Title: Power GaN Technology — should you be concerned?

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Abstract:
Recent development in GaN-on-silicon technology has opened up the possibility of implementing high density silicon circuits with wide bandgap power devices.

This seminar starts with a historical account on the development of GaN power devices. This is followed by a quick survey on current state of the art GaN power technologies and applications. In particular, examples on their penetration into the consumer market will be offered. As silicon technology is being pushed to its physical limits, the power electronic industry has been exploring the use of new materials such as SiC and GaN. The last part of this seminar will try to address the potential of GaN-on-silicon technology. The advantages and limitations on how GaN can co-existing with current silicon technology will be given. Finally, we will examine what are the technological hurdles for GaN power technology before it can find its way into our household.

Brief Biography:

Wai Tung Ng is a Professor at The Edward S. Rogers. Sr. Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering, University of Toronto. His current research work covers smart power semiconductor devices and fabrication processes. In particular, his main focus is in the development of power management circuit, integrated SMPS (Switched-Mode Power Supplies), integrated class D audio power amplifiers. After he obtained his Ph.D. degree from the University of Toronto in 1990, Prof. Ng joined Texas Instruments, Dallas TX to work on LDMOS power transistors for automotive applications. He started his academic career with the University of Hong Kong in 1992. In 1993, Prof. Ng joined the University of Toronto and established the Smart Power Integration & Semiconductor Devices Research Group. He was promoted to associate and full professor in 1998 and 2008, respectively. He has extensive experience in working with the industry to modify standard CMOS technology for smart PIC and RF applications. Prof. Ng is the director of the Toronto Nanofabrication Centre, and open access research facility at the University of Toronto. Prof. Ng has also been serving as an associate editor for IEEE Electron Device Letters since 2009.

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Outline

☐ What Makes a New Technology Successful?
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☐ Power Device Structures using GaN
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  ▪ Cascade D-mode vs. E-mode
  ▪ Realistic Advantages over Silicon?
☐ GaN-based Power Integrated Circuits
  ▪ GaN-on-Silicon IC Technology
  ▪ Other possibilities
☐ Conclusions
Conclusions

► Introduced the progress in GaN power device technology
► Discussed the advantages and limitations of current GaN power devices
► New fabrication techniques to implement e-mode devices and higher level of integration are constantly being developed
► Commercialization is happening as we speak
► Should you be concerned? This time, we think yes!