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# PCIM 2020 – A leading Event for Innovations in Power Electronics Industry

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The first time in the more than 40 years PCIM history we have to reschedule the event due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The PCIM today is the leading technology platform for Power Electronics Professionals from Industry, Academia and public Organizations from across the globe engaged in moving power electronics industry ahead in the whole value added chain from

new materials to the next generation of power components, advanced packaging technology, full digital controlled power converters up to high level integrated Power Electronic Building Blocks (PEBB). Power Electronic itself is the driving technology for key elements of the global Megatrends e.g. Urbanization, Climate change and Digitalization. Further urbanization depends very strong on Smart home & office (DC-Grid) and full scale integrated transportation systems incl. electric and autonomous driving. To stop the Climate Chance we have to enforce the further development of sustainable Energy Supply by Renewables, to improve the energy efficiency in the whole chain of energy flow incl. the consumer equipment and go for a full Electric Society. The digitalization of our society contributes significantly to self-learning systems in our aging population, factory automation, safe and reliable power supply infrastructure from state grid to smart homes, shopping centers as well as the tremendous increase in data centers and health monitoring in all power electronic systems. To serve all of this fields of applications power electronics has become a very innovative technical discipline and thus very attractive for engineer's and the whole power electronics industry. Initiated and directed by these new fields of applications within the last 2 decades we had a complete renewal of power electronics industry and from 2010 to 2019 nine consecutive years of more than 10% annual growth rate. Last year there was a slow down due to political reasons -like trade negotiations between USA and China, Brexit outcome, etc. - and this year we are suffering from an impact of COVID-19 pandemic.

Today we see the first sign that the economy is picking up again. From the history we know that any economic slowdown is triggering new innovations which will be launched in the market during the next upturn. The power semiconductor market prognosis is always a mirror for the power electronics industry. Nevertheless starting from this year the forecast up to 2030 of all market research Institutions show a very nice development of the power semiconductor market revenue. In the next decade the power semiconductor devices based on Si material is having a growth rate of more than 60 % - from 27 Bill US \$ today to up to 38 Bill in 2030. It's also interesting to see that Sibased devices are still having a nice further development potential and many companies investing in new production facilities such as the 300mm Wafer fabs. Si based devices will remain the driving force for most application in power electronics mass market. Of course – and this is also a mirror of this year's PCIM conference - WBG Devices are on top of the technology development. In the meantime we see many emerging applications for WB Devices with outstanding performance and cost benefits on the system level. According the market forecast within the next decade we will have an increase in the revenue by a factor of 12 from 250 Mill US \$ today up to 3 Bill in 2030. 2/3 will be SiC Components and 1/3 GaN Devices.

In addition we have to learn that some segments we are serving with power electronics components and systems are strong governmental regulated e.g. renewable energy generation and E-Mobility. The first push in E-mobility is driven by governmental bonus payments. The free open market will depend very strong on the availability of charging infrastructures, driving range of the car, lifetime of energy storage device and mass production of affordable cars.

For this year PCIM conference again we have seen an increase in the number and quality of papers submitted, and selected the best and most important for inclusion in the program of oral and poster presentations. At this year's event, special focus is paid on technologies for future energy supply systems, E-Mobility including the infrastructure and SMART Battery Management Systems, advanced power converters driven by efficiency and power density. The drivers for these applications include advanced power semiconductor devices based on Si and WBG materials, new materials to improve device and system reliability, and pioneering research on managing parasitic effects in the package and circuit set up. Presentations on intelligent driving of these ultrafast switching devices, digital controlled power converter topologies and control techniques in intelligent motion systems form the backbone of the PCIM Europe Conference. More than 40% of the presentations are covering WBG devices and related emerging application of these. Advanced integrated cooling concepts with new materials on the one side to match the CTE and on the other side with significant elevated operating temperatures. A hot topic this year will be the discussion on ruggedness and reliability of power devices. The first time we implemented a special session on additive manufacturing and 3D printed electronics for ECU's (electronic control units). A special highlight will be Energy storage systems including Battery Management systems and strategies for Battery Lifetime Maximization.

I am convinced that with its high level technical program and discussion platform this year's PCIM Europe Conference will provide you with an overview of the key technology development trends in power electronics and inspire you to pursue new business opportunities.

I wish you an enjoyable and successful conference packed with new ideas for your future business.

Take care and stay healthy, Prof. Dr. Lorenz

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## Detailed Statistics on the PCIM Europe 2019

An increase of visitors and exhibitors as well as high satisfaction rates on all sides confirm that the PCIM Europe, the leading international Exhibition and Conference for Power Electronics and its applications, was a great success.

With 12,182 visitors and 515 exhibitors, this year's PCIM Europe that took place on 7 – 9 May in Nuremberg registered another record result. As far as the Conference is concerned, the numbers were on the same level as the

previous year, showing a slight upward trend with 804 international delegates.

More than half of this year's exhibiting companies are based outside of Germany; the number of American enterprises was a remarkable 14%. Furthermore, China, Italy, Great Britain, France and Japan were strongly represented. 76% of the exhibitors rated the PCIM Europe "good" or "very good" and they praised, in particular, the quality of trade visitors at their booths as well as the organization of the event.

The international trade visitors (46%) predominantly came from German-speaking countries, but also from Italy, Great Britain, France and the USA, the large proportion of decision-makers (79%) mirroring the superior quality of the clientele. 93% of the visitors would recommend the PCIM Europe to others and 75% of them intend to attend the exhibition again next year. Information on new products and trends was the most frequently mentioned objective (74%), followed by exchanging knowledge and experiences (62%), gaining an overview of the market (61%) and maintaining existing / establishing new business relations (57% and 55% respectively).



















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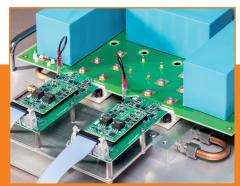
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#### N-series 1200V SiC-MOSFET

#### New discrete SiC MOSFET in TO-247 package

Mitsubishi Electric added the new N-series SiC MOSFETs to the product portfolio. The line-up is divided into three ratings (RDSon =  $22~\text{m}\Omega$ ,  $40~\text{m}\Omega$ ,  $80~\text{m}\Omega$ ) in the TO-247 package with a blocking voltage of 1200V, which are optionally qualified according to the AEC-Q101 standards. The N-series SiC MOSFETs can be used in applications like solar inverters and on-board chargers for electromobility.



#### SI IMDIP-W

#### DIPIPM with RC-IGBT in SLIMDIP package

The high-switching frequency optimized SLIMDIP-W module for home appliances has been released. The integrated drivers and protection functions combined with the RC-IGBT offer a reliable and compact solution for a short time-to-market. The module has a rated 600V blocking voltage and a rated current of 15A.



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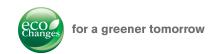
Mitsubishi Electric's highlights of Si and SiC power modules in a wide range of applications for a greener tomorrow.

#### Tue, 07.07.2020, 11:00 am

- 3.3 kV and 6.5 kV; high power modules with SiC technology
- 7th gen industrial IGBT modules: delivering excellent performance and high reliability
- SLIMDIP-W, a fully integrated motor driver for high switching frequencies
- SiC technology when the future becomes a reality

#### Wed, 08.07.2020, 11:00 am

- Power modules for high power and high voltage applications.
   Continuously striving for perfection
- Industrial LV100, the next generation standard for high power
- DIPIPM product family; green power devices for white goods
- SiC discrete power devices as a flexible and efficient solution for modern applications technology, overview of portfolio



## A Lifetime in Power Electronics

My interest in electronics started with the my brother's electric train set – when I was a five years old! That was in the middle of the last century. After becoming an engineer, I spent a quarter of a century in electronic design and applications. During that time I signed on to serve and support PCIM Europe as an advisory board member. I had a great time, starting in the 80s, working with Gerd and Christine Zieroth, the owners and organizers of the Conference and Show, including the PCIM Europe magazine.

My first contact with PCIM Europe was in the very early days in Munich at the Hilton Hotel. The conference was with simultaneous translation into the local languages of attendees. The exhibitors were on a few dozen table tops in the car park of the hotel. Shortly after that PCIM Europe stopped moving around; Nuremberg became the permanent place for PCIM Europe, and that has continued for more than three decades. Since these early days the conference language has been English. The few table tops have expanded to fill four auditoriums.



Power Electronics has become increasingly important, and an emphasis has emerged on improving efficiency. MOSFETs largely replaced bipolar transistors, and then IGBTs were a key innovation in the early 80s. Module packaging development evolved to better serve system requirements. Great improvements have been realized in system efficiency.

During this time I worked for RCA - that became GE, then Harris Semiconductor. We introduced the IGBT into Europe. RCA had called the new device a COMFET, which was in many ways a very apt name, but a joint Committee (JEDEC) compromised on "IGBT". The first volume design that I assisted in (also a first for the world) was a 10 amp device in a variable speed motor drive for a household kitchen appliance at Braun. That technology was based on silicon and is very much still in use.



Now, wide band gap devices show more potential to reduce losses. We have gallium-nitrate (GaN) covering the voltage range up to about 1000 volts and silicon-carbide covering a range from 1000 volts up to several kilo volts. The emphasis in Power Electronics is moving on from silicon - a sea-change is underway.

But PCIM Europe remains as the place for engineers to come together to discuss these technologies, and the progress in system implementation. PCIM Europe, started by Myron Miller in 1979, gave power electronics an identity. Before PCIM, the main interest of the semiconductor industry was focused on the functionality of IC designs.

We all have to work for a better World for our children. Modern electronics helps pave the way in this. The challenges in life are always unknown. The corona virus has taught the world to minimize physical contact, so large events have been cancelled, including PCIM Europe.

For the first time after many decades we will not meet personally in Nuremberg for the Conference and Show. The plan by the current PCIM Europe organizer is a virtual conference and show in July.

I will have my podium discussion, that was planned for May, now virtually in July. Stay tuned to attend the session about wide-band-gap devices – it will be on

Wednesday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of July

at 12:00 -12:45 for SiC and at 12:45 -13:30 for GaN.

I am looking forward to "getting together" with you – yes the format is a new challenge, but technology change is an eternal subject.

Continuing through Corona-times, my magazine will present information, always on time, in print and digitally. Bodo's magazine is delivered by postal service to all places in the world. It is the only magazine that spreads technical information on power electronics globally on a monthly basis. You will find all of our content optimized for mobile devices on www.bodospower.com.

Best regards Bodo

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Felipe Filsecker, Application Engineer for Power Devices at ROHM Semiconductor Europe, speaks about ROHM's solutions for electric vehicle air-conditioning systems. The webinar targets OEMs that are now thinking of expanding their portfolio to new products, such as high-voltage heaters and e-compressors.

#### Wednesday, 8th July, 2pm CEST Gate driving of SIC power devices and ROHM solution

Vikneswaran Thayumanasamy, Application Engineer for Gate Drivers at ROHM Semiconductor Europe, explains SiC power device gate driving challenges and the corresponding solutions ROHM provides.

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## Bodo's Podium



**12:00** — **12:45** 8 July '20

## SiC-Devices - The Game Changers

Language: ENG

30 mins. Presentation + 15 mins. Live Q&A Session

Efficiency is the most important game changer in systems. Wide Band Gap power semiconductors have paved the way. 16 experts from leading Industry will be part of the presentations and discussions about usage of Wide Band Gap power Semiconductors. 8 experts will present About SiC for the first session and another 8 experts will do the GaN. Efficiency is what counts first in the game.

#### Invited speakers:

Guy Moxey, Wolfspeed

Anup Bhalla, UnitedSiC

Hugo Guzmán, Littelfuse

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Andrei Mihaila, ABB

Peter Friedrichs, Infineon

Jan Huijink, WeEn

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12:45 - 13:30

8 July '20

## **GaN-Devices**- The Game Changers

Language: ENG

30 mins. Presentation + 15 mins. Live Q&A Session

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<u>Invited speakers:</u>

Alex Lidow, EPC

Philip Zuk, Transphorm

Tim McDonald, Infineon

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### PCIM Asia 2020 Postponed to November

The organisers of PCIM Asia have confirmed that the 2020 edition of the fair will now take place from 16 – 18 November due in part to disruptions to international travel resulting from the COVID-19 outbreak. Scheduled to take place in early July in Shanghai, the exhibition and conference for power electronics, intelligent motion, renewable energy and energy management will now be held four months later, remaining at the Shanghai World Expo Exhibition and Convention Center.



Mr Louis Leung, Deputy General Manager of Guangzhou Guangya Messe Frankfurt Co Ltd commented on the decision: "We have been working tirelessly over the last few months to try to keep the original July date, but

after consulting with our stakeholders, we believe it is best to delay the fair until later in the year to minimise the risk, while the autumn timing will help to facilitate the industry's recovery. Especially given the worldwide profile of the exhibitors and conference speakers, postponing the fair until November gives us more confidence that we can host a well-rounded, international event at this time. These extra few months will ensure that more of our overseas stakeholders can travel to Shanghai at this time. Furthermore, given PCIM Europe 2020 will now take place digitally from 7 – 8 July, we feel it's important to provide a meeting place this year to further assist with the industry's recovery."

PCIM Asia is a specialised event for power electronics, intelligent motion, renewable energy and energy management. In 2019, the fair hosted 81 exhibitors and 6,358 visitors from around the world, while 46 papers were presented to 407 attendees at the concurrent PCIM Asia Conference. Mr Leung continued: "Earlier in the year both the exhibitor and visitor registrations for the fair were tracking around 15-20% ahead of last year, while we also expected the conference participation to increase, however with the COVID-19 outbreak the situation will now be different. We are still confident however that the November date will be a success as the industry will be looking to bounce back as things return to normal later in the year."



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