged and interconnected. The availability of large functions, combined with functional design and construction, should allow the manufacturer of large systems to design and construct a considerable variety of equipment both rapidly and economically.

Linear circuitry

Integration will not change linear systems as radically as digital systems. Still, a considerable degree of integration will be achieved with linear circuits. The lack of large-value capacitors and inductors is the greatest fundamental limitations to integrated electronics in the linear area.

By their very nature, such elements require the storage of energy in a volume. For high Q it is necessary that the volume be large. The incompatibility of large volume and integrated electronics is obvious from the terms themselves. Certain resonance phenomena, such as those in piezoelectric crystals, can be expected to have some applications for tuning functions, but inductors and capacitors will be with us for some time.

The integrated r-f amplifier of the future might well consist

of active semiconductor devices to the passive film elements.

Both approaches have worked well and are being used in equipment today.

Passive integration

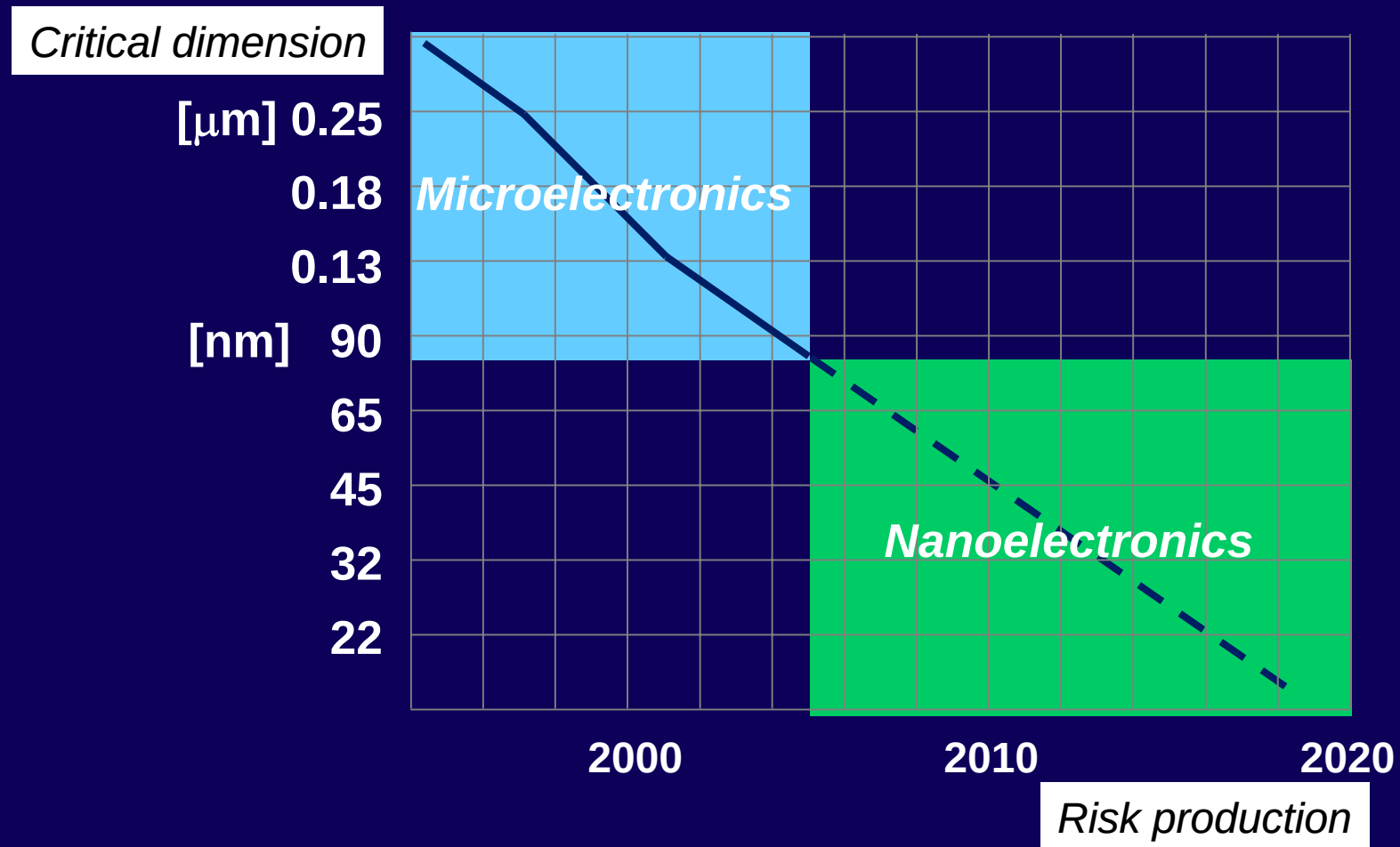
of integrated stages of gain, giving high performance at minimum cost, interspersed with relatively large tuning elements.

Other linear functions will be changed considerably. The matching and tracking of similar components in integrated structures will allow the design of differential amplifiers of greatly improved performance. The use of thermal feedback effects to stabilize integrated structures to a small fraction of a degree will allow the construction of oscillators with crystal stability.

Even in the microwave area, structures included in the definition of integrated electronics will become increasingly important. The ability to make and assemble components small compared with the wavelengths involved will allow the use of lumped parameter design, at least at the lower frequencies. It is difficult to predict at the present time just how extensive the invasion of the microwave area by integrated electronics will be. The successful realization of such items as phased-array antennas, for example, using a multiplicity of integrated microwave power sources, could completely revolutionize radar.

Smart system integration

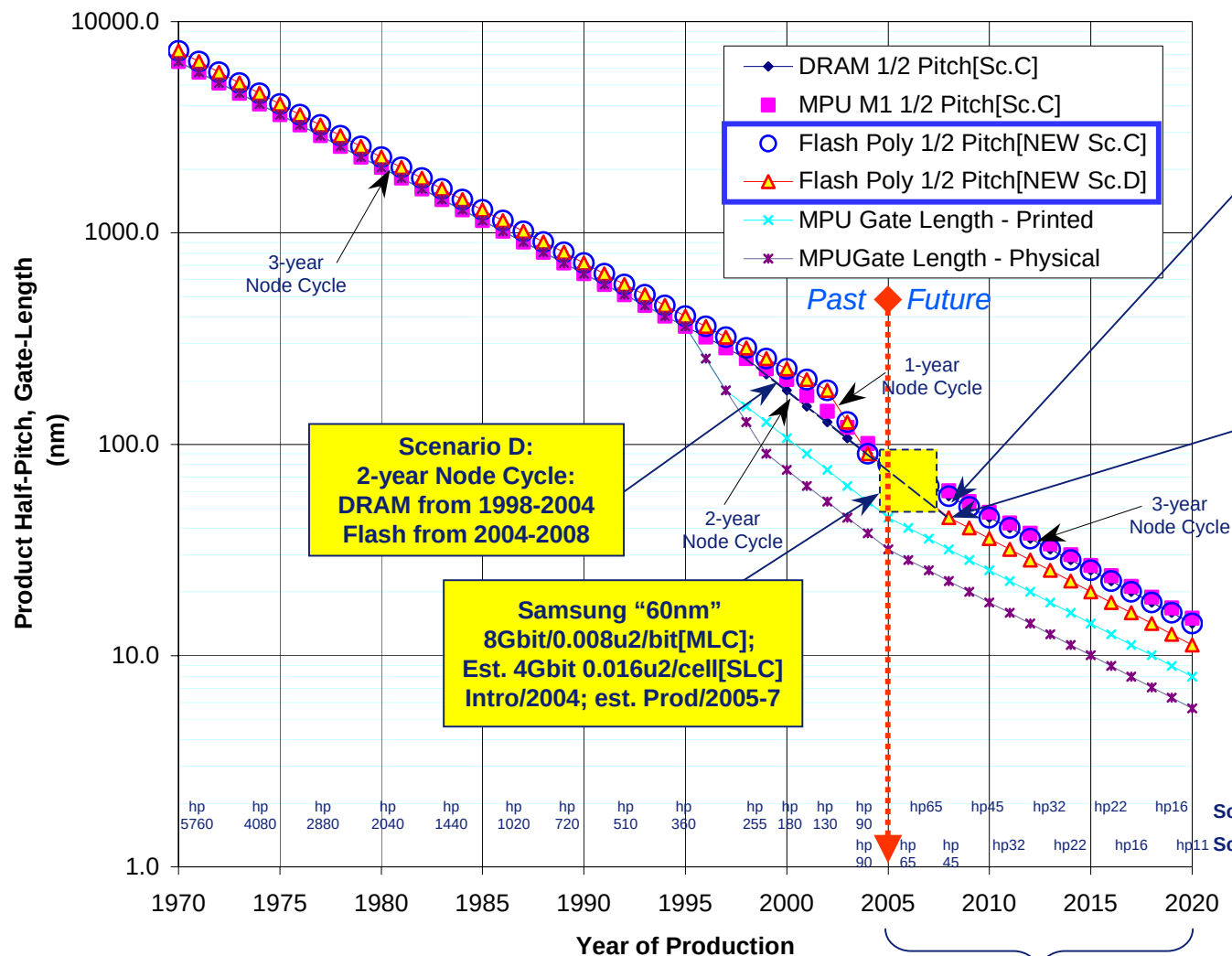
More Moore: the Brains



More Moore: the Brains

2005 ITRS Product Technology Trends - Half-Pitch, Gate-Length

[Proposal]



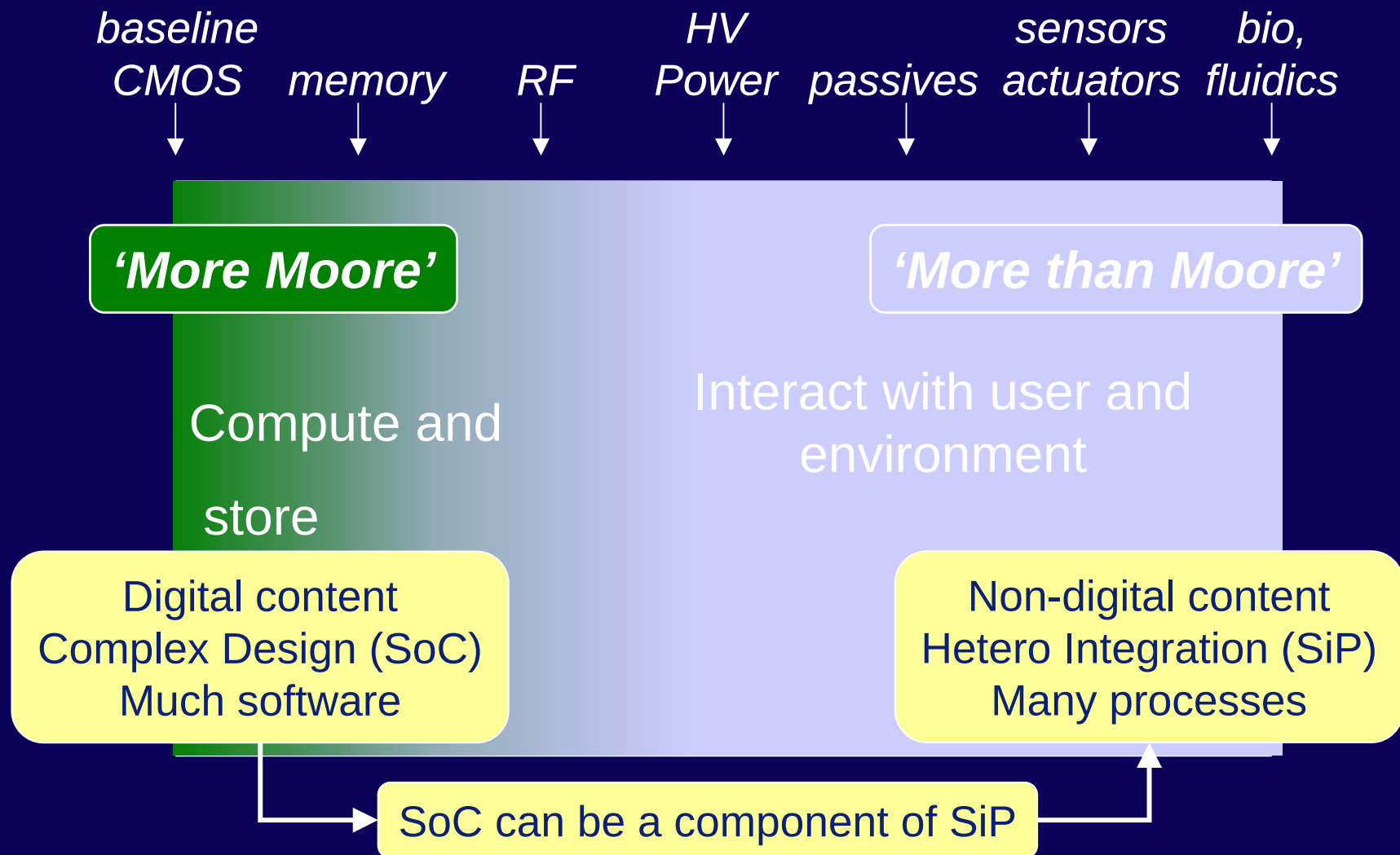
2005 ITRS Flash Proposal:

Scenario C =
Catch DRAM
@ 2004/90nm;
then 3-yr cycle

Scenario D =
Cross-over DRAM
@ 2004/90nm;
then 2-yr cycle
to 2006/65nm
and 2008/45nm;
then 3-yr cycle

Courtesy Alan Allan, IRC/ITRS

Intelligent systems compute & interact ...

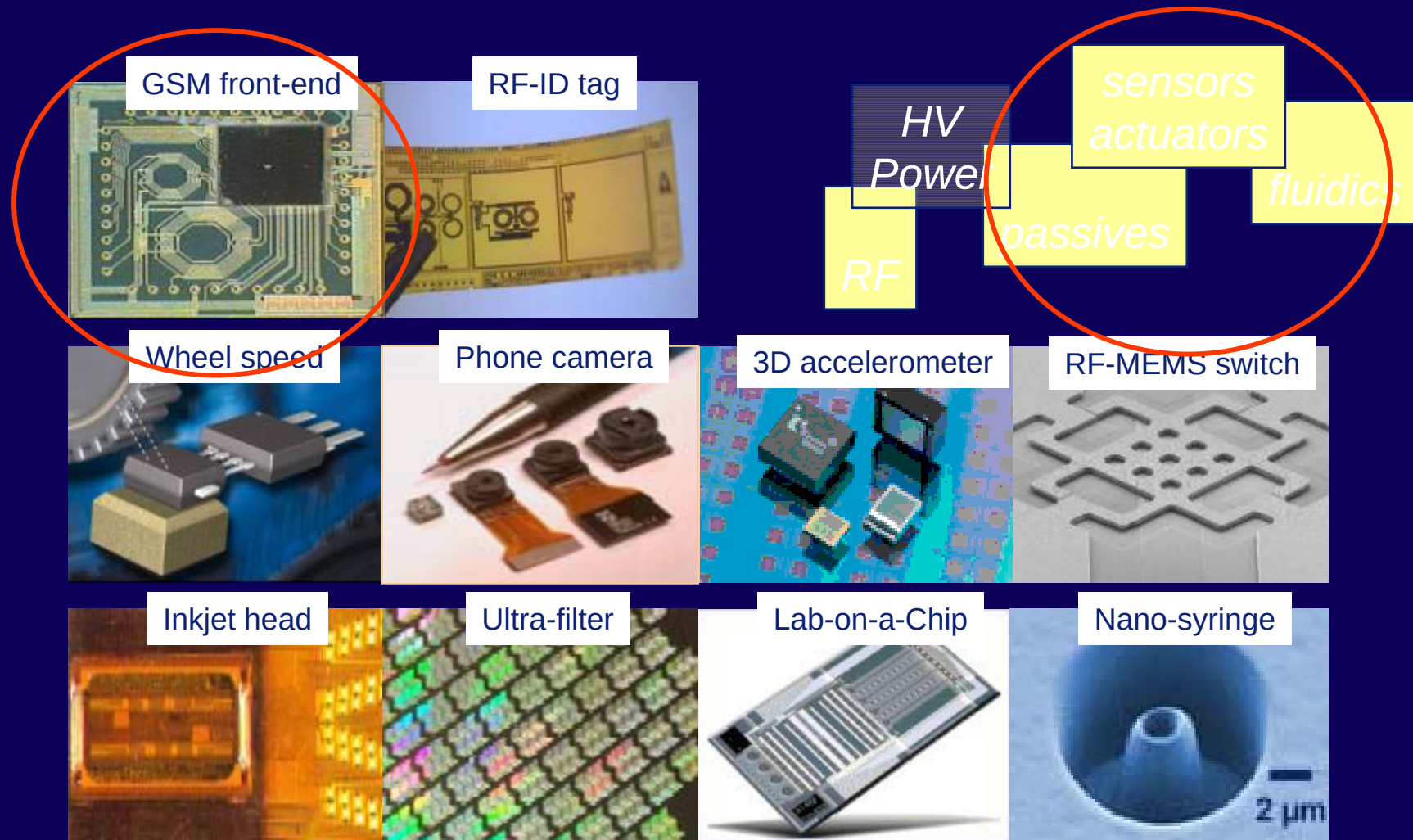


... resulting in two system realization streams

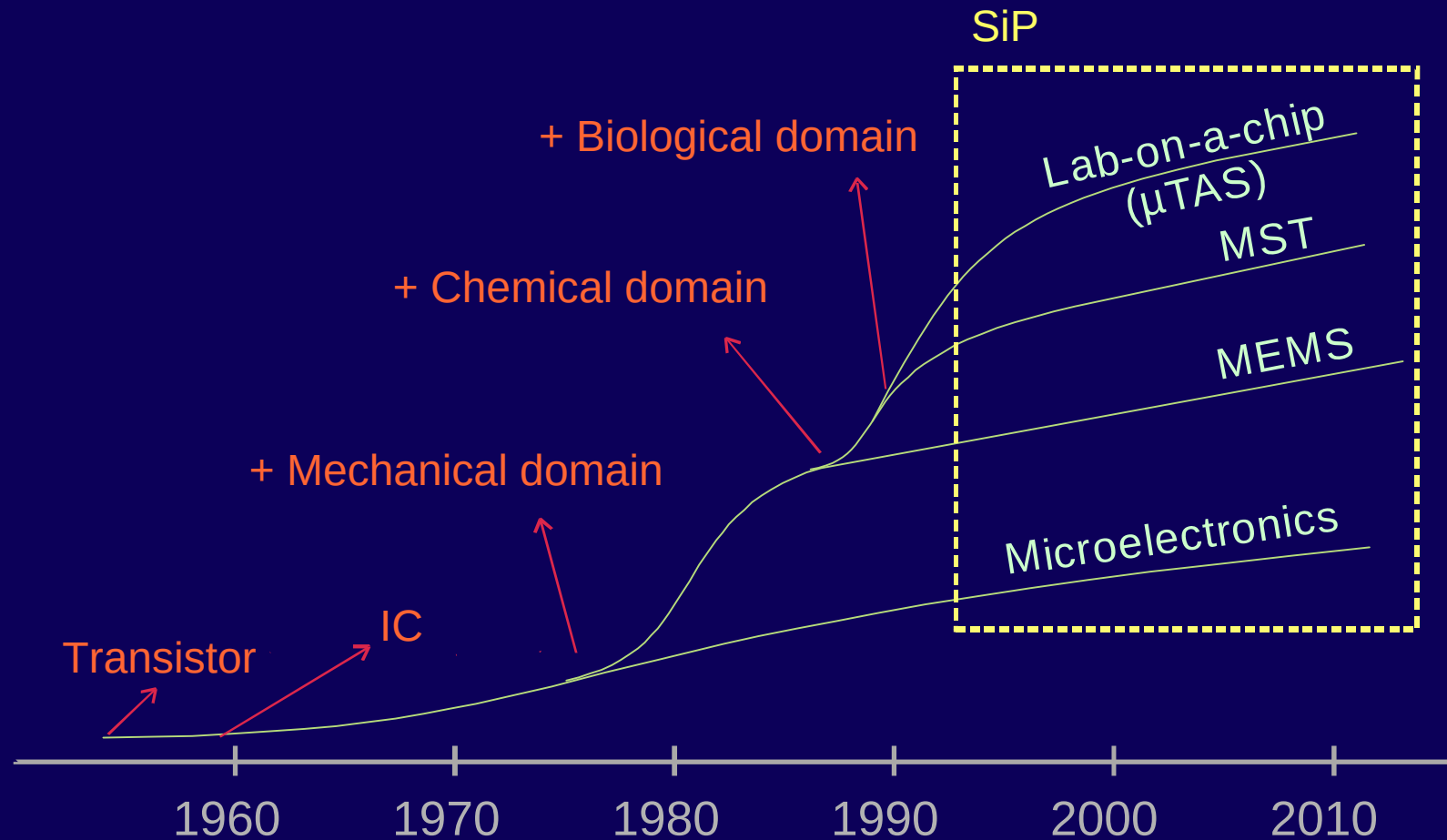
- 'More Moore'
 - System-on-Chip (SoC)
 - Lowest cost per single function
 - Integrate all functions on **one** silicon wafer
 - Packaging is usually a commodity
- 'More than Moore'
 - System-in-Package (SiP)
 - Highest value per total system
 - Integrate all functions in one module
 - Packaging is a functional element / key differentiator
- Both are complementing, not competing
- Both will run in parallel for a long time to come

... resulting in two system realization streams

- 'More Moore' → The Brains
- 'More than Moore' → The Arms, Legs, Eyes, Ears, ...



Definition of microsystems



System in Package (SiP):

A **consumer-ready** solution of a **multi-domain** node
manufactured by **inexpensive mass-volume production** techniques

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'Daily life': Ambient Intelligence

Intelligence (Cambridge International Dictionary of English):

"The ability to understand and learn and make judgements or have opinions that are based on reason"

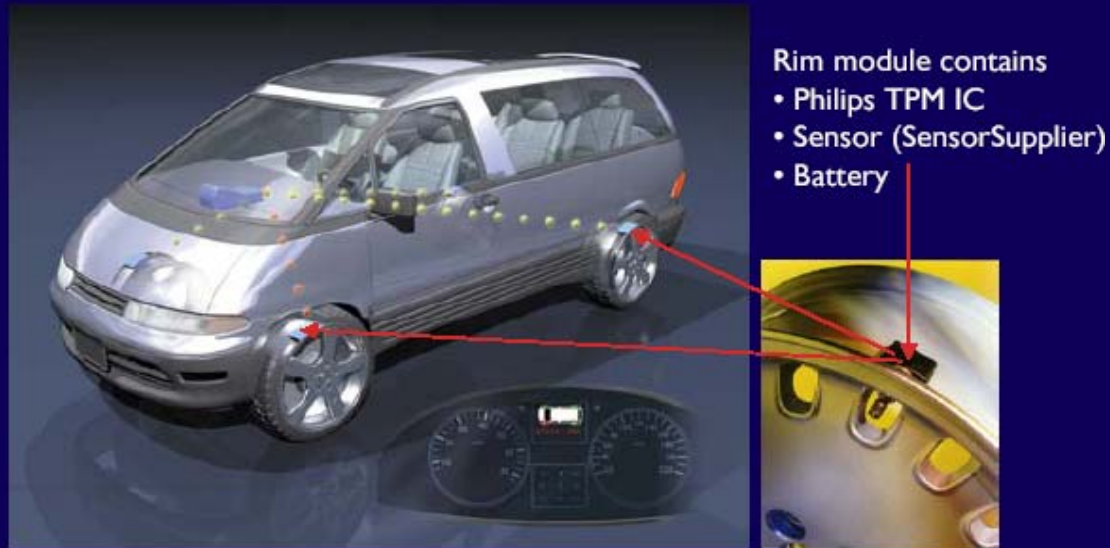
Ability to learn: sensors

retrieving signals from
a noisy background

signal conditioning and combining
sensor readings in order process
and transmit useful information

SiPs, as interfacing nodes are the enablers of Ambient Intelligence

Ambient Intelligence penetration in daily life



Autonomous tire pressure monitor (Philips)



Mecca phone (LG)



Autonomous camera pill
(Given Imaging)

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Microcosmos

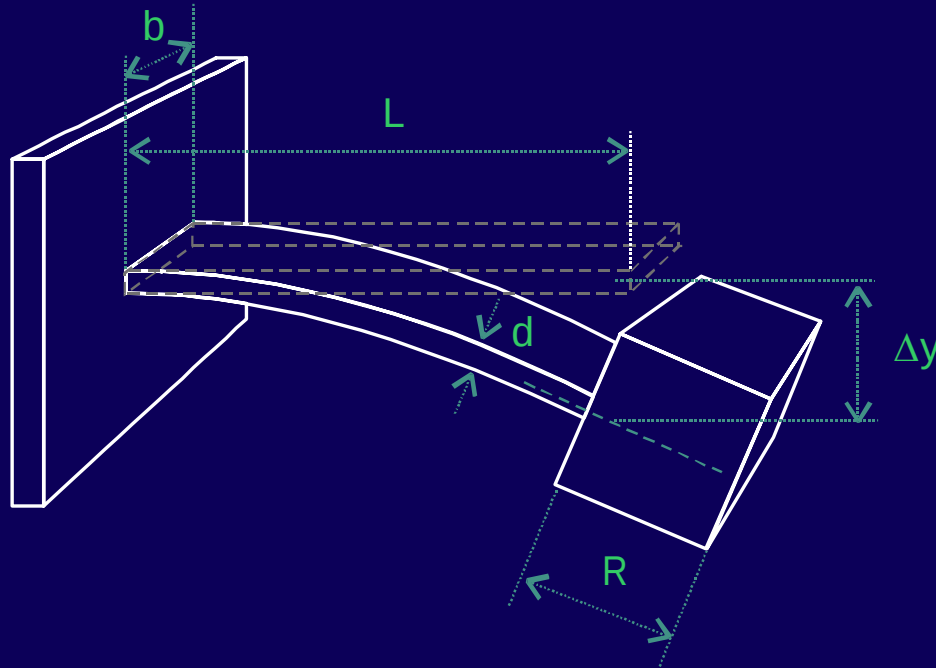
different proportions



Microcosmos, a Jacques Perrin film (Galatée Films, 1996)

Scaling

an example



Spring:

$$k = \frac{Ebd^3}{4L^3}$$

Mass:

$$m = \rho R^3$$

$$\Delta y = \frac{mg}{k} = \frac{4g\rho R^3 L^3}{E bd^3}$$

$$\Delta y \propto S^2$$

Scaling

Physical phenomenon	Scales with size S		
Time	S^0		
Van der Waal's forces	$S^{1/4}$		
Diffusion	$S^{1/2}$		
Size/velocity	S^1		Fluidics:
Bending stiffness	S^1		
Electrostatic force	S^1		
Surface	S^2	↑	Small Reynolds Numbers
Thermal loss	S^2		
(Muscle) strength	S^2		
Friction	S^2		
Volume/Mass	S^3		Large Reynolds numbers
Inertia	S^3	↓	
Magnetism	S^3		

Laminar flow

- hydrodynamics mainly determined by *viscosity* and *diffusion*

- transport of heat and ions by *diffusion*

Turbulent flow :

- hydrodynamics mainly determined by *convective* and *inertial forces*

-transport of heat and ions by *convection*

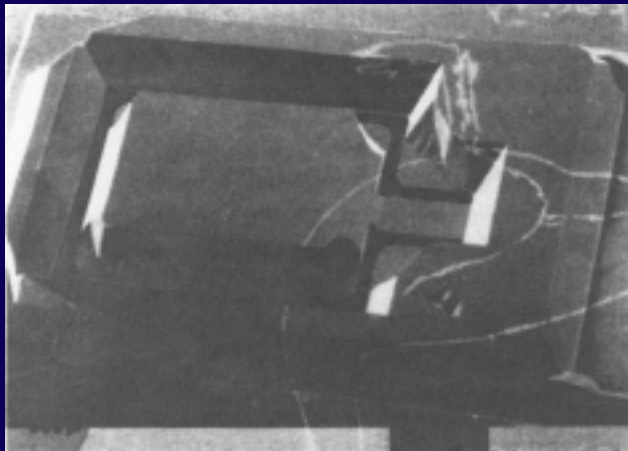
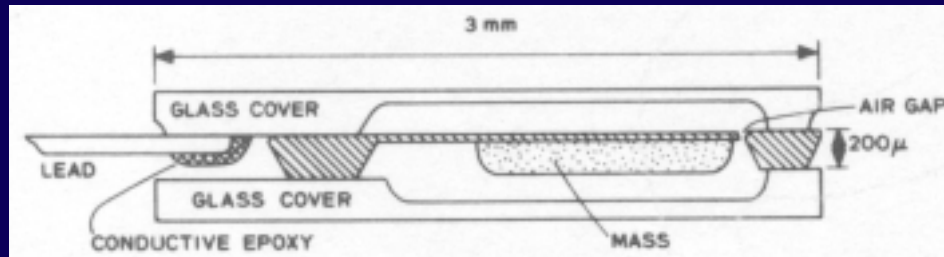
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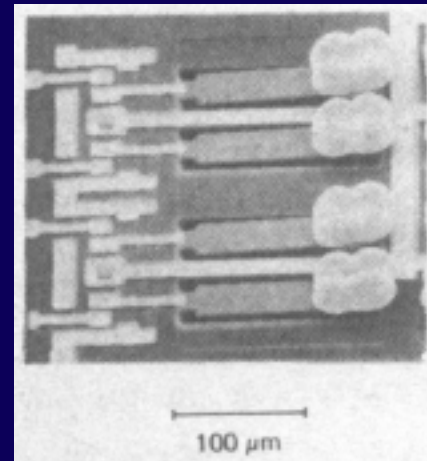
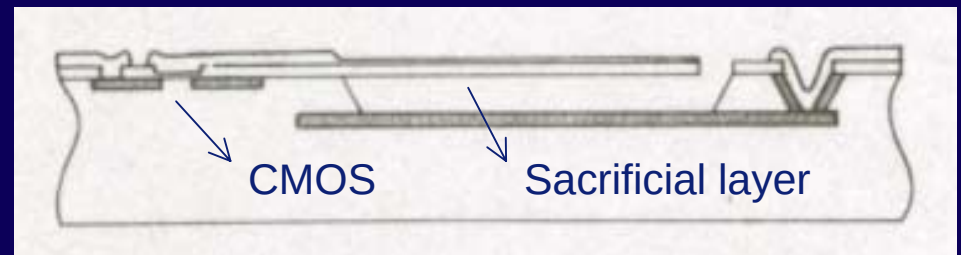
Surface- and bulk-micromachining

Accelerometers



1979: Bulk micromachining

L.M. Roylance, J.B. Angell,
IEEE Trans. Electron Dev., ED-26 (1979) 1911

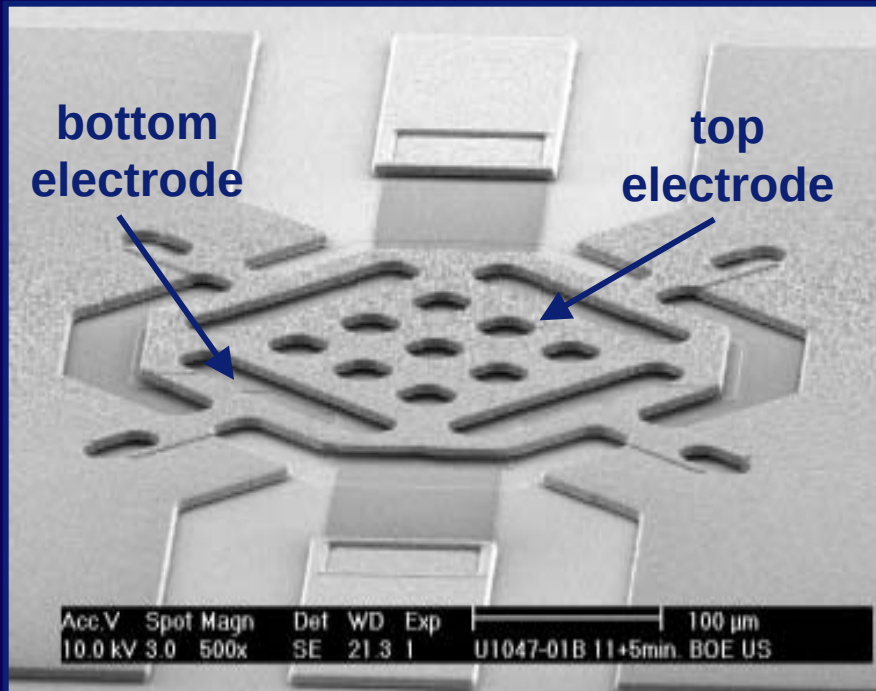


1982: Surface micromachining

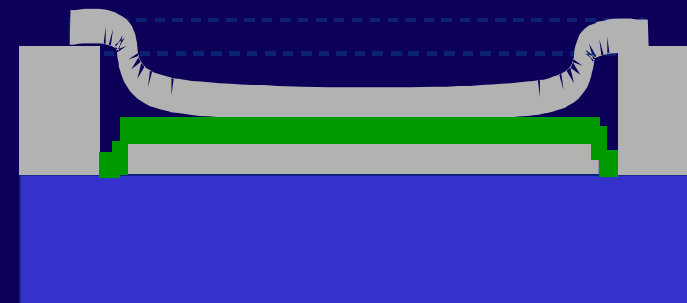
K.E. Petersen, A. Shartel, N.F. Raley,
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RF-MEMS

switchable/tuneable capacitors



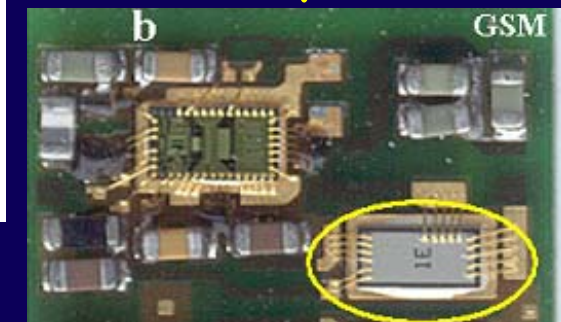
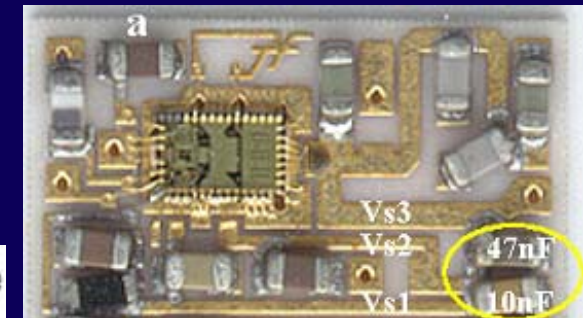
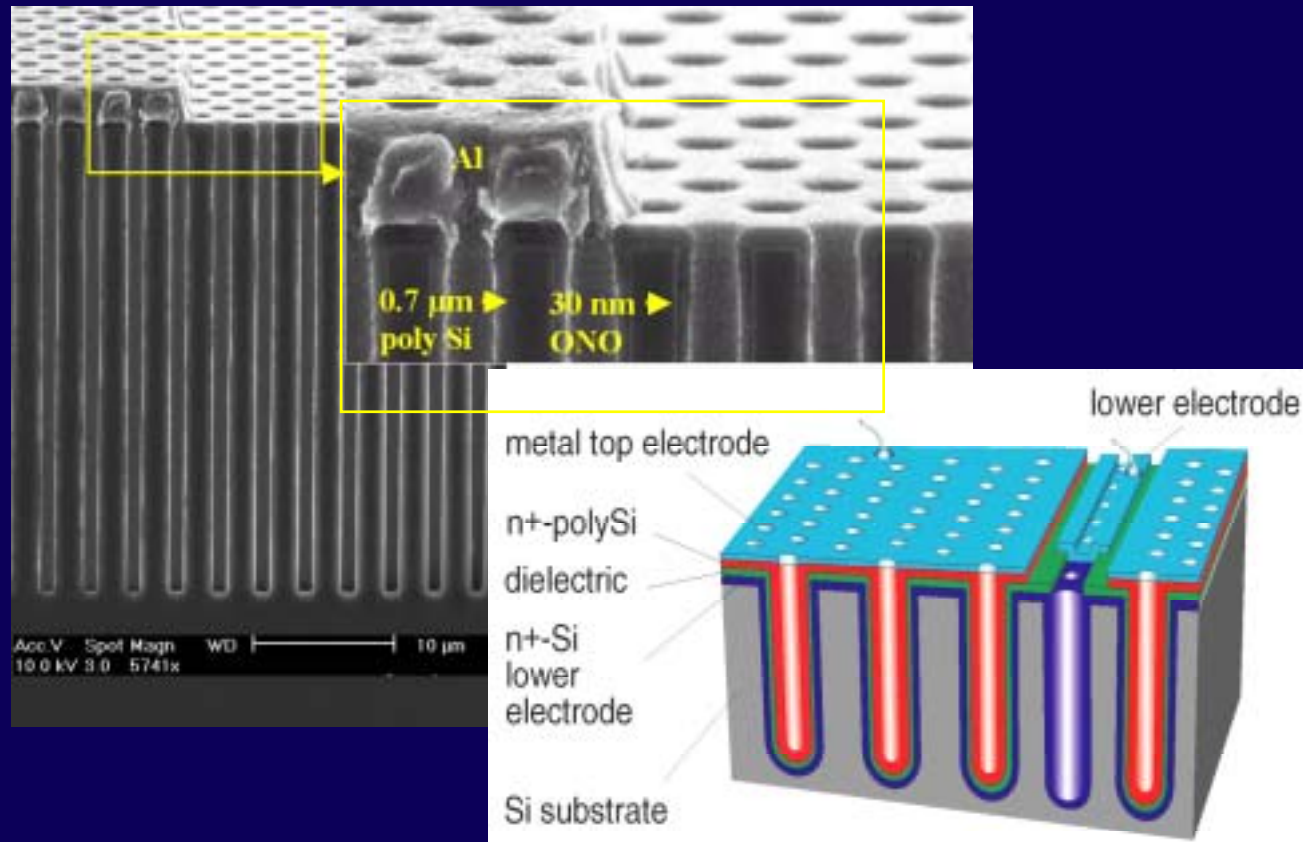
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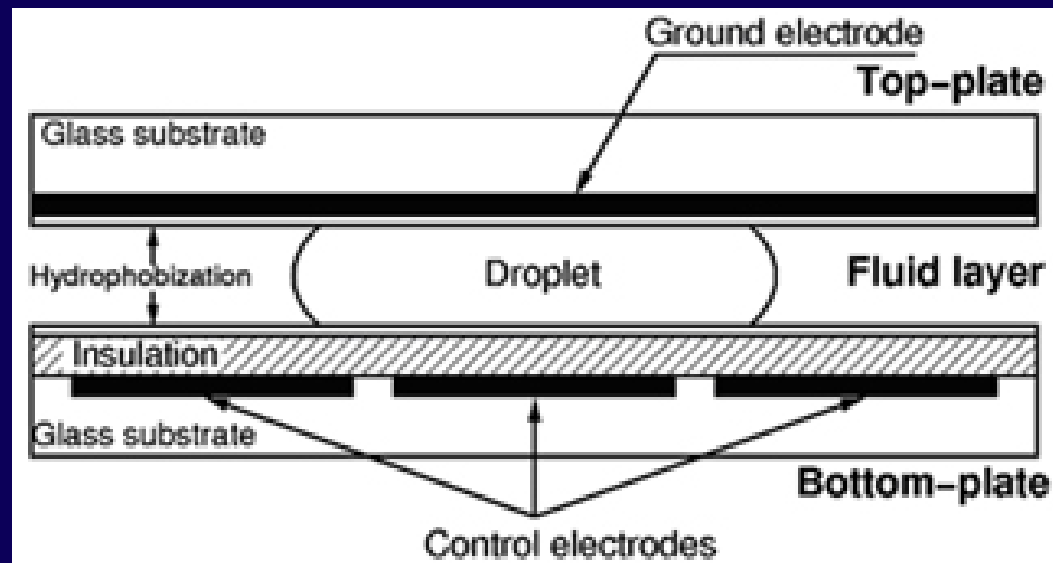
Free-hanging metal membrane over air gap

Low-loss MOS integrated capacitors



GSM power amplifiers

Fluidics: electrowetting



Source: Digital Microfluidics,
Duke University, Durham, NC
<http://www.ece.duke.edu/Research/microfluidics/>

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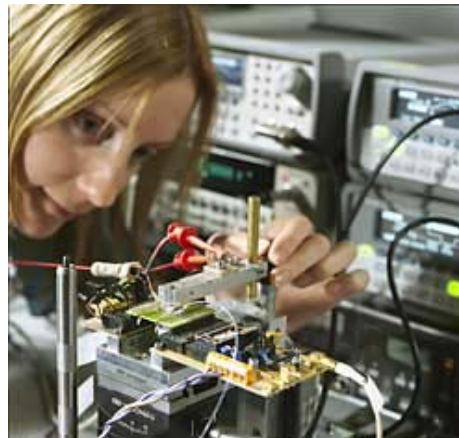
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Philips Research Press Release

June 24, 2004

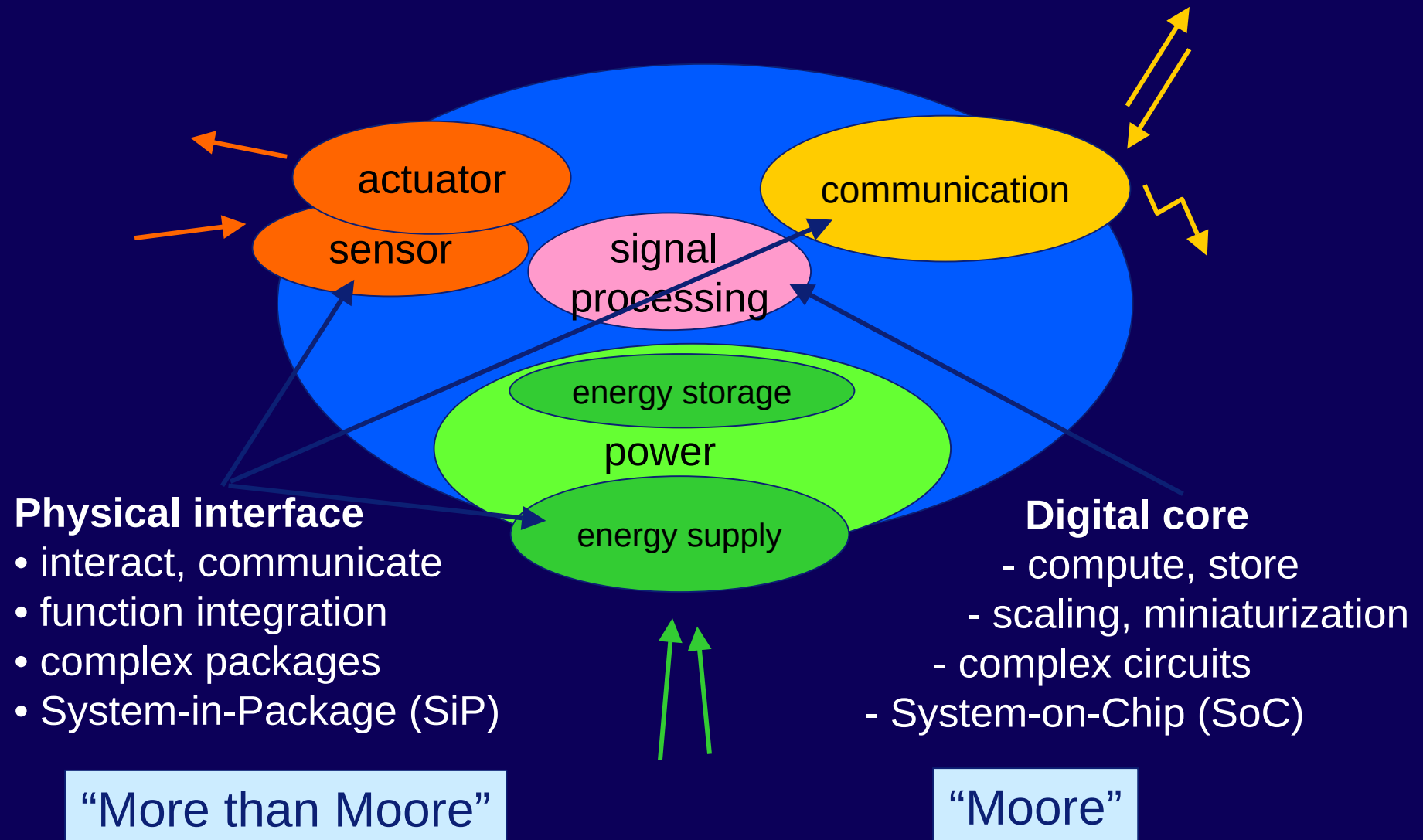
Philips demonstrates magnetic biosensors for high-sensitivity molecular diagnostics



What's in common?

- Devices integrated in a system-in-package (SiP)
- Integration across different technology domains
electronics, mechanics, optics, fluidics, magnetics, chemistry, biology
- Physical building blocks for Ambient Intelligence (*'daily life'*)

Physical building blocks



Research strategy

- develop device concepts across technology domains
- integrate functions into one technology platform
- (re-)use available technologies

CMOS, passive integration, substrate transfer, magneto-resistive,...

- optimize for an integrated system solution

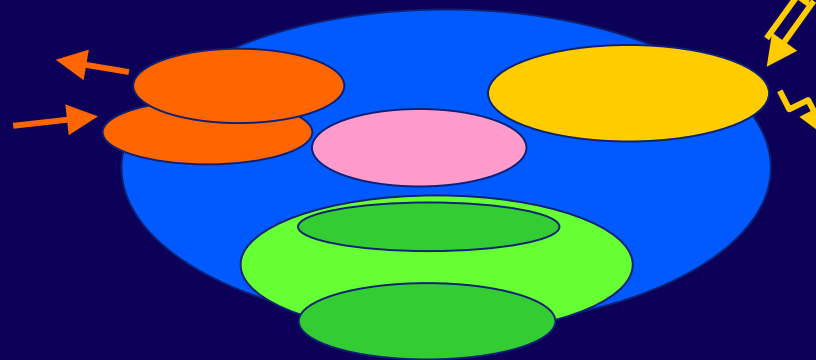
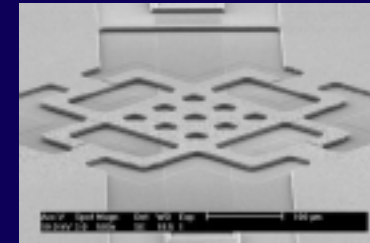
packaging, interface electronics, circuit design, algorithms

Research program

Sensors & actuators



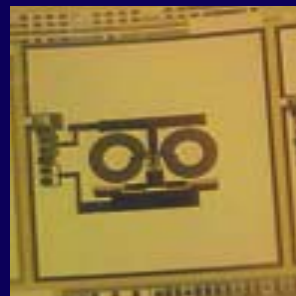
RF passive integration



Smart LED modules



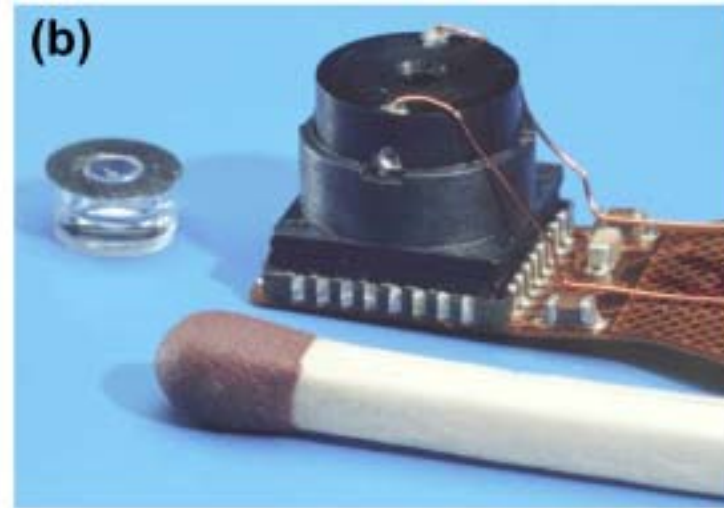
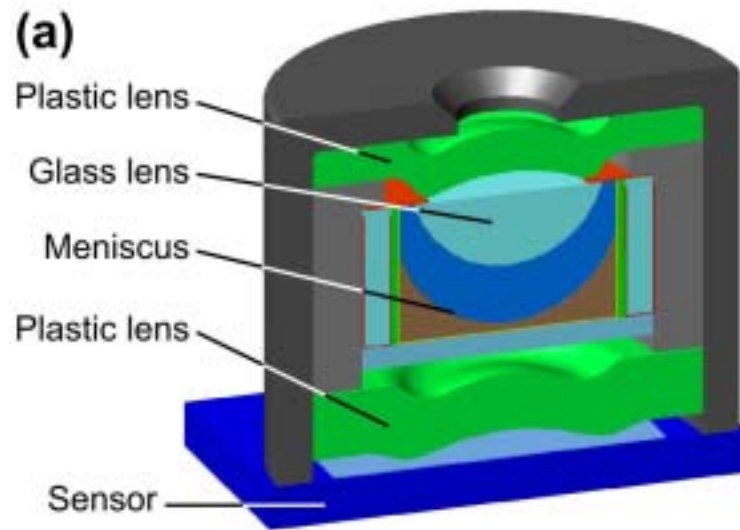
Portable energy & autonomous devices



Polymer electronics



Electrowetting: fluid focus lens



Electrowetting display

Principle

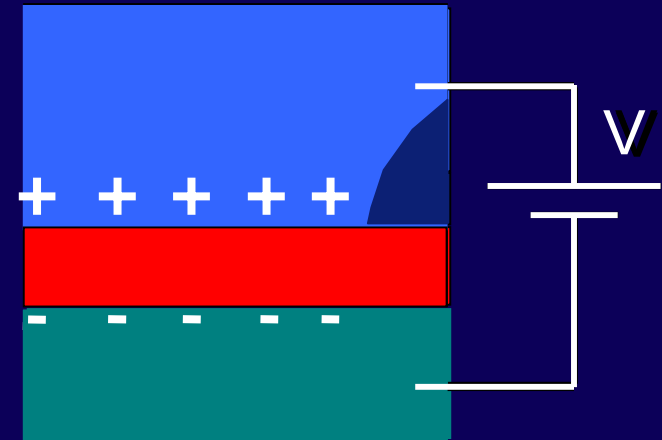
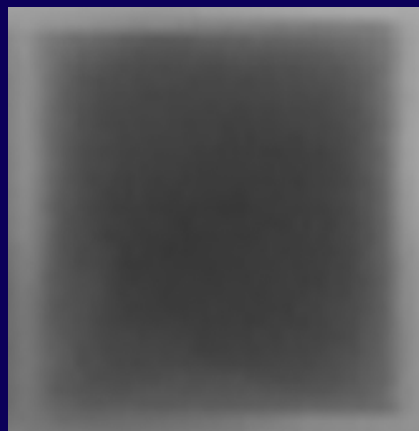


water

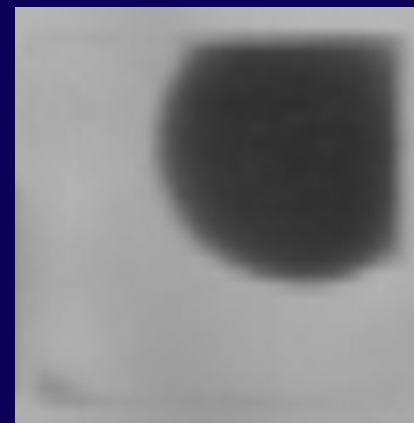
oil
coating

electrode

Homogeneous oil film

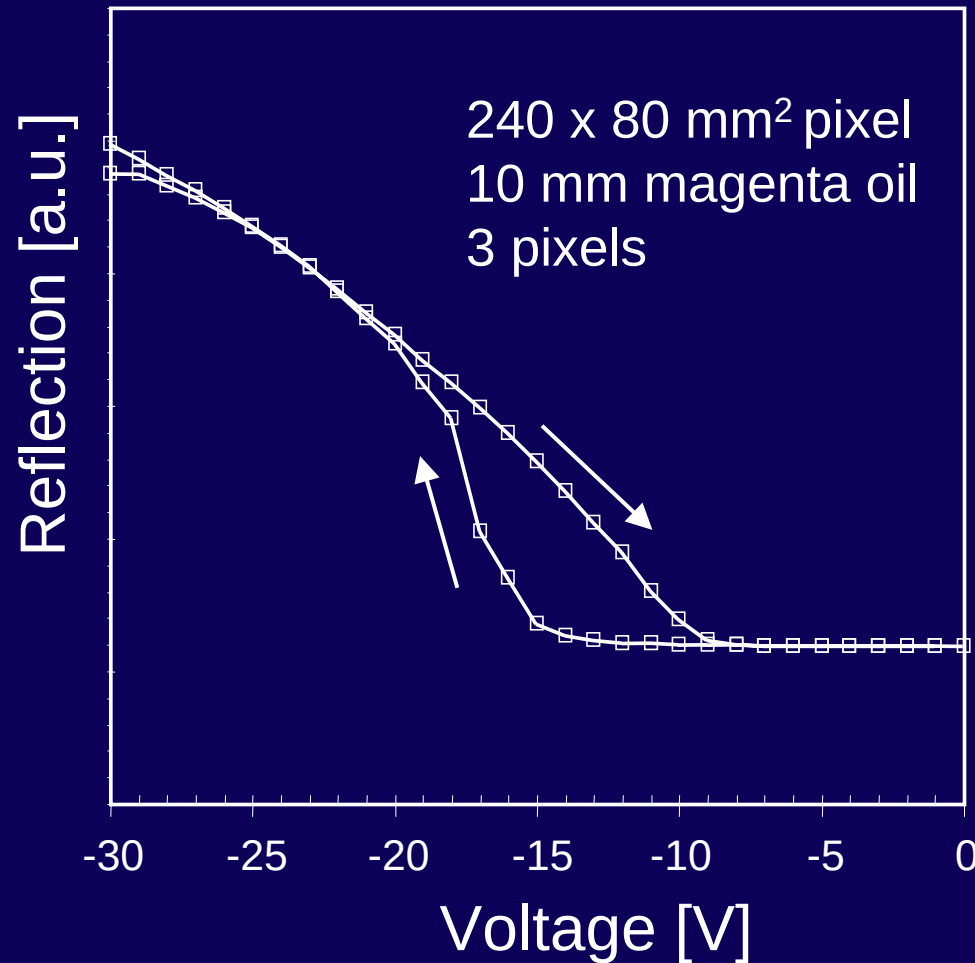
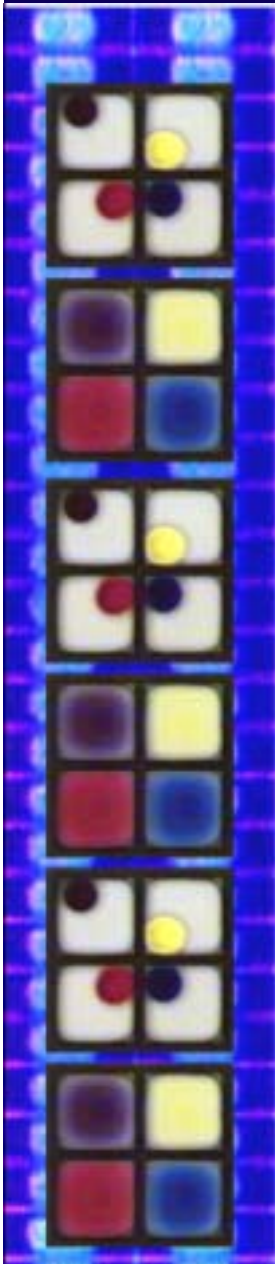


Oil pushed aside



Electrowetting display

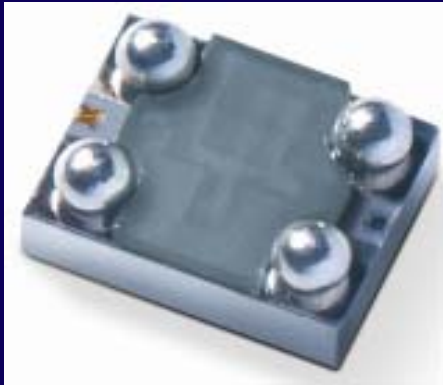
Electro-optic characteristics



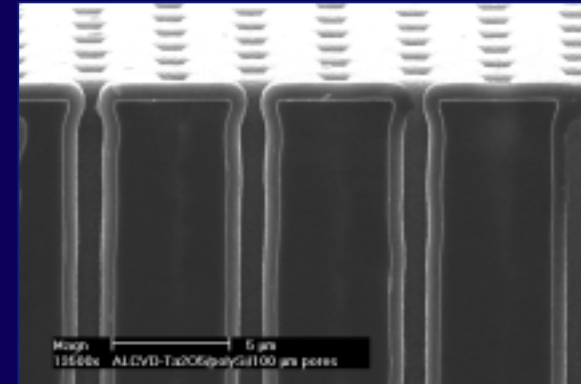
- Reflectivity 60 % (B/W)*
40 % (color)
- Contrast > 15
- Analog grey scales
- Switching @ 100 Hz
- Power ~ AMLCD
- Cost & Manufacturing
~ AMLCD

* LCD 17 %

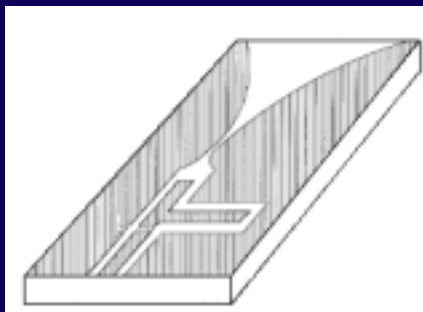
RF Passive Integration



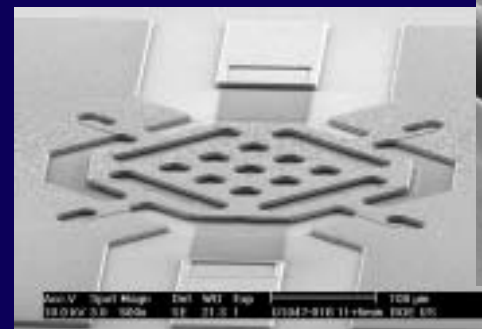
Bulk Acoustic Wave filters



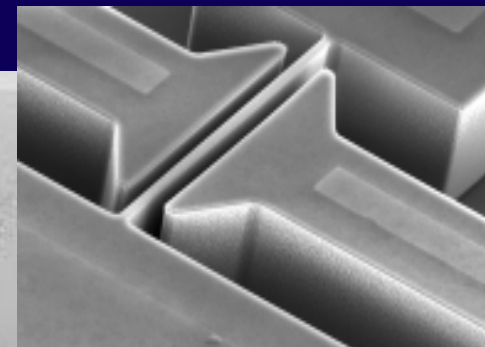
High-density capacitors



mm-wave devices



Micro-mechanical switches & oscillators



SiP solutions for mobile phones



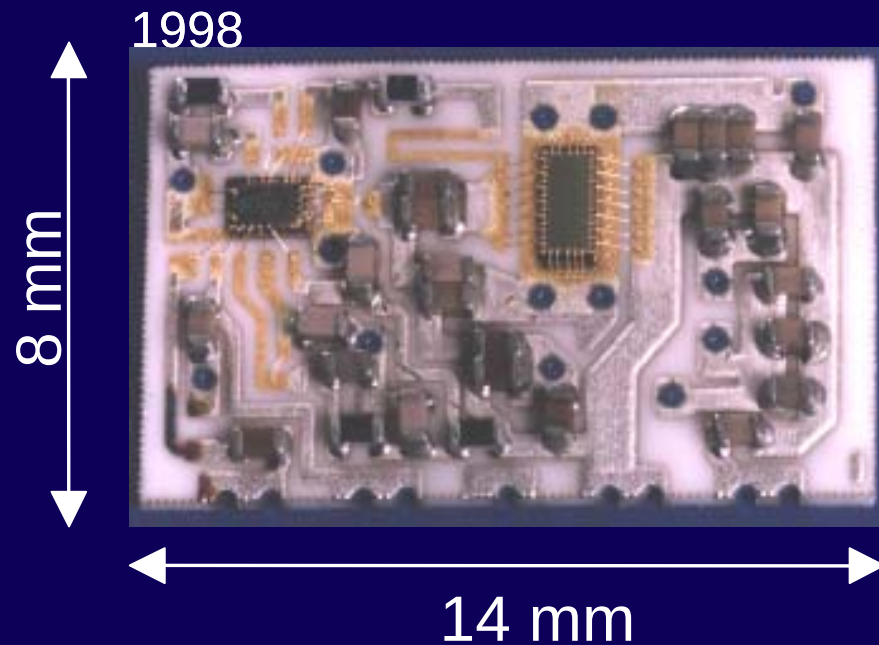
Passive
integration

MEMS

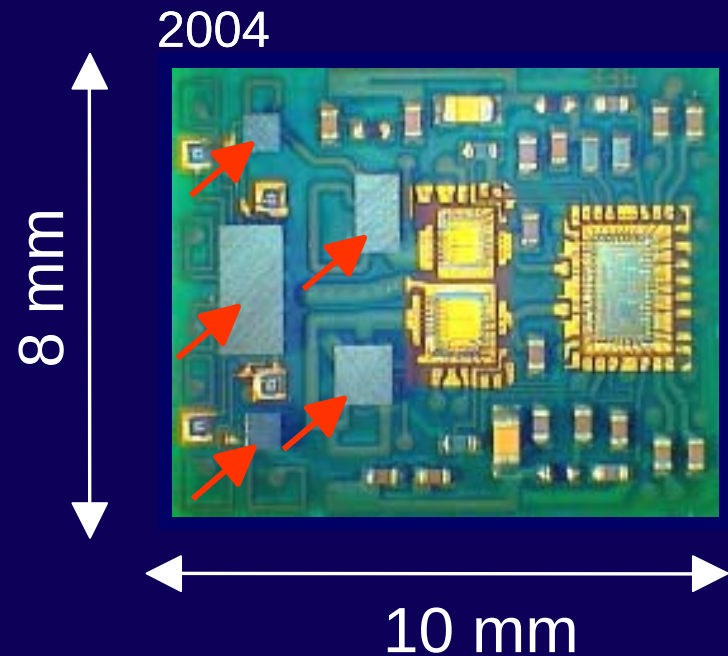
CMOS

RF Passive Integration on Si (PASSI™)

thin-film inductors & capacitors



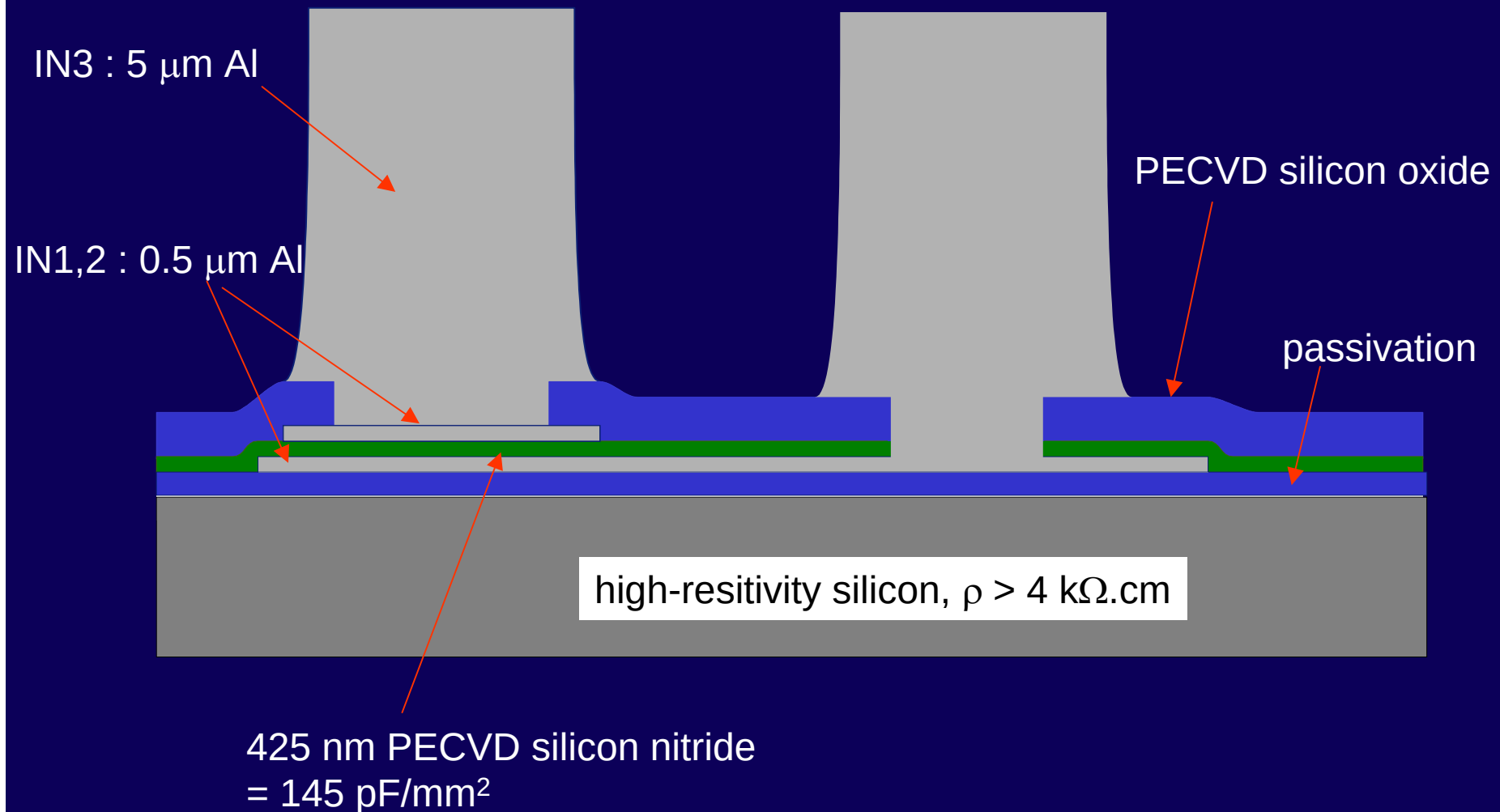
Single-band transmit module



Quad-band transmit module
with 5 PASSI™ chips

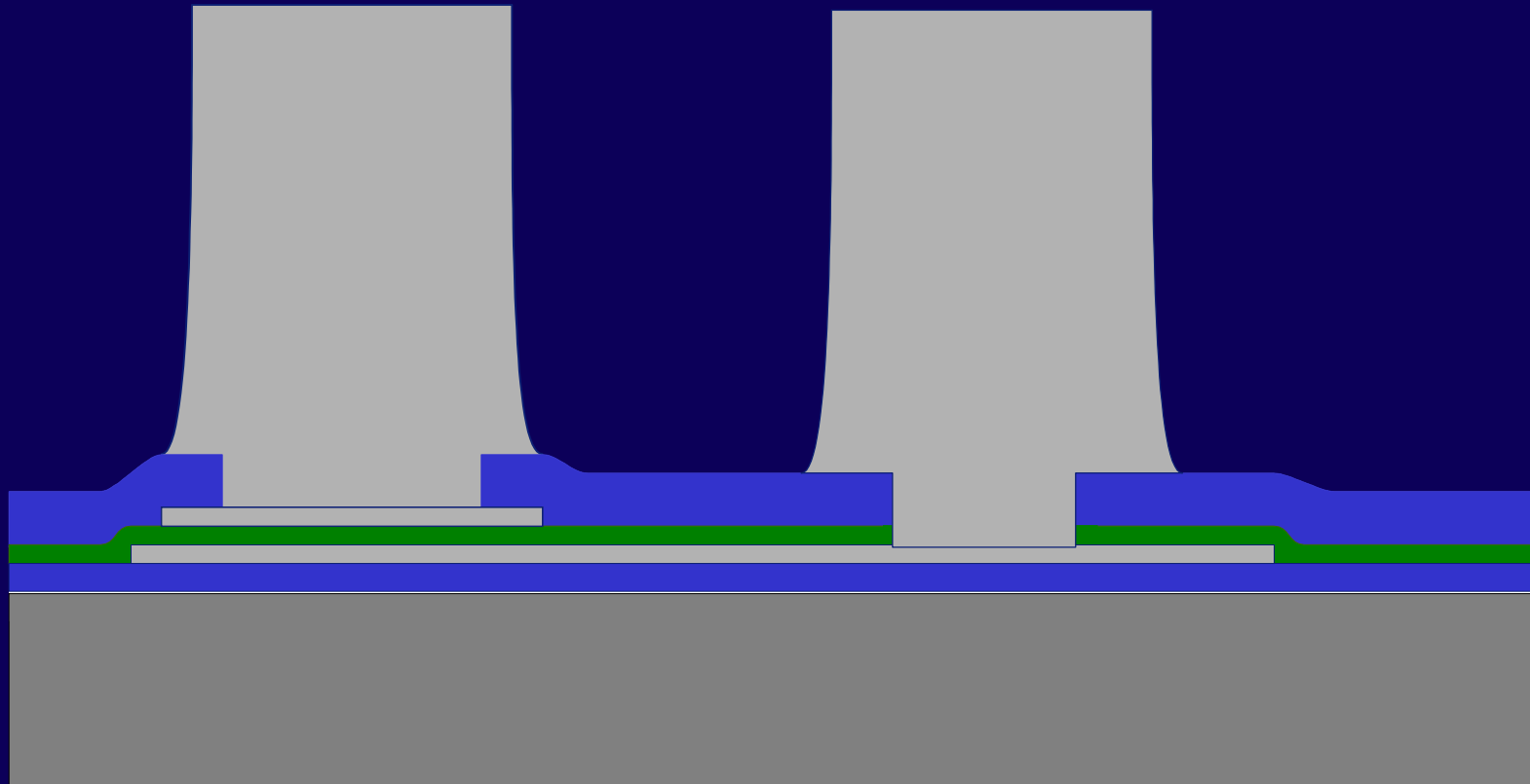
RF Passive Integration on Si

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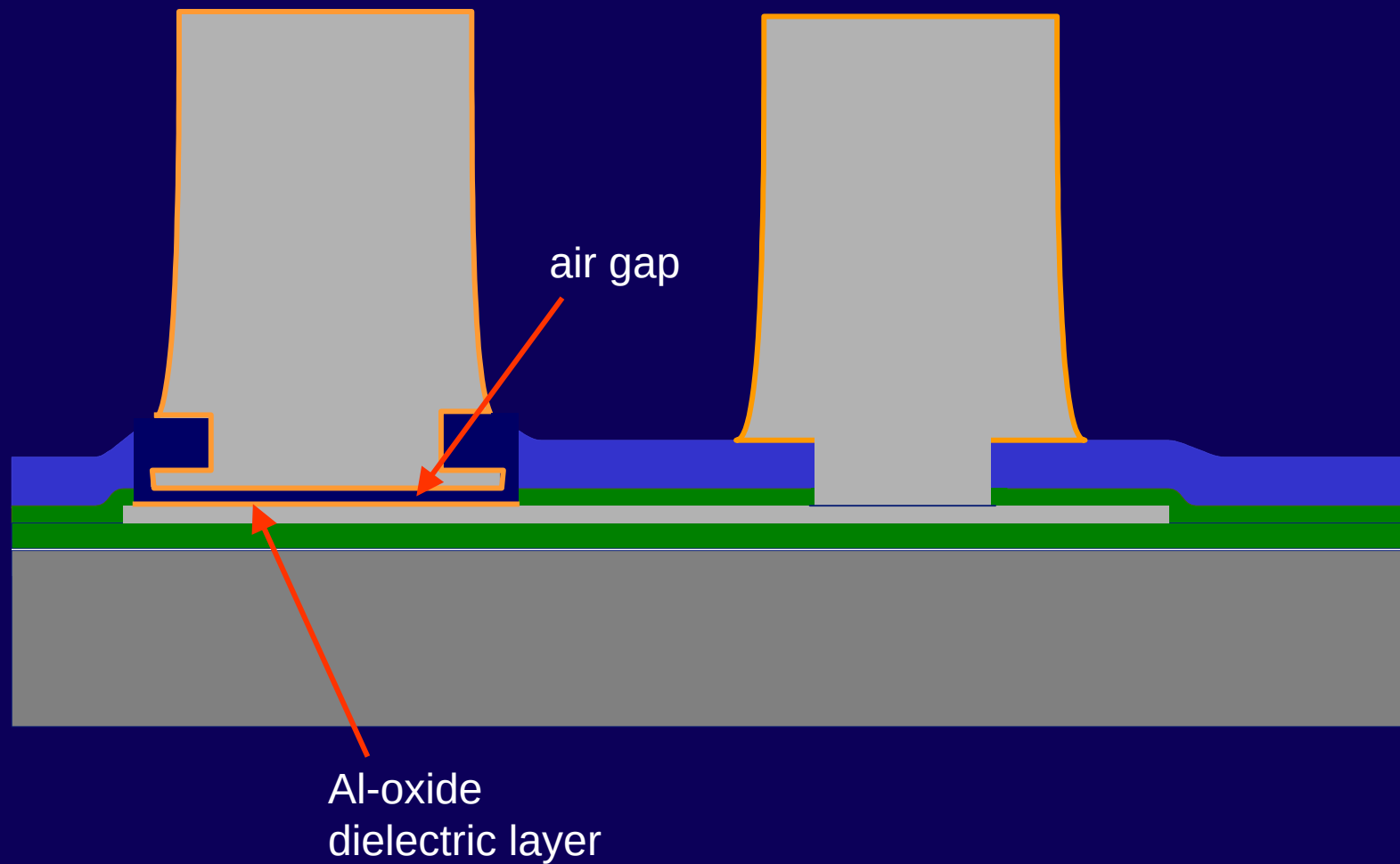
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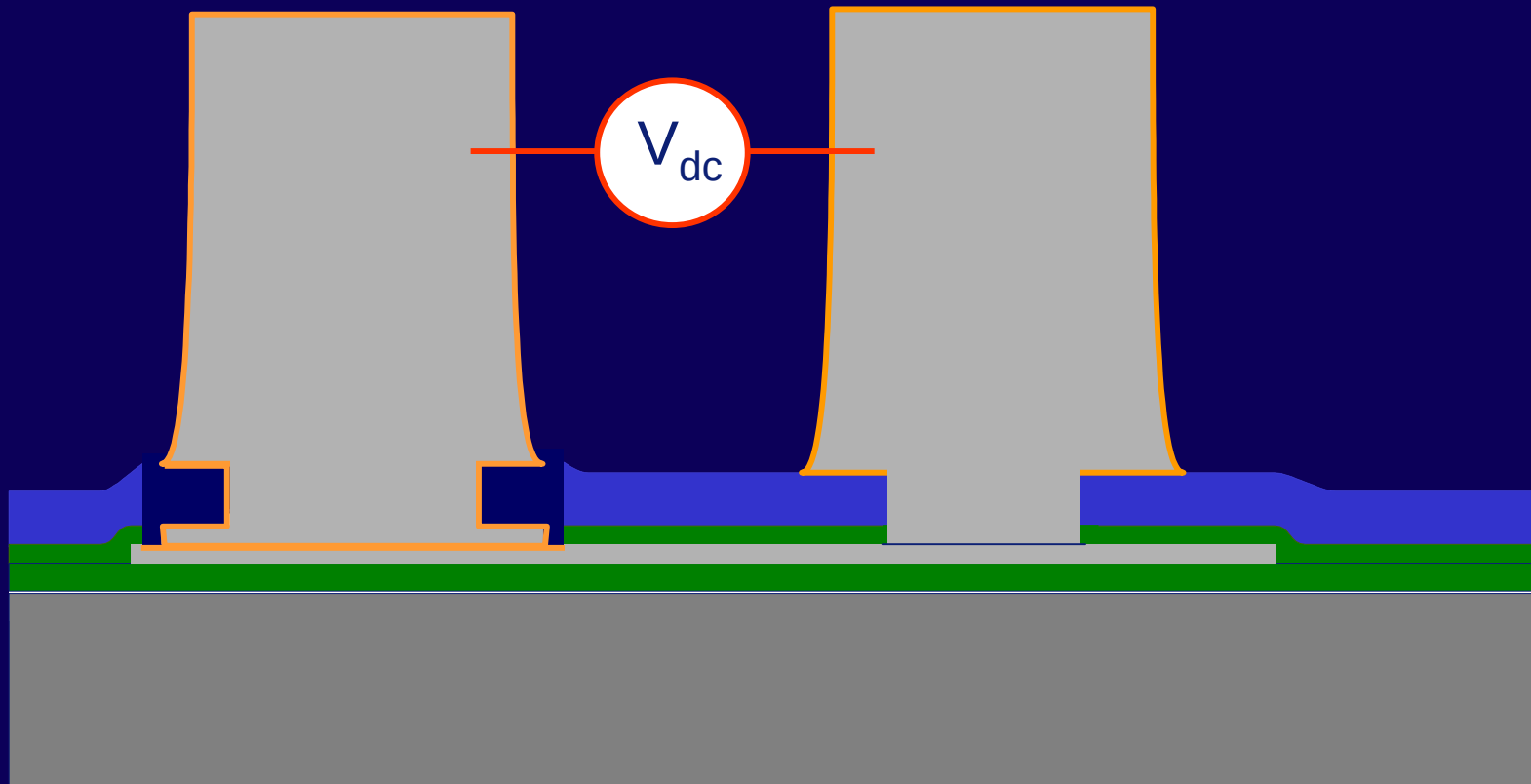
RF Passive Integration + MEMS modules

thin-film inductors & switchable capacitors



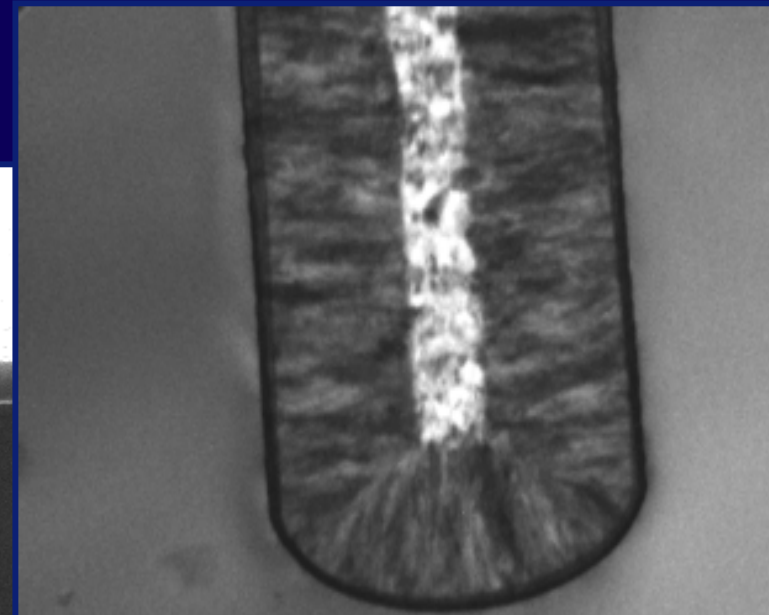
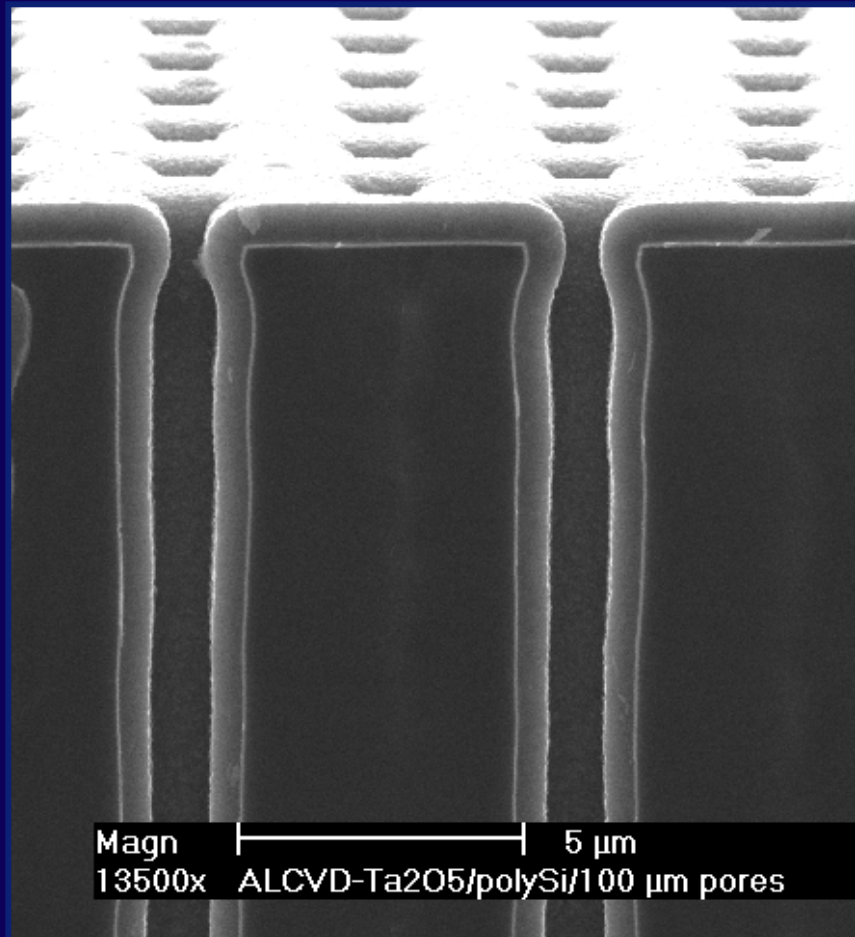
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High-value trench capacitors

1. Increase surface area
2. Increase dielectric constant

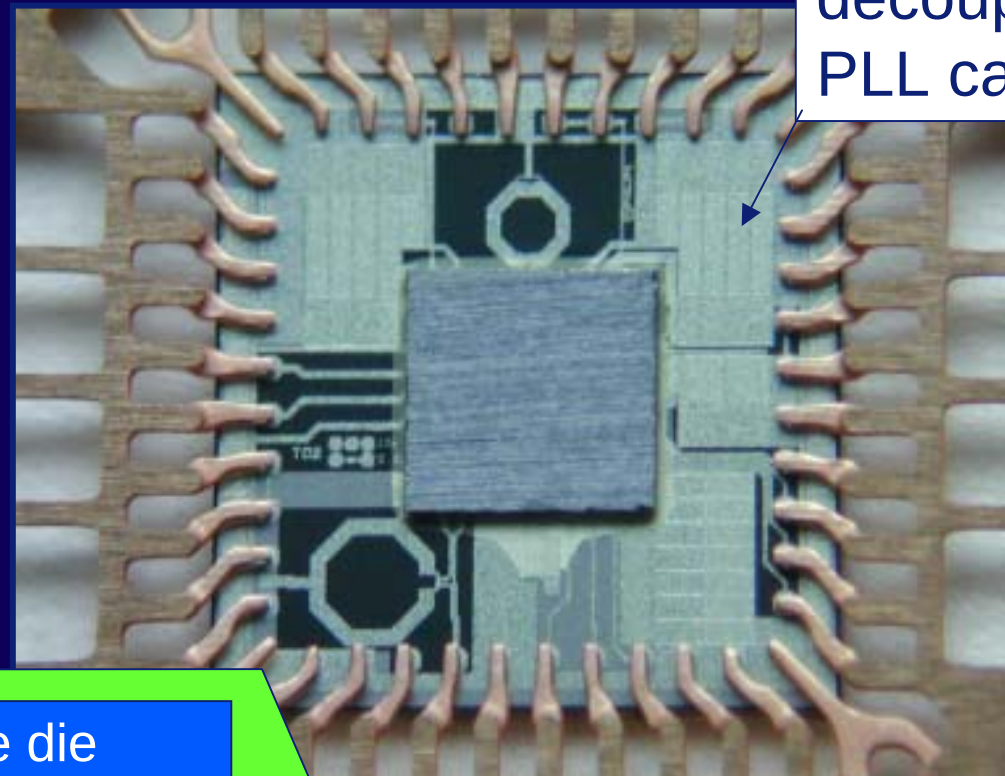


SiO₂, SiN: 30 - 90 nF/mm²

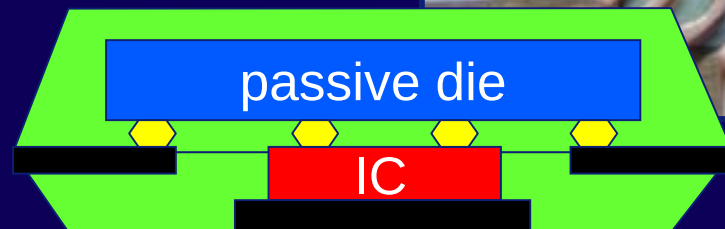
HfO₂, Ta₂O₅: ≥ 250 nF/mm²

Co-operation
with *Jusung*,
ASM-I

Bluetooth *plug 'n play* SiP module



decoupling and
PLL capacitors

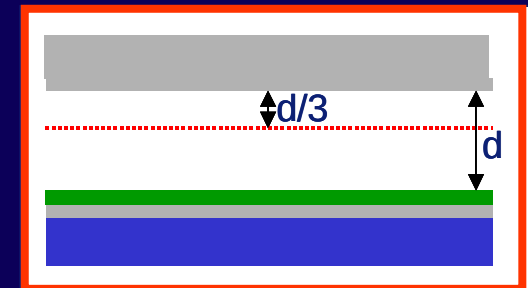
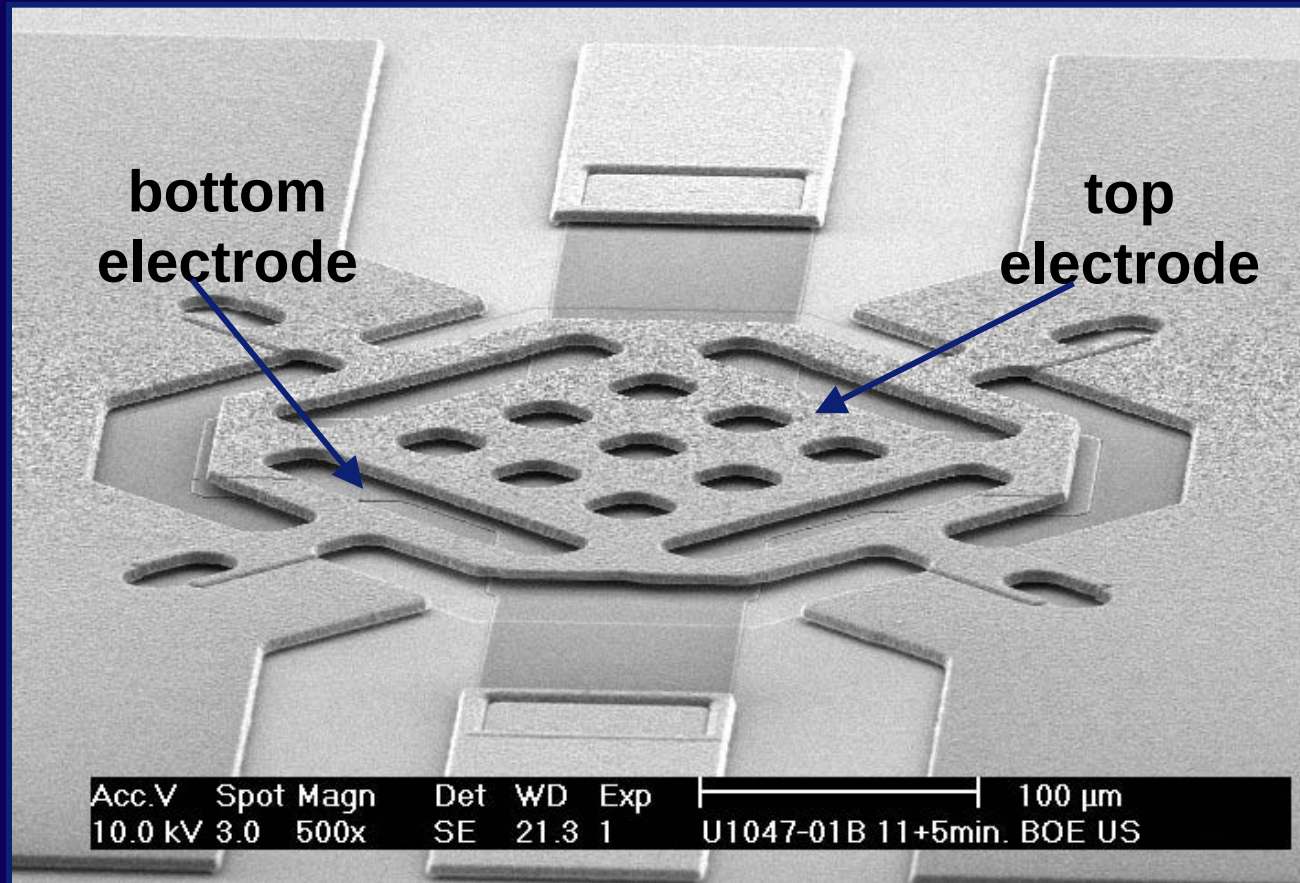


double flip-chip on lead frame
(HVQFN)

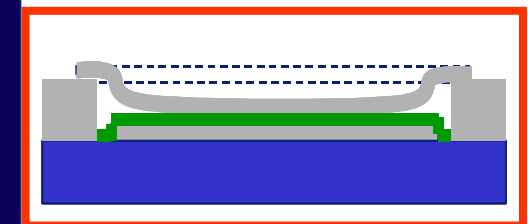
Source: Philips, France

RF-MEMS switchable capacitor

Free-hanging metal membrane over air gap



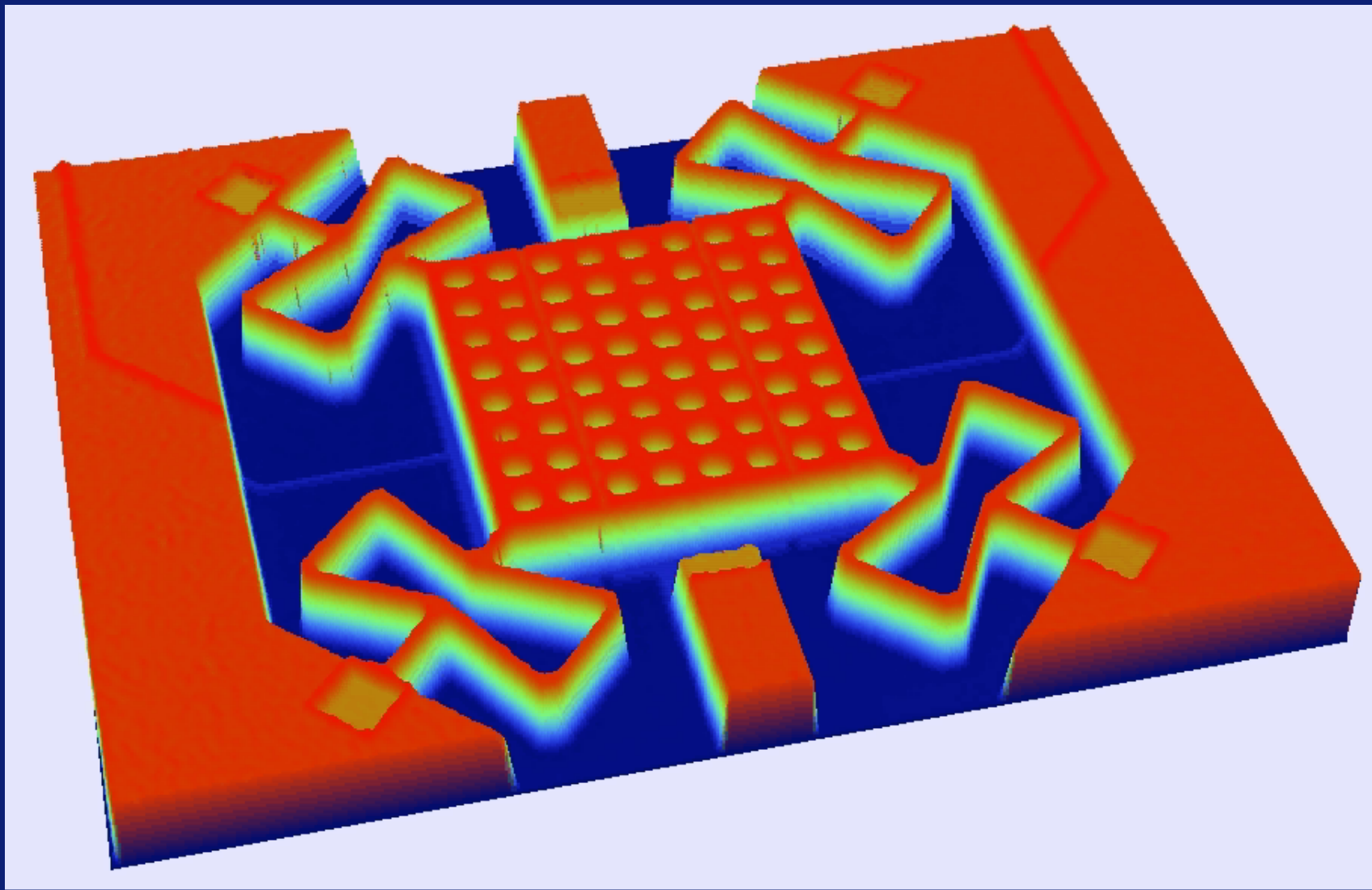
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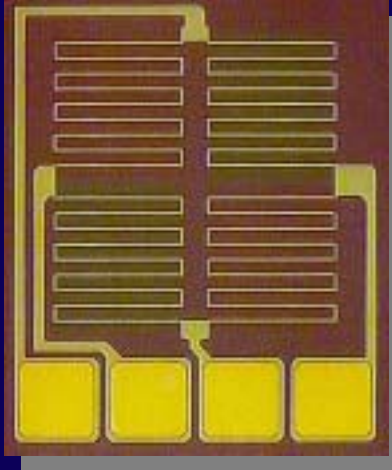
Closed (20 pF)

RF-MEMS switchable capacitor

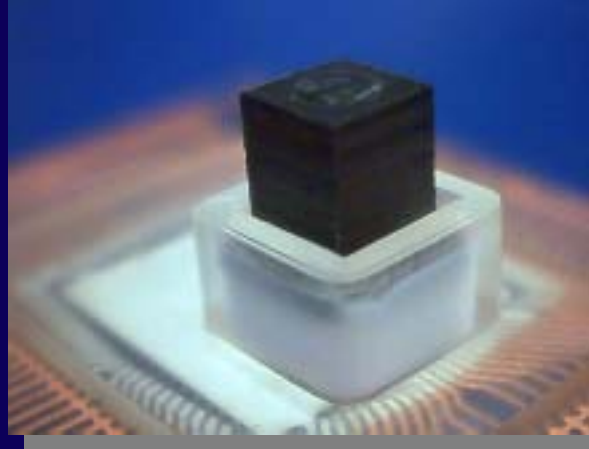
Optical measurement



Sensors & actuators



Magnetic sensor technology



Magnetic mouse pointer



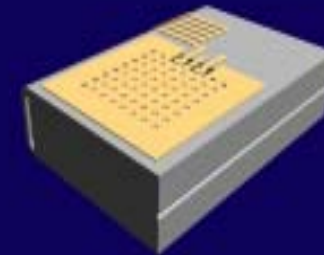
Electrowetting



Magnetic biosensor

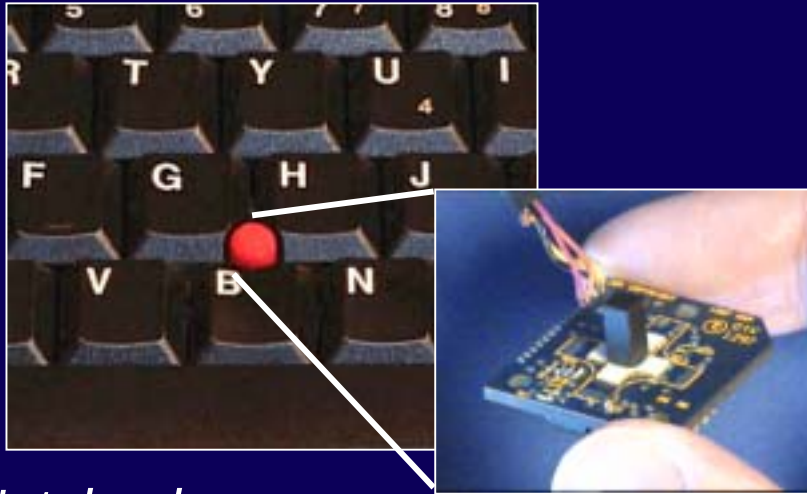


3D navigation



Acoustic transducers

Integrated mouse pointer



Notebooks

PDA's

Game consoles

Cell phones



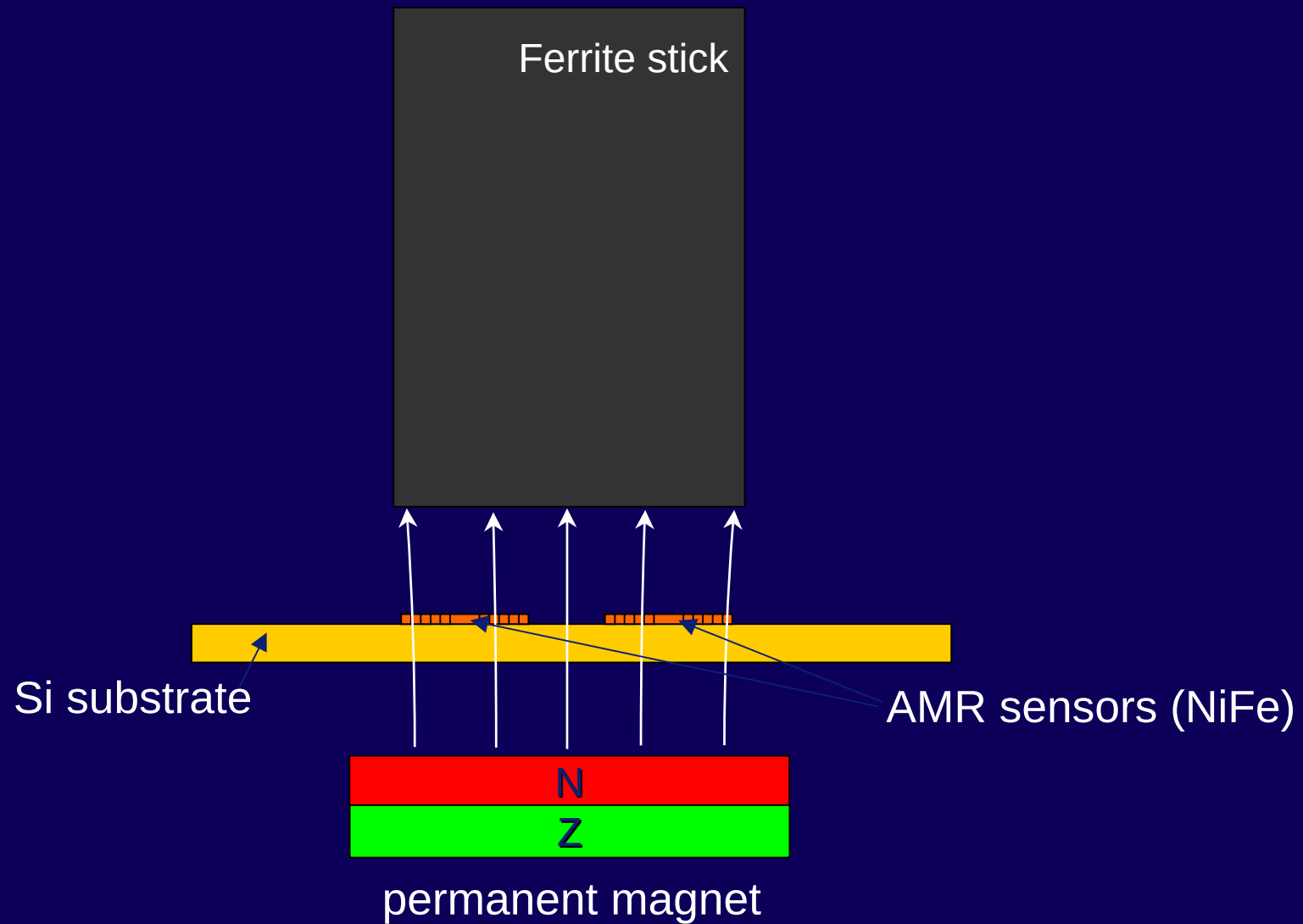
- Micro-controller is commodity
- Added value is in total solution (SiP)



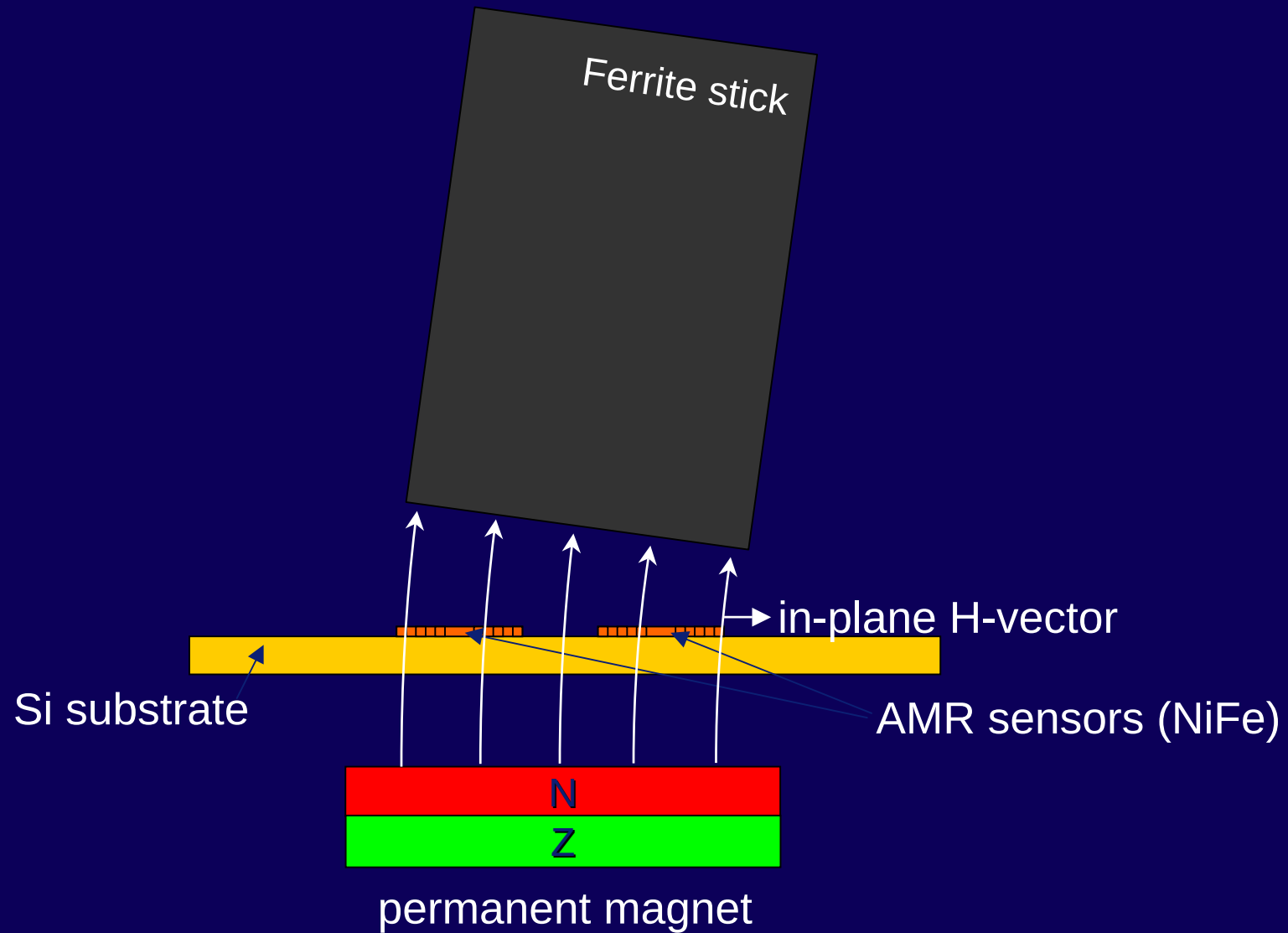
develop chip-size SiP solution

Electronics — Sensor

Magneto-resistive sensing concept



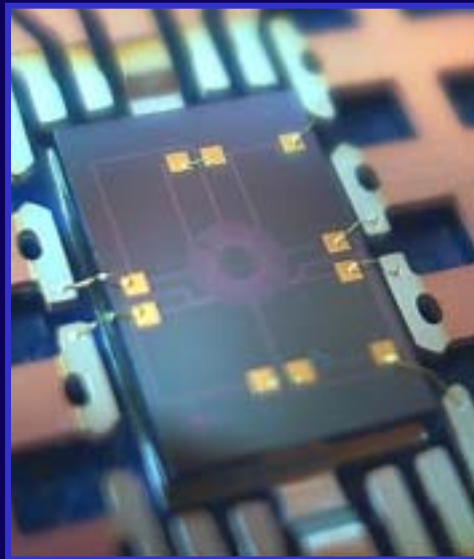
Magneto-resistive sensing concept



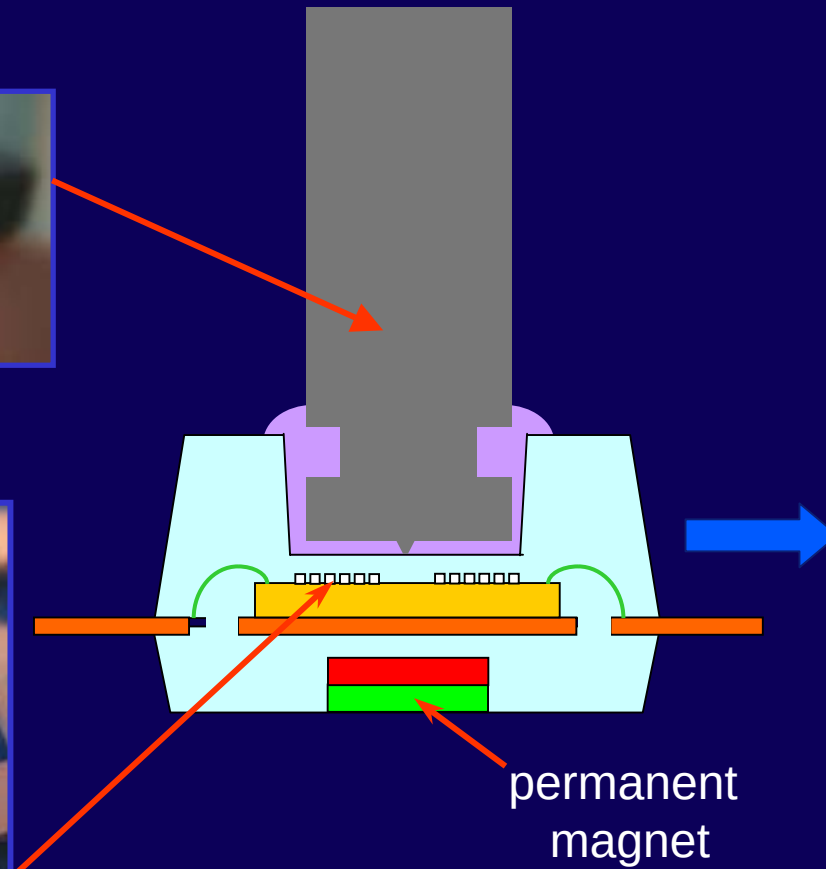
Stick-in-chip module



Ferrite stick



AMR sensor

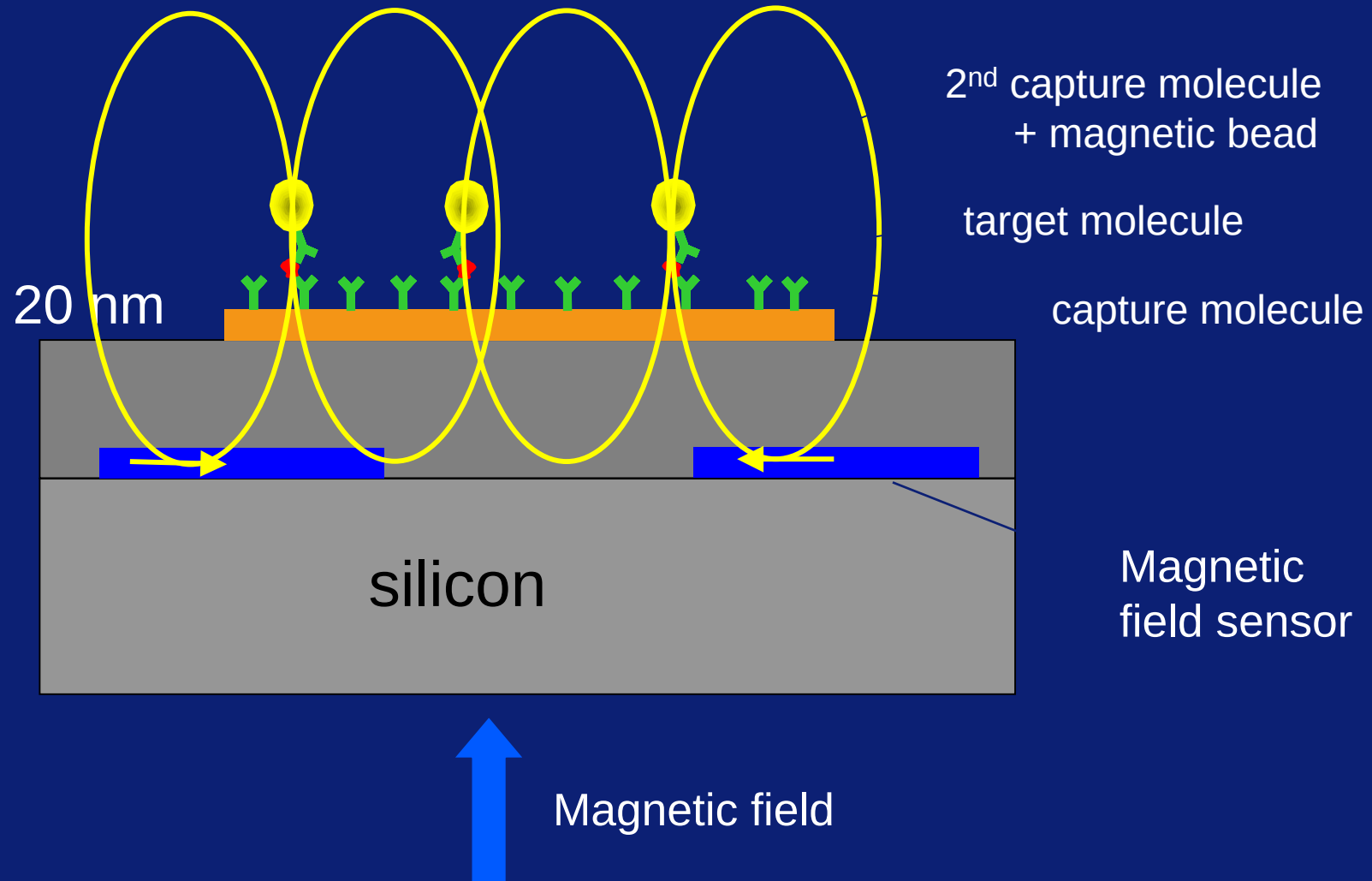


permanent magnet

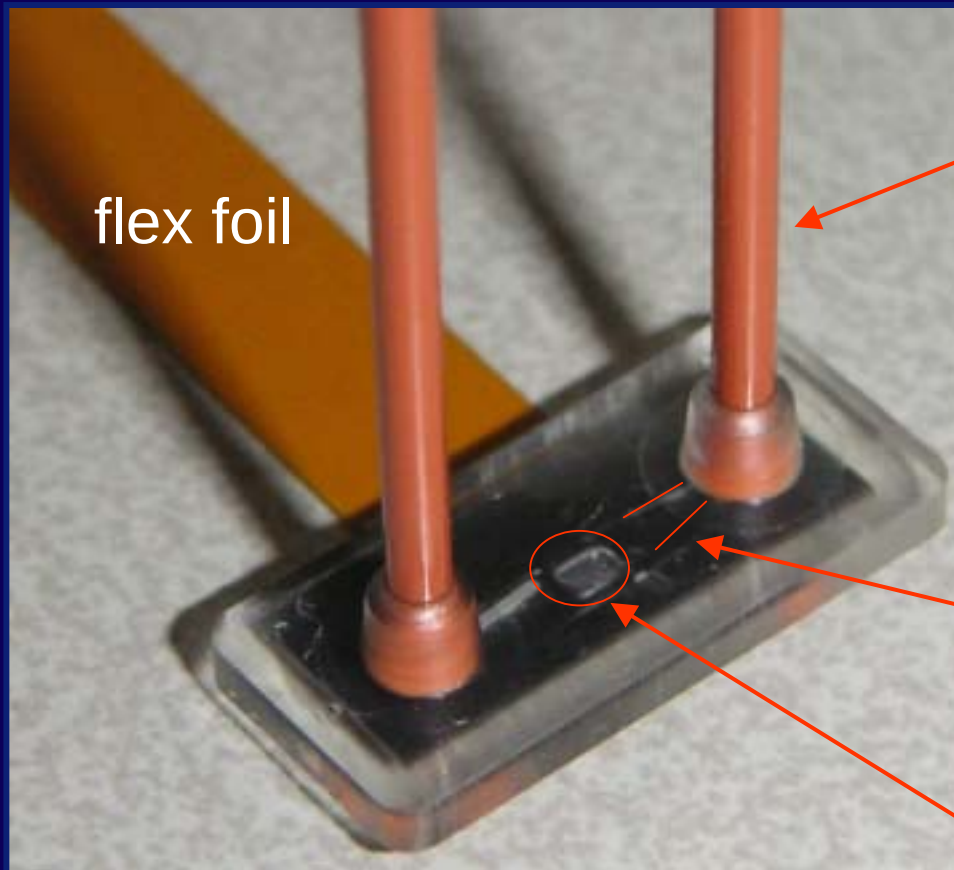


Magnetic biosensor

for point-of-care analysis in early stage



Biosensor cartridge



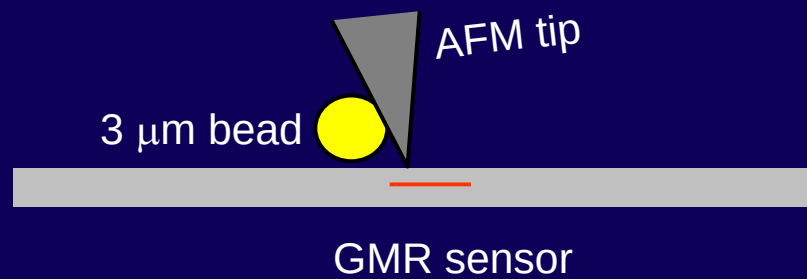
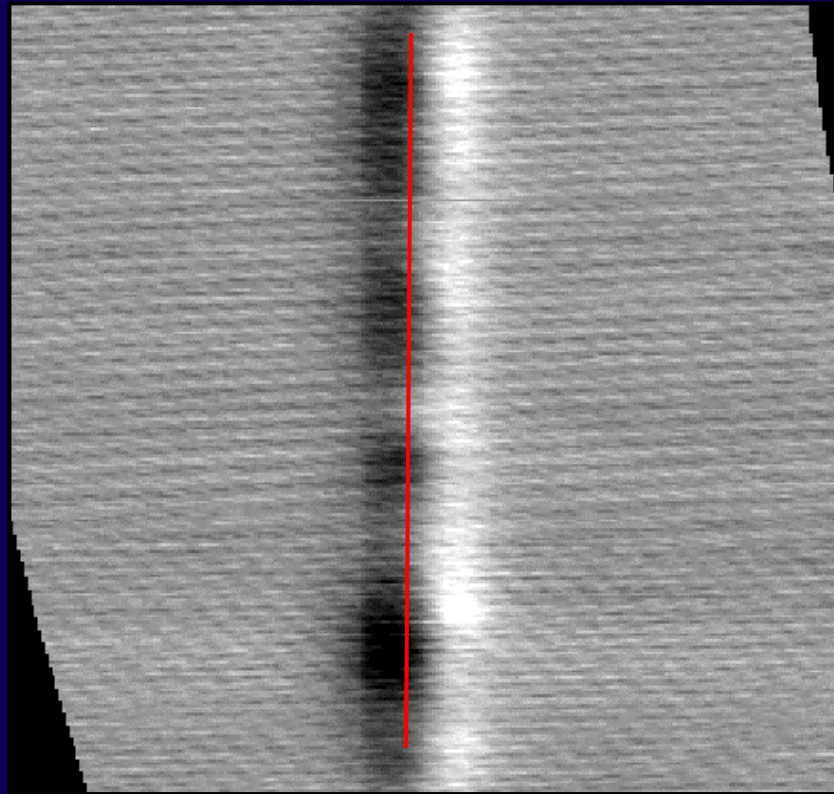
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fluid injection

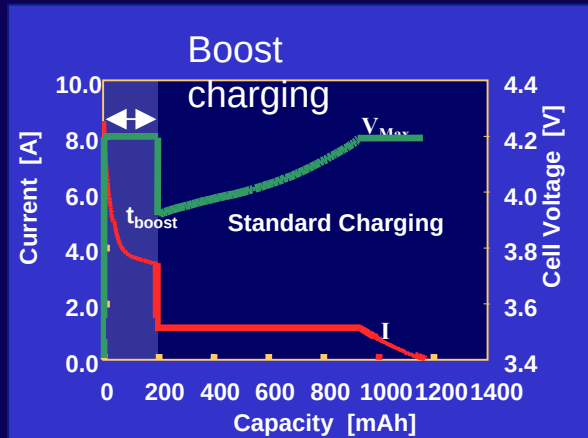
channel

sensor chip
(1 x 1 mm²)

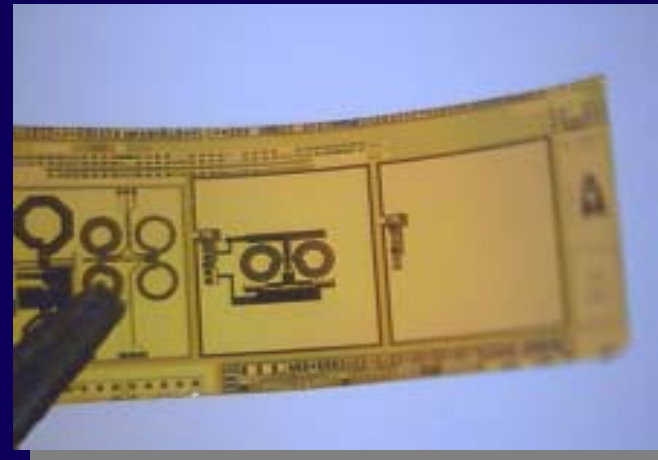
Detecting single magnetic bead



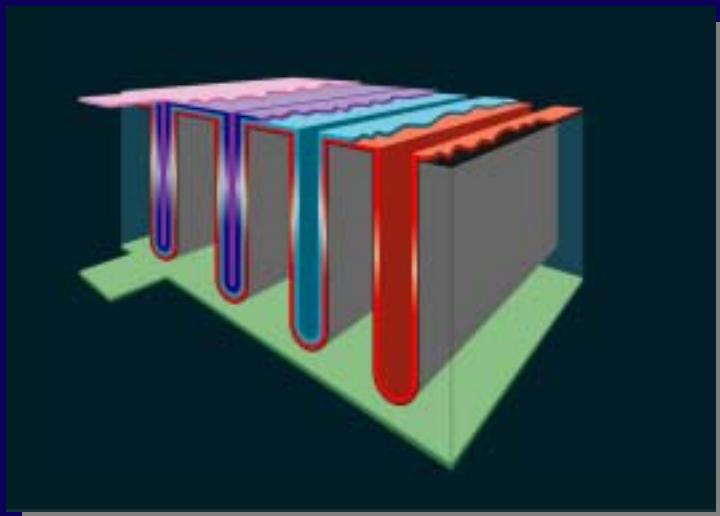
Energy management & Autonomous devices



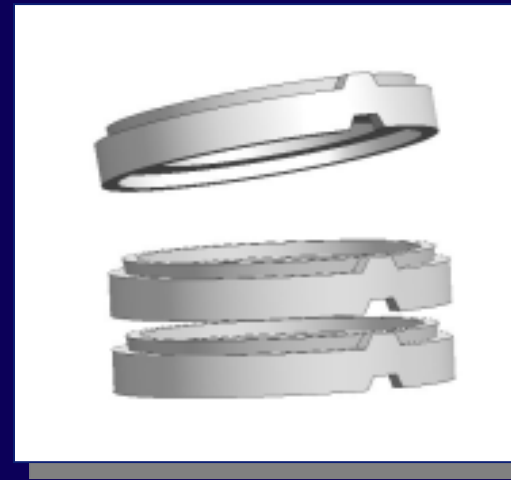
Battery management



Flexible RF-ID



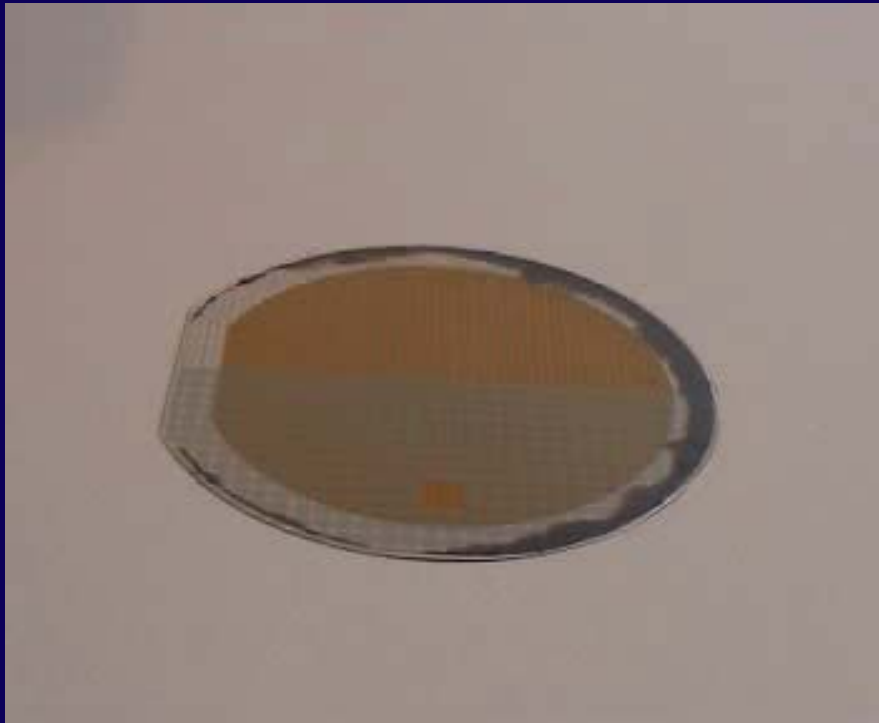
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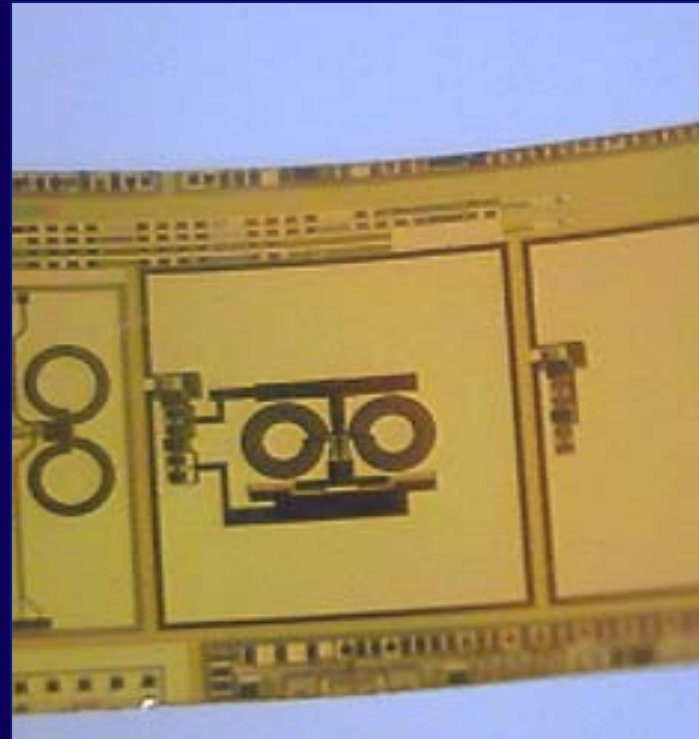
Autonomous sensor networks

Integrated flexible RF-ID labels

Flexible ultra-thin Si electronic circuits



Substrate transfer technology



- Integrated antenna
- 5 μm thickness
- < 1 mm bend radius

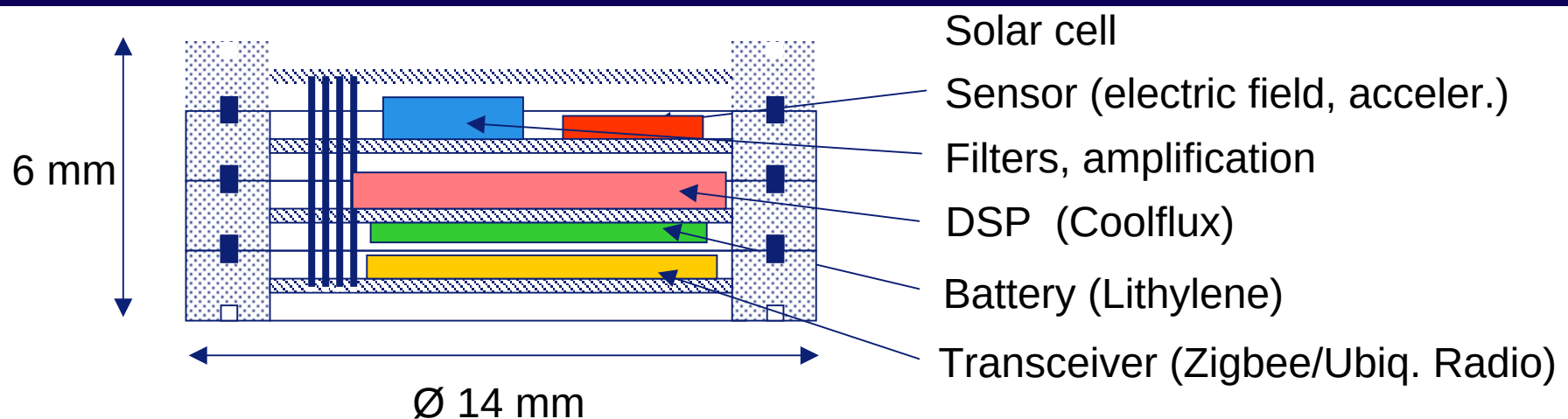
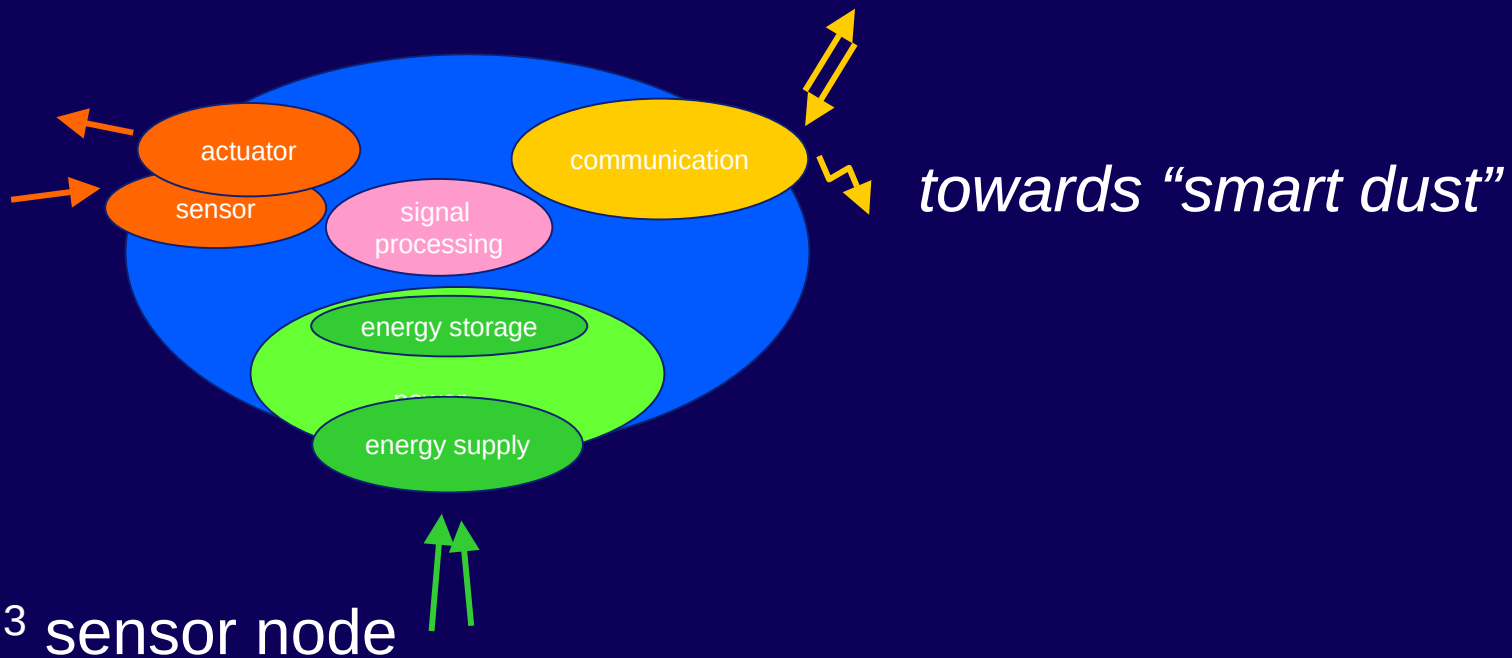
Applications

- value paper
- bank notes
- drug labeling
- electronic band-aid
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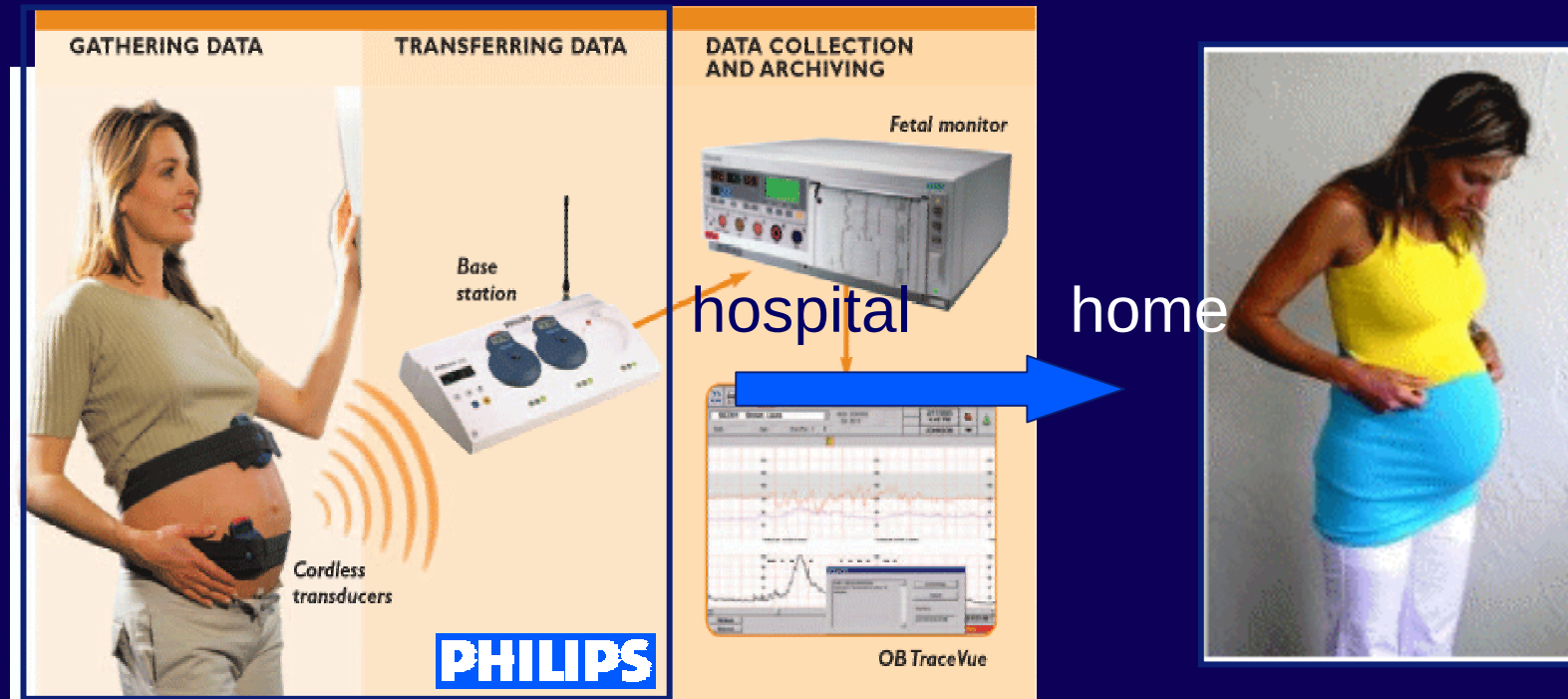


*In co-operation with a
major paper manufacturer*

Autonomous sensor networks



Towards home fetal monitoring



- skin contact required
- bulky & uncomfortable
- high power consumption

- incorporated in clothing
- long battery life
- simple status indicator

Capacitive E-field sensor



Contactless ECG measured through clothing

Microsystem technology (MST)

in our daily environment

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Manufacturing

Basic substrates materials in microsystems

- Glass
- Semiconductors: silicon, GaAs, ...
- Silicon-on-Glass
- Polymers
-

Glass Microfabrication

Glass is a versatile material:

insulating, hard, transparent, cheap, brittle, less resistant to high temperatures

Microstructuring techniques for glass:

Wet etching, dry etching, ultrasonic machining, Electrical Discharge Machining, laser structuring, powder blasting, photosensitive glass

Replication of glass microstructures:

Sol-gel process (spin-on-glass), photosensitive spin-on-glass

Bonding of glass:

Anodic bonding, fusion bonding, pressure-assisted bonding, chemical bonding, glass-metal bonding

Applications :

many

Silicon Microfabrication

Silicon is a versatile material:

semi-conducting, hard, non-transparent, not so cheap,
brittle, resistant to high temperatures

Microstructuring techniques for silicon:

Wet etching, dry etching, ultrasonic machining, Electrical
Discharge Machining, laser structuring, powder blasting
glass

Replication of silicon microstructures:

Hexil process (LPCVD polySi), epitaxial growth

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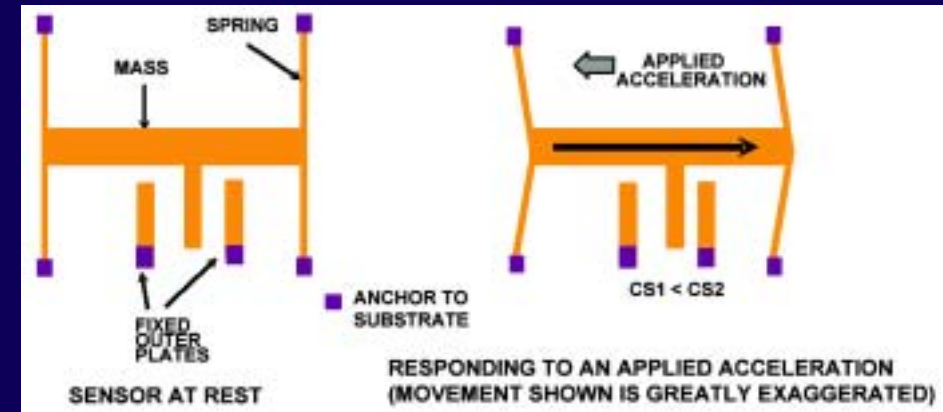
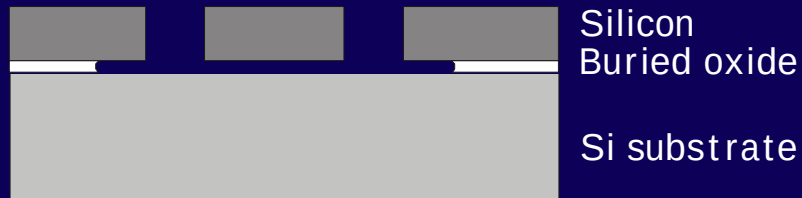
Applications :

many, including integration with electronics

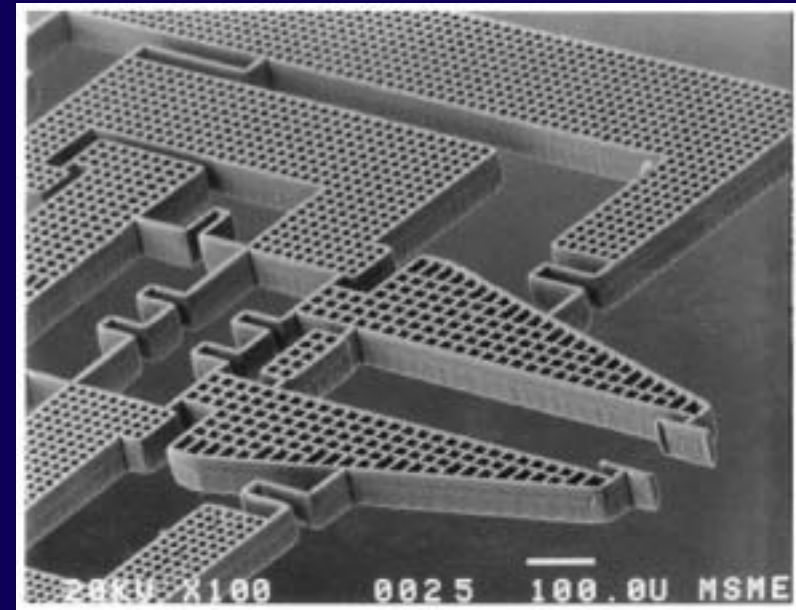
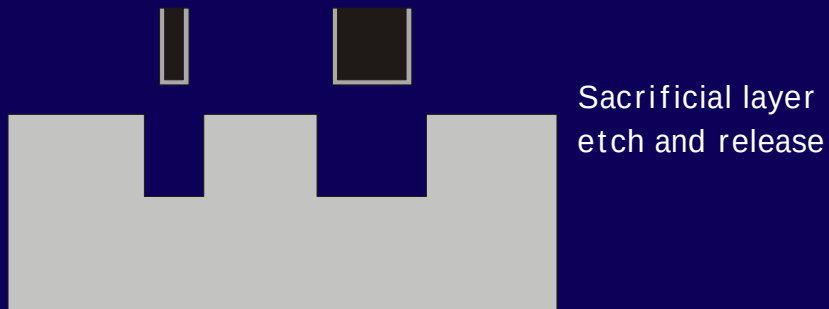
Materials and production

What enables MST?

- Silicon on Insulator (SOI) wafers



- HEXSIL (MSME Precision Instruments)



Materials and production

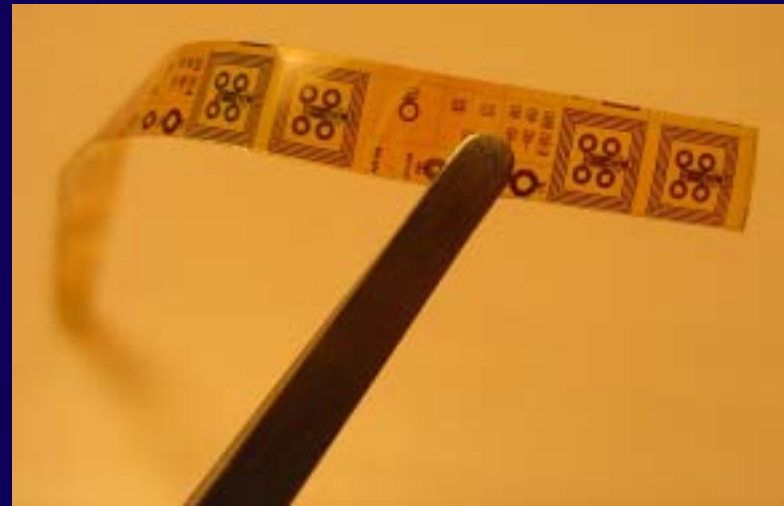
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Manufacturing

Bottlenecks for industrializing silicon MEMS manufacturing

- MEMS requiring structural changes in foundries
RIE, KOH, problematic materials, ...
- No universal set of microsystem processing technologies
no multi-project wafers
- Diversity makes financial pre-calculations difficult
- MST requires multi-disciplinary skills, also at the foundry
testing standards, production conditions, ...
- Packaging
diversity of products, thus packages

Manufacturing

Workhorse in MST: Deep RIE-etching

Useful literature

- on RIE etching (RIE lag, microloading, aperture effects, Aspect Ratio Dependent Etching, pattern factors)

R. Gottscho et al. (AT&T Bell Labs), J. Vac. Sc. Technol. B **10** (5) (1992) 2133

- on Microsystems

M. Madou, Fundamentals of Microfabrication, CRC Press, Boca Raton, 1997

- on Sensors & Actuators

S. Middelhoek and S. Audet, Silicon Sensors, Academic Press, New York, 1989

Manufacturing

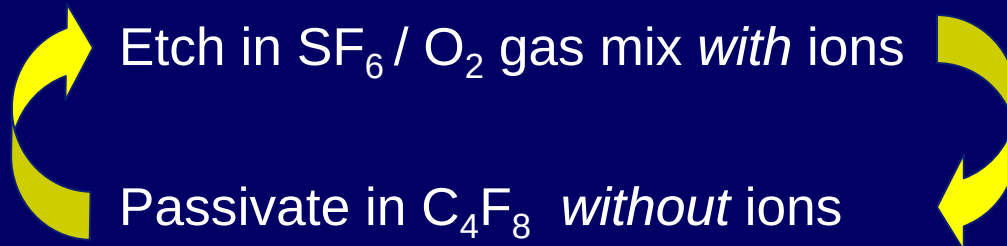
“Sensors and Actuator cube” * to maximize functionality

in / out	rad	mech	therm	electr	magn	chem
rad	photolumin	rad pressure	radiative heating	photo conduction	photo magnetic	photo chem
mech	photo-elastic effect	conserv moment	friction heat	piezo-effect	magnetostriction	pressure-induced expl.
therm	incandescence	thermal expansion	heat conduction	Seebeck effect	Curie-Weiss law	endotherm reaction
electr	inject. lumin.	piezo-electr.	Peltier effect	p-n junction effect	Ampere's law	electrolysis
magn	Faraday effect	magnetostriction	Ettinghausen effect	Hall effect	magnetic induction	
chem	chemo luminescence	explos. reaction	exotherm reaction	Volta effect		chem reaction

* Source: S. Middelhoek and S. Audet, *Silicon Sensors*, Academic Press, New York, 1989, p. 20

Principle of 'Bosch' *dry* etch process

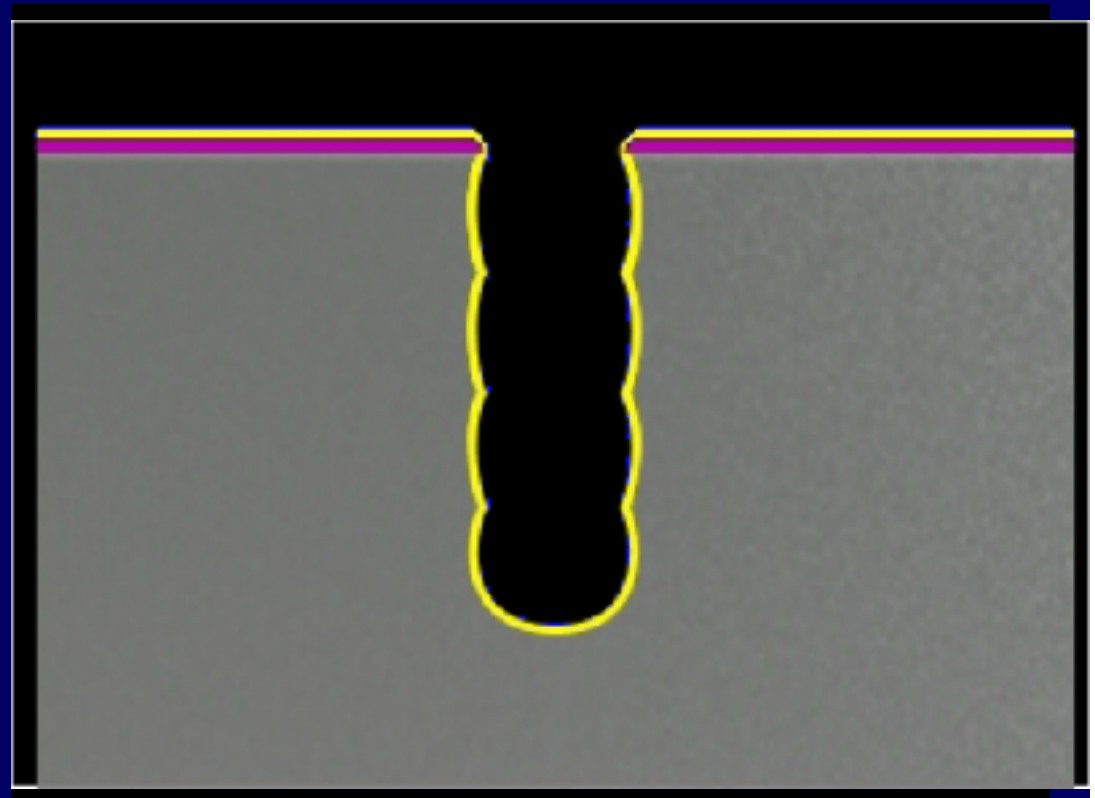
Etch / passivate cycle:



Hard mask : SiO_2 / resist ►

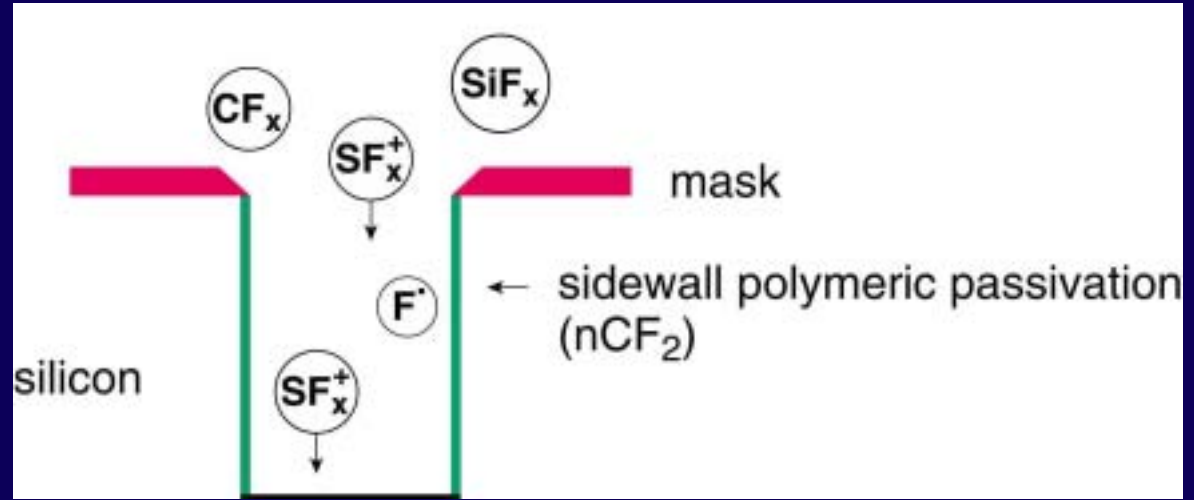
Etch rate: 5 - 0.5 $\mu\text{m}/\text{min}$

Aspect ratio: 20-25

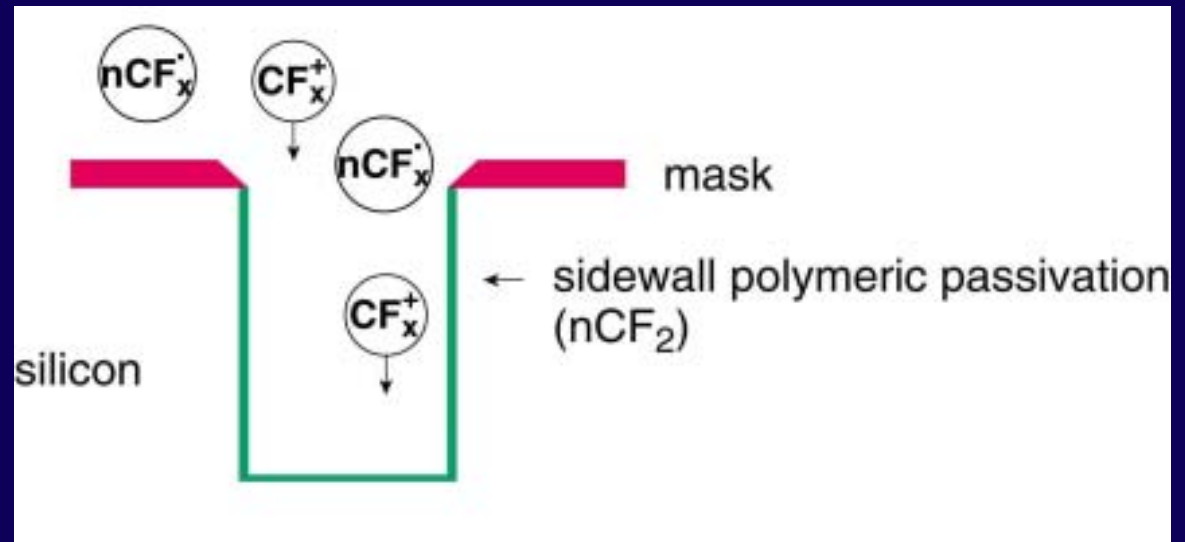


Dry etching at room temperature

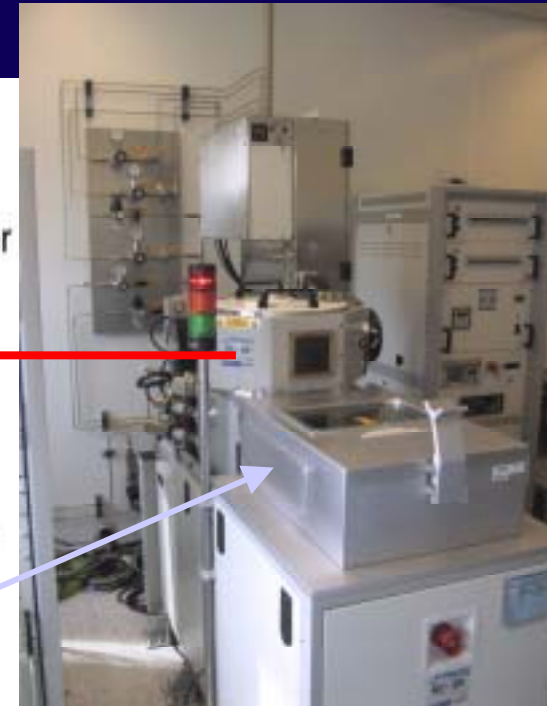
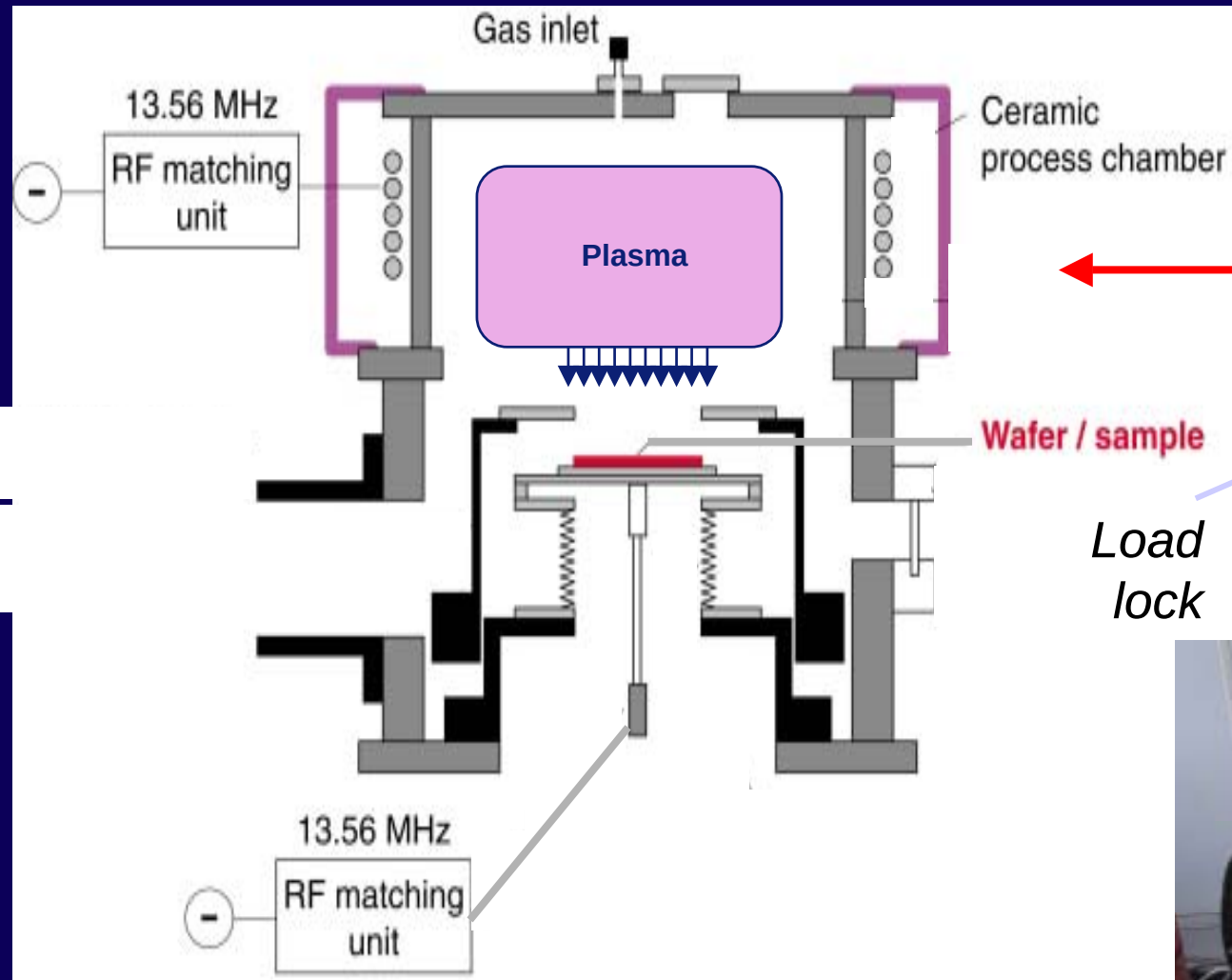
1. Etching with SF_6



2. Sidewall passivation with C_4F_8



Inductively Coupled Plasma reactor

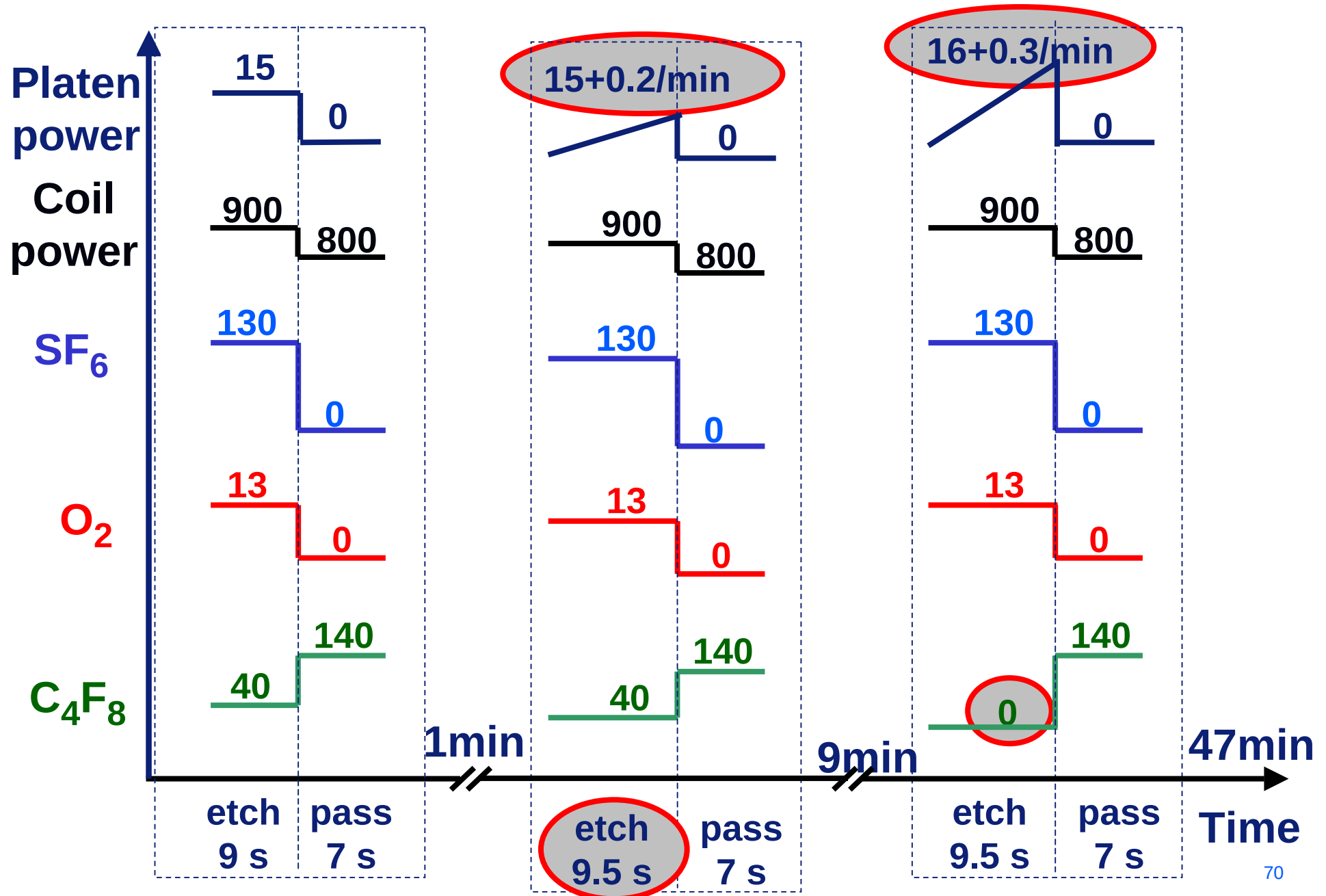


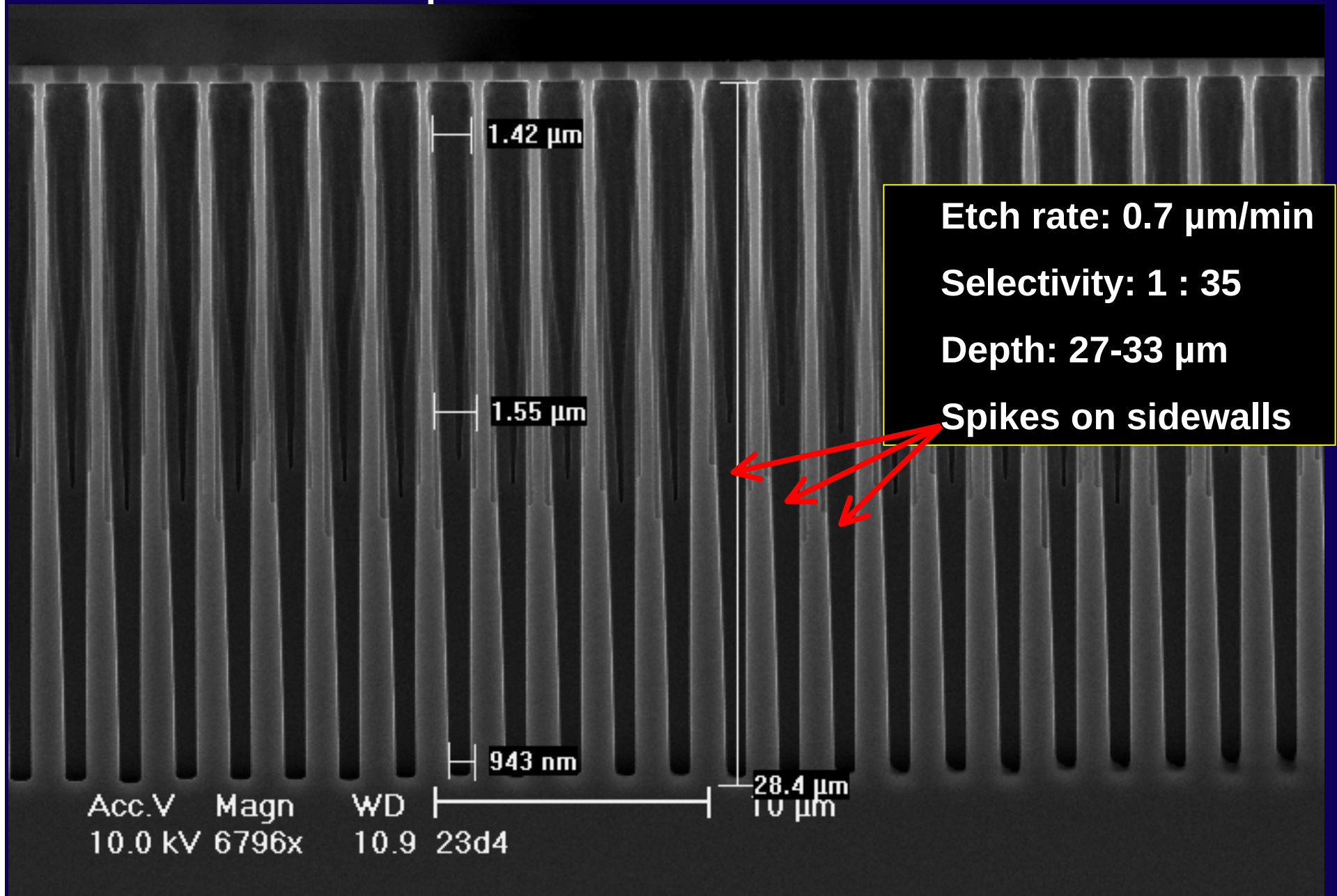
Details of our macropore array mask

- Geometrical shape
 - Pores of 1.0, 1.5 and 2.0 μm diameter
 - Trenches of 10 x 1 μm^2 with different pitches
- Mask composition
 - 1.7 μm of TEOS-SiO₂
 - 6.5 % of silicon exposed on a 6-inch wafer

Details of the original recipe

20 °C

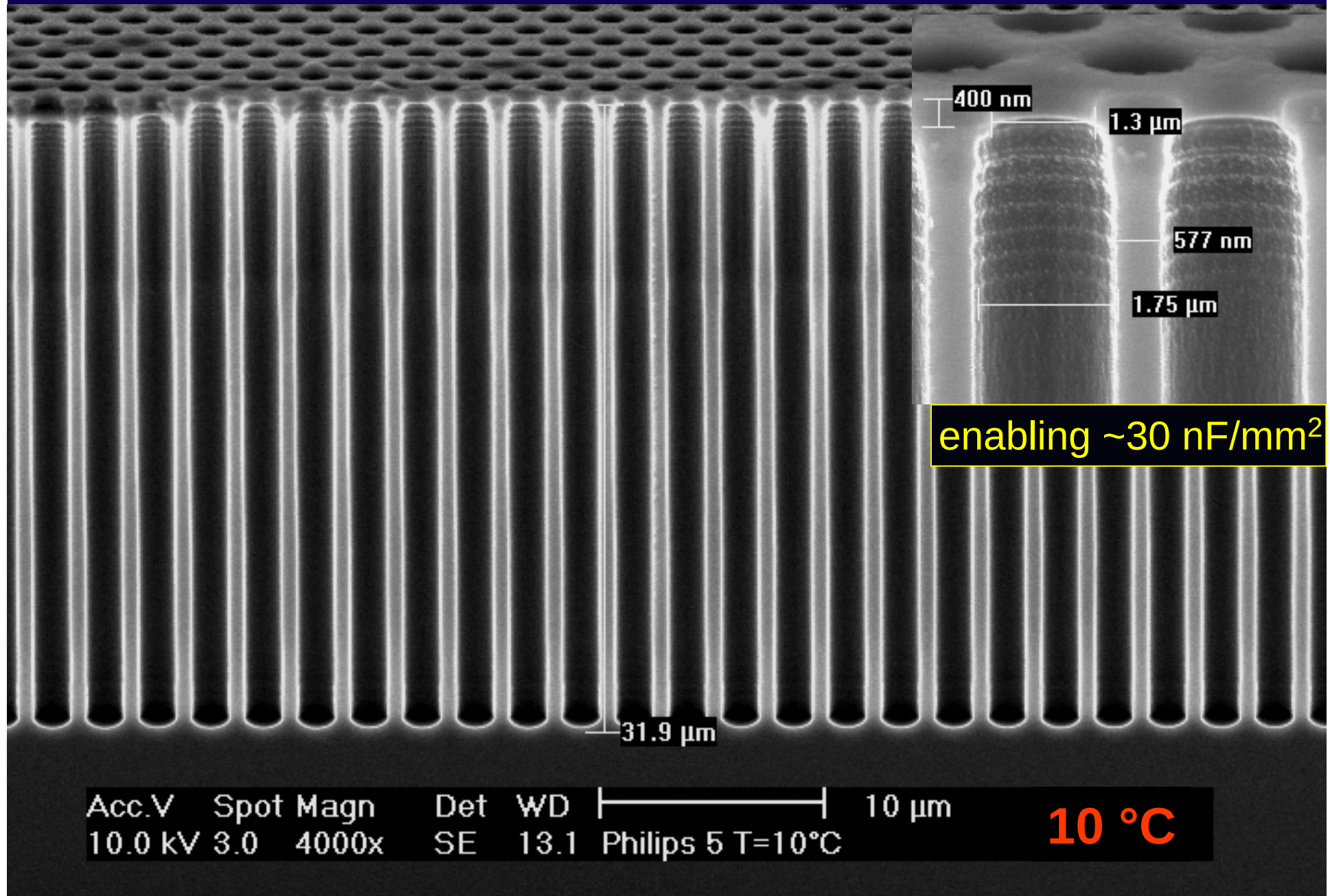




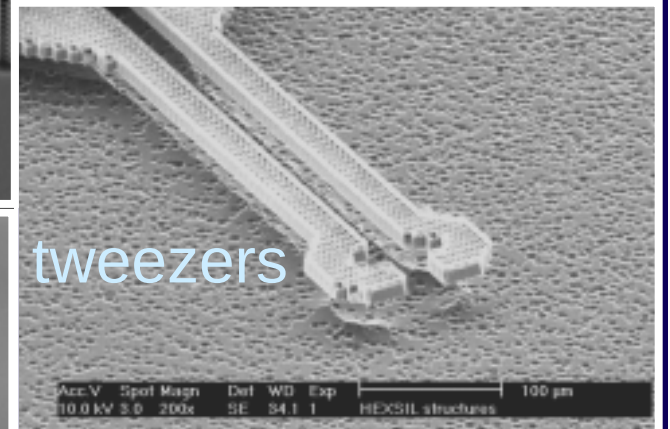
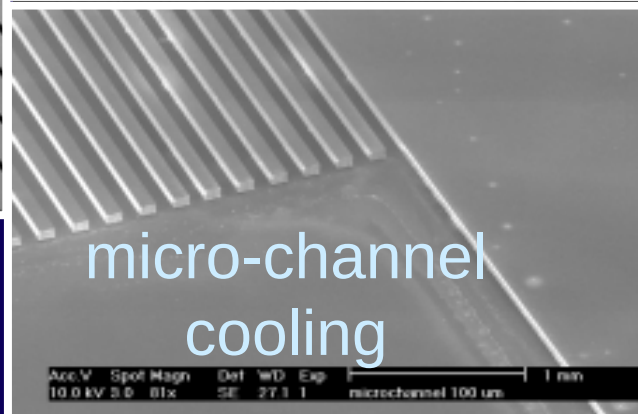
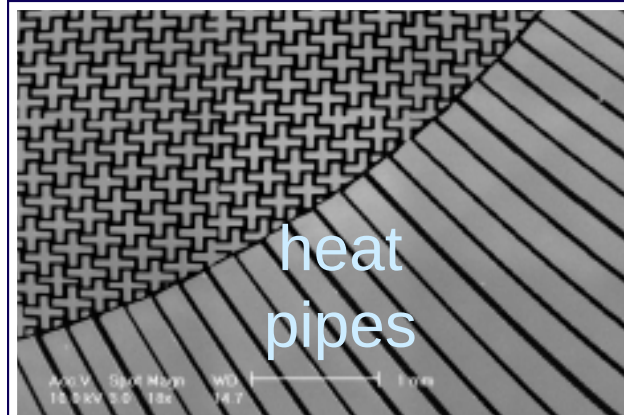
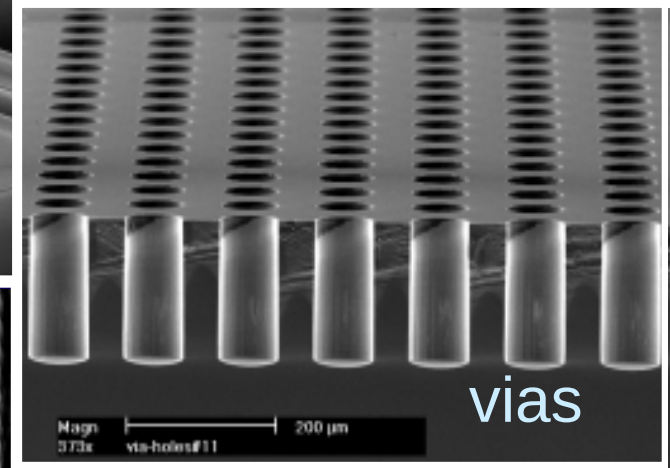
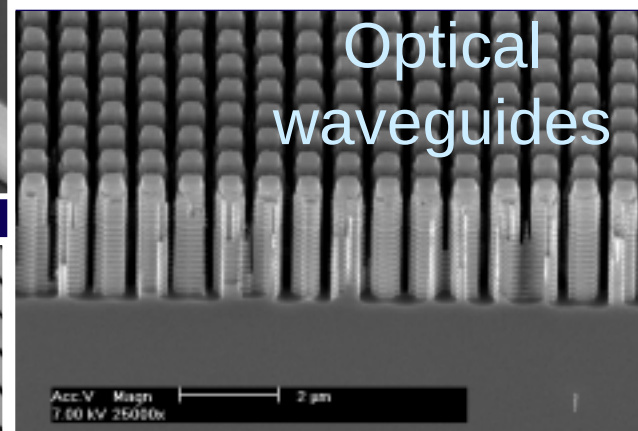
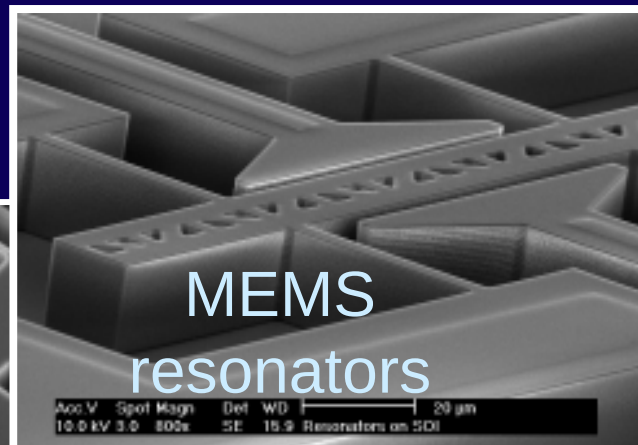
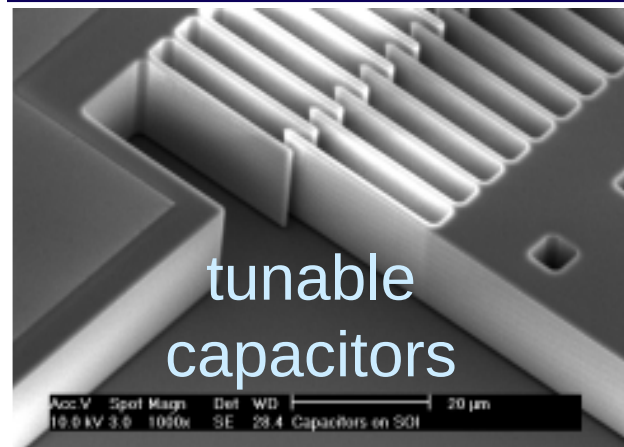
Etch parameters in RIE etching

	Etch rate	Profile Anisotropy	Selectivity	Sidewall roughness
↑ Etch gas	↑↑	↑↑	↑	↑
↑ Dep gas	↓↔	↔	↑	↓
↑ Etch : Dep ratio	↑	↑	↑↔	↑
↑ Pressure	↑↑	↑	↑	↑
↑ Dep coil power	↓↔	↓↔	↑↔	↓
↑ Etch coil power	↑	↑	↑	↑
↑ Platen power	↑↔	↑	↓	↔
↑ Temperature	↑↔	↓	↓	↔

RIE etching ('Bosch' process) for high-value capacitors



RIE enabling a broad Si *micromachining* capability



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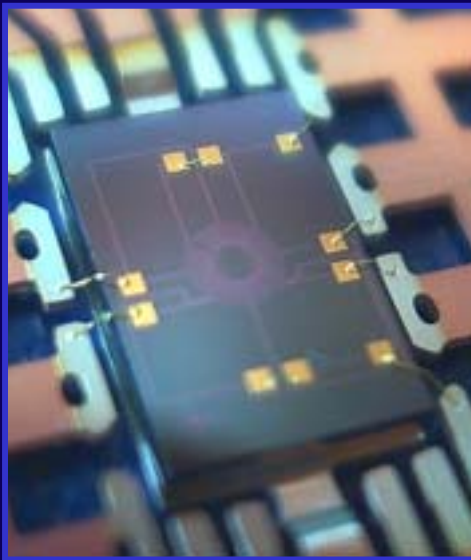
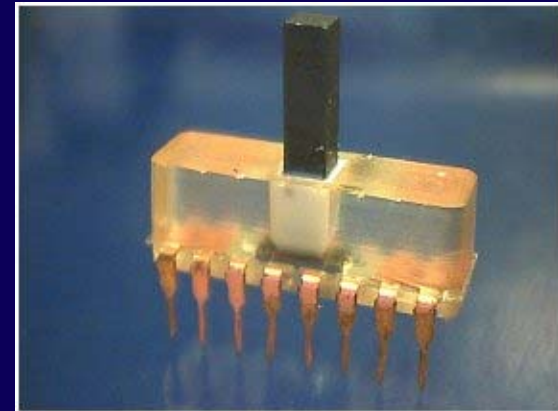
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Microsystem packaging

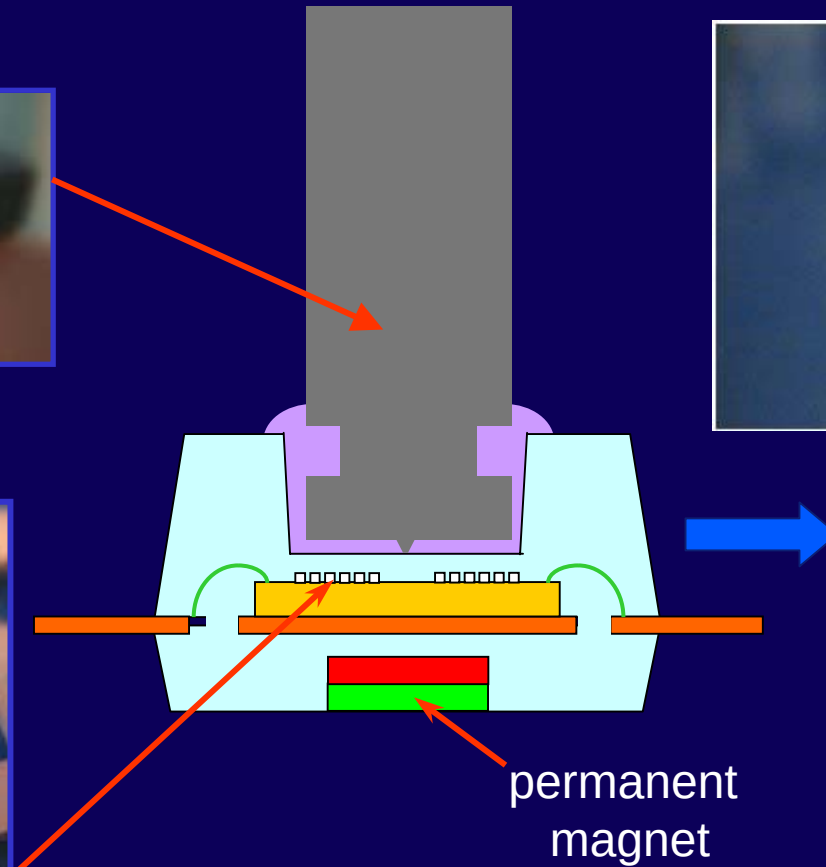
Integrated track pointer ; stick-in-chip module



Ferrite stick



AMR sensor

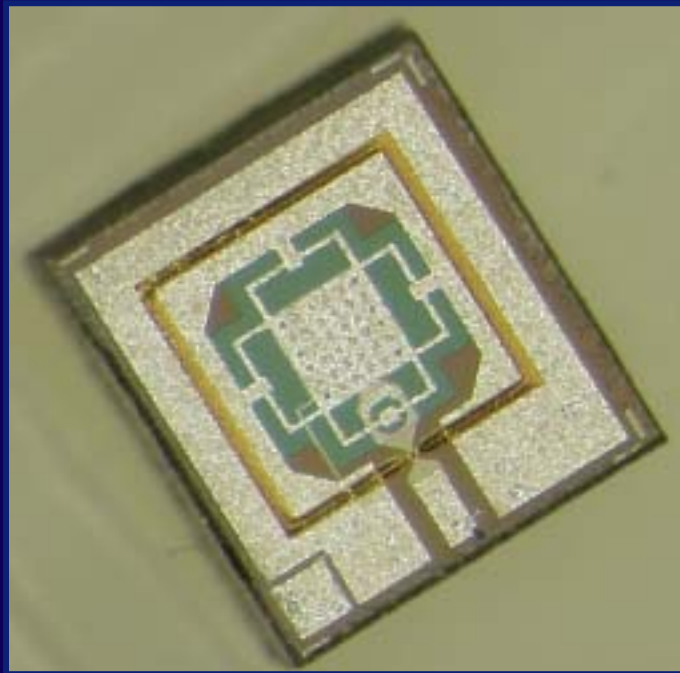


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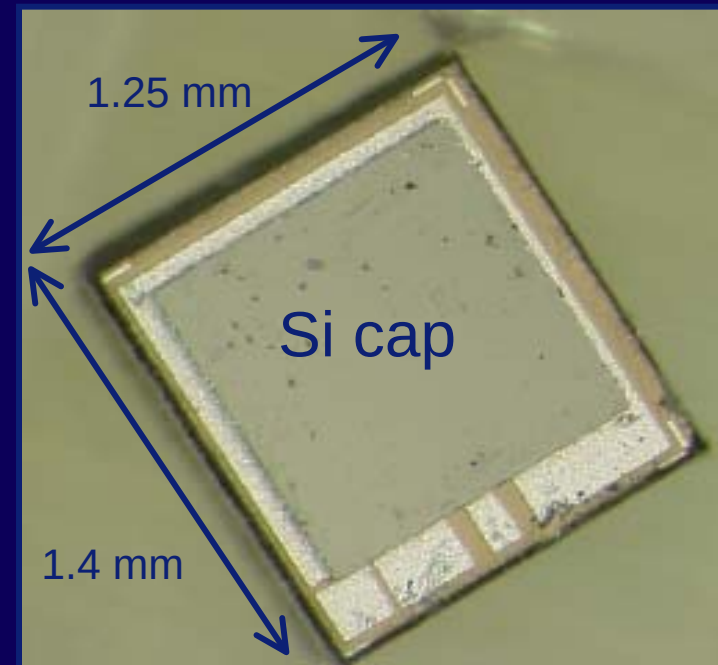
Microsystem packaging

RF-MEMS hermetic packaging

'naked' die with solder ring



packaged product



Trend in Packaging: from single-die to multiple dies, stacked in a SiP

Microsystem packaging

Autonomous sensor network

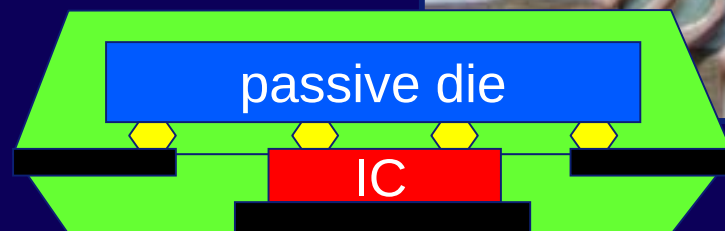
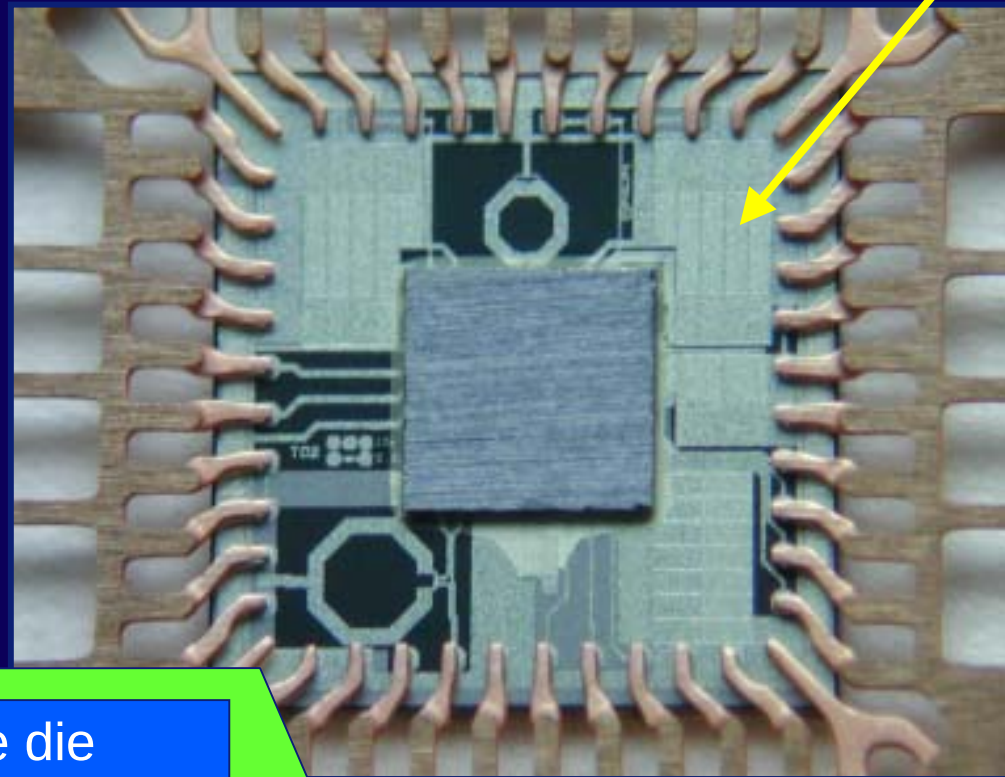
- Lego-like snap-on building blocks
- Outside of building blocks forms package
- Easily detachable/reconfigurable stack



Microsystem packaging

Plug-'n-play RF module

decoupling and
PLL capacitors



double flip-chip on lead frame
(HVQFN)

Source: Philips, France

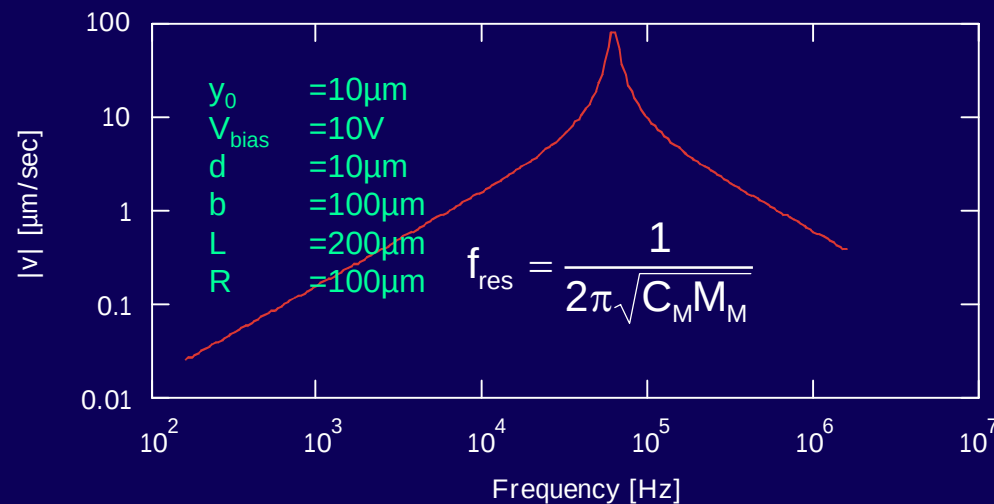
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MEMS Modeling

Lumped elements with mechanical model (easier than FEM)



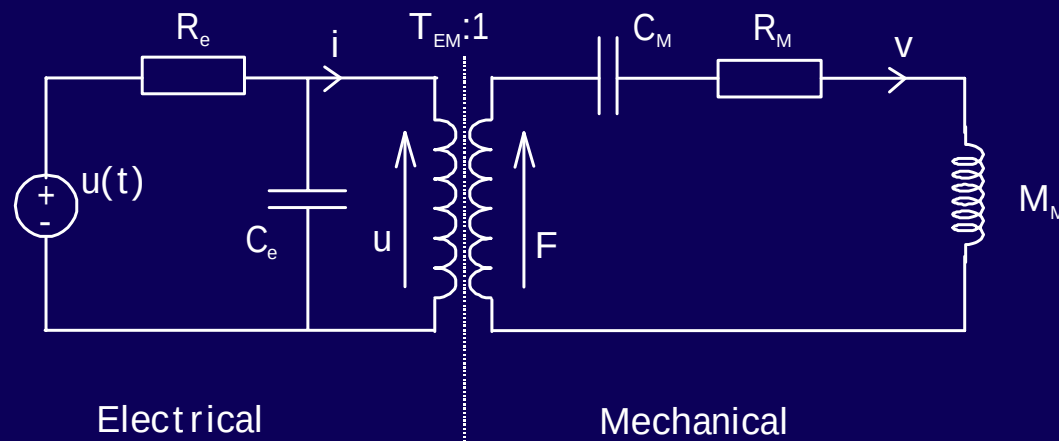
Mechanical:

- Spring C_M
- Mass M_M
- Friction R_M

Electrical:

- Resistance R_e
- Capacitance C_e

Transduction El. → Mech. T_{EM}



$$T_{EM} = \frac{y_0^2}{\epsilon_0 R^2 V_{\text{Bias}}}$$

MEMS Modeling

Lumped elements

		Electrical		Mechanical
State variable	q	Charge	q	Position x
f is “flow” of q	$f = \dot{q}$	Current	$i = \dot{q}$	Velocity $v = \dot{x}$
e is origin of flow	e	Voltage	u	Force F
Stored power	$e \cdot f$ [Watt]			
Resistive element	$e = R \cdot f$	Resistor	$u = i \cdot R$	Friction $F = R_f \cdot v$
Compliance	$f = C \frac{de}{dt}$	Capacitor		Spring (k^{-1})
Inertial element	$e = L \frac{df}{dt}$	Coil		Mass

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Concluding remarks

- Microsystems Technology as an inexpensive mass volume production technique is vastly penetrating our daily life:
Ambient Intelligence is becoming reality
- Scaling and cross-disciplinary device concepts into
System-in-Package solutions create new multifunctional modules
- (Multi) *technology re-use* is key for low-cost

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