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Research Unit of the Concept for Next Generation Power Semiconductor Devices

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Introduction

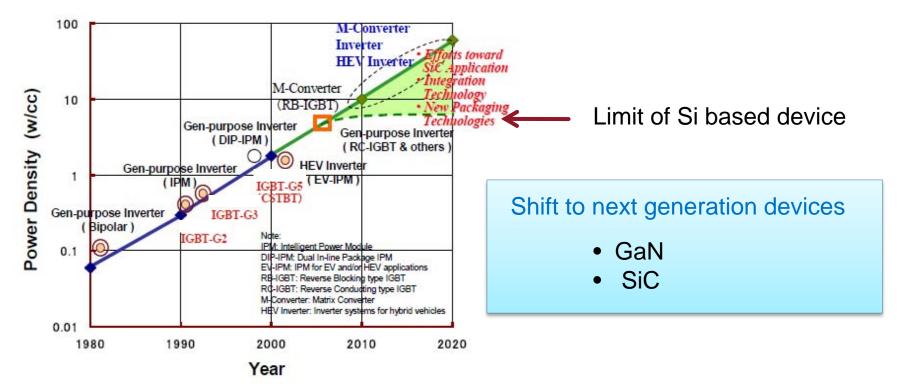
- Power Electronics engineering is one of the promising solutions for problems of energy saving and CO₂ reduction.
 - Motor drives
 - Power systems
 - Distributed generations



High efficiency, High performance

Why next generation devices?

- Higher efficiency, lower volume
 - → Higher power density



G. Majumdar, "Power Modules As Key Component Group For Power Electronics," the Proceedings of PCC 2007, Nagoya.(c) 2007 IEEE)

Advantages of wide band gap devices

- Higher voltage
- Higher frequency ==>maller L and C
- Higher operating temperature
- Lower losses maller cooling components
 - Conducting losses
 - Switching losses



Higher power density

	Bandgap (eV)	Breakdown strength (MV/cm)	Electron mobility (cm²/Vs)	Electron saturation velocity (x10 ⁷ cm/s)	Thermal conductivity (W/cm deg)
GaN	3.43	3.0	1200	2.7	1.3
SiC	3.26	2.8	1000	2	4.9
Si	1.12	0.3	1350	1	1.51

Goal of our IDER unit

 Establishment of the concept of GaN devices for power electronics applications



- Driving force for development and application of GaN devices
 - "Application-driven" development

Unit members and specialty areas

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Name	Specialty area
Yushi Miura	Power Electronics (PE) Engineering, Unit Leader
Mamoru Imade	GaN crystallization
Hiroaki Kakigano	PE Engineering, Distributed Generations
Yoshinari Kamakura	Device simulation
Fumio Kawamura	GaN crystallization
Osamu Saeki	Optimization Analysis
Hideharu Sugihara	Optimization Analysis
Rejeki Simanjorang	PE Engineering, Switching power supplies
Toshifumi Ise	PE Engineering, Unit Advisor
Hideo Iwamoto	Power Device Application, Unit Advisor

Targets in the first phase (~2008)

- Market research and Evaluation of required performance of next generation devices
 - dback to crystallization engineering
- Literature research and construction knowledge database
- Prediction of device performances and development of device design methodology
 - vice simulation and optimization technique
- 4. Establishment of implementation technology

Targets in the second phase (2009~)

- Device simulation of the GaN devices optimallydesigned by the developed methodology
- 2. Preparation of GaN crystal for power devices

Our final targets are...

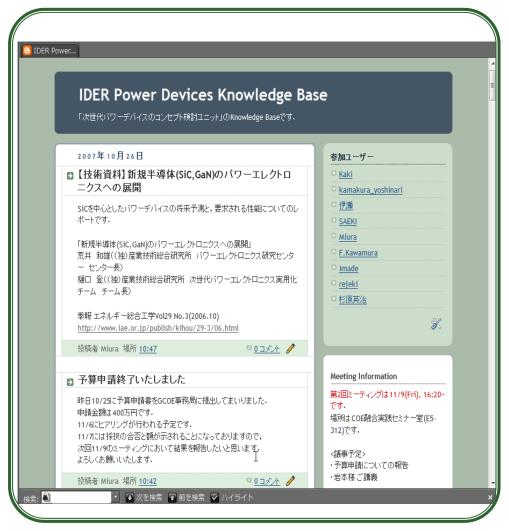
- Fabrication of the optimally-designed GaN power device,
- Evaluation of performance of the circuits employing the GaN power devices.

Present activities

- Literature research and construction of the knowledge base on the Web.
- Evaluation of performance of the next generation power devices at present.
 - Dynamic performance of passive circuit components such as inductors, capacitors, and resistors will be also investigated.

Knowledge base on the Web

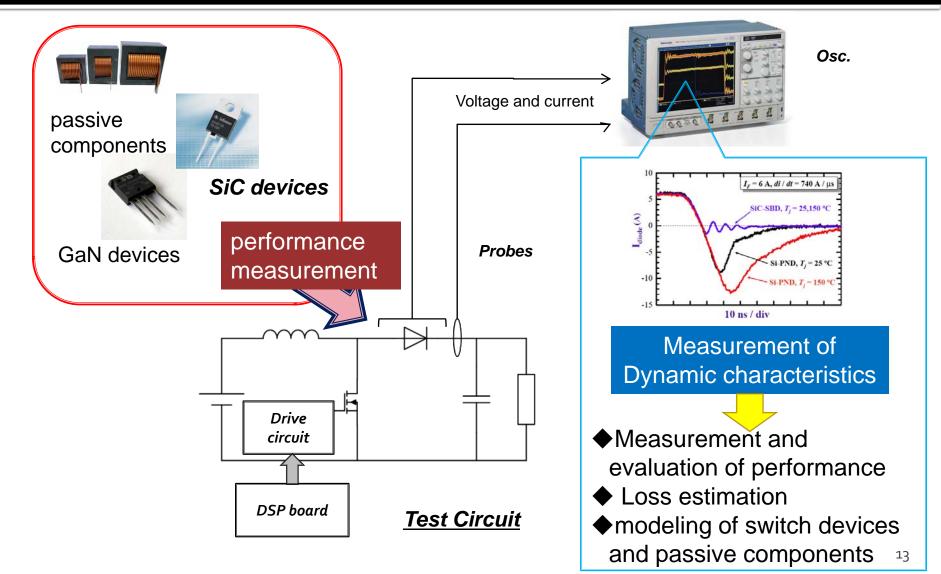
- For Knowledge management, knowledge base has been constructed on the Web using Blog technology.
 - Literature information
 - Technical intelligence
 - Seminar and lecture information
 - Activity reports



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Evaluation of performance of the next generation power devices



Summary

- To establish the concept for application of the GaN power devices, our IDER unit has been organized by the experts in different engineering fields.
- The device simulation method, the device design methodology and the circuit implementation technology, which will be interdisciplinary developed in this unit, will be novel tools for development and application of the power devices.