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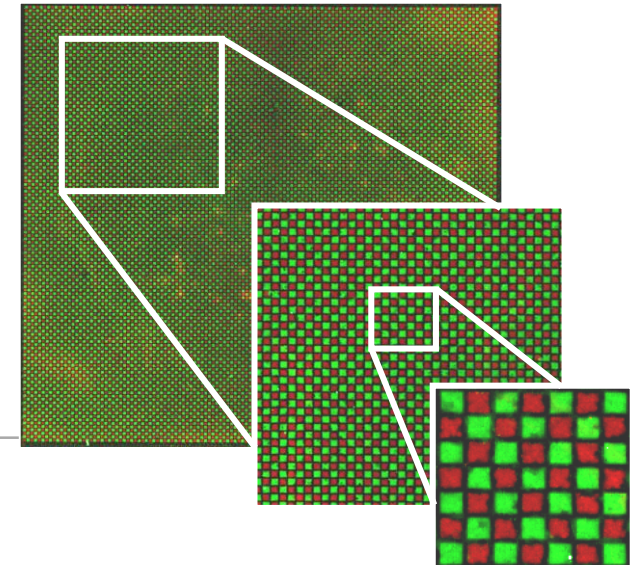
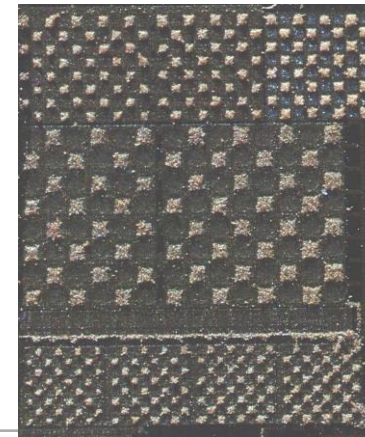
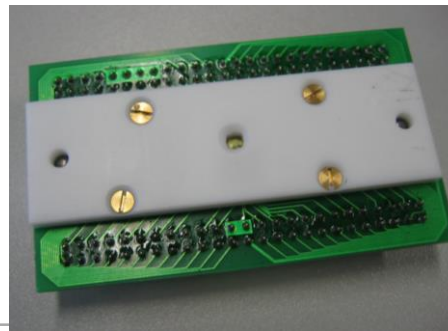
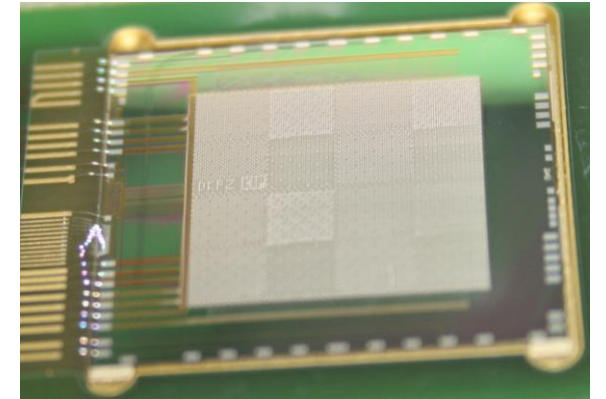
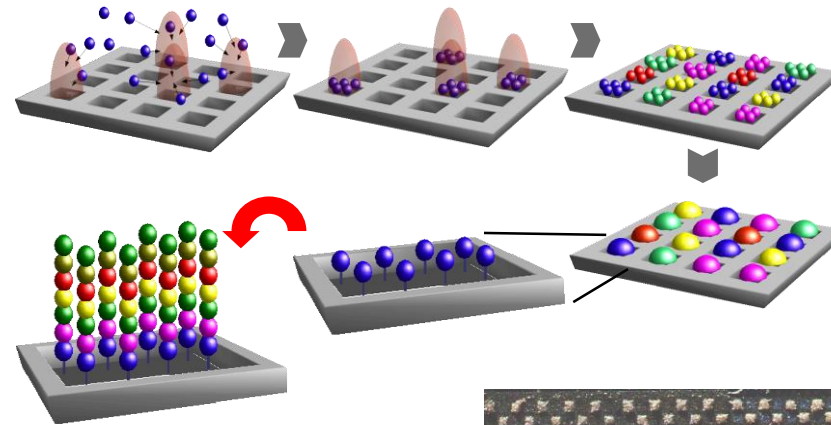
Kai Koenig

# Physics and Peptide Synthesis

A slightly exotic application of high voltage CMOS integrated circuits

## Timeline

- 1999 Student, Physics, Uni Heidelberg
- 2000 Lectures by Prof. Lindenstruth
- 2001 HiWi @ KIP, DKFZ, ASIC-Labor & other
- 2005 Dipl. Phys.  
ASIC in HV tech for peptide synthesis
- 2010 PhD, Physics with Biology  
CMOS-Based Peptide Arrays
- since 2010 Scientist  
ABB AG, Corporate Research Center,  
Ladenburg





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# ABB as a technology leader in focussed businesses

Organization until 2020

>130 years tradition

5 businesses

100 countries

147,000 employees

## Motion (#1)



## Electrification (#2)<sup>1</sup>



## Industrial Automation (#2)



## Robotics & Discrete Automation (#2)



## Power Grids (\*)



<sup>1</sup>Global market position in brackets

\*At the end of 2019 ABB sold its Power Grids (PG) division to Hitachi. PG will remain part of ABB until 2020. Together with Hitachi, PG is the global #1 for a powerful, smart, green grid.

# ABB in Germany

Germany as a development and competence center with strong local presence

## ABB Germany at a glance



**~10,500**  
employees

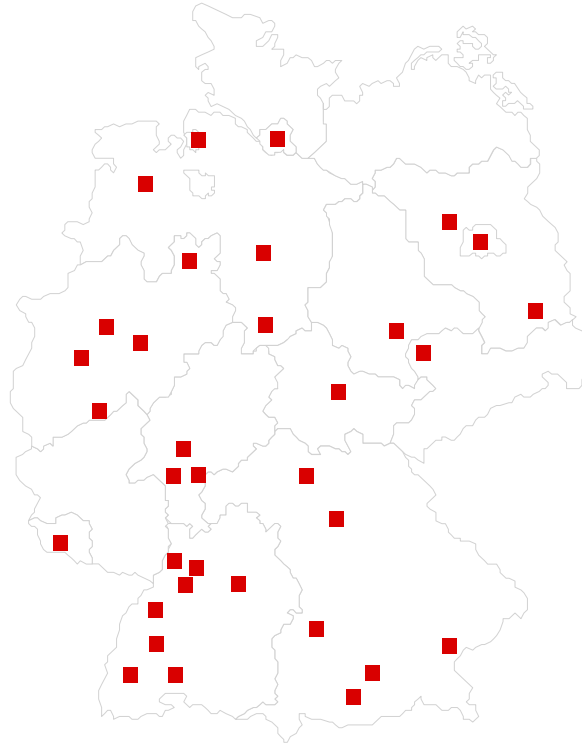


**2.78** bn euros  
revenues in 2018\*

**17** sales and service  
locations

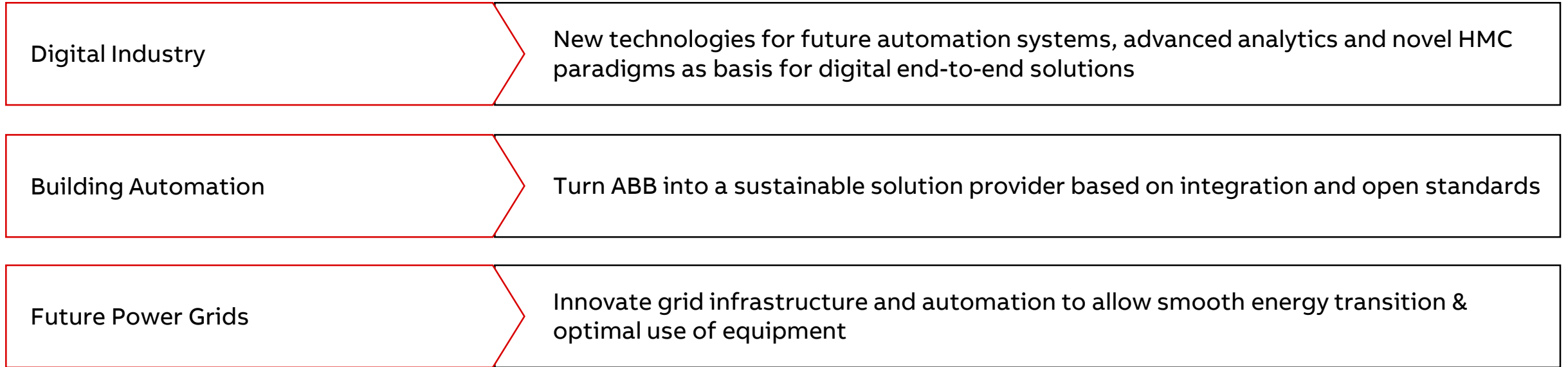


**18** production sites



# Corporate Research Center Ladenburg (one of seven global CRCs)

Applied research for next-next generation products



**70**

Inventions/year

**30**

Cooperations with universities

**120**

Scientific publications/year

**~100**

Employees

**~80**

Students/year

**20 MUSD**

Project volume/year

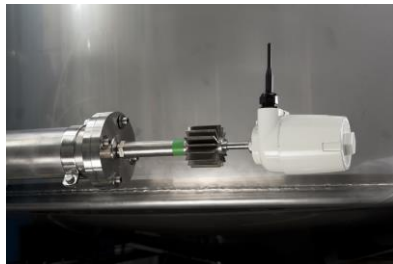


# Energy autonomous wireless field instruments

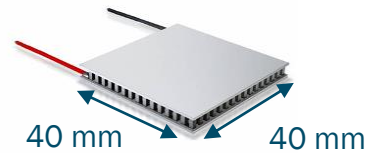
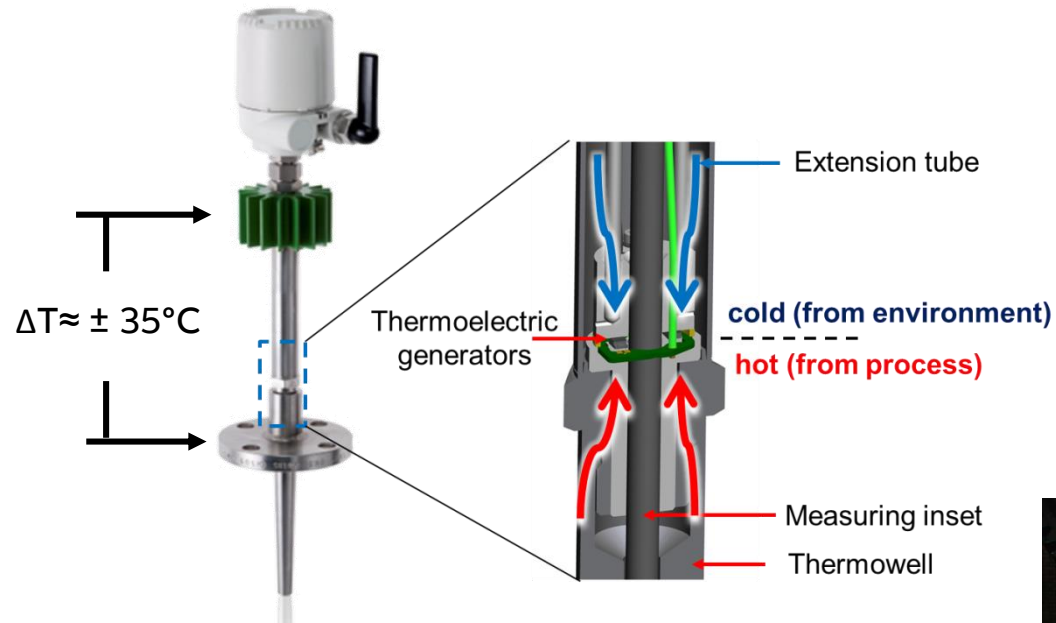
Thermoelectrically powered sensors require neither cables nor battery exchanges

## From an idea to a product

- Investigate technology options and components for suitability
- Examine requirements of existing product
- Develop and test a demonstrator



- Develop and test a better demonstrator
- Handover to business
- Support product development

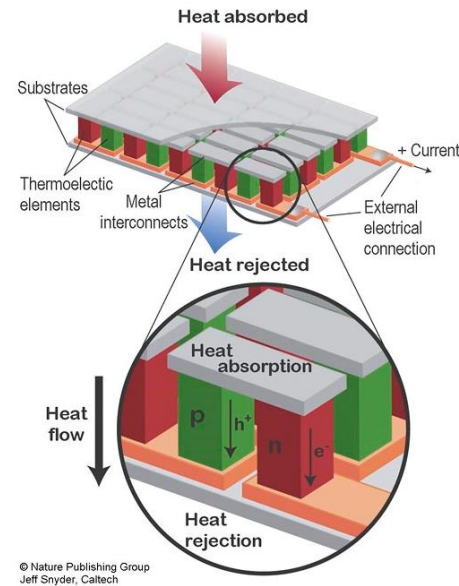
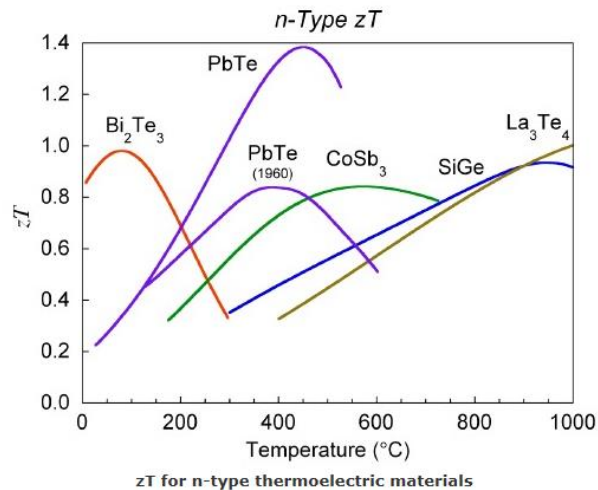
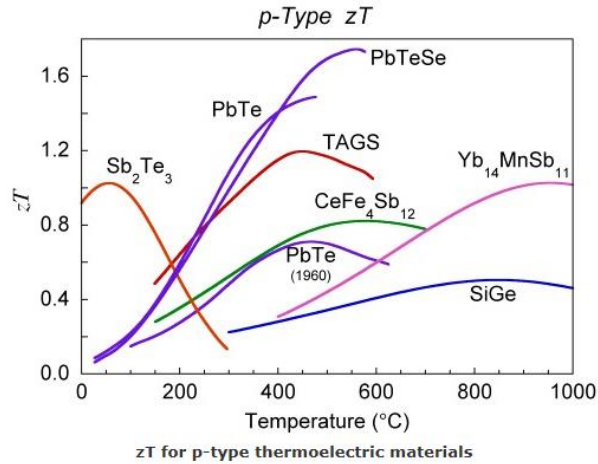


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# Silicon-integrated thermoelectrics 1

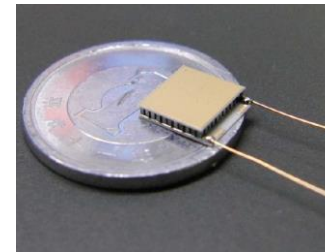
Using silicon wafers to produce very compact thermoelectric generators



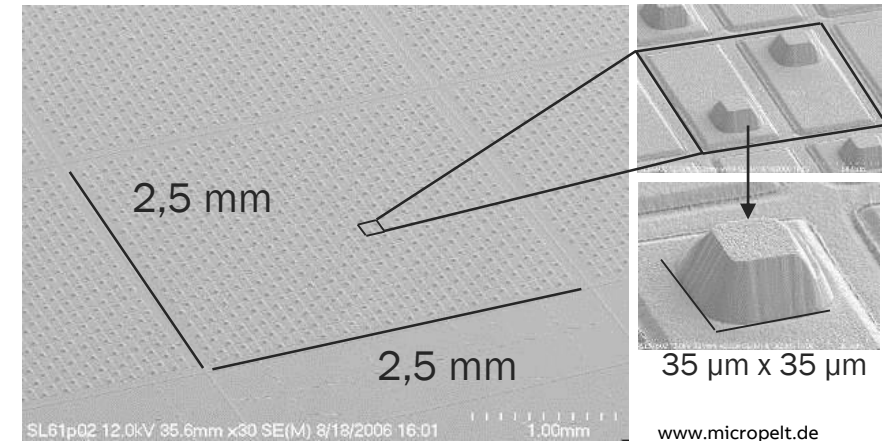
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## Silicon wafers as substrate for thermoelectrics

Going beyond "playing with small bricks" by using semiconductor fabrication technology



Miniaturized conventional TEG  
(Source: KELK / Komatsu)



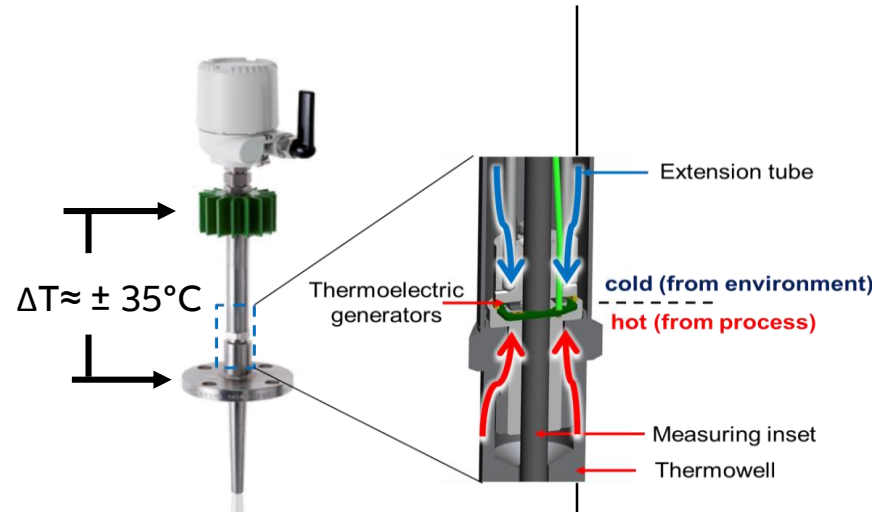
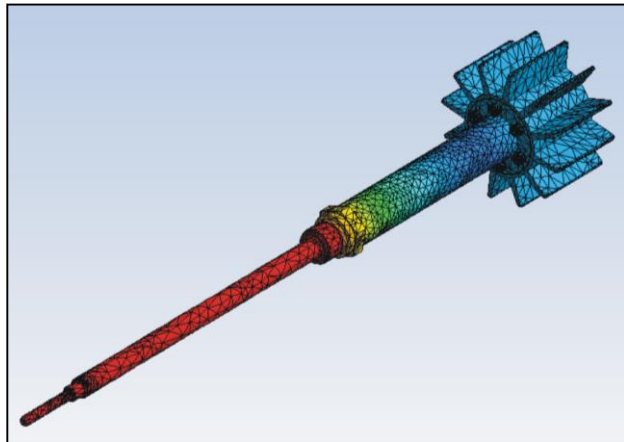
Silicon technology significantly increases voltage level and power density



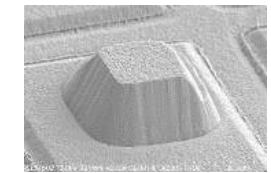
# Silicon-integrated thermoelectrics 2

Advanced packaging and thermal management

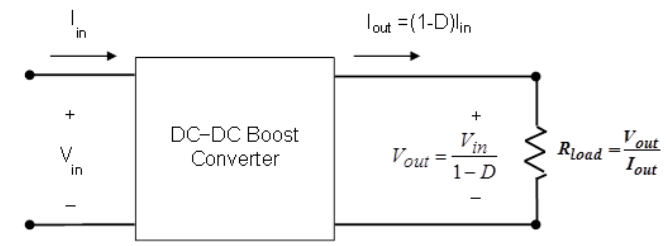
## Focussing a thermal gradient really well...



35  $\mu\text{m}$  x 35  $\mu\text{m}$



... and not crushing (or shearing) a chip at -40 to >85 °C!  
And converting low voltages to a stable power supply, in EX-IS.



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# Silicon-integrated thermoelectrics 3 - technology outlook

Integrating deposition of thermoelectrics for local fine-tuned temperature control of silicon technology

## Conceivable future applications

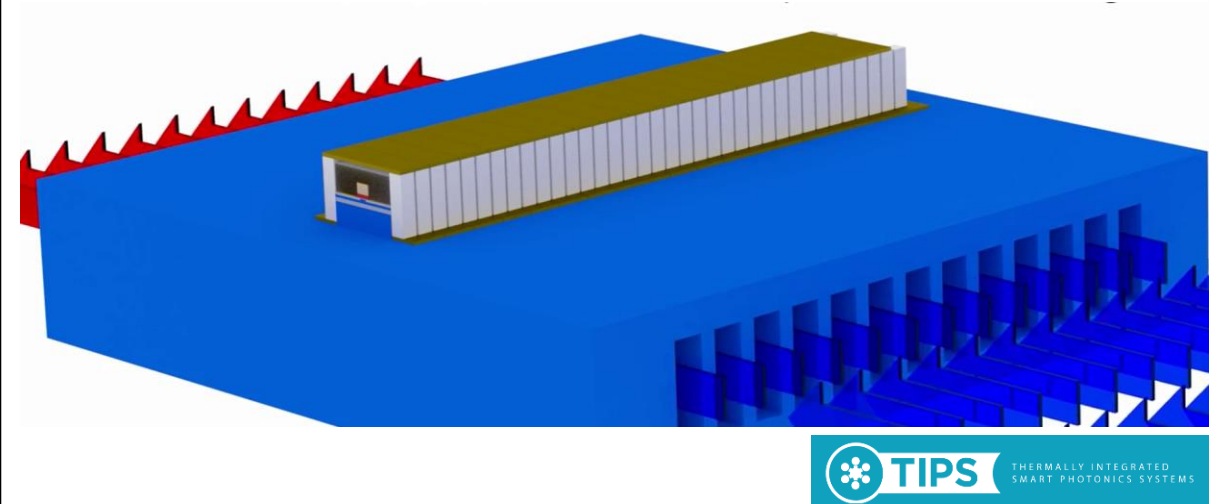
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- Waste heat recovery, e.g. in large motors
- Heat removal for high-performance computing
- Fine-tuning semiconductor communication lasers (TIPS2020 project, [www.tips2020.eu](http://www.tips2020.eu))
- Ultra compact thermocyclers for biochemical applications
- High performance thermally stabilized infrared cameras
- ...

## State of the technology

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- Micropelt: went through bankruptcy, technology not available
- TIPS2020 consortium: Productization ongoing, design kit available for opto integration, academic research
- Other semiconductor companies may investigate for harvesting chips or CMOS / MEMS / Opto integration





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# Intelligent motors for the digitalization

ABB Ability™ Smart Sensor

## Remote Condition Monitoring



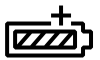
Easy to deploy as smart sensor is a small wireless package and simple to use



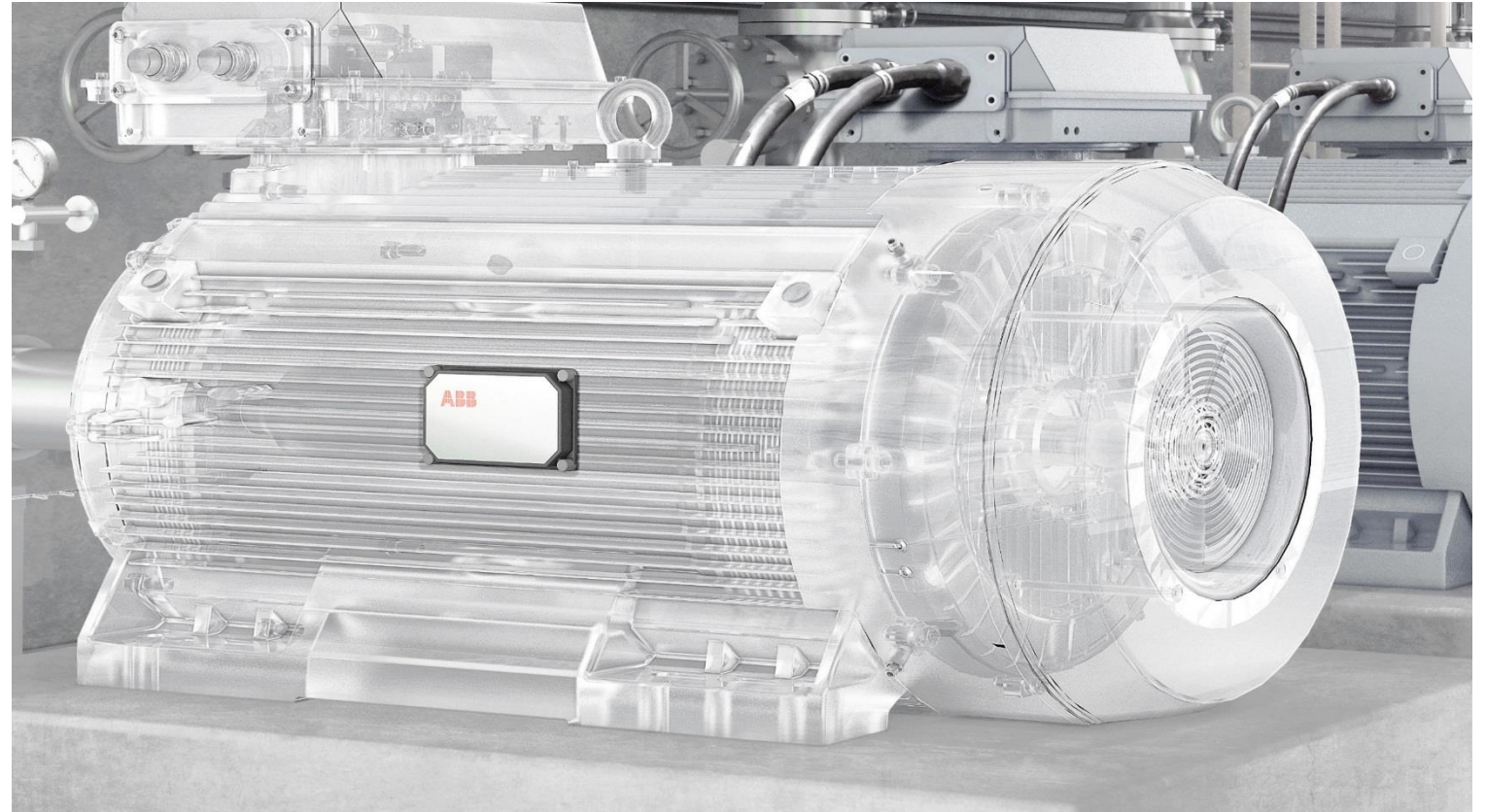
Reduces motor downtime by up to **70%**



Extends motor lifetime by as much as **30%**

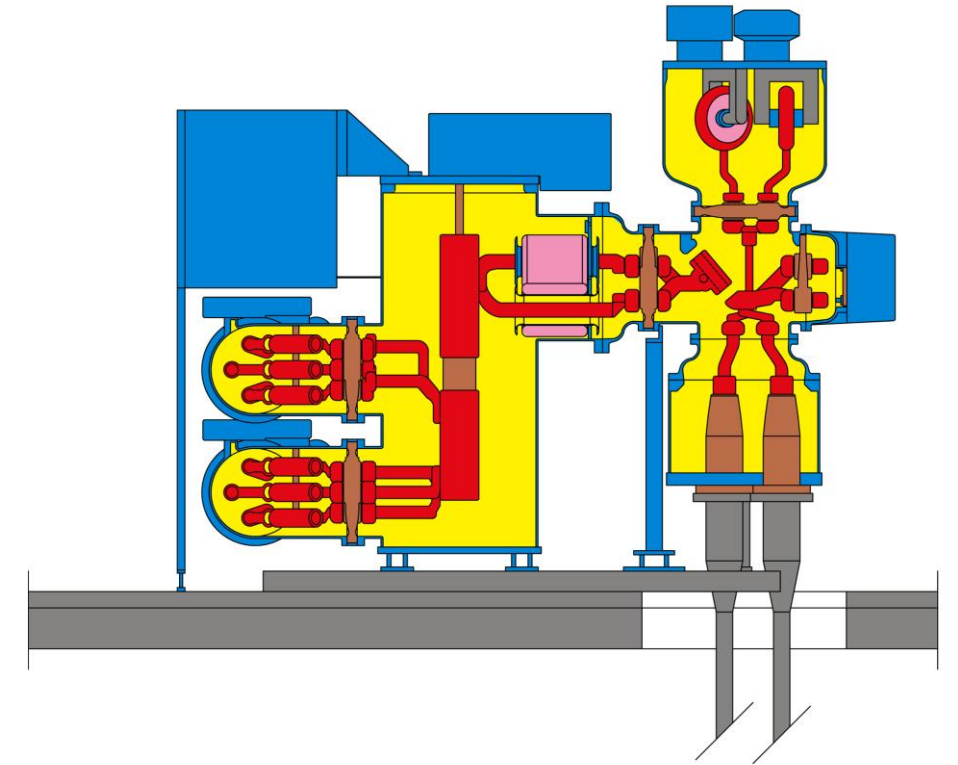


Reduces power consumption by up to **10%**



# High voltage equipment with the smallest possible footprint

Gas Insulated Circuit Breakers – Compact and safe switching of HV currents





# Charging platform for next generation electric vehicles

Market leader of charging infrastructure

## Electromobility



Cloud based platform:  
Combination of leading ABB technologies for fast charging and modern Microsoft cloud services



ABB has sold around 10,500 DC fast chargers in over 70 countries, more than any other manufacturer.



World's fastest charging station (Terra HP) recharges a car with 350 kW in just eight minutes charging time for a distance of 200 km



Fleet and site management and optimization for busses and other EV



# Working at ABB

Focus on Corporate Research Ladenburg

## Employment conditions

Adequate salary

Good training opportunities

Flexible working hours, no unpaid overtime

- Flexible organization of working hours
- Home office/homeday
- Sabbatical
- ABB holiday home for children

### Interesting and highly varied topics

Opportunities to move to business units

## For graduates

Intense hiring just starts after phase of low external hiring

Opportunities for physicists:

- Sales engineers
- **Researchers in CR**
  - 2 open positions for physicists in sensors
  - 4 open positions in optimization, embedded systems or software
- Researchers in the businesses

## For students

Paid internships for 3-6 months – mandatory and voluntarily – are always available

Topics for Physicists in Ladenburg include:

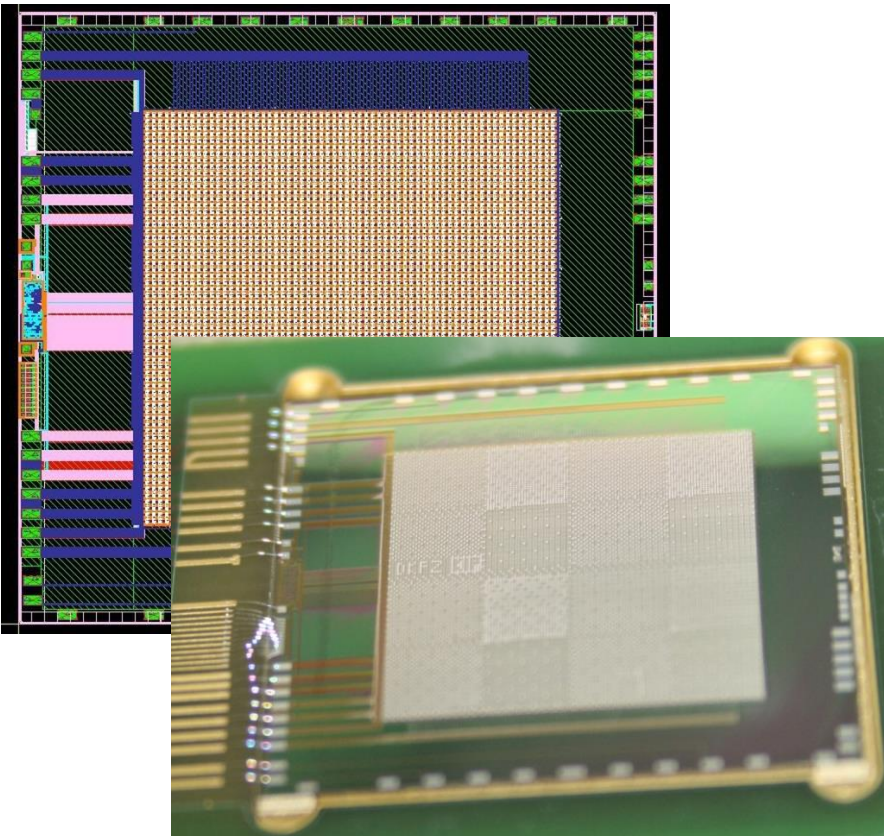
- Sensors
- Data processing
- Breaker mechanics
- Robotics
- Optimization
- Software, Embedded, Security, IoT, ...

Contact me for more info

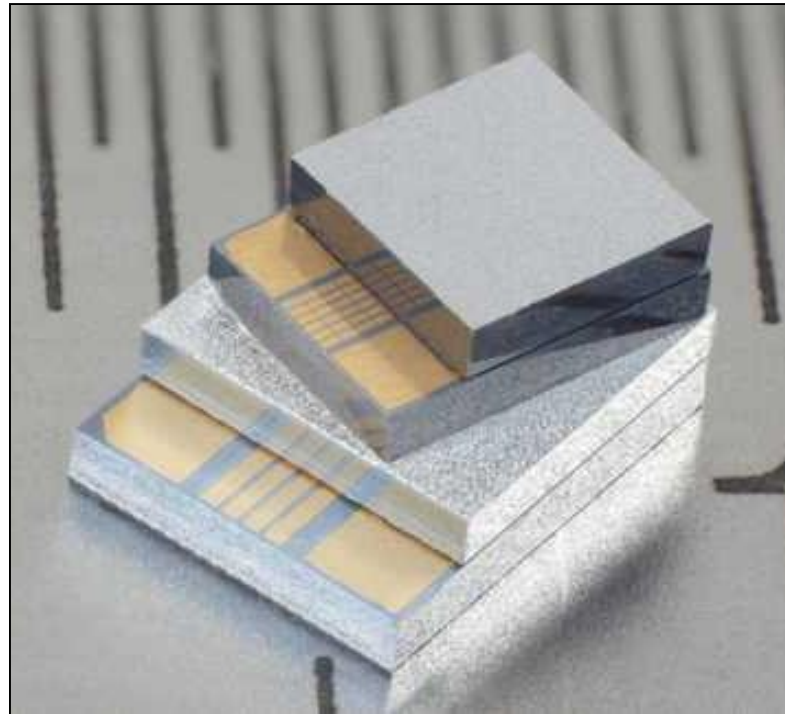


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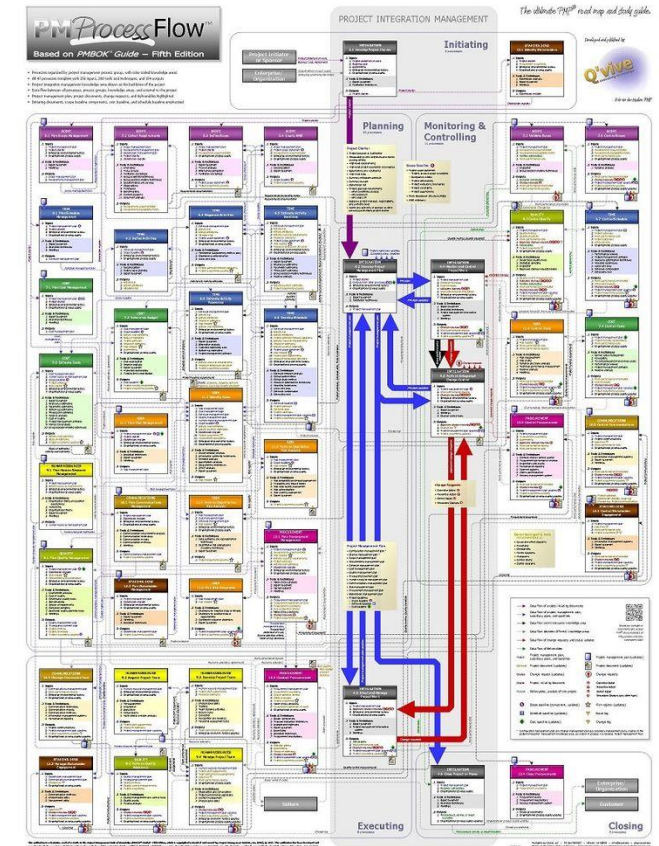
**What processes did I use?**



AMIS 0.7 V High Voltage (30 V / 100 V)  
mixed signal – not used as intended



Custom integrated thermoelectrics on  
silicon wafer (Micropelt) - integration only



Project management processes according  
to PMI – used heavily customized

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# From CMOS to Thermoelectrics to Project Management

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