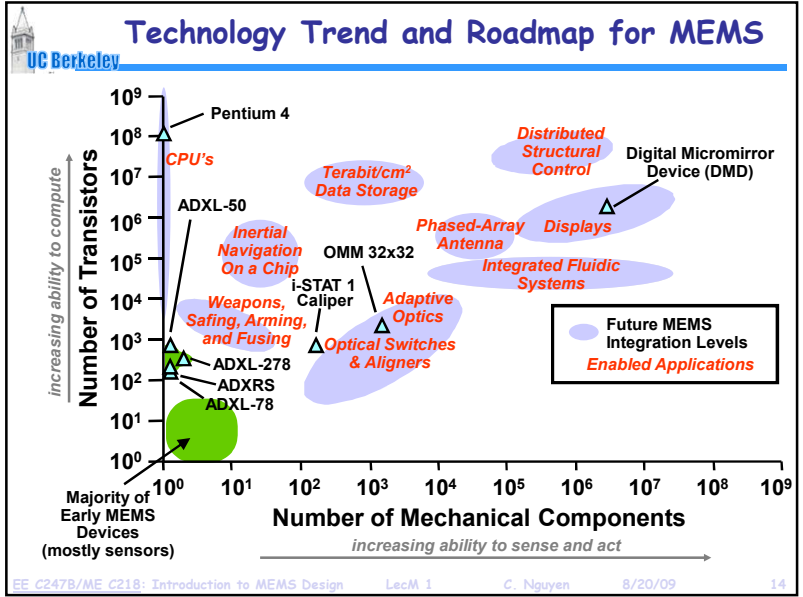


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Example: Micromechanical Accelerometer

The MEMS Advantage:

- >30X size reduction in accelerometer mechanical parts
- allows integration of transistors
- Tiny mass means small output \Rightarrow need integrated transistor circuits to compensate

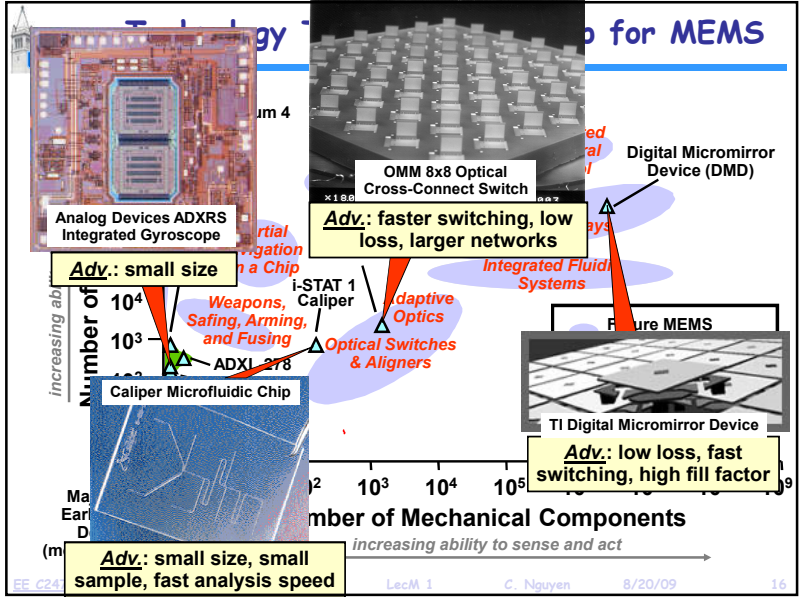
Basic Operation Principle

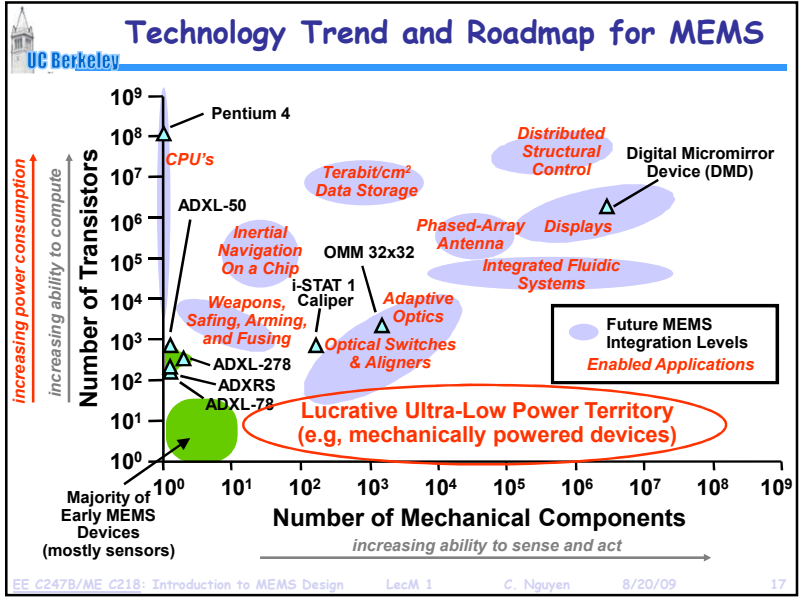
$x \propto F_i = ma$

Labels in diagram: Displacement (x), Spring, Inertial Force, Proof Mass, Acceleration (a).

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Benefits of Size Reduction: MEMS

- Benefits of size reduction clear for IC's in elect. domain
 - ↳ size reduction ⇨ speed, low power, complexity, economy
- MEMS: enables a similar concept, but ...
 - MEMS extends the benefits of size reduction beyond the electrical domain**

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Performance enhancements for application domains beyond those satisfied by electronics in the same general categories

- Speed ⇨ Frequency ↑ , Thermal Time Const. ↓
- Power Consumption ⇨ Actuation Energy ↓ , Heating Power ↓
- Complexity ⇨ Integration Density ↑ , Functionality ↑
- Economy ⇨ Batch Fab. Pot. ↑ (esp. for packaging)
- Robustness ⇨ g-Force Resilience ↑

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