

MECH 1905 Buildings for Contemporary Living Microsensor

Prof. Yi-Kuen Lee

**Department of Mechanical and Aerospace
Engineering**

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Outline

- What is Microsystem technology?
- Why is it so popular? \$\$\$
- History overview
- Current and future applications
- Micro pressure sensor, accerolerometer
 micro mirror arrays, inkjet printhead
- Microfabrication
- Microscience
- Summary and Conclusion

What's in a name?

- **MicroSystem Technology (MST)**
popular in Europe
- **Micro-Electro-Mechanical Systems (MEMS)**
widely used in United States
- **Microengineering**
sometimes used in UK
- **Micromachines, マイクロマシン**
used in Japan
- **微機電系統 in Chinese**

MEMS definition

MEMS is a study of making machines in micro scale with the fabrication technique in Integrated circuit (IC) industry. The size ranges from micrometer to milimeter ($10^{-6} \sim 10^{-3}$ m)

MEMS are the systems that integrate

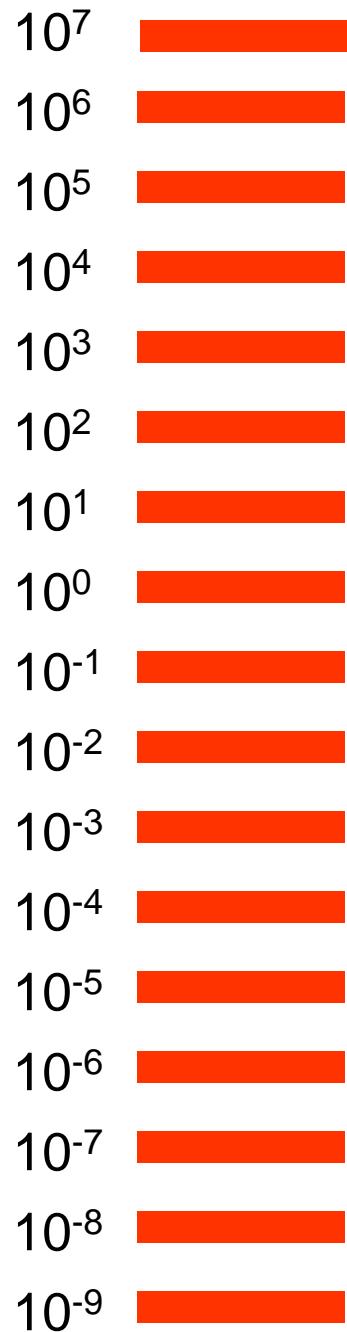
- sensing
- actuation
- computation
- control
- communication
- power

Science

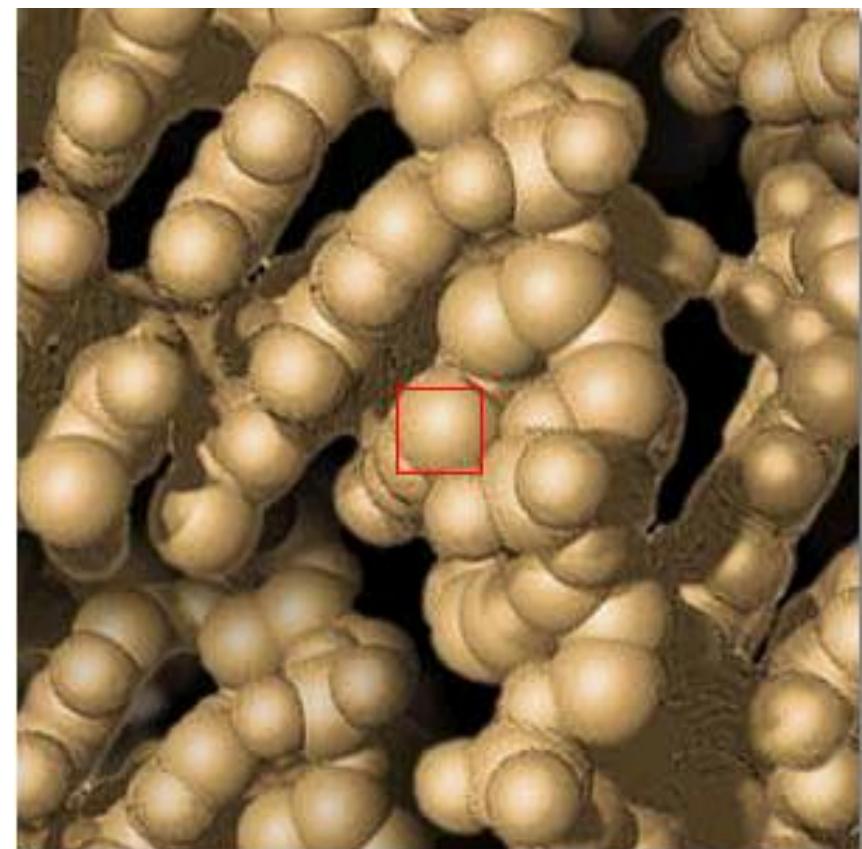
Traditional
Engineering

MEMS

Nanotechnology



Size Does Matter



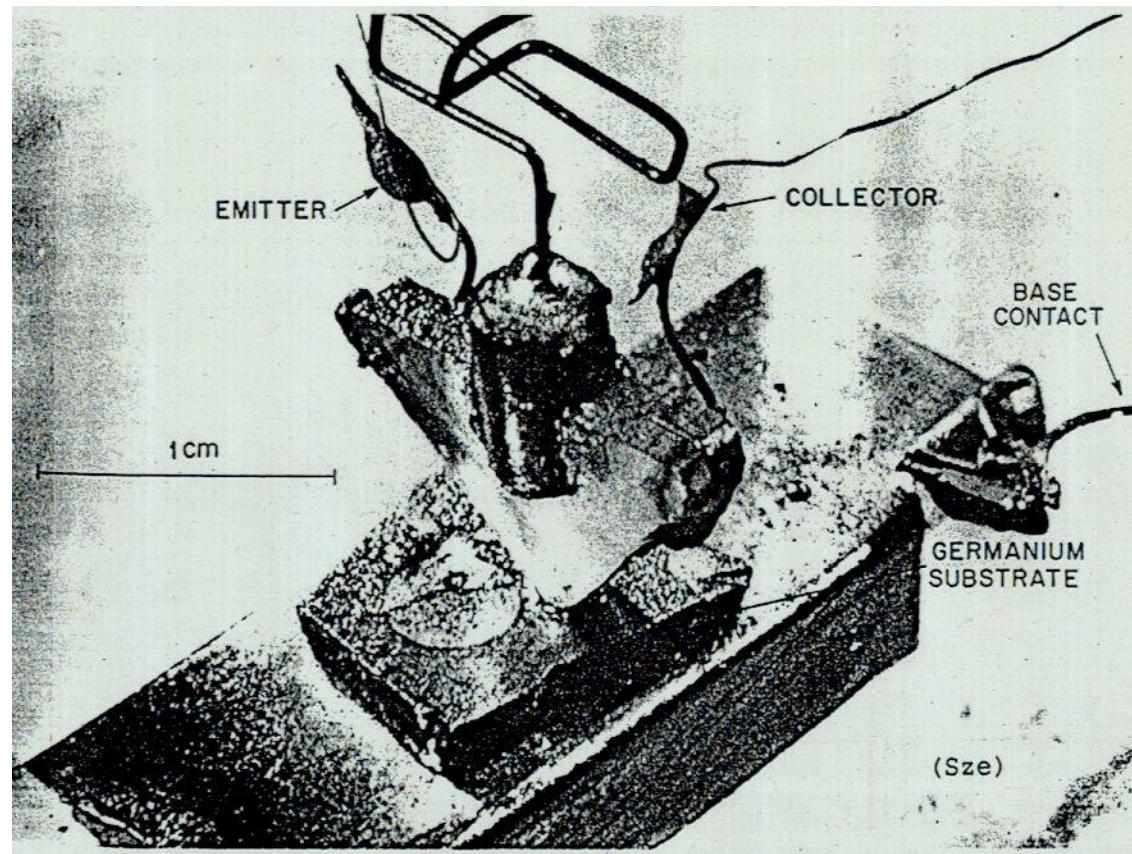
Biomedical

Unit : Meter

A brief history of MEMS

- 1947 invention of the transistor (made from germanium)
- 1958 silicon strain gauges commercialized; first integrated circuit (TI: Jack Kilby)
- 1961 first silicon pressure sensor demonstrated (Kulite)
- 1967 Invention of surface micromachining (Nathanson, Resonant Gate Transistor)
- 1970 first silicon accelerometer demonstrated (Kulite)
- 1977 first capacitive pressure sensor (Stanford) Prof James Angell
- 1979 first thermal inkjet printer (HP lab)
- 1980 Petersen, K.E., "Silicon Torsional Scanning Mirror"
- 1982 disposable blood pressure transducer (Foxboro/ICT, Honeywell, \$40)
- 1984 First polysilicon MEMS device (Howe, Muller); HP ThinkJet
- 1988 Rotary electrostatic side drive motors (Fan, Tai, Muller)
- 1989 Lateral comb drive (Tang, Nguyen, Howe)
- 1990 BIACORE microfluidic chip
- 1991 polysilicon hinge (Pister, Judy, Burgett, Fearing)
- 1992 Grating light modulator (Solgaard, Sandejas, Bloom), DARPA USD\$80M/yr
- 1993 First surface micromachined accelerometer sold (Analog Devices, ADXL50)
- 1996 Digital micro-mirrors array commercialized, DMD/DLP (Texas Instrument)
- 2001 Micro optical switch for internet backbone commercialized
- 2007 iPhone used micro accelerometer as tilt sensr (G-sensor)

Early Semiconductor Fabrication

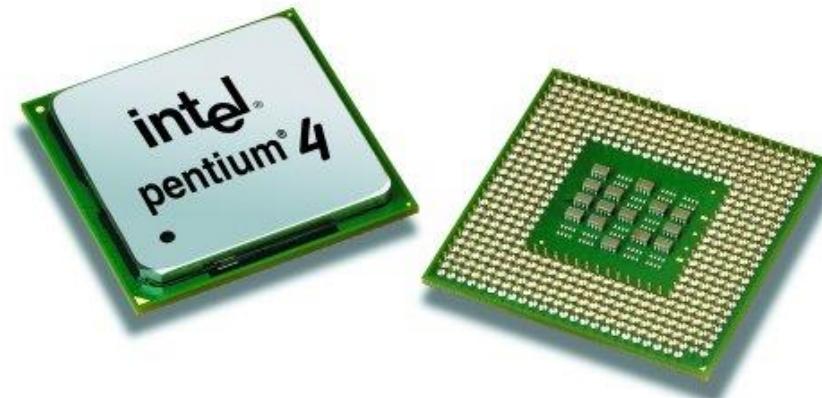


J. Bardeen, W.H. Brattain, “*The first transistor, a semiconductor triode*”, Phys. Rev. **74**, p.230, 1948

State-of-the-art Integrated Circuit Chip

Intel® 3GHz
Northwood
Processor

55 million transistors
0.13 micron lithography
2003



90nm, transistor, Pentium M (0.144B) CPU in '04

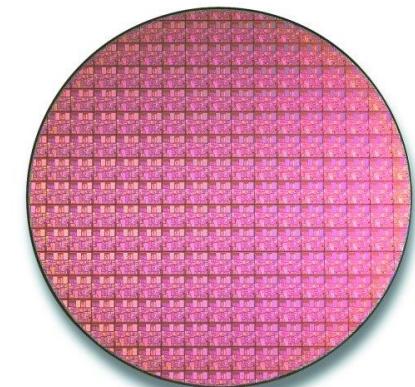
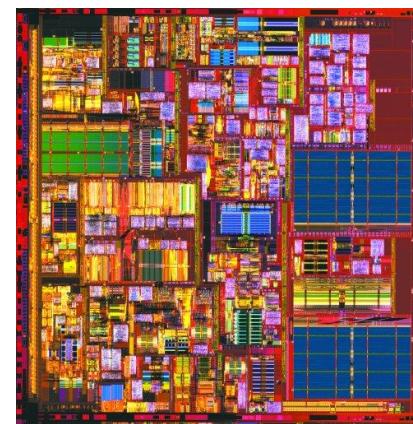
45 nm transistor, '07

10nm transistor, Apple A11 (4.3B), '17

Huawei Kirin 970 (5.5B)

7nm transistor, Apple A12 (7B), '18, made by
TSMC

Huawei Kirin 990, 5G (10.3B) '19 by
TSMC

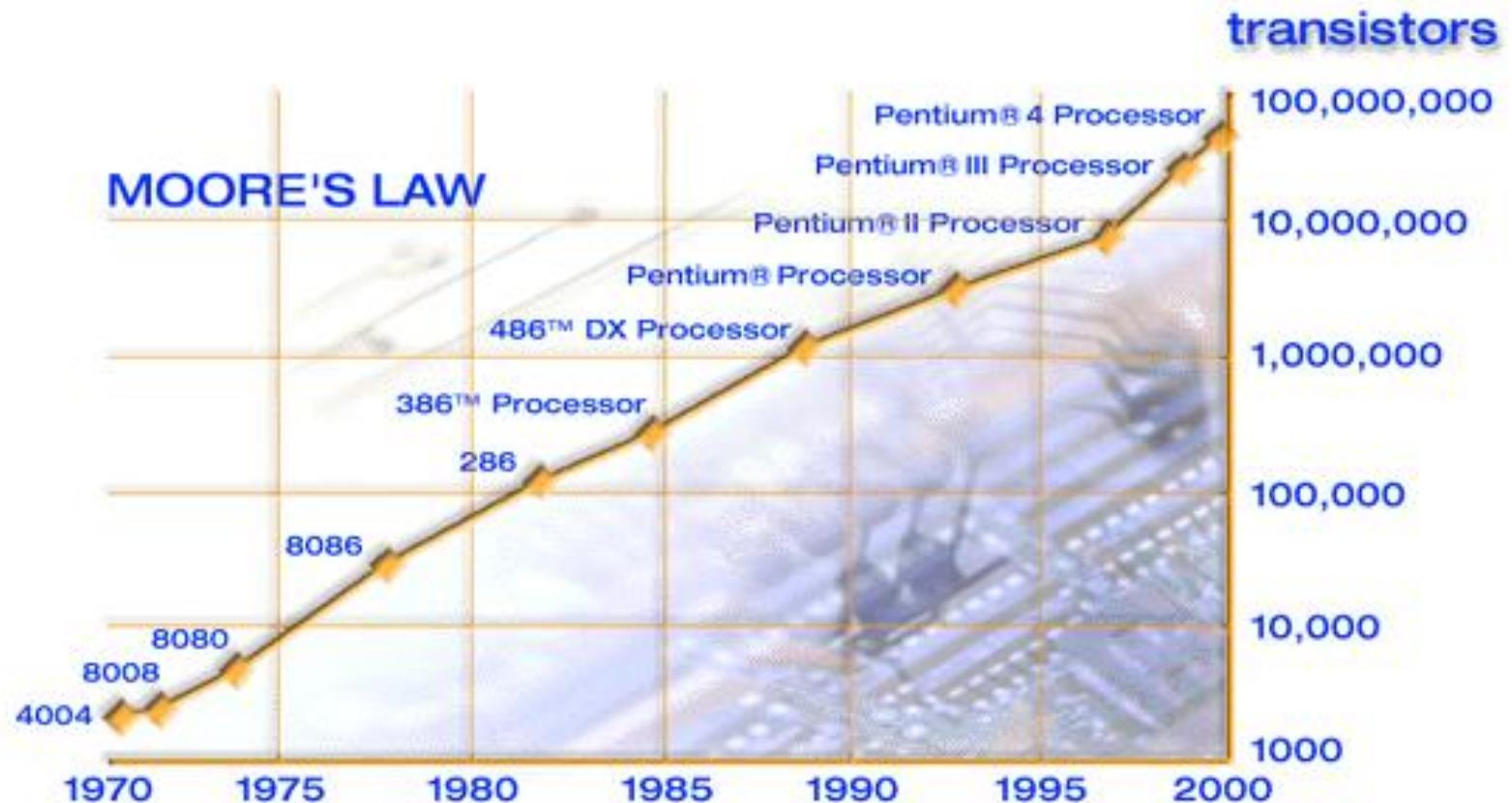


178 chips on 8" wafer

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apple_A12

<https://www.engadget.com/2019/09/06/huawei-kirin-990-5g-ai/>

Moore's Law for IC Chip

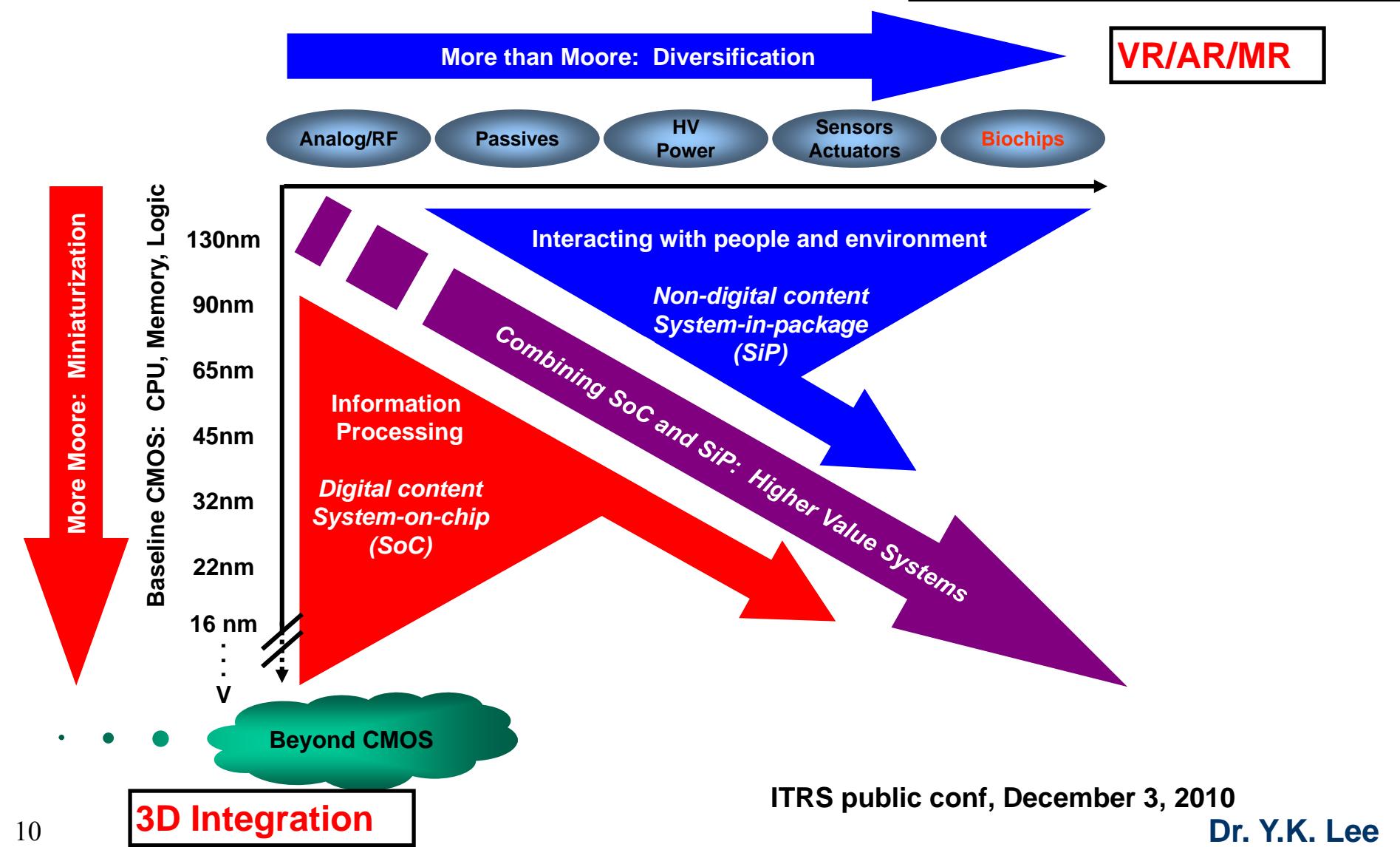


CPU power doubles every 18 months

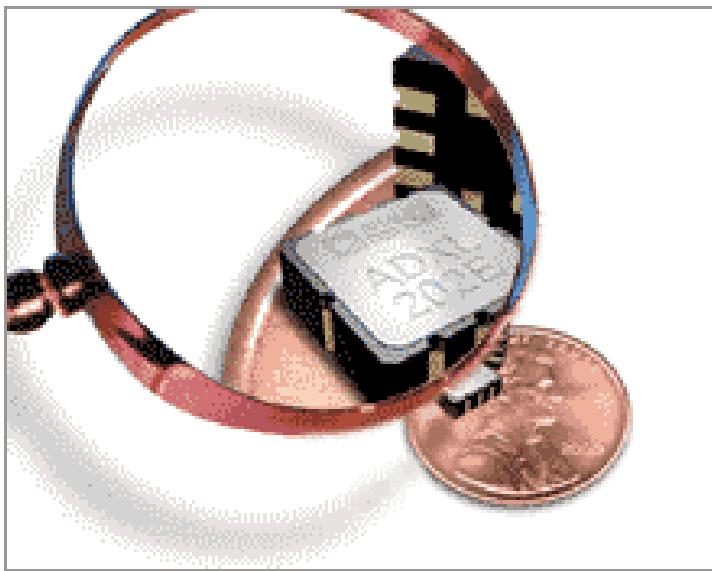
How about MEMS?

ITRS: Moore's Law & More than Moore (MtM)

AIoT: Internet of Thing w. AI



State-of-the-art MEMS Chips

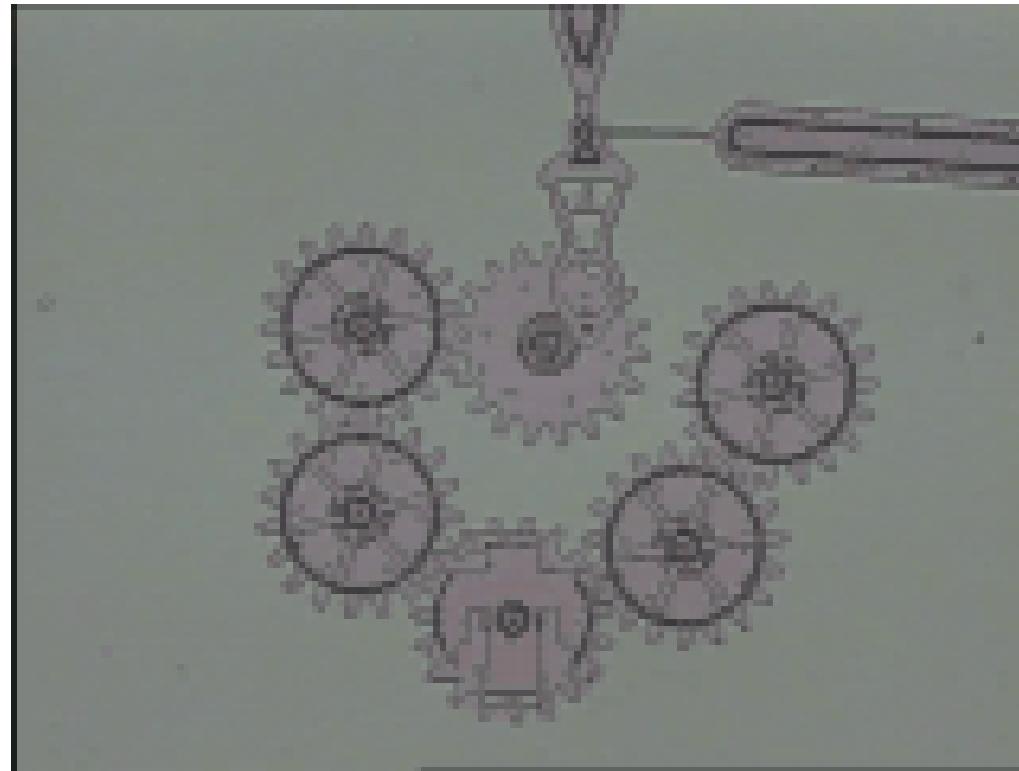


Analog Devices
ADXL202
micro-accelerometer



Texas Instrument
Digital Light Processing
~ 1 million micro mirrors
<http://www.dlp.com>

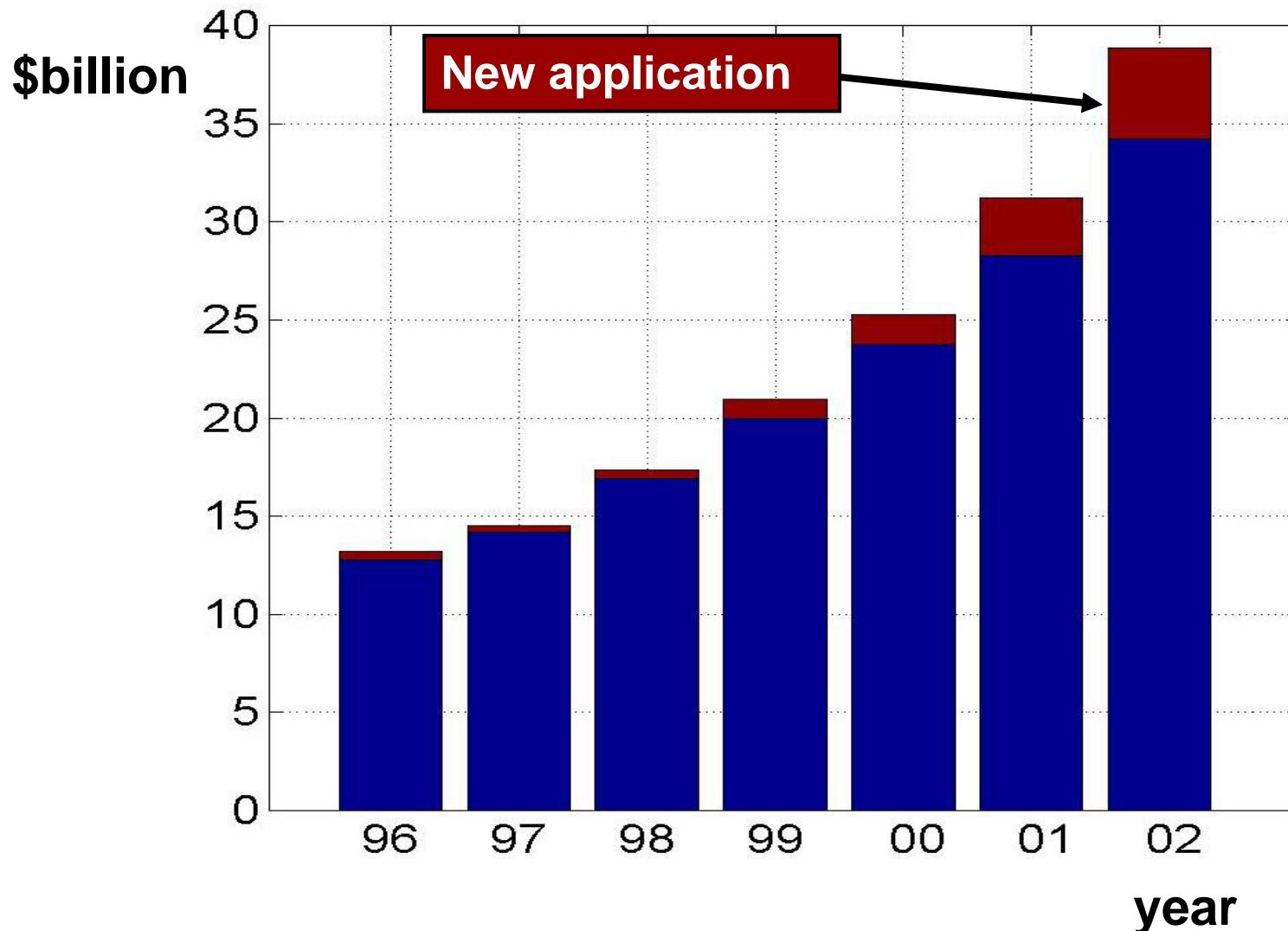
Microgears driven by a microengines



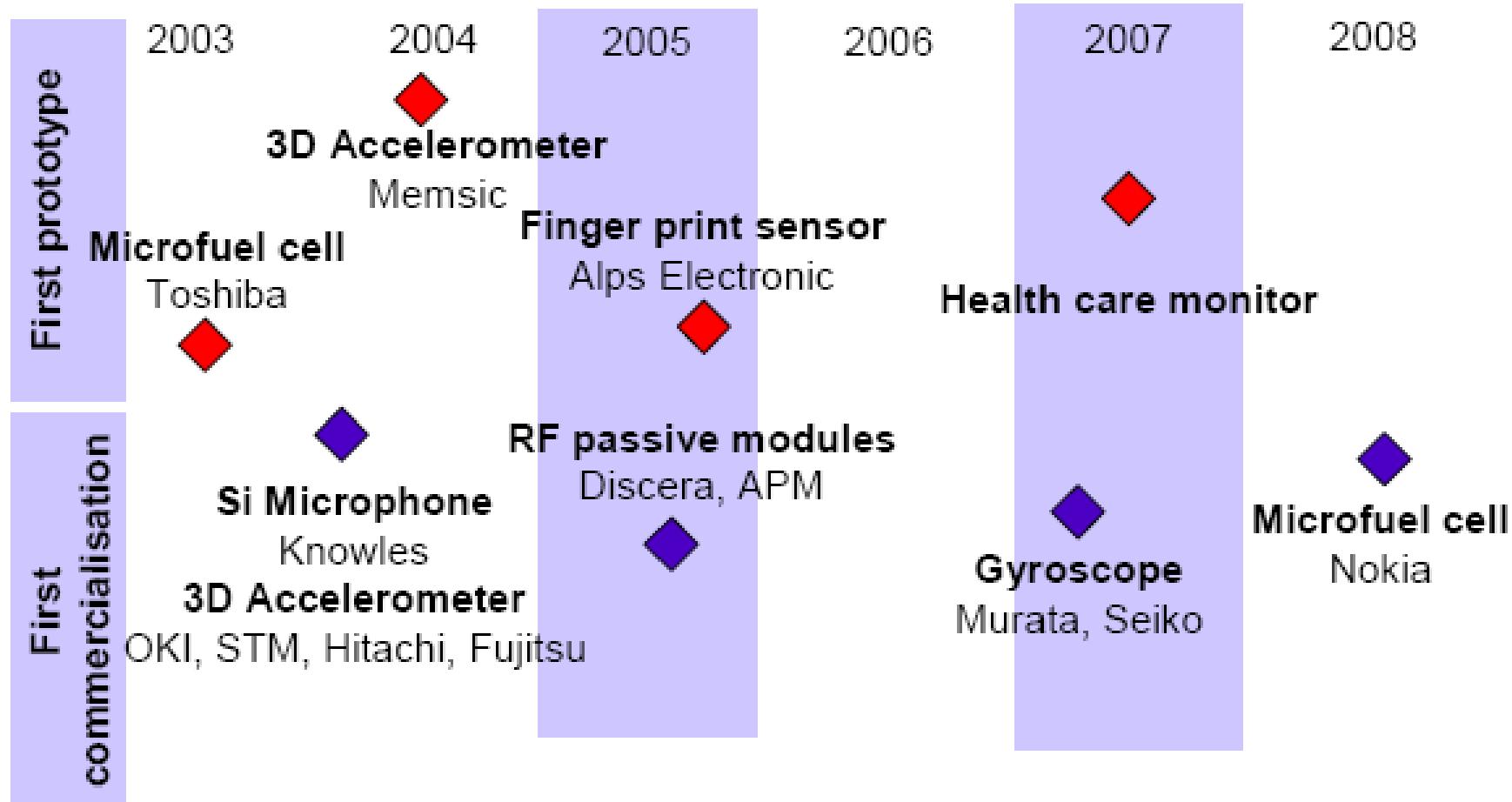
US Sandia National Lab MEMS project for nuclear weapon security

<http://mems.sandia.gov/scripts/images.asp>

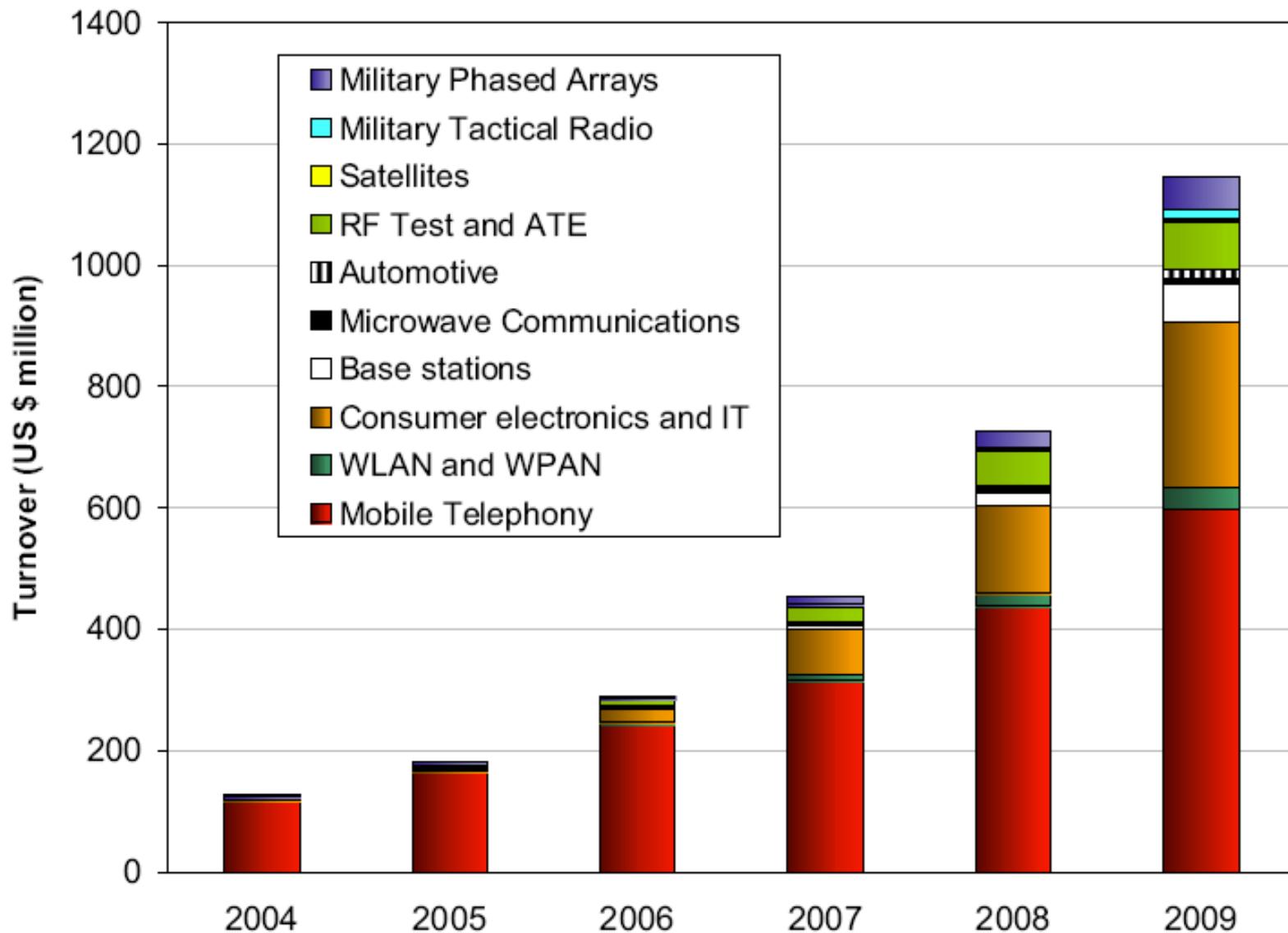
MEMS market analysis by NEXUS



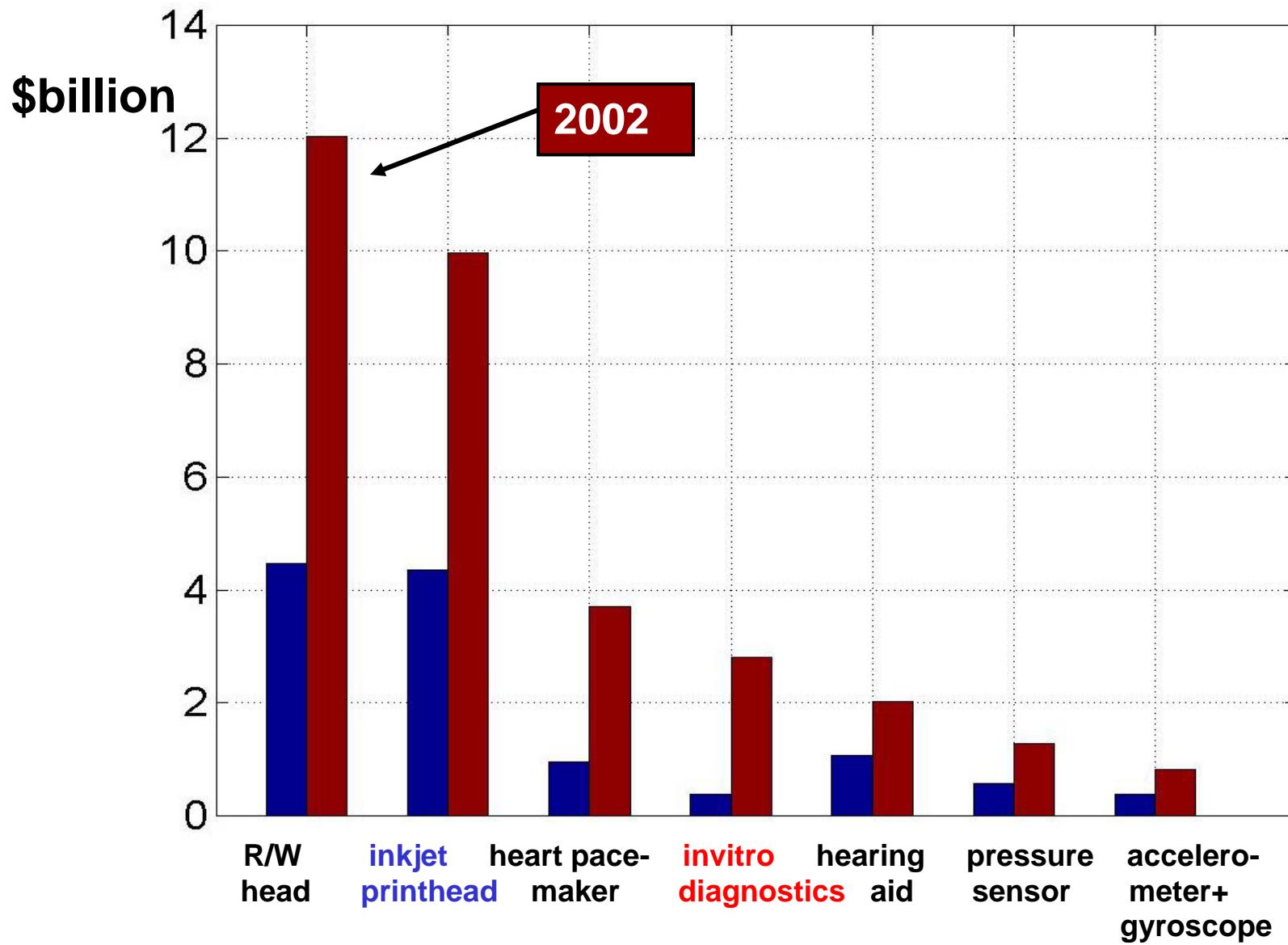
2004-2008 MEMS market for mobile phone



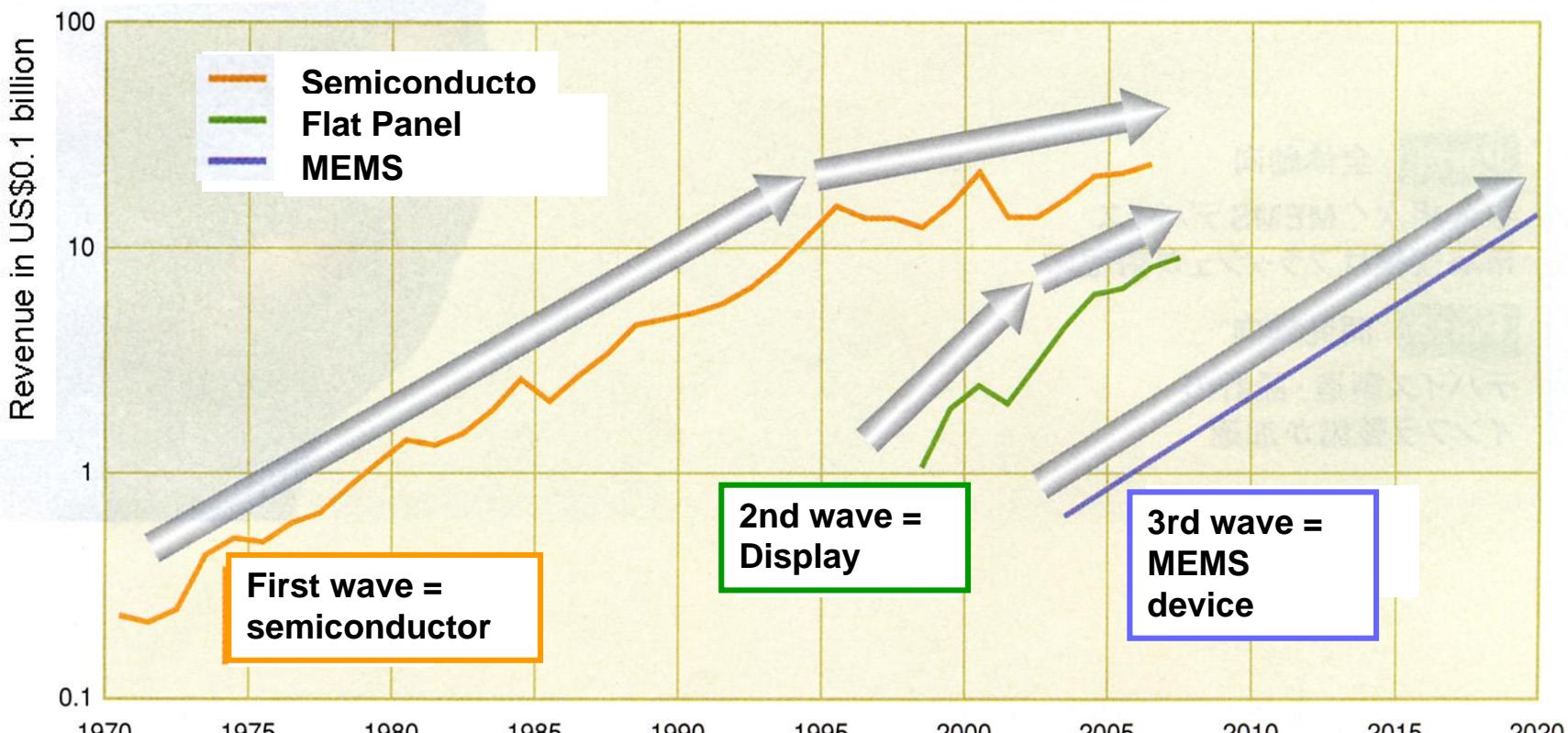
RF MEMS Market Forecast 2004-2009



MEMS market volumes in 1996 & 2002



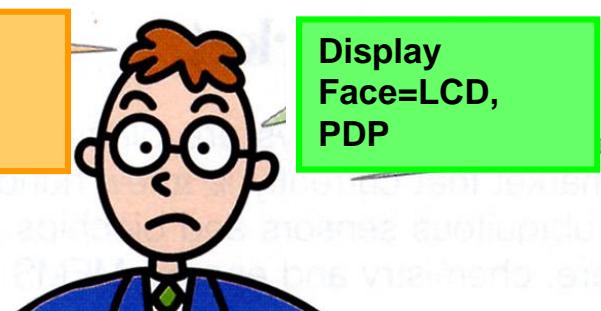
Market Research, Nikkei Microdevice (Dec 2004, Tokyo)



Semiconductor
Brain=Logic,
memory

Display
Face=LCD,
PDP

MEMS device
Ear & Eye = sensor
Hand & Leg = Actuator



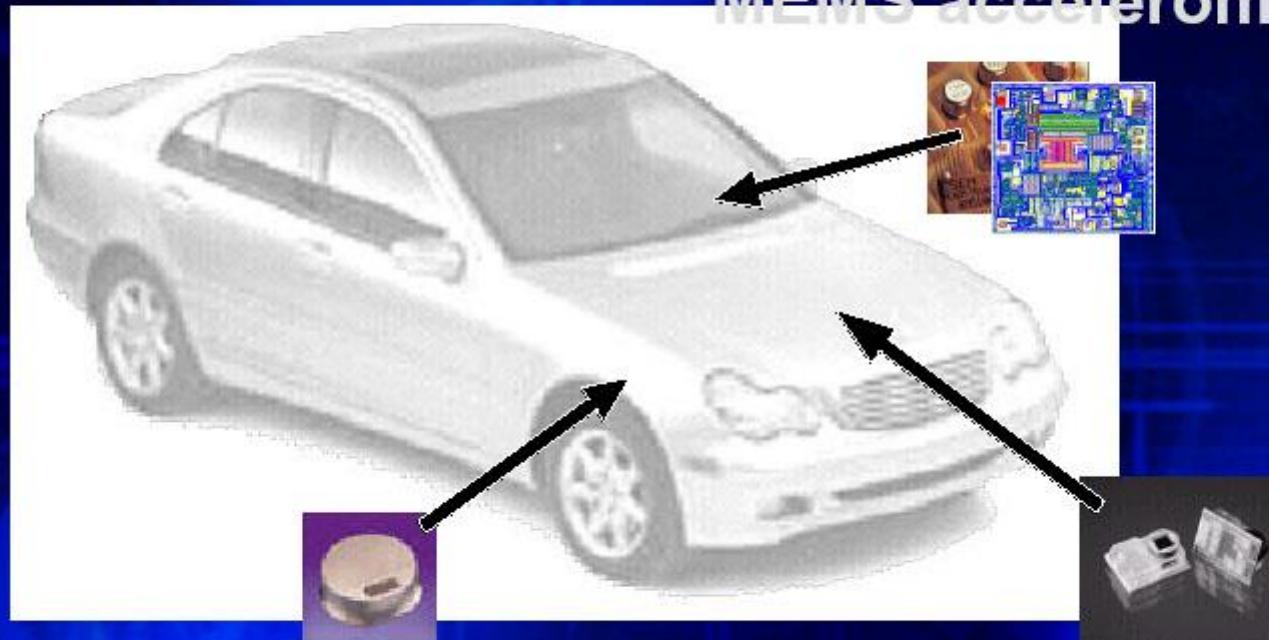
Current MEMS applications

- Pressure sensors, disposable blood pressure
- Accelerometers: air-bag deployment, (**Wii, Nintendo**), portable electronics (**iPhone**)
- Ink-jet printer heads
- Digital micromirrors (**DLP**) for computer projectors & TV
- Portable clinical analyzers
- DNA microarray

More applications

- Inertial guidance microdevices: microgyroscope
- Active magnetic head for ultra high density hard-drive
- Optical switches for internet backbone system
- Flow control, drag reduction
- Bio-chemical lab-on-a-chip
bio/biochemical micro sensors for **food safety**,
agricultural products
- Communication components & **mobile phones**:
micromech. filters, RF-switches & relays, SMT microphone
- Power MEMS:
microfuel cells, micro generators
- Military MEMS:
micro NBC (nuclear, baterial and chemical) detectors

Traditional Uses of MEMS

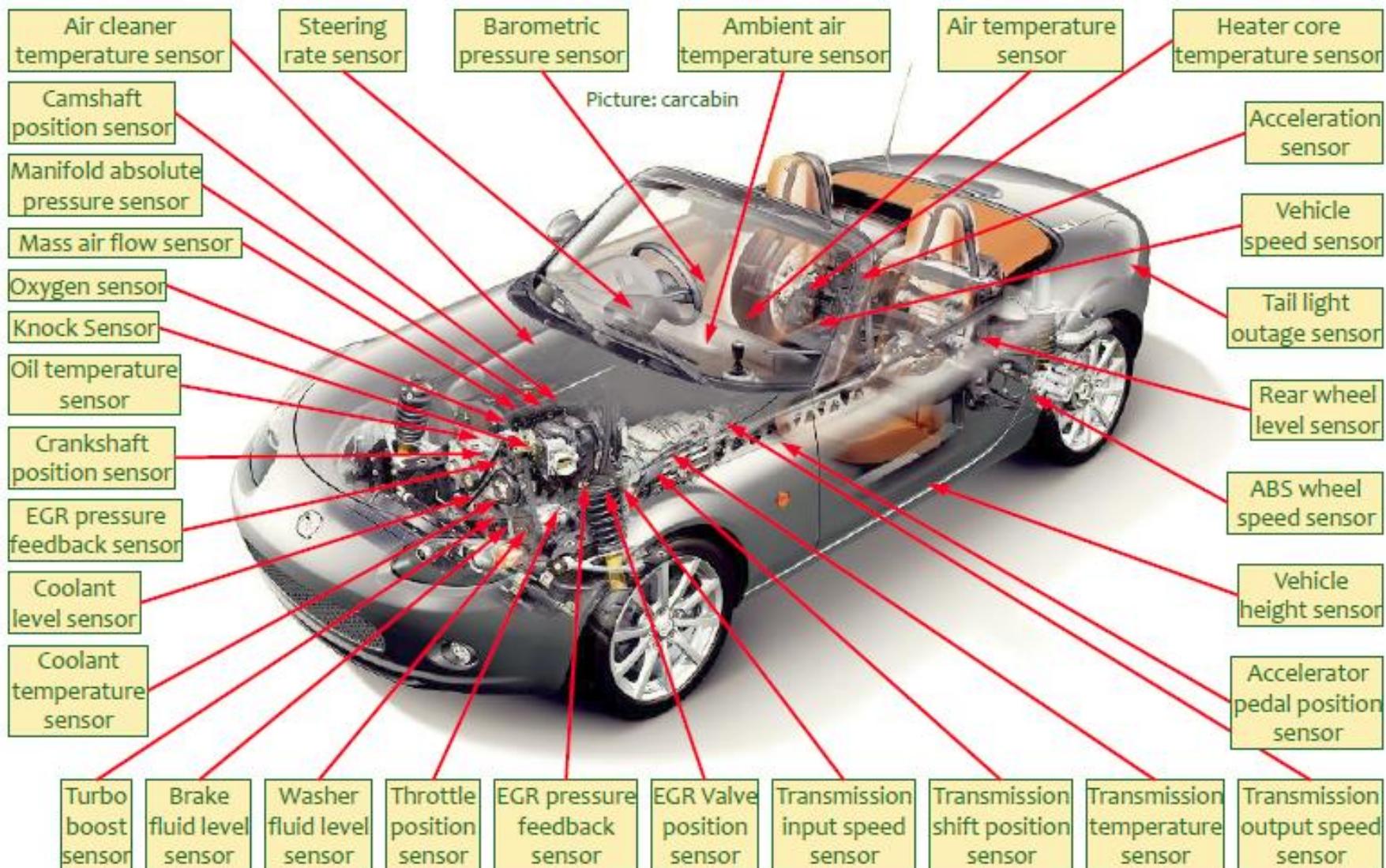


Airbag deployment
MEMS accelerometer

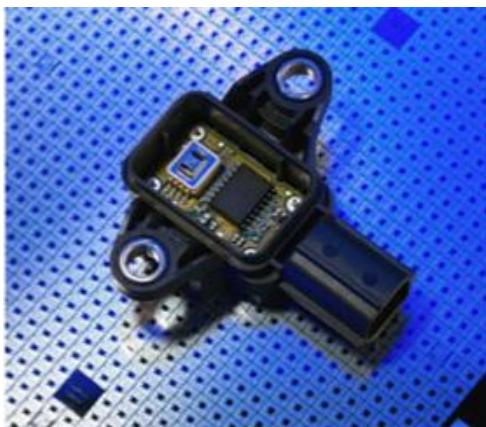
Stability Control System
MEMS micro-gyro

MEMS Pressure Sensor

New Car will have >50 sensors



2008 Forbes: Top 10 MEMS Product



Microaccelerometer: air-bag



DiCon's MEMS optical switch



HP thermal inkjet chip



MEMS-based microphone,
surface mount tech

Josh Wolfe, MEMS The World, Forbes, 22 Apr 2008

Dr. Y.K. Lee

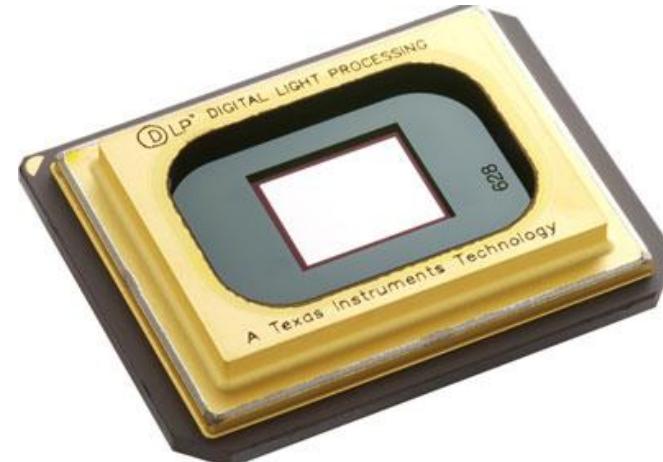
2008 Forbes: Top 10 MEMS Product



micro pressure sensor for tires (TPMS)



iPhone: 3-axes microaccelerometer
Man-machine interface



Texas Instrument: DLP chip (digital micromirror array)



Wii: 3-axes microaccelerometer

Future Potential Uses of MEMS



Antennas

Color bi-stable display

Micro-switches

**Tunable capacitors
and inductors**

Tunable filters

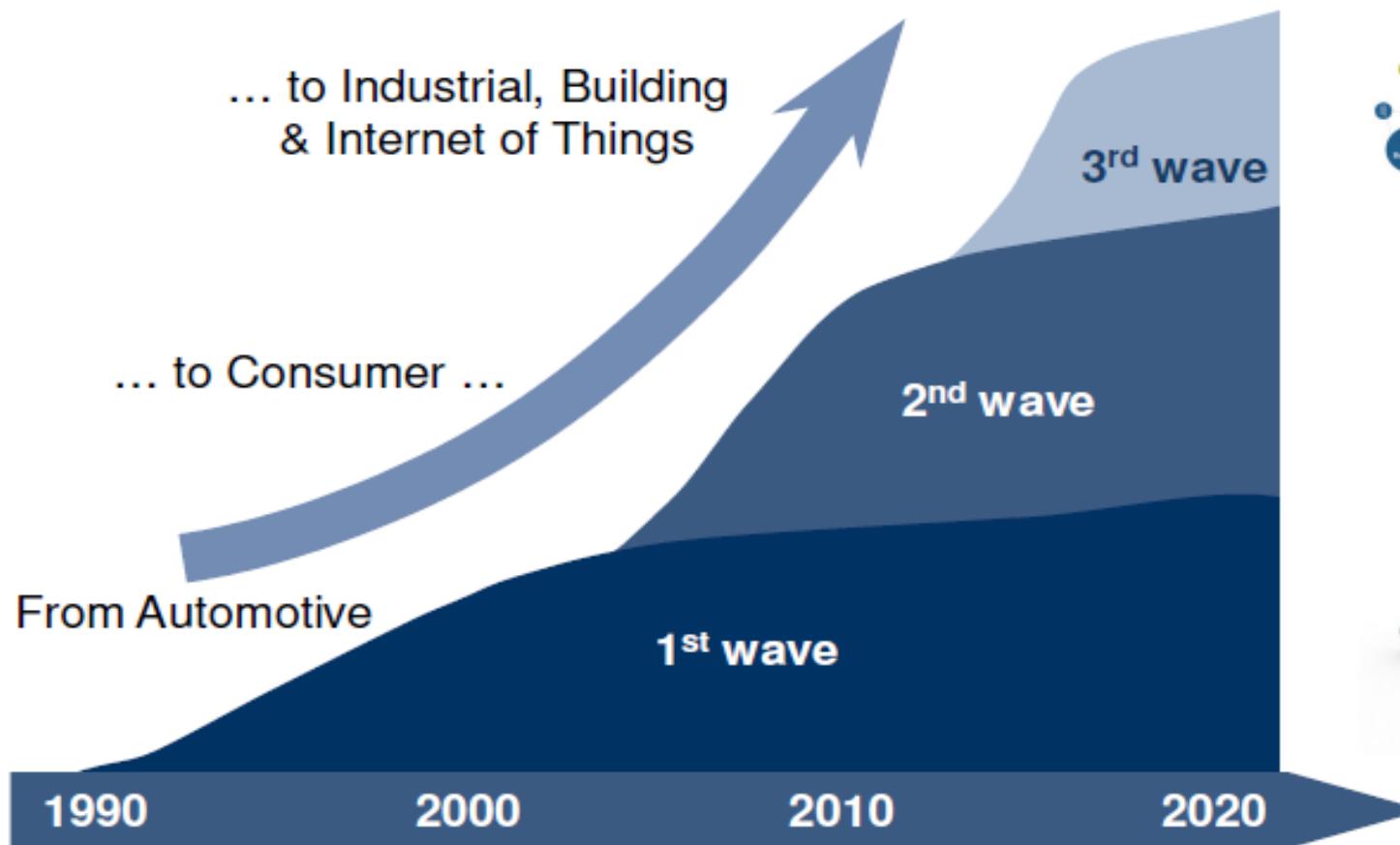
Directional microphone

Focus: MEMS in Mobile Devices



Len Sheynblat, Qualcomm, MIG M2M Workshop, Spring 2012

IoT/A-IoT Trend



- Mobile sensor market grew 200%/year in 2007~2013
- **Trillion Sensor Summit** initiated by MEMS entrepreneur, Dr Jansuz Bryzek (Father of Sensors) in Silicon Valley in 2013.

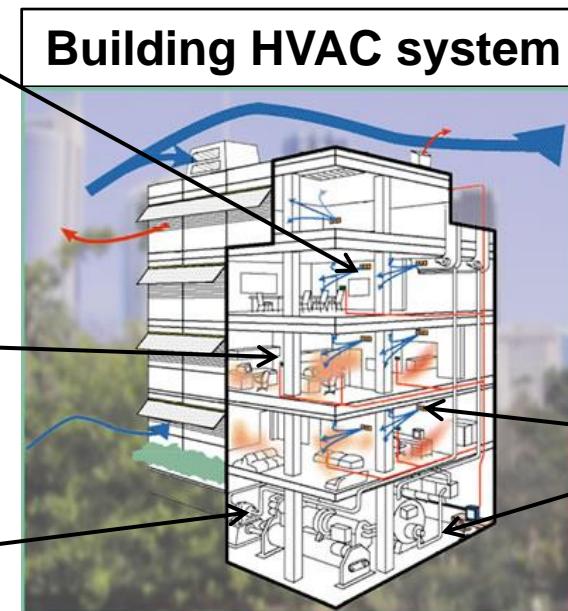
MEMS Sensors for Smart Energy Efficient Buildings

Key app: HVAC + gas/water supply system

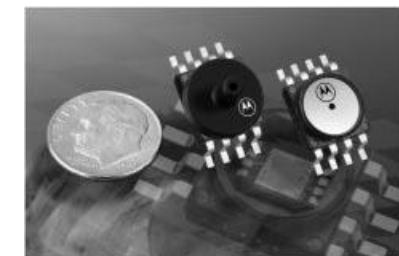
Human Comfort Level Control :
MEMS Temperature Sensor
 (always integrated into other type of sensors) ;
MEMS Humidity Sensor

Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) control:
MEMS Gas Detector

Early Detection of Fan and Compressor Problem:
MEMS Vibration Sensor



Variable Air Volume (VAV) System (fixed-plenum-pressure method):
MEMS pressure sensor;



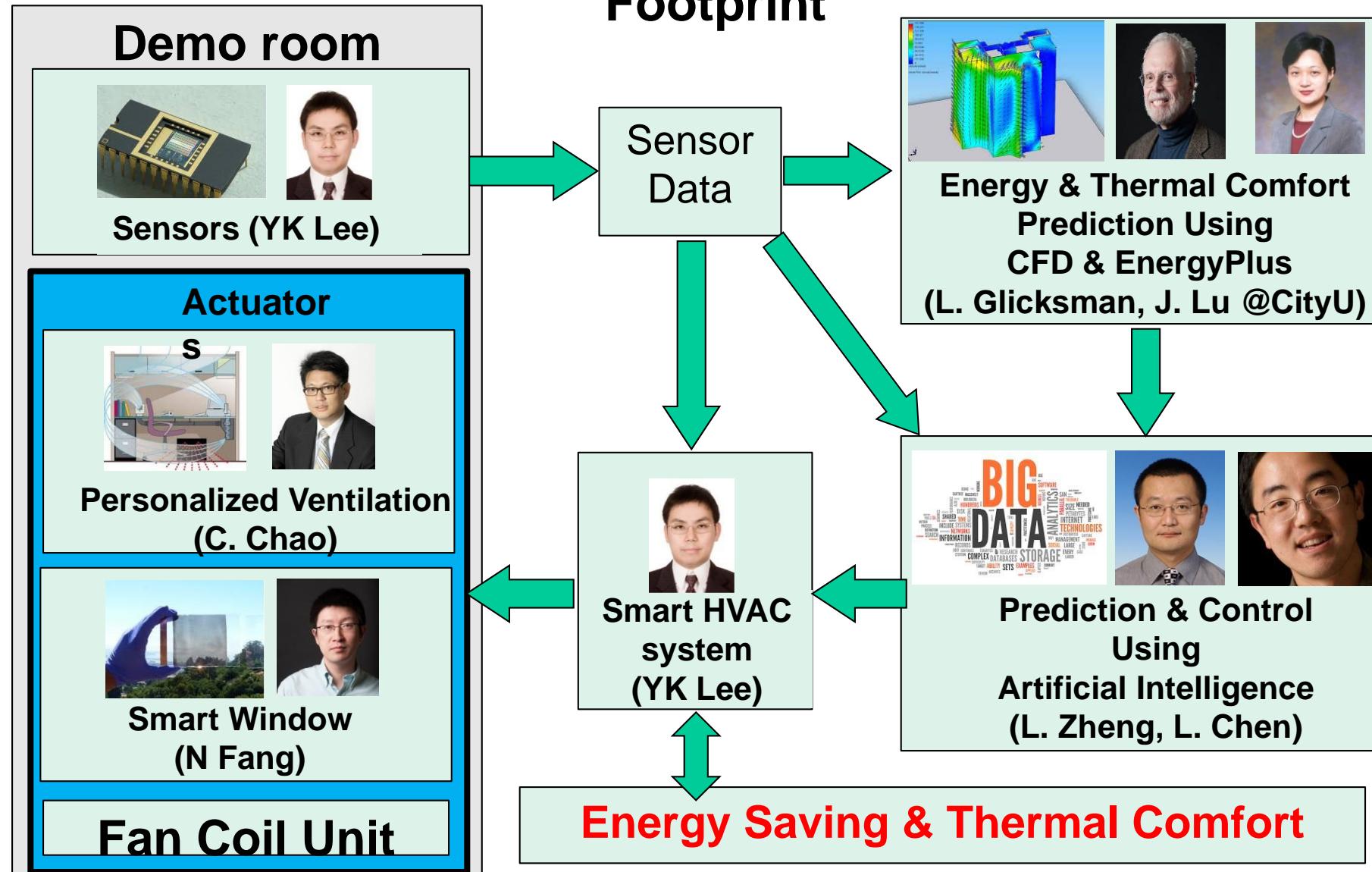
Flow Rate Control for HVAC:
MEMS Flow sensor



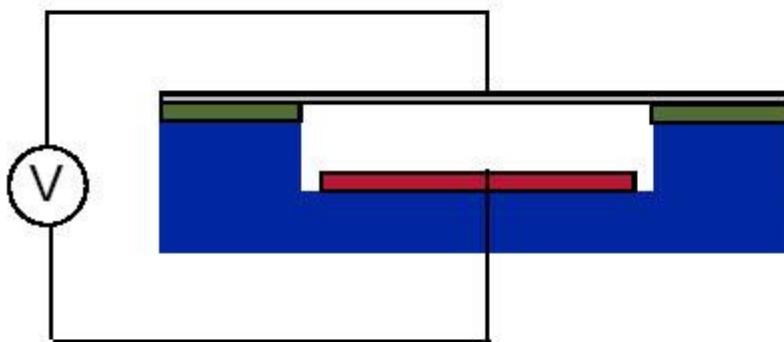
CMOS MEMS technology: enable Moore's law for sensors

Ref: O. Grassmann et al., Sensors in intelligent buildings, Wiley, 2002

Control/Monitoring System for EeB & Low-Carbon Footprint



Micro pressure sensors



Capacitive sensing

Use capacitor to sense pressure

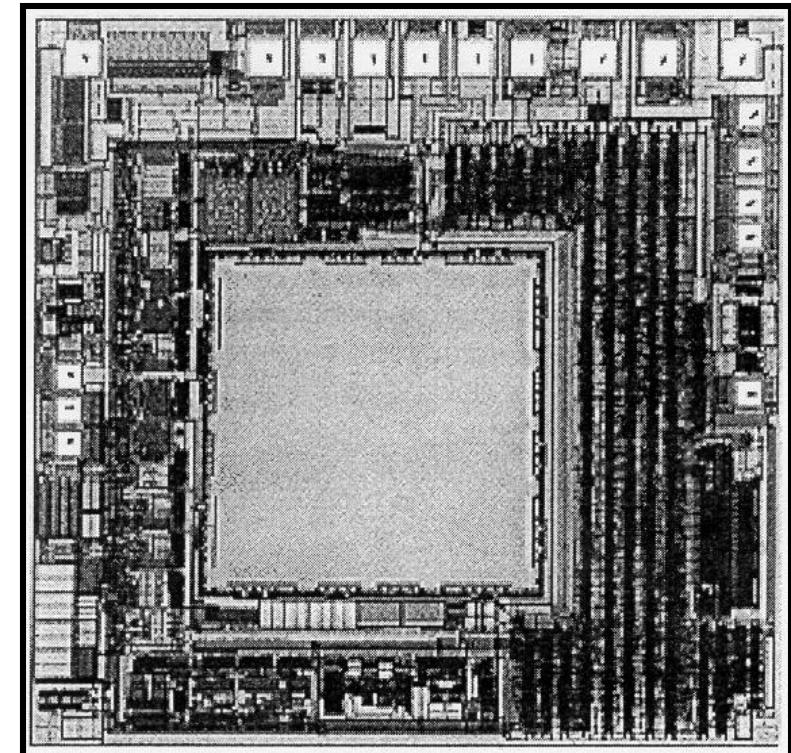


Piezoresistive sensing

Use piezo-resistor to sense pressure

Integrated Pressure Sensors

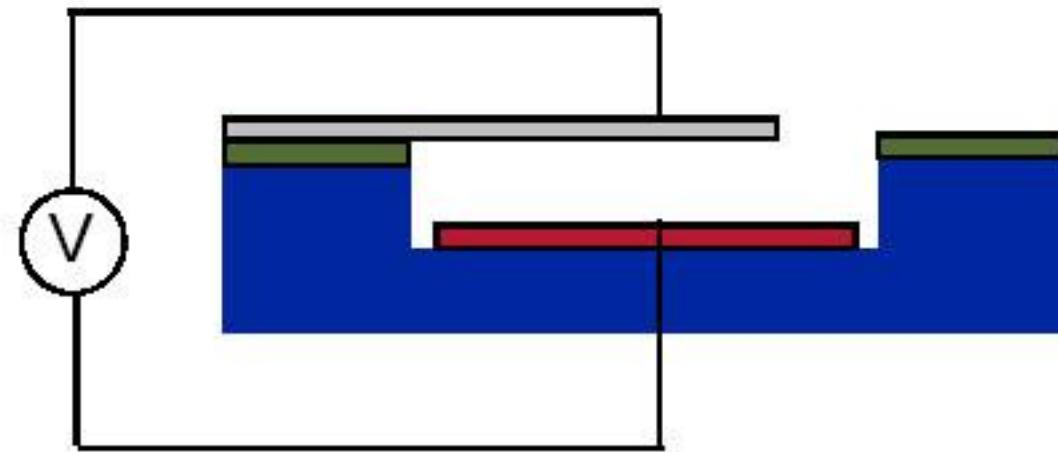
- Silicon pressure sensors have been on the market for over **30 years**
- First integration attempt
 - late **1970's**
- Over **100 million units** are now produced every year
- A significant portion of which has on-chip integration ranging from
 - **Passive trim elements only**
 - **Analog signal conditioning**
 - **Digital signal conditioning**



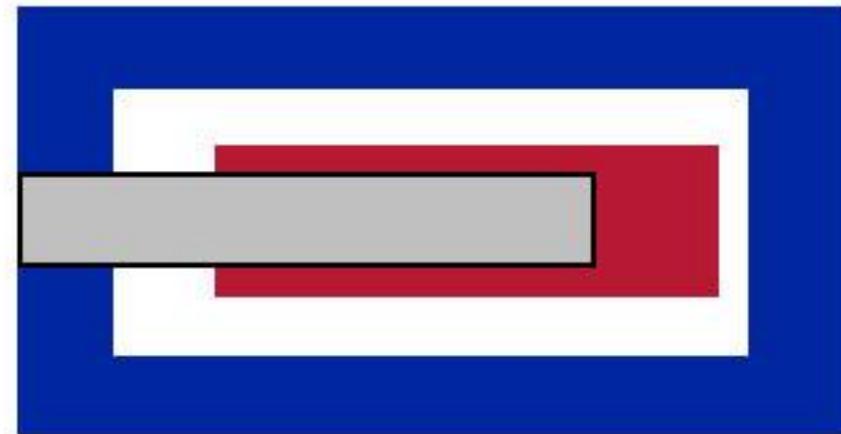
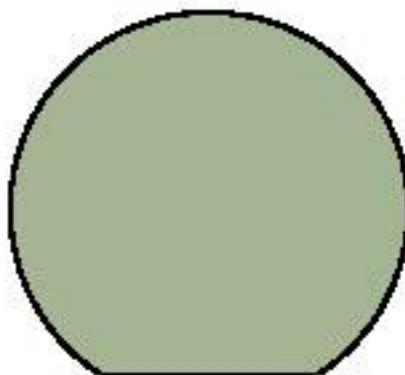
**Motorola's latest
Automotive Pressure Sensor
with DSP**

Micro accelerometer

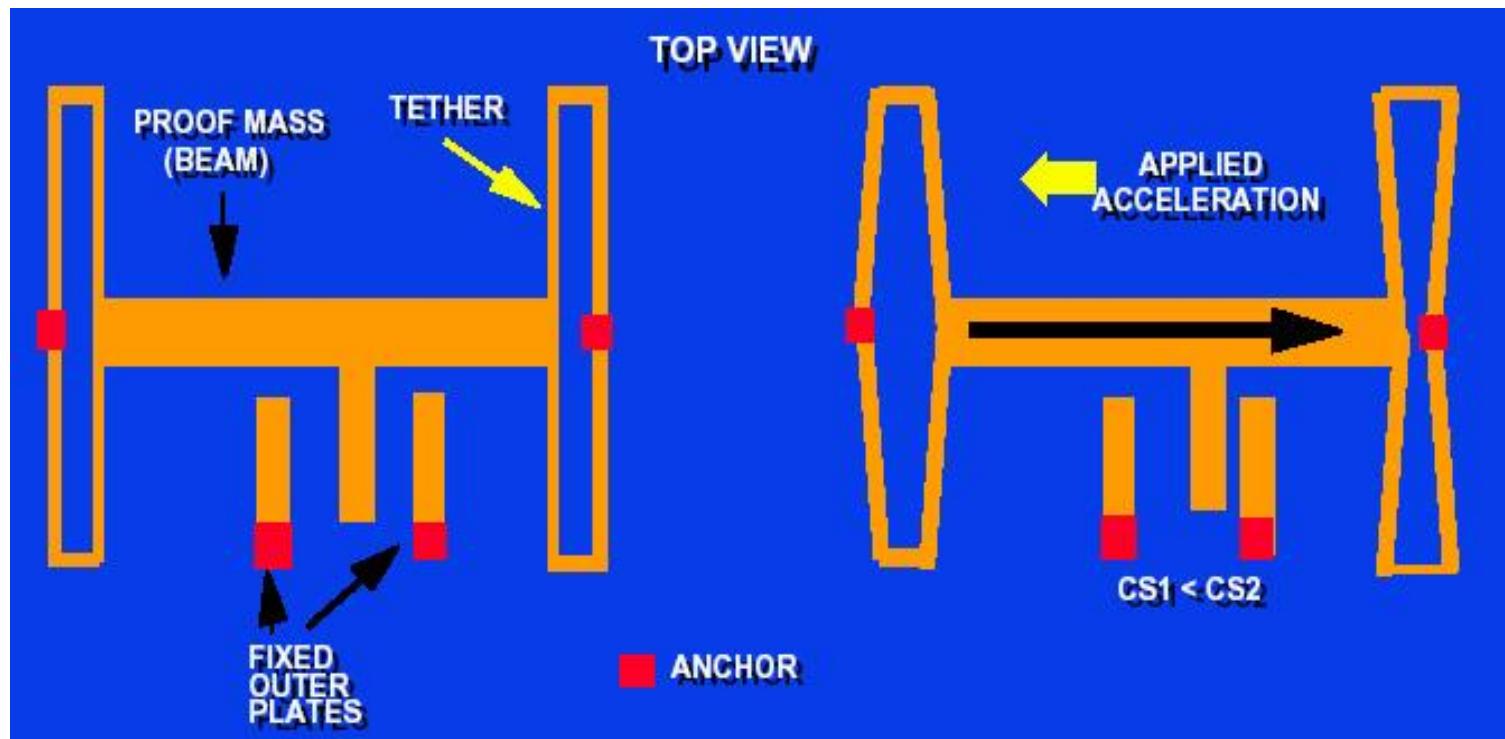
Side view



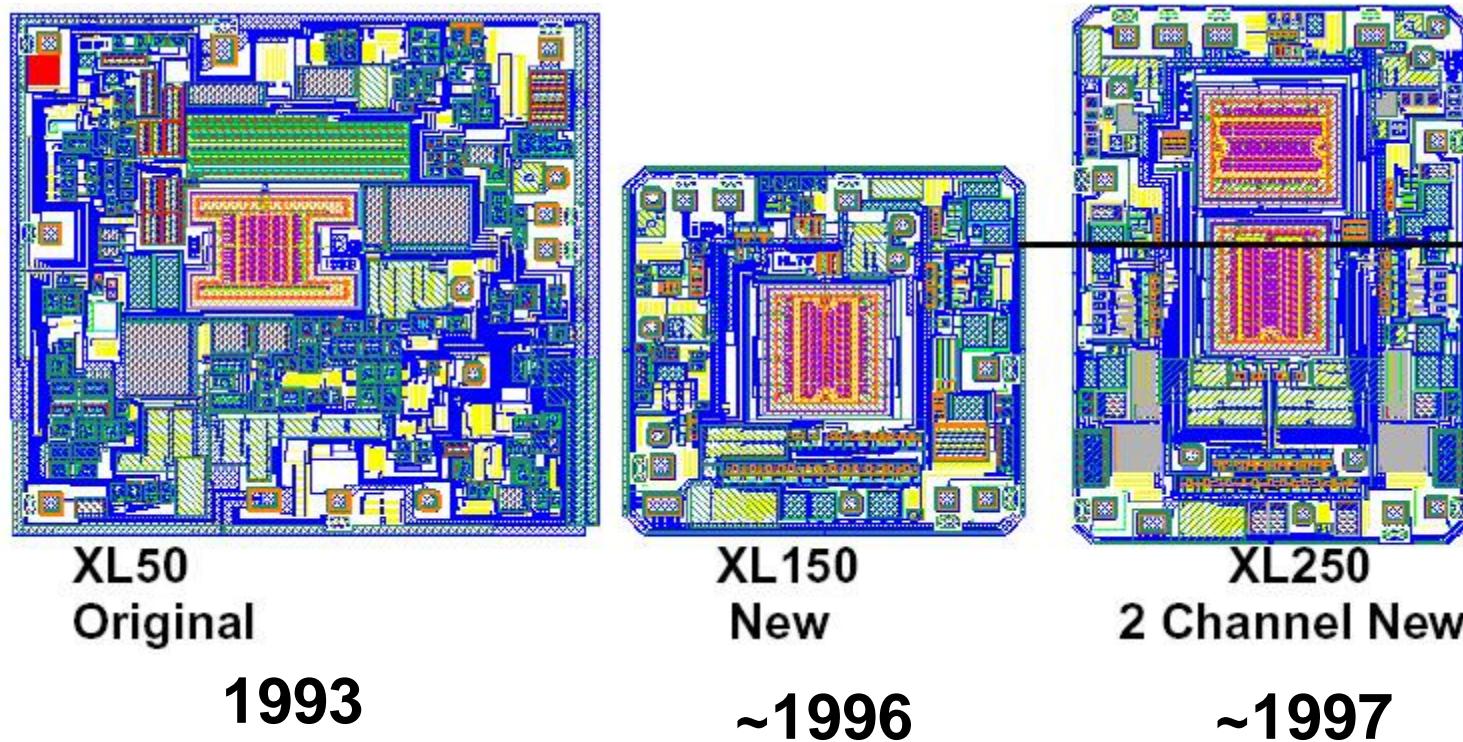
Top view



Micro accelerometer practical design



ADI Automotive Accelerometers

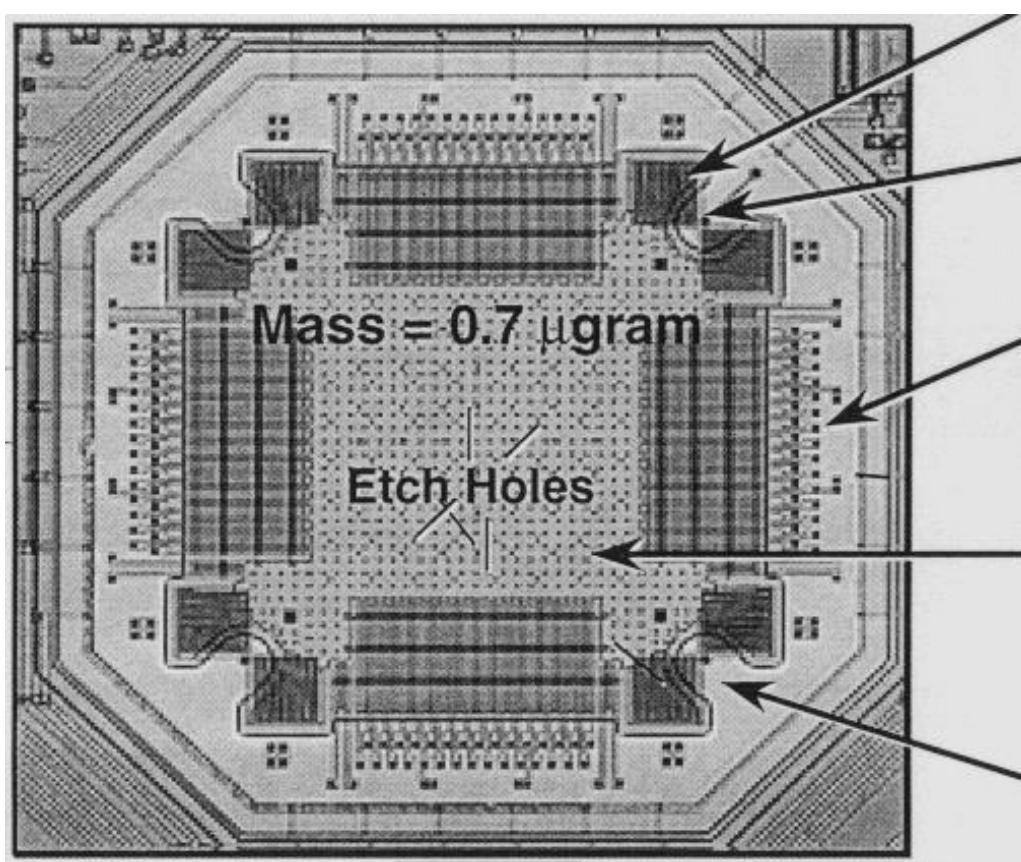


1993 Analog Device: Industry's first surface micromachined accelerometer includes signal conditioning on chip

April, 2005: Analog Device made **200 million** MEMS inertia sensors

http://techon.nikkeibp.co.jp/article/COLUMN_LEAF/20050408/103555/

ADXL202 Beam structure



Tether (Spring)

Anchor point

30 sensing cells per axis
1.2 μ m gaps,
1 μ m feature size

2 μ m thick polysilicon
structure suspended
1.6 μ m above substrate

10kHz resonant
frequency

Deflection due to $2g$ acceleration = $5\text{nm} = 250 \cdot 10^{-18}\text{F}$

Minimum resolvable deflection = $0.04\text{A} = 90 \cdot 10^{-21}\text{F}$

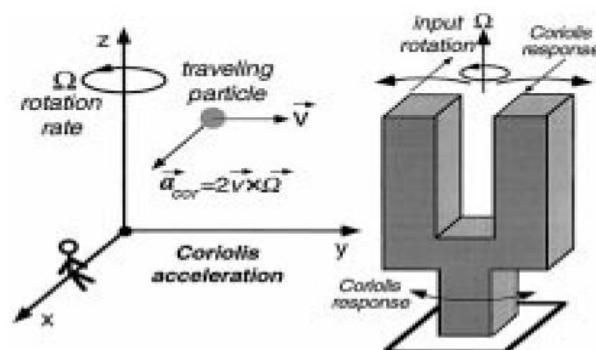
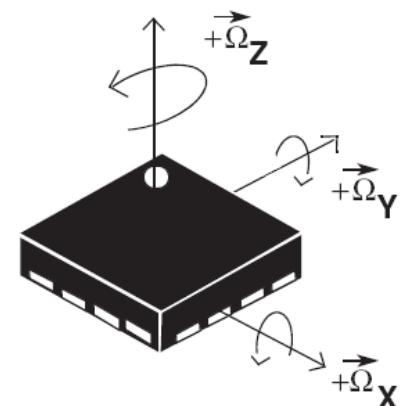
iPhone and many smartphone use microaccelerometer



ST Microelectronics: 3-axis LIS331DL, $3 \times 3 \times 1 \text{ mm}^3$

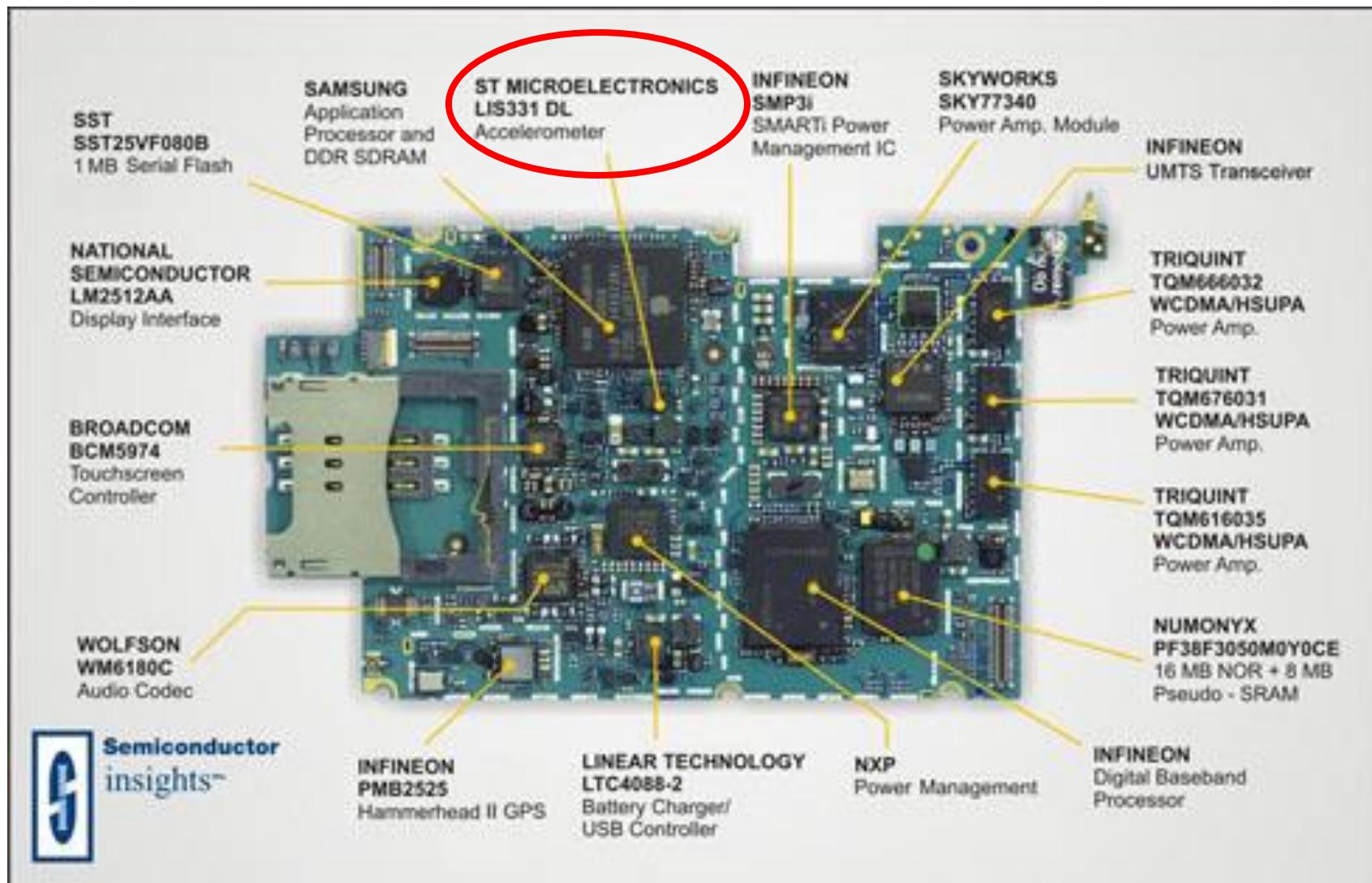
Freescale MMA745xL 3-axis accelerometers

iPhone 4 uses ST Microelectronics micro gryo

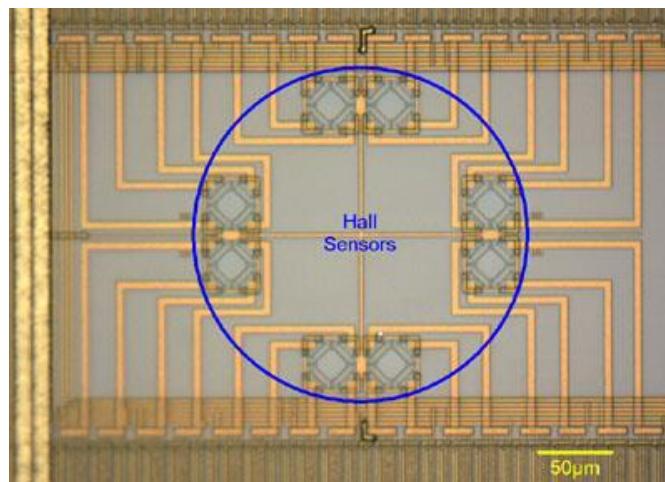
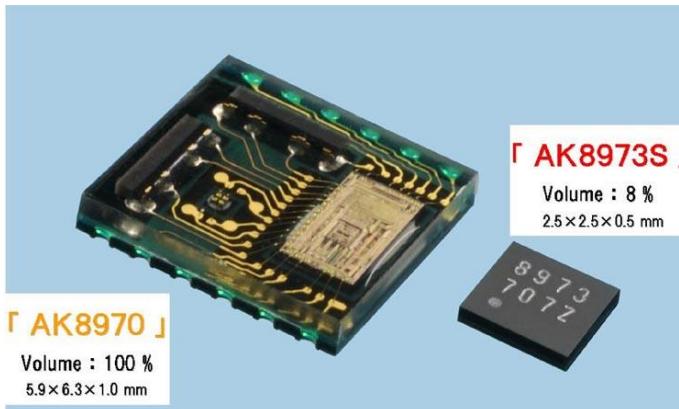


- 3-axis digital L3G4200D
- $4 \times 4 \times 1.1 \text{ mm}^3$
- made by ST Microelectronics
- First micro gryo used in smartphone
- Vibrating tuning fork (mass-spring system)

iPhone uses ST Microelectronics LIS331 DL

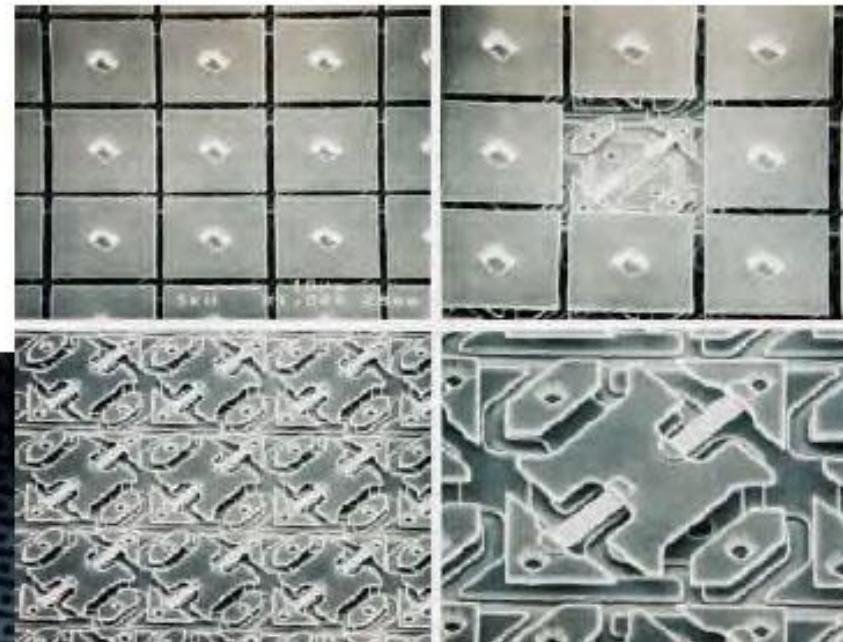
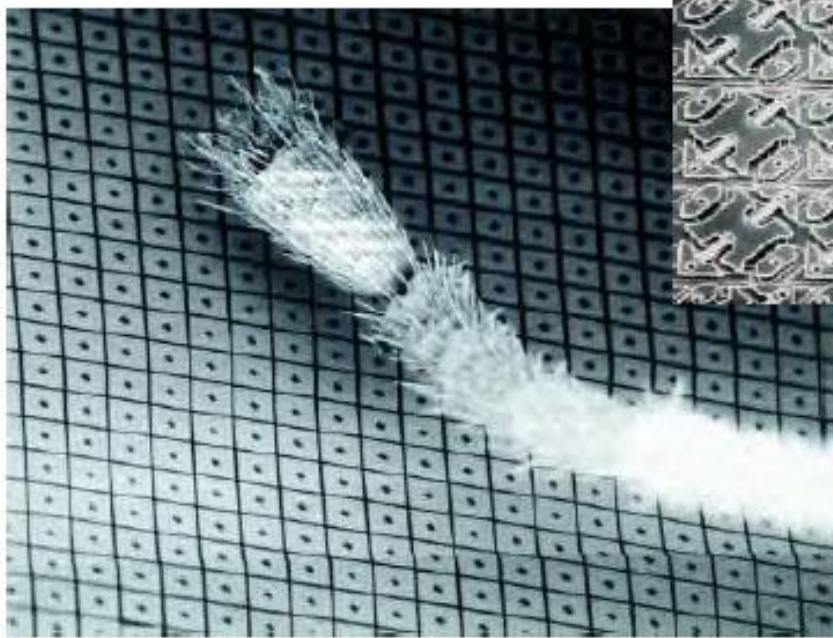


iPhone 3GS & 4 uses Japanese (Asahi Kasei) AKM's AK8973 3-axes digital compass (micro magnetic sensors/magnetometer)



TI's Digital Micromirror Device (DMD)

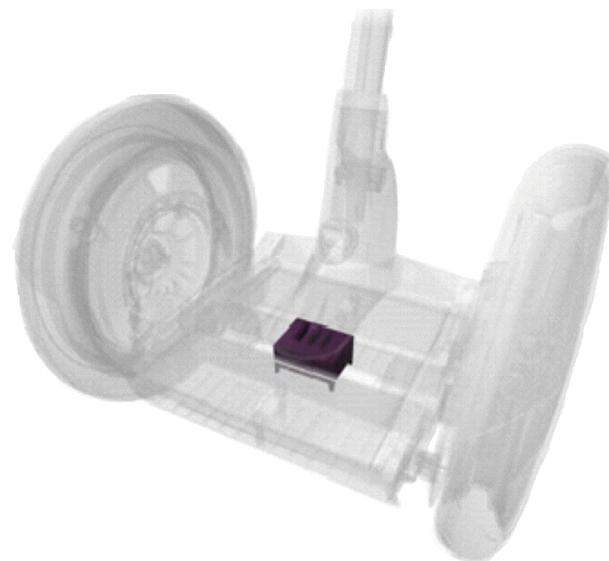
Anatomy of DLP/DMD



Ant's leg on the DMD array

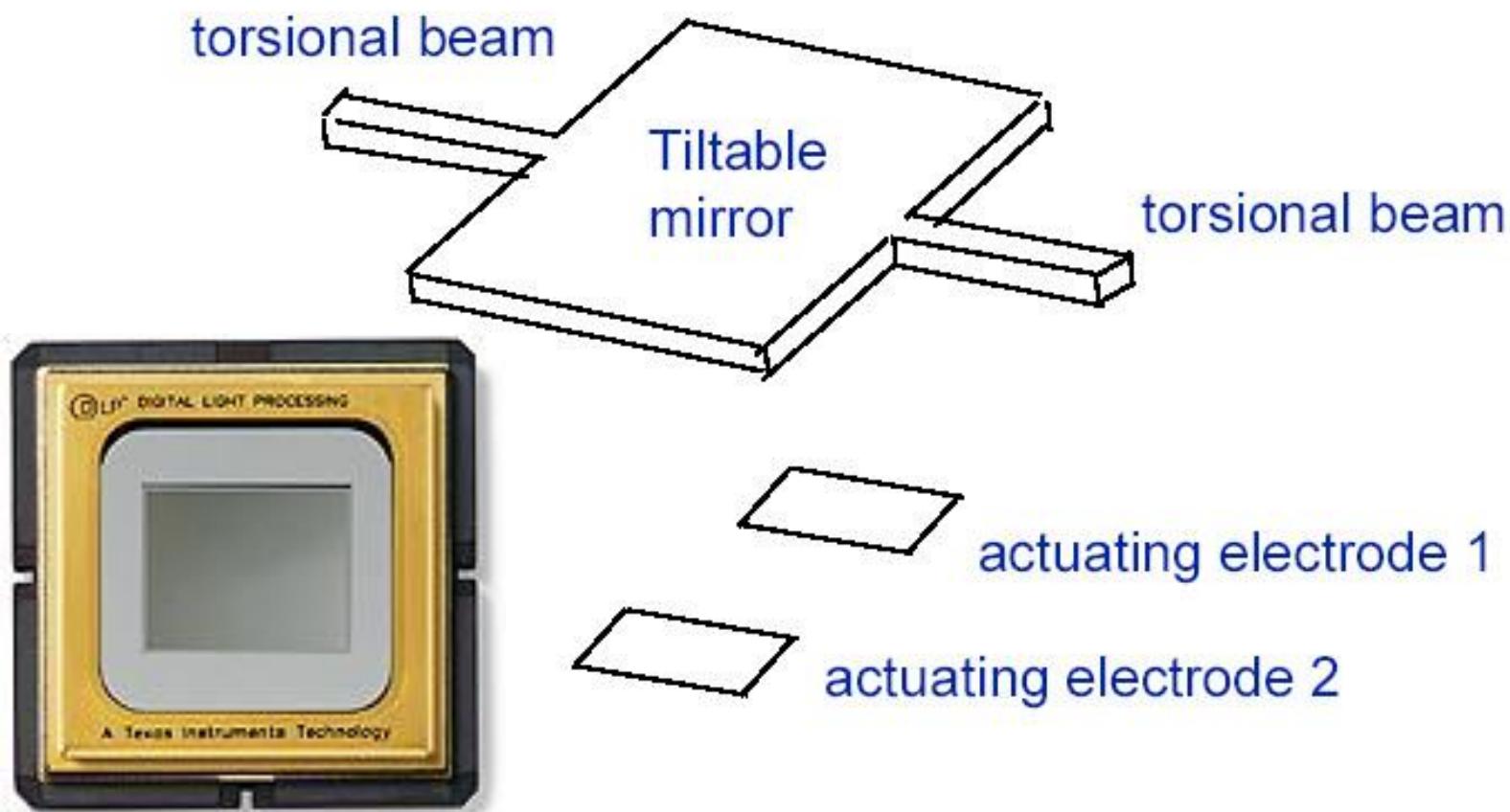
**TI: started at 1977
market 1996**

SEGWAY Scooter uses 5 MEMS gyro



www.segway.com

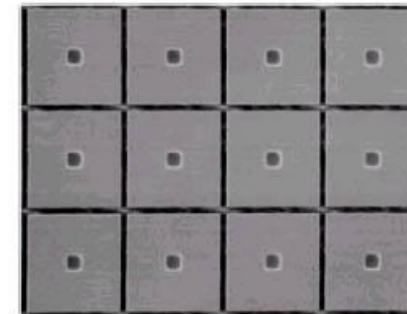
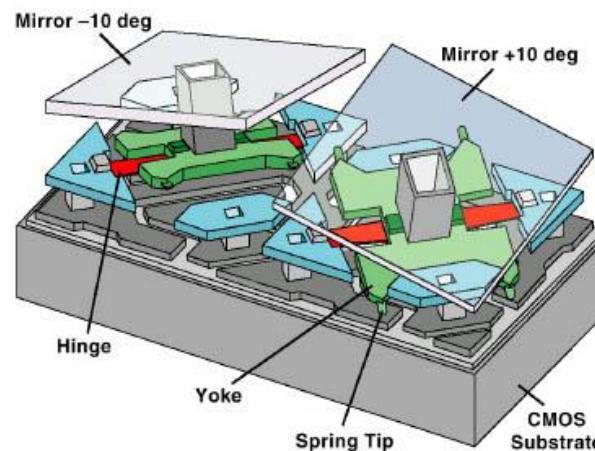
How DMD works



Texas Instruments' DLP Chip



DLP Pico Projector



Top View of DMD

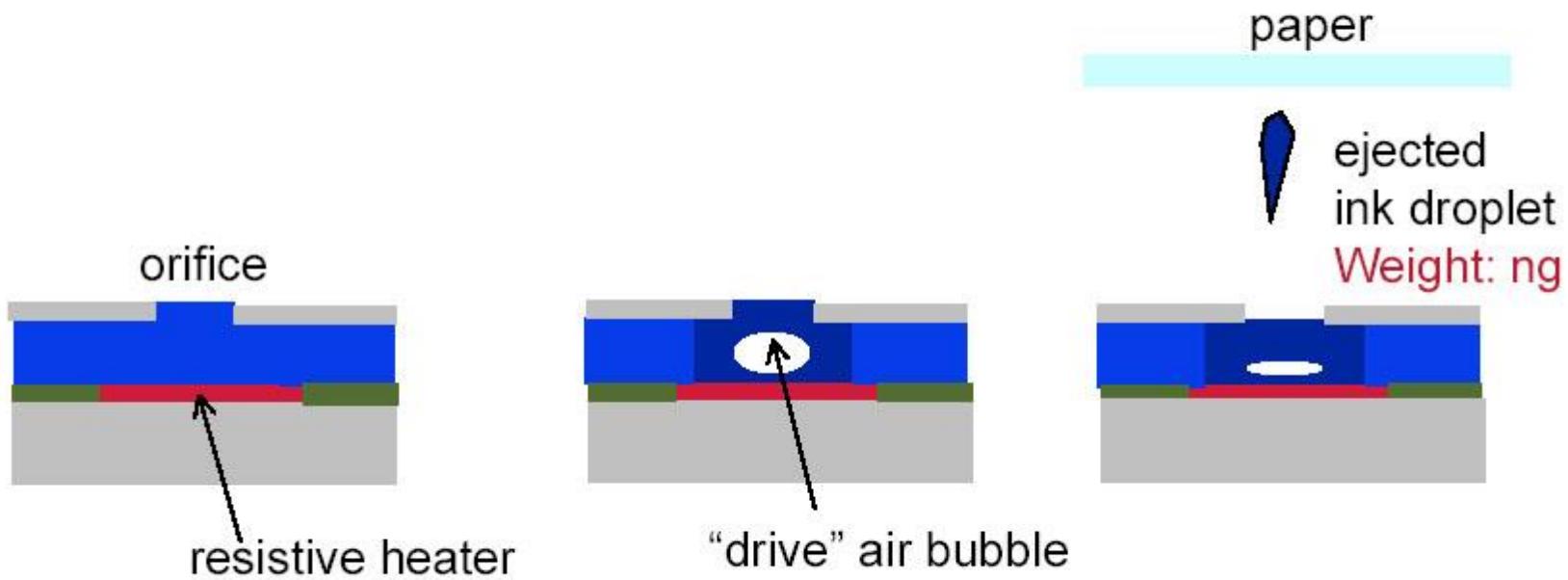
www.dlp.com

Dr. Y.K. Lee



HK Fortress shop for sell:
2005

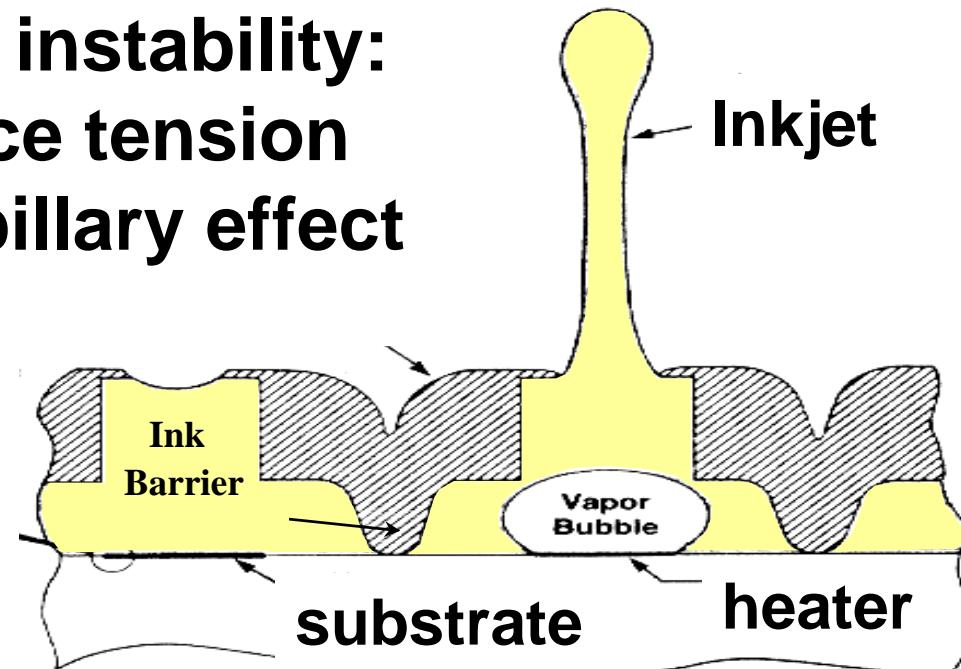
HP ink-jet printer heads



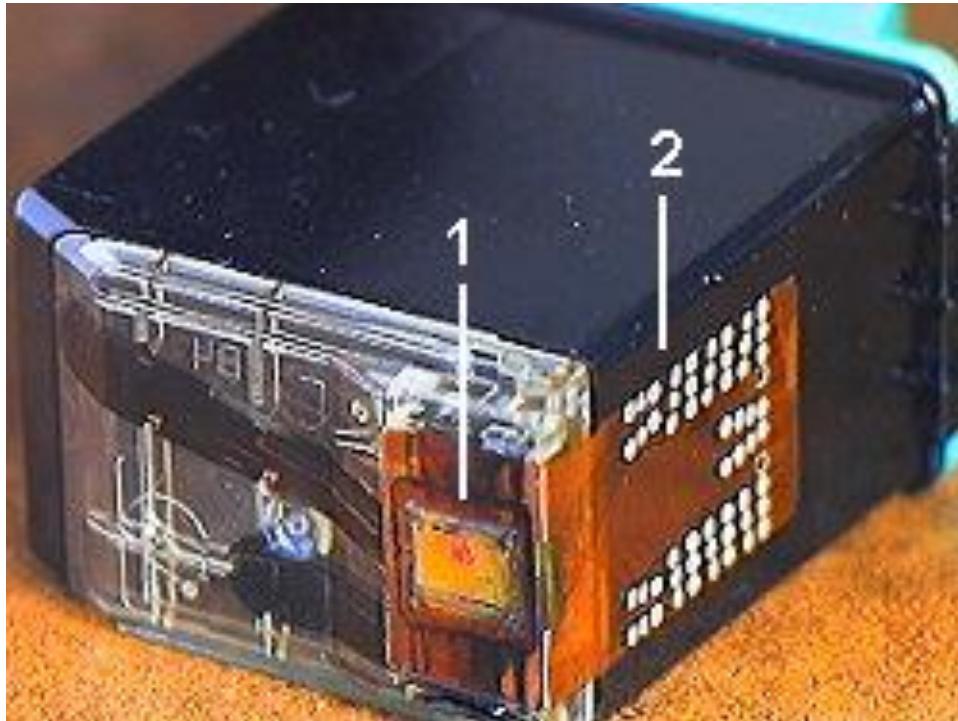
Electronic switches are also integrated to control ejection of the inkjet array

Inkjet droplet formation

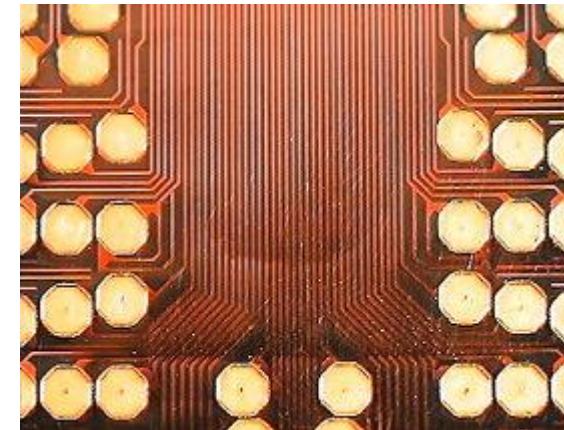
- resistive heating (**1,000,000 °C/sec**)
- bubble used as a pump to push liquid out
- hydrodynamic instability:
inertia & surface tension
- refilling by capillary effect



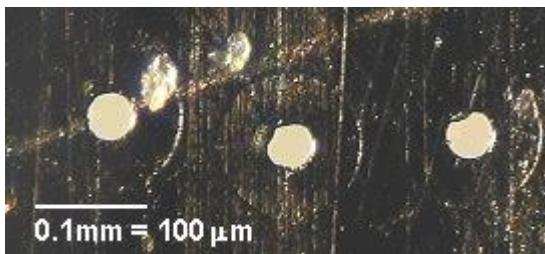
HP 550 inkjet cartridge and print head



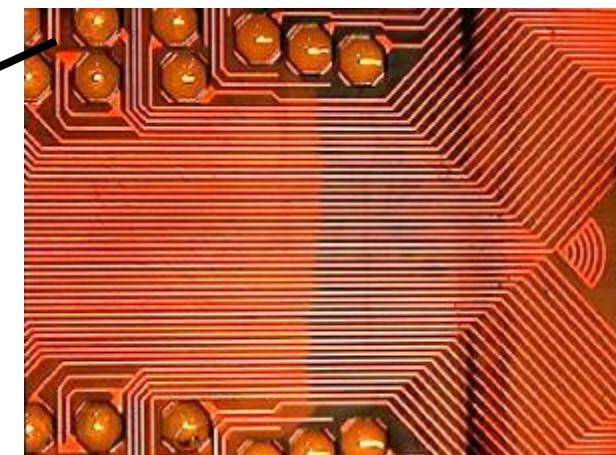
2 electric connector



1 inkjet printhead



HP inkjet 51626A: 50 nozzles

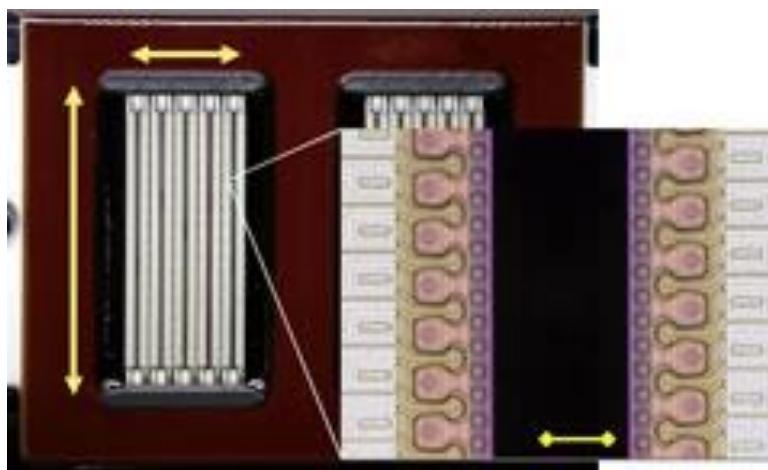


6144 Micro nozzles in canon iP8600 inkjet printhead to achieve high-speed & high-quality printing (15 A4/min)

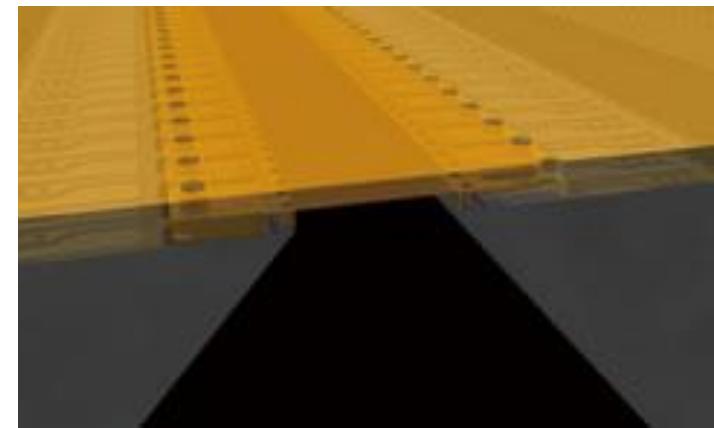


Reach 4800 x 2400 dpi resolution

Most advanced microfluidic system in consumer electronics!

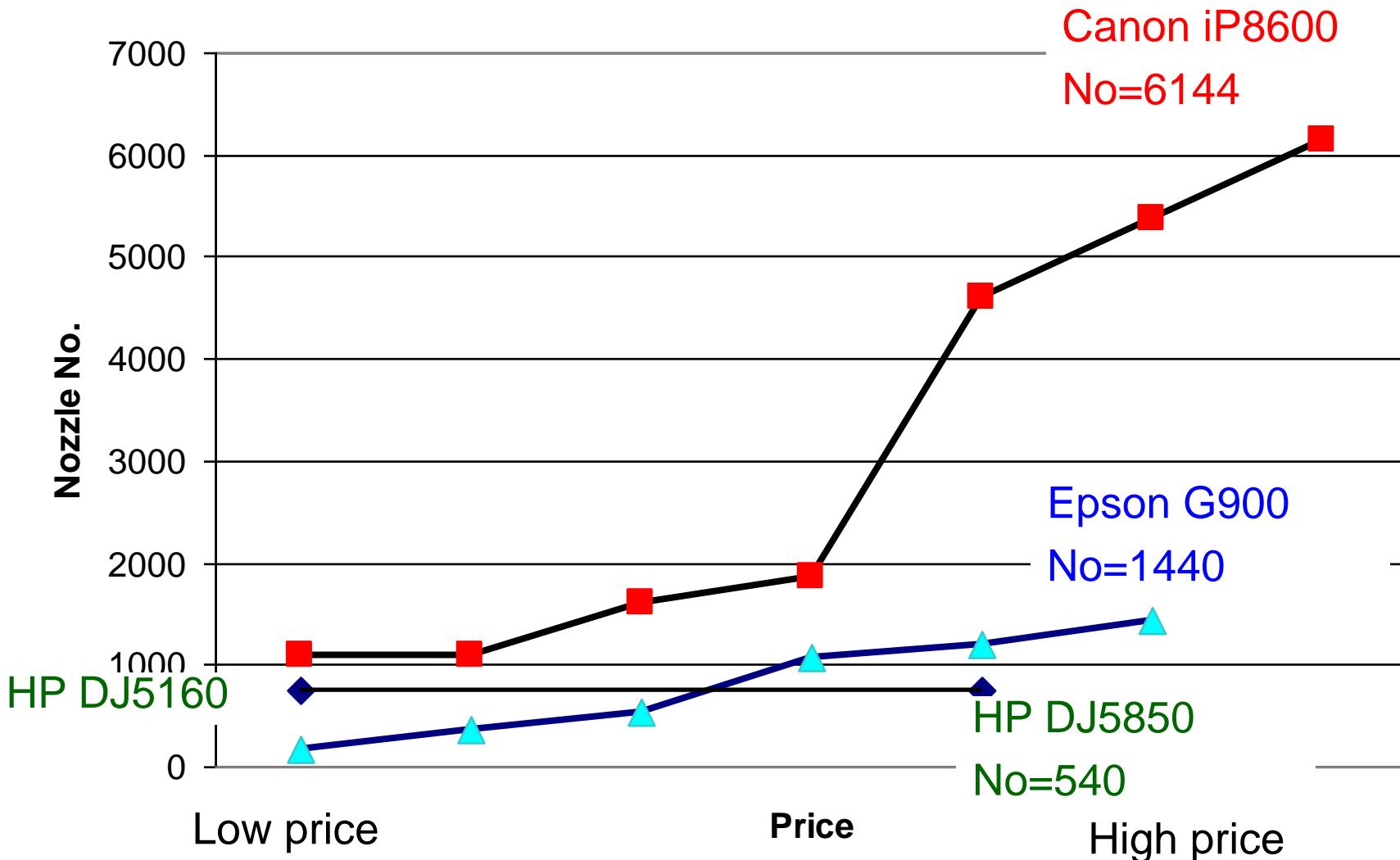


Micrographs of iP8600 inkjet

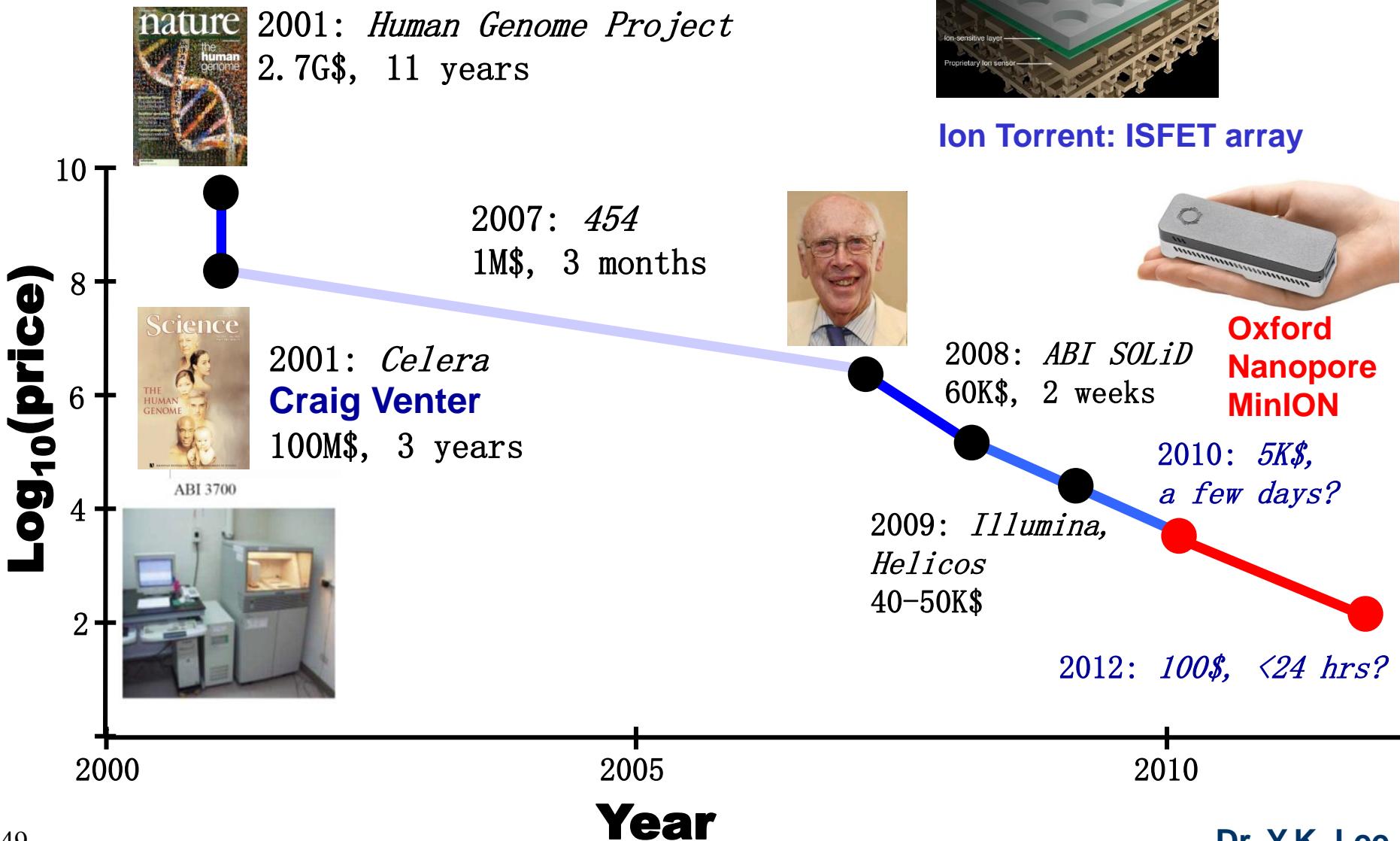


FINE (Full-photolithography Inkjet Nozzle Engineering)

Large Integration of Micronozzles in Inkjet Printhead in 2004



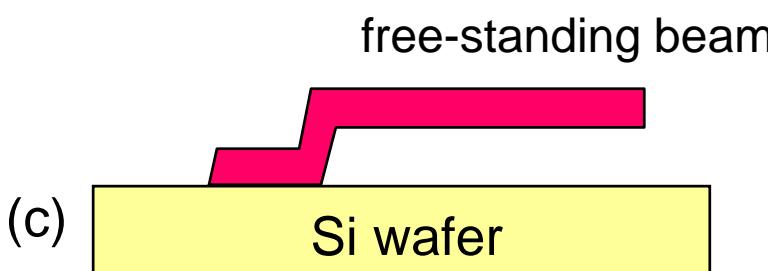
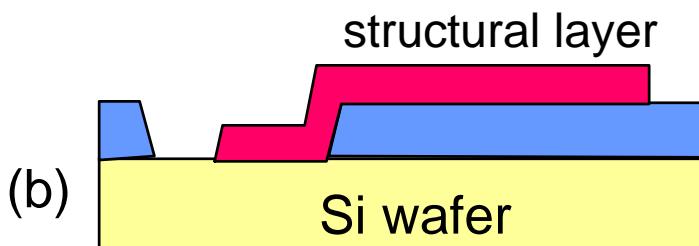
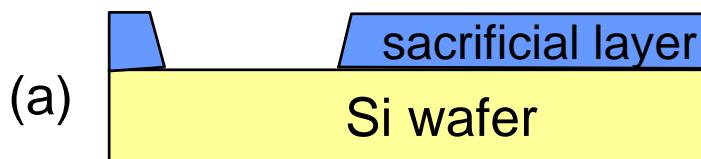
Moore Law for DNA Sequencing



MEMS Fabrication

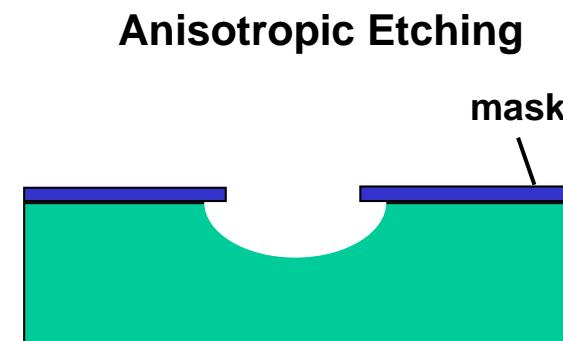
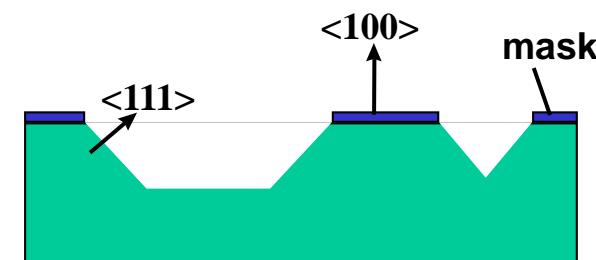
Surface micromachining

deposit and pattern thin film



Bulk micromachining

wet etching, (KOH, EDP)



Physics of Scaling

- Forces in the micro-world
- Length scales
- Scaling Laws
- Scaling in
 - Solid Mechanics
 - Fluid Mechanics
 - Heat Transfer
- Micro Fluid Mechanics
 - Gas flow in micro domain
 - Liquid flow in micro domain
 - Surface tension
- Micro Thermal Physics
- Electrostatics

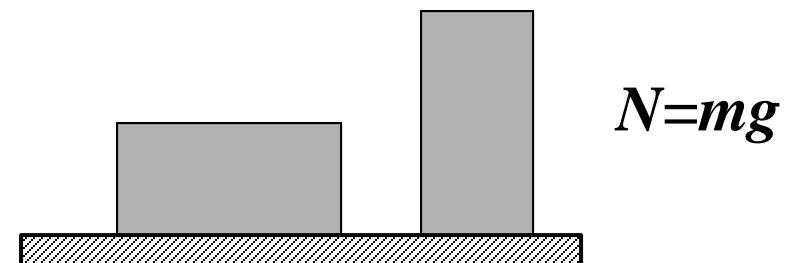
Friction and Stiction in the microscale

- **Friction:** $f = \mu N \neq f(A)$

μ - friction coefficient

N - normal force

A - contact area



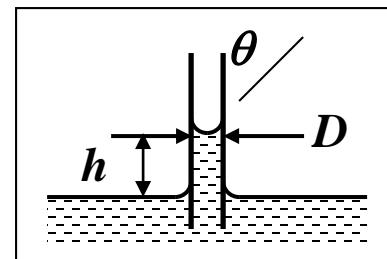
In microsystems, friction force is a function of contact area.

- **Stiction:**

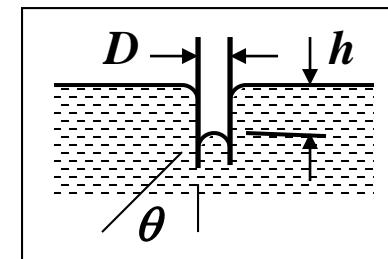


Surface Tension

- At the interface of a liquid and a gas the molecular attraction between **like molecules**, cohesion, exceeds the molecular attraction between **unlike molecules**, adhesion.
- This results in a tensile force distributed along the surface, which is the surface tension.
- **Capillary effects:**



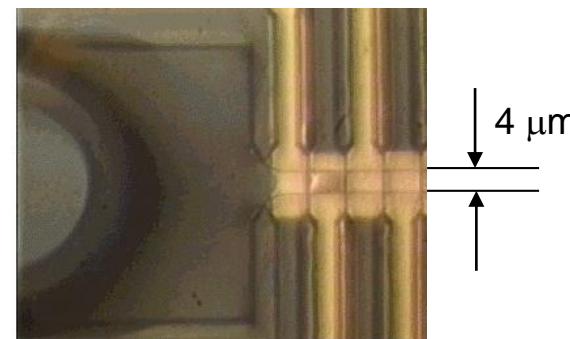
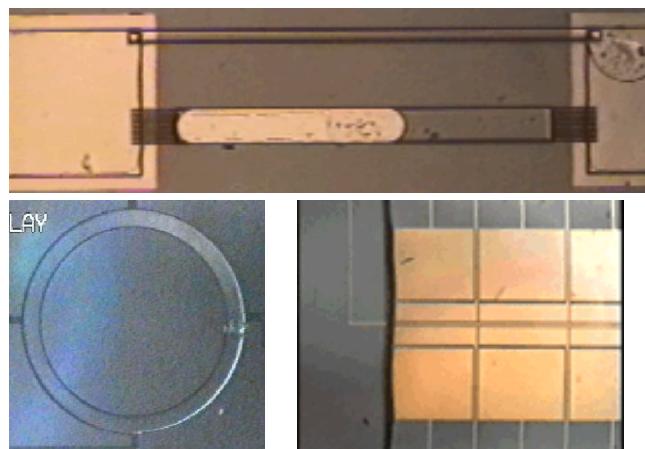
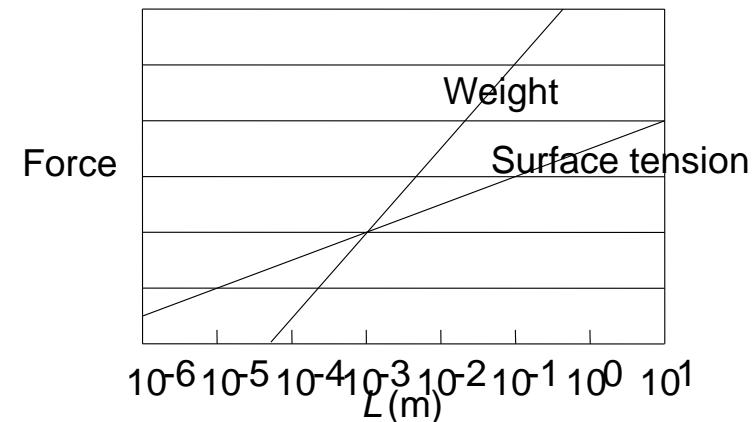
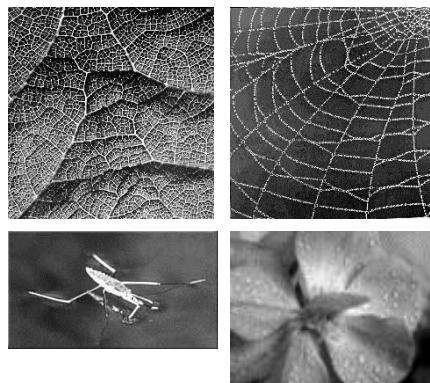
adhesion of liquid to solid
> cohesion in liquid



cohesion in liquid >
adhesion of liquid to solid

Surface Tension Driven Microfluidics

Surface tension: Dominant force in microscale



From Prof Junghoon Lee in Seoul National Univ, Korea
 Varioptics, France: zoom lens for mobile phone camera

Critical success factors for integrated MEMS products

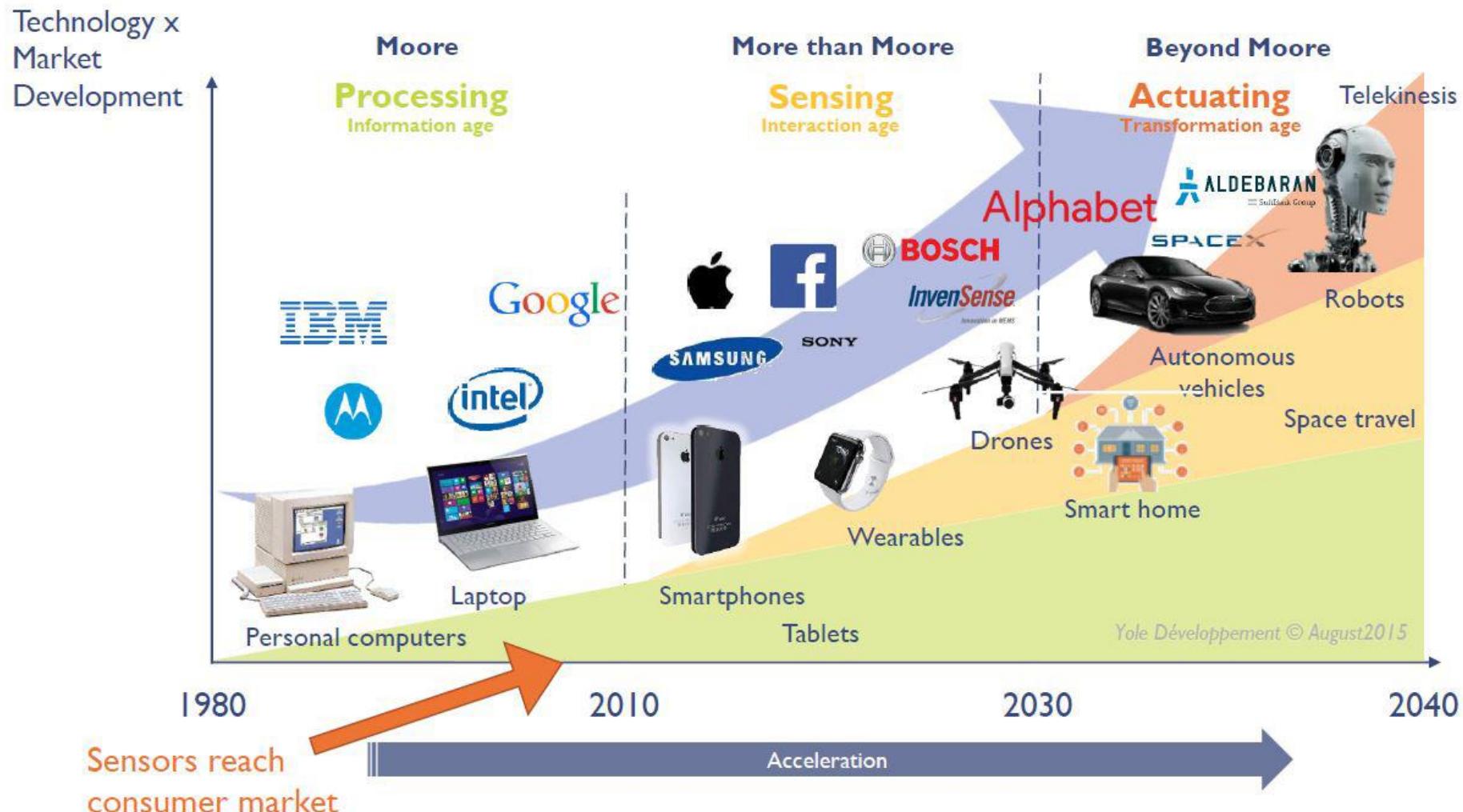
- Market drive exists
 - Large existing market (Volume x Average selling price)
 - This is needed to justify the development cost of integration
 - Opportunity to replace existing bulky devices
 - Reduces component count
 - Offers smaller package
 - Reduces weight
 - Provide improvements in
 - Cost
 - Performance
 - Quality and Reliability
 - Functionality

- Overcome technology compatibility issues
 - Impact of **MEMS processing on electronics**
 - Transistor performance compromised (limited process choices)
 - wet etching
 - Sacrificial layer etching
 - Wafer-to-wafer bonding
 - Impact of **electronics processing on MEMS**
 - Sensor mechanical properties compromised
 - Residues, particles left on sensor
 - Impact of **integration** on the overall yield
 - Packaging and media compatibility

- **Manufacturing infrastructure in place**
 - A large and mature IC fab
 - To provide expertise on integration
 - A dedicated MEMS fab
 - To perform the non-standard wafer processing steps
 - Low cost MEMS assembly and test facilities
 - Half of the production cost is **backend**
 - Yield improvements, quality and reliability supports

Only major semiconductor and automotive companies have resources for all of the above

Tech App Trend of MEMS Sensors & Actuators

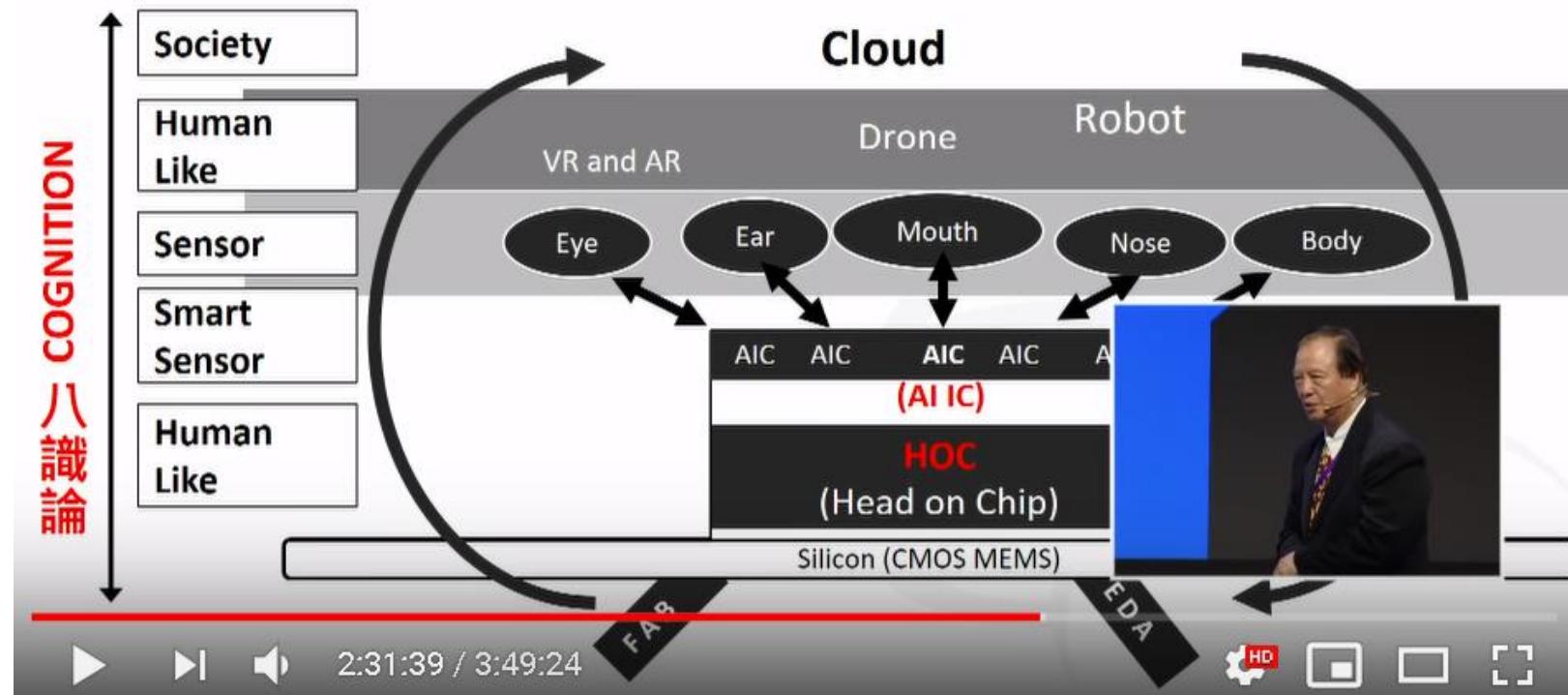


Integration of CMOS MEMS with AI: SOC → HOC

Eco System 生生不息 in Future 60 years

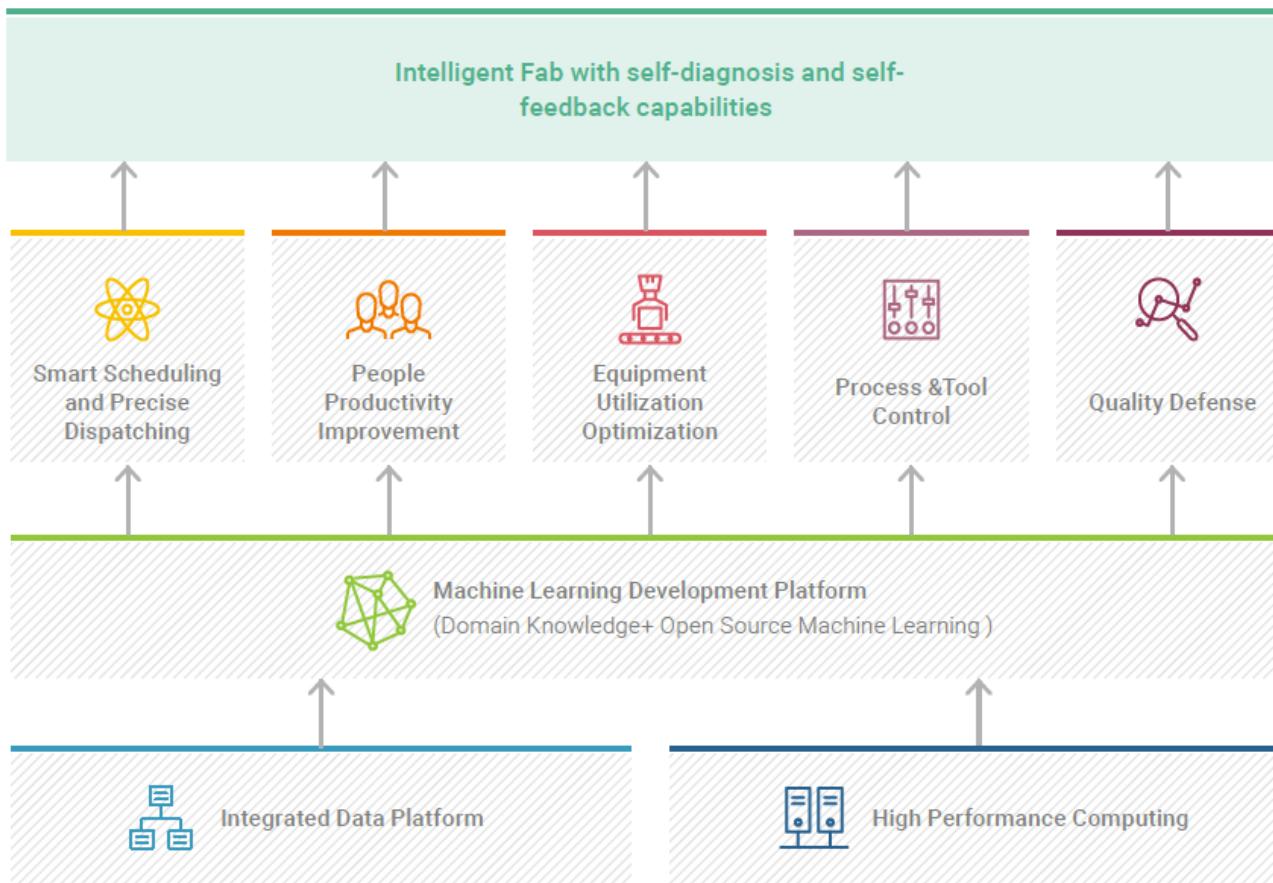


AI Computing Demand at double every 100 days



Lecture by Dr Paul Huang, founder of Cadence Design System & ForteMedia (MEMS microphone + AI) in IC60 Forum in Taiwan (World's No.2 in semicond) in 2018 <https://youtu.be/lHoWXuYPKak>

TSMC Smart Autonomous Semiconductor Manufacturing: World's Leading Industry 4.0 System



- Fab equipment automation
Transportation automation
Dispatch automation
Machine learning and deep learning are applied to achieve manufacturing with self-diagnosis and self-feedback
- Each equipment (per 12-inch fab chief tech director, Dr Yu-Fong Huang)
**before '14: 200~500 sensors
2014: 500~1,000 sensors**
- The most advanced lithography system: 7,000 sensors**
- 12-inch fab: **generate 1 million data per second**

TSMC 2018 annual report; ITHome Article , 20 Nov 2014
<https://www.cw.com.tw/article/article.action?id=5093674>

Summary

- What's MEMS (Microsystem)
- MEMS history and market
- What are the applications of MEMS
- How MEMS devices works
- How MEMS are made
- **MEMS : Small machines, big opportunity**
- Try free app: iSeismometer on iOS/Android phones

References

- Nobel laureate Richard Feynman's talk
<http://www.zyvex.com/nanotech/feynman.html>
- **Forbes magazine special issues on micromachine, April 2 2001**
<http://www.forbes.com/asap/2001/0402/>
- US Sandia National Laboratories: MEMS research
<http://mems.sandia.gov/scripts/index.asp>
- NEXUS's MEMS market analysis
<http://www.sgt-sensor.de/NEXUS.html>
- Special Issues in MEMS: Proceedings of the IEEE, Vol.86, No.8, 1998
HKUST online library: IEEE Xplore

MEMSIC CUP



美新杯

国际物联网创新创业大赛

International Contest of Applications
in Nano-Micro Technology

ORGANIZERS

Peking University

Chinese International NEMS Society (CINS)

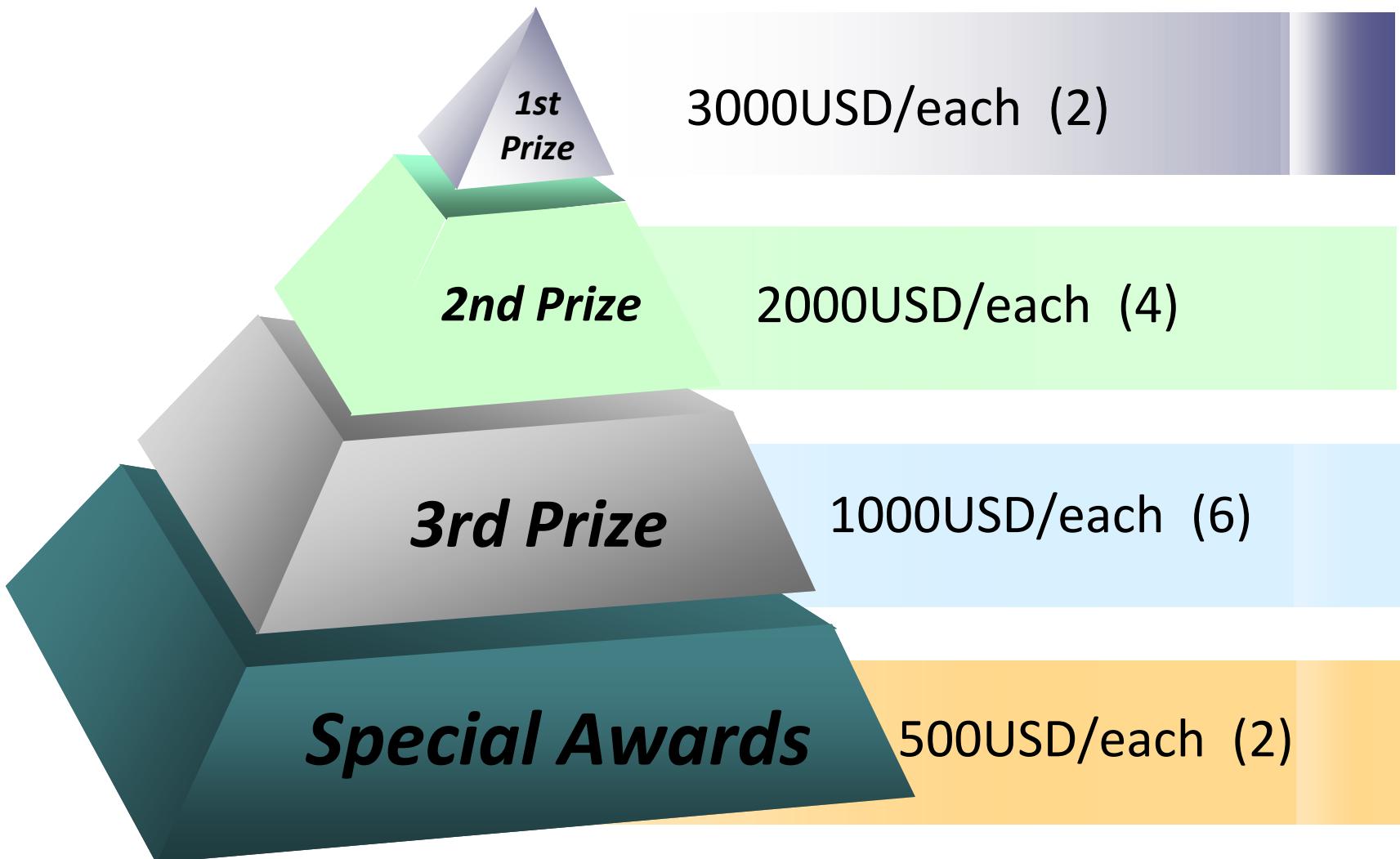
Chinese Science & technology Museum MEMS Park Consortium Japan

IEEE Nanotechnology Council ANF (Asian Nano Forum) Nano-Tera, Switzerland

VDE (Association for Electrical, Electronic & Information Technologies), Germany

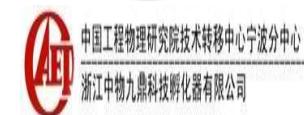


AWARDS



Title Sponsor: MEMSIC (China)

- ChinaStar (China)
- Guangwei IC (China)
- The CAEP S&T PARK (China)
- Intellisense China (China)
- Suzhou MEMSensing (China)
- The CMP PARK (China)
- Vimicro (China)
- Winsen (China)
- Senodia (China)
- Smartec B.V. (Holland)
- Wave80 (USA)
- Nippon Signal (Japan)
- Xerox (USA)



Sponsored Device (Standard)



Accelerometer — **MXC6225XU**
Magnetic Field Sensor —
MMC314xMS



Pressure Sensor — **MSPA15A**
Silicon Microphone —
MSMAS42Z



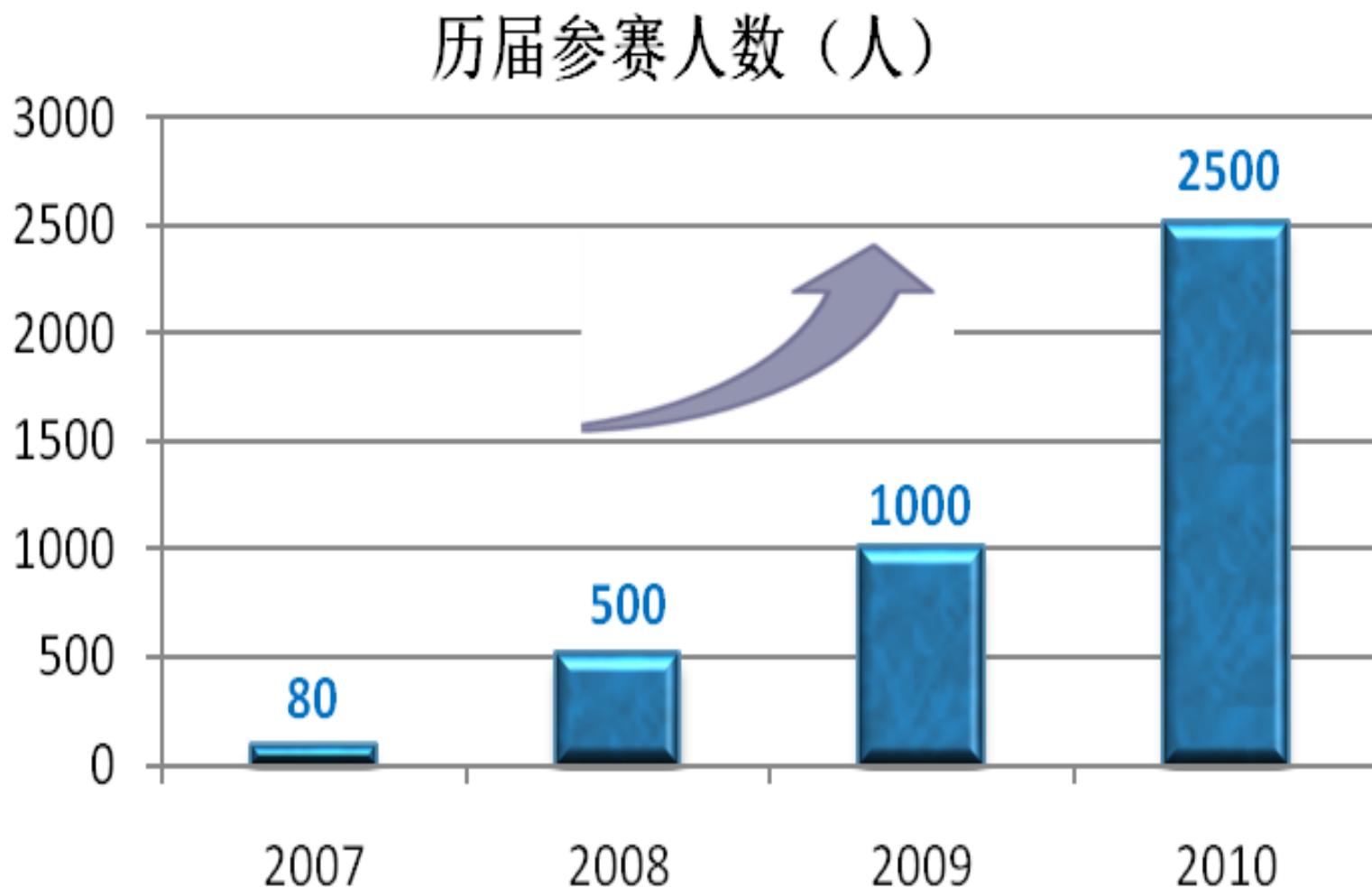
Universal Transducer
Interface — **UT103-A07A**
Temperature Sensor —
SMT16030



Pyroelectric Infrared Sensor —
RD-622
Air Quality Control Sensor —
MP-135

More information: www.iCAN-Contest.org

iCAN'07-'10 Participants Keep Increasing



List of iCAN-China'08 Winners

The First Prize		
ZENG Xiangyu, Wang En, LI Jianzhe and Zhang Jinjing	Fudan University	3-D Virtual Display Device
The Second Prize		
Li Boyao, YIN Liang and Wang Di	Heilongjiang University	Visible Electronic Float
Zhang Feng, Qin Wei, Li Bin, Ren Jun and Zhang Ge	NWPU (China)	Control system of Micro-helicopter
The Third Prize		
Song Wei and Cao Jiamu	Harbin Institute of Technology	Curve Safety Alarm System for Trains
Min Kunlong, Wu Gang, Liu Tiantian, Zhu He and Zhou Peng	Northeast Forestry University	Sign Language Recognition System
Yang Qi, Chen Yao, Zhou Yuhan, Miao Dongliang and Yang Yehua	Nankai University	Wireless Parking Management System
Ren Sen, Chang Jie, Zhang Xingyu and Luo Jian	NWPU	Multifunctional Electronic Float
Wang Zihan, Hou Poyuan and Yao Xiaoyu	Heilongjiang University	Traffic Police Gesture Recognition System

More & More Countries/region joined iCAN



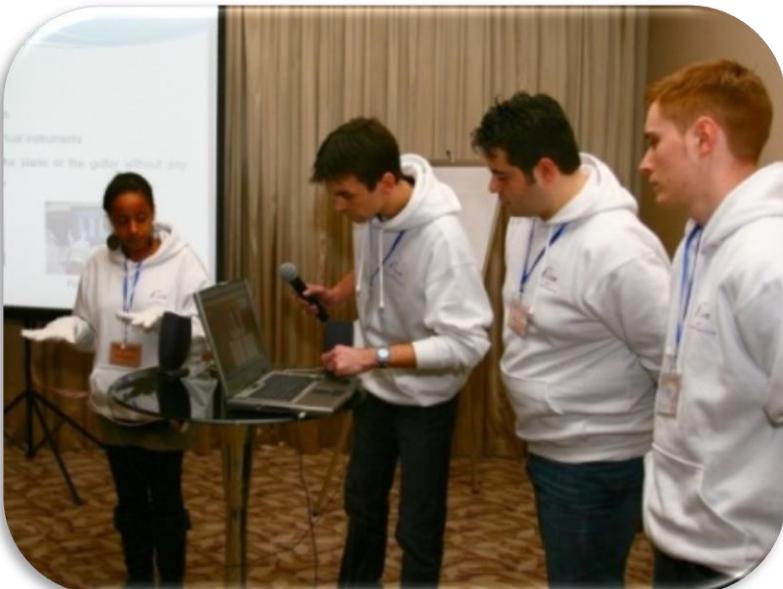
iCAN'10, Xiamen

Jan 20th-23rd, 2010, More than 1500 students from 60 universities of the United States, Japan, Germany, Hong Kong, Taiwan and mainland China have attended iCAN'10



Music Gloves

Universität des Saarlandes, Germany
Manuel Barra Christian Bur
Eliseo Pignanelli Esther Tesfagiorges



Intelligent Crib

North University of China
WANG Erwei, MO Runquan, LIN Hanbin and
ZHANG Wenhong



The First Prize

LIN Hanbin, WANG Erwei, MO Runquan, ZHANG Wenhong	North University of China (Mainland, China)	Intelligence Baby's Crib
Manuel Barra, Christian Bur, Eliseo Pignanelli, Esther Tesfagjorges	Saarland University (Germany)	Music Glove

The Second Prize

LIU Miao, WU Jun, XU Xiaoxiang, YAO Shujun	Tianjin University (Mainland, China)	Automatic Ray-Following System Based on Magnetic Sensors
SHEN Qiang, ZHOU Jie, WANG Huanxin	Northwestern Polytechnical University (Mainland, China)	Table Q
Tetsu Miyatake, Kazuya Fujimoto, Akira Takahashi	Kyoto University (Japan)	Sky Fish
HOI Man Yiu, CHOW Ka Hei, LEI Kwong Pui, MAK Tsz Wai	HKUST (Hong Kong)	Wireless Landslide Alert

The Third Prize

Wei-Chih HSU, Yi-Chung LAN, Wen-Wei CHANG	National Taiwan University(Taiwan)	Sensor Mechanism on WSN Smart Pillbox
YANG Lei, GE Junjie, WEI Zheng	HUST (Mainland China)	Automatic Submarine
Yoshihide Makino, Tatsuya Kataoka, Akira Taniyama, Yusuke Nakai, So Nishino	Kyoto University (Japan)	Micro Electro Mechanical Guitar
Michael Junkin, Yi Lu, Priyanka Sarkar	University of Arizona (USA)	Noninvasive Blood and Fluid Flow Measurement
Sascha Gress, Daniel Schafer, Christian Wern	Saarland University (Germany)	Automatic Barbecue
WANG Zhenghan, HOU Puyuan, CAO Bo	Heilongjiang University (Mainland, China)	Multi-Dimensional Controlling Device

iCAN'11, Beijing

June 5th-7th, 27 teams from universities of the United States, Japan, Germany, Hong Kong, Taiwan and mainland China have attended iCAM'11 together with the TRANSDUCERS'11.



Anti-Collision Flight Assistance System

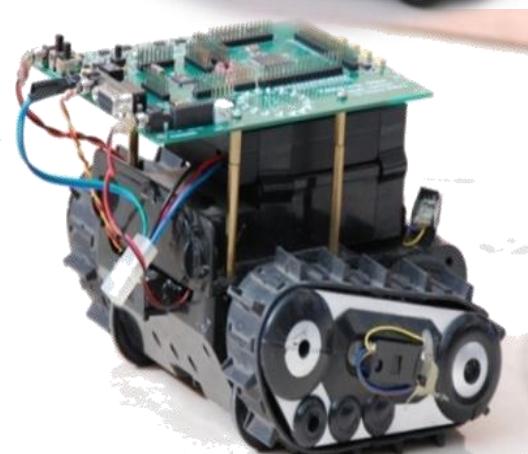
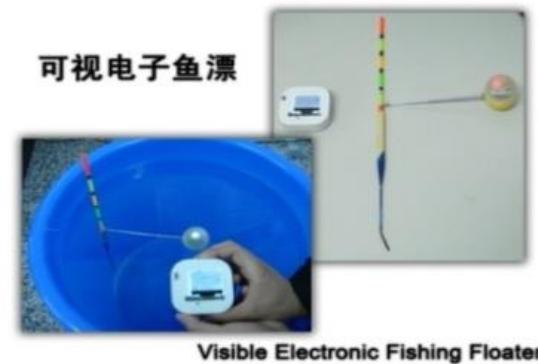
Universität des Saarlandes, Germany
Helwig Nikolai , Peter Jens, Wick Michael



TEMS

Kyoto University of Japan

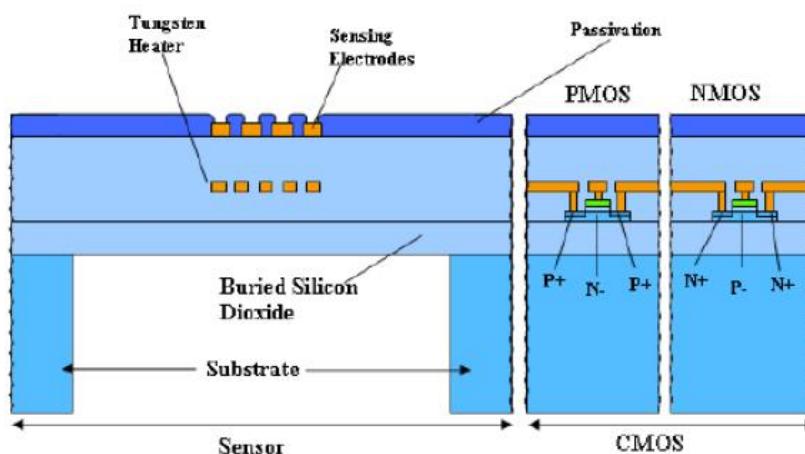
T. Akishiba, A. Uesugi,
Y. Okazaki, H. Katayama, A. Kitamura



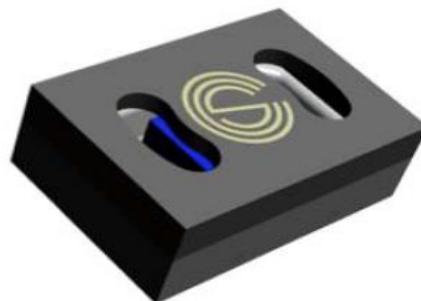
Samsung SGH-i677: First cell-phone with a tunable antenna impedance matching network: RF MEMS



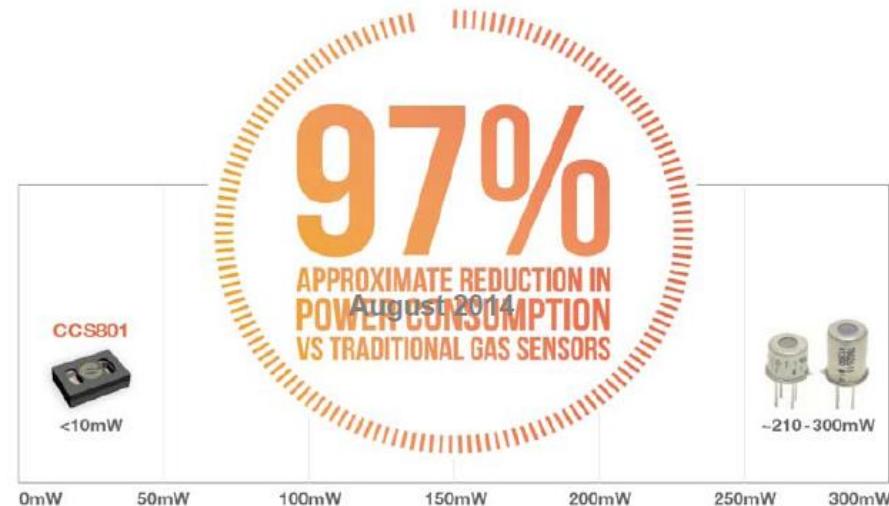
Small Low-Power Smart CMOS Gas Sensor (CCS800)



Sensor 1 mm by 1mm



Package 2 mm by 3mm



From Cambridge CMOS Sensors Ltd

Alcohol Breathalyser (CCS801)

- CCS801 responds to Ethanol (ppm in Breath) is down to 10ppm within $\pm 25\%$ accuracy over temperature and humidity range ~4 s required for breath analysis
- Phone apps could be user activated or enabled while on call
- Smartphone apps monitors ppm level in breath. Rather than giving the user a PPM / BAC reading the app provides Low / Medium / High warning indication
- It is an alcohol indicator and not a certified sensor

ppm in Breath	BAC	Note
52	0.02%	China legal driving limit
104	0.04%	Concentration impairment
208	0.08%	UK legal driving limit
520	0.20%	Severe motor impairment Loss of consciousness



From Cambridge CMOS Sensors Ltd