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*interesting, underdeveloped country with people from wealth reminisce about bygone times, buying tourist curiosities from society, as we slip into irrelevance.*

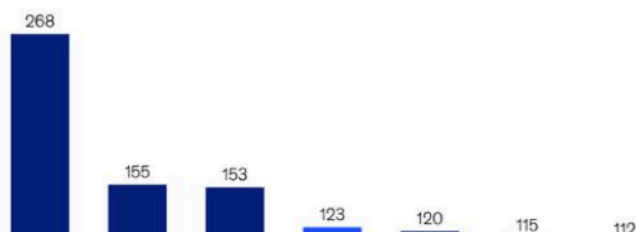
In the coming decades, any developed nation which does not have industry will decline in geopolitical relevance. As oil and gas were global hegemony, so now it is prowess in semiconductor technology order, through enablement and control of emerging technologies. Communications, Cryptosecurity, Robotics, Renewable energy, etc technologies are now driving the focus of the G7 group of leading seat at the G7 table will depend on the UK's credibility in this cruc

Putting aside the influence of Taiwan and the billions of dollars be build chips, how can we even compete with Dresden or Crolles in :

The UK has a historic strength in microelectronic device and systems ARC, ARM, CamSemi, CSR, Dialog, Graphcore, ICL, Icera, Imaginat We also have a strong research and innovation base in materials : innovative compound and thin film device fabrication (e.g. Pragm with previous academic research translated into start-ups and inn

The biggest problem we face is scaling those SMEs into companies end-users and with a clear understanding of 'product-market' fit. Chinese administrations have prioritised public / private investment decades, the UK has been slow to realise the importance of this cr

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term, the only solution is to address visa and immigration issues to get the best and right sort of talent (which needs to stay here). Secondly, graduates leave university or apprentices leave college, they are not following valuable careers in microelectronics and not lost to other career options or STEP program right now. In the medium term, we must get more STEM degrees and apprenticeships. But here, any intervention now is not seen as a workforce improvement, and this requires broader public education (since we need to affect GCSE and A Level choices).

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Finally, in the longer term, the fundamental problem we face is that the respect for this critical sector is very low. The notion of being interested in STEM or electronics, etc. is to be looked down upon and seen as a low course is markedly different, and I think government and industry need to drive an excitement and keenness across society to be part of a revolution that radically overshadow the industrial revolution. We need to reach a point where we celebrate a student's successful GCSE test-chip, in the same way that we celebrate when a student joins TSMC as a new starter.

**What will the National Semiconductor Centre mean for the industry? What will the National Microelectronics Institute? How do we avoid this becoming an elephant or guarding a gateway?**

Well, the National Microelectronics Institute, is of course, the trade association for semiconductor manufacturing and supply chain since 1996 and has then as a convening point for the UK semiconductor industry. The National Semiconductor Centre (NSC) on the other hand is to be set up by government as to serve as a central coordination body between government, industry and academia as a single point of contact on technology roadmaps, policy, strategy and the UK internationally.

- [UK tech boost from industrial strategy with National Semiconductor Centre](#)

TechWorks and other relevant independent industry groups are also working on this.

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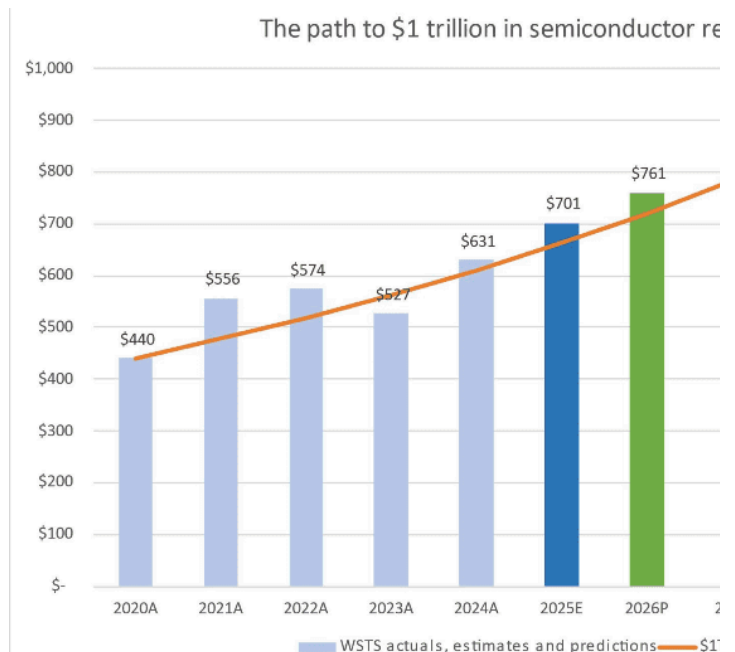
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However, a lot of our unique capabilities are in novel and advance silicon design. Here, much of the unique design value is inextricably tied to the fabrication process itself. The design is only possible because of the process. The process is created specifically in order to make the design possible. Especially in the case of novel devices, it enables a new class of device, or perhaps even a new market, then you have to go down and create the local supply chain. It is this very scenario, which offers a unique opportunity to nurture a world-class supply chain as it grows into a significant new market. Or we allow others to license the IP, (majority of the time) those businesses and ultimately cede that market to others. Good examples include photonics, mems, wide-bandgaps, thin films, 2d materials and advanced packaging.

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