

Experiences of common facility and open collaboration for MEMS

MEMSのための共有施設とオープン・コラボレーション

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Summary

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1971 ISFET (Ion Sensitive FET) (Graduate school (Electronic Eng.))
20mm process facility

1976 Medical sensors (Research associate in Electronic Eng.)
Common facility for micromachining

1981 CMOS LSI (Associate professor in Communication Eng.)
LSI design, process, testing facility



Prof. T. Matsuo studied in Stanford Univ.
(Prof. J. Mindle's Lab.) with Research
Associate Dr. K. D. Wise in 1971

1990 (Integrated) MEMS (Professor in Precision Eng.)
1995 Venture business laboratory
(2006~ Micro-Nanomachining research and education Center (MNC))

2007 Professor in WPI-AIMR (Concurrently in Graduate school of Eng.)

2007 Innovation centers for advanced interdisciplinary research areas program

2008 Closing of Semiconductor Research Institute

(→ J. Nishizawa memorial research and development center in Tohoku Univ.)

2009 Establishment of μ SIC

2009 Funding Program for World-Leading Innovative R&D on Science and Tech. (FIRST)

2010 Hands-on access fabrication facility

2013 Retirement from Graduate school of Eng. (Successor : Prof. S. Tanaka)

2014 FIRST close

(2017 Closing of Innovation centers for advanced interdisciplinary research areas program)

WPI-AIMR : The World Premier International Research Center Advanced Institute for Materials Research

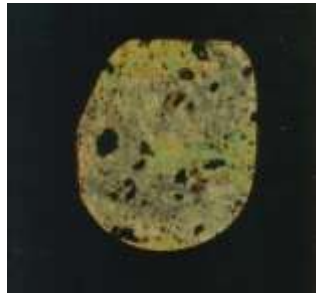
μ SIC : Micro System Integration Center

Common facility for fabrication

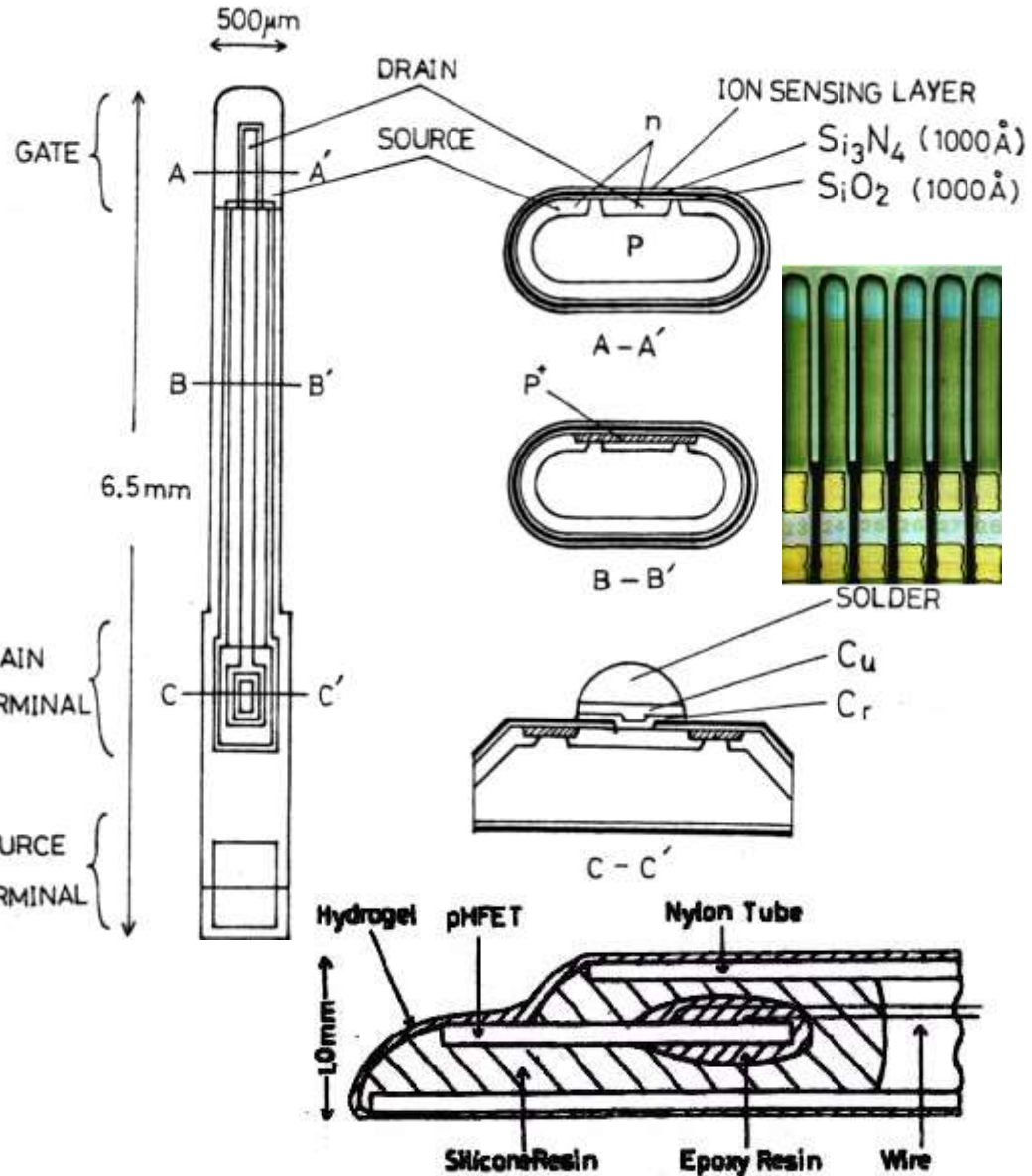
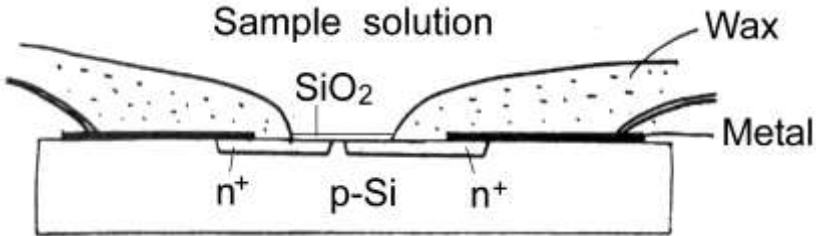


Nishizawa memorial
research center





50 μ m

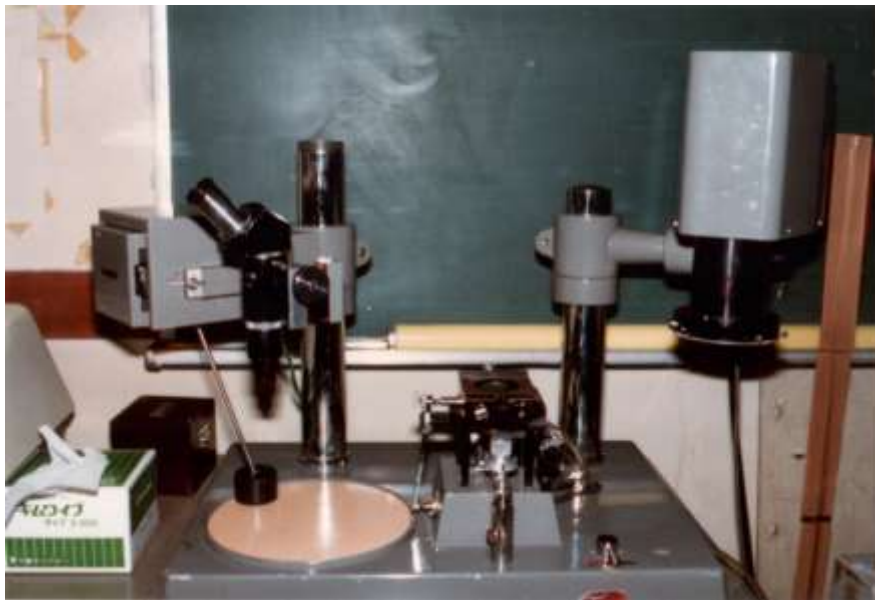


(T.Matsuo, M.Esashi, K.linuma, Tohoku region meeting of Electrical Eng.(1971))

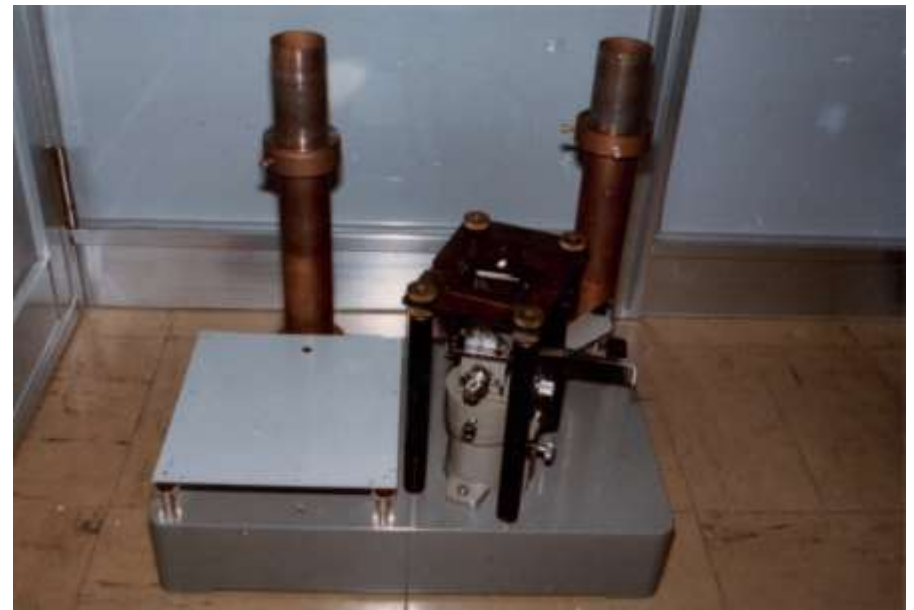
ISFET (Ion Sensitive Field Effect Transistor)

(wafer process for reliable assembly)

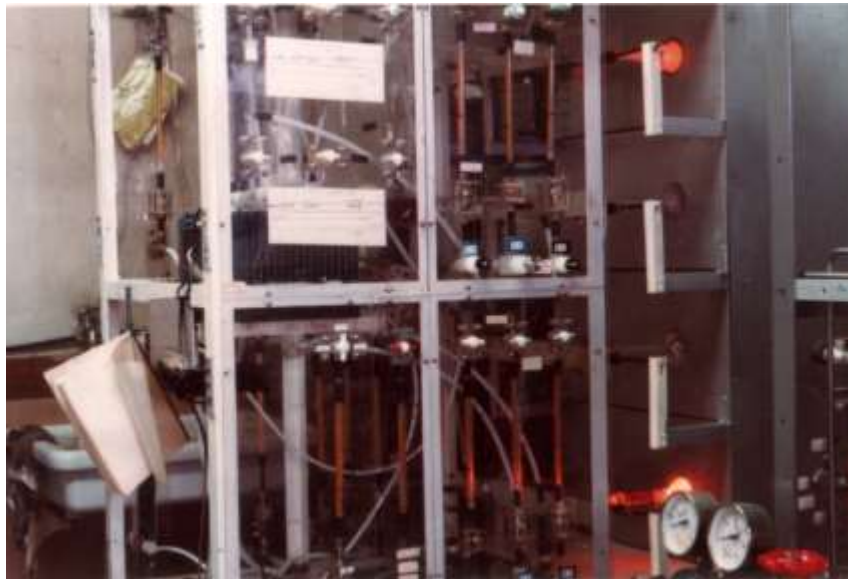
(M.Esashi & T.Matsuo, Supplement to the J.J.A.P.,44 (1975) 339)



Mask aligner bought by Grant-in-aid for Scientific Research



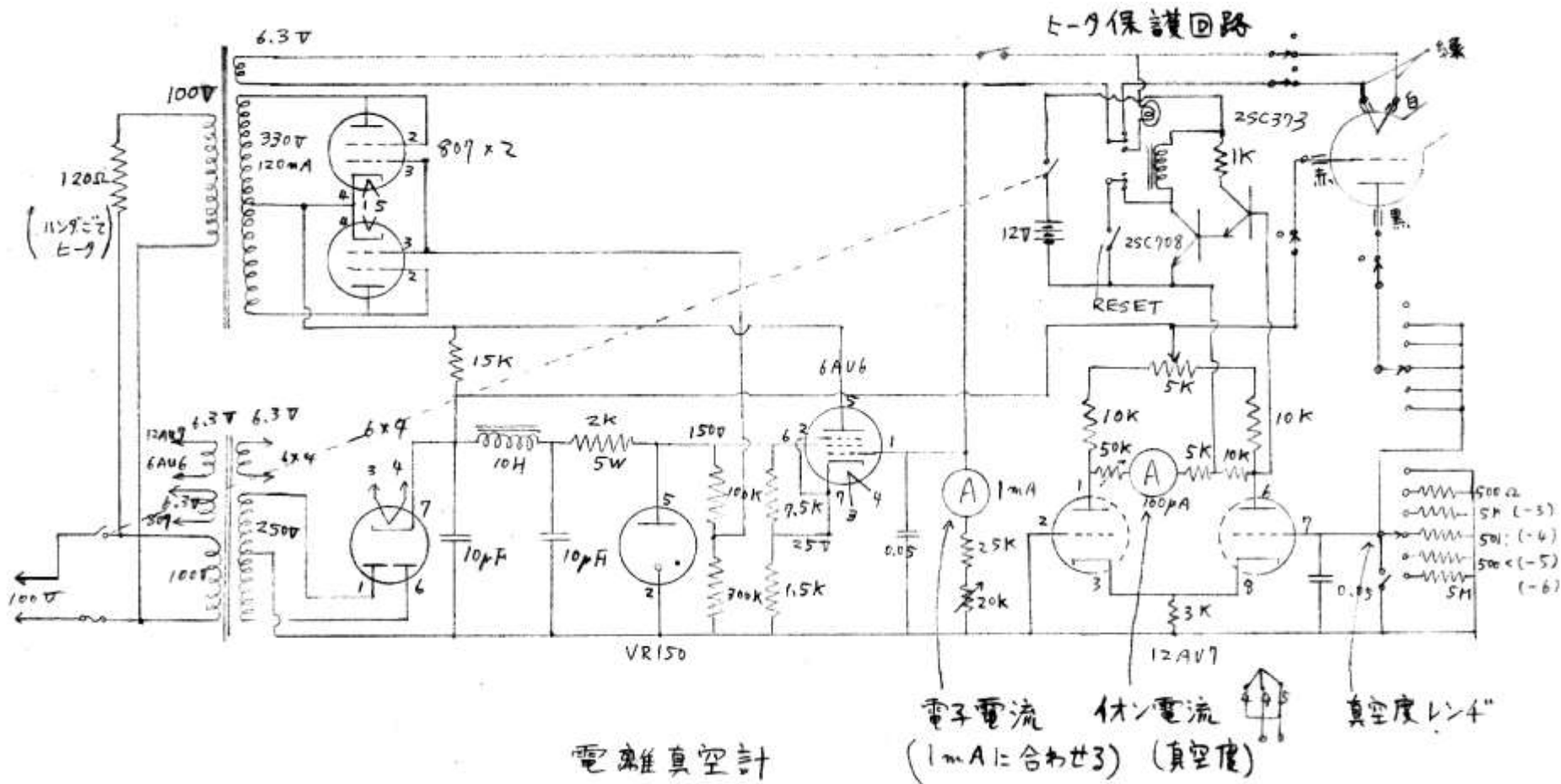
Double side mask aligner made in house



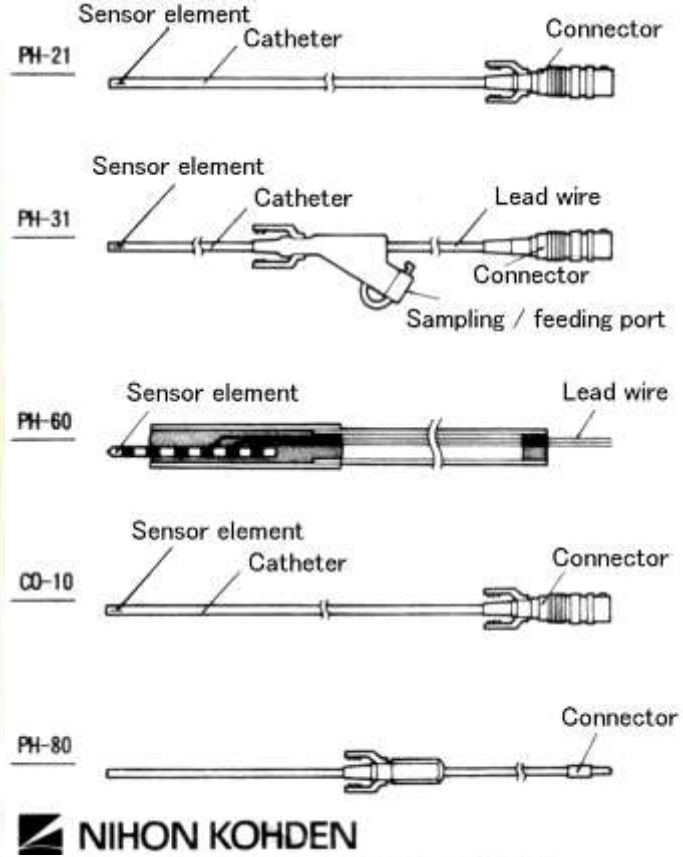
Oxidation and diffusion furnace



Etcher



Vacuum measurement system (ionization gage meter) made in house using vacuum tubes



(K. Shimada (Kurare), M. Esashi and T. Matsuo et.al.: Application of catheter-tip I.S.F.E.T. for continuous in vivo measurement, Med. & Biol. Eng. & Comput., Vol.18, No.11, pp.741-745 (1980))

Type	Application	No	Catheter (mm)		Monitor	Note
			Length	Diameter		
PH-21	pH measurement in muscle etc	PH-2135	350	1.1	KR-5000	With reference
PH-31	pH measurement in esophagus and stomach	PH-3110 (Adult)	1000	2.4	KR-5000	With reference and feed port
		PH-3165 (Infant)	650	2.4	KR-5010	
PH-60	pH measurement in mouth	PH-6010	100	1.0	KR-5000	Without reference
PH-80	Reference electrode for PH-60	PH-8005	50	1.1	KR-5000	
CO-10	PCO ₂ measurement in muscle etc	CO-1035	350	0.9	KR-5000	With reference

Catheter pH, PCO₂ monitor (Kurare, Nihon Kohden) (1980)

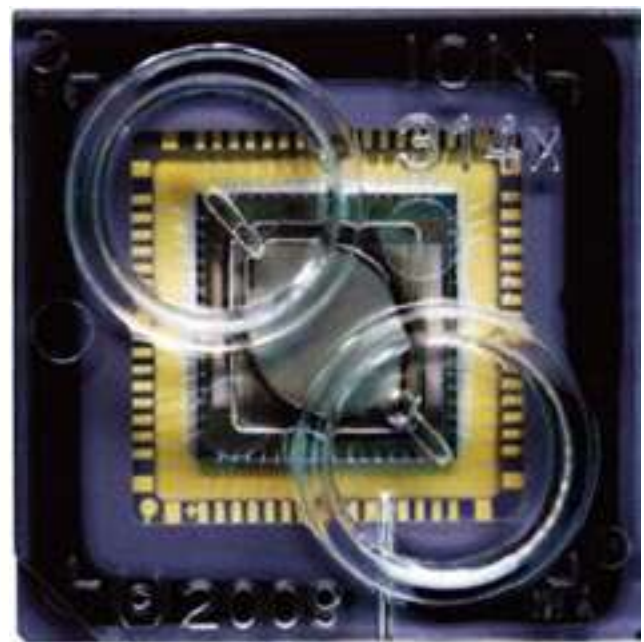
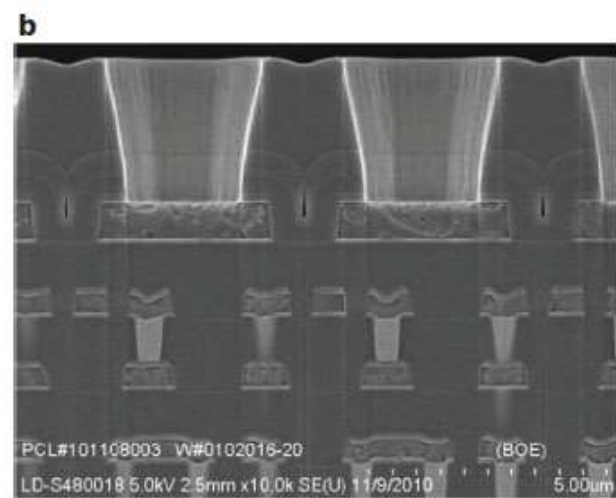
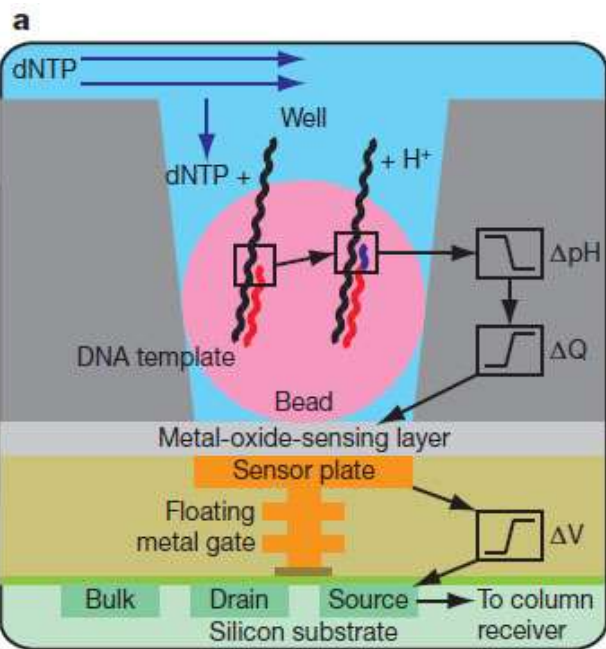


Figure 1 | Sensor, well and chip architecture. a, A simplified drawing of a well, a bead containing DNA template, and the underlying sensor and electronics. Protons (H^+) are released when nucleotides (dNTP) are incorporated on the growing DNA strands, changing the pH of the well (ΔpH). This induces a change in surface potential of the metal-oxide-sensing layer, and a change in potential (ΔV) of the source terminal of the underlying field-effect

transistor. b, Electron micrograph showing alignment of the wells over the ISFET metal sensor plate and the underlying electronic layers. c, Sensors are arranged in a two-dimensional array. A row select register enables one row of sensors at a time, causing each sensor to drive its source voltage onto a column. A column select register selects one of the columns for output to external electronics.



Small fragment of single strand DNA attached in beads in each well generates hydrogen ion during binding with nucleotides (A-T, G-C) and double strand DNA is synthesized. The pH change is measured by changing a nucleotide solution.

3 chips all DNA sequencer using 165 million ISFETs on a chip

(J.M.Rothberg (Ion Torrent Life Technologies) et al. : An integrated semiconductor device enabling non-optical genome sequencing,, Nature, 475 (2011/7/21) pp.348-352)

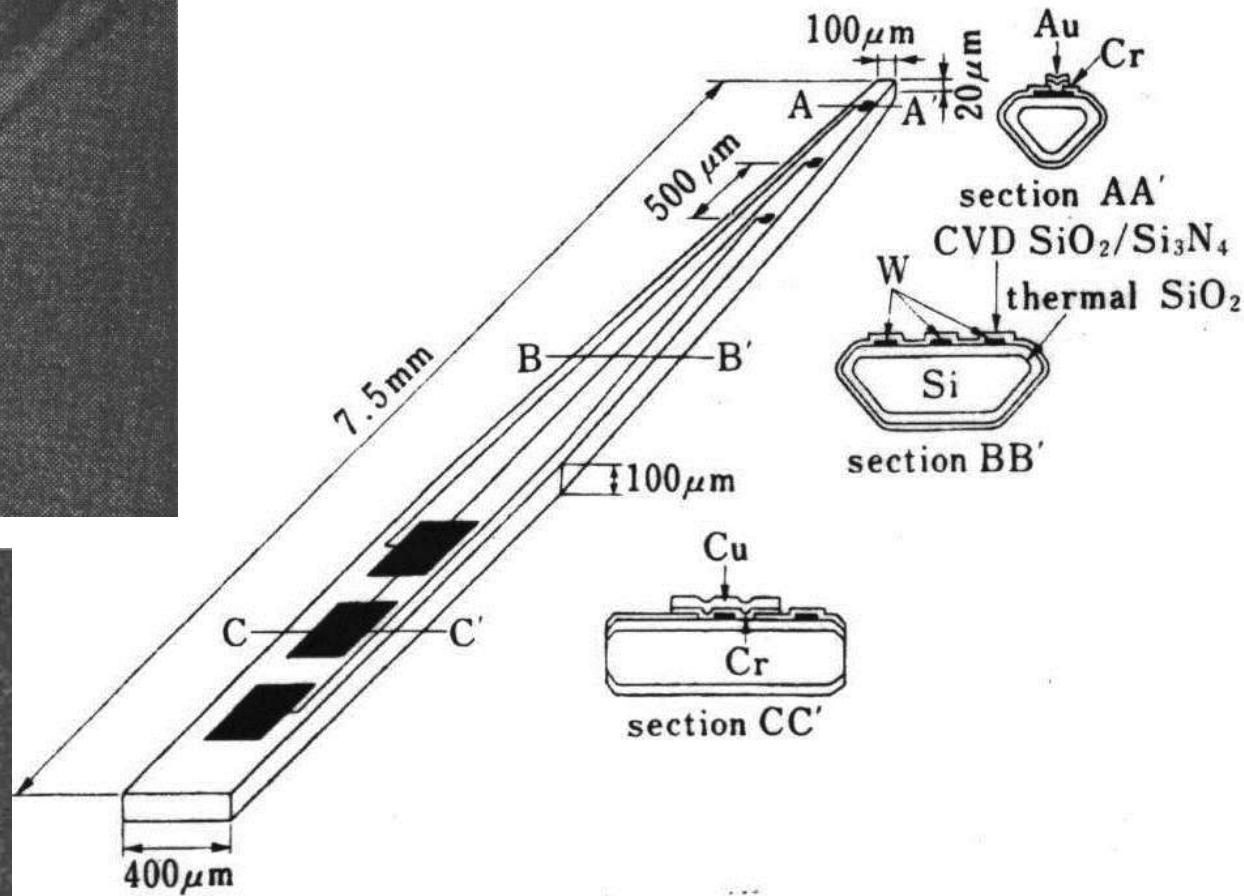
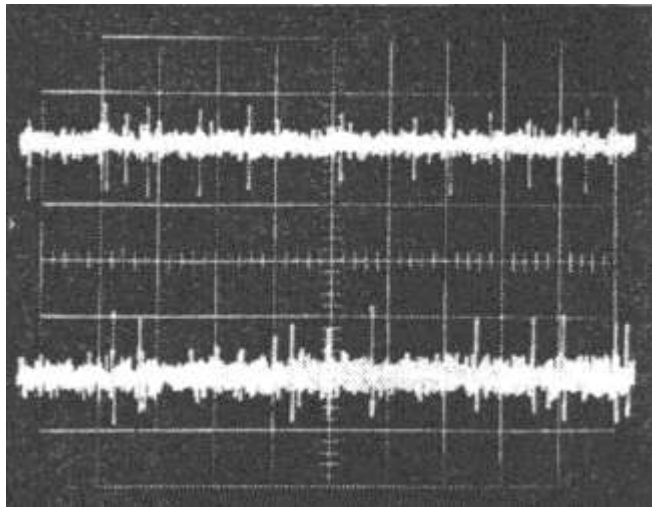
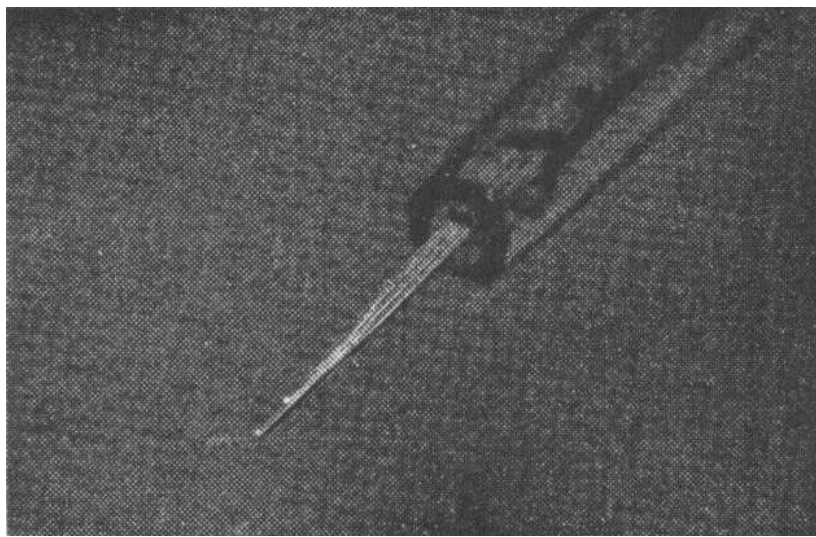
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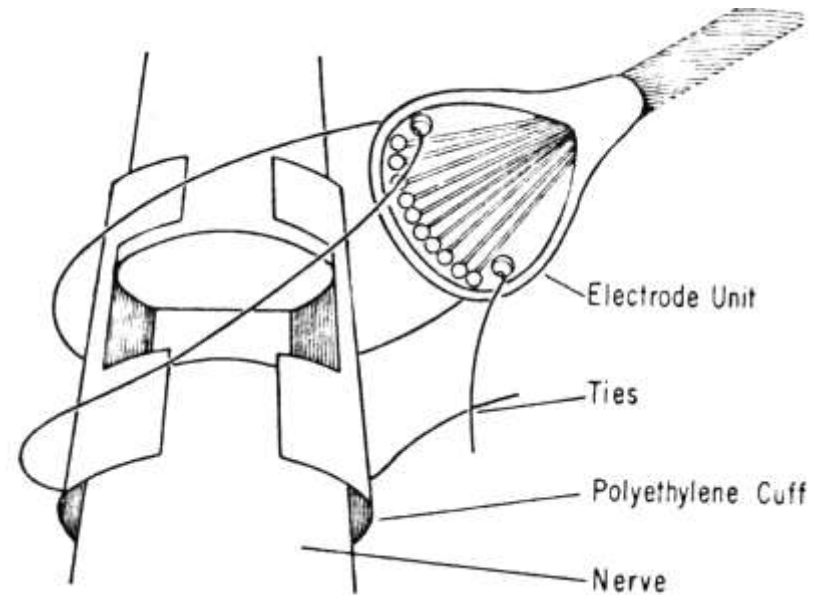
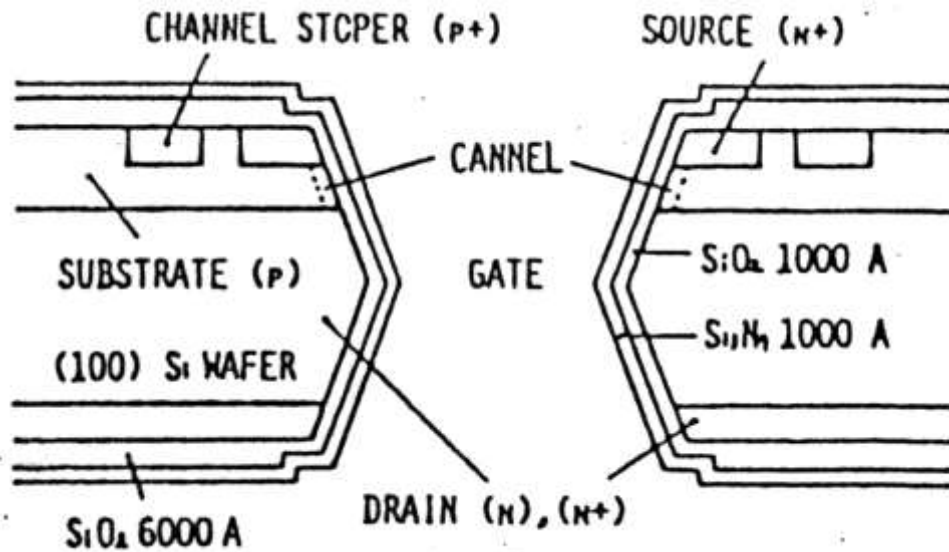
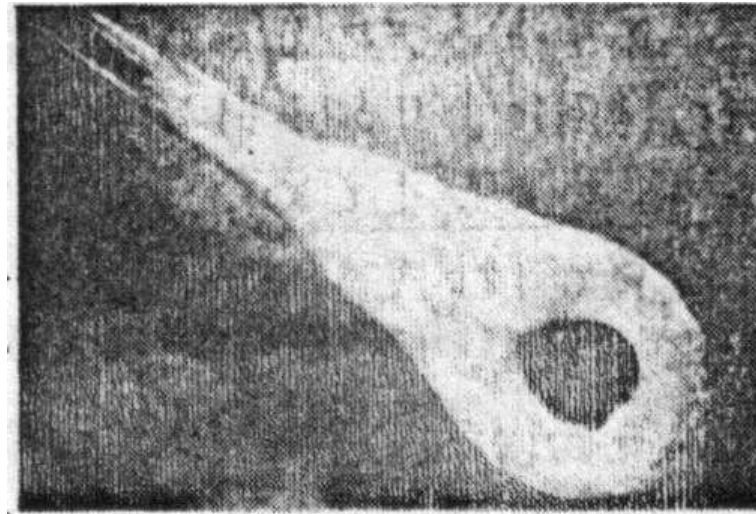
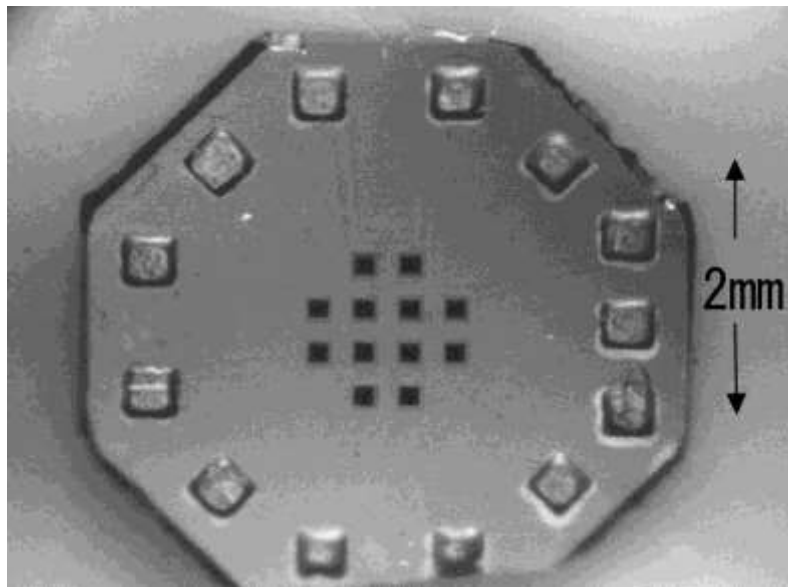
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Multi-micro electrode to detect nerve impulse

(Y.Ohta, M.Esashi, T.Matsuo, Medical and Biological Eng., 19, 2 (1981) p.106)



Idea of regenerating electrode

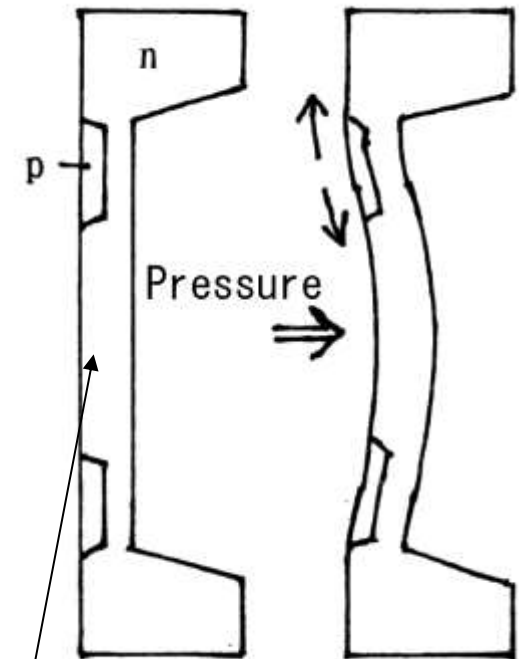
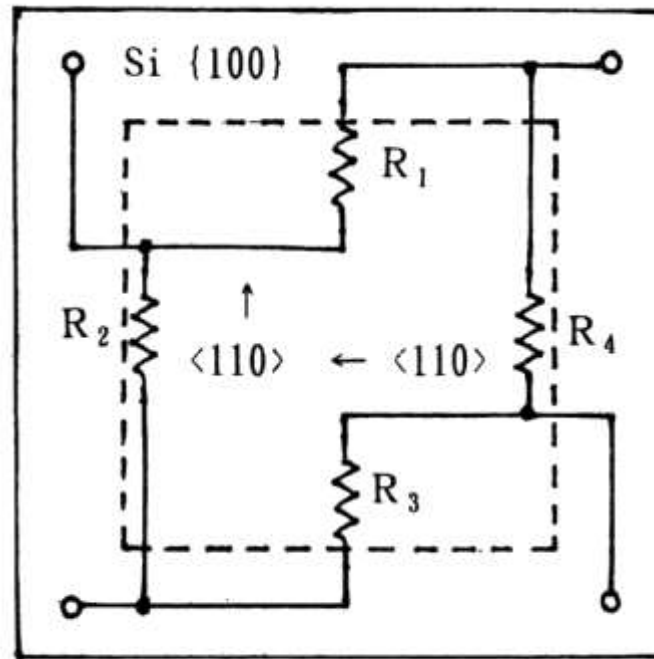
Regenerating transistor electrode

(Yamaguchi, Esashi, 17th Convention of Bed. & Biological Eng., (1978) 261)

(A. Mannard, Science (1974) 547)



Dr. I. Igarashi
(Toyota central
research lab.)



Silicon diaphragm with piezoresistors

1954 Piezoresistive effect of Si & Ge

C.S.Smith (Bell Lab.), (Phy.Rev. 94 (1954) 42)

1963 Silicon diaphragm piezoresistive pressure sensor

O.N.Tufte (Honeywell), J.of Applied Physics, 33 (1962) 3322),
I.Igarashi (T.C.R.L.)

1980's Commercialized for engine control to reduce exhaust gas pollution

Piezoresistive pressure sensor

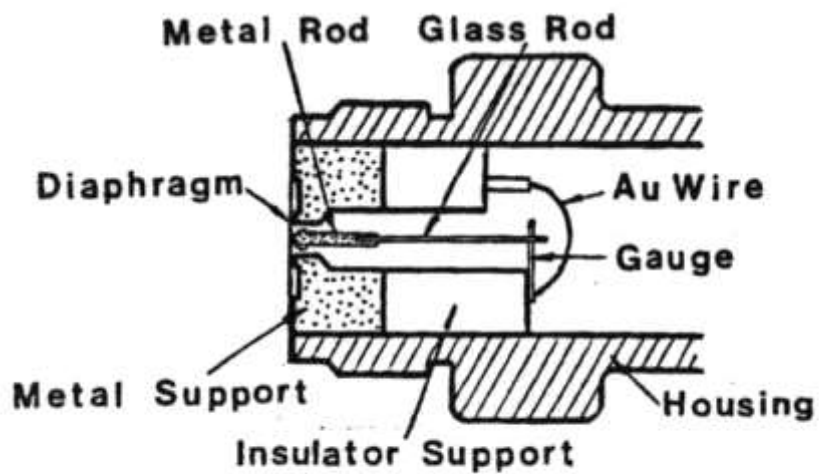


Fig-1 Schema of Blood Pressure Transducer

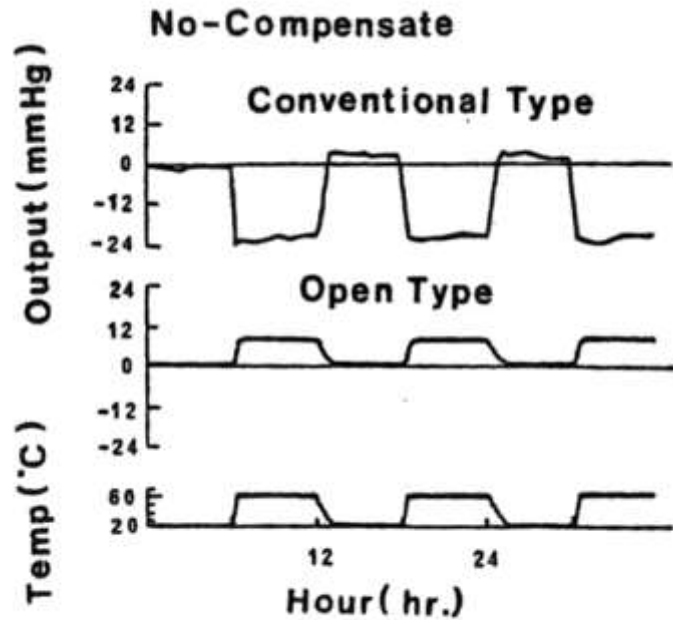


Fig-2 Thermal Drift of Zero

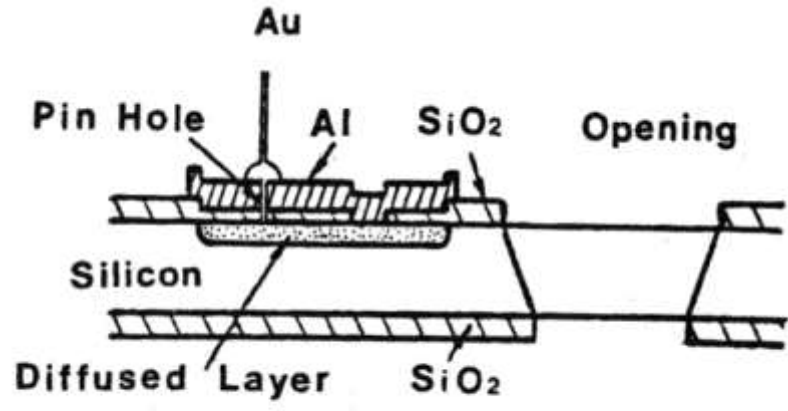
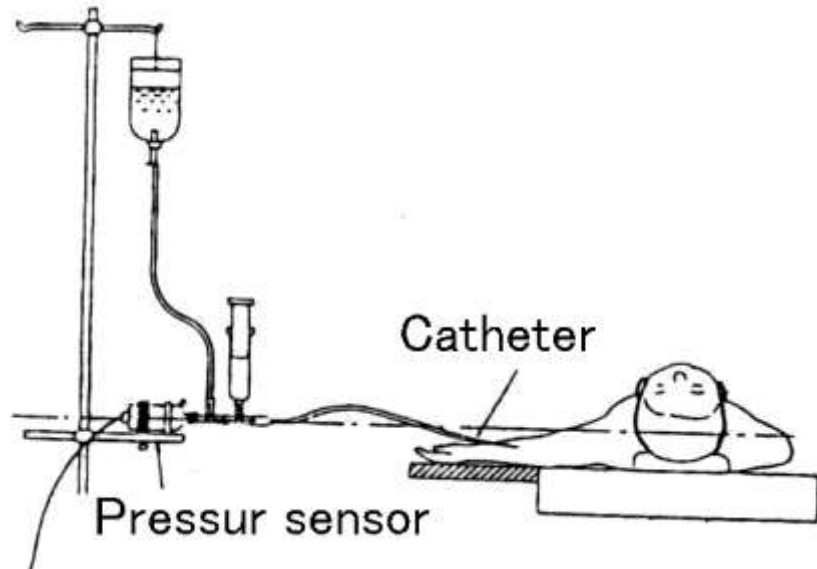
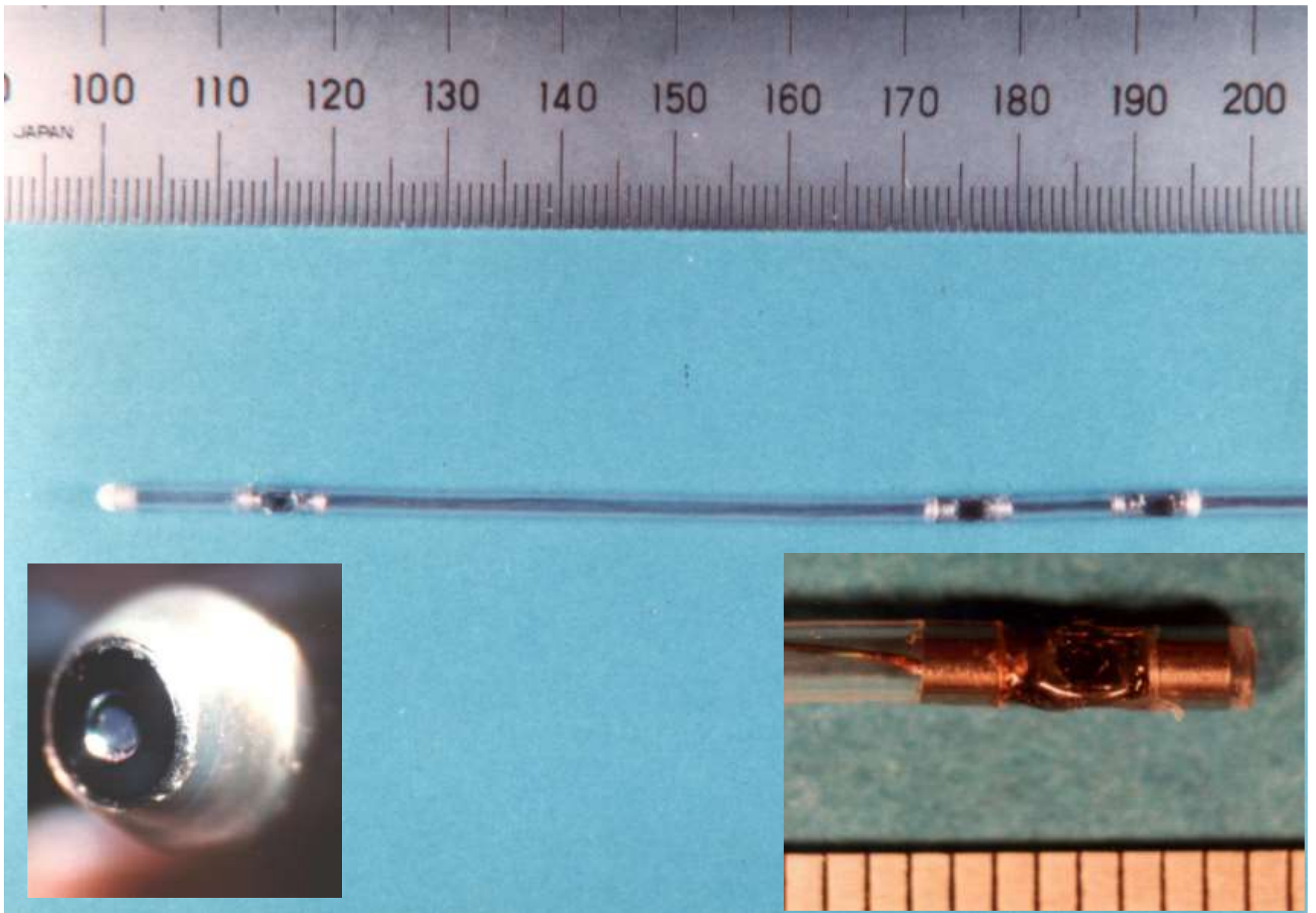


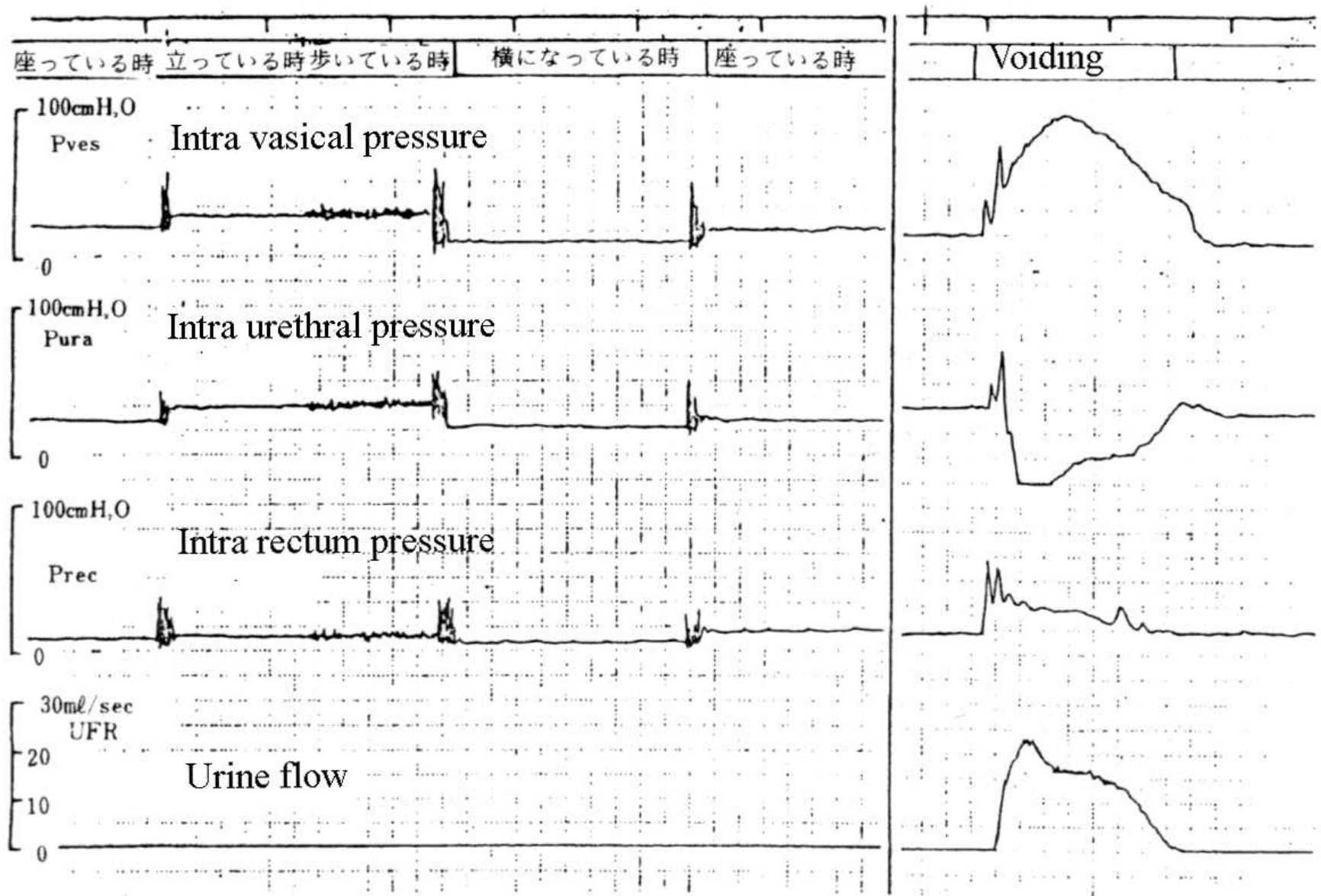
Fig-3 Section of Open Type Gauge

External blood pressure sensor using catheter

(H.Ozawa, M.Esashi, Med.& Biological Eng., 24(special issue) (1986))



Multi piezoresistive pressure sensor catheter
(M.Esashi et.al.: IEEE Trans. on Electron Devices, ED29, (1982) 57)

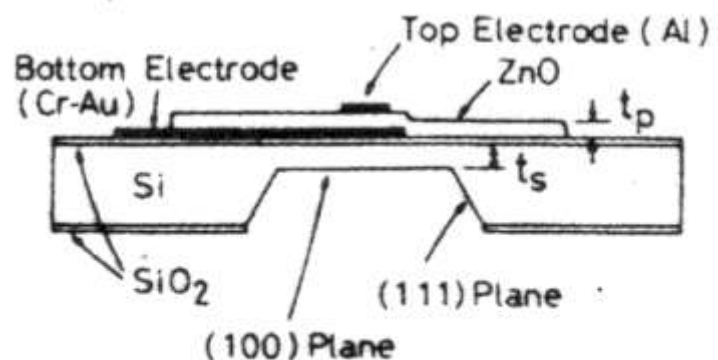


Clinical application of multi-pressure sensor catheter

(M. Esashi et al.: IEEE Trans. on Electron Devices, ED29, (1982) 57)

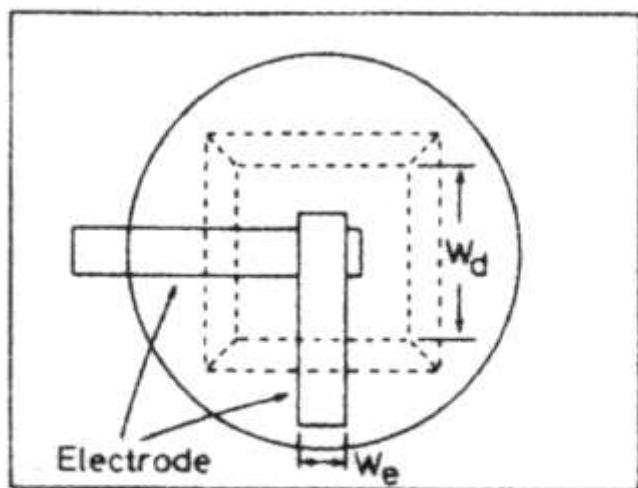
A Piezoelectric Composite Resonator Consisting of a ZnO Film on an Anisotropically Etched Silicon Substrate

Kiyoshi NAKAMURA, Hiromasa SASAKI and Hiroshi SHIMIZU



Engineering, Tohoku University, Sendai 980

and Dr. J. Kushibiki for their valuable suggestions on ZnO deposition, and Dr. M. Esashi for his helpful advice on anisotropic etching. They also wish to thank Mr. H. Watanabe and Mr. M. Uriuhara for their technical contributions.



First Film Bulk Acoustic Resonator (FBAR) (1980)



私が行っていた期間は秋から春にかけてでした。でも、若かったし、厳しかったとはいえ楽しい思い出です。

その年の4月に会社に戻り、8月にはもうFETを作って動かしていましたから、かなり早い成果の現われです。江刺先生は実験装置だつてご自分で組み立てる。それを見よう見真似で自分で組み立てたのがよかった。装置を購入していたら、それだけで納入まで半年はかかっていたでしょうからね。そんなこんなで、pHセンサまではできたのですが、その他にナトリウムやカリウムや塩素の電極の方はうまくいかなかったもので、残念ながら実用化にまでは至らなかったんです。ただ、こうしたプロセスがベースとなってオリンパスの半導体技術ができあがっていきました。江刺先生はオリンパスの半導体技術の恩人だと思っています。

1977

Training of dispatched researchers who have experiences of all the process steps (Olympus)

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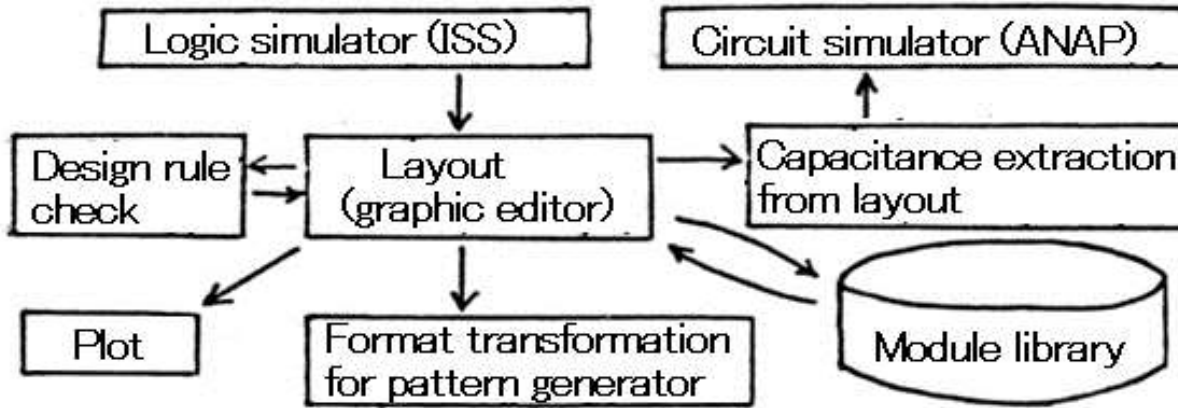
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Yajima laboratory in Kyoto Univ.
(network between universities)

Computer center in Tohoku Univ.
(time sharing system)

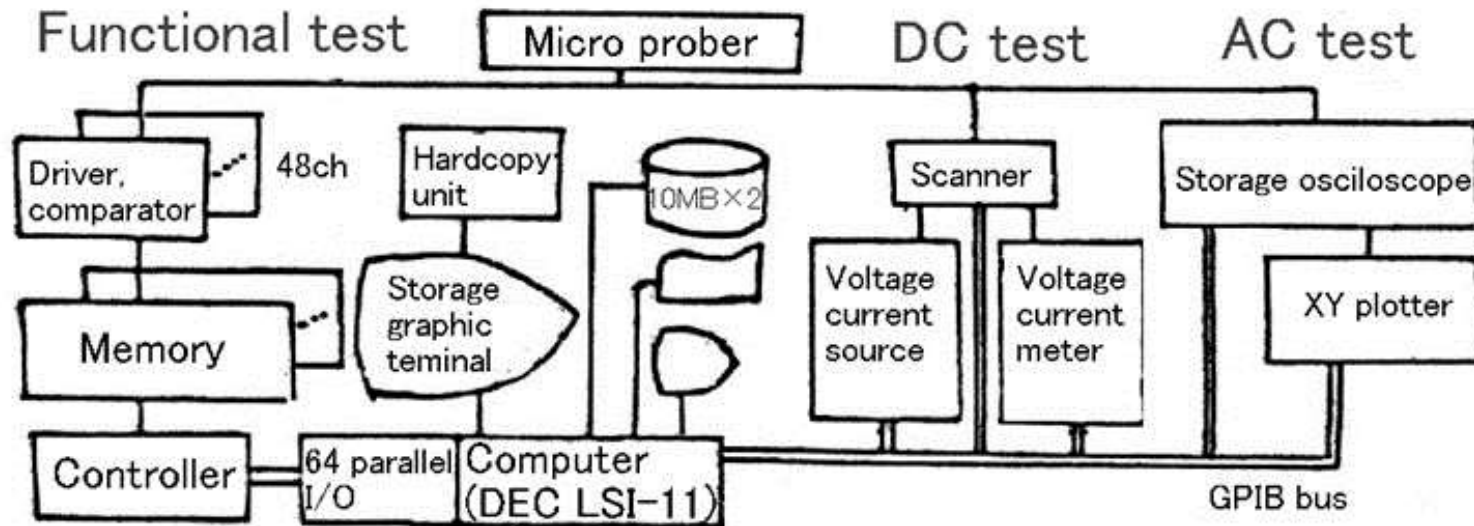


Design flow using CAD programs



Graphic editor programmed by Esashi

(M.Esashi, Experiences of LSI design, prototyping and education, Convention of IEEJ (1984))



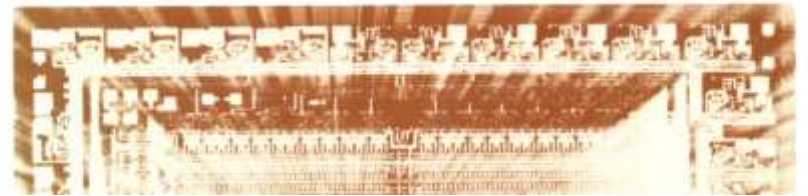
LSI test system LSI design, testing facility

(M.Esashi & M.Ohtomo, Fabrication of functional tester for LSI, Tohoku convention of IEEJ (1984))

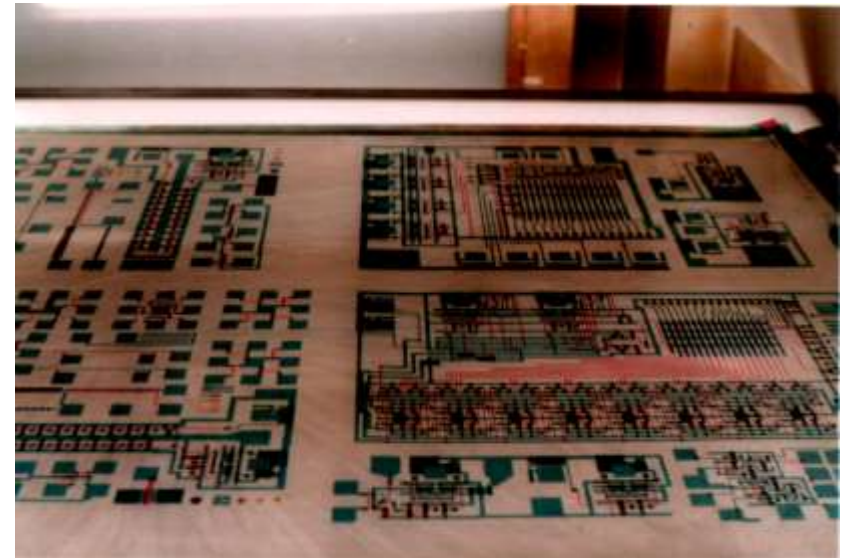
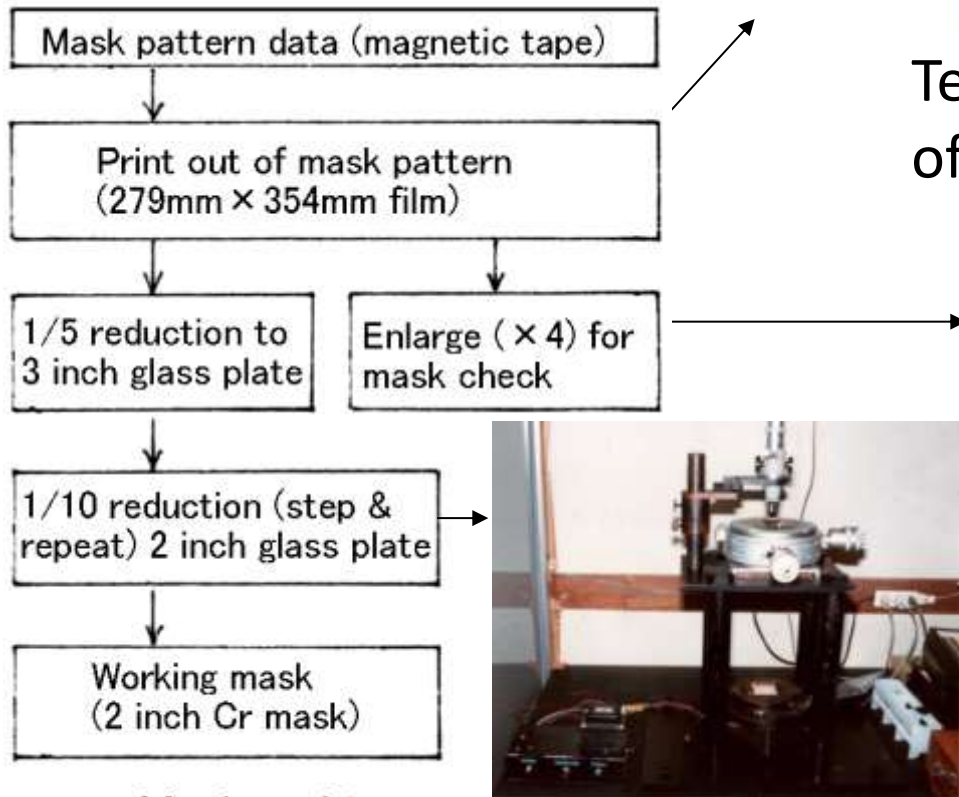
半導体集積回路設計の基礎

西澤潤一編 江刺正喜著

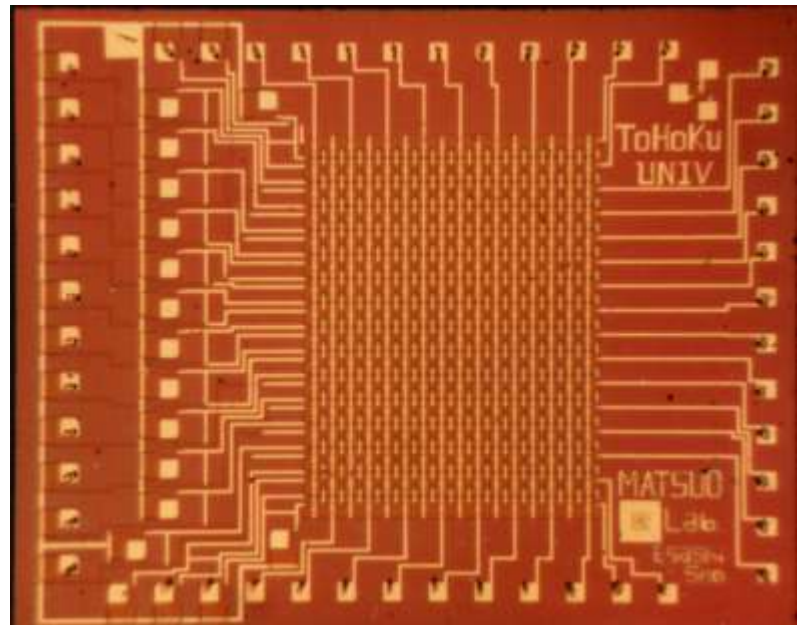
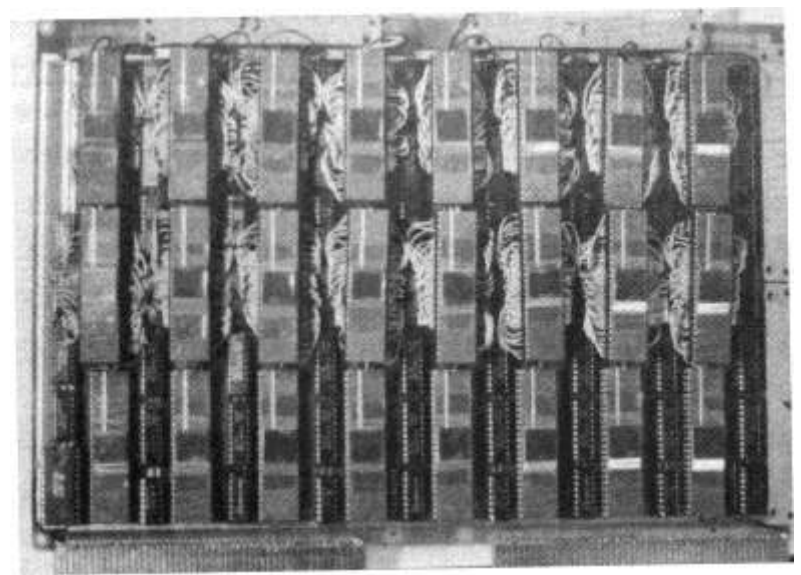
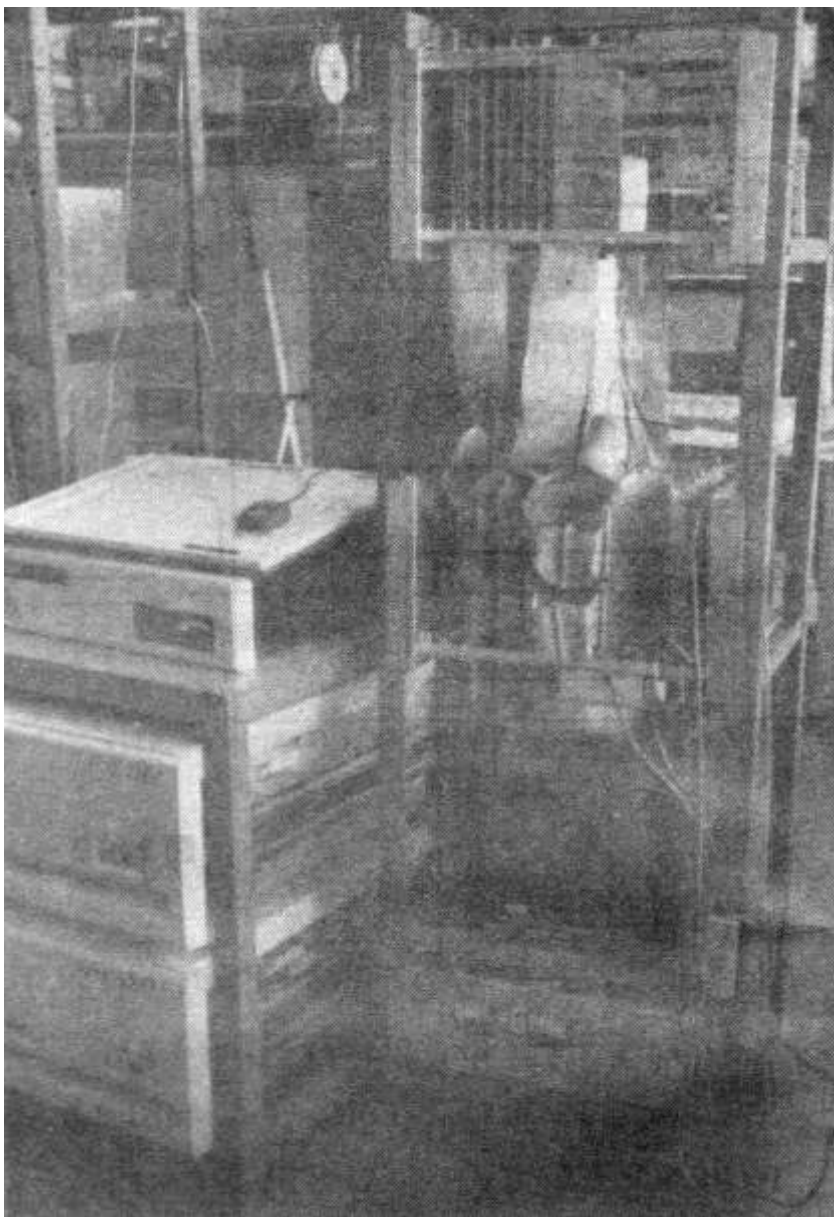
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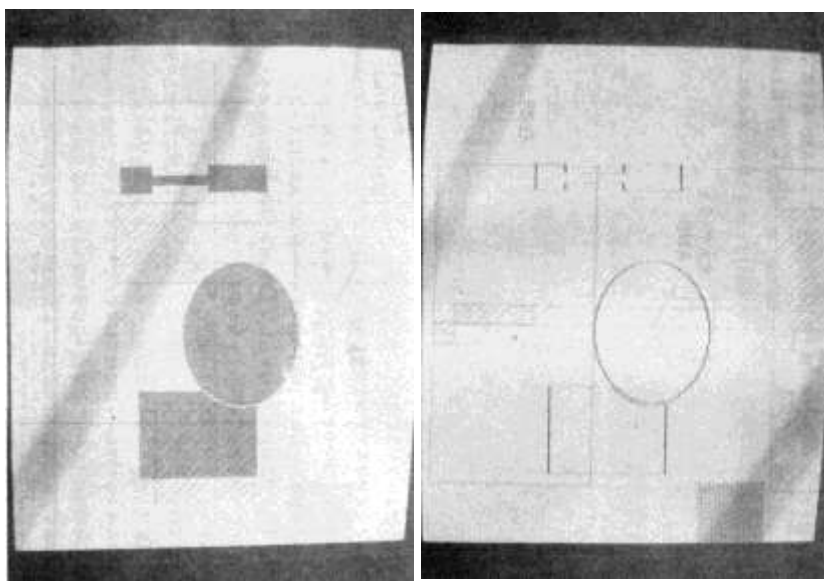
Text book, M. Esashi "Fundamentals of integrated circuit design" (1986)



Mask making process

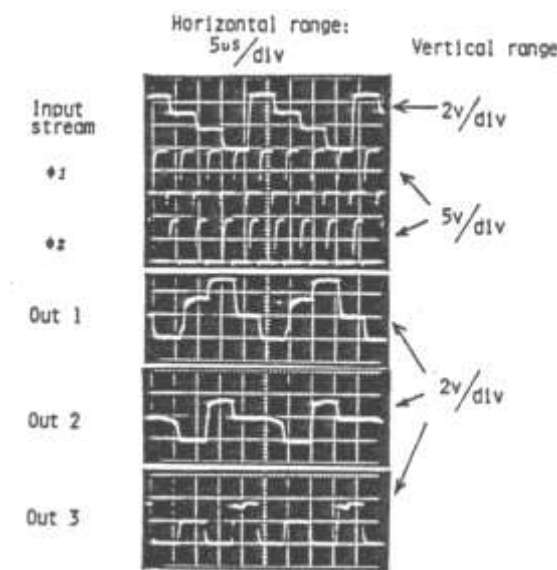


Parallel image processor using custom made IC for 2D barrel shifter



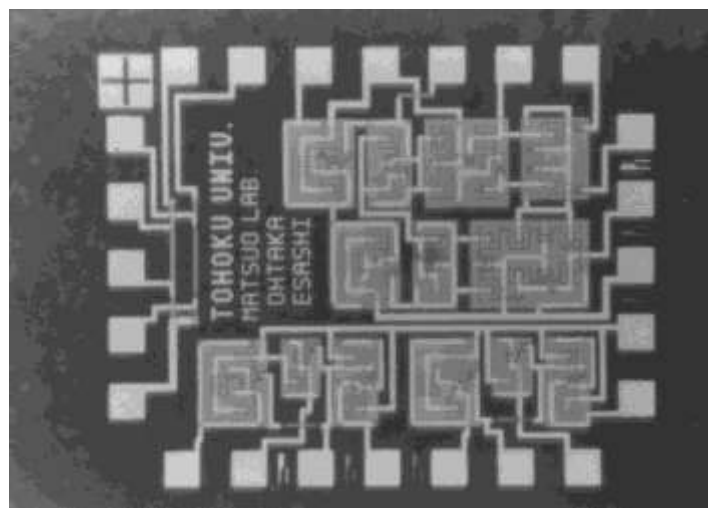
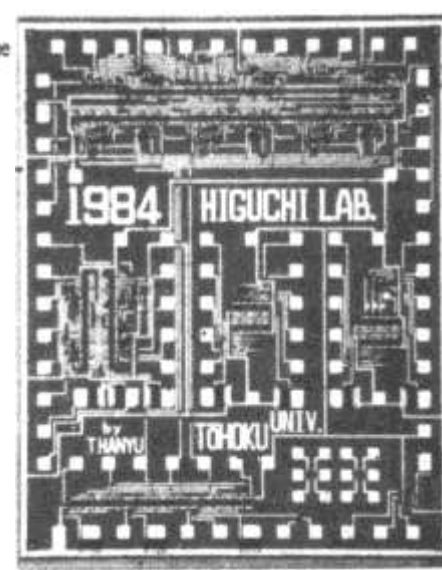
Example of parallel image processing

(M.Esashi et.al., Technical report on semiconductor and transistor, IEC,SSD85-51,(1985))



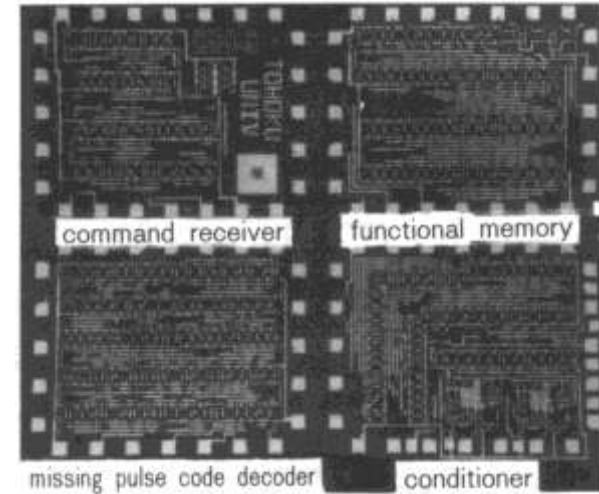
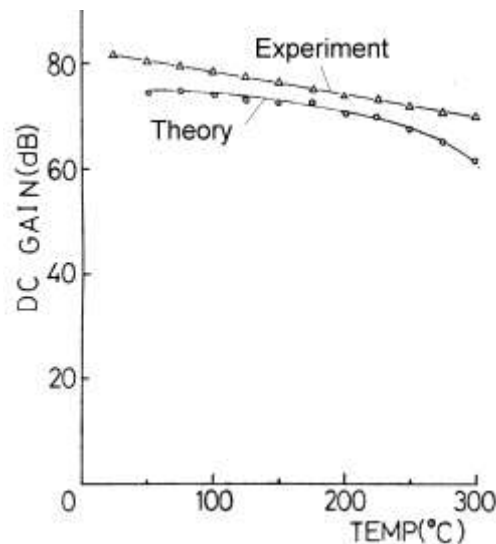
NMOS pipelined image processor using quaternary logic

(M.Kameyama, T.Haniyu, M.Esashi and T.Higuchi, ISSCC (1985) 86)



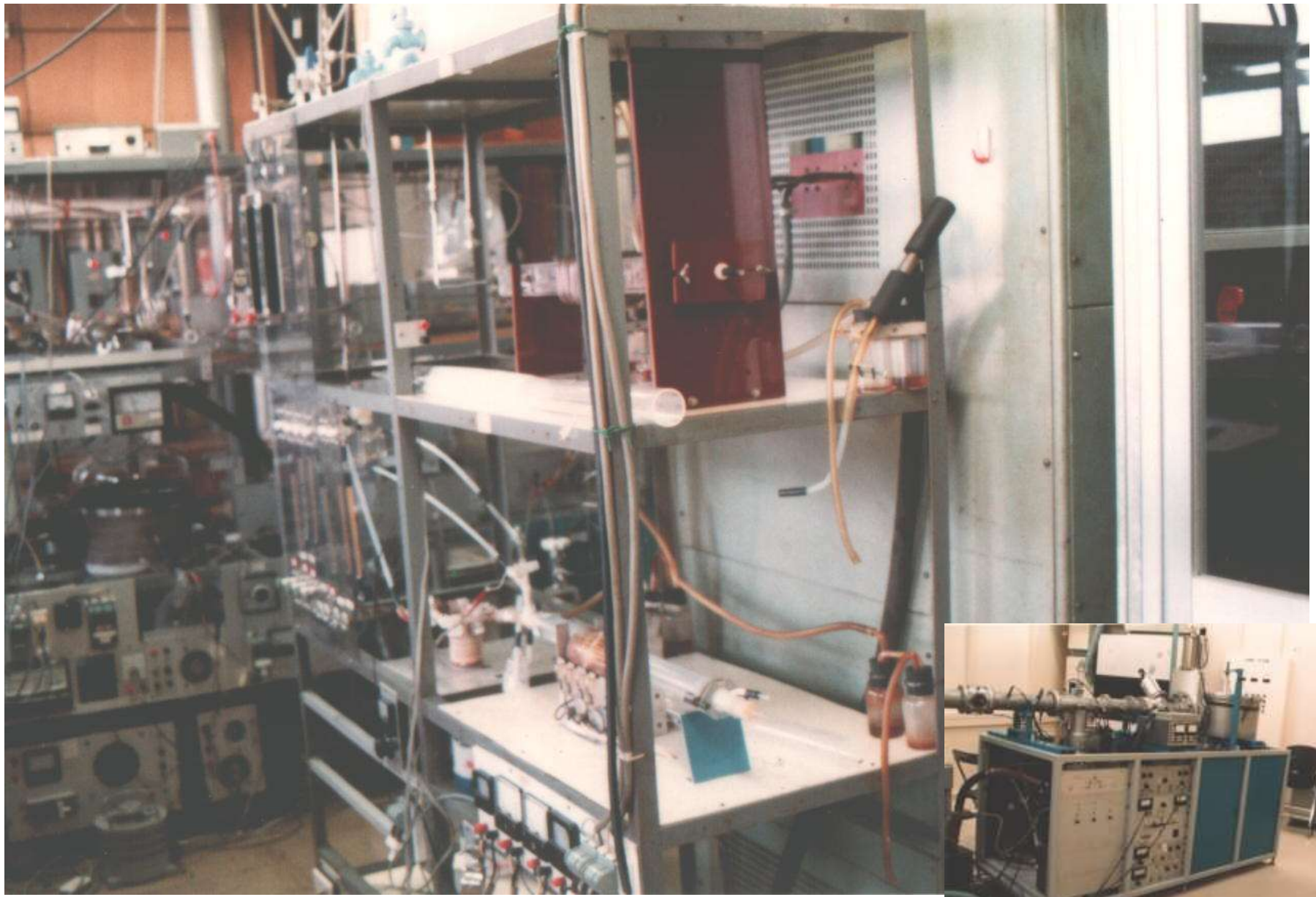
High temperature operational amplifier

(M.Esashi, S.Ohtaka and T.Matsuo, Technical report on semiconductor and transistor, IEC, SSD86-57 (1986))



Implantable telemetry CMOSIC

(H.Seo, M.Esashi and T.Matsuo, Frontiers of Medical and Biological Engineering, 1 (1989) 319)



20mm process facility for LSI and MEMS
(1995)

Second-hand ion implanter
used in Tokyo Sanyo Ltd

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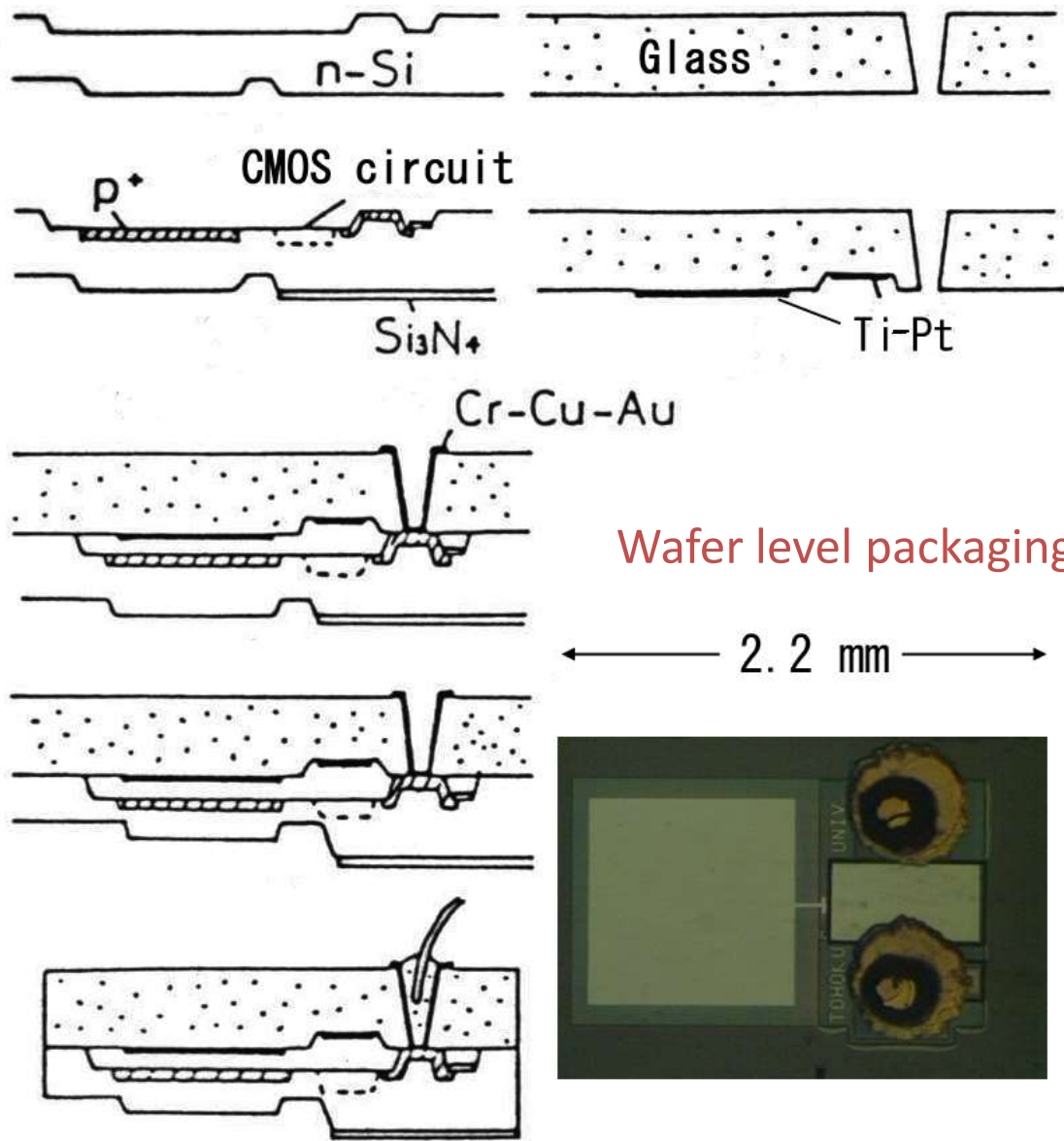
Unique facility like toy
for MEMS prototyping

MEMS process facility for 20 mm wafer

Many process equipments have been made in house.

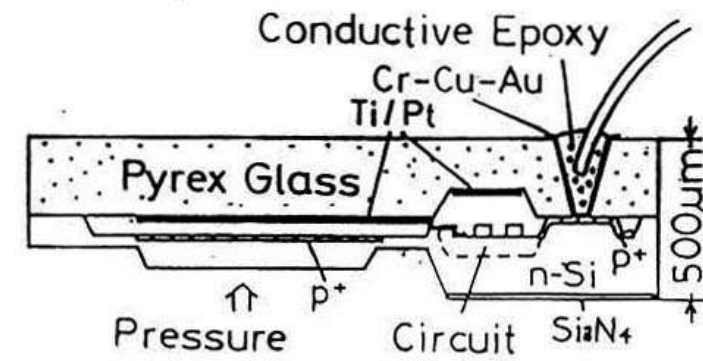
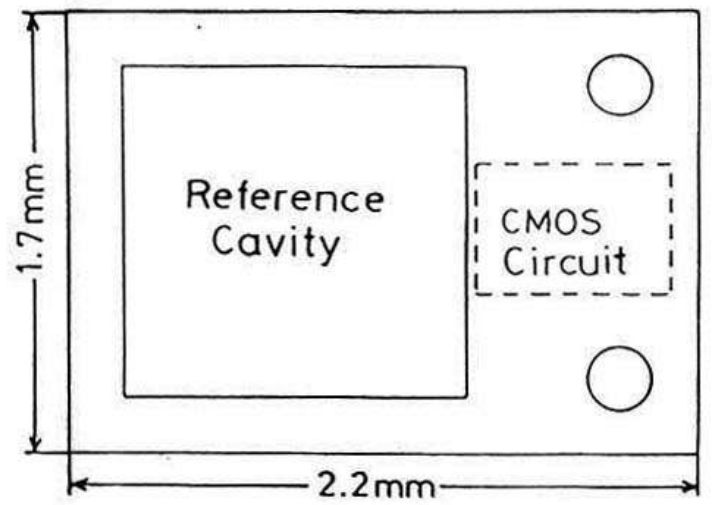
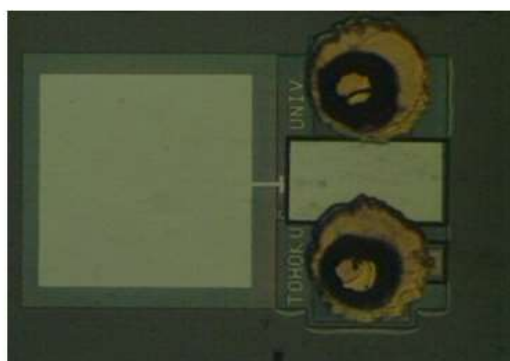
Simple and basic equipments are suitable for training people who have experiences of all the process and for developing new devices taking advantages of process flexibility.

The facility has been shared by many laboratories. More than 100 companies dispatched researchers (full time, 2years).



Wafer level packaging

2.2 mm



TOYODA

Integrated capacitive pressure sensor

MEMS have moving parts

→ Direct molding with plastics can not be done.

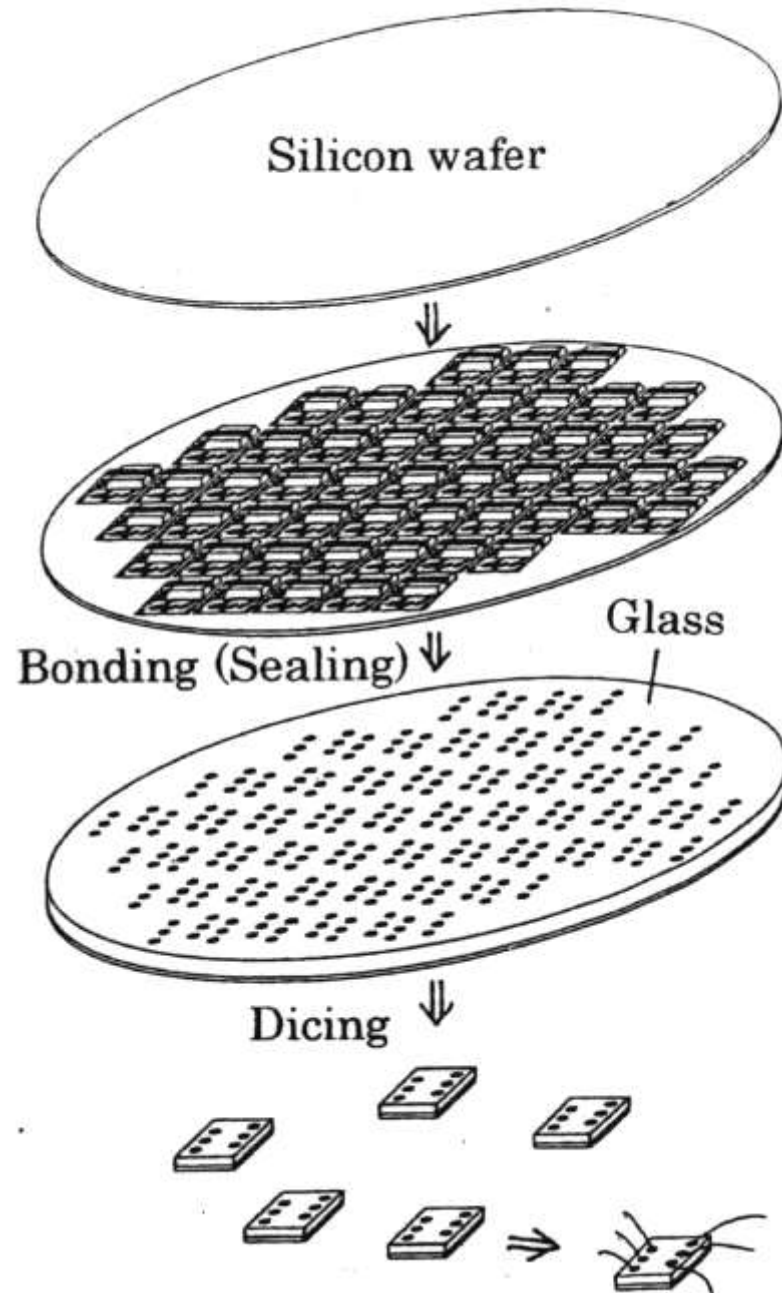
→ **small size** (chip size encapsulation, suitable for surface mounting)

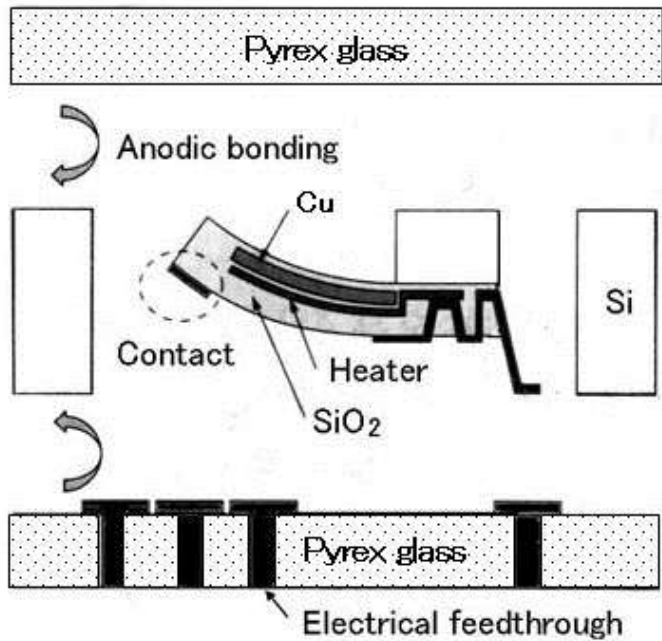
→ **high yield** (protection of MEMS structures during dicing)

→ **high reliability** (hermetic sealing)

→ **low cost** (minimal investment for assembly, no use of expensive ceramic packages etc)

Wafer level packaging





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RF-SIP 部品

5 mm

ADVANTEST



MEMS switch factory
(Advantest components (Sendai))

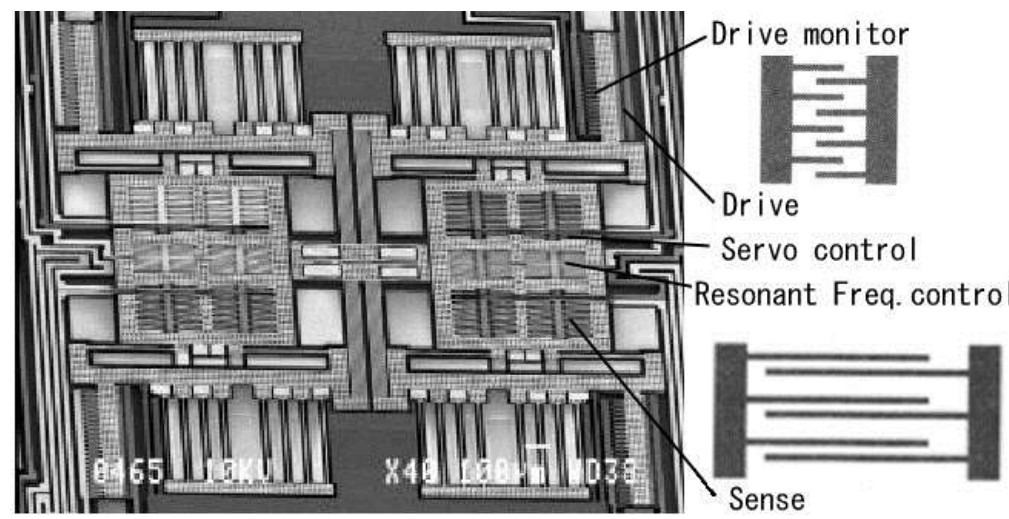
Immune to electrostatic discharge up to 1000V

Wide frequency range (DC~10GHz)

MEMS switch for LSI tester

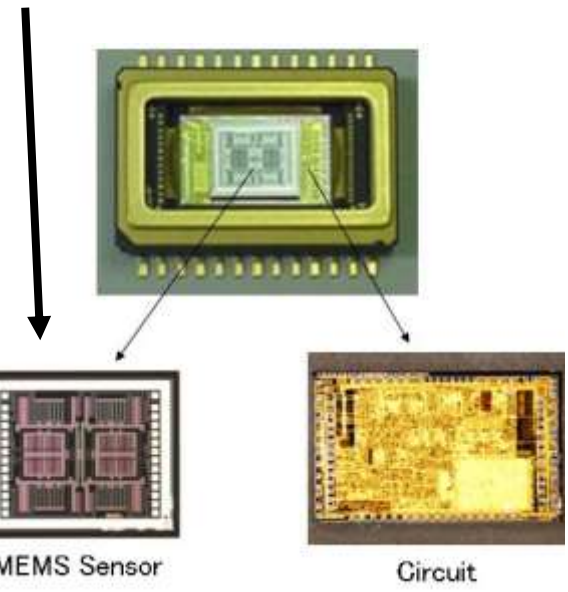
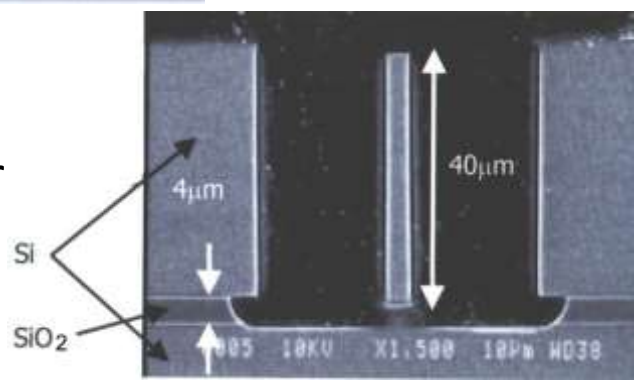
(A.Nakamura et.al., Advantest Technical Report, 22 (2004), 9-16)

半導体式ヨーレートセンサーを搭載したクラウン (2003年12月発売)



1992-1997

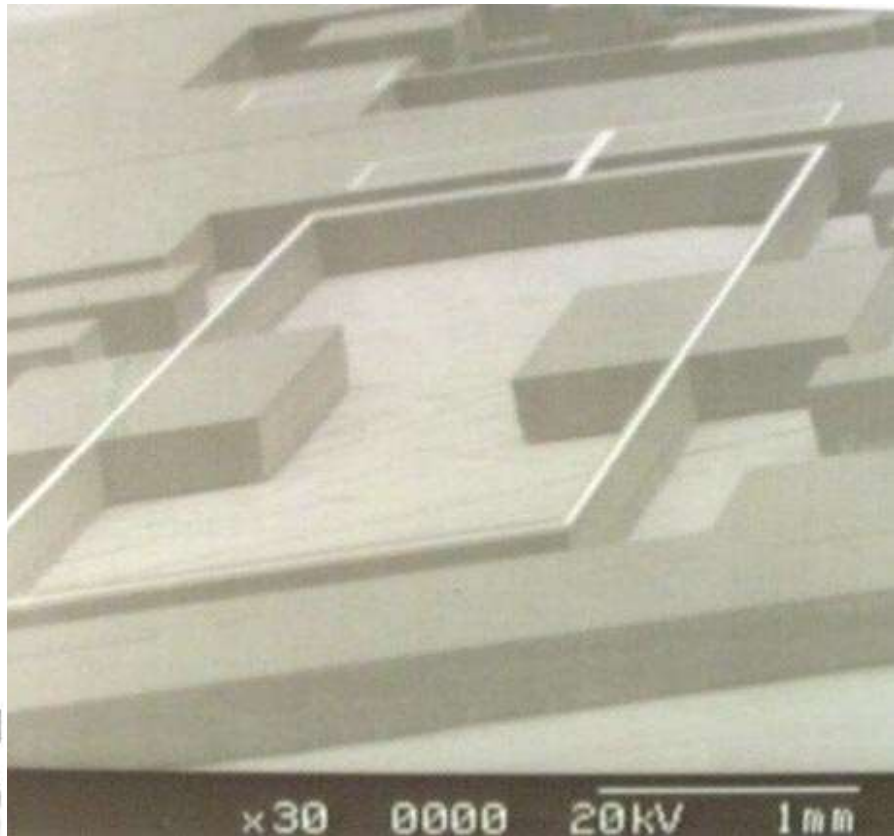
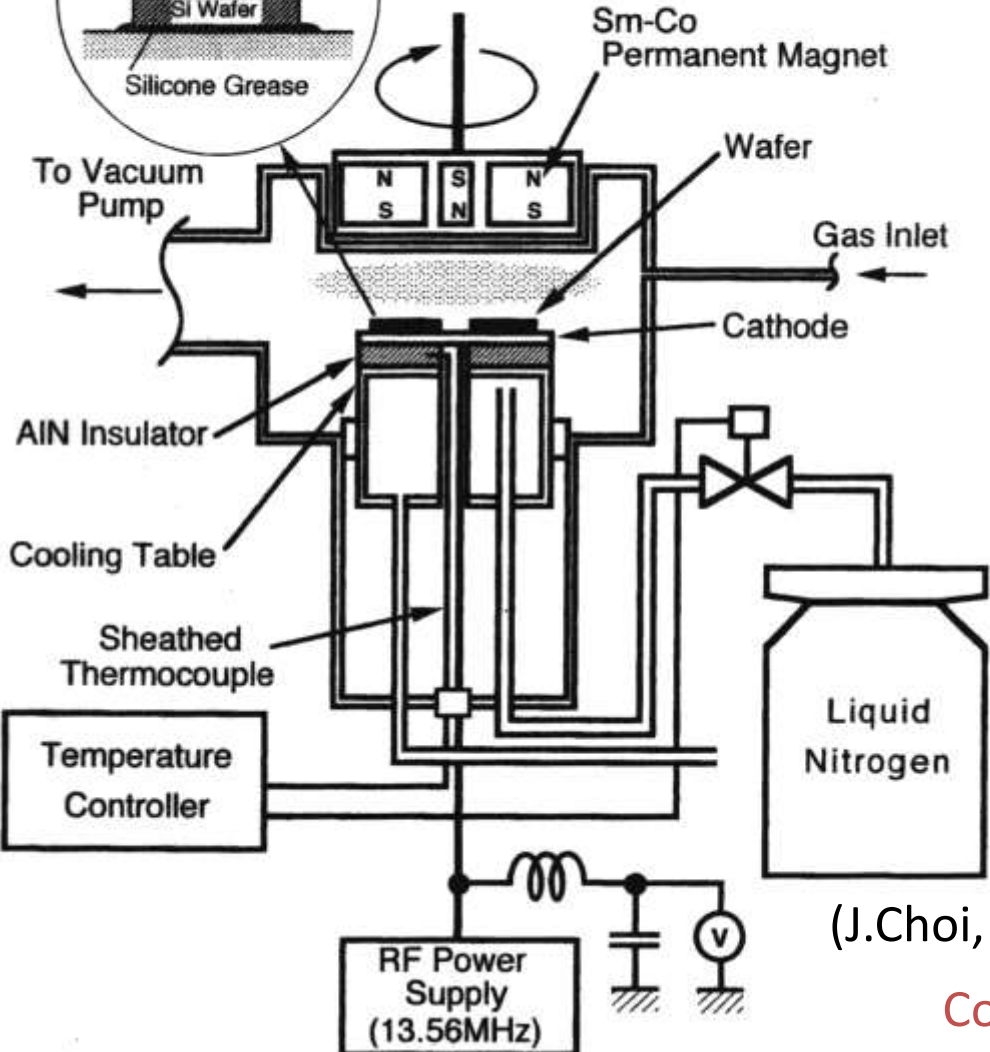
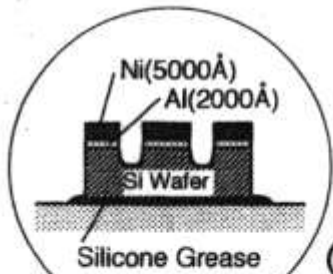
Two researchers from Toyota stayed in Tohoku University for collaborative development of vibrating gyroscope



Yaw rate sensor has been produced in Toyota since 2003 and used in more than 1 million cars.

Resonating gyroscope (yaw rate sensor) and accelerometer for vehicle stability control

(M.Nagao et.al.,SAE World Congress, Detroit, (2004) 2004-01-1113)



Resonating gyroscope fabricated using Si deep RIE

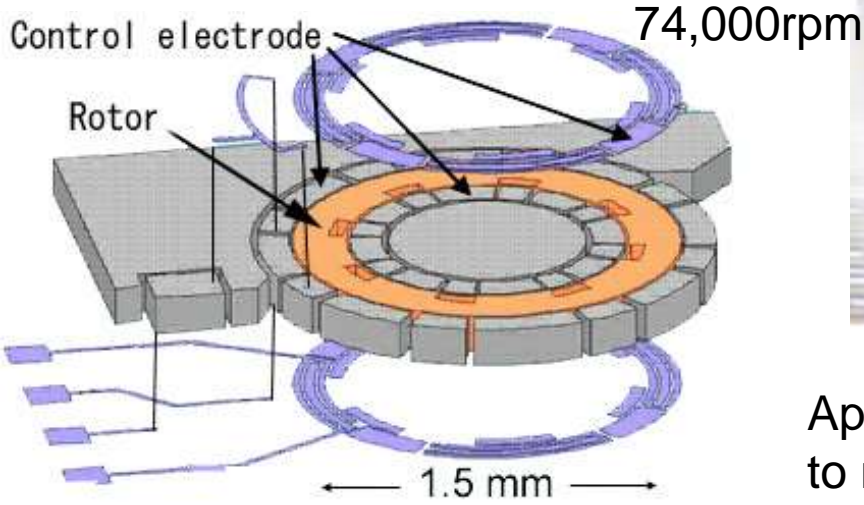
(J.Choi, Microsystem Tech., 2 (1996) p.186)

Commercial deep RIE system became available since 1996

Si deep RIE system

(M.Takinami, 11th Sensor Symposium, (1992) p.15)

Chip 4.3mm X 4.3mm



Motion Logger

列車動揺測定装置「モーションロガー」は、超小型ジャイロセンサを搭載した全く新しいタイプの動揺測定装置で、列車に発生する「6軸」の運動特性を計測・記録します。

【解析装置のグラフ表示例】

- ロール角速度
- ヨー角速度
- ピッチ角速度

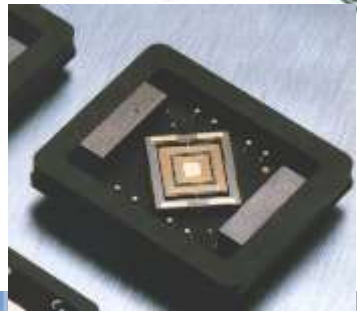
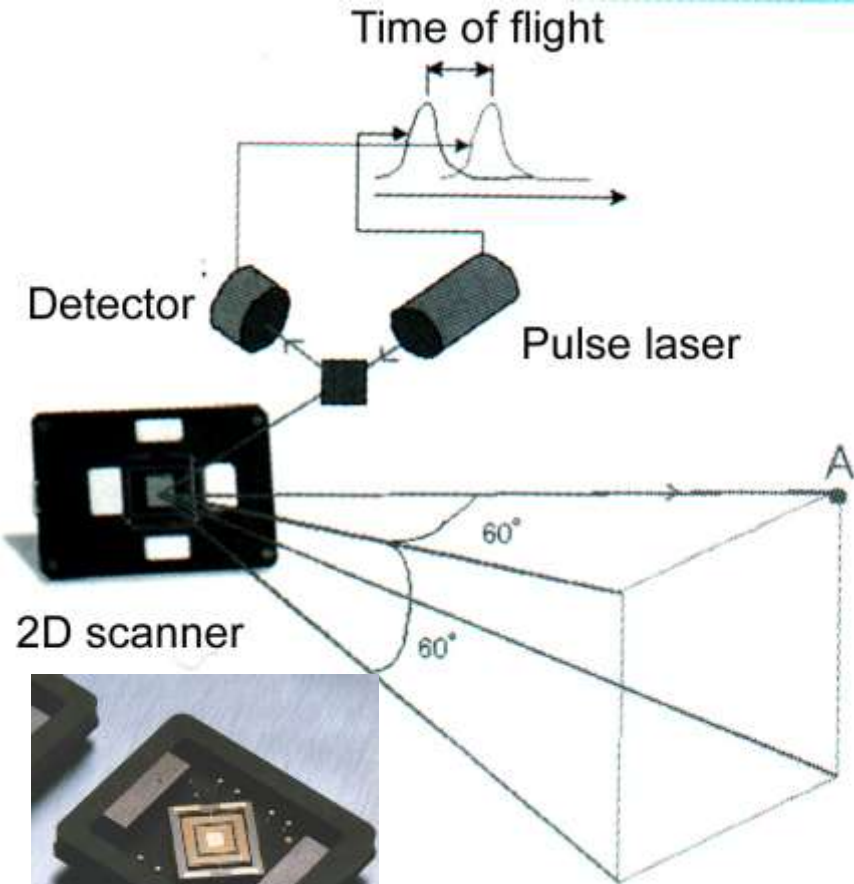
角速度の測定概要

- ピッチ角速度 = 勾配の変化速度 = ピッチングの速度
- ローリング
- ロール角速度 = カントの変化速度 = ローリングの速度
- ヨー角速度 = 進行方向の変化速度 = ヨーイングの速度

Application of the electrostatically levitated gyro to motion logger used for subways in Tokyo

Electrostatically levitated rotational gyroscope

(Simultaneous measurement of 2 axes rotation and 3 axes acceleration)



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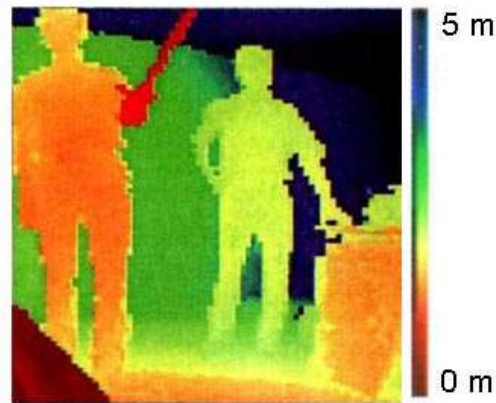
MEMS技術を利用した共振ミラー“エコスキャン”

2D Optical scanner

(N.Asada et.al., IEEE Trans. on
Magnetics, 30 (1994) 4647)



Ebisu station (platform doors using the ranging imager)

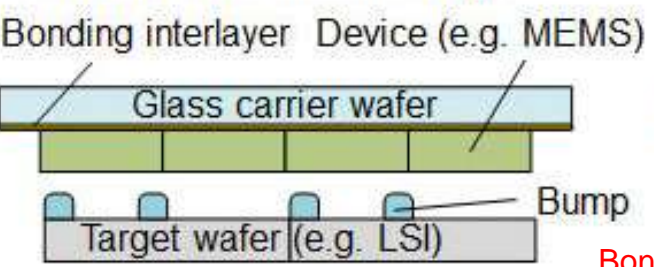


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the distance

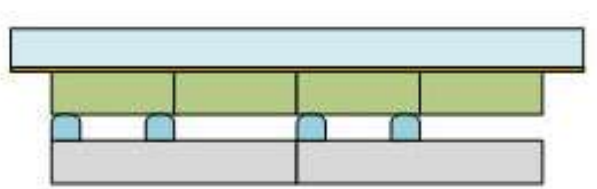
Ranging imager for safety systems and other applications

(T.Ishikawa,H.Inomata : Japan Signal
Technical Report, 33, 1 (2009) 41)

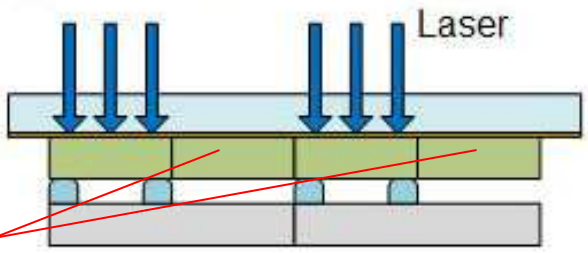
1. Fabrication of silicone bumps



2. Wafer alignment and bonding

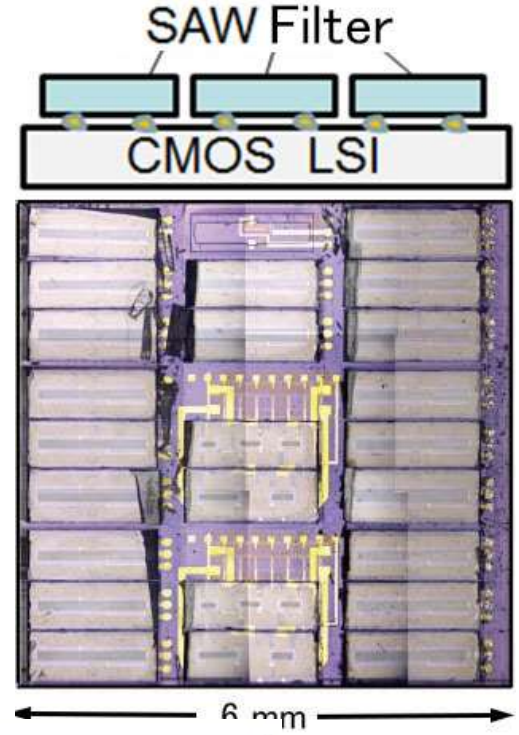
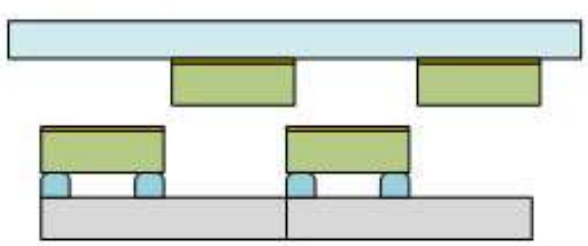


3. Selective laser debonding

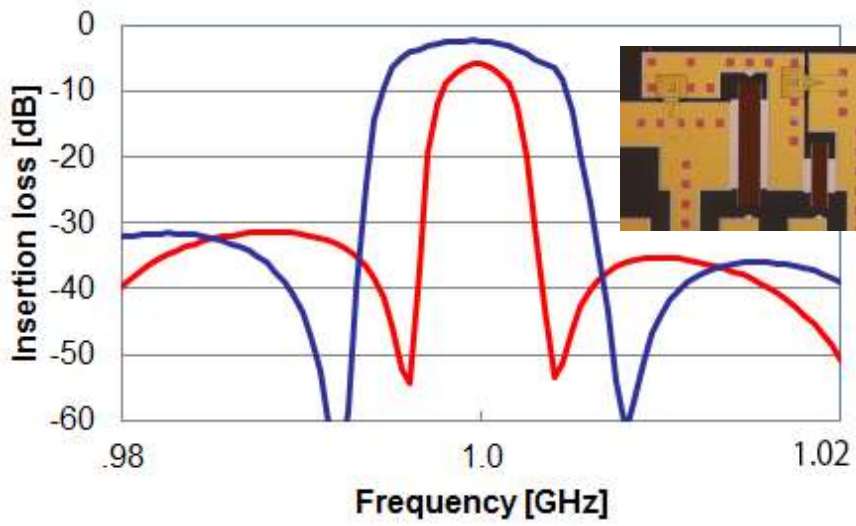
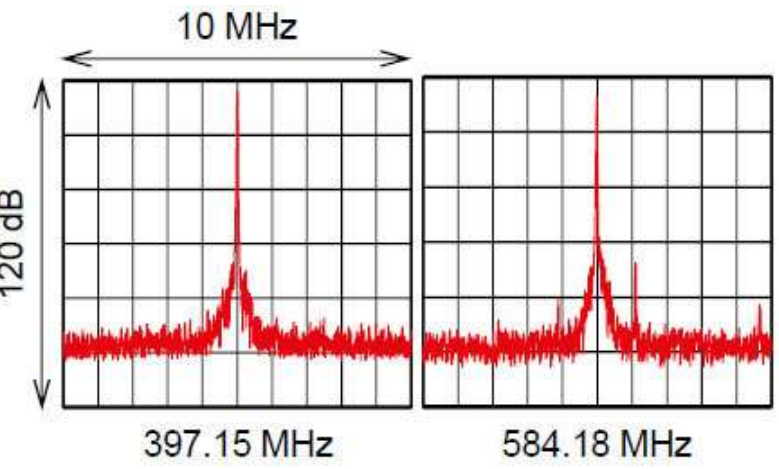


Bonding to another target wafer (LSI)

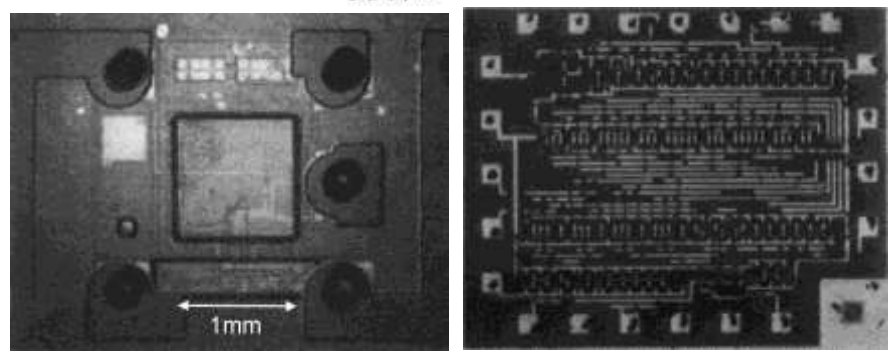
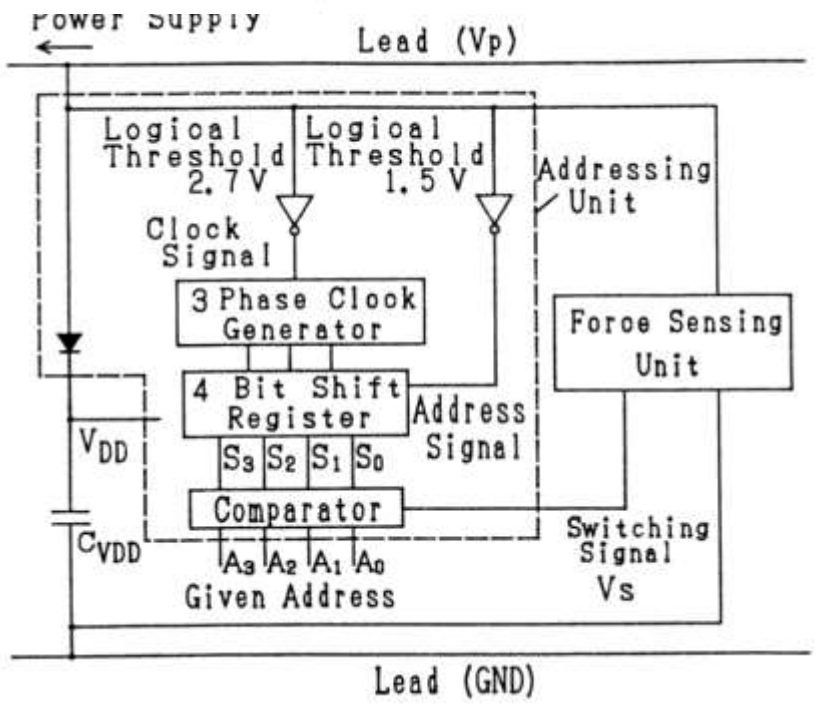
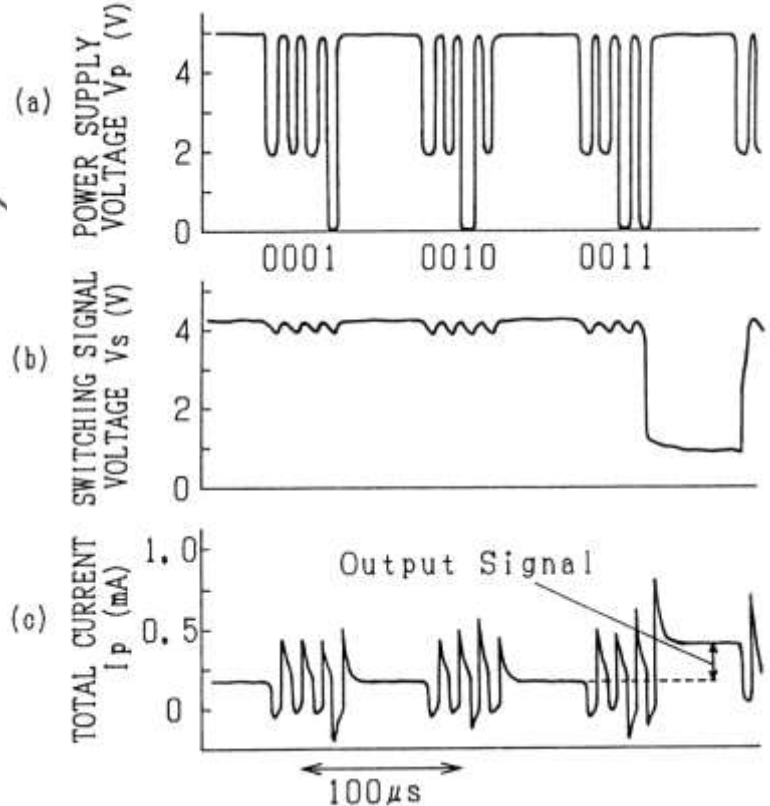
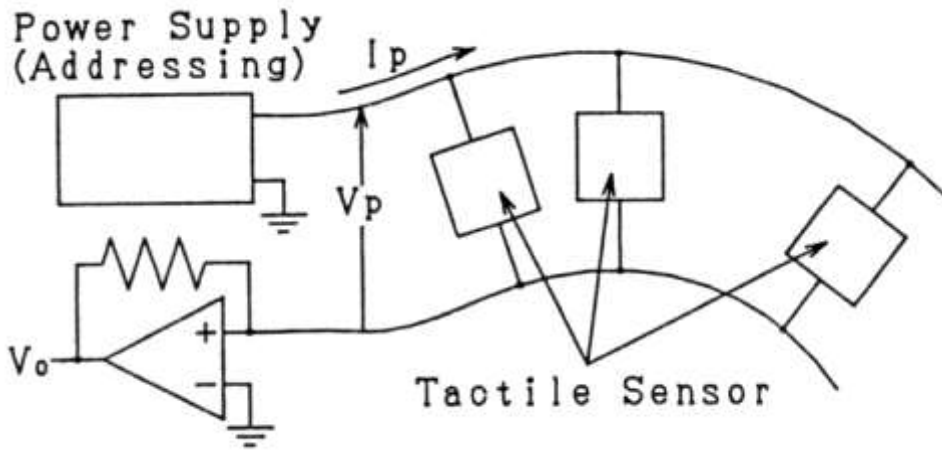
4. Device transfer



Selective transfer process by laser debonding



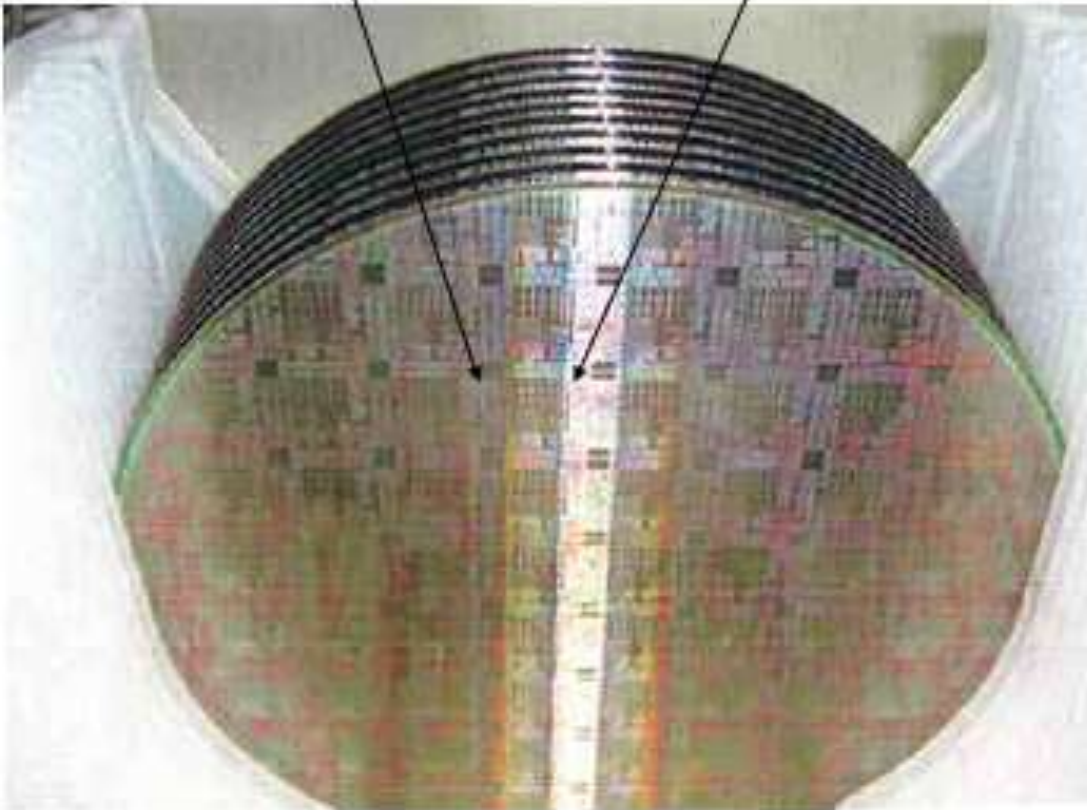
Multi SAW filters on LSI Tunable SAW filter using ferroelectric varactor



(1,000 Tr./chip in our lab., 1,000,000 Tr./chip in company, 10,000,000,000 Tr/chp now)

Common 2 wires tactile sensor array (polling type)

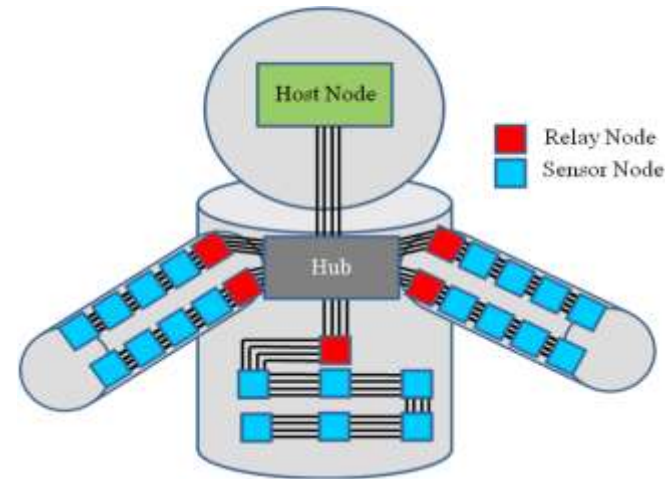
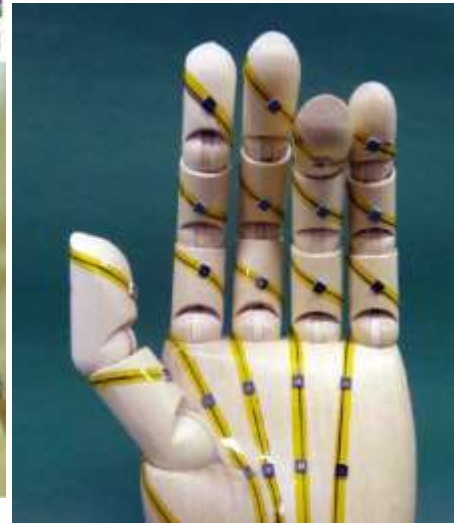
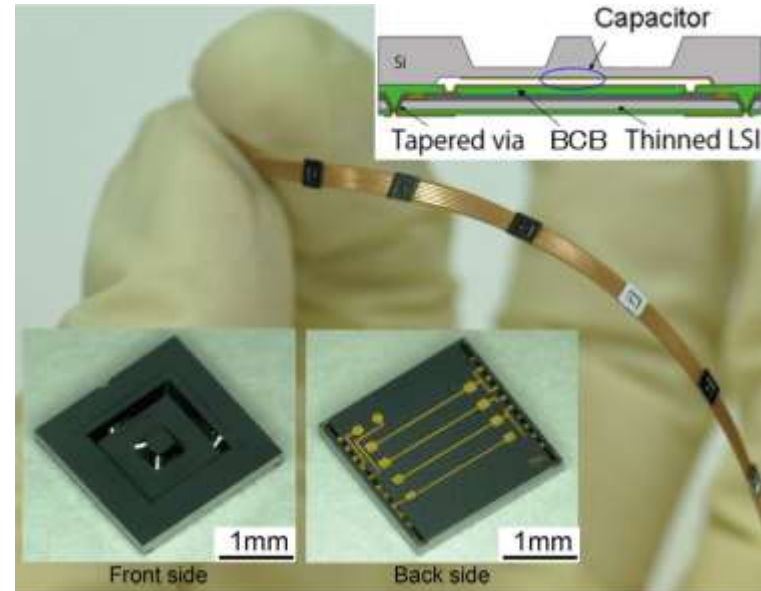
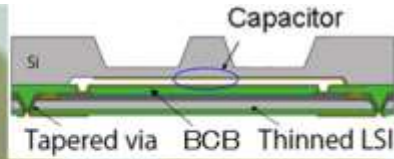
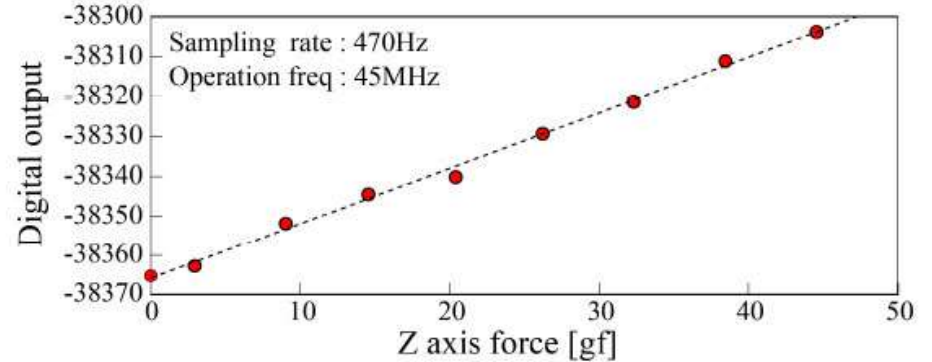
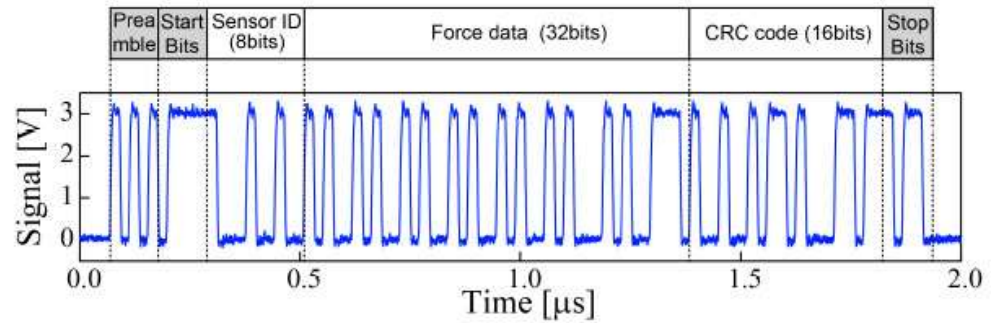
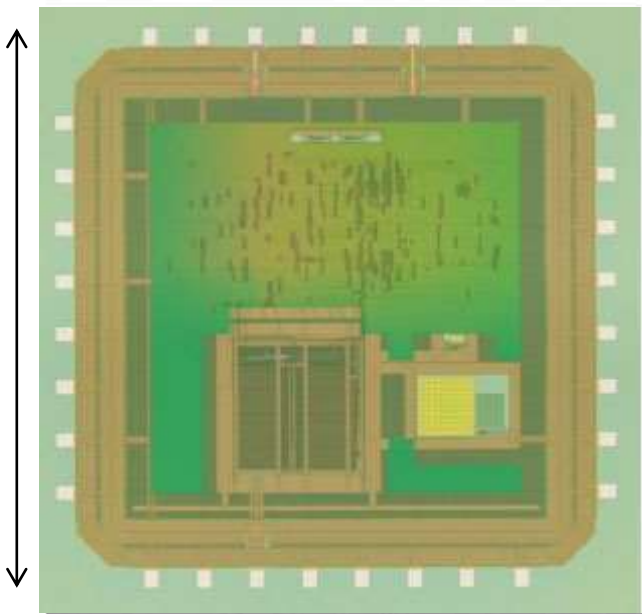
Company A	Company B
Project C	Project D



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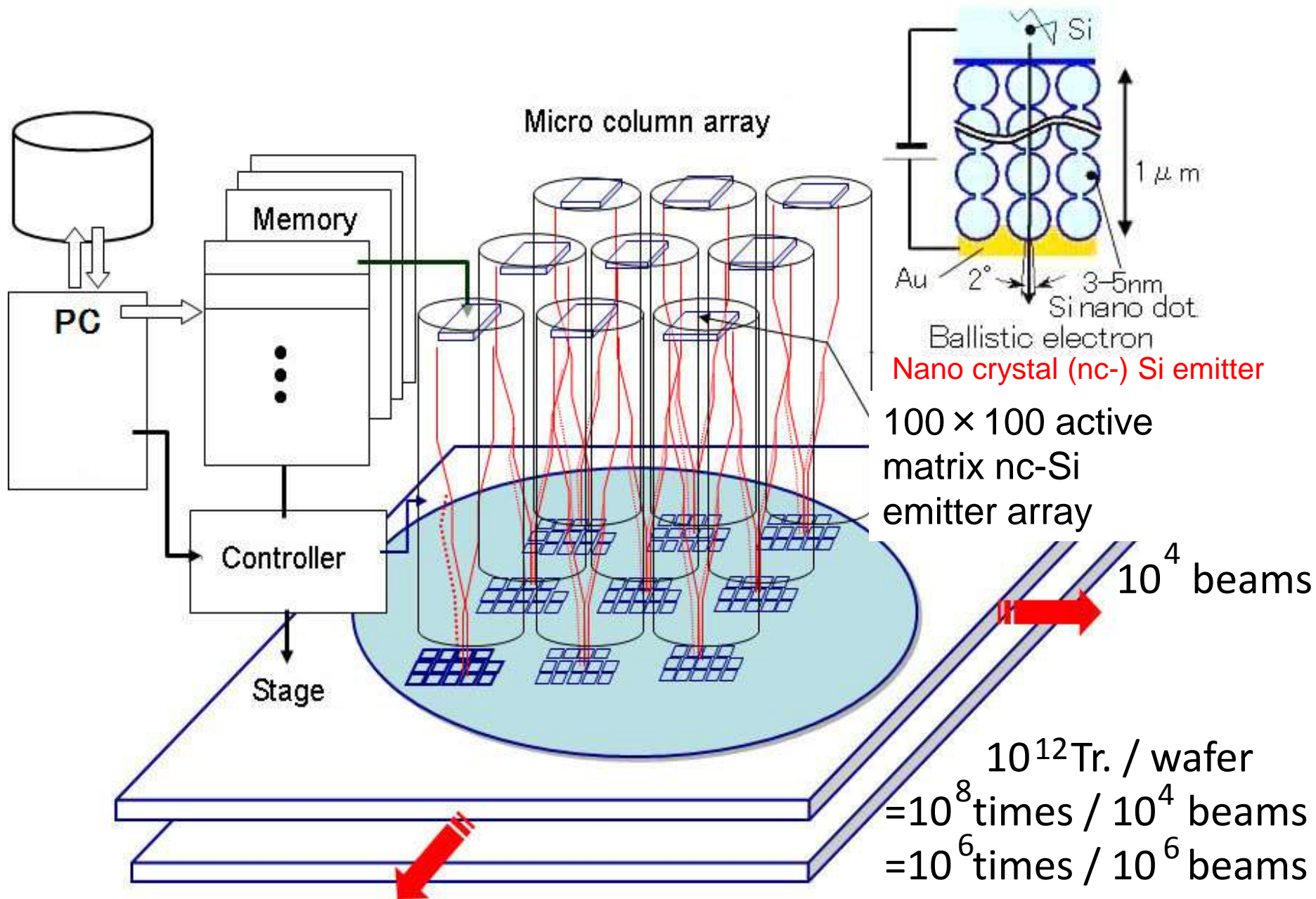
Shared CMOS LSI wafer

2.4mm

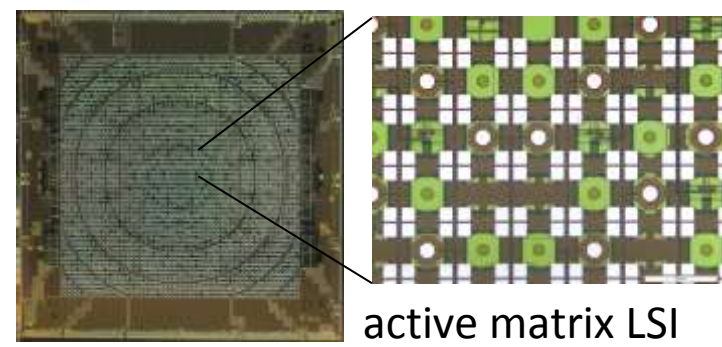
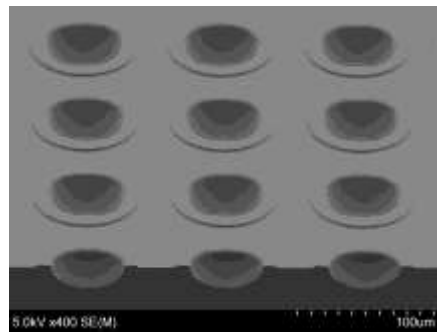
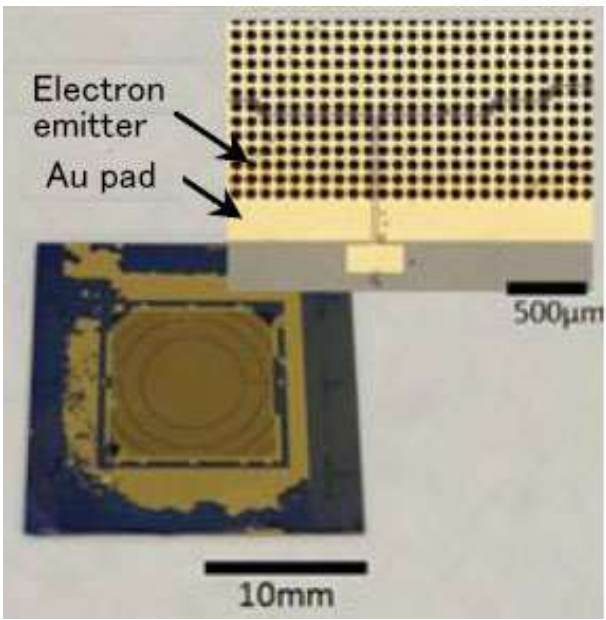
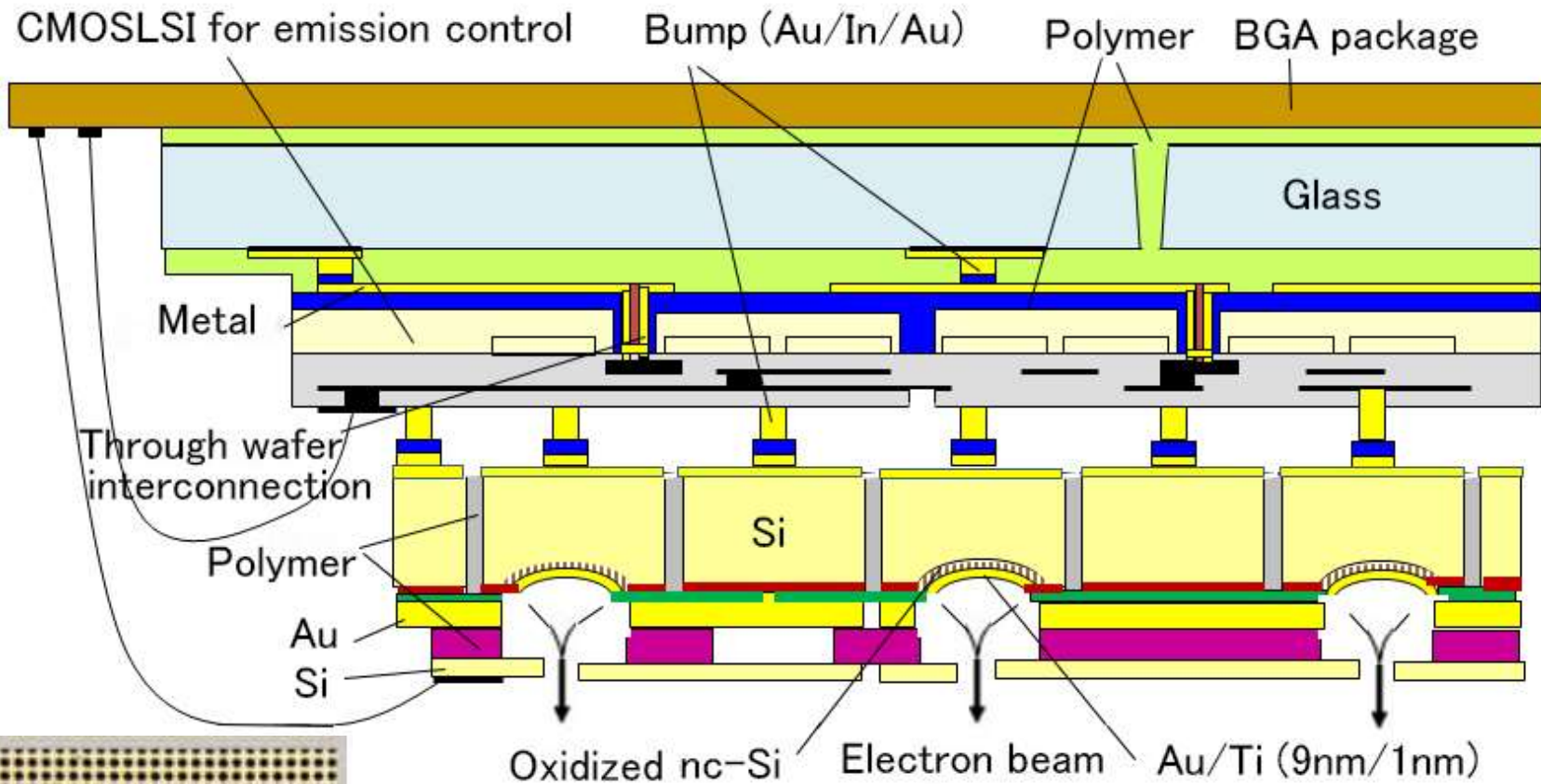


Tactile sensor network for robot (event driven type)

(M.Muroyama, M.Makihata, M.Esashi et al., Smart Systems Integration (SSI) 2014, (2014))³⁷



Concept of massive parallel electron beam exposure system using nc-Si emitter

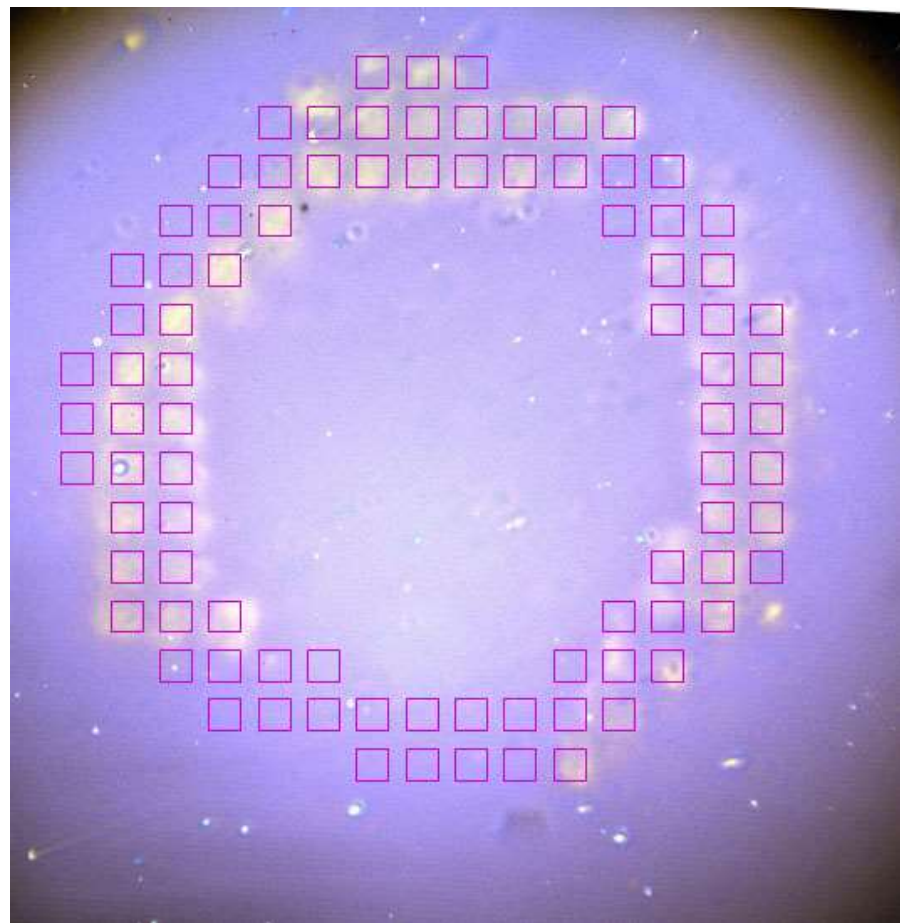


Structure of 100 × 100 active matrix nc-Si emitter

(H.Nishino, S.Yoshida, A.Kojima, N.Ikegami, N.Koshida, S.Tanaka and M.Esashi, Technical Digest IEEE MEMS 2014 (2014) 467-470)



Experimental setup for 1/100 and 1/1 exposure test.



Exposed pattern on a resist using 1:1 projection system with 15×15 planar type nc-Si 40eV electron source (Electron source pattern is superimposed in the right photograph)

(N.Koshida et al., SPIE Advanced Lithography , San Jose, 2015/2/25)

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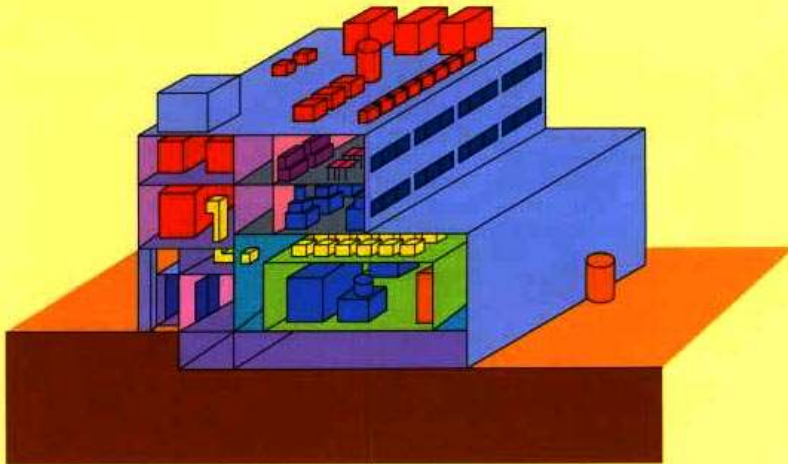
Shared facility (Micromachining room) in the building of Electrical group proposed by Esashi and Niitsuma (research associate) in 1980.

Auger electron spectroscopy bought by grant-in aid for scientific research and equipments for mask making, assembly etc. were commonly used.

Accumulation of knowhow for the common use

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センサ・マイクロマシンの研究開発
(マイクロ・ナノマシニング)
Development of Sensors and Micromachines
(Micro · Nano-Machining)



平成9年4月

Micro / Nanomachining Research & Education
Center (MNC) (2007-)
(Director Prof.S.Tanaka)

Venture Business Laboratory (VBL)(1997-2006)



Clean room for 2 inch process
(600m²)

ベンチャーラボ利用の皆様へ

Message to VBL users

Director M.Esashi 1998.2.6

ベンチャーラボを利用して頂いている皆様へ、私がどのような考えで運営していきたいかということをご理解いただき是非協力をお願いしたい……

内部的な調整にエネルギーを費やし自己満足しているような状態でなく、効率を上げて外部に役立つ研究成果を生み出していける……

第一は、ユーザの立場になって利用法を決めるということです。多くの場合に管理の都合からルールを決めるために無駄が多くなっています。例えば講習会を受けた利用者しか使えないとか、何週間か前に申し込むことなどということです。実際の研究では先の見通しなどは立たないもので、急に使う必要が生じるものです。装置を使っている時に一緒について使い方を習ってもらうことにしました。教える人はできるだけ詳細にまで教えてほしい。面倒なので代わりにやってあげることになりがちですが、メンテナンスなども含めてついていてもらい、その人に手伝ってもらうつもりでやって下さい。

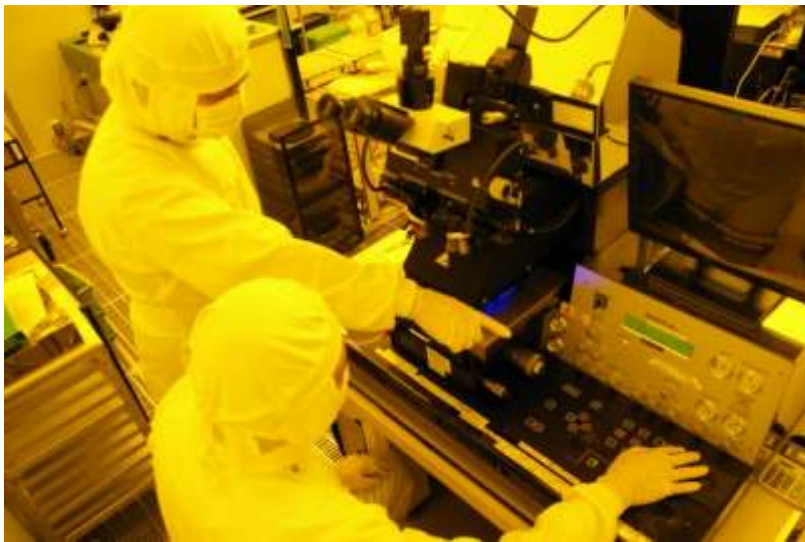
装置の維持は最も使う人(研究室)にやって頂きます。受益者負担の考え方に立ち、できるだけ負荷を分散し、皆様が自分の研究をできるようにと考えています。

第二は、いかにすれば自主性を保ち……

第三は、透明で開放的にし、情報へ効率よくアクセス……

User should learn not only the operation but also maintenance from the person who is using the equipment.

The management and maintenance of equipment should be done by the person (laboratory) who uses it most frequently (not by the owner laboratory) etc.

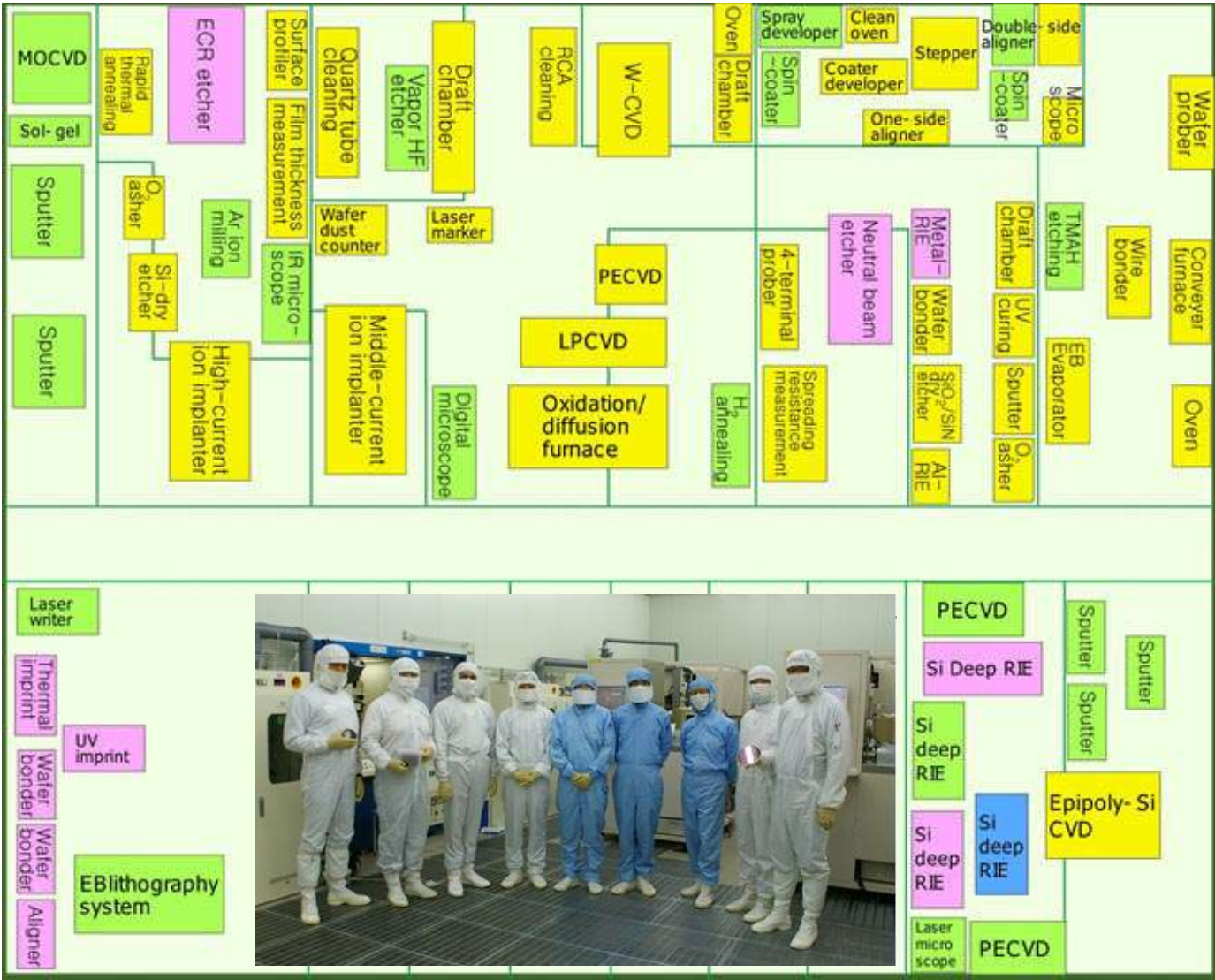


Companies which can not prepare their own facility dispatch their employees to operate equipments by themselves for development and small volume production.



Shared facility for industry to prototype MEMS devices (4 / 6 inch)
Hands-on-access fab. (Nishizawa memorial research center in Tohoku Univ.)

Contact person : Assoc. Prof. Kentaro Totsu totsu@mems.mech.tohoku.ac.jp



4 inch fab for power transistor production until 2008

- Succeeded by Univ. in 2008
- Newly installed since 2010
- Donated by industry
- Transferred from other lab

Equipments on other floors

1F-CR

- W-thermal SEM
- X-ray CT
- FE-SEM
- EB lithography system
- TOF-SIMS

3F-CR

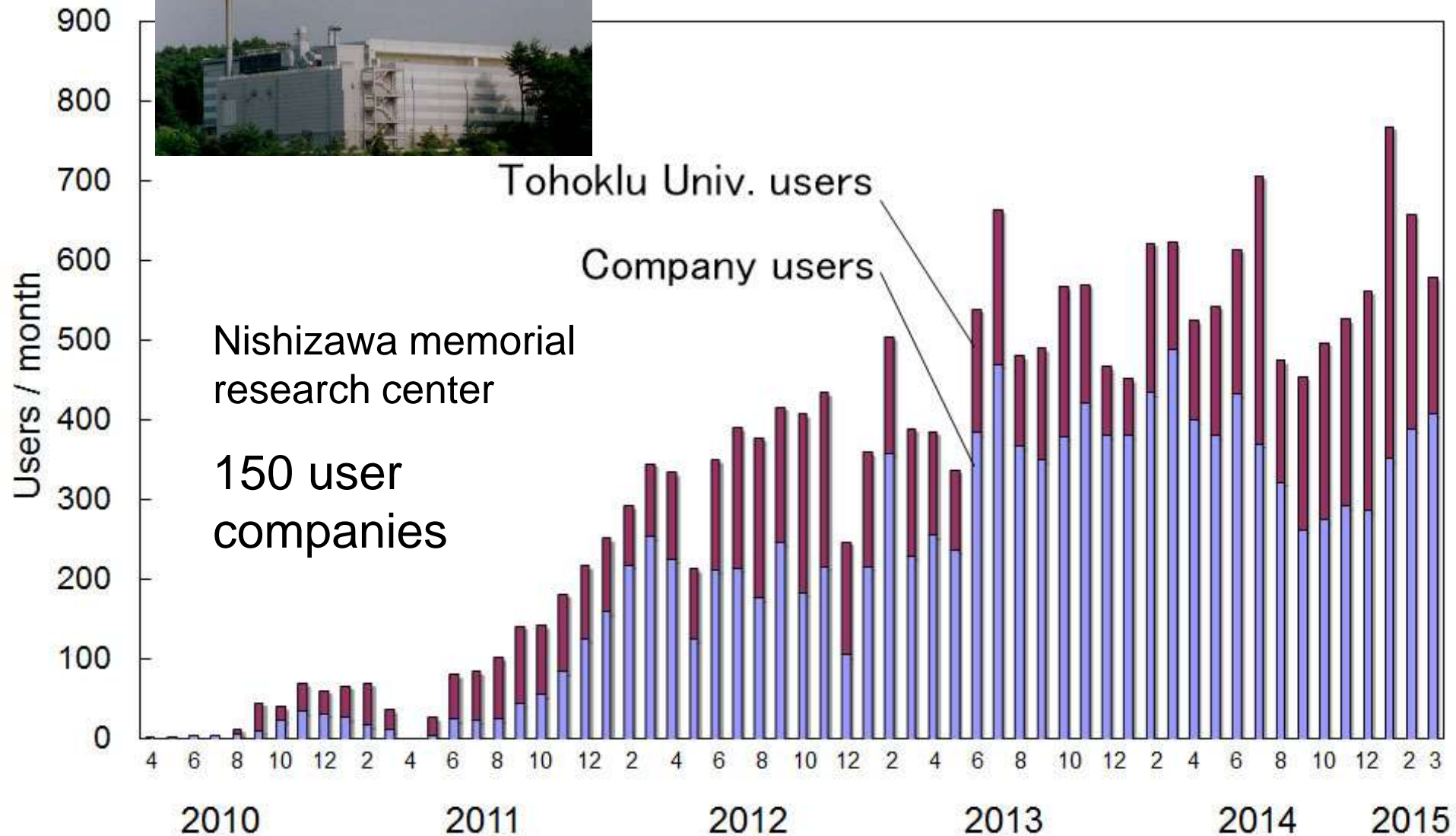
- Electroplating
- Q-mass
- CO2 critical point dryer
- Ultrasonic microscope
- KOH etching
- Wet station
- Pattern generator
- Sputter
- Ozone ashing
- Dicer

No.2 build. 1F

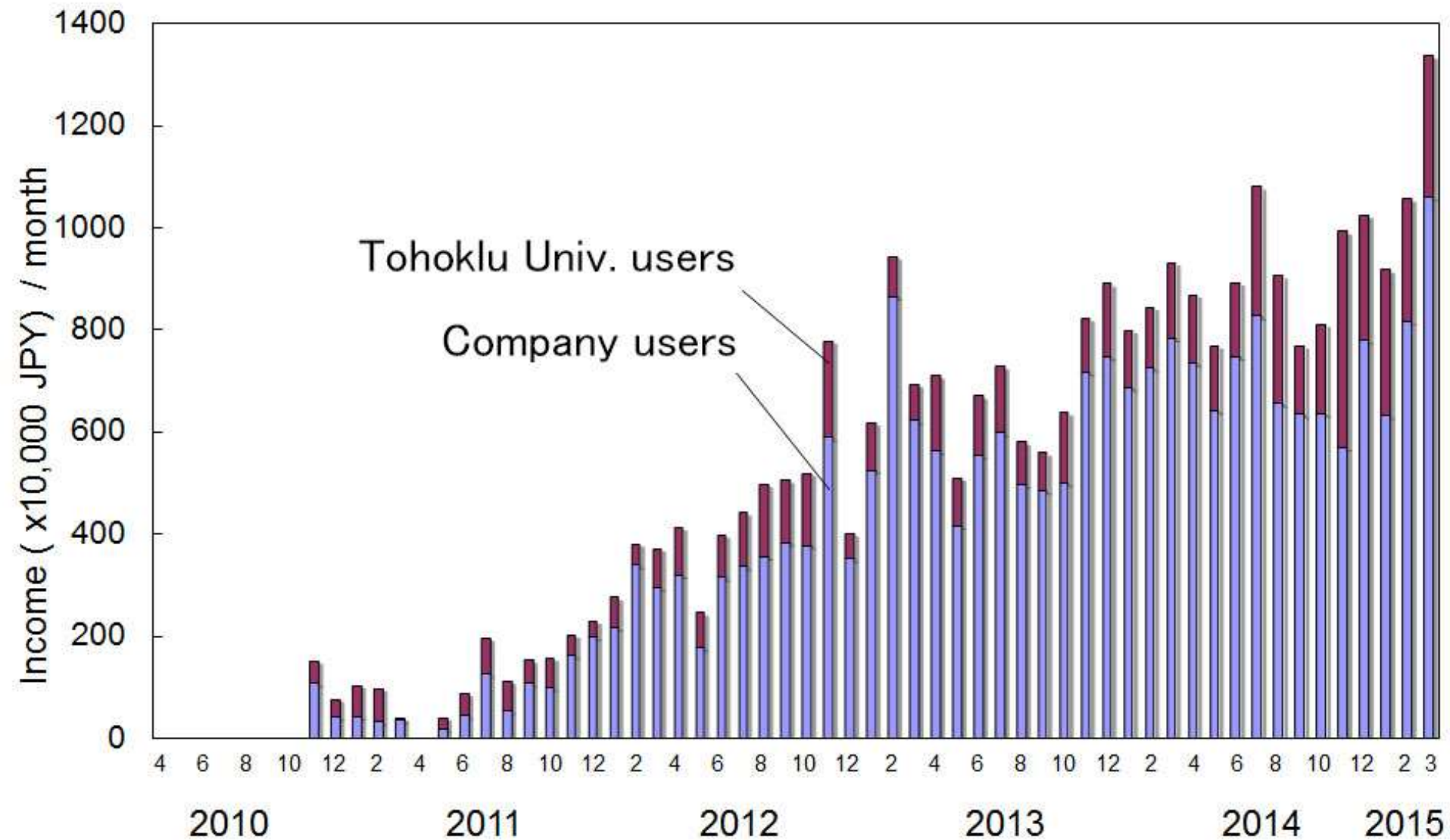
- Sand bluster

Layout of the Hands-on access fab. for 4/6 inch wafer

Companies are allowed to sell MEMS devices produced in the "Hands-on-access fab." (2013/7 ~)



Users of the Hands-on-access fab.



Income of the Hands-on-access fab.



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



1st Fraunhofer Symposium in Sendai
“Doing Worldwide Business via MEMS technology” (Oct.19, 2005)

10st Fraunhofer Symposium in Sendai
(Nov.26, 2014)

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

Collaboration with FhG (Fraunhofer Institute) in Germany



2012/6/21 Seminar at IMEC



2013/11/8 Seminar in Sendai



2014/11/12 Seminar at IMEC

Strategic Partner

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imec
Belgium

EPFL



Signing ceremony
(2012/6/11)

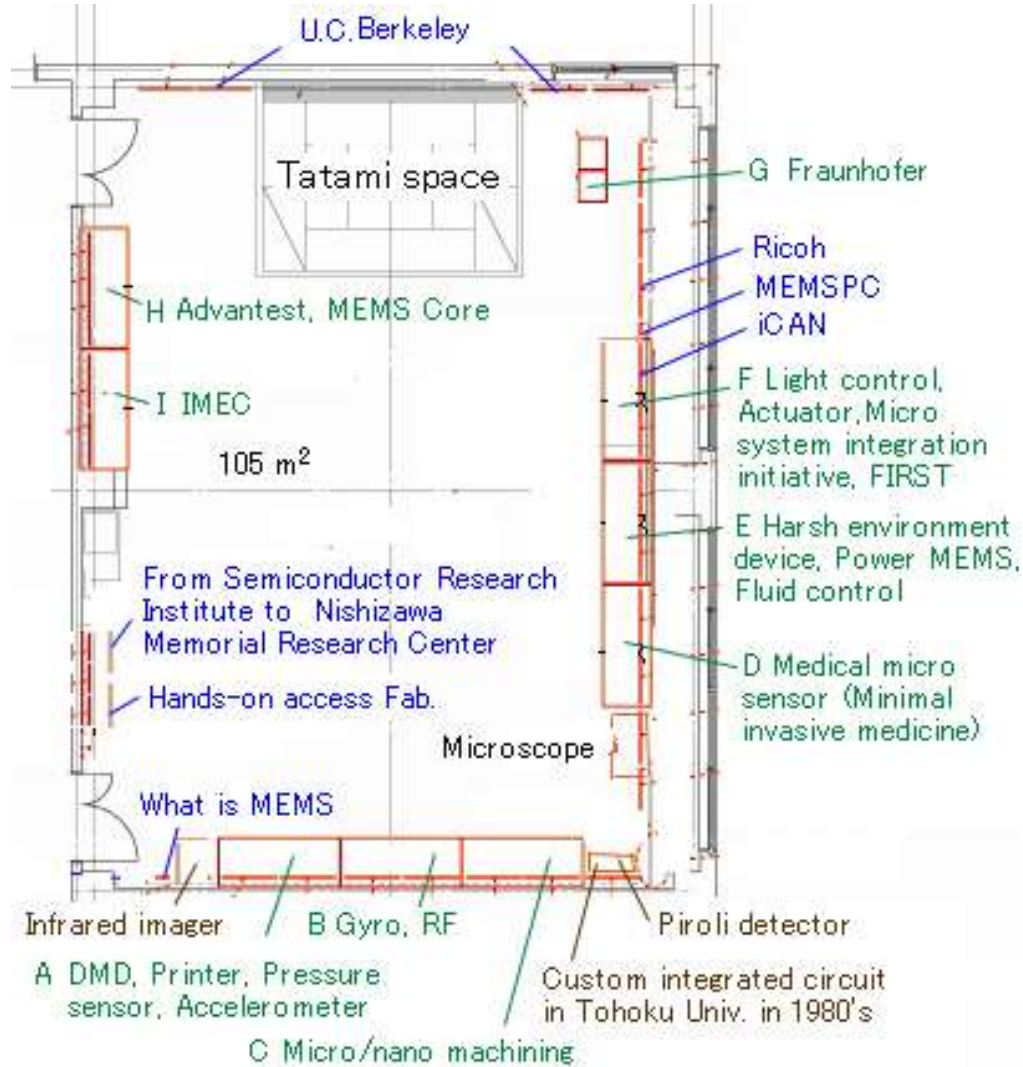
Hiroshi Kazui (Tohoku Univ.)
and Luc Van Den Hove (IMEC)

“your lab and imec are
very complimentary”

Rudy Lauwereins, Vice-
President of IMEC

(IMEC M.Yoneyama
2012/6/12)





Catalog

Efficient way to access accumulated knowledge is important for heterogeneous integration

Sendai MEMS showroom (2012/5/16 renewal opening)

<http://www.mu-sic.tohoku.ac.jp/showroom/index.html> (Japanese)

http://www.mu-sic.tohoku.ac.jp/showroom_e/index.html (English)

Efficient development for heterogeneous integration

Information from universities

(MEMS park consortium <http://www.memspc.jp>)

- Free MEMS Seminar in Tokyo (Aug. 23-25, 2006) 280 attendees
- Free MEMS Seminar in Sendai (Aug. 22-24, 2007) 75 attendees
- Free MEMS Seminar in Fukuoka (Aug.20-22, 2008) 150 attendees
- Free MEMS Seminar in Nagoya (Aug.4-6, 2009) 100 attendees
- Free MEMS Seminar in Tsukuba (Aug.5-7, 2010) 211 attendees
- Free MEMS Seminar in Kyoto (Aug.9-11, 2011) 175 attendees
- Free MEMS Seminar in Tokyo (Aug.22-24, 2012) 226 attendees
- Free MEMS Seminar in Tsukuba Univ.(Aug.7-9,2 013) 110 attendees
- Free MEMS Seminar in Osaka (Aug.5-7, 2014) 140 attendees
- Free MEMS Seminar in Toyohashi U.T. (Aug.5-7, 2015)

High-tech. small volume production

Efficient utilization of facilities
MEMS seminar



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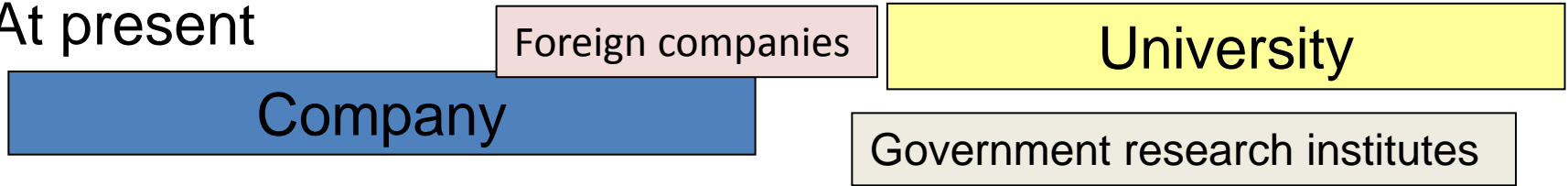
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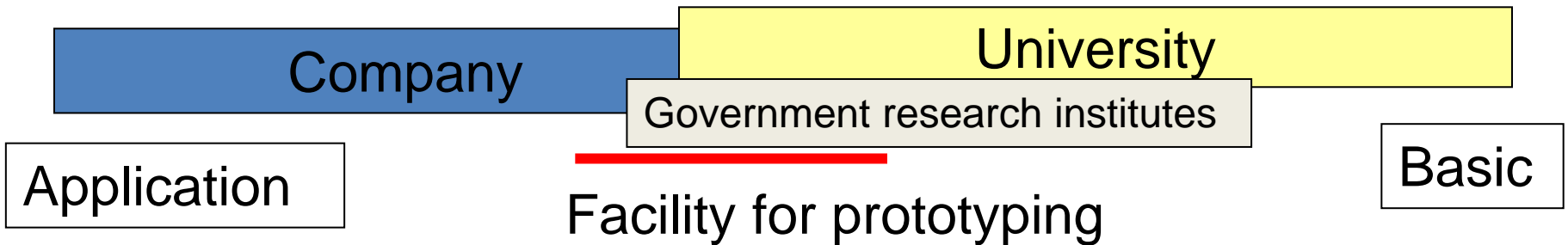
In the past



At present



In future



Rohm ← Kionics (USA) [Accelerometer]

Murata manufacturing ← VTI (Finland) [Accelerometer]

TDK ← EPCOS (Germany) [RF components]

Megachips ← SiTime (USA) [MEMS oscillator]

Alps ← Qualtre (USA) [Bulk acoustic gyro]

Sharp ← Pixtronix (Qualcomm) (USA) [Display]



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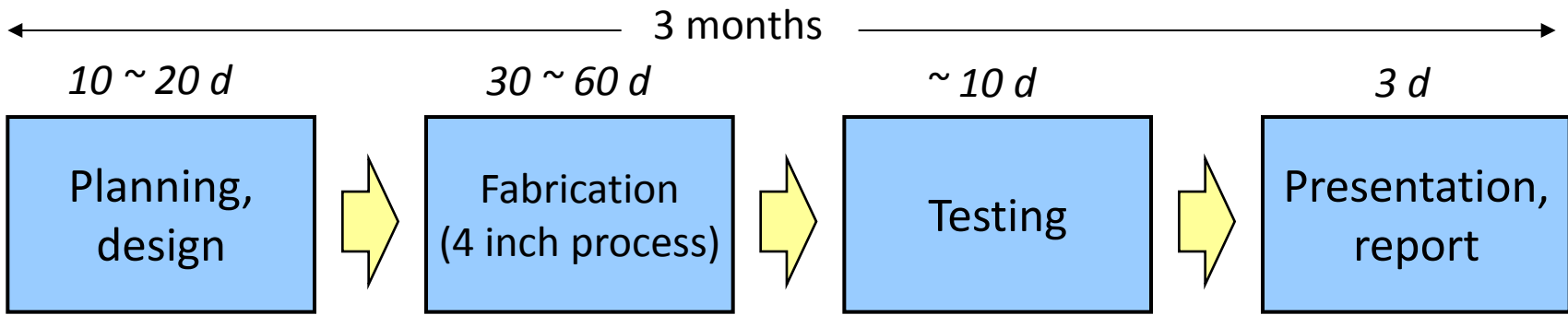
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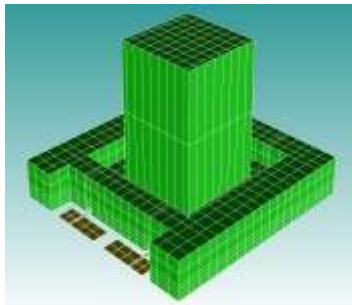
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Lectures on Internet School of Tohoku University



Design

Training of Fabrication

Ex. Capacitive 3-axis accelerometer

MEMS Training Program in Sendai MEMS park consortium

Since Apr.2007. Fee 1 million yen. **Trainee participate with own subject.**

15 companies participated.

High-Frequency, Low Power Consumption MEMS Relay

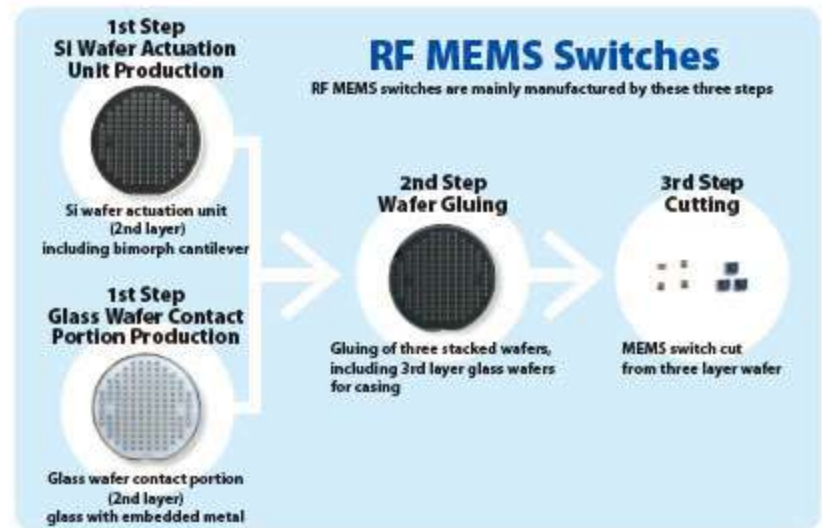
Advantest's high-frequency MEMS relay utilizes piezoelectric actuation to achieve low power consumption and high reliability. Via Advantest's proprietary deposition technology, the relay features a piezoelectric film only 1 micron thick, making low actuation voltage possible. The relay also has high 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.

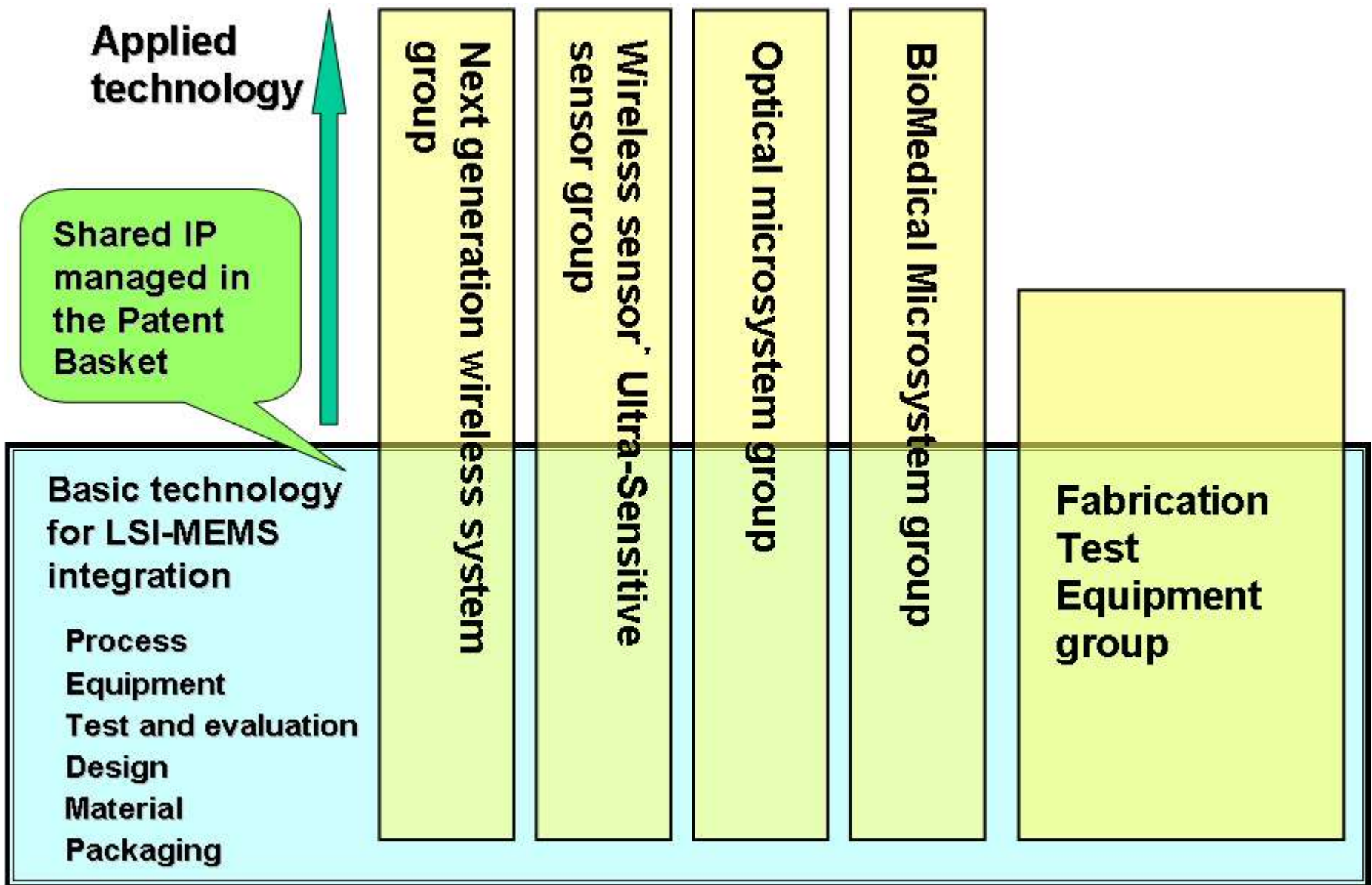
MEMS Relay Applications



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

MEMS Relay Production Process





Shared IP managed in the Patent Basket

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 はマイクロマシン（微小
 機械）の世界的権威であ
 る江刺正喜教授。「大学
 が（収益を優先して）特
 許を過剰管理すれば、企
 業が使いにくくなり、研
 究成果が世の中に広まら
 ない」と異を唱え、出願
 を事実上ボイコット。有
 力教授の抵抗に遭い、東
 北大は半年後に「特許の
 扱いは柔軟に対応する」
 と方針転換した。

2005/7/19 Nihon Keizai Shinbun
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第1部 東北大での反乱に見る ボタンの掛け違い

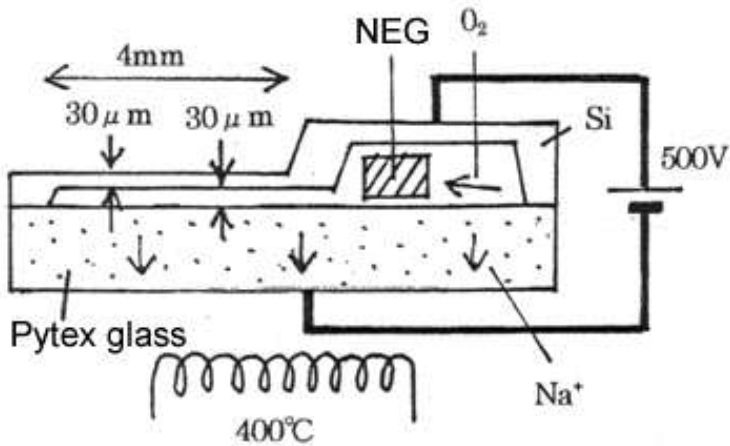
米国に遅れること20年、日本も大学の研究成果を産業界に応用しようと動き始めた。数字上は盛り上がる産学連携もその実情は混沌としている。独立行政法人化をキッカケに知的財産力の強化を図る大学が権利主張をするあまり、産業界との関係がぎくしゃくした例がそこかしこに見られる。特許をめぐる企業と大学の考え方の相違が混乱の要因となっている。今こそ企業はポートフォリオを示し、大学は特許を理解する時である。産業界と大学が腹を割って語り合うところから産学連携の成功事例が生まれるだろう。

Nikkei Electronics (2005.1.31)

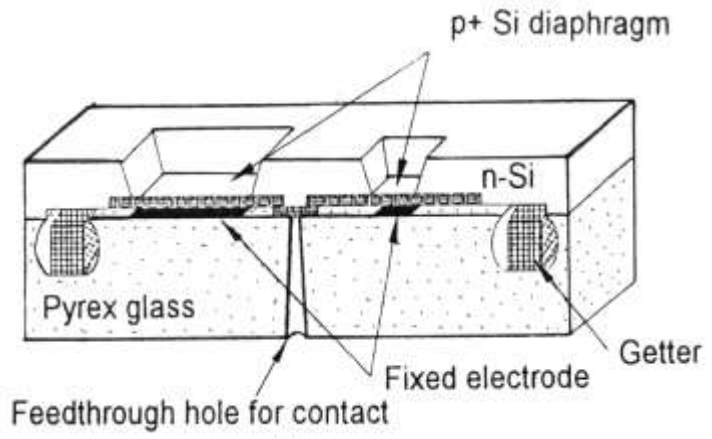
民間等共同研究員または受託研究員（以下、企業派遣研究員）が、本学の研究実施場所で本学の指揮管理を受けて発明を行ったときは、その発明は原則として本学に帰属させることを決めました。

↓ Patent by dispatched researcher was owned by Tohoku University (before revolution)
 (Our laboratory) Patent shared with company is paid by company. Exclusive license is given to the company but opened if not commercialized.

Revolution against IP rules in Tohoku University



(H.Henmi (RIKEN), Sensors and Actuators A, 43 (1994) p.243)



(K.Hatanaka (ULVAC), Technical Digest of the 13th Sensor Symposium, (1995) p.37)

Two patent

Development



Diaphragm Vacuum Gauge ST-1DB



(ANELVA technical report , 11 (2005) p.37)

Efficient utilization of IP (example : capacitive vacuum sensor)

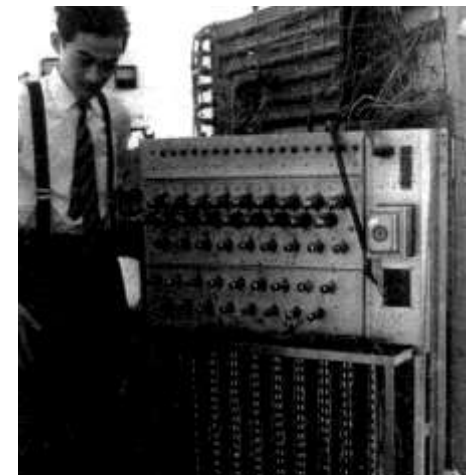
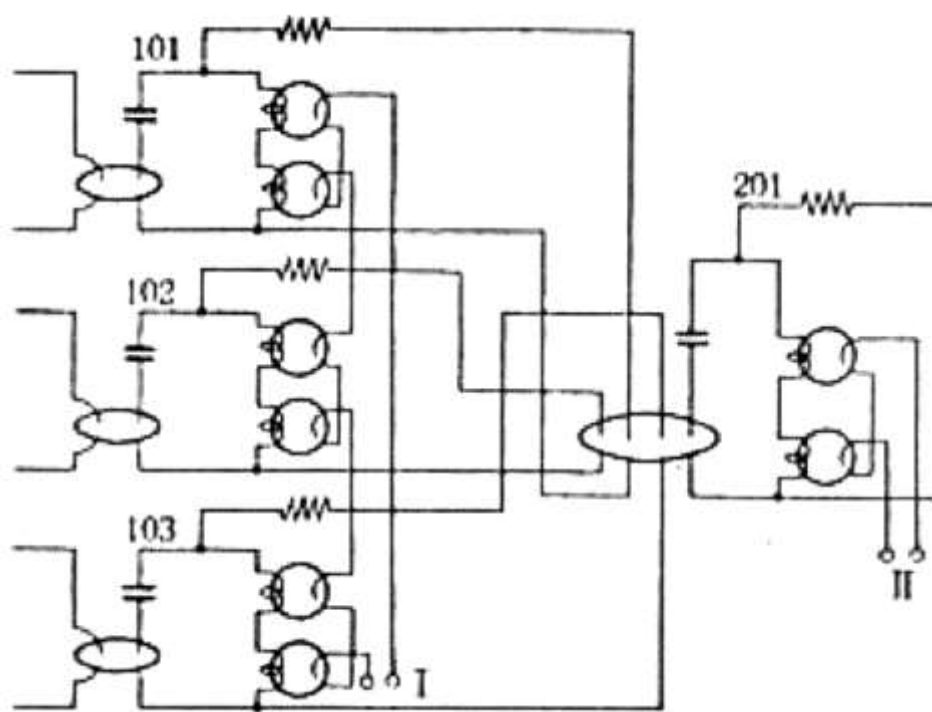
Experiences of MEMS • IC research and construction of common facility

1. Chemical sensor & prototyping facility(graduate student) (1970-1975)
2. Biomedical micro sensors (Research Associate) (1976-Sept.1981)
3. Development of custom CMOS IC (Assoc. Professor) (Oct.1981-1990)
4. Integrated MEMS & industrialization (Professor) (1991-)

Open collaboration

5. Common facility for prototyping
6. Accumulation and utilization of knowledge
7. Supporting industry
8. Education for students who are eager to be useful

Summary



E.Gotoh : Inventor of Parametron computer (Graduate student in the Univ. of Tokyo in those days)

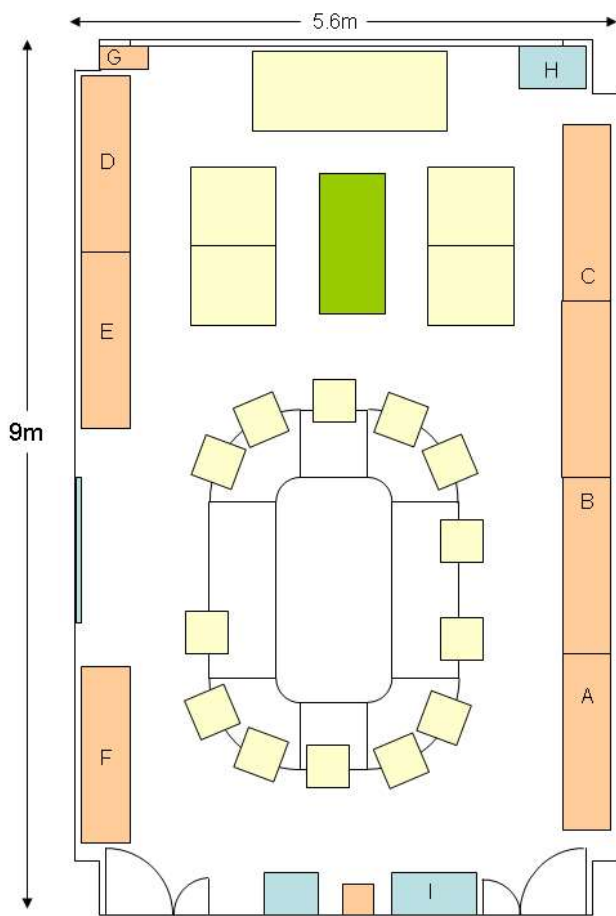
Parametron computer

(K.Nagamori, Electronics (1958, March) p.918)

101	102 Phase	103	Drive to 201	Oscillation phase of 201	
-1	-1	-1	-3k	-1	} AND
-1	+1	-1	-1k	-1	
+1	-1	-1	-1k	-1	
+1	+1	-1	+1k	+1	} OR
-1	-1	+1	-1k	-1	
-1	+1	+1	+1k	+1	
+1	-1	+1	+1k	+1	
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History of
technology



- A1 Electrical measurement : Potentiometer, Galvanometer
- A2 Wired communication : Microphone, Headphone
- A3 Wireless communication : Vacuum tube and transistor radio
- B1 Recording : phonograph (Edison), Vacuum tube magnetic tape recorder
- B2 Computer : Mechanical computer, calculator
- C1 Vacuum tube : Various vacuum tubes, Vacuum tubes for take-out, Manuals
- C2 Transistor • IC : From vacuum tube to transistor and LSI
- C3 Haggerty's forecast (1964)
- D1 Optical Instruments (1) optical measurement : Microscope, Radiation thermometer, D2 Optical Instruments(2) camera : Analog recording camera, 8mm movie
- E1 Hobby : Mechanical doll, Aibo, Micro flying robot and computer controlled model car
- E2 Automobile : Model T Ford、 Model A Ford manual etc.
- F1 Measure gauge : Balance, Thermometer, Hygrometer
- F2 Clock : Pendant camera, motor camera, tuning-fork camera
- F3 Typewriter : Portable typewriter
- H Probe card by Kiyota
- G Books on the history of technology
- I Materials related to Tohoku Univ. and companies



Historical Museum of Technology

<http://www.mu-sic.tohoku.ac.jp/museum/>



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自動車の過去と未来館

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教員や学生らの手で、修復作業が続くT型フォード

Yomiuri shinbun, Feb.20, 2009



Ford Model T (donated by Mr.T.Tawara (Optoelectronics))



TEMS (Talking Equipment from Manual Sign) iCAN'11 winner, Kyoto Univ.



5th International Contest of Application in Nano / micro technologies (iCAN'14)
July 20, 2014 in Sendai (for high school and university students)



TU DARMSTADT, Germany
SMART PROTECTION GOGGLES



**Fukushima prefectural Koriyama-kita
technical high school, Japan**
Pro ROBO -Robot to protect the safety of family

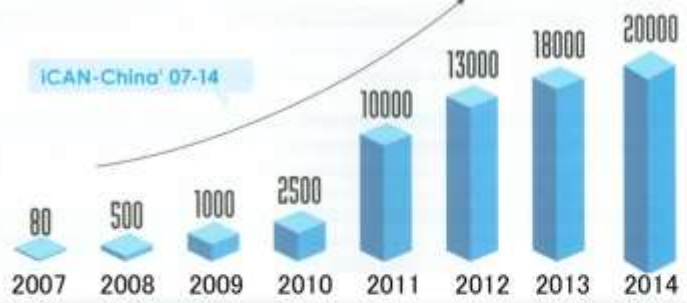


At the Institute of Electromechanical Design at TU Darmstadt smart protection goggles were developed to increase the safety at workplaces where the use of goggles is mandatory. The goggles detect when they are properly worn and send this information to a wireless receiver. This signal is used for different applications, for example to toggle a warning light thus alarming the user.



iCAN History

- 📍 iCAN-China'07-14 / 07, Shanghai / 08, Shenzhen / 09, Haerbin / 10-14, Wuxi
- 📍 iCAN'10 / Xiamen, China / 2010.1.20-22
- 📍 iCAN'11 / Beijing, China / 2011.6.5-7
- 📍 iCAN'12 / Beijing, China / 2012.7.6-9
- 📍 iCAN'13 / Barcelona, Spain / 2013.6.16-18
- 📍 iCAN'14 / Sendai, Japan / 2014.7.19-21
- 📍 iCAN'15 / Alaska, USA / 2015.6.21-25



20,000 attendees in the China domestic contest in 2014



Summary

- Common facility with versatile equipments and its effective utilization. Slim equipments made in-house for easy maintenance.
- Accumulation and reconstruction of knowledge from the past to the latest. Provide high quality knowledge delivery services.
- Answering to the needs and educating ourselves by studying heterogeneous knowledge and culture (international, different sectors etc.), Successful experience of practical contribution motivates us.
- Do not depend on outsourcing just for shortcut. Real experiences rather than virtual ones.
- Good subjects, effective advices and environment for enabling for student. Don't compare students.
- Think from basic. How useful outputs are is more important than the number of papers. Achieve results with minimum expense using second hand equipments. Patent is to protect products. Collaborative rather than competitive.

