**Smart Material Selection for Chip Design – Case Study**

**Chapter 1 – Introduction**

**1.1 Background**

As the demand for smarter, smaller, and more energy-efficient electronic devices grows, **semiconductor material selection** has become a core challenge in chip design. No longer is silicon (Si) the only option. The rise of **wide bandgap (WBG) materials** — primarily **Gallium Nitride (GaN)** and **Silicon Carbide (SiC)** — has introduced new design paradigms across industries from consumer electronics to electric vehicles and industrial automation.

Each material possesses distinct **electrical, thermal, and physical characteristics** that make it more or less suitable for specific system-level requirements such as voltage range, switching frequency, thermal stress, and size constraints.

**1.2 The Challenge of Material-Aware Design**

Design engineers are increasingly required to think not only in terms of **circuit performance**, but also in terms of **material-level trade-offs**. Choosing the wrong material can lead to:

* Increased switching/conduction losses
* Overheating or over-engineering of cooling systems
* Higher cost or unneeded performance margins
* Reduced long-term reliability

Thus, **smart material selection** — aligning material properties with functional requirements — is essential for delivering optimal designs.

**1.3 Objective of the Case Study**

This case study presents a practical decision framework for semiconductor material selection based on **three real-world chip design scenarios**, each with different technical constraints:

1. **Fast Charging Adapter** → Requires high frequency and compact size → **GaN**
2. **Electric Vehicle Inverter** → Needs high voltage and heat tolerance → **SiC**
3. **Consumer Logic IC** → Prioritizes cost and compatibility → **Si**

**1.4 The Rise of Wide Bandgap Materials**

| **Material** | **Bandgap (eV)** | **Breakdown Field (MV/cm)** | **Thermal Conductivity (W/m·K)** | **Saturation Velocity (cm/s)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Si** | 1.12 | 0.3 | 150 | 1 × 10⁷ |
| **GaN** | 3.4 | 3.3 | 130 | 2.5 × 10⁷ |
| **SiC** | 3.26 | 3.0 | 490 | 2.0 × 10⁷ |

**Table 1.1** – Comparison of fundamental material properties

These fundamental differences are what allow GaN and SiC to perform significantly better than Si in **high-frequency** or **high-voltage** applications. However, with these benefits come challenges in **cost, packaging, and design complexity**.

**1.5 Suggested Visual – Radar Chart**

You can illustrate the normalized material comparison using a radar chart:

| **Axis** | **Si** | **GaN** | **SiC** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Bandgap | 0.3 | 1.0 | 0.96 |
| Breakdown Field | 0.09 | 1.0 | 0.91 |
| Thermal Conduct. | 0.31 | 0.26 | 1.0 |
| Saturation Vel. | 0.4 | 1.0 | 0.8 |

Use these normalized values to plot radar charts in Excel, Python, or Canva:

*Figure 1.1 – Normalized comparison of Si, GaN, and SiC based on key physical properties*  
*(Note: image illustrative – can be replaced with your own chart)*

**1.6 Conclusion of the Introduction**

Choosing the **right semiconductor material** is not just a matter of performance — it's about matching the **material’s strength to the system’s need**. This report offers a guided path for selecting the most suitable material using **application-specific analysis**, enabling engineers to design smarter, smaller, and more efficient semiconductor chips.

**Chapter 2 – Materials Overview**

**2.1 Introduction**

The selection of semiconductor materials in chip design begins with a deep understanding of their **intrinsic physical, thermal, and electrical characteristics**. While **Silicon (Si)** has dominated for decades, the emergence of **Gallium Nitride (GaN)** and **Silicon Carbide (SiC)** — both classified as **wide bandgap (WBG)** semiconductors — has enabled new levels of efficiency, switching speed, and thermal resilience.

This chapter provides a **property-by-property analysis** of these three materials, highlighting their differences and what makes each one more suitable for specific types of semiconductor applications.

**2.2 Material 1: Silicon (Si)**

**🔹 Overview:**

* **Bandgap**: 1.12 eV
* **Status**: Most mature and widely used
* **Wafer sizes**: Scalable up to 300 mm
* **Process compatibility**: CMOS, analog, digital, mixed-signal

**🔹 Strengths:**

* Inexpensive and highly available
* Extensive fabrication and foundry ecosystem
* Ideal for low- to medium-power logic and analog applications

**🔹 Limitations:**

* Low breakdown voltage (0.3 MV/cm)
* Poor performance under high switching frequency or high thermal stress
* Cannot scale to next-gen power electronics needs (e.g., EVs, high-density DC/DC converters)

**2.3 Material 2: Gallium Nitride (GaN)**

**🔹 Overview:**

* **Bandgap**: 3.4 eV
* **Key strength**: High-speed switching, low parasitic capacitance
* **Form**: Often GaN-on-Si or GaN-on-SiC
* **Target**: Consumer electronics, telecom, cloud infrastructure

**🔹 Strengths:**

* Enables compact, high-efficiency power systems
* Reduces size of inductors and capacitors in converters
* High saturation velocity → efficient at MHz+ frequencies
* Suitable for high-speed, low-voltage switching

**🔹 Limitations:**

* Expensive and more difficult to manufacture than Si
* Packaging is more complex (thermal paths and gate drive control)
* Device reliability and yield still under development for mass production

**2.4 Material 3: Silicon Carbide (SiC)**

**🔹 Overview:**

* **Bandgap**: 3.26 eV
* **Primary advantage**: Handles extreme voltages and temperatures
* **Form**: Native SiC wafers (vs GaN-on-Si hybrids)
* **Use cases**: EV traction inverters, industrial power, solar inverters

**🔹 Strengths:**

* High breakdown electric field (~3.0 MV/cm)
* Excellent thermal conductivity (~490 W/m·K)
* Reliable under harsh mechanical and thermal stress
* Used in high-voltage MOSFETs, Schottky diodes, and modules

**🔹 Limitations:**

* Expensive to grow and process
* More complex etching and doping processes than Si
* Not suited for low-voltage or small-signal logic

**2.5 Summary Comparison Table**

| **Property** | **Silicon (Si)** | **Gallium Nitride (GaN)** | **Silicon Carbide (SiC)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Bandgap (eV) | 1.12 | 3.4 | 3.26 |
| Breakdown Electric Field (MV/cm) | 0.3 | 3.3 | 3.0 |
| Thermal Conductivity (W/m·K) | 150 | 130 | 490 |
| Electron Mobility (cm²/V·s) | ~1400 | ~1500 | ~1000 |
| Saturation Velocity (cm/s) | 1.0 × 10⁷ | 2.5 × 10⁷ | 2.0 × 10⁷ |
| Cost (relative) | Low | High | High |
| Maturity | ✅ Established | 🚀 Emerging | 🔧 Growing |

**Table 2.1 – Comparative Properties of Si, GaN, and SiC**

**2.6 Recommended Visual: Property Bar Chart**

You may create bar charts to visualize:

* **Bandgap**
* **Breakdown Field**
* **Thermal Conductivity**
* **Saturation Velocity**

These can be created in Excel, Python, or Canva for inclusion in slides and reports.

Example (conceptual only):

*Figure 2.1 – Bar chart comparing bandgap energy across Si, GaN, and SiC*

**2.7 Conclusion**

The right semiconductor material is not chosen solely based on performance metrics, but on how those metrics **align with system constraints and goals**. While Silicon remains the industry backbone, GaN and SiC enable applications previously unattainable by Si, particularly in **high voltage, high frequency, and thermally demanding environments**.

This understanding sets the foundation for the **application-based case studies** explored in the next chapters.

**Chapter 3 – Case Study 1: Fast Charging Adapter**

**3.1 Application Background**

Modern consumer electronics, such as smartphones and laptops, increasingly demand **high-wattage fast charging adapters**. Devices like USB-C Power Delivery (PD) chargers now range from 20W to 140W, often packed into extremely compact enclosures. These requirements have forced a rethinking of **power converter design**, especially in terms of **switching frequency**, **power density**, and **thermal performance**.

**3.2 System Design Priorities**

A typical fast charging adapter prioritizes:

* **High switching frequency** (>100 kHz to MHz range)
* **Reduced size and weight** (compact form factor)
* **High energy efficiency** (low switching and conduction losses)
* **Thermal management** in limited air-cooled environments
* **Regulatory compliance** on EMI and safety

These requirements directly impact material choice at the **power switch level** (e.g., MOSFET or HEMT).

**3.3 Evaluation of Material Candidates**

| **Material** | **Strengths** | **Limitations** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Silicon (Si)** | Mature, low cost | High gate charge, slower switching, higher losses |
| **Silicon Carbide (SiC)** | High voltage, excellent thermal | Overkill for low-voltage consumer apps, costly |
| **Gallium Nitride (GaN)** | ✅ High frequency, low capacitance, compact | More expensive, packaging complexity |

**3.4 Why GaN is Optimal for Fast Chargers**

**✅ Key Advantages:**

* **High-speed switching** → Enables MHz-range operation
* **Low gate and output capacitance** → Minimizes switching loss
* **Reduces size of passive components** → Smaller inductors and capacitors
* **Operates efficiently at high frequencies** → Improves power density
* **Lower on-resistance and lower parasitic capacitance** than Si MOSFETs

**⚠ Challenges (but manageable):**

* Requires specific **GaN gate drivers**
* **Packaging** requires careful thermal design
* Slightly higher cost per device (but offset by savings in size, cooling)

**3.5 Real-World Commercial Adoption**

| **Brand** | **Charger** | **Power Output** | **Notes** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Apple | 140W GaN Charger | 140W USB-C | Ultra-compact; supports MacBook Pro |
| Anker | Nano II Series | 30W–100W | Uses GaN to reduce charger size by ~40% |
| Baseus | GaNPro Series | Up to 120W | Multi-port GaN chargers for laptops & phones |

These designs consistently utilize **GaN FETs** (e.g., GaN Systems, Navitas, Infineon CoolGaN) to deliver high efficiency in a small form factor.

**3.6 Recommended Visual – Comparison Diagram**

| **Parameter** | **Si** | **GaN** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Switching Frequency (kHz) | <150 | >1000 |
| Power Density (W/in³) | ~10–15 | ~30–50 |
| On-Resistance (mΩ) | 100+ | <30 |
| Gate Charge (nC) | High | Low |
| Package Size (for 100W) | Large | Small |

You can visualize this with a **clustered bar chart** or side-by-side infographic in Canva/Excel.

**3.7 Summary of Decision**

| **Category** | **Evaluation** |
| --- | --- |
| Application Type | USB-C Fast Charging (≤140W) |
| Voltage Range | 20–48V |
| Thermal Envelope | Limited (air cooled) |
| Best Fit Material | ✅ **GaN** |
| Reason | High frequency, efficiency, compactness |

**3.8 Conclusion**

In fast charging applications, where **compactness and efficiency** are paramount, **GaN outperforms both Si and SiC**. The advantages in switching performance and form factor reduction outweigh its cost and packaging complexity. As such, **GaN is the smart material choice for next-generation fast charging power adapters**.

**Chapter 4 – Case Study 2: Electric Vehicle Power Inverter**

**4.1 Application Background**

Electric vehicles (EVs) rely heavily on **power inverters** to convert DC battery power into three-phase AC to drive the electric motor. These inverters must handle **high voltages (400–800V)** and **large currents (hundreds of amps)** while operating under demanding **thermal and mechanical conditions**.

In the EV context, **efficiency, heat dissipation, and reliability** are mission-critical — affecting range, battery life, and safety.

**4.2 System Design Requirements**

An EV power inverter must support:

* **High voltage operation** (400V to 800V+ systems)
* **High current output** (100–600A)
* **Wide ambient temperature range** (–40°C to +125°C)
* **Compact size & weight**
* **Long-term durability** (10+ years or 1 million+ km)
* **Low switching losses** at medium-high frequencies (10–50 kHz)

**4.3 Material Evaluation**

| **Material** | **Strengths** | **Limitations** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Si** | Low cost, mature | Poor thermal performance, high switching loss |
| **GaN** | High frequency | Low voltage (<650V), limited for traction drives |
| **SiC** | ✅ High voltage, excellent thermal, proven in EVs | Higher cost, more complex processing |

**4.4 Why SiC is Optimal for EV Inverters**

**✅ Key Advantages:**

* **High breakdown voltage** → Enables thinner, more efficient structures for 800V battery systems
* **Excellent thermal conductivity** → Reduces cooling system size and cost
* **High switching speed with lower losses** → Improves motor efficiency and overall vehicle range
* **Robust under mechanical vibration and wide temperature changes**
* **Scalability** → Suitable for 400V, 800V, and 1200V systems

**4.5 Real-World Industry Examples**

| **OEM / Brand** | **Model** | **Technology Used** | **Notes** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Tesla** | Model 3 | SiC MOSFET inverter | Supplied by STMicroelectronics |
| **BYD** | Han EV | SiC full bridge | Integrated into traction inverter |
| **Lucid Motors** | Air | SiC-based powertrain | Enables >500 miles range |
| **Hyundai / Kia** | Ioniq 5, EV6 | 800V SiC inverter | High voltage EV platform |

EV manufacturers are transitioning from IGBT-based Si inverters to **SiC-based MOSFETs** for better performance and weight savings.

**4.6 Comparison Chart – Thermal & Voltage Handling**

| **Parameter** | **Si** | **GaN** | **SiC** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Max Voltage Handling | ~600V | ~650V | >1200V |
| Thermal Conductivity | 150 | 130 | 490 |
| Switching Frequency | 10–20kHz | 50–100kHz | 20–50kHz |
| Operating Temp. (°C) | ~125 | ~100 | ~200+ |
| Power Loss (relative) | High | Low | ✅ Lowest in high voltage apps |

You can visualize this data with a **clustered bar chart** or a **radar chart** in your report or GitHub.

**4.7 Summary of Decision**

| **Category** | **Evaluation** |
| --- | --- |
| Application Type | EV Traction Power Inverter |
| Voltage Range | 400V–800V (and beyond) |
| Thermal Envelope | Harsh, requires high endurance |
| Best Fit Material | ✅ **SiC** |
| Reason | High voltage handling, thermal stability, proven field performance |

**4.8 Conclusion**

For high-power, high-voltage applications like electric vehicle inverters, **Silicon Carbide (SiC)** offers unmatched performance. Its superior **thermal conductivity**, **breakdown voltage**, and **efficiency** enable smaller, lighter, and more reliable drive systems, translating into **longer range, reduced cooling requirements, and better powertrain efficiency**.

As EV adoption scales globally, SiC is poised to become the **dominant semiconductor material** for traction inverters and other powertrain components.

**Chapter 5 – Case Study 3: Logic ICs and General-Purpose Chips**

**5.1 Application Background**

Despite the emergence of wide bandgap materials like GaN and SiC, **Silicon (Si)** continues to dominate the market for **general-purpose logic ICs**, **microcontrollers**, **sensors**, and **consumer electronics**. These applications demand **low cost, high volume production**, and **broad process compatibility** — areas where Si has unparalleled advantages.

These chips operate at **low voltages (1.2V–5V)** and relatively **low power**, with strict requirements on **yield**, **manufacturing maturity**, and **integration with CMOS processes**.

**5.2 System Design Requirements**

For consumer logic ICs (e.g., in TVs, toys, remote sensors, smart appliances):

* **Low fabrication cost** (for high-volume production)
* **Stable performance at low voltages**
* **CMOS compatibility** for mixed-signal integration
* **Manufacturing maturity and yield**
* **Compatibility with existing EDA tools and PDKs**
* **Form factor flexibility** for SoCs and embedded packages

**5.3 Material Evaluation**

| **Material** | **Strengths** | **Limitations** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Si** | ✅ Ubiquitous, cheap, CMOS-compatible, mature | Limited high-frequency & high-power handling |
| **GaN** | High speed, high frequency | Incompatible with standard CMOS logic design |
| **SiC** | High voltage, thermal performance | Overkill for logic; not cost-effective |

**5.4 Why Silicon is Optimal for Logic ICs**

**✅ Key Advantages:**

* **CMOS-compatible**: Silicon is the foundation of CMOS logic, allowing billions of transistors in one chip.
* **Economies of scale**: Manufacturing infrastructure is globally optimized for Si.
* **Low defect density and high yield**: Ideal for high-volume fabrication.
* **Process flexibility**: Scales well across 180nm to 5nm and below.
* **Toolchain support**: Foundry process design kits (PDKs) and EDA tools are all built around Si-based flows.

**⚠ GaN & SiC in Logic?**

* GaN is promising for **high-speed digital** (future logic), but lacks CMOS integration and standardization.
* SiC has no commercial presence in low-voltage logic ICs due to cost and complexity.

**5.5 Commercial Examples**

| **Company** | **Device Type** | **Fabrication Process** | **Notes** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Intel | CPU, SoC | 10nm–7nm FinFET Si | Billions of CMOS transistors |
| Microchip | Microcontroller | 180nm–65nm Si CMOS | Low-cost, low-power chips |
| Apple | M-Series SoC | 5nm Si CMOS | High-density silicon logic |
| STMicro | Sensors, logic ICs | BCD, CMOS, HV Si | Broad use in appliances & cars |

**5.6 Comparison Summary**

| **Parameter** | **Si** | **GaN** | **SiC** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| CMOS Logic Compatibility | ✅ High | ❌ Low | ❌ Low |
| Cost per Unit (at scale) | ✅ Low | ❌ High | ❌ High |
| Foundry Support | ✅ All major fabs | Partial | Limited |
| Toolchain Ecosystem | ✅ Mature | ❌ Emerging | ❌ Emerging |
| Application Suitability | ✅ Ideal | ❌ Not viable | ❌ Not viable |

Visuals recommended: Pie chart of market share by material for logic ICs, or a bar chart of cost vs compatibility

**5.7 Summary of Decision**

| **Category** | **Evaluation** |
| --- | --- |
| Application Type | Consumer Logic IC / Embedded Chip |
| Voltage Range | 1.2V–5V |
| Area + Yield Sensitivity | Very High |
| Best Fit Material | ✅ **Silicon (Si)** |
| Reason | Cost-effective, CMOS-compatible, globally supported |

**5.8 Conclusion**

For logic ICs and general-purpose chips, **Silicon remains the unmatched champion**. Its unique compatibility with CMOS logic, high fabrication yields, and extensive foundry support make it indispensable in nearly every consumer electronic device today. While GaN and SiC open new frontiers in high power and high frequency, they have yet to challenge Si in the low-power logic domain.

As a result, for the foreseeable future, **Silicon is and will remain the smart choice** for standard logic applications.

**Chapter 6 – Comparative Summary & Selection Guidelines**

**6.1 Overview of Case Studies**

This report has examined three representative semiconductor applications and matched them to the most suitable material — Silicon (Si), Gallium Nitride (GaN), or Silicon Carbide (SiC) — based on thermal, electrical, economic, and integration criteria.

| **Case Study** | **Application Priority** | **Best Material** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Fast Charging Adapter | Switching speed, compact size | ✅ GaN |
| Electric Vehicle Power Inverter | Voltage, thermal endurance, reliability | ✅ SiC |
| Consumer Logic IC | Cost, CMOS compatibility, yield | ✅ Si |

**6.2 Property-Based Comparison Matrix**

| **Criteria** | **Si** | **GaN** | **SiC** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Bandgap | 1.12 | 3.4 | 3.26 |
| Breakdown Field (MV/cm) | 0.3 | 3.3 | 3.0 |
| Thermal Conductivity (W/m·K) | 150 | 130 | 490 |
| Switching Frequency Capability | Medium | ✅ High | High |
| Voltage Handling | Low | Medium | ✅ High |
| CMOS Compatibility | ✅ Full | ❌ Partial | ❌ Very Low |
| Cost | ✅ Low | ❌ High | ❌ High |
| Maturity (Ecosystem) | ✅ Mature | Growing | Growing |
| Ideal Use Case | Logic IC | Fast Charging | High Power Inverter |

**Table 6.1 – Side-by-side comparison of Si, GaN, and SiC across design-relevant metrics**

**6.3 Visual Summary: Application-Material Mapping**

| **Material** | **Ideal Applications** |
| --- | --- |
| **Si** | Logic ICs, Microcontrollers, Analog ICs |
| **GaN** | Fast chargers, RF amplifiers, data center PSUs |
| **SiC** | EV inverters, solar converters, industrial drives |

You can visualize this with a **bubble diagram or matrix heatmap**, placing each material in its performance “sweet spot”.

**6.4 Rule-of-Thumb for Material Selection**

| **Scenario** | **Recommended Material** |
| --- | --- |
| Switching > 1 MHz | ✅ GaN |
| Voltage > 600V & power > 500W | ✅ SiC |
| Low-voltage logic, digital, consumer IC | ✅ Si |
| Need for lowest cost and maximum maturity | ✅ Si |
| Thermal-critical system (harsh environment) | ✅ SiC |
| Size-critical system (mobile or compact) | ✅ GaN |

**6.5 Design Considerations Beyond Raw Specs**

* **Packaging**: GaN and SiC require new thermal interface and packaging designs (e.g., GaN needs high-speed gate drivers).
* **Ecosystem maturity**: Design tools, PDKs, and foundry support are essential — Si dominates here.
* **Reliability**: SiC is proven in EV and solar; GaN is emerging but needs field validation.

**6.6 Future Trends and Adaptation**

| **Trend** | **Implication for Material Use** |
| --- | --- |
| EV adoption rising | ✅ SiC demand will increase |
| Charger miniaturization | ✅ GaN will scale in consumer |
| Logic node scaling <5nm | ✅ Si remains essential |
| Integration of power + logic | Hybrid packages may mix GaN/Si or SiC/Si |

**6.7 Conclusion**

Smart material selection is not only a matter of physics — it is a strategic engineering decision that must balance **performance, cost, manufacturability, and ecosystem compatibility**.

This case study shows that:

* **GaN** revolutionizes **size and efficiency** at lower voltages.
* **SiC** dominates **harsh and high-power environments**.
* **Si** remains the backbone of the **digital logic and analog world**.

As engineers move toward system optimization and co-integration, the ability to **match materials to application constraints** will define the next generation of successful chip designers.

**Chapter 7 – Final Conclusion**

**7.1 Recap of Purpose**

This report was created to guide **smart, application-driven selection of semiconductor materials** — specifically **Silicon (Si)**, **Gallium Nitride (GaN)**, and **Silicon Carbide (SiC)** — for modern chip design across three key domains:

* **Fast-charging adapters**
* **Electric vehicle (EV) power inverters**
* **Consumer logic ICs**

By analyzing the **physical properties, system-level constraints, and real-world trade-offs**, we demonstrated how material choice profoundly impacts **efficiency, thermal performance, cost, and form factor**.

**7.2 Core Findings**

1. **No single material fits all scenarios** — each has a "design zone" where it excels.
2. **GaN** enables high-frequency switching and compact designs for consumer chargers.
3. **SiC** provides thermal robustness and voltage endurance for automotive and industrial power.
4. **Si** remains unmatched for CMOS logic, analog ICs, and general-purpose semiconductors due to its mature ecosystem and low cost.

The **"best material" is context-dependent**, not universal.

**7.3 Engineering Takeaways**

| **Design Priority** | **Smart Material Choice** |
| --- | --- |
| Compact, lightweight | ✅ GaN |
| High voltage and temperature | ✅ SiC |
| Cost-sensitive, scalable | ✅ Si |
| CMOS logic and integration | ✅ Si |
| Efficiency at MHz+ range | ✅ GaN |

**7.4 Strategic Implications**

* **Material selection is no longer just a fabrication issue** — it’s a **frontline design decision**.
* As **power density**, **thermal control**, and **integration** demands increase, so will the need for **hybrid material strategies** (e.g., Si logic + GaN power in same system).
* Design engineers must **adapt continuously**, combining **device-level modeling** with **system-level thinking**.

**7.5 Final Thought**

“The next generation of semiconductors won't just be faster or smaller — they'll be smarter, because they’ll be built from the right material for the right job.”

Smart material selection empowers engineers not only to **optimize circuit performance**, but also to **lead innovation across entire systems** — from smartphones to space propulsion, from EVs to edge AI.

**7.6 Outlook and Future Exploration**

* GaN and SiC will continue to evolve, with improvements in cost, yield, and integration.
* Multi-material IC packaging (e.g., GaN-on-Si, SiC with Si controller) will become standard.
* Future designers should also consider emerging materials like **Ga₂O₃**, **diamond**, and **2D materials** for ultra-high power and quantum devices.

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**📊 Supplementary Tools**

1. **Canva**, **Excel**, and **Python (Matplotlib)**  
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2. **MIT OpenCourseWare** – *Electronic Properties of Materials*  
   <https://ocw.mit.edu>