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LTCC, New Packaging Approach for Toxic Gas and Particle detection

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**Toxic substances needed to be measured: NO_x , NH_3 ,
 SO_2 , CO , O_3 , PAH/VOC, PM_{10} , $\text{PM}_{2.5}$, PM_1**



**Two areas need more development and research within
the sensor community:
Packaging and Portable particle detectors**



Outline

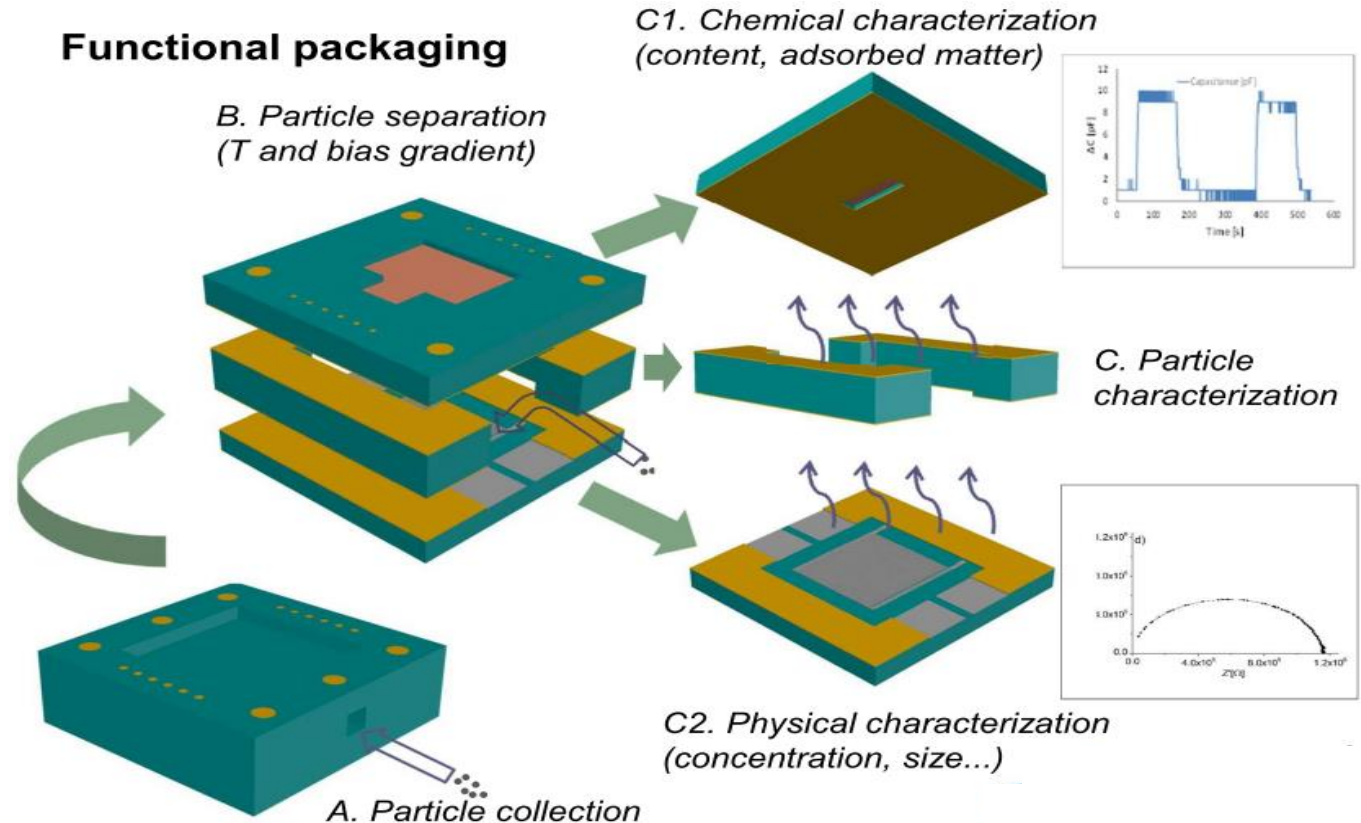
- **LTCC technology:**
 - **Smart packaging of**
 - **chemical gas sensors**
 - **Portable particle detectors**
 - **The Cell clinic**

LTCC platform for sensor devices

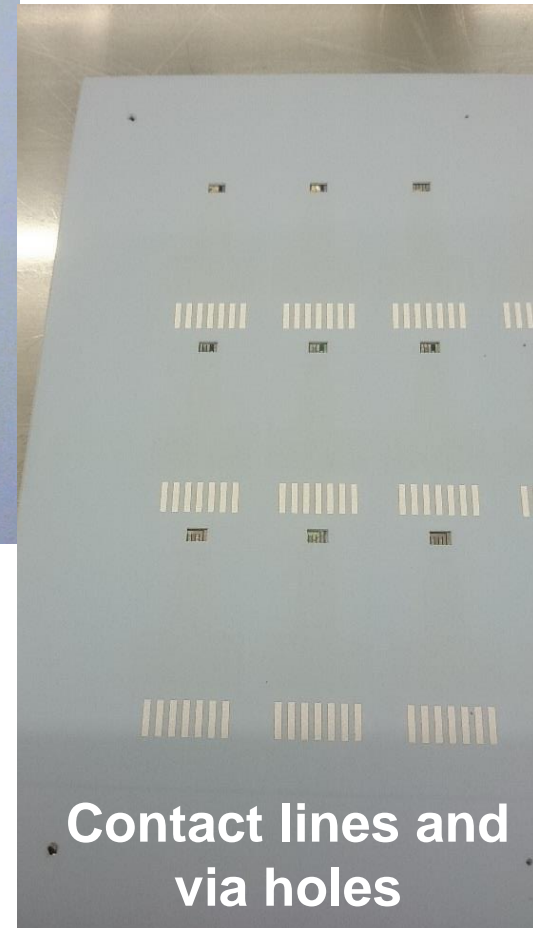
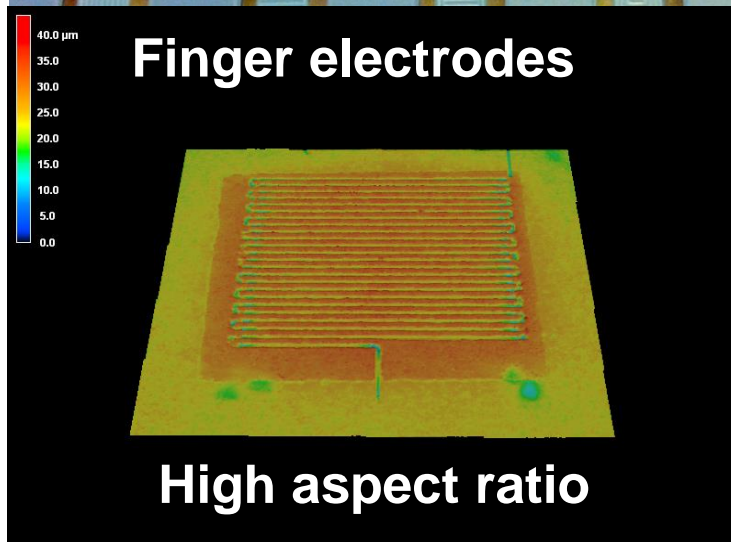
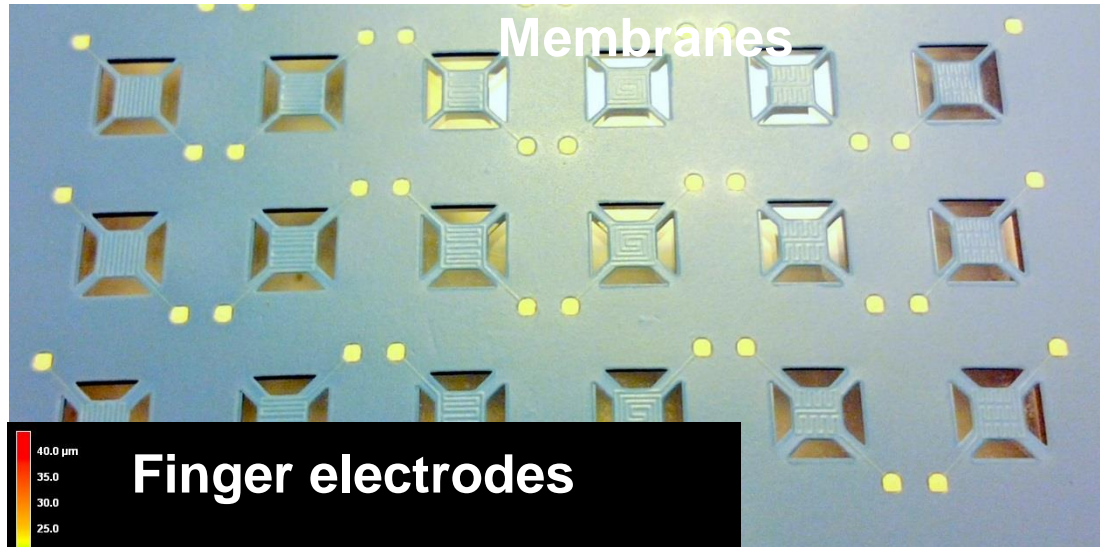
Benefits of LTCC

(Low Temperature Co-fired Ceramics)

- ✓ Fast processing
- ✓ Durable, hermetic, resistant
- ✓ Relatively cheap

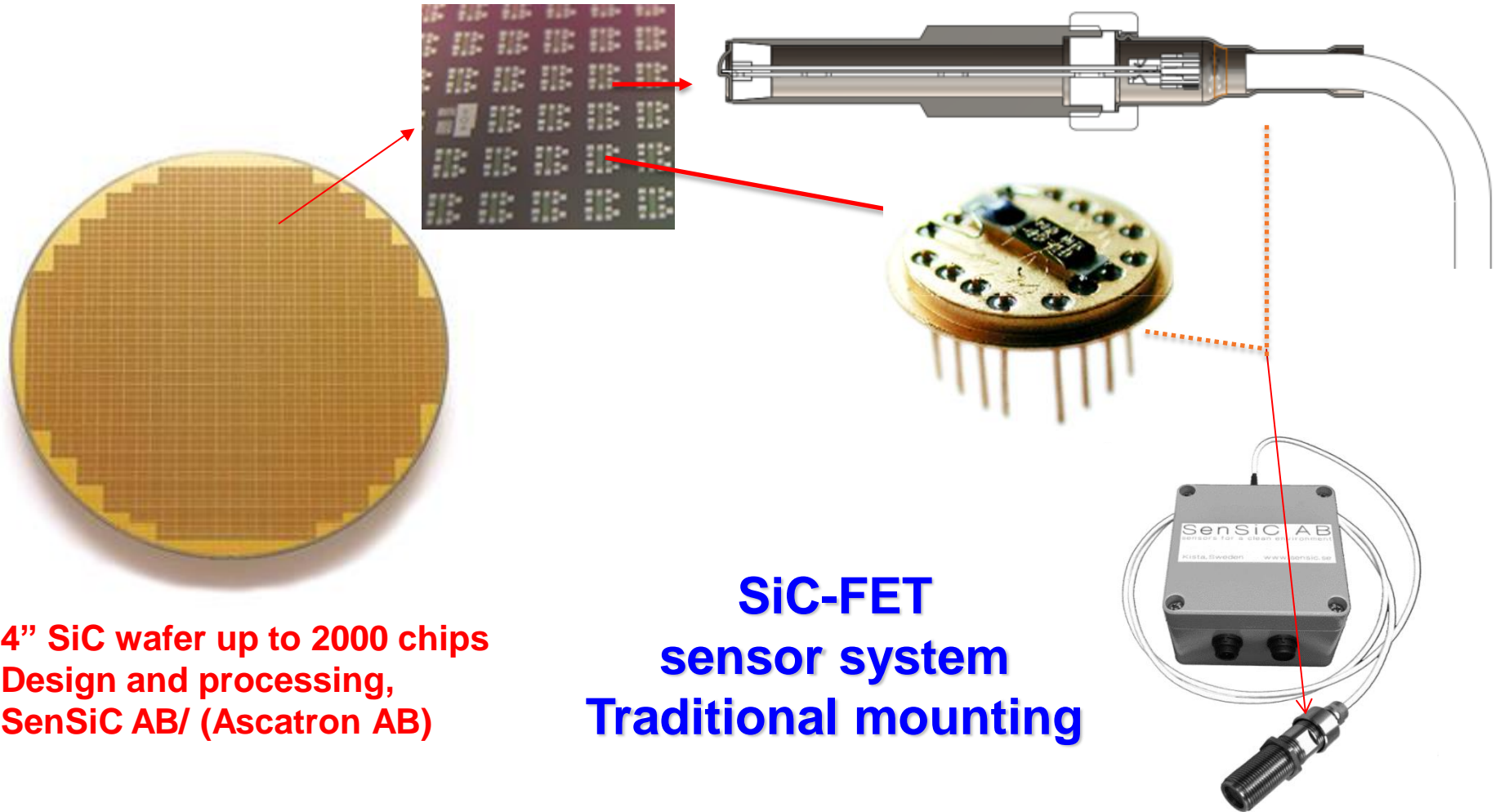


LTCC processing of dedicated structures



Processing in one (fast) step possible

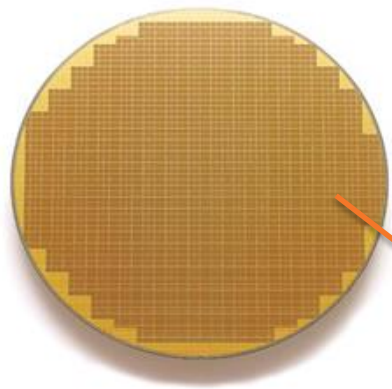
SiC-FET sensors wafer and mounting



4" SiC wafer up to 2000 chips
Design and processing,
SenSiC AB/ (Ascatron AB)

SiC-FET
sensor system
Traditional mounting

LTCC platform for SiC-FET sensors

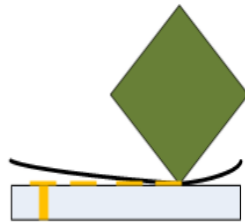


SiC insertion

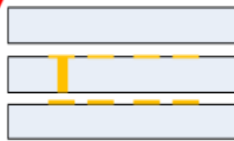
Heralock 2000 green tape



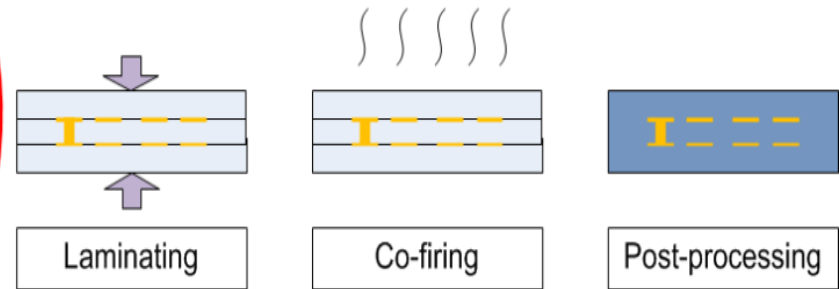
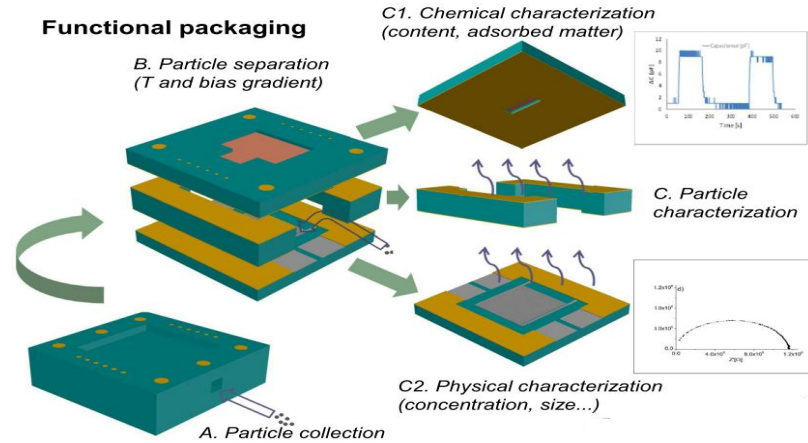
Laser shaping



Screen-printing



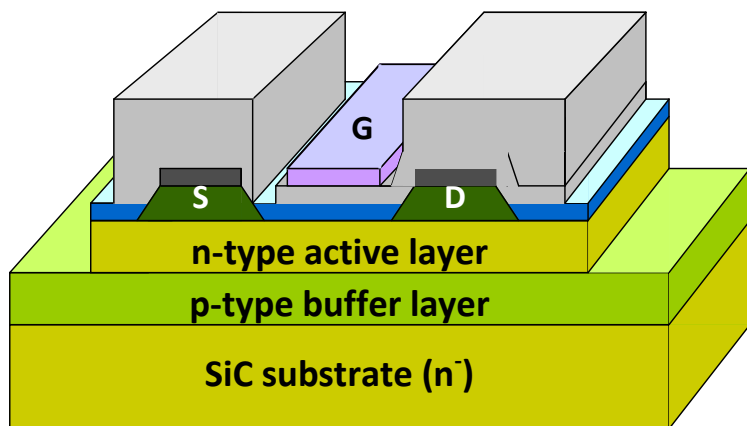
Stacking



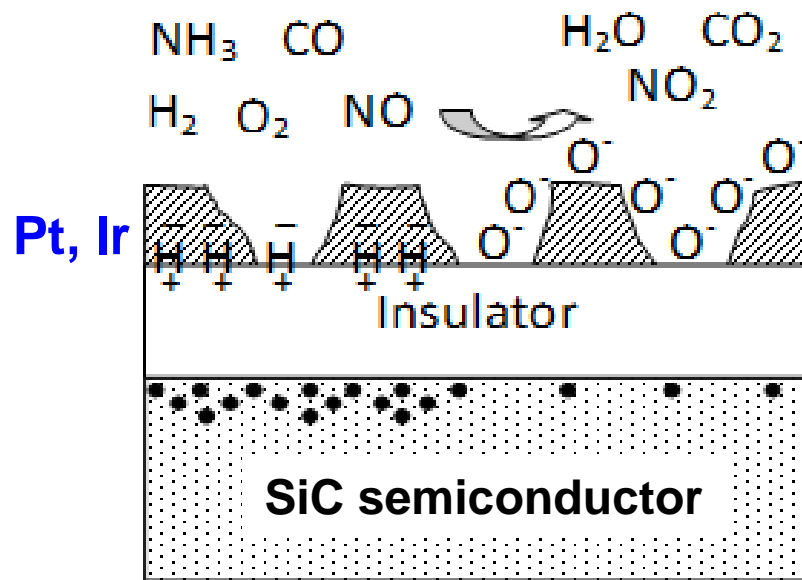
10MPa,
75°C, 10 min

860°C

SiC-FET gas sensors



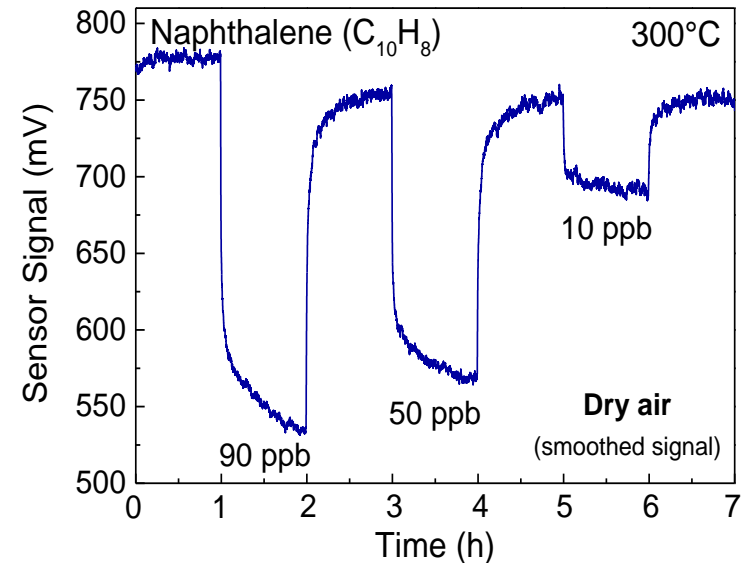
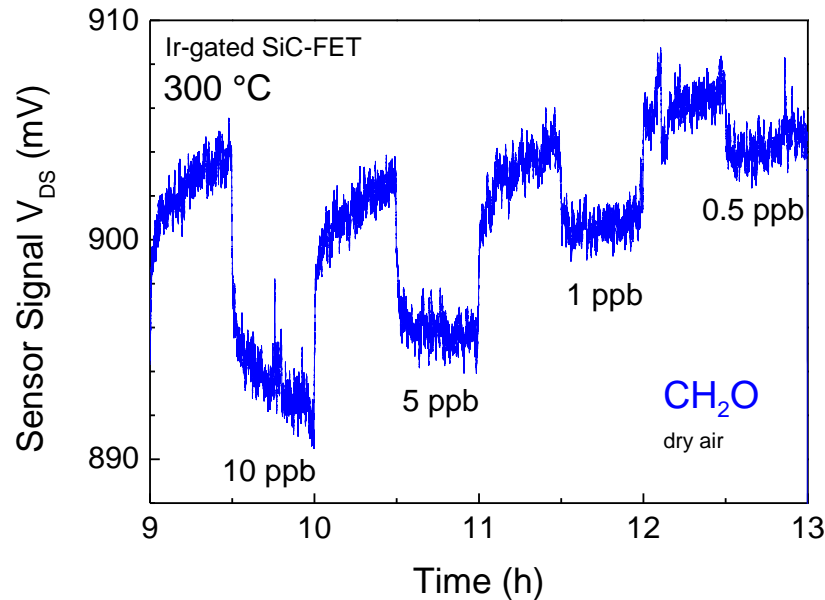
Cross section of **depletion SiC-FET**
Gate sensing layer:
porous catalytic metal, Pt, Ir



Molecule decomposition and reactions on the catalytic metal – charging of the gate area - **a change in the current through the transistor**

Temperature and sensing layer modulation enhances selectivity and sensitivity: H₂, CO, NH₃, SO₂, VOC

VOC detection by SiC-FET sensors



Measurements performed by Donatella Puglisi, Linköping University at Saarland University in an **STSM activity** within the **EuNetAir**

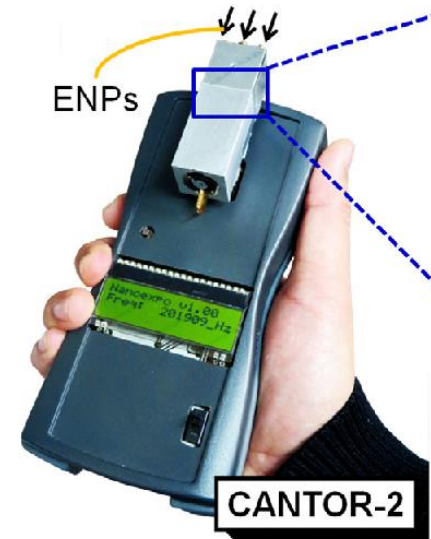
Portable particle detectors

Miniaturized devices for the on-line monitoring of particles for

- Work places
- Public use

Giving information about particle

- number (concentration)
- Size
- Shape (needle like, asbestos like (branched needles))
- Content (CNTs containing Ni, Fe, Co has shown adverse effect in animal studies)



Since these parameters influence the adverse health effect of particles

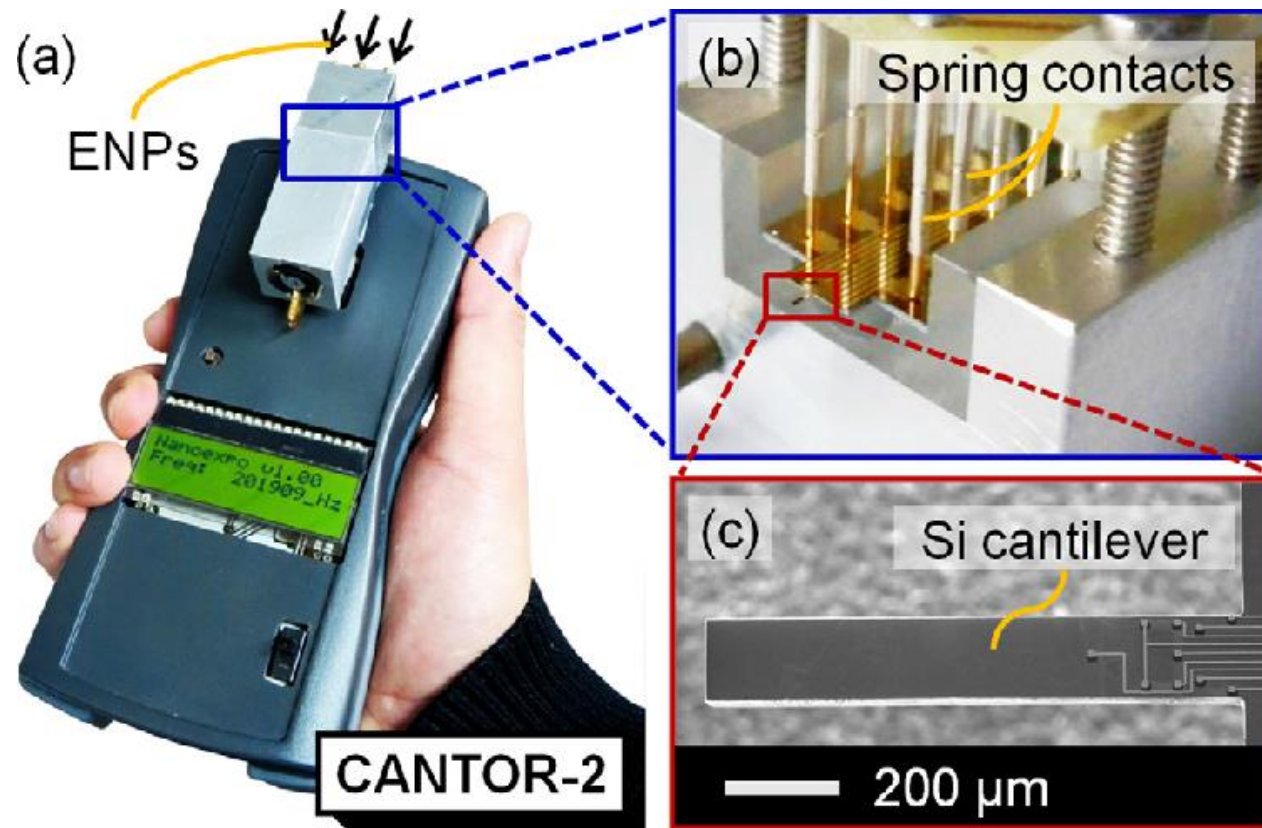
Particle detector, commercial device

Particle Sense P600



Measures PM1, PM2.5 and PM10

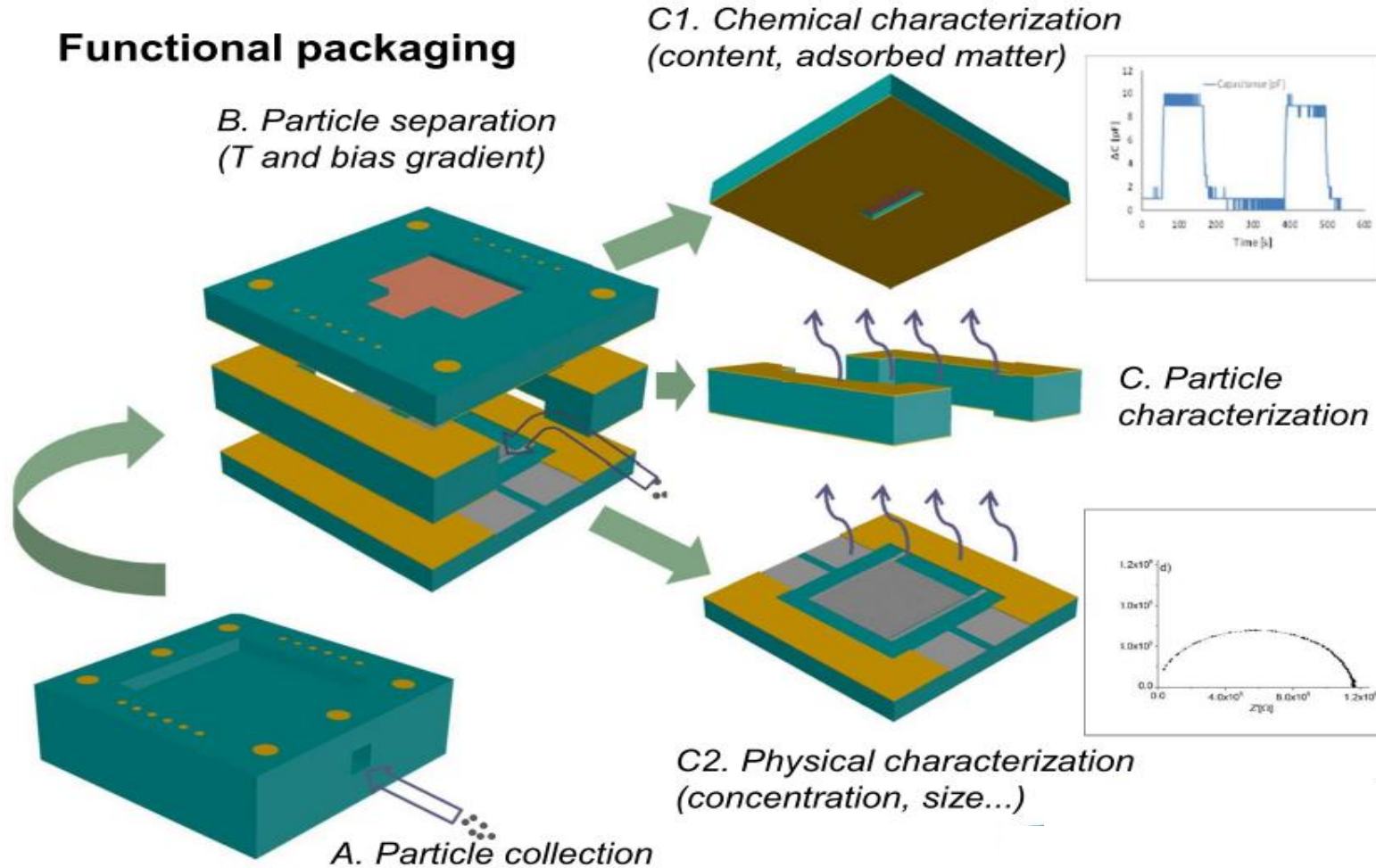
Portable black carbon detector for work places



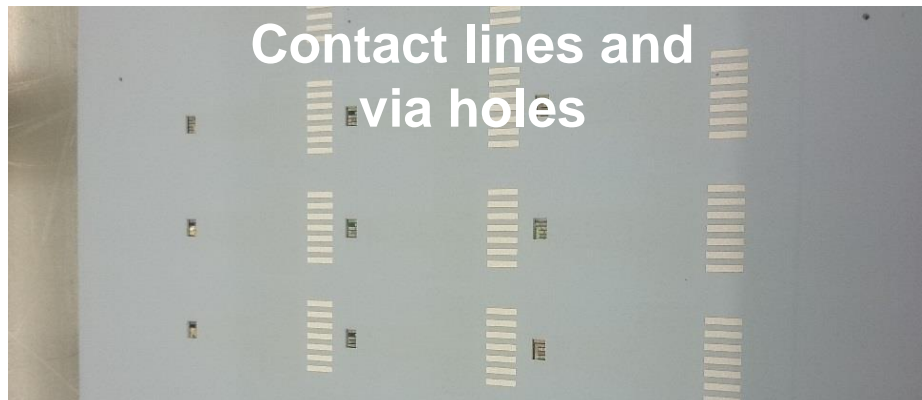
H.S. Wasisto et al, Handheld personal airborne nanoparticle detector based on microelectromechanical silicon resonant cantilever, *Microelectronic Engineering*, 145 (2015) 96-103. (Braunschweig Germany)

LTCC platform for Portable particle detectors

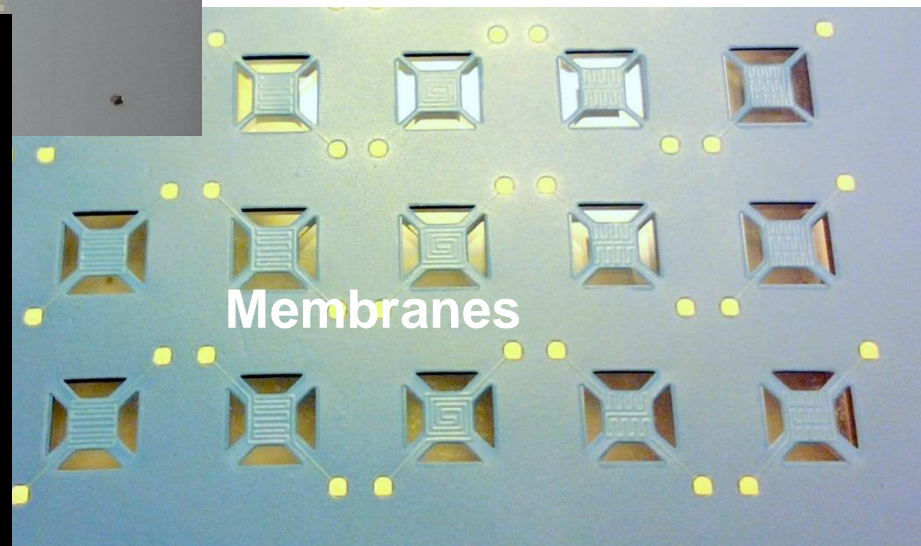
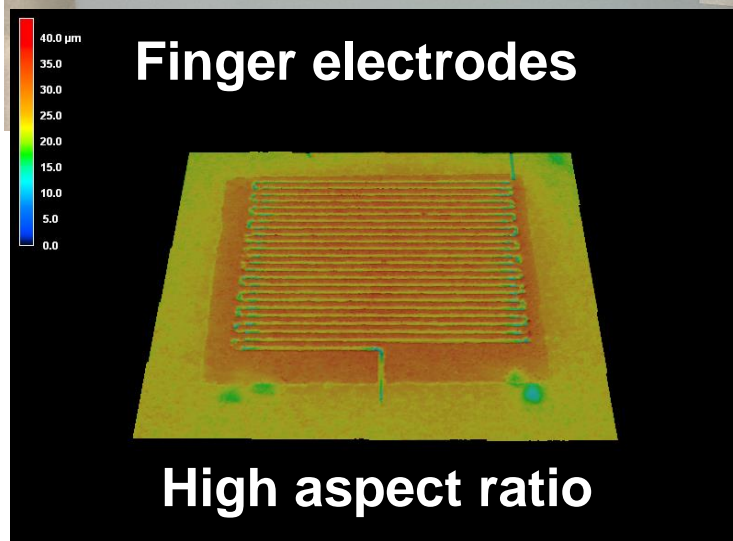
Functional packaging



LTCC processing of dedicated structures for particle detectors



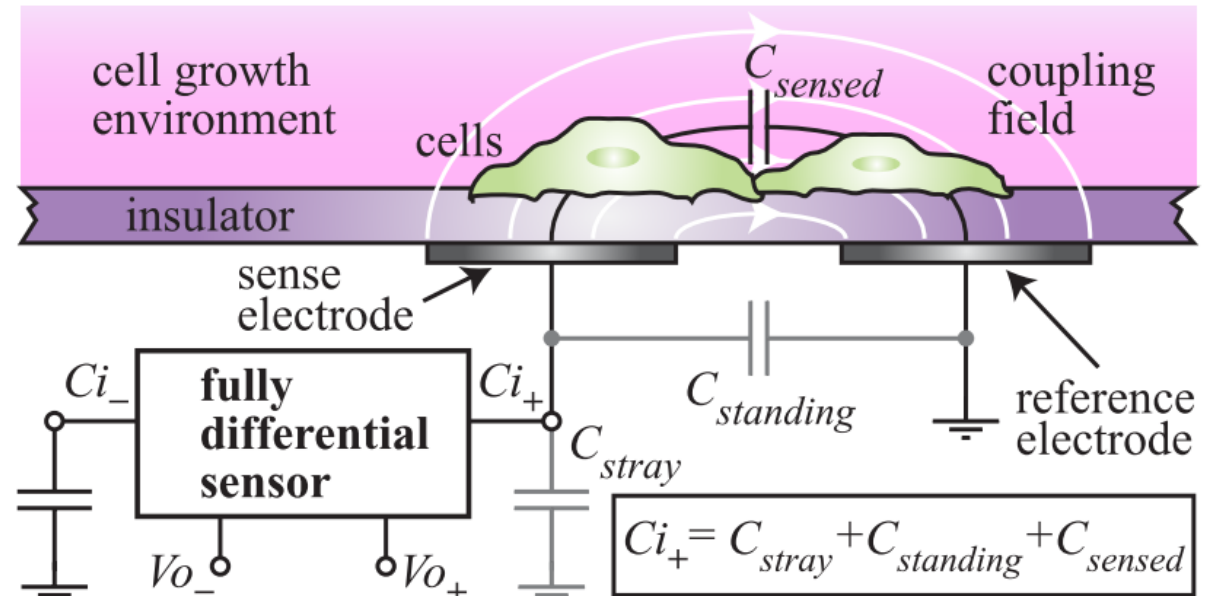
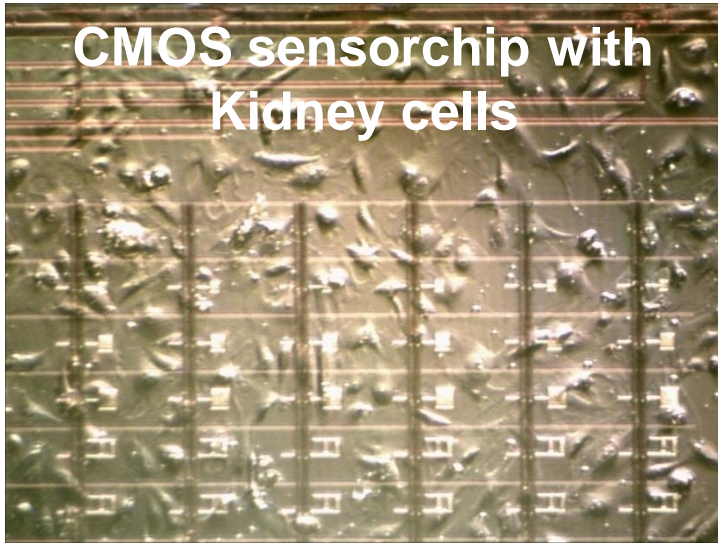
Membranes: heating collected particles, detecting emitted gases for content /adsorbent analysis



Finger electrodes, high aspect ratio: concentration size, content

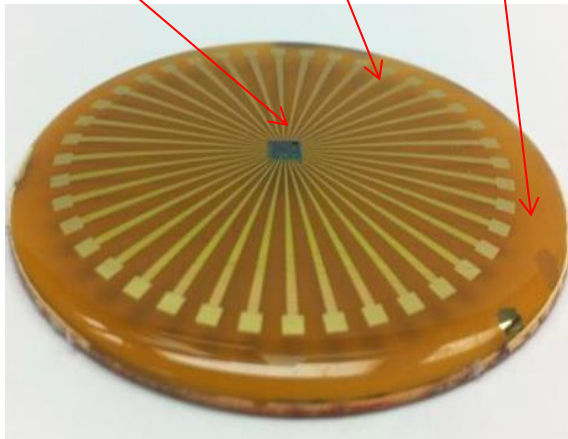
Nicole Neubauer et al, Functionality based detection of airborne engineered nanoparticles in quasi real time: A new type of detector and a new metric, Ann. Occup. Hyg. 57 (2013) 842-852 (Karlsruhe)

Cell Clinic: Measurement of Toxic effect of particles on cells



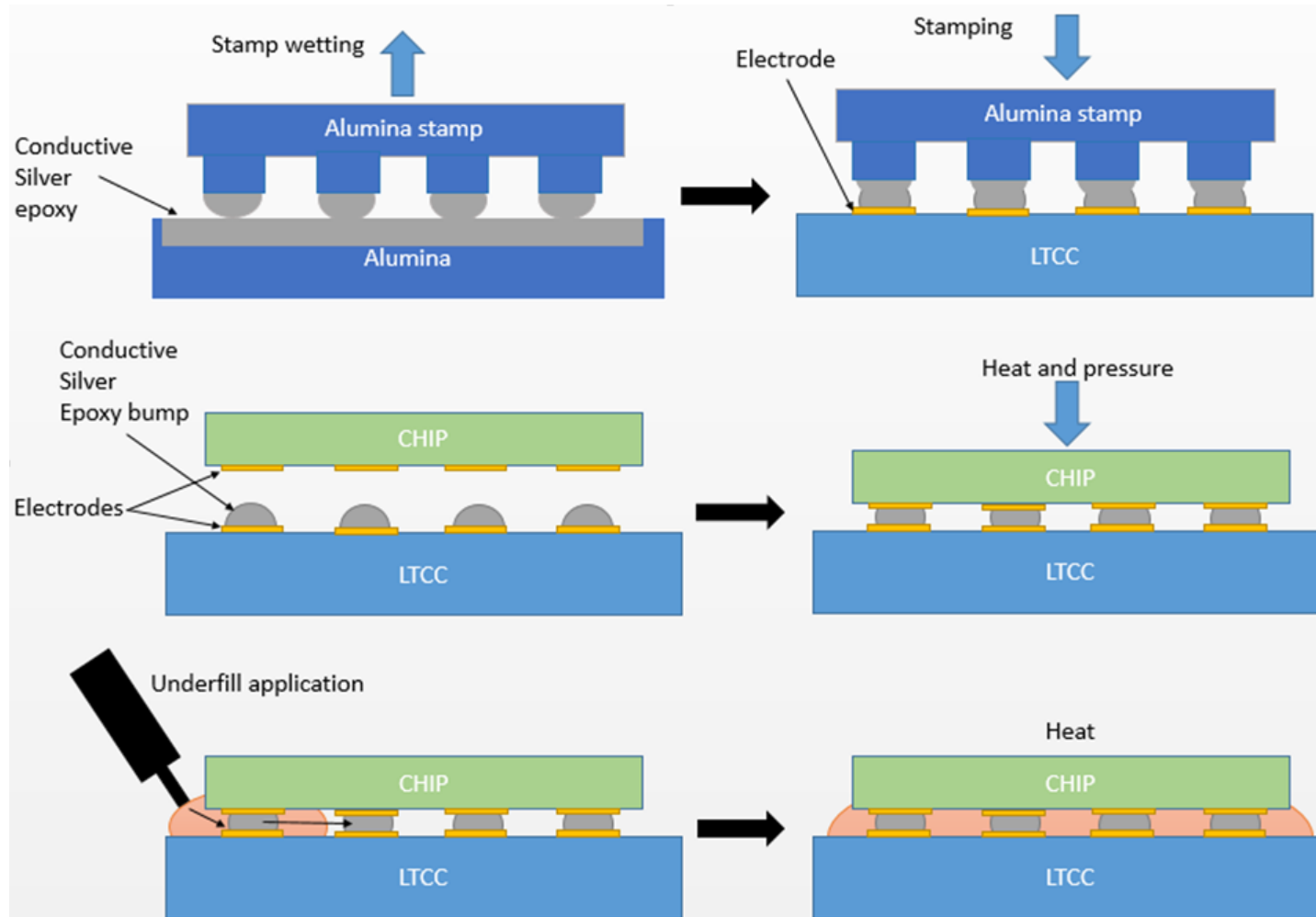
Capacitive measurement principle

Sensor chip, Cu leads, epoxy

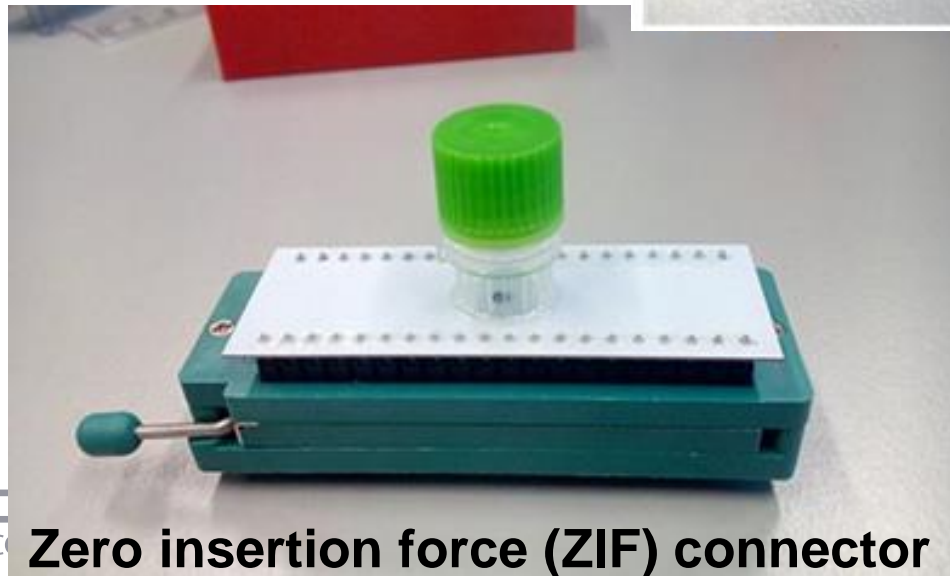
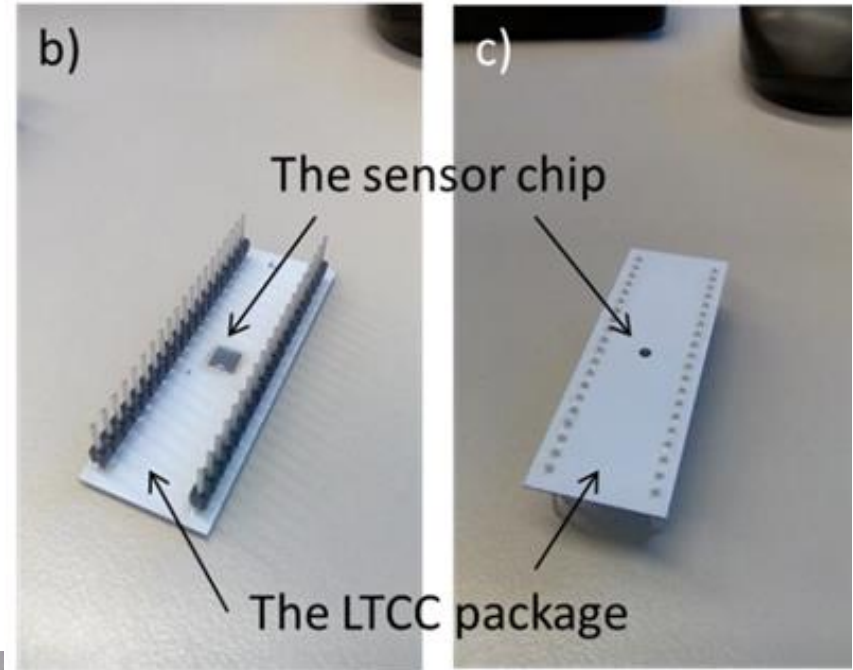
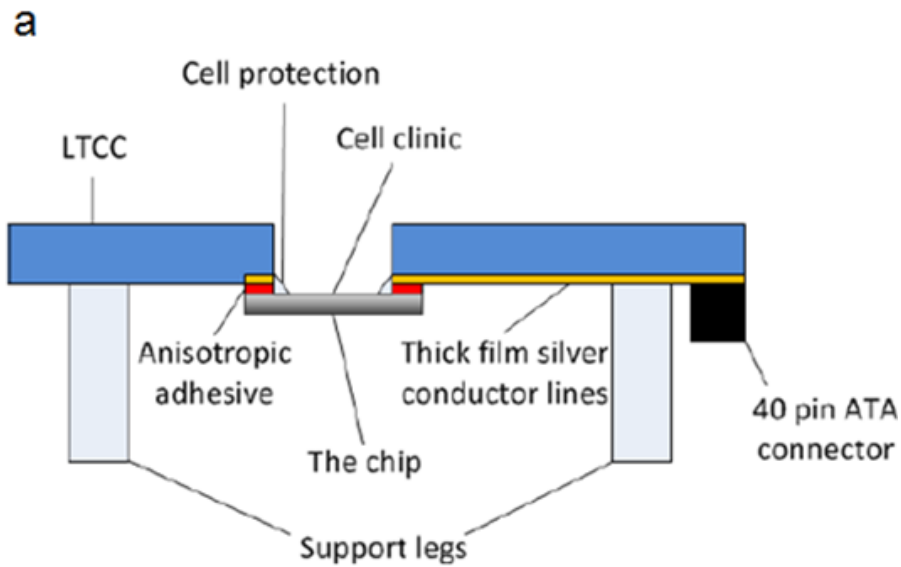


Packaged chip by epoxy molding

LTCC packaging for the cell clinic



LTCC packaging for the cell clinic



Development of microincubator

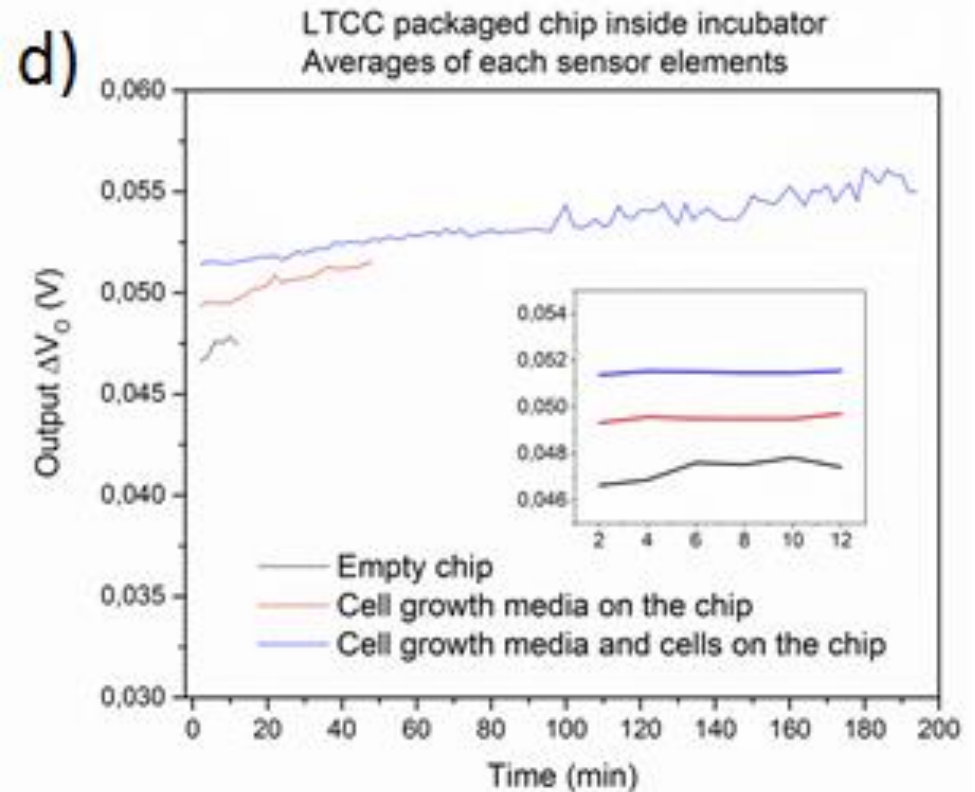


**LTCC packaging of the chip
potential as microincubator**



**LTCC packaged chip with
electronics in the incubator**

Development of microincubator



**First electrical measurements with
LTCC mounted sensorchip**



Conclusions

- The LTCC (Low Temperature Co-fired Ceramic) facilitates as sensor platform for
 - SiC-FET Gas sensors
 - Portable nanoparticle detector
 - A microincubator



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