GaN power IC Innovations For High-Frequency, High-Power Industrial Motor Drive

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Agenda

- Electric motor applications, key requirements / benefits
- 300W, 1kW examples
- Integrated GaN power ICs enable Performance and Reliability
- GaNSense[™] and GaNSafe[™] explained
- Conclusion



Wide Range of Scalable GaNFast Solutions for Motor Drive 🔊 Navitas



GaNFast: Key Benefits in Motor Inverters

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Feature

Very low switching losses

Very high switching frequency possible (50 kHz+)

Precise switch timing with low latency and dead time

High voltage ratings (650V DC / 800V transient)

Integrated gate driver and voltage regulator

Integrated lossless current sensing and temperature sensor

High level of integration – less components on PCB

Impact

Reduce losses by >20% over SiC, >50% over Si

Sinusoidal modulation Lower motor inductance

Improved control loop performance, low EMI

High robustness against transient overvoltage peaks

Excellent reliability through precise gate drive conditions

Excellent robustness through very fast and precise action

Very compact size and higher reliability

Benefit
Small or no heatsink, easier thermal design, higher reliability
2% better efficiency, less harmonics; maller , up to 30% lower cost notor, 20% smaller EMI filter
Smaller EMI filter , better dynamic performance under load steps
Ox lower field failure rate
mproved lifetime and low field ailure rate
Robust, protected application and ow failure rate; 1% better efficiency
10% smaller system size and cost, and very easy to use

GaNFast: "No Heatsink" High-Speed Motor Drives



No heatsink, ∧T=49K Board diameter 56mm



150 W



No heatsink, Λ T=46K Board size 74mm x 62mm



500 W



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GaNFast[™] Technology Leader, Market Leader





Total Loss of Silicon IGBT / MOSFET vs. GaN Power IC





Conduction Losses

Application case:

- Bus voltage 400 V
- Current 7 A_{RMS}
- Motor power 2 kW
- Switching 6 V/ns
- GaN and MOSFET same conduction losses

Using GaN power ICs, the inverter efficiency increases by 2.5% (96% \rightarrow 98,5%) and total losses are halved (15 W \rightarrow 6,8 W)

→ Significant reduction in cost, weight and size of thermal mgmt (like heatsink, fans, other thermal components)

➔ Benefit even larger at higher switching frequency

GaNFast[™] and GaNSense[™]: Enabling Motor-integrated Inverters Navitas

GaNSense[™] Half-bridge





Discrete half-bridge



GaNFast half-bridge with GaNSense technology

- High, stable and repeatable performance → design margins can be reduced
 - Very low prop delay for best control loop performance
- Controlled gate drive conditions enable **outstanding reliability**
- Adjustable switching speed to **control EMI**
- Much reduced component count → system size and cost reduced, enabling motor-integrated inverters
- Easy to use → fast time to market
- Lossless current sensing removes shunt resistors → cost, size, reliability and performance improvement
- Fast and precise overcurrent protection → improved system robustness
- On-chip temperature sensing for better thermal design margin
- Precise overtemperature turn-off \rightarrow improved system robustness

GaNFast[™] and GaNSense[™] offer highest performance, integration, robustness

GaNSafe[™]: Next level of power density



Part#	V _{DS} (Cont, Max) (V)	V _{DS} (Dyn, Max) (V)	R _{DS(ON)} (Max 25°C) (mΩ)	I _D (Max) (A)	Package	Evaluation Kit
NV6515	650	800	35	57	TOLL 10x10 Bottom-cool	Power Board, Full Bridge Daughter Card, and FanSink/TIM ~ configurable for DPT or Half-Bridge testing
NV6513			45	48		
NV6512			55	34		
NV6511			98	22		





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Bi-Directional GaN: The Power Revolution for 2024





- Traditional power semiconductors (MOSFETS, IGBTS) are uni-directional (one-way conduction or isolation)
- Several applications need two-way (bi-directional, or positive/negative) operation so multiple, large-chip parts needed
- Proprietary, 'bi-directional' GaNFast power ICs are the smallest, most efficient, lowest system cost solution
 - Optimized for fast switching, AC voltage applications
 - Enable 'previously-impractical' topologies
 - Integrated circuitry ensures reliability
- Applications: High-power industrial, solar, energy storage, motor drives
- Topologies: Heric Inverter, Vienna Converter, T-type NPC Inverter, Matrix AC/AC Converter
- Mass production target 2024



Direct power conversion with bi-directional GaNFast means simple, small, efficient, low system-cost AC-AC motor drive

Conclusion – The time is now



- Through GaNFast[™] / GaNSense[™] integration, GaN power ICs are <u>ready now</u>
 - Reliable and repeatable performance of e-mode GaN power transistors
 - Complete protections for reliability and robustness
 - Smallest form factor and lowest losses
 - Easy to use digital power stage
- Massive performance improvement over silicon alternatives
- Very good availability and plentiful supply chain
 - Re-using older Si fabs, low CapEx, low waste



GaN power ICs enable the next level of performance, reliability and robustness in power electronics applications

Danke!

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