



State of the art in Microfabrication

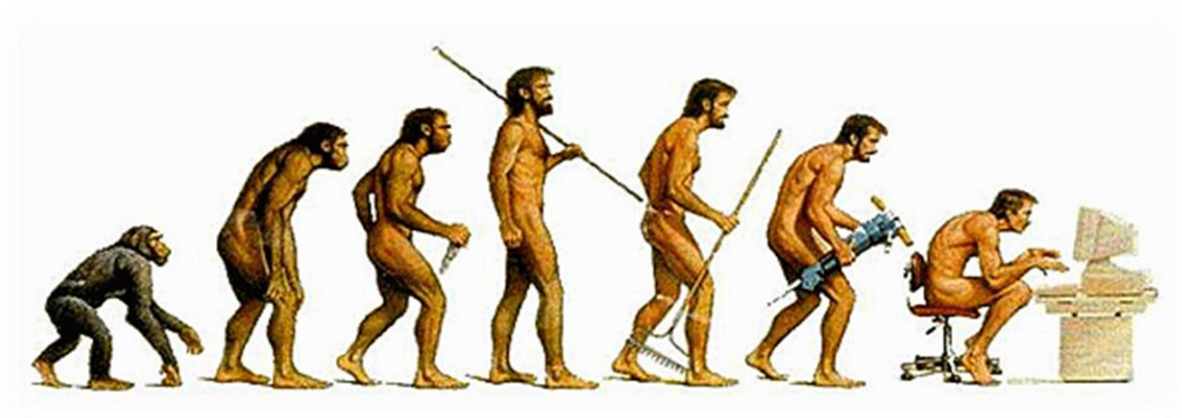
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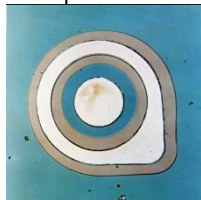
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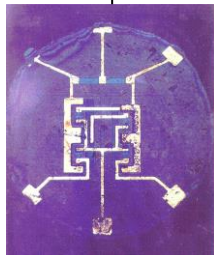


The beginning: 1960s

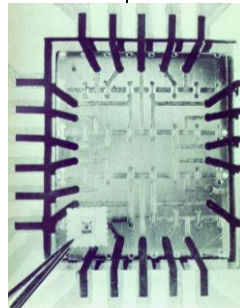
1958 Fairchild
First planar transistor



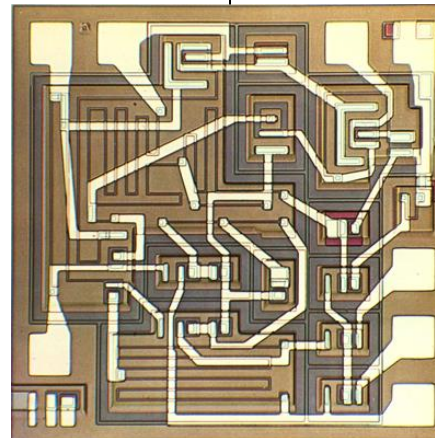
1961 Fairchild
4T5R flip-flop



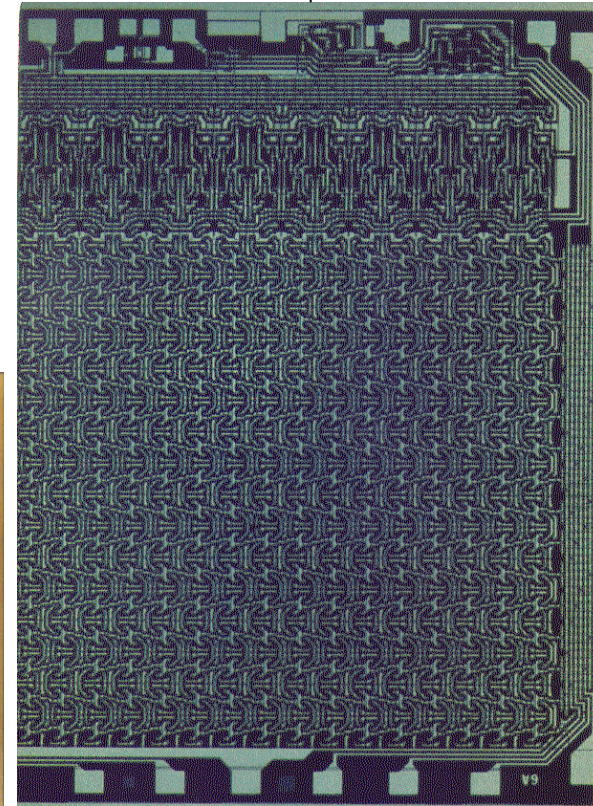
1962 RCA
16T logic chip



1965 Fairchild
opamp



1968 Fairchild
2kT SRAM chip





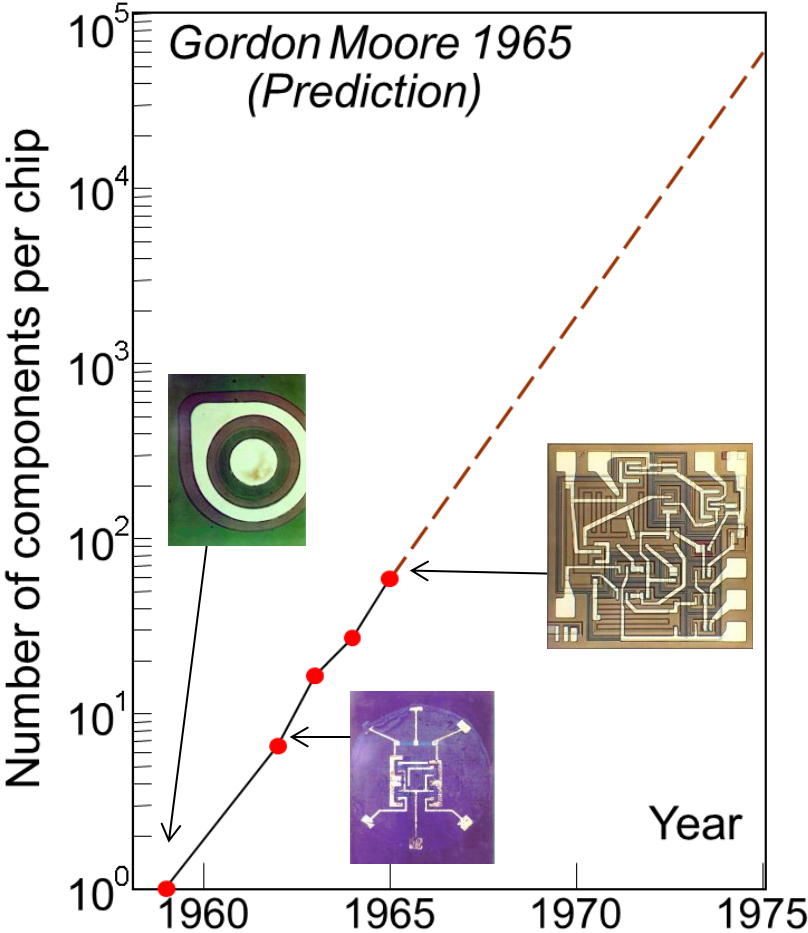
Gordon Moore 1965

Transistors keep getting cheaper!

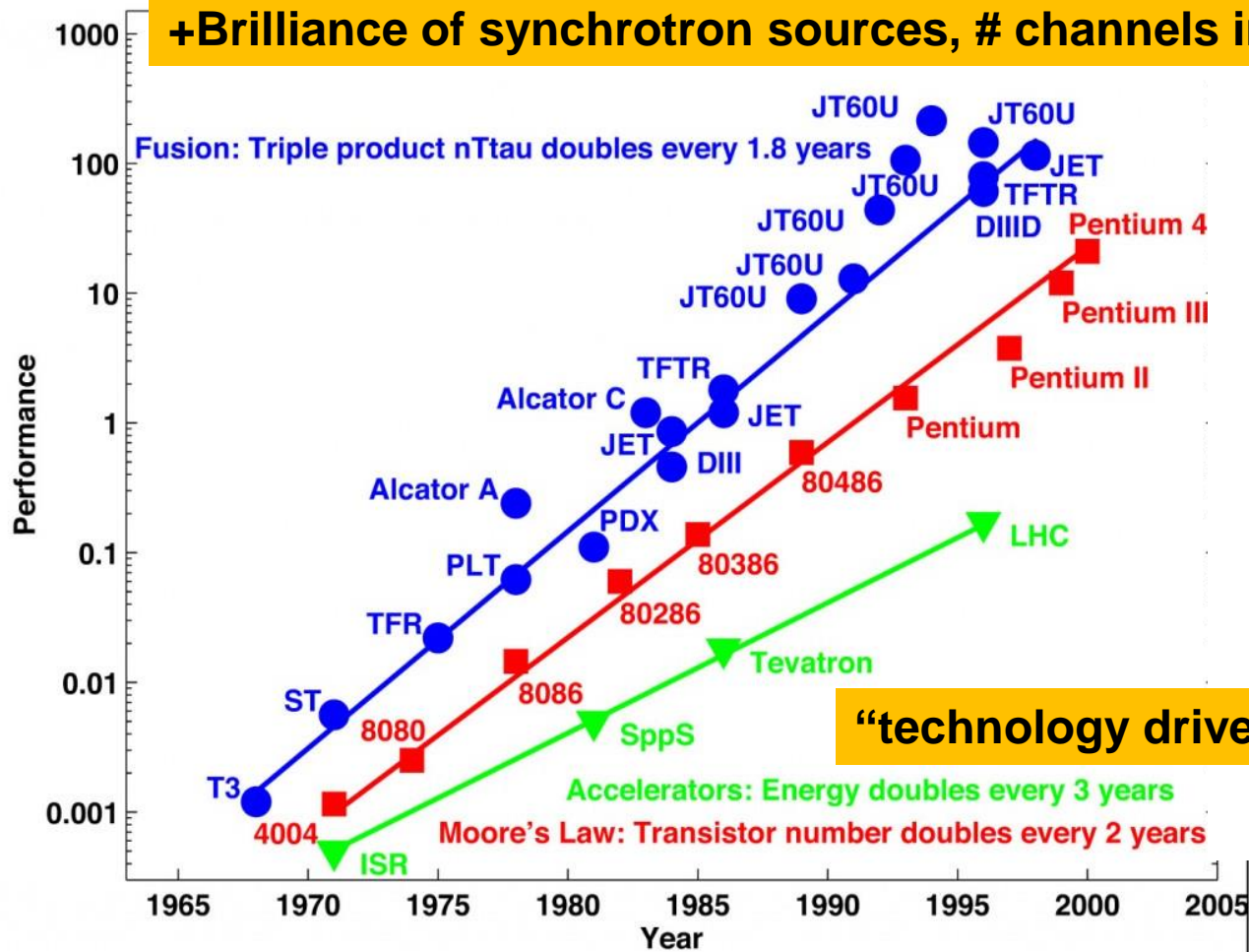
- Smaller components
- Bigger chips & wafers
- Better skills

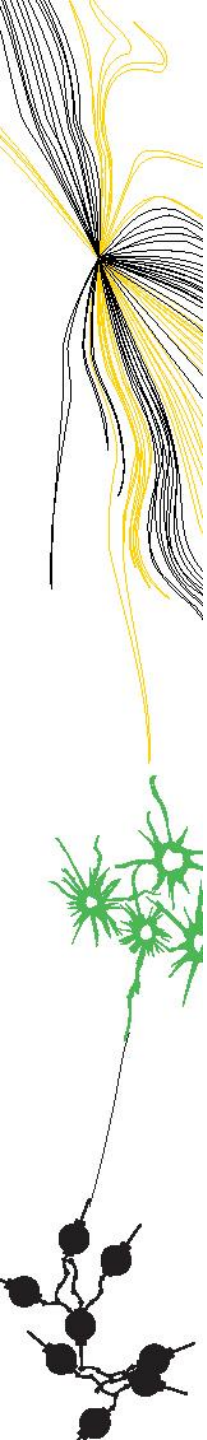
“Moore’s Law”:

The number of components on a chip doubles every year



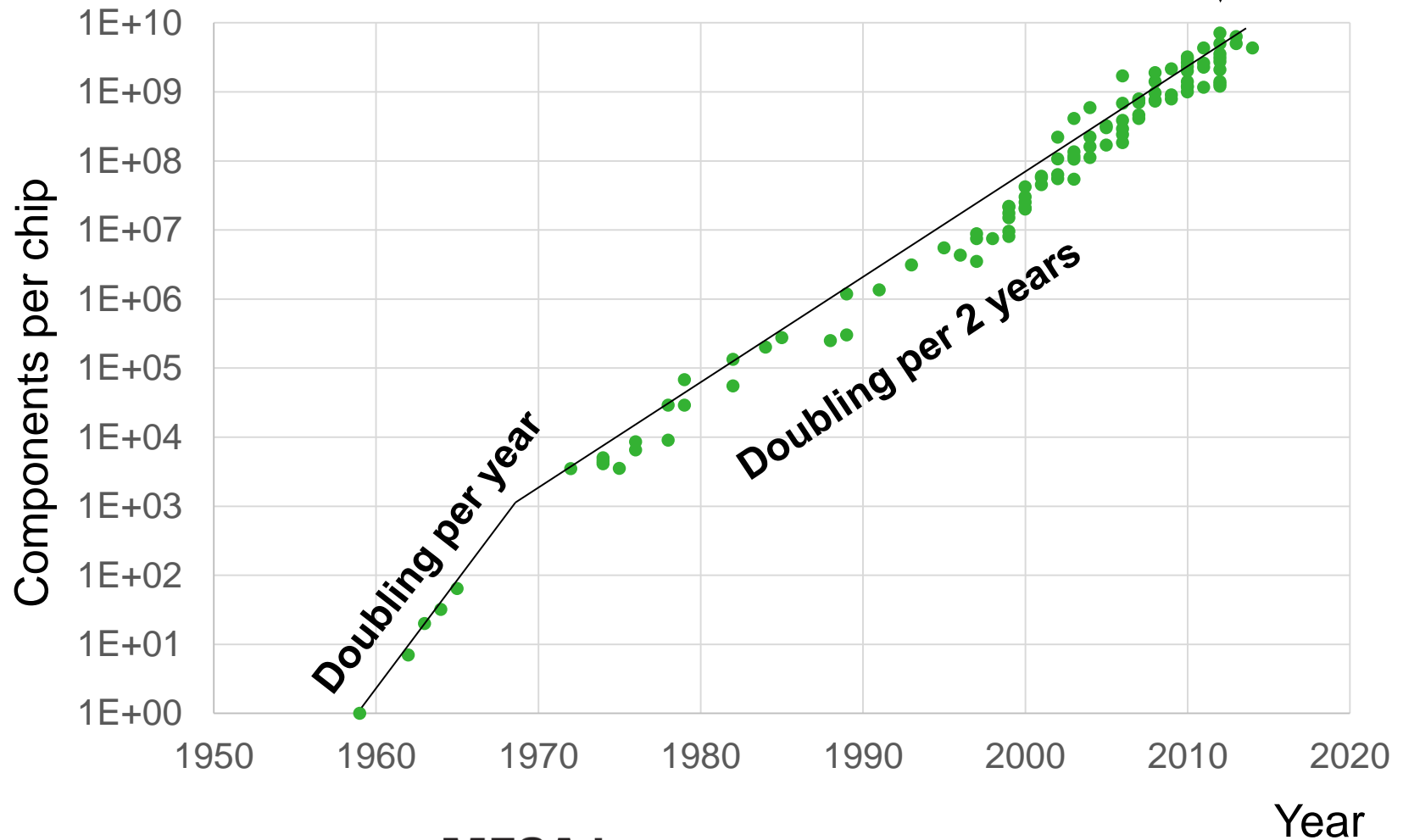
Moore's Law – chips, accelerators, fusion...





How is Moore's Law keeping up?

GPU's beat CPU's





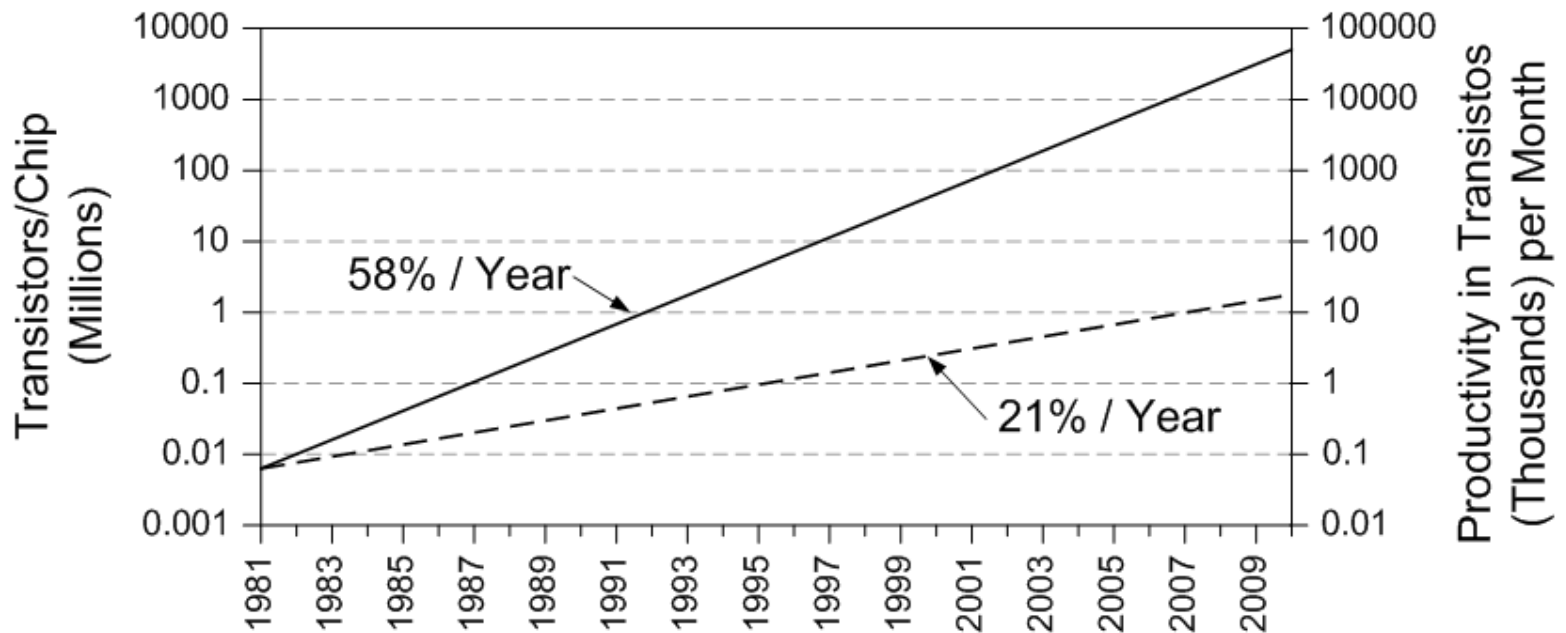
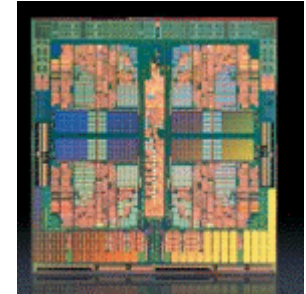
Moore's Law: perspective

- Transistor gate length scaling is slowing down (10% per generation)
- 300 → 450 mm transition is delayed to 2020
- ITRS roadmap: multiple breakthroughs required by 2018
- ... what happens next?



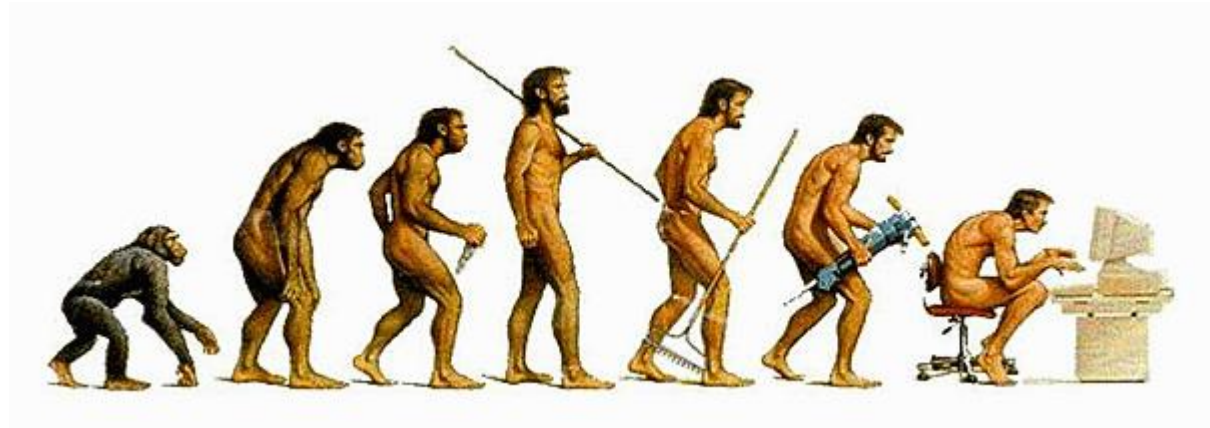
Microchips keep getting better

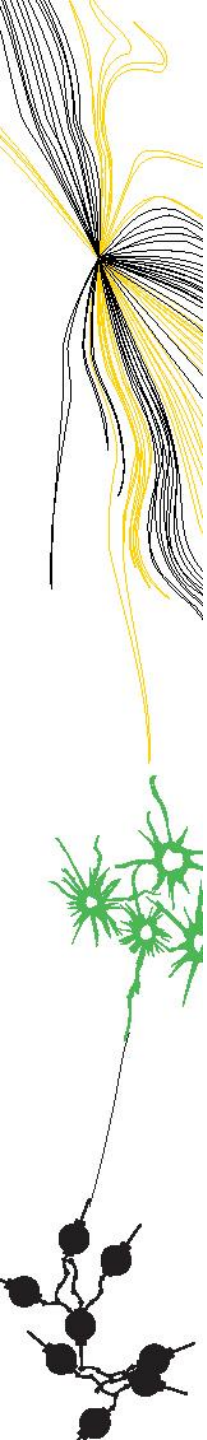
- Design gap
- Multicore processors
- Transistor performance boosters



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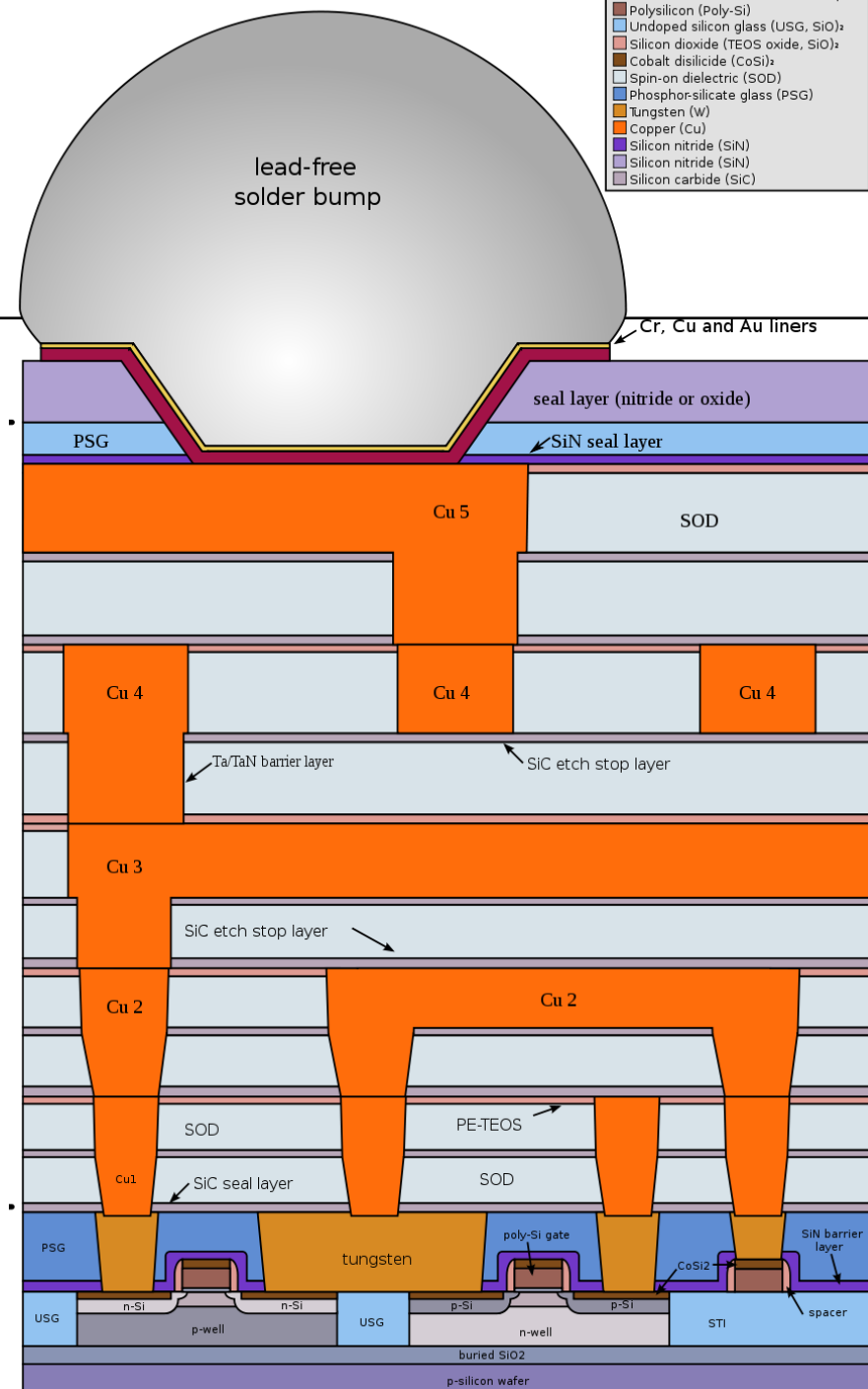




The CMOS chip

Complexity is more than transistors alone:

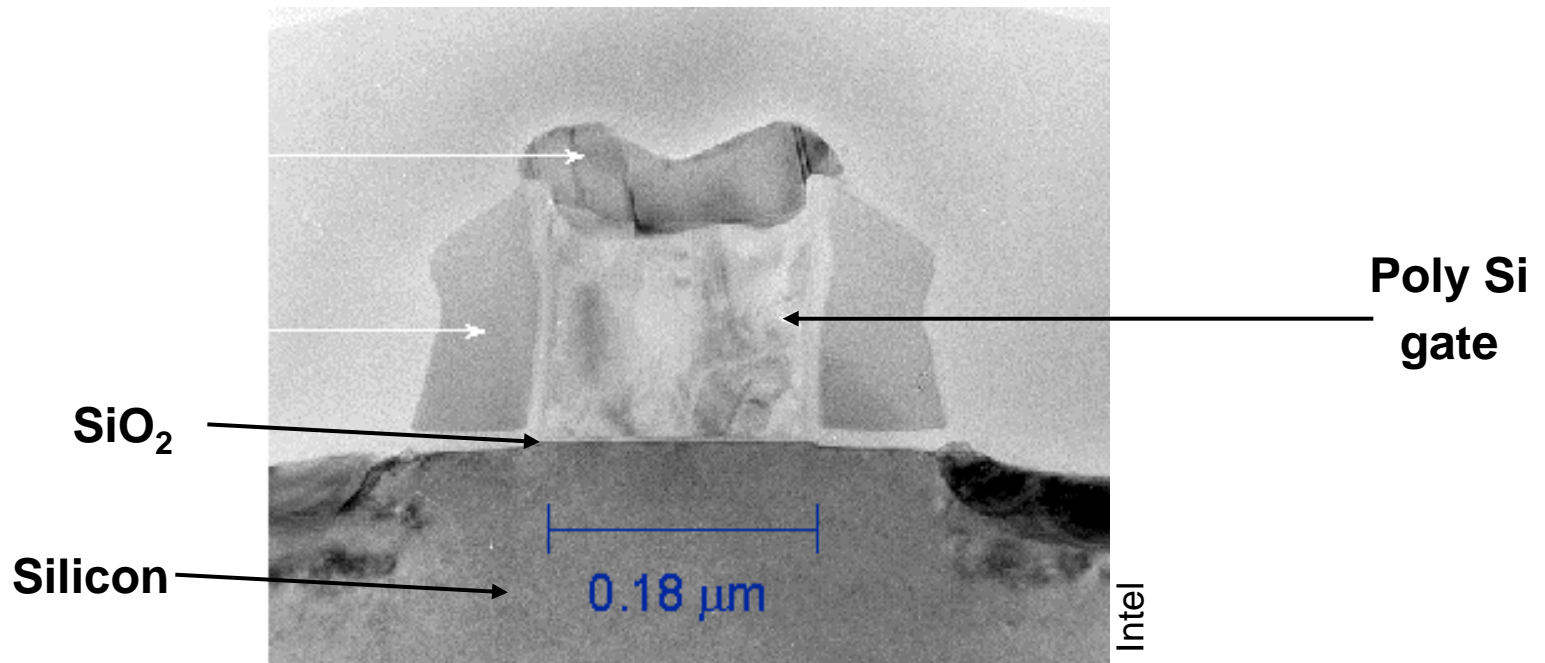
A cm² chip may contain
 ~20 km wires
 ~10¹⁰ contacts



Transistor evolution

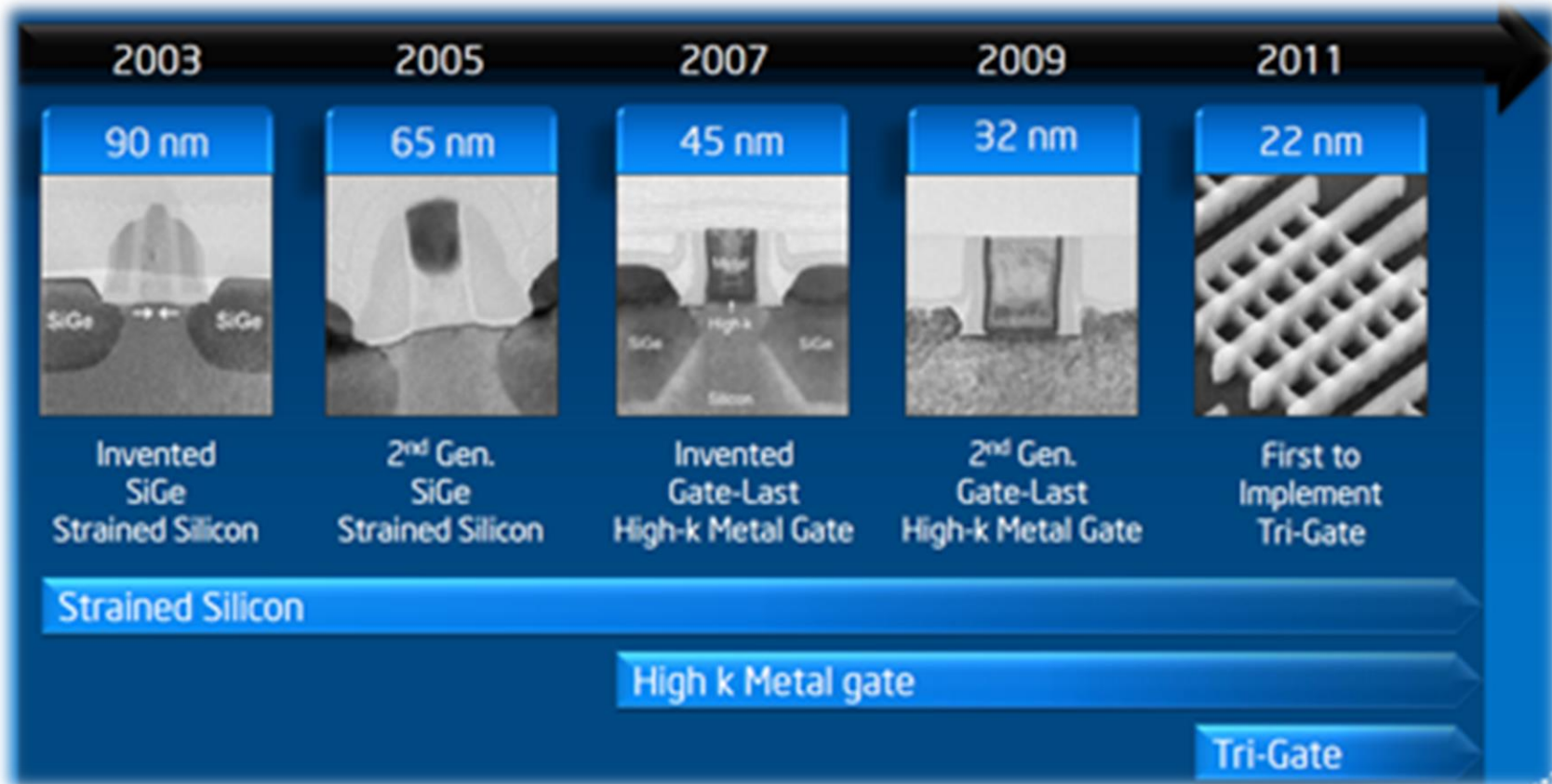
1970-2000: “the happy scaling era”

- Keep everything the same, only miniaturize it: $1/\sqrt{2}$ per generation



Transistor evolution (2)

2000-present: new technologies to boost performance



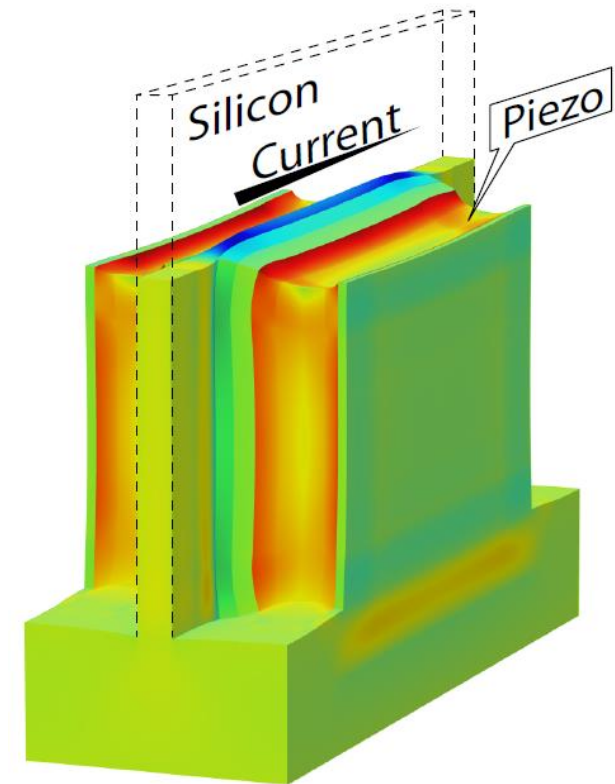
Intel

Another performance booster: Permanent strain → active strain modulation

- Switch strain on and off
- Use piezoelectric material (e.g. PZT)
- High on-current & low off-current

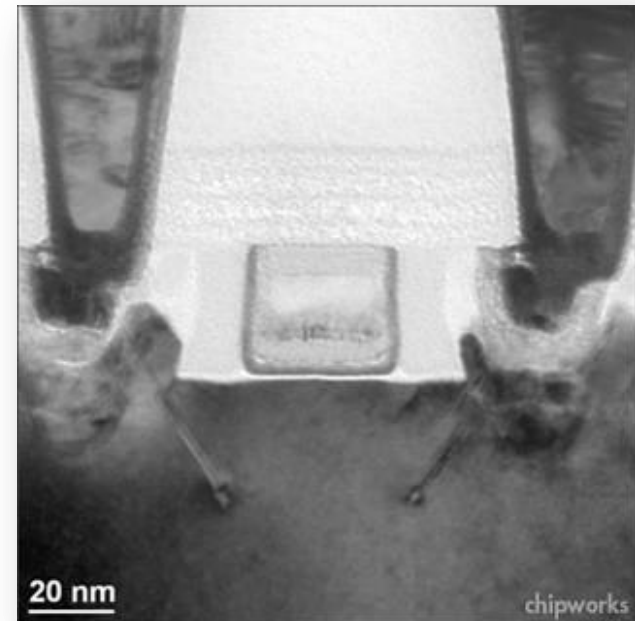
T. Van Hemert et al., IEEE Trans. El. Dev. 2013

B. Kaleli et al., IEEE Trans. El. Dev. 2014



The art of microchips today

- 1-nm precision manufacturing
- Atomic sharp interfaces
- High-purity materials
- Best mastered:
 - Aluminum, copper, tungsten
 - Silicon; SiGe alloys
 - SiO_2 , HfO_2 , Si_3N_4

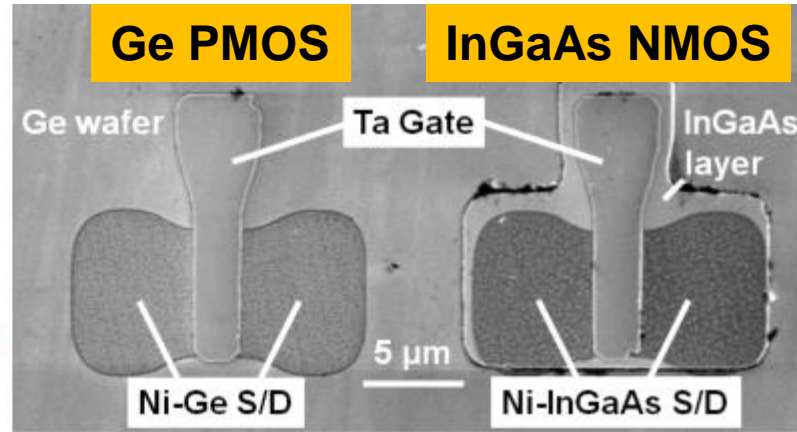
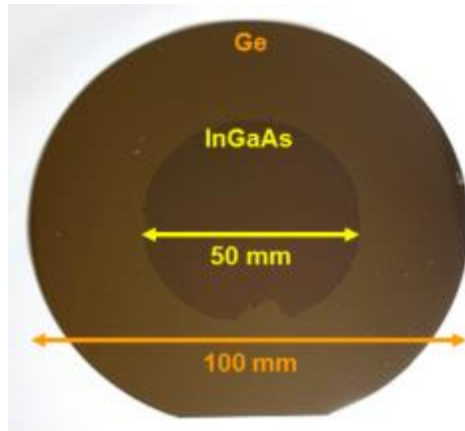


Conventional wisdom:

“If you can do it in CMOS, do it in CMOS”

“If you can do it in silicon, do it in silicon”

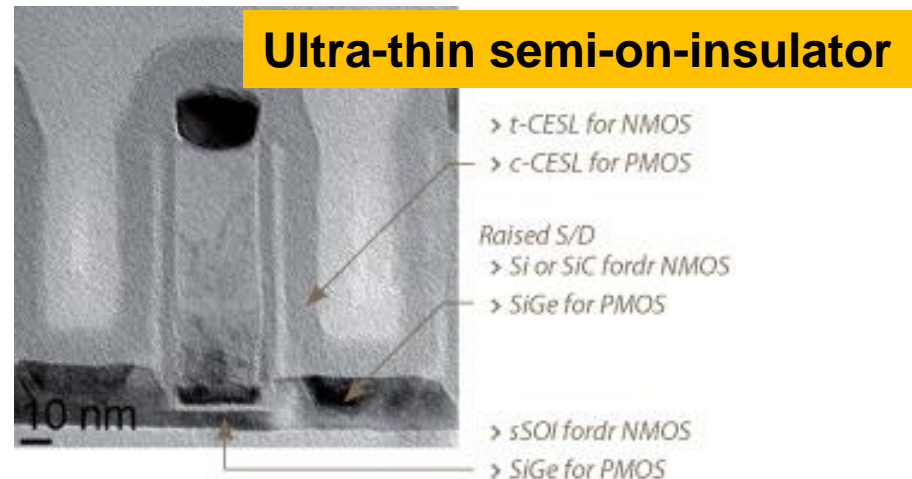
Emerging technologies in microelectronics: Replacing good old silicon



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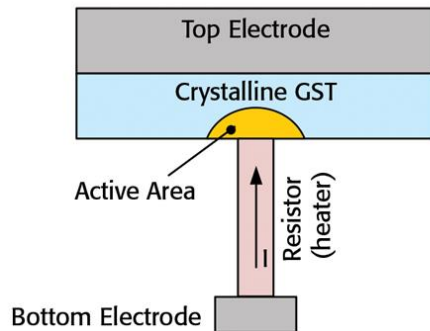
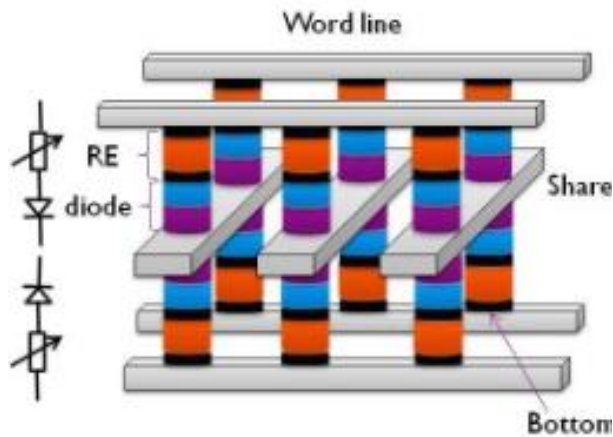


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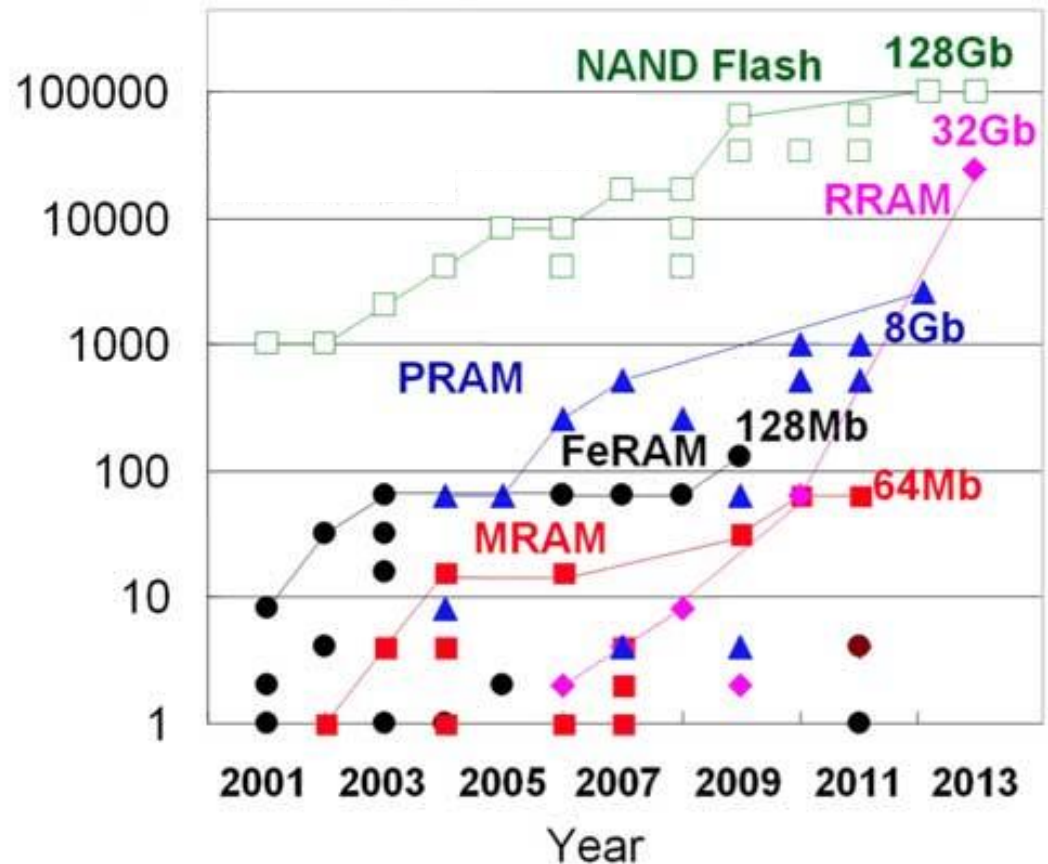


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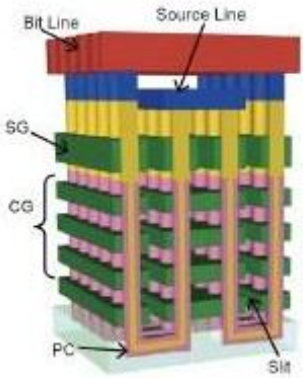
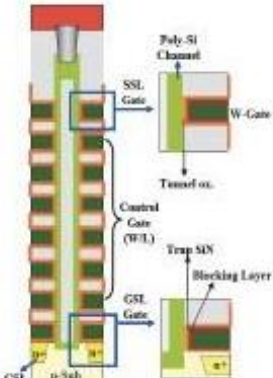
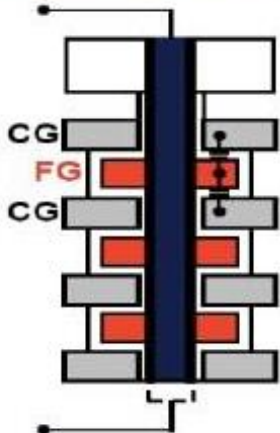
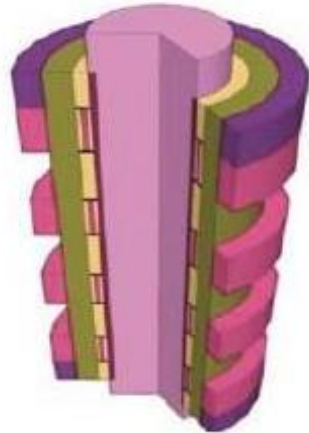
Emerging technologies in microelectronics: Replacing FLASH memory



Storage Capacity [Mb].

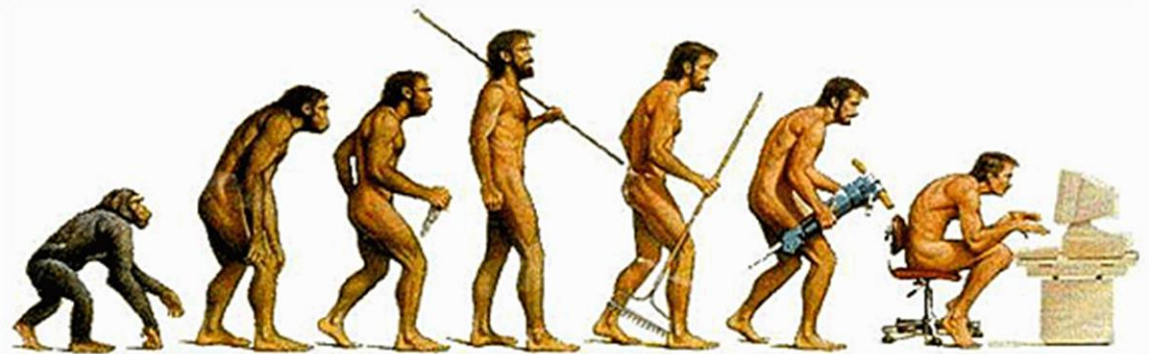


But meanwhile, FLASH is going 3D

	p-BiCS (Toshiba)	TCAT (Samsung)	3D FG (Hynix)	Micron
Structure	 <p>Tanaka. H, VLSIT 2007</p>	 <p>J. Jang, VLSIT 2009</p>	 <p>S. Whang, IEDM 2010</p>	 <p>G. Hawk, FMS 2011</p>
Key Features	- P+ SONOS Cell	- TANOS Cell	- Floating Gate	?

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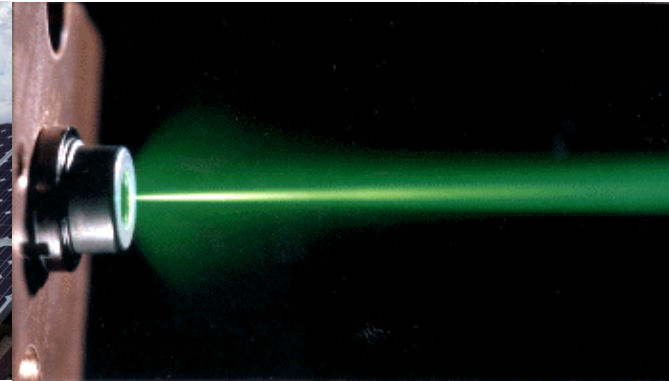
Microtechnology: more than chips



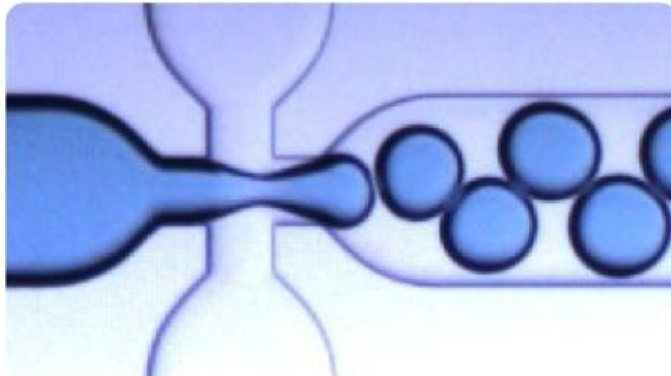
Light Emitting Diodes



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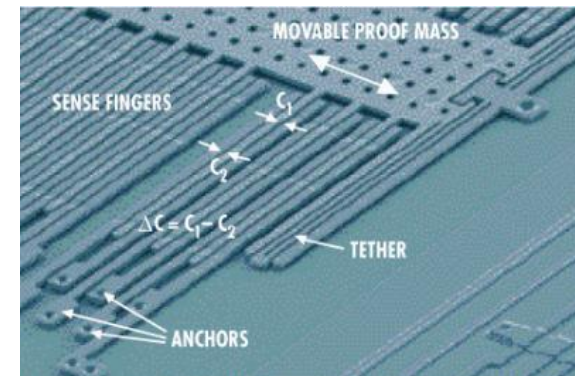
Semiconductor lasers



Microfluidics



Flat Panel Displays

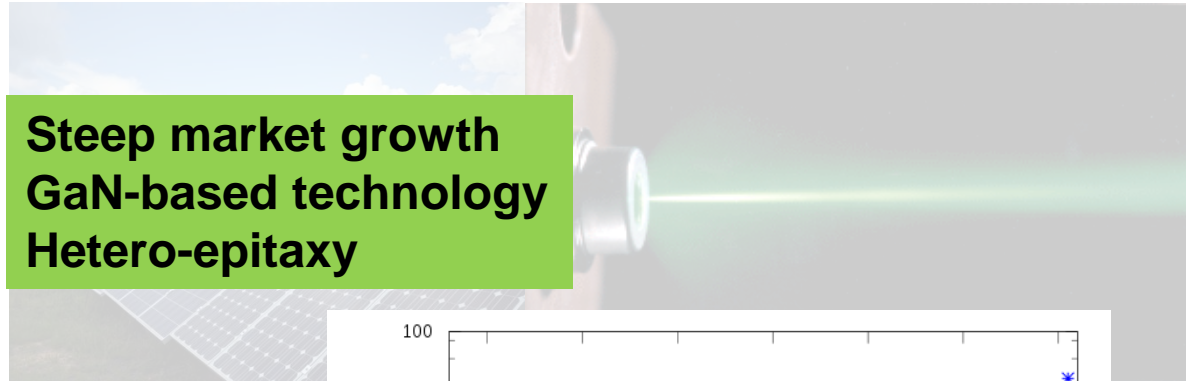


Sensors

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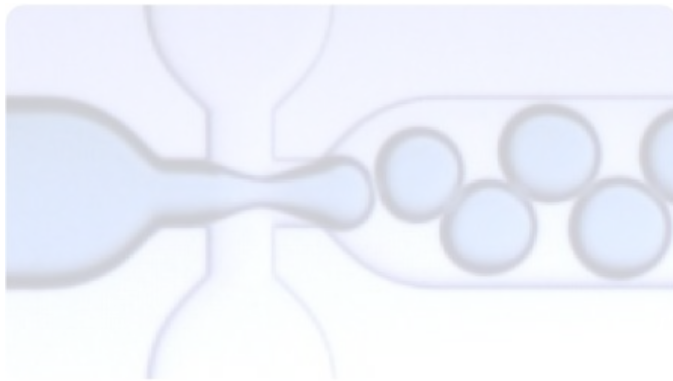


Light Emitting Diodes



Steep market growth
GaN-based technology
Hetero-epitaxy

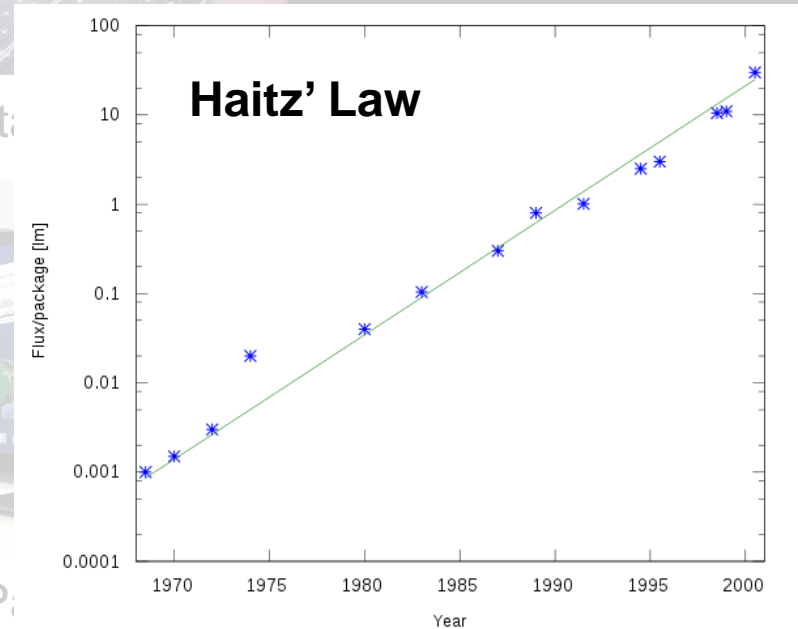
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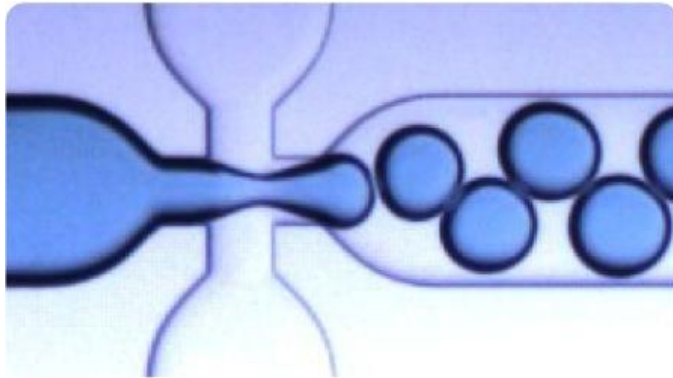


Light Emitting Diodes



**High potential:
Point-of-care medicine
Internet-of-things
Uses mainstream technology**

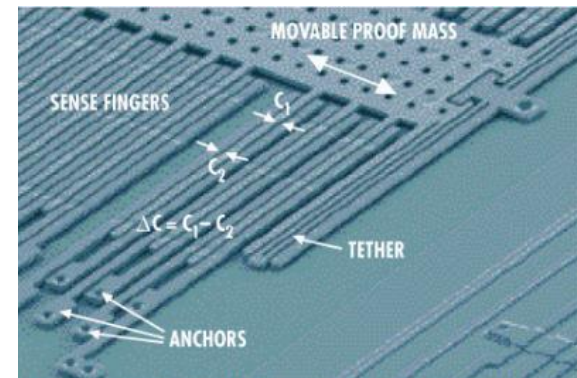
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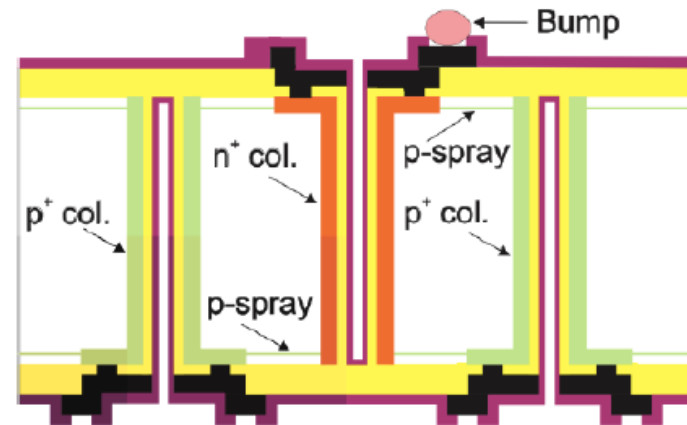
...and sensors for radiation imaging!

Microfabricated sensors in particle physics:

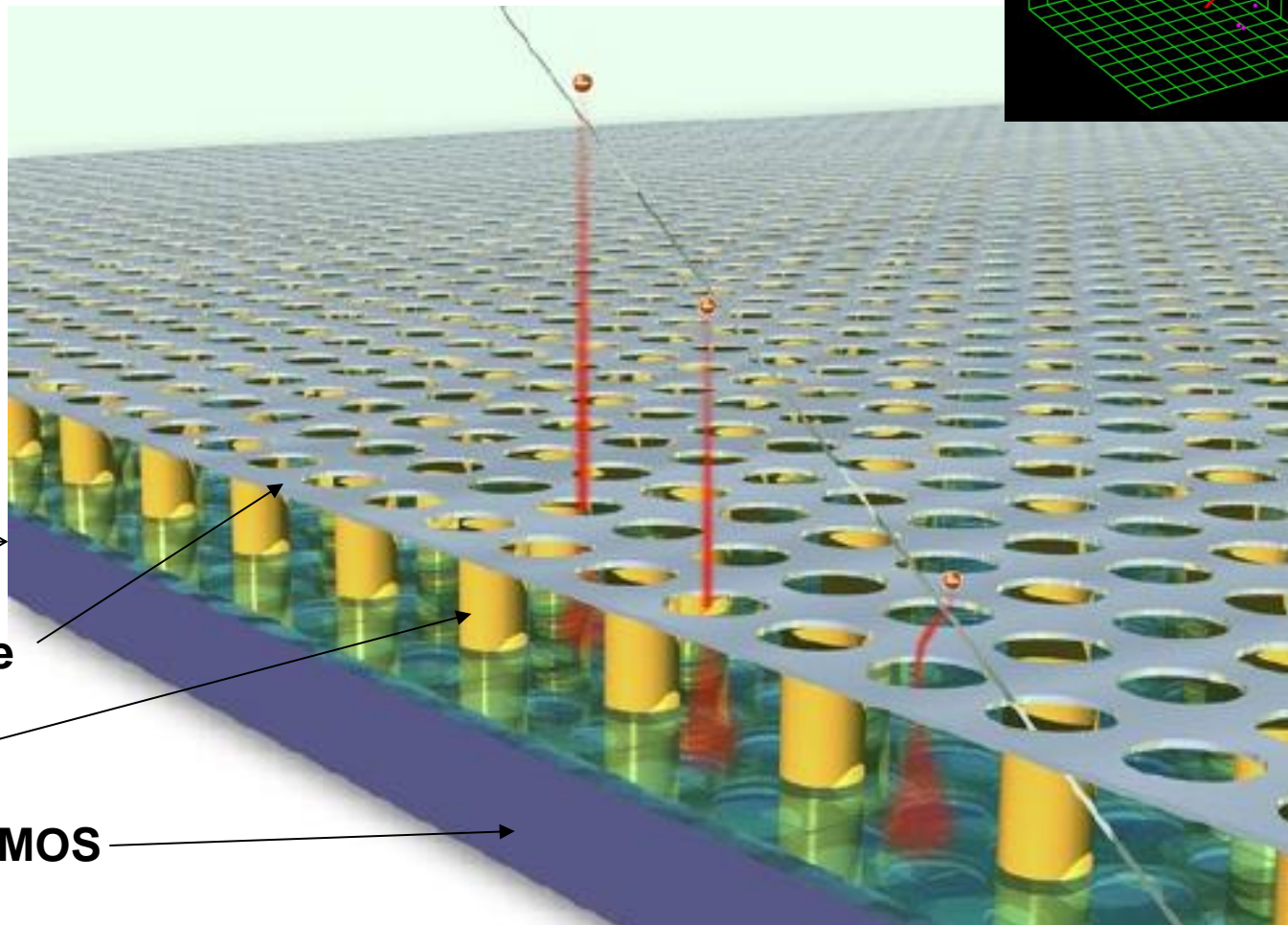
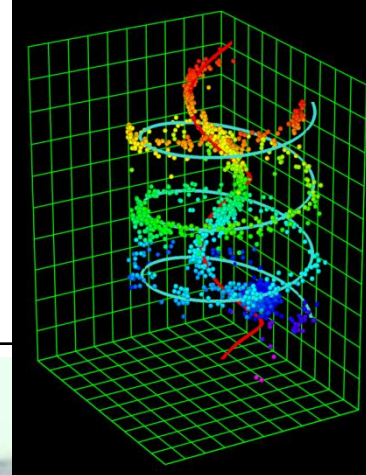
- Silicon detectors
- Charge-coupled devices
- Silicon photomultipliers
- CMOS-APS based detectors
- ...

Focus on semiconductors for signal generation.

- Scintillators? Gas?



InGrid: a radiation imaging detector



TimePix

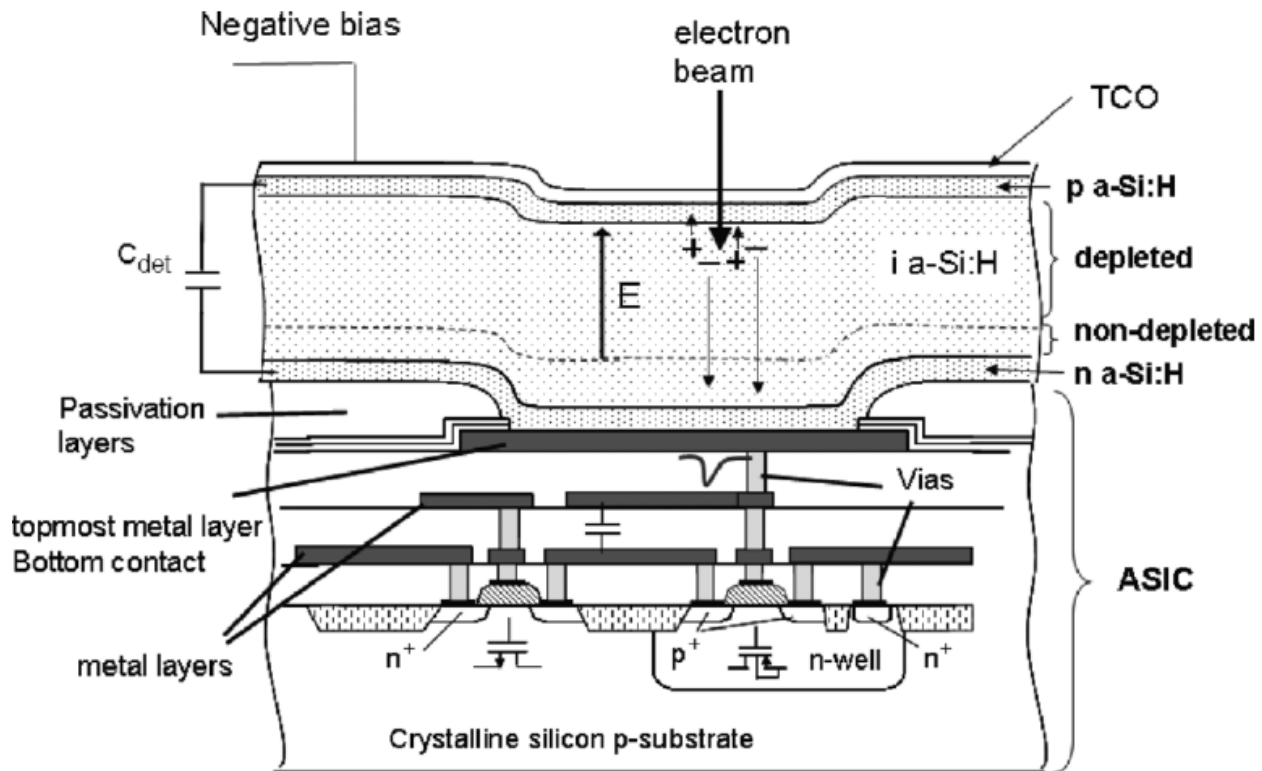
Al electrode

SU-8 post

Standard CMOS

Images: Nikhef

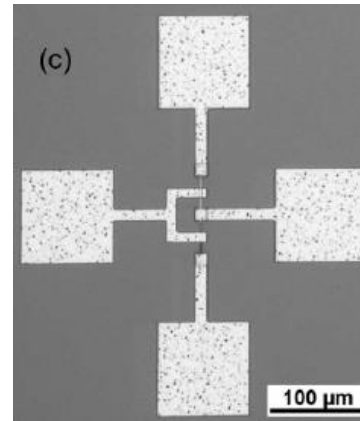
Semiconductors on top of CMOS



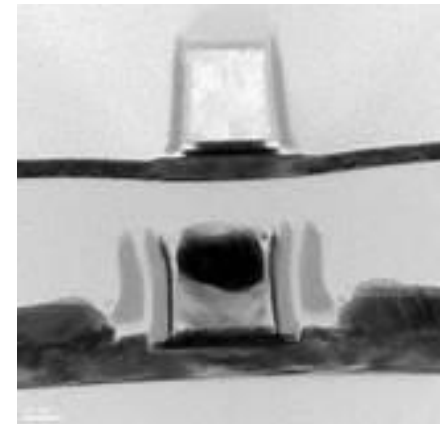
“TFA detector”, Andrea Franco et al., IEEE Trans. Nucl. Sci. 2012

Or vice versa?

- Stack thin-film transistors on your sensor
- Monocrystalline: 3D electronics as developed e.g. by LETI (Batude et al.)
- Polycrystalline:
e.g. I. Brunets et al.,
IEEE Trans. El. Dev. 2009
- Low temp fabrication ($\sim 400\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$)
- High interconnect density \gg TSV's



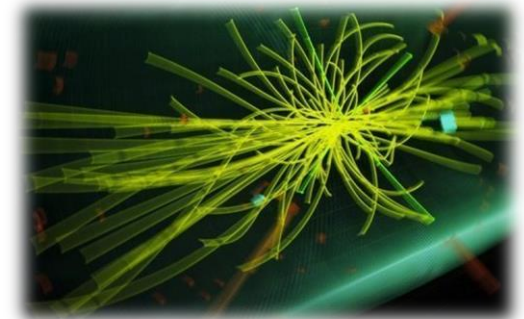
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Advances in microfabrication: Consequences for Particle Physics

- Miniaturized detector systems may boast
 - Improved resolution and speed
 - Reduced power consumption
 - Less X_0 , lower mass
 - Onboard intelligence
 - “The interconnect benefit”
- IC Future: new materials & lower-power circuits
 - New semiconductor materials: GaN, InGaAs, Ge, ...
 - Performance in radiation imaging?





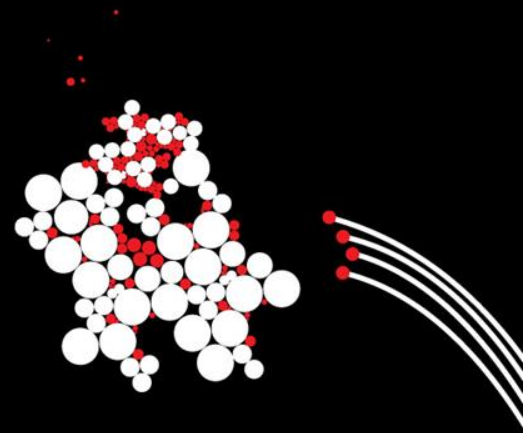
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- TIPP organizers
- Dutch Technology Foundation STW, Min. Economic Affairs, FOM and EU

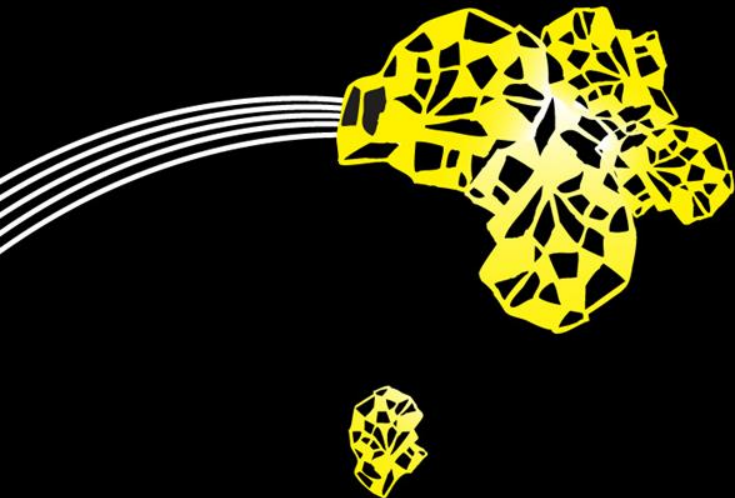


Ministerie van Economische Zaken

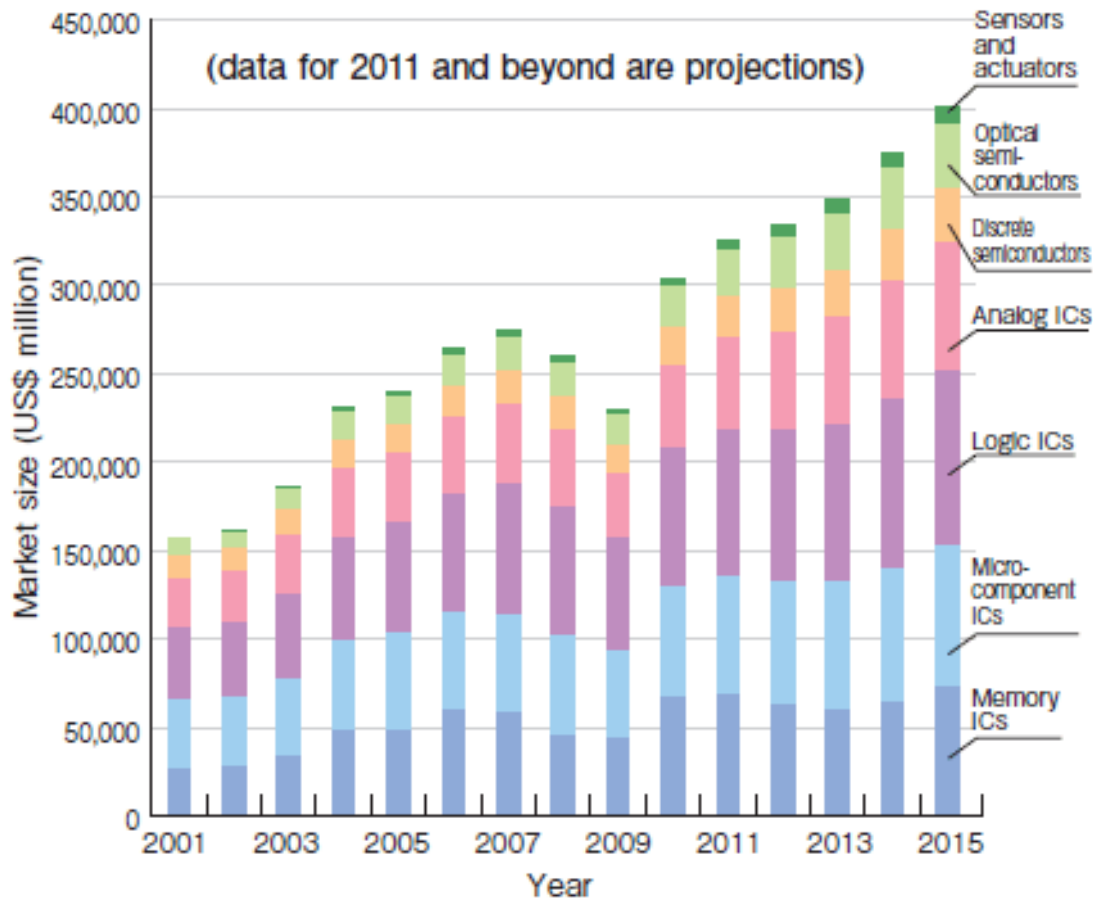


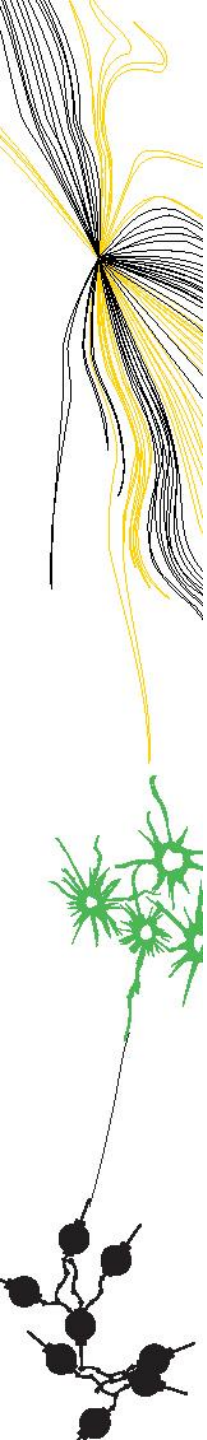


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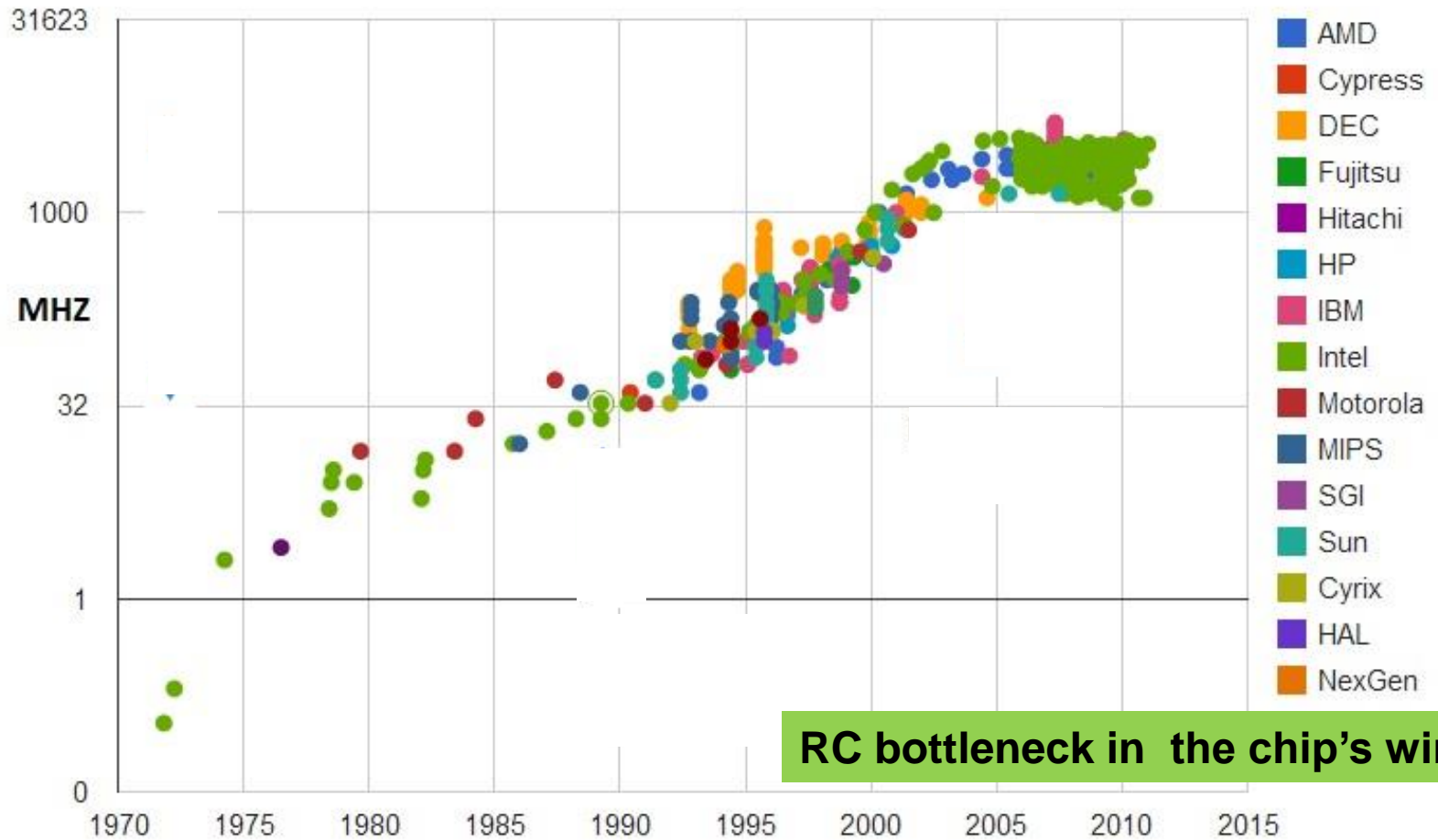


Semiconductor market: arguably the largest industry



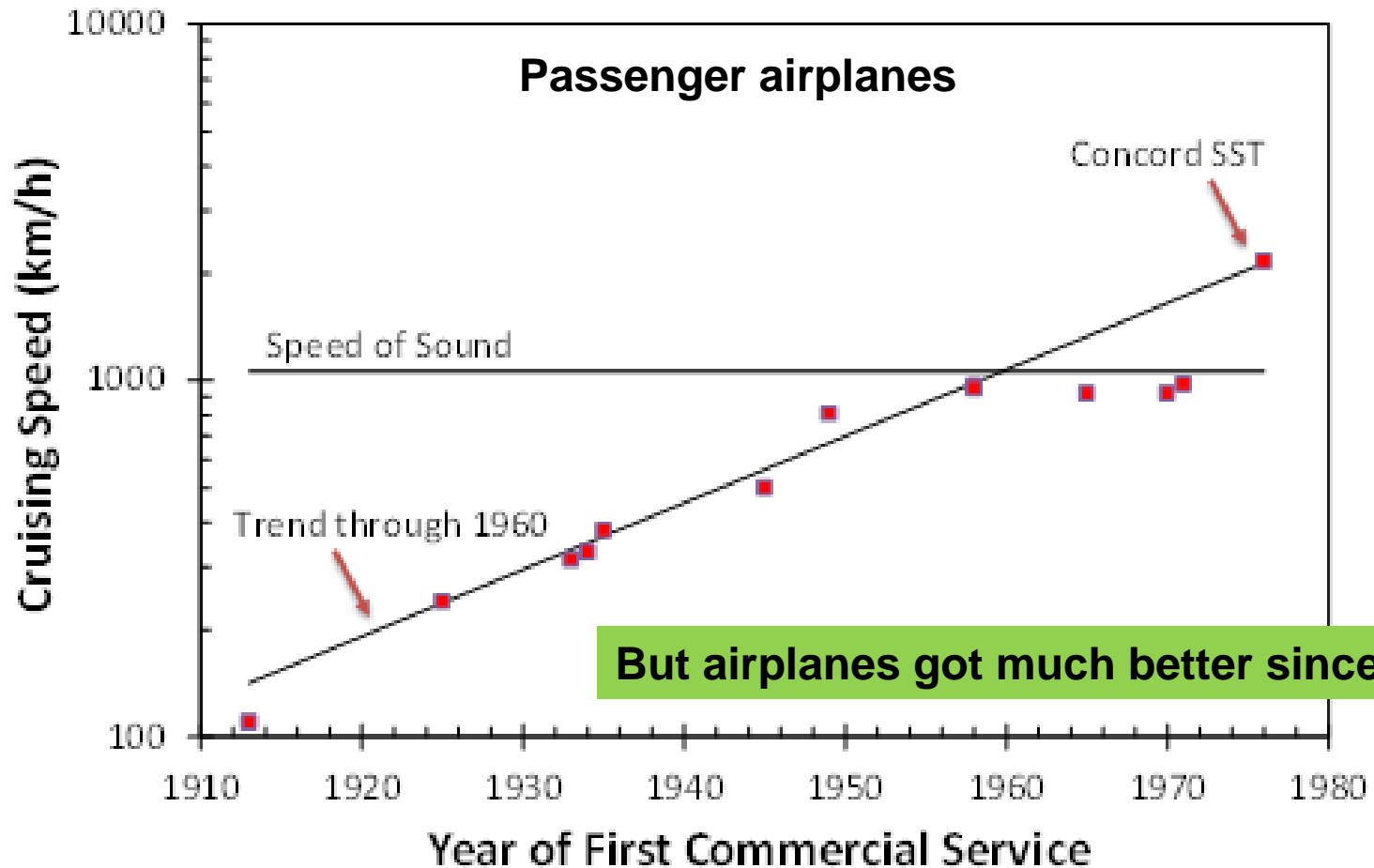


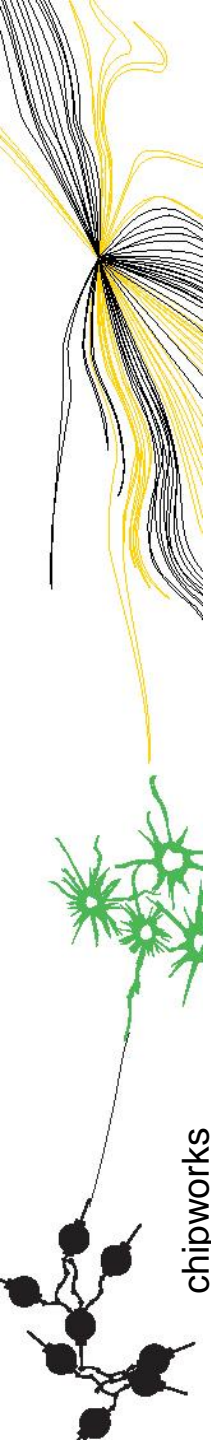
CPU clock frequency



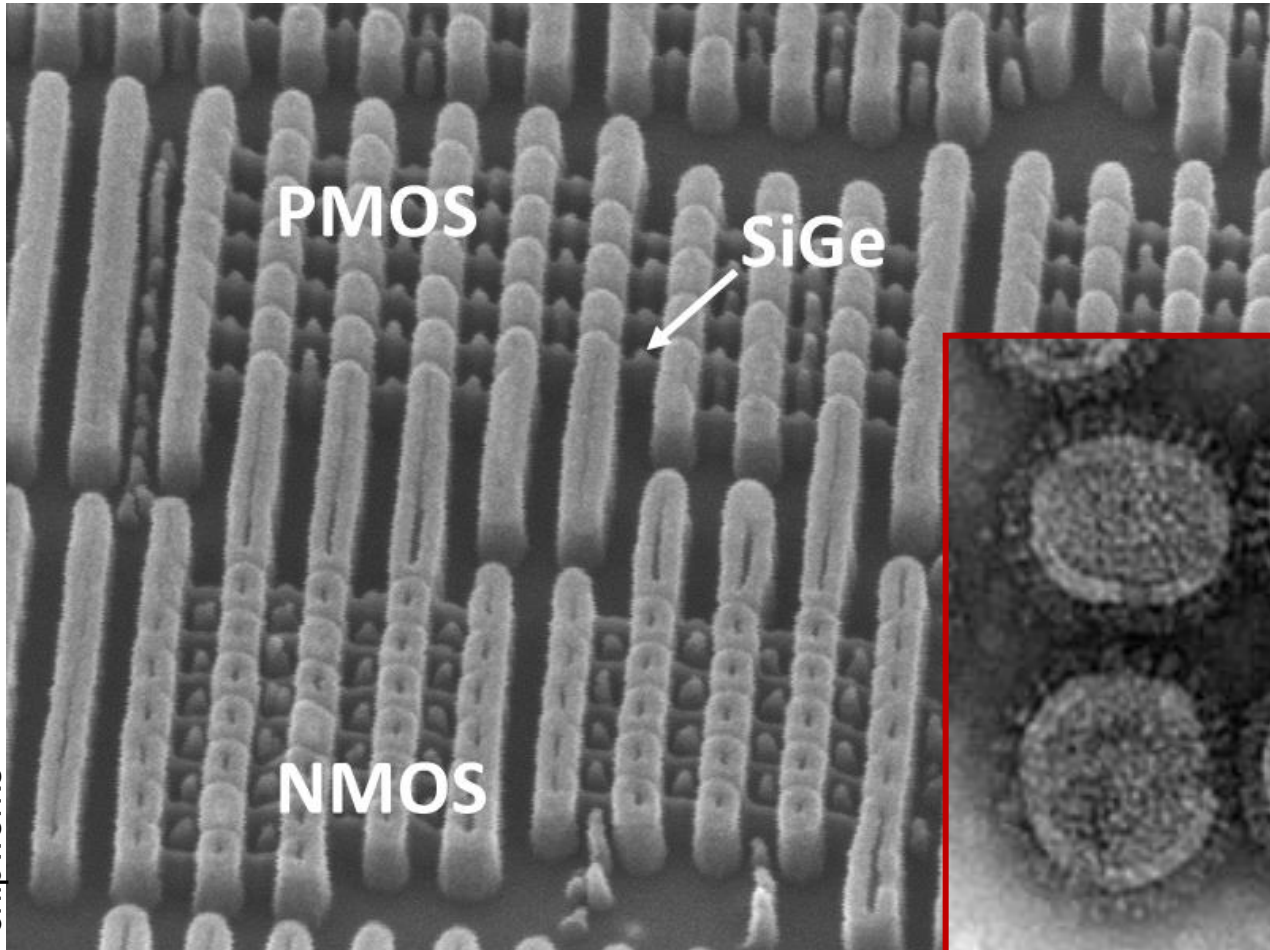
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Trends like Moore's "Law" are not forever

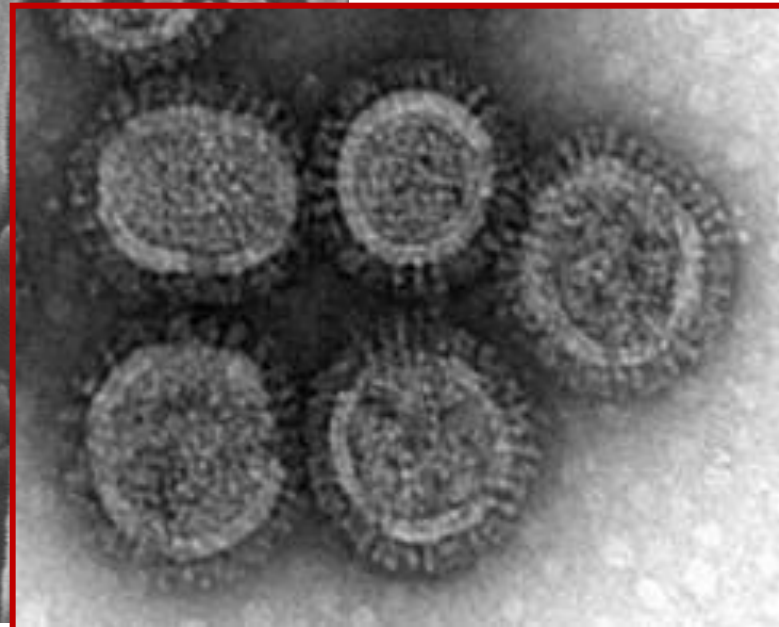




Inside a TriGate chip



**H5N1 virus
(same scale)**



chipworks