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SGKS's 6802X is an SoC with heterogeneous computing units, including a programmable vision GPU and hardware-implemented functions for ADAS applications. According to VeriSilicon, the SGKS6802X is also a highly cost-effective, high-performance single-chip solution for graphics & image recognition and processing with a wide range of interfaces to enable ADAS for mass-market products. The company said that the GC7000UL-VX is suitable for ADAS products with deep and efficient integration of vision and graphic processing in one IP that provides comprehensive and unified software stack support including OpenVX, OpenCV, OpenCL, OpenGL ES 3.1, and Vulkan1.0.

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Previous investors, including global car companies BMW iVentures, General Motors Ventures and Toyota AI Ventures, as well as insurance provider Allianz Group and Series A investors Playground Global and Draper Nexus, also participated in the new round of financing.

The start-up said the investment will be used to deploy its retrofit safety and networking system into more vehicles worldwide, as well as support the expansion of the Nauto data platform in autonomous vehicle research and development across multiple automakers.

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To gear up for 7nm, "we had to literally double our efforts across foundry and design teams...It's the toughest lift I've seen in a number of generations," perhaps back to the introduction of copper interconnects, said Mark Papermaster, in a wide-ranging interview with EE Times.

The 7nm node requires new "CAD tools and [changes in] the way you architect the device [and] how you connect transistors—the implementation and tools change [as well as] the IT support you need to get through it," he said.

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In current versions of iOS, NFC may be used for wireless payments as part of ApplePay, but this is so far the only possible use case. Enabling NFC reader mode in the operating system will allow scenarios such as tap-to-pair with Bluetooth devices, and location-based services such as tap to gain information about a particular place or item.

Although Android phones have had this capability for some time, and NFC technology has been around for some years, the technology has not quite reached its potential to date.

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At team from Vanderbilt University's Nanomaterials and Energy Devices Laboratory has developed an ultra-thin energy harvesting system that has the potential to do just that. The harvesting system is based on battery technology and made from layers of black phosphorus that are only a few atoms thick. It generates small amounts of electricity when it is bent or pressed even at the extremely low frequencies characteristic of human motion.

"In the future, I expect that we will all become charging depots for our personal devices by pulling energy directly from our motions and the environment," said Cary Pint, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering who directed the research.

The new energy harvesting system is described in a paper titled "Ultralow Frequency Electrochemical Mechanical Strain Energy Harvester using 2D Black Phosphorus Nanosheets" published online by ACS Energy Letters.