

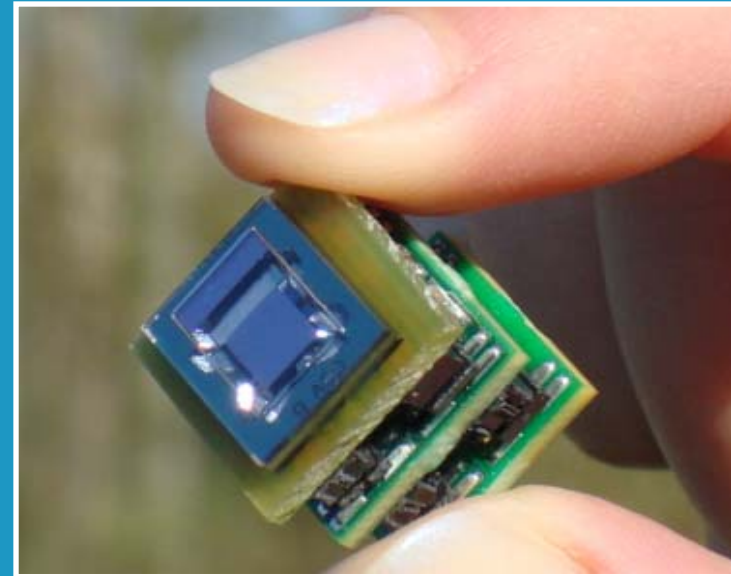
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Wireless Autonomous Transducer Solutions

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Who we are



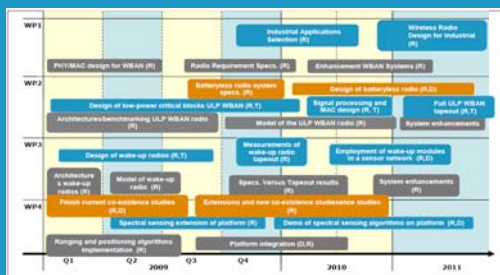
Independent research organization co-founded by IMEC (1300 fte, Belgium) and TNO (4500 fte, the Netherlands) in 2005
150 researchers and 60 resident researchers from industry and university
Global network of industrial and academic partners
Supported by Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs

What we do



Creating **generic technologies**, time to market 3..10 years
Research Focus on Wireless Autonomous Microsystems (WATS) AND Systems-In-Foil (SiF)
Partnering with industry and universities

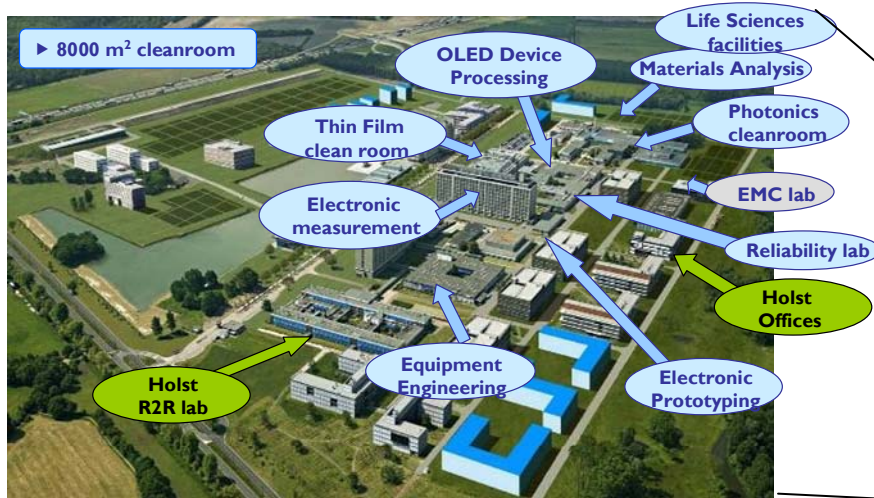
How we work



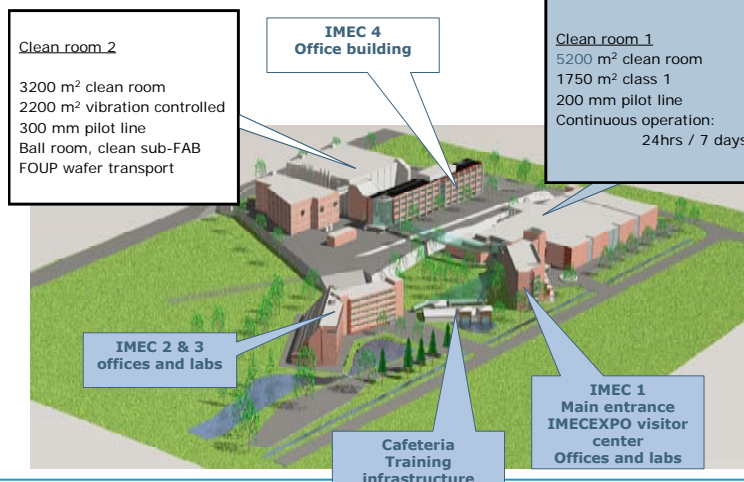
Research guided by clear **roadmap**
 Day to day interaction with **industrial resident**
Regular review meetings with program partners
Open Innovation through **precompetitive** research programs
 Results are shared between partners

Access to Unique Set of Infrastructures and Process Labs

High Tech Campus, Eindhoven (NL)



IMEC clean room, Leuven (Be)



Research Program aligned with Industrial Needs

Technology Integration Programs: windows on application areas, guiding choices in the TPs

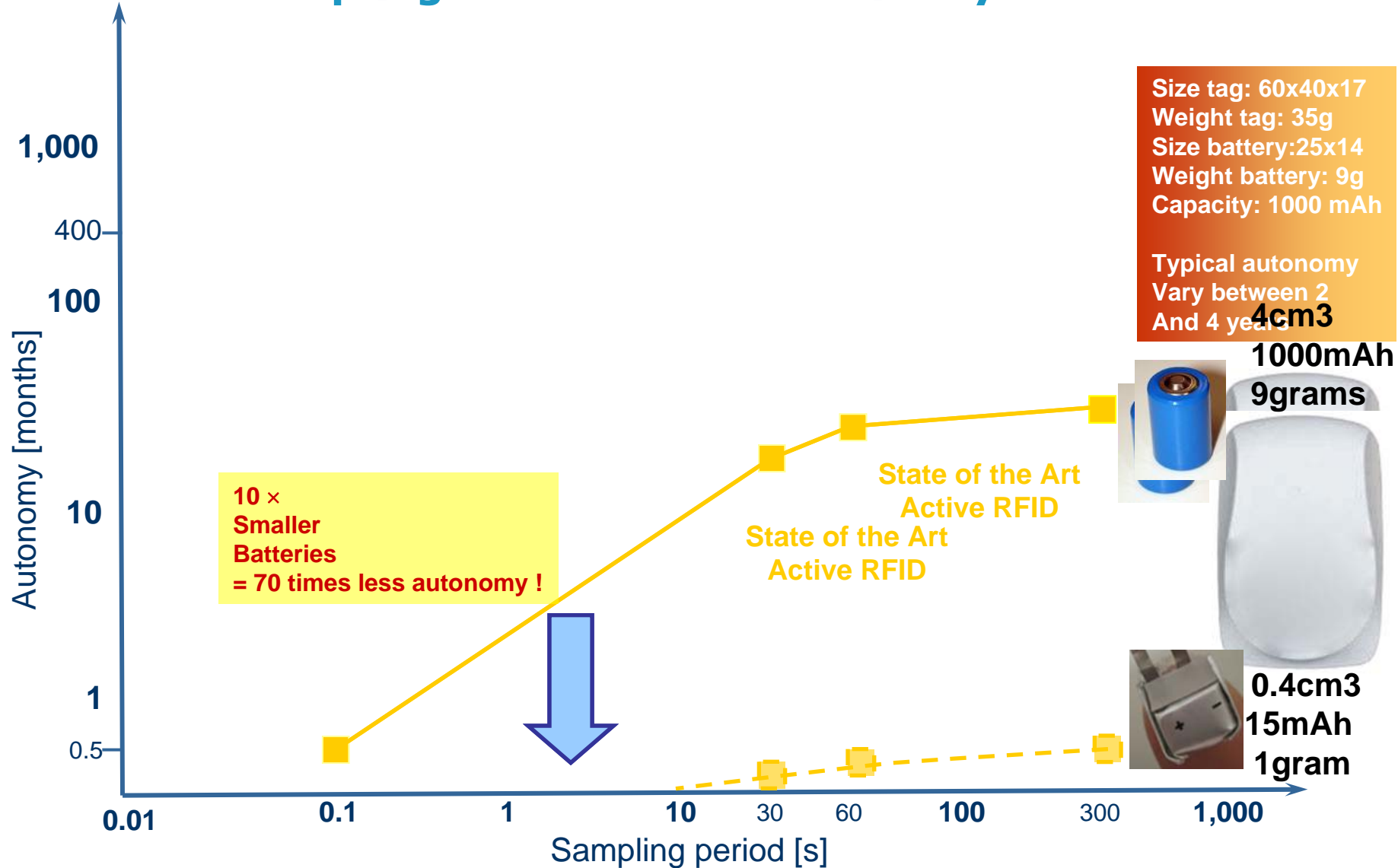
Technology Programs: development of key technologies		TIP Printed Organic Lighting and Signage	TIP Body Area Networks	TIP Smart Packaging	TIP Organic Photo- voltaics
WATS	TP Ultra-Low Power DSP				
	TP Ultra-Low Power Wireless				
	TP Micropower Generation				
	TP Sensors and Actuators				
	TP Low Power Analog IC Design <small>Small</small>			Large area Electronic (organic)	
SiF	TP Large-Area Printing IC/MEMS <small>(Silicon)</small>			Flexible	
	TP Electrodes and Barriers				
	TP Integration Technologies for Flex <small>Hard</small>			Roll to Roll	
	TP Printed Conductive Structures				
	TP Organic and Oxide Transistors <small>Litho centric</small>				
	TP Lithography on Flexible Substrates				

Imagine...an active RFID¹ tag

(1) Active RFID = battery powered wireless sensor node

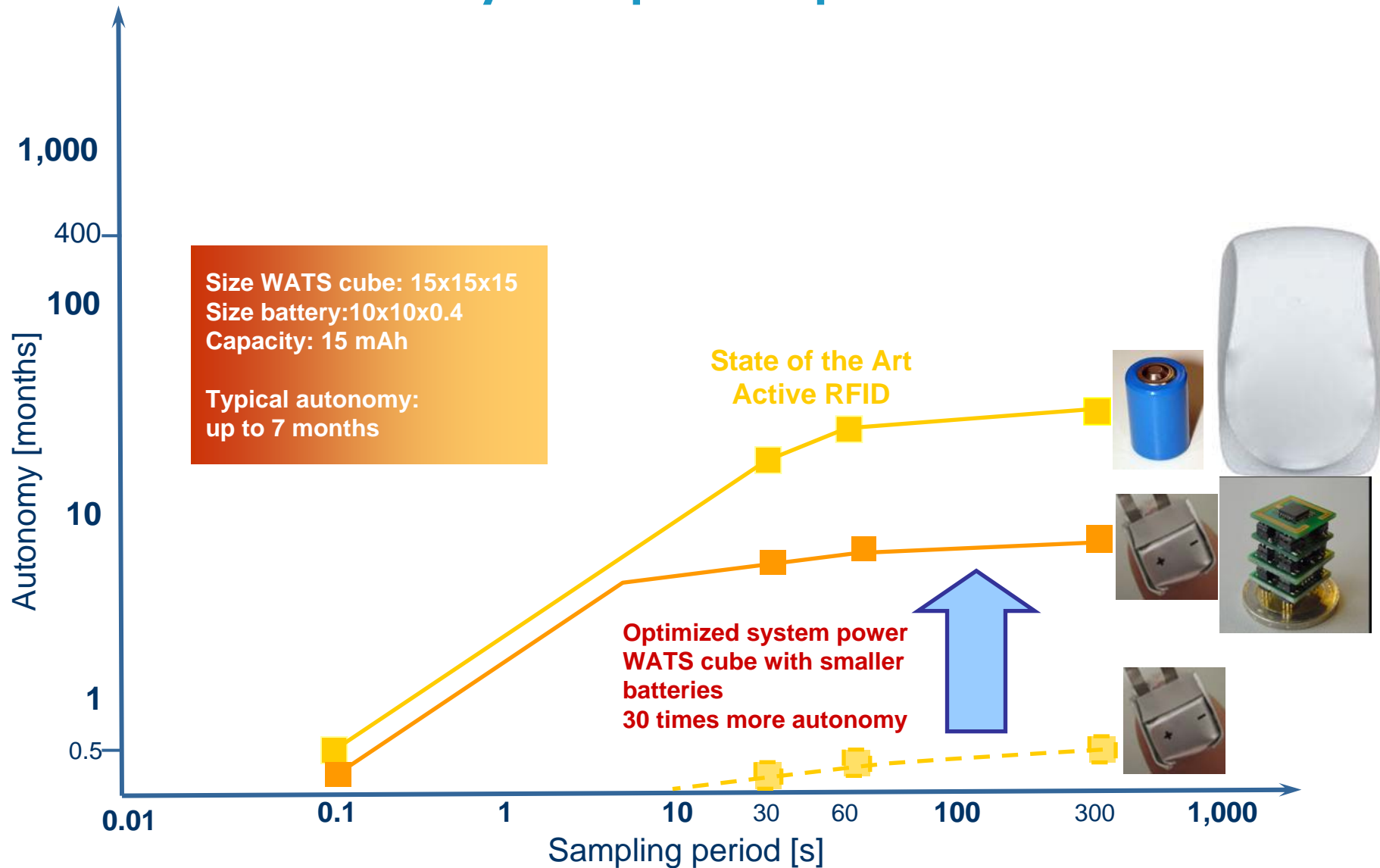


How does Battery Size affect autonomy ?

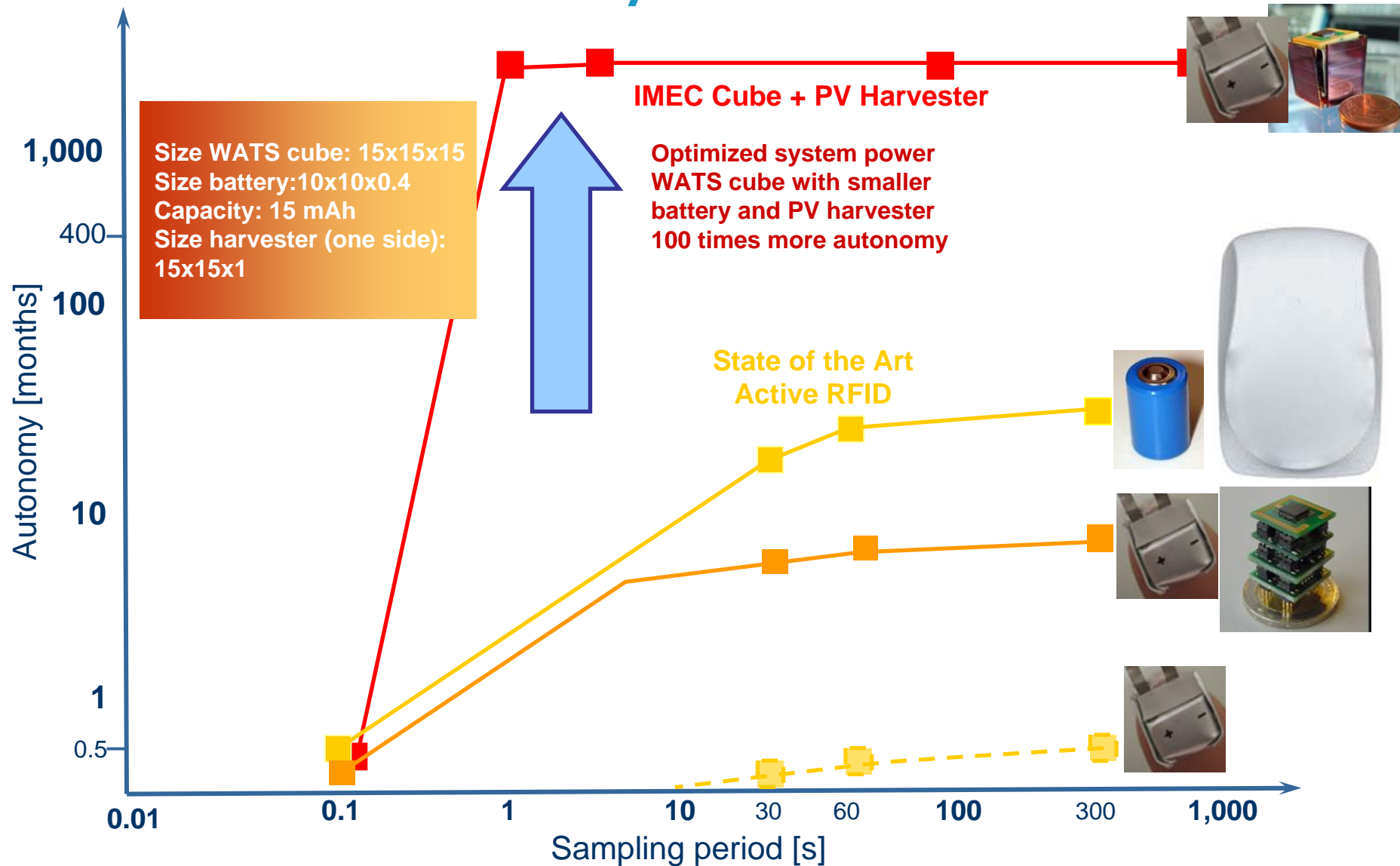




Possible solution ... system power optimization

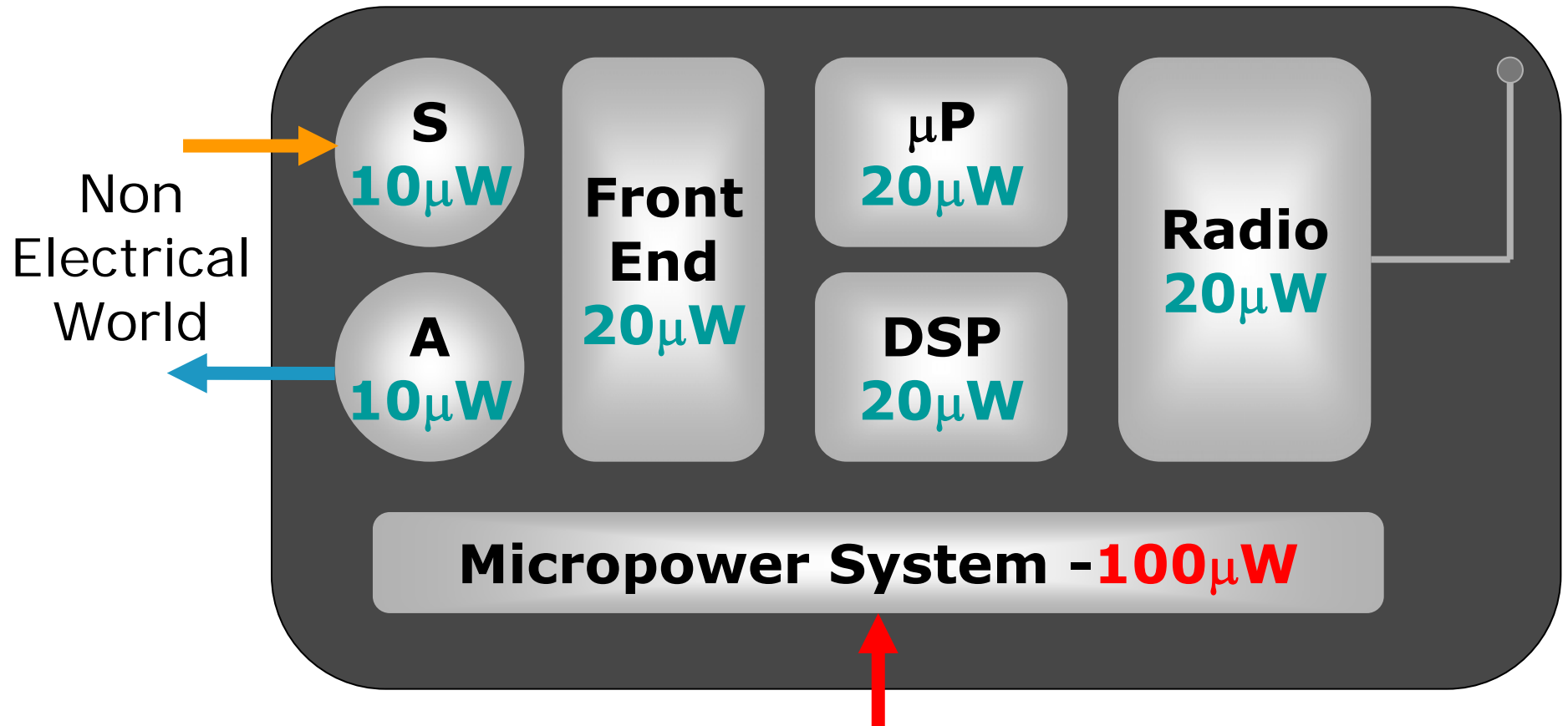


Possible solution ... micro system harvesters



WATS ...beyond battery powered RFID ?

IMEC-NL core activities: Ultra low power technology for wireless autonomous transducers



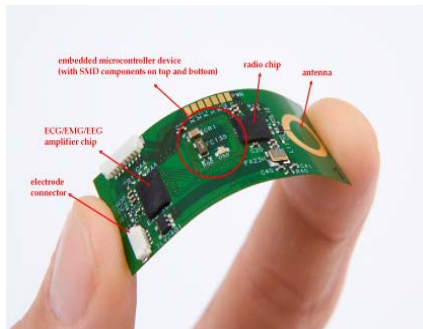
Thermal, Vibrational, RF, Light, Bio-chemical




Integrated multi-application platforms



Ultra-low-power technologies for wearable & connected health

A System approach: Impact of Radio and DSP on ECG Patch Power Consumption



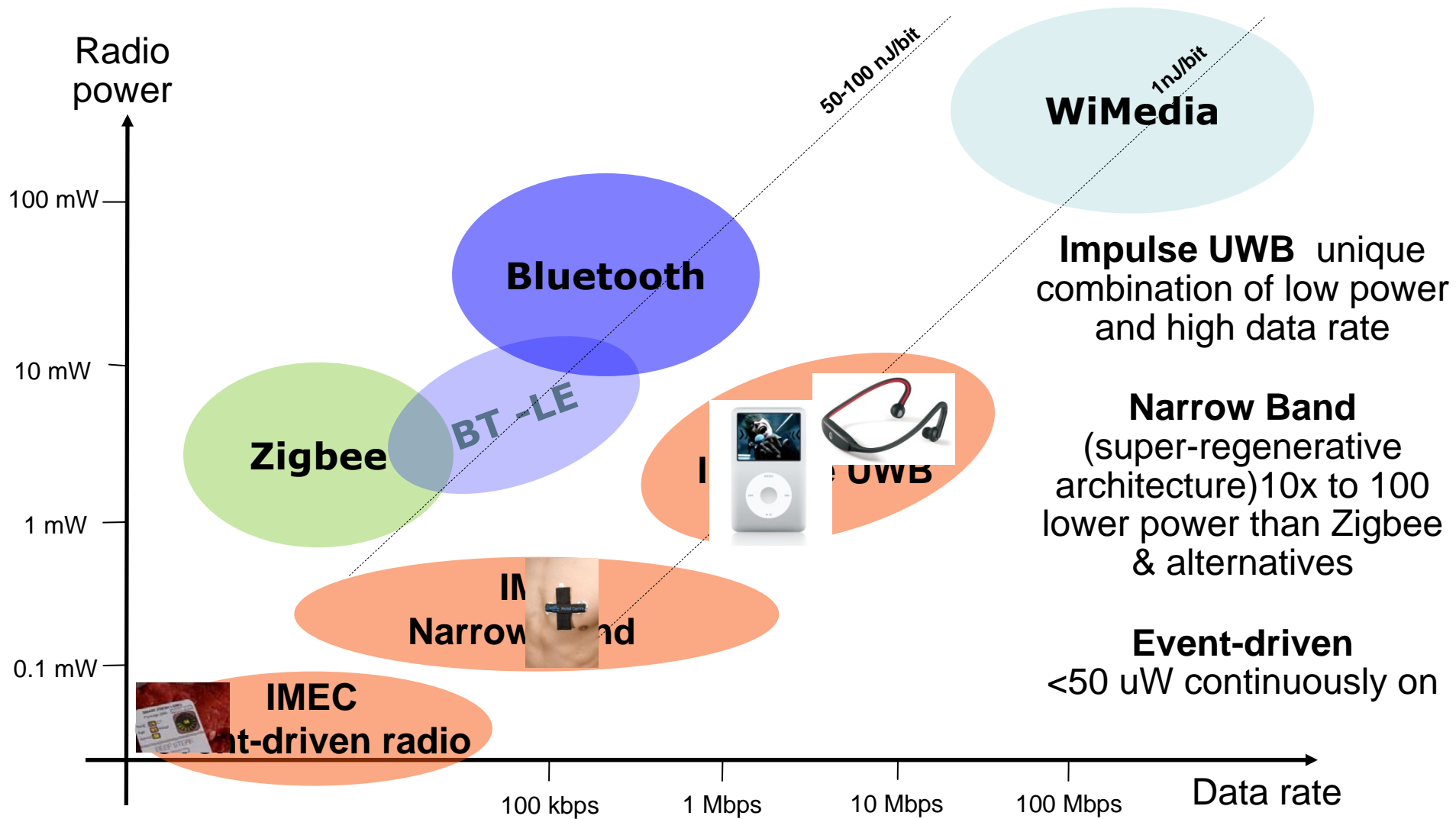
	→	
	MSP430 only	imec BioASIP
	3.7 mW 5.1 days	 BioASIP 0.34 mW 54 days
	0.34 mW 47 days	0.21 mW 89 days

Comparison of power consumption and battery life for different ECG patch configurations. The table shows that using a thinfilm battery and the imec BioASIP system significantly reduces power consumption and increases battery life compared to using an MSP430 only.

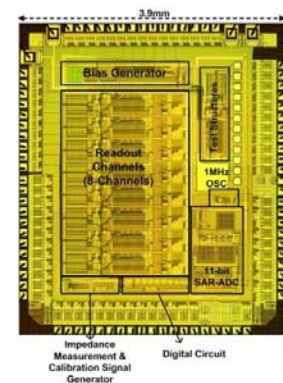
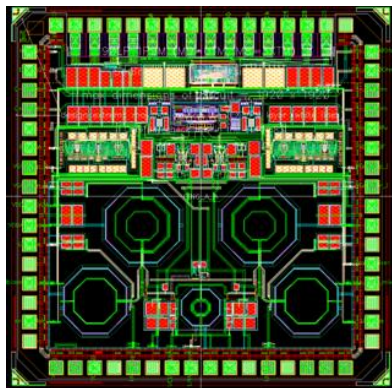
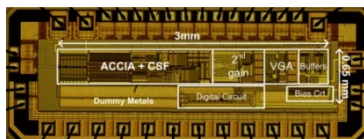
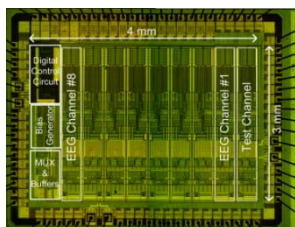
Performance improvements shown by arrows:

- From 3.7 mW to 0.34 mW: **X 10** reduction in power consumption.
- From 5.1 days to 54 days: **X 10** increase in battery life.
- From 0.34 mW to 0.21 mW: **X 1.6** reduction in power consumption.
- From 47 days to 89 days: **X 1.9** increase in battery life.

Novel Radios with Record Low Power Consumption



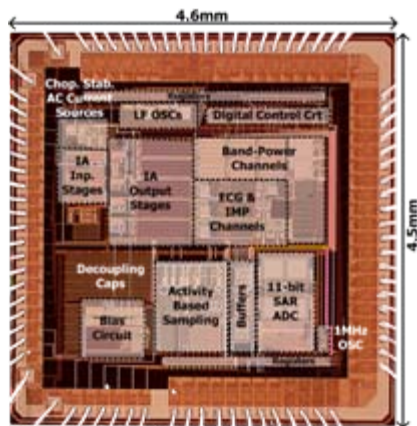
Advancing state of the art : IC design



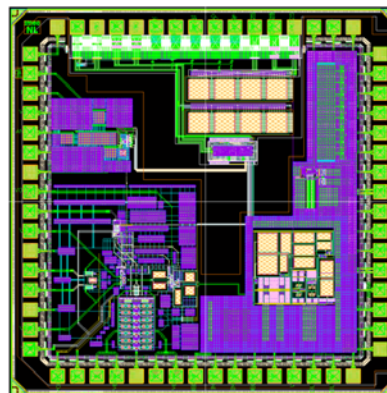
**8-channel EEG 2006
1-channel ExG**

UWB transmitter 2007

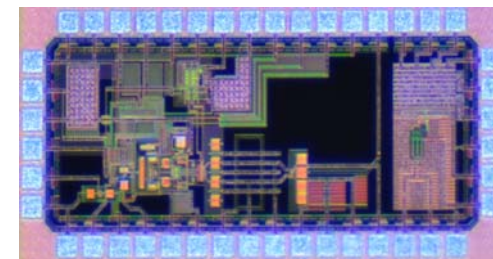
EEG acquisition frontend 2008



Analog ECG processor 2010



Radio ADC 2010



Wakeup receiver 2010

15+ patents

Application areas for ultra low-power sensors

The domestic sector



CO, CO₂, humidity, combustible gases

The medical sector



diagnostics and patient monitoring

The automotive, industrial, and aerospace sector



NO_x, O₂, NH₃, SO₂, O₃, hydrocarbons, CO₂

(Personal) Environment

Nitric ox sensor for asthma



State of the art breath analysis

Miniaturized on-body sensors



IMEC wireless technology

Embedded sensors on phone



Next personal generation

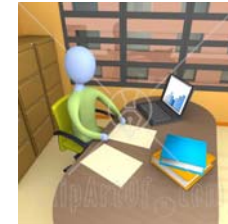
Around-body CO₂/NO₂ sensors



Personalized environmental analysis (pollution)

Air quality monitoring: on & around the body

Vehicles



Working environment



Living spaces

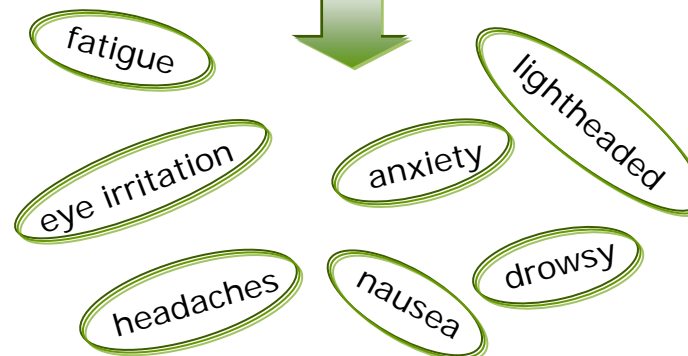


Open spaces



Personal environment

- CO₂, NO_x → asthma risk prediction
→ lung cancer prevention
- Volatile mixtures → Indoor comfort & health



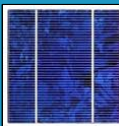
Micropower Program: an integrated approach

Harvesting Sources

Design, Fabrication and Testing



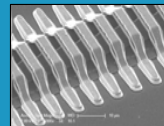
Photovoltaic



Vibration



Thermal



RF

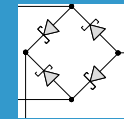


Micropower Module

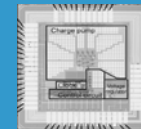
Power management

IC Design and Testing

AC/DC



DC/DC



Energy Storage Systems

Characterization and Selection

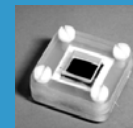
Battery



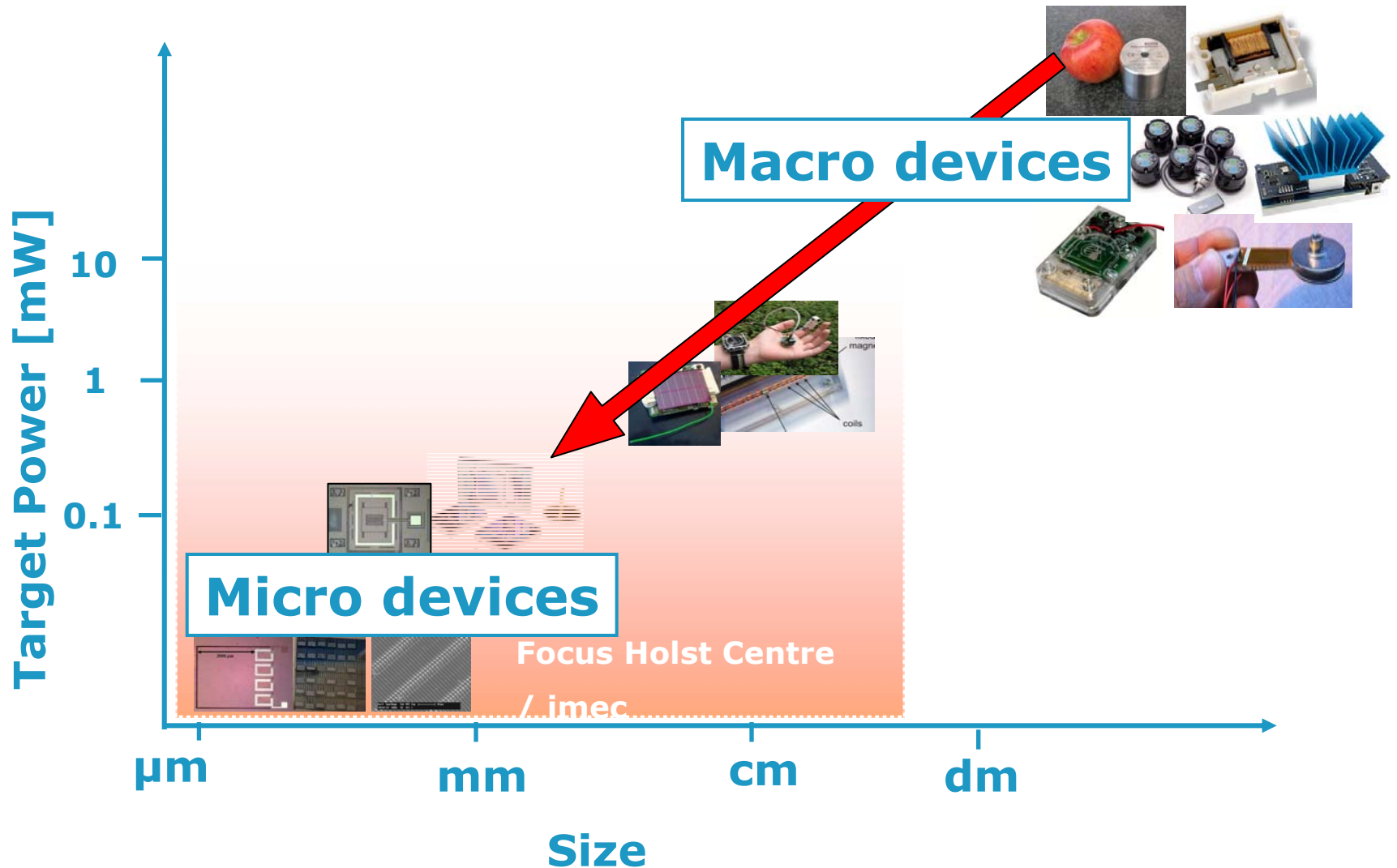
Supercap



Biofuel cell



Positioning of micropower research: size matters !





Understand, Design, Manufacture, Integrate and Characterize Thermal Energy Harvester

Field data

Concept

Integration, Validation & Test

Spectral Analysis

The Physics

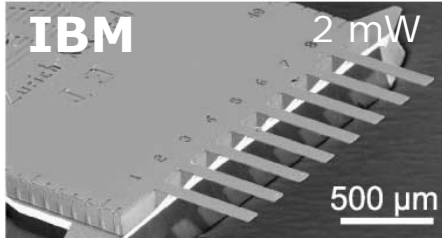
Concept Design

FEM modeling

Micro machining

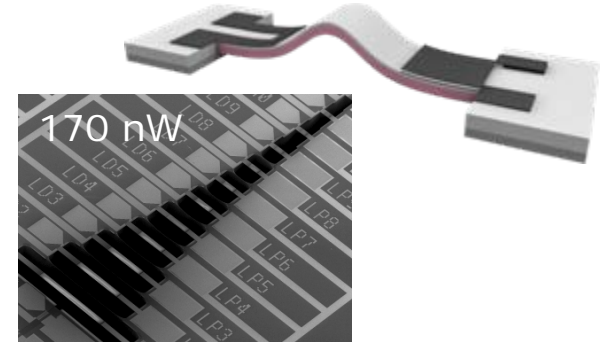
Simulation and Validation tests

Advancing state of the art : Harvesters and Sensors



>260x Responsivity Increase
10⁴x Power Reduction

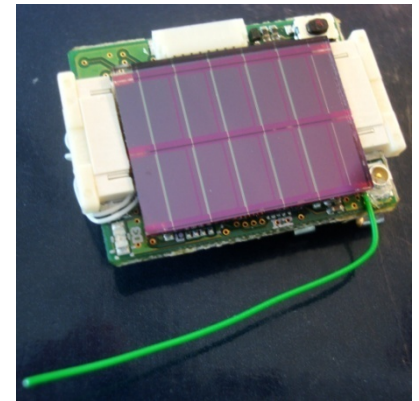
Vapor (EtOH) sensor 2009



Piezo vibration harvester
With record output power
(85 μW)



Thermal harvesters on body
Frost&Sullivan award



ULP T-sensor (10μW)

15+ patents

Holst Centre Industrial partners from across the value chain



Reaching out to Partners in Open Innovation



QUESTIONS ?



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