

## WFS-5

# BiCMOS Microfluidic Microwave Platform for Biological Cell Sensing and Manipulation

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# IHP



## Cleanroom Area

- ~1.000 m<sup>2</sup> Class 1

## Technology

- SiGe BiCMOS

## Wafer Diameter

- 200 mm

## Technology Level

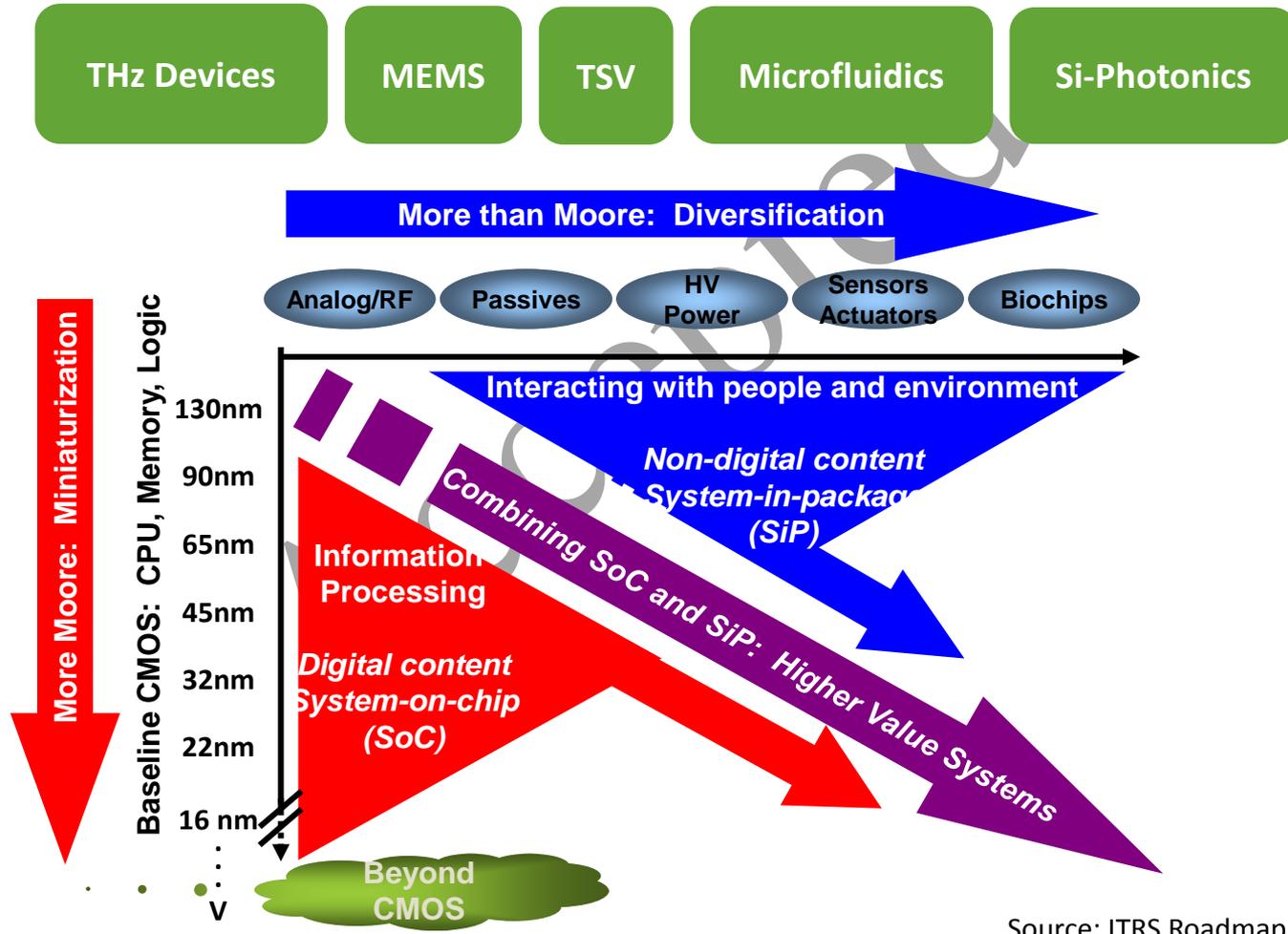
- 0.25- $\mu$ m & 0.13- $\mu$ m

## Operation Mode

- 24-h, 7 Days/Week

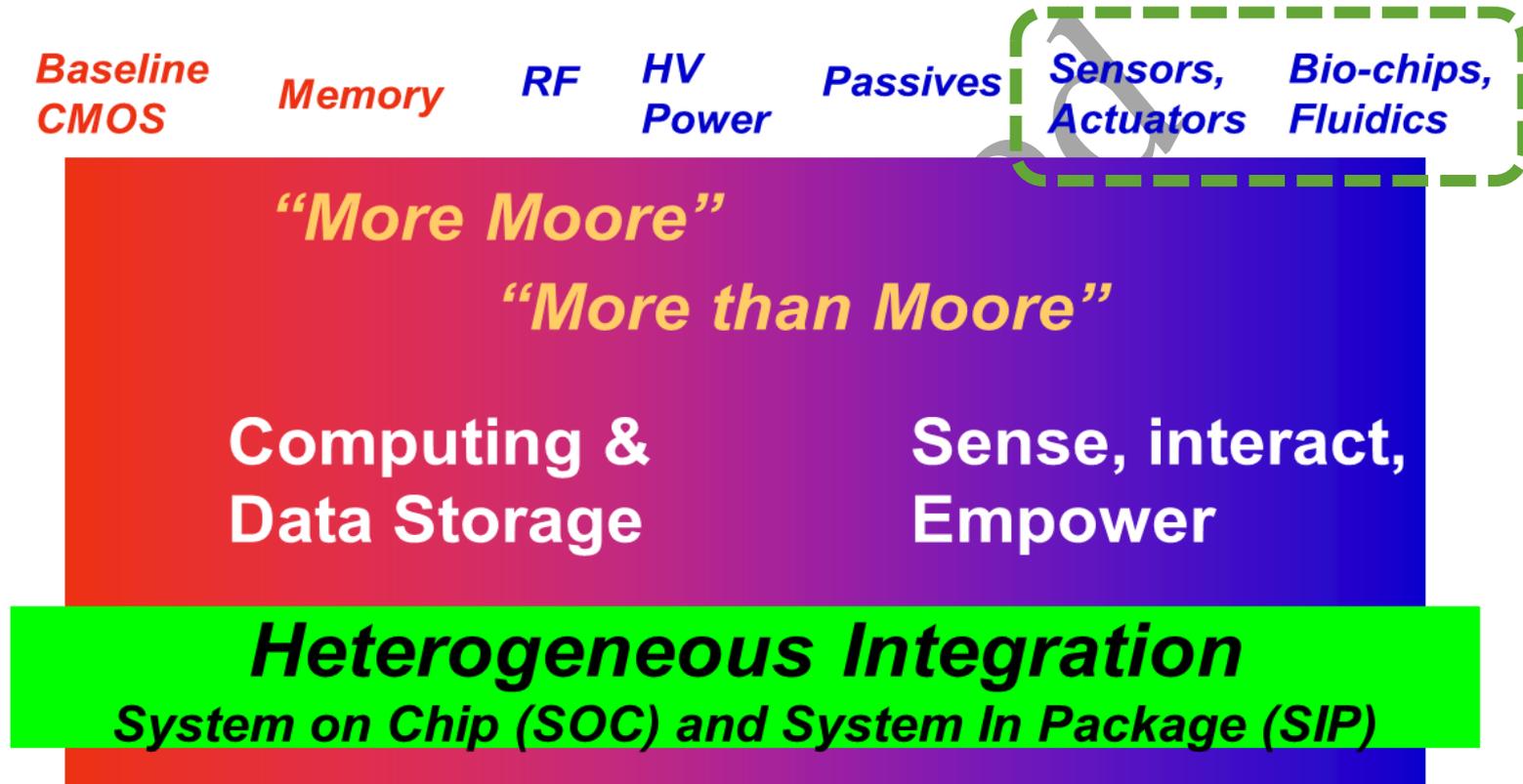


# More than Moore Activities at IHP



Source: ITRS Roadmap 2010

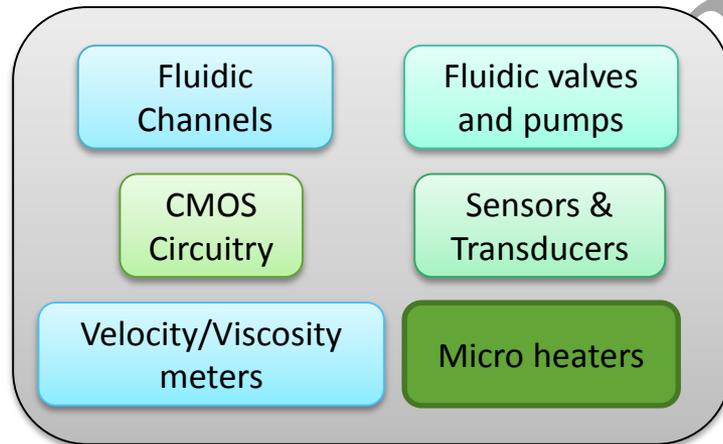
# Moore's Law and More



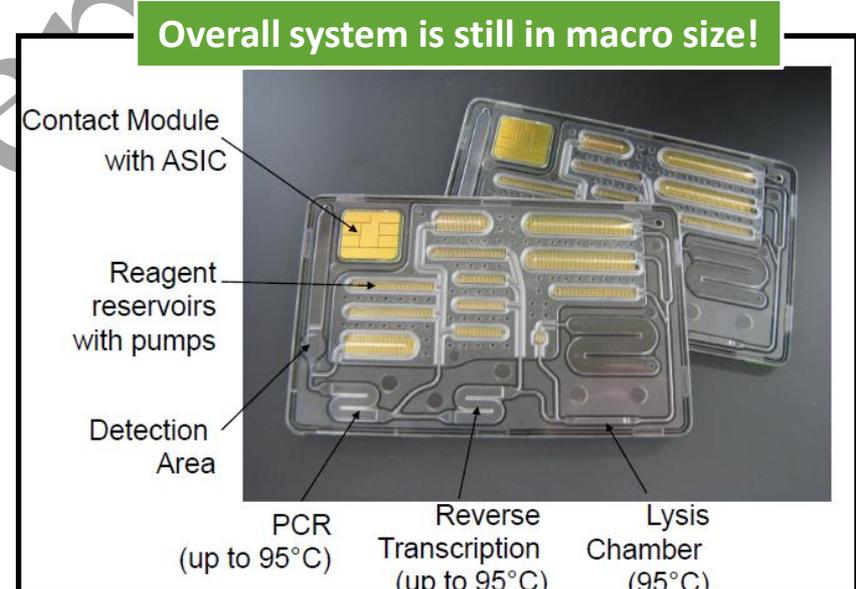
*Source: ITRS, European Nanoelectronics Initiative Advisory Council (ENIAC)*

# Why microfluidics is of great interest?

- Low consumption of reagents and sample-cost reduction
- Miniaturization and integration of device-portable systems
- High sensitivity
- Faster analysis



**Microfluidic system components**



\* Courtesy of Fraunhofer ENAS

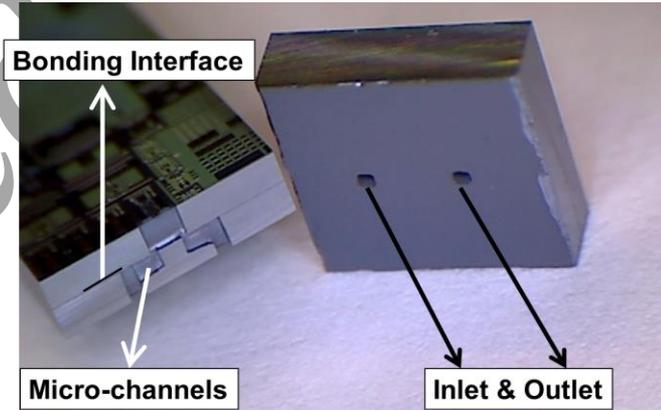
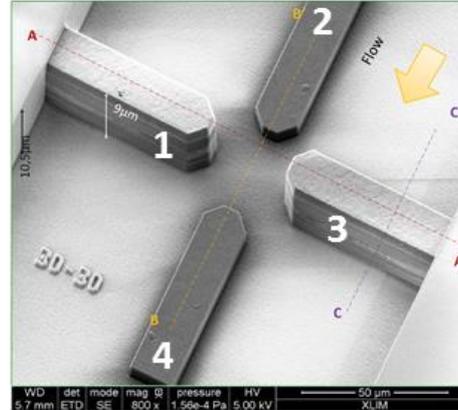
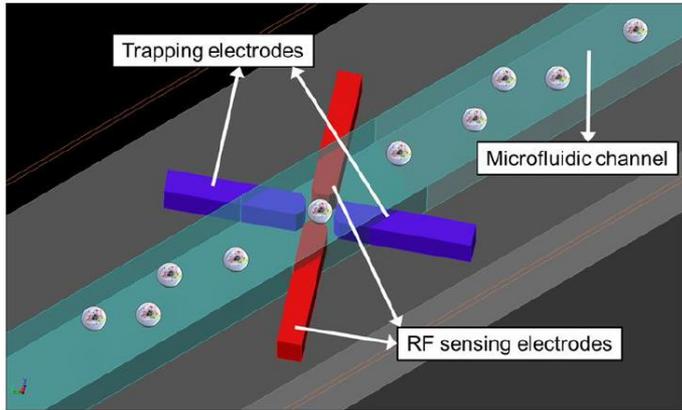
# Advantages of BiCMOS Based Microfluidics

- High level of integration → Miniturized System
- Wafer-level fabrication → High throughput
- Combination with high frequency electronics
  - No additional assembling
  - THz sensing
  - Higher sensitivity
- Chemical, thermal and mechanical stability

## Main Goal of “Technology” on Microfluidics:

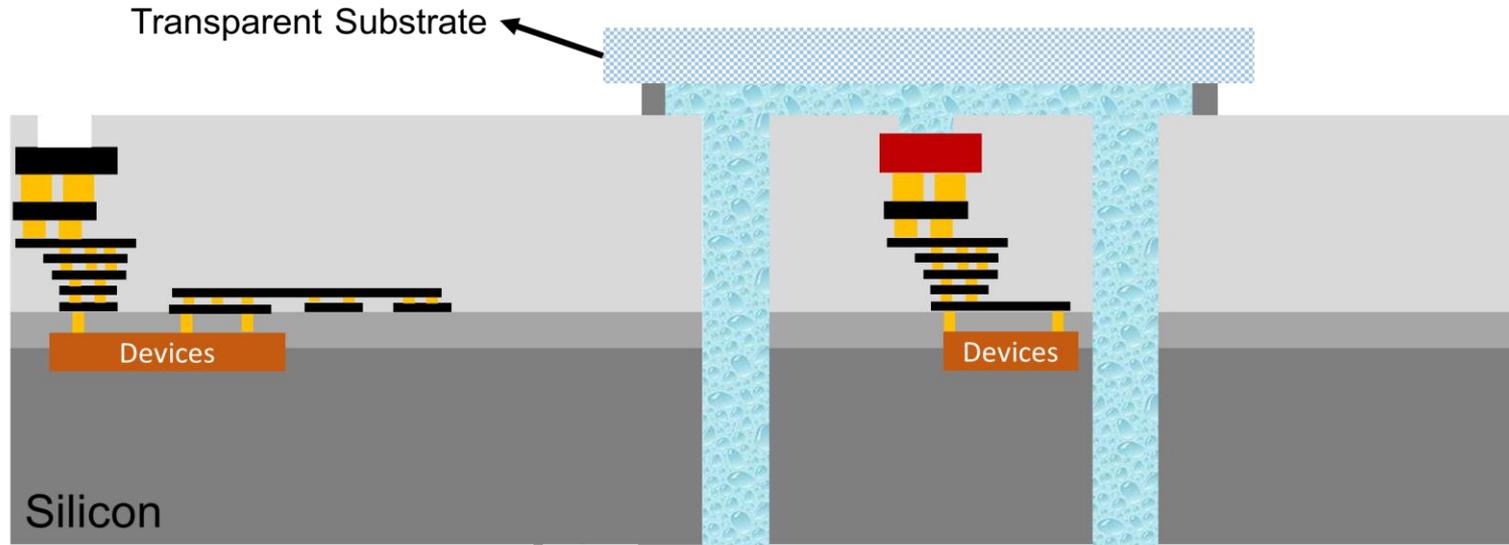
- Combination of the BiCMOS tech. with the microfluidic tech.
- Minimize the distance between the fluid and the BiCMOS sensors for higher sensitivity

# Microfluidic Technology in BiCMOS



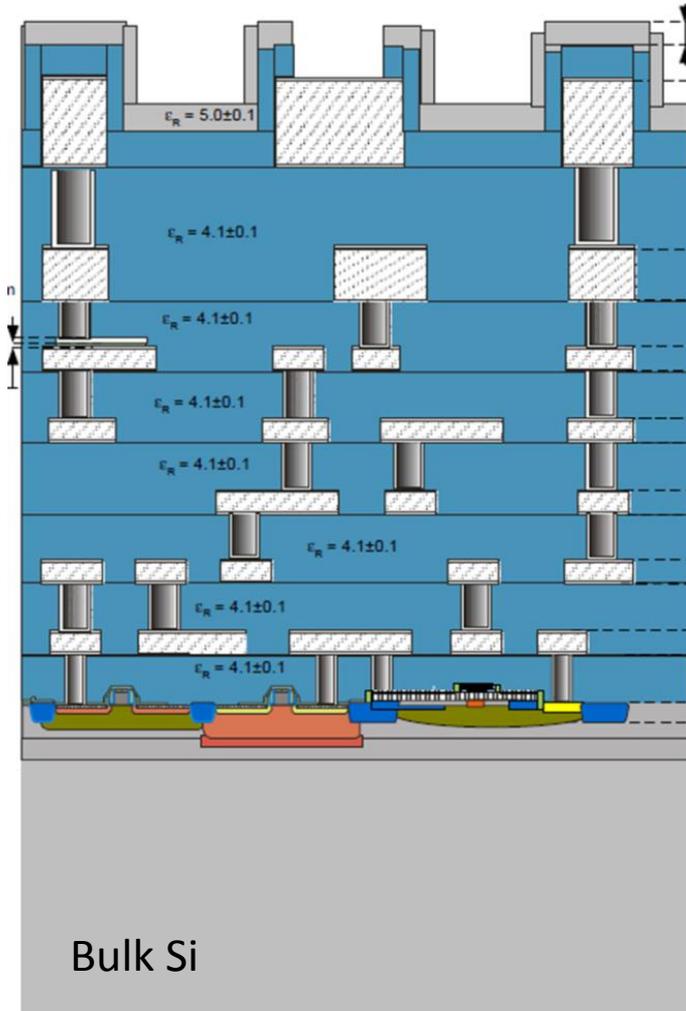
- Integration of microfluidic channels into BiCMOS technology to enable BiCMOS technology for future microfluidic applications
- High integration level for ultra-miniaturized BiCMOS microfluidic technology

# Microfluidic Technology in BiCMOS



- Integration of microfluidic channels based on wafer-level adhesive &  $\text{SiO}_2\text{-SiO}_2$  bonding
- Advantages:
  - Transparent glass substrate for optical inspection
  - Minimum distance between sensor and liquid, adjustable channel dimensions
  - Separation of electrical and microfluidic interfaces

# Microfluidic Technology Development



## BEOL, Metallization Layers

- Transmission lines,
- Inductors,
- MIM capacitors,
- Vias, etc.
- **Sensors**

~15  $\mu\text{m}$

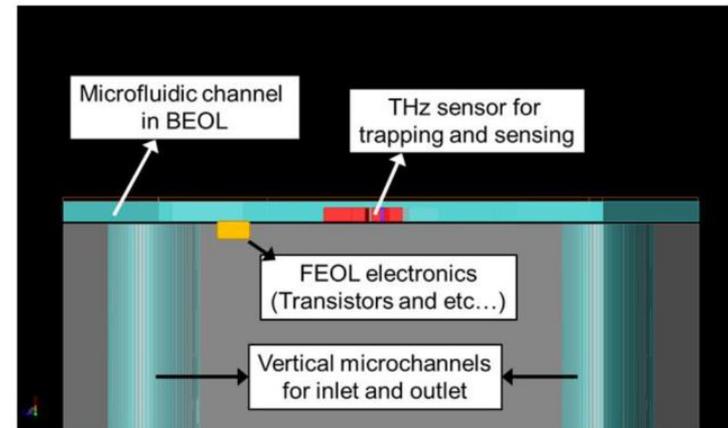
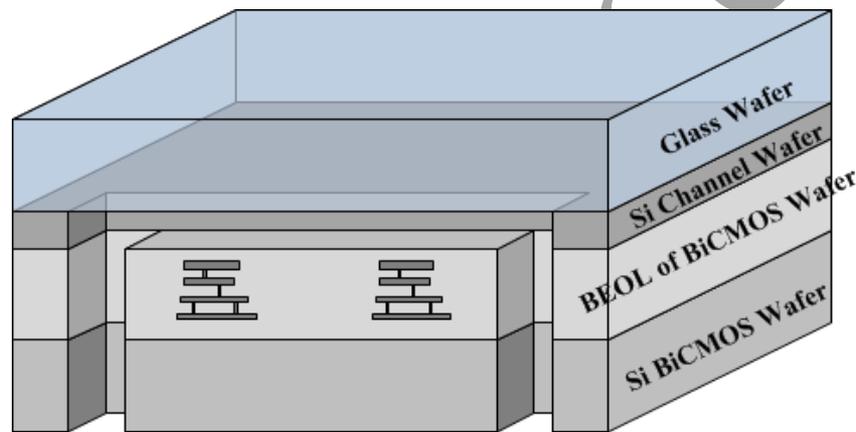
## FEOL

- Transistors,
- Poly-resistor
- Diodes, etc.

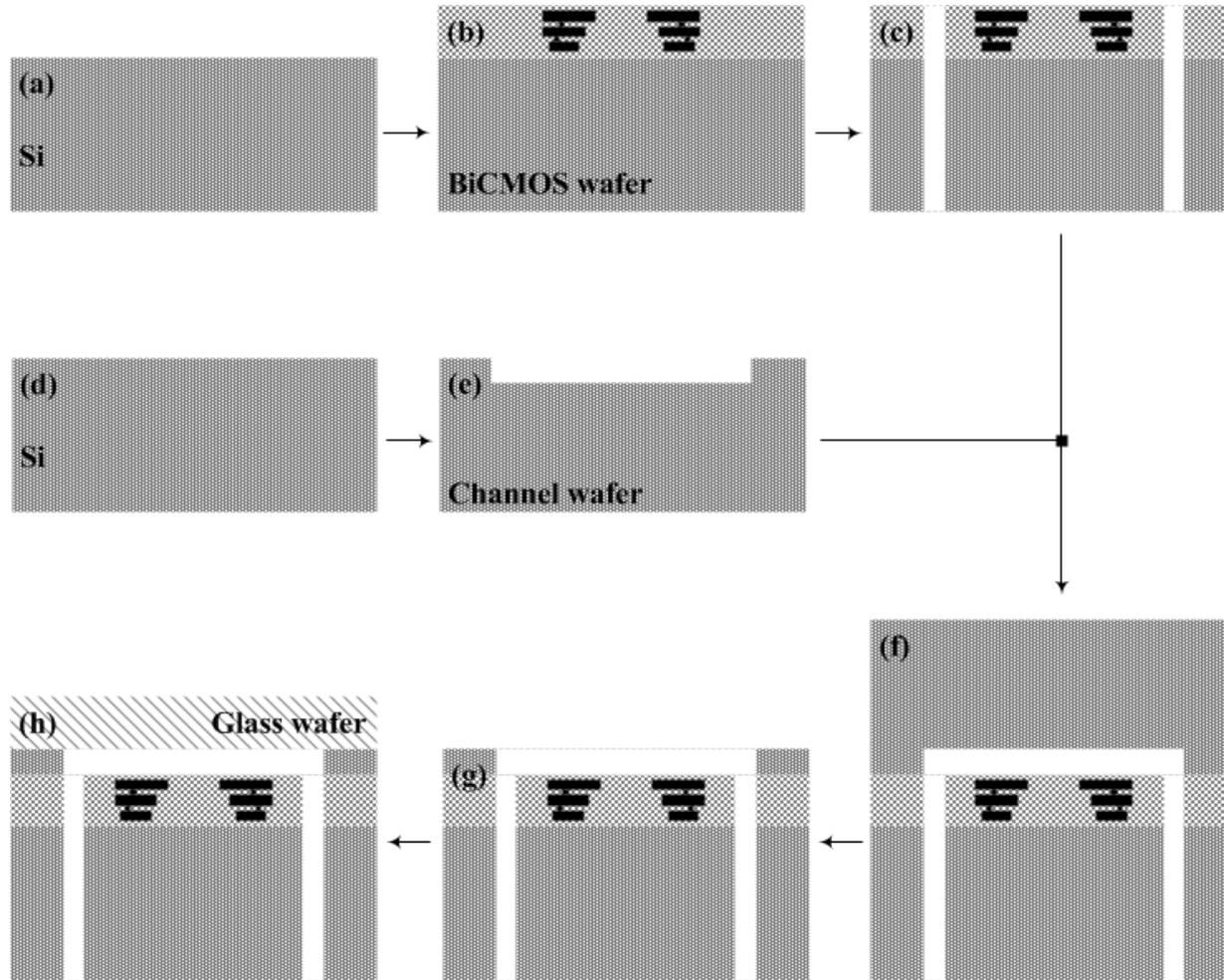
~750  $\mu\text{m}$

# Microfluidic Technology Development

- Achieving goal with 3-wafer stack
  - Device wafer with circuitry and sensors
  - Channel wafer
  - Glass wafer



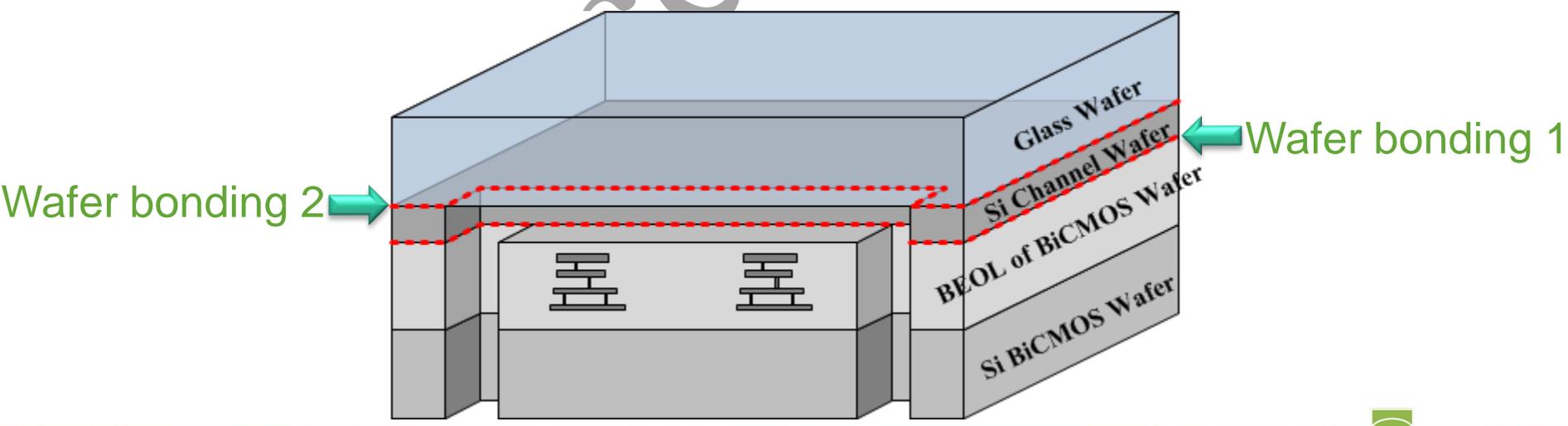
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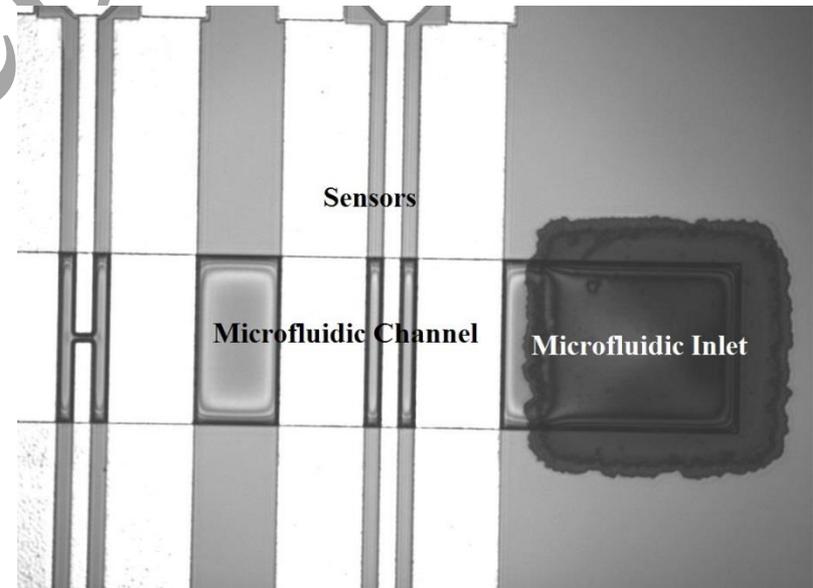
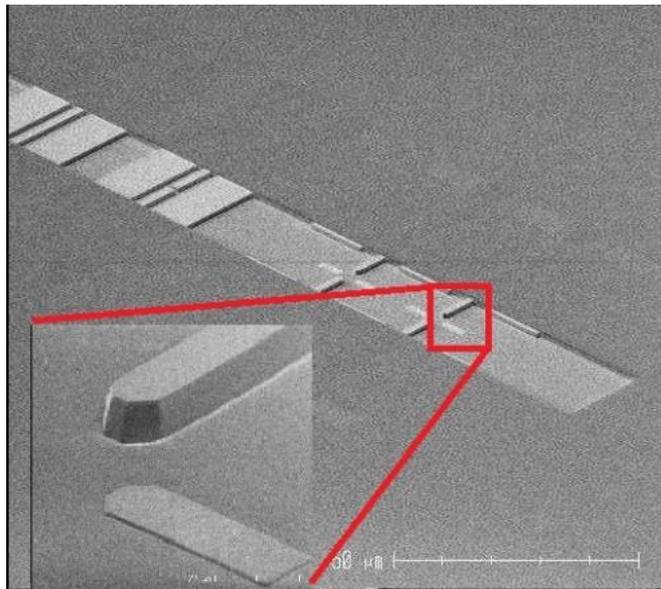
- Wafer Bonding 1
  - Plasma assisted oxide-oxide fusion bonding
  - Between device wafer and channel wafer
- Wafer Bonding 2
  - Adhesive bonding
  - Between glass wafer and device+channel wafer stack

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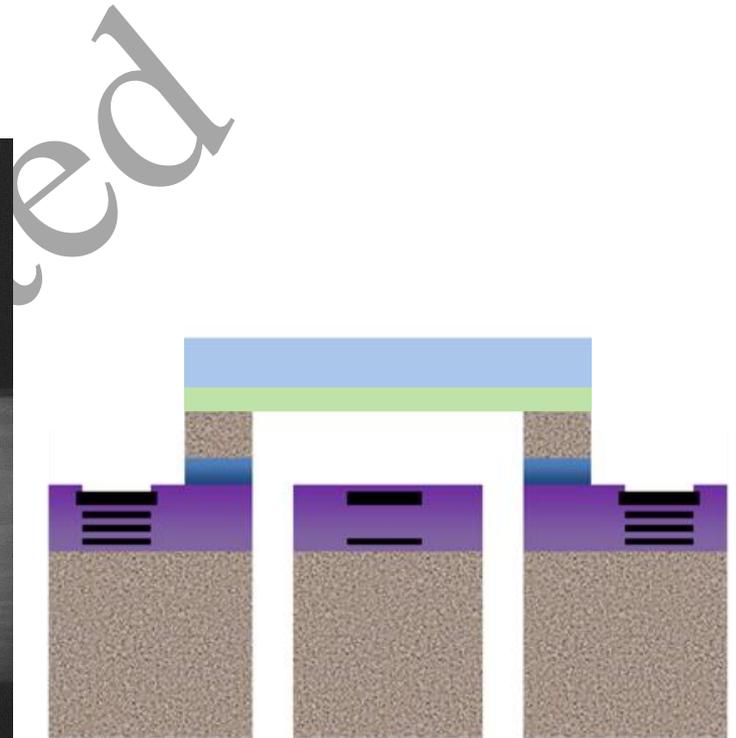
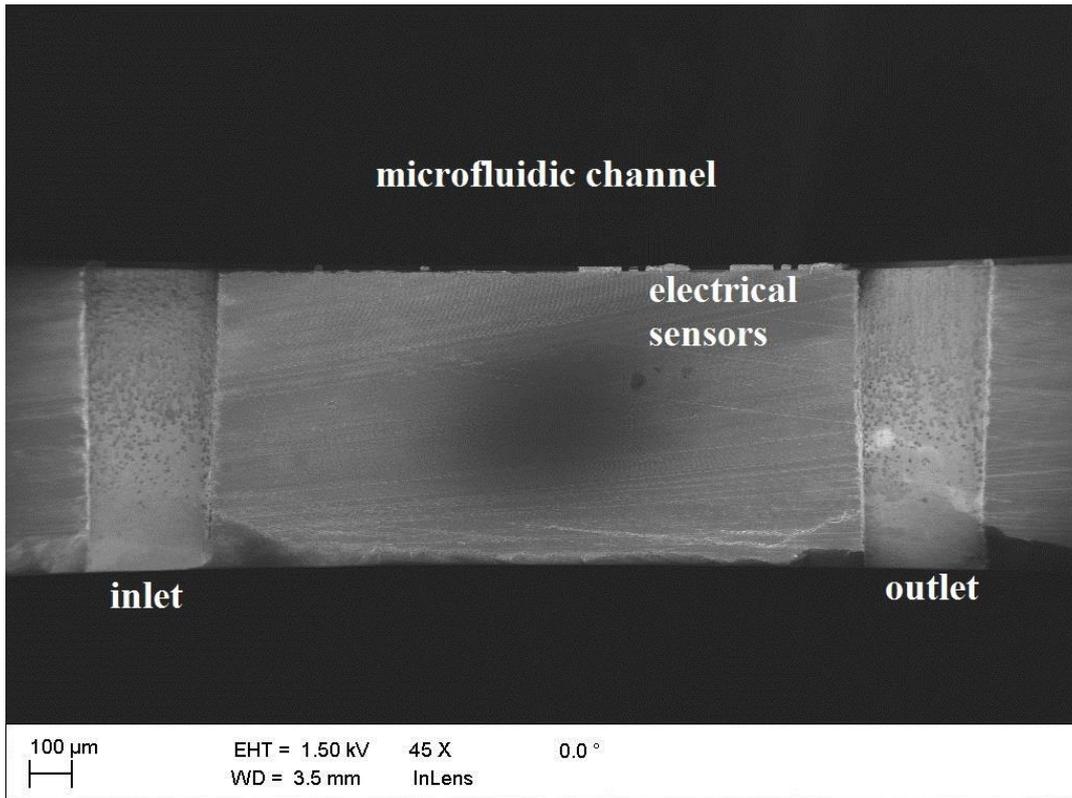


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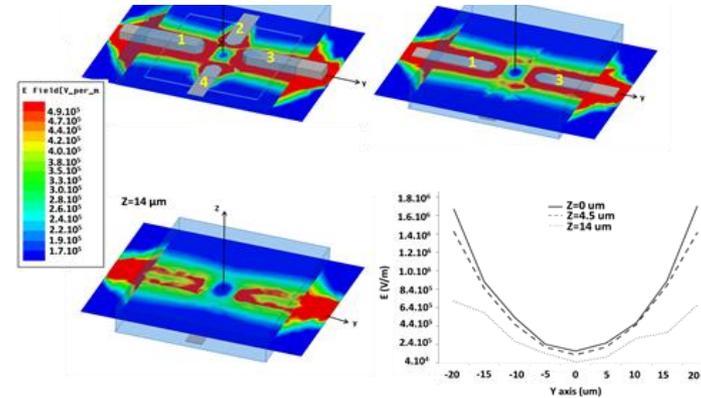
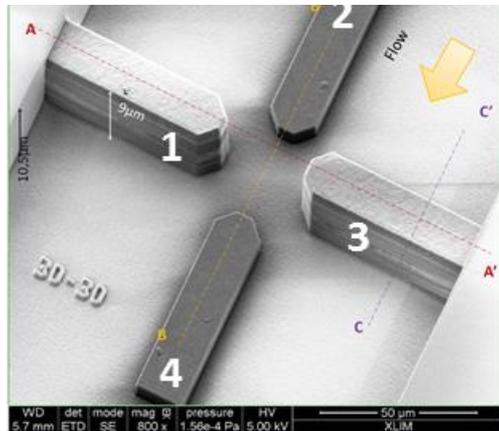
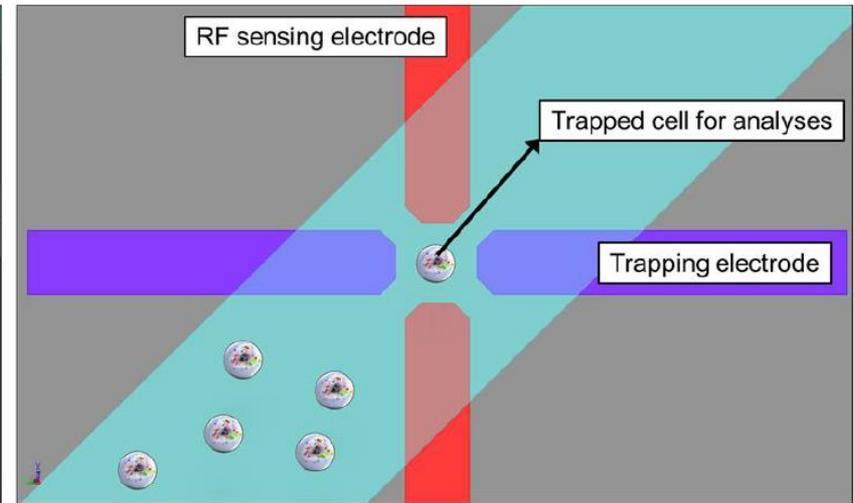
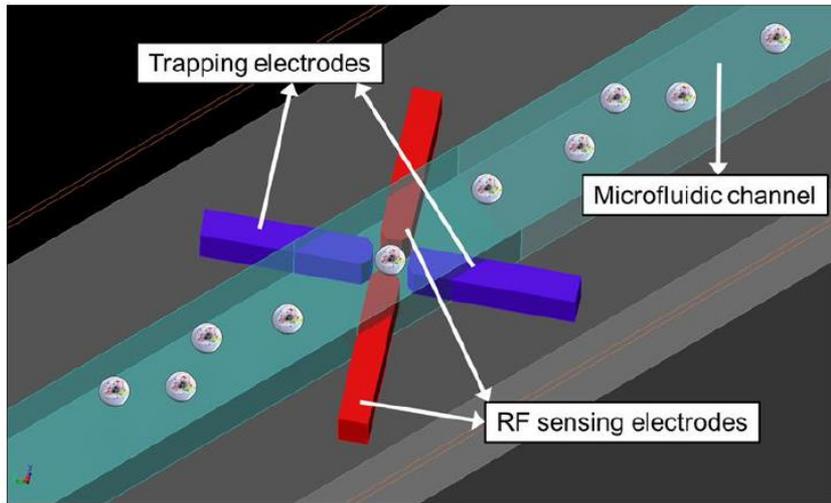
- Electrical sensors are in the microfluidic channels
- Decreasing the distance between the sensor and the fluidic interface



# Microfluidic Technology Development



# Potential Microfluidic Components in BiCMOS



# Summary

- Microfluidic integration based on wafer-bonding
- $\mu\text{m}$ -range distance between the sensors and biological samples
- Separation of electrical and fluidic interface
- Wafer-level integration for low cost
- Combination of high-performance BiCMOS technology with microfluidics
- Low freq. and mm-wave bio-sensing development for ultra miniaturized microfluidic technology



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