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**All-Silicon System with  
Highest Functionality, Lowest Cost  
in Smallest Size with Nano-packaging**

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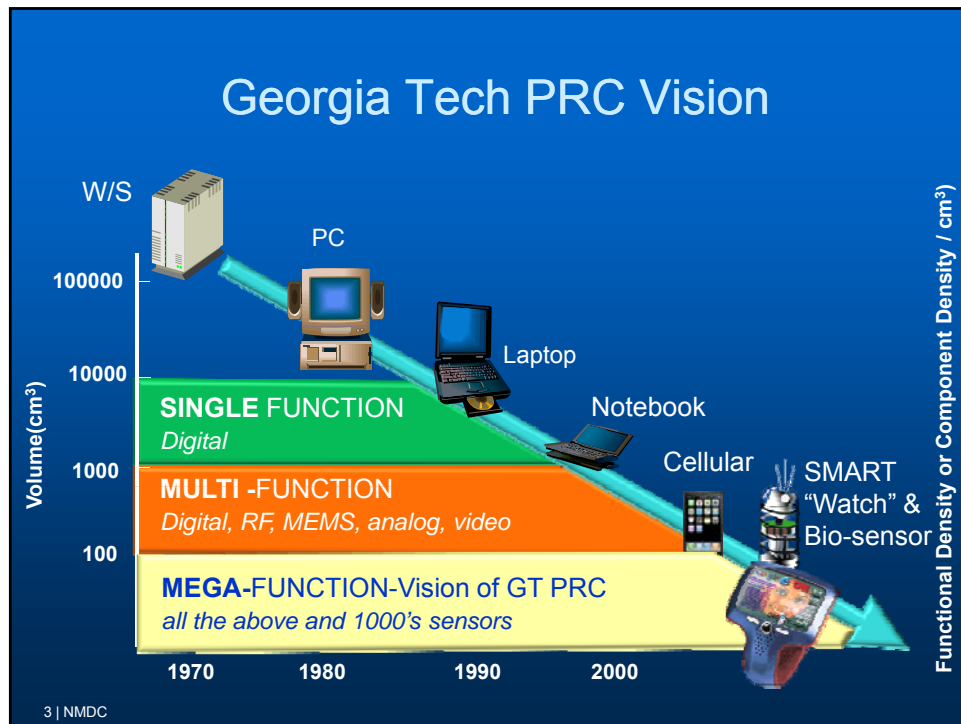
## What is Nanopackaging?

- Materials and processes at nanoscale for:

- Interconnecting
- Powering
- Cooling
- Protecting

- Devices and Systems.


Leading to nano-packaged devices and nano-packaged systems with highest functionality at lowest cost in smallest size



## Current Smart Systems


### LG Video Phone Watch

- Featuring:
  - Full touch screen
  - Camera
  - Speaker
  - Bluetooth
- Bionic gadget can:
  - Play music
  - Take photos
  - Schedule appts
  - Read text messages
  - Make video calls

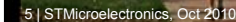


### Apple's iPhone 4

- Featuring:
  - Multi-touch display
  - Dual cameras
  - Three-axis gyroscope
  - Camera and LED
- Bionic gadget can:
  - Play music, movies
  - Take photos
  - Record videos
  - Stream TV shows
  - Locate nearest Metro station in Paris
  - Over 200,000 applications



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## Nano-Packaging Requirements

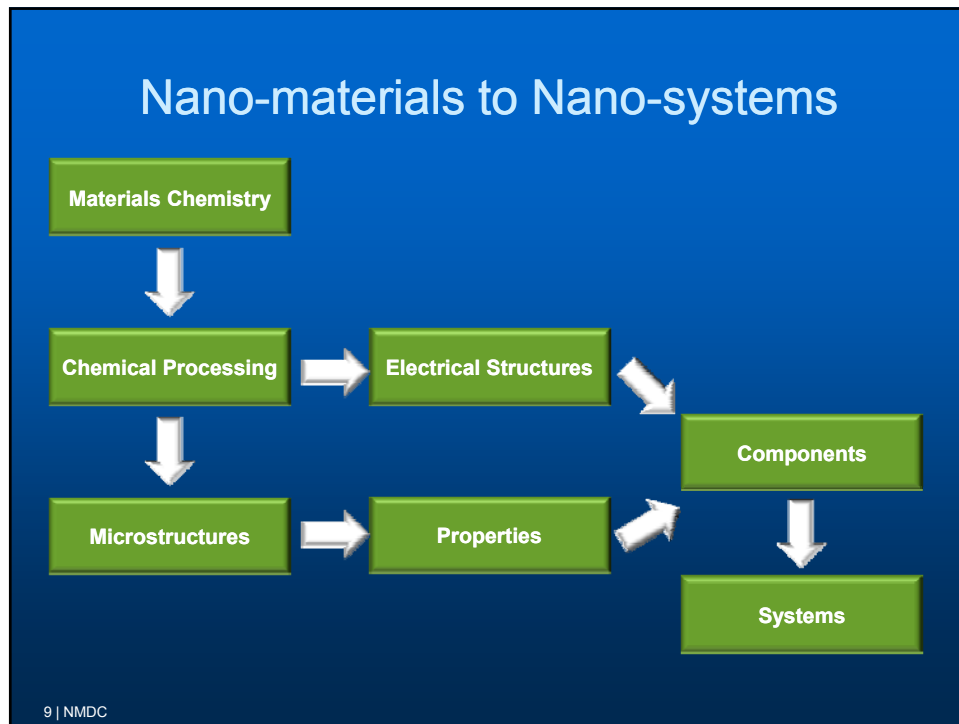
- Improved properties
- Miniaturization
- Low-temperature for organic packaging compatibility

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## 3D ASSM Strategy in Micro to Nanocomponents

- Power
  - High-density capacitors and inductors
  - Super-capacitors
  - Thin film batteries
- RF
  - Capacitors
  - Inductors
  - Antennas
- Digital
  - Capacitors
- Thermal
  - TIM (Thermal Interface Materials)
- Interconnections
  - Bonding layers: Adhesives and nanoparticle bonding layers
  - Nanoscale interconnections

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## Nano-packaging Strategy

Function	Component	Goal
<b>Power Components</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High density capacitors</li> <li>High density inductor</li> <li>Supercapacitors</li> <li>Batteries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High surface area</li> <li>Thinner dielectrics or electrolytes</li> <li>Low-loss and high-frequency magnetic materials</li> </ul>
<b>RF Components</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capacitors</li> <li>Inductors</li> <li>Antennas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High K and <math>\mu</math></li> <li>Low loss</li> <li>Low TCC</li> </ul>
<b>Digital</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decoupling capacitors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thinner dielectrics</li> <li>High permittivity</li> </ul>
<b>Interconnections</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bump</li> <li>Bonding layers</li> <li>Barriers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low melting point</li> <li>Enhanced strength and fatigue resistance</li> </ul>
<b>Reliability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hermetic coatings</li> <li>Encapsulants</li> <li>Adhesives</li> <li>Molding compounds</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moisture resistance</li> <li>Biocompatibility</li> <li>Hermeticity</li> </ul>
<b>Thermal Structure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TIM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High thermal conductivity</li> <li>Low CTE</li> </ul>

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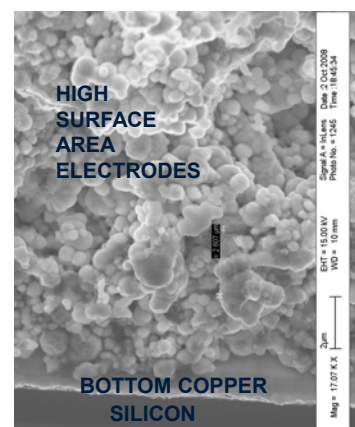
## Power Supply Components

- Capacitors
- Inductors
- Supercapacitors
- Thinfilm batteries

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## Power Supply Capacitors

- Goal:
  - Voltage conversion:
    - Charge pumps
    - Linear regulators
  - Filtering power supply noise
  - DC blocking
- Approach:
  - High-surface-area electrodes
  - Conformal dielectrics
- Properties:
  - 50-100  $\mu\text{F}/\text{cm}^2$
  - 20 V
  - 1  $\mu\text{A}/\mu\text{F}$  leakage
  - Integration in package

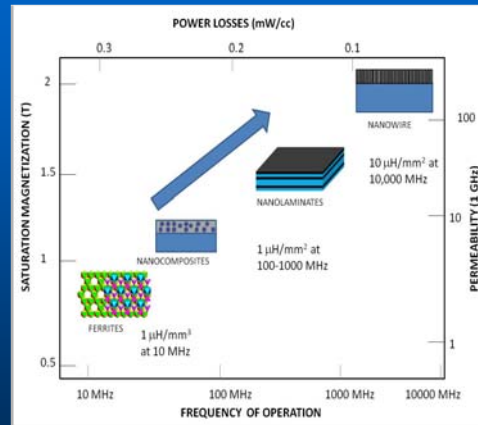


Capacitance density: 30  $\mu\text{F}/\text{cm}^2$  ;  
Withstands 30 V;  
(GT-PRC)

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## Nanoscale Power Inductors

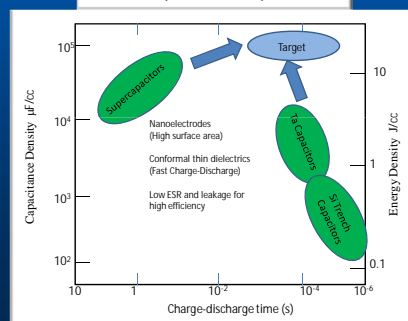
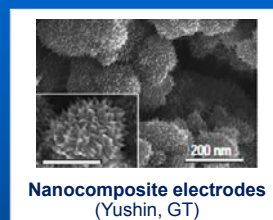
- Goal:
  - Inductors for Power converters
- Approach:
  - Nano-layered or nanocomposite magnetic core for suppressed losses
  - Permalloy wires in polymer matrix
- Properties:
  - 1 mH/mm<sup>2</sup>
  - 50-100 micron device
  - 10-100 MHz



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## Nanoscale Supercapacitors

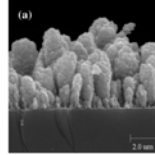
- Goal:
  - Miniaturized components for:
    - Power boost in short duration
    - Power conversion
    - Pulsed power supply
- Approach:
  - High surface area oxide or CNT networks for volumetric efficiency
  - Novel designs and fabrication routes to eliminate the need for separator
  - Reduce the electrolyte thickness by 10-100X for faster charge and discharge
- Properties:
  - 500-1000 F/g
  - 100 mF/cm<sup>2</sup> for 100μm thickness
  - Stable charge-discharge after 500,000 cycles



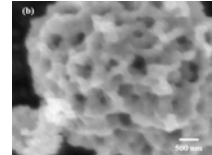
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## Batteries

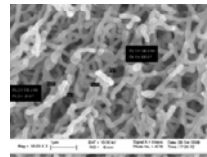
- Goal:
  - Thin film power source integrated in the package
- Approach:
  - Lithium intercalation with higher active surface area for fast electrode kinetics
  - Shorter diffusion lengths for rapid transport with Advanced electrolytes
  - Thin film packaging compatible for battery integration
- Properties:
  - Thin film and nano-batteries with 1 mAh/cm<sup>2</sup> mm at 3 V (equivalent to 30,000 W hr/liter)
  - 1000-2000 mAh/g



**Nano SnO<sub>2</sub>**  
(Meilin Liu, GT-PRC)



**Porous Lithium cathodes**  
(Meilin Liu, GT-PRC)



**Si-decorated CNT**  
(Jud Ready, GTRI – GT)

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## RF Components

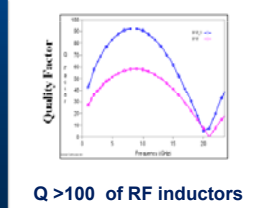
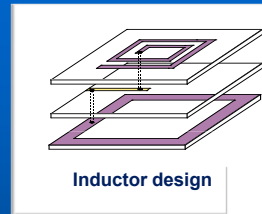
- Capacitors
- Inductors
- Antennas

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## RF Inductors

- **Goal:**
  - High Q and high-density inductors for:
    - RF filters
    - Oscillators
    - Matching networks
- **Approach:**
  - Multilayered design for high Q
  - Materials: Low loss dielectrics
  - Low-Cost Multilayered processes
  - Low-cost drilling, wet metallization
  - Thin form factors
- **Properties:**
  - 10-100 nH/mm<sup>2</sup> (50 microns)
  - Q of above 100
  - Frequency: 1-10 GHz

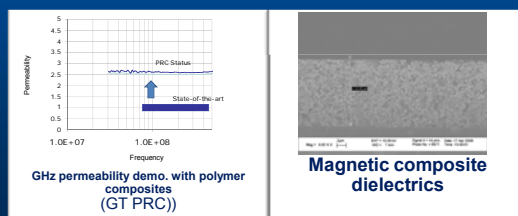
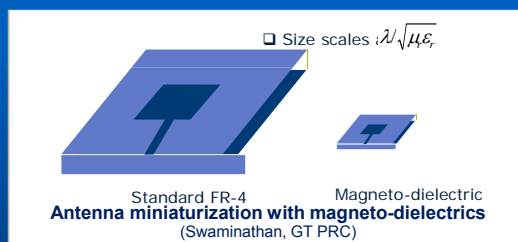


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## Nanoscale Magneto-Dielectric Antennas

- **Goals:**
  - 1-10 GHz (ex. WiFi and WiMAX)
  - Size reduction by 10X
  - Enhance bandwidth and gain
- **Approach:**
  - Nanoscale magnetic composites
- **Properties:**
  - Frequency: 1-10 GHz
  - Permeability: 10-100
  - Permittivity: 5-15



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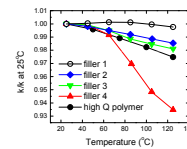
## RF Capacitors: Nano and Micro-polymer Composites

- Goal:
  - Components for RF
    - 10-100 nF/cm<sup>2</sup>
    - Q>200
    - Tolerance within 5%
- Approach:
  - Nanocomposite dielectrics
  - Oxides in Polymer matrix
  - Polymer (5-10) um and inorganic (1um)
  - Precision tolerance for size and thickness

	Ferroelec	LTCC and Traditional RF dielec.	Nanocomp.
TCC ppm/C	2000	50	50
Perm.	500-1000	2.5-8	10-80
Loss	0.08	0.001	0.001



$\epsilon > 10$ , TCC 50 ppm/C; Loss 0.005



**Filler chemistry selection to balance dielectric constant, Q and thermal stability**  
(jin Hwang, Georgia Tech)

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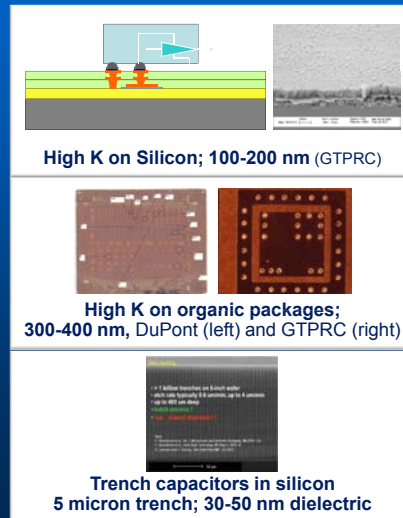
## Digital Components

- Decoupling Capacitors

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## Decoupling Capacitors

- **Goals:**
  - Noise-free power supply
  - Support high power ICs (higher current demands)
  - Support high bandwidth I/Os
- **Approach:**
  - Thin film capacitors integrated in organic build-up layers
  - Silicon integration with trench structures and conformal coatings
  - Design for low impedance
  - Design to route high-density I/Os
- **Properties:**
  - High capacitance density  $> 2 \text{ mF/cm}^2$
  - Low impedance (high Self-Resonance) in the GHz frequencies
  - BDV  $> 20 \text{ V}$



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## Printed Nanometal Wiring

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## Printed Nano-metal Wiring

- **Goals:**
  - Metal wiring with low-cost printing technologies on flex and roll-to-roll process
  - Organic compatible processing
- **Approach:**
  - Suspensions of nanosilver (5-50 nm)
  - Ink jet printing of nanosilver ink
  - Sintering at organic or paper compatible temperatures
- **Properties:**
  - $T < 250^{\circ}\text{C}$
  - Conductivity close to bulk metal



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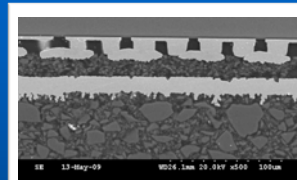
## Interconnections

- Conductive Adhesives
- Nanoscale Interconnections
- Nanoparticle Bonding

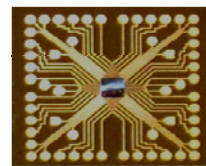
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## Fine-pitch Interconnections with NCF & n-ACF

- **Goals**
  - Fine Pitch (30 micron) interconnections using NCF
  - 10X reduction in pitch compared to flipchip
  - 150 C assembly
  - Embedding in organic packages
- **Approach:**
  - Copper bumps
  - Bonding with NCF
- **Properties:**
  - Contact resistance < 10 milliohms
  - Reliable interconnections:
    - 1400 cycles TST (-55 to 125)
    - 175 C, 72 hours HTS
    - 192 hrs, HAST



IC Embedding with Cu bump and Chip-Last; Cross-section

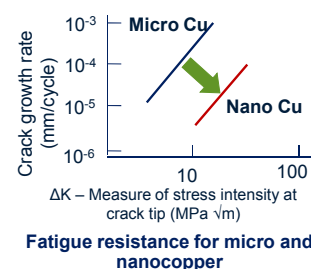
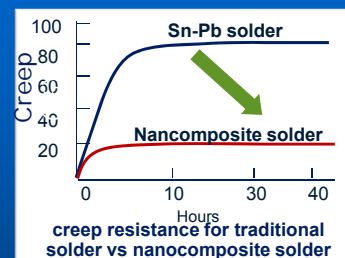


IC Embedding, Top View

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## Nanoscale Interconnection Materials

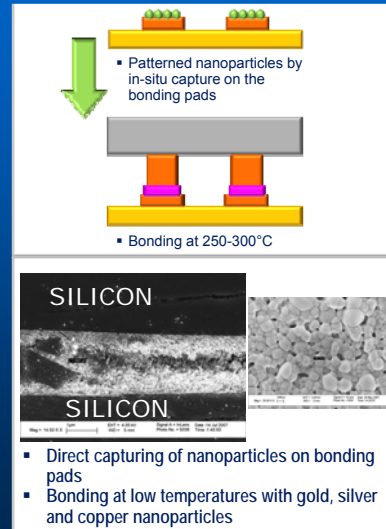
- **Goal:**
  - Flipchip assembly for next-generation nano and 3D ICs
- **Approach:**
  - Nanocopper bump
  - Nanocomposite solders
  - Advanced Barriers
- **Properties:**
  - Current handling 106 Amp/cm<sup>2</sup>
  - Enhanced creep and fatigue resistance
  - Enhanced strength
  - Fine pitch capability with WLP: 50-100 microns



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## Nanoscale Bonding Layer

- **Goal:**
  - 3D IC assembly and interconnections with:
    - Pitch less than 20 microns
    - $T < 250\text{ C}$
    - Solder-free for reliability, fine-pitch and low-cost process
- **Approach**
  - Patterning nanoparticles
  - Low-temperature Cu pad-to-pad bonding
- **Properties:**
  - Sintering at  $T < 250^\circ\text{C}$
  - Conductivity approaching that of bulk metals
  - Flipchip infrastructure compatibility



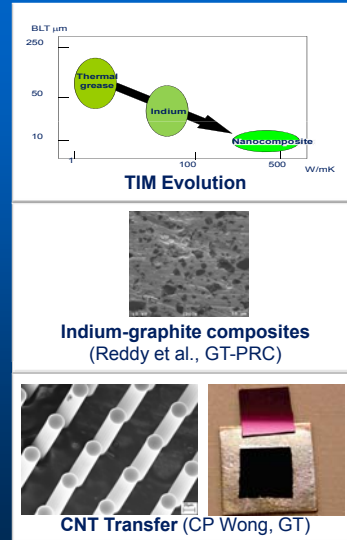
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## Thermal Interfaces

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## Nano-materials for TIM

- **Goal:**
  - Thermal management in:
    - High-power PCs and workstations
    - Miniaturized 3D mobile systems
- **Approach**
  - Advanced thermal adhesives with nanoflakes
    - Metal nanocomposites as TIM
    - CNT-based TIM
- **Properties:**
  - Thermal resistance less than  $0.01^{\circ}\text{C cm}^2/\text{W}$
  - Reliability with thin layers (<10 microns)
  - CTE compatibility with Si and heat sink



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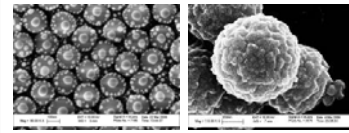
## Reliability

- Nano-composite for Electronics
- Packaging for Biocompatibility
- Nanomaterials for Bioelectronics

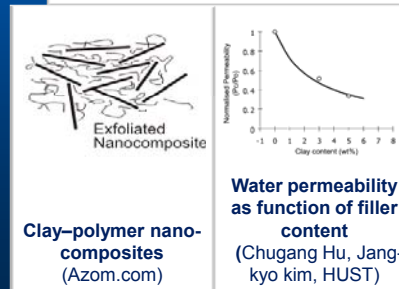
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## Nanocomposites for Reliability

- **Goal:**
  - Enhance polymer composite properties for:
    - Adhesives
    - Underfills
    - Molding compounds, Encapsulants
    - Coatings
- **Approach:**
  - Hybrid organic-inorganic materials for improving CTE, Tg and modulus (thermomechanical properties)
  - Nanocomposites for low moisture permeability
  - Surface modification for hydrophobicity for low moisture permeability
- **Properties:**
  - Process compatibility for 5-10 micron clearance and pitch
  - CTE: 10-20 ppm/C; TG>250 C;
  - Contact angle > 160°
  - Low moisture permeability



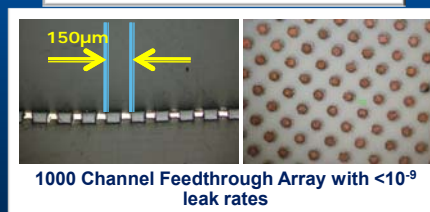
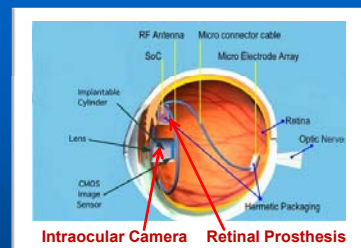
**Superhydrophobic Surfaces**  
Contact angle > 160 ° ; Low adhesion  
**Nanostructured morphology**  
(C P Wong, GT PRC)



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## Bio-compatible and Hermetic Packaging

- **Goals:**
  - Hermeticity in water or saline environment
  - Biocompatibility with tissue interface
- **Approach:**
  - Biocompatible polymers such as LCP and paralyne
  - High-density packaging with hermetic metal-polymer interfaces
  - Hermetic coatings
- **Properties:**
  - Sealing with low leak rates
  - 1000 feedthroughs in 5 mm x 5 mm



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## Summary

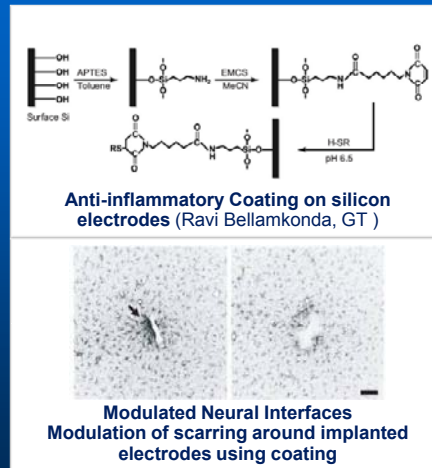
- 3D ASSM is about highest functionality at lowest cost in smallest- size system, enabled by
  - Silicon for devices, packages and boards
  - Components at nanoscale
- Silicon interposers and packages underway to enable this vision with low cost panel-based Si
- Nanoscale component research is underway for
  - Digital
  - RF
  - Power
  - Thermal
  - Encapsulation

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## Nanocoatings for Neural Interface Compatibility

- **Goal:**
  - Enhance stability of implanted electrodes to improve reliability and life-time
- **Approach:**
  - Immobilize anti-inflammatory coatings on the electrode surface
  - Coat with molecules which enable tissue integration
- **Properties:**
  - Suppress inflammation and tissue scar formation at the interfaces



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## Georgia Tech-PRC Vision of 3D Systems

