

# Industry and Sustainable Nanotechnology

How can nanotechnology make industry  
more sustainable?

A semiconductor industry perspective

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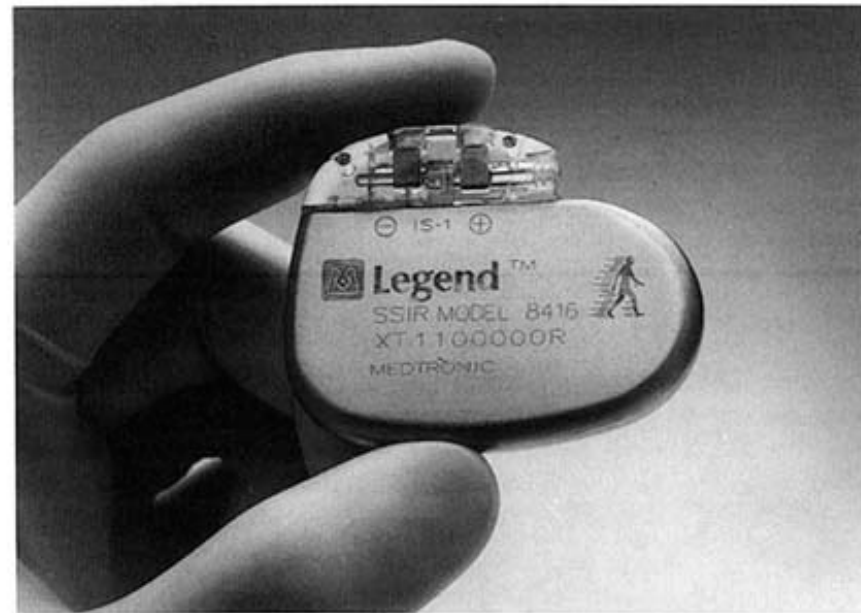
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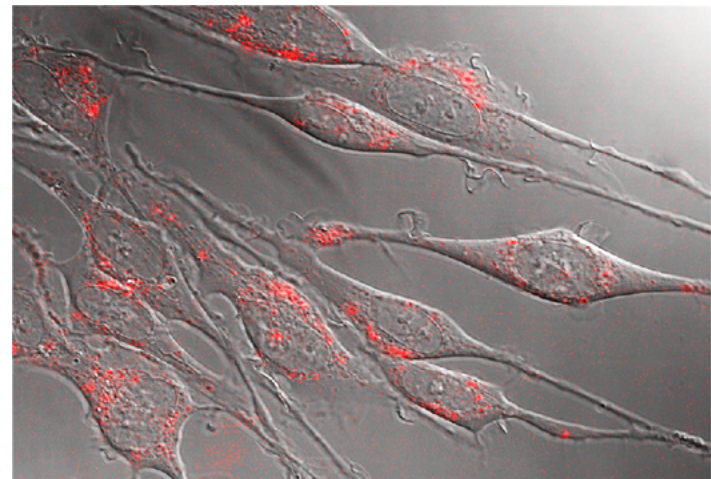
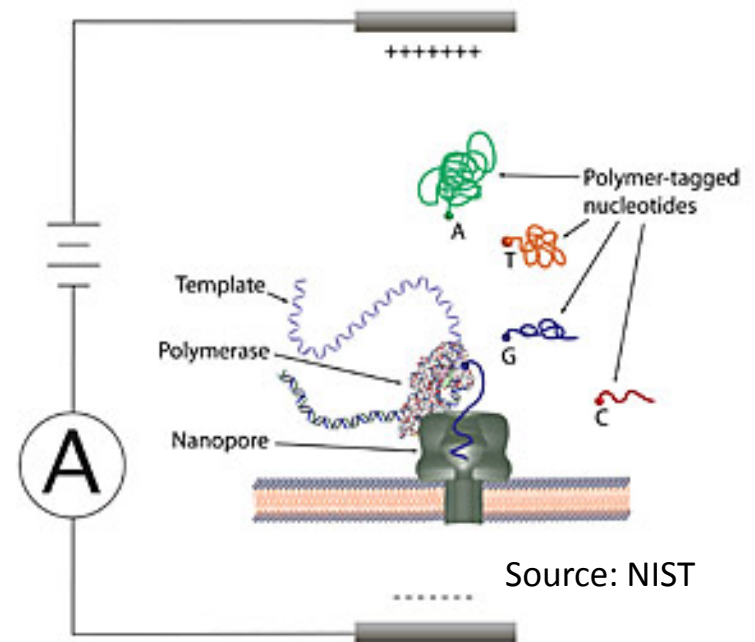
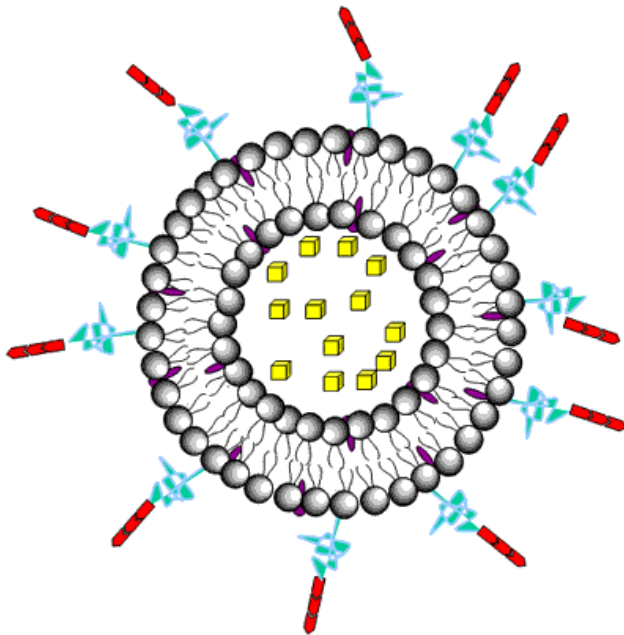
# General ways nano impacts industry sustainability

- Green(er) synthesis of (nano)materials and (nano)structures
  - Bottom up or additive fabrication
  - Improved sensing and filtration
- Synthesis of green(er) (nano)materials and (nano)technologies
  - Less is more, e.g. surface-driven applications
- Improved functionality, often in a smaller package

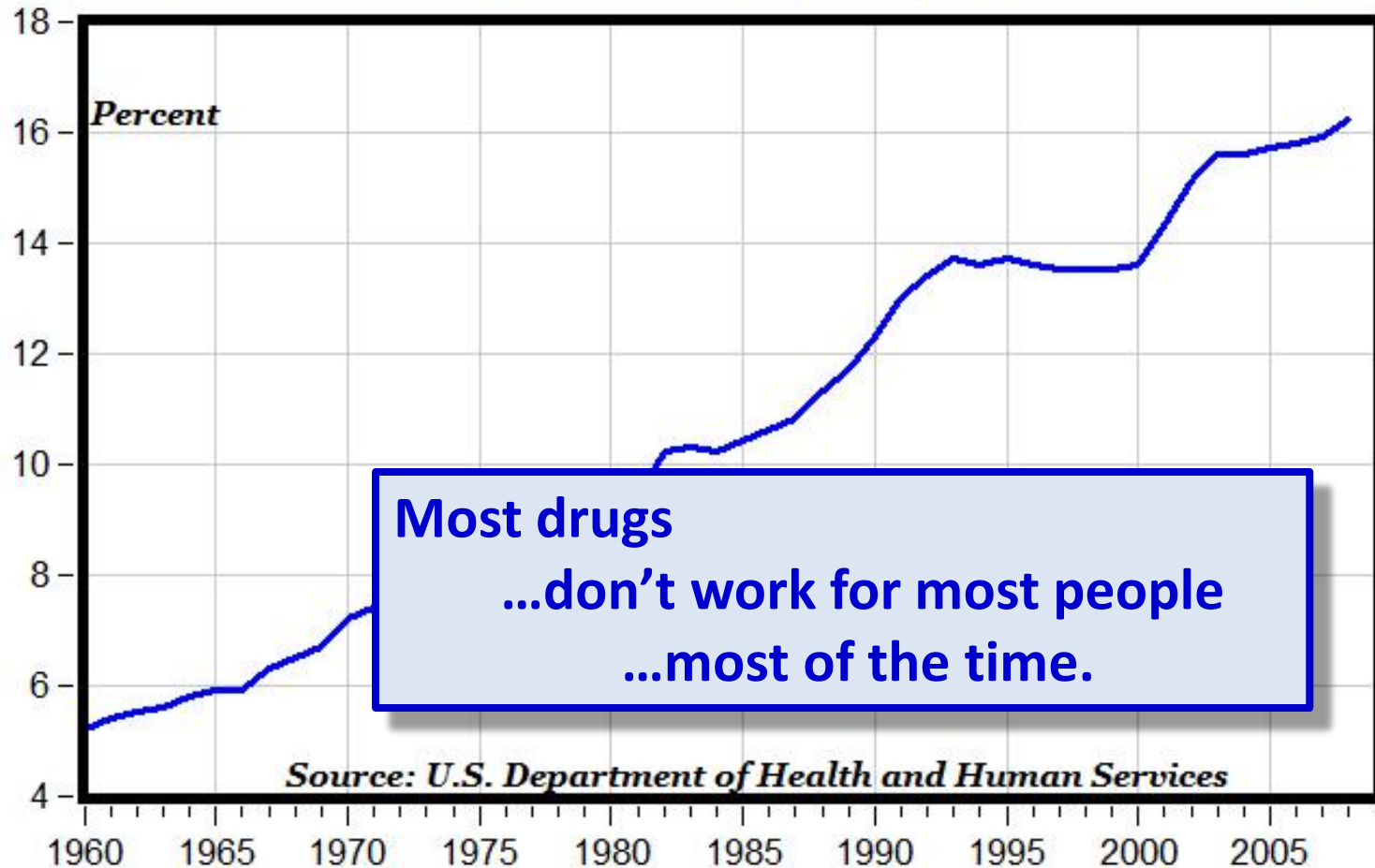


# Nanotechnology for Medicine

- Imaging
- Diagnostics
- Therapeutics



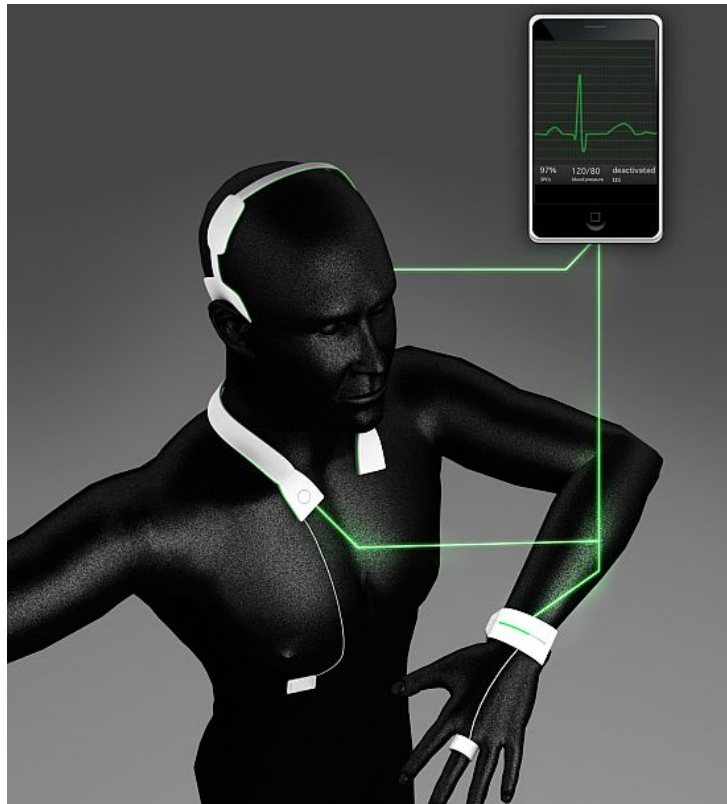
# Total Health Care Expenditures Percent of GDP, 1960-2008



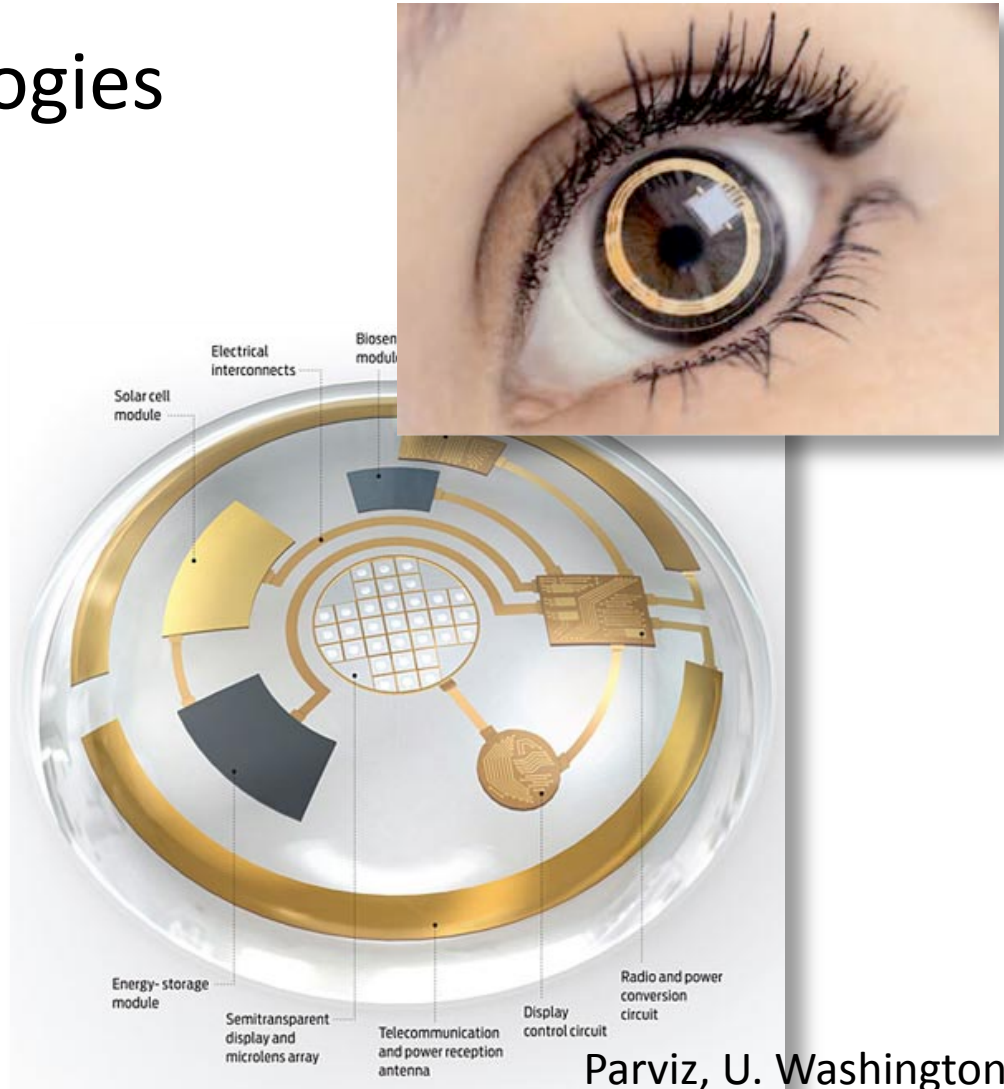


# Nanotechnology for Living

- Assistive Technologies
- Health monitors



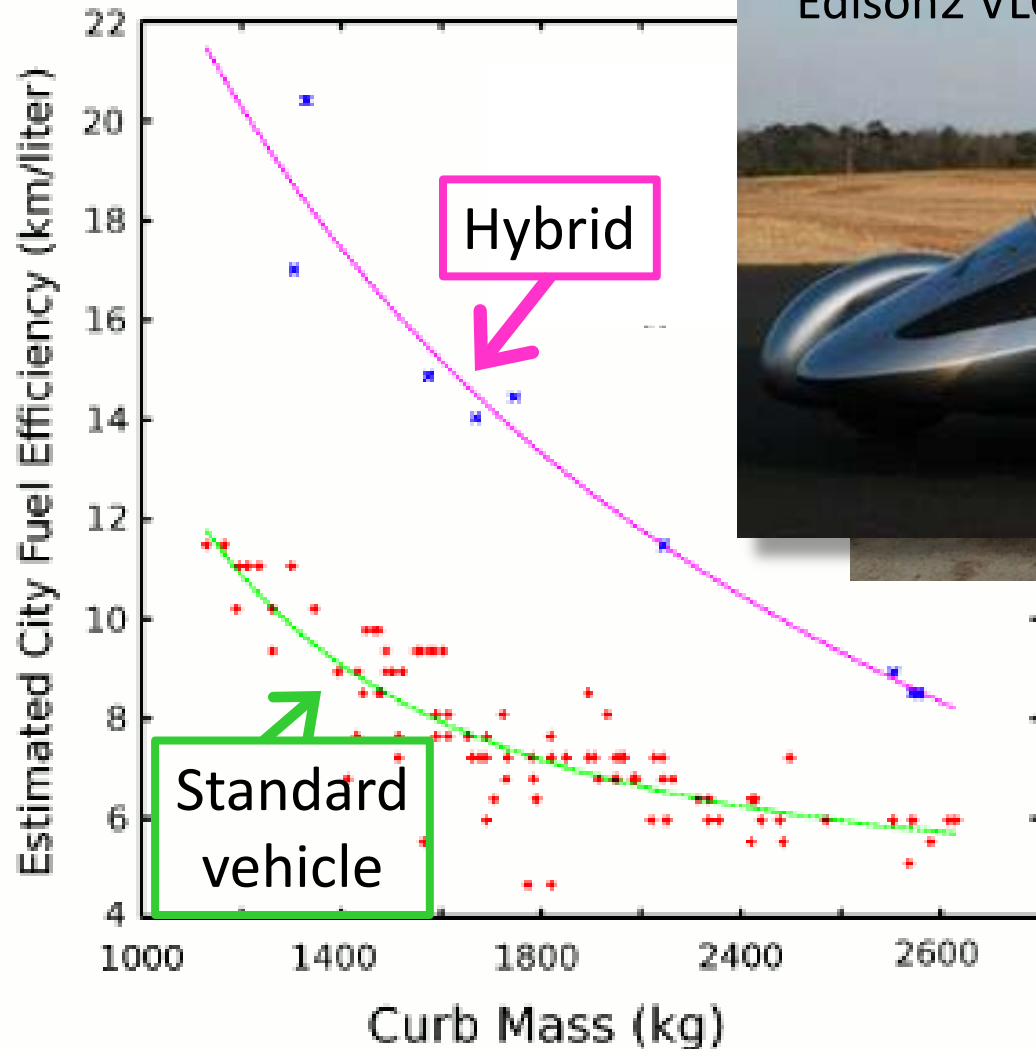
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Parviz, U. Washington

<http://www.elementalised.com/academy/blog/innovative-technology/led-lights-make-augmented-vision-a-reality/>

# Nanotechnology for Automotive



Danowitz, Stanford

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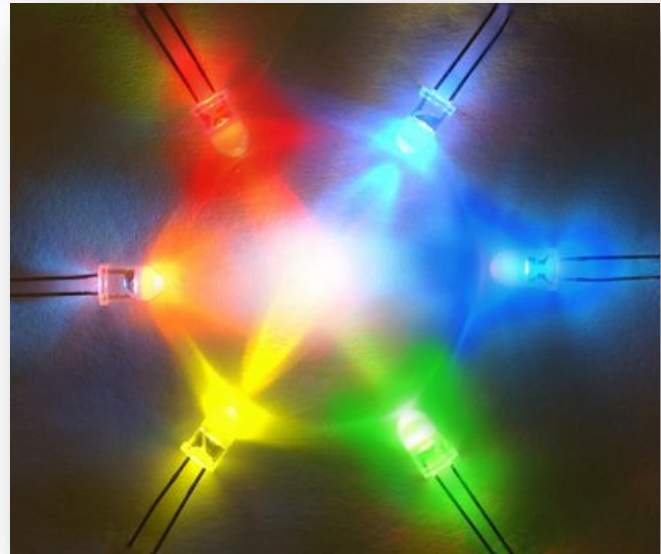


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# Nanotechnology for Energy

- Solid state lighting
- Solar cells
- Batteries





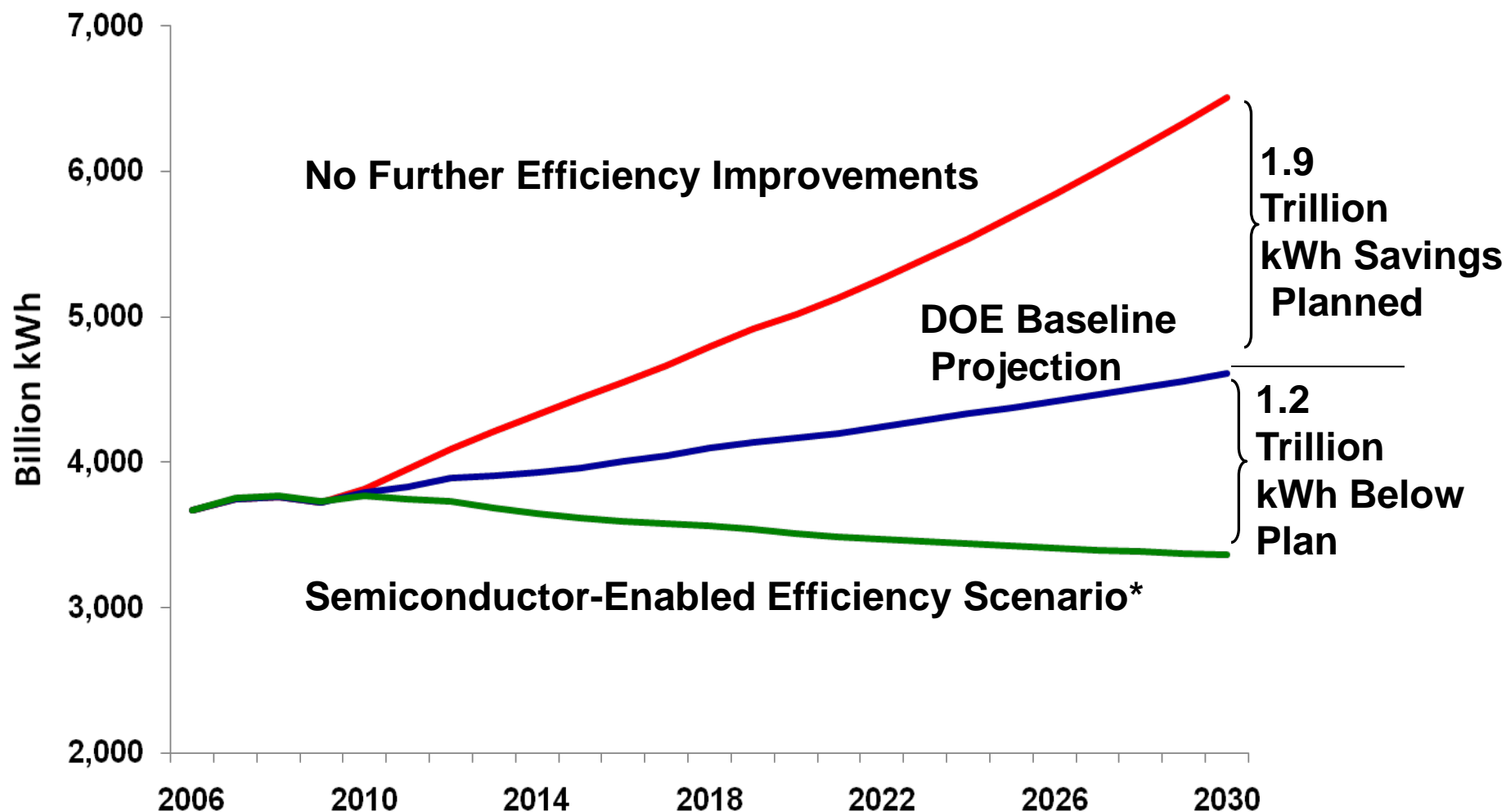
# Nanotechnology for ITC & Electronics

- More connected
- More mobile
- More data = more knowledge
- More “intelligent” environment



# Semiconductors Enable Broad Energy Efficiency

*Save 1.2 Trillion kWh, Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 733 MMT in 2030*



\*Note: Accelerated investments in semiconductor-related technologies stimulated by smart policies.  
Source: American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, "Semiconductor Technologies: The Potential to Revolutionize U.S. Energy Productivity," (2009).

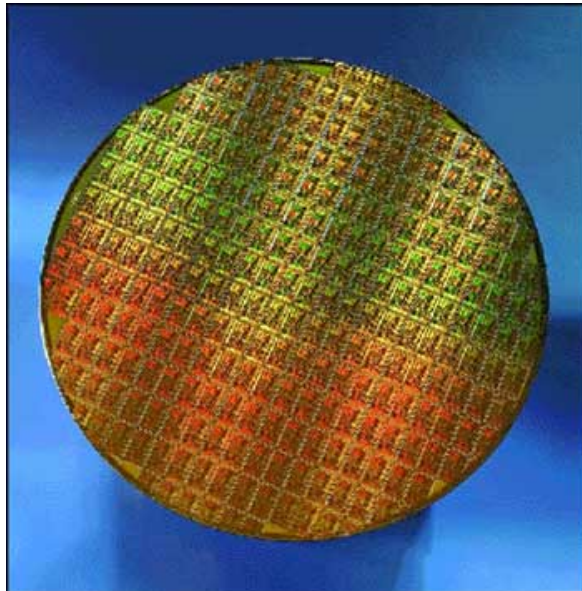


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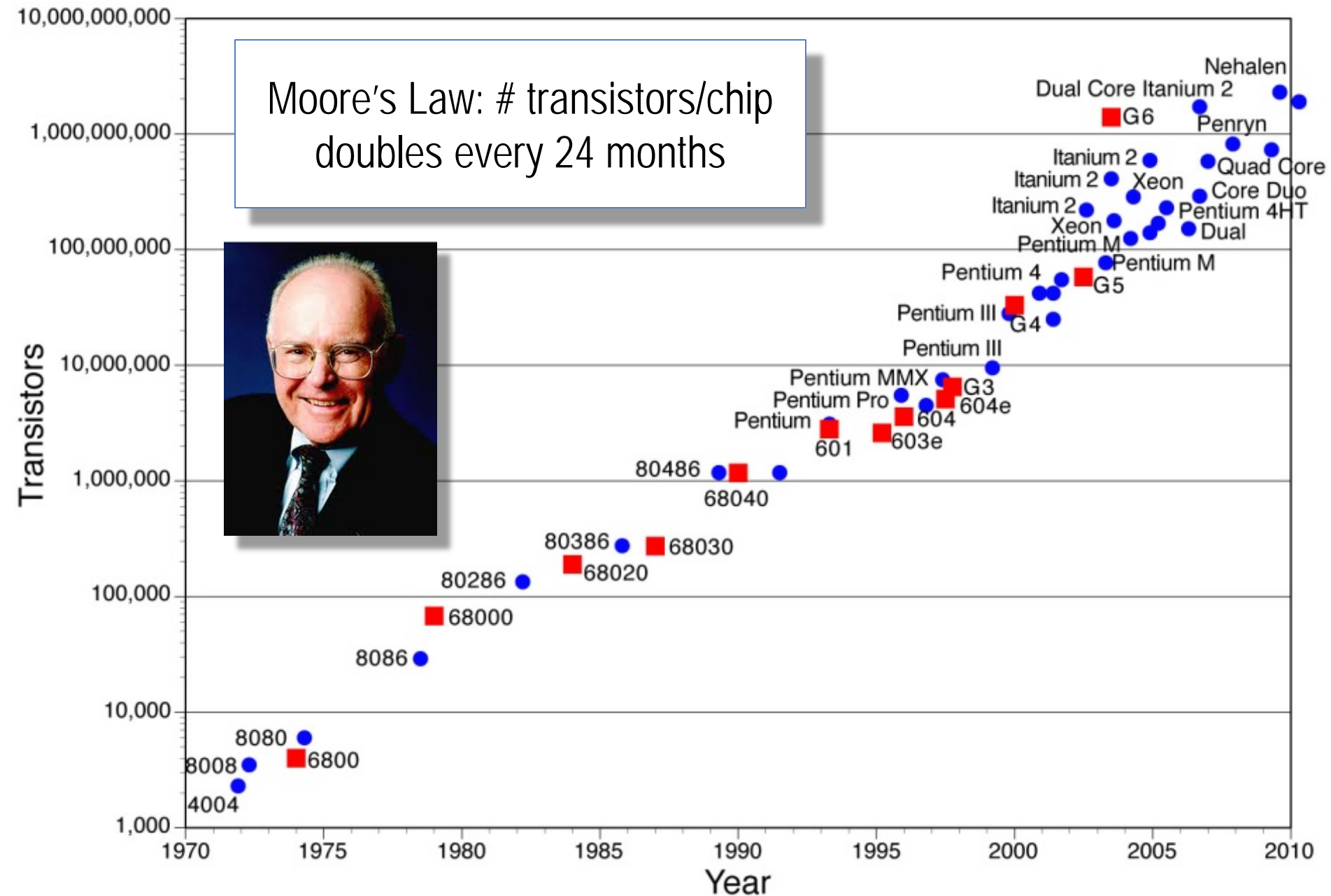
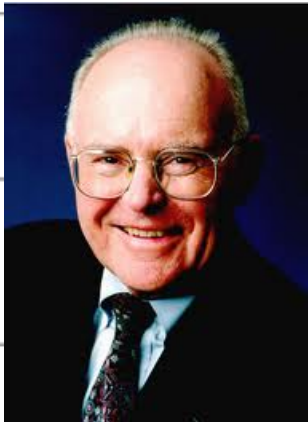
# Nanotechnology for Semiconductors

- Nanomaterials
- Nanostructures
- Nanomanufacturing
- Nano metrology & characterization

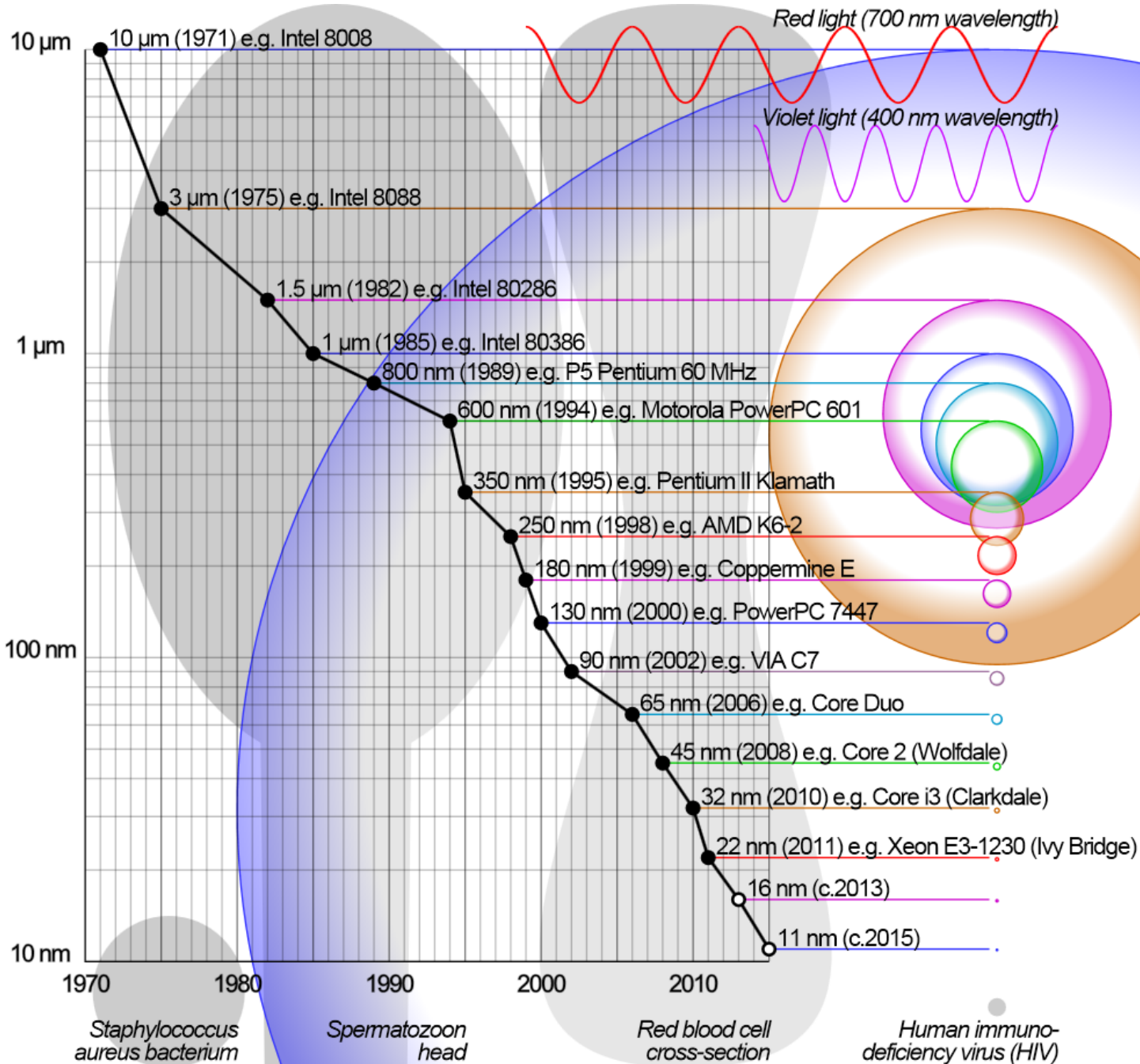




Moore's Law: # transistors/chip  
doubles every 24 months

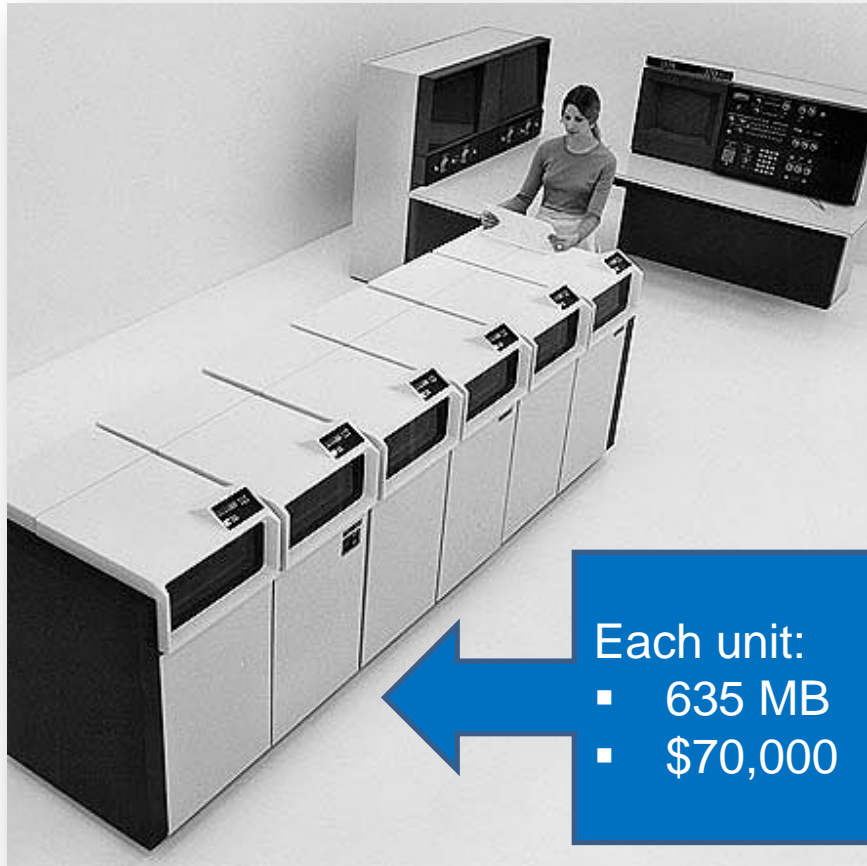






# What Moore's Law Has Enabled

1982: Best available storage technology was the IBM 3350



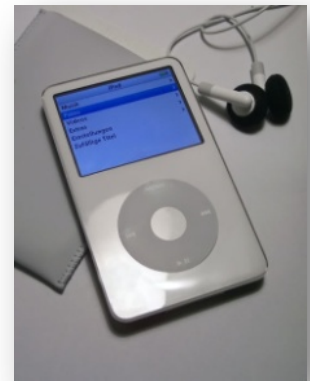
Each unit:

- 635 MB
- \$70,000

80Gb cost  
\$9,000,000 !!!  
in 1976 dollars

126 IBM 3350's =  
storage in  
1 iPod

2012



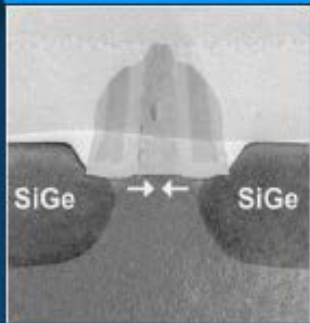
iPod(5G)  
80GB

80Gb cost  
\$100  
in 2012 dollars

# Nanotechnology + Electronics = Today's Semiconductor Industry

2003

90 nm



Invented  
SiGe  
Strained Silicon

2005

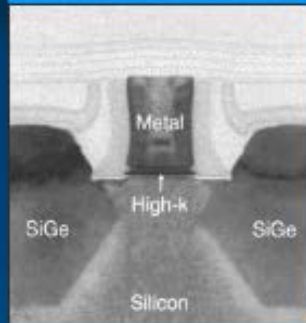
65 nm



2<sup>nd</sup> Gen.  
SiGe  
Strained Silicon

2007

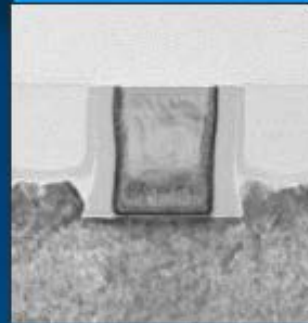
45 nm



Invented  
Gate-Last  
High-k Metal Gate

2009

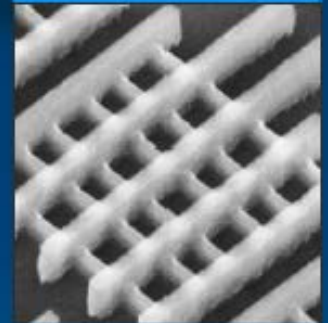
32 nm



2<sup>nd</sup> Gen.  
Gate-Last  
High-k Metal Gate

2011

22 nm

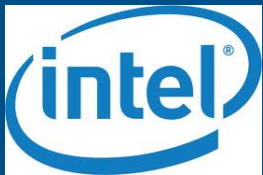


First to  
Implement  
Tri-Gate



Strained Silicon

High k Metal gate

Tri-Gate



# Nano-thick Gate Oxide Layer Requires New High-K Material

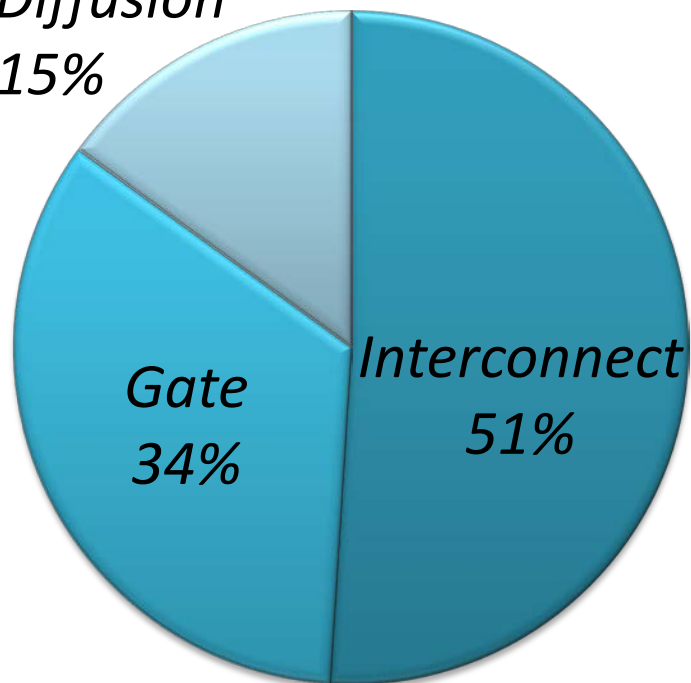
	$K$	Gap (eV)	CB offset (eV)
Si		1.1	
SiO <sub>2</sub>	3.9	9	3.2
Si <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	7	5.3	2.4
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	9	8.8	2.8 (not ALD)
Ta <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	22	4.4	0.35
TiO <sub>2</sub>	80	3.5	0
SrTiO <sub>3</sub>	2000	3.2	0
ZrO <sub>2</sub>	25	5.8	1.5
 HfO <sub>2</sub>	25	5.8	1.4
HfSiO <sub>4</sub>	11	6.5	1.8
 La <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	30	6	2.3
Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	15	6	2.3
a-LaAlO <sub>3</sub>	30	5.6	1.8



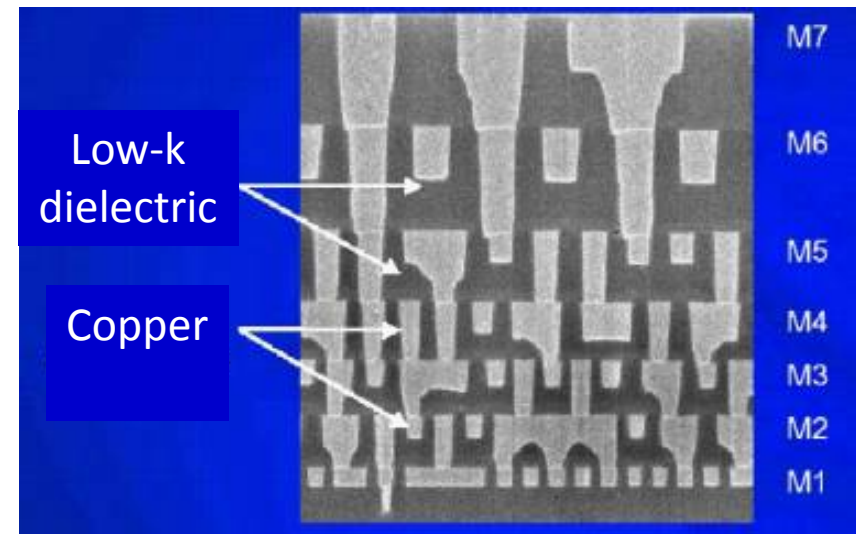
# As Transistors Shrink, So Do Interconnects

Half of microprocessor power goes to interconnects  
(> 1 billion transistors;  
total budget= 200 watts)

*Diffusion*  
15%



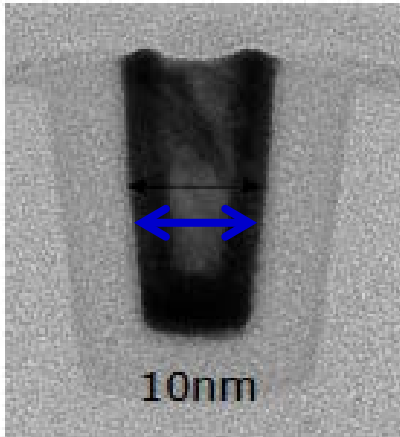
New conductive and insulating (nano)materials are needed



Source: NIST

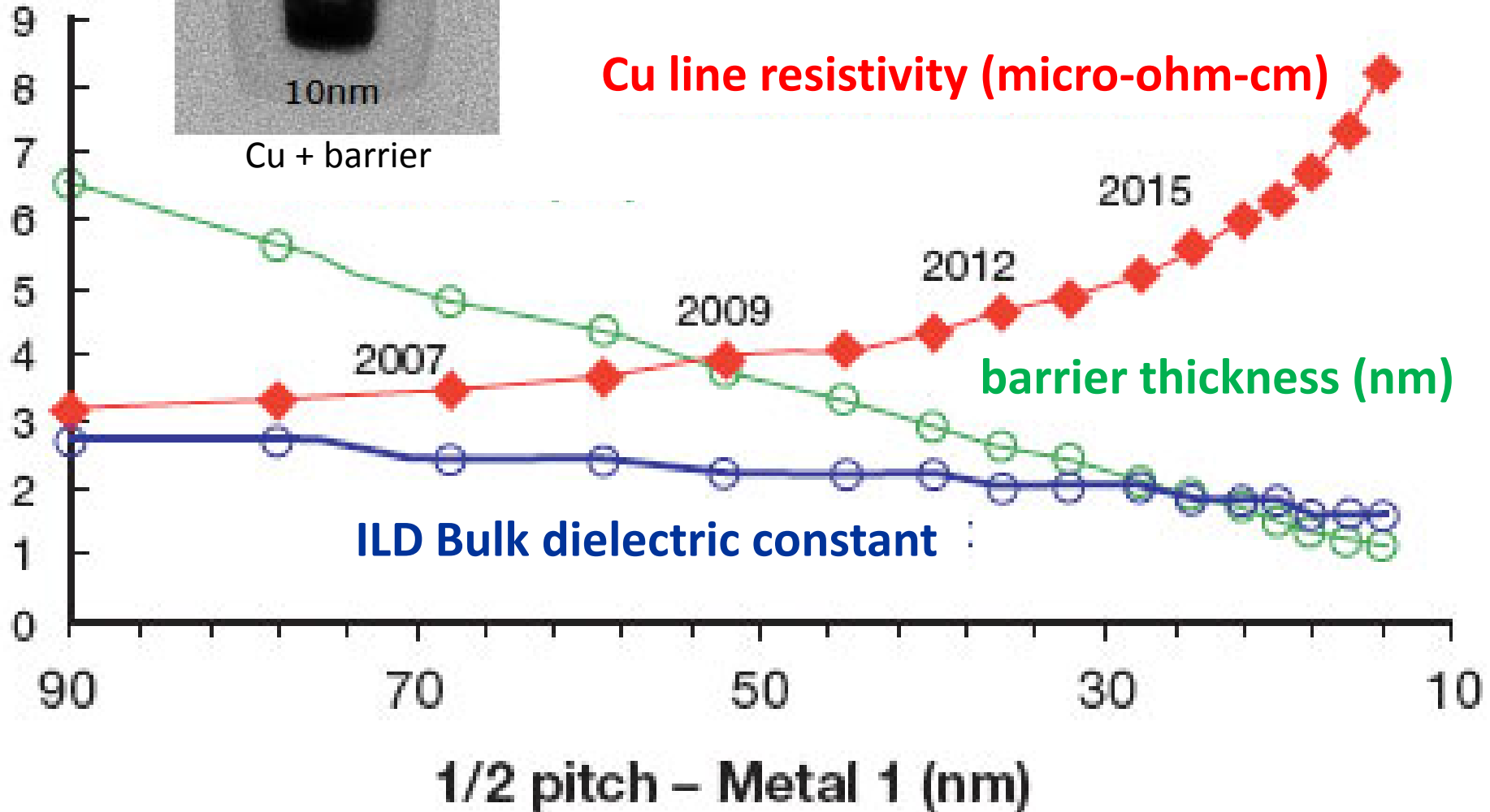
Length of interconnects in a microprocessor = 36 miles

Source: J. Clarke, Intel



Cu + barrier

# Interconnect Triple Challenge



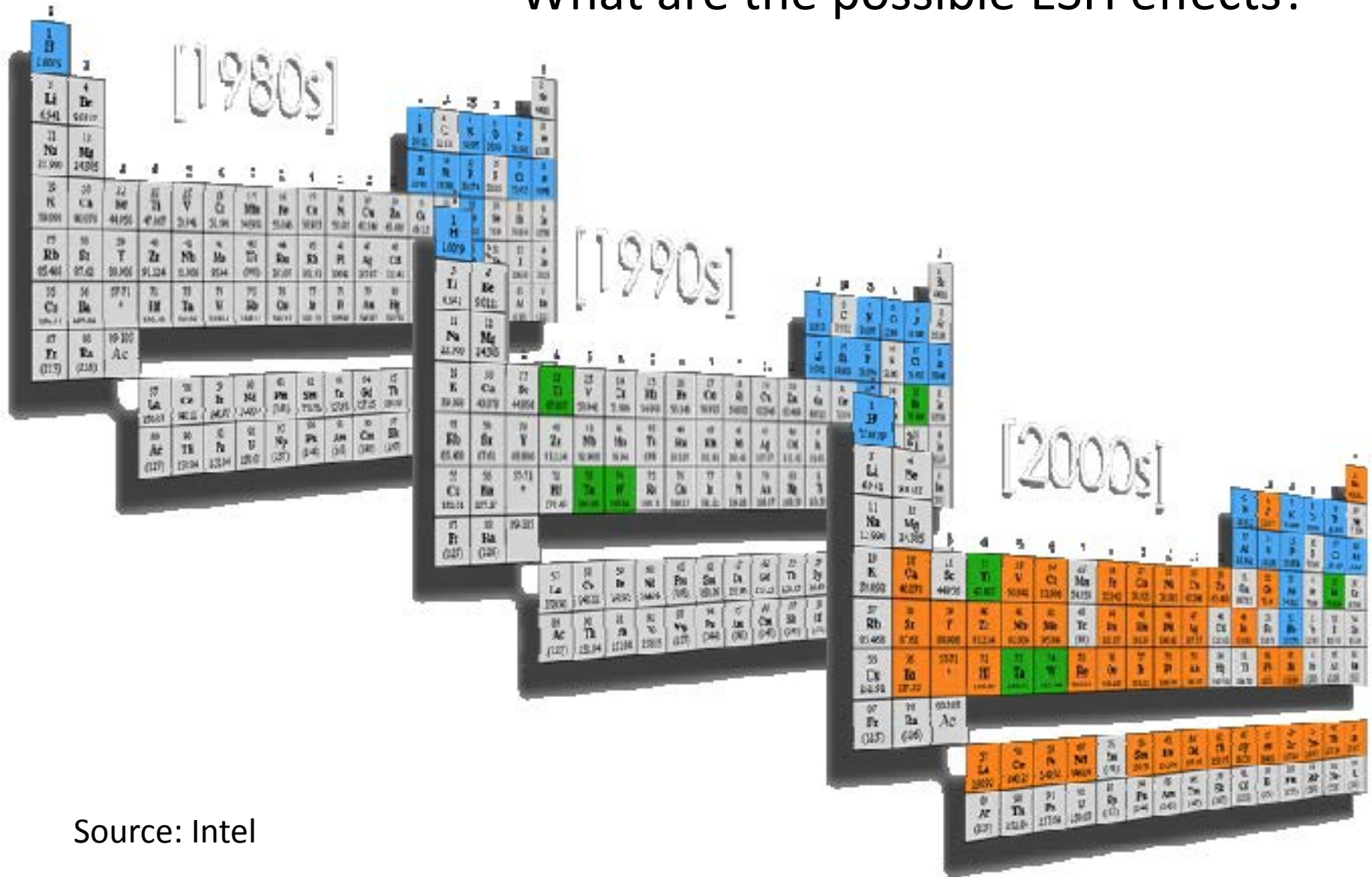
Source: [http://www.future-fab.com/documents.asp?d\\_ID=4414](http://www.future-fab.com/documents.asp?d_ID=4414)

# Need Better (Nano)Insulators: Low-k Dielectric Materials

Dielectric	Value of k (@ 1 MHz)
SiO <sub>x</sub> F <sub>y</sub> .....	3.2 - 3.5
Hydrogen silsesquioxane .....	3.0
Polysiloxane .....	2.89
Fluoropolyimide .....	2.8
Benzo-cyclo-butane .....	2.7
Black diamond .....	2.7
Polyethylene .....	2.4
Polypropylene.....	2.3
Fluoropolymer .....	2.24
Perylene .....	2.2
Dupont PTFE-based copolymer AF 2400 .....	2.06
Xerogels .....	1.2
Air .....	1.0
Carbon dioxide .....	1.0

# “Silicon” Chips are Complex Nanomaterials

What are the possible ESH effects?



Source: Intel



# 2011 ITRS\*: Addressing Increasing Complexity, ESH & Sustainability

- ESH strategies
  - To understand (characterize) processes and materials during the development phase
  - To use materials that are less hazardous or whose byproducts are less hazardous
  - To design products and systems (equipment and facilities) that consume less raw materials and resources
  - To make the factory safe for employees

\* International Technology Roadmap for Semiconductors  
available at [www.itrs.org](http://www.itrs.org)



# 2011 ITRS: ESH Difficult Challenges (examples)

- Chemicals & materials
  - Assessment/characterization tools & methods
  - Comprehensive ESH data
- Process & equipment
  - “Greener” processes (more benign & less materials)
  - Exposure management
- Facilities
  - Improve efficiency (electricity, water, HVAC)
- Sustainability
  - Design for ESH (similar to other DFX)
  - Need for metrics



# 2011 ITRS: ESH & Emerging Nanomaterials

- Developing effective *monitoring tools to detect nanomaterials' presence* in the workplace, in waste streams, and in the environment
- Evaluating and developing appropriate *protocols to ensure worker health and safety*
- Evaluating and developing *emission control equipment* to ensure effective treatment of nanomaterials-containing waste streams
- *Understanding new nanomaterials' toxicity* as it may differ from the bulk forms; involves developing rapid nanomaterials toxicity assessment methods as well as nanomaterials toxicity models



# Industry's Voluntary Steps toward Sustainability

- World Semiconductor Council initiatives to reduce environmental impact
  - ***Reduce GHG emissions*** per area of Si wafer by 30% by 2020 from 2010 levels
  - ***Eliminate PFOS*** (perfluorooctyl sulfonates) from non-critical applications and research alternatives for critical uses
- Industry goal to keep energy/water use and air emissions constant per wafer during transition from 300 mm to 450 mm (more than 2X area)



# Individual Companies Setting Goals: Intel's 2012 Environmental Goals



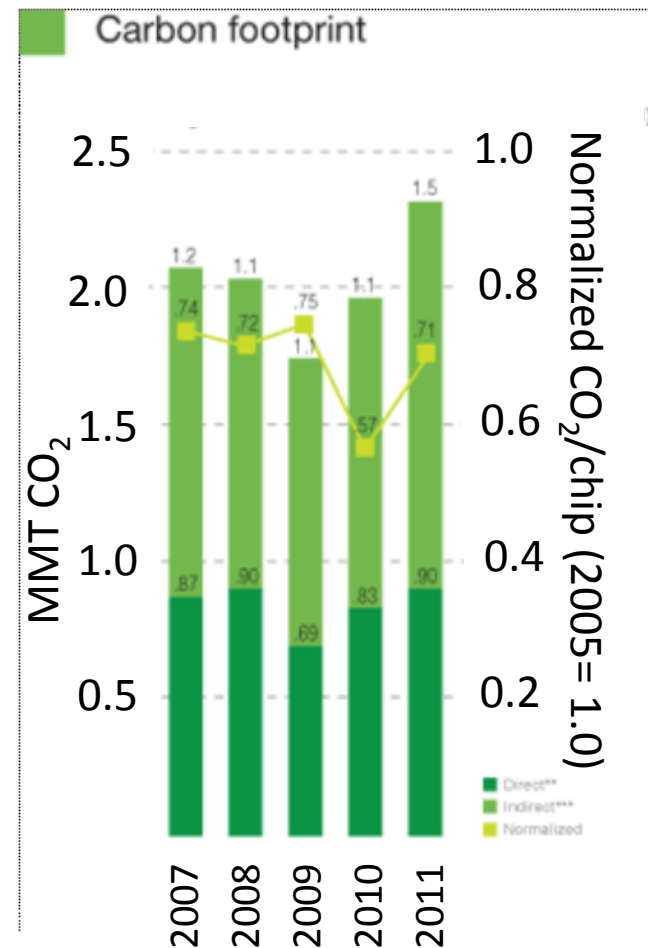
- ***Reduce water use*** per chip below 2007 levels by 2012
- ***Reduce absolute global-warming gas footprint*** by 20% by 2012 from 2007 levels
- ***Reduce energy consumption*** per chip 5% per year from 2007 through 2012
- ***Reduce generation of chemical waste*** per chip by 10% by 2012 from 2007 levels
- ***Recycle 80% of chemical and solid waste*** generated per year
- Achieve engineering and design milestones to ensure that Intel products ***maintain the energy-efficiency lead*** in the market for next two product generations

# Individual Companies Setting Goals:

## TI 2012 Environmental Goals



- Reduce GHG emissions per chip produced 30% by 2015 from 2010 level
- Raise waste efficiency (recycling) rate to 95% (currently 92%)
- Reduce chemical use in manufacturing by 3%



# Center for Environmentally Benign Semiconductor Manufacturing



NSF ERC; co-funded with industry (SRC and SEMATECH) for 10 years; industry funded since 2006

## APPROACH

- ✓ Focus on fundamental research to address manufacturing needs and technology gaps
- ✓ Transfer results to commercial application
- ✓ Create synergy and partnership with industry in funding and conduct of research

### Environmentally Sustainable Electronics Manufacturing

#### Thrust A

Novel  
Solutions  
to Existing  
ESH Problems

#### Thrust B

ESH-Friendly  
Novel Materials  
and Processes

#### Thrust C

ESH Aspects  
of Future  
Nanoscale  
Manufacturing

Enabling ESH Fundamentals



## Founding Universities

- U Arizona
- U California – Berkeley
- MIT
- Stanford

## Other University members

- Arizona State U (1998- )
- Columbia (2006-2009)
- Cornell (1998- )
- Georgia Tech (2009- )
- U Maryland (1999-2003)
- U Massachusetts (2006-2009)
- UNC-Chapel Hill (2009- )
- Purdue (2003-2008 )
- U Texas-Dallas (2009- )
- Tufts (2005-2008 )
- U Washington (2008-)
- U Wisconsin (2009- )
- UCLA (2011- )
- Johns Hopkins (2011- )
- NC A&T (2011- )

# CEBMS Stats

## Cumulative Data:

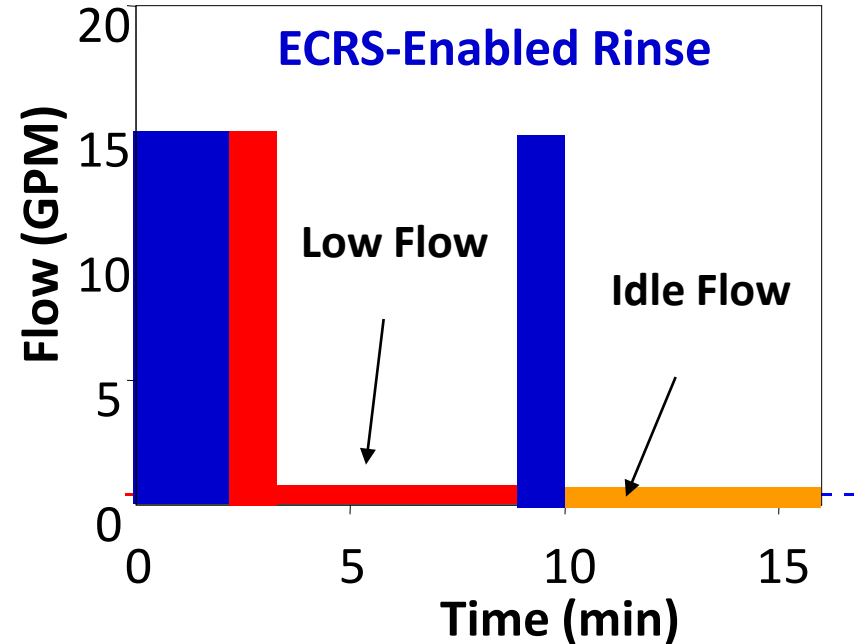
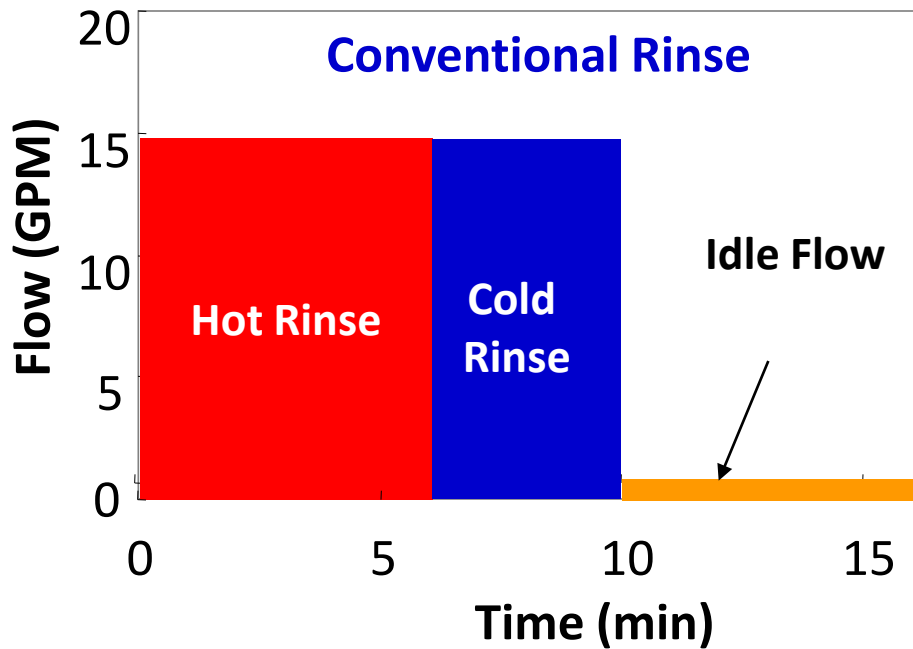
19 Core member Universities  
243 PhD and MS  
205 Undergraduates (reported)  
13 Academic disciplines

> 80% of graduates joined SC industry  
& suppliers (mostly ERC members)

13 Current member universities  
37 Current PI/Co-PIs  
39 Current graduate students

<http://www.erc.arizona.edu/>

# Water & Energy Savings Enabled by Electro-Chemical Residue Sensor (ECRS)



- Use initial cold rinse to flush tank
- Use hot water to finish flush and heat wafers
- Cycle time is not increased
- **Savings: ~ 25% cold water and ~ 80% hot water**
- ★ Technology transferred to industry

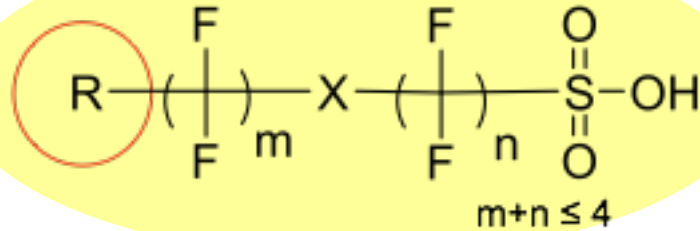


# Environmentally Friendly (PFOS-Free) Materials for Next Generation Photolithography



1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Generation

3<sup>rd</sup> Generation



Polar  
Nonpolar

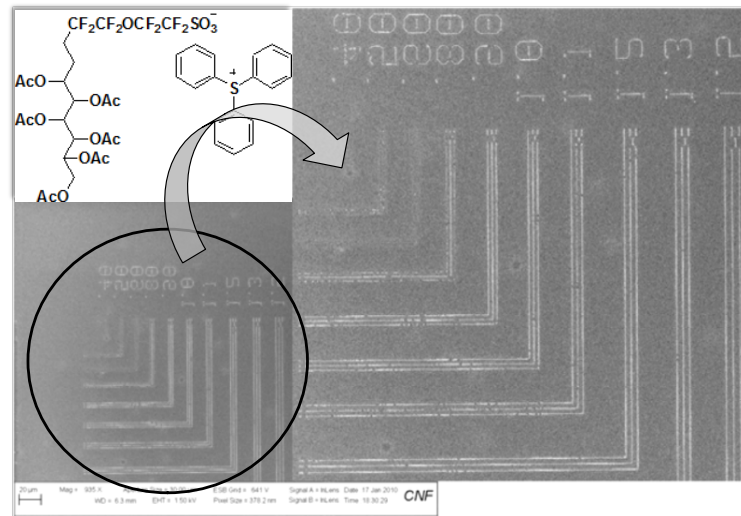
Hydrophilic  
Hydrophobic

Aromatic  
Aliphatic

Linear  
Branch  
Ring

Sugar based  
"Sweet" PAG

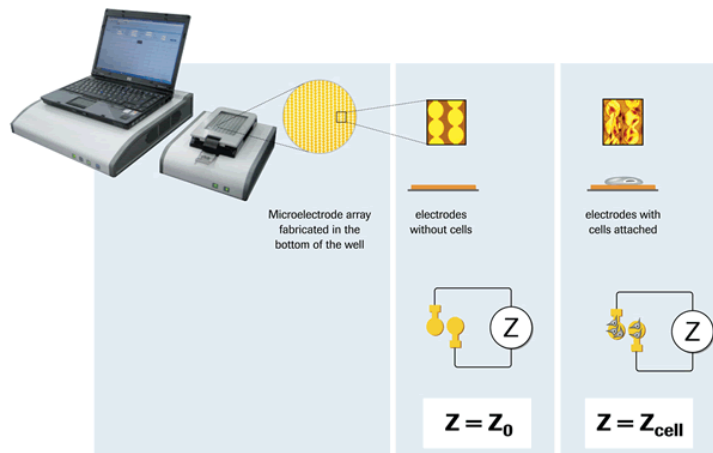
Natural molecule-  
based  
Biocompatible/  
Biodegradable PAG



# New Techniques for Toxicity Assessment of Nanomaterials

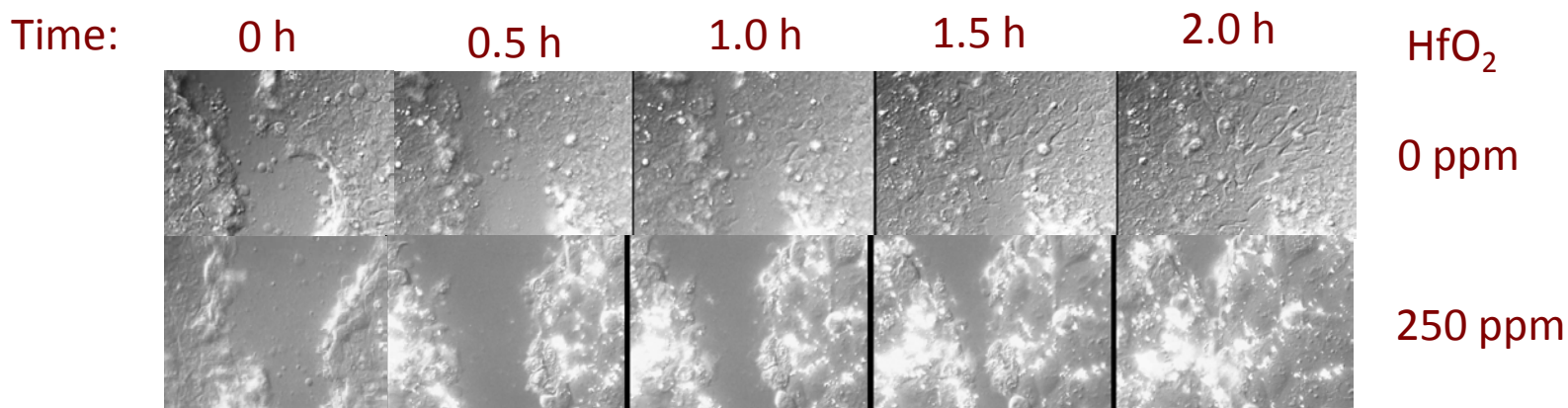


## Impedance-based method



- ✓  $\text{HfO}_2$ ,  $\text{ZrO}_2$  and  $\text{CeO}_2$  NPs show mild to no toxicity.
- ✓ Higher toxicity correlated to chemical contamination
- ✓ Chemical reactive oxide species (ROS) production indicative of NP toxicity
- ✓ NPs producing ROS in water are most toxic.

## Cell-based method (HBE lung cells)



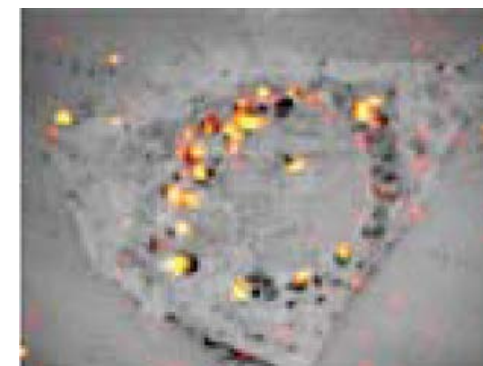
# Predicting, Testing, and Neutralizing Nanoparticle Toxicity

**Goal:** Understand the factors that impact and reduce single-walled carbon nanotube (SWNT) toxicity.

**Approach:** Develop standard sonication and centrifugation processes to disperse SWNTs and assess their impact on the proliferative ability of a standard cell line.

## Results:

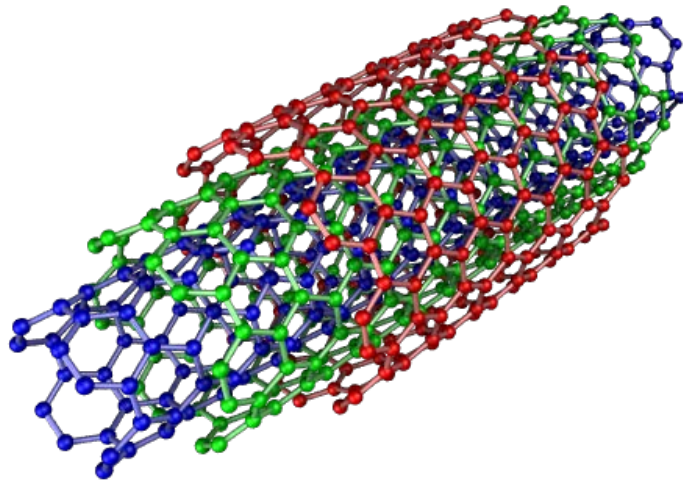
- SWCNT toxicity tends to correlate with contaminants, such as oxidized amorphous carbon species.
- Removal of these toxic contaminants appears to reduce the toxicity associated with carboxylated SWNTs.



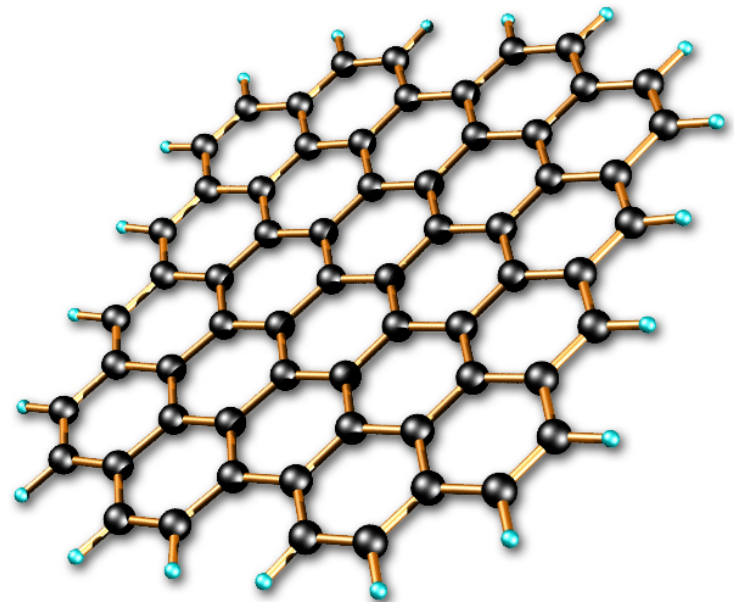
Sub-cellular location of SWCNTs using Raman microscopy.

# Nanoelectronics: Beyond Today's Technology

- Can we store and send 1's and 0's using something other than charge?
- Are there materials that offer advantages?



Carbon Nanotubes



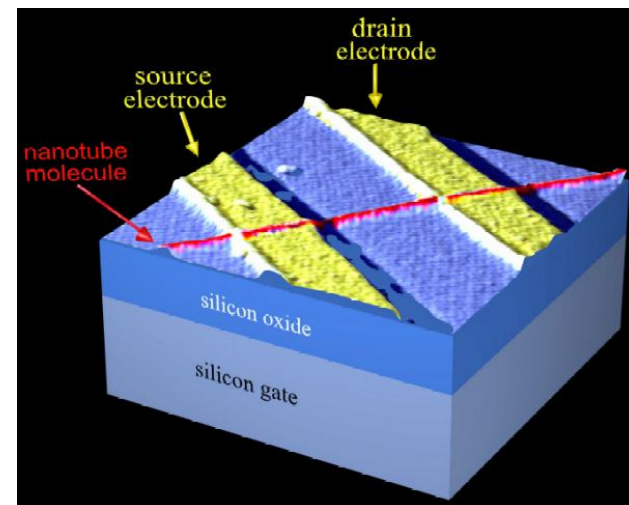
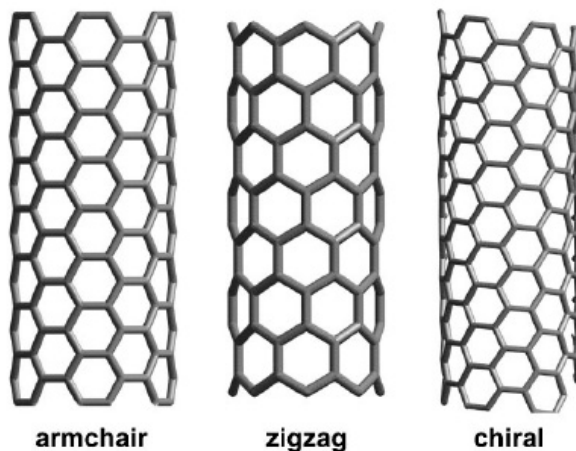
Graphene

# Carbon Nanotube Electronics

Carbon nanotube properties make them candidates to replace CMOS in transistor.

Challenges include:

- Making/sorting homogenous semiconducting material
- Precise placement of nanotubes
- Scalable process

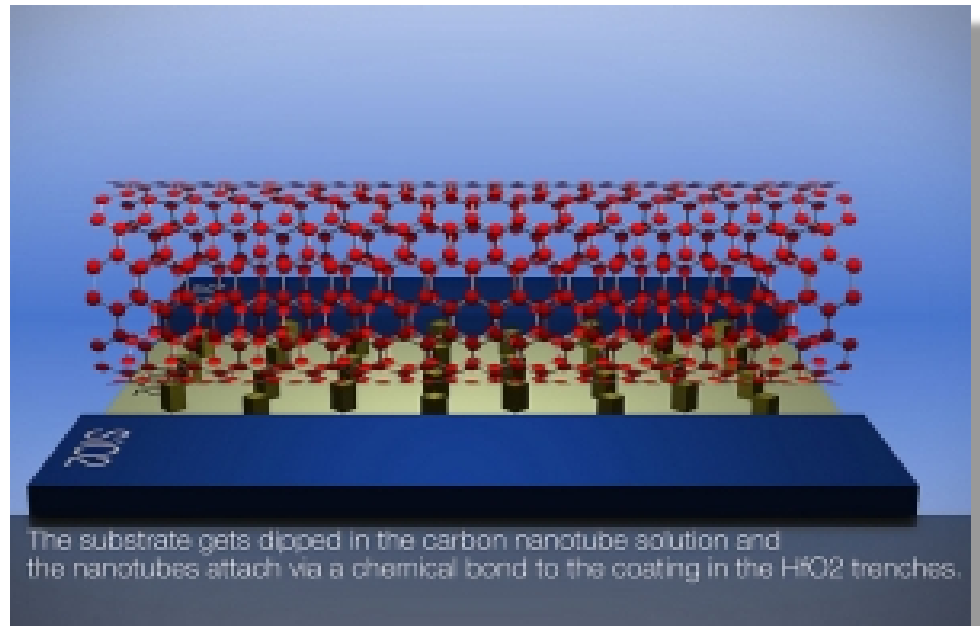




# Carbon Nanotube Electronics

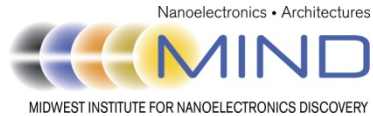
IBM researchers have discovered how to:

- precisely place carbon nanotubes on a computer chip,
- arrange the nanotubes 100 times more densely than earlier methods, and
- build a chip with more than 10,000 carbon nanotube-based elements





# Nanoelectronics Research Initiative Industry-Govt Partnership



★ Notre Dame  
Penn State

Purdue  
UT-Dallas



★ SUNY-Albany

Purdue  
Harvard  
Columbia

U. Virginia  
GIT  
MIT



Western  
Institute of  
Nanoelectronics

★ UC Los Angeles  
UC Berkeley  
UC Irvine  
UC Riverside  
UC Santa Barbara



SWAN

Southwest Academy of Nanoelectronics

★ UT-Austin  
UT-Dallas  
U. Maryland  
GIT

Rice  
NCSU  
Texas A&M

■ Brown  
U. Alabama  
Northwestern  
Carnegie Mellon  
MIT  
Notre Dame (2)  
Columbia / U. Florida  
U. of Minnesota  
Cornell / Princeton  
Drexel University / UI-UC / U. Penn



■ Columbia  
Illinois-UC  
Stanford  
Nebraska-Lincoln  
Penn State  
Princeton / UT-Austin  
UC-Santa Barbara  
UC-Riverside / Georgia  
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U. Pittsburgh / U. Wisconsin-Madison / Northwestern

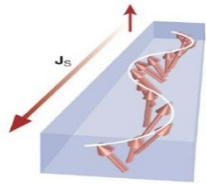
Over 40 Universities in 19 States



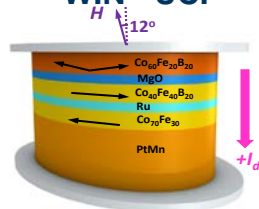
# NRI: Research on Novel Materials and Devices for “Beyond Moore’s Law”



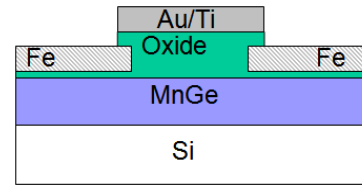
## Spin-Wave Device WIN - UCLA, UCSB



## Spin-Torque Device WIN - UCI

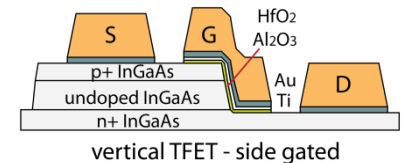


## Spin-FET WIN - UCLA

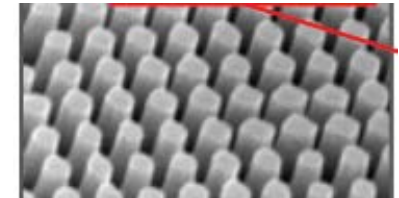


## Tunnel Devices MIND

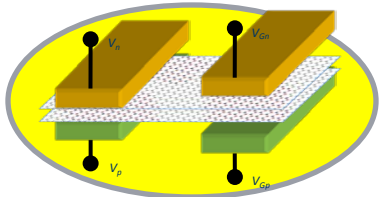
### Heterojunctions Notre Dame, Penn State



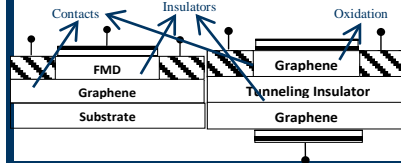
### Nanowires Penn State



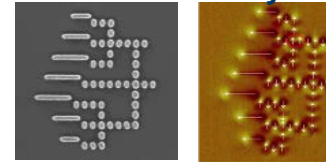
## Bilayer pseudoSpin SWAN - UT Austin



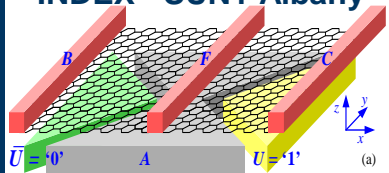
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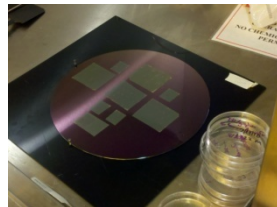
## Nanomagnet Logic MIND - Notre Dame WIN - Berkeley



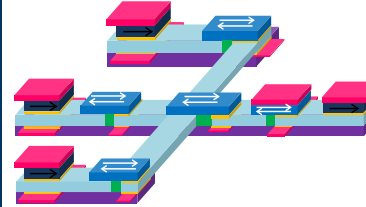
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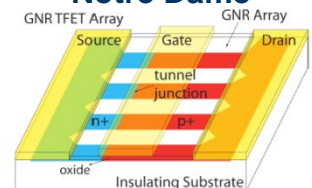
## Graphene Integration INDEX – SUNY Albany



## All-Spin Logic INDEX - Purdue U.



## Graphene Notre Dame



# Looking Ahead

- Sustainable industry and sustainable nanotechnology go hand in hand
- Areas where work is needed:
  - Nano metrology/characterization
  - Nanomanufacturing
  - Nano sensors
  - Sustainability metrics

# Take Away Messages

- Industries are keenly interested in sustainability from a business perspective
- Nanotechnology offers the potential to reduce use of resources and make new greener products
- Nanoelectronics (aka semiconductor industry) has potential to raise sustainability of many other industries

