

# CHIPS @ Penn State

Town Hall  
1 Mar 2023

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# Town Hall Agenda

8:00 - 8:20	Opening statements and update on CHIPS programs	Lora Weiss
8:20 - 8:40	MASH & CHIPS Act: Summary of activity to date & next steps	Daniel Lopez
8:40 - 9:00	Materials, facilities, and industrial needs	Susan Troler-McKinstry
9:00 - 9:20	How packaging is critical to the CHIPS Act program	Madhavan Swaminathan
9:20 – 10:00	Open Discussions	

## CHIPS Organizing Team

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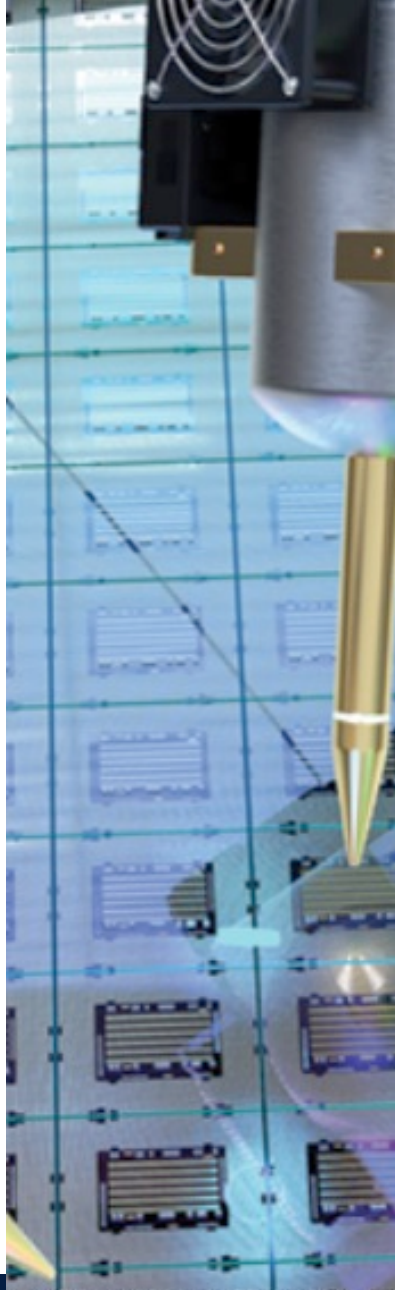
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# CHIPS + Science Act of 2022

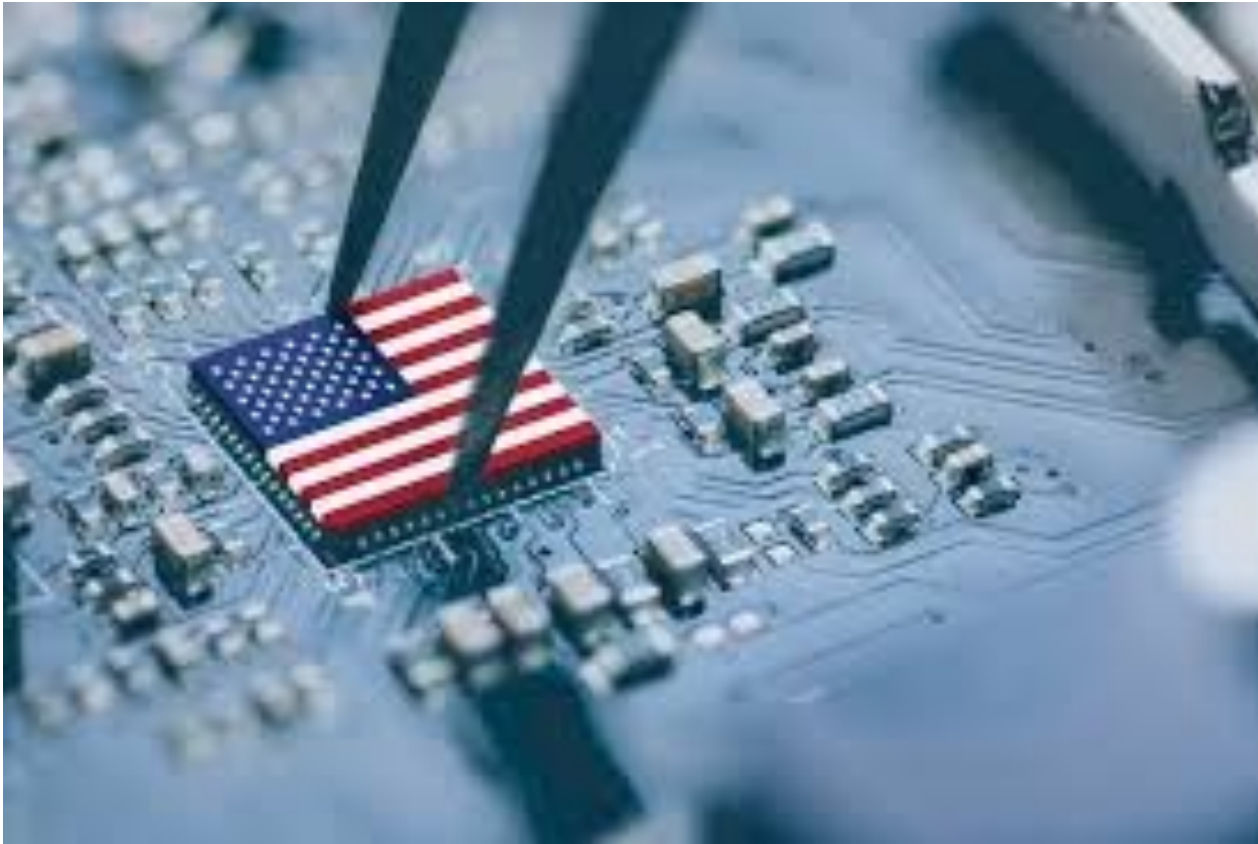


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AUGUST 25, 2022

## Executive Order on the Implementation of the CHIPS Act of 2022

“The CHIPS and Science Act will boost American semiconductor research, development, and production, ensuring U.S. leadership in the technology that forms the foundation of everything from automobiles to household appliances to defense systems.”

Source: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/08/09/fact-sheet-chips-and-science-act-will-lower-costs-create-jobs-strengthen-supply-chains-and-counter-china/>



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# What Is in It?



Source: <https://www.mckinsey.com/industries/public-and-social-sector/our-insights/the-chips-and-science-act-heres-whats-in-it>

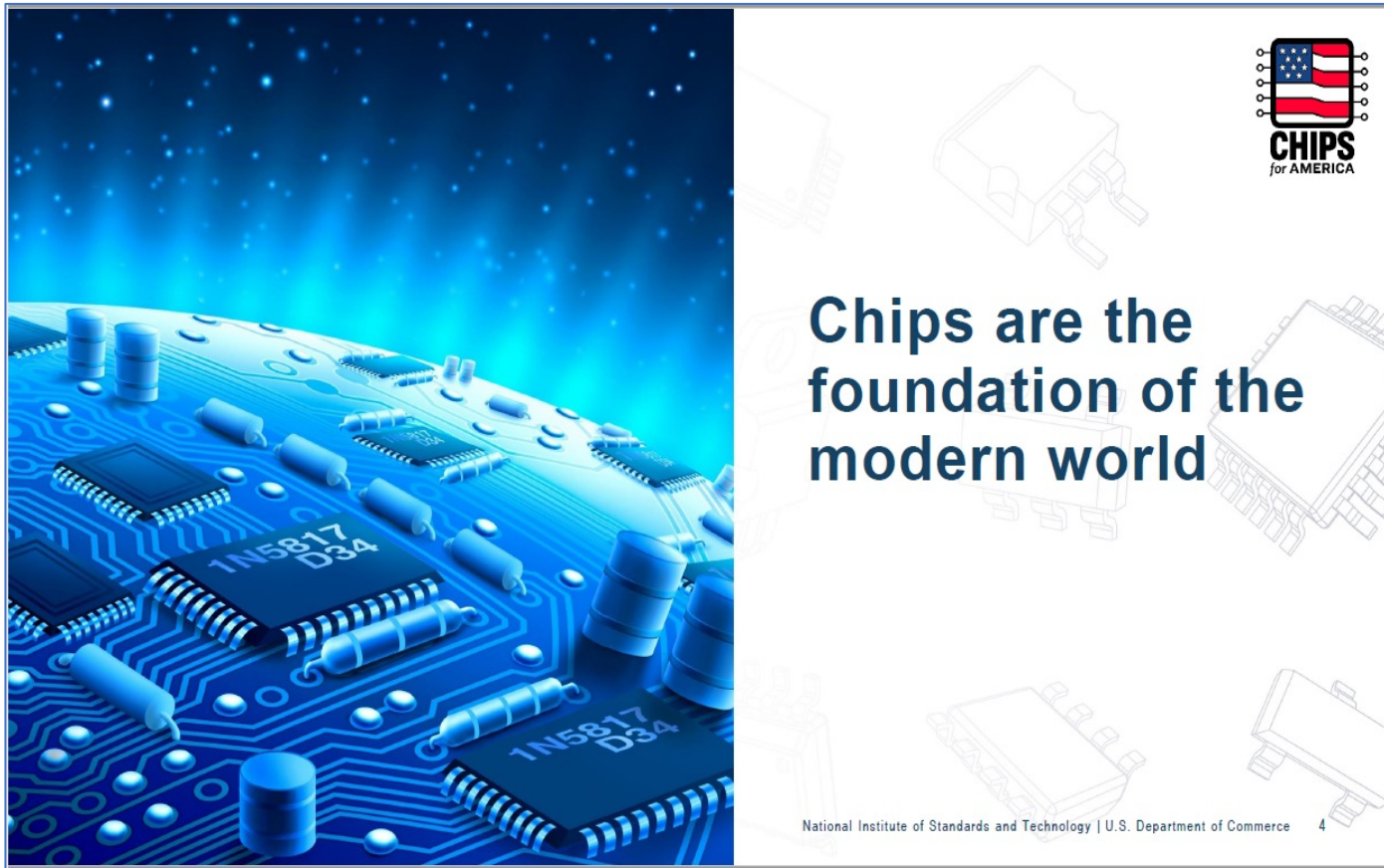
- Directs \$280 billion in spending over the next ten years
  - \$200 billion for scientific R&D and commercialization
    - STEM
    - R&D
    - Workforce Development
    - Economic Development
  - \$24 billion in tax credits for chip production
  - \$3 billion for supply chains
  - **\$50+ billion for semiconductor manufacturing, R&D, and workforce development**
  - and more
- Authorizations at
  - National Science Foundation
  - Dept of Energy
  - Dept of Defense
  - Dept Commerce



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# Setting the Stage: 30,000 Feet



- We are at a unique time in history for R&D
  - 1st time in many of our careers where the government has made a dedicated, concerted, focused effort to invest in and advance a research area of such critical importance and ***at the scale that is planned*** for semiconductors
- Semiconductors continue to define the world we live in
  - From geopolitics to the global economy and across the spectrum of military power
- Three Pillars
  - Economic Security
  - National Security
  - Future Innovation



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# 30,000 Feet – cont'd

- Nearly 1/4 of the chip industry's revenues come from smartphones
- Smartphones have more than a dozen chips in them, controlling multiple sensors
  - Bluetooth, WiFi, cameras, accelerometers, and more
- Apple designs their chips; it does not make any of them
- The most advanced chips that Apple uses are made in one place in the world, at TSMC in Taiwan
- Apple's A-series microprocessors have nearly 12 billion transistors.
  - In 1961, chips had only 4 transistors
- Although R&D is done in the US, we continue to outsource ***assembly, testing, and packaging (ATP)***



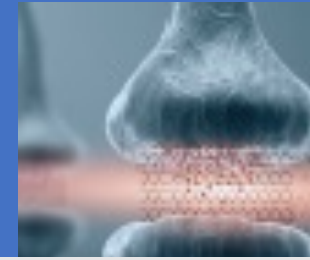
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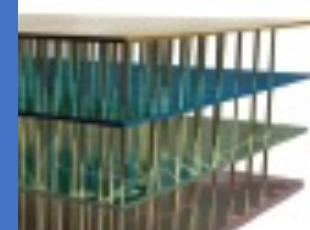
# CHIPS R&D Challenges

- Fabricating and miniaturization is an engineering challenge
- Advances in Electronic Design Automation are needed
  - Use software to design how millions of transistors are laid out on a chip and then simulate their operation
- Low cost, highly reliable packaging
  - Critical to putting thousands of chips into daily use
- Need new materials, thin films, and photonics
- Need synthesis of materials for power electronics, integration of ferroelectrics with semiconductors, and glass packaging for quantum sensing
- We are uniquely positioned to do research on 8" wafers
- And we will accelerate transition of chip advances into the manufacturing process
- + much more

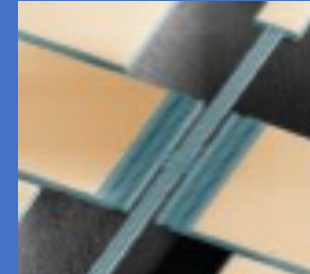
## Penn State Strengths in Materials Research



2D Semiconductors



Ferroelectric Microelectronics



Micro Electro-Mechanical Systems



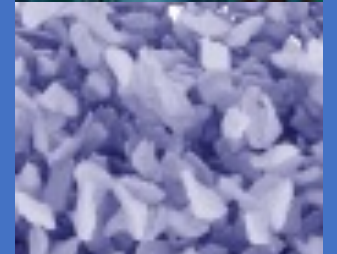
Organic Semiconductors



Internet of Things



Quantum Packaging



Packaging Solutions



Wide Band Gap Semiconductors



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# CHIPS Workforce Challenges

(from Secretary Raimondo's Comments)

- Increase pipeline of skilled workers to power the US Chip ecosystem
  - From technicians to PhDs
  - Those without college degrees get high paying jobs
- Create high paying jobs across the country, not just cities
- Inspire a generation of engineers and scientists to go into manufacturing
  - Colleges should triple number of graduates in semiconductor fields including engineering
  - Want them to be ready to work on day 1
- Align programs with fabs, with student internships for hands on experience
- Train 100,000 people in the next decade
- Open pipeline to women, veterans, people of color



<https://www.psu.edu/news/impact/story/penn-state-offers-free-live-stream-nanotechnology-workshops/>



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# Industry Collaborations - Critical

- In 1958, Jack Kilby co-invented the integrated circuit
  - In 2000, he won the Nobel prize for it
- He was at Texas Instruments, doing research
  - Began collaborating with universities and companies
- Early example of the importance of Industry-University-Government collaborations
- Need to work closely with fabs
  - Any R&D advances must transition
- Recognize high cost of changing tools and processors
  - This is where our industry and government partnerships will be key



Jack Kilby Invents  
the Microchip

<https://www.pbs.org/video/the-chip-that-jack-built-t401cq/>



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# Funding Opportunities...What We Know So Far

Agency	Program(s)		FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	Total
Commerce	Manufacturing Incentives		\$19 B	\$5 B	\$5 B	\$5 B	\$5 B	-	\$39 B
Commerce	R&D	NSTC NAPMP Manu USA Inst NIST Metrology	\$2 B \$2.5 B \$500 M	\$2 B	\$1.3 B	\$1.1 B	\$1.6 B	-	\$11 B
Defense	Microelectronics Commons		-	\$400 M	\$400 M	\$400 M	\$400 M	\$400 M	\$2 B
NSF	Workforce and Education Fund		-	\$25 M	\$25 M	\$50 M	\$50 M	\$50 M	\$200 M





# Single Wick vs. Microchip...Who's Fresher?



Thank You

Febreze Fade Defy Plug | Single Wick vs Microchip... Who's Fresher?



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# **MASH & CHIPS Act**

## **Summary of activity to date & next steps**

Daniel Lopez  
Materials Research Institute  
Electrical Engineering

# CHIPS and Science Act (Department of Commerce)

**\$11 billion for R&D**

- National Semiconductor Technology Center
- National Advanced Packaging Manufacturing Program
- Manufacturing USA Semiconductor Institute(s)
- National Institute of Standards and Technology measurement science



A domestic infrastructure for research, prototyping innovations and packaging

R&D collaborations between academia and industry

Workforce development and training/education

Facilities and equipment

Advanced packaging and testing

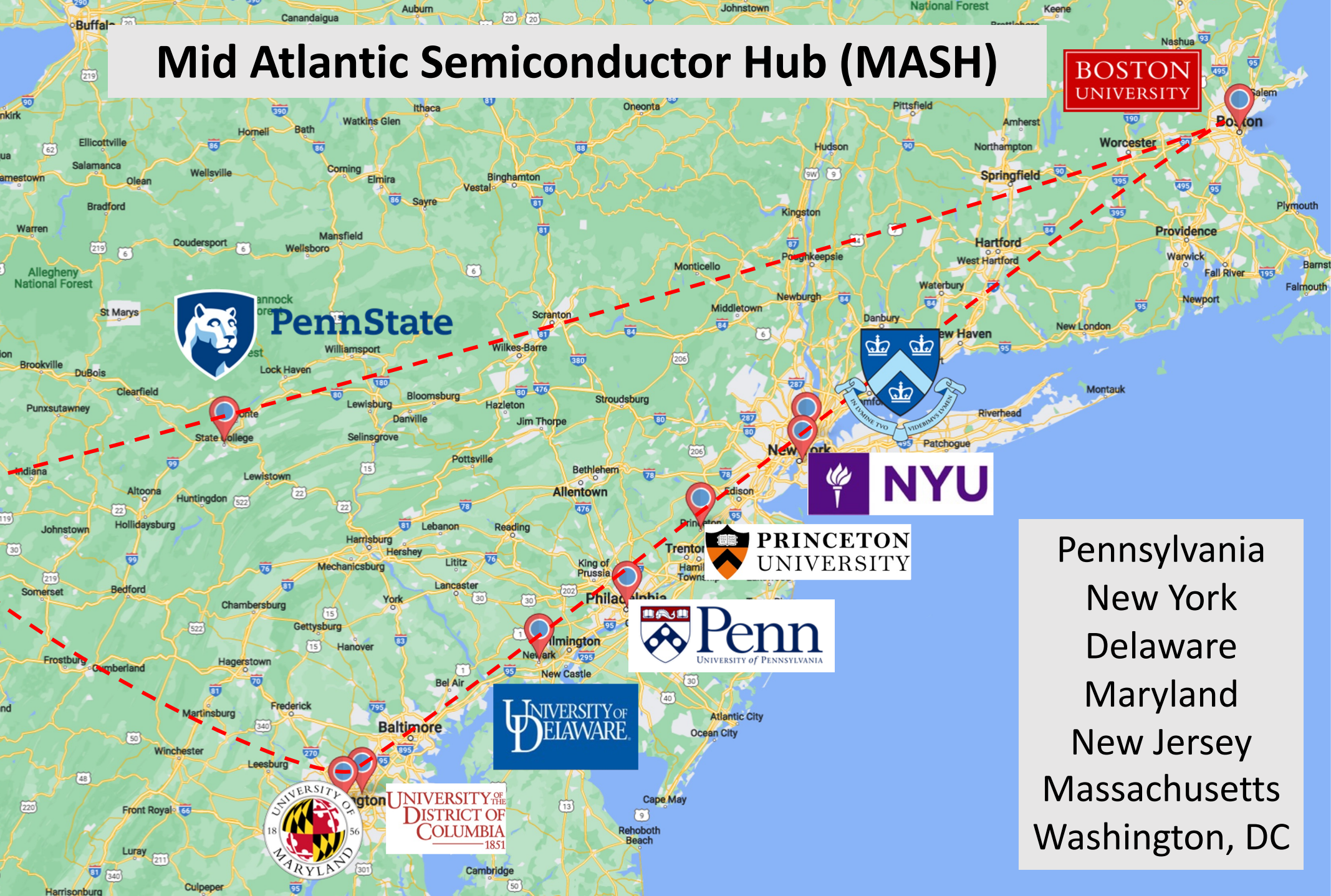
Metrology and characterization

Advanced manufacturing

Workforce development



# Mid Atlantic Semiconductor Hub (MASH)



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New York  
Delaware  
Maryland  
New Jersey  
Massachusetts  
Washington, DC

# Mid Atlantic Semiconductor Hub (MASH)

## MASH Purpose

Create a **collaborative coalition** of top universities and industries that can **combine resources and expertise** to meet the need of semiconductor industry in the US by strengthening and aligning research, manufacturing, and workforce development.

## MASH Mission and Vision

MASH will enable a vital and growing silicon and silicon-adjacent industry base in our region and beyond to work with universities to:

- increase domestic semiconductor manufacturing across all sectors;
- translate cutting-edge research into industry manufacture; and
- educate the future semiconductor workforce across all levels (universities, 4 & 2 year colleges, and pre-college internship programs)

We will achieve this by creating a network of smart and agile industry/university pre-manufacturing infrastructure nodes to accelerate CHIPS innovation and deliver workforce development across the supply chain for semiconductors, packaging, and components.

The mid-Atlantic is not currently slated for a large silicon chip fabrication facility.

However, there are many other manufacturing pieces that enter into silicon-enabled products - and our region is rich with these technologies

- Materials and materials integration
- Semiconductor equipment manufacture
- Prototyping equipment
- Power components and module power delivery
- III-V devices
- Packaging
- ...

**Silicon Adjacent Technologies**



# MASH kick-off workshop: January 11, 2023 @ UPenn

Collect industrial feedback on

How our combined research, educational activities, and resources would be helpful to support and enhance the future of US semiconductor research and manufacturing?



- Most of the speakers from the industry
- 106 attendees from industry (57 companies)
- 149 academia
- 12 government officials
- 20 institutions



# Challenges to build a new semiconductor ecosystem

## A domestic infrastructure for research, prototyping & packaging

### Challenges

- US university infrastructure outdated
  - Limited capability to support US government and industry needs
- It takes more than 5 years to design, build and operate a new state-of-the-art facility
  - universities must leverage on existing fabrication, metrology and packaging facilities
- US needs some “*optimal*” university facilities for fab, prototyping and packaging

## R&D collaborations between academia and industry

### Challenges

- Silicon-adjacent technologies
- Improve the alignment between industry needs & higher education outcomes
- Develop metrology for next generation of semiconductor materials and devices
- Identify industrial challenges that require fundamental and applied research
- Develop novel approaches to simplify IP generation and knowledge sharing

## Workforce development and training

### Challenges

- Develop a modern semiconductor curriculum in partnership with industry and across regional hubs
- Modernize education infrastructure
- Facilitate quick access to specialized training and WFD
- Diversity, equity and inclusion: train a broad diversity of students, technicians and apprentices
- Talent retention: low salaries and poor work/life balance

# DoC – NIST: Request for Information

## Manufacturing USA Semiconductor Institutes



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The Daily Journal of the United States Government



Notice

### Manufacturing USA Semiconductor Institutes

A Notice by the National Institute of Standards and Technology on 10/13/2022

Under Section 9906(f) of the CHIPS for America Act, the Director of NIST may establish up to three Manufacturing USA Institutes described in section 34(d) of the NIST Act (15 U.S.C.

278s(d)) that are focused on semiconductor manufacturing. In addition, the Secretary of Commerce may award financial assistance to any Manufacturing USA institute for work relating to semiconductor manufacturing. Such institutes may emphasize the following:

- (1) Research to support the virtualization and automation of maintenance of semiconductor machinery.
- (2) Development of new advanced test, assembly and packaging capabilities.
- (3) Developing and deploying educational and skills training curricula needed to support the industry sector and ensure the United States can build and maintain a trusted and predictable talent pipeline.

#### Manufacturing USA Semiconductor Institutes

This document is responsive to the Department of Commerce - NIST Request for Information (RFI) on *Manufacturing USA Semiconductor Institutes* (released 10/13/22) and is the result of collaborative efforts among the following universities:

- Penn State University (PA)
- University of Pennsylvania (PA)
- Carnegie Mellon University (PA)
- Columbia University (NY)
- New York University (NY)
- University of Maryland (MA)
- Princeton University (NJ)
- University of Delaware (DE)
- Boston University (MA)
- University of the District of Columbia (DC)

In addition, we have multiple inputs from collaborators and partners across a broad ecosystem of industries, all levels of education and workforce training, National Labs, and government and economic development organizations.

#### I. Institutes Scope

##### Role of the Manufacturing USA Semiconductor Institutes

The Manufacturing USA Semiconductor Institutes should lead, coordinate, and provide access to advanced educational and R&D infrastructure to a network of organizations dedicated to accelerating and improving the pace of semiconductor innovation and translation. The Semiconductor Institutes (SI) will have a unique role in the constellation of Manufacturing USA Institutes due in part to the well-identified needs associated with workforce development in the semiconductor industry. Although in principle, all Institutes have some associated component of workforce development, the SI will need to address a much deeper deficit in qualified workers across the entire educational spectrum when compared with many other industries. To this end, an Institute structure involving tighter cooperation between industry and academia is appropriate, such as industry-informed curriculum development and development of alternative certification pathways at all academic institutions: research universities, 4-year and 2-year colleges, and technical training (and re-training) programs. In addition, due to the cutting-edge and continually-evolving nature of the semiconductor industry, the SI should lead, coordinate, and provide access to advanced R&D infrastructure to a network of organizations – industry, national laboratories, and academia - dedicated to accelerating and improving the pace of semiconductor innovation and translation.

We note that the National Science Foundation has a highly successful program honed over decades that fosters university and industry engagement toward, and workforce development for, a common applied goal. This program, the Engineering Research Center (ERC), is based on academia-led engagement with industry, and typically focuses much of its workforce development on undergraduate and graduate education. The structure of the SI could be informed by this ERC

RFI for Manufacturing USA Semiconductor Institute(s)

<https://www.regulations.gov/document/NIST-2022-0002-0001>

12 December 2022: 94 submissions

#### MANUFACTURING USA SEMICONDUCTOR INSTITUTE FOCUSED ON ADVANCED PACKAGING FOR ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

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The global semiconductor industry is projected to become a trillion-dollar industry by 2030 driven primarily by computing, data storage, wireless, and automotive applications [1]. This is historic considering that it took the industry 55 years to reach half a trillion dollars in size and will take just another 10 years or less to double in size to a trillion dollars. Since semiconductors will power the next decade of global growth in an increasingly data-hungry world, much like oil fueled the rise of industrial economies in the last century [2], the US needs to position itself and continue to be a global leader not just in design but also in manufacturing. This response to RFI is a positioning statement for establishing a Manufacturing USA Semiconductor Institute by bringing together academia, national laboratories, industry, and government that can help fuel innovation and establish US leadership.

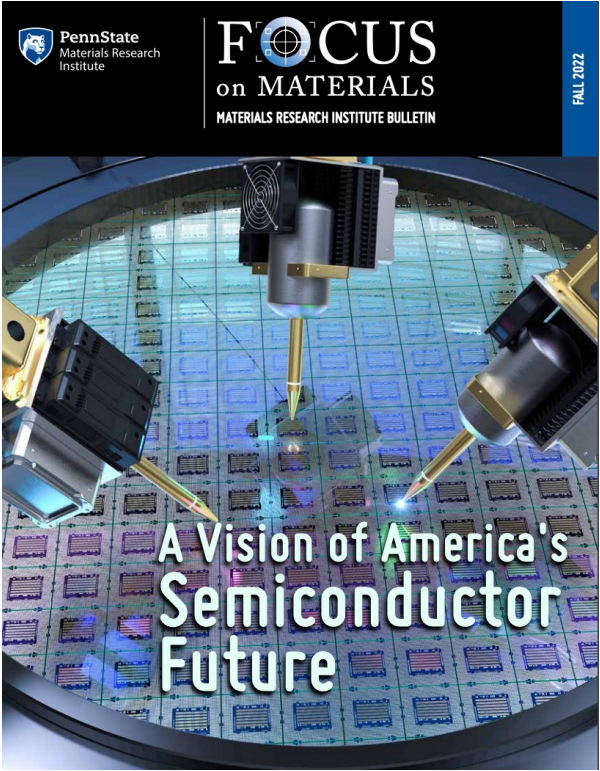
The 2018 Basic Research Needs for Microelectronics report by the office of science articulates the need for flipping the current paradigm whereby innovative materials, devices, and architecture requirements are driven by applications, algorithms, and software [3]. The *2021 NSF Workshop on Future of Semiconductors and Beyond: Devices & Technologies* argues that there is a need for a system driven effort that can fuel technology development and the end-product in university research should drive US competitiveness in manufacturing [4]. The *2021 AI-Enhanced Co-Design for Next-Generation Microelectronics: Innovating Innovation Workshop* organized by Sandia National Laboratory amplifies the need for a co-design approach to identify opportunities for transformative advances in microelectronics [5]. Based on the need for applications driving discovery, inter-disciplinary research enabling innovation and manufacturing being the end-product, we propose the establishment of a manufacturing USA institute, that enables a semiconductor eco-system to further US competitiveness, that specifically targets **advanced packaging and substrate technologies**. We further propose that **communications and sensing** are key drivers for the growth of the semiconductor industry with relevance to both commercial and defense sectors. We see applications in advanced communications as a key driver of new technologies in packaging that requires innovative heterogeneous integration solutions to bring together disparate process nodes and technologies. With 6G already on the horizon and new applications emerging in radar imaging, sensing, virtual reality, artificial intelligence, pervasive connectivity, and others, the need for higher data rate will only increase requiring larger bandwidth systems operating at higher frequencies. **We therefore target sub-Terahertz (beyond 100GHz) wireless applications as the primary driver for defining new packaging technologies, that can ultimately find their way into manufacturing.**

We provide responses under the five broad categories posed by NIST and try to answer as many of the 28 questions raised (marked Q1 to Q28 in this document).

I. INSTITUTE SCOPE



# Marketing and public involvement



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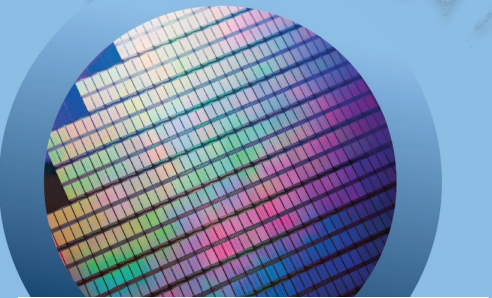
Lora Weiss suggestion



## Setting a Course for America's Semiconductor Future

UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PLAYS A KEY ROLE

As an internationally recognized leader in semiconductor research and development, and as a national leader in education and development of the semiconductor workforce, Penn State University is deeply committed to promote a robust national semiconductor industry.



## Research Strengths

**2D Semiconductors**

We offer an exceptional portfolio of research programs and development of 2D materials and devices. We focus on 2D materials, including graphene, transition metal dichalcogenides, and black phosphorus, for next-generation high-performance, ultra-thin, flexible, transparent, and tunable electronic, optoelectronic, and catalytic devices. We have established a strong research and development program in 2D materials, with a focus on fundamental research and device development.

**Internet of Things**

We have multiple programs dedicated to filling the promise of having billions of devices connected to the Internet. We focus on the development of low-power, high-performance, and secure devices for the Internet of Things. We have established a strong research and development program in IoT, with a focus on fundamental research and device development.

**Quantum Packaging**

The emerging field of quantum technologies promises to revolutionize computing, communication, and sensing. We are developing quantum devices and systems for quantum computing, quantum communication, and quantum sensing. We have established a strong research and development program in quantum technologies, with a focus on fundamental research and device development.

**Packaging Solutions**

We are developing a new generation of advanced packaging systems and devices for high-performance, high-frequency, and high-power devices. We have established a strong research and development program in packaging solutions, with a focus on fundamental research and device development.

**Wide Band Gap Semiconductors**

We are developing a new generation of wide band gap semiconductor systems and devices for high-power, high-frequency, and high-temperature devices. We have established a strong research and development program in wide band gap semiconductors, with a focus on fundamental research and device development.

**Ferroelectric Microelectronics**

We are developing a new generation of ferroelectric microelectronic systems and devices for non-volatile memory, logic, and sensors. We have established a strong research and development program in ferroelectric microelectronics, with a focus on fundamental research and device development.

**Micro-mechanical Systems (MEMS)**

We are developing a new generation of micro-mechanical systems and devices for sensors, actuators, and microfluidics. We have established a strong research and development program in MEMS, with a focus on fundamental research and device development.

**Organic Semiconductors**

Organic semiconductors are an important focus of our research and development efforts. We are developing organic semiconductor systems and devices for flexible electronics, sensors, and displays. We have established a strong research and development program in organic semiconductors, with a focus on fundamental research and device development.



## Workforce Development

## MASH Mid-Atlantic SEMICONDUCTORS HUB

A key to America's future semiconductor success story will be building a skilled workforce, a well-prepared set of workers to address the needs of the chips industry. Workforce development is an essential part of the Chips and Science Act, designed to meet the needs of the semiconductor industry.

Overall, educational institutions and universities can play a crucial role in preparing students for careers in the semiconductor sector by providing them with a strong foundation in STEM skills, hands-on experience, industry connections, and professional development opportunities.

- Many of our university partners offer **courses and programs** that focus on the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) skills needed for the semiconductor industry.
- The MASH Hub partners offer **labs, on-site programs, internships**, and other opportunities for students to gain **hands-on experience** working with semiconductor technology. This can help students **develop the technical skills and knowledge** needed for a career in the industry.
- Industry and university partners together in semiconductor technologies which can help to provide students with exposure to the latest technologies and industry trends. These partnerships can also provide students with **networking opportunities and potential job prospects**.
- There is access to **state-of-the-art research opportunities** where students can work on projects related to semiconductor technology and gain an in-depth understanding of the field.
- As part of workforce development in the MASH Hub, we offer **professional development opportunities** such as workshops, seminars, and other training to help students develop the soft skills, such as communication, teamwork, and problem solving, that are needed to succeed in the industry.

## Highlighted workforce development programs

**Penn State**  
Teaching the next generation at the [Center for Nanotechnology Education and Utilization](#)  
The 2-Dimensional Crystal Consortium Resident Scholar Visitor Program: [2DCC RSVP](#)  
The Research Experience for Undergraduates Program: [Scalable Nanomanufacturing of Complex Materials](#)  
Retraining the military personnel

## Other University Partners

## About the HUB

## MASH Mid-Atlantic SEMICONDUCTORS HUB



## Research

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MASH Areas of Research for America's Semiconductor Future

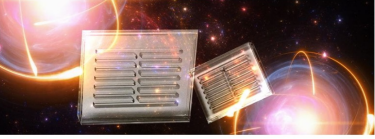
## Digital Twinning



In the context of semiconductor manufacturing, digital twinning can be used to improve the efficiency, quality, and yield of the process, identify bottlenecks and inefficiencies, and test different scenarios to optimize the process. This can help to reduce the final product.

Recent research in digital twinning:  
**Digital Innovation Lab** - the lab will help local industry partners develop digital "twinning," the simulated representation of a physical process or system.  
**DMOSES II** - Designing autonomous robots that change shape to adapt to challenging environments

## Quantum Packaging



We have multiple research activities focused on designing dielectric materials for high-frequency and high-thermal conductive that can be assembled with multilayer structures and/or 3D printed structures packaging devices. Combining new processing significantly overcome limitations with traditional packaging solutions.



**UNIVERSITY PARTNERS**

**PRINCETON UNIVERSITY**

As far as contributions in a regional partnership. Only Arnold, view does for innovation and Raman Dutt Brown Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at Princeton University, leads Princeton's diversity of semiconductor-related strengths.

"Princeton University has an incredibly diverse and deep community in the area of semiconductor covering different materials, different processing methods, etc.," Arnold said. "In addition, we have a 15,000-square-foot cleanroom with a corresponding packaging lab and a well-materials processing lab. Within our facility, we have a number of companies that work with us, and we have close ties to the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, a Department of Energy national lab that focuses on plasma processing in semiconductor manufacturing."

While Princeton, like Penn State, boasts matched strengths in semiconductor research, Princeton is recognizing a regional partnership will have many benefits for all partners, and beyond. "Given the scale and diversity of the semiconductor industry, it is critical that universities collaborate," Berry back, senior professor of electrical and computer engineering and the

**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND**

The University of Maryland brings a diverse array of research groups and facilities for the design, testing, and analysis of semiconductor devices. This includes their Institute for Systems Research, which works in hardware design and security, bioelectronics, RF electronics, and edge computing hardware, among others, and the Center for Advanced Life Cycle Engineering, which provides expertise in reliability analysis, accelerated testing, risk mitigation, and life cycle analysis for advanced electronics systems.

"It is hard for any one institution to cover all of that ground, so partnerships among universities and with government and industry take on a critical role as we our nation begins to rebound in domestic capability in semiconductor and microelectronics," Abshire said. "In this case, their proximity to our nation's capital, Washington, D.C."

However, like in real estate, a Maryland strength is location, location, location - In this case, their proximity to our nation's capital, Washington, D.C.

"One of our strengths that we have is our close proximity and strong collaborations with local defense industry and defense labs which allow us to partner in addressing the unique needs found in government electronics," Samuel Graham, Jr., dean of the A. James Clark School of Engineering at the University of Maryland, said.

Graham said that Maryland is excited to participate in a semiconductor research hub because it would create a "value chain" for the future of chips.

"An ideal hub would include strengths in the critical aspects of design, manufacturing, packaging, and testing to allow for prototyping and creating new microelectronics technologies," Graham said. "It will also provide a place for workforce development through experiential learning or training on critical pieces of the value chain."

For Pamela Abshire, professor of electrical and computer engineering at the University of Maryland, a challenge to tackle in the scale of semiconductor. Microelectronics is a big field, responsible for nearly a quarter of global GDP.

"We are developing a new generation of micro-mechanical systems and devices for sensors, actuators, and microfluidics. We have established a strong research and development program in MEMS, with a focus on fundamental research and device development."

"The main take-home messages included, first, strong support for regional prototyping, prototyping, and testing to allow for prototyping and creating new microelectronics technologies, second, advantages of better coordination among academia, government, and industry, and third, the critical need for developing and sustaining the microelectronics workforce," Abshire said.

# PSU Strengths: Materials, Facilities, and Coupling to Industry Needs

Susan Troler-McKinstry





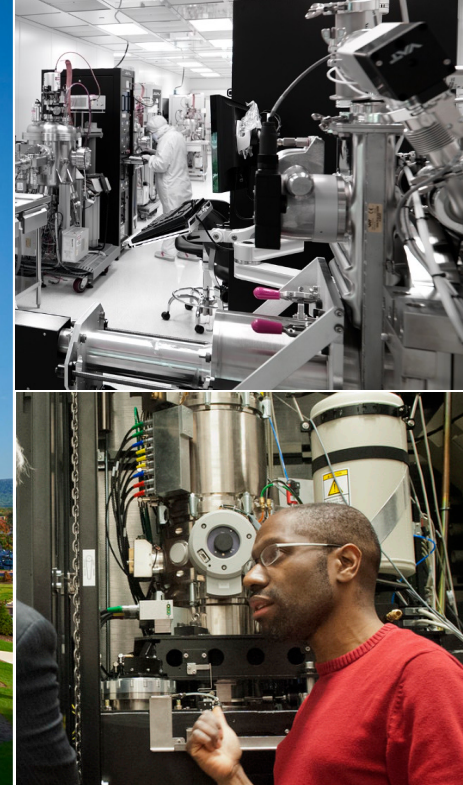
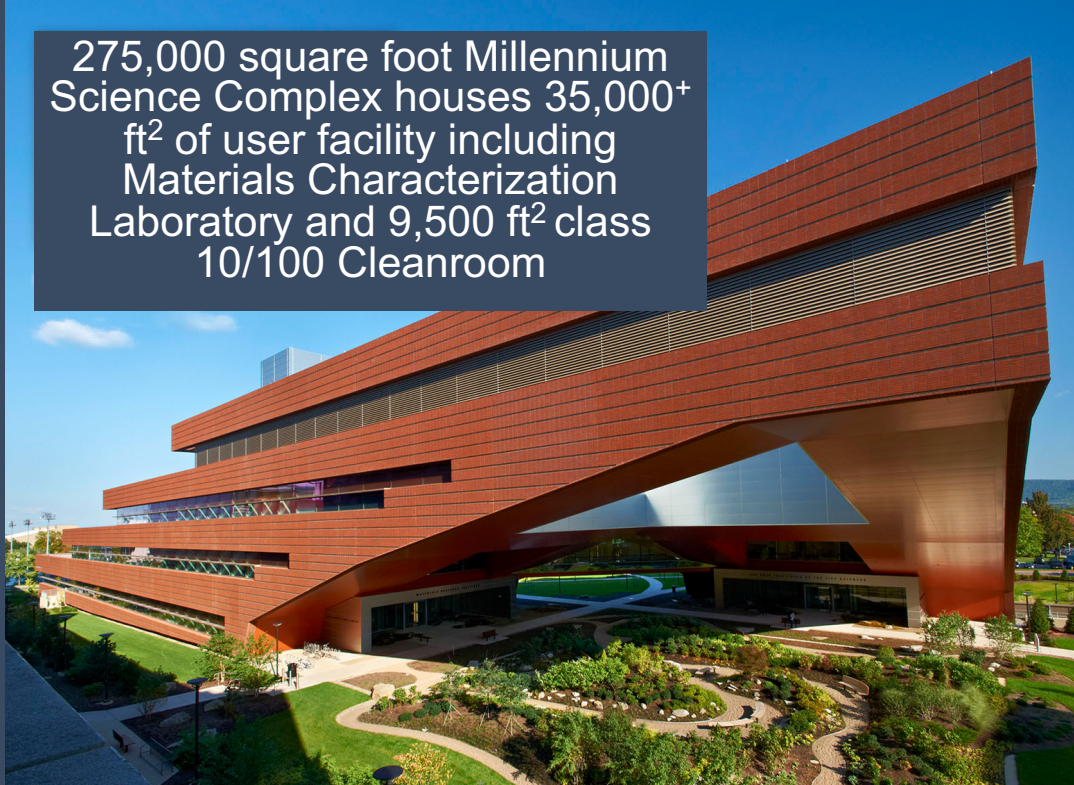
# Starting Assumptions and a Caveat

- We are more likely to get significant funding if we can show areas of strength, where Penn State and its partners are the obvious place for investment.
  - I have not covered excellent single investigator efforts here
- The CHIPS act is intended to increase US commercial competitiveness
  - Groups that can point to an industry-pull may be more likely to be funded than those that point only to basic research
- I had 4 days to put this together, and where I have missed areas of strength, it is in ignorance, not malice. PLEASE respond to the RFI that will be coming out, so that your efforts can be included!

# PSU Strengths: Integrated Infrastructure

- Highly interdisciplinary research milieu
- #1, #2 in expenditures in Materials Science and Materials Engineering
- ARL facilities offer significant scaling options
- Strong programs in workforce development exist in the College of Education, Penn College, CNEU, ARL, etc.

275,000 square foot Millennium Science Complex houses 35,000+ ft<sup>2</sup> of user facility including Materials Characterization Laboratory and 9,500 ft<sup>2</sup> class 10/100 Cleanroom

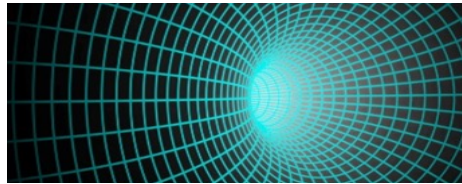


Labs co-located in state-of-the-art building on central campus

# Four Lab Solution: Theory, Synthesis, Fabrication, Characterization



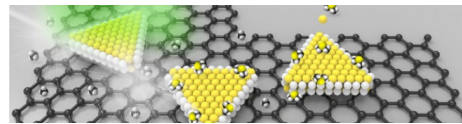
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Evaluate  
material  
candidates



2DCC-MIP



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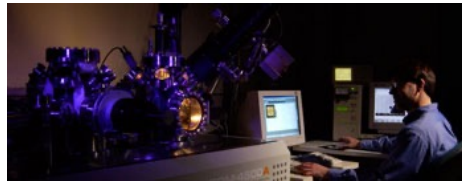
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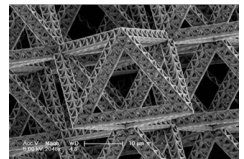
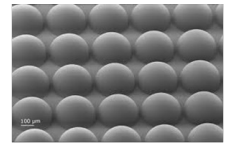
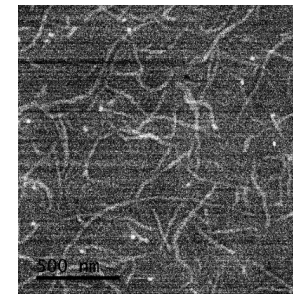
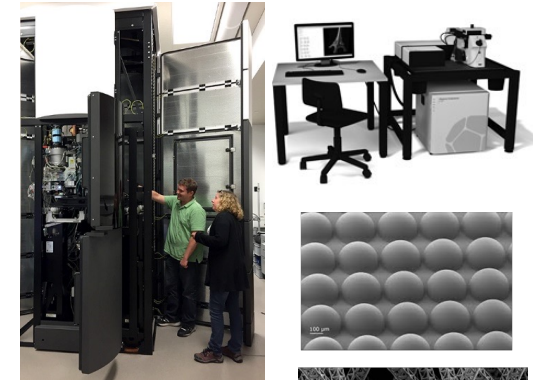
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Materials  
Characterization  
Lab



Characterize  
materials





# Facilities, Education and Outreach

## Goals

1. Prepare a talented and diverse workforce
2. Enable outstanding research and education
3. Enhance public awareness of science and technology

## Activities

1. Multiple courses run in the facilities, including Materials Characterization, and Semiconductor Integrated Circuit Technology
2. Graduate Student and undergraduate research relies on technical staff for training, safety, and tool maintenance
3. **Many tools allow remote access for remote workforce development**
4. Webinar series and workshops

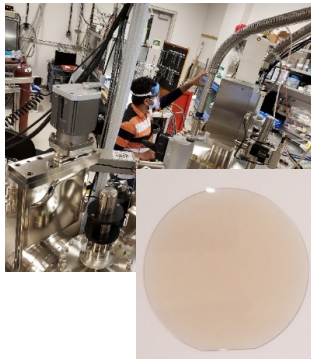
Graphene and Beyond Workshop



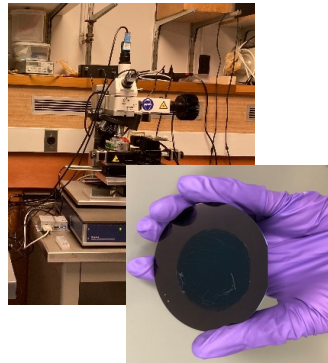


# 2D Crystal Foundry (2DCF)

*Translational research and workforce training for emergent 2D material platforms*



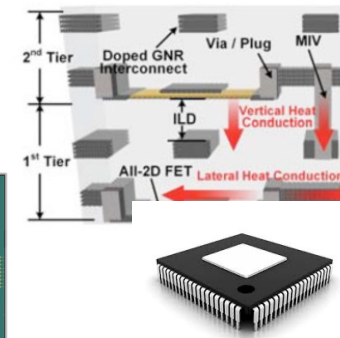
**Crystal growth  
& epitaxy**



**2D layer transfer &  
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**Device and  
circuit  
fabrication**



**Heterogeneous  
integration &  
packaging**

**AI-assisted process control and comprehensive data infrastructure**



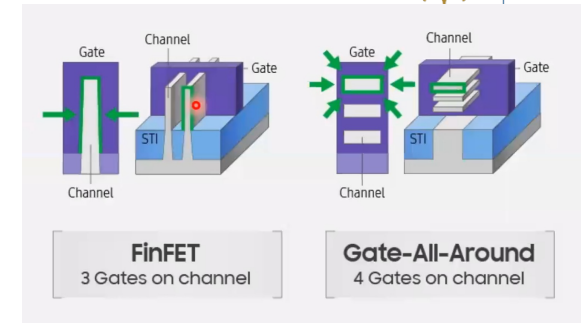
# PennState 2D CMOS enables Moore's Law Scaling and CMOS + X



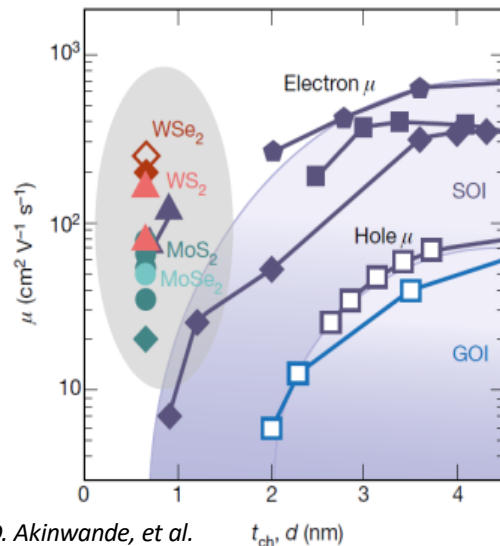
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2D FETs are part of semiconductor roadmap for scaling of stacked **nanosheet** devices.

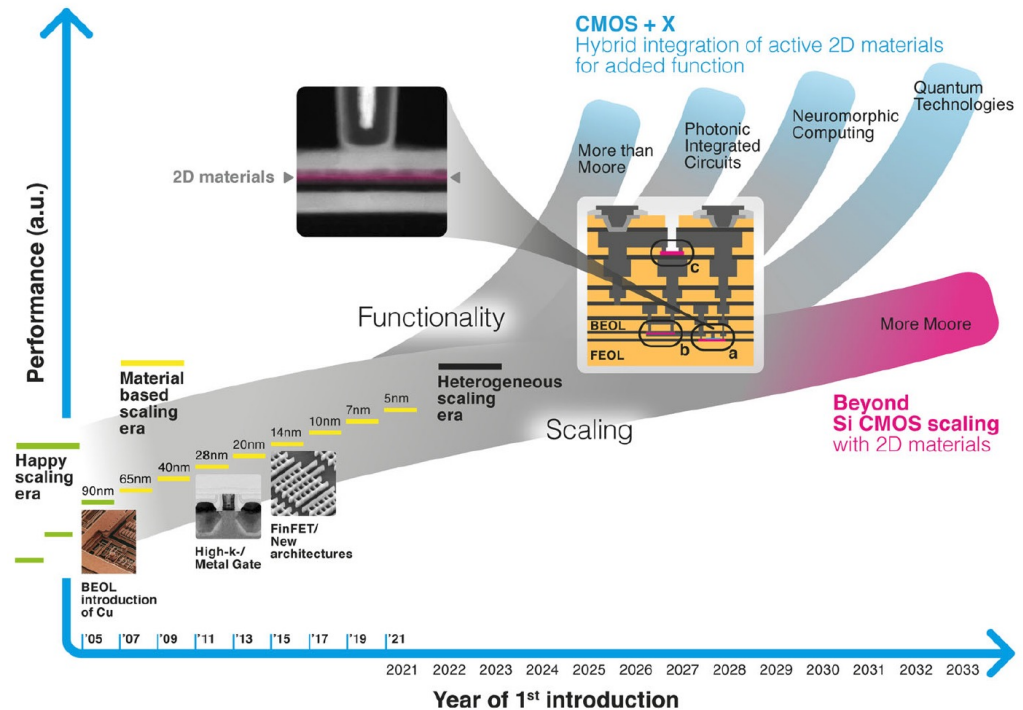
**2D CMOS offers enhanced gate pitch scaling** – Can stack a greater number of 2D sheets in given area than comparable Si devices



**Higher mobility in 2D compared to si**  
for ultra-thin nanosheet channels



D. Akinwande, et al.  
Nature 573 (2019) 507.

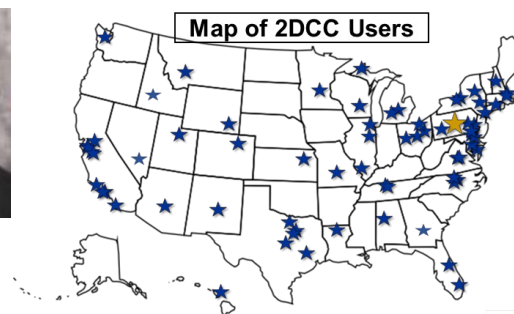
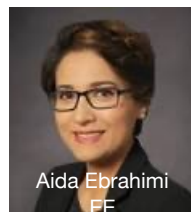
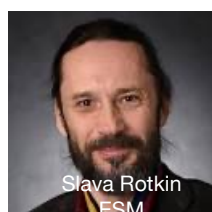
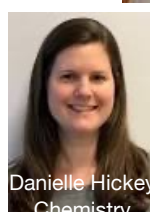
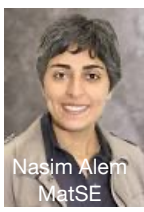
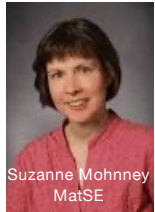
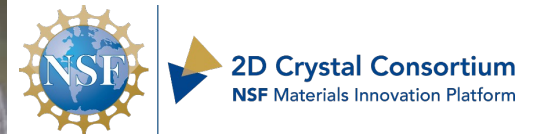
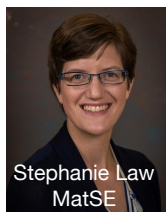




## Why Penn State in 2D Materials?

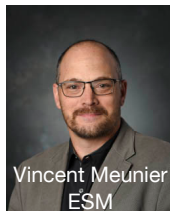


- PSU clear **worldwide leader** in 2D beyond graphene
- Interdisciplinary faculty involvement (**25+ faculty, > 100 students/postdocs**)



Note extensive network in mid-Atlantic region  
(PSU, UPenn, Columbia, CMU, etc.)

Industry collaborators: Intel, TSMC, Aixtron





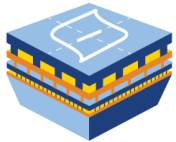


# Silicon Adjacent Technologies: Integrating Ferroelectrics with Semiconductors



With faculty from MASH partners

- Computing accounts for 5 – 15% of worldwide energy consumption
- US data centers consumed ~73 billion kWh in 2020
- This is being exacerbated by needs for big data for machine learning, personalized health, data analytics, fast back-up and restore
- Integrated, close-couple ferroelectric non-volatile memory offers a solution

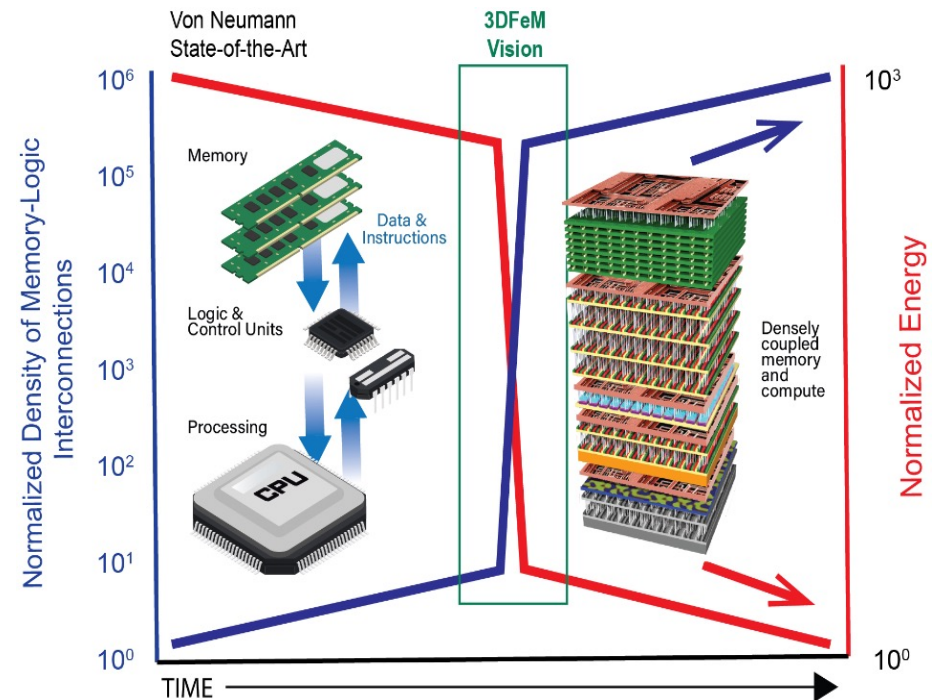


3D  
FeM



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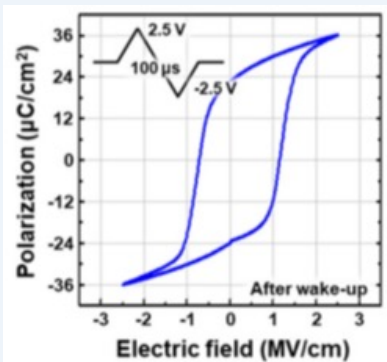
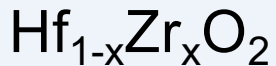
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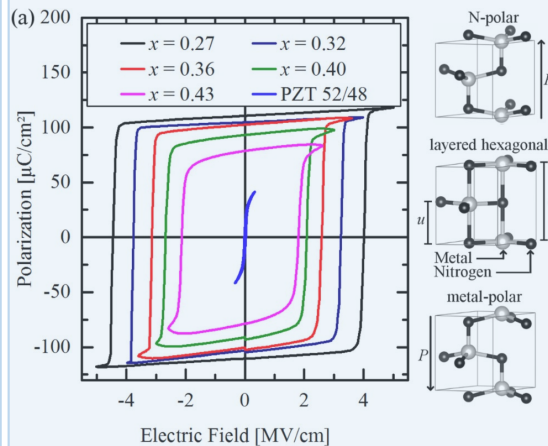


# New Ferroelectrics for Non-volatile Memory

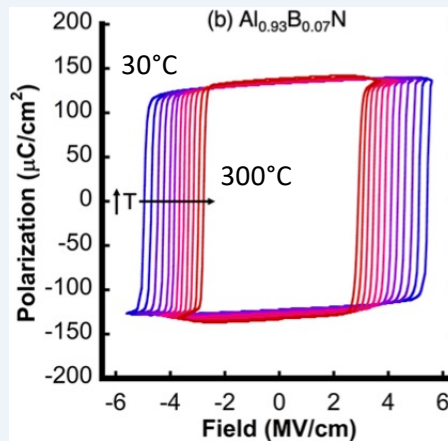
Common link: Electromechanical property boost at verge of composition instability



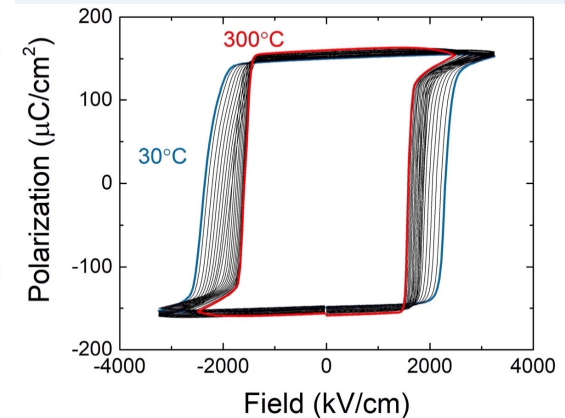
Muller et al., IEDM Proc., and APL (2011)



Fichtner et al., J. Appl. Phys. 125, 114103 (2019)



Hayden et al., Phys. Rev. Mat. (2021)



Ferri et al., JAP (2021)

This team has key expertise in the deposition, patterning, characterization and modeling of these materials!



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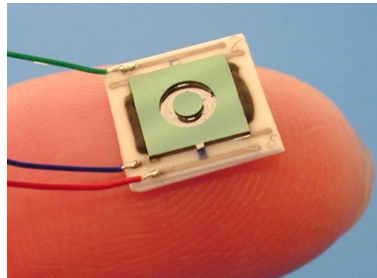
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# Piezoelectrics Microelectromechanical Systems

## Sensors

- High  $e_{ijk}/\epsilon_r$  for voltage-based sensors
- High  $e_{ijk}$  for charge-based measurements
- High signal to noise ratio

$$\frac{e_{ijk}}{\sqrt{\epsilon_o \epsilon_{ij} \tan \delta}}$$



## Actuators

- High  $e_{ijk}$
- High drive field capability
- Stability

## Piezoelectronic Transistors

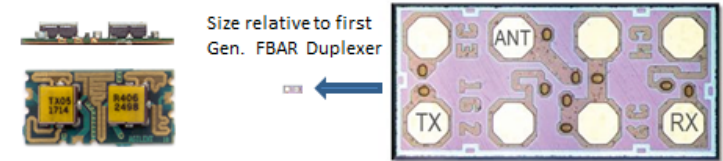
- High  $d_{33}$
- High saturation strains

## Energy Harvesting

- High  $k^2 \propto e_{ijk} h_{ijk}$
- Low mechanical losses

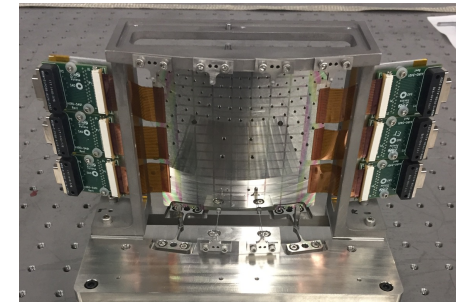
## Resonators

- High  $k^2 Q$
- Temperature Stability

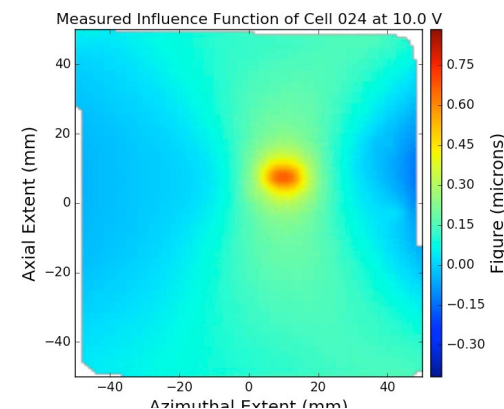


**FBAR 1<sup>st</sup> Gen. Solution:**  
2 mm high  
6 x 12 mm footprint

**FBAR 3<sup>rd</sup> Gen. Solution:**  
0.23 mm high  
0.7 x 1.5 mm footprint



IF Calibration for AXRO Test Piece



Electronics +  
MEMS is  
transformational



# Piezoelectrics and Piezoelectric MEMS



Partnered with many companies

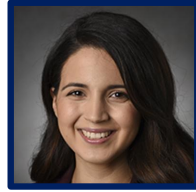


- Penn State has been the world-leading institution in piezoelectrics for decades
- US is lagging significantly in investing in piezoMEMS foundries relative to Europe and Asia
- Numerous defense-related companies are unable to source legacy bulk piezoelectrics



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# Penn State and Passive Components



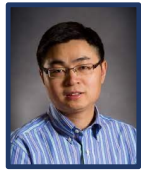
- All circuits require the ancillary passive components! - resistors, capacitors, inductors (1000 capacitors/cell phone, ~15,000 per electronic vehicle)
- Last major US producers of MLCC have been acquired by international entities
- Some Japanese suppliers will not sell parts for US military applications
- Penn State, NC State, University of Sheffield are the core of an NSF IUCRC Center for Dielectrics and Piezoelectrics (CDP) - Carnegie Mellon is affiliated
- 5G/6G materials, new processing, and reliability are key research areas
- Many company partners



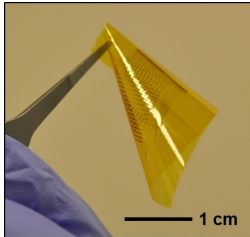
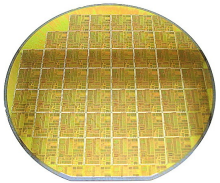


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# More-than-Moore: Flexible Electronics and Heterogenous Integration



- More-than-Moore device and integration: flexible electronics and hybrid technologies
- PSU has strong expertise and efforts in flexible electronics and heterogenous integration, from multiple semiconductor materials growth, to their heterogenous integration, to device technologies, and to packaging.



Flexible integrated electronics



Ultra-thin soft circuits

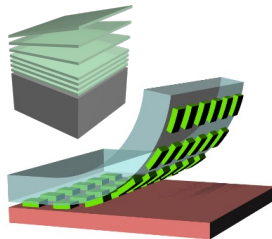


Flexible hybrid electronics

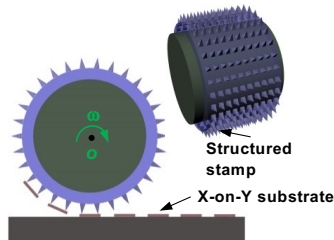


3D Curvy electronics

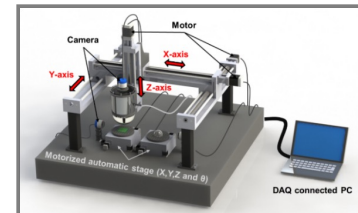
Heterogenous  
integration



Pick-n-place for  
semiconductors



Scalable heterogenous  
integration



CAS printing

# Area of Strength – High Power Electronics including GaN and SiC



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# The SiC Opportunity & Industrial Impact

Demand for **SiC** will be  
>\$10B annually by 2030.



Renewable  
Energy



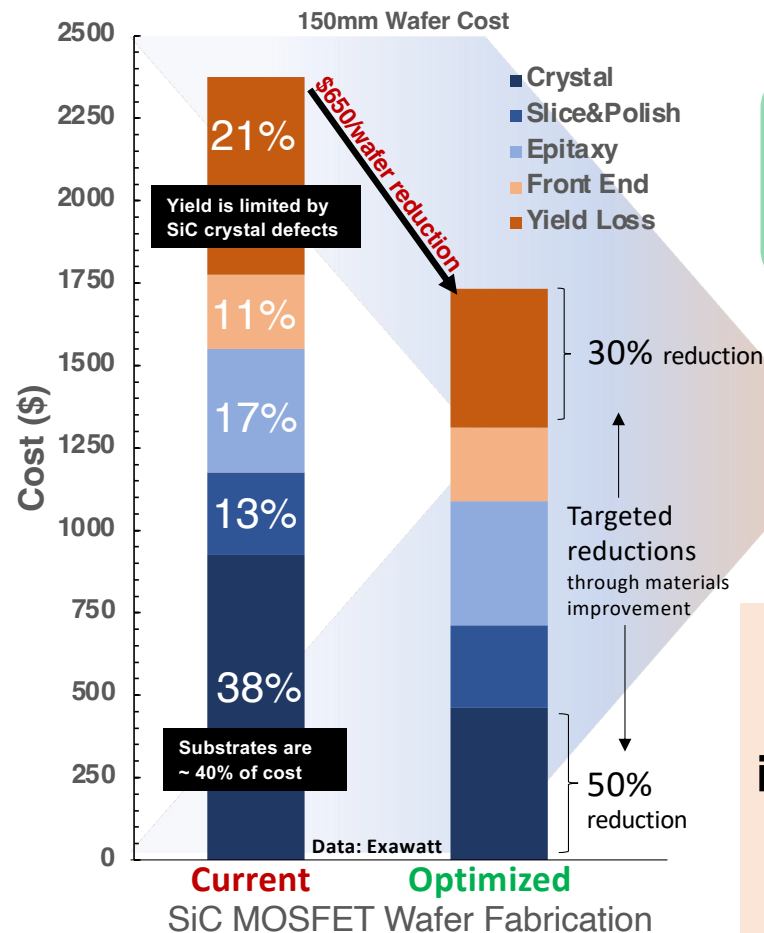
Electric  
Vehicles



Data Servers



High Speed  
Communications



Better crystals lower  
cost and improve  
performance.

**\$1B/year**  
reduction in mfg. cost

\*estimated as \$645/wafer, 1.7M wafers/yr by 2025  
[https://www.semiconductor-today.com/news\\_items/2021/dec/trendforce-011221.shtml](https://www.semiconductor-today.com/news_items/2021/dec/trendforce-011221.shtml)

No platform exists to  
train the next generation  
in SiC crystal science and  
metrology. Penn State  
intends to be the first.

\*10% reduction in both, = \$260M/yr

\*1% reduction = \$26M/yr

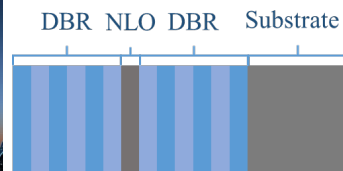




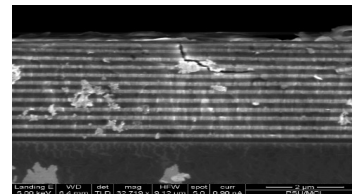
# Electronic Warfare

ARL-PSU is currently developing and implementing electronic warfare technologies relevant for DoD CHIPs Efforts

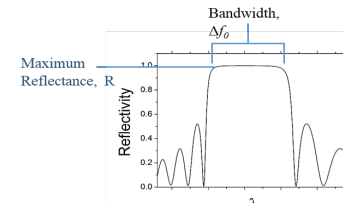
## Counter Directed Energy Weapons



Schematic of Counter-DEW Coating System



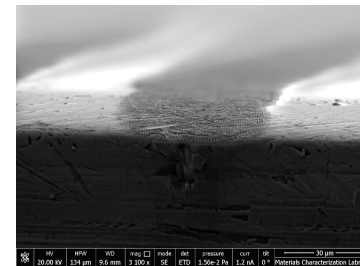
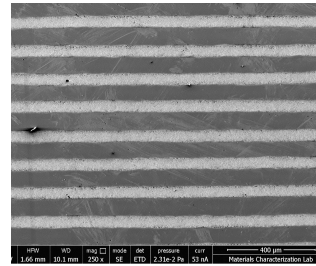
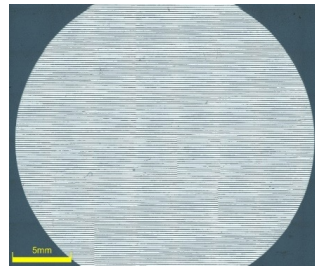
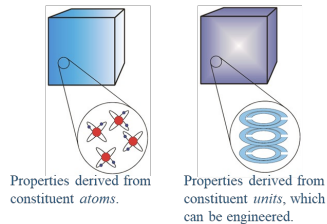
Manufactured Counter-DEW Coating System Exhibiting Broadband Reflectance



- Multi-layer, highly reflective, reusable coating systems currently being developed for counter-electronic warfare efforts
- Can be incorporated on-chip to protect microelectronic components from electronic warfare interrogation

## Metamaterials

Conventional vs. Metamaterials



Prototype metamaterial manufacturing development

- Metamaterial-enabled devices have wide ranging applications in RF, THz, IR, and visible spectra
- Can be incorporated into current electronic systems for counter-electronic warfare efforts
- Manufacturing challenges are being investigated at ARL-PSU

## High Energy Lasers

High Energy Laser Systems Developed In Collaboration with ARL-PSU



Lockheed Martin



Lockheed Martin



Raytheon Technologies



Radiance Technologies

- Identify, test/evaluate, and scale manufacturing processes needed for HEL system deployment
- Bridge technology valley-of-death for new HEL material systems and platforms by leveraging unique manufacturing capabilities housed at ARL-PSU



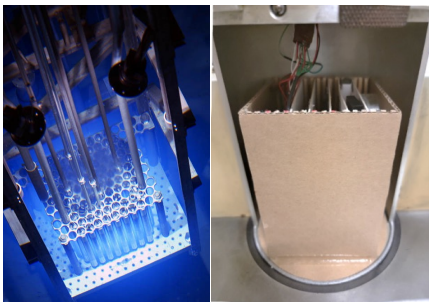
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## Rapid Characterization of Radiation Hard Electronics

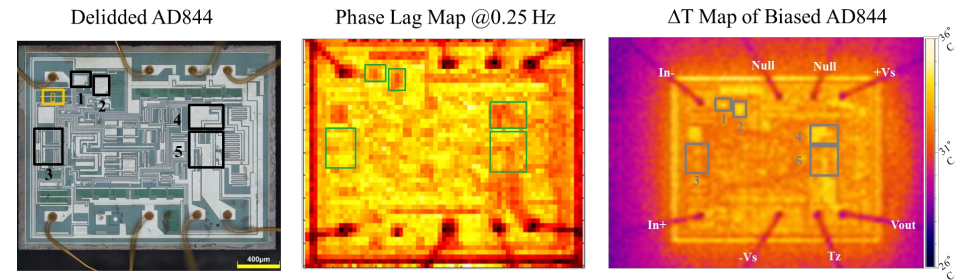
1. ARL-PSU is studying the relative radiation hardness of next generation semiconductors, and developing novel characterization techniques to predict radiation vulnerable regions on chips
2. Ex-situ characterization techniques:
  - a) Micro-Raman spectroscopy – strain field mapping
  - b) Lock-in Thermography – device level heat/strain mapping
3. In-situ characterization techniques:
  - a) Biased  $\gamma$ -ray and neutron testing at application specific doses

### Custom In-Situ $\gamma$ -ray Mrad Dose Testing Penn State RSEC Facility

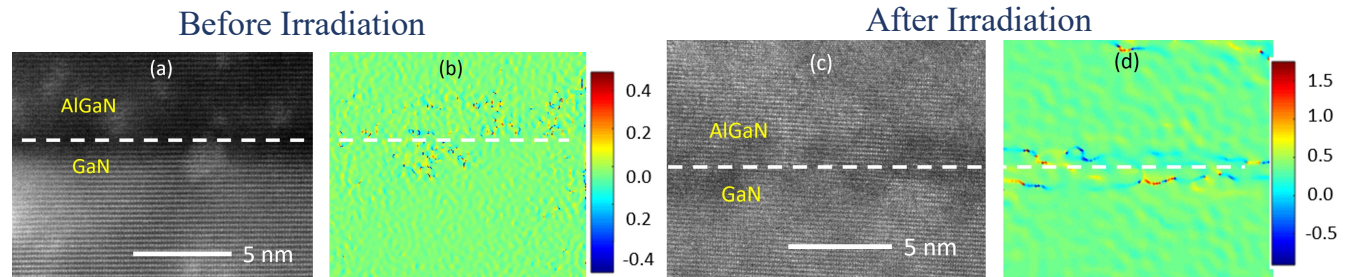


PSU Collaborators: Prof. Aman Haque

### Lock-in Thermography of Radiation Sensitive Regions in Electronic Devices



### HRTEM and GPA analysis before and after $\gamma$ -ray irradiation





# Conclusions

- PSU has significant strengths in new materials, especially in “silicon adjacent technologies” that can form the core of responses to multiple agencies via the CHIPS act
- The core facilities are a major asset, with significant potential for expansion and workforce development
- The University also has strengths in new semiconductor device development, circuit modeling, and systems architecture
- More information is needed for efforts that weren’t captured in this short overview
  - Areas where we can point to critical mass, robust coupling to industry, or strengths in workforce development are most likely to resonate with funders
  - Please respond to the forthcoming RFI



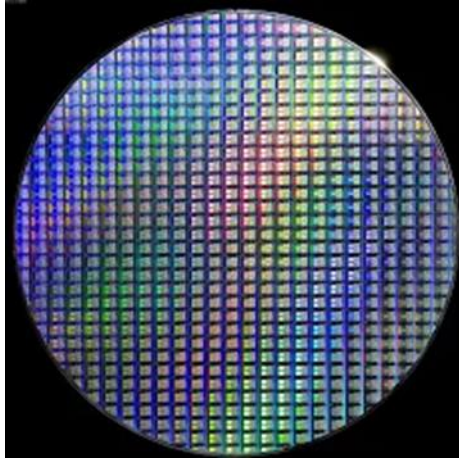
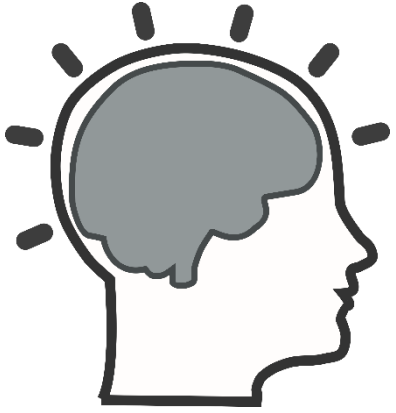
# **Transforming Happy Valley into Happy Silicon Valley**

## **A Vision for Rethinking & Reimagining Semiconductor Packaging**

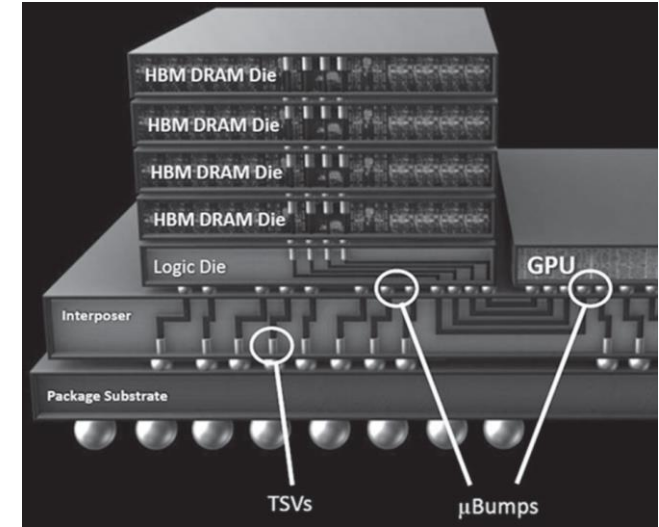
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Director, CHIMES (an SRC JUMP 2.0 Center)  
The Pennsylvania State University  
Emeritus Professor, ECE & MSE, Georgia Tech  
Former Director, 3D Systems Packaging Research Center (NSF-ERC), Georgia Tech

# What is Semiconductor Packaging?

## TRANSISTORS



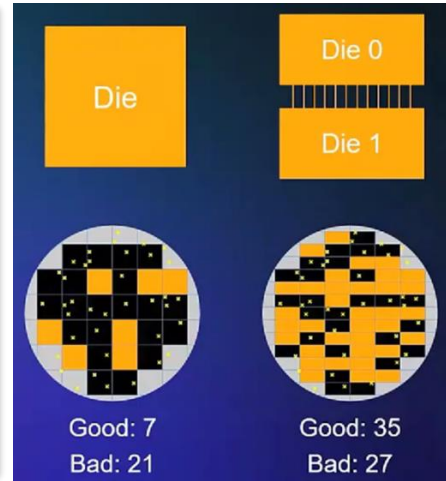
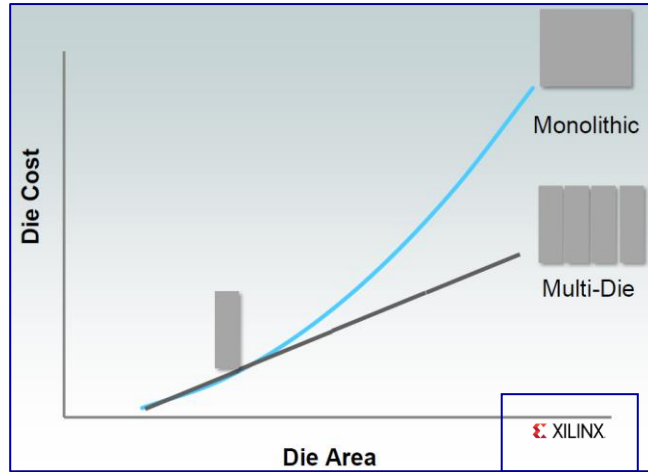
## PACKAGING



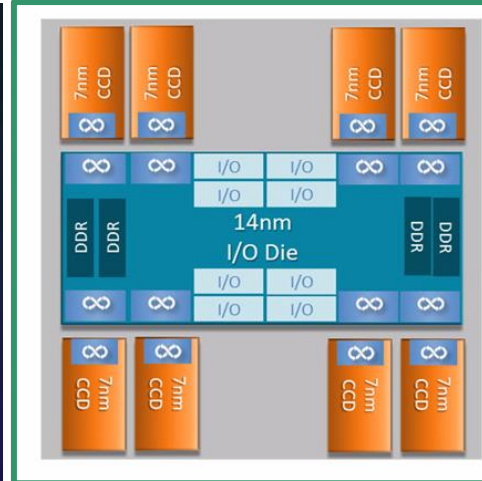
- ❑ Transistors (and chips) require packaging to communicate.
- ❑ Packaging connects chips to each other and to the external world through signaling, powering, cooling, and protection.
- ❑ Electronic System = Chips + Packaging

# Packaging & The Next Moore's Law

Use of smaller dies from advanced nodes

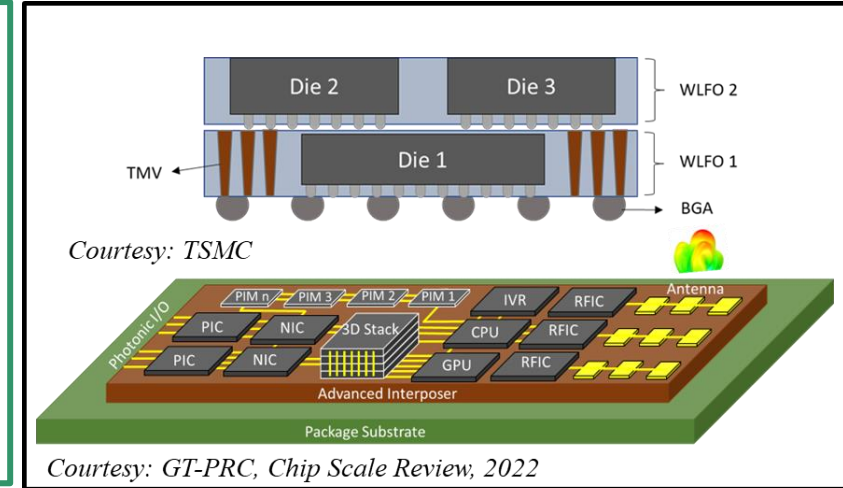


Shorter design time



Courtesy: AMD

Heterogeneous Integration

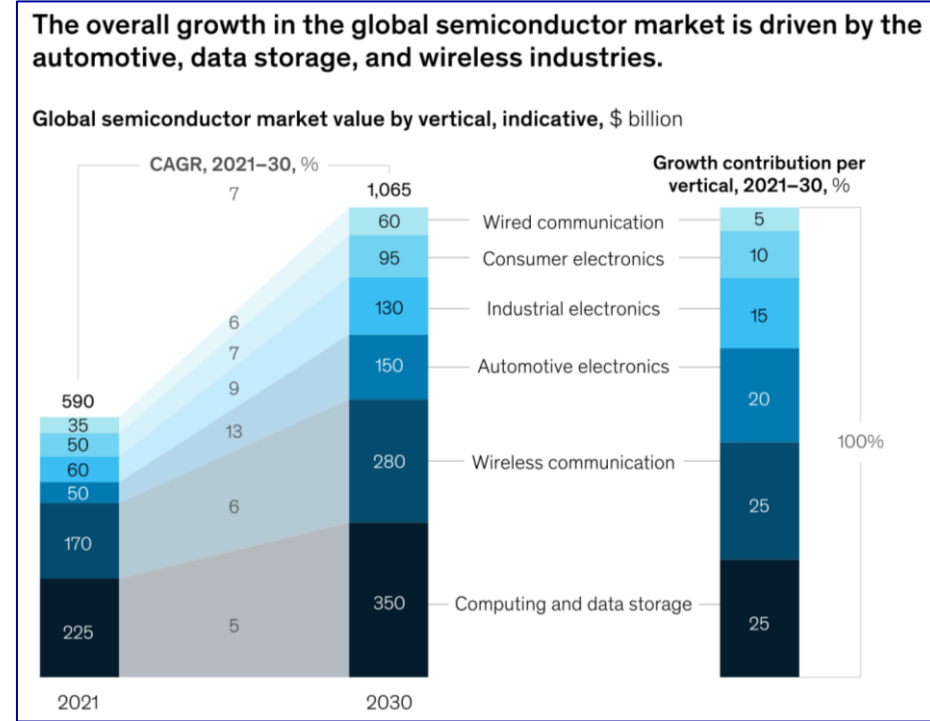


Three reasons why Packaging is becoming critical for the continuation of Moore's Law:

1. Higher yield using smaller dies in advanced nodes.
2. Shorter time to design with smaller dies from optimized legacy technology nodes with enhanced functionality.
3. Move towards **HETEROGENEOUS INTEGRATION**.

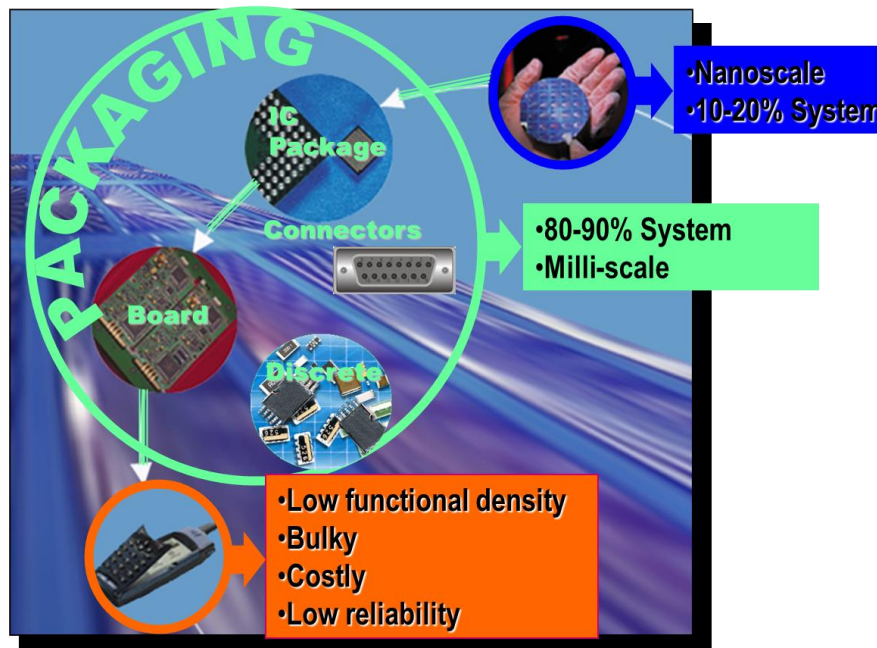
# Why is Packaging of National Importance to US?

- ❑ Global semiconductor industry projected to become a trillion-dollar industry by 2030 (Source: McKinsey & Company)
  - 55 years to become a 0.5T industry
  - Expected to double in the next 10 years
  - Drivers: Computing/Storage, Wireless, Automotive, ....
- ❑ US losing Leadership
  - Chip
    - Less than 12% of Semiconductor Manuf. in USA
  - **Packaging**
    - **Less than 2% of Substrate Manuf. in USA**
    - **Less than 6.5% of Flip-Chip bumping in USA**
- ❑ 2022: CHIPS for America Act
  - Establish Onshoring Capabilities and U.S. Leadership
  - \$52B Investment (**\$11B for R&D & Workforce Development**)

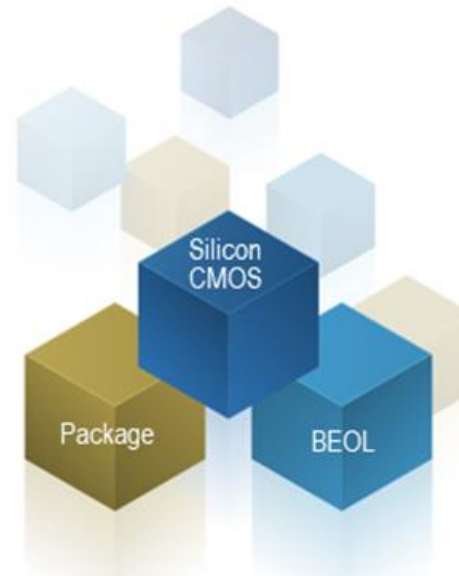




# Rethinking & Reimagining Packaging to Establish US Leadership



Packaging (Past)



Advanced Packaging (Present)



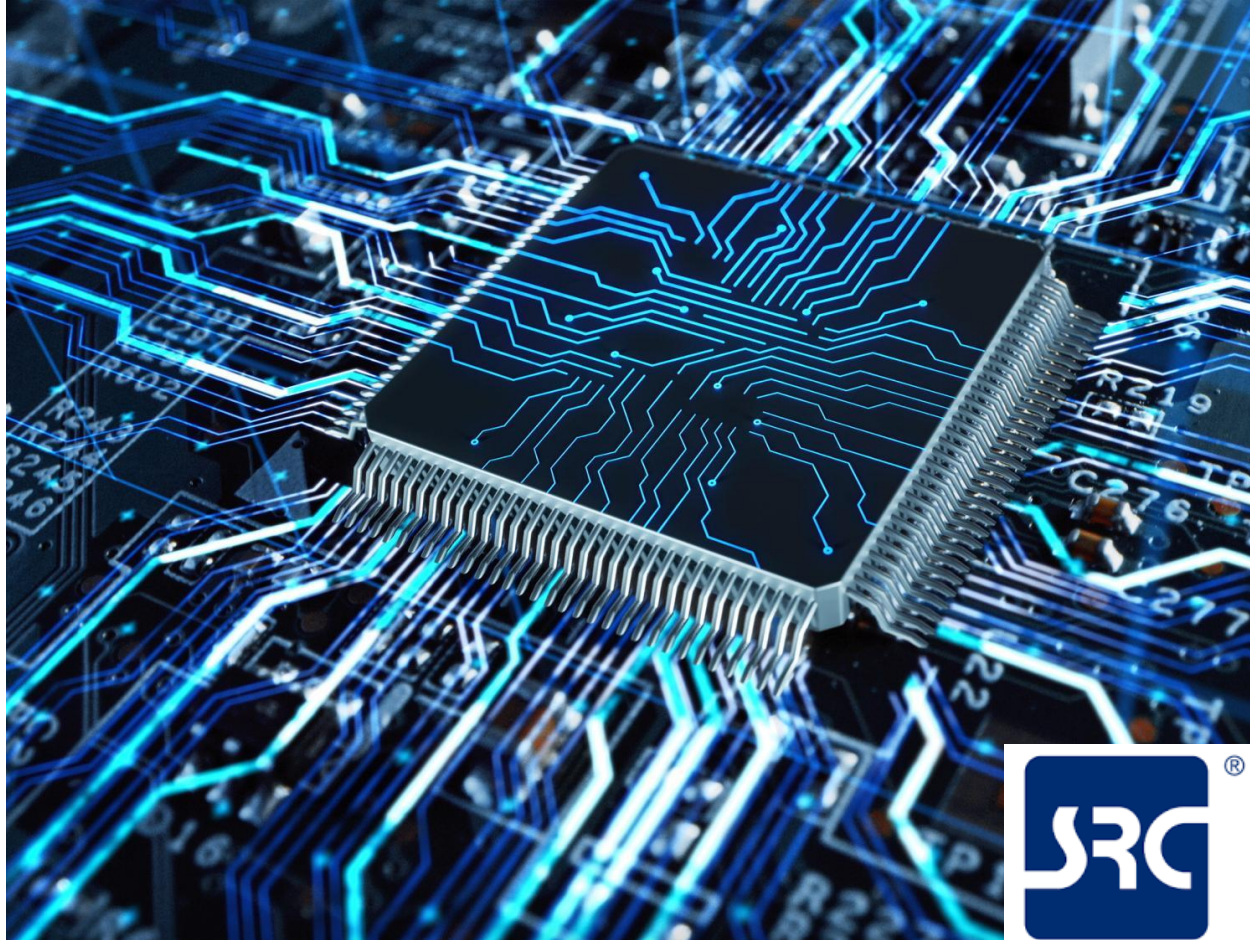
Heterogeneous Integration (Future)

- ❑ **Past/Present:** FEOL Transistor, BEOL Wiring & Package individually developed and combined
- ❑ **Future:** New and transformative packaging technologies that overcome the slowdown of traditional dimensional scaling of systems by interconnecting a **diversity of chips, blurring the line between what is on-chip and what is off-chip, with a focus on transitioning these technologies into manufacturing.**



# Introducing JUMP 2.0 Center @ Penn State (14 Univ. Partners)

Penn State leads semiconductor packaging,  
heterogeneous integration center



- Center for Heterogeneous Integration of Micro Electronic Systems (CHIMES)
- Supported by the Semiconductor Research Corporation (SRC)'s Joint University Microelectronics Program 2.0 (JUMP 2.0), a consortium of industrial partners in cooperation with the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)



<https://www.psu.edu/news/engineering/story/penn-state-leads-semiconductor-packaging-heterogeneous-integration-center/>

## Next Steps ....

### ❑ Opportunities for packaging through CHIPS Act:

- National Semiconductor Technology Center (NSTC)
  - Includes packaging but unclear up to what extent.
- **National Advanced Packaging Manufacturing Program (NAPMP)**
- **Manufacturing USA Institutes** (3 Institutes w/ one expected in Packaging)

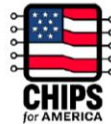
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9906(e)	NIST Metrology	\$500M					
9906(f)	Manufacturing USA Institute						



# National Advanced Packaging Manufacturing Program (NAPMP)

## Game Plan:

1. Intel and/or IBM ([www.asicoalition.org](http://www.asicoalition.org)) are expected to lead a major coalition
  - Hub & Spoke model being proposed feeding into pilot lines and manufacturing facilities
  - Become part of the team. Visits by Intel & IBM to Univ. Park (Mar/Apr)
2. Form National University Center of Excellence (UCE)
  - Discussions ongoing with PSU, Purdue, MIT, RPI, & SUNY



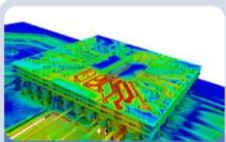
## NAPMP Target Areas

### Technology innovation

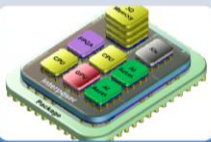
Create an R&D environment advancing the state-of-the art in advanced packaging.

### Ecosystem support

Investments to bolster the growth in domestic capacity and enhance capabilities for competitive edge.



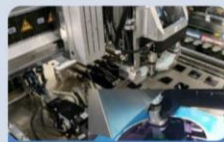
Co-design and simulation



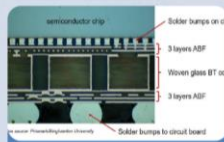
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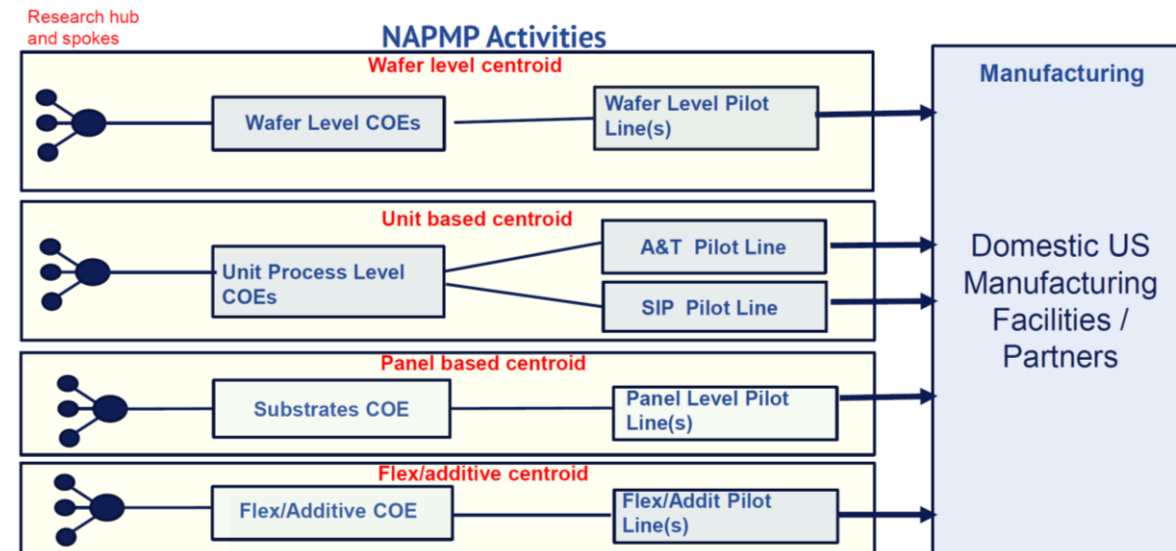
Pilot packaging facilities



Tooling and automation



Materials and substrates



Source: Eric Lin, Interim Director, CHIPS Research and Development Office, NIST

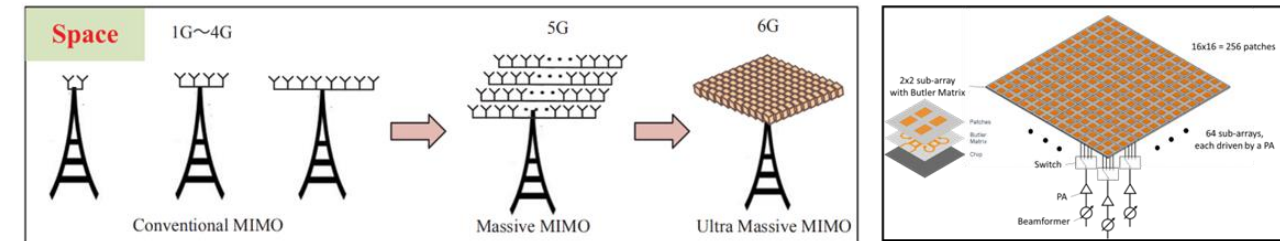
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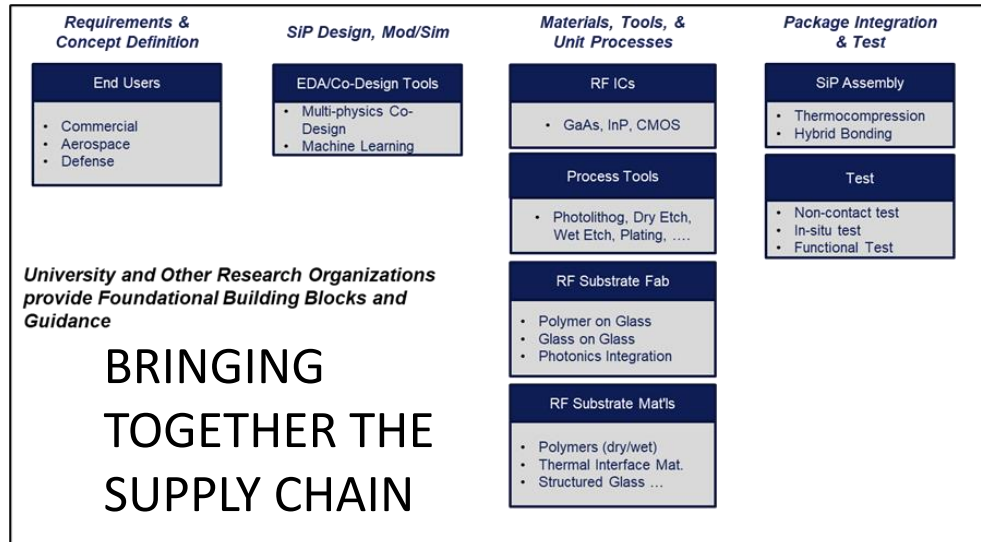
# Manufacturing USA Institute (MI) on Packaging

One Possibility:

- ❑ Institute Focused on Advanced Packaging for Advanced Communications
- ❑ Request for Information (RFI) submitted to NIST (<https://www.regulations.gov/comment/NIST-2022-0002-0069>  
Total submissions=94)
- ❑ Include partner universities from the Mid-Atlantic HUB
- ❑ Focus on Wafer Level Glass Packaging (Research from UCE transitioned into prototyping)



- Penn State
- GaTech
- Qorvo
- 3DGS
- AMAT
- Schott
- Menlo
- Corning
- Synopsys
- iNEMI
- Boeing
- Absolics
- GWU





# Moving Forward - Building an Ecosystem @ Penn State

Engineering Science & Mechanics

Materials Science & Engineering



Mechanical Engineering

Electrical Engineering  
Computer Science & Engineering

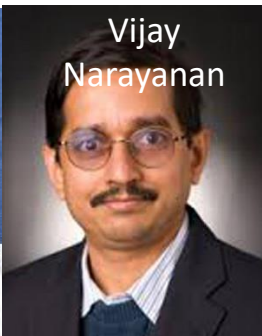
- NEMS, photonics, optoelectronics, electronics
- Electro-thermal co-design & thermal management
- Device & System reliability
- HI & 3D Integration
- Biomedical systems integration & packaging
- III-V & 2D materials on Si
- Widegap semiconductors for harsh environment
- Multi-functional RF integrated systems
- mmWave phased arrays & antenna integration
- ALD for ultra-low k dielectrics
- Dielectric, piezoelectric, and ferroelectric
- Power aware AI hardware
- Neuromorphic computing
- Heat Transfer Modeling
- Metasurfaces for Electronics & Photonics
- Wafer & Panel scale packaging



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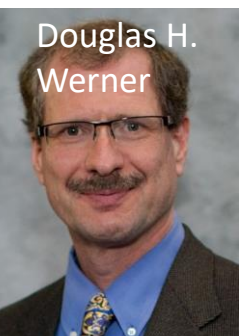
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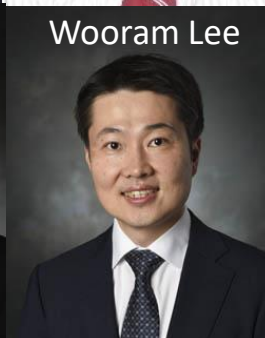
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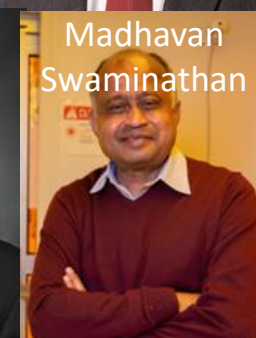
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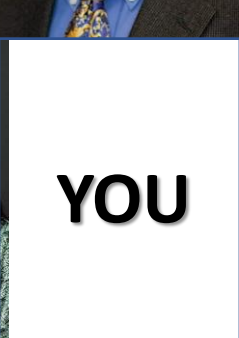
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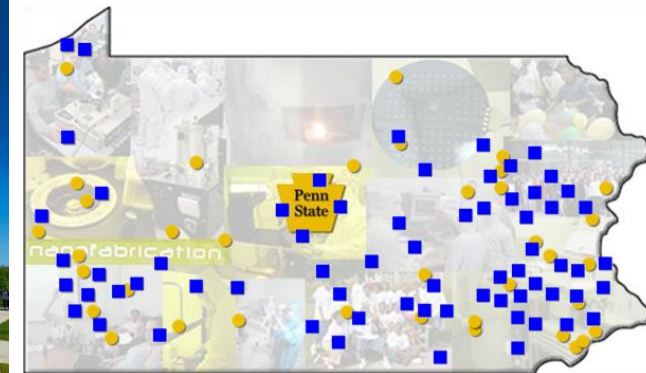
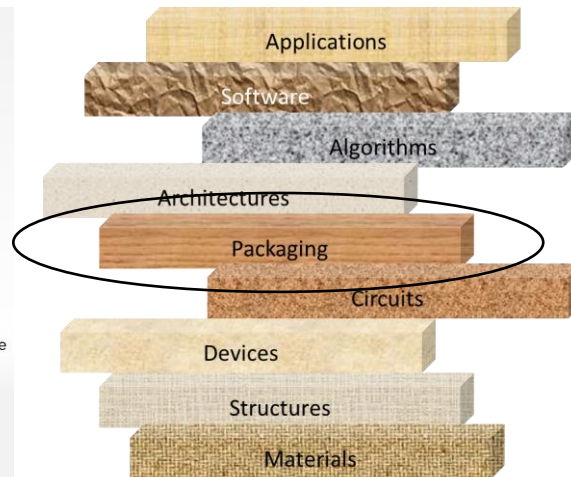
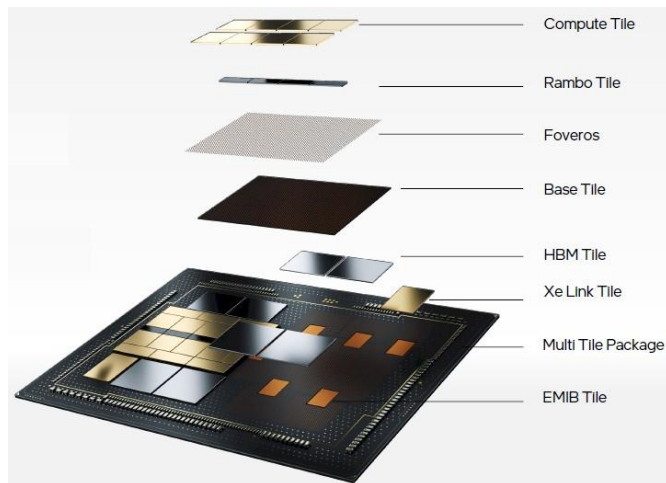
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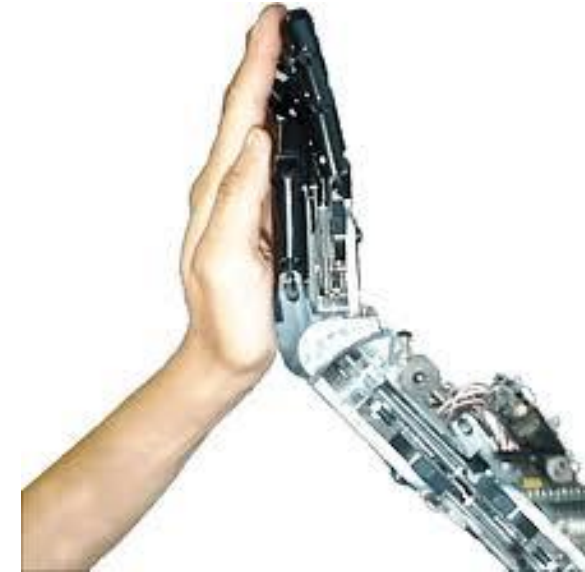
# Penn State & Semiconductors in 10 Years – Just Imagine!

- ❑ Active semiconductor R&D across the commonwealth from Materials-to-Applications where Emerging Applications and Future Systems serve as the driver for research into adjacent silicon technologies that use diverse materials on a silicon platform supported by dense connectivity between chips.
- ❑ An eco-system with 100+ companies and several govt. labs working closely with Penn State researchers in a pre-competitive environment, providing mentorship and enabling commercialization.
- ❑ Translational research facilities on campus with low volume manufacturing capability providing access to DoD, Start-ups and other agencies.
- ❑ Penn State students being sought after worldwide for semiconductor related jobs due to industry relevant education that combines technology, business, and hands on experience.
- ❑ A self-sustaining environment for fundamental, applied, and translational research in semiconductors.



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