

MEMS Research in S. Tanaka Lab, Tohoku University



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検索 

Tohoku University in Sendai



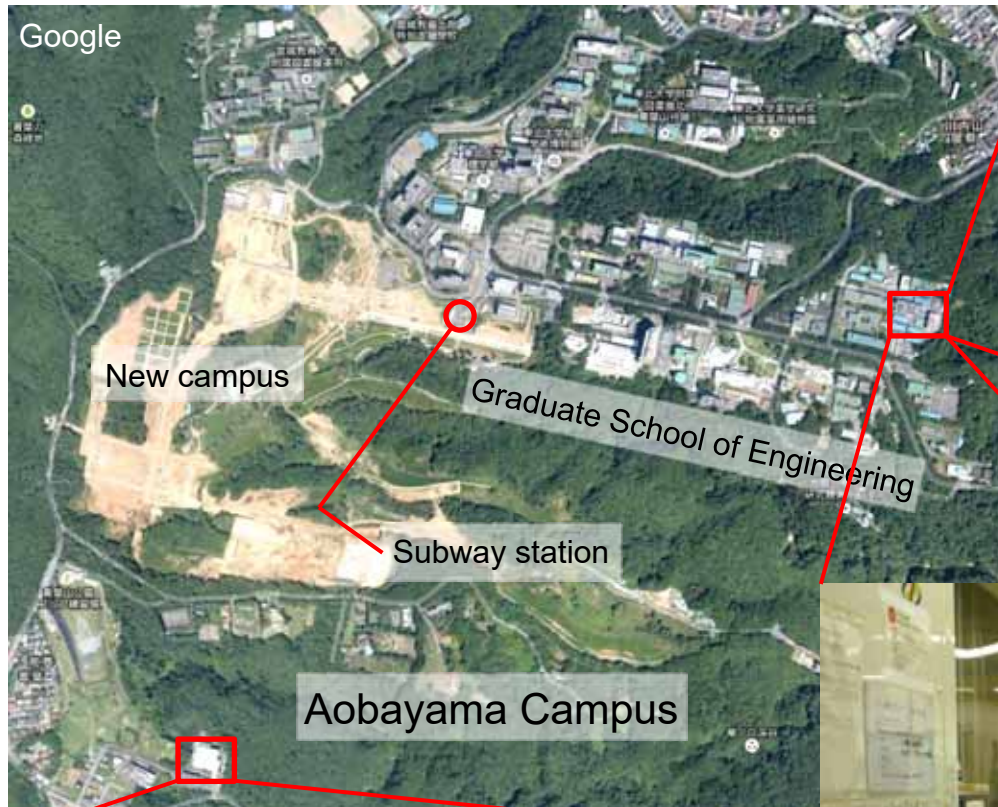
Sendai is the largest city in the north east area of Japan, where Tohoku University is located. Sendai and Tokyo are connected by bullet trains in 1.5 hours.



Tohoku University was established as Japan's third national university in 1907. Tohoku University is proud to be ranked among Japan's leading universities.



MEMS Facilities in Aobayama Campus



Micro/Nano-Machining Research and Education Center (MNC)



J. Nishizawa Memorial Research Center



S. Tanaka Laboratory Cleanroom

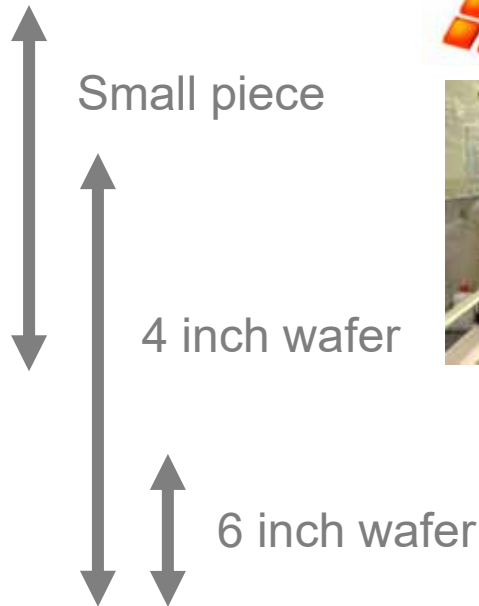
Industry-Relevant R&D System in Tanaka Lab

From basic research to practical development for industrial customers

S. Tanaka Lab's cleanroom

Micro/Nano-Machining Research & Education Center (MNC)

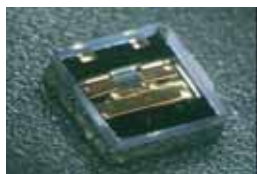
Microsystem Integration Center (μ SIC)



Areas of strength

Physical sensors, Piezoelectric devices, Acoustic wave devices (SAW and BAW), Wafer-level packaging, MEMS-LSI integration, Hetero-integration etc.

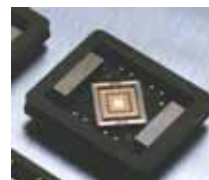
Examples of commercialization



RF-MEMS switch



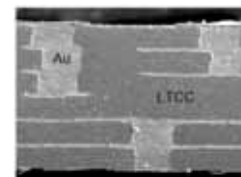
Vacuum sensor



Optical scanner



Ultra-small GT generator



LTCC MEMS packaging

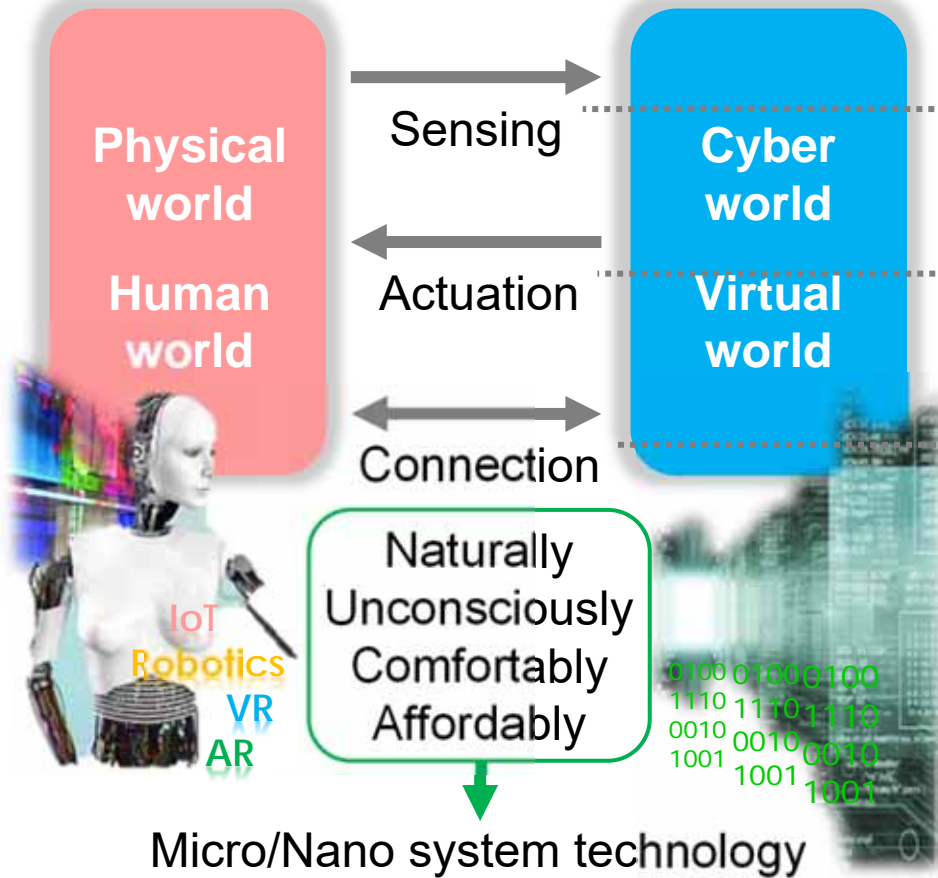


ALD tool



Wafer bonder

S. Tanaka Laboratory

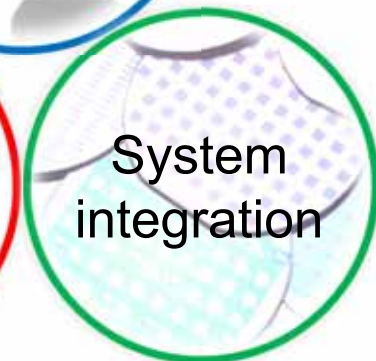
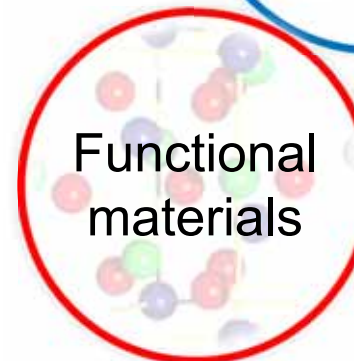
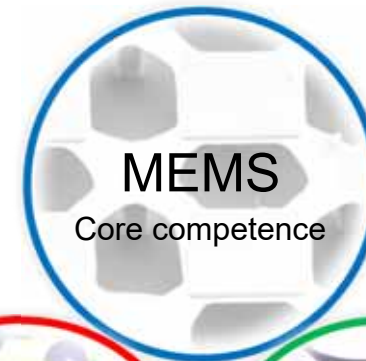


Research topics in 2018-2019

e.g. Tactile sensor, Gyroscope, Ultrasonic sensor, Microphone

e.g. Micromirror, Optical stage, RF MEMS switch

e.g. SAW and BAW filter



Recent research topics

Gyroscope, Ultrasonic transducer, Tactile sensor, Haptic device, MEMS speaker, Micromirror device, MEMS actuator stage, Acoustic wave device, Piezoelectric thin film, Packaging, ALD etc.



Whole Angle Gyroscope



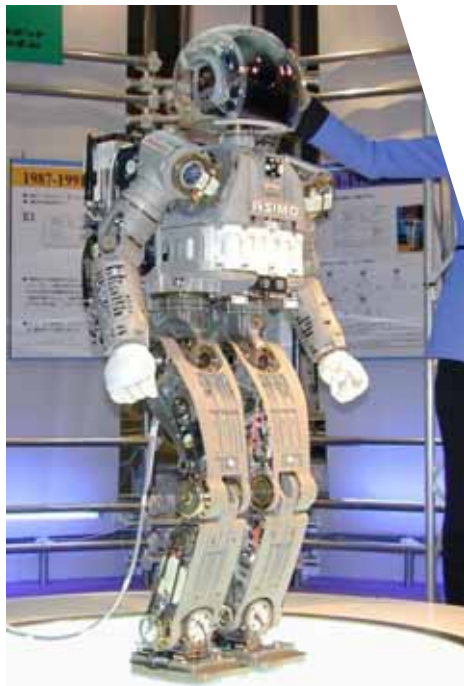
Applications Need High Performance Gyro



VR with position tracking
(The VOID)



Autonomous car (Nissan Motor)



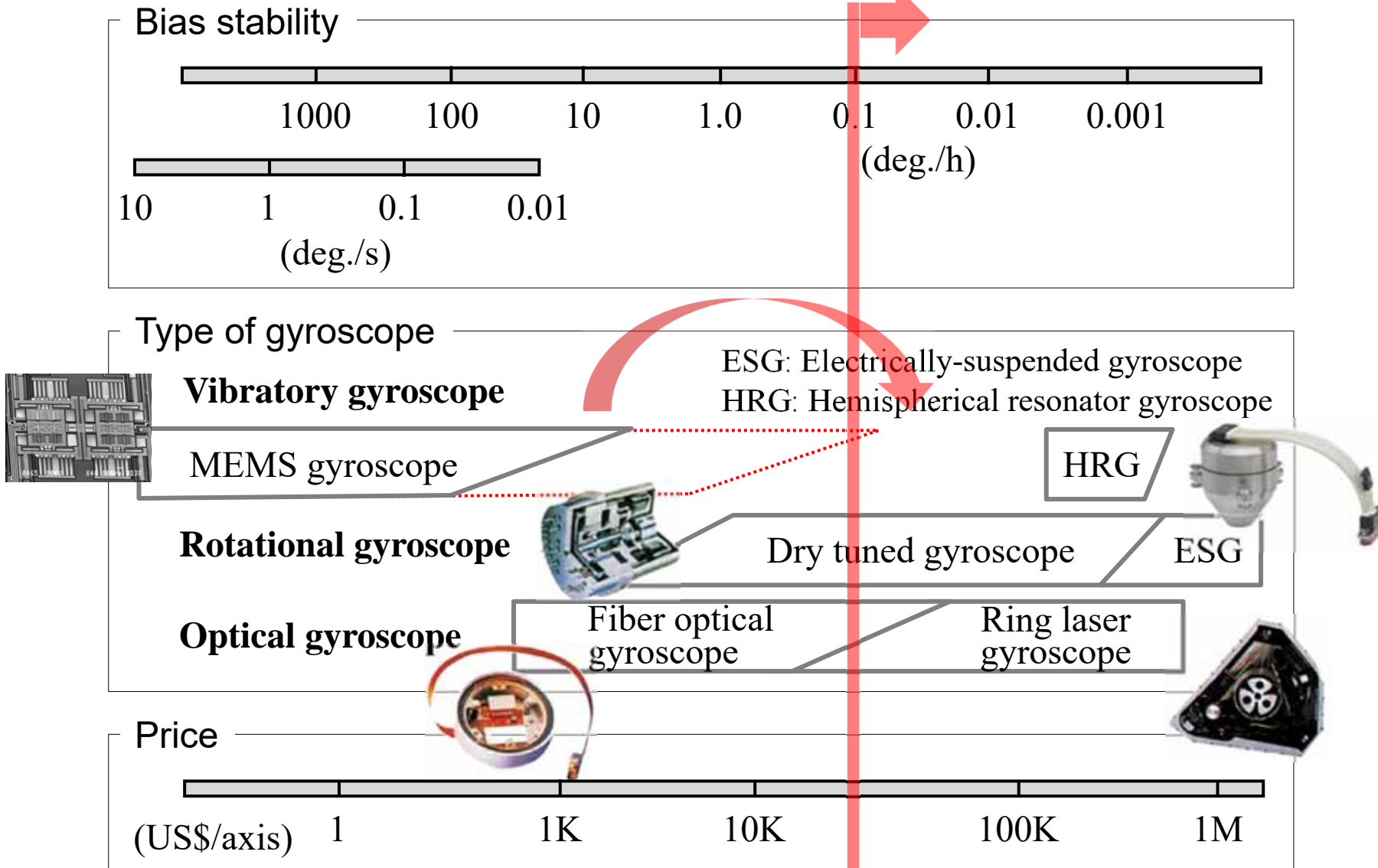
Robot "Asimo"
(Honda Motor)



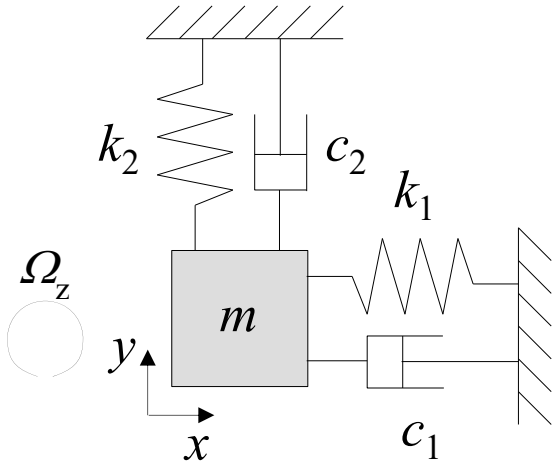
Autopilot indoor drone (DARPA)

Performance of Gyroscopes

S. Tanaka, Intl. Conf. "Global/Local Innovations for Next Generation Automobiles" (2015)



FM / Whole Angle Mode Gyroscope



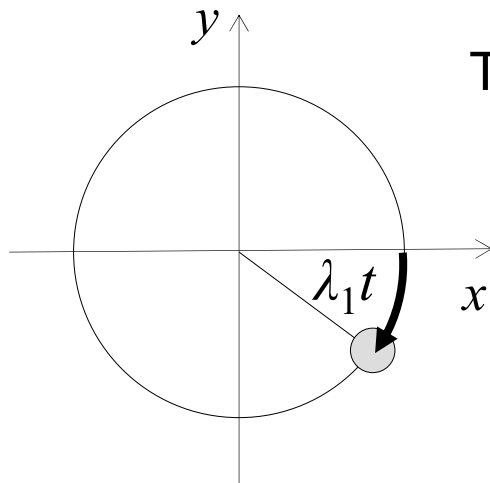
$$\begin{cases} \ddot{x} + \frac{c_1}{m}\dot{x} + \left[\frac{k_1}{m} - \Omega_z^2\right]x = 2\Omega_z\dot{y} \\ \ddot{y} + \frac{c_2}{m}\dot{y} + \left[\frac{k_2}{m} - \Omega_z^2\right]y = -2\Omega_z\dot{x} \end{cases}$$

Coriolis force

$$\lambda^2 = \left(\omega^2 + \Omega_z^2 + \frac{\Delta\omega}{4}\right) \pm \sqrt{\Delta\omega^2(\omega^2 + \Omega_z^2) + 4\omega^2\Omega_z^2}$$

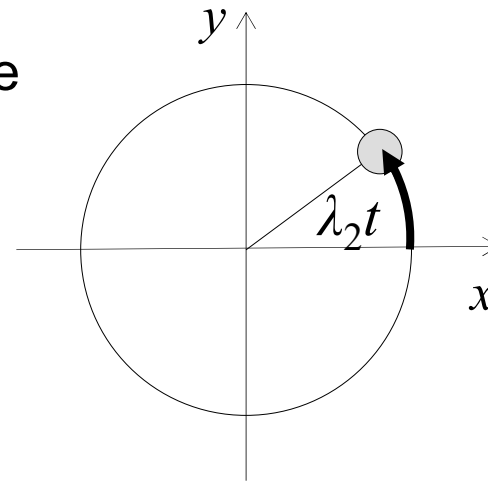
Assuming $\Delta\omega = \omega_1 - \omega_2 = 0$ (Mode match)

$$\lambda_1 = \omega + \Omega_z \quad \lambda_2 = \omega - \Omega_z \quad \Rightarrow \quad \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 = 2\Omega_z$$



CW mode ($\lambda_1 = \omega + \Omega_z$)

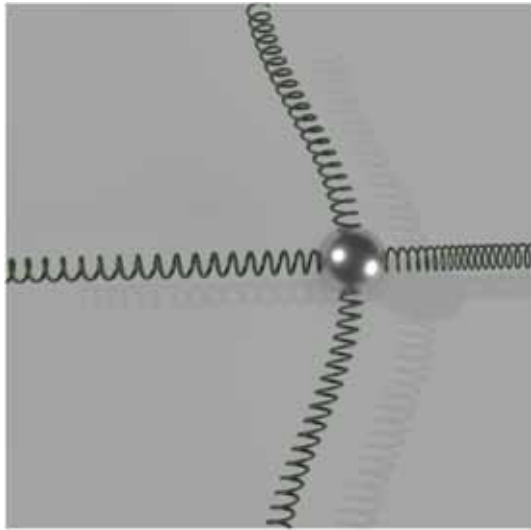
Temperature sensitive



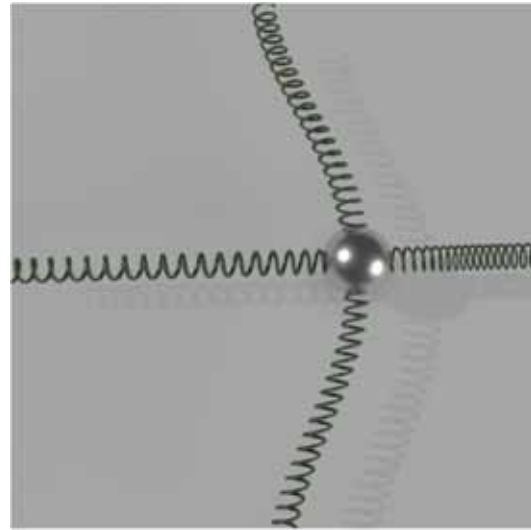
CCW mode ($\lambda_2 = \omega - \Omega_z$)

Temperature insensitive

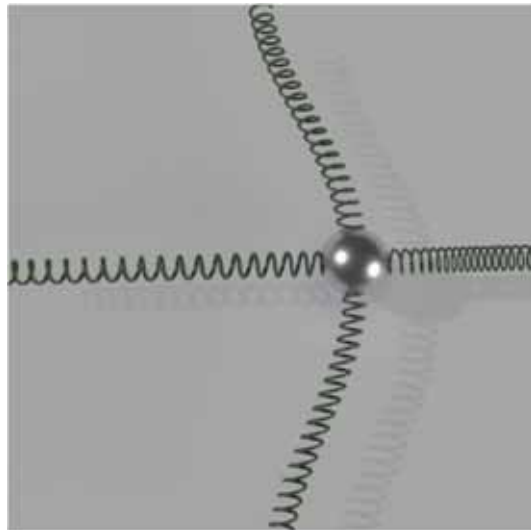
Whole Angle Mode Type Gyro



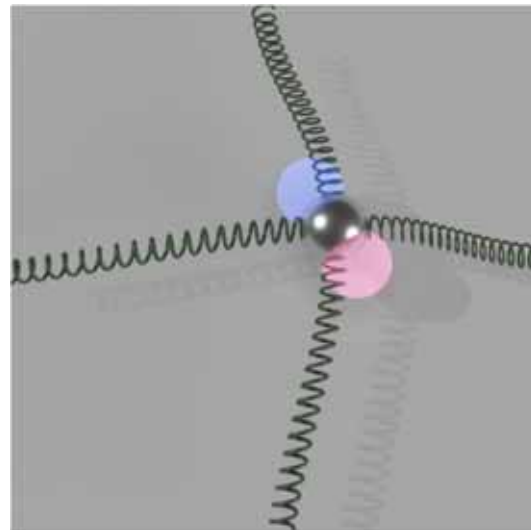
CW mode ($\lambda_1 = \omega + \Omega_z$)



CCW mode ($\lambda_2 = \omega - \Omega_z$)

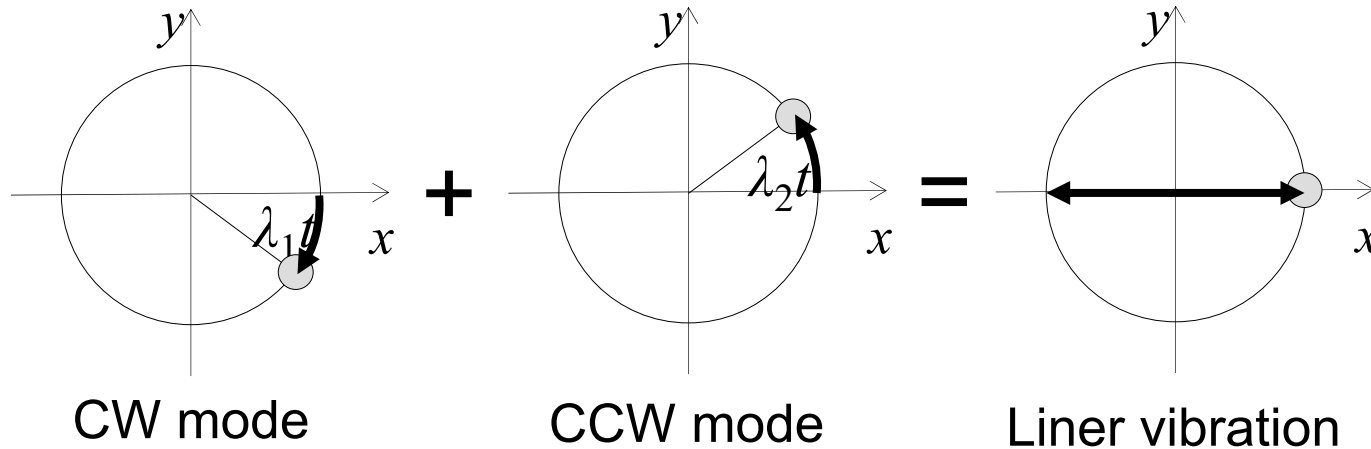


CW + CCW mode ($\Delta\phi = 0^\circ$)

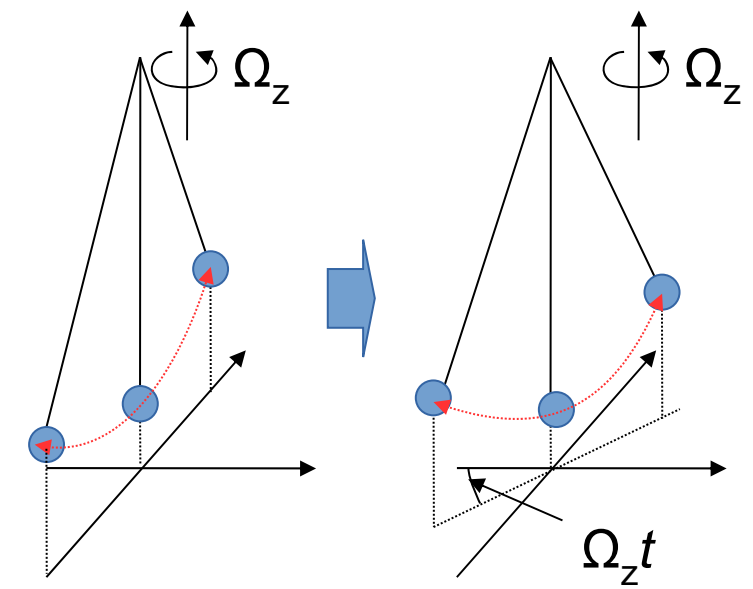


CW + CCW mode ($\Delta\phi = 90^\circ$)

Whole Angle Mode Gyroscope

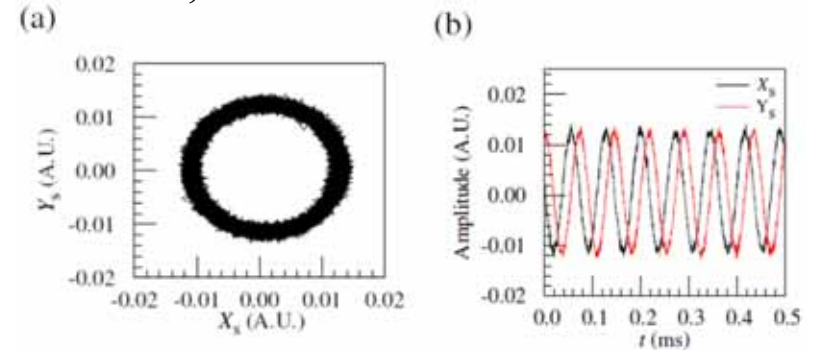
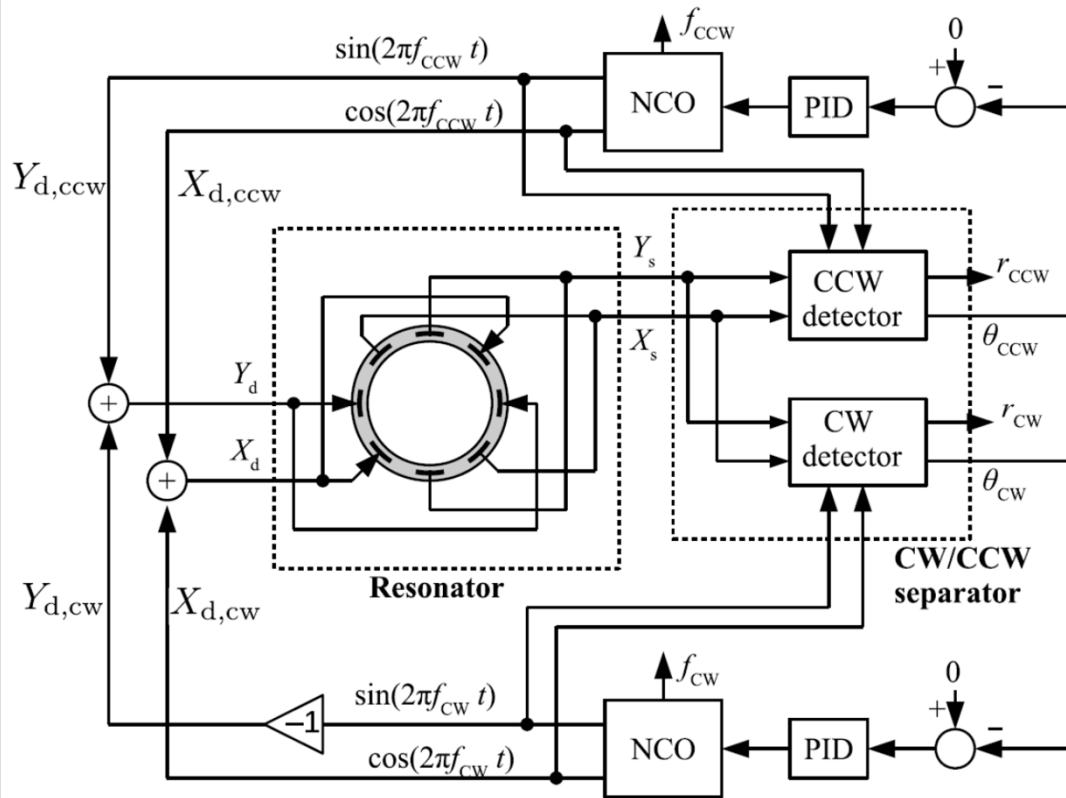


Foucault pendulum

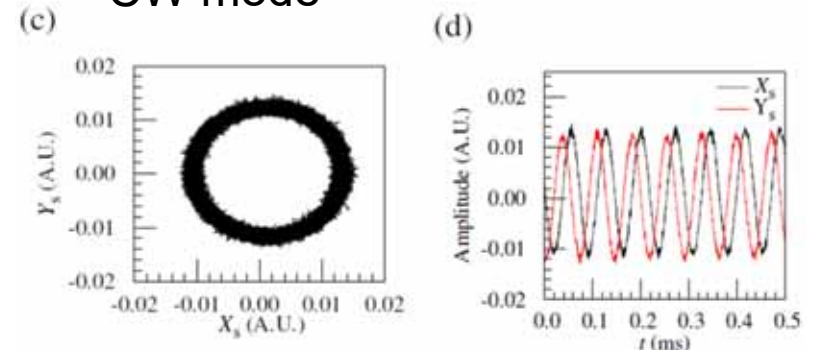


System of Whole Angle Mode Gyroscope

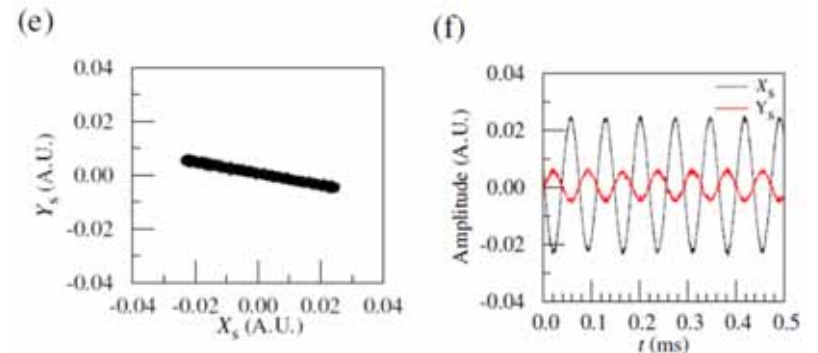
T. Tsukamoto, S. Tanaka, Tohoku University, IEEE MEMS 2017, IEEE Inertial 2017



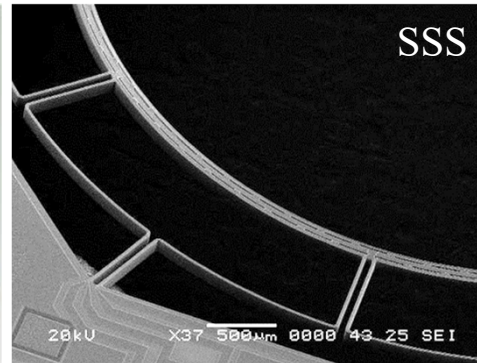
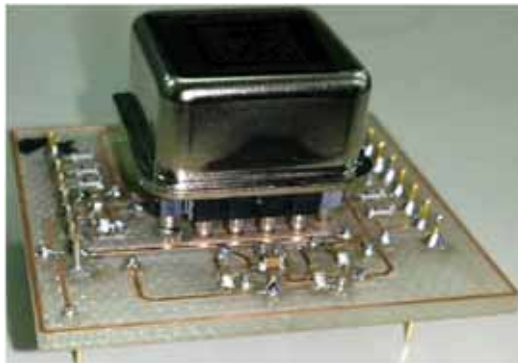
CW mode



CCW mode



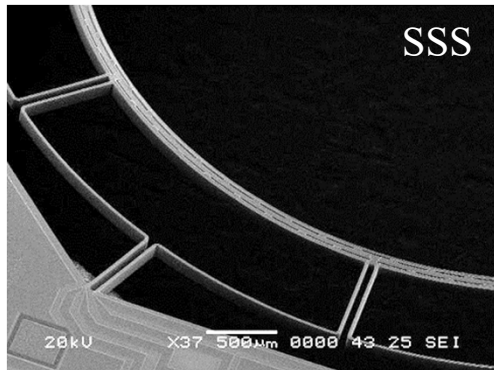
CW + CCW modes



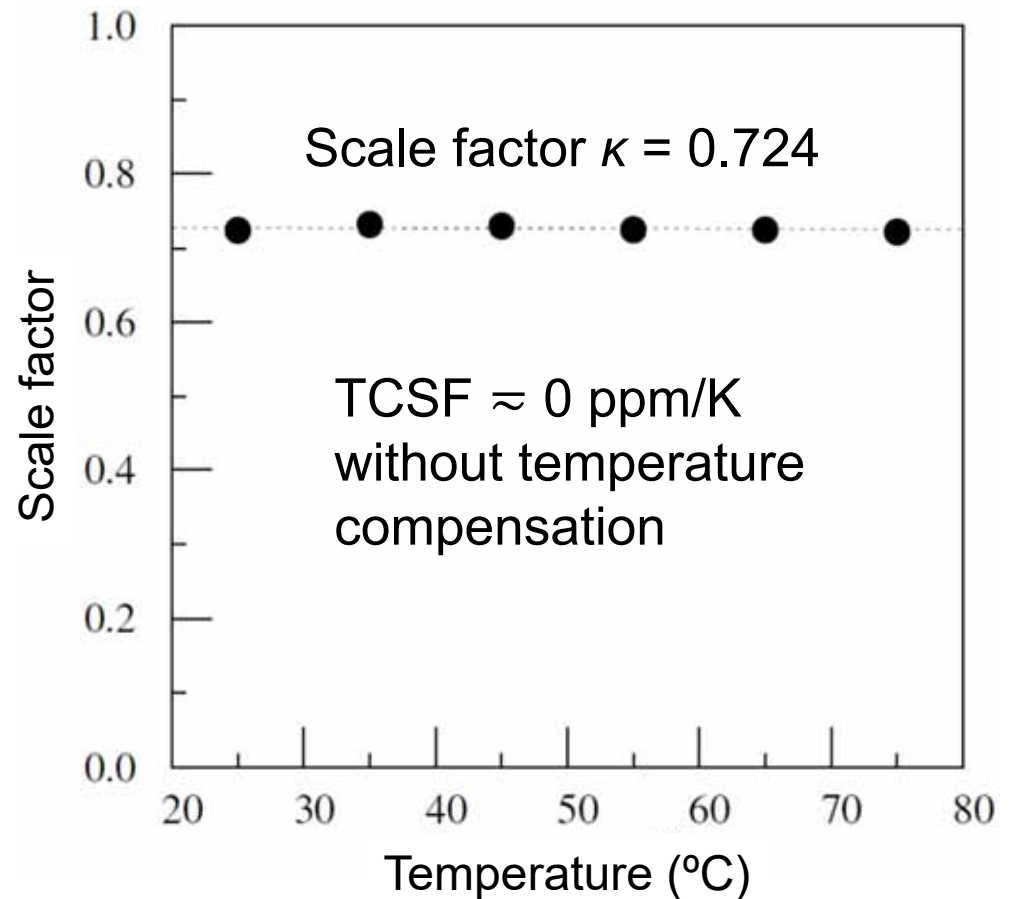
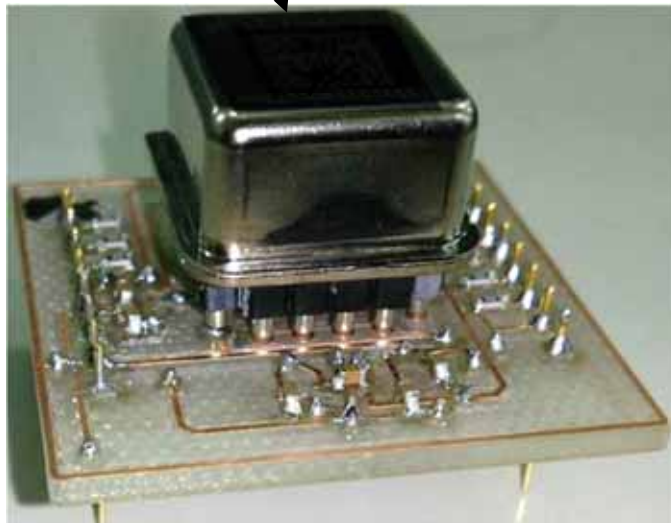
Foucault Pendulum Type Gyroscope



T. Tsukamoto, S. Tanaka, Tohoku University, IEEE MEMS 2017, IEEE Inertial 2017



MEMS ring resonator
in the vacuum package

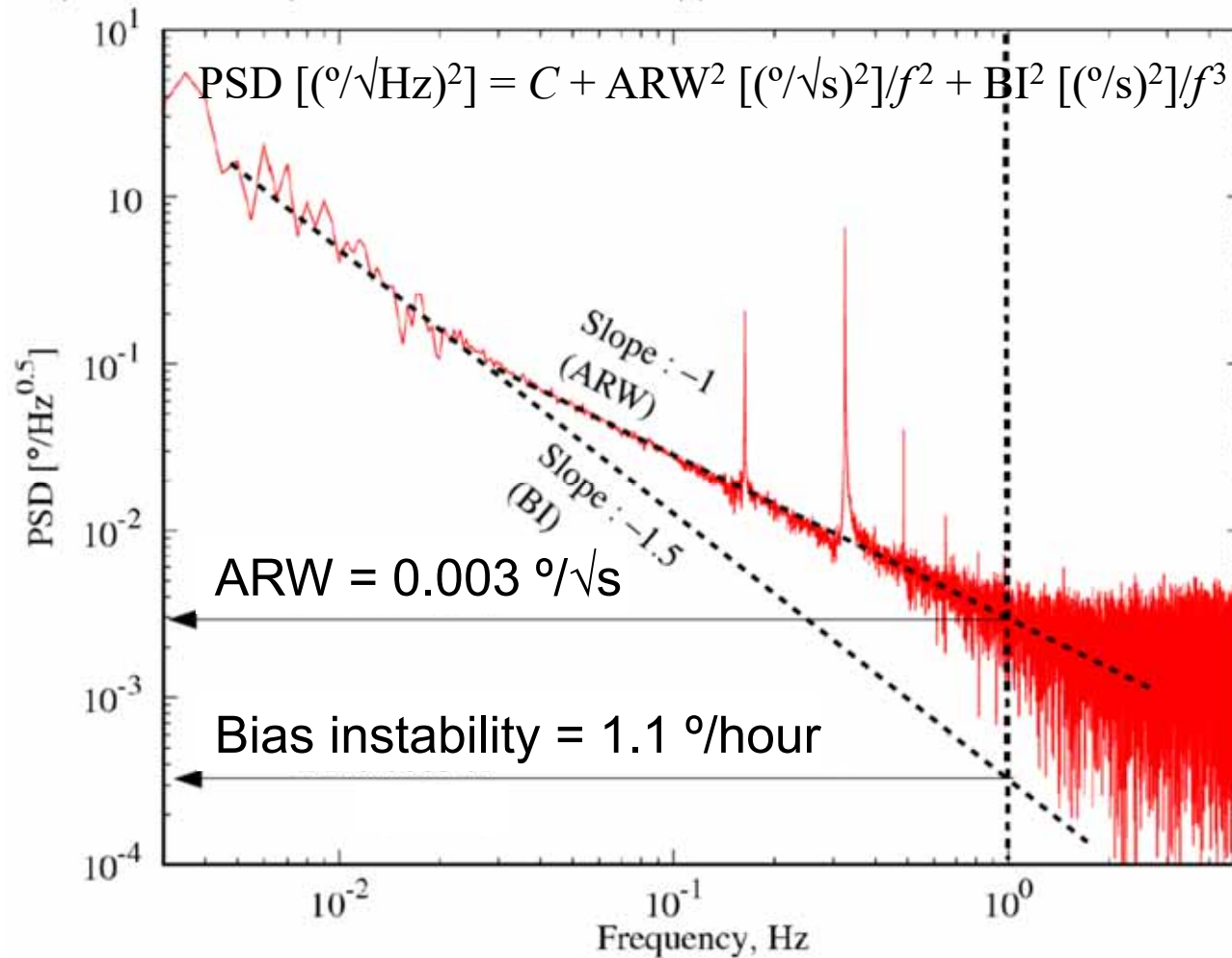


Temperature characteristic of scale factor (TCSF)

Error ± 26 ppm

Performance of Whole Angle Mode Gyroscope

T. Tsukamoto, S. Tanaka, Tohoku University, IEEE Inertial 2018



PSD of angle with virtual rotation after the subtraction of virtually rotated angle

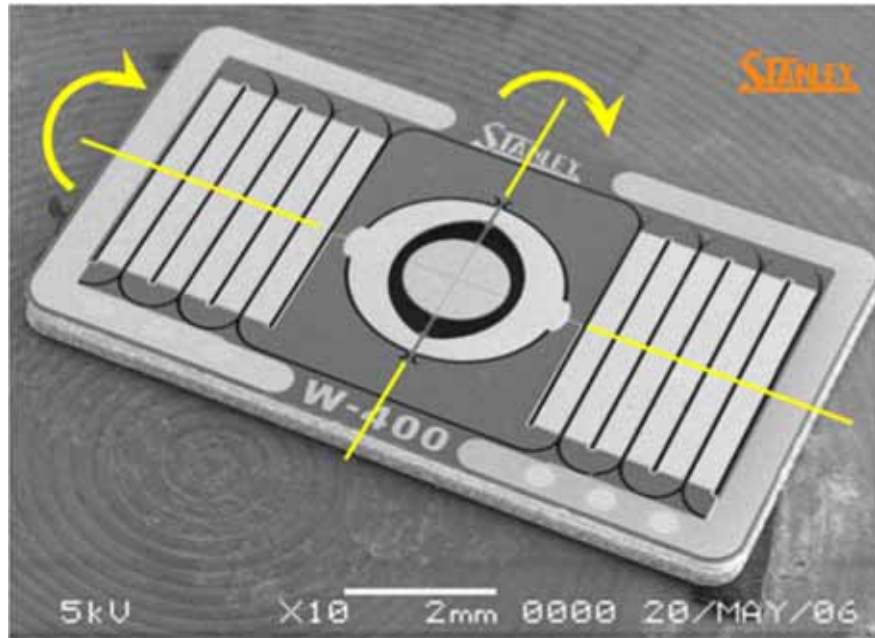
Electrical mismatch compensation and virtual rotation are “tricks” not explained in this presentation.



Piezoelectric MEMS

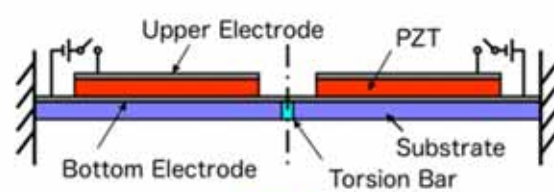
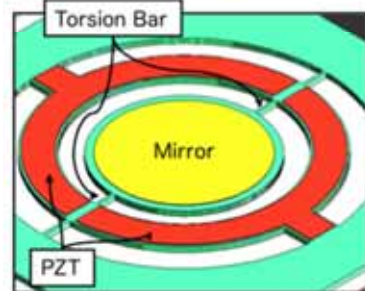
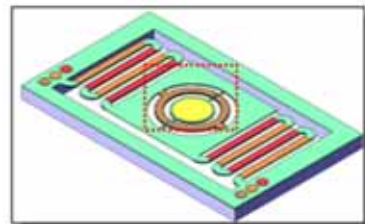


Micromirror Device (Stanley Electric)

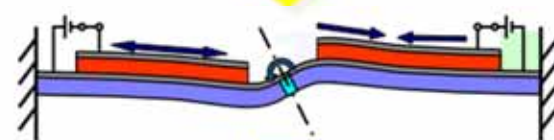


Stanley, Tokyo Motor Show 2017

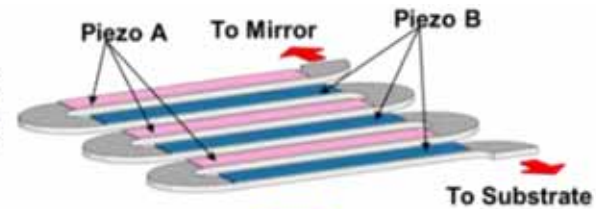
Stanley, 応用物理学会2014春, 17p-E9-7



Applied Voltage with Resonant frequency



Mirror tilt by twisted torsion bar



Voltage Applied



Resonant axis:

$\pm 14^\circ$

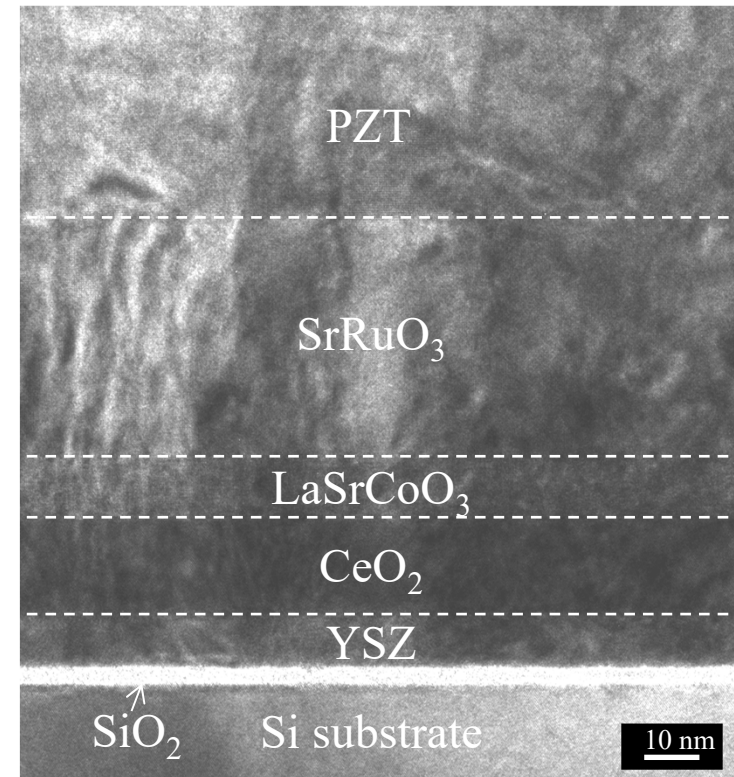
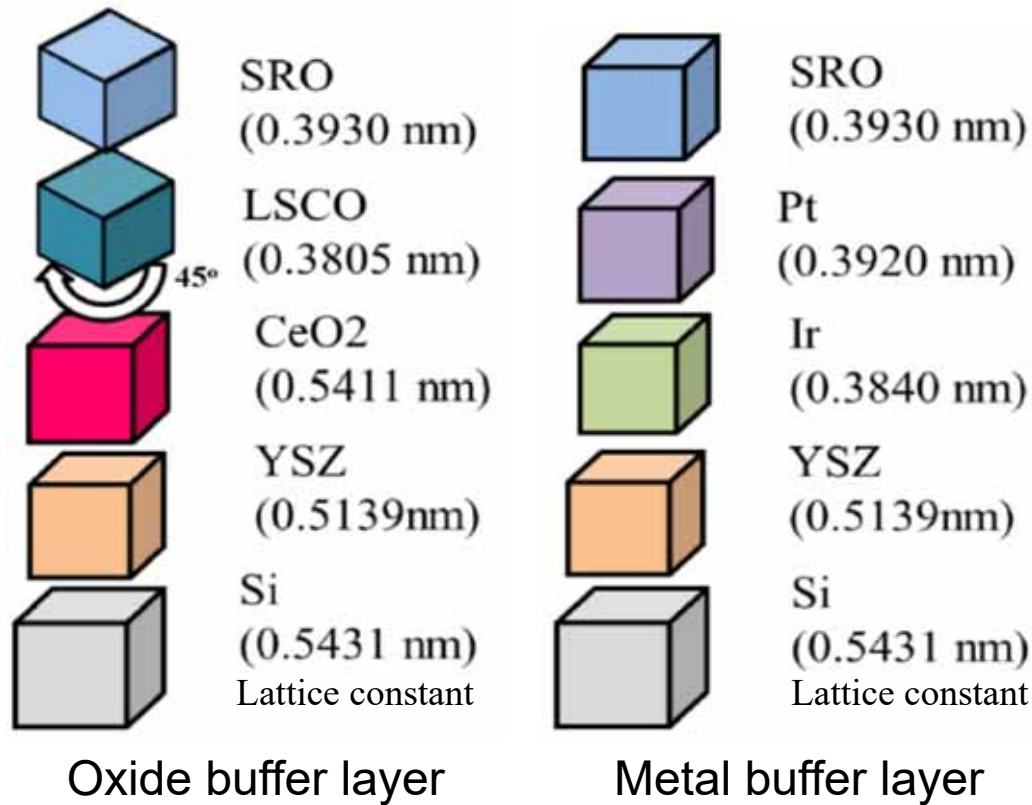
Non-resonant axis:

$\pm 8^\circ$ at 60 V

Epitaxial PZT Film

- S. Yoshida *et al.*, IEEE Trans. Ultrason. Ferroelect. Freq. Contr., 61 (2014) 1552-1558
 S. Yoshida *et al.*, Sens. Actuators A, 239 (2016) 201-208
 P. N. Thao *et al.*, Jpn. J. Appl. Phys., 56 (2017) 127201

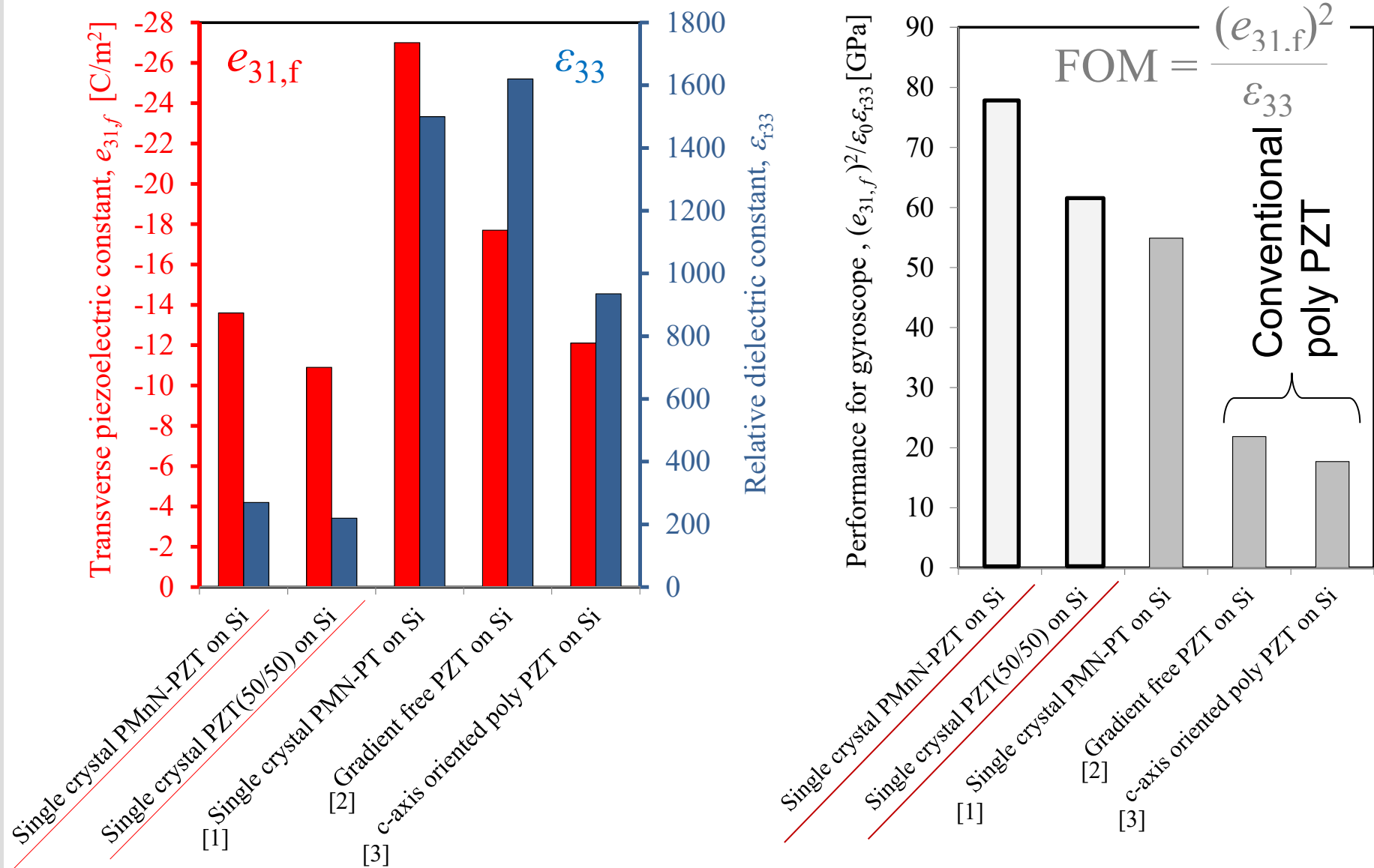
PZT (a axis: 0.404 nm, c axis: 0.415 nm)



TEM image

$$e_{31,f} = -14 \text{ C/m}^2, \epsilon_{r33} = 200\sim 300, T_c > 500^\circ\text{C}$$

Comparison of Sputtered PZT Thin Films on Si

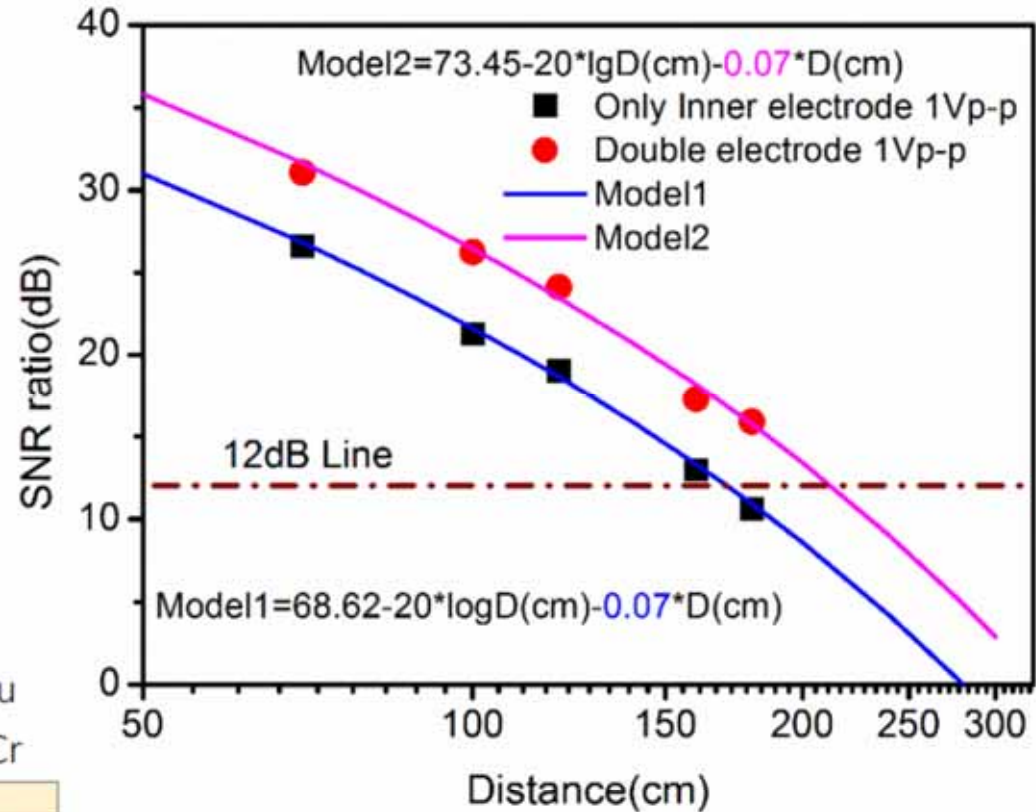
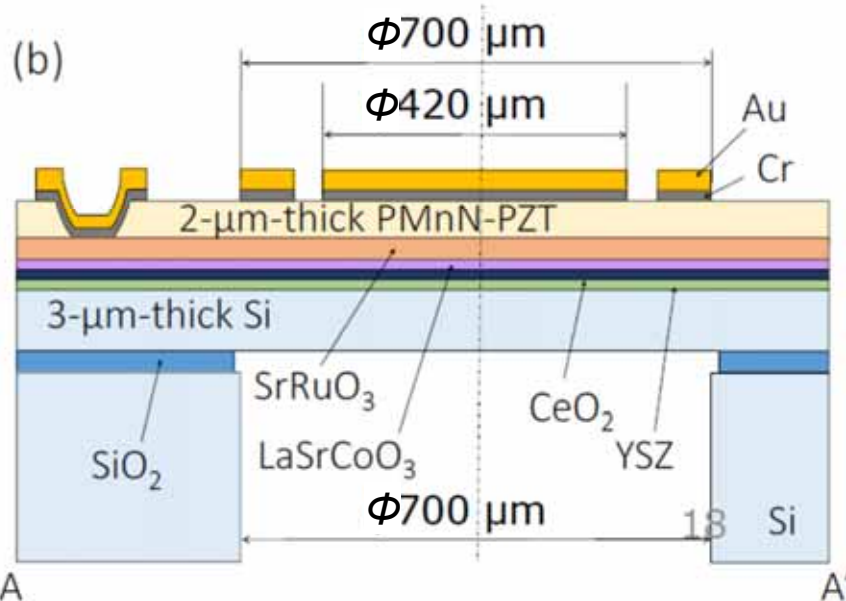
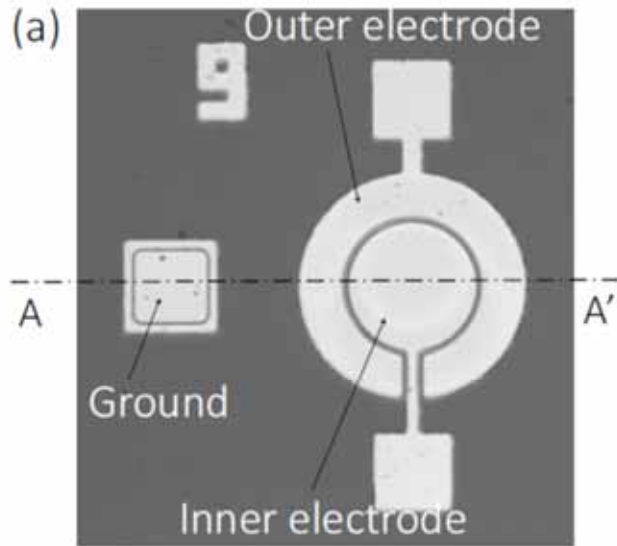


[1] S. H. Baek ... B. Eom, Science **334**, 958 (2011) [2] F. Calame, P. Muralt, Appl. Phys. Lett. 90, 062907 (2007)

[3] N. Ledermann et al., Sens. Actuators A, 105, 162 (2003)

pMUT Using Epitaxial PZT

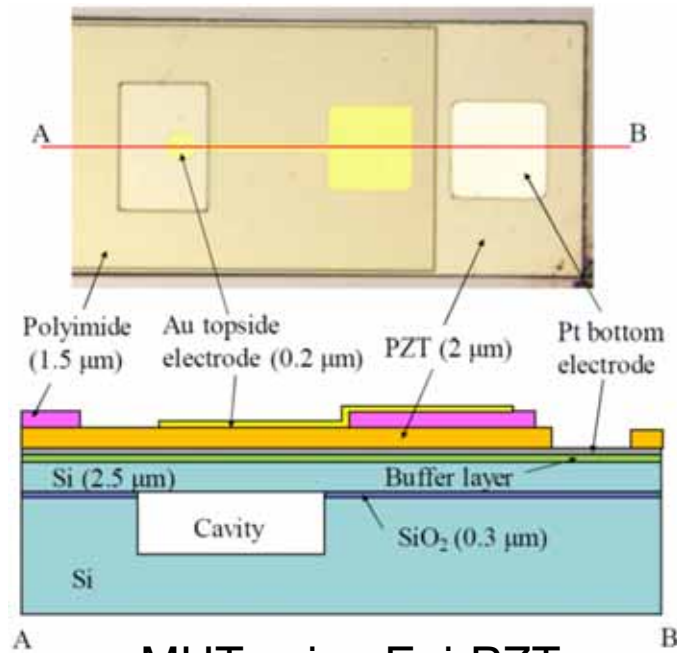
Z. Zhou, S. Yoshida, S. Tanaka, Transducers 2017, Sens. Actuators A, 266 (2017) 352-360



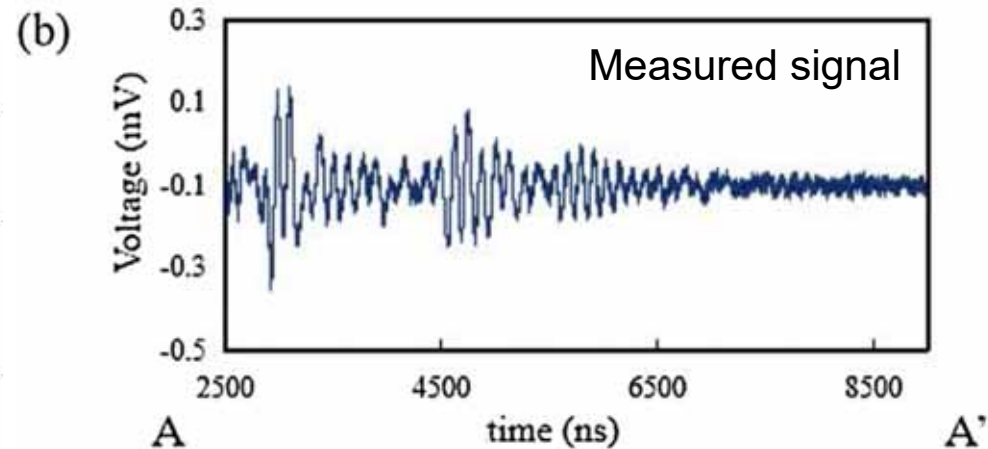
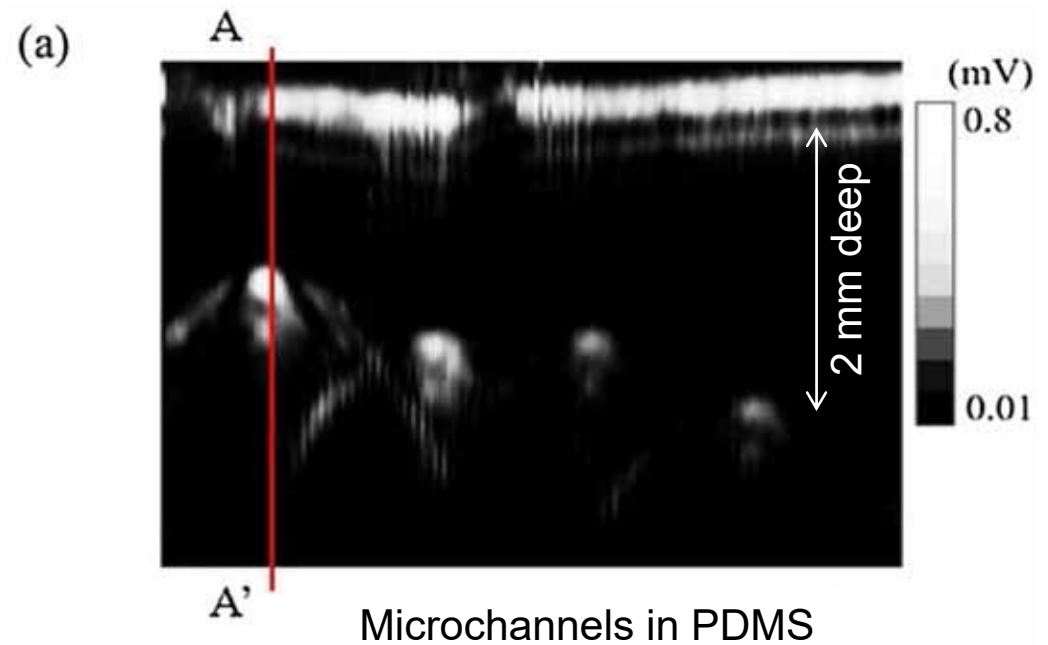
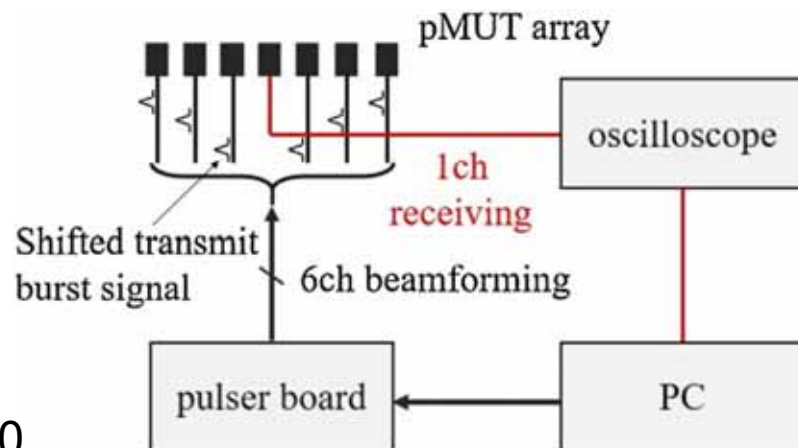
$$SNR \propto \frac{V_{tx}^2 \times e_{31,f(Tx)}^2 \times e_{31,f(Rx)}^2}{\alpha \omega_0^2 \epsilon_{(Rx)}^2 + \beta e_{31,f(Rx)}^2}$$

pMUT for Range Finder and Fingerprint Sensor

Z. Liu *et al.*, Transducers 2019, Sensors and Actuators A, 312 (2020) 112145



pMUT using Epi-PZT

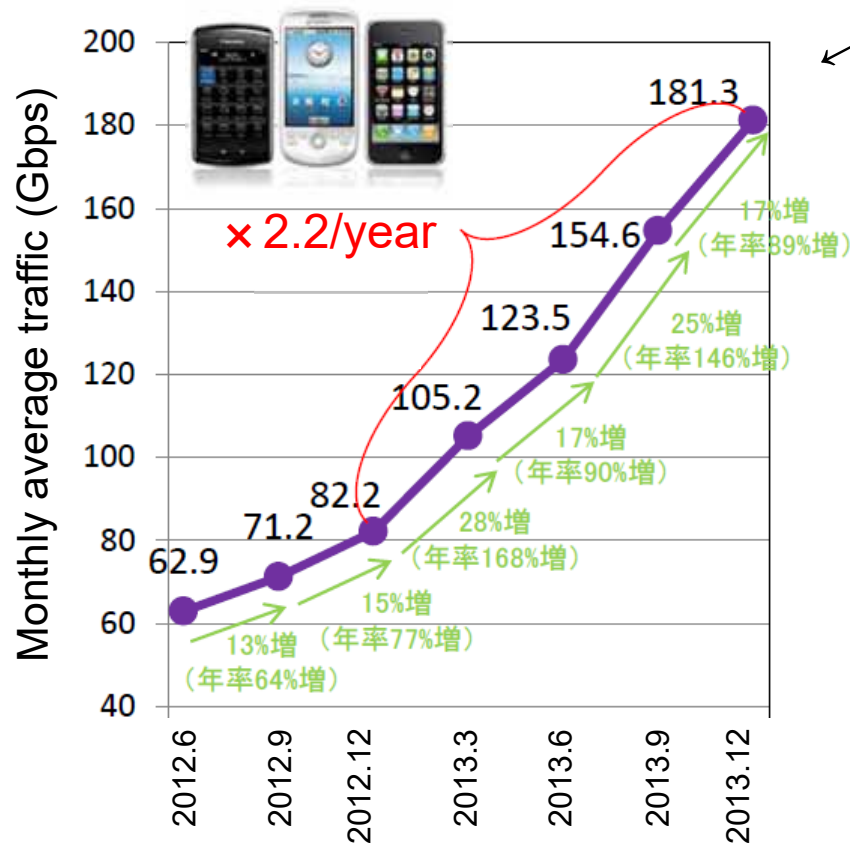




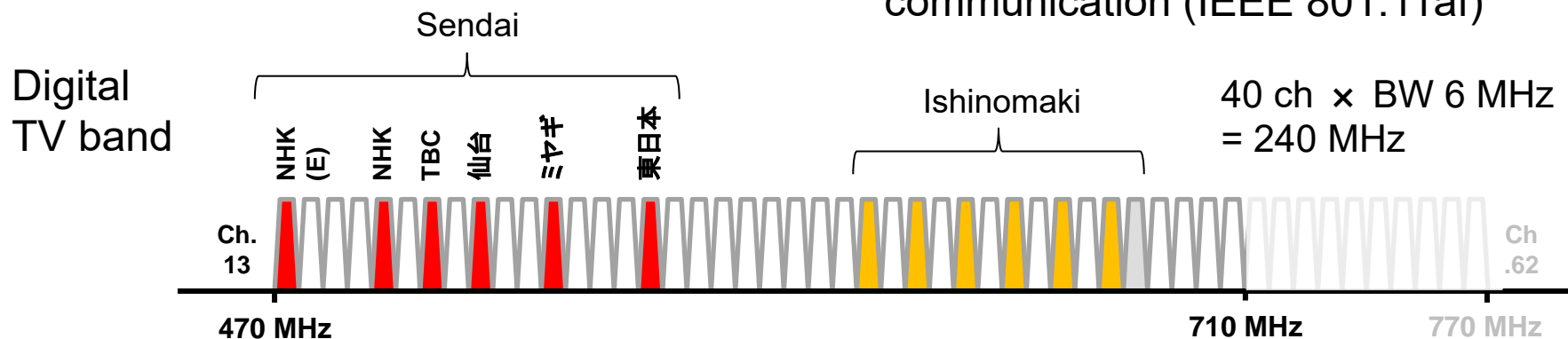
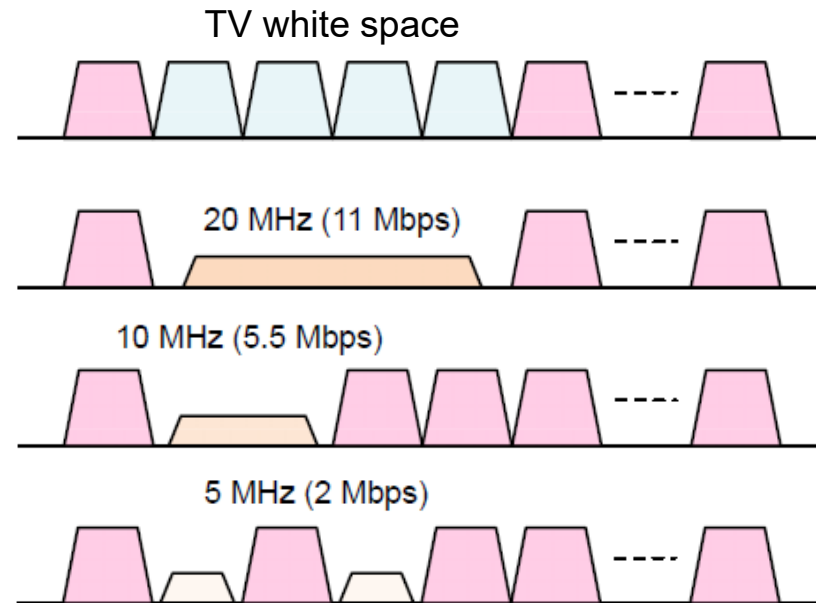
RF Acoustic Wave Devices



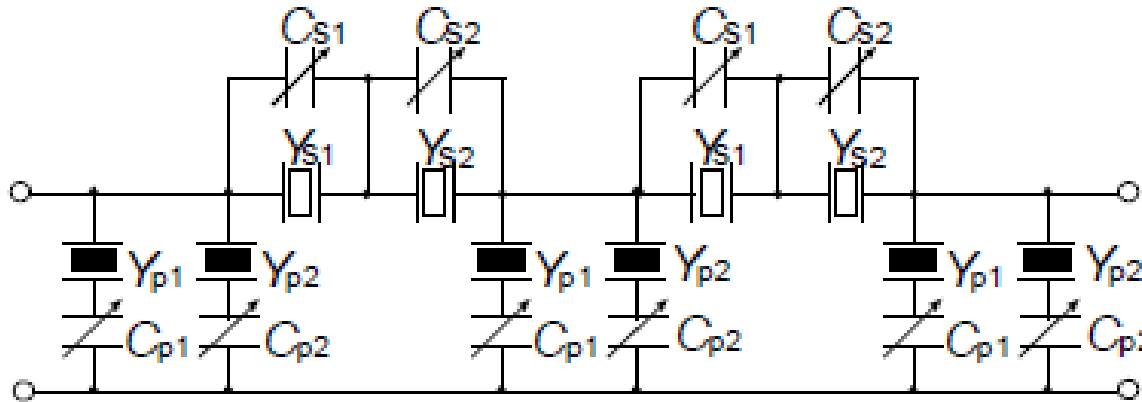
TV White Space Cognitive Radio



← Monthly average traffic of mobile communication in Japan

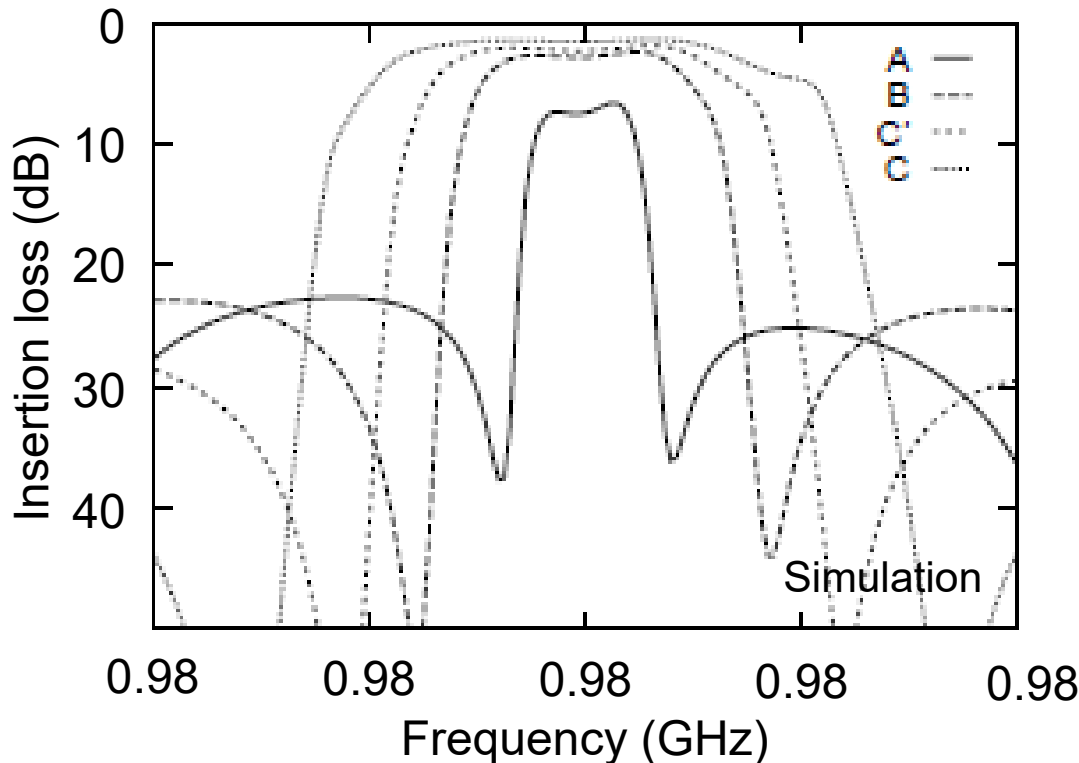


Design of Tunable SAW Filter



Y: SAW resonator
C: Varactor

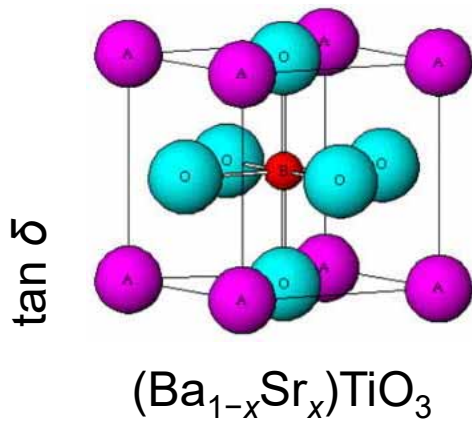
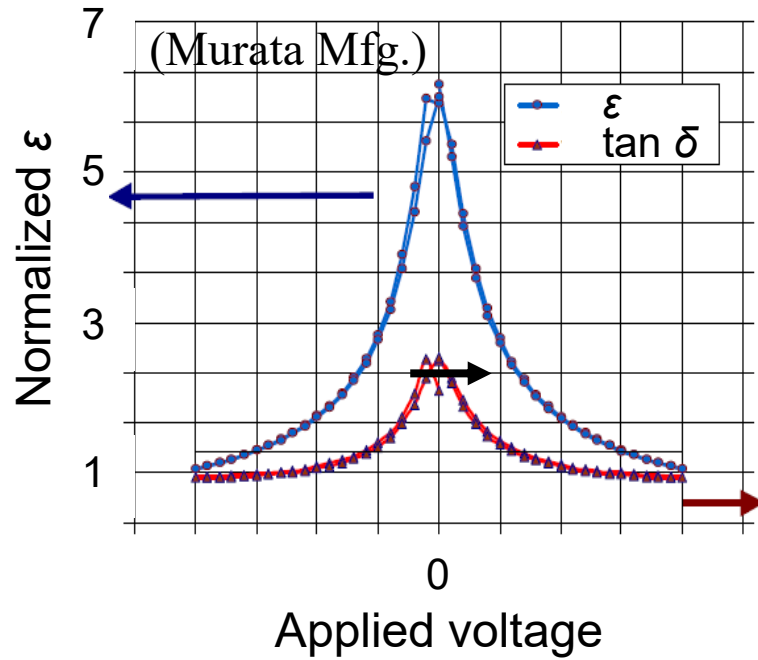
10 SAW resonators and
10 varactors integrated
on 42YX LiTaO₃



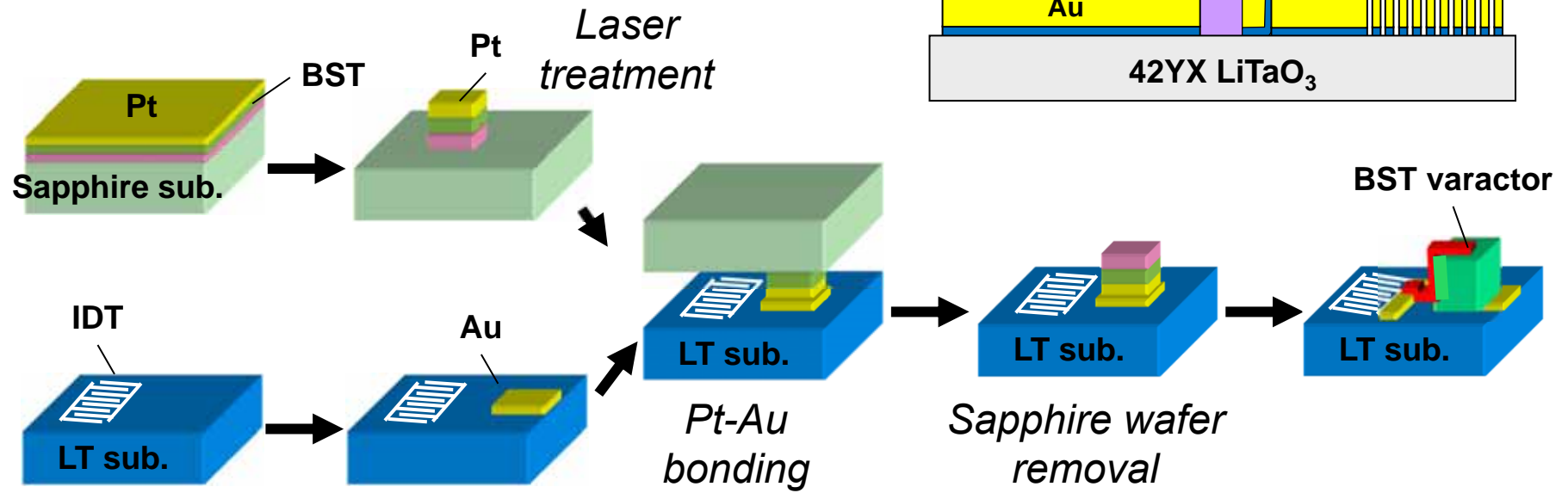
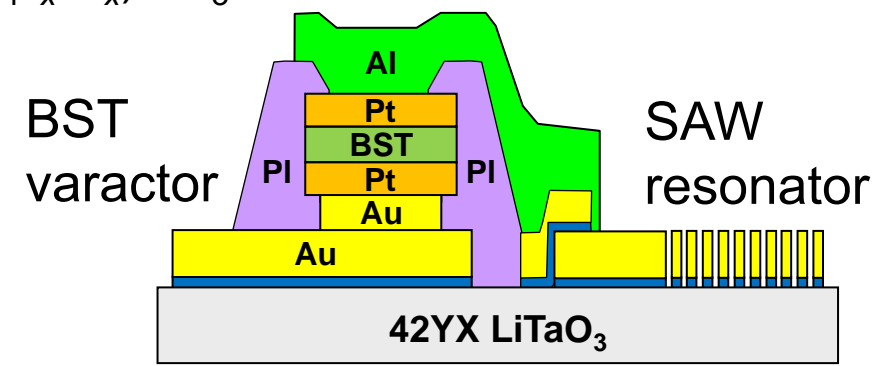
Relationship between
capacitance and bandwidth

| | A | B | C' | C |
|----------|-------|---|----|-------|
| C_{p1} | Small | ← | → | Large |
| C_{p2} | Large | ← | → | Small |
| C_{s1} | Small | ← | → | Large |
| C_{s2} | Large | ← | → | Small |

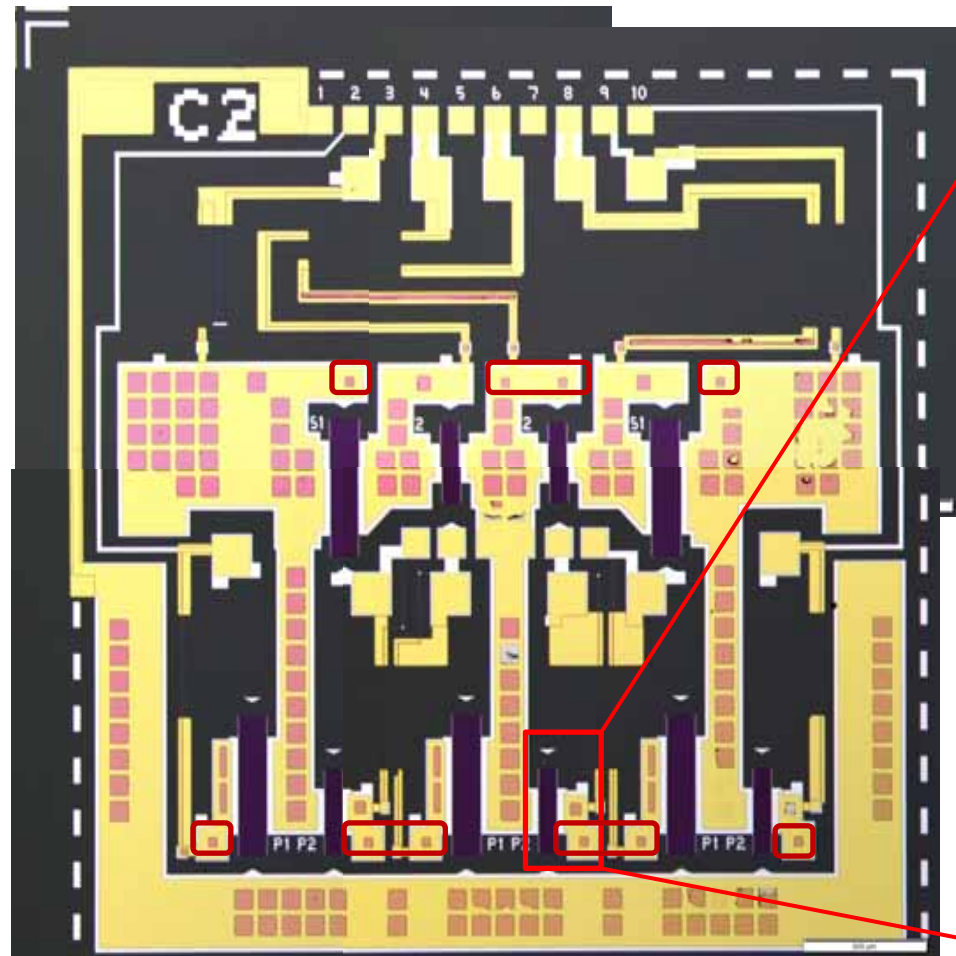
Tunable SAW Filter with Integrated Varactors



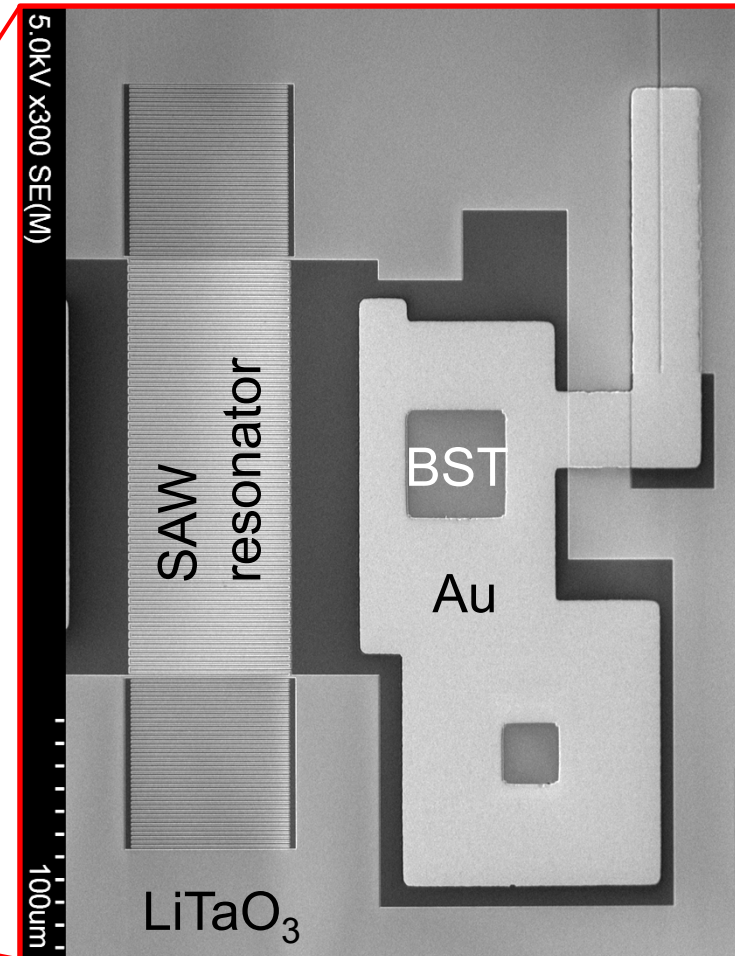
BST is deposited at 600°C or higher.



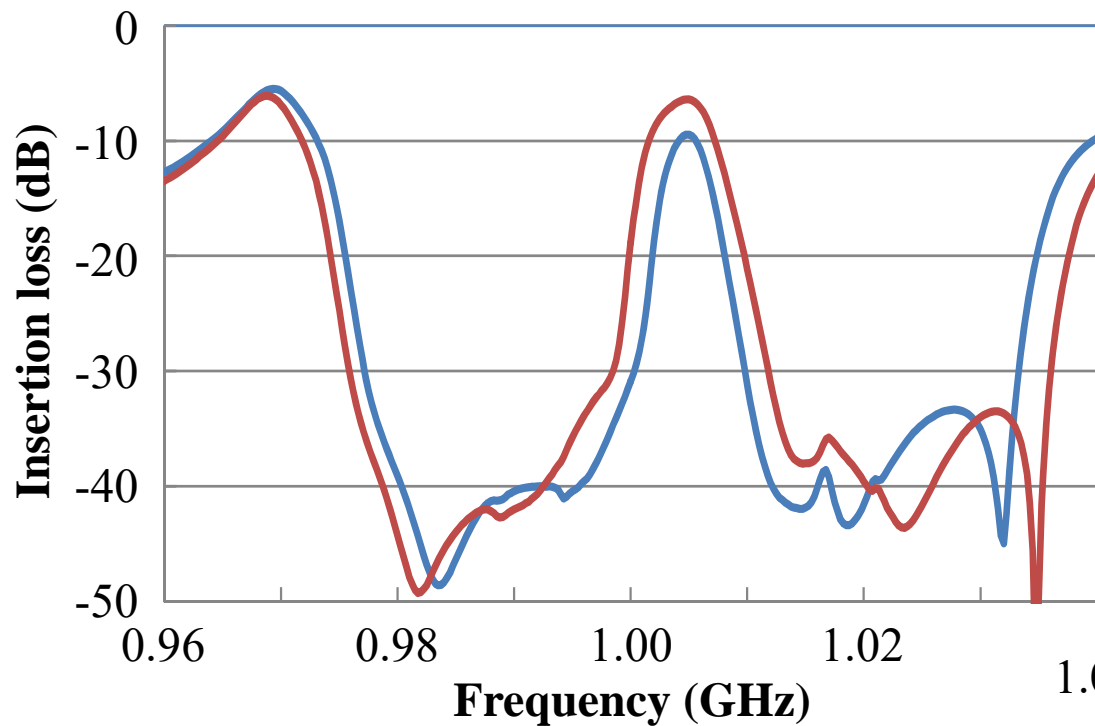
Transferred BST on LT SAW Wafer



4 mm × 4 mm



Bandpass Characteristic of Tunable SAW Filter



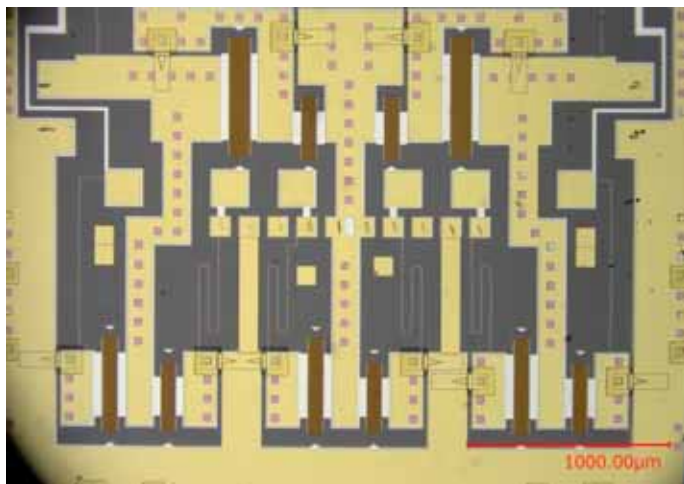
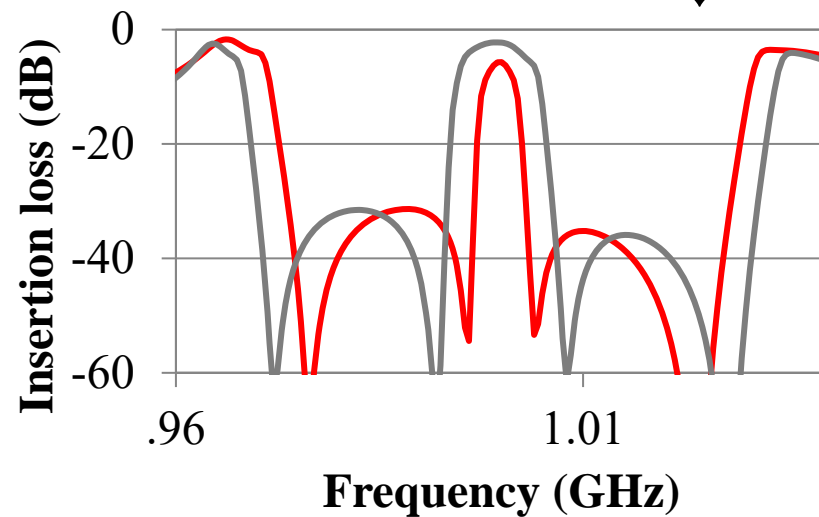
H. Hirano *et al.*, IEEE IUS 2014

$C_{S1}, C_{P1}: 0 \text{ V}, C_{S2}, C_{P2}: 7 \text{ V}$

$C_{S1}, C_{P1}: 7 \text{ V}, C_{S2}, C_{P2}: 0 \text{ V}$

← Measured bandpass characteristic

Designed bandpass characteristic ↓



Demonstration Using Tunable SAW Filter

Connected using TV band

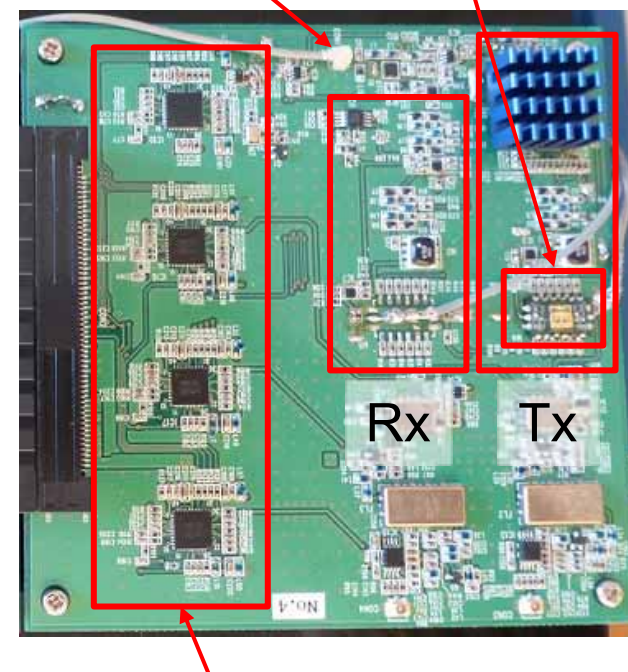


Cognitive wireless system
(Base station)



Tablet PC for interface connected to the terminal cognitive wireless system

Tunable SAW filter
Antenna port



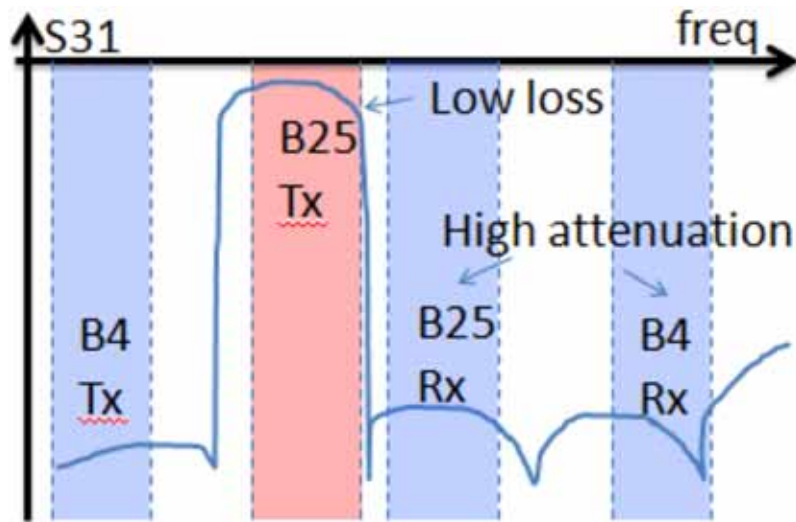
DA converter

The cognitive wireless system was developed by NICT.

Requirements for BAW/SAW Filters



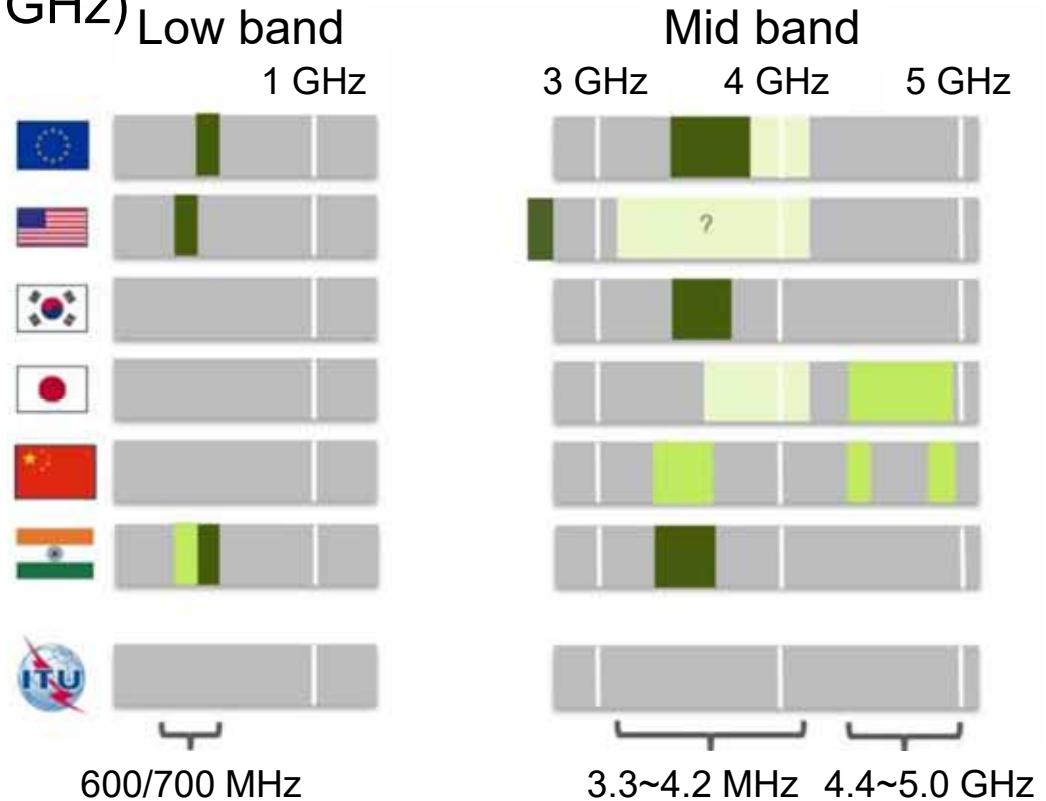
- Lager power handling ← LTE (Overlap of subcarrier)
- Smaller nonlinearity (Inter Modulation Distortion) ← Carrier aggregation
- Improvement of basic performance (IL, cut-off characteristic and TCF)
 - ← Difficult-to-deal bands (e.g. LTE Band 25 and Band 11+21)
- Higher frequency for 5G (3.5~5 GHz)



Band 25 Tx filter

T. Takai *et al.* (Murata Mfg.), IEEE IMS 2016

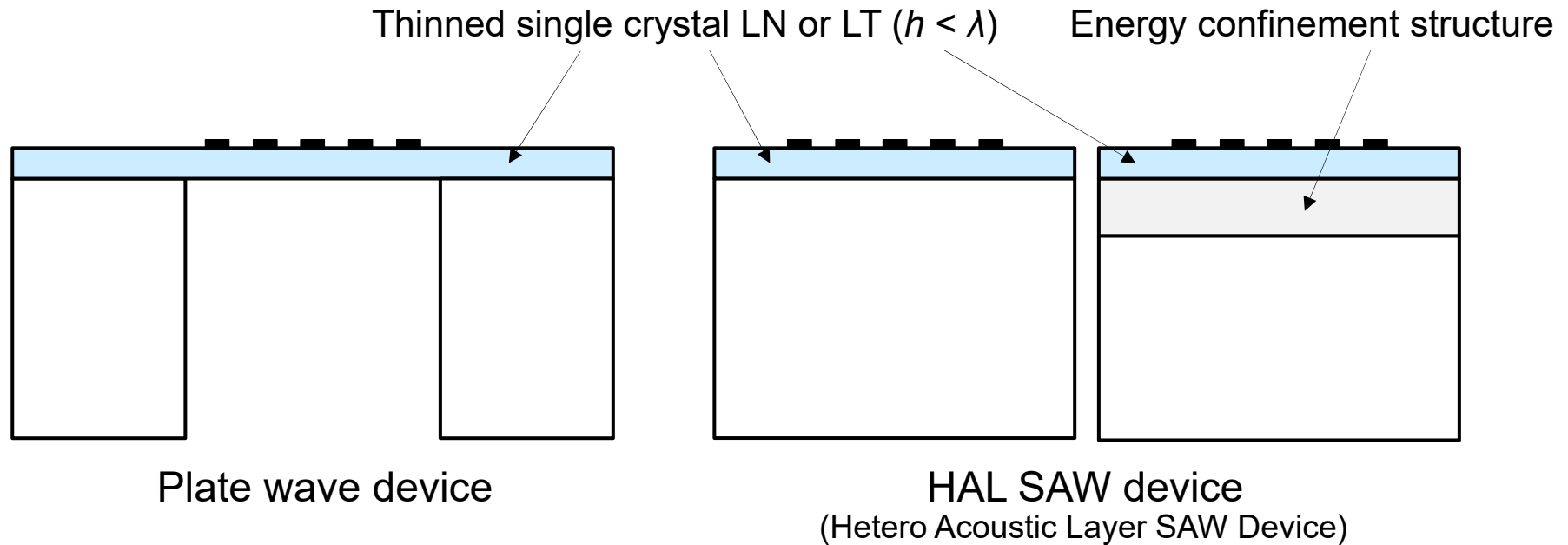
Up link: 1850 ~ 1915 MHz (BW 65 MHz)
 Down link: 1930 ~ 1995 MHz (BW 65 MHz)
 Guard band: 15 MHz → Extremely narrow



Balazs Bertenyi (Nokia),
 Chairman of 3GPP RAN

Band n77 3.3~4.2 GHz
 Band n78 3.3~3.8 GHz
 Band n79 4.4~5.0 GHz

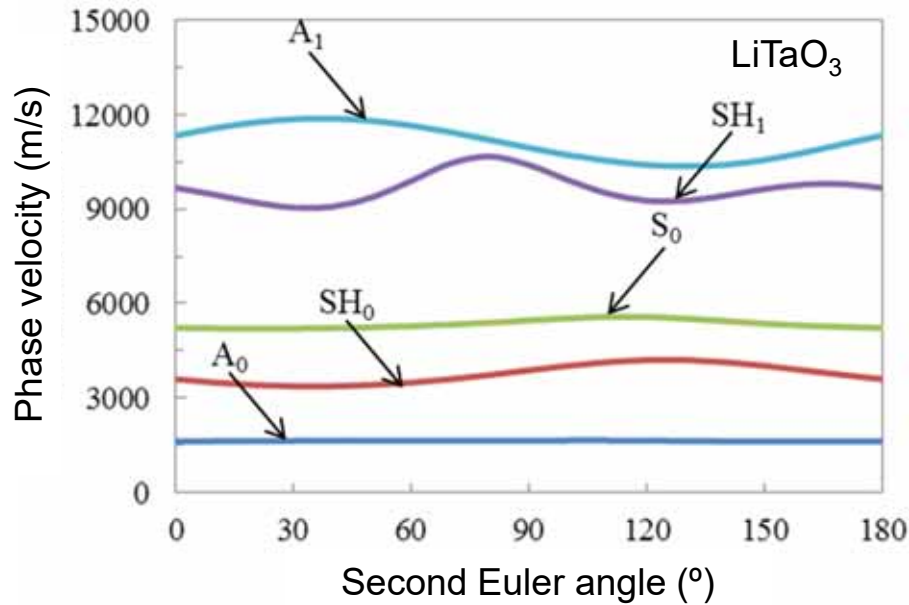
Acoustic Wave Devices Using Thin LT or LN



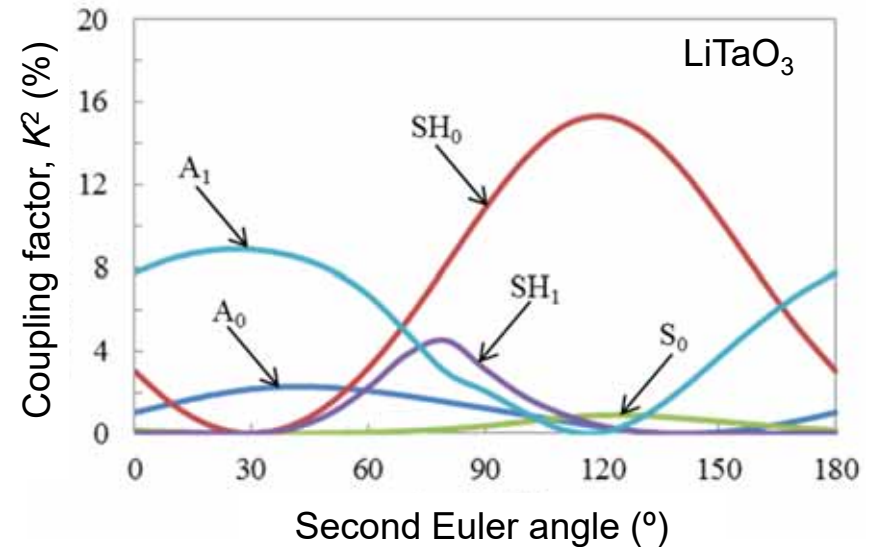
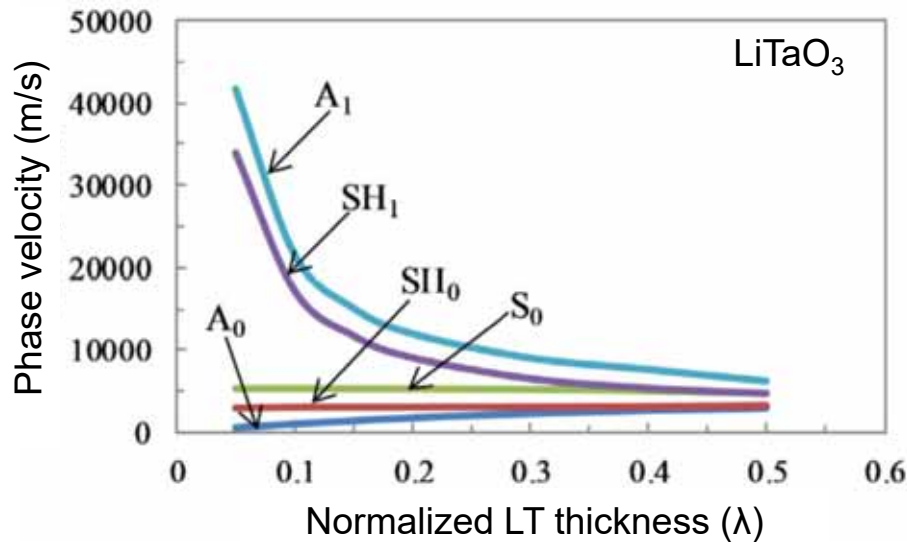
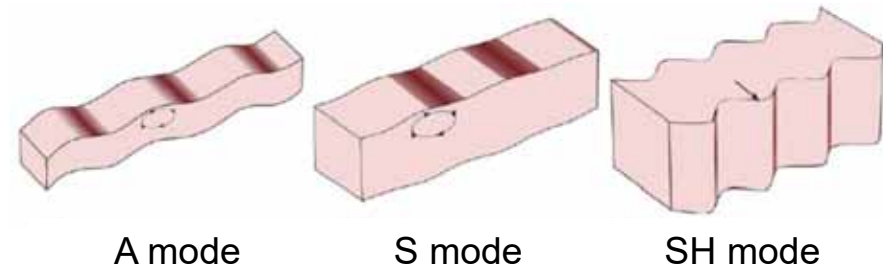
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Plate Waves



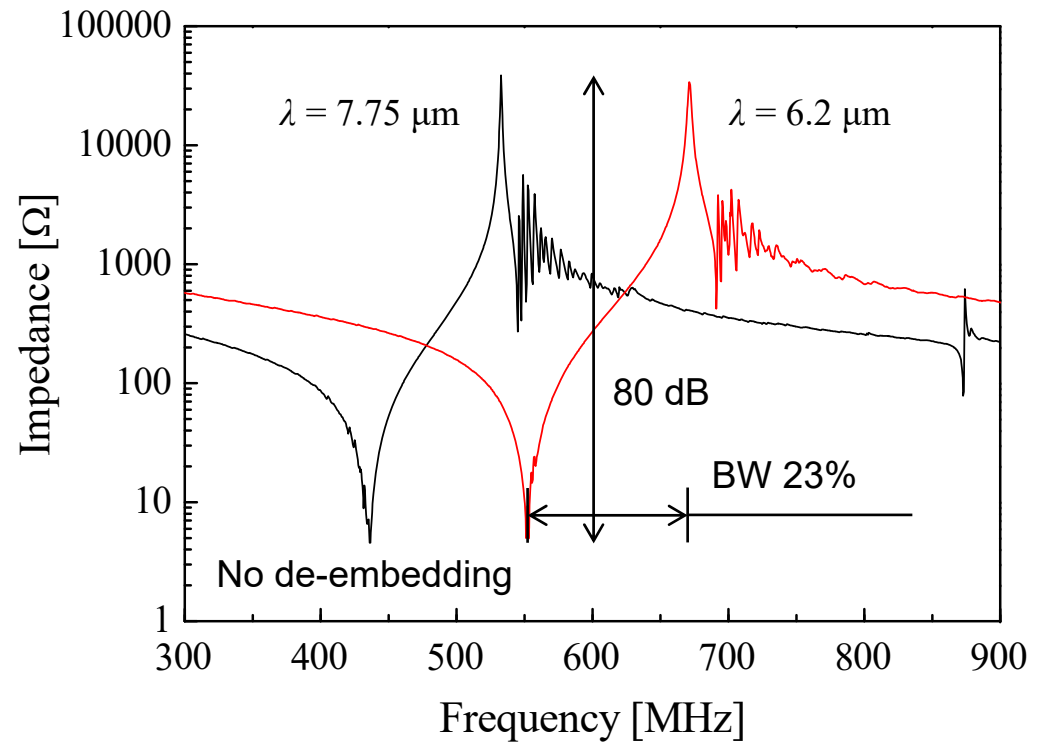
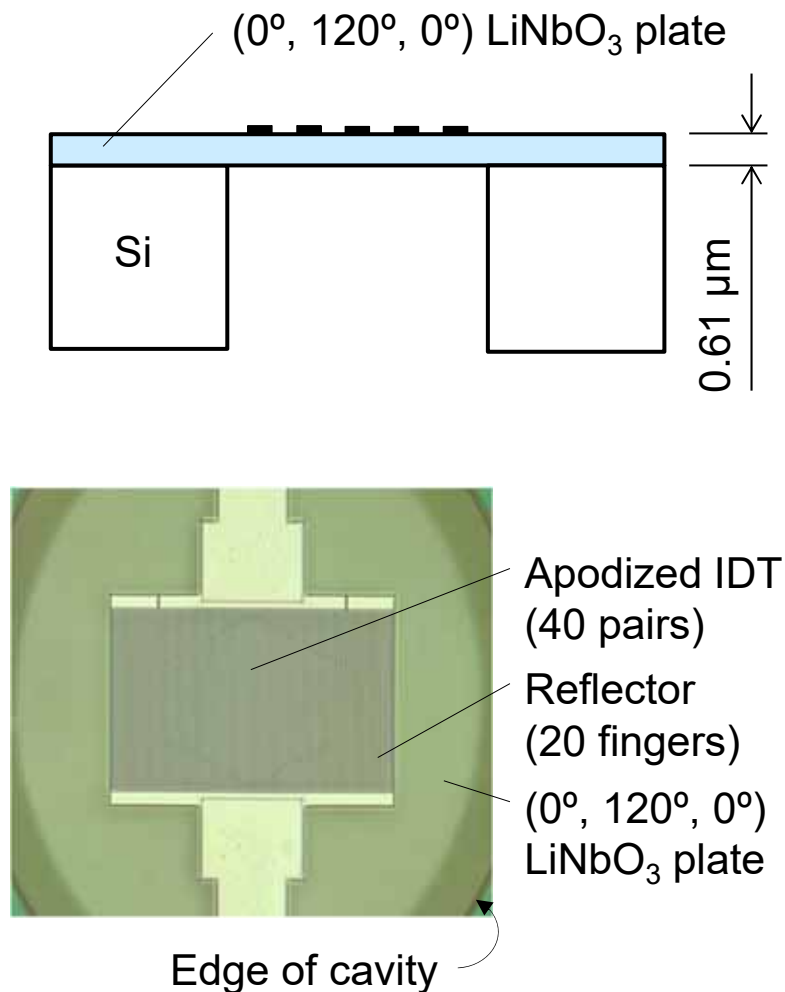
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SH₀ Mode Ultrawideband Plate Wave Resonator

M. Kadota, S. Tanaka, IEEE Trans. UFFC, 62, 5 (2015) pp. 939-946

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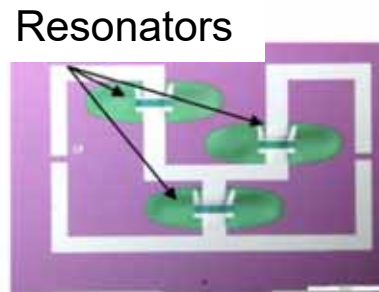
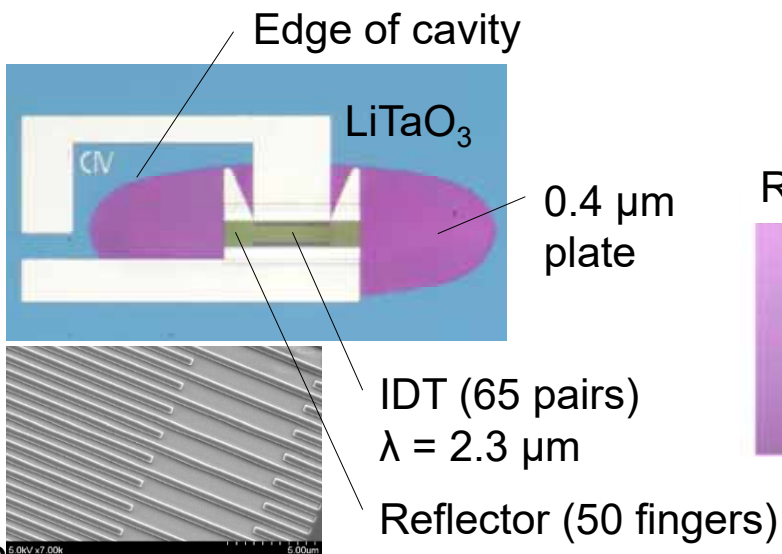
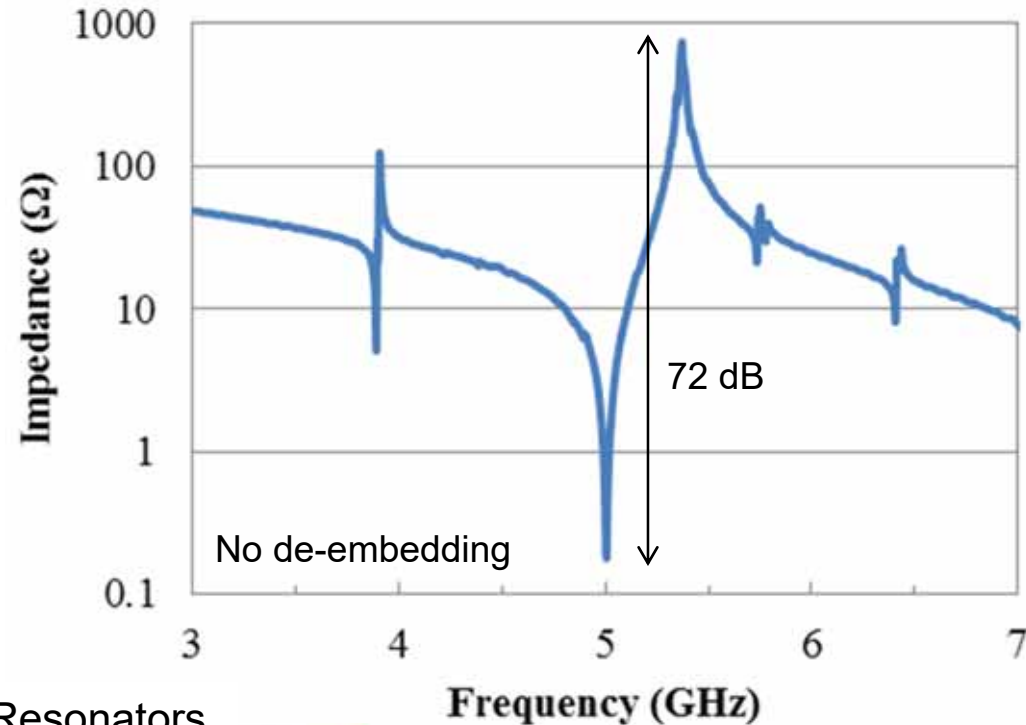
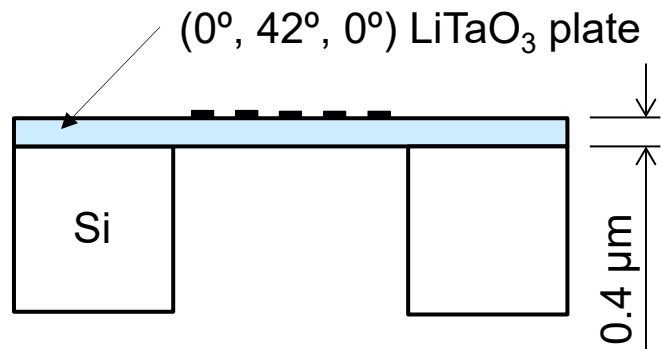


Coupling factor > 50%
Impedance ratio = 80 dB

A₁ Mode 5 GHz Plate Wave Resonator

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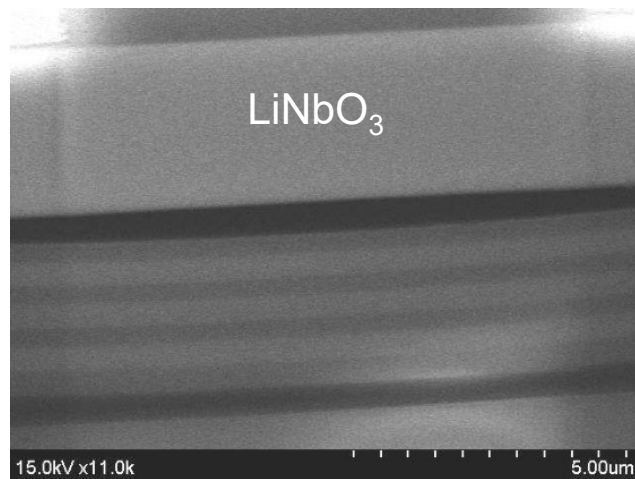
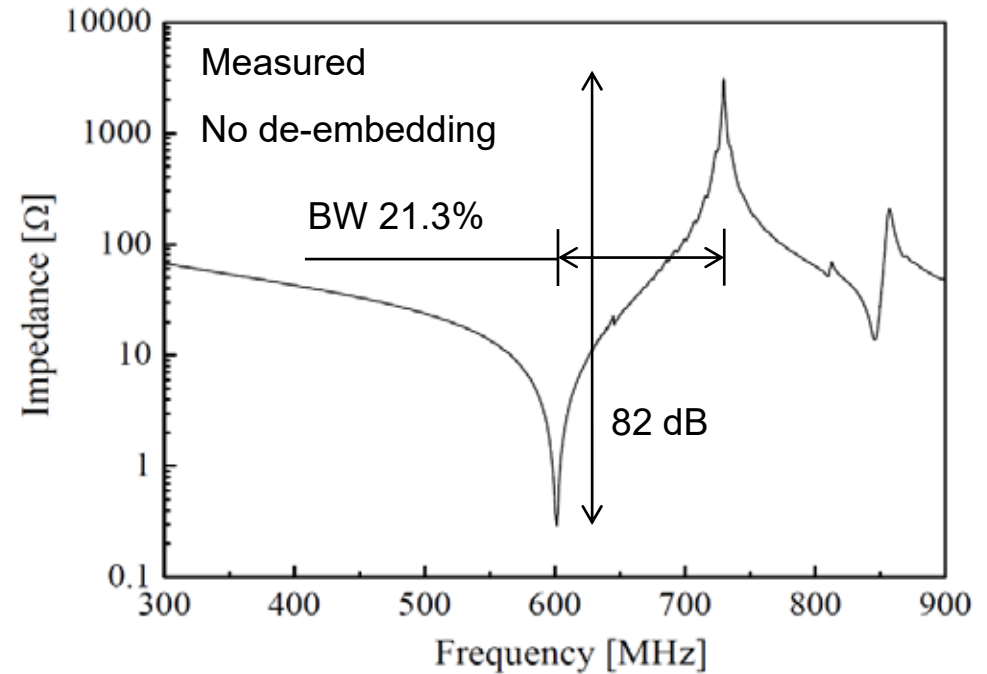
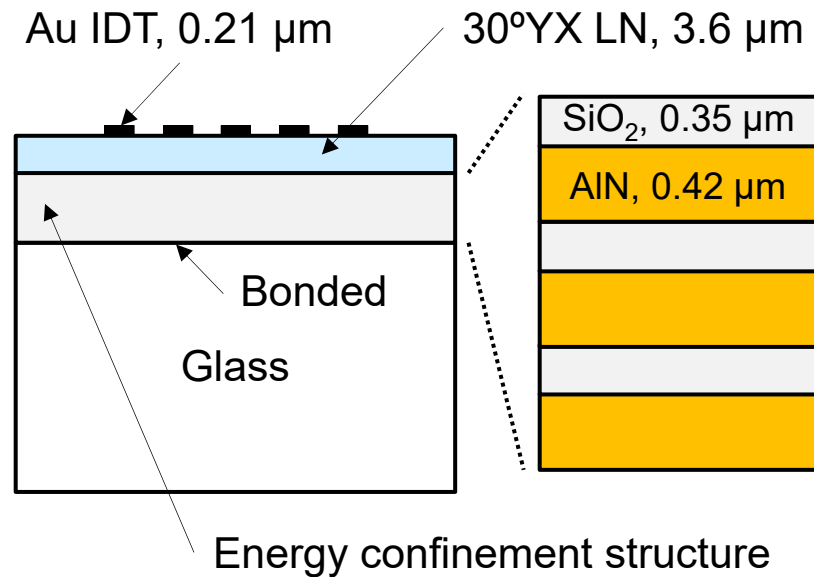


Coupling factor = 7.3%
Impedance ratio = 72 dB
TCF = -43 ppm/K

Ultrawideband HAL SAW Resonator

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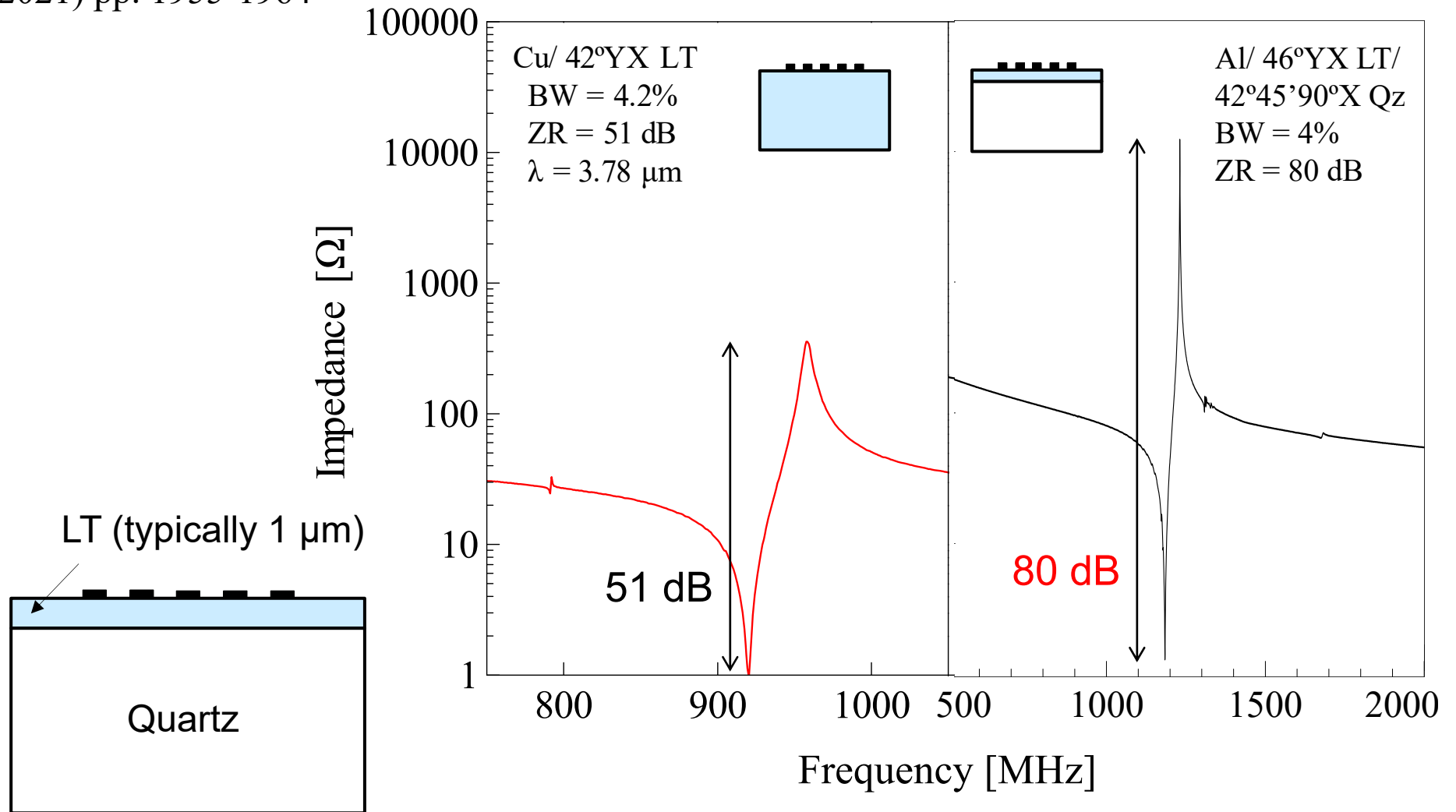
Impedance ratio = 82 dB
Bandwidth = 21.3%

Thin LT/Quartz HAL SAW Resonator



M. Kadota, S. Tanaka, IEEE International Ultrasonics Symposium 2017

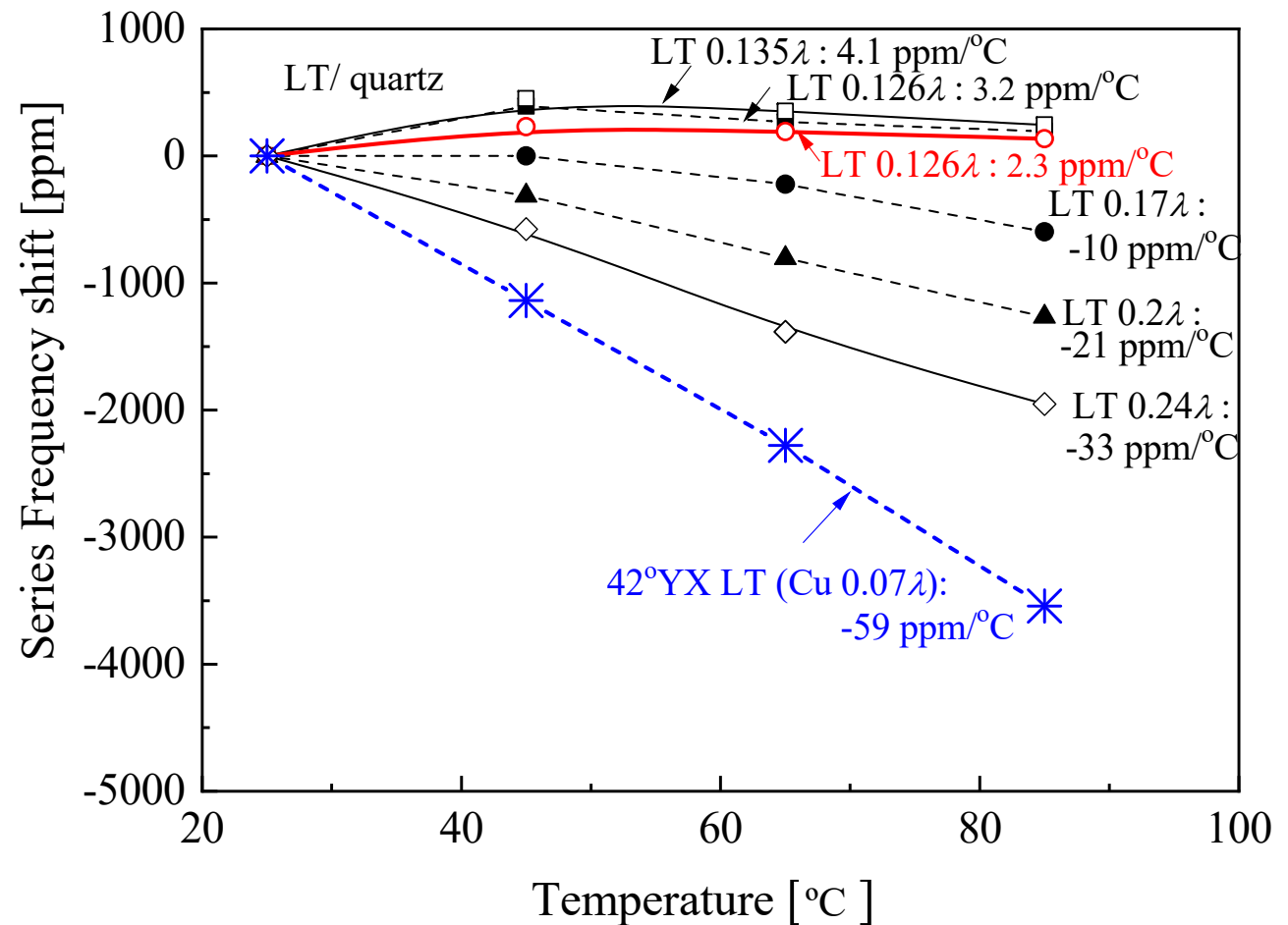
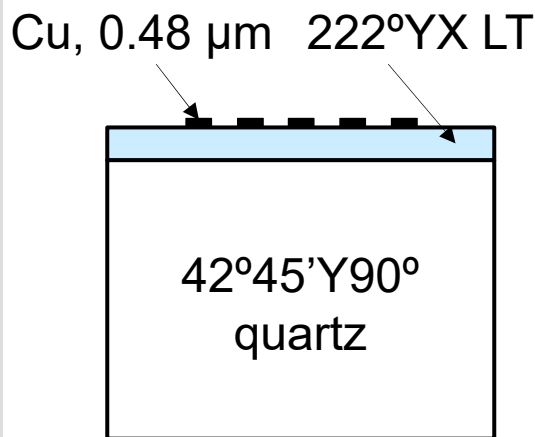
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Near Zero TCF HAL SAW Resonator

M. Kadota ... S. Tanaka, IEEE IFCS 2018

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Measure temperature coefficient of series frequency of HAL SAW resonator with Cu IDT/ 222°YX LT/ 42°45'Y90°X structure

Integrated Tactile Sensor

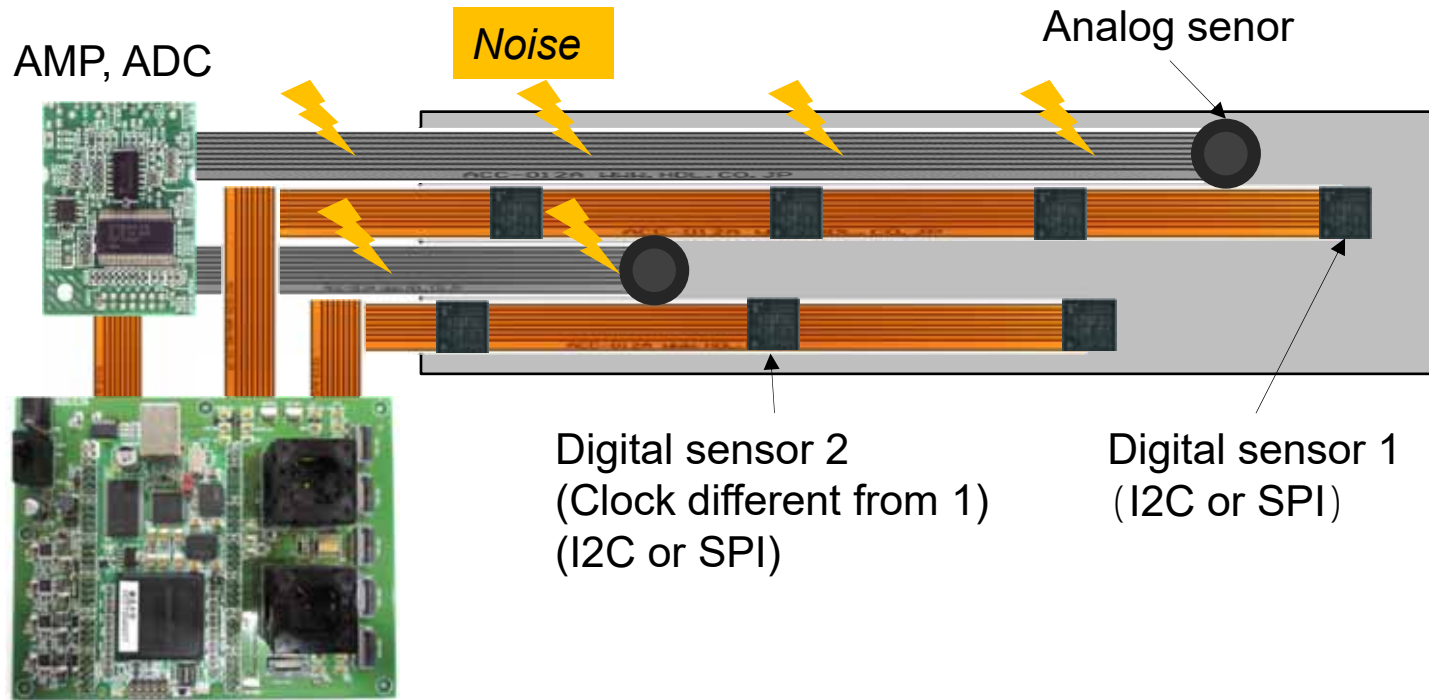


Sensors Connected to Bus via Platform LSI



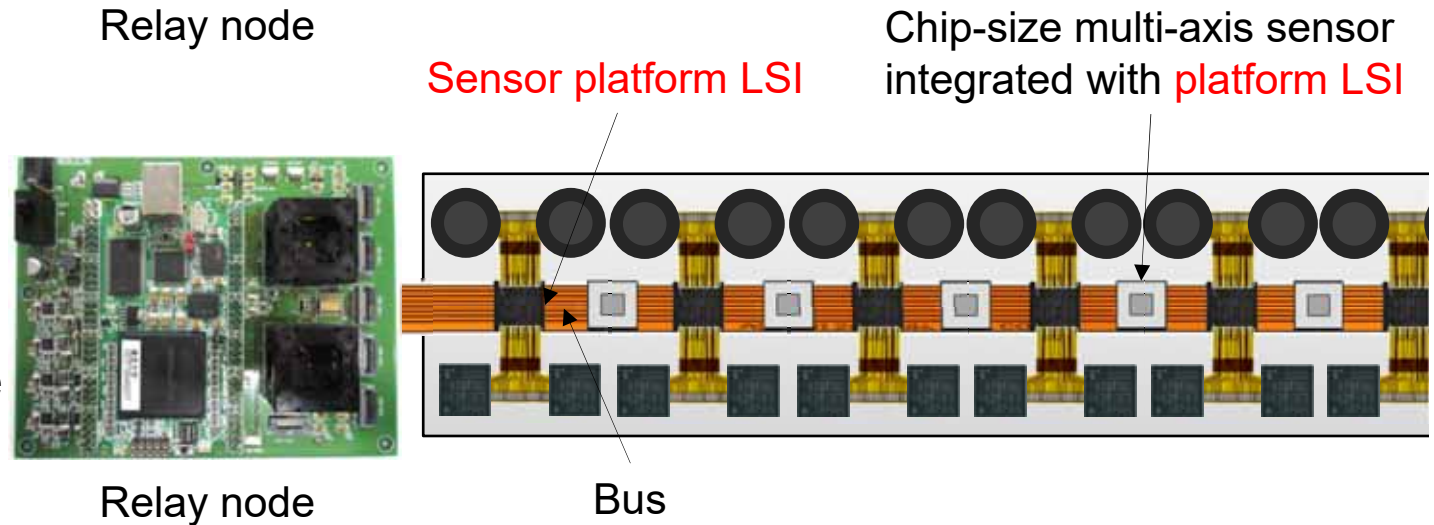
Conventional method

- ✓ Low density
- ✓ Busy wires
- ✓ Inconsistent interface
- ✓ Low performance especially for analog sensors

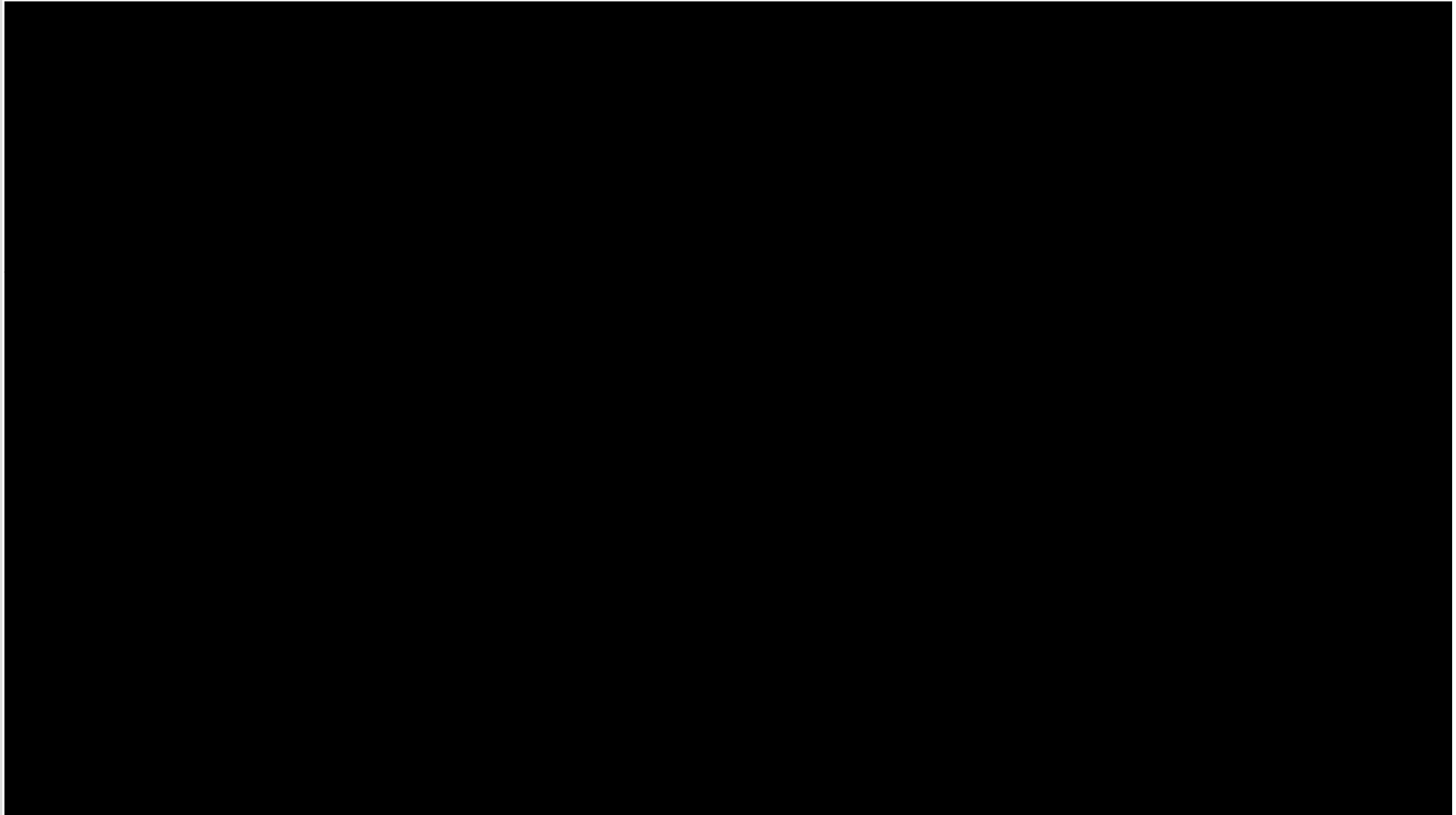


Platform LSI

- ✓ High density
- ✓ Minimum wires
- ✓ Consistent interface
- ✓ High performance
- ✓ **Event driven**

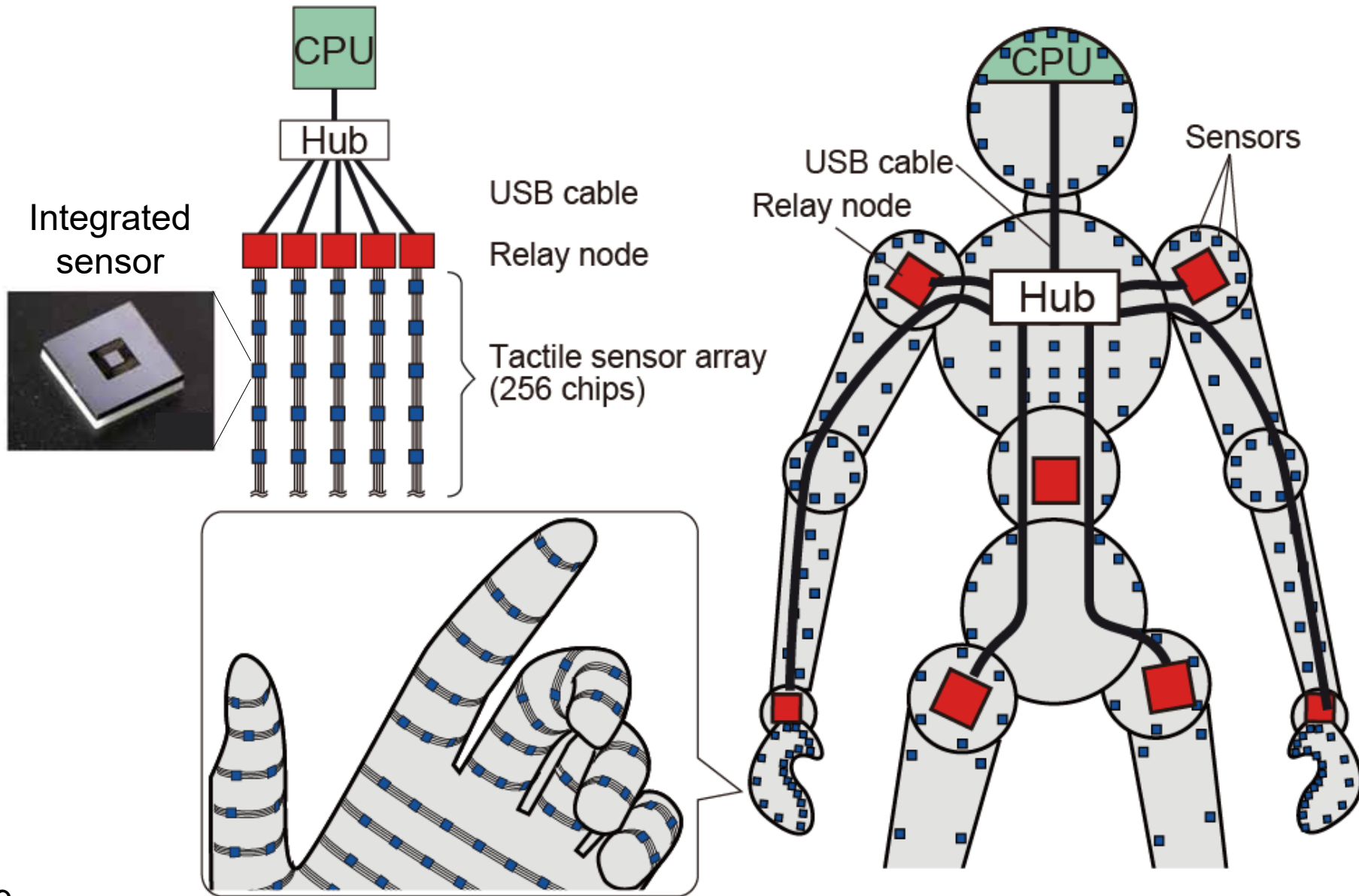


Demonstration of Event-Driven Operation



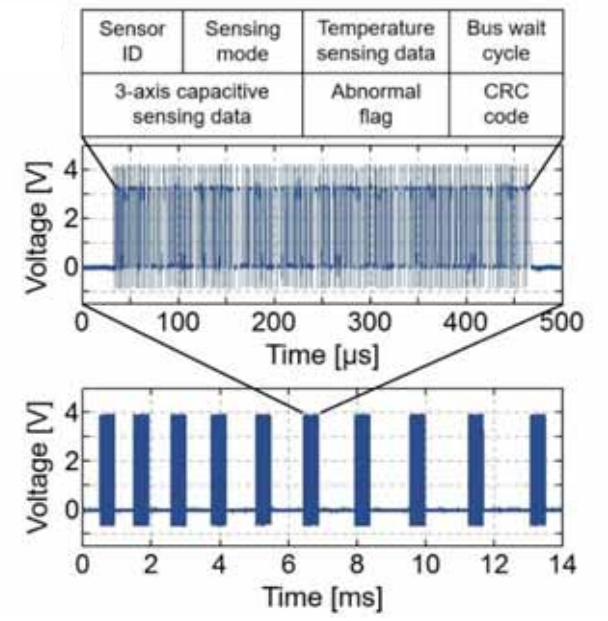
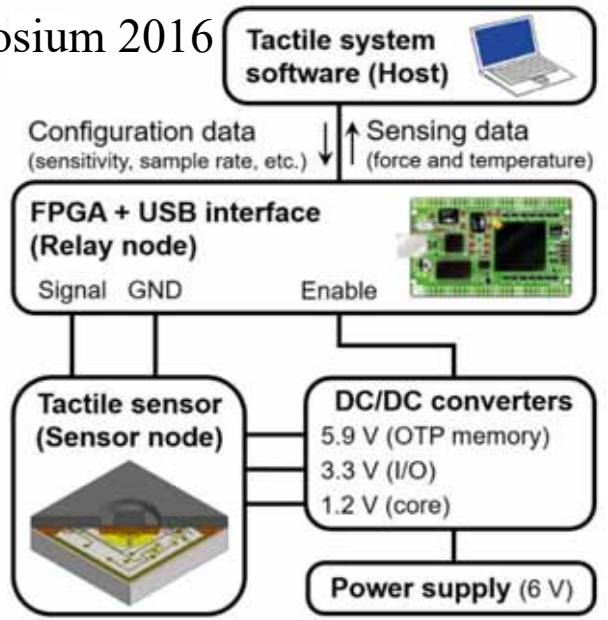
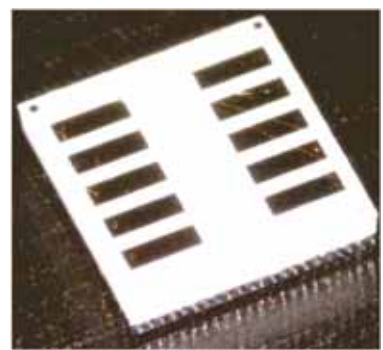
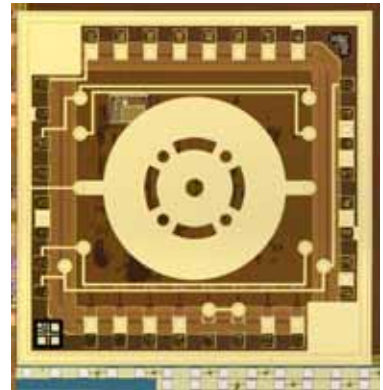
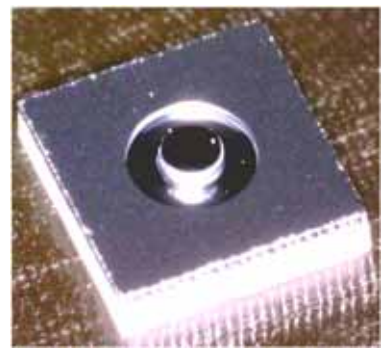
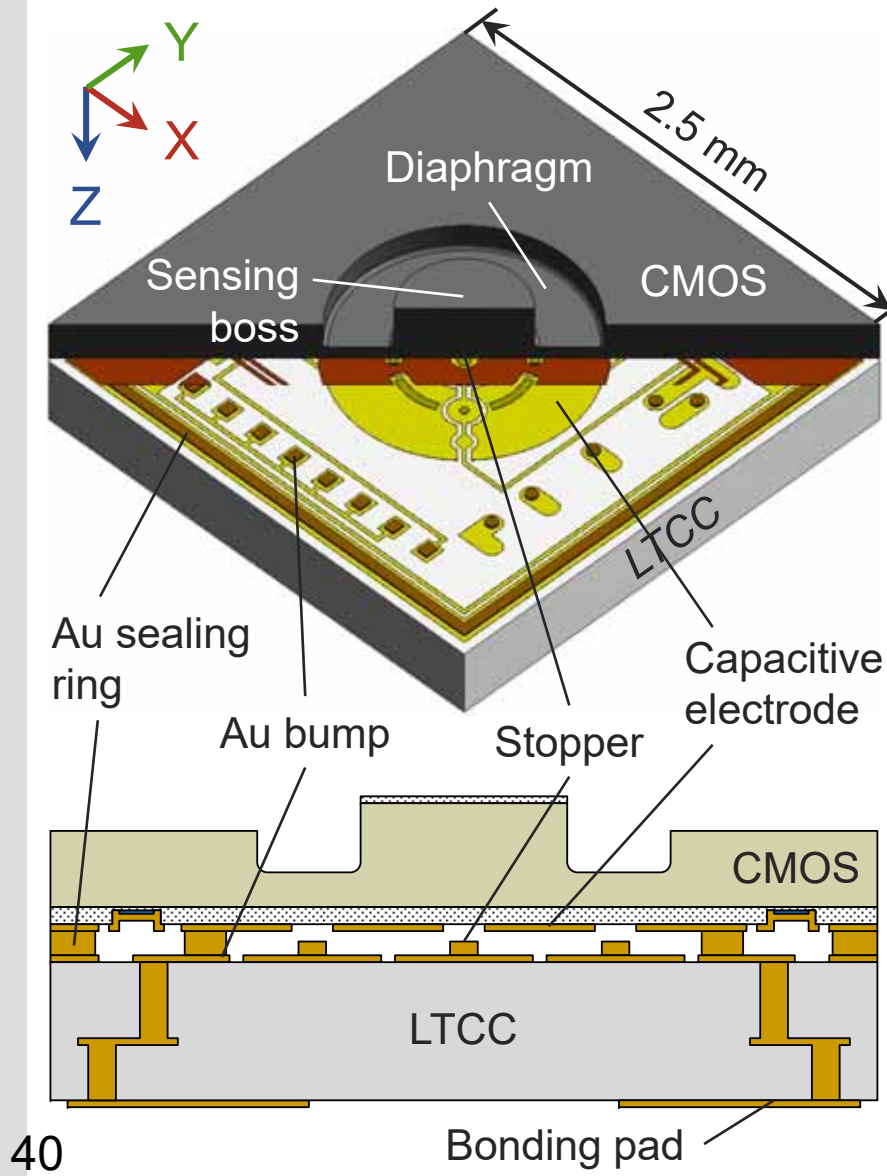
Please watch the student's finger(s) and the oscilloscope.
Only when the sensor is pushed, a packet appears on the oscilloscope.

Tactile Sensor Network Covers Robot Surface



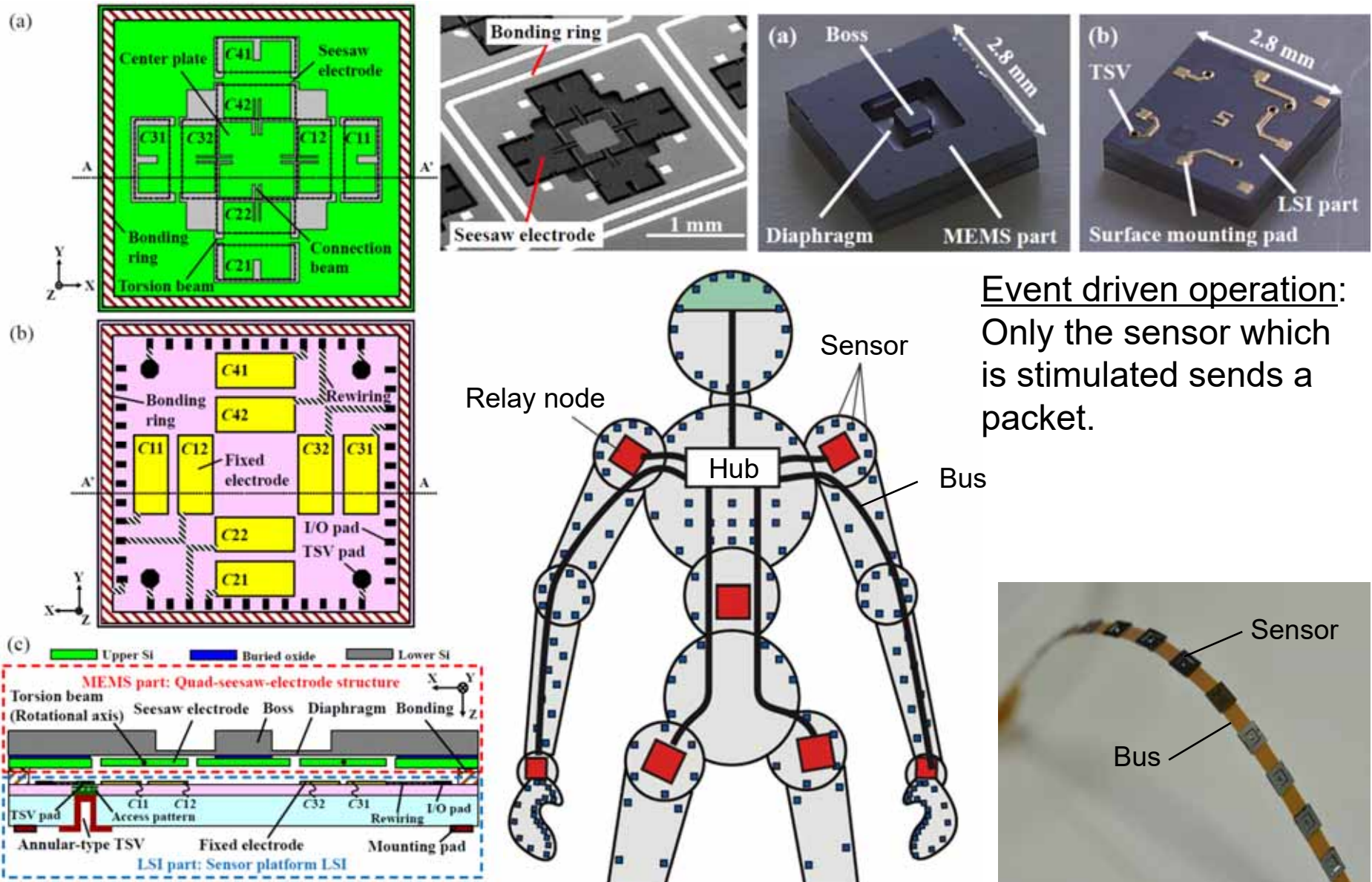
Integrated Finger Sensor (3 Axis Force + Temp)

Sho Asano *et al.*, IEEE MEMS 2016, pp. 850-853, Sensor Symposium 2016



Integrated Tactile Sensor (Tohoku U + Toyota)

Yoshiyuki Hata *et al.* (Toyota CRL, Tohoku University, Toyota Motor), *Transducers 2017*, pp. 500-503



Event driven operation:
Only the sensor which is stimulated sends a packet.

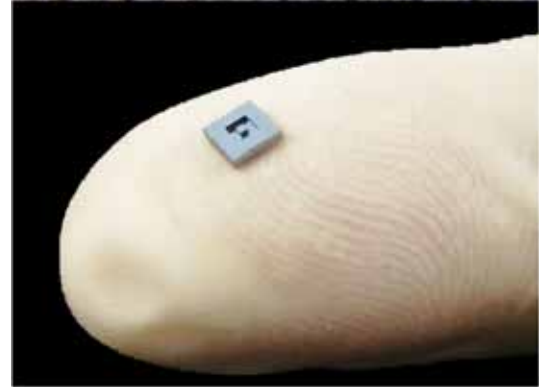
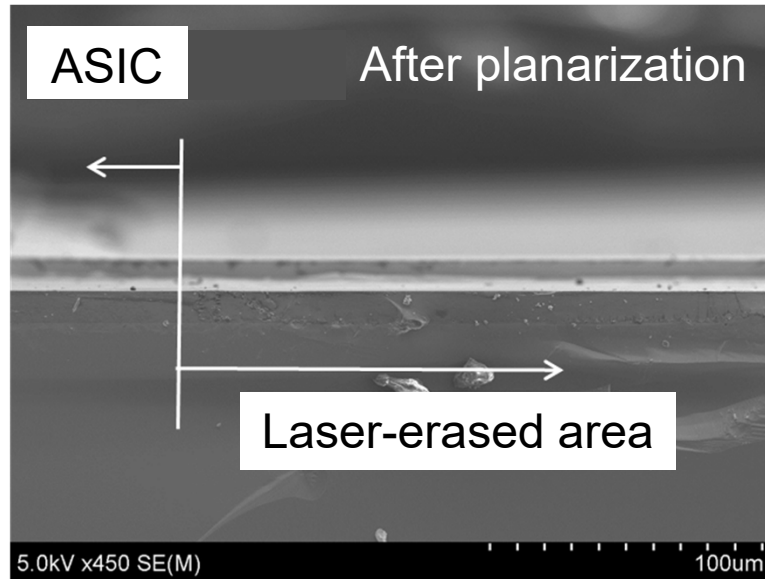
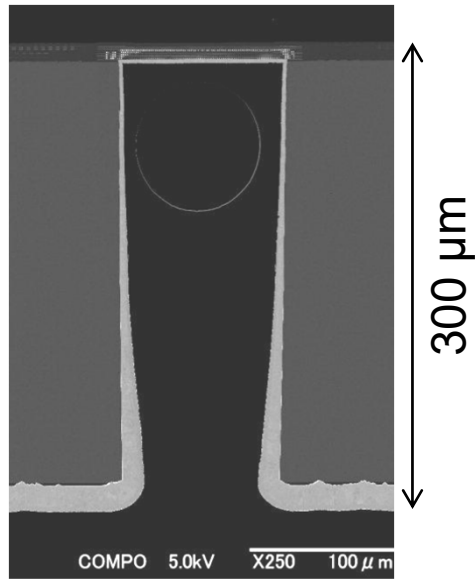
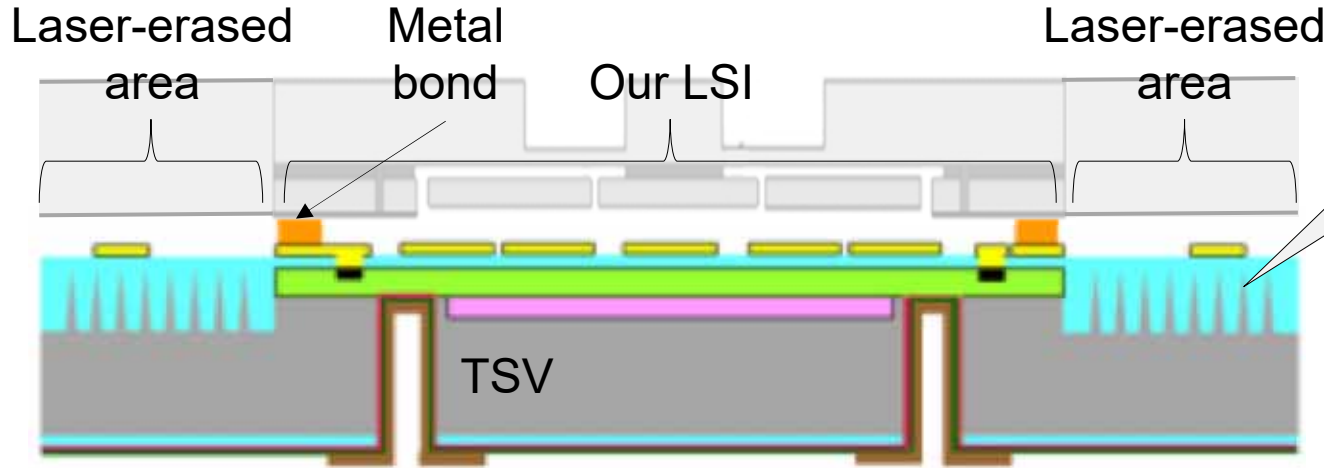
Our MEMS-LSI Integration Platform



Yukio Suzuki *et al.*, IEEE MEMS 2017, pp. 744-747

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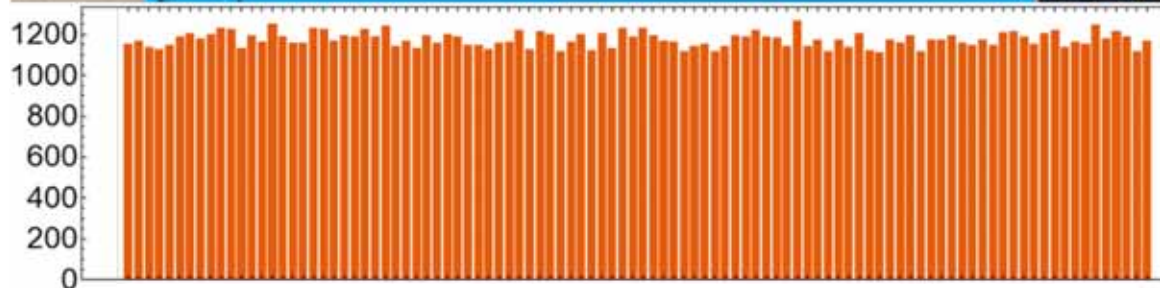
The LSI is produced on a shuttle wafer, and other customers' LSIs are erased by laser ablation.



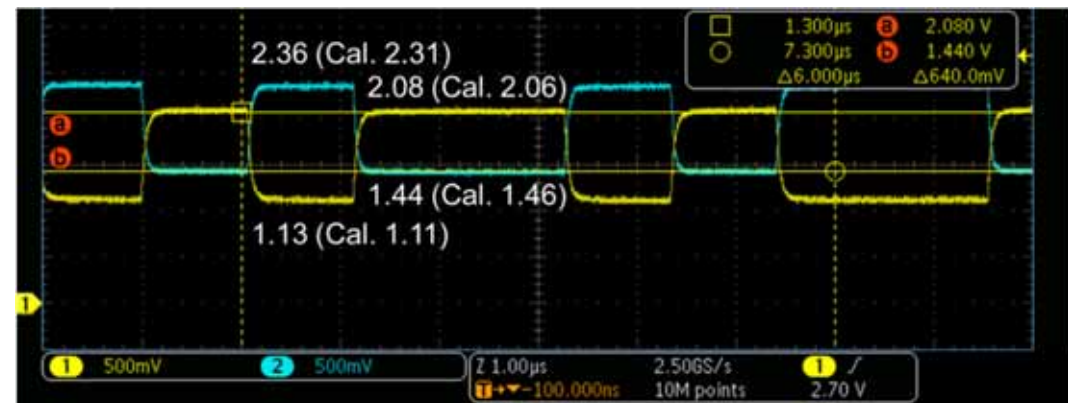
100 Integrated Sensors on Same Bus



Each PCB has 20 integrated tactile sensors on a bus. 5 PCBs are connected via the bus.



Number of packets received by each sensor in 30 s

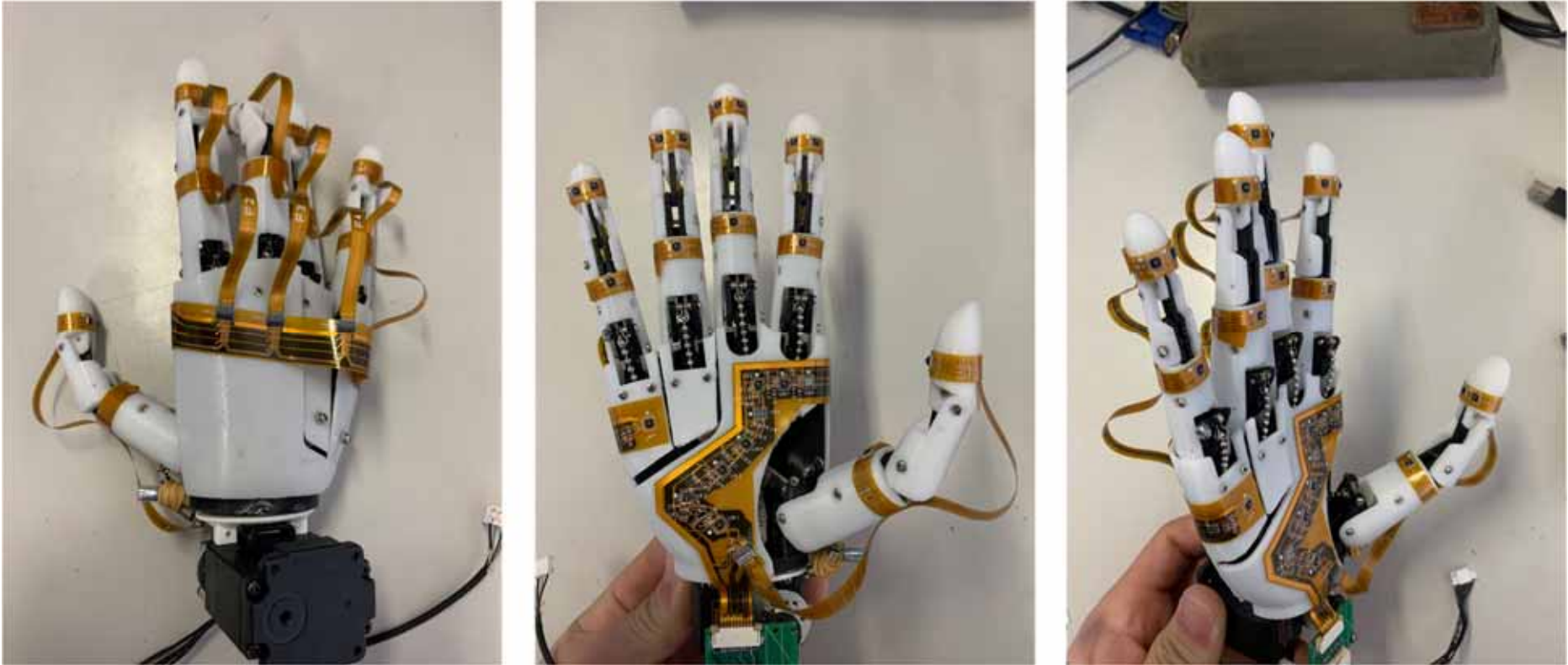


Summary Video



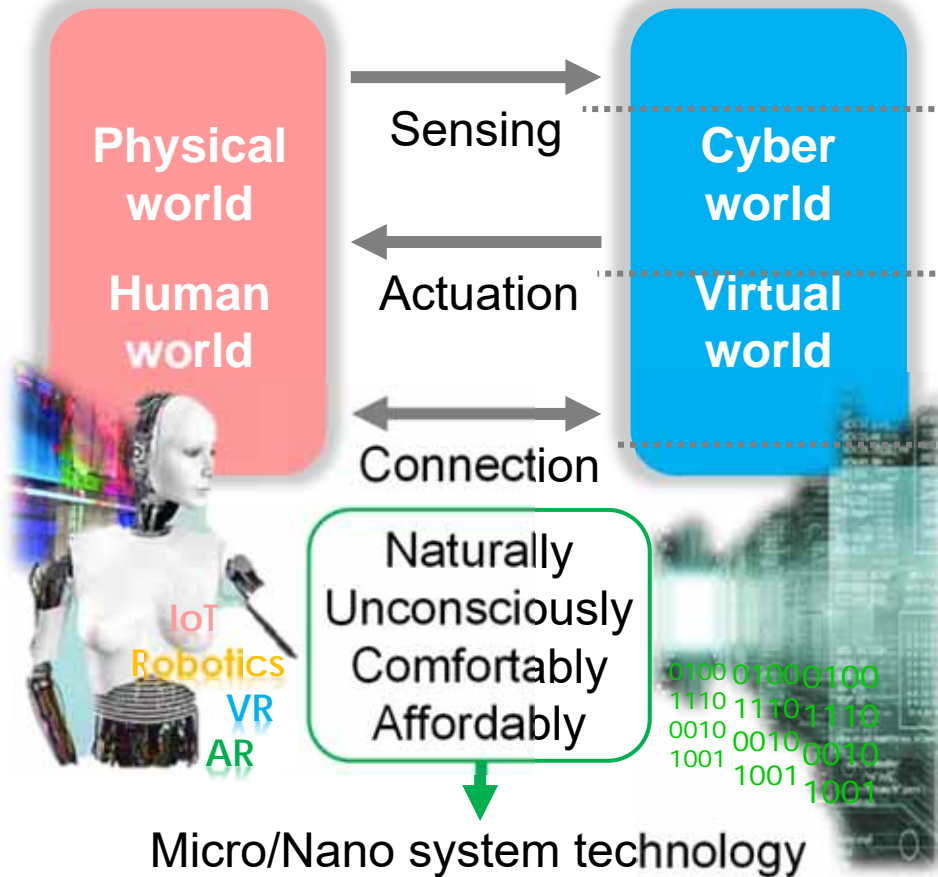
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Example of Sensor Installation



20 sensors on mechanical hand

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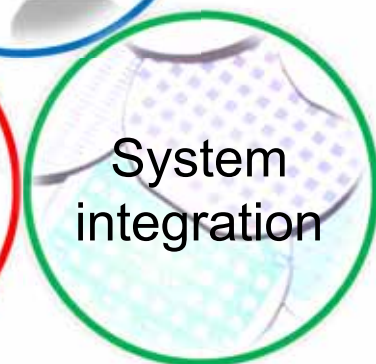
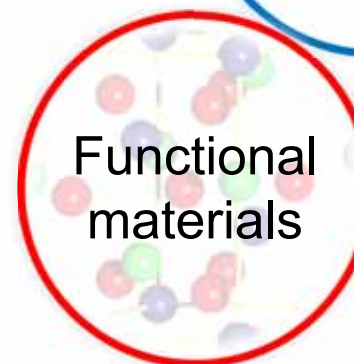
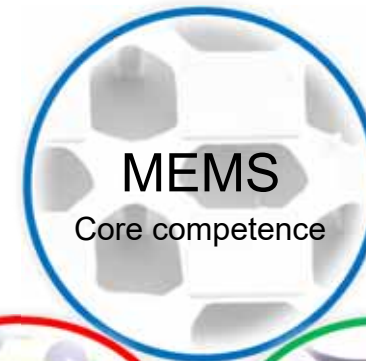


Research topics in 2018-2019

e.g. Tactile sensor, Gyroscope, Ultrasonic sensor, Microphone

e.g. Micromirror, Optical stage, RF MEMS switch

e.g. SAW and BAW filter



Recent research topics

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46 Piezoelectric thin film, Packaging, ALD etc.

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