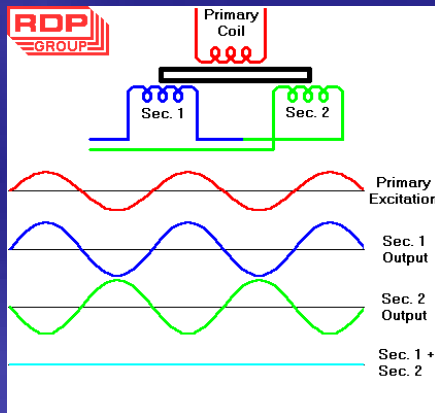
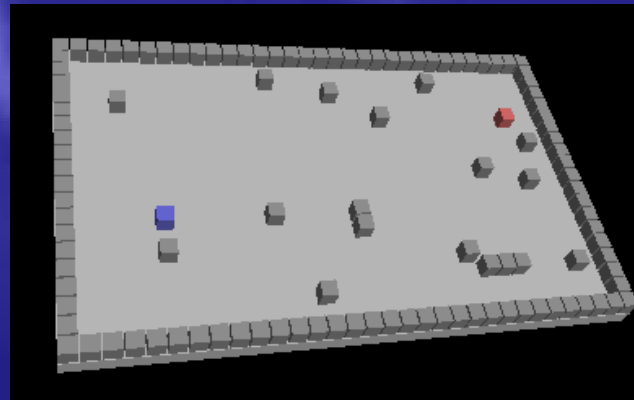


The frequency dependent potential distribution in a ground plane



# Electrical, Computer, and Systems Engineering Degree Programs

- Electric Power Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Computer and Systems Engineering

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# What Is?

- Electrical Engineering – the application of the laws of physics governing electricity, magnetism, and light to develop products and services for the benefit of humankind.
- Computer Engineering – the design, construction, implementation, and maintenance of computers and computer controlled equipment for the benefit of humankind.
- Power Engineering – the design, construction, implementation and maintenance of devices, materials and systems for the safe, reliable and economic generation, transmission, distribution, conversion, measurement and control of electric energy for the benefit of humankind.

## Example Job Description: EE



- Candidate will participate in the design of analog, digital, and power circuits, instrumentation, video, navigation, sonar, electro-hydraulic control systems, embedded controllers, Printed Circuit Board design, computer, network, fiber optic communications, and cable & harness design for underwater vehicle systems in a design team environment. Candidate will also support the drafting, fabrication, test, and evaluation of prototype and production hardware.
- Candidate required to be familiar with C++, Matlab & PSpice simulation tools, and OrCad & AutoCAD documentation tools. Candidate required to be familiar with printed circuit board (PCB) design process. Candidate must be capable of operating standard office software packages. Candidate required to be familiar with operation of Oscilloscopes, DMMS, network analyzers, spectrum analyzers, and other test & measurement equipment.

## Technical & Personal Interests: Examples

- Music
  - Recording: Signal compression
  - Instruments: MIDI or specific instruments
  - Listening: Audio electronics
- History
  - Electrical science: Telephony, broadcasting
  - Businesses: GE, IBM, Intel, Microsoft, Palm
  - Military: Weapons, intelligence
- Sports
  - Playing: Organizing software (team sport) or controls and feedback (auto racing)
  - Watching: Image processing
  - Training: Equipment

## An Example of an Application That Can Tie Together Your Education

- Involves material from many different courses
- Involves many types of career choices
- Historically relevant for technology
- Historically relevant for international politics
- Involves music

# The Theremin



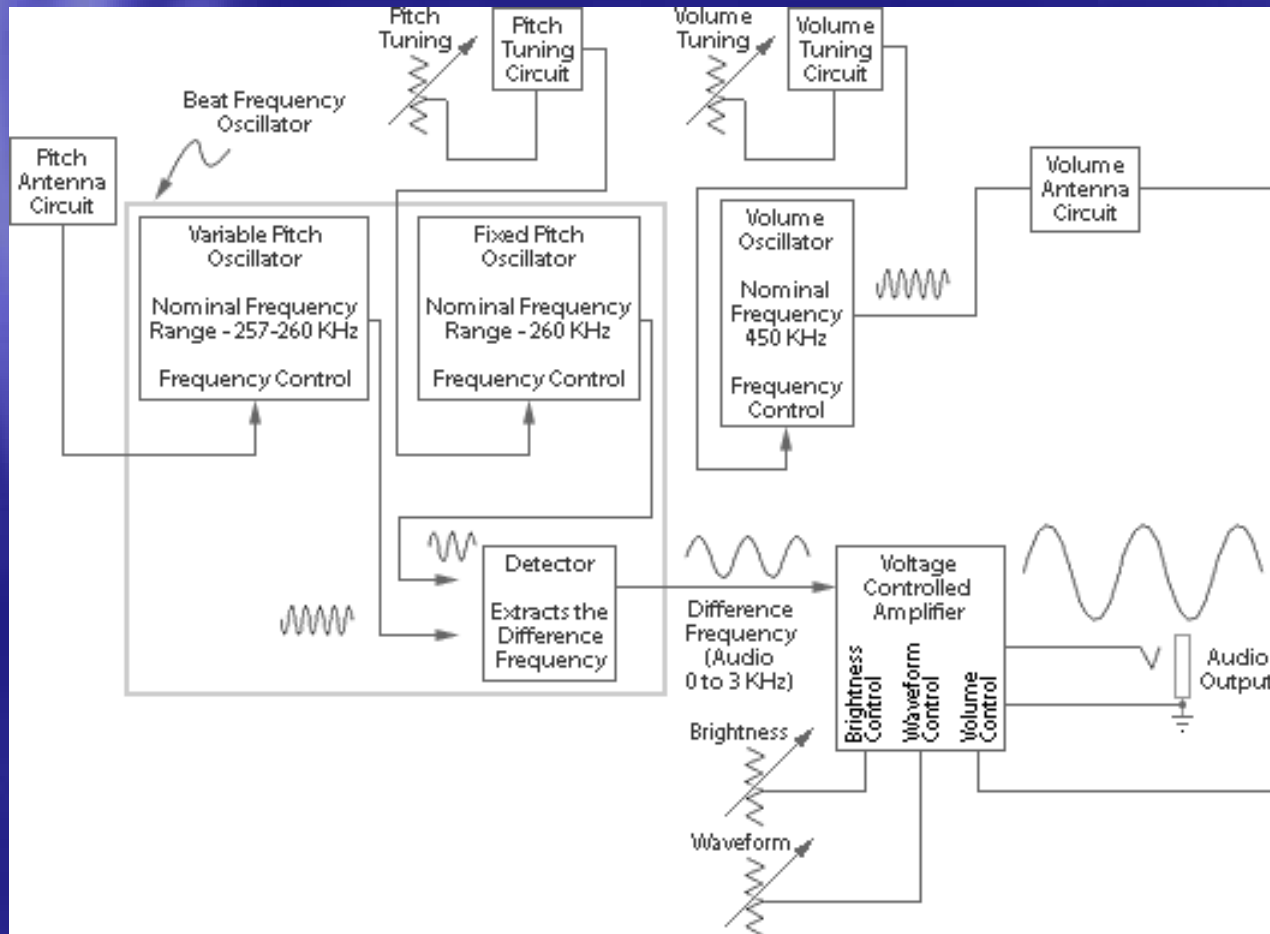
**Clara Rockmore (1911-1998)**



- The theremin was invented in 1919 by a Russian physicist named Lev Termen (his name was later changed to Leon Theremin).
- Besides looking like no other instrument, the theremin is unique in that it is played without being touched. Two antennas protrude from the theremin – one controlling pitch, and the other controlling volume. As a hand approaches the vertical antenna, the pitch gets higher. Approaching the horizontal antenna makes the volume softer. Because there is no physical contact with the instrument, playing the theremin requires precise skill and perfect pitch.



# Theremin: How It Works



- Pitch & Volume Control Using Oscillators

# What Ever Happened to Leon Theremin?

- **Theremin: An Electronic Odyssey**

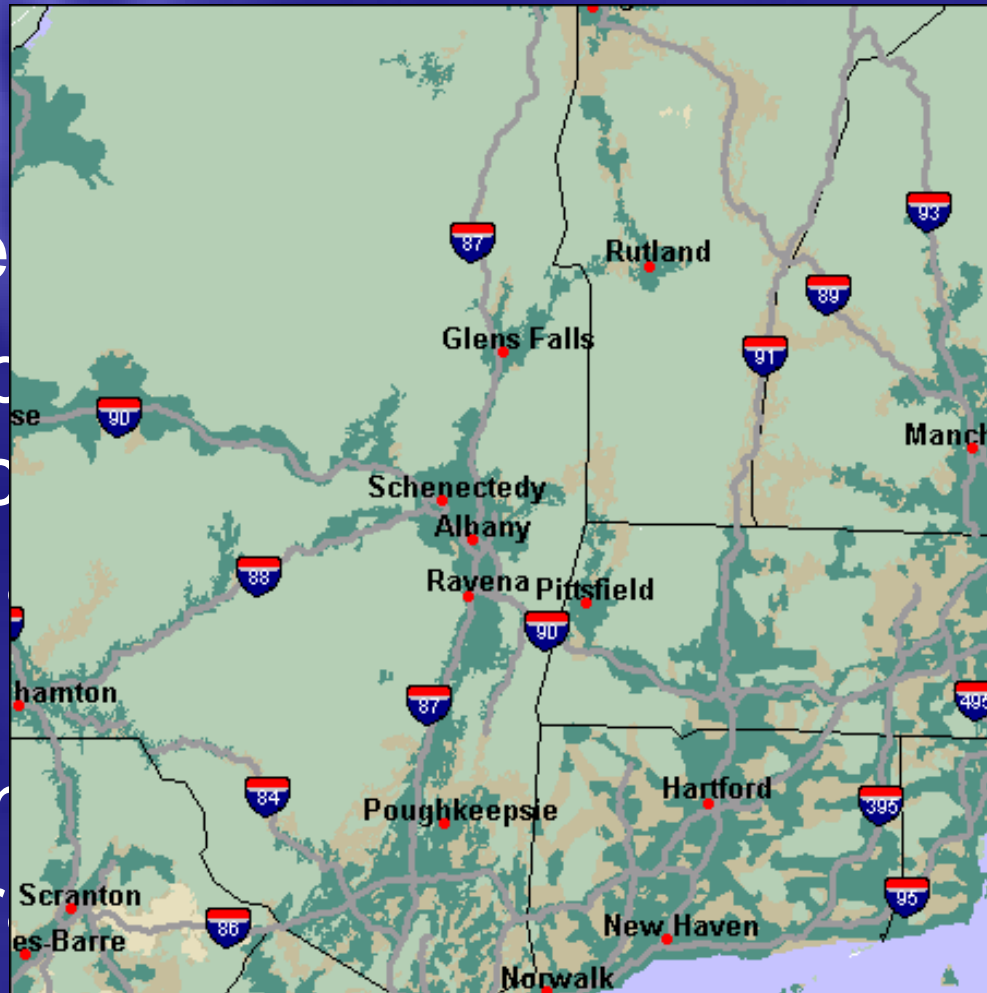


- Leon Theremin was the secret link between sci-fi films, the Beach Boys, and Carnegie Hall. His self-named electronic musical instrument--the first of its kind--took the world by storm in the 1920s and '30s. *Theremin: An Electronic Odyssey*, winner of Sundance's Filmmakers Trophy, explores the inventor's strange life and times, including his mysterious 50-year disappearance beginning in the 1940s. Interviews with theremin virtuoso Clara Rockmore, synthesizer pioneer Robert Moog, and Theremin's contemporaries, as well as clips from movies such as *The Day the Earth Stood Still*, featuring the unworldly sounds of his creation, show an eccentric genius working toward success until his sudden vanishing in the Soviet Union. Footage of Theremin at 94 years old, finally rediscovered and rewarded for his achievements, brings a celebratory ending to what could be a grim or at least uncertain story, but instead is a fascinating documentary.

# The Future?

## Iridium – An Entertaining Failure or Now on the Road to Success?

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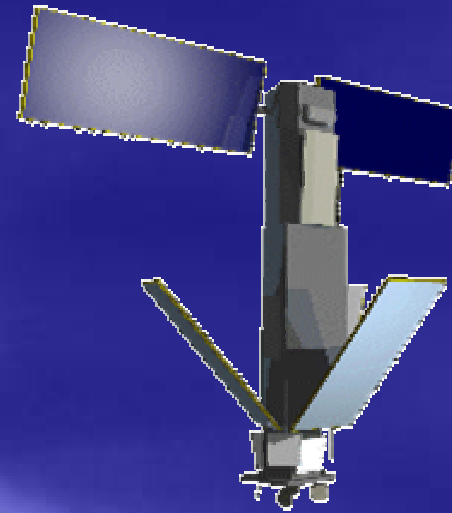
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## Iridium

- 1987: Two Motorola engineers envision a constellation of low orbiting satellites.
- 1990: The Iridium System is announced.
- 1995: FCC License granted
- 1998: Constellation of 66 satellites successfully launched.
- 1999: Chapter 11
- 2002: Licenses, etc. assigned to New Iridium

Note: Financing was several billion dollars

## Iridium Flares – Fun With Satellites

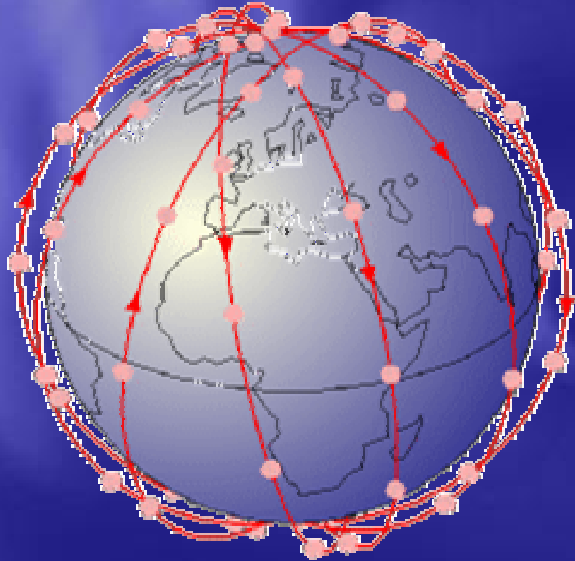


- The Iridium satellites are relatively small telecommunications satellites in a low Earth orbit.
- Each satellite has three main mission antennas (MMAs), which are flat, highly reflective surfaces, that can reflect the Sun's rays to an observer on the ground when the geometry is correct.

## Iridium Flares – Fun With Satellites

- The satellite's attitude is controlled so that the long axis remains vertical, with one MMA always pointing forwards. Given this knowledge of the attitude, together with the orbital position of the satellite and the Sun and observer's location, it is possible to calculate the angle between the direction to the observer from the satellite and the line of a perfect reflection of the Sun. This is the so-called "mirror angle" and determines the magnitude of the flare.

## Iridium Flares



- Heavens Above is an extensive website with information on tracking objects in space, notably including Iridium Satellites.

## Iridium Flares

- In the main Heavens Above webpage, select your location either exactly by longitude and latitude or from their extensive database.
- Choose United States, then Sycaway (where I live) Latitude: 42.742, Longitude:73.653, Elevation: 121 m
- Select Iridium Flares for the Next 7 Days.



## Iridium Flares

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Clicking on the time of the flare will load another page with more details, including a map showing the track of the flare along the ground, and the location of the nearest point of maximum intensity.

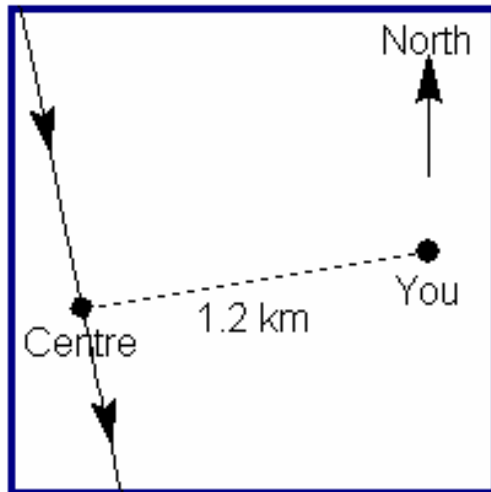
Search Period Start: 21:24, Sunday, 10 November, 2002  
 Search Period End: 22:24, Sunday, 17 November, 2002  
 Observer's Location: Sycaway ( 42.7420°N, 73.6530°W)  
 Local Time: Eastern Standard Time (GMT - 5:00)

Date	Local Time	Intensity ( Mag )	Alt.	Azimuth	Distance to flare centre	Intensity at flare centre (Mag.)	Satellite
13 Nov	<a href="#">05:31:13</a>	-2	26°	162° (SSE)	27.0 km (W)	-7	<a href="#">Iridium 11</a>
14 Nov	<a href="#">05:25:17</a>	-2	25°	162° (SSE)	21.5 km (E)	-7	<a href="#">Iridium 3</a>
15 Nov	<a href="#">06:42:50</a>	-1	29°	76° (ENE)	39.7 km (E)	-7	<a href="#">Iridium 28</a>
16 Nov	<a href="#">06:36:44</a>	-7	28°	74° (ENE)	1.2 km (W)	-7	<a href="#">Iridium 30</a>
17 Nov	<a href="#">05:16:14</a>	-1	26°	170° (S )	35.0 km (W)	-7	<a href="#">Iridium 26</a>
17 Nov	<a href="#">06:30:35</a>	-1	28°	73° (ENE)	45.9 km (W)	-6	<a href="#">Iridium 57</a>
17 Nov	<a href="#">17:34:52</a>	-1	60°	34° (NE )	30.1 km (W)	-8	<a href="#">Iridium 46</a>



## Iridium Flare Details

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Map showing path of flare centre over Earth's surface

Date: Saturday, 16 November, 2002

Your Location: Sycaway (42.742°N, 73.653°W)

Time Zone: Eastern Standard Time (GMT - 5:00)

Satellite: [Iridium 30](#)

Antenna (MMA): Front

Flare centre is at: 42.740°N, 73.668°W

Distance to centre: 1.2 km (0.8 miles)

	At your location	At flare centre
Time:	06:36:44	06:36:44
Magnitude:	-7	-7
Altitude:	28°	28°
Azimuth:	74° (ENE)	74° (ENE)
Mirror angle:	0.0°	0.0°

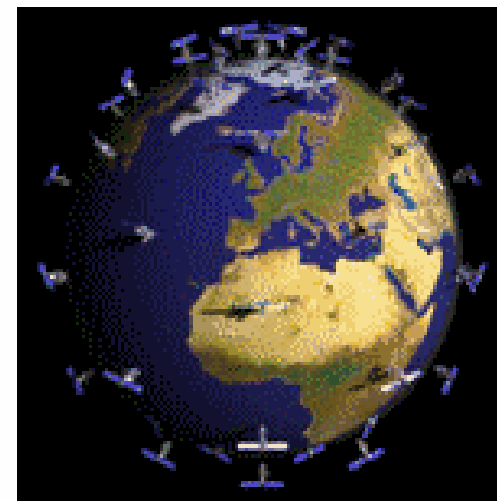
## magnitude

This is a measure of the brightness of a celestial object. The lower the value, the brighter the object, so magnitude -4 is brighter than magnitude 0, which is in turn brighter than magnitude +4. The scale is logarithmic, and a difference of 5 magnitudes means a brightness difference of exactly 100 times. A difference of one magnitude corresponds to a brightness difference of around 2.51 (the fifth root of 100).

The system was started by the ancient Greeks, who divided the stars into one of six magnitude groups with stars of the first magnitude being the first ones to be visible after sunset. In modern times, the scale has been extended in both directions and more strictly defined.

Examples of magnitude values for well-known objects are;

Sun	-26.7 (about 400 000 times brighter than full Moon!)
Full Moon	-12.7
Brightest Iridium flares	-8
Venus (at brightest)	-4.4
International Space Station	-2
Sirius (brightest star)	-1.44
Limit of human eye	+6 to +7
Limit of 10x50 binoculars	+9
Pluto	+14
Limit of Hubble Space Telescope	+30





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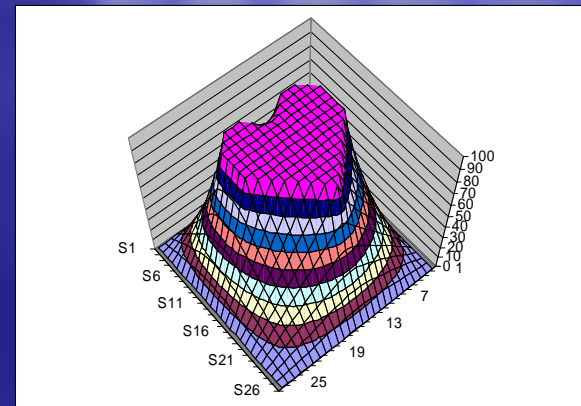
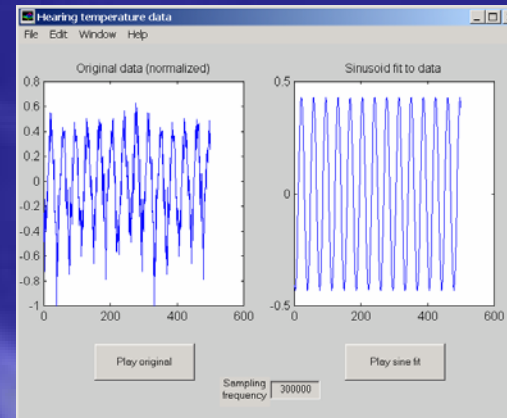
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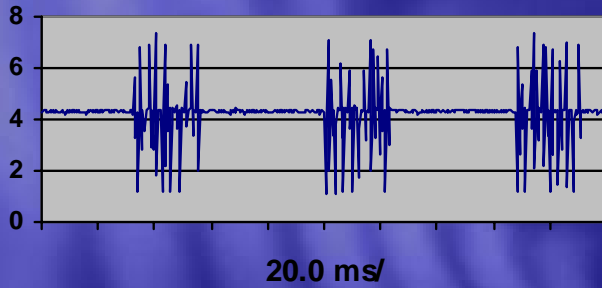
# Some Exercises

- Matlab representation of signals
- Excel Analysis of Electrodes
- Others



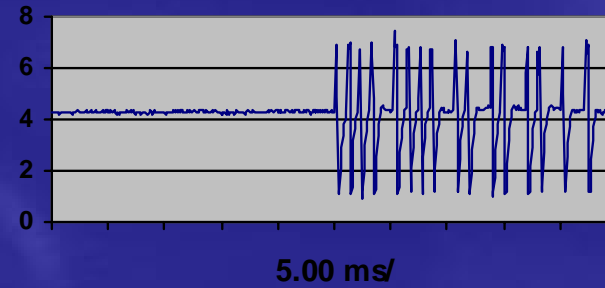
# Signals from Audio Remote

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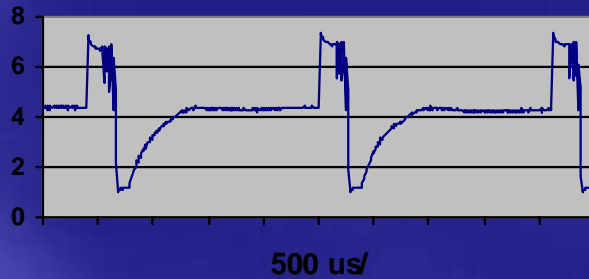
$3.5 \times 20 = 70\text{ms}$  or 14Hz

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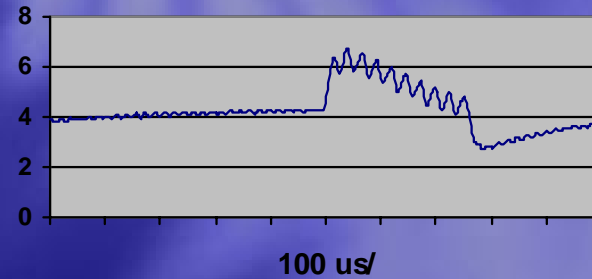
Mostly hear higher frequencies in pulses

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$4 \times 500 = 2000\text{us}$  or 500Hz

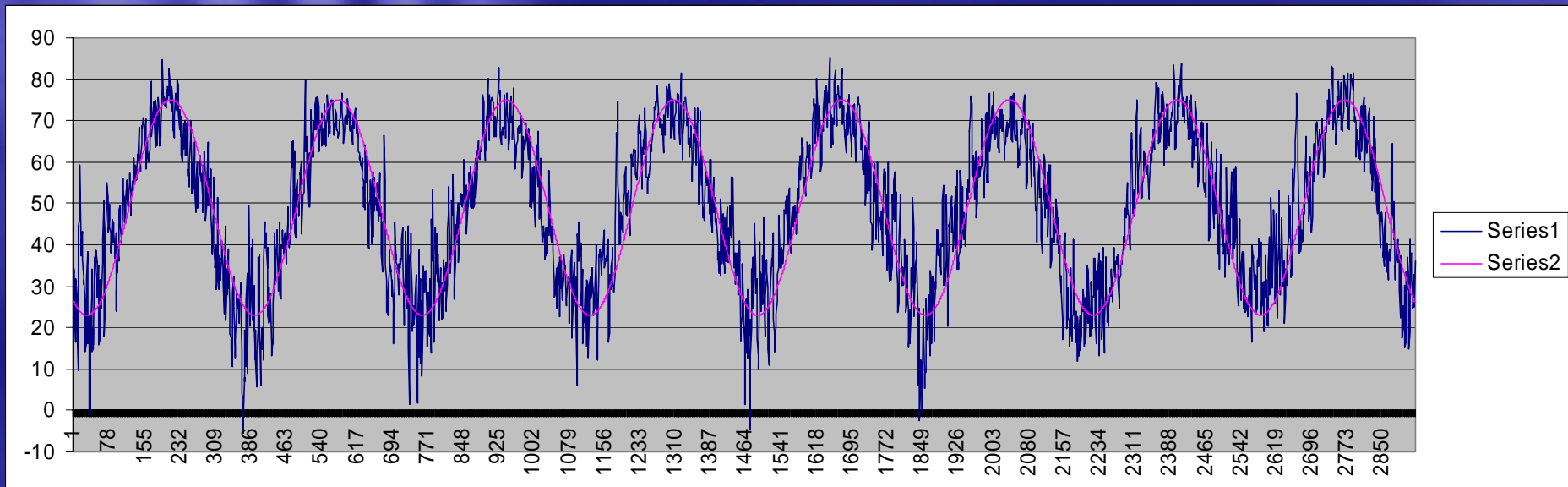
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$2 \times 100 / 9 = 23\text{us}$  or 43kHz

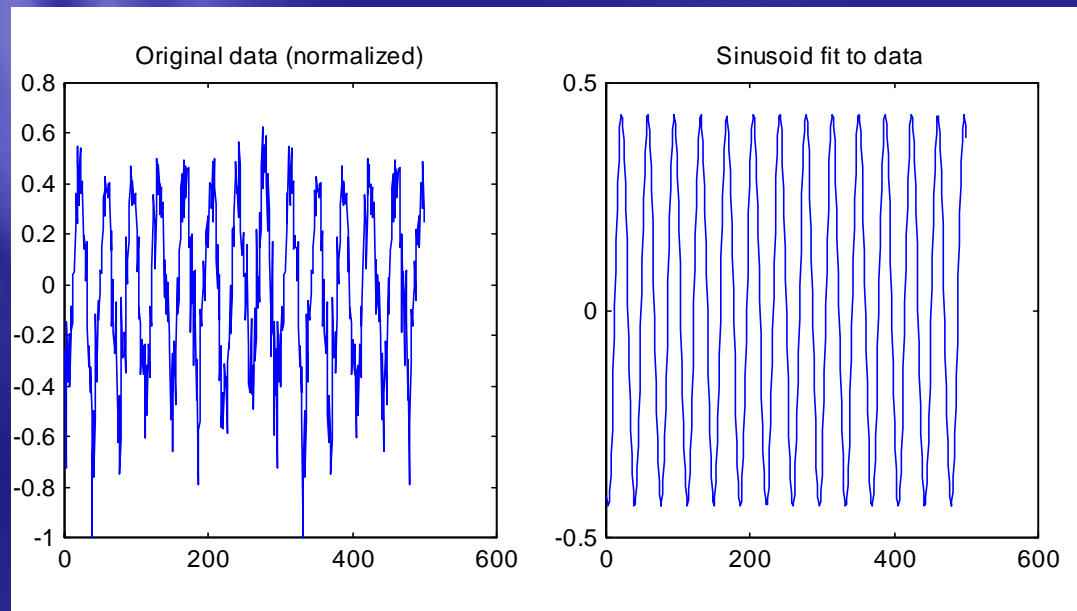


# Daily Average Temperature Albany-Troy-Schenectady



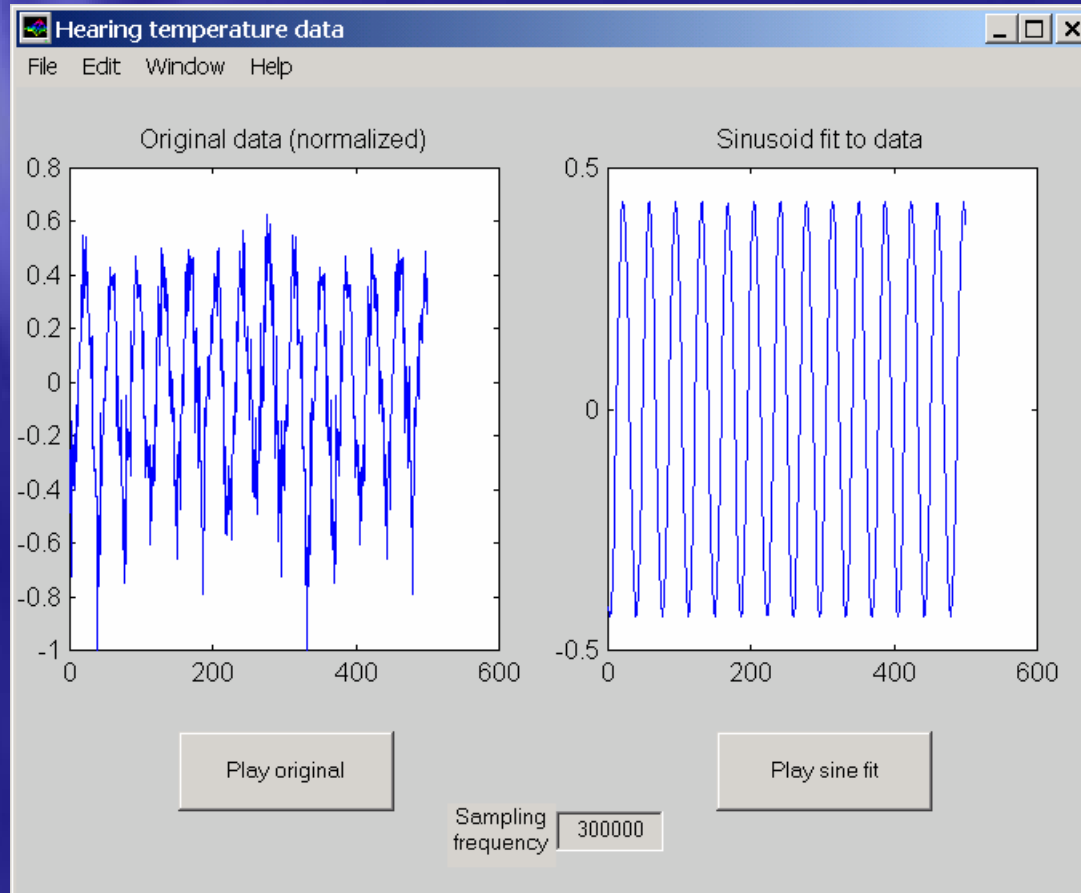
- Data (blue) covers 1995-2002
- Note the sinusoid (pink) fit to the data

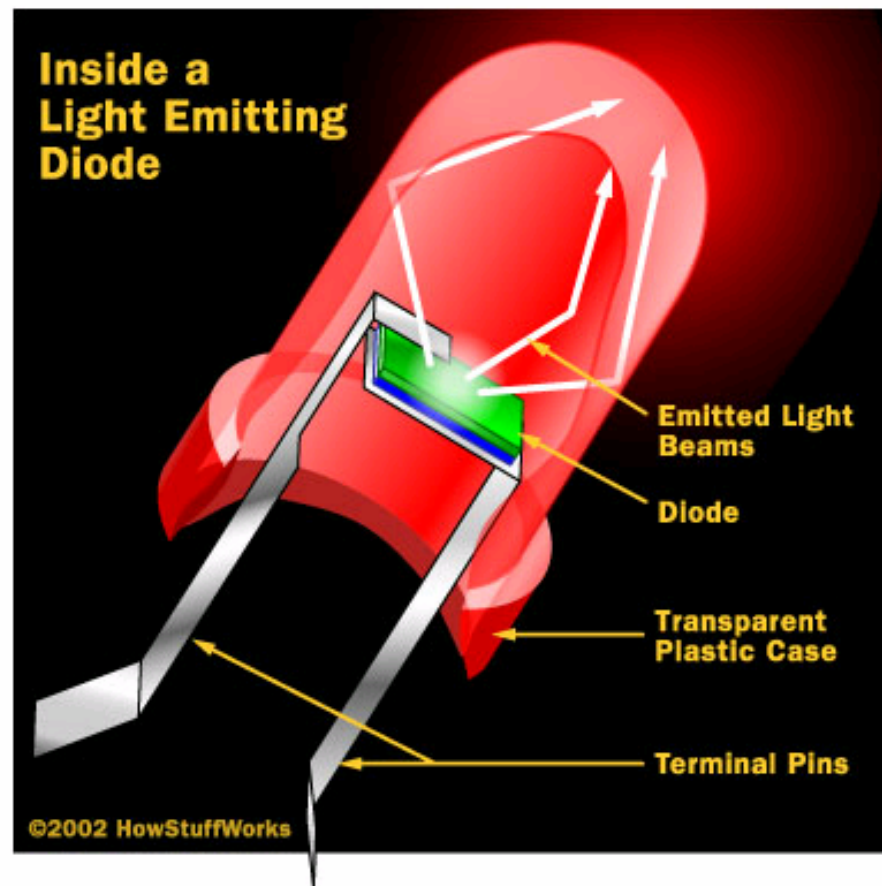
# Using Matlab to Produce Audio Signal from Daily Average Temps



- Data is normalized to mimic sound
- Data is filtered to find fundamental

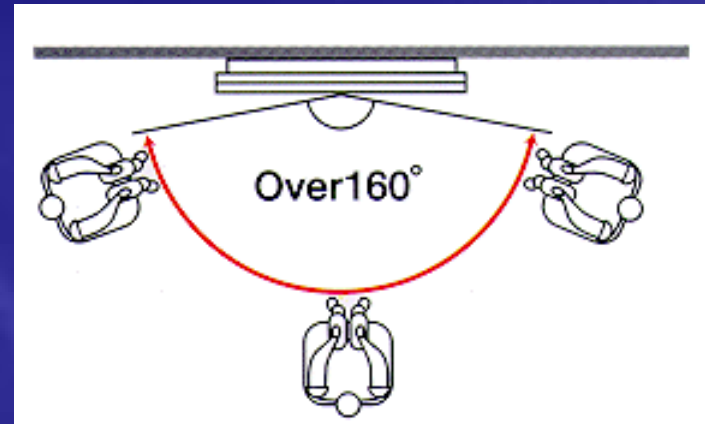
# Matlab Window





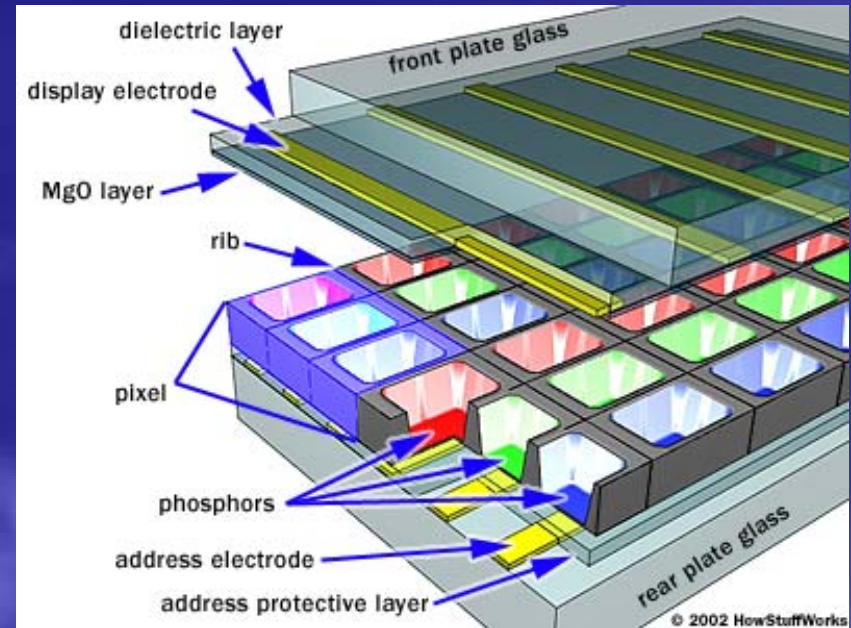
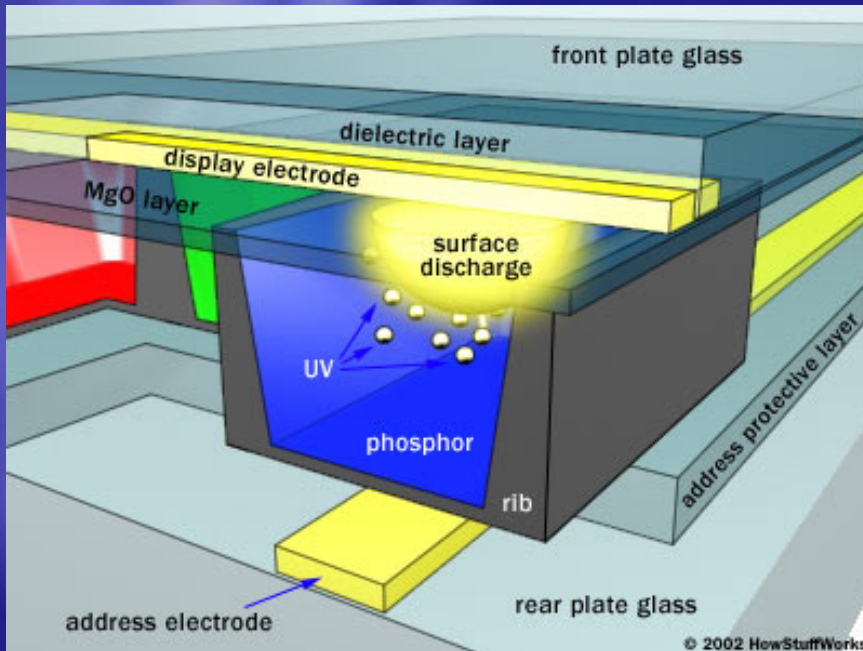
LEDs have several advantages over conventional incandescent lamps. For one thing, they don't have a filament that will burn out, so they last much longer. Additionally, their small plastic bulb makes them a lot more durable. They also fit more easily into modern electronic circuits.

## Plasma Displays



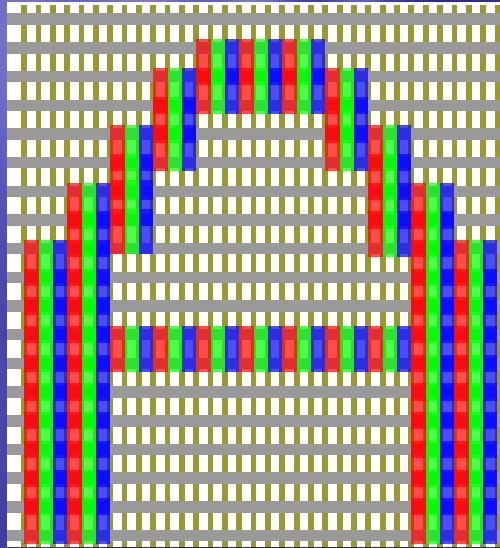
- Large, bright, flat panel display
- View from a wide angular range
- Designed for HDTV
- Available from many companies

# Plasma Displays

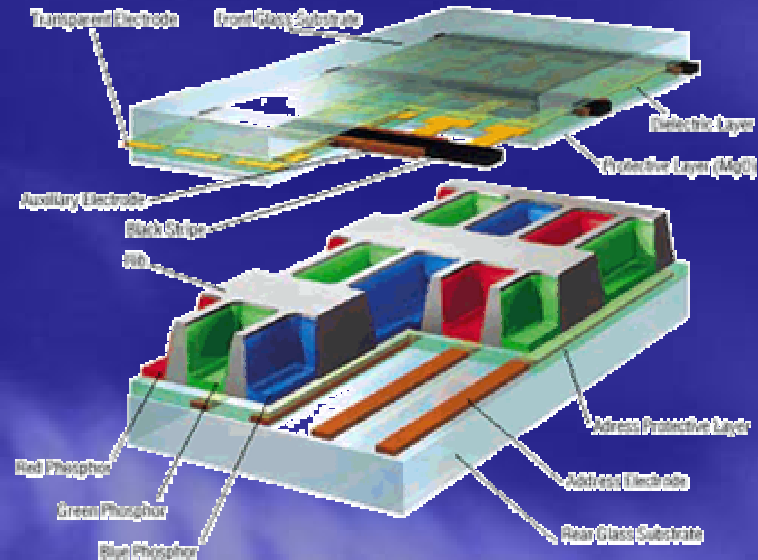


- Note the patterns of the address and display electrodes
- To excite an address, both voltages must be applied

# Plasma Displays

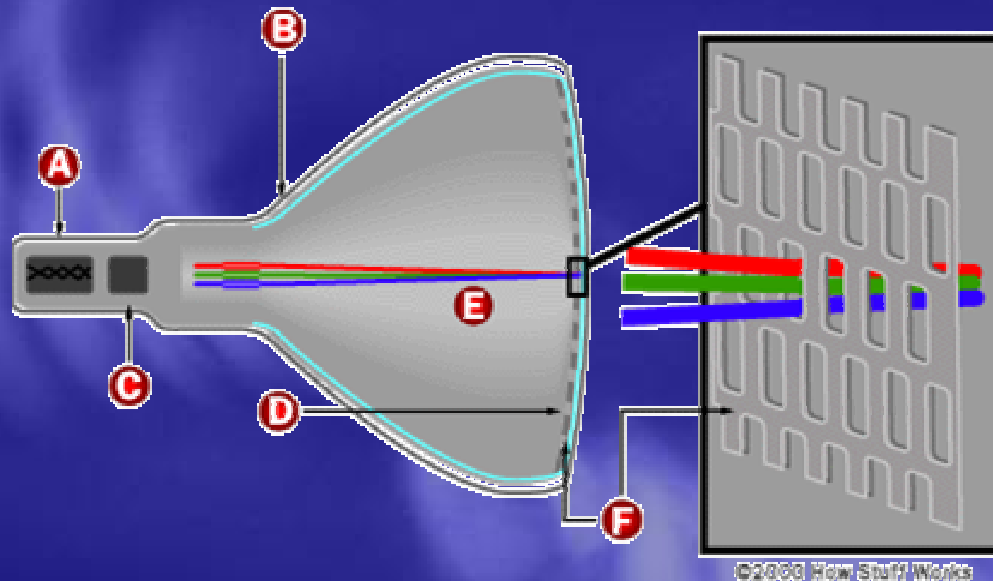


Structure of Newly Developed Panel



- Fujitsu ALIS display
- More complex electrodes but better use of surface area for display

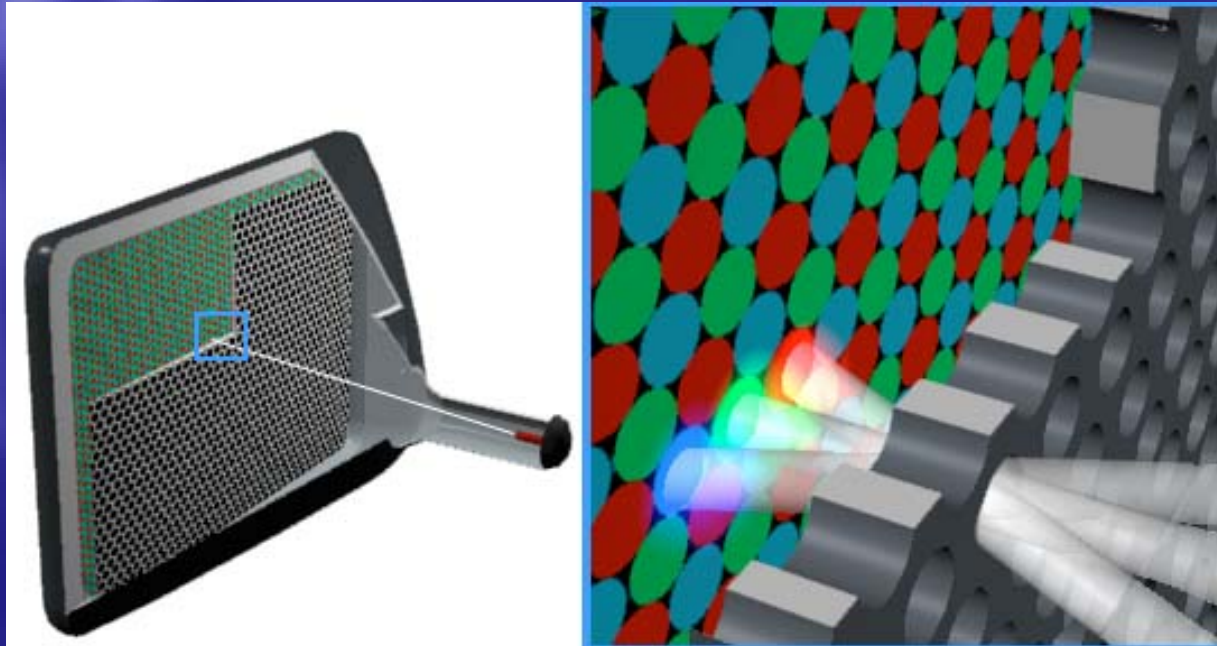
## Displays: CRT



- Three separate electron guns are required to produce a color picture



## Displays: CRT



- A large variety of configurations are used by manufacturers
- Look carefully at the screen of your TV

## Displays: Early TV



Allen Dumont  
B.S.E.E. RPI 1924



**1938** DuMont Model 180

America's First Commercial Electronic TV Set



-- Inside --  
Rear View

## Displays: Dumont



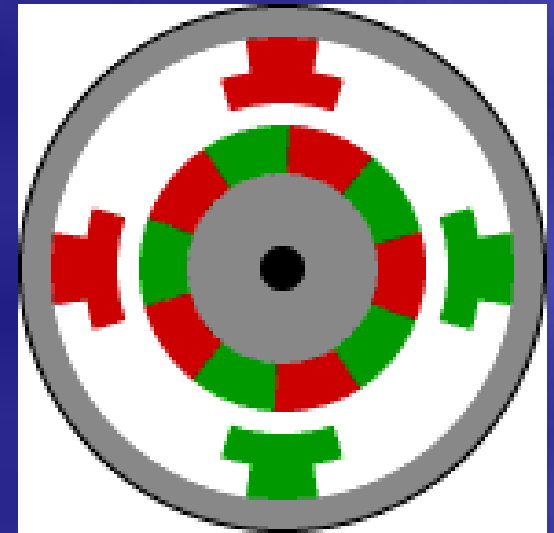
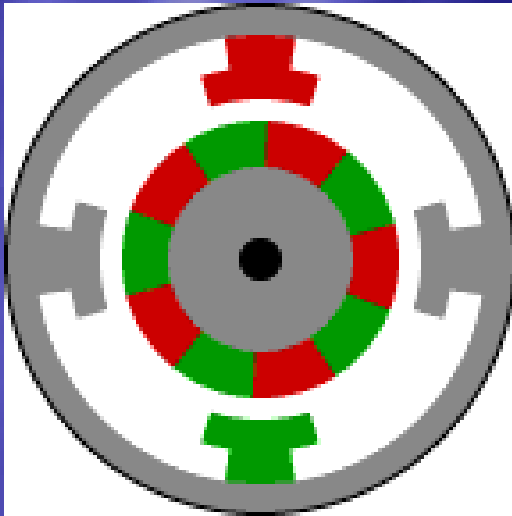
- Developed the first practical CRT (previous versions lasted only 10s of hours)
- First company to market home TV receiver in 1938 (previous slide)
- Dumont network until 1956 – It could not compete with radio networks (poorly funded)
- Broadcast Jackie Gleason, first sporting events, but shows were bought by big 3 networks
- Dumont was one of broadcastings first millionaires

## Animal Magnetism



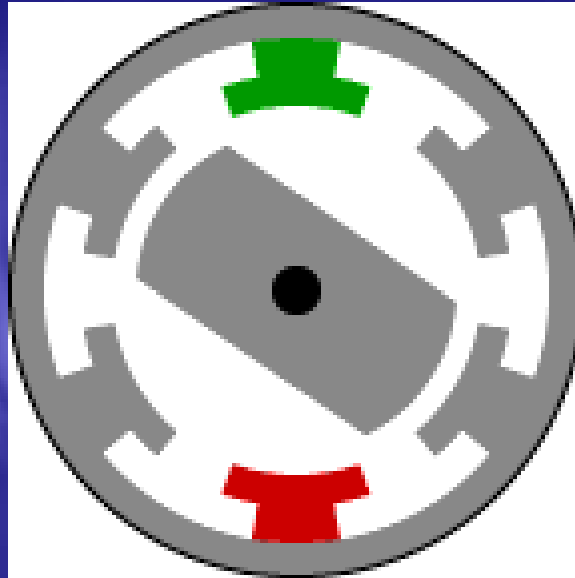
- A frog suspended in an intense magnetic field – all of us are paramagnetic
- Much money is wasted on magnetic therapy

## Stepper Motors



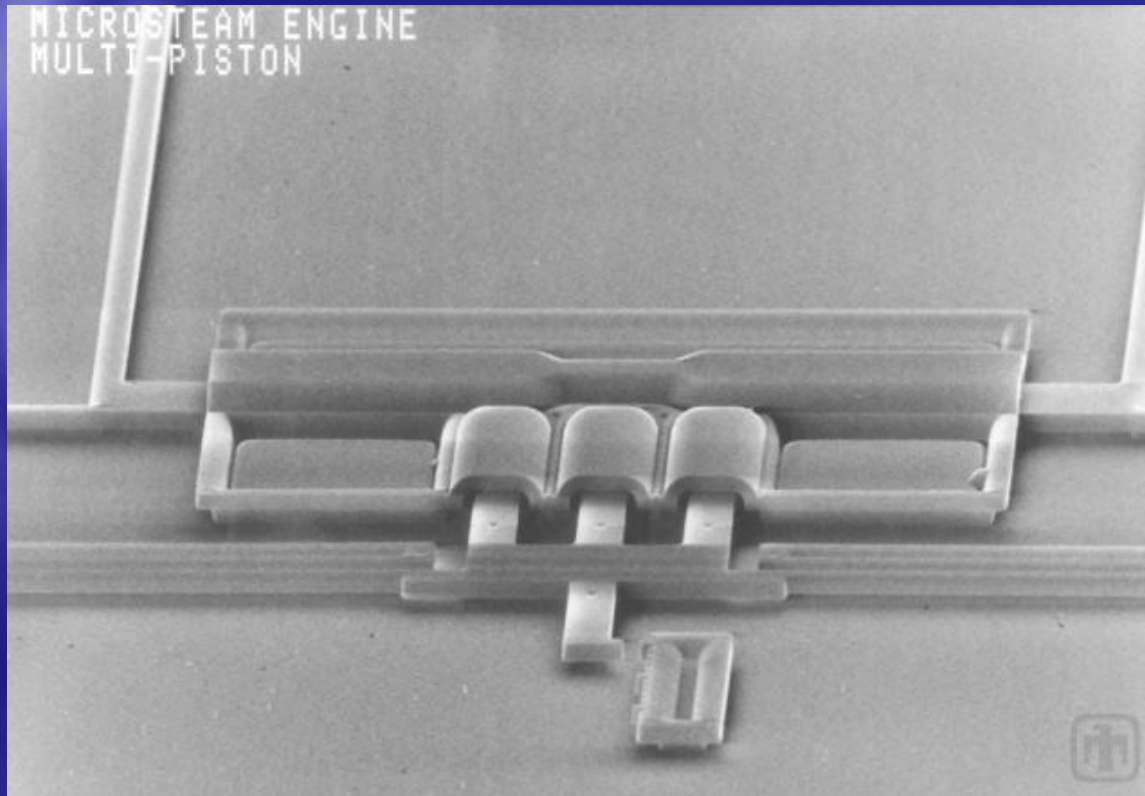
- This stepper motor is very simplified. The rotor of a real stepper motor usually has many poles. The animation has only ten poles, however a real stepper motor might have a hundred. These are formed using a single magnet mounted inline with the rotor axis and two pole pieces with many teeth. The teeth are staggered to produce many poles. The stator poles of a real stepper motor also has many teeth. The teeth are arranged so that the two phases are still  $90^\circ$  out of phase. This stepper motor uses permanent magnets. Some stepper motors do not have magnets and instead use the basic principles of a switched reluctance motor. The stator is similar but the rotor is composed of a iron laminates.

## Switched Reluctance Motor



- A switched reluctance or variable reluctance motor does not contain any permanent magnets. The stator is similar to a brushless dc motor. However, the rotor consists only of iron laminates. The iron rotor is attracted to the energized stator pole. The polarity of the stator pole does not matter. Torque is produced as a result of the attraction between the electromagnet and the iron rotor in the same way a magnet is attracted to a refrigerator door. An electrically quiet motor since it has no brushes.

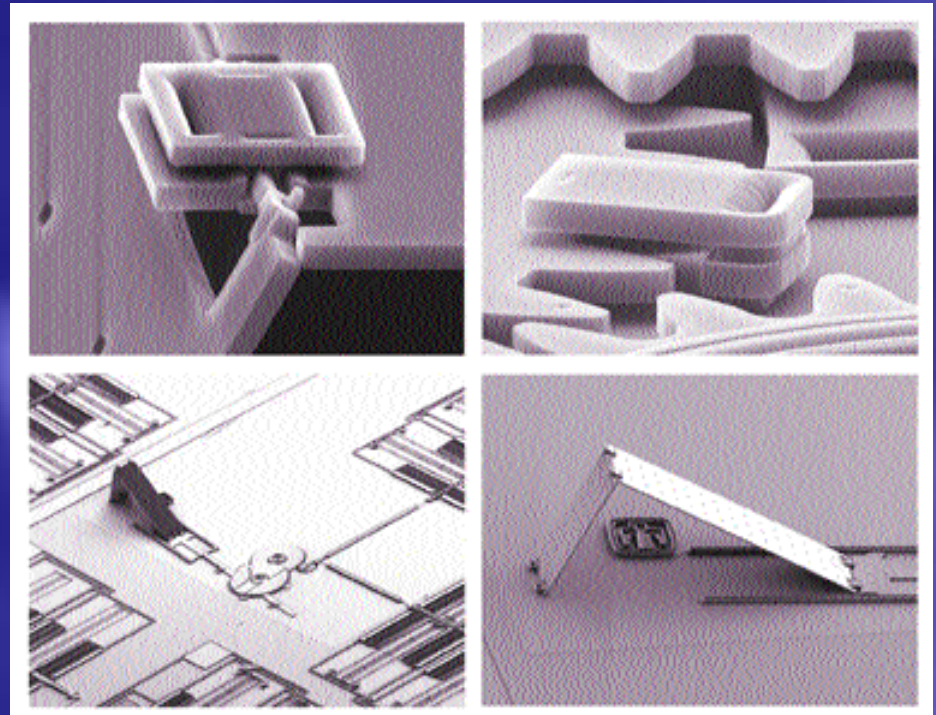
## MEMS: Steam Engine



- Water inside of three compression cylinders is heated by electric current and vaporizes, pushing the piston out. Capillary forces then retract the piston once current is removed.

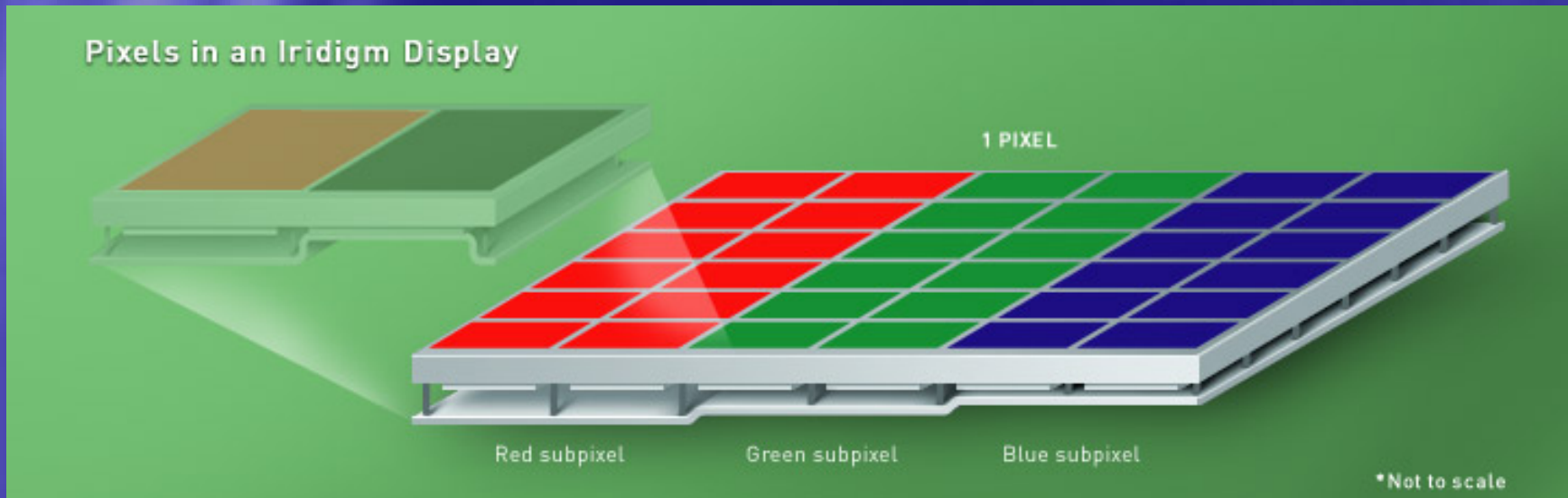
# Integrated MEMS

- Types of micromechanical devices that might be used in integrated microsystems of the future [shown clockwise from right] include this gear, pop-up mirror, mirror assembly, and hinge. The gear is part of an assembly that has demonstrated torque ratios of up to 3 million to 1. The silicon mirror is fabricated flat on the silicon wafer, then "popped up" to its raised position using the gear assembly.



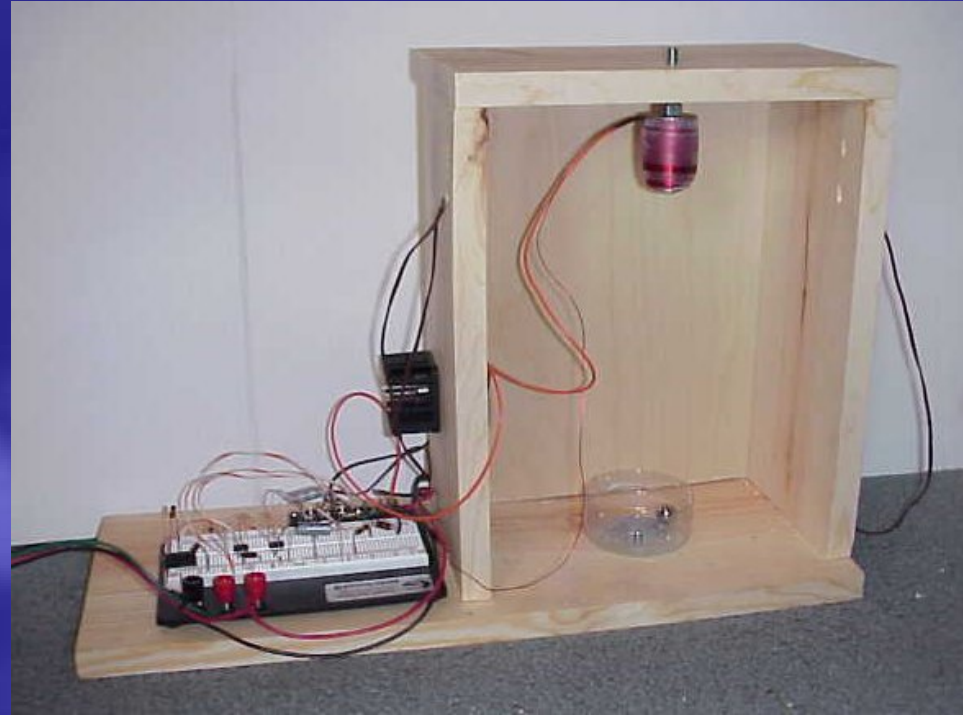


# MEMS Displays



- iMoD elements are minuscule, typically 25-60 microns on a side (400-1,000 dots per inch). Therefore, many iMoD elements are ganged and driven together as a pixel, or sub-pixel in a color display. The color of the iMoD element is determined by the size of the gap between the plates. As shown, the blue iMoD has the smallest gap and the red has the largest. To create a flat panel display, a large array of iMoD elements are fabricated in the desired format (i.e. 5" full color VGA) and packaged. Finally, driver chips are attached at the edge to complete the display.

# Magnetic Levitation Experiment

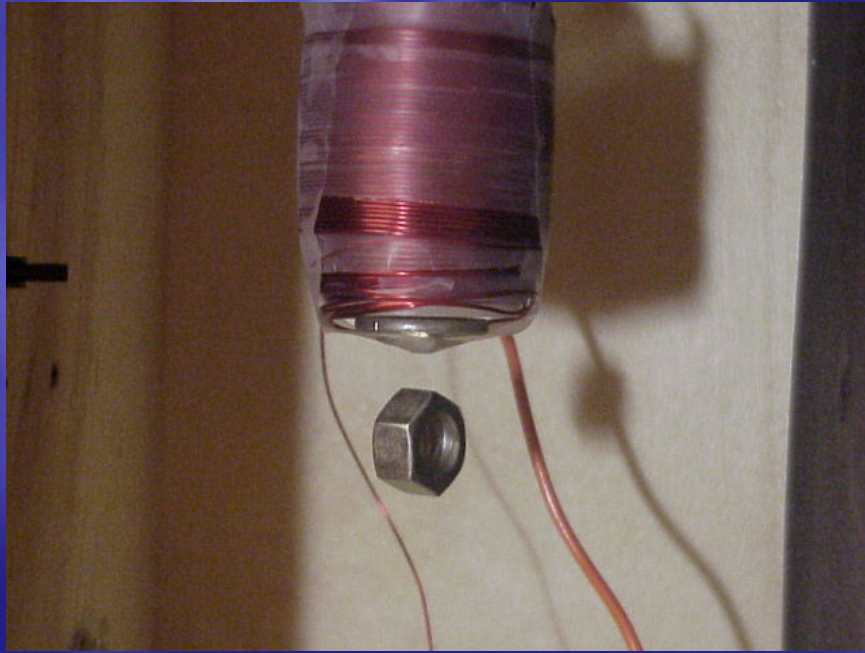


- Magnets or magnetic materials can be suspended either using magnetic attraction or repulsion and permanent or electromagnets.

# Some Commercial Products

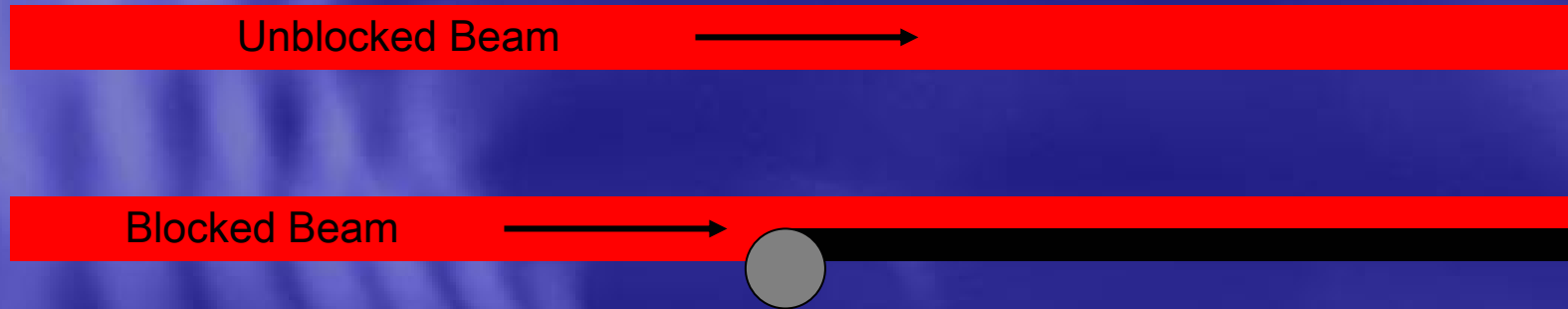


## Maglev Experiment



- Close up photos showing levitation of washer and ball bearing with magnet attached. Some preferred orientation is necessary for stability.

## Maglev Experiment



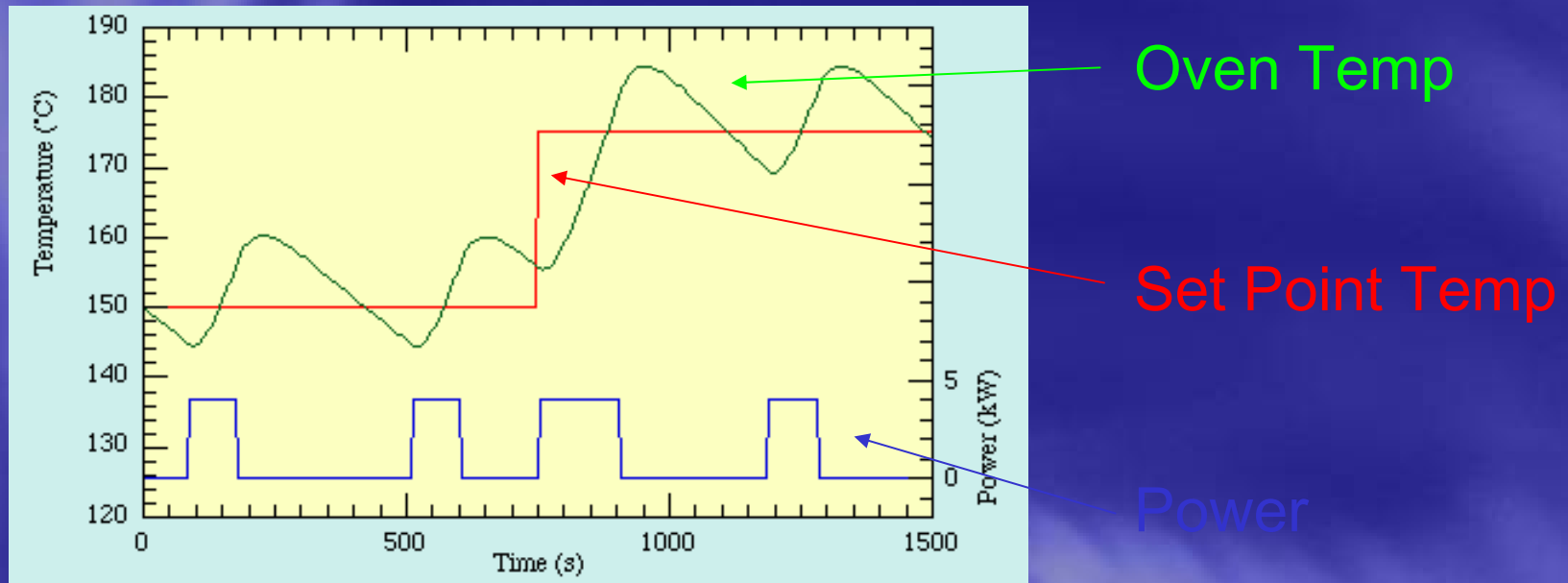
- The position of the suspended object (here a ball) is sensed by how much of an IR beam is blocked by the object.
- This requires an IR emitter and an IR detector.

## Maglev Experiment



- The emitter puts out a constant light intensity.
- The detector signal is amplified and compared with a reference voltage.
- The output of the comparison drives the electromagnet.
- If the ball is too high (detected IR signal too small), the coil current is reduced.
- If the ball is too low (detected IR signal too large), the coil current is increased.

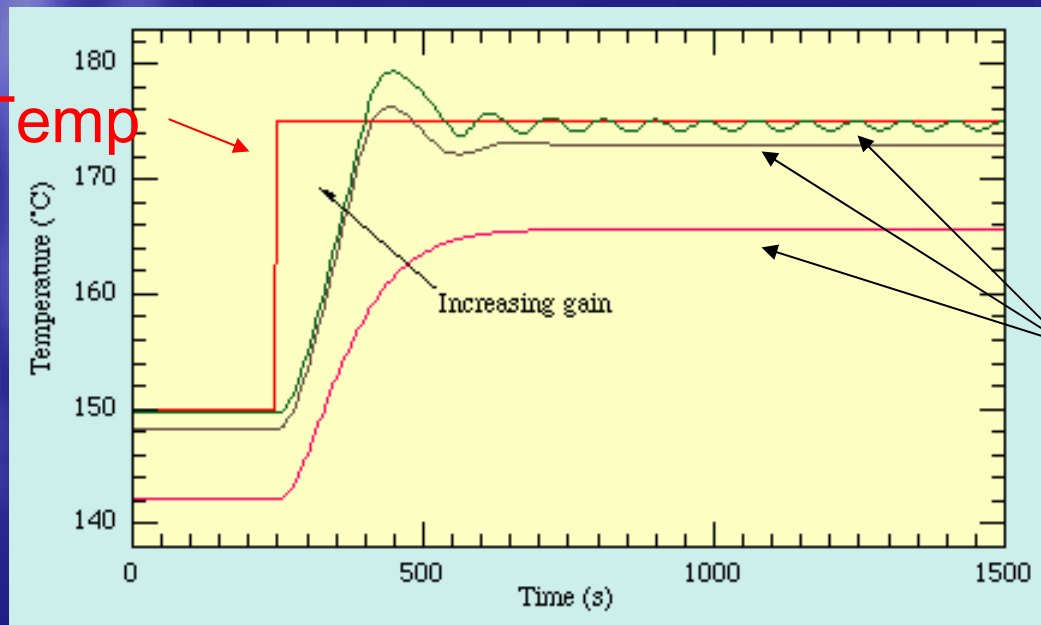
## Maglev: Types of Control



- On-Off Control (also called Bang-Bang)
- Commonly used for thermostats. When the temperature is too low (bang) it is on. When the temperature is too high (bang) it is off.
- Note the large excursions in temperature and that hysteresis is used to delay turn on and turn off.

## Maglev: Types of Control

Set Point Temp



Oven Temp  
For 3 gains

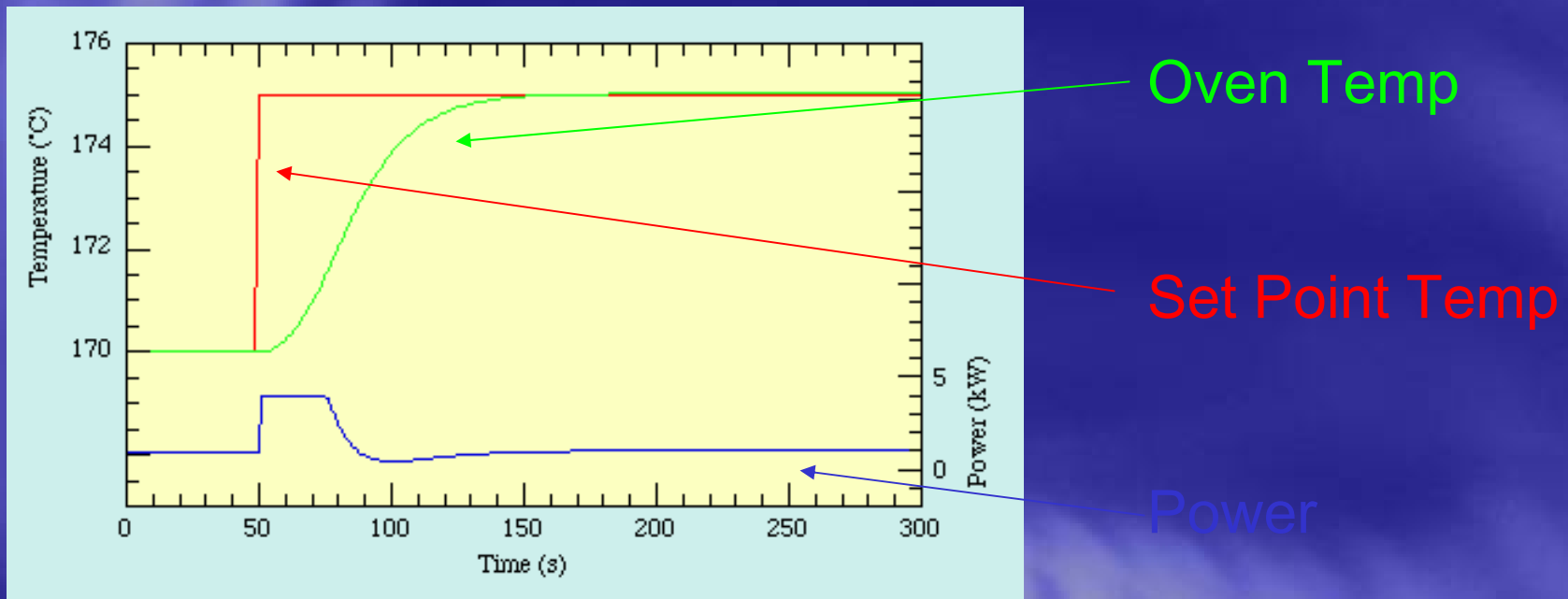
- Proportional Control

$$W = A_P (T_S - T_O)$$

- The power  $W$  is proportional to the difference in temperature between the set point and the actual temperature. Note as gain increases, the temperature becomes more unstable but can get closer to the set point.



## Maglev: Types of Control



- Proportional-Integral-Differential Control (PID)

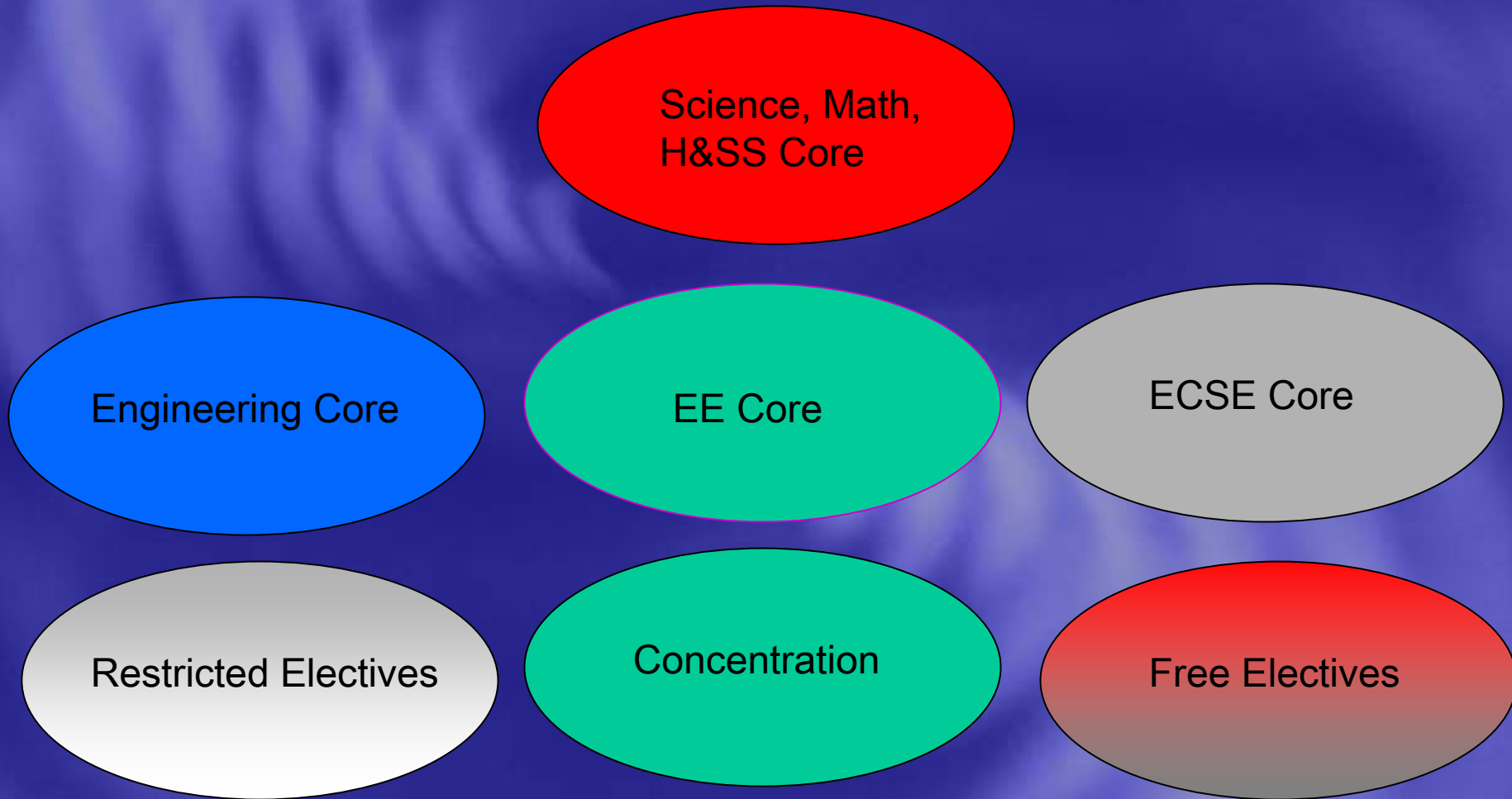
$$W = A_P \left[ (T_S - T_O) + A_D \frac{d(T_S - T_O)}{dt} + A_I \int (T_S - T_O) dt \right]$$

- Works the best but is more mathematically demanding since it is 3<sup>rd</sup> order.

## Maglev: Types of Control

- Proportional-Integral Control (PI): In a simple system where noise may be a problem, the derivative term is not used. This is the approach used in the Embedded Control Class.
- More on control can be found at [Feedback and Temperature Control](#) from the University of Exeter and the [Hacker's Diet](#) (really!) by John Walker.

# Electrical Engineering



# Electrical Engineering

Science, Math,  
H&SS Core

Engineering Core

- Chem Mat I
- Calculus I&II
- Differential Eqns
- Physics I&II
- CS I
- H&SS (5) + PD II
- Applied Math Elective
- IEA
- IEE
- EG&CAD
- IED
- Embedded Control
- PD I&III
- Multidisciplinary Elective

# Electrical Engineering

ECSE Core

- Electric Circuits
- Computer Components and Operations
- Signals & Systems
- Probability for Engr. Applications

EE Core

- Analog Electronics or Digital Electronics
- Fields and Waves I
- Microelectronics Technology
- Lab Elective

# Electrical Engineering

## Concentration

- Automatic Controls
- Comm & Info Proc
- Computer Hardware
- Electromagnetics
- Electronic Circuits
- Power Electronics
- Manufacturing or Entrepreneurship
- Microelectronics
- Individualized

## Specified Electives

- Lab Elective
- Design Elective (no longer included in concentration)

# Electrical Engineering

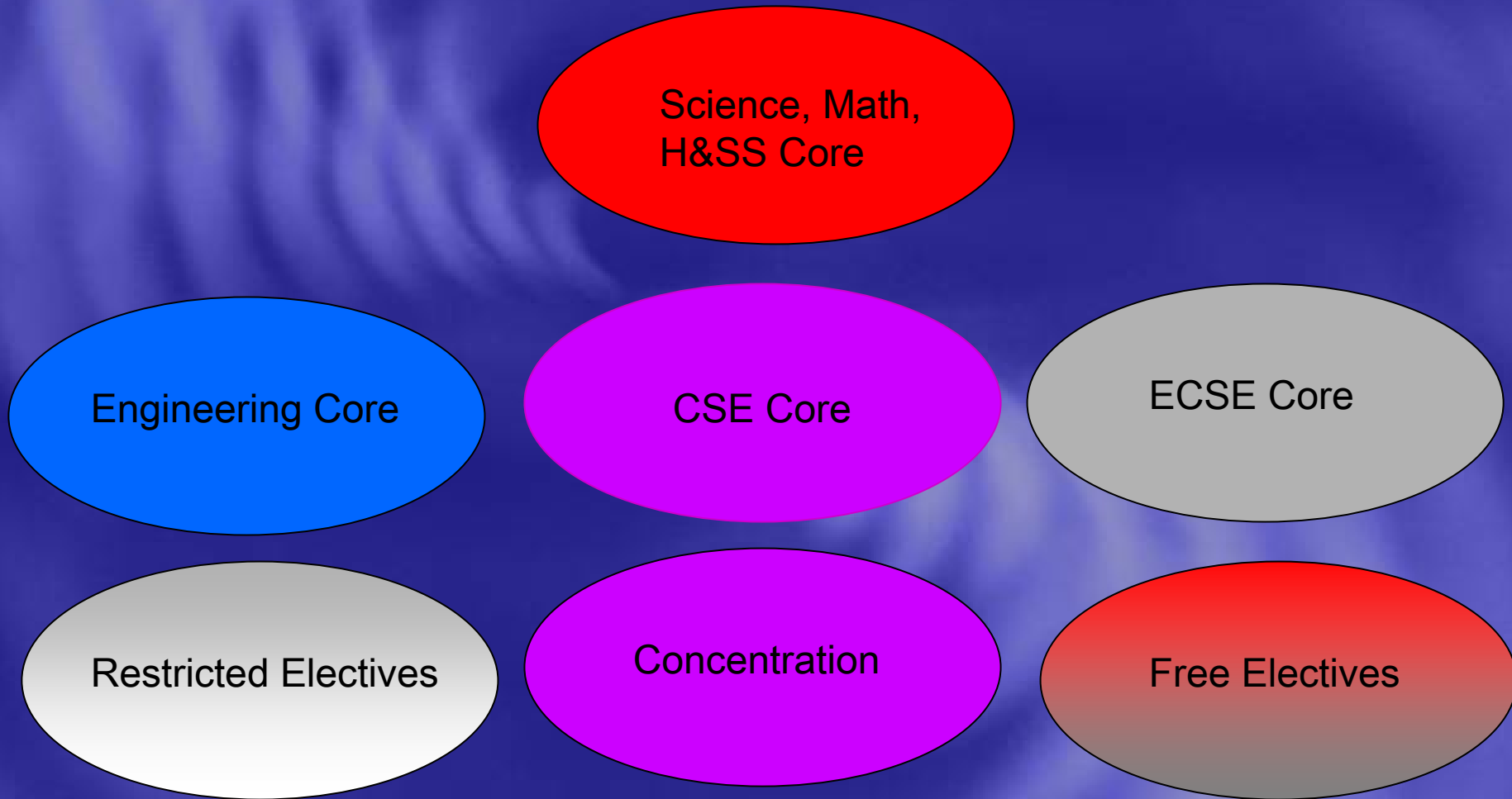
## Restricted Electives

- Any ECSE or EPOW
- Used to satisfy concentration
- Can also include one ENGR course

## Free Electives

- Any course at all
- Usually used up for dual degrees
- Most students take additional technical courses
- See undergrad handbook

# Computer and Systems Engineering





# Computer and Systems Engineering

Science, Math,  
H&SS Core

Engineering Core

- Chem Mat I
- Calculus I&II
- Differential Eqns.
- Physics I&II
- CS I&II
- Data Structures & Alg.
- H&SS (5) + PD II
- Applied Math Elective
- IEA
- IEE
- EG&CAD
- IED
- Embedded Control
- PD I&III
- Multidisciplinary Elective

# Computer and Systems Engineering

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ECSE Core

- Electric Circuits
- Computer Components and Operations
- Signals & Systems
- Probability for Engr. Applications

A magenta oval containing the text "CSE Core".

CSE Core

- Computer Architecture, Networks and Operating Systems
- Software Engineering Elective

# Computer and Systems Engineering

## Concentration

- Automatic Controls
- Comm & Info Proc
- Computer Hardware
- Computer Systems
- Manufacturing or Entrepreneurship
- Individualized

## Specified Electives

- Software Engineering Elective
- Design Elective (no longer included in concentration)

# Computer and Systems Engineering

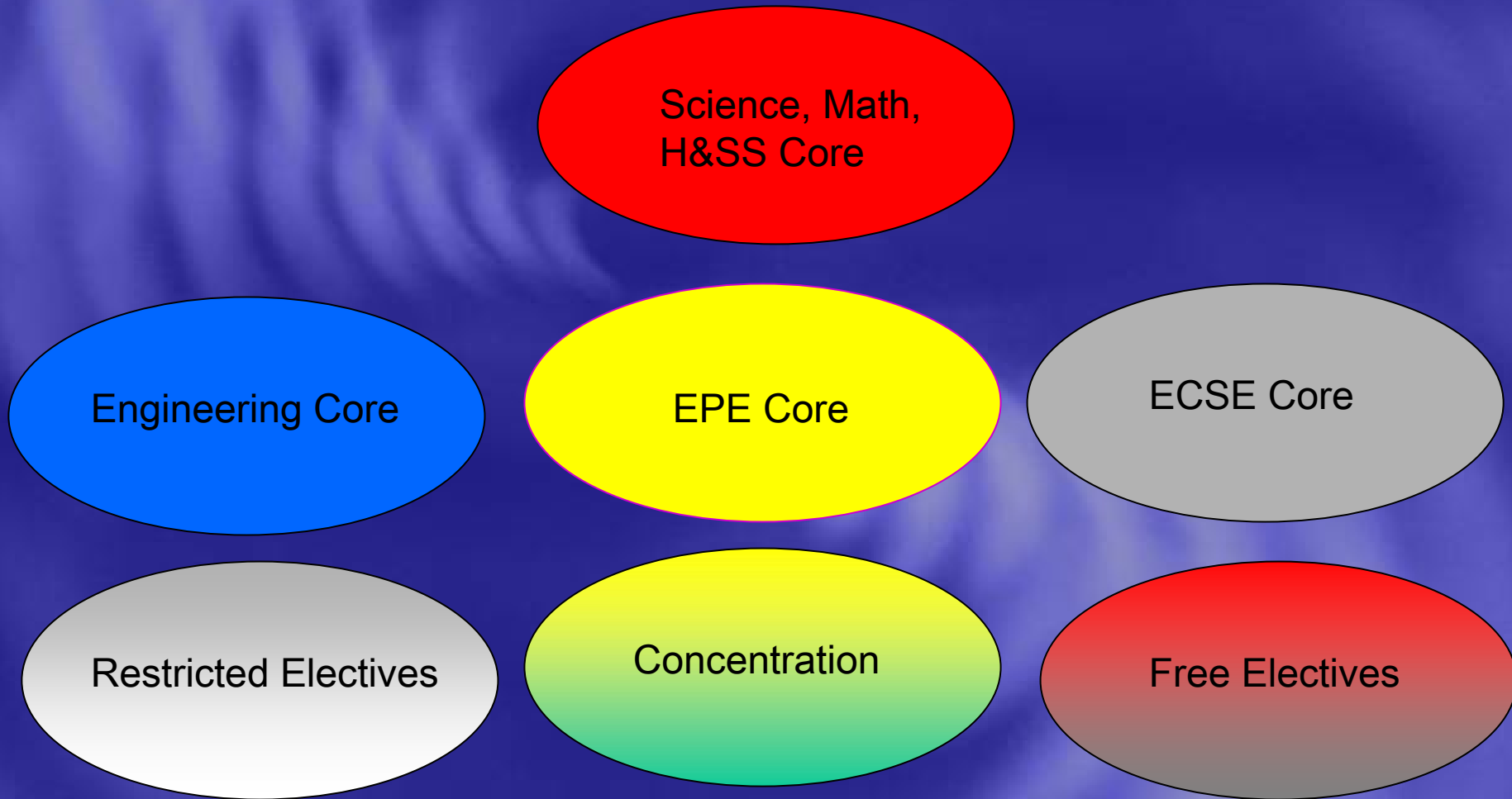
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## Free Electives

- Any course at all
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# Electric Power Engineering



# Electric Power Engineering

Science, Math,  
H&SS Core

- Chem Mat I&II
- Calculus I&II
- Differential Eqns
- Physics I&II
- C Prog. For Engineers
- H&SS (5) + PD II

Engineering Core

- IEA
- Engr. Proc. Or IEE
- EG&CAD
- IED
- MAU
- Modeling & Control of Dynamic Systems
- Embedded Control
- Electronic Instrumentation
- PD I&III
- Thermal & Fluids Engr.
- Multidisciplinary Elective

# Electric Power Engineering

ECSE Core

- Electric Circuits
- Fields & Waves I
- Signals & Systems

EPE Core

- Power Engineering Fundamentals
- Electromechanics
- Semiconductor Power Electronics
- EPE Lab
- EPE Design

# Electric Power Engineering

## Concentration

- Not required for EPE degree
- Optional Concentration in Power Electronics Systems -- Includes courses from EPOW, ECSE, & MANE

## Specified Electives

- Technical Elective – any course in Engineering or Science above the 2000 level



# Electric Power Engineering



## Free Electives

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# Grainger Scholars Program

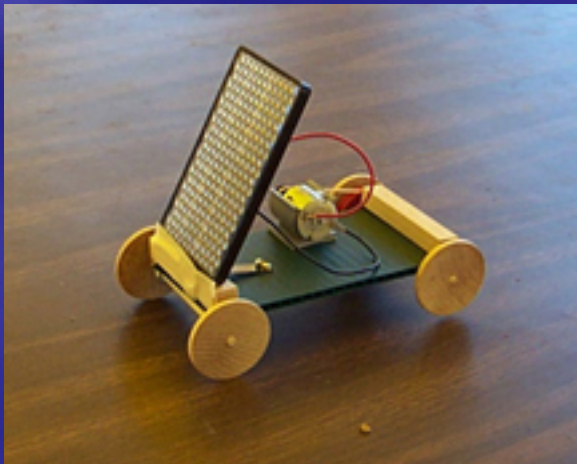
The Electric Power Engineering Program at Rensselaer has, for several years, operated the Grainger Scholars' program under the auspices of the Grainger Foundation. This program, provides generous awards (\$7,500 per year for undergraduates and \$10,000 for graduate students) for meritorious US students. The only condition of the awards is that Grainger Scholars attend an annual awards banquet and give a short presentation.

Priority is always given to Electric Power Engineering majors, but the awards can be made to EE students who have demonstrated an interest in electric power. Such interest may be demonstrated in several ways (e.g. electing to take a concentration in electric power or a combination of, for instance, enrollment in EPOW-4010 and other power courses at Rensselaer, involvement with CPES, internships or co-op assignments with power companies, etc.)

# Wind Power



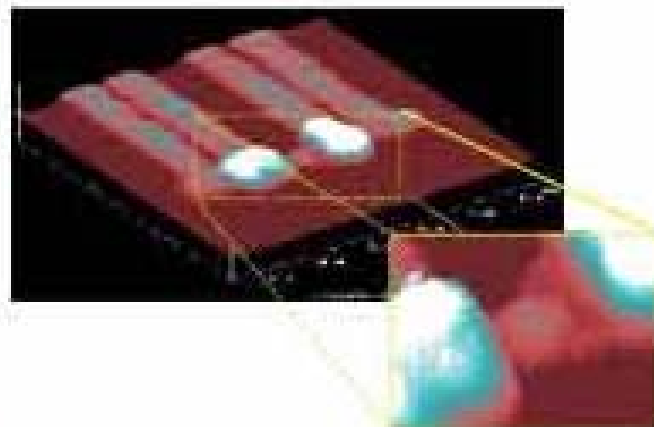
# Solar Power



# Direct Energy Conversion: Concept

1 Coupling: Absorb Energy- Antenna array efficiently couples to incoming radiation (engineered to frequency)

- Antenna Scales with Frequency
- Complex Waveform (Broadband, Dual Polarization, reflected)

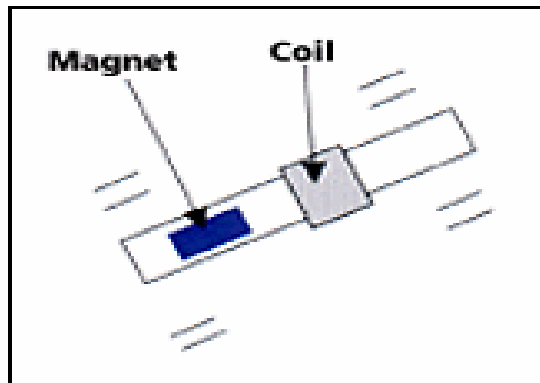


2 Rectification: Convert Energy to DC power-High Frequency Planar MIM Diode (Non-linear)

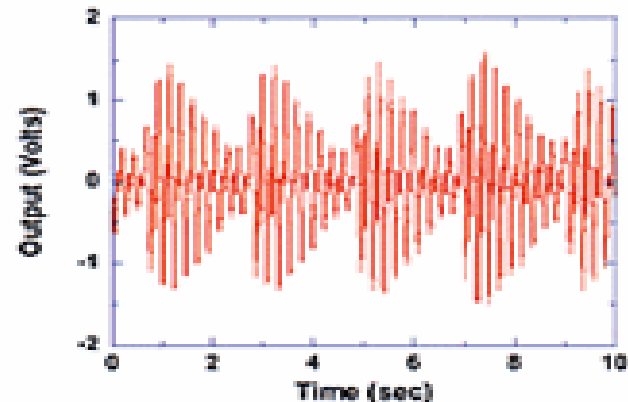
- Frequency cutoff dictated by diode area
- Can act as both a classical and quantum rectifier depending on frequency range



# Rockwell Linear Generator



External motion causes the magnet, under very low friction, to move back and forth, through the coil, producing electrical energy.



Sample electrical output obtained from generator.

## Dual Degrees

- EE/CSE – Includes only the CSE concentrations (130 credits)
- CSE/CSYS – Includes all CSE concentrations (131 credits)
- EE/EPE – Includes only the Power Electronics concentration (131 credits)
- EE/Applied Physics – Includes only the Microelectronics concentration (132 credits)

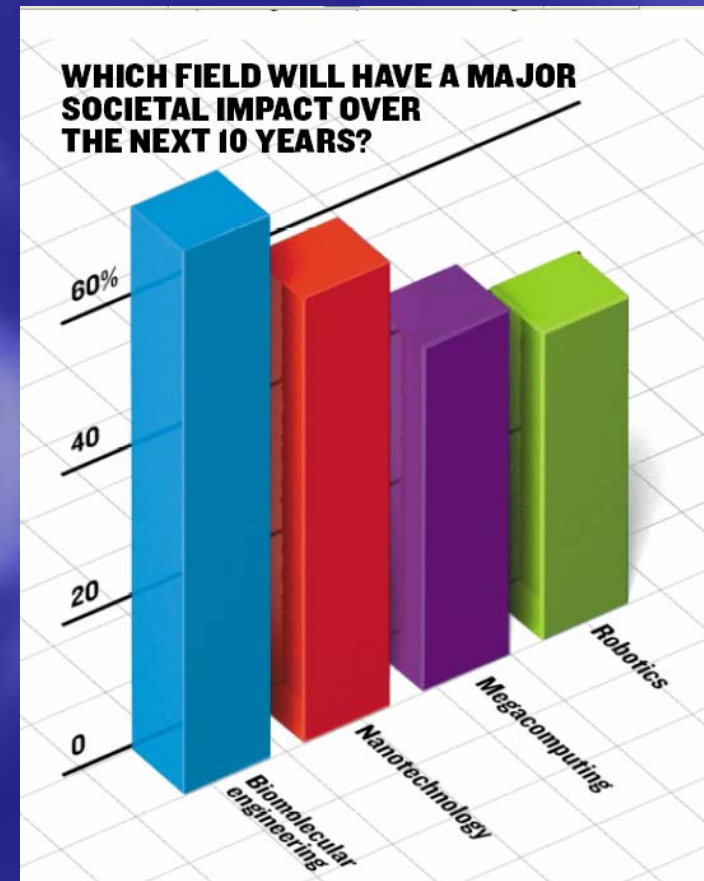
## Recent Changes

- Check [ECSE webpage](#) during registration period
- New [Undergraduate Handbook](#)
- New design course options
  - ECSE Design
  - Control Systems Design
  - Other courses will be changing
- Please check advising information on a regular basis



# Where EE Jobs Are – IEEE Spectrum 1/04

- Power
- Communications
- Semiconductors
- Transportation
- Computers
- Bioengineering



# Power

- Winner: Hybrids
- Loser: Fission Breeder Reactor
- Holy Grail: Fusion

# Communications

- Winner: Broadband
- Loser: Smart Dust (GEMS)
- Holy Grail: Fiber to the Home

# Semiconductors

- Winner: Gallium Nitride
- Loser: Electron Projection Lithography
- Holy Grail: Semiconductor Lighting

# Transportation

- Winner: Superconducting Motors
- Loser: Fuel Cells
- Holy Grail: Hypersonic Flight

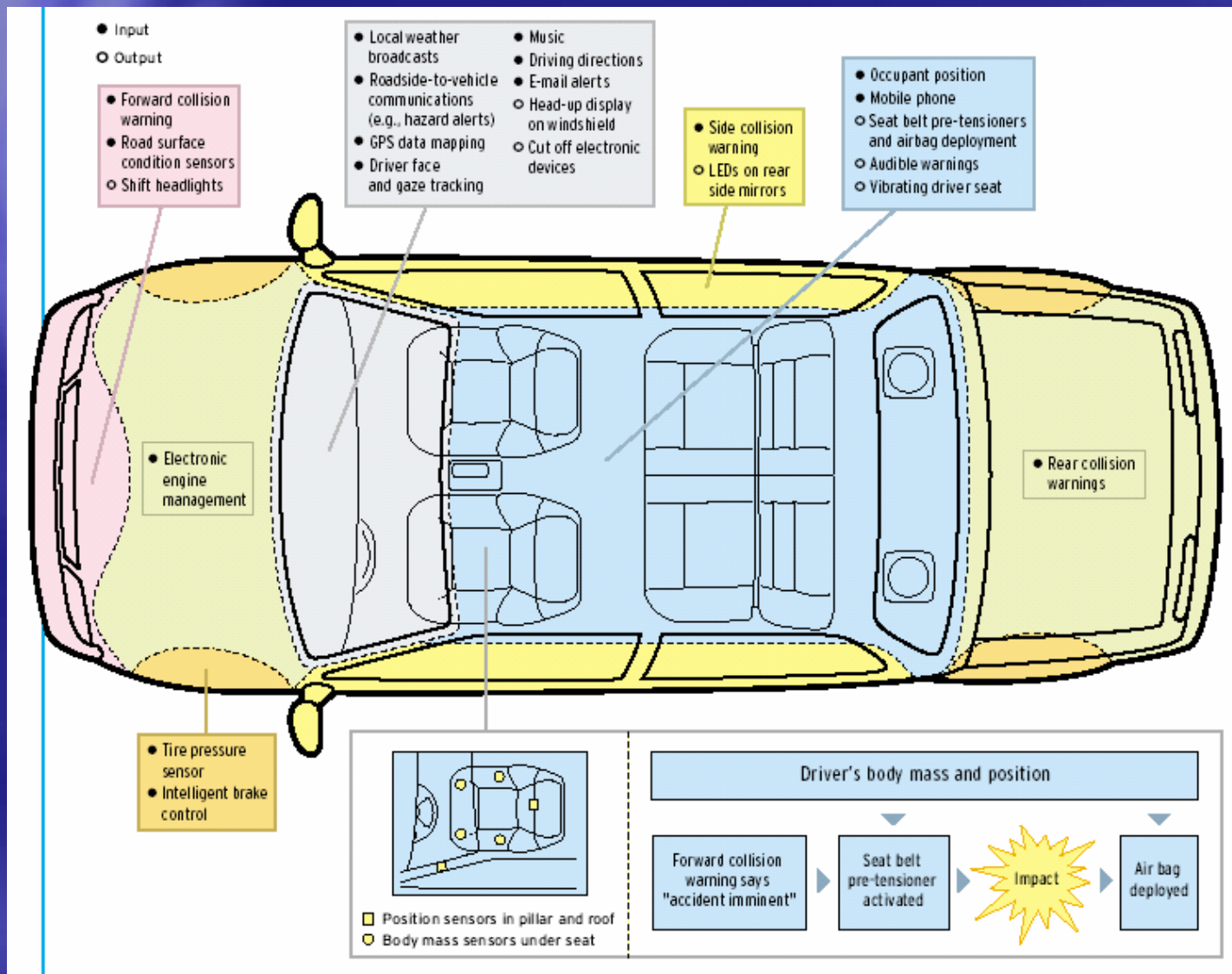
# Computers

- Winner: Analysis Engine
- Loser: Microsoft SPOT
- Holy Grail: The Infinite Archive

# Bioengineering

- Winner: Bioinformatics
- Loser: Carbon Sequestration
- Holy Grail: Genomics

# Smarter Cars





# Wireless Networking



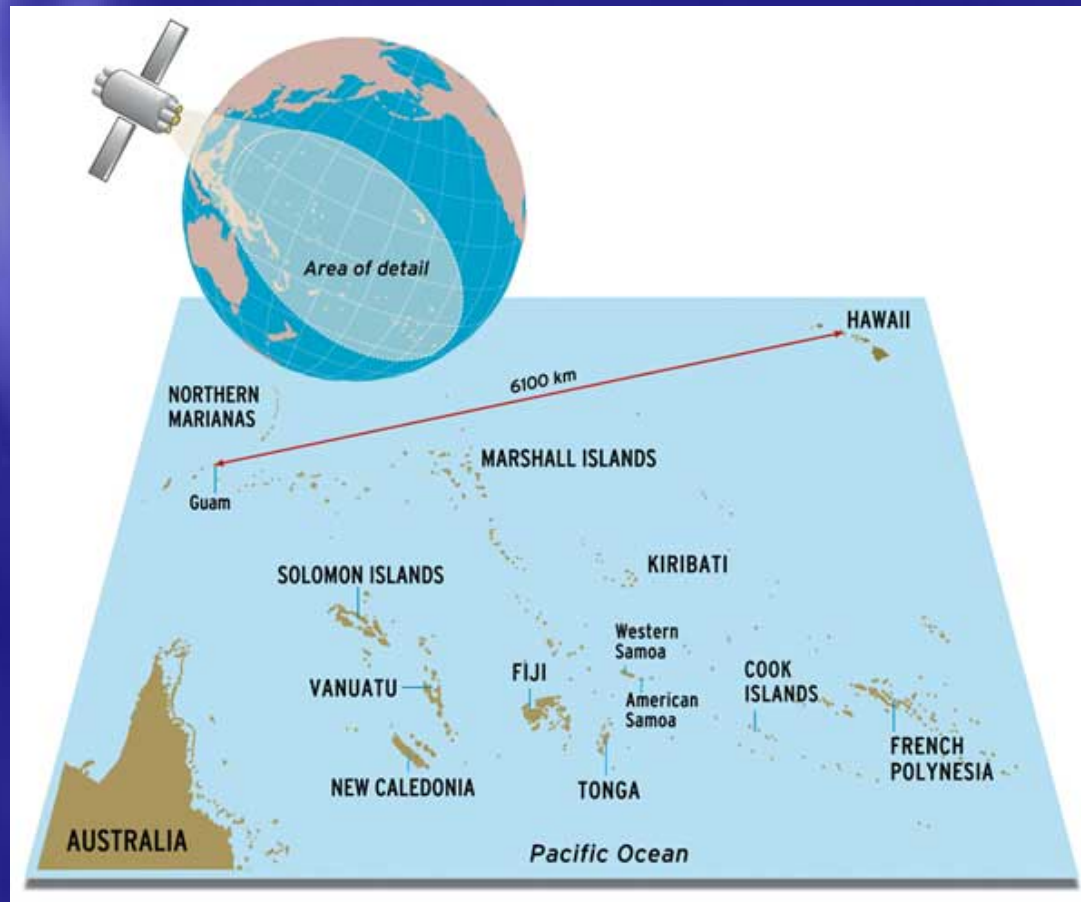
- The range of a wireless network can be extended using an antenna made from a Pringles can (now being done by ECSE students)  
<http://www.oreillynet.com/cs/weblog/view/wlg/448>

# Robotic Surgery



- A doctor in New York removing a woman's gallbladder in France.

# Telemedicine Hub



- Retired satellites have new uses

# Climate Changes

## ● Losing Our Cool

By now the increase in carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is definitely measurable, as data collected on Mauna Loa in Hawaii shows. Scientists point to the melting ice fields in Greenland, the bleaching of coral reefs in Australia, and shrinking glaciers and ice fields in Chile and Greenland as evidence of global warming that has already occurred. As it continues, global warming is also expected to intensify weather extremes, like droughts and floods.

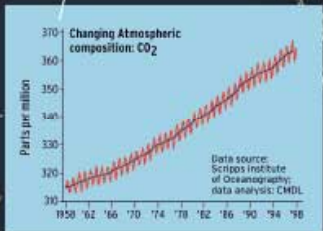
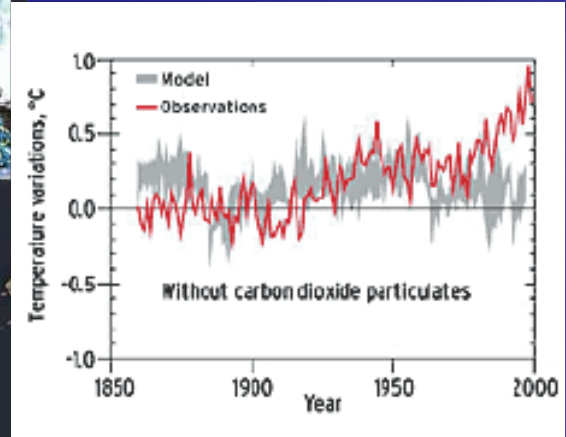


Walrus may be at risk as the sea ice where they rest retreats from the coastal waters where they feed.

The ice sheet over Greenland is thinning around its edges. Blue indicates the greatest loss of ice.



More extreme weather, like this flooding in China, is expected.



The amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere has climbed steadily since regular measurements first began in 1958 at Mauna Loa, Hawaii. The red line tracks monthly measurements, the blue line is a yearly average.

Data source: Scripps Institute of Oceanography; data analysis: CMDL



There is a concern that the melting of glaciers, like this one in Chile, could cause a catastrophic rise in sea level.



Warmer ocean water causes coral bleaching, a sign of damage to coral reefs.

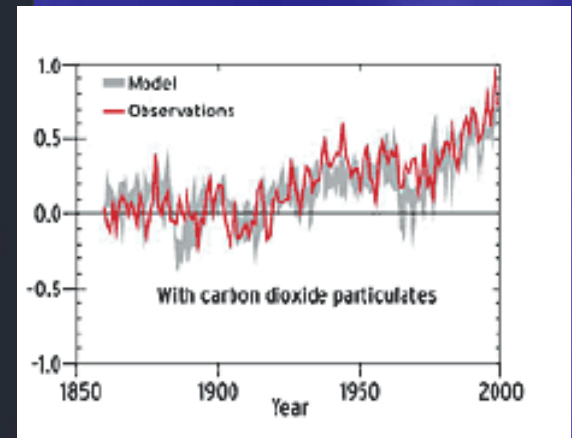


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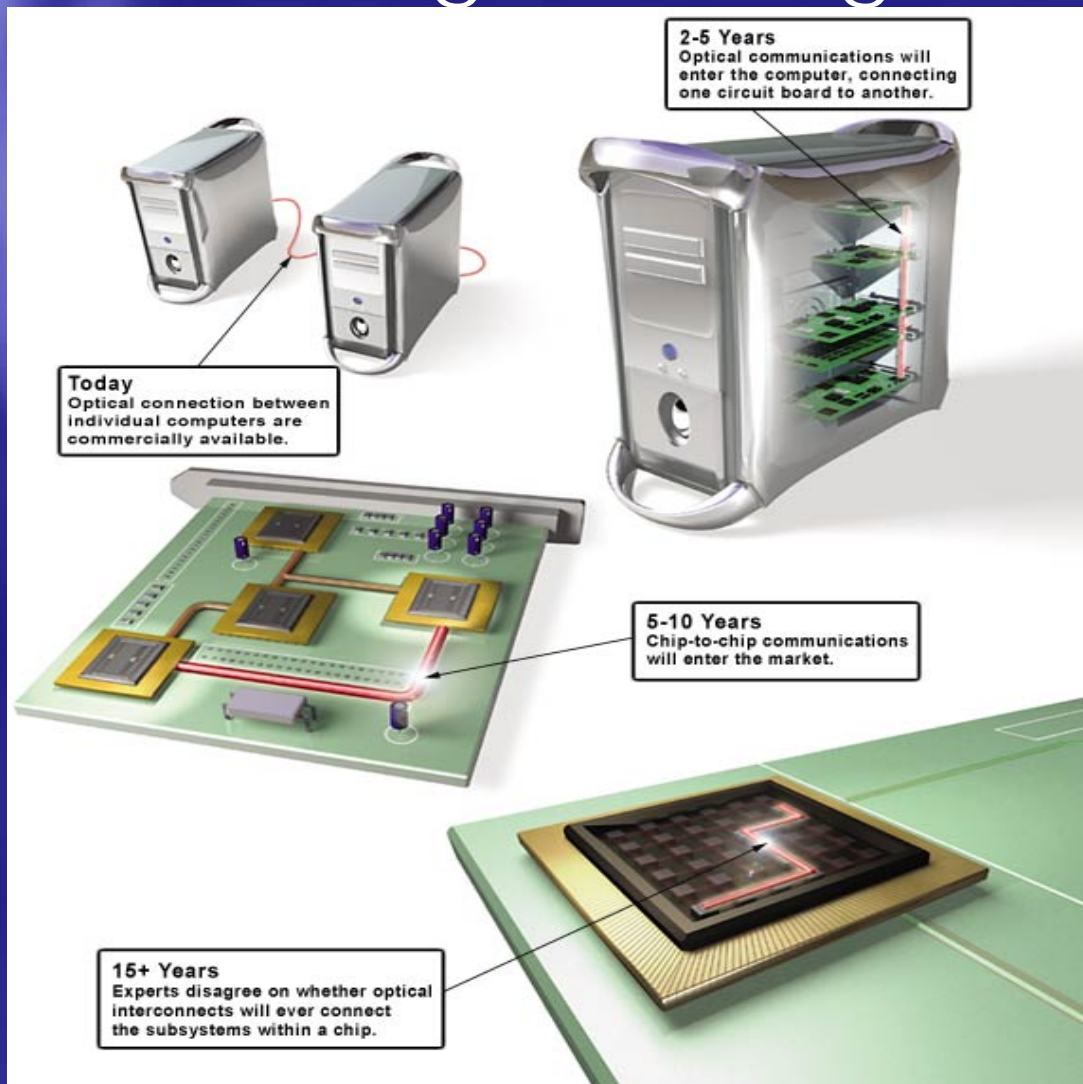
Development of Accurate Modeling Tools

# Fuel Cell Power

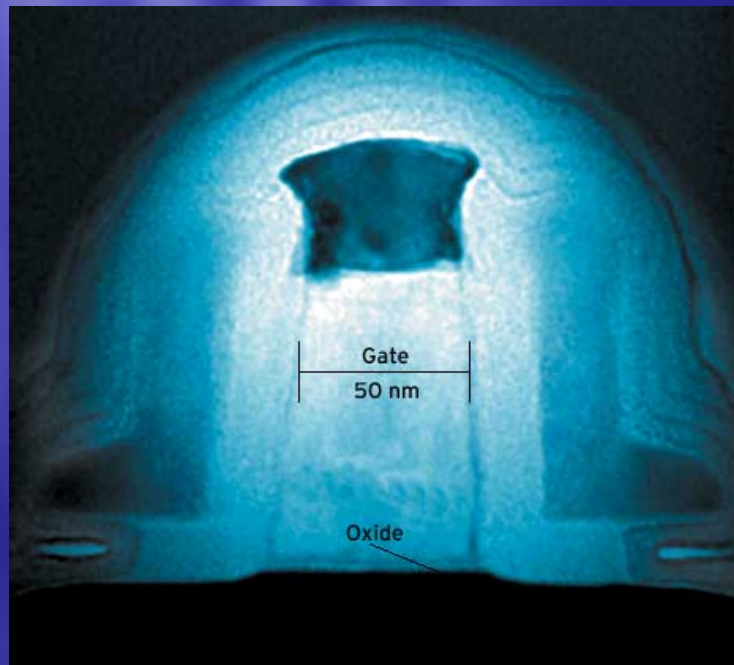


- Toyota Fuel Cell Hybrid Vehicle

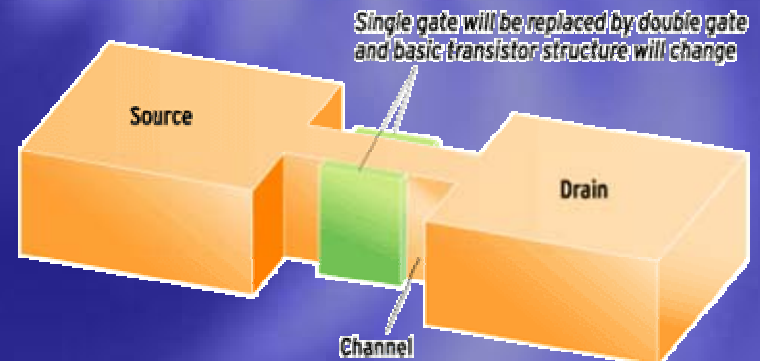
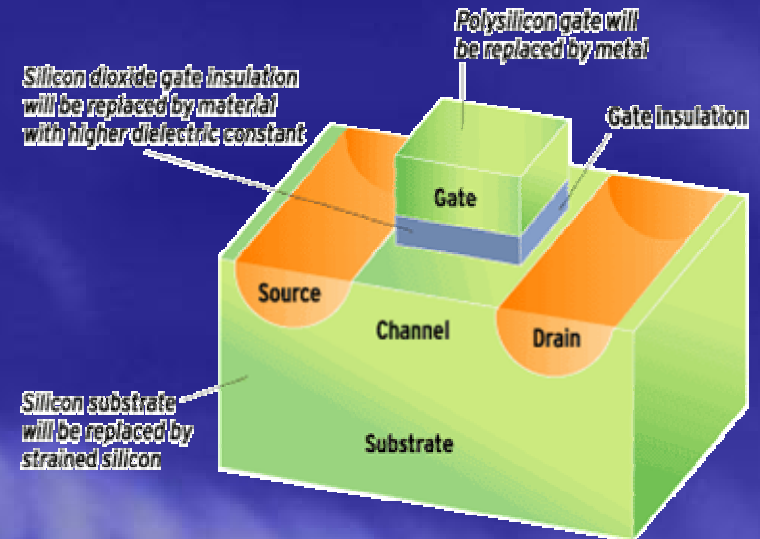
# Linking With Light



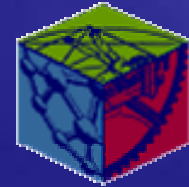
# The Shrinking Transistor



- Intel Transistor



# Additional Information on History, the Profession, Etc.



NATIONAL ENGINEERS WEEK

Feb 20-26 2005

- <http://ieee-virtual-museum.org/> The IEEE Virtual Museum
- <http://www.eweek.org/> National Engineers Week



# Career Information



- IEEE  
[http://www.ieee.org/organizations/eab/studentcareers\\_text.htm](http://www.ieee.org/organizations/eab/studentcareers_text.htm)
- Engineering Resources (Purdue)  
<https://engineering.purdue.edu/ENE/ResourcesFor/students/resources>
- About Electrical and Computer Engineering (Discover Engineering Online)  
[http://www.discoverengineering.org/Engineers/electrical\\_engineering.asp](http://www.discoverengineering.org/Engineers/electrical_engineering.asp)
- GradNet <http://gradnet.iec.org/index.asp>
- [IEEE Spectrum Careers](#)

# More Career Information

- National Society of Professional Engineers

<http://www.nspe.org/students/>

- National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering

<http://www.nacme.org/>

- Society of Women Engineers

<http://www.swe.org/>

- National Society of Black Engineers

<http://www.nsbe.org>

- Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers

<http://www.shpe.org/>

# Job Descriptions from Company Websites



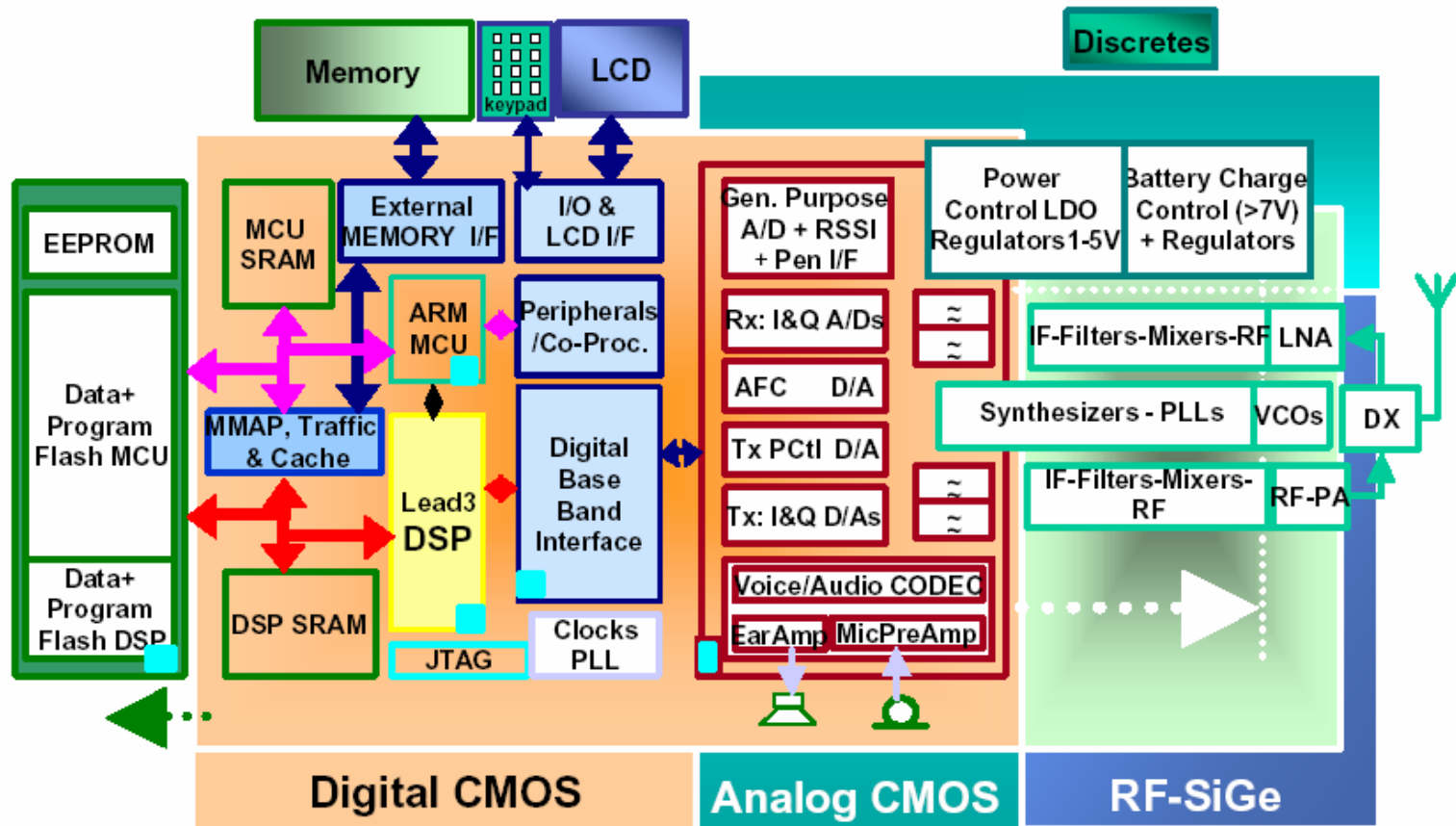
- Analog Devices  
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- Intel  
[http://www.intel.com/jobs/index.htm?iid=Homepage+IntelLinks\\_jobs&](http://www.intel.com/jobs/index.htm?iid=Homepage+IntelLinks_jobs&)
- BAE Systems  
<http://www.baesystems.com/careers/index.htm>
- Texas Instruments <http://www.ti.com/recruit/index.htm>
- Motorola <http://motorolacareers.com/index.cfm>
- Maxim <http://www.maxim-ic.com/AboutMaxim/Jobs/StartPage.htm>

# Job Search Sites



- Engineering Center  
<http://www.engcen.com/>

# Wireless IC Technologies



## Recommended Courses/Topics

### Theory

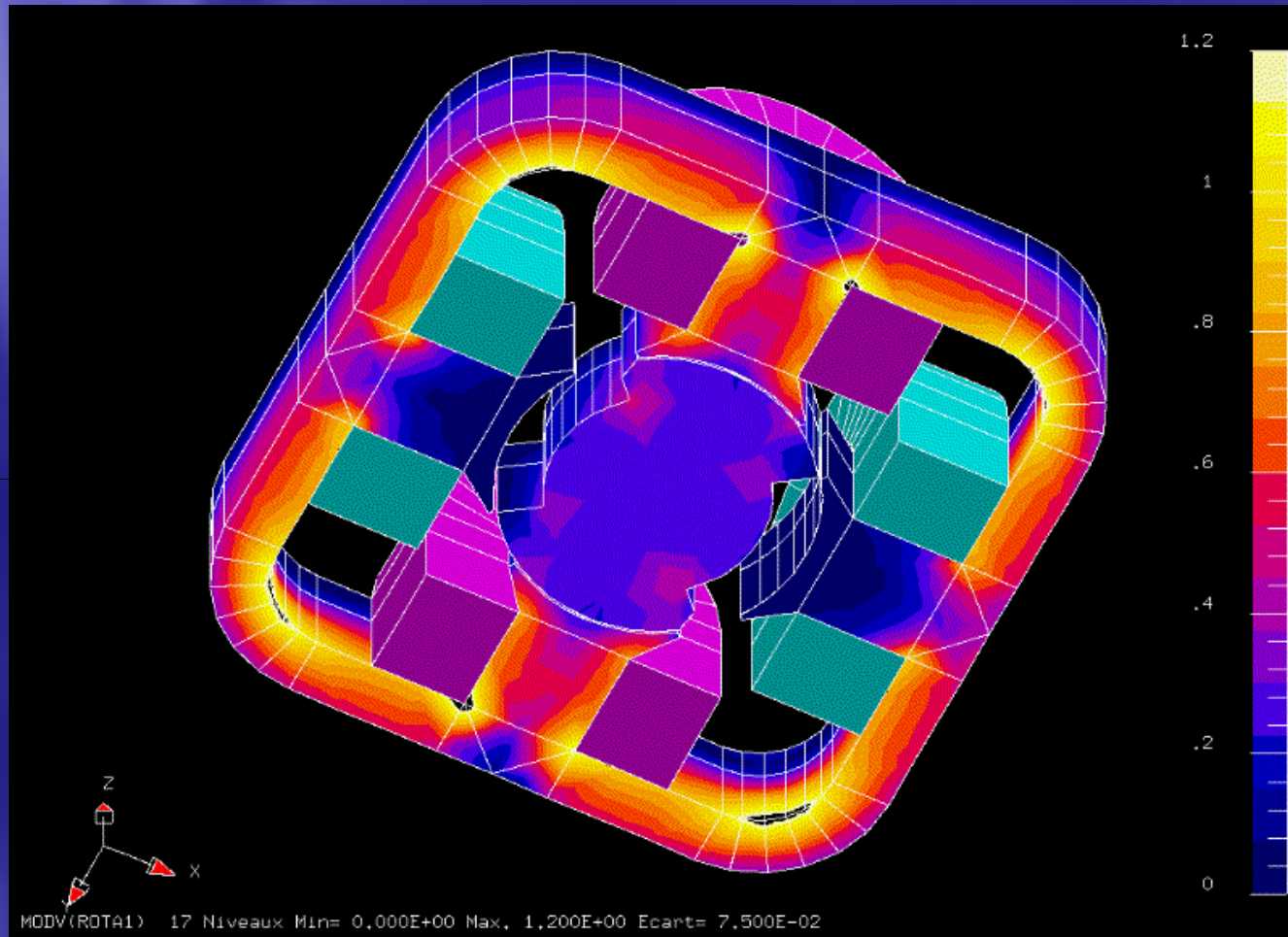
- ◆ Discrete Systems
- ◆ Linear Systems & Transforms
- ◆ Signal & Systems
- ◆ Digital Signal Processing
- ◆ Communication Systems

### Hands-On

- ◆ Real-time DSP Lab
- ◆ Communications Design Laboratory
- ◆ Signal & Systems Lab
- ◆ Capstone Design
- ◆ Presentation Skills
- ◆ Technical Writing



# Reluctance Motor



# Additional Information



# THE STRAIGHT DOPE®

How Stuff Works – Started by ECSE grad  
Marshall Brain <http://www.howstuffworks.com/>

How Things Work from the University of Virginia  
<http://howthingswork.virginia.edu/>

The Straight Dope <http://www.straightdope.com>

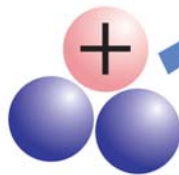
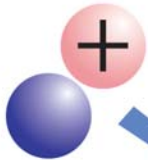


# Thermonuclear Fusion

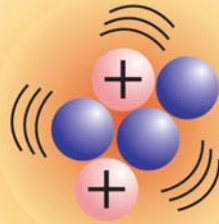
- RPI has been engaged in Nuclear Fusion related research for over 30 years.
- What is Fusion and why is it relevant to EE, CSE and EPE students?

# Fusion

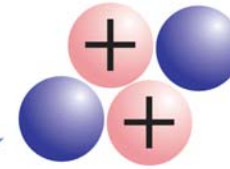
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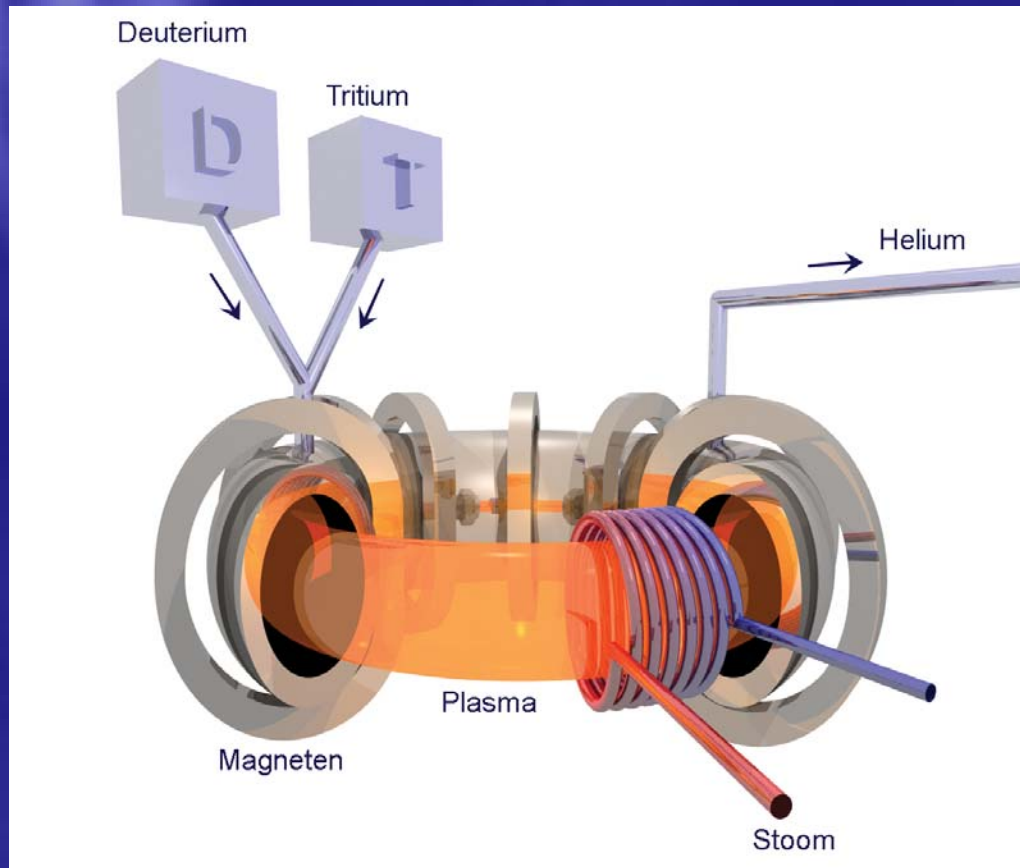
Helium



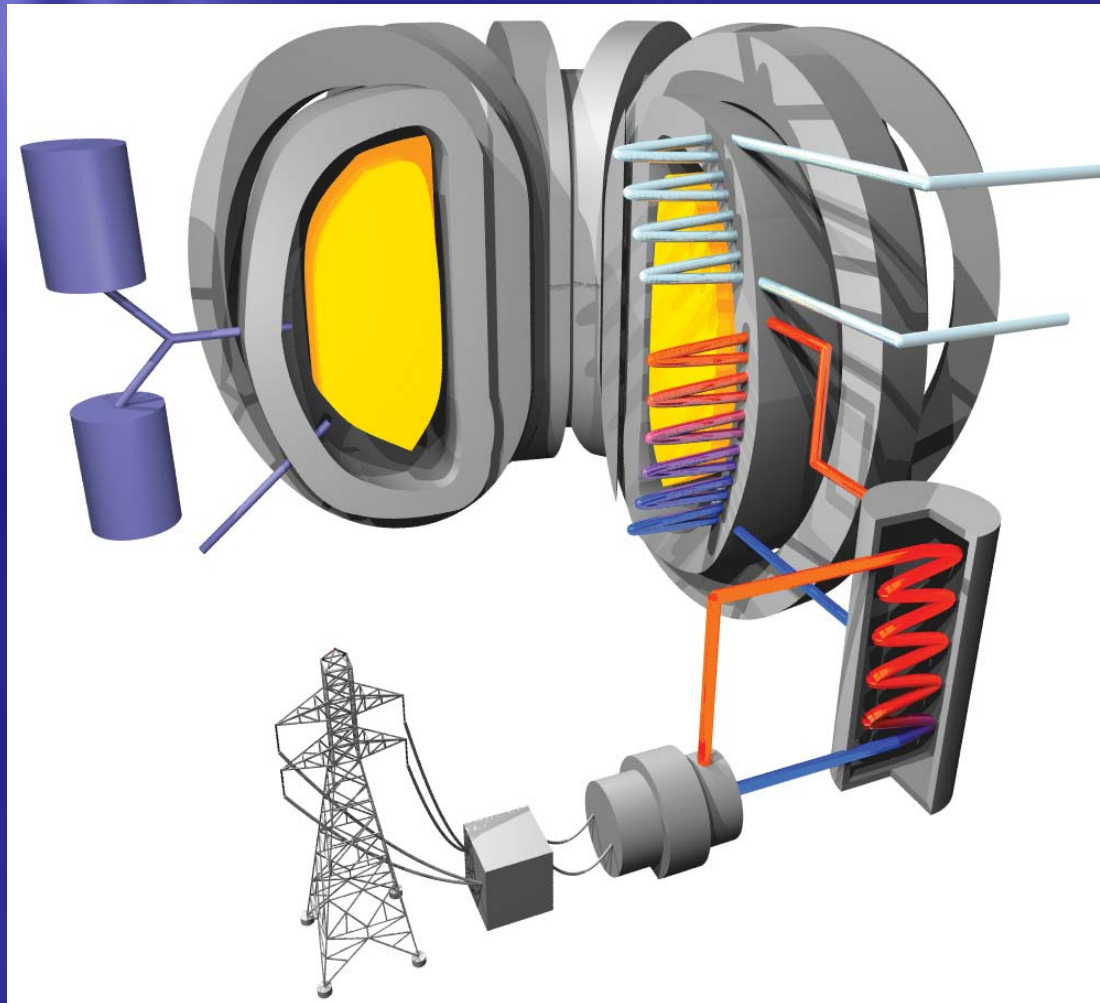
Neutron

Energie

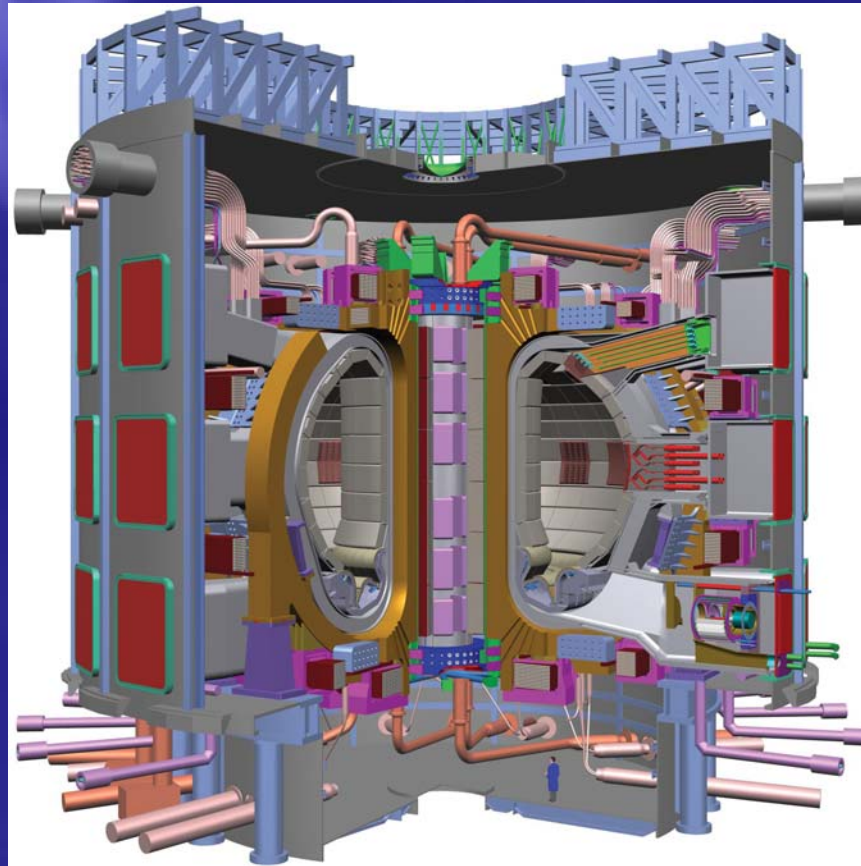
# Magnetic Confinement



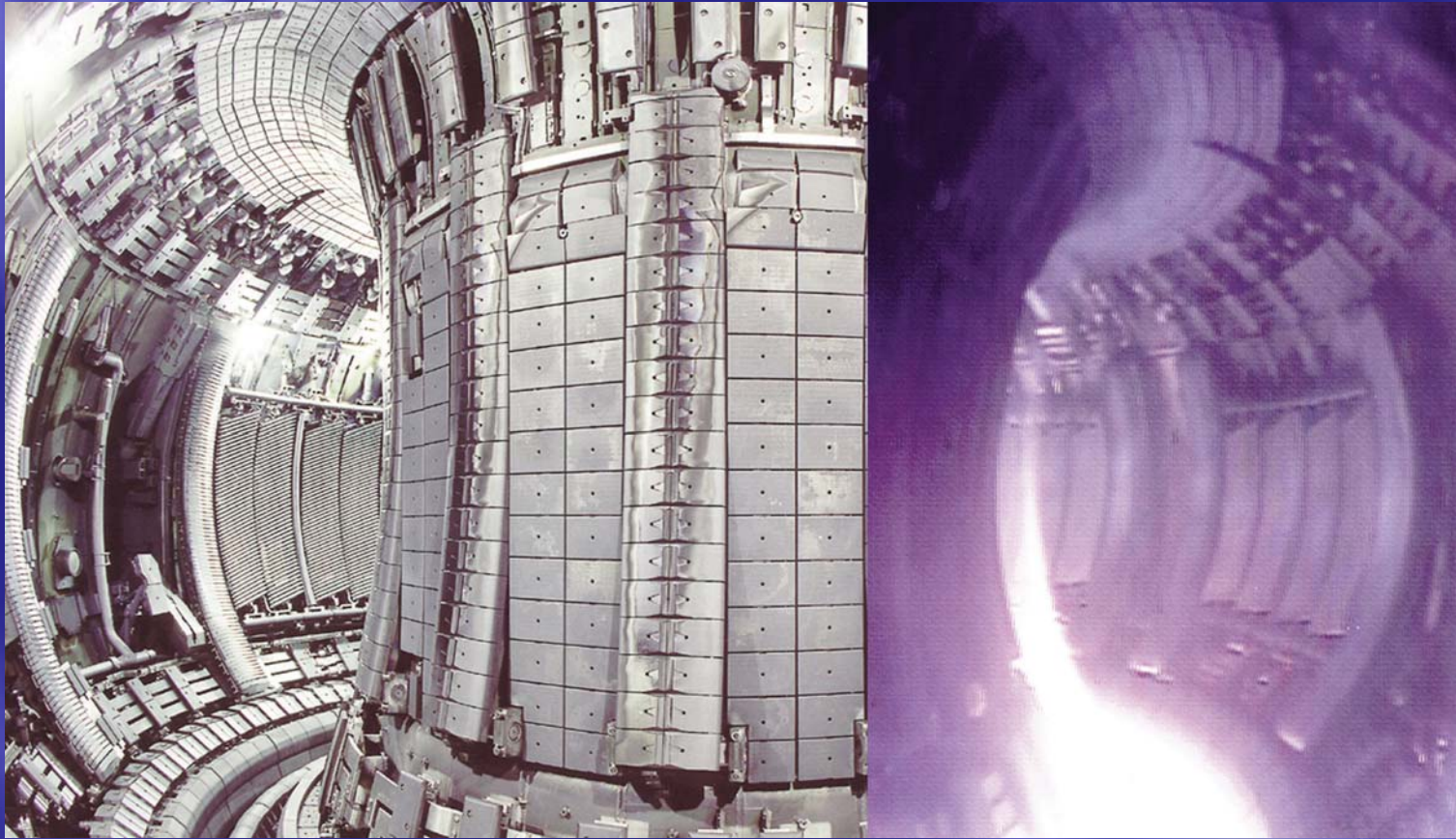
# Fusion Power



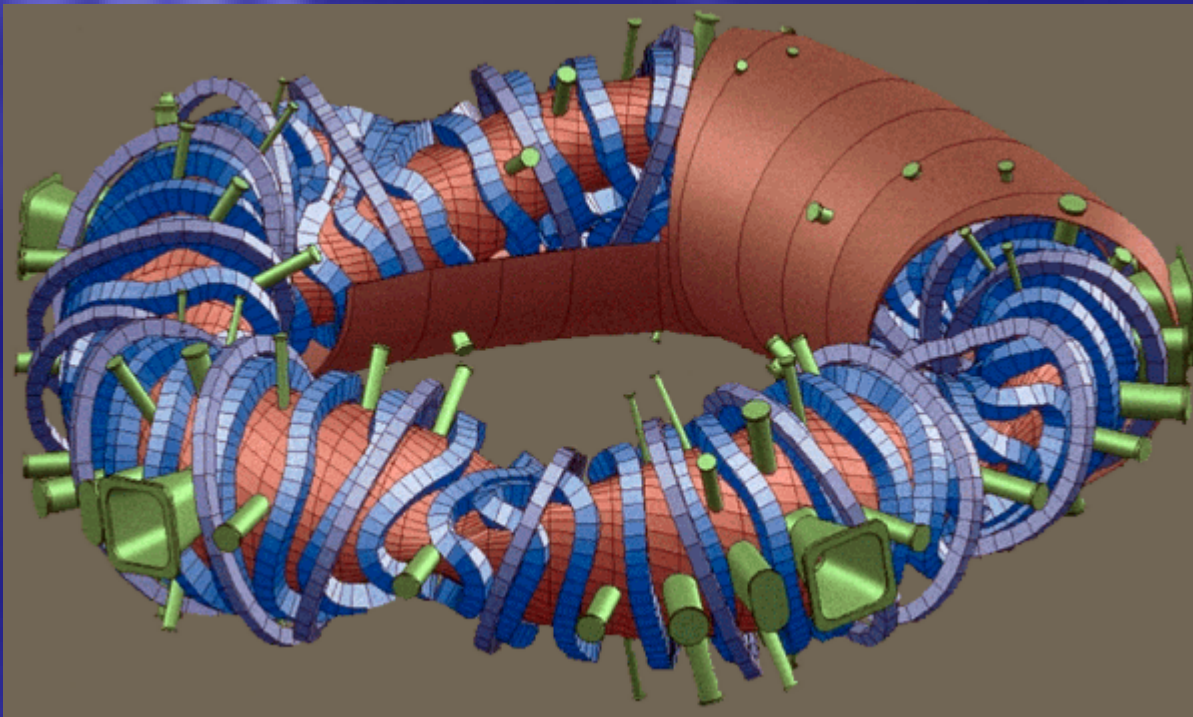
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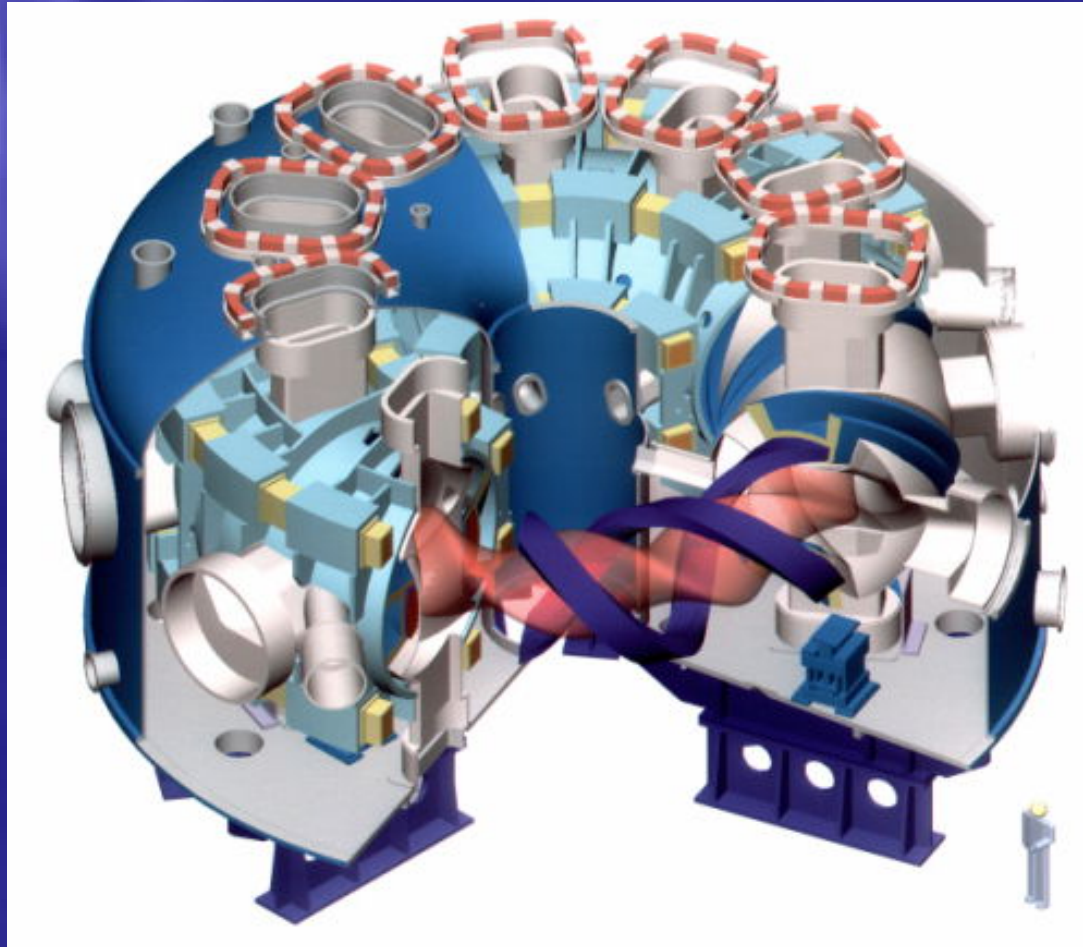
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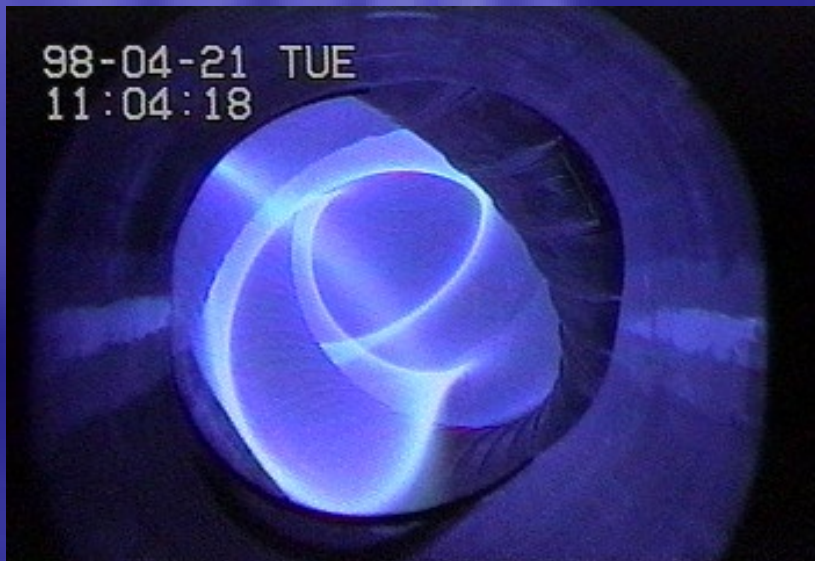


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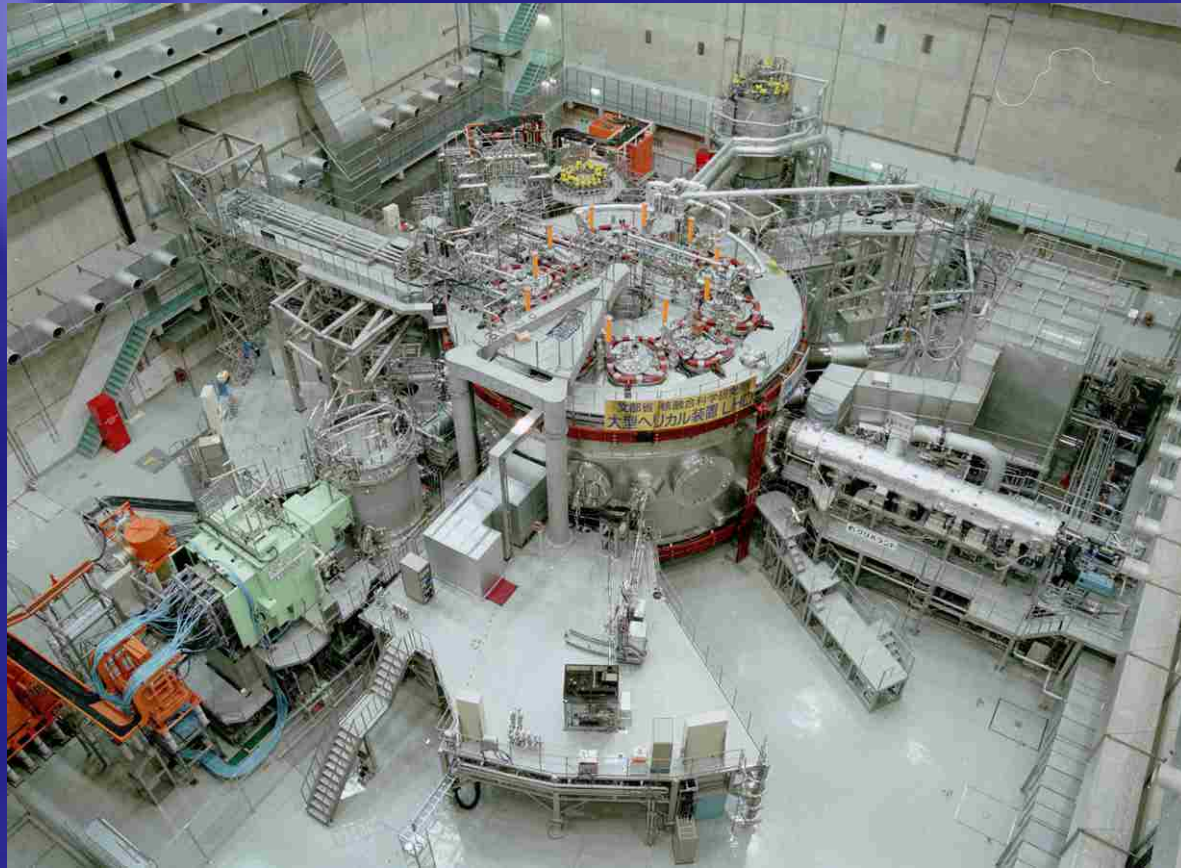




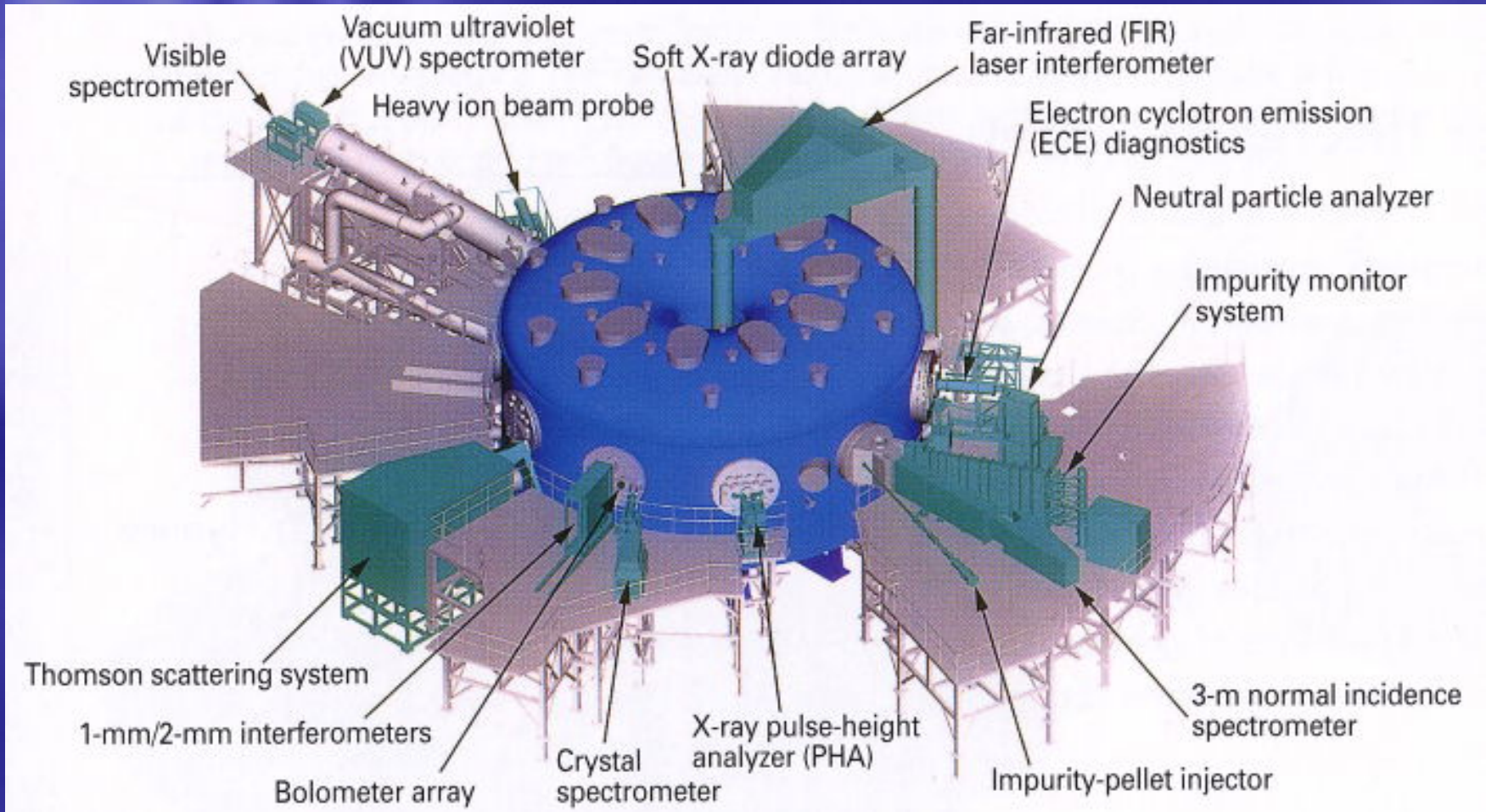
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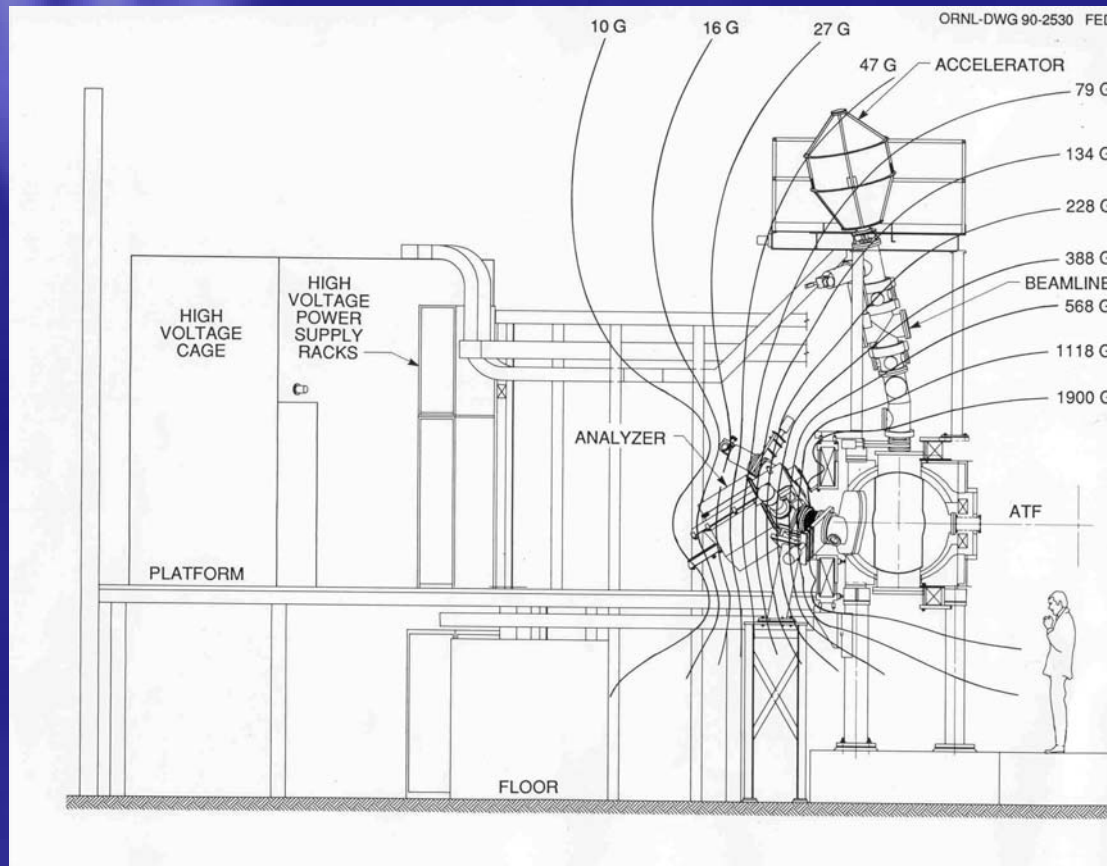




Heavy Ion Beam Probe on  
Madison Symmetric Torus,  
primary beamline

- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute is a world leader in the development and application of the Heavy Ion Beam Probe Diagnostic (HIBP).
- The HIBP makes local, time resolved measurements of the potential in fusion relevant plasma, as well as simultaneous measurements of density and potential fluctuations.
- Multipoint measurements or scanning the sample location results in measuring the electric field. The electric field is strongly correlated with transport in many plasma confinement devices, particularly for enhance confinement regimes.

# ATF HIBP



# Fusion and Plasma Info

- [Coalition for Plasma Science](#)
- [Plasma Science and Technology](#)
- [GAT Fusion Education](#)
- [PPPL Fusion Education](#)