

# Future Mechatronic System Architecture Development for Semiconductor Equipment

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# FUTURE MECHATRONIC SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE DEVELOPMENT FOR SEMICONDUCTOR EQUIPMENT

## BREAKOUT SESSION ROUND 2 : 15:15 – 16:00

### PRESENTATION 1:

- › Future Mechatronic System Architectures
- › Gregor van Baars, TNO

### PRESENTATION 2:

- › Next Generation Semiconductor Assembly Architecture – collaborating with the Dutch Ecosystem
- › Thijs Kniknie, ITEC B.V.

### Q&A, DISCUSSION

- › Clarifying questions welcome during presentations
- › Reactions on content, additional remarks, discussion, etc. please after 2<sup>nd</sup> presentation

# Future Mechatronic System Architectures

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# Nationaal Groeifonds

Voor economische groei en welvaart, ook voor komende generaties

## Budget



**€ 20 miljard**

voor de komende 5 jaar

## Voor investeringen in



Kennisontwikkeling



R&D en innovatie



Infrastructuur



## Wie doet wat

**Ministers van Financiën en EZK**

Fondsbeheerders

**Parlement**

Goedkeuring begroting  
Nationaal Groeifonds

**Onafhankelijke commissie**

Beoordelen voorstellen,  
adviseren kabinet,  
monitoren voortgang





# NXT GEN HIGHTECH

De nieuwe generatie hightech equipment  
voor toekomstige generaties



<https://nxtgenhightech.nl/>

## The new generation of high-tech equipment for future generations

### A leap forward is necessary

The production of high-tech equipment in the Netherlands is of world class and accounts for a large share of our exports. This position is due to the expertise and entrepreneurship of the players in this ecosystem and their close cooperation. But competition in the world is growing, there are urgent societal challenges and the required investments are increasing. The NXTGEN HIGHTECH investment programme tackles all this at once.

### More growth and tackling societal challenges

Over a seven-year period, the programme aims to invest €1.2 billion (of which approximately half from the National Growth Fund) in six key application areas for generations to come:

- Clean energy.
- Data communication via light.
- Equipment for faster medicine development without animal testing.
- Faster microchips.
- Innovative production of light composite materials.
- Fast and precise robots in agriculture and horticulture.

The aim is to make this Dutch high-tech equipment ecosystem a leader in Europe by 2040, with an ultimate contribution to GDP of €11 to 16 billion per year. To this end, consortia of companies and knowledge institutions will develop new technologies and work together even more closely: exchanging knowledge, learning from each other and with each other, and attracting new talent.

### Ready to start with broad support

The plans for implementing this programme are ready. If NXTGEN HIGHTECH gets the green light, it can start immediately. 189 small- and medium sized companies, including 75 start-ups and scale-ups, 130 bigger companies and 23 knowledge institutions have pledged their participation and contribution.

2023 -2029



Rijksoverheid

# Commissie Nationaal Groeifonds

Rapport tweede beoordelingsronde

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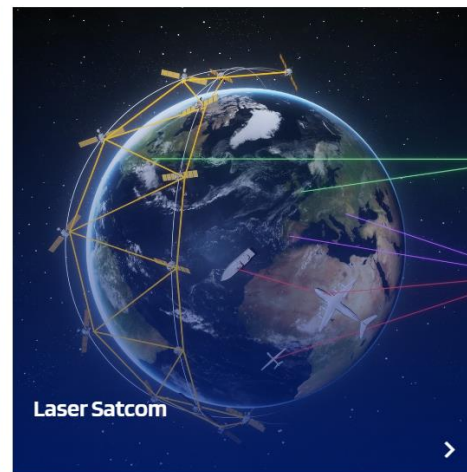
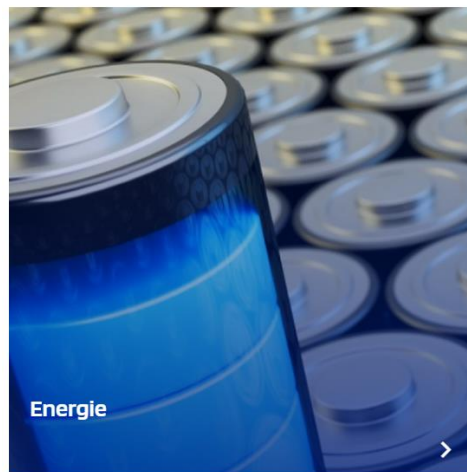
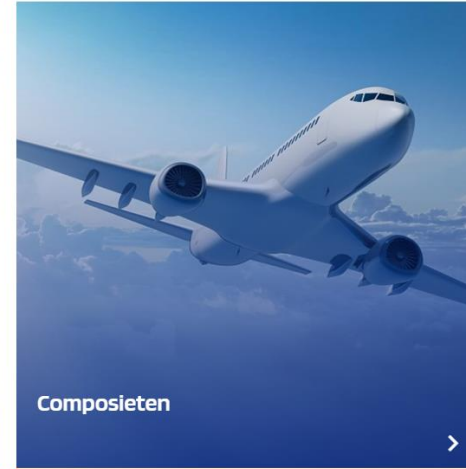
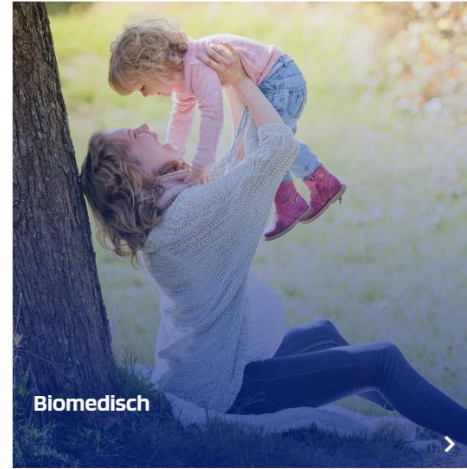
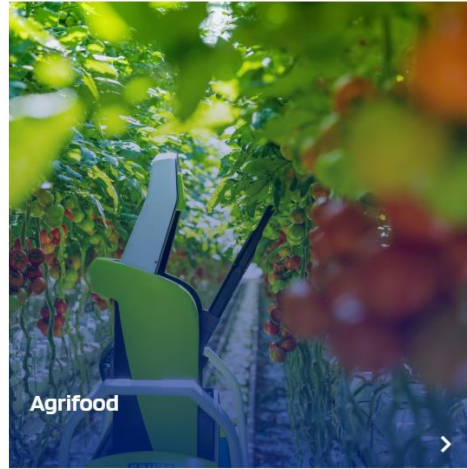


Tabel 1 Toekenningen alle voorstellen (miljoenen euro's)

Voorstel	Totale investering	Bijdrage anderen	Gevraagde bijdrage	Toegekend	Voorw. toegekend	Reservering
<b>Voorstellen Infrastructuur</b>						
Rail Gent-Terneuzen	240	135	105	-	105	-
<b>Subtotaal Infrastructuur</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Voorstellen Onderzoek, ontwikkeling en innovatie</b>						
<b>Thema Hightech en Materialen</b>						
Agri Based Chemicals	806	518	288	-	-	-
De revolutie van de zelfdenkende moleculaire systemen	208	111	97	-	97	-
Duurzame MaterialenNL	1.366	698	668	-	220	-
Einstein Telescope	2.008	1.096	912	-	42	870
<b>NXTGEN HIGHTECH</b>	<b>1.140</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>-</b>
Photondelta	1.113	642	471	-	471	-
<b>Thema Landbouw en Leefomgeving</b>						
Cellulaire agricultuur	613	231	382	-	60	-
CropXR	82	40	42	21	22	-
Groeiplan Waternotechnologie	857	462	395	-	-	135
NL2120, het groene verdienvermogen van Nederland	621	289	333	-	-	110
Switch 2 Sustainable Food Systems	484	165	320	-	-	-
Werklandschappen van de toekomst	78	29	49	-	-	26

# NXTGEN Hightech: Application domains

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# NXTGEN Hightech: Semiconductor domain projects

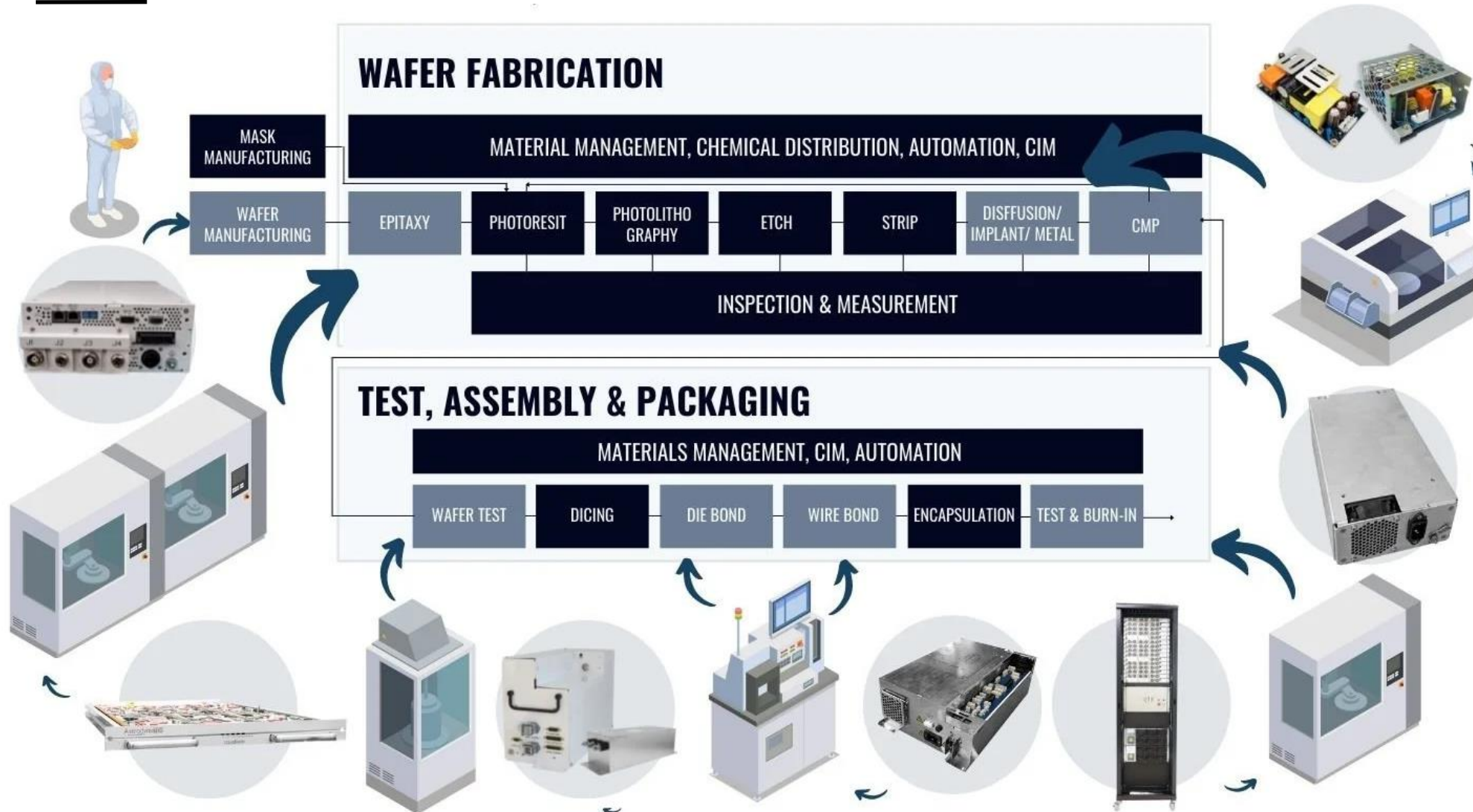
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- Process optimization for high TRL & high MRL PLD
- Next Generation High Tech System architectures
- NXTGEN chip assembly equipment
- (nano) Metrologie systemen
- Deposition and printing for heterogeneous assembly
- Metrologie Equipment voor Kritisch Opschalen van PIC Productie
- Productie Equipment voor high volume PIC Productie
- Ecosysteem project

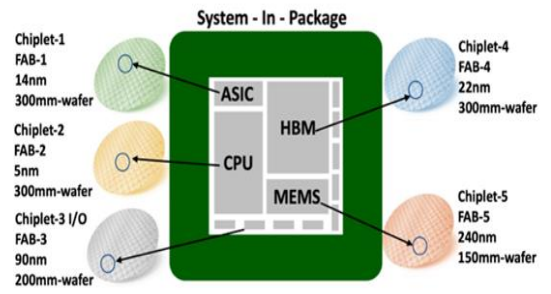
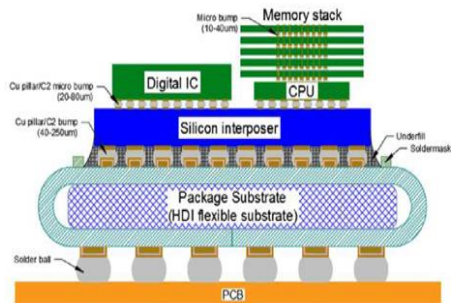
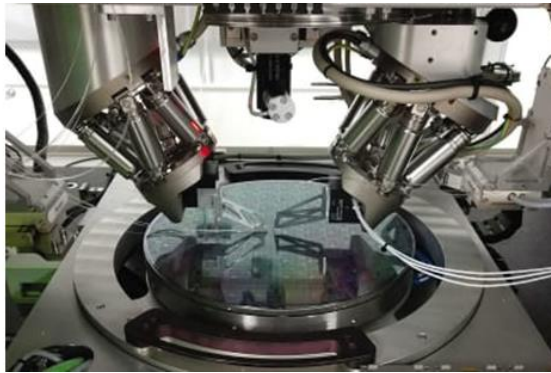
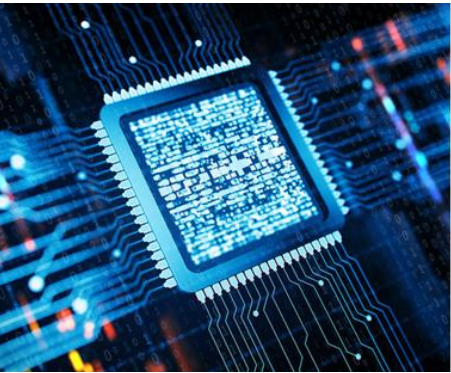
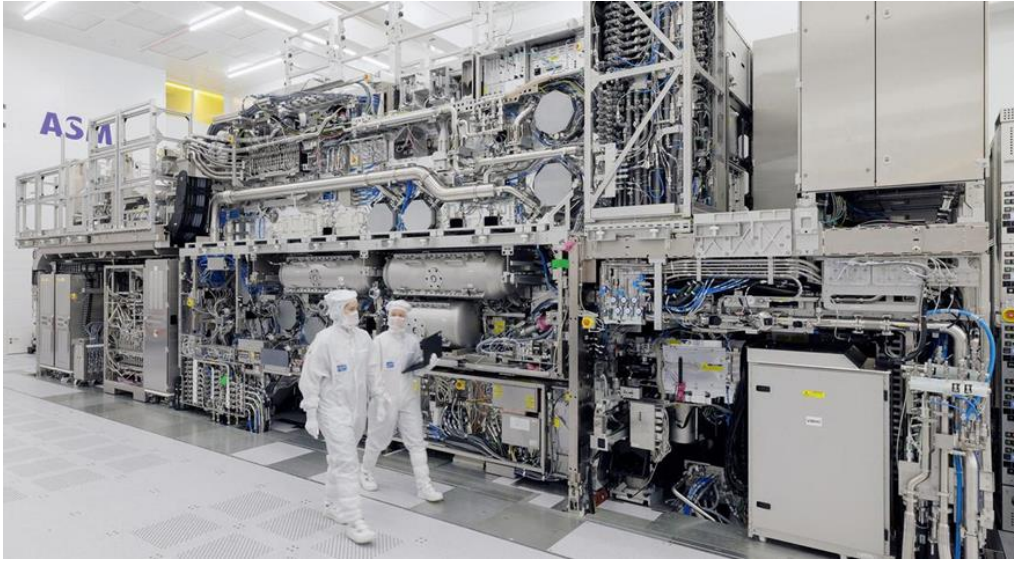




# Semiconductor Equipment overview



# Semicon trends and equipment drivers



➤ **Lithography** based semiconductor

- > **Accuracy**, throughput, reliability
- > System **complexity**, development **effort** and **cost** concerns

➤ **Photonic Integrated Circuit** based

- > Equipment to get **from lab to fab**
- > Industrialized **manufacturing**, **inspection** and **test**

➤ **Heterogeneous Integration**

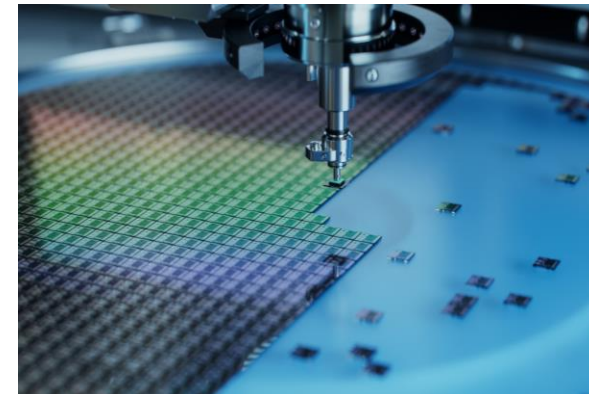
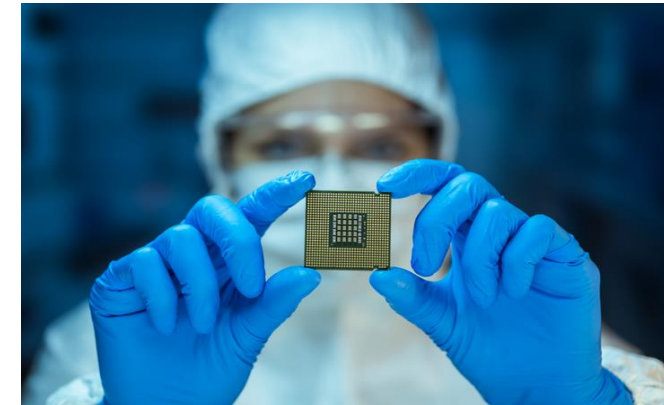
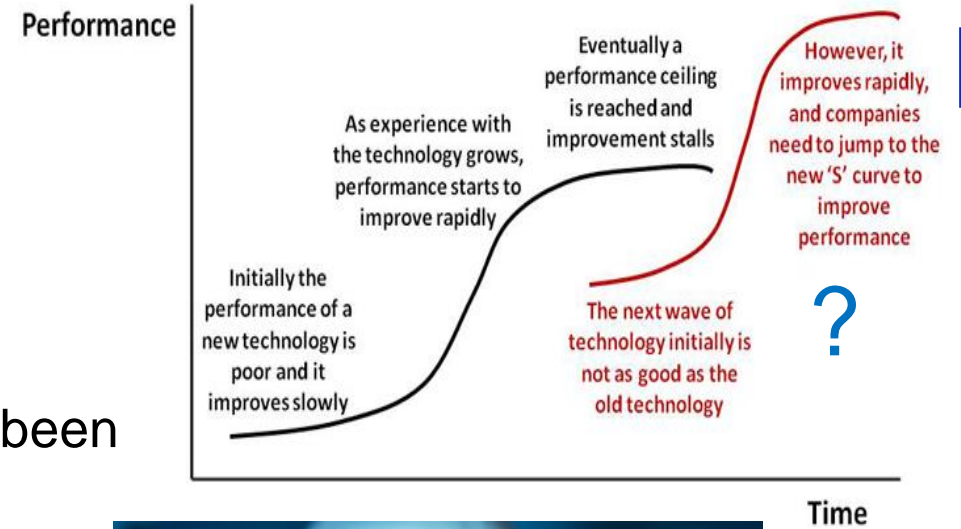
- > 3D pick and place, bonding, etc.
- > faster, smaller and more complex

=> Are our **high tech system architectures** and **mechatronic toolkit** fit for the future?



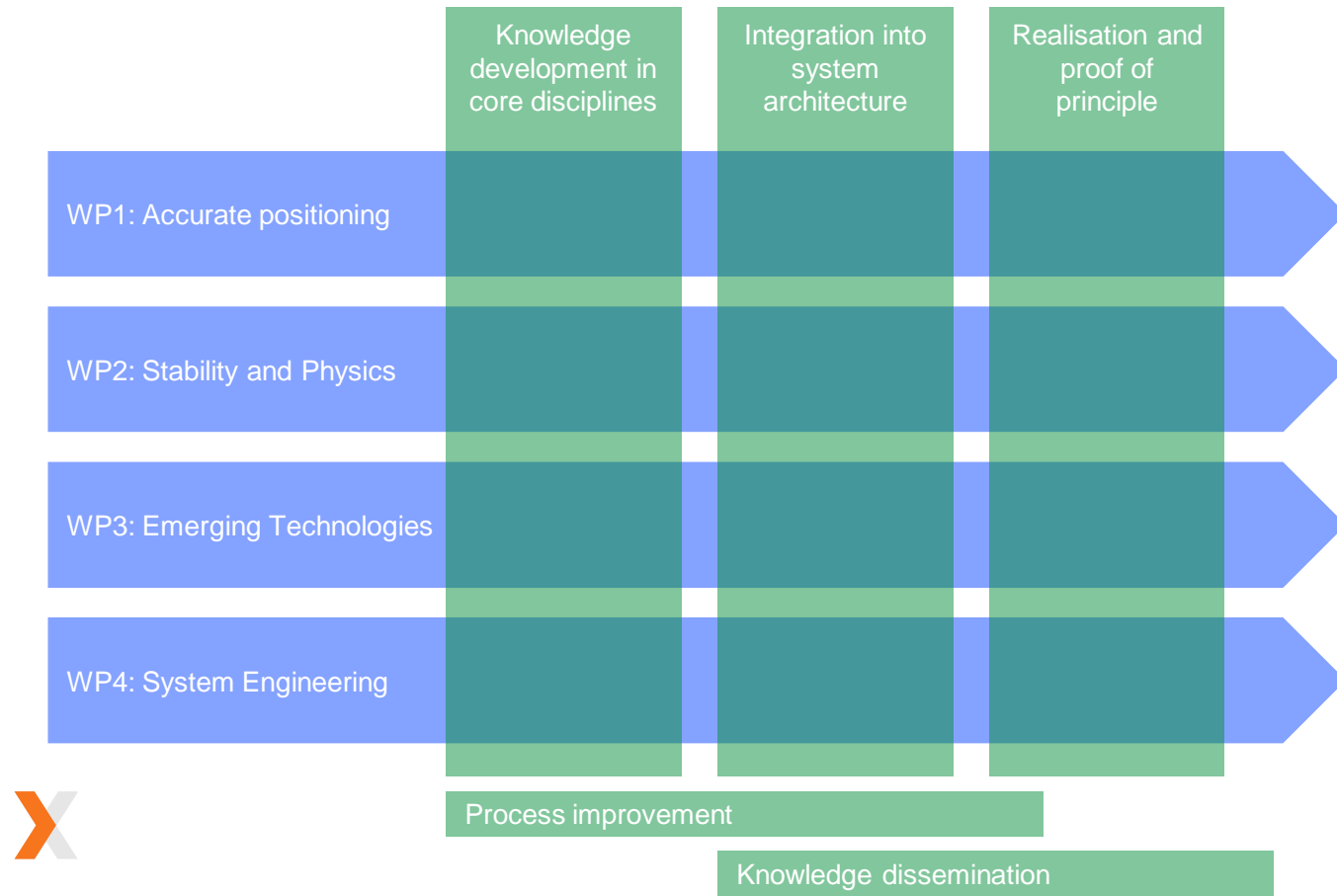
# Motivation:

- **Systems engineering** and **opto-mechatronics** have been a powerful enabler for semiconductor **equipment development**
- What can be achieved based on **existing knowledge** and **design principles** is **limited**
- **Invest now in new knowledge** to make sure that **continuous improvement** of **system performance** remains possible and **technologic leadership position** is preserved



# NXTGEN Hightech

Semicon02: Next Generation High Tech System Architectures

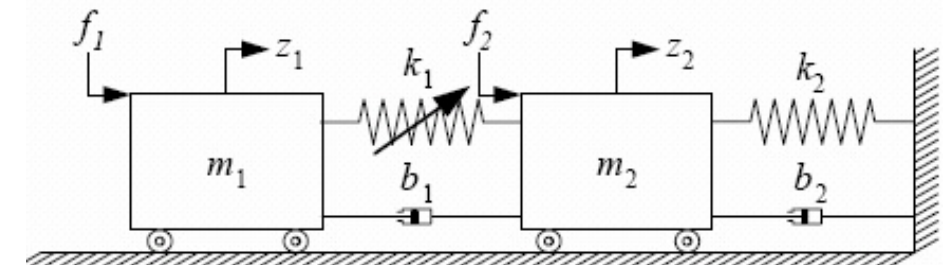
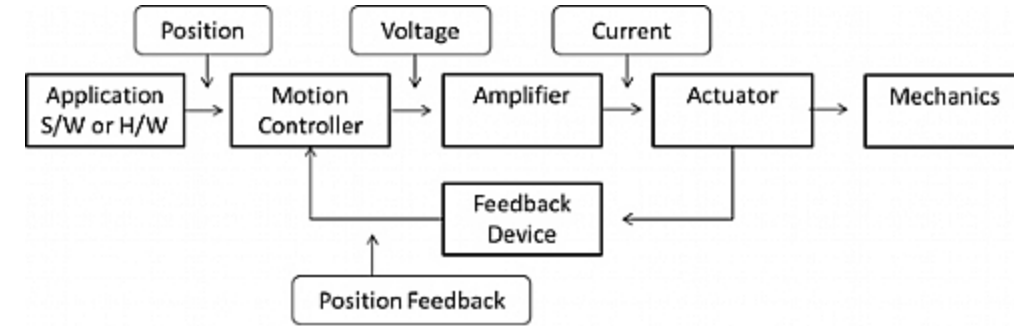


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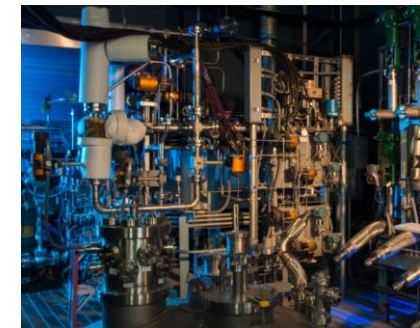
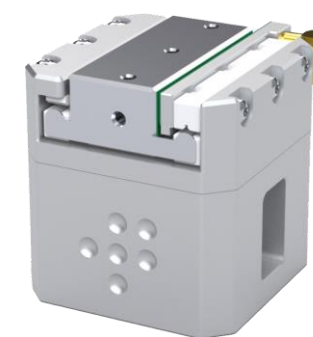
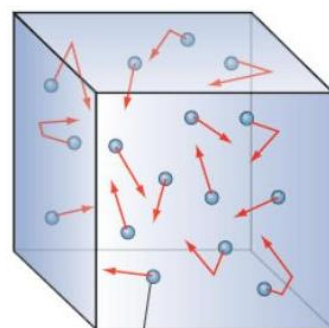
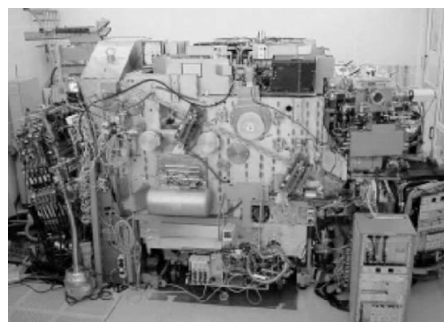
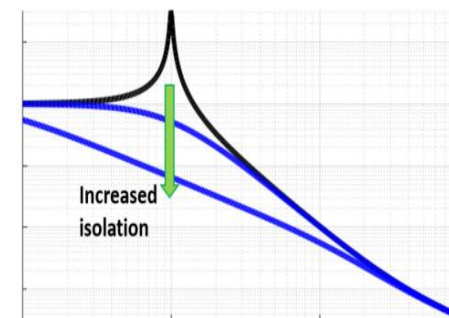
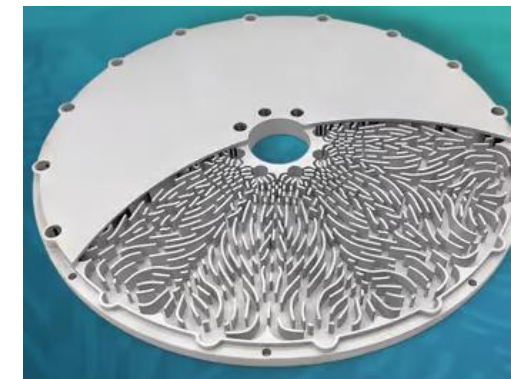
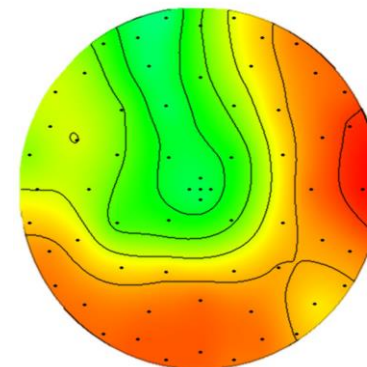
# WP1: Accurate Positioning

- > **Goal:** Moving faster and positioning even more accurate is an important driver for Semiconductor Equipment based on precision engineering and mechatronics. Accurate and fast movement and placement requires development in the field of actuator technology, position metrology inside and out, fast electronics and advanced control technology and system dynamics
- > **Activities:** Research and Knowledge development in the fields of alternative actuation architectures, metrology for accurate positioning, and novel system architectures based on future proof design principles



# WP2: Stability and Physics

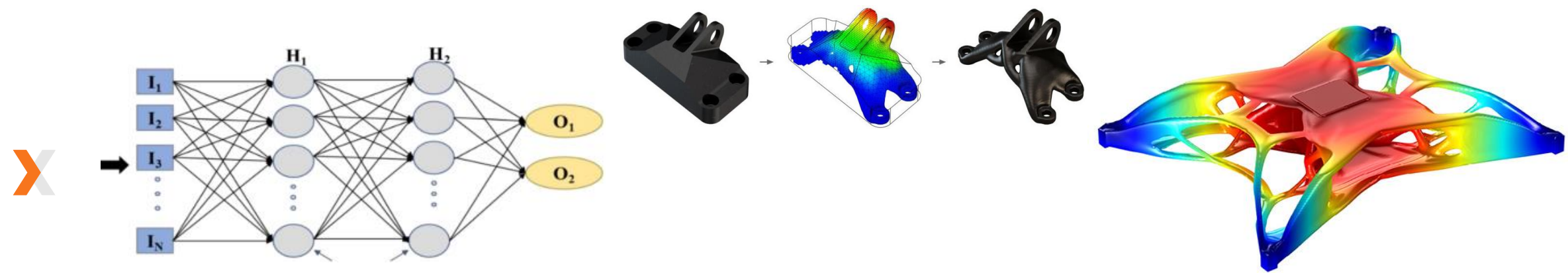
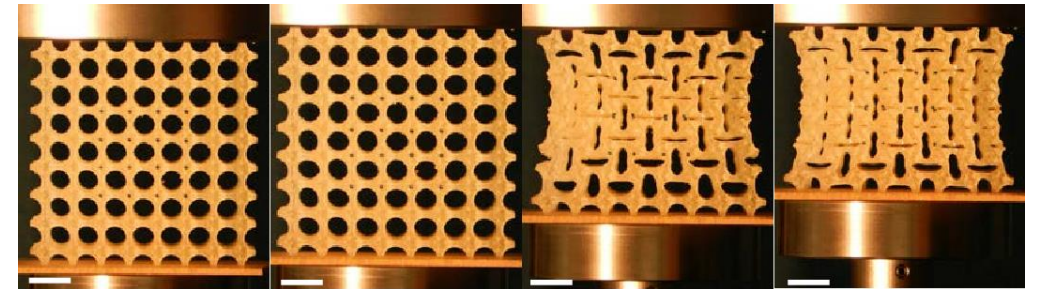
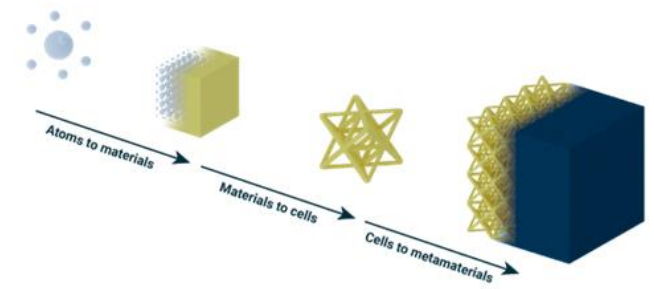
- > **Goal:** Maintaining **stability** requires simultaneous control in **all physics domains**. Such as **mechanical** deformations, **dynamics** and unwanted **vibrations** and **thermal** influences. Solutions are needed to increasingly suppress and isolate these influences so that systems can achieve improved performance despite the disruptions. **Extreme environments** such as **high vacuum** and **cryogenic applications** also have significant impact to be dealt with.
- > **Activities:** Research and knowledge development in the fields of advanced **thermal control**, **vibration isolation** and control, equipment **maintenance**, **cryo-mechatronics** and **contamination control**





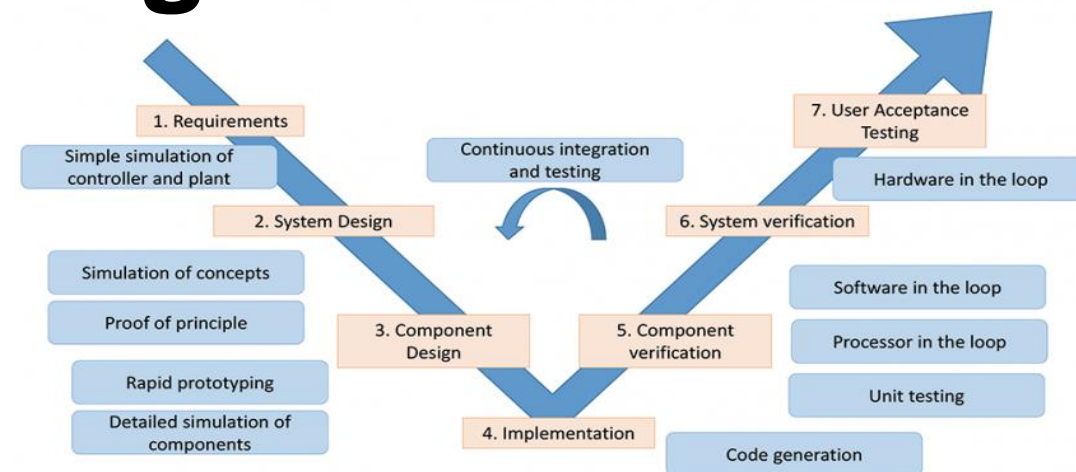
# WP3: Emerging Technologies

- > **Goal:** Exploitation of emerging technologies with potential for performance improvement. Generative design methods, additive manufacturing, Meta materials and AI based design are a few technology avenues to implement in the system engineering domain to ensure improvements in existing system architectures and unlock routes to alternative system solutions
- > **Activities:** Research and Knowledge development in the fields of generative design methods, advanced materials, autonomous sensor systems and AI/data driven control

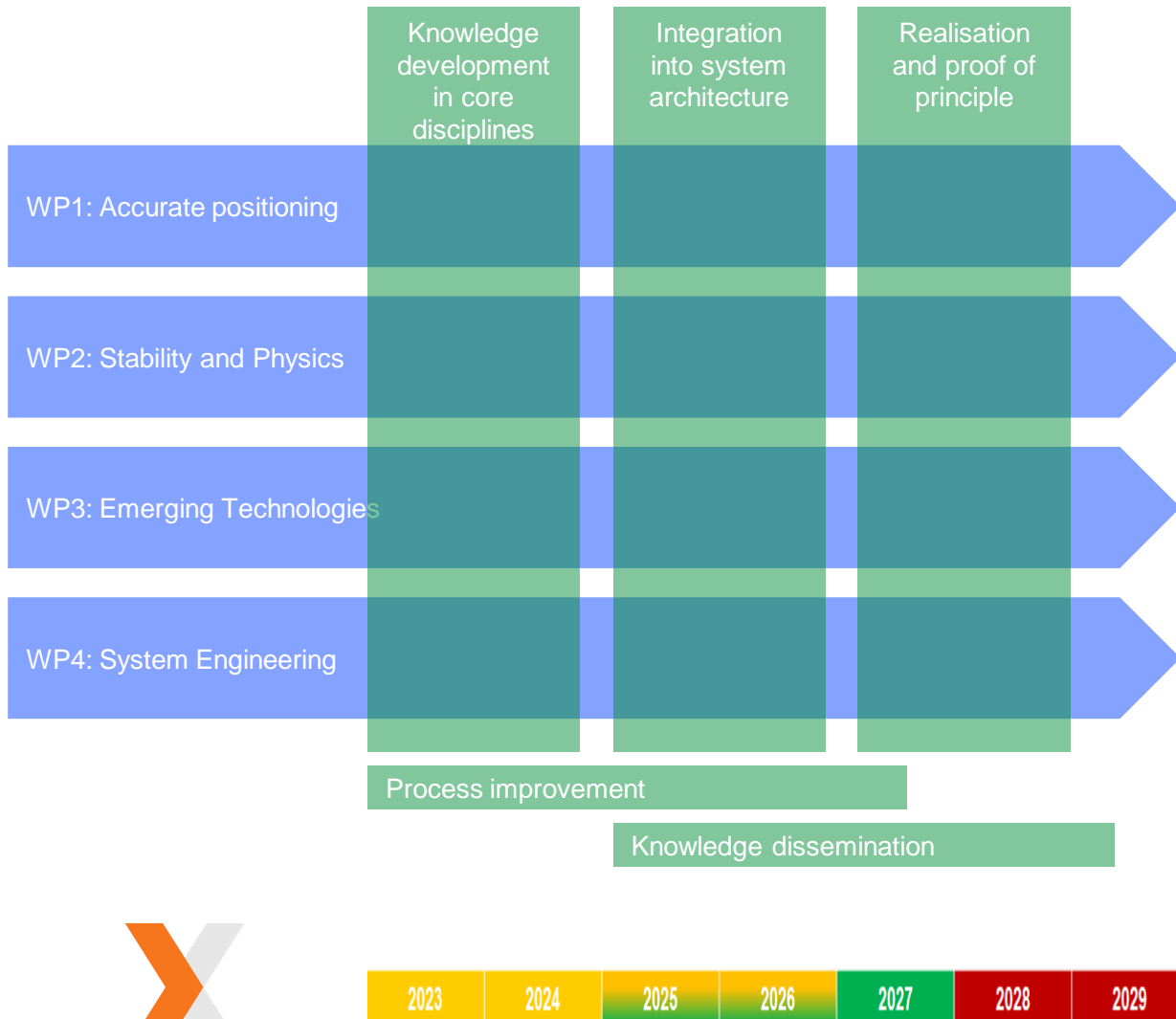


# WP4: System Engineering

- > **Goal:** Develop **future-proof system engineering and working methods** to continue to find solutions to the **increasing performance requirements** and **complexity** of system behavior depending on design decisions ranging from concept to detail.
- > **Activities:** Research and Knowledge development in the fields of **system engineering**, integration of **embedded software engineering** with mechatronics **equipment engineering**







# Phasing (2023 – 2029)

- Knowledge development in core disciplines
- Integration into novel system concepts / architectures / design principles
- Realisation and proof-of-principle
- Process improvements, optimal way of working and novel methodologies
- Publication, education, training, knowledge dissemination





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