

# ELECTRONICS AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES: ELECTRONICS SYSTEMS

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# Objectives

- Provide a common **Electronics background** to students from different bachelor studies
- Acquire a common and shared vocabulary on the Electronic System domain
- Acquire competences on and knowledge about the main electronic platforms used in cybersecurity-sensitive applications
- Knowledge of design methodologies for the hardware implementation of complex logic functions and systems, such as processors

# Syllabus

- Basic principles: Digital data representation and CMOS technology (FB)
- Introduction to digital design with HDL: the Verilog language (LC)
- Combinational and Sequential logic elements (LC)
- Finite State Machine (LC)
- Memories (LC)
- CPU Organisation (FB)
- ADC, DAC (FB)

# Class schedule

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Tutto il giorno					
08:30			P 08:30 - 10:30 SYSTEMS AND LANGUAGES FOR INFORMATICS - LANGUAGES FOR INFORMATICS CYBERSECURITY (1) Ing C32	P 08:30 - 10:30 SYSTEMS AND LANGUAGES FOR INFORMATICS - LANGUAGES FOR INFORMATICS CYBERSECURITY (1) Ing B35	
09:30	P 09:30 - 11:30 ELECTRONICS AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES - ELECTRONICS SYSTEMS CYBERSECURITY (1) Ing C41 F. BARONTI, L. CROCIETTI Com.				P 10:30 - 12:30 SYSTEMS AND LANGUAGES FOR INFORMATICS - LANGUAGES FOR INFORMATICS CYBERSECURITY (1) Ing C32
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11:30	P 11:30 - 13:30 DATA AND SYSTEM SECURITY CYBERSECURITY (1) Ing C32 S. CHESSA	P 11:30 - 13:30 ORGANIZATIONAL SCIENCES AND INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY LAW (OL) - INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY LAW CYBERSECURITY (1)		P 11:30 - 13:30 ELECTRONICS AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES - ELECTRONICS SYSTEMS CYBERSECURITY (1) Ing C32 F. BARONTI Ele.	
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14:30	P 14:30 - 16:30 ELECTRONICS AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES - ELECTRONICS SYSTEMS CYBERSECURITY (1) Ing C44 F. BARONTI, L. CROCIETTI Ele.	P 14:30 - 16:30 SYSTEMS AND LANGUAGES FOR INFORMATICS - LANGUAGES FOR INFORMATICS CYBERSECURITY (1) Ing C32	P 15:30 - 17:30 ORGANIZATIONAL SCIENCES AND INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY LAW (OL) - INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY LAW CYBERSECURITY (1)	P 14:30 - 16:30 ORGANIZATIONAL SCIENCES AND INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY LAW (OL) - INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY LAW CYBERSECURITY (1)	
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# Electronics definition

Discipline that focuses on the study and applications of the electrical conduction within gases, vacuum and **semiconductors** (in general non metallic materials)

# First observation of SEMICONDUCTOR behaviour: 1833

1833 Michael Faraday (natural philosopher)



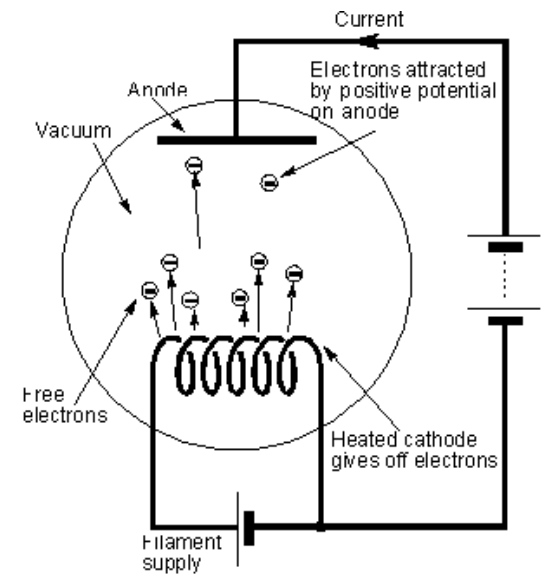
"I have lately met with an extraordinary case ... which is in direct contrast with the influence of heat upon metallic bodies ... On applying a lamp ... the conducting power rose rapidly with the heat ... On removing the lamp and allowing the heat to fall, the effects were reversed."

<http://www.computerhistory.org/siliconengine/first-semiconductor-effect-is-recorded/>

# Vacuum diode – John Fleming - 1904

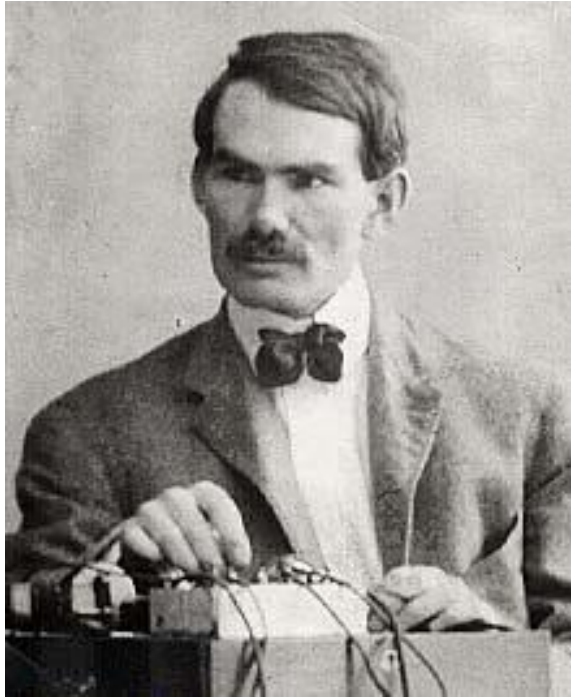


Sir John Ambrose Fleming (1849–1945)



<https://history-computer.com/technology/thermionic-tube/>

# Audion – Lee De Forest - 1906



Lee De Forest (1873–1961)



<https://history-computer.com/technology/the-audion-vacuum-tube/>



# Born of electronics

- 1915: first coast-to-coast telephonic link in US
- 1930: TV B/N (~100 vacuum tubes)
- 1940: radar (Magnetron, creates high power oscillations)
- 1950: TV colour using vacuum tubes

# Point-Contact transistor - 1948

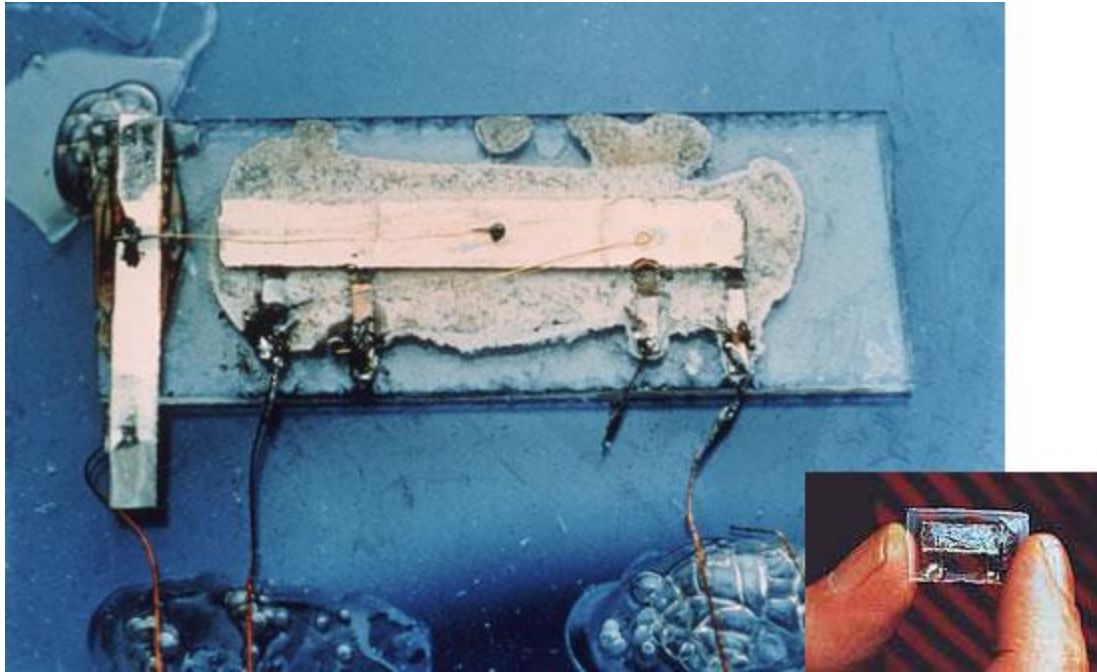


Bardeen (left), Shockley (middle) and Brattain (right)



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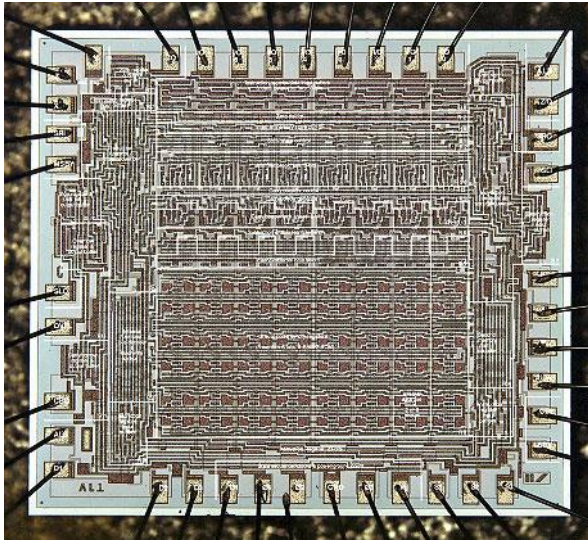
# Integrated Circuits – Kilby, Noyce - 1959



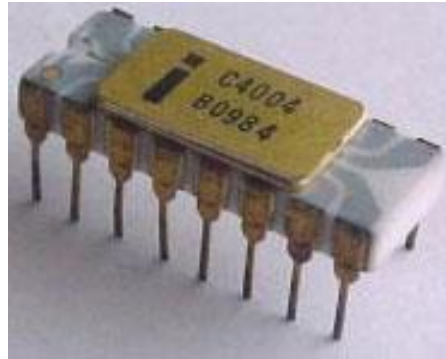
Robert Noyce (left) and Jack Kilby

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# 4004 Microprocessor – Faggin - 1971



4004  
2300 PMOS transistors – 10  $\mu\text{m}$  process  
4 bits  
108 kHz  
3 mm x 4 mm



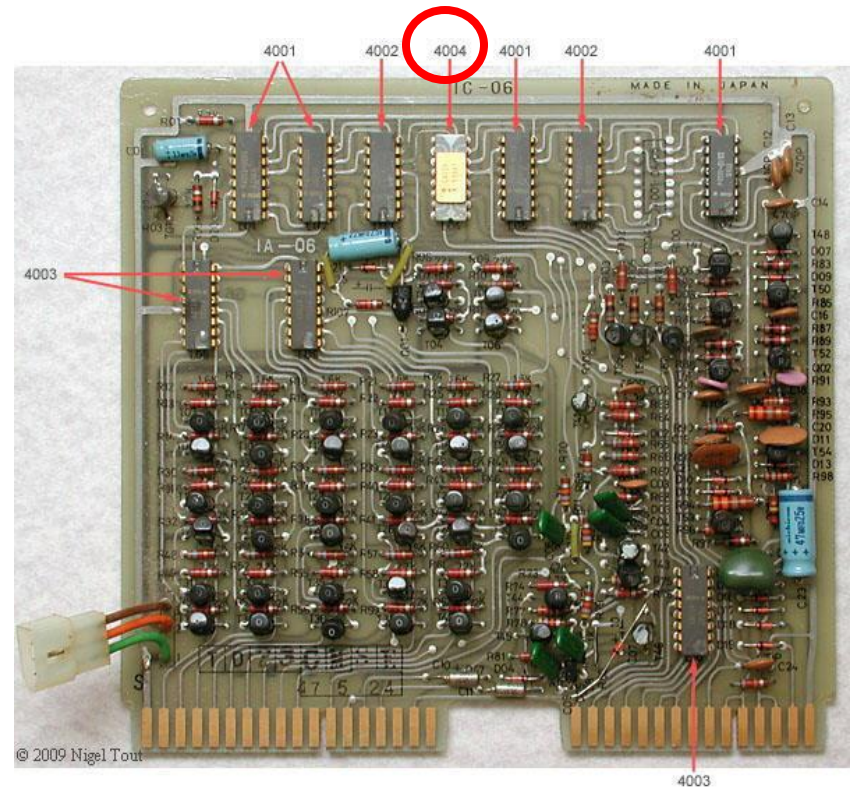
Stan Mazor, Ted Hoff, and Federico Faggin (seated, rightward)

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# Busicom 141-PF Calculator

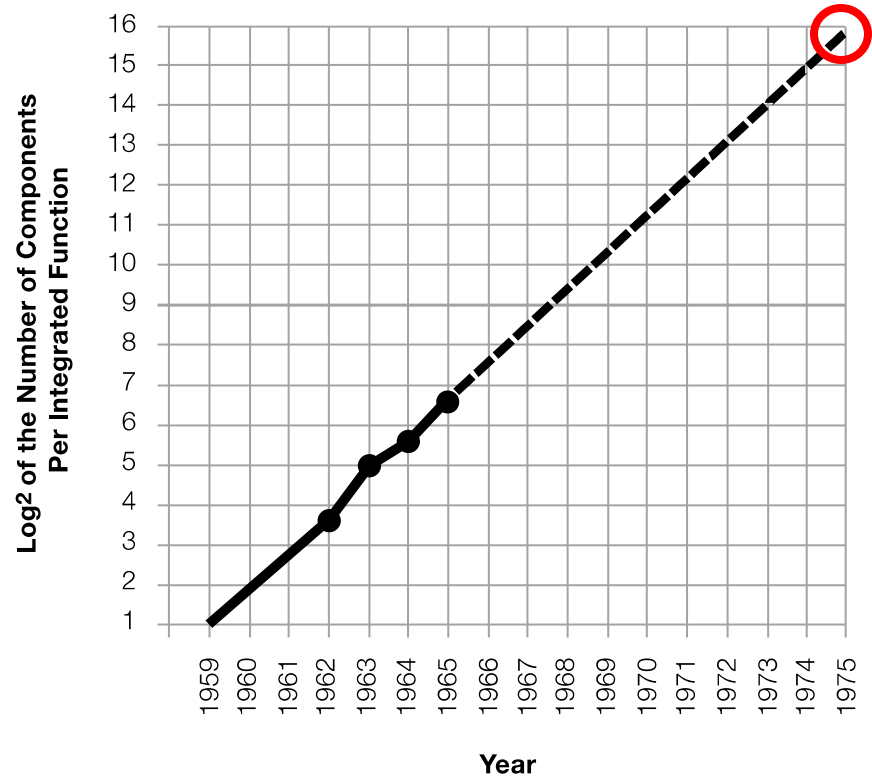
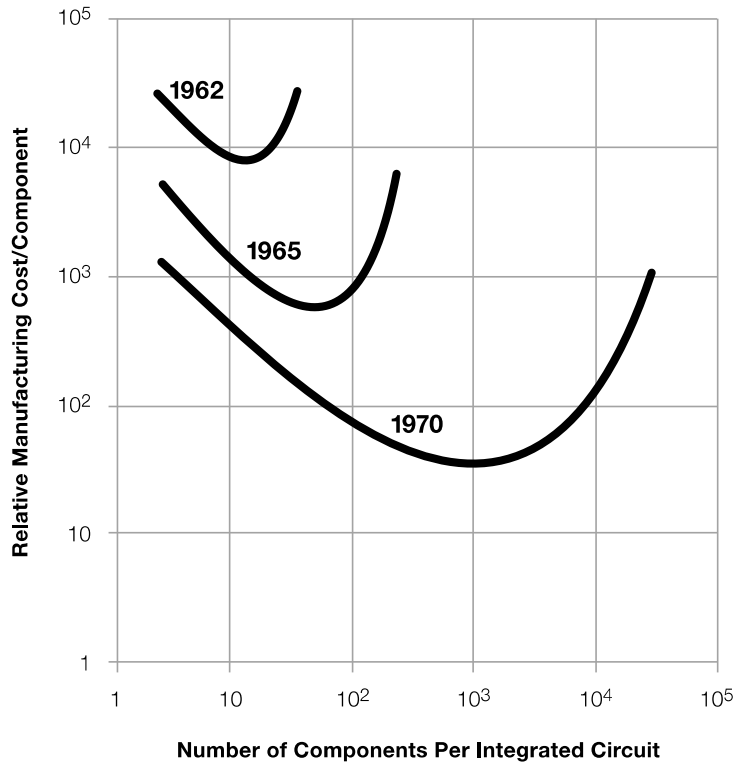
First commercial device with a processor, i.e., 4004



[http://www.vintagecalculators.com/html/busicom\\_141-pf.html](http://www.vintagecalculators.com/html/busicom_141-pf.html)

# Moore's law - 1965

With unit cost falling as the number of components per circuit rises, by 1975 economics may dictate squeezing as many as 65,000 components on a single silicon chip



G.E. Moore "Cramming more components onto integrated circuits," Electronics, Vol. 38, No. 8, April 19, 1965

# Chip density

**2020s**

M3 Max  
Processor



92,000,000,000  
Transistors

**2010s**

3072-Core  
GPU



8,000,000,000  
Transistors

**2000s**

64-bit  
Microprocessor



592,000,000  
Transistors

**1990s**

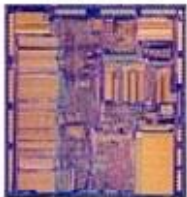
32-bit  
Microprocessor



3,100,000  
Transistors

**1980s**

32-bit  
Microprocessor



275,000  
Transistors

**1970s**

8-bit  
Microprocessor



4500  
Transistors

**1960s**

TTL  
Quad Gate



16  
Transistors

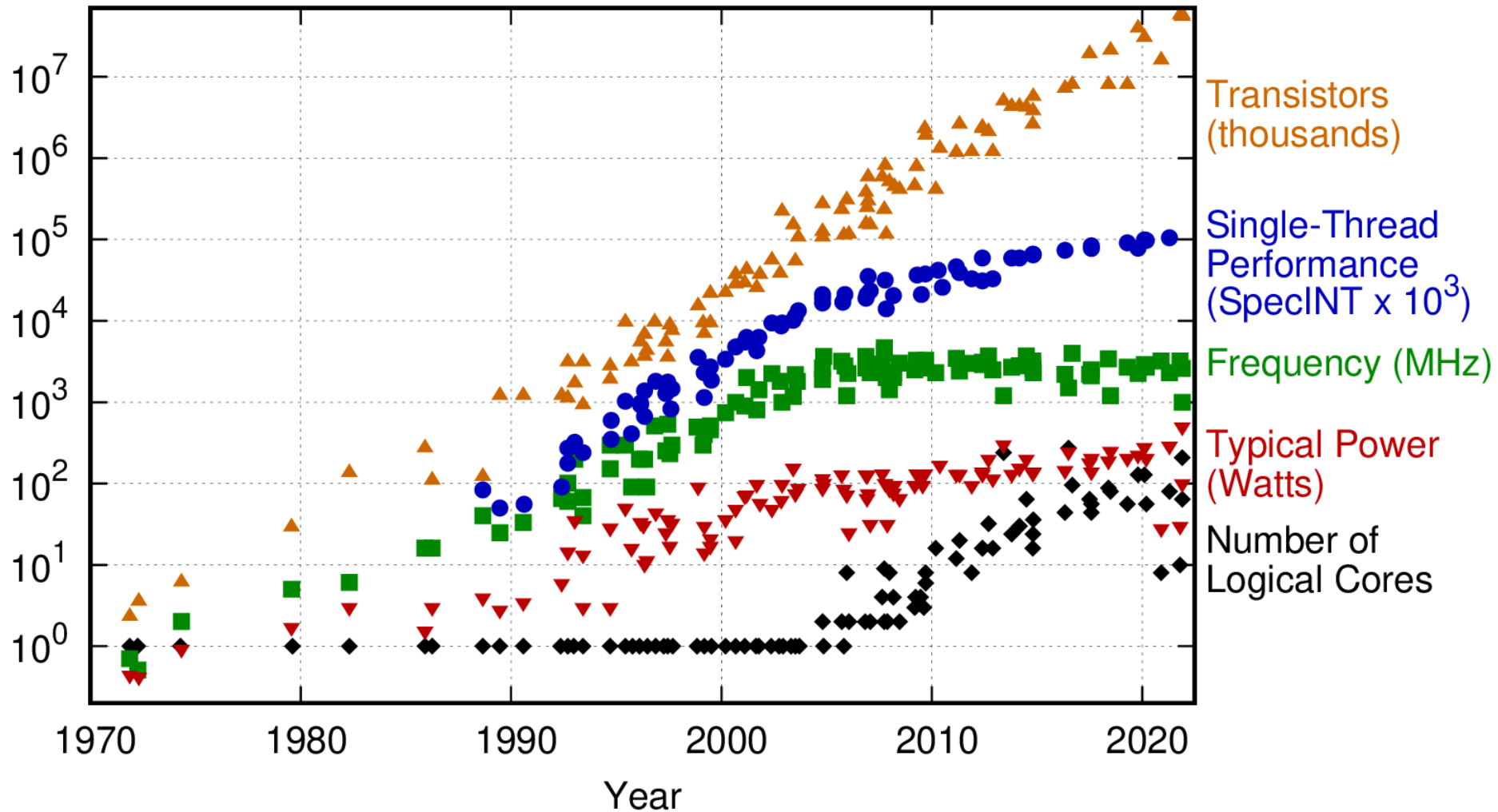
**1950s**

Silicon  
Transistor



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Transistor

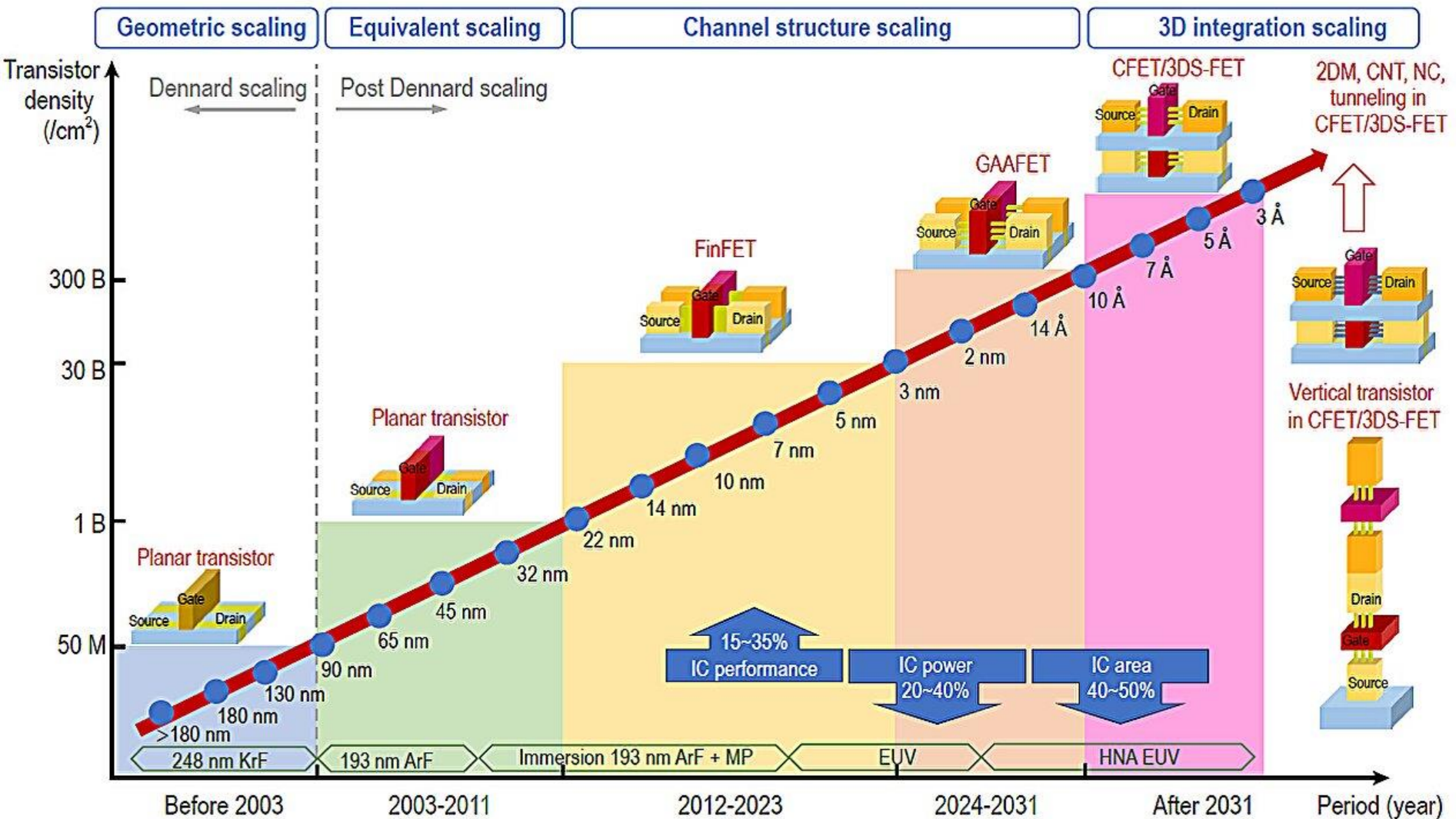
## 50 Years of Microprocessor Trend Data



Original data up to the year 2010 collected and plotted by M. Horowitz, F. Labonte, O. Shacham, K. Olukotun, L. Hammond, and C. Batten  
New plot and data collected for 2010-2021 by K. Rupp

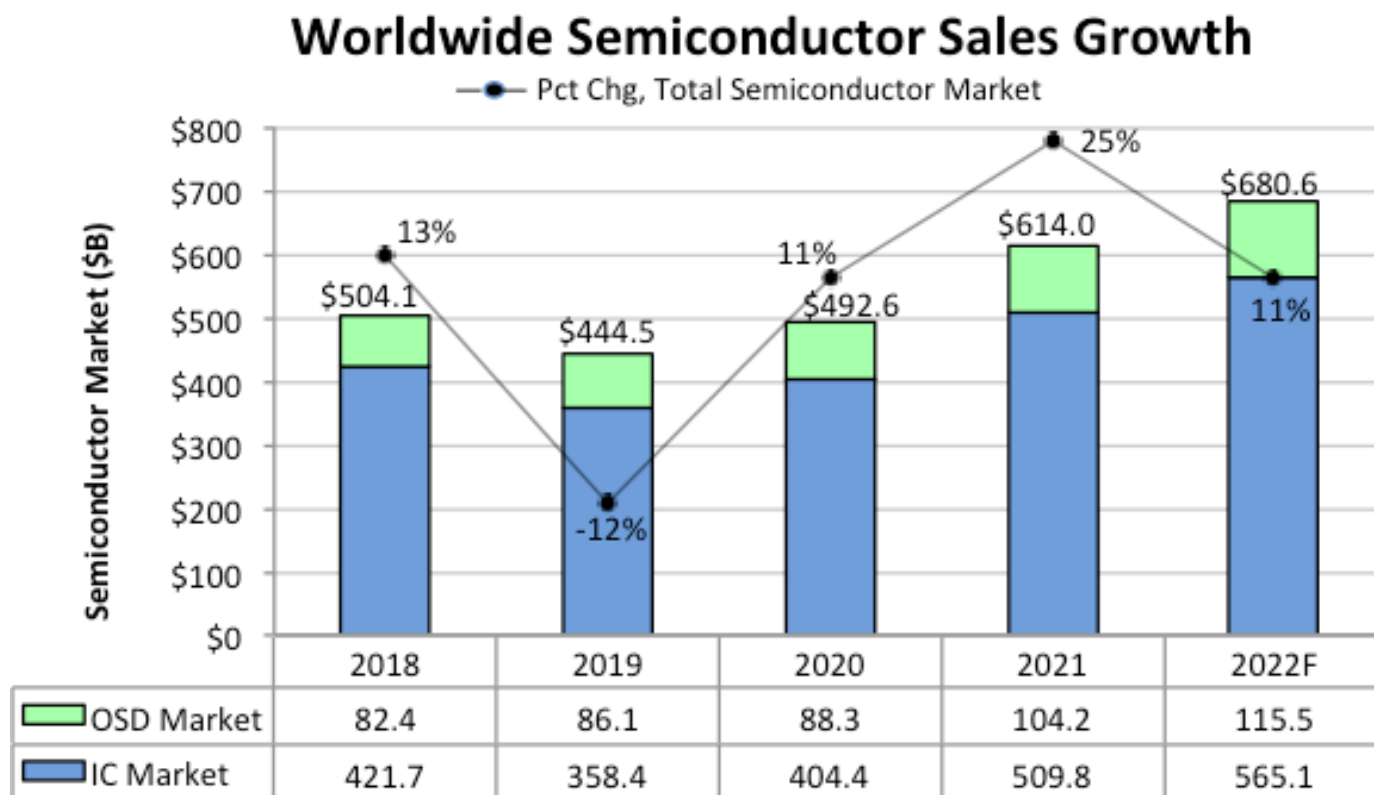


# CMOS nodes



Qingzhu Zhang et al, New structure transistors for advanced technology node CMOS ICs, *National Science Review* (2024). DOI: [10.1093/nsr/nwae008](https://doi.org/10.1093/nsr/nwae008)

# Semiconductor Market



Source: IC Insights

OSD: Optoelectronics, Sensors and actuators, and Discrete semiconductors