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# RESEARCH FAB MICROELECTRONICS GERMANY (FMD)

**The Virtual Institute for Combined Microelectronic Research and Development**

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Mikroelektronik**  
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Fraunhofer Group for Microelectronics in cooperation  
with Leibniz institutes FBH and IHP



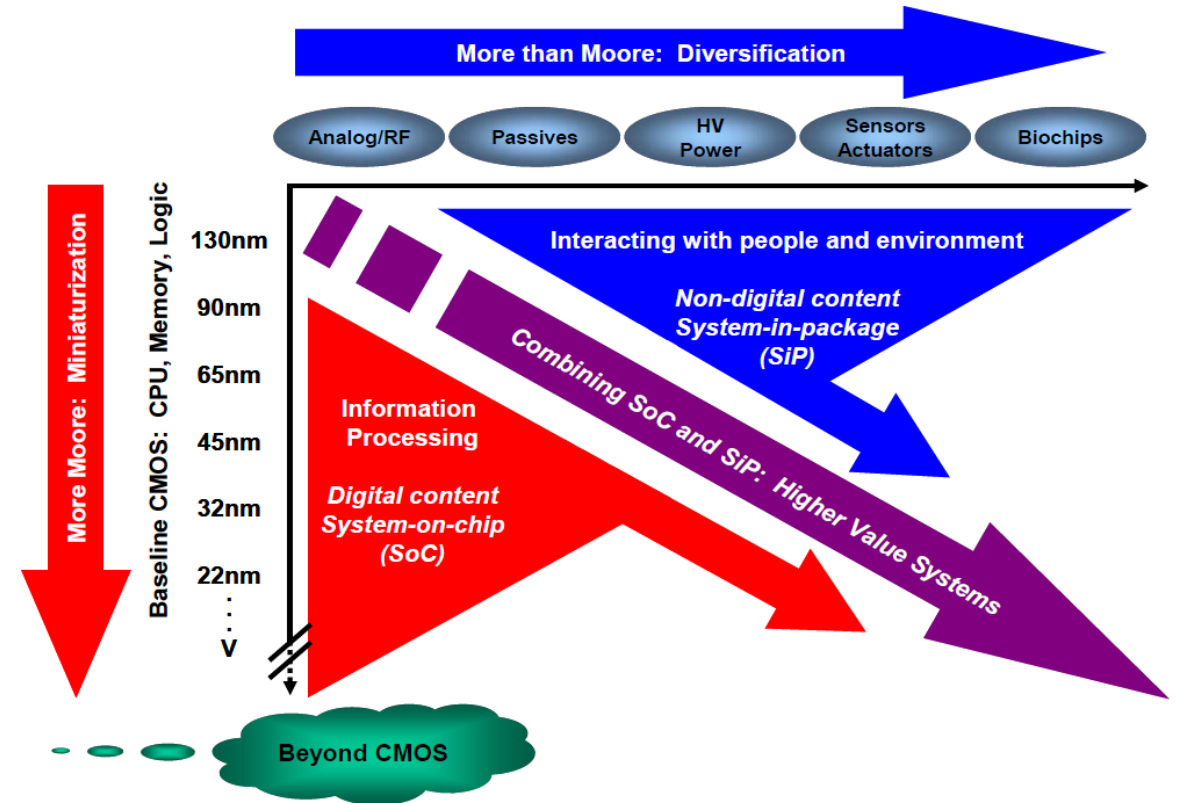
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# Mircoelectronic development trends

- **Micro- and Nanoelectronics** are key enabling technologies for all major industrial areas in Germany and Europe
- The development cycles are decreasing rapidly in the area of leading-edge technologies («More Moore») as well as in the field of microsystems («More than Moore»)
- **New development and solutions for the Internet-of-Things could be generated only by strong cooperation efforts between different expertises**





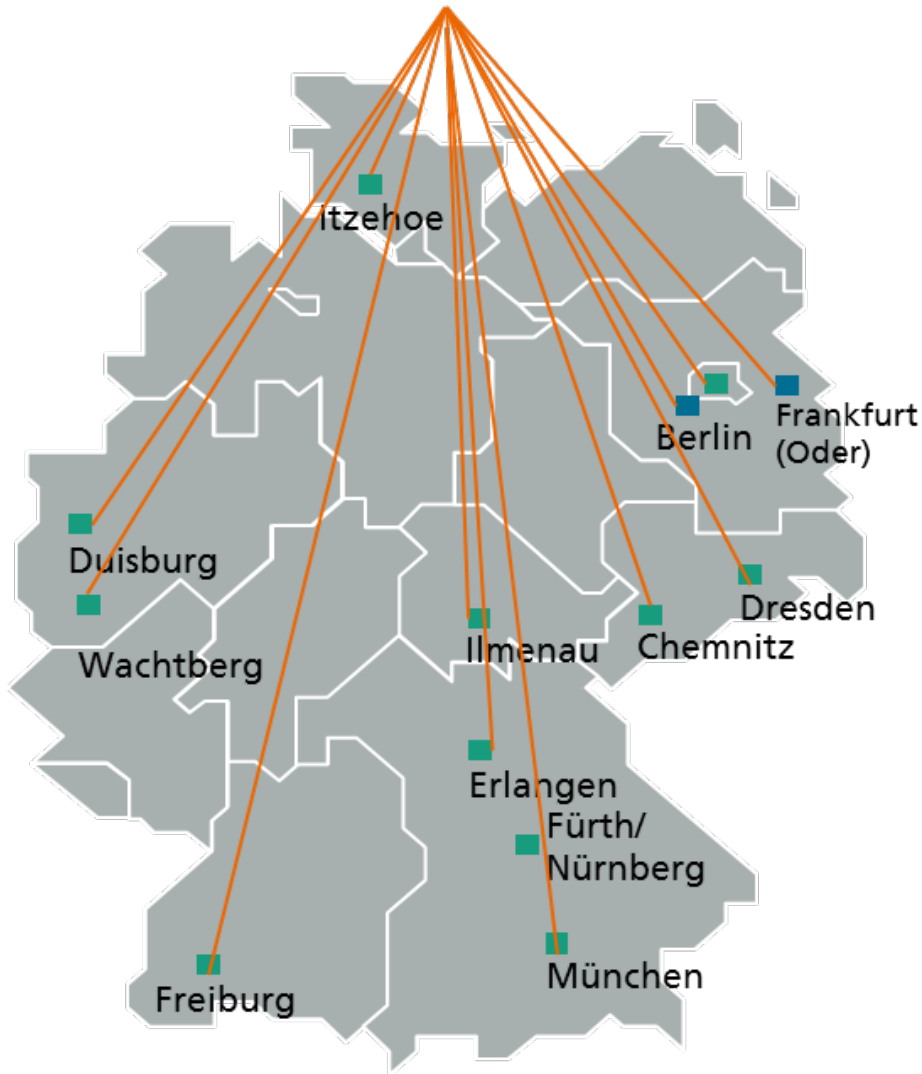
After handing over the grant approvals issued by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research, April 6, 2017 in Berlin

- Project volume 348,1 Mio. Eur
  - Fraunhofer 279,6 Mio. Eur
  - Leibniz 68,5 Mio. Eur
- Duration 4 years (2017-20)



## Project Research Fab Microelectronics Germany

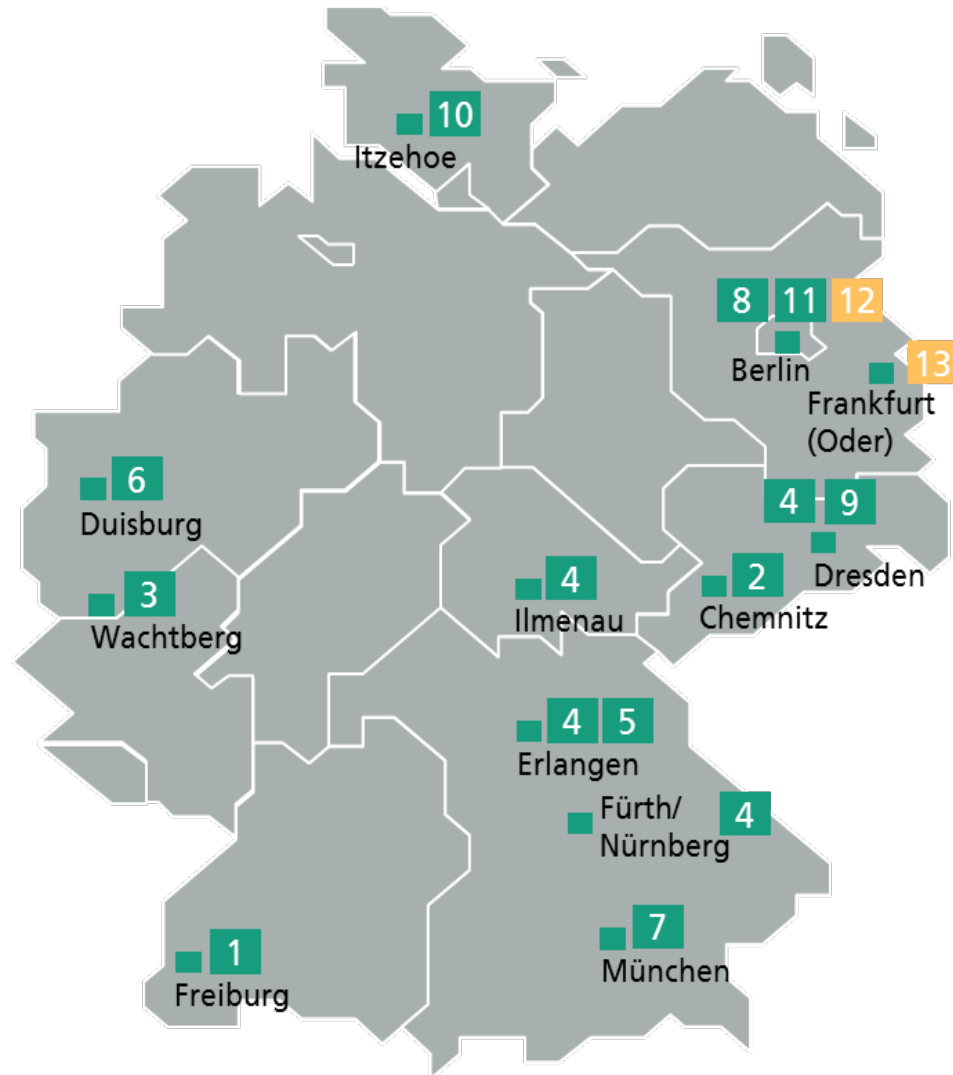
- Largest Federal Ministry of Education and Research Project in the area of Microelectronics
- Targets
  - Setup of a virtual institute for the coordination of the cooperation partners inside the technology parks
- Investments in new machinery across the four technology parks:
  - Silicon-based technologies
  - Compound semiconductors
  - Heterointegration
  - Design, testing and reliability



## One-Stop-Shop for developments from wafer technologies to complete systems

- The FMD combines the expertise and infrastructure of 13 Research Institutes to deliver complete developments out of one hand
- The FMD will represent a reorganization of more than 2000 scientists and the necessary equipment for technological research and development under a single, virtual roof
- To prepare the FMD for future developments additional infrastructure investment of 350 Mio. € is planned

# Research Fab Microelectronics Germany – Founding Participants



## Fraunhofer Institutes for

- 1 Applied Solid State Physics **IAF**
- 2 Electronic Nano Systems **ENAS**
- 3 High Frequency Physics and Radar Techniques **FHR**
- 4 Integrated Circuits **IIS**
- 5 Integrated Systems and Device Technology **IISB**
- 6 Microelectronic Circuits and Systems **IMS**
- 7 Microsystems and Solid State Technologies **EMFT**
- 8 Telecommunications, Heinrich Hertz Institute **HHI**
- 9 Photonic Microsystems **IPMS**
- 10 Silicon Technology **ISIT**
- 11 Reliability and Microintegration **IZM**

## Leibniz Institutes for

- 12 Hochstfrequenztechnik, Ferdinand-Braun-Institut, **FBH**
- 13 Innovations for High Performance Microelectronics **IHP**

# FMD One-Stop-Shop



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## Technology Park 1

Investment  
140,6 Million Euro

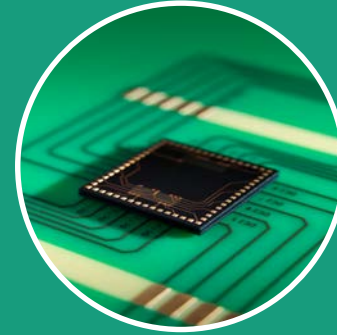
Silicon-based technologies



## Technology Park 2

Investment  
73,3 Million Euro

Compound semiconductors



## Technology Park 3

Investment  
43 Million Euro

Heterointegration



## Technology Park 4

Investment  
83,8 Million Euro

Design, testing and  
reliability



# Research Fab Microelectronics Germany

## Competencies alongside the value chain





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Design &  
Design Methods

Materials and processes  
Devices and components

Heterogeneous  
Integration / SiP

Characterization, Test  
& Reliability

- Design Methods
  - Modeling and simulation
  - Function verification
- Design
  - System design
  - Component design and IP
- Prototyping
  - Hardware-in-the-loop concepts
  - Emulation



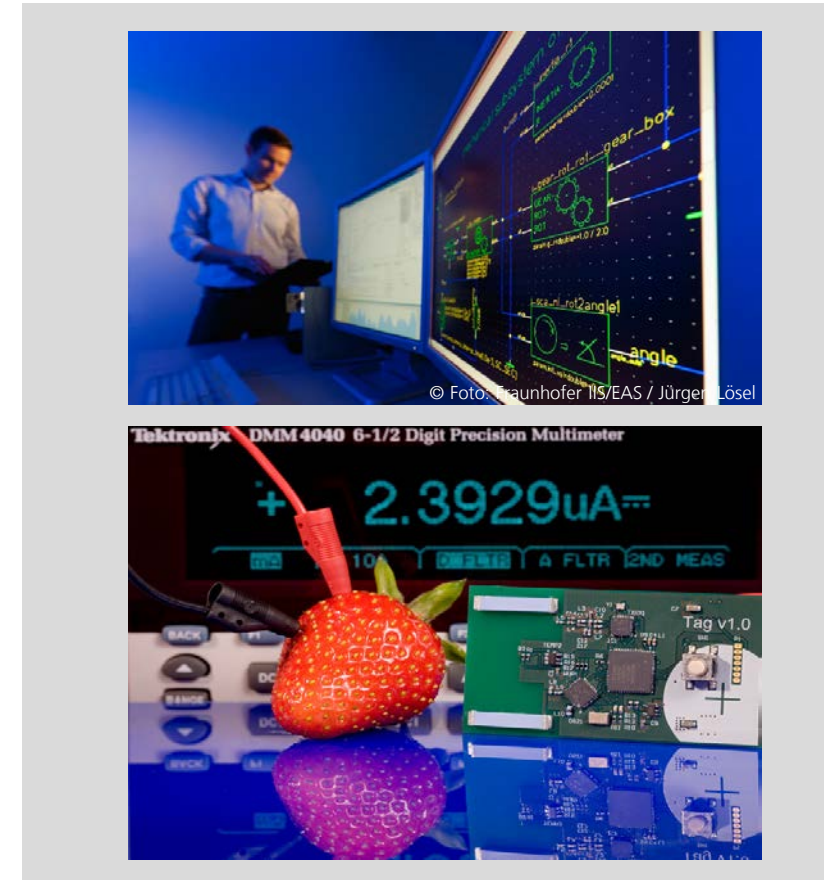
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# Technology Park 4 »Design, testing and reliability«

## Design methods and prototyping

- Functional Safety
  - verifiable design safeness, particularly regarding system integrity already in early design phases
  - integrated verification environment from concept via implementation to prototyping
  - Hardware-in-the-Loop
- Low-Power
  - development of analog and digital ultra-low-power circuits ("zero power design")
  - characterization and evaluation e.g. of future energy-efficient storage concepts
- Extension of design capabilities to FDSOI and FinFET technologies
- Focus of applications on: mobility, industry 4.0, IoT



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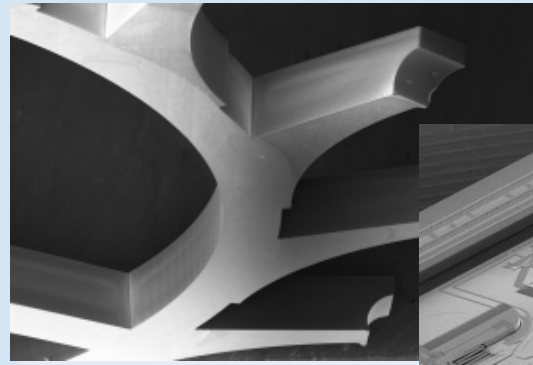
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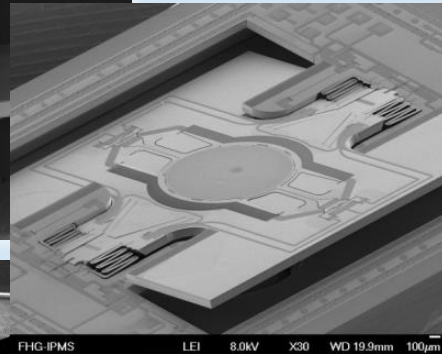
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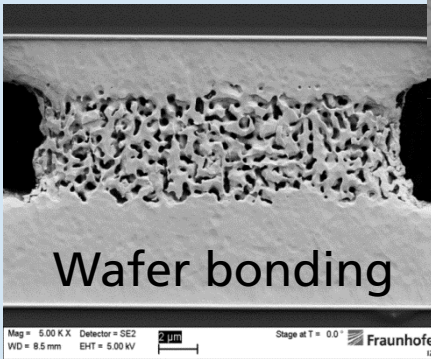
Characterization, Test  
& Reliability



Bulk  
micromachining



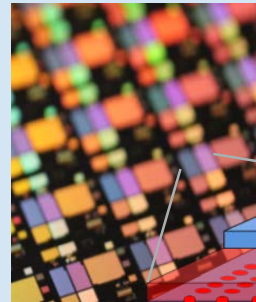
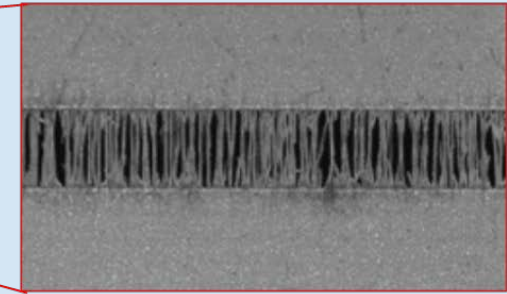
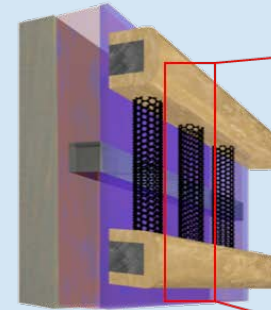
FHG-IPMS LEI 8.0kV X30 WD 19.9mm 100µm



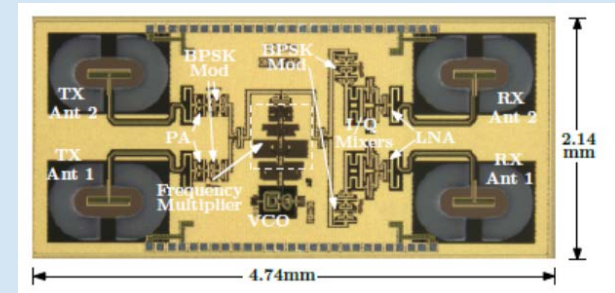
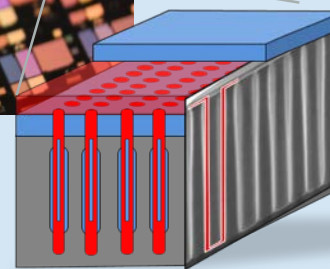
Wafer bonding

Mag = 5.00 K.X Detector = SE2  
WD = 8.5 mm EHT = 5.00 kV  
Fraunhofer IZM

CNT  
based FETs



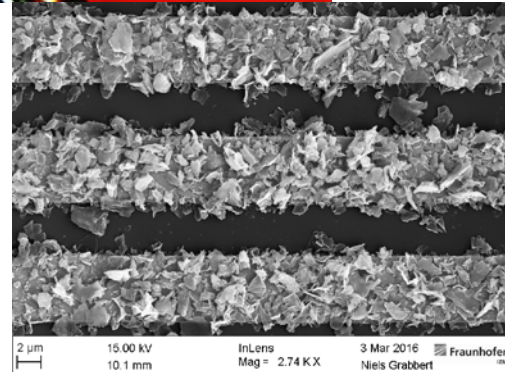
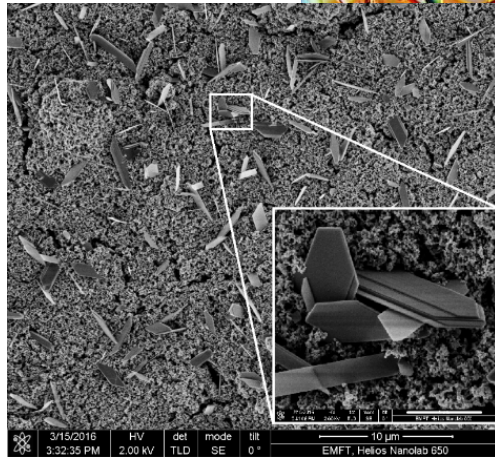
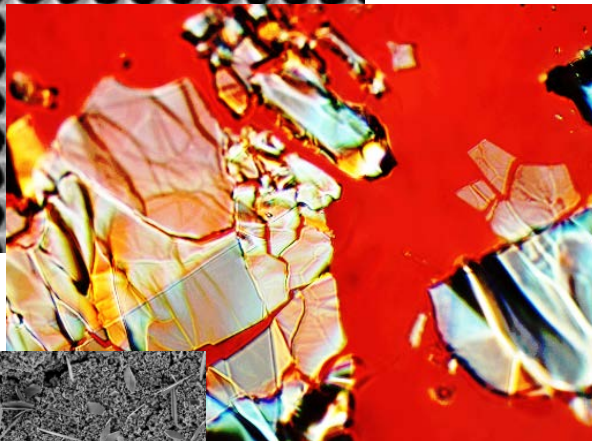
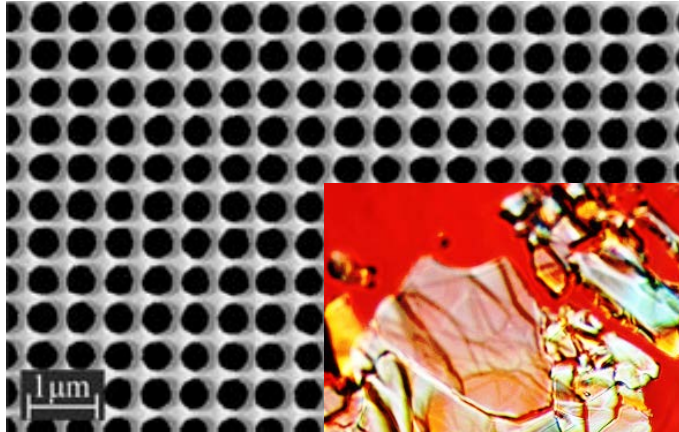
Silicon capacities



BiCMOS integrated THz antenna

# Technology Park 1 »Silicon-based technologies«

## Novel material systems for chemical and physical sensors/actuators

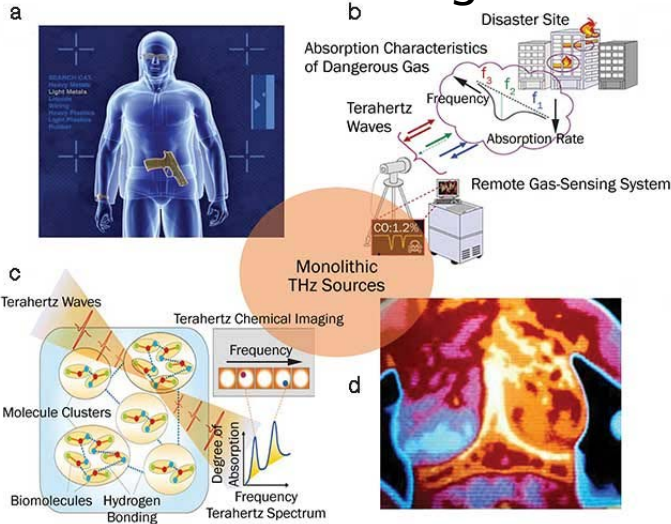


- Plasmonic structures
  - Nano-antenna for THz/mid-infrared sensors
  - Spectroscopic anti-reflexion layer and reflection layers
  - Bio-sensors
- Novel Materials for physical/chemical sensors
  - Metal-Dichalcogenides
  - Carbon Nano-Tubes, Fullerene, Organic molecules and Layers
  - Nanoparticle systems
- CMOS compatible piezoelectric materials

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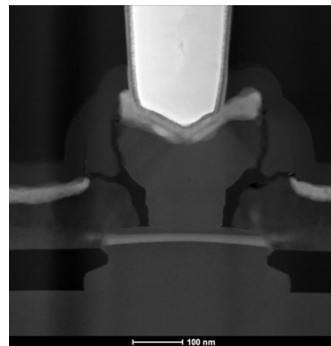
## SiGe based high frequency and sensor devices

### THz Sensing

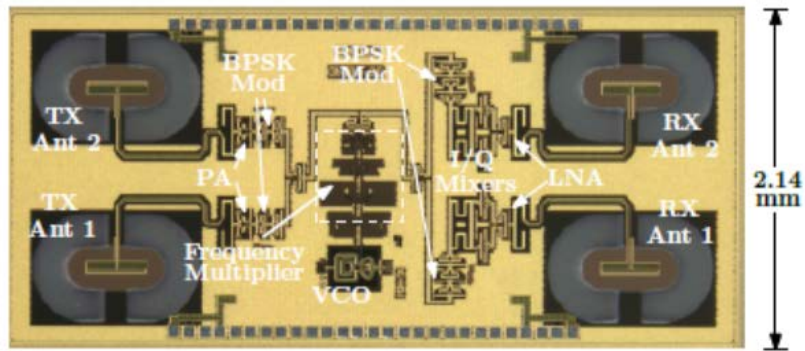
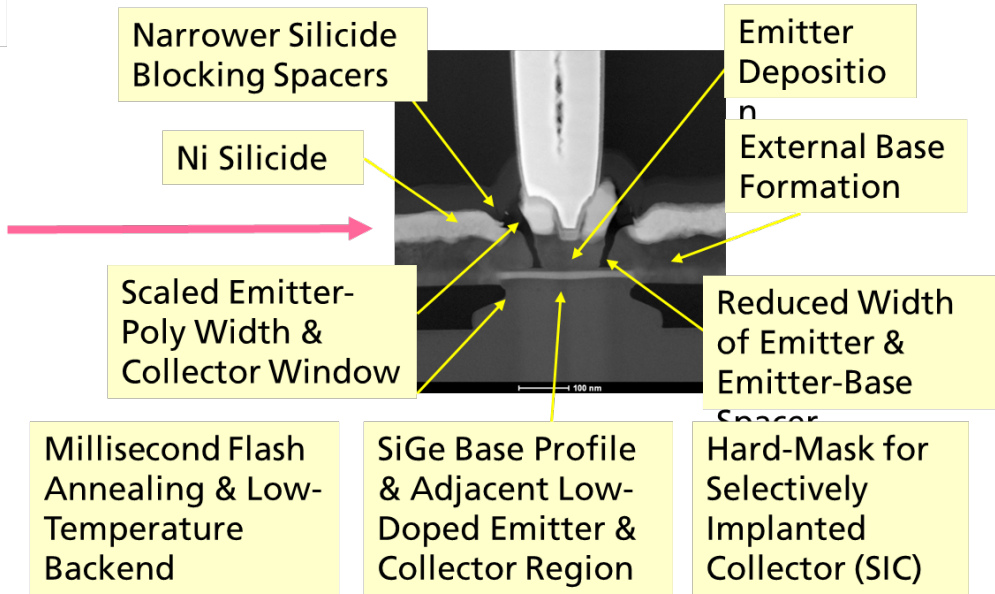


- MEMS based devices for Terahertz sensors
- Terahertz antennas
- BiCMOS High frequency devices

Starting Point  
SG13G2



Final Status (D7)  
[Heinemann, IEDM 2016]



BiCMOS integrated THz antenna

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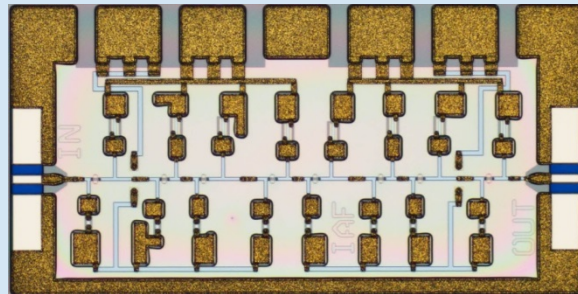
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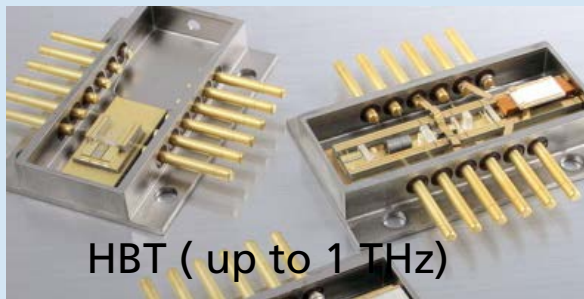
Heterogeneous  
Integration / SiP

Characterization, Test  
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### Highest Frequency Devices and Circuits

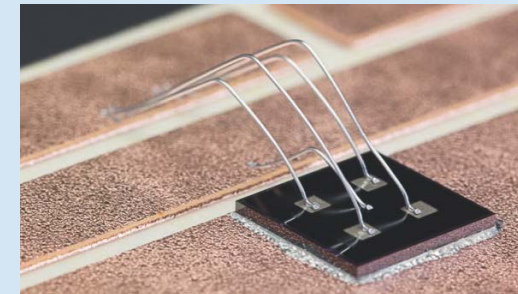


mHEMT (up to 1 THz)

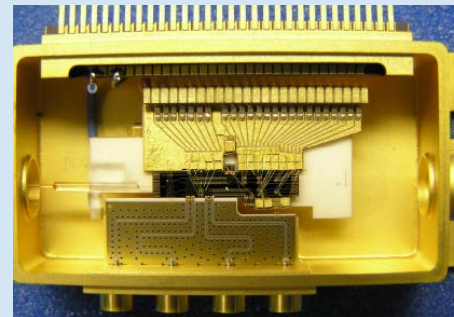


HBT ( up to 1 THz)

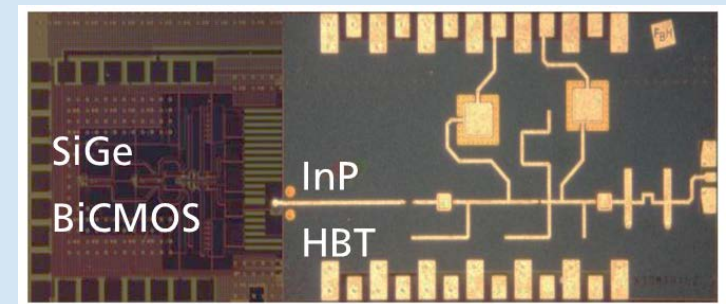
### Wide Bandgap Power Electronics



SiC 3300V MOSFET



InP based optoelectronics



# Technology Park 2 »Compound semiconductors«

## Highest Frequency Devices and Circuits

IAF Freiburg, FBH Berlin

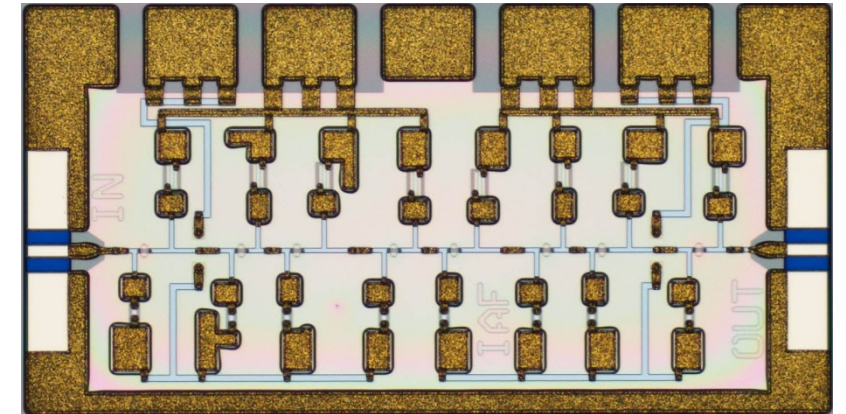
### Highest frequency technologies up to 1 THz

- InGaAs-on-GaAs metamorphic HEMT (mHEMT) technology for extremely low noise broadband amplifiers (esp. receivers)
- InGaAs-on-InP Heterojunction Bipolar Transistor (HBT) technology for transmitter with extremely high power density

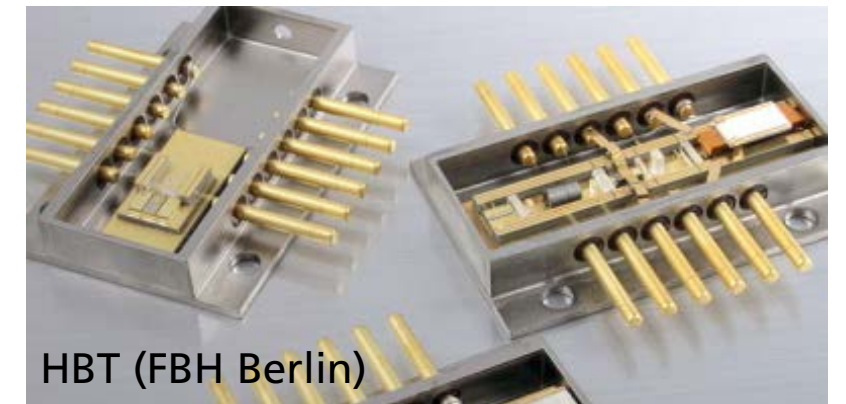
### Applications

- Electronic circuits up to 1 THz for
  - High-resolution Radar sensors and 3D cameras
  - Radiometers with highest sensitivity for satellite-based earth observation
  - mm-wave (~300GHz) wireless communication with highest bandwidths
    - 300 GHz directional radio link demonstrator "Terranova"

Purely electronic access to so-called "Terahertz gap"



mHEMT (IAF Freiburg)



HBT (FBH Berlin)

# Technology Park 2 »Compound semiconductors«

## Optoelectronics for Data Communication and Generation of THz Radiation

HHI Berlin

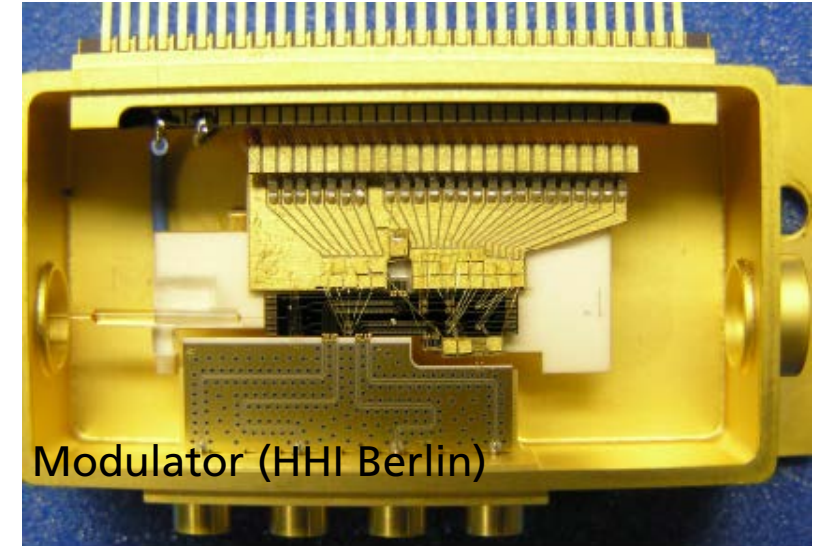
### Glas fibre-based optoelectronics for data communication

- InP-based optoelectronics (modulators, detectors, lasers, THz-photoemitters) at 1310 nm and 1550 nm
- Integrated Photonic Circuits (PICs): completely on InP substrates, or as InP chips for integration with Si photonics or polymer photonics

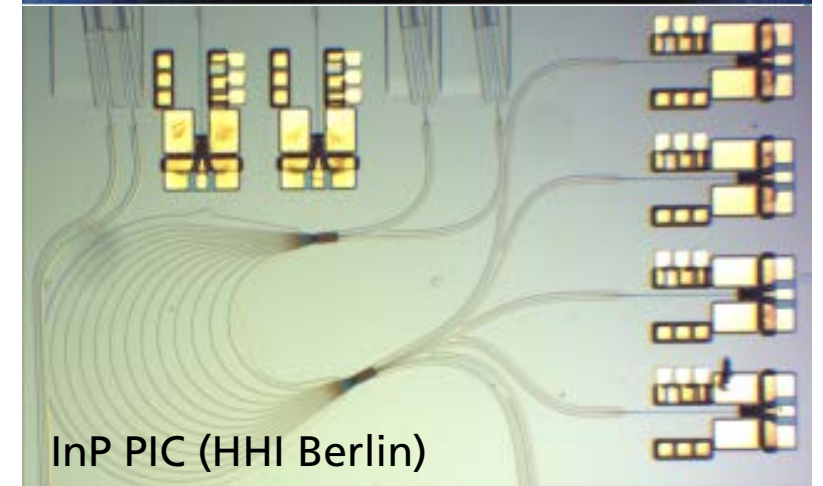
### Applications

- Transmitter and receiver chips with data rates up to 1 Tb/s for optical fibre networks (internet backbone)
- Integrable InP transmitter chips for Si photonics and polymer photonics in optical interconnects (e.g. rack-to-rack in server rooms)
- InP transmitter und receiver chips for THz measurement systems with 0.1-6 THz for nondestructive material analysis

Highly efficient industry standard for fibre-optic communication



Modulator (HHI Berlin)



InP PIC (HHI Berlin)



# Technology Park 2 »Compound semiconductors«

## Wide Bandgap Power Electronics

IISB Erlangen, IAF Freiburg, FBH Berlin, ISIT Itzehoe

### SiC based Power and High Temperature Electronics

- Novel voltage classes up to 10 kV
- Permanent operating temperatures > 250°C
- Vertical diodes and MOSFETS, bipolar high voltage switches, compensation devices

### GaN based power switches, converters and amplifiers

- Power conversion from kHz up to 100 MHz for switching power supplies
- RF power amps for mobile communication and radar up to 300 GHz
- Novel vertical diodes and MOSFETs up to 1.2 kV
- Fabrication on SiC (up to 100 mm) and Si (up to 200 mm) substrates

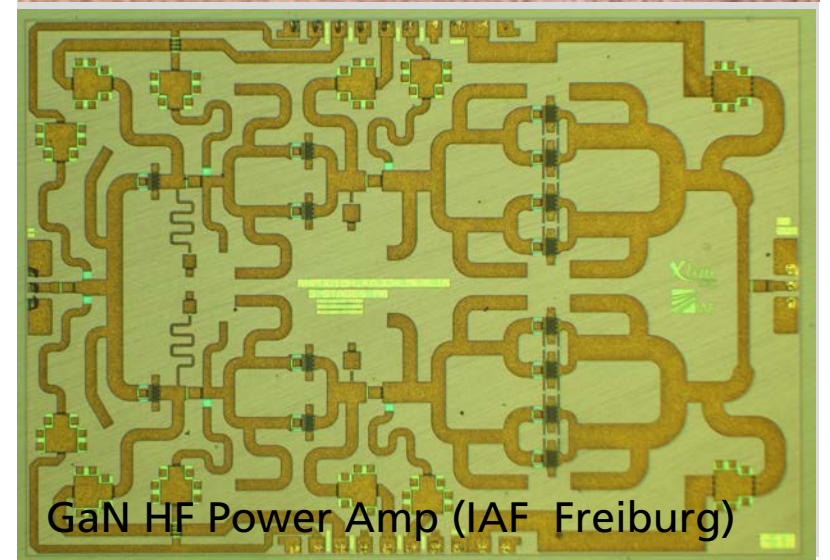
### Novel semiconductors with very large bandgap

- Evaluating the potential of AlN (6 eV), Ga<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (4.8 eV)

Excellent electric strength, temperature stability, and cooling



SiC 3300V MOSFET (IISB Erlangen)



GaN HF Power Amp (IAF Freiburg)

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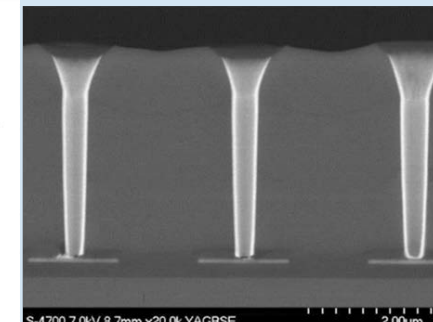
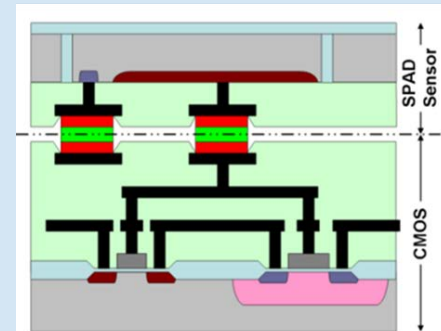
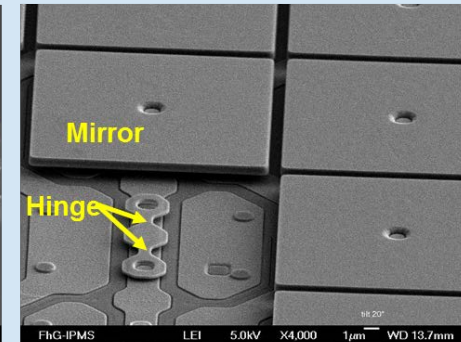
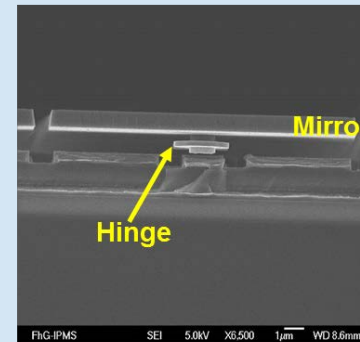
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Heterogeneous  
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Characterization, Test  
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### ■ Post-CMOS integration technologies for sensors and actuators

- SPADs
- Pressure sensors
- CMUTs
- Chemical and biosensors
- IR-Microbolometer-Arrays
- Spatial light modulators



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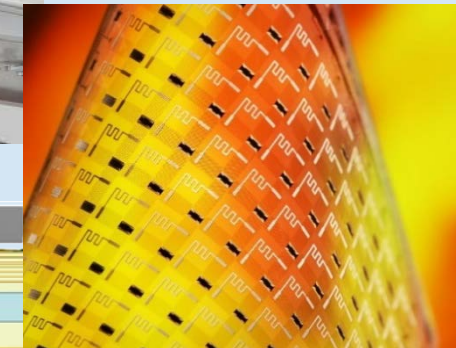
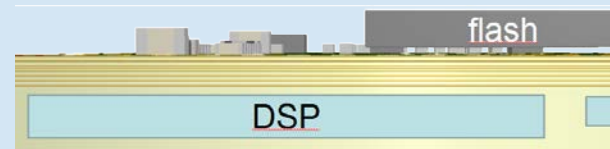
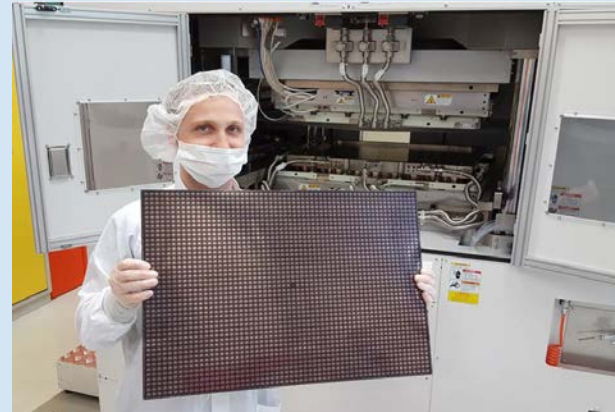
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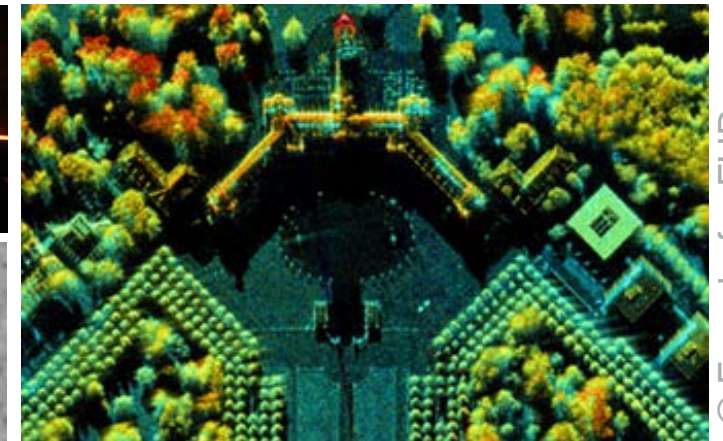
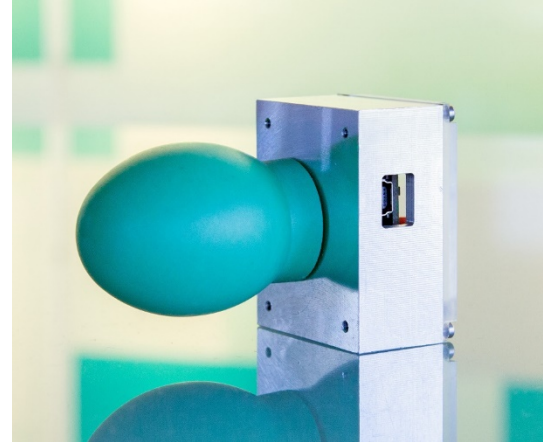
- Memory, CPU, FPGA  
– (Single- & Multi Chip) Packaging
- MEMS, Sensor, Actuator
- Optoelectronic/Photonic
- Integrated Power Device
- Display/RFID/Flex
- RF and Analog Mixed Signal
- Advanced Substrate / Interposer



# Technology Park 3 »Heterogeneous Integration«

## MicroWave & TeraHertz Integration Line

- Radar Applications
  - Space to In-line-AOI
  - Security to Spectroscopy
- Ultra-high Bandwidth up to 300 GHz Radar
  - Highest achievable level of integration by integrating many components in one single SiGe-Chip
  - Very large applicable temperature range from -40 C up to +85 C.



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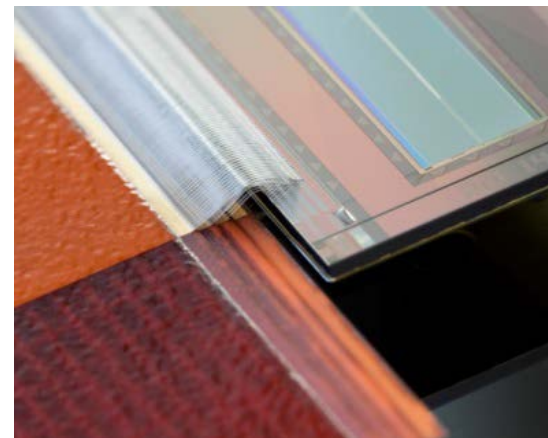
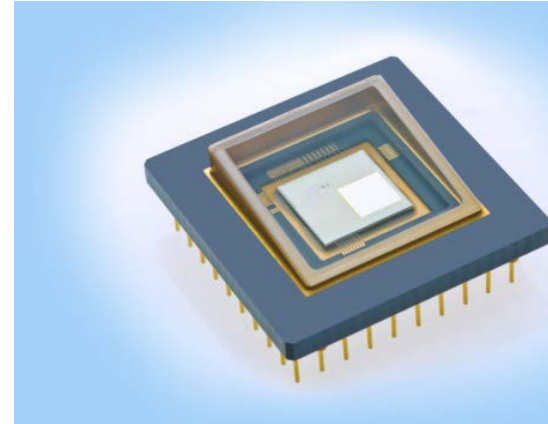
## NEMS/MEMS Packaging Integration Line

### ■ Full Services Offer

- Device and packaging construction (3D CAD)
- Material selection (Package, Protection, ...)
- Simulation (thermal, optical, electrical)
- Methodology evaluation
- Chip Integration on Foil Sheets

### ■ Technology Prospects

- Extreme planar packaging technologies for several millions micro mirrors per chip
- MEMS Packaging within clean room class ISO4 [US-Kl.10 – fully automated assembly



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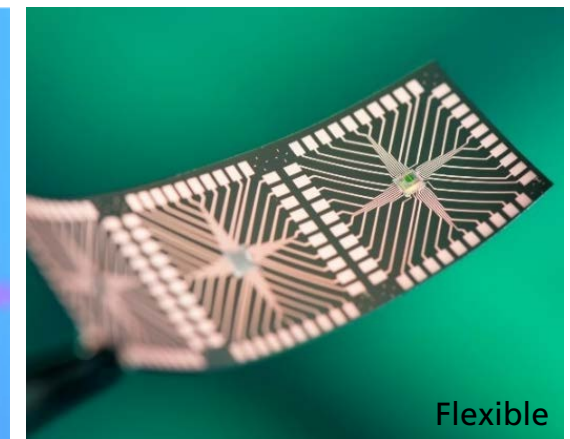
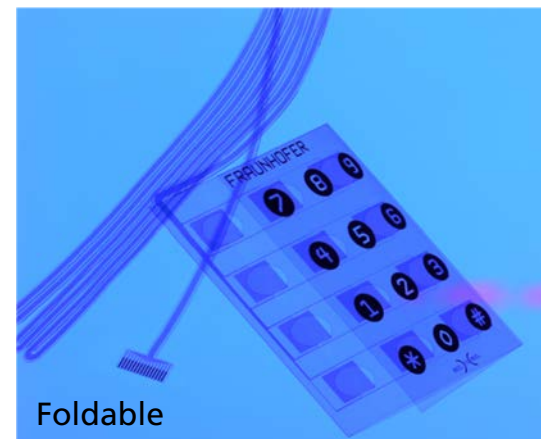
## Flex Substrate Integration Line

### ■ Current Technology State

- Production of high density redistribution layer on foils in Reel-to-Reel (RzR)
- Chip Integration on Foil Sheets

### ■ Technology Improvement

- Integration of adaptive lithography for inline correction of the Foil Distortions within the Reel-to-Reel-process (RtR)
- Extremely thin and foldable Chip-Foil-Packages in RtR
- Module-based integration von multi-functional foil systems



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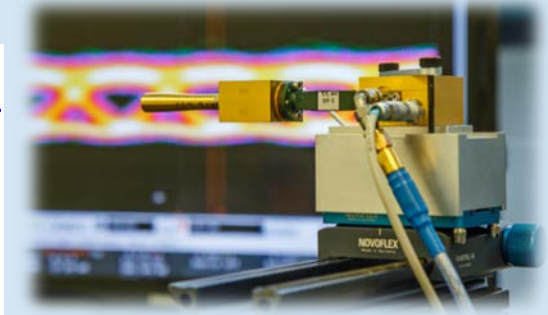
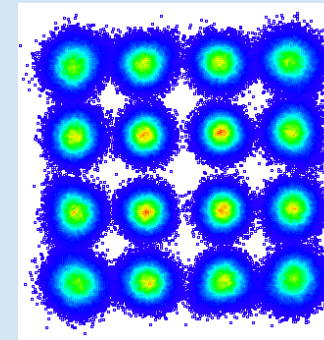
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- Characterization of materials and devices
- Measurement and analysis of circuits and systems
- Reliability assessment



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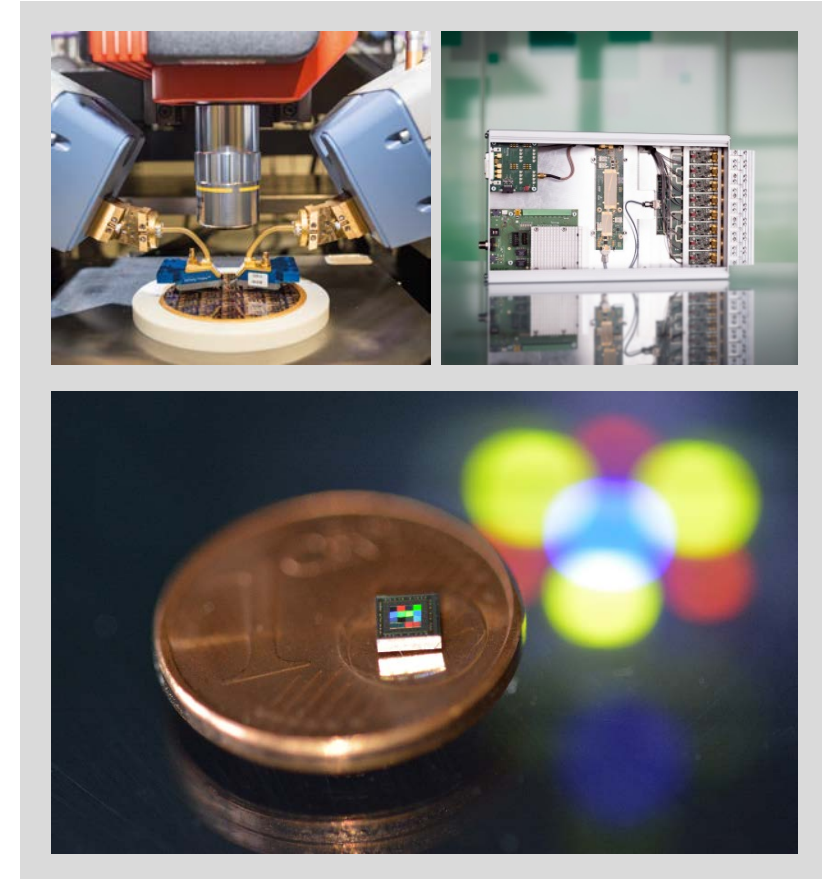
## Characterization, measurement, and analysis

### Characterization of materials and components

- General analysis and measurement equipment in almost all technological areas of FMD
- Special focus on
  - NEMS, MEMS, MOEMS
  - power-electronic devices

### Measurement and analysis of circuits and systems

- Optoelectronic sensors
- Ultra-high frequency circuits and systems
- Digitalization of HF functions
- Novel sensor concepts





# Technology Park 4 »Design, testing and reliability«

## System test, test methods, and reliability

### System test under realistic conditions

- New concepts of information processing
- Broadband data transmission
- New antenna concepts and integration technologies

### Test methods and reliability assessment

- Test and analysis at component level with focus on complex structures
- Analysis technologies for evaluation of complex stress scenarios
- Design for reliability with focus on harsh environment



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