

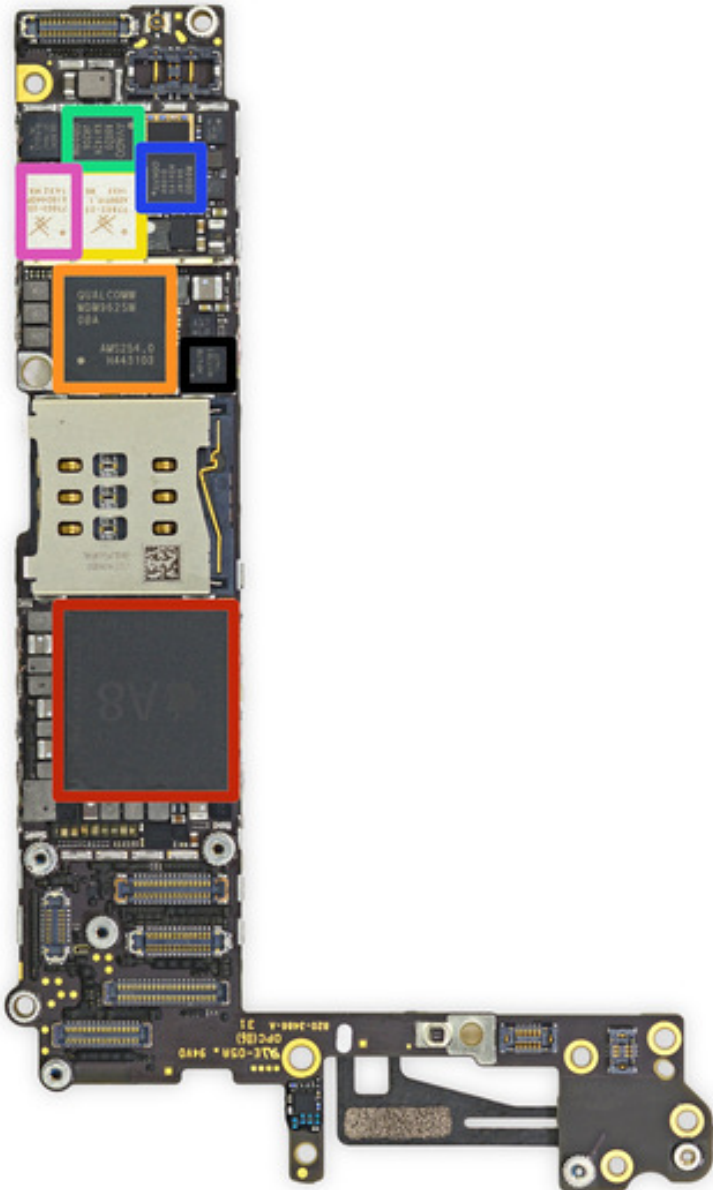
# The LONG Path from MEMS Resonators to Timing Products

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# MEMS – a truly HOT topic these days



## Apple iPhone 6

*6-axis Gyro/Accel (Invensense)*

*3-axis Accelerometer (Bosch)*

*3-axis Magnetometer (AKM)*

*3 microphones (Knowles)*

*Pressure Sensor (Bosch)*

*A trillion MEMS Sensors  
coming soon!*



# The First MEMS Device – 50 years ago!

## The Resonant Gate Transistor

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NATHANSON ET AL.: RESONANT GATE TRANSISTOR

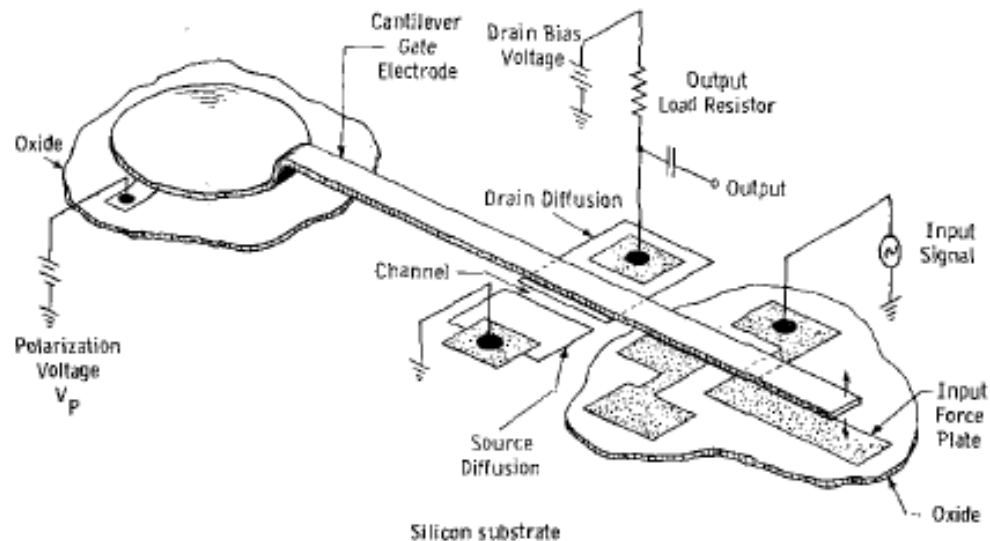
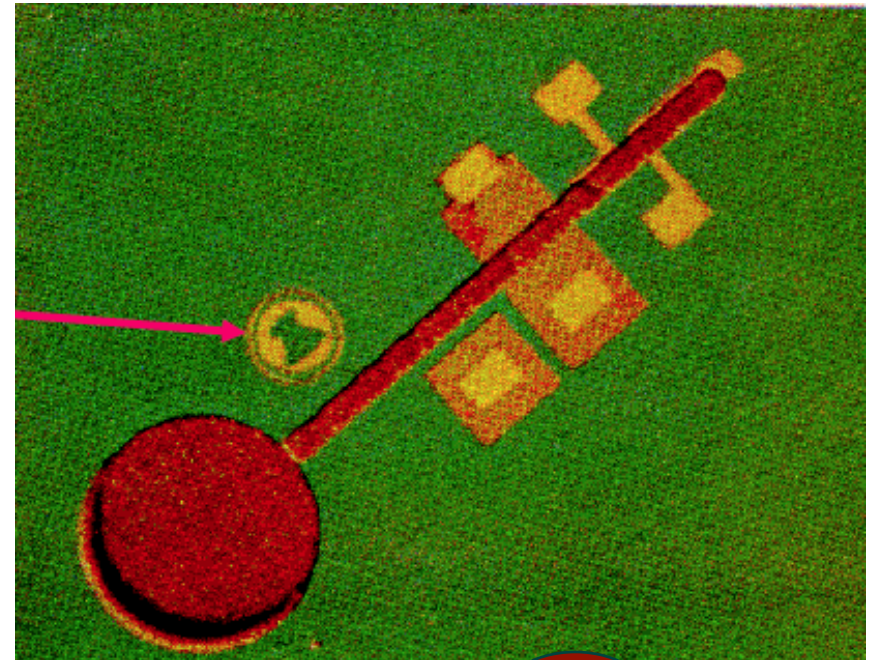


Fig. 1. Geometry and circuit connections of an RGT with a C-F resonant beam.



Electronics, Sept. 20, 1965 (cover)

# The Long Path from MEMS Resonators to Timing Products Begins here

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON ELECTRON DEVICES, VOL. ED-14, NO. 3, MARCH 1967

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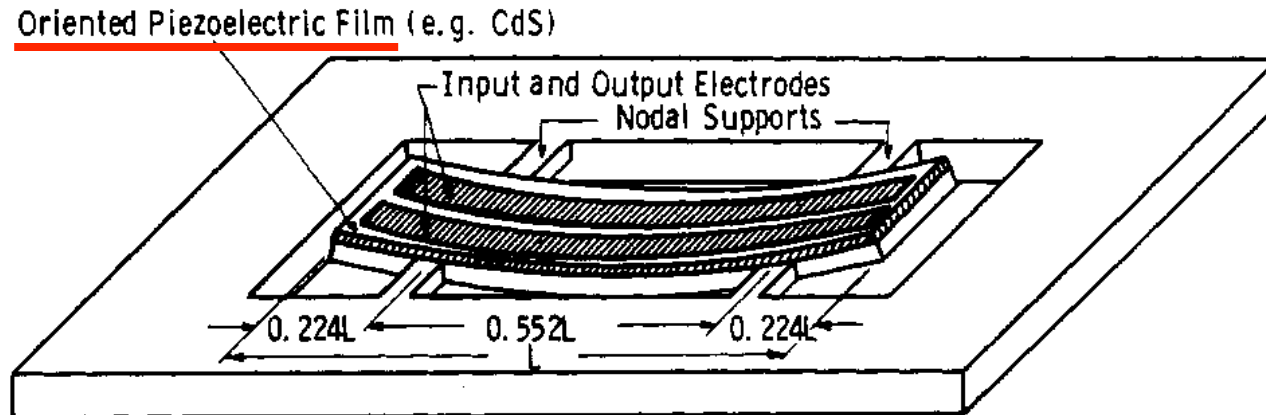


**Very Fast Early Progress!**

SEPTEMBER 1969

# The Tunistor: A Mechanical Resonator for Microcircuits

WILLIAM E. NEWELL, SENIOR MEMBER, IEEE, AND ROBERT A. WICKSTROM



Only a few years ago, the idea that mechanical resonators could be made to be compatible with monolithic and hybrid microcircuits was quite revolutionary. However, the feasibility of such devices has now been demonstrated over a very wide frequency range.

**Feasibility Proven in 1971.**

**When did MEMS Timing Products Appear?**

**What Took SO LONG??**

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**MEMS Wasn't Ready in 1971**

**We Needed Help!**

**Partners**

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**Motivation**

**We needed to build a Technology!**

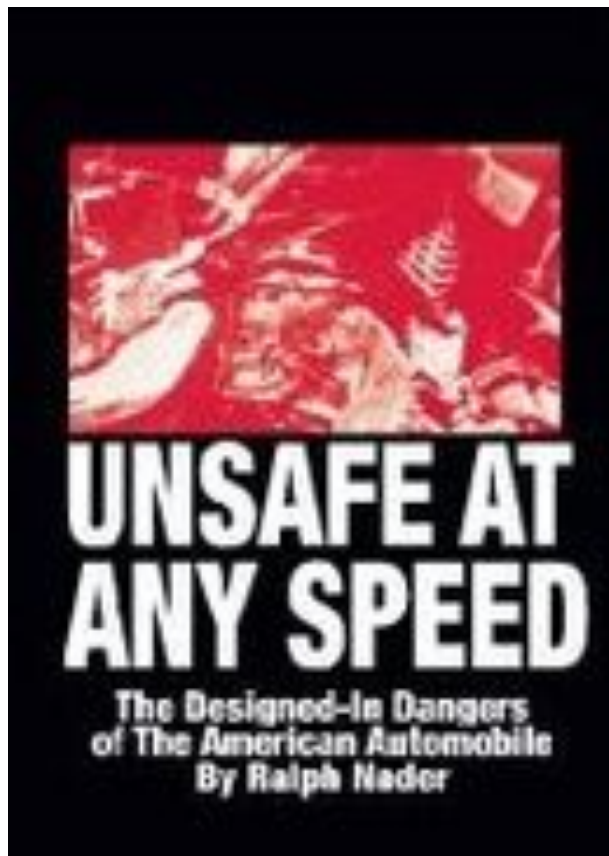
## The History of Vehicle Highway Safety

1965: Nader's "Unsafe at Any Speed," led to passage of National Highway Traffic Safety Act. Soon : A requirement for seat belts as standard equip.

1971: Ford, GM, Chrysler begin providing airbags as optional equipment.

1980s : Chrysler begins marketing Safety as a Significant Feature.

MEMS is identified as a technology that can improve the Safety of Automobiles.



**The Automotive Industry Needs Help**

**MEMS to the Rescue!!!**

# Cars and MEMS – A Symbiotic Relationship



**Cars Need MEMS**

- Safety**
- Pollution**
- Comfort**
- Entertainment**



**Auto Industry Needs led to  
Funding for Technology  
Development of Sensors for  
Automotive Industry**

**Indirectly, this led to MEMS**



## Integrated sensors, MEMS, and microsystems: Reflections on a fantastic voyage

### A Community is Born!

Kensall D. Wise\*

It was during the 1980s that sensors grew into an international community with conferences and journals of its own. It all began in 1981 with the establishment of *Sensors and Actuators* and with Symposium K, organized by Scott Chang and Wen Ko and held in a narrow upstairs room at a Materials Research Society meeting in Boston. Simon Middelhoek gave the first paper [37] at what is now counted as *Transducers' 81*. A steering committee was formed to plan future international conferences that would be held on odd years; on even years, regional conferences would be held in America, Europe, and Asia. In 1984 the first of these regional meetings in the U.S. was launched at Hilton Head Island, SC *Transducers* and *Hilton Head* continue as major events in the sensor field. The *IEEE MEMS Conference* grew out of the *IEEE Micro Robots and Teleoperators Workshop* [38] held at Hyannis, MA, in 1987, where the acronym “MEMS” was coined. The *IEEE Journal of Microelectromechanical Systems* would not be launched until 1992.

# In the US – a Significant Investment from the DoD

From 1992 to 1997, Dr. Gabriel was at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency. In 1992, he was recruited to start the Agency's MEMS program and grew the effort to more than \$80 million a year with 70+ projects.

## **DARPA's newest \$50 million MEMS initiative**

As of July, proposals are in and are now under consideration at DARPA for their newest \$50 million MEMS initiative (Issue: PSA 1565, SOL BAA 96-19). Quoting from the BAA: "The long-term goal of DARPA's MEMS program is to merge computation, sensors, actuators, and mechanical structures to radically change the way people and machines interact with the physical world.

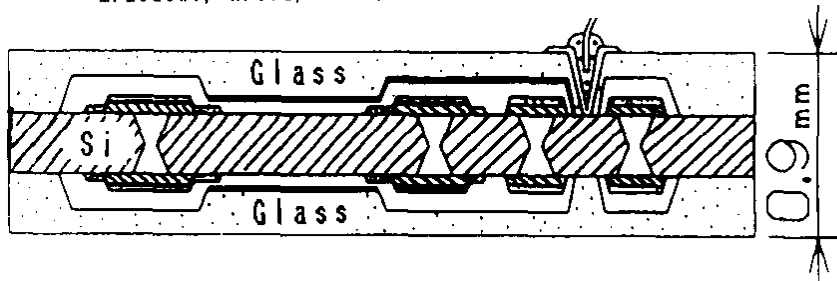


# Research on MEMS Packaging

## ANODIC BONDING FOR INTEGRATED CAPACITIVE SENSORS

W. Esashi, N. Ura, Y. Matsumoto

MEMS 1992



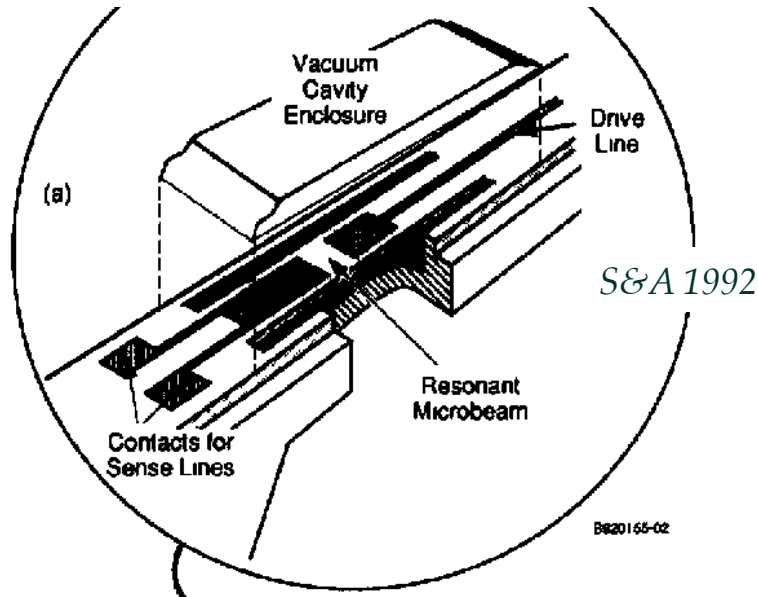
## Characteristics of polysilicon resonant microbeams\*

J D Zook and D W Burns

Honeywell Sensor and System Development Center, Bloomington, MN 55420 (USA)

H Guckel, J J Sniegowski\*\*, R L Engelstad and Z Feng

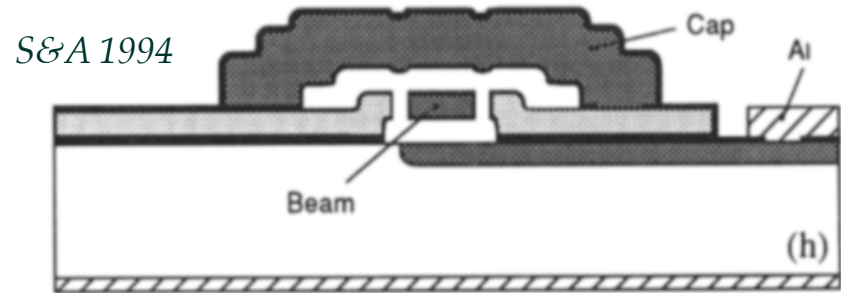
Wisconsin Center for Applied Microelectronics, University of Wisconsin, Madison WI 53706 (USA)



## Electrostatically driven vacuum-encapsulated polysilicon resonators

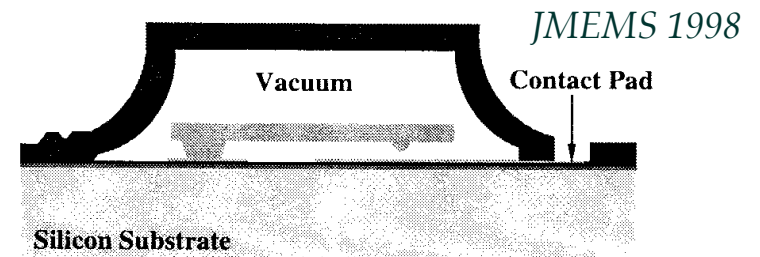
Rob Legtenberg, Harrie A.C. Tilmans\*

MESA Research Institute, University of Twente, PO Box 217, NL-7500 AE Enschede, Netherlands



## Microelectromechanical Filters for Signal Processing

Liwei Lin, Roger T. Howe, Fellow, IEEE, and Albert P. Pisano





# Research on Aging and Reliability

Aging phenomena in heavily doped ( $p^+$ ) micromachined silicon cantilever beams

M. Tabib-Azar, K.Wong and Wen Ko

*Sensors and Actuators A*, 33 (1992) 199–206

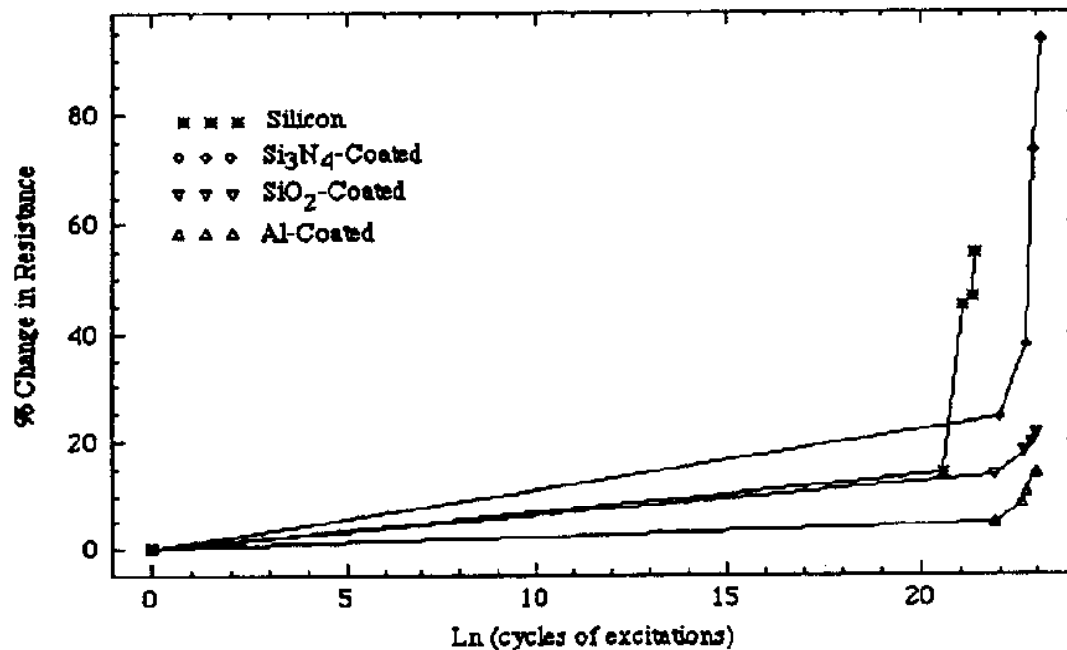


TABLE 1. Mechanical and electrical parameters calculated from the resonance curve of silicon cantilever beams

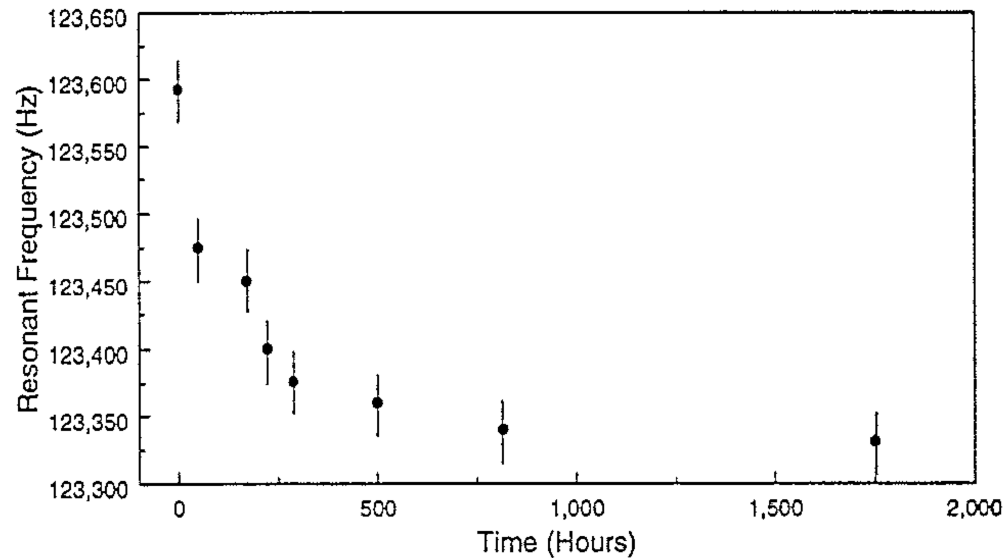
Aging	0	1	2	3	4
Cycle of excitation	0.000E + 00	9.022E + 08	1.464E + 09	1.908E + 09	2.05E + 09
$f_0$ (kHz) <sup>a</sup>	5.975	6.000	6.025	6.150	6.150
Young's modulus (GPa) <sup>b</sup>	129	130	131	136	136
Damping coeff. (Hz)	600.84	644.69	730.12	749.56	769.74

# Research on Aging and Reliability

Long-term stability of silicon bridge oscillators fabricated using the boron etch stop

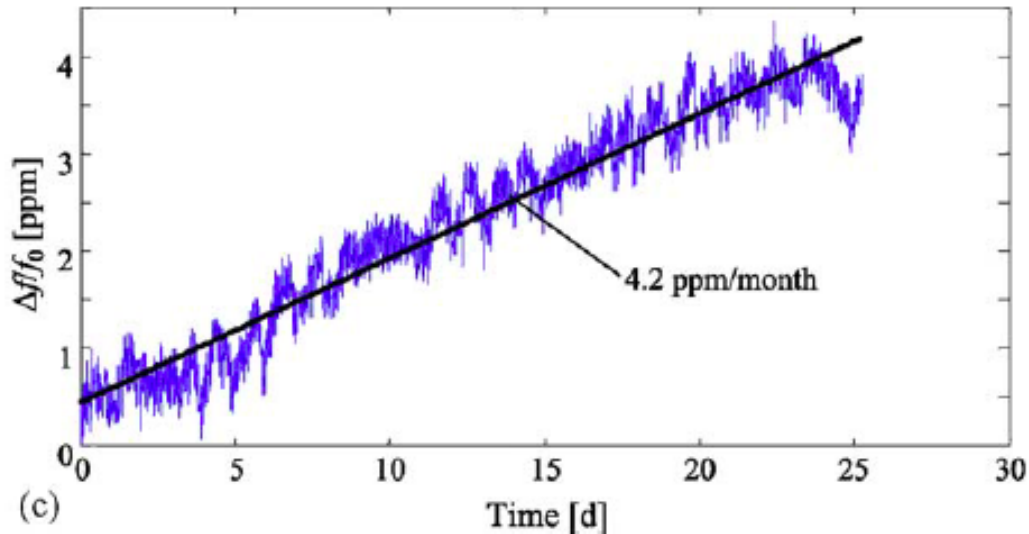
Andrew Pember <sup>a</sup>, Jim Smith <sup>b</sup>, Henri Kemhadjian <sup>b</sup>

Sensors and Actuators A 46–47 (1995) 51–57



The basic implication of this work is that the long-term stability of sensors based on such structures should be very good, provided that a 'burn in' or maturing period is observed before calibration and use of the device. The exact mechanism of ageing is not clear

# Research on Aging and Reliability

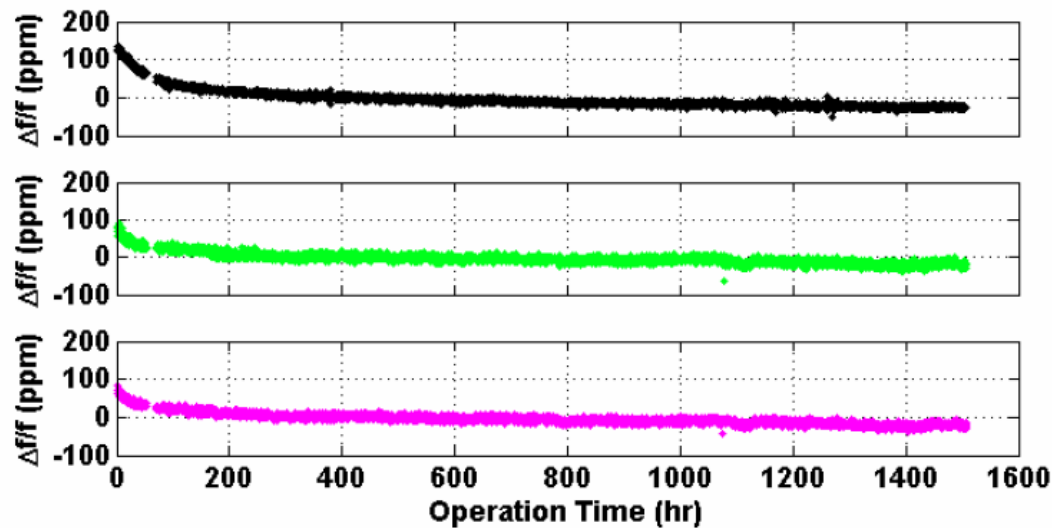


Stability of wafer level vacuum encapsulated single-crystal silicon resonators

Ville Kaajakari<sup>a,\*</sup>, Jyrki Kiihamäki<sup>a</sup>, Aarne Oja<sup>a</sup>, Sami Pietikäinen<sup>b</sup>,  
Ville Kokkala<sup>b</sup>, Heikki Kuisma<sup>b</sup>

Sensors and Actuators A 130–131 (2006) 42–47

Results from a cantilever beam sealed in wafer-level package using commercial-style anodic bonding



B. Kim, M. Hopcroft, R. Melamud, C. Jha, M. Agarwal, S. Chandorkar and T.W. Kenny

Proceedings of IPACK2007  
ASME InterPACK '07

July 8-12, 2007, Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA

Results from a tuning fork encapsulated using CVD Low-Temperature Oxide for final sealing step

**OK for Inertial Sensors; Not Good Enough for Resonators**

# Research on Temperature Control

## Microresonator Frequency Control and Stabilization Using an Integrated Micro Oven

*Transducers 1993*

*Clark T.-C. Nguyen and Roger T. Howe*

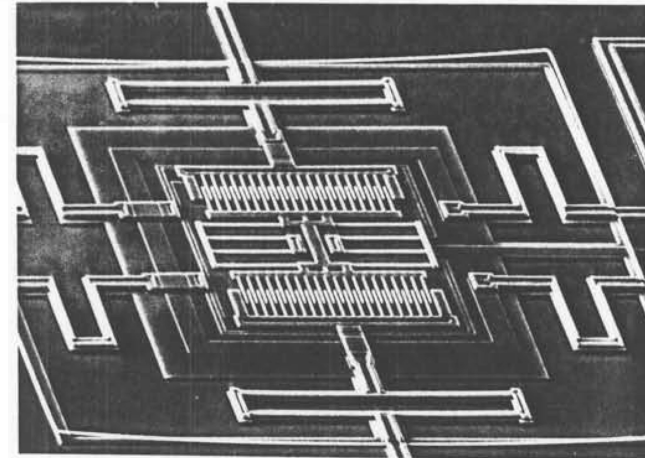
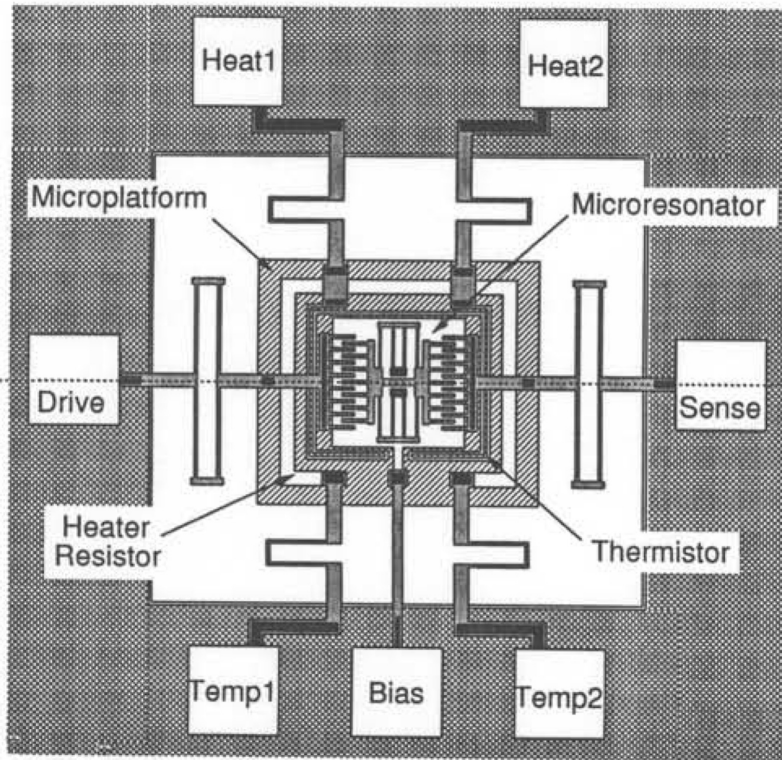
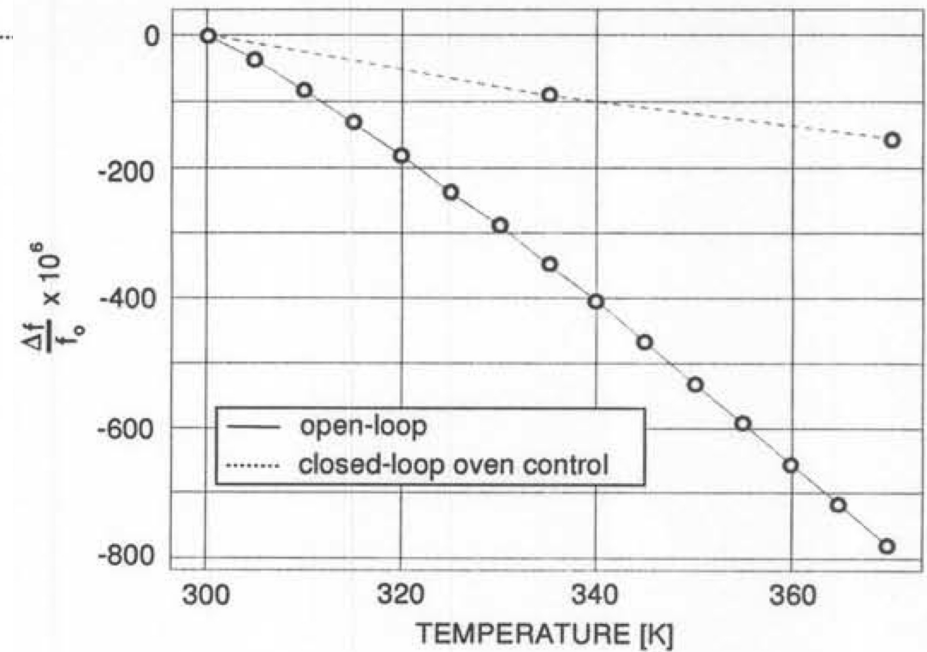


Fig 5. SEM of a fabricated micro-oven



# By 2000, We Still Couldn't Make Stable MEMS Resonators

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# Wafer-Scale Encapsulation Process for Inertial Sensors

**Proposed in 1999 by Markus Lutz,  
of Bosch RTC.**

- Initial Description on Scraps of Paper
- Objective was Miniaturization of Inertial Sensors for Automotive Applications
- Process development **MUST** be compatible with Bosch Production Fabrication Facilities in Germany.
- Objective – Encapsulate the Minimum Volume for the minimally-sized inertial sensor chip.



**BOSCH**

# What is the Encapsulation Process?

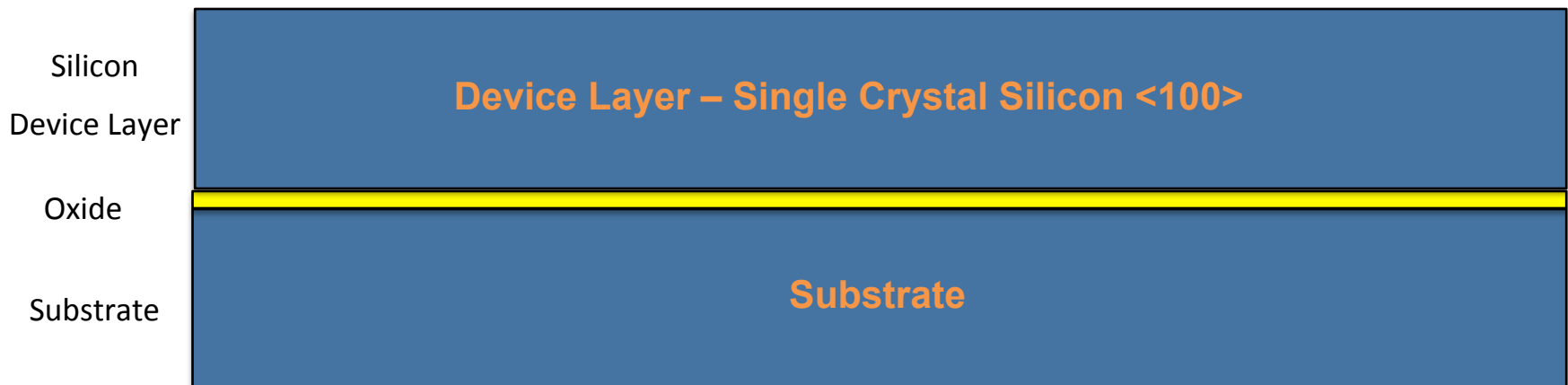
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Start with Standard <100> Silicon Wafer

- Device layer can be ~3 um to 60 um

 **SiTime**  
It's about time **BOSCH**

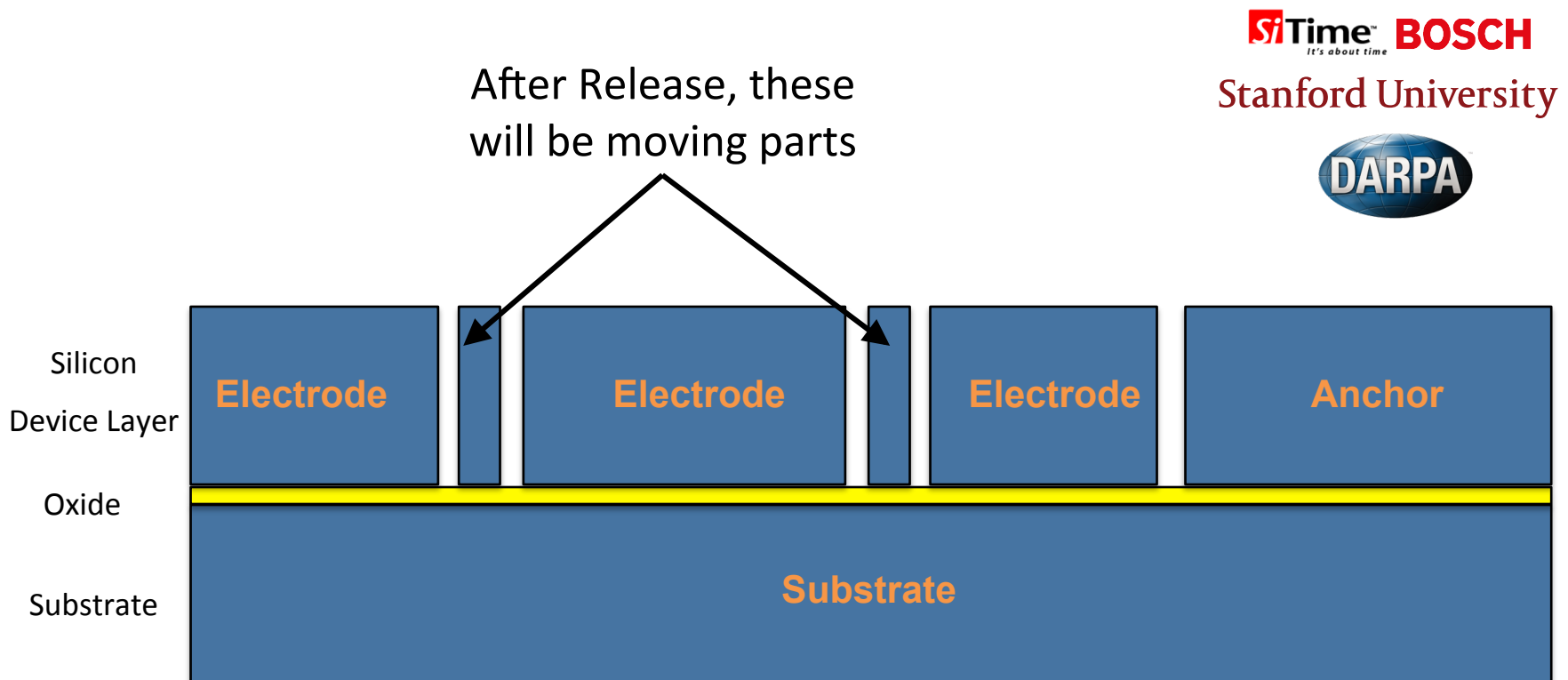
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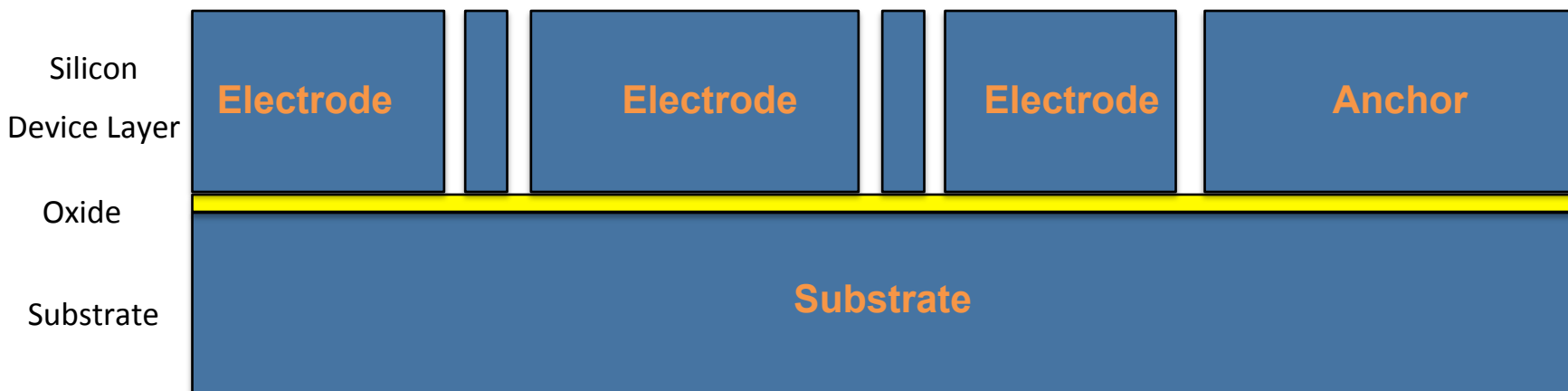
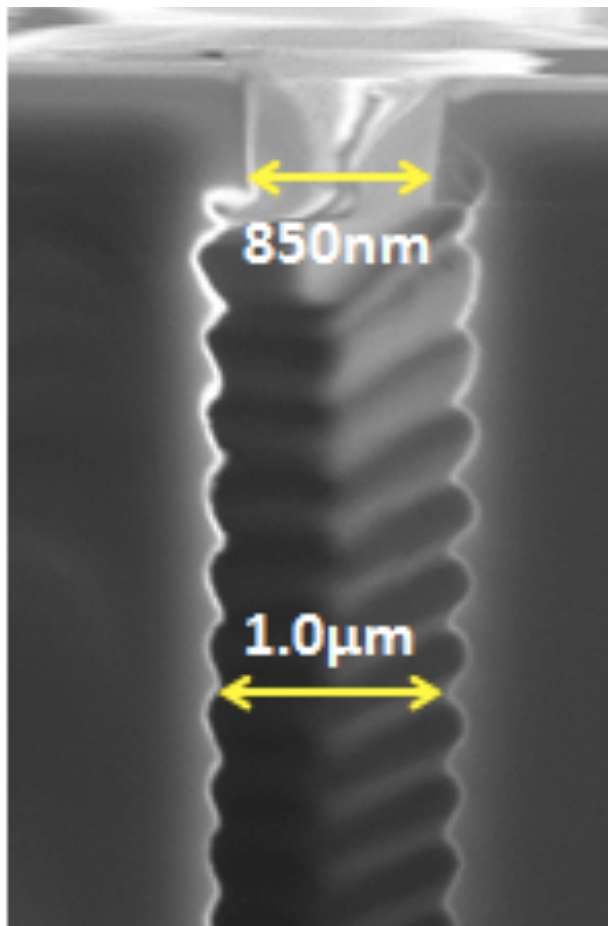
# What is the Encapsulation Process?

Plasma Etch trenches from surface down to buried oxide

- Define Electrodes, Anchors and Moving elements



Top of  
trench



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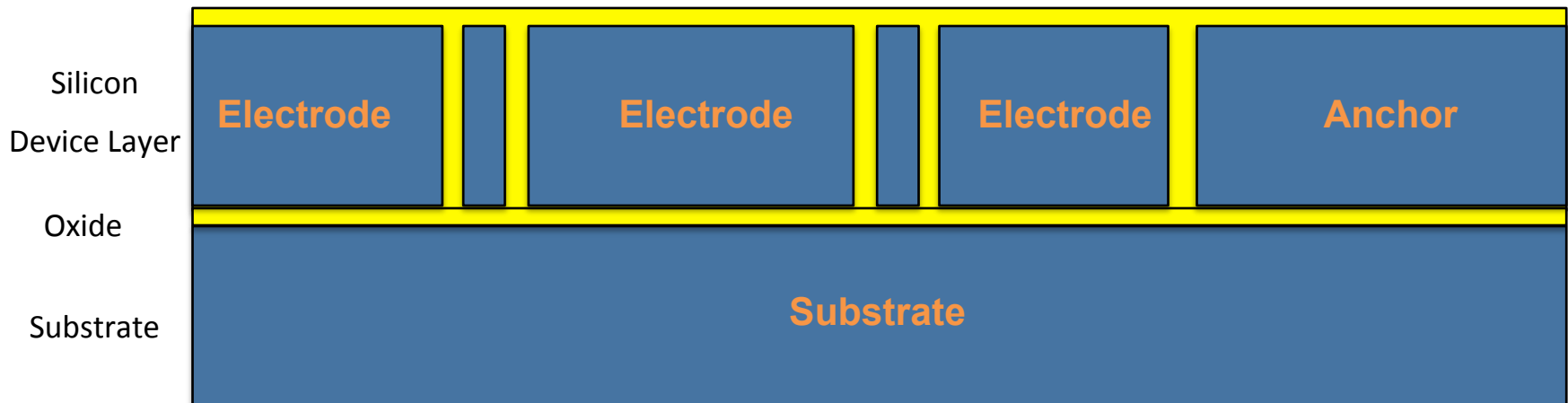
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Fill trenches and cover with SiO<sub>2</sub>

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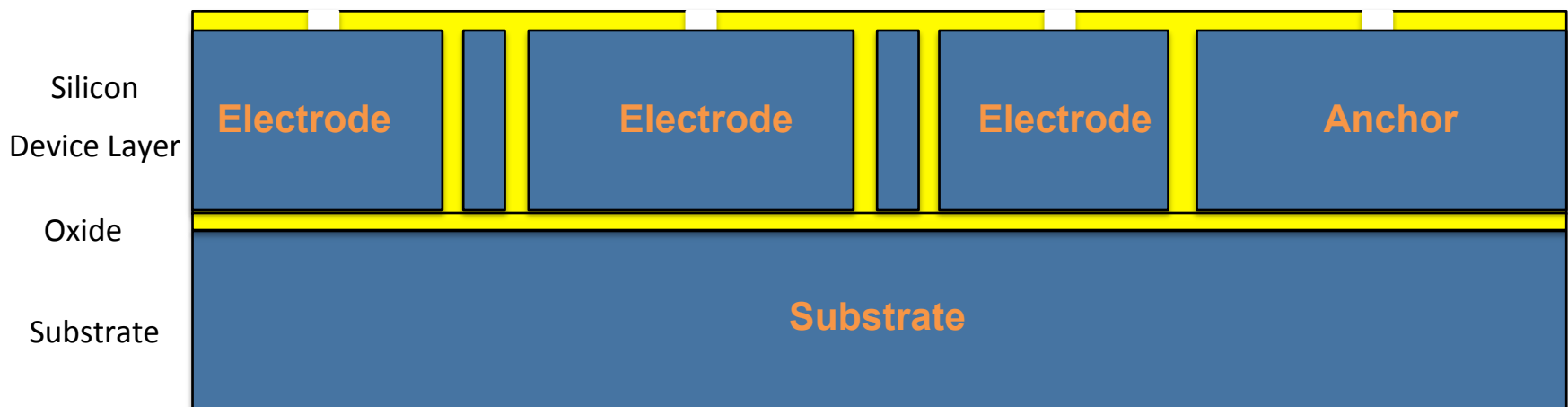
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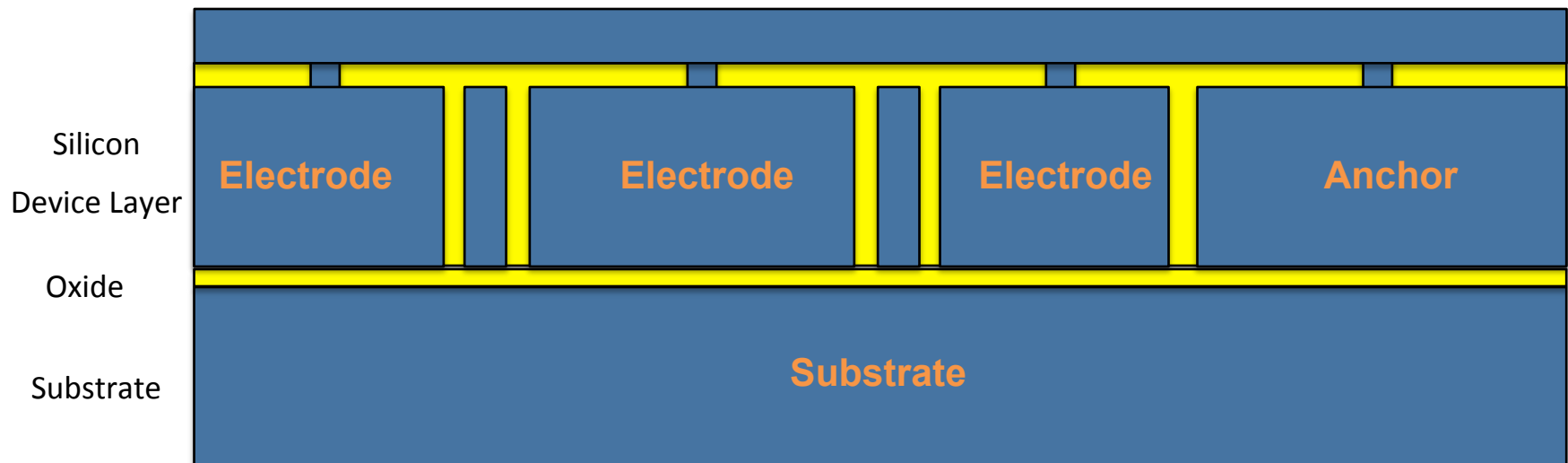
Grow first layer of package ~ 3 um fine grain epi-poly

- Bosch epi-poly used as device layer in all MEMS products
- Low stress, stable mechanical properties

CMP process to smooth top surface topography



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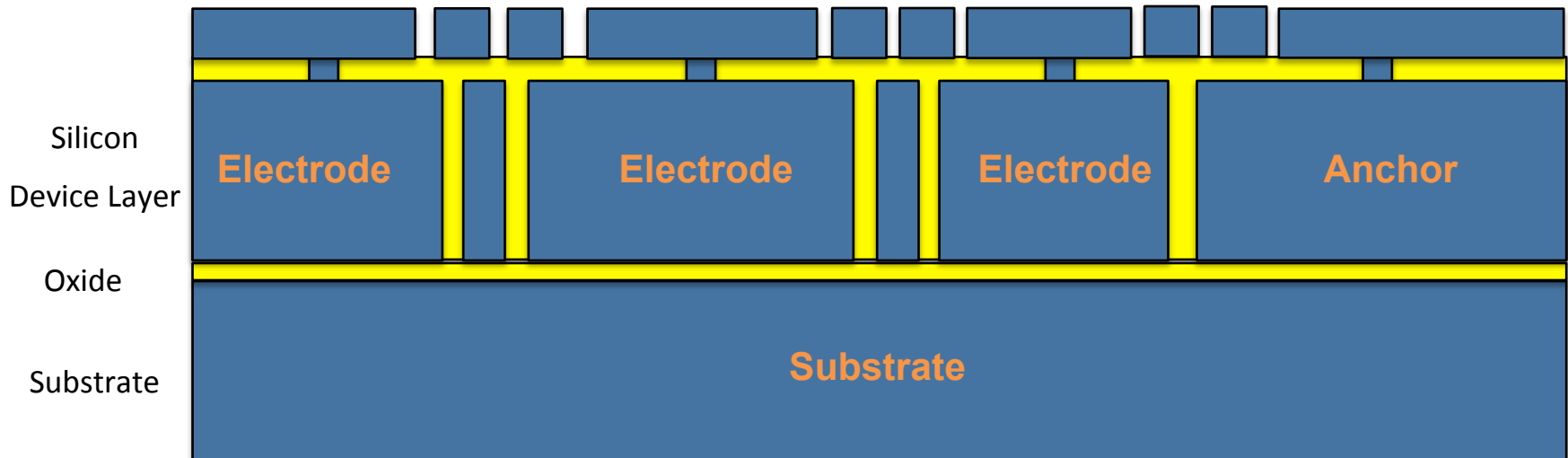
# What is the Encapsulation Process?

Plasma Etch openings through first cap where devices are to be released

- Placement not critical
- Opening sizes  $\sim 0.7 \mu\text{m}$



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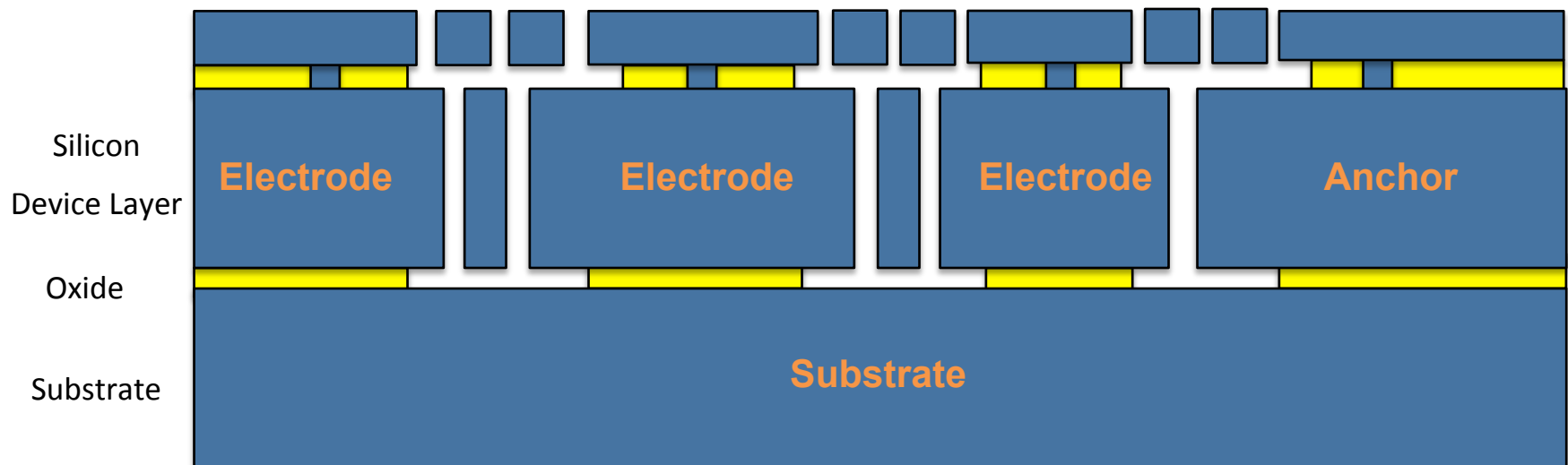
# What is the Encapsulation Process?

HF Vapor Tech to remove SiO<sub>2</sub> around elements to be released

- Placement of released structures relative to fixed structures is important. Design Rules matter!
- HF Vapor Etch now available from Vendors and Foundries



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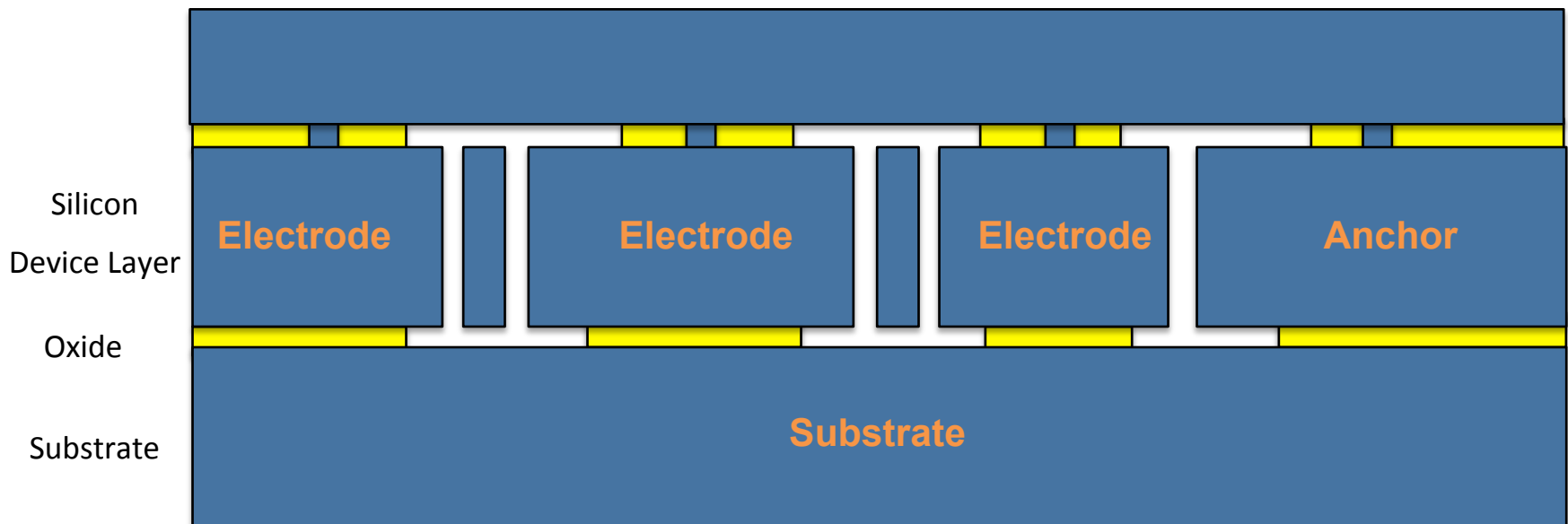
Seal parts in Epitaxial Reactor

- **1100 C process in ultra clean chamber**
- Exposure to H<sub>2</sub> at 1100C causes extreme sidewall smoothing
- After process, H<sub>2</sub> gas remains at ~10 torr
- H<sub>2</sub> removed by 450C annealing in N<sub>2</sub> furnace

CMP to remove topography after growth.



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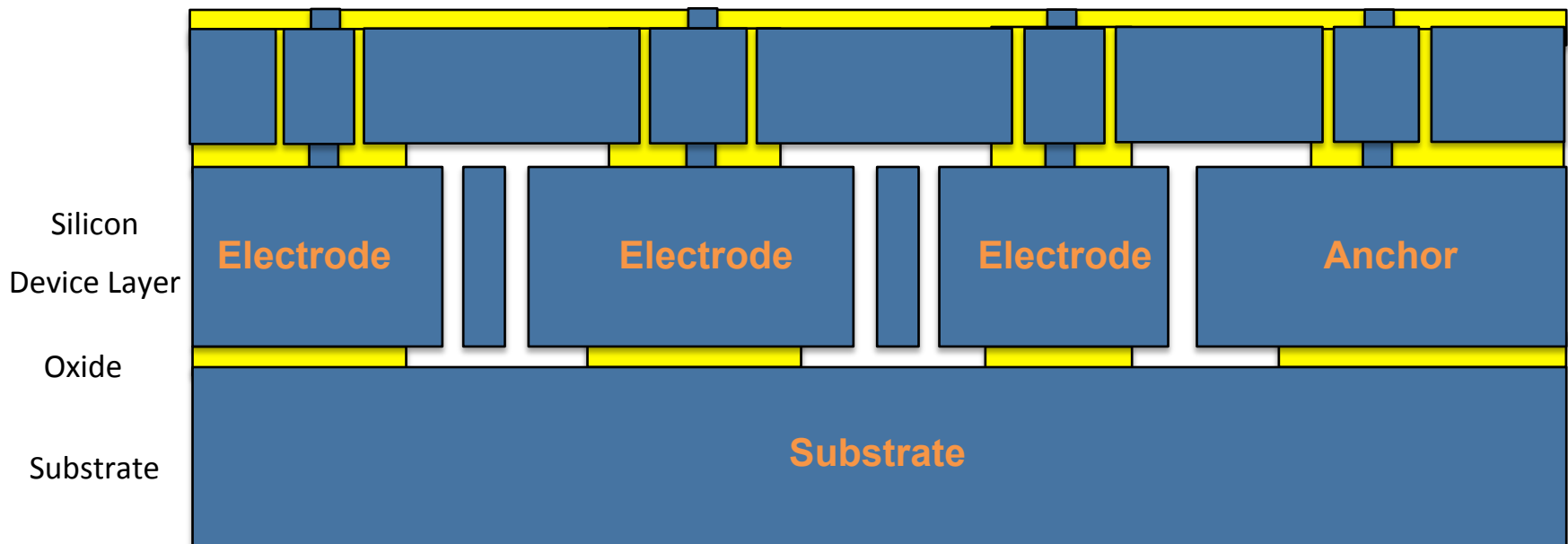
## Electrical Contacts

- Etch Annular trenches around contact plugs
- refill with SiO<sub>2</sub> and Passivate
- Deposit Al Metal and pattern
- Dice, mount and package



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All of this can happen in any CMOS fab

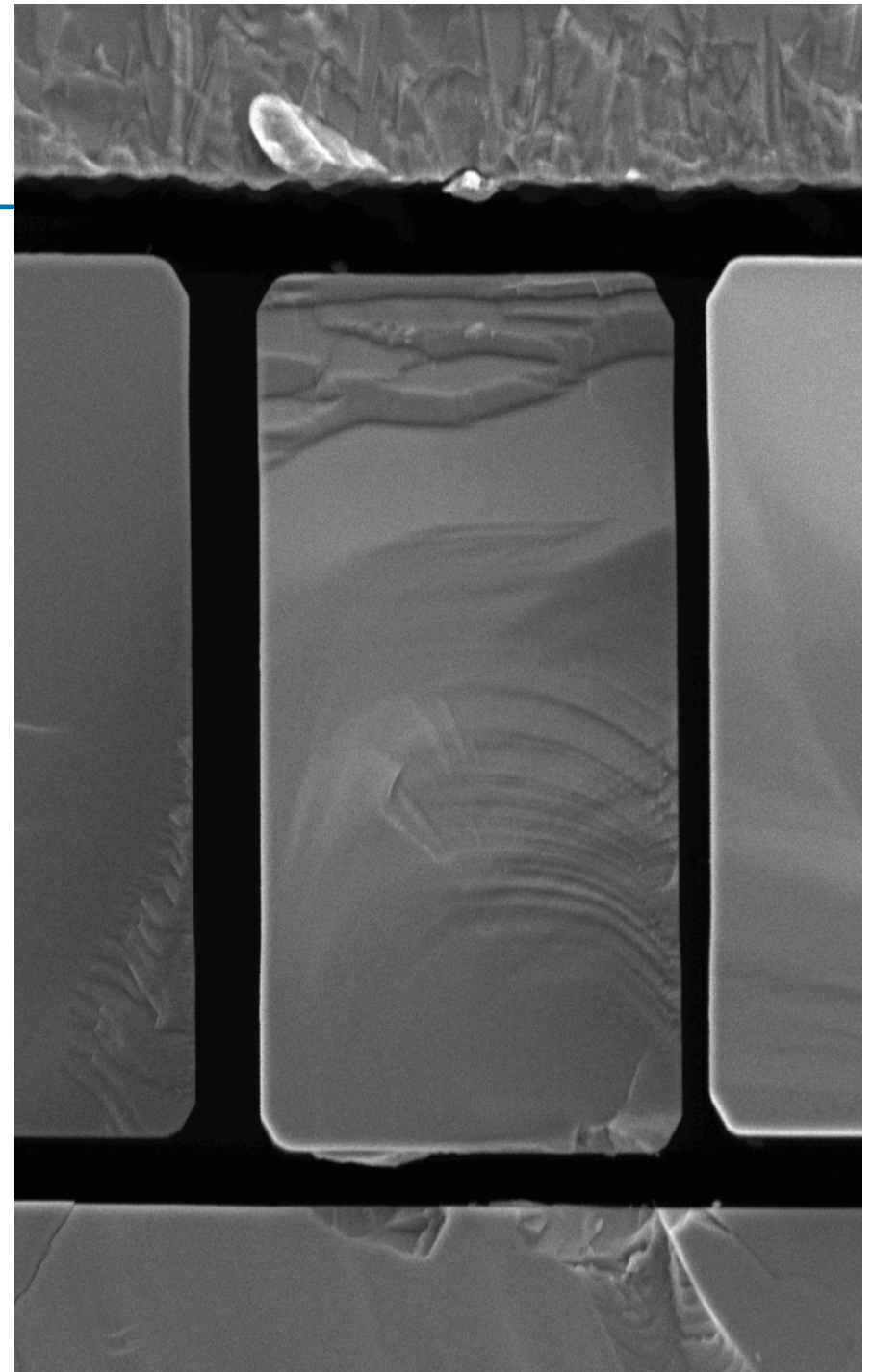
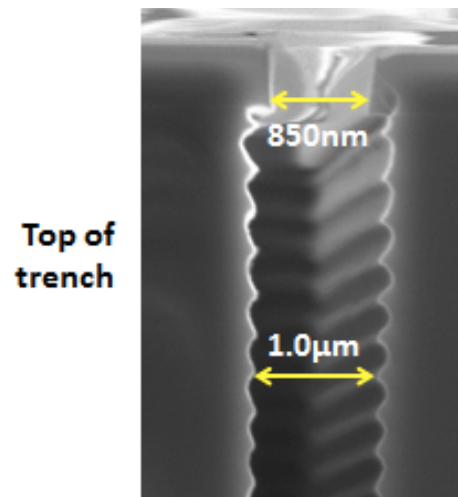


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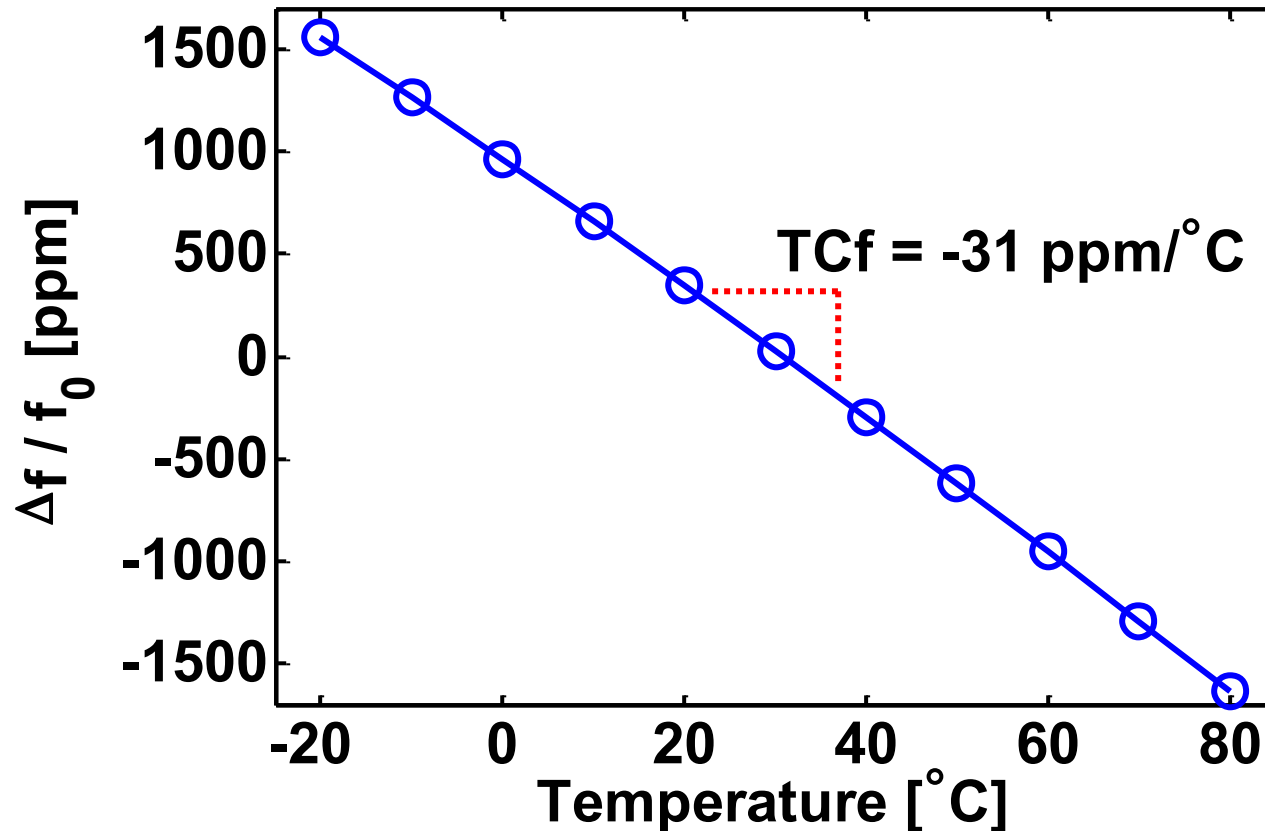
## High-Temp Encapsulation – Many Beneficial Features

- No native oxide
- No adhering species
- No outgassing

- No surface relaxation
- No stress concentrations
- No fatigue
- No aging



# Temperature Sensitivity of Silicon Resonators

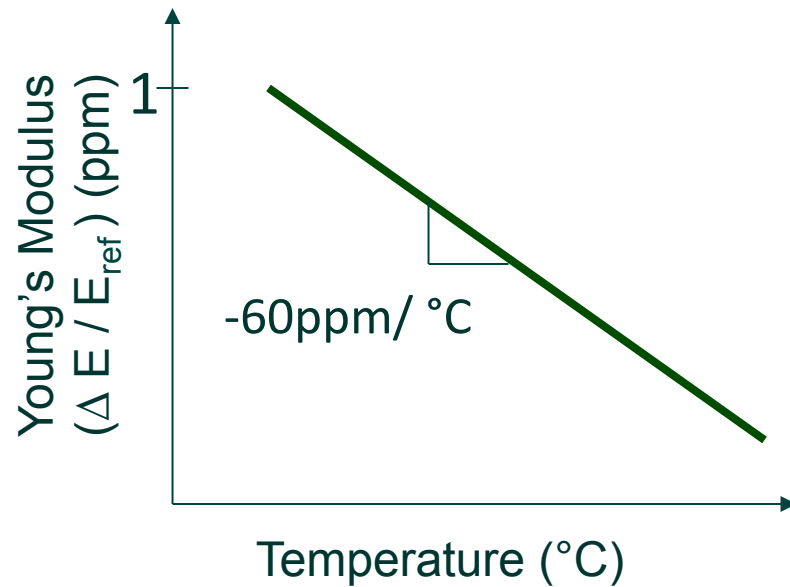


***Dominated by temperature dependence of Elastic Modulus***  
***Small contribution from Thermal Expansion***

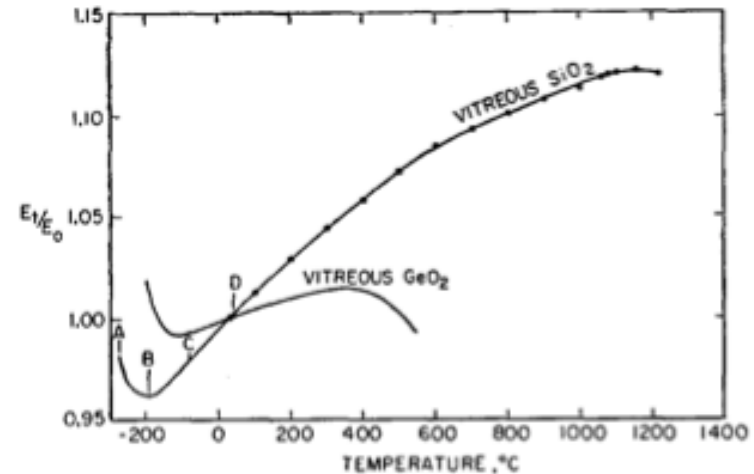
***100X worse than Quartz!***

# Temperature Stability Strategy

## Silicon Young's Modulus



Elastic Modulus of  $\text{SiO}_2$  vs. Temperature

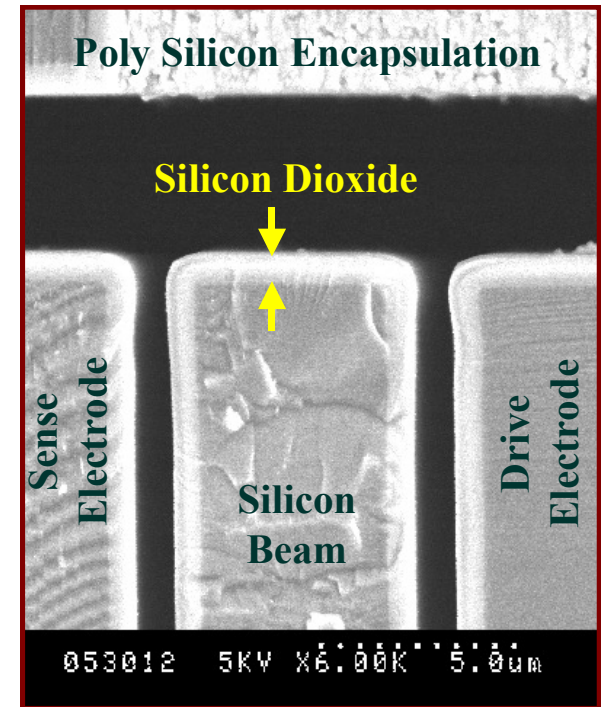
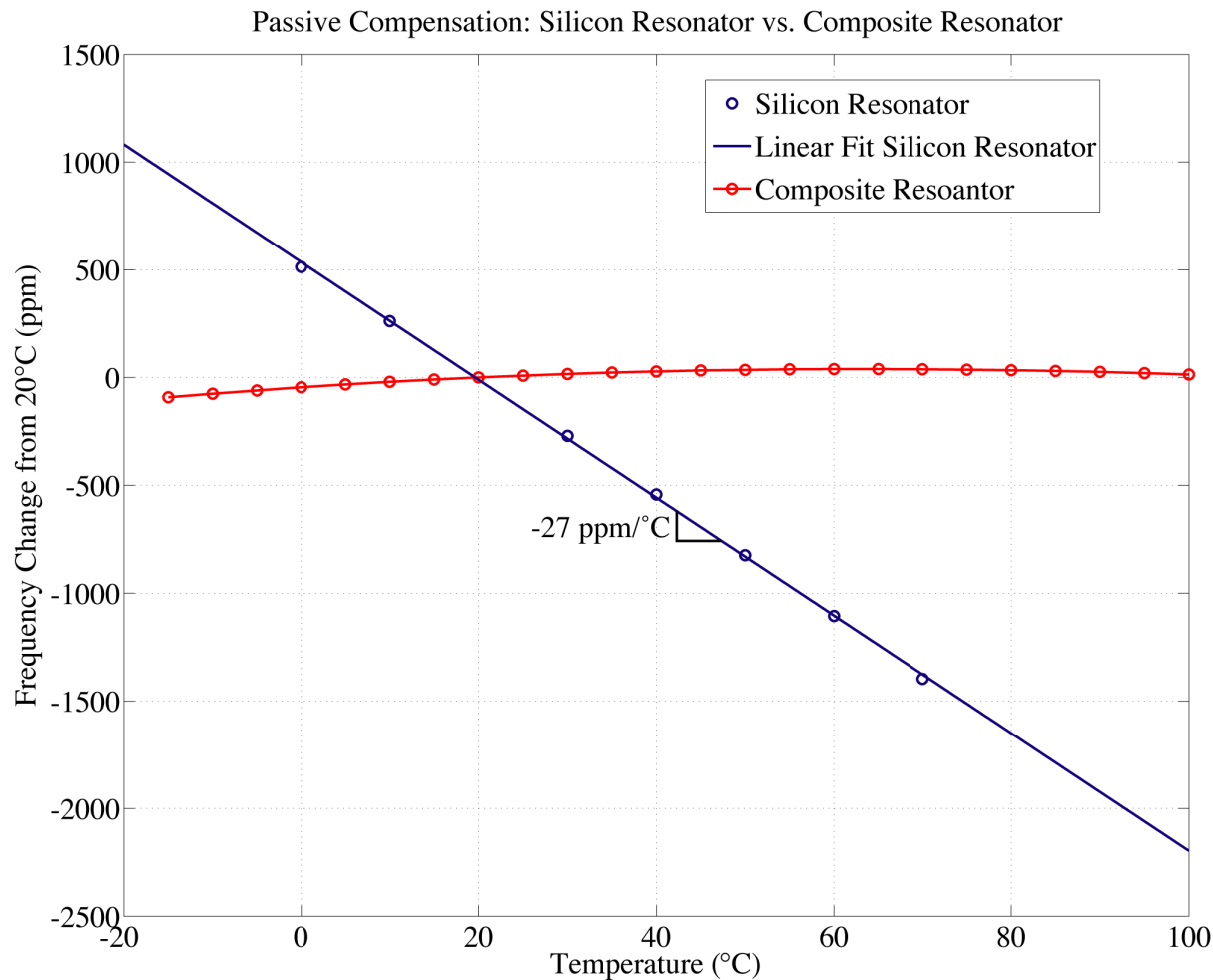


Spinner, S. and Cleek, G. W. (1960). "Temperature Dependence of Young's Modulus of Vitreous Germania and Silica." *Journal of Applied Physics*, 31(8): 1407-1410.

- Silicon becomes softer with increase in temperature
- Silicon dioxide ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ) becomes stiffer as temperature increases
- Combination of Si and  $\text{SiO}_2$  will compensate resonant frequency change due to temperature change
- $\text{SiO}_2$  can be added to our fabrication sequence.

# Temperature-Insensitive Composite Micromechanical Resonators

Renata Melamud, *Member, IEEE*, Saurabh A. Chandorkar, Bongsang Kim, *Member, IEEE*,  
Hyung Kyu Lee, James C. Salvia, *Student Member, IEEE*, Gaurav Bahl,  
Matthew A. Hopcroft, *Member, IEEE*, and Thomas W. Kenny



Should provide 20x  
reduction in frequency  
error of resonators without  
any other improvements



# Very Fast Early Progress!

XP-002462194

**IBM** Technical Disclosure Bulletin

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## TEMPERATURE COMPENSATION FOR CONSTANT-FREQUENCY ELECTROMECHANICAL OSCILLATORS

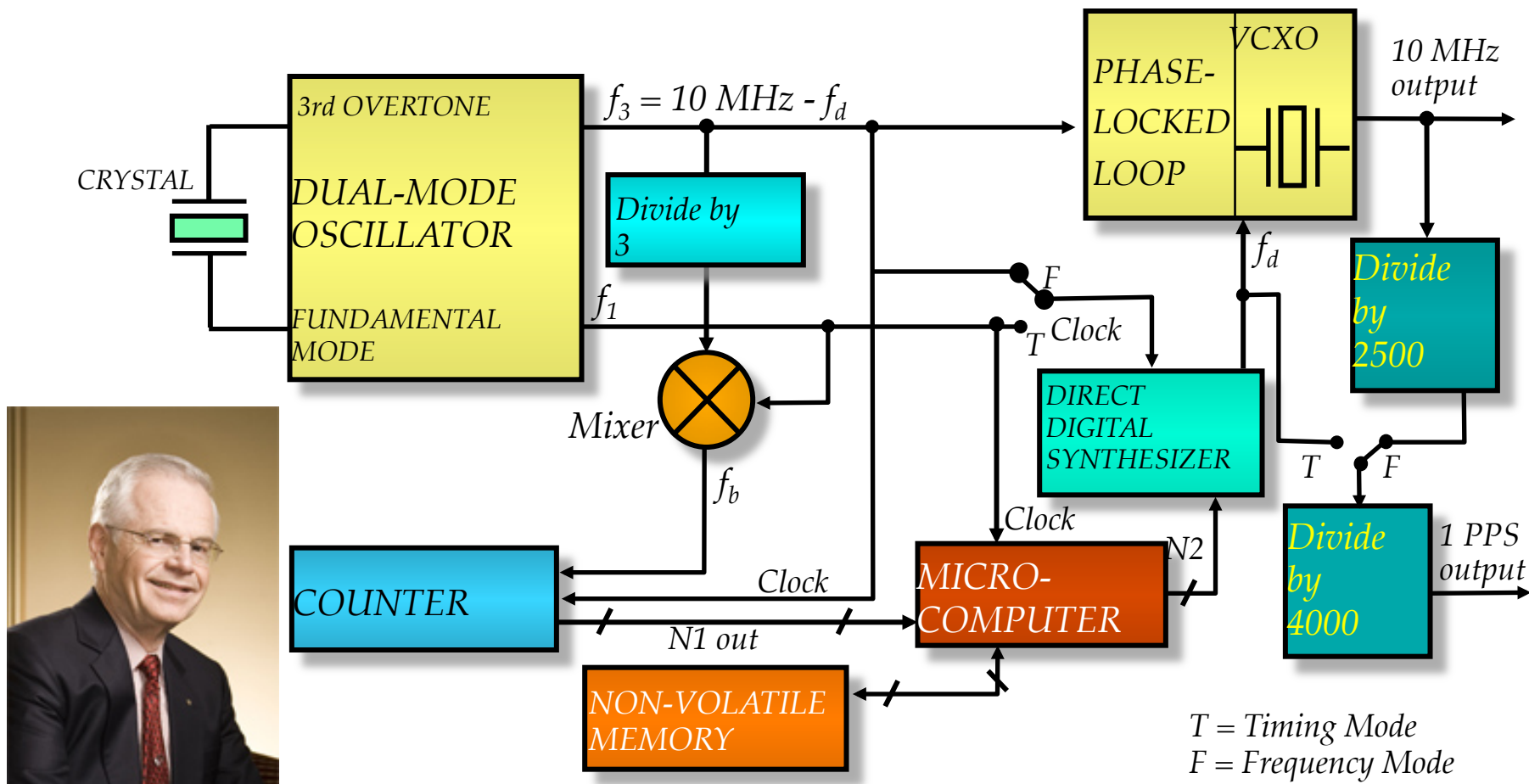
B. S. Berry and W. C. Pritchett

Electronically maintained mechanical oscillators, such as a reed or tuning fork, are useful as generators of reference AC frequency signals of high stability. The overall frequency stability of such a device depends on a number of factors, of which the most important is usually the effect of temperature on the elastic modulus of the material.

For the silicon reed electromechanical oscillator, the sign of  $\beta$  is negative. It is known that  $\beta$  is positive for certain amorphous oxides and, in particular, amorphous (fused) silica ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ) has a substantial positive value of  $\beta$  over a wide-temperature range (-190°C to +1200°C). Therefore, an overcoat of amorphous  $\text{SiO}_2$  may be used to increase the temperature stability of the silicon reed device.

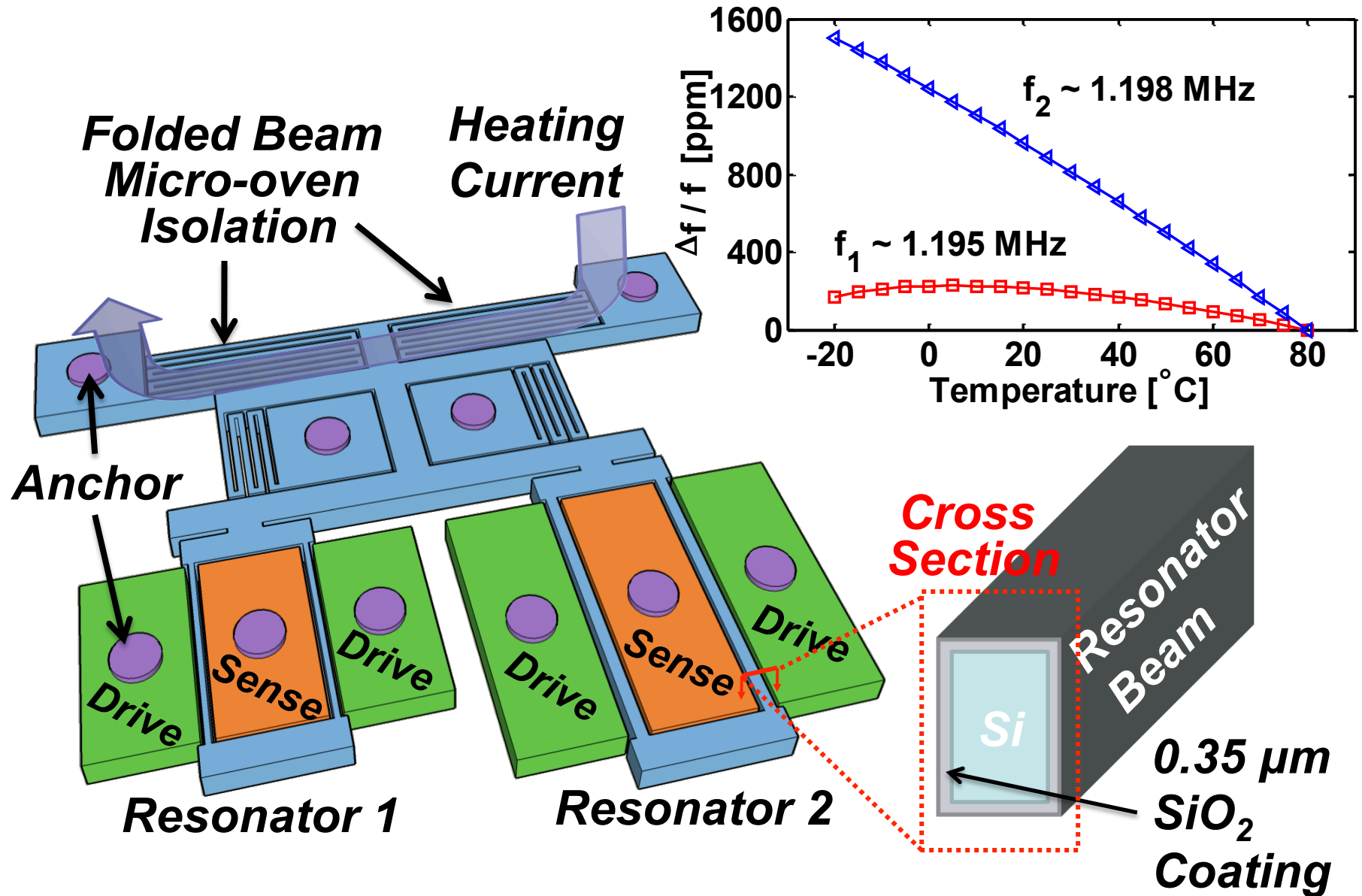
# MCXO Frequency Summing Method

## Block Diagram

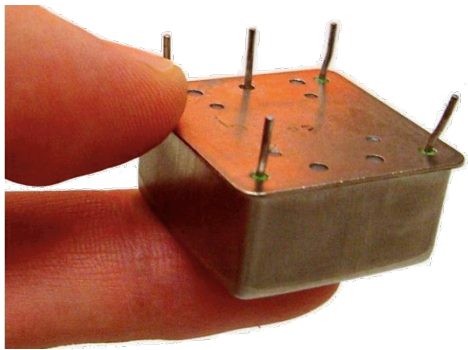
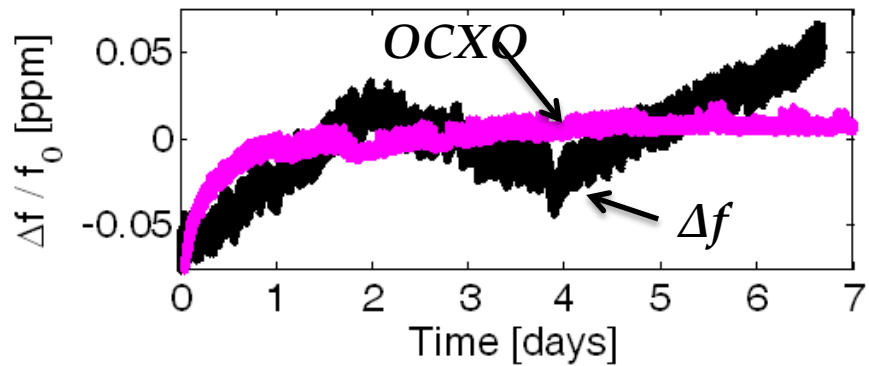


A. Benjaminson and S. Stallings, "A Microcomputer-Compensated Crystal Oscillator Using Dual-Mode Resonator," *Proc. 43rd Annual Symposium on Frequency Control*, pp. 20-26, 1989, IEEE Catalog No. 89CH2690-6.

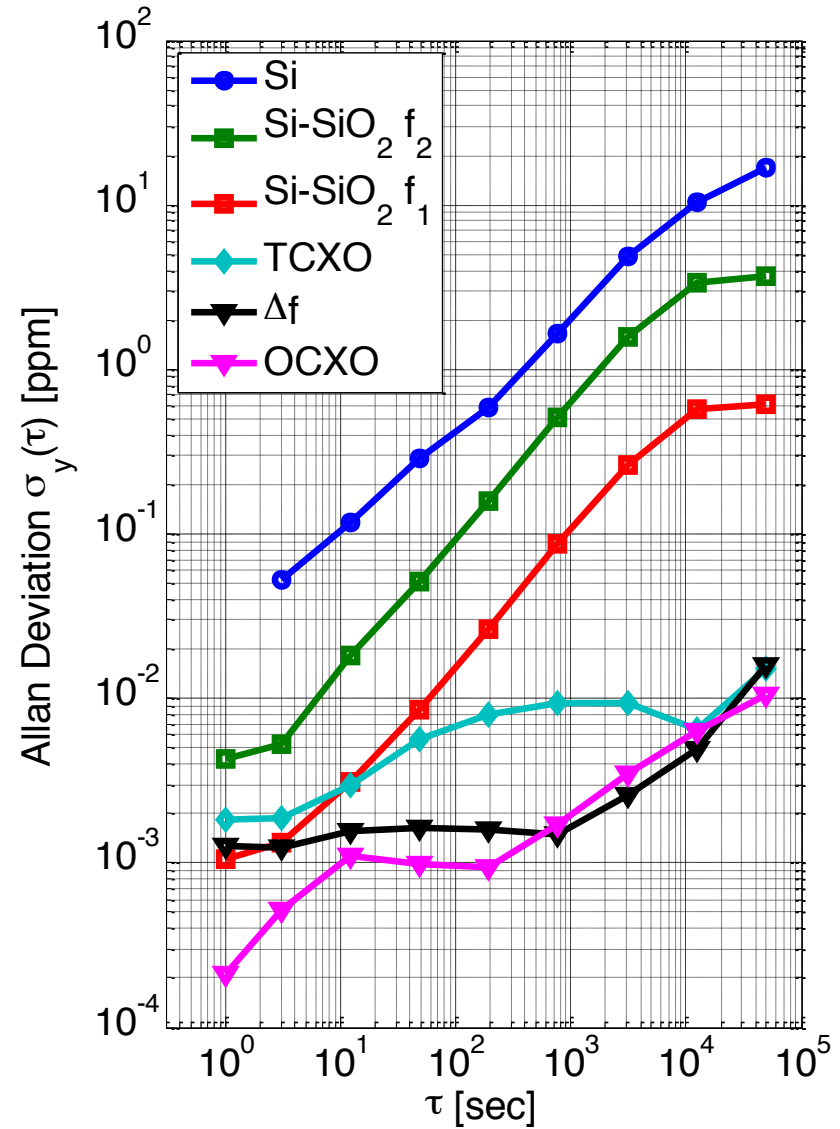
# Dual Composite Resonators in Micro-Oven



# Oscillator Stability Comparison



Quartz OCXO  
Vectron (Corning) C4550 100 MHz



# Heavy doping for Temperature Compensation

## Proposed Mechanism: Free Charge Carrier Effect

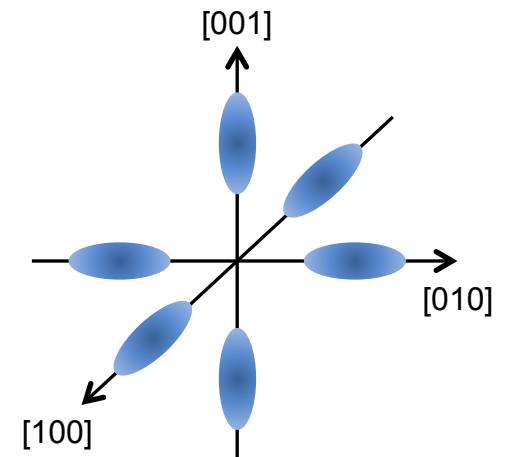
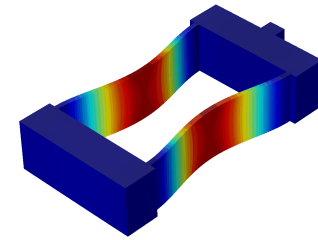
- Acoustic vibrations strain the crystal lattice
- Strain shifts the energy bands by the deformation potential effect
- Charge carriers in the raised valleys transfer to lower energy valleys to minimize free energy
- Lowered free energy (due to charge carrier effects) results in a decrease in elastic constants that is temperature dependent

$$C_{ij} = \frac{1}{V} \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial \varepsilon_i \partial \varepsilon_j} \quad \delta C_{11} = -\frac{2n\Xi_u^2}{9E_F} \left( \frac{\eta F'_{1/2}(\eta)}{F_{1/2}(\eta)} \right)$$

$$\delta C_{12} = \frac{n\Xi_u^2}{9E_F} \left( \frac{\eta F'_{1/2}(\eta)}{F_{1/2}(\eta)} \right)$$

**Temperature Dependent!**

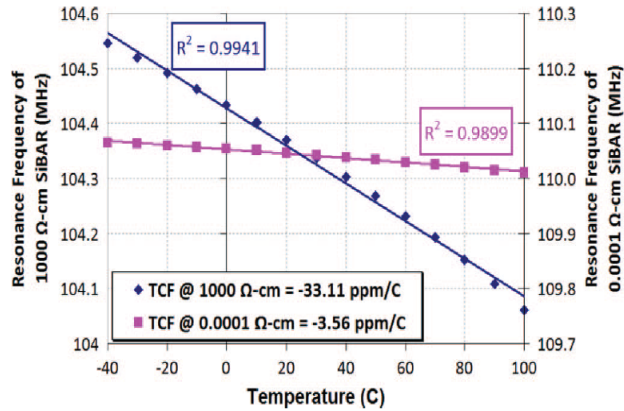
R. W. Keyes, Solid State Physics 20, pp. 37-90, 1967



Silicon constant energy ellipsoids near the conduction band minima

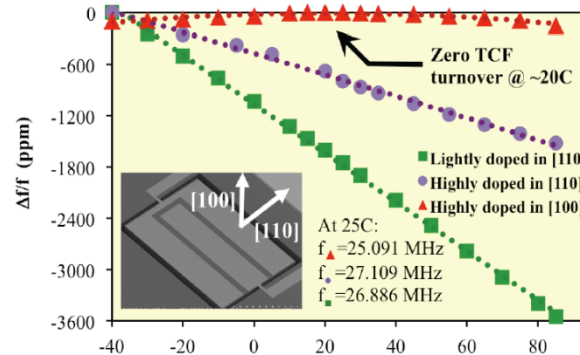
# Doped Silicon Devices Exhibit Reduced TCF

Boron ~E20

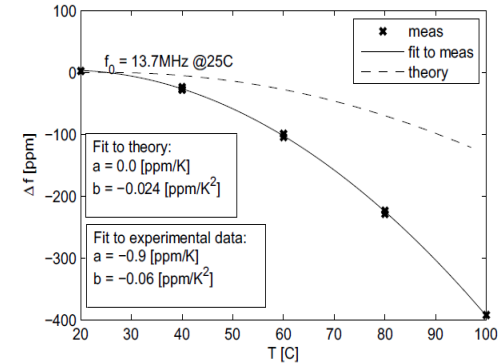


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- Heavily doped silicon reduces the temperature sensitivity of silicon
- Temperature dependence varies with dopant type, level, and geometry
- Need a predictive model for the temperature dependence of doped silicon resonators

# Temperature Dependence of Elastic Constants

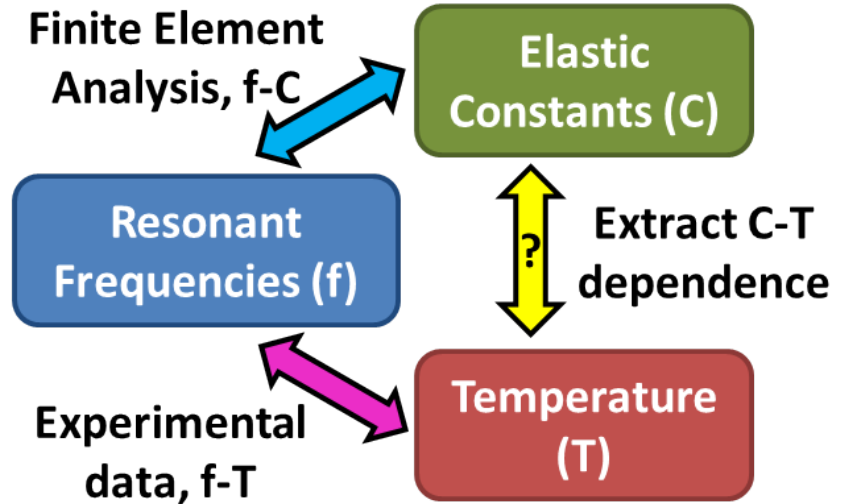
Silicon: Orthotropic in <100>

Elastic matrix  $C$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 \\ \sigma_2 \\ \sigma_3 \\ \sigma_4 \\ \sigma_5 \\ \sigma_6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} & c_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ c_{12} & c_{11} & c_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ c_{12} & c_{12} & c_{11} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & c_{44} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & c_{44} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & c_{44} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \\ \varepsilon_3 \\ \varepsilon_4 \\ \varepsilon_5 \\ \varepsilon_6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S = C^{-1}$$

Compliance    Elastic matrix



- Use experimental data to obtain frequency-temperature dependence
- Use Finite Element Analysis to relate resonant frequency to elastic constants
- Extract the elastic constants ' dependence on temperature



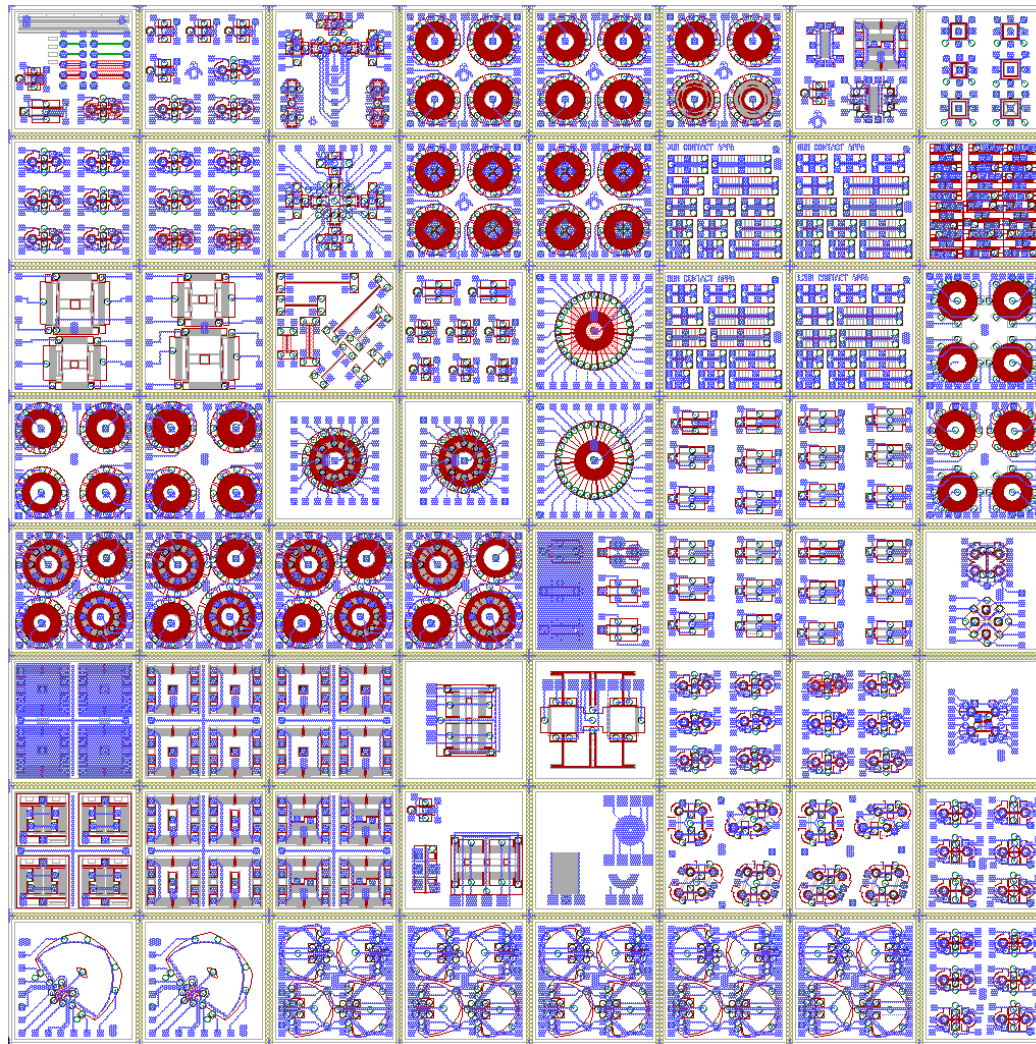
# Encapsulation Process – High Yield



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*Our runs include a huge variety of devices – opportunity to determine materials properties.*





Parameter extraction carried out through extensive "Data Mining" F(T) results from our "library" of devices.

$C_{11}$ ,  $C_{12}$ ,  $C_{44}$  as a function of temperature and doping extracted.

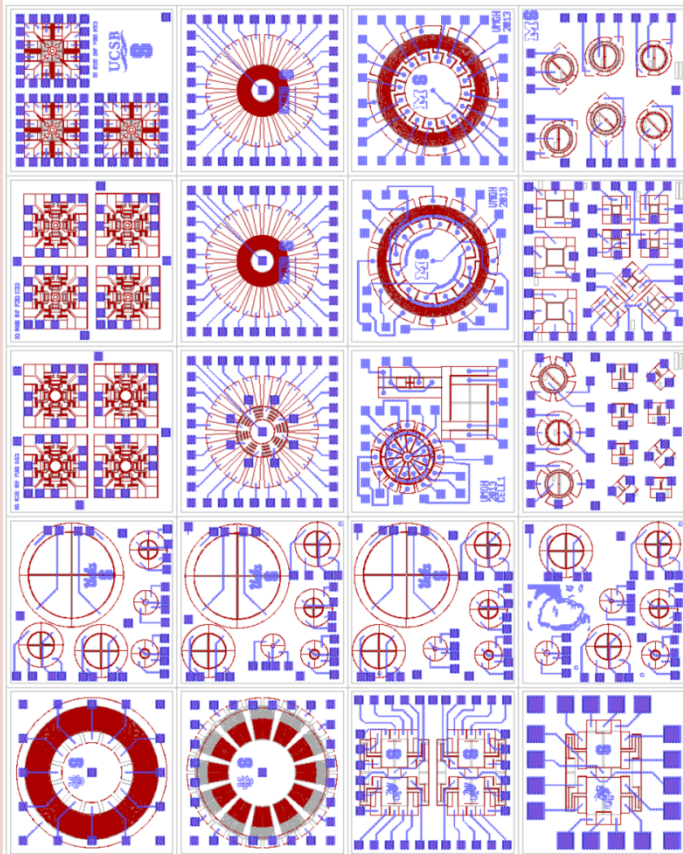


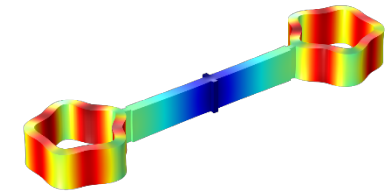
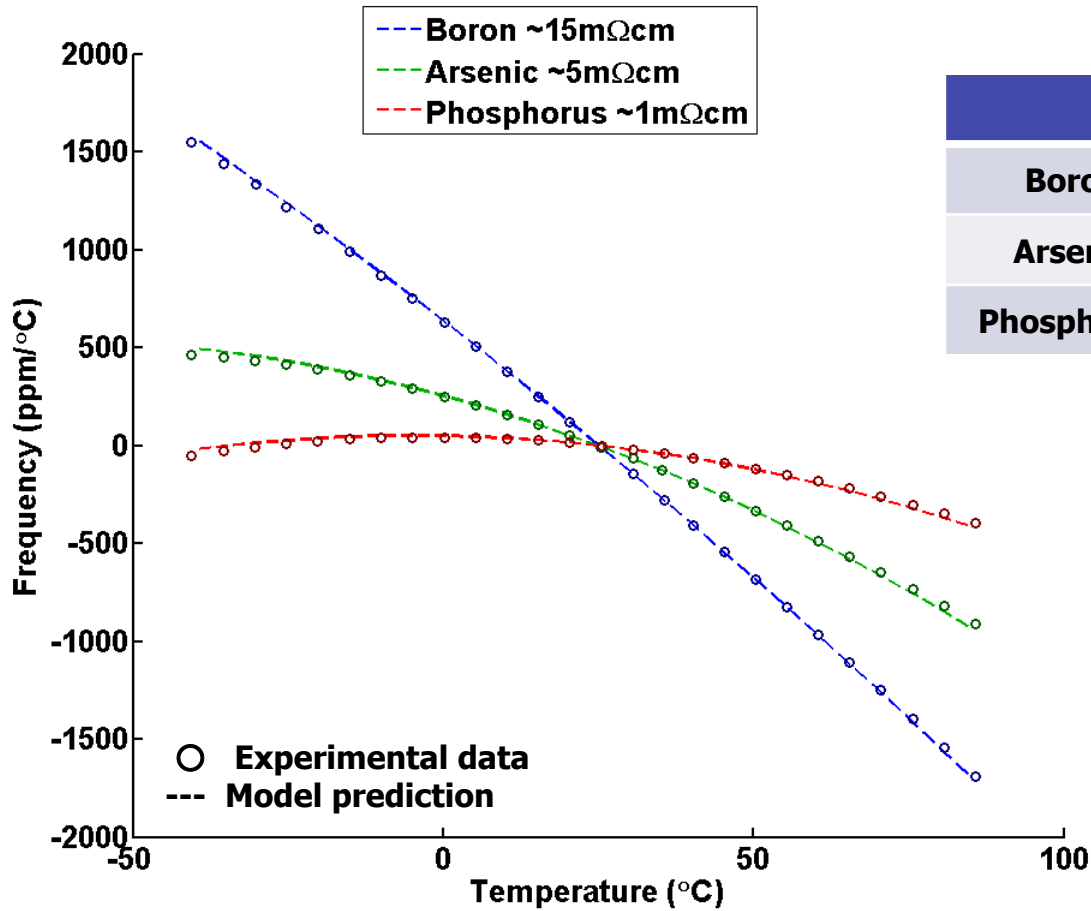
TABLE III  
RESONANT MODES: MODELED AND MEASURED RESULTS

Modeled Resonator Mode	Mode Shape	Modeled Frequency-Compliance Coefficients*			Modeled Frequency $f_0$	Typical Measured Q	Measured Frequency-Temperature Coefficients of Doped Silicon: $\frac{\Delta f}{f_0} = p(\Delta T) + q(\Delta T)^2$ centered at $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$ . First row: $p$ (ppm/ $^\circ\text{C}$ ), second row: $q$ (ppb/ $^\circ\text{C}^2$ ), third row: $f_0$ (MHz).							
		$\gamma_{11}$	$\gamma_{11,12}$	$\gamma_{11,11}$			B17	B14	B0.4	Sb0.1	As1.2	P6.6		
		$\gamma_{12}$ $\gamma_{44}$	$\gamma_{12,44}$ $\gamma_{11,44}$	$\gamma_{12,12}$ $\gamma_{44,44}$										
<b>LE nEH &lt;100&gt;</b> Length Extensional No Etch Holes 700 × 50 × 17 μm		-0.5014 0.0015 -0.0001	-0.0065 -0.0003 0.0004	0.3789 0.0016 0.0001	5.34 MHz	1.1 M	-15.44 -25.81 5.254	-15.32 -29.14 5.269						
<b>LE wEH &lt;100&gt;</b> Length Extensional With Etch Holes 600 × 300 × 40 μm		-0.4795 -0.0178 -0.0027	0.0316 0.0004 0.0021	0.3426 -0.0033 0.0008	6.055 MHz	200 k	-14.52 -27.31 5.956		-26.58 -35.13 6.056	-26.20 -40.71 6.060	-1.24 -83.91 5.981	+11.98 -76.36 5.933		
<b>LE nEH &lt;110&gt;</b> Length Extensional No Etch Holes 700 × 50 × 17 μm		-0.3256 0.0907 -0.2651	-0.0914 -0.0707 0.2536	0.1631 0.0128 0.1073	6.10 MHz	1.1 M	-8.95 -23.28 5.969	-8.88 -28.96 5.983						
<b>LE wEH &lt;110&gt;</b> Length Extensional With Etch Holes 600 × 300 × 40 μm		-0.3137 0.0880 -0.2743	-0.0583 -0.0950 0.3516	0.0886 0.0104 0.0774	6.961 MHz	220 k	-8.20 -24.63 6.845		-25.56 -34.11 6.962	-29.36 -27.39 6.978	-22.53 -40.47 6.936	-19.48 -36.77 6.914		
<b>WE wEH &lt;100&gt;</b> Width Extensional With Etch Holes 296 × 80 × 40 μm		-0.4843 -0.0138 -0.0018	0.0329 -0.0025 0.0059	0.3436 -0.0055 -0.0003	46.1 MHz	60 k	-15.56 -28.22 46.02	-15.47 -32.18 46.12	-26.58 -36.15 46.15		-1.00 -82.87 45.64	+11.67 -77.62 45.24		
<b>WE nEH &lt;110&gt;</b> Width Extensional With Etch Holes 296 × 80 × 40 μm		-0.3089 0.0479 -0.2390	-0.0314 -0.0016 0.1799	0.1574 -0.0197 0.0901	51.9 MHz	150 k	-9.11 -26.10 51.91	-9.22 -32.39 52.04	-25.16 -35.66 51.80	-28.58 -30.21 51.74	-17.82 -49.96 51.58	-13.11 -45.30 51.36		
<b>Lamé nEH &lt;100&gt;</b> Lamé mode No Etch Holes 400 × 400 × 17 μm		-0.3911 -0.1089 -0.0000	0.1246 -0.0000 0.0000	0.2308 0.0187 0.0000	8.27 MHz	1.7 M	-11.64 -25.30 8.097	-11.40 -30.57 8.125						
<b>Lamé wEH &lt;100&gt;</b> Lamé mode With Etch Holes 400 × 400 × 40 μm		-0.4005 -0.0964 -0.0031	0.1021 0.0023 0.0008	0.2486 0.0194 0.0008	8.078 MHz	130 k	-11.99 -26.04 7.895	-11.84 -31.17 7.919	-25.91 -38.68 8.088	-25.46 -41.76 8.087	+3.20 -93.41 7.956	+17.75 -80.89 7.883		
<b>Lamé nEH &lt;110&gt;</b> Lamé mode No Etch Holes 400 × 400 × 17 μm		0.0000 0.0000 -0.5000	0.0000 -0.0000 0.0000	-0.0000 0.0000 0.3749	10.4 MHz	1.7 M	+2.37 -21.34 10.04	+2.55 -30.58 10.08						
<b>Lamé wEH &lt;110&gt;</b> Lamé mode With Etch Holes 400 × 400 × 40 μm		-0.0345 0.0141 -0.4796	-0.0166 -0.0194 0.0469	0.0108 0.0074 0.3459	9.991 MHz	90 k	+0.86 -21.64 9.675	+1.048 -32.07 9.715	-23.03 -39.13 10.00	-29.08 -23.17 10.02	-29.85 -19.62 9.953	-31.83 -17.90 9.942		
<b>SqExt nEH &lt;100&gt;</b> Square Extensional No Etch Holes 300 × 300 × 17 μm		-0.6494 0.1518 -0.0025	-0.3020 -0.0070 0.0107	0.6326 0.0401 -0.0000	14.2 MHz	30 k	-20.62 -23.79 13.97	-20.46 -27.39 13.99						
<b>SqExt nEH &lt;110&gt;</b> Square Extensional No Etch Holes 300 × 300 × 17 μm		-0.6089 0.1689 -0.0601	-0.3234 -0.0196 0.0669	0.5848 0.0444 0.0214	14.6 MHz	250 k	-19.10 -23.96 14.36	-18.99 -27.36 14.36						
<b>Ring &lt;110&gt;</b> Double Breathe- mode Ring $R_{in}$ : 59; $R_{out}$ : 69.5; $t$ : 40 μm		-0.4158 0.0427 -0.1269	-0.0525 -0.0185 0.1605	0.2577 0.0030 0.0241	19.8 MHz	200 k	-12.26 -27.21 19.47	-12.27 -32.17 19.49	-25.92 -32.89 19.76	-27.82 -34.56 19.77	-11.35 -62.57 19.59	-58.10 -30.99 19.46		
<b>DTF &lt;110&gt;</b> Double-ended Tuning Fork 200 × 6 × 40 μm		-0.3743 0.1340 -0.2597	-0.1924 -0.1160 0.2920	0.2309 0.0535 0.1067	1.25 MHz	10 k	-10.28 -34.87 1.184	-10.19 -38.62 1.198	-24.59 -40.49 1.276	-29.63 -27.62 1.276	-24.97 -44.06 1.244	-21.59 -30.99 1.247		
<b>DRG &lt;100&gt;</b> Disk Resonating Gyroscope $R_{in}$ : 143; $R_{out}$ : 299; $t$ : 40 μm		-0.4421 0.1258 -0.1837	-0.2464 -0.0767 0.2236	0.3429 0.0669 0.0644	262 kHz	100 k			-25.54 -36.03 0.2627	-29.92 -28.03 0.2611	-21.33 -38.48 0.2546	-16.00 -47.27 0.2542		
<b>DRG &lt;110&gt;</b> Disk Resonating Gyroscope $R_{in}$ : 143; $R_{out}$ : 299; $t$ : 40 μm		-0.4993 0.0912 -0.0919	-0.2010 -0.0339 0.1220	0.4184 0.0530 0.0249	247 kHz	100 k			-26.16 -36.56 0.2501	-28.06 -29.03 0.2488	-14.85 -53.71 0.2422	-6.78 -64.25 0.2417		

\*This column gives typical values for the mode shape. This depends on factors such as doping and thickness. Data from shaded cells were used for the extraction of the elastic constants. The other data were used for verification of the extracted values (Section V).

# Status: Temperature Compensation

- Model Verification: Dual Breathe-mode Ring Resonator



# Status: Temperature Compensation

## Temperature Dependence of the Elastic Constants of Doped Silicon

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DOPING DEPENDENCE OF THE ELASTIC CONSTANTS AND THEIR TEMPERATURE DEPENDENCES

Doping Type and Concentration (cm <sup>-3</sup> )	$c_{11}$ (GPa) $s_{11}$ (10 <sup>-12</sup> Pa <sup>-1</sup> )	$c_{12}$ (GPa) $s_{12}$ (10 <sup>-12</sup> Pa <sup>-1</sup> )	$c_{44}$ (GPa) $s_{44}$ (10 <sup>-12</sup> Pa <sup>-1</sup> )	$Tc_{11}^{(1)}$ $Ts_{11}^{(1)}$ (ppm/°C)	$Tc_{12}^{(1)}$ $Ts_{12}^{(1)}$ (ppm/°C)	$Tc_{44}^{(1)}$ $Ts_{44}^{(1)}$ (ppm/°C)	$Tc_{11}^{(2)}$ $Ts_{11}^{(2)}$ (ppb/°C <sup>2</sup> )	$Tc_{12}^{(2)}$ $Ts_{12}^{(2)}$ (ppb/°C <sup>2</sup> )	$Tc_{44}^{(2)}$ $Ts_{44}^{(2)}$ (ppb/°C <sup>2</sup> )
Boron 1.7e20	163.2 7.835	63.5 -2.195	75.3 13.28	-56.7 33.7	-104.8 -1.0	1.9 -1.9	-54 60	-44 62	-52 52
Boron 1.4e20	163.3 7.846	63.8 -2.205	75.5 13.25	-56.9 33.4	-105.5 -1.5	2.2 -2.2	-57 68	-37 78	-71 71
Boron 4.1e18	165.7 7.719	64.5 -2.163	79.2 12.63	-63.4 56.6	-77.5 46.4	-48.3 48.3	-50 80	7 120	-88 90
Antimony 1.3e18	165.6 7.720	64.4 -2.162	79.3 12.61	-65.5 56.1	-85.1 42.0	-60.9 60.9	-68 90	-28 117	-53 56
Arsenic 1.2e19	164.2 7.890	65.6 -2.252	78.6 12.72	-46.6 7.0	-124.6 -48.7	-63.1 63.1	-105 176	32 270	-45 49
Phosphorus 6.6e19	164.0 7.973	66.7 -2.305	78.2 12.78	-34.2 -18.9	-135.2 -90.7	-67.8 67.8	-103 159	-1 228	-40 45

**JMEMS '14 in press**  
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# Product Reliability through Packaging

## Ultra-Clean Chip-Scale Package

Eliminates all “MEMS Packaging Issues” for high reliability

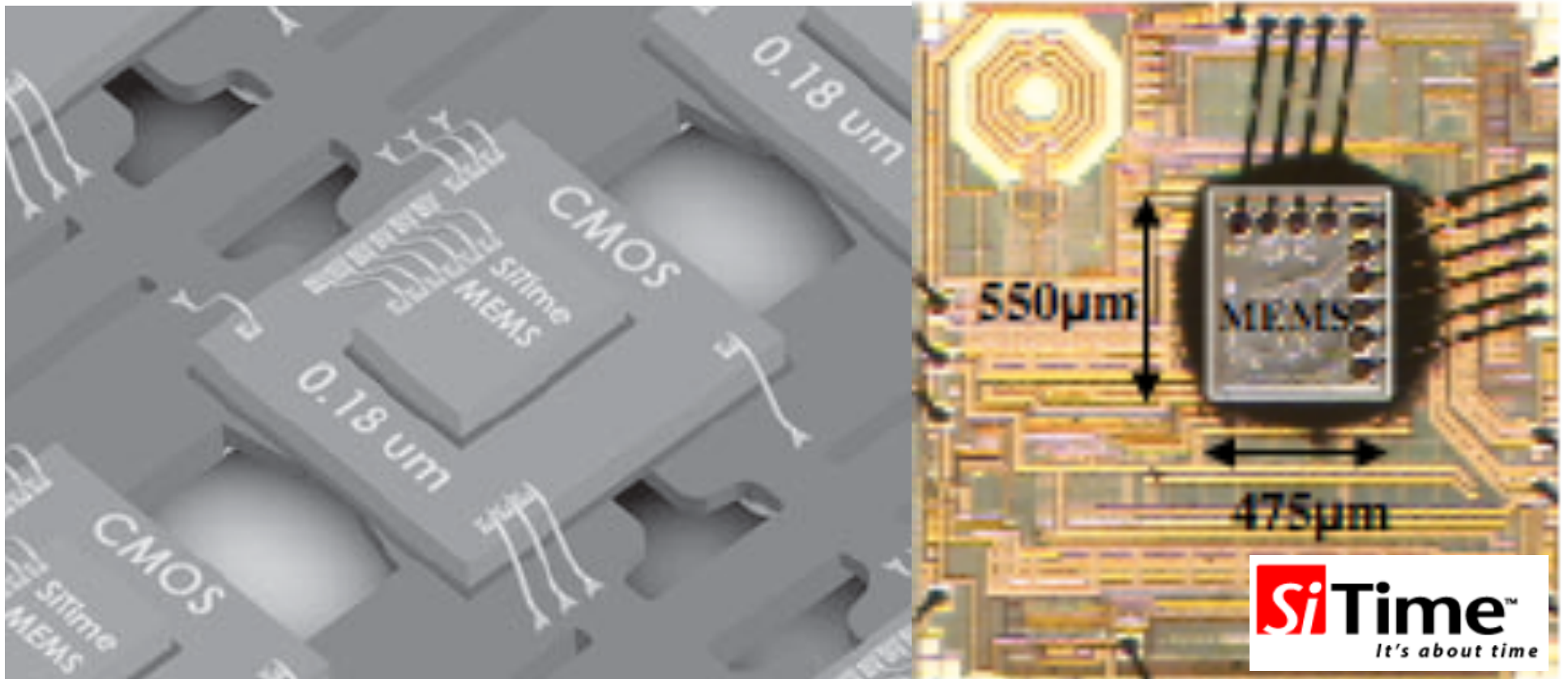
Allows use of Standard electronics packaging

Enables minimum-volume integrated products

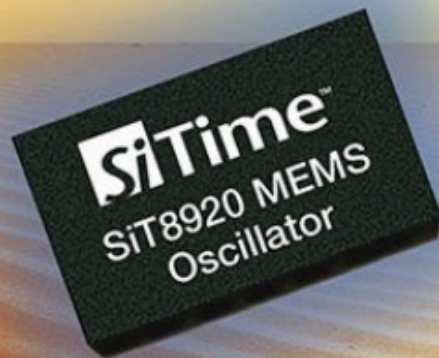
Maintains all 2-chip opportunities for Agile and Diverse Product Portfolio

Compatible with Temperature Compensation Schemes

All helpful for Commercialization!







Revolutionary MEMS Timing™








# HIGH-TEMPERATURE OSCILLATORS

+125°C, 0.1 ppb/g, Ultra Robust

## Products

-  1 Hz to 32 kHz Solutions
-  Low Power Oscillators
-  Ultra Performance Oscillators
-  Differential Oscillators
-  High Temperature Oscillators
-  VCXO
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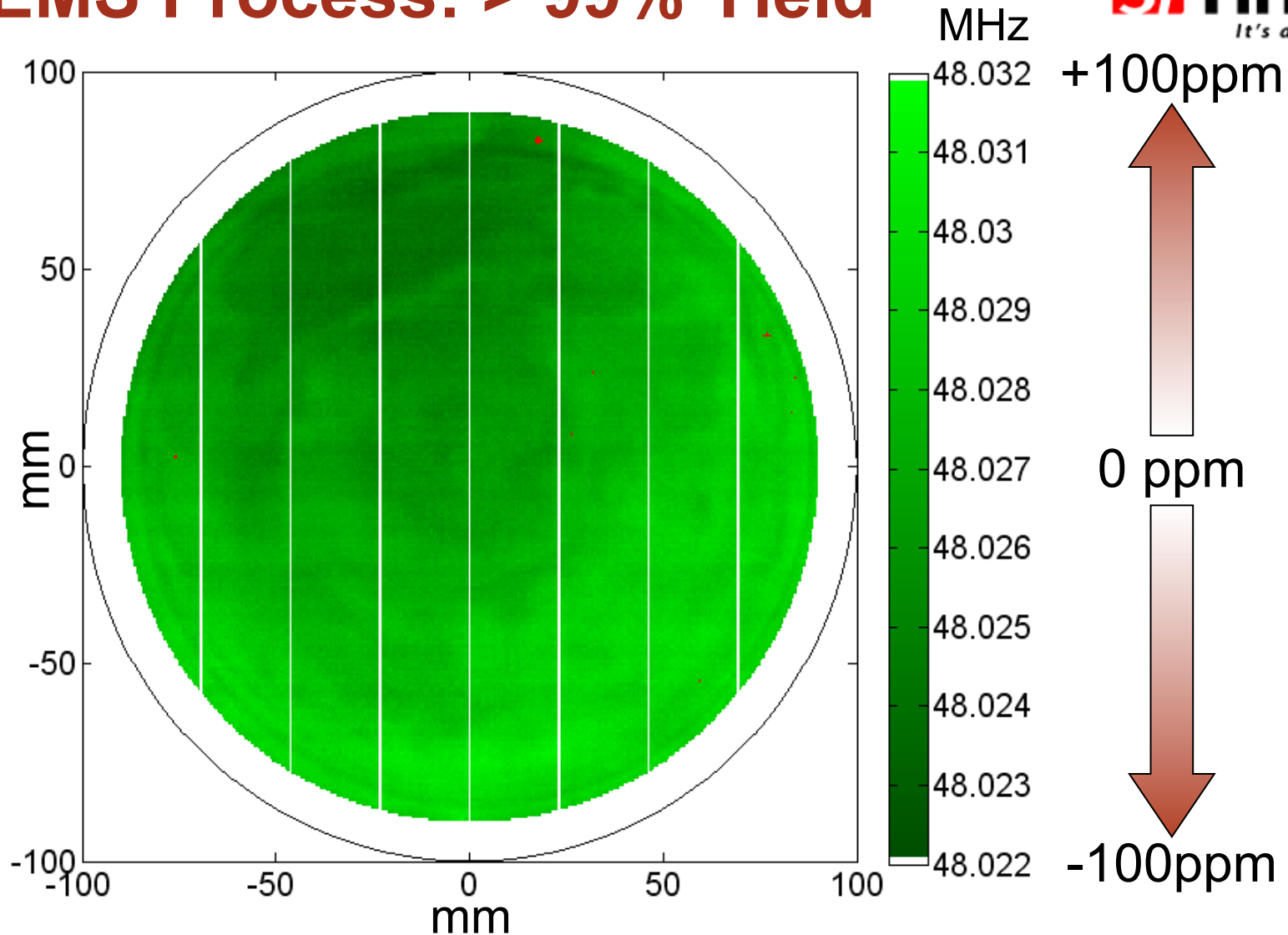
- > SiTime's MEMS Resonators Outperform Quartz
- > SiTime Enters Smartphone Market with First MEMS Oscillator

## 15 min SiTime Turbo Webinars

- > High-impact 15-minute webinars on important timing topics

**Latest Buzz** "Your Applications support was outstanding. SiTime is already my "go-to" company." [More >](#)

# MEMS Process: > 99% Yield

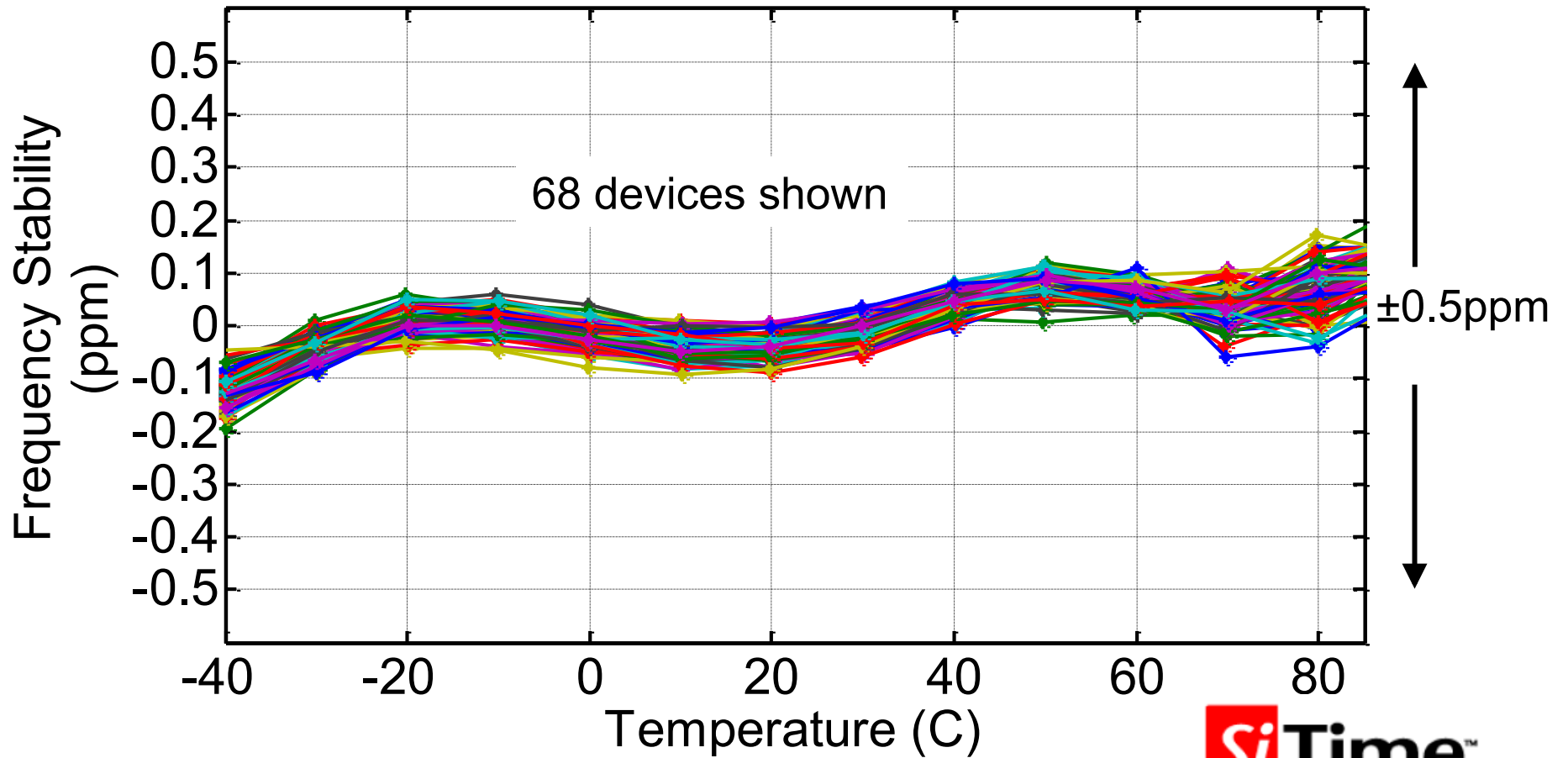


**200mm thinned wafer with ~70,000 resonators**





# Sub-PPM Stability

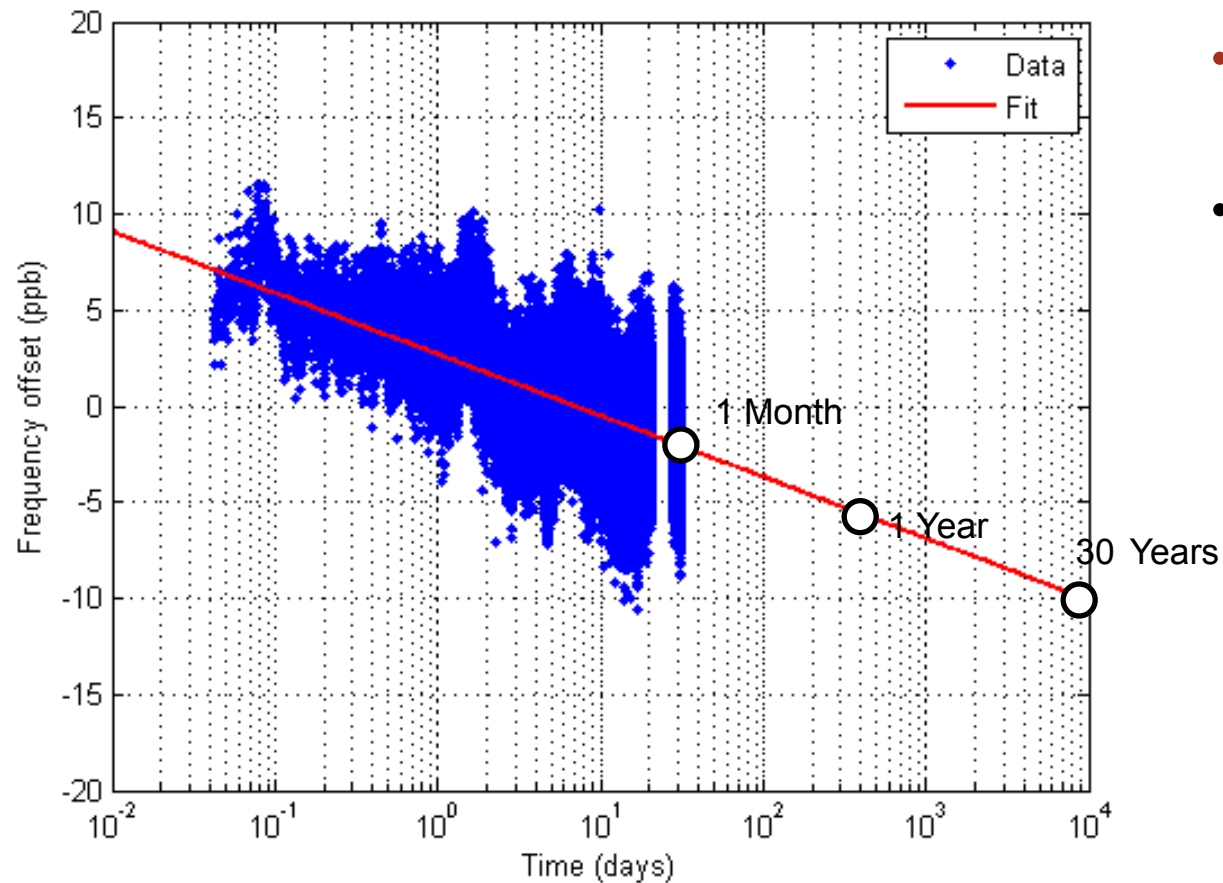


Uses Compensated Silicon and Calibration for Stability





# Aging Projections for Current SiTime Products



- **Better** than Quartz
- Far better than any other MEMS made in any other technology



## SiTime Status, 10 years after launch



- >250M Oscillators shipped
- High-Yield MEMS + Advanced Mixed Signal CMOS = Diverse and adaptive product portfolio.
- 50,000g shock survival
- **No Failed MEMS in any shipped products**
- Entering TCXO, OCXO, Low-Power Real-Time Clock and Ultra low-cost baseline oscillator markets.
- Advantages over Quartz in Cost, Size, Performance, Power
- **ALL Enabled by PACKAGING!**



## SiTime Status, 10 years after launch – Why did it take SOOOO Long?



- We had MEMS, needed CMOS
  - Mixed signal, low power, PLL, temp sensor, NVM,...
- We had devices, needed products
  - Complete set of specifications
- By the time we had products, we needed customers
  - Why would anyone take a risk on a ~\$0.30 part?
- Only recently have we had **compelling** products.
  - Finally, serious customers with serious interest!

# SiT1532 Preliminary

## Smallest Footprint (1.2mm<sup>2</sup>), Ultra-Low Power 32.768 kHz Oscillator in CSP



### Features

- Smallest footprint in chip-scale (CSP): 1.5 x 0.8 mm
- Ultra-low power: <1μA
- Supports coin-cell or super-cap battery backup voltages
- Vdd supply range: 1.5V to 3.63V over -40°C to +85°C
- Oscillator output eliminates external load caps
- NanoDrive™ programmable output swing for lowest power
- Internal filtering eliminates external Vdd bypass cap
- Fixed 32.768 kHz
- <20 PPM initial stability
- <100 PPM stability over -40°C to +85°C
- Pb-free, RoHS and REACH compliant

### Applications

- Mobile Phones
- Tablets
- Health and Wellness Monitors
- Fitness Watches
- Sport Video Cams
- Wireless Keypads
- Ultra-Small Notebook PC
- Pulse-per-Second (pps) Timekeeping
- RTC Reference Clock
- Battery Management Timekeeping



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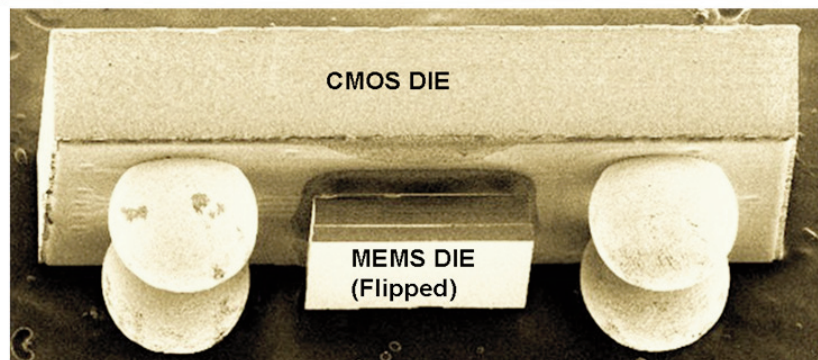


Figure 12.9.7: Micrograph of MEMS and CMOS dies and final CSP package.

Packaging :  
Wafer-scale encapsulation  
Enables CSP product

# SiTime™ MegaChips



- Largest acquisition of a venture-backed semiconductor company in 2014
- MegaChips becomes a leader in MEMS with SiTime's 80% share in MEMS timing
- MegaChips' revenue of \$600M provides scale and growth for MEMS

**SUNNYVALE, Calif. – October 28, 2014 – SiTime Corporation**, a MEMS and analog semiconductor company, today announced that it has signed a definitive agreement under which **MegaChips Corporation** (Tokyo Stock Exchange: 6875), a top 25 fabless semiconductor company based in Japan, will acquire SiTime for \$200 million in cash. This transaction combines two complementary fabless semiconductor leaders that provide solutions for the growing Wearables, Mobile and Internet of Things markets.

"SiTime's founders, Markus Lutz and Dr. Aaron Partridge, started the company with a vision of developing game-changing MEMS and analog technology to revolutionize the \$5 billion timing industry," said Rajesh Vashist, CEO of SiTime. "Through innovation, passion and focus, we've successfully delivered on this vision. Today, SiTime is the overwhelming leader – we have 1000 customers, 250 million units shipped, major design wins in all electronics segments, and a roadmap that extends SiTime's MEMS technology to all timing markets."

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## **Some Thoughts after a Good Outcome**

**Replacement Products are HARD to Insert into Market**  
**Customers are Entrenched**  
**Existing Technology is not Static**

**Fundraising is a Continuous Process**  
**You don't want too much money**  
**You can't have enough money**  
**“Smart Money” can REALLY help**  
**Serious Venture Capitalists can be Patient**

**Lots of things can go Wrong**  
**Global Economic Downturns**  
**Floods in Thailand, Earthquakes in Japan**  
**Take the Good Exit when it Comes!**



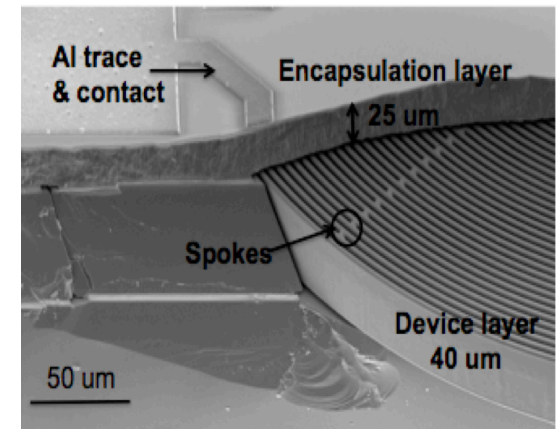


# So, What is the Kenny Group Doing?

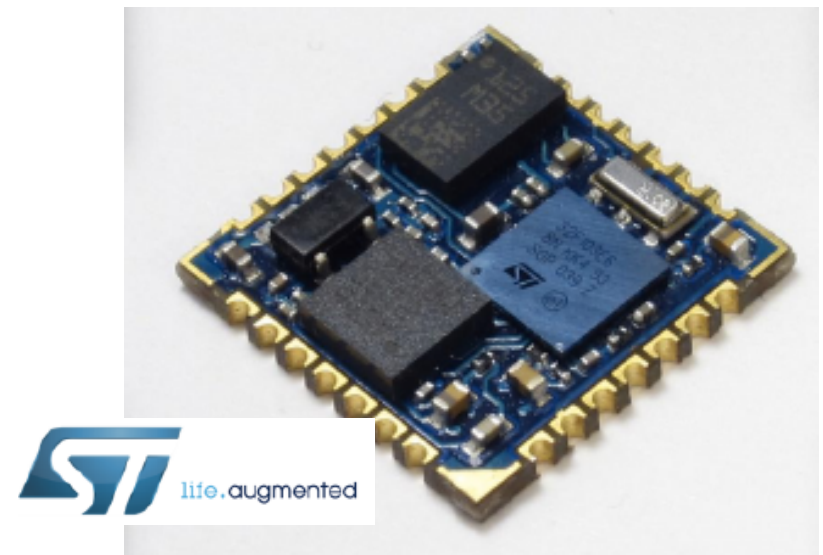
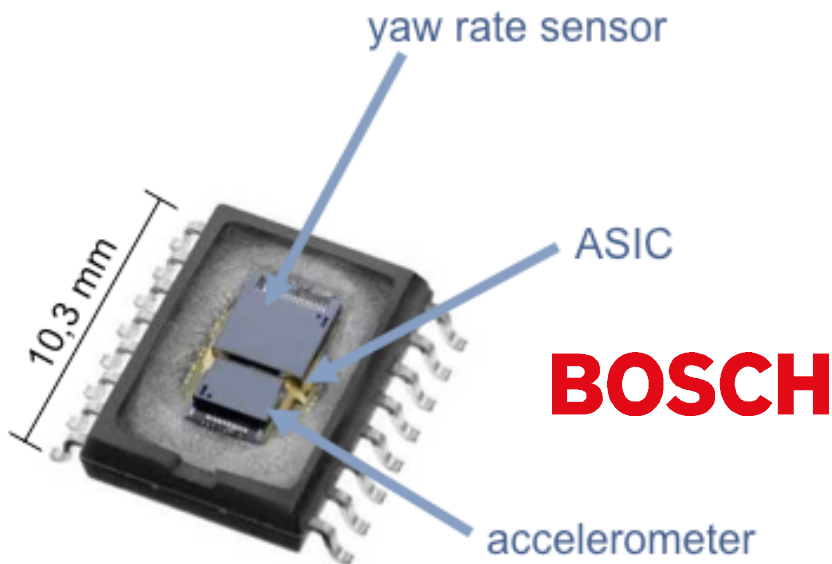
We have :

## Wafer-Scale Film Encapsulation

- Ultra-clean, high-quality process
- Demonstrated Stability, Yield, Reliability
- Full production at SiTime
- Minimum Volume Package for MEMS



## Can we build single-chip “ComboSensors”?



# Encapsulated Pressure Sensor + Thermometer

A NOVEL, HIGH-RESOLUTION RESONANT THERMOMETER USED FOR TEMPERATURE COMPENSATION OF A COFABRICATED PRESSURE SENSOR

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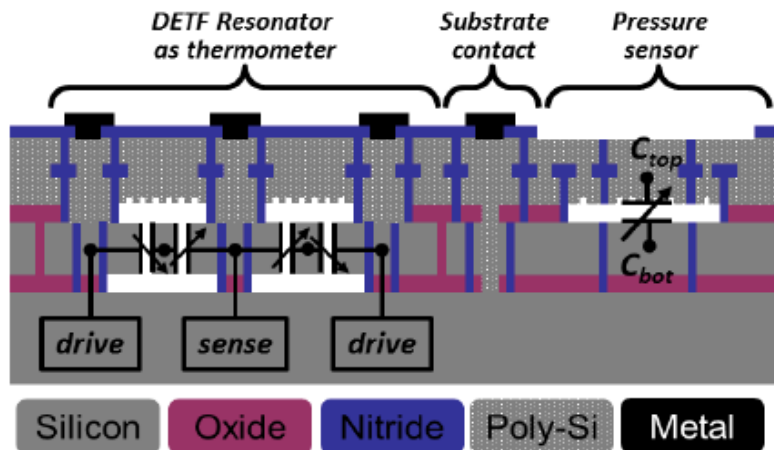


Figure 1: A cross-sectional view of the cofabricated DETF resonant thermometer and capacitive pressure sensor.

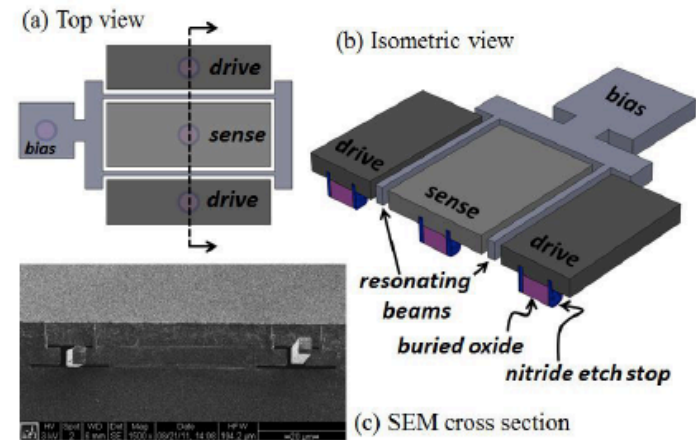


Figure 2: Schematic and cross-sectional SEM images of a DETF resonant thermometer.

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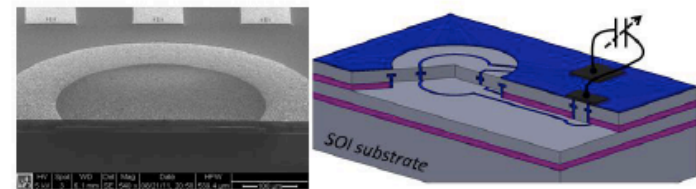
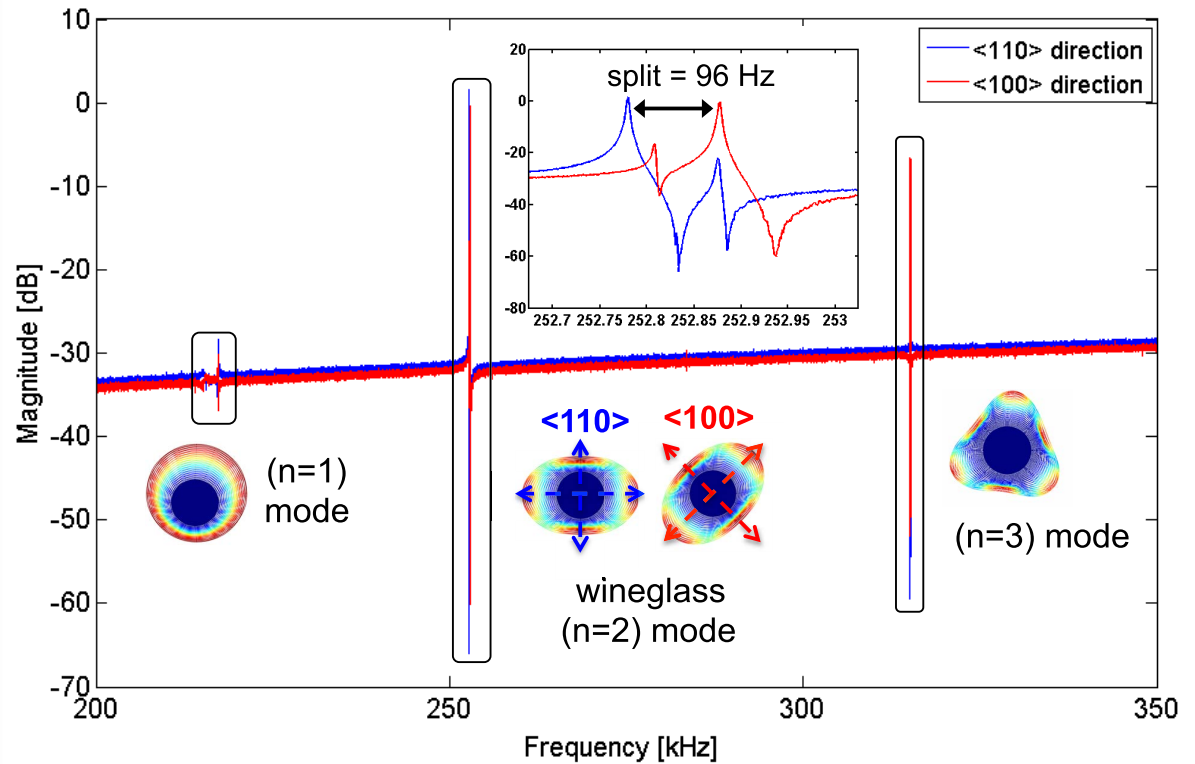
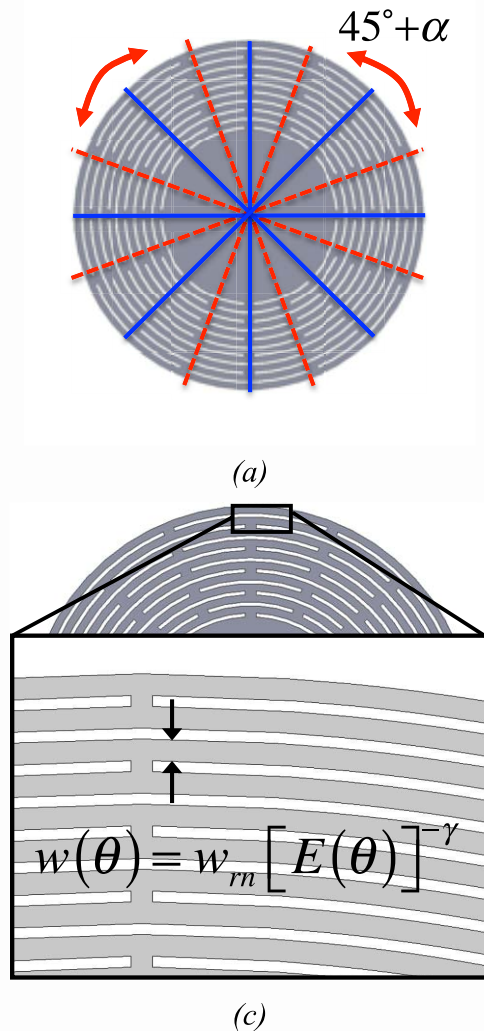


Figure 3: Structure of the capacitive pressure sensor.

# Mode-Matching of Wineglass Mode Disk Resonator Gyroscope in (100) Single Crystal Silicon

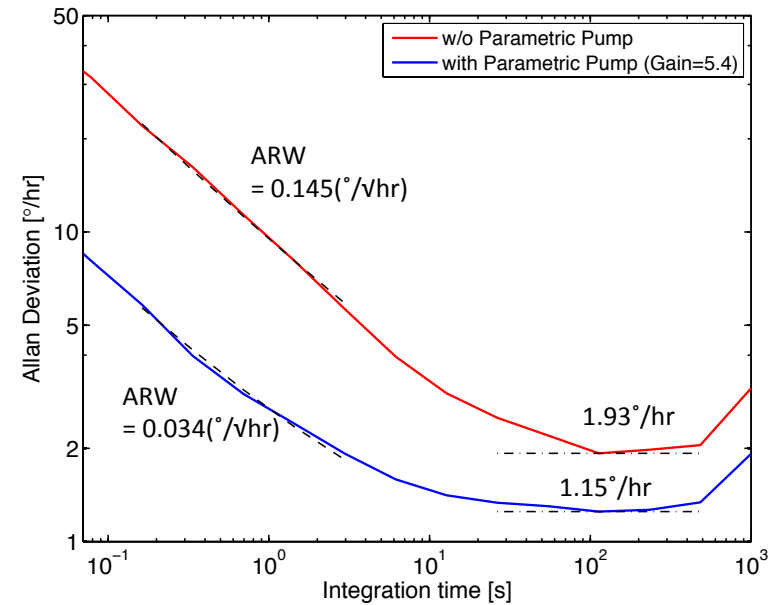
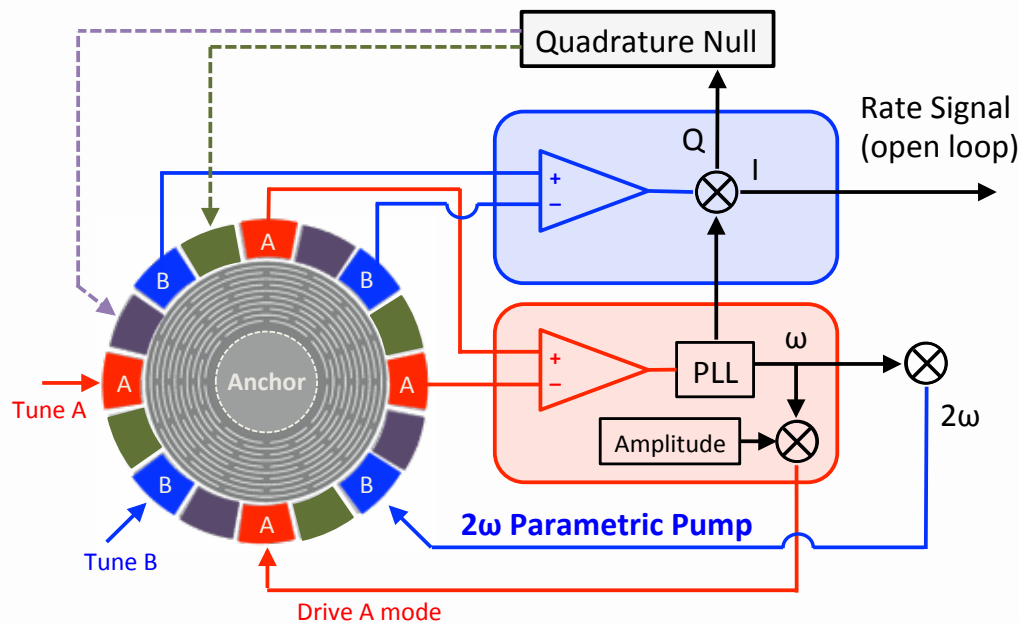
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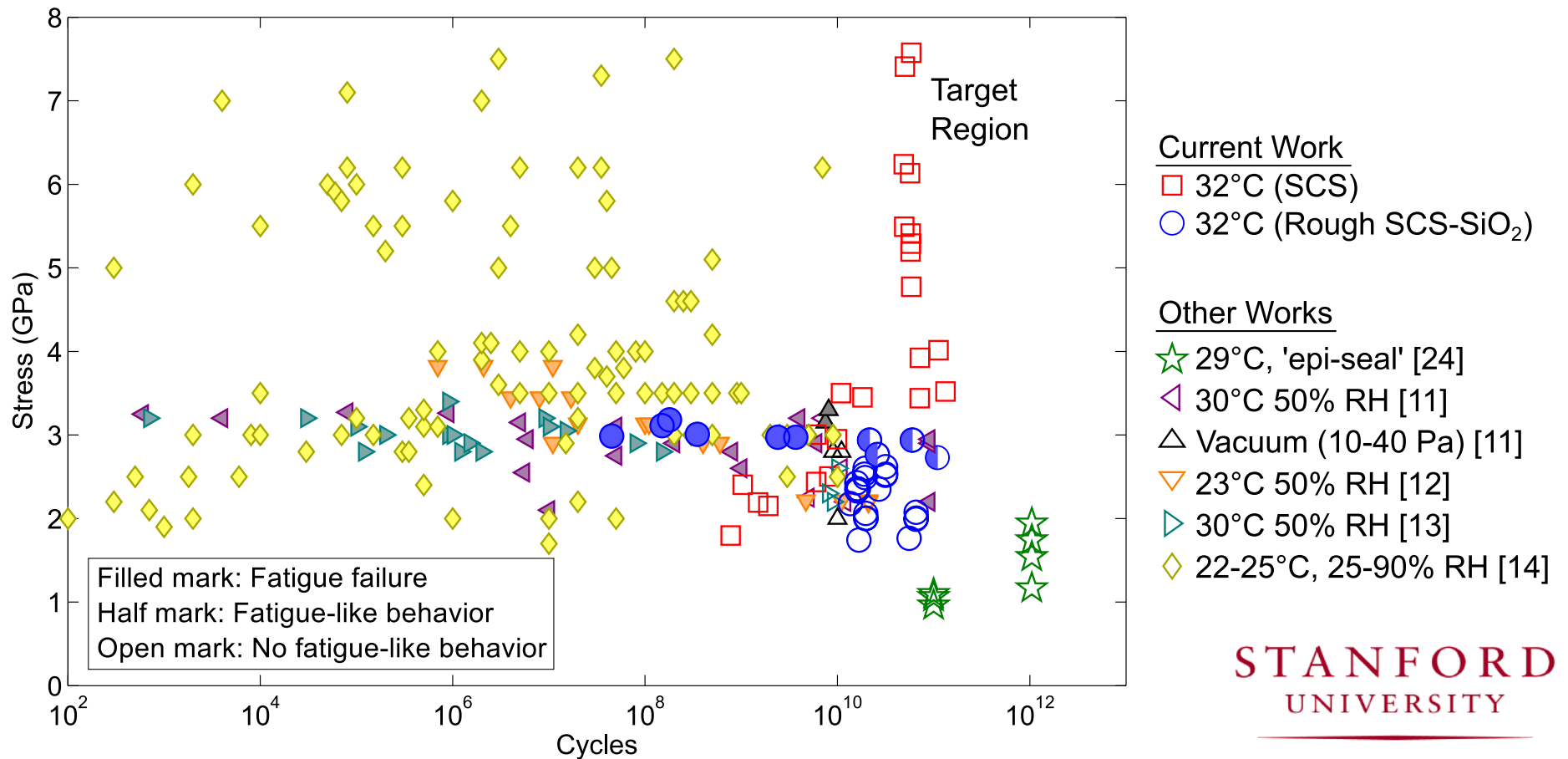
# Encapsulated High Frequency (235kHz), High-Q (100k) Disk Resonator Gyroscope (DRG) with Electrostatic Parametric Pump <sup>a)</sup>

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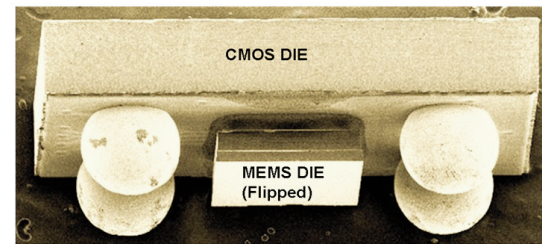
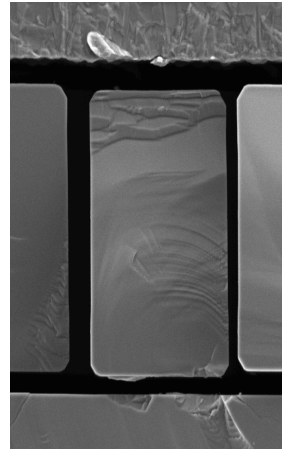
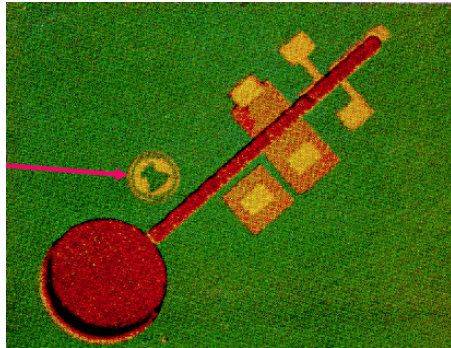
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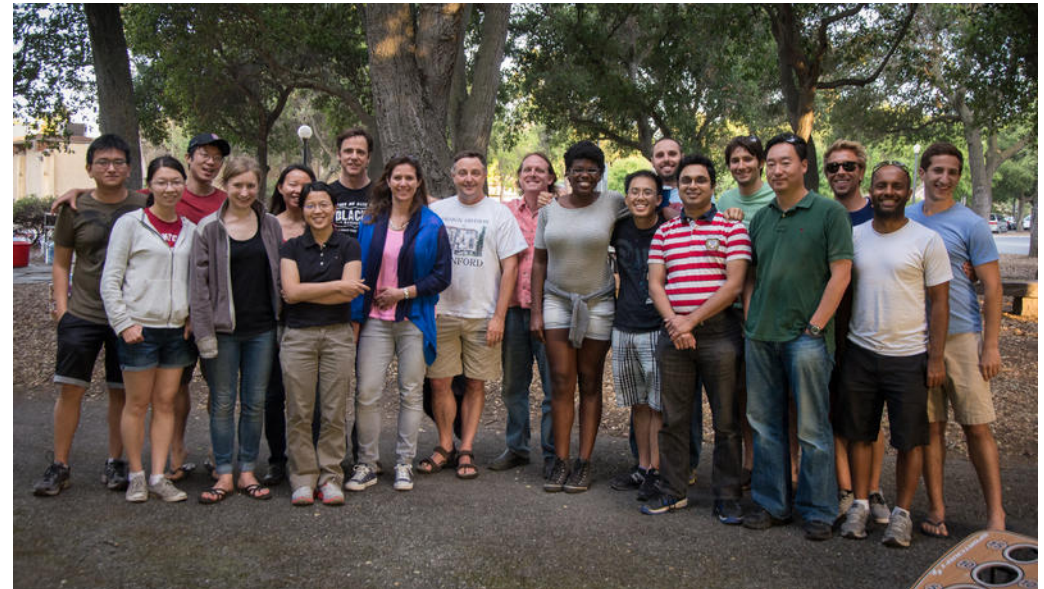


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