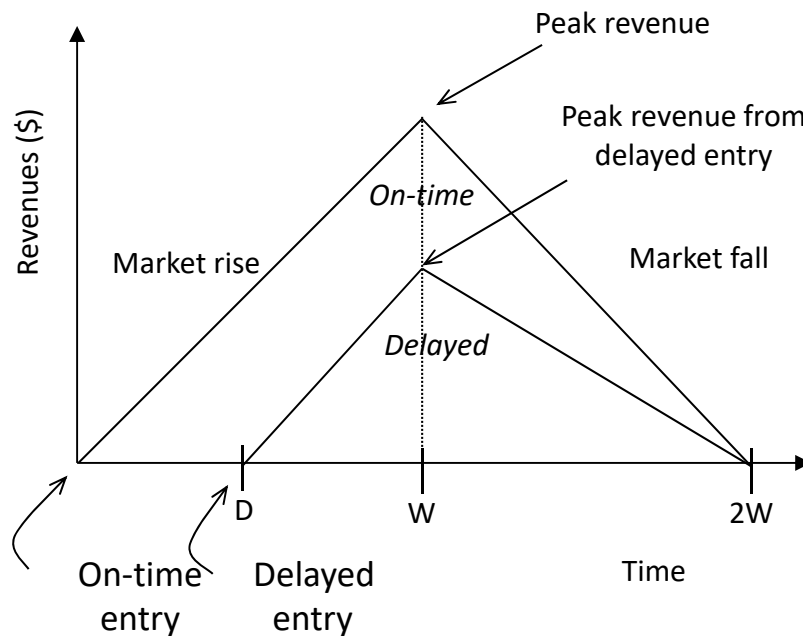


# Losses due to delayed market entry



## ■ Simplified revenue model

- Product life = 2W, peak at W
- Time of market entry defines a triangle, representing market penetration
- Triangle area equals revenue

## ■ Loss

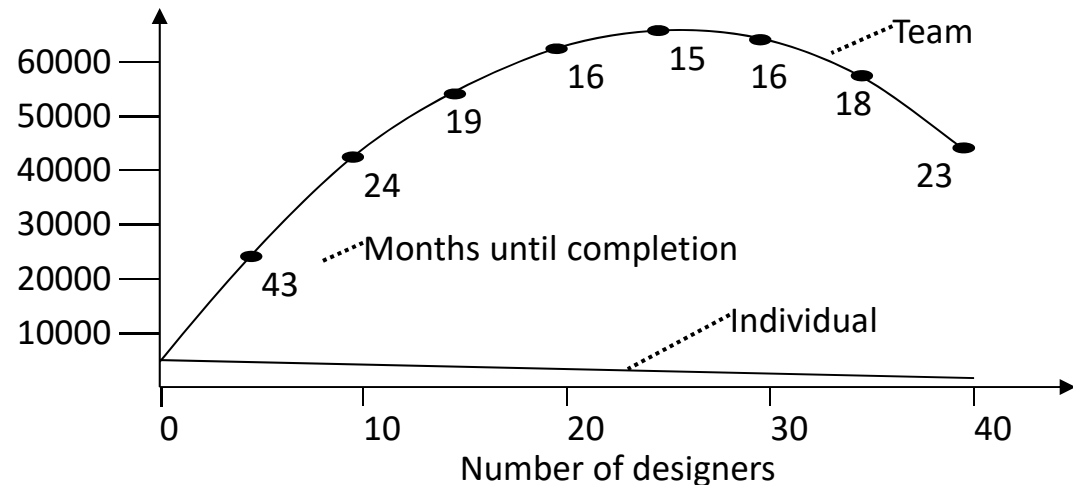
- The difference between the on-time and delayed triangle areas

- Lifetime 2W=52 wks, delay D=4 wks  
 $-(4 \cdot (3 \cdot 26 - 4) / 2 \cdot 26^2) = 22\%$
- Lifetime 2W=52 wks, delay D=10 wks  
 $-(10 \cdot (3 \cdot 26 - 10) / 2 \cdot 26^2) = 50\%$
- Delays are costly!

# The mythical man-month

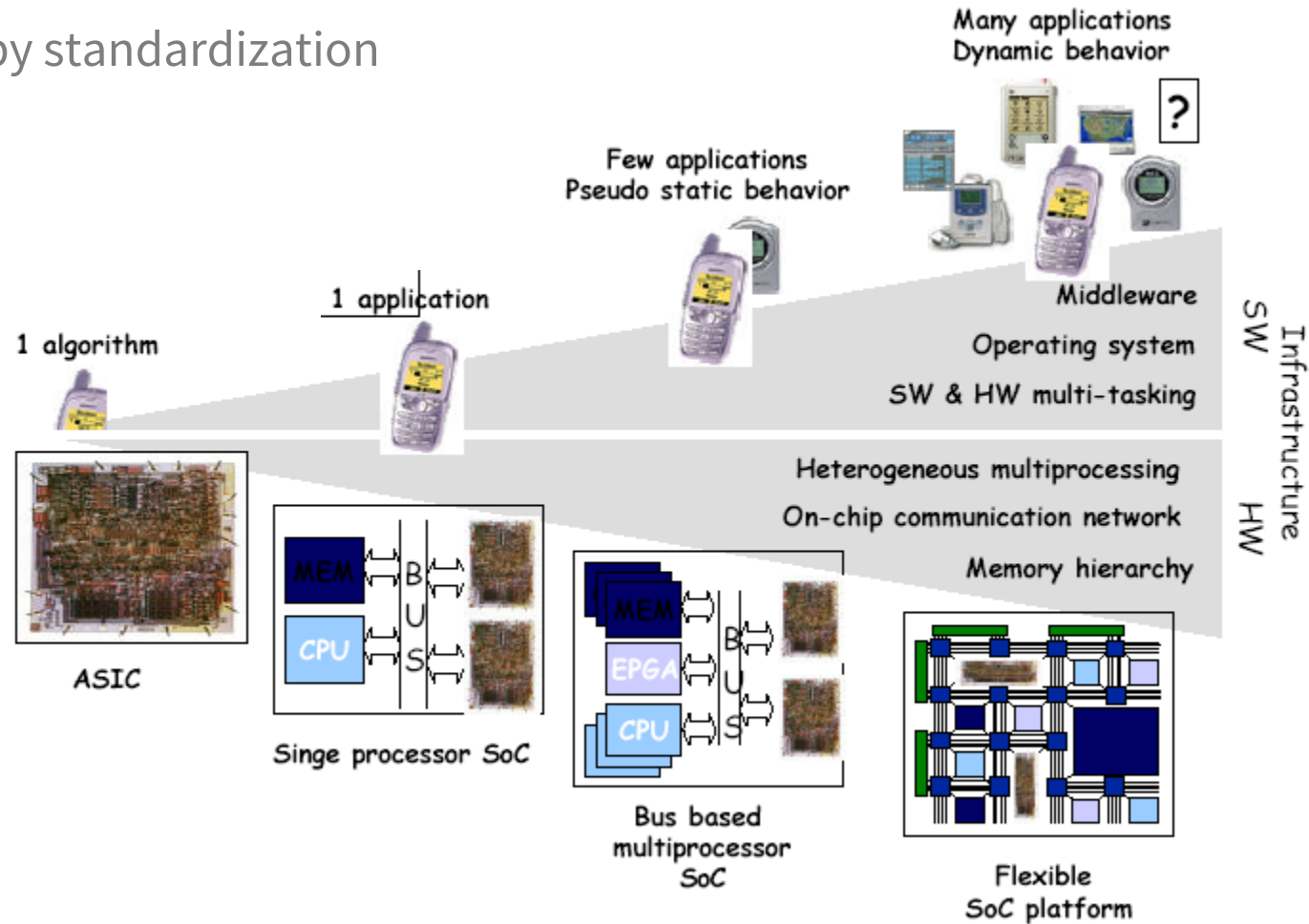
- The situation is even worse than the productivity gap indicates
- In theory, adding designers to team reduces project completion time
- In reality, productivity per designer decreases due to complexities of team management and communication
- In the software community, known as “the mythical man-month” (Brooks 1975)
- At some point, can actually lengthen project completion time! (“Too many cooks”)

- 1M transistors, 1 designer=5000 trans/month
- Each additional designer reduces for 100 trans/month
- So 2 designers produce 4900 trans/month each



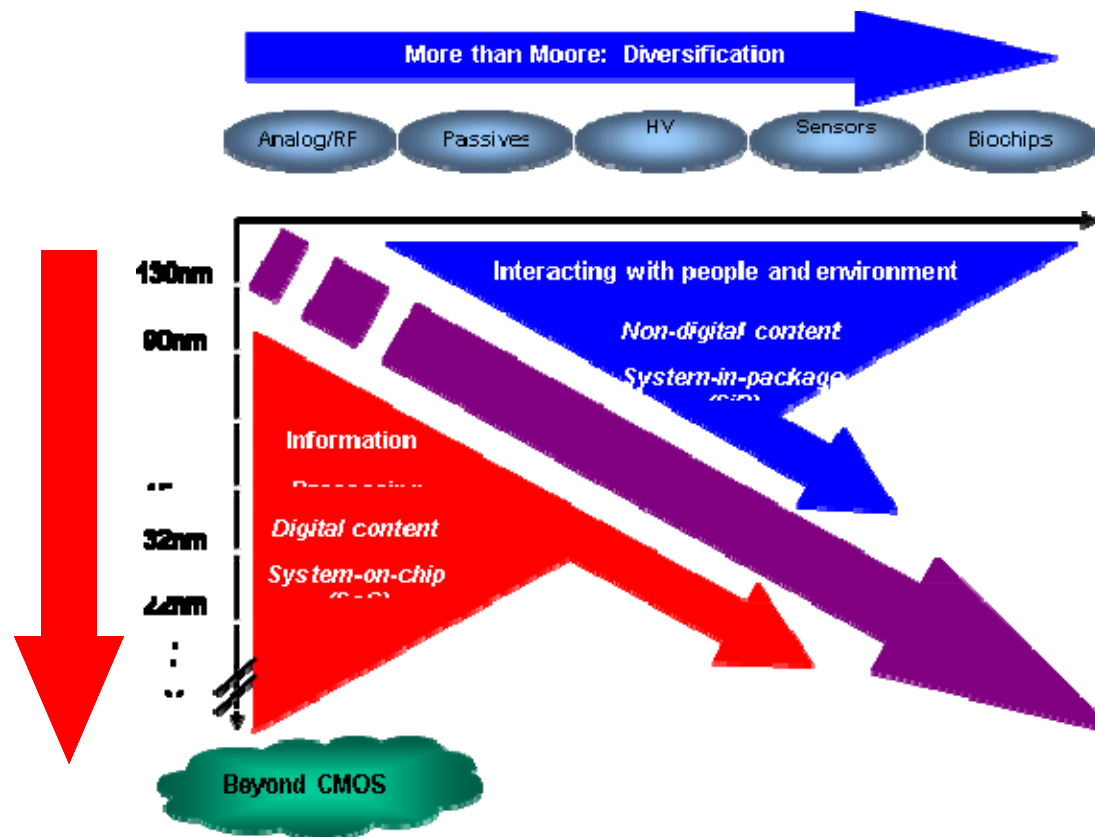
# Platform based design

- Design methodology must support re-use
  - at high abstraction levels
  - supported by standardization

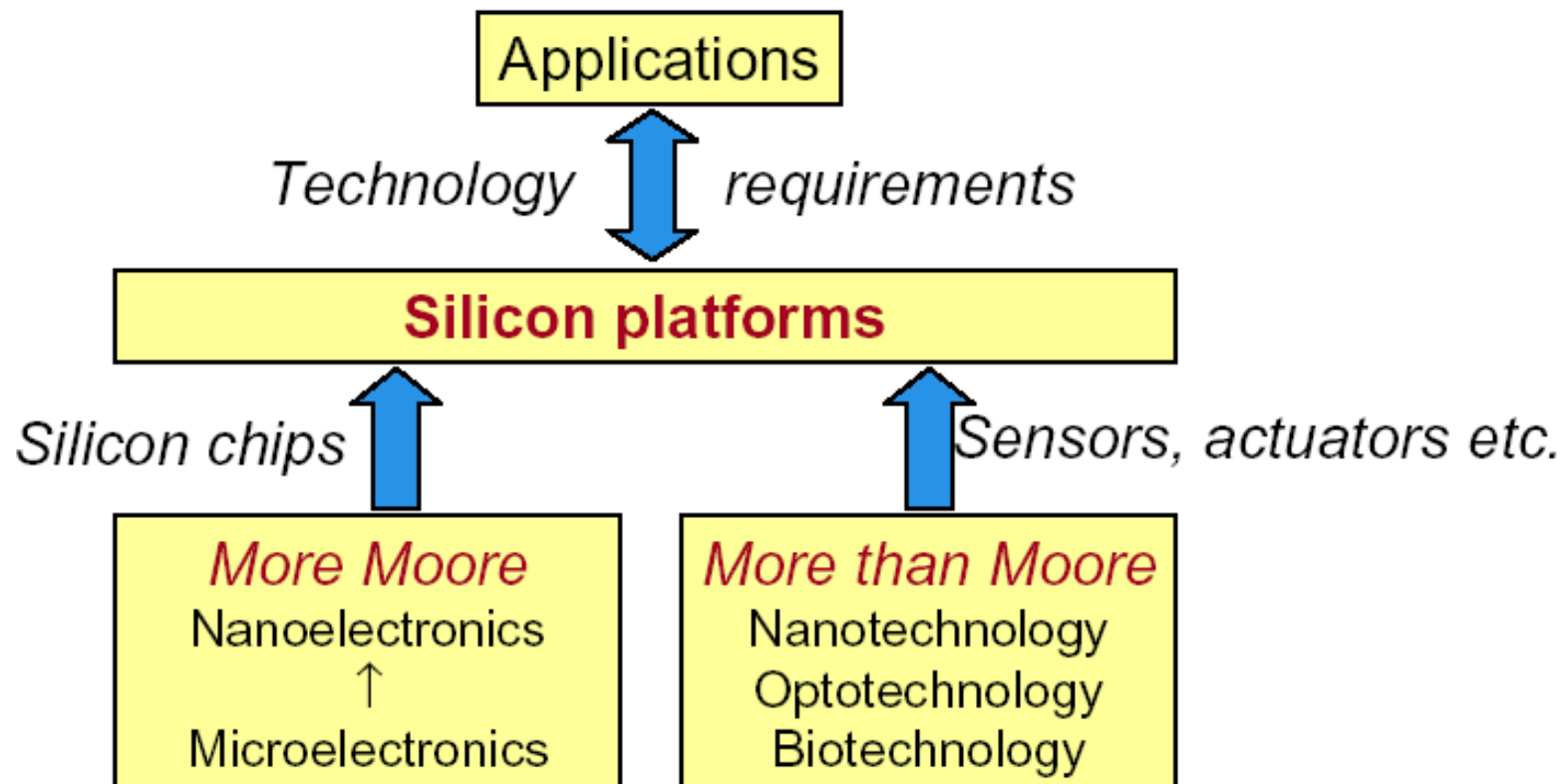


# More – than - Moore

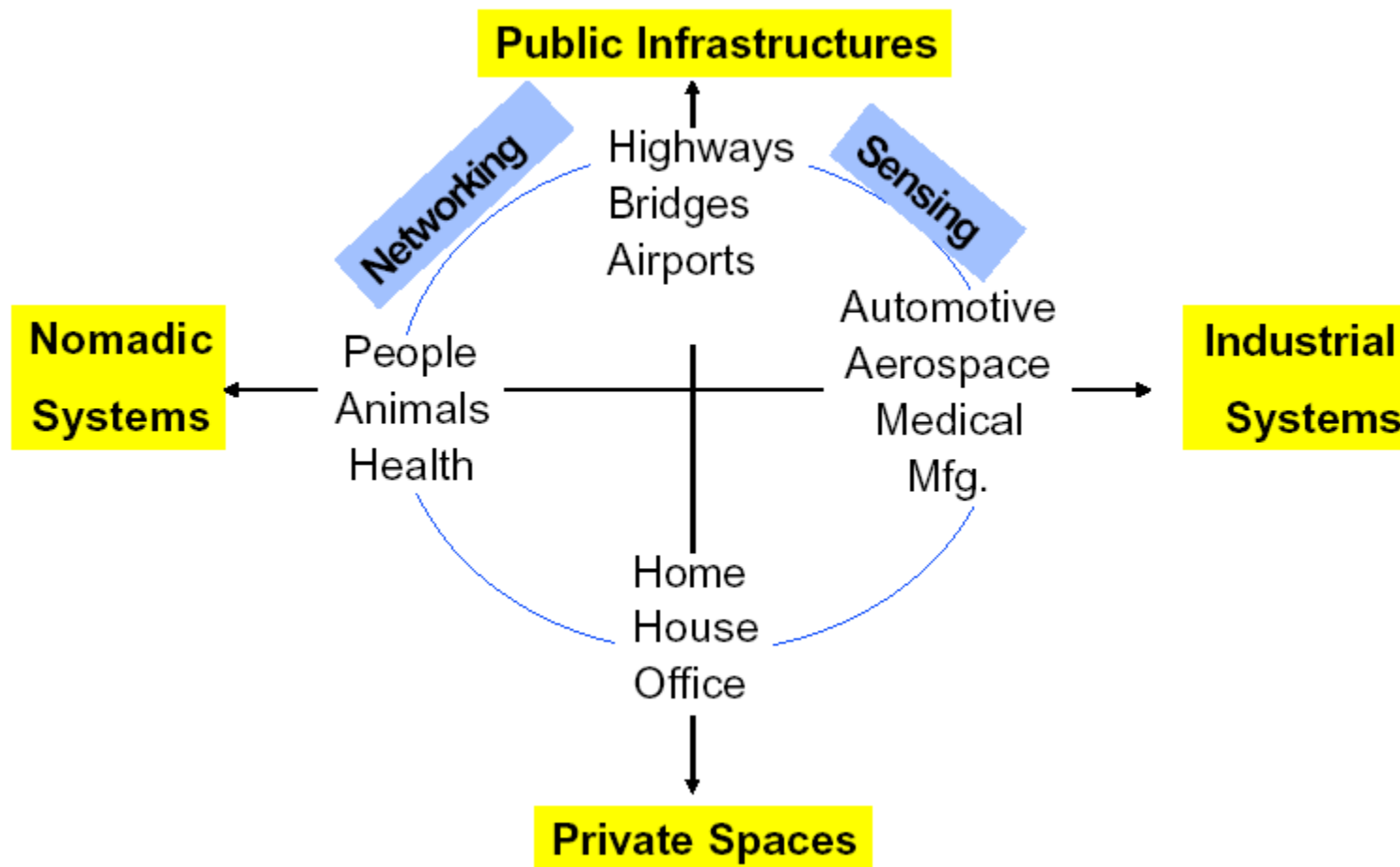
- The combined need for **digital and non-digital** functionalities in an integrated system is translated as a dual trend in the International Technology Roadmap for Semiconductors: **miniaturization** of the digital functions (“More Moore”) and **functional diversification** (“More-than-Moore”)



# Applications in 2020: Technology requirements



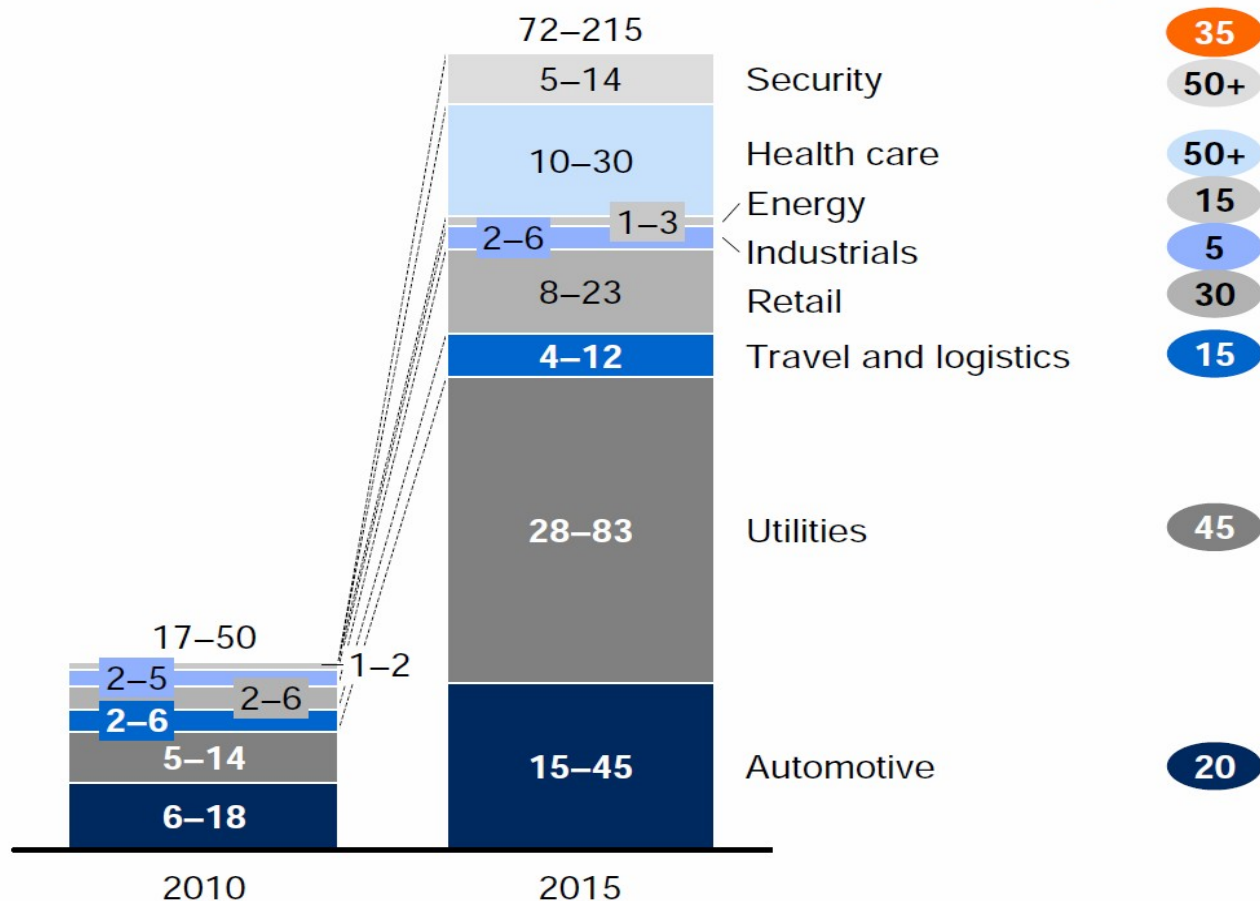
# Application contexts of embedded systems



# Growth of connected nodes

Estimated number of connected nodes  
Million

Compound annual  
growth rate 2010–15, %



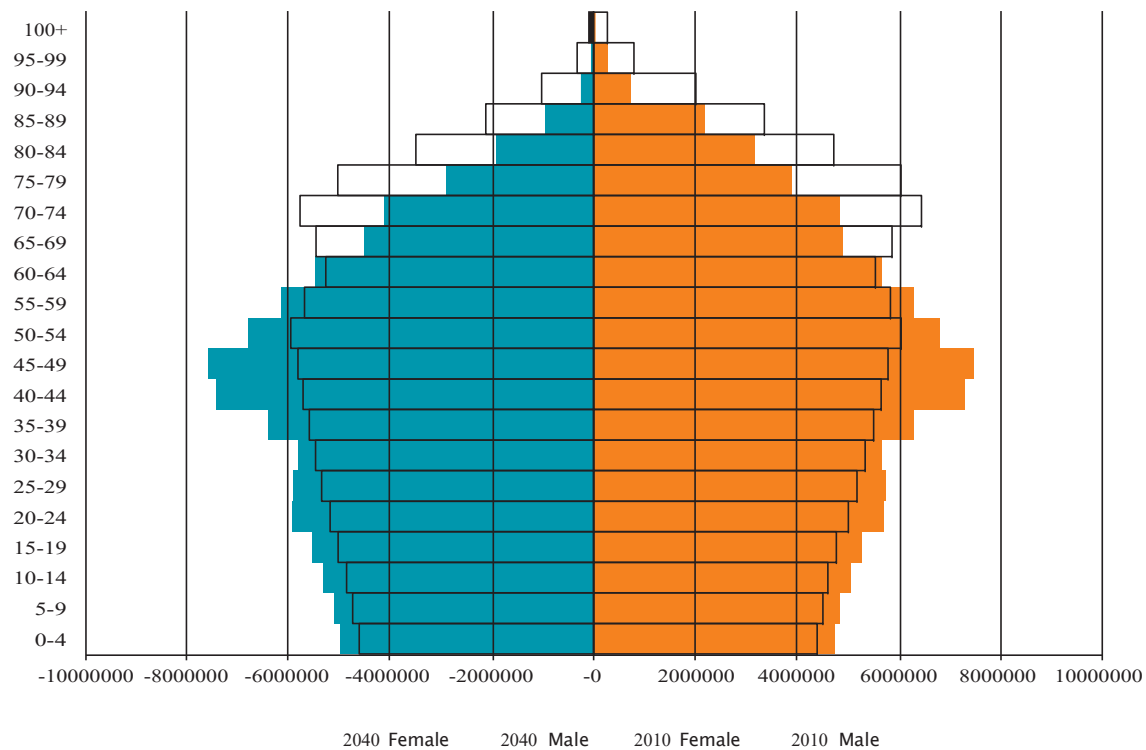
NOTE: Numbers may not sum due to rounding.

SOURCE: Analyst interviews; McKinsey Global Institute analysis

# Ambient Assisten Living (AAL)

## ■ Ageing at home vs working forever?

Population Structure: Western Europe, 2010 vs 2040 (projected)

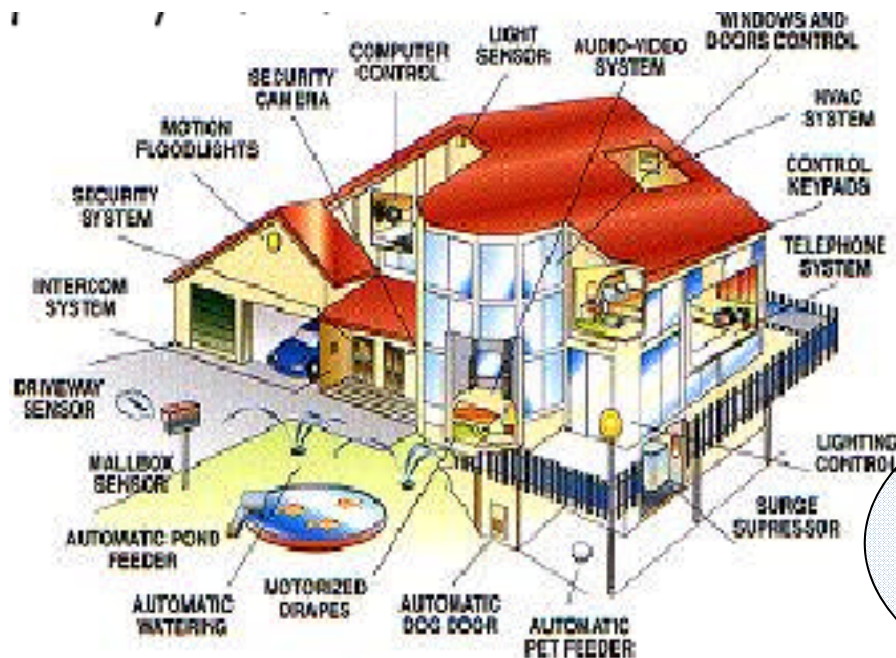


Note: "Western Europe" here defined as EU-15 plus UK, CH, NO and smal adjacent islands and territories.  
Source: US CENSUS IDB, available at <http://www.census.gov/population/international/data/idb/informationGateway.php>



# Networked Embedded Intelligence

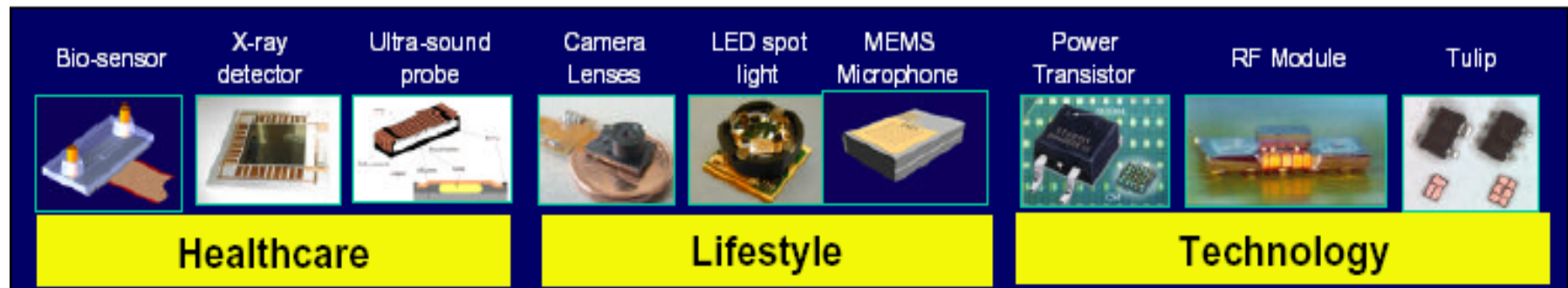
- Enabling transportation, infrastructure industries
- Leading to revolutions like the digital home
- Turning ambient dreams into reality
- Enabling sensor networks improving our quality of life



Ubiquitous  
Low Power  
High performance  
Interconnected

# Long term technology trends

- **System-on-Chip (SoC)**
  - Focus on full integration and lowest cost per transistor
- **System-in-Package (SiP)**
  - Focus on lowest cost per function and for total system
- **Complementing, not competing architectures**
- **Each requiring a different industrial approach**
  - Advanced R&D / knowledge needed
  - Different manufacturing competences



# Embedded Systems 10 years from now

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- **Networked:** from working in isolation towards communicating, networked, distributed solutions
- **Secure:** threatened by enormous security issues, challenging its technical and economical viability
- **Complex:**
  - Giga-complexity enabled by nano-technology
  - Complex through heterogeneity
  - Transducer devices
    - Sensors: Biosensors, MEMS, NEMS
    - Actuators/Interactive Screens/Displays
    - Speech input device/Handwriting input devices
  - Computing devices: more software than hardware, application domain specific, reconfigurable
  - Communication: protocols, standards, RF
- **Low power: scavenging power**

# What is a MEM?

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- **MEMS = Micro-Electro-Mechanical Systems**

- creation of 3-dimensional structures using integrated circuits fabrication technologies and special micromachining processes
- typically done on silicon or glass (SiO<sub>2</sub>) wafers

- **MEMS Devices and Structures**

- transducers
- microsensors and microactuators
  - mechanically functional microstructures
- microfluidics: valves, pumps, flow channels
  - microengines: gears, turbines, combustion engines

- **Integrated Microsystems**

- integrated circuitry and transducers combined to perform a task autonomously or with the aid of host computer
- MEMS components provide interface to non-electrical world
  - sensors provide inputs from non-electronic events
  - actuators provide outputs to non-electronic events

# What is the size we are talking about?

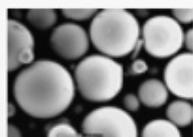
## Things Natural



Dust mite  
200  $\mu\text{m}$



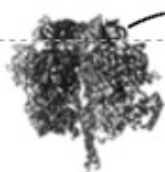
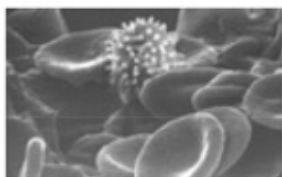
Ant  
~ 5 mm



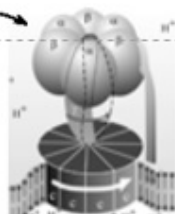
Fly ash  
~ 10-20  $\mu\text{m}$

Human hair  
~ 10-50  $\mu\text{m}$  wide

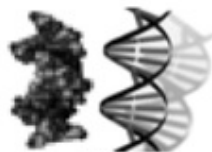
Red blood cells  
with white cell  
~ 2-5  $\mu\text{m}$



~10 nm diameter



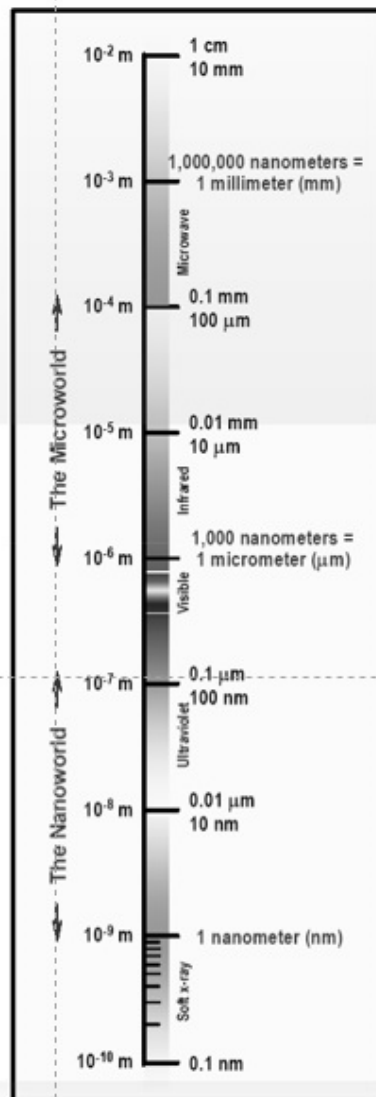
ATP synthase



DNA  
~ 2-1/2 nm diameter



Atoms of silicon  
spacing ~ tenths of nm

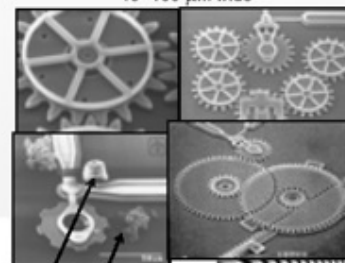


## Things Manmade



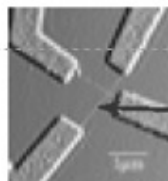
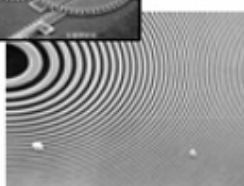
Head of a pin  
1-2 mm

MicroElectroMechanical devices  
10 -100  $\mu\text{m}$  wide

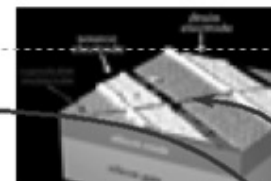


Red blood cells  
Pollen grain

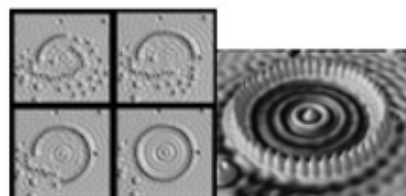
Zone plate x-ray "lens"  
Outermost ring spacing  
~ 35 nm



Nanotube electrode



Nanotube transistor

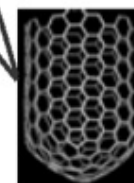


Quantum corral of 48 iron atoms on copper surface  
positioned one at a time with an STM tip  
Corral diameter 14 nm

## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Challenge



Combine nanoscale building blocks to make novel functional devices, e.g., a photosynthetic reaction center with integral semiconductor storage



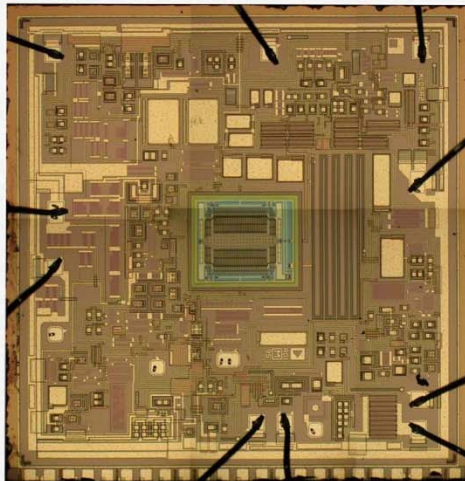
Carbon nanotube  
~ 2 nm diameter

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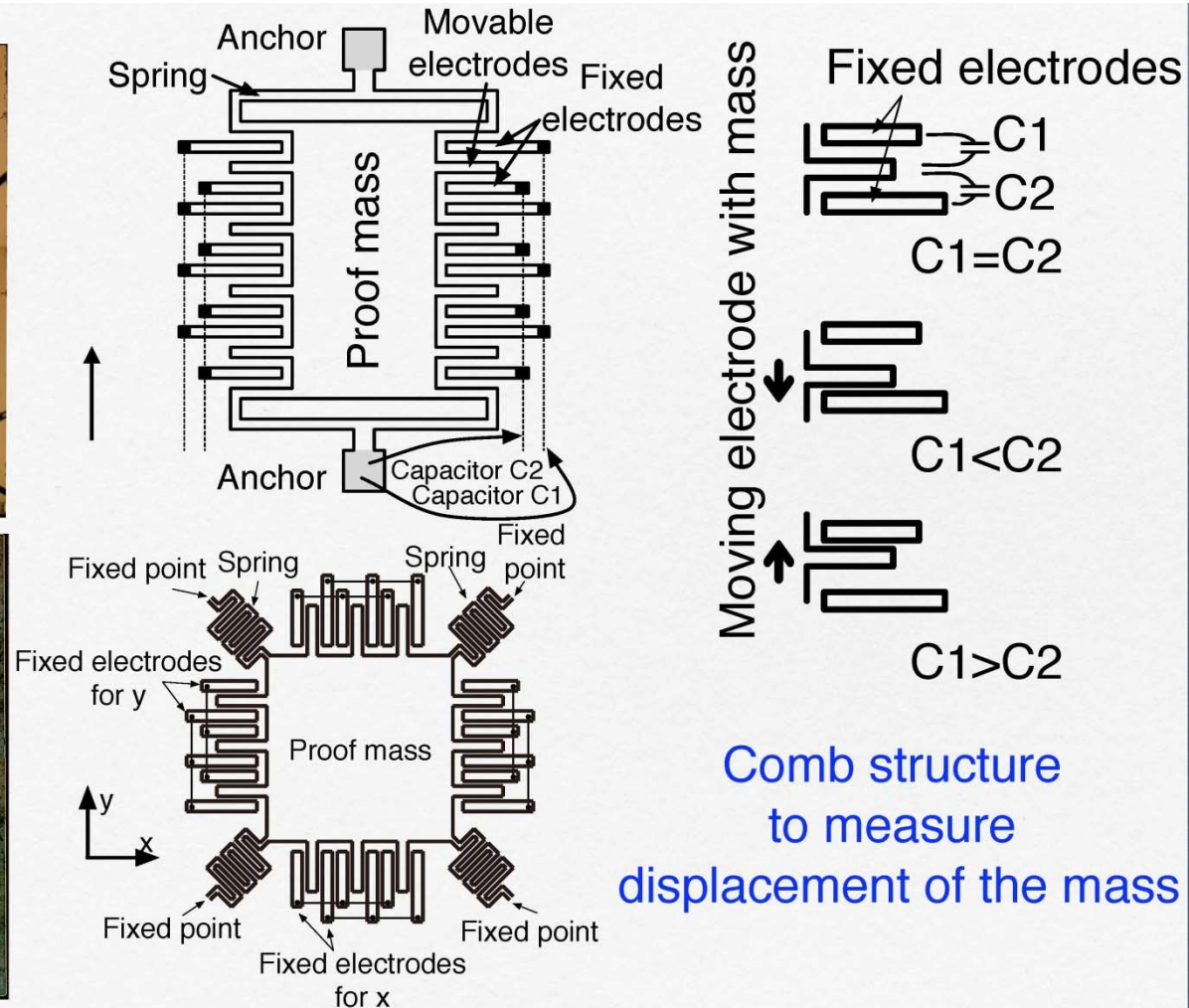
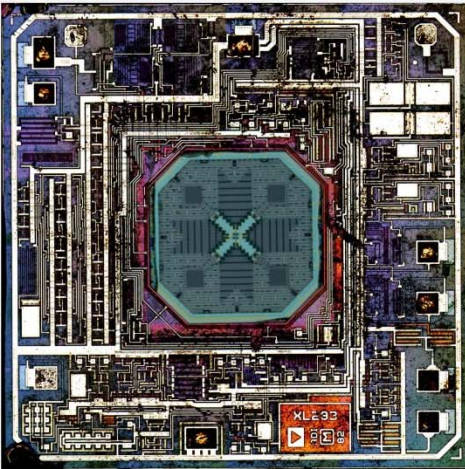


# Inside an accelerometer

1D



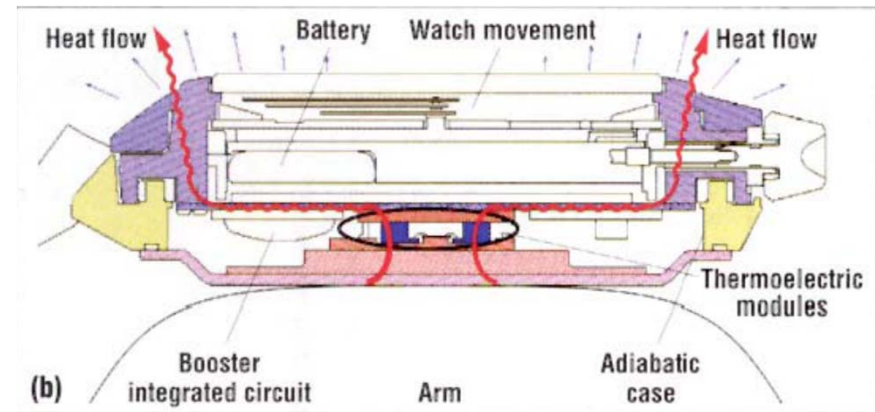
2D



# Crazy ideas on energy scavenging

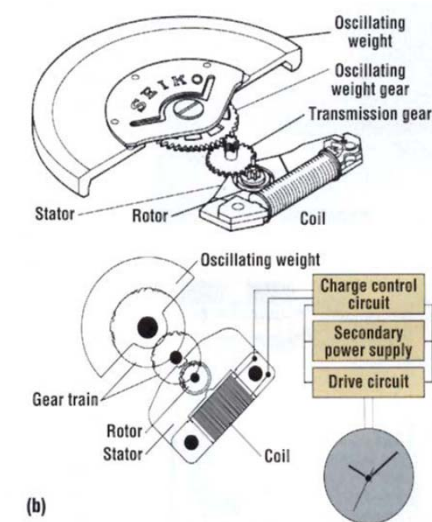
## ■ Objects with temperature gradients create energy

- ATMOS clock
- Seiko watch
- Driving motes at Alcoa



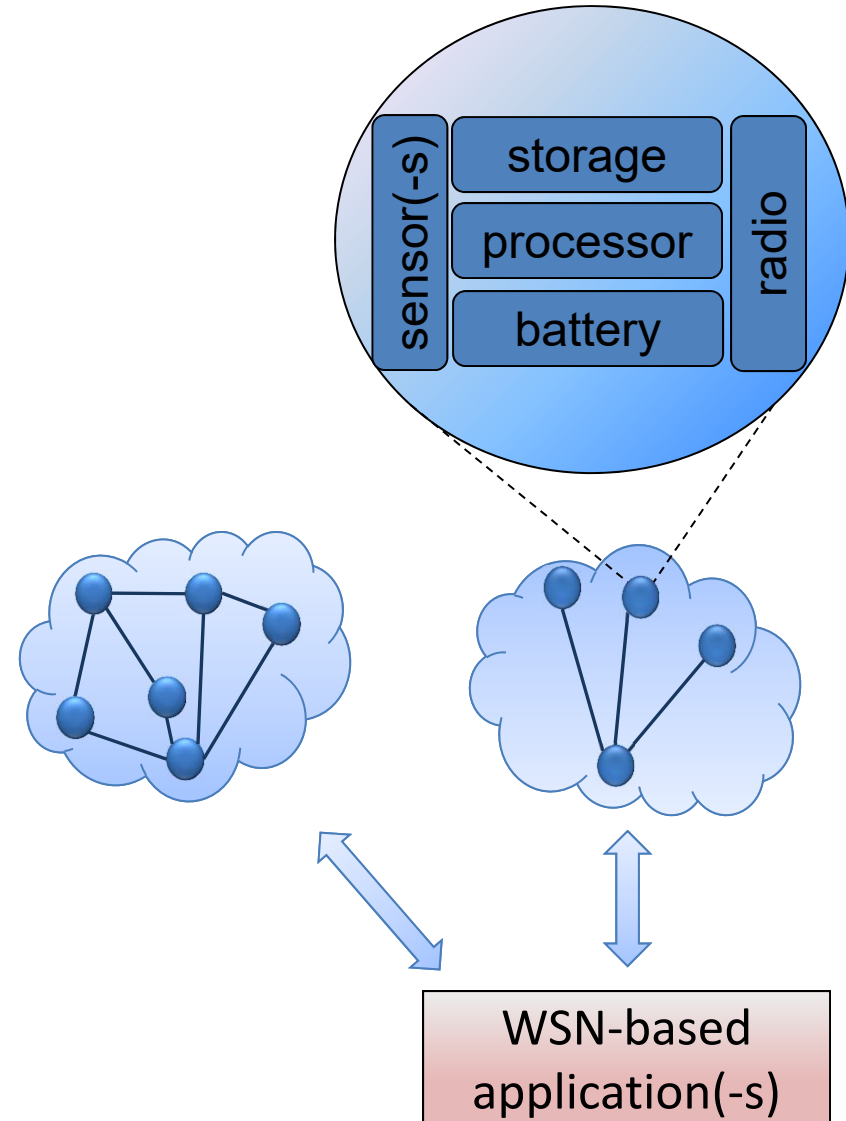
## ■ Vibrations

- Self winding watches
- Produces 5microwatts on average when worn
- 1milliwatt when forcibly shaken



# Wireless sensor node

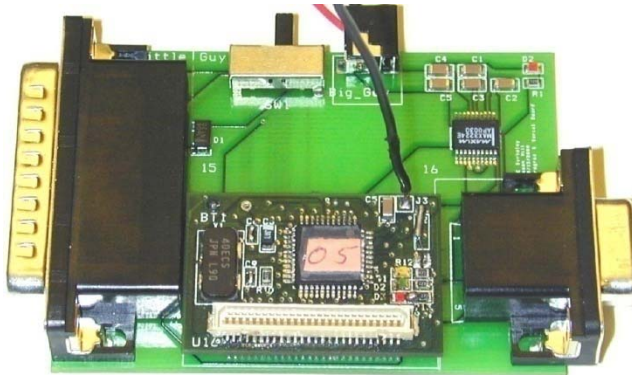
- **small (battery-powered) devices**
  - sensing local conditions
  - typically with limited resources
- **forming “nodes” within a wireless network**
  - covering region / object of interest
- **enabling (new) applications**
  - based on sensor data collection, fusion, reasoning, and response



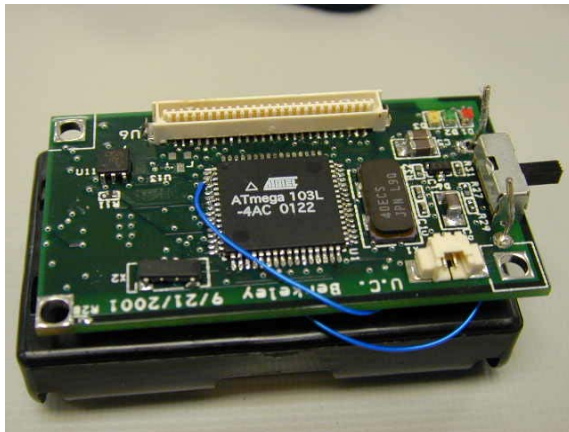
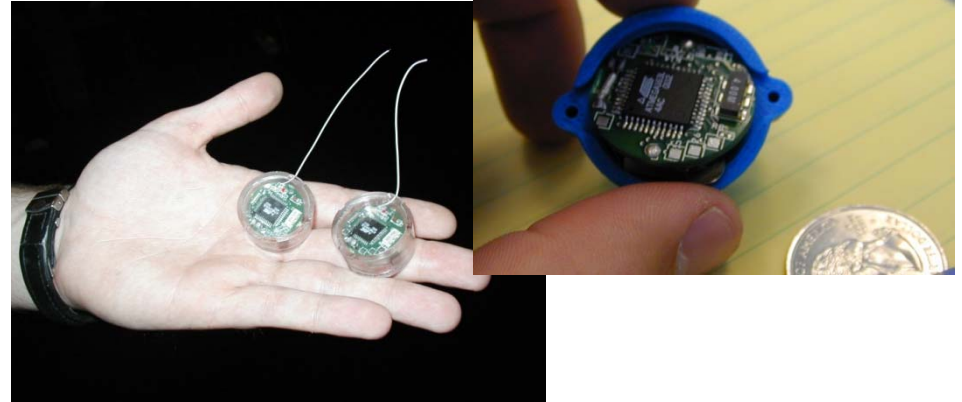


# Examples of Wireless Sensor Nodes

Rene Mote



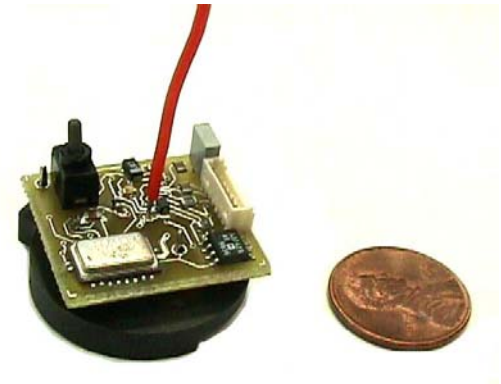
Dot Mote



MICA Mote



BSN Mote



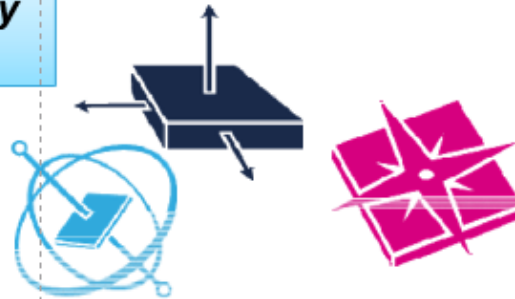
weC Mote

# Example of platform: bluecoin by STM

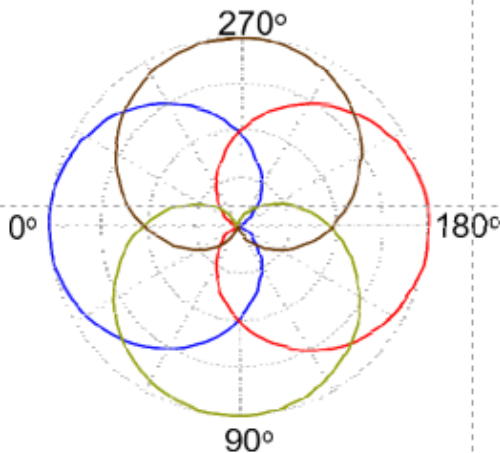
## BlueCoin: a Robotic Ear

*Augmented hearing and motion sensing*

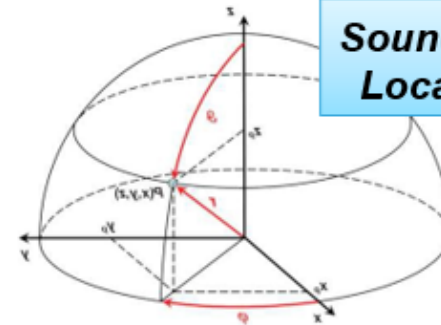
**Motion, Activity  
and Balance**



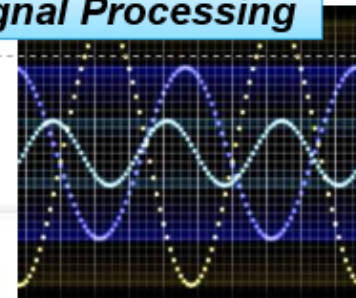
**Directional hearing**



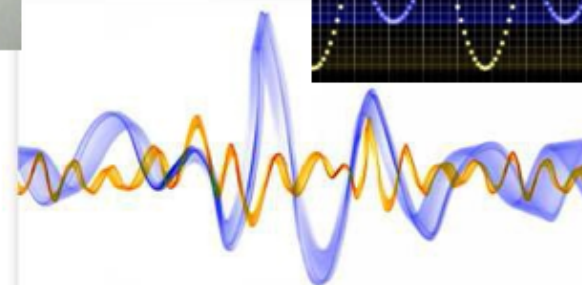
**Sound Source  
Localization**



**Digital Signal Processing**



**Bluetooth Low Energy**



# Example of platform: bluecoin by STM

## • Features

- Advanced audio processing
  - Sound Source Localization
  - Beamforming
- Wide band audio over BLE (BlueVoice)
- Sensor fusion
  - Inertial, environmental, acoustic.
- Complete development kit
  - Battery holder
  - CoinStation

## • Main components

- STM32F446
  - ARM Cortex-M4F@180MHz - 128KB RAM
- u4 Microphone Array (4x MP23DB01MM)
- Bluetooth-Low-Energy radio (BlueNRG-MS)
  - Bluetooth 4.1, multiple role simultaneously
- 6+3 axis inertial module (LSM6DS3+LIS3MDL)
- Absolute pressure sensor (LPS25HB)

## BlueCoin+



Bottom view



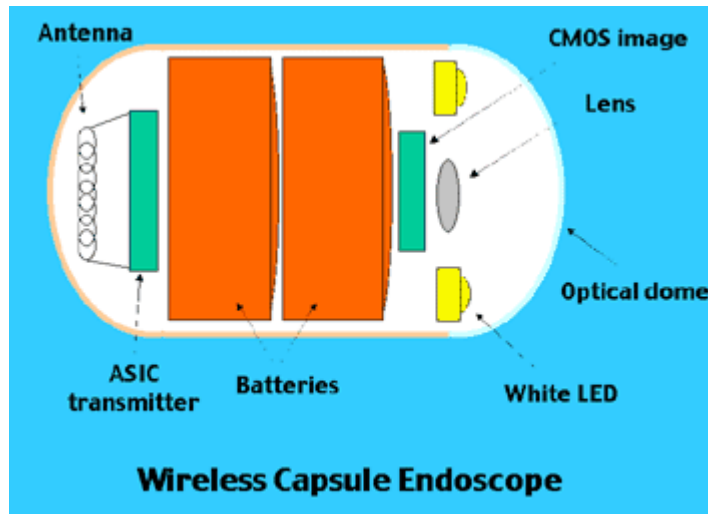
25mm

Top view + Coin battery holder + battery

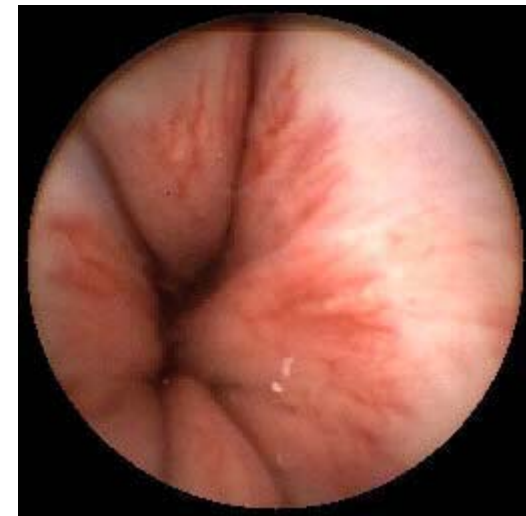




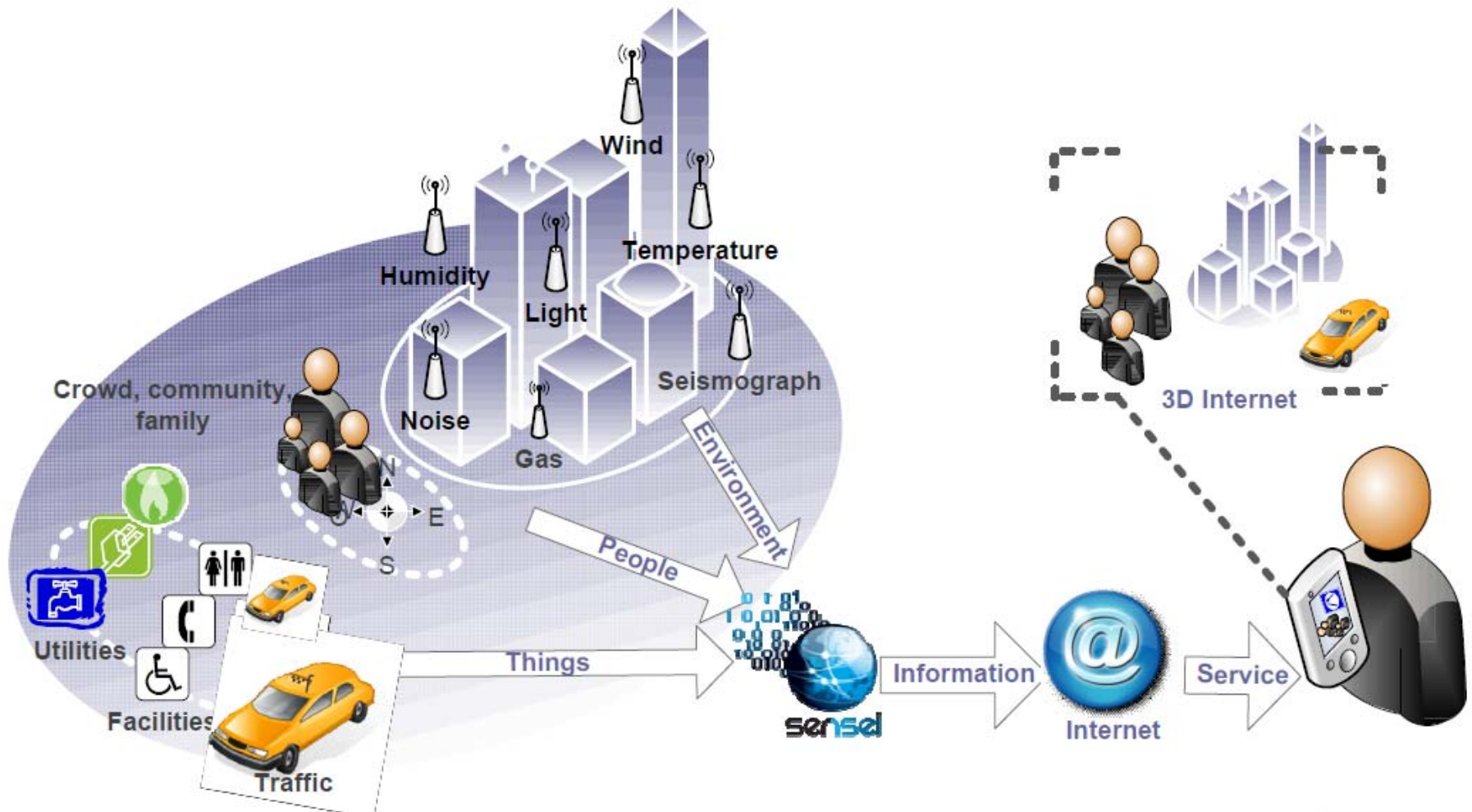
# Example: Pill camera



Distal esophagus with edema and erythema.  
Geographic ulceration suggestive of Barret's Esophagus.



# Example of use: intelligent cities (SoS)



# Examples: Social network adapted to elders

- **Aging population**
  - Healthcare cost could double among EU member states by 2060
- **eHealth Action Plan 2012-2020**
  - ICT solutions should be applied to health and healthcare systems to increase their efficiency, improve quality of life and unlock innovation in health markets
- **People are willing to actively participate in decisions that concern their medical condition**
  - From 2007. to 2013. percentage of individuals who used Internet for health-related information increased from 24% to 44%
  - Active participation leads to better health outcomes.

## Challenge

- **Access to medical data provided through patient portals**
  - Useful for some patients
  - Require substantial technical knowledge
- **Devices used for accessing patient portals**
  - Smartphone, tablets, PCs
  - Modern small screen mobile devices are too complex and/or too small for most of them to use
- **Bringing ICT solutions closer to elder population**
  - it is necessary to address barriers to technology adoption and consequently develop well-designed system that can be used even if the end user is technically illiterate (Independent Age, 2015)

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