



Foundry solutions for medical semiconductor sensors

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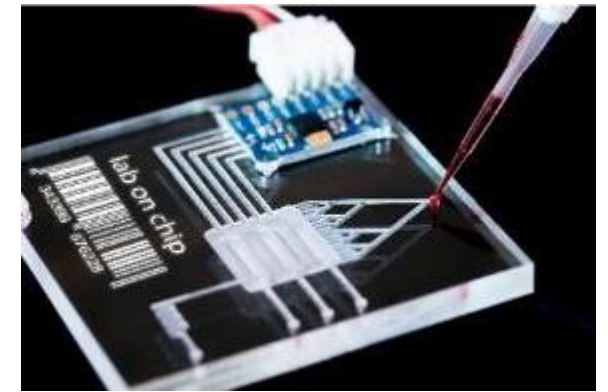
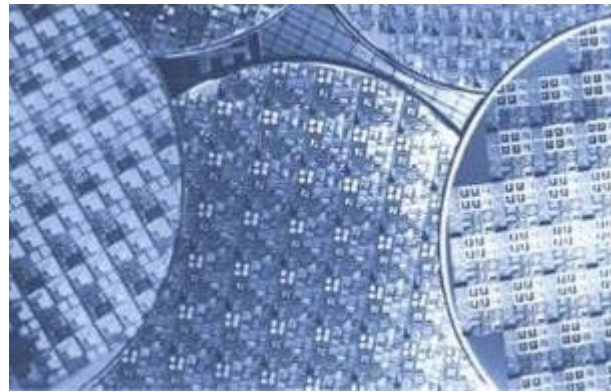
X-FAB Silicon Foundries SE

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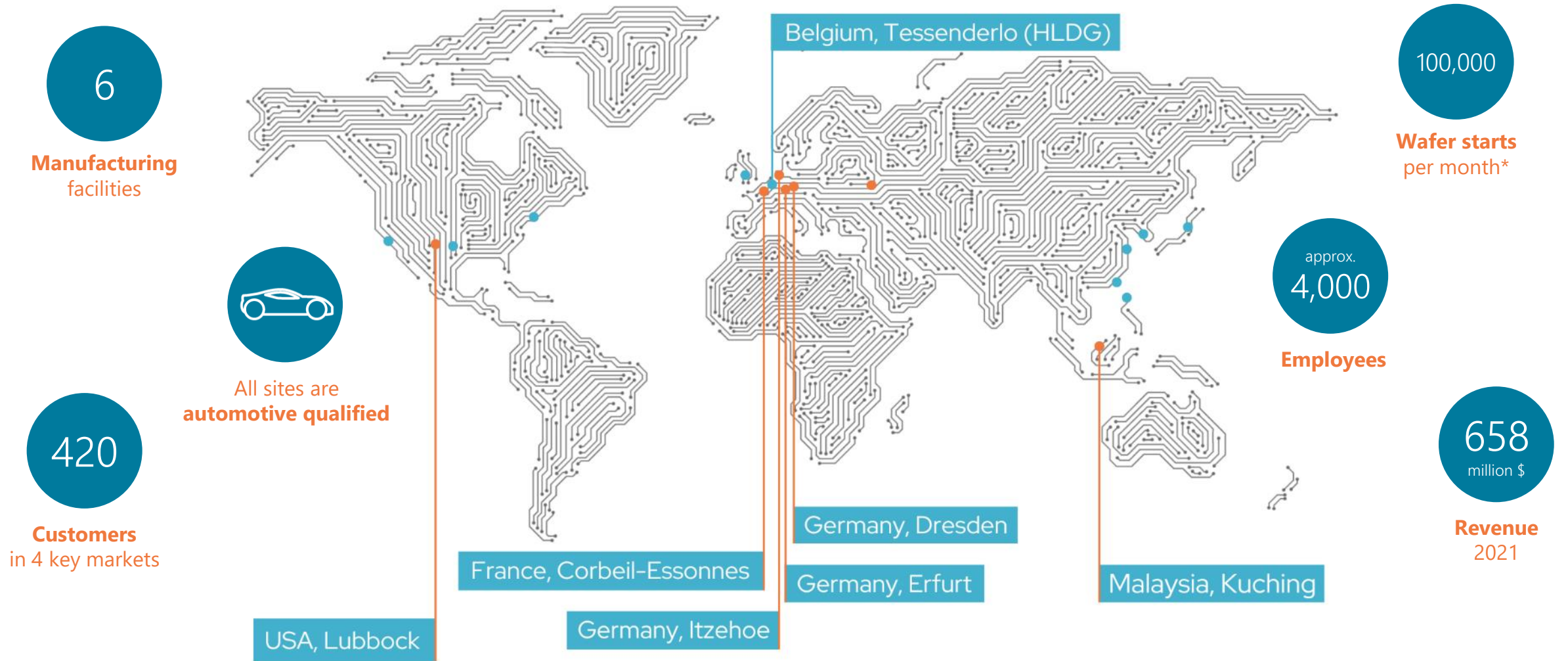
Who we are



- > We are a specialty foundry offering a unique combination of analog/mixed-signal, high-voltage and embedded non-volatile memory options with sensor and actuator integration.
- > We support long product lifecycles of 20+ years and focus on automotive, industrial and medical end markets.
- > We provide best-in-class design and prototyping support to enable first-time-right design.
- > All of our sites are automotive certified.

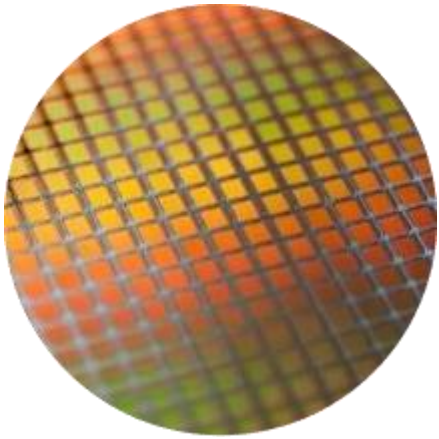


X-FAB at a glance



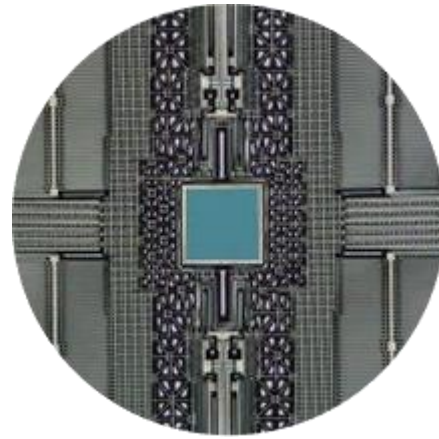
● Fabs/subsidiaries ● Sales offices

* 200mm equivalent



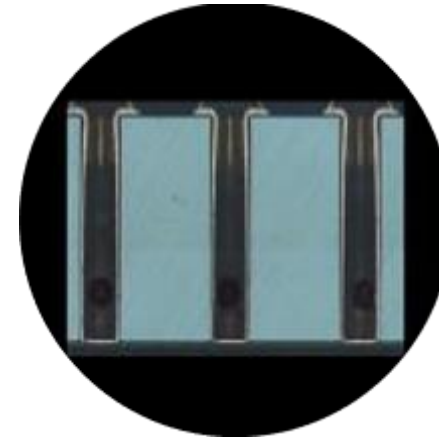
CMOS & SOI

13 process families with over 450 options



MEMS

MEMS with or without integrated CMOS



Heterogeneous integration

3D integration and wafer level package solutions



SiC & GaN

First 6-inch SiC foundry offering worldwide

X-FAB enables medical products for diagnostics, therapy and analysis

Personal medical devices

- > Pacemakers
- > Cochlear implants
- > Hearing aids
- > Retina implants
- > Infrared thermometer
- > Cardioverter defibrillators
- > Glucose meters
- > Deep brain stimulators
- > Blood pressure monitors



Medical equipment

- > Ultrasound probe heads
- > Temperature measurement
- > X-ray sensors
- > Pressure sensors
- > Computed tomography
- > Motor drivers
- > Positron Emission Tomography
- > Gas and liquid flow control

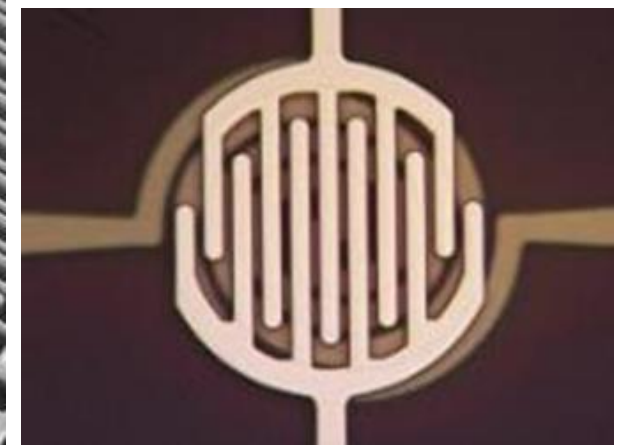
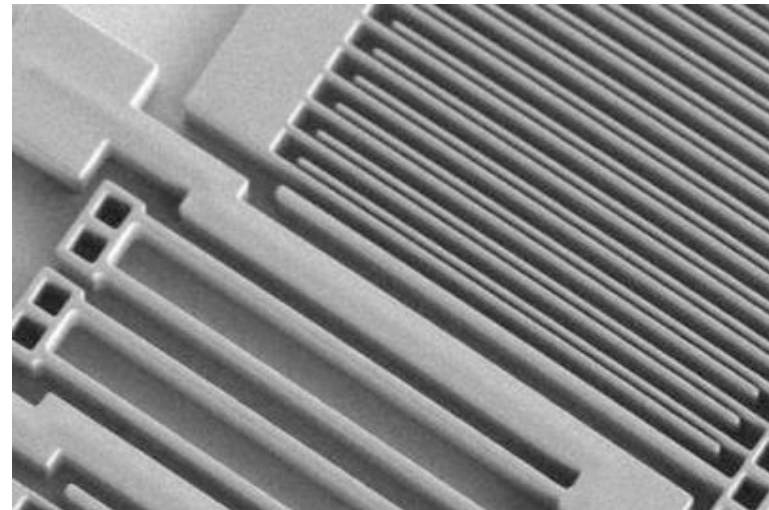
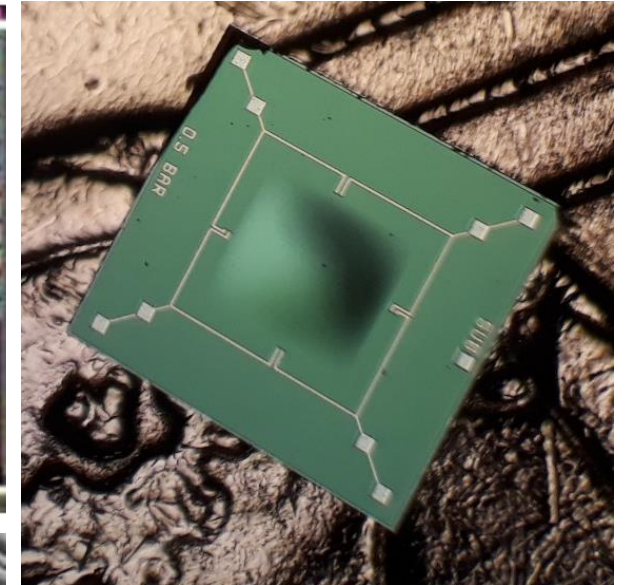
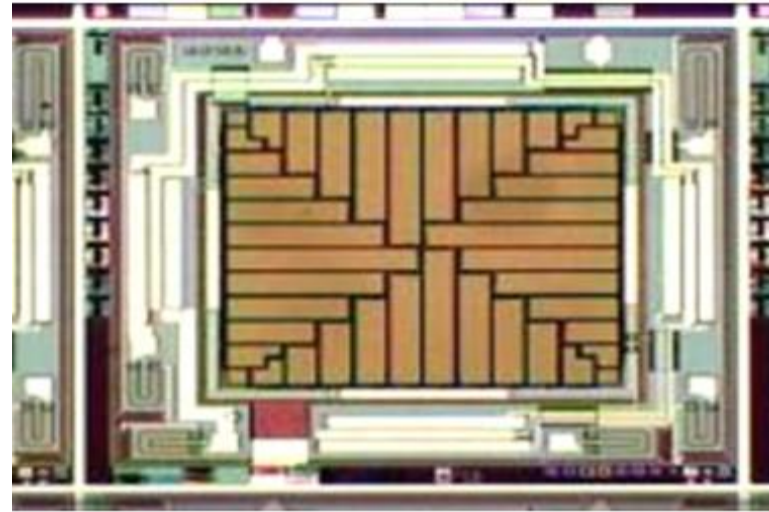
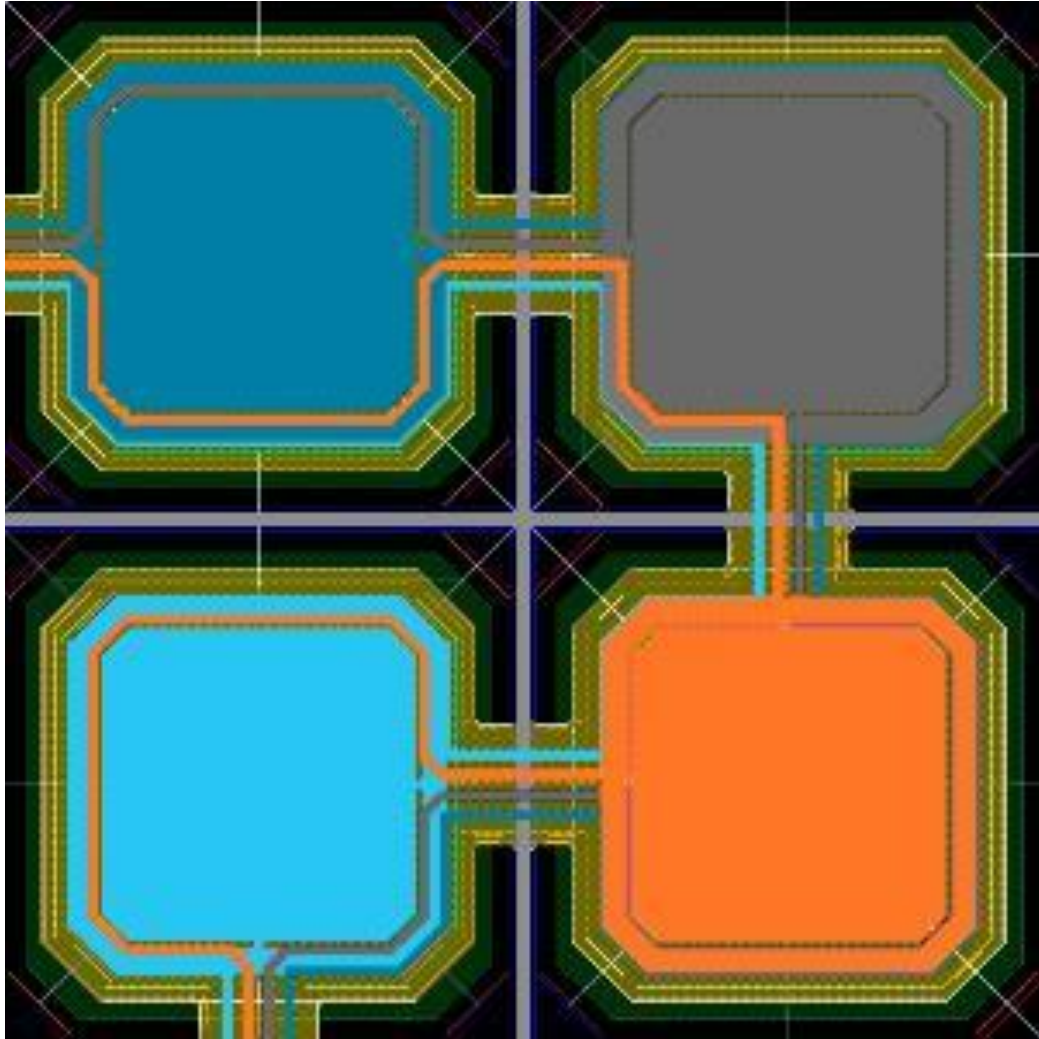


Lab-on-a-chip

- > DNA sequencing
- > Inhaler nozzles
- > DNA synthesis
- > On-chip PCR
- > Cancer cell sorting
- > In vitro diagnostic
- > Sepsis detection
- > Allergy testing
- > Patch clamps

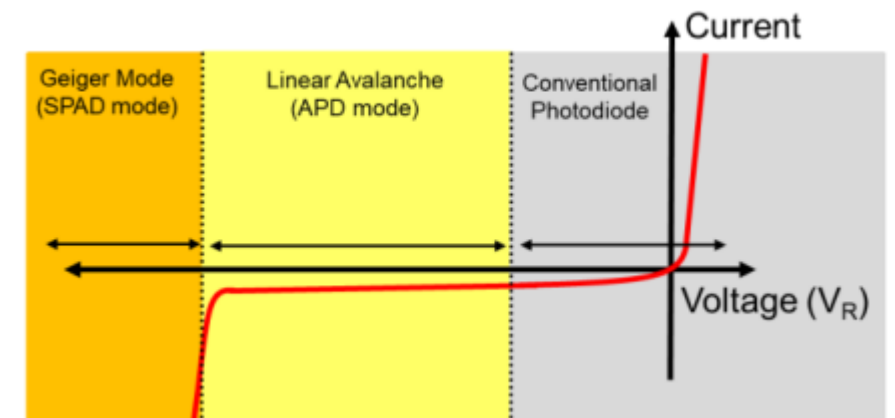
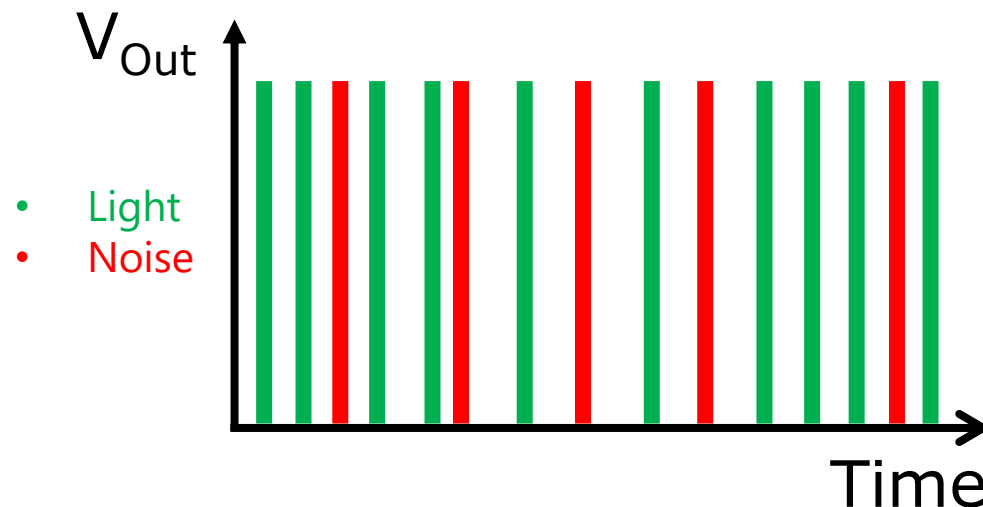
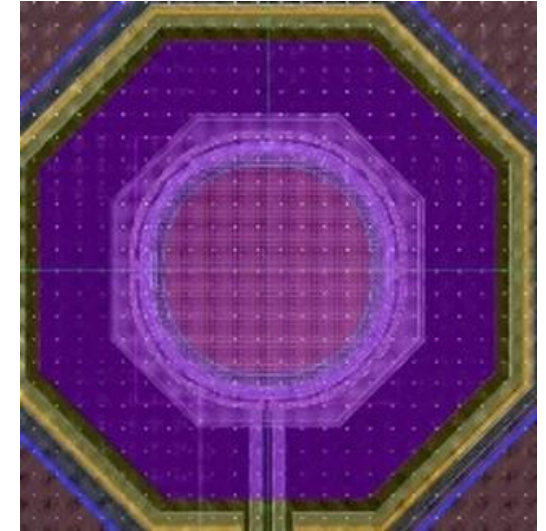


Sensors for medical applications



Avalanche Photodiodes / Single-Photon Avalanche Diodes

- > SPAD is a photodiode reverse biased above the breakdown voltage
 - Enable possibility to count single photons
- > Very sensitive devices with very fast response time
 - Enable arrays of SPADs, parallelism and on-chip data processing
- > Integrated in 180 nm mixed-signal CMOS process
 - Enable arrays of SPADs, parallelism and on-chip data processing
- > Suitable for photon detection or acquisition of timing information



Life-sciences applications of APD/SPAD

- > Fluorescence lifetime imaging
- > Single-molecule fluorescence spectroscopy
- > ...

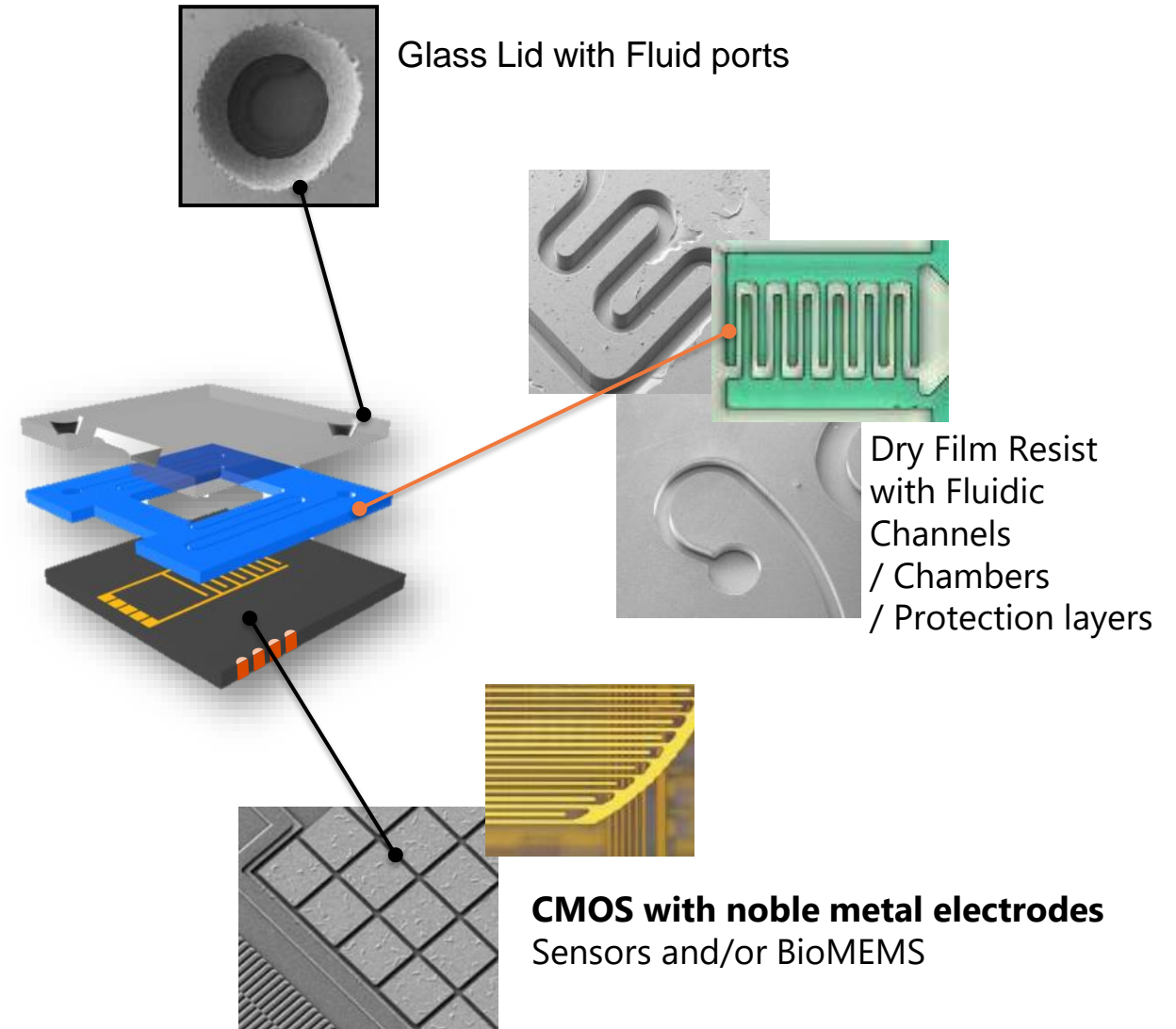
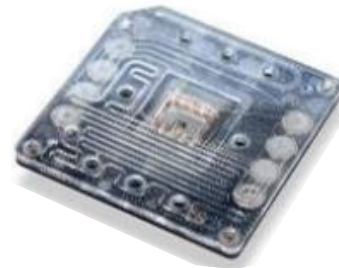
- > Each application has its own special requirements on
 - noise behavior of the SPAD sensor
 - timing performance

- > Key features of X-FAB's APD/SPAD
 - > High sensitivity and photon detection probability from UV up to NIR
 - > Application evaluation kit
 - > SPAD design library
 - > Optical and electrical models for IC simulation

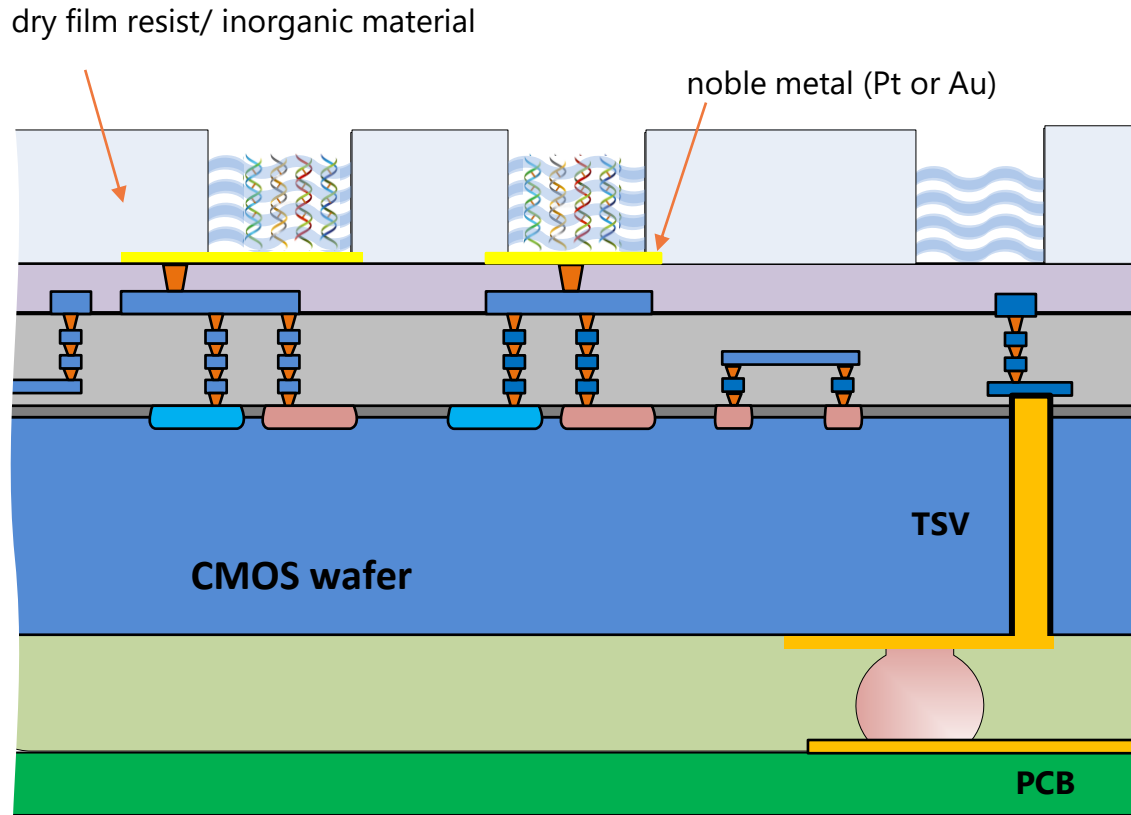


Biosensors for Lab-on-a-chip applications

- > Microsystems to handle tiny quantities of fluids
- > On-Chip combination of electronics with microfluidic structures and surfaces
 - Integrated on CMOS/SOI ASIC
 - Noble-metal electrodes forming the interface to the bio probe
 - Controlled surface and wetting properties
 - Dry-film resist layer with fluidic structures
 - Glass lid to form cavity
- > Detect electro chemical reactions on top of electrodes



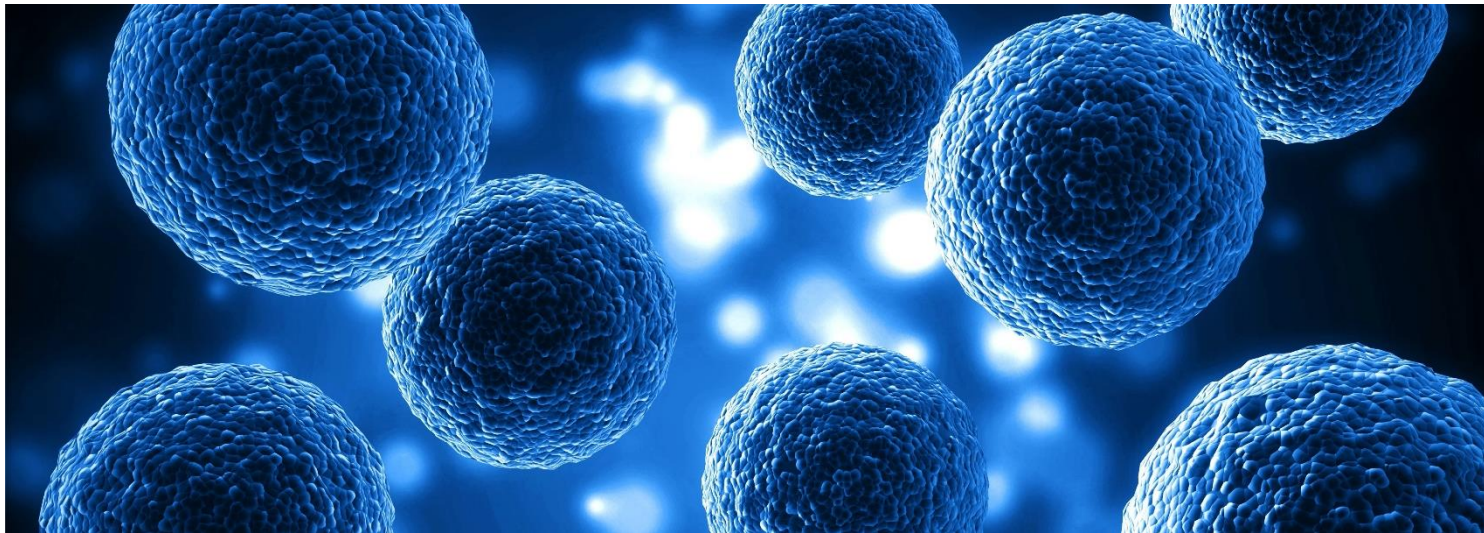
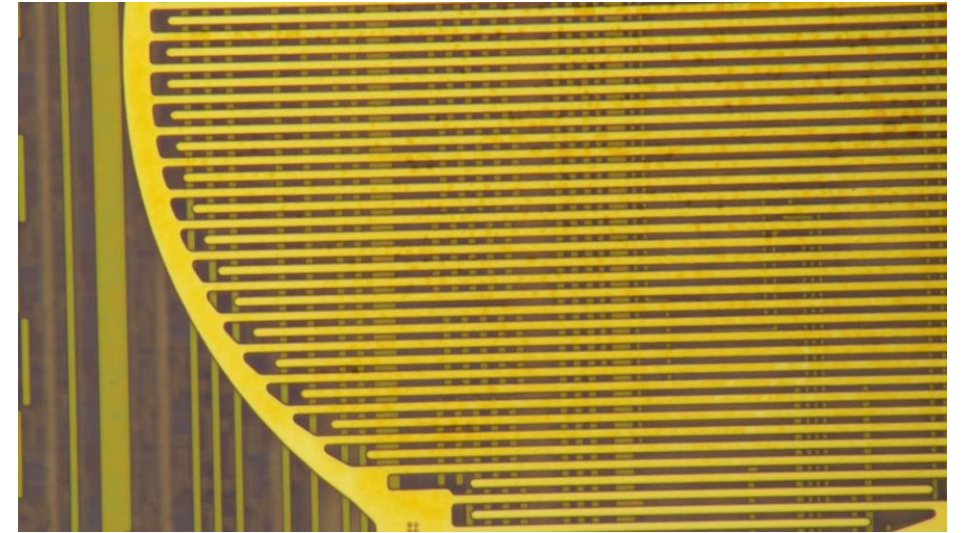
Application-specific device setup



- > Mixed-signal 350 nm and 180 nm analog/mixed-signal CMOS/SOI technology
- > Tailored passivation interface and noble-metal electrodes
 - Integrated tungsten through passivation vias
 - Deposited and patterned of noble metals (Pt or Au)
- > Post processing to create microfluidic structures on top
- > Must be compatible with
 - Product finalization (Dicing, bonding, Through Silicon Vias, plastic molding)
 - Biofunctionalization, cells attachment
 - Fluidic environment during usage (for cells cultures, for DNA detection, immunoassays)

Applications of biosensors

- > Point-of-care (POC) testing for viral and microbiological diagnostic
- > Analysis of single molecules, including DNA, RNA and proteins.
- > Micro Electrode Arrays for electrical cells monitoring



- > Integrated sensors offer the option to record various physiological parameters
- > Development of medical sensors requires knowledge of both, sensors and biology
- > Sensors from semiconductor foundries can be the starting point for medical products



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