

"The Real World is Analog"

and we'll have
a TRILLION Sensors
to monitor it



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Exponential Growth

- Combination of cheap computing, cheap sensors, and cheap connectivity is creating exponential growth
 - Are now shipping over 8 billion MCUs / year
" " 3 billion Sensors / year
and the pace and CAGR is accelerating
 - Rate of deployments of new types of Sensors (motion, inductive, fluidic, photonic, ...) is growing exponentially
 - 2007 - 10 Million mobile Sensors shipped
 - 2012 - 3.5 Billion mobile Sensors shipped
- Sensor Gurus believe having 1 Trillion Sensors online within 10-15 years is a serious, feasible scenario

Effects of 1 Trillion Connected Sensors

- Current Internet would increase by a factor of 1000
- 1 Bronto-bytes of data (10^{27}) (10^{12} PetaBytes)
- Sensors are proliferating everywhere:
 - 1000 sensors per engine (GENx Jet engine - 787)
 - 6-20 MCUs, 30-80 Sensors, and 3 networks (Can/Lin/Wifi) in our new cars
 - 2+ MCUs and 4-8 Sensors in a Smartphone, 8 Sensors in Nike Shoe (Nike+)
- Even if we only reach 1/4 of the Trillion Sensor goal (250 billion is easily within reach), the numbers are still huge
- BUT: “We are swimming in sensors, and drowning in data” (IBM researcher)



Typical "Big Data" Sensor Based Apps

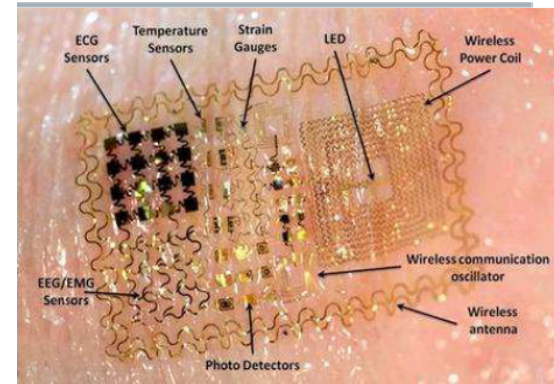
- Oil Exploration
- Electrical Grid / Power Generation
- Aviation
- Environment
- Healthcare

Next Gen Sensors Expanding Reach

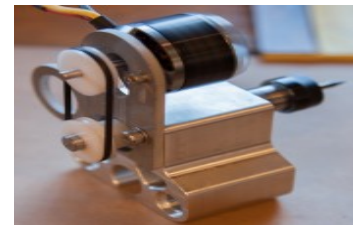
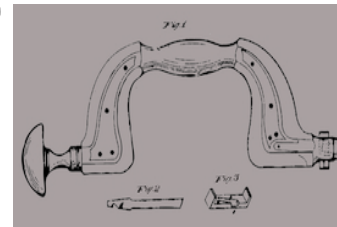
- Huge increases in accuracy (100 - 1000x better)
 - Micro-fluidics: resolution down to pico-liters
 - Inductive sensing: resolution down to microns
 - Photonic sensing: resolution down to pico-meters
- Each increase in accuracy significantly expands the scope of problems areas that can be addressed and monitored

Major New Markets and Apps

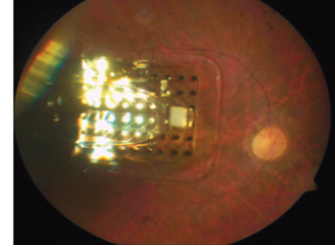
- Wearable and Disposable Sensors
 - Micro-fluidic devices printed on paper
 - Tattoo sensors printed on skin
- Combine data from multiple sensors to provide more comprehensive view (Sensor Fusion / Sensor Hubs)
- 3-D Gestures / 3-D Printing / 3-D Milling (CNC)
 - Dramatically speed up and simplify manufacturing
 - Mass customization and low cost small production runs
 - "Programmable Matter" (DARPA/MIT/Harvard)
- Embedded Devices (not PCs) will dominant these spaces, and be the key driver of new apps



Tattoo sensors printed on skin UCSD



Medical



USC Artificial Retina

- Current Healthcare approach is a joke !
 - Go to doctor once or twice a year, and get 3-4 data points recorded.
 - In the industrial world, no one in their right mind would consider that level of data a useful trend analysis.
- 75% of Developed world's Medical problems are Chronic (heart, diabetes, ...) ==> frequent periodic monitoring
- Better Approaches coming
 - Home-based "Health Hub" - record key vitals daily.
 - Micro-fluidic sensors plus silicon "Lab on a Chip" will eliminate the need for most clinical labs.
 - Testing can be done at home, and results sent periodically to Doctor.
 - Ultra-sound imaging in a Hand-Held



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Summary

- Exponential growth in cheap sensors and cheap computers will hyper-charge new Application areas
- Analog (Sensor) derived data will begin to rule
 - Conventional "Structured Data" input's days are numbered (including HTML)
- The really large "Big Data" apps of the future will be Sensor driven.