



Nanoenabled Self-Powered Sensor Systems for Personal Health and Personal Environmental Monitoring

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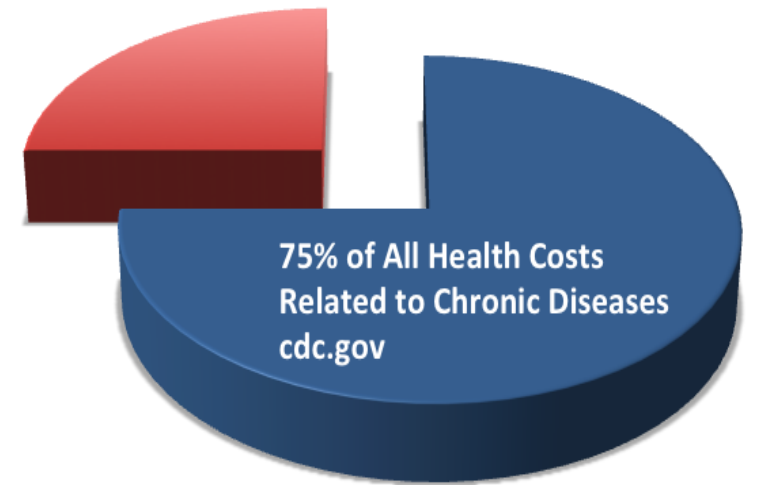
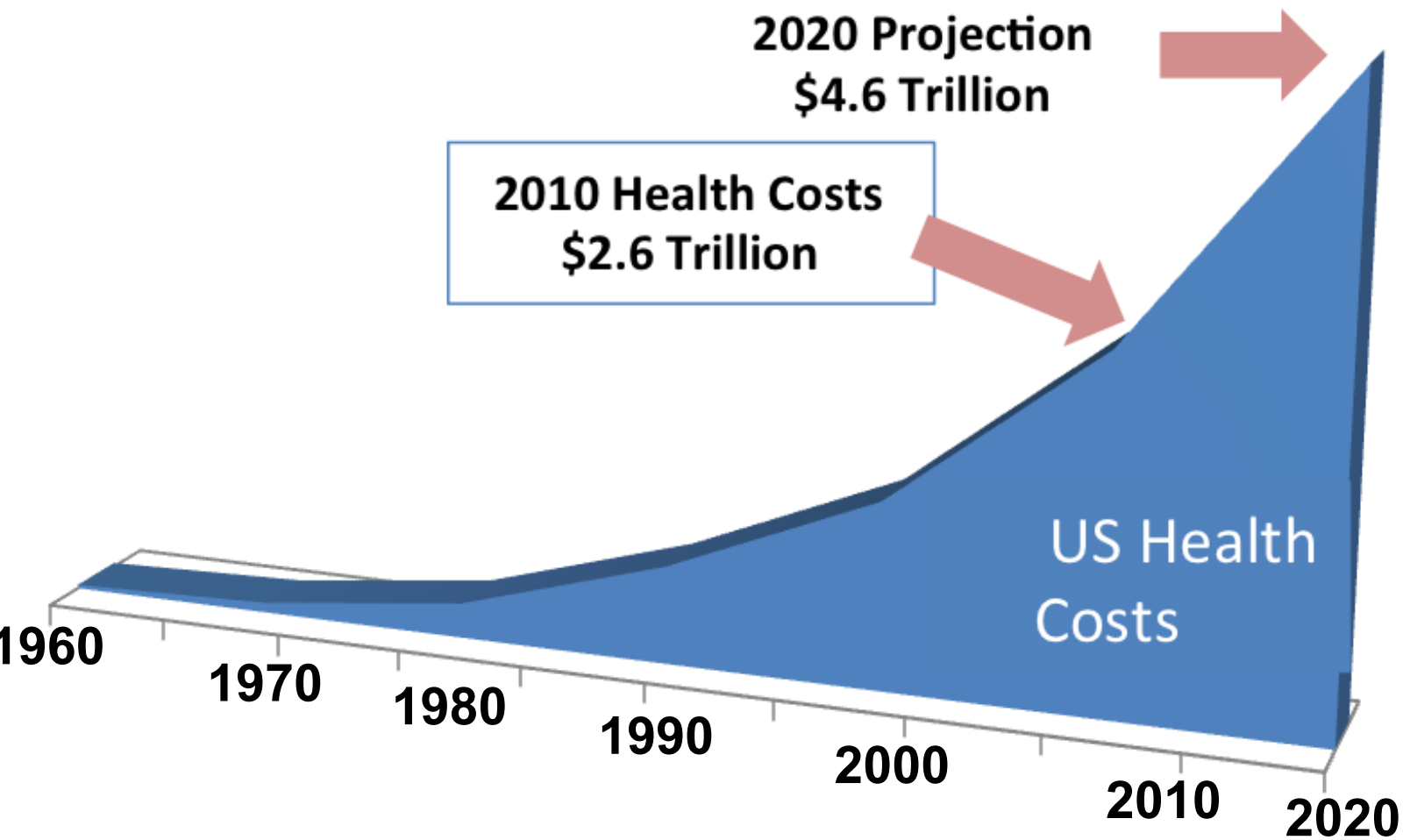
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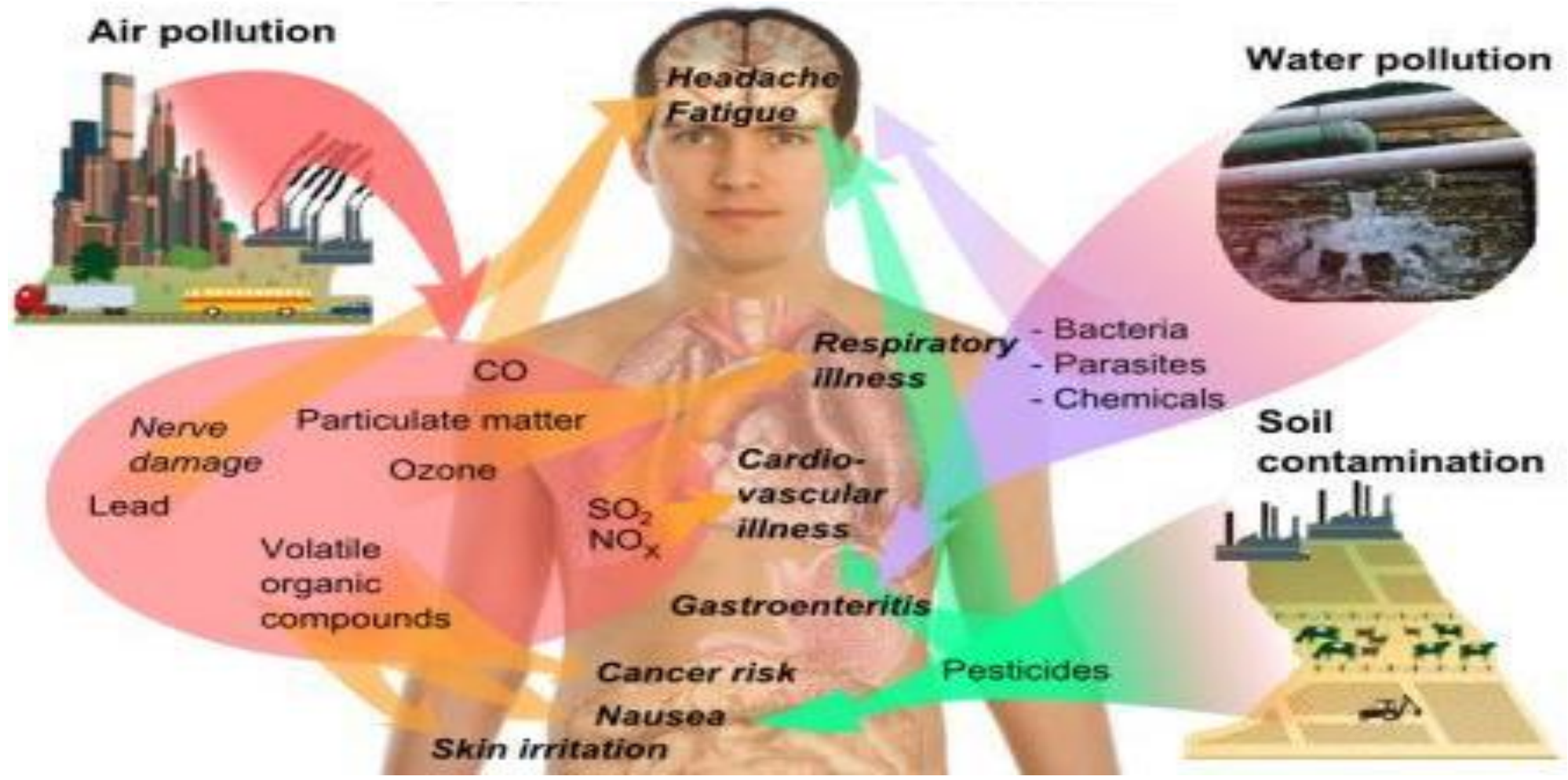
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- Chronic
- All Other





Cardiac Pacing & Neuromodulation

Parkinson's Disease

Essential Tremor

Dystonia

Chronic Pain

Gastroparesis

Bowel Disorders

Urinary Incontinence

Obsessive
Compulsive
Disorder

Depression*

Epilepsy*

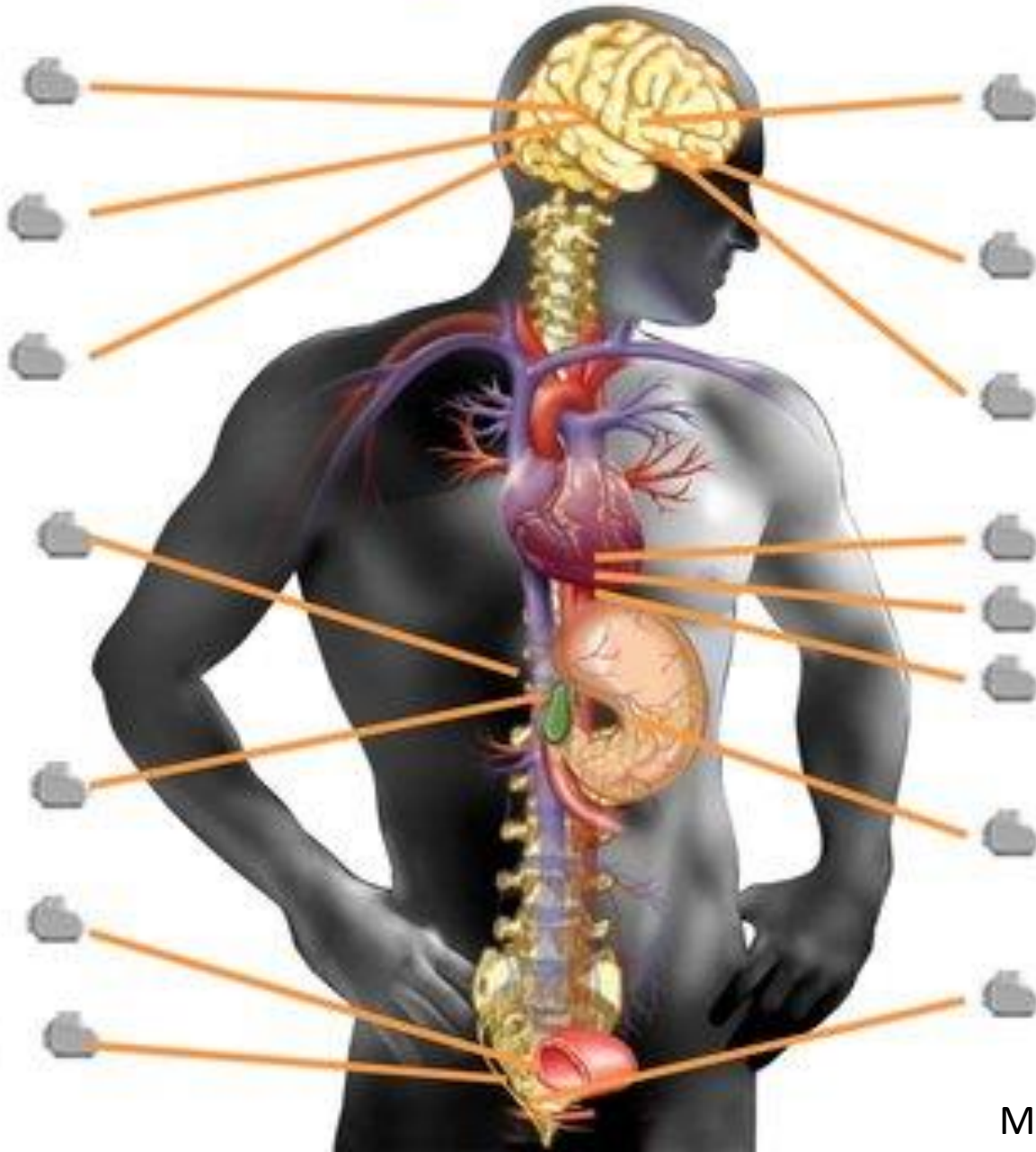
Bradycardia

Heart Failure

Tachycardia

Obesity*

Interstitial Cystitis





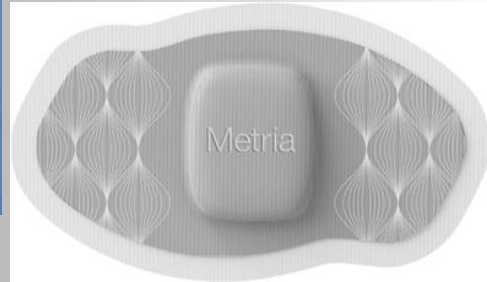
ASSIST Vision

- **Direct correlation of personal health and personal environment**
- **Correlation of multimodal health sensing to produce a systemic picture of wellness**

The Wearable Health Market



Vital Connect



Metria Patch by Vancive



Proteus Digital Health

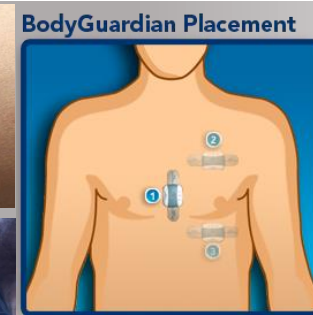


Sotera Wireless

FDA Approved



MC10 Hydration Sensor



The BodyGuardian monitor is worn in one of three places



Piix Heart Monitor



Nike Fuel



FitBit

Valencell



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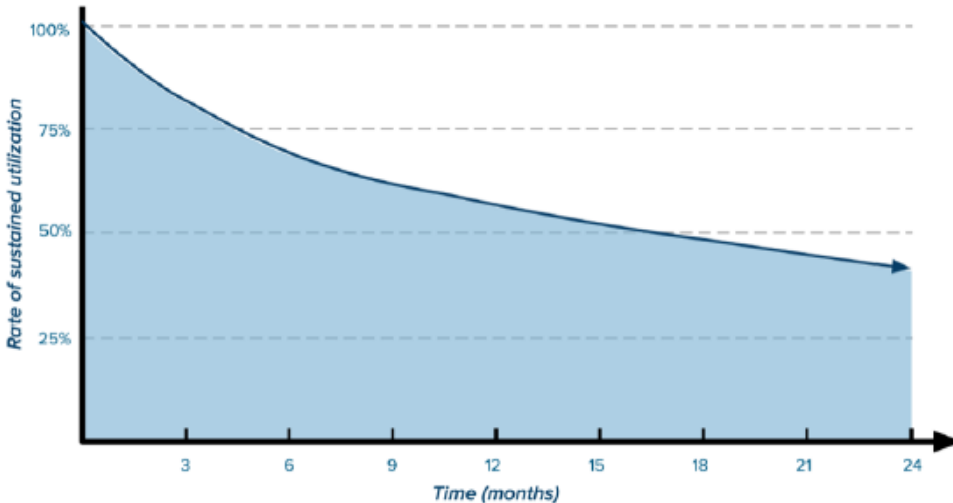
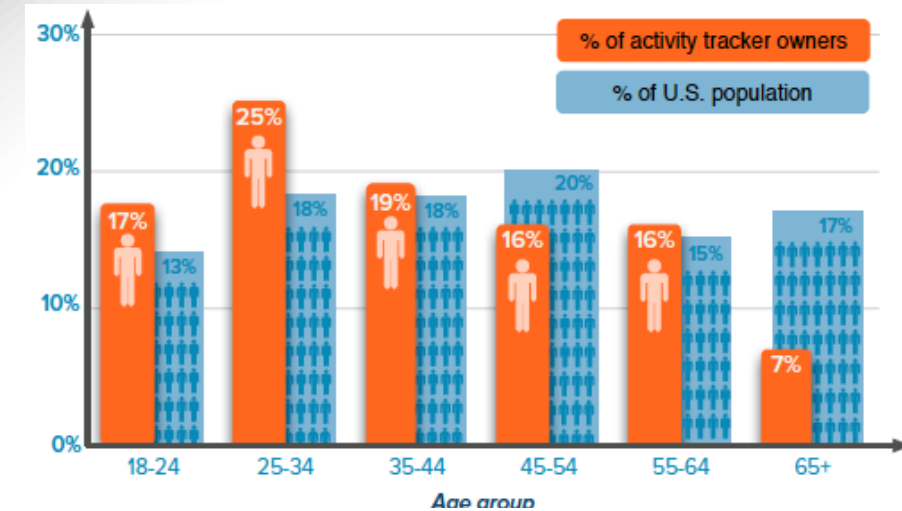
Consumer Products

ASSIST technologies can provide disruptive advances in existing wearable products and influence the future generation of wearable systems

What are the gaps in these products?



Effectiveness of Wearable Health Products is lacking



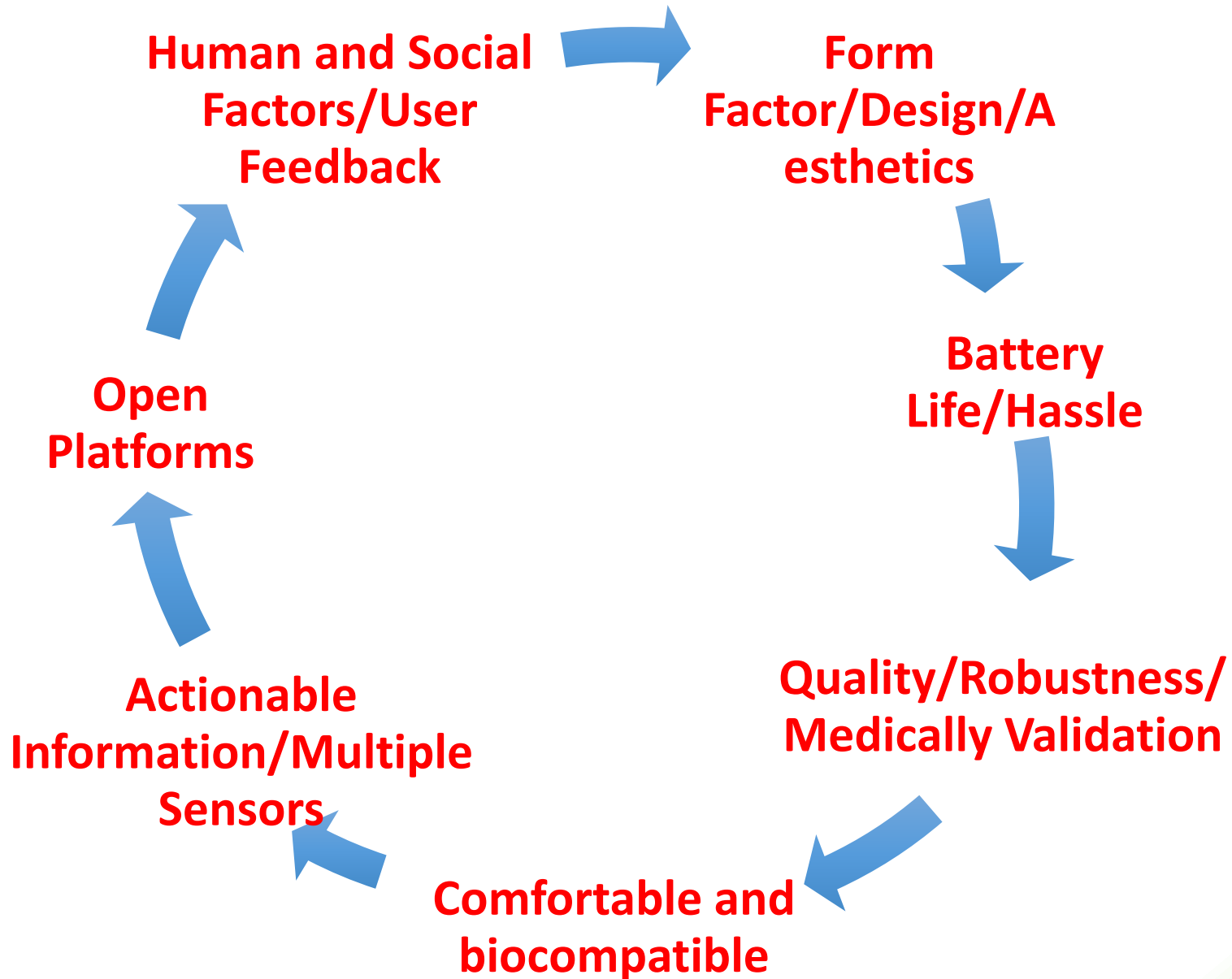
Most wearables are not being used by 65+ older citizens

Usage of sustained utilization drops below 50% in less than 15 months

A third of the users stop wearing the wearable device within 6 months



Why is Effectiveness Low?





Potential Solutions?

- The right multimodal, unobtrusive sensors for health and environment
- The data backbone supporting these sensors
- Medically validated / reliable sensor data

AND

- Ultra Low Power Components to enable ultra long battery lifetime

AND

- Energy harvesting energy to realize infinite lifetimes



Ultra Low Power Components

Computation

Communication

Sensors

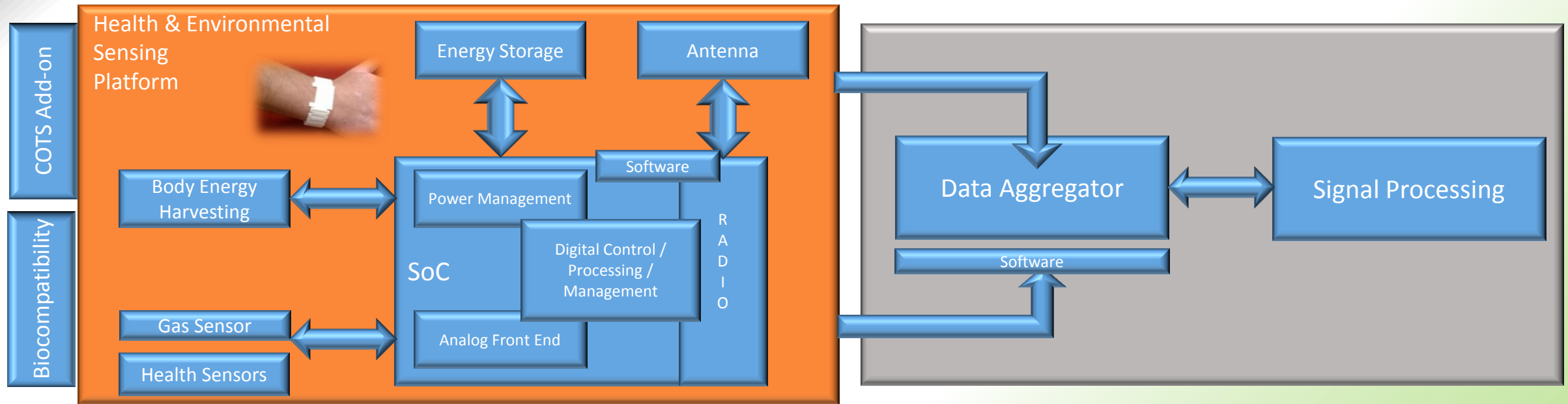
Power Management

Interfaces

Nanotechnologies

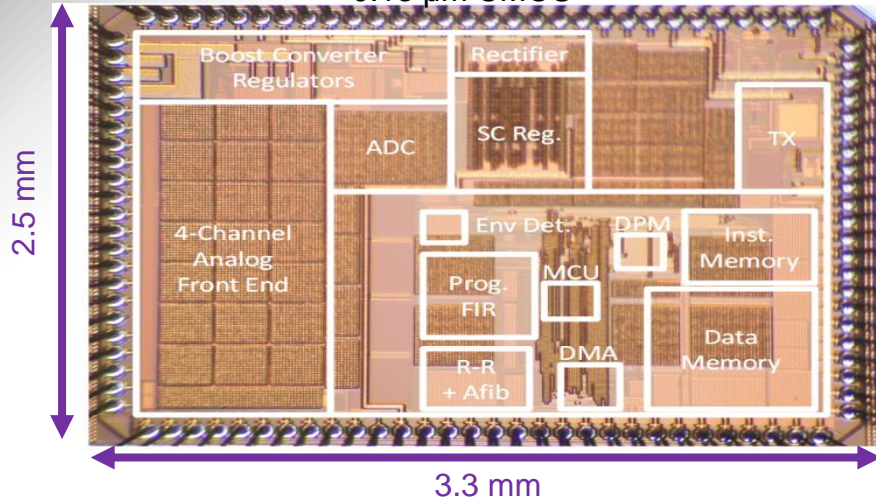
Towards
continuous
monitoring

Optimizing the Power for Computation and Communication

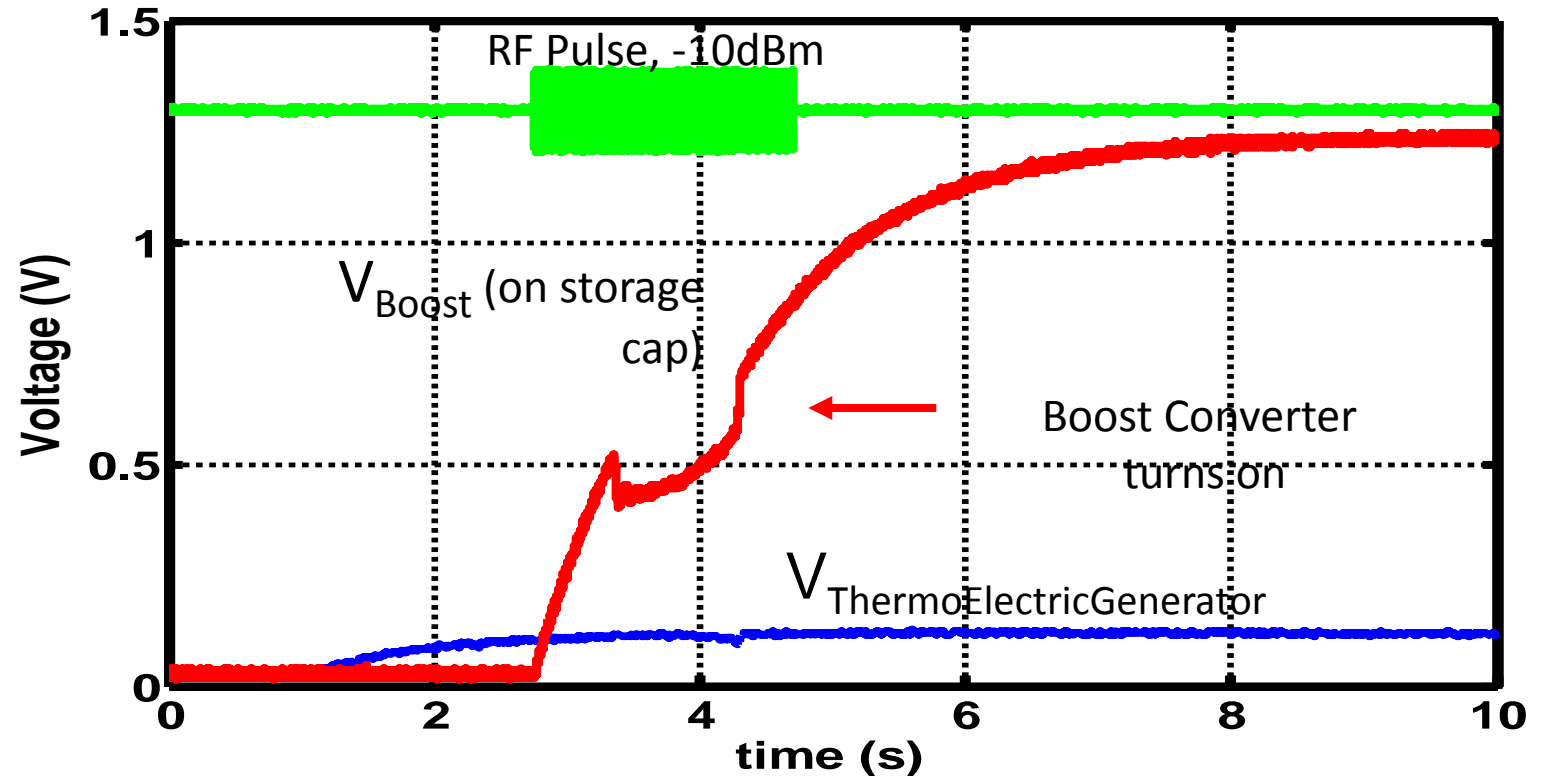


Battery-free Energy Harvesting ExG with MICS-Band Radio

0.13 μm CMOS

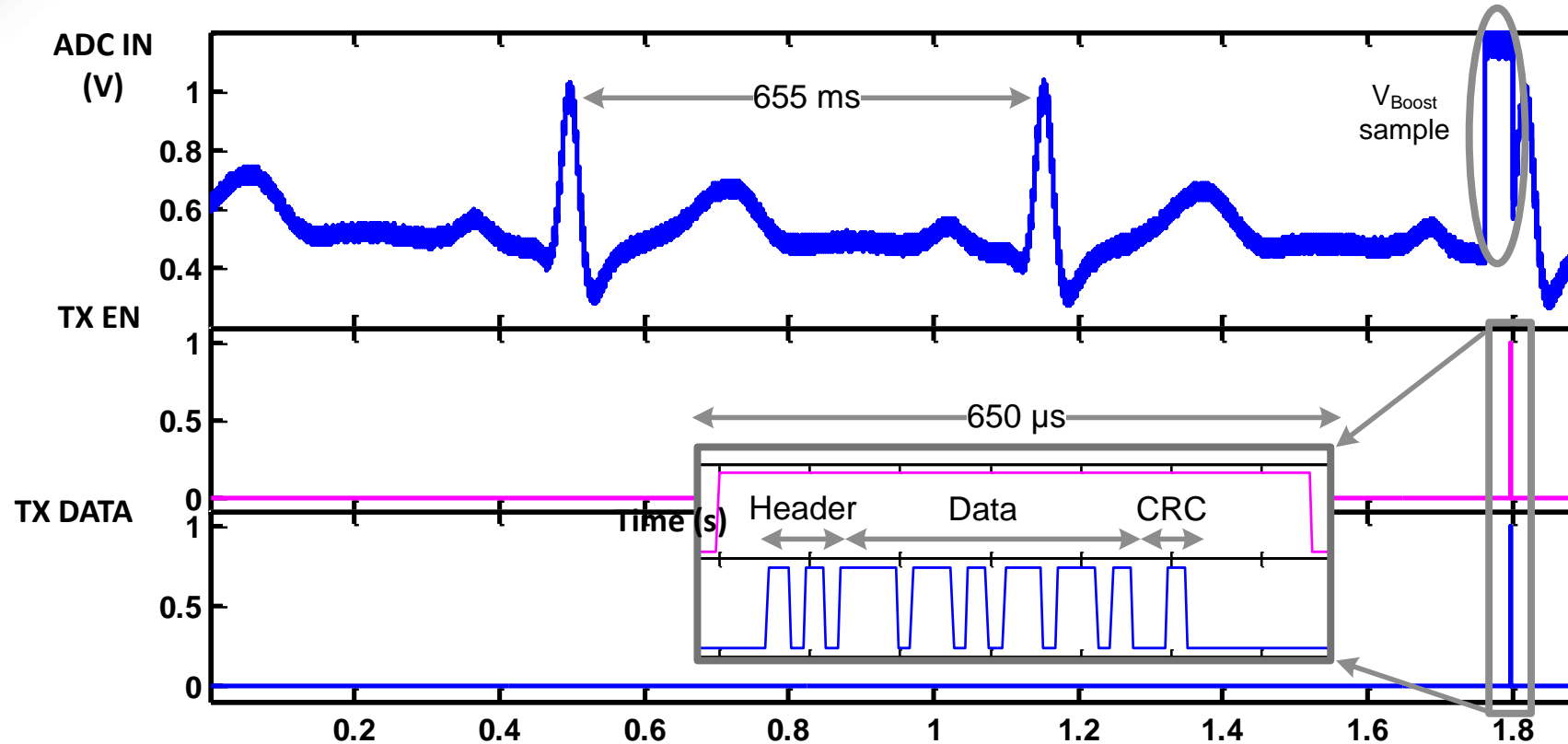


- 4 Channel ExG
- MICS Radio
- 5 DC-DC converters
- MCU + Dig Accelerators
- Integrated Power Management
- MUCH more integration than any other wireless BSN SoC
- Wireless RF pulse provides one-time kick-start
- Runs indefinitely thereafter on thermal energy



Source: Calhoun et al., ISSCC 2012

Ultra Low Power SoC



19 μ W total chip power from 30 mV input supply

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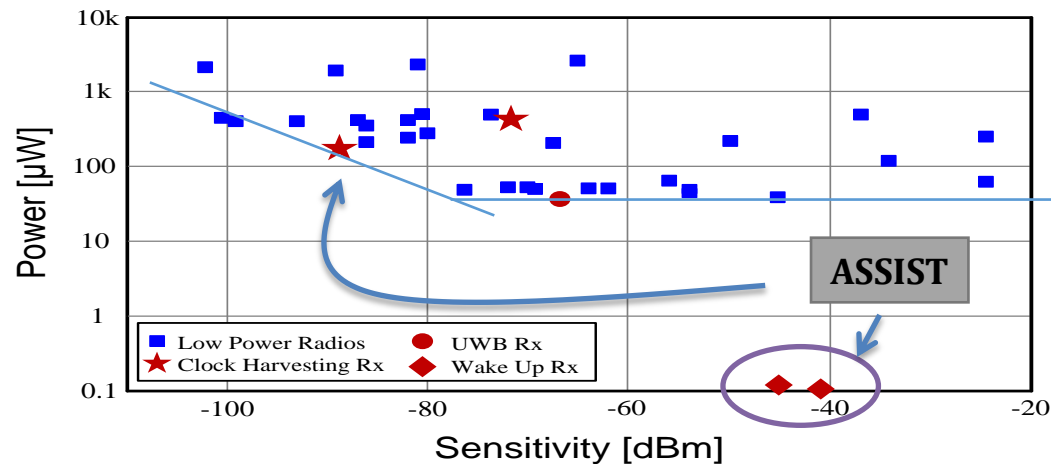
EKG < 20 μ W relying only on energy harvesting and storage capacitors
Boost converters < 10mV



Highlight: Measured Radio Performance

ASSIST Receivers

- Best in class power vs sensitivity
- ~100nW Wakeup RX

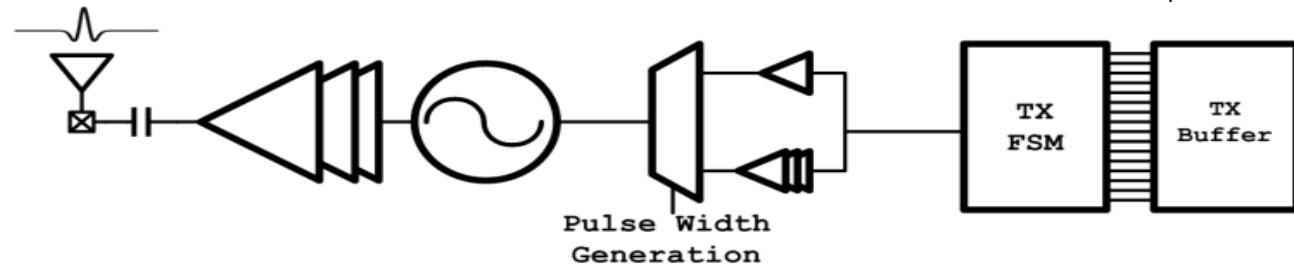
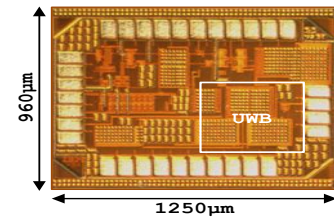


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ASSIST Ultra wideband (UWB) Transmit

- ULP TX for system level energy savings



Spec	Value	Unit
Power	7.44	µW
Data Rate	187.5	kbps
Center Frequency	3.8	GHz
Bandwidth	490	MHz
Output power	---	dBm



How low is ULTRA low when it comes to Power

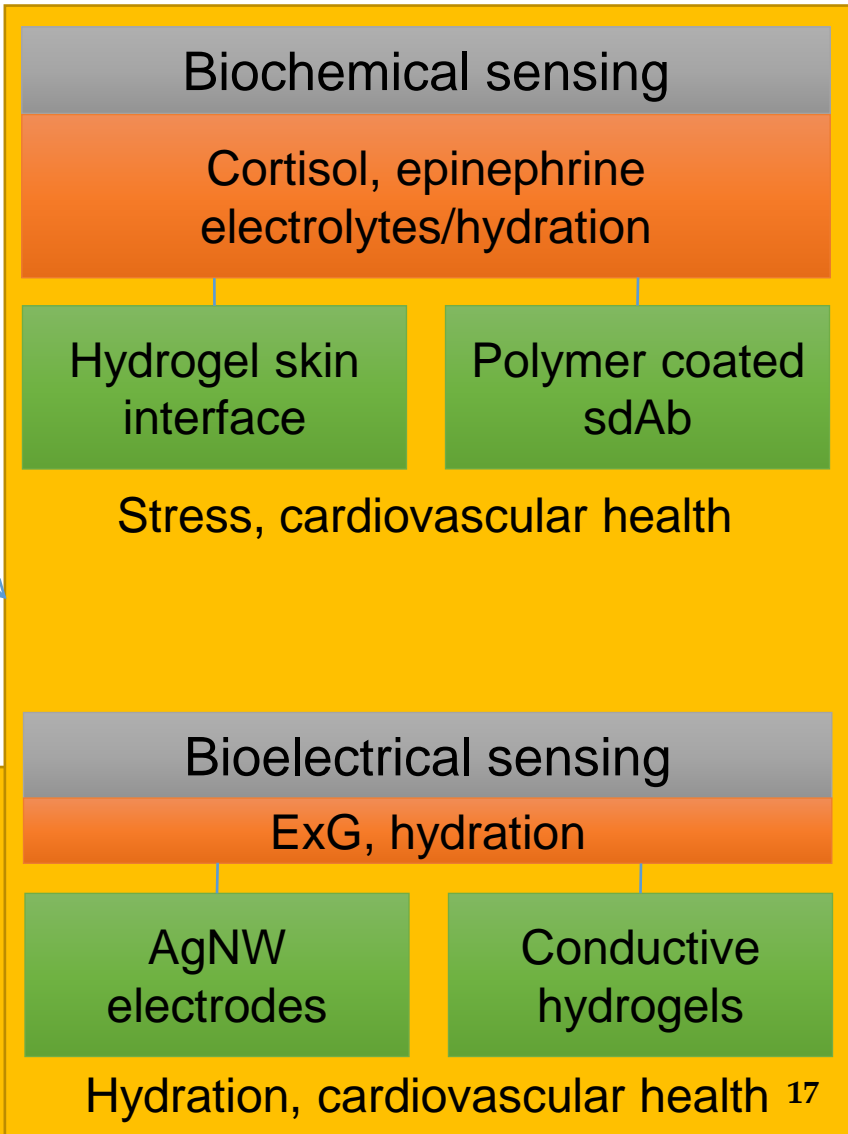
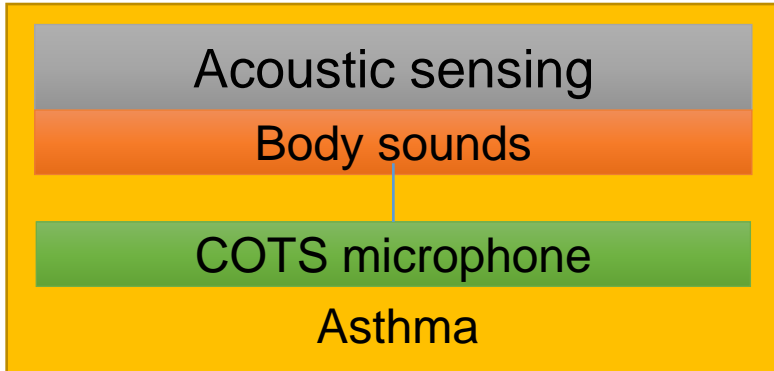
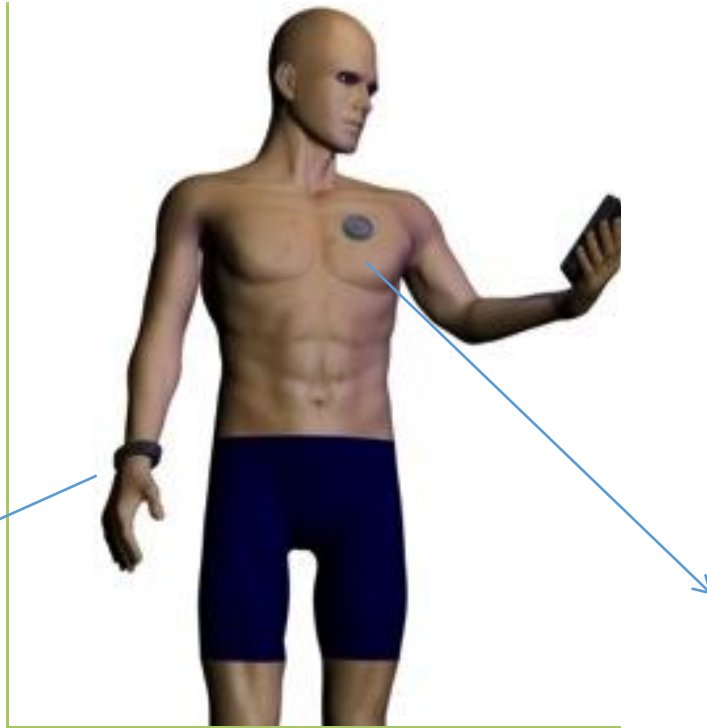
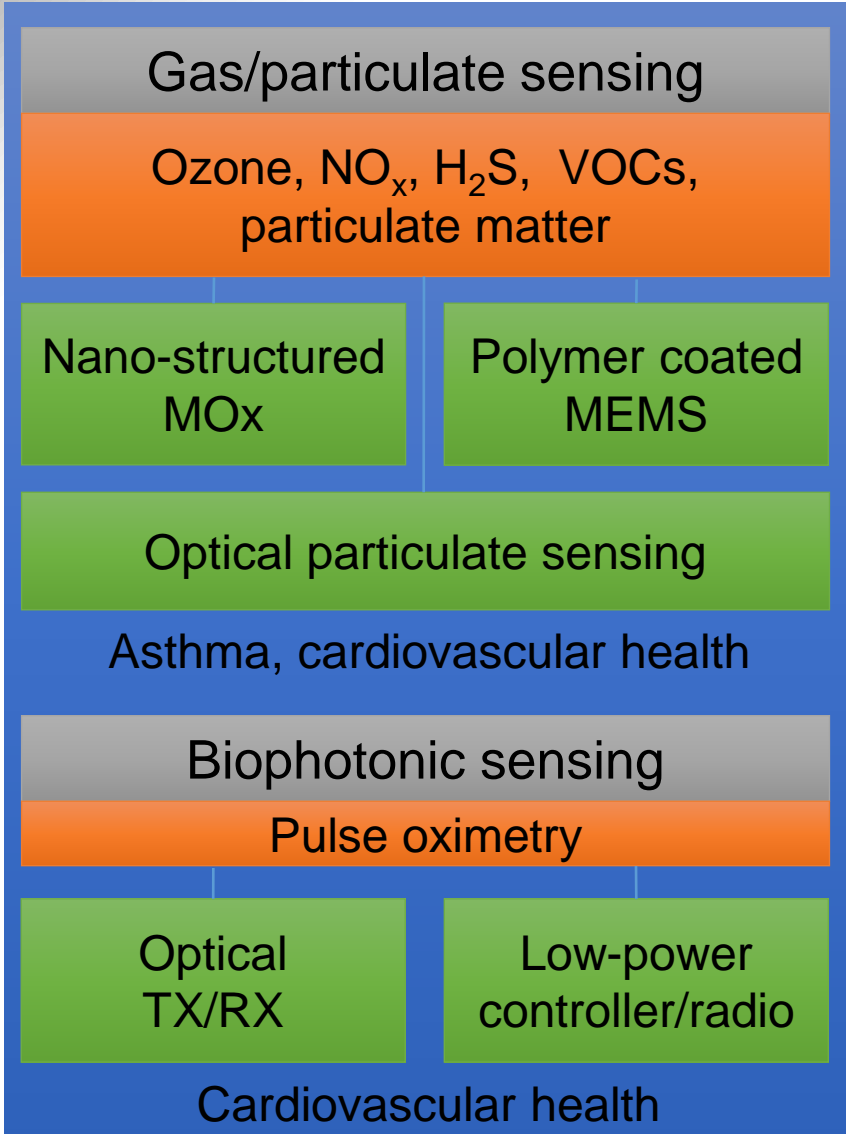
	ASSIST SoC / processor	EnOcean STM 31xC	IMEC ISSCC'14	Semtech SX1282
Supply voltage	0.5V	2.1V to 5.0V	1.2V	1.0V to 1.6V
Processor	16b MSP430	custom	32b ARM Cortex M0	8b CoolRISC
Processor perf.	<1 μ W @ 200 kHz	5.1mA @3-5V	Not reported	1.2 μ W @ 32 kHz, 600 μ W typical
Power harvesting	Yes. RF, Solar, TEG	Yes.	No.	No.

	ASSIST Radios	EnOcean STM 31xC	IMEC ISSCC'14	Semtech SX1282
Supply voltage	0.5V to 1.0V	2.1V to 5.0V	1.2V	1.0V to 1.6V
TX power consump.	6 μ W @200kbps	30mW @ 125 kbps	4.6 mW	~40mW
RX power consump.	200 μ W WBAN RX 120nW @12.5 kbps WU	40mW	3.8 mW	~12mW

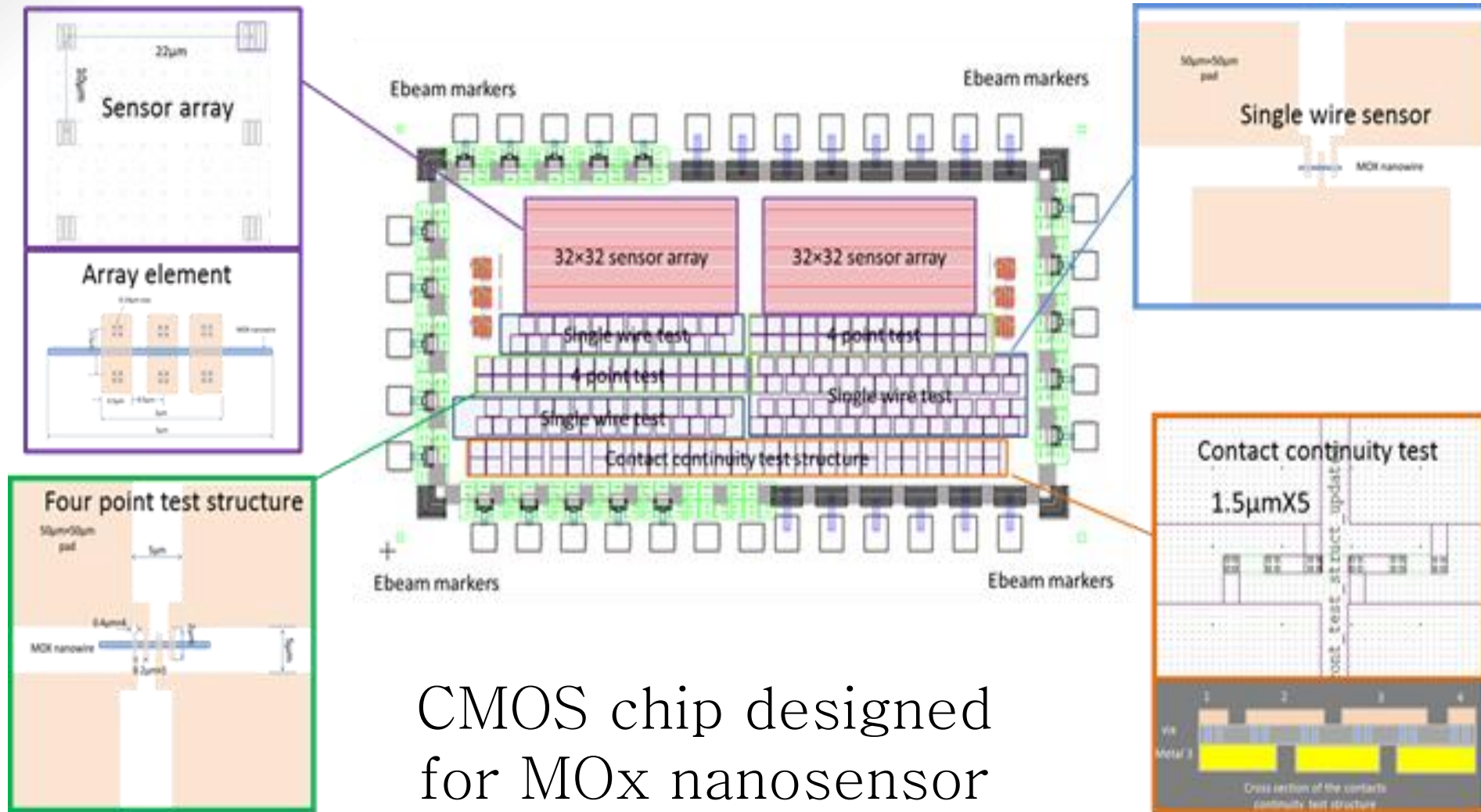
	ASSIST Antennas	State of the Art
Form factor	~50mm x 50mm	~ twice as big
Front to back ratio	~19 dB (3X – 4X more range)	~ 5 dB
Signal suppression	3-5 dB (>50X less power)	20-30 dB
Out of band rejection	30 dB	5-10 dB



Requires a **systems driven, nanotechnology enabled** approach to realize **low-power wearable sensors for environmental and physiological monitoring**



Metal-oxide nanowire based gas sensors are amenable to integration with CMOS



CMOS chip designed
for MOx nanosensor
integration

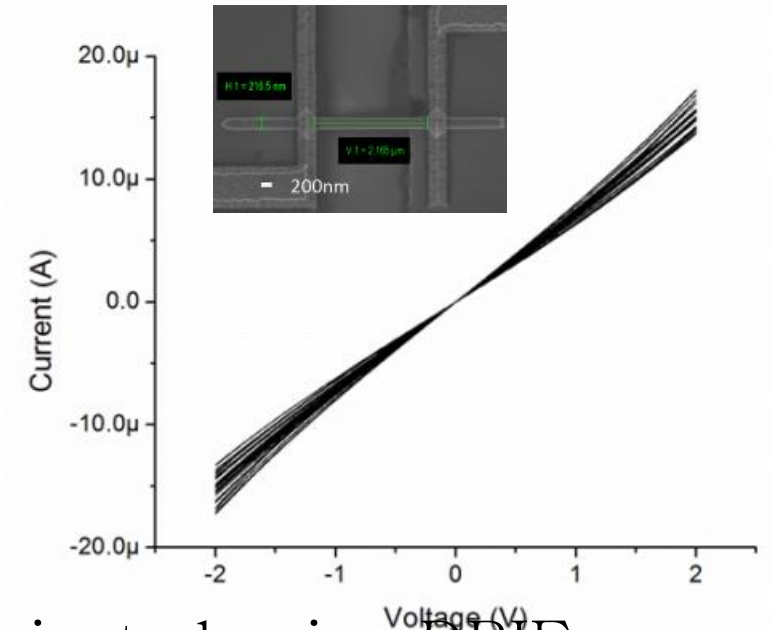
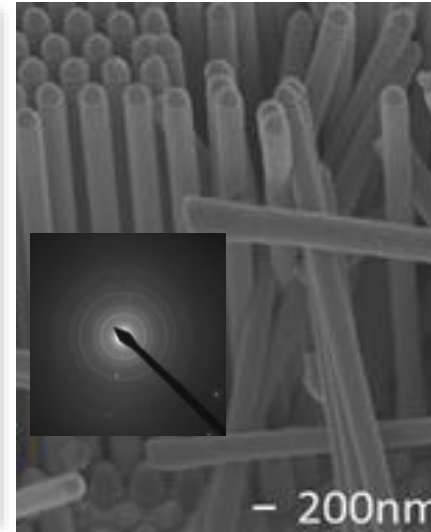
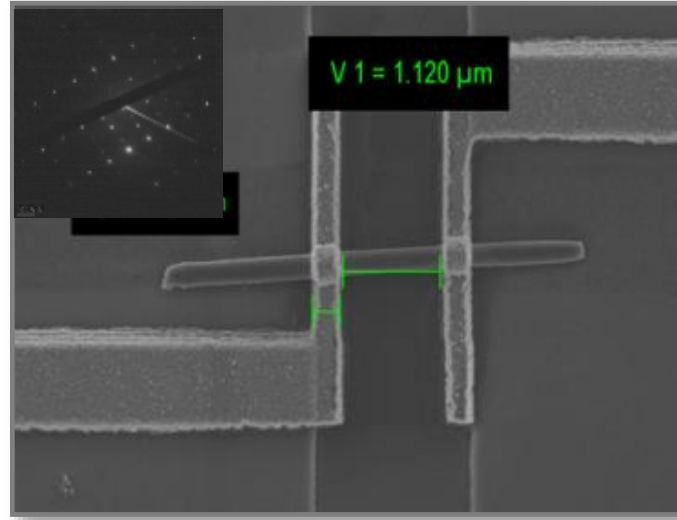
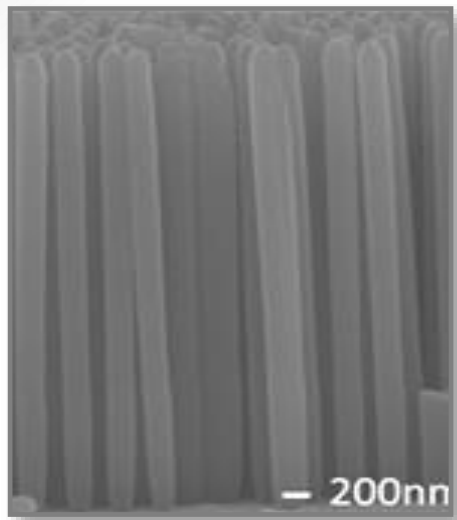


Metal-oxide nanowire based gas sensors amenable to integration with CMOS

MO_x coated Si NWs self assembled on CMOS

Anatase TiO₂ chemiresistor □

Rutile SnO₂ chemiresistor □

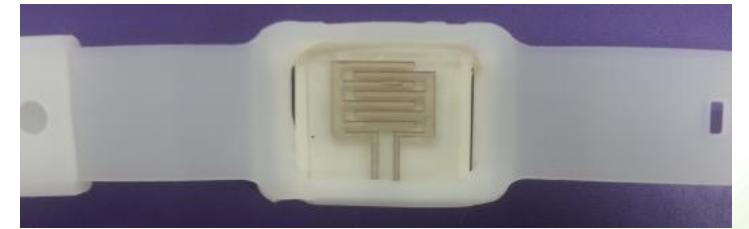
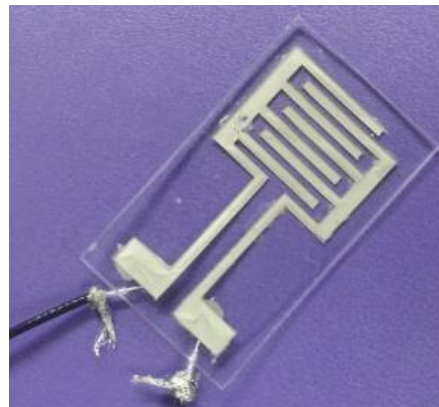
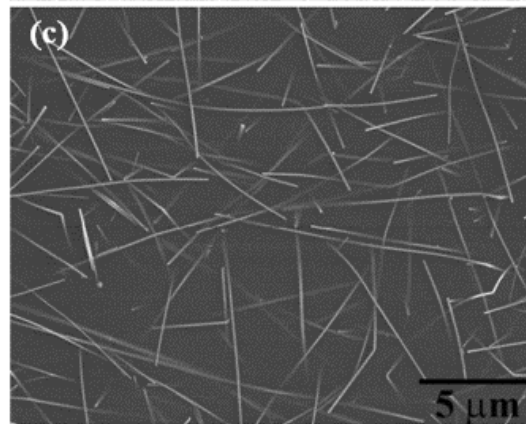
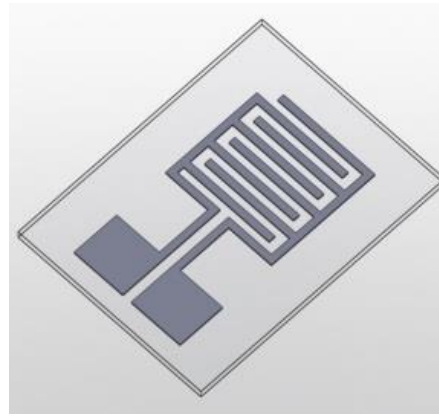
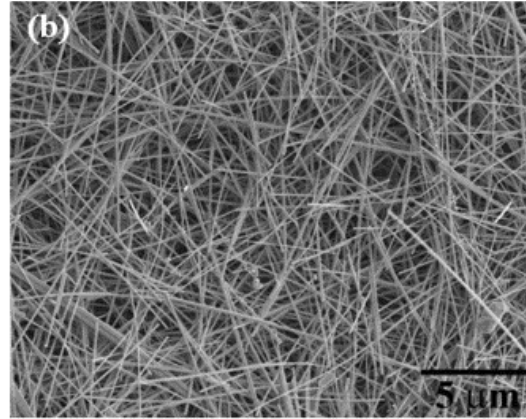
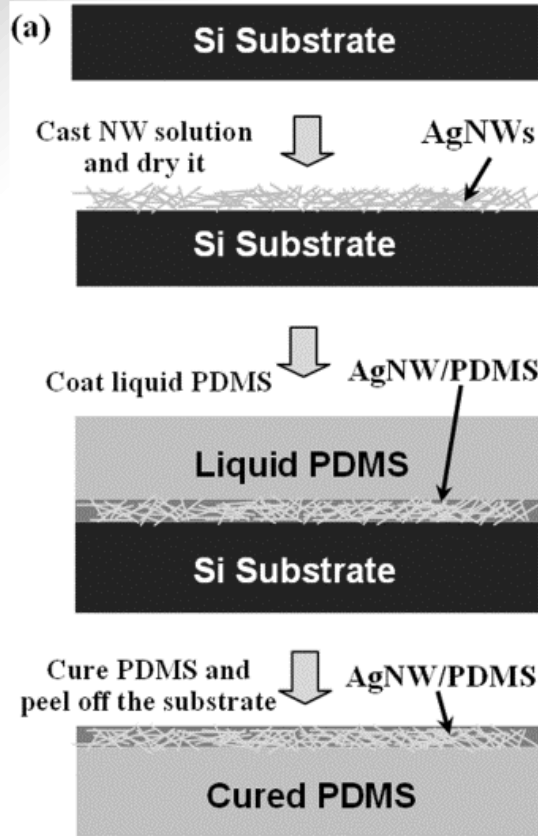


Crystalline metal-oxide-coated Si nanowires were fabricated using DRIE and ALD, and self-assembled on electrode arrays

Self heating to 175°C with <20 μW power consumption is possible by thermal insulation



Silver nanowire electrodes on soft materials for bioelectrical sensing



Hydrogel-based **noninvasive passive** skin interfaces for sweat sampling

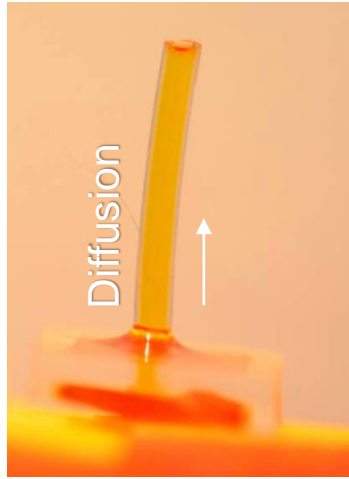
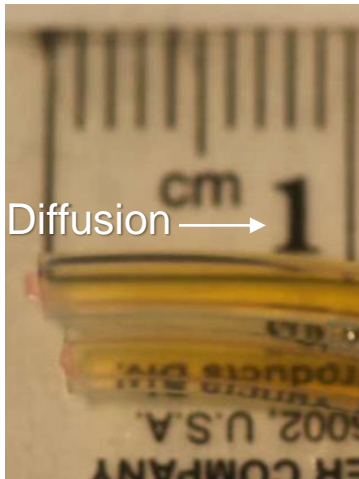


pH < 4.4 4.4 < pH < 6.2 pH > 6.2

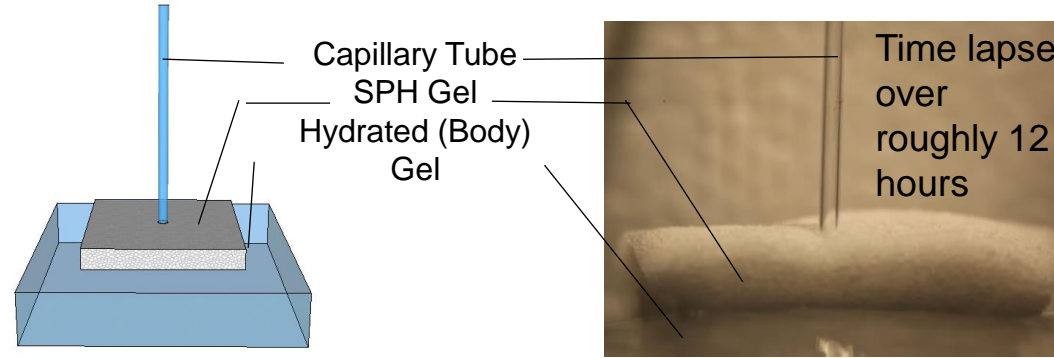
Used pH-color indicators to visually monitor diffusion of acidic fluids (sweat mimics) through hydrogels

Sweat Diffusion

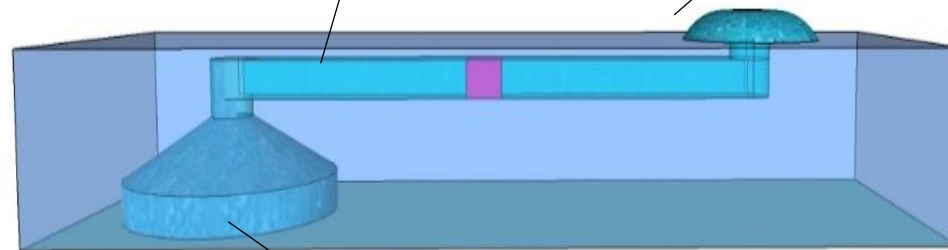
Peach pH Sensor



Fluid transfer from superporous hydrogel to a capillary

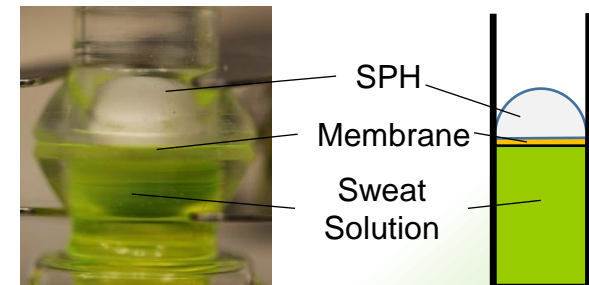
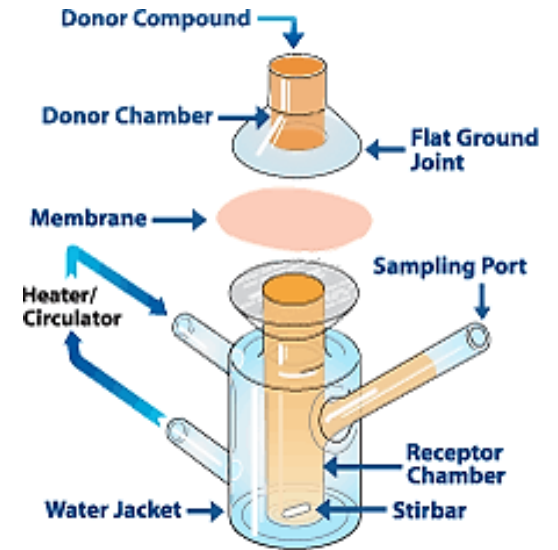


Hydrophilic Channels – Capillary Action Superporous Hydrogel – Evaporation



Superporous Hydrogel – Capillary and Osmotic Sweat Intake

Establish a skin mimic for interfacing and sensor testing



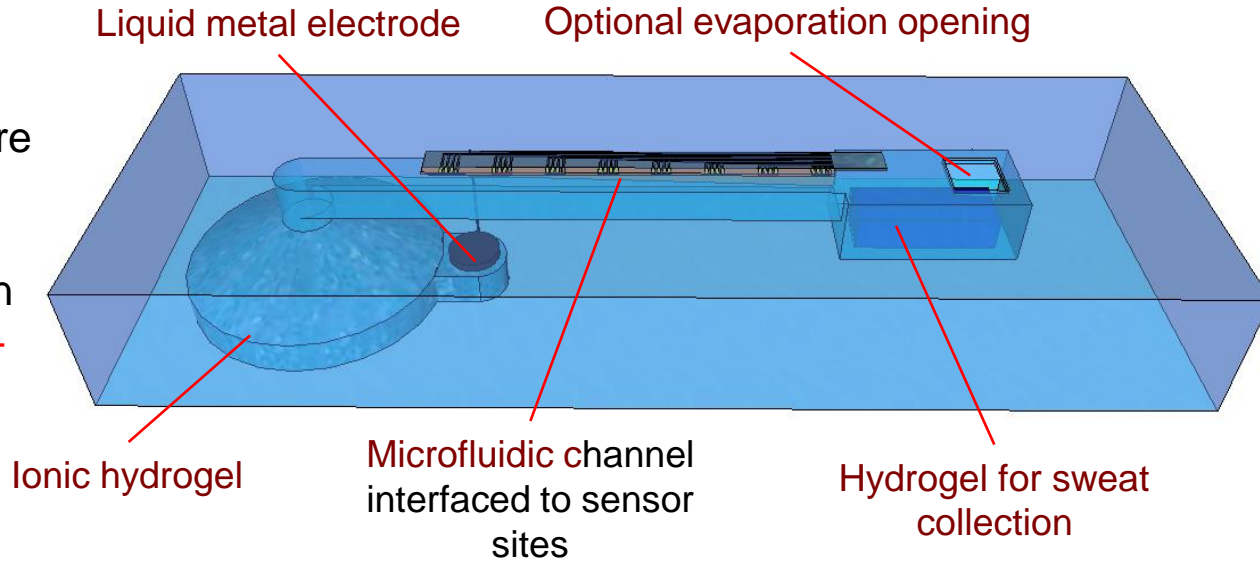
Usually used for drug penetration; we will use for sweat collection with various skin (membrane) materials

Future Work: Create a **Capillary-Osmotic Pump** for continual-passive sweat intake

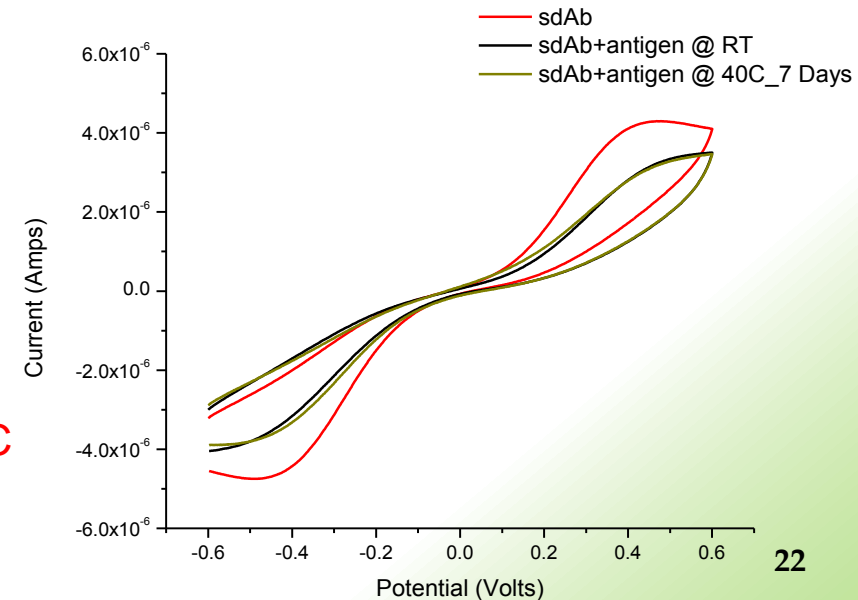
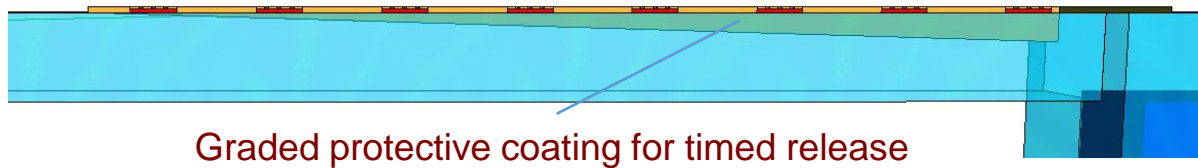
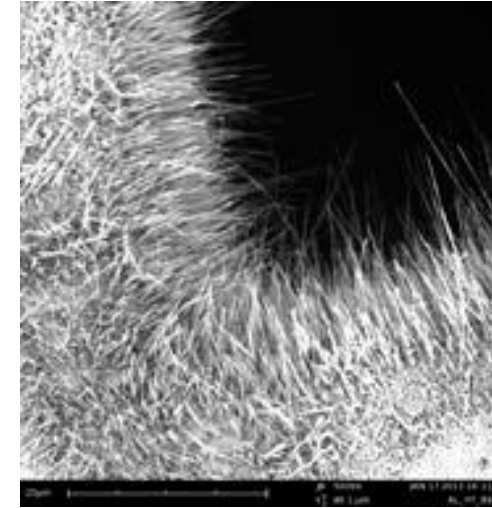


Building the basic building blocks for a skin-coupled biochemical sensor to monitor cortisol levels in sweat

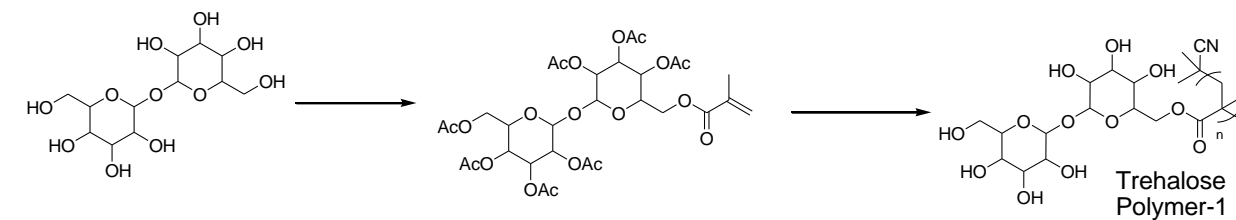
Intake rates via osmotic uptake were measured as ~ 15 $\text{nL}/\text{cm}^2\text{min}$, much greater than human sweat rates ($0.01 - 1$ $\text{nL}/\text{cm}^2\text{min}$)



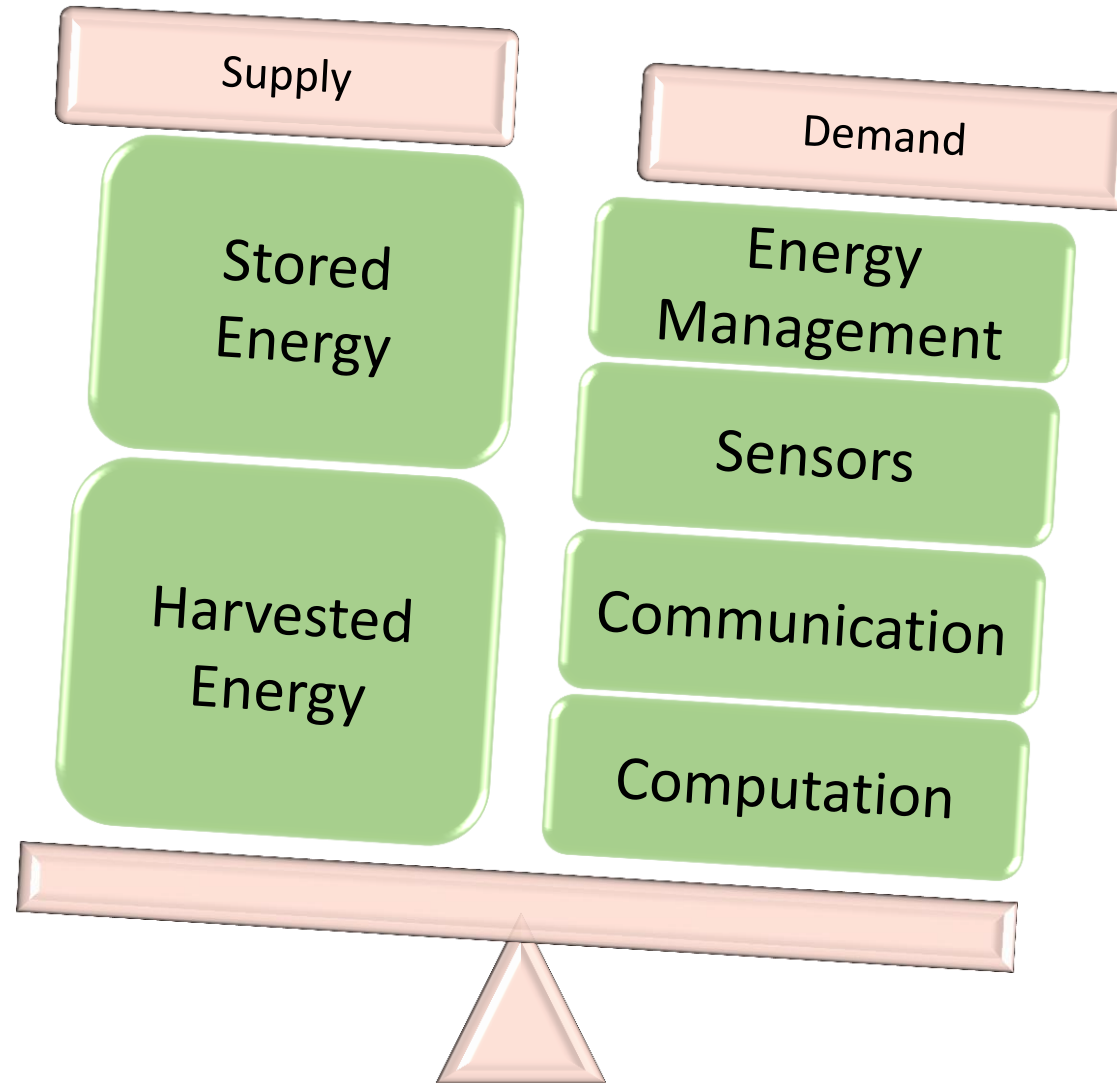
Potentiodynamic electrochemical measurements using functionalized NW-enhanced IDTs



sdAb-antigen stability at 40°C for 7 days was demonstrated.



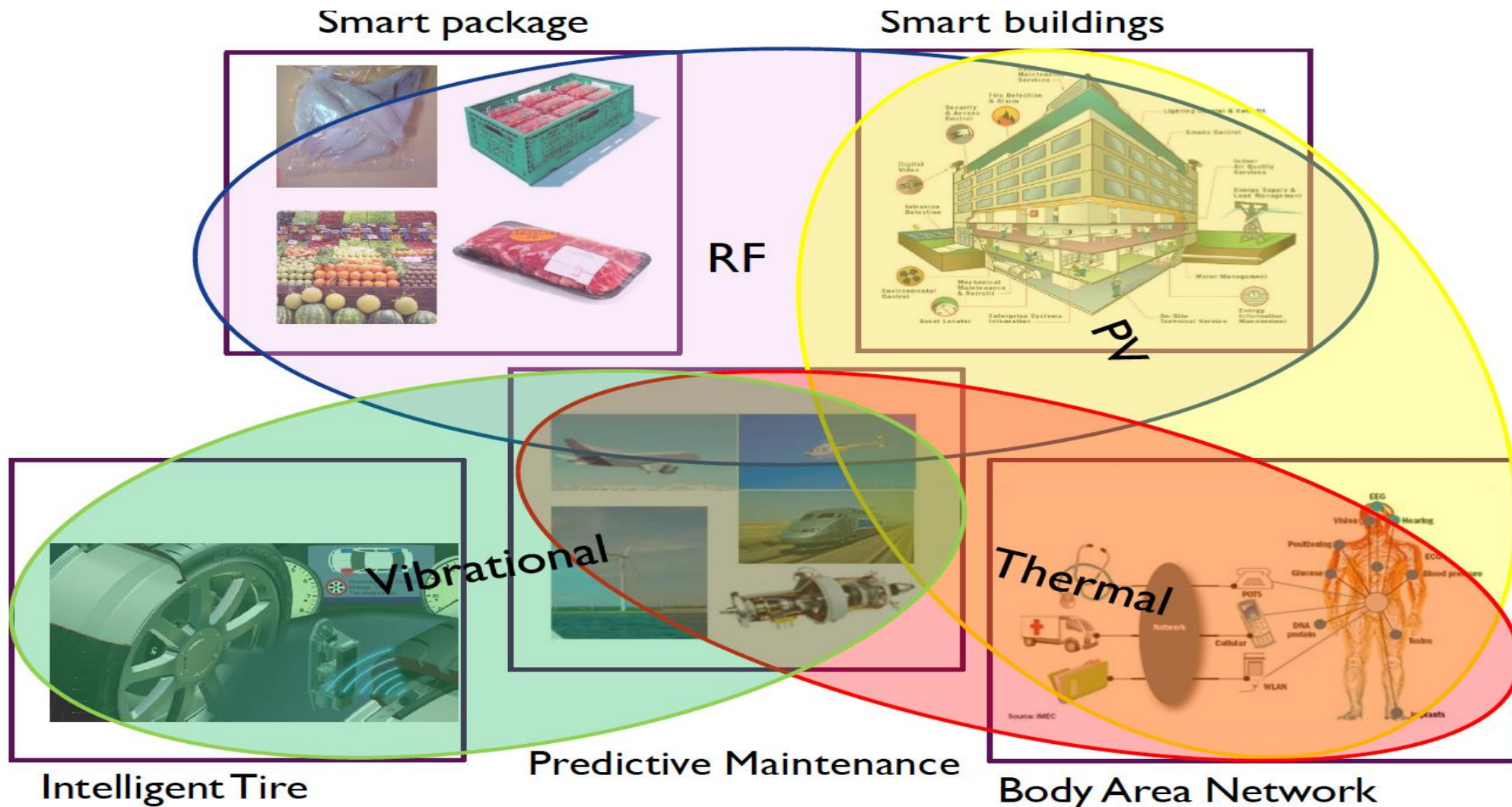
Encapsulation of antibody with polymer/trehalose enables **time delayed dissolution** of coating to expose one sensor at a time for long term use



Looking at both sides of the power equation →
Towards Self-Powered Operation

Energy Harvesting

One harvester does not fit all?



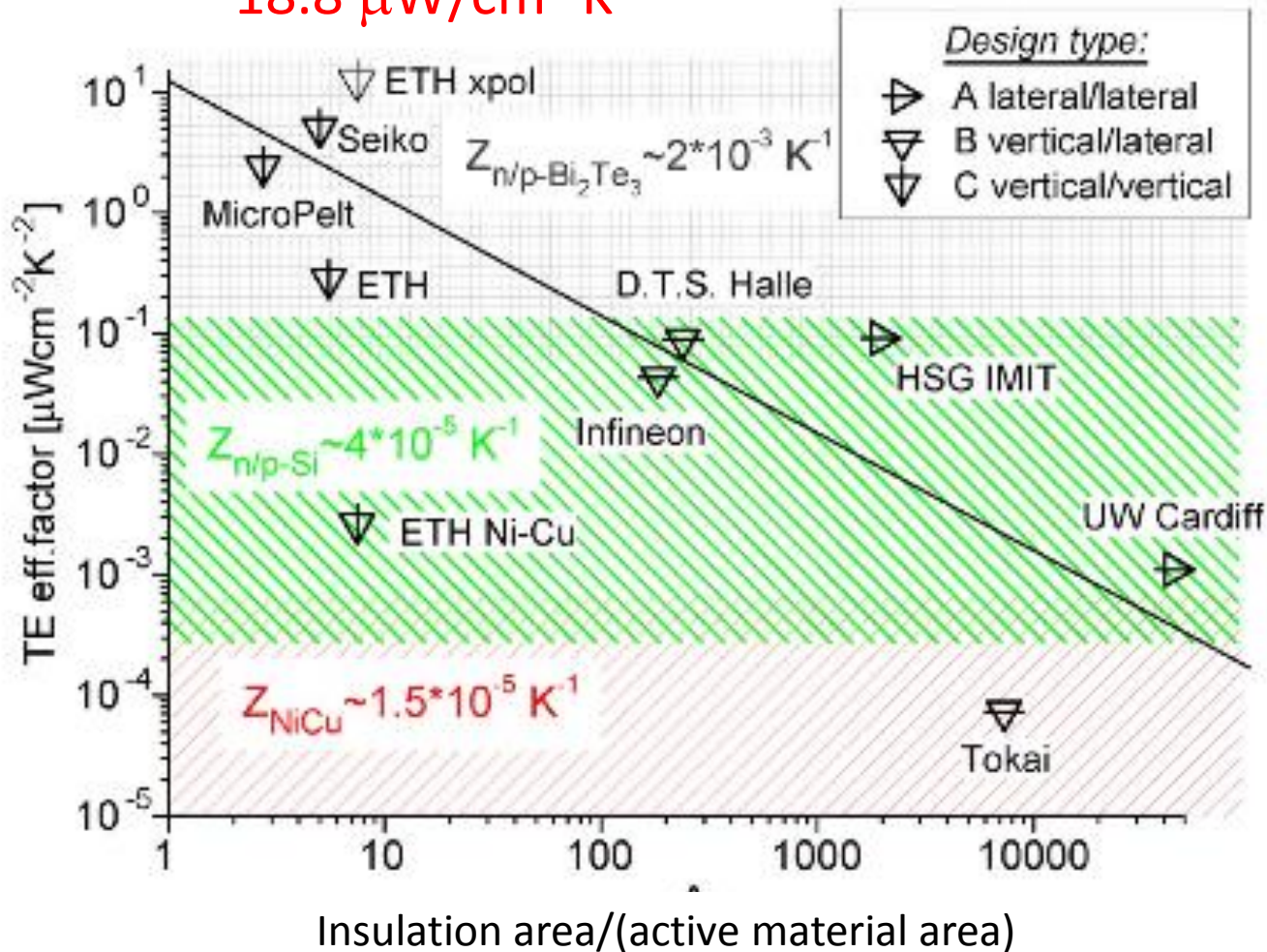


This is a Very Difficult Problem to Address for Human Worn Devices!

- Thermal: Small ΔT from human to ambient
- Mechanical: Weak base excitations at low frequencies for human motion
- Indoor solar: 1 – 10 $\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$ available
- RF scavenging: $\ll 1 \mu\text{W}$ from ambient rf. Much higher powers can be achieved if directed rf is utilized.
- Inductive coupling: Tens mW available at close proximity

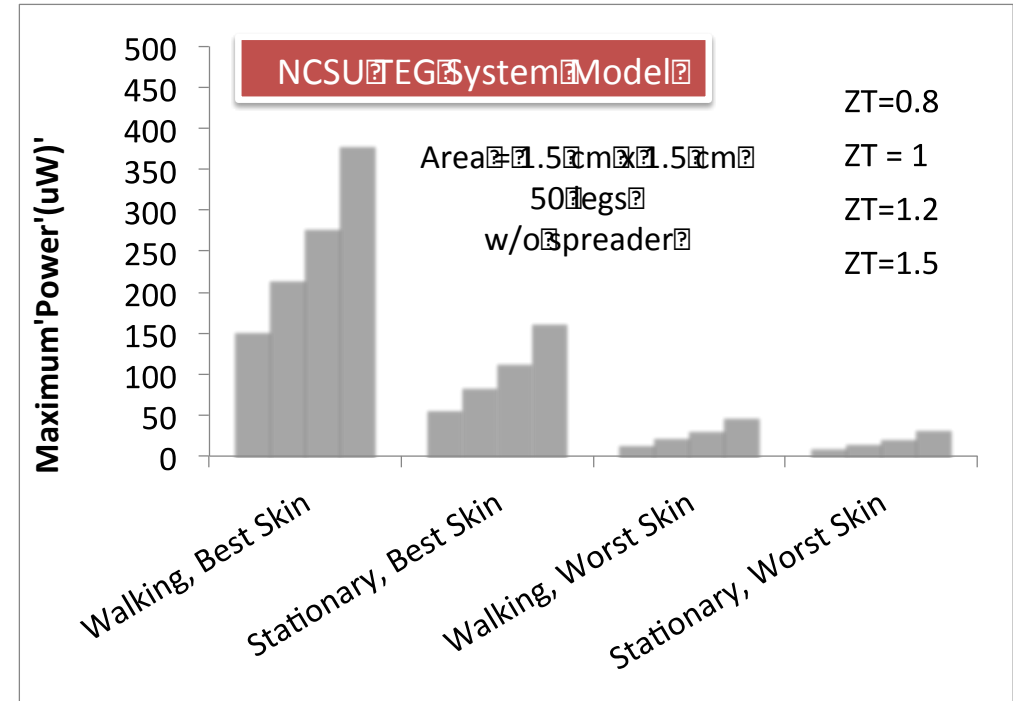
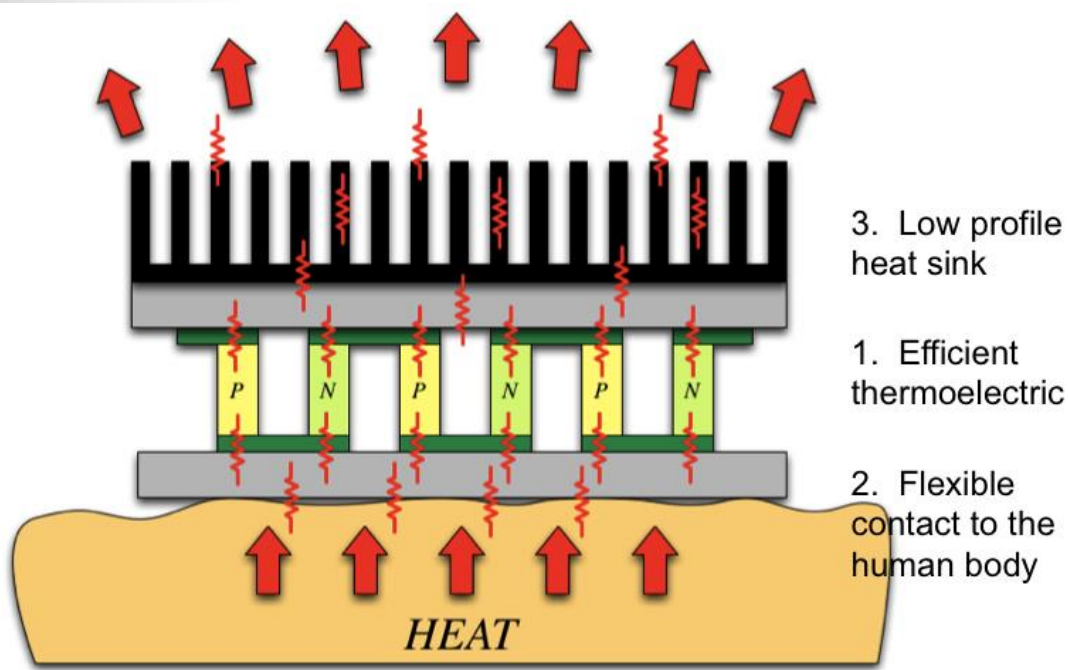
State of the Art Flexible Thermoelectric Generators

18.8 $\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2 \text{K}^2$



- Needs for flexible thermoelectric generators
- Good materials (higher ZT)
 - Longer length (100 – 300 μm) than typical film thickness for Bi_2Te_3
 - Nanostructuring to decrease thermal conductivity
 - Thermal resistance of harvester should be on order hundreds $\text{cm}^2 \text{K} / \text{W}$

Flexible Thermoelectric Harvesters



Approach:

- Flexible, open-platform TEG package enabling integration of thermoelectrics with excellent performance from many sources
- Flexible, high performance heat sinks
- New material & process approaches

To Increase Power

High ZT

Reduced Parasitics



Heat Collection

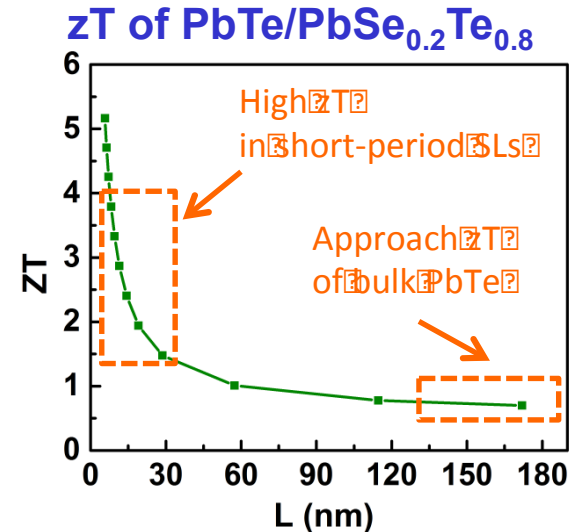
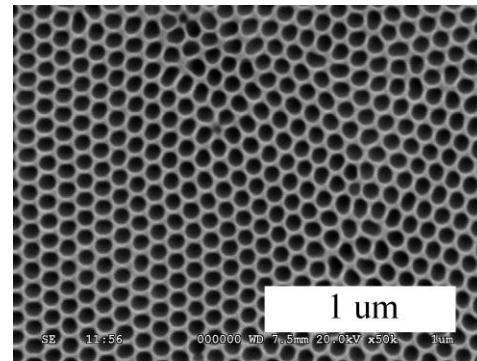
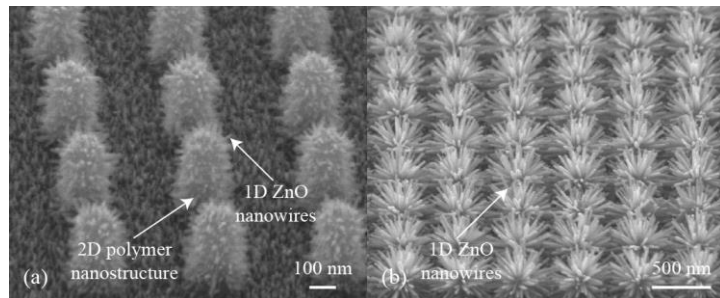
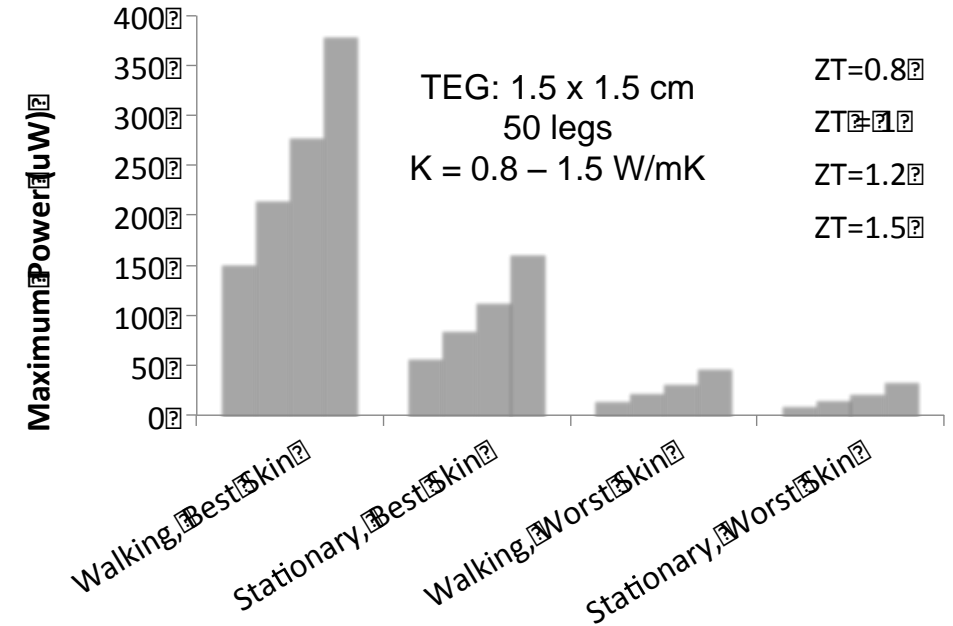
Heat Rejection

Barrier: Parasitics (esp. skin resistance) have a huge impact on TEG performance; output voltages ~ 5 – 30 mV



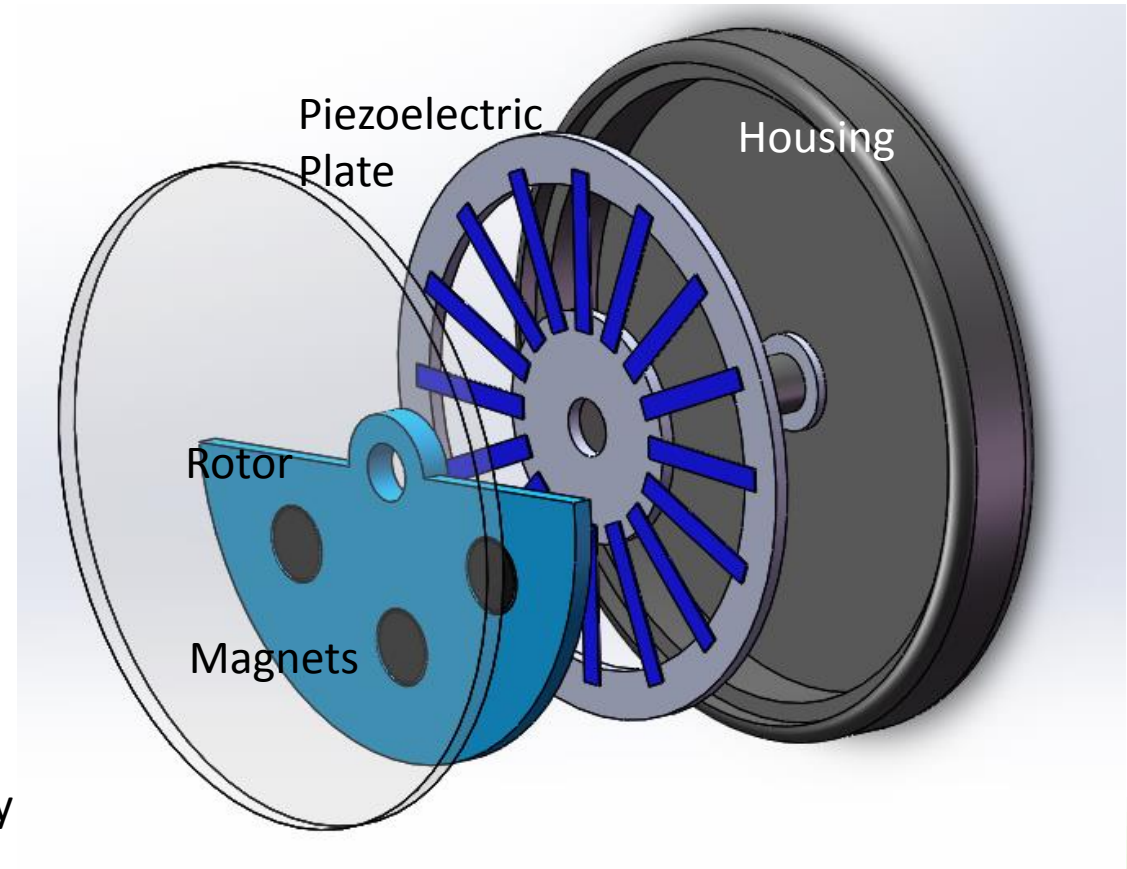
Thermoelectrics

- ~10 – 20 μW on a flexible hand-built package with COTS components
- Better Flexible package
- Reducing skin resistance is essential
- “Nano” in PbTe/PeTe_{1-x}Se_x heterostructures, CNT-loaded polymers, ECD Bi₂Te₃ in alumina templates, hierarchical wicking structures



Non-Resonant Human Worn Harvesters

Measured prototype: $57 \mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$
 peak power exceeds that of end-loaded cantilever on Si by > 35 times



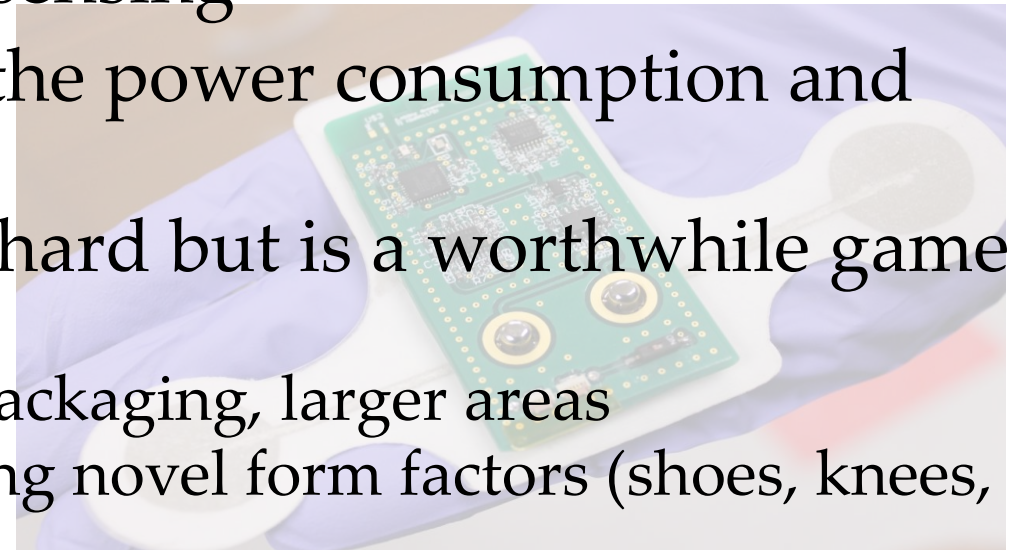
Shad Roundy

Activity	Walking	Jogging	Running
Power Available	95 μW	360 μW	700 μW
Power Density	10 $\mu\text{W}/\text{gram}$	37 $\mu\text{W}/\text{gram}$	74 $\mu\text{W}/\text{gram}$



Future Areas of Collaboration to Enable Self-Powered Miniaturized Sensors

- Ultra low power electronics can change the sensing paradigm by enabling long term and continuous sensing
- Sensors innovation lies in lowering the power consumption and biochemical sensing
- Energy harvesting from the body is hard but is a worthwhile game changing technology
 - Thermoelectrics: Higher ZT, Flexible packaging, larger areas
 - Mechanical: need new designs including novel form factors (shoes, knees, chest straps)
- Nano is creating advancements in sensor system components
- Samsung and KAIST (low power electronics, energy harvesting, sensors, flexible materials, manufacturing)





Thank you