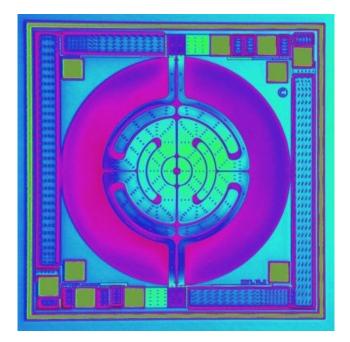
### Story of a founder

**Florin Udrea** 

**Cambridge University** 

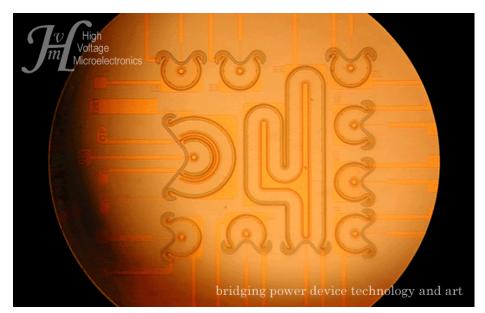
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#### High Voltage Microelectronics and Sensors (HVMS) at Cambridge University

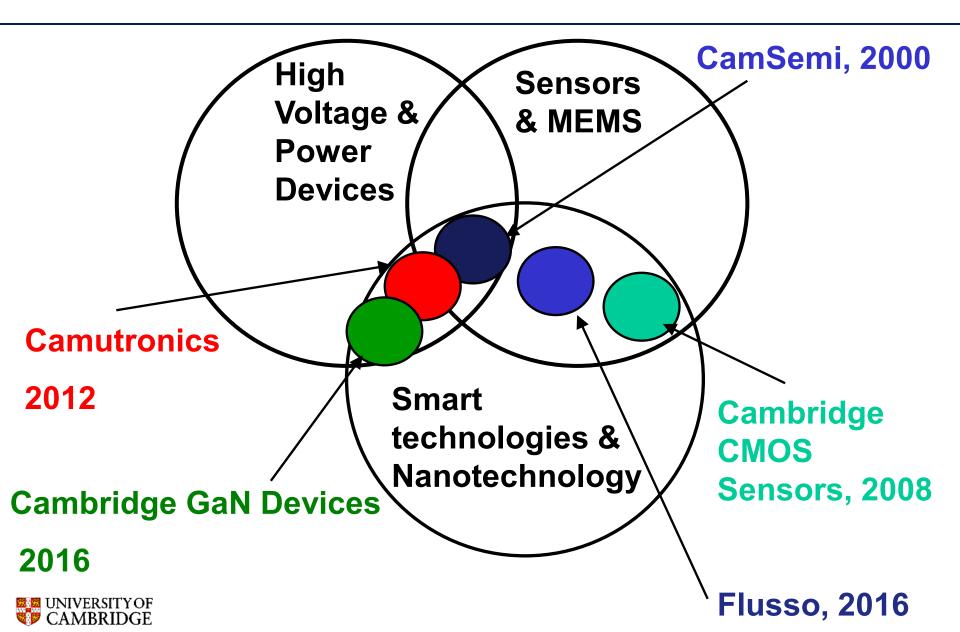
- Dedicated to power devices and sensors
- 15-20 members including PhD students, postdocs and fellows
- Over 600 journal and international conference papers over past 10 years (IEEE, IEE, Phys. Rev, JAP, APL, ISPSD, IEDM).
- Over 200 international patents granted
- £10M of funding in the last 10 years with £1.5M still active



5 Spin-out companies formed to commercialise research. Recently three of the companies, Cambridge Semiconductor and Cambridge CMOS Sensors have exited with tens of million pounds evaluation



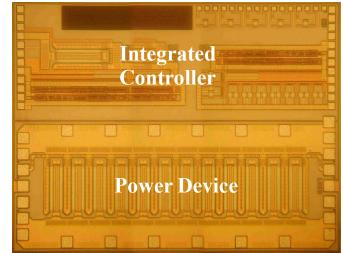
#### Spin-offs HVMS group



#### 1, Cambridge Semiconductor (Camsemi)

## Cambridge Semiconductor sold more than 1bn units of Power ICs in power supplies

- Founded by Profs. Florin Udrea and Gehan Amaratunga in 2000 as the first Engineering Department spin-off.
- Listed as among the top 3 Cleantech companies in Europe 2010 by Guardian
- Carbon Trust award in 2010
- In 2013 was the fastest growing UK company in UK in semiconductors with annual revenue in excess of £10M.
- Sold to Power Integrations in Jan 2015 for \$20M







#### **CamSemi's Impact**

- It shipped 1bn chips for power supplies. Camsemi had offices in UK, Taiwan, China, Hong-Kong and US.
- In 2015 it had intelligent chips in 25% of all Nokia Phones.
- Throughout the life of the products the efficiency saved was equivalent to 5% of a nuclear power station
- Today Camsemi still exists as Power Integrations Cambridge with around 20-30 people and expanding.
- It raised our profile as Number 1 academic group in the world. Camsemi was the first University spin-off worldwide in the power devices field. It became an inspiration and a model for many other spin-offs.



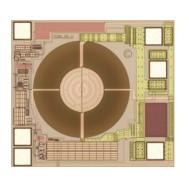
Florin Udrea and Gehan Amaratunga, Camsemi, 2003



#### 2. Cambridge CMOS Sensors (CCMOSS)

#### Cambridge CMOS Sensors enables Air Quality monitoring through miniature multi-sensing devices

- Founded by Profs. Florin Udrea, Julian Gardner and Bill Milne in 2008
- First company to deploy gas sensors in mobile phones and smart homes
- Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) monitor to detect a wide range of indoor air pollutants
- A range of prizes and awards for the technology developed and the founders, In 2018 the founders received the prestigious Mullard Award from Royal Society and F. Udrea received the University of Cambridge Vice-Chancellor award for the impact.
- Sold to Austria Microsystems (ams) in June 2016 for £XXM + earn-out giving 3.5X to 5X to investors













- No preferences ! All based on a flat structure of ordinary shares.
- Organic growth
- Cambridge Enterprise (the venture arm of the University) present in the board with a director.
- Founders stayed in the board. I was the CEO for 5 years (and CTO for the remaining two years).
- Close relationship with the University of Cambridge
- Early engagement with partners.
- Very active in European projects



Bill Milne, Julian Gardner and Florin Udrea CCMOSS, 2008

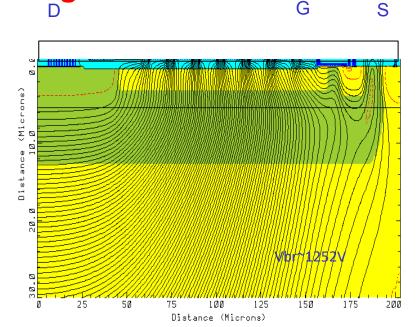


## 3. Cambridge Microelectronics (Camutronics)

## Cambridge Microelectronics is a worldwide leader in consultancy high voltage technologies

- Founded by Dr. Tanya Trajkovic, Prof. Florin Udrea, Dr. Nishad Udugampola, Dr. Vasantha Pathirana and Prof. Gehan Amaratunga in 2012
- Over 30 granted patents in high voltage lateral technologies including LIGBTs and LDMOSFETs
- Expert consultancy in power devices field ranging from IGBTs to Diamond devices and power electronics systems
- Path finder from CE (£12k) but Seed Fund decline investment
- Self sufficient with profitable revenue ~ 500k-1M/year.









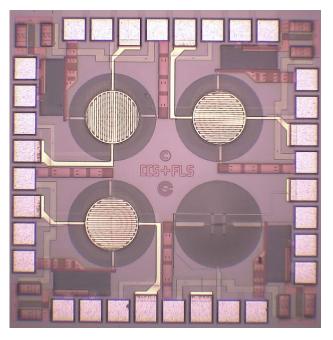
#### 4. Flusso

## Flusso aims to be a fabless IP company in flow, pressure and temperature sensors

- Founded by Dr. Andrea De Luca and Prof. Florin Udrea (main founders) in 2016
- Products in Flow sensors. New emerging products in gas sensors
- 15 patent applications

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- Raised 5M in seed funding + round A
- Office close to Business Park, 28 employees
- Sold for £28M to a global player in sensors



#### Fabricated sensor array, Flusso 2018





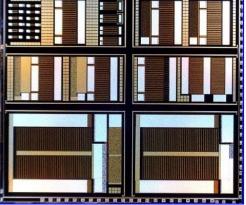
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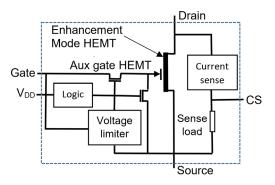
# Cambridge GaN devices aims to be a fabless company in power devices offering a disruptive technology for efficient energy transfer

- Founded by Dr. Giorgia Longobardi and Prof. Florin Udrea in 2016
- 28 patents (distinctive inventions)
- 3 Innovate UK projects, 32 employees
- Raised 9M in seed funding + series A
- Established contract with top supply chain.
- Products out (ICeGaN) with design-ins with outstanding efficiency performance
- Office in St John Innovation Centre

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Fabricated CGD chip 2019



ICeGaN CGD products 2022