



# FLEXIBLE HYBRID ELECTRONICS

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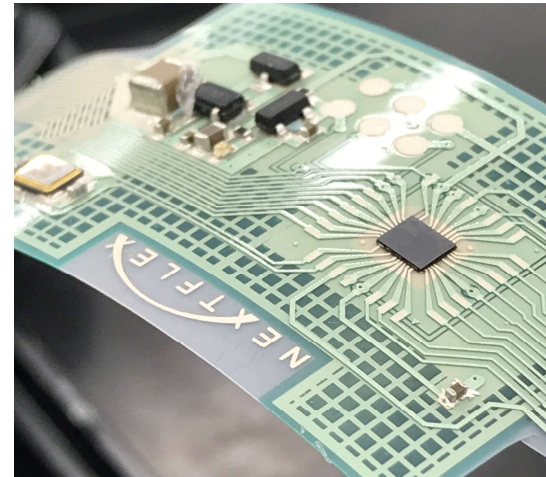
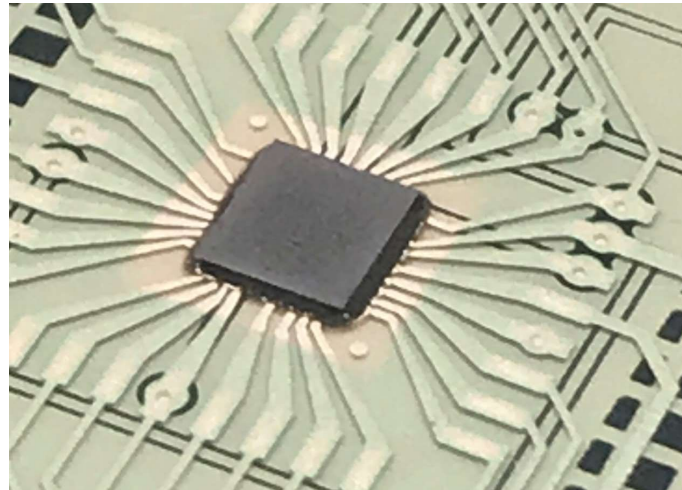
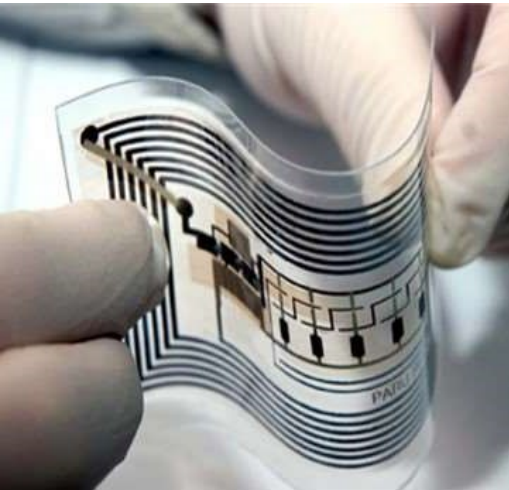
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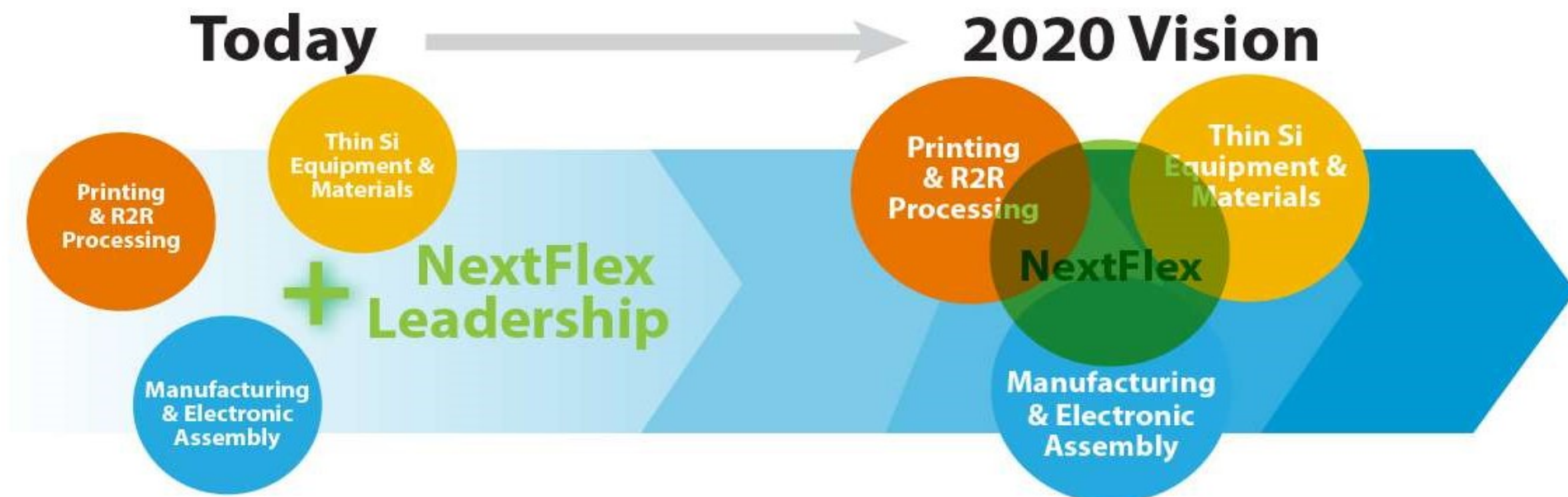
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# WHAT IS FHE?

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FHE (Flexible Hybrid Electronics) combine the flexibility and low cost of printed plastic film substrates with the performance of semiconductor devices to create a new category of electronics.





## Disparate FHE Capabilities

- Centers of excellence with world class capabilities; Project-based interaction
- Evolved out of established, once US-led technologies

## MII Funding Helps Connect Manufacturing

- Silicon Valley hub provides critical mass to 'pull' industries together
- Fills missing infrastructure in modeling, design, new assembly, and test
- Creates links between today's separate capabilities, existing assembly and end-user needs
- FHE leverages other industry eco-systems and marketing channels
- Relationships and communications ensures efficiencies in investments

# MEMBERSHIP



## Corporate

## Academic / Non-Profit



\* Founding Member

## Equipment Affiliate



## Observer

## Honorary



## 5 Focus Areas

**Device  
Integration  
&  
Packaging**

**Printing  
&  
Microfluidics**

**Materials**

**Modeling &  
Design**

**Standards,  
Testing, &  
Reliability**

# TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS AND APPLICATION FOCUS AREAS





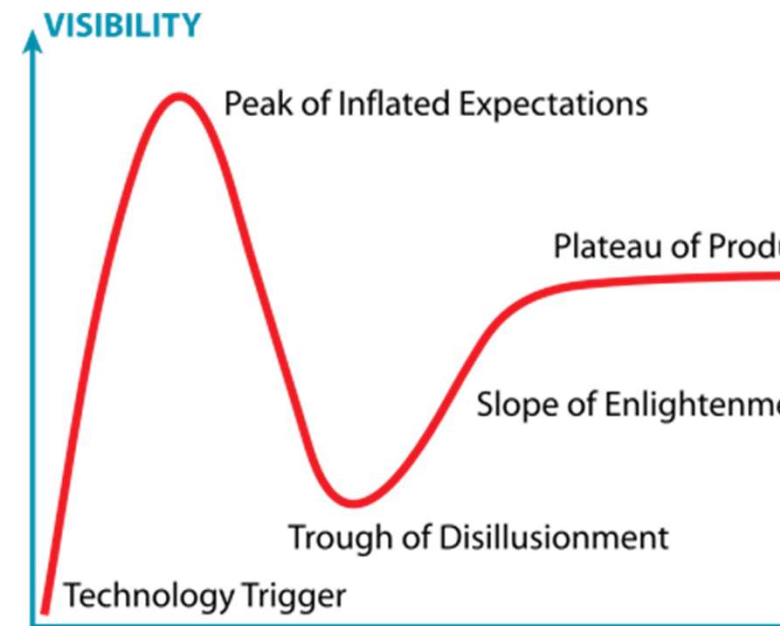


# 0 ESTIMATES FOR IOT OBJECTS

2010 Cisco and Ericsson predicted 50 Billion IoT objects

2012 IBM predicted 1 Trillion objects

2016 IEEE Spectrum report: 30 Billion



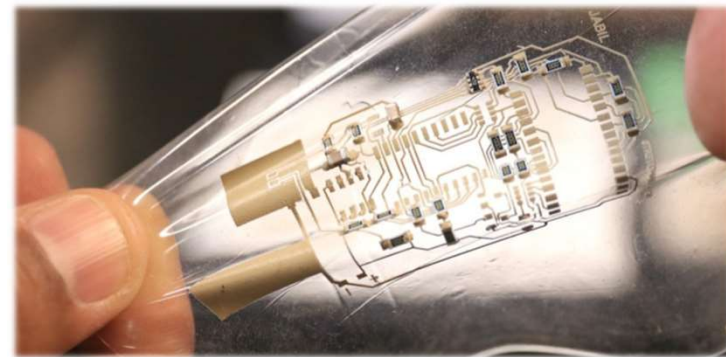
## What is missing?

- Low cost system for edge devices
- Easy and inexpensive to deploy
- Changing the form factor
- Reducing size and weight
- Mass customizable



- Flexible
- Stretchable
- Conformable
- Transparent
- Biocompatible
- Lightweight

## Peel and Stick Electronics



## Conventional process

- Design the IC
- Design a package for the IC
- Design a board for the packaged IC
- Design an enclosure / housing for the board
- Fit everything into the final system/device



## Reversing the flow

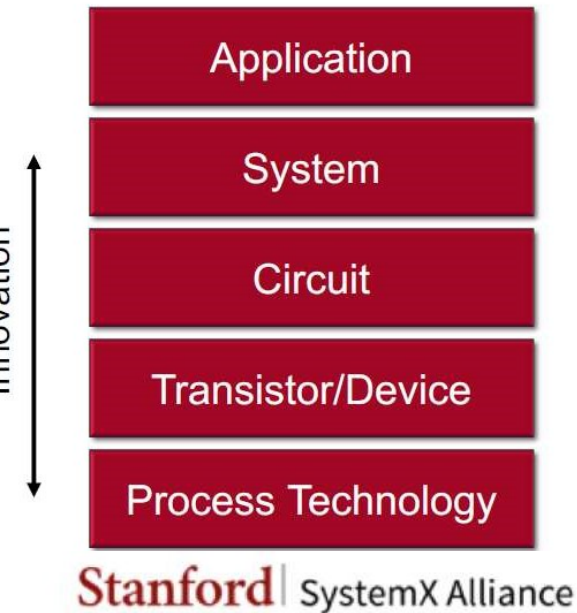
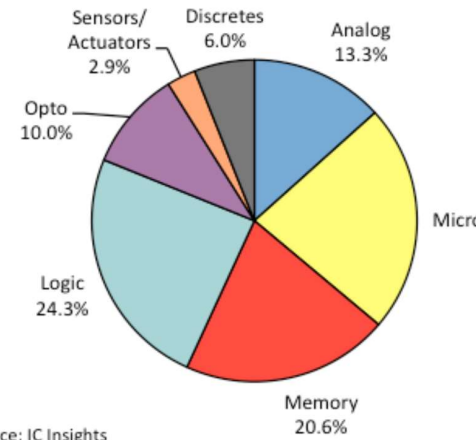
- Design the desired system and form factor
- Design the system level board and BOM needed
- Design the IC (use COTS or custom designed)
- Assemble and encapsulate

# MULTI-DIE AND HETEROGENEOUS INTEGRATION

HE by design enables multi-die integration and heterogeneous integration for system builds

Play with existing supply chain for wafer sourcing

Emphasis on direct die attach vs packaged device integration

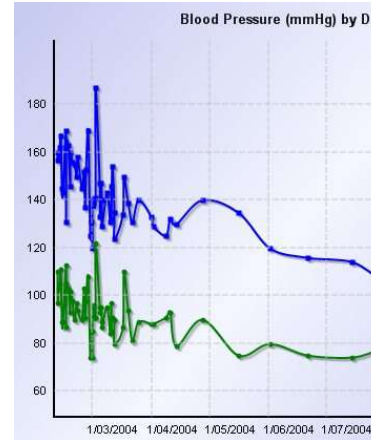


	New Market Requirements	Multi-die Solutions Offer
<b>Revenue Drivers</b>	Broad	Flexible and Modular Approach
<b>Life of a Design</b>	Quarters to Years	Easy to Update/Change
<b>Functionality</b>	Logic, RAM, NVM, RF,...	Heterogeneous Integration
<b>Formfactor / Power Diss.</b>	Smaller / Lower Power	Small / Low power
<b>Life-time Volume</b>	Low / Medium / High ?	Adaptable Architecture
<b>Development Cost / Time</b>	Lower vs 2D / <<1 Year	Building Blocks ("LEGOs")
<b>Unit Cost Sensitivity</b>	LOW, if minor System Part	Cost-reduction Efforts Ongoing
<b>Standards Support</b>	Emerging, Regional, ...	Adaptable to Changes
<b>EcoSystem / Supply Chain</b>	Emerging, Changes Likely	Maturing fast, in particular 2.5D &

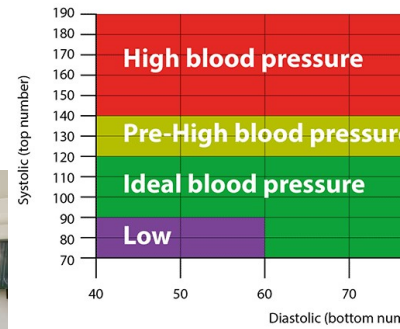
# **FHE USE CASE SCENARIO**

# **FITNESS AND HEALTHCARE**

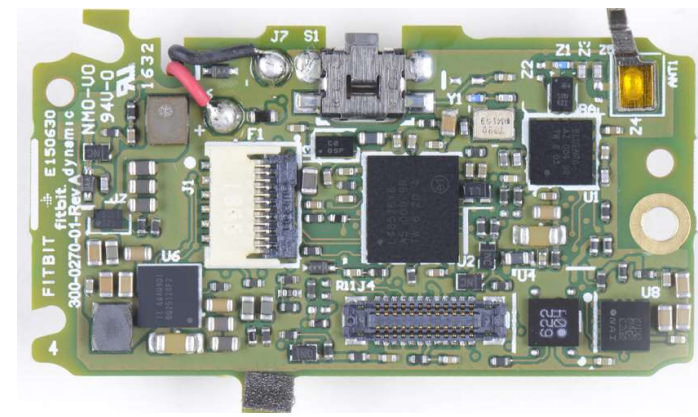
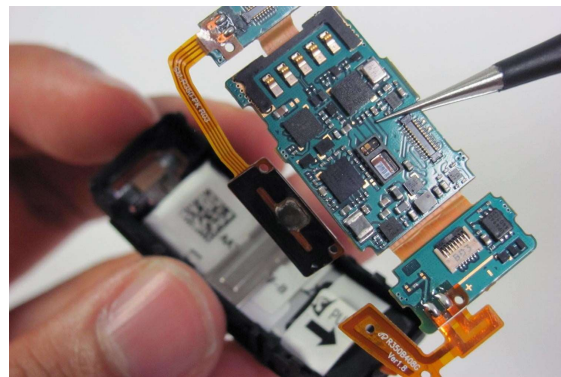
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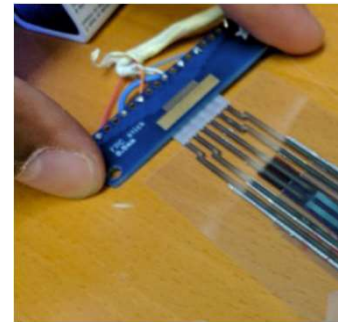
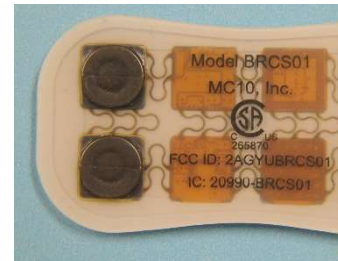
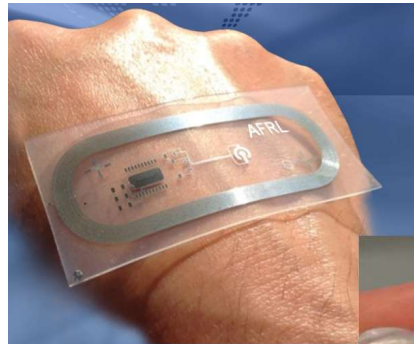


# EXAMPLE: WEARABLES 2016

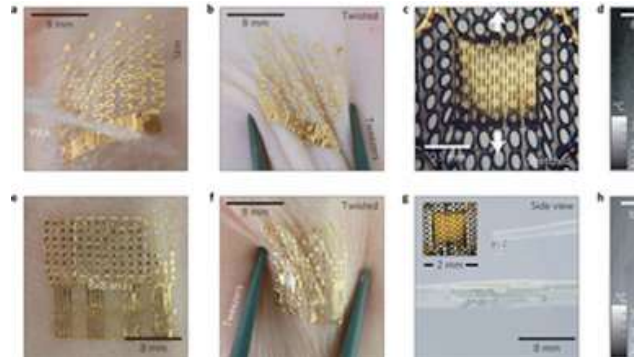
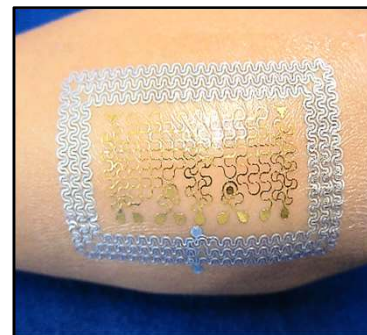
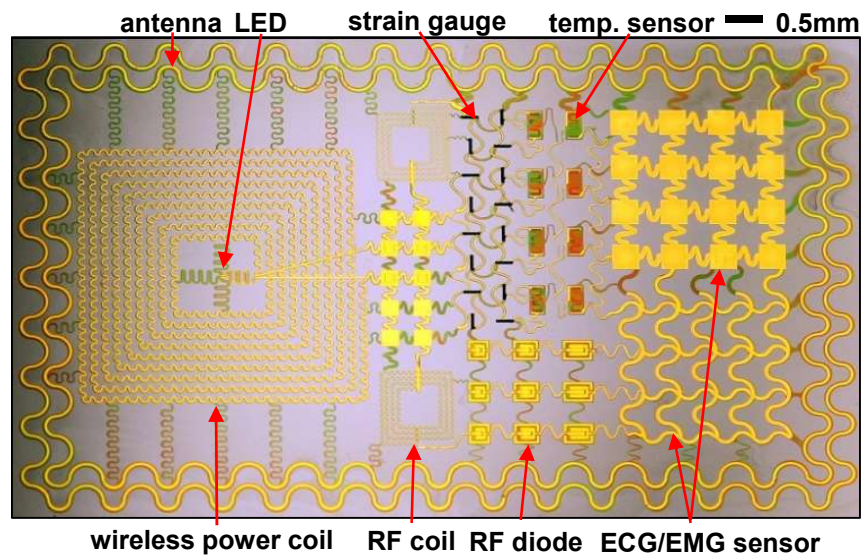


# CHARACTERISTICS 2020 AND BEYOND

Factor  
 Formability  
 Stretchability  
 Transparency  
 Semi-Breathability



ors  
 Chemical  
 Electrical



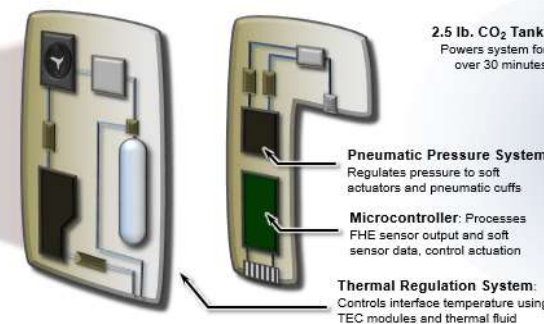


# PROJECT CALL EXAMPLES

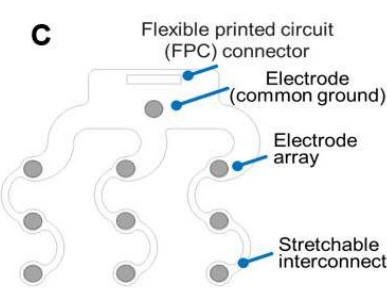
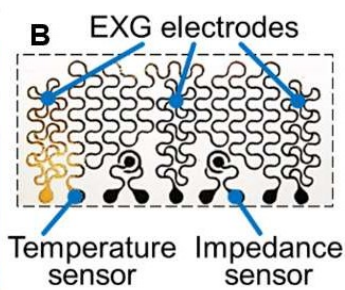
# SOFT EXOSKELETON KNEE BRACE



**Soft Knee Exoskeleton: Portable Power and Control**  
Microcontrollers (sensing and actuation) and pneumatic

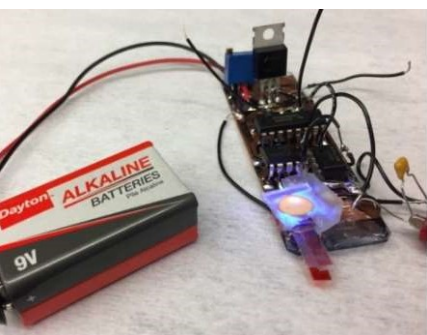


**Soft Knee Exoskeleton: Mechanical Subsystem**  
Controlled using FHE-based sensing and communication

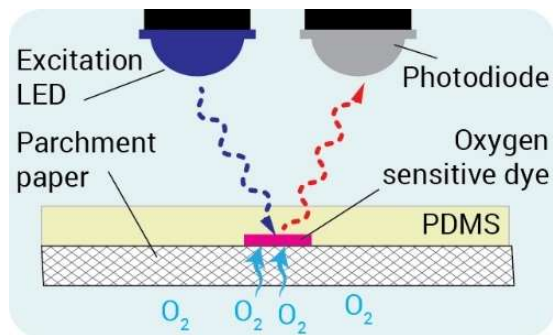


# ADJUSTABLE SMART WOUND DRESSING

**Problem:**  
Chronic non-healing wounds impact over 6.5 million Americans a year and are increasing. Current treatments are expensive and labor-intensive.



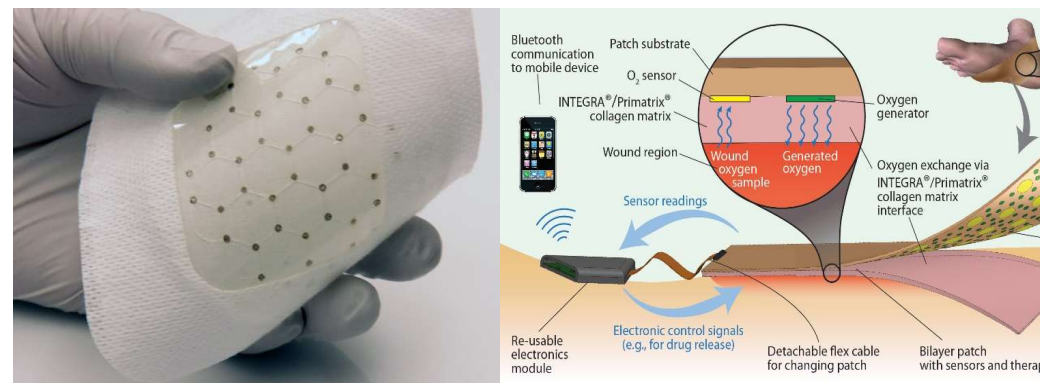
Prototype Powered by 9V Battery



**Benefit:**  
Fabricated on a biocompatible paper substrate that provides structural stability and flexibility while simultaneously offering breathability, selected gaseous filtering, and physical/chemical protection.

**Deliverable:**  
Physical samples of device and subsystems, as well as sample data.

**Objective:**  
Demonstrate integrated oxygen delivery and sensing onto a simple, low-cost, manufacturable, flexible dressing. Provide possible solution for wound care for an average annualized cost of \$250 per patient in the US market.



**Approach:**  
Print materials at WMU; assemble and benchtop-test devices at Purdue; evaluate (in vitro and in vivo) at IUSM; collaborate with Integra throughout, optimize preproduction manufacturing process.

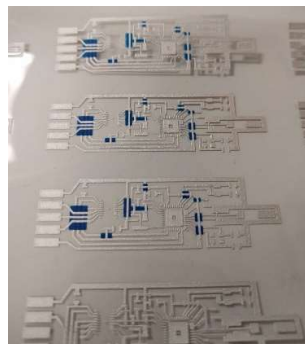


# PORTABLE FLEXIBLE ORAL BIOCHEMISTRY SENSING SYSTEM

**Problem:**  
Diagnostic measures of bio analytes are insufficient to determine if athletes or warfighters are nearing exhaustion or dehydration.

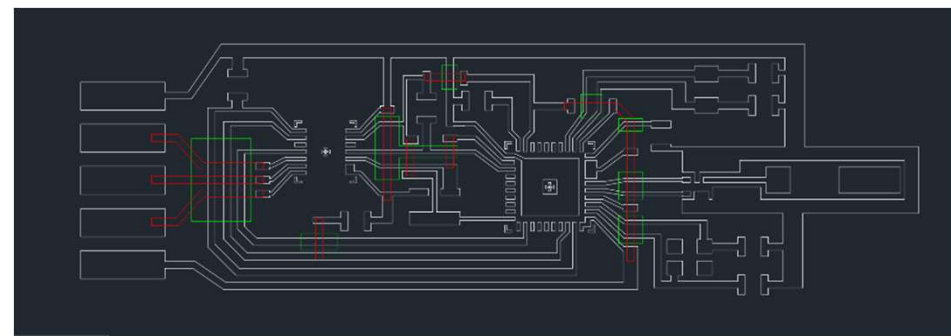


Working Electrode System



Print Sample

**Objective:**  
Continuous monitoring of bio analytes to infer hydration, exhaustion and mental engagement levels in high performing athletes and warfighters.



Screen Layout

**Benefit:**  
Continuous remote monitoring of bioanalyte concentrations in saliva. Small, flexible, small printed electrode form factor. Capabilities demonstrated include biostability in saliva for up to 24 hours and removable, disposable printed electrode strip.

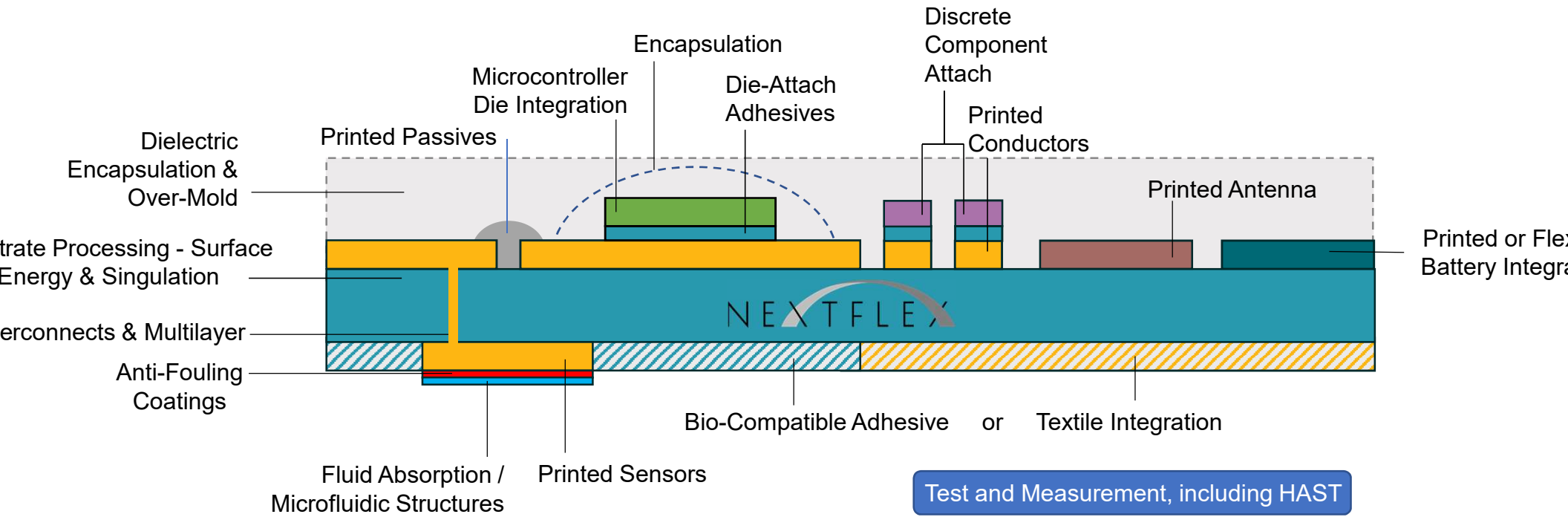
**Approach:**  
Develop a flexible mouth guard sensor label with wireless charging capability, and new sustainable manufacturing process.

**Approach:**  
Develop an FHE circuit, Prussian Blue (PB)/Carbon (C), with a counter electrode PB/C, and reference electrode AG/AGCl and co-molded in silicon

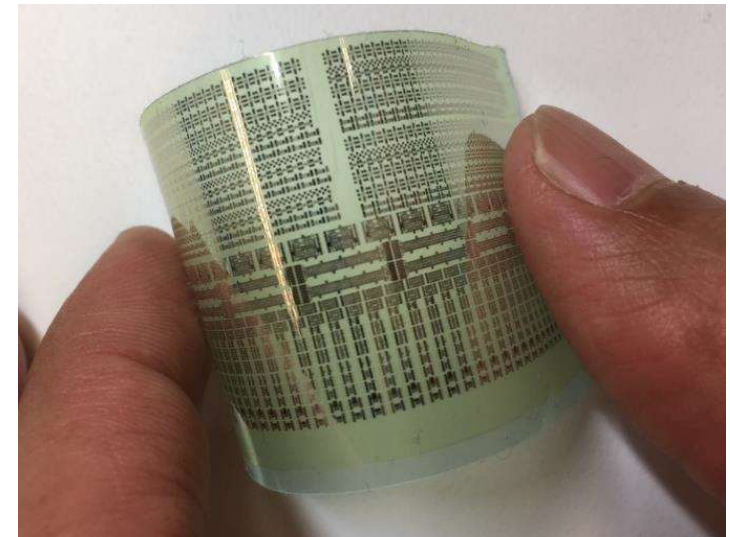
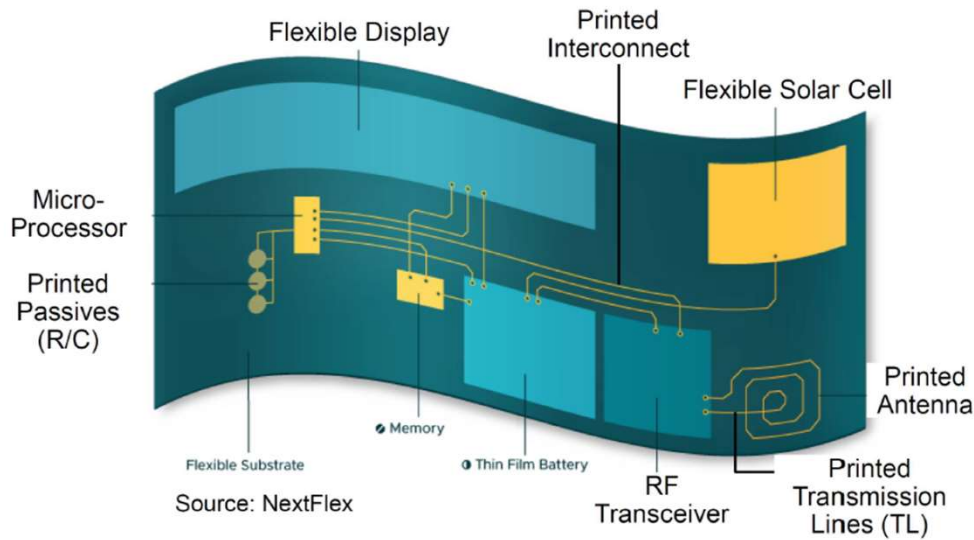


# FHE DESIGN APPROACH

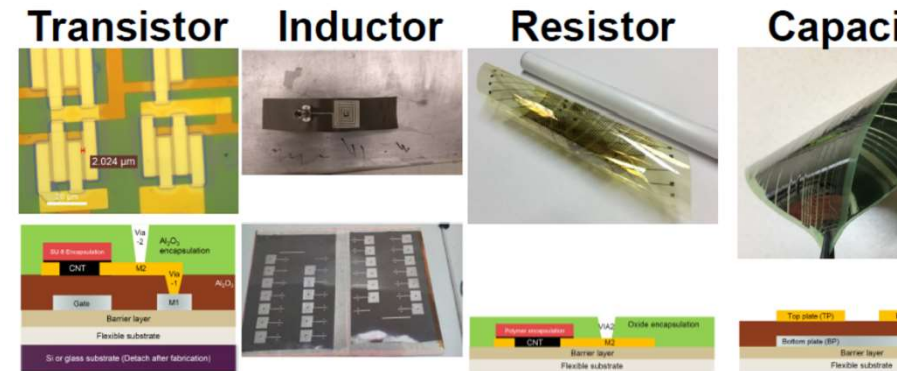
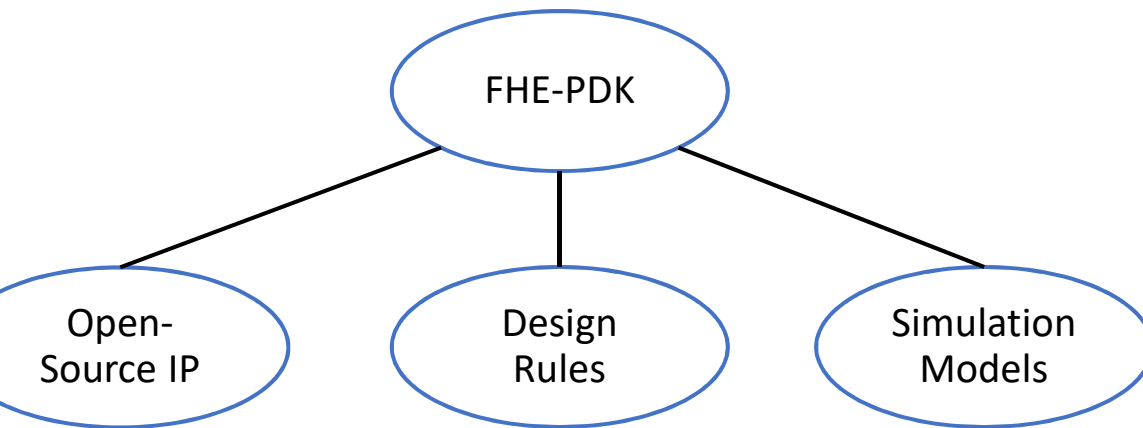
# TYPICAL FHE CROSS SECTION



# THE MISSING TOOLBOX TO JUMP-START A FHE DESIGN PROJECT



Open-source digital and analog IP (ex. sensor interface and amplifiers)



# E PDK Project Participants

**Hewlett Packard Enterprise (Labs) – FHE circuit & system design and testing (prime)**

Dr. Ray Beausoleil (HPE Senior Fellow), Dr. Cullen Bash (System Lab Director), Dr. Sicheng Li

**Georgia Institute of Technology (C3PS) – Multiphysics co-simulation and printed TL/inductor/antenna**

Prof. Madhavan Swaminathan, Prof. Suresh Sitaraman, Sridhar Sivapurapu, Nahid Aslani Amoli, Mohamed Bellaoui, Chirag Mehta, Rui Chen, Yi Zhou

**Stanford University (Bao Group) – Device (r/c/transistor/antenna) fabrication (printing/lithography)**

Prof. Zhenan Bao, Dr. Ting Lei, Dr. Simiao Niu

**University of California at Santa Barbara (ECE) – Device modeling and EDA tool interface**

Prof. Kwang-Ting (Tim) Cheng, Prof. Yuan Xie, Leilai Shao

**Western Michigan University – Printed antenna**

Dr. Binu Baby Narakathu (technical advisor), Prof. Atashbar Massood

**Cadence Design Systems – Academic licenses and PDK technology transfer**

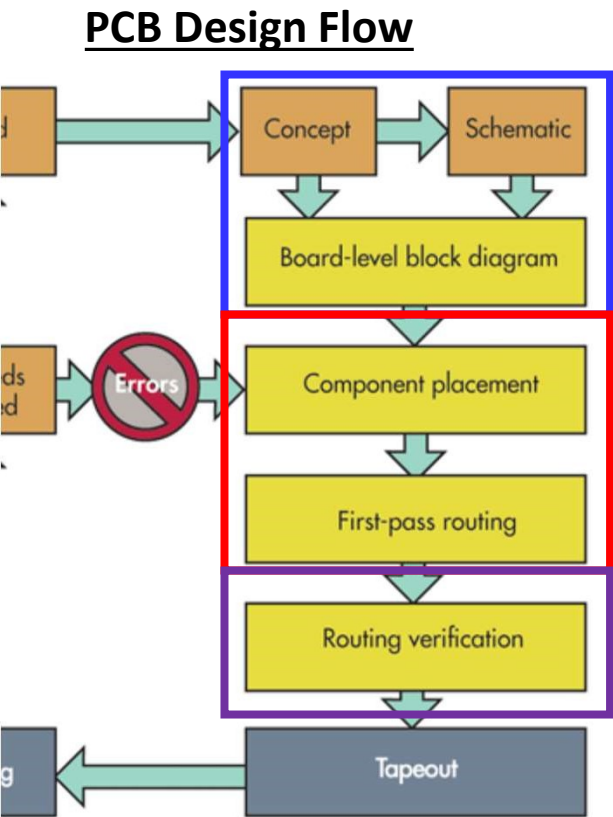
Saugat Sen (VP of R&D) John Park, Dr. Patrick Haspel, Cheryl Mendenhall

**Academy – Technical advices**

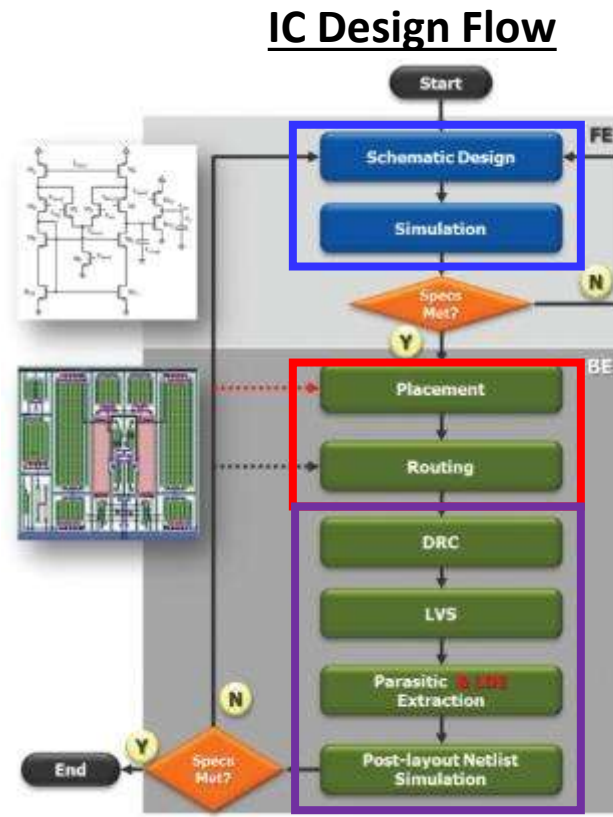
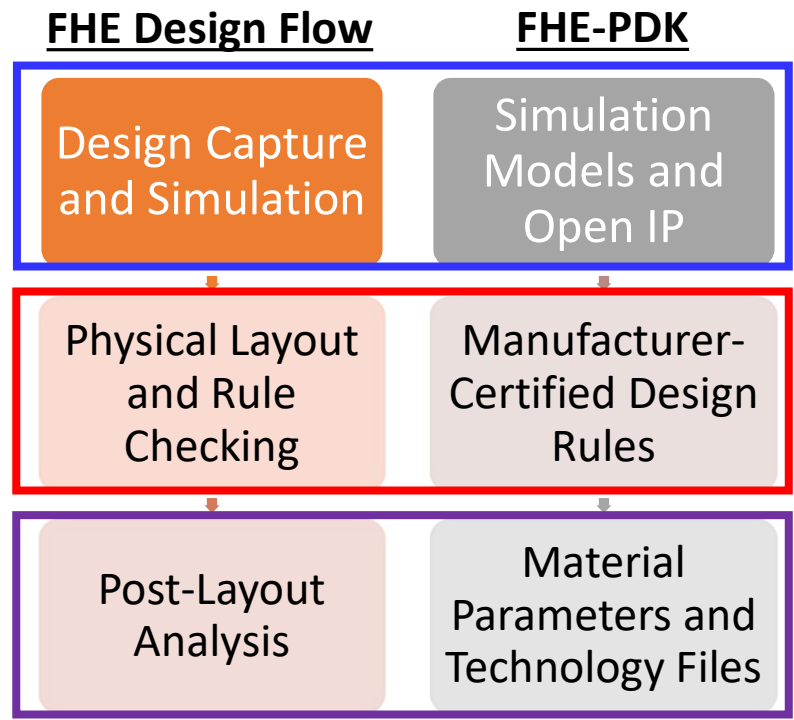
Dr. Norman Chang (Chief technologist/VP R&D)



# THE MUST-HAVE TOOLBOX TO SAVE YOU DESIGN TIME AND \$\$\$



the engineer's guide to high-quality PCB design," [electronicdesign.com](http://www.electronicdesign.com)



Ref: "Catching layout-dependent effects on-the-fly," [www.techdesignforums.com](http://www.techdesignforums.com)

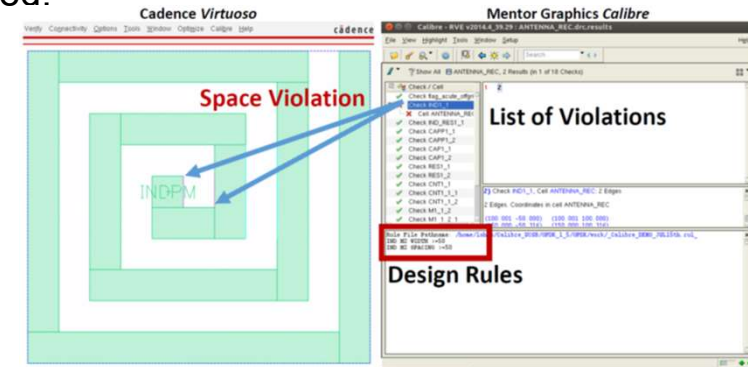
Without FHE-PDK and experimentally-proven models and design rules, FHE design will be a gamble and time-consuming with a lot of trials-and-errors

# FHE PROCESS DESIGN KIT

Hewlett Packard Enterprise - Georgia Institute of Technology, Stanford University, University of California, Santa Barbara

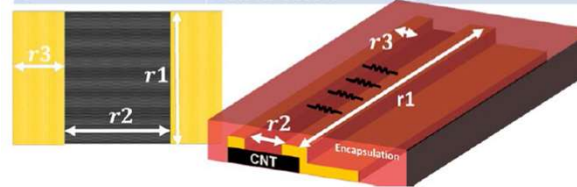
Problem: Designing FHE products encompasses numerous manufacturing methods and unconventional process flows. In order to enable wide-scale adoption of FHE, a qualified PDK that can map manufacturing design capabilities to manufacturing capabilities is needed.

Objective: Program and demonstrate an FHE PDK for heterogeneous integration of both discrete and deposited elements of electronic systems.



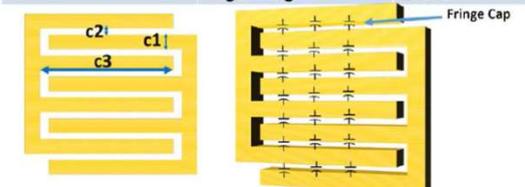
### Printed Resistor

Design Rules	Descriptions	Dimensions ( $\mu\text{m}$ )
r1 (W)	Resistor Width	$\geq 25$
r2 (L)	Resistor Length	$\geq 25$
r3	Metal Enclosure	$\geq 20$



### Printed Fringe Capacitor

Design Rules	Descriptions	Dimensions ( $\mu\text{m}$ )
c1	Finger Width	$\geq 25$
c2	Finger Spacing	$\geq 10$
c3	Finger Length	$\geq 150$

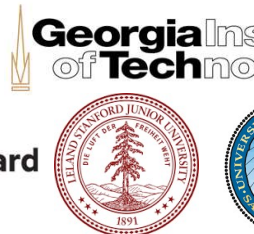


Benefit: The ability to design FHE systems using industry standard layout and EDA tools in order to enable market penetration of flex hybrid products.

Approach: Create device class structures for resistors, capacitors, inductors, and transistors, and characterize large quantities of these devices based on representative manufacturing methods.

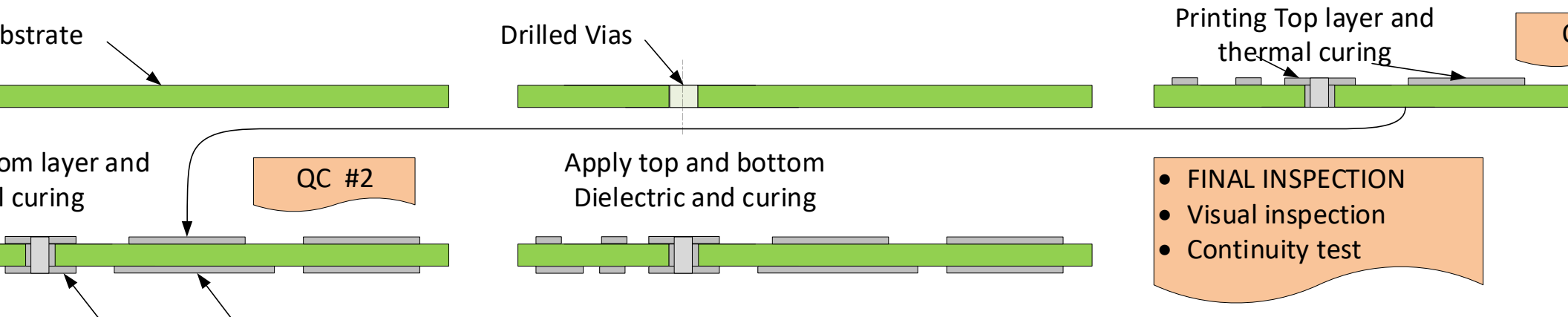
Deliverable: Delivery of a tested PDK using silver-based carbon nanotube device structures. NextFlex shall have the right to manage licensing and use of the PDK across the FHE community.

Duration: 18 months  
PC - 10015

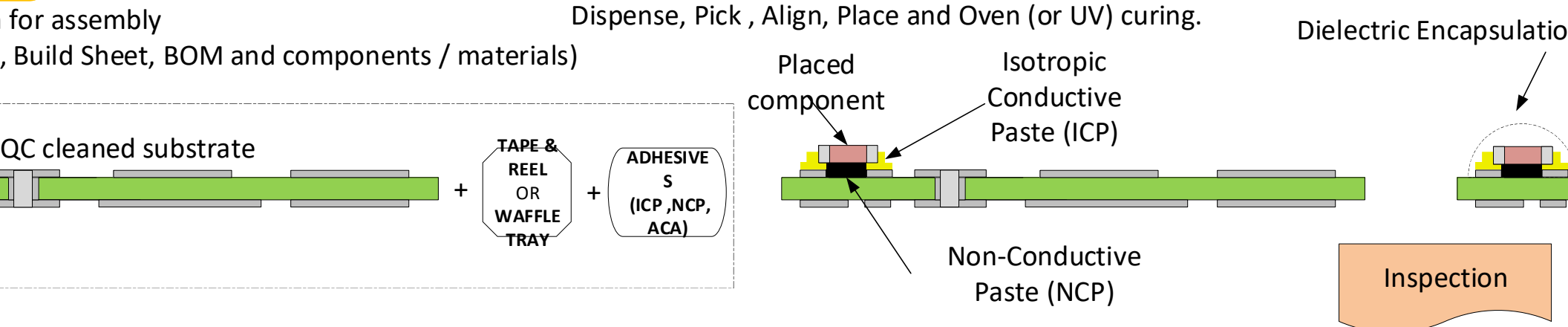


# NEXTFLEX IOT PROCESS FLOW

## SUBSTRATE w/THROUGH HOLES and PRINTING



## COMPONENT PLACEMENT (SM Discretes, Passive, etc.)



# HOW TO BUILD FLEXIBLE HYBRID ELECTRONICS

# THE NEXTFLEX TECHNOLOGY HUB

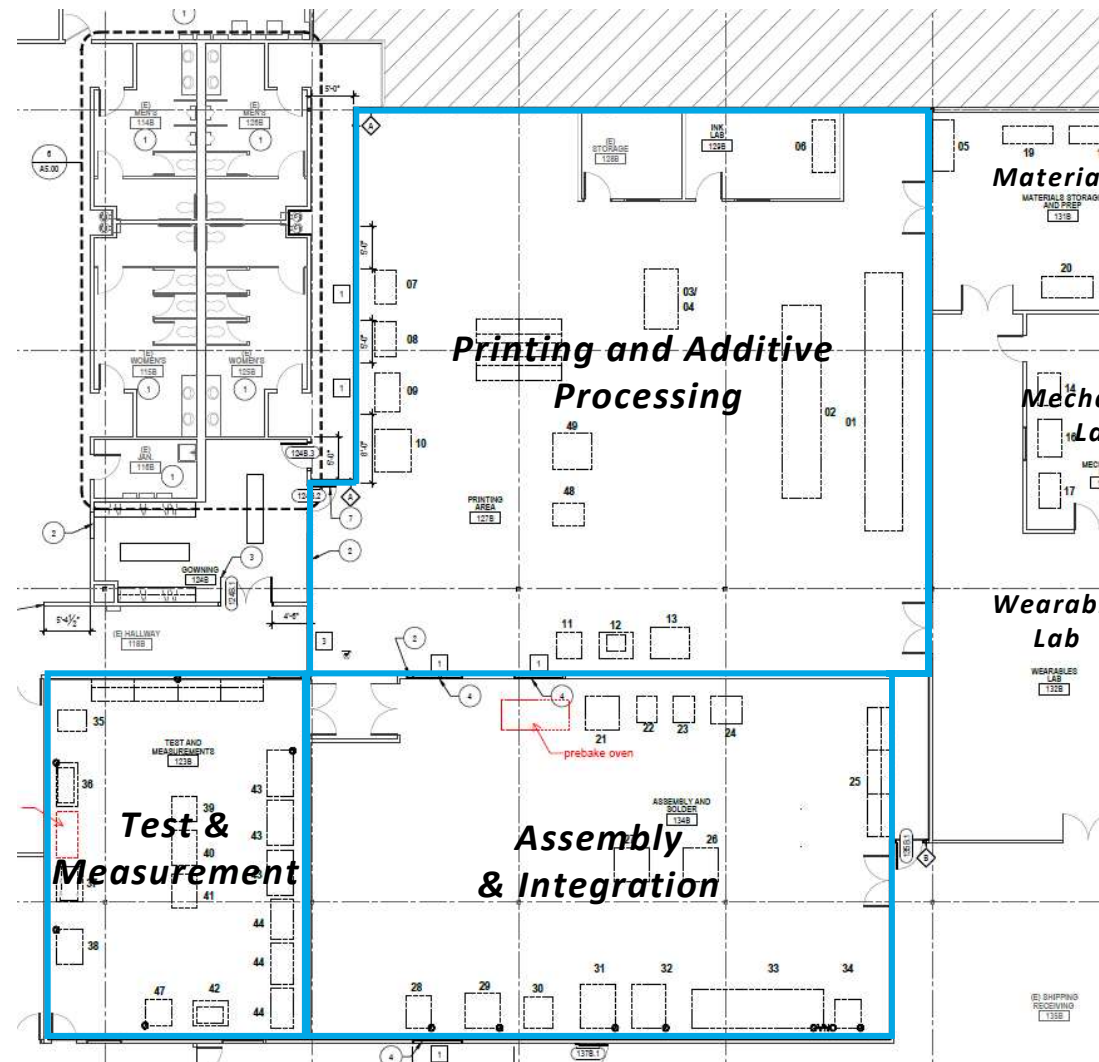


Approximately 15,000 sf of Class 10,000 cleanroom, lab, support space combined:

- Print Room: ~4,500 sf
- Assembly: ~2,700 sf
- Test: ~1,300 sf
- Support Labs ~6,500 sf

## Cleanroom Features:

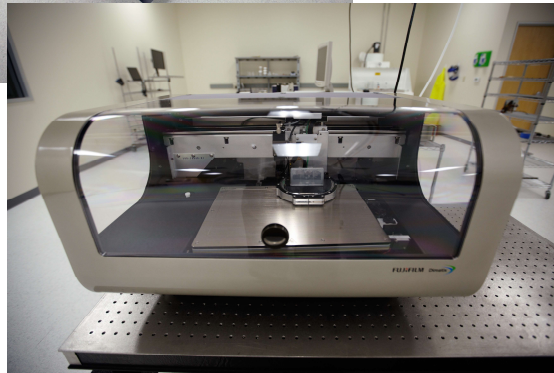
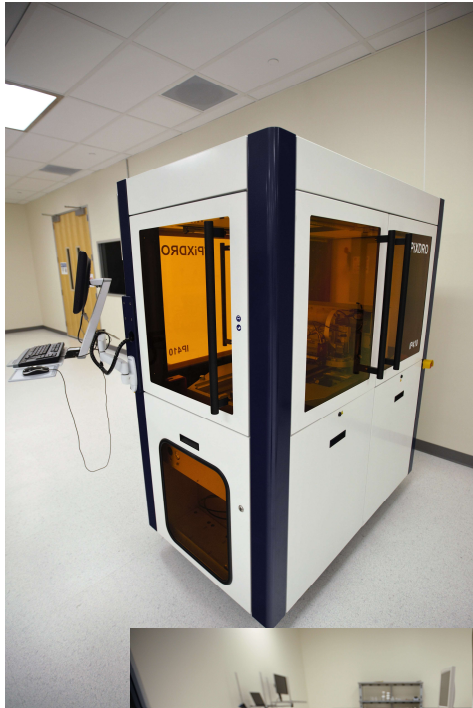
- 24/7 monitoring and alarming
- Flexibility in tool placement to create processing cells/flow
- Localized exhaust, electrical, CDA
- Localized upgrade to higher cleanroom classification, e.g. class 100 at critical processes
- Real time process and test data gathering directly to network for distribution & analysis



# PRINTING EQUIPMENT



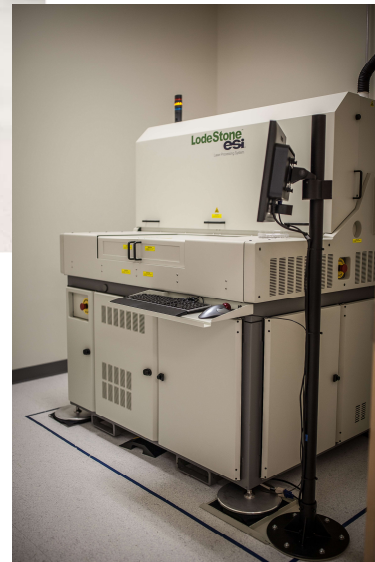
GREEN PRINTER



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AEROSOL  
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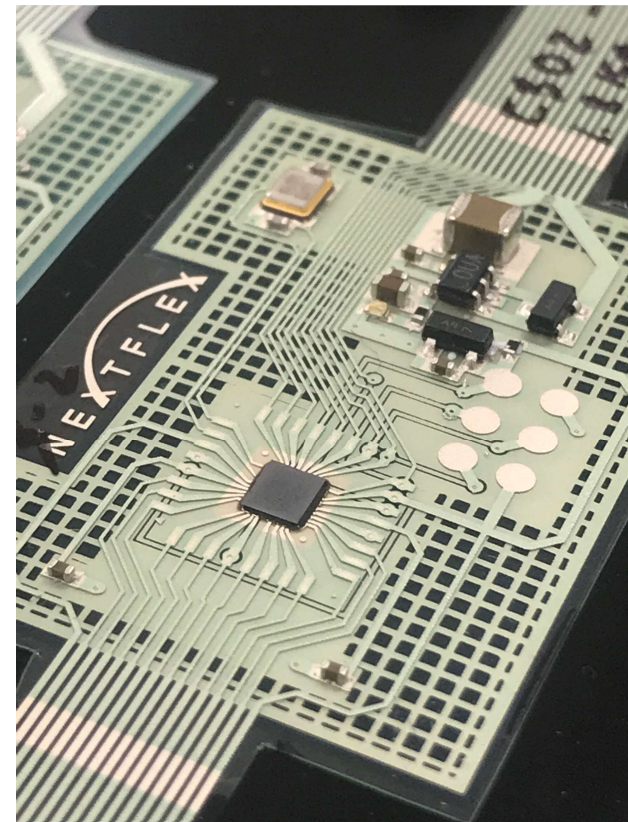
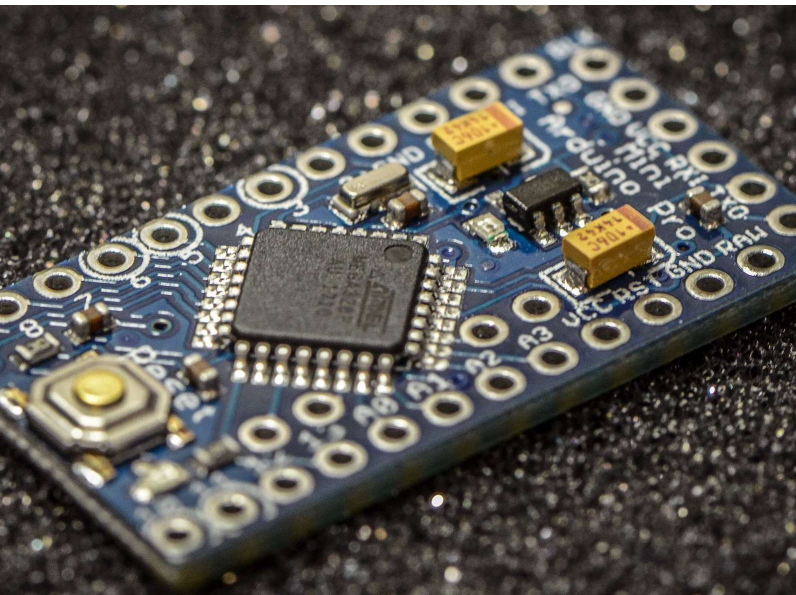


PRESSURE OFFSET  
PRINTER

# FLEX ARDUINO PROJECT

## PROJECT SCOPE

Build a flexible version of an Arduino microcontroller board to demonstrate FPC capability.





# RELATIVE MASS

Arduino Uno



Arduino Mini



Arduino FPCB Bare Die

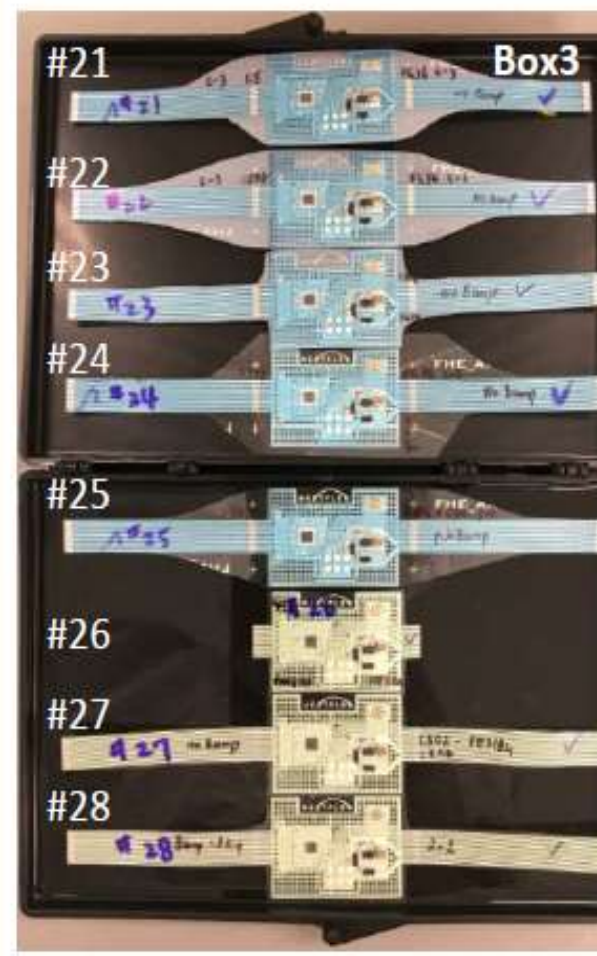
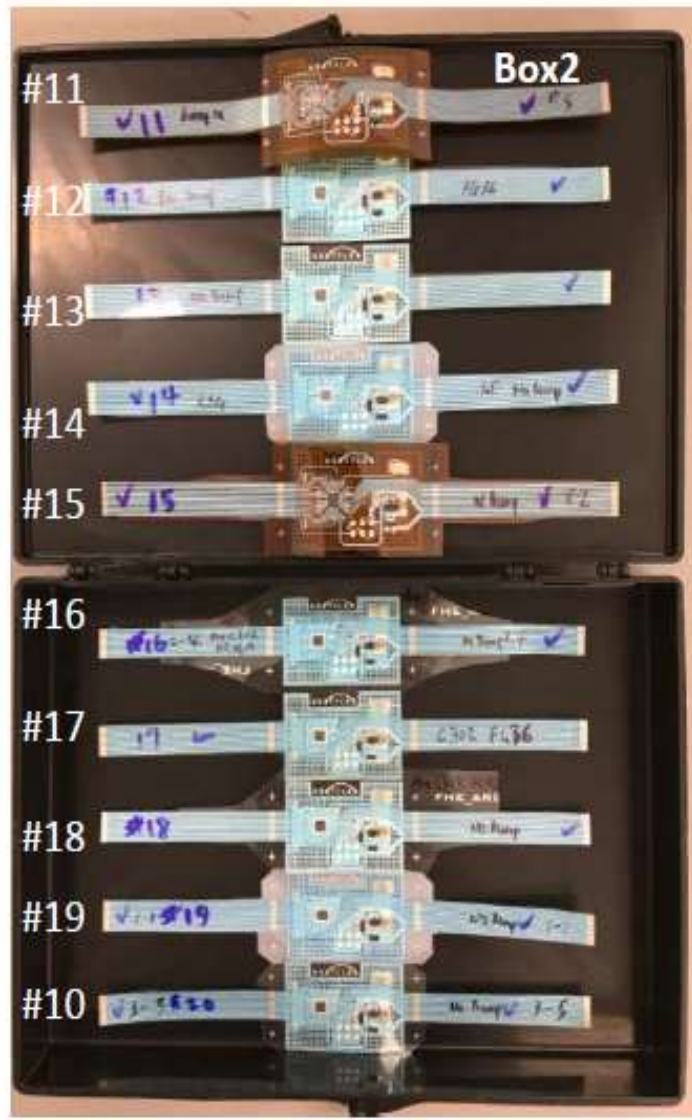
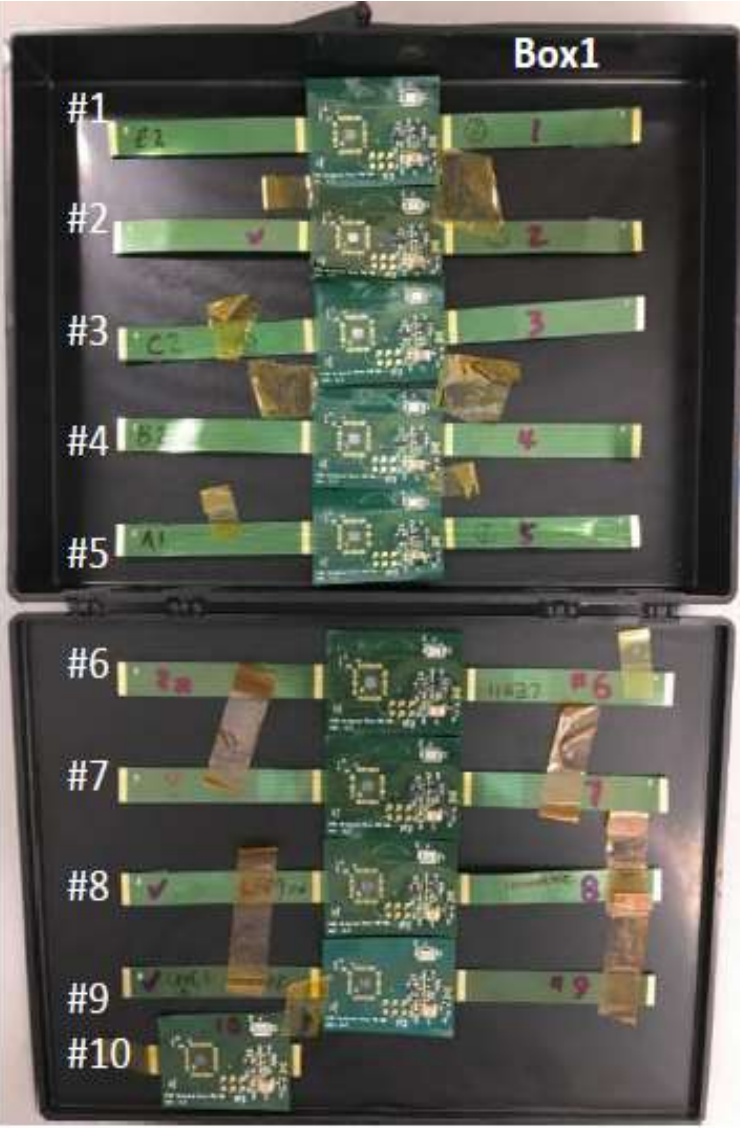


Arduino FHE



THE Arduino is nearly 70% lighter than commercial Arduino Mini rigid board

# X ARDUINO – FIRST SET OF BUILDS



**THANK YOU!**

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