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## Preface

On July 30, 1959, Robert Noyce filed his Integrated Circuit patent. Its fiftieth anniversary in 2009 became the origin of this book and its central question: After the unparalleled progress of microchips over half a century, can this story continue, and what will it take to make this happen?

To greet the year 2000, I had written an invited paper “Chips 2020” for the German magazine *Elektronik* (with a strong vote for 3D chip integration), and it looked attractive to check the status at half-time, in 2010. However, the central issue of this book emerged owing to more and more signs of the imminent end of the nano(meter) *roadmap*: The law that halving the transistor size every 18 months would bring automatic performance and market growth is about to end in 2015. When the billions of  $10\text{ nm} \times 10\text{ nm}$  transistors packed side-by-side on a chip are hardly useful because of their fundamental statistical variance, we face the most important turning point in the history of microelectronics: Declining growth in markets and services and an energy crisis on top, because, with the chip technology of 2010 and with the present annual doubling of video and TV on the internet, this service alone would require the total worldwide electrical power in 2015.

*Chips 2020* explains the background to the 20–10 nm transistor limits in different applications, and it focuses on the new strategy for the sustainable growth of a nanoelectronics ecosystem with a focus on ultra-low energy of all chip functionalities, femtojoule electronics, enabled by 3D integration on-chip and of chip-systems incorporating new architectures as well as new lithography and silicon technologies.

At the critical time of this new fundamental energy orientation, I have been very fortunate that several world leaders with their teams agreed to contribute to this book: Greg Delagi of Texas Instruments, on intelligent mobile companions, the new lead products; Georg Kimmich of ST-Ericsson, on 3D integration for wireless applications; Burn Lin of TSMC, on nanolithography; Jiri Marek and Udo Gomez of Robert Bosch GmbH, on MEMS (micro-electro-mechanical systems) for automotive and consumer applications; Barry Pangrle of Mentor Graphics, on power-efficient design; Peter Roth and colleagues at IBM, on superprocessors; Yiannos Manoli with his team at the University of Freiburg, together with Boris Murmann of Stanford University, on analog–digital interfaces and energy harvesting; Albrecht

Rothermel of the University of Ulm, on retinal implants for blind patients; and Ben Spaanenburg with his co-author at Lund University, on digital neural networks. This book would be unthinkable without their contributions, and, in this critical situation for nanoelectronics, I am even more obliged to them for their involvement in this project.

Despite our broad agenda, we could cover only selected topics, which, we hope, are exemplary for the potential and challenges for 2020 chips.

My sincere thanks go to Claus Ascheron at Springer in Heidelberg, who constantly pursued the idea for this book and who finally convinced me in 2009 to realize it. I thank the team at Springer Science+Business Media for their confidence in this publication and for its professional production. I thank Stefanie Krug for her perfect execution of many of the illustrations and Deborah Marik for her professional editing of the manuscript.

With experience as the first MOS product manager at Siemens and of co-founding a Technical University and establishing several microchip research facilities in the USA and Germany, I have included educational, research, and business aspects of the nanoelectronics ecosystem. I hope that, with this scope, this book will be helpful to all those who have to make decisions associated with future electronics, from students to graduates, educators, and researchers, as well as managers, investors, and policy makers.

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## Acronyms and Abbreviations

AAEE	American Association for Engineering Education
AC	Alternating current
ACM	Association for Computing Machinery
ADC	Analog–digital converter
AI	Artificial intelligence
ALE	Atomic-layer epitaxy
ALU	Arithmetic logic unit
AMD	Age-related macula degeneration
ANN	Artificial neural network
AP	Action potential
APS	Active-pixel sensor
APSM	Advanced porous silicon membrane
AQL	Acceptable quality level
ARPA	Advanced Research Projects Agency
ASIC	Application-specific integrated circuit
ASIP	Algorithm-specific integrated processor
ASP	Application-specific processor
ASS	Application-specific system
AVG	Available voltage gain
AVS	Adaptive voltage scaling
BAN	Body-area network
BAW	Bulk acoustic wave
BEOL	Back-end of line
BI	Backside illumination
BiCMOS	Bipolar CMOS
BIST	Built-in self-test
BMI	Brain–machine interface
BST	Boundary-scan test
C4	Controlled-collapse chip connect
CAD	Computer-aided design
CAM	Content-addressable memory
CARE	Concerted Action for Robotics in Europe

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CAT	Computer-aided test
CCD	Charge-coupled device
CDMA	Code-division multiple access
CE	Continuing education
CFC	Chip-integrated fuel cell
CIFB	Cascade of integrators in feedback
CIFF	Cascade of integrators in feed-forward
CIS	Charge-integration sensor
CISC	Complex-instruction-set computer
CMOS	Complementary metal–oxide–semiconductor
CNN	Cellular neural network
CNT	Carbon nanotube
COO	Cost of ownership
CORDIC	Coordinate rotation digital computer
CPU	Central processing unit
CSF	Contrast-sensitivity function
CT-CNN	Continuous-time CNN
DA	Design automation
DAC	Design-Automation Conference
DAC	Digital–analog converter
DARPA	Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency
DBB	Digital baseband
dBm	Power on a log scale relative to 1 mW
DC	Direct current
DCF	Digital cancelation filter
DDR2	Dual data rate RAM
DEM	Dynamic element matching
DFT	Design for test
DIBL	Drain-induced barrier lowering
DIGILOG	Digital logarithmic
DLP	Digital light processing
DMA	Direct memory access
DN	Digital number
DNN	Digital neural network
DPG	Digital pattern generator
DPT	Double-patterning technology liquid-immersion lithography
DRAM	Dynamic random-access memory
DRIE	Deep reactive-ion etching
DSP	Digital signal processor
DT-CNN	Discrete-time CNN
DTL	Diode–transistor logic
D-TLB	Data-cache translation lookaside buffer
DVFS	Dynamic voltage and frequency scaling
EBL	Electron-beam lithography

ECC	Error-correcting code
ECG	Electrocardiogram
ECL	Emitter-coupled logic
EDA	Electronic design automation
EEG	Electroencephalography
EITO	European Information Technology Organization
ELO	Epitaxial lateral overgrowth
ELTRAN	Epitaxial-layer transfer
EMI	Electromagnetic interference
ENOB	Effective number of bits
EOT	Equivalent oxide thickness
ERC	Engineering Research Center
ERD	Emerging research devices
ERM	Emerging research materials
ESD	Electrostatic discharge
ESL	Electronic-system level
ESP	Electronic safety package
ESP	Electronic Stability Program
ESPRIT	European Strategic Programme for Research in Information Technology
EUV	Extreme ultraviolet
EWS	Electrical wafer sort
FACETS	Fast Analog Computing with Emergent Transient States
FC	Fuel cell
FD SOI	Fully depleted silicon-on-insulator
FED	Future Electron Devices
FEOL	Front-end of line
FeRAM	Ferroelectric random-access memory
FET	Field-effect transistor
$F^2$	Square of minimum feature size
FFT	Fast Fourier transform
FIFO	First-in-first-out
FIPOS	Full isolation by porous silicon
FIR	Finite impulse response
FIT	Failure in $10^7$ h
FLOP	Floating-point operation
FMEA	Failure mode and effect analysis
FOM	Figure-of-merit
FPAA	Field-programmable analog array
FPGA	Field-programmable gate array
fps	frames per second
FR	Floating-point register
FSM	Finite-state machine
FSR	Full signal range



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