

Chemical sensor systems for emission control from combustions

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Clean environment through air quality control by sensor systems



Lucia performance (1963)

Sources of emissions: e.g. industry, vehicles and candles (soot)

A clean environment should belong to human rights.

Sensor systems are needed for emission monitoring and control.

Toxic substances include: NO_x , SO_2 , CO , O_3 , PAH, PM_{10} , $\text{PM}_{2.5}$, PM_1



IMCS 2012,

European Network on New Sensing Technologies for Air-Pollution Control and Environmental Sustainability - EuNetAir



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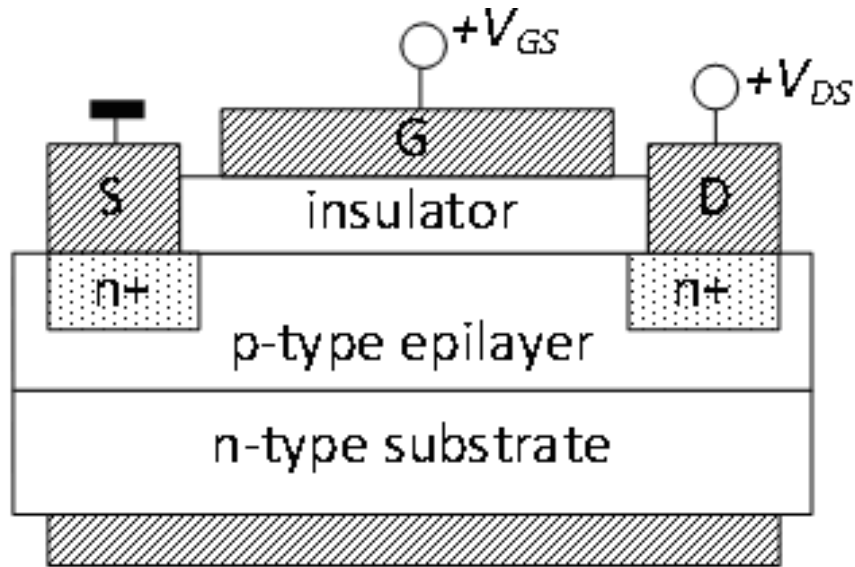
Sensors for emission control

Outline

- SiC-FET improved devices
 - SiC-FET devices for selective monitoring
 - SiC-FET devices, commercialization
- Monitoring of particles by
 - Impedance spectroscopy
 - Heating and detection of desorbing products
 - SiC-FET, future technology

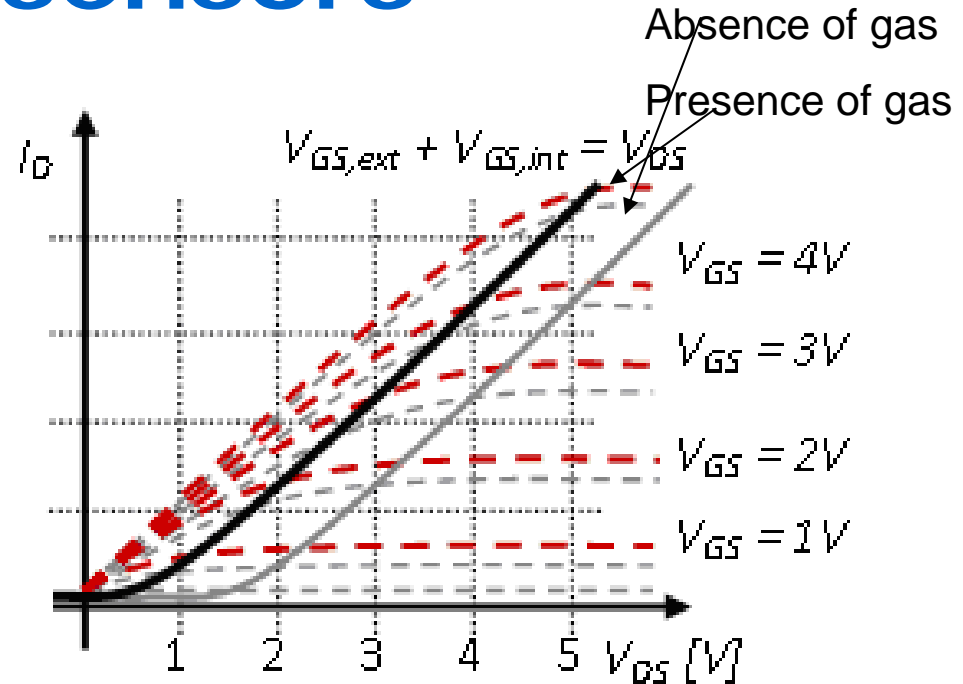


SiC-FET transducer platform for gas sensors



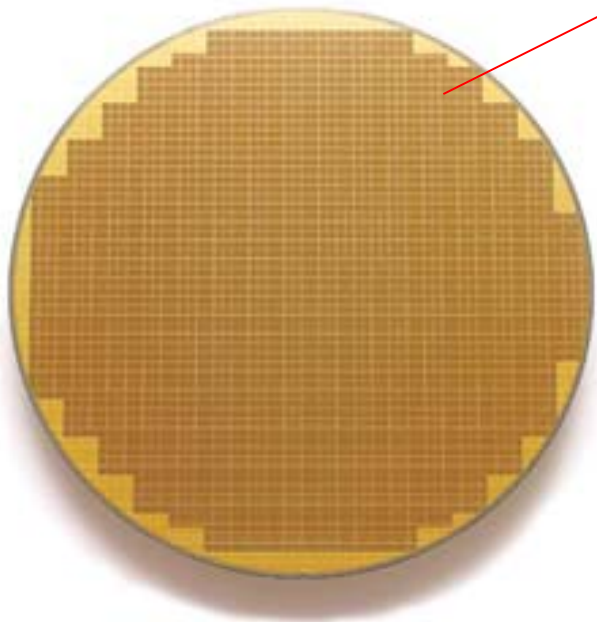
Cross section of SiC-FET

Gate composed by sensing layer
e.g. a porous catalytic metal, Pt, Ir

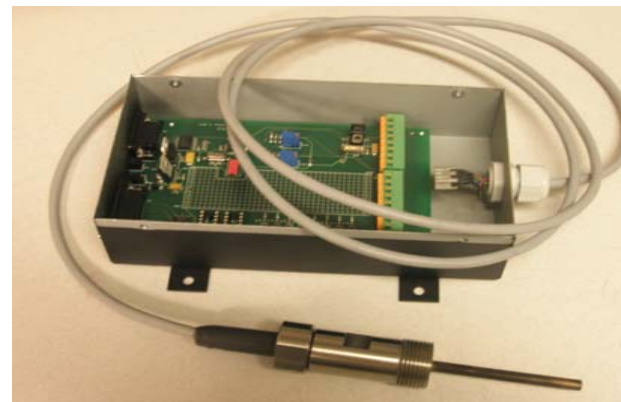
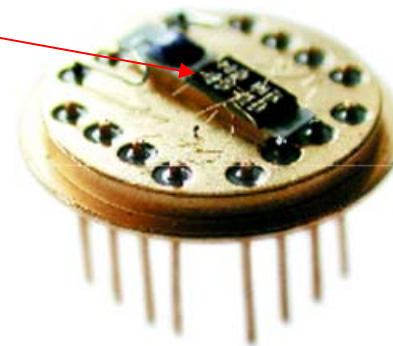
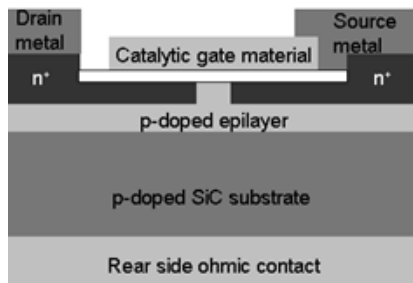


I/V characteristics SiC-FET: presence (red dashed line) of a gas - internal voltage drop at the gate metal/ insulator interface - a shift in the I/V -curve

SiC-FET sensors, wafer and mounting

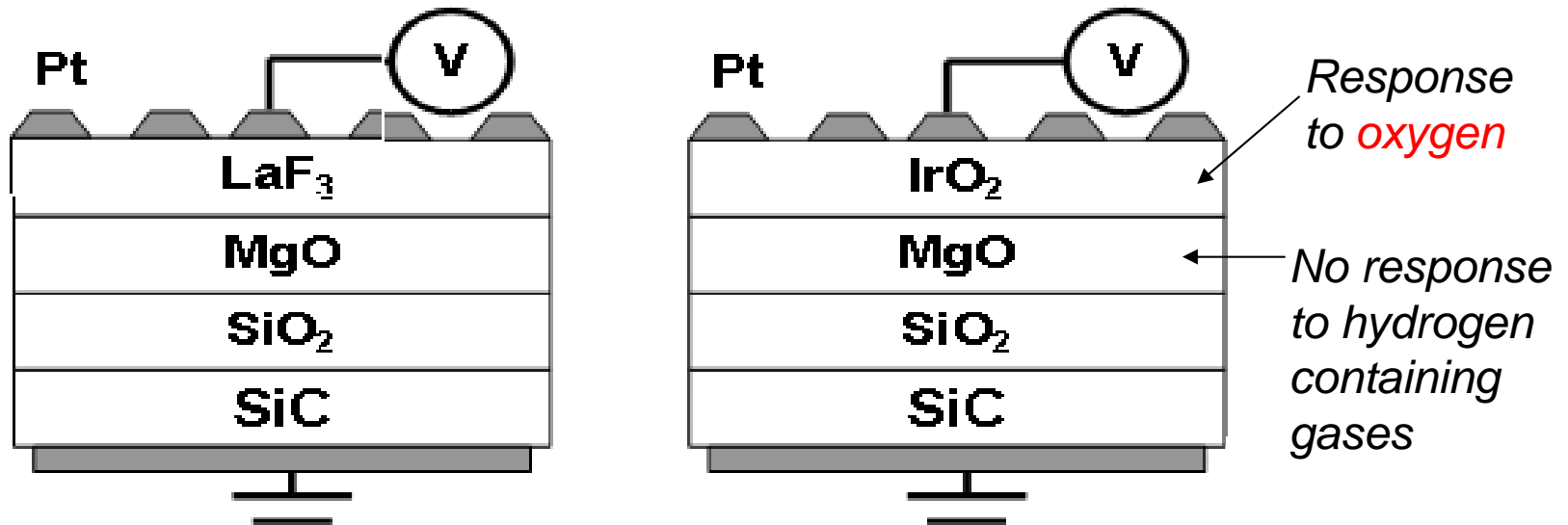


4" wafer, ~2000 chip



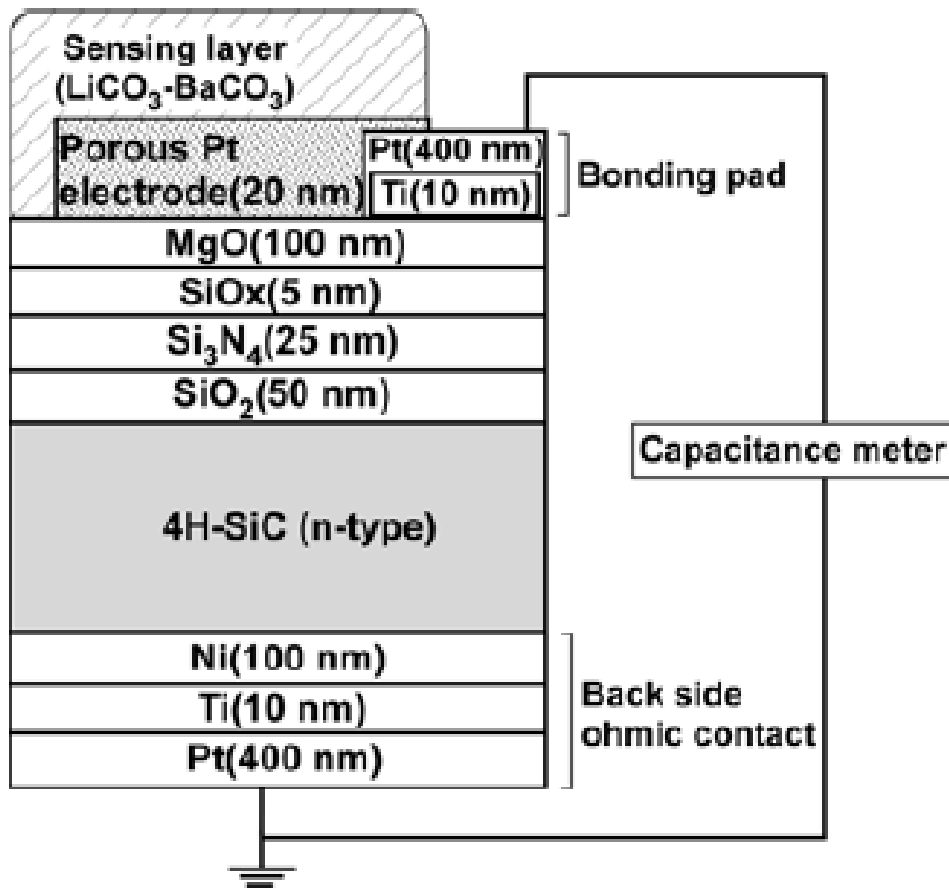
Mounting of SiC-FET sensors

Tailoring of SiC based field effect sensors for O₂ monitoring



M. Andersson, A. Lloyd Spetz, Tailoring of SiC based field effect gas sensors for improved selectivity to non-hydrogen containing species, **IMCS13, Perth, Australia**, July 12-14, 2010, 369.

Tailoring of SiC based field effect sensors for CO₂ monitoring



SiC based CO₂ sensor

Li₂CO₃-BaCO₃ sensing layer

MgO prevents response to hydrogen containing gases

H. Inoue, M. Andersson, M. Yuasa, T. Kida, A. Lloyd Spetz, and K. Shimano: CO₂ sensor combining an MISiC capacitor and a binary carbonate, *Electrochemical and Solid-State Letters*, 14 (1) (2011) J4-J7.

Control of urea injection in power plants



SNCR –
Selective Non-
Catalytic
Reduction of
NO/ NO₂ by
NH₃ through
urea injection
in the flue gas

Control of urea injection
by an NH₃ sensor



SCR-Selectiv Catalytic
Reduction of NO/NO₂
in a catalytic converter
by NH₃

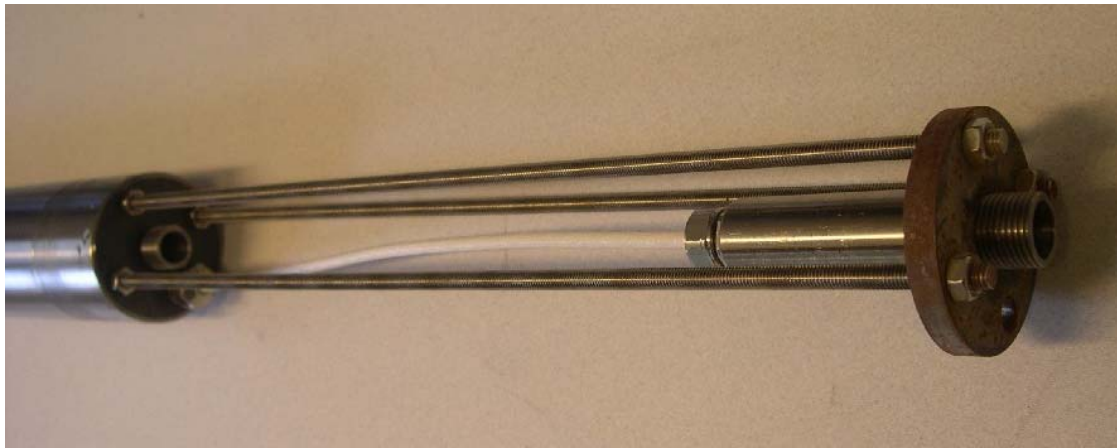
NH₃ sensor mounting for urea control in boilers



Värmeforsk projects:

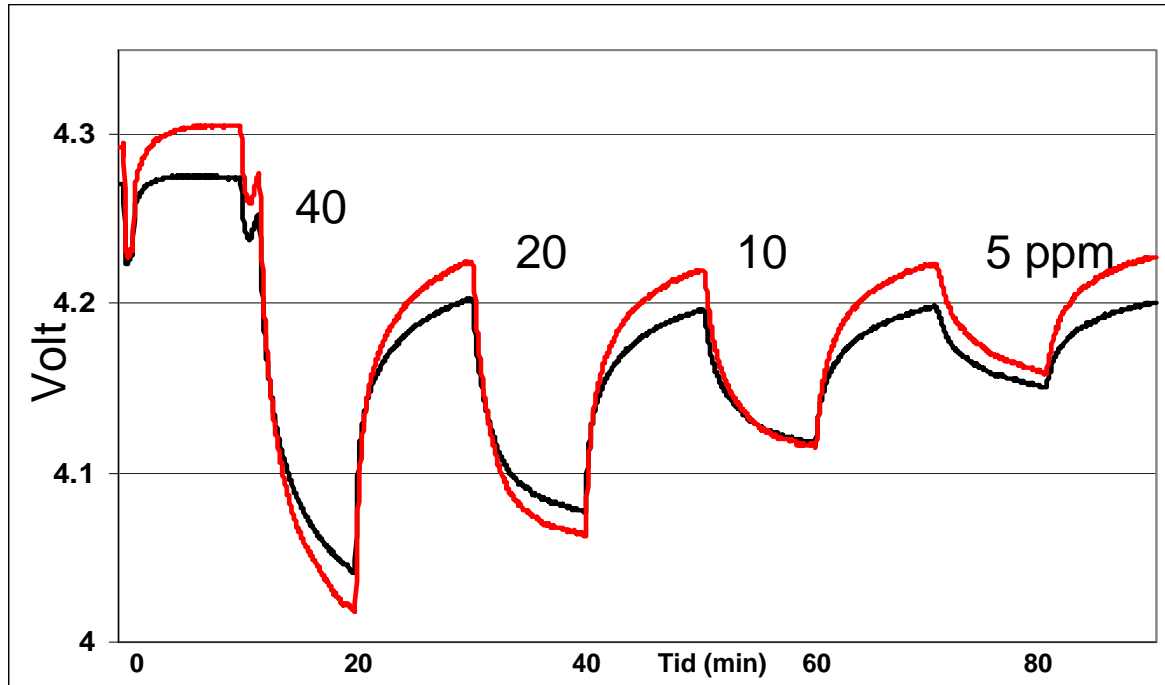
A08-828 and P08-823

Partners: SenSiC AB,
Alstom Sweden AB,
Tekniska Verken, Vattenfall



*Two position
sensor mounting
~ 40 cm apart*

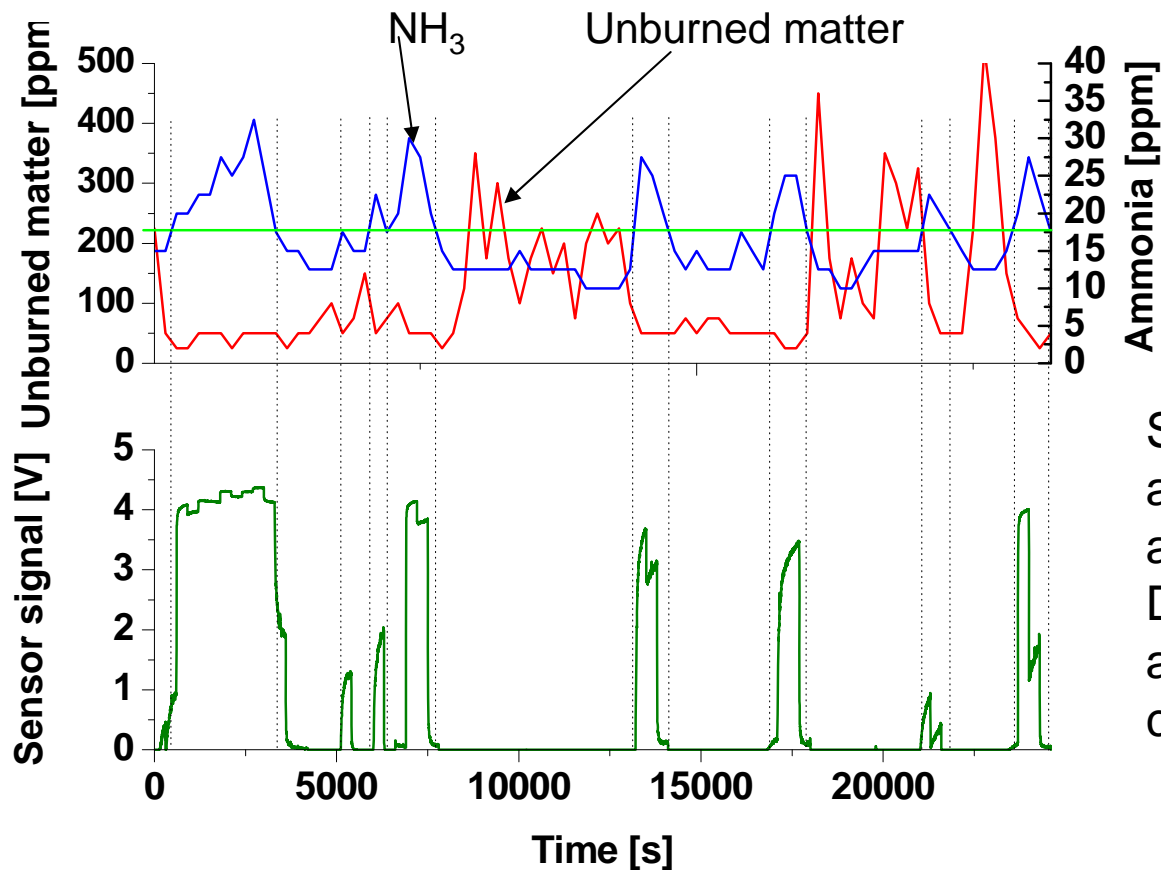
NH₃ Lab measurements



SiC-FET sensor signal to ammonia versus time for two transistors. Detection limit below 5 ppm in 10% O₂ / N₂.

“Old” sensor batch failed to detect ammonia in low oxygen and high CO background.

NH₃ detection using SiC-FET sensor as an alarm system



Sensor signal set to alarm level of 15-20ppm ammonia.
Detection in low oxygen and high CO concentration

Sensor system for control of small and medium sized power plants



SenSiC AB
sensors for a clean environment

www.sensic.se

Mike Andersson and Magnus Palm: installation of a sensor system for control of a domestic boiler) at Ariterm Sweden AB (key partner)



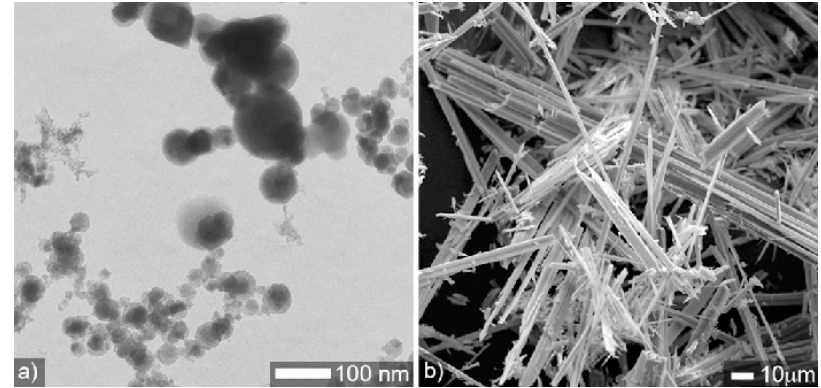
Nanoparticle sensors

- Nanoparticles show adverse health effect according to
 - Size
 - Shape
 - Content
 - Concentration
- Nanoparticles damage cells:
 - oxidative effect on cells

CHEMPACK project (2011-2014)

FiDiPro position

Oulu University i Finland



Welding nanoparticles (courtesy of Pam Drake, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health NIOSH).

Asbestos fibers (courtesy of the US Geological Survey).



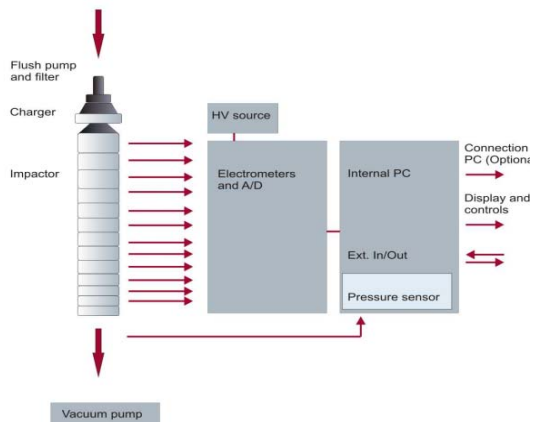
Present commercial particle detectors



DEKATI ELPI (Electrical Low Pressure Impactor (6 nm – 10 μm))



Nano-ID™ NPS500 based on DMA (Differential Mobility Analyzer) technology, portable particle measurement device (5-500nm)



Present commercial particle detectors

- **NANOSIGHT**

- optical method to measure size
- laser light source
- typical range 10 nm - 1000 nm

- **BECKMAN COULTER**

- particle size of fluid with nanoparticles
- laser light
- for size analysis: electrophoretic light scattering (ELS)

- **LIGHTHOUSE WORLDWIDE SOLUTIONS**

- handheld and portable particle counters
- minimum sensitivity: 200 nm

- **AIRMODUS**

- condensation to grow 1 nm diameter nanoparticles to optically detectable sizes

- **KANOMAX**

- condensation to grow 15 nm diameter nanoparticles to optically detectable sizes

- **PEGASOR**

- Portable real time measuring instrument
- Detection of total surface area, mass, number of particles

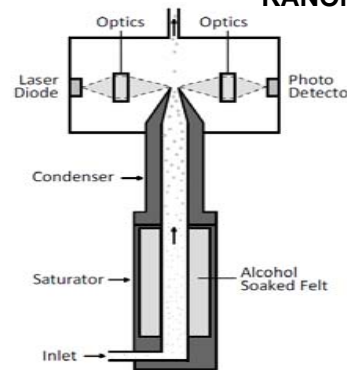
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KANOMAX MODEL 3800



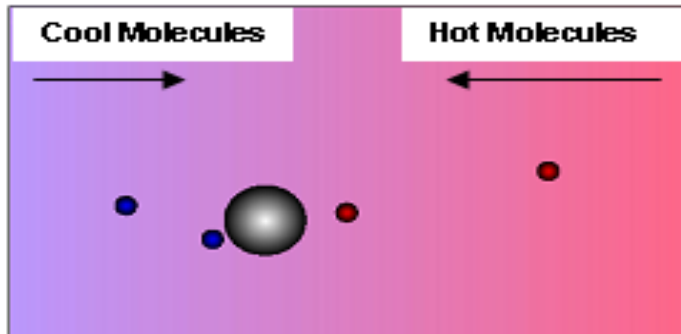
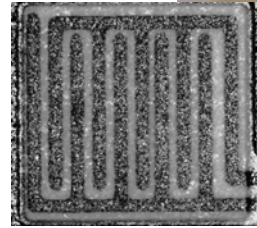
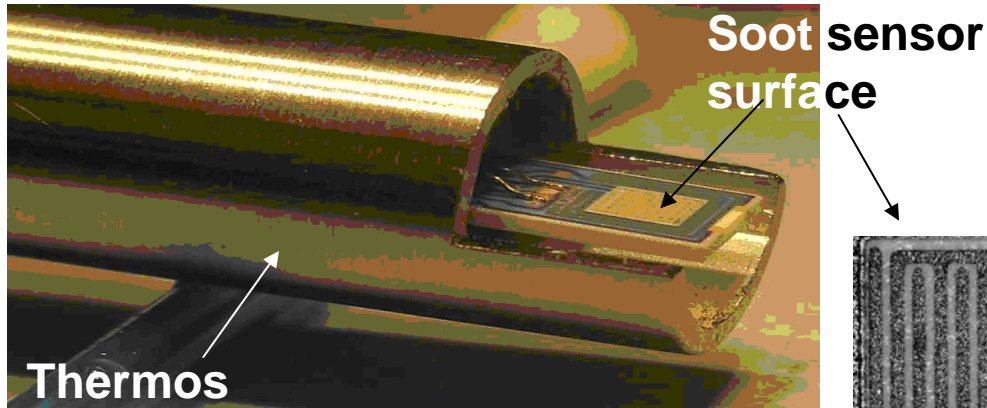
NANOSIGHT LM10



LIGHTHOUSE HANDHELD 2016



Soot sensor based on Thermophoresis



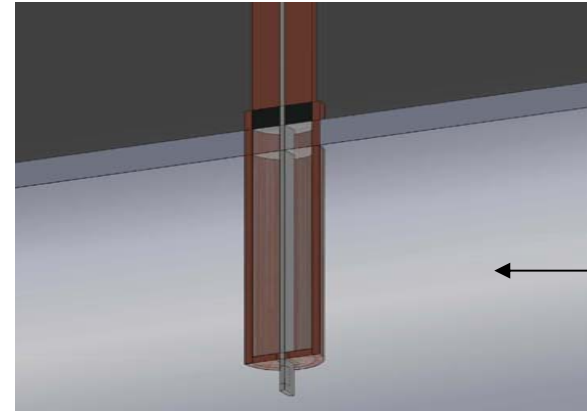
Thermophoresis:

A force acting on particles in a temperature gradient →

Soot is deposited on the coldest surface

Thermos packaging to decrease temperature on the sensor surface

MD13 Heavy duty truck engine



← Exhaust pipe



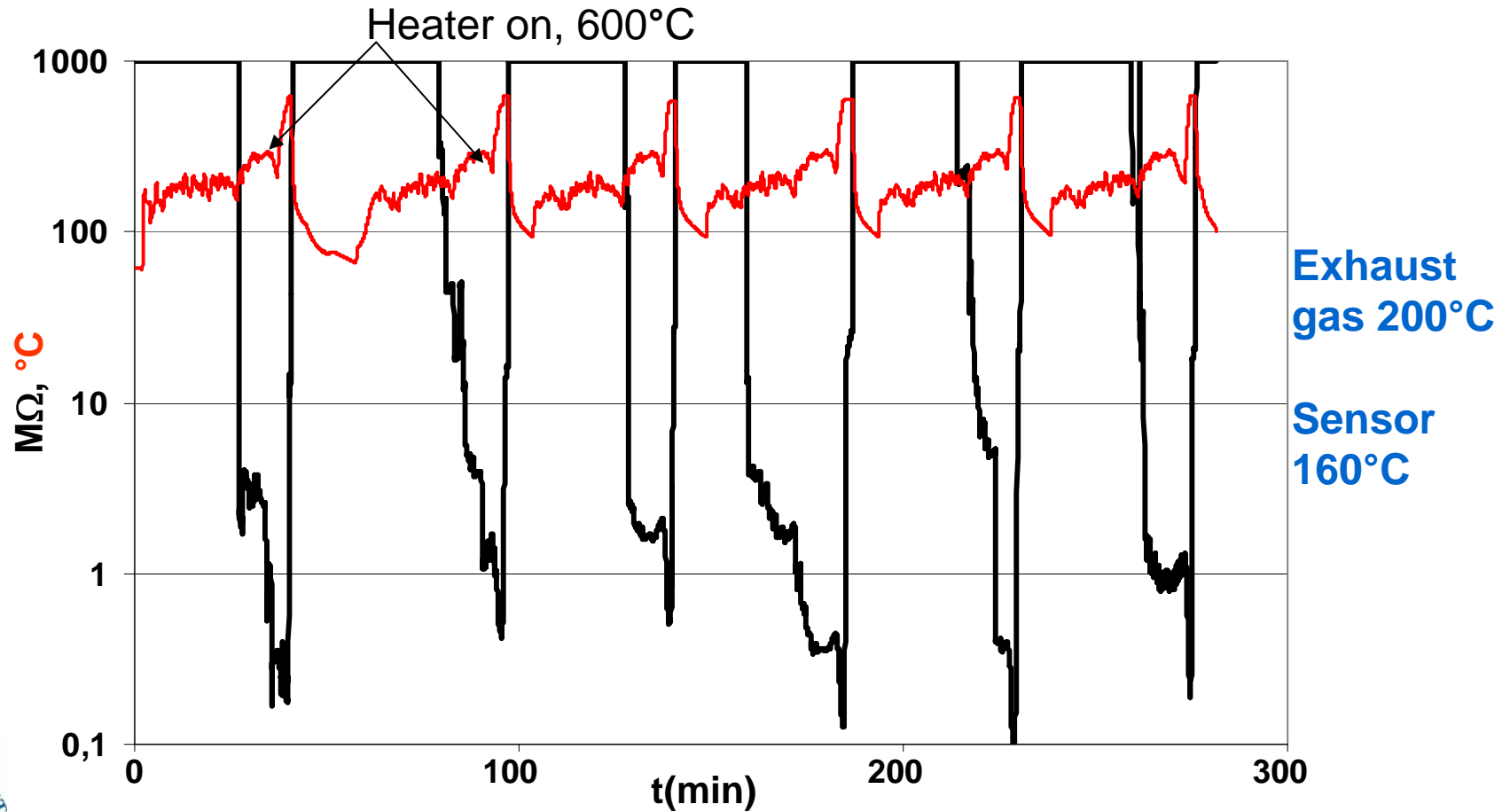
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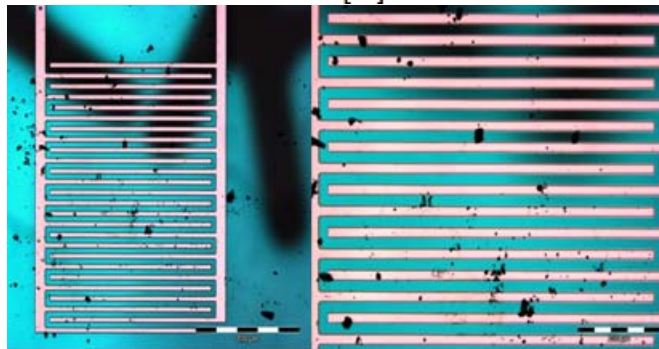
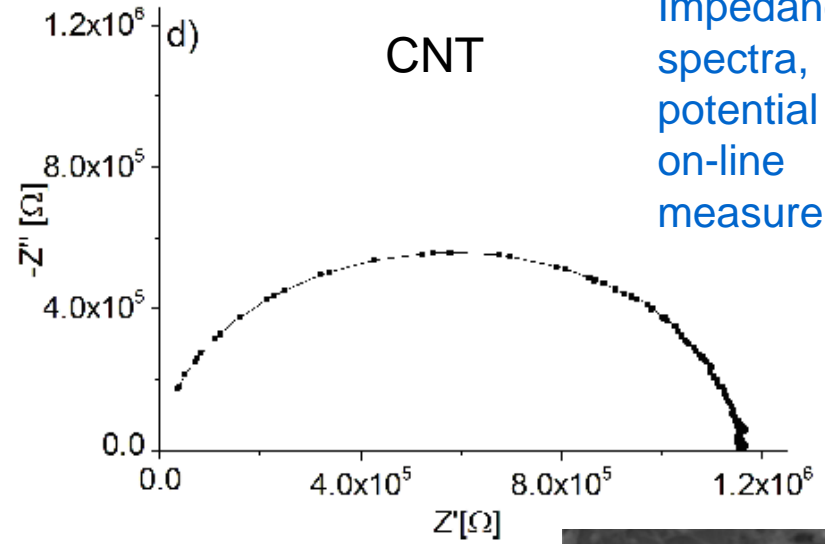
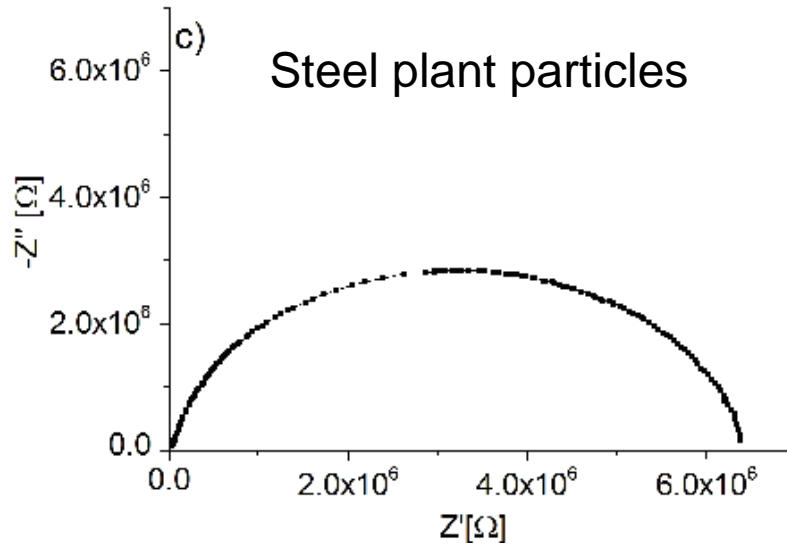


30 min/cycle, 18 min response time, 1370 mg/cycle, 40 mg/kWh)

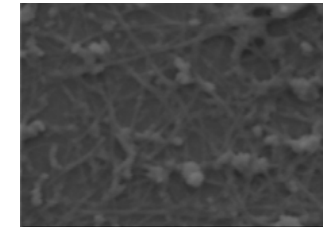
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Impedance spectra of particles from steel plant and CNTs

Impedance spectra, potential for on-line measurements



SEM: CNTs deposited on IDEs



300 nm

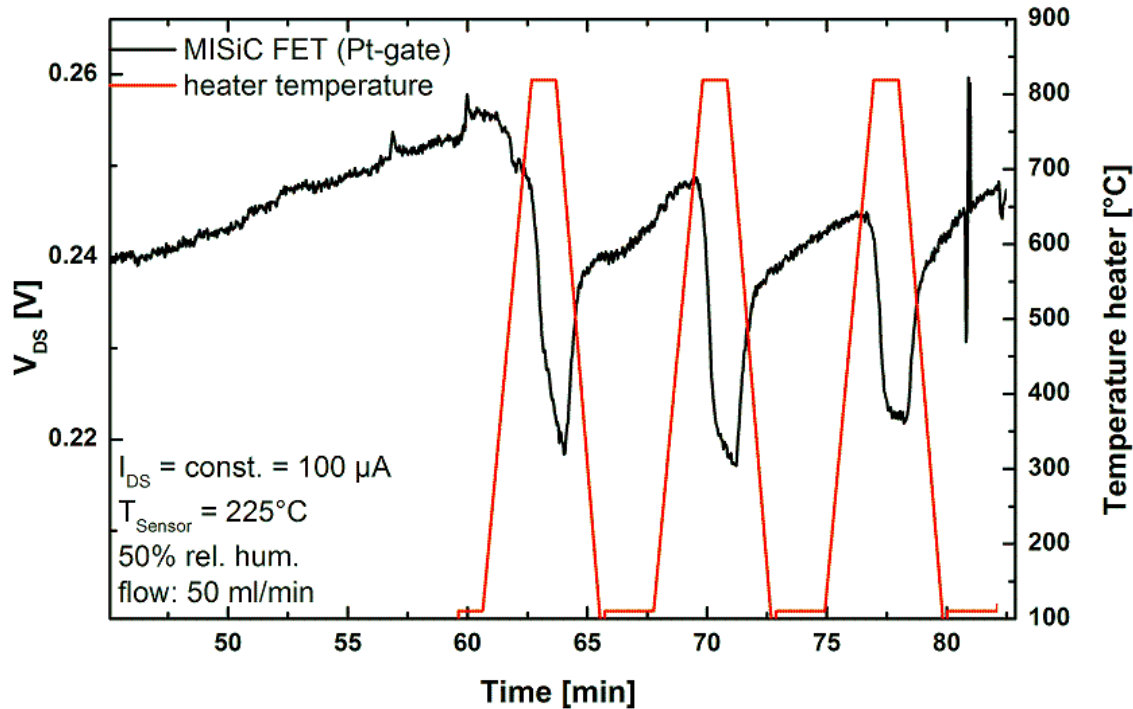
Optical image, airborne particles from steel plant



Detection of particle content

Workplace and Indoor Aerosol conference in Lund:

Detection of Pd in particles by the catalytic CO conversion efficiency



Christian Bur

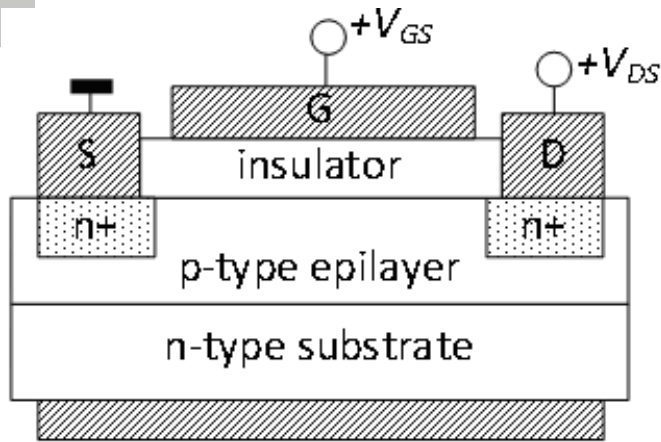
First results, detection of ammonia containing fly ash particles.

Particles are heated repeatedly to $\sim 800^\circ\text{C}$.

A small gas flow brings emissions from heater to SiC-FET sensors.

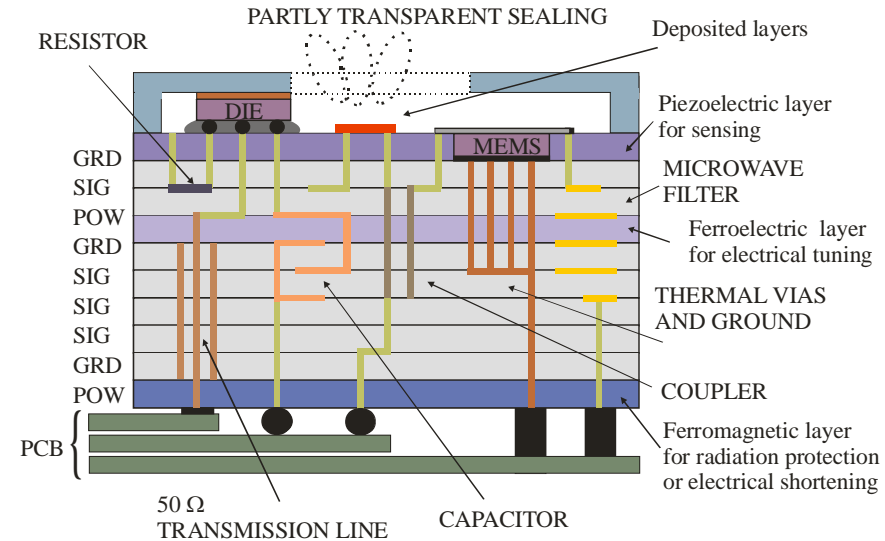


Future development



Particles are charged, **SiC-FET** device a possibility

Source and drain contacts need protection by over glass, but also bond wires must be protected



Additional functionality by smart packaging, LTCC packaging (Docent Jari Juuti):

Collection of particles by thermophoresis (cold sensor surface), applied voltage, magnetic field

Detection of content of particles by heating at a hot spot and detection of emissions by a sensor array, smart operation and data evaluation



Conclusions

- Toxic gases and airborne nanoparticles need to be monitored for emission control
- The new generation SiC-FETs provide a powerful sensor platform for detection of gases and potentially nanoparticles
- The content of nanoparticles is important to measure. Our present approach is based on impedance spectroscopy and heating particles and subsequent detection of the emissions



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