

More than Moore or More Moore: a SWOT analysis



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More Moore v More than Moore

- Europeans popularized in 2000's
 - Sound bites “No Exponential is Forever”
 - In 90's Moore expressed doubts
- MM: who knows when it will end
- MtM: a new ontology for semiconductors
 - The new reality after MM?
 - A new business model

Moore's Law Refresher

- A doubling of components
 - in a year (1965, modified to 2 years in 1975)
 - for roughly the same manufacturing cost
 - due to lithographic shrinking
 - Shrinkonomics
 - 1st work in Innovation Economics

Moore's clock of economic innovation:

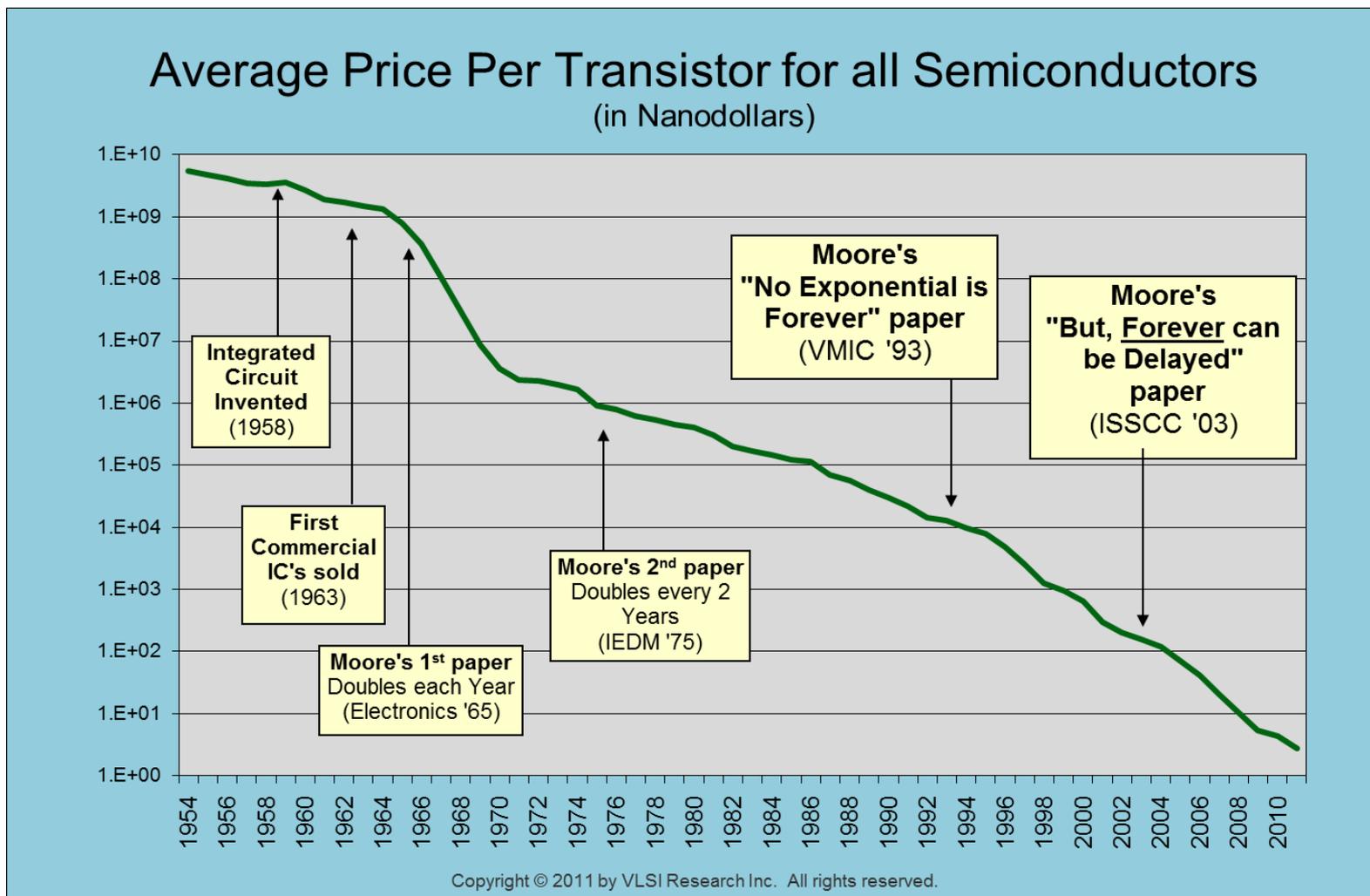
- How long it takes to
 - halve the cost
 - in a measure of user value
 - with a known innovation vector



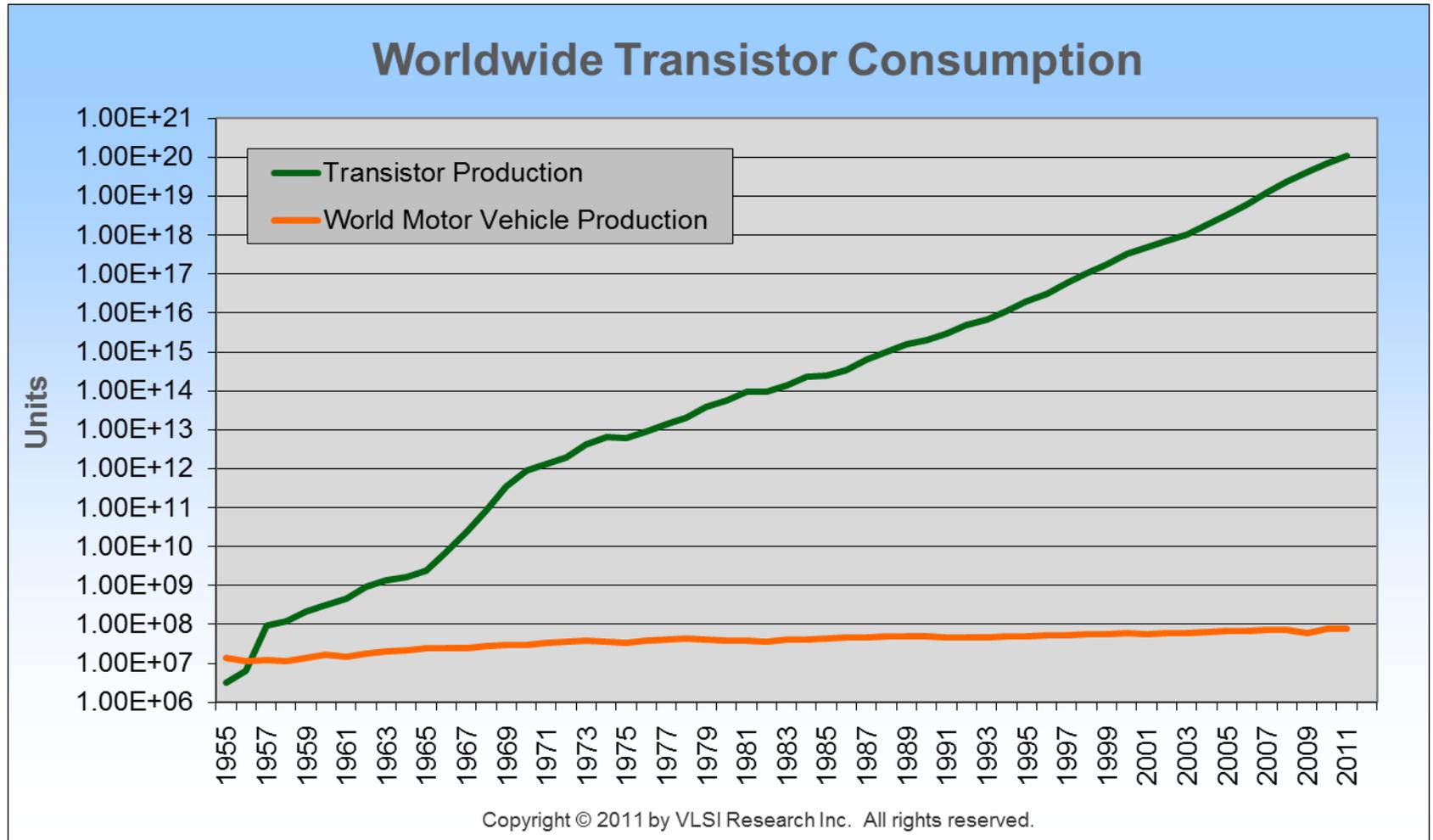
Strengths of More Moore

- Declining Cost per Function
 - Made possible by steady innovation
 - Self-fulfilling prophecy
- Bryant's corollary
 - Need less capacity = free fabs
- Social feedback loop
 - drives technologists & financiers
 - Success with each node reinforces the effort
 - Resources far larger than More Than Moore

Moore's Law and the value of Shrinkonomics

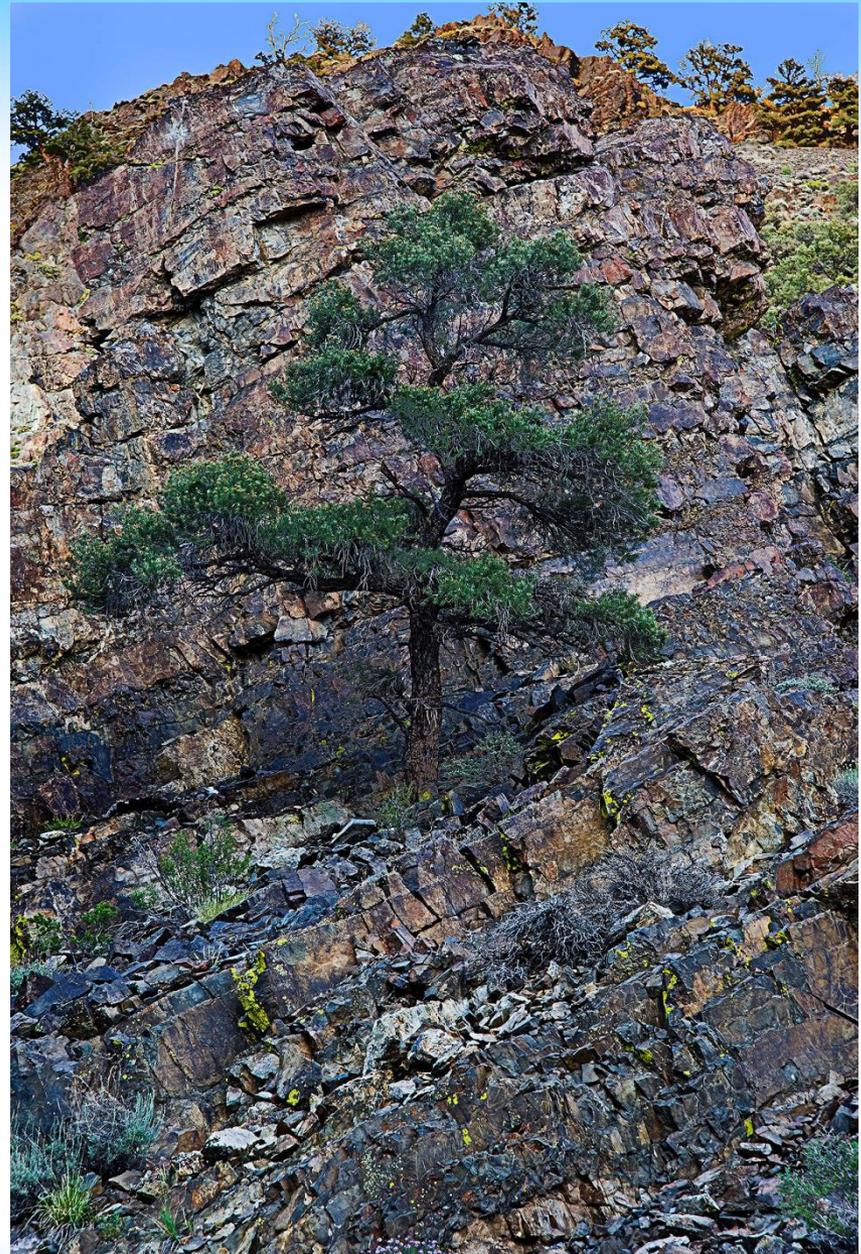


Moore's Law Drives Consumption



Moore's Wall is the poor vision of many a prophet

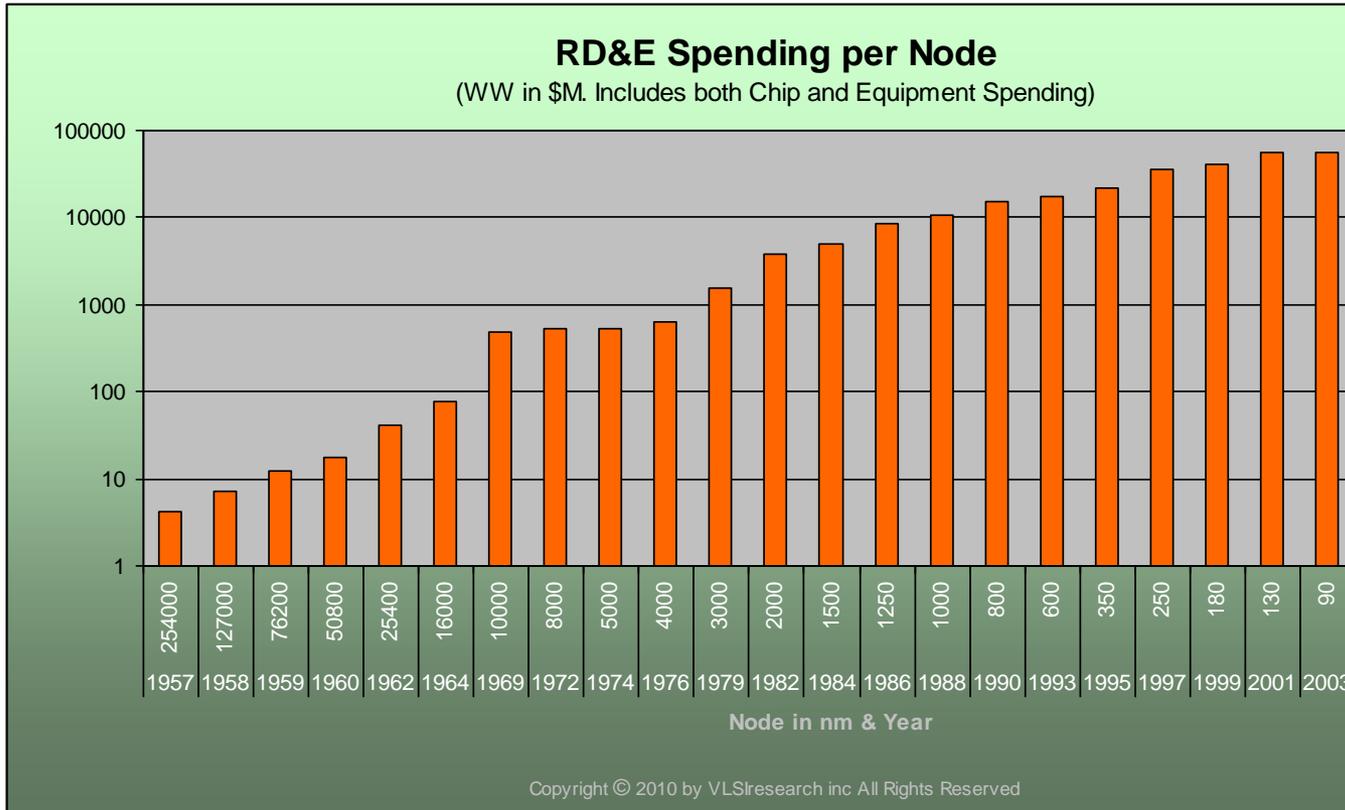
- 1968: End of Optical Lithography seen as bringing ML to a close, with multiple follow-on's throughout the 70s, 80s, and 90s, until people tired of the *death of optical* argument
- 1993: Even Moore loses faith with *No Exponential is Forever* VMIC speech
- 1996: my 1st Scientific American article published, with the commission to address growing questions about Moore's Wall.
 - the answer: *Failure Mode would be Economics*, not technology and not expected any time soon
 - same answer in a follow-up article in 2004
- 2003: *But, Forever can be Delayed* Moore at ISSCC



Weaknesses

2004: The R&D Crisis

First given at ISMI Manufacturing Week



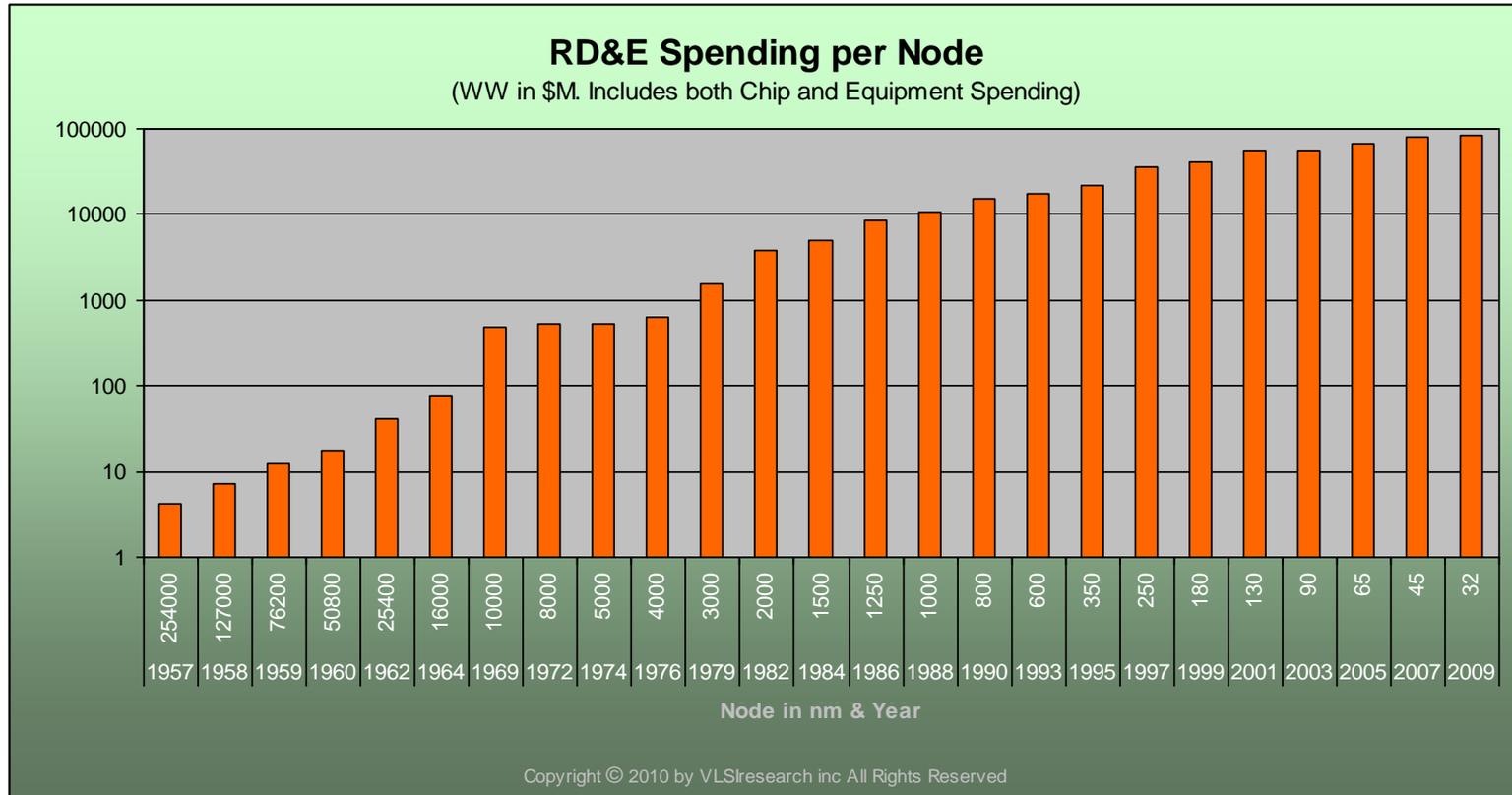
- Chip sales growth
 - ~6%
 - 1995 – 2004
- R&D Spend growth
 - 12%
 - By 2020,
- if unabated,
 - R&D spend reaches 40%

Clearly unaffordable

- Either:
 - Slow ML
 - or up RONR

2010: The R&D Crisis Averted

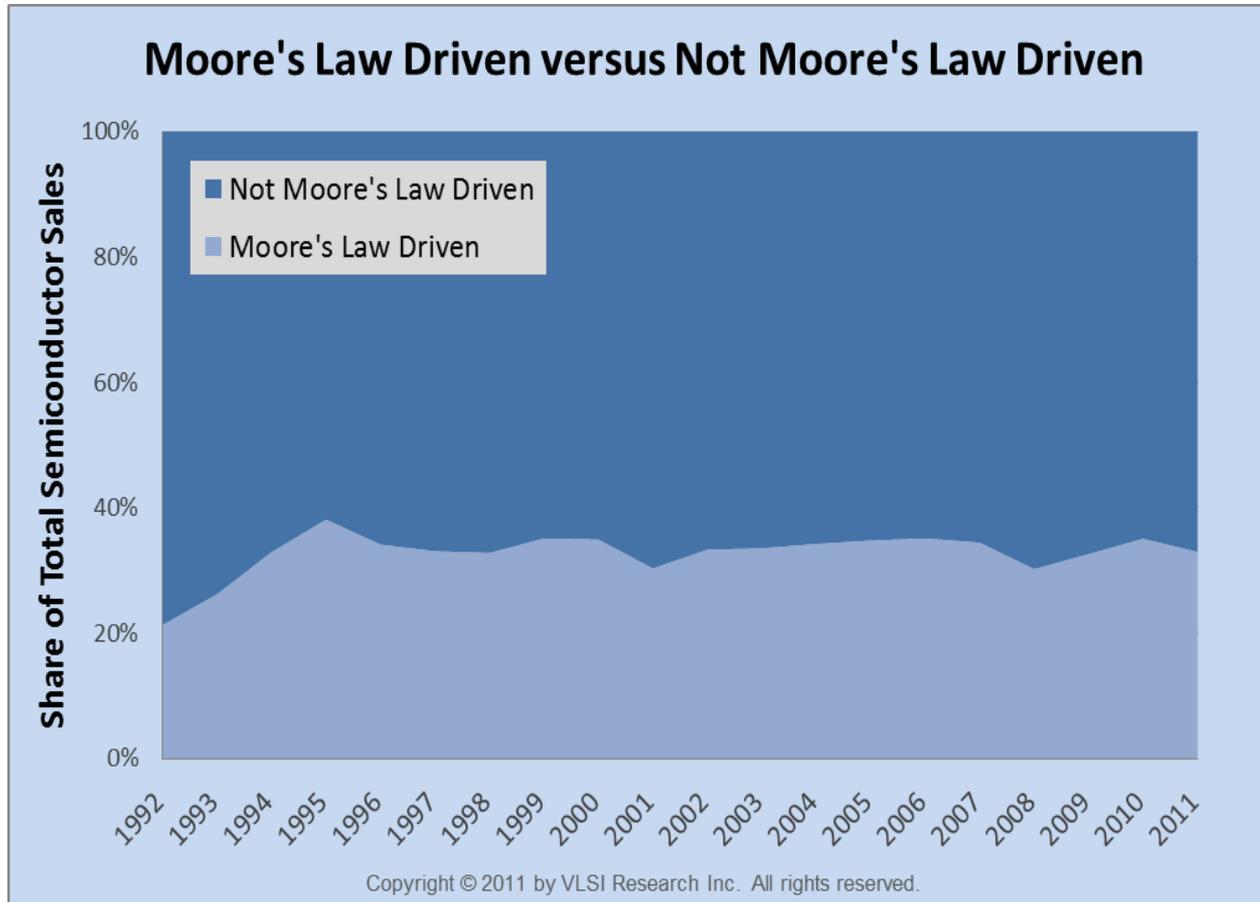
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32 nm brought to production with only a 2.2% rise in R&D cost
Proof that Competition & Consolidation Work

Weakness

But... Moore's Law has not driven a Revenue Growth Difference



Moore's Law Driven =

- NAND
- DRAM
- MPU

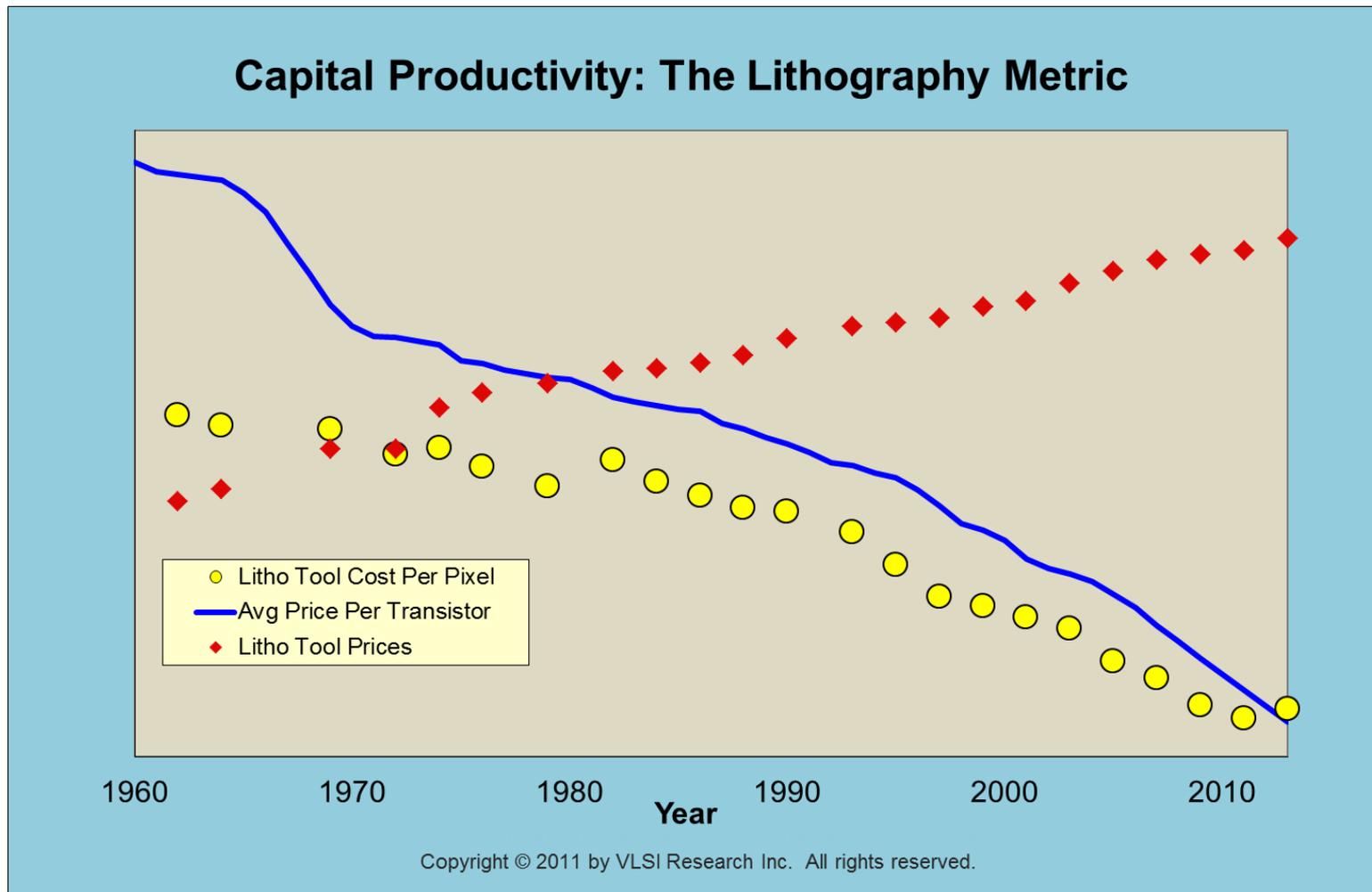
Moore's Law Laggards =

- everything else

The reason?

- Most Moore's Law Gains are Given Up in Price
 - DRAM -12%
 - NAND -16%
 - MPU -1%
 - Average -3%

Threat: Keeping Moore's Law on track will be a Bigger Challenge in this Decade

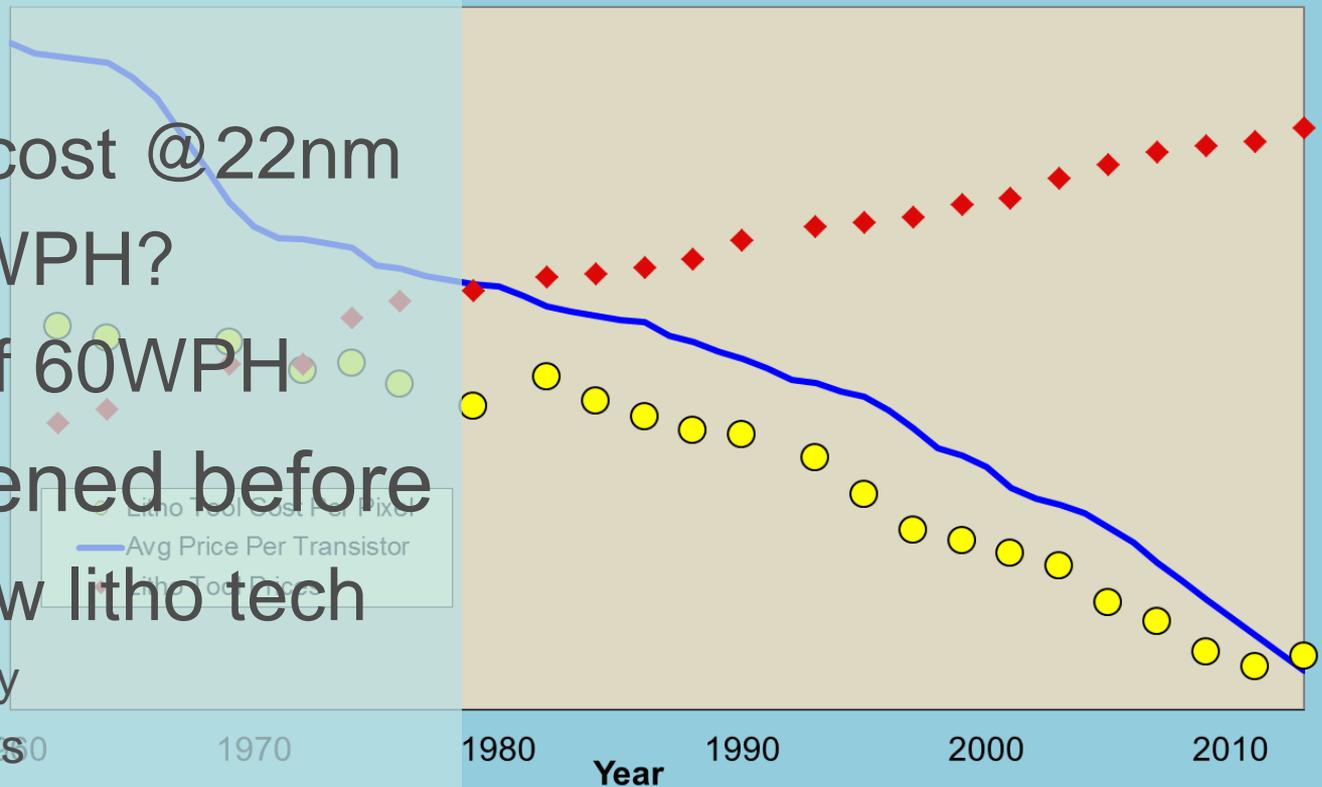


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Litho often stalls with new generations
Hence the need for new wafer sizes

Capital Productivity: The Lithography Metric

- EUV
 - Higher cost @ 22nm
 - @ 125 WPH?
 - Worse if 60WPH
- It's happened before
 - With new litho tech
 - Proximity
 - Scanners
 - Steppers



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Opportunity

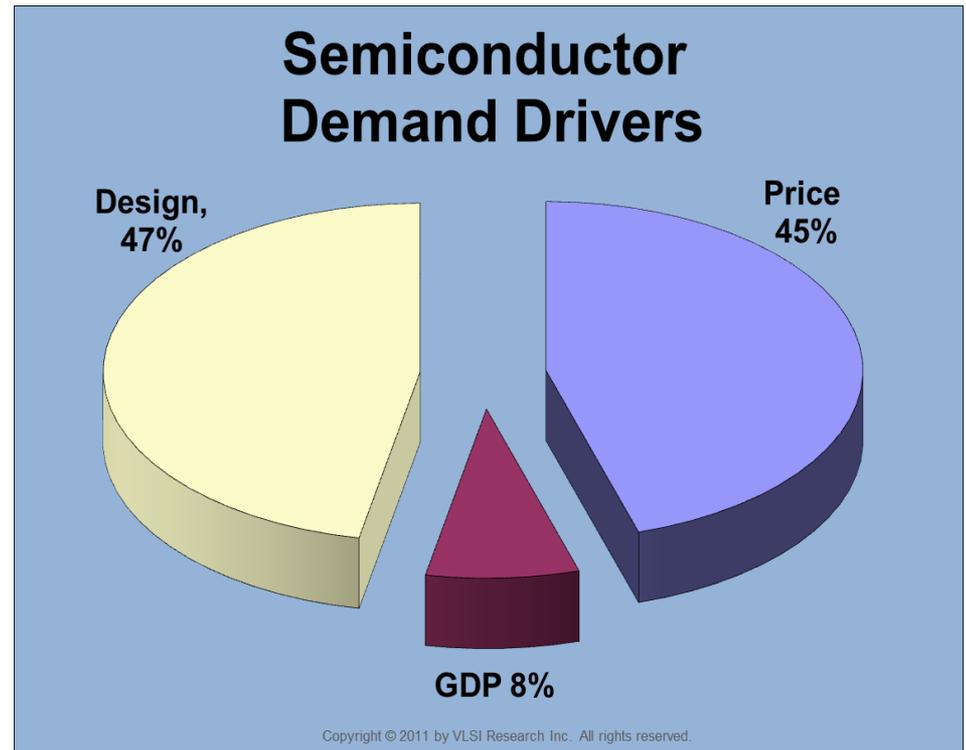
The New Era of Materials

- **1G:** Copper, Capacitor HiK – TaO₂, Ru
- **2G:** LoK & Strain ... Ge
- **3G:** HiKMG ... Hf_xO_x
- **4G:** III-V, III-IV, Ge, Ga, GaN, TiO₂
- **Drivers: Nanochips**
 - device physics a new game <100nm
 - power for battery life & mobility
 - power for fewer losses in transmission
 - Power chips for green tech

Opportunity

Why Care About Moore's Law?

- Price is a Critical Demand Driver
- without Shrinks . . .
 - few reasons for New Designs
- Moore's Law Laggards are pulled along by Moore's Law Leaders
 - Fear of the Unknown
- Electronics last for far longer than
 - we replace them
 - growth could dwindle to nothing
 - especially with technostress
 - a demand killer
 - consumer electronics slowing
 - going to dentist preferred over buying a cell phone
- Without Moore's Law there won't be *New & Improved Supply Push*

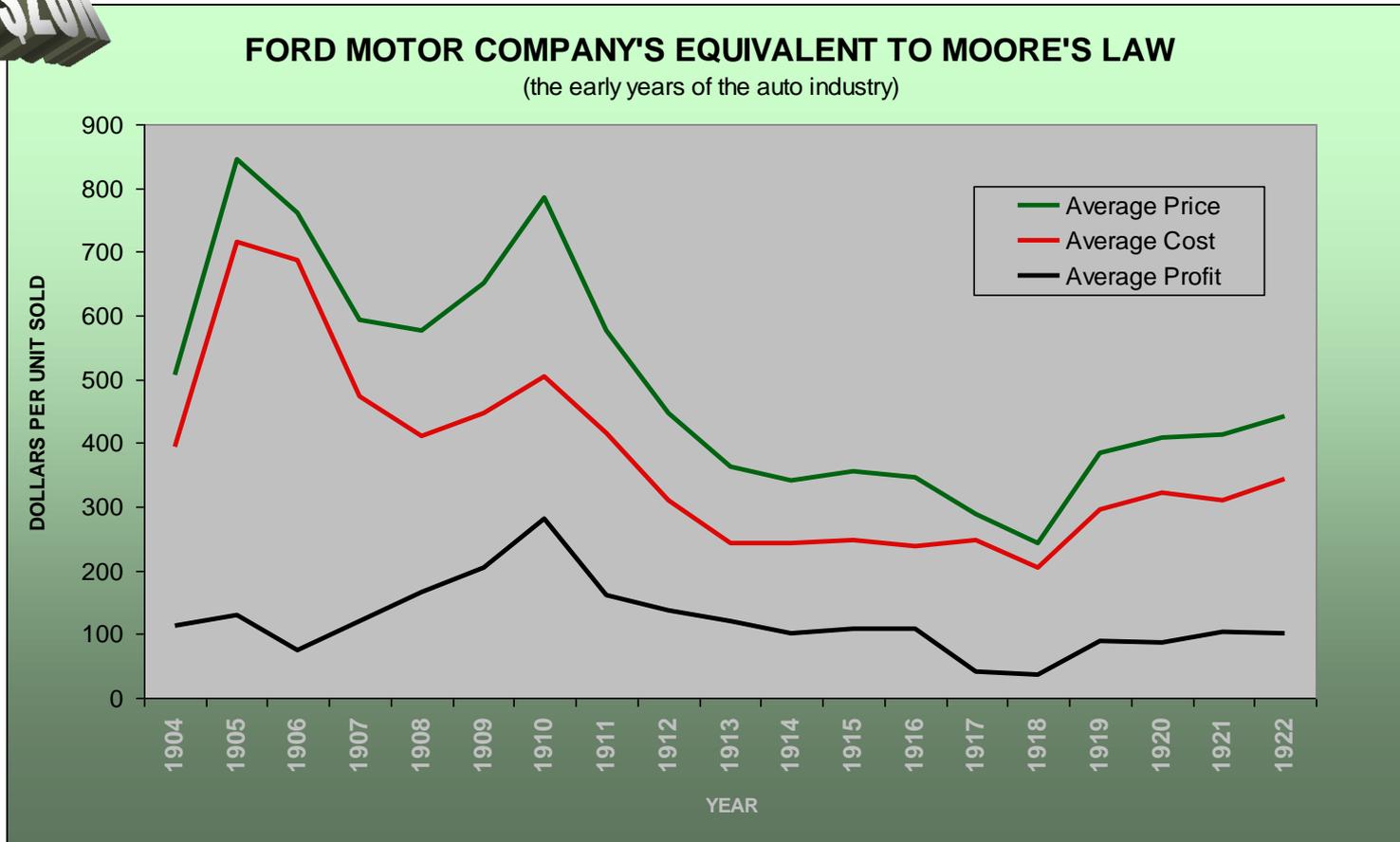


Besides . . .

We Didn't Stop Using Cars

when manufacturing costs started to rise, though there are more horses alive today

~1900: \$20K



Moore's Clock for Autos was 2.5 years



just imagine . . .

Where would **We** be
without
semiconductors?

More than Moore ... or

Is there life after Moore's Law?





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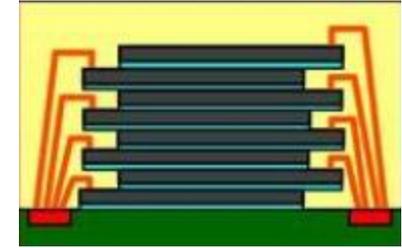
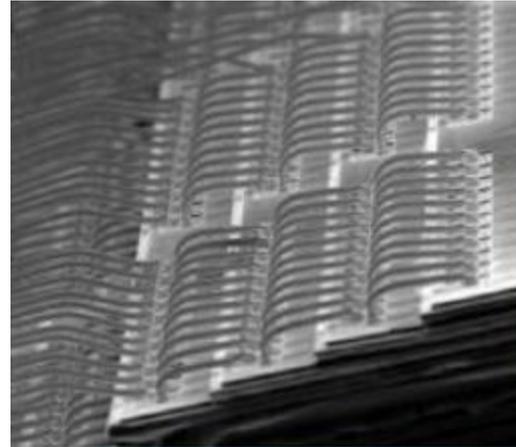
More than Moore Strengths

- Term popularized by Europeans in the last decade
- Sound bite: a new offshoot in semiconductor technology
 - extend the benefits of Moore's Law without scaling
 - Advanced packaging
 - Create entirely new value chains using the same technology developed for Moore's Law
- 3D Packaging
- EST: Emergent Semiconductor Technologies
 - MEMS: Micro-Electro-Mechanical-Systems
 - Solid State Lighting
 - PV Solar Cells

3D Packaging:

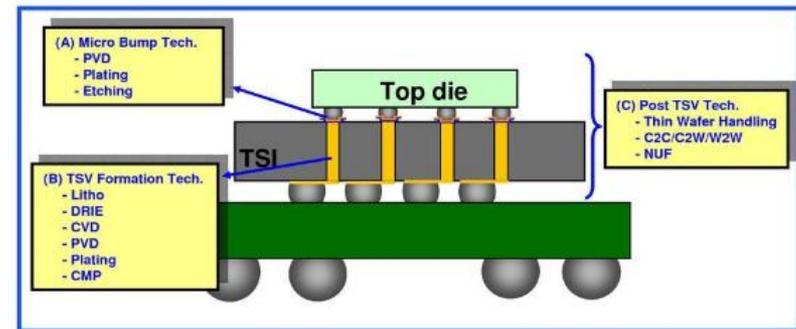
Most Common Form of MtM thinking

- Volume mostly in wire bonded stacked die
 - An evolution of 2D Hybrid/SiP
 - Kilby's IC
- TSV is mostly in cell phone camera units
 - Complex = Costly
 - Lot's of promise
 - In the Hype Cycle since the nineties



■ TSV Required 4 Technologies

- (A) Micro Bump Technology
- (B) TSV Formation Technology
- (C) Post TSV Technology
- (D) FC Assembly Technology



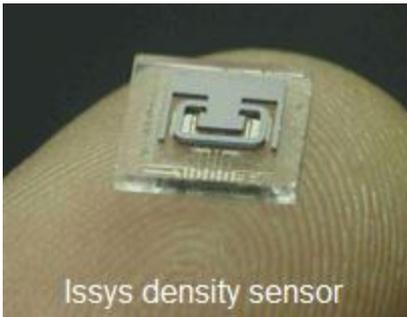


**What's
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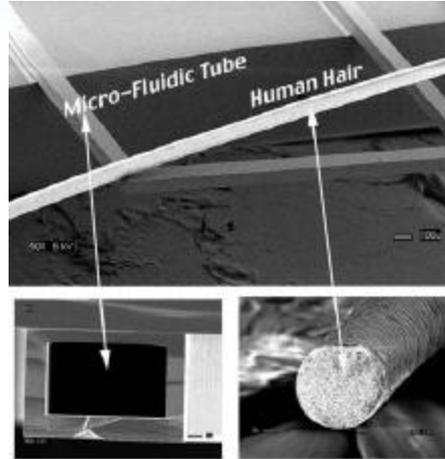
EST: Emergent Semiconductor Technologies

- The use of Semiconductor Manufacturing Technology to create new markets:
 - MEMS: Micro-Electro-Mechanical-Systems
 - Micromachines in Japan and Micro-Systems Technology in Europe
 - MOEMS: Micro-Opto-Electro-Mechanical-Systems
 - Nanobots/machines
 - LED Lighting and Displays
 - Solar PV
- Why Semiconductors?
 - Established tool & material supply base
 - Easy to machine and alter electrical & optical properties
 - Performs well under many different forces
- Small, high growth application focused markets

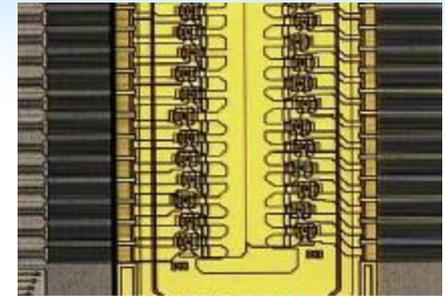
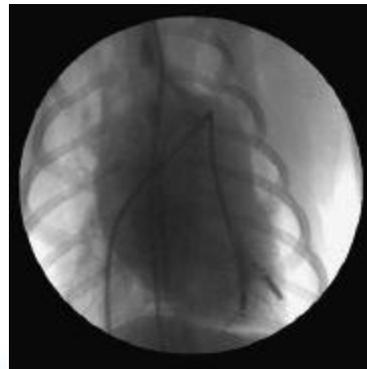
EST: MEMS



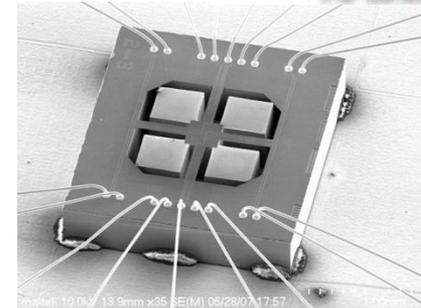
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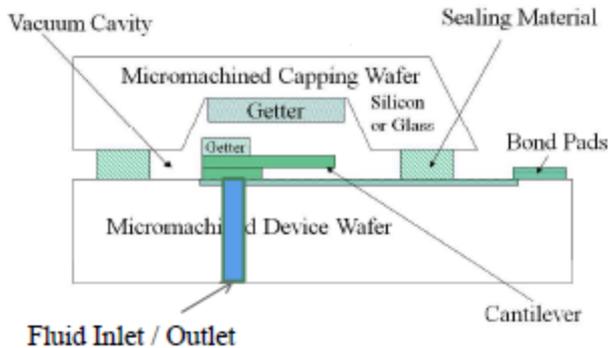
Implantable pressure sensor



APM inkjet head

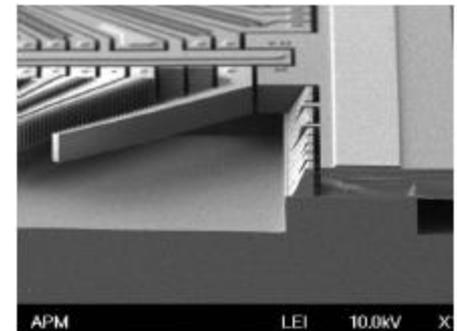


Piezoresistive Accelerometer Platform



Doug Sparks

<http://electronics.wesrch.com/pdf/EL1SE1EZDLFIS>



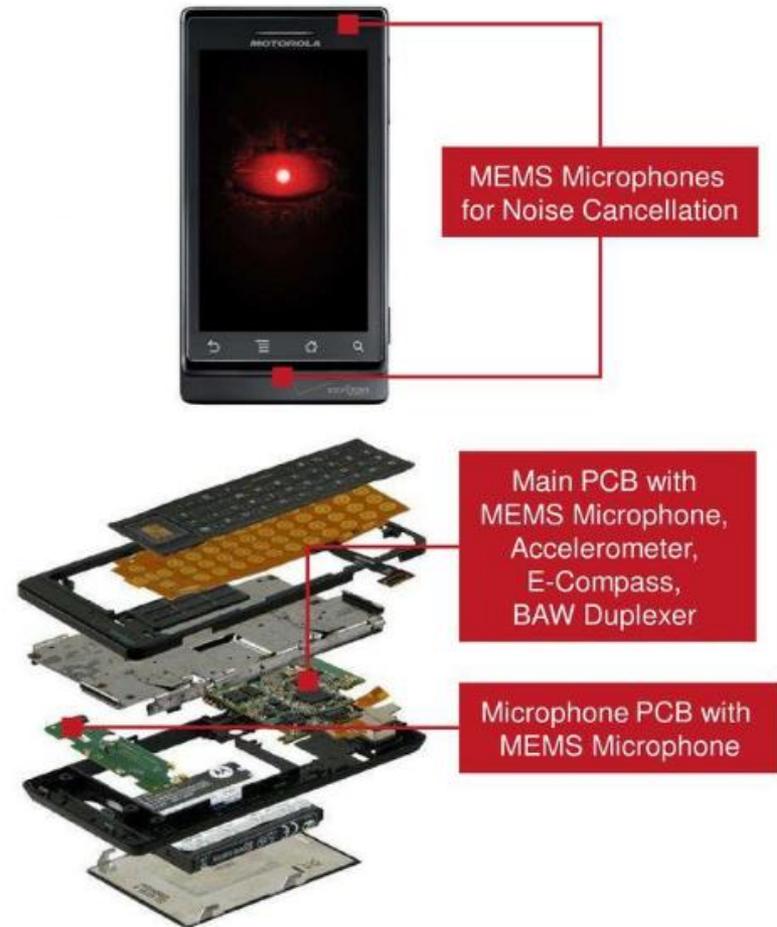
SOI Cavity Platform

Jerwei Hsieh

<http://electronics.wesrch.com/pdf/EL1SE1EZDXVWL>

Strength: Vibrant Market

- MEMS have real applications
- Critical to all cell phones and tablets
- Critical to Autos



Source – iSuppli Corporation Teardown Analysis – Motorola Droid Mobile Handset

Weakness:

lots of science fiction in the science

Nanobots in Development

– Medicine

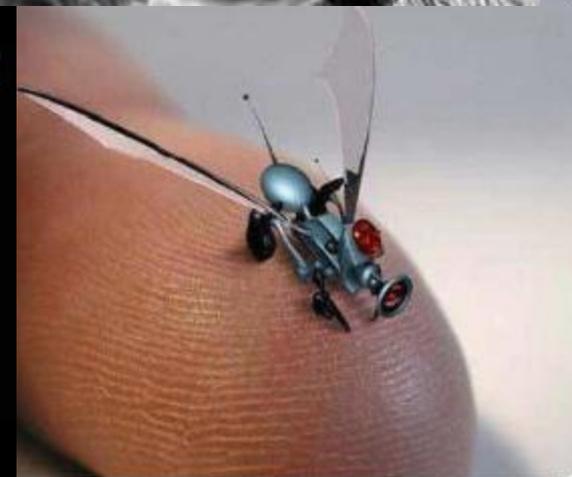
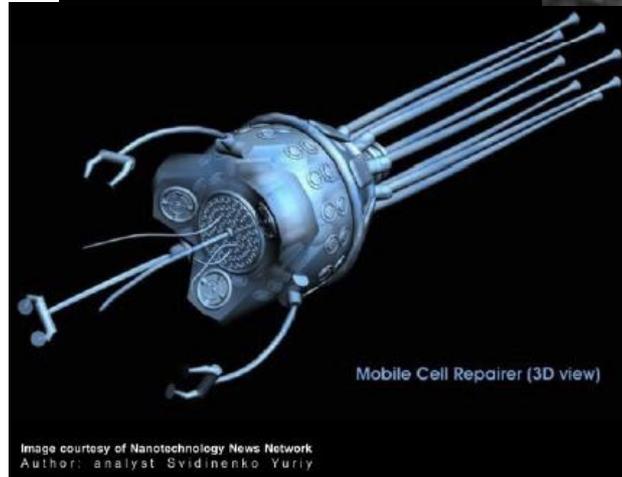
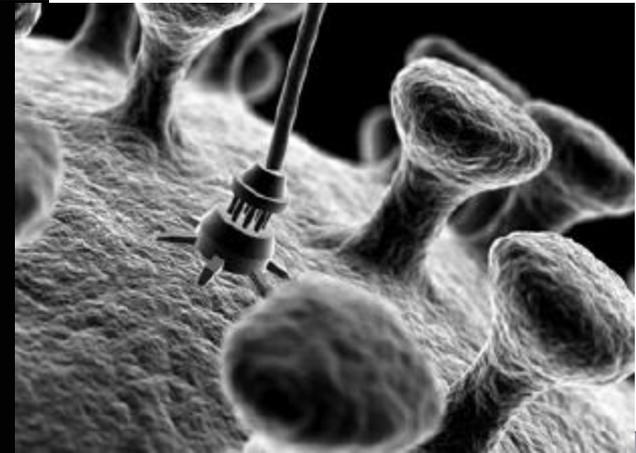
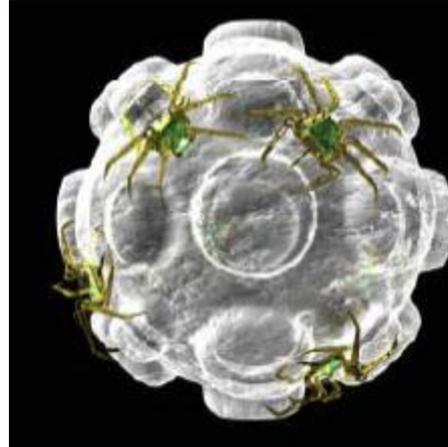
- Cancer – chemotactic sensors
 - Drug Delivery
 - Cell repair

– Energy

- Oil extraction nanosponges
 - Oil spill clean up
 - Solar power efficiency
 - Ozone layer

– Detection and Defense

- Space exploration
- Military Defense
- Chemical Warfare Detection
- nanosensors detect <10 ppb



<http://scienceblogs.com/framing-science/NanotechFly.jpg>

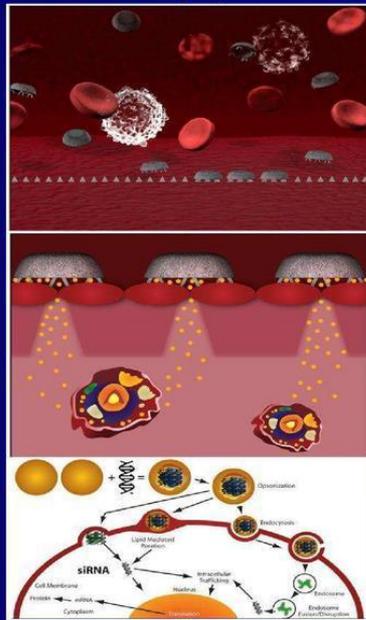
Lindsey Armstrong, Christopher Arnold, Kamal Banjara, Ahmad Al-douah
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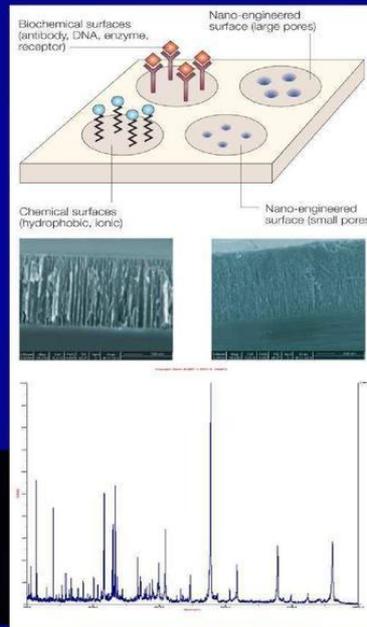
Research Programs

The main medical foci of the research programs in our lab are cancer, regenerative medicine, cardiovascular medicine and infectious diseases.

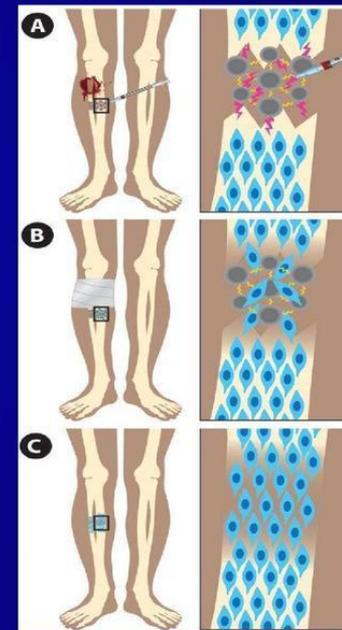
Multi-Stage Drug Delivery System



Proteomic NanoChips



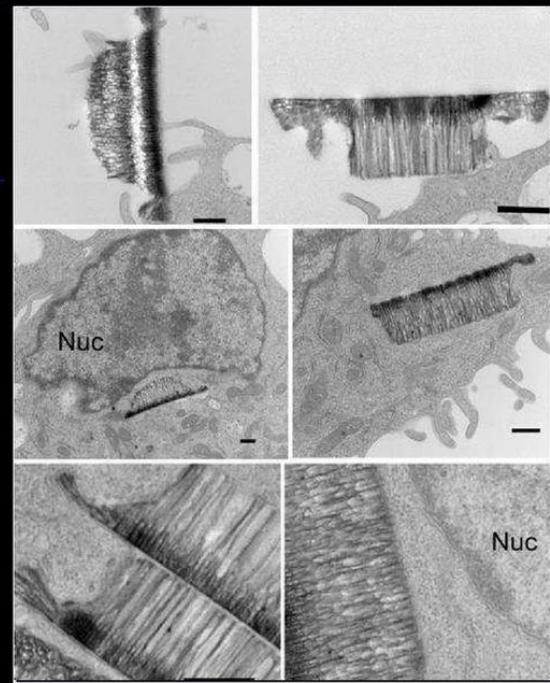
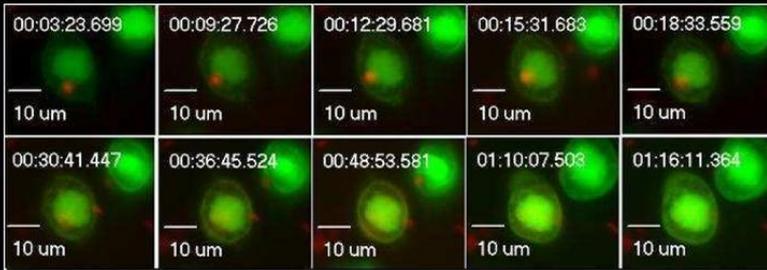
Fracture Putty



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Where Technology is Opportunity

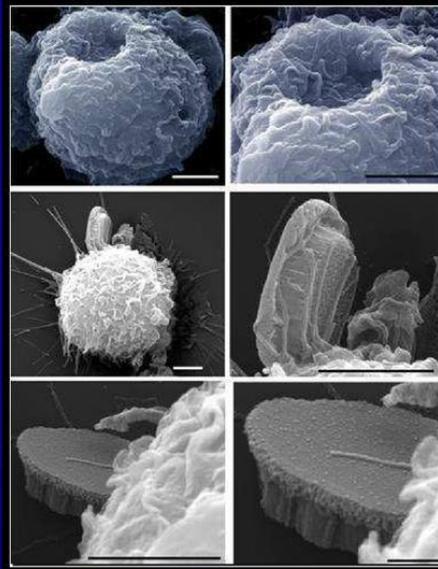
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Intracellular trafficking of pSi particles in macrophages



J774A.1 macrophages

- Scanning electron microscopy
 - 15 min
- Transmission electron microscopy
 - 15 min



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<http://medical.wesrich.com/paper-details/pdf-ME14GWMAWTHJM-nanochip-research-in-medicine-for-cancer-regenerative-cardiovascular-and-infectious-diseases>

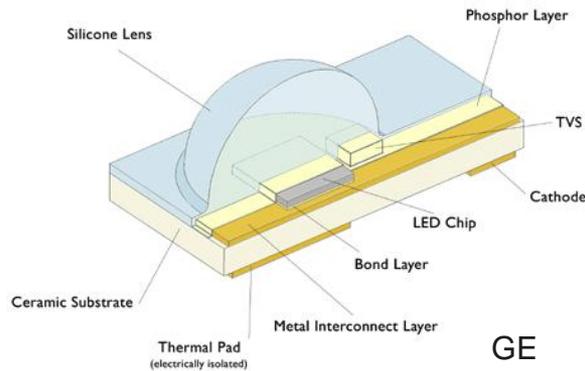
EST: LED Lighting



Rubicon Technology
Sapphire



Philips Lumileds

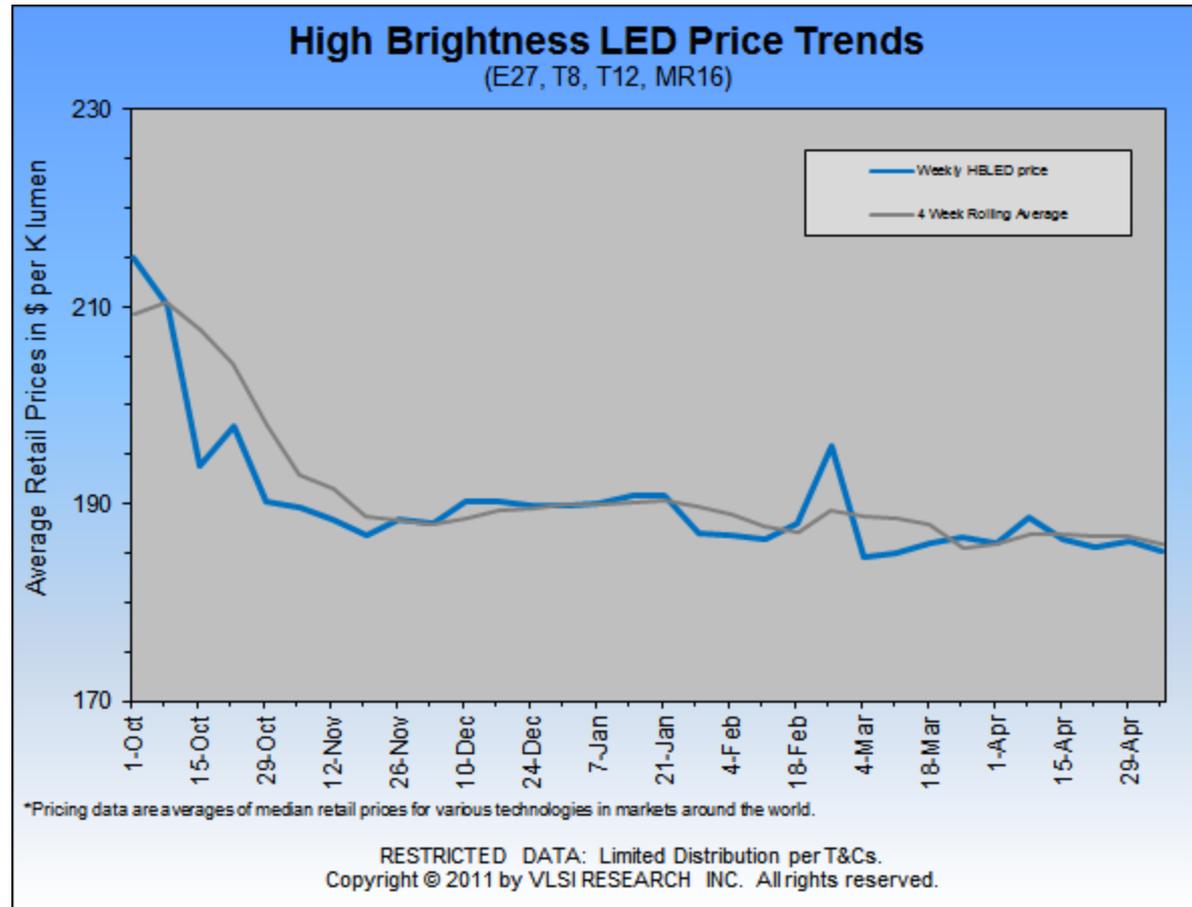


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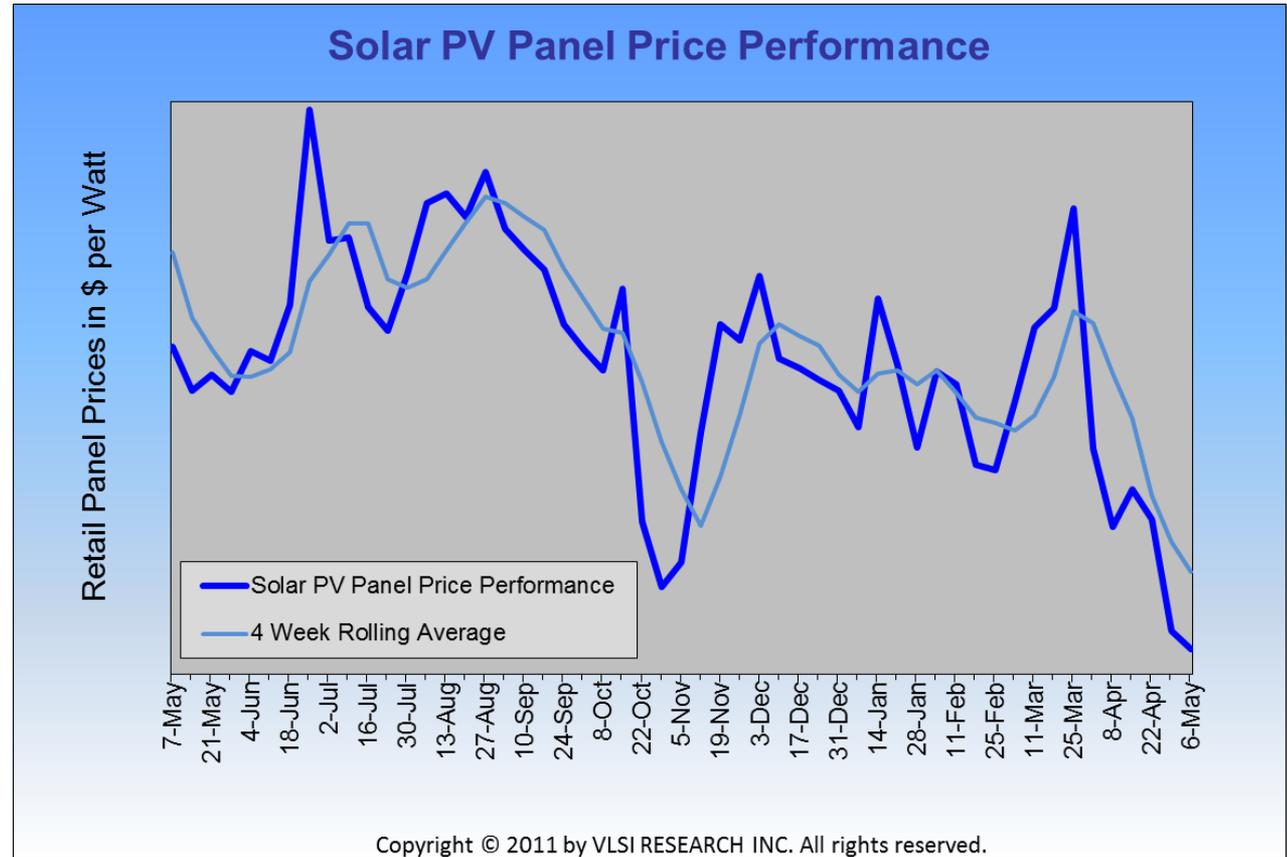
Threats: LED Pricing

- LED prices have flatlined
 - < \$200/Klm
 - 60W Equivalent
- CFL
 - < \$6/Klm
- Incandescent
 - < \$2/Klm
- *Not competitive at the consumer level*
- *Competitive at Enterprise level*
 - *Maintenance, Power & Security*
- Opportunity for Major Breakthroughs



PV Solar Pricing

- PV Solar prices will soon break through \$3W grid-parity barrier.
- PV solar panel prices have dropped 4.6% since beginning of the year
- Currently running at a 3-year Moore's Law rate
 - It's been accelerating



Opportunity

MtM EST Markets

	2010 Size \$B	Growth Potential	Comments
Solar PV	20.4	25-30%	Politically driven. BP disaster will help. Still relies on subsidy
MEMS	7.4	5-20%	1 st Gen Mature 2 nd Gen growth>40%
LED Lighting	6.2	30-40%	Power plant capital requirements are the driver
Nanobots	?	Huge	Medical and Military Apps are the Driver

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VLSIresearch.com

- VLSI's market research page
- For research on the semiconductor supply chain

ChipHistory.org

- Education site on semiconductors
- Virtual history museum
- Based on industry donations

weSRCH.com

- Where Technology = Opportunity
- A virtual science & engineering conference
- Ads reach 200K visitors per month
 - 15-20mins & 35 page views / visit, >1 visit / week
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