

# Roadmap for 22nm Logic CMOS and Beyond

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# Outline

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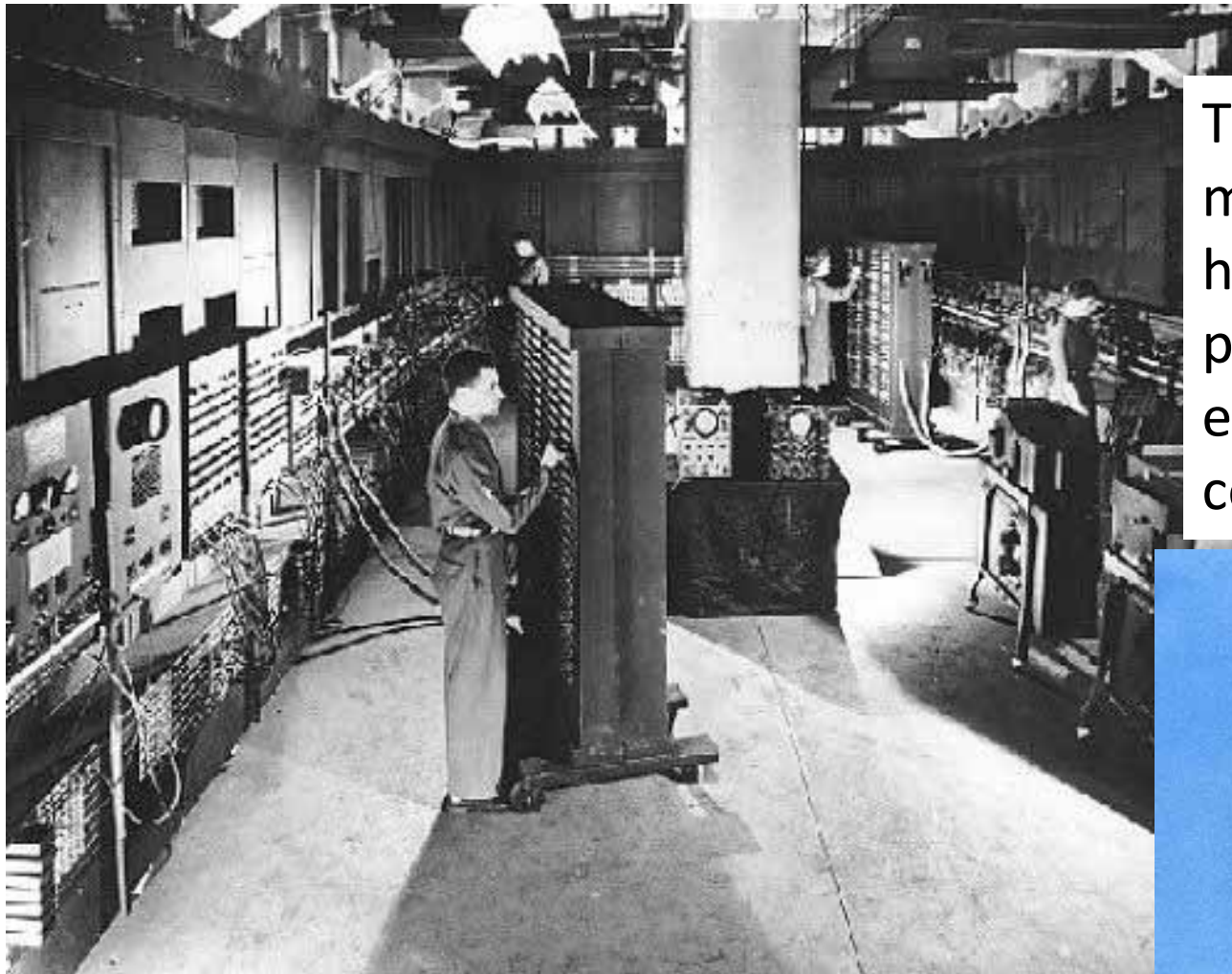
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as a personal view

# 1. Scaling

First Computer Eniac: made of huge number of vacuum tubes 1946  
Big size, huge power, short life time filament

→ dreamed of replacing vacuum tube with solid-state device



Today's pocket PC  
made of semiconductor  
has much higher  
performance with  
extremely low power  
consumption



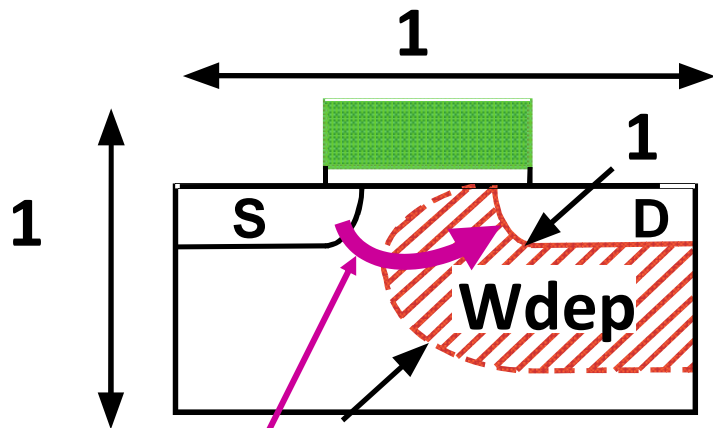
# Downsizing of the components has been the driving force for circuit evolution



1900	1950	1960	1970	2000
Vacuum Tube	Transistor	IC	LSI	ULSI
10 cm	cm	mm	10 $\mu$ m	100 nm
$10^{-1}$ m	$10^{-2}$ m	$10^{-3}$ m	$10^{-5}$ m	$10^{-7}$ m

In 100 years, the size reduced by one million times. There have been many devices from stone age. **We have never experienced such a tremendous reduction of devices in human history.**

# Scaling Method: by R. Dennard in 1974

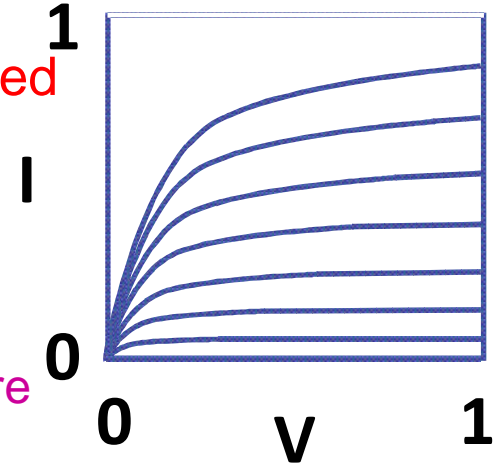


**Wdep:** Space Charge Region (or Depletion Region) Width

Wdep has to be suppressed  
Otherwise, large leakage  
between S and D

Leakage current

Potential in space charge region is high, and thus, electrons in source are attracted to the space charge region.



**K=0.7  
for  
example**

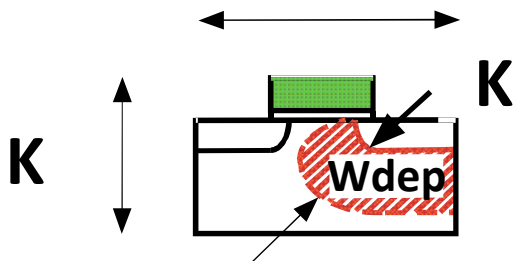


$$X, Y, Z : K, \quad V : K, \quad N_a : 1/K$$

By the scaling, Wdep is suppressed in proportion,  
and thus, leakage can be suppressed.

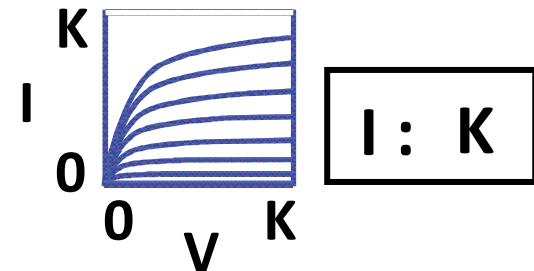
K

→ Good scaled I-V characteristics



$$W_{dep} \propto \sqrt{V/N_a}$$

$$: K$$



$$I : K$$

# Downscaling merit: Beautiful!

Geometry & Supply voltage	$L_g, W_g$ $T_{ox}, V_{dd}$	K	<b>Scaling K : K=0.7 for example</b>
Drive current in saturation	$I_d$	K	$I_d = v_{sat} W_g C_o (V_g - V_{th})$ $C_o$ : gate C per unit area $\rightarrow W_g (t_{ox}^{-1})(V_g - V_{th}) = W_g t_{ox}^{-1}(V_g - V_{th}) = KK^{-1}K = K$
$I_d$ per unit $W_g$	$I_d/\mu m$	1	$I_d$ per unit $W_g = I_d / W_g = 1$
Gate capacitance	$C_g$	K	$C_g = \epsilon_o \epsilon_{ox} L_g W_g / t_{ox} \rightarrow KK/K = K$
Switching speed	$\tau$	K	$\tau = C_g V_{dd} / I_d \rightarrow KK/K = K$
Clock frequency	f	1/K	$f = 1/\tau = 1/K$
Chip area	$A_{chip}$	$\alpha$	<b><math>\alpha</math>: Scaling factor <math>\rightarrow</math> In the past, <math>\alpha &gt; 1</math> for most cases</b>
Integration (# of Tr)	N	$\alpha/K^2$	$N \rightarrow \alpha/K^2 = 1/K^2$ , when $\alpha=1$
Power per chip	P	$\alpha$	$fNCV^2/2 \rightarrow K^{-1}(\alpha K^{-2})K(K^1)^2 = \alpha = 1$ , when $\alpha=1$

$k = 0.7$  and  $\alpha = 1$

$k = 0.7^2 = 0.5$  and  $\alpha = 1$

Single MOFET

$V_{dd} \rightarrow 0.7$

$L_g \rightarrow 0.7$

$I_d \rightarrow 0.7$

$C_g \rightarrow 0.7$

$P$  (Power)/Clock  
 $\rightarrow 0.7^3 = 0.34$

$\tau$  (Switching time)  $\rightarrow 0.7$

$V_{dd} \rightarrow 0.5$

$L_g \rightarrow 0.5$

$I_d \rightarrow 0.5$

$C_g \rightarrow 0.5$

$P$  (Power)/Clock  
 $\rightarrow 0.5^3 = 0.125$

$\tau$  (Switching time)  $\rightarrow 0.5$

Chip

$N$  (# of Tr)  $\rightarrow 1/0.7^2 = 2$

$f$  (Clock)  $\rightarrow 1/0.7 = 1.4$

$P$  (Power)  $\rightarrow 1$

$N$  (# of Tr)  $\rightarrow 1/0.5^2 = 4$

$f$  (Clock)  $\rightarrow 1/0.5 = 2$

$P$  (Power)  $\rightarrow 1$



- The concerns for limits of down-scaling have been announced for every generation.
- However, down-scaling of CMOS is still the ‘royal road’\* for high performance and low power.
- Effort for the down-scaling has to be continued by all means.

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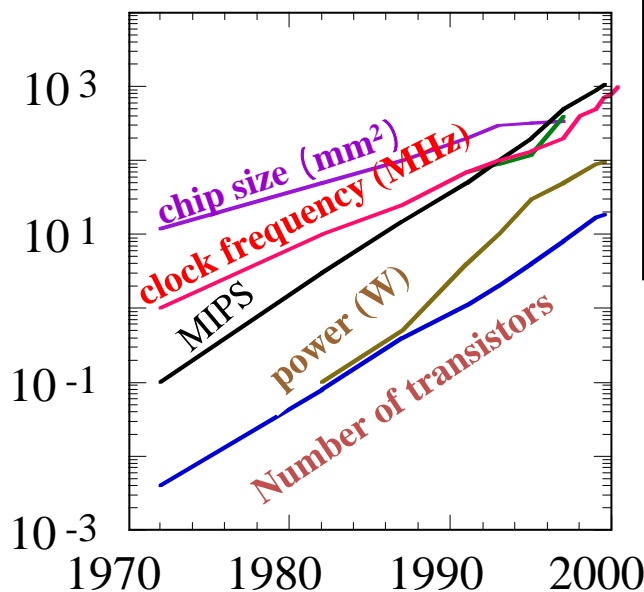
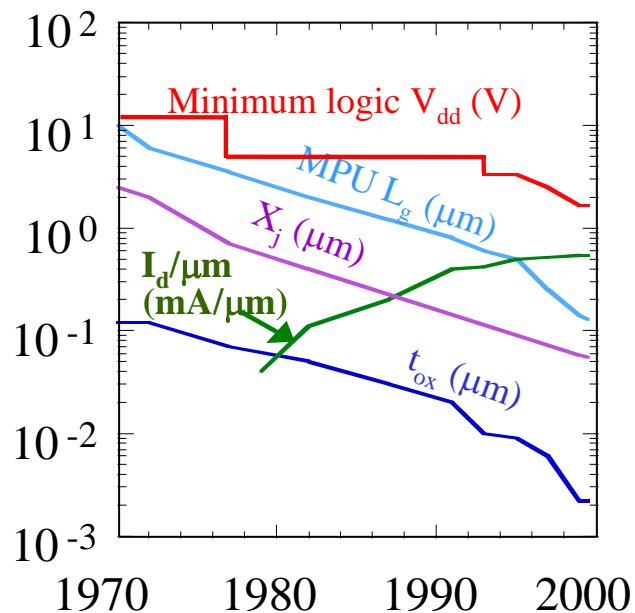
\* Euclid of Alexandria (325BC?-265BC?)

‘There is no royal road to Geometry’

Mencius (Meng-zi), China (372BC?-289BC?)

孟子: 王道, 霸道 (Rule of right or virtue vs. Rule of military)

# Actual past downscaling trend until year 2000



Past 30 years scaling  
 Merit:  $N, f$  increase  
 Demerit:  $P$  increase

$V_{dd}$  scaling insufficient  
 ↓  
 Additional significant increase in  $I_d, f, P$

Source: Iwai and S. Ohmi, Microelectronics Reliability 42 (2002), pp.1251-1268

## Change in 30 years

	Ideal scaling	Real Change		Ideal scaling	Real Change		Ideal scaling	Real Change
$L_g$	K	$10^{-2}$	$I_d$	K ( $10^{-2}$ )	$10^{-1}$	f	$1/K(10^2)$	$10^3$
$t_{ox}$	K( $10^{-2}$ )	$10^{-2}$	$I_d/\mu\text{m}$	1	$10^1$	P	$\alpha(10^1)$	$10^5$
$V_{dd}$	K( $10^{-2}$ )	$10^{-1}$	N	$\alpha/K^2(10^5)$	$10^4$	= $f\alpha NCV^2$		
$A_{chip}$	$\alpha$	$10^1$						

$V_d$  scaling insufficient,  $\alpha$  increased  $\rightarrow$   $N, I_d, f, P$  increased significantly

- Now, power and/or heat generation are the limiting factors of the down-scaling
- Supply voltage reduction is becoming difficult, because  $V_{th}$  cannot be decreased any more, as described later.
- Growth rate in clock frequency and chip area becomes smaller.

## 2. ITRS Roadmap (for 22 nm CMOS logic)

ITRS Roadmap does change every year!

[2008 Update](#)

[2007 Edition](#)

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[2004 Update](#)

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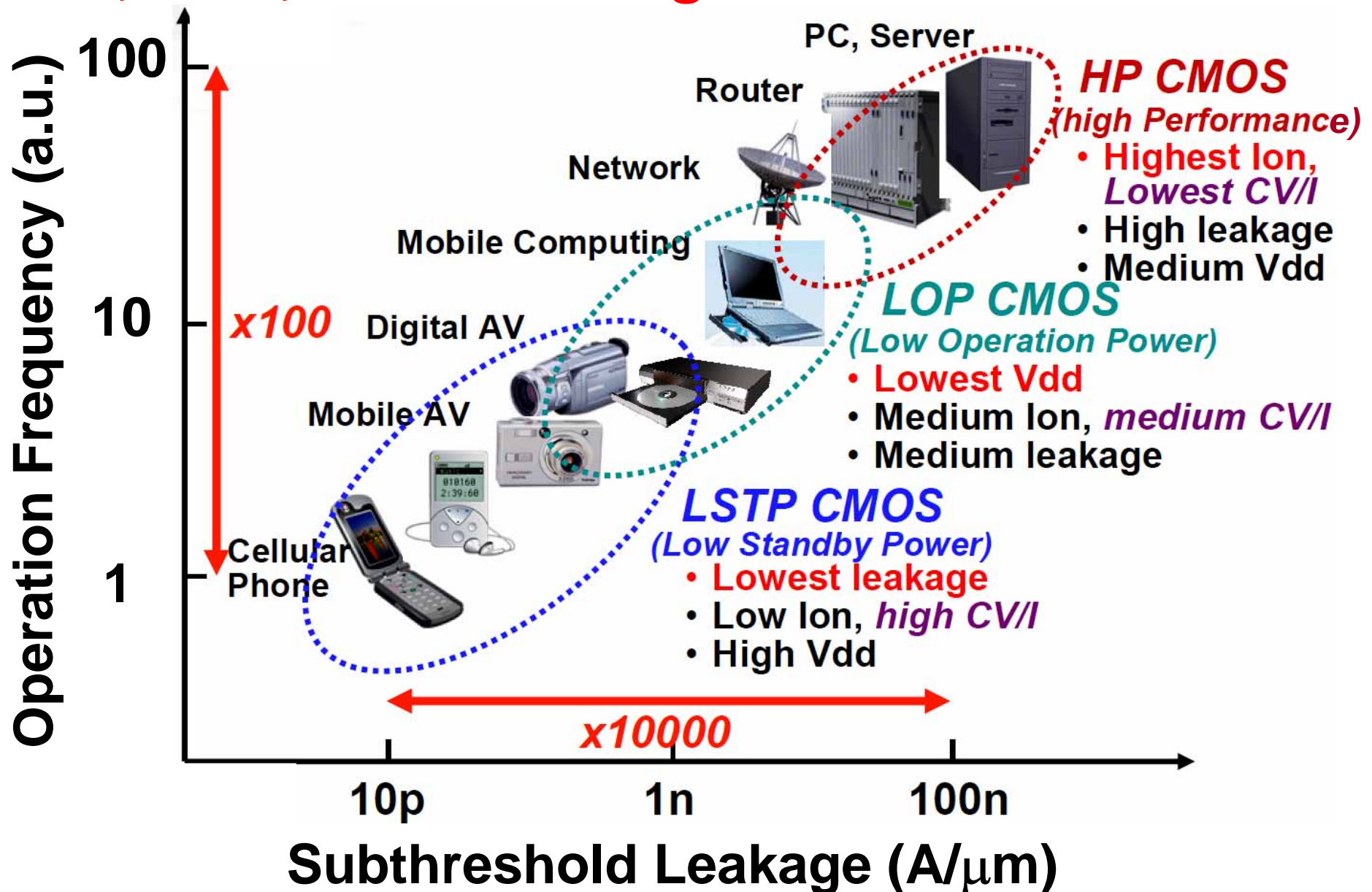
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<http://www.itrs.net/reports.html>

# HP, LOP, LSTP for Logic CMOS



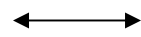
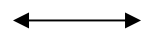
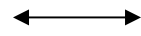
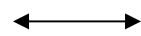
Source: 2007 ITRS Winter Public Conf.

# What does '22 nm' mean in 22 nm CMOS Logic?

## 'XX nm CMOS Technology

Commercial Logic CMOS products

Technology name	Starting Year
45 nm	2008
32 nm	2010?
22 nm	2012?~ 2013?
16 nm	2014?~ 2015?



## ITRS (Likely in 2008 Update)

for High Performance Logic

Year	Half Pitch (1 <sup>st</sup> Metal)	Physical Gate Length
2007	68 nm	32 nm
2008	59 nm	29 nm
2009	52 nm	27 nm
2010	45 nm	24 nm
2011	40 nm	22 nm
2012	36 nm	20 nm
2013	32 nm	18 nm
2014	29 nm	16 nm

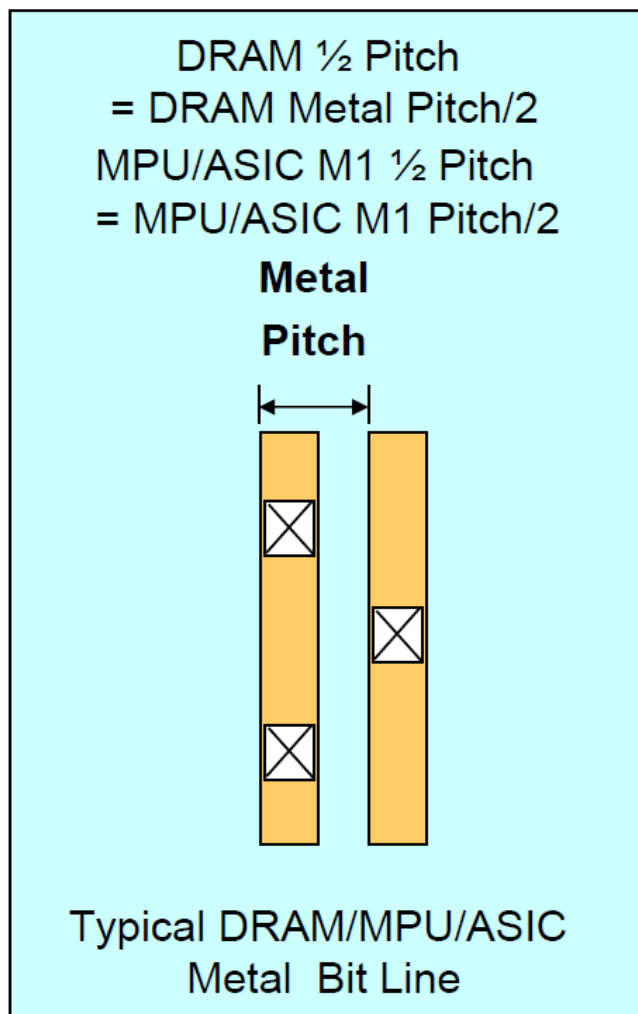
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'XX nm' CMOS Logic Technology:

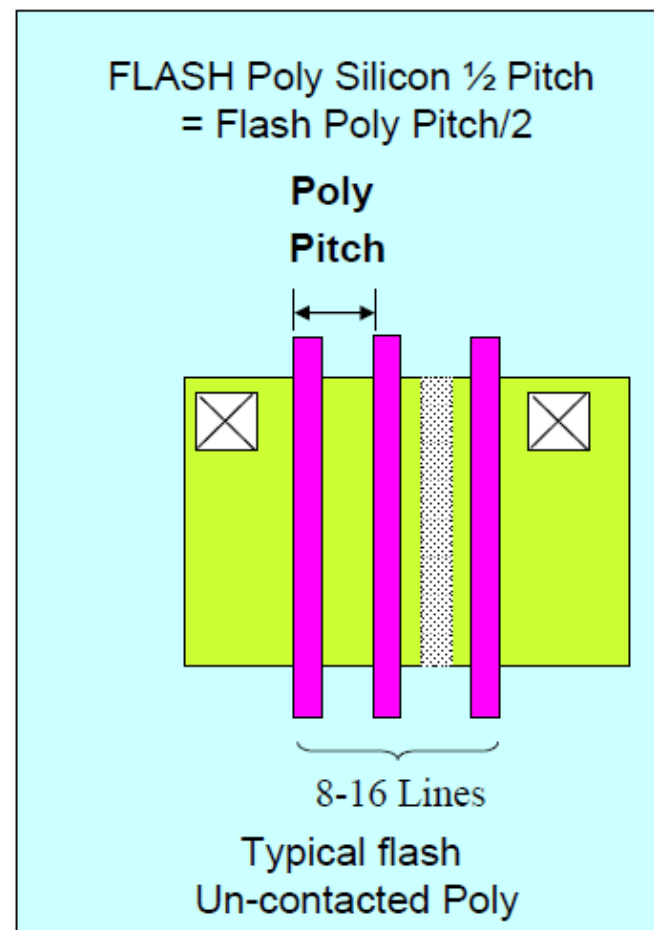
- In general, there is no common corresponding parameter with 'XX nm' in ITRS table, which stands for 'XX nm' CMOS.

# Definition of the Half Pitch

## Logic 1<sup>st</sup> Metal Half Pitch



## Flash Poly Gate Half Pitch



Source: 2008 ITRS Summer Public Conf.



## What does '22 nm' mean in 22 nm CMOS Logic?

- 'XX nm' does not correspond to the 'Half Pitch' nor 'Physical Gate Length' of ITRS.
- 'XX nm' is now just a commercial name for CMOS Logic generation of size and its technology.
- Actual parameter values and starting years for commercial products are somewhat different from the above ITRS table, depending on semiconductor companies.
- In 22 and 16 nm technologies, physical gate lengths of high-performance logic device may be close to XX nm.

## What does '22 nm' mean in 22 nm CMOS Logic?

**8 $\mu$ m  $\rightarrow$  6 $\mu$ m  $\rightarrow$  4 $\mu$ m  $\rightarrow$  3 $\mu$ m  $\rightarrow$  2 $\mu$ m  $\rightarrow$  1.2 $\mu$ m  $\rightarrow$  0.8 $\mu$ m  $\rightarrow$  0.5 $\mu$ m**

- Originally, 'XX' means lithography resolution.
- Thus, 'XX' was the gate length, and half pitch of lines
- 'XX' had shrunk 0.7 in 3 years in average (0.5 in 6 years) those days.
- 'XX' value deviated among companies: **example: 1.5 $\mu$ m, 1.2 $\mu$ m, 1 $\mu$ m**

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**$\rightarrow$  350nm  $\rightarrow$  250nm  $\rightarrow$  180nm  $\rightarrow$  130nm  $\rightarrow$  90nm  $\rightarrow$  65nm  $\rightarrow$  45nm**

- 'XX' values were established by NTRS\* and ITRS with the term of 'Technology Node\*\*' and 'Cycle\*\*\*' using typical 'half pitch value'.

\*NTRS: National Tech. Roadmap, \*\*Term 'Technology Node' is not used now.

\*\*\*Cycle: Period or year for which the half pitch becomes X0.71.

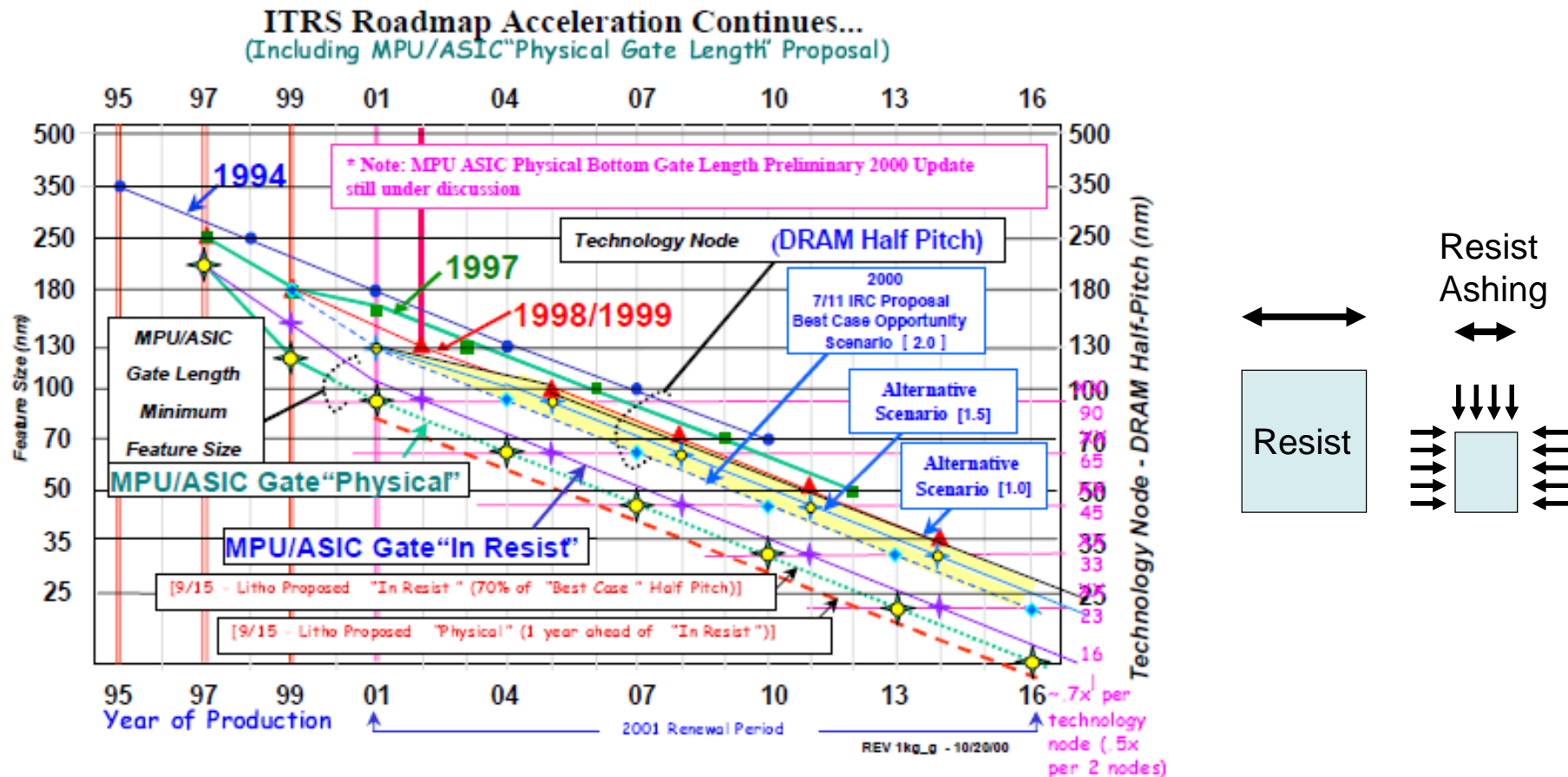
- The gate length of logic CMOS became smaller with one or two generations from the half pitch, and 'XX' names ahead of generations have been used for logic CMOS.
- Memory still keeps the half pitch as the value of 'XX'

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**$\rightarrow$  32nm  $\rightarrow$  22nm  $\rightarrow$  16nm  $\rightarrow$  11nm  $\rightarrow$  8nm??  $\rightarrow$  5.5nm ??**

# What does '22 nm' mean in 22 nm CMOS Logic?

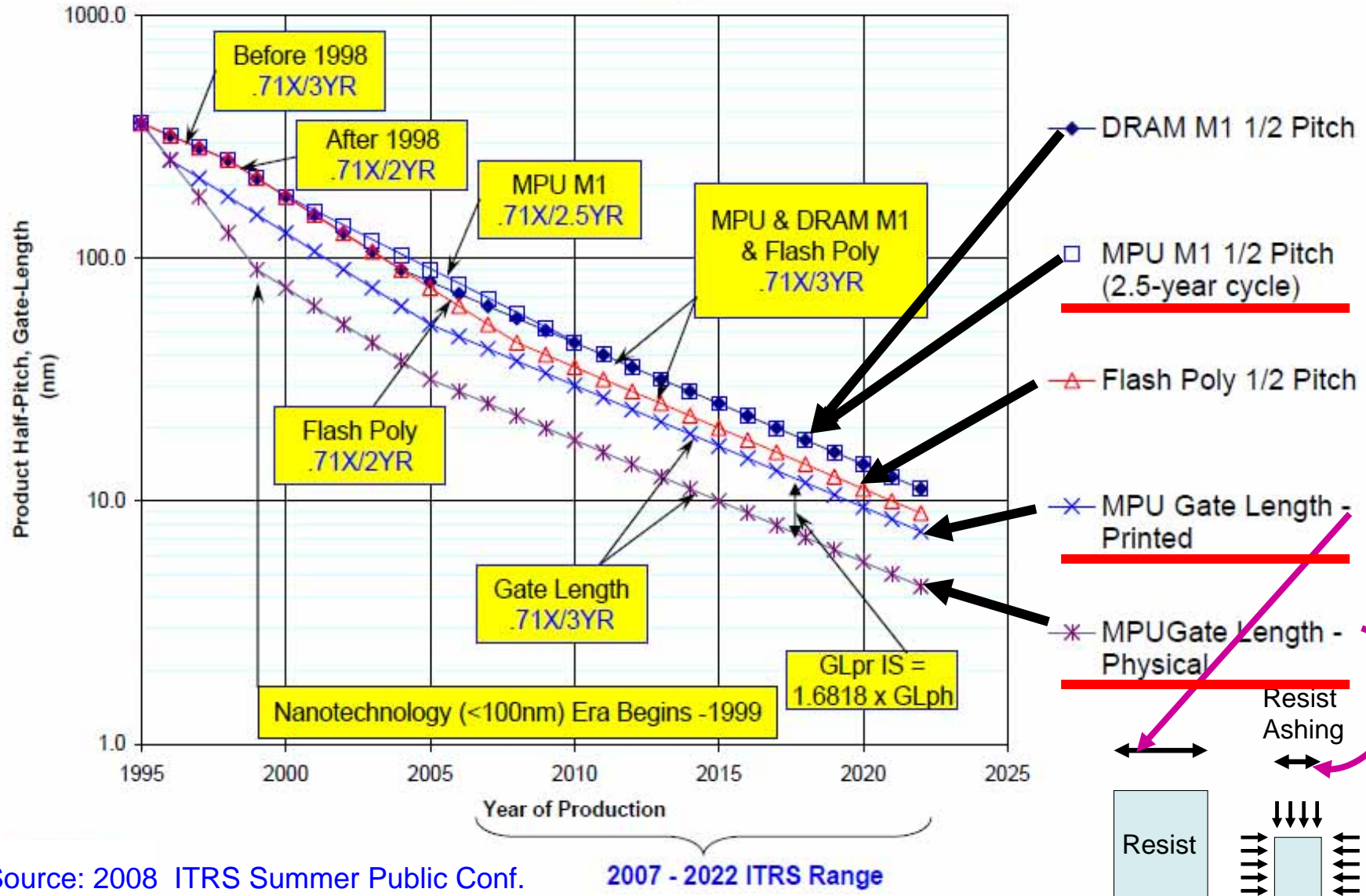
Gate length of Logic CMOS became significantly smaller than lithography resolution or half-pitch using special technique such as resist ashing (or trimming) method since 350 nm CMOS.



Source: ITRS 2001 Update

# For example, Typical Half Pitches at ITRS 2007

2007 ITRS Product Technology Trends - Half-Pitch, Gate-Length [WAS]



Source: 2008 ITRS Summer Public Conf.

2007 - 2022 ITRS Range

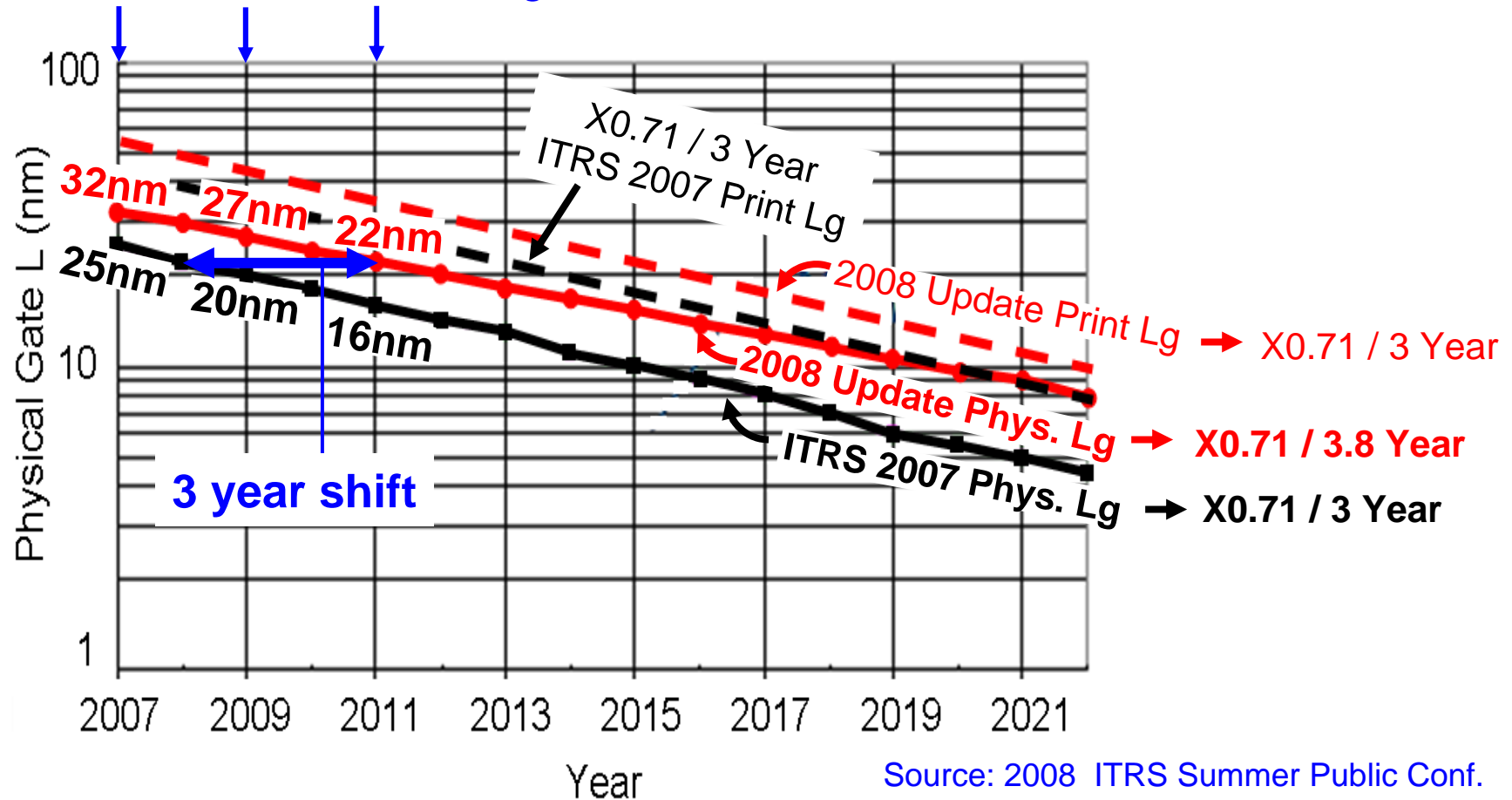
# Physical gate length in past ITRS was too aggressive.

The dissociation from commercial product prediction will be adjusted.

**Physical gate length of High-Performance logic will shift by 3-5 yrs.**

Correspond to

45nm 32nm 22nm Logic CMOS



# EOT and Xj shift backward, corresponding to Lg shift

EOT: 0.55 nm  $\rightarrow$  0.88 nm, Xj: 8 nm  $\rightarrow$  11 nm @ 22nm CMOS

Likely in 2008 Update Correspond to 22nm

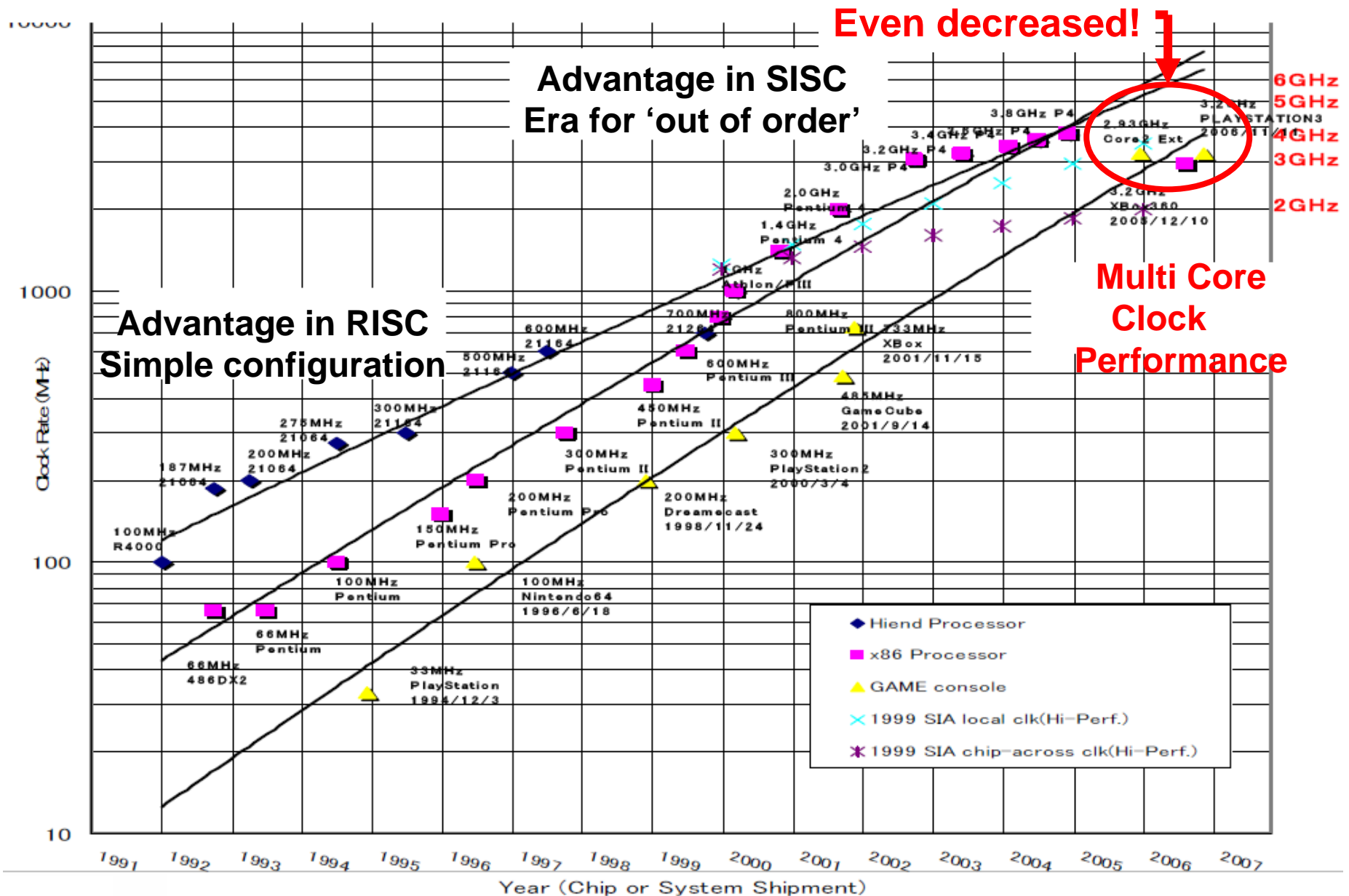
Year of Production	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
2007 MPU/ASIC Lg (nm)	25	23	20	18	16	14	13	11	10	9	8	7	6.3	5.6	5	4.5
2008 MPU/ASIC Lg (nm)	32	29	27	24	22	20	18	17	15	14.0	12.8	11.7	10.7	9.7	8.9	8.1
Shift/Interpolate Formula	2005	intrap	intrap	intrap	intrap	2009	2010	intrap	intrap	2012	intrap	intrap	intrap	intrap	intrap	intrap
EOT w/3E20 poly, bulk MPU (nm)	1.2	0.71	0.54	0.41												
EOT w/3E20 poly, bulk MPU (nm)	1.3	1.2	1.2	1	0.68	0.54	0.41									
EOT w/metal gate, bulk MPU (nm)		0.9	0.75	0.65	0.55	0.50										
EOT w/metal gate, bulk MPU (nm)			1.0	0.95	0.88	0.75	0.65	0.60	0.53	0.5						
Drain Ext. Xj bulk MPU (nm)	12.5	11	10	9	8	7										
Drain Ext. Xj bulk MPU (nm)	11	11	11	11	11		9	8.5	7.7	7						

non-steady trend corrected

filled in for metal gate EOT for 2009/10 based on latest conference presentations



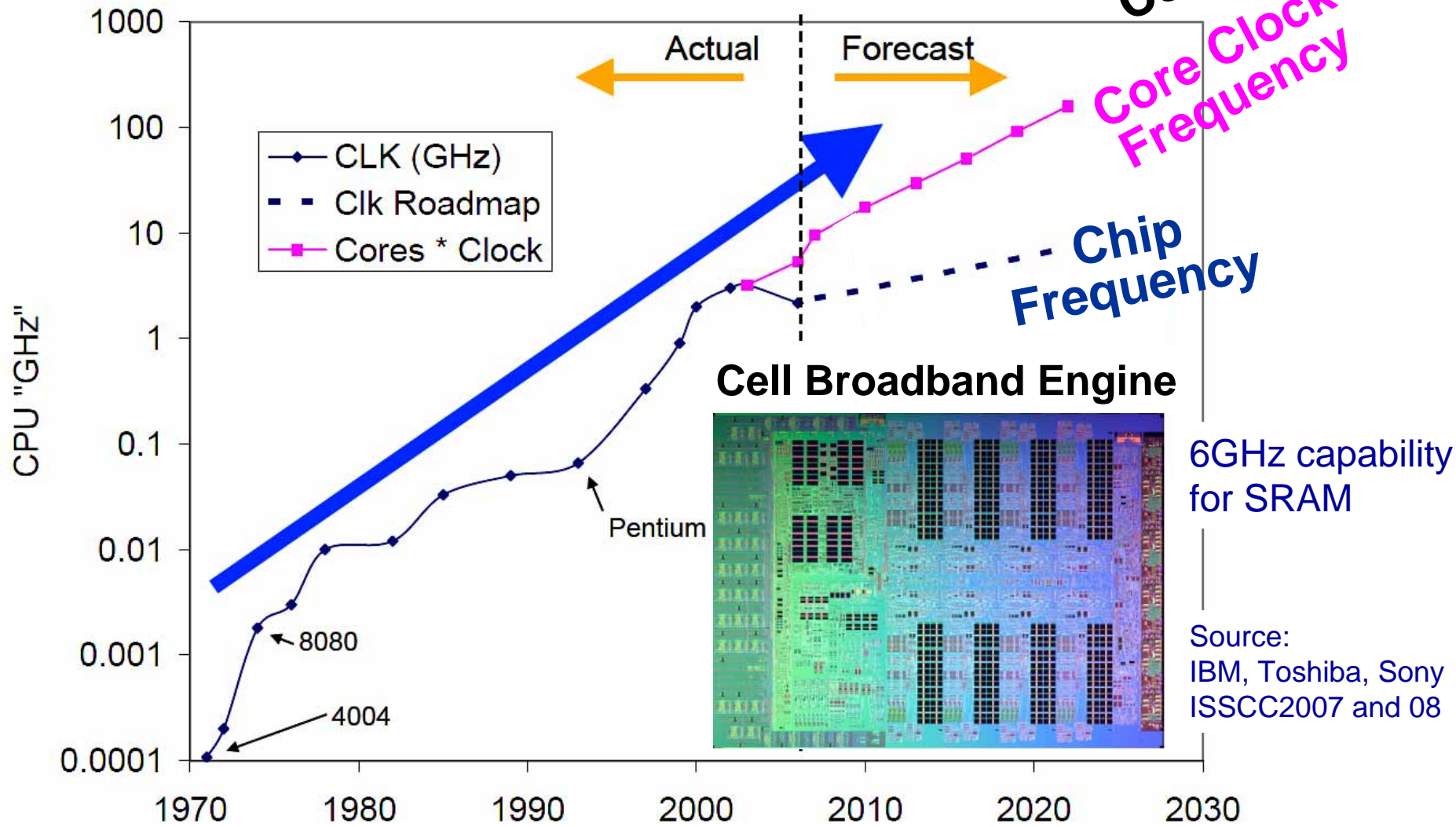
# Clock frequency does not increase aggressively anymore.



Source: Mitsuo Saito, Toshiba

# MPU "GHz" by "Cores" ITRS2007

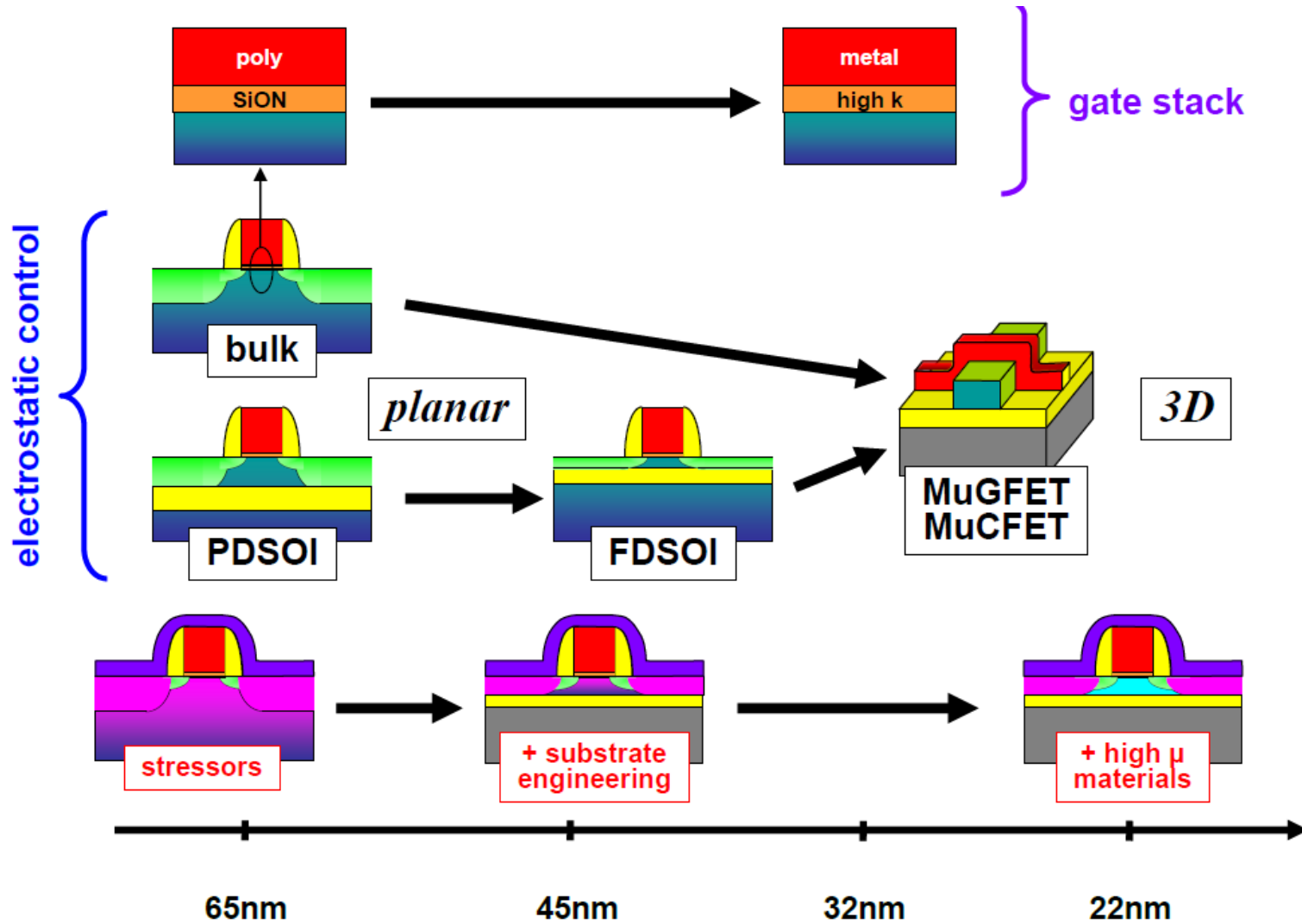
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# Structure and technology innovation (ITRS 2007)

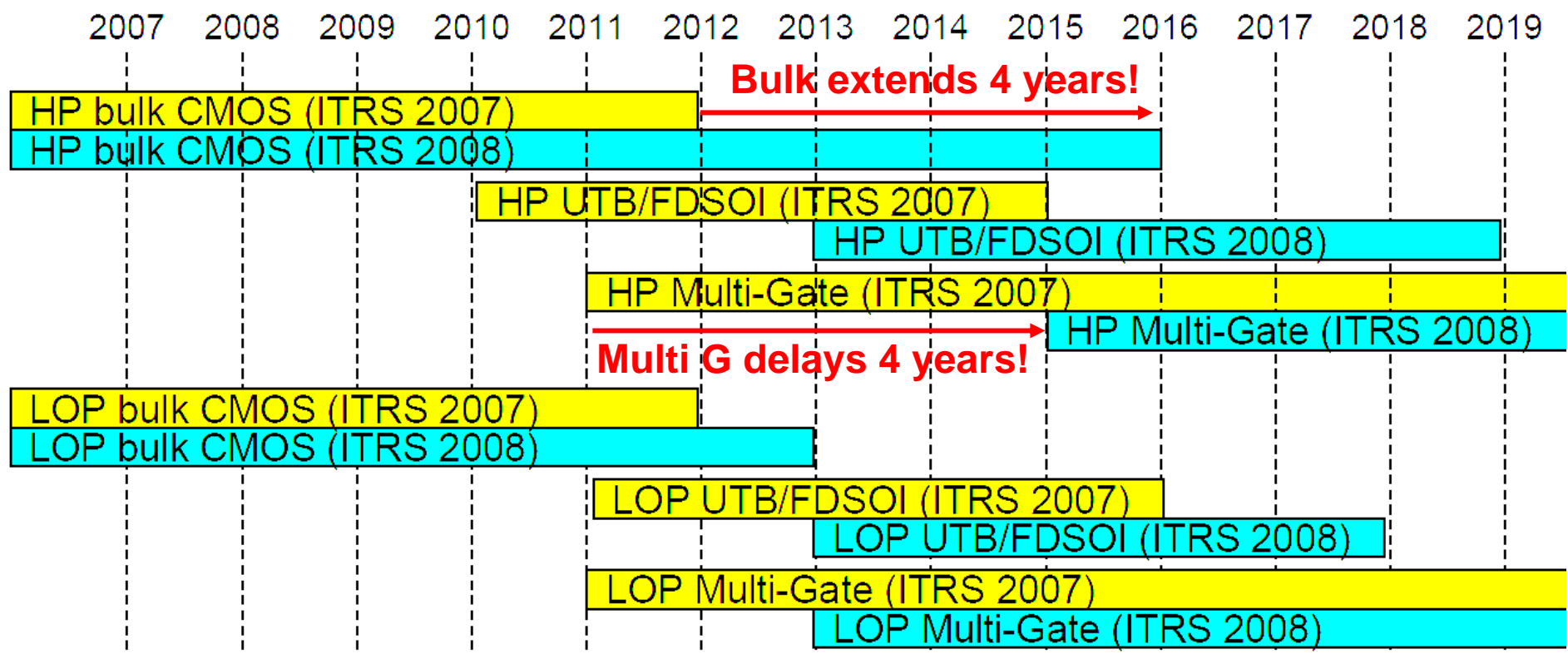


Source: 2008 ITRS Summer Public Conf.

Timing of CMOS innovations shifts backward.

**Bulk CMOS has longer life now!**

**Correspond to 22nm Logic CMOS**



Source: 2008 ITRS Summer Public Conf.

# Wafer size (ITRS 2007)

Correspond to 22nm

<i>Year of Production</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>
<i>MPU/ASIC Metal 1 (M1) ½ Pitch (nm)(contacted)</i>	<i>68</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>MPU Physical Gate Length (nm)</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>MPU High-Performance Total Chip Area(mm²)</i>	<i>310</i>	<i>246</i>	<i>195</i>	<i>310</i>	<i>246</i>	<i>195</i>	<i>310</i>	<i>246</i>	<i>195</i>
<i>MPU High-Performance Active Transistor Area(mm²)</i>	<i>31.7</i>	<i>25.1</i>	<i>20.0</i>	<i>31.7</i>	<i>25.1</i>	<i>20.0</i>	<i>31.7</i>	<i>25.1</i>	<i>20.0</i>
<i>General Characteristics * (99% Chip Yield)</i>									
<i>Maximum Substrate Diameter (mm)—High-volume Production (&gt;20K wafer starts per month)**</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>450</i>	<i>450</i>	<i>450</i>	<i>450</i>

Source: ITRS 2007

→ ??  
Maybe delay??

# ITRS2008 Low-k Roadmap Update

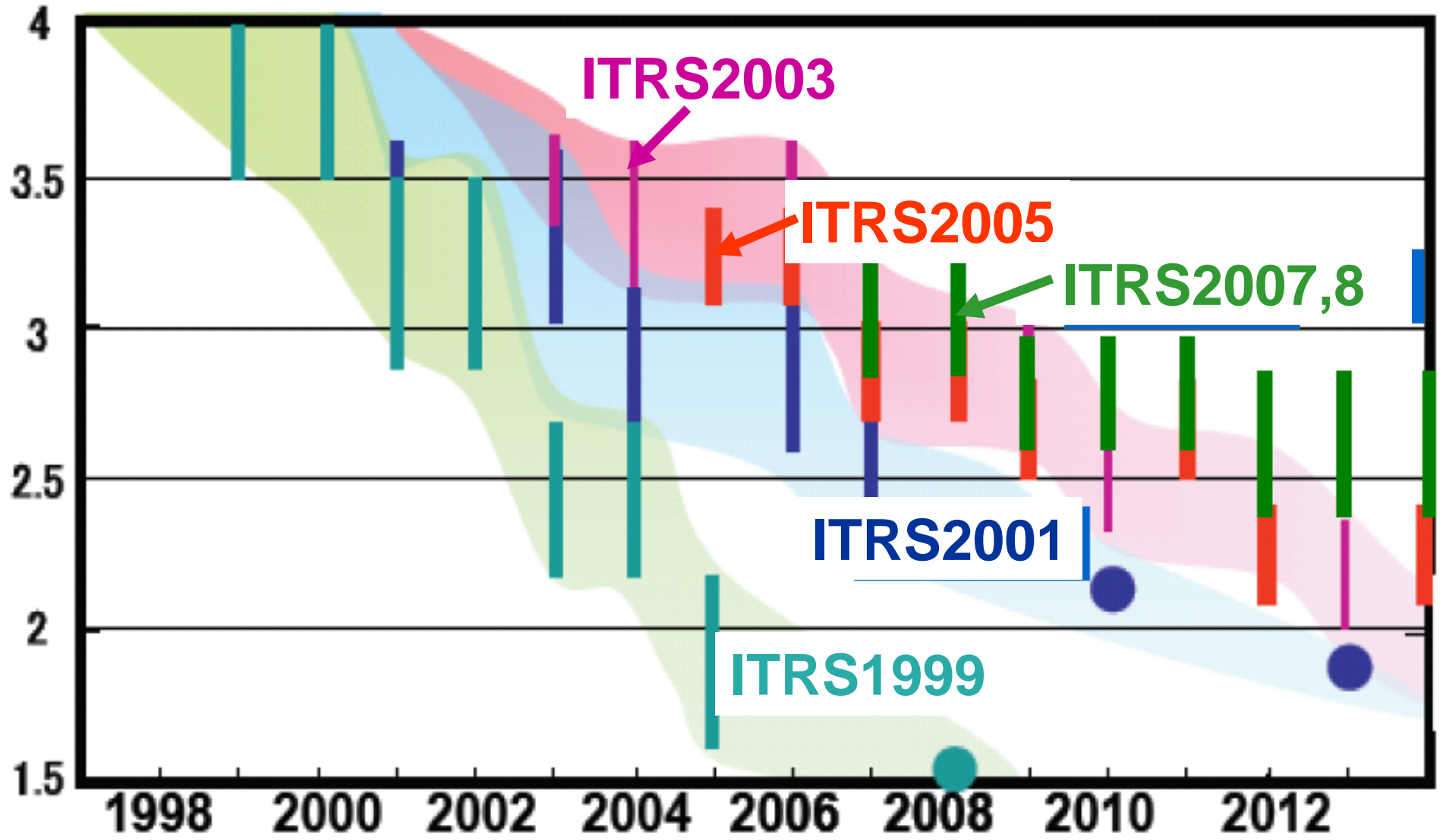
Correspond to 22nm Logic

		Near-term					
	<i>Year of Production</i>	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
<b>ITRS 2007</b>	Interlevel metal insulator – effective dielectric constant ( $\kappa$ )	2.7-3.0	2.5-2.8	2.5-2.8	2.5-2.8	2.1-2.4	2.1-2.4
<b>Update 2008</b>	Interlevel metal insulator – effective dielectric constant ( $\kappa$ )	2.9-3.3	2.6-2.9	2.6-2.9	2.6-2.9	2.4-2.8	2.4-2.8
<b>ITRS 2007</b>	Interlevel metal insulator – bulk dielectric constant ( $\kappa$ )	2.3-2.7	2.1-2.4	2.1-2.4	2.1-2.4	1.8-2.1	1.8-2.1
<b>Update 2007</b>	Interlevel metal insulator – bulk dielectric constant ( $\kappa$ )	2.5-2.8	2.3-2.6	2.3-2.6	2.3-2.6	2.1-2.4	2.1-2.4

Source: 2008 ITRS Summer Public Conf.

k value increases by 0.1 ~ 0.3

# Historical Transition of ITRS Low-k Roadmap



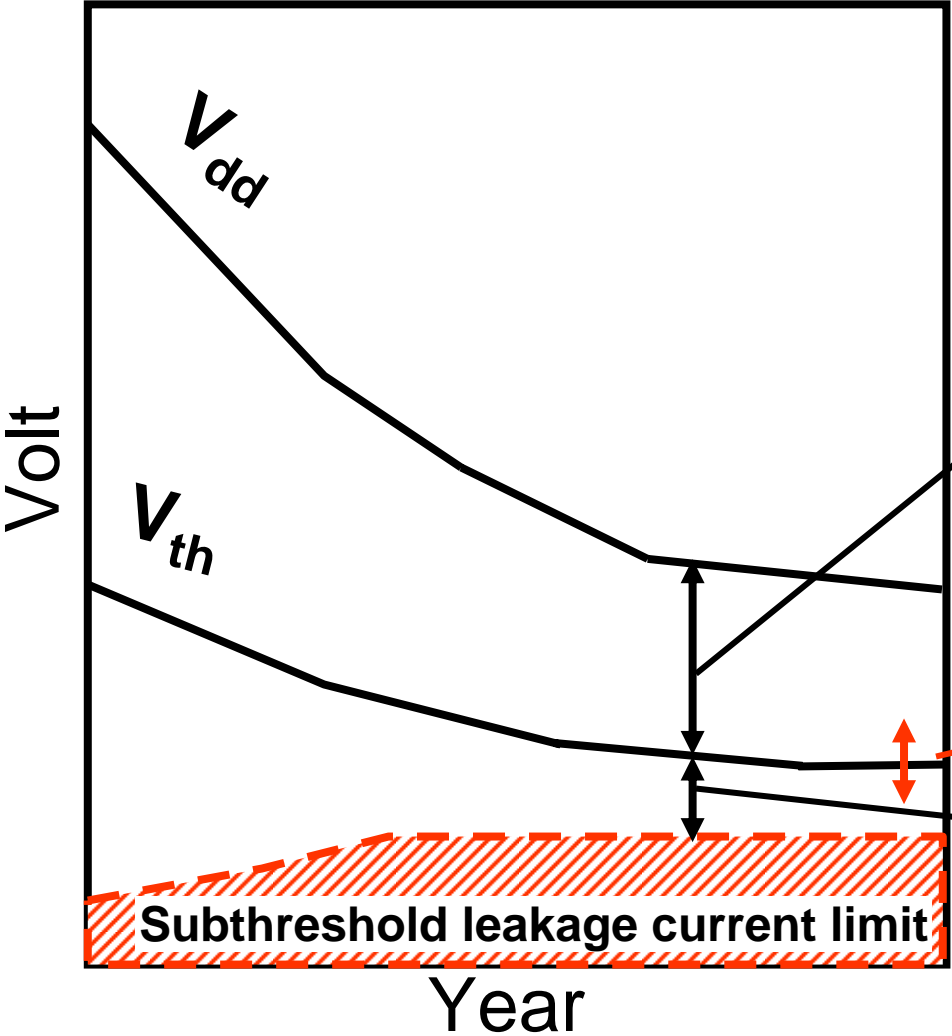
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## Roadmap towards 22nm technology and beyond

- Physical gate length downsizing rate will be less aggressive.
- Corresponding to the above, performance increase would slow down – Clock frequency, etc.
- Introduction of innovative structures – UTB SOI and DG delayed, and bulk CMOS has longer life than predicted by previous ITRS roadmaps.

# 3. Voltage Scaling / Low Power and Leakage

# Difficulty in Down-scaling of Supply Voltage: V<sub>dd</sub>



**Because,  $V_{th}$  cannot be down-scaled anymore,  $V_{dd}$  down-scaling is difficult.**

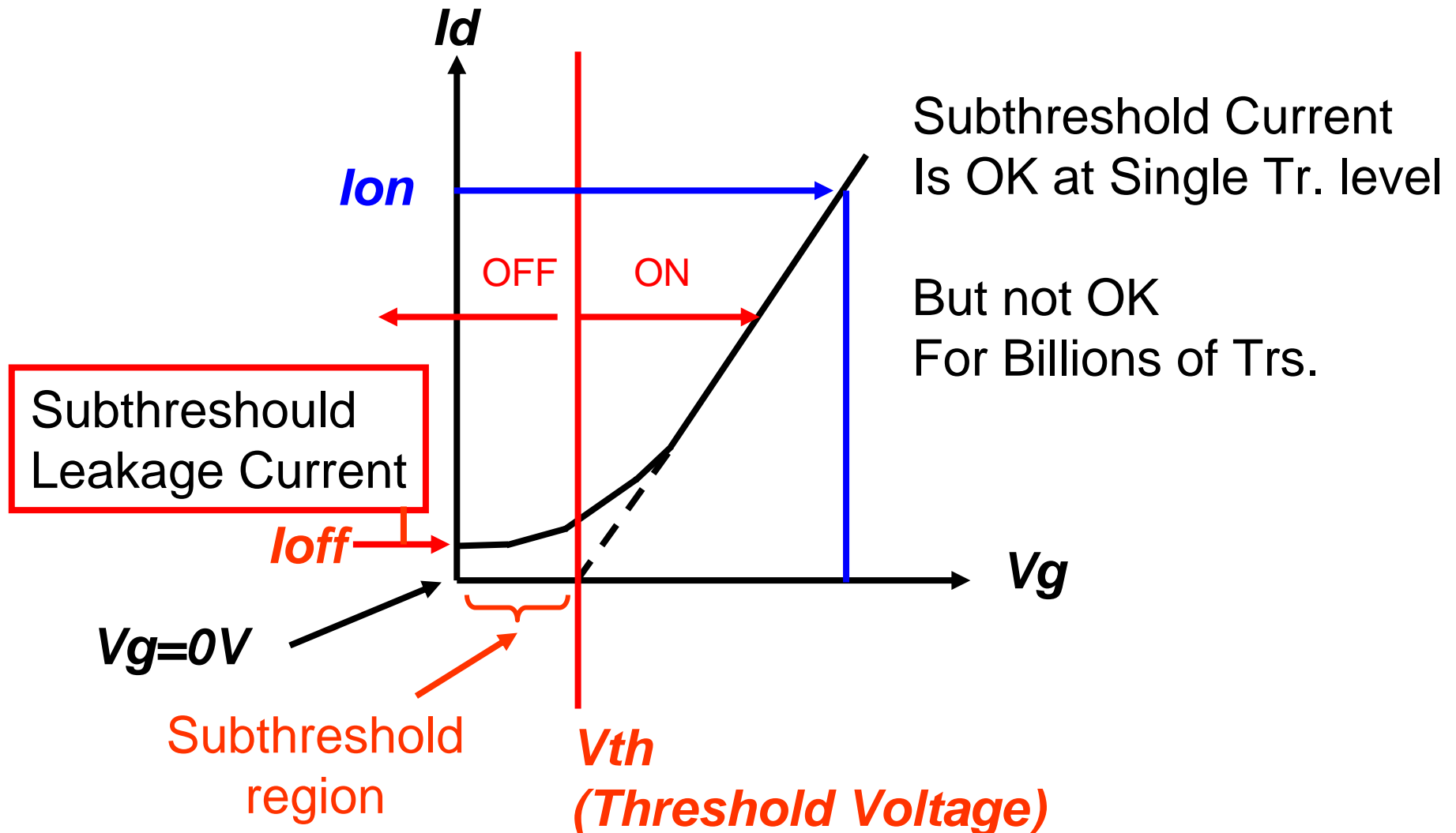
$V_{dd} - V_{th}$  determines the performance (High  $I_d$ ) and cannot be too small.

$\Delta V_{th}$ :  $V_{th}$  variation

$> \Delta V_{th}$   
Margin for  $V_{th}$  variation is necessary

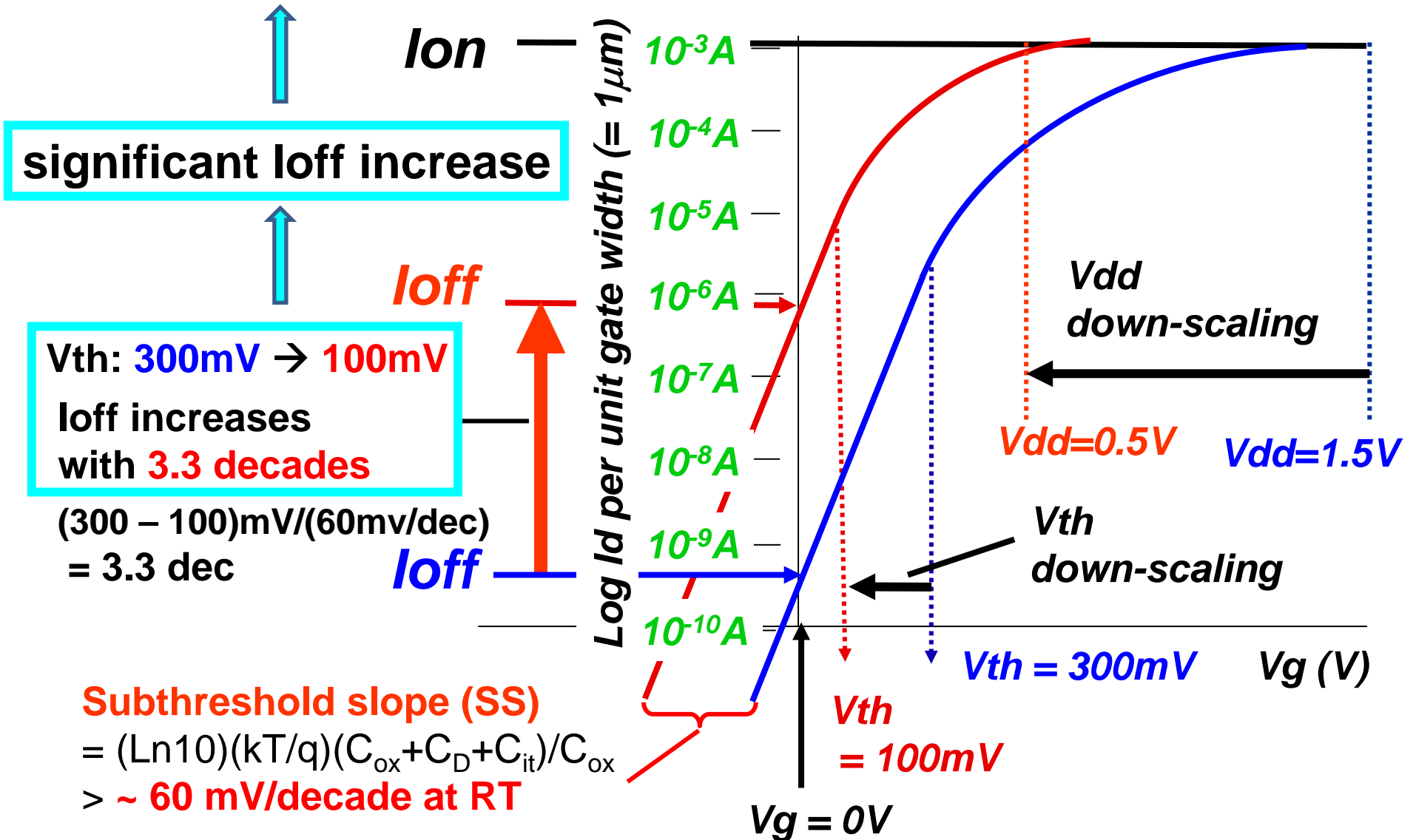


# Subthreshold leakage current of MOSFET



Vth cannot be decreased anymore

Log scale Id plot



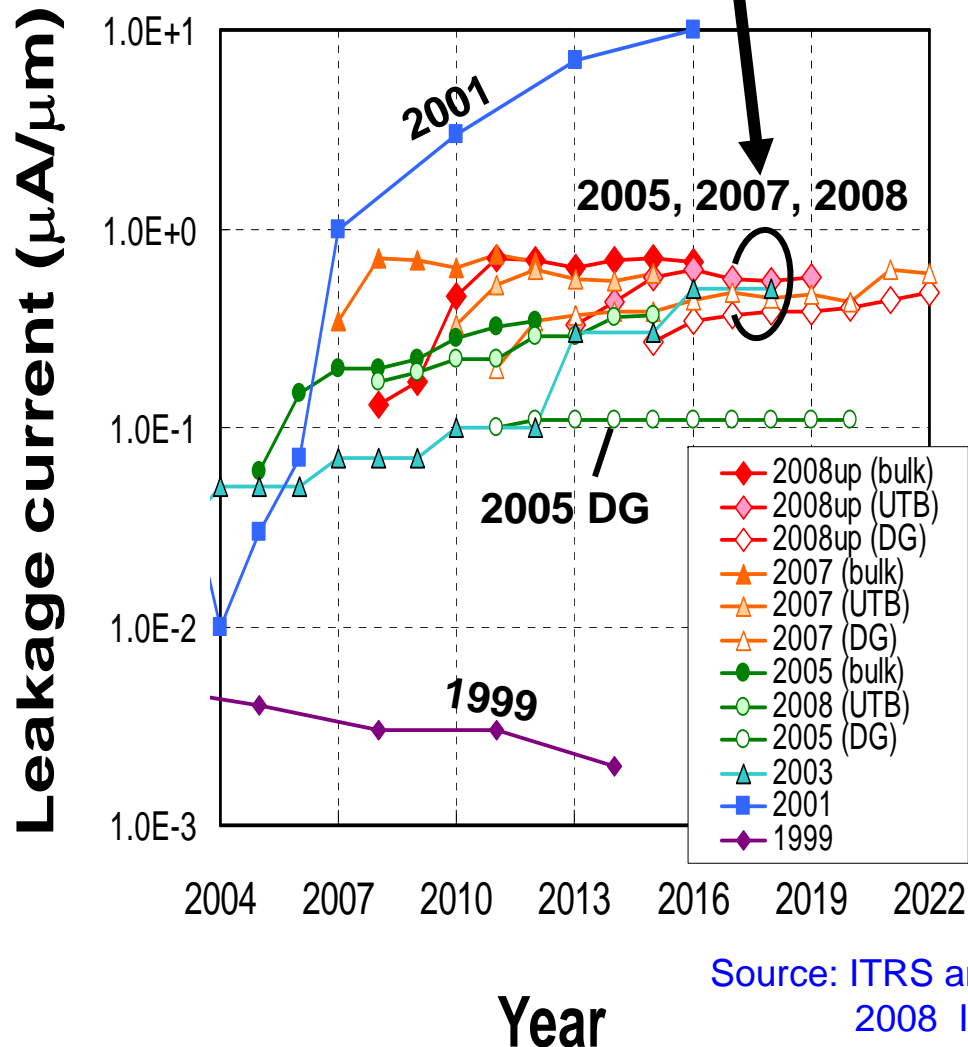
**SS value:**

**Constant and does not become small with down-scaling**

# ITRS for HP logic

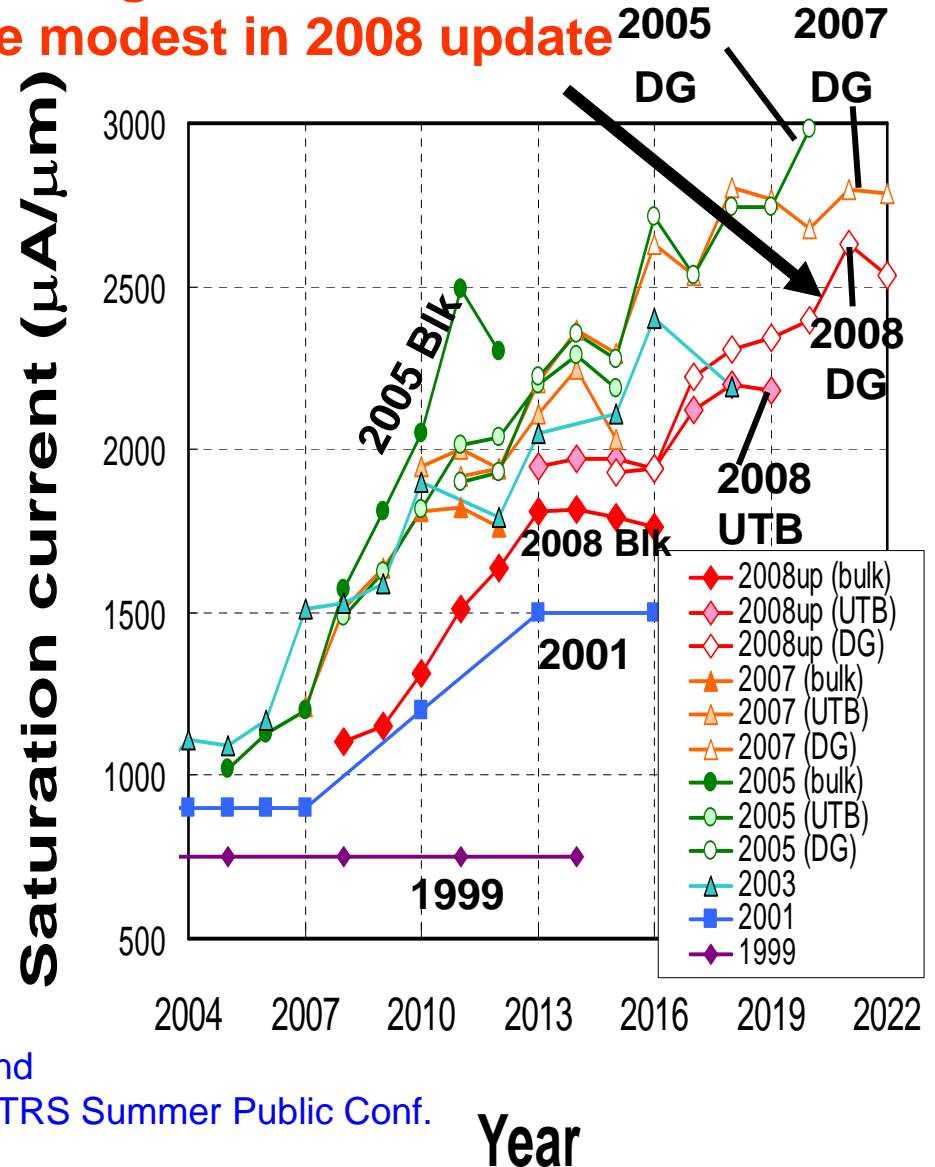
## S-D leakage current

**Isd-leak has to be stay less than 1  $\mu\text{A}/\mu\text{m}$**



## Saturated Drain current

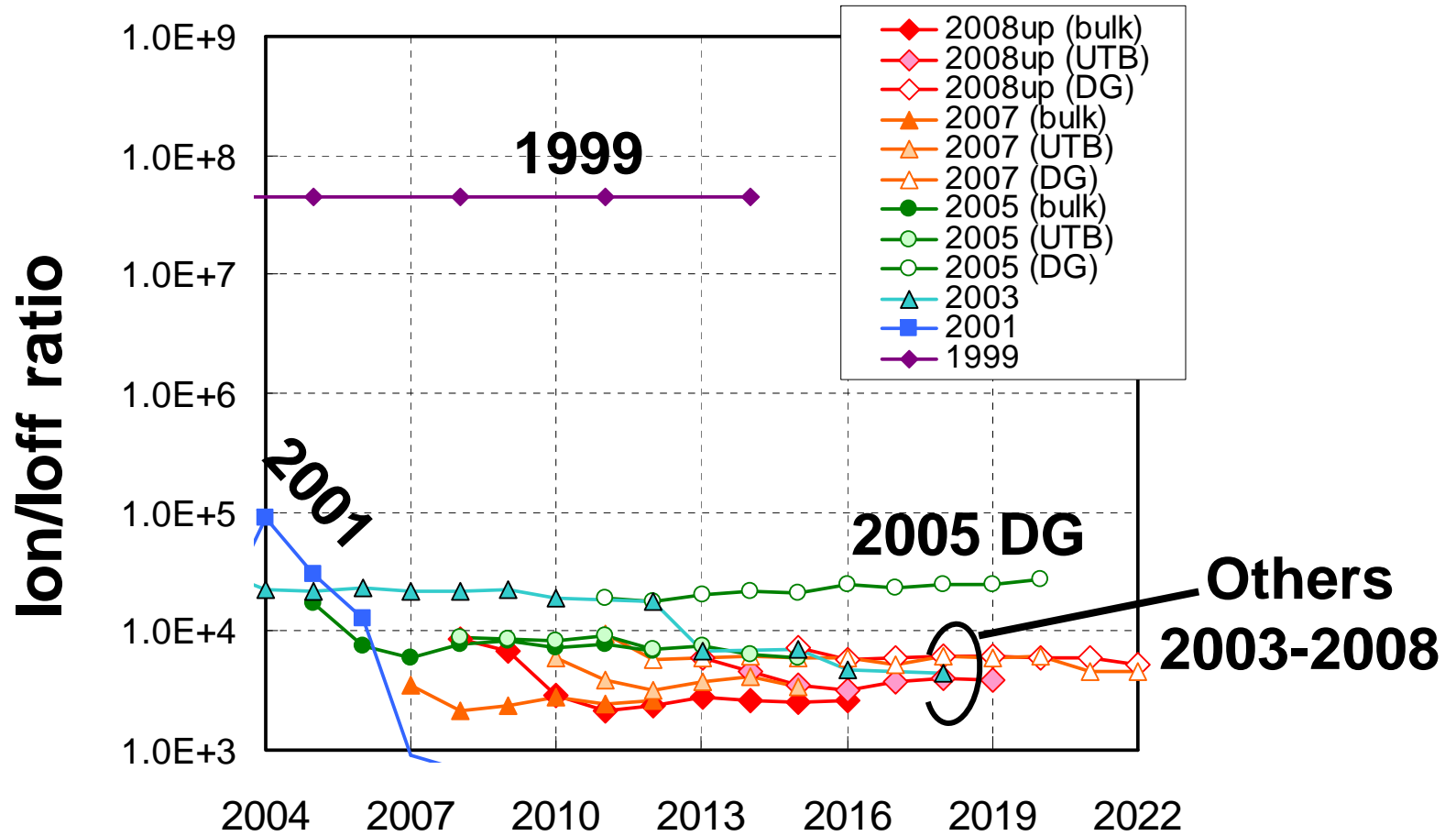
**Id-sat growth will be modest in 2008 update**



**2008 Values are from ITRS Public Conf. and still under discussion**

# ITRS for HP logic

## Ion/loff ratio

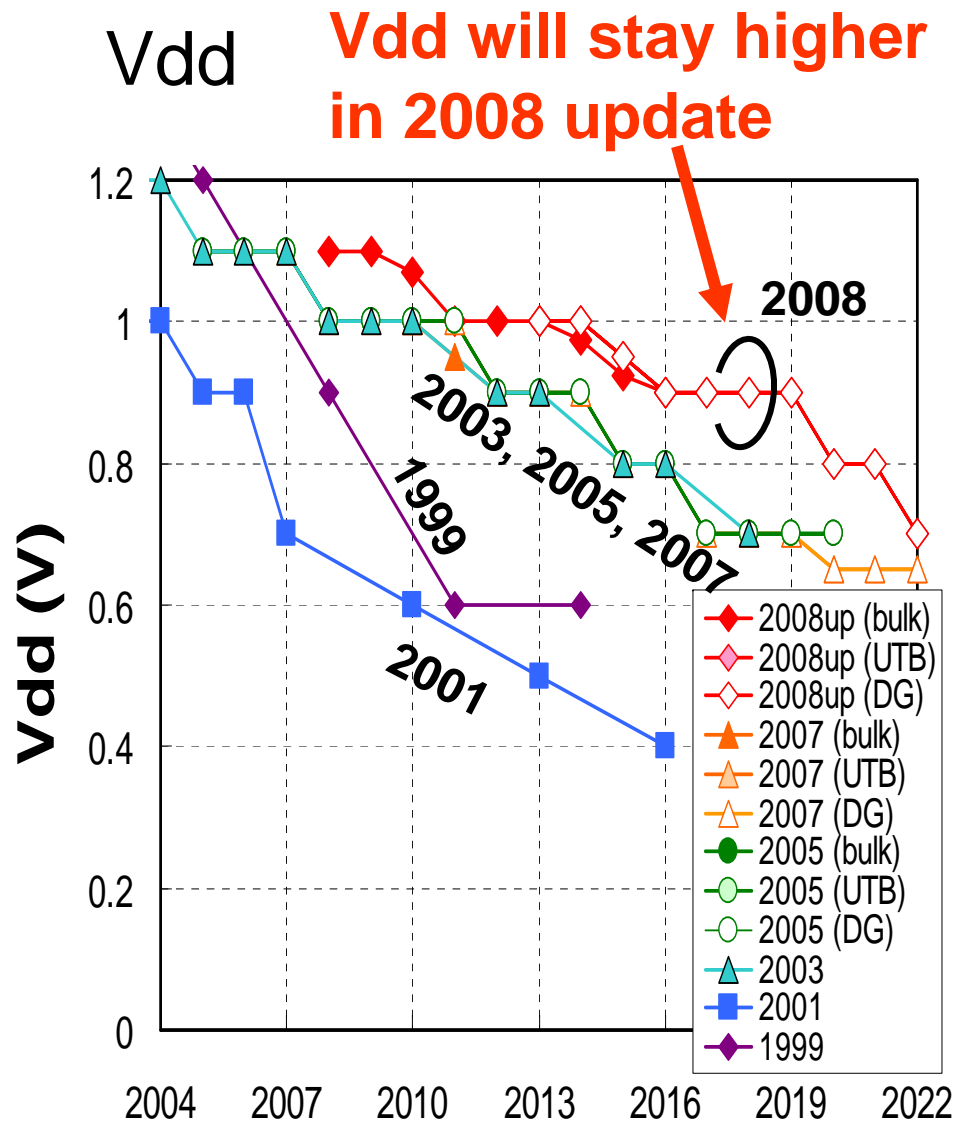


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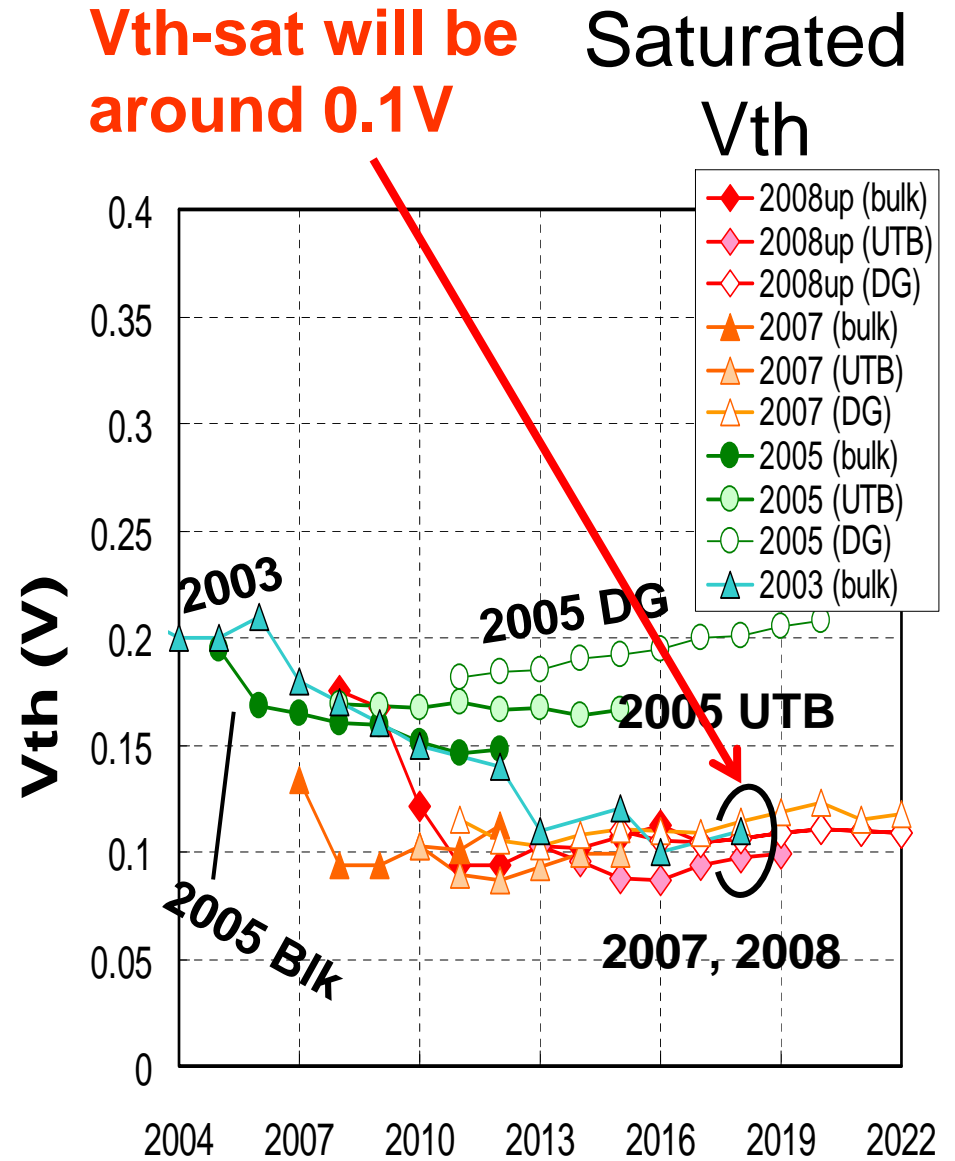
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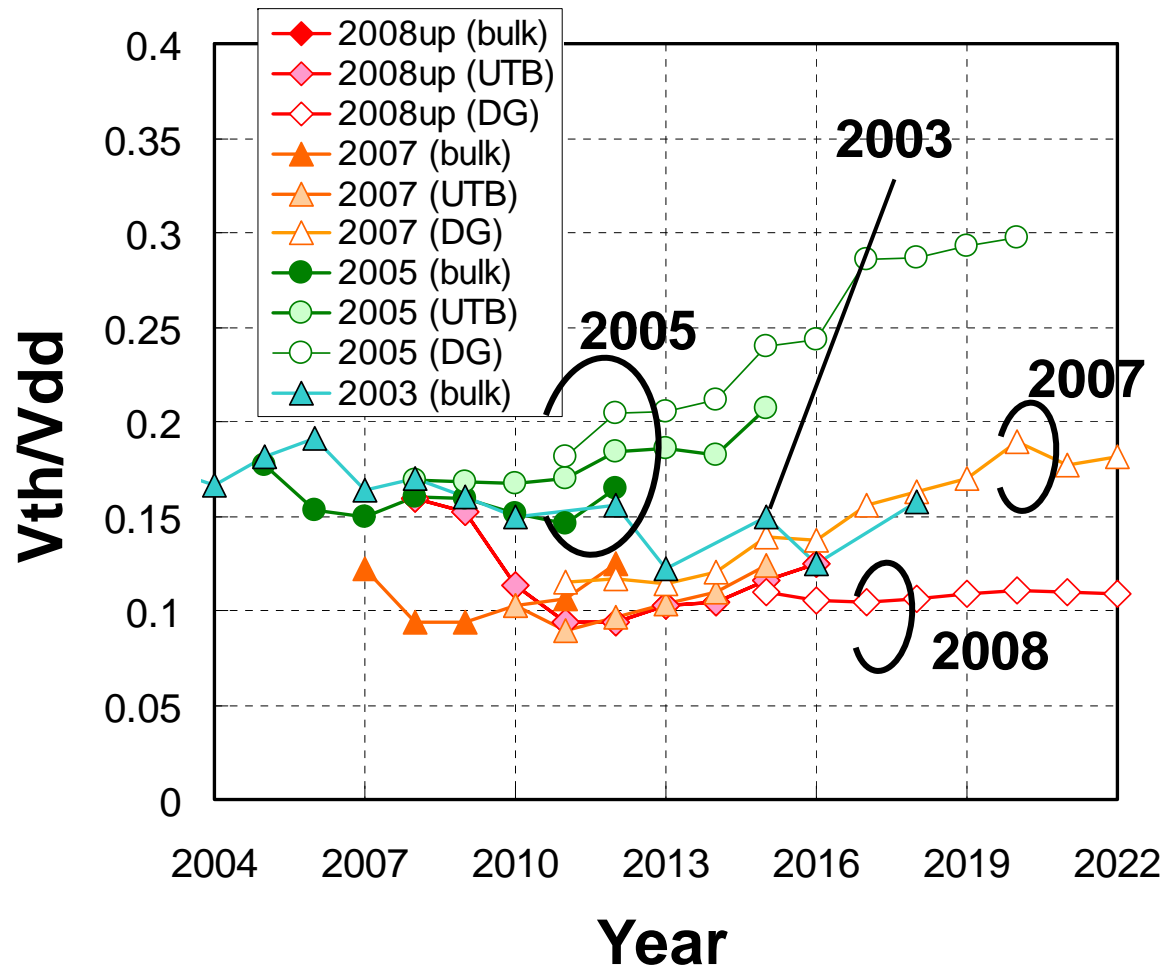


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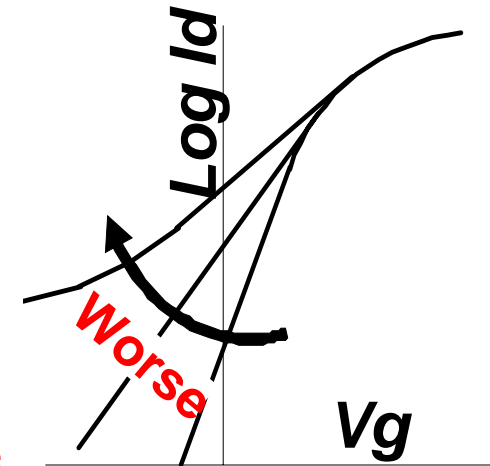


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SS (Subthreshold Slope) becomes **worse** in the following cases

1. **Improper down-scaling**

Ex. When  $T_{ox}$ ,  $W_{dep}$ , or  $V_{dd}$  is not scaled



2. **High impurity doping in channel or substrate**

High impurity Conc.

→  $C_D$  increase

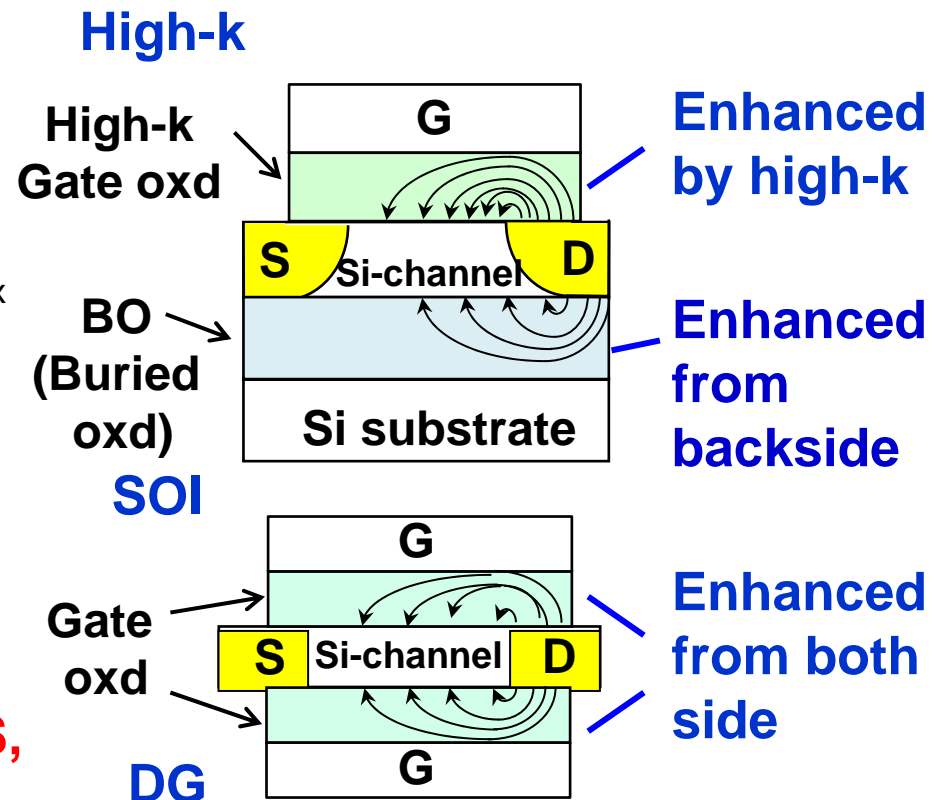
→ SS increase

$$SS = (\ln 10)(kT/q)(C_{ox} + C_D + C_{it})/C_{ox}$$

3. **Enhanced Drain-Electric-field penetration through oxide**

Ex. High-k, SOI, Multi-gate (Double gate: DG)

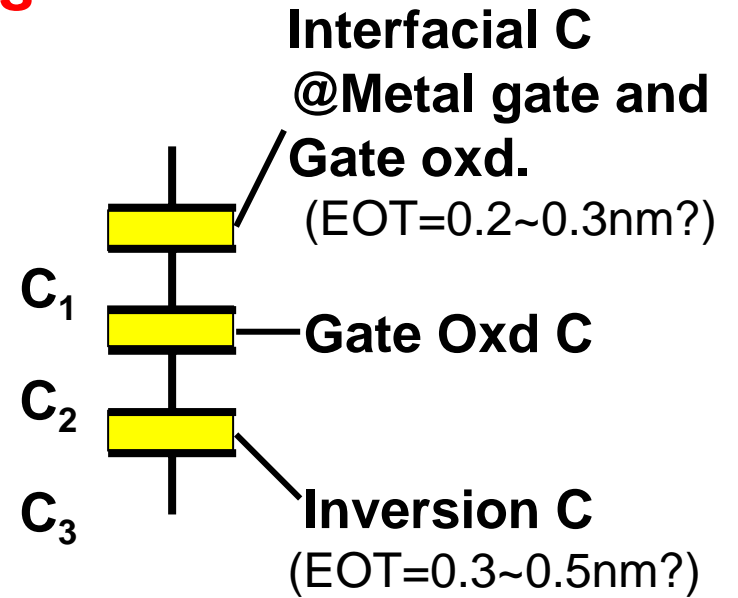
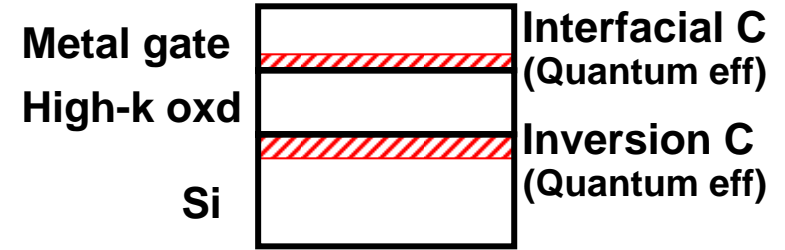
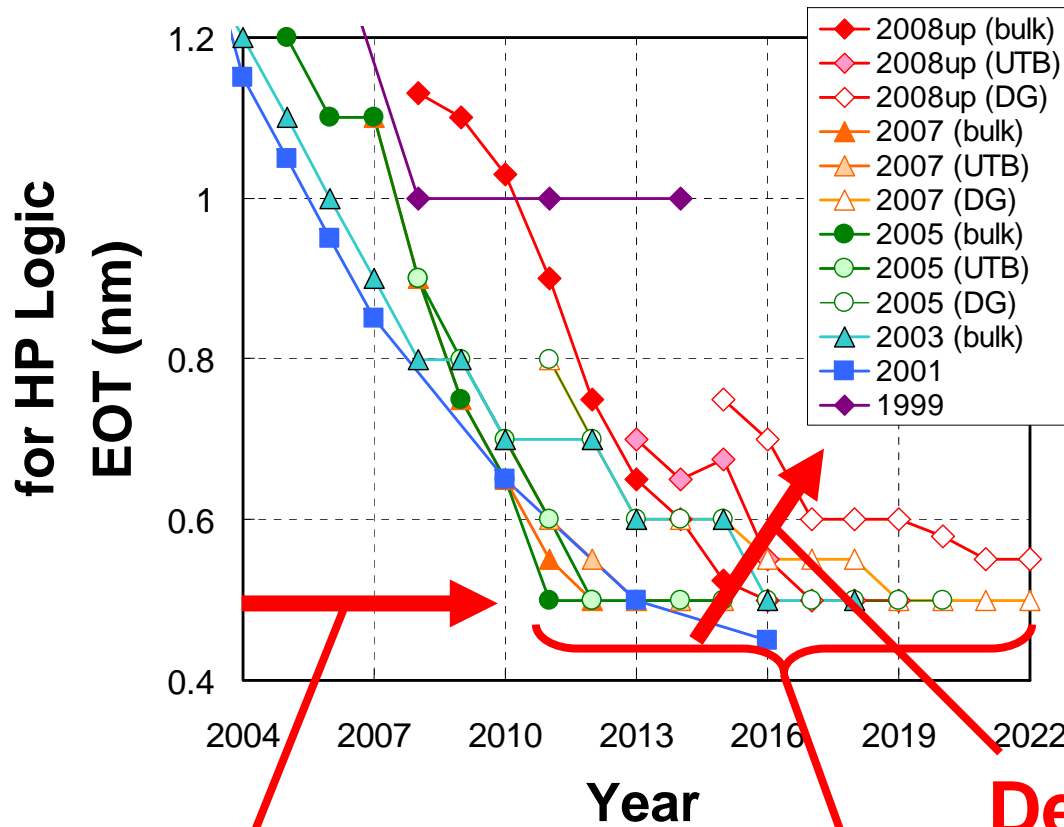
**DG and SOI often show better SS, but be careful!**



# Improper down-scaling

Could we squeeze technologies for ultimate CMOS scaling?

Saturation of EOT thinning is a serious roadblock to proper down-scaling.



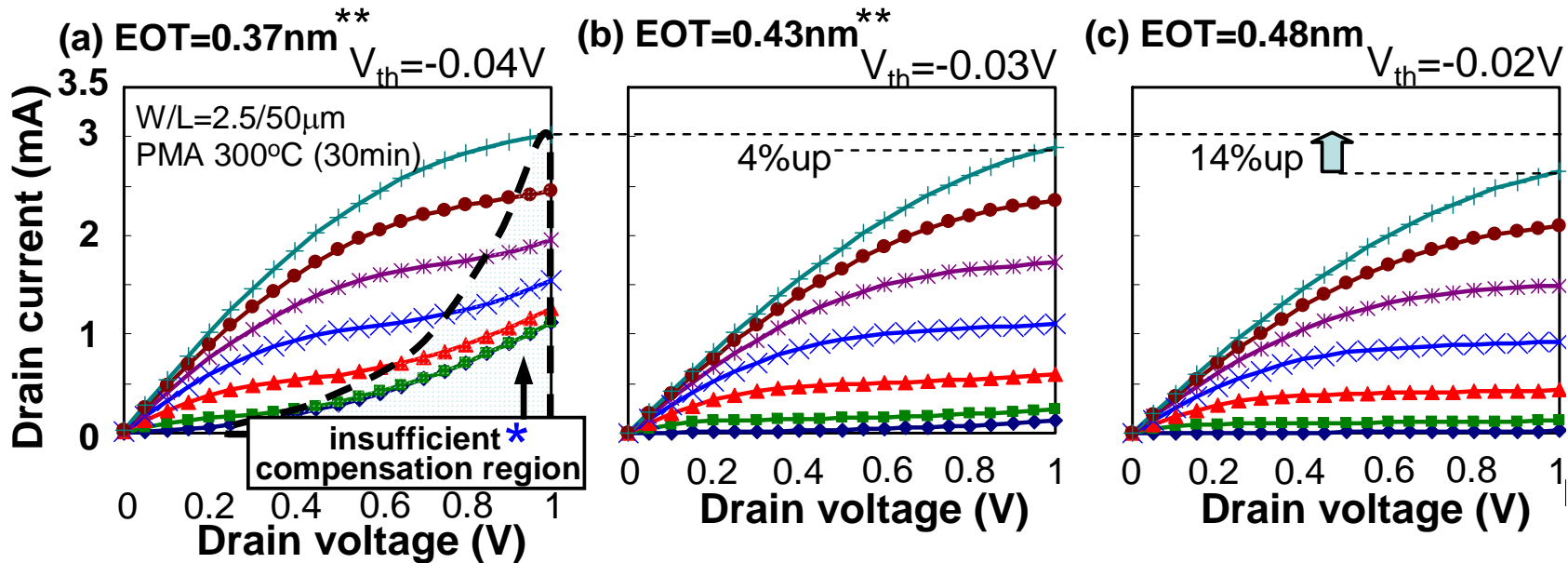
$EOT(C_1) + EOT(C_3) > 0.5\text{nm}$   
 Small effect to decrease  $EOT(C_2)$  beyond 0.5nm?

Is 0.5nm real limit? Saturation



# EOT<0.5nm with Gain in Drive Current is Possible

La<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> gate insulator



EOT scaling below 0.5nm

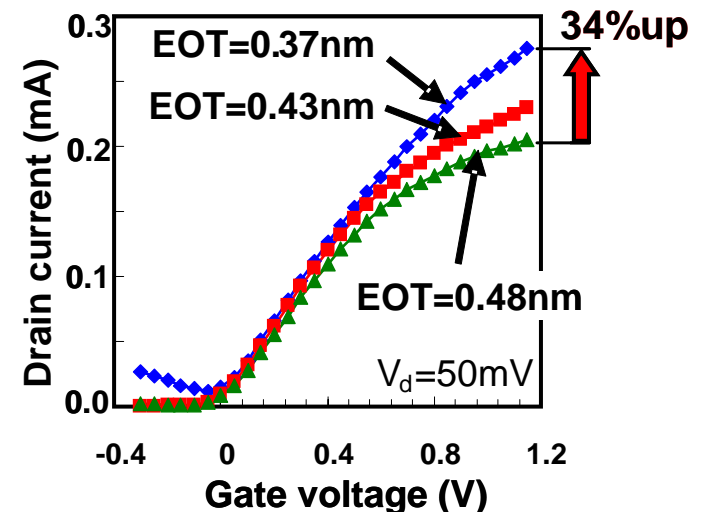


Still useful for larger drain current

Source: K. Kakushima, K. Okamoto, K. Tachi, P. Ahmet, K. Tsutsui, N.i Sugii, T. Hattori, and H. Iwai, IWDTF 2008, Tokyo, November, 2008

\* Because L<sub>g</sub> is very large (2.5 $\mu$ m), gate leakage is large in case (a). The gate leakage component was subtracted from measured data for case (a). However, if we make small gate length, the gate leakage current should become sufficiently small to be ignored compared with I<sub>d</sub> as we verified with SiO<sub>2</sub> gate before (Momose et al., IEDM 1994). The gate leakage could be suppressed by modifying material and process in future.

\*\* Estimated by I<sub>d</sub> value



Thus, in future, maybe continuous development of new techniques could make more proper down-scaling possible.

It is difficult to say, but EOT and V<sub>dd</sub> may become smaller than expected today.

SS (Subthreshold Slope) becomes **worse** in the following cases

1. Improper down-scaling

Ex. When  $T_{ox}$ ,  $W_{dep}$ , or  $V_{dd}$  is not scaled

2. High impurity doping in channel or substrate

High impurity Conc.

→  $C_D$  increase

→ SS increase

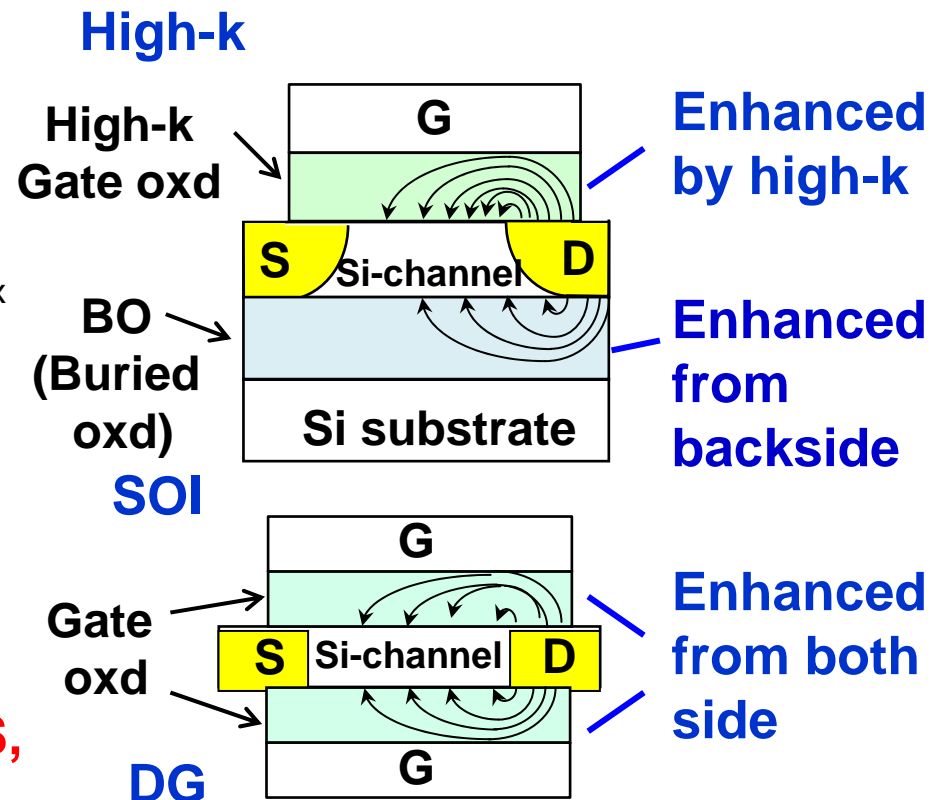
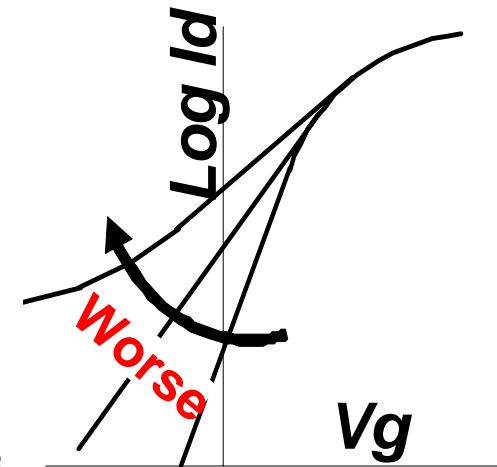
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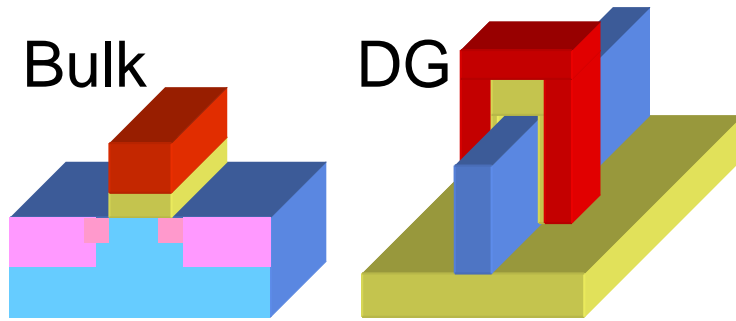
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# Enhanced D-Electric-field

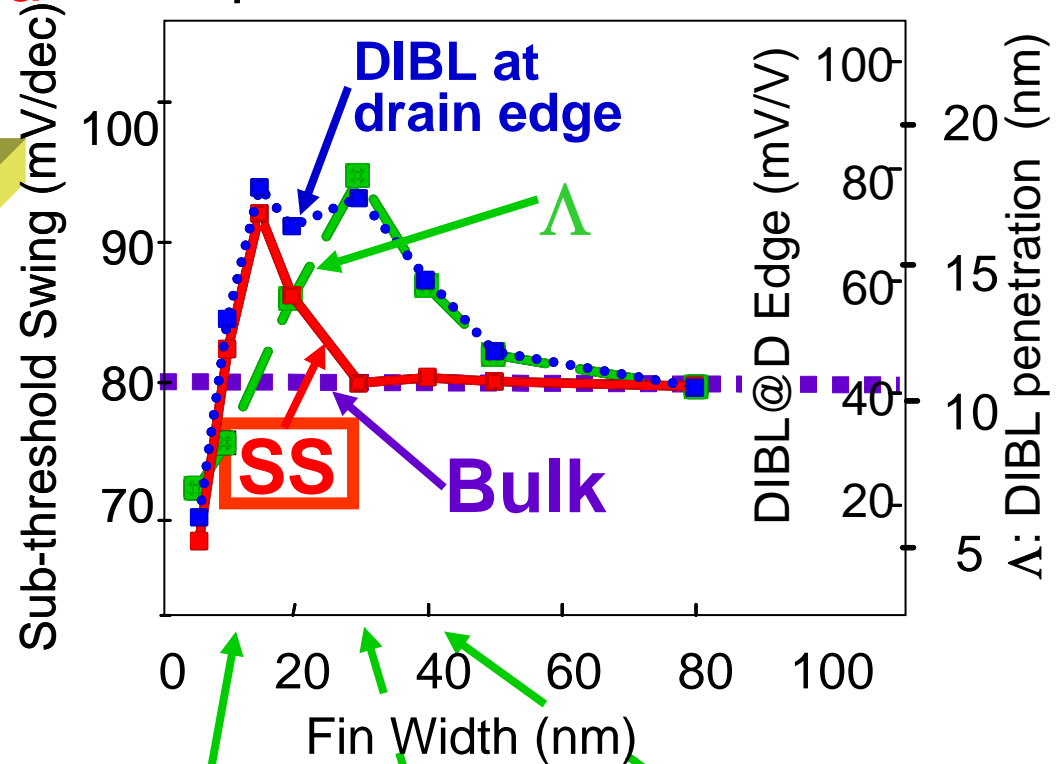
# Comparison of Bulk and DG



Same parameter condition for both  
(2006 ITRS Bulk parameters are used  
for both Bulk and DG)

$L_g=16\text{nm}$ ,  $t_{ox}(EOT)=0.5\text{nm}$ ,  
 $Dopant@Channel=8.1 \times 10^{18}\text{cm}^{-2}$

Source: ECS Fall Meeting, Oct 2008, Honolulu,  
Y. Kobayashi, A. B. Sachid, K. Tsutsui, K. Kakushima,  
P. Ahmet, V. Ramgopal Rao and H. Iwai.

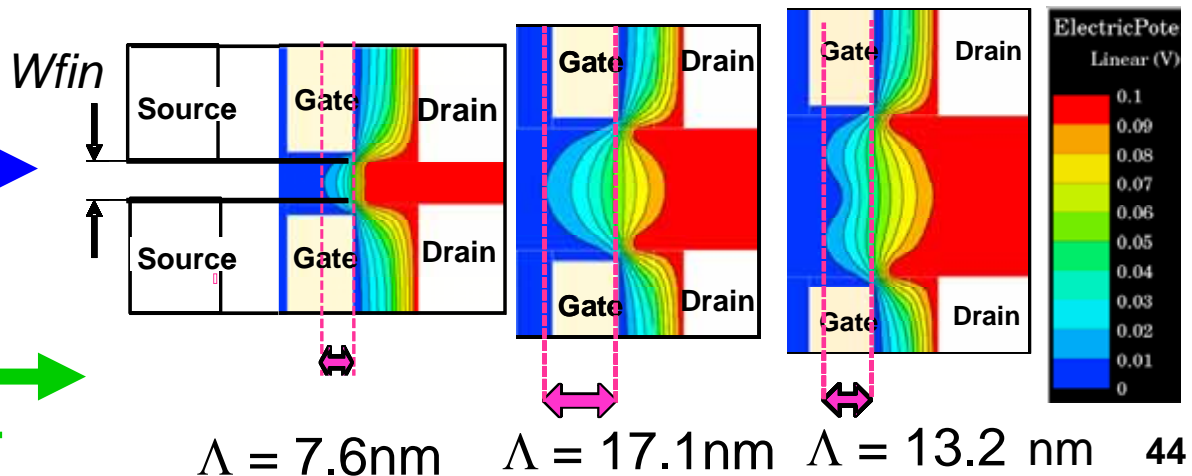


$W_{fin} = 10.7\text{ nm}$     $W_{fin} = 30\text{ nm}$     $W_{fin} = 40\text{ nm}$

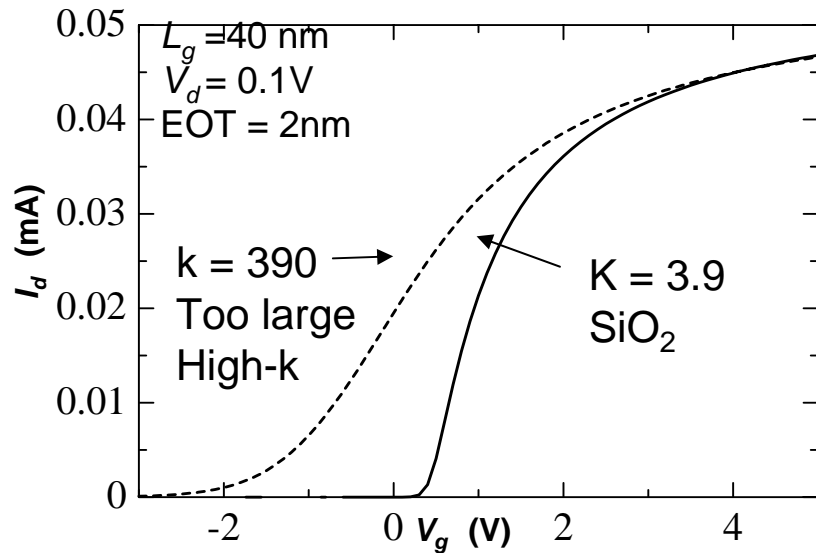
**DIBL: Drain Induced Barrier Lowering**

$$\left. \frac{\partial V(x,y)}{\partial V_d} \right|_{V_d=1V}$$

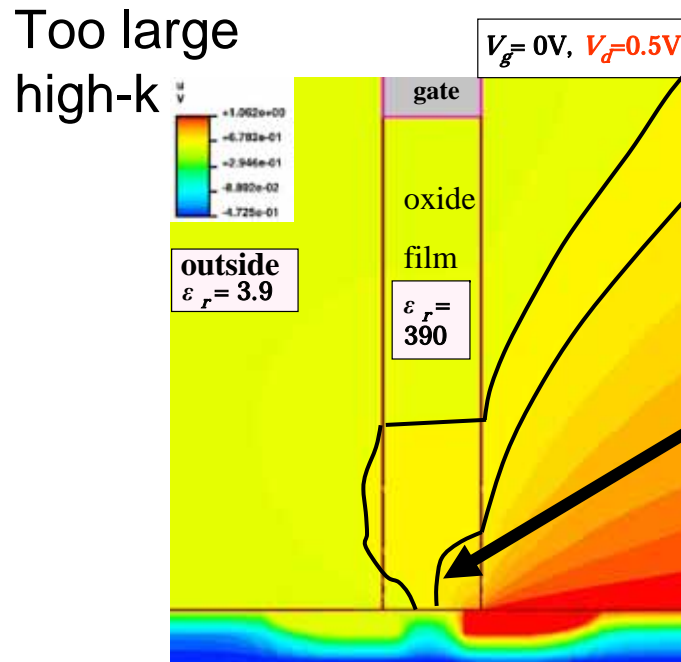
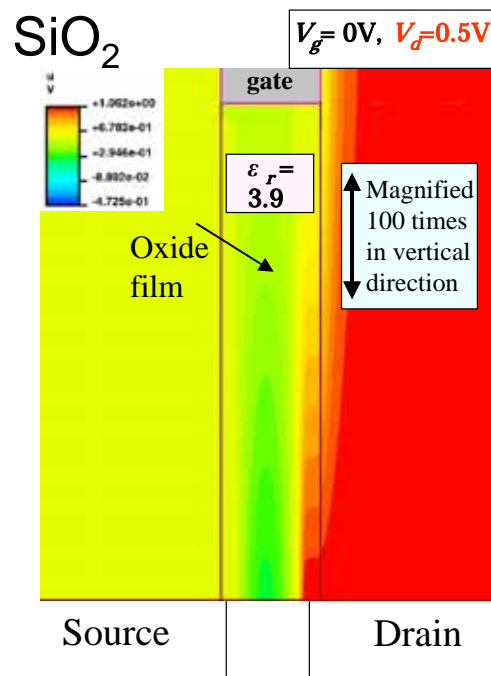
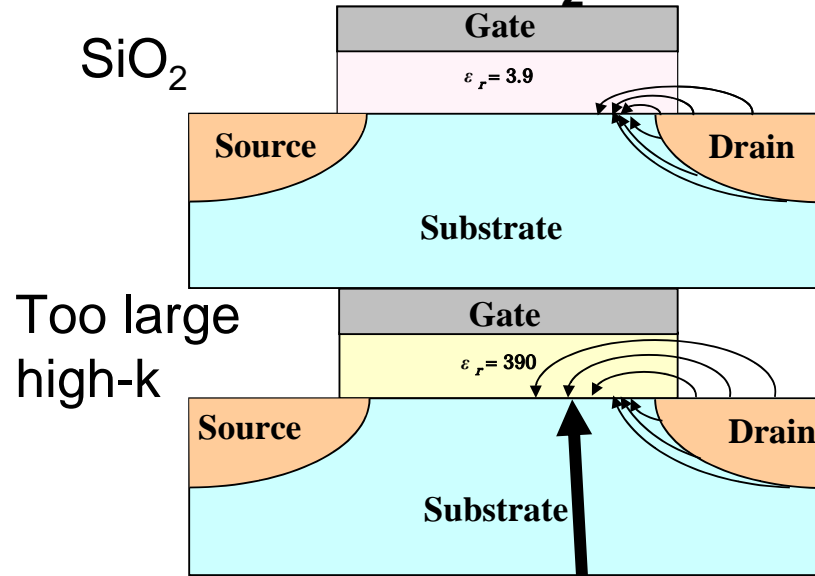
$\Lambda$ : Penetration Depth of DIBL



# Enhanced D-Electric-field



# Comparison of High-k and SiO<sub>2</sub> MOSFETs



Penetration of lateral field from Drain through high-k causes significant short channel effects

R. Fujimura, M. Takeda, K. Sato, S. Ohmi, H. Ishiwara, and H. Iwai, ECS Symp. on ULSI Process Integration II, Volume 2001-2, pp.313-323, 2001,

$V_{dd}$  will stay higher than predicted by previous ITRS roadmaps.

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Solution towards Low  $V_{dd}$

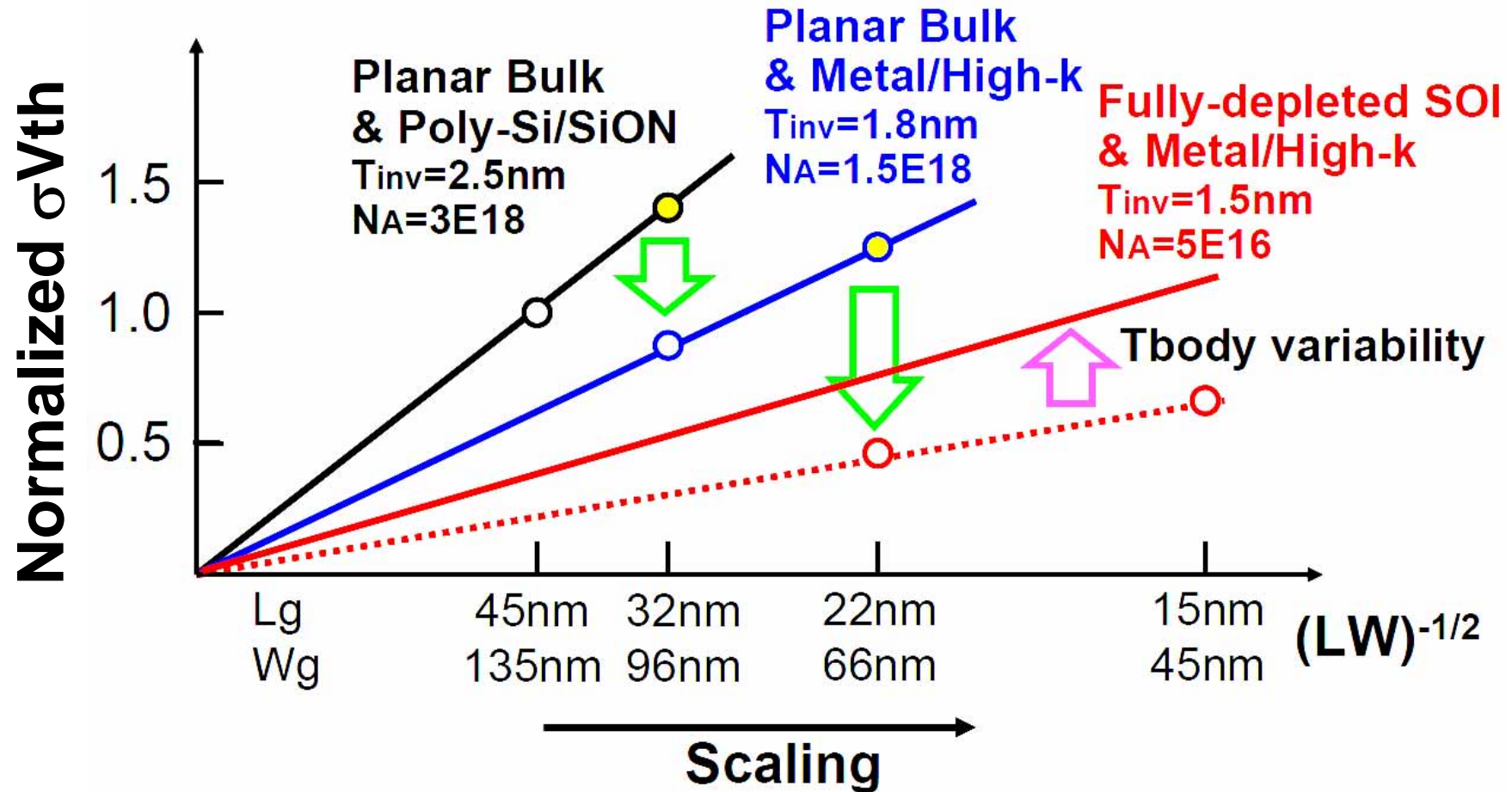
Effort to reduce  $I_{sd-leak}$  and increase  $I_{d-sat}$  is important

- Scaling: Proper down-scaling
  - Introduction of Next generation high-k, S/D etc.
  - CD\* variation control by lithography and etching techniques

\* **CD: Critical dimension**

- Structure: Bulk → UTB-SOI → DG → Nanowire
- Variation: Proper scaling by new tech. – High-k, litho. Etc.  
 $V_{th}$  adjustment by  $V_{sub}$  control
- Circuit techniques: Dynamic and local Multi- $V_{dd}$ , etc.

# Random Variability Reduction Scenario in ITRS 2007



Assumption: Random dopant fluctuation is Main source of Random Variability. Line width roughness of  $L_g$  and  $W_g$  is not considered in this

Source: 2007 ITRS Winter Public Conf.

## 4. SRAM cell scaling



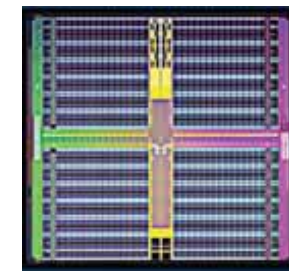
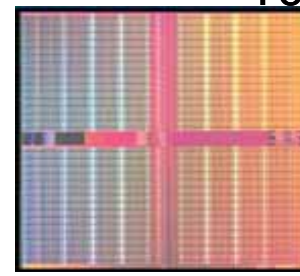
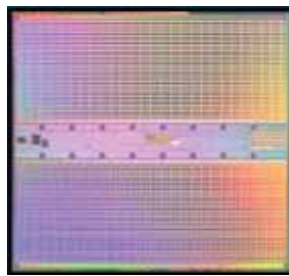
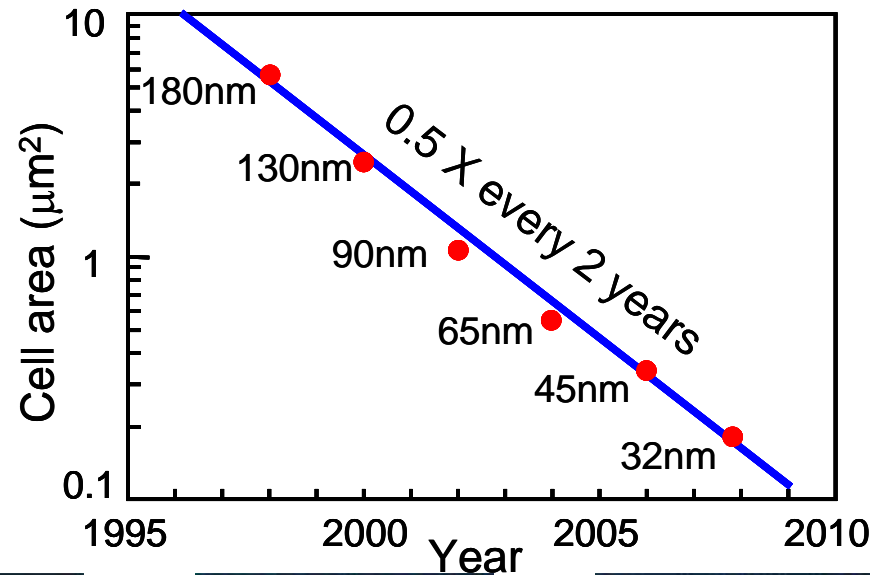
# Intel's SRAM test chip trend

Source: B. Krzanich, S. Natrajan, Intel Developer's Forum 2007  
[http://download.intel.com/pressroom/kits/events/idffall\\_2007/Briefing\\_Silicon&TechManufacturing.pdf](http://download.intel.com/pressroom/kits/events/idffall_2007/Briefing_Silicon&TechManufacturing.pdf)

**SRAM down-scaling trend has been kept until 32nm and probably so to 22nm**

Process name	Lithography	1 <sup>st</sup> production
P1264	65nm	2005
P1266	45nm	2007
P1268	32nm	2009
P1270	22nm	2011

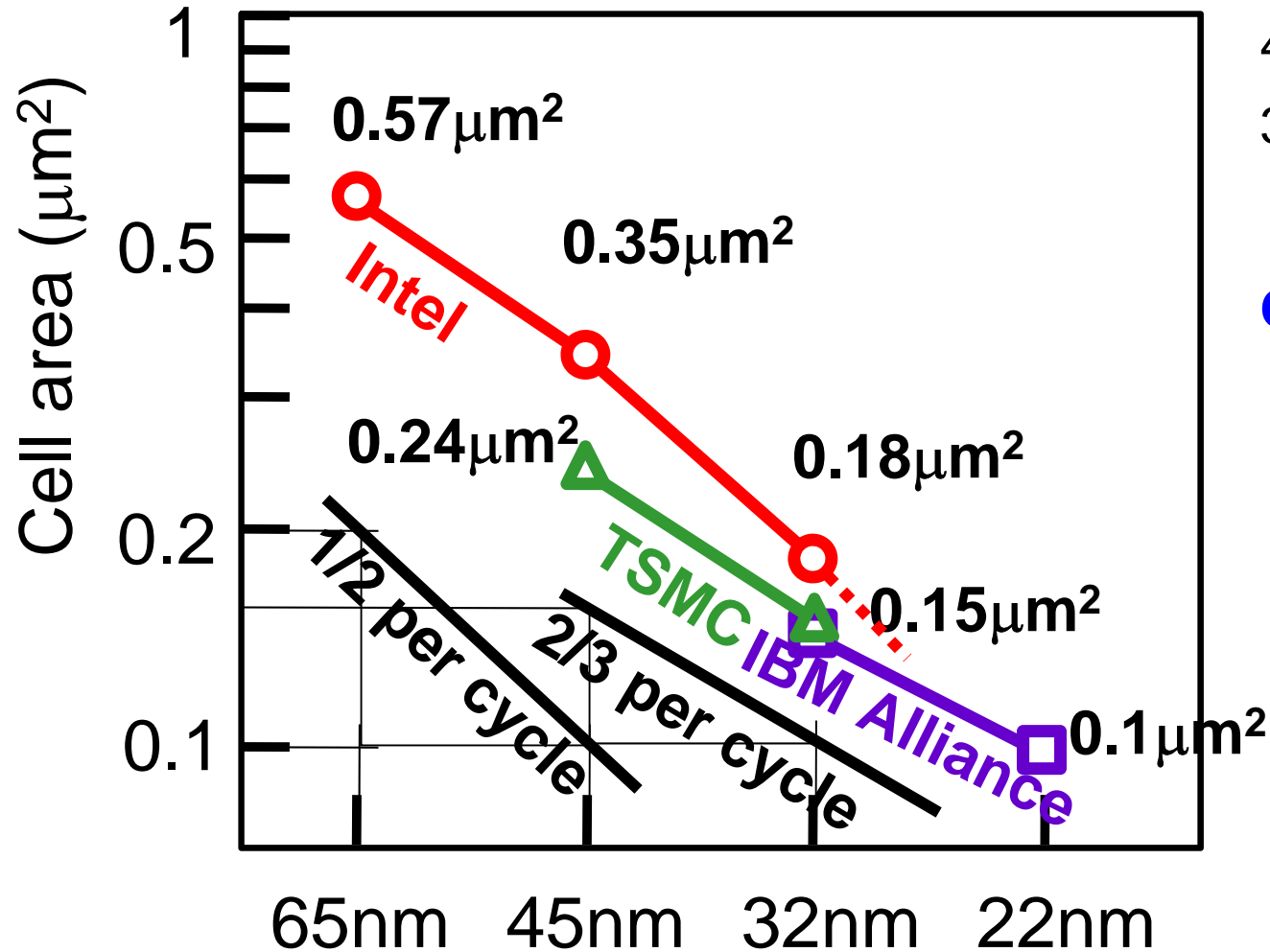
↪ Only schedule has been published



Technology	90 nm Process	65 nm Process	45 nm Process	32 nm Process
Cell size	1.0 µm <sup>2</sup> cell	0.57 µm <sup>2</sup> cell	0.346 µm <sup>2</sup> cell	0.182 µm <sup>2</sup> cell
Capacity	50 Mbit	70 Mbit	153 Mbit	291 Mbit
Chip area	109 mm <sup>2</sup>	110 mm <sup>2</sup>	119 mm <sup>2</sup>	118 mm <sup>2</sup>
Functional Si	February '02	April '04	January '06	September '07

# Cell size reduction trends

1/2 or 2/3 per cycle?



○ Intel

Functional Si

65nm Apr.2004

45nm Jan.2006

32nm Sep.2007

△ TSMC

Conference (IEDM)

45nm Dec.2007

32nm Dec.2007

□ IBM Alliance  
(Consortium)

Conference (IEDM)

32nm Dec.2007

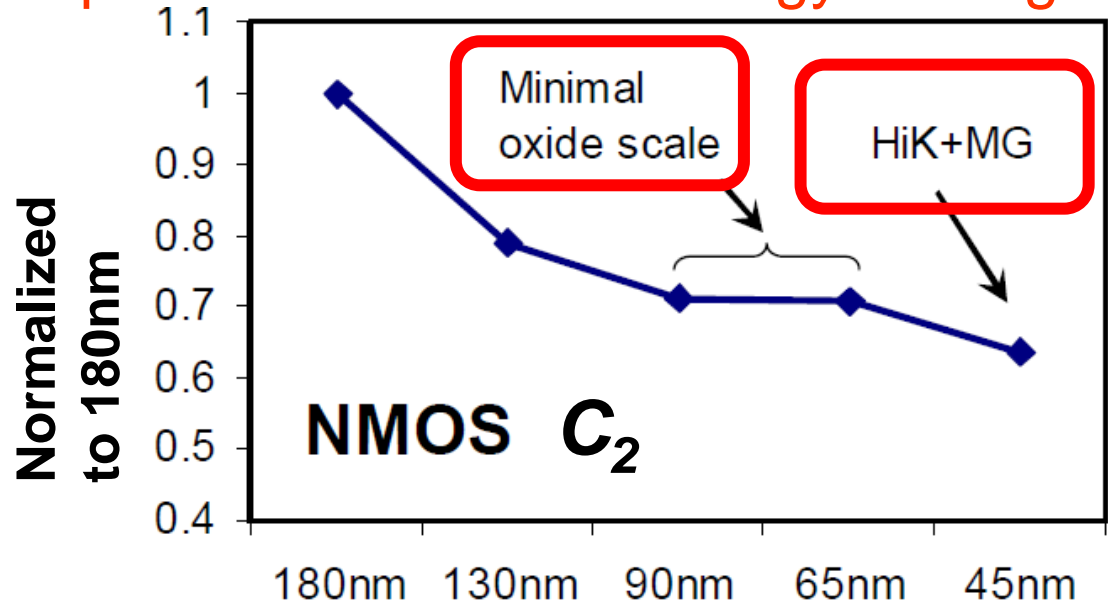
Press release

22nm Aug.2008

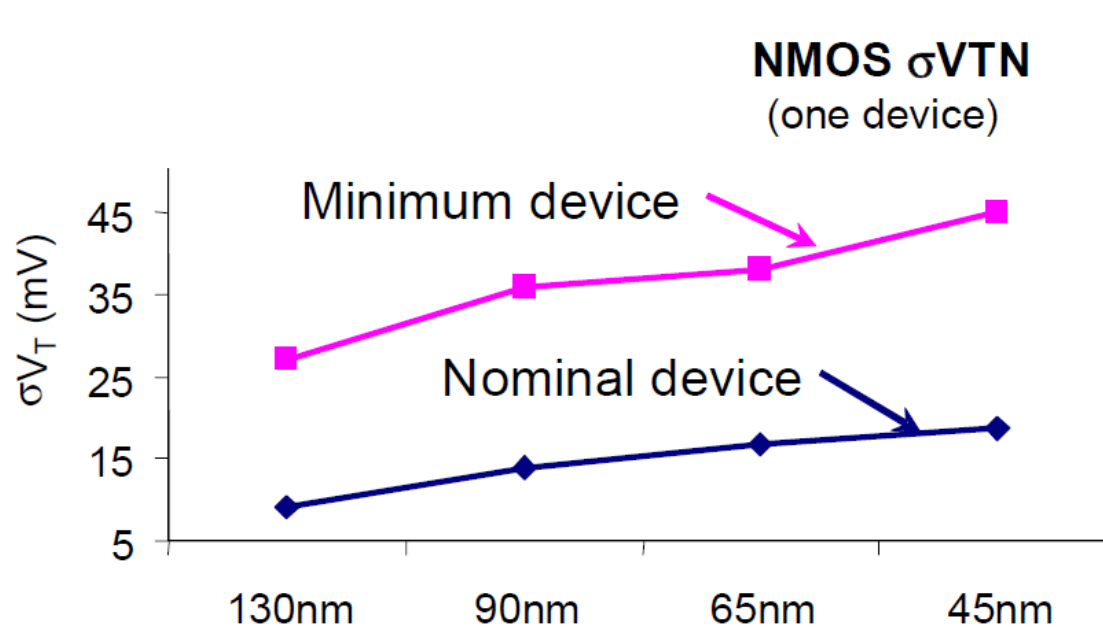
## NMOS Mismatch Coefficient ( $C_2$ ) improvement with technology scaling

$$\sigma V_{Tran} = \left( \frac{\sqrt[4]{4q^3 \epsilon_{si} \phi_B}}{2} \right) \cdot \frac{T_{ox}}{\epsilon_{ox}} \cdot \left( \frac{\sqrt[4]{N}}{\sqrt{W_{eff} \cdot L_{eff}}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \frac{C_2}{\sqrt{W_{eff} \cdot L_{eff}}} \right)$$



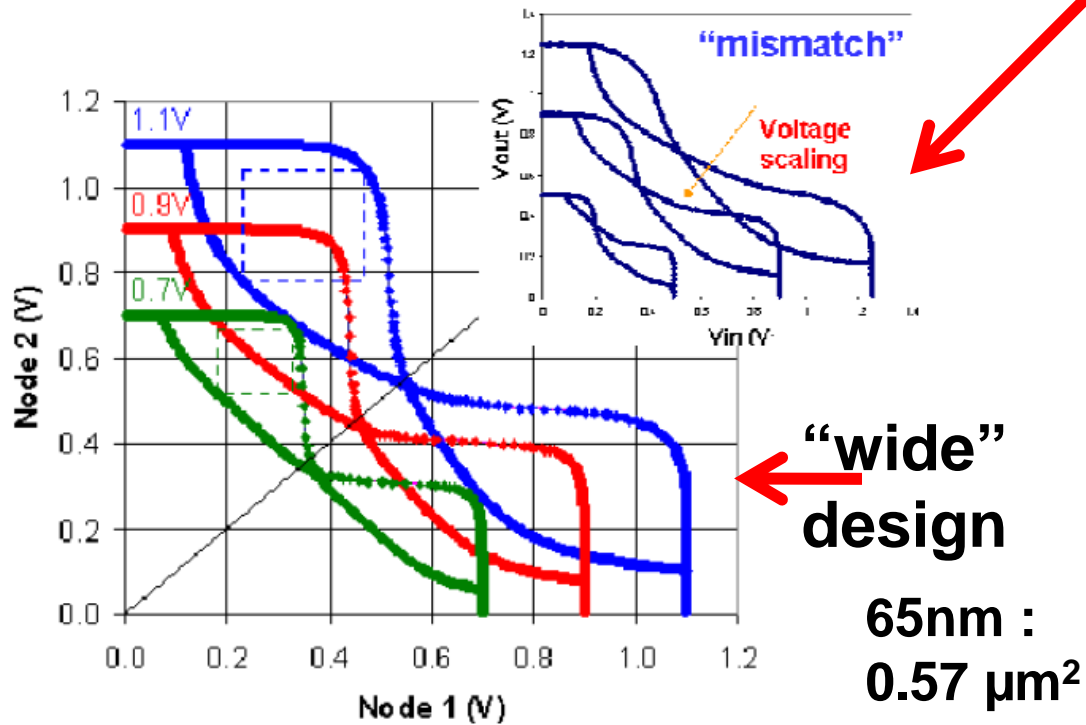
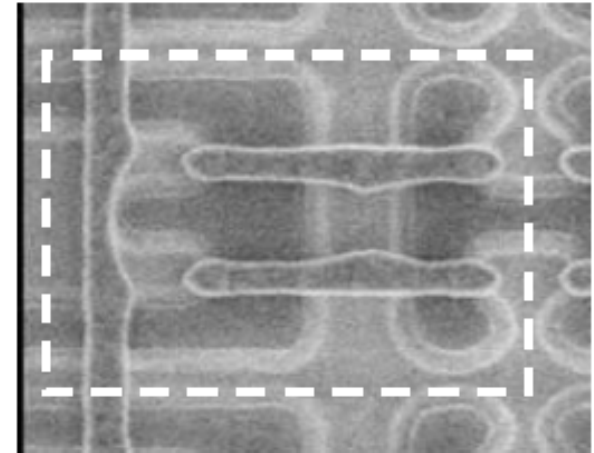
$$\sigma V_{Tran}$$



Source: K.J.Kuhn  
IEDM 2007

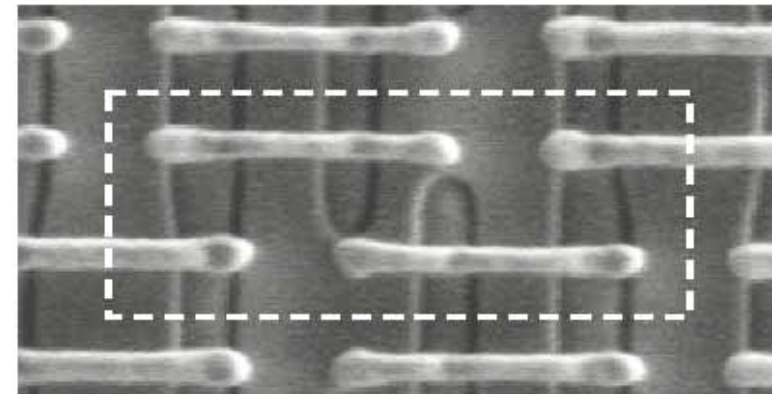
# Mismatch improvement by layout (Intel)

**“tall” design**  
90nm : 1.0  $\mu\text{m}^2$



**“wide” design**

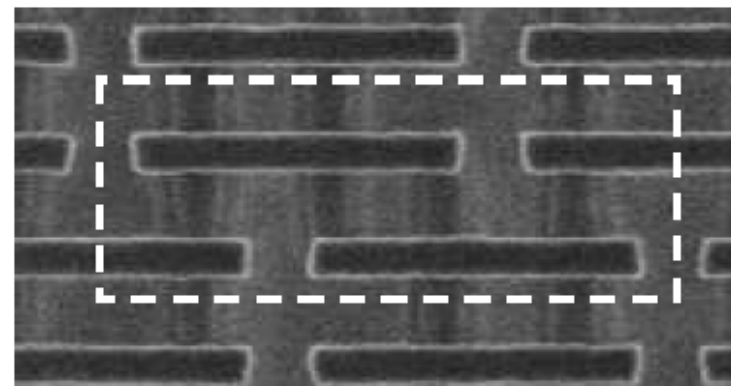
65nm : 0.57  $\mu\text{m}^2$



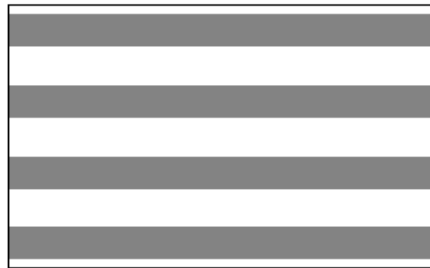
Source: K. J. Kuhn  
IEDM2007 Tech. Dig. pp.471

**“wide” design**  
**(Square endcaps)**

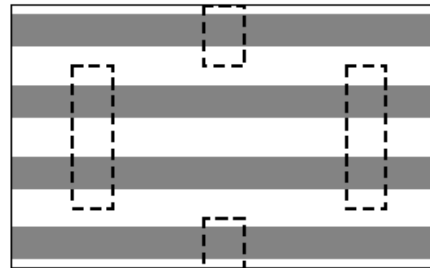
45nm 0.346  $\mu\text{m}^2$



## Double patterning for square endcap



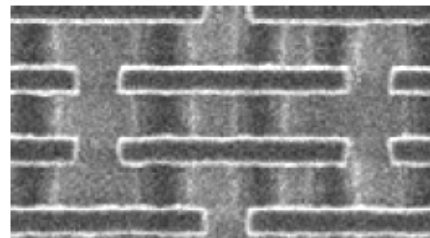
a) Pattern gate lines/spaces



b) Pattern cut mask



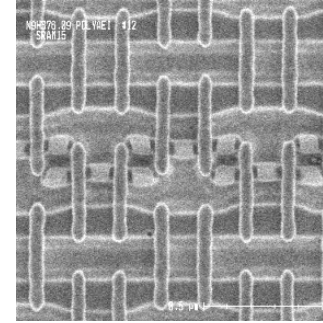
c) Final gate pattern



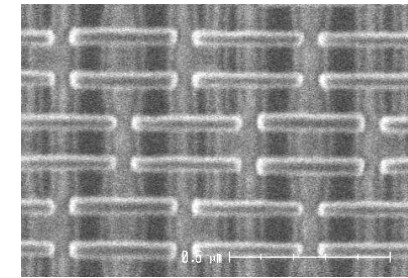
d) Intel 45nm SRAM cell

Source: M. Bohr, ICSICT2008

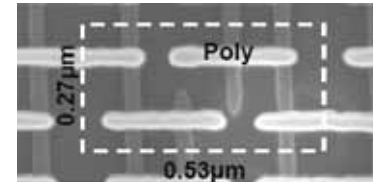
## Cell evolution is similar



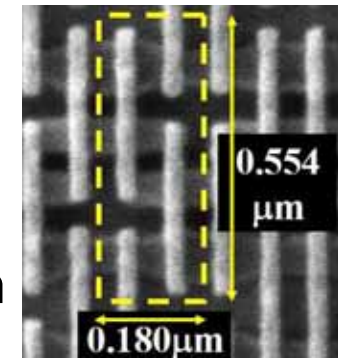
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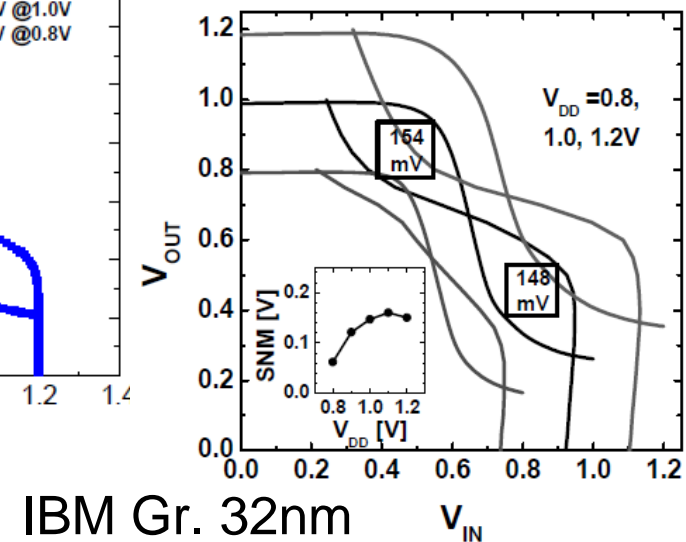
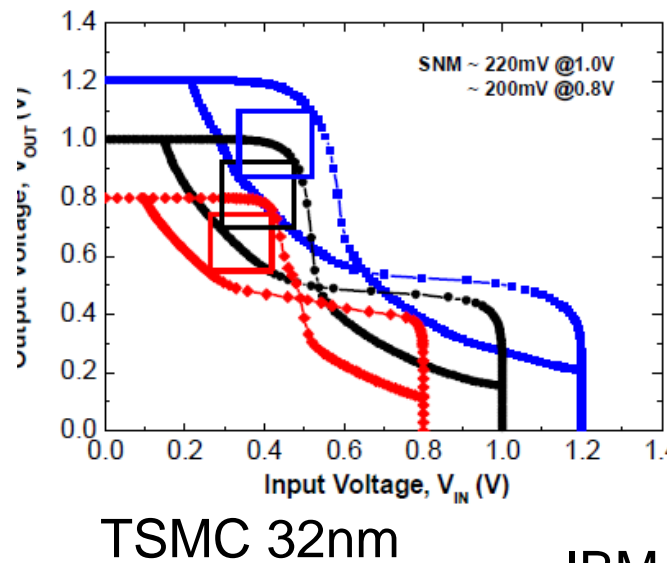
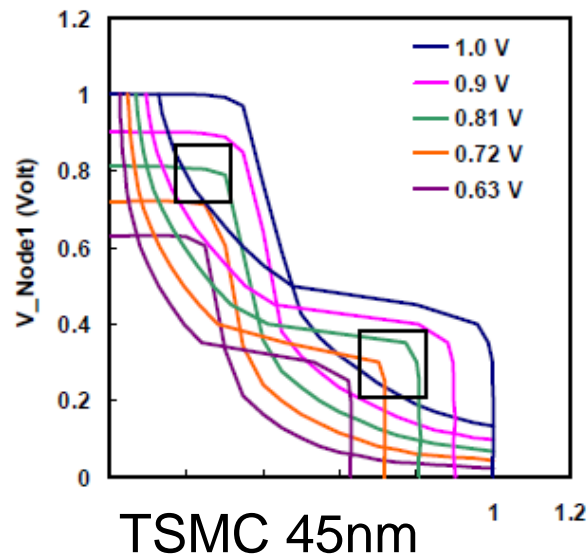
TSMC 32nm  
IEDM 2007



IBM Alliance 32nm  
IEDM 2004



IBM Alliance 22nm  
IEDM 2008



Most Difficult part of SRAM down-scaling is  
Vdd down-scaling

Density of on-chip cache SRAM memory is high  
and thus,  $V_{th}$  cannot be down-scaled too much  
because of large  $I_{sd}$ -leak

Also, under low Vdd, read- and write margin  
degrades, data retention degrade.

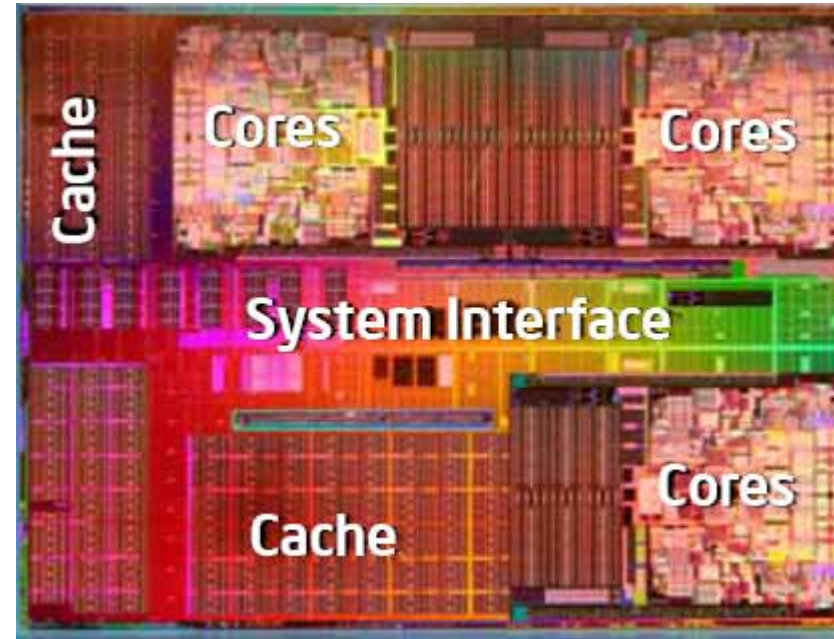
Thus, Vdd down-scaling is more severe in SRAM  
than logic part of the circuits



# Intel® Xeon® 7400 Series (Dunnington)

45 nm high-k6 cores  
16MB shared L3 cache

[Source: Intel Developer Forum 2008](#)



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Cache occupies huge area

- Cell size of SRAM should be minimized
- Isd-leak should be minimized
  - Vth are often designed to be higher than Min. logic Vth
  - Lg are often designed to be larger than Min. logic Lg

# Future Directions For Improving Vmin

- **Application**
  - Improvement in voltage and temperature tolerance
- **Package**
  - Separated array / logic voltage to minimize logic noise effect on SRAM
- **Design**
  - Higher array VDD and improved on-chip supply robustness
  - Increased redundancy
  - Improved timings
  - Cells per BL hierarchical BL structure
  - Write/Read assist and sense-amp design
- **Cell and Process**
  - Improved bit cell optimization
- **NFET/PFET centering and Beta/Gamma control**
- **Minimize device fluctuation by limiting device-geometry scaling**  
larger cell
- **Lpoly, Weff, LER**
  - Leakage / defect mechanisms

Source: Harold Pilo IEDM2006 Short Course



# Nehalem(Intel) 2,4 or 8 Cores

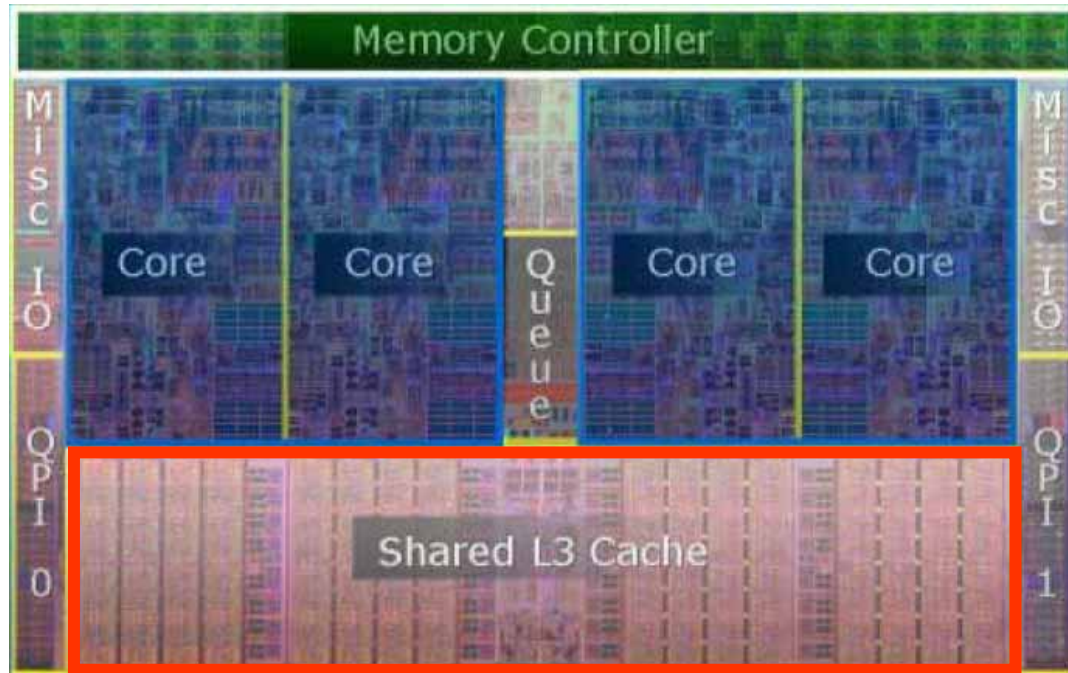
Voltage/Frequency Partitioning

- DDR Vcc
- Core Vcc
- Uncore Vcc

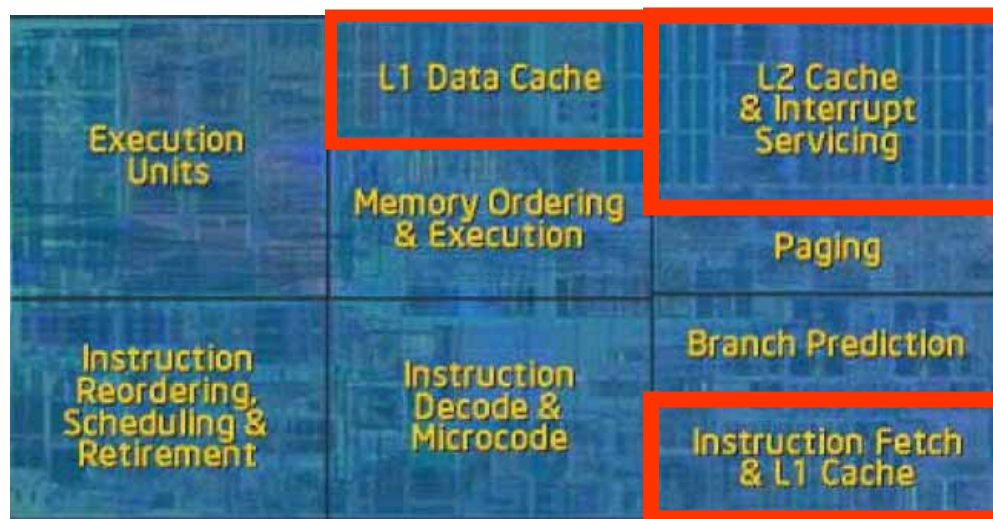
Dynamic Power Management

- 8T SRAMCell**
- 32kB L1 I-cache
- 32kB L1 D-cache
- 256kB L2-cache

- 6T SRAMCell**
- 8 MB L3 cache



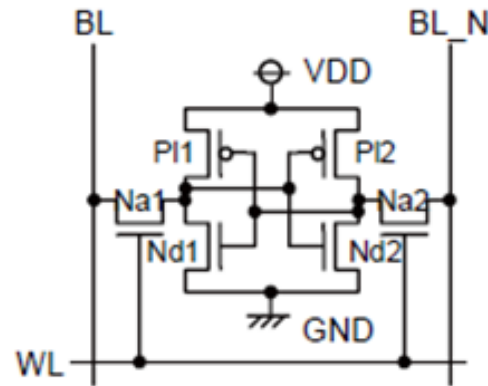
Chip



Core

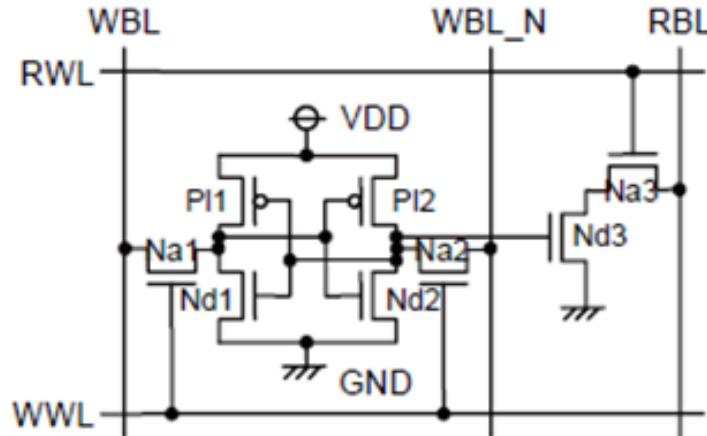
## 6T and 8T Cell

6T Cell



Cell size is small  
For high density use

8T Cell

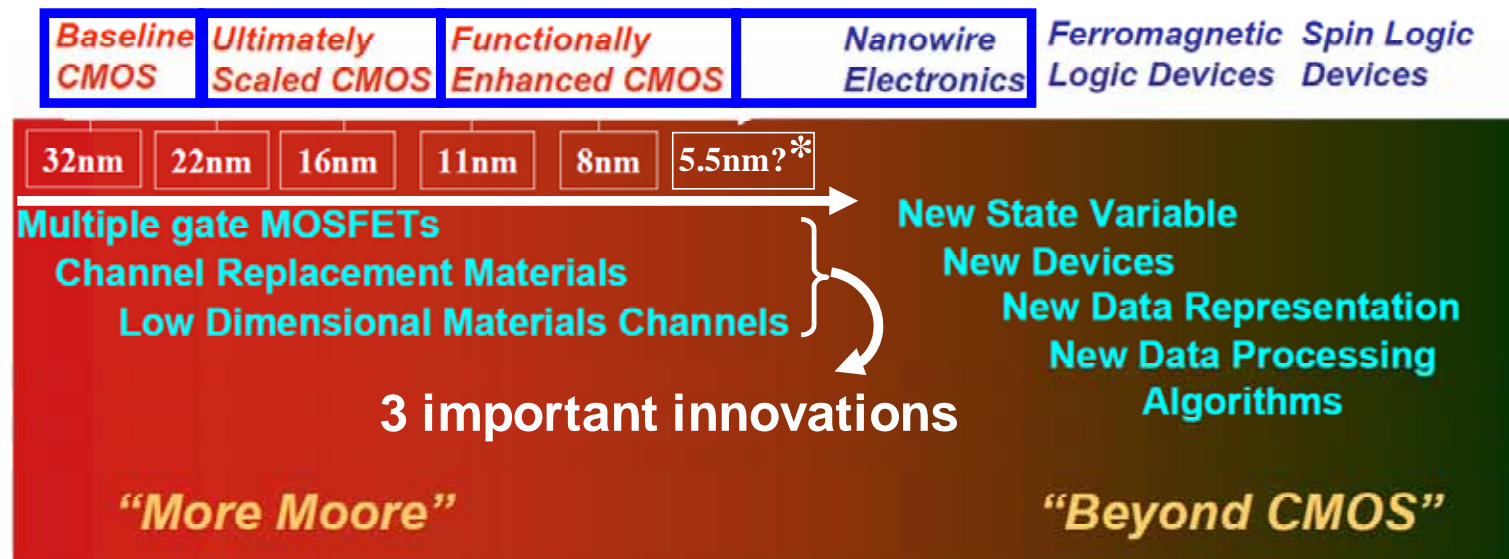


Add separate  
read function  
Cell size  
increase 30%  
For low voltage use

Source: Morita et. al, Symp. on VLSI Circ. 2007

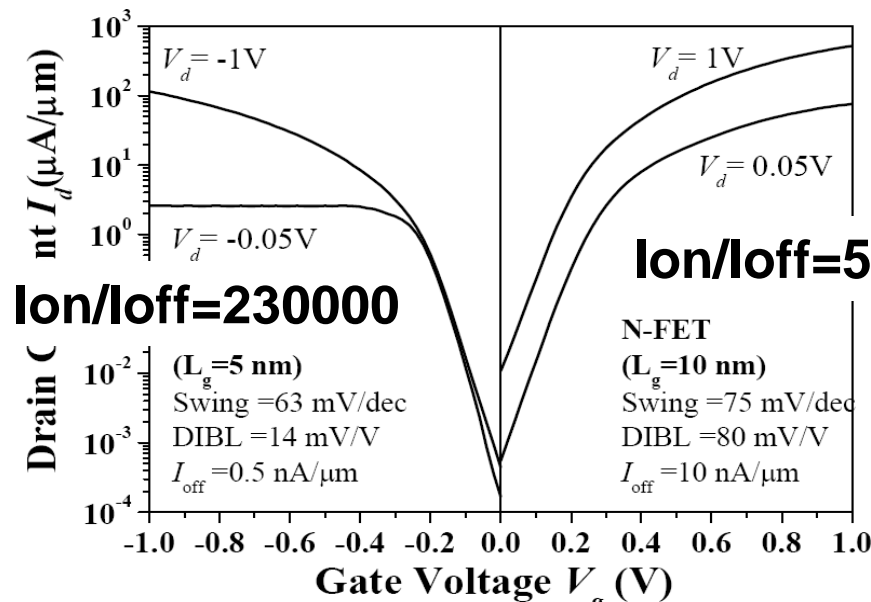
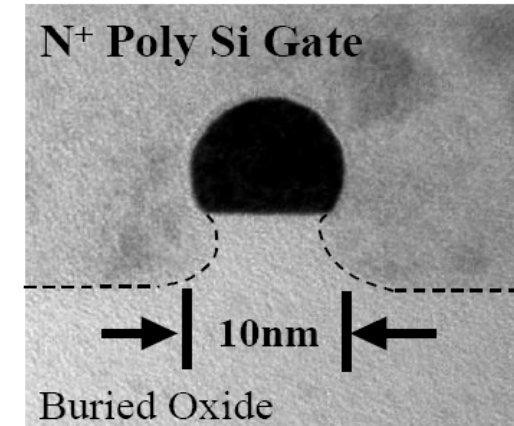
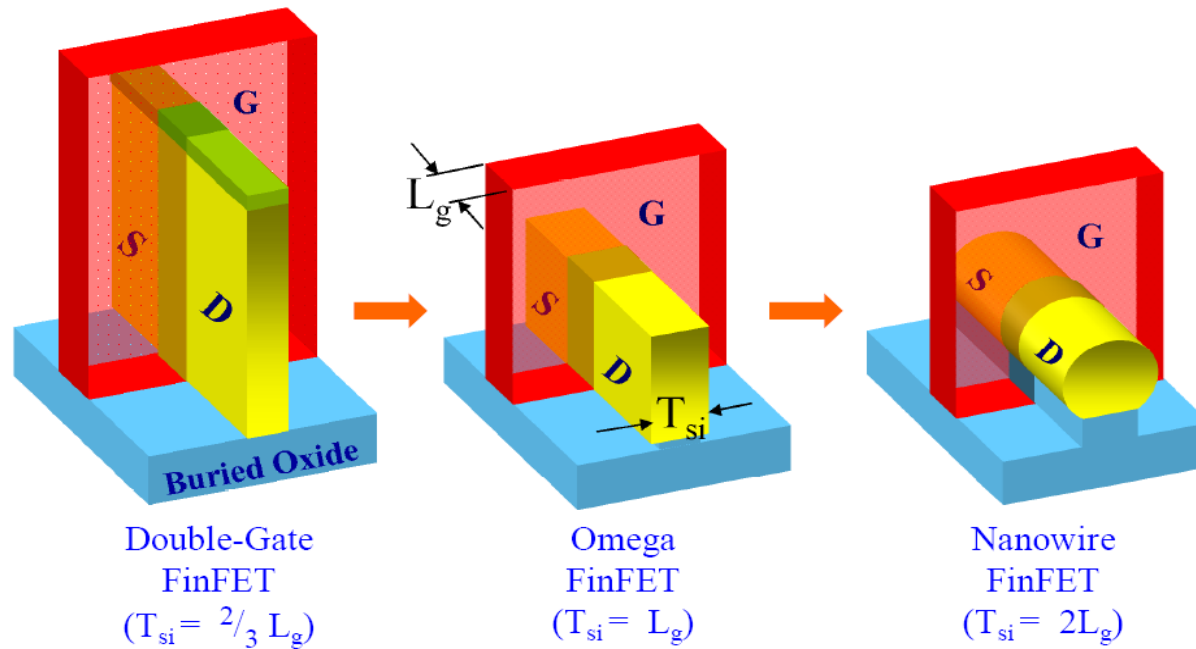
## 5. Roadmap for further future as a Personal View

- There will be still 4~6 cycles (or technology generations) left until we reach 11 ~ 5.5 nm technologies, at which we will reach down-scaling limit, in some year between 2020-30 (H. Iwai, IWJT2008).
- Even After reaching the down-scaling limit, we could still continue R & D, seeking sufficiently higher  $I_{d-sat}$  under low  $V_{dd}$ .
- Two candidates have emerged for R & D
  1. Nanowire/tube MOSFETs
  2. Alternative channel MOSFETs (III-V, Ge)
- Other Beyond CMOS devices are still in the cloud.



ITRS figure edited by Iwai

# FinFET to Nanowire



**Channel conductance is well controlled by Gate even at  $L=5\text{nm}$**

**F.-L.Yang, VLSI2004**

# Si nanowire FET with Semi-1D Ballistic Transport

## Merit of Si-nanowire

Source: Y. Lee., T. Nagata., K. Kakushima., K. Shiraishi, and H. Iwai, IWDTF 2008, Tokyo, November, 2008

### Trade off

Carrier scattering probability

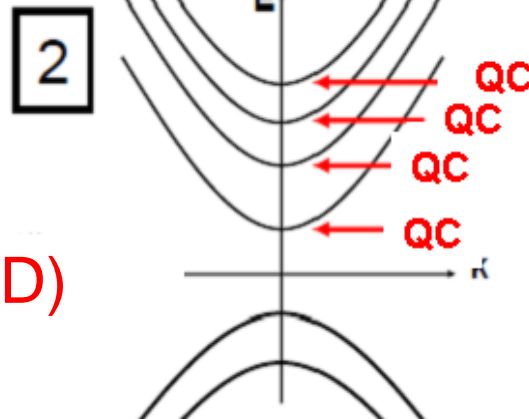
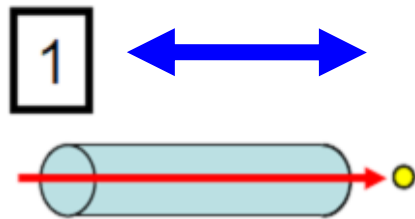
**Small**

**Large**

# of quantum channel

**Small**

**Large**



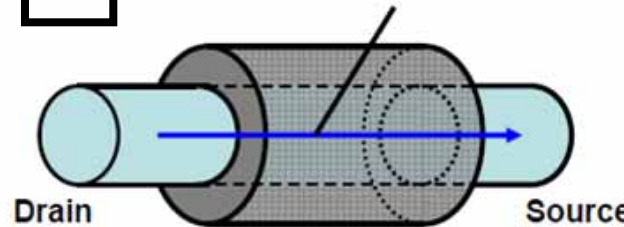
High Conduction (1D)

$G_0 = 77.8 \mu\text{S/wire}$

Multiple quantum channel (QC) used for conduction

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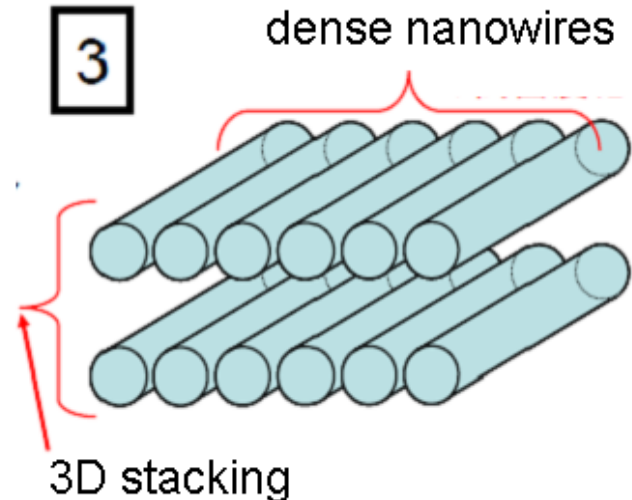
Reduction in  $I_{off}$  ( $I_{sd}$ -leak)



Good control of  $I_{sd}$ -leak by surrounding gate

Increase in  $I_{on}$  ( $I_{d-sat}$ )

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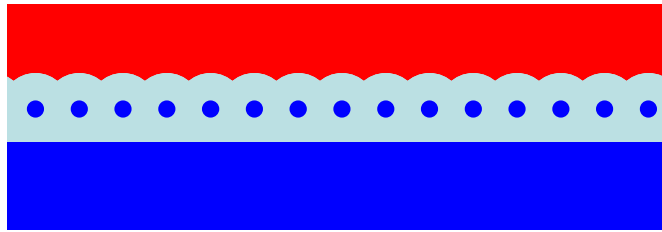


High-density lateral and vertical integration

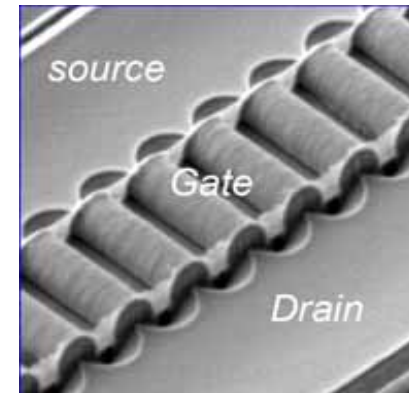
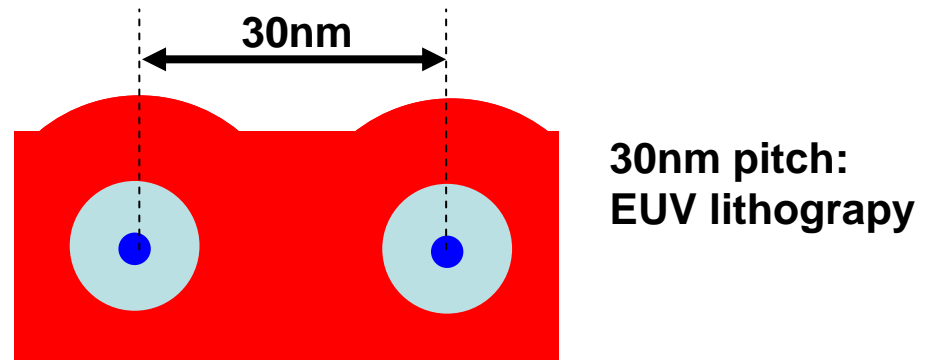
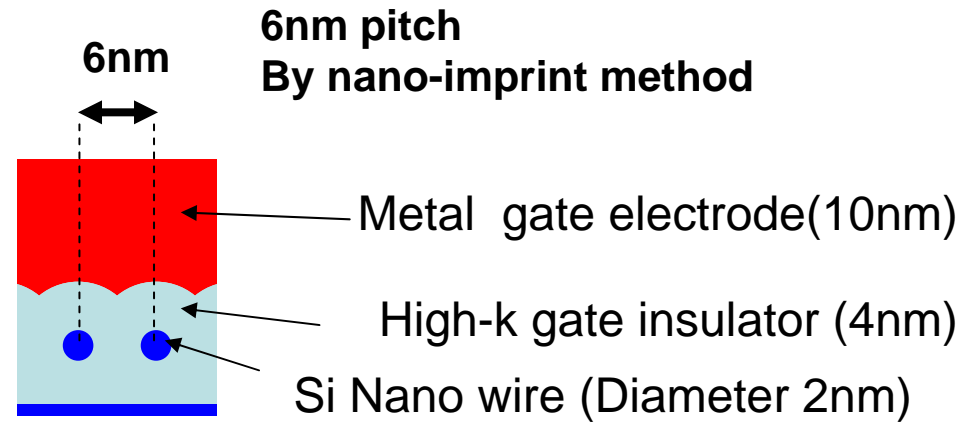
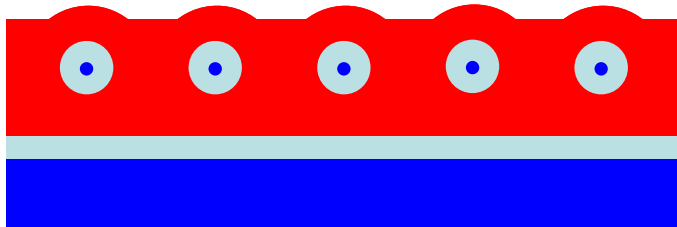


# Maximum number of wires per 1 $\mu\text{m}$

Front gate type MOS 165 wires /  $\mu\text{m}$



Surrounded gate type MOS 33 wires /  $\mu\text{m}$

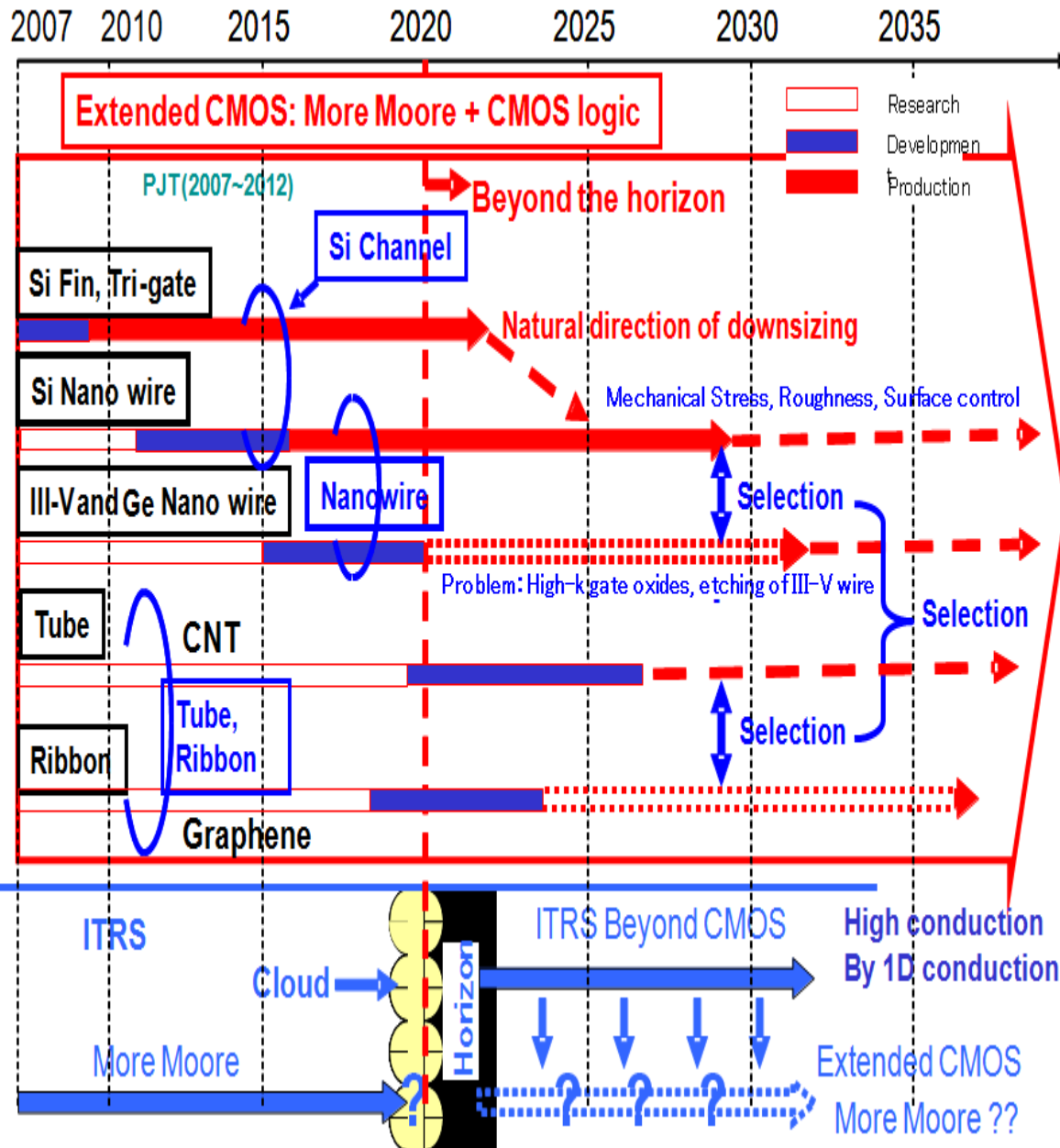


Surrounded gate MOS

# Our roadmap for R & D

Source: H. Iwai, IWJT 2008

## Current Issues



### Si Nanowire

- Control of wire surface property
- Source Drain contact
- Optimization of wire diameter
- Compact I-V model

### III-V & Ge Nanowire

- High-k gate insulator
- Wire formation technique

### CNT:

- Growth and integration of CNT
- Width and Chirality control
- Chirality determines conduction types: metal or semiconductor

### Graphene:

- Graphene formation technique
- Suppression of off-current

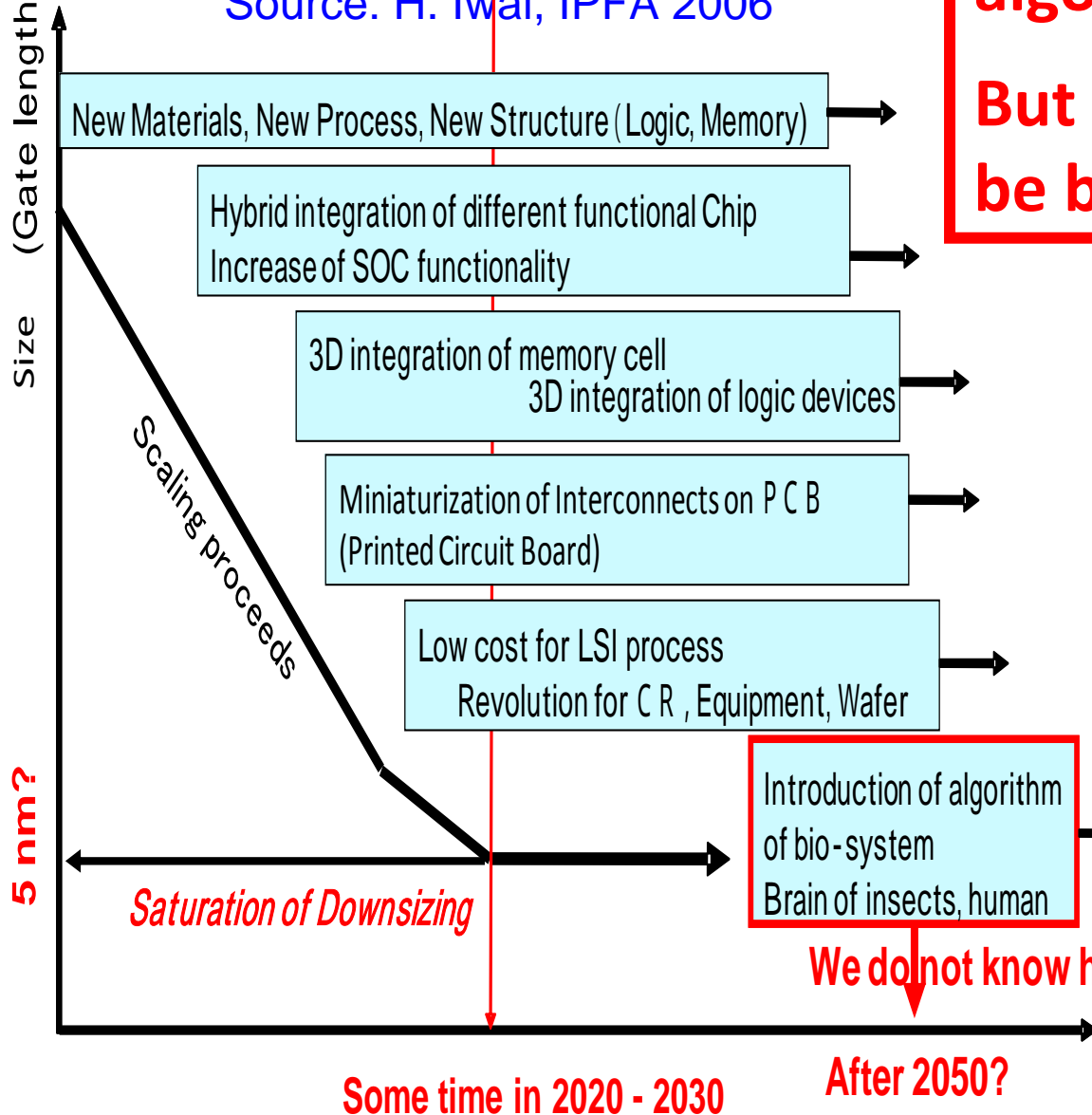
Very small bandgap or no bandgap (semi-metal)

- Control of ribbon edge structure which affects bandgap

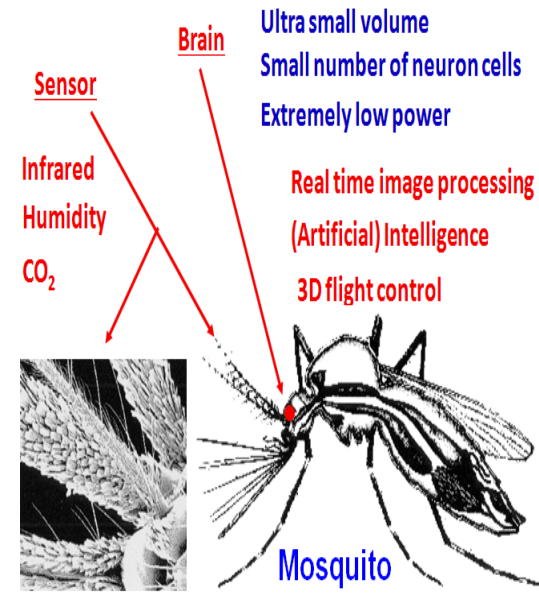


# Long term roadmap for development

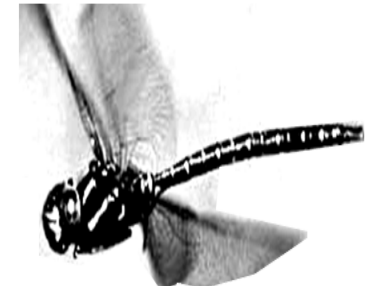
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**We do know system and algorithms are important!  
But do not know how it can be by us for use of bio?**



**We do not know how?** Dragonfly brain has even further higher performance



Thank you  
for your attention!