
The Future of Storing Bits

Nanotechnology's Impact on Digital Memory

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Will Nanotechnology Enable a Universal Memory?

	SRAM	DRAM	EEPROM	FLASH	Universal?
Vol/Non	Volatile	Volatile	Non-Vol	Non-Vol	Non-Vol
Bit Cell	6T	1T/1C	2T	1T	0T
Read (ns)	12ns	70ns	200ns	70ns	Fast
Write (ns)	12ns	70ns	5,000ns	100,000ns	Fast
Endurance	Infinite	Infinite	10 ⁵	10 ⁵	Infinite
Density	Low	High	Medium	High	HDD
Cost	High (10,000x)	Low (100x)	Medium	Low (100x)	HDD (1x)

Source: Adapted from "Emerging Memories", B. Prince; PriceGrabber.com; Integrated Circuit Engineering Corp.

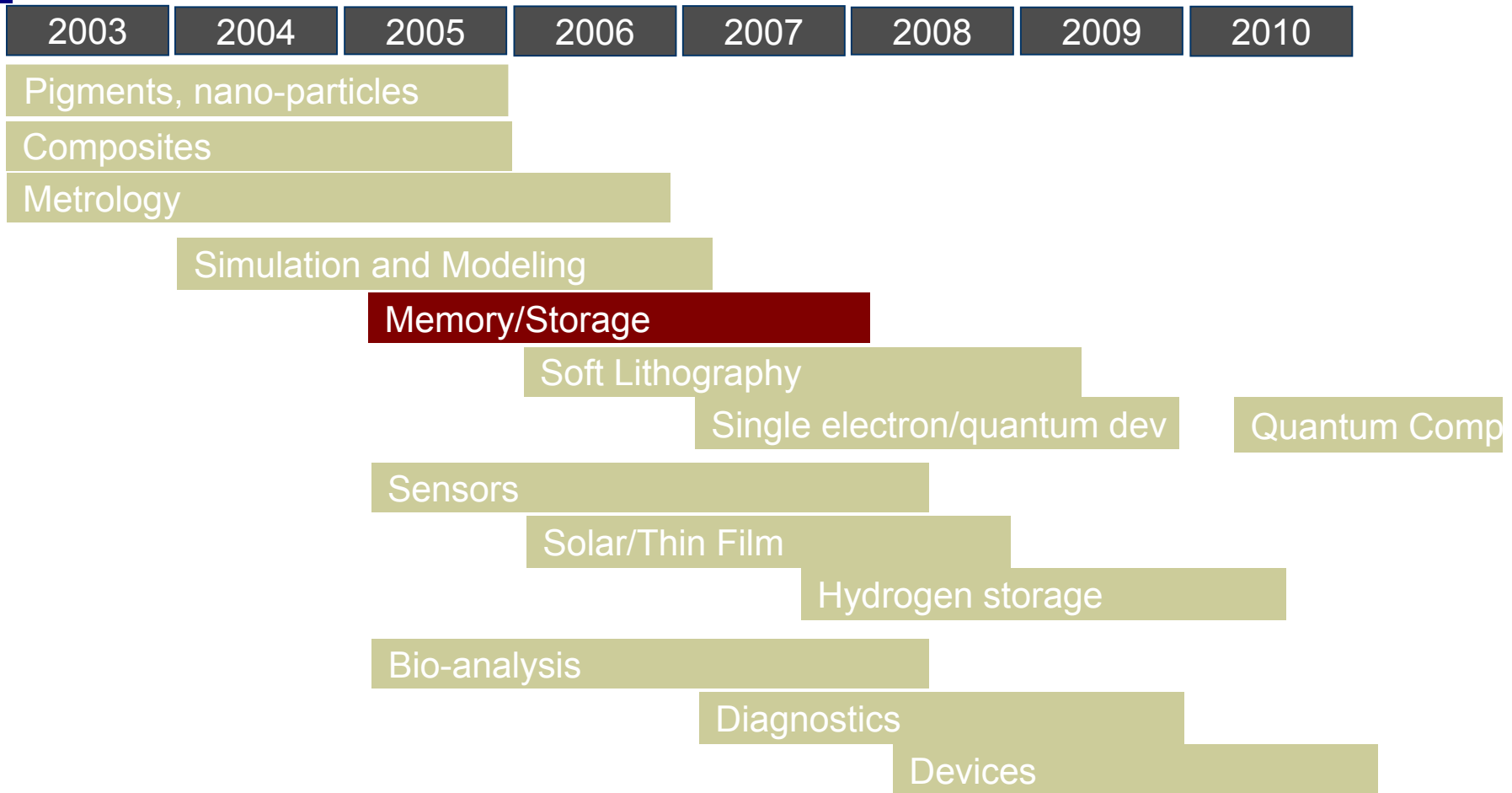


Many Different Dimensions Being Explored

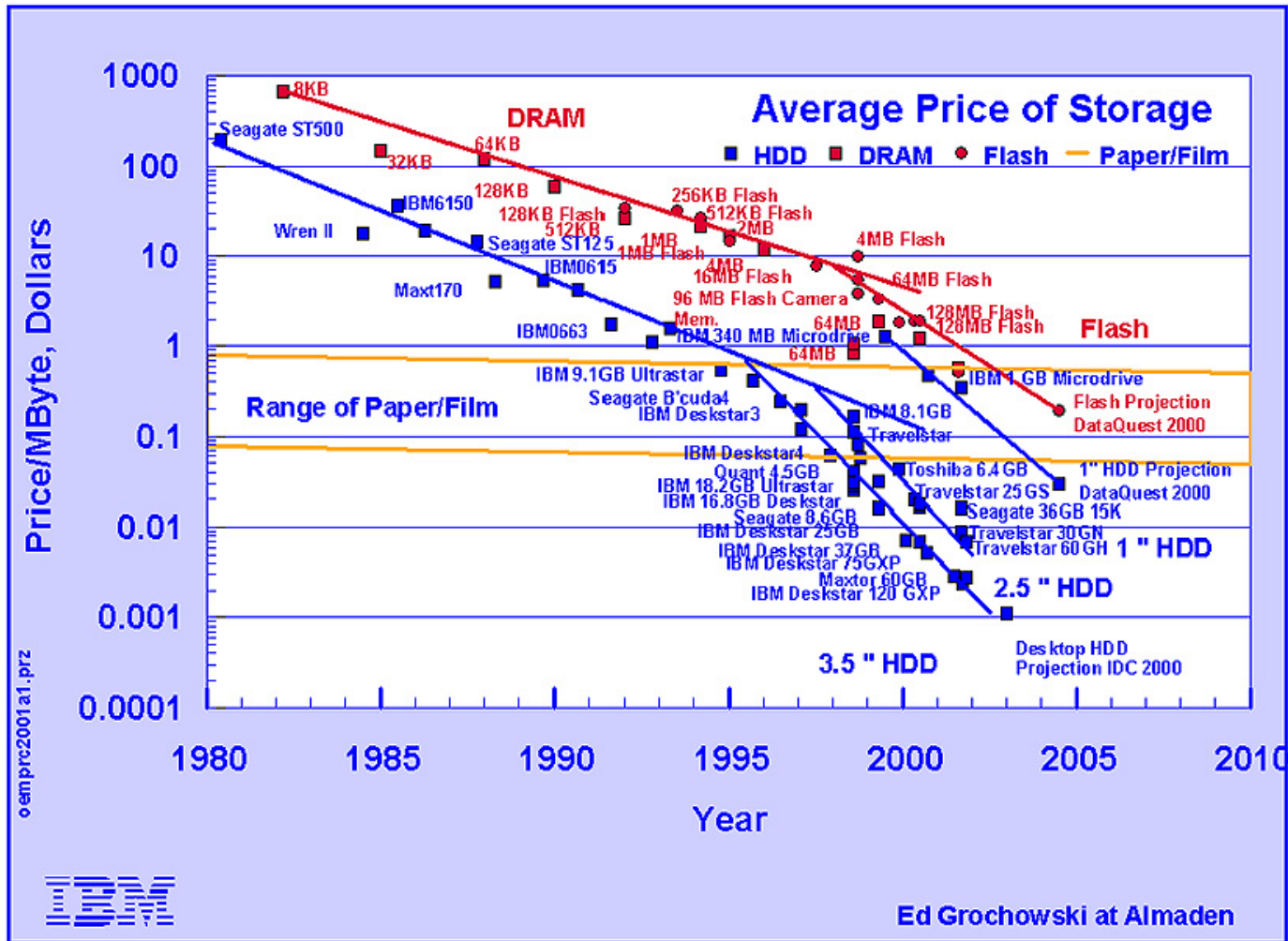
- ◆ **Architecture:** RAM-like vs. HDD-like
- ◆ **Storage mechanism:** charge vs. magnetic vs. phase change vs. mechanical vs. ...
- ◆ **Manufacturing:** leverage Si infrastructure vs. new substrates
- ◆ **Integration:** with Si vs. separate modules
- ◆ Monolayer vs. thicker layer
- ◆ Two bits per cell vs. multi-bits per cell
- ◆ Stackable vs. single layer
- ◆ Volatile vs. non-volatile
- ◆ Fast access vs. slower access
- ◆ Infinitely re-writable vs. finitely re-writable



Probable Time to Market



Incumbent Technologies Continue to Advance



Tonight's Panel

- ◆ **Dr. Stefan K. Lai:** Vice President, Technology and Manufacturing Group Director, California Technology and Manufacturing, Intel Corporation
- ◆ **Dr. Shih-Yuan (SY) Wang:** Senior staff scientist, Quantum Science Research, Hewlett-Packard
- ◆ **Dr. Randolph H. Levine:** President and CEO ZettaCore, Inc.

