Power Converters: Why commercial world is betting on Gallium Nitride (GaN) to replace Silicon

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	Agenda
✤ CM\$	S ECAL Powering 2.5 V @ 50,000 amps
* DC-	DC Converters
✤ Con	nmercial Device 100 Mrads- Beginners luck
✤ ATL	AS Upgrade work. Embedded Air Coil PCB
✤ Why	/ Thin Oxide for Radiation
↔ Why	/ go beyond Silicon. 15 V LDMOS
✤ GaN	Wide band Gap material. RF & Power Switching
Data	a Centers 400V DC distribution
Con	npanies involved with GaN Product Development
✤ Adv	antage of this development
✤ Con	clusions

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#### Power Chain Efficiency for CMS ECAL



It takes 2 watts of power to remove 1 watt of heat load

## Can we do better?

- Is there a better way to distribute power ?
- High Radiation
- Magnetic Field 4 T
- Load ~1 V Oodles of current
- Feed High Voltage and Convert like AC power transmission
- Commercial Technologies No Custom ASIC Chips
- Learn from Semiconductor Industry
- Use Company Evaluation Boards for testing







#### > X 40 with Gallium Nitride Transistors



## Plug In Card with Shielded Buck Inductor



Noise Tests Done: sLHC SiT prototype, 20 µm AL Shield

**Threshold Shift vs Gate Oxide Thickness** 



Book. Timothy R Oldham "Ionizing Radiation Effects in MOS Oxides" 1999 World Scientific

### Can We Have

High Radiation Tolerance & Higher Voltage Together ???

Higher radiation tolerance needs thin oxide while higher voltage needs thicker oxide – Contradiction ?

Mixed signal power designs from TI, TSMC, IBM etc - 0.18 µm & 0.13 µm Automobile Market. Voltage ratings 10 - 80 Volts Deep sub-micron but thick oxide

Controller : Low Voltage

High Voltage: Switches - some candidates HV & Thin oxide

RF Process LDMOS, Drain Extension, Deep Diffusion etc

>> 20 Volts HEMT GaN on Silicon, Silicon Carbide, Sapphire





#### Thin Oxide Devices (non IBM)

Company	Device	Process	Foundry	Oxide	Dose before	Observation
		Name/ Number	Name	nm	Damage seen	Damage Mode
IHP	ASIC custom	SG25V GOD 12 V	IHP, Germany	5		Minimal Damage
XySemi	FET 2 amps	HVMOS20080720 12 V	China	7		Minimal Damage
XySemi	XP2201	HVMOS20080720 15 V	China	12 / 7		2Q2010
Enpirion	EN5365	CMOS 0.25 µm	Dongbu HiTek, Korea	5	64 Krads	
Enpirion	EN5382	CMOS 0.25 µm	Dongbu HiTek, Korea	5	111 Krads	
Enpirion	EN5360 #2	SG25V (IHP)	IHP, Germany	5	100 Mrads	Minimal Damage
Enpirion	EN5360 #3	SG25V (IHP)	IHP, Germany	5	48 Mrads	Minimal Damage

Necessary condition for Radiation Hardness - Thin Gate Oxide **But not sufficient** IHP: Epi free, High resistivity substrate, Higher voltage, lower noise devices Dongbu: Epi process on substrate, lower voltage due to hot carriers in gate oxide

## Why we got into GaN?

### This paper

The aim of our investigation was the test of our standard AlGaN/GaN HFET devices for reliability simulating a mission of 10–100 years in space environment. This paper describes the results of irradiation with protons and heavy ions like carbon, oxygen and iron at 68 MeV and 2 MeV on a series of devices from the same wafer. The fluences were varied in a wide range between and cm .

Proton and Heavy Ion Irradiation Effects on AIGaN/GaN HFET Devices IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON NUCLEAR SCIENCE, VOL. 53, NO. 6, DECEMBER 2006

A few days after reading this paper in early 2008. there was IMWS in Boston There were many companies pedaling GaN RF transistors - Cellular Market We could not pass up an opportunity to test GaN for physics

### Gallium Nitride Devices Tests 2009



Gamma: @ BNL Protons: @ Lansce Neutrons: @ U of Mass Lowell







Oscillations in SPA @ >>1 GHz

Material	$E_g(eV)$	Es	$\mu_n$ (cm <sup>2</sup> /Vs)	$E_c$ (MV/cm)	$v_{sat}(10^7  {\rm cm/s})$	<i>n<sub>i</sub></i> (cm <sup>-3</sup> )	BFOM
Si	1.12	11.8	1350	0.3	1.0	$1.5 \times 10^{10}$	1
GaAs	1.42	13.1	8500	0.4	2.0	$1.8 \times 10^{6}$	17
4H-SiC	3.26	10	720	2.0	2.0	$8.2 \times 10^{-9}$	134
6H-SiC	2.86	9.7	370	2.4	2.0	$2.4 \times 10^{-5}$	115
2H-GaN	3.44	9.5	900	3.0	2.5	$1.0 \times 10^{-10}$	537

Electrical Properties of Wide Bandgap Semiconductors Compared With Si and GaAs

 $E_g$ , bandgap;  $\varepsilon_s$ , dielectric constant;  $\mu_n$ , electron mobility;  $E_c$ , critical electric field;  $v_{sat}$ , saturation velocity;  $n_i$ , intrinsic carrier density.

\*BM= $\epsilon \mu E_c^3$ , BFOM was normalized by the BM of Si.

Nariaki Ikeda et al. GaN Power Transistors on Si Substrates for Switching Applications. Proceedings of the IEEE, Vol. 98, No. 7, July 2010 B. J. Baliga, BPower semiconductor device figure of merit for high-frequency applications IEEE Electron Device Lett., vol. 10, p. 455, Oct. 1989.



Table I: Physical characteristics of Si and main wide bandgap semiconductors [1-3].

Property	Si	GaAs	6H-SiC	4H-SiC	GaN	Diamond
Bandgap, Eg (eV)	1.12	1.43	3.03	3.26	3.45	5.45
Dielectric constant, $\varepsilon_r^l$	11.9	13.1	9.66	10.1	9	5.5
Electric Breakdown Field, E <sub>c</sub> (kV/cm)	300	400	2500	2200	2000	10000
Electron Mobility, $\mu_n$ (cm <sup>2</sup> /V·s)	1500	8500	500 80	1000	1250	2200
Hole Mobility, $\mu_p$ (cm <sup>2</sup> /V·s)	600	400	101	115	850	850
Thermal Conductivity, λ (W/cm·K)	1.5	0.46	4.9	4.9	1.3	22
Saturated Electron Drift Velocity, $v_{sat}$ (×10 <sup>7</sup> cm/s)	1	1	2	2	2.2	2.7

 $^{1}\varepsilon = \varepsilon_{r} \cdot \varepsilon_{o}$  where  $\varepsilon_{0}$ =8.85×10<sup>-12</sup> F/m

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#### Table II: Main figures of merit for wide-bandgap semiconductors compared with Si [2].

		Si	GaAs	6H-SiC	4H-SiC	GaN	Diamond
	JFM	1.0	1.8	277.8	215.1	215.1	81000
aliga FOM RA_ Cost	BFM	1.0	14.8	125.3	223.1	186.7	25106
ET Switching Speed	FSFM	1.0	11.4	30.5	61.2	65.0	3595
	BSFM	1.0	1.6	13.1	12.9	52.5	2402
FET Power Handling	FPFM	1.0	3.6	48.3	56.0	30.4	1476
ET Power Switching	FTFM	1.0	40.7	1470.5	3424.8	1973.6	5304459
polar Power Switching	BPFM	1.0	0.9	57.3	35.4	10.7	594
	BTFM	1.0	1.4	748.9	458.1	560.5	1426711

- JFM : Johnson's figure of merit is a measure of the ultimate high frequency capability of the material.
- **BFM :** Baliga's figure of merit is a measure of the specific on-resistance of the drift region of a vertical FET
- FSFM : FET switching speed figure of merit
- BSFM : Bipolar switching speed figure of merit
- FPFM : FET power handling capacity figure of merit
- FTFM : FET power switching product
- ${\bf BPFM}:$  Bipolar power handling capacity figure of merit
- BTFM : Bipolar power switching product

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Fig. 6. AlGaN/GaN heterostructure and its band diagram. When the AlGaN layer is under tensile strain, free carriers are accumulated at the heterointerface owing to the piezoelectric effect caused by the strain, and a spontaneous polarization effect.



Fig. 7. Restrictions of HF devices in terms of output power and frequency. The limiting factors for HF device operation are thermal restriction, material property restriction and current gain restriction, for the respective regions shown in the figure.



Fig. 8. Dependence of drift velocity of semiconductors on electric field. GaAs and InP have high mobilities (slope of drift velocity–electric field relation in the low-electric-field region); however, their drift velocities decrease in the high-electric-field region. On the other hand, GaN shows high drift velocity in the high-electric-field region.

#### **GaN History**

1975: A Phenomenon lead to HEMT. T. Mimura et.al.
1994: High electron mobility reported AlGaN/Gan interface – M. A. Khan et.al.
2004: Eudyna GaN on SiC RF 5 GHz Power amplifier Cellular Base stations.
2005: Nitronex GaN on Si RF Power amplifier Cellular Base stations

June, 2009: EPC announced GaN on Si for power. 20 - 200 V. E-mode March, 2010: Start selling thru Digikey Feb 2010: IR announced GaN on Si for power 12 V parts- Engineering samples

2010: Single Crystal by Ammono - IEEE Spectrum July 2010 3 inch GaN substrates becoming available in Japan

GaN RF transistors have been displacing Si LDMOS transistors - Cellular base stations EPC: First supplier of GaN for DC-DC converters. Available thru Digikey International Rectifier: d-Mode with driver

#### Recently Published Devices



D- Mode

K. Ota: Nano Electronics Res Lab. NEC IEDM 09- 154

Velox Semiconductor: (Being acquired by Power Integrations - \$300M company) IEEE ELECTRON DEVICE LETTERS, VOL. 30, NO. 10, OCTOBER 2009

#### 2 Commercial Device Companies



#### **Depletion & Enhancement Mode Devices**



#### GaN No Reverse Recovery



D-mode Rds lower by 2 but need to drive gate with Negative voltage drive

X. Xin et al: IEEE Electron Device Letters, Vol.30, No. 10, October 2009

#### A comparison between Silicon and GaN characteristics





eGaN friendly interface gate driver in 6-pin DFN package (bottom view)

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## Who is this EPC Company- Never heard of it?

Startup near Los Angeles, CA airport – 11 employees + Consultants ~ 20
Started by Alex Lidow. Ex CEO of International Rectifier. His father founded IR
Foundry – Episil Inc – is well established in Taiwan
Process: Epitaxial growth on standard CMOS Silicon substrate
Location: El Segundo, CA, 909 N. Sepulveda Blvd

*1 mile away*International Rectifier: 101 N. Sepulveda Blvd. - GaN for power conversion
Anagenesis Inc: 222 N. Sepulveda Blvd – Market Strategy Development

100 miles away

- Transphorm Inc Developing 600 V GaN Switches
- CREE: Santa Barbara Technology Center GaN BlueLED's
- University of California, Santa Barbara
- In San Jose: Eudyna RF GaN on SiC (Technical Support & Marketing)

3000 miles away

- Nitronex RF GaN-on-silicon
- Velox: 600 V GaN-on-sapphire Switches
- ✤ CREE: RF GaN on SiC, SiC FETs, Blue LEDs,
- North Carolina State University



**Proton Irradiation** The run went well, we left your board in the beam until it reached approximately 1x10^15 p/cm^2 (800 MeVp). The initial measurement ov voltage across the 50 ohm resistor was 0.645V, and the final measurement was 0.643V. Readings were taken after every entry to remove samples from the blue room (7 times) and they were always between 0.643V - 0.645V. I'm sure Leo Bitteker has your shipping information but you may want to send him a reminder in a couple

of weeks.



Gamma Irradiation done @ BNL Gamma Facility *James Kierstead July 2010* Proton Irradiation @ LANSCE, Los Alamos National Lab. *August 2010* 

Yale University



EPC1001 (SN 1.1): IV Curve after Irradiation with

#### EPC1001 (SN 1.2): IV Curve after Irradiation with

**No SEB**: but the drain current leakage is increased after irradiation with Au ions with a bias of Vds = 100V and Vgs = 0V





30 Irradiation done @ Texas A&M University by Sandia National Laboratories Joseph Brandon Witcher August 2010



## Why so much interest in GaN?

## **Power Efficiency**

IBM Challenge Data Center Usage Consumer Portable Gadgets

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#### **Telecom Central Office Energy Consumption**

Country	Network	Energy Consumption	% of Country Total Energy Consumption
USA	Verizon 2006	8.9 TWh	0.24%
Japan	NTT Group 2007	5.54 TWh	1%
Italy	Telecom Italia 2005	2 TWh	1%
France	France Telecom- Orange 2006	2 TWh	0.4%
Spain	Telefonica 2006	1.42 TWh	0.6%

Global electricity consumption of telecom industry estimated at 1%:

164 billion kWh

More than the total electricity consumption of Iran, Turkey or Sweden

Enough to power 1.6 million homes

110.7 million tons of CO2 (equivalent to the annual emissions of 29 million cars !)

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Source: Emerson Network Power and NTT

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#### Potential LV DC-DC Power Stage Roadmap

Optimized Performance - Without tradeoff





12Vin, 1.2Vout, 100A Based on Circuit Simulation

For high frequency Integrate a GaN Driver into Power Stage !

## Status of GaN player

Company	Detail of Target or status
Fujitsu Laboratory	Mass-production level in 2011(fiscal)~2012 in the medium Vb over 600V using Si or SiC substrate (representative by Fujitsu Micro-elect.)
Furukawa and Fuji Electric	Commercial use at 2011(fiscal)
International Rectifiers	Commercial use from 2010 Beginning of product is lower Vb such several tens of voltage
NEC (Renesus)	Deliver Sample at 2011(fiscal)
Panasonic	Commercial use at 2011(fiscal)
Rohm	Deliver Sample at 2011(fiscal), also developing GaN native substrate
Sanken Electric	Trial manufacture of Vb over 800 V
2006 2007 2008	2009 2010 2011 2012 From Nikkei electro (2010.1.11 in Japane
Velox(Developing SBD with STMicro	·o)
<ul> <li>IR(Announcement of</li> </ul>	of establish 6in-line )
	•EPC announced GaN devices on Si
•Fi	ujitsu (At DRC2009, masproduction at 2011 using 6in-line)
- NI	IEC(paper at IEDM2009)
• Advan	nced power device research association (Furukawa & Fuji)
Sanken-electric or P	Panasonic have been developing the GaN devices going to masproduction at 2012

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Fujitsu President H. Okada GaN Power Devices. 150/200 mm Fab lines

Ship samples mid 2010 Production start end 2010

Factory: Aizuwakamatsu

Market: Mobile, Auto, TV & Industrial

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Panasonic New President: Mr. Ishiguro **Deliver Products FY2010** 

Market: White Appliances Air Conditioners, Washer, Dryers



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Yale University May 30, 2010 What can be achieved by this Development ?

- Current Reduction from Power Supply by DC-DC near Load Losses > Current<sup>2</sup> x Resistance
- Silicon ÷10 Current Reduction
  Power Loss reduced by 100
- GaN ÷ 50 Current Reduction Power Loss reduced by 2500



#### Summary: Power Delivery for HEP Detectors & Colliders

- Early work at Intel central research lab's AIR Core Coils.
- Bell labs / Lucent investigators started Enpirion (maker of the commercial chip that happens to be Radiation Hard)
- ✤ Radiation Hardness: Silicon LDMOS 15 V Few amps
- ✤ Gallium Nitride could be a game changer: 100 Volts, tens of amps.
- Opportunity for Linear Collider Beam line power supplies
- Gallium Nitride: US companies developing for Power switching market. Japanese companies - Consumer, Auto, Industrial Europe companies – IGBT Replacement, Device R&D - EMEC
- ✤ Yale Ideas: Physics Converters to run in radiation and magnetic fields.

## Working on Power Supply Is not Glamorous

Top of the World is Cool but lonely! Let us keep it cool with highly efficient PS Swimming is Great at the North Pole Last month Fairbanks was 33 C – Bye Bye Glaciers!

More Details: http://shaktipower.sites.yale.edu/

# **Backup Slides**



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FET Setup for *Proton* Radiation Exposure

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