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# Piezoelectric Microsystems: Material Aspects, Devices and Applications



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**8 Faculties, ~30.000 students**

**Electrical Engineering and Information Technology**

**Physics**

**Technical Chemistry**

**Informatics**

**Mathematics and Geoinformation**

**Civil Engineering**

**Mechanical and Industrial Engineering**

**Architecture and Planning**

**Electrical Engineering & Information Technology**

**2011: 10 institutes**

**(1st-year students: ca. 350)**



**3 research groups:**

**- Micro- and Nanosensors (MNS)**

**S. Schmid, Keplinger**

**Opto-mechanical resonators, microfluidics, technology**

**- Applied Electronic Materials (AEM)**

**Nicolics**

**Packaging, thick film technology, ceramics**

**- Microsystems Technology (MST)**

**U. Schmid**

**MEMS, robust materials, technology**

**Currently circa 30 (state) + 25 (project funded)  
(of which 20 PhD students)  
+ ca. 10 undergraduate students**

# MEMS Technology

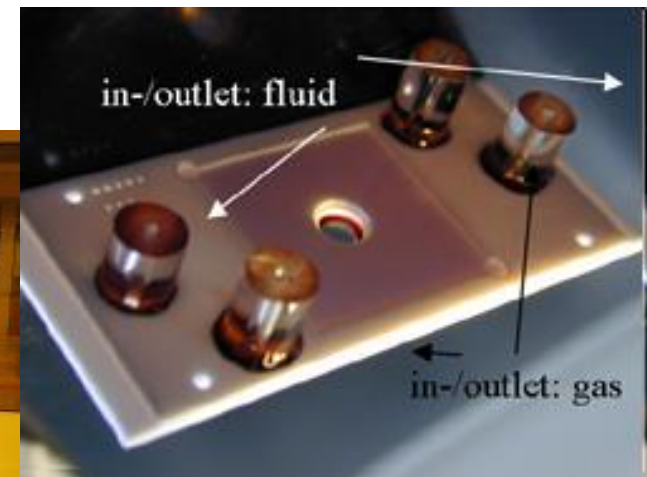
- Center for Micro- and Nanostructures (**ZMNS**)
- MEMS Technology Lab/Integrated Ceramic Technology

In total about 250 m<sup>2</sup> laboratory for sensor realization

Facilities include backside aligner, spray coater, wafer bonder.  
Key equipment: DRIE, PECVD, LPCVD, electrochemical cell



**ZMNS**



# Research Group: Microsystems Technology

## • Expertise in the design, realization and evaluation of MEMS devices and systems

- 2 Post-docs
- 13 Ph.D. students
- 3 research assistants
- 4 technicians
- 1 secretary
- 2 Ph.D. students (external)

## • Research topics

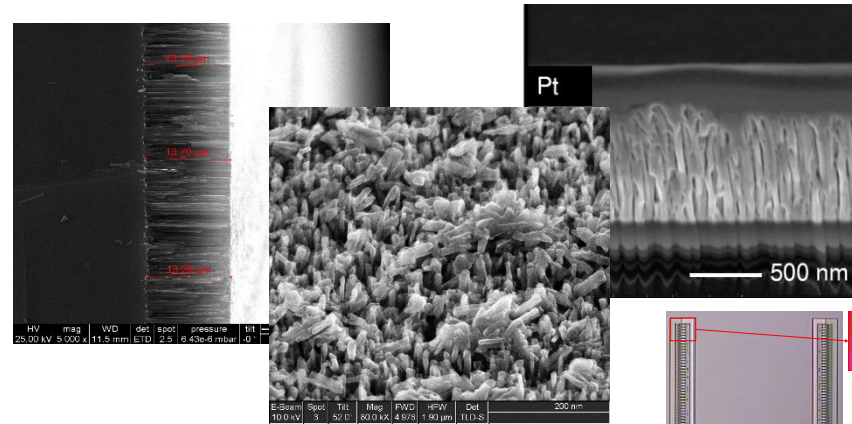
### • Technology related activities:

- Functional thin films (AlN, SiC)
- Robust thin film systems up to 600°C
- Porosification/Etching techniques
- LTCC/ceramics, flex, silicon, sapphire

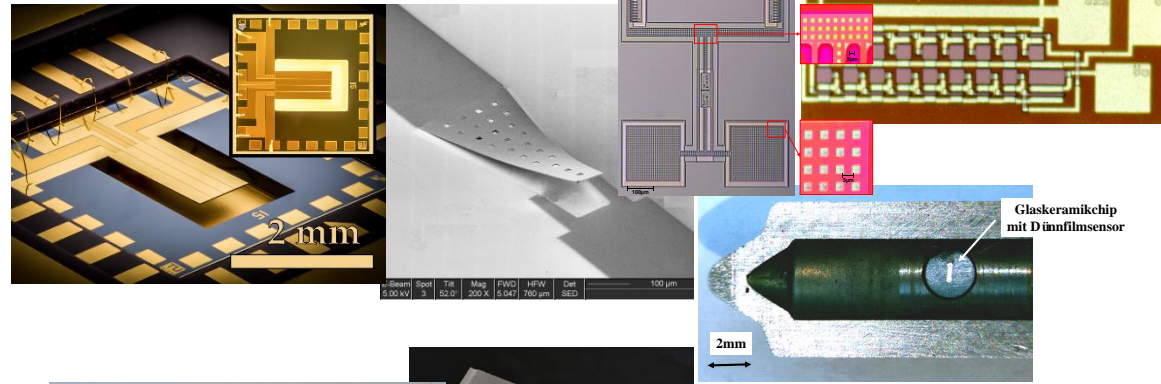
### • Device related activities:

- Viscosity/density MEMS sensor
- Energy harvesting devices
- High temperature (pressure) sensors
- RF-MEMS switch
- Flow sensors

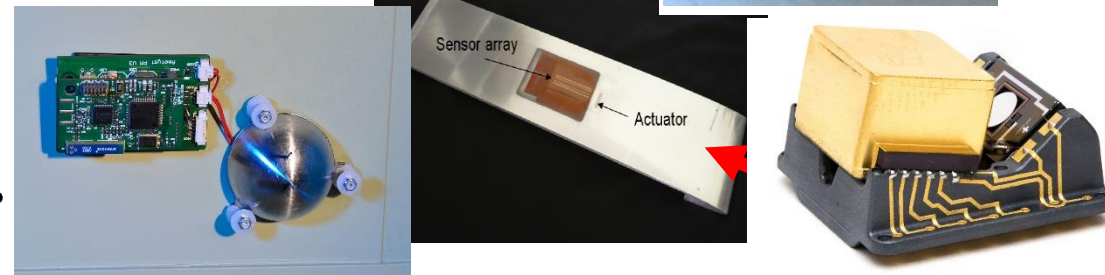
Materials



Devices



Systems



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**Research topic:**

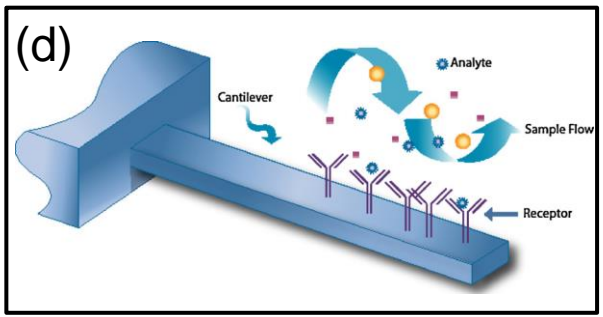
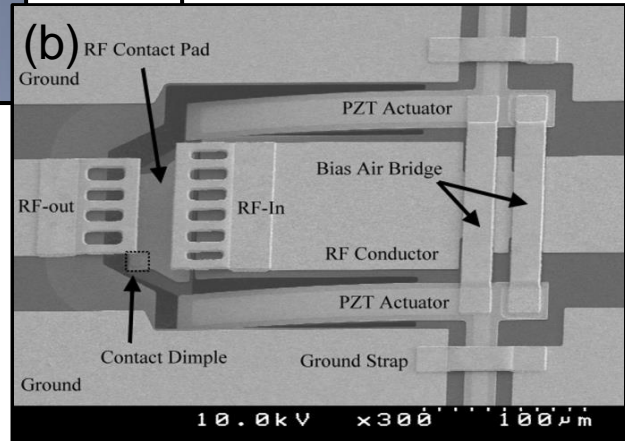
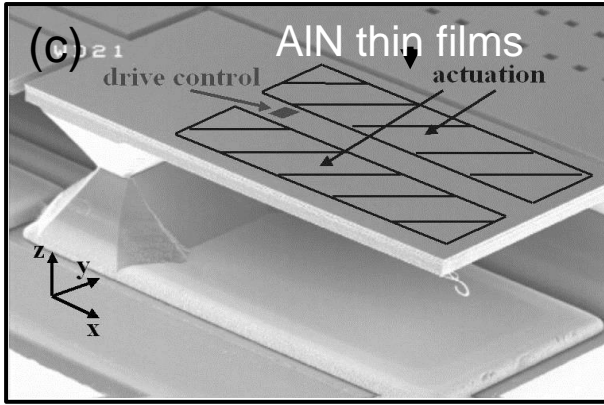
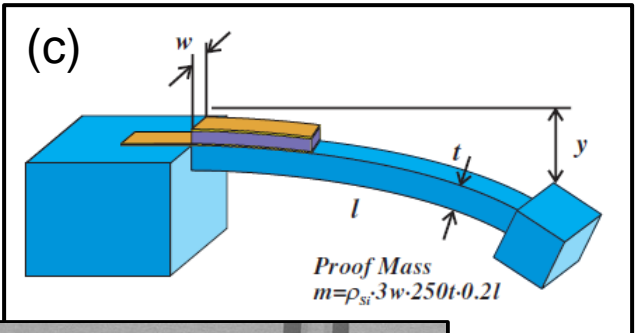
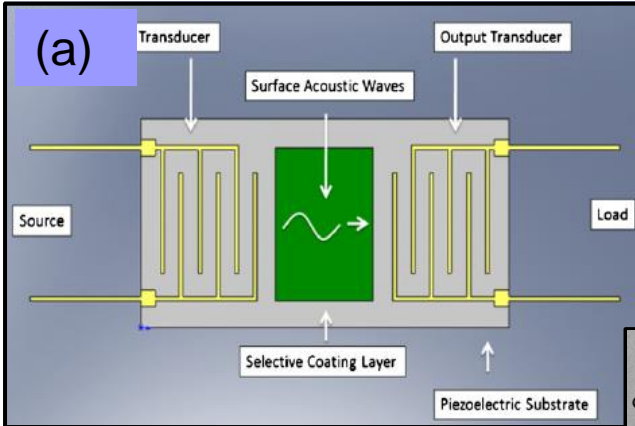
**AlN/ScAlN Thin Film  
Properties**



# Motivation: Piezoelectric thin films in MEMS

## Typical application scenarios in electronic devices, sensors and actuators:

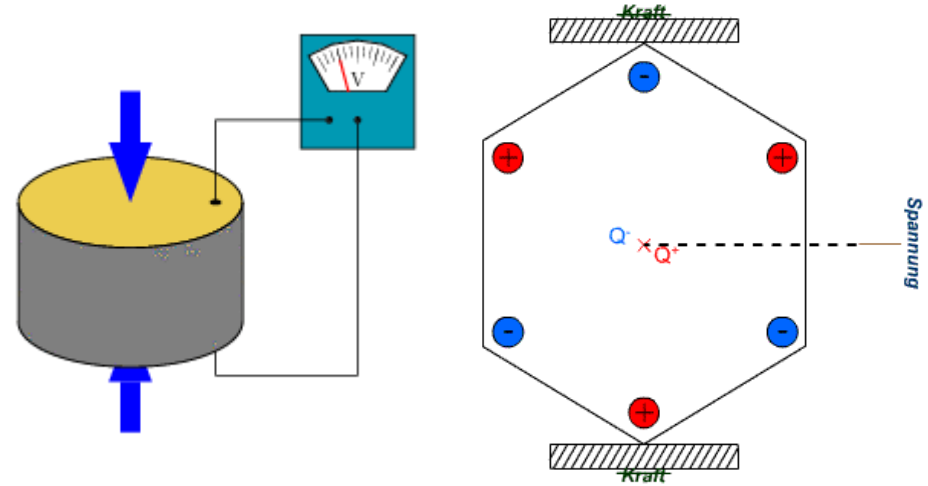
- **SAW:** Two port delay line and resonator (b) based sensors <sup>1</sup>
- **RF – Switches** based on PZT actuators (a) <sup>2</sup>
- **Cantilever** based accelerometers (c) <sup>2</sup>, gyroscopes <sup>3</sup>
- **Cantilever** based detection of adsorbed masses, viscosity, molecules (d) <sup>4</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Tadigadapa, S. and K. Mateti (2009). "Piezoelectric MEMS sensors: state-of-the-art and perspectives." *Measurement Science & Technology* **20(9)**; <sup>2</sup> Polcawich R (2007) *PhD Thesis*, Pennsylvania State University; <sup>3</sup> S. Günthner, M. Egretzberger, A. Kugi, K. Kapser, B. Hartmann, U. Schmid und H. Seidel; *IEEE Sensors Journal*, Vol. 6, No. 3, pp. 596 – 604, 2006. <sup>4</sup> Tamayo, J., et al. (2013). "Biosensors based on nanomechanical systems." *Chemical Society Reviews* **42(3)**: 1287-1311.

# Piezoelectric Effect

- Change of electrical polarization due to mechanical deformation of solids  
→ **direct piezoelectric effect**
- Deformation due to applied electric field  
→ **converse piezoelectric effect**
  
- **Non-centrosymmetric** crystal structure (not having a centre of symmetry)
  
- **Common materials:**
  - Crystals (quartz, LiNiO3, GaPO4,...)
  - Ceramic thin films (PZT, AlN, ZnO,...)
  - Polymers (PVDF,...)



<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piezoelectricity>

<https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piezoelektrizit%C3%A4t>

Mathematical description of piezoelectric effect:

Mechanical stress

$$T_i = c_{ij}^E S_j - e_{mi} E_m$$

Mechanical strain

$$S_i = s_{ij}^E T_j + d_{mi} E_m$$

pure mechanical      electro mechanical coupling

# Motivation: Comparison of Piezoelectric Thin Film Materials

- **Most typically used piezoelectric thin films in MEMS devices:**

- PZT (Pb (Zr, Ti) O<sub>3</sub>) → ferroelectrica, various compositions
- BCZT → ferroelectrica, various compositions
- ZnO, AlN → piezoelectrica

- **Important electromechanical properties:**




Material	$\epsilon_r$	$d_{31}$ / pm/V	$d_{33}$ / pm/V	C / ms <sup>-1</sup>
AlN	10.0	-2.5	5	6000
PZT(25/75, 50/50)	300/165	-15/-12	33/27	2700
BCZT	1000.0	-40.0	80	
ZnO	10.9	-5.8	11	6000

# Motivation: AlN related Properties

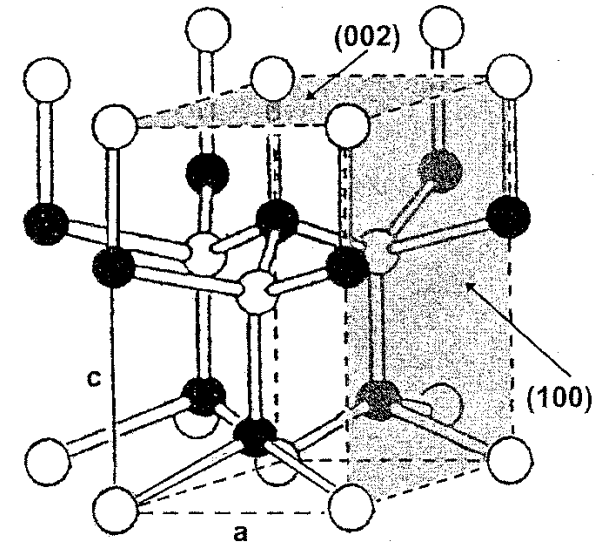
## Material Properties

- ❖ AlN is piezoelectric
- ❖ Direct wide band gap (**6.2 eV**)
- ❖ Good electrical isolation (**4-12 MV/cm breakdown field**)
- ❖ Low dielectric constant  $\epsilon_r$  ( $\sim 10 \epsilon_0$ )
- ❖ Relative high thermal conductivity (**20...300 W/mK**)
- ❖ High temperature stability
- ❖ High acoustic wave velocity ( $\sim 6000$  m/s)
- ❖ Good temperature stability

## Device Related Properties

- ❖ Low piezoelectric coefficients 
- ❖ CMOS compatible, lead free 
- ❖ Requires no high temperature poling step 

## Crystal structure



**Hexagonal wurtzite**

**a: 3.110 Å**

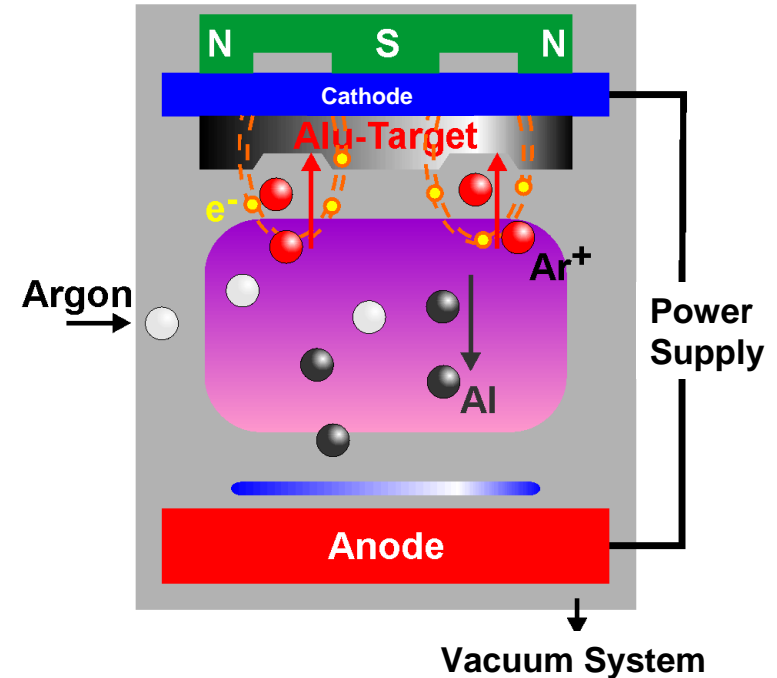
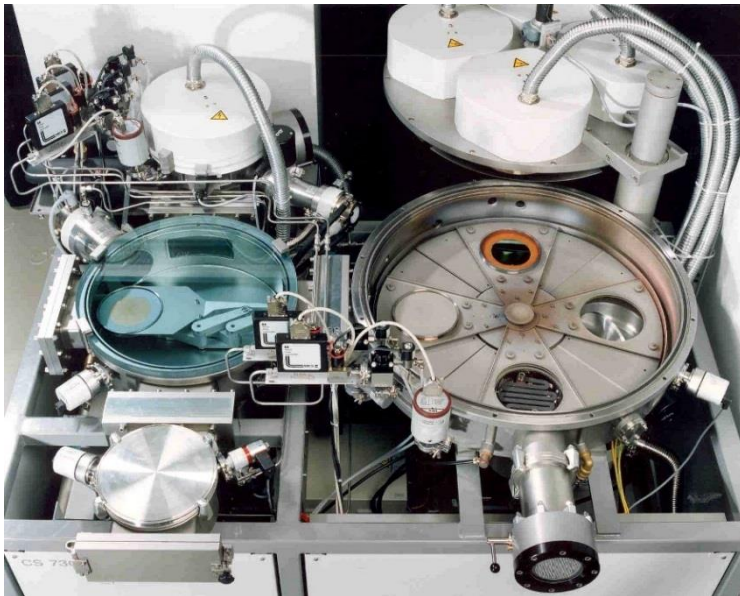
**c: 4.980 Å**

**(002) basal plane is the most closed packed plane**

# Introduction: Film Synthetization I

## Various deposition techniques reported in literature such as

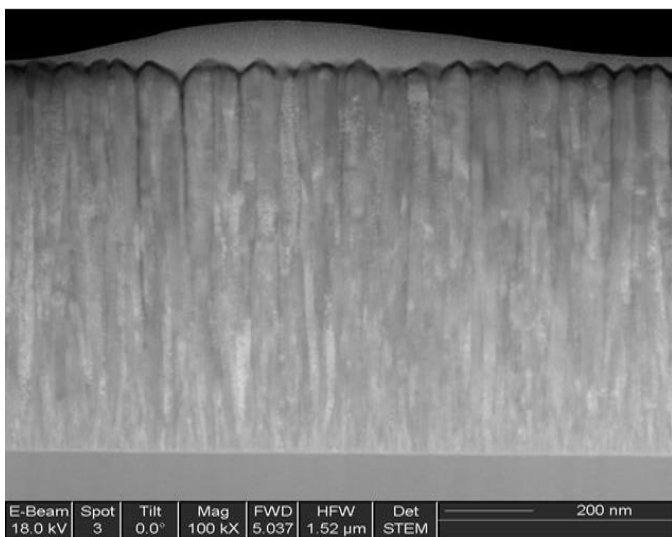
- ADL
- Pulsed laser deposition
- MOCVD
- MBE
- Sputter deposition (DC, RF)



- DC reactive magnetron sputtering system
- Silicon substrates (100), substrates nominally unheated
- Film deposited at different back pressures, plasma powers and gas compositions ( $N_2/Ar$  ratio), electrode distance
- Purity of aluminium target: 99.999%
- Diameter of aluminium target: 150 mm
- Distance between target and substrate: range several cm

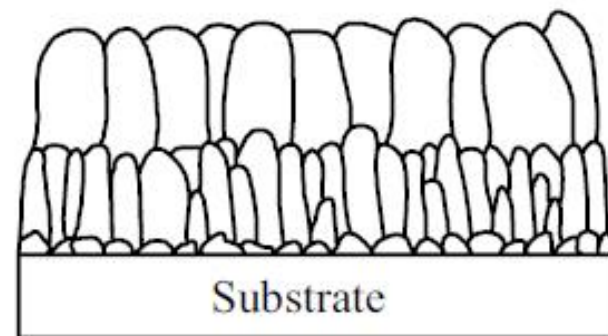
# Introduction: Film Synthesis II

## Typical AlN layer from our deposition equipment



1000W, 4e-3mbar, 100%N2

## Typical example from other groups:



**Figure 1.** Left: scanning electron microscope (SEM) picture of the texture gradient of an AlN film; right: schematic cross section of a thin nanocrystalline aluminum nitride film.

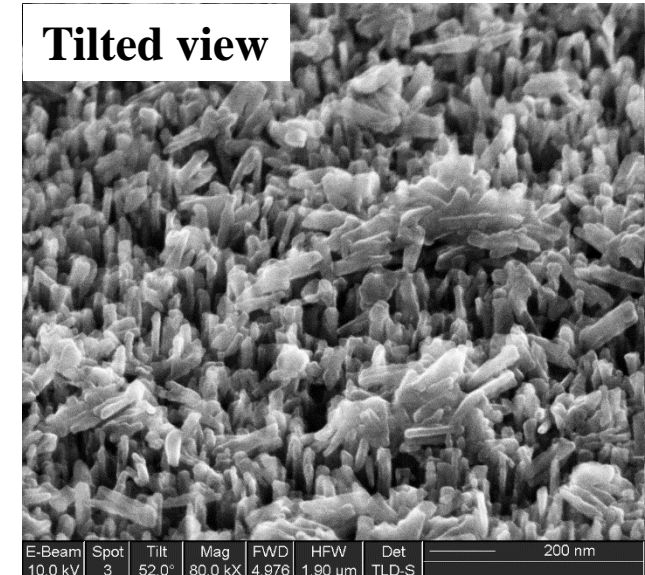
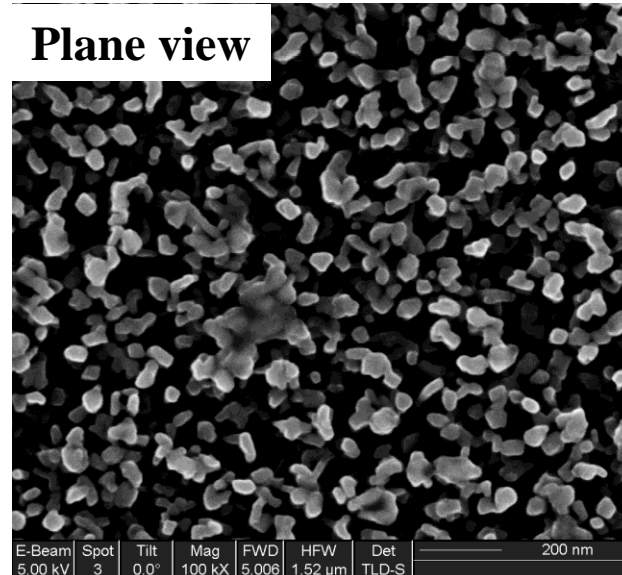
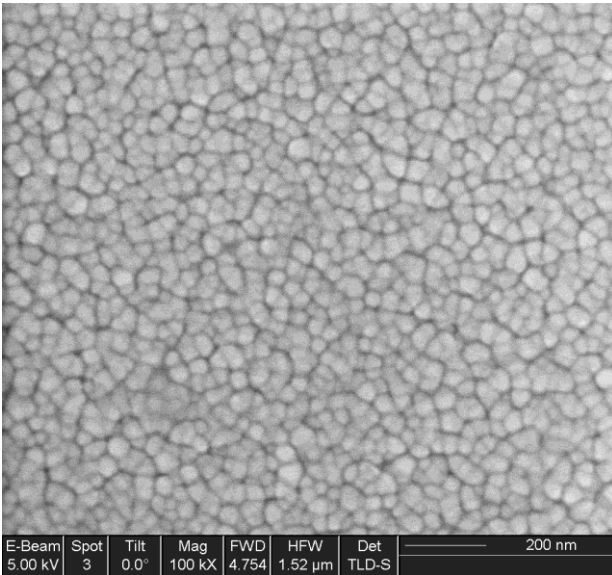
Mehner et al., JMM, 23 (2013) 095030 (9pp).

**Sputter-deposited AlN layers are polycrystalline!**

# Wet Chemical Etching Experiments I

## SEM analysis – Low c-axis orientation

Film deposited at 500 W,  $6 \cdot 10^{-3}$  mbar and 75% N<sub>2</sub> (25% Ar)



Surface morphology  
“as-deposited”  
**Grain size: ~30 nm**

Surface morphology  
after 5 s in H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> at 80°C  
**Etch rate: 743,7 Å/s**

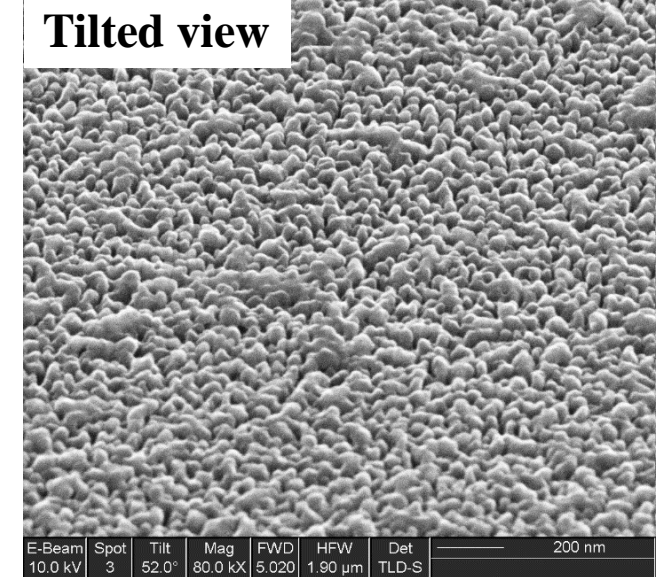
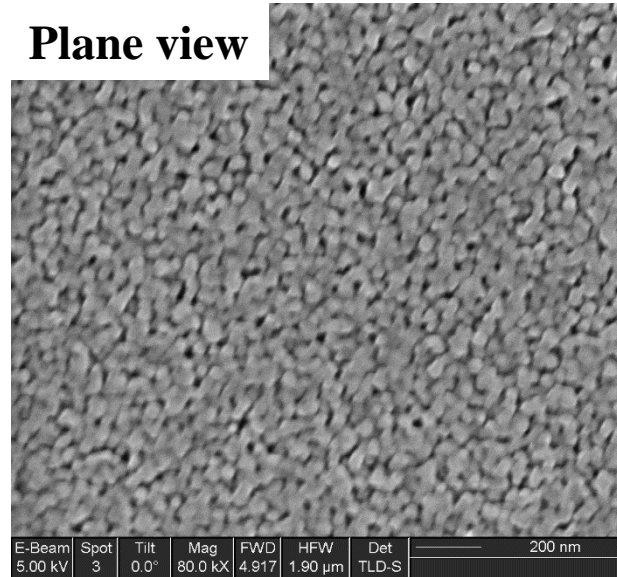
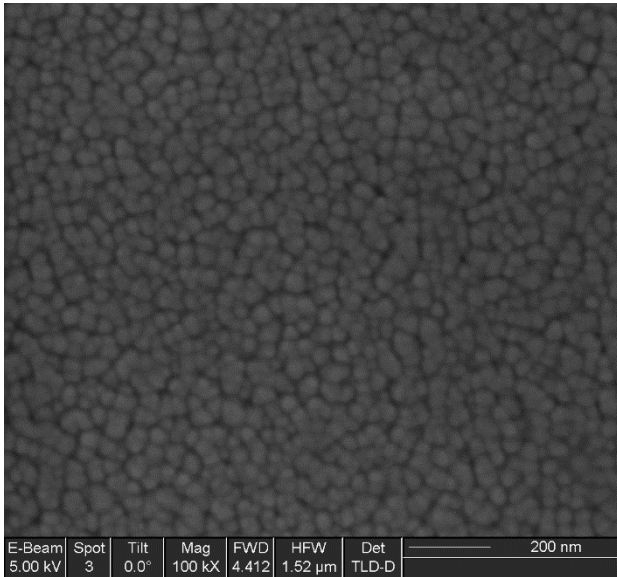


**Surface porosity is very high**

# Wet Chemical Etching Experiments II

## SEM analysis – High c-axis orientation

Film deposited at 1000 W,  $4 \cdot 10^{-3}$  mbar and 100% N<sub>2</sub> (0% Ar)



Surface morphology  
“as-deposited”

Grain size: ~ 30 nm

Mean grain size is unaffected

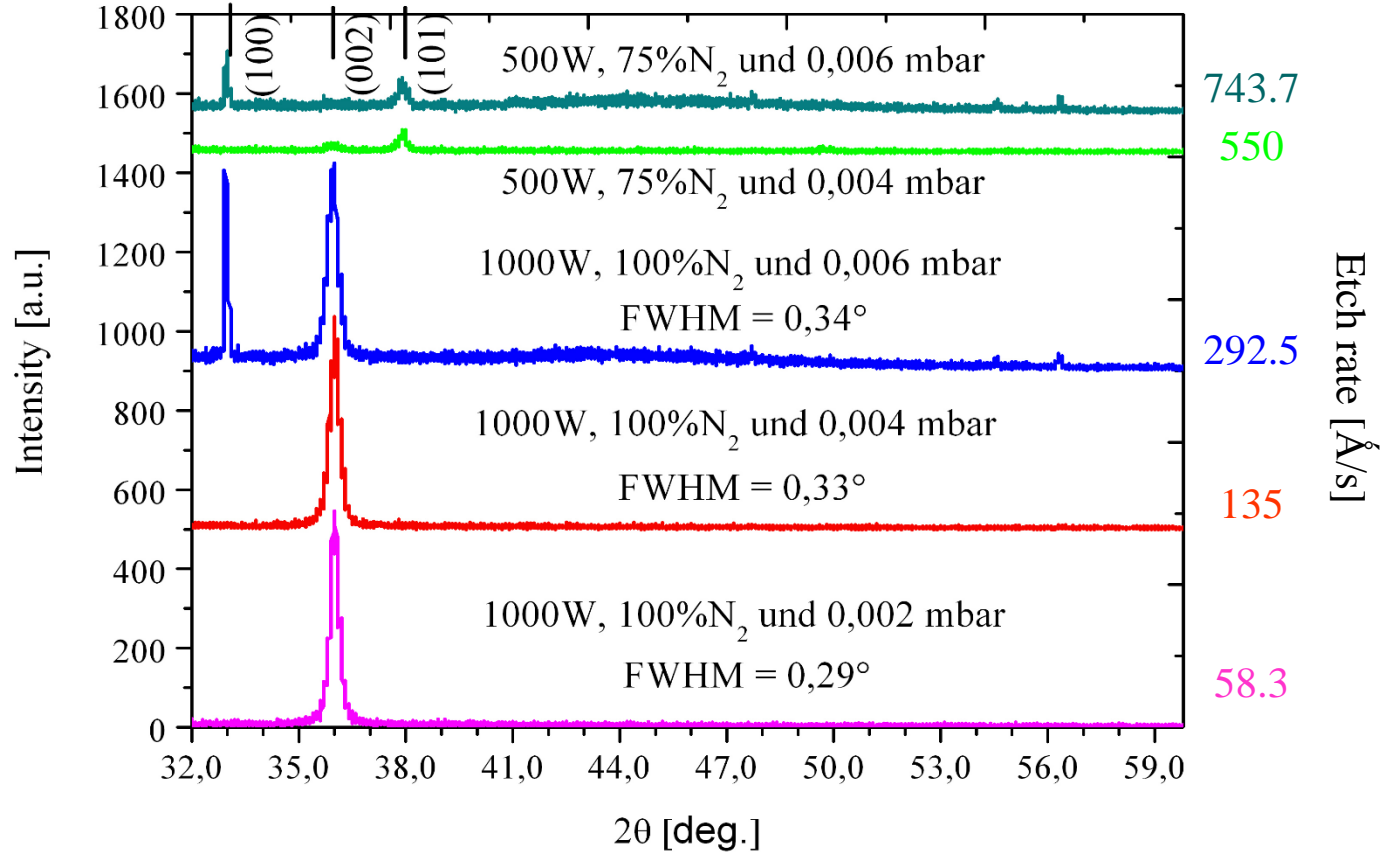
Surface morphology  
after 20 s in H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> at 80°C

Etch rate: 135 Å/s

Surface porosity is low



# XRD Analyses

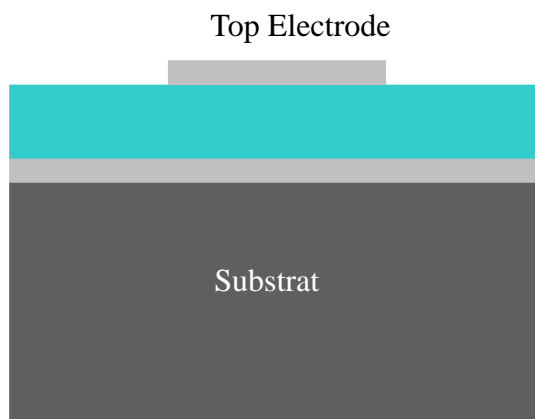


**C-axis orientation  $\uparrow$  (Intensity  $\uparrow$ , FWHM  $\downarrow$ )  $\rightarrow$  Etch rate  $\downarrow$**   
**(002) basal plane is the most closed packed plane**

# Determination of Piezoelectric Coefficients

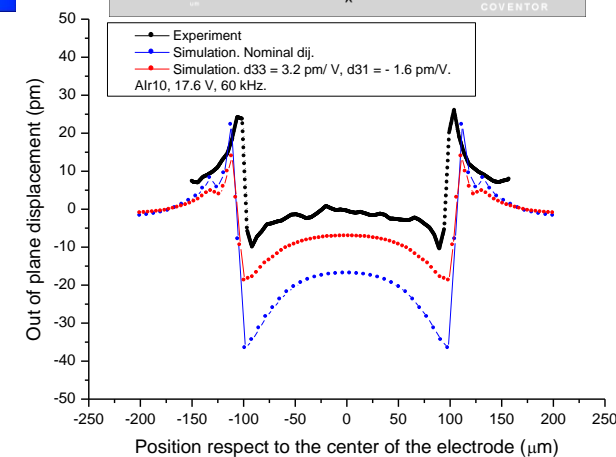
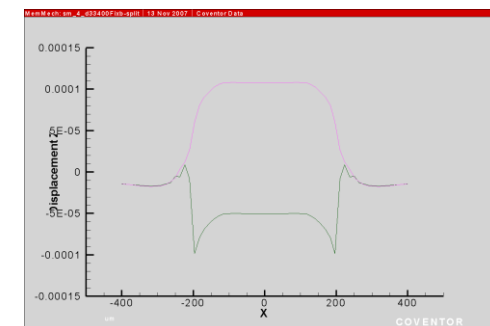
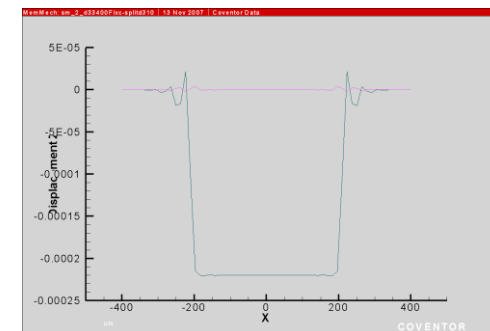
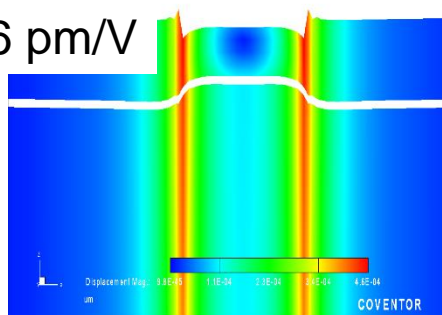
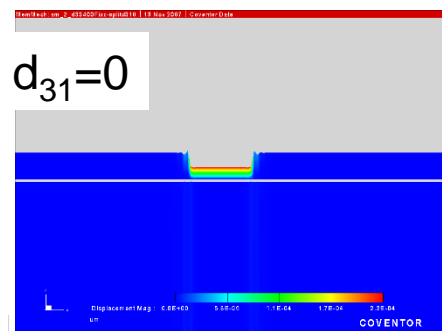
## FEM-simulations ( $d_{33}= 5.5\text{pm/V}$ ; $d_{15}= 4\text{pm/V}$ )

### Test structure



AlN Film  
Bottom electrode

$$d_{31} = -2.6 \text{ pm/V}$$



### Assumption:

$$d_{31} = -d_{33}/2$$

J. Hernando, J.L. Sánchez-Rojas, E. Iborra, A. Ababneh and U. Schmid,  
*Simulation and laser vibrometry based characterization of piezoelectric AlN thin films;*  
*Journal of Applied Physics, Vol. 104 pp. 053502, 2008.*

# Mechanical Characterization using Bulge Testing I

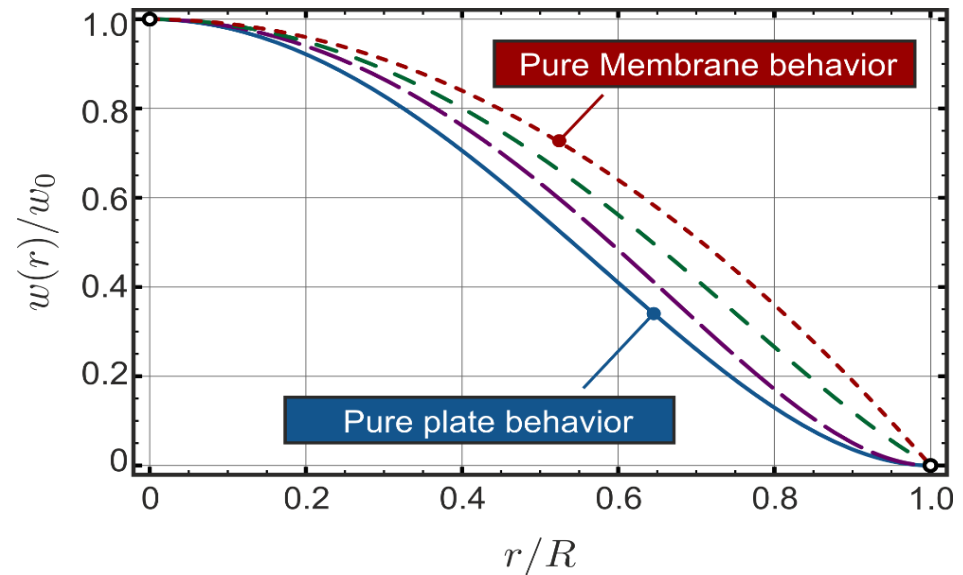
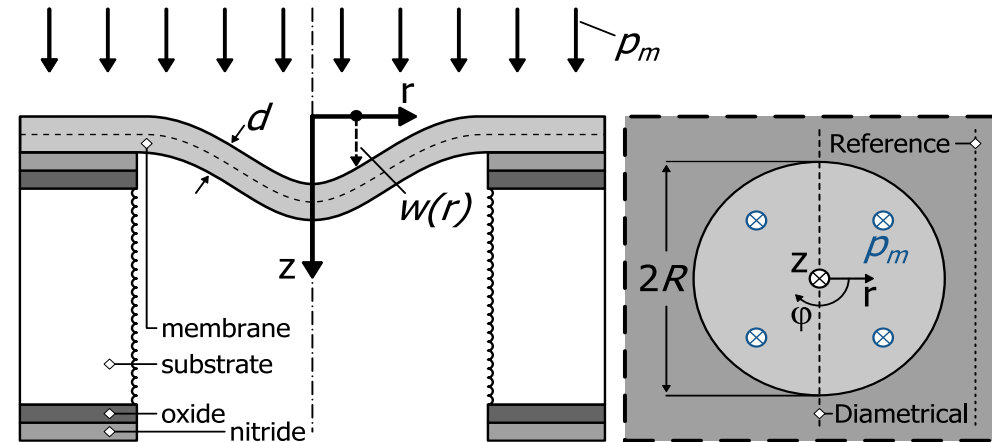
- Uniform pressure load
- Displacement is measured
- Describe bending behavior by polynomial

$$w(r, \alpha) = w_0 \sum_{k=0}^K \alpha_{2k} \left( 1 - \left( \frac{r}{R} \right)^2 \right) \left( \frac{r}{R} \right)^{2k}$$

→ Coefficients determined by bending behaviour

→ Applying minimum potential energy approach for  $C_i$  determination

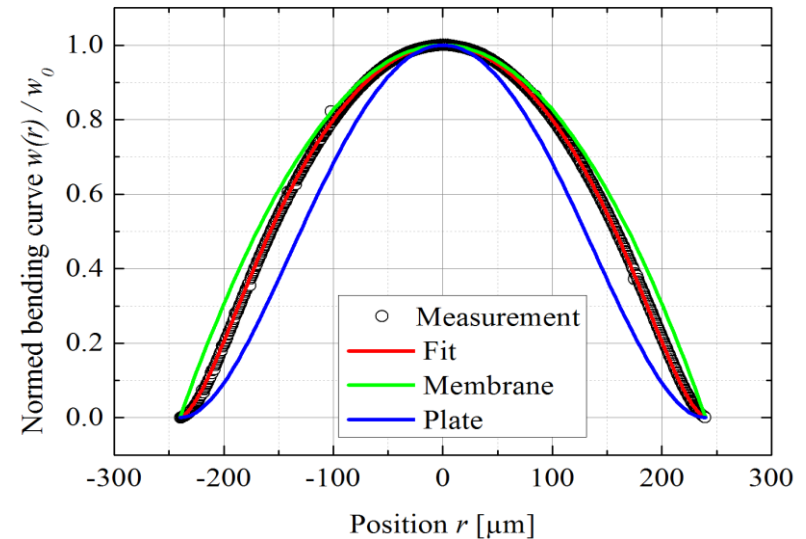
$$p(w_0) = C_1(\alpha) \frac{\sigma_f dw_0}{R^2} + C_2(\alpha; \nu) \frac{Y dw_0^3}{R^4}$$



# Mechanical Characterization using Bulge Testing II

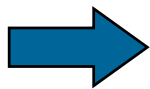
**Experimental verification** of novel mathematical model using a **silicon** membrane

- despite non-standard bending curve shape
- excellent agreement with predicted value ( $E=179,5\text{GPa}$ ,  $\sigma=110\text{MPa}$ )

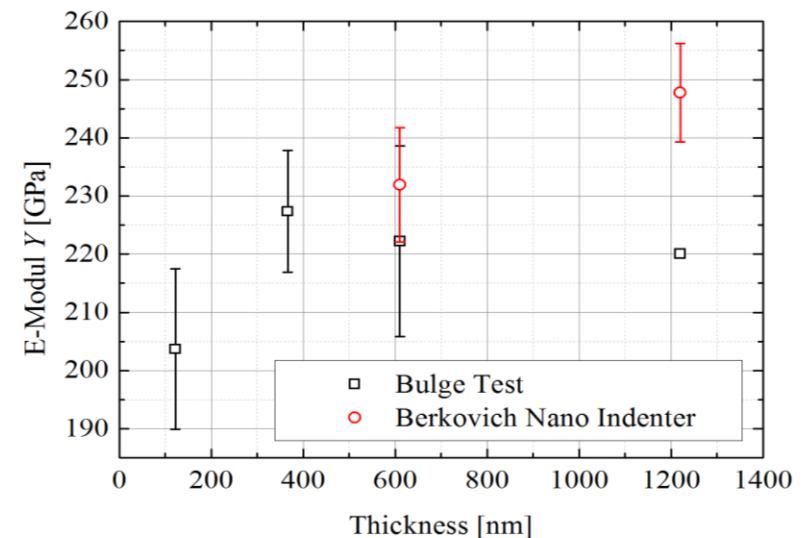


**Analysis of AlN membranes with thicknesses ranging from  $1.2\ \mu\text{m}$  down to about  $120\ \text{nm}$**

- Low variation with film thickness
- Close to results from nano indentation

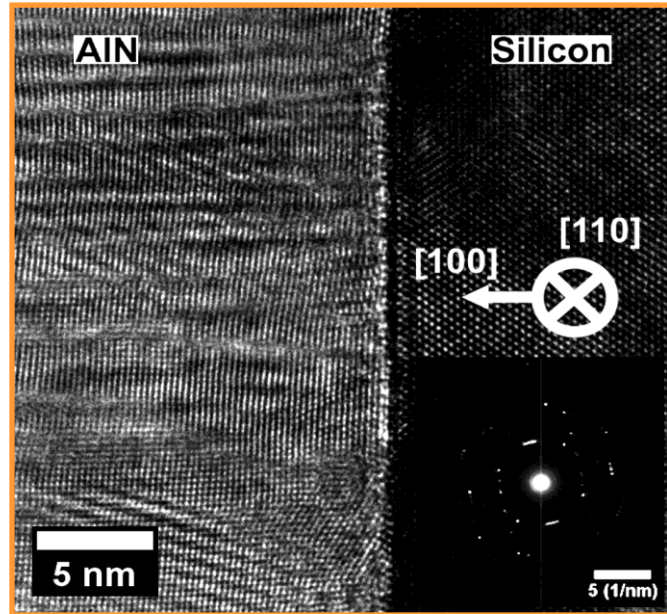


**Isotropic Young's Modulus**

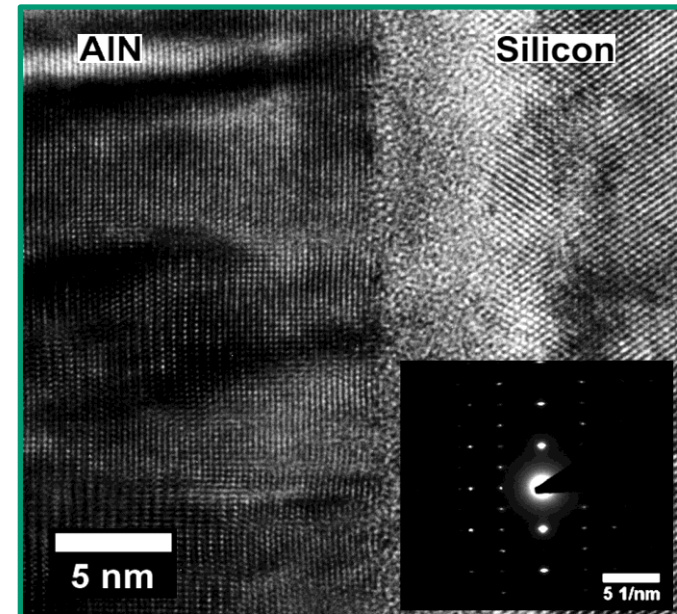


# Silicon Surface Pre-Conditioning Using Sputter Etching I

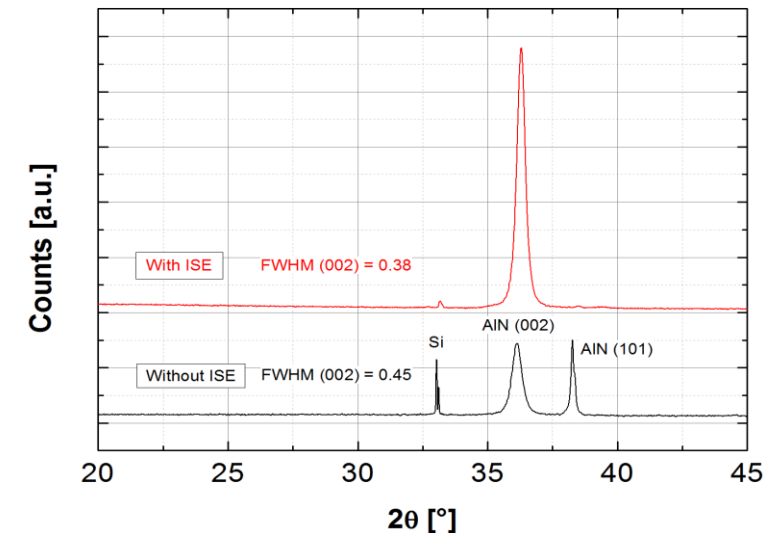
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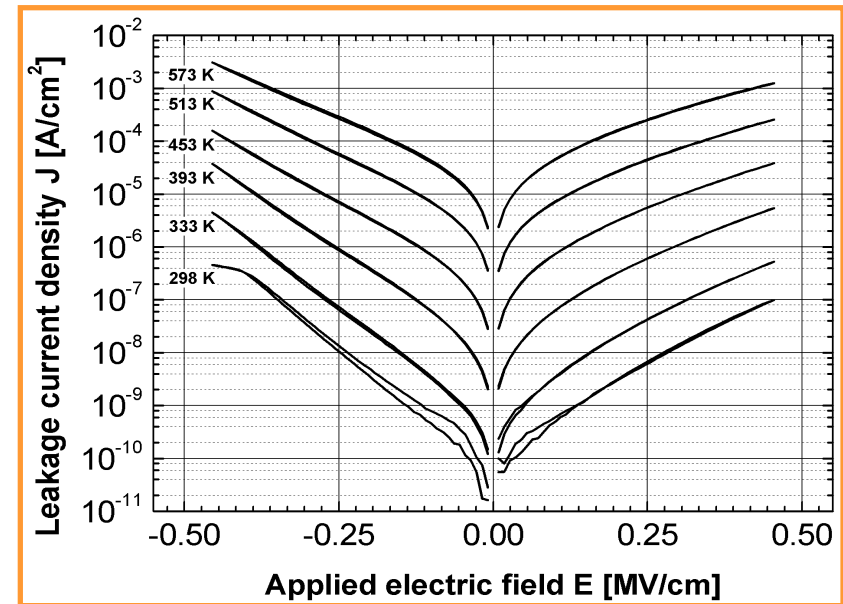
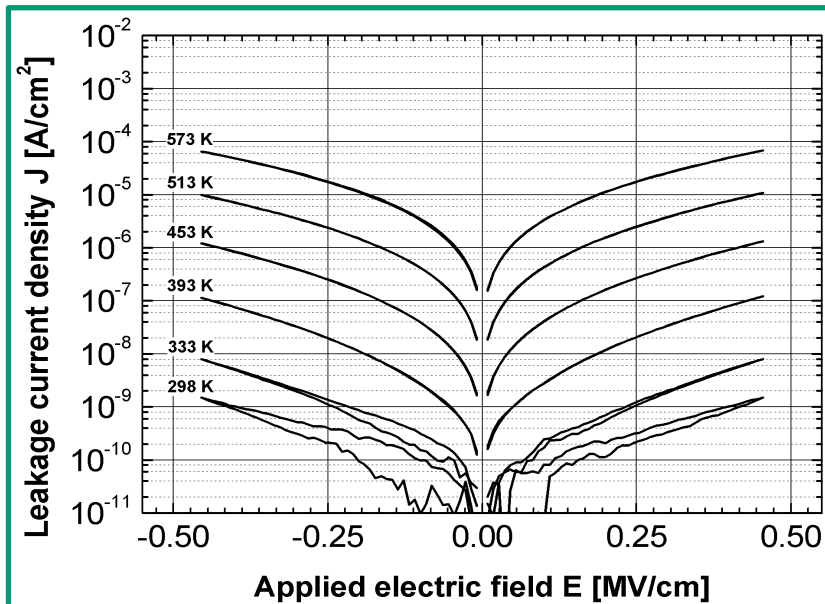
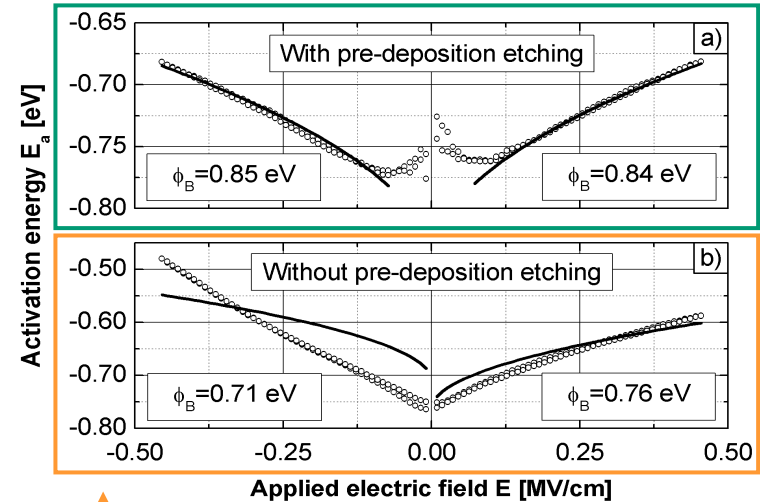


- Forming of a ~6 nm thick layer of **amorphous silicon**
- Consistent with simulations of Ar-ion penetration depth
- Introduction of **surface-near nucleation sites**
- Significant increase in film quality at the **same deposition parameters**



# Silicon Surface Pre-Conditioning Using Sputter Etching II

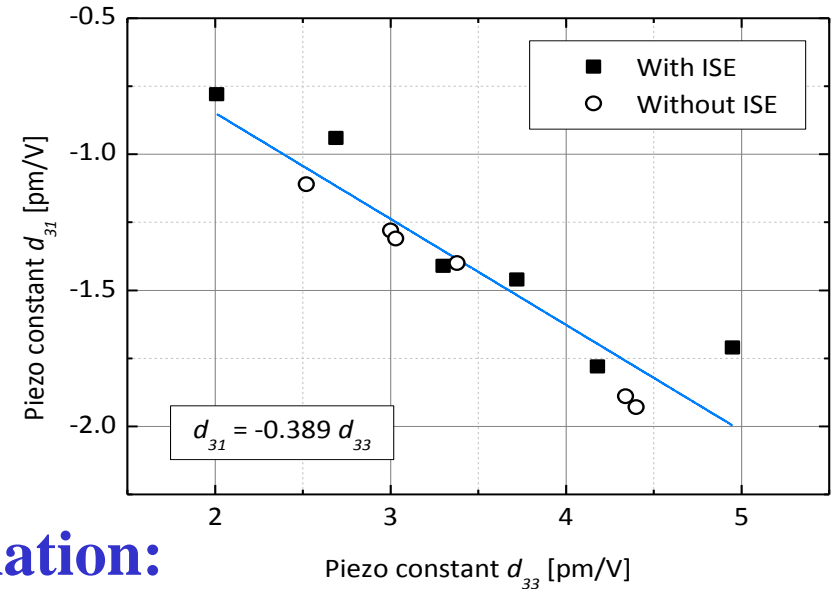
- Prior to sputter deposition, the silicon substrate is sputter etched for 5min
- Significantly lower leakage currents are observed for the **pre-treated sample** in comparison to a **reference sample**



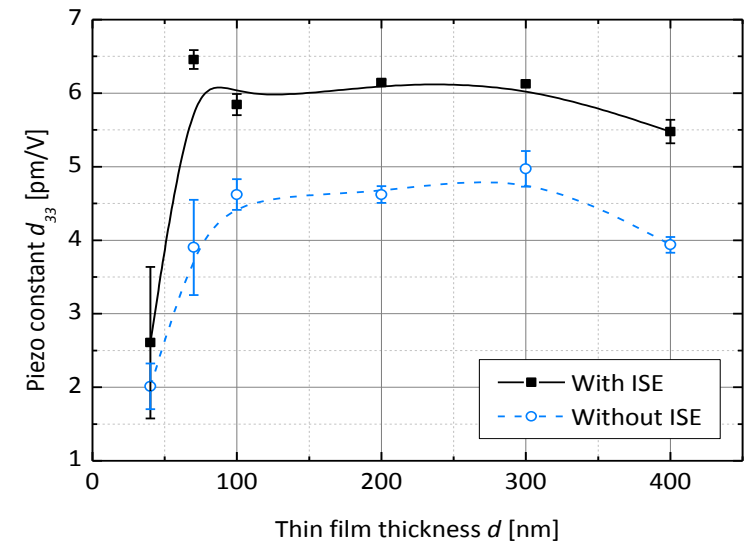
# Tailoring the silicon / AlN interface II

- As expected: linear correlation between  $d_{33}$  and  $d_{31}$

$$\rightarrow d_{31} = -0.389d_{33}$$



## Alternative technique for $d_{33}$ determination:

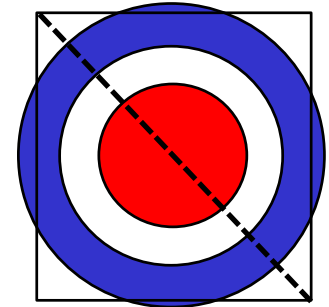
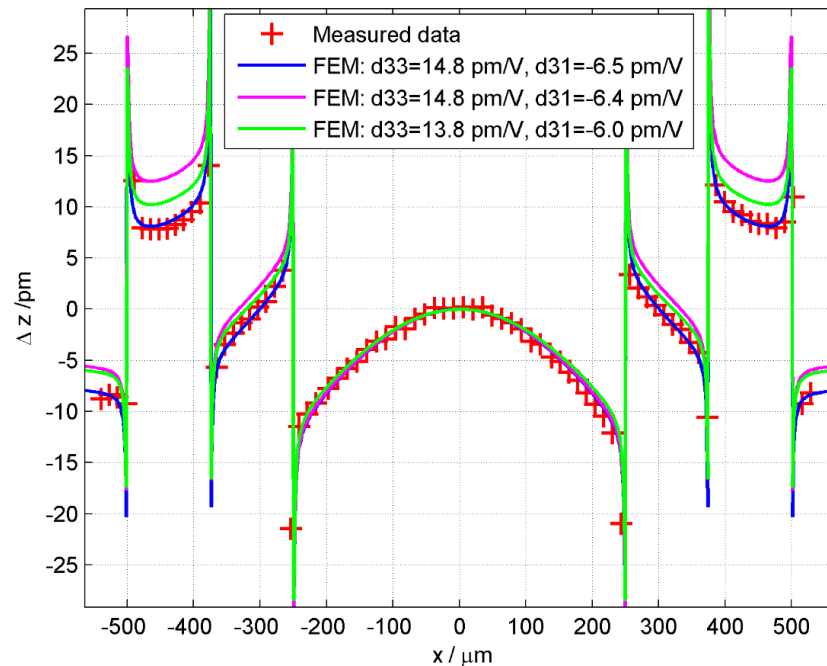
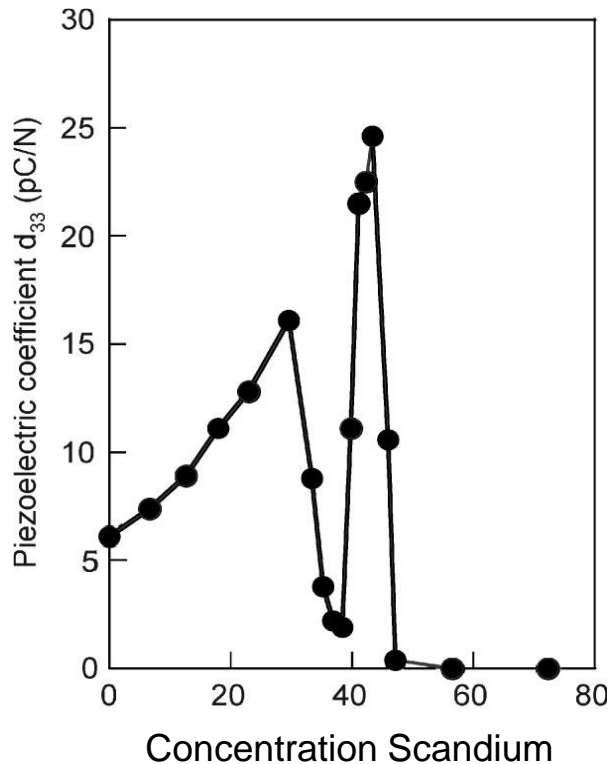


# Transition Metal Doping of AlN

## Improvement of piezoelectric constant $d_{33}$ :

- 2 port excitation, 180° phase shifted: 10V, 10-100kHz
- LDV Measurement compared to 3 FEM simulations
- Accuracy of extraction of  $d_{33}$  and  $d_{31}$  improved

→ Via plateau shape comparison



## High Accuracy in $d_{31}$ and $d_{33}$ determination

M. Akiyama et al., Adv. Mater. 2009

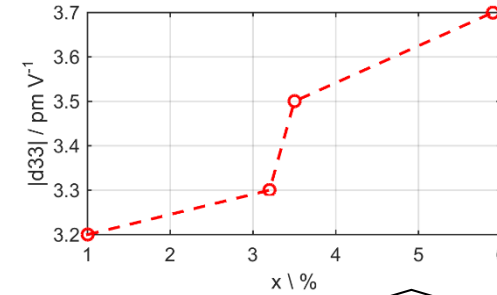
P. Mayrhofer et al., Sensors&Actuators A, Vol. 222, pp. 301-308, 2015.



# Piezoelectric constants of $Y_xAl_{1-x}N$

## Piezoelectric constant $d_{33}$ :

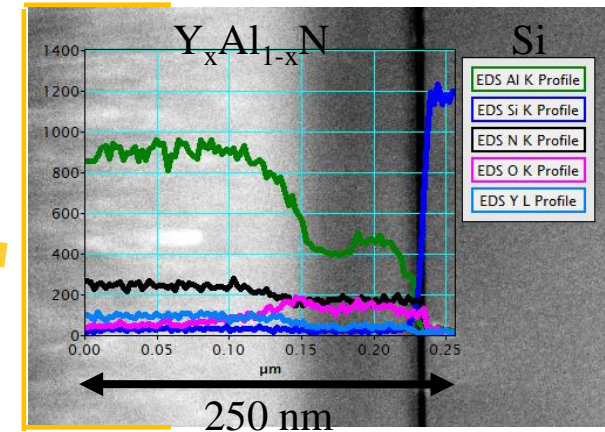
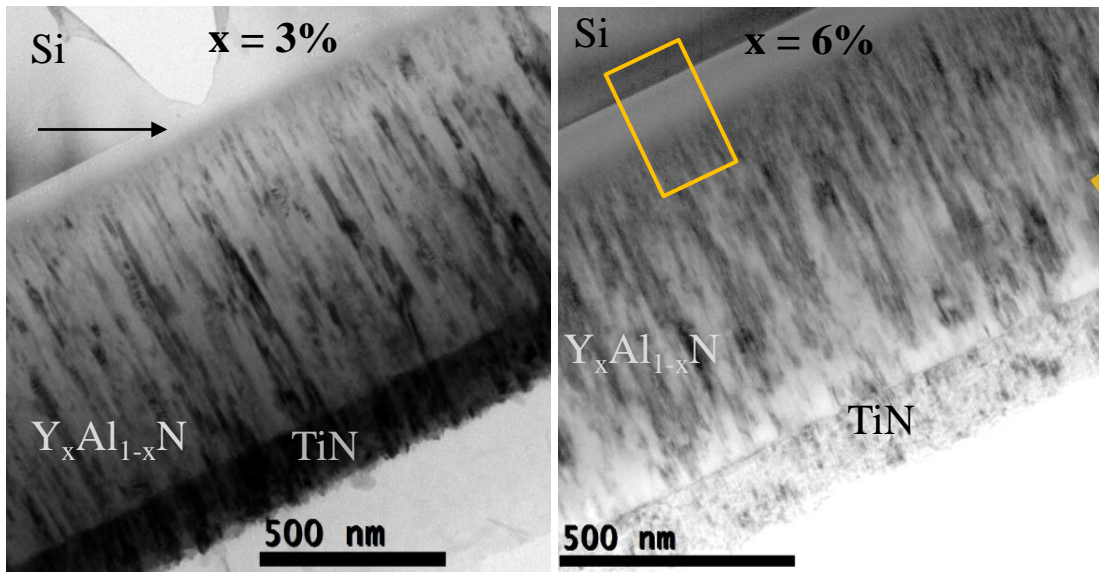
- slight increase up to  $x = 6\%$  Yttrium
- below theoretical value



Measured  $d_{33}$  at highest c-axis orientation of  $Y_xAl_{1-x}N$

## Amorphous initial growth layer found in TEM analysis

→ Thickness increases with Yttrium



EDX elemental profile scan for  $x = 5.8\%$

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**Research topic:**

**Piezoelectric Resonators**

# MEMS Resonators: Cantilever Manufacturing Process

a) SOI (silicon on insulator) wafer with 20  $\mu\text{m}$  device silicon thickness and coating of  $\text{SiO}_2$  and  $\text{Si}_3\text{N}_4$

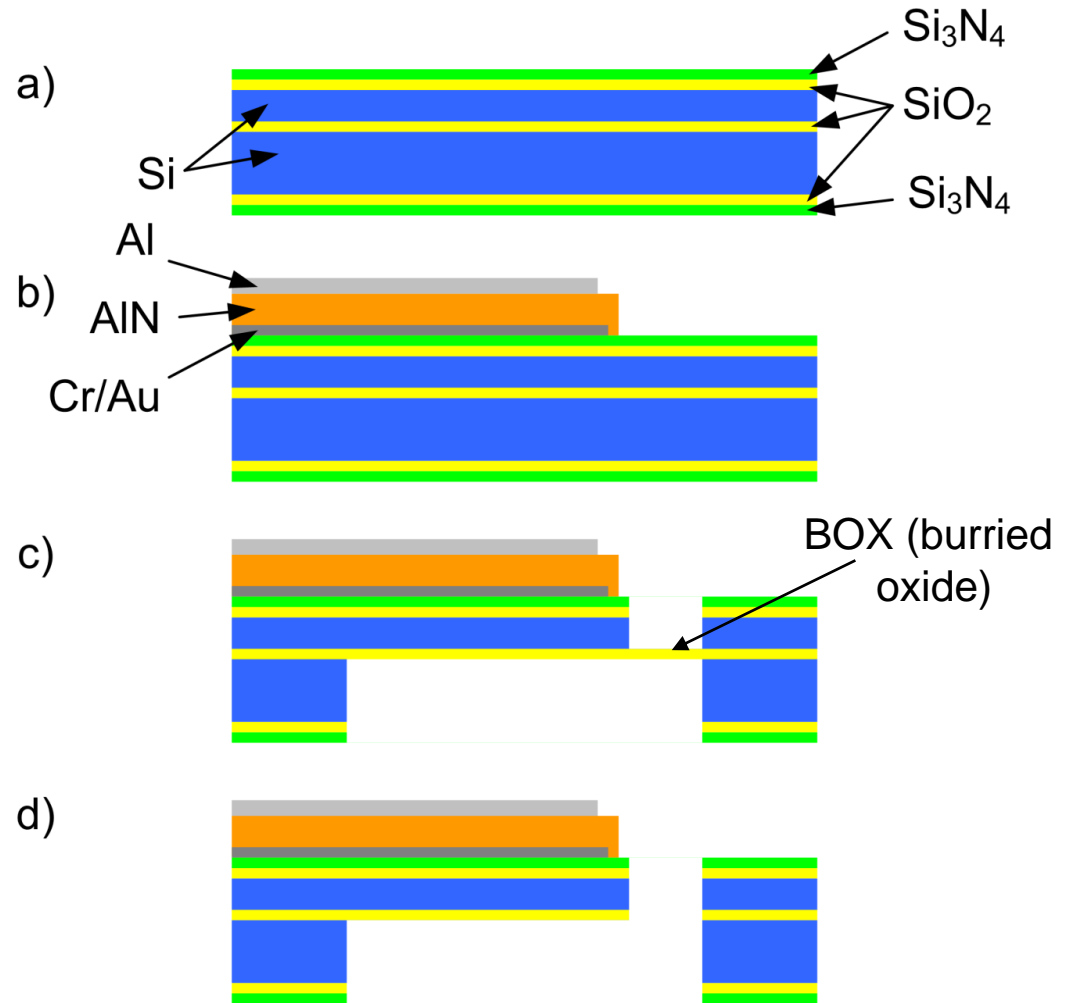
b) Deposition of Cr/Au electrode, piezoelectric AlN layer and Al top-electrode

- patterning of AlN with a lift-off process using titanium as sacrificial layer and 40% hydrofluoric acid (HF)

c) Patterning of cantilever and backside hole by DRIE etching process

d) Cantilever release by BOX (buried oxide) removing with 5% buffered HF acid

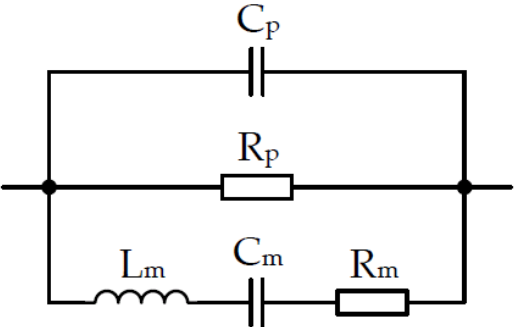
dicing, mounting, bonding,.....



M. Kucera et al., Q-factor enhancement of a self-actuated self-sensing piezoelectric MEMS resonator applying a lock-in driven feedback loop, J. Micromech. Microeng. 23 (2013) 085009.

# Basic Device & Fluid Properties

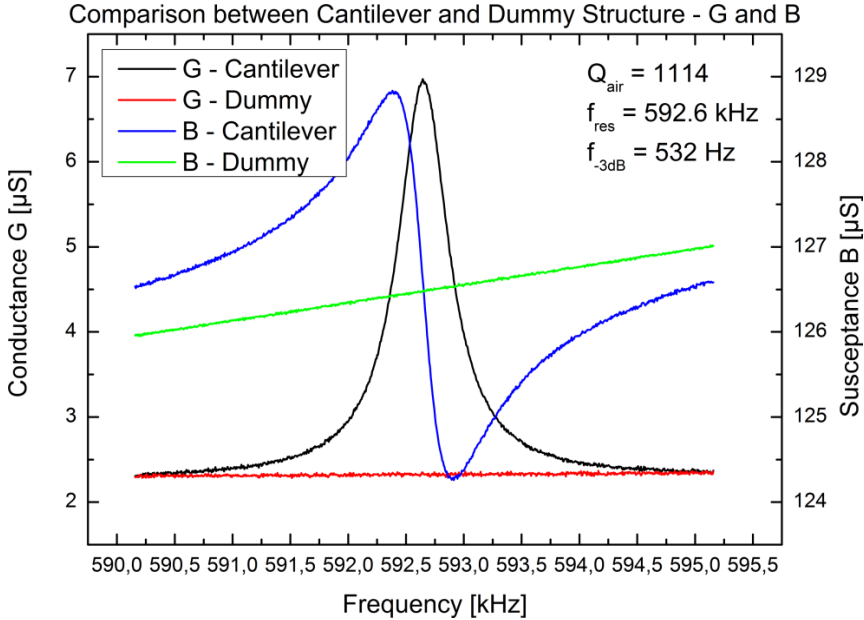
## Modified Butterworth-Van Dyke equivalent circuit



$C_p$  ... Parallel capacitance

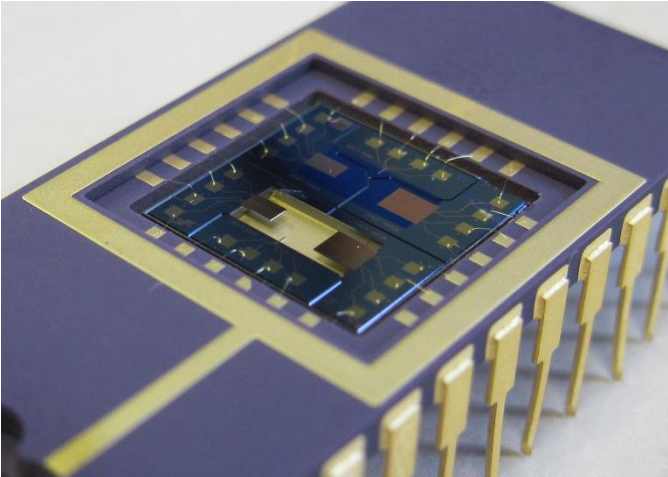
$R_p$  ... Leakage resistance

$R_m, L_m, C_m$  ... Mechanical resonance



## Fluid properties

Medium (-)	Density $\rho$ ( $g/cm^3$ )	Dynamic viscosity $\mu$ (cP)	$1/\sqrt{\rho\mu}$ ( $\sqrt{cm^3/(g \times cP)}$ )
Ethanol	0.7855	1.1175	1.0673
DI-H <sub>2</sub> O	0.9907	1.0471	0.9818
Isopropanol	0.7812	2.1062	0.7796
D5	0.8354	4.9122	0.4936
N10	0.8476	17.235	0.2616
N35	0.8552	65.526	0.1336
N100	0.8627	238.82	0.0697



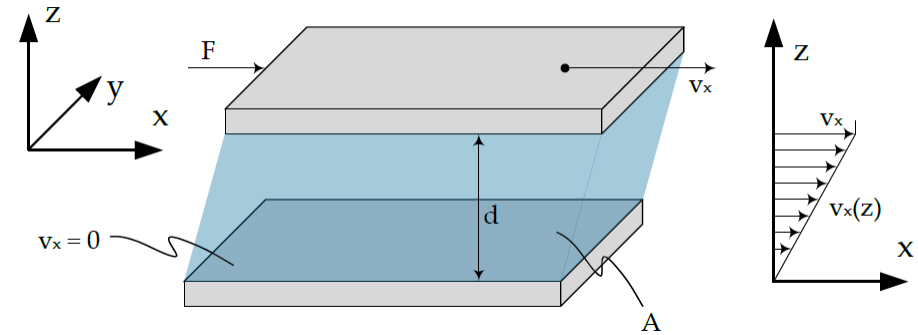
# Viscous Damping in Liquids

- **Viscosity is defined as:**

- $\mu_f$  ...dynamic viscosity
- $\tau$  ...shear stress
- $S$  ...shear rate

$$\mu_f = \frac{\tau}{S}$$

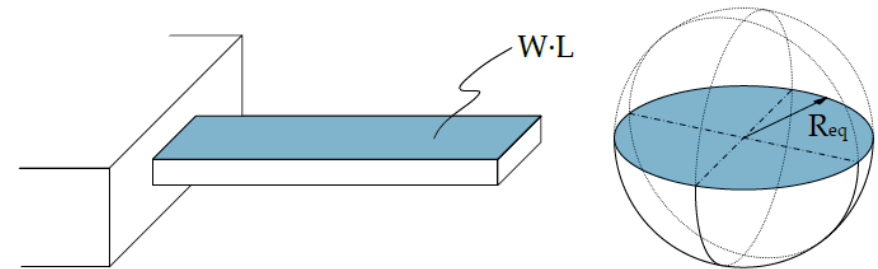
$$S = \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} = \frac{v_x}{d}$$



- **Cantilever in liquid is approximated by sphere**

- Kinetic energy and dissipated energy can be analytically calculated for a sphere in liquids
- Q-factor is defined as  $Q = 2\pi E_{kin}/E_{diss}$

$$Q = \frac{\rho_c WTL\sqrt{\omega}}{3\pi R_{eq}^2 \sqrt{2\mu_f \rho_f}}$$



- $\rho_c$  ... density of cantilever
- $W, T, L$  ... width, thickness, length of cantilever
- $\omega$  ... resonance frequency
- $R_{eq}^2$  ... equivalent sphere radius (approx. cantilever surface  $WL$ )
- $\sqrt{\mu_f \rho_f}$  ... sqrt of density viscosity product

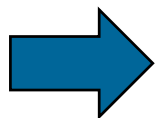
# Study on the In-Plane Vibration Mode I

- In-plane bending mode
- Vacuum  $\rightarrow$   $Q \sim 5527$  (electr.)
- Air  $\rightarrow$   $Q \sim 3274$  (electr.)
- Isoprop.  $\rightarrow$   $Q \sim 13$  (optical)

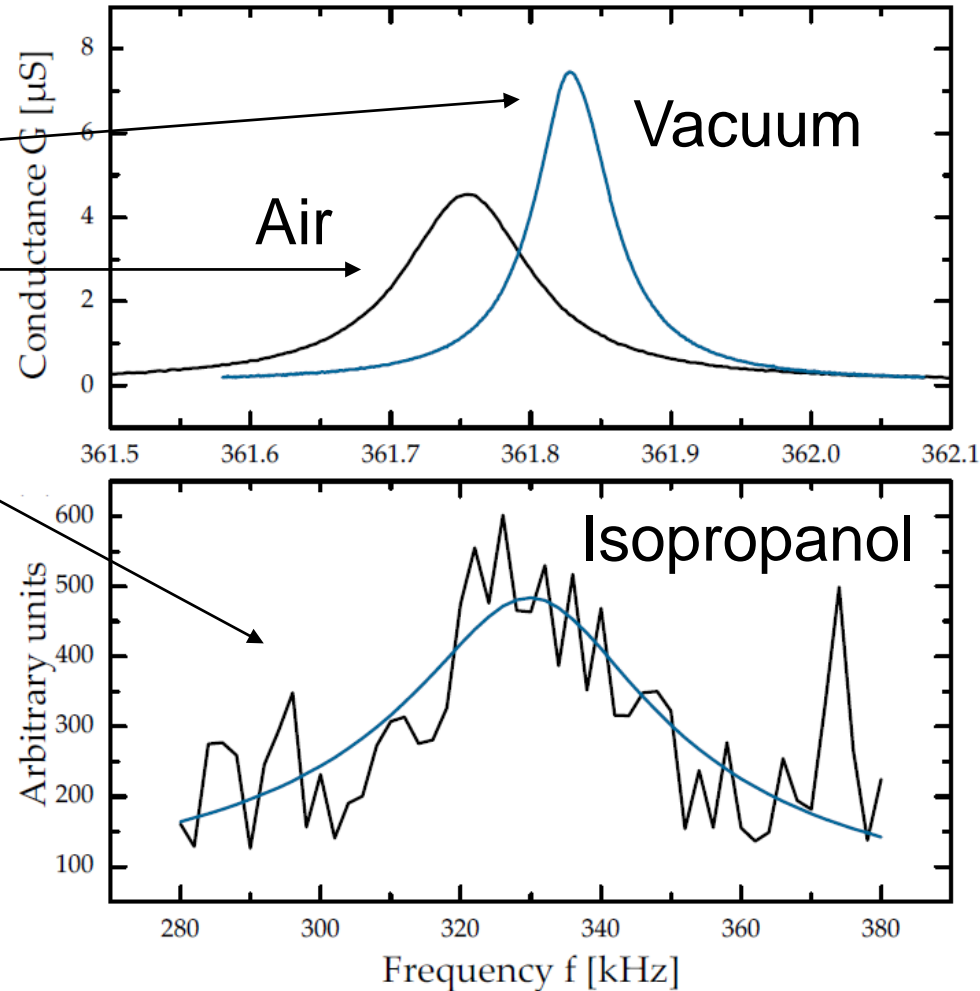


- Estimated peak  $\Delta G \sim 18$  nS
- $B \sim 63.9$   $\mu$ S imaginary part

Resonance electrically  
not detectable!



**Piezoelectric area is too small!**



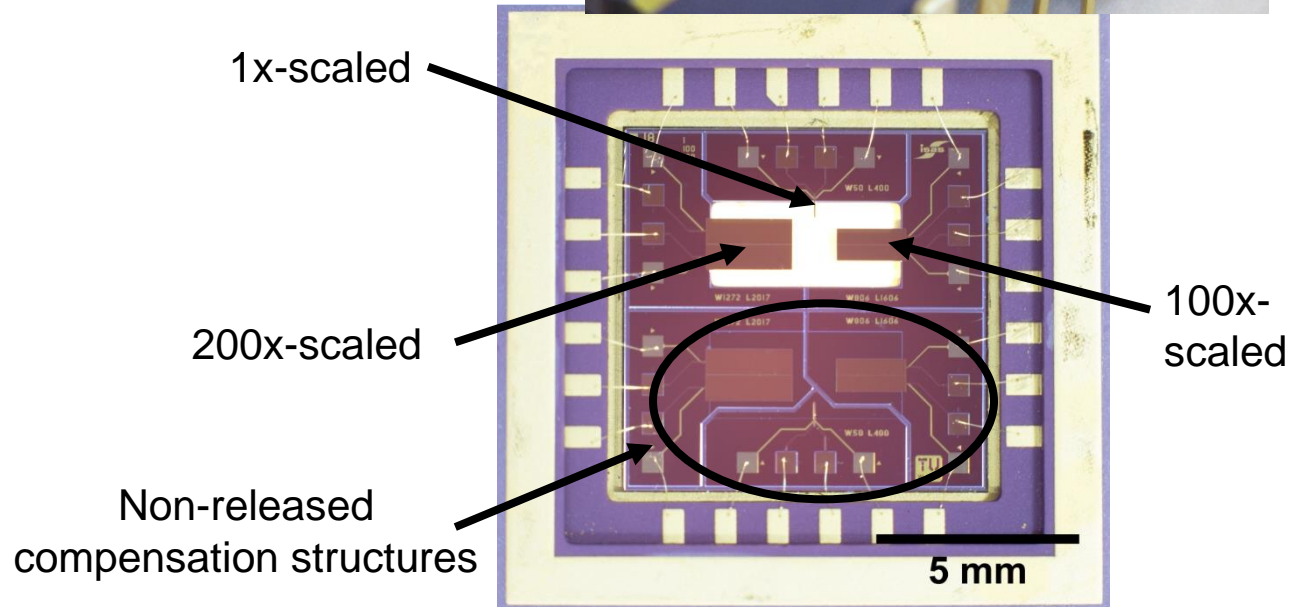
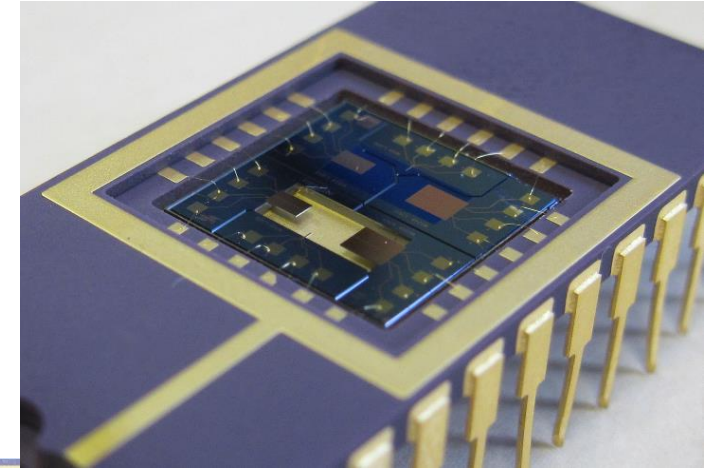
# Study on the In-Plane Vibration Mode II

Need to evaluate the piezoelectric area @ equal resonance frequency!

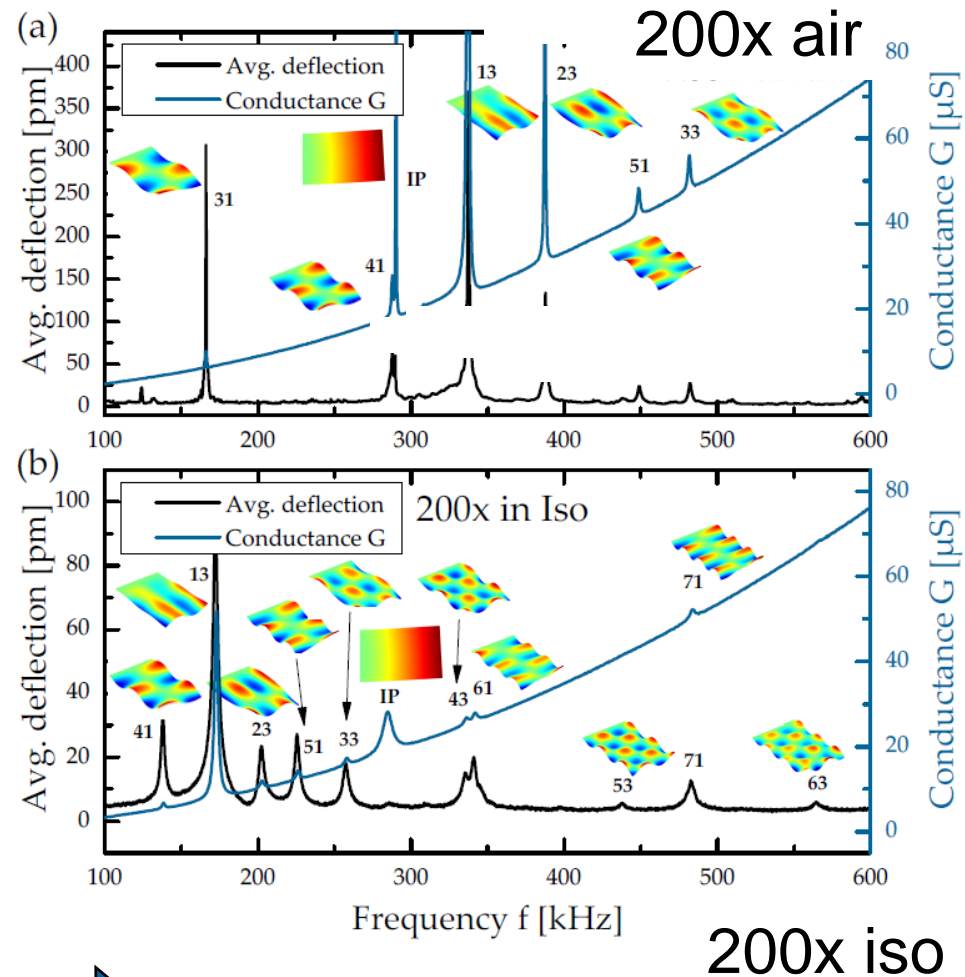
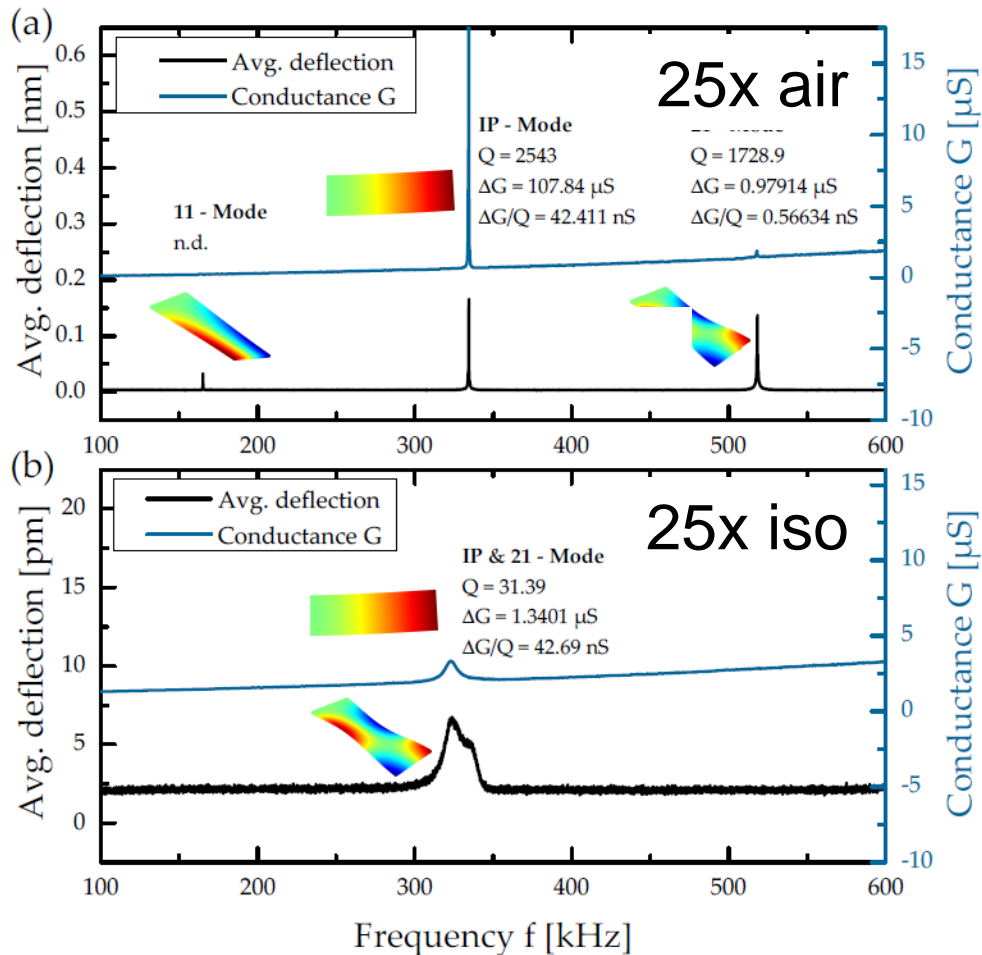
- Different sized cantilevers with
- AlN area scaling factor  $\alpha$

$$\omega_1 = \lambda_1^2 \frac{W}{L^2} \sqrt{\frac{E_c}{12\rho_c}}$$

$\alpha$	$L$	$W$
-	$\mu\text{m}$	$\mu\text{m}$
1x	400	50
25x	1024	328
50x	1281	513
100x	1606	806
200x	2017	1272



# Study on the In-Plane Vibration Mode III



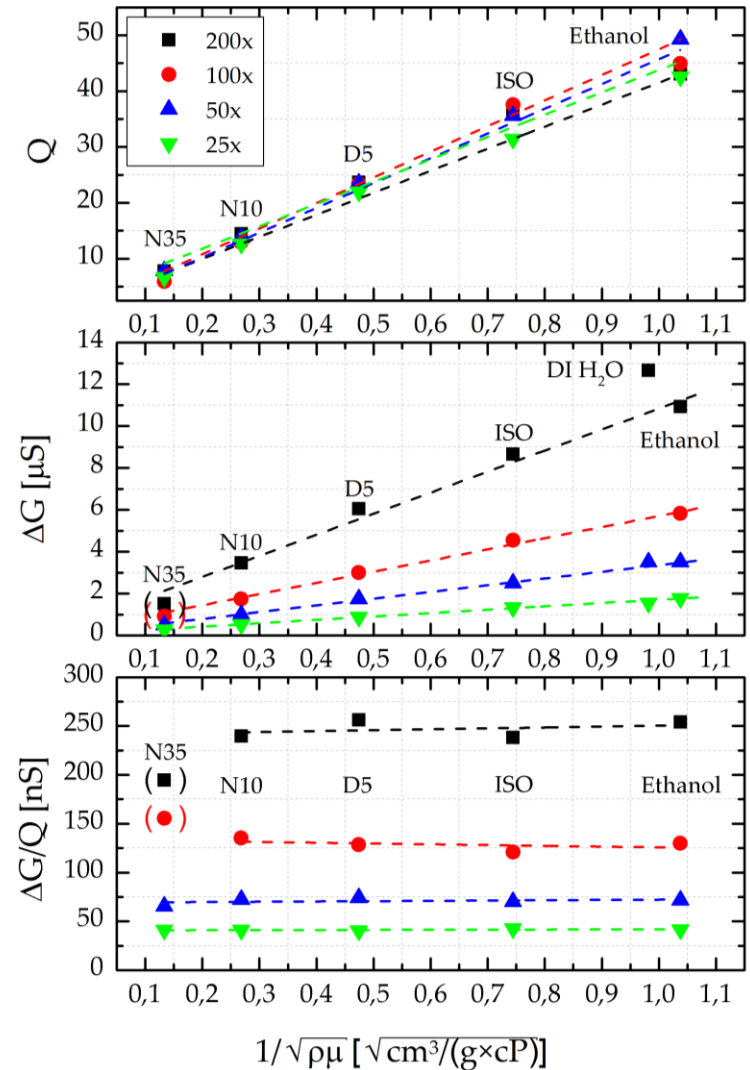
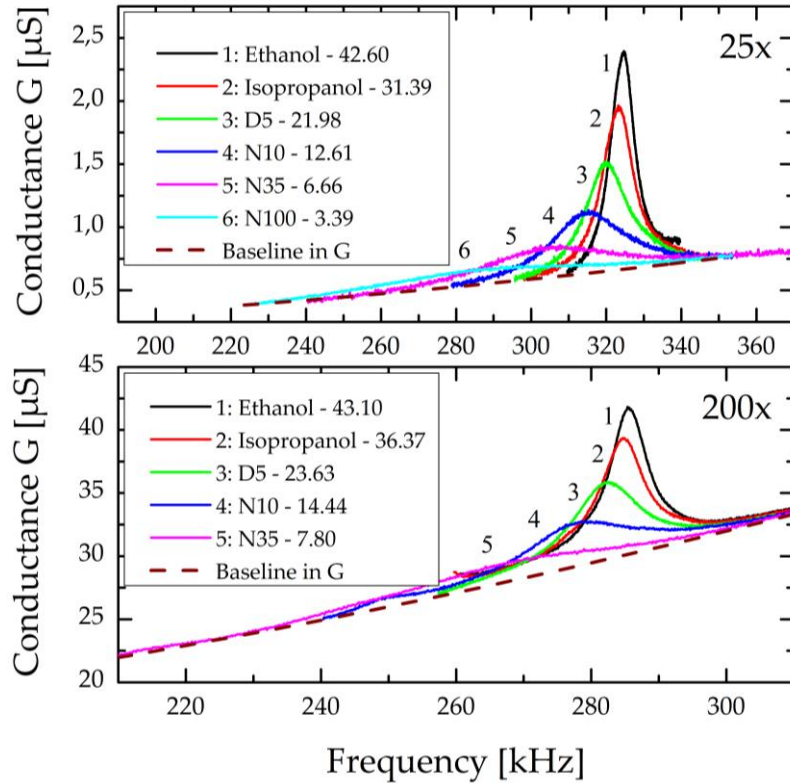
25x-scaled allows elec. measurement

200x-scaled: 13-mode!

M. Kucera et al., Sensors & Actuators B, Vol. 200, pp. 235-244, 2014, 2014.



# Study on the In-Plane Vibration Mode IV



- Estimation of the conductance peak

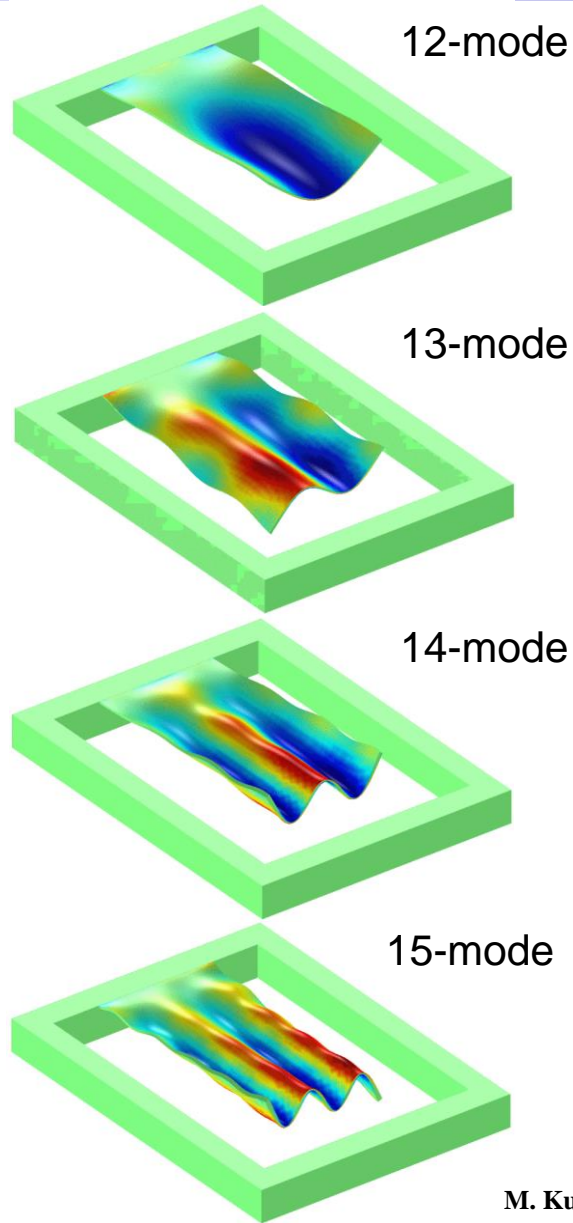
- $\Delta G/Q$  ratio

- Mode shape related
- Electrode design related
- Material and geometry related

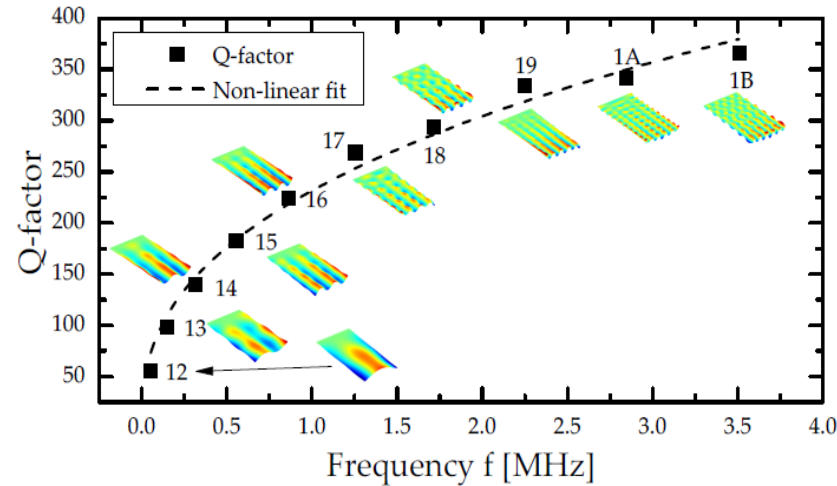
$$\Delta G = \frac{1}{R_m} = \frac{d_{31}^2 \sigma_1^2}{s_{11}^E} \sqrt{\frac{3}{\rho_{Si} \epsilon_{Si}}} \epsilon_{AIN} \frac{W^2}{TL} Q$$

- From fluid properties independent key parameter

# Study on the Multi Roof Tile-Shaped Vibration Mode



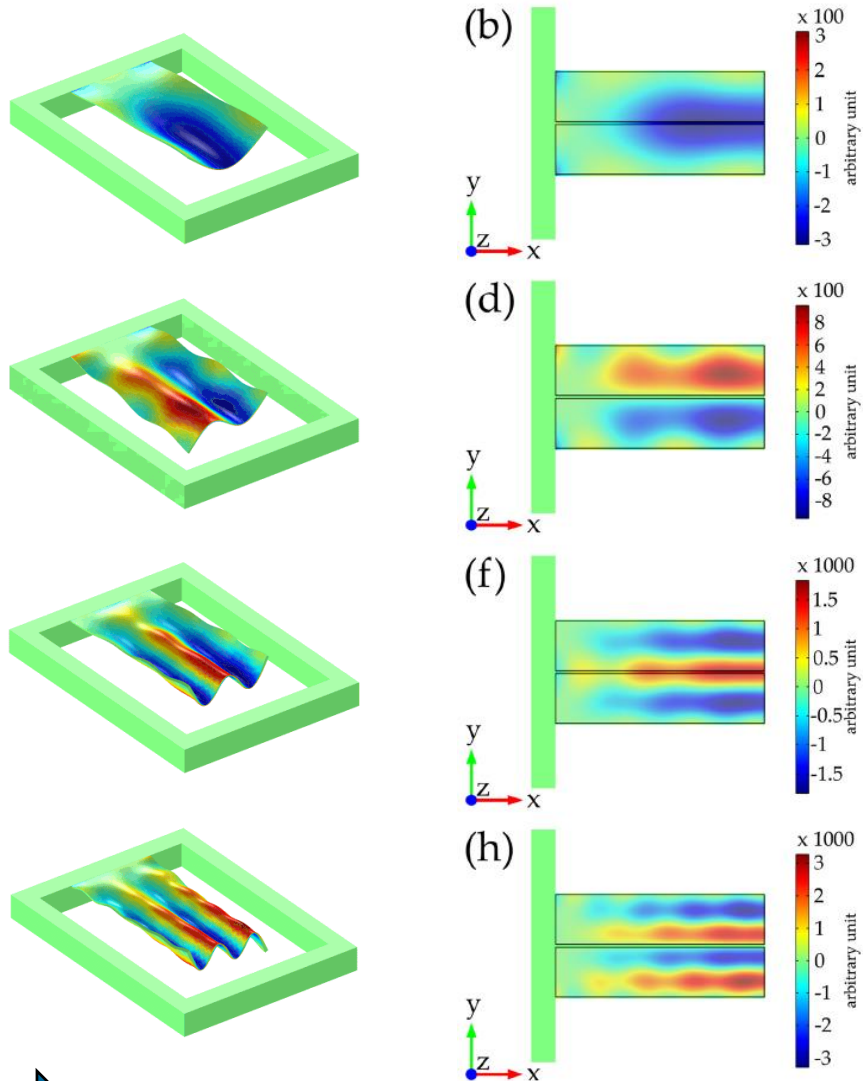
- New class of vibration modes
- Evolution of the Q-factor in DI-water



Order	Mode	$f_{\text{res}}$ (kHz)	Q	$\Delta G$ ( $\mu\text{S}$ )	$\Delta G/Q$ ( $\mu\text{S}$ )
1	12	53,49	55,2	6,95	0,13
2	13	152,43	98,1	77,61	0,79
3	14	317,3	139,8	54,94	0,39
4	15	555,93	182,7	9,45	<b>0,05</b>
5	16	866,53	224	101,6	0,45
6	17	1256,64	268,3	328,37	1,22
7	18	1714,17	293,3	158,48	0,54
8	19	2250,98	333,9	24,81	<b>0,07</b>
9	1A	2842,84	341,4	149,67	0,44
10	1B	3508,69	366,2	443,37	1,21

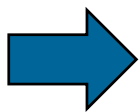
M. Kucera et al., Applied Physics Letters, Vol. 104, pp. 233501, 2014.

# Different roof tile-shaped modes in water



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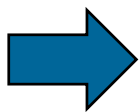
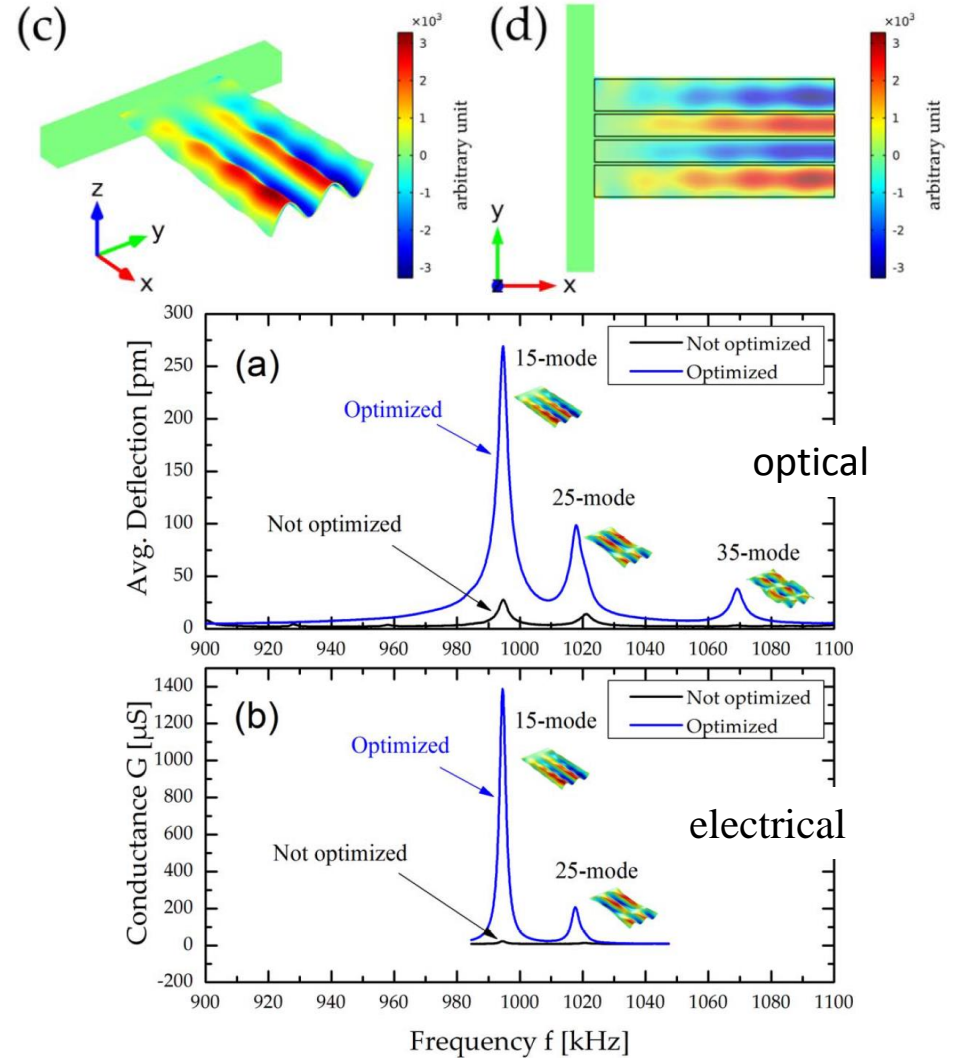
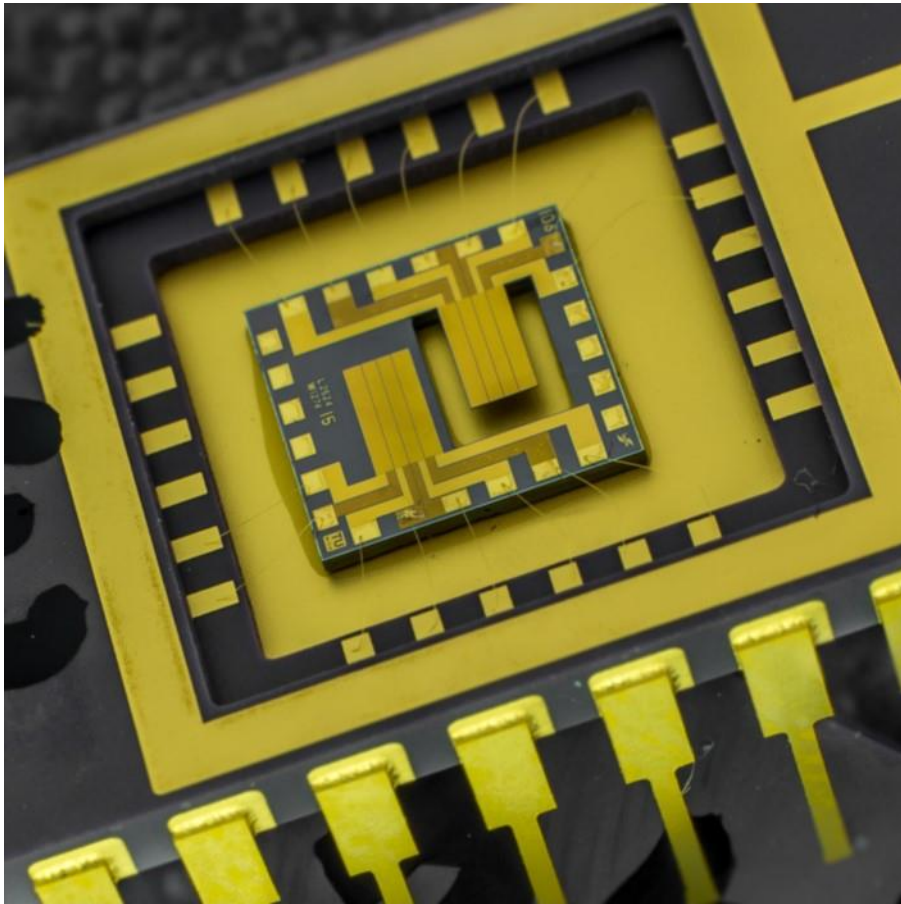
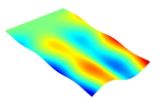
- Electrode shape must reflect the locally strained areas
- Electrode shape will be mode specific (to a certain degree)



Optimization of electrode design  $\rightarrow$  large increase in measurement signal

Kucera, M., et al., Applied Physics Letters 107 (2015) 053506.

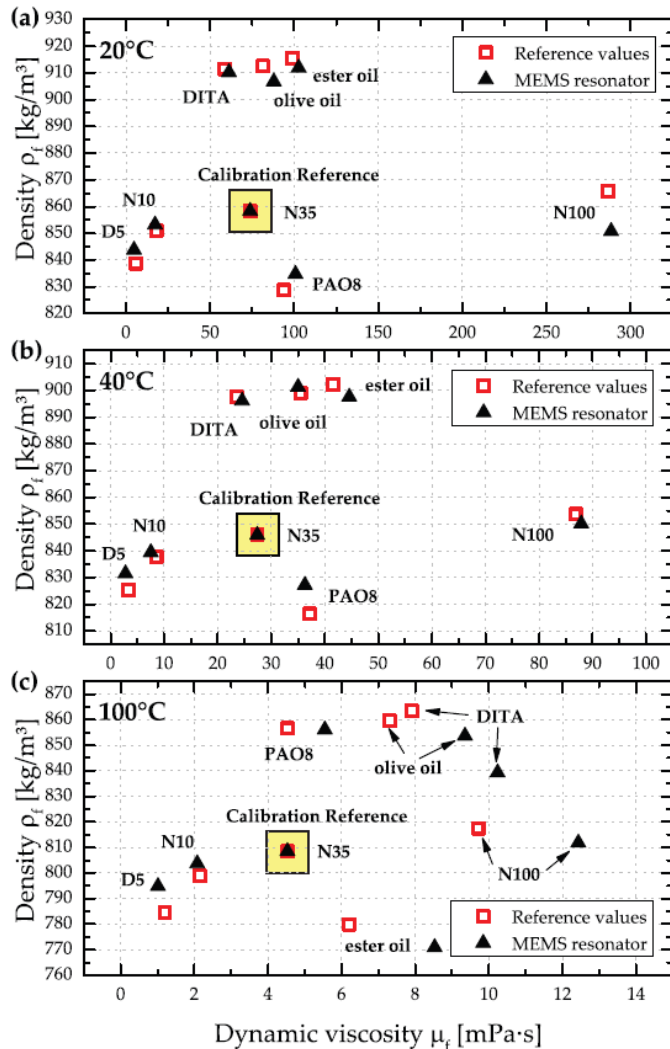
# Optimized vs. non-optimized electrode design



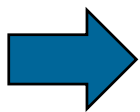
10  $\times$  higher deflection  
100  $\times$  higher conductance peak

Pfusterschmied, G., et al., Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Micro Electro Mechanical Systems (MEMS), 2015.

# Roof tile-shaped mode at different temperatures

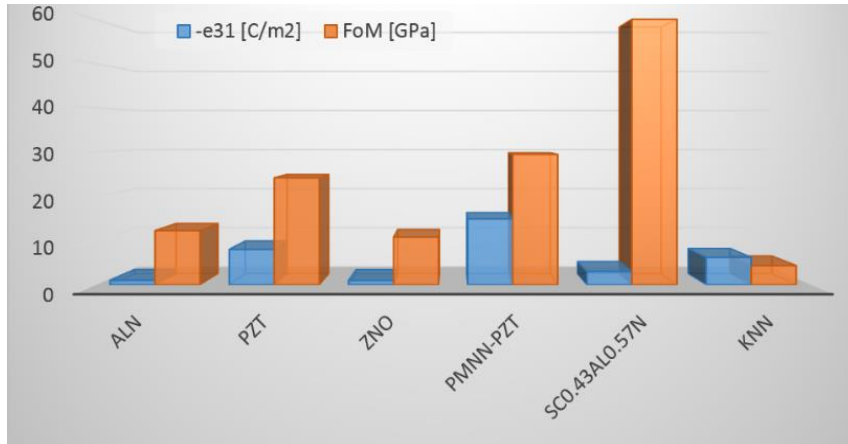


- Small deviation for density (averaged 0.76% at 20 °C, 0.55% at 40 °C, 1.04% at 100 °C)
- Deviation much larger for viscosity (6.35% at 20 °C, 6.87% at 40 °C and 23.44% at 100 °C)
- Possible solution
  - higher order modes with optimized electrode designs
  - Better calibration method



Good accuracy for density, low accuracy for viscosity measurements

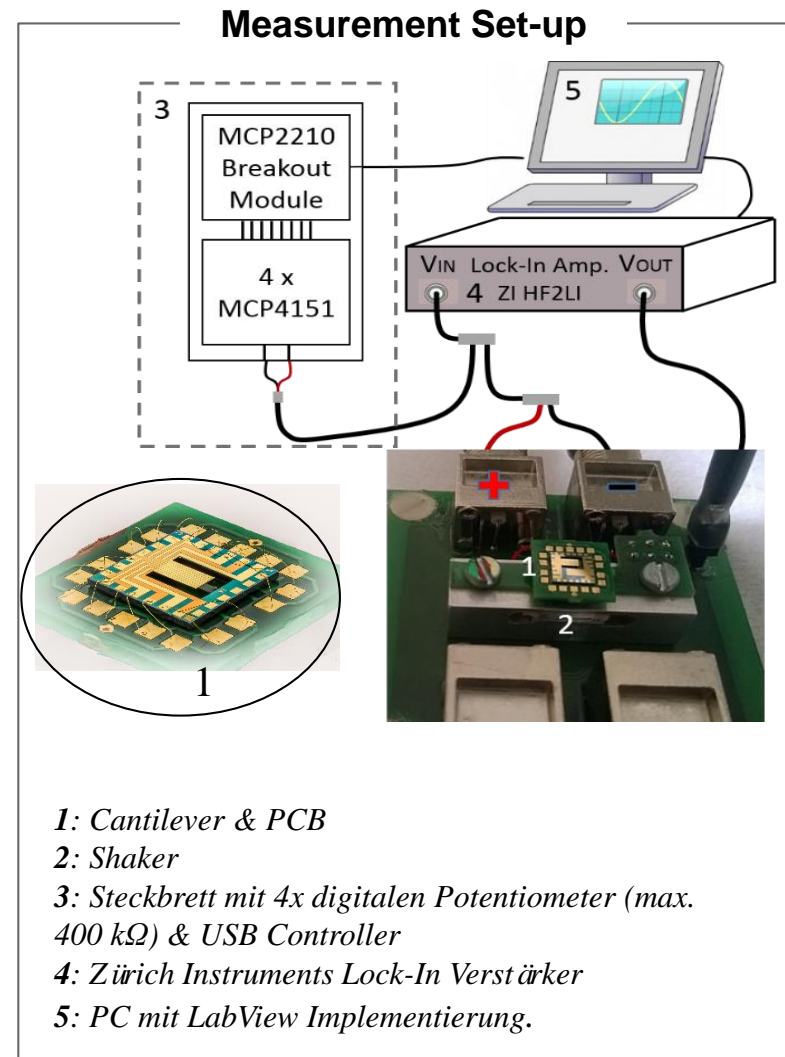
# Vibrational Energy Harvesters – Evaluation of AlN and ScAlN I



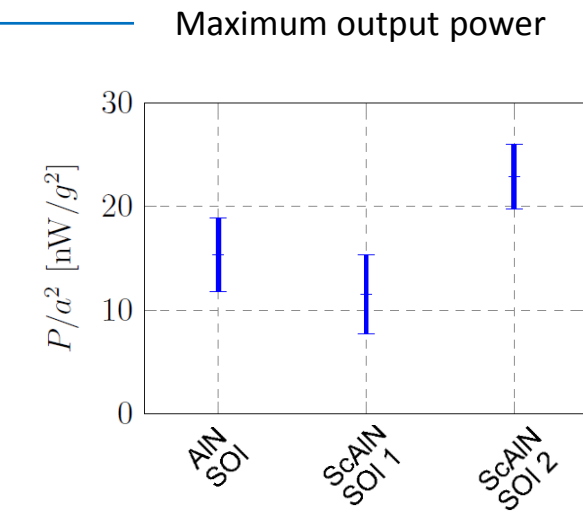
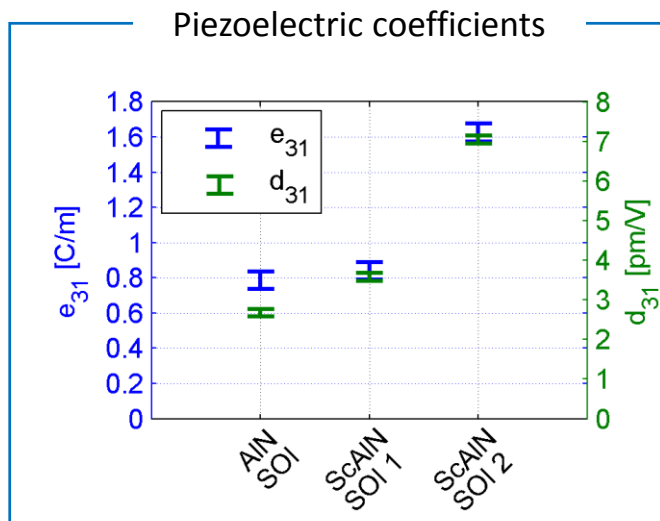
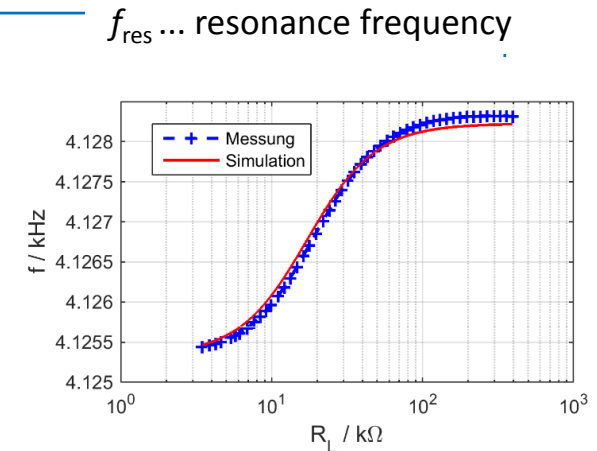
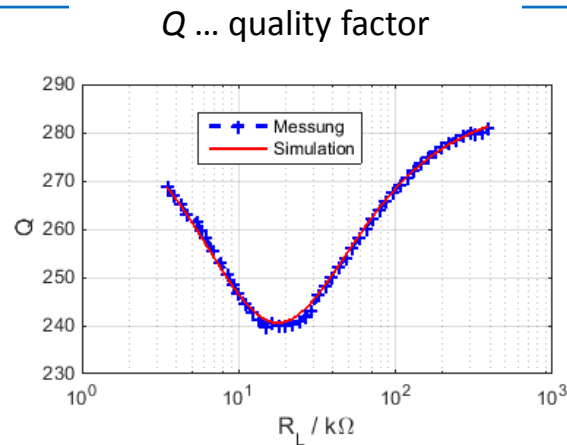
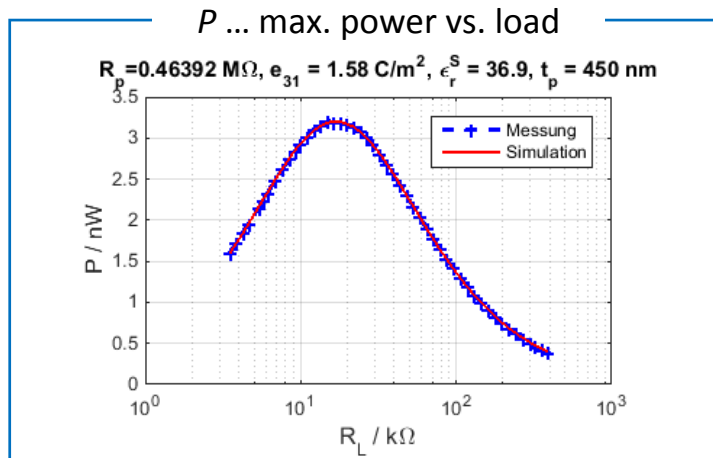
$$P_{EH} \propto FOM = \frac{e_{31}^2}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r} \quad P_{EH} \propto FOM \approx \frac{d_{31}^2}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r Y_1^2}$$

## Evaluation

- Maximum power output
- Variation of load resistance  $R_L$
- Frequency sweep at first Eigenmode



# Vibrational Energy Harvesters – Evaluation of AlN and ScAlN II



- Effective  $e_{31}$  is increased by  $\sim 200\%$ , similar to  $d_{31}$
- Maximal output power is doubled

**ScAlN leads to increased power output compared to AlN**

Mayrhofer, et al., ScAlN MEMS Cantilevers for Vibrational Energy Harvesting Purposes, *Journal of Microelectromechanical Systems*, Vol. 26, No.1, 102-112, 2017.

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**Research topic:**

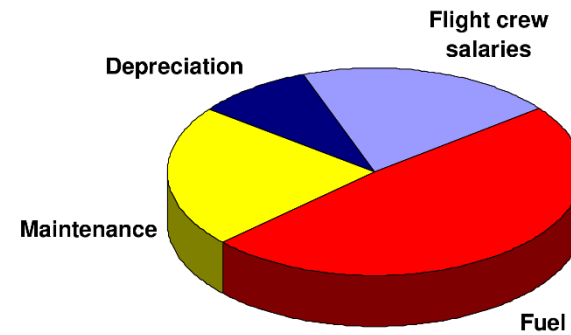
**Energy Harvesting for  
Wireless Sensor Nodes**



# Why Energy Harvesting at Aircrafts?



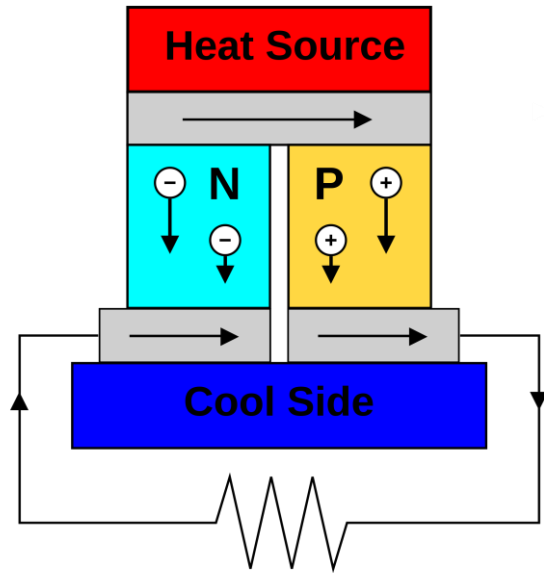
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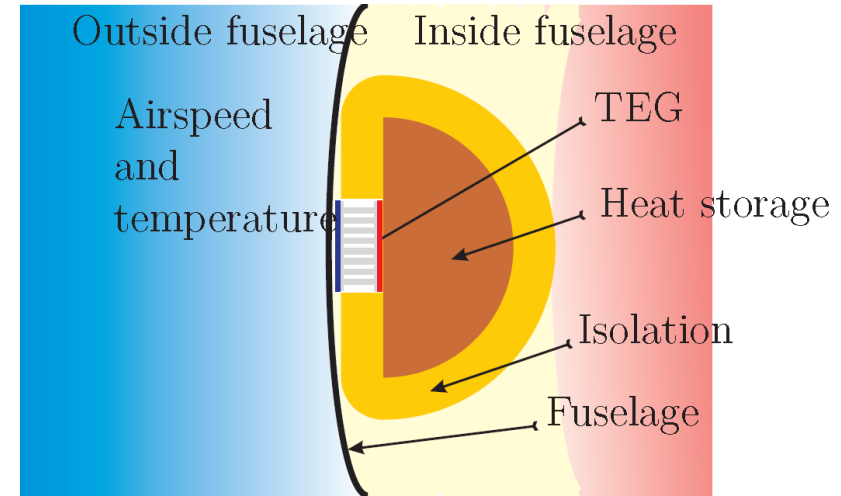
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[1] [www.tagesschau.de](http://www.tagesschau.de), aufgerufen am 25. 9. 2011

[2] ICAO Data. Airline Financial Detail Report. Technical report.



$$U = S_{AB} \cdot \Delta T$$

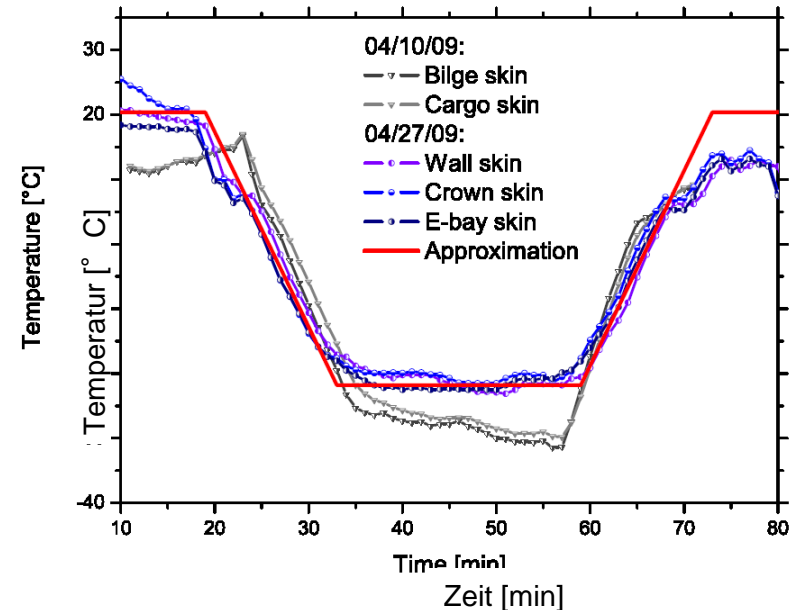


## Dynamic Energy Harvesting:

Ground - Fuselage temperature: 20°C

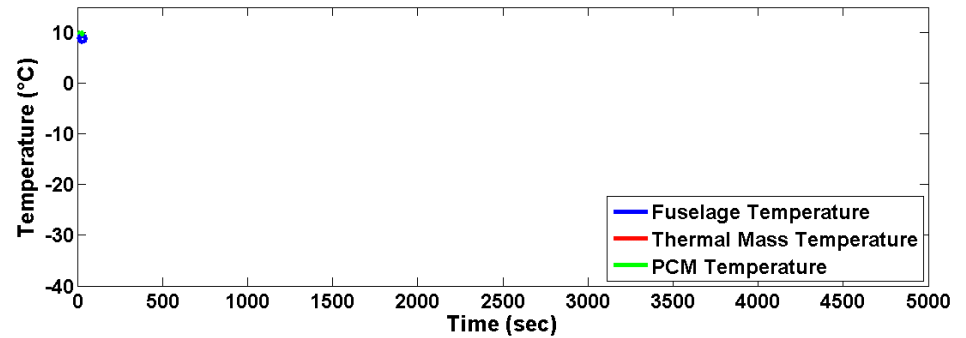
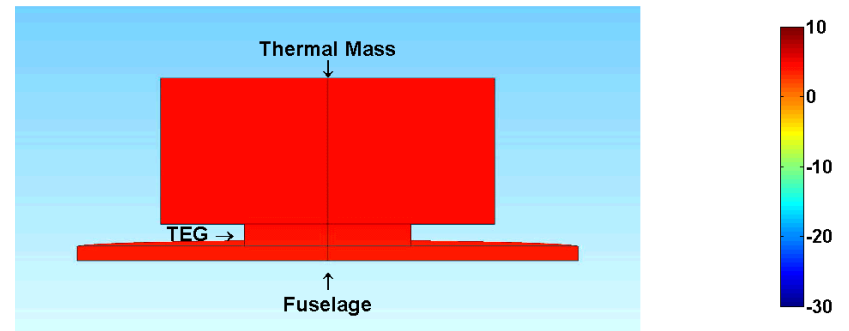
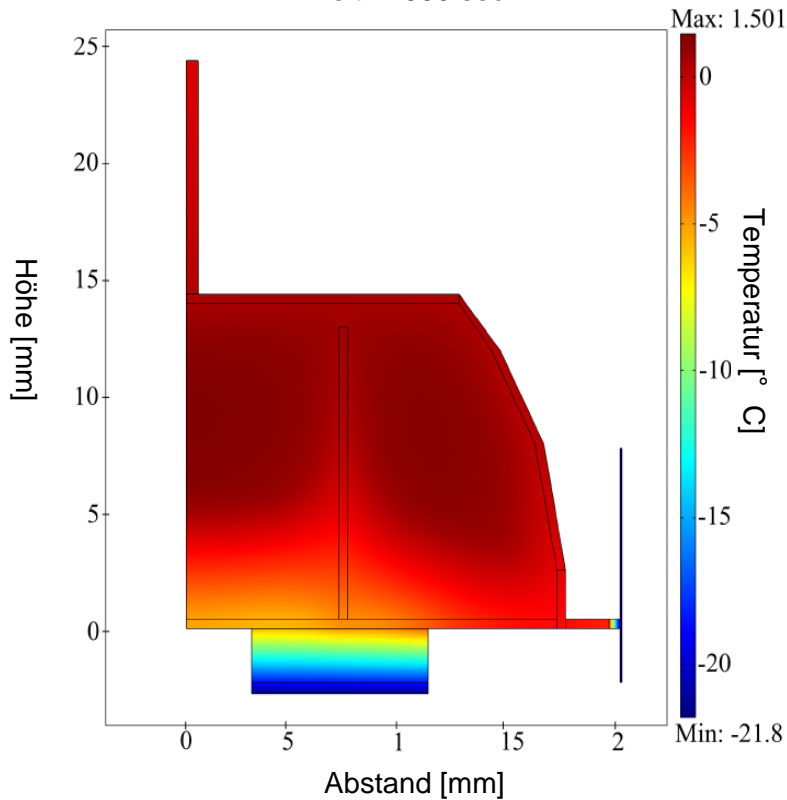
Cruising - Fuselage temperature: -20°C (and even lower)

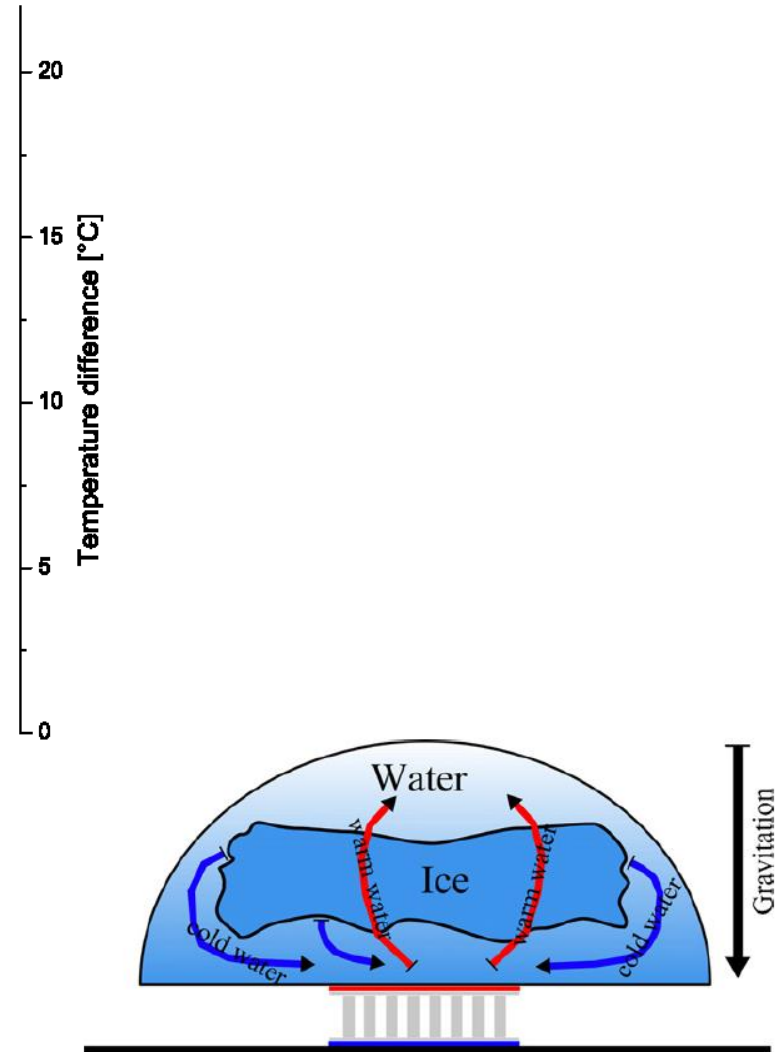
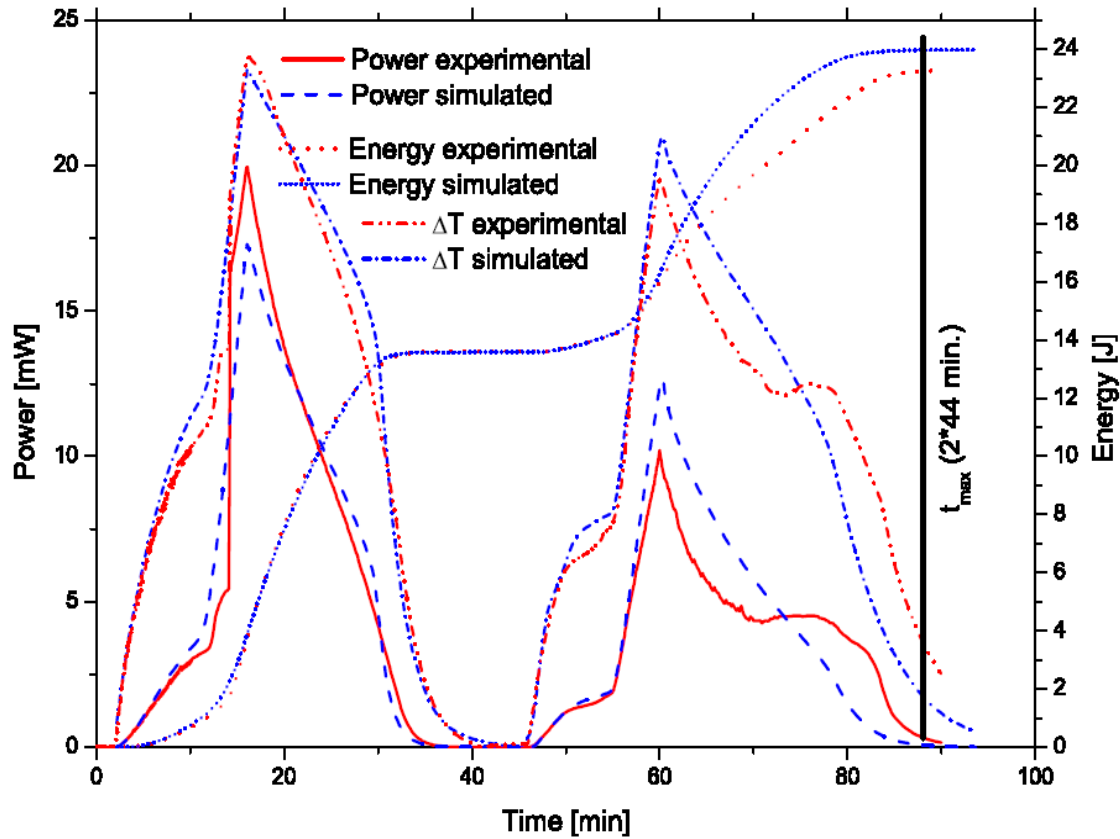
- Temporally restricted energy generation
- + easy to install



COMSOL FEM simulations based on heat conduction equation to evaluate design aspects and to determine the energy output

Zeit= 1000 sec.

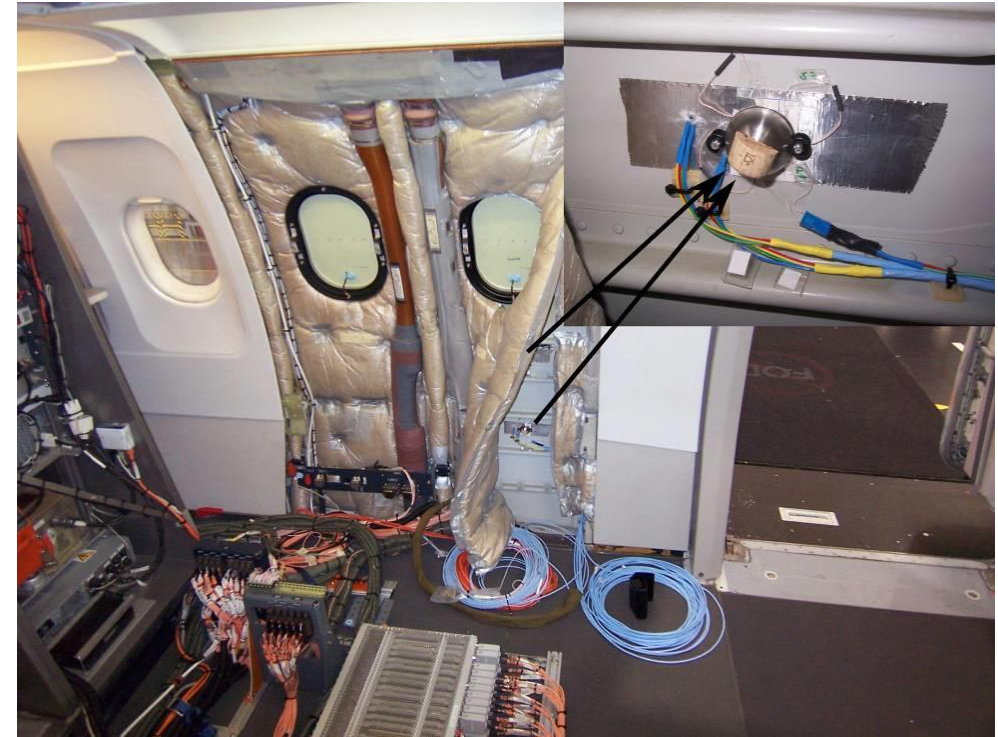




**Energy output with 10g H<sub>2</sub>O ~ 6.5 mWh**

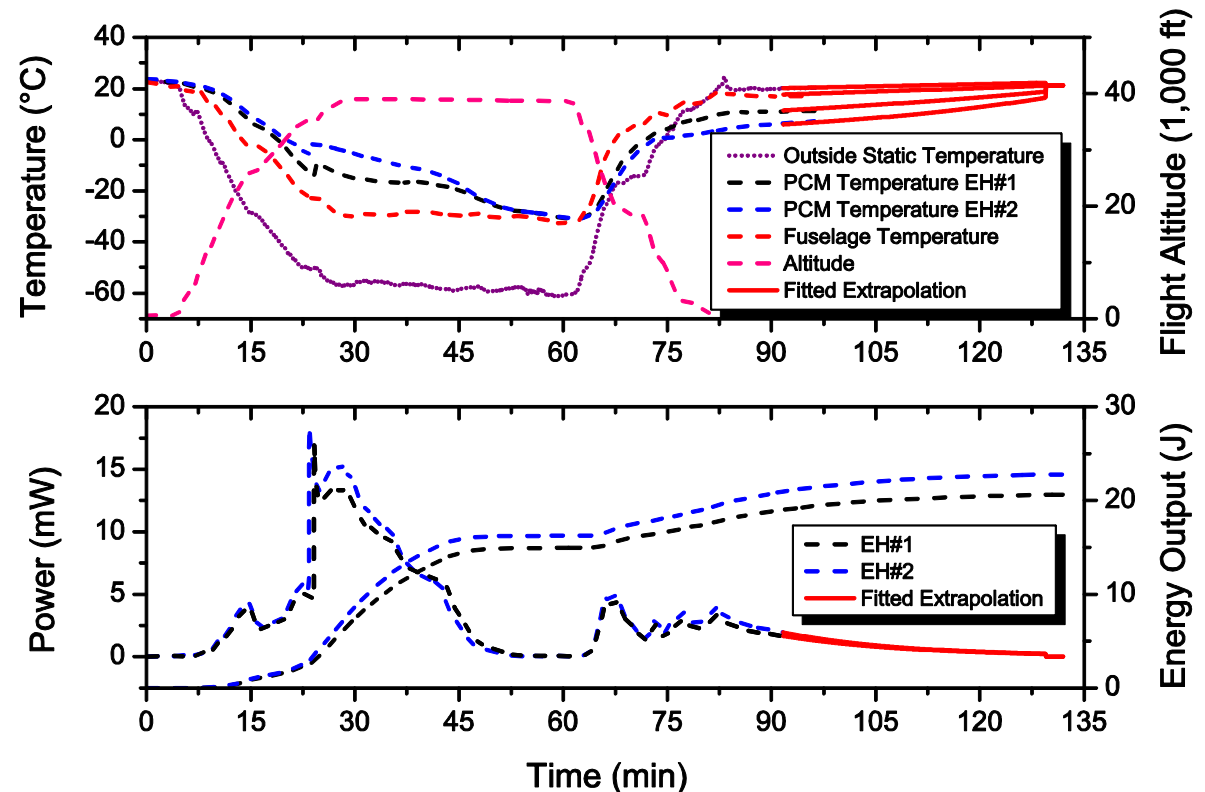


## Test flight with DLR A320 D-ATRA:



A. Elefsiniotis, et al., Journal of Electronic Materials, Vol. 42, Iss. 7, pp. 2301-2305, 2013.

- Highest Altitude >30,000ft.
- Difference on outside and fuselage temperature due to aerodynamic heating
- Most energy is harvested during take-off!
- Power peak @ ~17mW
- Energy Harvested:
  - ✓EH Device#1: ~22J
  - ✓EH Device#2: ~24J



A. Elefsiniotis, et al., Journal of Electronic Materials, Vol. 42, Iss. 7, pp. 2301-2305, 2013.

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**Thank you  
for your attention!**

**Questions?**

