

Lab on a Chip and Microfluidics

Benoît CHARLOT

<http://www.ies.univ-montp2.fr/~charlot/>



Préambule

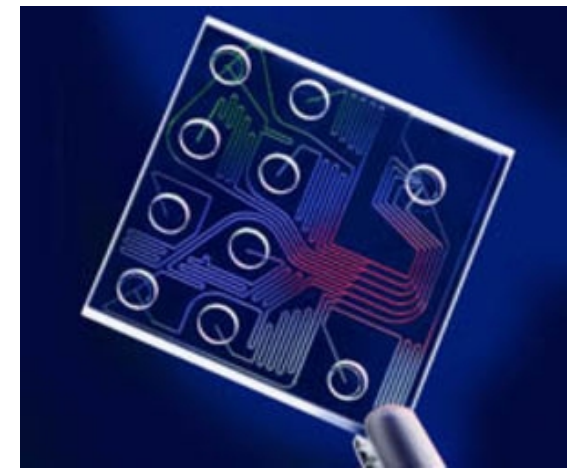
Pour des étudiants en Master 2 : deux podcasts indispensables



Outcome

- 0 Introduction
- I Microfabrication technologies
- II Lab On Chip Technologies
- III Fluid transport
- IV Electrokinetics
- V Mixing, separation, Diffusion
- VI Diphasic microfluidics
- VII DNA microfluidics
- VIII Detection
- IX Cells on Chips
- X Capillarity and wetting
- XI Blood in microfluidics

Introduction : Lab On a Chip



Lab On a Chip (laboratories on chip) LOC

μTAS (micro Total Analysis System)

Point of Care

A lab-on-a-chip (LOC) is a device that integrates one or several laboratory functions on a single chip of only millimeters to a few square centimeters to achieve automation and high-throughput screening

Functions operated on a Lab On Chip

Fluid transport (Electro-osmosis, Electro-phoresis, Hydrostatic pressure)

Preparation (Heating, Filtration, Extraction)

Separation (diffusion, electrophoresis, isoelectric focusing)

Mixing (diffusion, forced mixing)

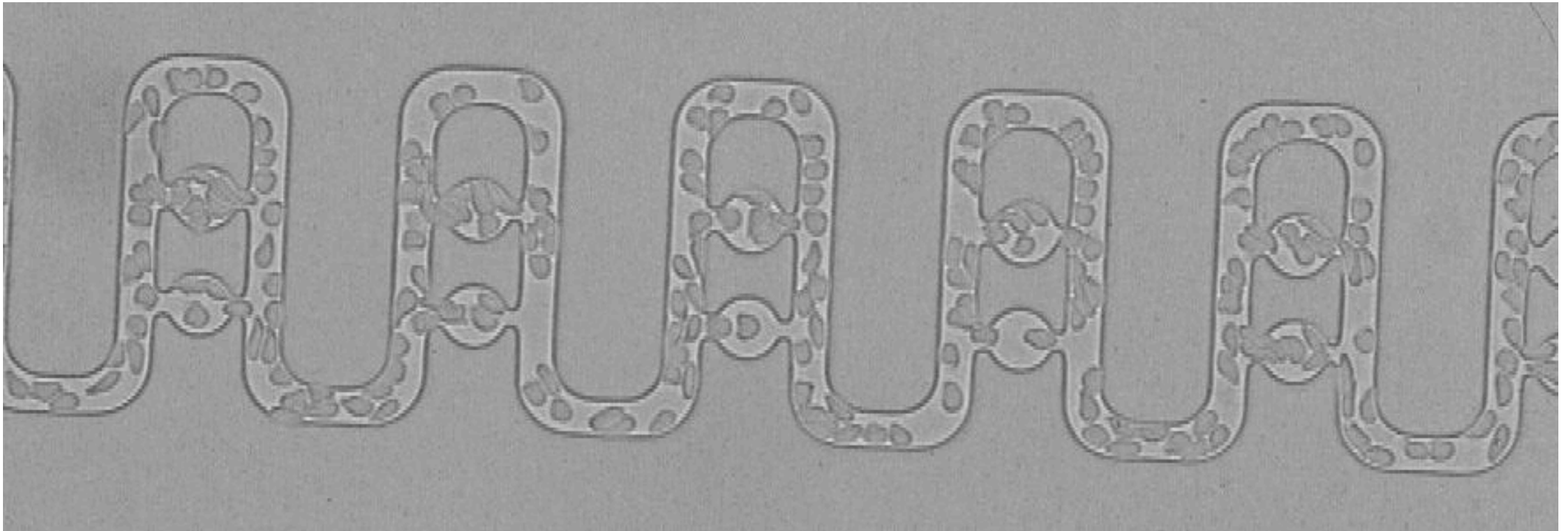
Reaction (culture chambers, markers)

Detection (Chemiluminescence, electrochemiluminescence, fluorescence, Electrochemical detection, mass spectroscopy, Surface Plasmon Resonance)

Lab On Chips are based on **microfluidics**

Microfluidics

Microfluidics is the science that deals with the study and design flows at the micron scale



Microfluidics

Why **MICRO** fluidics?

Sample volume reduction

Better sensitivity

Reactives quantity reduction

Shorter analysis time

Parallel analysis

High throughput analysis

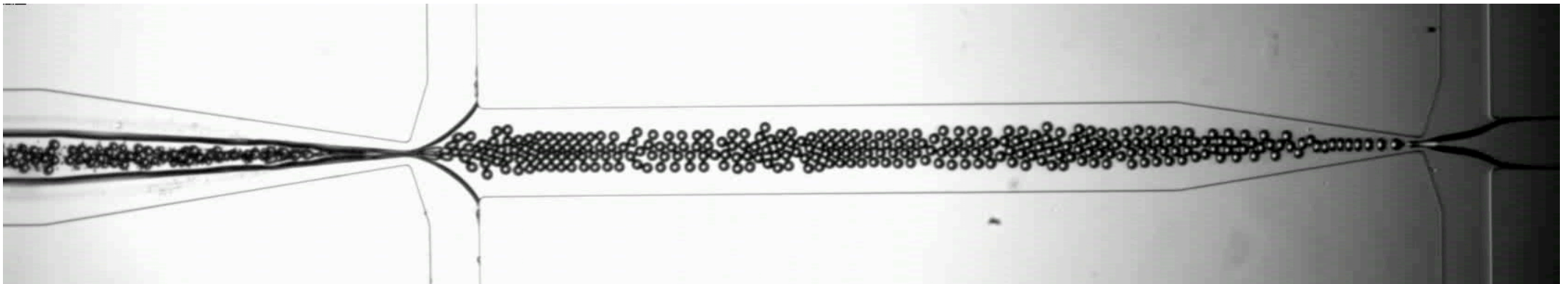
Integration

Automation

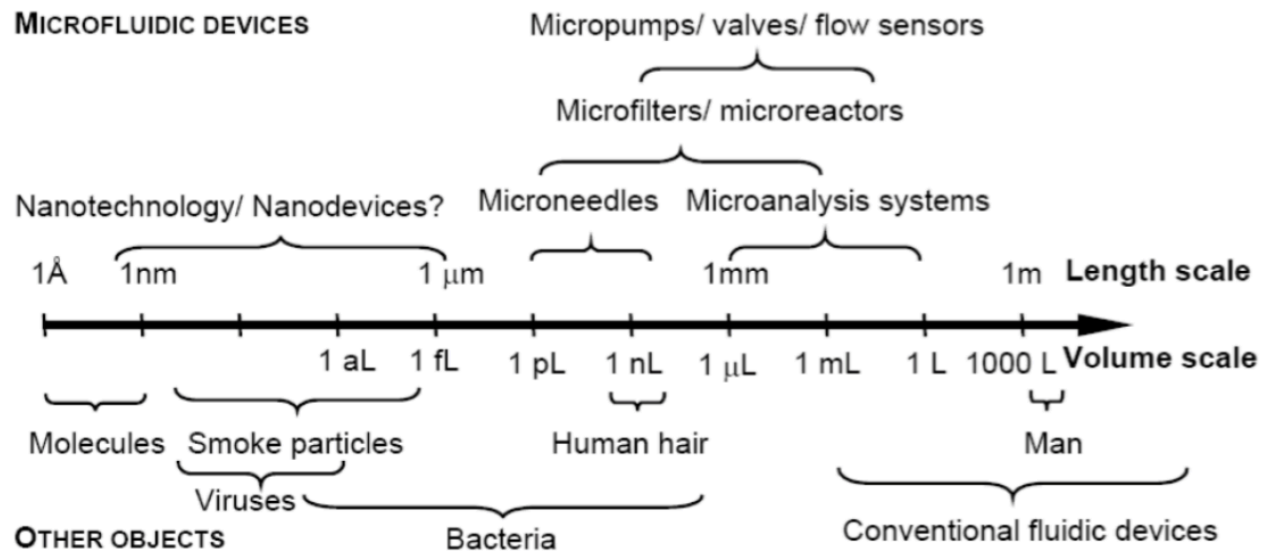
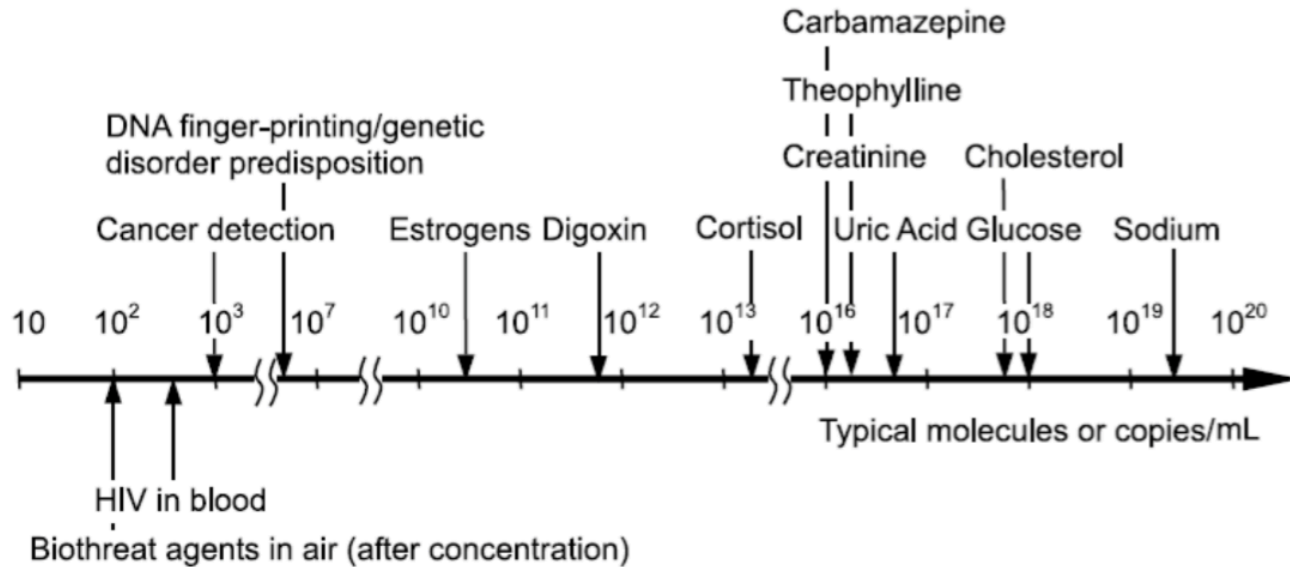
Batch fabrication

Miniaturization

Small energy consumption



Concentration, size and volume



Introduction

Grandeur	Loi d'échelle
Force de Van der Waals intermoléculaire	l^{-7}
Densité de force de Van der Waals entre interfaces	l^{-3}
Temps	l^0
Force capillaire	l^1
Distance	l^1
Vitesse d'écoulement	l^1
Puissance thermique transférée par conduction	l^1
Force électrostatique	l^2
Temps de diffusion	l^2
Volume	l^3
Masse	l^3
Force de gravité	l^3
Force magnétique sous champ extérieur	l^3
Force magnétique sans champ extérieur	l^4
Puissance électrique motrice	l^3
Force centrifuge	l^4

Introduction Units

Kinematic properties :

linear and angular velocity u ($\text{m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$)

vorticity, curl (rotational) of the flow velocity u

acceleration, ($\text{m}\cdot\text{s}^{-2}$)

shear rate (s^{-1})

Transport properties

viscosity, ($\text{Pa}\cdot\text{s}$)

thermal conductivity, ($\text{W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$)

diffusivity ($\text{m}^2\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$)

Thermodynamic properties

pressure (Pa)

temperature, (K)

density ($\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$)

+

surface tension ($\text{J}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$)

vapor pressure (Pa)

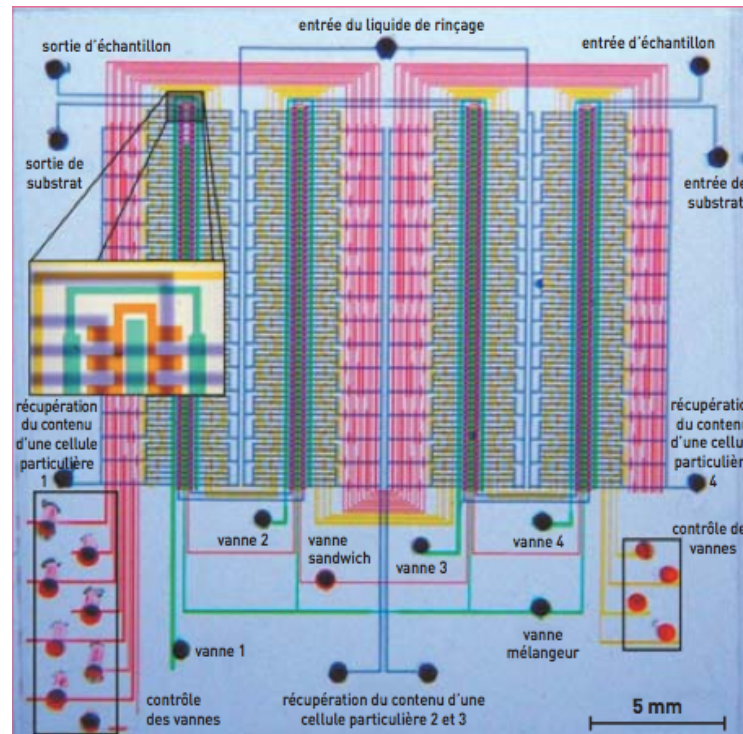
Part I. Microfabrication technologies

Lab On Chip

BioMEMS and microfluidics have started in 2000's

The idea is to use what has made the success of microelectronics and MEMS to biochemical engineering and cellular biology.

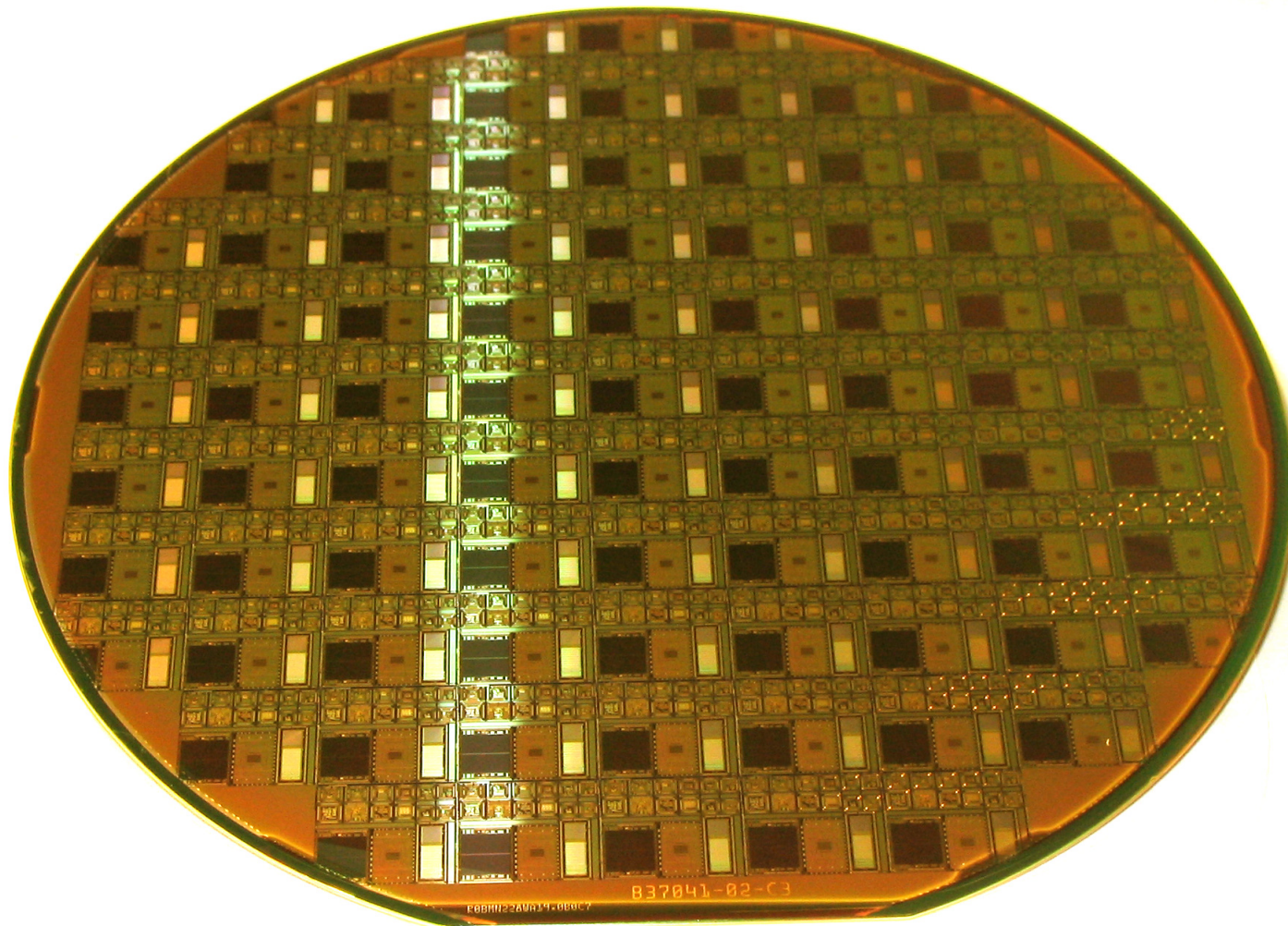
- Miniaturisation**
- Integration**
- Parallelism**
- Batch Fabrication**



Microelectronics



Miniaturisation
Integration
Parallelism
Batch Fabrication

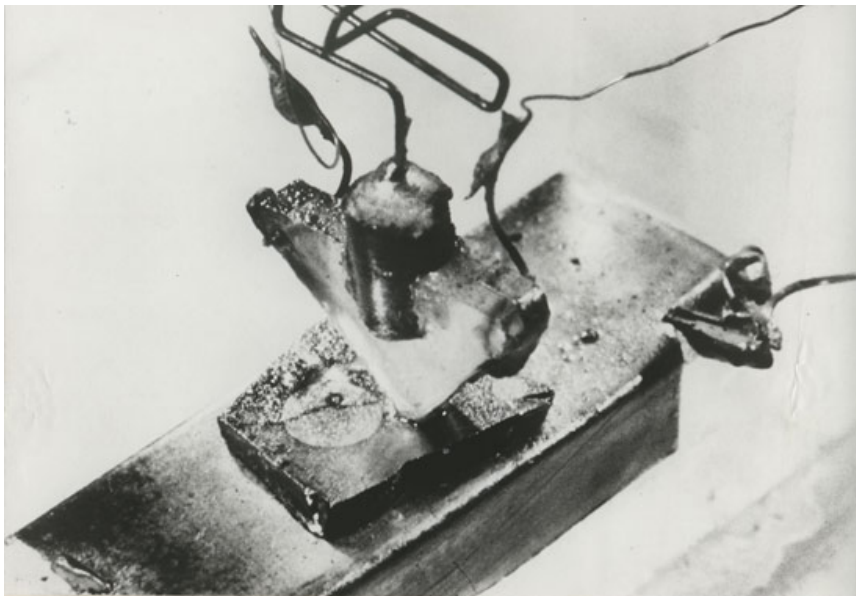


Transistor

The first transistor : **1947** (BELL Labs)
Developed by John **Bardeen**, Walter **Brattain** and
William **Shockley**
Nobel price in 1956



Solid state device that replace mechanical switches
and tube amplifiers



THE FIRST TRANSISTOR AS IT WAS PATENTED BY THREE
NOBEL PRIZE-WINNING BELL LABORATORIES SCIENTISTS



Integrated Circuit

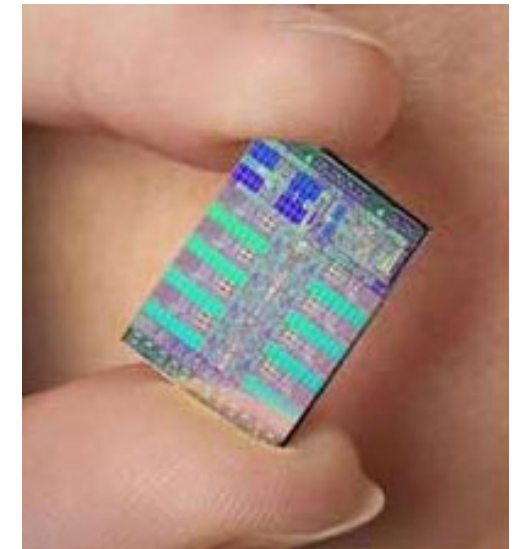
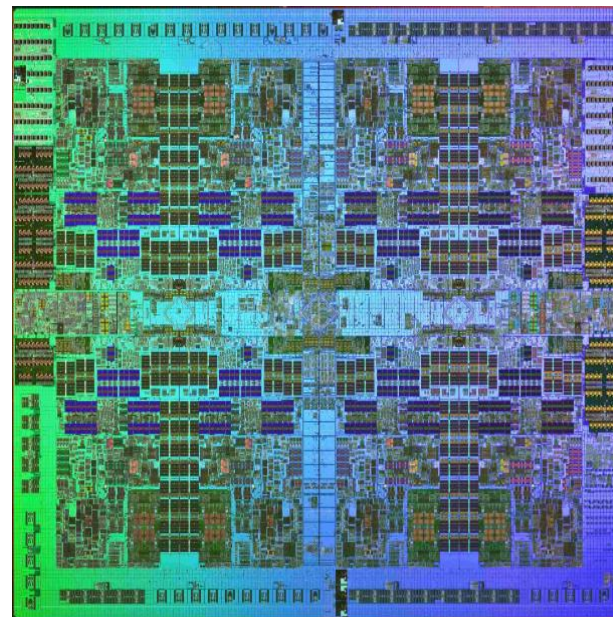
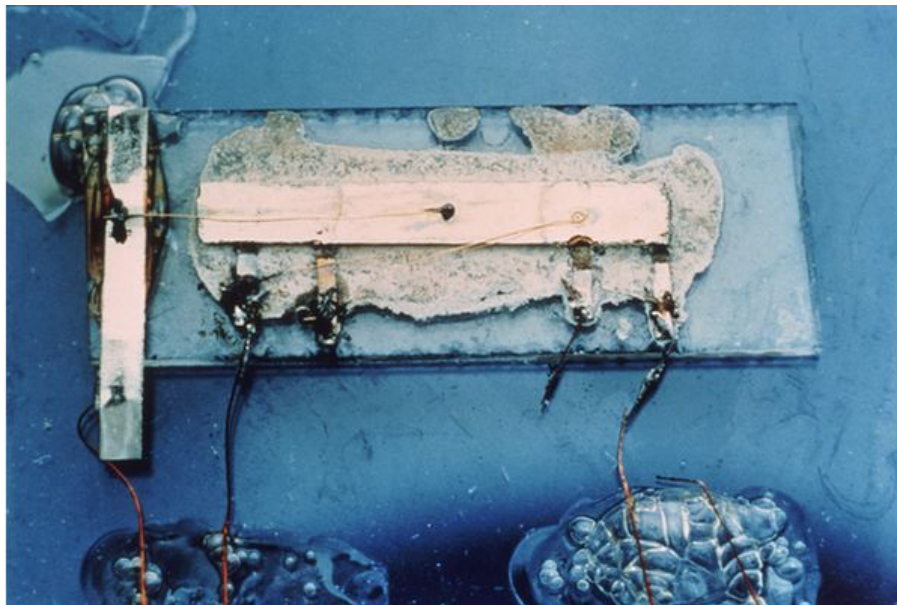
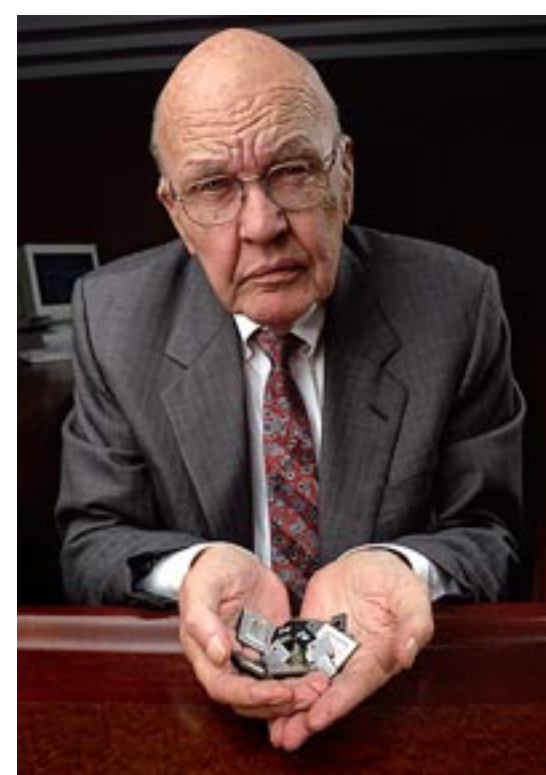
IC : Integrated circuit : a set of electronic circuits on one small plate ("chip") of semiconductor material

First IC : **1958** (Texas Instruments)

Developed by **Jack Kilby**

Nobel price in 2000

Also inventor of the handheld calculator and the thermal printer,



Nowadays : IBM Cell processor

CMOS

Complementary Metal Oxide Semiconductor

Main Microelectronic technology

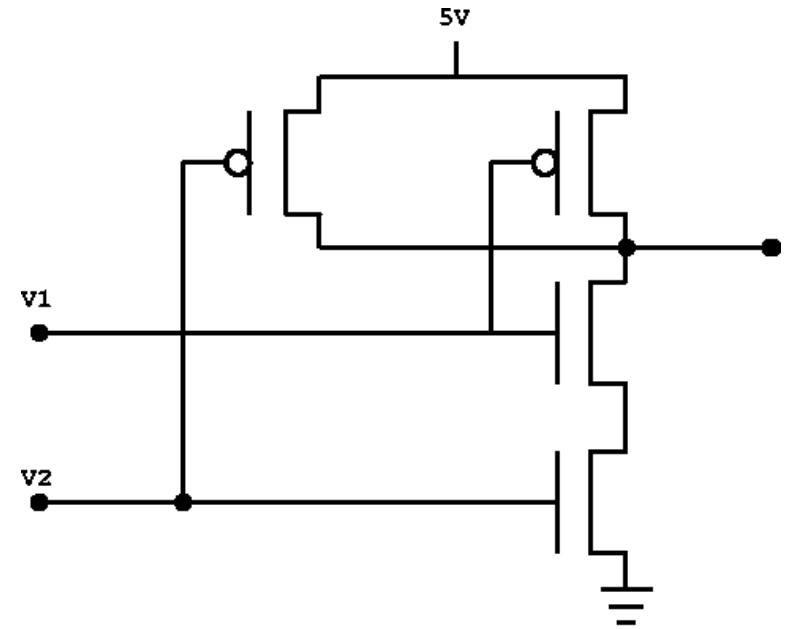
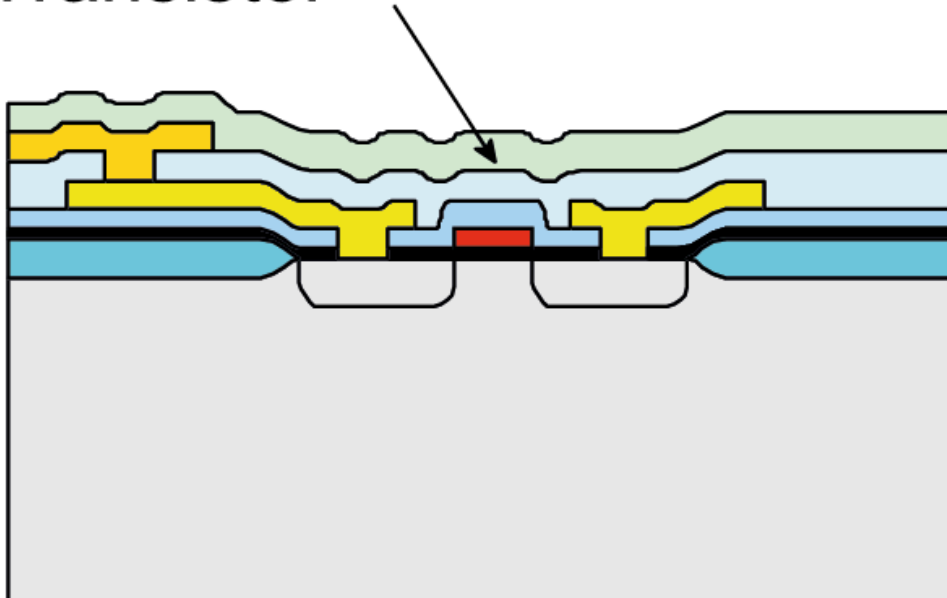
Based on complementary transistors: NMOS and PMOS

Bricks of the logic gates (NAND, XOR..)

(mainly) all microprocesors are made with CMOS

But also : memories, camera sensors (active pixel sensors)

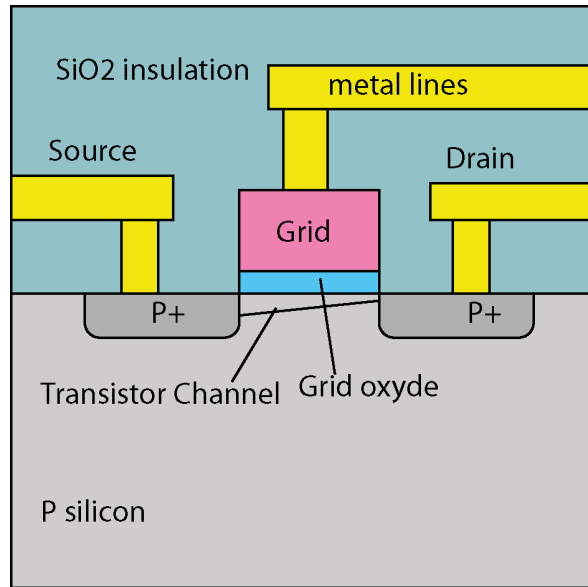
Transistor



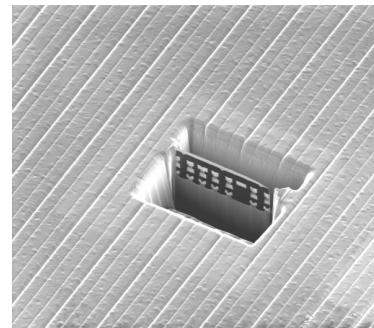
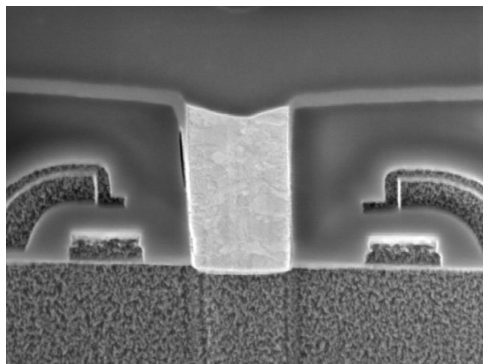
CMOS

Silicon is a semiconductor material used for Field Effect Transistors

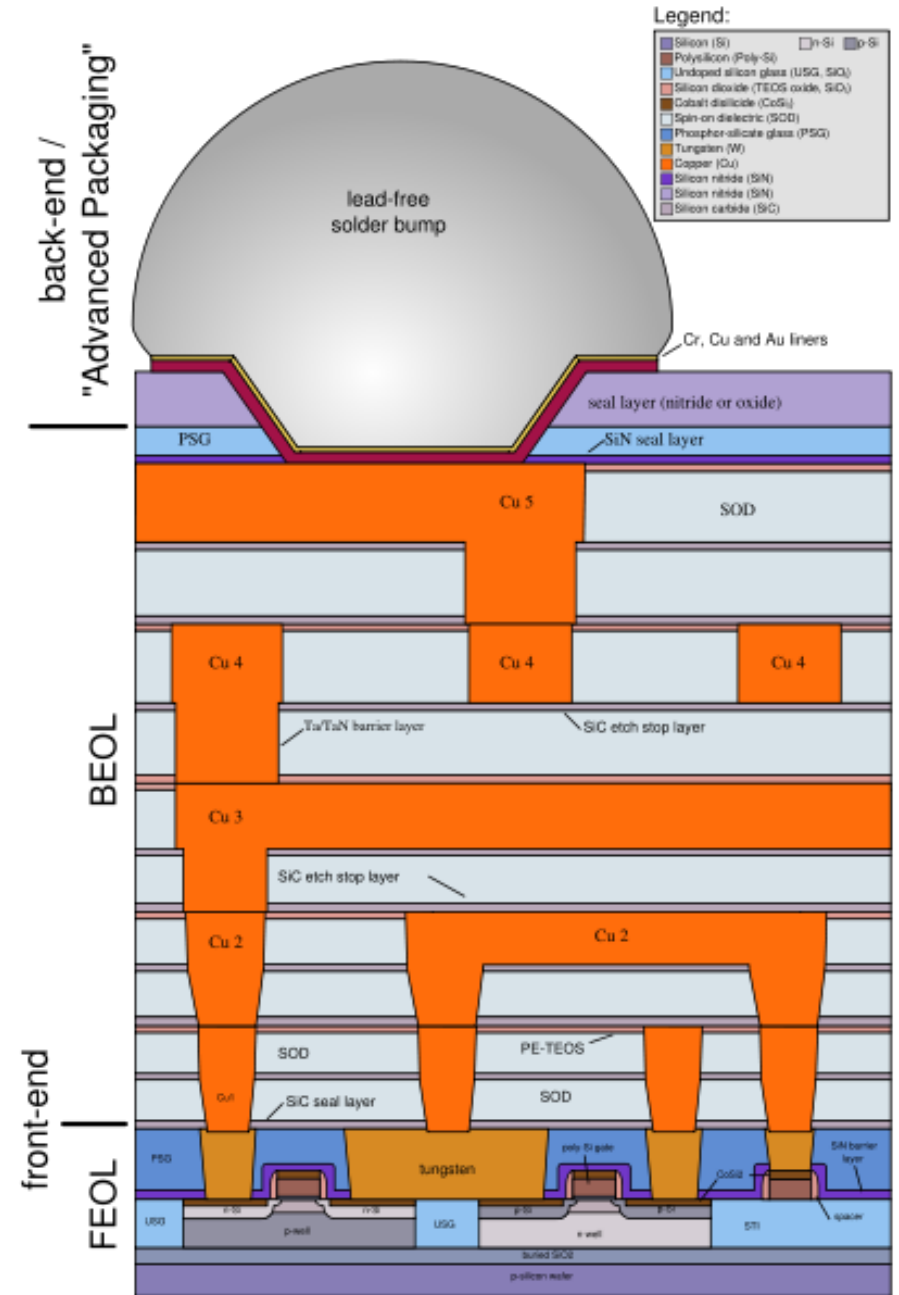
MOSFET: Metal Oxide Semiconductor Field Effect Transistor



TEM view



FIB cross section



CMOS

In order to build transistors from a silicon wafers, one needs:

Oxidation (Silicon dioxide growth from the silicon of the wafer)

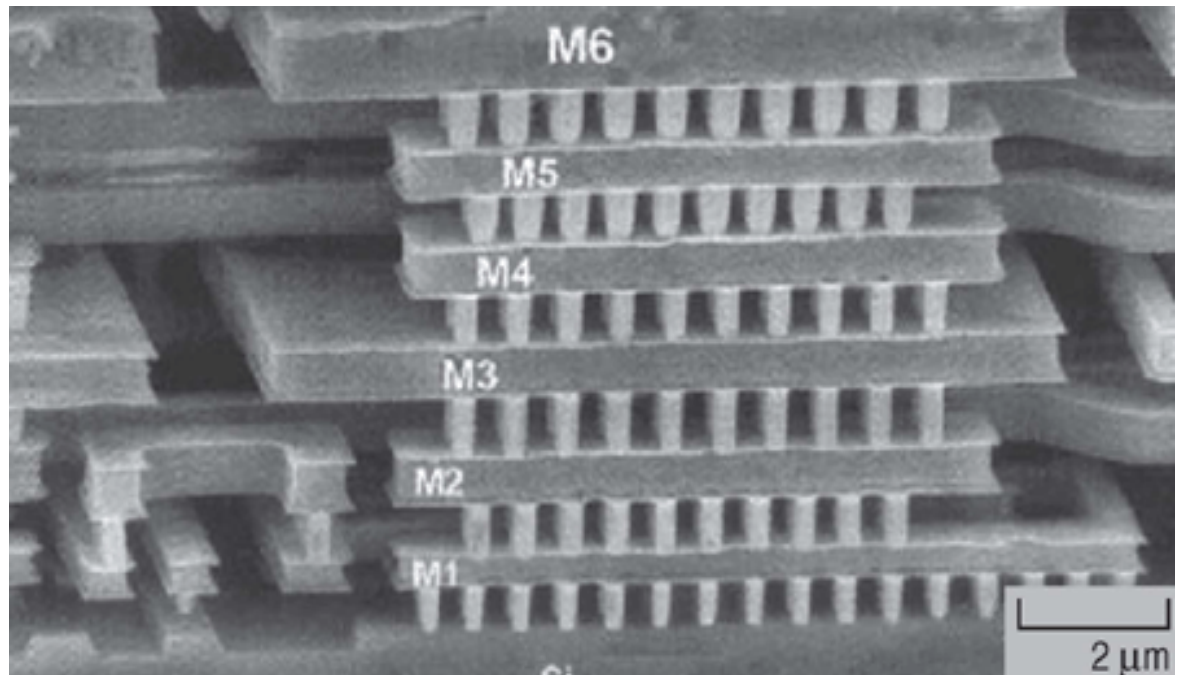
Dopant implantation and diffusion (n and p junctions)

Lithography

Metals and dielectric thin film deposition (polysilicon, oxide and silicon nitride, aluminium, copper, gold, tungsten,...)

Etching, wet and dry

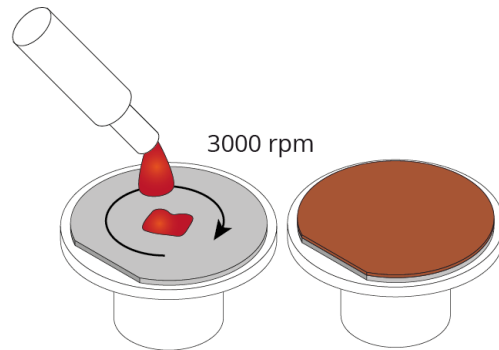
SEM of desoxydized CMOS 6 level metal lines



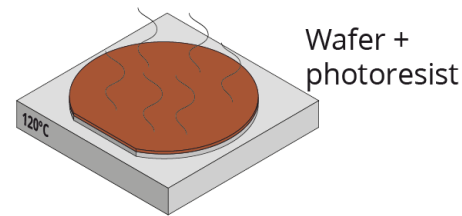
Lithography

Transfer of a pattern from a mask to a silicon wafer

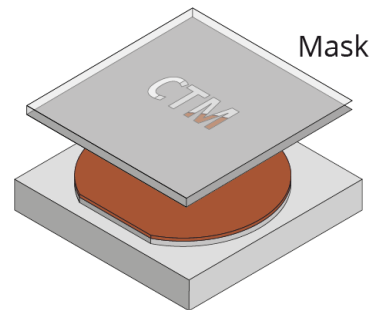
➔ *Spincoating*



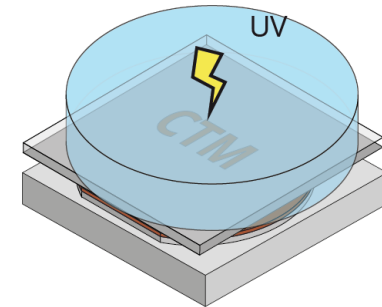
➔ *Baking*



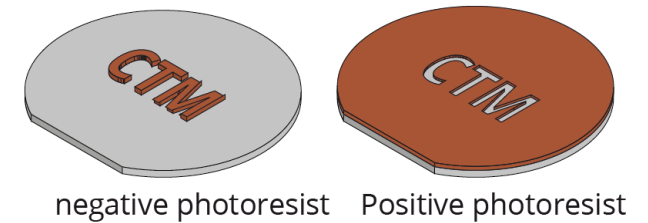
➔ *Mask alignment*



➔ *UV exposure*



➔ *Development*



Small patterns -> problems with dust : work in cleanroom



Lithography

Transistors are small, and their size is decreasing

20 μ m (1975)

1 μ m (1985)

20nm (2010)

On the contrary, silicon wafers size is increasing

2inches and now 450mm (Pizza)

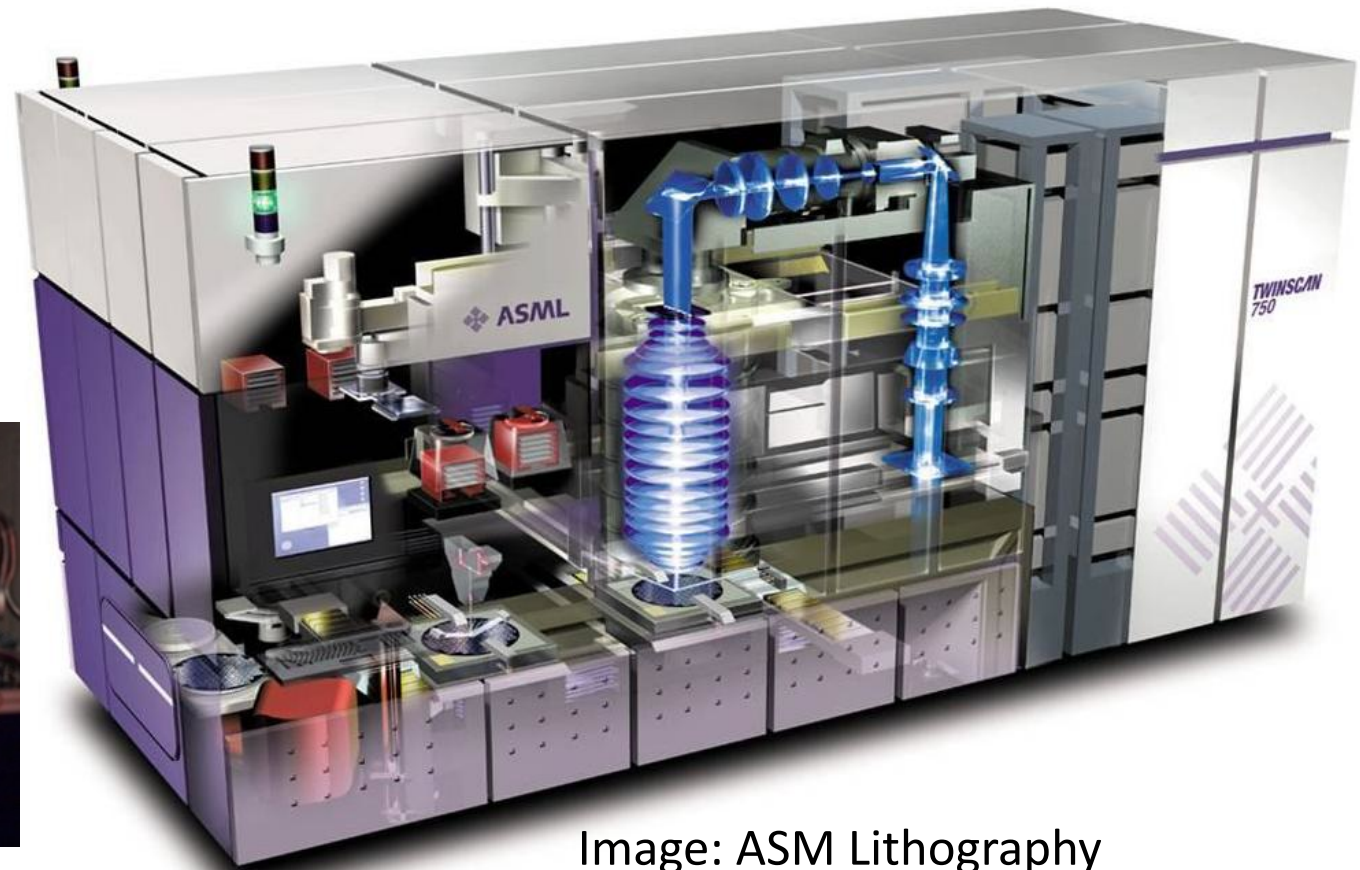
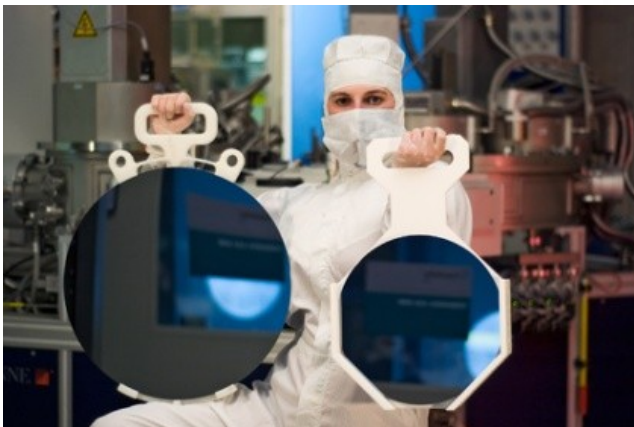
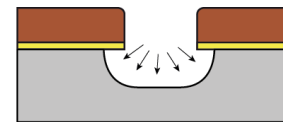
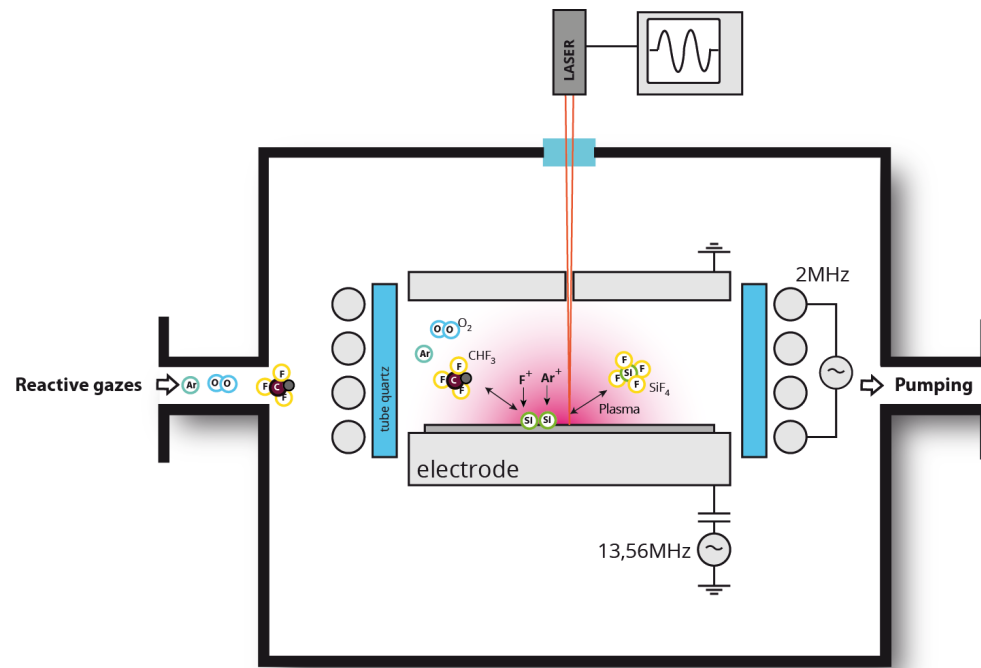
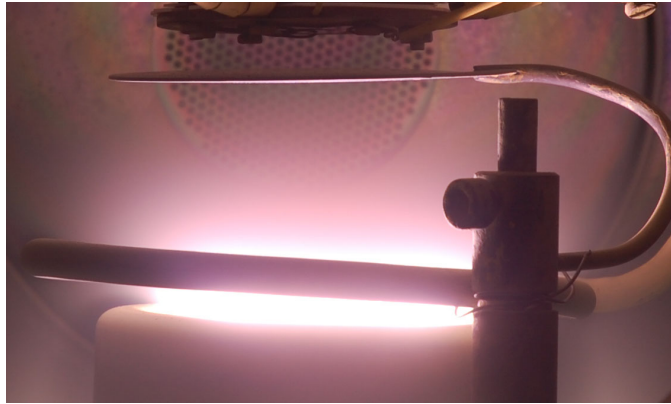


Image: ASM Lithography

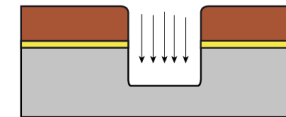
Etching

Wet etching : in liquid, acids and bases

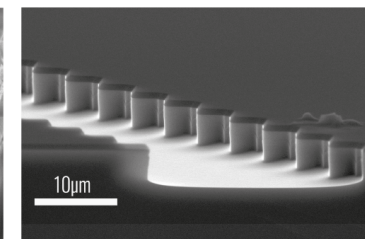
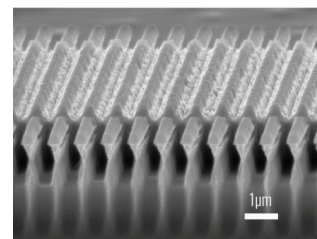
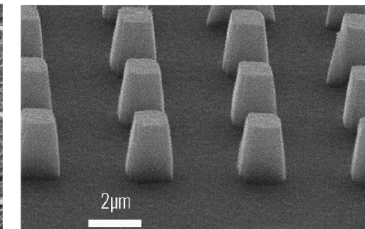
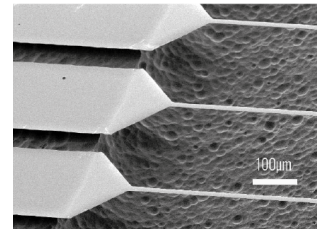
Dry etching : plasma etching



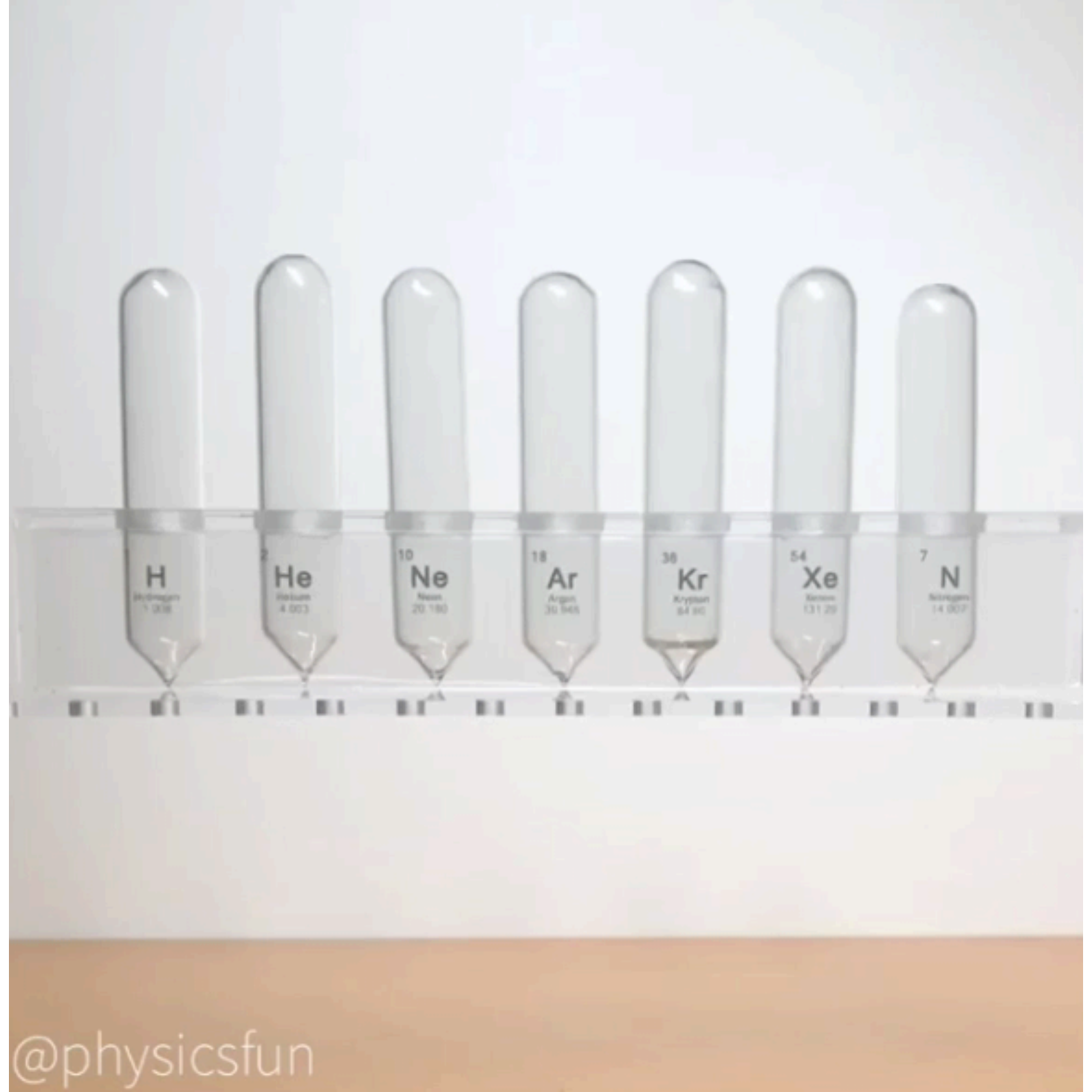
isotropic



anisotropic



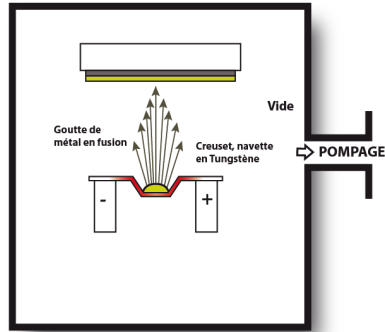
Plasma



@physicsfun

Thin film deposition

→ Evaporation

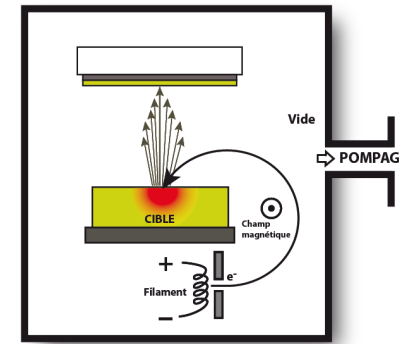


Aluminium, Gold, Chromium

→ Electron gun evaporator



Univex 350



Gold, Platinum, Palladium
Titanium, Chromium

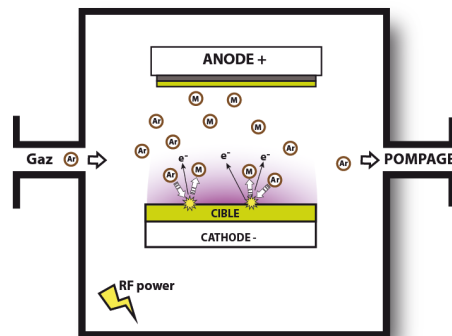
→ Sputtering



Univex 450



Alcatel SCM 600

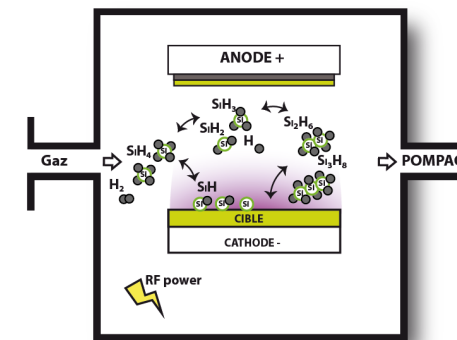


Or, Titanium, Chromium
Platinum, Al₂O₃, SiO₂,
Au/ge/Ni, Au/Zn, Au/Sn

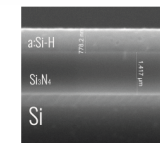
→ Plasma enhanced chemical vapour deposition



Corial D250



Si₃N₄, SiO₂, a:SiH

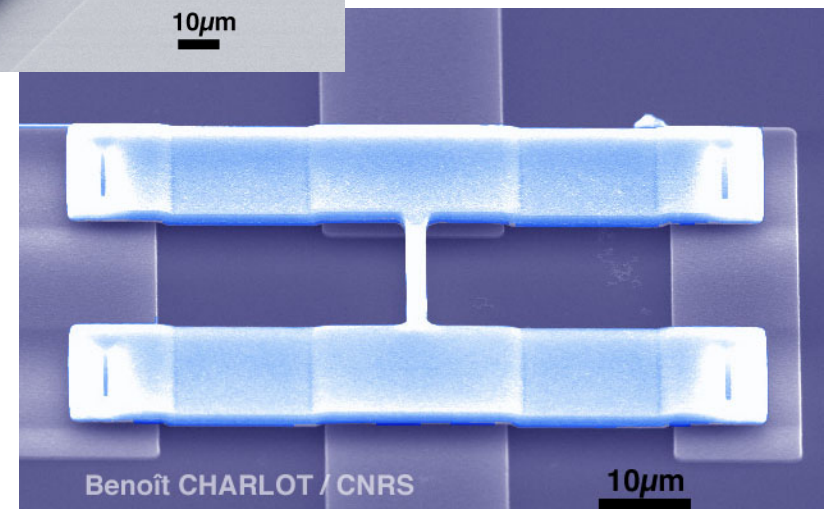
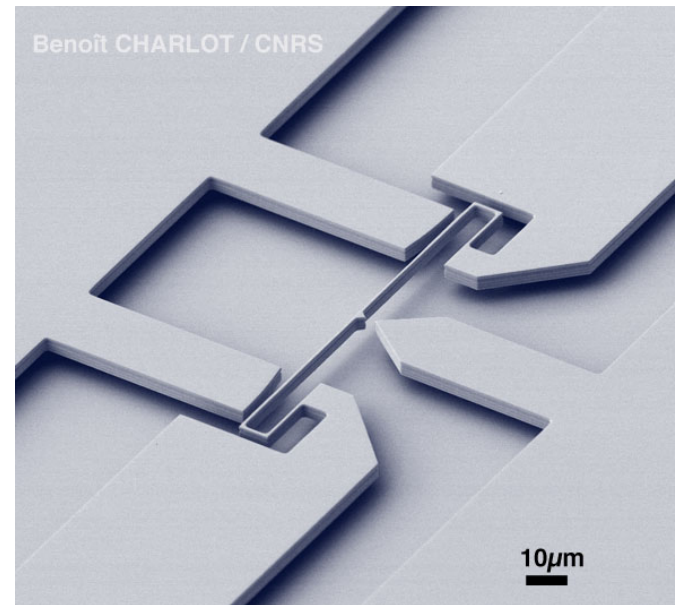
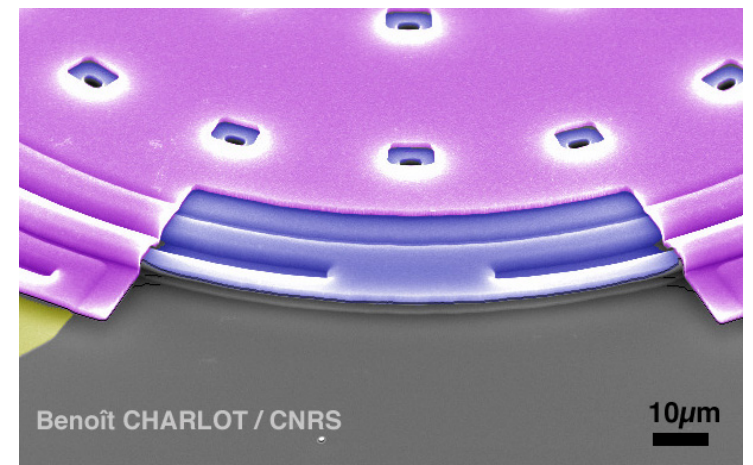


MEMS **M**icro **E**lectro **M**echanical **S**ystems

Micromechanics build from Microelectronic technologies

- Silicon substrate (Semiconductor, flat, pure)
- Thin film deposition (Metals, oxides, Nitrides, polysilicons, doping..)
- Lithography
- Etching (chemical, plasma)

Sensors **and** actuators
Everywhere around us...

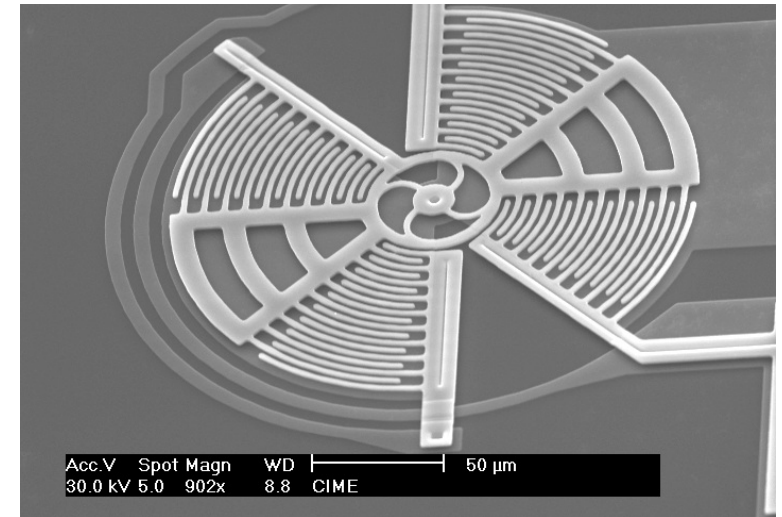
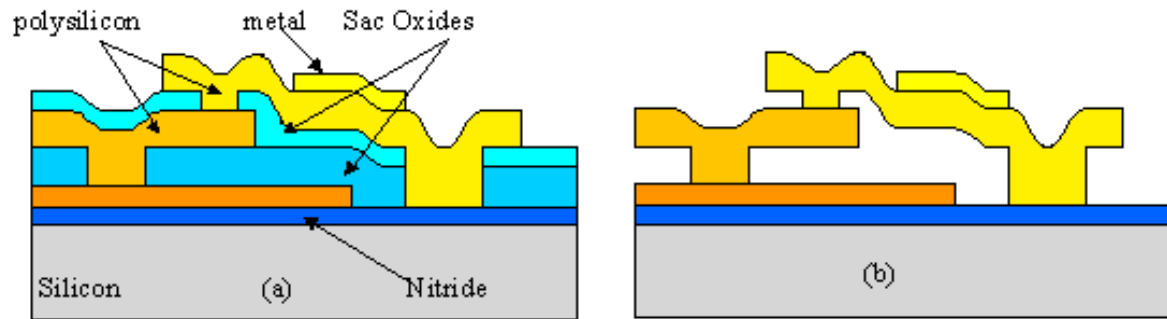


MEMS history

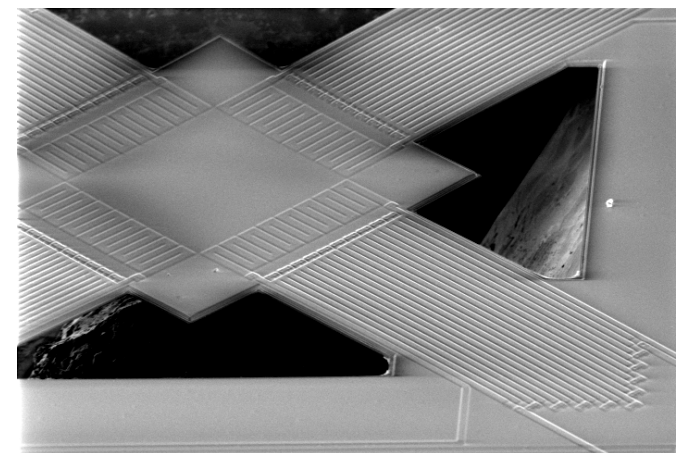
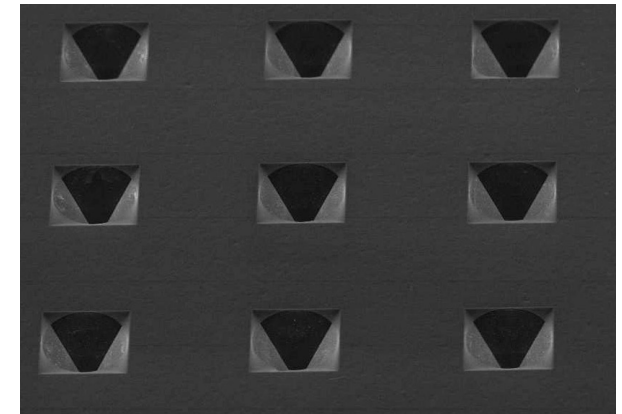
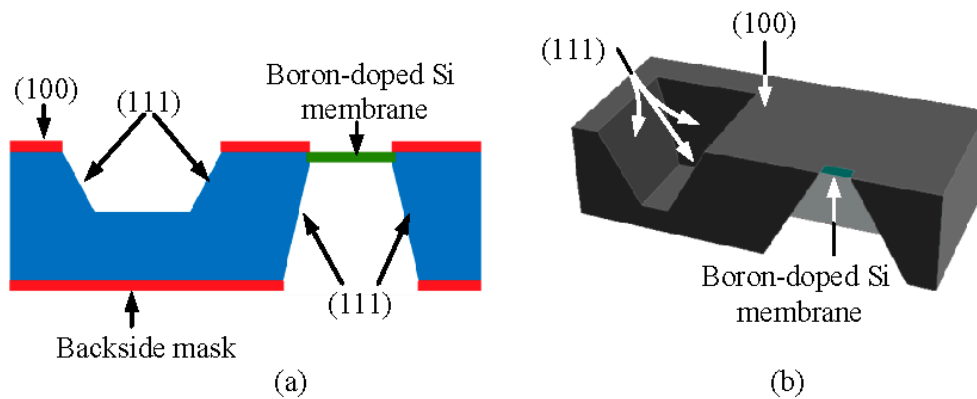
- 60's** Transistor
Integrated Circuit
Resonant gate transistor (1st MEMS)
- 70's** Pressure Sensor, magnetometers,
- 80's** Accelerometers, inkjet printers, surface micromachining
- 90's** Integrated Accelerometers, Gyrometers
DMD DLP, RF MEMS, Microphones, oscillators,
bolometers
- 2000** IMU, Autofocus, μ speakers, Energy Harvesting, joysticks
BioMEMS, Nanotech, Lab On Chips

MEMS Microfabrication

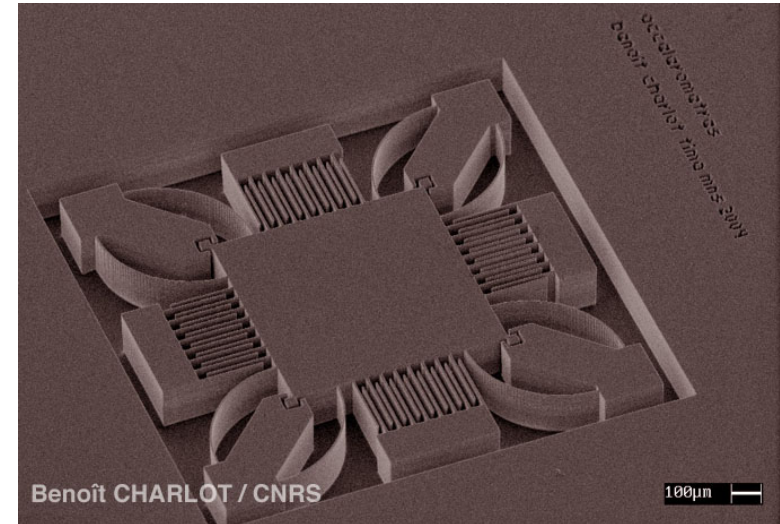
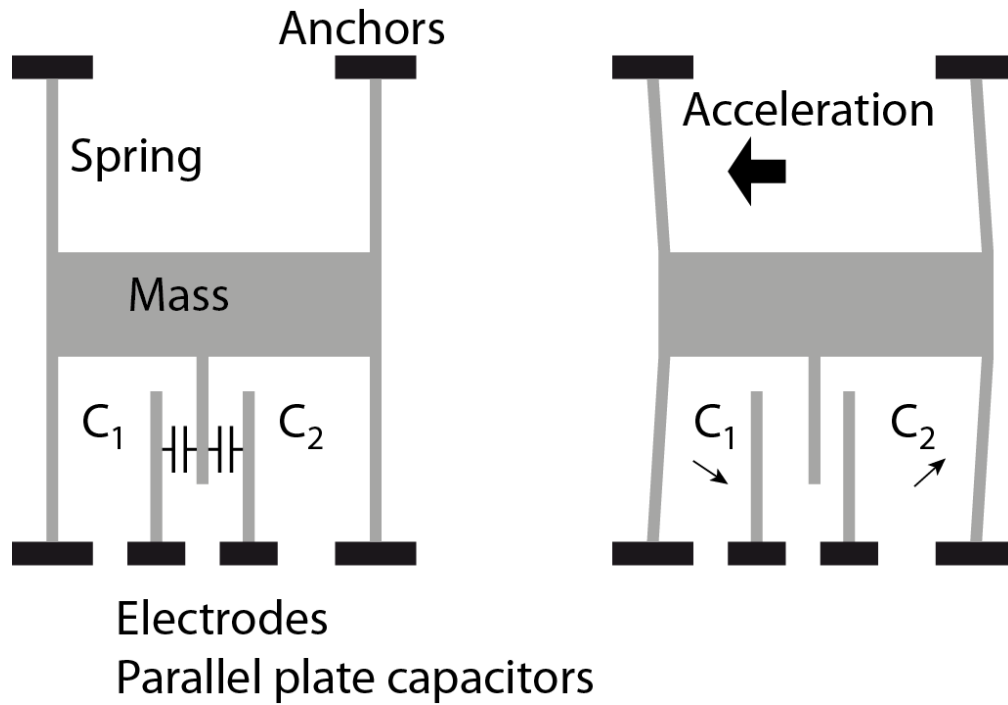
Surface micromachining : ex MEMSCAP MUMPS



Bulk micromachining



MEMS accelerometers



Analog Devices ADXL accelerometers

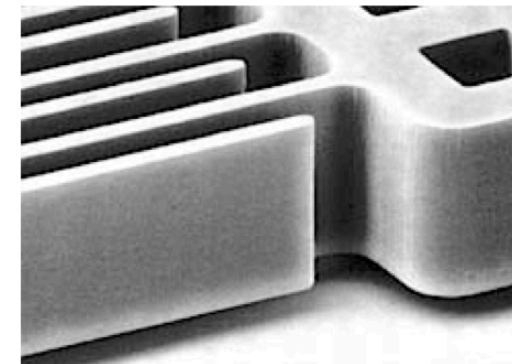
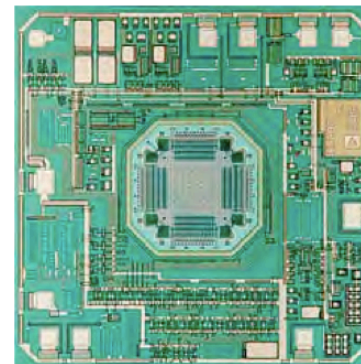
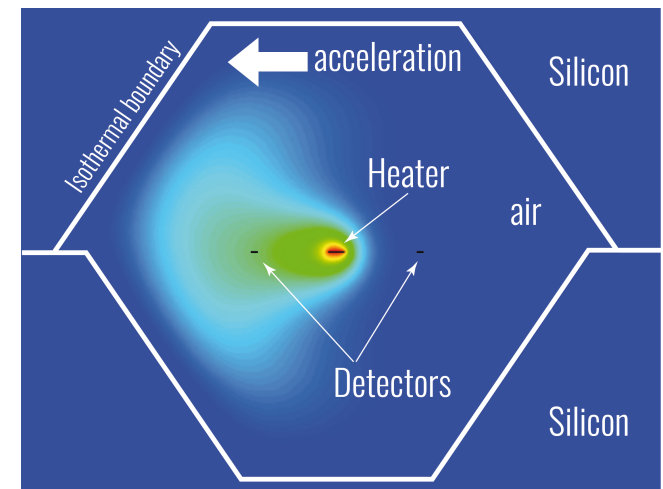
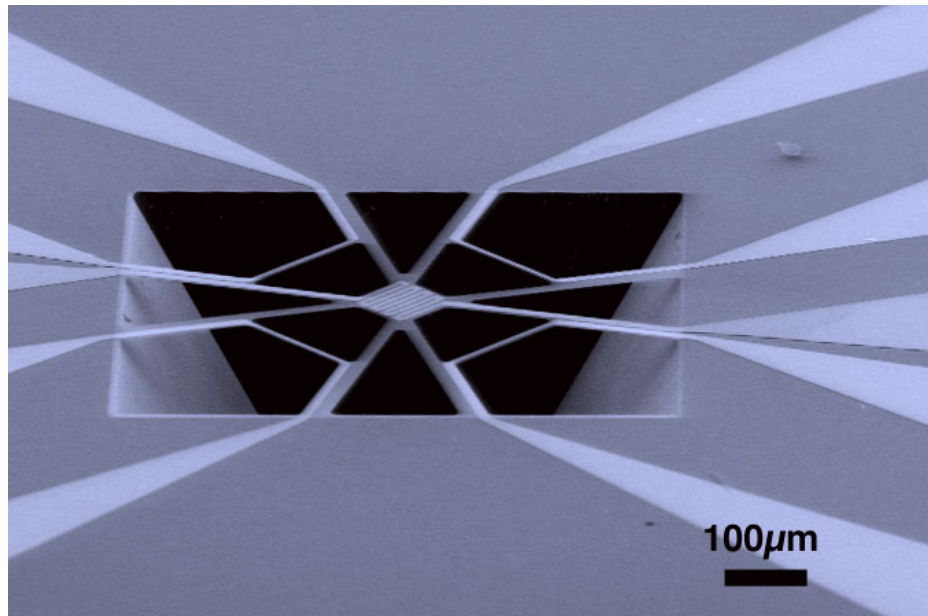
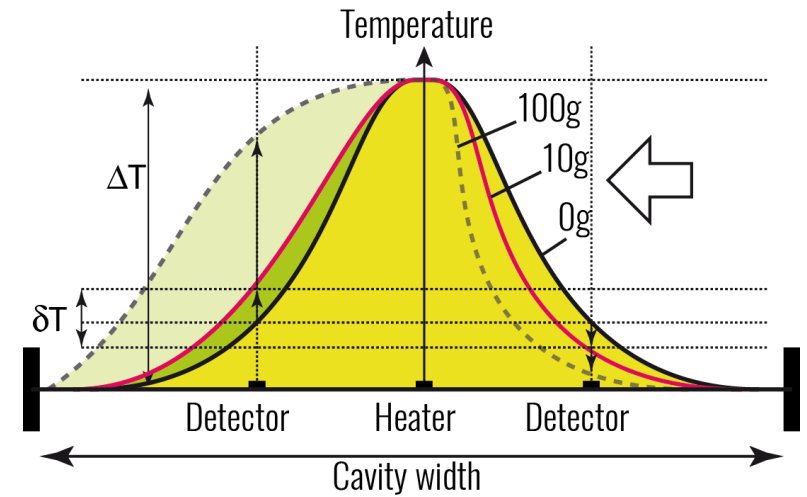
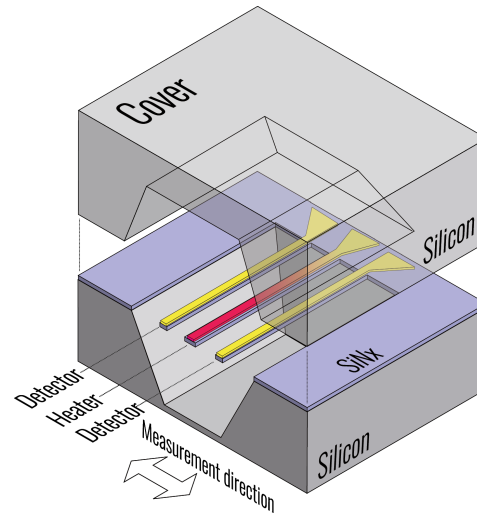


Image: Analog Devices

MEMS thermal accelerometers

Seismic mass is a « bubble » of hot air
That has a different density than cold air

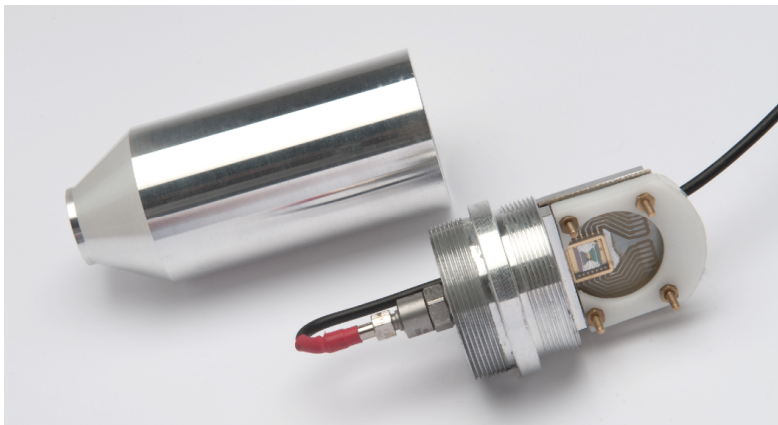
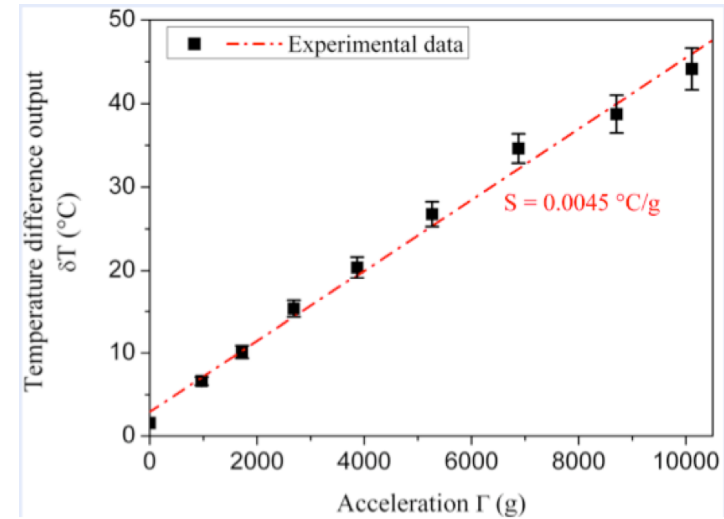
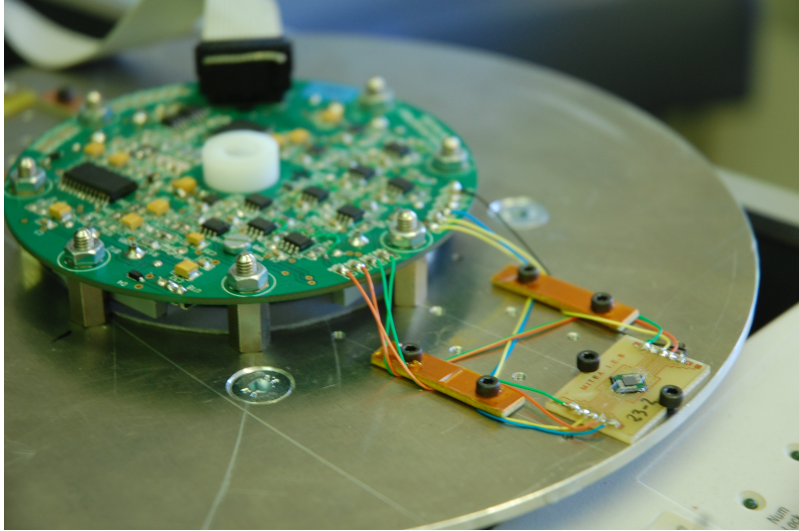
Movements of the hot air is sensed by
two thermometers



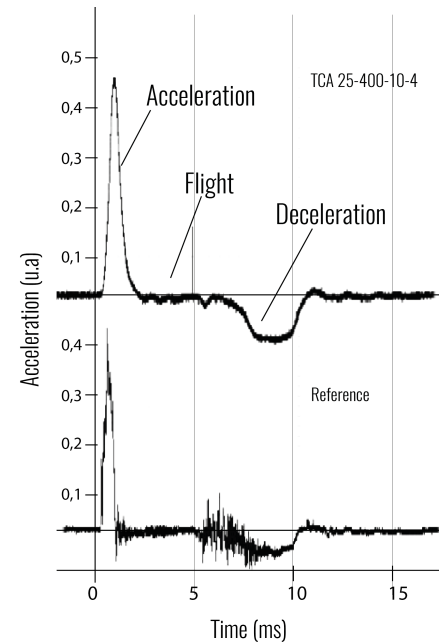
MEMS thermal accelerometers

Centrifuge testing

Up to 10000g measured

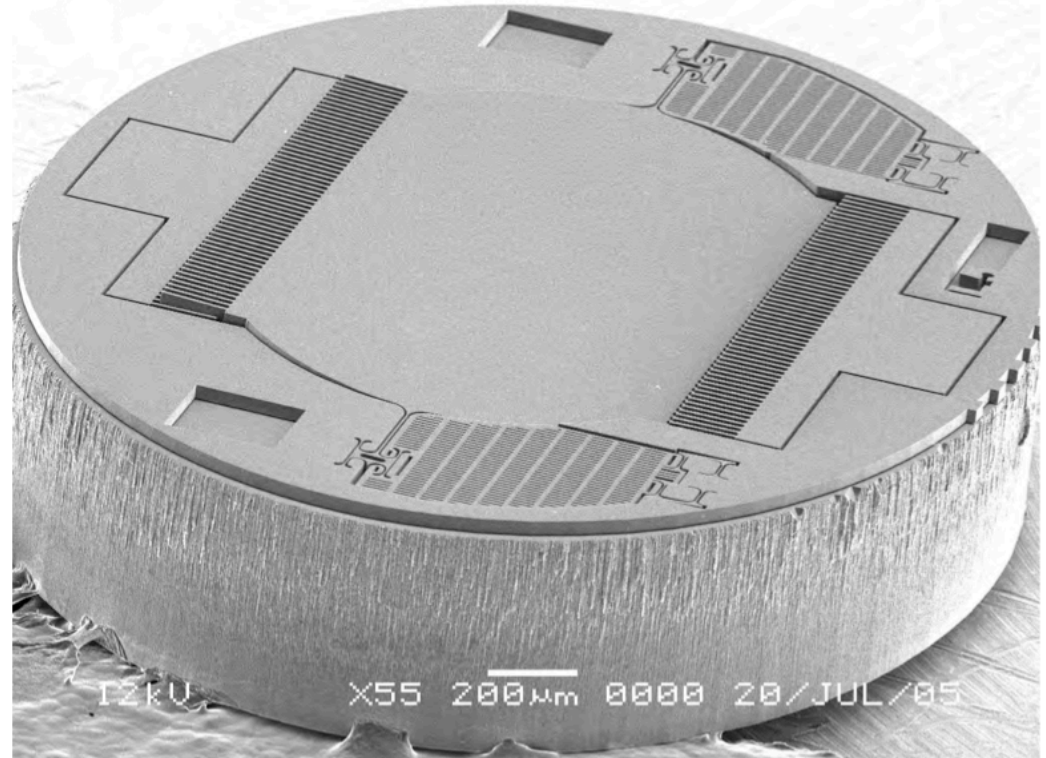
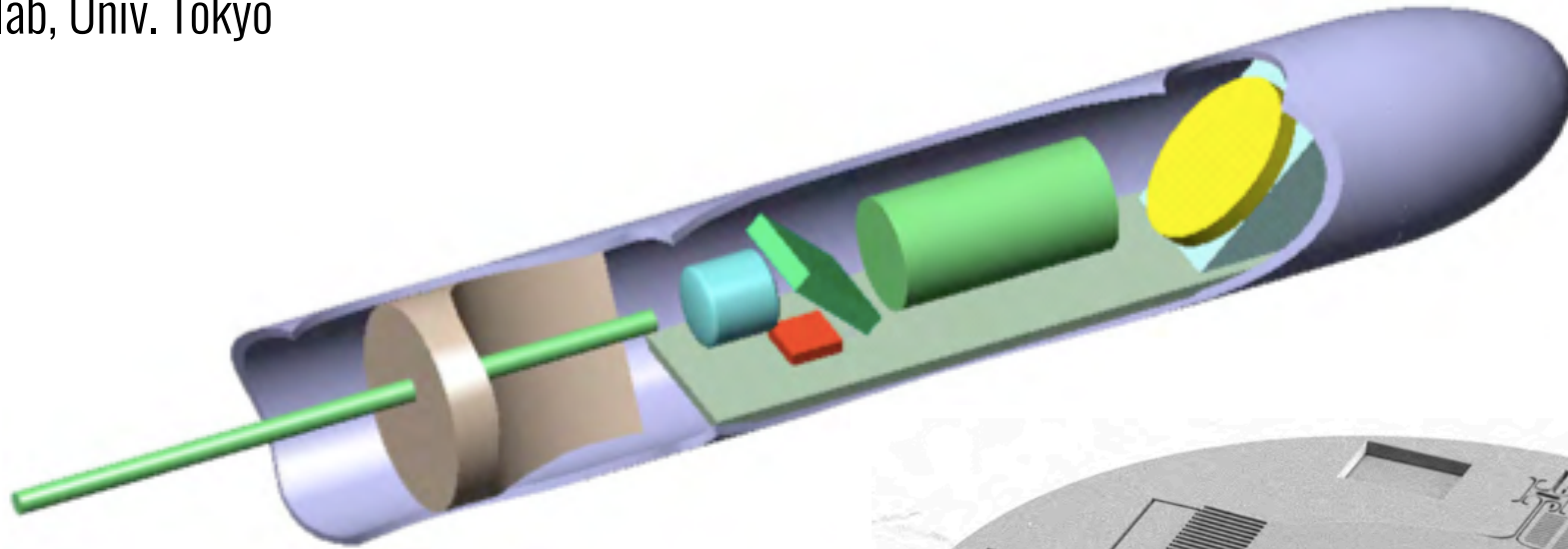


Missile launch

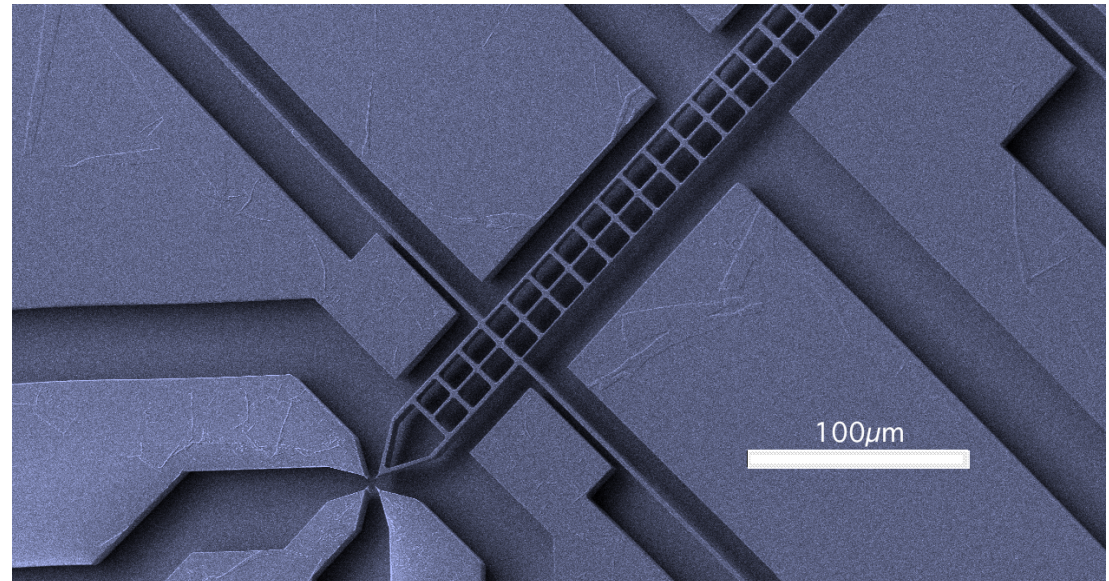
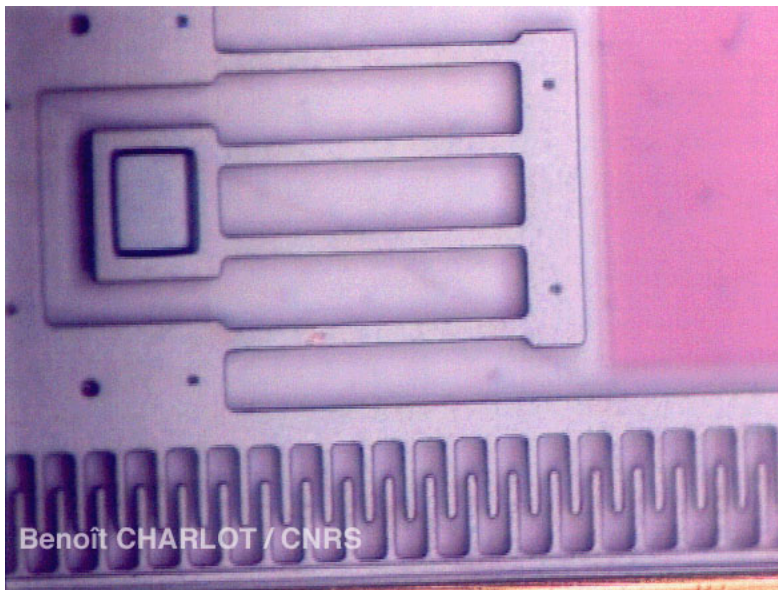
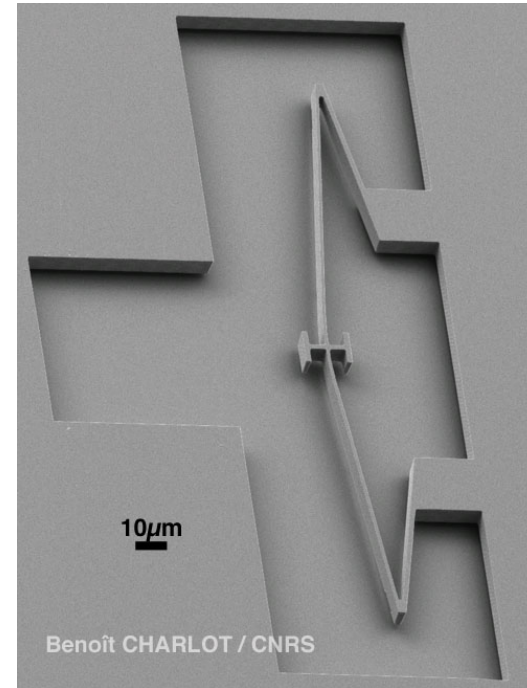
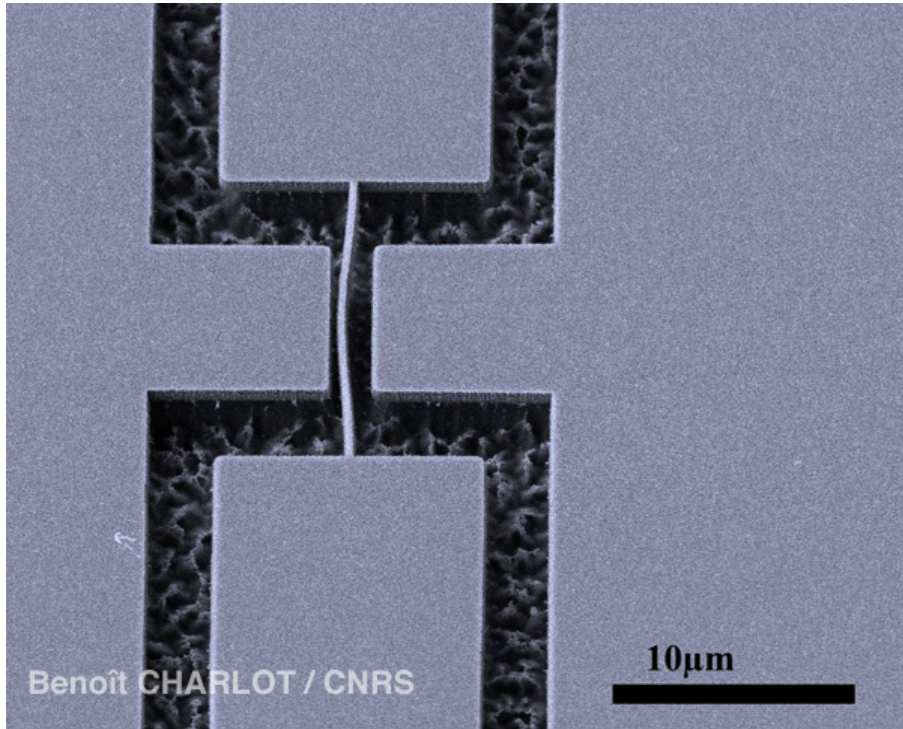


MEMS Endoscope

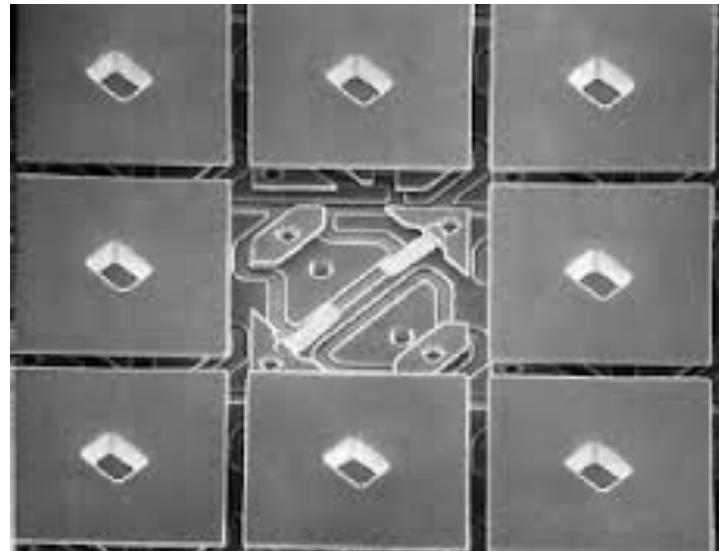
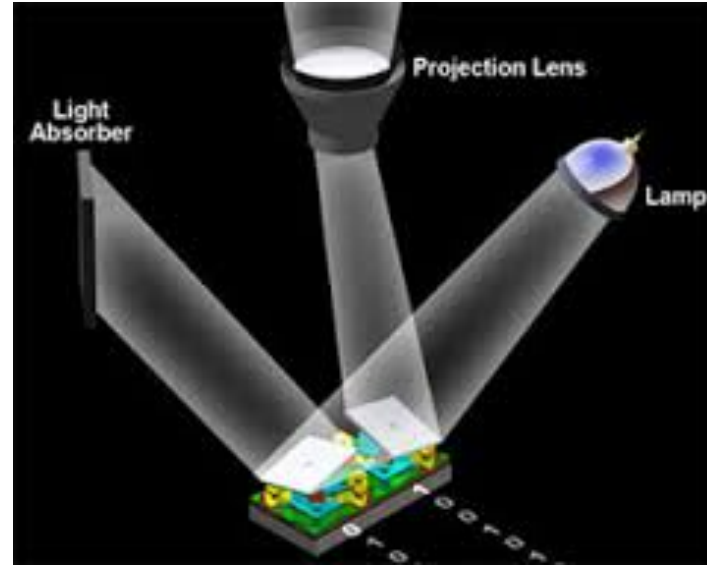
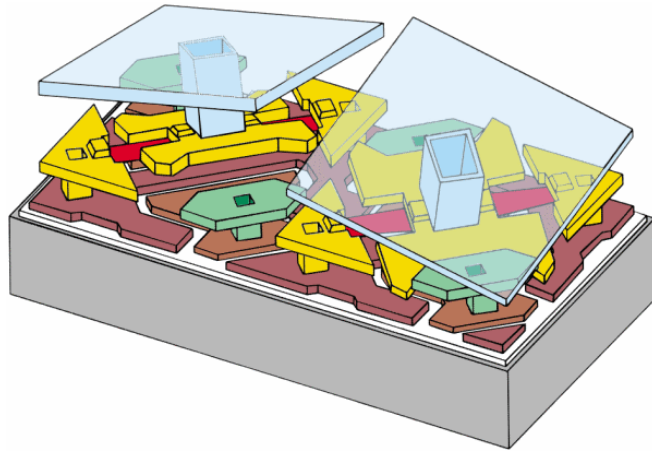
Toshilab, Univ. Tokyo



MEMS Resonators



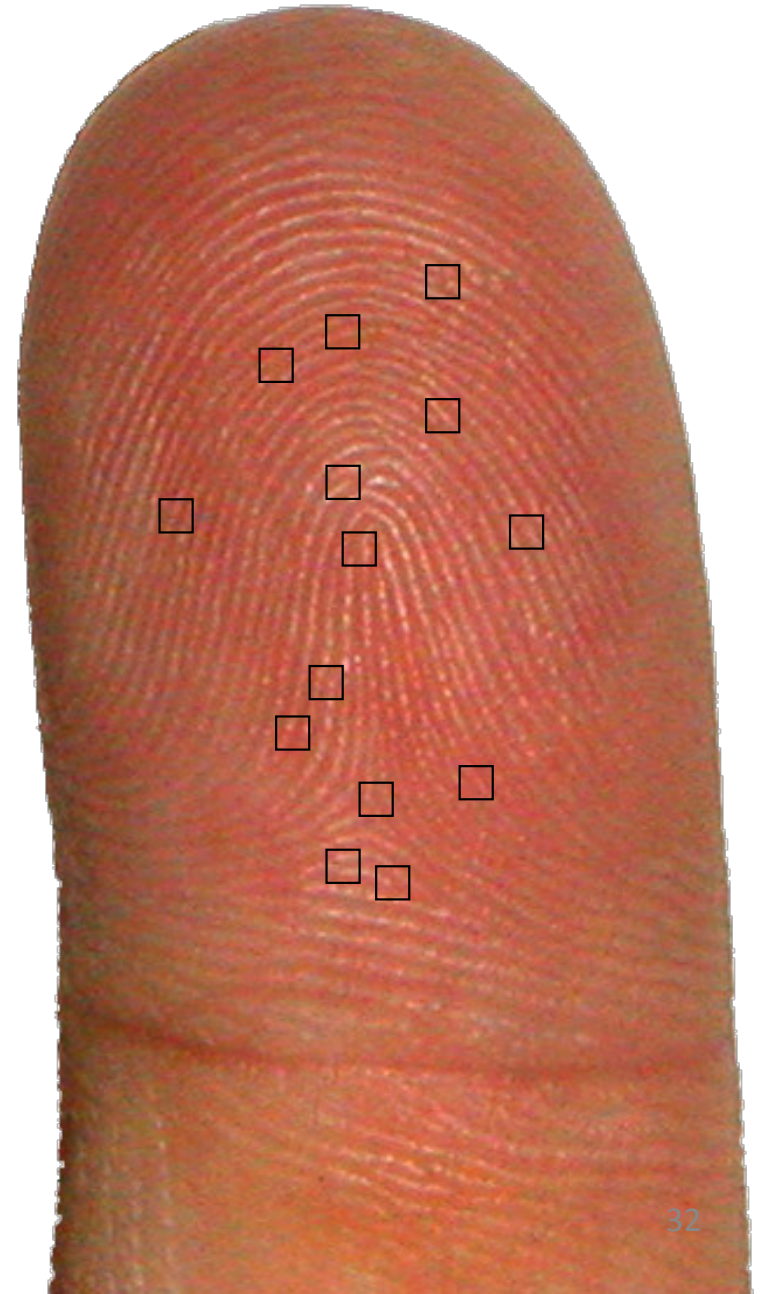
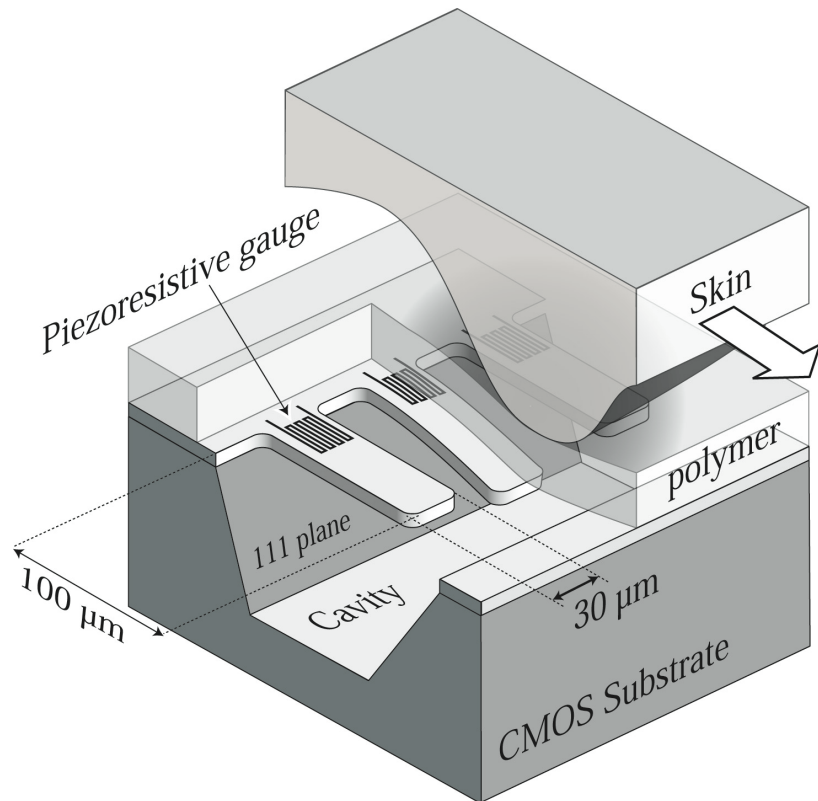
MEMS Micro Mirrors

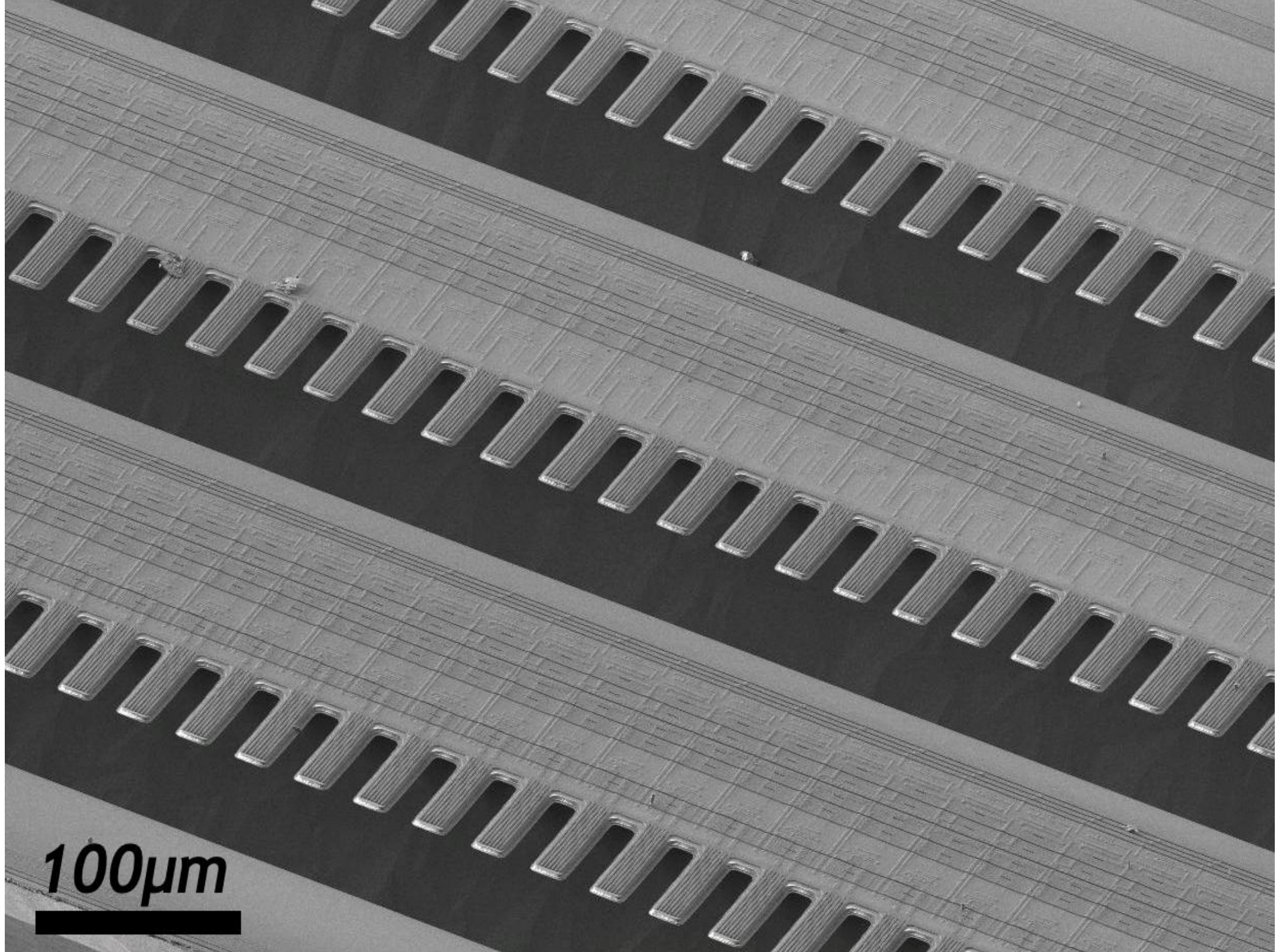


MEMS Fingerprint sensor

Integrated fingerprint sensor

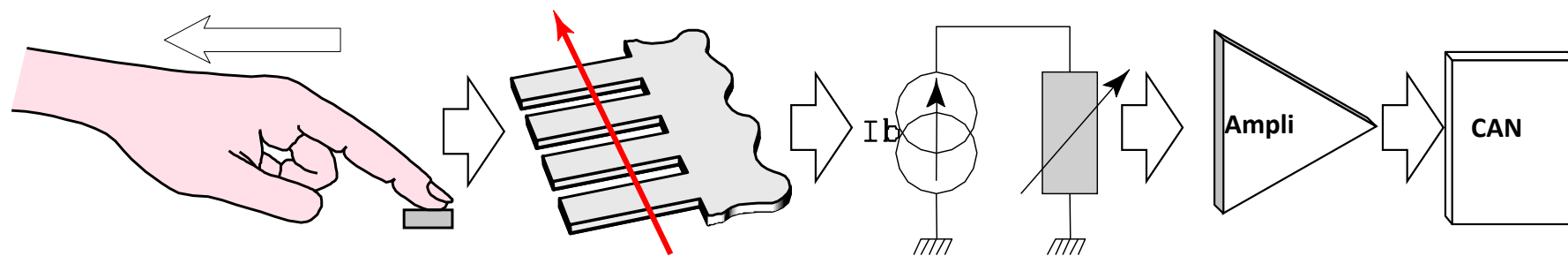
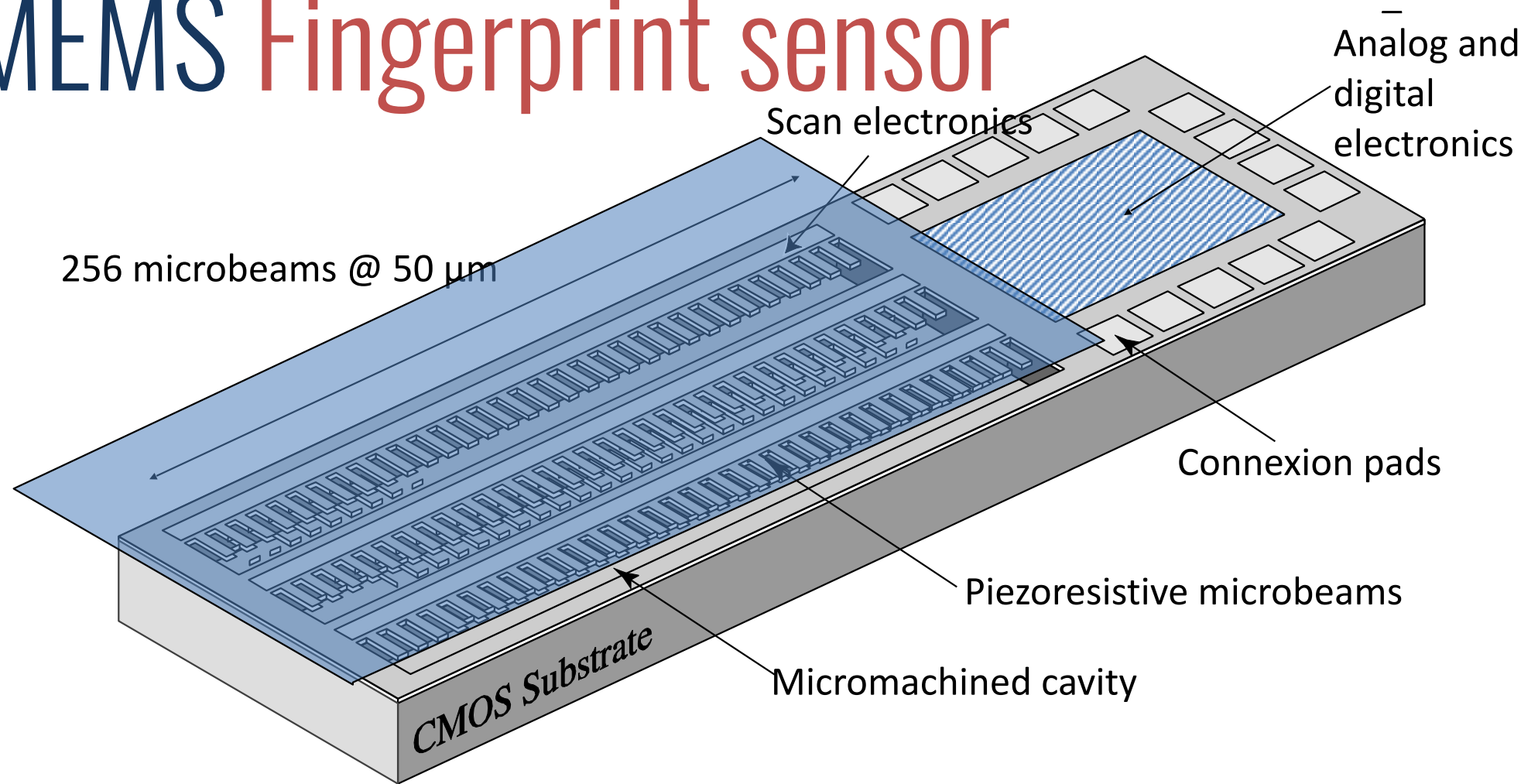
Sweep mode





100µm

MEMS Fingerprint sensor



The user has to sweep his finger above the sensor

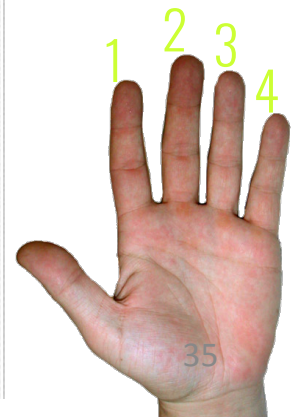
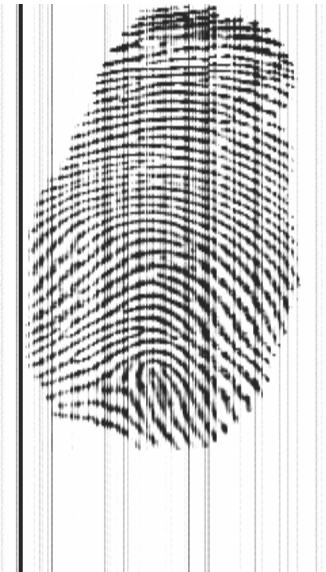
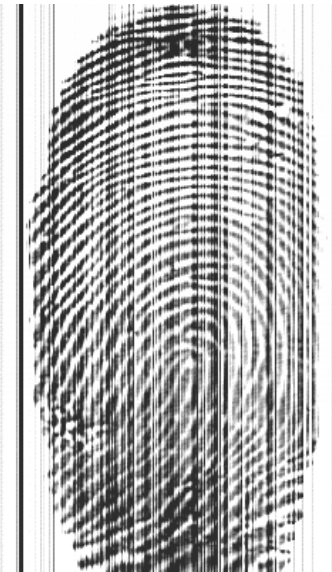
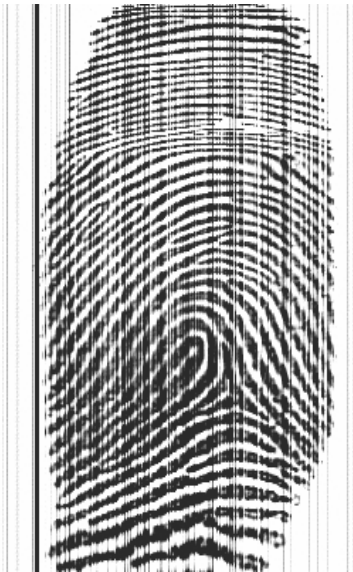
Scanning of the pixel line

Transduction

Amplification

Conversion 8-bit ADC

MEMS Fingerprint sensor



Clean room



Clean room



Lab on a Chip and Microfluidics

Benoît CHARLOT

<http://www.ies.univ-montp2.fr/~charlot/>



l'institut
d'électronique

