

# **Gas Sensing: Products and Technology**

**EPA's Natural Gas STAR Program**

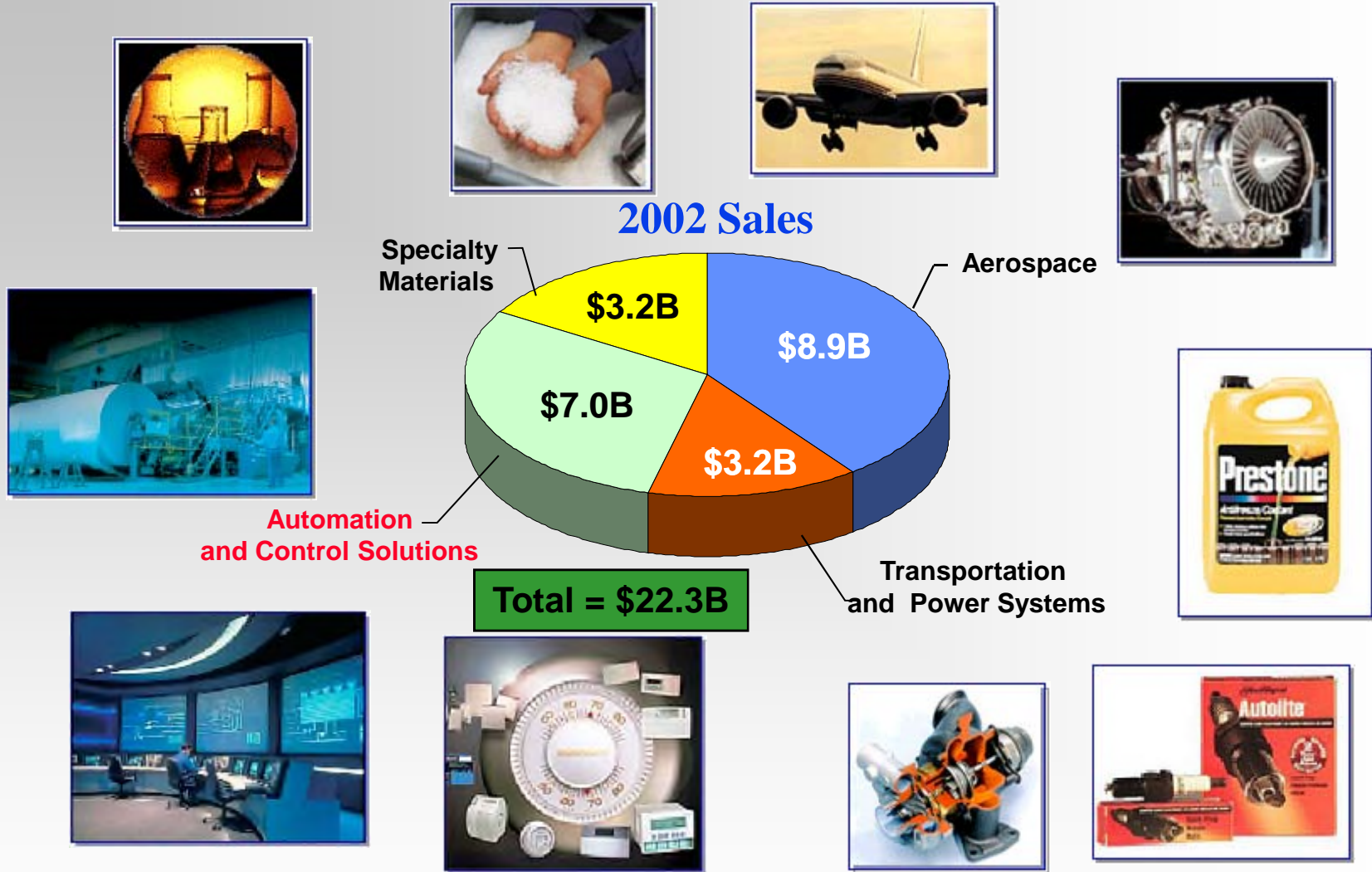
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**Honeywell ACS Sensor Labs**

# Honeywell Business Units



**Broad and Diverse Businesses, Technologies and Products**

# Automation and Control Solutions

## Products:

- HVAC controls
- Industrial process automation and control
- Video surveillance, people and asset tracking
- Security/fire alarm and industrial safety systems
- Home automation systems
- Sensors, switches, and control systems for measuring pressure, air flow, temperature, electrical current and more
- Drinking water solutions
- Combustion control solutions



## Representative Customers:

- Alcoa, AstraZeneca, BASF, Boeing, Brinks, ChevronTexaco, DaimlerChrysler, DuPont, ExxonMobil, General Motors, PDVSA, ConocoPhillips, Procter & Gamble, Qatar General Petroleum, Sasol, Sinopec, Stora Enso, Sydney Airport, TotalFinaElf, Weyerhaeuser, and building and home owners, and others.



*Products and services are used around the world in more than 100 million homes and buildings as well as in 24 of 25 top oil refineries.*

# ACS Products

## Measure

Fire/Smoke Sensors



Room Controls



Indoor Air Quality



Press/Temp Transmitters



Liquid & Gas Sensors & Analyzers



Press/Temp Safety Switches



## Record

Paperless Recorders



Strip & Circular Chart Recorders



Data Loggers



## Control

Building Automation Systems



Res/Comm Boilers



Loop & Logic Controllers



Actuators



## Supervise

Fire System Panels



LAN/WAN Integration



PC Software



Wireless



Audio/Visual



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# Gas Sensing Within Honeywell

## Gasses and Applications

- CO Safety and Fire Detection
- Humidity and CO2 HVAC
- VOC's IAQ and Cabin Air Monitors
- NOx Diesel Engine Control
- CWA's Homeland Security
- Combustibles Portable Leak Detectors



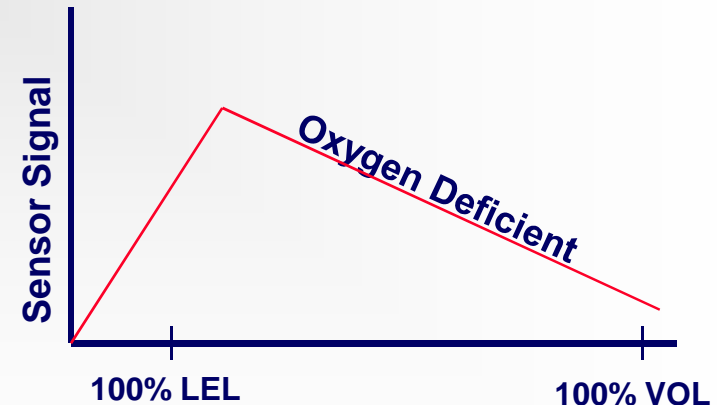
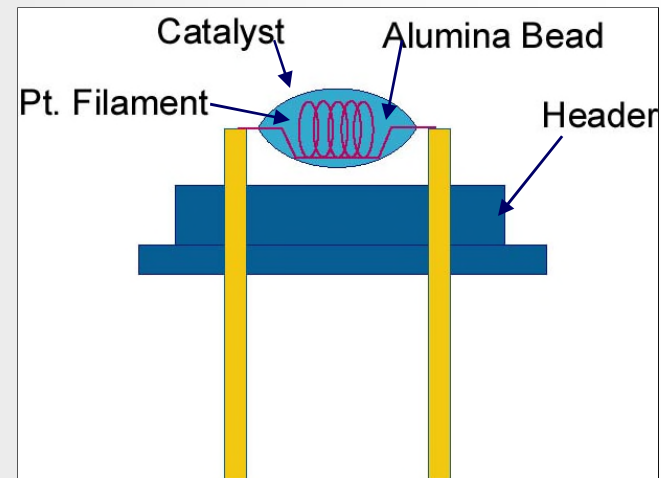
### COMMON TECHNOLOGIES FOR GAS DETECTION

| Gas Type    | Gas Sensing Technology |           |     |                 |
|-------------|------------------------|-----------|-----|-----------------|
|             | NDIR                   | Catalytic | MOS | ElectroChemical |
| Toxic       |                        |           | X   | X               |
| Oxygen      |                        |           |     | X               |
| Combustible | X                      | X         | X   |                 |

# Catalytic Bead / Pellistor

## Most Common Methane Detection Technology

- **Advantages**
  - Components Widely Available
  - Good Selectivity
- **Disadvantages**
  - High Power
  - Susceptible to “Poisoning”
  - High Transducer Cost
  - Oxygen Ambient Required
  - Not Failsafe
  - Frequent Calibration
  - 3-5 Year Sensor Lifetime

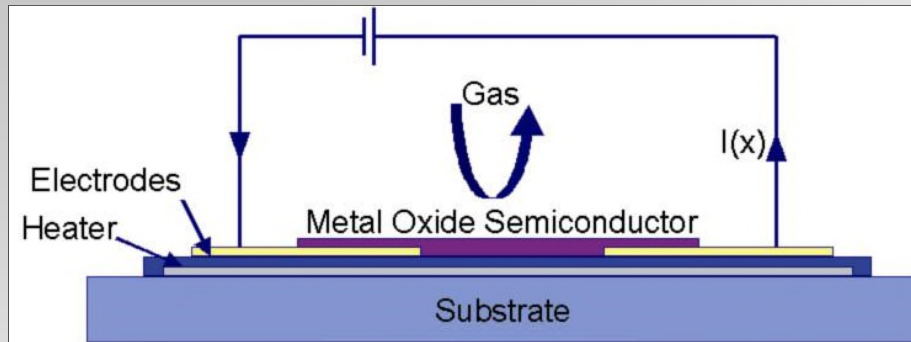


- **Adequate for Given Application?**



# MOS Gas Sensors

- **Metal Oxide Semiconductor Conductivity Modulation ( $\text{SnO}_2$ )**



Transducers Widely Available (incl.  $\text{CH}_4$ )

Low Cost

Poor Selectivity

High Power

Not Fail Safe

- **New Low-Power MOS**

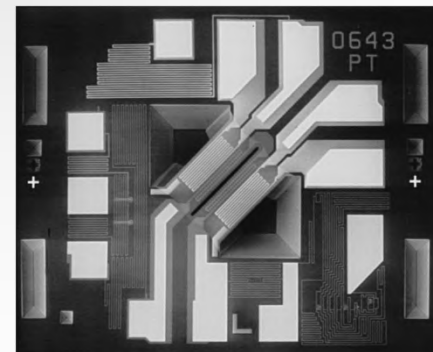
Microbridge Arrays

Improved Selectivity

Reduced Drift



Honeywell IAQ Sensor

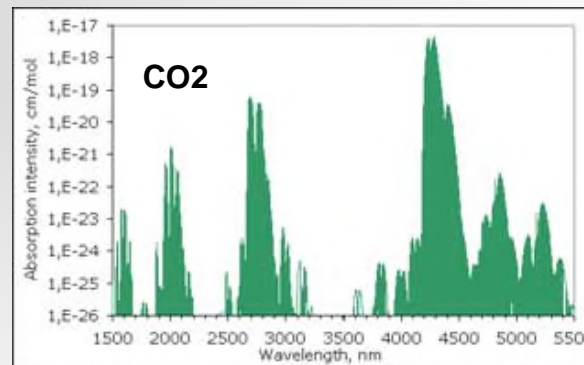


Micro-power MMOS

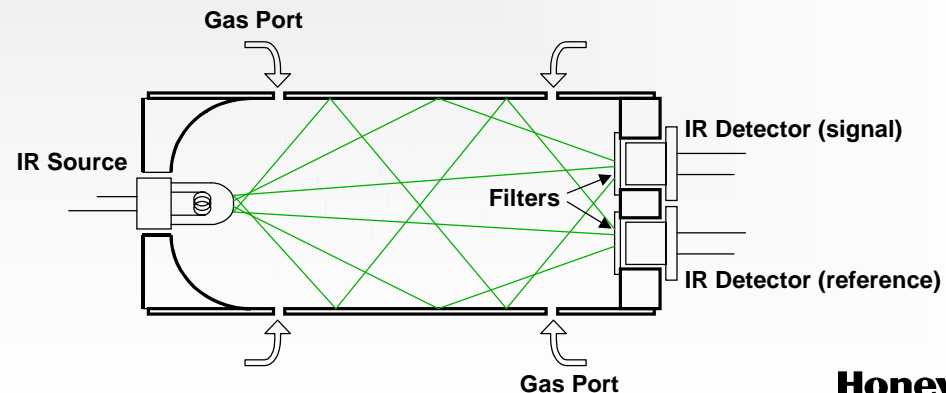
# Non-Dispersive Infrared

## NDIR

- **Optical Absorption Detection**  
Non-Dispersive, i.e. No Grating, Prism, etc.  
Detection via Mid-IR “Fingerprint”  
Excellent Selectivity  
Self Calibrating  
Long Lifetime
- **Disadvantages**  
High Power Requirement  
Historically Expensive  
IR Source Problematic



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CO2 Sensor**

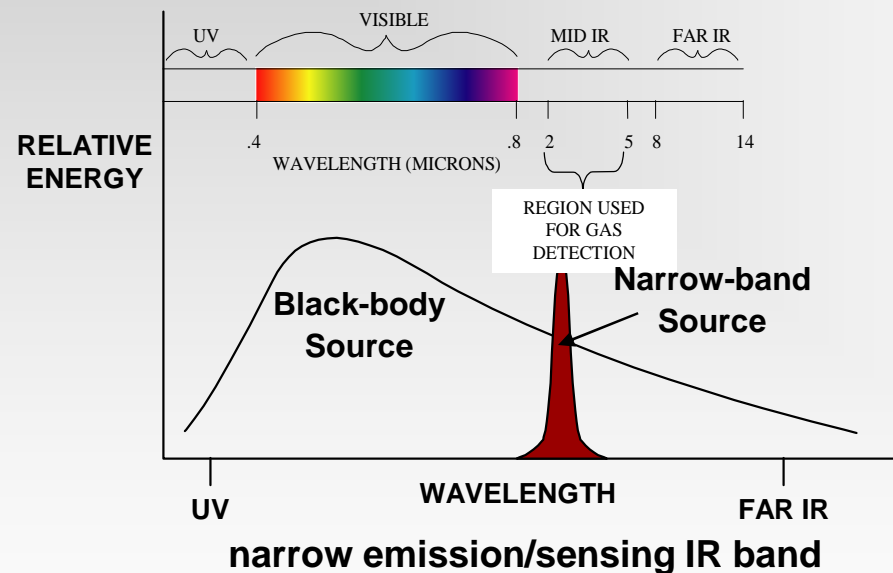




# Non-Dispersive Infrared

## High-Efficiency NDIR

- Matched Narrow-band Emitters and Detectors
- Reduced Cost
- Dramatically Reduced Power Requirements
- Higher S/N Ratio (Improved Sensitivity)



- Currently Targeted For Hand-held CH<sub>4</sub> Leak Detectors

# High-Efficiency NDIR

## Representative Performance

- HYDROCARBONS (AS PROPANE) 0.001 - 1.000%
- METHANE 0.01% - 5.00%  
OR 0.1% - 100%  
OR PPM LEVELS
- CARBON DIOXIDE 0.004% - 1.00%  
OR 0.1% - 20%
- RELATIVE HUMIDITY 0.0% - 100%
- CARBON MONOXIDE 10 PPM - 20,000 PPM

# Photoacoustic Gas Sensor

## MEMS Photoacoustic Cell

- Concept Phase
- Highly Integrated Si Platform
- Potential For:
  - Low Cost (Batch Manufacturing)
  - High Sensitivity / Selectivity

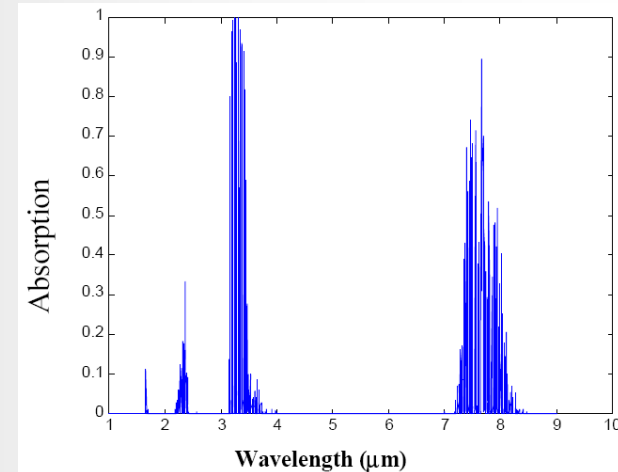
- Methane

3.4 Microns:

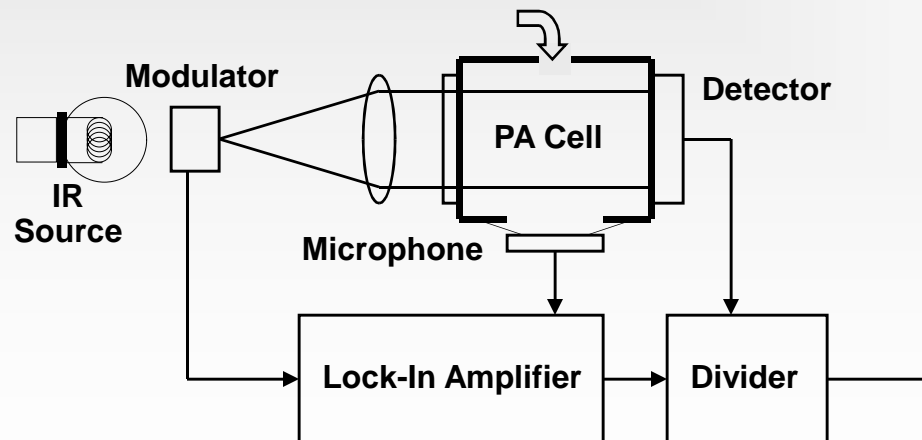
NDIR Source

1.6 microns:

(Telecom laser??)



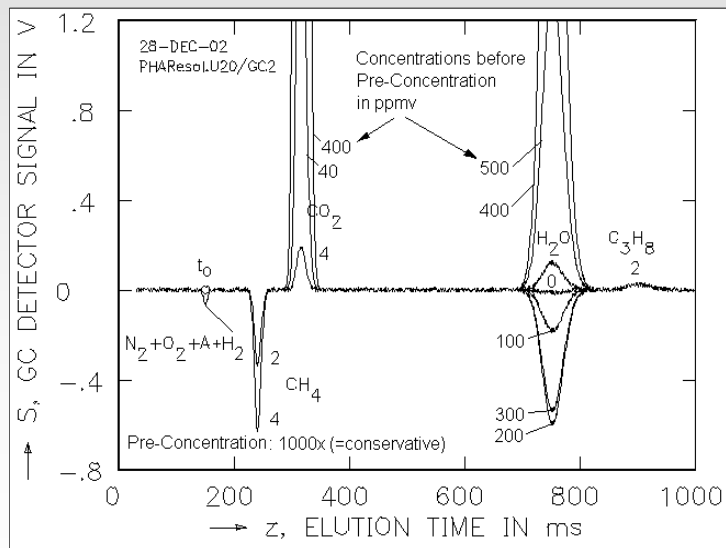
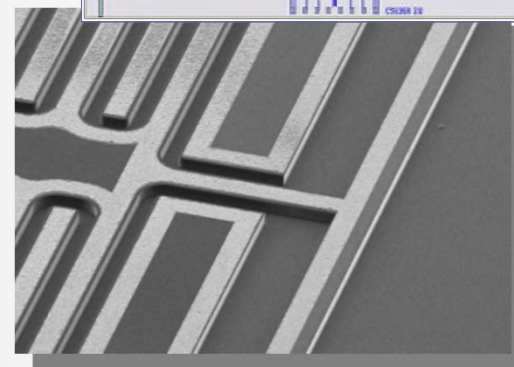
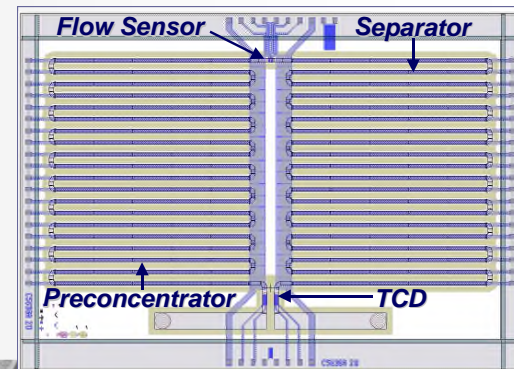
CH4 Absorption Spectra



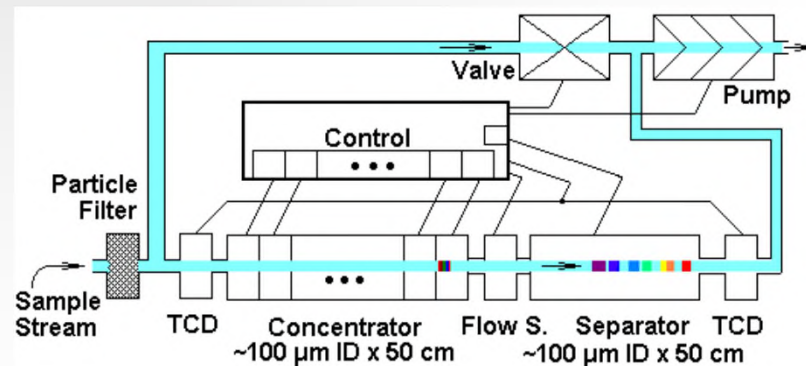
# Micro Gas Chromatograph

## “PHASED” Micro Gas Analyzer

- MEMS Chromatograph
  - CWA's, Fault Gasses
  - Integrated for High-speed, Compactness
  - “Low Cost”
  - High-Speed (<1ms thermal response)
  - Low-Energy Analysis for Extended Battery Life
  - Increased Selectivity



Predicted Performance



Honeywell “PHASED” MGA  
Micro-System

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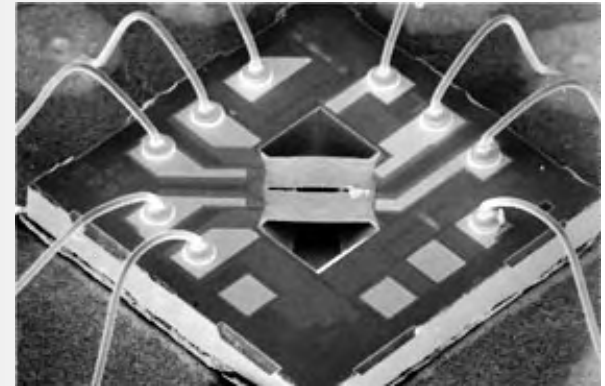
# Mass Air Flow Sensors

## MEMS-Based

- Microbridge Membrane Technology
- High/Low Flow Rate
- Multi-Gas
- Compact Design
- Low Power

## Applications

- Respirators/Ventilators
- Fuel Cell Controls
- Leak Detection
- Mass Flow Controllers
- Oxygen Generators

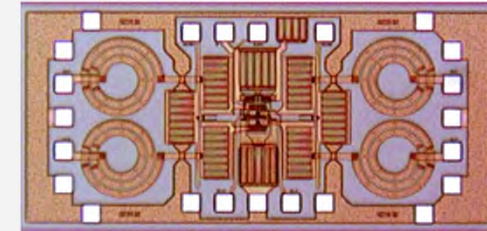


Honeywell Micro-Bridge  
Flow Sensor

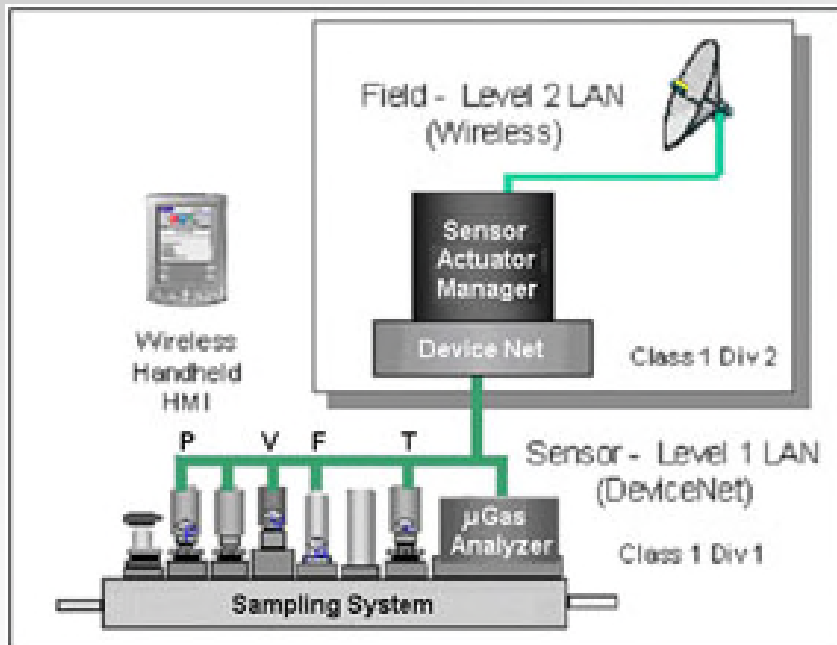


# Wireless

- Significant In-House Technology
- Leverage Across Multiple Businesses
- Residential and Industrial Apps



5.6 GHz Transceiver ASIC



Wireless NESSI III Industrial  
Process Monitor Platform





# Conclusions

## Honeywell Position

- **Potentially Interested in Fixed CH<sub>4</sub> Sensing Market**
  - Not Currently in Combustibles / Methane
  - Consistent with Current Businesses
  - IM&C, Industry Solutions, Fire and Security
- **Good Technology Overlap**

## Path Forward

- **Collect Data**
  - Functionality
  - Performance Metrics
  - Cost Expectations
  - Market Opportunity
- **Open to Discussions**