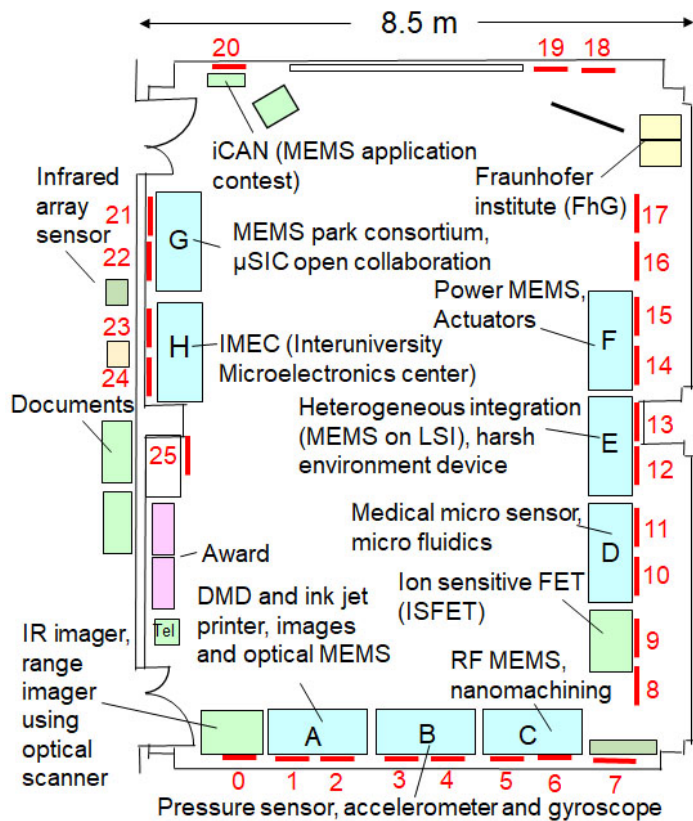
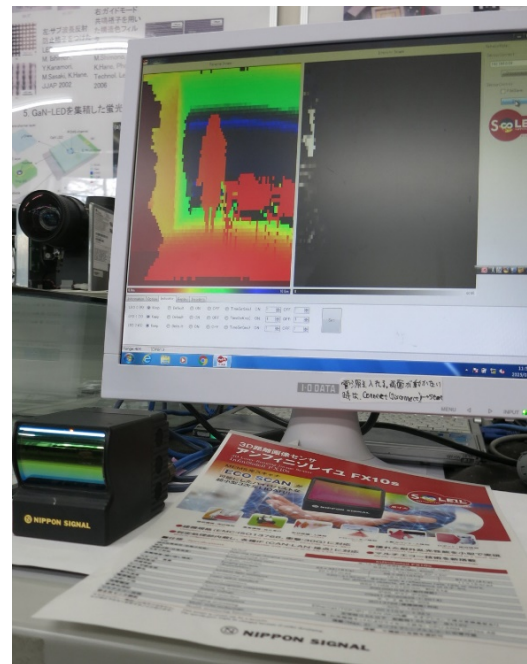


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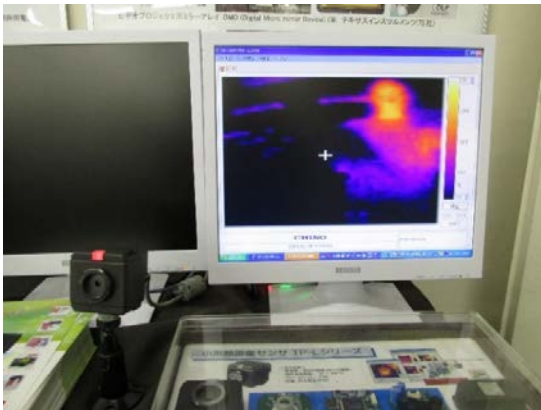
Range imager (Nippon signal) using 2D optical scanner



Open ceremony (2012/5/26)



Fraunhofer institute (Poster 19 & Case G)



Range imager(Nippon signal), Thermal imager(Chino)



Mirror array (DMD) (TI) (Wafer, projector)



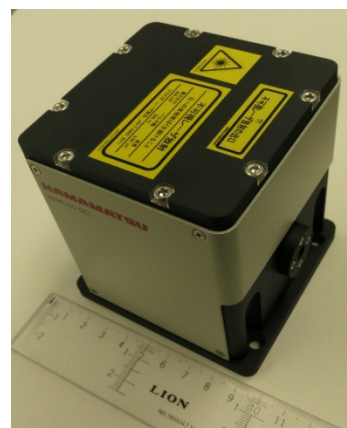
ISFET honored "Denki no ishizue" by IEEEJ in 2017



Awards (K.Totsu, M.Moriyama) preent from TSMC etc.

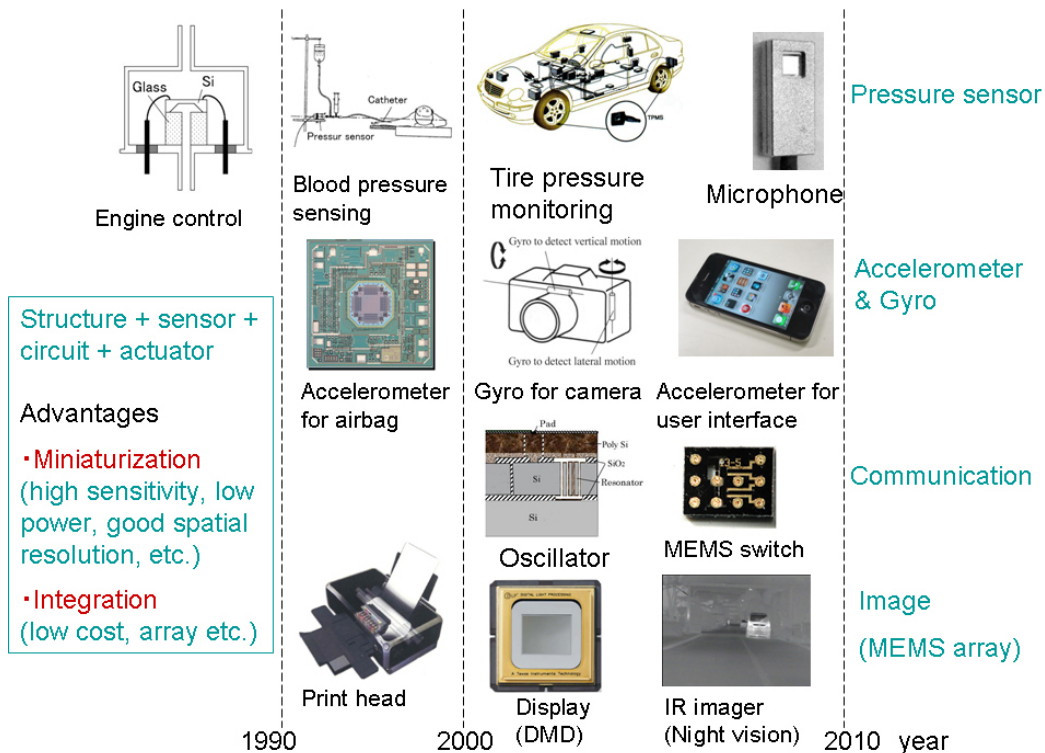


iCAN (International Contest of InnovAtion)



Quantum pulse cascade laser (Hamamatsu photonics)
(commercialization based on Hands-on access fabrication facility)

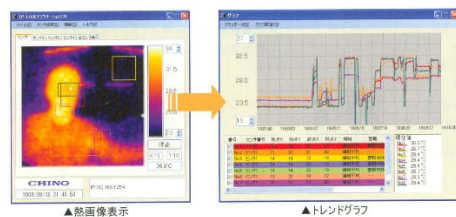
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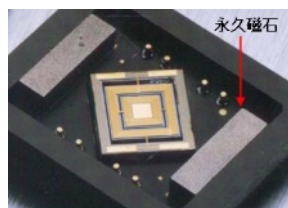
Trend of MEMS (Micro Electro Mechanical Systems) product



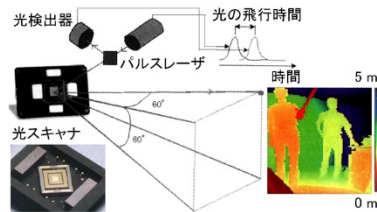
Compact thermal image sensor (Infrared imager) (Chino Ltd.)



Infrared imager for smartphone (FLIR (USA))



2 axes optical scanner (Nippon signal, Tohoku Univ.)



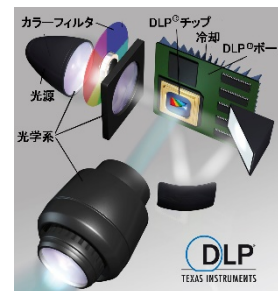
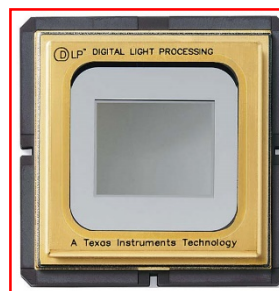
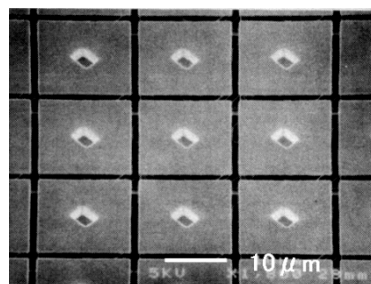
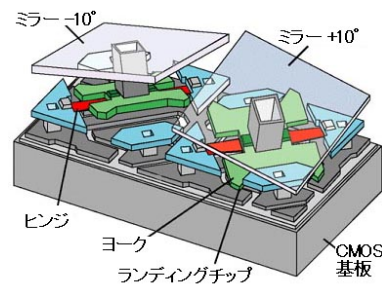
Range imager (Nippon signal)



Application to platform door (JR Ebisu station)



Application to LIDAR



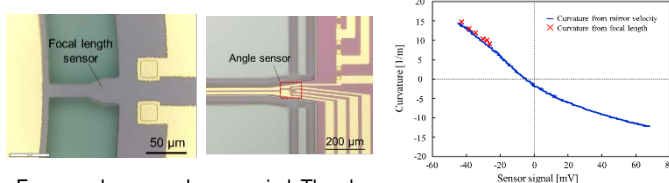
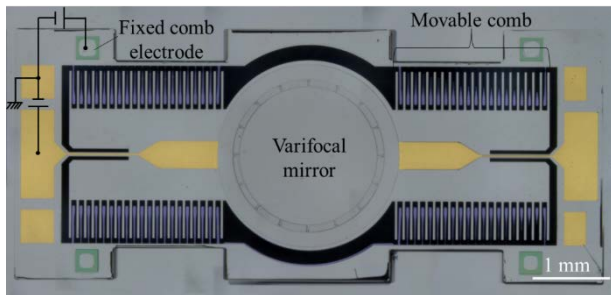
Mirror array for video projector DMD (Digital Micro mirror Device) (Texas Instruments (USA))

2 Optical MEMS and Micro/Nano-Optics (Hane, Kanamori)

Optical MEMS and Micro/Nano-Optics are studied in this laboratory.

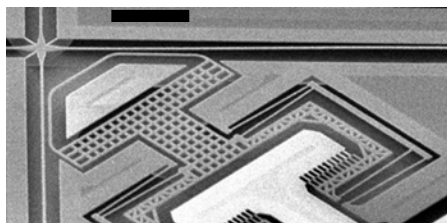
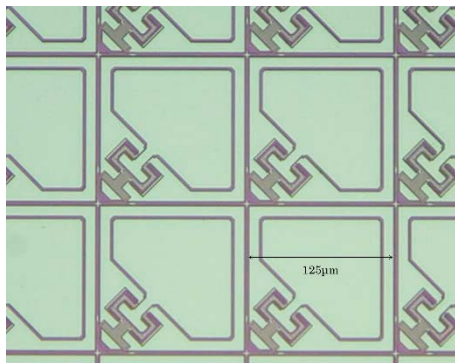
1. Micro-mirrors for display, telecommunication and sensing, 2. Optical micro-sensors for mechatronics and spectroscopy, 3. Silicon nanowire waveguide devices for telecommunication, 4. GaN-MEMS, 5. Nano-structured optics and meta-materials (color filter, antireflection, plasmonics)

Scanner with Varifocal Micro-Mirror



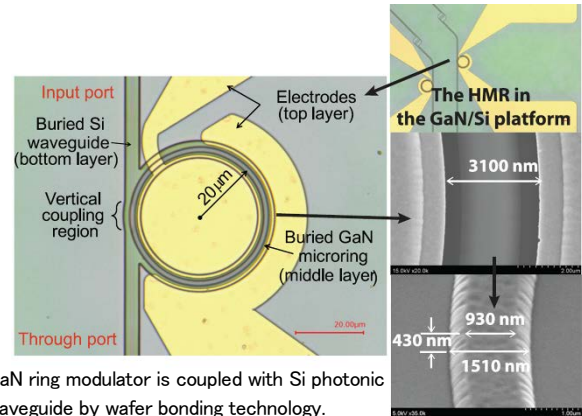
Focus and scan angle are varied. The changes are monitored by Si piezoresistive sensors. K. Nakazawa, J. J. MEMS, 26, (2017) 440

Silicon waveguide switch for cross connect



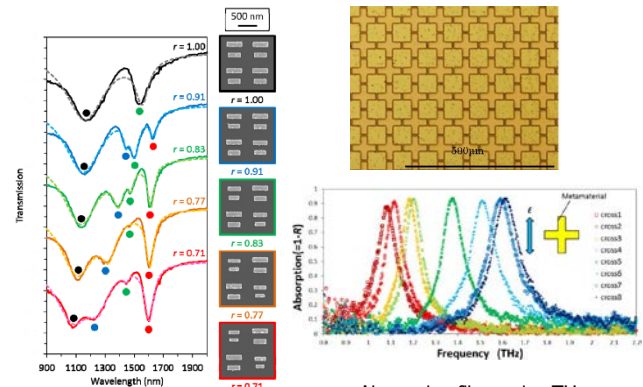
Matrix type switch consists of Si photonic waveguides. Gaps of couplers are varied by comb-drive actuator for switching. The couplers are located near the cross points of Si waveguides. The switch is developed for cross connect in data centers. S. Abe, Photon. Technol. Lett. 26 (2014) 1553

GaN ring modulator coupled to Si waveguide



GaN ring modulator is coupled with Si photonic waveguide by wafer bonding technology. Lightwave is modulated by the refractive index change of electro-optic effect of GaN. B. Thubthimthong, Appl. Phys. Lett. 122 (2018) 071102

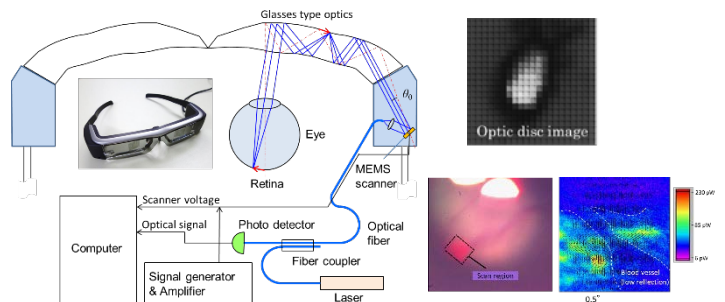
Nano structural optics (Meta-material)



Metamaterial filter using Fano resonance, Y. Moritake, Opt. Exp. 24 (2016) 9332

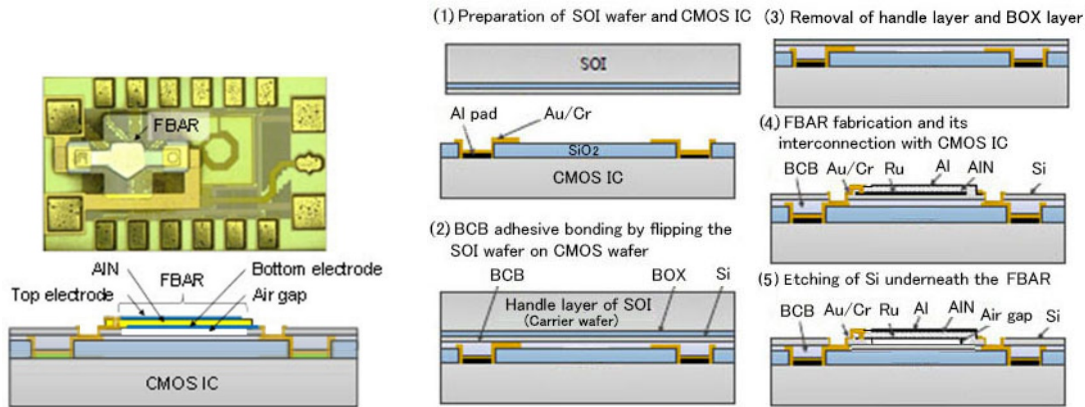
Absorption filter using THz metamaterials, Y. Ishi, IEEE J. 136-E (2016) 172

Smart glasses retinal imaging with MEMS scanners

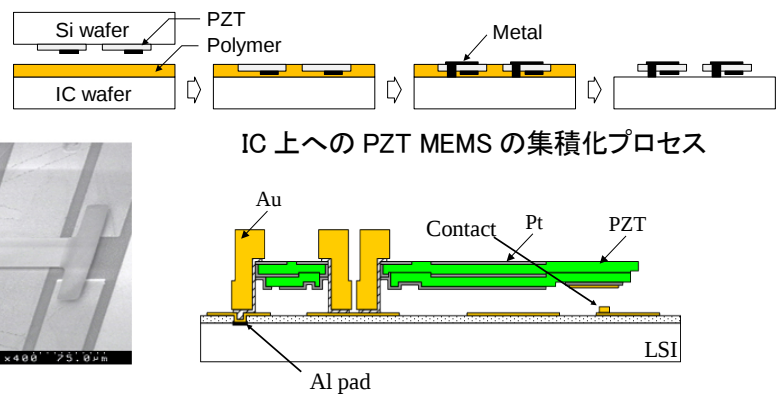
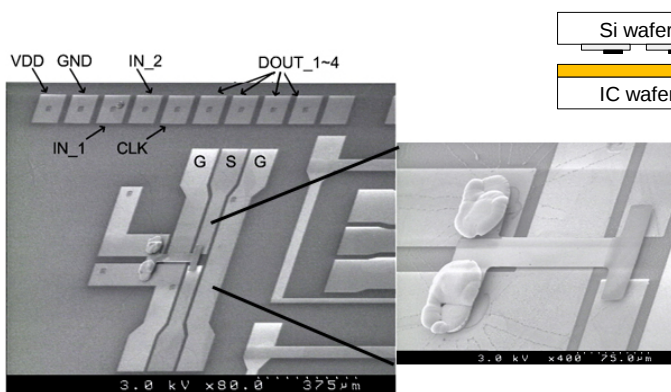


Retinal imaging using smart glasses and MEMS scanners. Retinal images of pig eyes, N. Kaushik, International Display workshops, Dec. 6-8, 2017, Sendai

3 RF MEMS

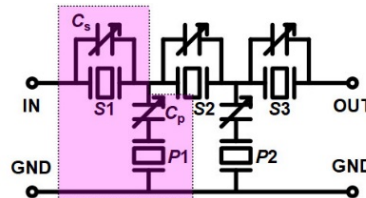
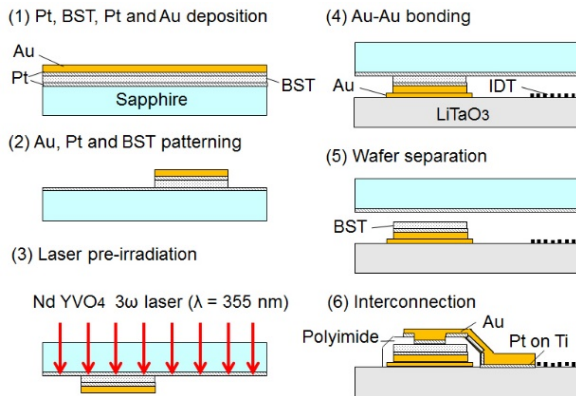


FBAR (film bulk acoustic resonator) on LSI (Kochhar et. al, 2012 IEEE Internl. Ultrasonic Symp. (2012) 1047)



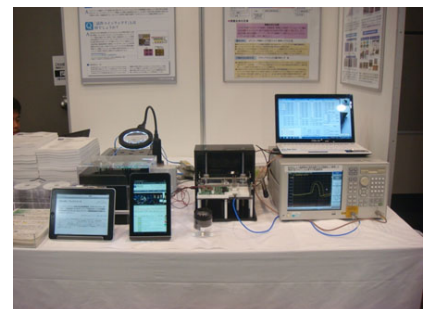
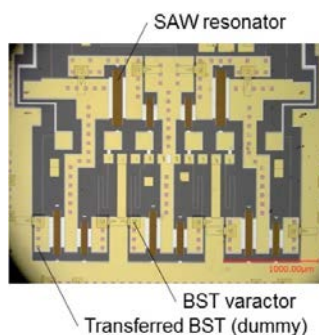
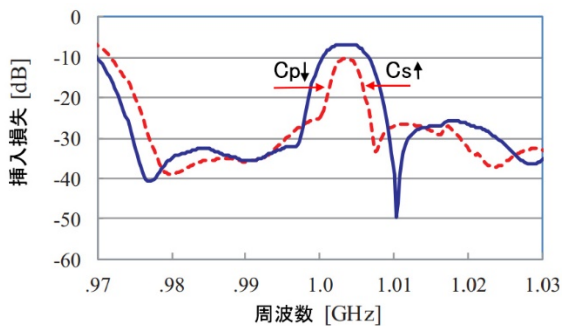
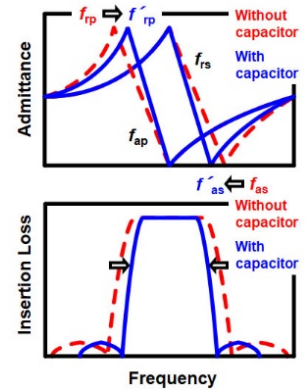
PZT MEMS switch fabricated on 0.35 μm CMOS LSI
(Matsuo *et al.*, IEEE MEMS 2012, pp. 1153–1156)

Cross sectional view of PZT MEMS switch



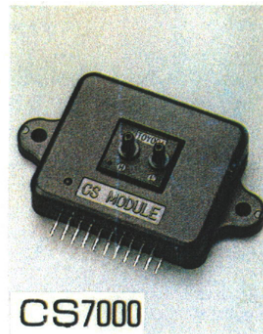
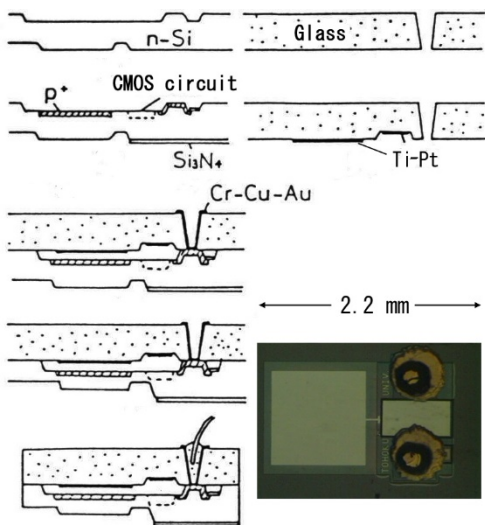
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$$f'_{as} = f_{rs} \sqrt{1 + \frac{C_{ls}}{C_{os} + C_s}}$$



Tunable bandwidth filter fabricated by selective transfer of ferroelectric variable capacitor on SAW device
(H.Hirano et.al, J. of Micromech. Microeng., 23, 2 (2013) 025005(9pp))

4 Mechanical sensors



For low pressure measurement

10mmH₂O~300mmH₂O

Frequency and analog output

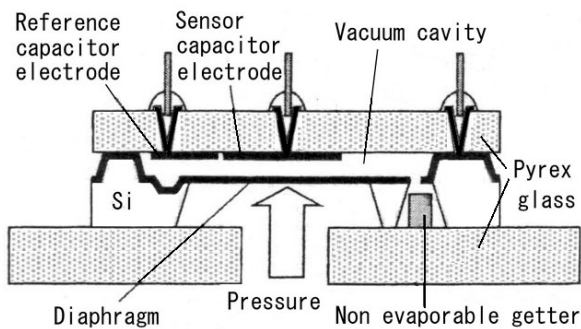
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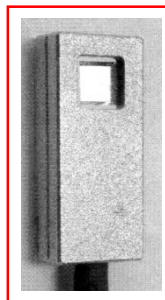
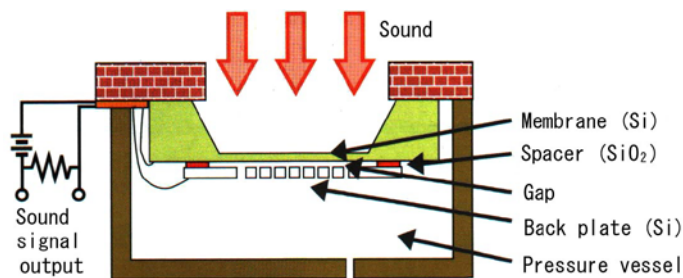
Monolithic capacitive pressure sensor

Integrated capacitive pressure sensor

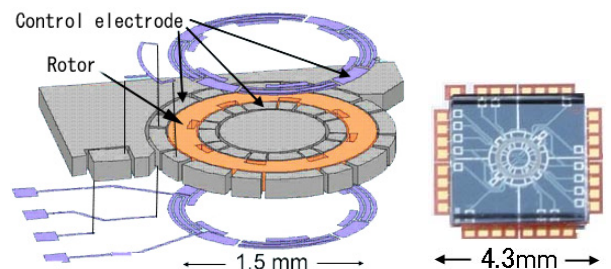
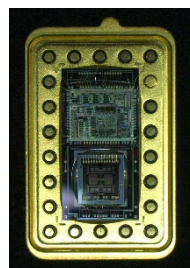
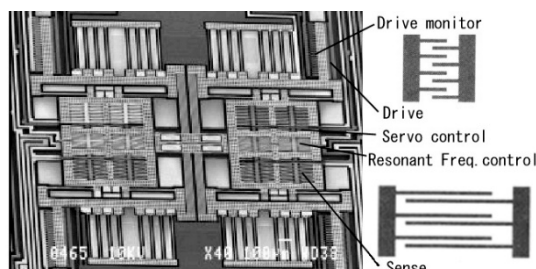
(Y.Matsumoto, S.Shoji and M.Esashi, Ext. Abstracts of the 22nd Conf. on Solid State Devices and Materials (1990) 701)



Silicon capacitive vacuum sensor (H.Miyashita et.al., ANELVA technical report, 11 (2005) 37)



Silicon microphone (NHK) (T.Tajima, N.Saito, M.Esashi et.al., Microelectronic Engineering, 67-68 (2003) 508)

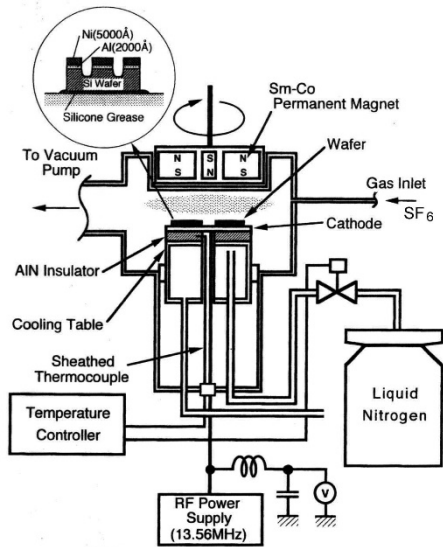


Yaw rate & acceleration sensor (Toyota motor Ltd.)

Electrostatically levitating rotational gyro (Tokyo keiki Ltd.)

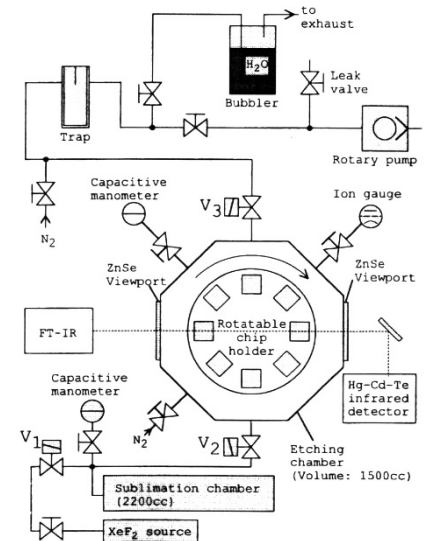
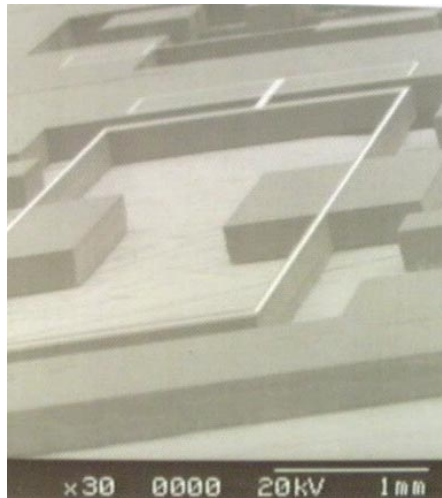
(M.Nagao, et.al., 2004 SAE World Congress, 01-1113 (2004)) (T.Murakoshi, et.al., Jpn. J. Appl. Phys., 42 (2003) 2468)

5 Micromachining and packaging



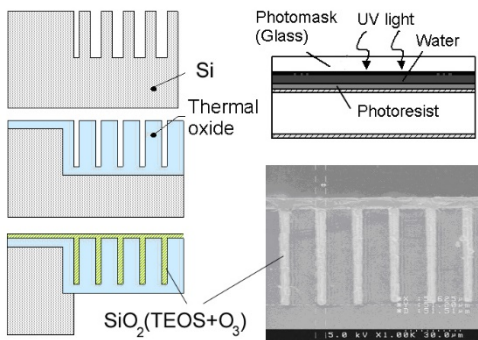
Deep RIE system and resonating gyro fabricated using it

(M.Takinami, Tech. Digest of the 11th Sensor Symp. (1992) 15)



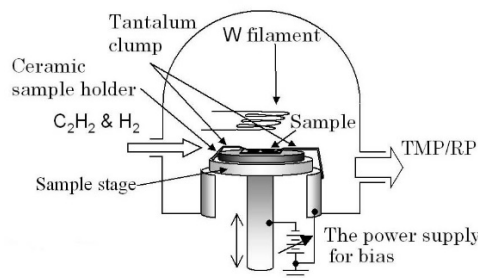
Si etching system using XeF_2

(R.Toda, Sensors & Actuators, A66(1998) 268)



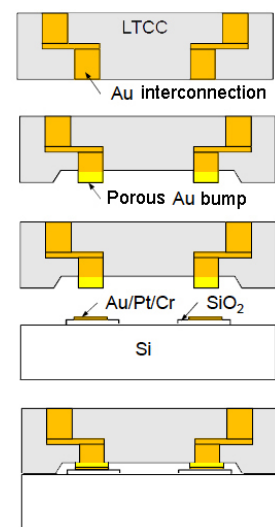
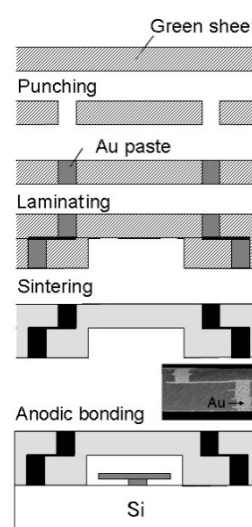
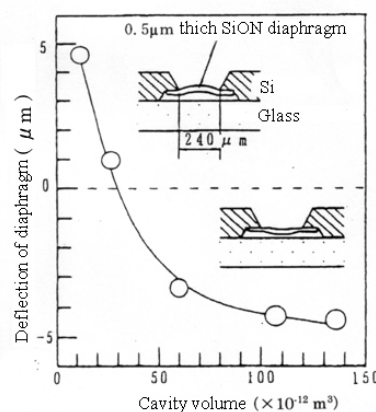
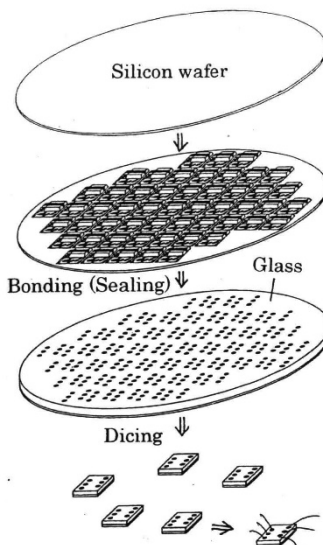
Water immersion contact lithography and trench refill.

(K.S.Chang, et.al, J.of Micromech. Microeng., 15 (2005) S171)



Hot filament CVD used for Carbon nanotube growth (or diamond film deposition).

(T.Ono et.al., Nanotechnology, 13 (2002) 62-64)



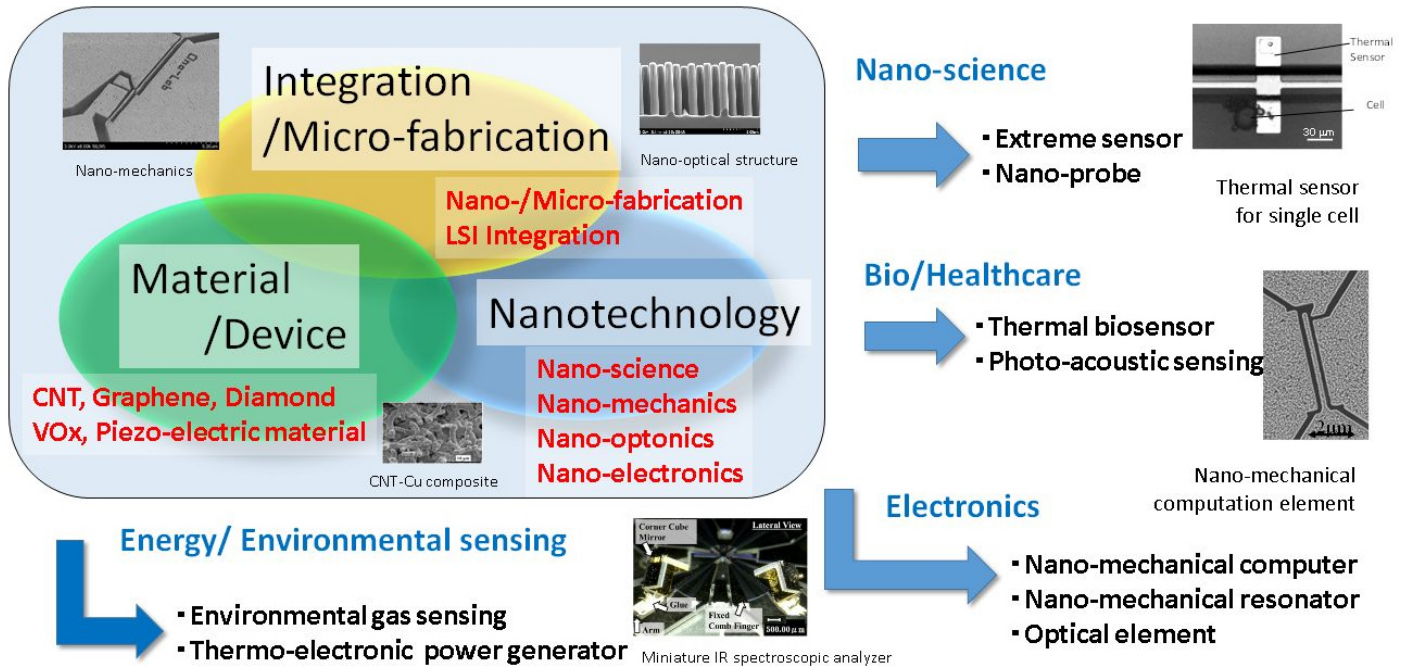
Wafer level packaging (WLP). O_2 generation during anodic bonding. WLP using LTCC with electrical feedthrough.

(M.Esashi, J.of Micromech. and Microeng., 18 (2008) 073001) (S.Tanaka et.al., Technical Digest IEEE MEMS, (2012) 369)

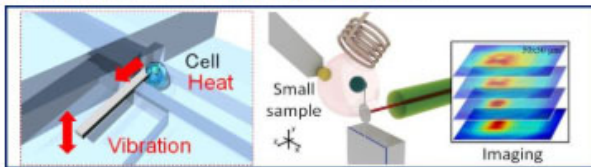
6 Nanomachining and ultra-high sensitive sensing

*Graduate School of Engineering
Department of Mechanical Systems Engineering
Ono·Toan Lab. / Toda Lab.*

We have developed micro/nanomechanics and related technologies based on nanotechnology and microfabrication for information technology, bio-medicals, energy, environments and nanoscience. In addition, ultimate sensor and sensing technologies have been developed and applied to new applications.



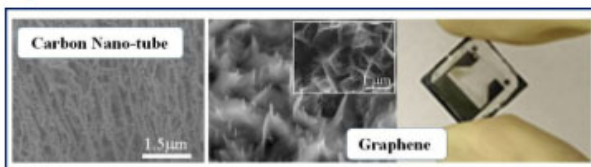
Ultimate Sensing, Spintronics



Micro/Nano Energy Systems, Wearable



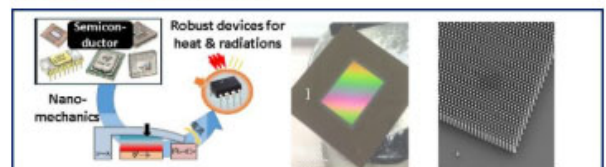
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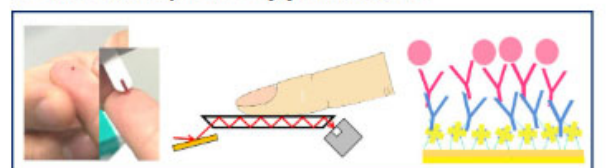
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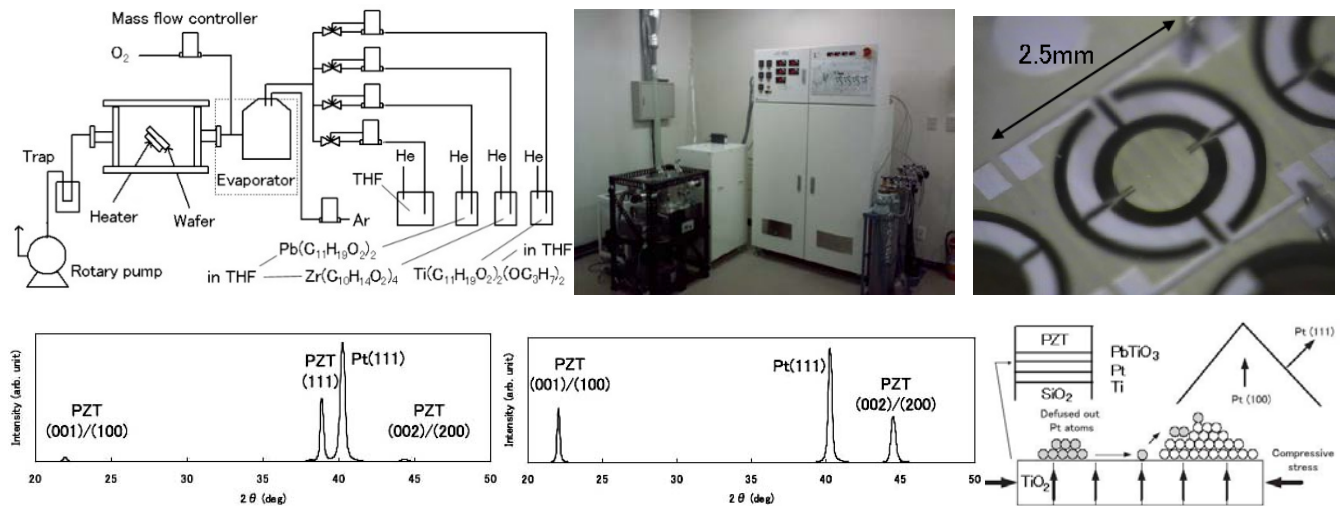
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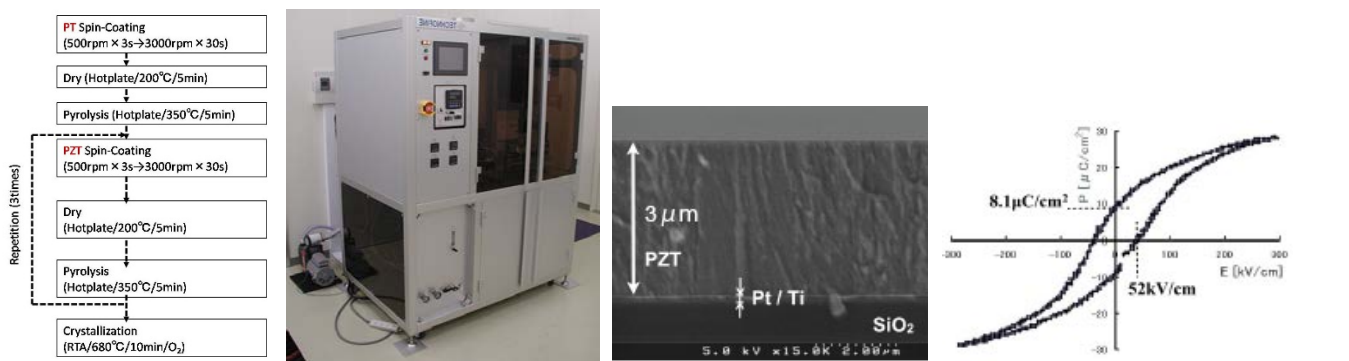
Healthcare, Bio-Applications



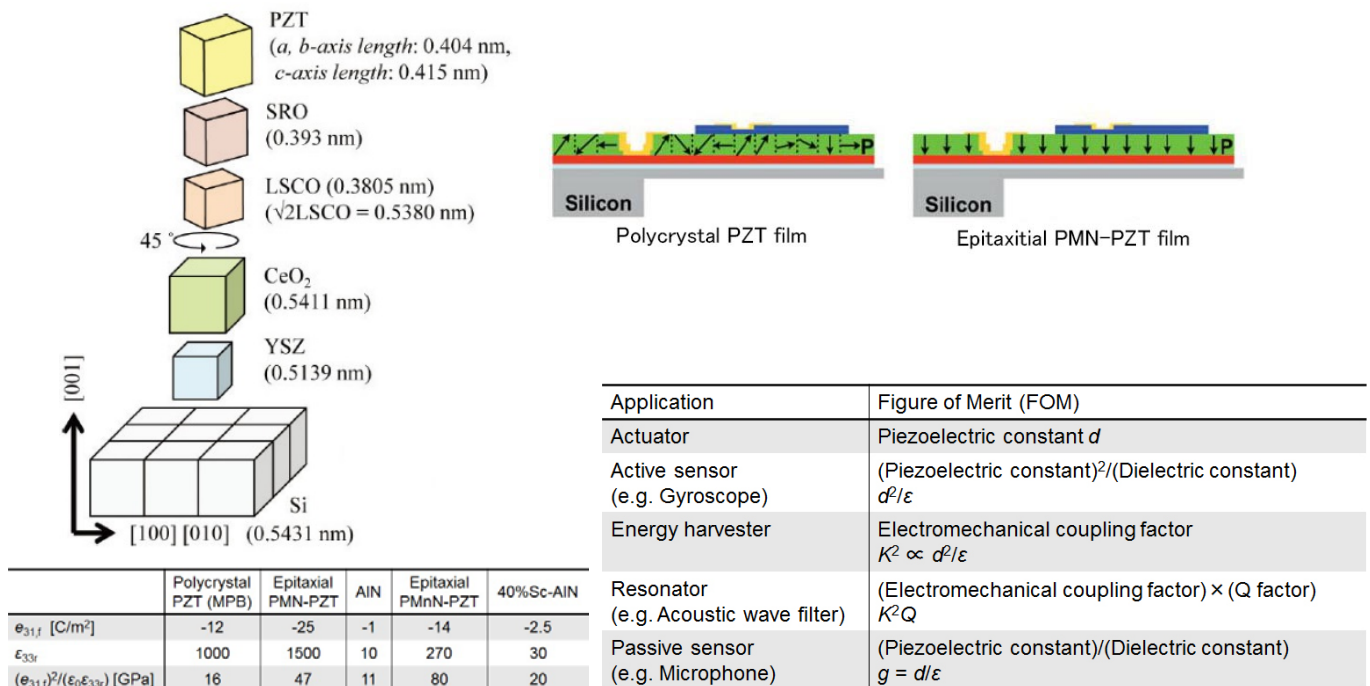
7 PZT thin films for MEMS



PZT thin film by MOCVD (H.Matsuo, Y.Kawai, S.Tanaka and M.Esashi, Jap. J. Appl. Phys, 49 (2010) 061503)



PZT thin film by sol-gel method (Y.Kawai, N.Moriwaki, M.Esashi and T.Ono, Proc. of the 27th Sensor Symp. (2010) 21)



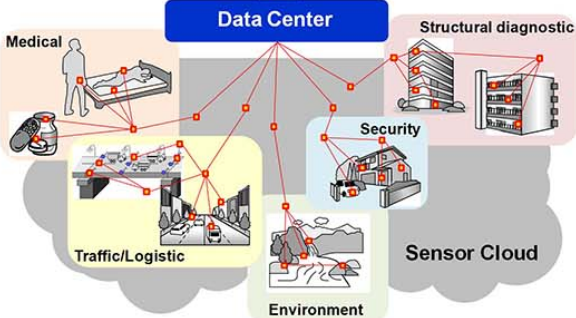
Epitaxial PZT thin film with buffered layer by sputter deposition (S.Yoshida, et.al., IEEE Trans. on Ultrasonics, Ferroelectrics and Frequency Control, 61, 9 (2014) 1552)



Activity on Prof. Kuwano's Working Group

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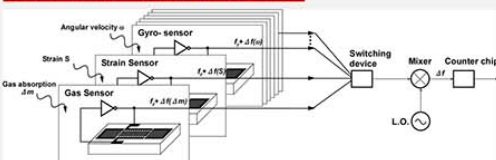
New applications, New data services, and New infrastructures



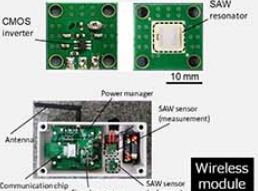
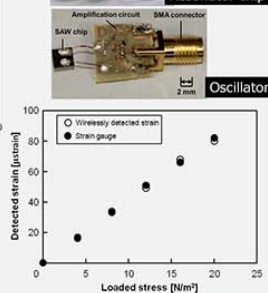
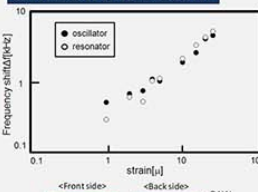
- Big data as an informative infrastructure
⇒ Security app., disaster alert, etc..
- Big data for open source ⇒ New business creation
- Wide-dispersed system of wireless sensor nodes
<Key technologies>
 - Sensors for wireless systems
 - Micro energy sources
 - New fabrication technologies

2. Sensors for wireless systems

SAW multi-sensors module

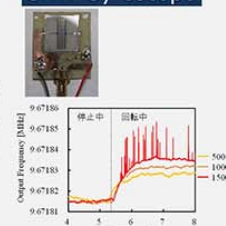
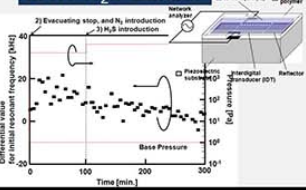


SAW Strain Sensor



Wireless module

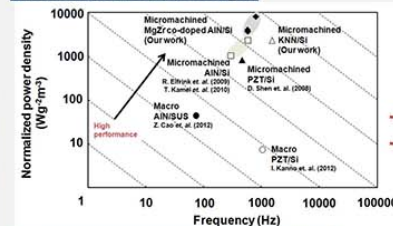
SAW H₂S Sensor



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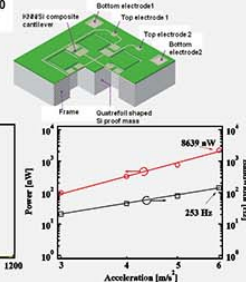
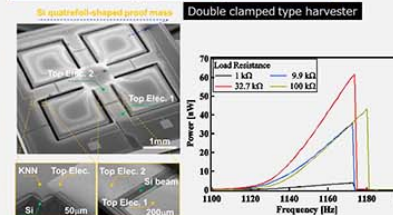
Piezoelectric type harvester

Material breakthrough

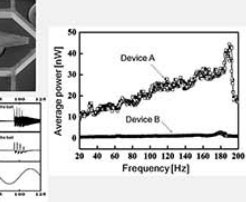
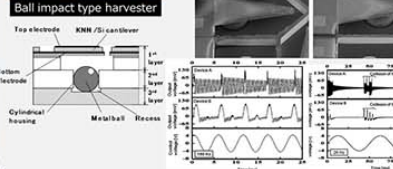


- Pb free (K,Na)NbO₃
- Pb free Zn,Mg co-doped AlN

Wide band power generation

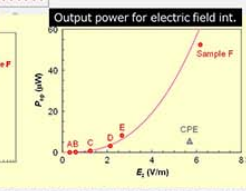
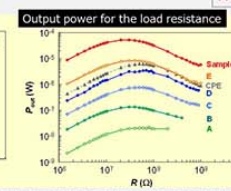
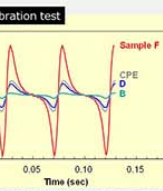
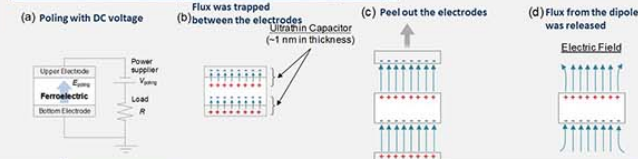


DC operation



Electret type harvester

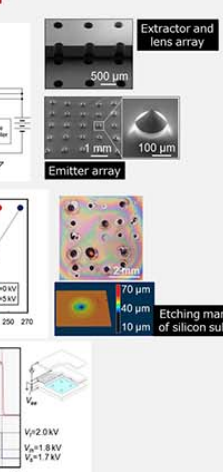
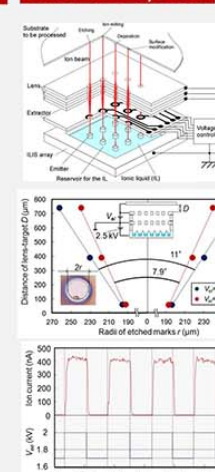
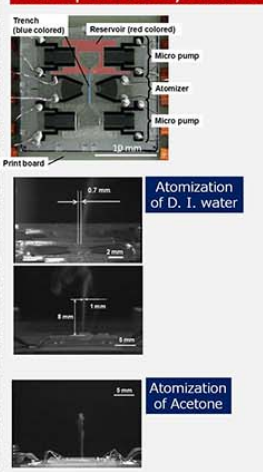
Ferroelectric Dipole Electrets (FDE)



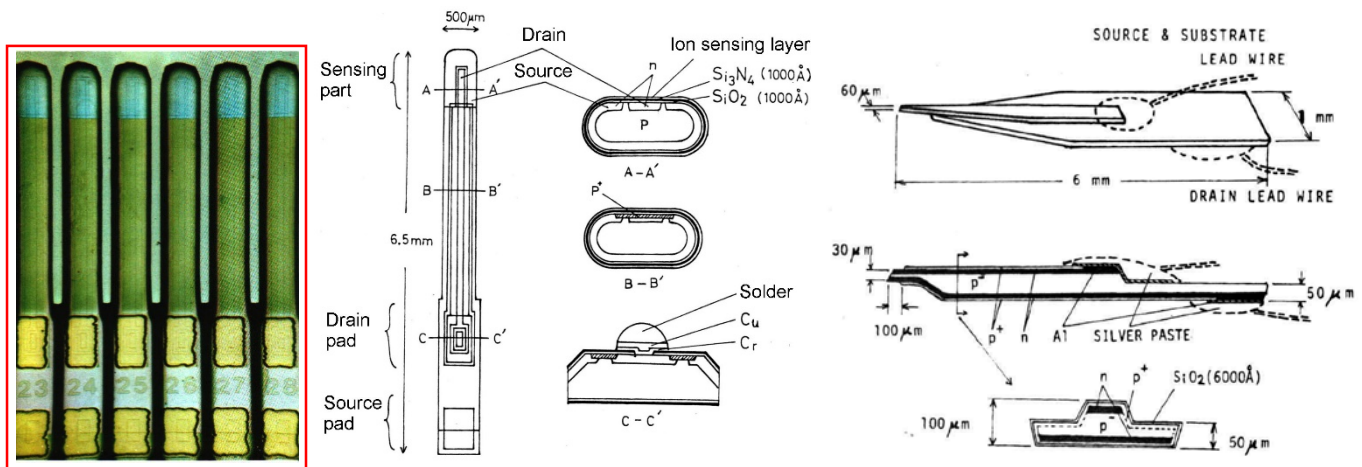
4. New fabrication technologies

Nanoparticle synthesis

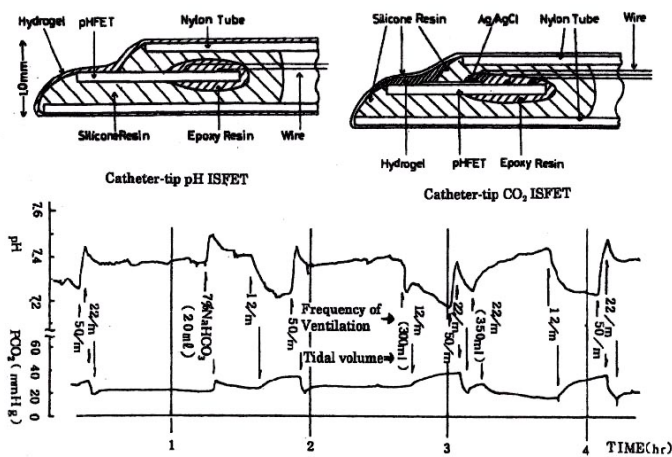
Micro FIB system



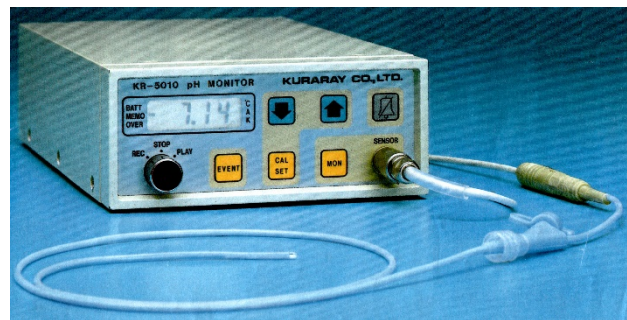
Micro sensors for medical monitoring



ISFET (Ion Sensitive Field Effect Transistor) and micro ISFET (right)
(M.Esashi and T.Matsuo, J.of the Japan Soc. of Applied Physics, **44**, Supplement (1975) 339)



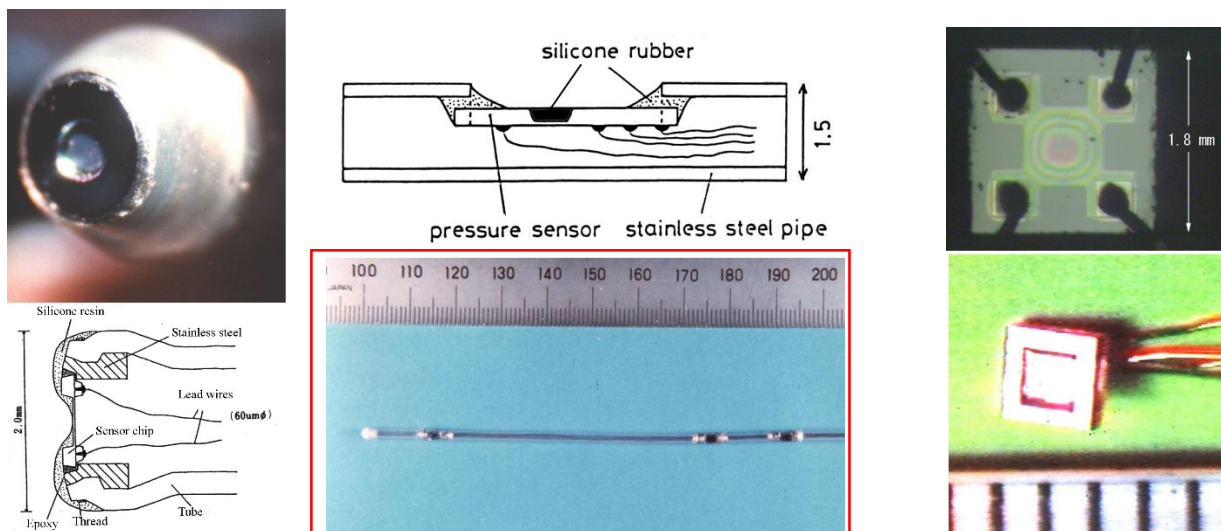
Continuous pH and CO₂ measurement of sed arterial blood of mongral dog by the catheter-tip pH ISFET and catheter-tip CO₂ ISFET.



ISFET and reference electrode in 2.4mm diameter catheter

Commercialized pH, CO₂ monitor catheter (1980 Kurare Co.Ltd., Nihon kodon Corp.)

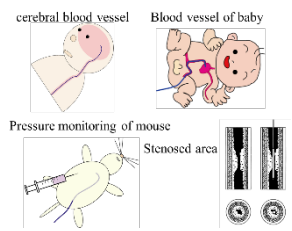
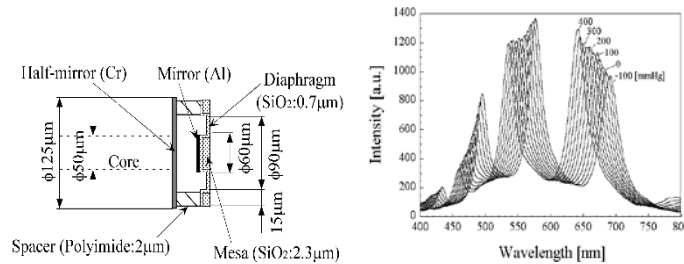
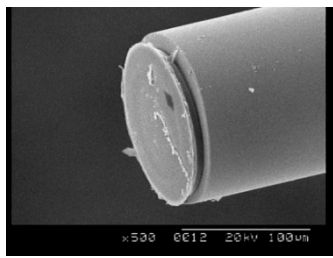
(K. Shimada, M. Yano, K. Shibatani, Y. Komoto, M. Esashi and T. Matsuo, Med. & Biol. Eng. & Comput., 18 (1980) 741)



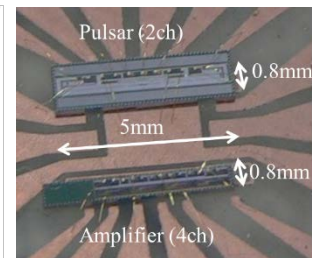
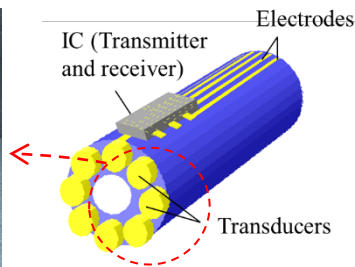
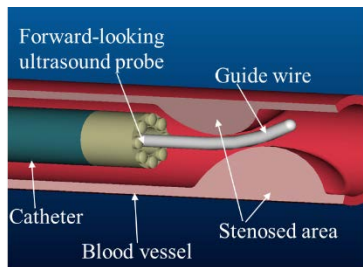
Piezoresistive blood pressure sensor (Catheter tip, catheter side, implantable absolute pressure sensor)

(M.Esashi, H.Komatsu, T.Matsuo, M.Takahashi, T.Takishima, K.Imabayashi and H.Ozawa, IEEE Trans. on Electron Devices, ED-29 (1982) 57)
(M.Esashi, Y.Matsumoto and S.Shoji, Sensors and Actuators, A21-A23 (1990) 1048)

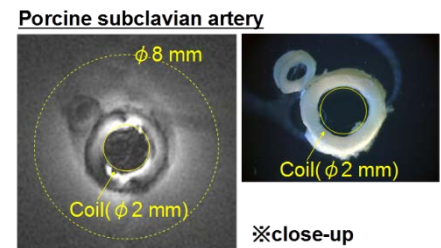
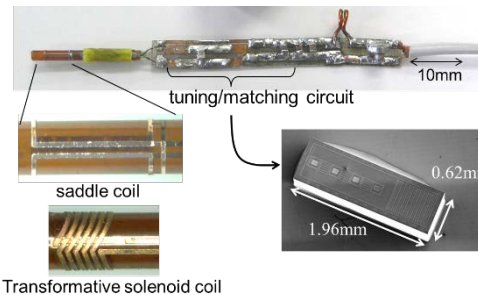
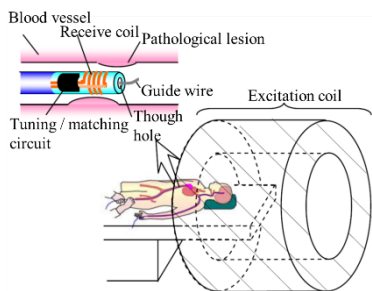
10 Minimally invasive medical devices and health care devices (Y. Haga)



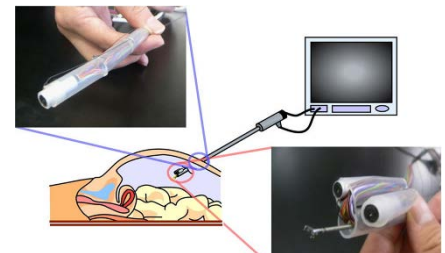
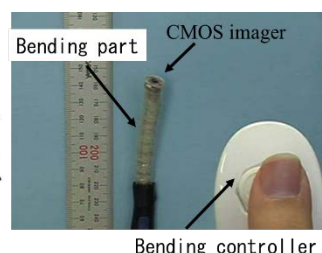
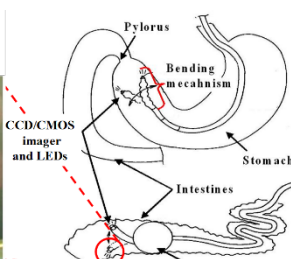
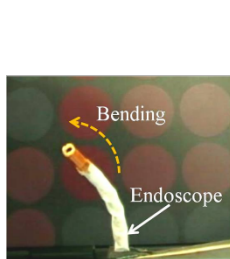
Ultra miniature fiber optic pressure sensor Structure Reflection spectrum for different pressures Applications
(K. Totsu *et al.*, J.of Micromech. Microeng., 15 (2005) 71–75)



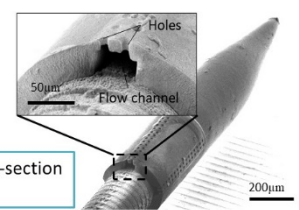
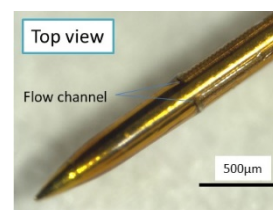
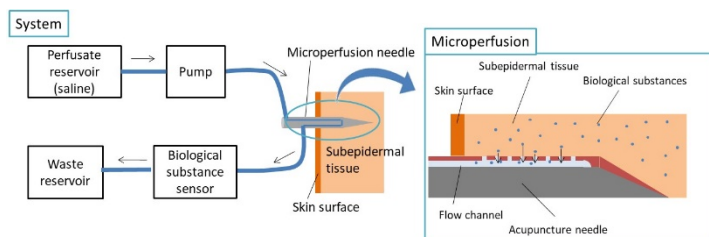
Forward-looking intravascular ultrasound imager and fabricated transducers, pulsar and amplifier (μSIC)
(J. J. Chen *et al.*, Proc. of MEMS (2004))



Intraluminal MRI probe Fabricated MRI probe and variable capacitor (μSIC) Imaging results
(S.Goto *et al.*, Proc. of MEMS (2007)) (S. Ichimura *et al.*, Proc. ISMRM (2010))

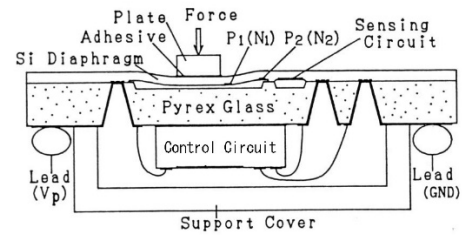
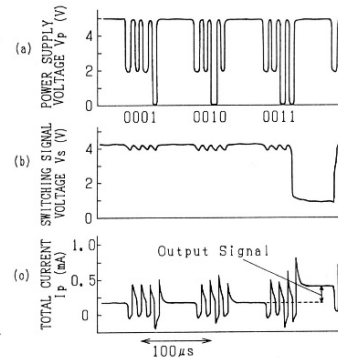
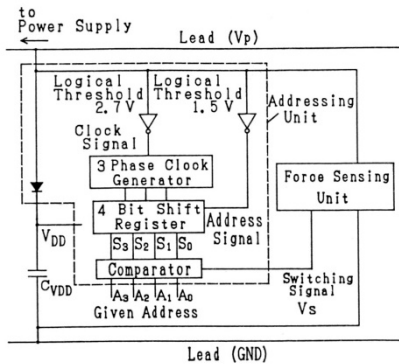
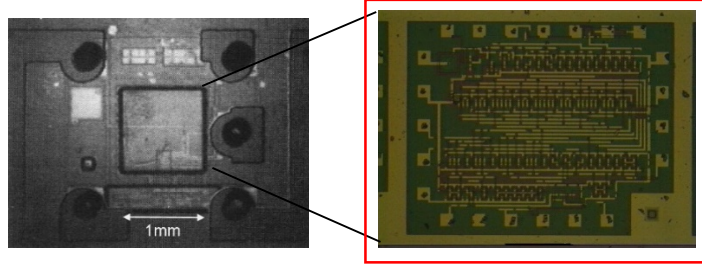
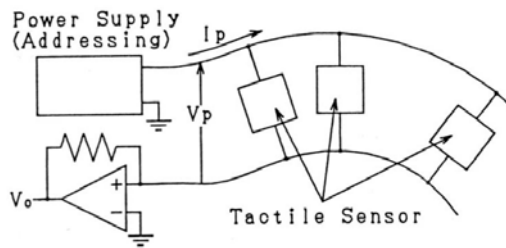


Disposable endoscope using shape memory alloy Thin endoscope ($\phi 3.9\text{mm}$) Colonoscope ($\phi 9\text{mm}$)
(Y. Haga *et al.*, IEEJ Trans. SM, 131 (2011) 102–110) (S. Suda, *et al.*, J.JSCAS, 17 (2015), 83–90)



Minimally invasive continuous monitoring system for biological substances, and fabricated microanalysis needles with flow channel
(N. Tsuruoka *et al.*, Biomed. Microdevices (2016) 18:19)

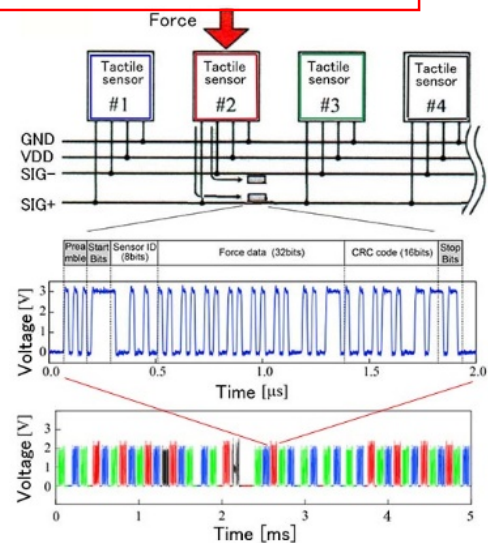
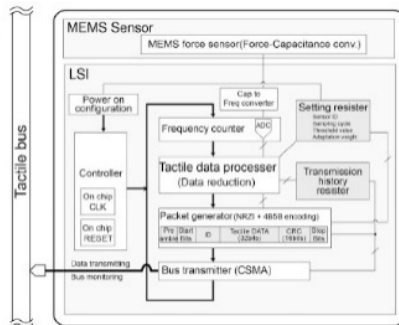
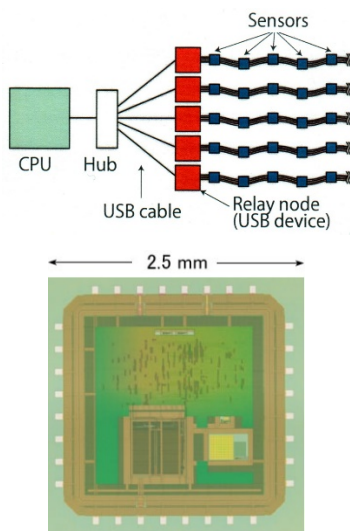
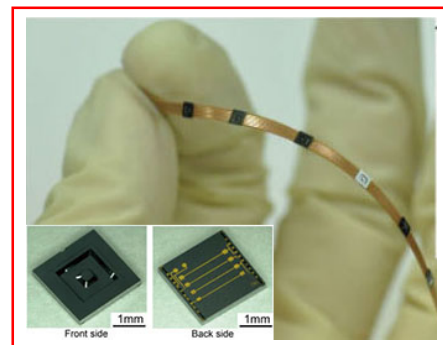
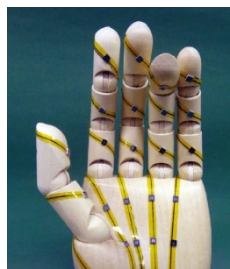
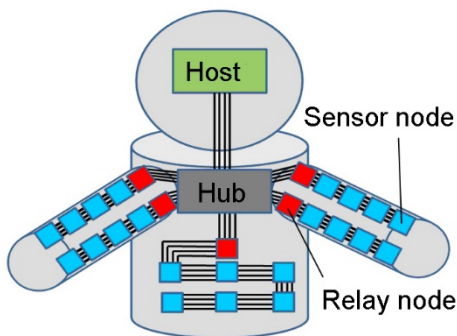
11 Tactile sensor network



Common two-lead tactile sensor array (poling type) Number of transistors max 100 /chip in our laboratory

(In company, 1 million /chip at that time, 10 billion /chip at present)

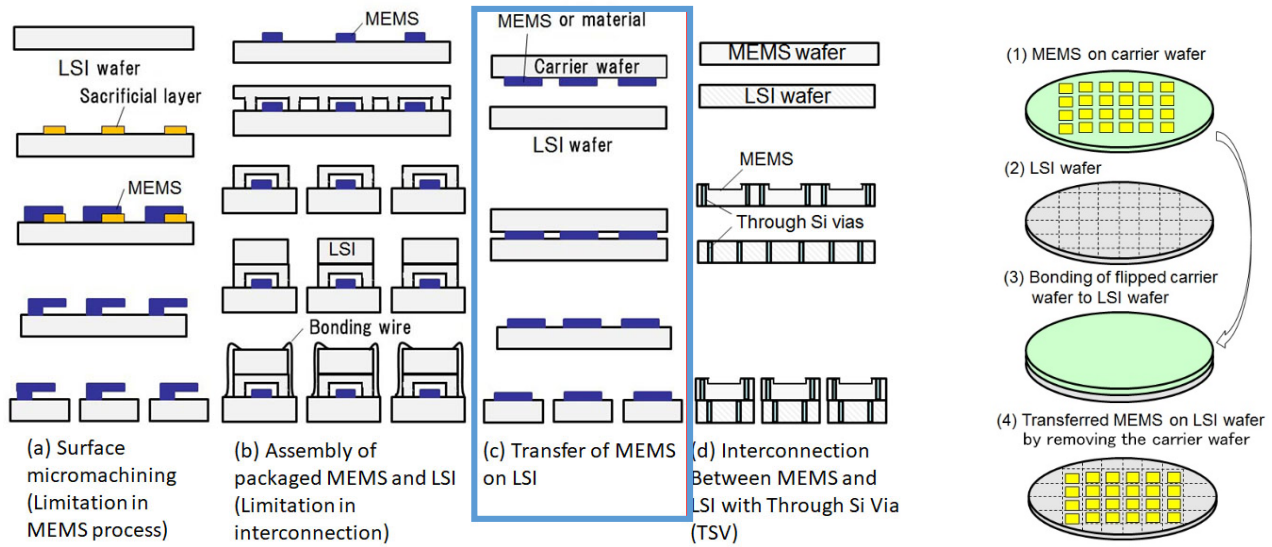
(S.Kobayashi, T.Mitsui, S.Shoji and M.Esashi : Two-Lead Tactile Sensor Array Integrated CMOS Interface Circuits, Using Piezoresistive Effect of MOS Transistor, Technical Digest of the 9th Sensor Symposium,(1990) 137-140)



Tactile sensor network (event driven tipe) (Tohoku Univ. Toyota, Toyota central research laboratory)

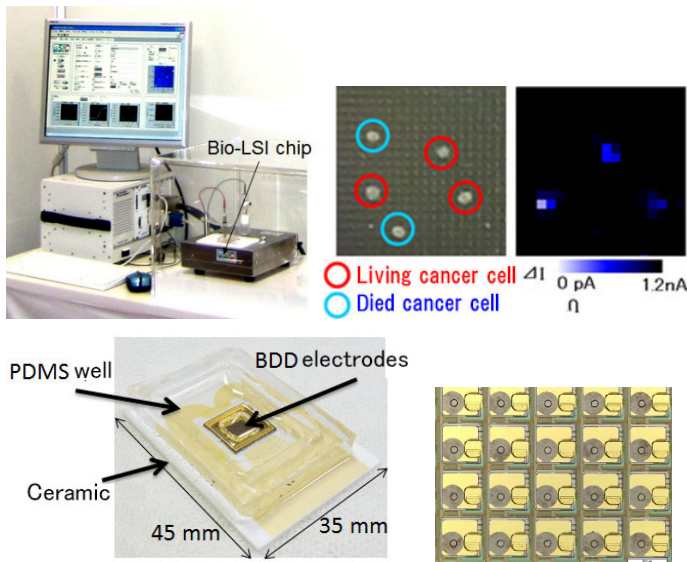
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12 Heterogeneous integration of MEMS on LSI by transfer

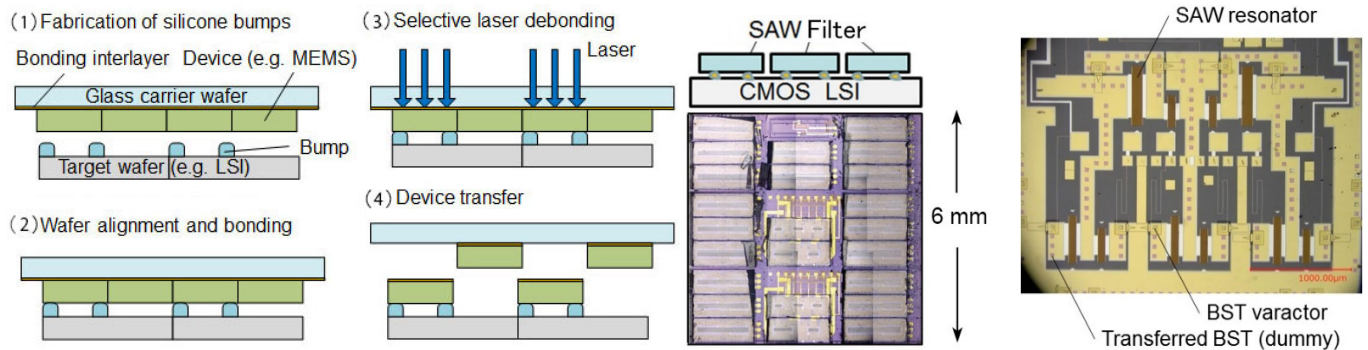
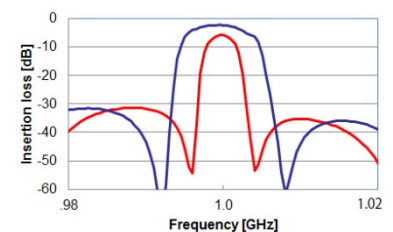
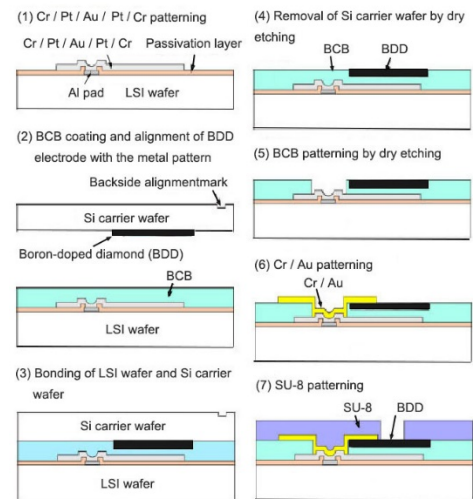


Heterogeneous integration

Transfer of MEMS or materials on LSI



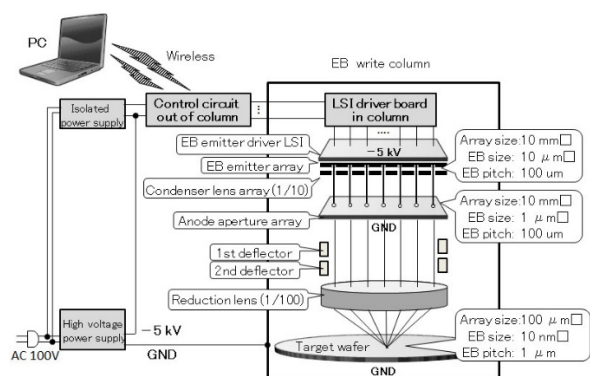
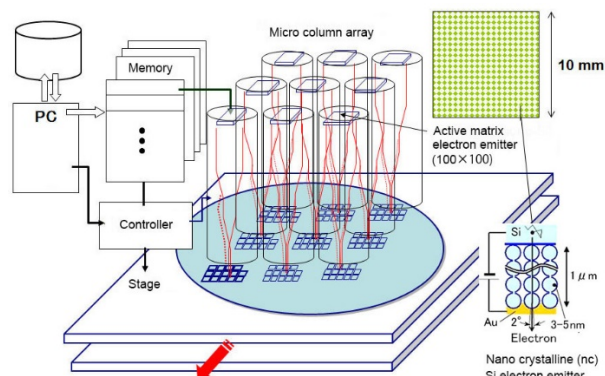
BioLSI made by the transfer of boro doped diamond (BDD) film on LSI (Matsue)



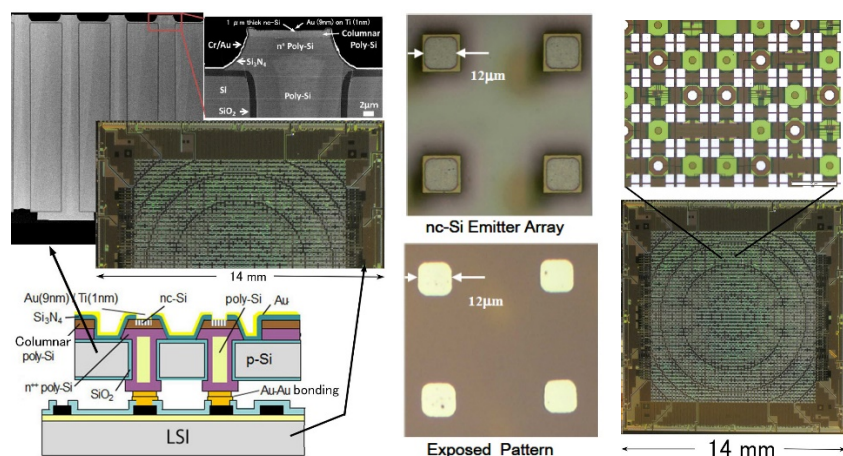
Selective transfer process and multi SAW filter on LSI made by the process

Tunable SAW filter by selective transfer

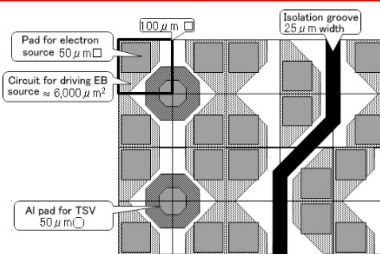
13 Development of massive parallel EB exposure system



EB exposure system using active matrix electron source array Structure of a single column (prototype is lateral)

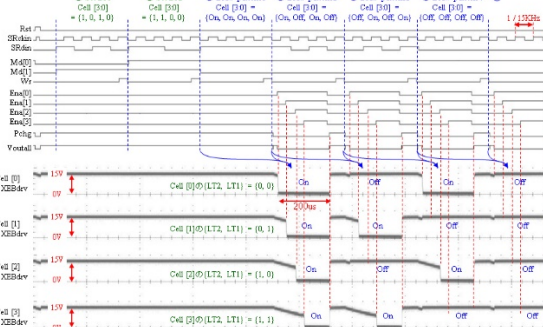
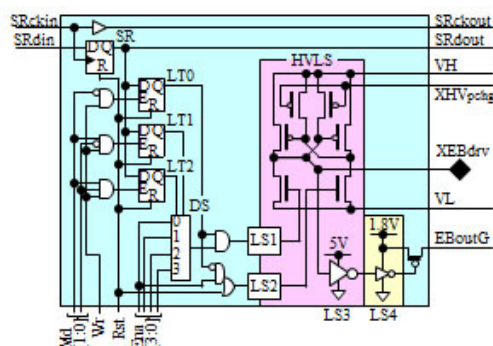


Active matrix electron source chip, the EB exposure system and published book “Development of massive parallel Electron Beam Write System” are displayed in the next room (Historical museum of technology).

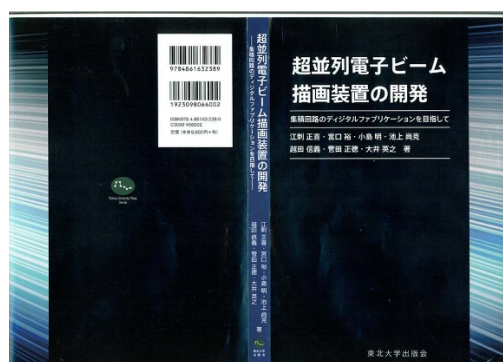
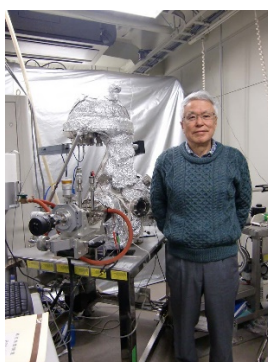


Nanocrystalline (nc) Si electron source connected to LSI with TSV

Driving LSI (100 × 100 cells)



M.Esashi, A.Kojima, N.Ikegami, H.Miyaguchi and N.Koshida : Development of Massively Parallel Electron Beam Direct Write Lithography Using Active-matrix Nanocrystalline-silicon Electron Emitter Arrays, Microsystems & Nanoengineering (2015) 1, 15029(1-8)



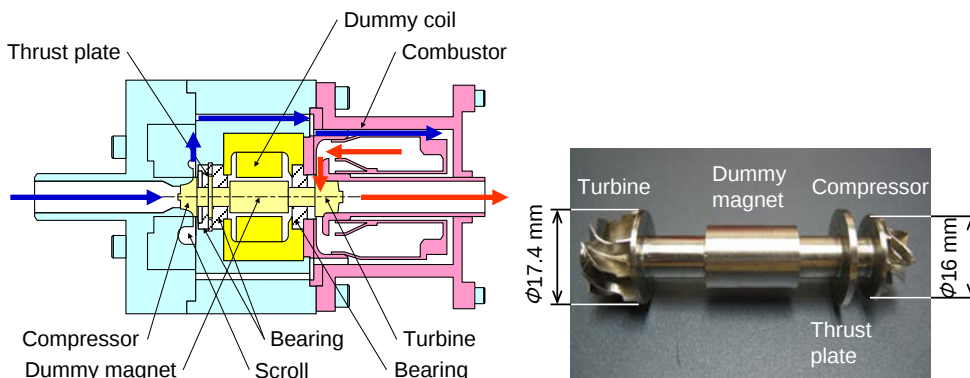
(H.Miyaguchi, M.Esashi, A.Kojima, N.Ikegami, H.Ohi, M.Sugata) (N.Koshida)

(Tohoku University Press 2018)

(The EB exposure system is displayed in the Historical museum of technology)

14 Power MEMS

Ultra-small Gas Turbine Generator

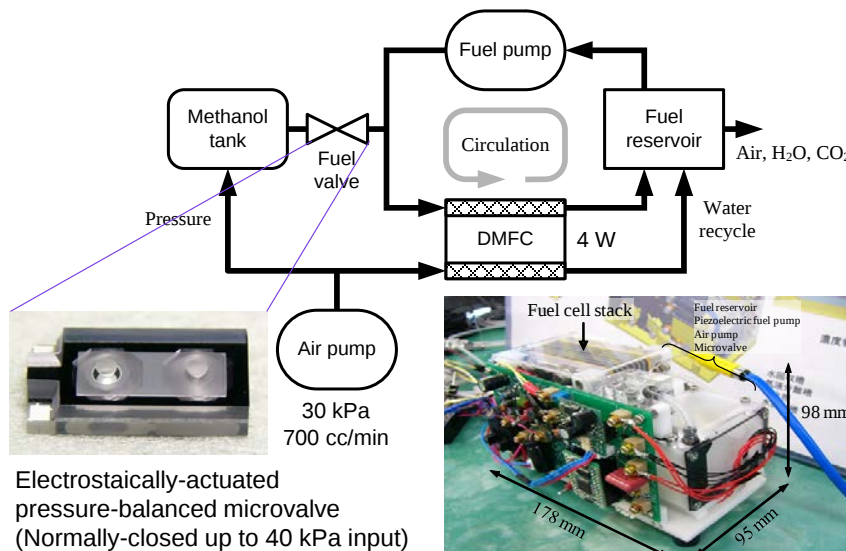


World's smallest gas turbine (2007)
(Collaboration with IHI, Tohoku Gakuin Univ. etc.) (Inconel one-piece structure)
(Tanaka *et al.*, PowerMEMS 2007, pp. 359–362)



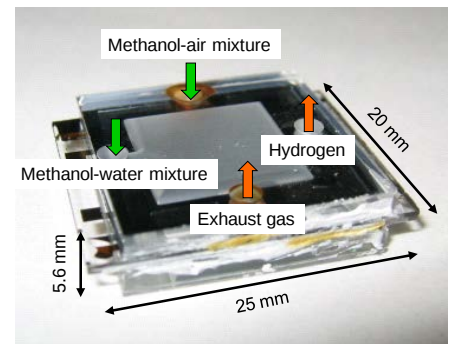
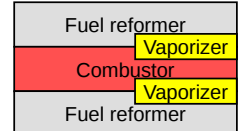
Portable gas turbine generator
prototyped by IHI (2012)
(Based on achievement in 2007)

Portable Fuel Cell



Electrostatically-actuated
pressure-balanced microvalve
(Normally-closed up to 40 kPa input)

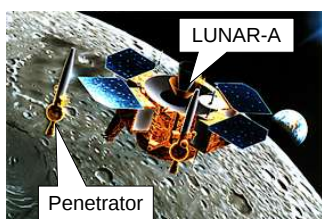
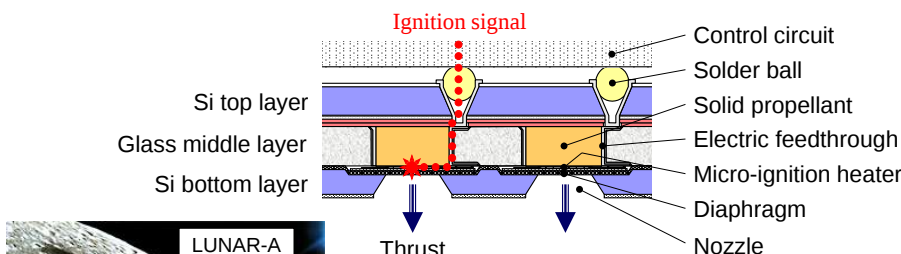
Reactor configuration



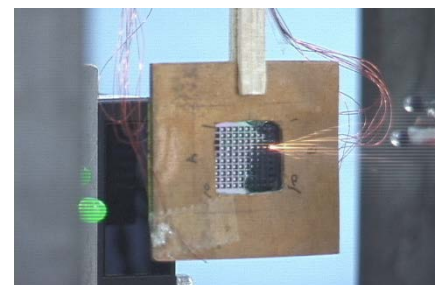
Electrostatic MEMS valve and direct methanol fuel cell system using the valve
(Collaboration with Panasonic Electric Works)
(K. Yoshida *et al.*, Sensors and Actuators A, 157 (2010)
p pp. 290–298, p. 299–306)

Integrated micro fuel reformer
(Collaboration with Panasonic Electric Works)
(K. Yoshida *et al.*, J. Micromech. Microeng.,
16 (2006) pp. S191–S197)

Micro Rocket Array Thruster



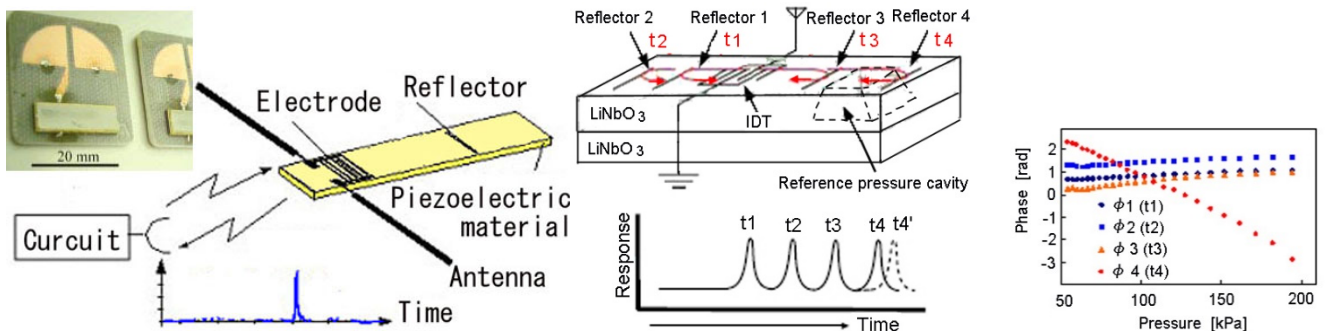
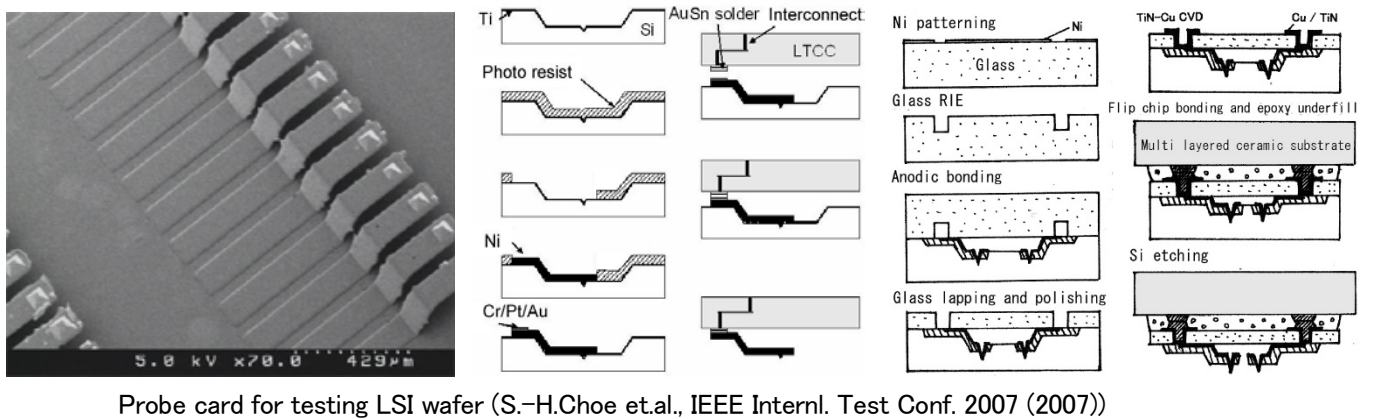
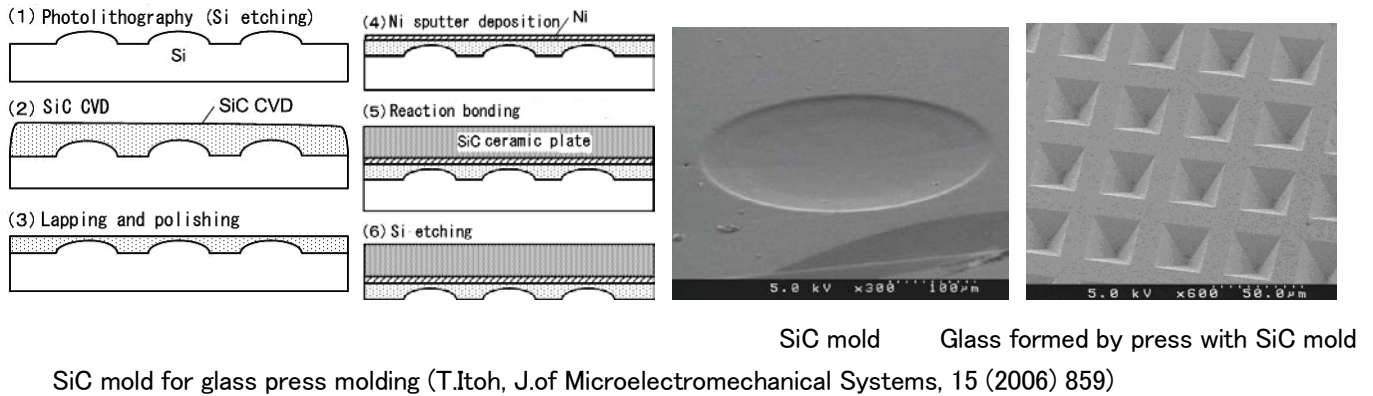
Structure of micro rocket array thruster
(Collaboration with ISAS/JAXA and Nichiyu Giken Kogyo)
(S. Tanaka *et al.*, Trans. Jpn. Soc. Aeronautical Space Sci., 46, 151 (2003) pp. 47–51)



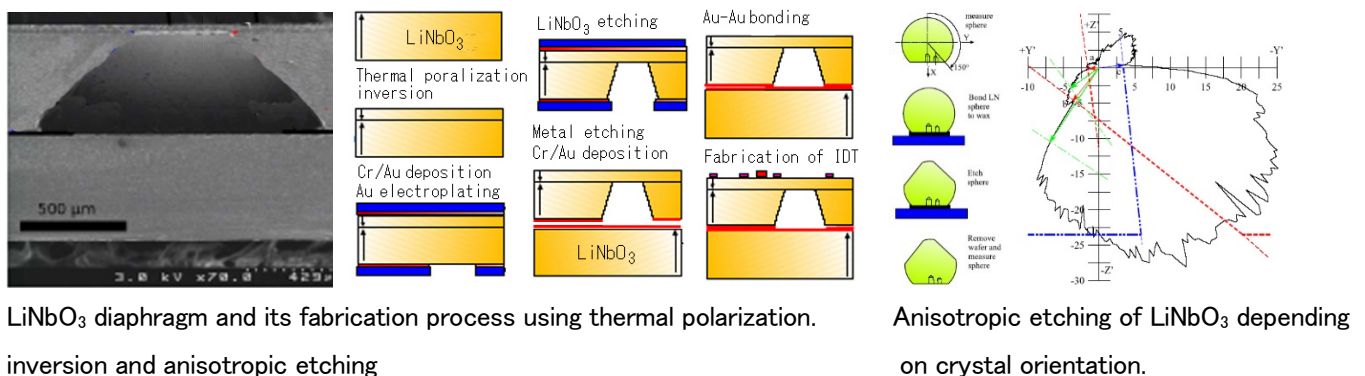
Micro rocket array thruster under test

The micro-thruster was developed for Penetrator injected to lunar surface.

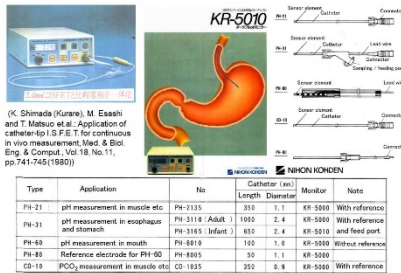
15 MEMS for production, testing, environment and safety



Surface Acoustic Wave (SAW) wireless passive sensor. Tire pressure monitoring system and its LiNbO₃ diaphragm (S.Hashimoto et.al(Nissan motor), Transaction of IEEE, 128-E (2008) 231)



Examples of MEMS Industrialization by Tohoku Univ. – industry Collaboration



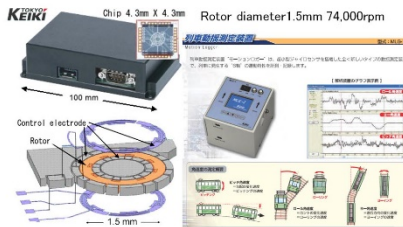
Catheter pH, PCO₂ monitor
(Kurare, Nihon Kohden)



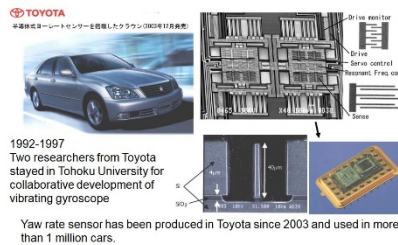
Portable pH sensor
(Shindengen)



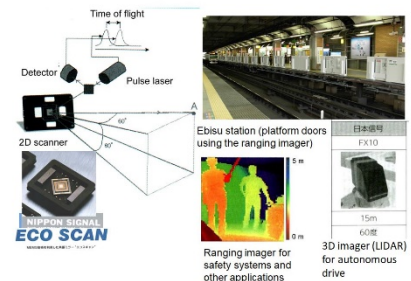
Instrument to detect H. pylori
(Nihon Kohden)



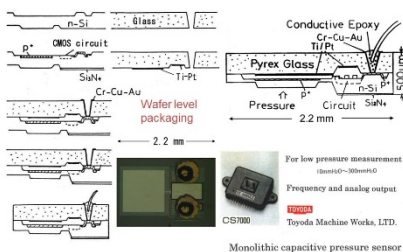
Electrostatically levitated rotational
(Tokyo Keiki)



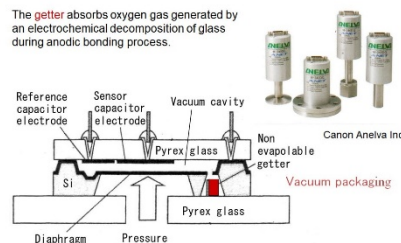
Yaw rate-Accelerometer
(Toyota)



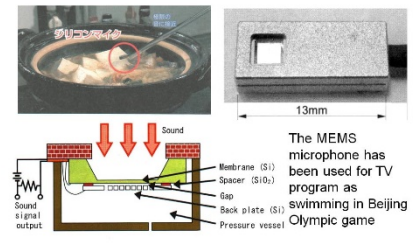
2-axes optical scanner
(Nippon signal)



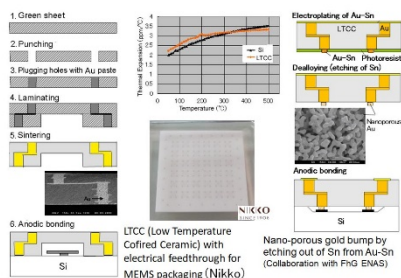
Integrated capacitive pressure sensor
(JTEKT)



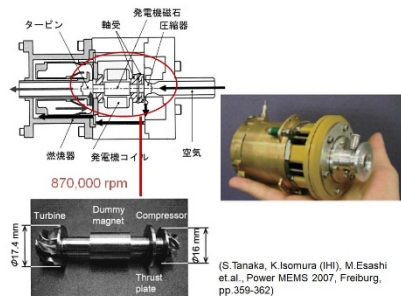
Diaphragm vacuum gauge
(Canon ANELVA)



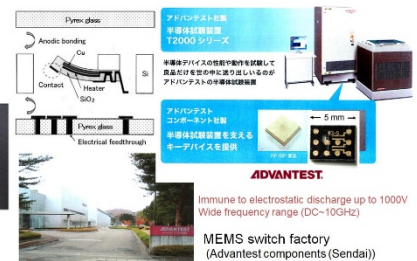
Silicon microphone
(NHK, Panasonic)



LTCC with electrical feedthrough
for MEMS packaging (Nikko)



Palm-top silent gas turbine engine
power generator for robot (IHI)



MEMS switch for LSI tester
(Advantest)

High-Frequency, Low Power Consumption MEMS Relay

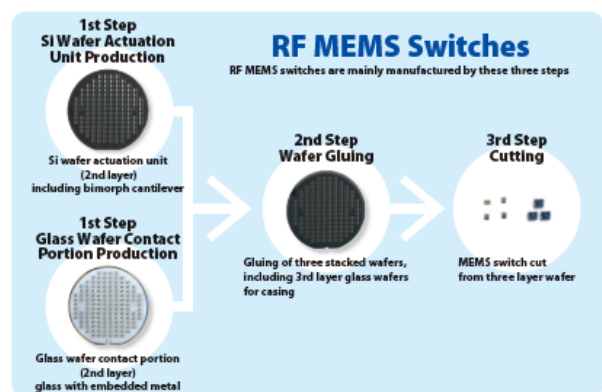
Advantest's high-frequency MEMS relay utilizes piezoelectric actuation to achieve low power consumption and high reliability. Via Advantest's proprietary deposition technology, the relay features a piezoelectric film only 1 micron thick, making low actuation voltage possible. The relay also has high reliability, using contact-point control technology honed in Advantest's semiconductor testing equipment, and it can handle up to 20 GHz high-frequency transmission, using Advantest's high-frequency measurement technology.

MEMS Relay Applications



Semiconductor Testing Equipment, High-Speed Communications Devices, High-Frequency Measurement Equipment

MEMS Relay Production Process



MEMS R&D & Production

R&D Centers : Advantest Gunma R&D Center
Advantest Laboratories (Sendai)
Brought to Practicality Under the Guidance of
Prof. Masayoshi Esashi of Tohoku University

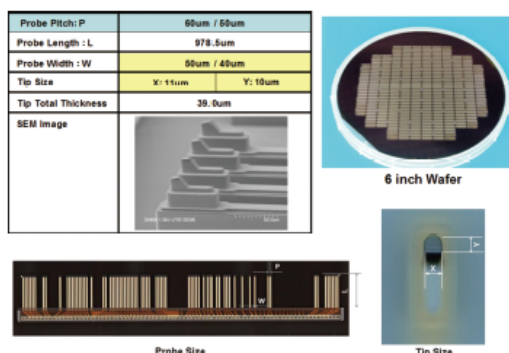
Production Center: Advantest Component (Sendai)
In-House Production of MEMS-Related Products,
Compound Semiconductors, and SiPs for High-
Frequency Modules

Main MEMS Relay Features (for reference)

Frequency Range : DC- 20 GHz
Actuation Voltage : 12 V
Contact Form : SPDT
Size (2 types) : 5.4 x 4.2 x 0.9 mm
2.9 x 3.4 x 0.9 mm
Isolation : > 20 dB (to 20 GHz)
Insertion Loss : < 1 dB (to 20 GHz)
Characteristic Impedance : 50 Ω

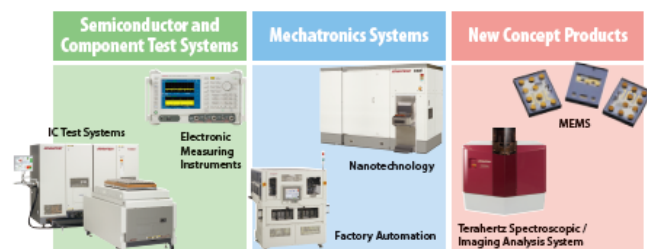
MEMS Probe Pin

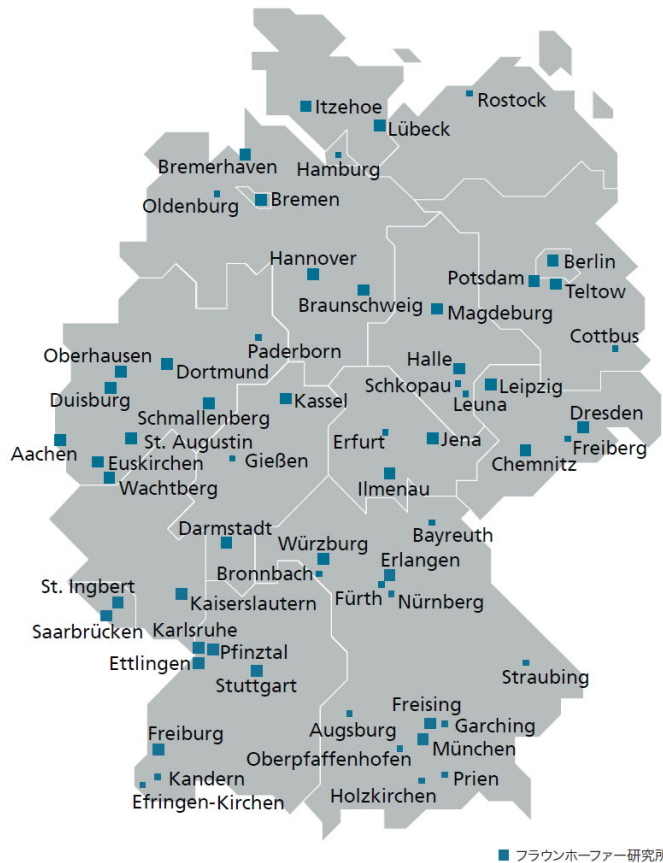
Probe pins for probe cards used in wafer test are manufactured using MEMS technology.



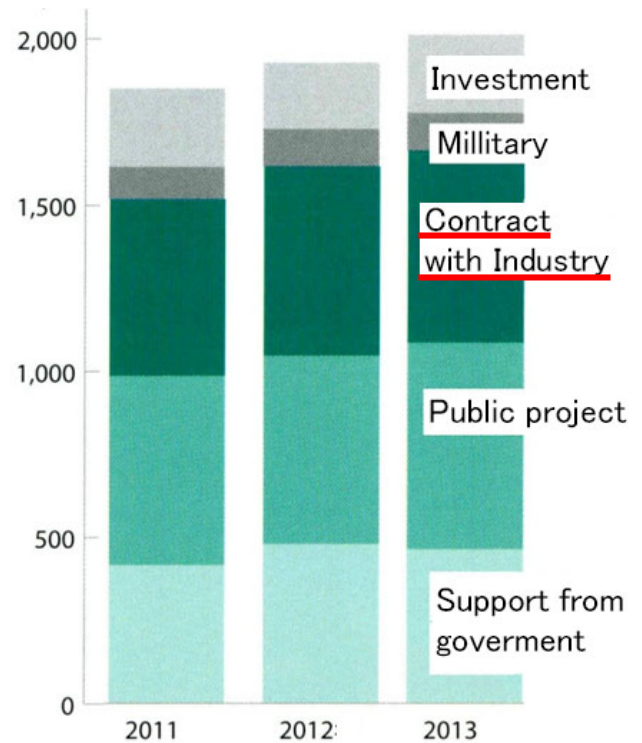
About Advantest

A leading company in measurement and testing, Advantest is involved in industries that require leading-edge testing technology, such as electronics, telecommunications, and semiconductor production. In the semiconductor and component test system business, Advantest offers test systems that support reliability in every semiconductor device category, and holds global market share of roughly 50 %.





Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft (FhG)



Total annual budget (Million Euro)

67 research institutes and units are distributed
and collaborating with universities



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Functions : Bridges Japanese companies and Fraunhofer institutes, Support project, Introduces Fraunhofer technologies

19 Fraunhofer project center in Tohoku University



FhG Germany – Sendai city partnership signing ceremony in Munich (July15,2005)

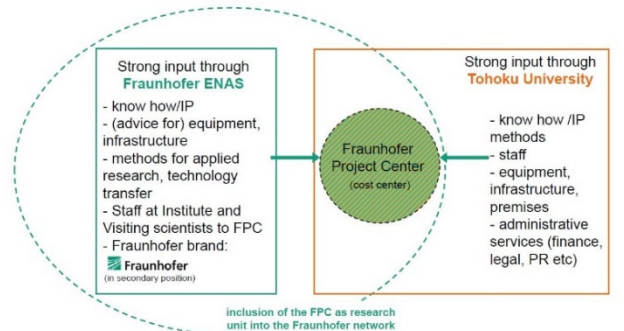


1st Fraunhofer Symposium in Sendai (Oct.19, 2005)



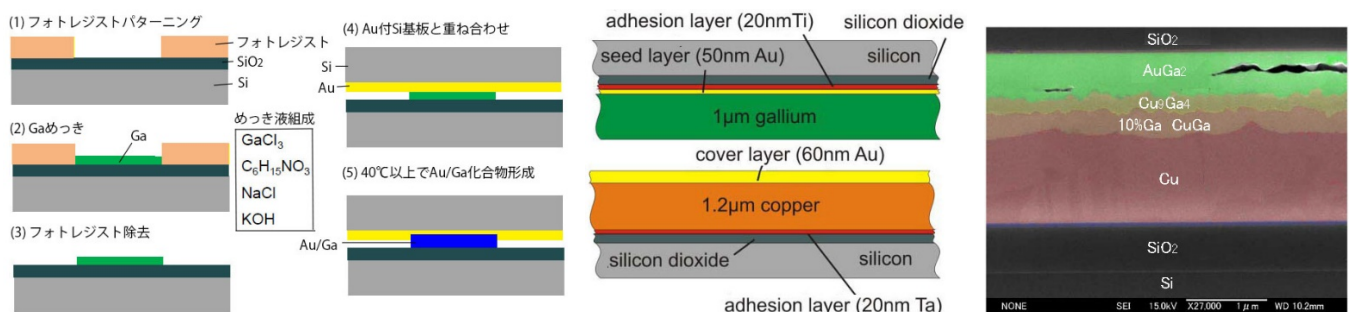
FhG Germany – WPI-AIMR Tohoku Univ. partnership signing ceremony in Sendai (Nov. 8, 2011)

Fraunhofer Project Center Model Key aspects of cooperation – Mutual contributions



Assoc. Prof. Joerg .Frömel

FhG Project center in WPI-AIMR, Tohoku Univ. (April 1, 2012)



Low temperature SLID (Solid-Liquid Inter-Diffusion) bonding with Cu- Ga

(J.Froemel et.al. (ENAS, Fh.G), J. of Microelectromechanical Systems, 24 (2015) 1973)

Old method to fill an eroded tooth (amalgam method) (UV curable resin at present)
Cu powder + Hg → Solidify (Metallic compound)

20 iCAN (International Contest of innovAtion) (Totsu et.al)



International Contest of innovAtion (iCAN)) <http://www.ican-contest.org>

(1st (iCAN' 09) – 7th (iCAN' 16) had been **International Contest of Application in Nano / micro technologies**)

【Domestic Sponsor】 MEMS Park Consortium, Micro System Integration Center, Tohoku University

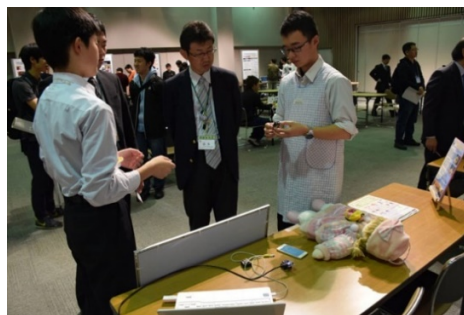
【Intention】 iCAN is a contest for students that propose idea of applications and realize the application by using MEMS devices. Teams of students from high school, college, university can participate iCAN. Preliminary contests are held in each county, followed by the final international contest.

【Contact person】 Kentaro Totsu, Micro System Integration Center, Tohoku University

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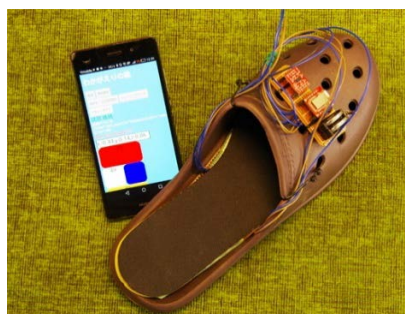
Talking Equipment from Manual Sign (Kyoto Univ.) (Winner iCAN' 11) Anywhere Sadou (Tohoku Univ., Osaka Univ., Natural science) (Winner iCAN' 15) Demonstration ib CES (Consumer Electronics Show) (Lasvegas)



Home security robot (Kohriyama North Technology High school) Prime minister Award, (Winner iCAN' 14)

Baby Informer (Kohriyama North Technology High school) (3rd prize iCAN' 16)

Demonstration by students in iCAN' 17 (Beijing)



Self neck corrector (Tohoku Univ., Natural science) (Winner iCAN' 17)

Anti-aging shoes (Tohoku Gakuin Univ., Tohoku Univ., Natural science)

Super Kendama Brothers (Tohoku Univ.)

Who we are

MEMS Park Consortium is the voluntary association aimed at supporting R&D and industrialization of MEMS technology through networking among domestic and foreign R&D supporting organization by industry–government–academia alliance.

Our Organization

- Representative: Prof. Masayoshi Esashi (Tohoku Univ.)
- Originator: Tohoku Univ. City of Sendai, Miyagi Prefectural Government, Tohoku Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry
- Membership: Financial member (66 companies), Partner member (10 groups)



MEMS Intensive Course in Kyoto (2011)

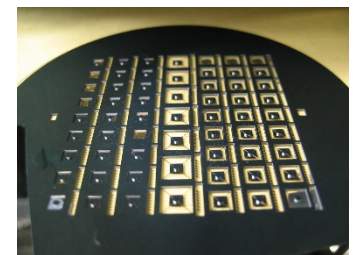
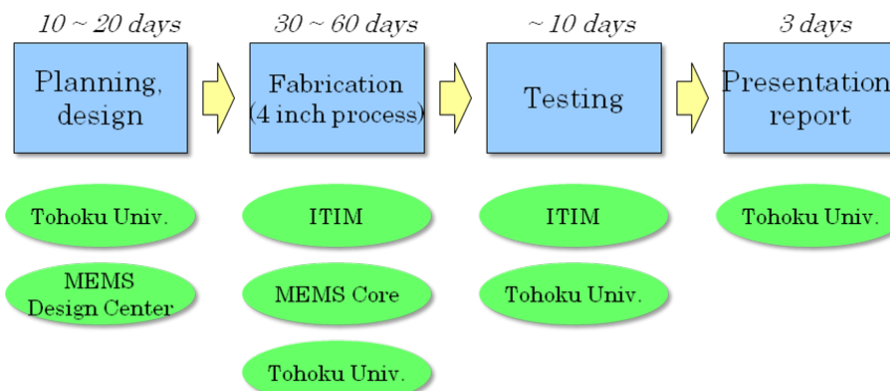
Our Activities

◆ Information Dissemination

Disseminate information about micro technology by organizing MEMS Intensive Course, Open Seminars, MEMS Engineer Forum, by utilizing website, mailing list, twitter and participating in Exhibitions.

◆ Human Resource Development

1. MEMS Training Program for Researchers and Developers (as needed)



Three axis capacitive accelerations sensor achieved by a trainee



Domestic contest for iCAN2012

Comprehensive MEMS training program for three months containing planning, design, fabrication, testing, report. Trainees propose a targeting MEMS device and carry on the process fabrication by themselves, under full-support service by Tohoku University, Industrial Technology Institute, Miyagi Prefecture and MEMS Core.

➤ Trainees

RICOH, MEMS CORE, PENTAX, ADVANTEST, ALPS ELECTRIC, NIPPON DENPA, SYSTEC INOUE, YAMAHA, TOPPAN, KONICA MINOLTA, SEKISUI, MURATA, FUJI MACHINE, DENSO, AHIKO FINETECH, YAMAMOTO ELECTRIC WORKS, JAXA

➤ Targeting devices

Optical scanner, Gyro, Micro probe, RF switch, Acceleration sensor, RF relay, Pressure sensor, Micro 2D stage, Variable inductor, Variable capacitor

2. Human Resource Development for young people

Organize domestic contest for *International Contest of Application in Nano/Micro Technology (iCAN)*.

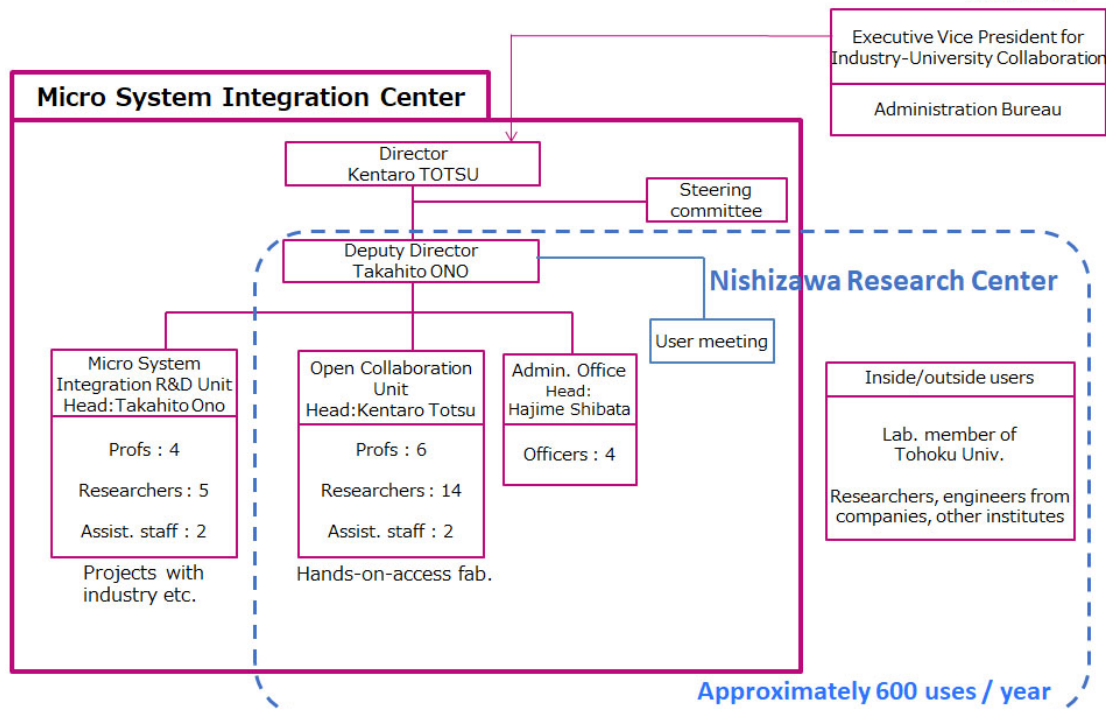
◆ Technical Support (Network for Experimental Production Support)

Support member companies by serving as an intermediary between a member company who has obstacles to R&D or industrialization in MEMS technology and universities or public R&D institutes.

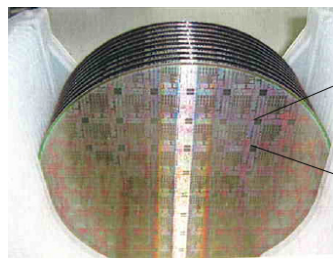
◆ Networking

Offer a place to information exchange among member companies.

As of April 2025



MEMS prototyping (20mm□wafer)



Shared wafer (16 companies)

Company A	Company B
Project C	Project D



Partnership between FhG and Sendai



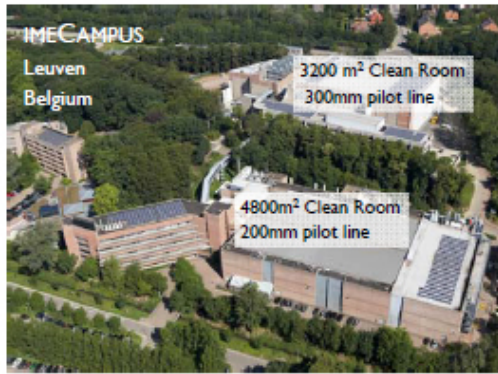
MicroNanomachining Research & Education Center (MNC)

Micro System Integration Center (μ SIC)

AIIST Research Center for Ubiquitous MEMS and Micro Eng. (UMEMSME)



MEMS Core Co. Ltd.



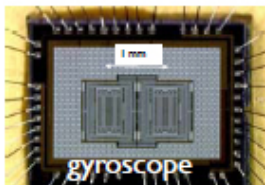
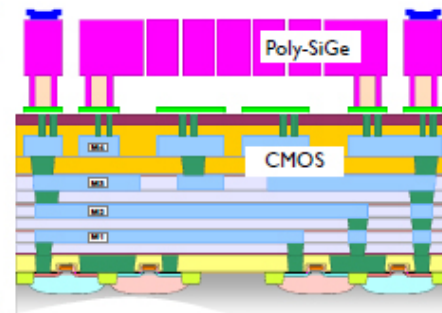
IMEC: HOME OF SIGE MEMS

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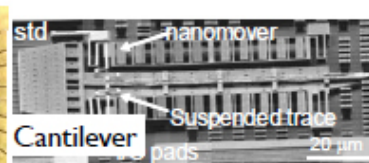
In imec's 200mm fab a dedicated **poly-SiGe above-IC MEMS** (Micro Electro-Mechanical Systems) platform has been set up to integrate MEMS and its readout and driving electronics on one chip. This monolithic approach results in more compact systems with a reduced assembly and packaging cost and a higher performance than current hybrid systems.

Platform

The **SiGe MEMS platform** consists of a number of standard modules: CMOS protection layer, MEMS via and poly-SiGe electrode, anchor and poly-SiGe structural layer and an optional thin-film poly-SiGe packaging module. Extra modules, such as a piezoresistive layer (see exhibit #1) can be added depending on the functionality that is needed.



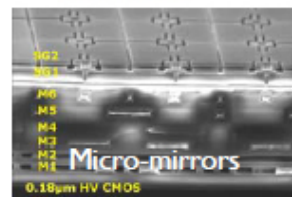
SiGeM project with Bosch, ASM, Philips (now NXP), IMSE-CNIM



Project with Intel and Nanochip



Project with Panasonic

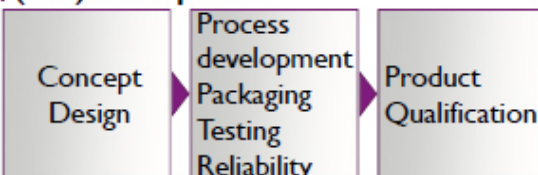


Project with ASML, NXP, Bruco, Philips Applied Technologies

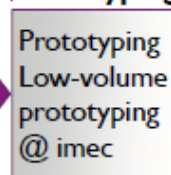
Demonstrators

With this platform and together with our partners, several **successful demonstrators** have been built already. Examples are an integrated gyroscope for automotive applications (exhibit #2), a reliable 11 megapixel micro-mirror array for high-end industrial applications (exhibit #3), a cantilever array for probe-based data storage, SiGe thin film packaged SOI resonators with quality factors >200 000, ...

(Co-)development

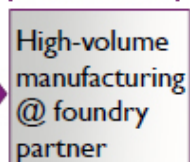


Prototyping



CMORE

Production



CMORE service

This SiGe platform is one of the technologies that imec offers to industrial customers through our **CMORE service**. Within CMORE innovative concepts are turned into products. Academic customers can make use of the SiGe **MPW service** within **Europractice** (exhibit #4)

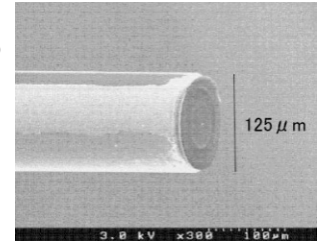
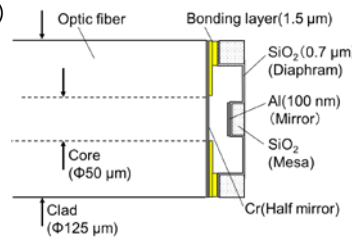


24 Start-up companies related to μ SIC

MEMSAS Co., Ltd. (K. Kato, Y. Haga, T. Matsunaga, et al.)

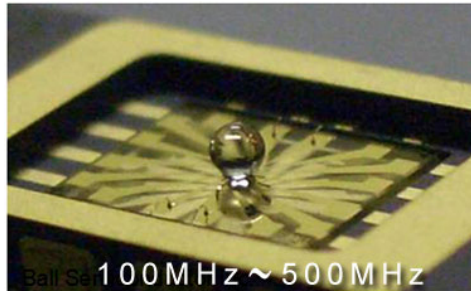
The venture company MEMSAS, aimed at applying MEMS sensor to medical devices such as minimally invasive medical catheters, was established in September 2004.

We are trying to commercialize ultra-miniature fiber-optic pressure sensor for blood pressure monitoring.

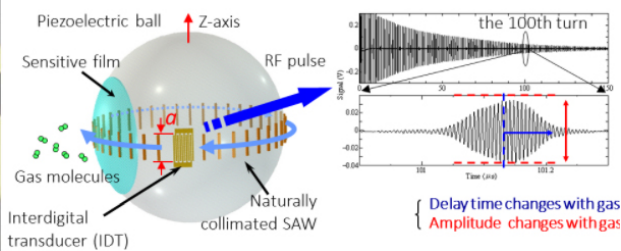


Ball Wave Inc. (Shingo Akao, Kazushi Yamanaka, Nobuo Takeda, Yusuke Tsukahara)

<http://www.ballwave.jp/english/index.html>



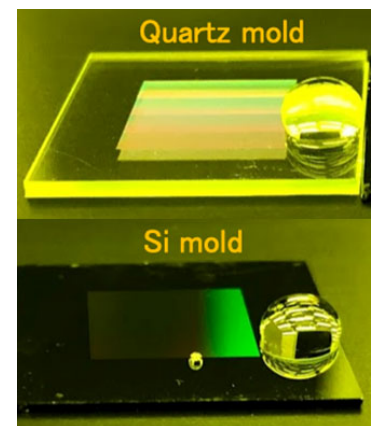
A ball SAW gas sensor



Diffraction-free surface acoustic waves (SAWs) can be generated on a solid sphere and be propagated around the sphere in many turns without spreading if the source width is a geometrical mean of the diameter of the sphere and the wave length of SAWs. A tiny change in the surface elastic properties causes a large variation in the SAW propagation because of the long propagation distance around the sphere in many turns. Depositing a thin sensitive film on the sphere realizes a small ball SAW sensor with a rapid response and a high sensitivity.

Der Nächste Co., Ltd. (Masashi Nakao) <http://www.dernaechste.com/>

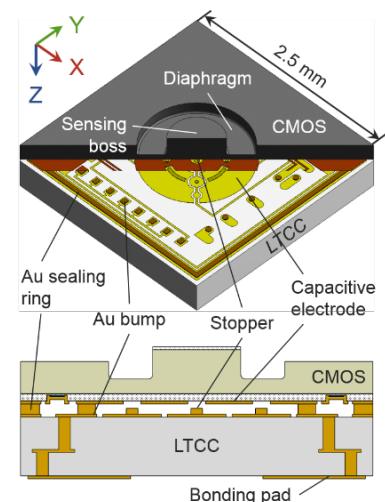
It is a senior company that was started after retirement. Using μ SIC-equipment and foundry manufacturers, we mainly support the study of various manufacturing processes in the research and development stage and cooperate with prototyping. In particular, we are carrying out comprehensive production of imprint technology, which allows nano-pattern transfer with high throughput and low cost, which we have been involved in for many years. In the imprint transfer process, it was usual to create a quartz mold or Si mold (as shown in the photo, there are water droplets to check the releasability) using EB lithography and dry etching, and then transfer the pattern from the mold to the resist. Aiming to simplify the process and improve the transfer accuracy, we are also developing a new etching-free pattern transfer technology using UV-curable PDMS.



REISense, Inc. (Shuji Tanaka, Masanori Muroyama, Hideki Hirano)

<https://resense.co.jp/>

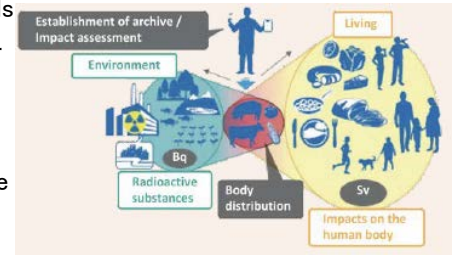
We provide MEMS-CMOS integrated tactile sensors and their network systems for next-generation robots with tactile sensing capabilities. We have developed a custom-designed sensor platform LSI using the TSMC 0.13 μ m CMOS process, and further processed it with wafer-level MEMS technology to fabricate 2.7 mm-square capacitive tactile sensor devices that can detect 3-axis forces. The manufacturing yield exceeds 90%. By utilizing the event-driven response and serial bus communication functions embedded in the integrated LSI, we have successfully connected 100 devices using only six wires and achieved high-speed data acquisition from all 100 devices. Moreover, by using the sensor platform LSI, we can effectively network not only tactile sensors but also a wide variety of other sensors.



25 Activities of Nishizawa center space users

Masatoshi Suzuki (International Research Institute of Disaster Science, IRIDeS)

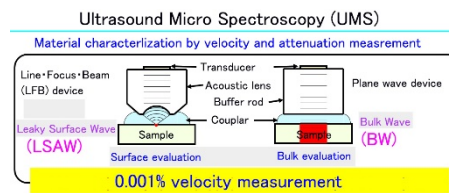
We are conducting an environmental radiation assessment to evaluate radiation doses and biological responses of wild Japanese macaques, which are the closest species to humans among wild animals in the affected areas of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant accident. Nuclear disasters raise concerns about radiation exposure, but there is a lack of scientific knowledge due to the infrequency of such disasters. We have been continued our research to develop lessons learned from disaster-affected animals and to update the information on the concerns of residents and decommissioning workers.



Junichi Kushibiki

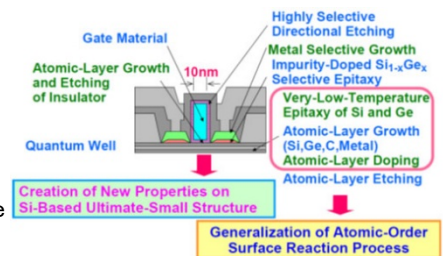
Characterization and quality control of bulk/film materials and device production processes concerned with bonded piezo substrate for SAW devices

1. Standardization of bonded piezo substrate by ultrasonic velocity
2. 3D homogenization of LT/LN film Thickness design for device structure.



Junichi Murota

For the fabrication of high-performance Si-based devices, the Atomically Controlled Processing for group IV semiconductor based on atomic-order surface reaction by Chemical Vapor Deposition (CVD) is investigated. The atomic-layer level mechanism of impurity-doped Si, $\text{Si}_{1-x}\text{Ge}_x$, and Ge epitaxial growth is described using a newly proposed modified Langmuir-type model, and the adsorption site density for reactive gases on the group IV semiconductor surface is under investigation.



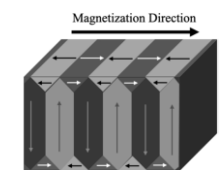
Shigeru Suzuki

In collaboration with research organizations inside and outside the university, we mote R & D to solve important issues and aims to return the achievements to the society.

1. In the electronics field, we are conducting R & D on evaluation and control of metal single crystals, which are promising substrates for next-generation power semiconductor thin films.
2. In the energy field, we are promoting R & D from a microscopic viewpoint on magnetic materials for designing functional devices such as high-performance actuators and sensors.
3. We are also engaged in the application of knowledge obtained through multiscale analysis for the utilization of various elements on the earth in the field of environment and resources.



Substrate crystal for thin power semiconductors



Micromagnetism for Function Characterization

Yasubumi Furuya:

1. Materials Processing and Energy Materials Engineering
2. Intelligent Materials Engineering and Smart Material Development
3. Development of Various Sensor and Actuator Materials & Devices
4. Non-Destructive Testing and Material Evaluation using Electromagnetism
5. Development of Magnetostrictive Alloys for Energy Harvesting, IoT-Compatible Sensor Devices
6. Green Energy Surplus Utilization Systems and Smart Agriculture Field Demonstrations
7. Research and Social Implementation of IoT-based Safe and Sustainable Technologies For Personal Infrastructure Spaces



Overview of the Demonstration Experiment Utilizing the Natural Energy Storage GEMCOS-IoT Control System at the Ayu Aquaculture Facility in the Akaishi River Basin, Shirakami Foothills, Ajigasawa Town, Aomori Prefecture