

# Academic Approach to Industry-Relevant Microdevices

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#### **MEMS Microphone Market Growth**



2.4 billion devices sold in 2013, ~90% for consumer applicationsKnowles (USA) holds about 60% market share.Knowles' microphones are produced in Sony Kyushu in Kagoshima.

#### **Inertia Sensors for Our Health**







Plethysmograph chip (NeuoSky)

**Biosensor** (Scanadu)



#### Life log module and software on smartphone (Sony)





Activity monitors for baby (Rest Devices)



(Sensible Baby)



Life log system:

**MEMS** accelerometer

Pulse oximeter,

Thermometer etc.

Activity monitoring senor by

# + Electrocardiograph 心電計, Plethysmograph 脈波計,

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#### **Sensor Network for Infrastructure Safety**



#### **Smile Curve**



Microdevice industry will develop continuously, while the research and development of new microdevice is not so easy from technical and economical points of view.

"One device, One process, One package"

In general, an IC can be developed based on the standard process and packaging technology, because CMOS foundries and IC packaging houses are widely available. On the other hand, different MEMS are often made via different fabrication processes using diverse technologies, each of which has its own know-how and history.

Recently, research universities have well-equipped facilities for MEMS, accumulating technology and know-hows.

Collaboration with academic side saves cost and time for companies compared with purely in-house R&D.

#### **Tactile Sensation on Whole Robot Body**



"RIBA", Riken



"Paro", Intelligent Systems

Tactile sensor network for home and medical robots enables:

- Contact detection for collision safety
- Body contact communication



I. Kumagai *et al.*, IEEE/RSJ'12 (2012)



Bus-conencted tactile sensor

Parallel connection between brain and 10<sup>7</sup> of tactile receptors

> How to imitate or replace nerve network?

#### **Tactile Sensor Network on Robot**



#### **MEMS-on-CMOS Integrated Tactile Sensor**



#### **Data from Integrated Tactile Sensor**

M. Makihata, M. Muroyama, S. Tanaka et al., 2012 MRS Spring Meeting



#### **TV White Space Cognitive Radio**



#### **Design of Tunable SAW Filter**



#### **Hetero-Integration of BST Varactor**



# **Transferred BST on LiTaO<sub>3</sub> SAW Wafer**

H. Hirano et al., IEEE International Ultrasonics Symposium 2014



4 mm × 4 mm (10 SAW resonators and 10 BST varactors) 14

#### **Bandpass Characteristic of Tunable SAW Filter**

![](_page_14_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### **Demonstration Using Tunable SAW Filter**

![](_page_15_Figure_1.jpeg)

Tablet PC for interface connected to the terminal cognitive wireless system

DA converter

The cognitive wireless system was developed by NICT.

#### **RF MEMS Switch with Glass Feedthrough Lid**

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#### **Glass Feedthrough Substrate (Tecnisco)**

![](_page_17_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### **Anodically-Bondable LTCC Wafer**

S. Tanaka (Tohoku Univ.), M. Mohri (Nikko) et al., IEEE MEMS 2011, pp. 376-379

![](_page_18_Figure_2.jpeg)

## **Electrical Connection using Porous Au Bumps**

S. Tanaka (Tohoku Univ.), M. Mohri (Nikko) et al., IEEE MEMS 2012, pp. 369-372

![](_page_19_Figure_2.jpeg)

Porous Au bumps are spontaneously formed after etching the anodicallybondable LTCC wafer to make cavities, where MEMS is sealed.

#### **Reliability of LTCC Anodic Bonding Package**

![](_page_20_Figure_1.jpeg)

## **Combo Sensors (2013)**

#### Combo sensor:

3-axis accelerometer3-axis gyroscope3-axis magnetometer (e-compass)

 System in Package (SIP)

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![](_page_21_Picture_5.jpeg)

STMicroelectronics LSM9DS0 (4 × 4 mm<sup>2</sup>) 5 dies

- Accelerometer
- Gyroscope
- Magnetometer
- 2 ASIC

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Bosch BMX055 ( $3 \times 4.5 \text{ mm}^2$ ) 5 dies

- Accelerometer
- Gyroscope
- Magnetometer
- 2 ASIC

InvenSense MPU-9250 (3 × 3 mm<sup>2</sup>) 2 dies

- Integrated 6-axis inertia sensor
- Magnetometer

Photographs: Romain Fraux (System Plus Consulting)

#### **InvenSense Realizing American Dream**

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#### **Wafer-Bonding-Based Integration: Problems**

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#### **Selective and Multiple Die Transfer**

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#### **FBAR and Sustaining Amplifier IC**

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Asahi Kasei Microelectronics

#### **Selective and Multiple Die Transfer**

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4 times of die transfer were demonstrated using the same MEMS wafer.

#### Integrated/Packaged 2 GHz FBAR Oscillator

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#### **MEMS Facilities in Aobayama Campus**

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Microsystem Integration Center

S. Tanaka Laboratory Cleanroom

## **Epilogue**

- From proof-of-concept on small pieces to prototype development on 4 or 6 inch wafers
- Prototyped devices in Microsystem Integration Center can be basically utilized for business, i.e. as commercial samples and provisional products.
- For mass-production in small-to-medium volume, developed technology can be smoothly transferred to our partner foundry, MEMS Core in Sendai, Japan.

![](_page_29_Figure_4.jpeg)

#### Please visit S. Tanaka Laboratory website

at http://www.mems.mech.tohoku.ac.jp/index\_e.html

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Micro Electro Mechanial Systems lab Tanaka Shuji Laboratory

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Information

Questions from companies are being a

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IEEE-NEIS2016 Matsushima Bay and Sendai MEMS City

The 11th Annual IEEE International Conference on Nano/Micro Engineered and Molecular Systems

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