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NANOMATERIALS ENABLING SMART **ENERGY HARVESTING FOR NEXT-**GENERATION INTERNET-OF-THINGS

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Outlook



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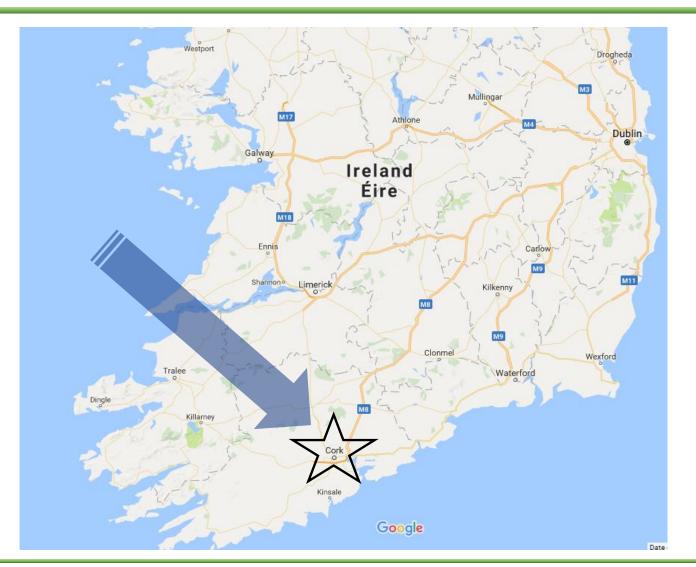


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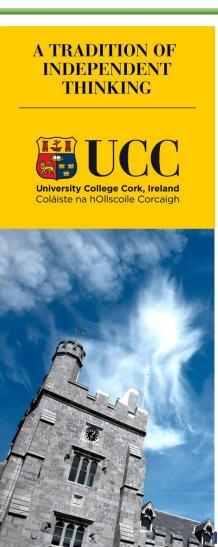




University College Cork – quick facts



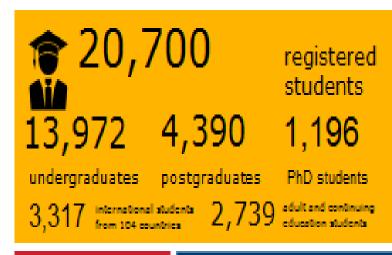
- Comprehensive university Est. 1845
- Ranked in the Top 2% of universities worldwide
- Wide range of internationally recognised degrees
- Ireland's first five star university (QS Stars)
- 13 subject areas ranked in world's top 300 (QS)
- Sunday Times University of The Year 2016 and 2017
- First university in the world awarded the international green flag for environmental friendliness
- 84% of higher degree and diploma graduates are in employment or further study







UCC AT A GLANCE



















- Tyndall is Ireland's largest research institute. A leading European Research Centre in Integrated Information and Communications Technology hardware and systems
- Established in 2004, created from the National Microelectronics Research Centre (NMRC) – Est. 1982











Our Expertise:

- Smart Sensors & Systems
- Optical Communication Systems
- Mixed Signal & Analog Circuit Design
- Microelectronic & Photonic Integration
- Semiconductor Wafer Fabrication
- Nano Materials & Device Processing

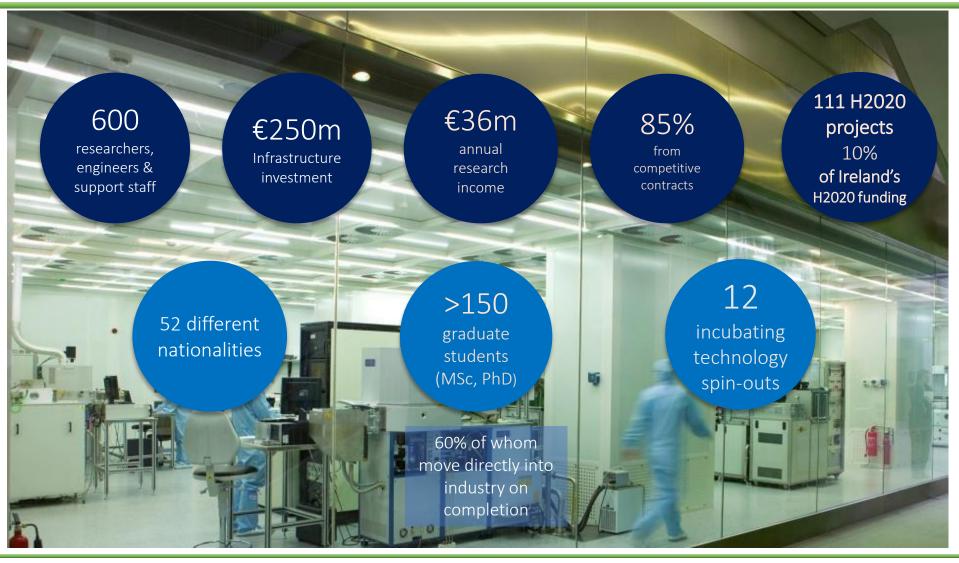






Tyndall National Institute at a glance UCC and Ireland flagship Research Institute







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Industrial partner recognition: <u>3 of 12</u> Intel *Global Outstanding Researcher Awards* have been awarded to Tyndall researchers





On-going-collaboration with Romanian's Academics@SMEs

Currently 4 EU projects, one ICT, one EIC FETProactive, one EIC FETOpen and one Twinning action

NANO components for electronic SMART wireless systems

NANOMATERIALS ENABLING
SMART ENERGY
HARVESTING FOR NEXTGENERATION INTERNET-OFTHINGS

ACTIVE OPTICAL PHASE-CHANGE PLASMONIC TRANSDIMENSIONAL SYSTEMS ENABLING FEMTOJOULE AND FEMTOSECOND EXTREME BROADBAND ADAPTIVE RECONFIGURABLE DEVICES NETWORKING CENTER
FOR EXCELLENCE IN
NANOELECTRONIC
DEVICES FOR AIR
MONITORING







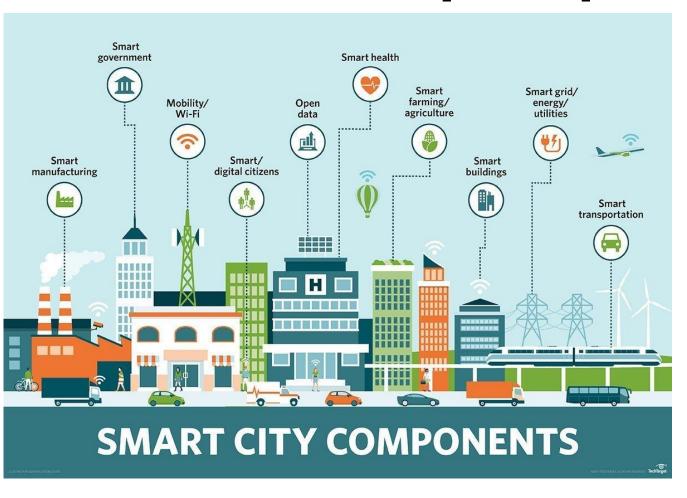




Smart City of the future builds on Internet of Things concept



The 4th Industrial Revolution-European Concept



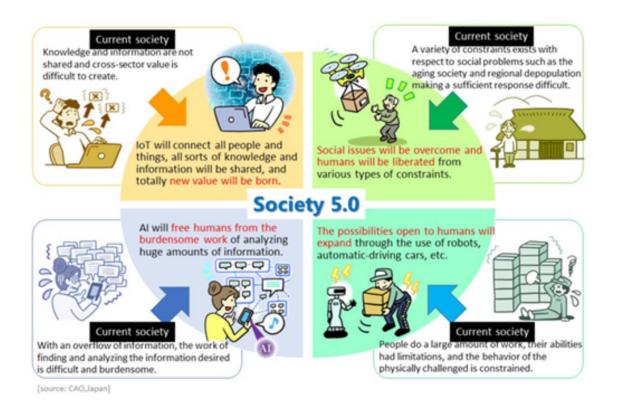
IoT describes the network of physical objects embedded with sensors, software, and other technologies for the purpose of connecting and exchanging data with other devices and systems over the internet



Smart City of the future builds on Internet of Things concept



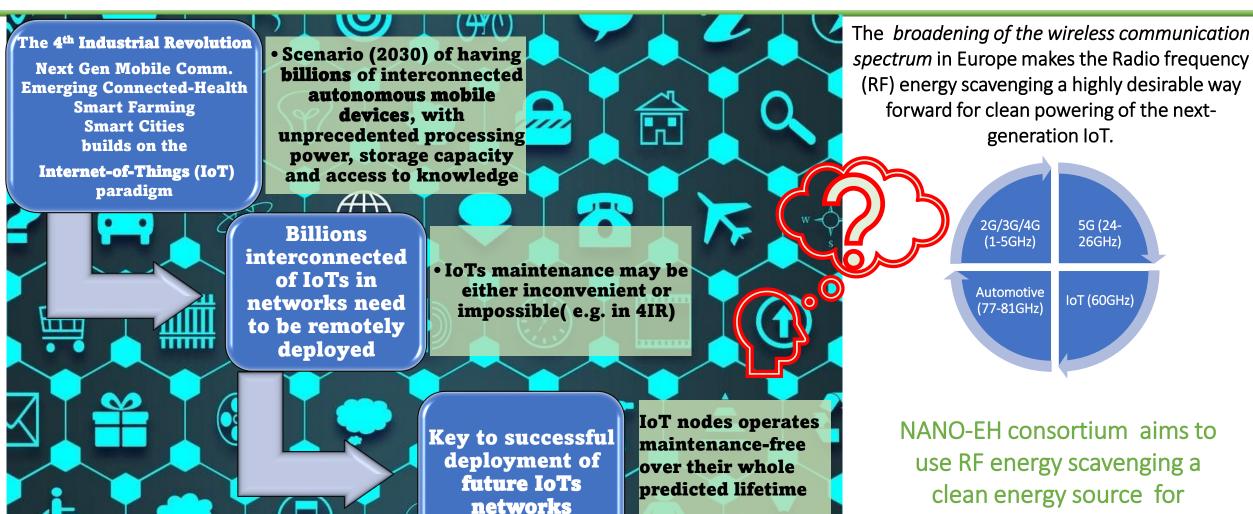
Society 5.0- Japanese concept





Internet of Things future and stringent needs





powering IoT

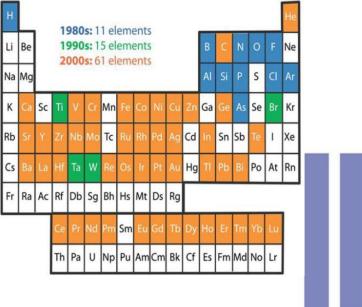
Emerging materials triggers device architecture innovation



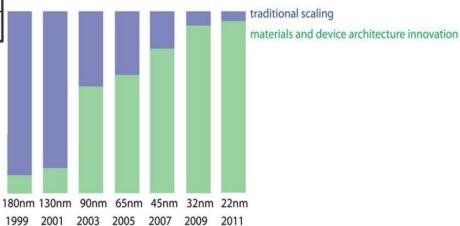
The end of Moore's Law could be the best thing that has happened in computing since the beginning of Moore's Law," R. Stanley Williams, research scientist for HP Labs.

"Confronting the end of an epoch should enable a new era of creativity."

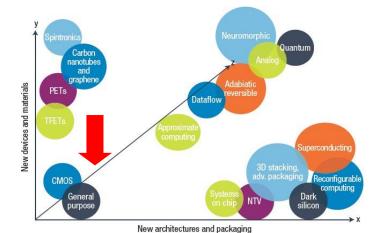
(Computing in Science & Engineering, IEEE CS and AIP – March/April 2017)

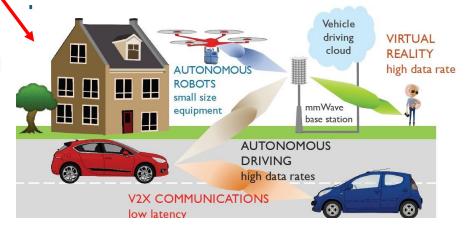


Materials and devices architecture innovation



Applied Physics Reviews 4, 011105 (2017)





Circuits reconfigurability and tunability for reconfigurable computing and communications such as 5G, 6G





NANOMATERIALS ENABLING SMART ENERGY HARVESTING FOR NEXT-GENERATION INTERNET-OF-THINGS



- EU FUNDED UNDER EUROPEAN INNOVATION COUNCIL (EIC)
- FET Proactive project: emerging paradigms and communities call (FETPROACT-EIC-05-2019) in the subtopic "Breakthrough zero-emissions energy generation for full decarbonisation".

• WWW.NANO-EH.EU





NANOMATERIALS ENABLING SMART ENERGY HARVESTING FOR NEXT-GENERATION INTERNET-OF-THINGS :NANO-EH

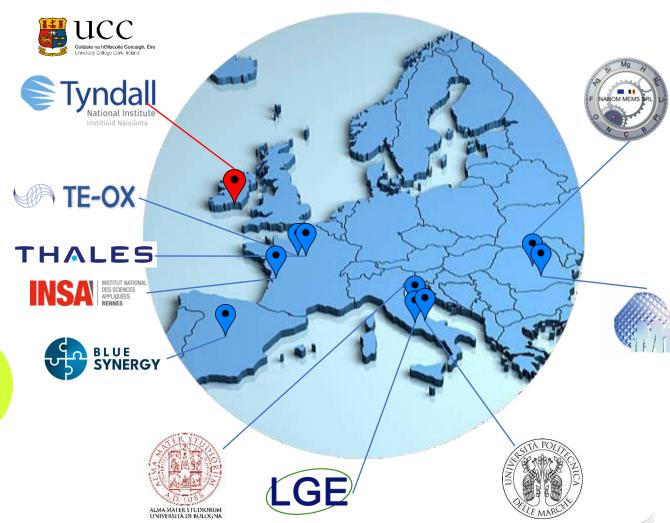


Duration:	42 months
Call identifier	H2020-EIC-FETPROACT-2019
Total Cost	3 929 360.00 €
Coordinator	Mircea Modreanu, UCC-TNI
Project website	www.nano-eh.eu

- Tyndall National Institute
- University of Bologna
- University Polytechnical delle Marche
- INSA Rennes
- IMT-Bucharest
- Thales
- TE-OX
- NANOM
- Luna Geber
- Blue Synergy

2 RDTs
2 University
1 Large Industry
4 SME

10 partners5 countries







NANO-EH: OBJECTIVES



Hybrid integration of multi-source harvesters (RF, piezoelectric, heath, ambient light) on the same platform.

- 1. On-chip energy storage capabilities integration via high-performace supercapacitors.
- 2. <u>On-demand energy harvesting</u>: the appropriate source of energy harvesting selected according to the ambient availability, or a combination of the various sources.
- 3. Low cost, reliable, efficient and high-volume CMOS-compatible manufacturing processes on silicon.
- 5. <u>Green technology approach</u>: exploitation of non-toxic, easy materials recovery and recyclable materials for environment-friendly battery-less energy supply sub-systems/modules for IoT and WSNs

- NANO-EH address the fragmentation in the energy supply module for IoT market by proposing a platform compatible with Si planar technologies
- Key Benefits: lower cost, able to deliver large volume, easily deployable and widely accepted technological platform



NANO-EH: SMART MATERIALS PLATFORM



NANO-EH's exploits three classes of smart nanomaterials that are non-toxic, lead- and rare earth-free:

- One new class of energy harvesting/storage oxide nanomaterials: Hafnium Zirconium Oxides (HfZrO_f and HfZrO_d)
- One new class of energy harvesting of Two-Dimensional (2D) nanomaterials: 2D MoS₂
- One class of renewable bio-based piezoelectric nanomaterials, namely the functionalised nanocellulose
- Energy storage functionality will be built in via high performance supercapacitors (HfZrO and $VO_2(B)$ oxides)

NANO-EH's has the ambition of covering the whole technological value chain:

Materials development → design and modelling of devices → devices fabrication and testing →integration of devices in demonstrators



• Nanomaterials development at wafer scale

 Design with electromagnetic modelling tools of new energy harvesting and energy storage device architectures

3rd Challenge

 Fabrication, testing and benchmarking at both device and submodule level







Emerging nanoscale wide bandgap HfO₂ ferroelectrics



Why researching nanoscale HfO₂ (and others) ferroelectrics?



Traditional ferroelectric (e.g. BaTiO₃ or PZT) cannot

Be downscaled to a few nm

Requires high operation voltages

Not CMOS compatible



Emerging Hafnium oxides ferroelectrics

Can be downscaled to 1-2nm

Low operation voltages 1-3V

CMOS compatible

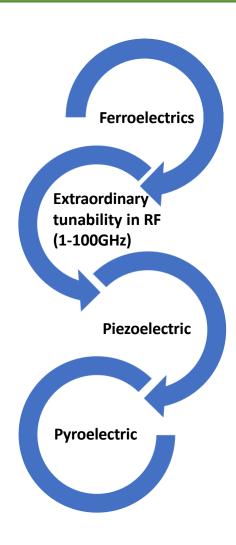


The rise of ferroelectrity at nanoscale

New devices architectures for CMOS FeFET, FERam

New devices architectures for high frequency devices (5G&6G)

RF and Pyroelectric Harvesters and energy storages devices

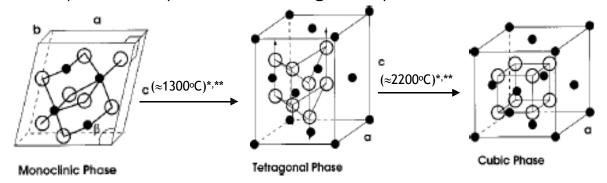




State-of the art knowledge of HfO₂ polymorphs about two decades ago



i) Ambient pressure and high temperature



ii) High pressure and high temperature



Theory prediction: all HfO₂ polymorphs are dielectrics

Orthorhombic phases of HfO₂ stabilized at high pressure and high temperatures and only in bulk

No report of orthorhombic phases of HfO₂ reported in thin films until ...2006 (see next slide)

^{*}X.Zhao et al. al. Phys.Rev.B , 65, 233106 (2002); **J.M.Leger et al. Phys.Rev.B, 48, 93, (1993); ***J. Kang, et al. Phys.Rev.B 68, 054106 (2003)



Nanoscale HfO₂ ferroelectrics: first report of orthorhombic polar (o-III) phase Nanoscale



- The discovery of ferroelectricity in few nm HfO₂/HfZrO was a Big Surprise
- Traditional thinking (20 years ago...) →HfO₂ (HfZrO) is a dielectric irrespective crystalline polymorphs (m, o, t or c)
 Orthorhombic polar (o-III) Raman fingerprint around 322cm⁻¹

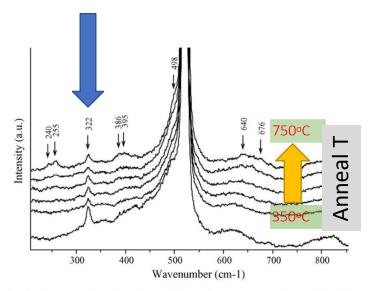


Fig. 4. Raman spectra recorded in 600 s at 325 nm on samples Hc1 (bottom) to Hc6 (top). The peak of Silicon is located at \sim 520 cm⁻¹. The peak at 322 cm⁻¹ cannot be assigned to any known HfO₂ crystalline phase.

First report of HfO₂ Orthorhombic polar (o-III): 2006

M. Modreanu et al./Applied Surface Science 253 (2006) 328–334 First reported at EMRS Spring Meeting 2005!

However, in 2006 HfO₂ Orthorhombic polar was not known

Raman phonon modes for Orthorhombic polar (o-III): 2022

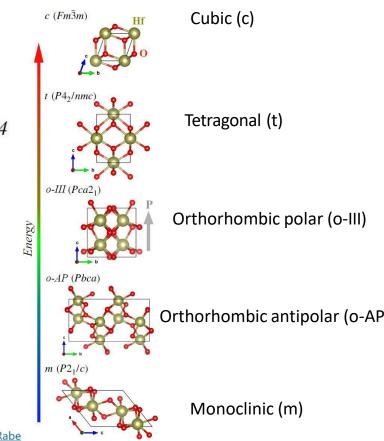


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Vibrational fingerprints of ferroelectric HfO₂

Shiyu Fan, Sobhit Singh, Xianghan Xu, Kiman Park, Yubo Qi, S. W. Cheong, David Vanderbilt, Karin M. Rabe





Ferroelectricity in hafnium oxide thin films

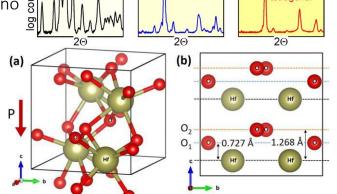
HfO,

Our approach for hafnium oxide ferroelectrics

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- T. S. Böscke, et al, Ferroelectricity in hafnium oxide thin films, Appl. Phys. Lett. 99, 102903 (2011);
- J. Müller, et al., Ferroelectricity in Simple Binary ZrO_2 and HfO_2 , Nano Lett. 12, 4318-4323 (2012).

Strategy



HfO,-ZrO,

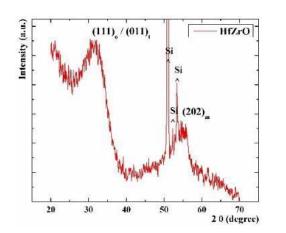
ZrO,

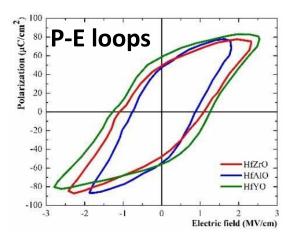
ALD HfO₂ (*undoped* or *doped*-Si, Al, Y, La) deposited between two TiN layers then a wake-up RTA around 450°C required to stabilize orthorhombic polar (o-III)

TiN		
6-8nm HfO₂		
TiN		
Si		

Many devices demonstrated FeFET, FERAM, Supercaps Typically, CMOS (<2 GHZ)

- Avoid confinement between two TiN layers
- Avoid wake-up annealing for stabilization of orthorhombic polar
- Direct ALD growth on HR Si using nanolaminate growth regime
- Ferroelectric 7nm-thick HfZrO, HfAlO and HfYO demonstrated
- Diffraction patterns consistent with a paracrystalline likestructure with a high degree of disorder introduced by the presence oxygen vacancies





Film	HfZrO	HfAIO	HfYO
Coercive field E _c (MV/cm)	1.09	0.81	1.25
Remanent polarization P _r [μC/cm²]	48.5	50.5	56.5







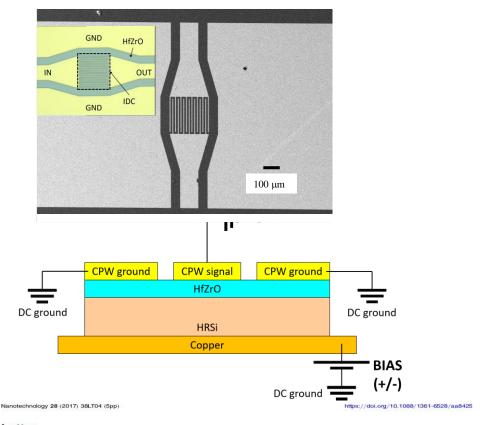


Direct growth of HfO₂ ferroelectrics on High Resistivity Si opened the way for high-frequency application



HfZrO ferroelectrics: RF applications-*Phase shifters*





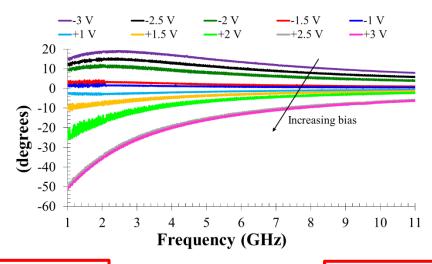
Letter

Very large phase shift of microwave signals in a 6nm $Hf_xZr_{1-x}O_2$ ferroelectric at $\pm 3V$

Mircea Dragoman ¹ , Mircea Modreanu ² , lan M Povey ² , Sergiu Iordanescu ¹ , Martino Aldrigo ¹, Cosmin Romanitan ^{1,3}, Dan Vasilache ¹, Adrian Dinescu ¹ and Daniela Dragoman ^{3,4}

2017

Phase shifting $\Delta \phi$ at various DC bias



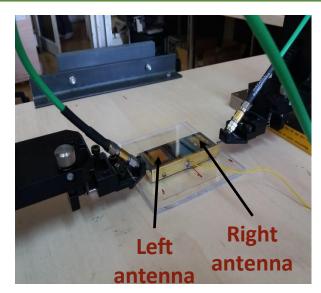
Frequency (GHz)	$\Delta \varphi_{-3V}$	$\Delta \varphi_{+3V}$	$\Delta arphi_t$
1	14.99°	-51.24°	66.23°
2.45	18.92°	-30.87°	49.79°
5.5	14.20°	-14.56°	28.76°
10	8.78°	-6.86°	15.62°

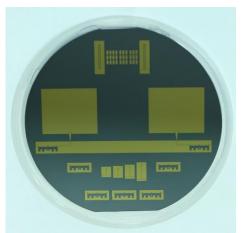


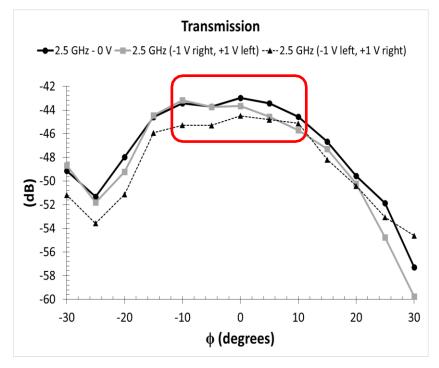
Nanoscale HfZrO ferroelectrics: RF applications

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Steering radiation beam of an antenna array (2 antennas) 25 ° with ±1 V at 2.55 GHz









2.55 GHz miniaturised phased antenna array based on 7 nm-thick $Hf_xZr_{1-x}O_2$ ferroelectrics

M. Dragoman, M. Modreanu, I. Povey, S. Iordanescu, M. Aldrigo 🗷 A. Dinescu, D. Vasilache, C. Romanitan

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Electronics Lett. 19 April, 2018

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Miniaturised phased antenna array for low-power wireless devices with beam steering at unprecedentedly-low voltages

Page 469, '2.55 GHz ministurised phased antenna array based on 7 rm: Thick H; Z₁₋₁, D₂ ferministrics', Mircoa Dragoman, Mircoa Modreans, Ian Povey, Sergiu lordanescu, Martino Adrigo, Afridan Diresco, Dan Vasilache

ferroelectric beam-steering antenna°

A miniaturised antenna array on a ferroelectri substrate with extraordinary beam-steering capabilities at low applied voltages has been developed by researchers in Romania and

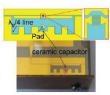
Low voltage!

Phased atterna arrays have a radiation pattern that is the combination of the electromagnetic emissions from individual array elements in different excitation phases. This technology is largely exploited in radar and communication systems due to its electronic beam-technology is necessarily as the exploited in radar and communication systems due to its electronic beam-technology is integrated capabilities. When this technology is integrated into low-power wireless applications or integrated circuits, the phase shifters require low applied voltages to allow reconfiguration of the radiation patterns. In this respect, there is a need for low-voltage controlled phased antenna arrays to be commercialised on a large-scale for 50 communication.

5G communications. When designing ministurised antenna arrays for low power wireless communication devices several issues need to be considered. These include the fast that planar antennas need to be eposited onto very thin substrates with medium high permittivity values to reduce the device dimensions, and a high radiation efficiency/gain must be achieved by the final device. HITZO-based ferroelectrics have demonstrated outstanding capabilities for these low power devices as they have high CMOS compatibility, thin deposited layers (5–10 mm), good stability with time and under mechanical/thermal stress and functional ferroelectric properties at low applied voltages.

Ferroelectric steering

In this Issue of Electronics Letters, Martino Aldrigo and colleagues from IMT Bucharest and Tyndall National Institute, University College Cork, present the full experimental characterisation of a miniaturised antenna phased array that operates in the S frequency band and is suitable



biased phase shifters for the two antennas and

setup of the HFZrO-based

characterised at IMT BOTTOM: Detail of the bia:

phased antenna array that was

phase shifters and from new antenna layouts.

Striving forwards

Since reporting the work in their Letter, Aldrigo and colleagues have been working on new layouts of ferroelectric-based phase shifters in order to embed them with different antenna layouts.

from enhancements of the ferroelectric-based

Aldrigo explains "we hope to achieve better performance at even higher frequencies. In this respect, it is our firm intention to further develop the work recorded in our latter."

the work reported in our Letter."

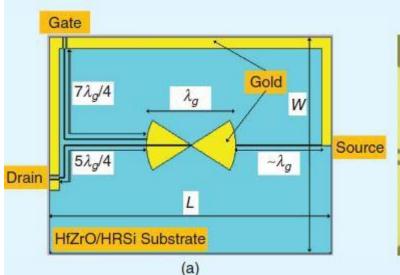
There are a few major limitations and unexplored avenues associated with this work

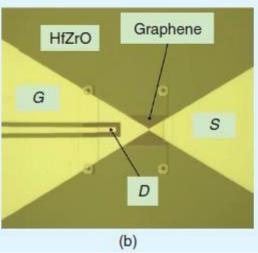


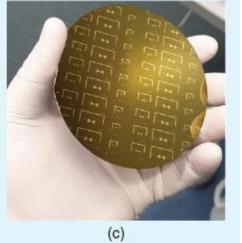
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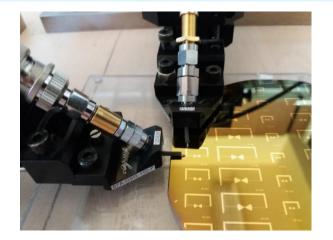
FIRST MICROWAVE INTEGRATED CIRCUIT BASED ON HfZrO: graphene/HfZrO radio





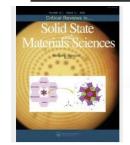


	The performance of the graphene/HfZrO FET microwave detector.		
FREQUENCY (GHz)	V _G (V)	V _D (V)	DETECTED DC Voltage (MV)
4	0	+0.02	12
4	0	-0.02	7.2
4	+2	+1.02	11.4
4	-2	-1.02	11
6	+2	+1.02	1.04
12	+2	+1.02	0.88



The Rise of Ferroelectricity at Nanoscale: Nanoelectronics is rediscovering the ferroelectricity

<u>IEEE Nanotechnology Magazine</u> (Volume: 15, Issue: 5, October 2021)



Review Critical Reviews in Solid State and Materials Sciences (2022)

Ferroelectrics at the nanoscale: materials and devices – a critical review

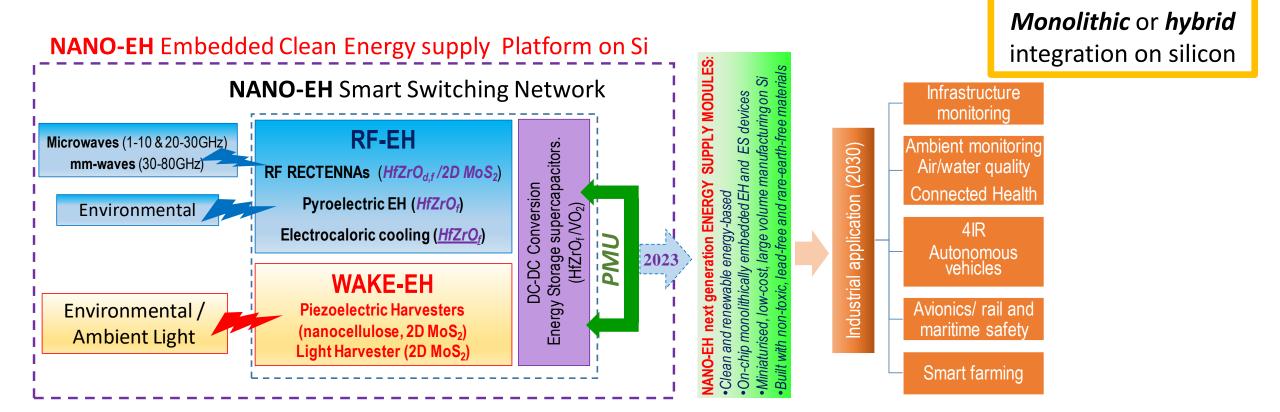


NANO-EH's concept of a multi-source EM energy harvesting/energy storage platform integrated on Si substrate

storage devices and components



TARGET







Need for design/simulation/modelling of different energy harvesters/energy

Multi-source Energy Harvesting



Gather energy from ambient environment and convert it into usable electrical power



Piezoelectric harvesting

Solar light harvesting

Advantages

- ➤ Plentiful energy solution → Unlimited usage
- > Readily available, anywhere, everywhere
- > Green and clean

Importance of Energy Harvesting

- Accelerated interest for powering ubiquitously deployed sensor networks and mobile electronic products
- To reduce dependency on batteries
- ➤ To conserve energy consumption and promote environmental friendliness

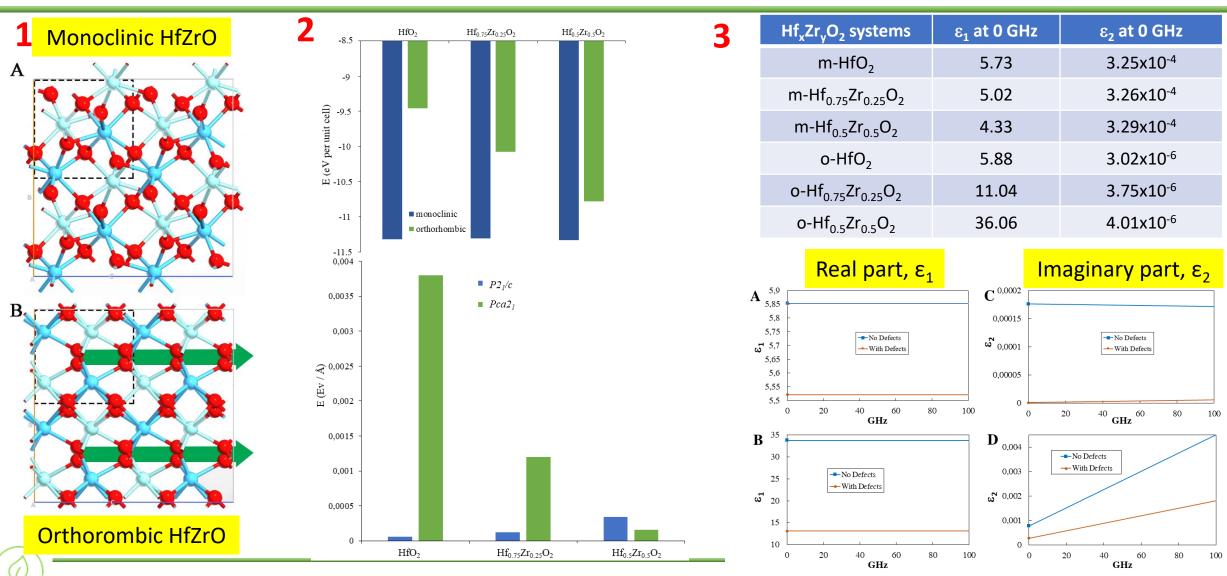
Typical energy harvester Output power			energy harvester Voltages
RF	0,1 μW/cm ²	RF	0.01 mV
Piezo	1 nW/cm ²	Piezo	0.1 ~ 0.4 V
Thermal	10 mW/cm ²	Thermal	0.02 ~ 1 V
Solar	100 mW/cm ²	Solar	0.5 ~ 0.7 V





NANO-EH Atomistic to Mesoscale Modelling platform





Multi-source Energy Harvesting

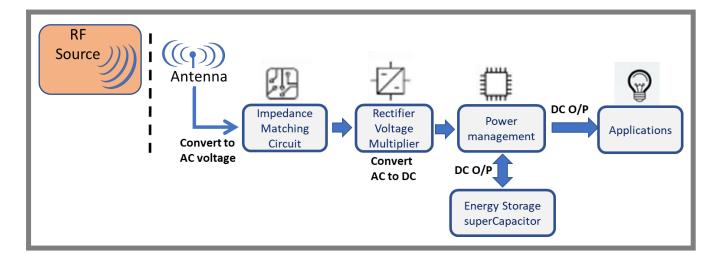


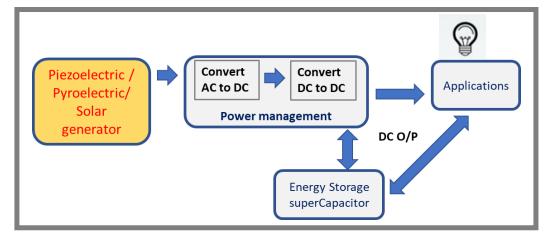
- > RF harvester
 - Antenna

 - 2.45 GHz \rightarrow 2G/3G/4G
 - 24-26 GHz
- \rightarrow 5G

• 60 GHz

- \rightarrow IoT
- MIM or SS diodes
- DC circuitry
- Power divider
- Phase shifter
- Piezoelectric harvester
- Pyroelectric harvester
- Solar/light harvester
- Energy storage devices
 - Supercapacitors





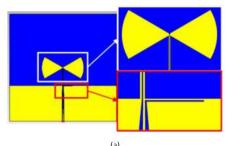




NANO-EH project highlights

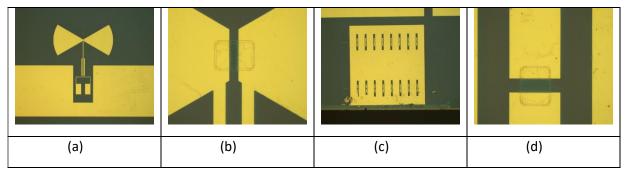


Bow-tie antenna @ 24 GHz



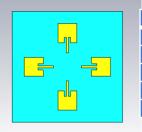
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Performance indicator	Value
Resonance frequency	24 GHz
Radiation efficiency	90%
Gain	7.3 dBi

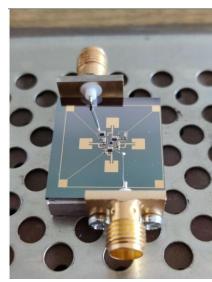


Optical pictures of the fabricated (a) 24-GHz bow-tie antennas; (b) detail of the gap of the antenna; (c) MoS₂-based SSDs in CPW technology; (d) detail of the diode's area in between a CPW signal line

Dual-polarized patch antenna array @ 24 GHz



Performance indicator	Value
Resonance frequency (Lego antenna)	24 GHz
Radiation efficiency (Lego antenna)	75%
Gain (Lego antenna)	4.5 dBi
Maximum conversion efficiency	43% at 14 dBm
Differential output voltage	6.7 V (on a 3.9 kΩ load)



First proof-of-concept RF harvesters (24-27 GHz)

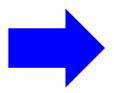




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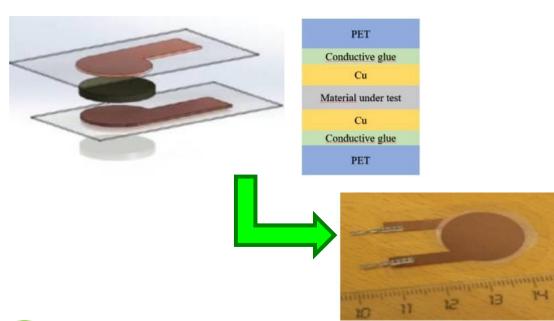


Realization of a mixed RF-piezo energy harvester

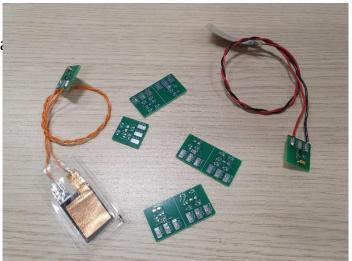


Goal: use of recyclable, bio-based, piezoelectric materials to design an innovative EH demonstrator capable of improving the RF-DC conversion efficiency of the RF-EH

Key specifications for the demonstrator have been identified:



- Substrate thickness: min. 100 μm
- Substrate Young's modulus: min. 2 GP;
- Dimensions: 20x30 mm
- Frequency: 1-50 Hz
- Thermal stability: up to 50°C
- Open circuit peak voltage: > 100 mV
- Vibrational input: max. 20 g.
- Pressure input: max 500 N



NANO-EH fabricated piezo-harvester



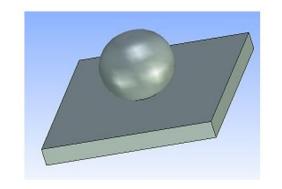


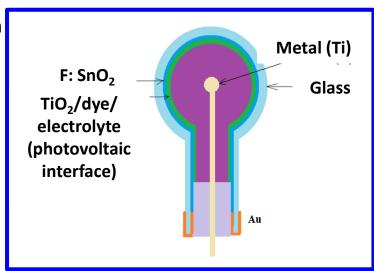
NANO-EH project highlights: Spherical solar cells



Advantages of spherical solar cells:

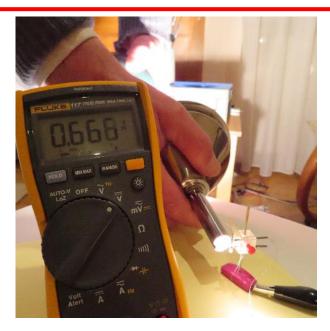
- Collect and harvest sunlight three-dimensionally
- The spherical shape offers a good protection of the active layers.
- Simple structure, cheap and suitable for mass production
- They can be made in a large variety of sizes, colors, and curvatures
- Dust accumulation is greatly diminished compared with planar solar cells.





Specifications required:

- Conversion efficiency: min 10%
- **V_{oc}:** min 0.7 V
- Fill factor: min. 0.6
- Dimension 2.5mmx8mm



Fabricated spherical solar cells in NANO-EH





Conclusions



- Internet of Things future and stringent needs they need to be energy autonomous
- Need to address the fragmentation in the energy supply module for IoT market (30 bilions/2030)
- European Innovation Council's NANO-EH proposes a low cost, reliable, efficient and high-volume CMOS-compatible manufacturing processes on silicon
- NANO-EH envisages a Green technology approach: exploitation of non-toxic, easy materials recovery and recyclable materials for environment-friendly battery-less energy supply subsystems/modules for IoT and WSNs

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