



# NanoElectronics Roadmap for Europe: Identification and Dissemination

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WP4/Task.1



# Importance of Smart Sensors

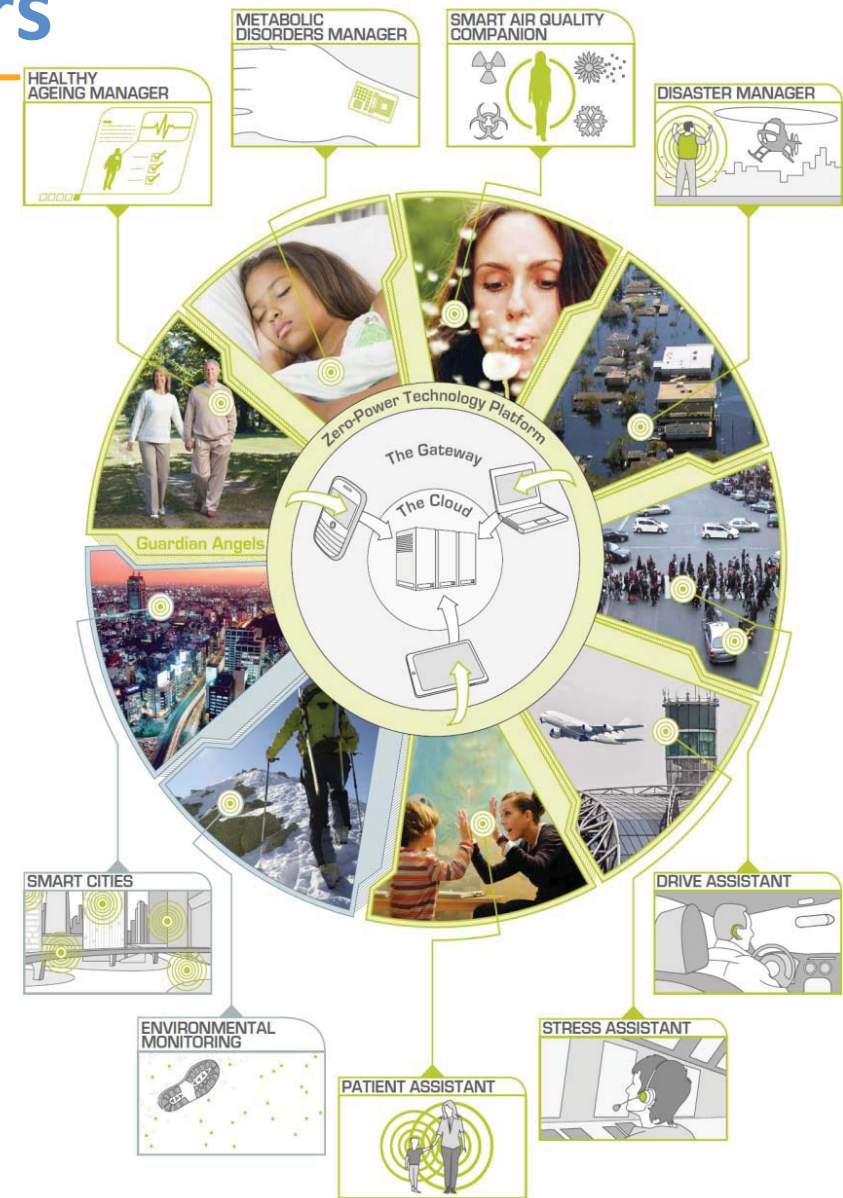
## ❖ Global Challenges:

- Healthcare, energy, environment

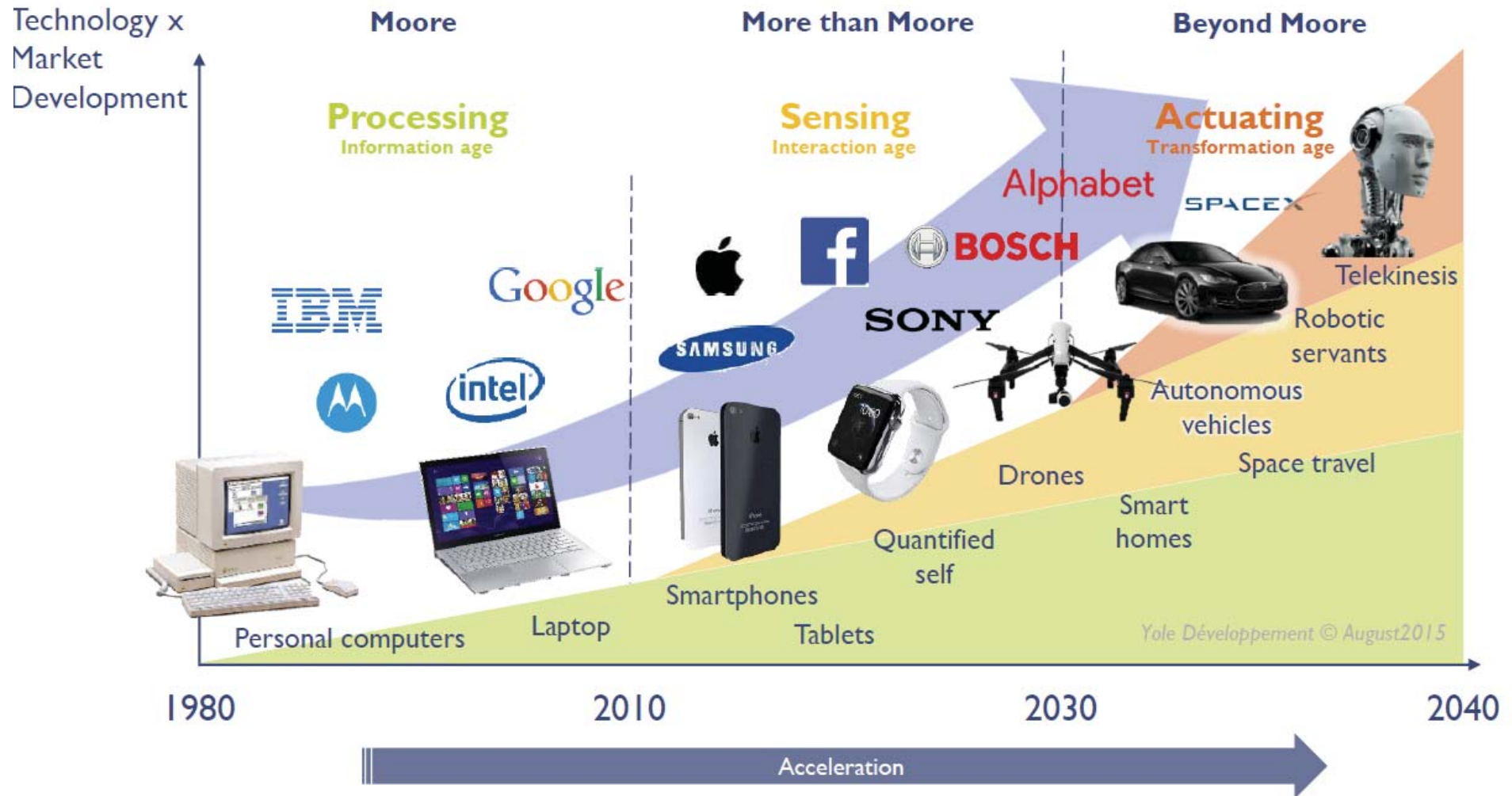
## Much more than infotainment:

By combined low power sensing, computing, communication and energy management

## New Quality of Life:



# Global technology Roadmap



# Outline

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- ❖ 1. Key Research Directions & Challenges
- ❖ 2. Smart Sensor Application needs
- ❖ 3. Smart Sensors Technology - Design Challenges
- ❖ 4. Smart Sensors Figures of Merit
- ❖ 5. Other issues and interaction with other Tasks/WPs



# 1. Key Research Directions & Challenges

Key Research Directions	Medium term: 5+	Long term: 10+
<i>Multi-parameter sensing</i>	XX	XXX
<i>Autonomous sensor systems</i>	XX	XXX
<i>Role of new materials and nanostructures in sensing (versus mature CMOS sensors)</i>	XX	XX
<i>System-in-Package (SiP) sensors</i>	XXX	XXX
<i>Autocalibration</i>	XXX	XX



# Open Challenges (1)

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- ❖ **Energy efficiency:** per electronic function needs progress. The enabling zero-power approach will be disruptive overall for efficient autonomous systems.
  - Low power sensing + energy harvesting = most elegant approach
  - Batteries implemented efficiency or environmental friendly solutions
- ❖ **CMOS integration, compatibility and readout circuitry:** with novel hybrid technologies, integration becomes more challenging and reliability less predictable.
- ❖ **Packaging:** required within sensor development (SiP versus SoC). Its optimization is even more important than materials (→ Task 5.2 Heterogenous Integration)





# Open Challenges (2)

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- ❖ **Stability and Reliability:** are important features for the industrialization of the sensors.
- ❖ **Assembly Testing, metrology and calibration:** there is a lack of metrology standards, is time consuming and difficult to interpret the results. Self-calibrated sensors does not exist in the market yet apart from CMOS capacitive sensors.
- ❖ **Maturity level:** of each sensor technology has to be assessed. TRL correlation with technology performance versus cost, repetability, stability, yield, etc for high volume sensors or niche applications.



## 2. Smart Sensor Application needs

*Potential for application or Application needs and Impact for Europe*

<b>Application needs</b>	<b>Medium term: 5+</b>	<b>Long term: 10+</b>
<b><i>Healthcare &amp; Wellness Application</i></b>		
- Physiological signals monitoring	XXX	XX
- Biomolecule/particle detection for disease diagnostic	XX	XXX
- Indoor/Outdoor air quality control & monitor	XXX	XX
<b><i>Automotive Application</i></b>		
- Sensors for autonomous cars: ultrasonic sensors, vision sensors, radars	XXX	XXX
- Sensors for driver assistance & monitoring (detect alertness, fatigue and drowsiness → physiological signals)	XX	XXX
- Pollution detection (gas and particles)	XXX	XX

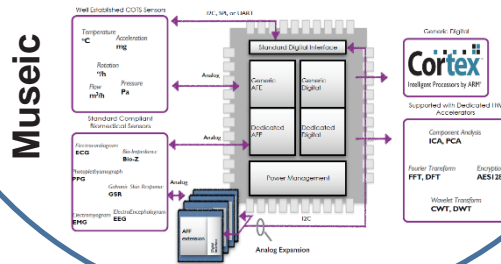




# Application needs: Healthcare & Wellness

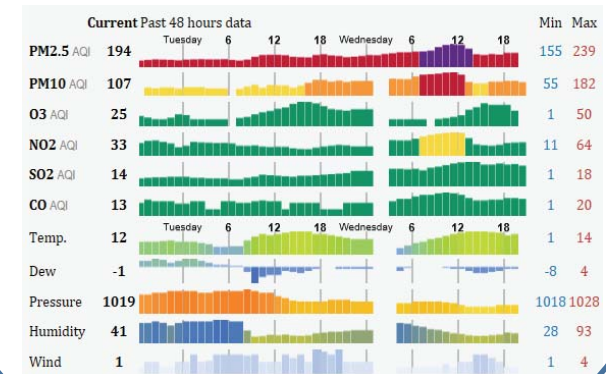
## Physiological signals monitoring

*in wearable devices to enhance well-being, prevent cardiovascular accidents or dehydration and to improve management of chronic/acute diseases*



**Biomolecule/  
particle detection**  
*for virus detection,  
counting of particle or  
DNA recognition*

## Indoor/Outdoor Air quality control & monitoring - Gas Sensors



## Healthcare & Wellness

## Other sensors

- *Water vapour or relative humidity sensors*
- *Pressure sensors for blood pressure, bladder examination*
- *Displacement and force sensors, tunable resonator or mass balances*
- *Tactic sensors for height and fall detection*
- *Implanted sensors*



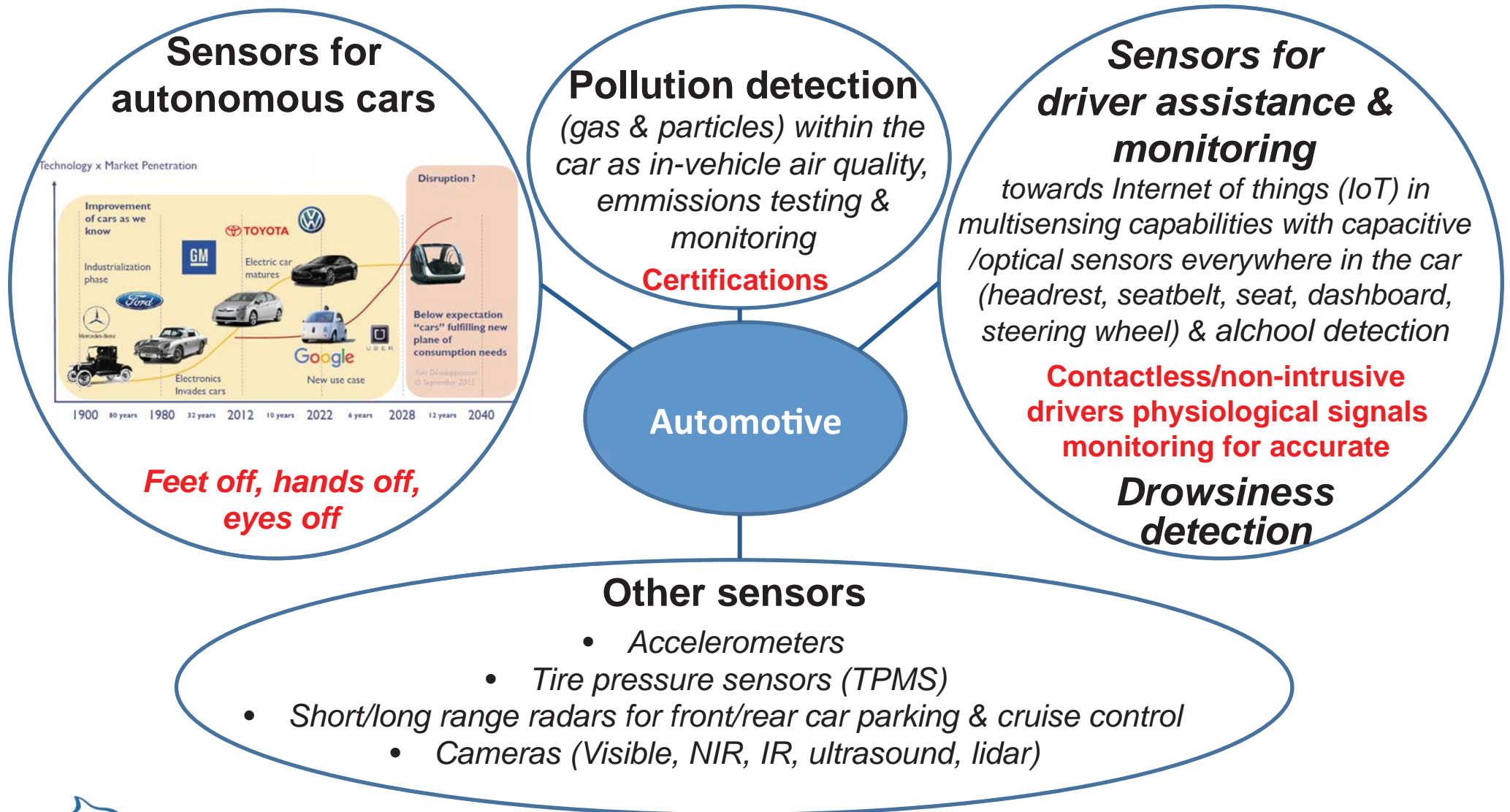
# Medical Sensor Technology Requirements

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- ❖ **Good quality signal**
- ❖ **Frictionless technology**
- ❖ **Autonomie** ultra-low-power or energy harvesting
- ❖ **Clinical validation** and **user adoption**
- ❖ **Safety/ Security** big data storage & computing power (filter, process)
- ❖ **Portable** and **very low power**
- ❖ **Miniaturization/weight**
- ❖ **Biocompatibility** (implanted/absorbed devices), manufacturability and cost
- ❖ **Packaging and reliability**



# Application needs: Automotive



# Automotive Technology Requirements

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- ❖ **High quality standards** and requirements (high resolution and contrast of the cameras)
- ❖ **Safety/ Security** big data storage & computing power (filter, process)
- ❖ **Stability** in harsh environment (large T° range)
- ❖ **Long life-time**, failsafe and have redundancy
- ❖ **Low power**
- ❖ **Low cost**
- ❖ **Transferable** to all vehicle types
- ❖ **Miniaturization** of all the functions (sensors...)



# 3. Smart Sensors Technology - Design Challenges

Sensors Technology	Medium term: 5+	Long term: 10+
<i>CMOS sensors (just CMOS and smart CMOS)</i>	XXX	XX
<i>IR and MEMS/NEMS sensors</i>	XX	XXX
<i>Carbon sensors</i>	X	XX
<i>Polymers sensors</i>	X	X
<i>Nanowires sensors</i>	X	XX

- Millions of sensors,
- Arrays of sensors
- Miniaturization
- Ultra-low power consumption
- Combination of optical & chemical sensors
- Complex read-out circuits



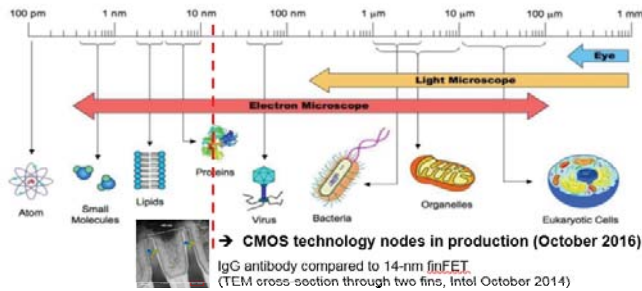
- Nanotechnology
- Self-powered
- Autonomous sensors



# Sensor Technologies

**Sensor Technology**

## CMOS Sensors



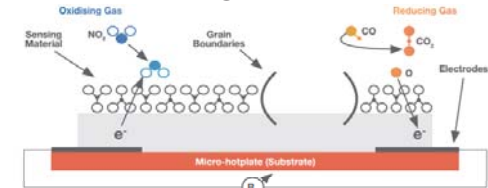
**What it can be sensed in CMOS, it will be sensed in CMOS**

## SOI CMOS

**higher performance, ULP, high-RF and resist better to harsh environment (high T° & radiation) than Si bulk**

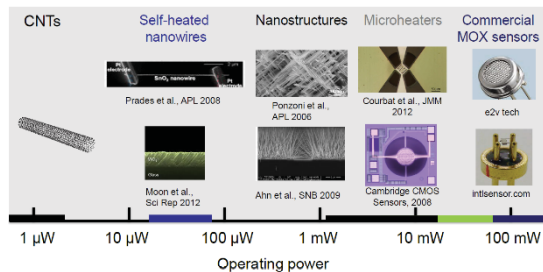
## Smart CMOS

**MEMS micro-hotplates**  
**MOX gas sensors**



**Low-cost, high-volume, close proximity**

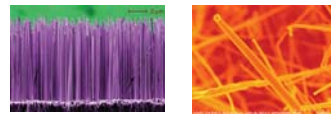
## Carbon-based



**Low power sensing, better sensitivity, resolution and SNR**

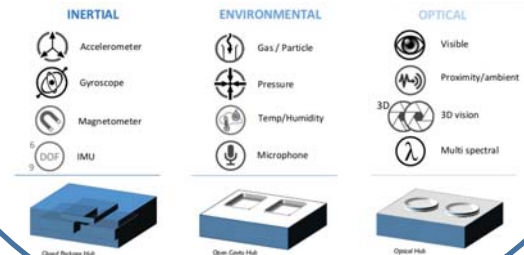
## Nanowires

**High efficiency, high selectivity**



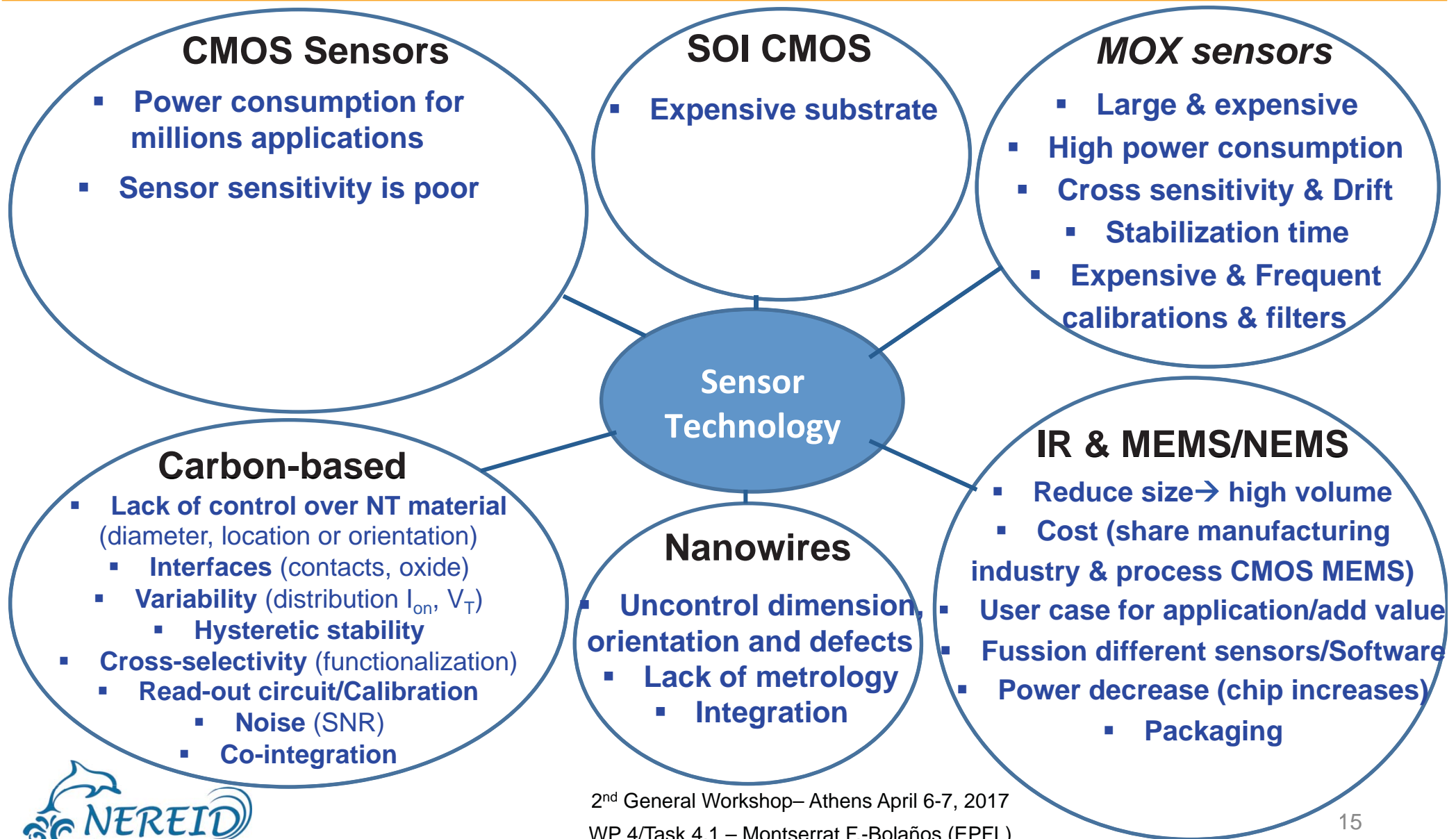
## MEMS/NEMS

**alone or in hybrid integration with IR, MOEMS, CMOS or other emerging technologies or materials (piezoelectric, polymers...)**





# Sensor Technologies → open challenges





# 4. Smart Sensors Figures of Merit

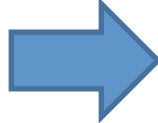
*Definition of FoMs (quantative or qualitative) or planned evolution (based on SoA @ 2017 and evolution vs time)*

<b>Figures of Merit (FoMs)</b>	<b>Medium term: 5+</b>	<b>Long term: 10+</b>
<i>Sensitivity, detection limit</i>	XX	X
<i>Energy efficiency - low power sensing</i>	XXX	XXX
<i>Stability and reliability</i>	XXX	XXX
<i>Assembling testing, metrology and calibration</i>	XX	XXX
<i>CMOS integration, compatibility and readout circuit</i>	XXX	XXX
<i>Maturity level</i>	XX	XX
<i>Packaging</i>	XXX	XXX
<i>Safety/Security</i>	X	X
<i>Minituarization/Form factor</i>	XX	X
<i>Biocompatibility</i>	XX	XXX
<i>Computing capacity</i>	XX	XX
<i>Manufacturability/sensing functionality and micro-pumps</i>	X	XX
<i>Energy harvesting</i>	XX	XX



## 5. Other issues and interaction with other Tasks/WPs

Interaction with other Tasks/WPs	Medium term: 5+	Long term: 10+
<i>Packaging → Task 5.2 Heterogenous integration</i>	XXX	XXX
<i>Zero-power approach → sub Task 4.2 Power for autonomous systems</i>	XX	XXX
<i>Assembling testing, metrology and calibration</i>	XX	XXX
<i>Ecosystem → WP6 Equipment and manufacturing Science</i>	XX	XXX

- Internet of Things (IoT)
  - Big Data - Software/Algorithms
  - Zero-power/ self-powered
  - System-in-package (SiP)
  - Ecosystem
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- Task 3.2 Connectivity
  - Sub-Task 4.2 Power for autonomous systems
  - Task 5.1 System Design
  - Task 5.2 Heterogeneous Integration
  - WP6 Equipment and manufacturing Science



# Conclusions: Application gap Medical/Health

Contactless/non-invasive

Multisensing Platforms  
Qualification/Certification Institutions

