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# **Role of Electromagnetics in the Micro and Nano Miniaturization of Systems**

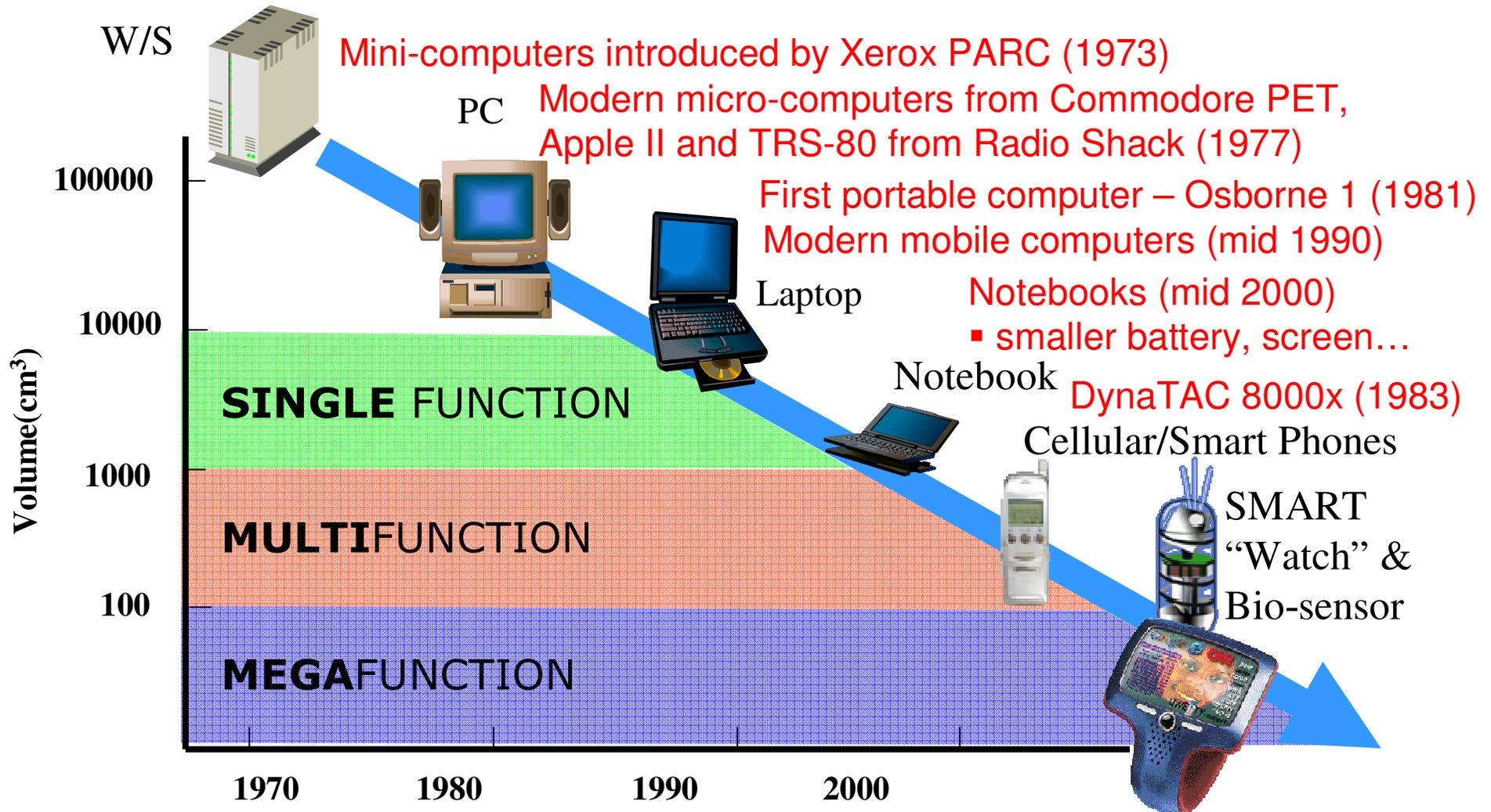
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# Outline

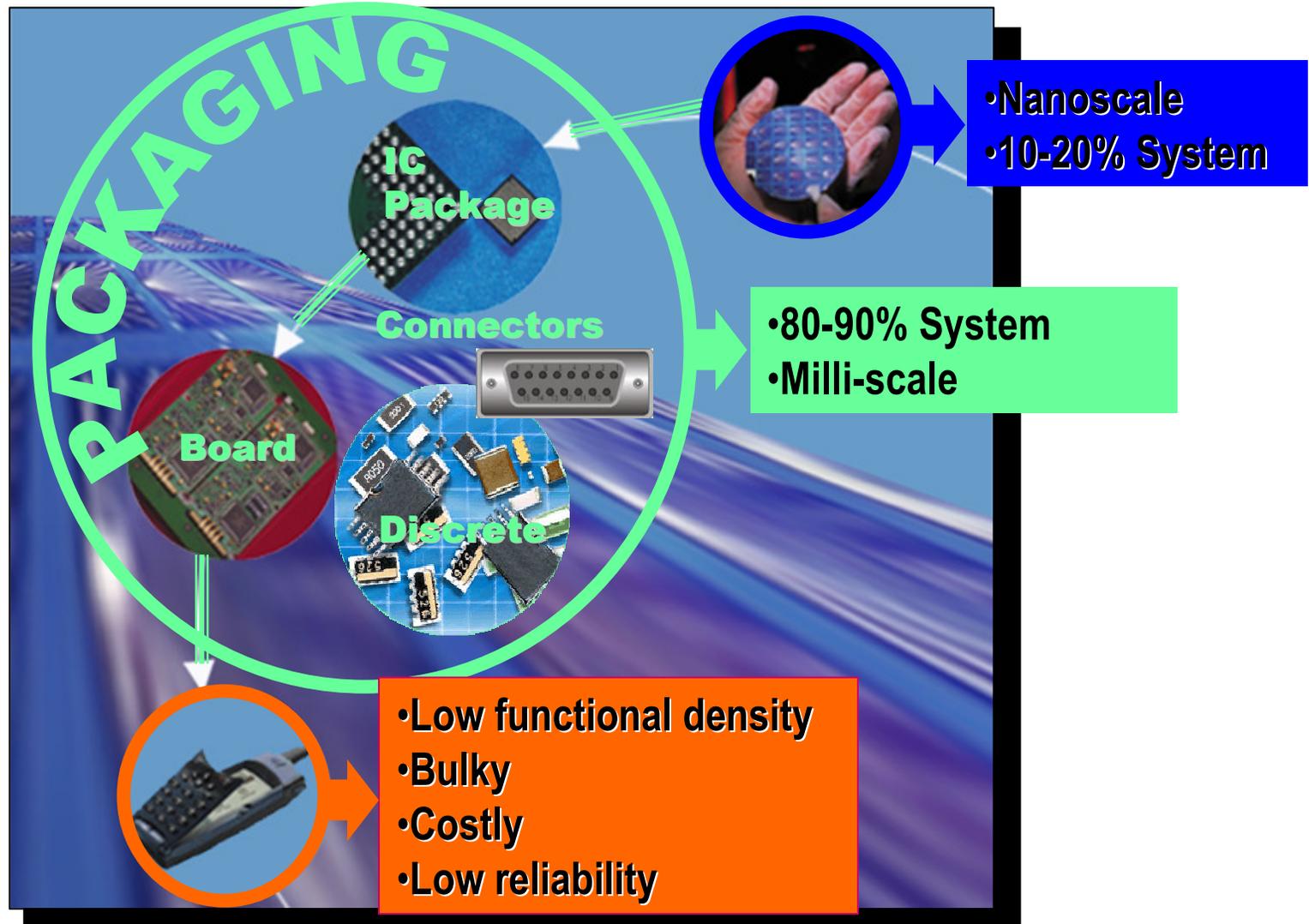
- ❑ Trends
  - ❑ What is System on Package (SoP) ?
  - ❑ Why SoP ?
  
- ❑ Miniaturization of Systems (Status, Challenges and Opportunities)
  - ❑ Micro-miniaturization for RF/Microwave Integration & Computing
  - ❑ Nano-miniaturization for Sensing and Computing
  
- ❑ Summary

# What does it take to miniaturize Multi-functional Systems ?



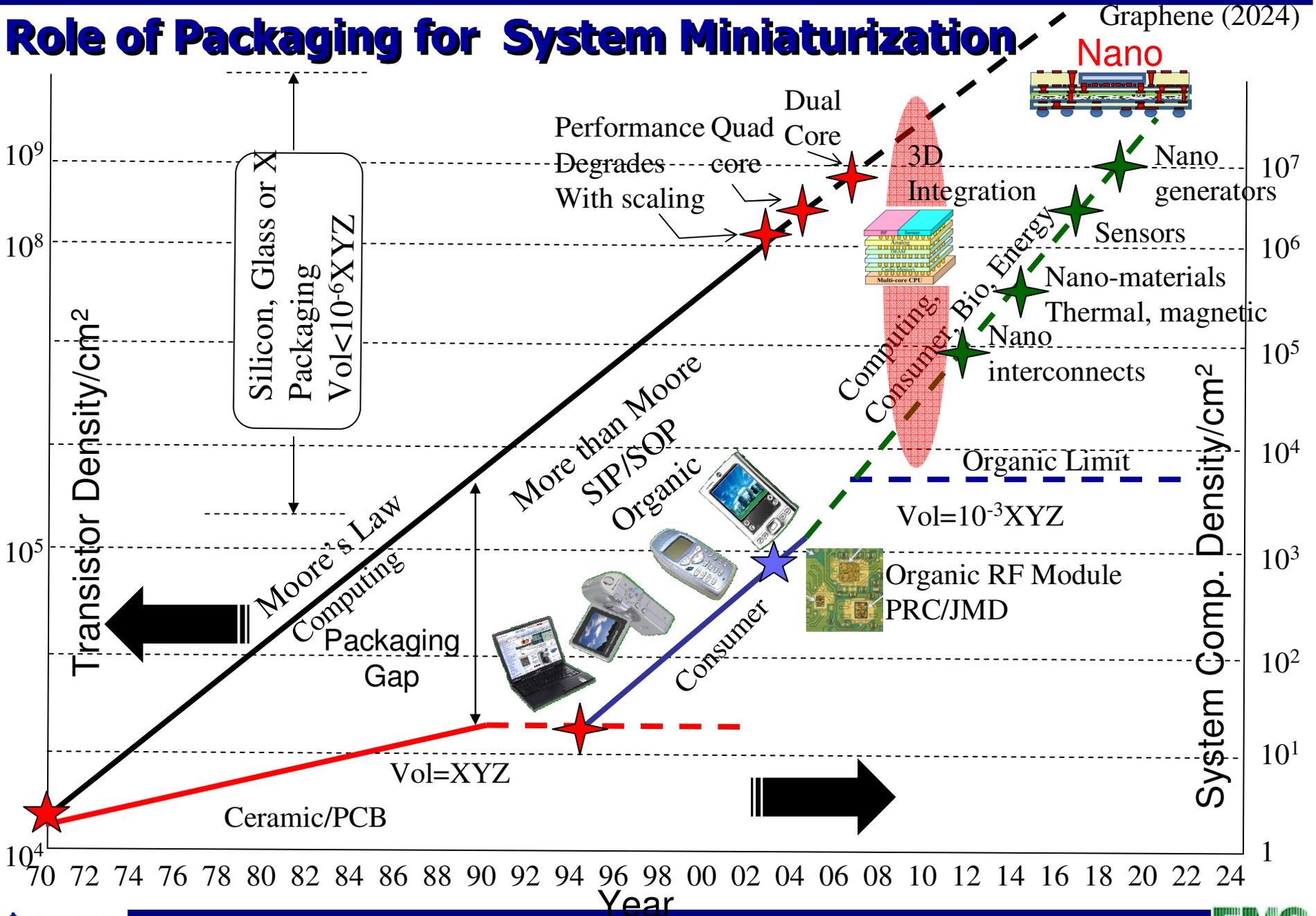
Courtesy: Packaging Research Center, Georgia Tech

# Barriers to System Miniaturization



Courtesy: Packaging Research Center

# Role of Packaging for System Miniaturization

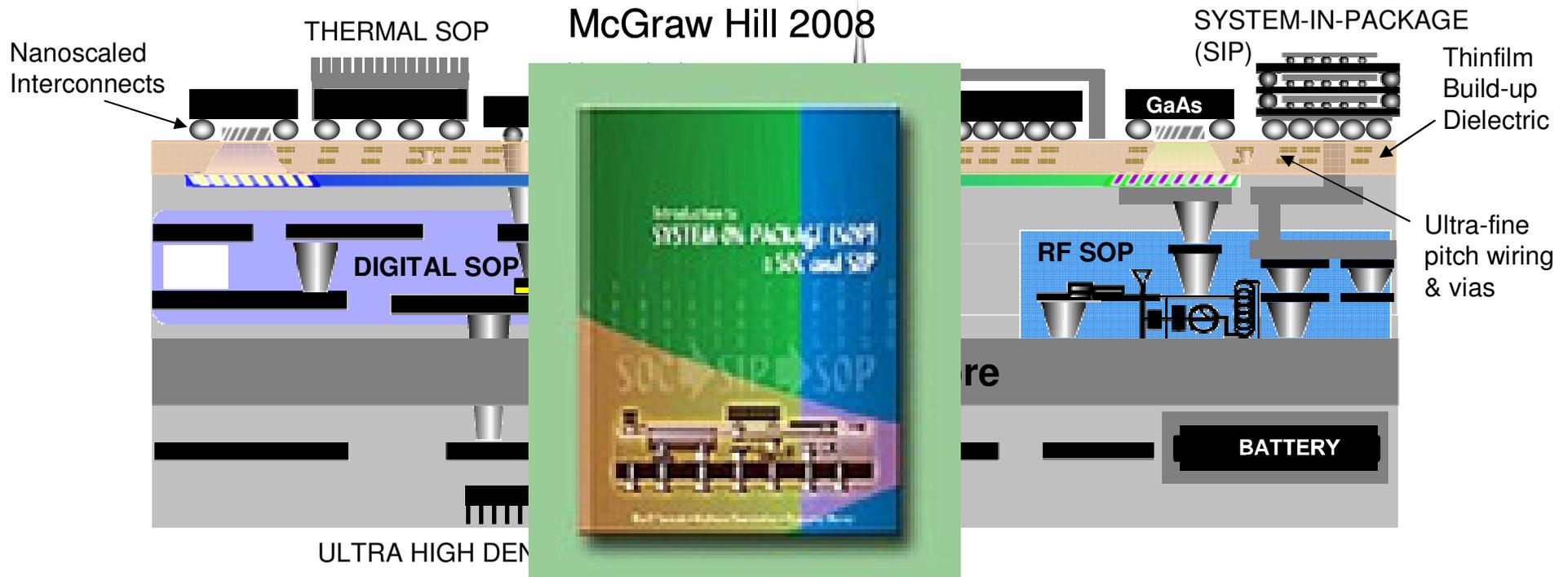


# System on Package – A New Paradigm for System Integration

Introduction to System on Package

Co-editors: Rao Tummala and Madhavan Swaminathan

McGraw Hill 2008



- ❑ Functional layers in the package
- ❑ Enable High System Level Component Density
- ❑ Georgia Tech – Originator of the SoP concept in 1994

Courtesy: Prof. Rao Tummala, Packaging Research Center

# **More than Moore Era – circa 1995 - Present Engineering of Micro-systems**

# Wireless Communication (Circa 1995 ....)

## Dawn of the Consumer Driven

Integration of radio technologies in handheld devices created a huge push towards integration and miniaturization.

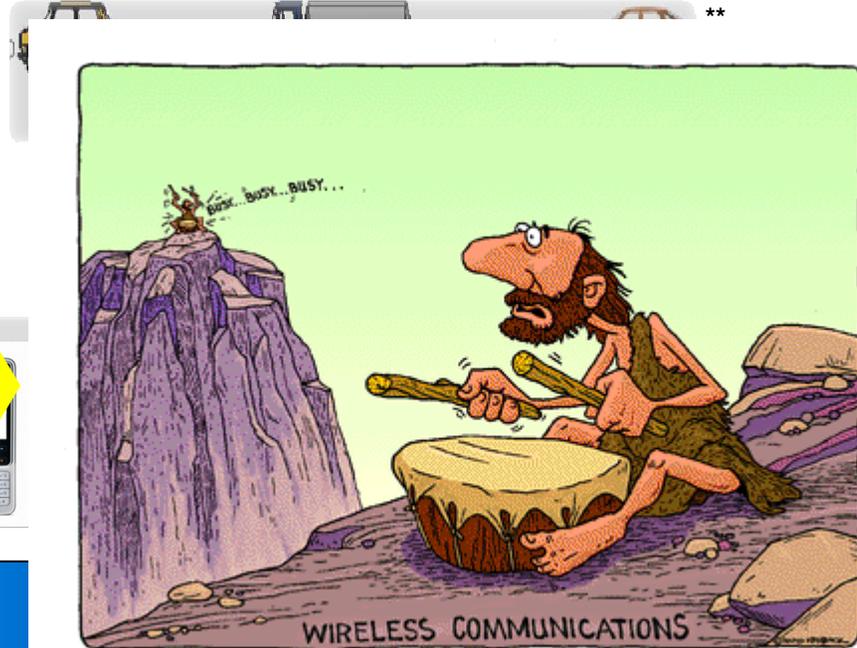
## Mobile Communication Era



Not yet wireless



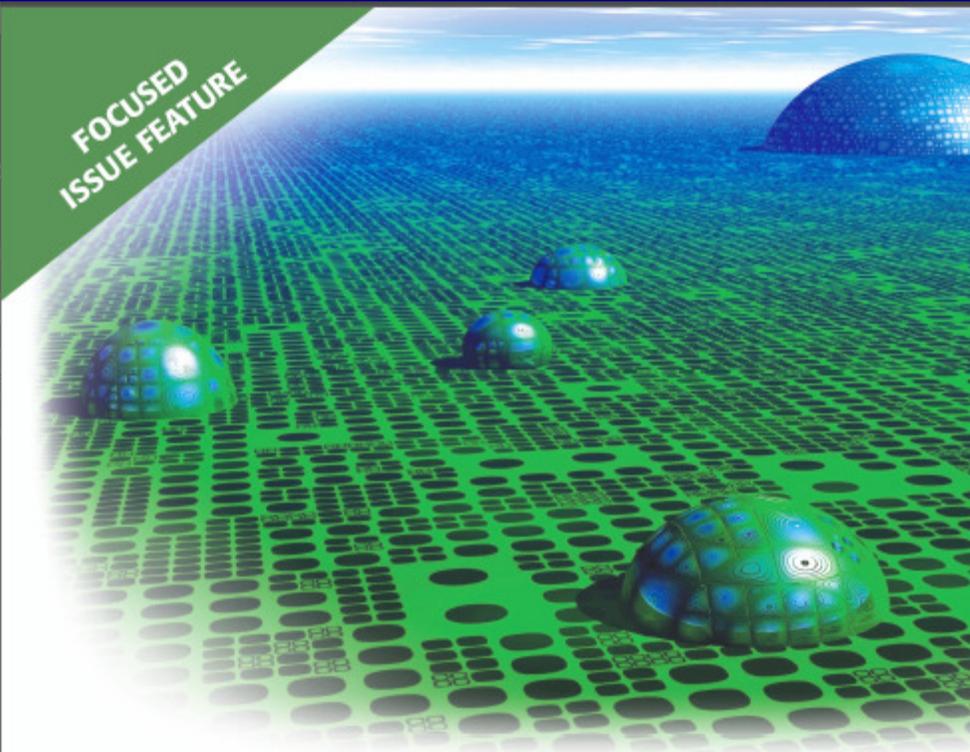
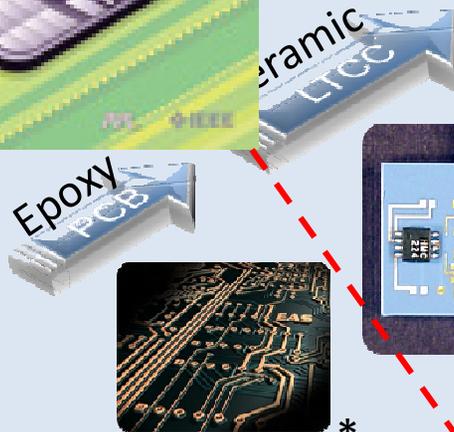
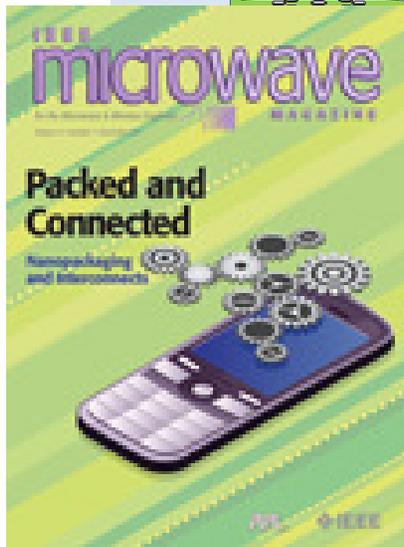
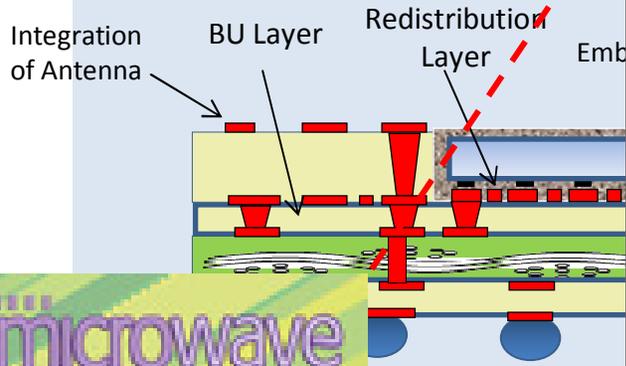
Spectrum of popular wireless technologies



31-04 GHz

\* Courtesy of [www.corbisimages.com](http://www.corbisimages.com)

\*\*[www.ansoft.com](http://www.ansoft.com), Presentation Slides by Dong-young Kim, ETRI, "60GHz SoP Tech Using HFSS and AD"



# Polymers for RF Apps

*Madhavan Swaminathan, Venky Sundaram,  
John Papapolymerou, and P. Markondeya Raj*

The demand for increasingly higher rates of data, voice, and video transmission, together with miniaturization of portable and wireless technologies, has driven the need for high-performance applications that

have become a major aspect of every day life. From hundreds of megahertz to millimeter-wave frequencies, the evolution of wireless communications has led to several indispensable technologies such as cellular communications, wireless local area networks (WLAN), ultra-

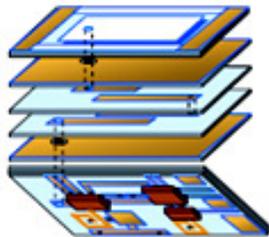
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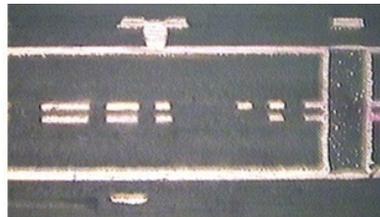
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# Platforms for System Integration

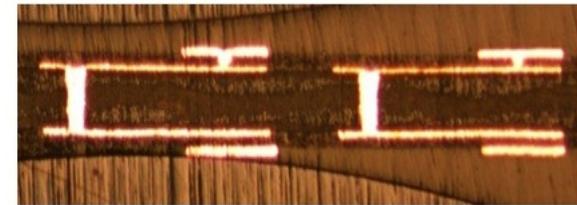
LTCC



LCP



RXP



- Hermetic
- Multilayer
- Integrated-LC
- High-Q passive
- Low  $\tan\delta$

- High processing temp (900°C)
- Thick (800  $\mu\text{m}$ )
- Incompatible with PCB process

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- Hermetic
- Multilayer
- Integrated-LC
- High-Q passive
- Low  $\tan\delta$
- Flexible
- PCB process compatible

- High processing temp (290°C)
- Bondply misalignment

2000 - 2009

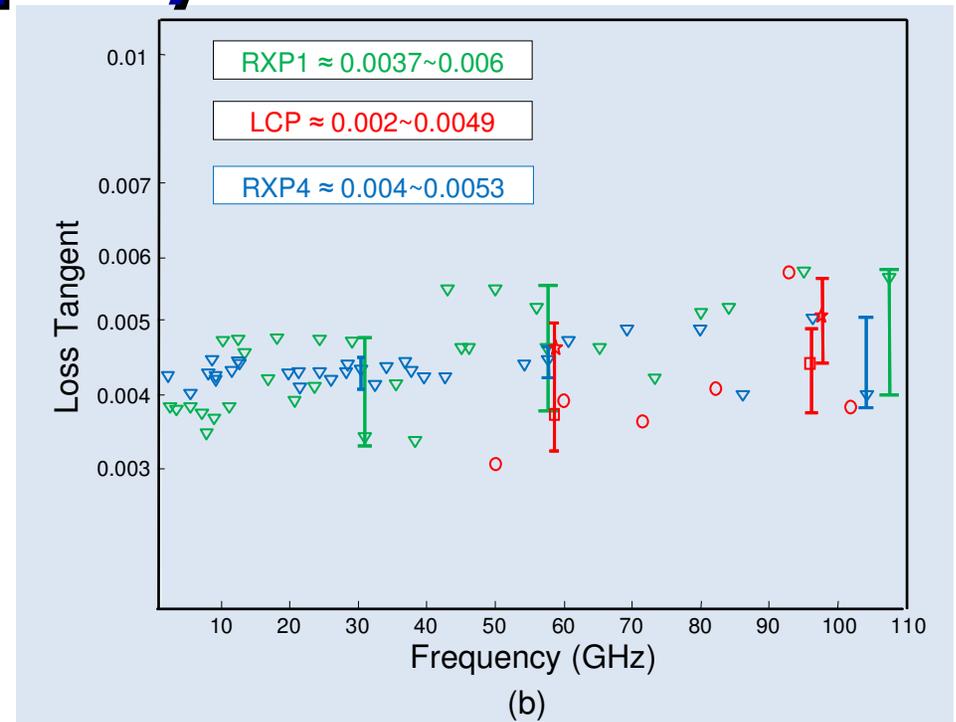
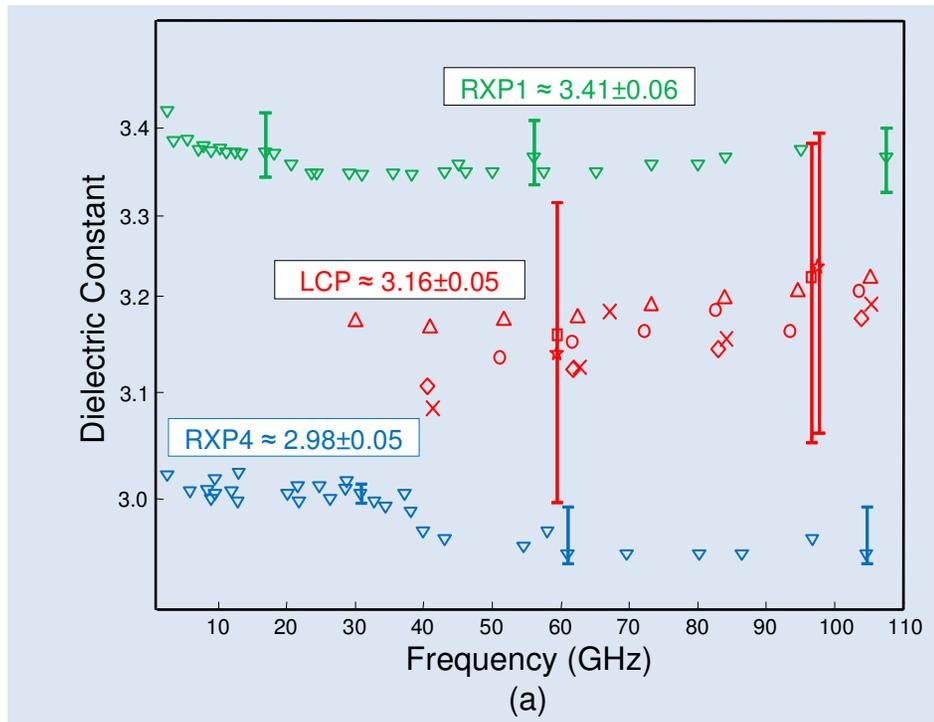
- Hermetic
- Multilayer
- Integrated-LC
- High-Q passive
- Low  $\tan\delta$
- Flexible
- PCB process compatible

- Low cost (220°C)
- Ultra-thin (20  $\mu\text{m}$ )
- Advanced fabrication

2007 - Present

# Good Electrical Properties

## Dielectric Constant and Loss Tangent Variation with Frequency



### Dielectric Constant

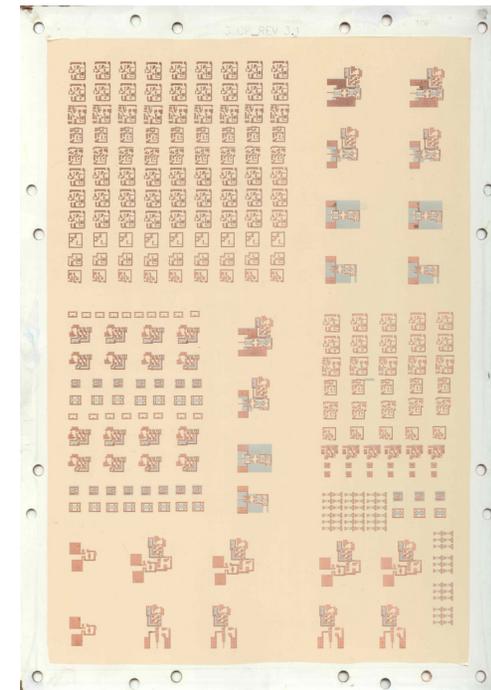
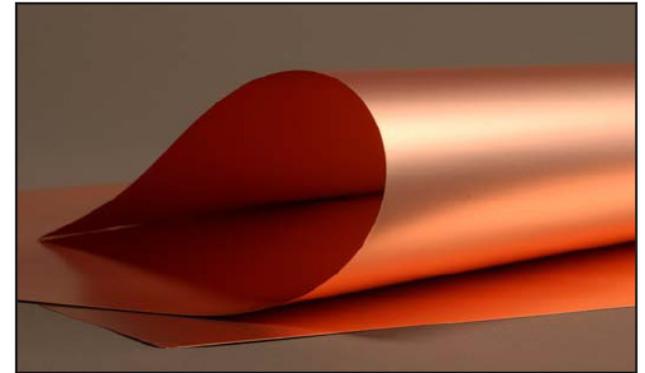
### Loss Tangent

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Characterization Details: Seunghyun Hwang, Sunghwan Min, Venkatesan Venkatakrishnan, Madhavan Swaminathan, Hunter Chan, Fuhun Liu, Venky Sundaram, Scott Kennedy, Dirk Baars, Benjamin Lacroix, Yuan Li and John Papapolymerou, "Characterization of Next Generation Thin Low-K and Low-Loss Organic Dielectrics from 1 to 110 GHz", IEEE Transactions on Advanced Packaging, Vol. 33, Issue: 1, pp: 180 - 188, 2010.

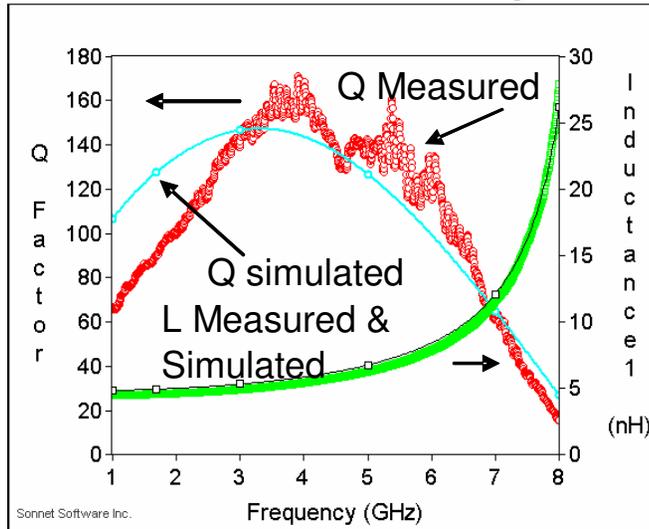
# LCP – High Frequency Material for RF Integration (Circa 2000 – 2009)

- ❑ Laminate type packaging substrate
- ❑ Thermoplastic
- ❑ Low loss ( $< 0.002$ ) stable with freq. ( $\sim 100$  GHz)
- ❑ Moderate dielectric const. ( $\sim 2.95$ )
- ❑ Large processing area (18"x12")
- ❑ Low temperature process ( $\sim 200^{\#}$  C)
- ❑ Low moisture absorption (0.04 %)
- ❑ Can be the final PWB



# How Do Polymers Help ?

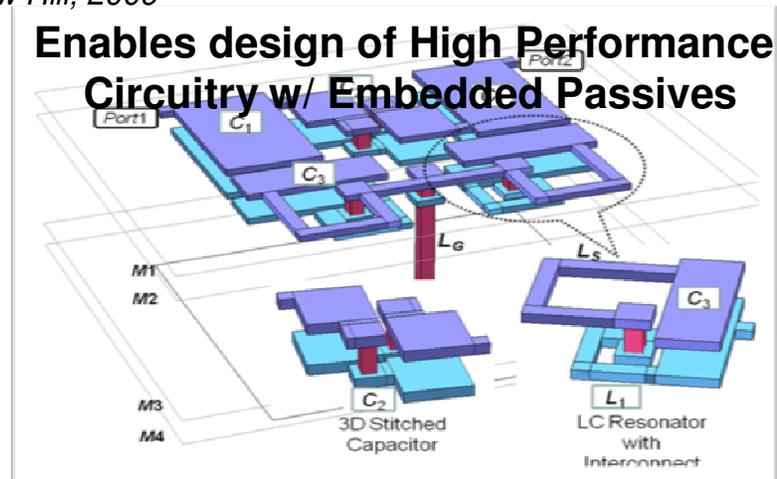
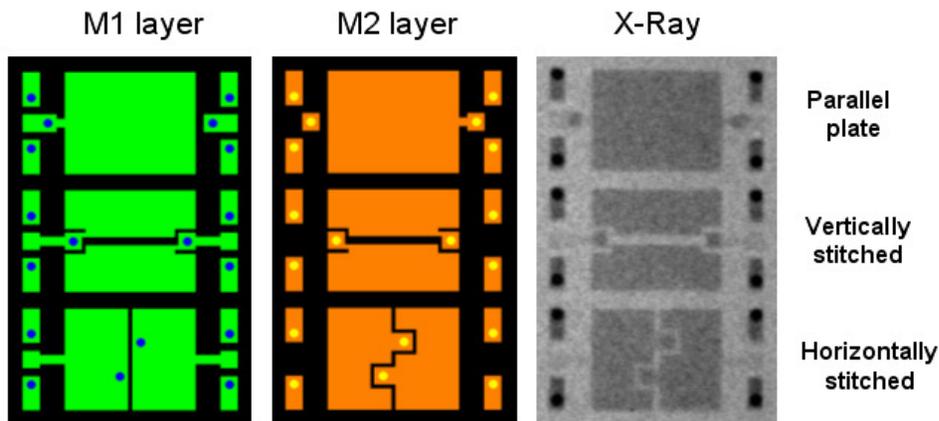
## High Q Inductors (Highest reported in Organics\*)



| Substrate  | Quality Factor                | Inductance           | Frequency                        |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Silicon<br>-Low Resistivity<br>-High Resistivity<br>-Micromachined | 52.8 [5]<br>30 [6]<br>150 [7] | 1.38nH<br>4nH<br>1nH | 13.6GHz<br>1-2 GHz<br>8 – 23 GHz |
| Wafer Scale Packaging  | 38 [8]                        | 1nH                  | 4.7GHz                           |
| LTCC   | 93 [9]                        | 9.6nH                | 1.15GHz                          |
| Organic Laminate*<br>(Highest Reported)                            | 180 [10]                      | 4.8nH                | 2.2GHz                           |

## High Q Capacitors (Limit~1/tand)

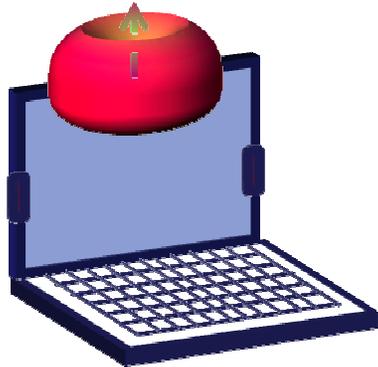
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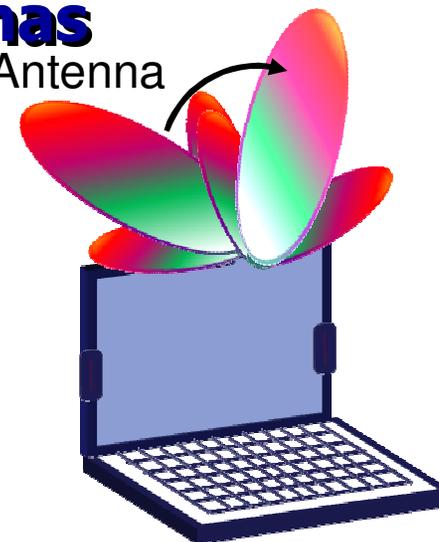
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# Design of Flexible Antennas

Omni-directional Antenna

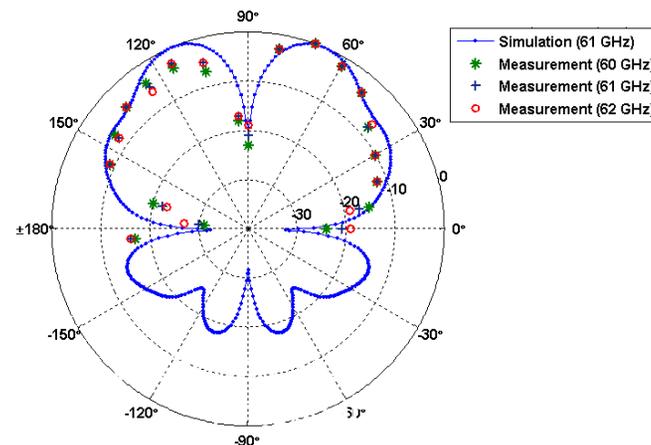
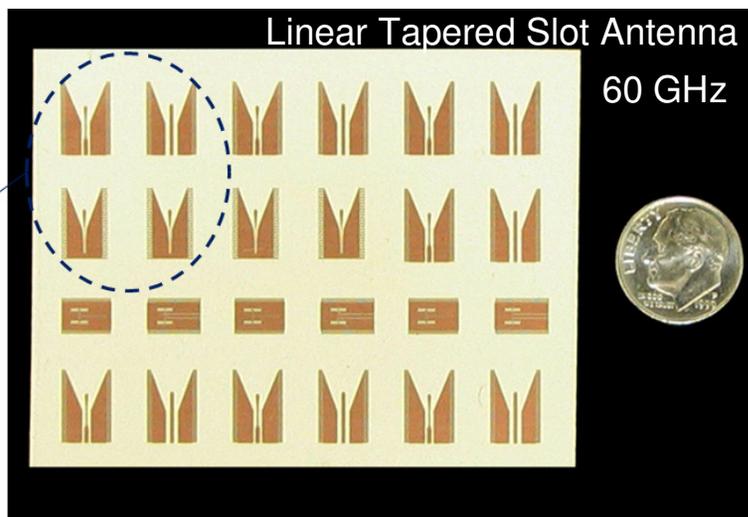
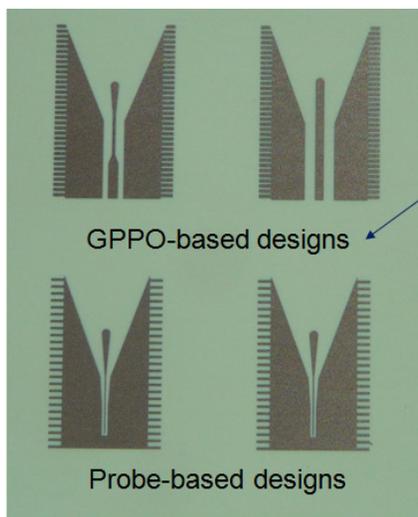


Directional Antenna



Antenna Integrated w/ RF Module

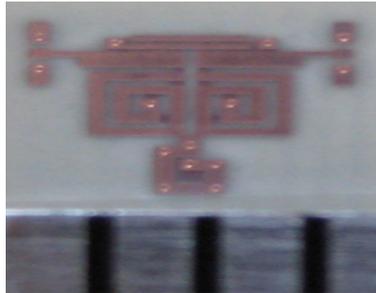
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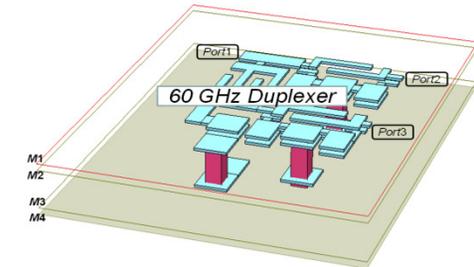
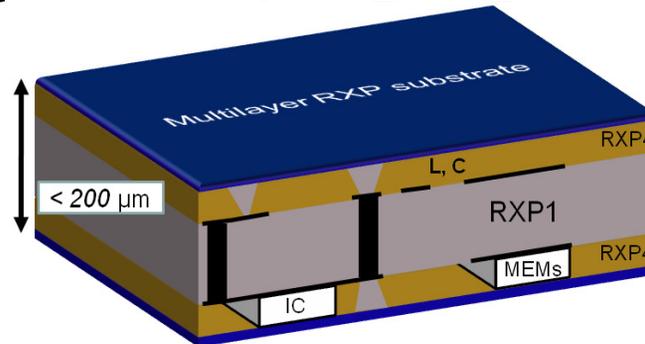
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# RXP Replaces LCP (Circa: 2007 – Present)

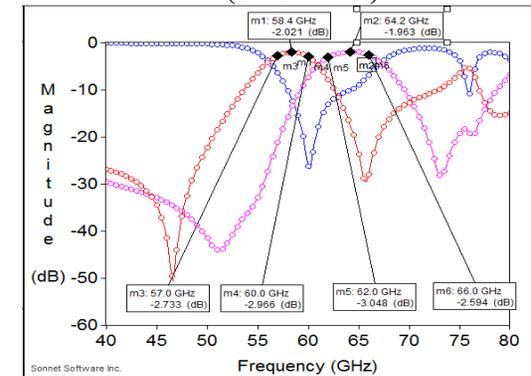
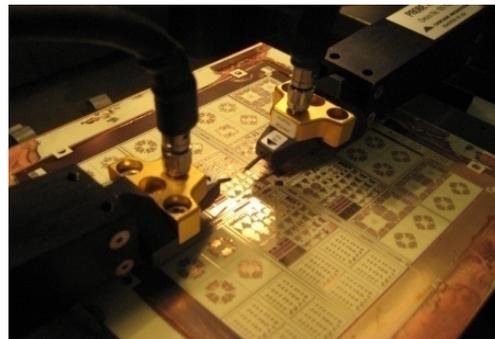
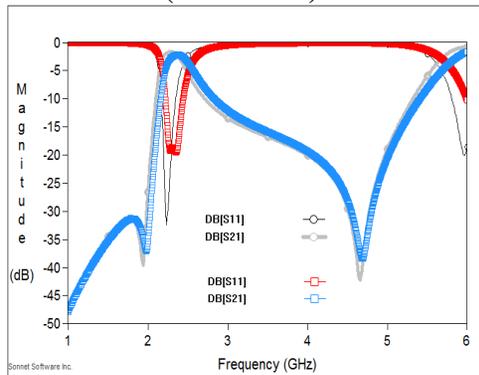
## High Order, High Q Filters



2.2mm x 3.0mm x 0.2mm  
(1.2mm<sup>3</sup>\*)



1.05mm x 1.38mm x 0.2mm  
(0.29mm<sup>3</sup>)



Bandwidth: 200 MHz

Insertion @2.38GHz: 2.2dB

Rejection @2.05GHz: 25.1dB

Rejection @4.71GHz: 39.1dB

-30 dB @ 200 MHz out of passband

[\*] World's smallest high-rejection bandpass filter



Passband1: 57~60 GHz

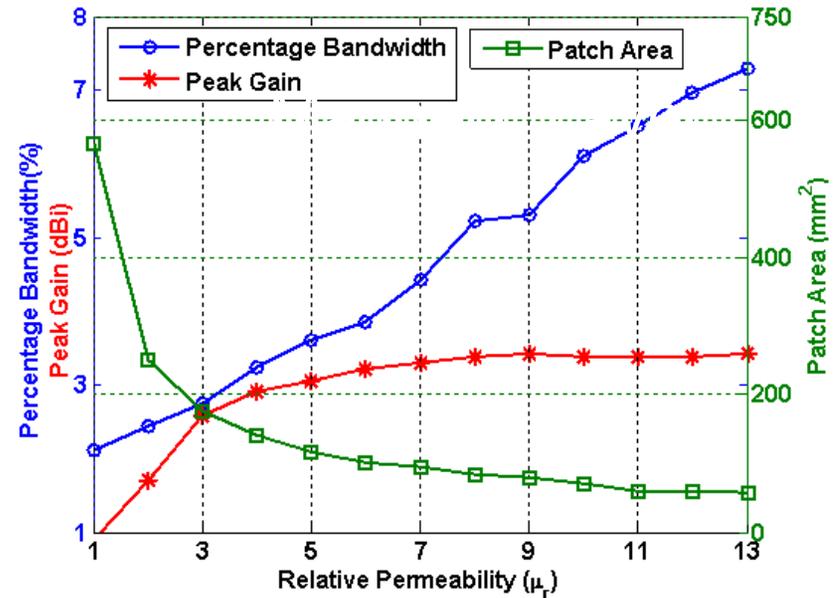
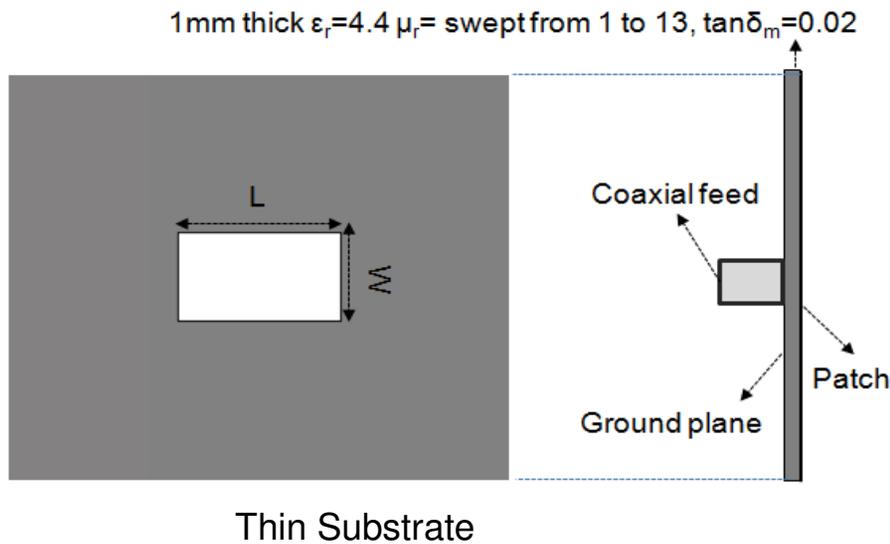
Passband2: 62~66 GHz

Insertion @ 58.5 GHz: 2.0dB

Insertion @ 64 GHz: 1.9dB

**RXP: Roger's Experimental Polymer  
Thermosetting Polymer**

# Magneto-dielectrics for Antenna Design



$$BW = \frac{2\Delta f}{f_0} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2Q}} \quad (SWR \leq 2) \quad BW \propto \frac{1}{\epsilon_r}$$

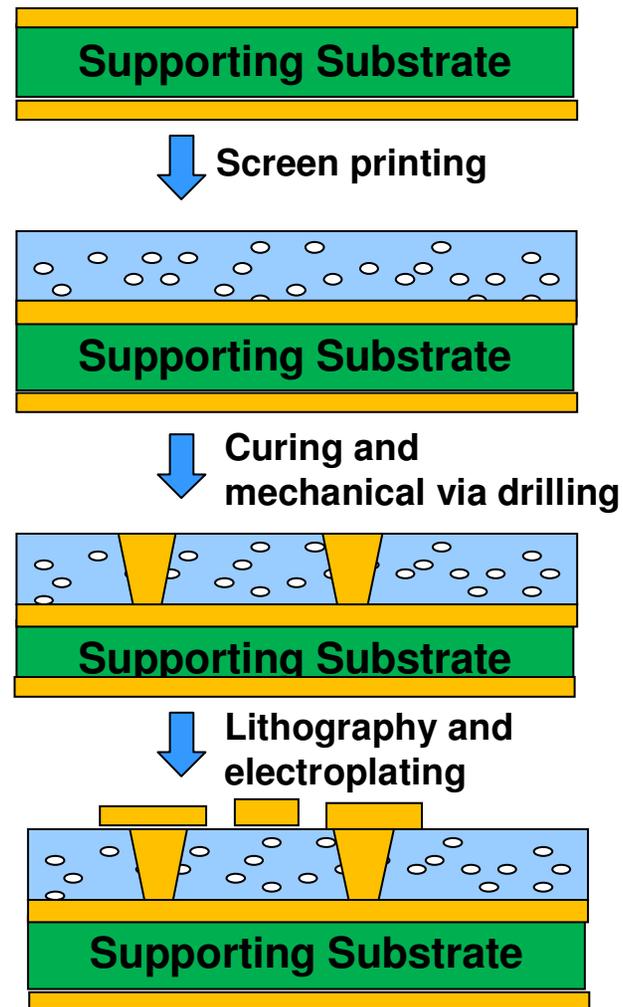
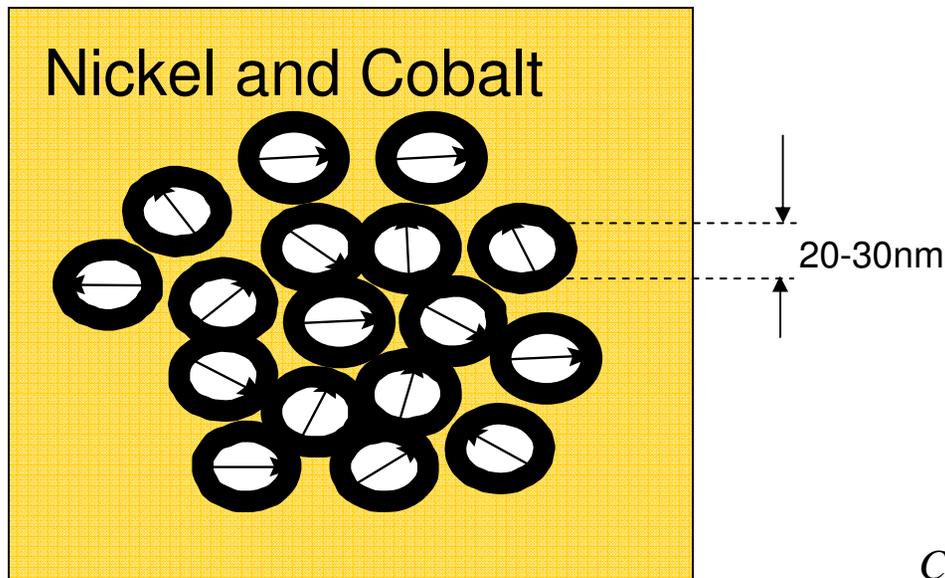
$$\eta = \frac{P_r}{P_r + P_{sw}} \quad (\text{Radiation Efficiency})$$

$P_{sw}$ : Surface Wave Problematic

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# Polymer-based Magneto-dielectric Films

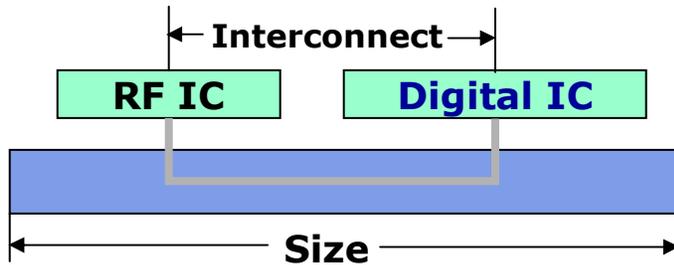
- ❑ Magneto-dielectrics not available in nature – need to synthesize with right properties
- ❑ Sol-gel process
  - Gel with the silica coated nano-particles
- ❑ Milled with polymer composite to create magneto-dielectric paste
- ❑ Screen printing for device fabrication



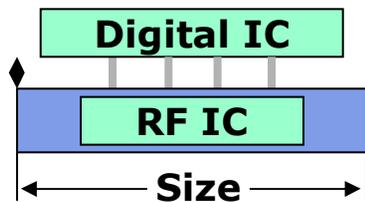
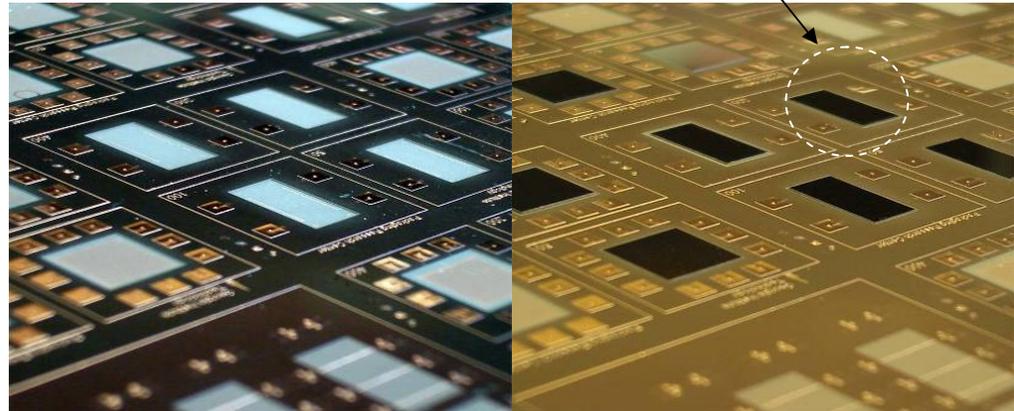
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# Ultra-thin RF Modules

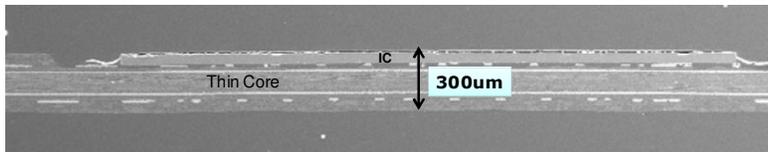
Easy to remove heat



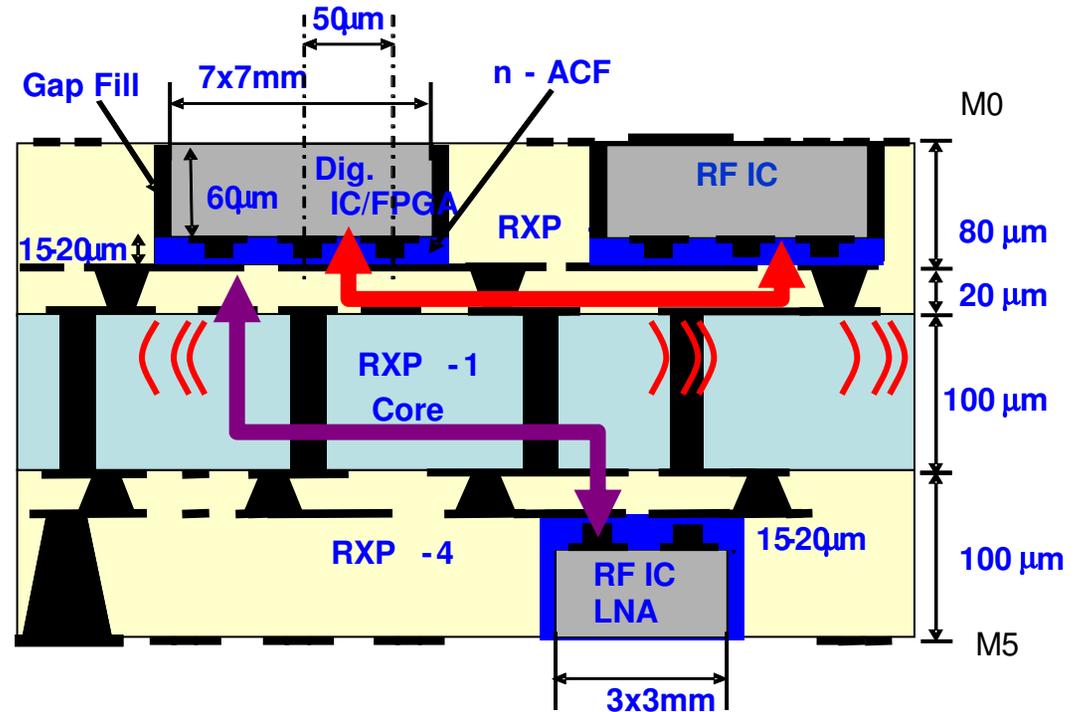
Conventional Packaging



With Embedded ICs



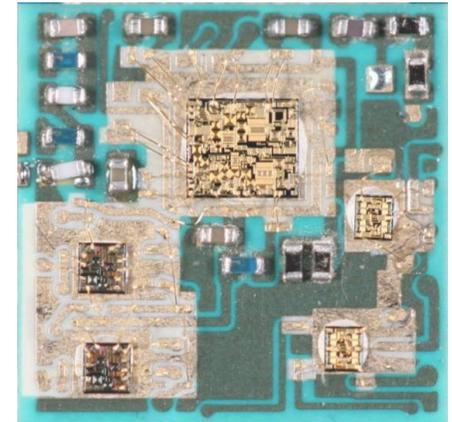
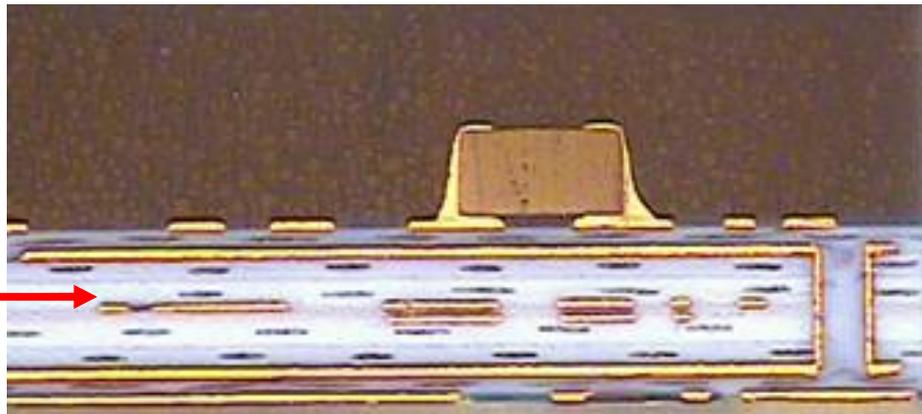
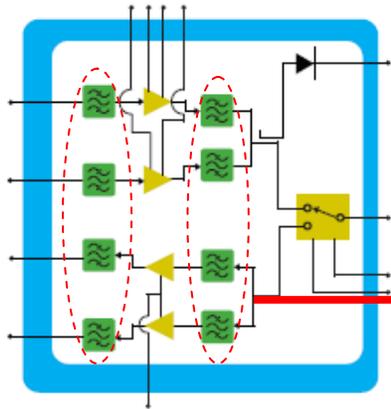
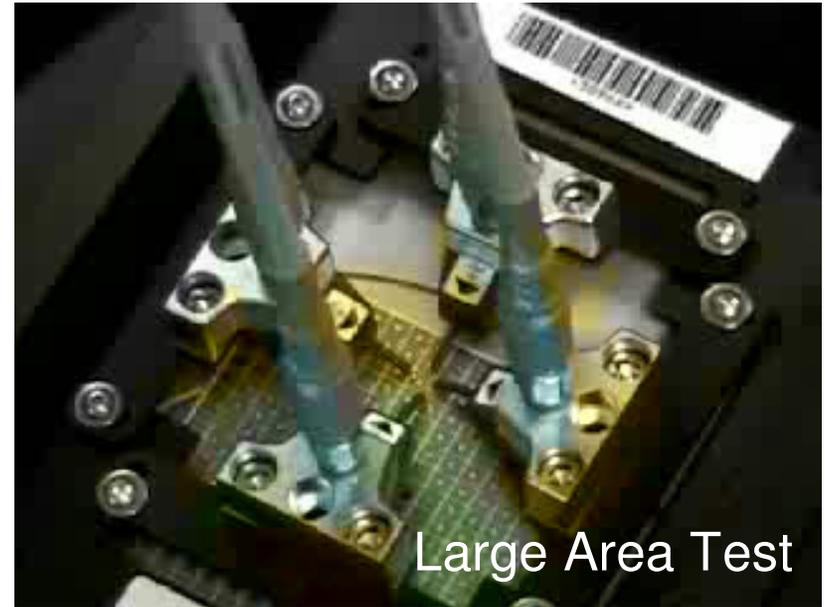
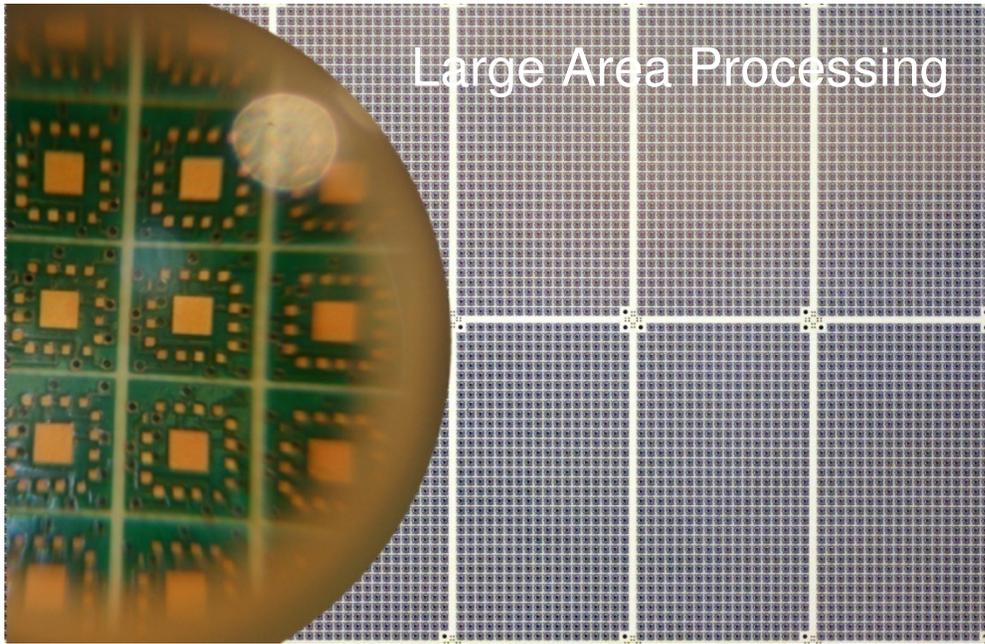
Total Thickness = 300µm



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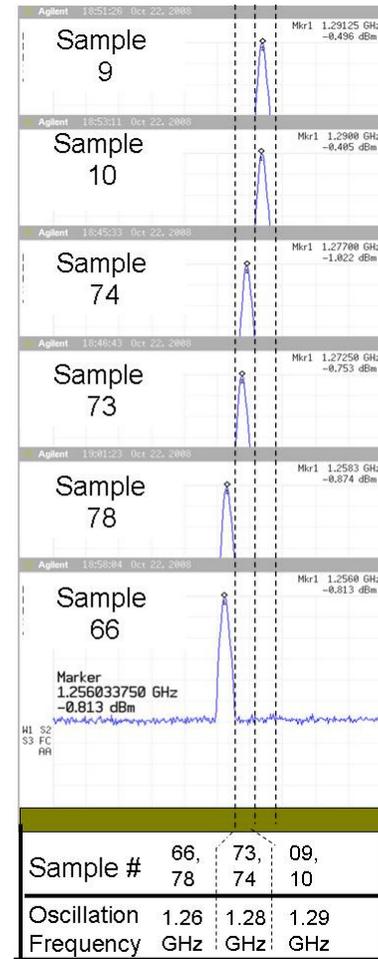
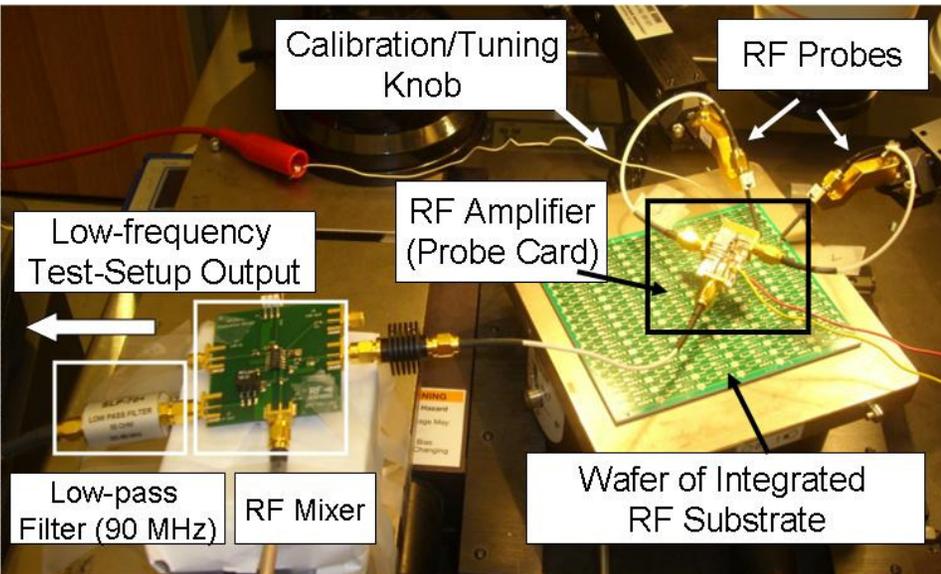
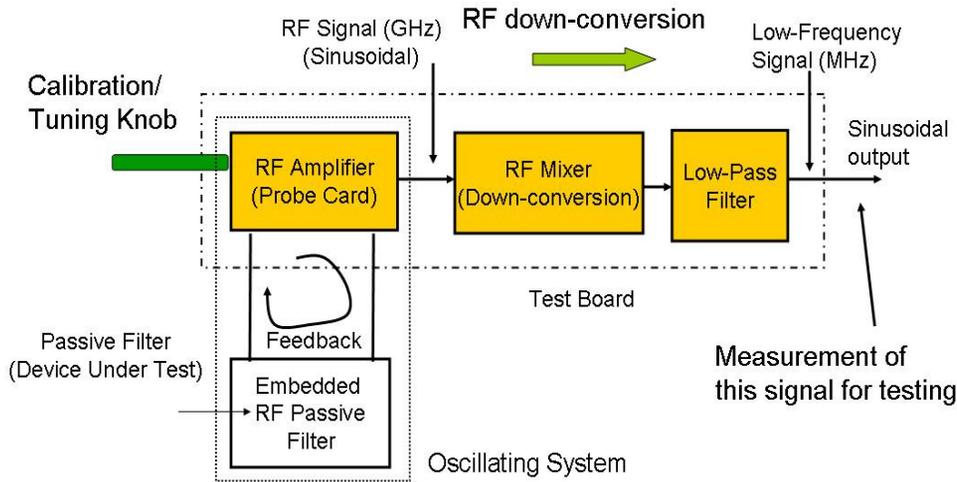
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# Large Area Manufacturing

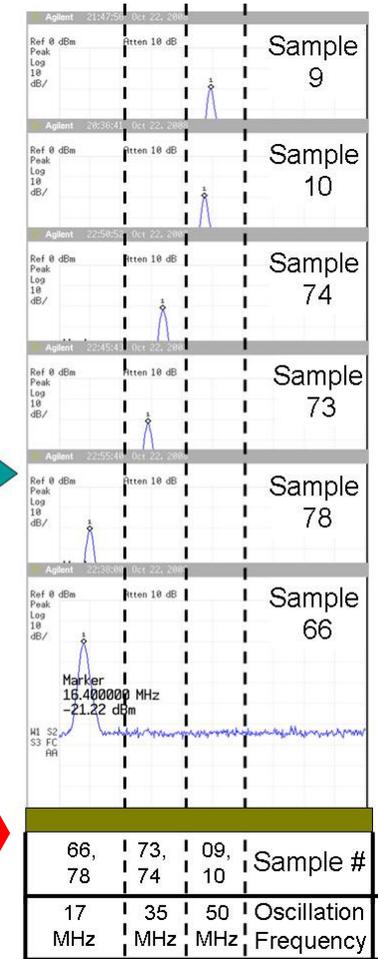


World's smallest organic RF Module, Courtesy: Jacket Micro Devices (JMD), Founded in 2004, Acquired by AVX Corp. in 2009

# RF Test Method (High Frequency Testing @ Low Frequency)



A. High-Frequency Signal (RF Amplifier Output)



B. Low-Frequency Signal (Proposed Test-Setup Output)

A. Goyal, M. Swaminathan, A. Chatterjee, "Low-Frequency and Low-Cost Test Methodology for Integrated RF Substrates", IEEE Transaction on Advanced Packaging, Volume 33, Issue 3, 2010, pp(s) 669-680

# What Comes Next ?

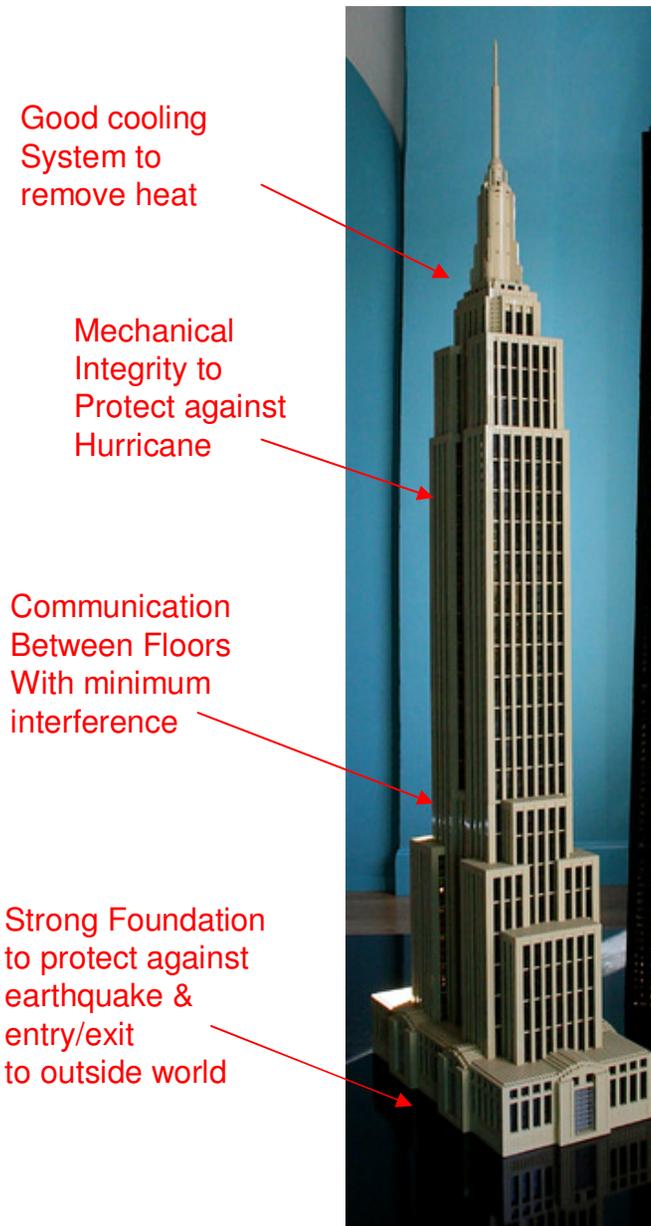
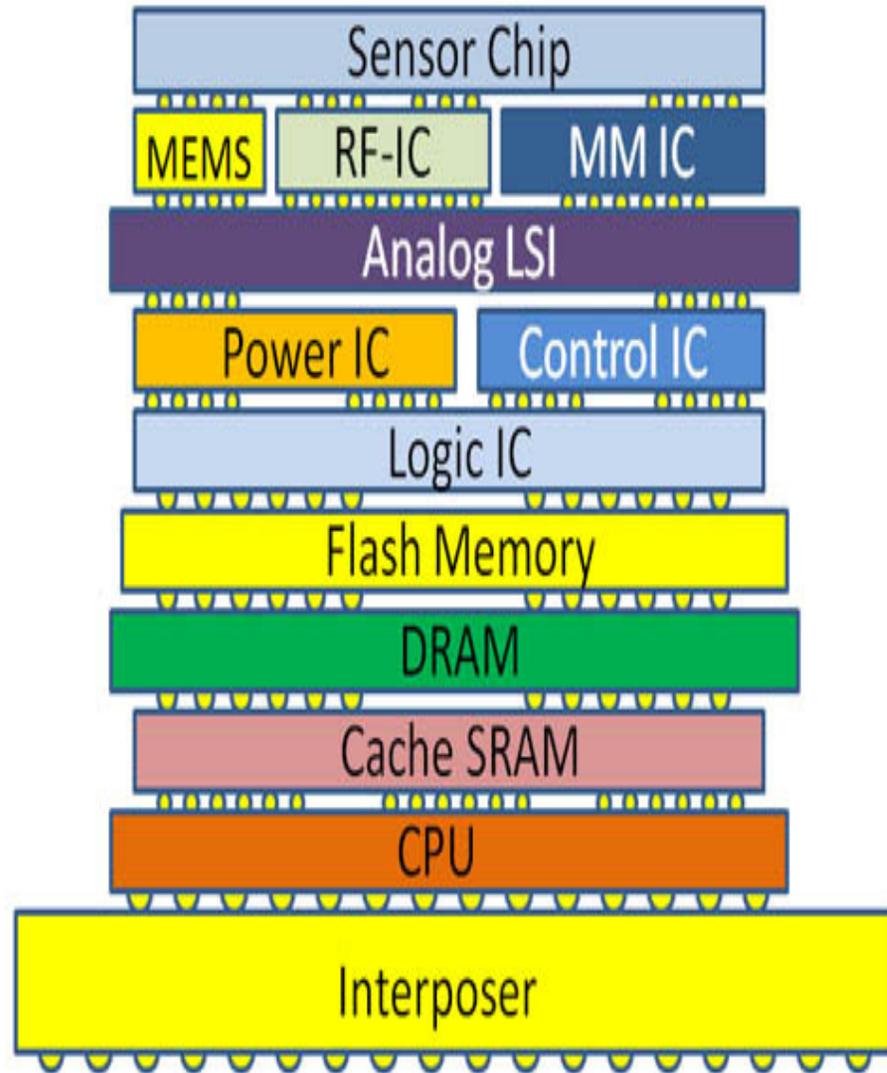


Continuous drive towards New Technologies ...

At Reduced Cost .....

**Even More Integration to Come  
Dawn of the Even M(o)re Era**

# Going Vertical



Good cooling System to remove heat

Mechanical Integrity to Protect against Hurricane

Communication Between Floors With minimum interference

Strong Foundation to protect against earthquake & entry/exit to outside world

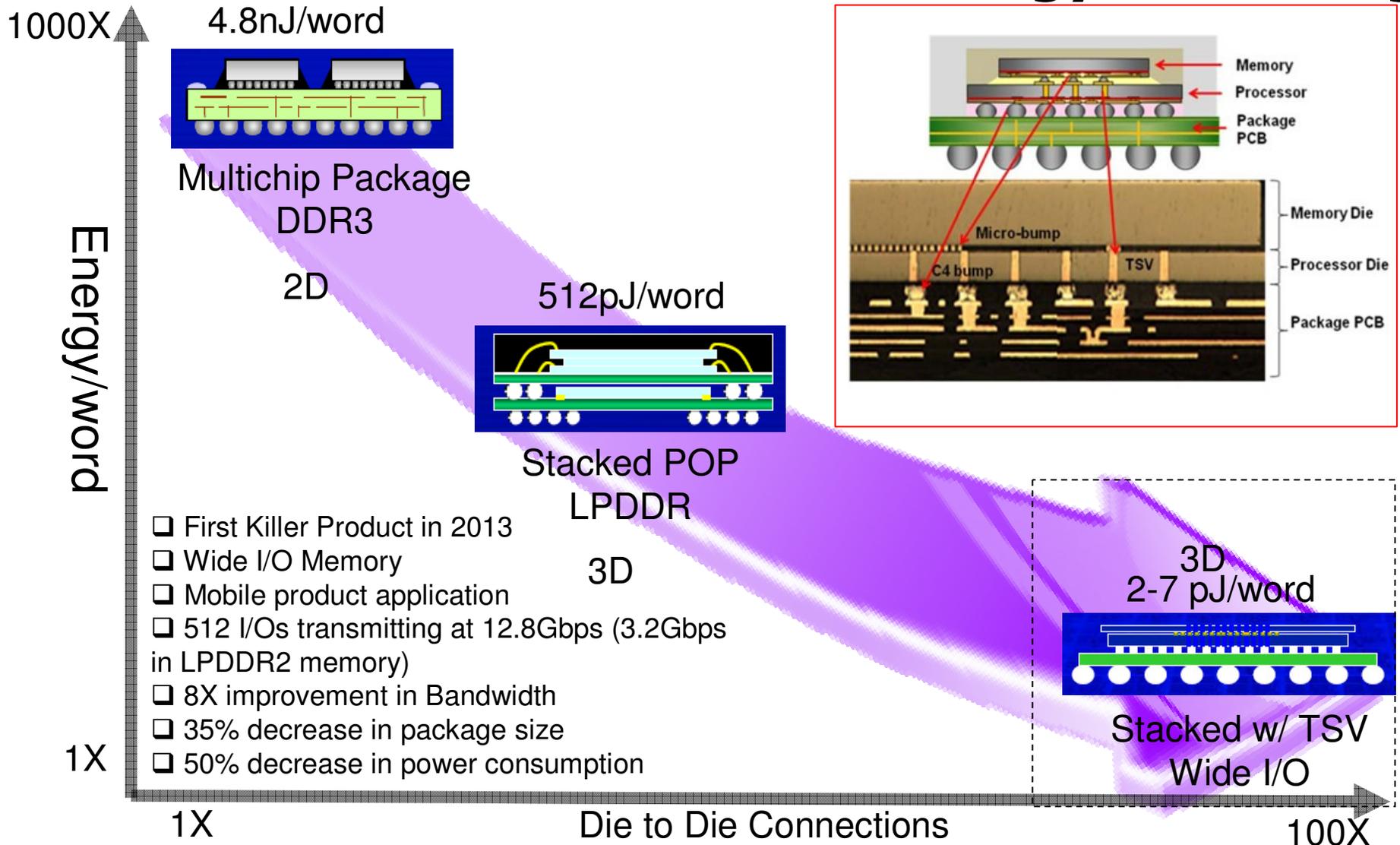
Empire State Building

Micro-system

[www.ipc.gatech.edu](http://www.ipc.gatech.edu)

# Next Semiconductor Revolution - 3D Integration

## 3D Interconnects Enable Low Energy Processing



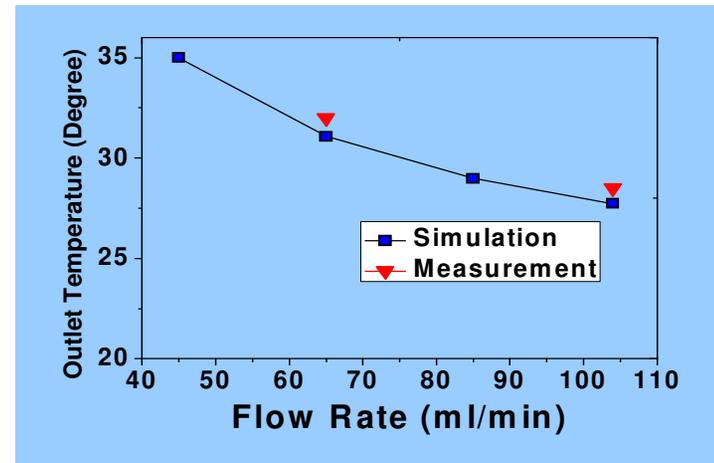
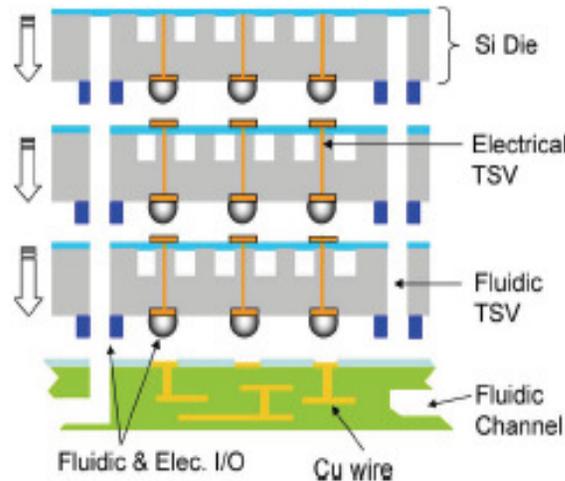
- ❑ First Killer Product in 2013
- ❑ Wide I/O Memory
- ❑ Mobile product application
- ❑ 512 I/Os transmitting at 12.8Gbps (3.2Gbps in LPDDR2 memory)
- ❑ 8X improvement in Bandwidth
- ❑ 35% decrease in package size
- ❑ 50% decrease in power consumption

[1] Dr. Oh Hyun Kwon [ISSCC, 2010] Samsung Electronics

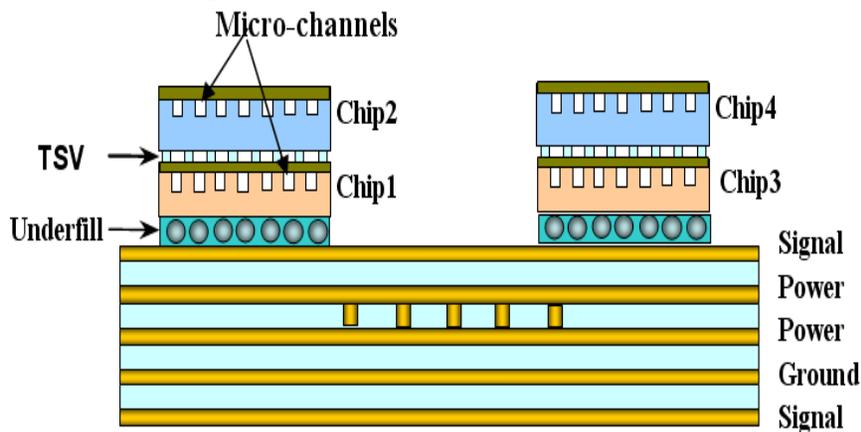
Courtesy: Part Greg Taylor, Intel and Paul Franzon, NC State

# Removing Heat – A Major Challenge for 3D Integration for High Power Chips

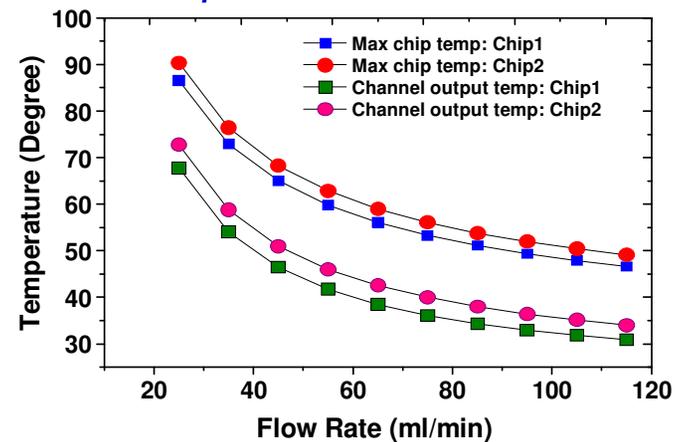
Correlation with measurement



## 3D System with micro-channels

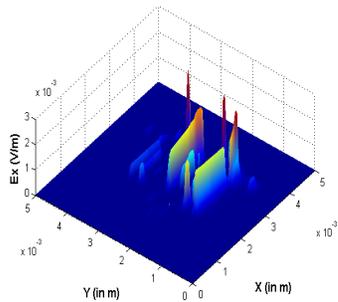


## Max temperature v.s. flow velocity

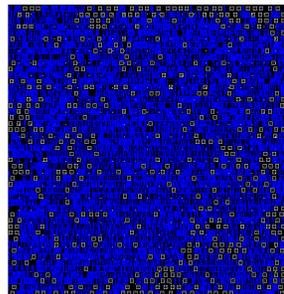


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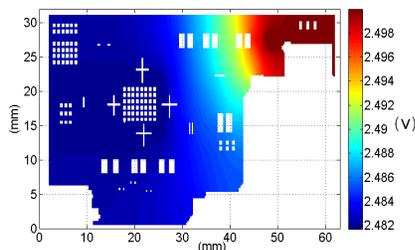
# Modeling for 3D Integration



Signal Integrity

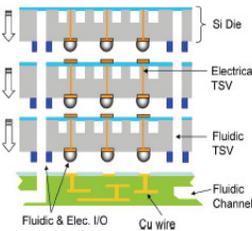


Place & Route

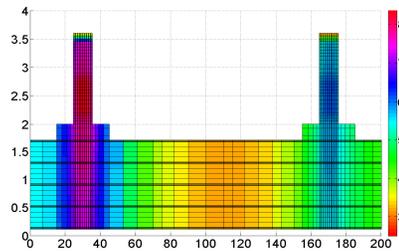


Power Delivery/DC/AC EMI

Electrical (EMC)

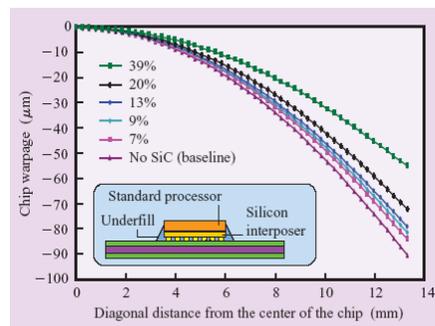
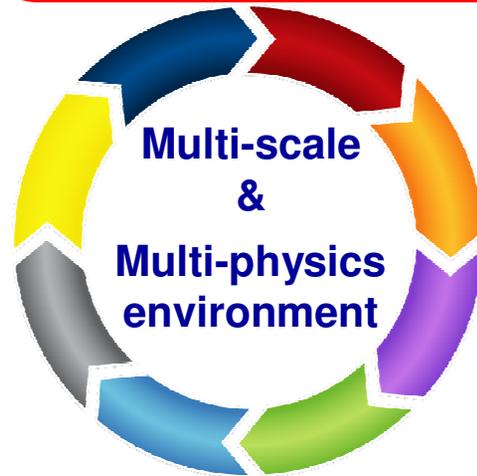


Thermal Management



Joule Heating

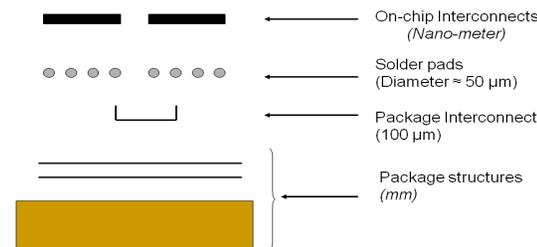
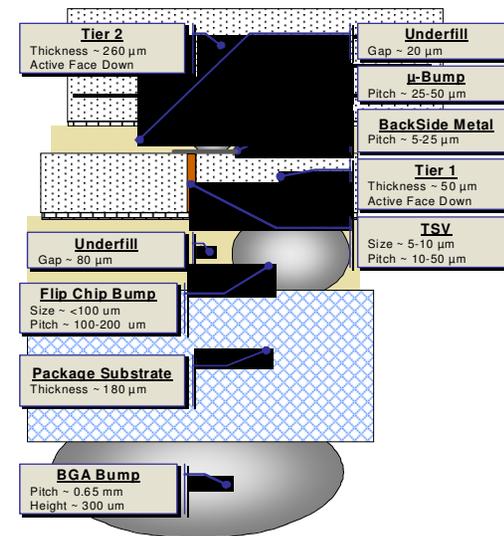
Thermal



Mechanical Stresses

Mechanical

Multi-scale Geometry



# Multi-physics – Interaction between Power Delivery and Heat Generation

□ Steady-state Electrical Problem

$$\nabla \cdot \left( \frac{1}{\rho(x, y, z, T)} \nabla \phi(x, y, z) \right) = 0$$

$\rho(x, y, z, T)$  : Electrical Resistivity

$\phi(x, y, z)$  : Electrical Potential

□ Steady-state Thermal problem

$$\nabla \cdot (k(x, y, z) \nabla T(x, y, z)) = -P(x, y, z)$$

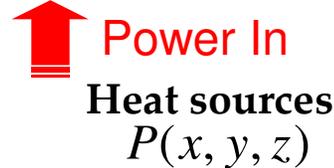
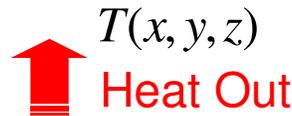
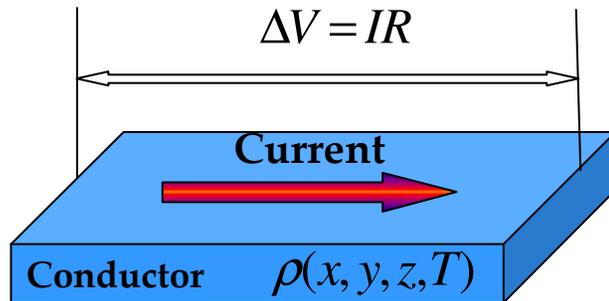
$k(x, y, z, T)$  : Thermal conductivity

$T(x, y, z)$  : Temperature

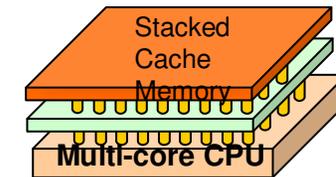
Ohmic Loss → Joule Heat:

$$\vec{P}_{Joule}(x, y, z) = \vec{J} \cdot \vec{E}(x, y, z)$$

$$\Delta V = IR$$



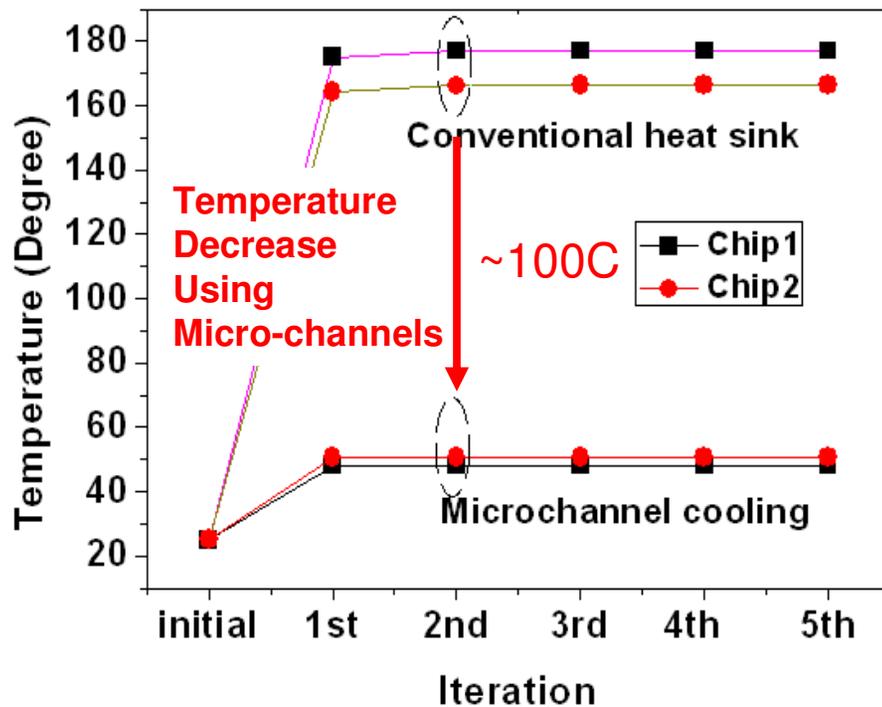
Power from Transistors



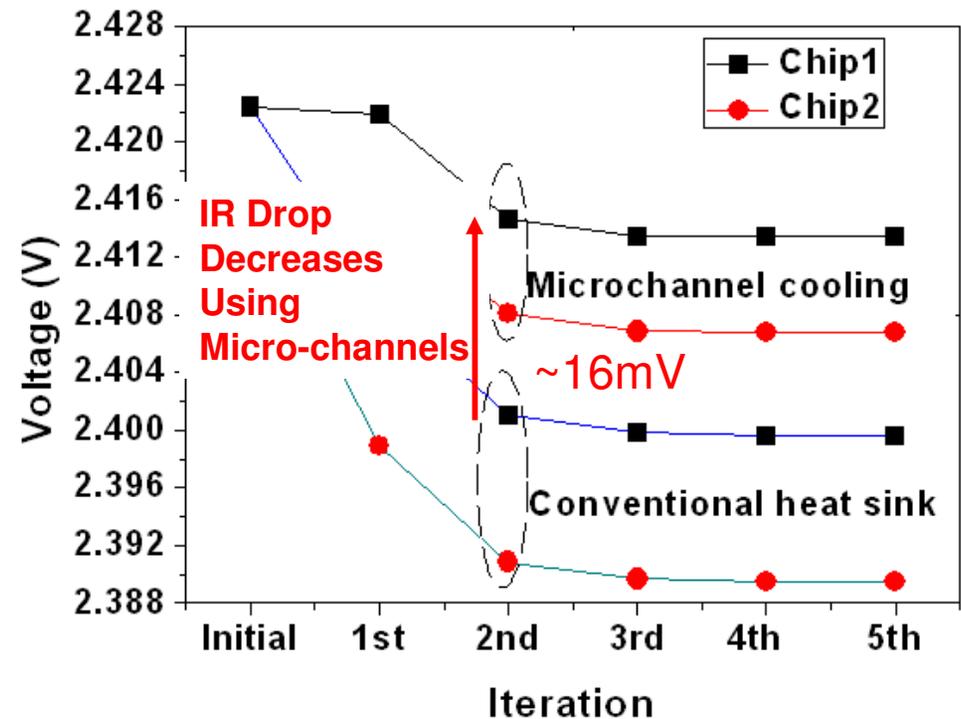
Joule heating

# Temperature and IR drop with Micro-fluidic Cooling

Steady State

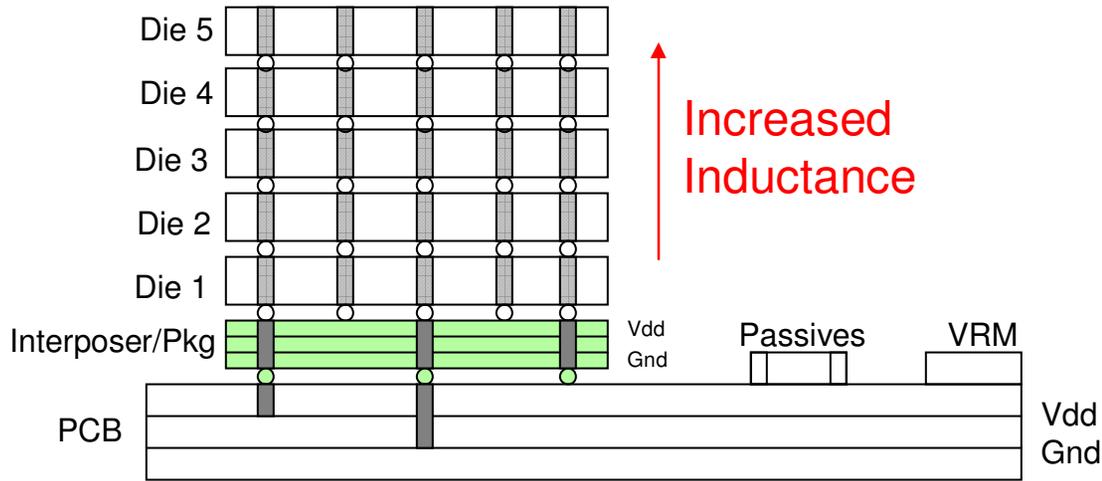


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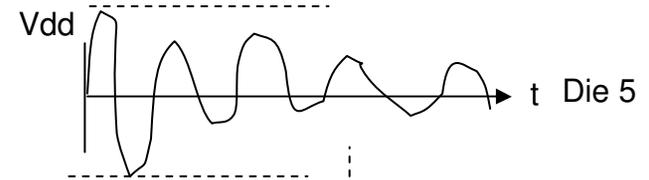


Temperature (Flow rate: 104 ml/min)

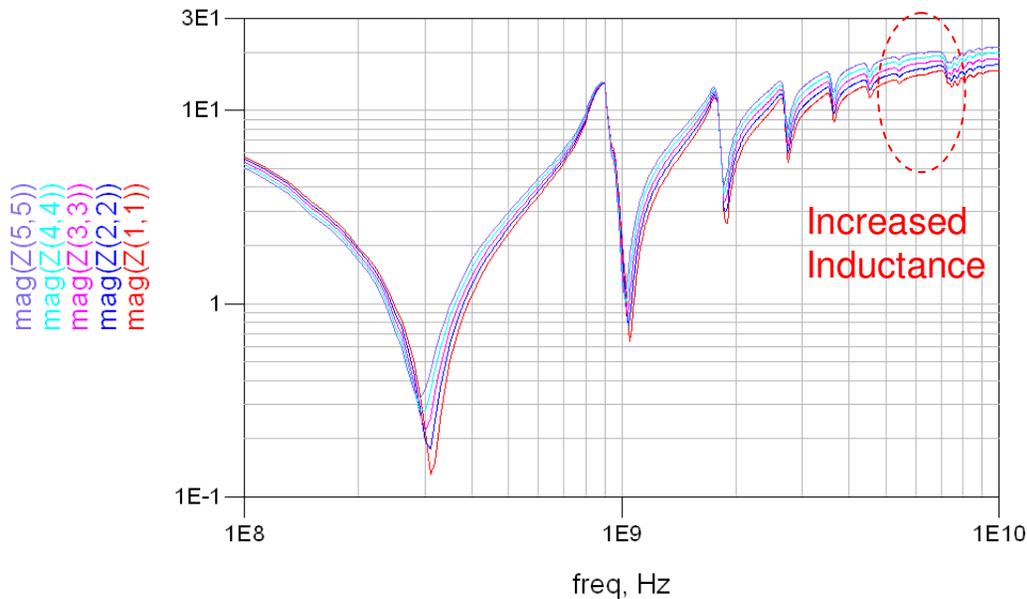
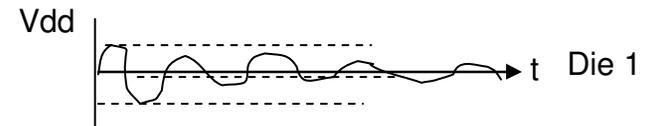
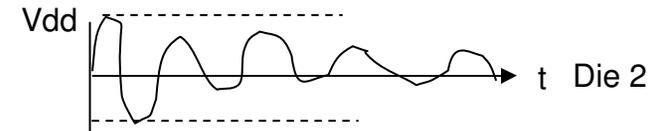
# Power Distribution and Simultaneous Switching Noise A Big Problem for 3D Integration



Power Supply Noise

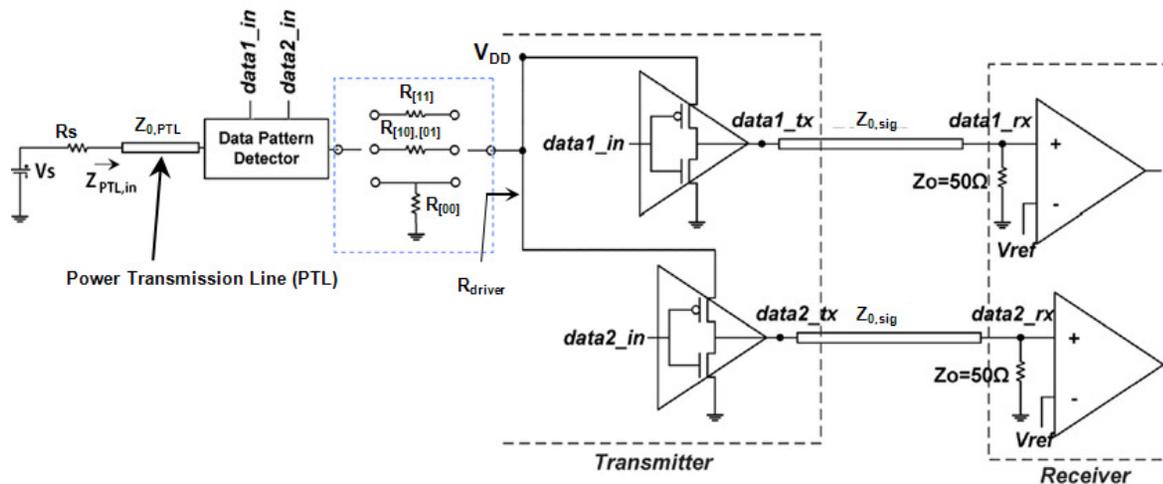


Increased Power Supply Noise



# Modified Power Distribution and Signaling Constant Voltage Power Transmission Line (CVPTL)

- ❑ Power planes replaced with Power Transmission Line (PTL)
- ❑ Depending on the input data, a data pattern detector is used to select a resistor path in the PDN to keep the impedance looking into the input of the PTL ( $Z_{PTL,in}$ ) constant.
- ❑ Dynamic resistor path compensates for varying current to keep  $V_{DD}$  constant regardless of data.



Calculate resistor values:

$$R_{driver}[k] = \frac{R_{on} + R_L}{k}$$

$$R_{path}[k] = \frac{1}{V_{dd}} (V_s \cdot R_{driver}[k] - V_{dd} (R_{driver}[k] + R_{sw} + R_s))$$

for  $k = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$

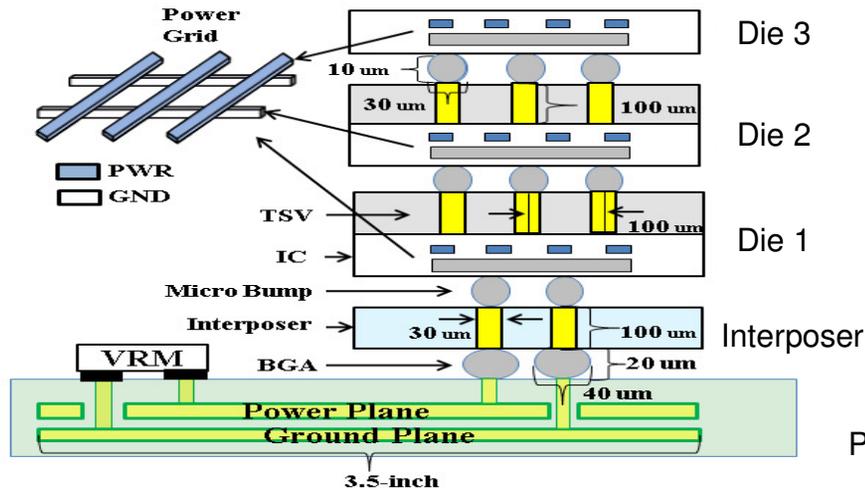
$$R_{path}[N] = \frac{1}{V_{dd} - V_s} (-V_{dd} \cdot (R_s + R_{sw}))$$

[1] Telikepalli, S.; Swaminathan, M.; Keezer, D.; "Minimizing Simultaneous Switching Noise at Reduced Power with Constant Voltage Power Transmission Lines for High-Speed Signaling," To be presented at the International Symposium on Quality Electronic Design (ISQED), 2013

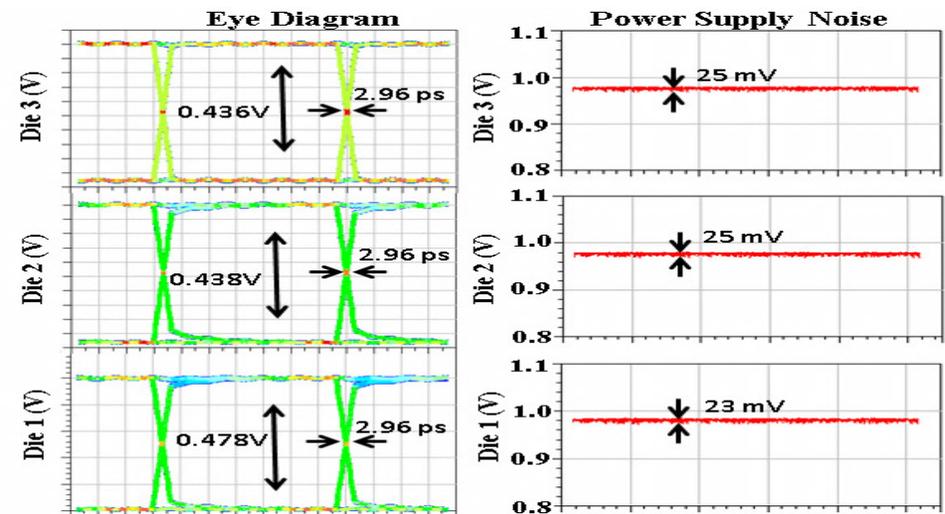
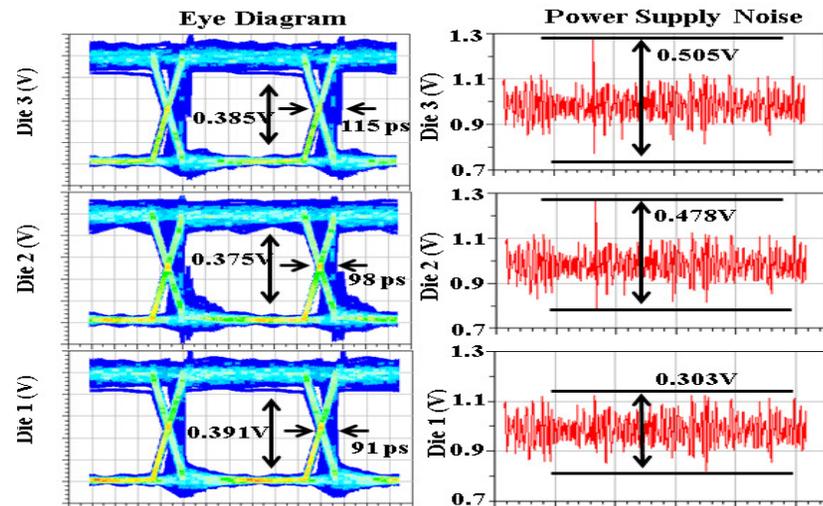
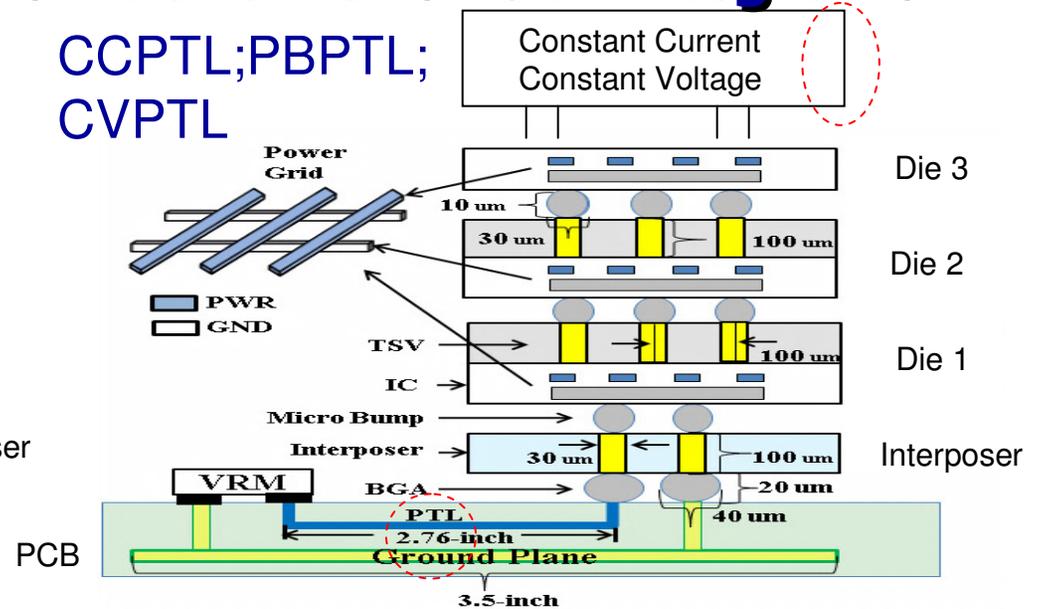
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# Alternate Power Distribution Scheme for 3D Integration

Conventional

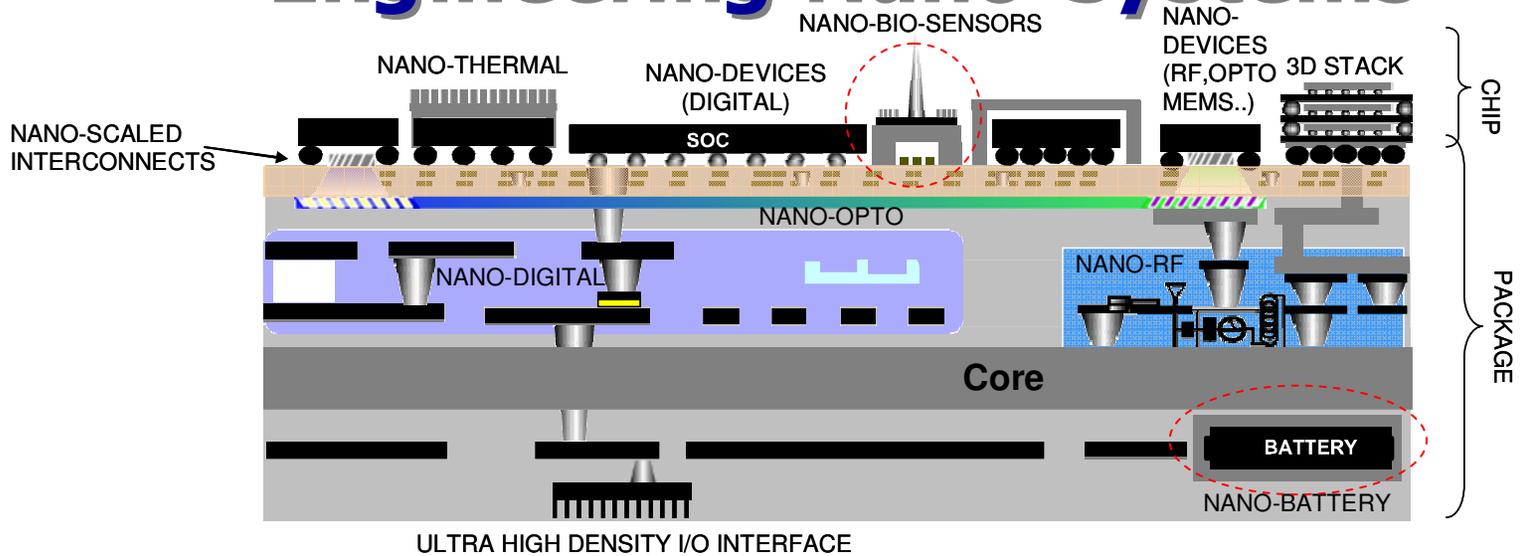


CCPTL; PBPTL; CVPTL

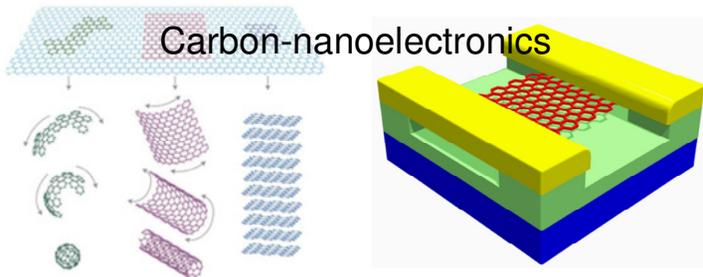


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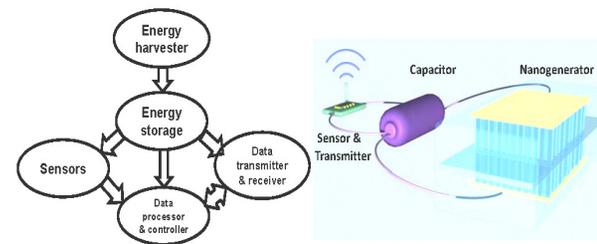
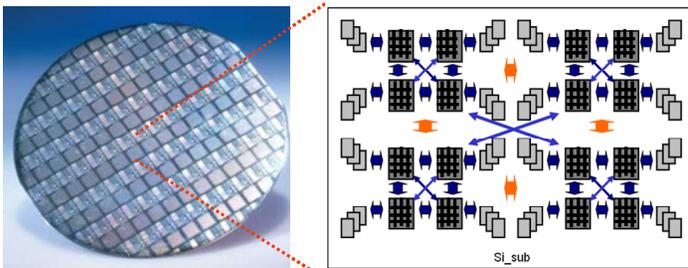
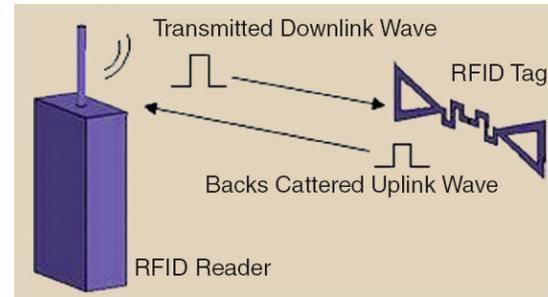
# Engineering Nano-Systems



## Energy Efficient Multicore Processors

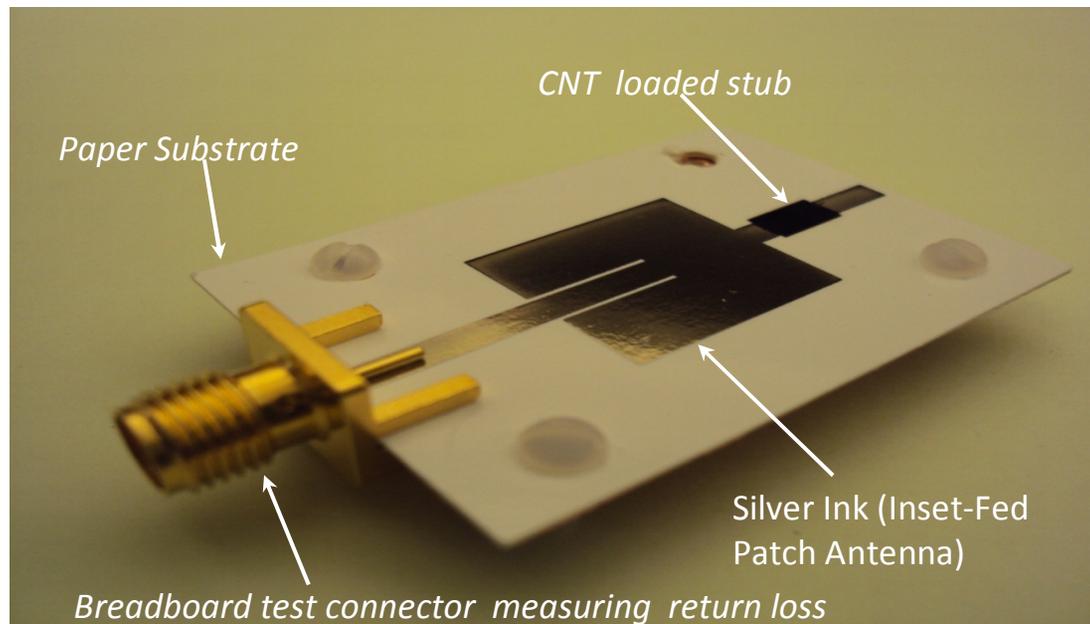
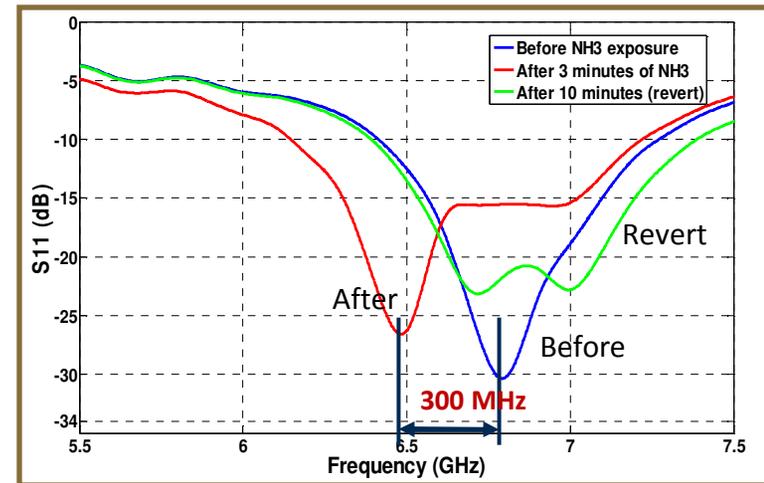


## Energy Efficient Sensor Networks



# CNT Based Antenna for Sensor Applications

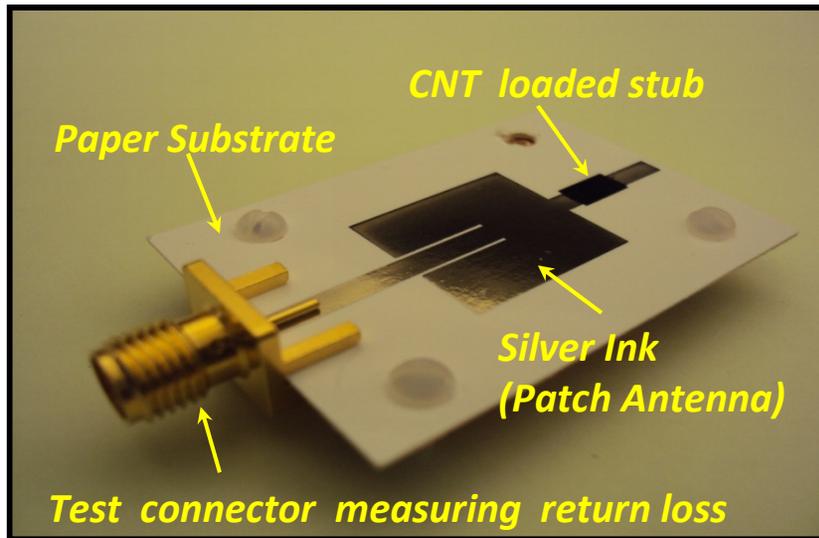
- Trace ammonia OFF/ON/OFF (25 ppm)
- Phenomenon #1: RF Resonance Frequency Shift (remote [standoff] RF detection)
- Phenomenon #2: Passive Backscatter Measurement (less sensitive to environment than #1)



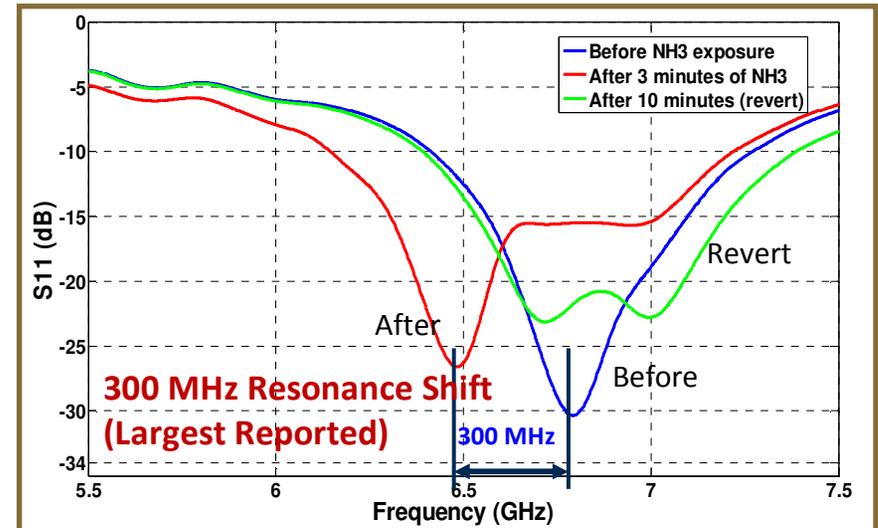
**Unique Approach**  
Apply CNT to only a small part of the antenna to **Minimize conductive losses**

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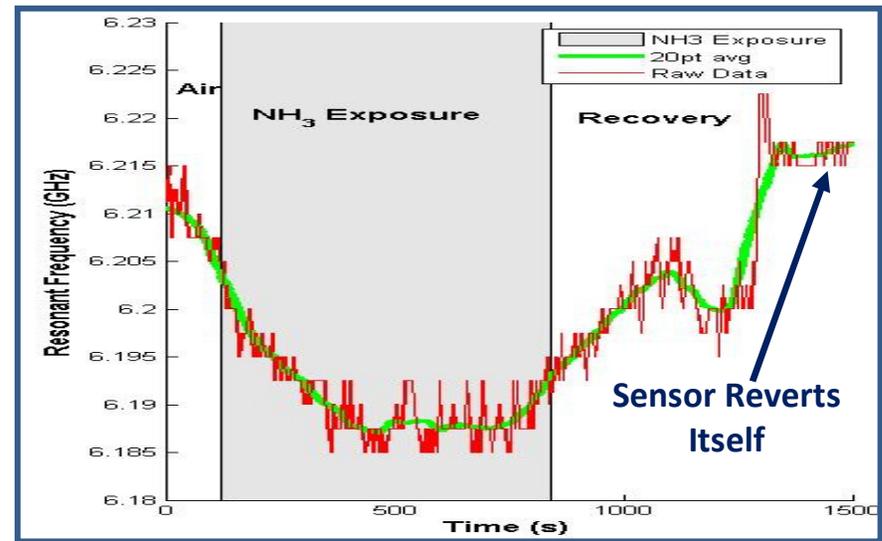
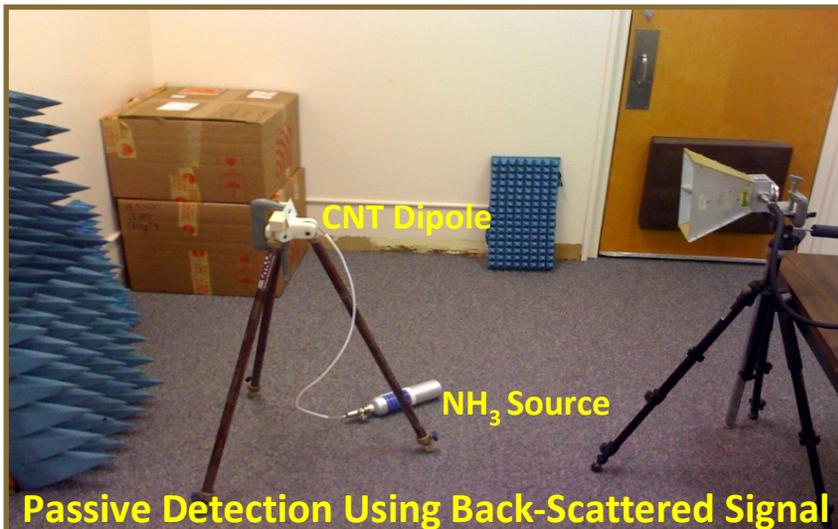
# CNT based Antenna Sensor Experimental Validation



Detection of Ammonia Using Resonance Shift



Low-Power Detection Using Reflected Signal

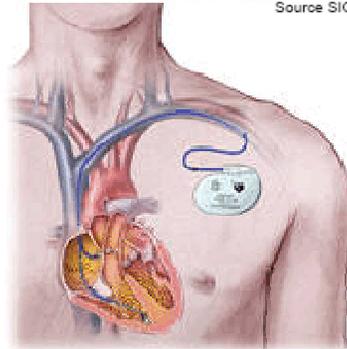
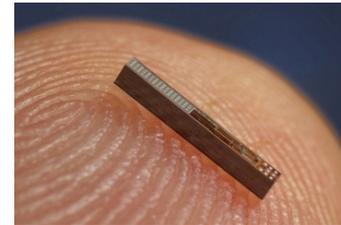
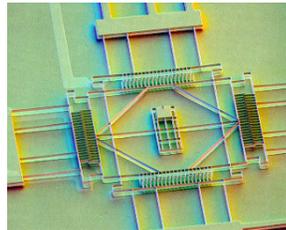
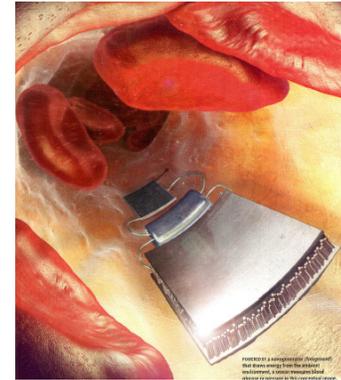
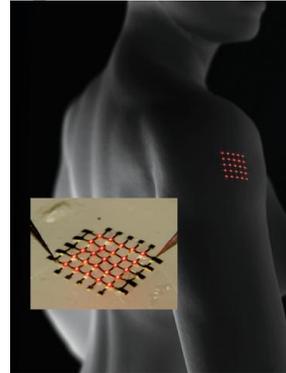
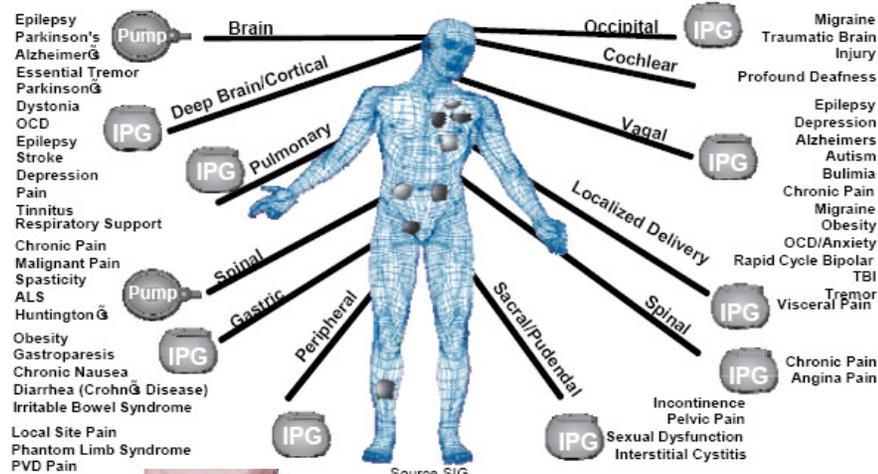


Time Line of Passive Resonance Detection

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# Harvesting Energy from Body Motion

## The Battery Problem



How much energy does each of us have?

**Table 1.** Mechanical energy from typical body motions and the expected electrical energy can be generated.

| Activity     | Mechanical | Electrical | Electrical energy per movement |
|--------------|------------|------------|--------------------------------|
| Blood flow   | 0.93W      | 0.16W      | 0.16J                          |
| Exhalation   | 1.00W      | 0.17W      | 1.02J                          |
| Breath       | 0.83W      | 0.14W      | 0.84J                          |
| Upper limbs  | 3.00W      | 0.51W      | 2.25J                          |
| Fingers type | 6.9-19mW   | 1.2-3.2mW  | 226-406μJ                      |
| Walk         | 67.00W     | 11.39W     | 18.9J                          |



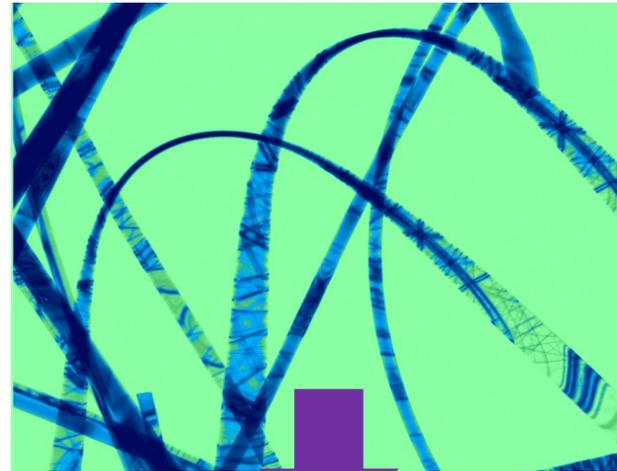
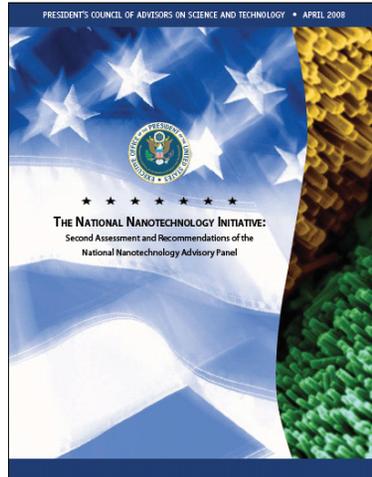
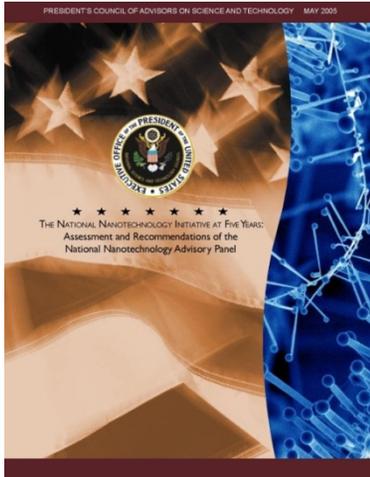
Irregular energy:

- Low frequency;
- Variable frequency;
- Variable amplitudes

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# Controlled Growth of ZnO Nanowires

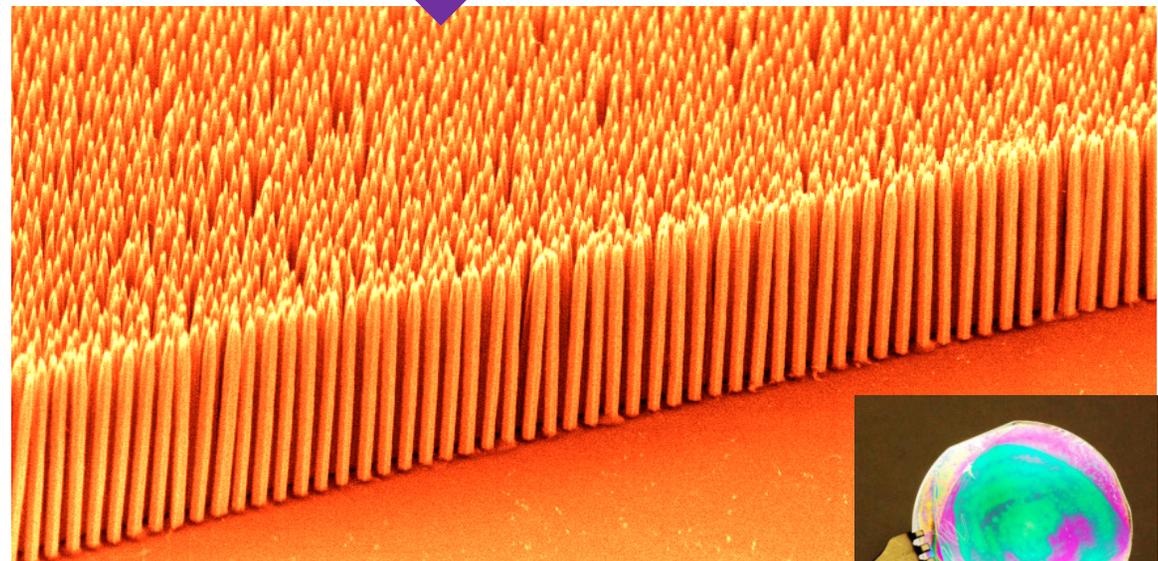
ZnO



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ZnO:

- Semiconductor
- Piezoelectricity
- Optical material



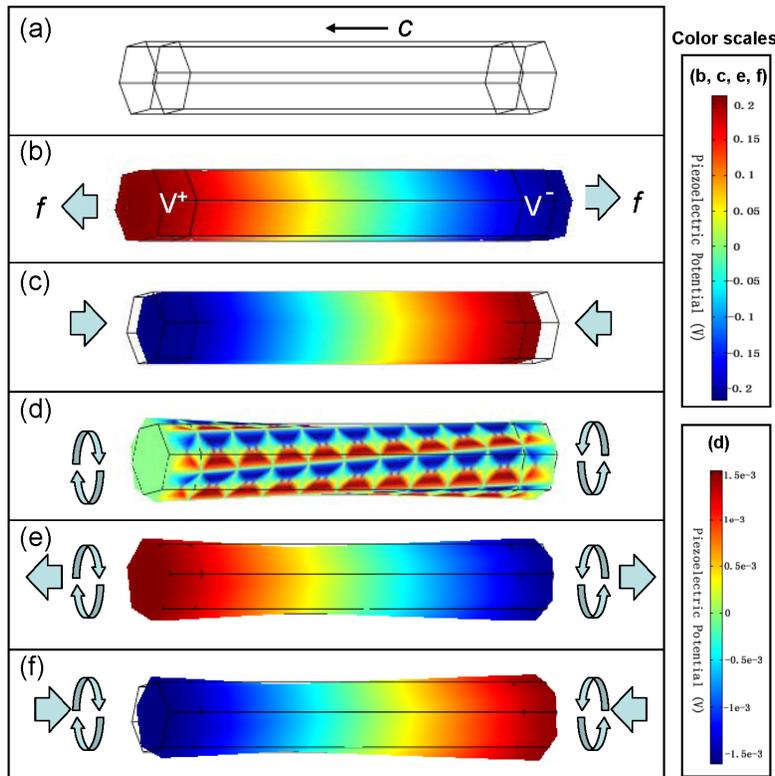
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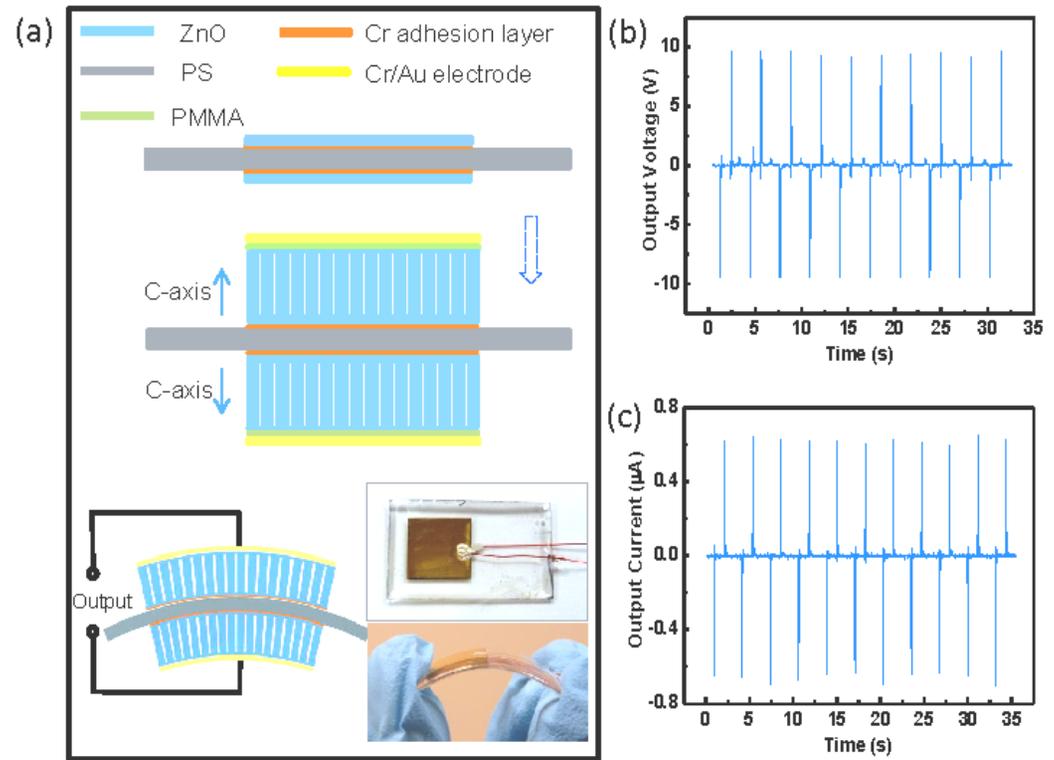
# ZnO Nanowire and Nanogenerator Operating Principle

Piezoelectric potential for ZnO nanowire

Nanogenerator and its output



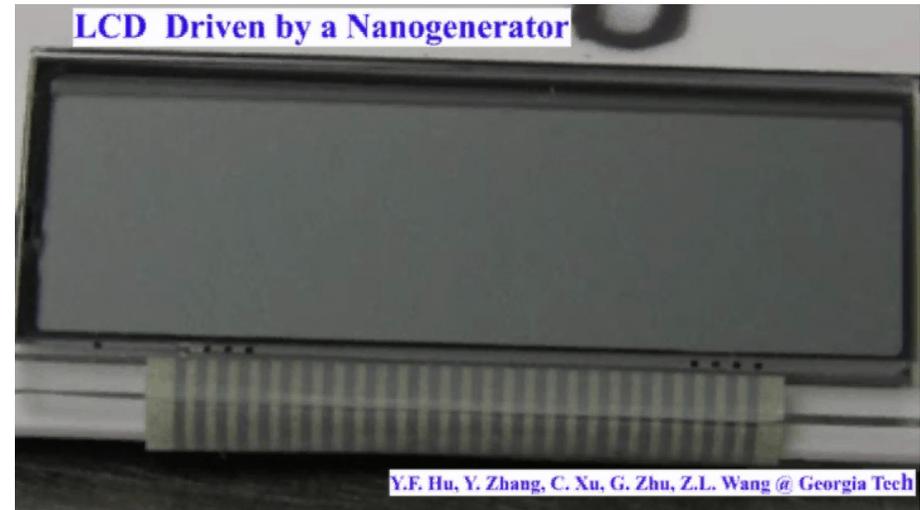
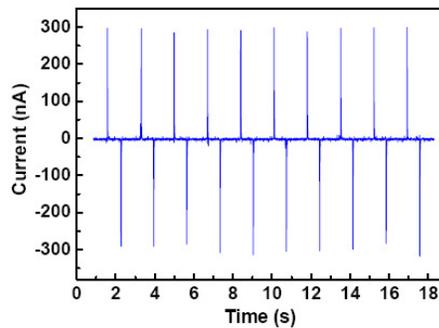
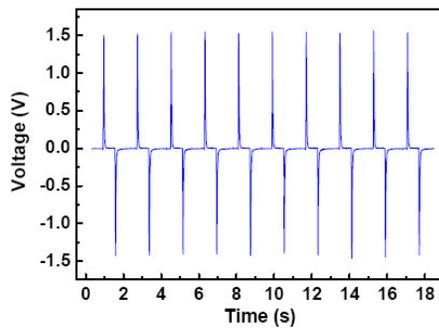
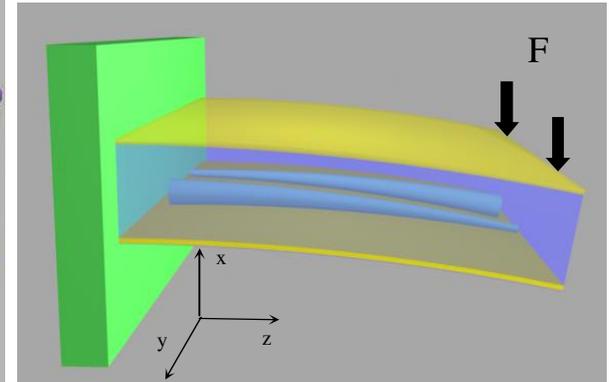
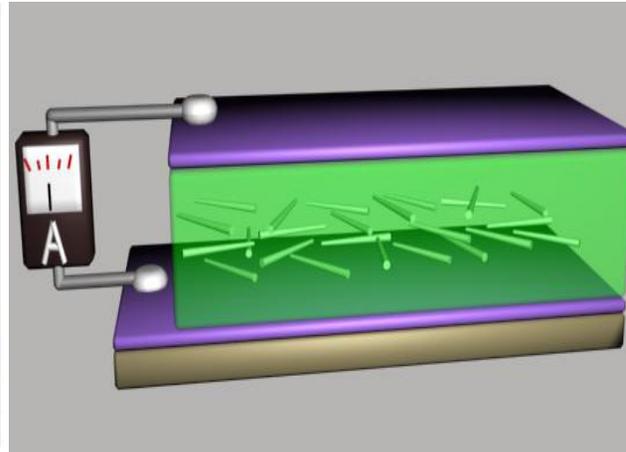
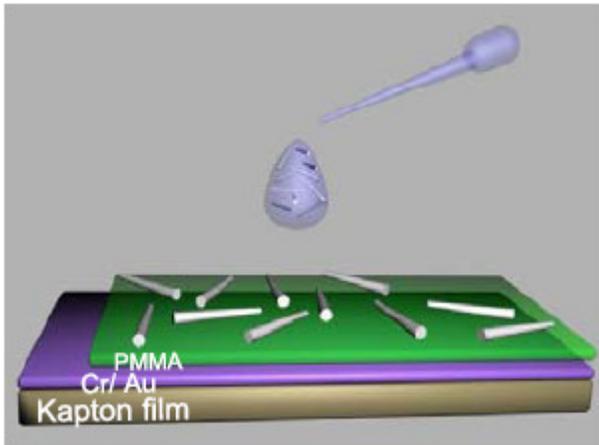
60 – 85nN of force



Flexible

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# Driving LCD using Nanogenerator



Hu, Zhang, Xu ... Wang, Nano Letts.

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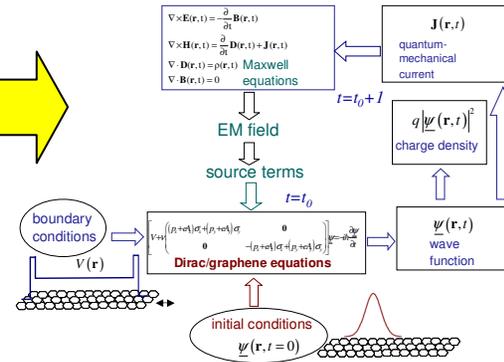
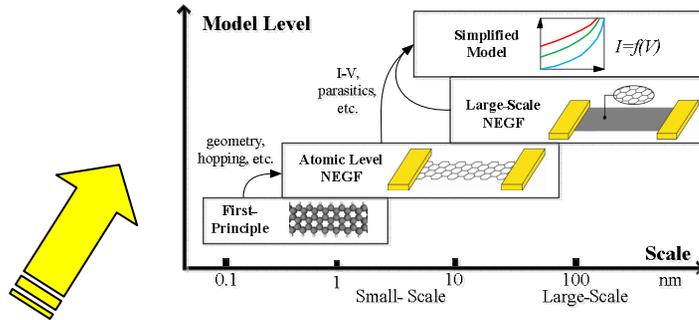


# What will limit the move from Nano-Science into Nano-Engg. ?

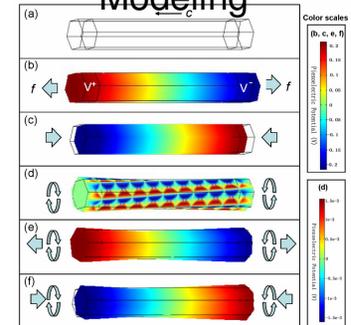
## Need for a Computational Cyber Infrastructure

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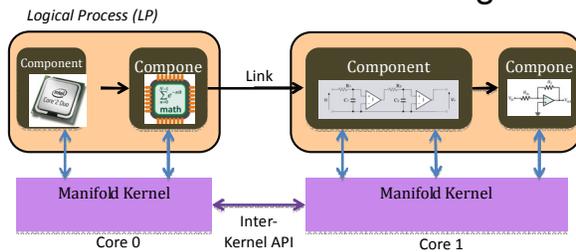
Combined EM/Device Modeling



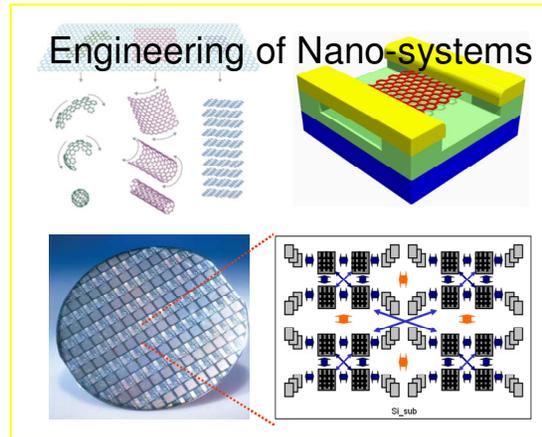
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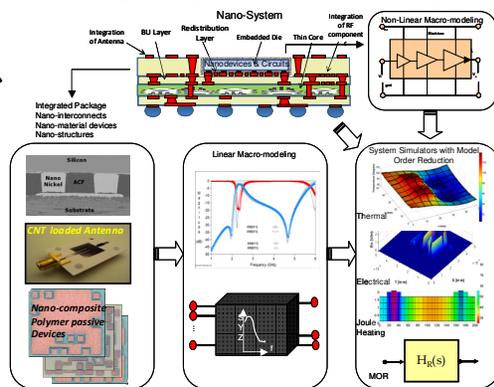
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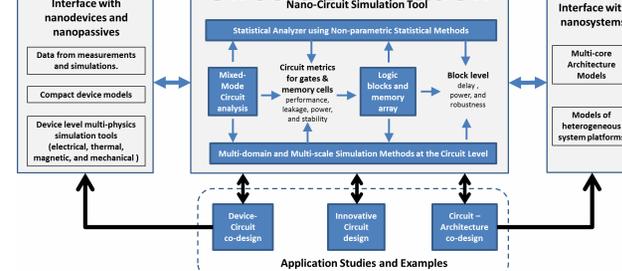
Engineering of Nano-systems



Package/System Modeling



Circuit Simulation



# Summary

- ❑ Similar to transistor integration for ICs, System on Package (SOP) technologies provide component integration for systems
- ❑ Digital, RF and Optical convergence have been the drivers for SOP over the last two decades
- ❑ SOP has led to ~1000X reduction in the size of system level components
- ❑ Nano convergence with sensing and energy harvesting – the next big wave for SOP
- ❑ Move from the regime of Nano-science to the realm of Nano-engineering required
- ❑ Requires a further ~1000X reduction in system component dimensions to enable nano-systems



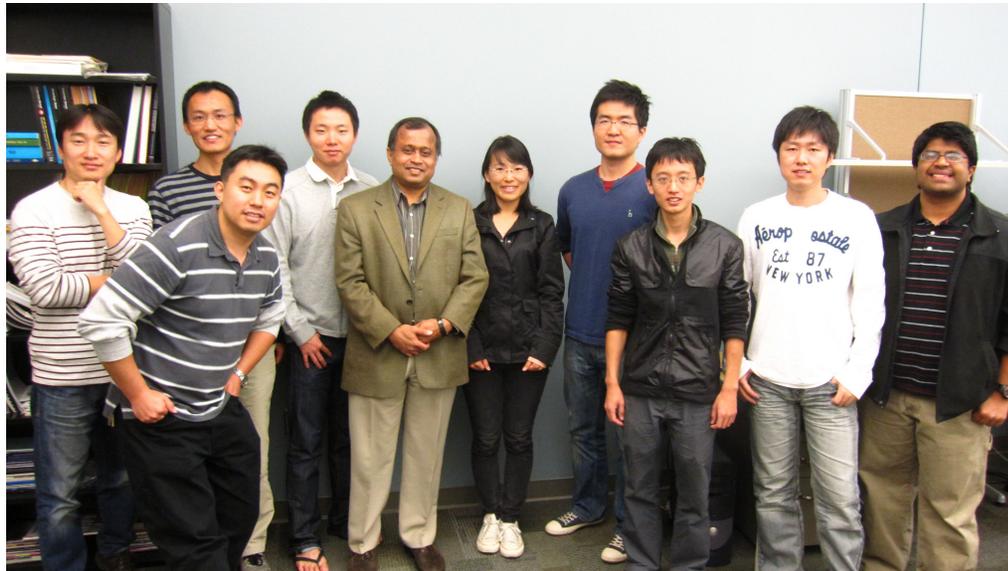
Innovations from our  
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# Upcoming Book on 3D Design and Modeling for 3D ICs and Interposers



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