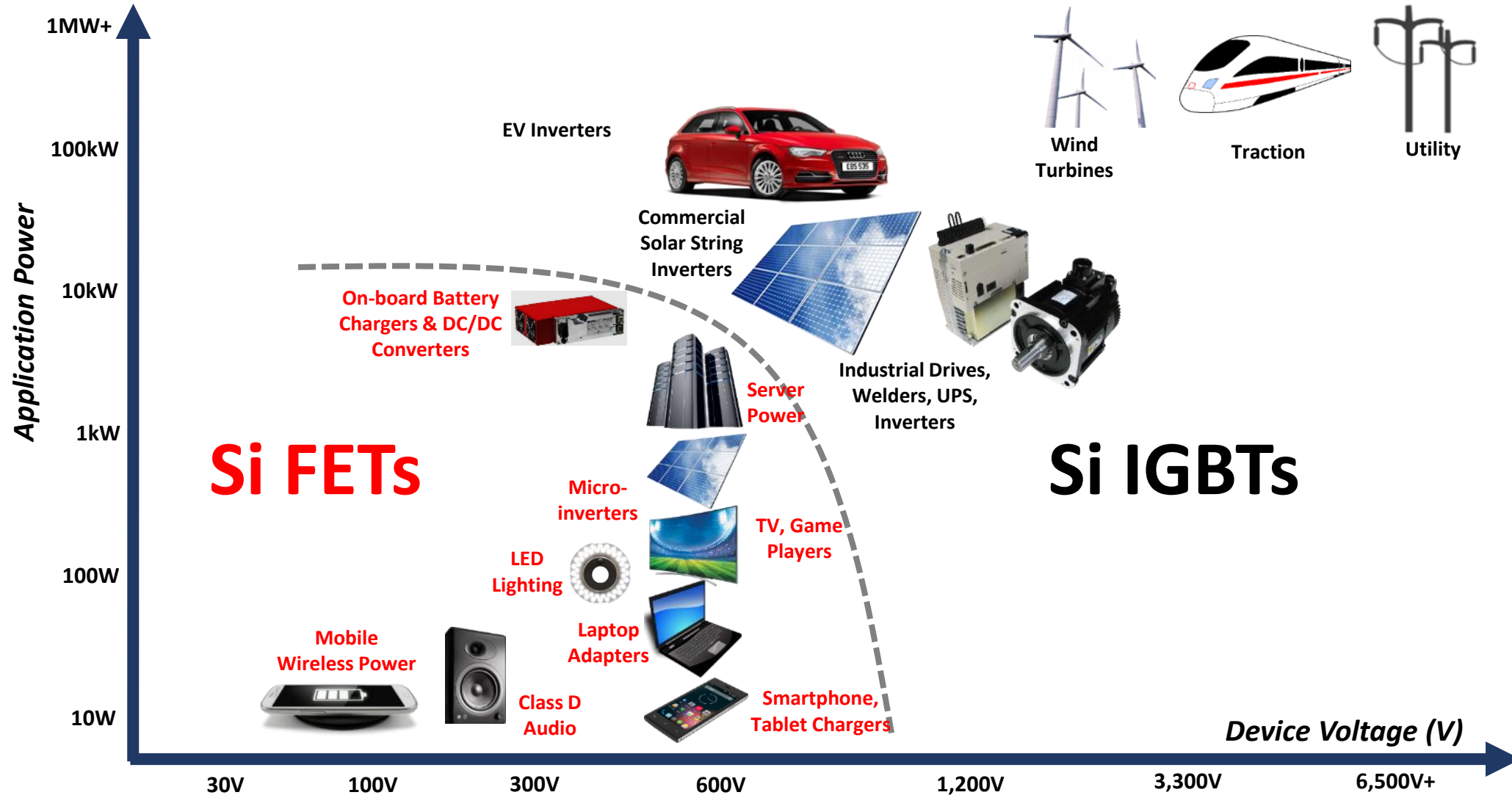


**DRIVING FOR ZERO SWITCHING LOSS
POWER SOLUTIONS**

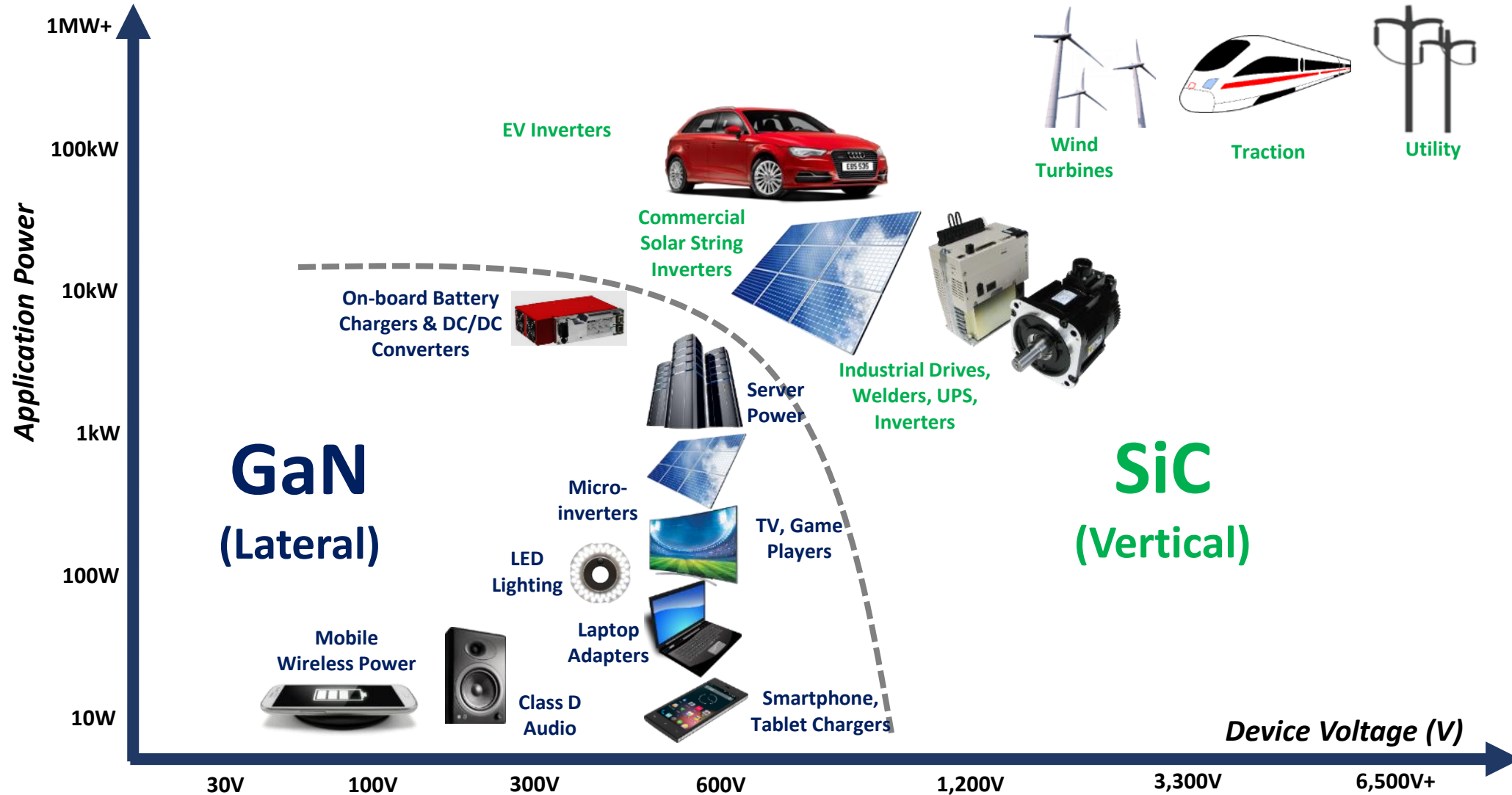
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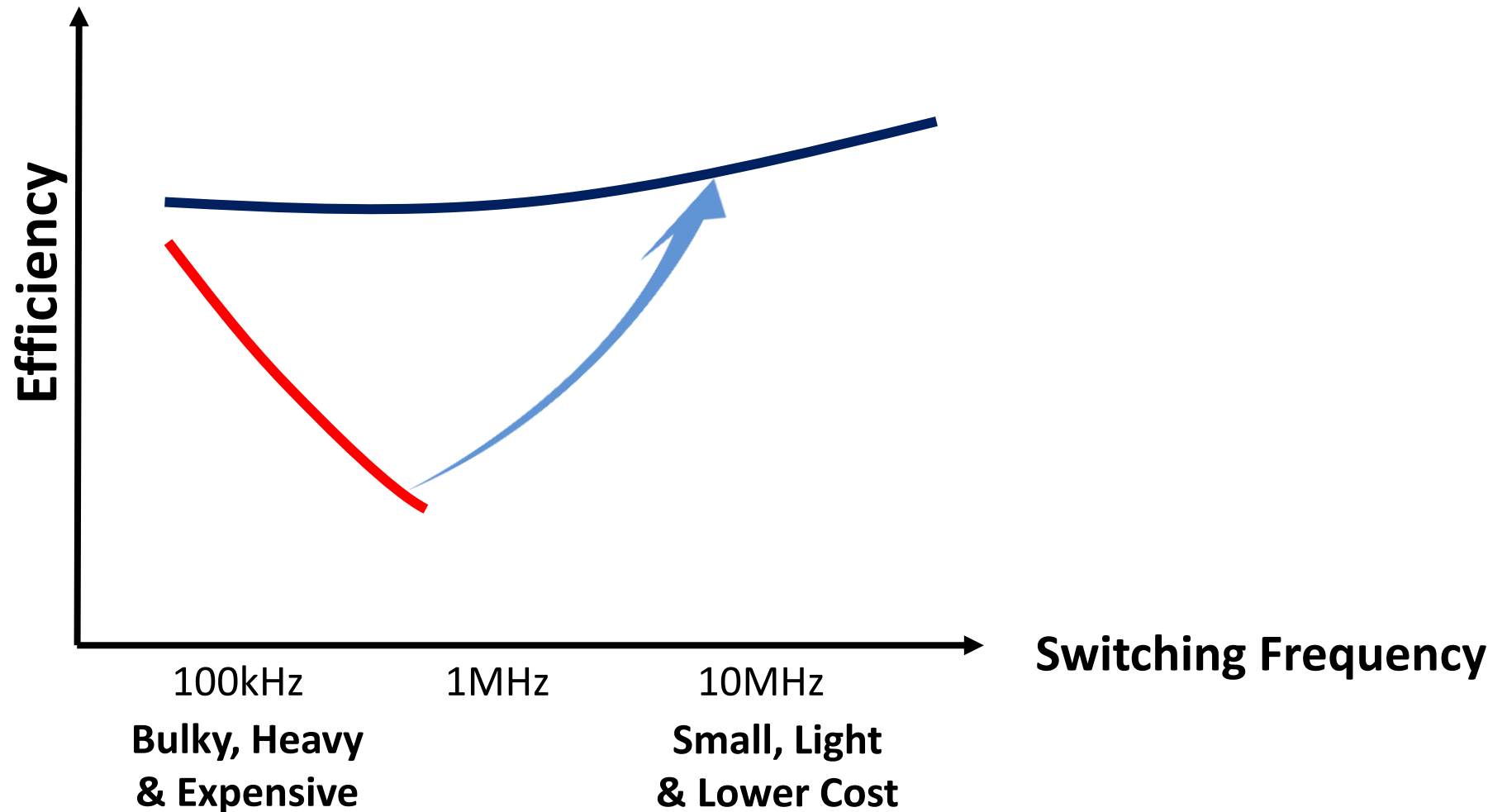
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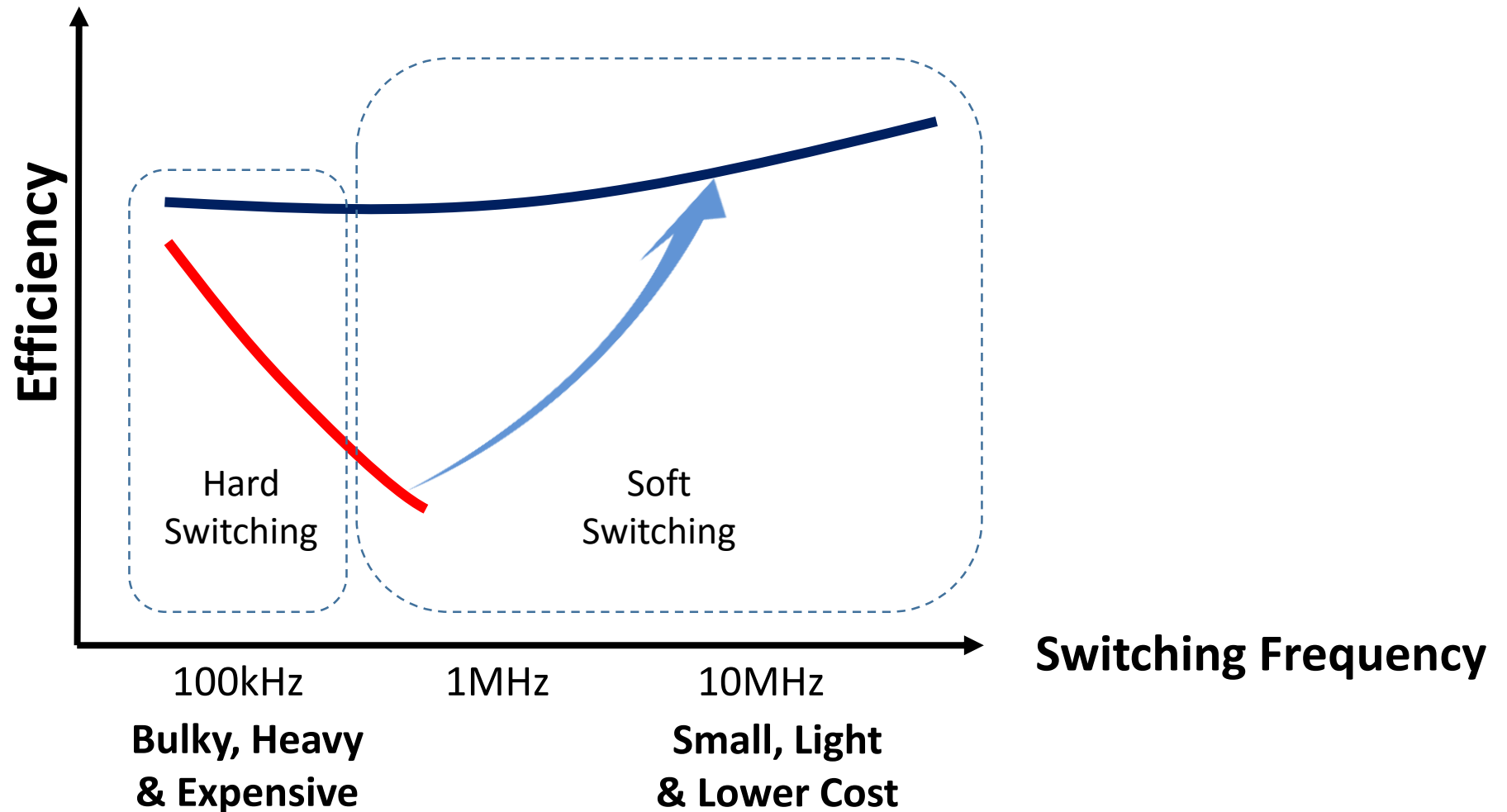
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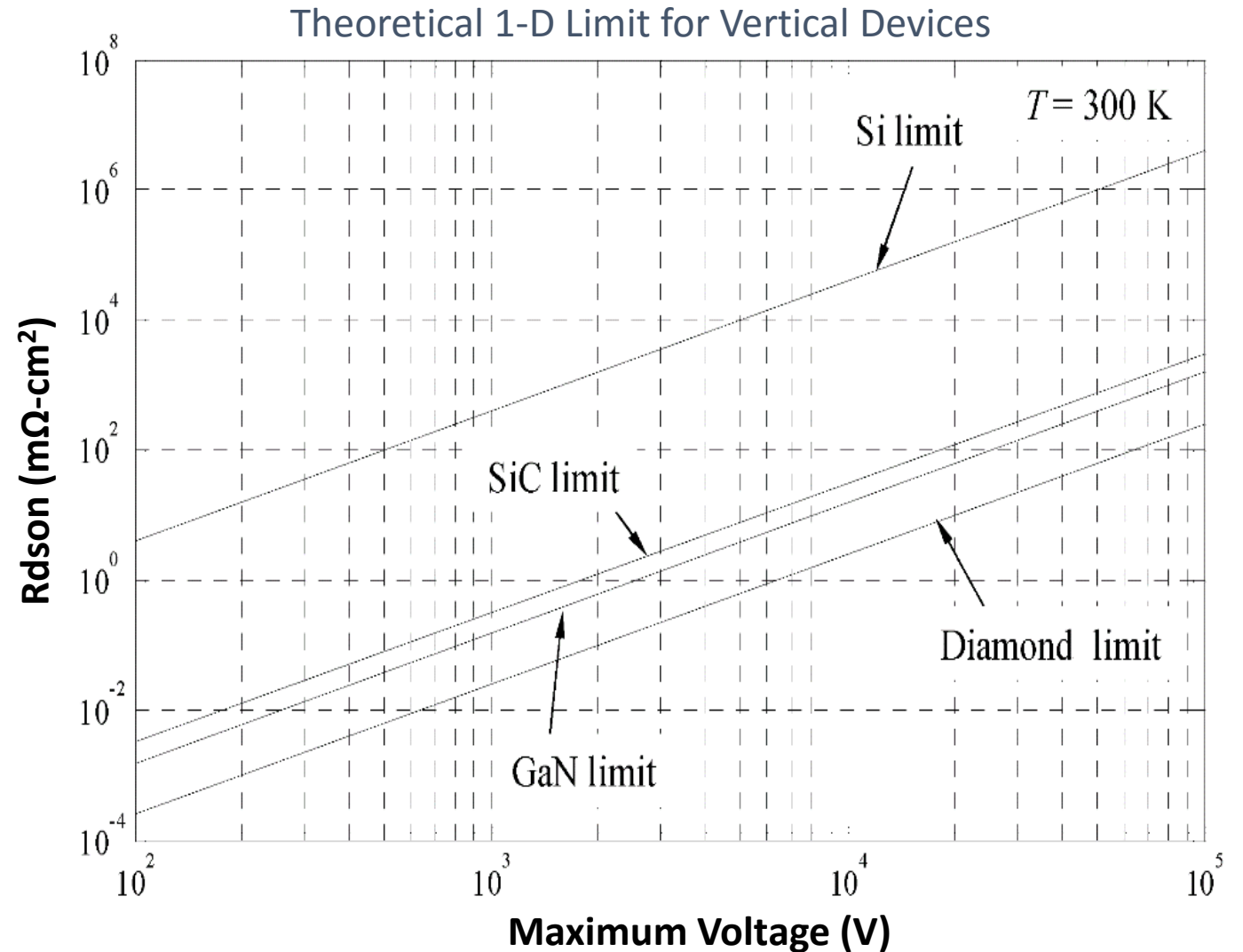
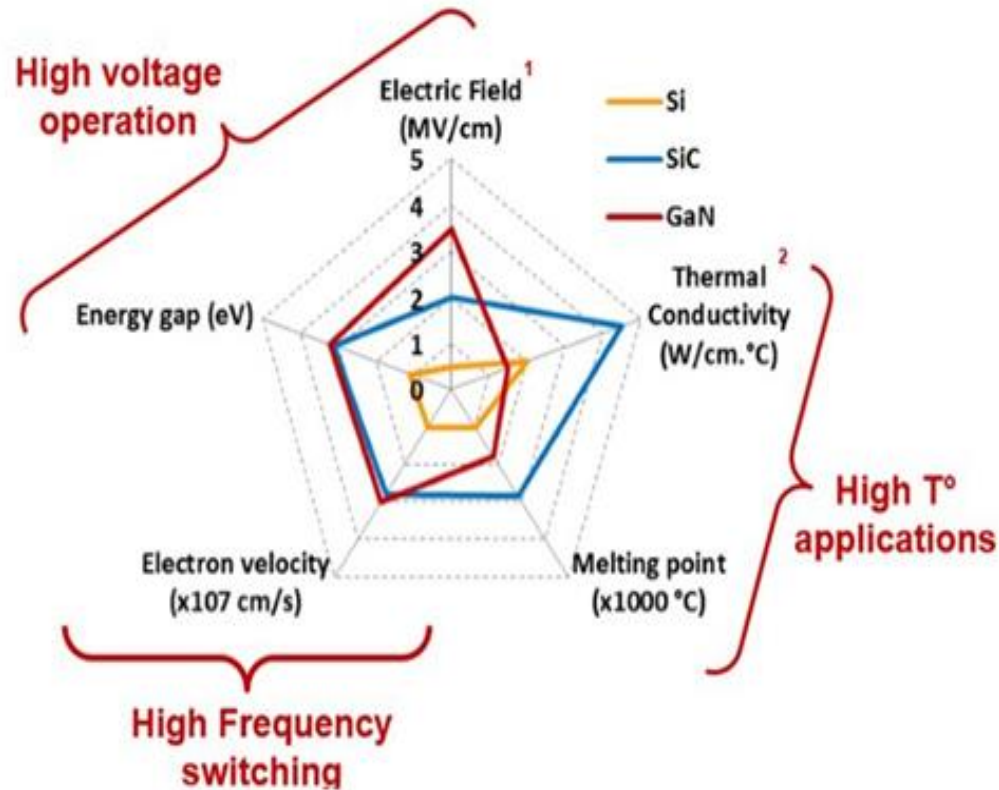
Driving to Higher Speeds



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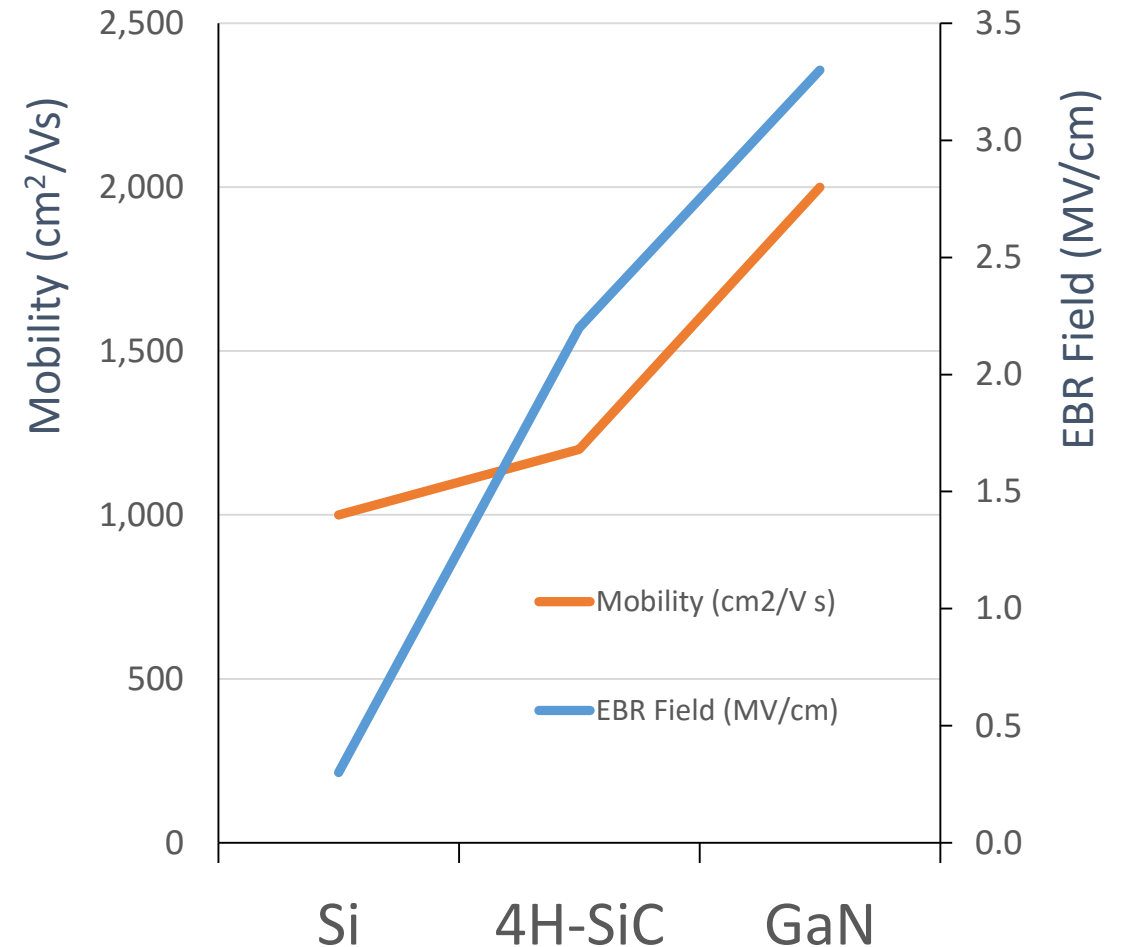
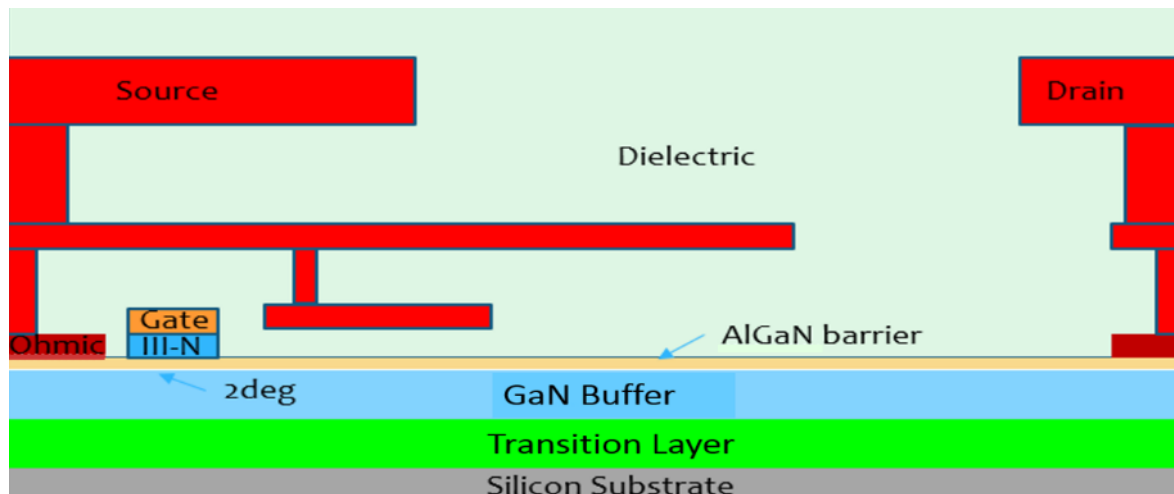


Performance Limits of WBG Vertical Devices

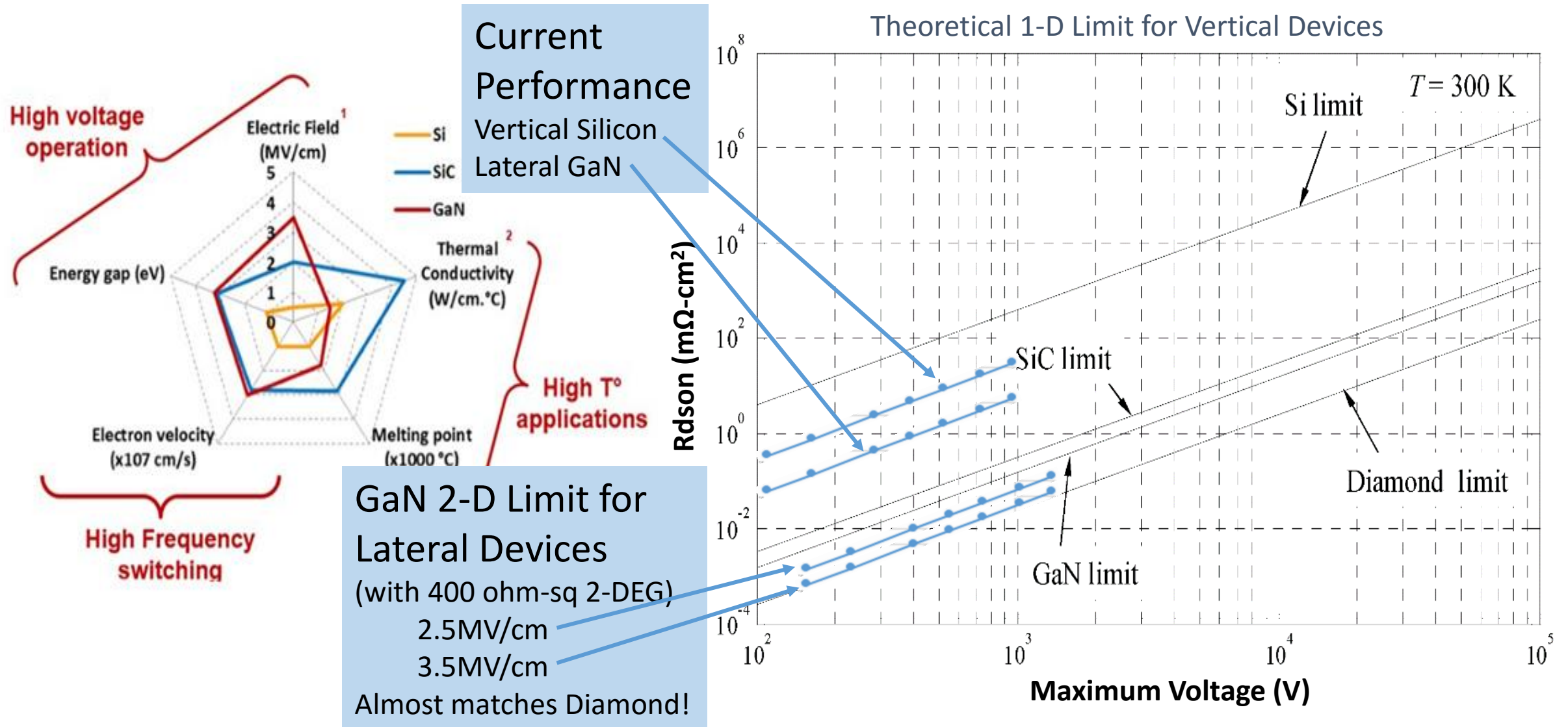


Lateral GaN Advantage for Off-line Applications

- WBG GaN material allows high electric fields so high carrier density can be achieved
- Two-dimensional electron gas with AlGaN/GaN heteroepitaxy structure gives very high mobility in the channel and drain drift region
- Lateral device structure achieves extremely low Q_g and Q_{OSS} and allows integration
- Integration on silicon substrates means mature low cost wafer fabrication is available



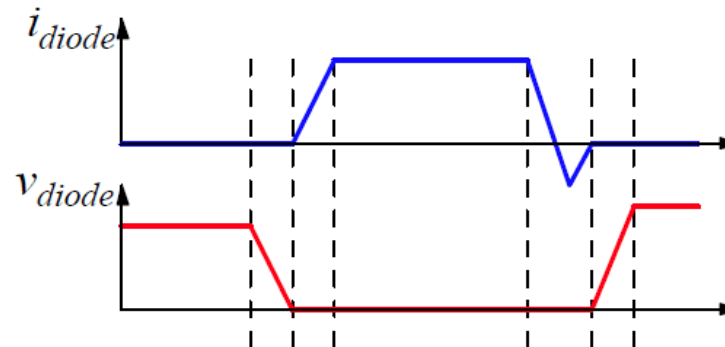
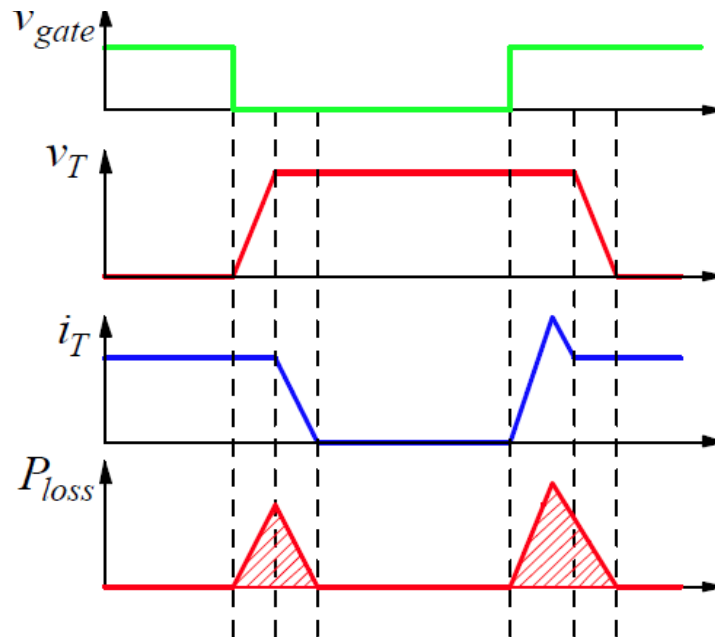
Performance Limits of WBG Materials



Hard-Switching

Primary Switch Power Loss:

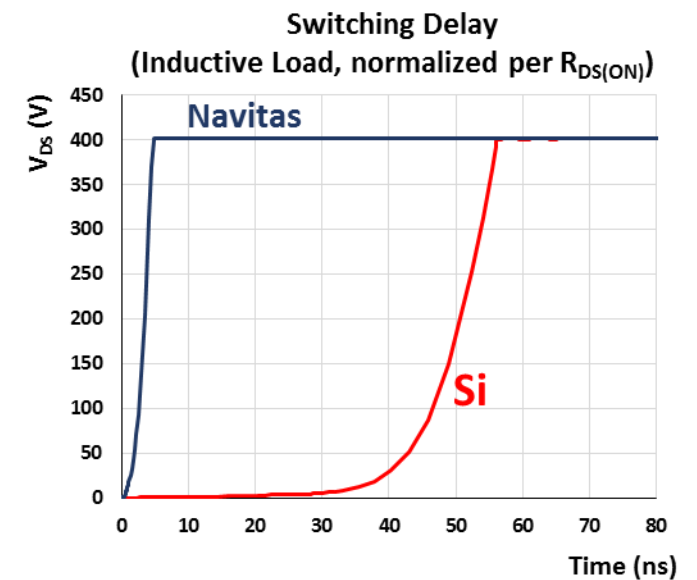
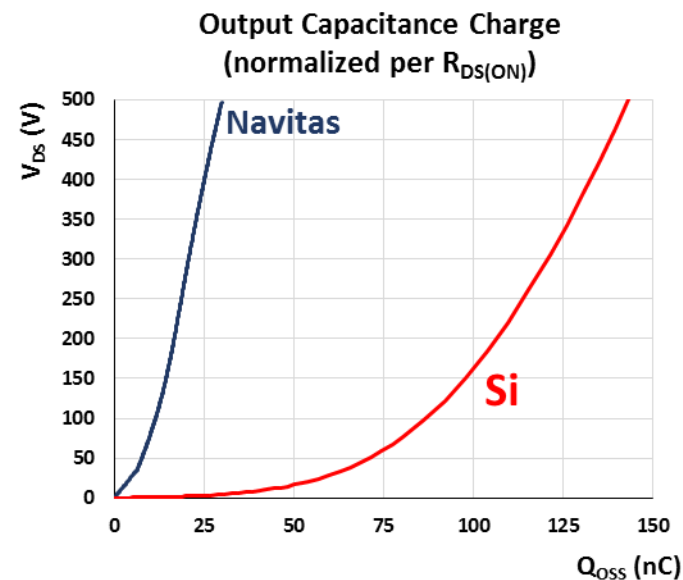
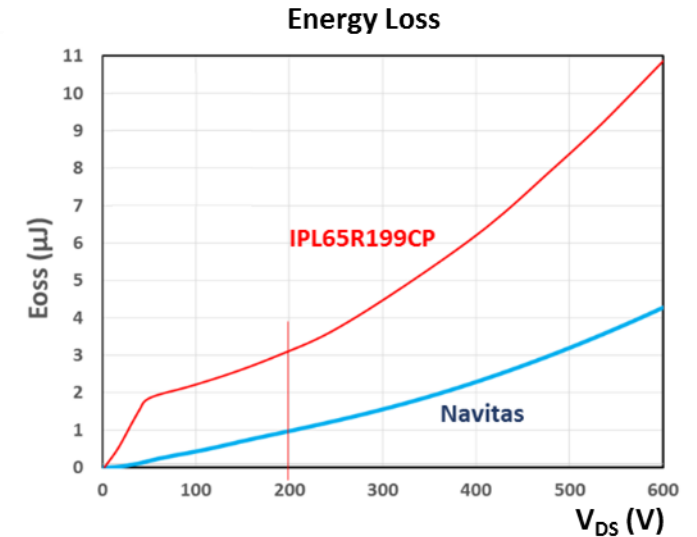
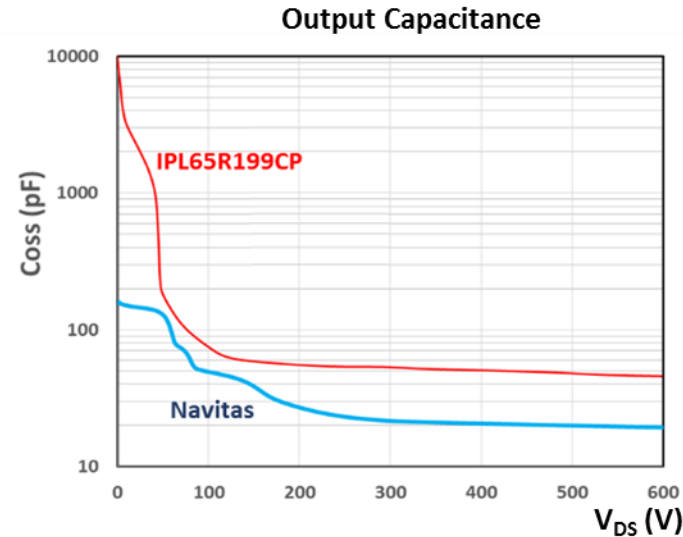
$$P_{FET} = P_{COND} + P_{DIODE} + P_{T-ON} + P_{T-OFF} + P_{DR} + P_{QRR} + P_{QOSS}$$



$$P_{sw} \propto f_s [t_{c(on)} + t_{c(off)}]$$

Si: High C_{OSS} = Long ZVS Transition = Trapped Energy

- Hard Switching loss:
 $P_{LOSS} = E_{OSS} * F_{SW}$
- High $C_{OSS} \rightarrow$ Delay (limits F_{SW})
- Too slow \rightarrow partial ZVS \rightarrow E_{OSS} loss
- Si Superjunction C_{OSS} is 50x-100x higher than GaN at $V_{DS} < 30V$
- Si SJ E_{OSS} is 3x higher than GaN at 200V (partial ZVS)
- Si SJ also has a high effective series resistance (ESR) and a lossy, hysteretic output capacitance, so even soft switching won't save it at high frequency



Soft Switching with Si

Primary Switch Power Loss:

$$P_{FET} = P_{COND} * k + P_{DIODE} + P_{T-ON} + P_{T-OFF} + P_{DR} + P_{QRR} + P_{QOSS}$$

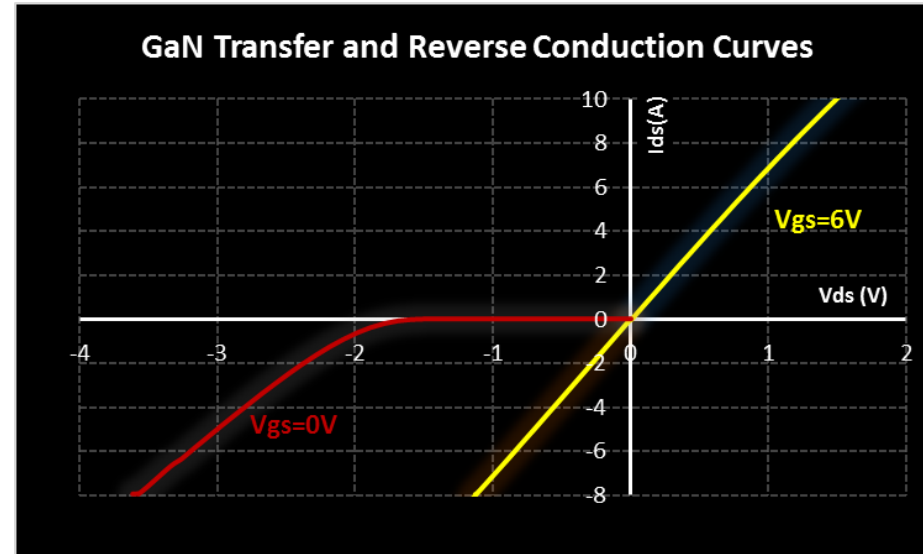
- k-factor 2 (or more) due to increased circulating current, duty cycle loss, high C_{OSS}
- P_{T-On} = 0 (soft, zero voltage switching)
- P_{Qoss} ↓ 2-3X (most energy stored in output capacitance is recovered)

ZVS LLC – Critical Parameters

	Si	Cascode GaN	eMode GaN
Partnumber	IPL60R199CP	TPH3206LD	Navitas
Voltage (V)	600	600	650
$R_{DS(ON)}$ (typ, mOhm)	180	150	160
Q_G (typ, nC)	32	6.2	2.5
$C_{OSS(er)}$ (typ, pF)	69	64	30
$C_{OSS(tr)}$ (typ, pF)	180	105	50
t_{rr} (typ, ns)	340	17	0
Q_{rr} (typ, nC)	5,500	54	0
$R_{DS(ON)} \times C_{OSS(er)}$ (mOhm.pF)	12,420	9,600	4,800
$R_{DS(ON)} \times C_{OSS(er)}$ (mOhm.pF)	32,400	15,750	8,000

- Dead-time (t_d) and magnetizing current (I_m) discharge C_{OSS} to achieve ZVS* ($C_{OSS} \approx \frac{I_m t_d}{2V_{IN}}$)
- eMode GaN has 2x-4x smaller C_{OSS} -related metrics than Si, cascode GaN
- Higher efficiency, higher frequency operation
- At 1MHz, GaN Q_G is so low, **gate drive loss ~zero**

GaN Q_G and Reverse Conduction



- Reverse Conduction

- LLC converters need low stored energy in output capacitance to sustain resonant transitions at light load
- Need low Q_{rr} and fast, robust body diode characteristics to avoid shoot-through current, peak drain-source voltage, and reverse recovery dv/dt^*
- eMode GaN has no PN junction, so no minority carriers are injected and stored charge
- $Q_{rr}, t_{rr}, i_{rr} \sim \text{zero}$

Soft-Switching with eMode GaN

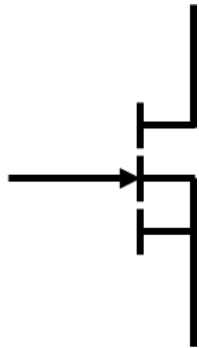
Primary Switch Power Loss:

$$P_{FET} = P_{COND} \overset{\text{Minimized}}{* k} + \overset{\text{Reduced}}{P_{DIODE}} + P_{T-ON} + P_{T-OFF} + P_{DR} + P_{QRR} + P_{QOSS}$$

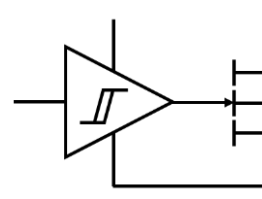
- k-factor >1 (less than Si) due to increased circulating current, duty cycle loss
- P_{T-On} = 0 (soft-switch)
- P_{Qoss} ↓ 10X ~~2-3X~~ (GaN C_{OSS} charging/discharging loss negligible up to 2MHz)
- P_{DRIVER} ↓ 10X (GaN P_{DR} negligible up to 2MHz)
- P_{QRR} = 0
- P_{DIODE} ↓ 2X (reverse conduction loss reduced by synchronous rectification)
- P_{T-OFF} = Reduced (limited by I-V crossover loss due to drive loop impedance)

Creating the World's First AllGaN™ Power ICs

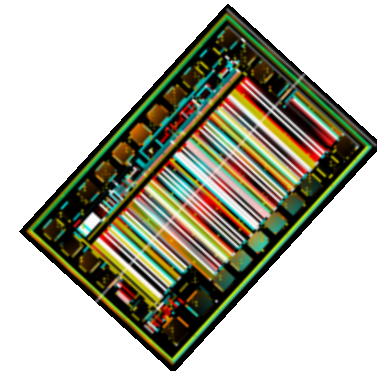
Fastest, most efficient
GaN Power FETs



First & Fastest
Integrated GaN Gate Driver



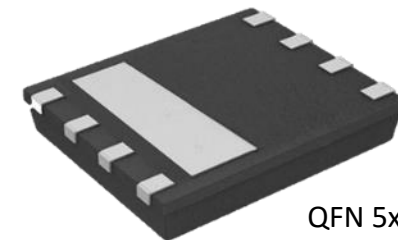
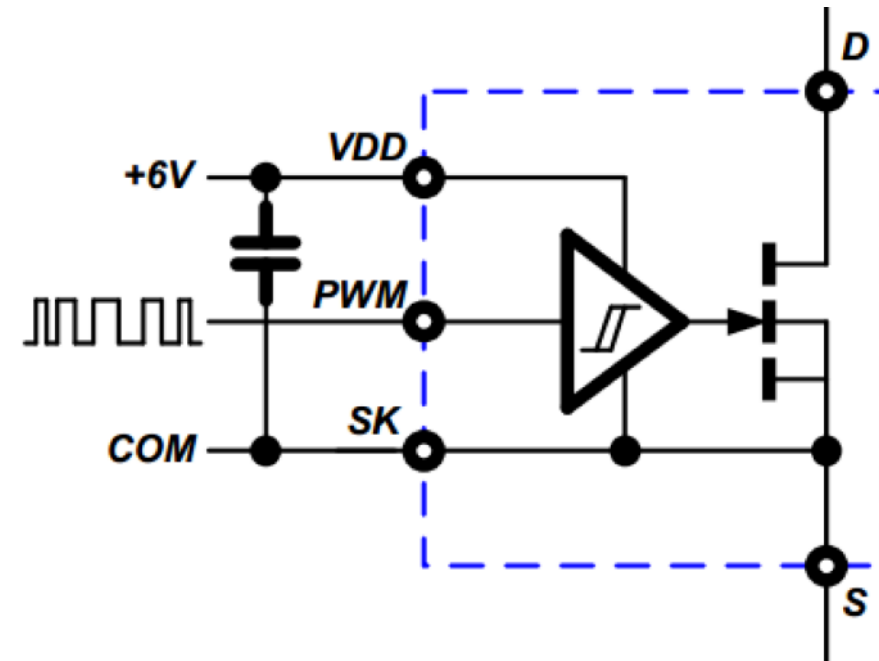
World's First
AllGaN™ Power IC



Up to 40MHz switching, 4x higher density & 20% lower system cost

GaN Power IC with Integrated Driver

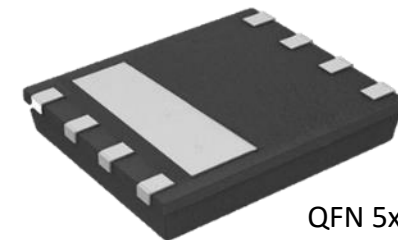
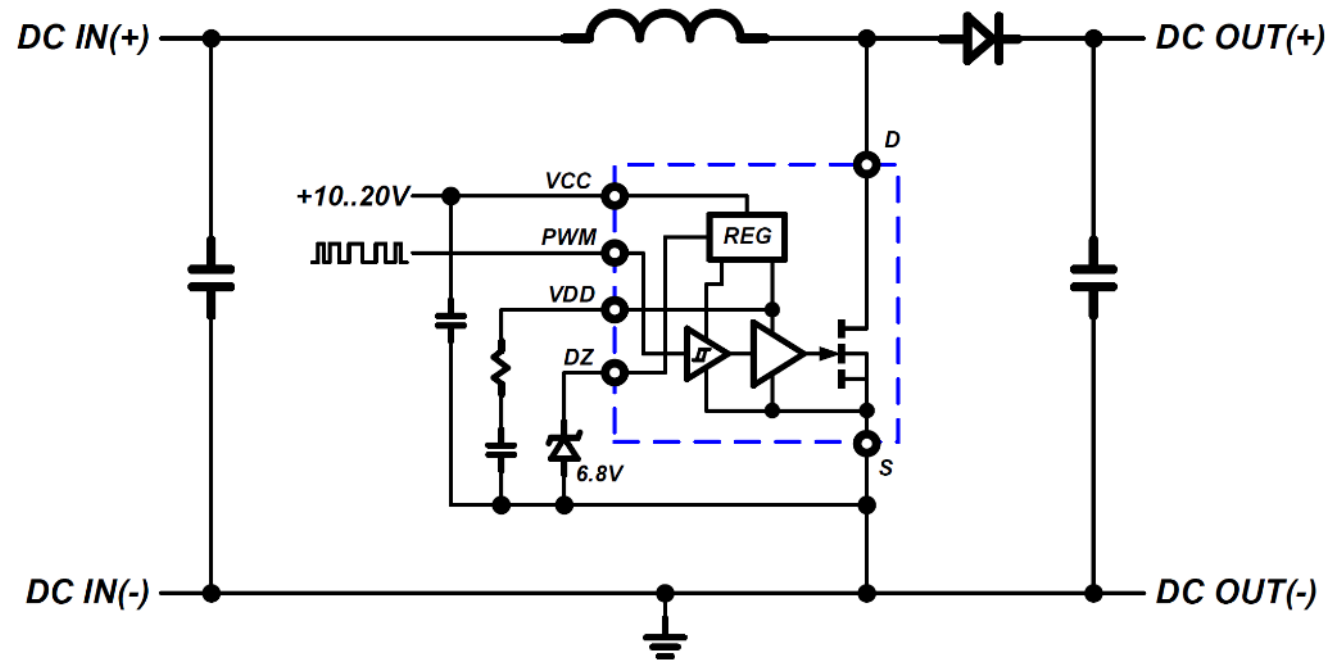
- Monolithic integration
- 20x lower drive loss than silicon
- Driver impedance matched to power device
- Shorter prop delay than silicon (10ns)
- Zero inductance turn-off loop
- High dV/dt immunity (200V/ns)
- Digital input (hysteretic)
- Rail-rail drive output
- Layout insensitive



QFN 5x6mm

GaN Power IC – Next Step in Integration

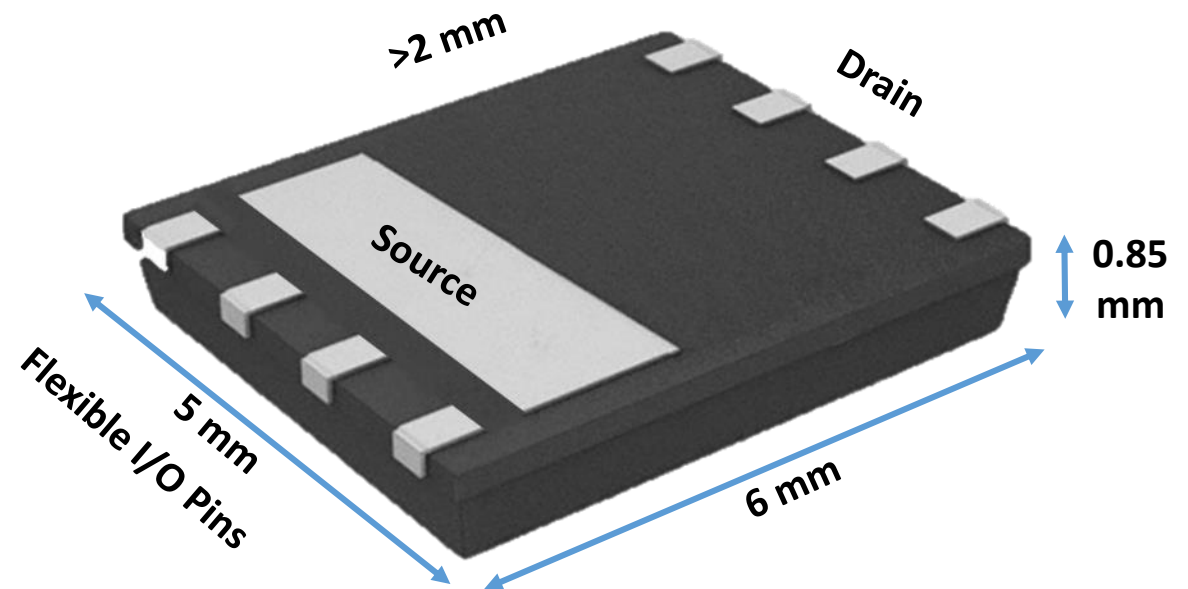
- Extended PWM input range
 - 3.3V, 5V, 15V, 20V input
- Wide V_{CC} range (10V-20V)
- On-board (monolithic) regulator
 - Zener-selectable gate drive voltage
 - Safe start up, power down
 - Internal UVLO
- Resistor programmable turn-on dv/dt
- Standard QFN, simple layout



QFN 5x6mm

Fast, Low Cost, Industry-Standard QFN

- Leadframe-based 5X6mm power package outline
- Low profile, small footprint with HV clearance
- Kelvin source connection for gate drive return
- Low inductance power connections ($\sim 0.2\text{nH}$)
- Low thermal resistance ($< 2^\circ\text{C/W}$)
- I/O pins enough for drive functions
- High volume
- Reliable
- Low cost



Soft-Switching with GaN Power IC

Primary Switch Power Loss:

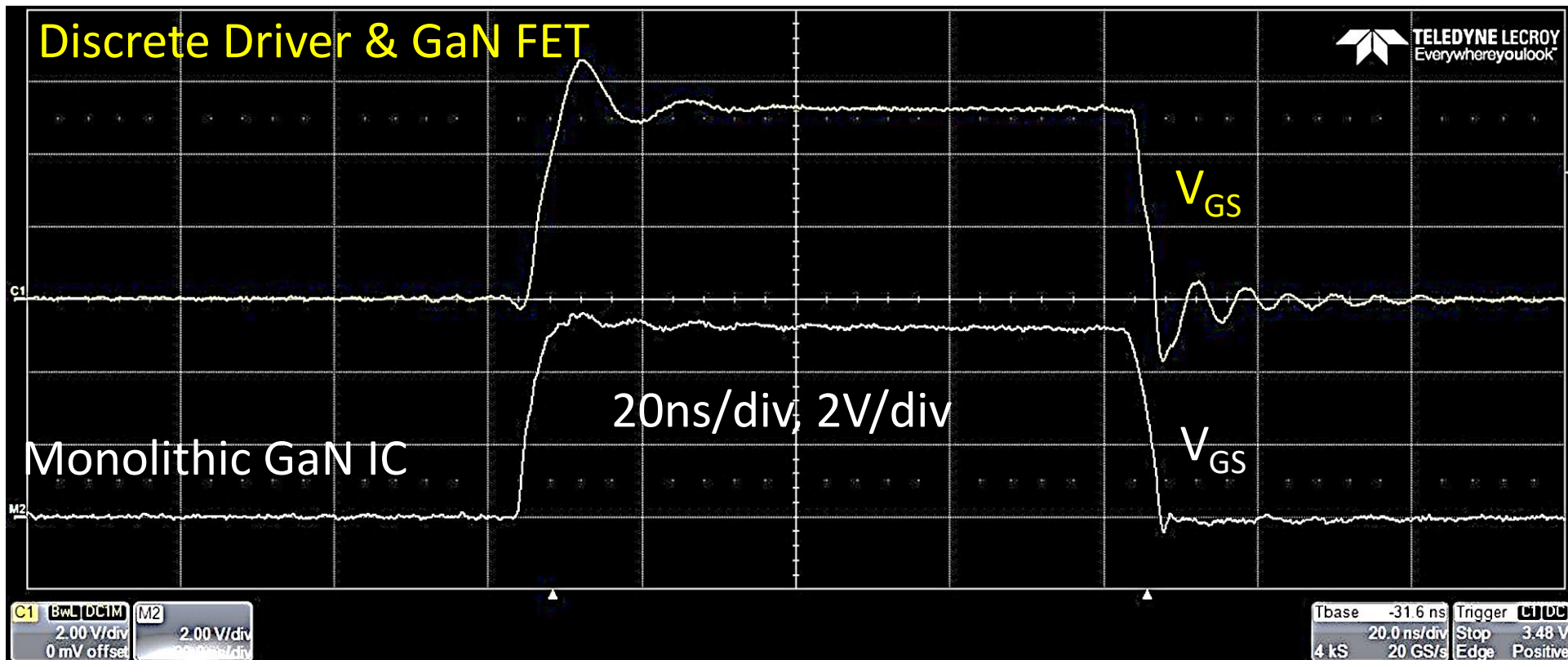
$$P_{FET} = P_{COND} \overset{\text{Minimized}}{\circledast} k \overset{\text{Minimized}}{\circledast} P_{DIODE} + P_{T-ON} + P_{T-OFF} + P_{DR} + P_{QRR} + P_{QOSS}$$

- k-factor >1 due to increased circulating current, duty cycle loss
- P_{T-On} = 0 (soft-switch)
- P_{Qoss} ↓ 10X ~~2-3X~~ (GaN C_{OSS} charging/discharging loss negligible up to 2MHz)
- P_{DRIVER} ↓ 10X (GaN P_{DR} negligible up to 2MHz)
- P_{QRR} = 0
- P_{DIODE} ↓ 3X ~~2X~~ (synchronous rectification with improved deadtime control)
- P_{T-OFF} = 0 ~~Reduced~~ (near-zero drive loop impedance with integration)

>10x frequency increase possible with higher efficiencies

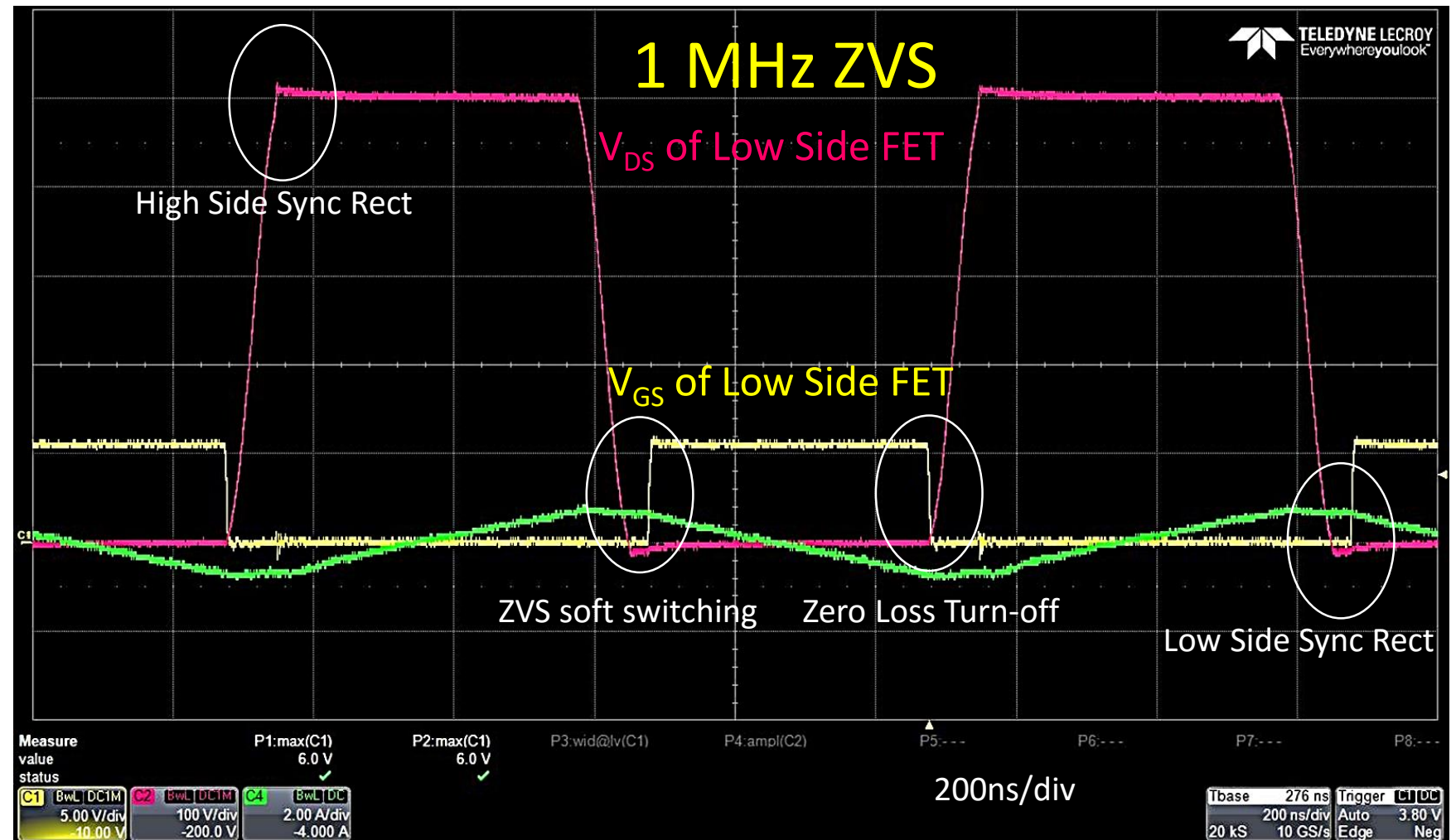
Crisp & Efficient Gate Control

- Eliminates gate overshoot and undershoot
- Zero inductance on chip insures no turn-off loss



GaN Power IC - Zero Loss Switching

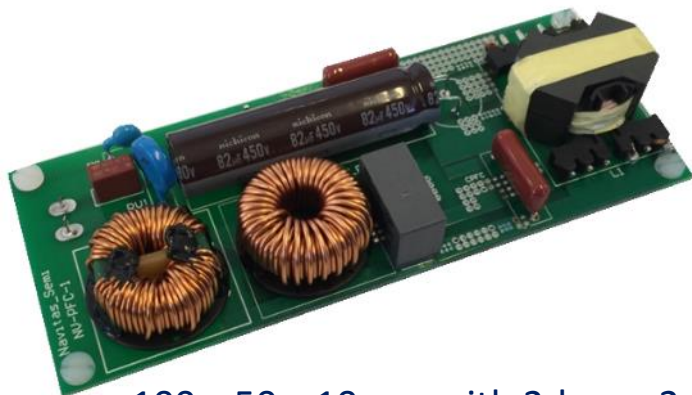
- 500V Switching
- No overshoot / spike
- No oscillations
- 'S-curve' transitions
- ZVS Turn-on
- Zero Loss Turn-off
- Sync Rectification
- High frequency
- Small, low cost filter



GaN vs Silicon in 500kHz CrCM PFC

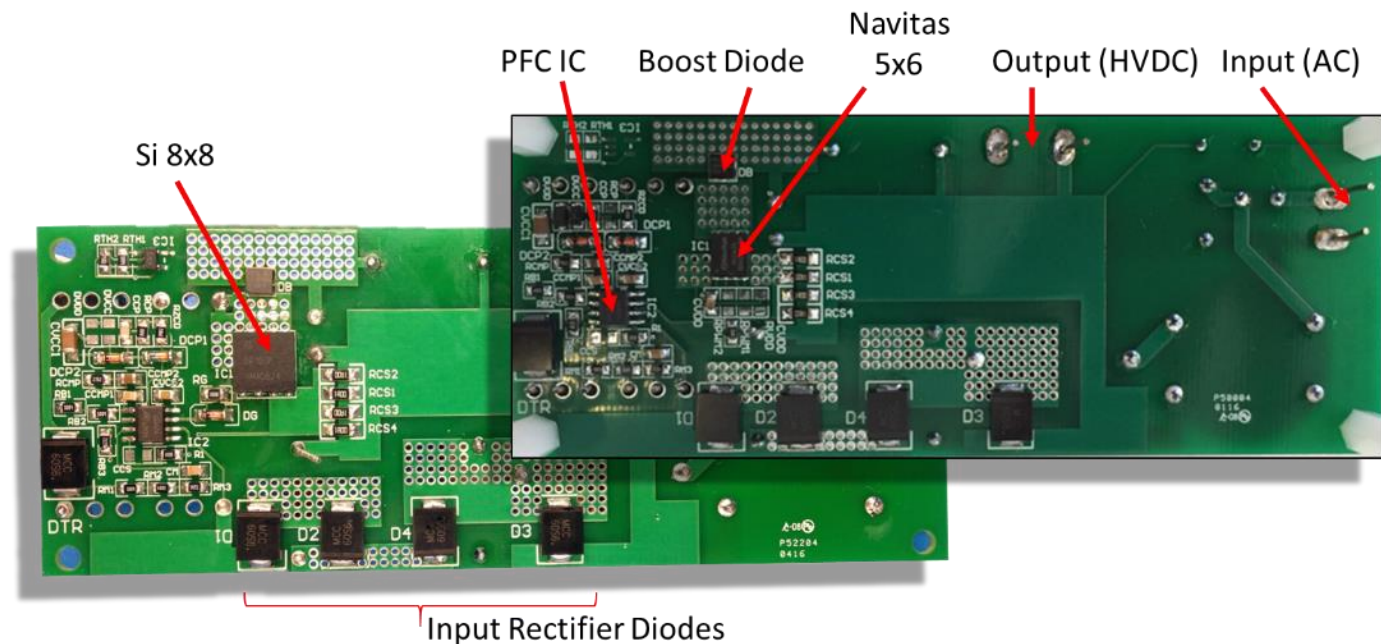
- Critical Conduction Mode (CrCM)
- $120V_{AC} = 167\text{-}230\text{kHz}$
- $220V_{AC} = 230\text{-}500\text{kHz}$
- 265V peaks at 1MHz *PFC IC* (L6562) $F_{sw} \text{ max}$

	Pack	$R_{DS(ON)}$ mΩ	Q_G nC	$C_{OSS(er)}$ pF	$C_{OSS(tr)}$ pF	$R * Q_G$ mΩ.nC	$R * C_{OSS(tr)}$ mΩ.pF	$R * C_{OSS(er)}$ mΩ.pF
Navitas	5x6	160	2.5	30	50	400	8,000	4,800
Si CP Series	8x8	180	32	69	180	5,760	32,400	12,400
Si C7 Series	8x8	115	35	53	579	4,025	66,600	6,100
GaN Benefits	>50%	n/a	>10x	>2x	>10x	>10x	>7x	>2.5x

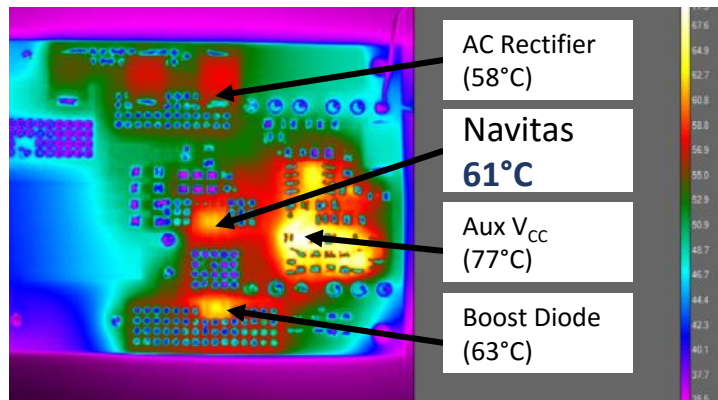


100 x 50 x 10mm with 2-layer, 2 oz Cu

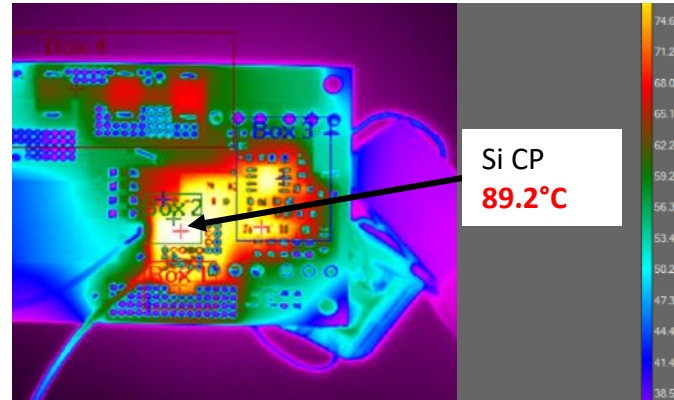
No heatsinks, no forced air,
no glue, potting or heat spreaders



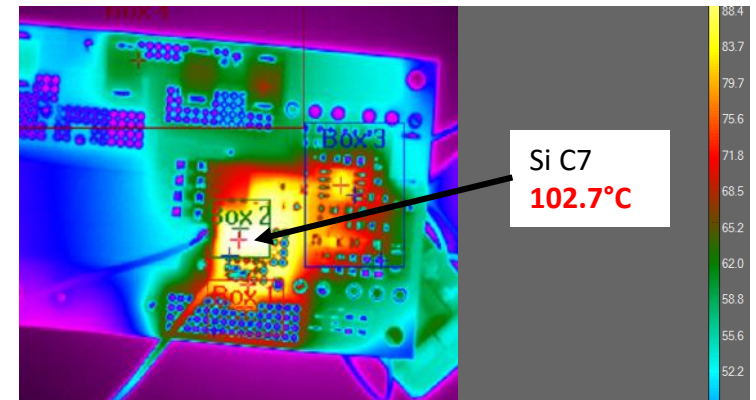
Cool GaN, not Cool Silicon: High Line, Full Load



220V_{AC}, 150W



220V_{AC}, 150W

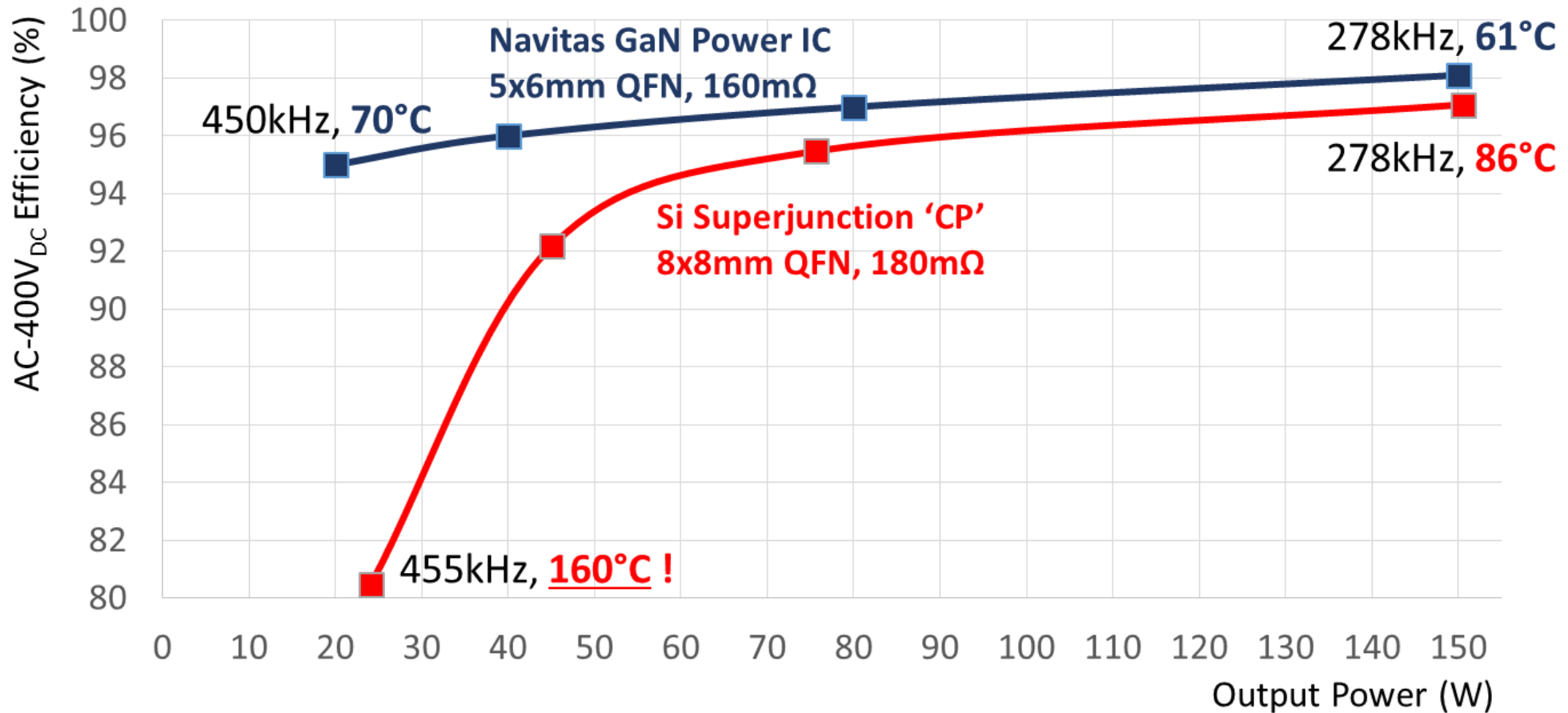


180V_{AC}, 150W

- GaN runs cool (61°C)

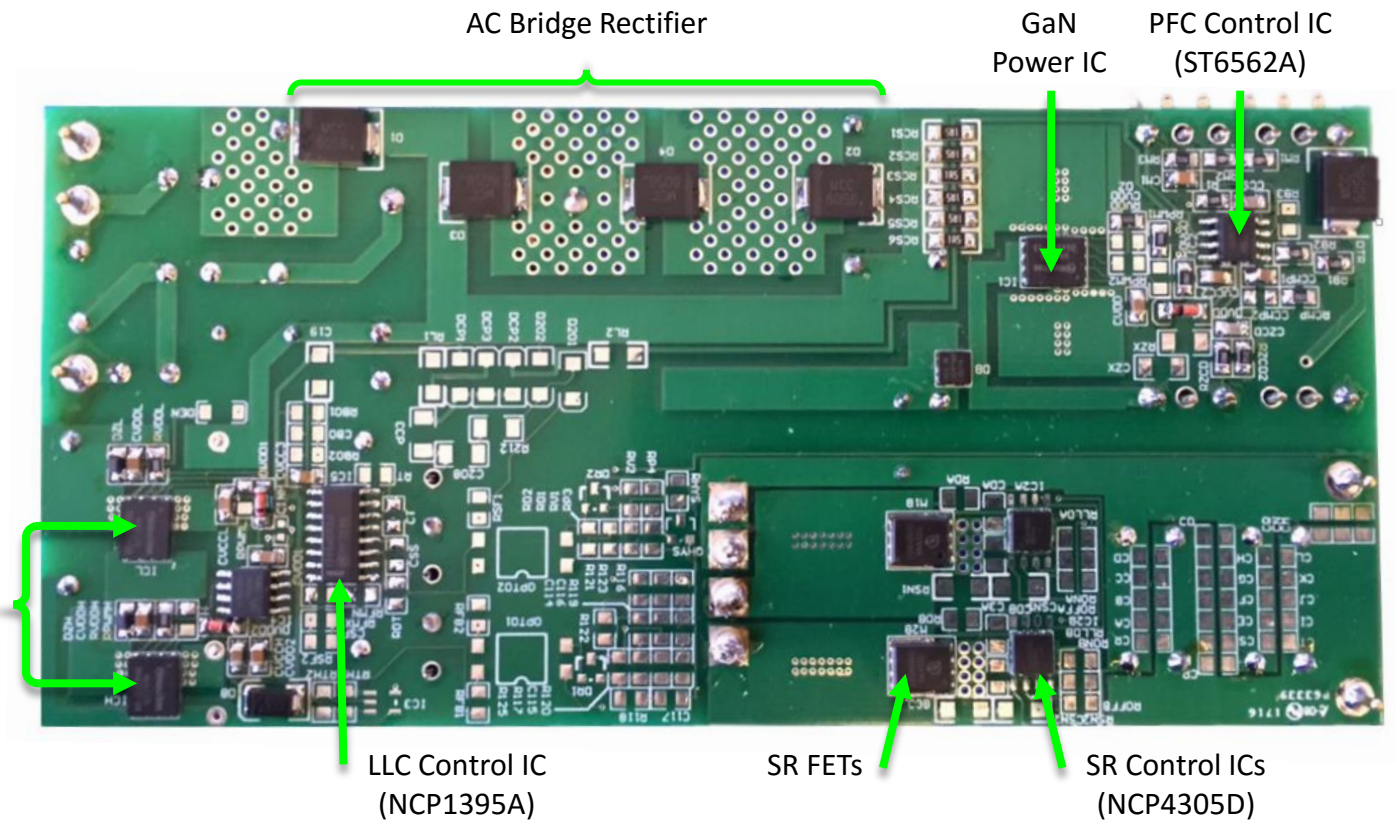
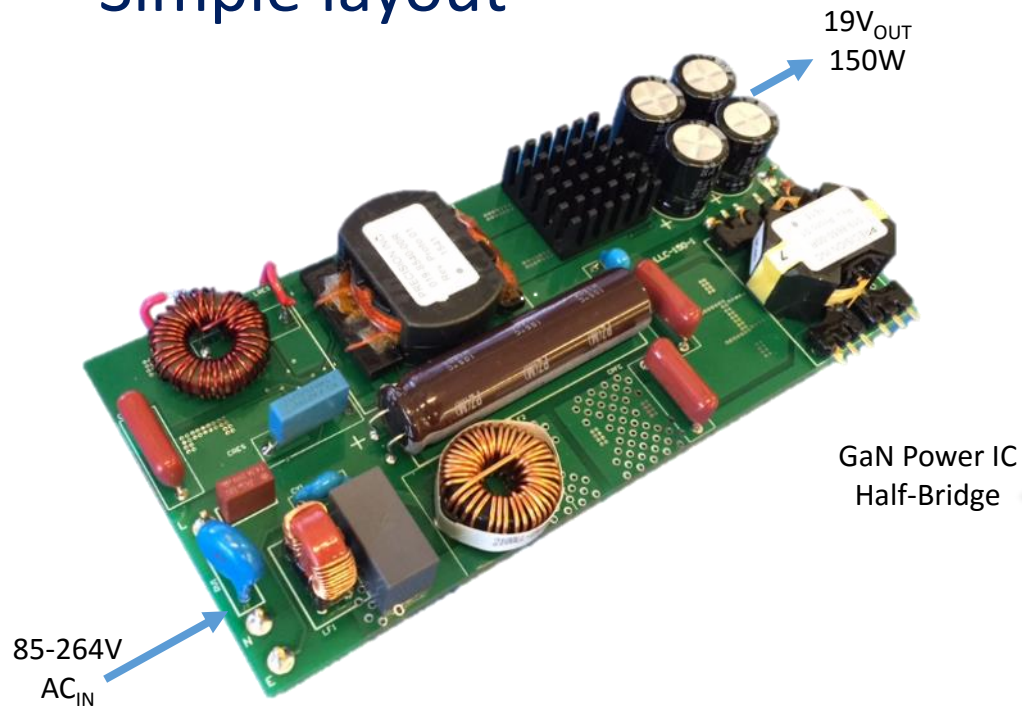
- CP Si running >90°C
- C7 Si too hot to run at 220V_{AC}

Cool GaN, not Cool Silicon: Driving Frequency



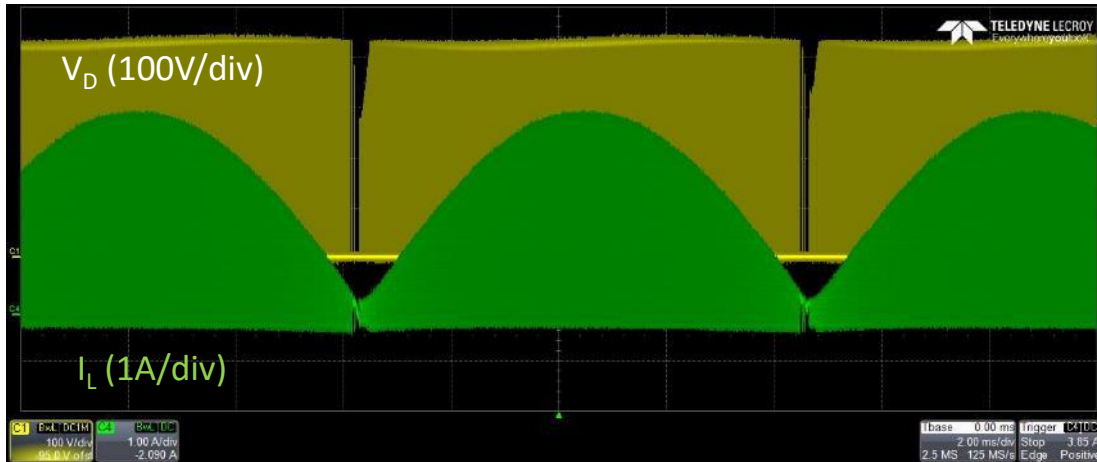
AC-19V: GaN Power ICs in PFC, LLC

- Simple schematic
- Simple layout

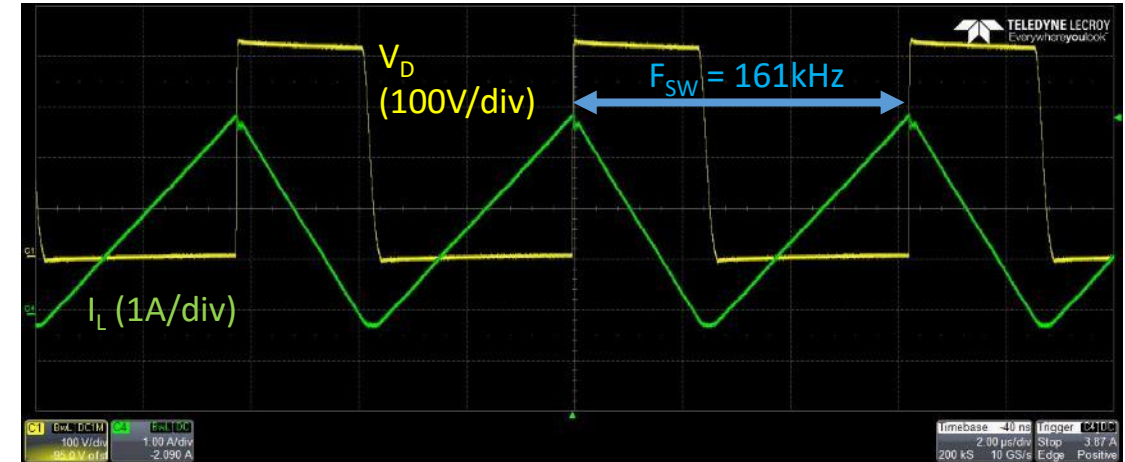


CrCM PFC: High-Frequency, High Performance

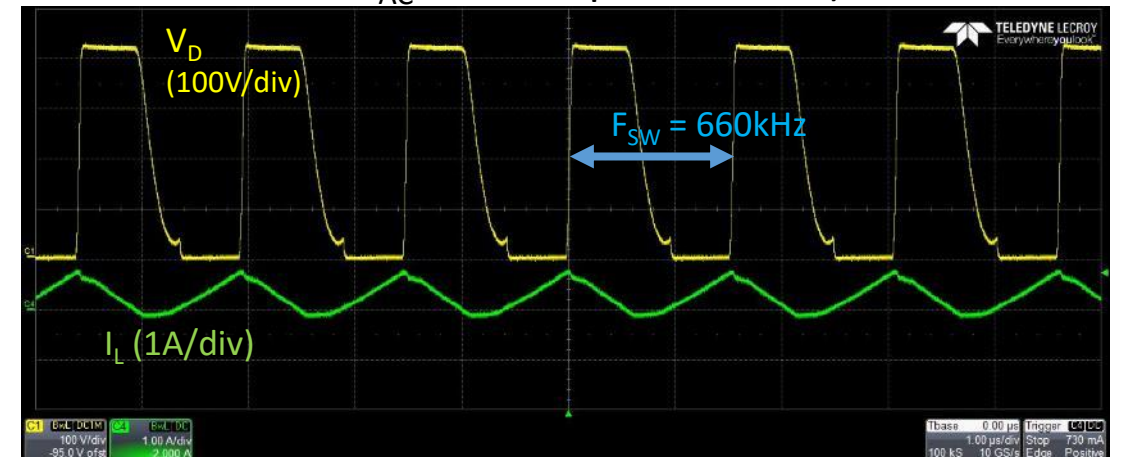
120V_{AC}, 150W



120V_{AC}, 150W, @peak AC line)

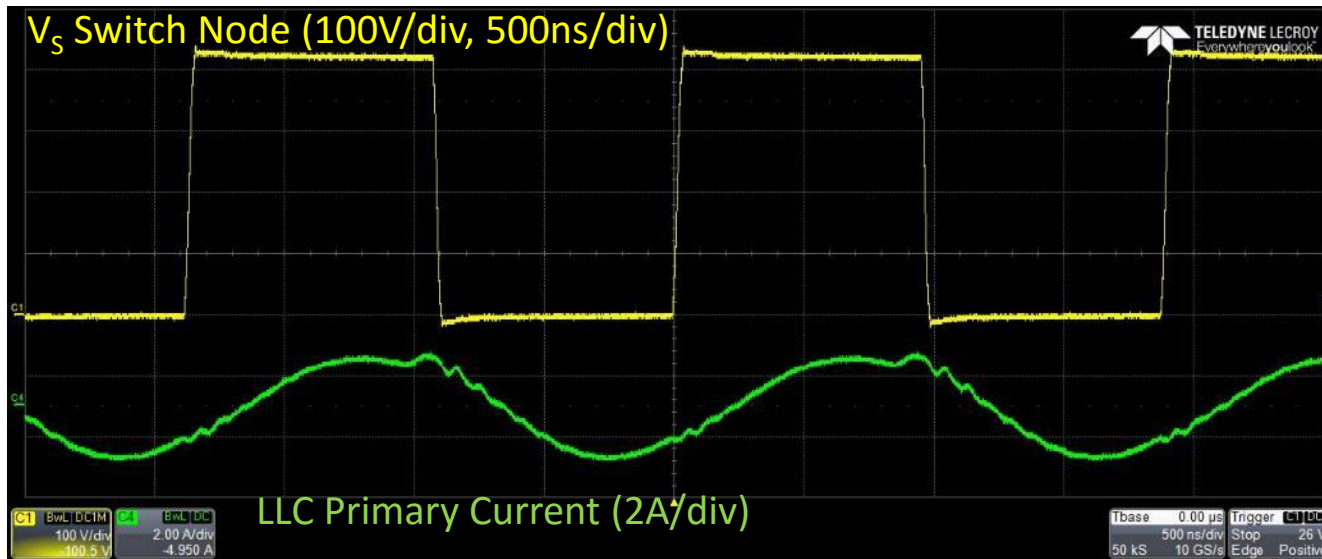


220V_{AC}, 85W, @peak AC line)

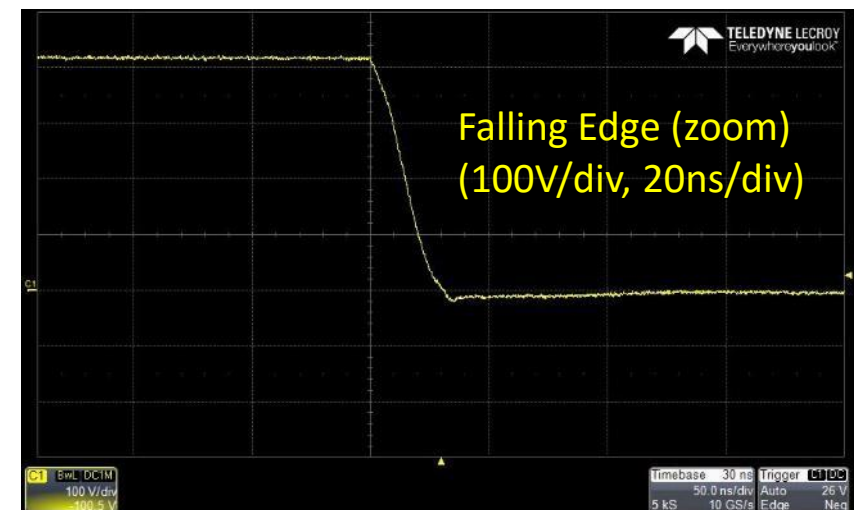
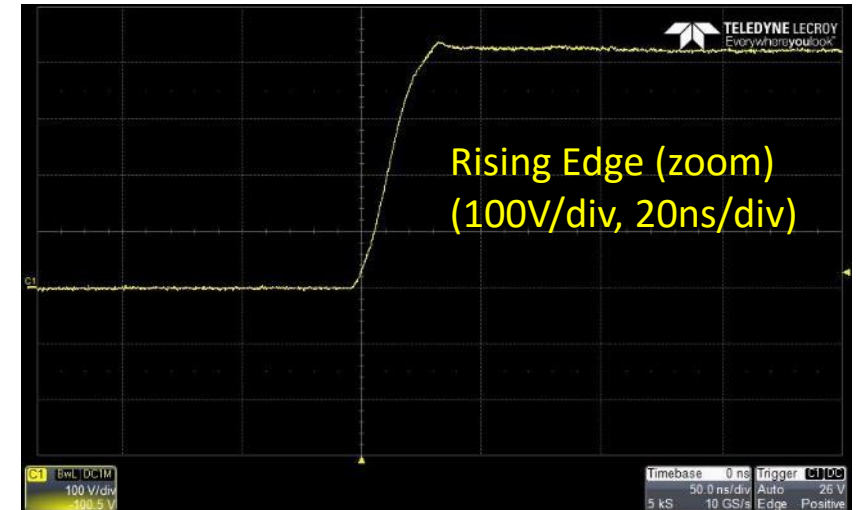


- Excellent Power Factor - PF >99.5%
- High frequency operation
- Easy to achieve ZVS soft-switching
- Negligible switching loss during partial ZVS at high line with GaN

LLC: Smooth, Fast, Quiet

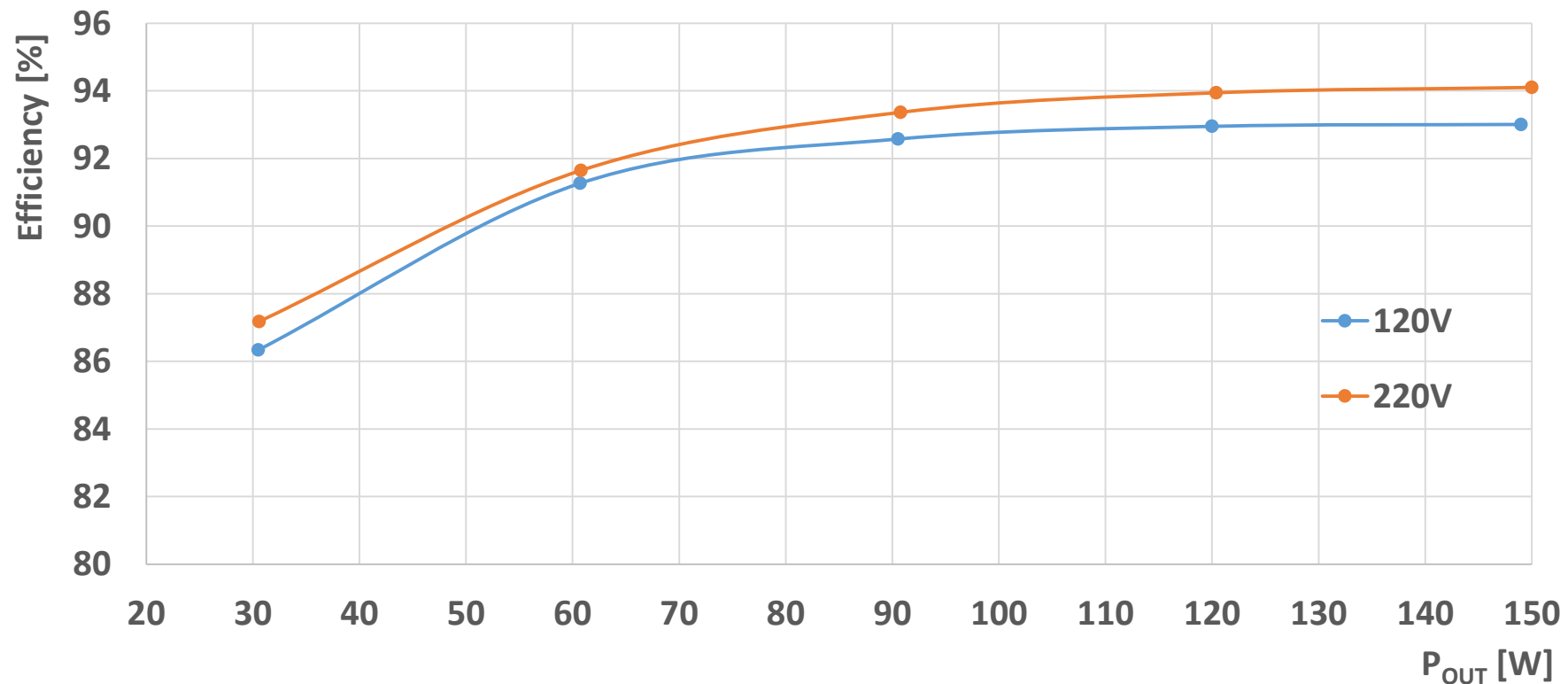


- No spikes, overshoot
- Smooth ‘S-curves’ with fast $\sim 40\text{V/ns}$ slope
- Low EMI signature

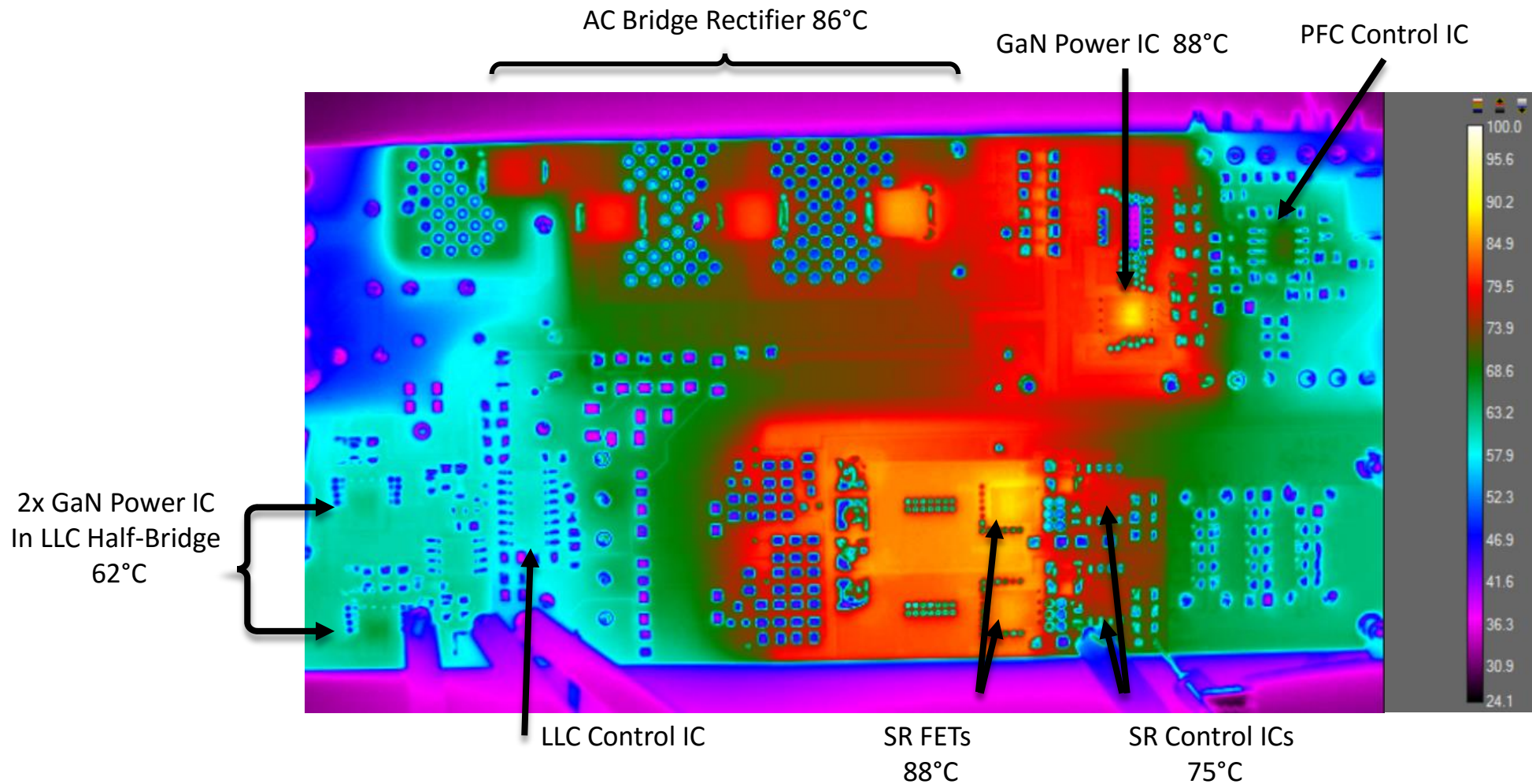


High Efficiency at High Frequency

- AC-19V, 150W, 25°C, no airflow
- $110V_{AC} = 93\%$, $220V_{AC} = 94.1\%$



150W, 90V_{AC}, 500kHz (no airflow, 25°C)



The MHz Eco-System

-  Navitas GaN Power ICs plus...

- High-frequency controllers (PFC, PWM, DSP, LLC, SR)



- High-frequency magnetics

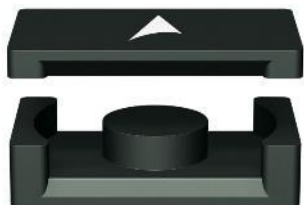
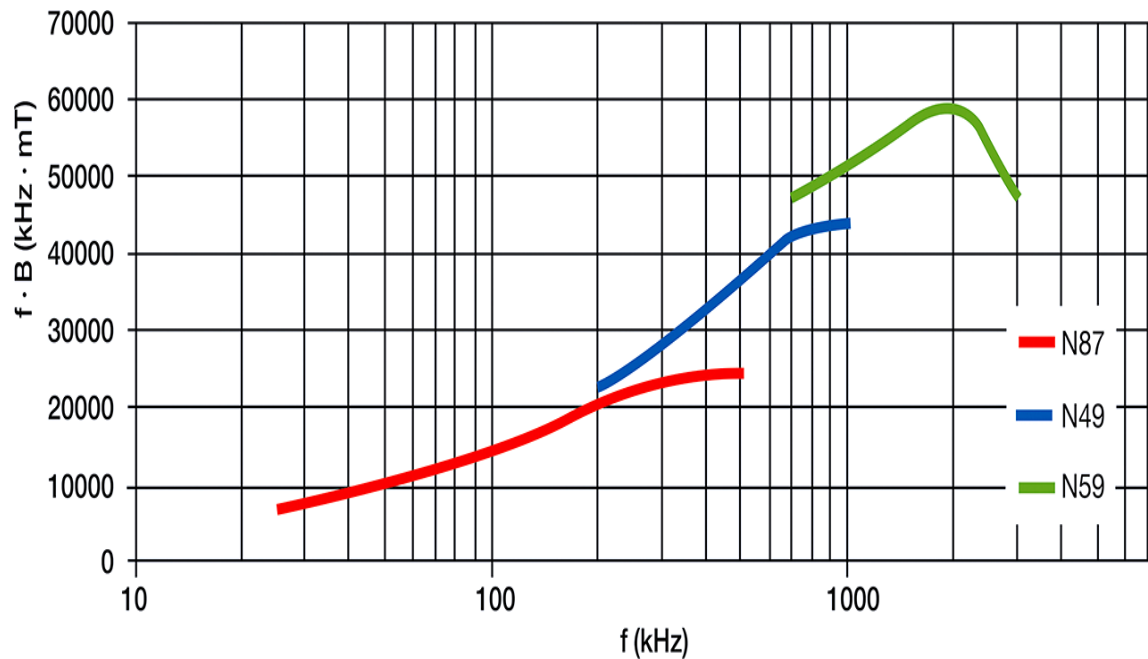


- High-frequency SR FETs

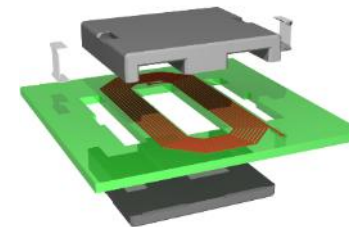
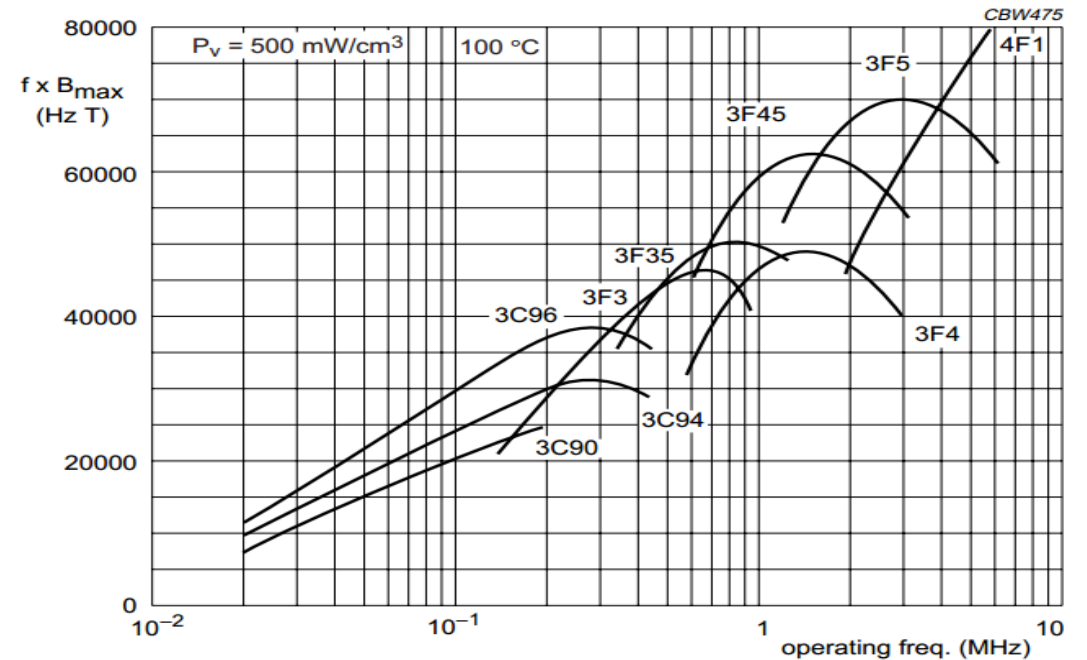


High Frequency Magnetics 'GaN Optimized'

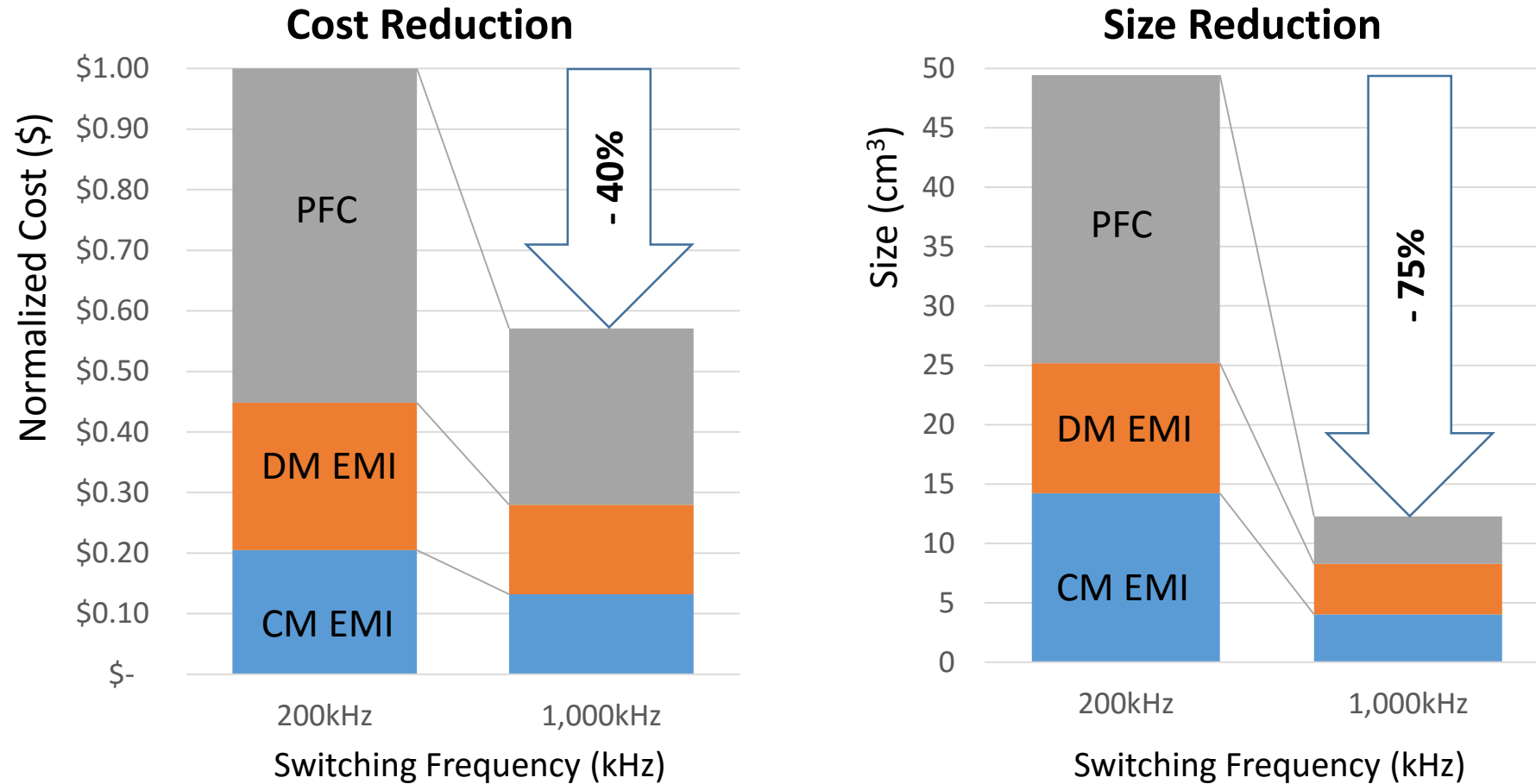
N59 optimized for 2MHz



3F & 4F up to 10MHz



Higher Frequency = Smaller, Cheaper



Magnetics & EMI Filters

Frequency drives 2x-4x Power Density

- Typical adapters (65-150kHz) = 5-12W/in³
- Navitas demo (500kHz) = 13.5W/in³
- Navitas customer estimate = 20-25W/in³



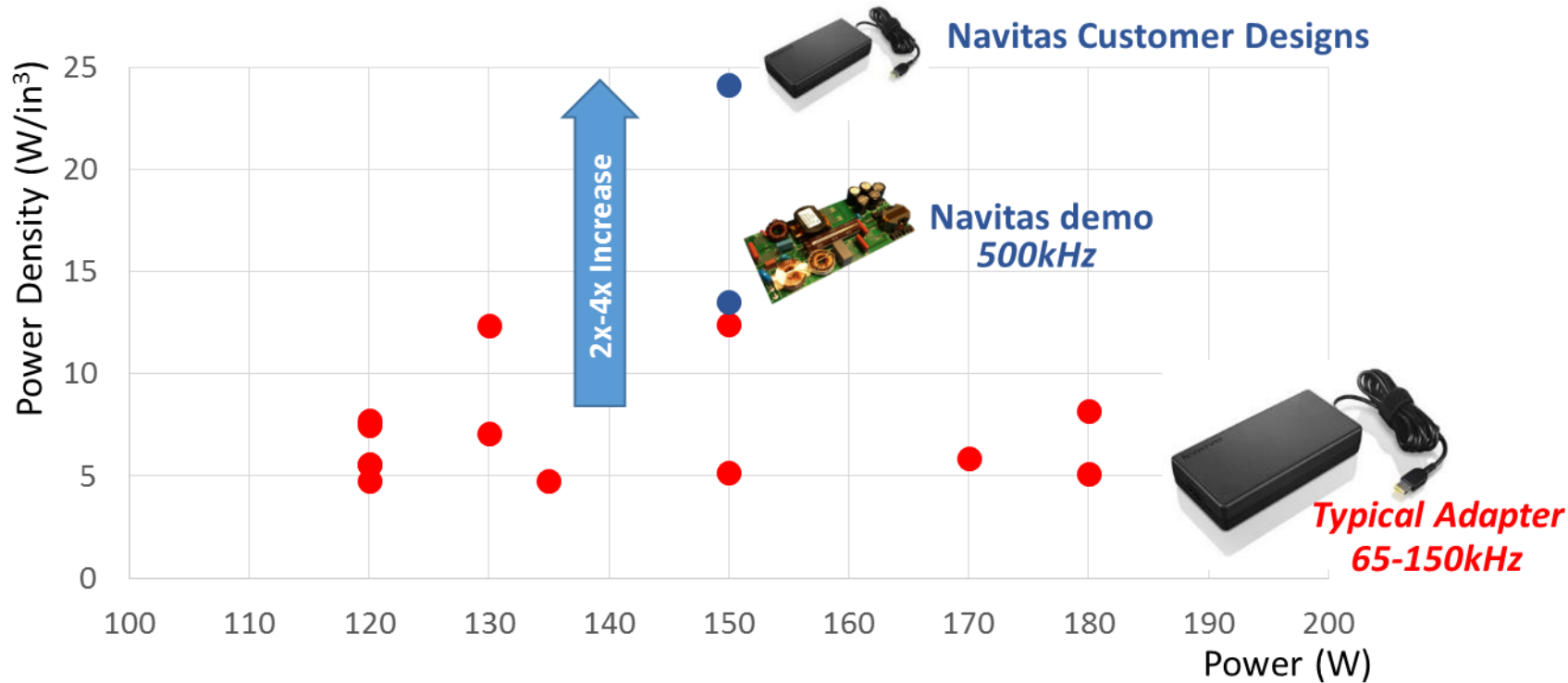
Gamer Laptops (100-150W)



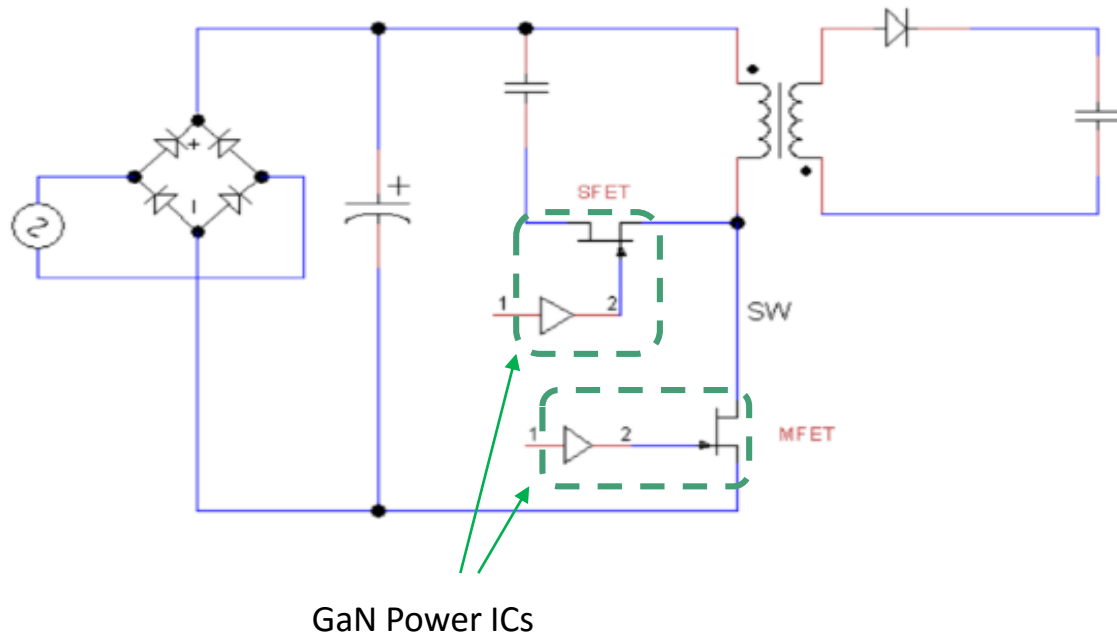
All-in-One PCs (150-200W)



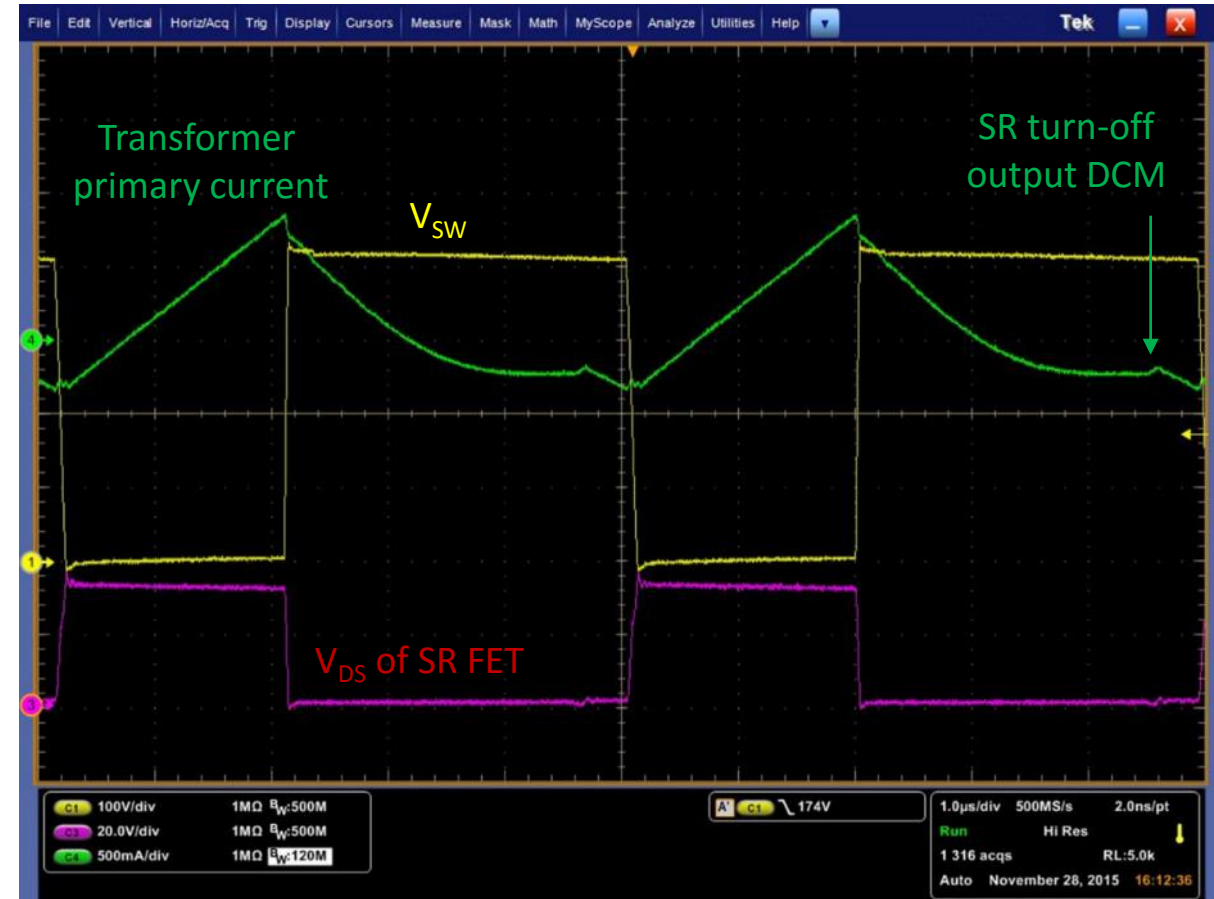
38"-52" TVs (100-200W)



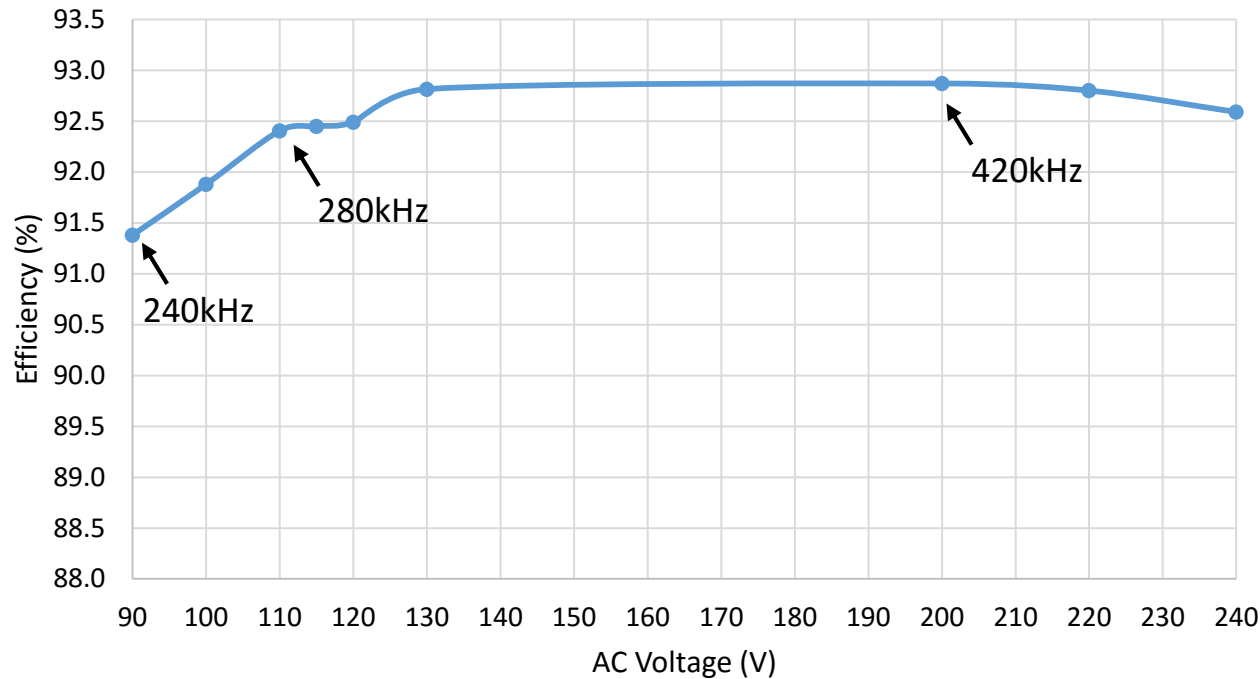
Soft-Switching: Active Clamp Flyback (ACF)



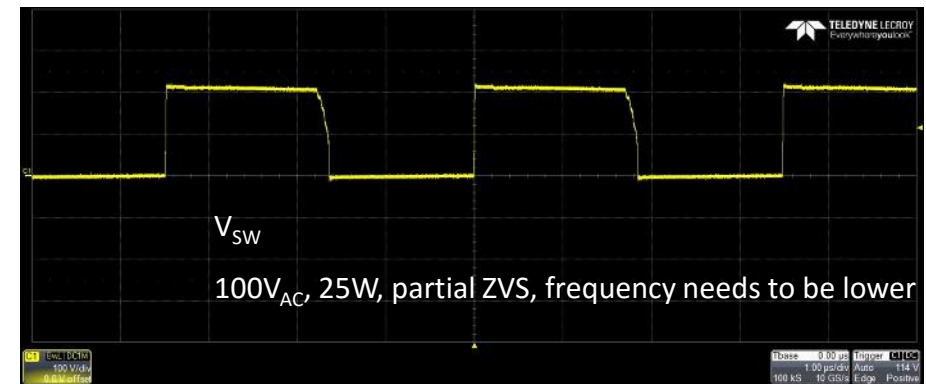
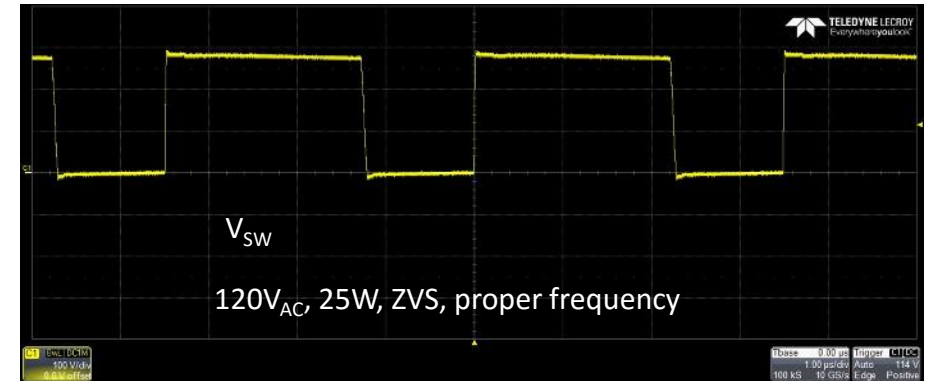
- ACF* gives highest efficiency, highest power density for adapters 20W-75W
- No snubber loss
- Reduced voltage across primary FETs



Navitas 25W ACF: Frequency, Efficiency



- Existing ACF control IC
 - Uses variable frequency control to maintain critical DCM
 - Too high frequency loses soft switching
 - Too low frequency generates excessive negative current
 - Limited frequency
- New, higher frequency ACF controllers – expect +0.5%



Quiet EMI

- Conducted EMI (CISPR Class B)*
- Quasi-peak, 120V_{AC}, 285kHz
- Quiet performance
 - Controlled switching
 - No spikes, no overshoot
 - ‘S’-curve transitions
- Simple EMI filter design**

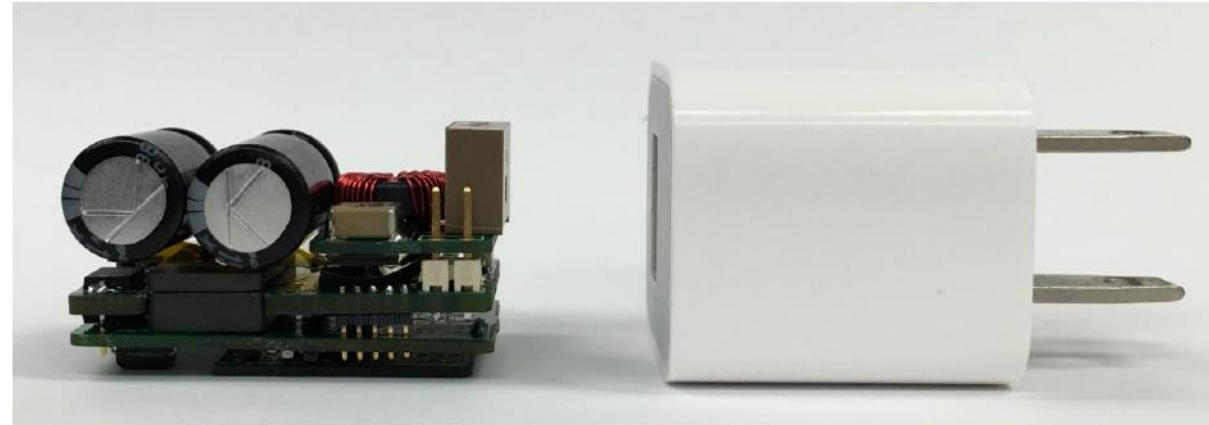


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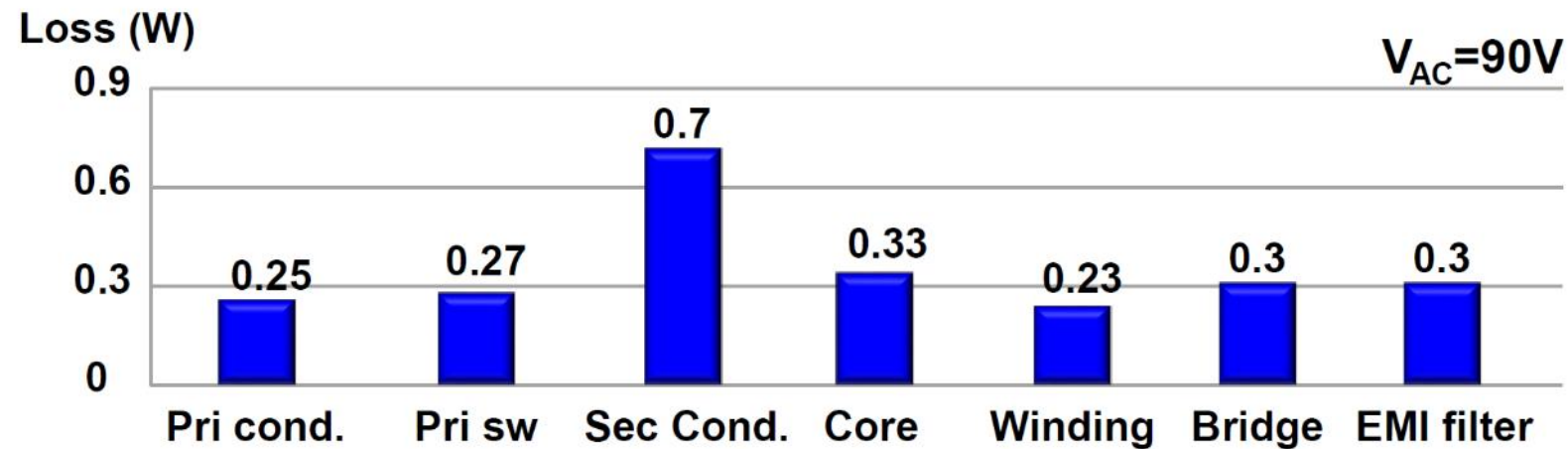
* In-house EMI equipment

ACF at 1MHz, 25W



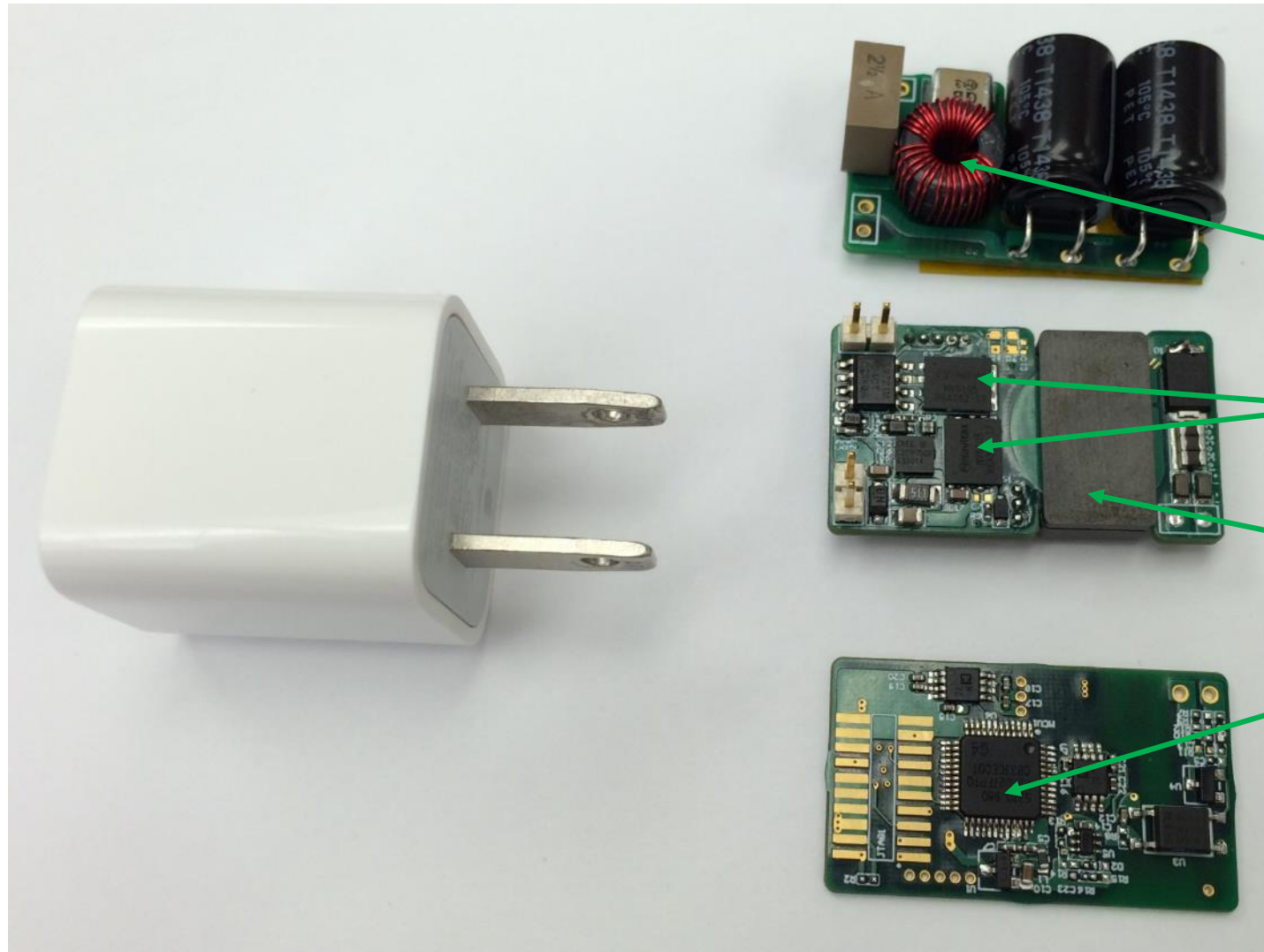
CPES Prototype
25W

iPhone charger
5W



Eff \approx 91.3% @ $P_o=25W$

1MHz, 25W ACF

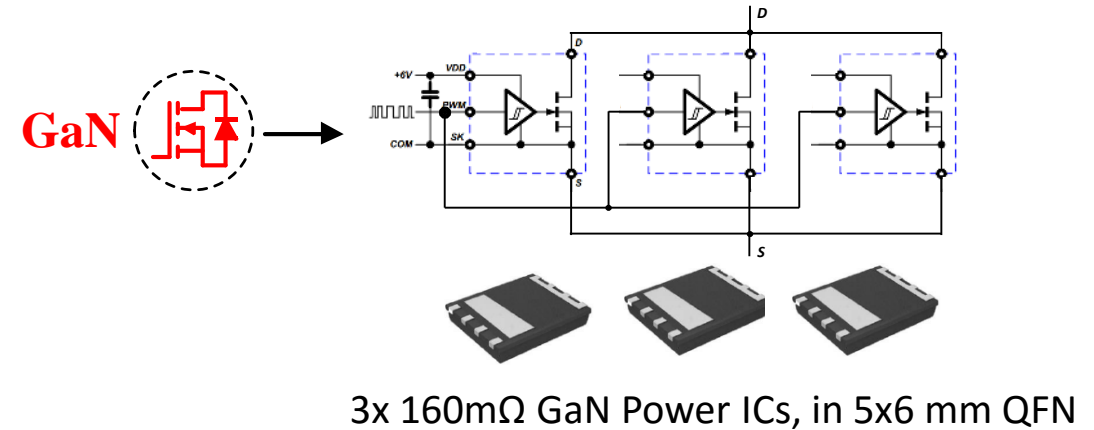
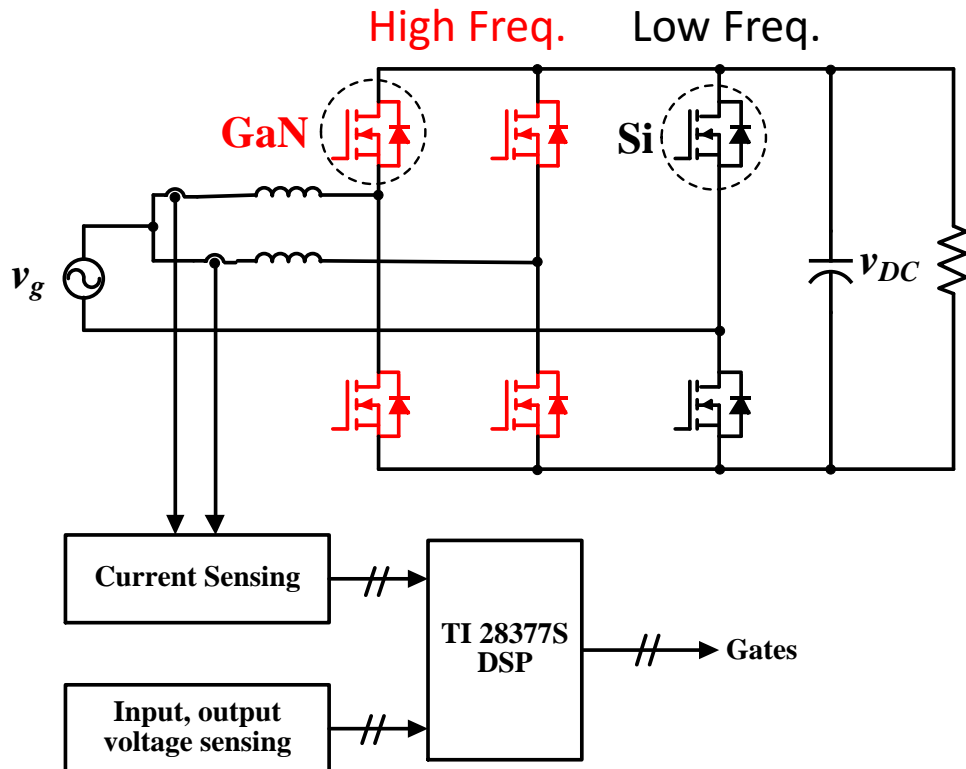


- Single-stage EMI
- Navitas GaN Power ICs
- Planar transformer
- DSP (for prototype)

1MHz 3kW PFC: 99%

- 2-phase Totem-Pole CrCM
- Input : 220V_{AC} (47-63Hz)
- Output : 400V, 3,000W

- Frequency* : 1MHz each phase
 - *Dual phase variable frequency interleaving (500kHz – 1.5MHz range)
- Efficiency : >99% @ 800kHz, 200-1,200W/phase ⁽¹⁾
 >98.8% @ 500kHz, 1,800W /phase ⁽¹⁾
- Power Factor : >0.995 ⁽¹⁾

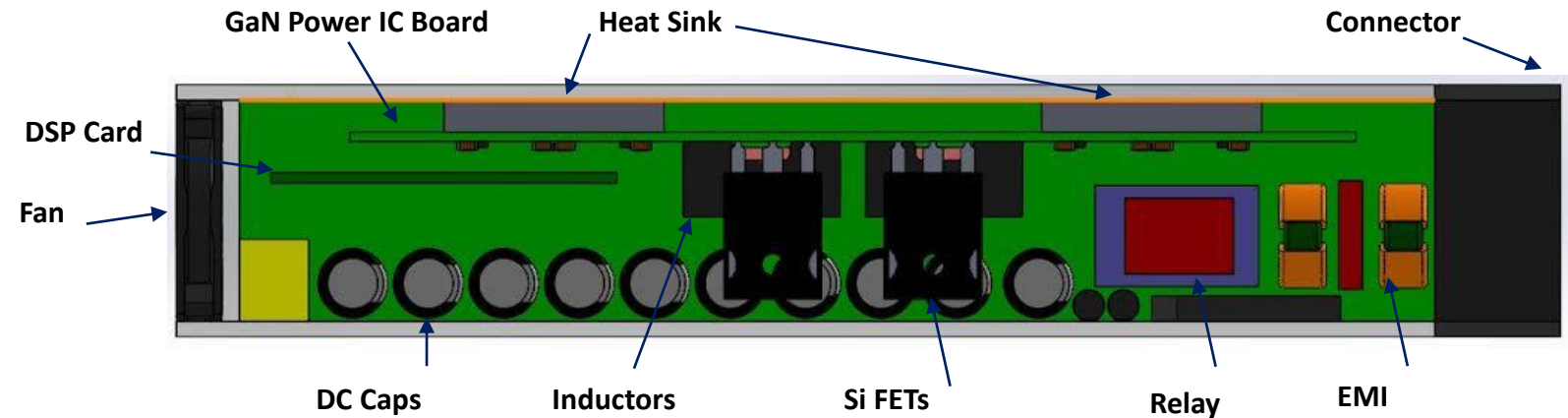
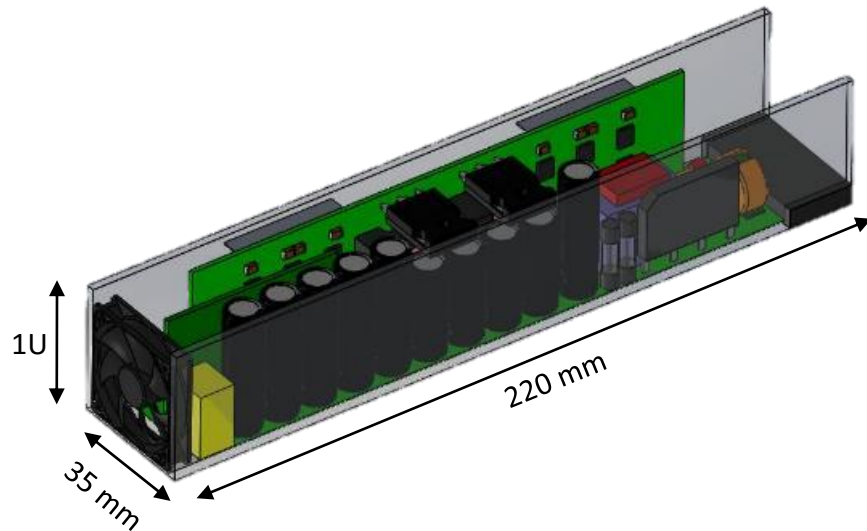


(1) Achieved on Alpha prototype

1MHz 3kW PFC: 135W/in³

- 2-phase Totem-Pole CrCM
- Input : 220V_{AC} (47-63Hz)
- Output : 400V, 3,000W

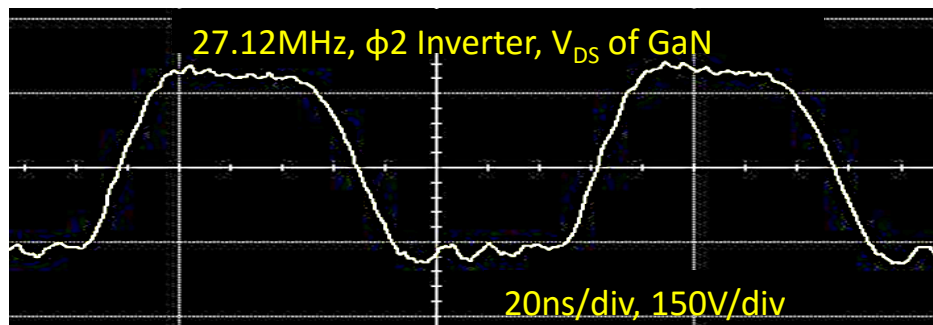
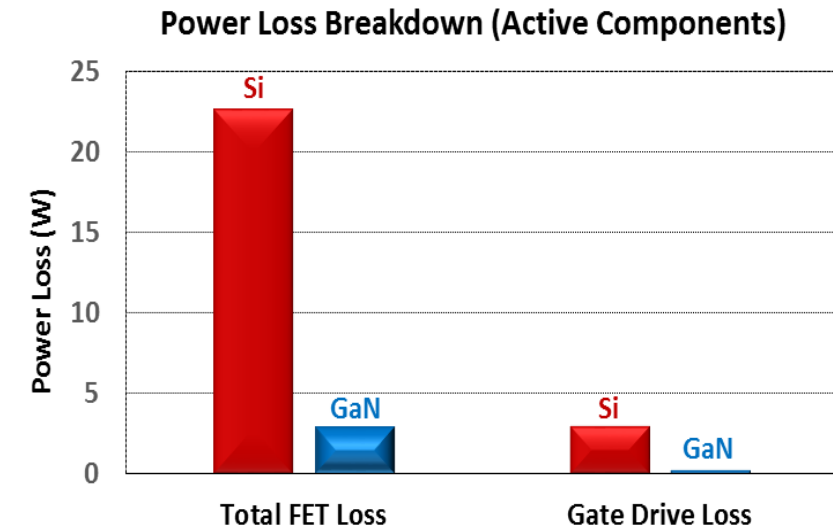
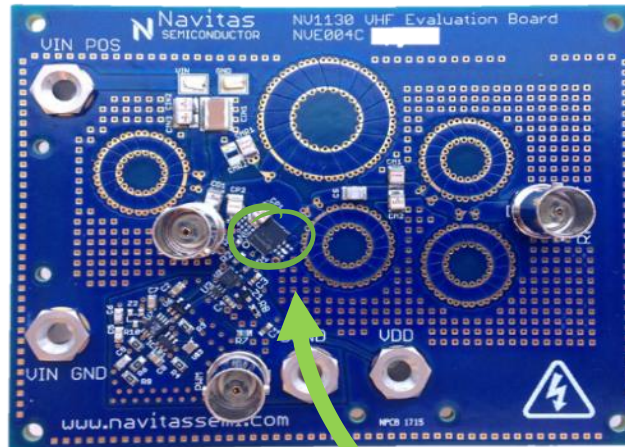
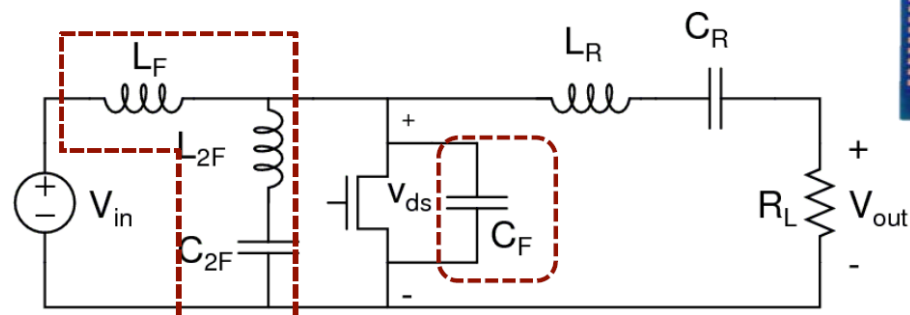
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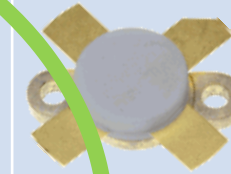
eMode GaN at 27MHz & 40MHz

Class Phi-2 DC/AC converter: Stanford / Navitas demo

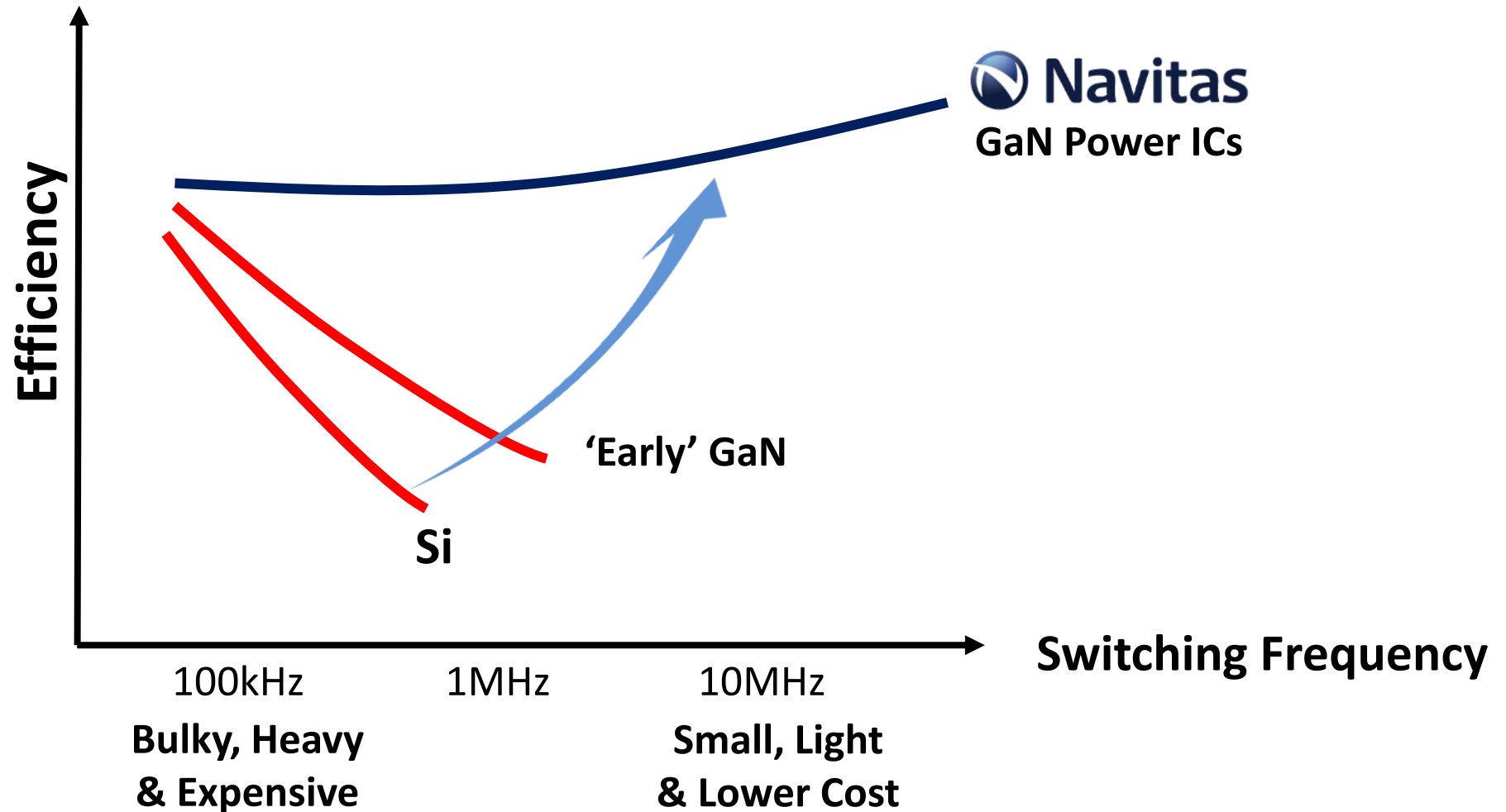
- 50% less loss than RF Si
- 16x smaller package
- Air-core inductors
- Minimal FET loss
- Negligible gate drive loss



Technology	V	Pack (mm)	F _{sw} (MHz)	Eff. (%)	Power (W)
RF Si (ARF521) 	500	M174 22x22	27.12	91%	150
eMode GaN 	650	QFN 5x6	27.12	96%	150
			40.00	93%	115



GaN Power ICs Enable High Frequency & Efficiency



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