

Realizing the Full Potential of MEMS Design Automation

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Coventor Overview

Founded in 1996 with a focus on software for MEMS design and simulation

- Management team from MEMS and EDA
- Accelerate commercial MEMS success by reducing “*Build and Test*” cycles
- Offering software tools and expertise in design and simulation methodology

Solutions for MEMS product development

- Accelerometers, gyros, resonators, microphones, displays ...
- MEMS-specific multi-physics and MEMS+IC coupling

Established proven track record with MEMS market leaders

- Top tier MEMS device makers and specialized manufacturers
- 11 of top 15 MEMS companies* use Coventor

*Source: Yole Development (Feb. 2010): Top 15 MEMS companies = 80% of MEMS market

Consumer



Automotive



Industrial & Defense



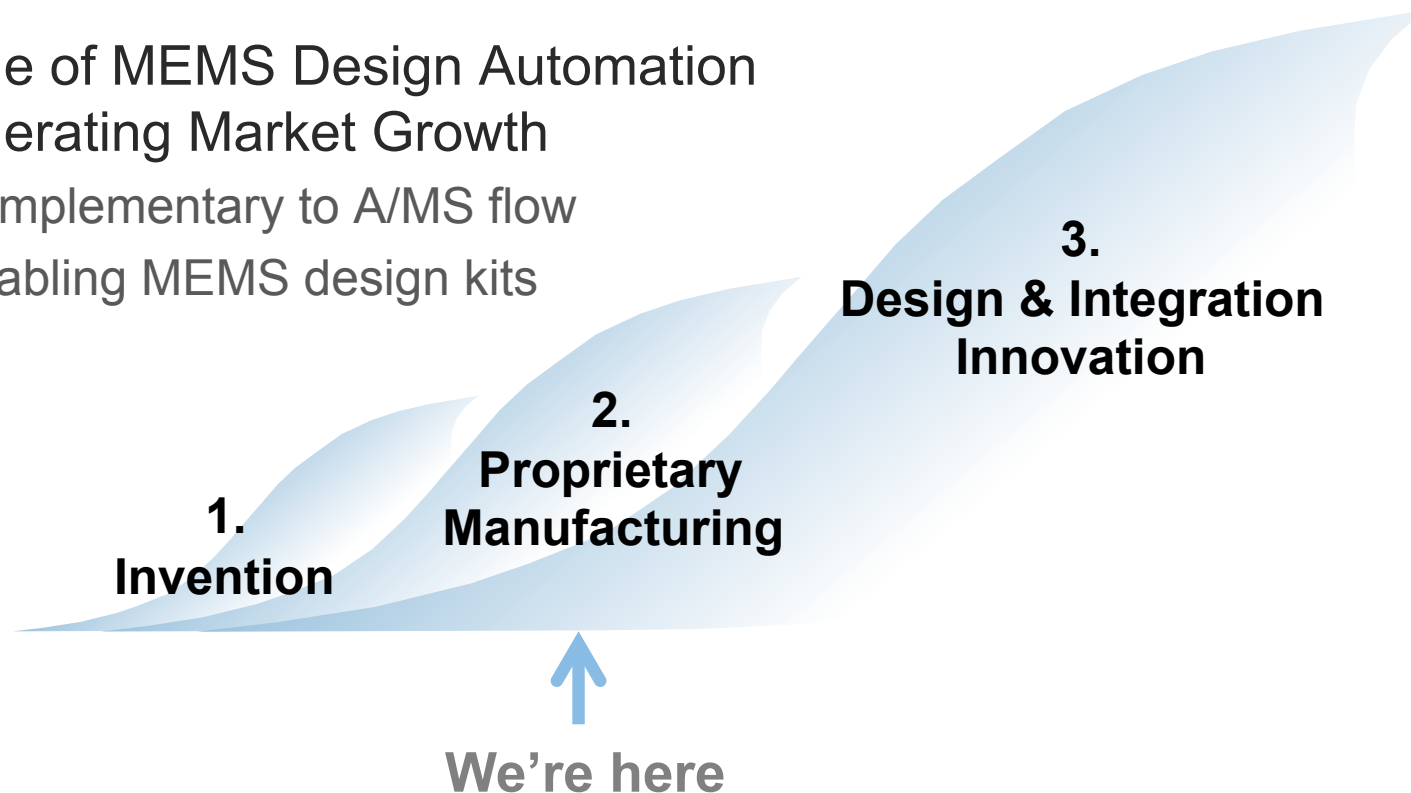
Outline

Coventor's Vision for MEMS Market Acceleration:

- 3 waves in the MEMS Market
- 3 waves in market differentiators

The Role of MEMS Design Automation in Accelerating Market Growth

- Complementary to A/MS flow
- Enabling MEMS design kits



The First Wave: Invention

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“One Product, One Process, One Package”

Jean-Christophe Eloy
Yole Development

In one short phrase, an understanding of why the MEMS industry has been slow to develop



This “MEMS law” was true of the 1st wave, dominated by IDM’s

- \$100’s Millions, if not Billions, invested developing processes, packaging and testing for seminal market successes
 - Automotive (Bosch, Analog, Freescale)
 - Inkjets (HP, Canon)
 - Projection (Texas Instruments)
- Successes, but not readily scalable internally within IDMs or to a broader market

The Second Wave: Manufacturing Differentiation

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Started in 2006 with the Nintendo Wii, the first **consumer product success** for MEMS motion sensors

- Larger volumes
- Shorter product design cycles
- More competition driven by lower cost

The Second Wave weakened the “One Product, One Process, ...” law

- To remain competitive, IDM’s had to leverage their significant investments in processes and manufacturing:
How can we re-use our process and manufacturing investment into new or derivative products?”
- Now, ADI, ST, Bosch, Freescale, etc. have processes and manufacturing capabilities that break the MEMS law



Market
Pull



The end of Manufacturing Differentiation

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2nd wave market leaders differentiate on **proprietary processes**

This will end because...

- Mass market pull drove leading IDMs to outsource fabrication, spreading know-how to independent foundries
- 2nd-wave entrants (Knowles, Invensense, ...) leveraged growing MEMS eco system, spreading more MEMS know-how
- Large semi foundries want in on the action
 - MEMS market growing faster than the semi market
 - Lots of 200mm equipment to amortize – still good for MEMS

The end of manufacturing differentiation is **inevitable**

- Large semi foundries will come up the curve, sooner or later
- Standard(ized) MEMS process modules will be available
- Volume manufacturing will drive down costs

The Third Wave:

The Second Wave showed that the MEMS industry could grow at 15% year and could reach \$15 billion market size in a few years

Industry leaders say we are at the beginning of the Third Wave

- HP's vision for 1 trillion sensors by 2020: "Central Nervous System for the Earth"
- Bosch's vision for 7 trillion devices to serve 7 billion people in 2017
- Projected to dwarf the second wave

The Third-Wave, the trillion sensor vision, the \$300B - \$1Trillion vision, needs more than the first 2 waves



What will drive the transition to hyper growth?

MEMS Competencies Have to be Accessible and Scalable

The Third Wave: Design and Integration Innovation

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Design Innovation =

- New applications
- Derivative designs
- Optimized designs
- New types of devices

Integration Innovation =

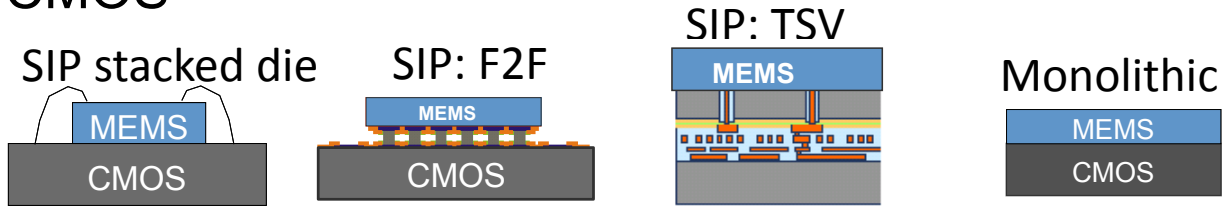
- New applications
- Multi-device systems
- MEMS + A/MMS + RF + logic
- Wafer or Package level

MEMS technologies made *accessible & scalable*
by the **MEMS Eco System**

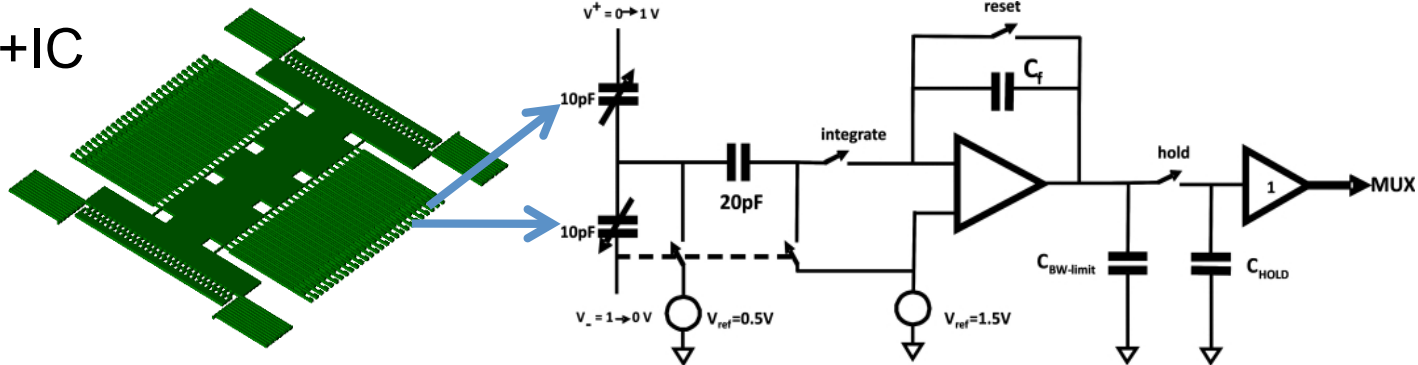


MEMS Integration Challenges

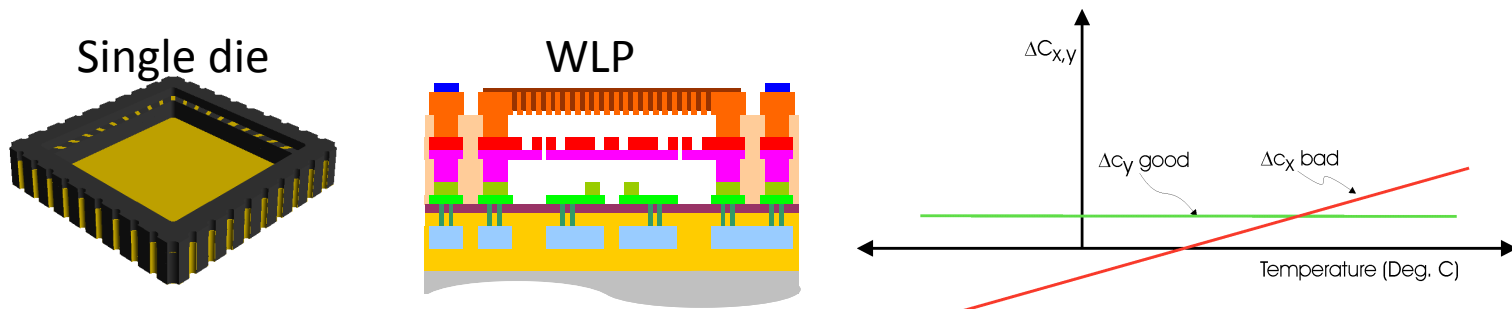
MEMS+CMOS



MEMS+IC



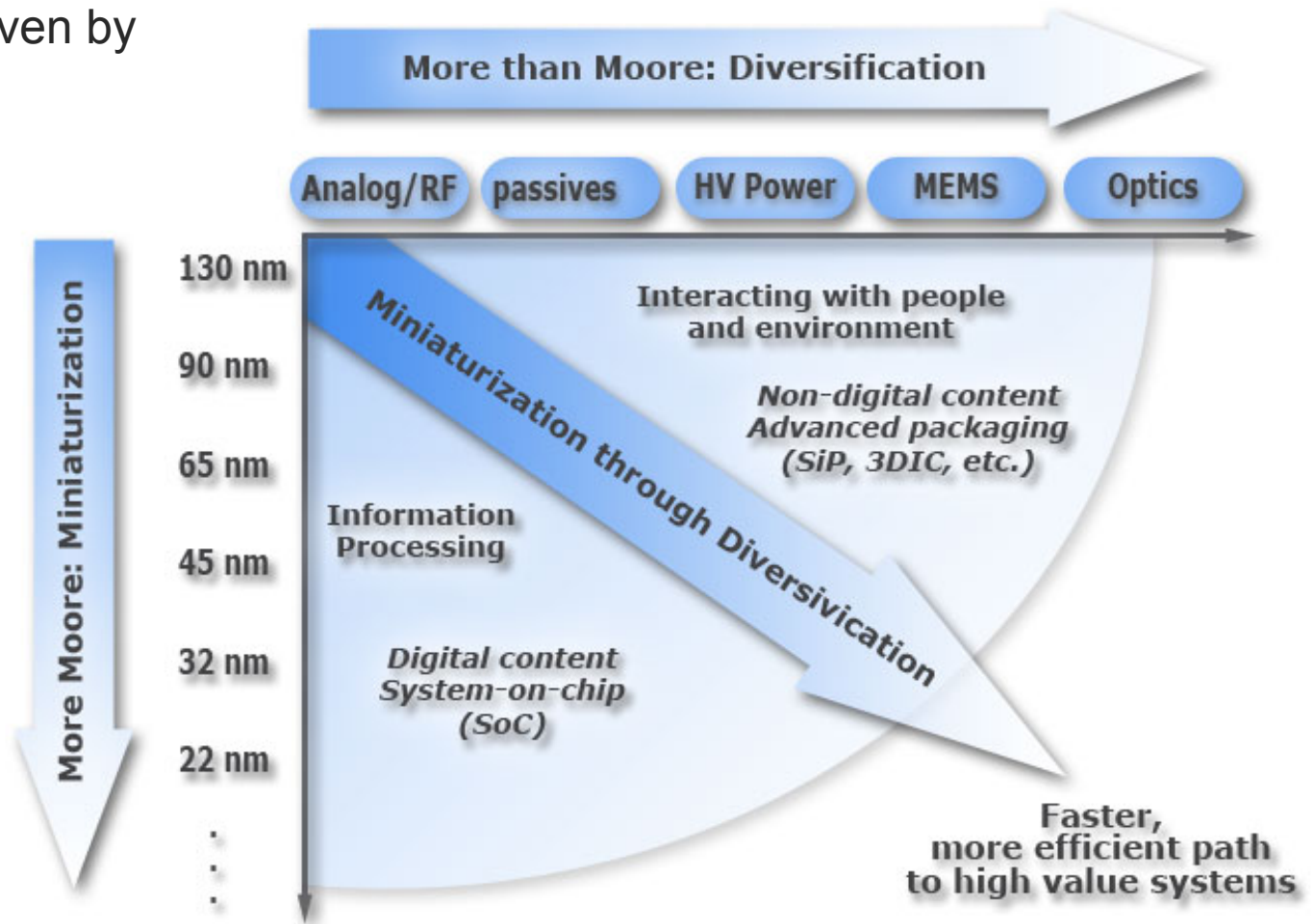
MEMS+Package – *environmental effects, parasitics*



Denser Integration is Inevitable

Denser integration driven by

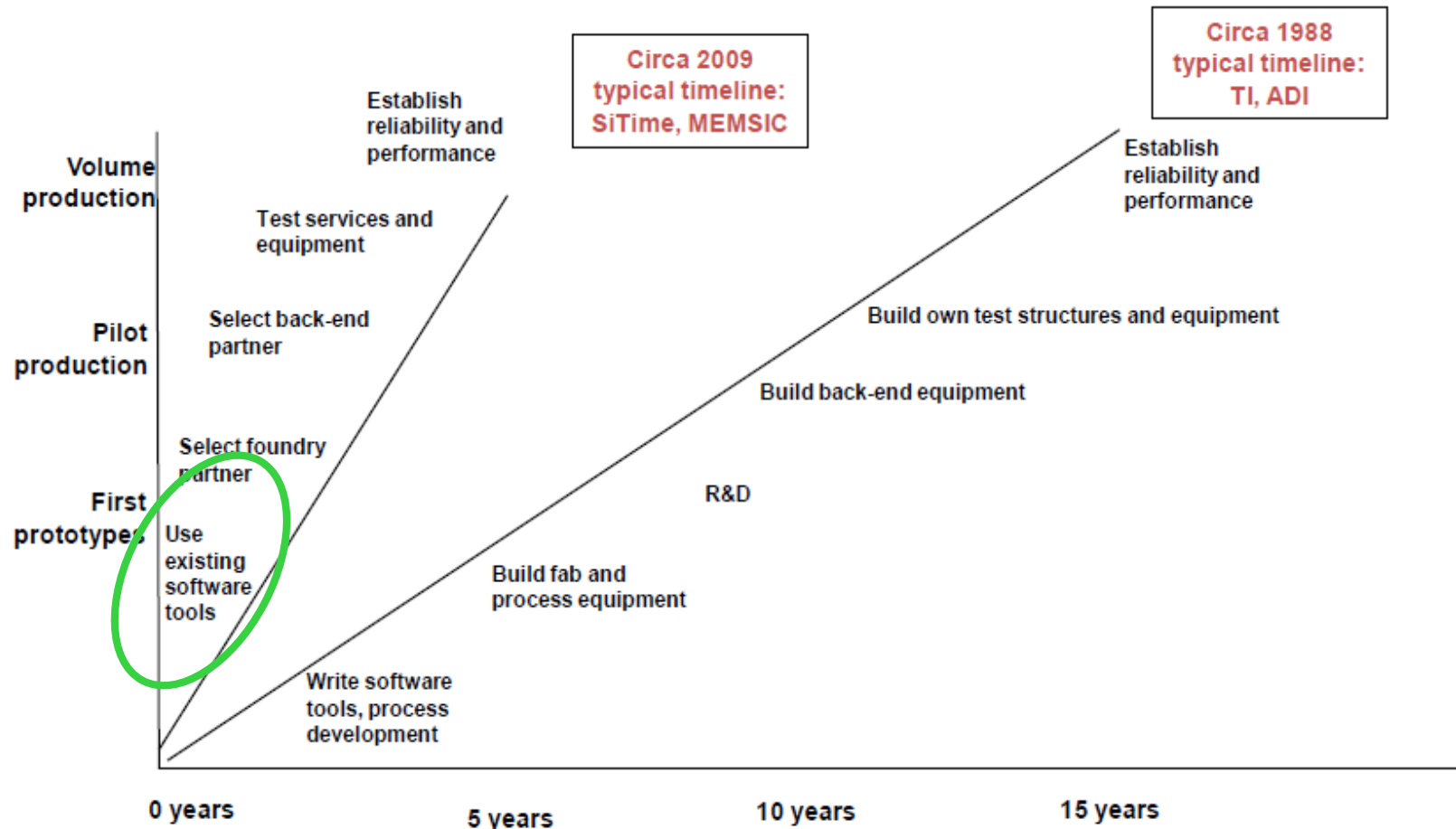
- Higher performance
 - Improved SNR
 - More dynamic range
 - etc.
- Lower cost
- Smaller form factor
- Reduced power use



Derived from G.Q. Zhang, NXP

The Role of MEMS Design Automation

In the 2nd Wave:



Source: A.M. Fitzgerald

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In the 3rd Wave:

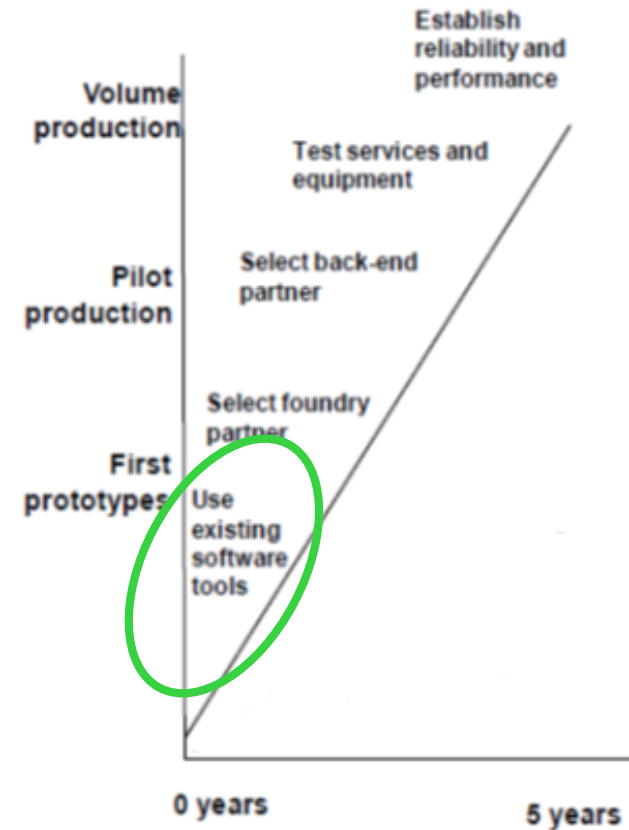
1. Simulate the complete system

- MEMS device behavior vs. process variations
- MEMS+IC coupled system
- Packaging effects
- Yield

2. Enable the MEMS ecosystem (foundries → IDMs, fabless)

- Reference design flow, MEMS & EDA software
- MEMS Design Kits (MDKs)

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Use simulation to compress development cycle
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Goal: Simulate All Specs in a “Virtual” Product Data Sheet

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MEMS Gyro Data Sheet

PARAMETER	CONDITIONS	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS
SENSITIVITY					
Full-Scale Range	At X-OUT and Y-OUT		2000		°/s
	At X4.5OUT and Y4.5OUT		440		°/s
Sensitivity	At X-OUT and Y-OUT		0.5		mV/°/s
	At X4.5OUT and Y4.5OUT		2.27		mV/°/s
Initial Calibration Tolerance	At X-OUT and Y-OUT				
Calibration Drift Over Specified Temperature	At X-OUT and Y-OUT				
Nonlinearity	At X-OUT and Y-OUT, Best Fit Straight Line				
	Factory Set		1.35		V
	Relative to VREF		±20		mV
			±150		
ZRO Drift Over Specified Temperature					mV
Power Supply Sensitivity	@ 50 Hz				°/sec/V
FREQUENCY RESPONSE					
High Frequency Cutoff	Internal LPF -90°				Hz
LPF Phase Delay					°
MECHANICAL					
X-Axis Resonance		20	24	28	kHz
Y-Axis Resonance		23	27	31	kHz
Frequency Separation			3		kHz
NOISE PERFORMANCE					
Total RMS Noise	Bandwidth 1Hz to 1kHz, At X-OUT and Y-OUT		0.3		mV rms

Yield / Cost

Most specs are electrical,
requiring MEMS+IC simulation

Many specs involve
packaging effects

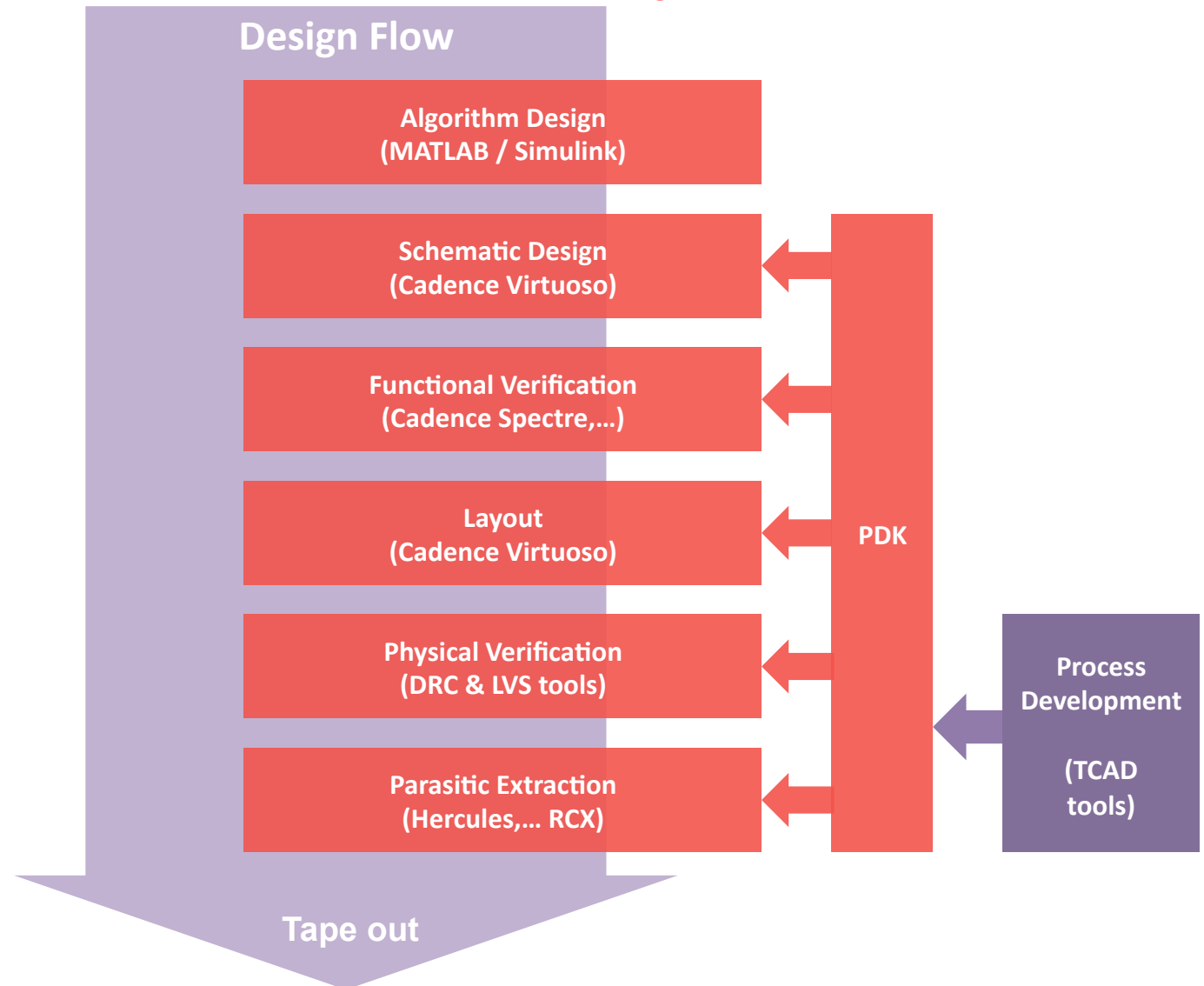
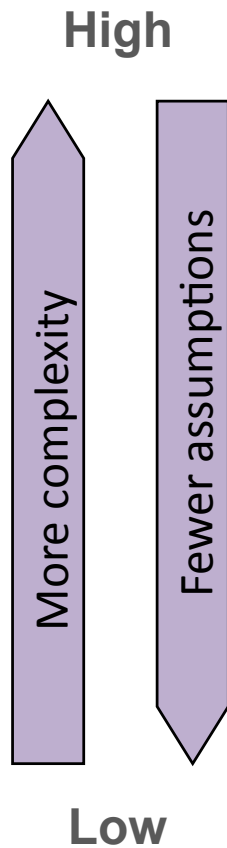
Must know
process variations

MEMS/IC coupling
parasitics matter

Analog / Mixed-Signal Reference Design Flow

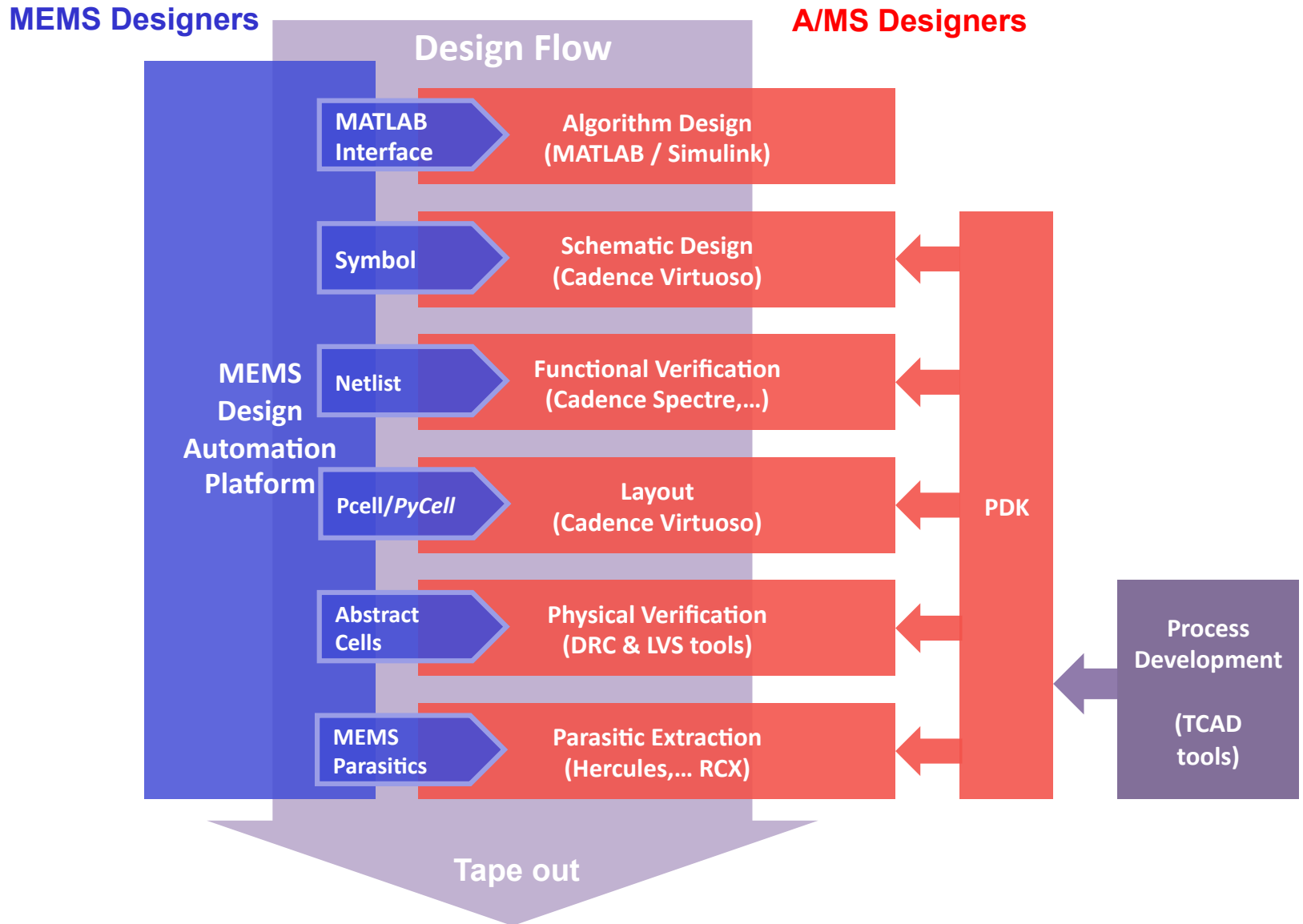
A/MS Designers

Levels of Abstraction



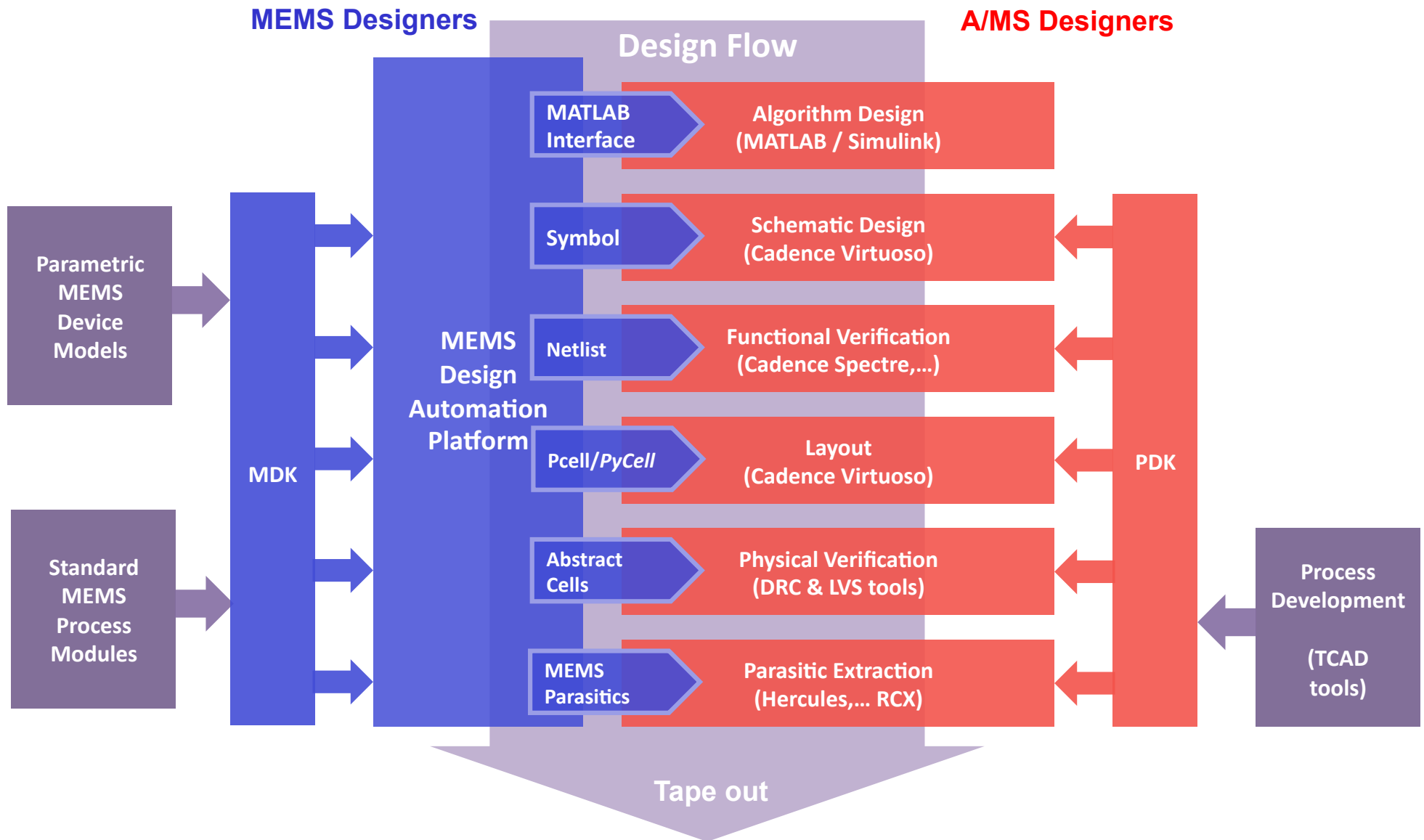
Coventor's Vision for a MEMS+IC Reference Flow

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Completing the Vision: MEMS Design Kits

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What's in a MEMS Design Kit?

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MDK Contents

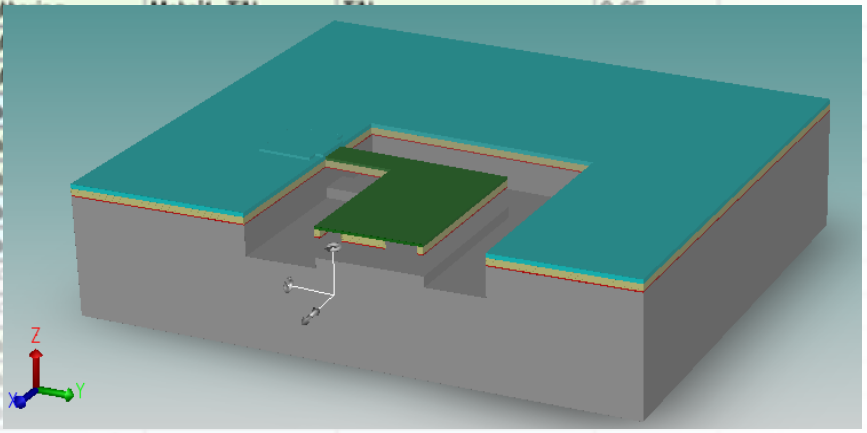
- High-level process description
 - Deposit thickness, conformality
 - Etch depth, sidewall profiles
 - Mask names
- MEMS-specific design rules
 - Release etch hole specs
- Material properties
 - Process-specific
 - Pre-stress, stress gradient
- Device IP
 - Parametric device models

Example: DALSA CMOS-MEMS PDK

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Number	Step Name	Layer Name	Material Name	Thickness	Mask Name
0	Substrate	Substrate	SILICON	40	SubstrateMask
1	Generic Dry Etch				CAVITY
2	Stack Material	ActiveAreaOxide	ActiveAreaThermalOxide	0.4	
3	Conformal Shell	Contacts_SG	SG	0.1	
4	Conformal Shell	Contacts_PSG	PSG	0.4	
5	Generic Dry Etch				CONTACTS
6	TOPMETAL1				
6.1	Sputtering	Meta1_Ti	Ti	0.01	
6.2	Sputtering	Meta1_TM	Ti	0.05	
6.3	Sputtering	Meta1_Cu	Cu	0.05	
6.4	Sputtering	Meta1_Au	Au	0.05	
6.5	Generic Dry Etch				
6.6	Conformal Shell				
6.7	Conformal Shell				
6.8	Generic Dry Etch				
6.9	Generic Dry Etch				
7	TOPLAYER				
8	TOPLAYER				
9	Conformal Shell				
10	Conformal Shell				
11	Generic Dry Etch				
12	Generic Dry Etch				MERGE



DALSA

Standardized process + reference flow + MDKs

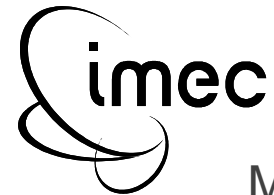
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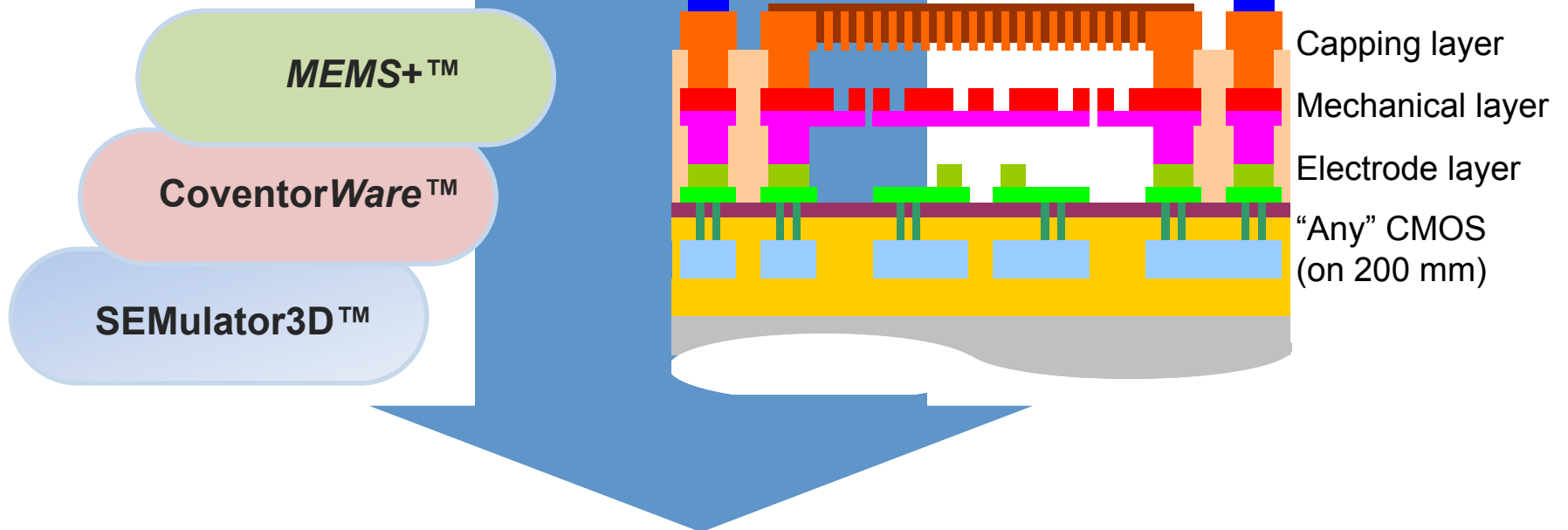
WHAT'S NEXT. AND NEXT. AND NEXT.

MEMS Design Automation

MEMS Eco System
Partnership



Monolithic SiGe
MEMS+CMOS Process



- MEMS Design Kits (MDKs) for Coventor tools
- Reference flow for integrated MEMS+IC design

Conclusions

Wave 2 leaders rely on proprietary MEMS processes

Wave 3 leaders will rely on **Design & Integration Innovation**

–Think 

Call to Action:

Collaboration among eco-system leaders to make MEMS competencies *accessible & scalable*

1.
Invention

2.
Manufacturing

3.
Design & Integration
Innovation

