

# Power Electronic Devices Stress Test system

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## Introduction – 1

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experience in  
reliability test and  
failure analysis of  
semiconductors,  
electronic  
components and  
electronic systems



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**Employees**  
Staff 55 employees  
(45 FTE), half with  
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laboratory: Auke  
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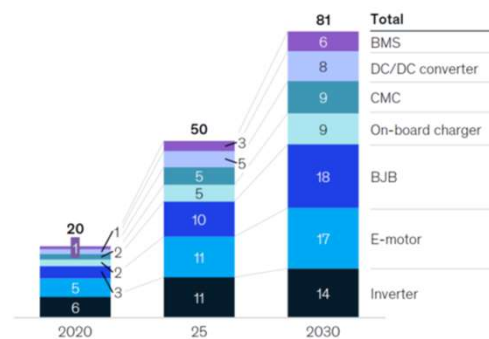
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## Introduction – 2

- Power Semiconductor markets
  - CAGR: +10%
- Sustainable Energy
  - PV cell and Wind generator converters
  - DC power Storage and Transportation
- Mobility
  - E-motor drivers and battery chargers
  - ADAS and in-car entertainment
- Consumer Electronics
  - Battery Chargers
  - SMART home applications and LED

Power electronics market – breakdown of components

USD billions



SOURCE: McKinsey Sustainable Initiative Powertrain Model, McKinsey



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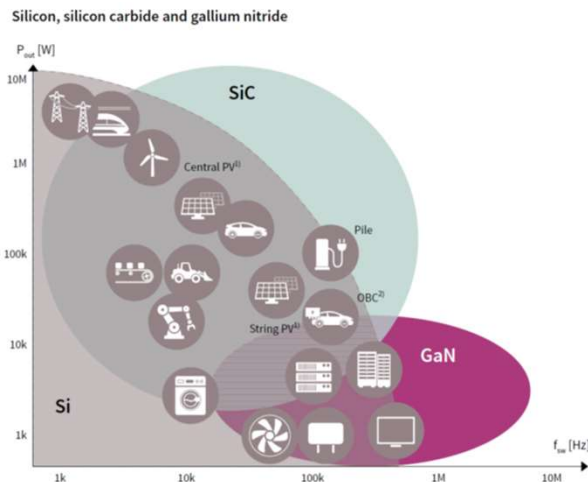
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# Power Electronic Semiconductors – 1

- **Silicon (Si)**
  - V-range 25V to 1700V
  - Low to High Power
- **Gallium Nitride (GaN)**
  - V-range 80V to 650V
  - Medium Power
  - Highest switching freq.
- **Silicon Carbide (SiC)**
  - V-range 650V to 3300V
  - High Power
  - Mid to High switching freq.


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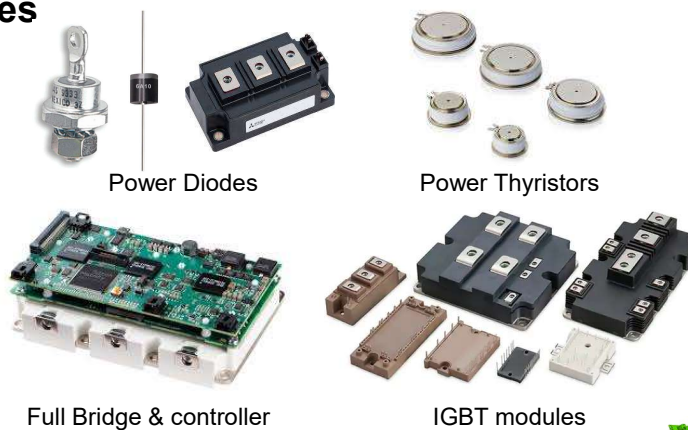
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# Power Electronic Semiconductors – 2

- **Non-controllable devices**
  - Power diodes
- **Controllable devices**
  - Transistors Bipolar
  - Transistors PowerMOS
  - Thyristors
  - IGBT
  - Half H-bridge modules
  - Full H-bridge modules


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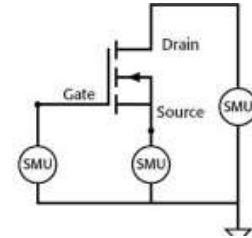


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## Reliability Stress Tests – 1

### • High Voltage, Low Current Stress Tests

- High Temperature Reverse Bias (HTRB)
  - $V_{ds}: V_{max} - V_{gs}: 0V/-10V - T_a: +150^{\circ}C/+175^{\circ}C$
- High Temperature Gate Bias (HTGB)
  - $V_{ds}: 0V - V_{gs}: 0,8 V_{max} - T_a: +150^{\circ}C/+175^{\circ}C$
- High Humidity, High Temperature Reverse Bias (H3TRB)
  - $V_{ds}: 0,8V_{max} - V_{gs}: 0V/-10V - T_a: +85^{\circ}C/85\%rh$



### • Purpose of HVLC Stress Tests

- Off-state robustness at high temperature and time
- Enclosure leakage stability



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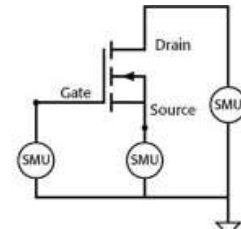


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## Reliability Stress Tests – 2

### • Low Voltage, High Current Stress Test

- High Temperature Operating Life (HTOL)
  - Functional mode –  $T_a: +100^{\circ}C/+125^{\circ}C$
- Intermitted Operating Life (IOL)
  - 2min.ON / 4min.OFF with  $T_j$  monitoring –  $T_j > +125^{\circ}C$  – 7.500 cycles
- Power Cycling Test (PCT)
  - ON/OFF state with  $T_j$  monitoring –  $\Delta T_j < 100K$  – 15.000 cycles



### • Purpose of LVHC Stress Tests

- Off-state robustness at high temperature and time
- Enclosure leakage stability



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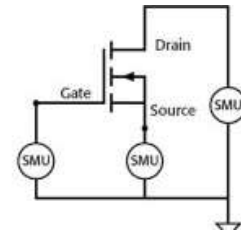


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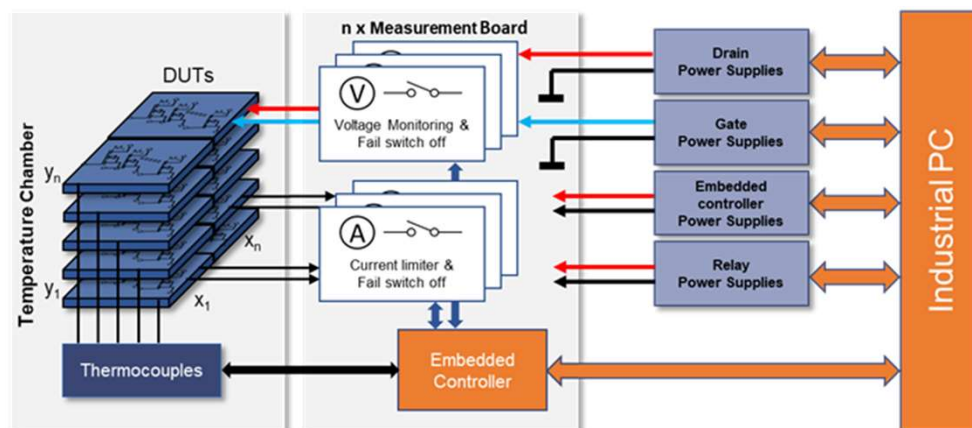
## Reliability Stress Tests – 3

### • Other Reliability Stress Tests

- Preconditioning Test
- Unbiased High Accelerated Stress Test (UHAST)
  - Ta: +130°C/85%rh
- Temperature Cycling (TC)
  - 2 chamber non bias – Ta: -55°C to +150°C – 1.000 cycles
- Resistance to solder heat
  - 3x 10 sec solder dip @ +260°C or 3x convection reflow @ +250°C peak
- ESD test
  - 4kV HBM and 1kV CDM or 8kV system level



## HTRB / HTGB Stress Test System – 1



## HTRB / HTGB Stress Test System – 2

| Specification for values/monitoring @ HTRB/HTGS test equipment |                                  |          |   |
|--|----------------------------------|----------|---|
| Monitoring on stress board level                               | Typical values during testing    | Accuracy | Remark                                    |
| Voltage  | 0 V – 600 V                      | 0.1%     |   |
| Temperature  | 150 °C, 175 °C                   | 1%       |   |
| Monitoring on device-level @ HTRB                              |                                  |          |   |
| Drain-Source/Collector-Emitter leakage current                 | 0 mA – 3 mA /device              | < 0.5%   | Current measured in source line of device |
| Monitoring on device-level @ HTGS                              |                                  |          |   |
| Gate-Source/Gate-Emitter leakage current                       | 0 $\mu$ A – 300 $\mu$ A /device  | < 0.5%   | Current measured in source line of device |
| Capturing of data  | < 1 per second, < 20 sec / board |          |   |
| Turn off device/board  | < 70 $\mu$ s                     |          |   |
| Number of devices per LOT                                      | 45                               |          |   |



## HTRB / HTGB Stress Test System – 3

- **Voltage Monitoring & Fail switch off**
  - Monitoring of individual High Voltage bias during test.
  - Voltage blocker absorber and switch off.
  - Protects test boards, other DUT, monitoring circuit and HV power supplies.
  - Prevents defect device from explosion, burning or other severe damage
- **Current Limiter & Fail switch off**
  - Monitoring of individual OFF state current.
  - Fast response (<70 $\mu$ s) current limiter and switch off.
  - Protects test boards, other DUT, monitoring circuit and HV power supplies.
  - Prevents defect device from explosion, burning or other severe damage



## HTRB / HTGB Stress Test System – 4

- **HV measurement issue**

- Single HV MOSFET
- H-bridge measurement
- HV and HF
- Isolated and Differential probe

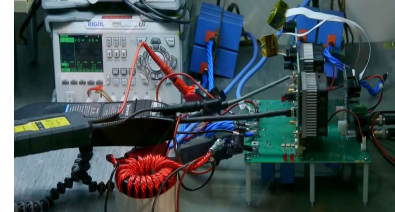
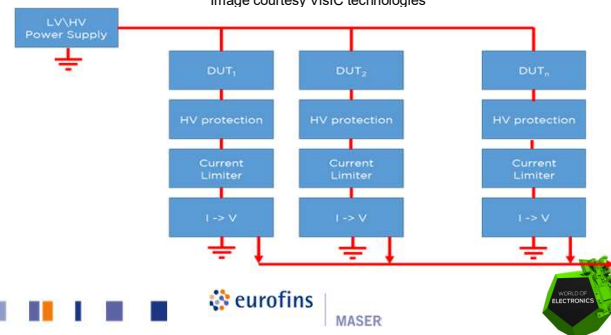


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- **HV protection solution**

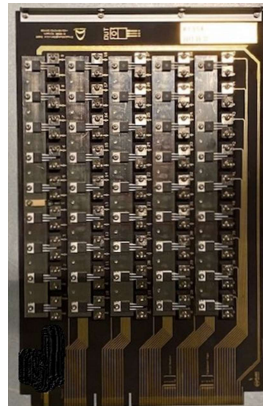
- Low-side current limit/sense
- Active I/V convertor
- HV switch off and fuse
- 70µs response to HV overload



## HTRB / HTGB Stress Test System – 5



24 DUT boards in oven

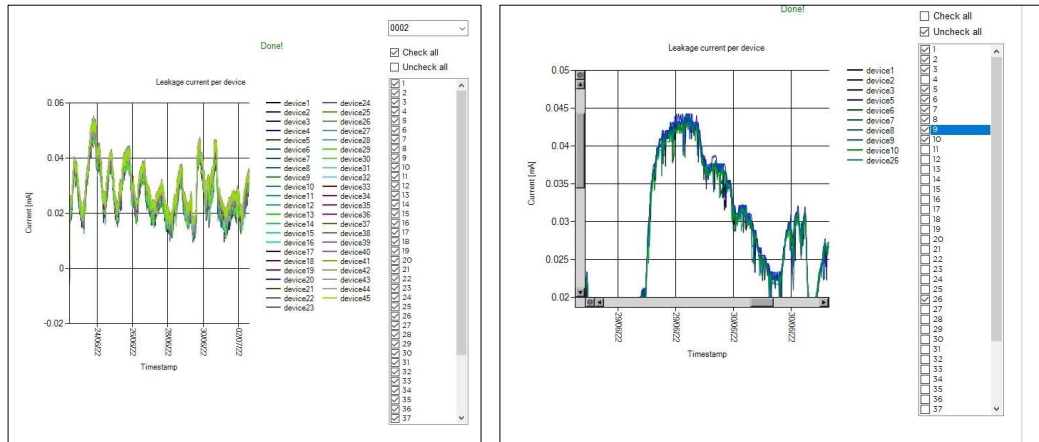


DUT board



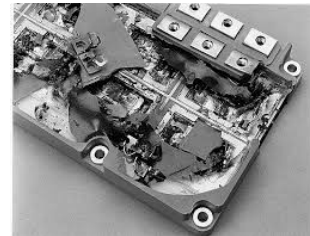
Thermal chamber, PS & monitoring cabinet

## Stress Test Results



## Failure Analysis Challenges – 1

- **Major issues with F/A on defect Power Electronic devices**
  - High power application, limited protection
  - Uncontrolled / unlimited current flow → overheating
  - Key is to limit power when entering defect mode
  - Wide range of application specific packages
  - Cooling is key, resulting in integrated heatsinks
  - High Voltage induced breakdowns form new paths
  - High power discharge can result in explosions and missing material
  - High temperature applications → use of plastics resistant to chemicals
  - SiC is a very hard and brittle material → mechanical cross section is hard

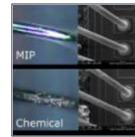
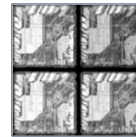
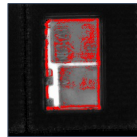
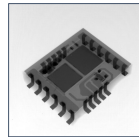
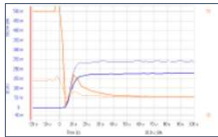




## Failure Analysis Challenges – 2

### • Major tools for F/A on defect PE devices

- Electrical Verification
  - B1505A power device analyzer, range 3.000V / 500A
- Non Destructive Analysis
  - 2D/3D XRAY – Scanning Acoustic & Optical Microscopy – Lock-In Thermography
- Sample preparation
  - Laser Ablation – MIP decap – Sawing, Grinding, Polishing – Ion Beam milling



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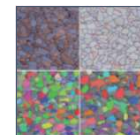
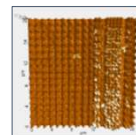
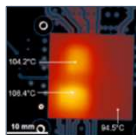


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## Failure Analysis Challenges – 3

### • Major tools for F/A on defect Power Electronic devices

- Fault localization
  - 3D Lock-InThermography – Probing – EMMI – OBIRCH – Voltage Contrast SEM
- Defect Imaging and Material Analysis
  - Optical – SEM – FIB/SEM – sTEM – AFM
  - SEM/EDX – SEM/EBSD – FTIR



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## Summary

- Power Electronic Semiconductors show a fast rise in applications
- Voltage, Power and Speed levels are increasing with GaN & SiC
- High Safety and Reliability levels required for critical applications
- New Stress Test systems fulfil the demanding requirements
- Proper monitoring and protection circuitry → improved test data, F/A on defects still possible, System hardware protected
- Special F/A techniques developed for the dedicated packages of Power Electronic Semiconductor devices and modules.



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