



Strategies for Research And Power Electronics in Ireland



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Summary

- Tyndall National Institute, Cork, Ireland
- Ireland – enabling a Knowledge Economy
- Energy Processing for ICT
- Ambient Intelligence

Tyndall - Ireland's First National Institute

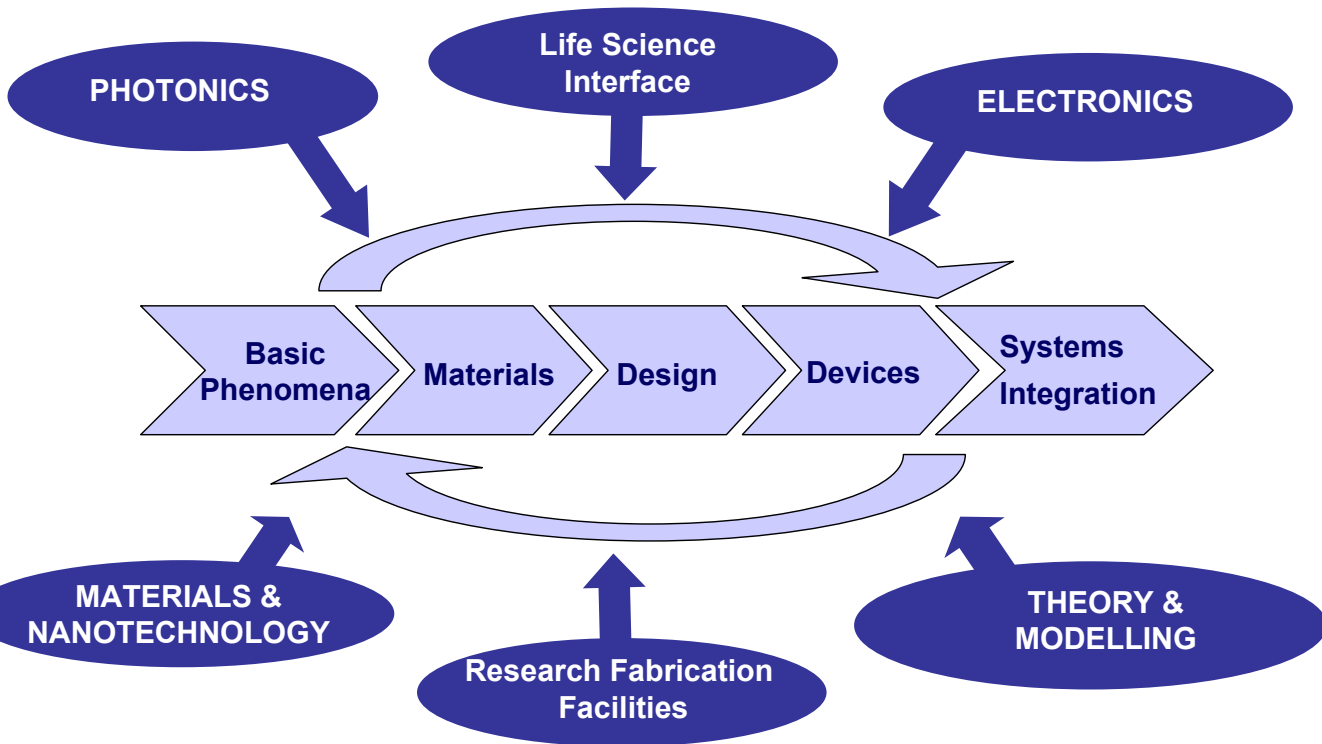
- **Ireland's largest ICT Research Institute**
- **300 Research Staff and Students**
- **Incorporates:**
 - former NMRC (National Microelectronics Research Centre – since 1982)
 - ICT Research Groups from University College Cork (School of Science, Engineering and Food Engineering - Physics, Chemistry, Microelectronics, Electrical/Electronics Engineering)
 - ICT Research Groups from Cork Institute of Technology
- **Annual Budget – 20Million Euro**
 - 25% Government/University Grant
 - 25% Irish Science & Engineering Technology Agency Research Programmes
 - 40% EU Research Programmes
 - 10% Direct Industry (80% Irish-based companies)
- **Research Mix – Industry Partners – 80%; Basic – 20%**

Vision, Mission, Objectives

“Tyndall will excel at creating value from research”

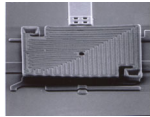
- **Excellence in science and engineering technology**
- **Research of strategic value to Ireland**
- **Access to research facilities**
- **Collaborate with industry**
- **Stimulate innovation**
- **Engage in national and international partnerships**
- **Champion outreach in science and engineering**

Tyndall National Institute - Research Focus

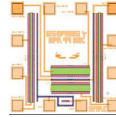


Electronics

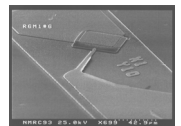
- Electronic devices, circuits & systems



Microbolometer

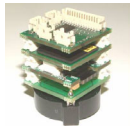


Quadruple RADFET



Schottky diode

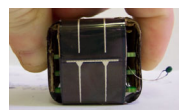
- Packaging & system integration



Microsensor module

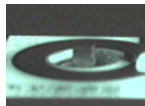


Smart seed

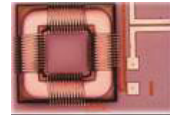


Solar cell

- Energy processing for ICT



Scavenger

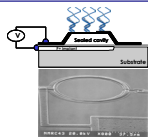


Magnetics on silicon

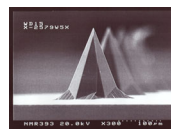


Microbattery on silicon

- Life science interface



Molecular sensor



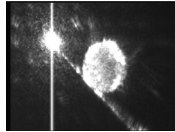
Gene therapy



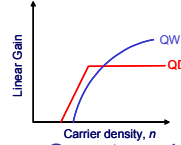
Point-of-Care Diagnostics

Photonics

- Basic phenomena



Quantum optics

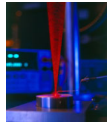


Quantum dots

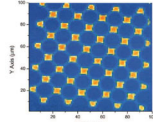


Laser physics

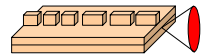
- Devices



Red VCSEL

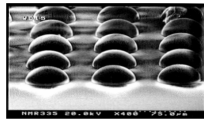


Photon-counting array

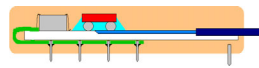


Single-mode Fabry-Perot laser

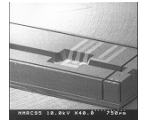
- Integration



Micro-lens array

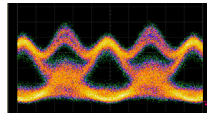


Optical interconnect multichannel module

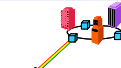


Optical submount

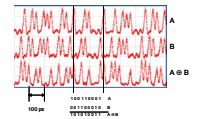
- Systems



Coherent WDM



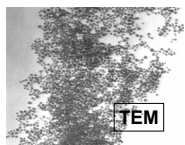
Optical access



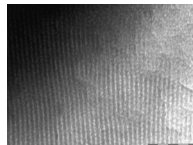
Ultrafast logic

Materials & Nanotechnology

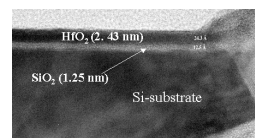
- Advanced growth



Synthesis of nanoparticles

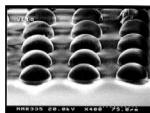


Low-k mesoporous thin films

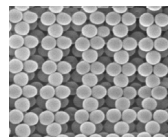


UV-assisted deposition

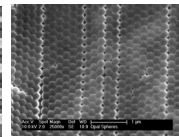
- Photonic materials



Ink-jet printing of polymer components

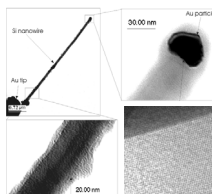


Composite materials processing

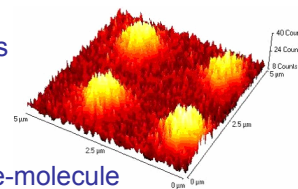


Opal photonic thin films

- Molecular & nanoscale devices



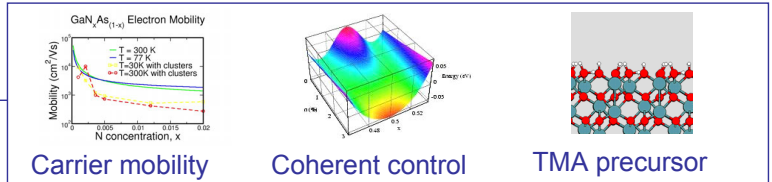
Si/Ge nanowires



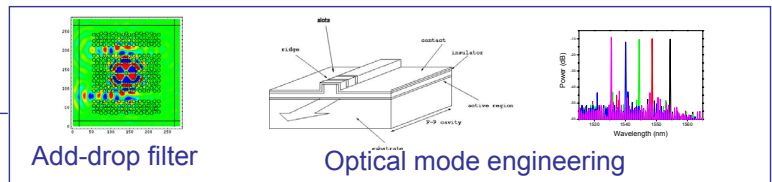
Single-molecule photonic logic gates

Theory & Modelling

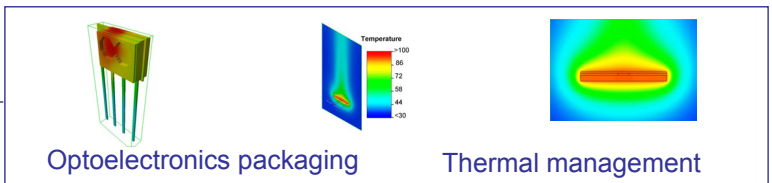
- Materials



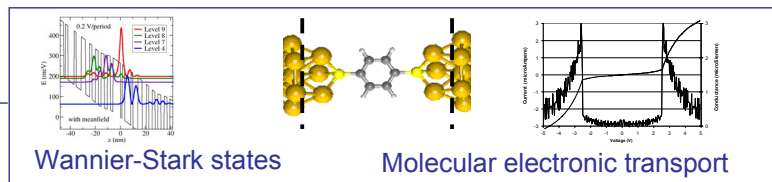
- Devices



- Integration



- Frontier tools



Central Research Facilities

Fabrication

- Silicon, MEMS, III-V
- Polymer, E-Beam, Hot Embossing
- FIB nanofabrication, Nano-imprinting
- Plating – Electro and Electroless

Test & Characterization

- Electronic
- Optical
- Thermo-Mechanical
- Materials
 - FTIR, EDX, Raman, DLTS, VASE, STM, NSOM
- Environmental Reliability/Failure Analysis
- SEM, FIB

Fully Equipped Research Laboratories

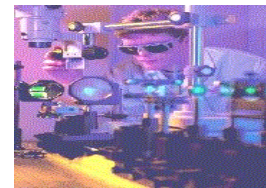


Silicon Fabrication

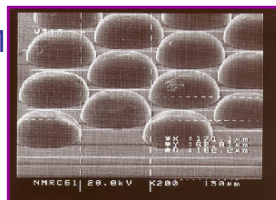
E-Beam



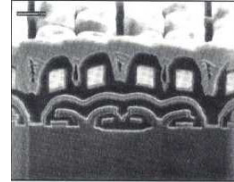
Electronic Test



Optical Test



Plating



FIB

Value from Tyndall Research/Technology

Avalanche Photodiode Technology

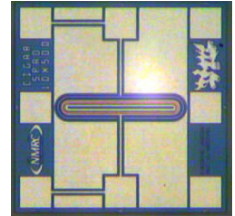
World-leading technology

- Capable of detecting single photons of light
- Developed from 10 years+ Tyndall research

- SensL (www.sensl.com)

- Tyndall spin-off company (2004) to exploit the technology

- Major applications in biomedical field (Fluorescence of Biochemical species)



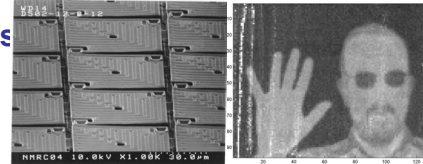
Infra-Red Detector Technology – MEMS Bolometer

- Novel patented integrated sensing element with CMOS process

- Low cost infra-red imaging (bolometer) technology

- Bolometer process transferred to commercial fab (XFAB, UK)

- Integrated with 0.75um CMOS process



Silicon RADFET (In-house Design/Fab)

- World-leading supplier of RADFETs

(ESA, NASA, JAXA, CERN, ...)

- Supplied to Sichel Inc - OneDose product on US Market

- FDA-approved dosimeter patch and reader

for monitoring of Radiotherapy Treatment

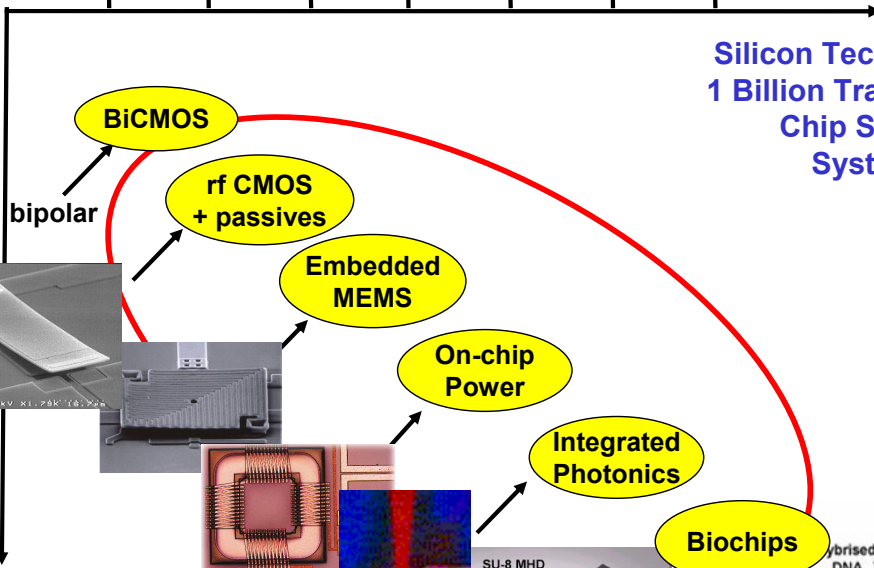


Product Differentiation Market Diversification Adding Value to CMOS

250nm 180nm 130nm 90nm 65nm 45nm 32nm

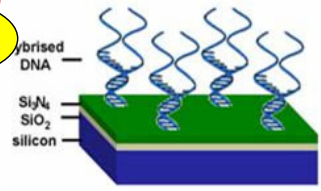
Moore's law

Silicon Technology Roadmap
1 Billion Transistors on a Chip
Chip Size Reduction
System on Chip

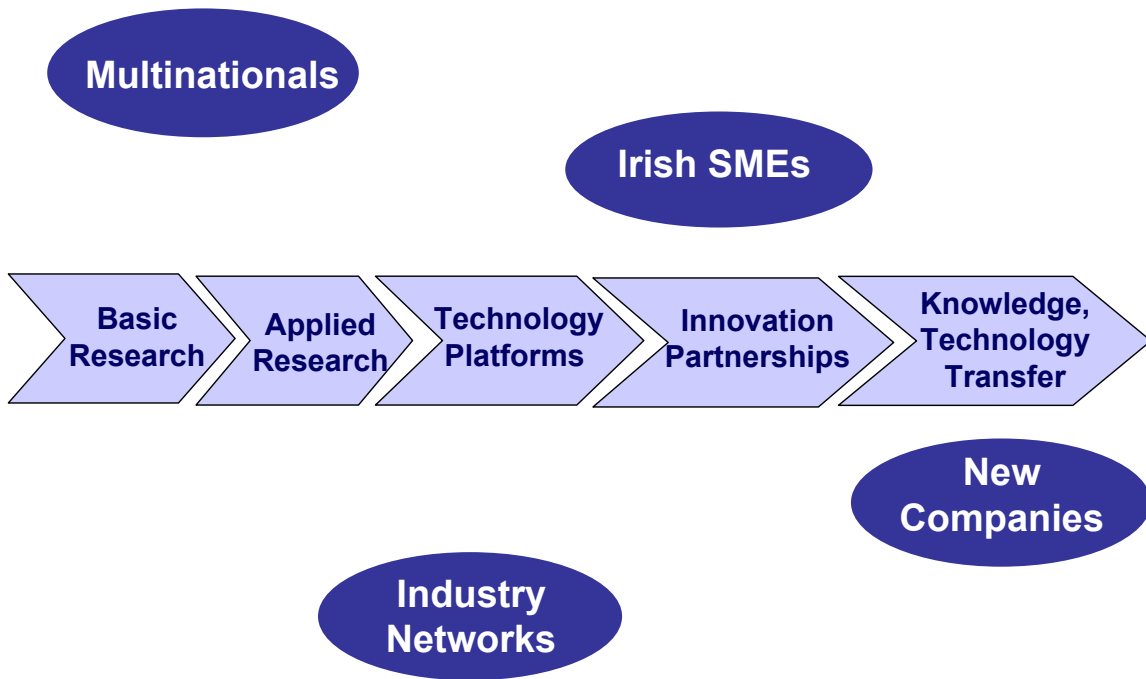


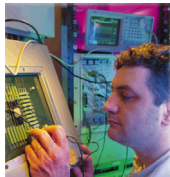
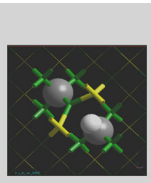
More than Moore

System on Chip / System in Package
Post-Processing of CMOS
Heterogeneous Integration



Tyndall National Institute – Industry Partnerships





Strategic Industry Relevant Research

Knowledge & Intellectual Property

Training & skill-sets

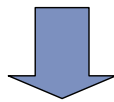
Technology transfer to industry

New product development

New Company Support

Ireland's Imperative to Compete in the Global Knowledge Economy

- Build top quality R&D teams
- Attract and build strong industry research
- Build on tradition of entrepreneurship
- Create culture of partnership & cooperation
- Maintain the momentum of growth (Celtic Tiger)
- Resource with skilled personnel



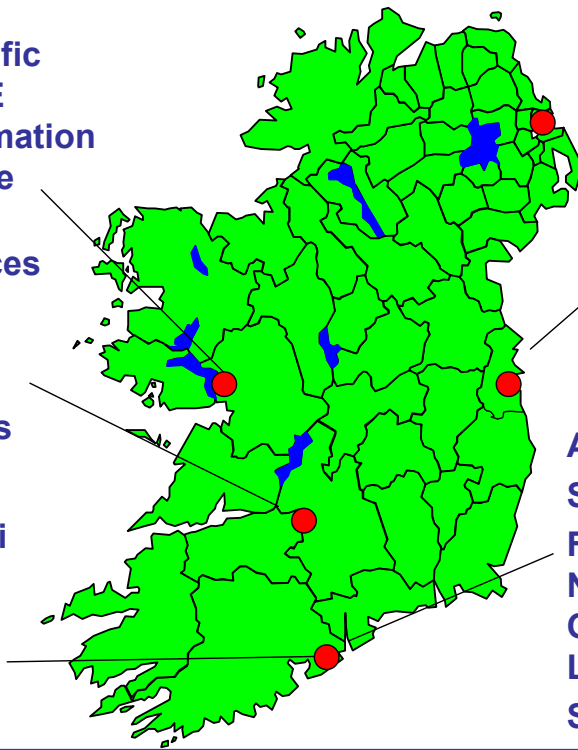
**Return on Investment:
Economic, social and cultural value-impact
for Ireland's knowledge economy.**

Tyndall Postgraduate Employment in Ireland

Betatherm
Boston Scientific
Medtronic AVE
Western Automation
Marine Institute

Analog Devices
Molex
Kostal
Guidant
EI Electronics

Cypress Semi
Farran
Flextronics
M/A-COM
Moog



Eblana
HP
Intel
IBM
NEC
Loctite
S3
Xilinx

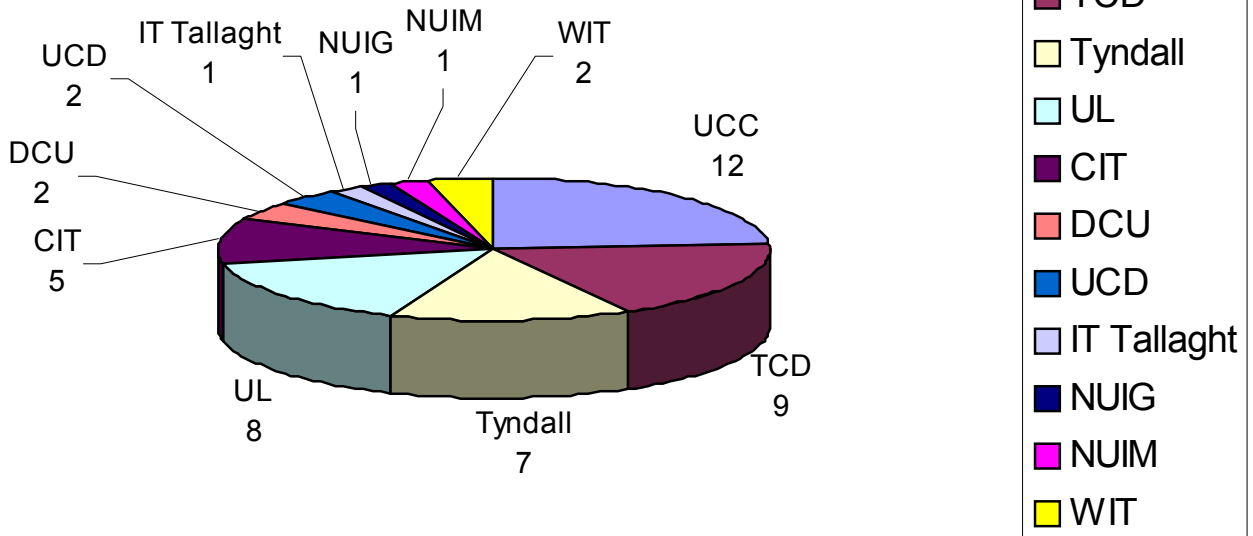
Applied Optotec
Stocker Yale
Firecomms
Nanocomms
Optical Metrology
Luxcel Bioscience
SensL

National Access Programme

Provides Irish researchers with funded access to Tyndall's facilities & expertise

Annual Budget - Science Foundation Ireland Funding – 2 Million Euro

50 NAP Approved Projects Breakdown by Institute



Enterprise Ireland Industry Led Research Programmes - ILRP



PEIG - Power Electronics Industry Group

Artesyn, Analog, Commergy, Convertec, Excelys, Intel.



MIDAS - Integrated Circuit Design

Analog, Cadence, Cypress, Duolog, Intel, S3, Xilinx.

WISEN - Wireless Sensor Networks

Analog Devices, Benetel, Connaught Electronics, Cratlon, Duolog, Innovada, Intel.

EI Bio Industry - Micro-analytical & diagnostic systems

Wyeth, Elan, Centrecor, Schering, Trinity Bio, Tridelta

Science Foundation Ireland – SFI

700 Million Euro over 5 Years for Advanced Research in Universities

Focus: ICT and Biotechnology

SFI CSETs

Centres for Science & Engineering Technology

Multi-University Consortia with Industry Partners

100 Million Euro Investment, 20% from Companies

Partner Companies Locating Research Teams in Centres

CTVR - Centre for Telecommunications Value Chain Research

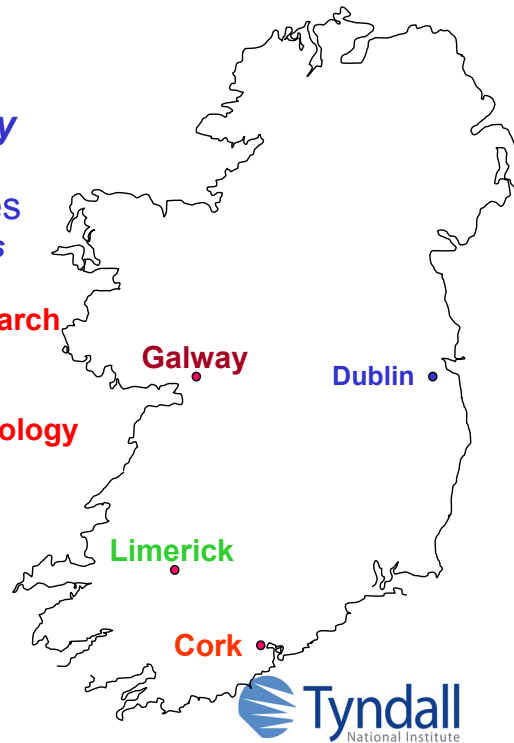
- Bell Labs Research Ireland

CRANN - Centre for Research in Nano Science and Technology

- Intel Ireland, HP Ireland

BDI - Biomedical Diagnostics Institute

- Analog Devices, Becton Dickinson and Co.,
Hospira Inc, Inverness Medical Innovations Inc,
Amic AB and Enfer Technology



GeorgiaTech Ireland

Tuesday 14th March 2006

Irish Government announced that:

Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI), of Atlanta, Georgia, US,
will establish an applied research institute,
with support from IDA Ireland, to focus on industry R&D needs.

Over the next five years, the Irish operation plans to build up a portfolio of research programmes and collaborations with industry which will be valued in excess of €20 million and at full operation it will employ 50 highly qualified researchers.

Objective: bridge gap between academic and corporate research

Irish Government Strategy on
Science, Technology and Innovation
2006-2013

Energy Processing for Information & Communications Technologies (ICT)

- **ICT is Information Processing**
 - **ICT needs Energy Processing**

Energy Processing for ICT Research

Total: 64 Researchers - 7 Academics, 17 senior researchers, 10 researchers, 30 postgrads
5 Universities - Total Funding – 5 Million Euro

Power Generation/Transmission

- Inductive Power
- Energy Scavenging
 - Vibration Harvesting / Solar Cells
- micro Fuel Cells

Energy Storage

- micro Battery

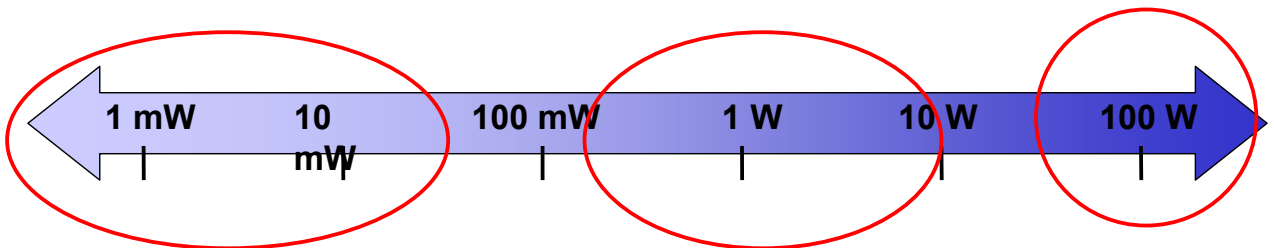
Conversion / Power Supply

- Embedded Magnetics – PCB, Silicon
- Power Electronics Circuits / ASICs
- Packaging & Functional Integration
 - Reliability

Heat Dissipation

- Microchannels / Microjets
- Thermal Interface Materials
 - Microfans
 - Infra-red

Application Areas



Power for Ambient

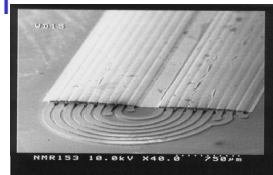
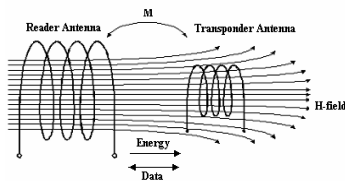
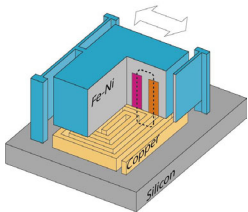
Power for Portable

Power for Computing

Power Harvesting

Inductive Powering

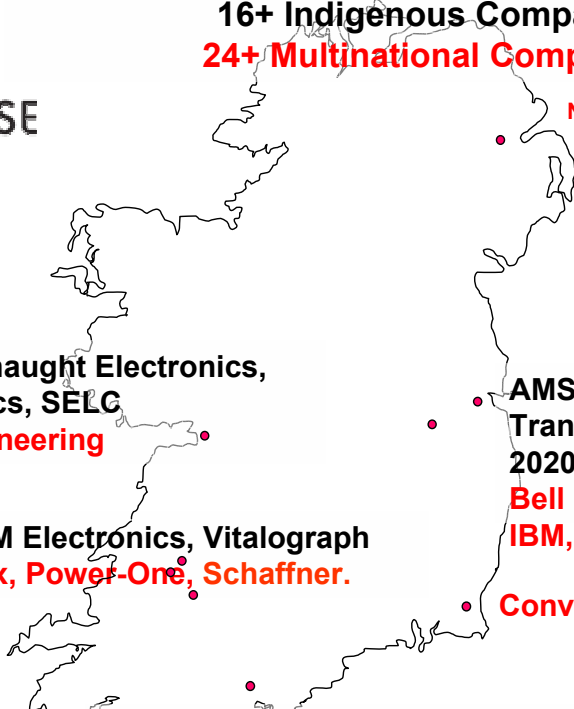
Integrated magnetics on Silicon





PEIG - Power Electronics Industry Group

16+ Indigenous Companies
24+ Multinational Companies



Nortel Networks

**Betatherm, Connaught Electronics,
Hitech Electronics, SELG
APC, Pulse Engineering**

**AMS, Excelsys, Powerplex,
Transtest
2020 Progress Innovation Ltd
Bell Labs Research Ireland,
IBM, Intel, Lucent, Xilinx**

**Frontline Medical, MJM Electronics, Vitalograph
Analog Devices, Molex, Power-One, Schaffner.**

Convertec

**Commergy, Forde Electronics, Haswell Consulting, Ship
Company**

**Anderson Power, Artesyn Technologies, Bourns Electronics,
EMC, Freescale, Kostal, M/A-COM, Moog, Sensormatic,
Transistor Devices**



2005 - Industry Driven Research
Strategic Technology Platforms
3 Million Euro over 3 Years

Research Programme

Devices & Components:

- High Efficiency Magnetics on Silicon
- Multi MHz Magnetic Materials

Topologies & Control:

- CMOS ASIC for Digital Power Control
- Driver Technology for 3MHz Switches

Interconnection & Packaging:

- Embedded Multi-chip Converters

Thermal Management:

- Substrate Cooling
- Thermal Interface Materials



Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh
National University of Ireland, Galway



UNIVERSITY OF LIMERICK
Ollscoil Luimnigh



PEI - CSRC

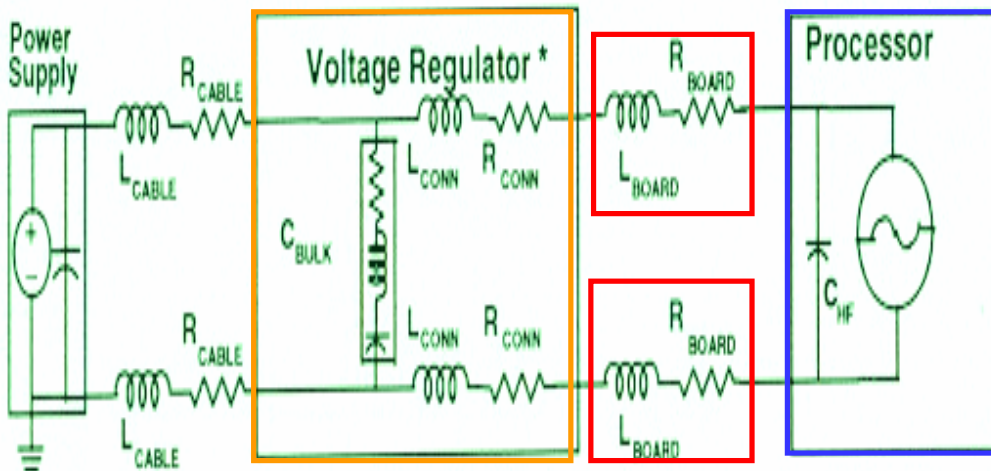


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Trends in Processors

- Voltage decreasing
- Current increasing
- Parasitics in power supply path become a major problem

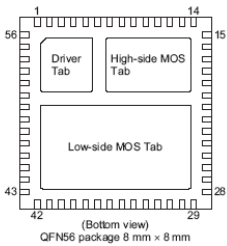


Potential Solution: Integrate converter on-chip or in-packaging

Commercial state of art – Integrated Power Trains



Philips PIP212-12M



Renesas SiP.



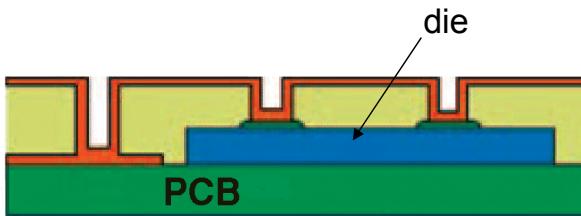
**CASE 500
PInPAK**

On Semis

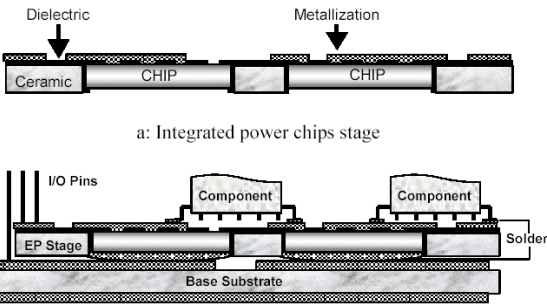
	2006 Competition			
	<i>Philips</i>	<i>Renesas</i>	<i>Vishay</i>	<i>ON Semi</i>
Model	PIP212-12M	R2J20601NP	SiC714CD10	NIS3001A
Vout	0.8V to 6V	1.0V to 5V	0.5V to 6V	0.7V to 5.1V
Vin	3.3V to 16V	Up to 16V	3.3V to 15V	7V to 14V
Iout max	30A	35A	27A	31A
Operating Frequency	Up to 1MHz.	>1MHz possible	Up to 1MHz	Up to 1MHz
Package size (Power Train)	8.1mm x 8.1mm x 0.9mm	8.1mm x 8.1mm x 0.8mm	10mm x 10mm x	10.5 mm x 10.5mm x 2.0mm
Underside Pads	3 solderable	3 solderable	3 solderable	21
Rth(j-mb)	5 K/W max		2.6°C/W	8°C/W
Tj max	150°C	150°C	125°C	125°C
Included	2 Mosfets, 1 Schottky, 1 driver	2 Mosfets, 1 Schottky, 1 driver	2 Mosfets, 1 Schottky, 1 driver	2 Mosfets, 1 Schottky, 1 driver
Required	L, C, Controller	L, C, Controller	L, C, Controller	L, C, Controller
Power Density - power train 27A @1V/(W/cm ³)	457	514	338	122

Packaging - State of Art

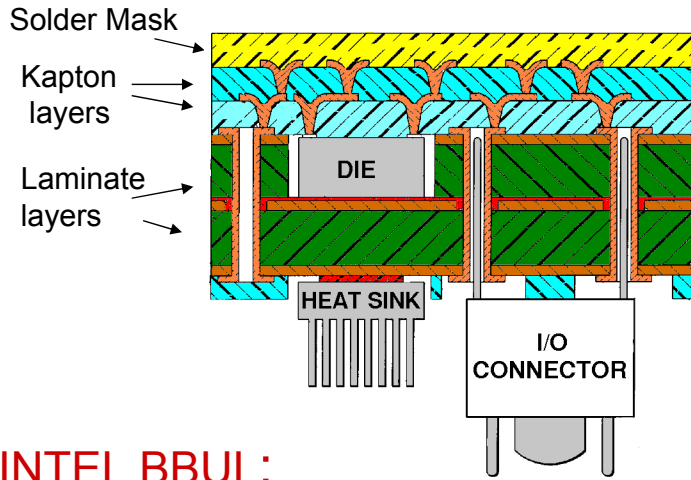
Fraunhofer chip in polymer:



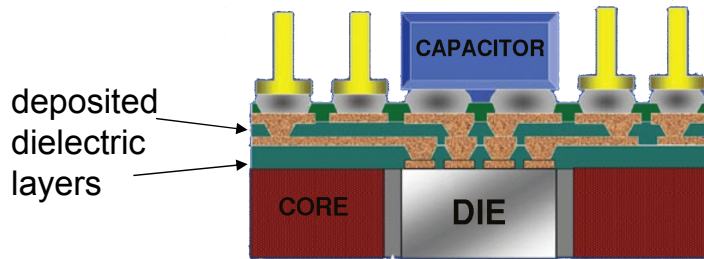
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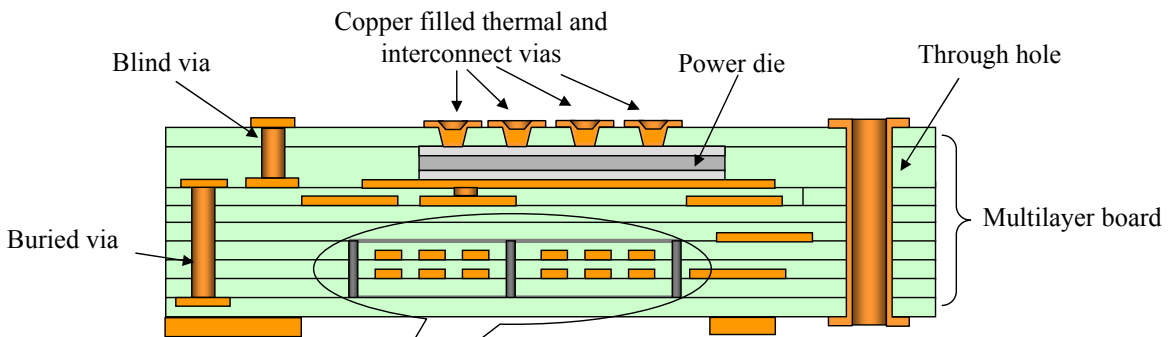
TI multi chip module



INTEL BBUL:



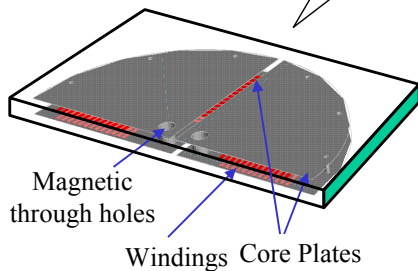
P Cubed - "Chip in laminate" for Power



"Embedded die" – Ship Co. Ltd June 2002

Possible process flow

1. Fabricate integrated magnetic
2. Place die on PCB core
3. Apply prepreg layers
4. Laminate
5. Drill and plate thermal and interconnect vias



PCB integrated magnetics

Future Power Supply on Chip

Functional Integration of Power & Control ASICs
with Passives on Silicon (Magnetics and Capacitors)

**Disruptive Transition from Multicomponent, PCB/Hybrid Assemblies
to Monolithic Power Supply on Chip (PSOC)**

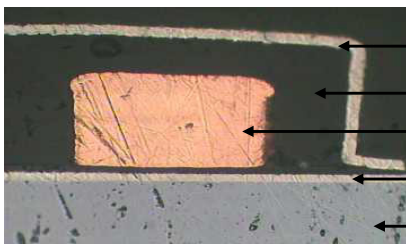
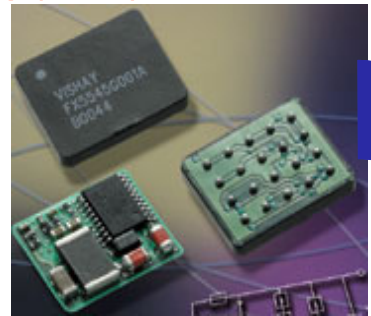


- Power ASIC

- Integrated Magnetics on Silicon

- Embedded Capacitors

- Advanced Packaging



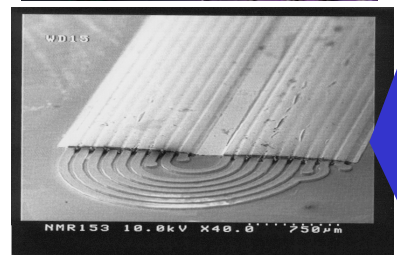
Top NiFe (h) - 4um

Insulator

Copper windings - 43um

Bottom NiFe - 4um

Silicon

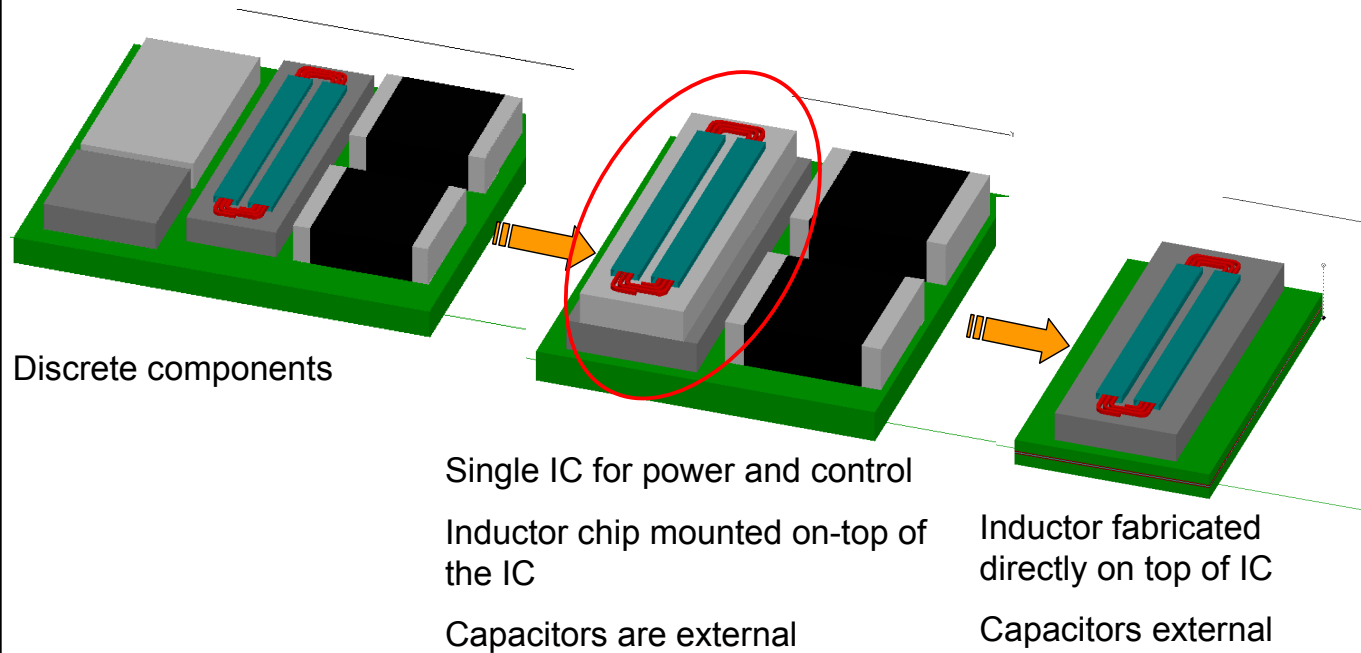


Cian Ó Mathuna et al, "Magnetics on Silicon - An Enabling Technology for Power Supply on Chip",

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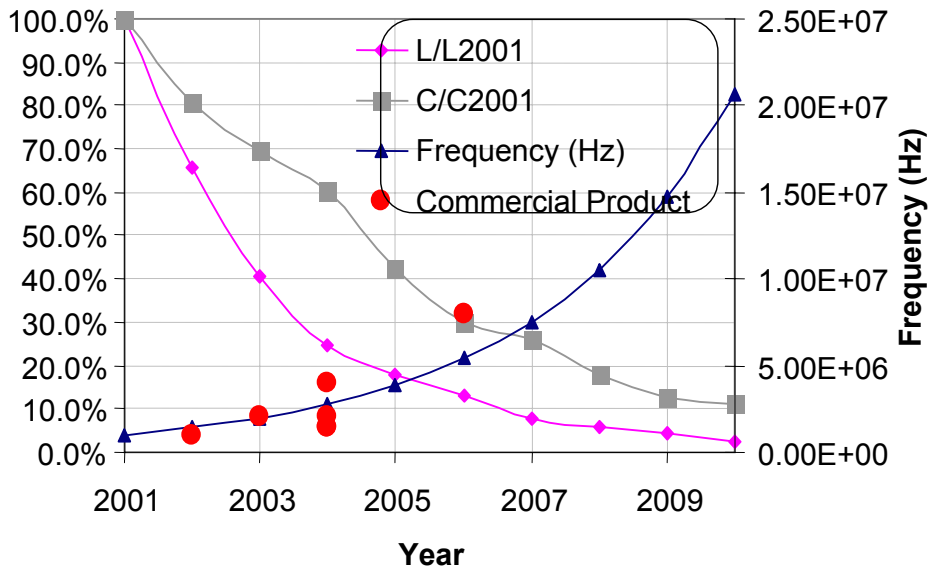
Concept of Power Supply on Chip

Low Power (2 –3 W) DC/DC converter



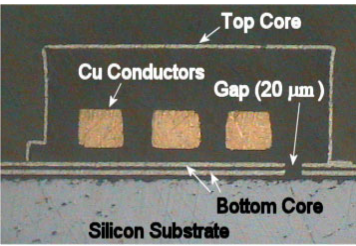
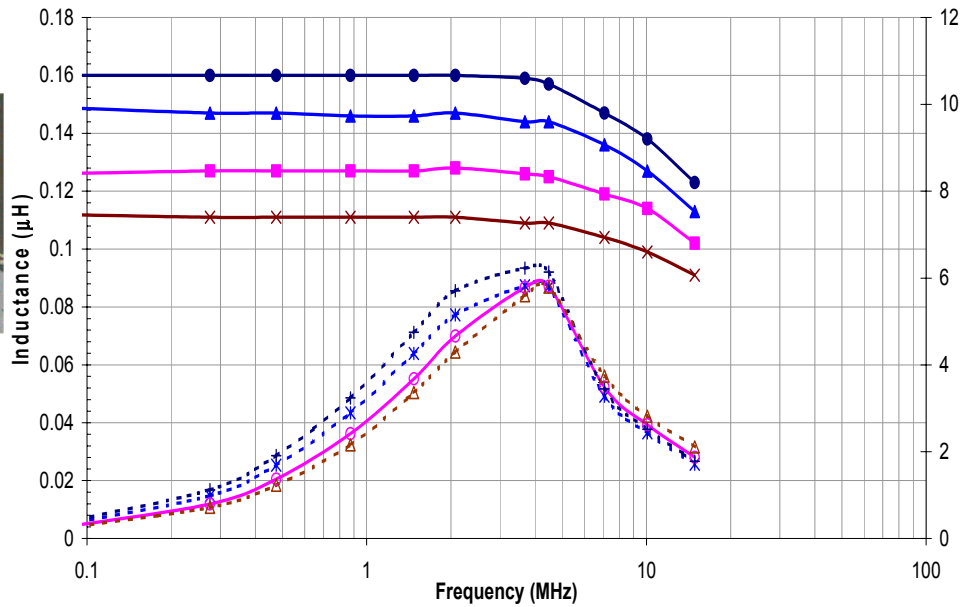
Reduction in Passive Components

Reduction in Passive component size with frequency and time



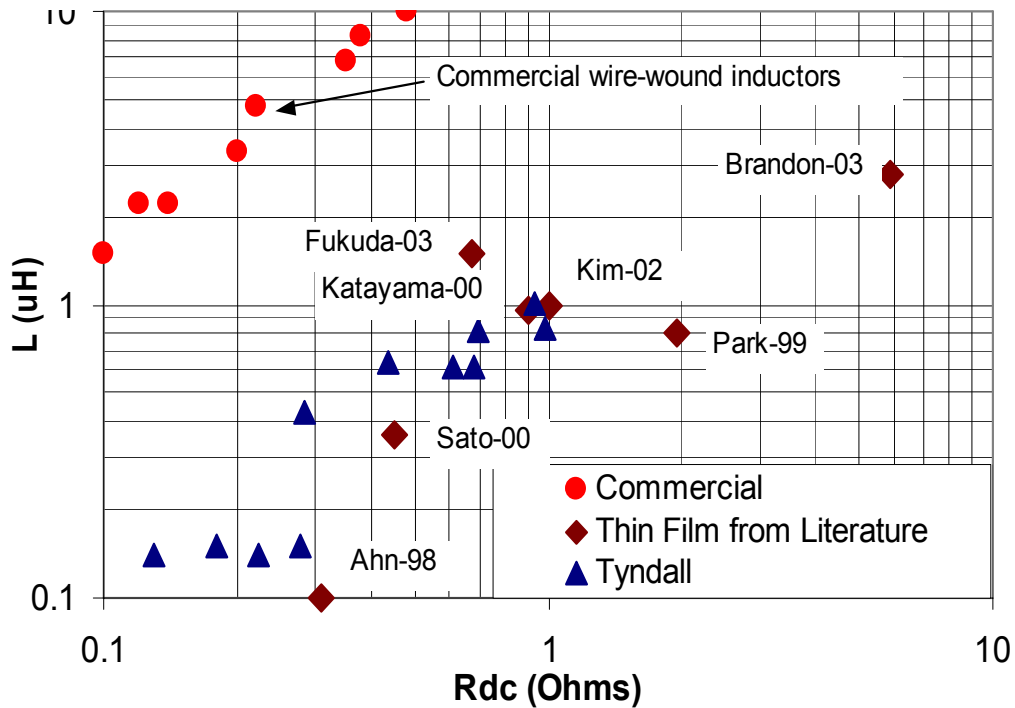
Inductance and Q-factor vs. frequency

● Inductance_Ind50 ■ Inductance_Ind50G ▲ Inductance_Ind70 × Inductance_Ind70G
- * - Q Factor_Ind50 - ○ - Q Factor_Ind50G - + - Q Factor_Ind70 - △ - Q Factor_Ind70G

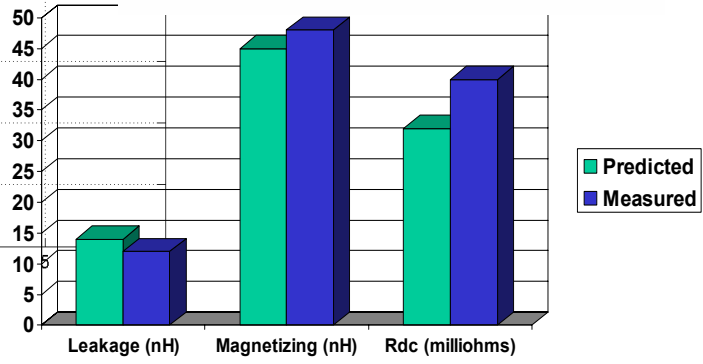
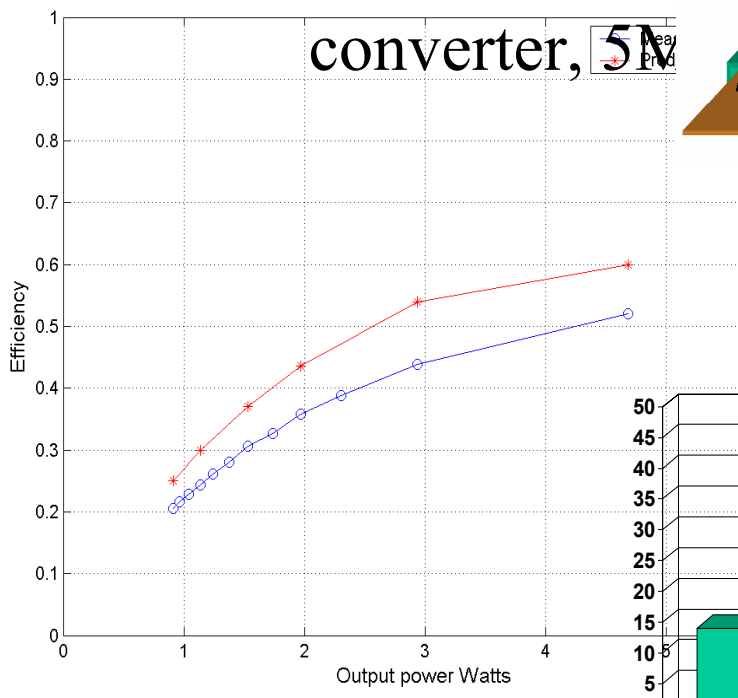
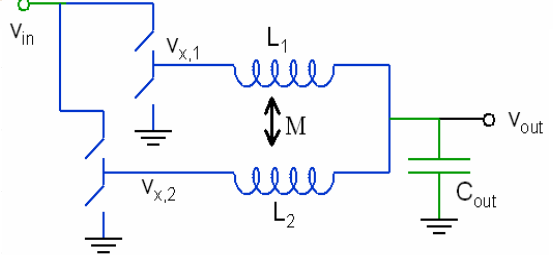
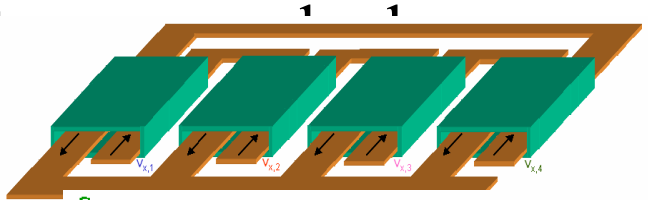


Cross-section of prototype gapped inductor

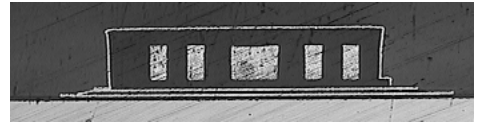
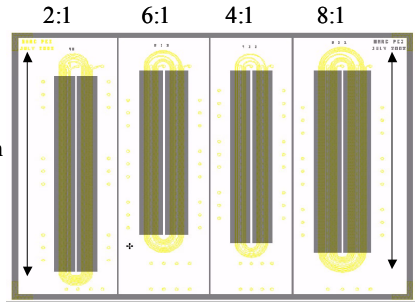
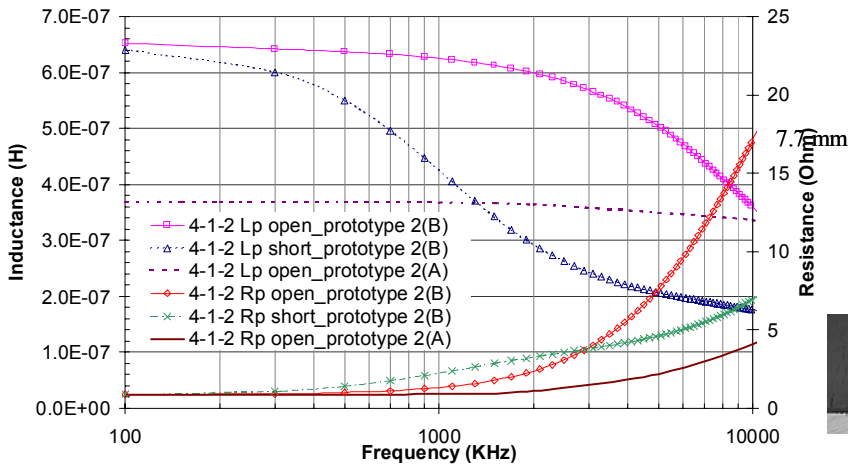
Comparison to State of Art: Inductance & DC resistance



First reported micro-fabricated coupled inductor for fast converter, 5W



Transformer Results

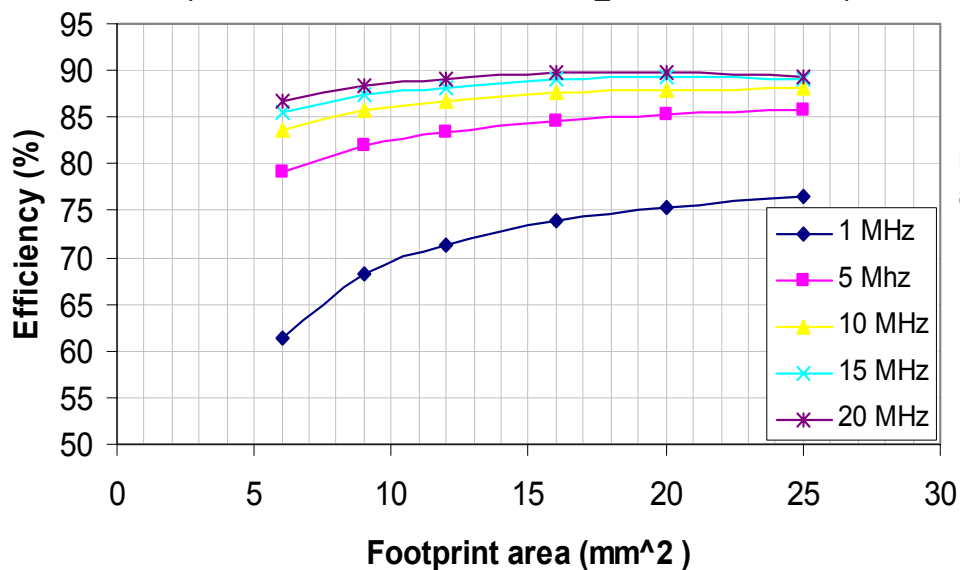


N_{pri}	N_{sec}	W_{pri}	W_{sec}	S_{p-p}	S_{p-s}	W_{device}	L_{device}
4	1	30 μm	80 μm	35 μm	45 μm	1.43 mm	6.76 mm

Future Directions - Technology

How can Transformer Efficiency be further increased?

Two layer structure, 4:4 turns ratio
(Core material 150 uOhm cm, $\mu_r=500$, $B_{sat} = 1.5T$)



Modelled efficiency of micro transformer assuming :

- 1:1 Transformer,
- 5 V input,
- 100 mA output current,

Magnetics on Silicon

Future Challenges

■ Increased Efficiency

- Presently efficiency is 70% – 80 %, need > 95%
- Requires better magnetic materials
 - High Resistivity Magnetic Materials
 - Laminated magnetic cores

■ Integration and Packaging

- Real benefit is in integration with other devices
- Integration with Capacitors, active devices
- Reduction of process complexity

Energy Considerations

Data Centers

50 MW projected heat 'load' for a 10,000m² facility
Additional 20MW for air conditioning

\$100 / MWh cost → \$18M pa for cooling alone!

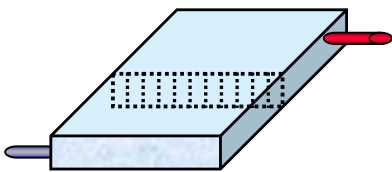
From: Shah et al (2004)

Thermal Management

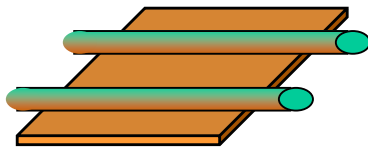
Energy Management

Liquid Cooling Demonstrator

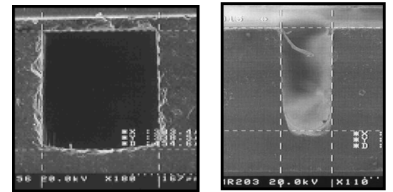
heat flux removal of order $100\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$ ($\approx 500\text{W}/\text{in}^2$)



Cold plate with heat transfer matrix

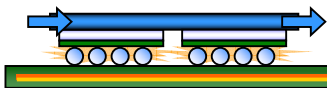


Surface-Mount Heat Collector



Silicon and Plastic μ Channels

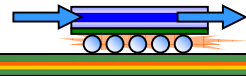
Increasing Pressure Drop



A. Card-level cold plate



B. Substrate-level cooler



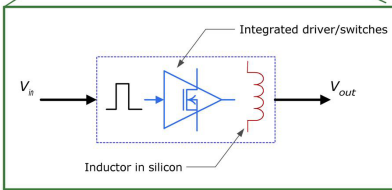
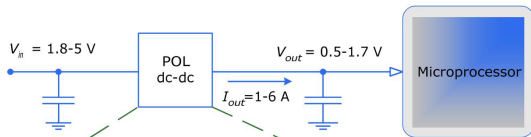
C. Package-level micro-channels

Primary heat removal techniques

swiftD POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM

Principal Investigator: Dr. Dara O'Sullivan

SMALL FORM FACTOR, LOW COMPONENT-COUNT, MONOLITHIC POINT-OF-LOAD DC-DC CONVERTER



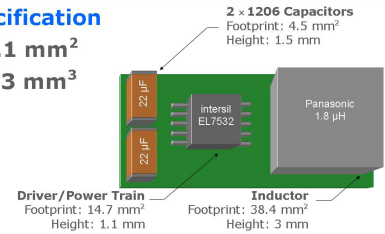
TARGET DATA SHEET

Parameter	Value
V_{in}	1.8-5 V
V_o	0.5-1.7 V
I_o	1-6 A
F_s	20-150 MHz
Target Converter Footprint	< 25 mm ²
Target Component Height	< 1.5 mm
Load Regulation	0.50%
Over Temperature Threshold	125 °C



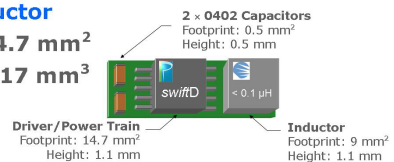
Current Specification

Footprint: **62.1 mm²**
Volume: **186.3 mm³**



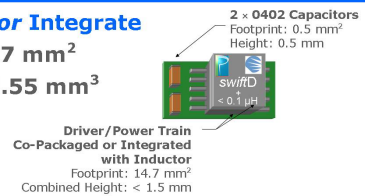
Shrink Inductor

Footprint: **24.7 mm²**
Volume: **27.17 mm³**



Co-Package or Integrate

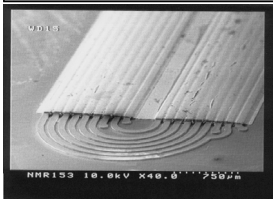
Footprint: **15.7 mm²**
Volume: **< 23.55 mm³**



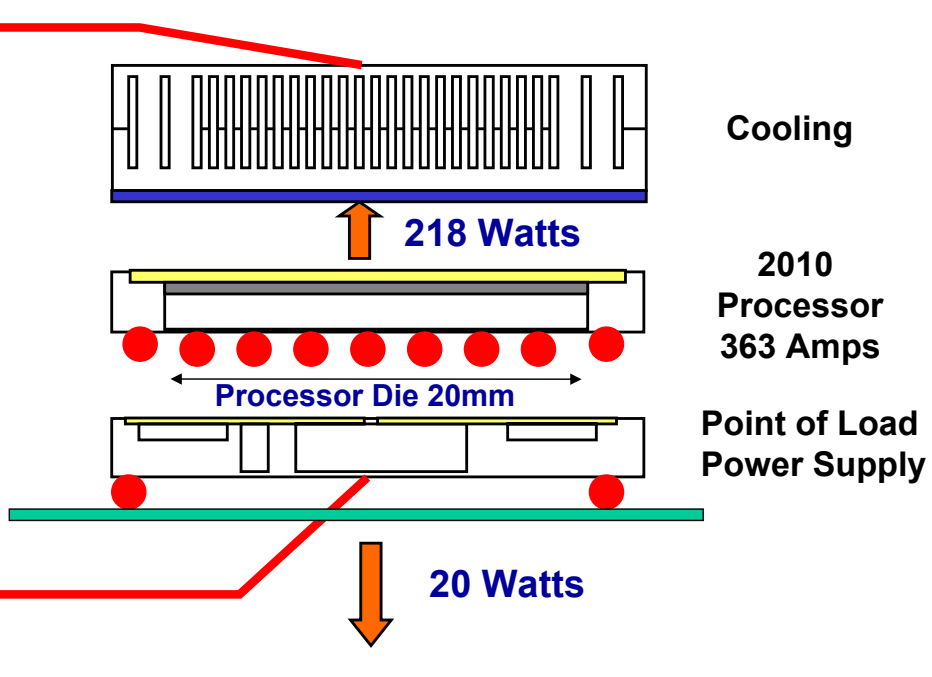
Targeted research areas include RF-based power supply architectures and inductor-in-silicon technology incorporating high-bandwidth control with very-high-frequency pulse generation and efficiency maximization over the load range.

Integrated Power Delivery and Heat Dissipation for High Performance Microprocessor

Silicon
Microchannel
Cooling



Micro-Magnetics
on Silicon



Power Supplies - 2010

Enabled by Silicon and Microtechnologies



Ambient Intelligence

"Ubiquitous Computing is the opposite of virtual reality. Where virtual reality puts people inside a computer-generated world, ubiquitous computing forces the computer to live out here in the world with people." - Mark Weiser, Xerox Parc.

Features of Ubiquitous Computing Systems:

- Unobtrusive, invisible and seamless - Embedded into everyday objects.
- Context awareness – security, health, entertainment, comfort.
- Intelligence, autonomous, emergent behaviour.
- Proactive interfaces
- Intuitive interaction - Easy learning curves.
- Networked – distributed, ad-hoc.
- Wireless Communications (and Power)

Tyndall Ambient Research

Vision

Technology Platforms for the Miniaturisation and Functional Integration of Hardware and Software for Future Intelligent Sensor Systems in **Personal-Health & Well-Being** and **Sustainable Development**

Drivers

- Sensors Everywhere, Always On
- Miniaturisation, Functional Integration, Robustness,
 - CMOS Compatible
 - Wireless, Networked

From Computer Centric to Person Centric

In the Body

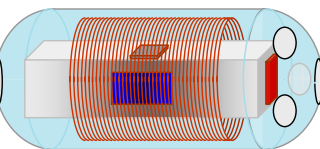
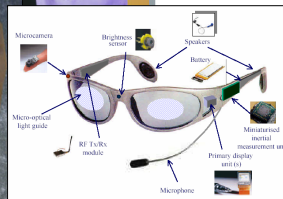
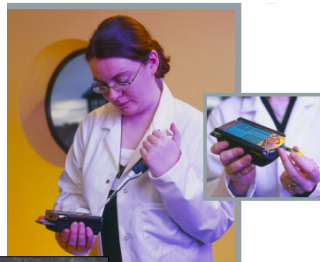
On the Body/Wearable

Around the Body

Retinal Implants
Electrogenetherapy
Smart Pill
Neural Stimulation
Telemetry

Motion Sensing
Human-Computer Interface
Bio-Signalling
Transdermal Drug Delivery
Point-of-Care Diagnostics

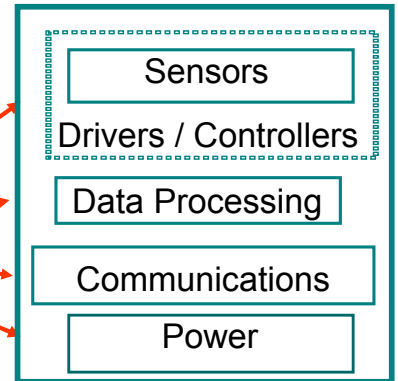
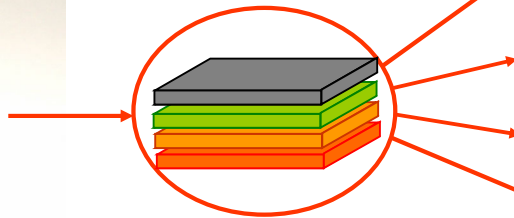
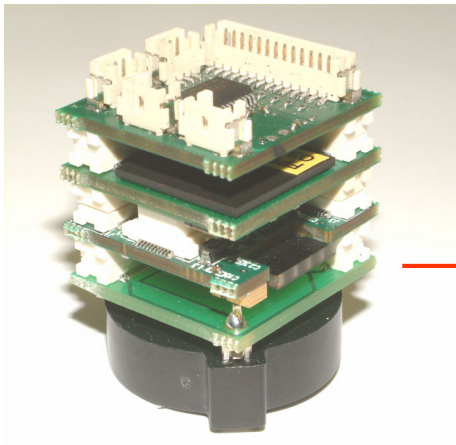
Building Management
Environment Management
Sustainable Agriculture



Tyndall Research in Ambient Intelligence

Hardware and Software Technology Platforms for Autonomous Systems

- Miniaturised Autonomous Wireless Microsensor Modules
- Distributed, Ad-hoc Wireless Sensor Networks
- Micropower Delivery Systems
- Hardware Features: Modular, Flexible, Reconfigurable, Scaleable, Robust



Tyndall 25mm Mote - Under Evaluation by more than 20 European Research Teams

Applications – Sustainable Development

EU Water Framework Directive

2015 - All water to achieve good quality status

- Inland (surface and ground)
- Transitional & coastal (1 mile)
- Territorial waters (12 miles)

Automatic Water Quality Measurement

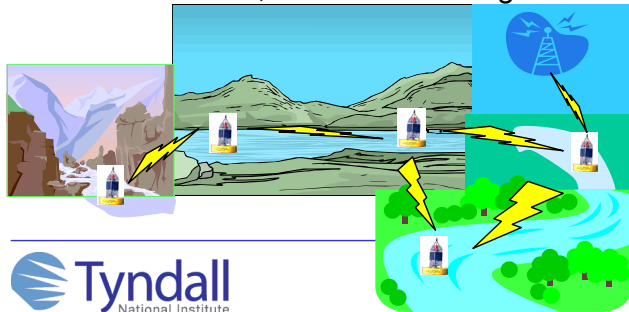
- Temperature, pH, Dissolved Oxygen
- Conductivity, Nutrients

Spec. for Intelligent Sensor Platform:

- Scalable, Intelligent Sensor Network
- Low Power, Adaptive, Interactive,
- Low Maintenance, Real-time Information

Smart Coast – Marine Institute/EPA

- NCSR, DCU; Tyndall; MAC; Marine Informatics, Sth. Western Reg. Auth.

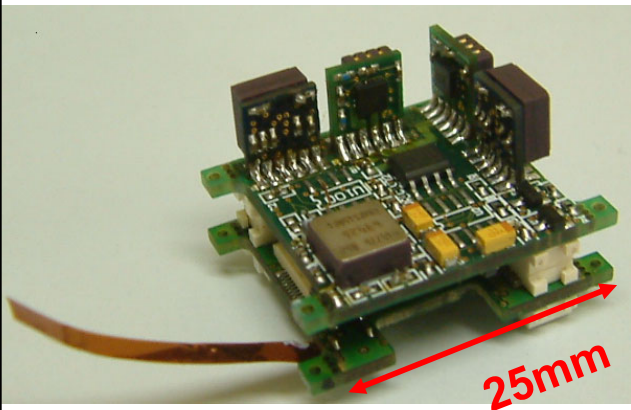


Automated Crop Management

- Concept of “Communicating Plant”
- EU crop output worth ca. €180billion
 - Resource management
 - reduce pollution,
 - agriculture/horticulture productivity
 - improve food quality
- Wireless sensor/actuator network & communications platform to control automated self-regulation of inputs
 - volatiles (gas emission = stress)
 - electromagnetic (temperature, chlorophyll fluorescence, leaf colour, photosynthetic activity).
- EU collaboration with UCC ZEPS

Tyndall Wireless Inertial Measurement Unit

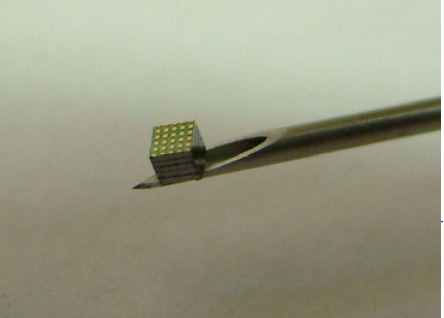
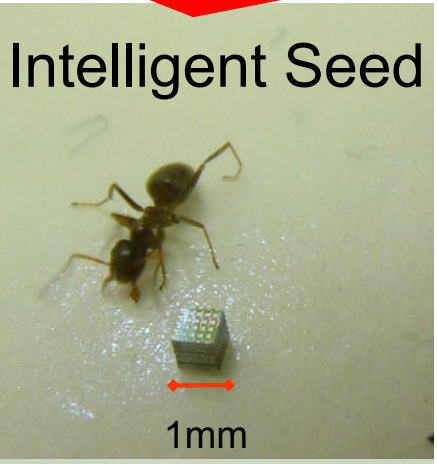
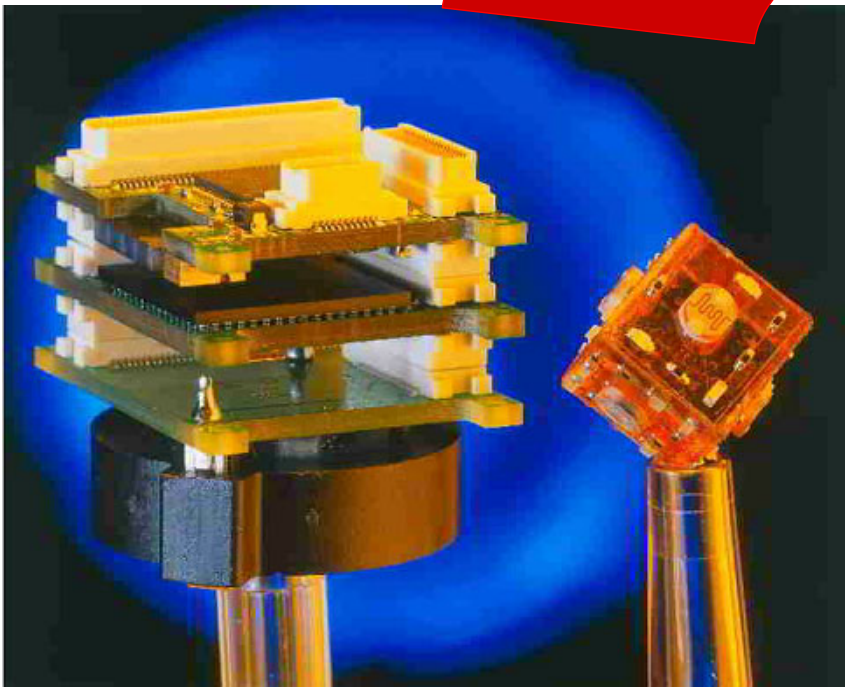
Motion Sensing: 6 degrees of Freedom, 3-axis Accelerometers, 3-axis Gyroscopes
Magnetometers for Location Data
Application Scenarios being Investigated:
- Homecare for the Elderly, Interactive Dance



Antenna
On Flex

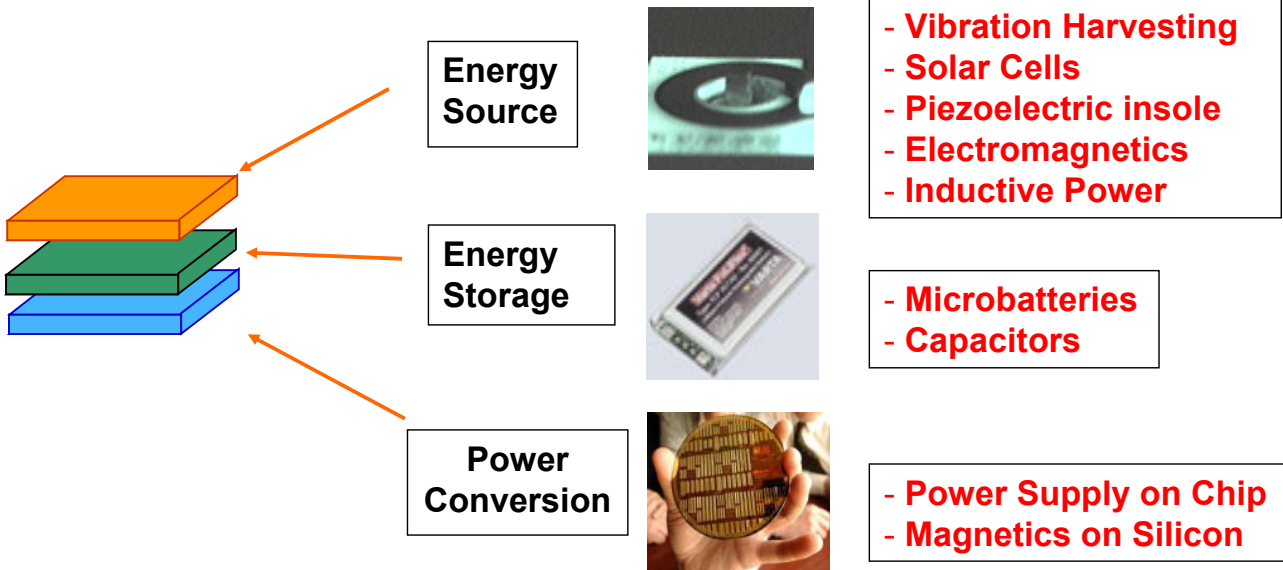


Tyndall Roadmap - 25mm to 10mm to 1mm



Energy Processing for Ambient

Generation/Transmission – Conversion - Storage



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