

# Smart Sensor Systems

# Intelligente Sensorsysteme



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# Presentation

My name is....

from .....

I have studied ..... before the Master

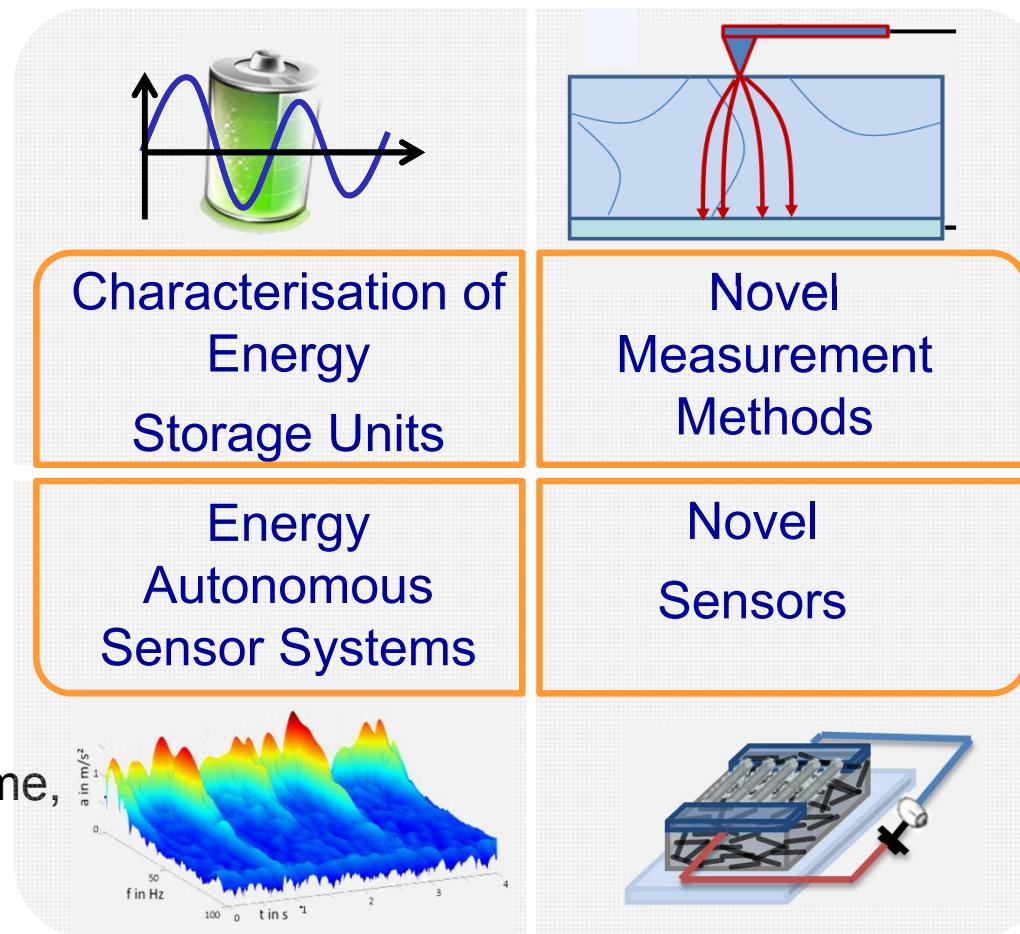
I'm Interested by this master because of .....

# MST-Team



# Research @ MST

- Batteries, Hi-caps
- Characterization and modelling
- Interaction with application (e-mobility, smart grids, electric devices)
- Online Diagnosis
  
- Energy Harvesting
- Energy Transmission
- Energy Management
- Applications: smart home, industry,



- Characterization of materials and systems
- Modelling and signal processing
- Multifunctional sensors
- Macroscopic and microscopic analysis
  
- CNT based sensors
- Eddy current sensors
- Conductivity sensors
- Capacitive sensors

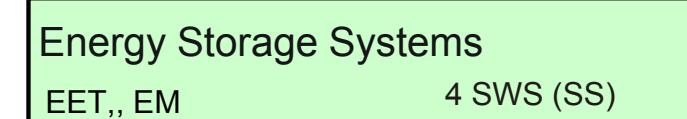
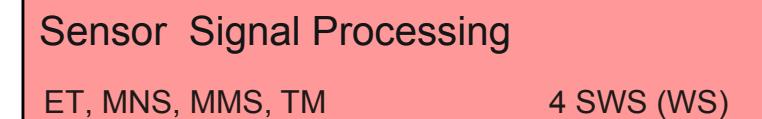
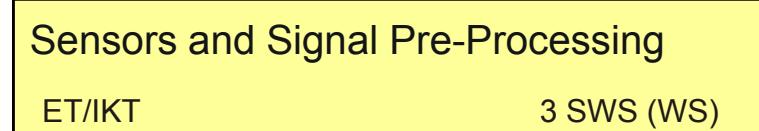
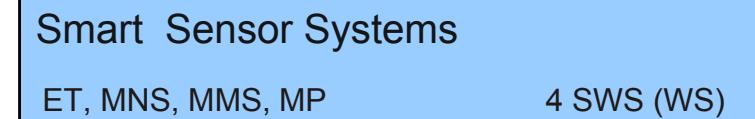
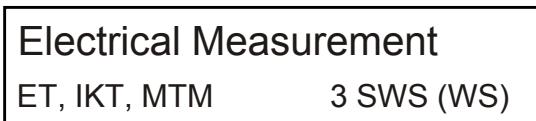
# Education @ Chair for Measurement and Sensor Technology

3<sup>rd</sup> Semester

5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Semester

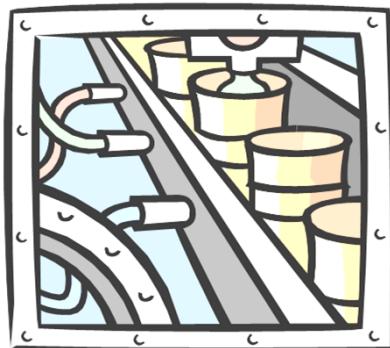
7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Semester

Master

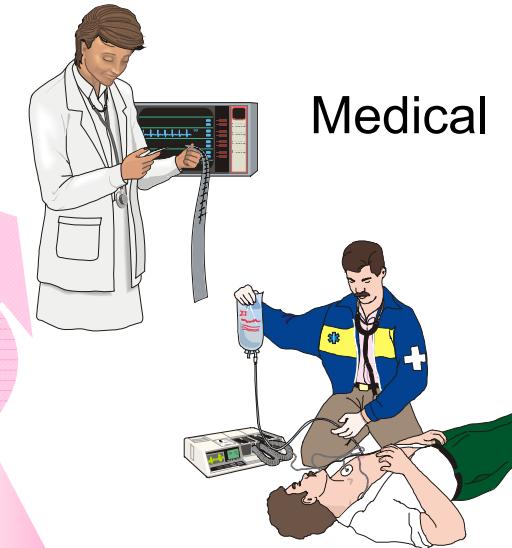


Project Laboratory, Bachelor Thesis, Master Thesis  
All students, cooperation with industry

# Key Role of Instrumentation Systems



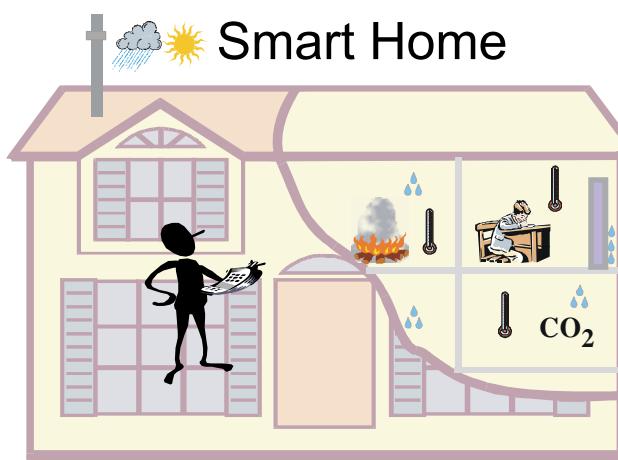
Industrial



Medical



Automotive



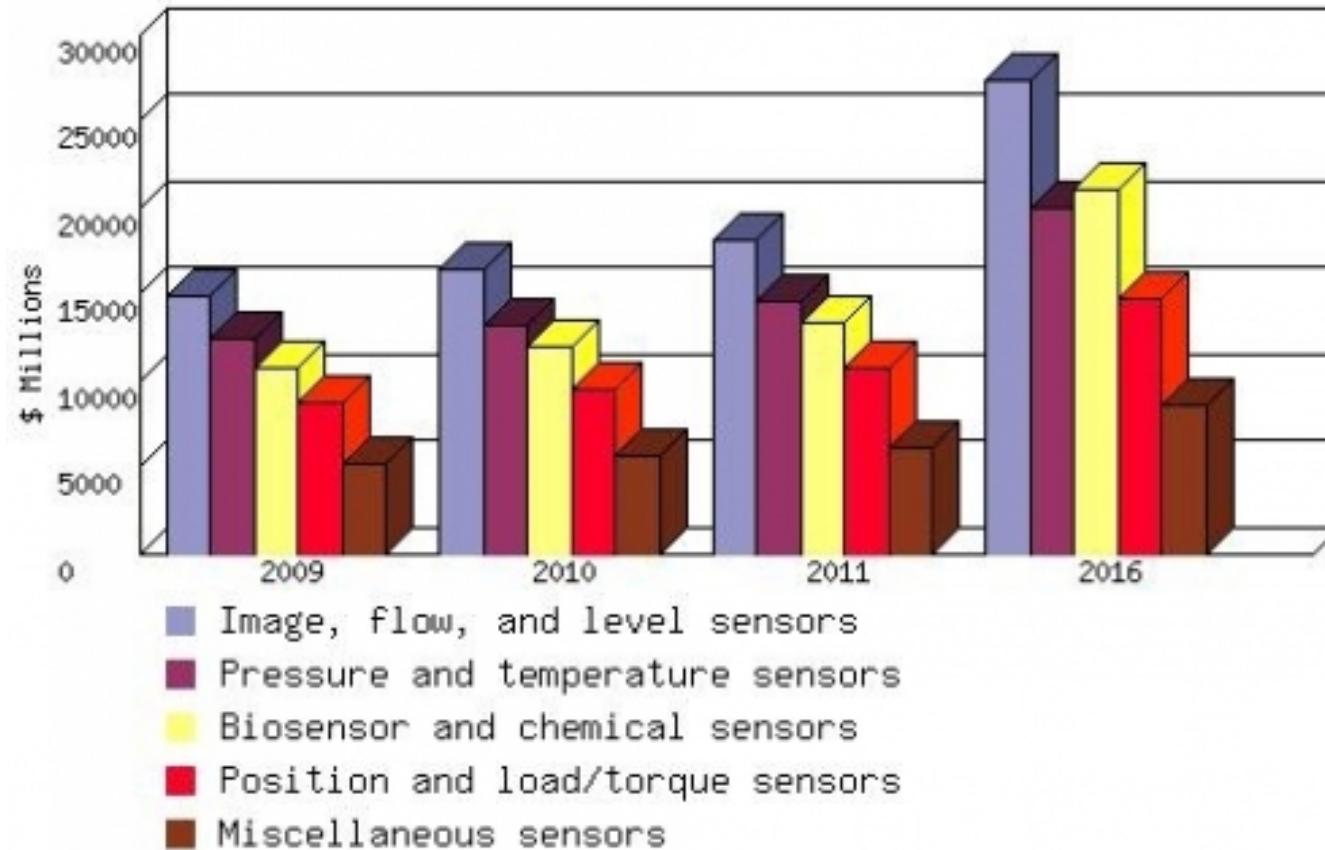
Smart Home

Consumer, Military,  
Nautical, Aeronautical,  
Robotics, ...



# World market for sensors – a big business

GLOBAL MARKET FOR SENSORS, 2009-2016  
(\$ MILLIONS)



\$62.8 billion in 2011 and expected to increase to nearly \$91.5 billion by 2016  
→ annual growth rate (CAGR) of 7.8%.

Source: BCC Research



# World Markt for Sensors

## Top Ten of Sensor Types After Market Share:

1. Temperature Sensors
2. Absolute Pressure Sensors
3. Flow Sensors
4. Proximity Sensors and Swiches (Light Barriers, Proximity)
5. Position Sensors
6. Chemical Sensors in Fluids
7. Filling Level and Difference Pressure Sensors
8. Velocity and Rotation Sensors
9. Chemical Gas Sensors
10. Chimney and Fire Sensors

## Top Ten of Sensors with the highest growth rates:

1. Rain Sensors
2. Thickness Sensors
3. Fluid Purity Sensors
4. Navigation Sensors
5. Inclination Sensors
6. Photo Detectors
7. Glass Braking Sensors
8. Biosensors
9. Magnetic Field Sensors
10. Movement Detectors

Quelle: [www.intechoconsulting.com](http://www.intechoconsulting.com)

# Intelligence is relativ. It is an Expression of Progress!



# What is Intelligence?

Intelligence is to understand, to communicate and to profit from earlier experience in dealing with new situations, ...

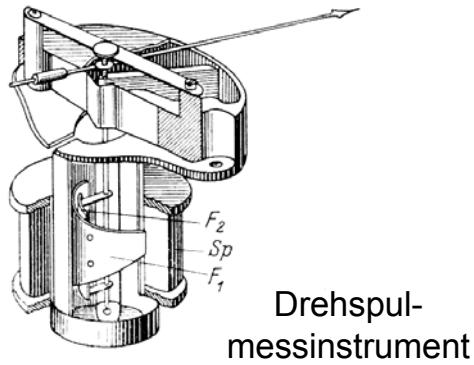


- Knowledge, memory, **ability of finding**
- To understand, to think and **to realize**
- Ability to **speak**
- To do tasks **effectively and quickly**
- To profit from earlier experiences in dealing with **new situations**
- ....

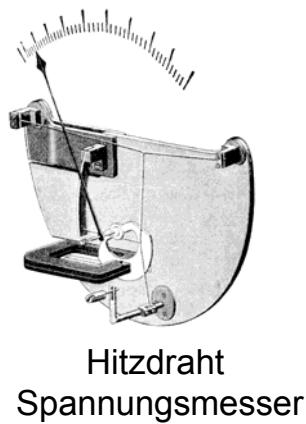
Information  
Information Processing  
Communication  
Effectivity (costs to benefits)  
Self adaptive

# Smart Sensors

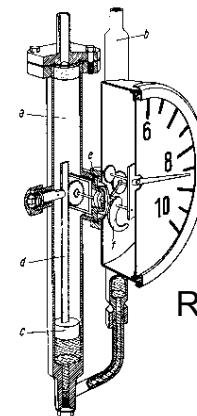
[Schwerdtfeger, 1939]



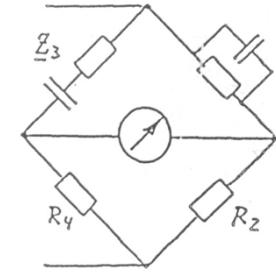
Drehspul-messinstrument



Hitzdraht Spannungsmesser



Radizierer



Bridges

Contains  
Signal Processing

70<sup>th</sup> Years

Integrated  
1-chip Realisation

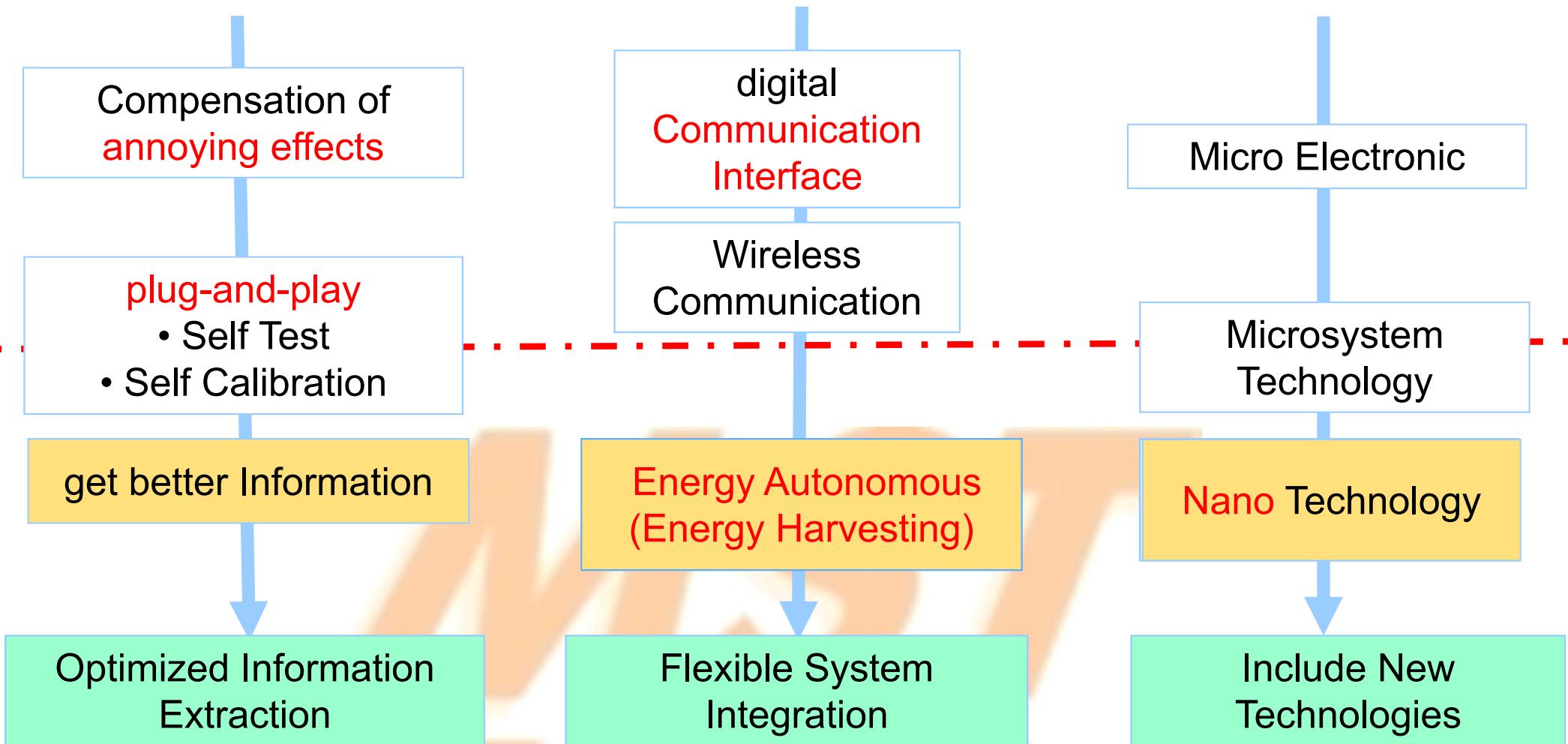


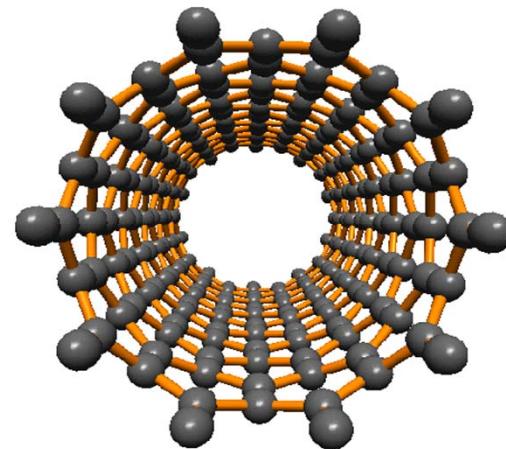
[J. E. Brignell, University of Southampton, UK, 1989]

... The suggestion was greeted with some scepticism:

- Costs
- Complexity

# Smartness of Sensor Systems





# Carbon Nanotube Sensors



**Fundamental Research**  
Applied Research

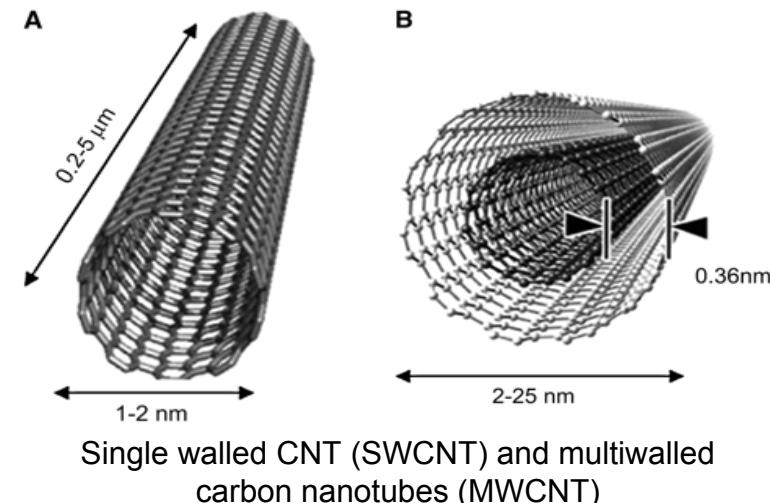
# Carbon nanotubes (CNT)

## Properties of CNTs

Electrical → metallic and semiconducting

1000-current density higher then copper

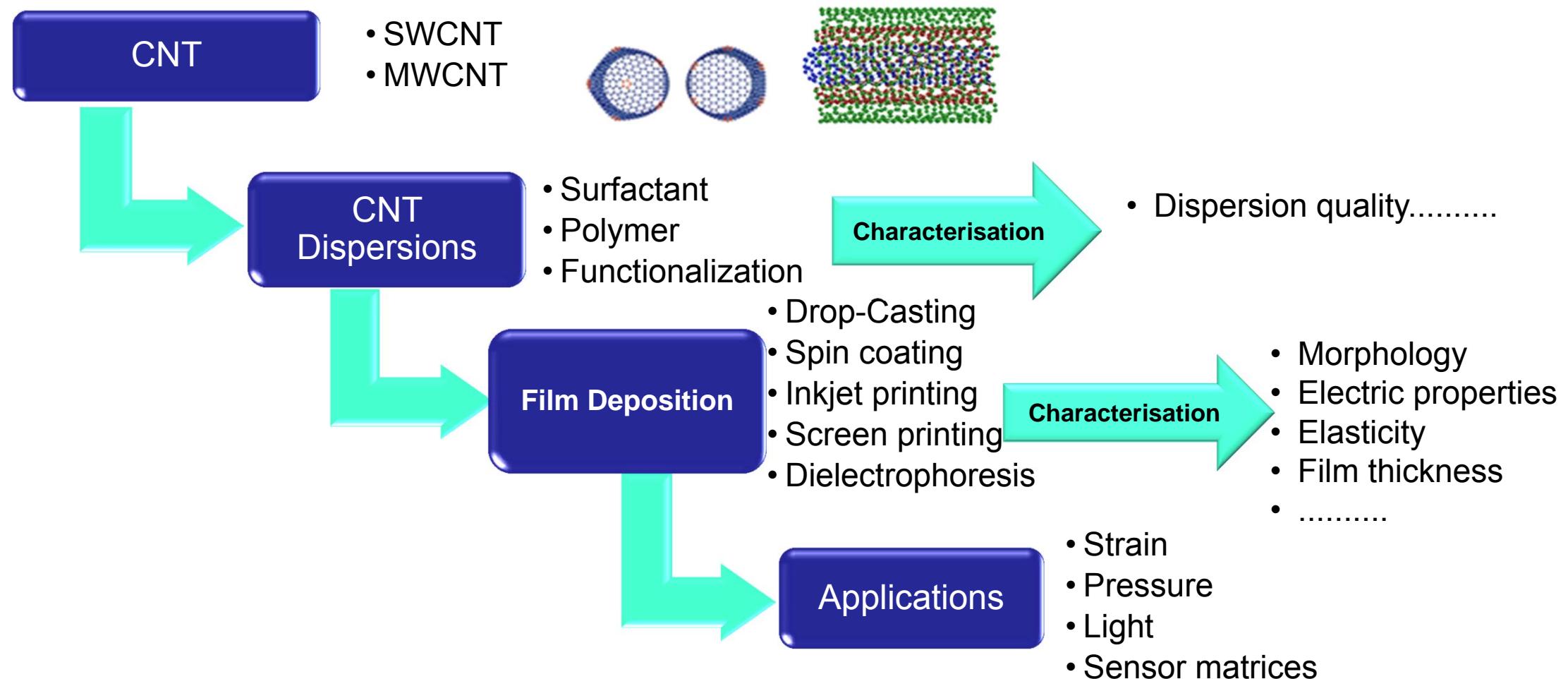
- Percolation threshold in polymercomposites < 1 wt%
- High aspect ratio, l/d ( $\sim 10^4$  bis  $\sim 10^7$ )
- Large surface area



Single walled CNT (SWCNT) and multiwalled carbon nanotubes (MWCNT)

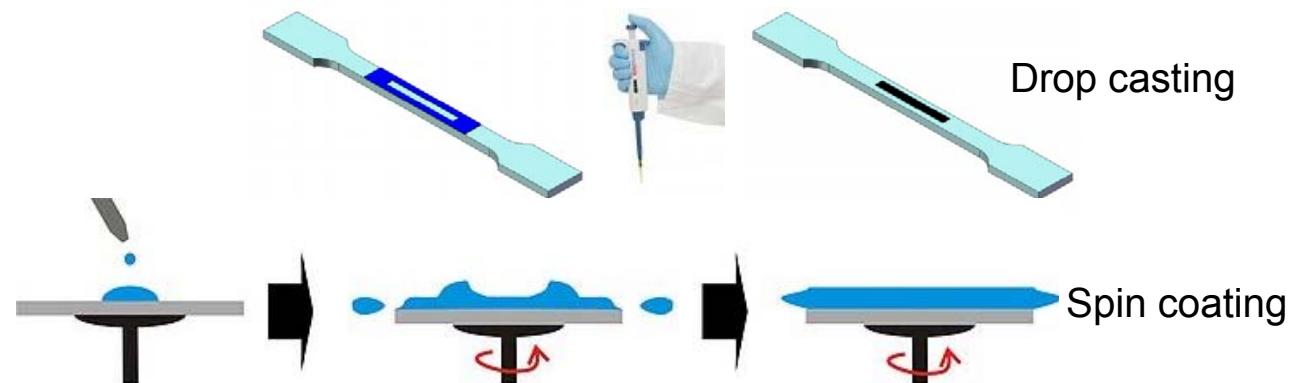
Material	Young's Modulus (GPa)	Tensile strength (GPa)	Density (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )
SWNT/MWNT	≈ 1000	≈ 100 – 200	≈ 0.7 – 1.7
High tensile steel	210	1.3	7.8
Carbon fiber	230	3.5	1.75
Glass fibers	22	3.4	2.6

# Road-map to CNT- sensors

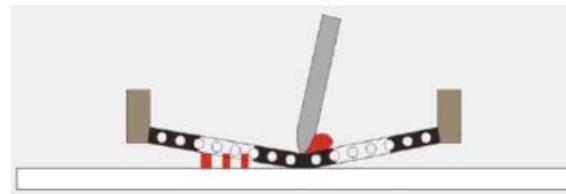


# Deposition methods

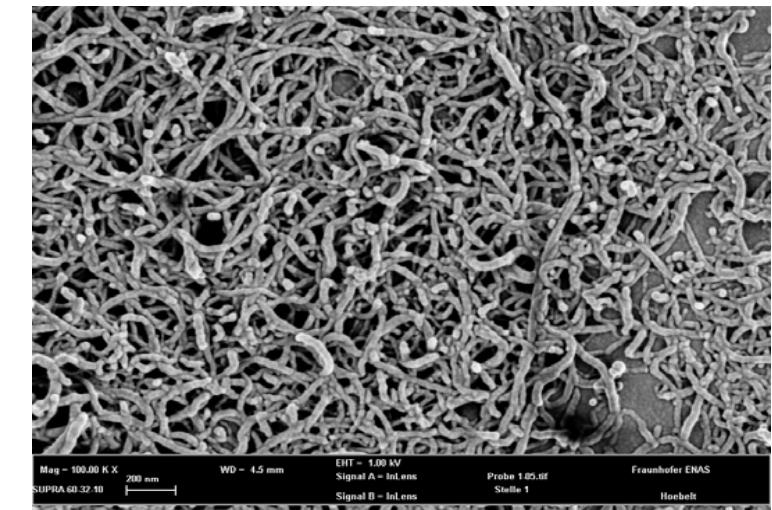
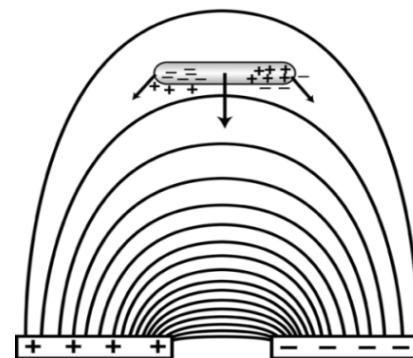
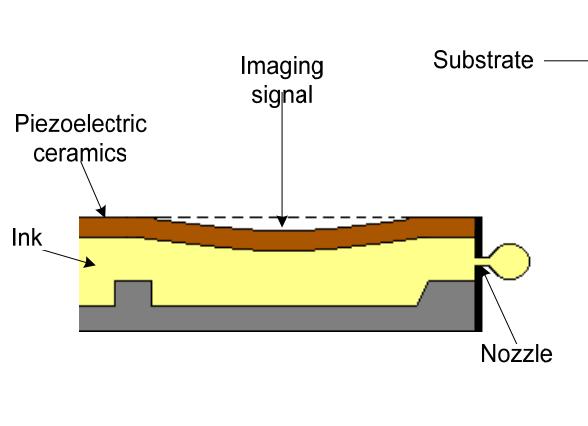
- Drop-Casting
- Spin Coating
- Dielectrophoresis
- Printing
  - Inkjet
  - Off-set,...



Screen printing



Inkjet-Printing



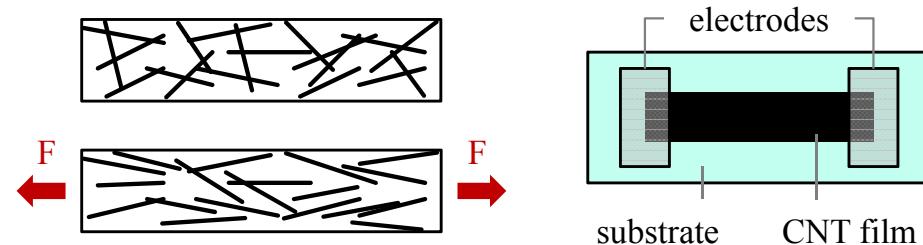
CNT-Film by Spin Coating

# CNT strain gauge

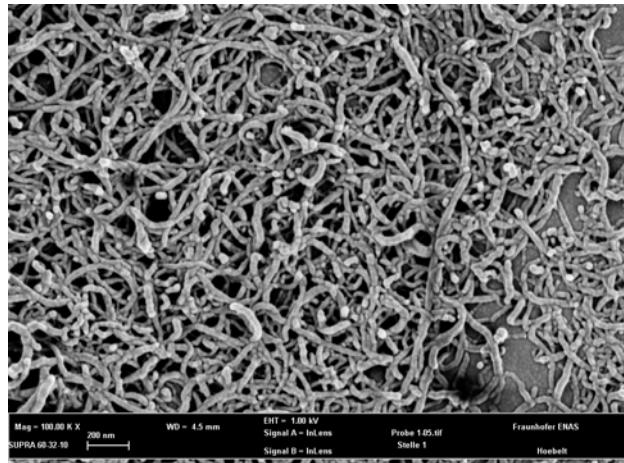
## Advantages over metallic strain gauges

- Higher sensitivity
- Large measurement range ( $\epsilon_{\max} \approx 6\%$ )
- Application without adhesive
- Tunable behaviour
- Versatile application methods (drop casting, Ink jet printing, spin coating, layer by layer...)

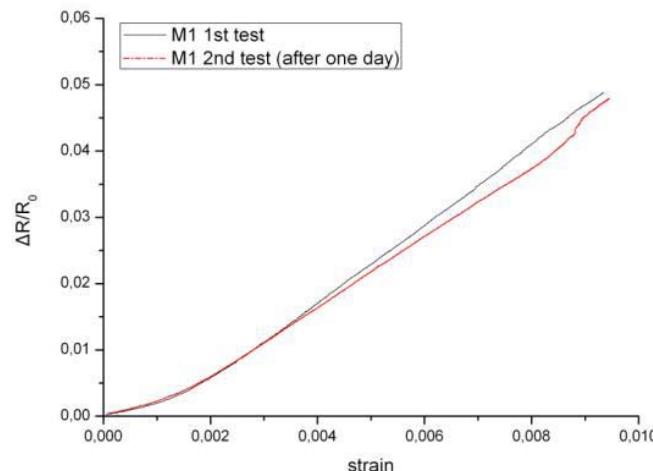
## Sensor principle



## Experimental results

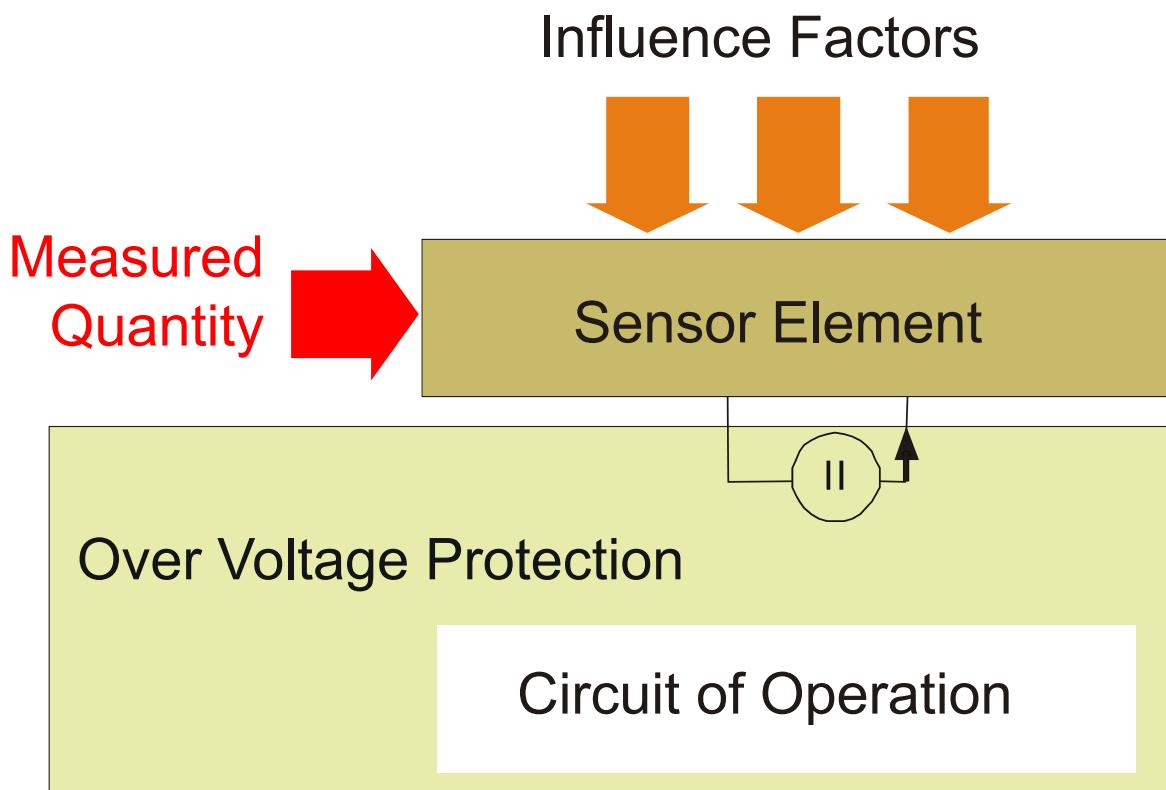


CNT-film by spin coating



Relative change in resistance versus strain  
of a drop casted MWCNT film

# Structure of Sensor System (1)

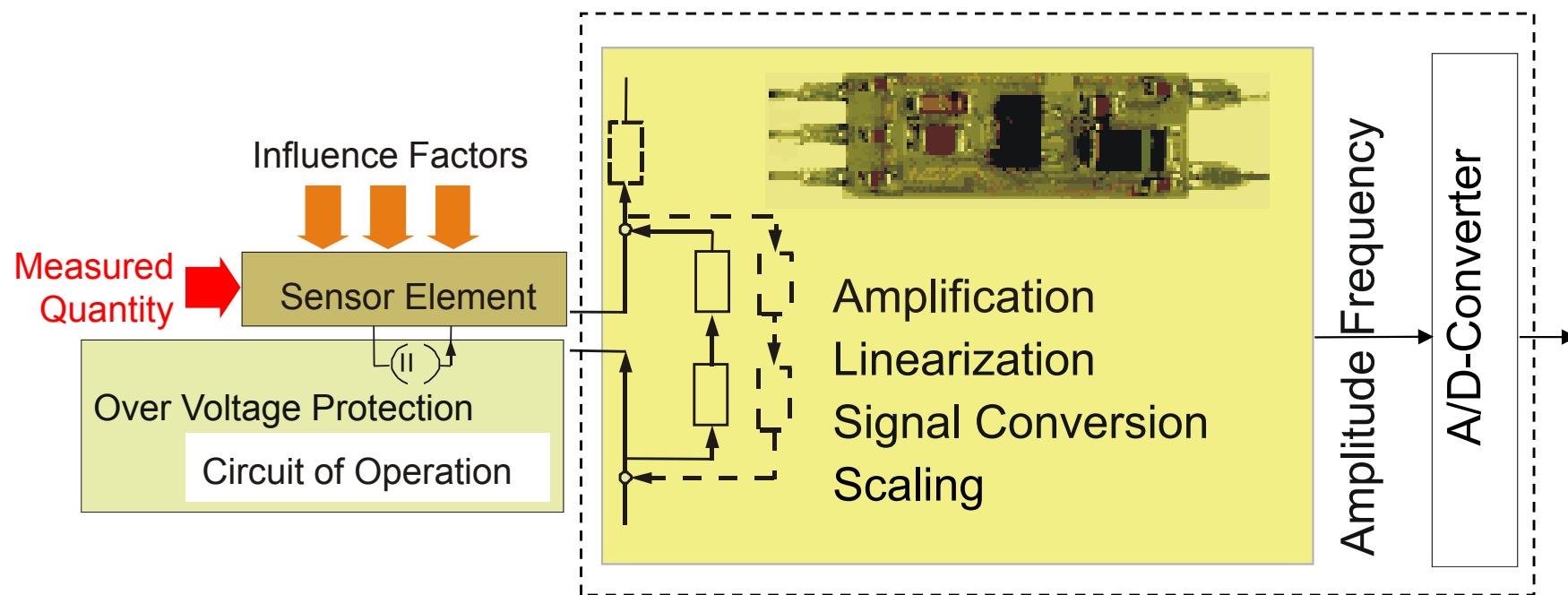


- Power supply
- Adjusting of operating conditions
- Special measures for the secure operation

# Structure of Sensor System (2)

## Analog Signal Processing

### Sensor Interface



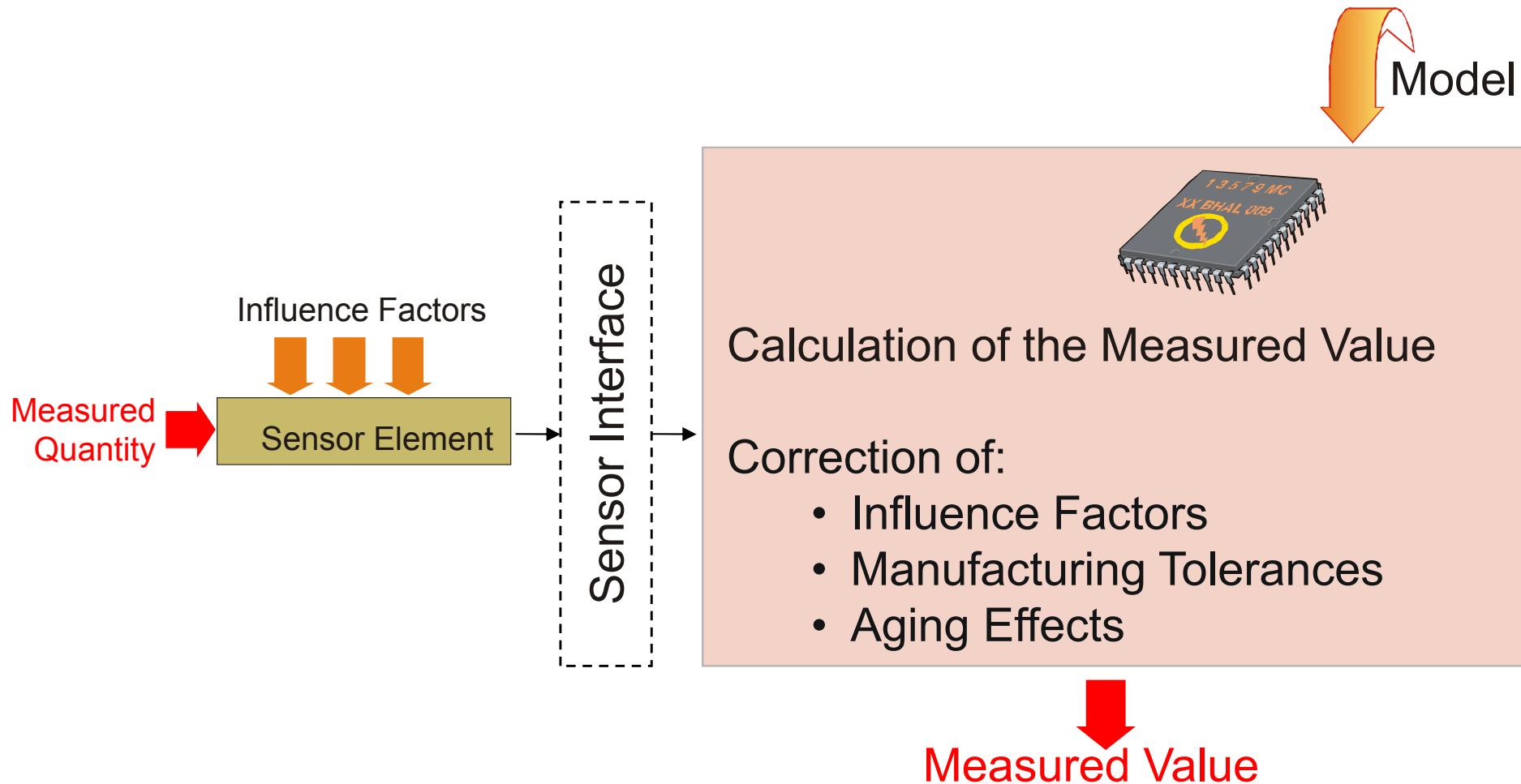
Local digitalization of the sensor signal



slight precision loss independently of the distance  
between the sensor and the higher processing unit.

# Structure of Sensor System (3)

## Digital Signal Processing





## Aims of the Course Smart Sensor Systems

- Sensor properties, sensor technology
- Sensor signals and disturbing effects
- Design of sensor systems
- Selection of operating conditions for sensors
- Data acquisition and analog interfaces
- Analog-Digital-Conversion
- Impedance spectroscopy

# Smart Sensor Systems

Course: Tuesday, 11.30 – 13:00, 2/N010

Exercise: Monday, 09.15 – 10.45, 2/N013



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