

Accelerating Semiconductor Technologies for the Green Revolution

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Intro to Applied Materials

Clean Energy Revolution

SiC

GaN

Conclusions

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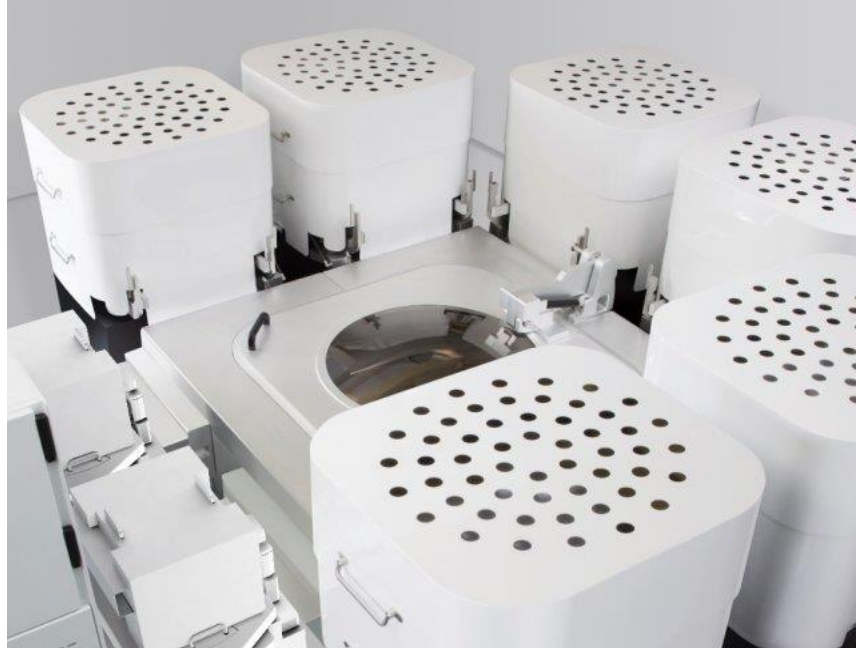
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Clean Energy Revolution → SiC, GaN

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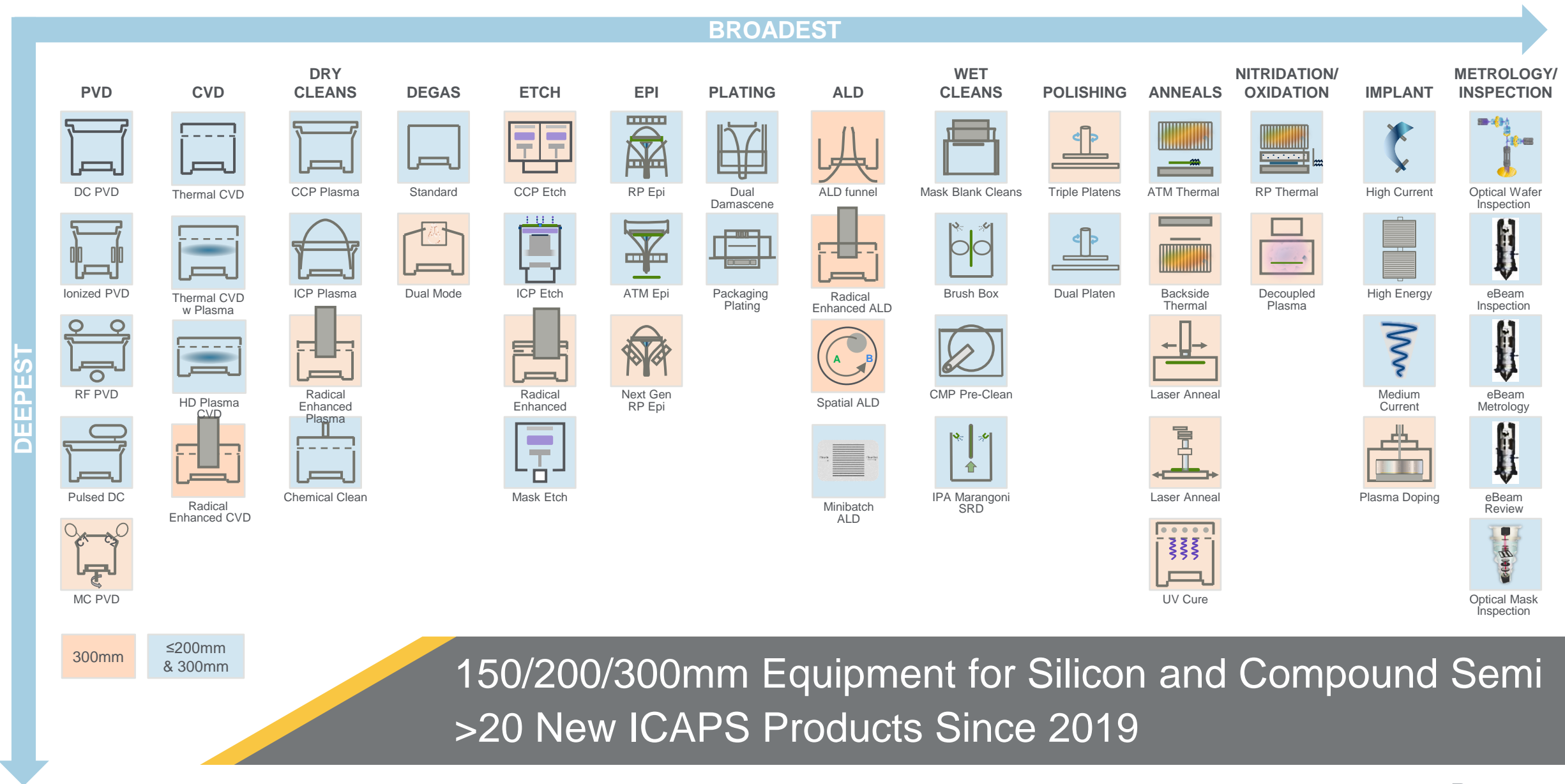


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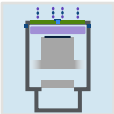





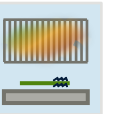



Broadest Semiconductor Equipment Portfolio for ICAPS Nodes




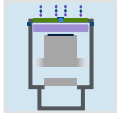





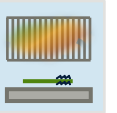

2019: Applied Compound Semi Portfolio

✓ HVM
↗ Pilot/Demo

										
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Today: Applied Compound Semi Portfolio

✓ HVM
↗ R&D/Ramping

										
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Grew Compound Semi Portfolio 3x

Clean Energy Revolution Driving New Power Semi Opportunities

Electric Vehicles



Wind and Solar



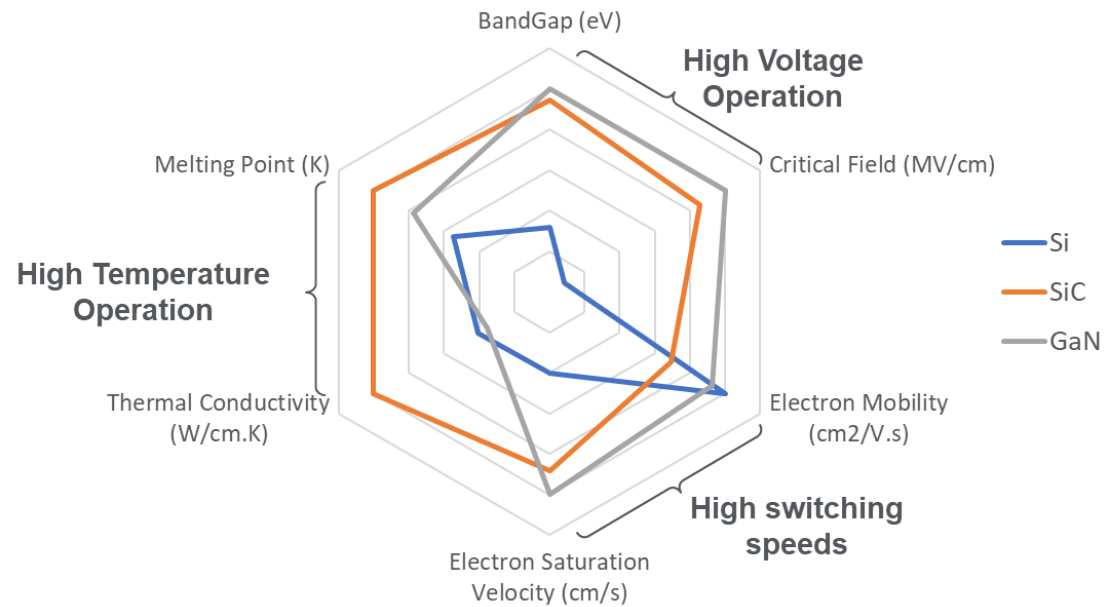
Smart Grid



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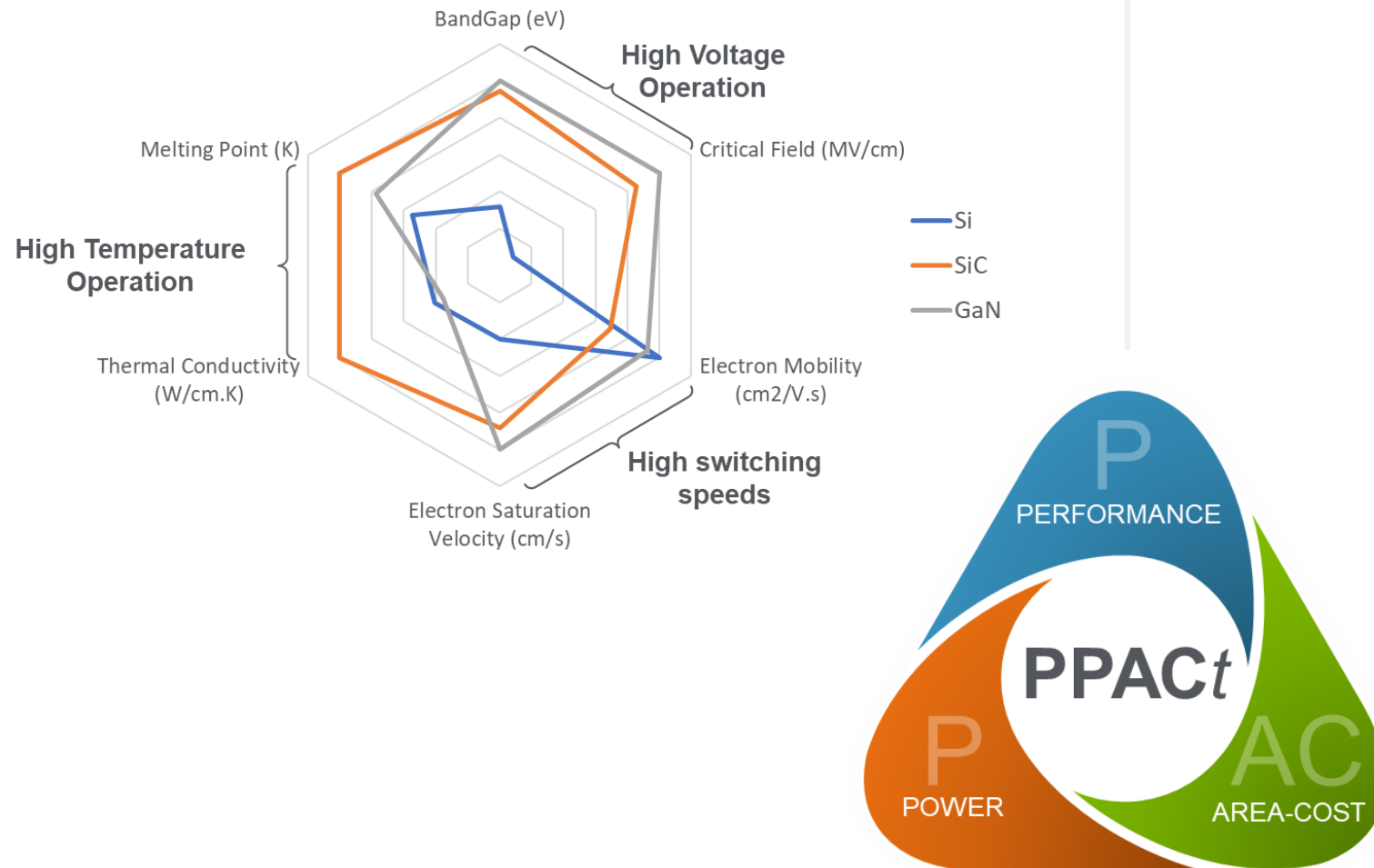
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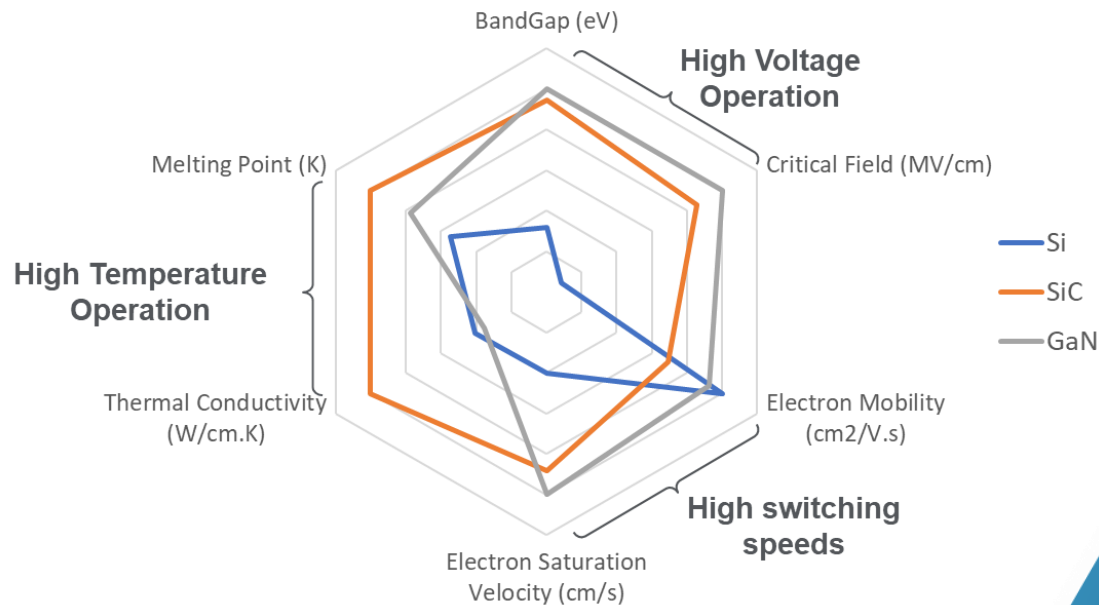
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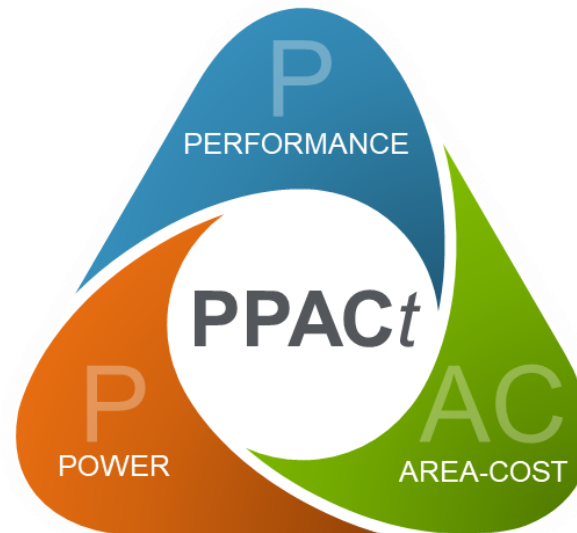


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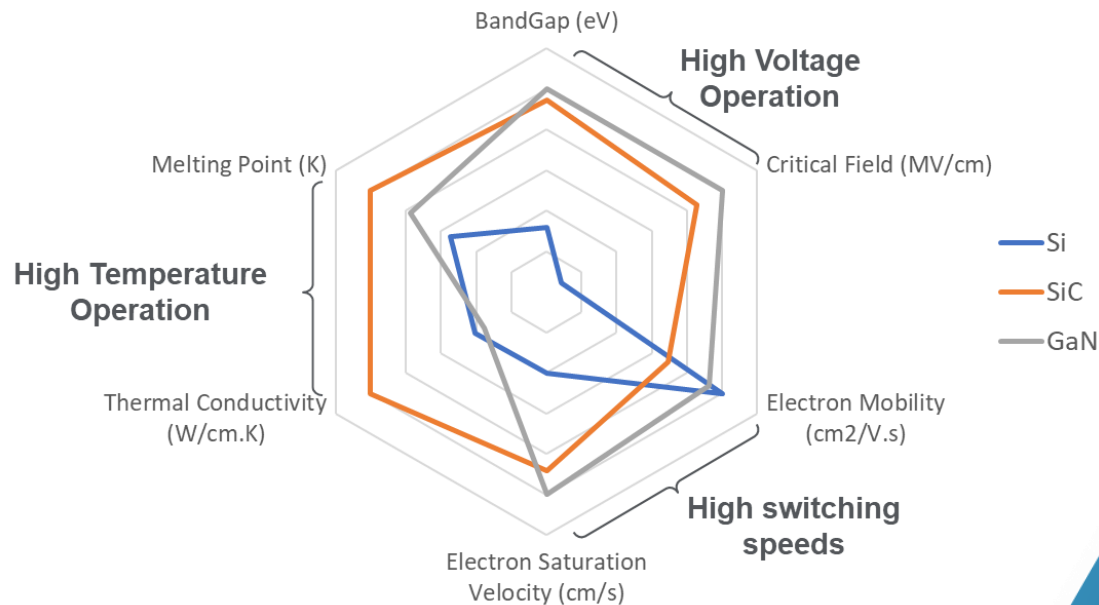


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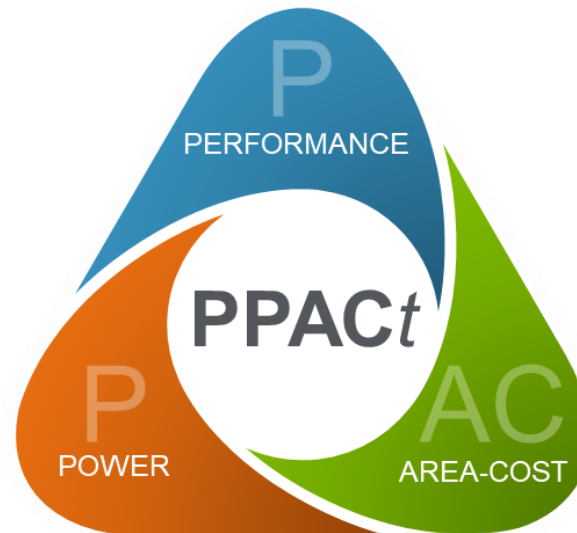


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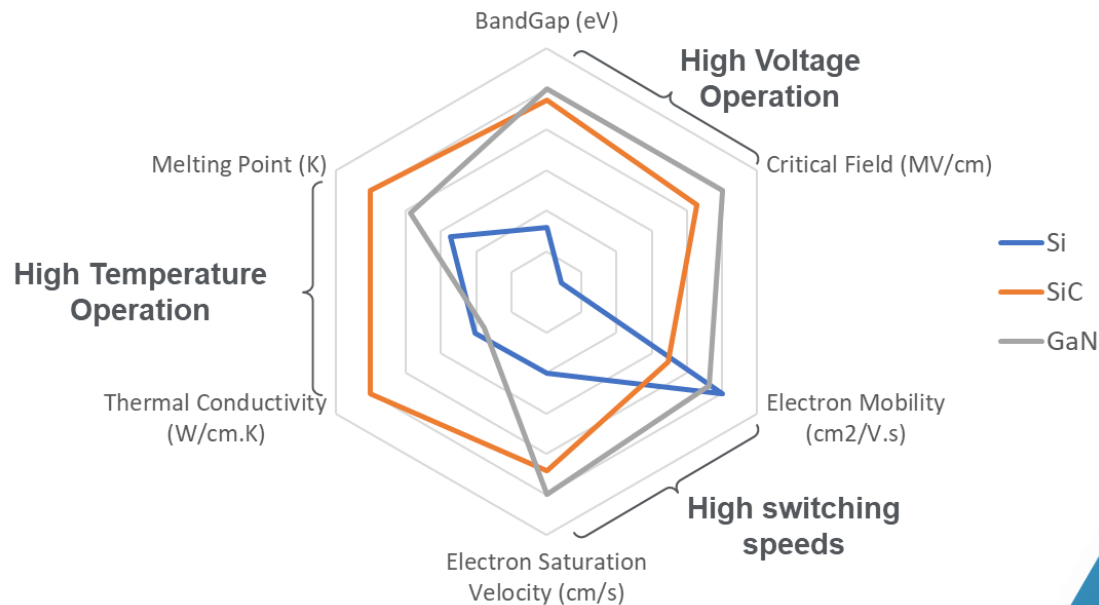
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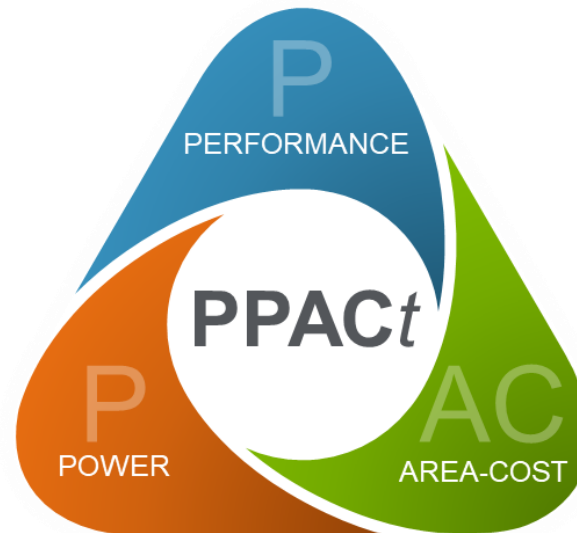
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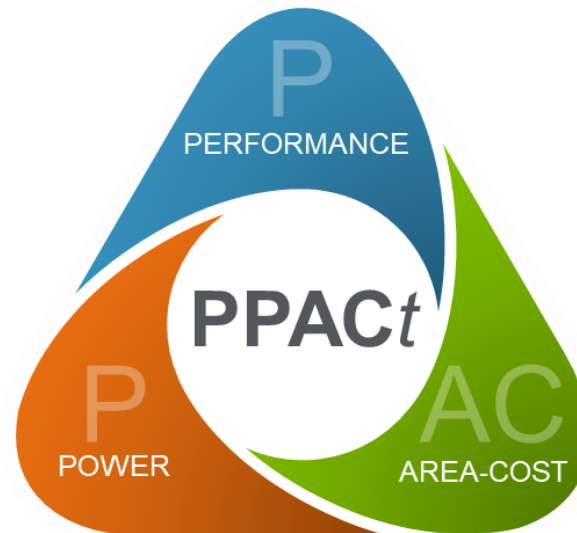
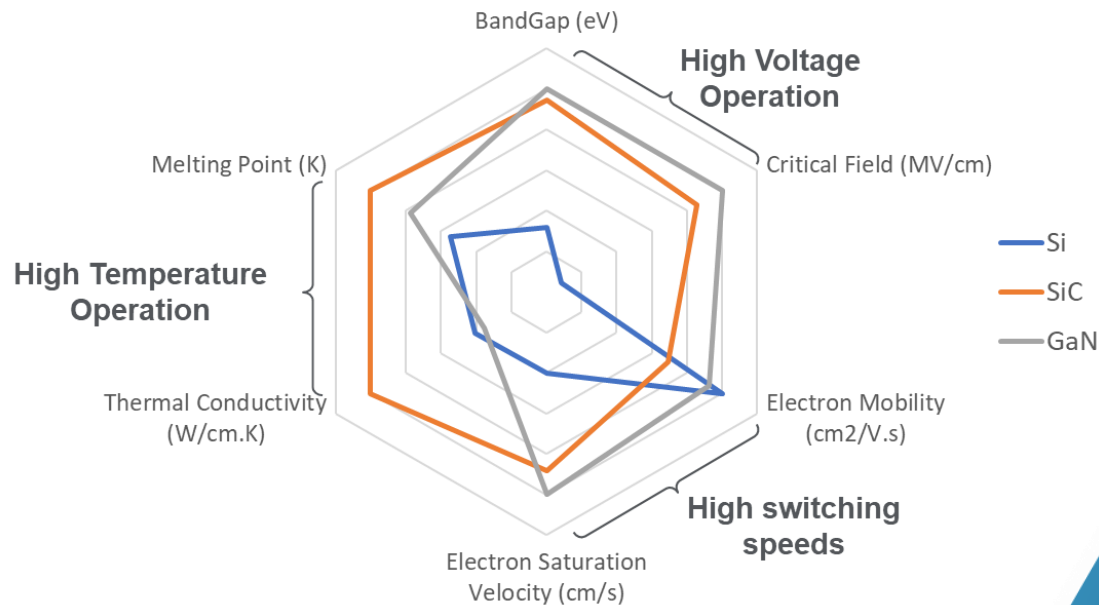


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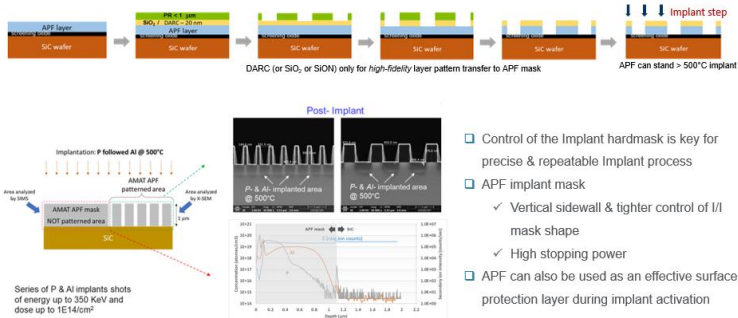
Time to market is key...

SiC scaling to 200mm slower than expected
GaN scaling to 200mm/300mm is challenging

Addressing SiC Device Challenges

Precise dopant control

Advanced Hard-Mask for Ion Implantation | APF



Surface Integrity

Surface protection during High Temp Anneal | APF as Carbon Cap

APF chemistry provides an excellent sidewall coverage → key enabler for advanced SiC trench devices

- ✓ Much less shrinkage than PR
- ✓ Tunable SiC step coverage
- ✓ Higher film quality along SiC trench sidewall
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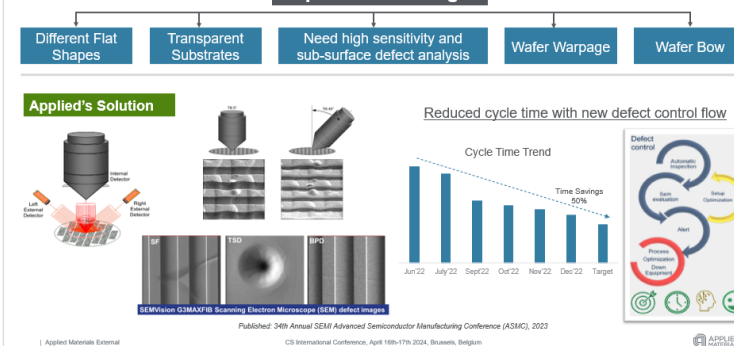
	Shrinkage	Conformality	Surface Protection
<p>Precoat</p> <p>Before high-T anneal After 1700°C – 30 min PR for PAB</p> <p>SiC 500 nm</p> <p>After 180°C - 2 hr SiC graphitized 12%</p> <p>SiC 500 nm</p>	<p>APF</p> <p>PR for PAB</p> <p>SiC 500 nm</p> <p>APF 70%</p> <p>SiC 500 nm</p>	<p>APF after 1850°C anneal</p> <p>500 nm</p>	<p>Surface Protection</p> <p>AFM scans of SiC surface post-ash[†] Anneal 1750°C – 30 min</p> <p>PR</p> <p>$R_q = 0.45\text{nm}$</p> <p>APF</p> <p>$R_q = 0.36\text{nm}$</p> <p>[†]O₂ plasma (RT) followed by RC1 → RC2 → BOE</p>
	Increased uptime of annealing furnace	Complete protection of trench sidewalls	Surface Protection during High Temp anneal

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Faster development cycle

Shortening SiC development Cycle | SEMVision

Inspection Challenges



Applied Producer® APF™



Applied Centura® Etch



Applied VIISTA® Implant

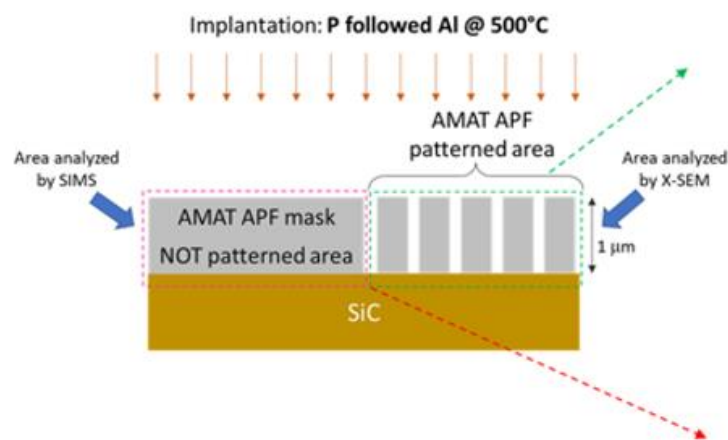
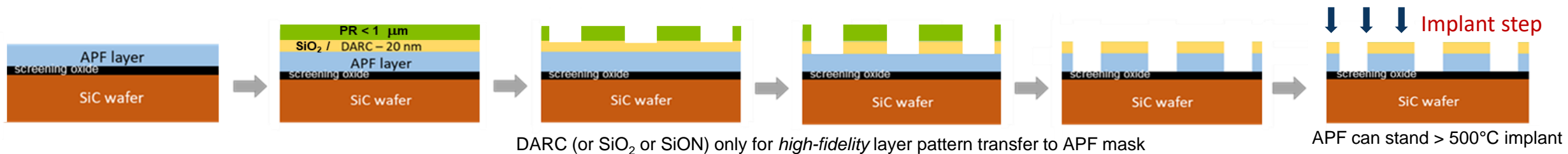


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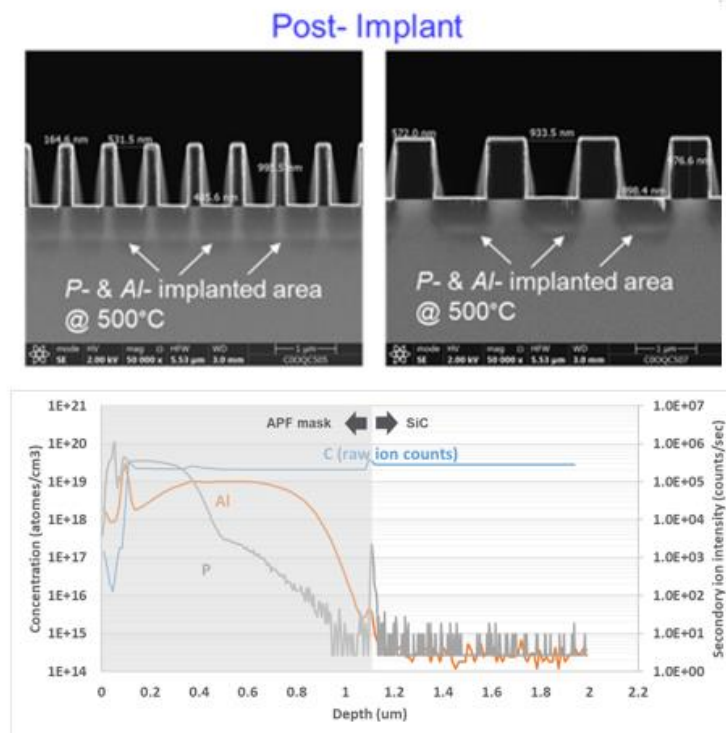


VeritySEM™ 6C

Advanced Hard-Mask for Ion Implantation | APF



Series of P & Al implants shots of energy up to 350 KeV and dose up to 1E14/cm²



- ❑ Control of the Implant hardmask is key for precise & repeatable Implant process
- ❑ APF implant mask
 - ✓ Vertical sidewall & tighter control of I/I mask shape
 - ✓ High stopping power
- ❑ APF can also be used as an effective surface protection layer during implant activation

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APF	<p>Pt for FIB</p> <p>As-dep</p> <p>SiC</p> <p>500 nm</p>	<p>APF</p> <p>500 nm</p> <p>APF after 1850C anneal</p>	

Increased Uptime of annealing furnace

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Different Flat Shapes

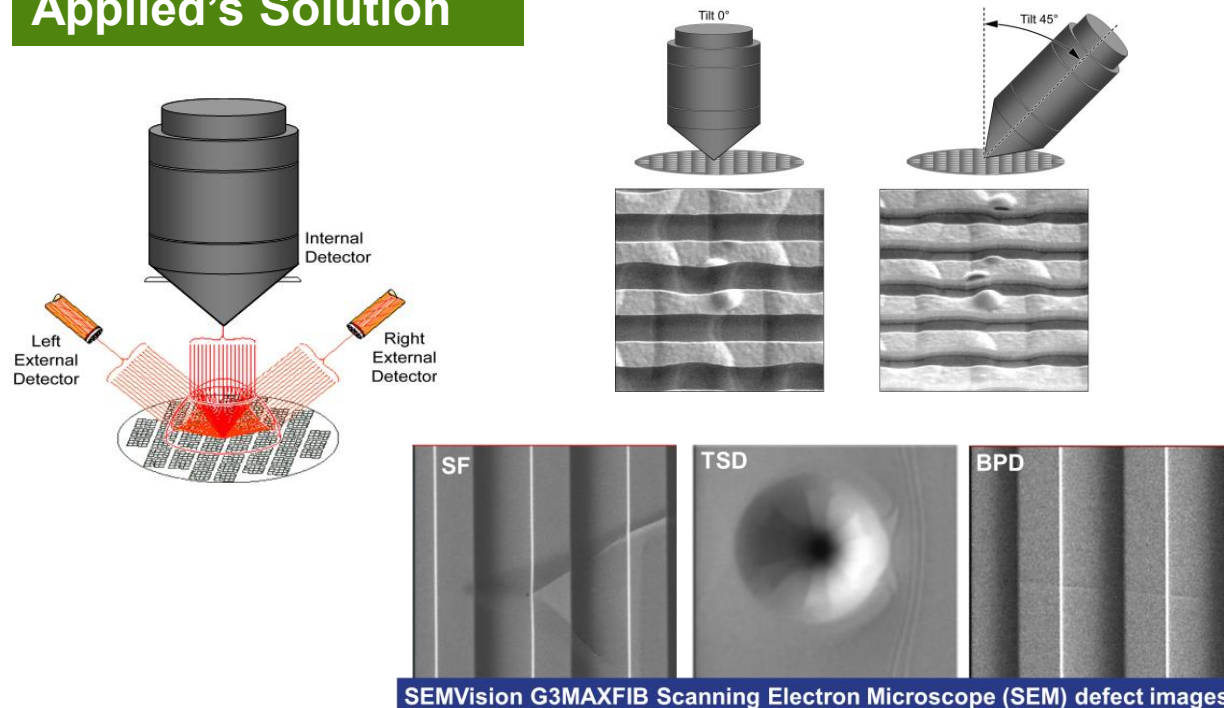
Transparent Substrates

Need high sensitivity and sub-surface defect analysis

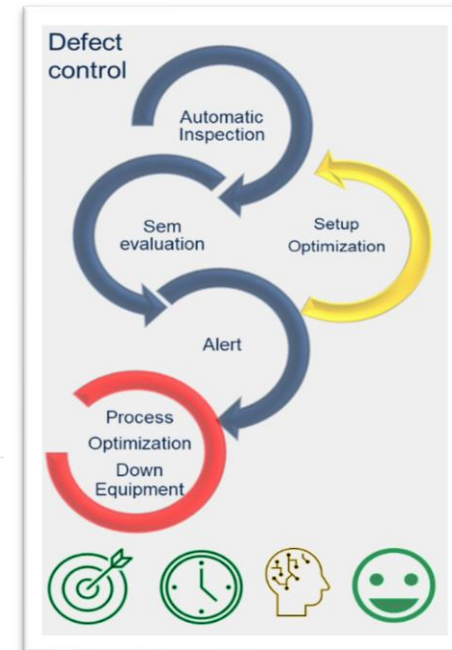
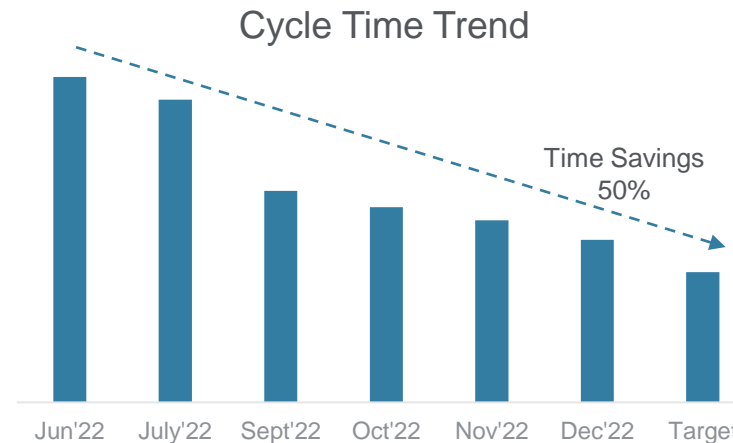
Wafer Warpage

Wafer Bow

Applied's Solution



Reduced cycle time with new defect control flow

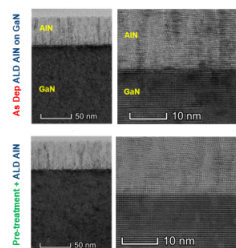


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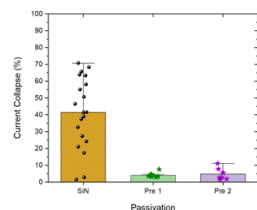
Device dynamic response

Improved dynamic characteristics | ALD Passivation



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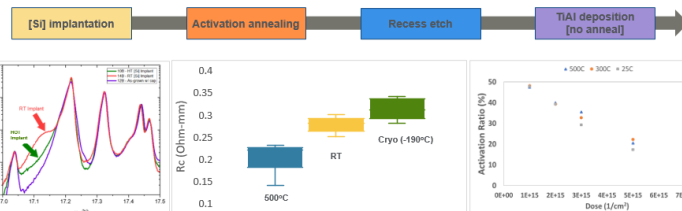
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Lower Parasitics

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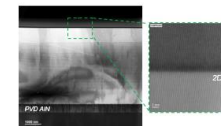
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Simplifying epi structures

Engineering GaN epi stack on Si | PVD AlN

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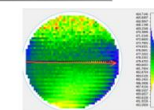
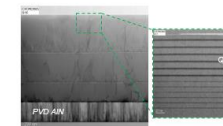


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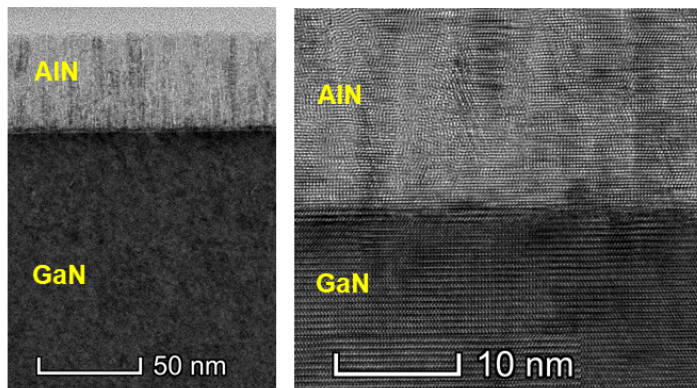
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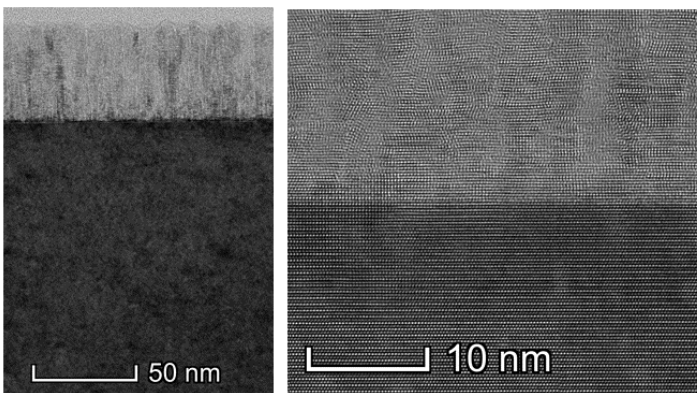
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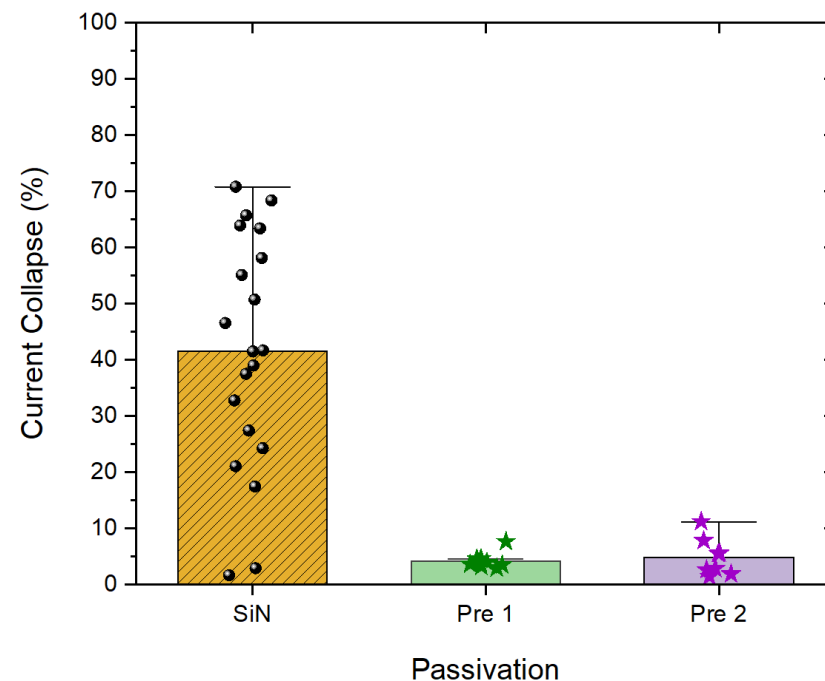


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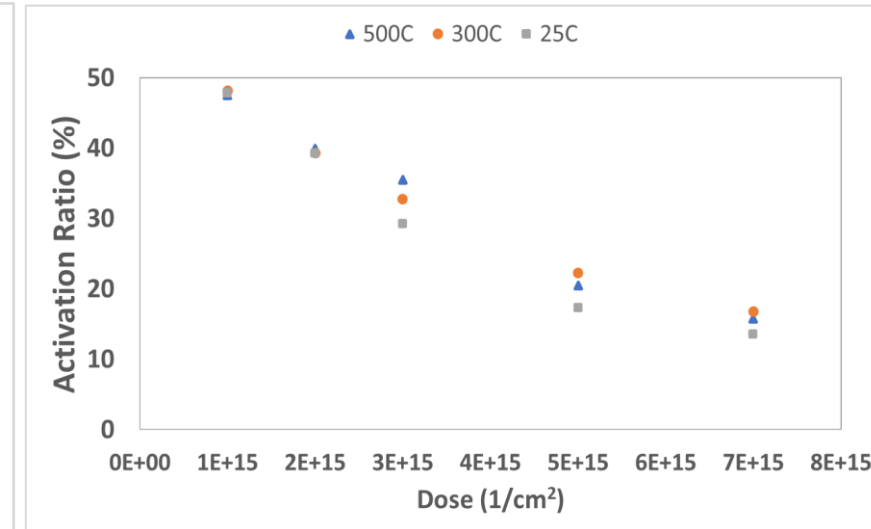
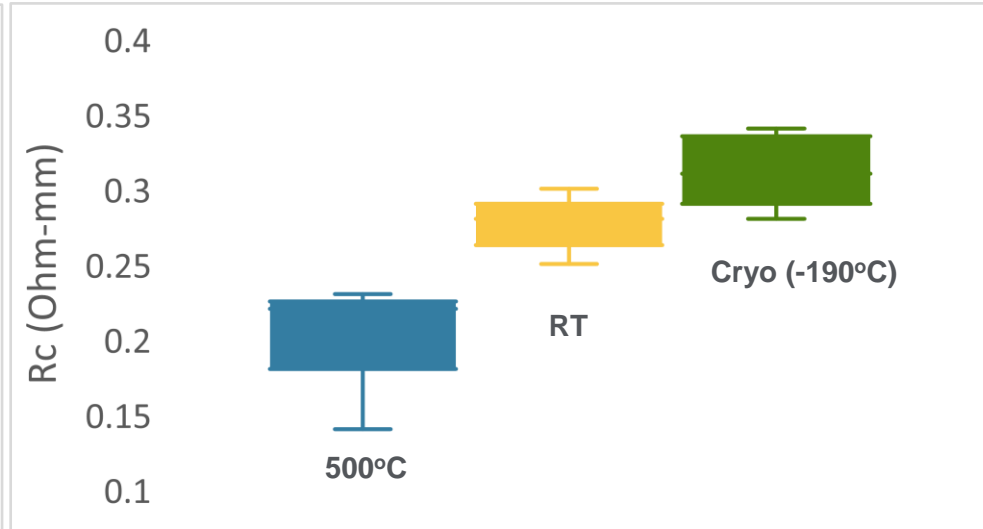
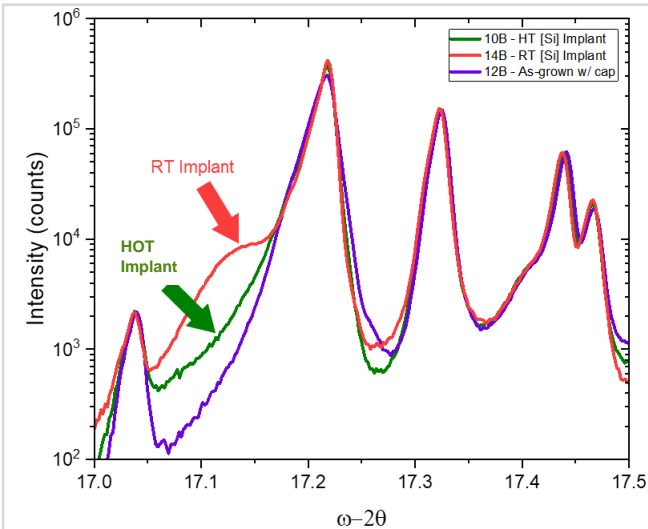
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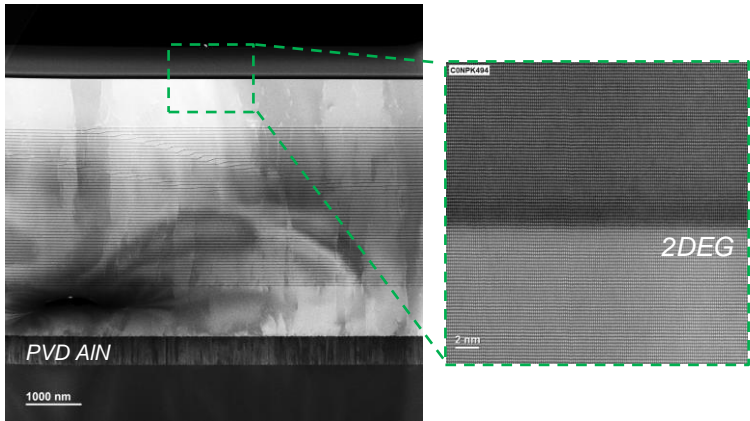


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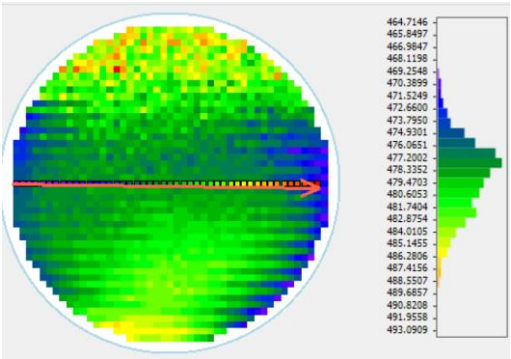
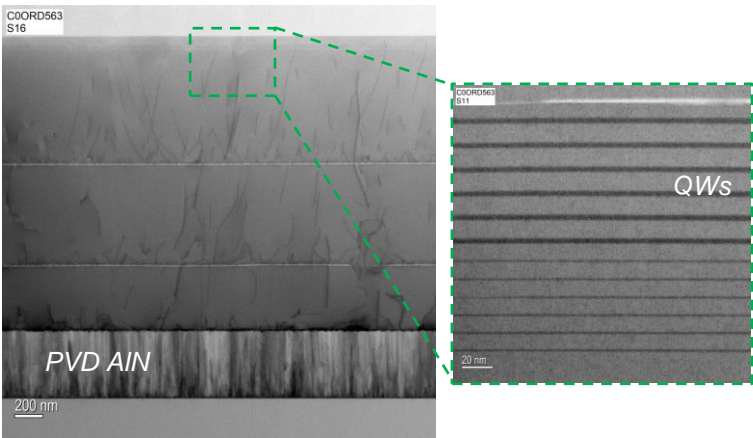
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Applied's HVM Solutions for SiC and GaN



Centura® Etch



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ComPLUS Inspection



Endura® PVD



Mirra® CMP



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Producer® CVD



Raider® Edge



Reveal™ Review



VIISta® Implant

Broadest Product Portfolio for Highest Level of Process Co-Optimization

GaN and SiC Processing on 150/200mm Wafers

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- High-temperature ion implantation for challenging material doping
- DRIE for high aspect ratio and smooth sidewalls without micro-trenching
- CVD oxides for lower interface trapping and higher carrier mobility
- ALD dielectrics for conformal and damage-free passivation
- PVD for ultra-pure frontside and backside metallization
- State-of-the-art wafer inspection and defect review
- Extensive service and support network

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