



Systematics of Making things Smaller

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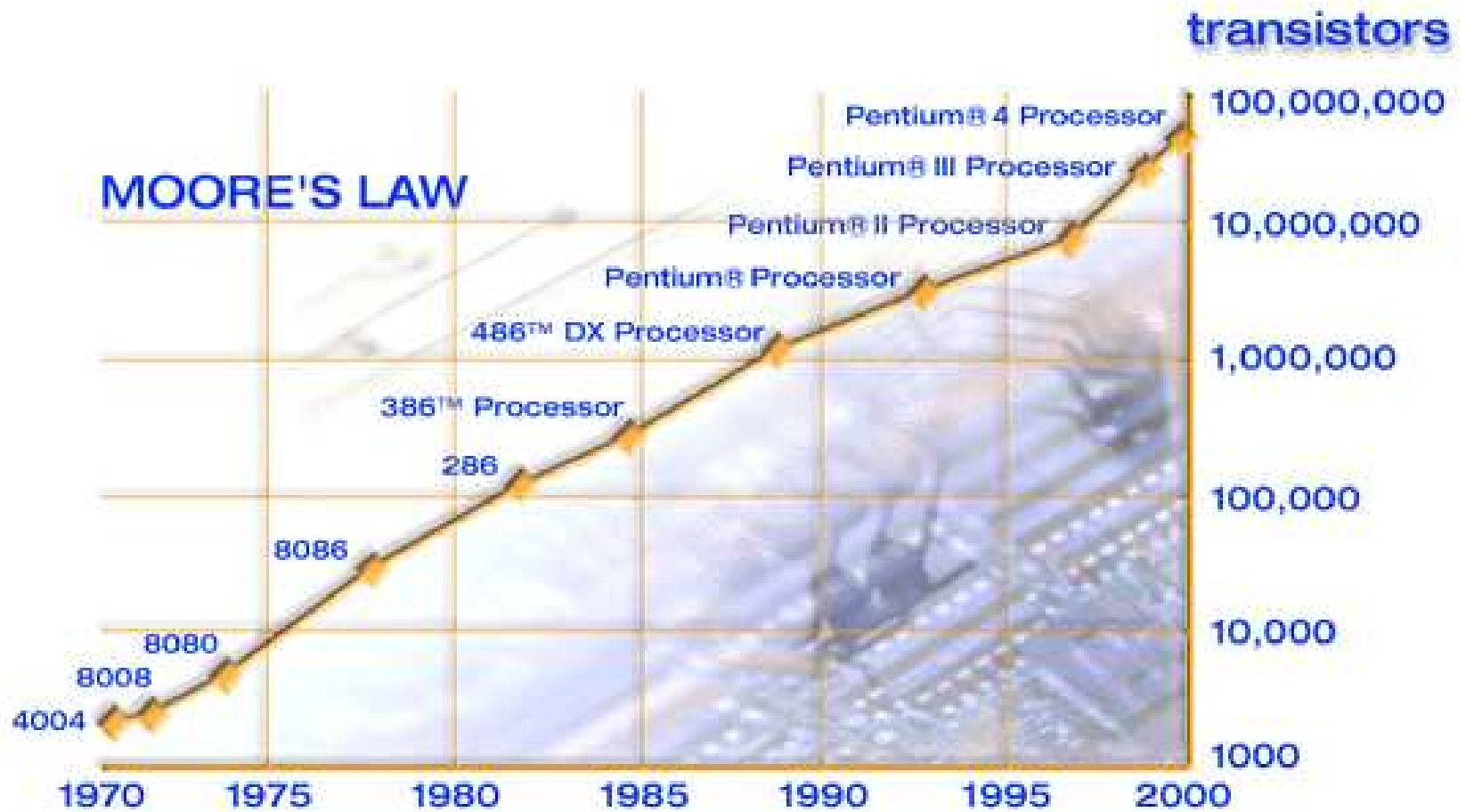
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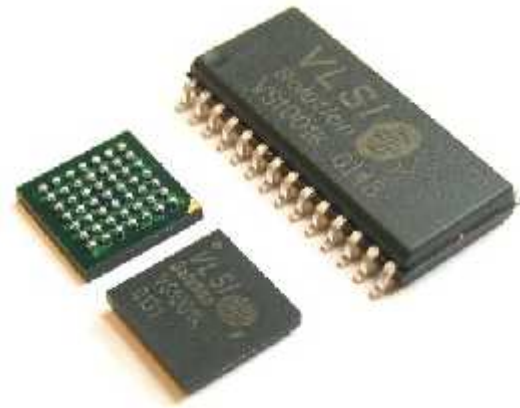
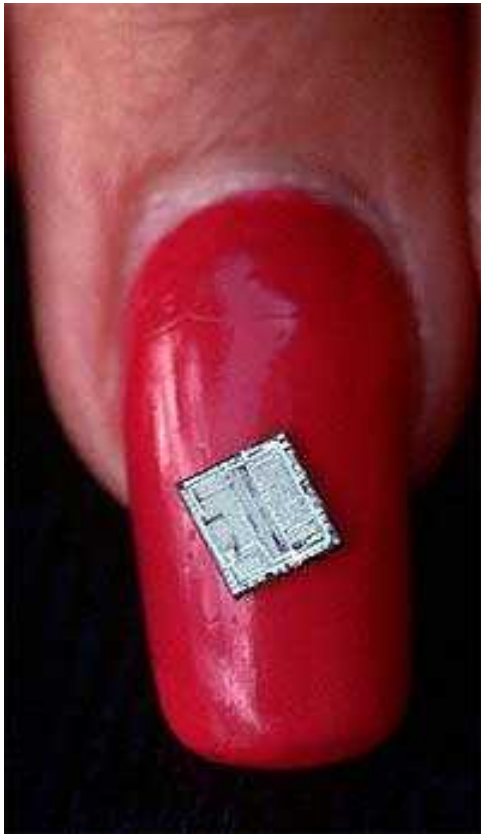
Why is Small Good?

- **Faster**
- **Lighter**
- **Can get into small spaces**
- **Cheaper**
- **More energy efficient**
- **Different properties at very small scale**

Moore's Law

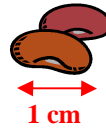


IC Technology



How small is a nanometer? (and other small sizes)

Start with a centimeter.



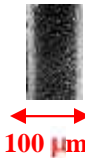
A **centimeter** is about the size of a **bean**.

Now divide it into 10 equal parts.



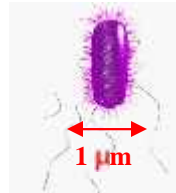
Each part is a **millimeter** long. About the size of a **flea**.

Now divide that into 10 equal parts.



Each part is **100 micrometers** long. About the size (width) of a **human hair**.

Now divide that into 100 equal parts.



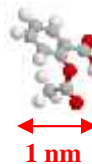
Each part is a **micrometer** long. About the size of a **bacterium**.

Now divide that into 10 equal parts.



Each part is a **100 nanometers** long. About the size of a **virus**.

Finally divide that into 100 equal parts.

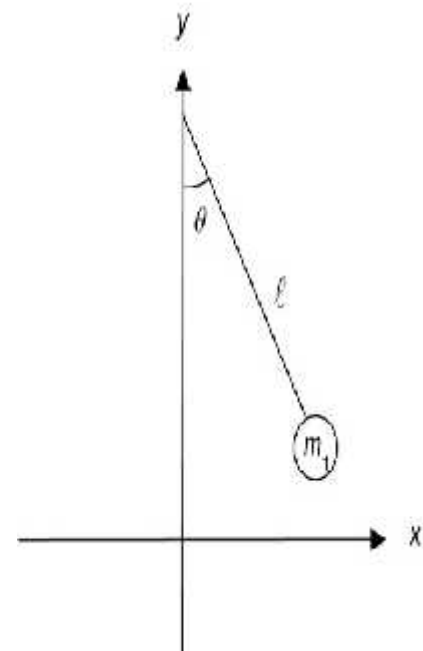


Each part is a **nanometer**. About the size of **a few atoms** or a **small molecule**.

1. Mechanical Frequencies Increase in Small Systems

$$\omega = \left(\frac{g}{l}\right)^{0.5}$$

- For $l = 98 \text{ cm}$
 $\omega = 3.16 \text{ Hz}$
- For $l = 9.8 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$
 $\omega = 1000 \text{ Hz} \sim 1 \text{ kHz}$
- For $l = 9.8 \text{ nm}$
 $\omega = 31,622 \text{ Hz} \sim 32 \text{ kHz}$



Simple Pendulum

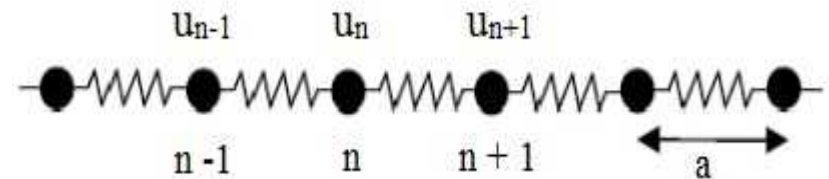
2. Simple Harmonic Oscillation (SHO)

- In nanophysics, which is needed when the mass m is on an atomic scale, the frequency and energy can be calculated as

$$\omega = \left(\frac{k}{m}\right)^{0.5}$$

$$E_n = (n + 1/2)\hbar\omega$$

It can be seen that the materials are more energy efficient at the nanoscale



Monatomic Lattice

3. Mechanical Strength for small systems

- For atomic chain of N masses of length L and connected by a spring of constant k Young's modulus can be expressed in microscopic quantities as,

$$Y = \rho K a^2 / m$$

Where,

ρ is the mass per unit length

a is the spring length

- A connection between macroscopic and nanometer scale descriptions can be made by considering $L=Na$

4. Spectral variations on a Linear Atomic Chain of Length $L=Na$

- The sound speed in a solid material

$$v = (Y/\rho)^{1/2}$$

- The longitudinal resonant frequency of 0.1 m brass rod

$$f = v/2L$$

Where $v=3000$ m/s , then $f = 15$ kHz (ultrasonic range)

- If one could shorten the brass rod to $0.1 \mu\text{m}$ in length

$$f=15 \text{ GHz}$$

- Which corresponds to electromagnetic wave with 2 cm, this huge change in frequency allow completely different applications to be addressed, achieved simply by changing the size of the device.



5. Scaling Relations Illustrated by Simple Circuit Elements

- Under isotropic scaling the capacitance scales as L

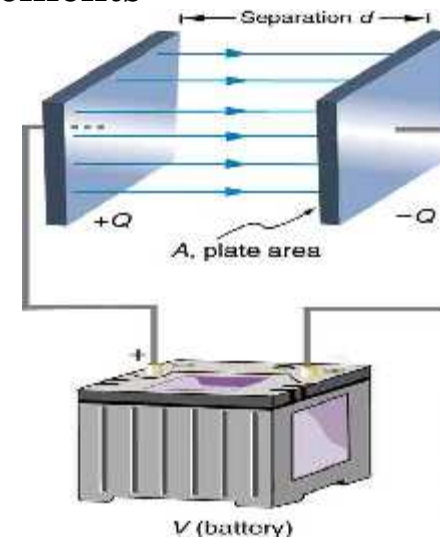
$$C = \epsilon_0 A/d$$

- If the capacitor is discharged through a resistor R the time constant $\tau=RC$

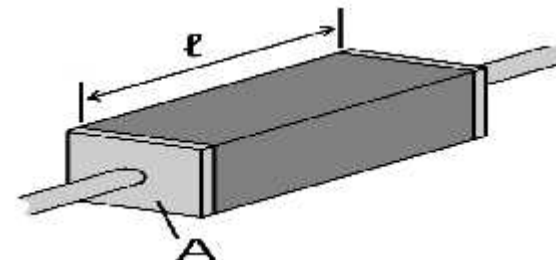
- Since the resistance $R=\rho l/A$ where ρ is the resistivity, the resistance scales as L^{-1}

- Thus the resistive time constant scales as L^0

- The resistive electrical power produced in the discharge $dU/dt= U/RC$ remains constant under scale changes

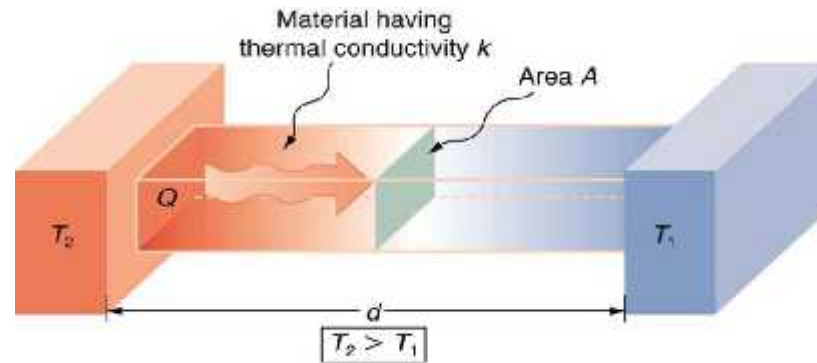


CAPACITOR



RESISTOR

6. Scaling Relation for Temperature Differences



- In the steady state the temperature difference is related to the heat flow dQ/dt as,

$$(T_2 - T_1) = (dQ/dt) (d/K_T A)$$

Where K_T is the thermal conductivity

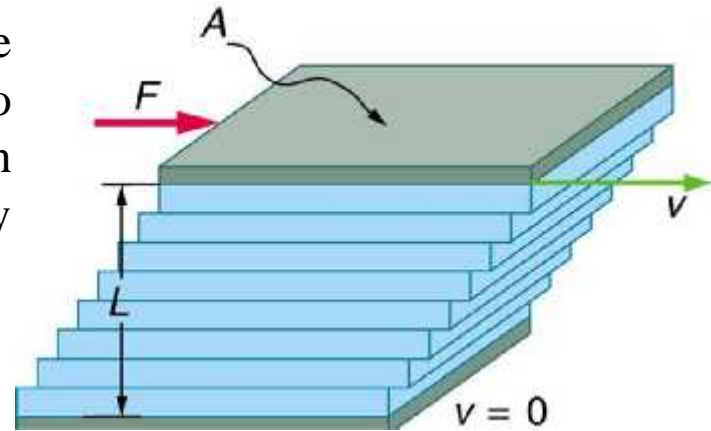
- The typical temperature difference $(T_2 - T_1)$ scales in three dimensions, as L .

Temperature differences are reduced as the size scale is reduced.

7. Viscous Forces Become Dominant For Small Particles in Fluid Media

- The most relevant property of the medium is the viscosity η defined in terms of force necessary to move a flat surface of area A parallel to an extended surface at spacing L relative to a velocity v can be expressed as,

$$F = \eta v A / L$$



- The viscous force scales as L^{-1}
- Following Stokes law the velocity for a falling sphere of radius R can be obtained as,

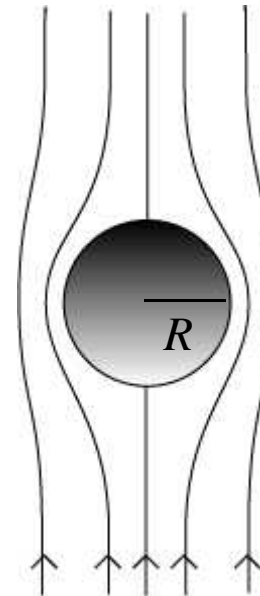
$$v = mg / 6 \pi \eta R$$

- For the nanometer scale Brownian motion to be present with particle diffusivity is

$$D = kT / 6 \pi \eta R$$

- The diffusion length is large for the nanometer scale as,

$$x_{rms} = (4Dt)^{1/2}$$



- The microelectronics process is able to make complex planar structures containing millions of working components in a square centimeter. This process is adaptable to make essentially planar mechanical machines with components on a micrometer scale.

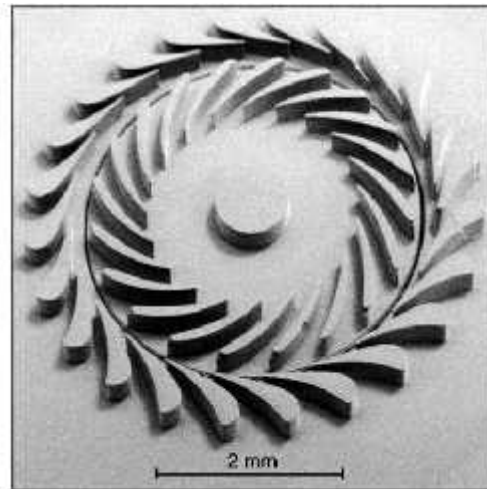


Figure 3.7 Turbine wheel produced on silicon wafer with deep reactive ion etching.