## **Bio-MEMS and Nanotechnology**

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### What is Nanotechnology?

"Nanos" Greek: "Dwarf"

1 nm = 10<sup>-9</sup> m

#### Earth

#### Nanotechnology

is the design, characterization, production and applications of structures, devices and systems by controlling shape and size at the nanometer scale.

Difference: 1,2 x 10<sup>-9</sup> !!

 $\phi$  = 13000 km

### Nanotechnology is "Multidisciplinary" !



## $\underline{M}icro-\underline{E}lectro-\underline{M}echanical\ \underline{S}ystems$

MEMS is a technology, consisted of microelectronic elements, actuators, sensors, and mechanical structures built onto a substrate, which is usually silicon.

They are developed using microfabrication techniques: deposition, patterning, and etching.

The benefits on this small scale integration brings the technology to a vast number and variety of devices.

### What is **Bio-MEMS**?

BioMEMS is biomedical or biological applications of MEMS.

<u>MicroElectroMechanical System</u>

- Micro: Small size, micro-fabricated structures
- > Electro: Electrical signal control e.g., sense, computer, etc. (In / Out)
- > Mechanical: functionality, e.g., actuate, etc. (In / Out)
- System: Structures, devices, system controls

MEMS is the integration of *mechanical elements, sensors, actuators* and *electronics* on a common *silicon substrate* through *microfabrication technology*.

#### **Structures & Mechanisms**

- **Structures** support and transmit **loads**.
- **Mechanisms** transfer/transform **motion** AND support and transmit **loads**.
- Another view: both transfer and transform energy (load\*motion)

# MEMS

- Most MEMS are *sensors and actuators*, i.e., they are transducers.
- Transducers are energy transformers and transmitters.

MEMS technology is the integration of mechanical elements, sensors, actuators and electronics on a common silicon substrate through microfabrication technology.



# Smartphones, tablets, cameras, gaming devices, and many other electronics have MEMS technology inside of them



### What is MEMS Technology?

- MEMS technology is based on a number of tools and methodologies, which are used to form small structures with dimensions in the micrometer scale.
- MEMS fabrication approach that conveys the advantages of miniaturization, multiple components, and microelectronics to the design and construction of integrated electromechanical systems.
- > Made up of components between 1-100  $\mu$ m in size.

 $\succ$  Devices vary from below one  $\mu$ m up to several mm.

#### **Accepted Size Range for MEMS**



#### Components

#### **Microelectronics:**

- "brain" that receives, processes, and makes decisions
- data comes from microsensors

#### **Microsensors:**

- constantly gather data from environment
- pass data to microelectronics for processing
- can monitor mechanical, thermal, biological, chemical agnetic readings

#### **Microactuator:**

- acts as trigger to activate external device
- microelectronics will tell microactuator to activate device

#### **Microstructures:**

- extremely small structures built onto surface of chip
- built right into silicon of MEMS



https://www.mems-exchange.org/MEMS/what-is.html

#### **MEMS Fabrication Process**

