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SiC in a glance

SiC, the next exciting material in the automotive semiconductor market



Opportunities

- SiC application within the inverter **improves** the driving range **by 3-7%**
- The **high voltage resistance** enables shorter charging times.
- **Enables 400V+ architecture** (e.g. commercial vehicles will have 800V)

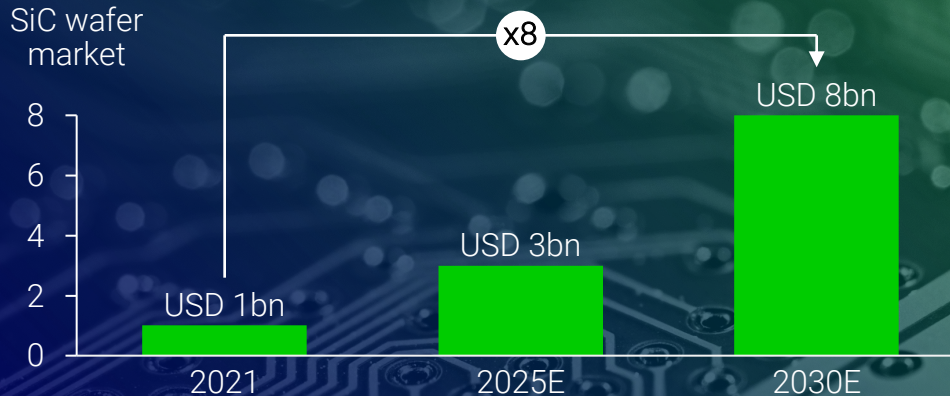


Challenges

- SiC is **more expensive** than normal Si since it is harder than Si → **higher handling costs**
- SiC devices are capable of operating at high switching frequencies, but in order to extract the full potential from these features, **innovative packaging is required** (e.g., CoolSiC™)

Automotive SiC market

Enormous growth expected for the
SiC automotive market

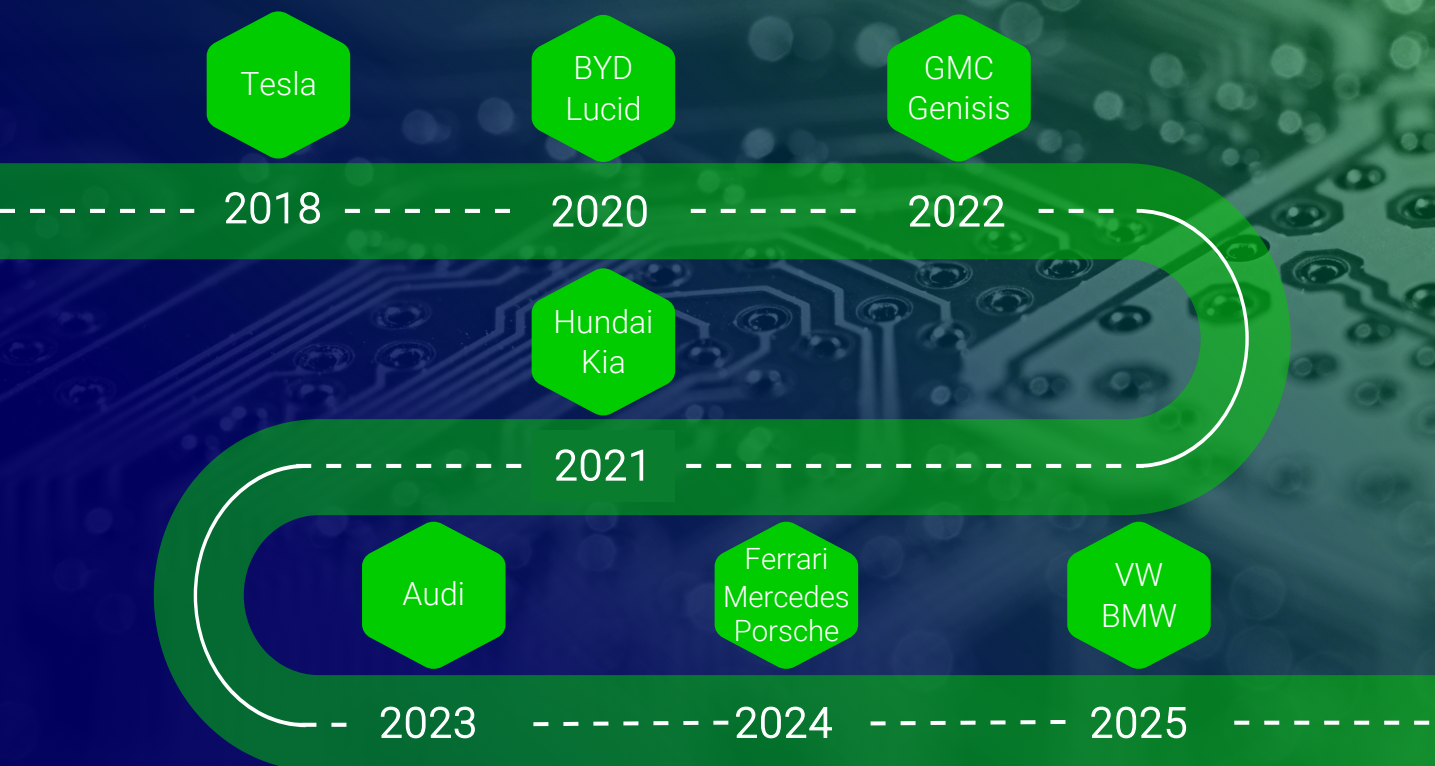


Interpretation:

- The automotive SiC market has a **CAGR >25%**. Step by step it will replace the current Si-based power electronics (e.g. the SiC wafer market is **only 0.1%** of the Si wafer market)
- From 2022/2023, high-volume SiC device manufacturers will begin to migrate from the current **150mm wafer** standard to **200mm**. This increasing the device yield and therefore **cost reductions**, making SiC increasingly competitive with Si.

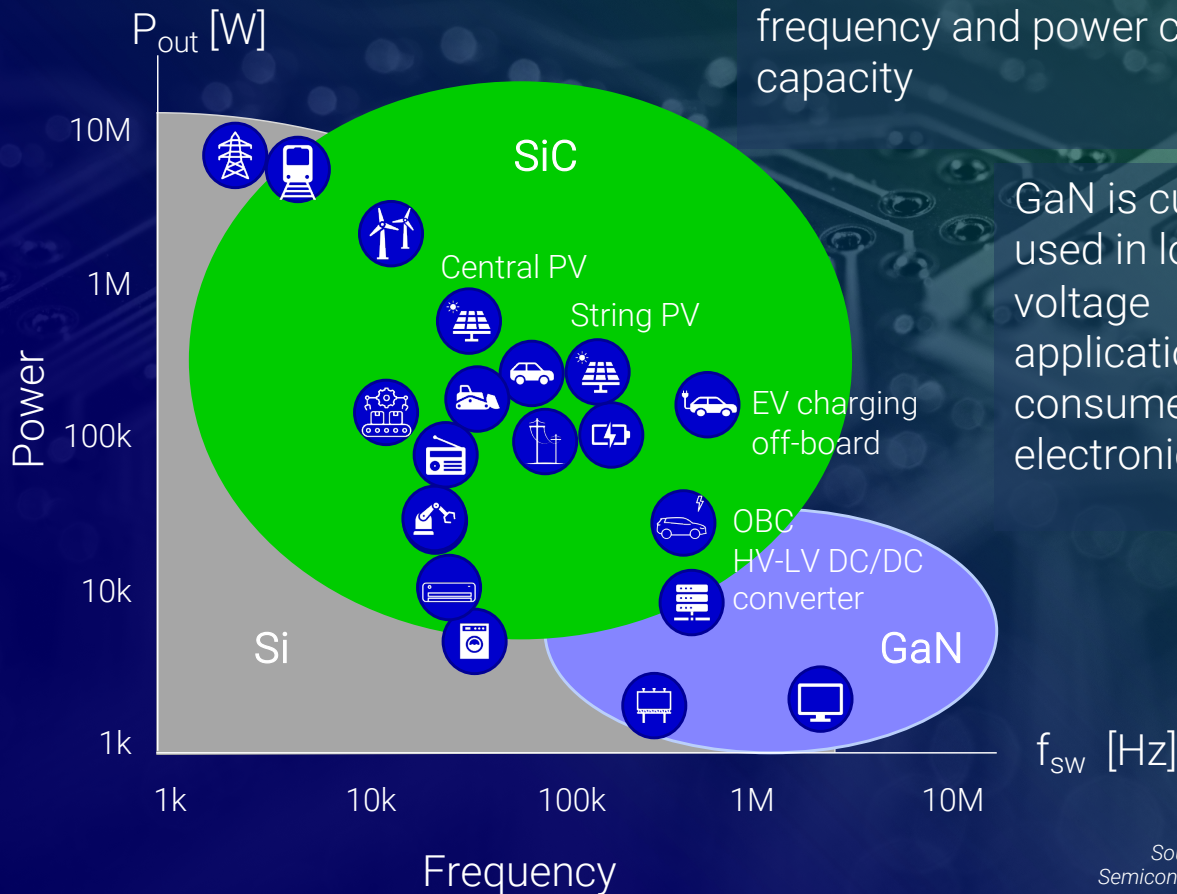
Market entry SiC (selection)

Timeline of automotive OEMs with components (e.g. inverter) including SiC



Application of Si, SiC, GaN

Wide bandgap materials positioning



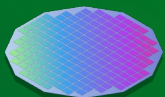
SiC is used in the automotive and PV industry - high switching frequency and power carrying capacity

GaN is currently used in low voltage applications like consumer electronics

SiC Value Chain

Different steps in the SiC value chain

SiC Wafer



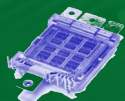
SiC wafers are produced with *Physical Vapor Transport* and must be sliced **with diamond cutting tools**. Hence, the handling costs are **~10x of Si**.

SiC Die



Technical parameters to differentiate the products from each other will be packaging technology and packaging design.

SiC Module



Multiple SiC MOSFETs are integrated into a **SiC Module**.

Components



Integration of the SiC module into a component (e.g. inverter, on-board-charger, or DC/DC-converter).

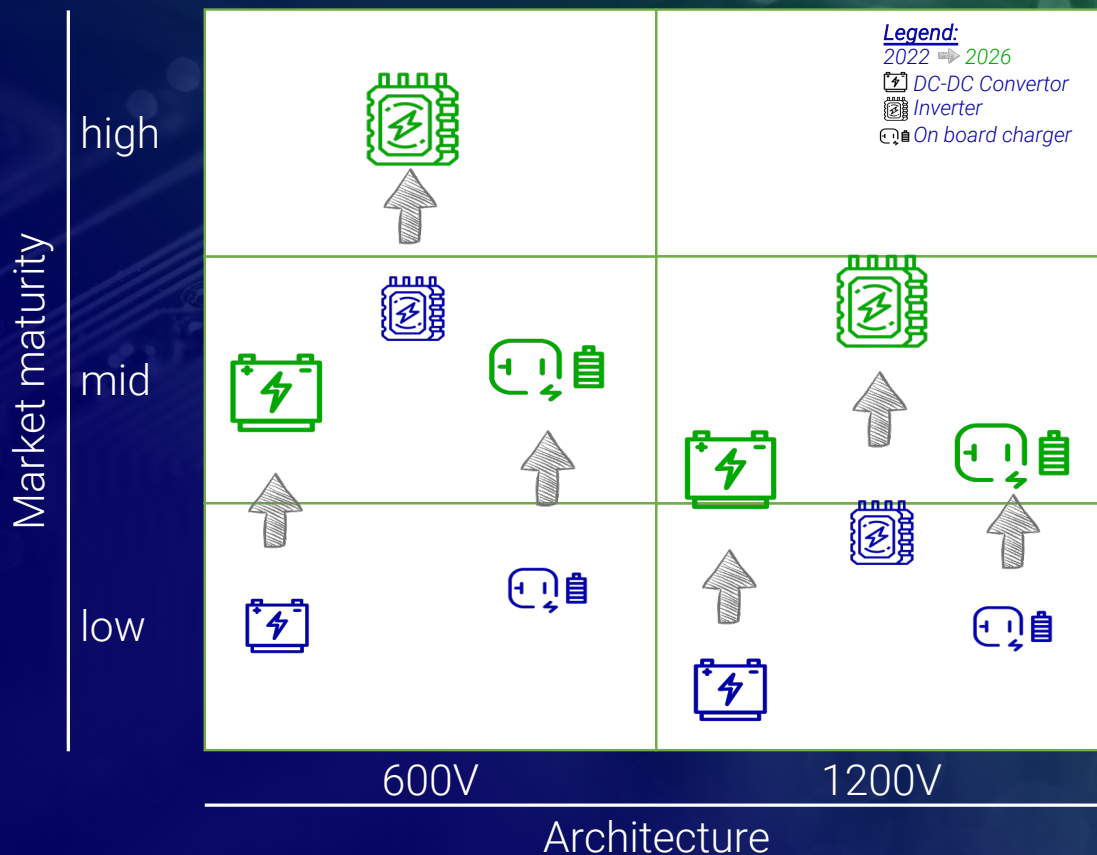
Vehicle



With the **increasing demand** for SiC in the next few years, OEMs are forming **strategic partnerships** in the value chain.

Auto. market development

When different components will shift to SiC and at what Voltage architecture



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List of abbreviations

Auto:	automotive
CAGR:	Compound Annual Growth Rate
DC:	Direct Current
EV:	Electric Vehicle
GaN:	Gallium Nitride
HV:	High Voltage
LV:	Low Voltage
MOSFET:	Metal–Oxide Semiconductor Field-Effect Transistor
OBC:	On Board-Charger
OEM:	Original Equipment Manufacturer
PV:	Photovoltaic
Si:	Silicon
SiC:	Silicon Carbide