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POWER DEVICES: STATE-OF-THE-ART AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

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A person in a dark suit stands with their back to the camera on a jagged, rocky cliff edge. They are looking out over a vast city skyline, likely New York City, under a clear blue sky. The image has a blue color cast.

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Diamond p-FET

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Background

Power devices: Do you know the existence?

Power adapters

- 50% smaller than a standard 61W MacBook charger
- 2.5 times faster than a standard 1A output
- can power up all your USB-C devices, from smart phones to laptops!

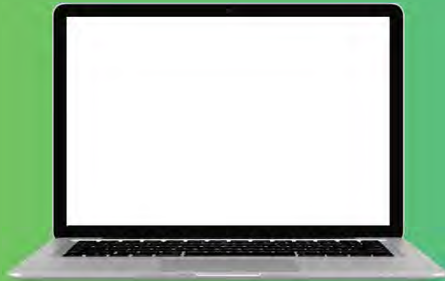
40% Smaller



PowerPort Atom PD 1
1.6 x 1.8 x 1.5 in



Stock Laptop Charger
2.2 x 2.2 x 1.1 in



High speed trains



Electric Vehicle



DC/DC converters

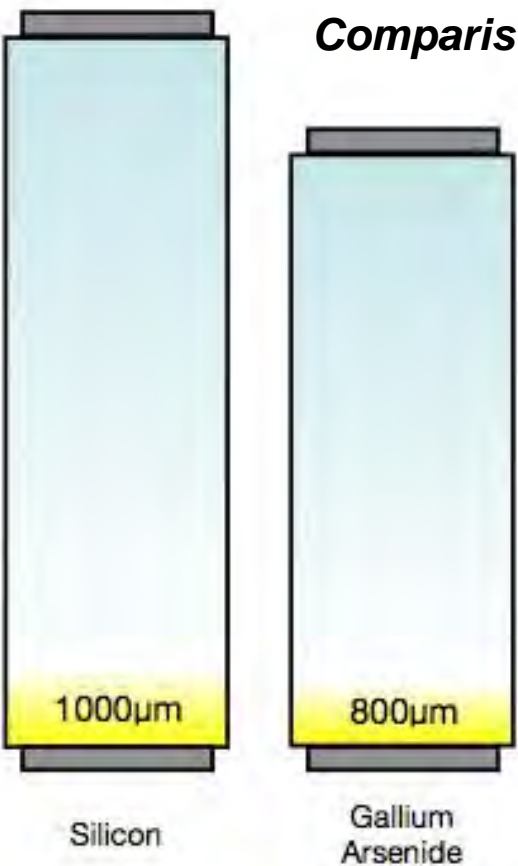
Inverters

Why the need of other wide bandgap Power devices?



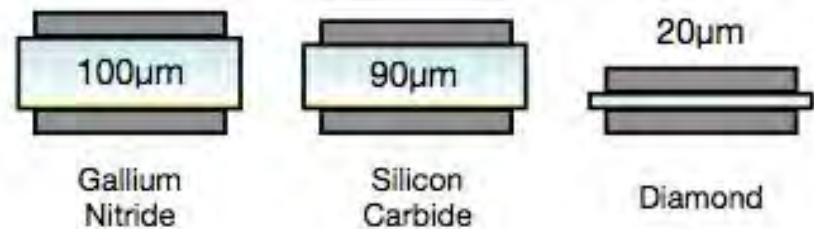
High voltage and thermal capabilities

Comparison of intrinsic material thickness needed to hold-of 10,000V



Overall Costs

	Si	SiC	GaN	Diamond
Base Material	Cheap	Moderate	Cheap	Moderate
Fabrication	Cheap	Moderate	Moderate	Cheap
Cooling system /heatsink	Expensive	Expensive	Expensive	Cheap

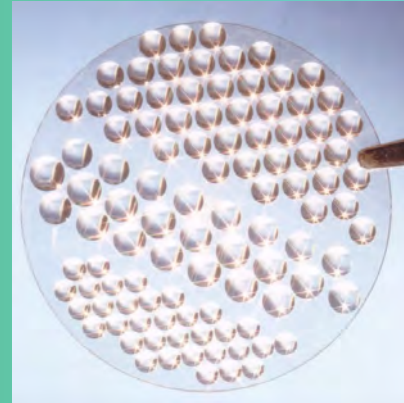


Imagine the size of heatsink required for Diamond!!

Natural Semiconducting Diamonds



Blue diamond
Hope Diamond
(Smithsonian Museum)

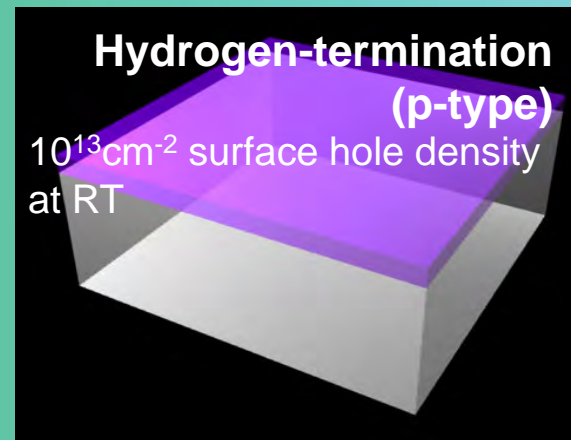


CVD diamond
Poly ~ ϕ 150mm
Single ~ ϕ 13mm
Hetero ~ ϕ 100 mm



Hole activation energy: 0.37eV
Carriers at RT not expected.

Boron doped diamond (p-type)



Hydrogen-termination
(p-type)
 10^{13} cm⁻² surface hole density
at RT

CVD diamond (insulating)

Basic physical properties and figure of merits

	Si	GaAs	4H SiC	GaN	Diamond
Bandgap E_G [eV]	1.1	1.43	3.10	3.45	5.45
Saturated drift velocity v_S [10^7 cm/s]	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.2	1.0 (hole)
Carrier mobility μ [$\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s}$]	1500	8500	1140	1250	3800(hole)
Breakdown field E_B [MV/cm]	0.3	0.4	3	2	~10
Dielectric constant ϵ_r	11.8	12.5	9.6/10	9	5.5
Thermal conductivity λ [W/cm·K]	1.5	0.5	4.9	1.3	22.0
Johnson's figure of merit [$10^{23} \Omega\cdot\text{W}/\text{s}^2$]	2.3	9.1	910	1080	2530(hole)
Keyes' figure of merit [$10^7 \text{ W}/\text{K}\cdot\text{s}$]	6.7	2.0	35	10	145(hole)
Baliga's figure of merit [Si = 1]	1	48	620	600	43938 (hole)

Johnson's figure of merit

Frequency & power products
of transistors

$$JFM = \left(\frac{E_B \cdot v_S}{2\pi} \right)^2$$

Keyes' figure of merit

Thermal limitation on
high-frequency performance

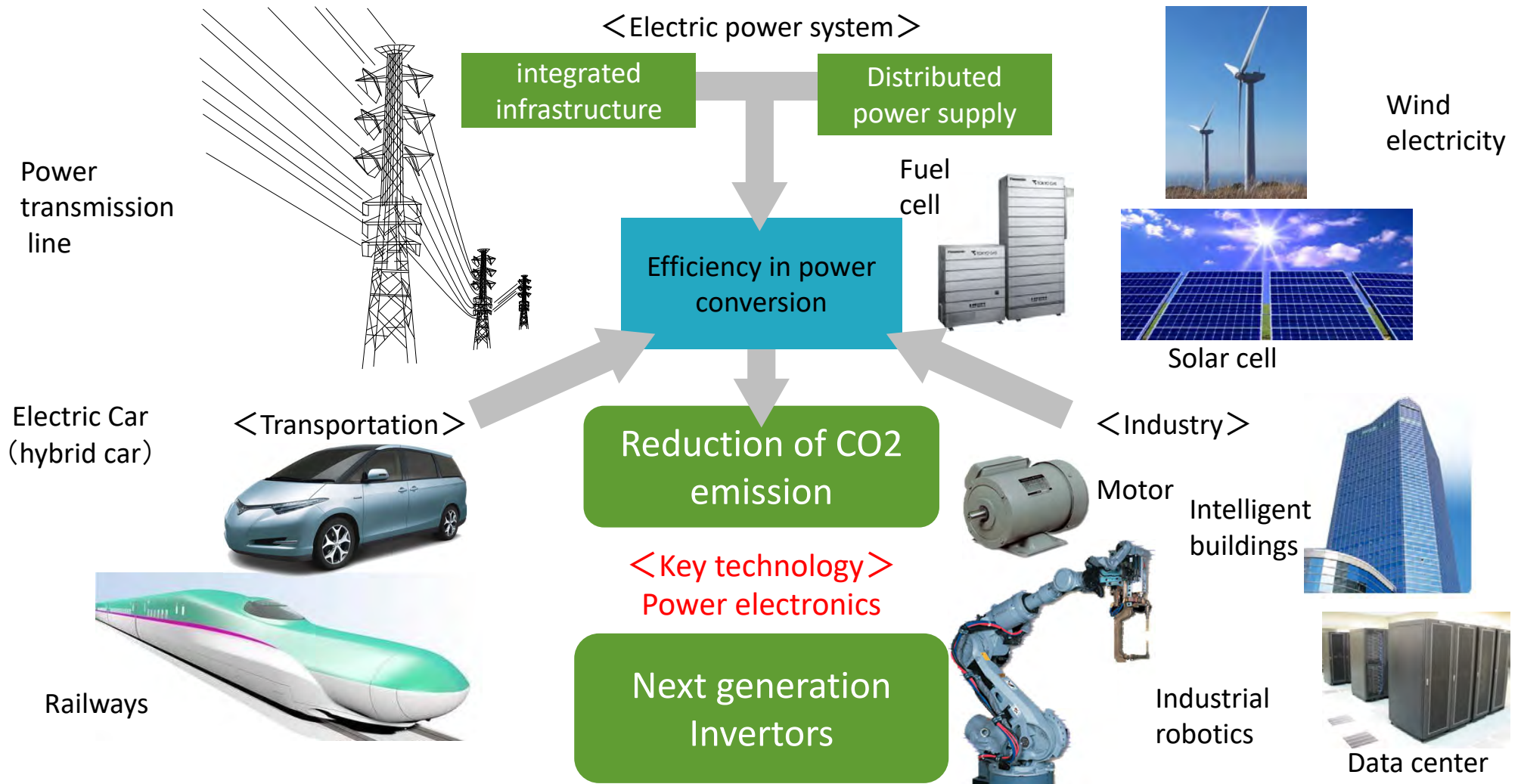
$$KFM = \lambda \left(\frac{c \cdot v_S}{2\pi \cdot \epsilon_r} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Baliga's figure of merit

Loss in high-power &
high-frequency operation

$$BFM = \epsilon \cdot \mu \cdot E_B^3$$

Low CO₂ emission by reduction of power loss





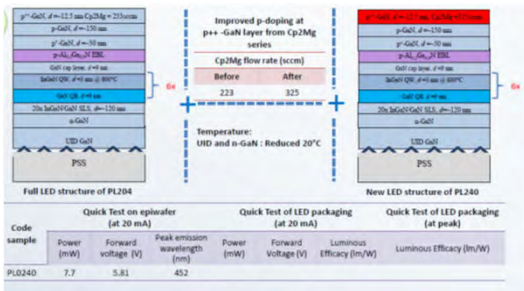
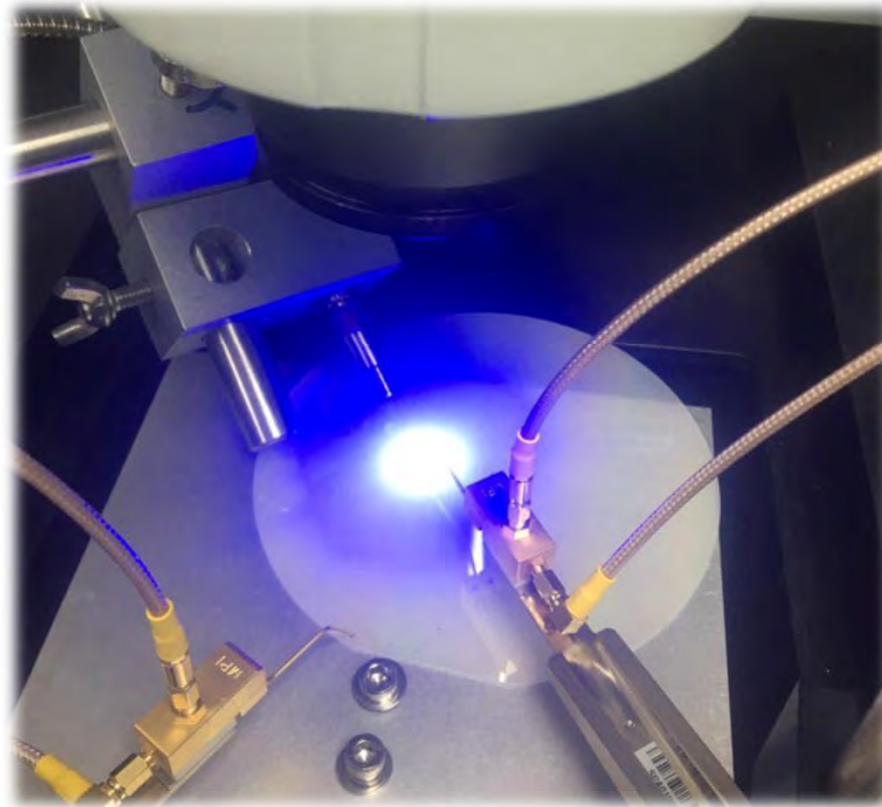
GaN n-FET
Diamond p-FET



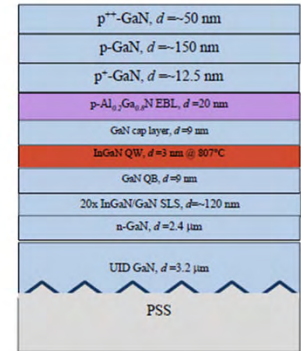
Known for pioneering LED research



2 inch



4 inch



GaN on GaN Programme supported by Ministry of Economic Affairs since 2015-2020

Improving structure for better lm/W

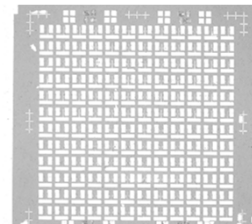
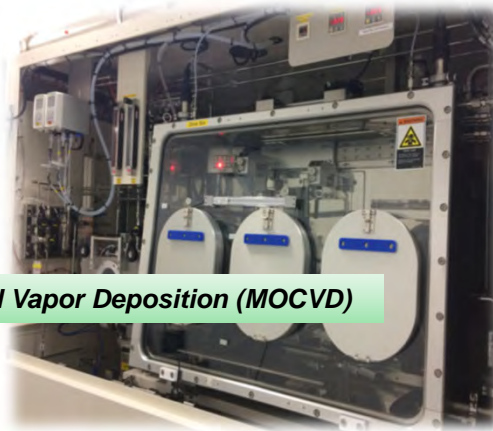
Preliminary power device studies



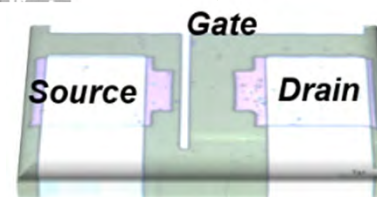
The first GaN-based power device developed in Malaysia



Metal Organic Chemical Vapor Deposition (MOCVD)



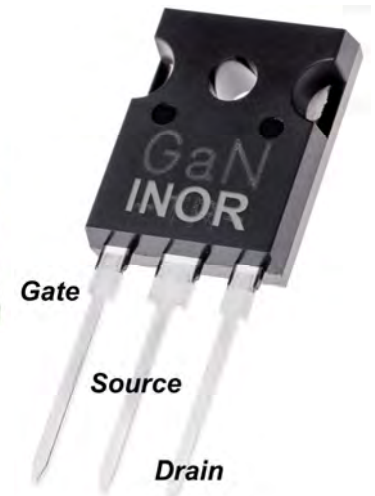
**Actual device developed at INOR*



Gate

Source

Drain

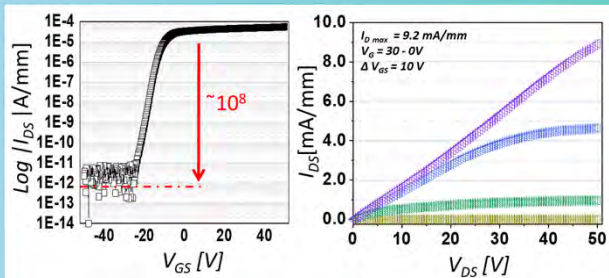
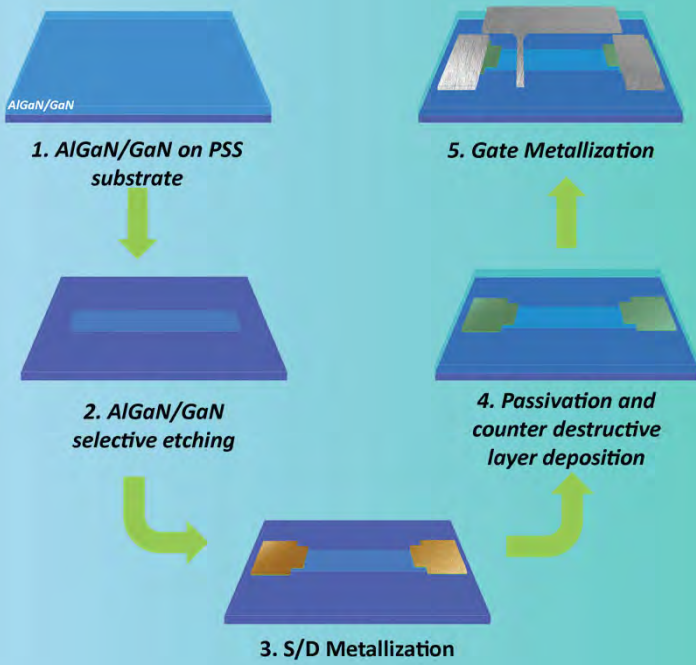


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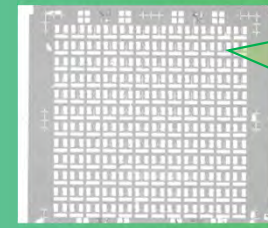
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Detailed proof of concept

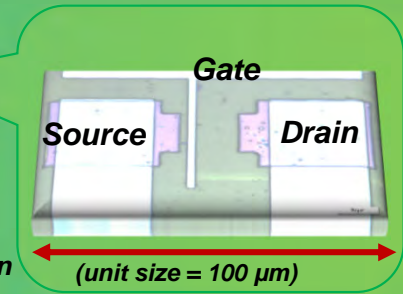


Transfer Characteristics

GaN power device structure

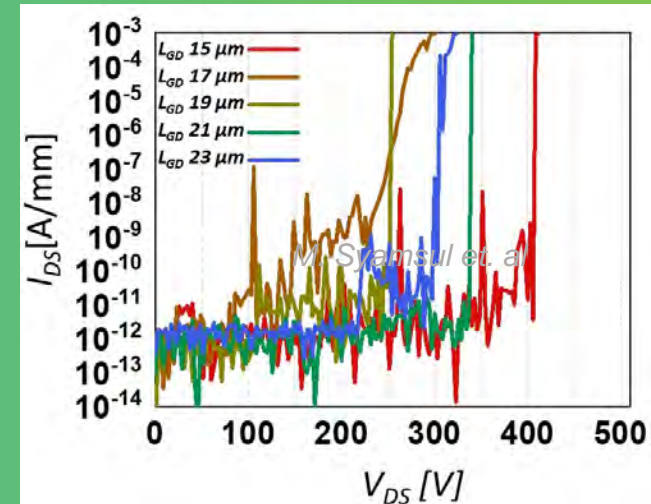
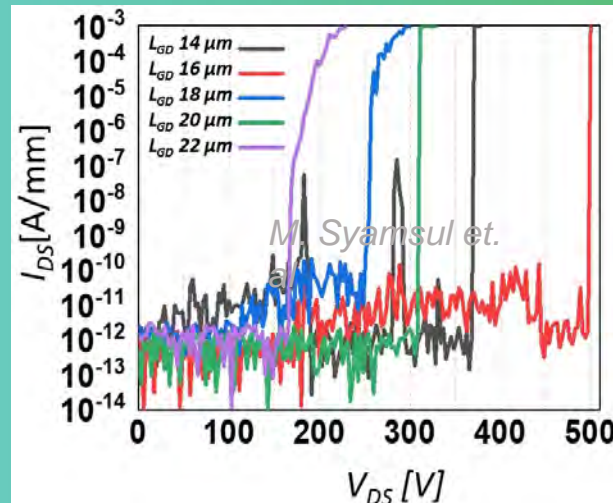


122-units of power devices on $3 \times 3 \text{ mm}$ pattern



*Actual device developed at INOR

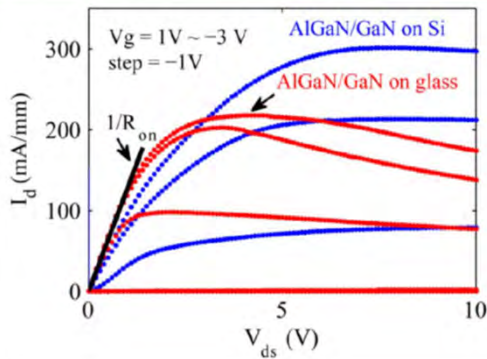
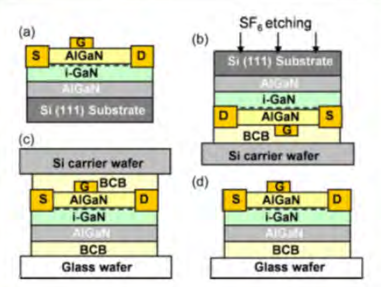
Pencirian elektrik



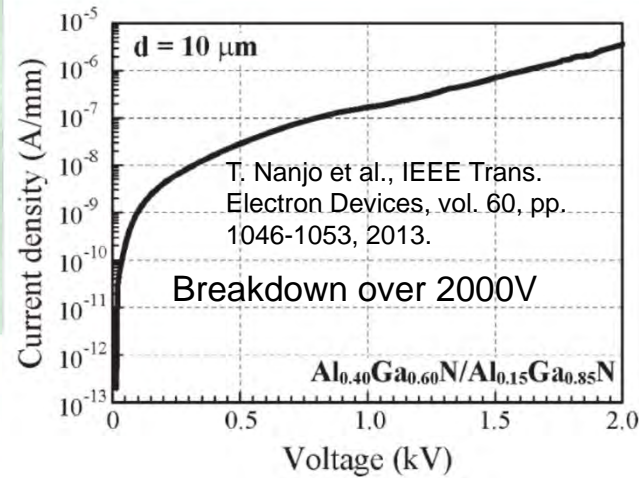
Electrical characteristics for 10 units of GaN power device achieving 500 V

GaN Devices - *matured*

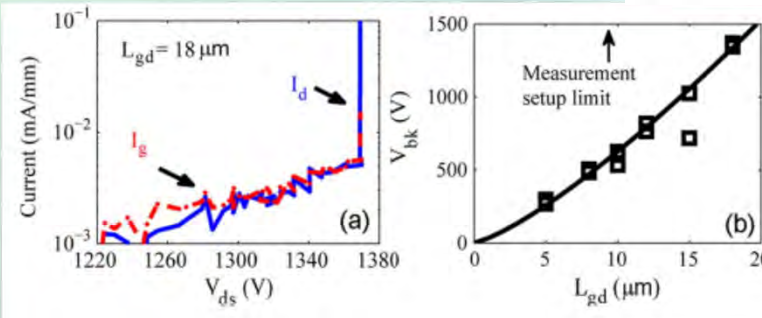
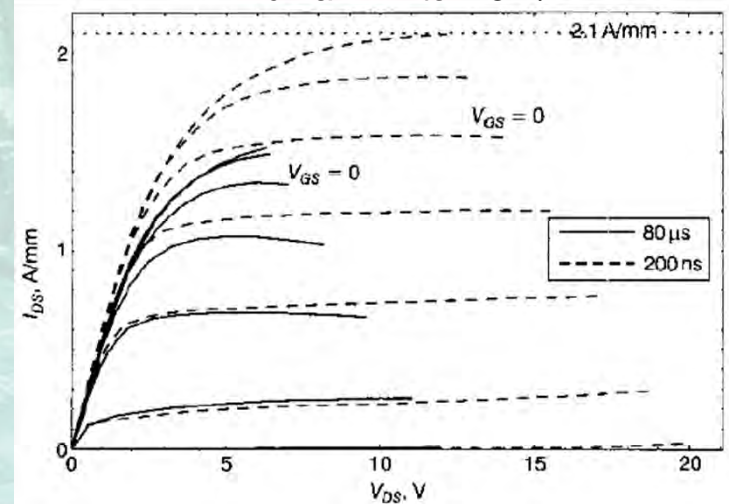
Breakdown over 1500V



B. Lu, T. Palacios, Electron Device Letters IEEE, vol. 31, no. 9, pp. 951-953, 2010.



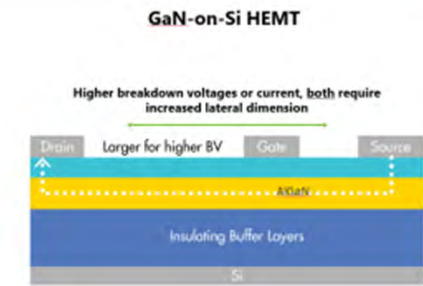
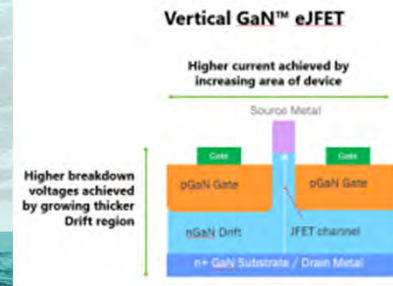
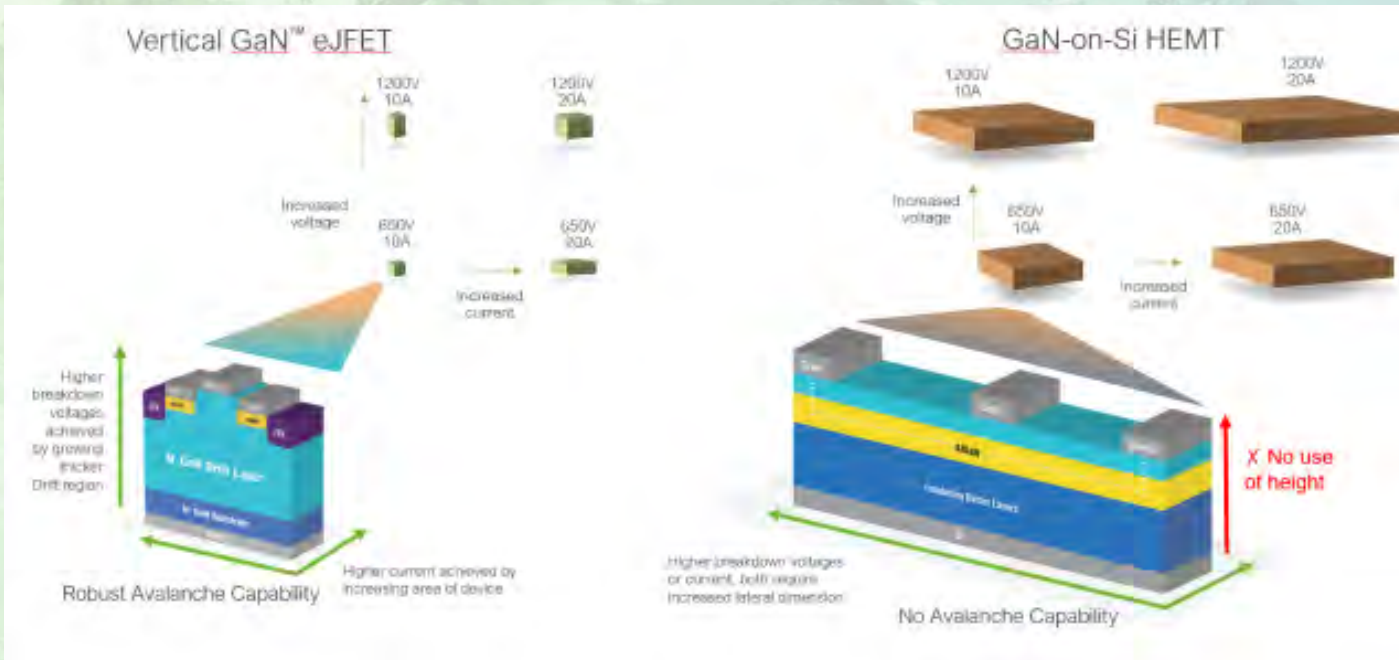
I_{dmax} 2.1 to 2.3 A/mm



T. Zimmermann, D. Deen, Y. Cao, J. Simon, P. Fay, D. Jena and H. G. Xing, IEEE Electron Device Lett. 29, 7 (2008).

GaN Devices - *matured*

NextGen Power System



Entering a new era

(Source: Compound Semiconductor Quarterly Market Monitor, Yole Développement, March 2020)

2018

Consumer Market dominates

\$9M



Fast chargers for luxury smartphones



Consumer dominates

Expansion in many markets: Consumer, Automotive and Industrial

48V DC/DC in MHEV and OBC



2025

Automotive market introduction
Consumer co-exist

> \$700M



Power supply for UPS, Datacenters, ...

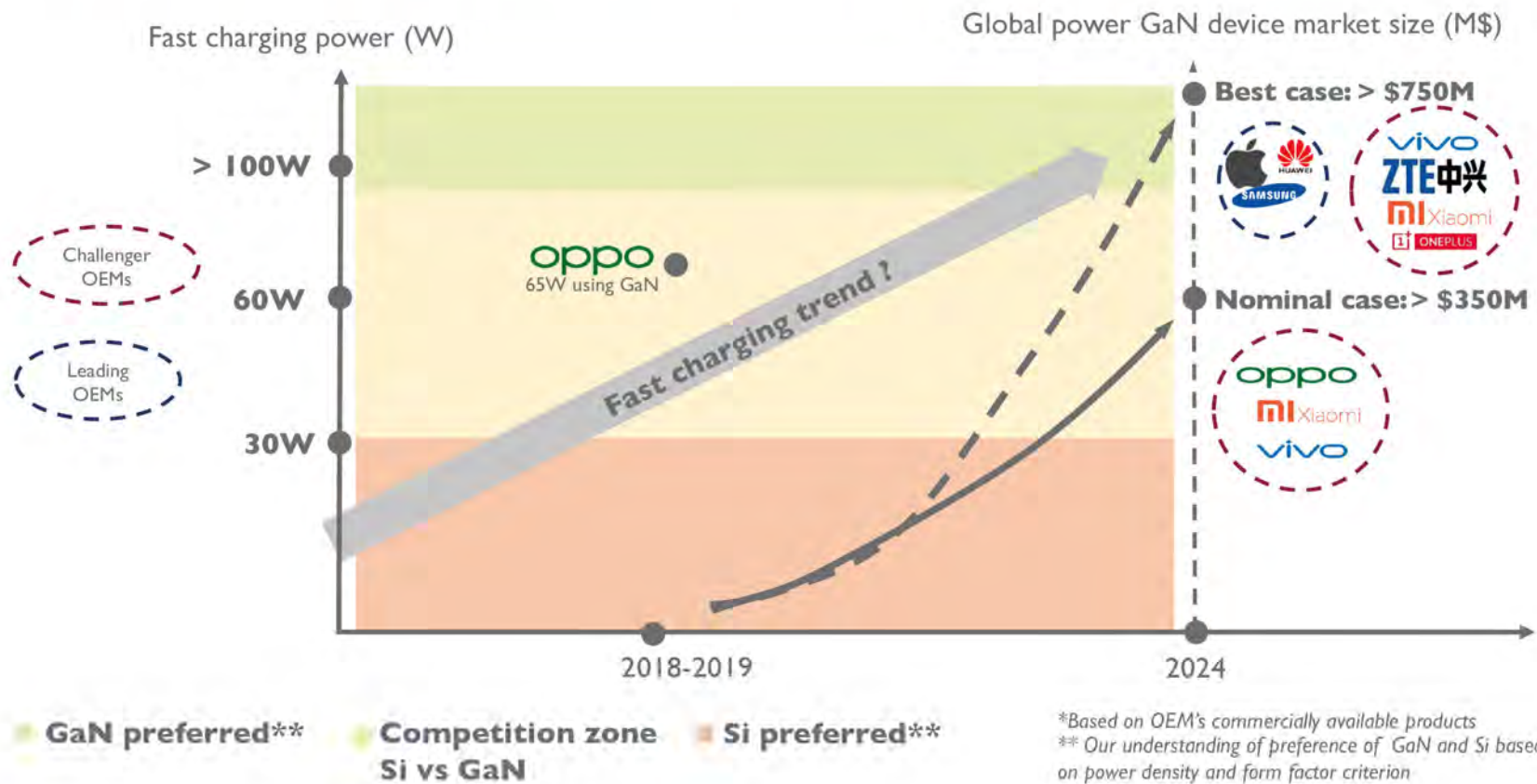
Industrial market take-off
Consumer and Automotive co-exist

2030







2018-2024 power GaN device market driven by high-power fast charging applications*

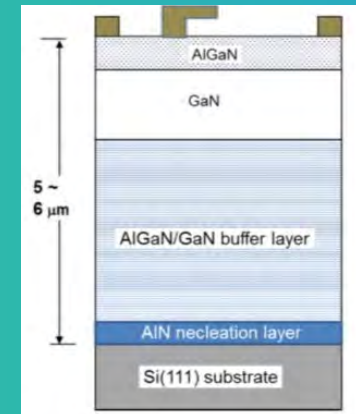
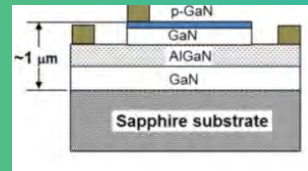
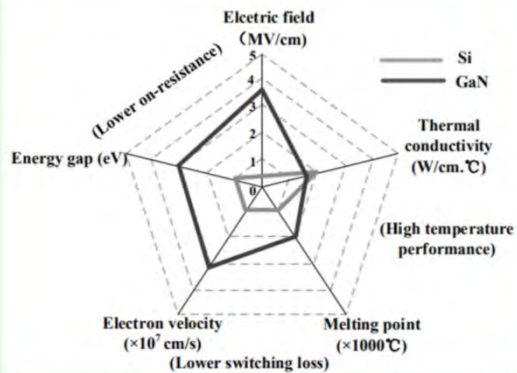
(Source: Power GaN 2019: Epitaxy, Devices, Applications & Technology Trends report, Yole Développement, 2019)



Why GaN on sapphire?

Difference between sapphire and silicon substrate

	Sapphire	Silicon
GaN growth duration	~2 jam	~10 to 12 hours 
Thickness	1 μm	5~6 μm 
Reactor cleaning for each growth to avoid contamination/unwanted chemical reaction	None	Needed 
Growth rate	10 times higher	Normal 



Growth time, rate and thickness for GaN growth on Silicon substrate is high, thus requires high usage/cost for consumables, electricity, gases and longer time.

1. Microwave and High Power devices and their characteristics

-Diamond MOSFET

f_T 45 GHz, V_B 1500V

IEEE Elect. Dev. Lett, **22**, 390 (2001)

23, 121(2002), **25**, 480(2004)

IEEE IEDM (2007) IEDM (2014) ISPSD (2016)

IEEE TED (2010), APEX (2010), JJAP (2012), APL (2014)

IEEE EDL (2017) ScRep(2017)

3. Biosensor & bioelectronics

-Surface chemical modification

-Diamond solution gate FETs for Biosensing DNA detection

Phys.Rev.E. **74**, 041919 (2006)

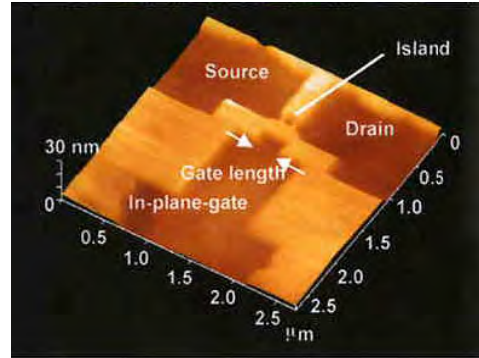
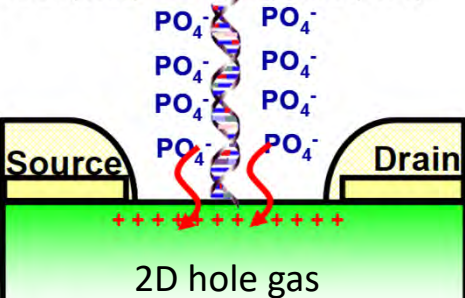
Appl. Phys. Lett. **90**, 063901 (2007) .

J. Am.Chem Soc. 130,13251(2008)

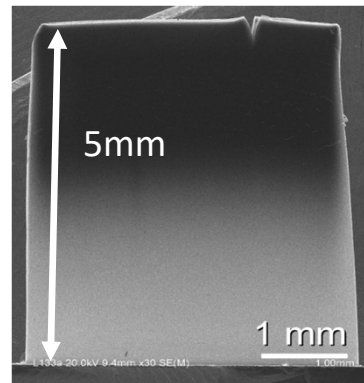
IEEE IEDM pp. (2008)

Biosensor & Bioelect (2010), (2012), (2013)

APEX (2011) PRB (2014) PRB (2016)



Appl. Phys. Lett., **81**, 2854 (2002).



4. Carbon nanotubes:

Densely packed & vertically aligned

single or double wall CNTs for interconnection and super capacitor

J. Phys. Chem. B, **109**, 19556 (2005)

Carbon, **44**, 2009 (2006)

J. Phys. Chem. B, **111**, 1907 (2007)

Nano Letters **8** 886 (2008) , Carbon

(2010), (2012), (2013)

2. Superconductivity and transistor application

Highly B-doped $>10^{21} \text{cm}^{-3}$

Diamond $T_c \sim 10\text{K}$

Cryoelectronics

Y.Takano, H. Kawarada, et al.

Appl. Phys. Lett. (2004)

T. Yokoya, H. Kawarada, et al. Nature,

438, 647 (2005)

Phys. Rev. B **81** 045303 (2010)

Phys.Rev. B **85** 184516 (2012) APL

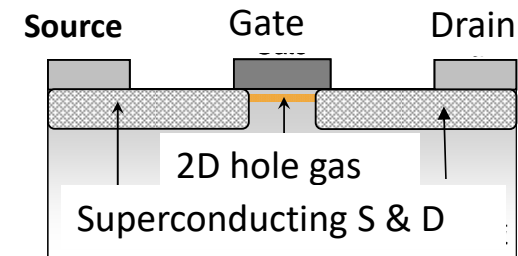
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State of art plasma deposition



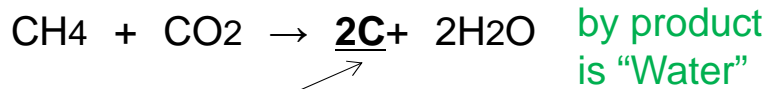
Carbon based nano and bioelectronics

Is diamond expensive?

Diamond Synthesis from natural gas CH₄ and green house gases CO₂, CO, CH₄

CH₄ Natural Gas
CO₂, CO from exhaust gas

Source: natural gas CH₄,
green house gas CO₂



Diamond

Using natural gas CH₄, exhaust gas CO₂ and their recycling and electrical power from power plant

Cost of **single crystal diamond** wafer

1 cm² \$9

2 inch \$180

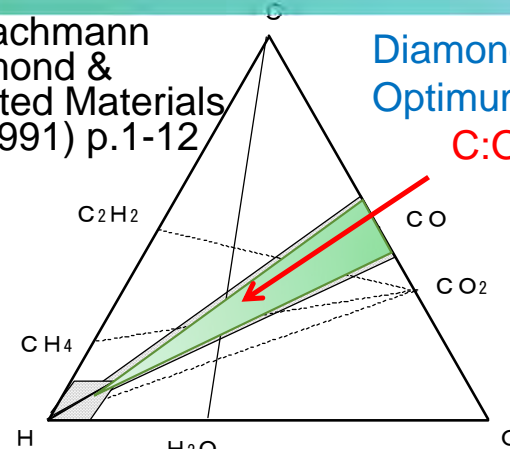
Manpower, electric power, gas, polishing, recycling of substrate ~40%

Plasma reactor ~60%

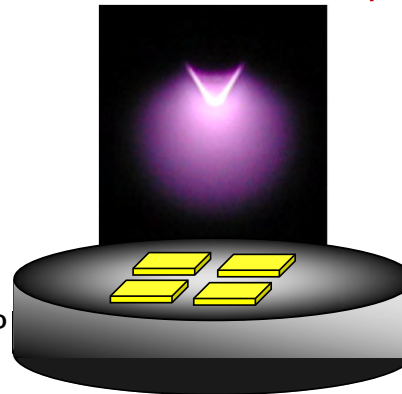
P. Bachmann
Diamond &
Related Materials
1 (1991) p.1-12

Diamond Synthesis
Optimum gas ratio

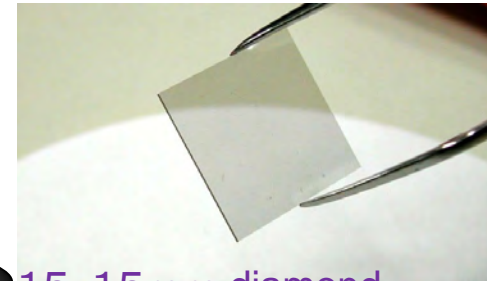
C:O=1:1



Plasma assisted deposition



CH₄ plasma



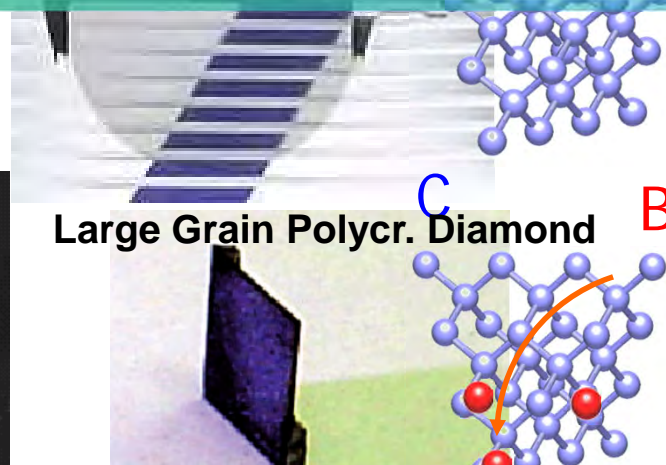
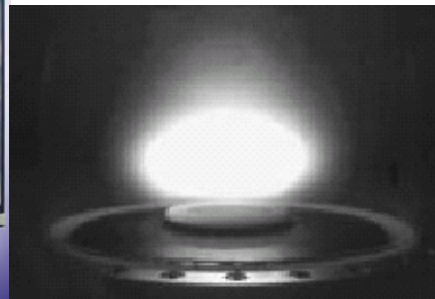
15x15mm diamond
from 4 inch diamond wafer

**Same price as GaN
substrates!**

CVD Diamond Single 1 inch, Transparent 4inch with High FET Performance



Carbon Dioxide CO_2
 Hydrogen H_2
 Plasma Assisted CVD



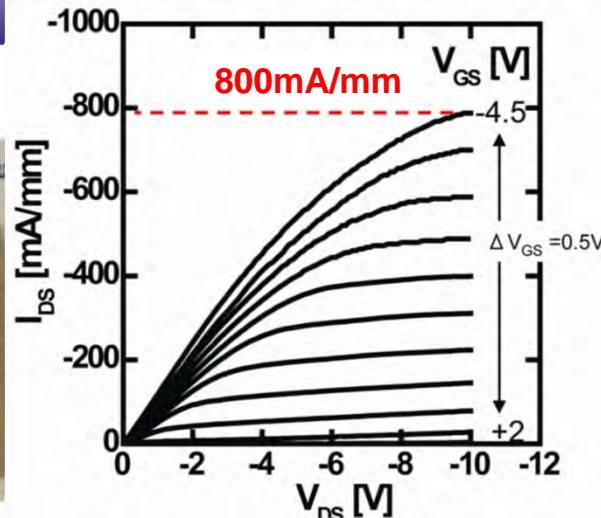
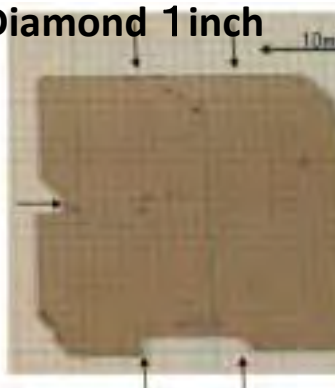
Large Grain Polycr. Diamond

Highly Boron-doped
 CVD Diamond Resistivity
 $<10^{-3}\Omega\text{cm}$ \rightarrow Superconductor

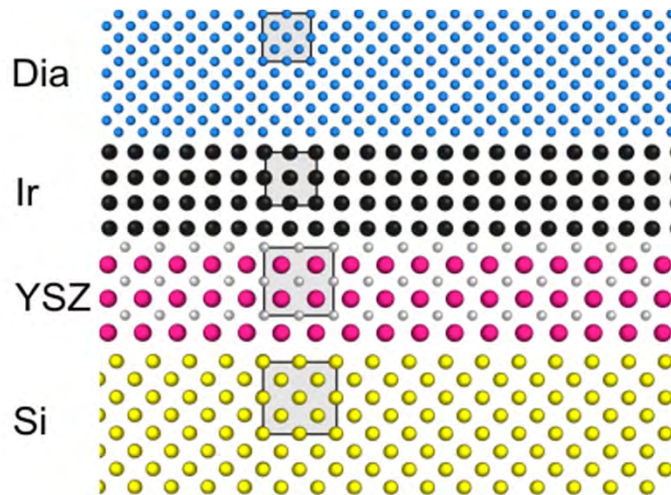
Transparent
 Polycrystalline Diamond
 FET

$I_{D\text{ Max}}$ 0.8A/mm
 f_T 45GHz
 (IEDM 2007,²⁴p.873)

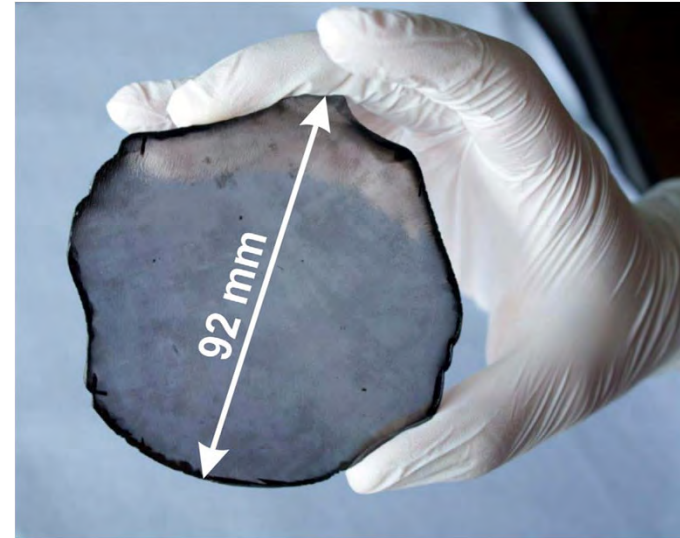
Homoepitaxial
 Diamond 1 inch



Heteroepitaxial diamond on Ir(001) on Si(001) substrate



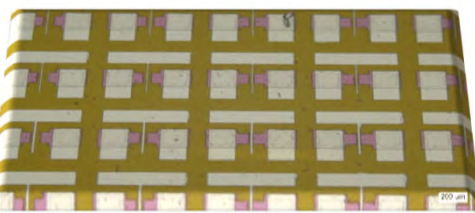
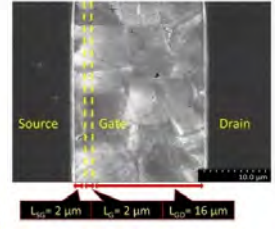
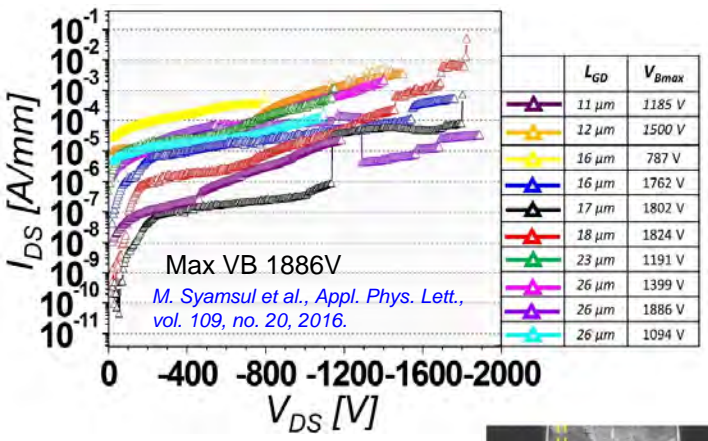
Heteroepitaxial diamond starts with a Si substrate. The Yttria-stabilized zirconia (ZrO_2), YSZ, keeps the Ir from reacting with the Si substrate.



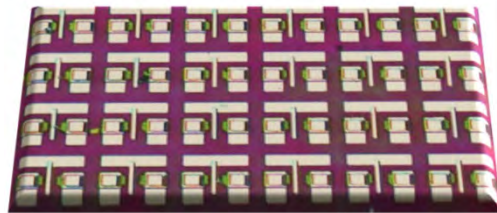
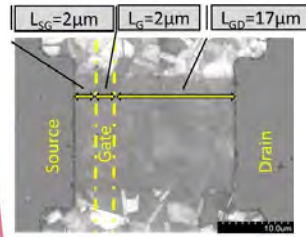
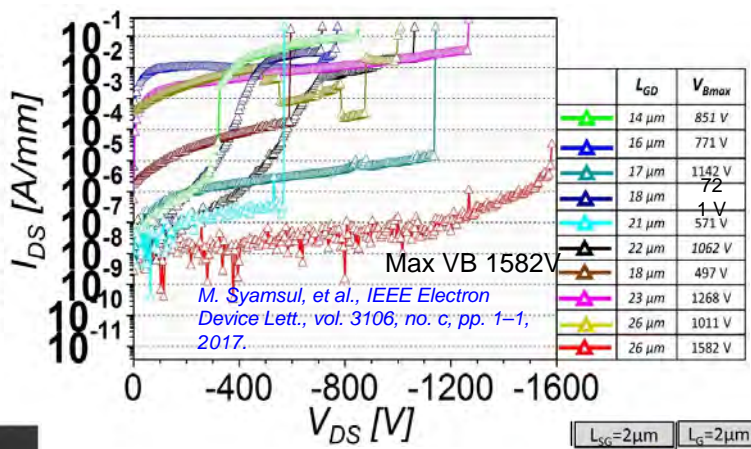
Free standing 31g, 3.6-inch diameter unpolished diamond single crystal synthesized by heteroepitaxy on Ir/YSZ/Si(001).

M. Schreck, S. Gsell, R. Brescia, M. Fischer, Sci. Rep. 7, 44462 (2017)
University Augsburg and its venture company

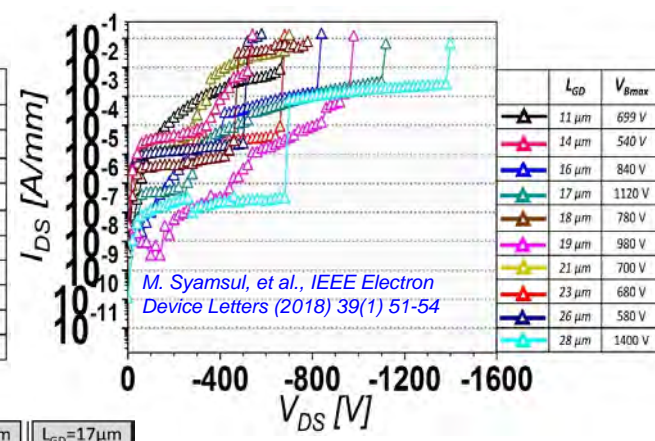
Black polycrystalline diamond FET



Transparent polycrystalline diamond FET



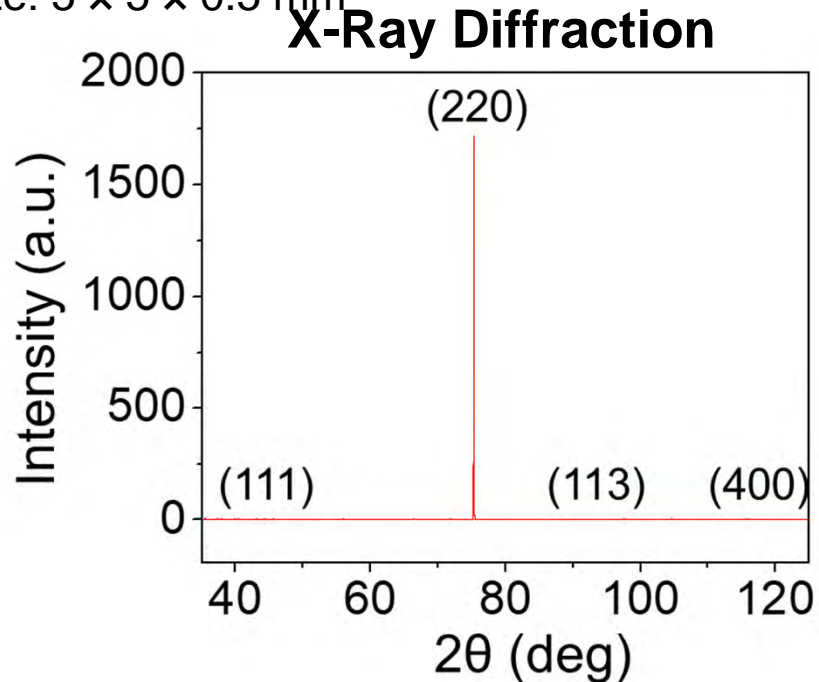
Heteroepitaxial diamond FET



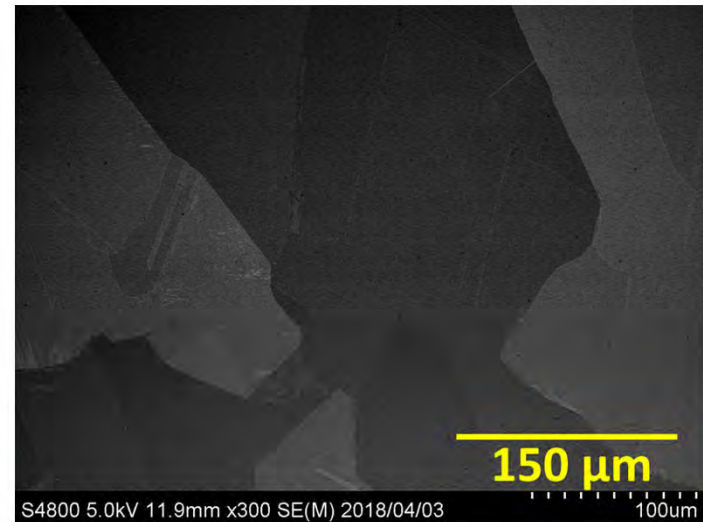
Polycrystalline diamonds and heteroepitaxial diamonds

Ila-type polycrystalline diamond substrate

Substrate size: 5 × 5 × 0.5 mm



SEM Image



Grain size ~ 300 μm

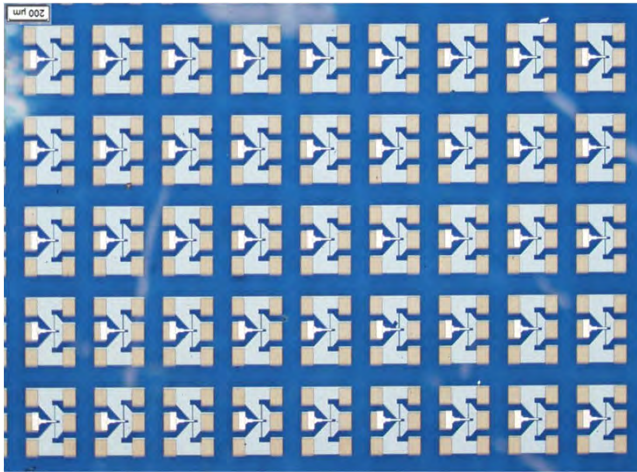
The Ila-type polycrystalline diamond substrate has a **(110) preferential surface.**

MRS 2018 Fall EP08,
EP09 Wed 11:45
Imanishi, HK

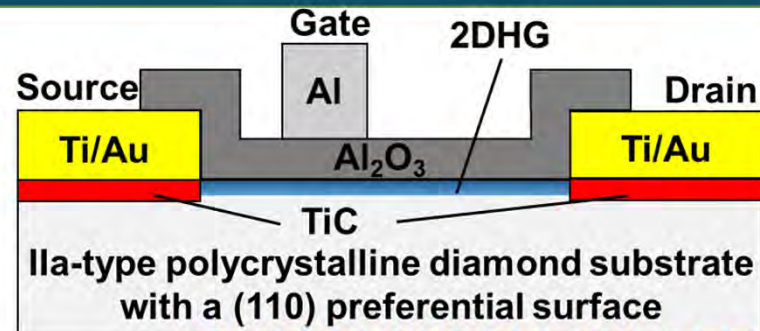
3.8 W/mm Power Density at 1GHz for ALD-Al₂O₃ 2DHG Diamond High Frequency MOSFETs

ALD-Al₂O₃ 2DHG Diamond MOSFET

Imanishi,
HK, IEEE
EDL
(early
access
2018)



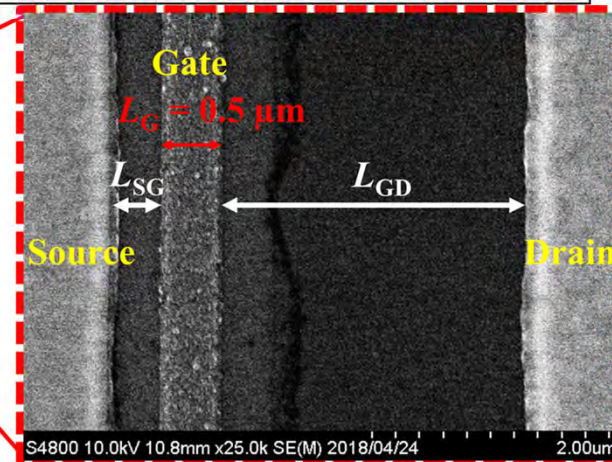
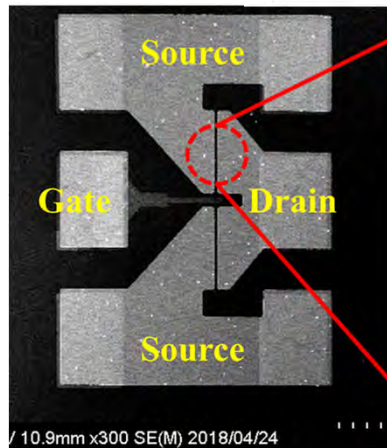
The operation of **93%** devices was confirmed.



K. Ueda, M. Kasu:
Diamond and related materials 15 (2006)
1954.

Device dimensions

- $L_{SG} = 0.5 \mu\text{m}$
- $L_G = 0.5 \mu\text{m}$
- $L_{GD} = 1 \sim 3 \mu\text{m}$
- $W_{ch} = 100 \mu\text{m}$
- Al₂O₃ thickness = 100 nm

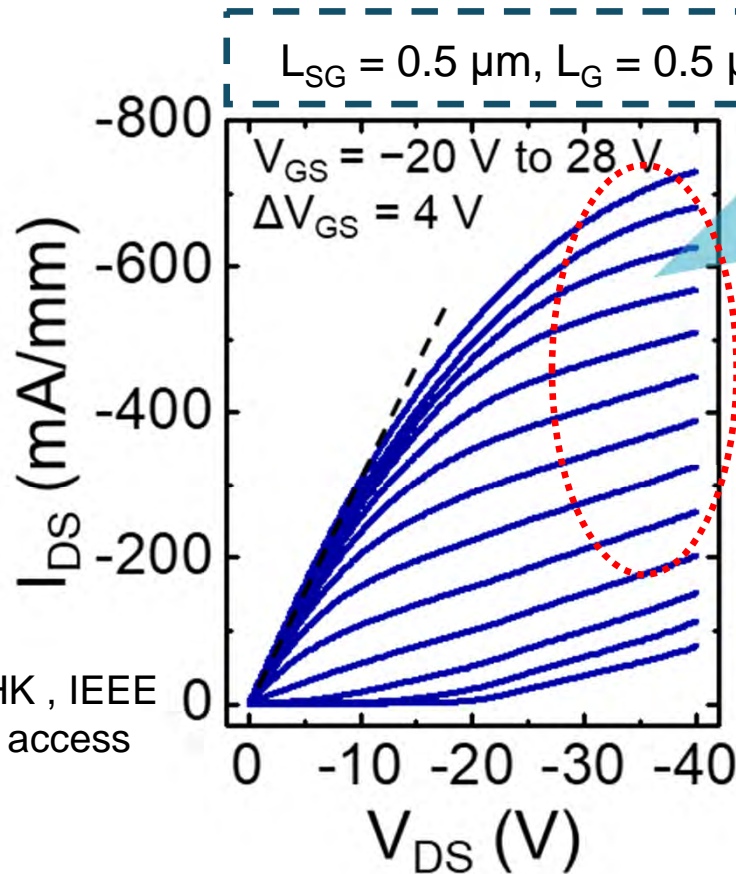


/ 10.9mm x300 SE(M) 2018/04/24

S4800 10.0kV 10.8mm x25.0k SE(M) 2018/04/24

2.00um

DC Performance on poly (110)



Current collapse was not observed

→ **High heat dissipation** due to **high thermal conductivity of diamond**

$I_{DS \text{ MAX}} = -730 \text{ mA/mm}$

($V_{GS} = -20 \text{ V}$, $V_{DS} = -40 \text{ V}$)

$g_m \sim 15 \text{ mS/mm}$

($-20 \leq V_{GS} \leq 16 \text{ V}$, $V_{DS} = -40 \text{ V}$)

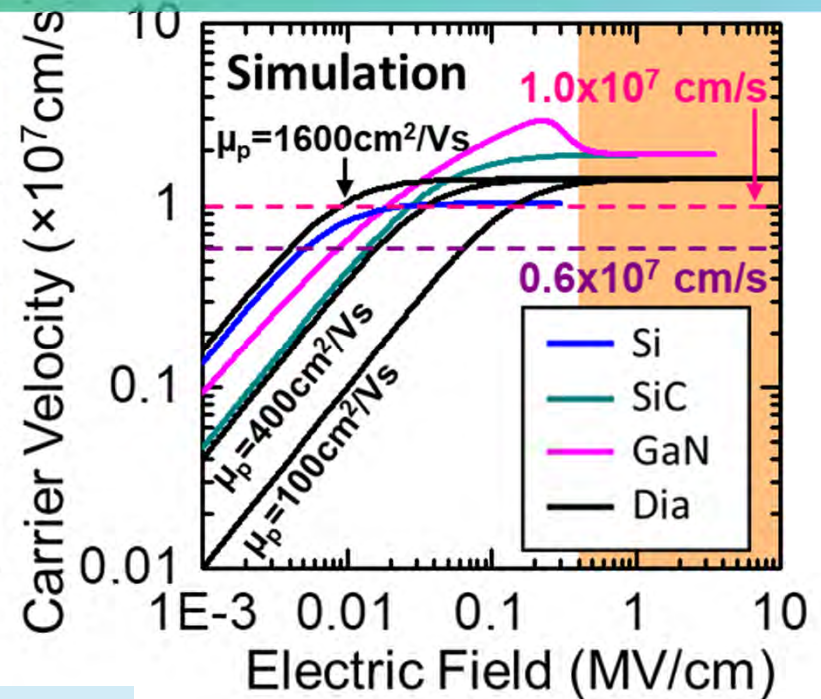
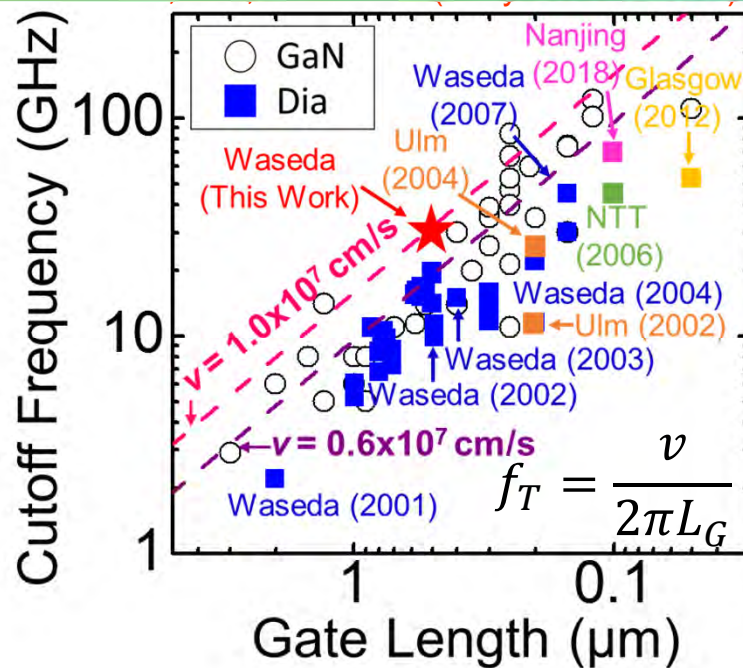
$R_{ON \text{ min}} = 30 \Omega \text{ mm}$

($V_{GS} = -20 \text{ V}$, low V_{DS})

Imanishi, HK, IEEE
EDL (early access
2018)

3.8 W/mm Power Density at 1GHz for ALD- Al_2O_3 2DHG Diamond High Frequency MOSFETs

Overview of RF H-terminated diamond FETs



- IEEE EDL 2001, H. Taniuchi, HK. MESFET **2.2GHz**
- IEEE EDL 2002, H. Umezawa, HK. MISFET **15GHz**
- DRM 2004, A. Aleksov, M. Kasu, E. Kohn. MESFET **24GHz**
- IEEE EDL 2004, H. Matsudaira, HK. MISFET **23GHz**
- IEEE EDL 2005, K. Ueda, M. Kasu. MESFET **45 GHz**
- IEDM 2007, K. Hirama, HK. MOSFET **45GHz**
- IEEE EDL 2012 S.A. Russell, D.A. Moran. MESFET **53GHz**
- IEEE EDL 2018, X. Yu, T. Chen. MOSFET **70GHz**

Issue

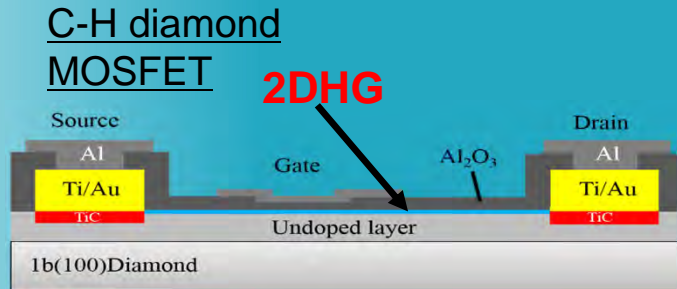
- **Carrier velocity of diamond FETs $\leq 0.6 \times 10^7 \text{ cm/s}$**



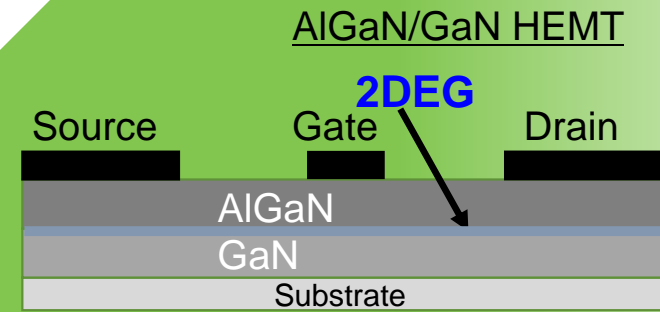
Future Crossover

2D Hole Gas:Diamond \Leftrightarrow 2D Electron Gas:GaN

- Similar to the HEMT structure

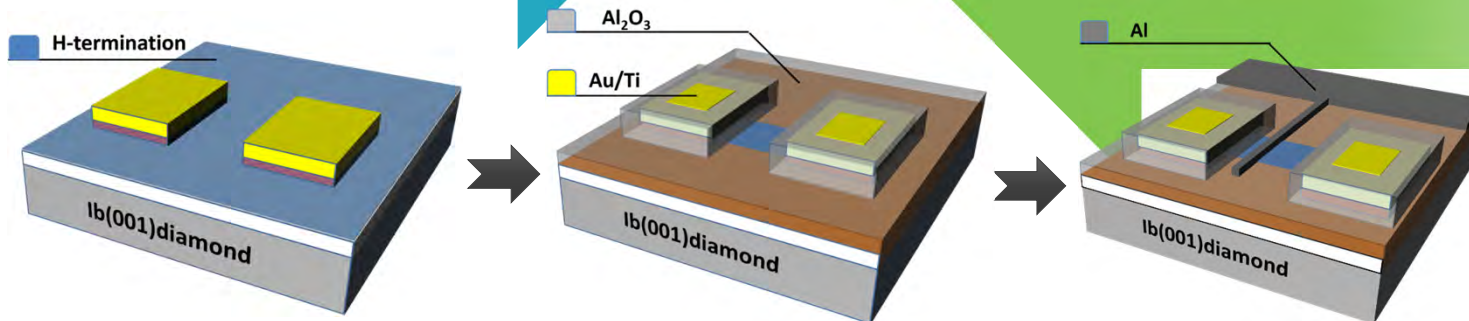


- Using 2 dimensional hole gas



- Using 2 dimensional electron gas

Fabrication process



- Deposit Ti/Au electrodes and form TiC by annealing
- H-termination by plasma

- Isolate by O-termination
- Deposit Al_2O_3 by ALD

- Deposit gate electrode (Al)

Comparison with the lateral FETs of SiC, GaN, Ga₂O₃ and Diamond

Types	Maximu drain current density	V_B Break down voltage	L_{GD} Gate-Drain length	V_B / L_{GD} Average electric field strength
SiC [1]	90mA/mm	1600 V	20 μ m	0.8 MV/cm
AlGaN/GaN [2]	300mA/mm	200 - 1400 V	4 - 20 μ m	1 MV/cm
AlGaN/AlGaN [3]	200mA/mm	500 -1700 V	3 - 15 μ m	1.7 MV/cm
Ga ₂ O ₃ [4]	80mA/mm	760 V	15 μ m	0.5 MV/cm
C-H Diamond p-FET	110mA/mm (normally on) 18mA/mm (normally off)	365 - 1700 V 1700-2020 V	1 - 16 μ m 20-24 μ m	Max 3.7 MV/cm ~1 MV/cm ~0.8MV/cm

H. Kwarada et al.
Sci. Rep. 7 (2017)
42368.

[1] M. Noborio, T. Kimoto *et al.*, *IEEE Elec Dev Lett* **30** (8) 831 (2009)

[2] S. L. Selvaraj, T. Egawa *et al.*, *IEEE Elec Dev Lett* **33** (10) 1375 (2012)

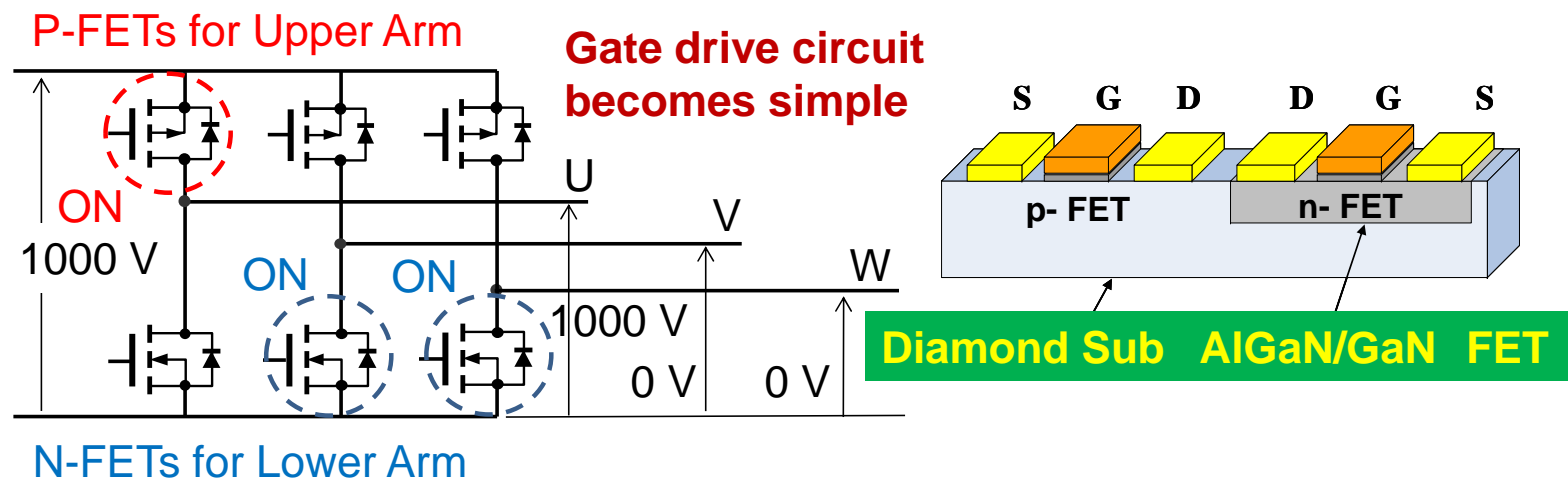
[3] T. Nanjo, Y. Tokuda *et al.*, *IEEE Trans Elec Dev* **60** (3) 1046 (2013)

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Advantage of p-channel FET in Power Complementary Circuit and System

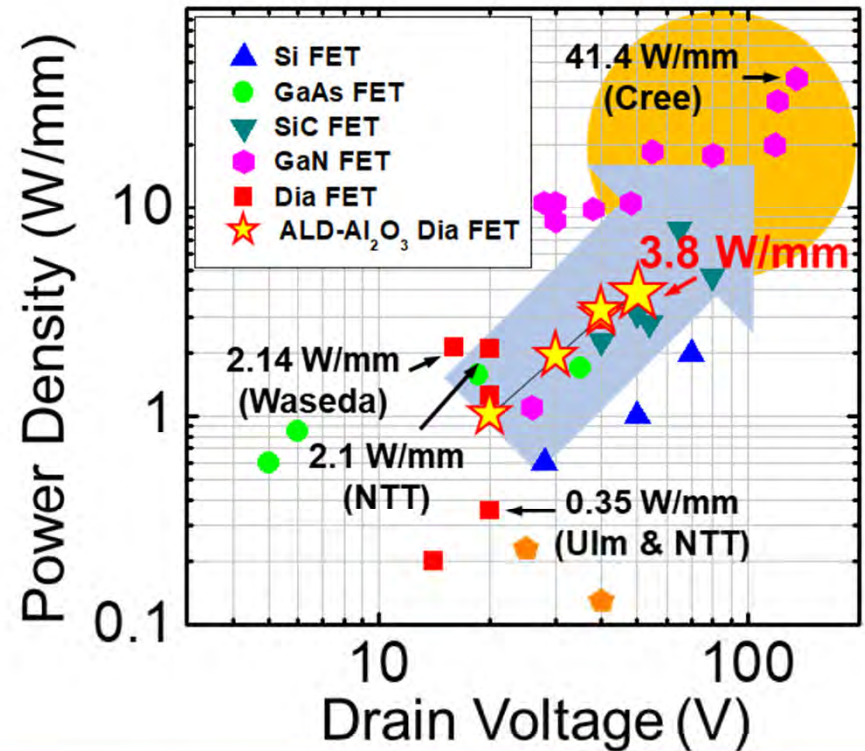
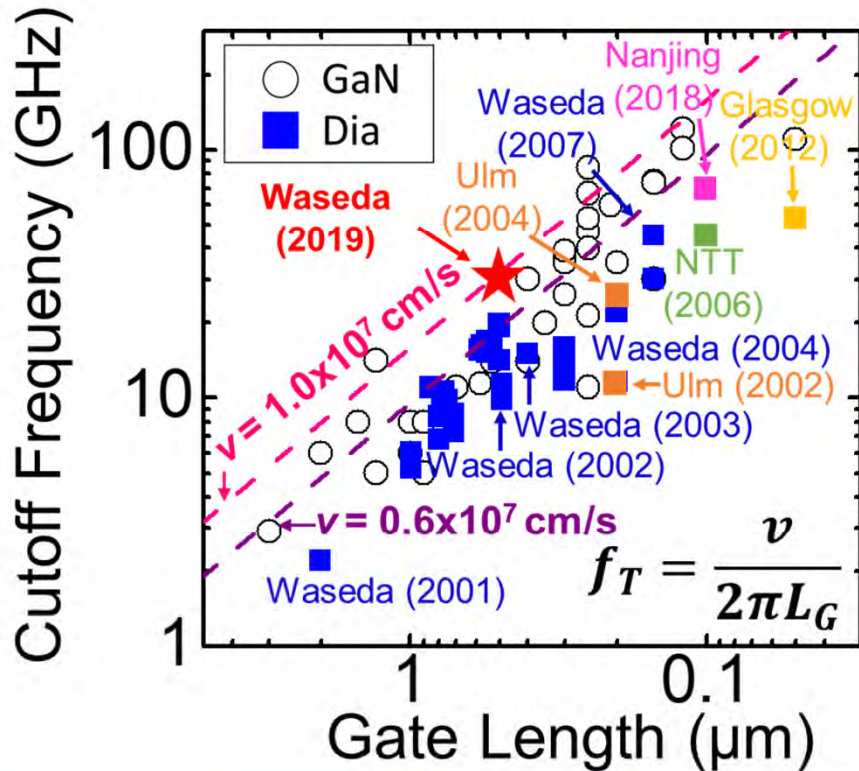
“Diamond is Ideal Substrate” for Ideal Power System such as Complementary Inverter

1. Stage1: Diamond p-FET and AlGaN/GaN n-FET coexist or collaborate realistic solution

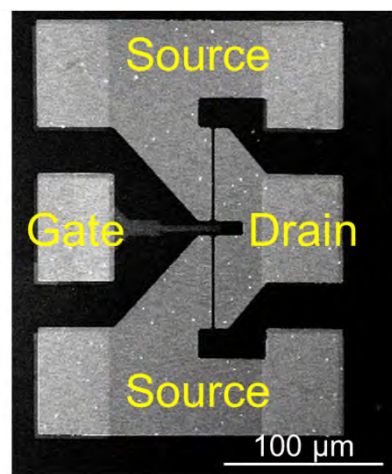
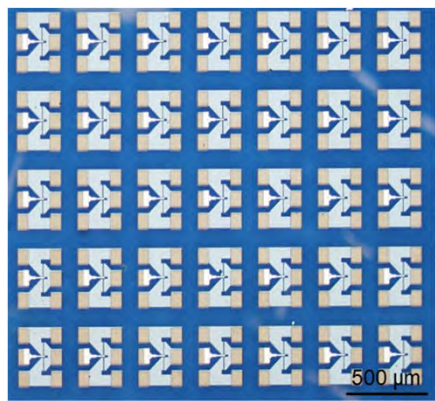


2. Stage2: Diamond n-FET and p-FET

Overview of Diamond p-FET

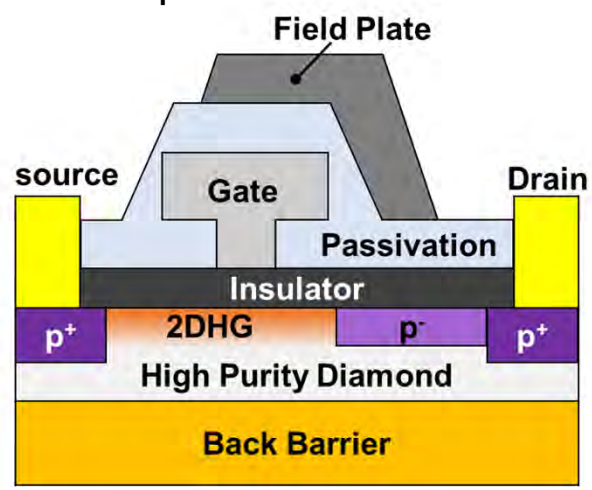


Diamond FET is a promising p-FET complementary to GaN n-FET

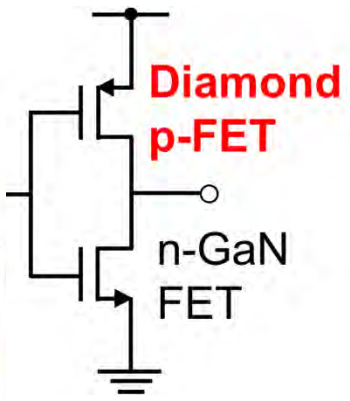
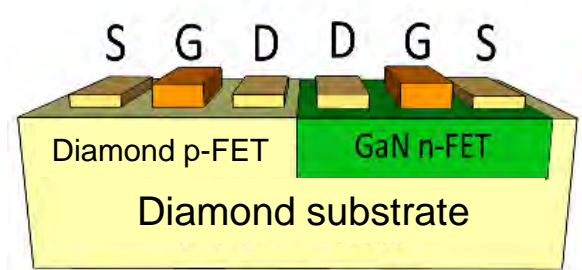


◆ Advanced RF Diamond p-FET

Aiming for further **high frequency** and **high power** diamond p-FET



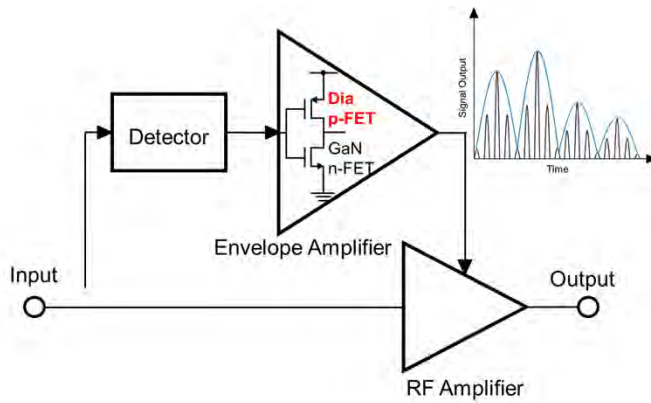
◆ Complementary FET



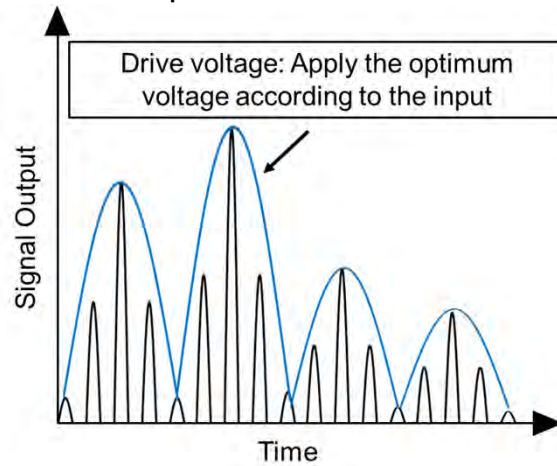
GaN can be heteroepitaxially grown on diamond
 → Diamond p-FET and GaN n-FET can be fabricated on one chip

Advanced RF Diamond p-FET Proposal of Complementary FET

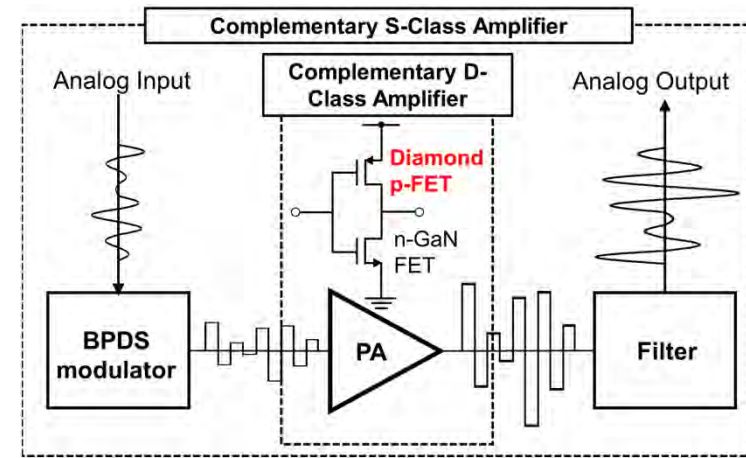
◆ Complementary Envelope Tracking Amplifier



◆ Complementary S-Class Amplifier



The efficiency of the back-off area
 → **Broadband and High Efficiency!**



High efficiency of Class-S amplifier with 100 % ideal efficiency
Reduction of power consumption!

Application of Complementary FET for Base Station



Summary

- ❖ *GaN is now in the market and growing (getting attention in Malaysia 2021-2030)*
- ❖ *Diamond on the other hand, still needs time to mature (misconception of “price” still available)*
- ❖ *What can we expect in both GaN and diamond devices?*
 - *High frequency & High voltage Lateral MOSFETs*
 - *Vertical MOSFETs*
- ❖ *Complementary inverter GaN n-FETs and diamond p-FET is highly desirable (~10 to 20 years)*
- ❖ *If Malaysia can be one of the GaN and Diamond substrate material distributor, this will benefit our country’s economy for the next 2 decade.*
(natural gases/ghg gases/electricity are significantly cheap in Malaysia)



Thank You



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