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## **Moore's Law Extension and Beyond**

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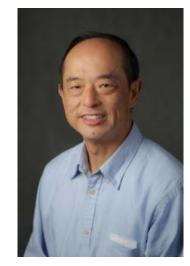
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# Outline

- Introduction of Moore's Law in Microelectronics
- Materials Innovation
  - III-V Metal-oxide-semiconductor Field-effect transistors (MOSFETS)

#### Structure Engineering

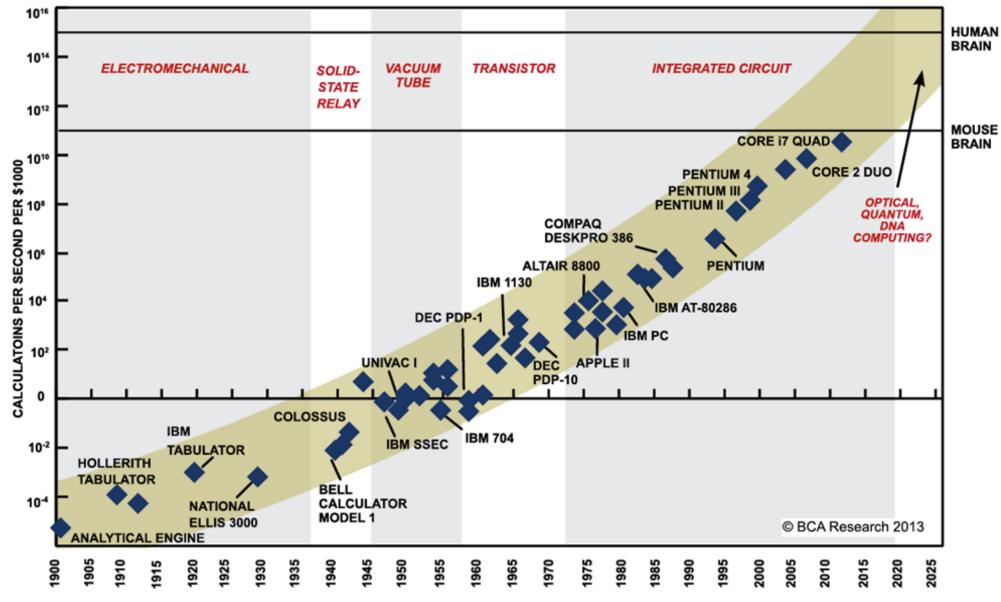
Ge 3D Gate-all-around Field-effect Transistors (GAAFETs)

#### Device Architecture Exploration

2D Negative Capacitance Field-effect Transistors (NCFETs)

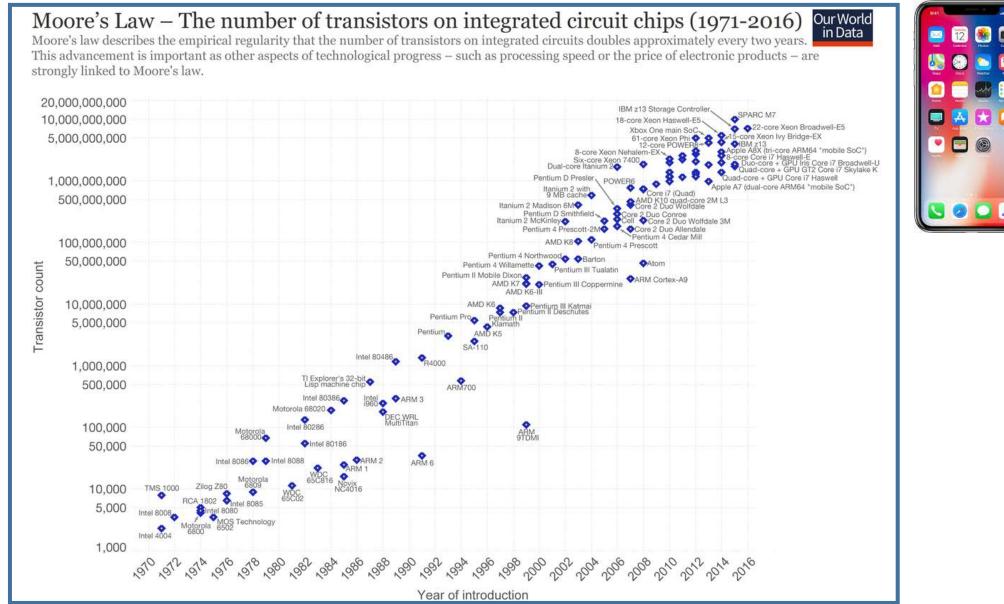
Conclusion and Outlook

#### **History of Computation**



SOURCE: RAY KURZWEIL, "THE SINGULARITY IS NEAR: WHEN HUMANS TRANSCEND BIOLOGY", P.67, THE VIKING PRESS, 2006. DATAPOINTS BETWEEN 2000 AND 2012 REPRESENT BCA ESTIMATES.

#### **Moore's Law in Microelectronics**

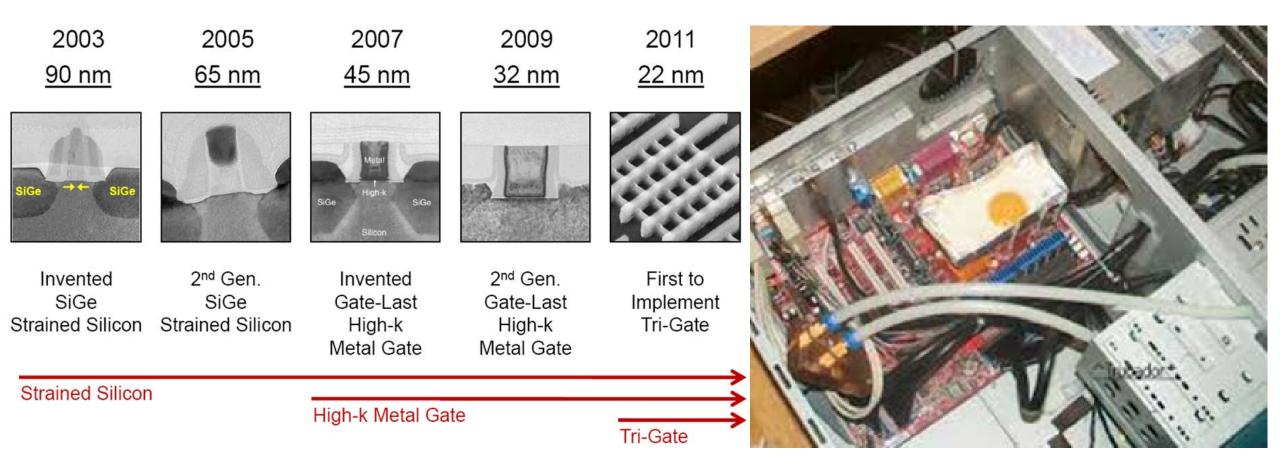


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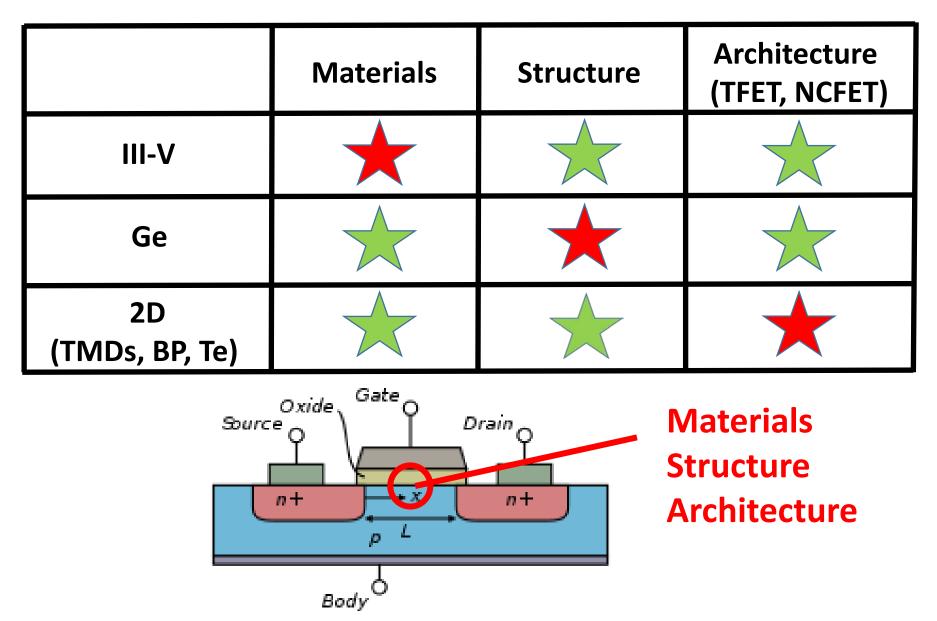
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The data visualization is available at OurWorldinData.org. There you find more visualizations and research on this topic.

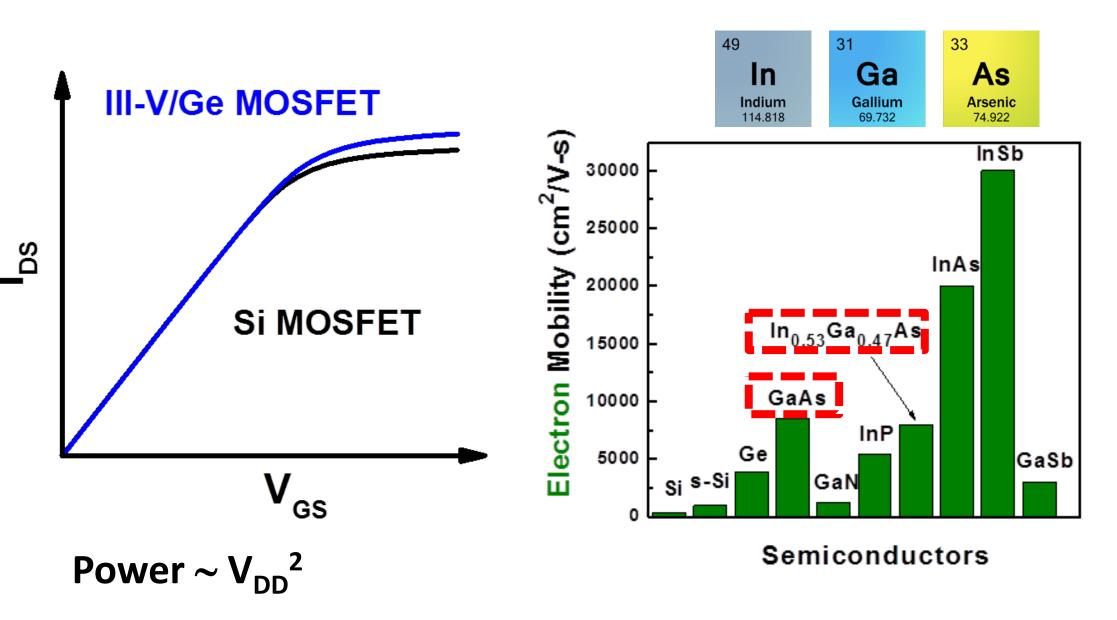
### Power, Power, Power!



## **Research on Moore's Law Extension**



## Why III-V MOSFET for Logic Applications



# **Oxide layer formation on GaAs**

#### **Native Oxides**

- (1) Thermal oxidation of GaAs
- (2) Wet oxidation of GaAs
- (3) Plasma oxidation of GaAs
- (4) Laser-assisted oxidation of GaAs
- (5) Vacuum ultraviolet photochemical oxidation of GaAs

#### **Deposited Oxides**

- (6) CVD deposited oxide films on GaAs
- (7) Si/Ge interficial layer + oxide films
- (8) MBE deposited oxide films on GaAs  $(Ga_2O_3-Gd_2O_3)$
- (9) <u>Atomic Layer Deposition (ALD) grown</u> oxide films on III-V semiconductors

**A Dream for more than Four Decades** 



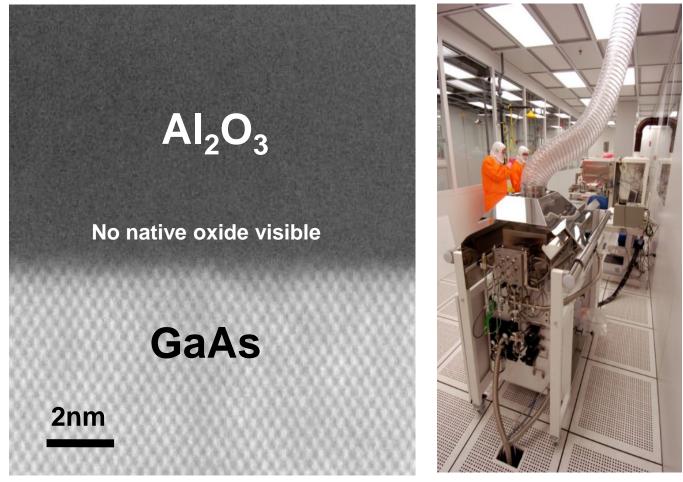
1979 Takashi Mimura at Fujitsu Laboratories in Japan invents HEMT

1979 W.E. Spicer experimentally confirms "oxide"/GaAs(110) Fermi-level pinning; All agencies in DoD/USA stop funding III-V MOSFET research. (T.P. Ma SISC 2009 talk)

> III-V MOSFET research is still going at small scale in the end of 80s and 90s

## **Ex-situ** ALD high-k on III-V substrates

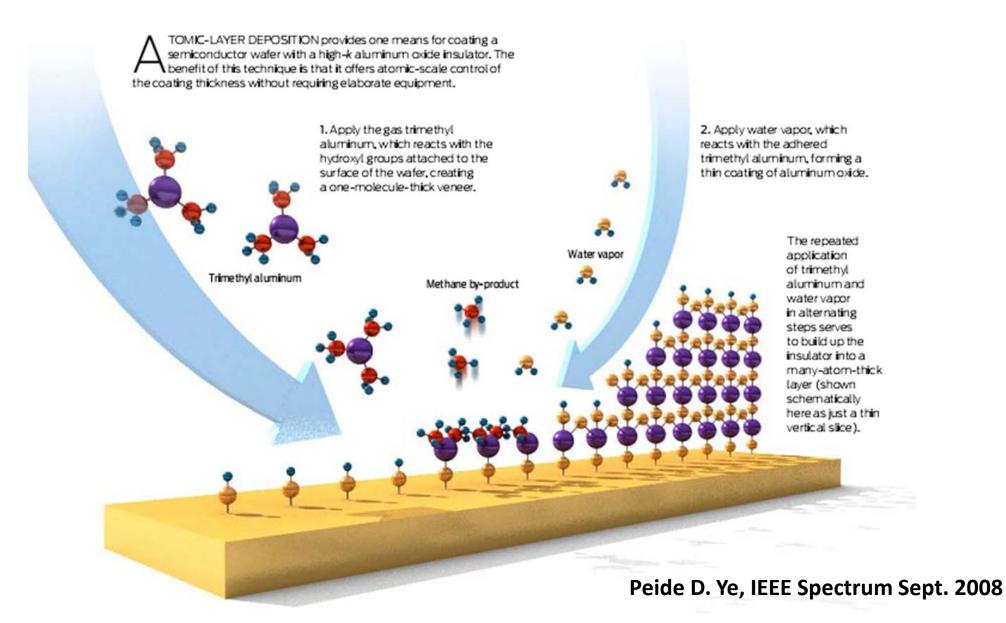
2002 Ye, Wilk and others started to study ALD Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and HfO<sub>2</sub> process on III-V



ALD self-cleaning effect 2 ASM ALD Systems at Purdue

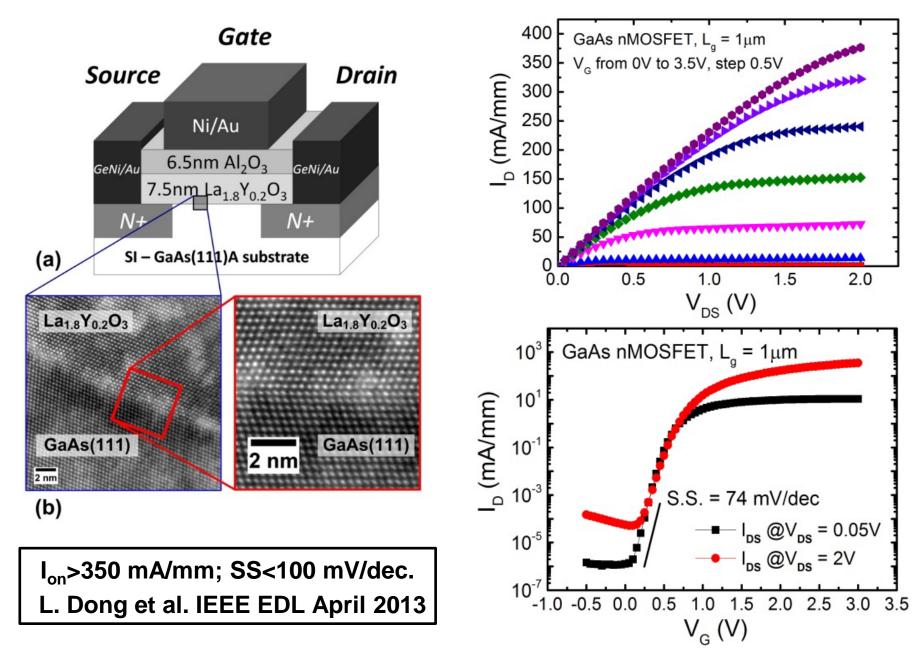
Many works at Intel, IBM, SEMATECH, IMEC, AIST, Purdue, U. Tokyo, Stanford, MIT, UCB, UCSB, UCSD, NUS, UT Austin, UT Dallas, NTHU, many other universities

# ALD $AI_2O_3$ Process with TMA and $H_2O_3$



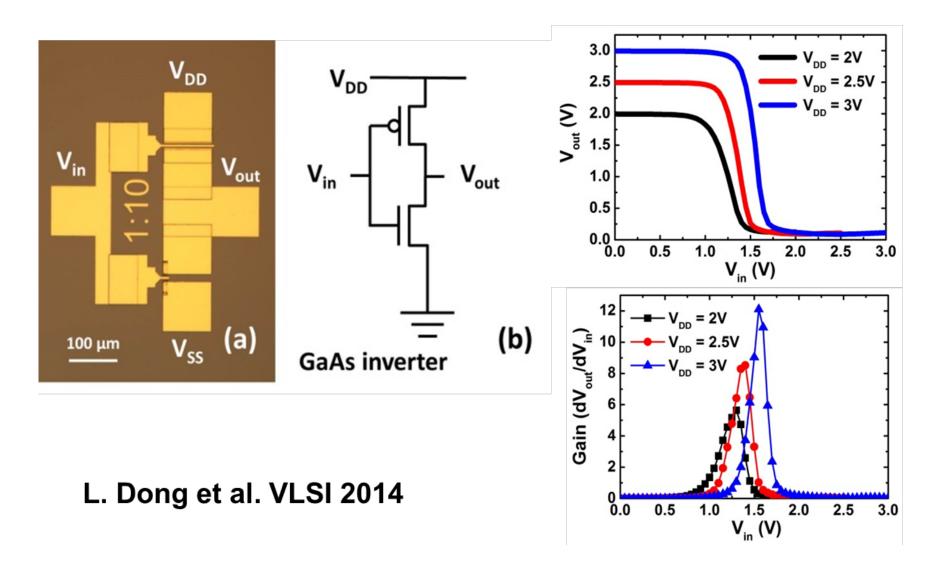
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#### Highest $I_D$ in GaAs MOSFET enabled by ALD

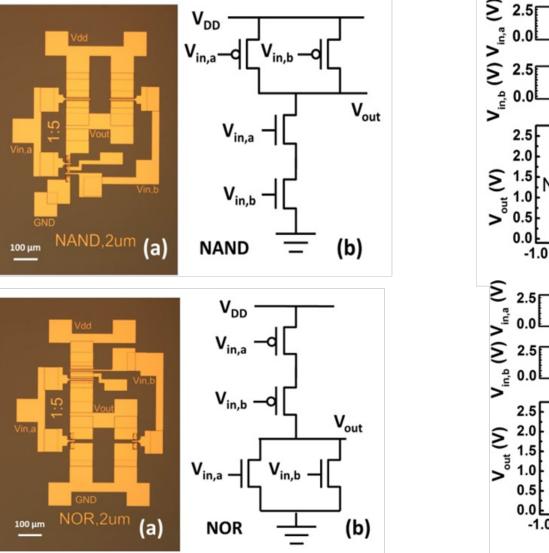


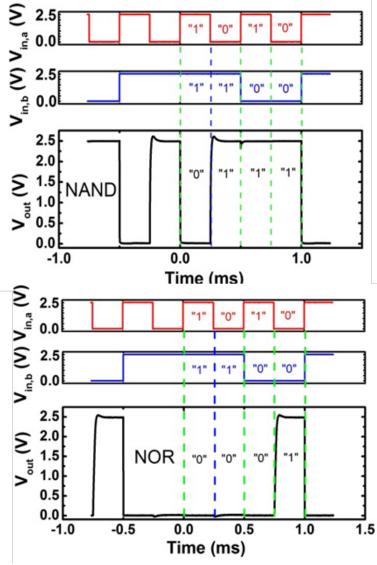
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## **First GaAs CMOS Inverter**

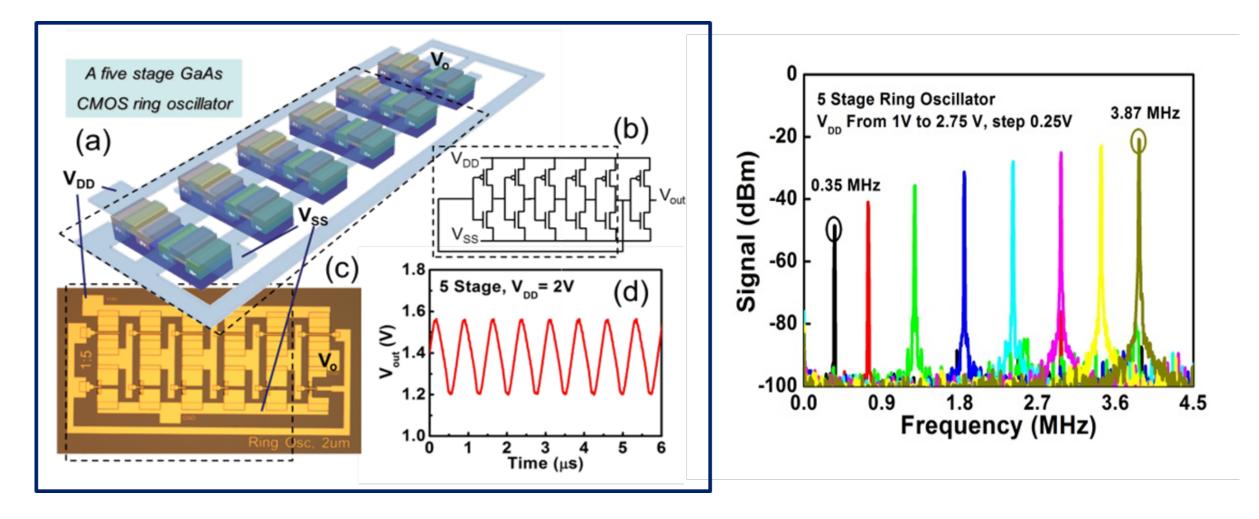


#### First GaAs CMOS based circuitry



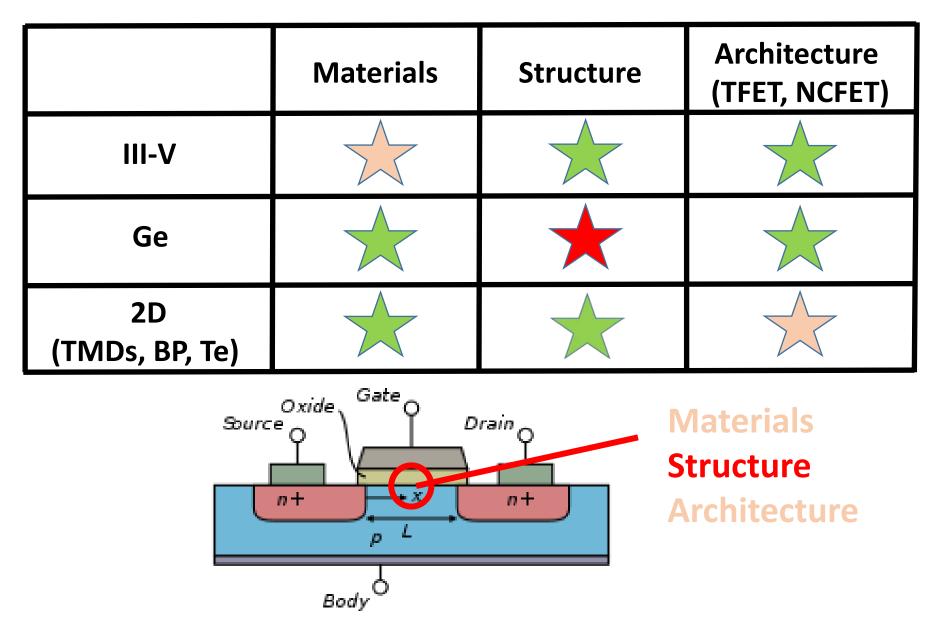


### First GaAs CMOS 5-Stage Ring-Oscillator

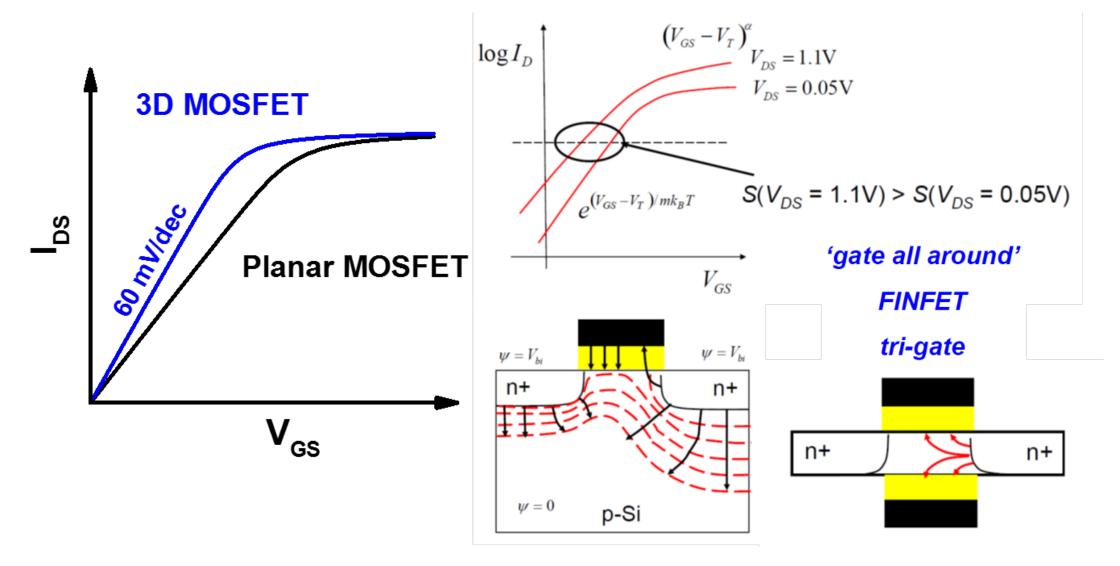


L. Dong et al. VLSI 2014 16

## **Research on Moore's Law Extension**



#### **3D Transistors improve electrostatic control of the channel**



# The First Transistor is on Ge (made at Purdue)





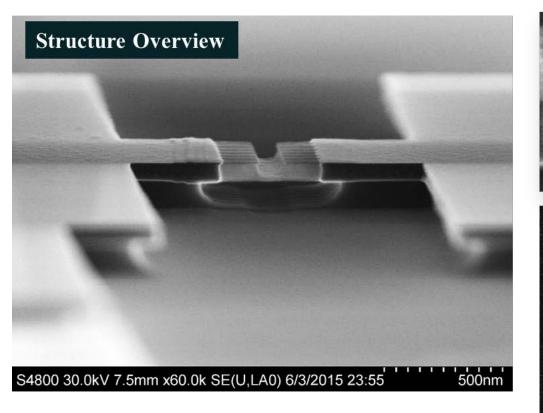
The first point contact transistor invented by Bardeen and Brattain at Bell Labs in 1947

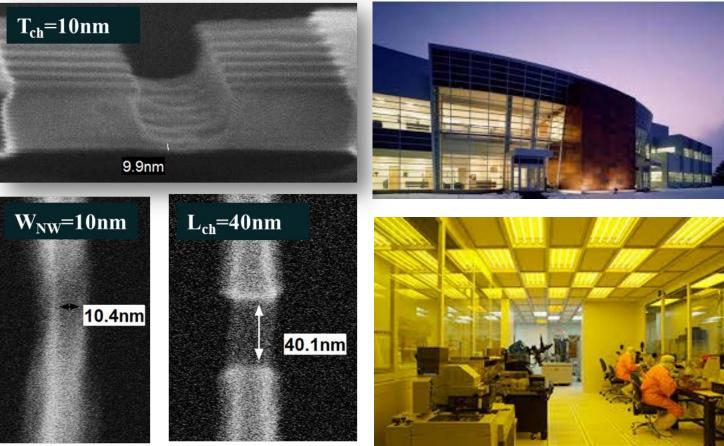


Karl Lark-Horovitz (1892-1958) was hired by Purdue since 1928

## **Advanced Gate Structures (Gate-all-around)**

#### • Ge Nanowire CMOS SEMs

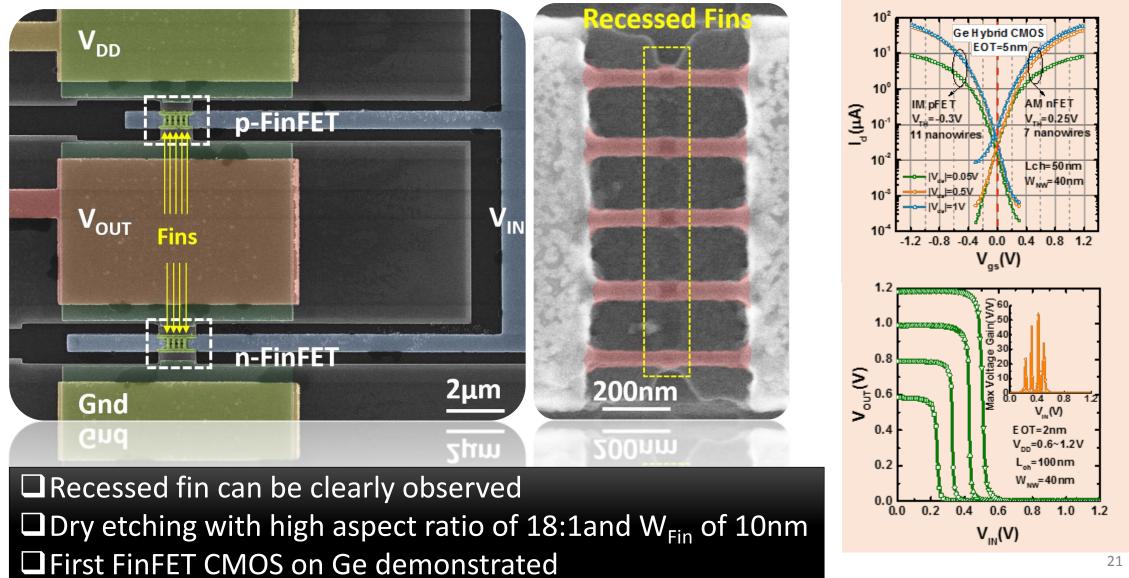




□ Ge Nanowire CMOS Devices demonstrated □  $T_{ch}$ = 10 nm, smallest  $W_{NW}$  = 10 nm, and  $L_{ch}$  = 40 nm

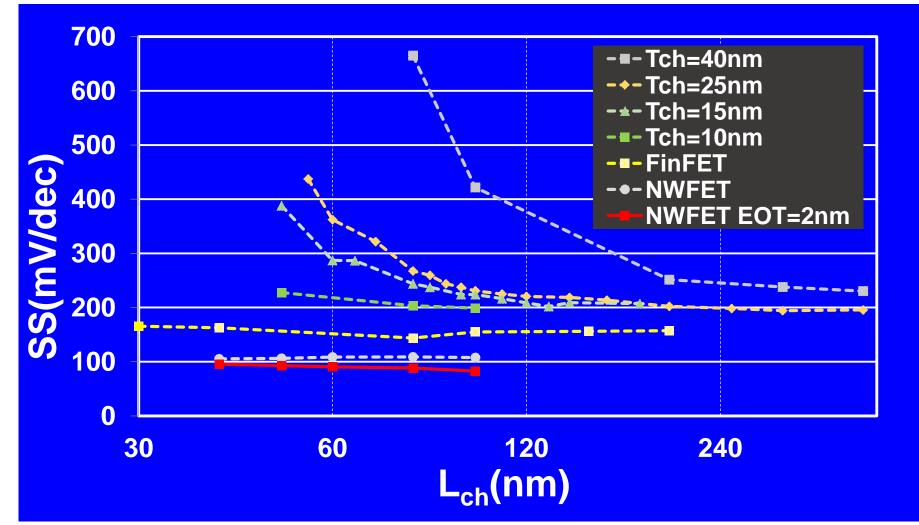
## First Ge CMOS Circuits with 3D Structures

#### **FinFET CMOS Under SEM**



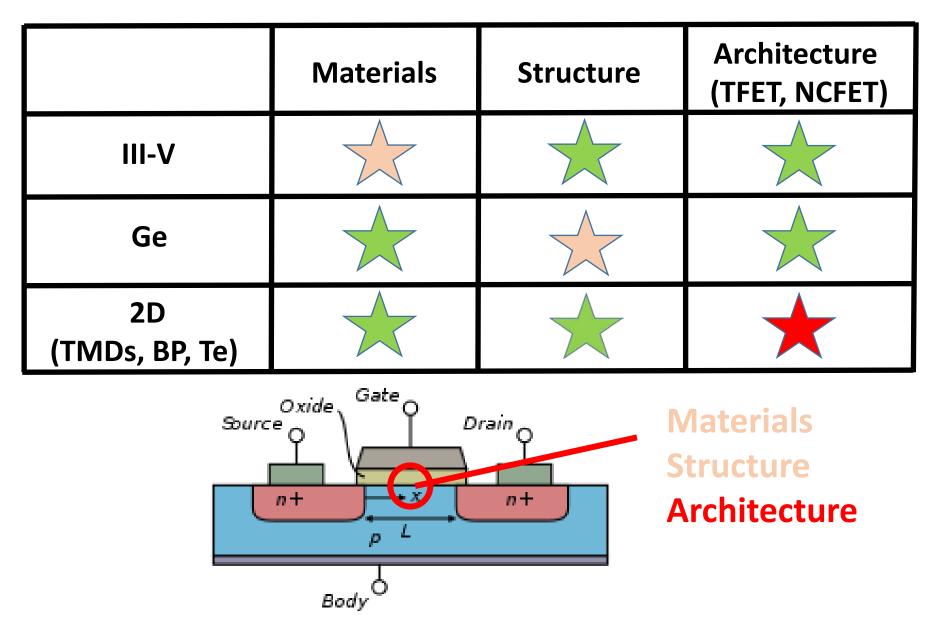
#### **Advanced Gate Structures**

#### Short Channel Effect Immunity

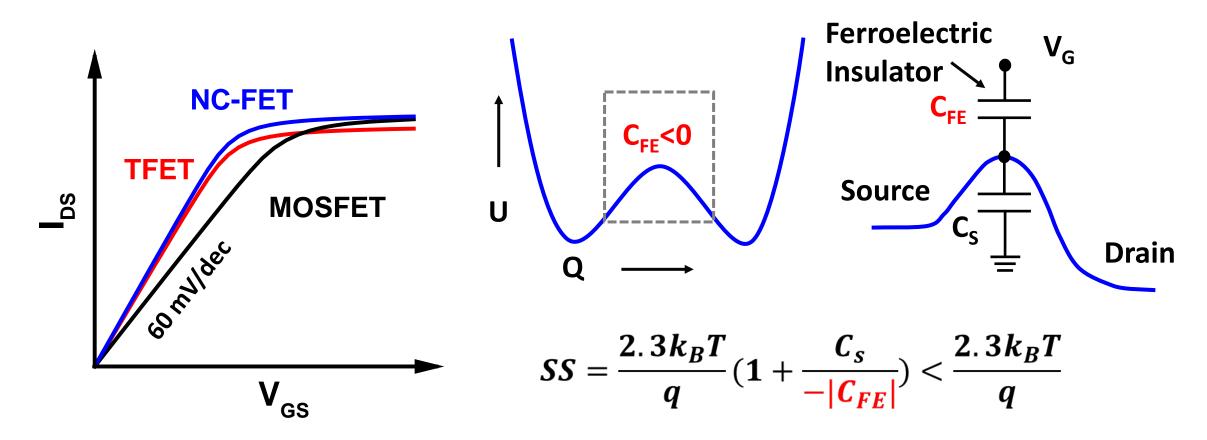


□ SS is reduced down to around 80 mV/dec in nanowire devices with small EOT

## **Research on Moore's Law Extension**

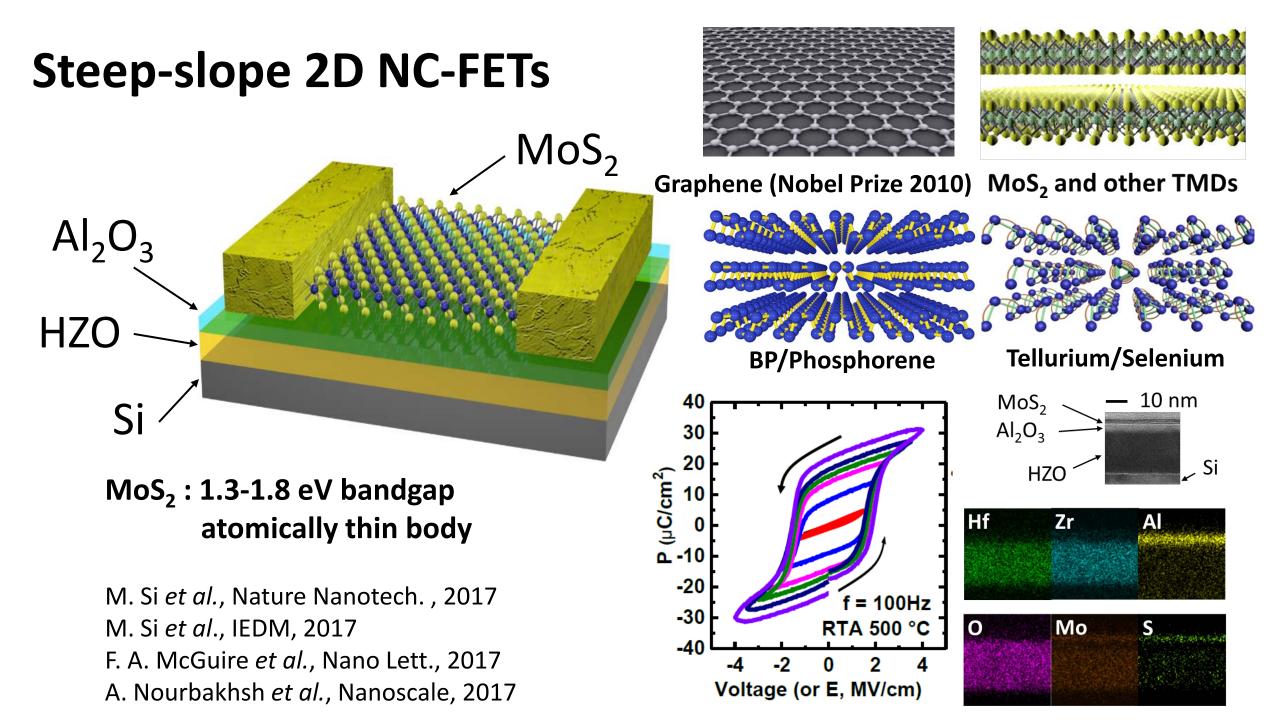


### **Steep-slope Switches for Low-power Applications**

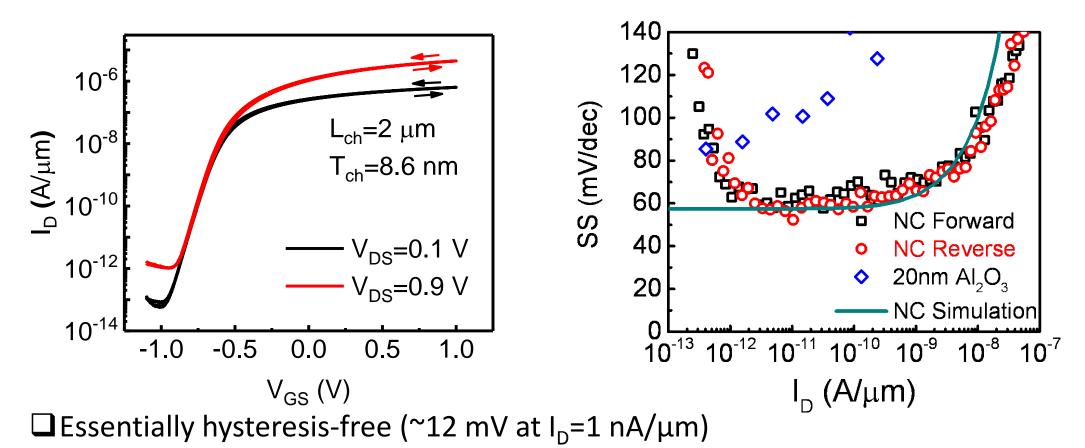


□ NC-FETs can achieve steep-slope switching without on-state degradation.

S. Salahuddin and S. Datta, Nano Lett., 2008 <sup>24</sup>



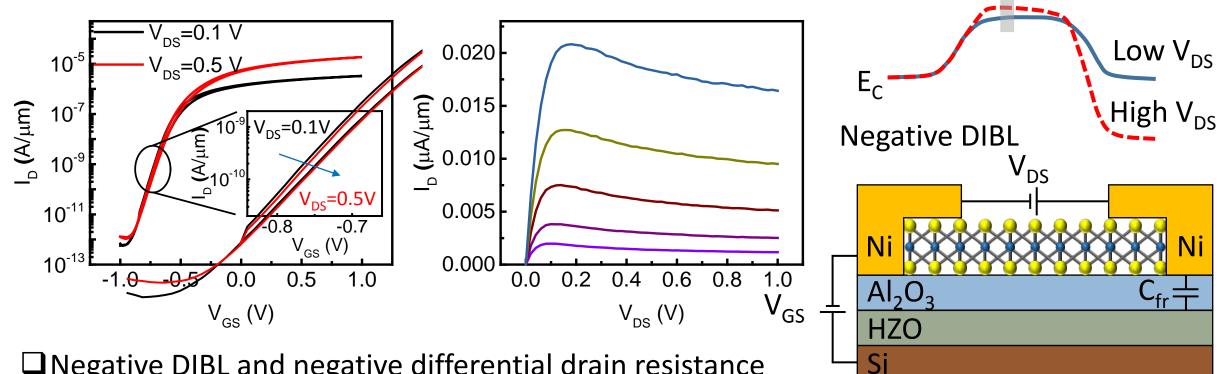
# Steep-slope MoS<sub>2</sub> NC-FETs with HZO as Gate Dielectric: DC Electrical Characterization



□ Sub-60 mV/dec subthreshold slope at room temperature

(1) Bi-directionally SS < 60 mV/dec; (2) Hysteresis-free;

#### **Negative DIBL and Negative Differential Resistance**



Negative DIBL and negative differential drain resistance observed as the result of drain negative capacitance coupling.

H. Ota et al., IEDM 2016

(3) Negative DIBL; (4) Negative Differential Drain Resistance at Low Current;

# Conclusions

- Purdue University is always a front-runner and power-house for semiconductor materials and device research.
- Moore's Law in microelectronics is slowing down, but will be continuing. Innovative research for new types of switches are strongly demanded. Purdue has three new centers on that front in 2018.
- Academia can contribute significantly on this research front. Hopefully some of our research can have significant impacts on science, industry and even human society.

