Business Unit Industry and Health

Industry: Production without downtime, emissions and cyber incidents

Smart industrial applications for industry control systems and monitoring in tough work environments to predict further work steps and make intelligent decisions.

Health: Affordable health through intelligent medicine

Highly-sensitive, smart medical sensors for care, hospitals and at home to improve prevention, diagnostics and therapy.

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Smart Sensor Systems for a safe, secure, and future

As a trusted research and development partner for industry, our goal is to develop customized sensor systems for your specific needs in the areas of biomedical sensors, optical systems, open source semiconductors, embedded AI, technology services, and even quantum technology.

The teams in the four business units – Health, Industry, Mobility, and Space and Security – are committed to implementing outstanding and versatile microelectronics that can be utilized across all your projects. For example, these solutions feature high integration capability, enormous energy efficiency, and reliable functionality even under harsh conditions.

Monolithically integrated in one device

Highly scalable micro- and nanofluidic devices on CMOS for biomedical applications

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Membranes for microfluidic

**Biomedical applications:**
- Blood cell filtration
- Model of vascular walls, and blood-brain barrier
- Pathogen detection
- Drug delivery
- Cell fractionation
- In-situ electrolysis and genome analysis
- Cell counting
- Automated clogging detection

**Other industries:**
- Food processing (e.g., beverage clarification)
- Chemical and energy industry (e.g., hydrogen separation)
- Microplastic analysis and separation

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**Fabrication**

**Fabrication:**
- 200 mm wafer scale (silicon based)
- CMOS-compatible microsystem technology
- Combination of 350 nm projection lithography, ALD and DRIE
- Glass wafer etching for microfluidic structures

**Benefits:**
- Extremely thin structures
- Highly scalable
- High aspect ratio
- Biocompatible and biostable

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**Nanoneedle-electrodes**

**Applications:**
- Intracellular electrical recording
- Electrical cell stimulation

**Intracellular applications:**
- Electrical recording
- Electrical stimulation
- Drug delivery
- Extraction of cell contents
- Biochemical sensing

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Schematic drawing of the combination of 3D-ALD nanostructures designed as injection needles and a nanofluidic cavity enables intracellular drug delivery and in-situ monitoring of physiological parameters.

In microscope image of a membrane etched free with a nanoneedle array using vapor phase etching.

Conductive nanoneedles for cell contacting made from ALD materials.