

# The Compound Semiconductor Roadmap Embedded in the ITRS: Implications for the MANTECH Community

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# What is a technology Roadmap?

A technology roadmap in the context of this talk

is an industrial consensus

with inputs from the  
research community and

if appropriate with inputs  
from governments.



# Technology Roadmaps

**" A *roadmap* is an extended look at the future of a chosen field of inquiry composed from the collective knowledge and imagination of the brightest drivers of change in that field."**

**"Roadmaps allow our industry leaders to communicate convincingly with those in government and business regarding their support of our goals."**

**"Roadmaps are working now in industry and they are beginning to gain a stronghold in science."**

----- Robert Galvin, Chairman of the Executive Committee of Motorola, editorial in *Science* **280**, 8 May 1998, p. 803.

# Why is a technology roadmap useful?

**It increases the rates of both technology development and deployment.**

**A technology roadmap is an effective technique to**

- 1) Reduce uncertainties in investments**
- 2) Use changes among competing technologies as opportunities**
- 3) Increase the probability for more robust economic performance**
- 4) Guide critical research**
- 5) Assist in setting priorities for resource allocations**



# Why You Should Be Interested in Roadmaps?

- **Some compound semiconductors coexist/compete with Si and SiGe (i.e., with CMOS compatible processing).**
- **Smaller budgets place greater emphases on consensus-based planning for smarter investments.**
- **Participants identify what is common knowledge and what is truly intellectual property.**
- **Participants gain knowledge, broaden their industrial outlook and awareness, and become more valuable employees.**

# When is a technology roadmap most effective?

**When it:**

- 1) Increases industrial cooperation and**
- 2) Produces positive changes in how companies work together.**



# Key Drivers for a Technology Roadmap

**Key drivers that bring companies together to share common pre-competitive interests and goals include:**

- 1) Market share dynamics among competing technologies and**
- 2) Costs of doing business and maintaining its infrastructure becoming too great for one company or one country to assume.**



## Metrics for Success Include:

1. Determine whether the compound semiconductor infrastructure permits going **from tolerances** in processing parameters (e.g., composition, thickness, and doping density) **to acceptable costs, yields, reliabilities, and bit error rates** in a system.
2. Determine whether sufficient knowledge exists to determine how the above examples of tolerances in processing parameters **vary with time and with market application.**

## Metrics for Success (continued)

3. Assess whether the compound semiconductor market segment **growth is greater than that projected today.**
4. Measure the **investments that commercial companies commit** to the roadmap activities.
5. **Document the number of roadmap citations** by university, industry and government as a function of time.

# Trends

- **Bigger wafers and smaller devices.**
- **Increased R & D and production facilities costs are becoming too great for any one company or country.**
- **Shorter process technology life cycles.**
- **Emphasis on faster characterization of manufacturing processes.**
- **All - global participants in the “Si CMOS ecosystem” now collaborate to develop and improve manufacturing technologies; e.g., ITRS and International SEMATECH.**

## **Trends** (continued)

- **Competition among Si CMOS manufacturers is shifting from an emphasis on technology and fabrication to a much greater emphasis on product design, architecture, algorithm, and software; i.e., shift from technology-oriented R&D to product-oriented R&D.**
- **Many observers credit consensus-based planning and deliberate roadmapping efforts for the sustained average annual growth rate of 15% for the silicon semiconductor industry over this past decade.**
- **Users interested more in function and price than in process.**

## **Trends** (continued)

- **Communications products may replace computers as a key driver of volume manufacturing.**
- **Present and future volume products include:**
  - **cell phones and video phones**
  - **Bluetooth appliances**
  - **optoelectronics**
  - **automotive electronics that add functionality of home and office to cars and trucks.**

# History – Where are compounds addressed?

- **NEMI ( 2004 Roadmaps)**
  - some material specificity in energy storage, RF components, and optoelectronics
  - numerous market applications
- **ITRS (2003 Edition and 2004 Update, and 2005 Edition in-progress)**
  - very material and process specific (limited primarily to crystalline Si CMOS; but now has RF and AMS compounds)
  - limited to a few very big market applications (microprocessor-logic, memory, and RF and analog/mixed-signal)
  - simple metrics for determining progress (e.g., line width, and density)
- **OIDA (Recent Reports)**
  - some material specificity in sensors and detectors
  - numerous market applications

# Lessons Learned from Si CMOS Roadmaps

- Many technology barriers, once thought to be of concern to a few companies, are common through out the industry. Overcoming such barriers offers an appropriate focus for technology roadmaps.
- Prior to mid 1980's, most Si CMOS companies assumed that over 50% of what they knew was proprietary and not to be part of consensus-based planning and collaborations.
- From the late 1980's to today, most Si CMOS companies found that over 50% of what they know is not proprietary and may be shared with other companies for a globally more competitive industry.

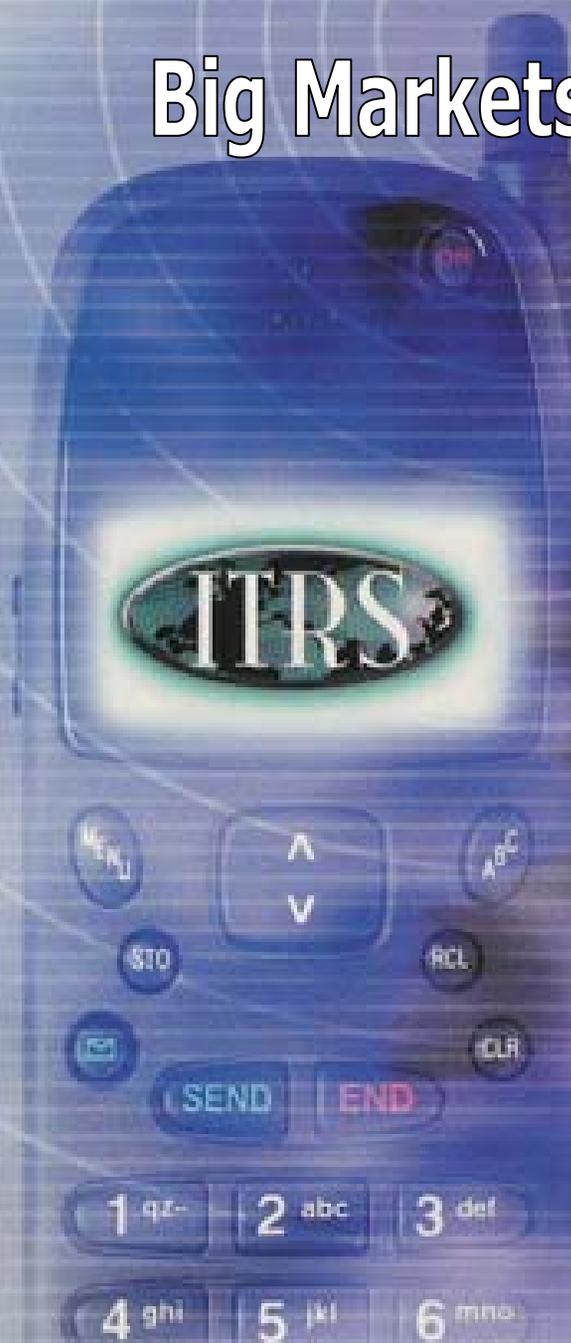


# Lessons Learned from NEMI

- **Discussions with senior industrial managers for acceptance.**
- **Worked from a "virtual product" as basis for bringing all stakeholders together.**
- **Challenge was to have a large enough effort to be effective, but still focussed enough to have measurable progress.**
- **Everyone has similar problems. Much IP is common to everyone. Industry moves faster when these are recognized and common problems are solved.**

# Big Markets for Semiconductors

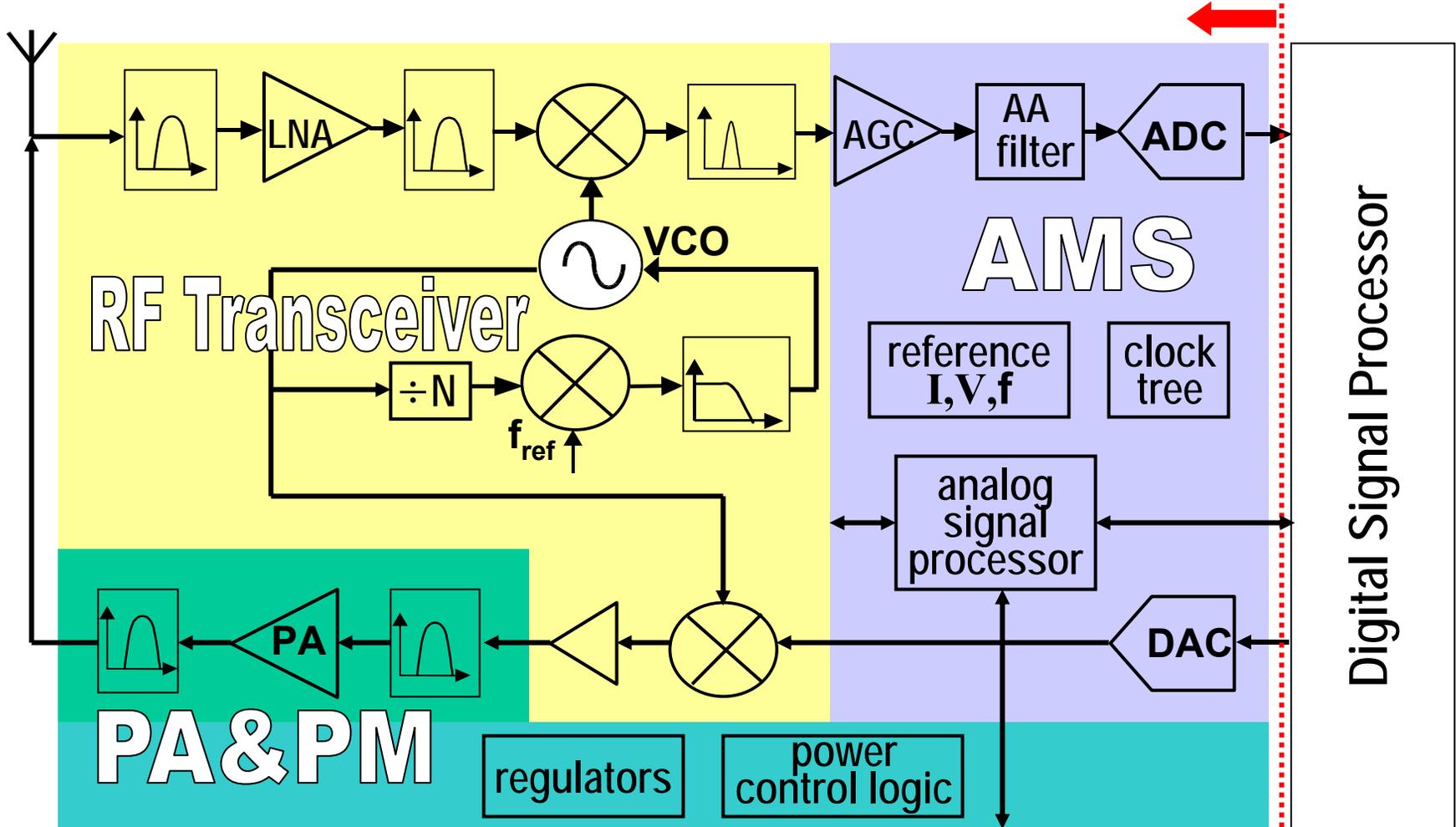
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for Wireless Communications



# RF and AMIS

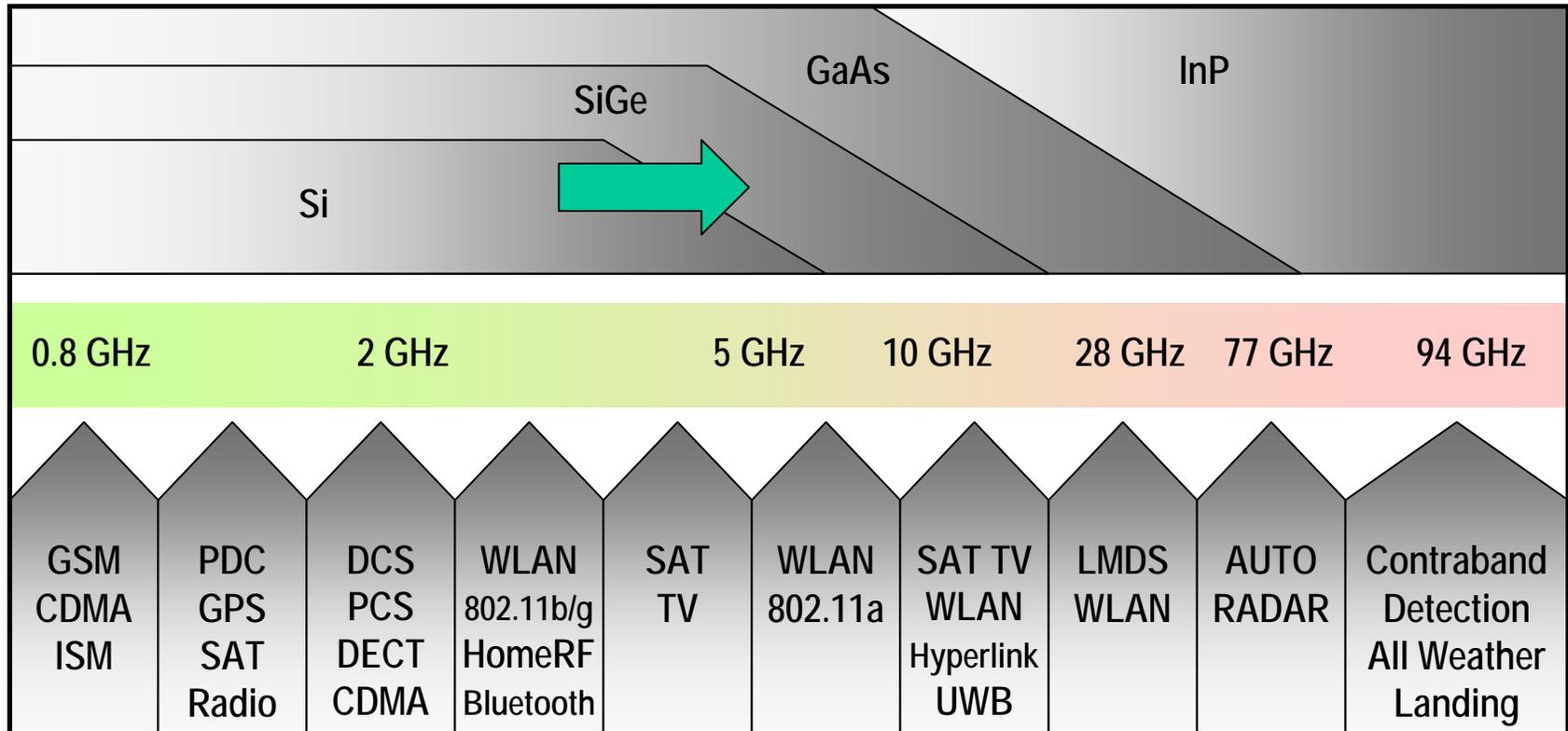
# Scope of RF and AMS Technology Roadmap

Circuit functions of a typical mobile communication system 0.8 GHz -100GHz



# 2005 Application Spectrum

## Today's Technology Options for Designers



**What will be the technology options in 2011? Will frequency continue to be a technology differentiator or will it be noise, output power, efficiency, linearity, high voltage operation, and cost?**

# RF and AMS ITWG Objectives

- **Use wireless IC as system / technology driver for ITRS**
- **Address intersection of Si-based technologies with III-V compound semiconductors and other potential technologies (MEMS, BAW, Passives, ..)**
- **Present technical challenges and requirements for AMS & RF IC technologies in wireless applications for cellular phones, WLAN/WPAN, automotive radar, and phased array RF systems, frequencies 0.8 GHz - 100GHz**
- **34 members (22 US, 6 Europe, and 6 Asian Pacific)**
- **Divide RF and AMS Working Group into 5 sub-groups**
  - **CMOS for RF and AMS (0.8 GHz - 10 GHz)**
  - **Bipolar for RF and AMS (0.8 GHz - 10 GHz)**
  - **Power Amplifiers and Power Management (0.8 GHz – 10 GHz)**
  - **Passives for RF&AMS and PA (0.8 GHz – 10 GHz)**
  - **Millimeter Wave (10 GHz – 100 GHz)**

# Working Strategy

- **Methodology**
  - (1) Communication protocols/standards – governing requirements
  - (2) Circuits: performance figure of merit – trends/requirements
  - (3) Devices: performance trend – solutions/challenges
- **Divided into 2 frequency bands**
  - (1) 0.8 GHz - 10 GHz (*CMOS, Bipolar, Passives, Power Amplifiers*)
  - (2) 10 GHz - 100 GHz (*mm-Wave*)
- **Generates roadmap tables in each of the 5 areas:**  
requirements, difficult challenges, potential solutions
- **Tables cover technologies**  
Si CMOS, SiGe HBT, Si LDMOS, GaAs, InP, SiC, GaN  
**and device structures**  
MOSFET, MESFET, PHEMT, MHEMT, HBT, LDMOS, on-chip passives
- **Outcome: RF & AMS technology roadmap**

# Key Considerations

- Drivers for Wireless Communications
  - Cost (die size, part count)
  - Power consumption
  - Functionality
  - Device operating frequencies, channel bandwidth, transmit power, etc.
    - determined by wireless communication standards and protocols
- Non-traditional ITRS roadmap parameters
  - Regulations from governments determine system spectrum
  - Standards and protocols drive frequencies and performance
  - Production – may be initially specialty foundries and captive applications
- Cost / Performance drives integration
  - Signal Isolation (technology, circuit/system, EDA)
  - Analog shrink (power supply, area, novel device structures)
  - Filters and T/R switches integration (MEMS)
  - Multi-band Multi-mode applications SOC vs. SIP / RF modules

# Difficult Challenges

- Optimizing analog/RF CMOS devices with scaled technologies: mismatch,  $1/f$  noise, and leakage with high-k gate dielectrics
- High density integrated passive element scaling and use of new materials: Q-factor value for inductors; matching and linearity for capacitors
- Reduced power supply voltages: degradation in SNR and signal distortion performance
- Reduced device breakdown voltage in scaled technologies
- High frequency devices with increased operating voltage for base station applications
- Difficulty and cost of integrating various analog/RF and digital functions on a chip or in a module

# Implications for the MANTECH Community

## Selected III-V Difficult Challenges

- **Compound semiconductor substrate quality**
- **Signal isolation – a role for more optoelectronics**
- **Process equipment for fabrication at low cost**
- **Larger size compound substrates [GaAs, SiC and InP] for lower chip costs and compatibility with silicon processing equipment**
- **Epitaxial layers in compound semiconductors - engineering to relieve stress in heteroepitaxy**
- **Increased RF performance for III-Vs predominantly through materials and bandgap engineering; not through scaling as in silicon technologies**

# RF and AMS Summary of Trends

## Implications for the MANTECH Community

### Power Amplifiers and Power Management

- **Highly integrated power amplifier modules will be realized on multilayer laminates or ceramics with embedded passive technologies.**
- **Plastic will become the dominant packaging format for base station semiconductor devices and will significantly reduce the component cost.**
- **The use of compound semiconductors and higher operating voltages will increase the RF power density of base station devices.**

## Implications for the MANTECH Community

### • Millimeter Wave (10-100GHz)

- Projections will go to near term [ $\sim$ 2011] only, as in previous years, because
  - III-Vs do not have the decades of history for high volume production from which to extrapolate parameters as does silicon.
  - Industry is smaller and less mature and has lower investments than silicon.
- Gate dimensions are not shrinking as fast as predicted in 2003-2004 roadmaps.
  - 70 nm gate not in production until 2007 time frame
  - advances in performance tied more to material and device technologies
    - e.g., MHEMTs have higher performance than PHEMTs have at same lithographic dimensions
- May see some technologies becoming obsolete over this decade
  - Low noise GaAs MESFETs are expected to have no new designs past 2006.
  - Foundries are likely to produce for legacy products/end of life buys only; same for low voltage power MESFETs.
  - PHEMTs and InP HEMTs may lose ground to MHEMTs late in decade.
- GaN is advancing much faster than predicted in 2003/2004.
  - Some parameters colored “red” for 2007 have already been achieved; but materials quality and device reliability are still issues.

*Work-in-Progress DRAFT - Subject to change - Not for Publication.*

## **RF and AMS “Production”**

- **ITRS consensus for when Si CMOS “production” based on a new technology begins for ITRS Technology Requirements Tables**
  - **10K wafers per month by one company or foundry followed within 2 or 3 months by another company ore foundry**
- **ITRS consensus for RF and AMS “production” does not exist. RF and AMS companies have many more different business models**
  - **suggestions include:**
    - a) 5K wafers per year**
    - b) 2% to 5 % of an existing market – total existing market (TAM)**
    - c) Insertion into volume products by a captive foundry**

# Implications for the MANTECH Community

Table 57 Millimeter Wave 10–100 GHz Technology Requirements—Near-term UPDATED  
- excerpts from 2004 ITRS UPDATE

Year of Production	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Technology Node		hp90			hp65		
DRAM ½ Pitch (nm)	100	90	80	70	65	57	50
Device Technology Node							
GaAs MESFET (digital mixed-signal)							
Gate length—L <sub>physical</sub> (nm)	250	250	150	150	-	-	-
Minimum M1 pitch (nm)							
F <sub>t</sub> - enhancement mode (GHz)							
F <sub>t</sub> - depletion mode (GHz)							
BV <sub>GD</sub> (1 mA/mm, V <sub>g</sub> =0) (volts)							
Power delay product at gate drive							
Shortest DCFL gate delay (pS)	10	10	6	6	-	-	-
Interconnect metal layers	4	4	5	5	-	-	-
Interconnect metal	Al	Al	Al	Al	-	-	-
Inter line dielectric constant (effective)	4.2	4.2	3.1	3.1	-	-	-
Gain at 94 GHz, at P <sub>1dB</sub> (dB)***	6	6	-	-	-	-	-

**GaAs MESFETs for low voltage applications will tend to obsolescence; but high voltage applications below 10 GHz may remain.**

Table 57 Millimeter Wave 10 GHz – 100 GHz Technology Requirements—Near-term UPDATED  
(continued) - excerpts from 2004 ITRS UPDATE

Year of Production	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Technology Node		hp90			hp65		
DRAM ½ Pitch (nm)	100	90	80	70	65	57	50
Device Technology: FET							
GaAs PHEMT (low noise)							
Gate length (nm)	100	100	70	70	50	50	32
$F_t$ (GHz)	130	130	150	150	170	170	200
Breakdown (volts)							
$I_{max}$ (mA/mm)							
$G_m$ (S/mm)							
NF (dB) at 26 GHz, 18–20 dB associated							
NF (dB) at 94 GHz, 18–20 dB associated							
GaAs PHEMT (power)							
Gate length (nm)							
$F_{max}$ (GHz)							
Breakdown (volts)							
$I_{max}$ (mA/mm)							
$G_m$ (S/mm)							
$P_{out}$ at 26 GHz and peak efficiency (mW)							
Peak efficiency at 26 GHz (%)							
Gain at 26 GHz, at $P_{1dB}$ (dB)***							
$P_{out}$ at 94 GHz and peak efficiency (mW)							
Peak efficiency at 94 GHz (%)	15	15	-	-	-	-	-
Gain at 94 GHz, at $P_{1dB}$ (dB)***	6	6	-	-	-	-	-

III-Vs have technical edge for high performance at front end; e.g., LNAs and PAs.

HEMTs and PHEMTs provide lowest noise figures.

Frequency and power level determine technology choices for highest power, efficiency, and linearity. LDMOS acceptable below 3 GHz and III-Vs best above 3 GHz.

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Year of Production	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Technology Node		hp90			hp65		
DRAM ½ Pitch (nm)	100	90	80	70	65	57	50
Device Technology—FET							
InP HEMT (low noise)							
Gate length (nm)	-	100	70	70	50	50	32
$F_t$ (GHz)	-	200	240	240	300	300	350
Breakdown (volts)	-	4	3.5	3.5	3	3	2.5
$I_{max}$ (ma/mm)	-	700	700	700	650	650	600
$G_m$ (S/mm)	-	1	1.2	1.2	1.5	1.5	1.8
NF (dB) at 26 GHz, 20–23 dB associated gain							
NF (dB) at 94 GHz, 10–13 dB associated gain							
InP HEMT (power)							
Gate length (nm)							
$F_{max}$ (GHz)							
Breakdown (volts)							
$I_{max}$ (ma/mm)							
$G_m$ (S/mm)	-	-	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
$P_{out}$ at 26 GHz and peak efficiency (mW/mm)	-	-	400	400	450	450	450
Peak efficiency at 26 GHz (%)	-	-	30	40	50	50	50
Gain at 26 GHz, at $P_{1dB}$ (dB)***	-	-	12	15	15	16	16
$P_{out}$ at 94 GHz and peak efficiency (mW/mm)	-	-	250	300	350	350	400
Peak efficiency at 94 GHz (%)	-	-	25	40	40	45	45
Gain at 94 GHz, at $P_{1dB}$ (dB)***	-	-	6	8	10	10	12

**Although the gap between InP and SiGe is closing, InP has the advantage of higher breakdown voltages while SiGe BiCMOS has the advantage of higher integration densities.**

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Device Technology—FET							
GaAs MHEMT (low noise)							
Gate length (nm)							
$F_t$ (GHz)							
Breakdown (volts)							
$I_{max}$ (ma/mm)							
$G_m$ (S/mm)							
NF (dB) at 26 GHz, 10–23 dB associated							
NF (dB) at 94 GHz, 10–13 dB associated							
GaAs MHEMT (Power)							
Gate length (nm)	-	-	-	200	100	100	100
$F_{max}$ (GHz)	-	-	-	200	250	275	300
Breakdown (volts)	-	-	-	8	8	8	9
$I_{max}$ (ma/mm)	-	-	-	600	600	600	600
$G_m$ (S/mm)	-	-	-	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9
$P_{out}$ at 26 GHz and peak efficiency (mW/mm)	-	-	-	350	500	600	750
Peak efficiency at 26 GHz (%)	-	-	-	45	55	55	60
Gain at 26 GHz, at $P_{1dB}$ (dB)***	-	-	-	12	15	16	16
$P_{out}$ at 94 GHz and peak efficiency (mW/mm)	-	-	-	200	350	400	450
Peak efficiency at 94 GHz (%)	-	-	-	25	40	45	45
Gain at 94 GHz, at $P_{1dB}$ (dB)***	-	-	-	6	8	10	12

**GaAs MHEMT will supplant GaAs PHEMTs and InP HEMTs for low noise front end and power applications above 40 GHz.**

**III-Vs enable higher operating voltages and greater RF power densities for base stations.**

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Technology Node		hp90			hp65		
DRAM ½ Pitch (nm)	100	90	80	70	65	57	50
Device Technology—FET							
GaN HEMT (low noise)							
Gate length (nm)	-	-	-	-	150	100	100
F <sub>t</sub> (GHz)							
Breakdown (volts)							
I <sub>max</sub> (ma/mm)							
G <sub>m</sub> (S/mm)							
NF (dB) at 26 GHz, 14 dB g							
GaN HEMT (power)							
Gate length (nm)							
F <sub>max</sub> (GHz)	-	-	-	-	100	100	150
Breakdown (volts)	-	-	-	-	>40	60	60
I <sub>max</sub> (ma/mm)	-	-	-	-	>1000	1200	1500
G <sub>m</sub> (S/mm)	-	-	-	-	>0.3	0.4	0.5
P <sub>out</sub> at 26 GHz and peak efficiency (mW/mm)	-	-	-	-	3000	5000	5000
Peak efficiency at 26 GHz (%)	-	-	-	-	35	40	50
Gain at 26 GHz, at P <sub>1dB</sub> (dB)***	-	-	-	-	10	12	12

**When it becomes less costly, GaN offers competition for GaAs.**

**GaN is expected to make inroads up to 40 GHz near the end of the decade.**

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Year of Production	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Technology Node		hp90			hp65		
DRAM ½ Pitch (nm)	100	90	80	70	65	57	50
Device Technology—HBT							
InP HBT							
Emitter width (nm)	1200	800	<u>350</u>	<u>350</u>	250	250	150
F <sub>t</sub> (GHz)	170	170	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>350</u>	400
F <sub>max</sub> (GHz)	170	200	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>	450
Breakdown (BV <sub>CEO</sub> ) (volts)							
I <sub>max</sub> /μm <sup>2</sup> (mA/μm <sup>2</sup> )							
Beta							
3 sigma V <sub>BE</sub> (mV)							
Interconnect metal layers							
Interconnect metal							
Interconnect metal							
Barrier	PVD	PVD	PVD	PVD	IMP	IMP	IMP
Wafer diameter (mm)	100	100	100	100	150	150	150

**When efficiency and linearity are critical, InP and GaAs HBTs are best for low power applications.**

**InP will predominate in the near term for mixed signal applications up to 100 GHz.**

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Year of Production	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Technology Node		hp90			hp65		
DRAM ½ Pitch (nm)	100	90	80	70	65	57	50
Device Technology—HBT							
SiGe HBT							
Emitter Width							
$F_t$ (GHz)							
$F_{max}$ (GHz)							
Breakdown (B							
Breakdown (BV <sub>CEO</sub> ) (volts)	2.3	2	2	2	1.8	1.8	1.8
$I_{max}/\mu m^2$ (mA/ $\mu m^2$ )	7	8	10	14	14	18	18
Beta	140	200	200	200	250	250	300
$Nf_{min}$ at 77 GHz (dB)	6.6	6.1	5.5	5.1	4.6	4.3	3.9

**SiGe HBTs challenge InP HBTs for applications up to 40 GHz and will challenge InP HBTs for high volume applications such as auto radar.**

# Lessons from RF and AMS Roadmap

## More inputs from the physics, chemistry, and metrology communities

- Understand electrical contacts well enough to control and reproduce in high volumes their RF and AMS properties
- Alternative isolation methods based on optoelectronics
- Improve RF and AMS metrology for 1/f noise, PAE, linearity, bandwidth, gain, reliability, and the like.
- Exploit additional degrees of freedom offered by emerging research devices (RTDs, spin transistors, CNTs, molecular electronics, planar double gate transistors, 3D structures including vertical transistors
  - e.g.,
    - a) control independently the voltage on multiple-gated devices
    - b) apply electric field perpendicular to the axis of CNT to alter the band structure

## CONCLUSIONS

- **International consensus-based planning offers a way to determine priorities in investing funds to support additional R & D and to remove technology gaps between what is available and what the markets require.**
- **In order to deliver its full potential, the compound semiconductor industry needs improved industry, university, and government collaborations.**



# TECHNOLOGY ROADMAPS

**“No one is big enough to drive the totality of the infrastructure and pre-competitive investments on their own.”**

----- Avtar Oberai, formerly from IBM and a founding director of SEMATECH, in *Compound Semiconductor* **5**, 44 (April 1999).

