

Trusted Foundry

A User's Perspective

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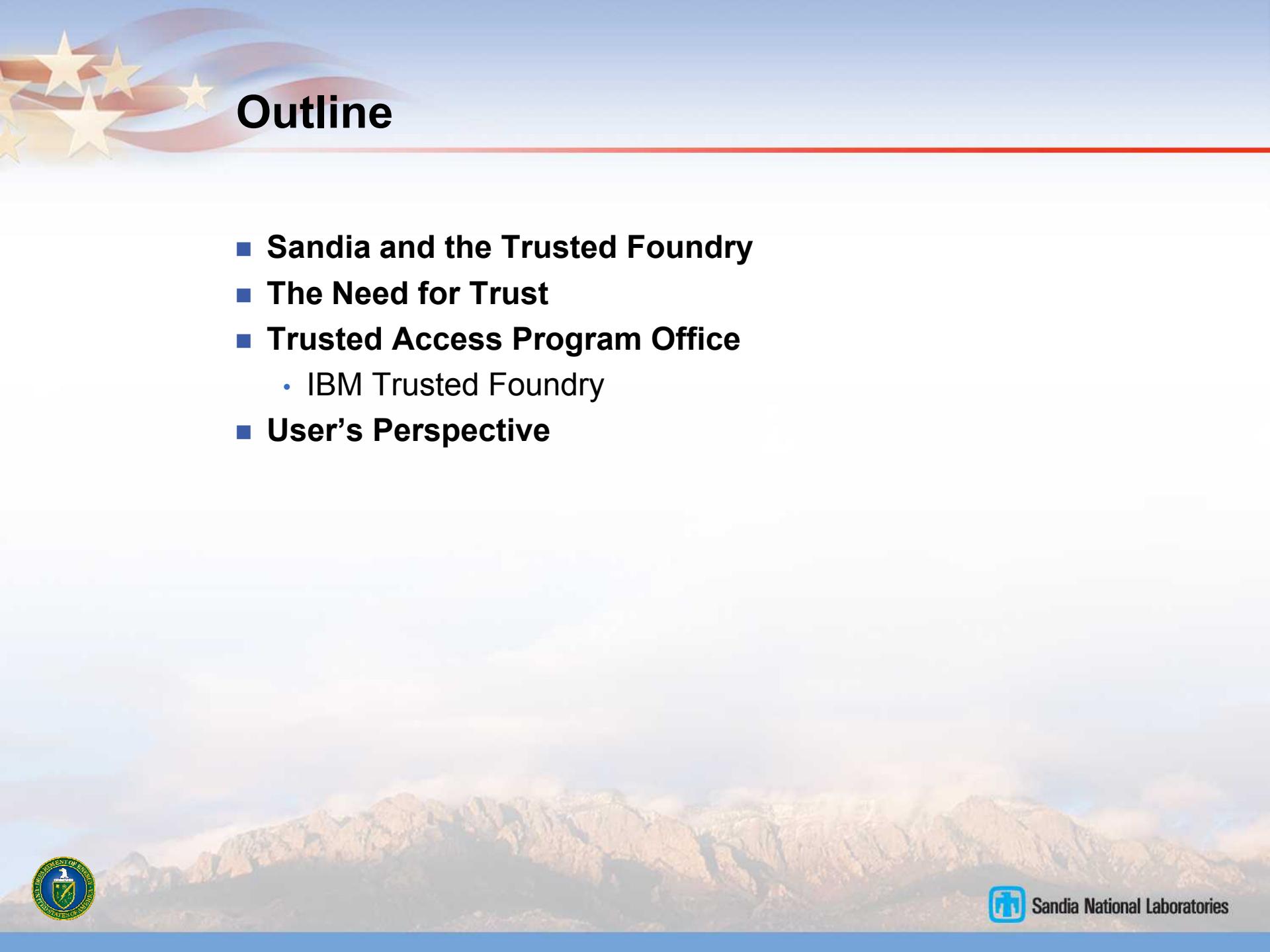
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Sandia and the Trusted Foundry



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MESA is a 400,000 Sq-ft Complex with over 650 employees

Silicon Fab: *Microelectronics*

Unique custom and rad-hard process technologies

- Trusted Foundry status
- Strategically rad-hard devices and circuits unavailable from other potential providers

Trusted Design:

Expertise in custom design of integrated circuits

- Secure microcontrollers
- Analog/Digital/RF
- IBM Trusted Foundry
- Tamper Resistant Features

Packaging & Qualification:

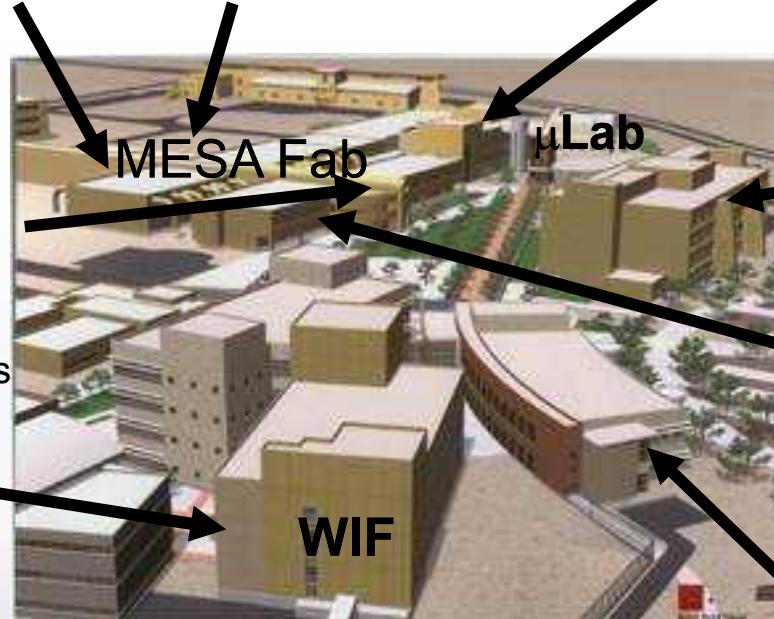
Custom packaging & COTS qualification

- Advanced packaging
- Custom components (cables, connectors, capacitors, frequency devices, magnetics)

Silicon Fab: *Micromachining*

Deposition, patterning reactive ion etching for micromachines.

- Surety components
- Embedded surveillance including communication



MicroLab:

World's most extensive growth and processing of III-V semiconductor devices

- Neutron-immune Heterojunction Bipolar Transistors
- Rad-hard optical links
- Solid-state radio-frequency devices (radar and communications)

Nanotechnology:

Advanced sensors
Options for novel devices

Failure Analysis:

Microsystems reliability & failure analysis expertise

- Vulnerability analysis in NW systems

Design, Modeling, & Simulation:

3-D system analysis

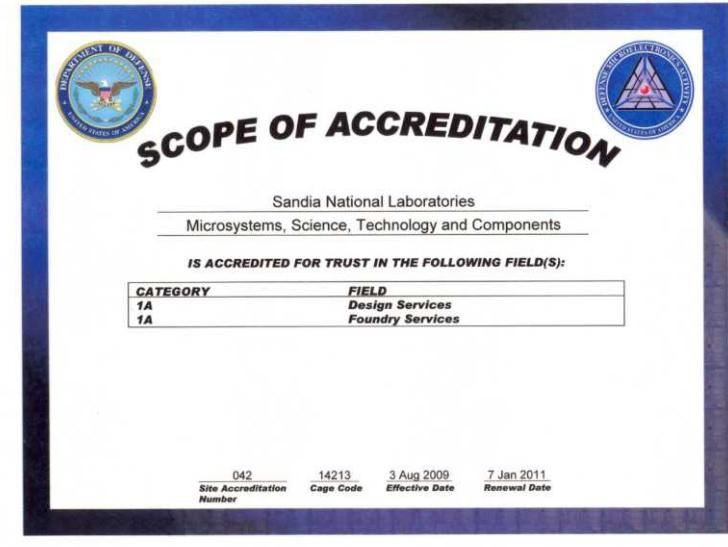


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Sandia has Class 1A certification for both Trusted Design and Trusted Foundry

- In response to the decline of the US IC manufacturing industry, the DoD established a Trusted Foundry and Supplier network
- “Trust” involves assuring the people, processes, and material used to design, manufacture, and distribute national security critical components
- Sandia is a member of this network for both foundry (IC manufacturing) and design services
- Critical Government systems need trusted components





Successfully designed in our internal trusted foundry and the IBM trusted foundry

- Sandia has delivered several thousand custom components to the US Government through our internal trusted foundry (350nm, 3.3v technology)
 - NW Programs
 - Satellite Programs
- We were one of the 1st users of the IBM trusted foundry and have worked with our customers to design a diverse set of ICs at several process nodes
 - FY07 (and earlier) Designs
 - 5 at IBM CMOS8RF, 130nm technology
 - 1 at IBM CMOS9LP, 90nm technology
 - FY08 Designs
 - 6 at IBM CMOS8RF, 130nm technology
 - 1 at IBM CMOS9LP, 90nm technology
 - FY09 Designs
 - 4 at IBM CMOS8RF, 130nm technology
 - 4 at IBM CMOS9LP/SF, 90nm technology
 - 1 at IBM CMOS10SF, 65nm technology
 - FY10 Designs
 - 3 at IBM CMOS8RF, 130nm technology
 - 1 at IBM CMOS9LP/SF, 90nm technology
 - 1 at IBM CMOS10SF, 65nm technology
 - 3 at IBM CMOS12SOI, 45nm technology
 - FY11 Projected Designs (so far)
 - 2 at IBM CMOS9LP/SF, 90nm technology
 - 1 at IBM CMOS12SOI, 45nm technology



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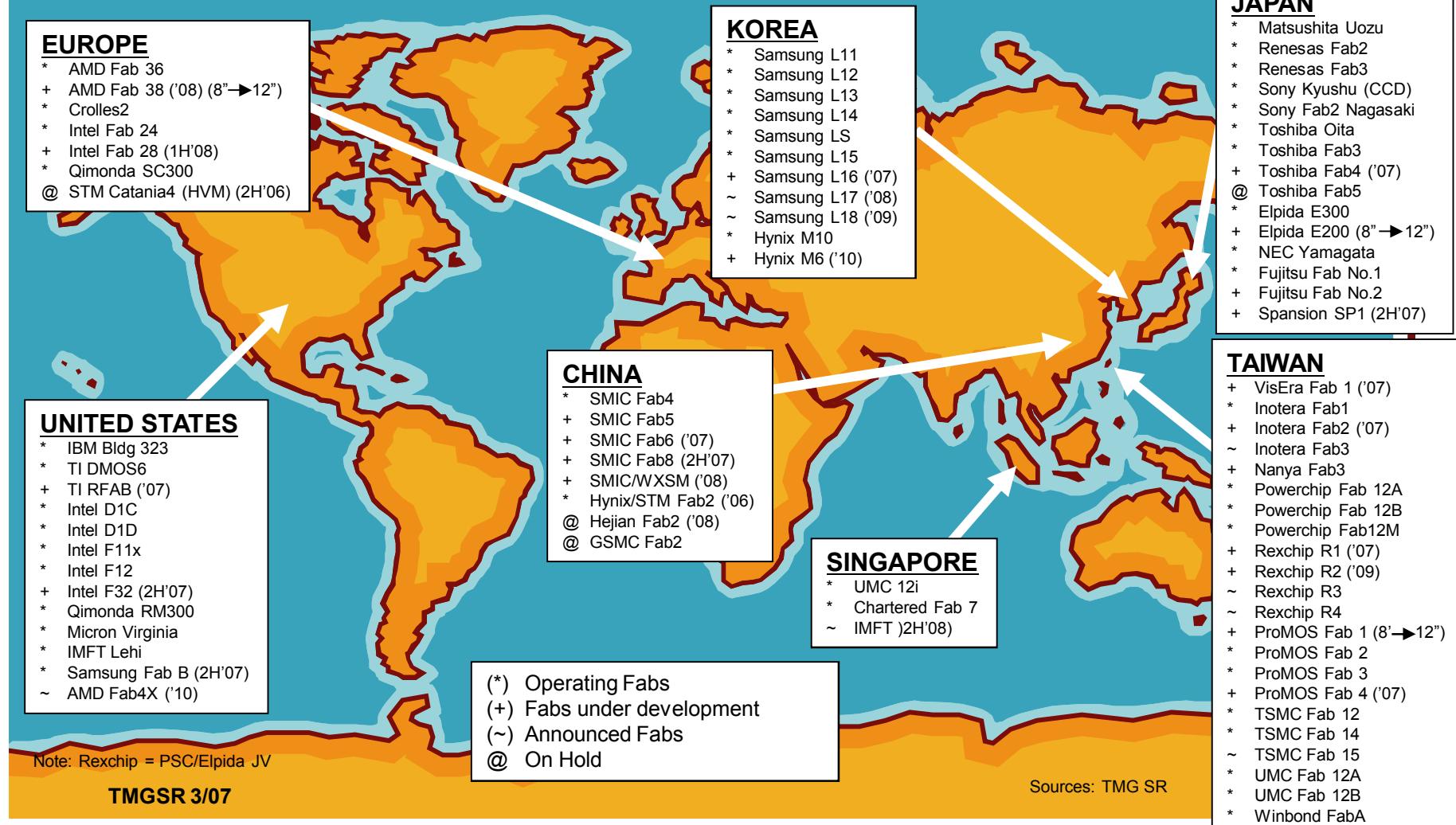
The Need for Trust



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US Microelectronics manufacturing capability continues to move off-shore

300mm Global Fab Landscape



Most of the world's accessible and leading-edge foundry capacity is in Asia

Recent Examples: Possible design manipulation to provide backdoor access



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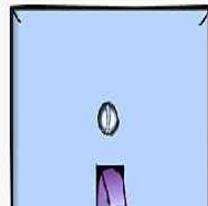
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Pentagon Looks for 'Killer Switch'

By Sharon Weinberger May 01, 2008 | 2:48:00 AM Categories: [DarpaWatch](#)

Imagine if the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter could be effectively shut down by a foreign adversary with the flip of a switch? That's, in part, the concern behind the Defense Advanced Research Project Agency's Trust in Integrated Circuits program, reports *IEEE Spectrum*, in a fascinating article that explores the underbelly of national security and globalization:

Last September, Israeli jets bombed a suspected nuclear installation in northeastern Syria. Among the many mysteries still surrounding that strike was the failure of a Syrian radar—supposedly state-of-the-art—to warn the Syrian military of the incoming assault. It wasn't long before military and technology bloggers concluded that this was an incident of electronic warfare—and not just ...



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Malicious microprocessor opens new doors for attack

Researchers have found a difficult but viable method for hacking a PC's microprocessor -- an attack that would be devastating and virtually undetectable

By Robert McMillan | [IDGNS](#)

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For years, hackers have focused on finding bugs in computer software that give them unauthorized access to computer systems, but now there's another way to break in: Hack the microprocessor.

On Tuesday, researchers at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign demonstrated how they altered a computer chip to grant attackers backdoor access to a computer. It would take a lot of work to make this attack succeed in the real world, but it would be virtually undetectable.

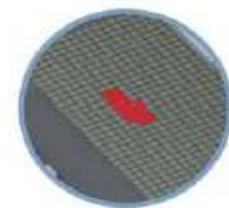
To launch its attack, the team used a special programmable processor running the Linux operating system. The chip was programmed to inject malicious firmware into the chip's memory, which then allows an attacker to log into the machine as if he were a legitimate user. To



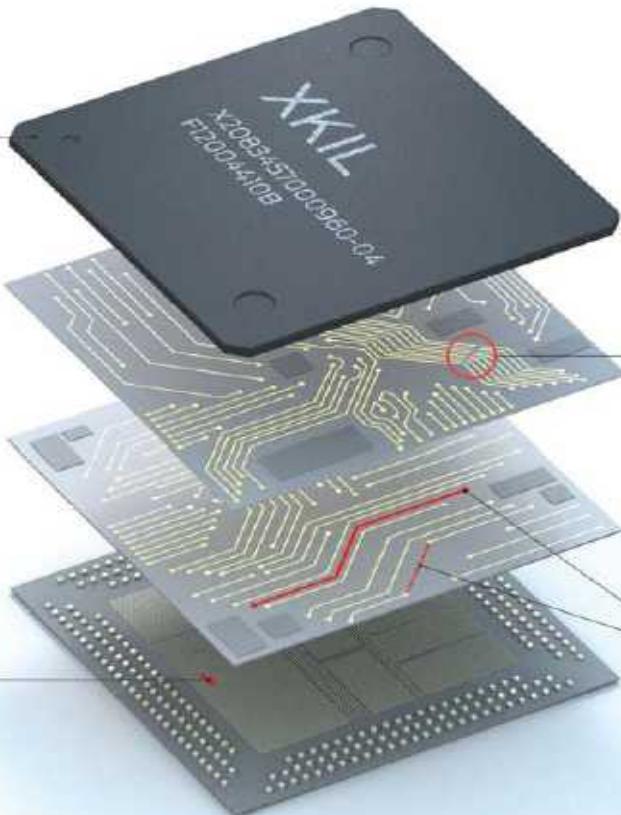
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IEEE Spectrum Article

FAKE Counterfeiting has become a big problem for the U.S. military, and bogus packaging could disguise a questionable chip as a legitimate one. ...& **BAKE** Baking a chip for 24 hours after fabrication could shorten its life span from 15 years to a scant 6 months.



ADD EXTRA TRANSISTORS Adding just 1000 extra transistors during either the design or the fabrication process could create a kill switch or a trapdoor. Extra transistors could enable access for a hidden code that shuts off all or part of the chip.



NICK THE WIRE A notch in a few interconnects would be almost impossible to detect but would cause eventual mechanical failure as the wire became overloaded.

ADD OR RECONNECT WIRING During the layout process, new circuit traces and wiring can be added to the circuit. A skilled engineer familiar with the chip's blueprints could reconnect the wires that connect transistors, adding gates and hooking them up using a process called circuit editing.

IMAGE: EMILY COOPE

At each step of the hardware design process, a saboteur could make a particular part of the circuit fail. A typical microprocessor can have up to eight layers and any layer on a microchip can be targeted.

Ref: IEEE Spectrum, 5/02/08



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Trusted Access Program Office & Trusted Foundry



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Trust Definition and Source Responsibility

The Meaning

Trust is defined as "the confidence in one's ability to secure national security systems by assessing the integrity of the people and processes used to design, generate, manufacture, and distribute national security critical components."

Michael Wynne Acting USD AT&L (27 January 2004)

Trusted Source Responsibility

Trusted source provides custody and control that must be maintained throughout ALL phases of IC Design Cycle

- Assure **“Chain of Custody”** (People, Facilities, Data, Artifacts) AT ALL TIMES for both classified and unclassified ICs
- Ensure that there will not be any reasonable threats related to **disruption of supply**
- Prevent **intentional or unintentional modifications** or tampering of ICs
- Protect ICs from unauthorized attempts at **reverse engineering**, exposure of functionality or evaluation of their possible vulnerabilities

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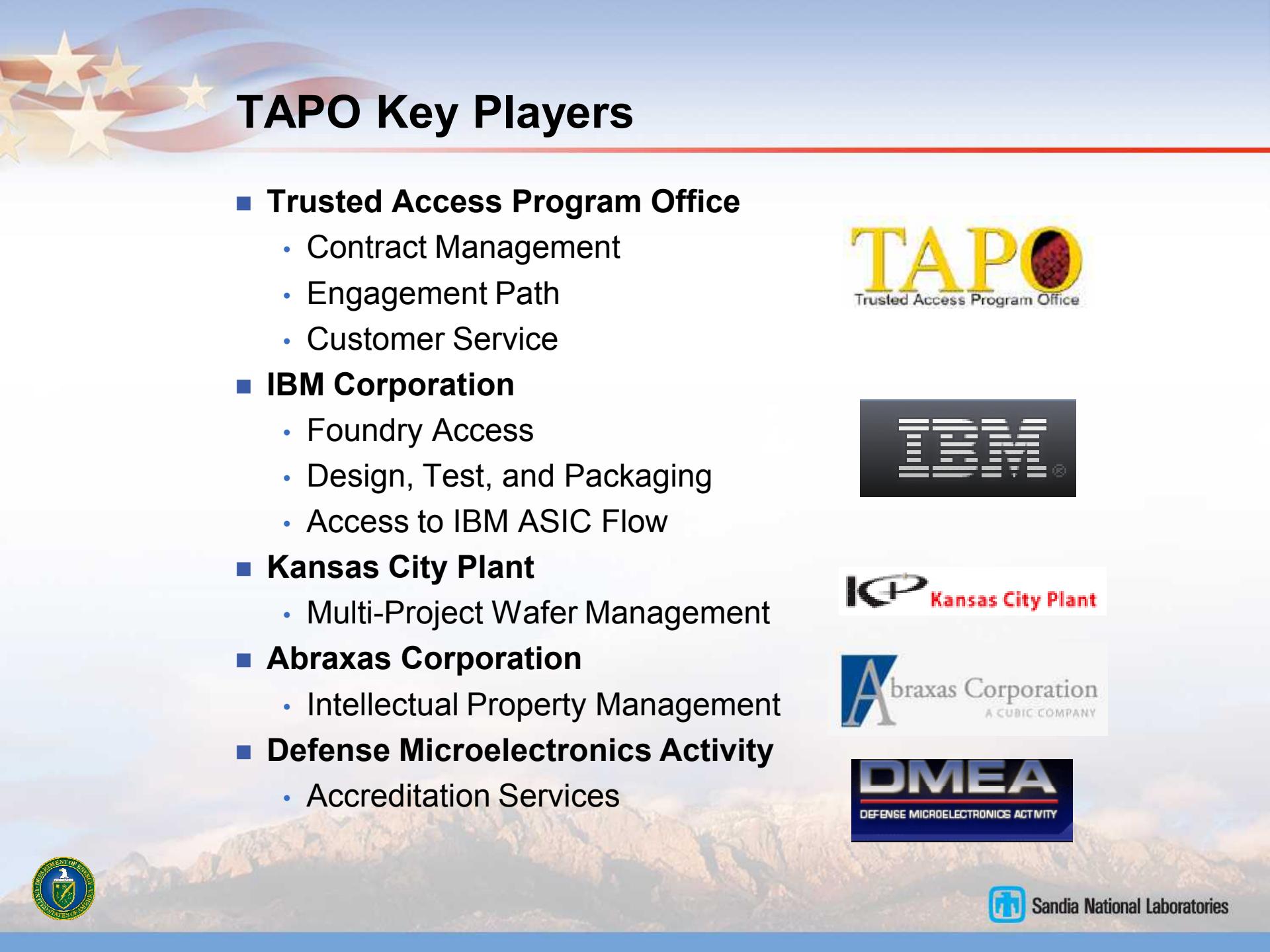


Trusted Access Program Office

- **Established to provide path for DoD and Intelligence Community Guaranteed Access to Trusted Microelectronics Technologies**
 - Guaranteed Access to Trusted Foundry Suppliers (on-shore)
 - Ability to Fabricate Classified Designs
 - Leaded Edge Technologies (Low Volume)
 - Quick Turnaround for Prototyping and Production
 - Technology Support through Industry Partnership
 - Access to Intellectual Property
 - Facilities Upgrade Cost Avoidance
- **Access is Limited to Government Only**



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TAPO Key Players

- Trusted Access Program Office
 - Contract Management
 - Engagement Path
 - Customer Service
- IBM Corporation
 - Foundry Access
 - Design, Test, and Packaging
 - Access to IBM ASIC Flow
- Kansas City Plant
 - Multi-Project Wafer Management
- Abraxas Corporation
 - Intellectual Property Management
- Defense Microelectronics Activity
 - Accreditation Services



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IBM Trusted Foundry

■ IBM Trusted Foundry

- 7th Year of 10 Year Contract
 - Contract Extensions in Progress
- \$80M Annual Cost for Trusted Access
 - Leading-Edge Foundry Access
 - Capacity Reservations
 - On-Shore
 - Intellectual Property
 - Access to Commercial Technologies



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IBM Trusted Foundry

■ Variety of Foundry Options

- CMOS
- Low Power
- RF CMOS
- SiGe
- High Voltage
- SOI

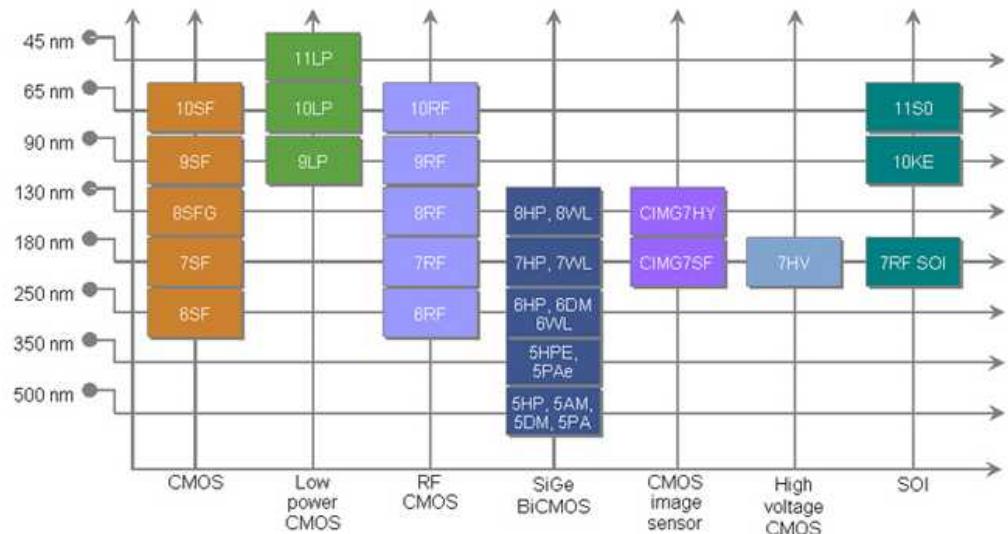
■ Advanced Access Down to 32nm

■ Subsidized MPW Runs Available Through KCP

■ Developed Design Kits

■ Variety of IP

- IBM
- ARM
- Virage
- Aragio



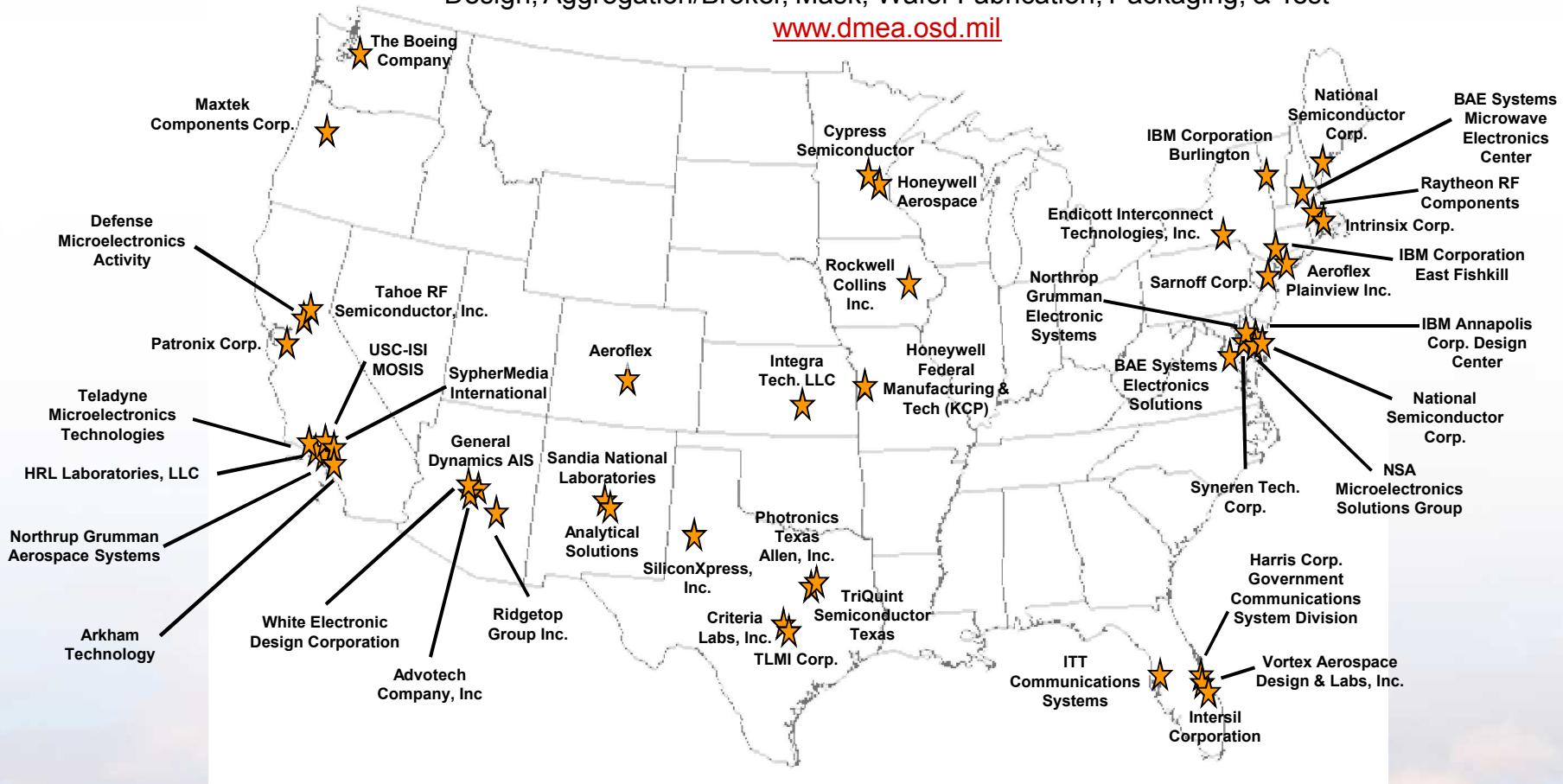
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Trusted Suppliers

48 Accredited Suppliers

Design, Aggregation/Broker, Mask, Wafer Fabrication, Packaging, & Test

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The Good and The Not So Good

■ The Good

- Government Access to Leading-Edge On-Shore Microelectronics Fabrication (down to 32nm)
- Government Subsidized MPW Runs at the IBM Trusted Foundry at several process nodes
 - Supports Low Volume
 - Supports Research and Development Prototyping
 - Advanced nodes heavily subsidized for affordable access
- Government Purchased Intellectual Property available for use

■ The Not so Good

- Eggs in One Basket – IBM
- Trusted Suppliers (other than IBM) not Seeing Trusted Business Case
- No Trusted IP Supplier or Path for Trusted IP



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