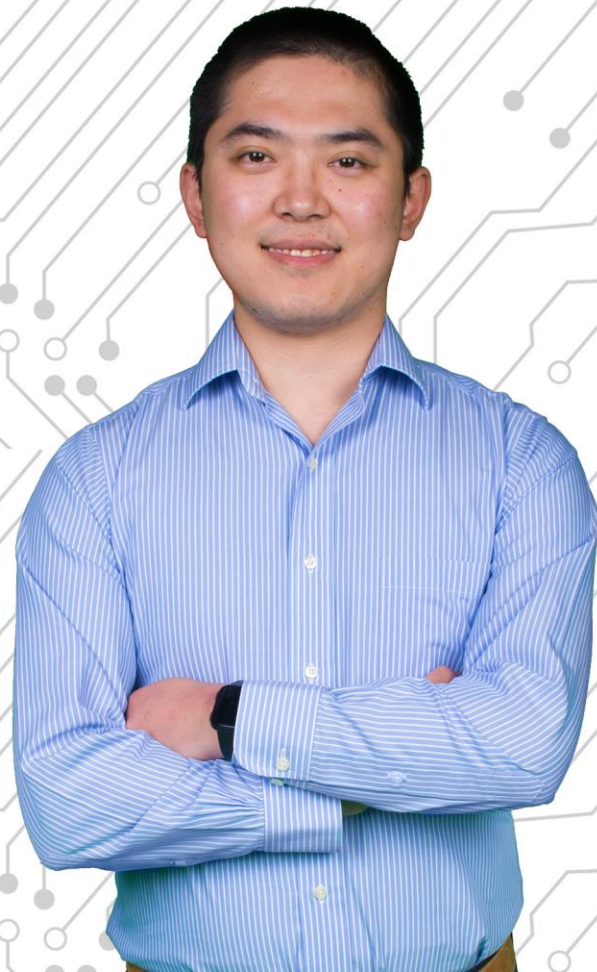


HIGH VOLTAGE SEMINAR

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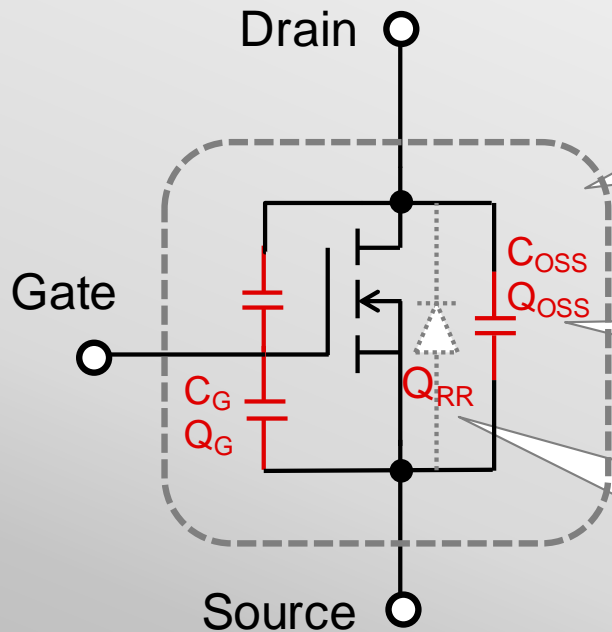
GaN FETS: HIGH POWER DENSITY
AND EFFICIENCY IN PFC AND
DCDC DESIGNS



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GaN device: key advantages



Low C_G, Q_G gate capacitance/charge (1 nC-Ω vs Si 4 nC-Ω)

- ✓ faster turn-on and turn-off, higher switching speed
- ✓ reduced gate drive losses

Low C_{OSS}, Q_{OSS} output capacitance/charge (5 nC-Ω vs Si 25 nC-Ω)

- ✓ faster switching, high switching frequencies
- ✓ reduced switching losses

Low $R_{DS(on)}$ (5 mΩ-cm² vs Si >10 mΩ-cm²)

- ✓ lower conduction losses

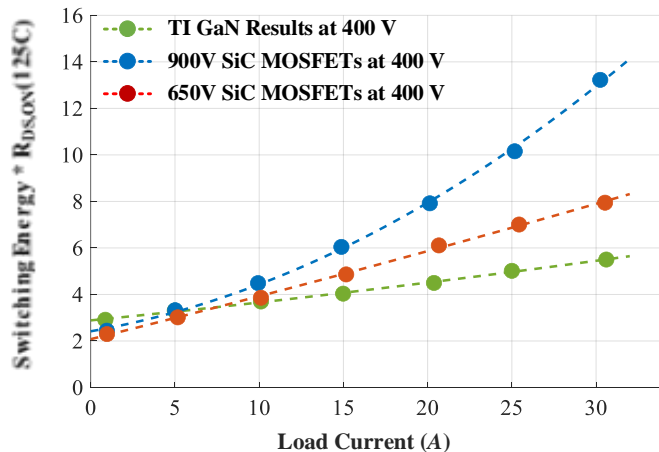
Zero Q_{RR} No 'body diode'

- ✓ No reverse recovery losses
- ✓ Reduces ringing on switch node and EMI

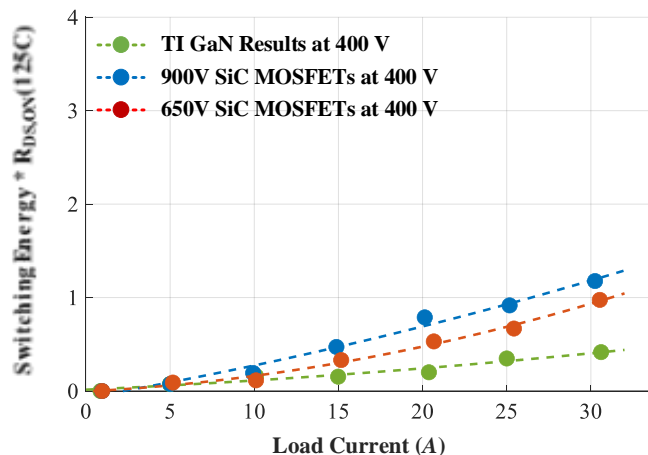
Low switching loss in TI GaN

- GaN offers best performance

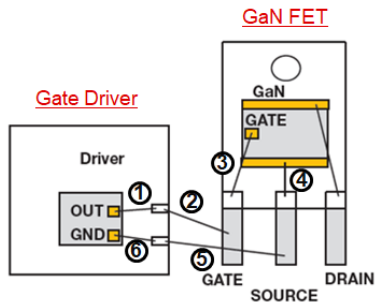
Hard switching Figure-of-Merit
(turn-on and turn-off losses)



Soft-switching Figure-of-Merit
(turn-off losses, ZVS at turn-on)

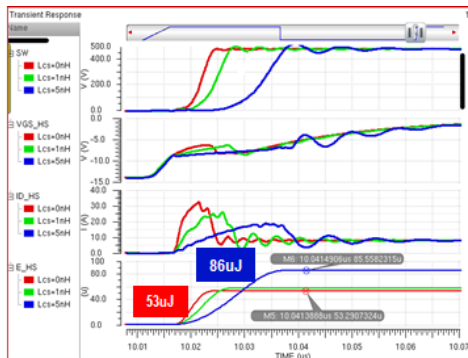
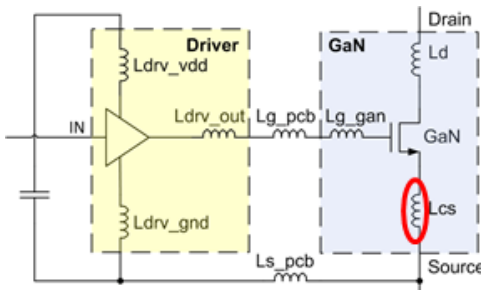


High-frequency design challenges with discretes



- **Common Source Inductance (CSI)**
 - Slows V_{DS} transitions.
 - Higher overlap losses (Hard-Switching).
 - Longer dead-times (Soft-Switching).
- **Gate Loop Inductance**
 - Limit peak gate current: slow down gate drive and induce high overlap losses in hard switching.
 - Gate overstress reliability risk.
 - Miller shoot-through risk.
- **White paper:** [Optimizing GaN performance with an integrated driver](#)

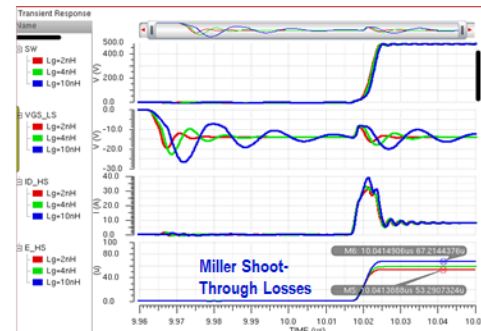
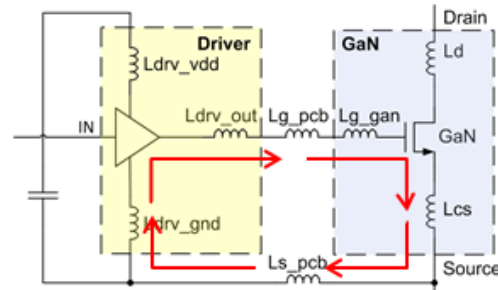
Common Source Inductance Effect



High-side turn on versus common-source inductance:
red = 0 nH, green = 1 nH, blue = 5 nH

Limits peak I_{DS} , De-biases V_{GS}

Gate Loop Inductance Effect


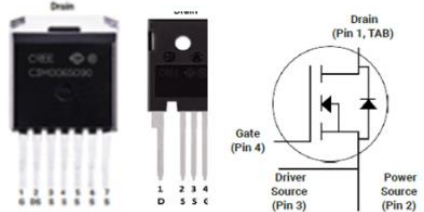
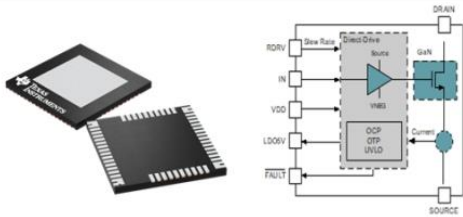


Low-side hold-off versus gate-loop inductance
red = 2 nH, green = 4 nH, blue = 10 nH

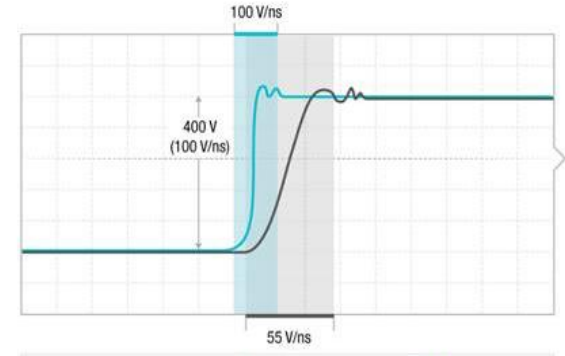
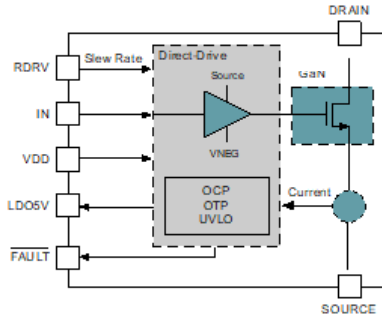
Limits peak I_{GATE} & slows down dV_{DS}/dt
Causes V_{GS} ringing & Miller shoot-through

TI GaN engineered for high-frequency

- SMD (QFN) multi-chip module package offers **lowest parasitic inductance** for high frequency operation.

Standard Power Package	Kelvin Source Power Package	TI: GaN FET + Gate driver
 <p>Diagram showing a standard power package (left) and a common source FET schematic (right). The schematic labels the Drain (D, Pin 2), Gate (G, Pin 1), and Source (S, Pin 3) terminals.</p>	 <p>Diagram showing a Kelvin source power package (left) and a Kelvin source FET schematic (right). The schematic labels the Drain (Pin 1, TAB), Gate (Pin 4), Driver Source (Pin 3), and Power Source (Pin 2) terminals.</p>	 <p>Diagram showing TI GaN FET and gate driver components (left) and a detailed schematic (right). The schematic includes a MOSFET driver, a GaN FET, and a current sense resistor, with labels for Drain, Source, Gate, and various pins (RDY, IN, VDD, LDOV, FAULT, OCP, OTP, UVLO).</p>
Common Source: 2nH -10nH	Common Source: <1nH	Common Source: <1nH
Gate loop: 5nH – 20nH	Gate loop: 5nH – 20nH	Gate loop: 1nH – 4nH

TI GaN: Integrated for high frequency and robustness



Integrated GaN FET, gate driver, protection, reporting +

- <1 nH common source inductance, <4 nH gate loop inductance
- On-chip V/I/T sensing, protections & reporting
- Advanced power management features

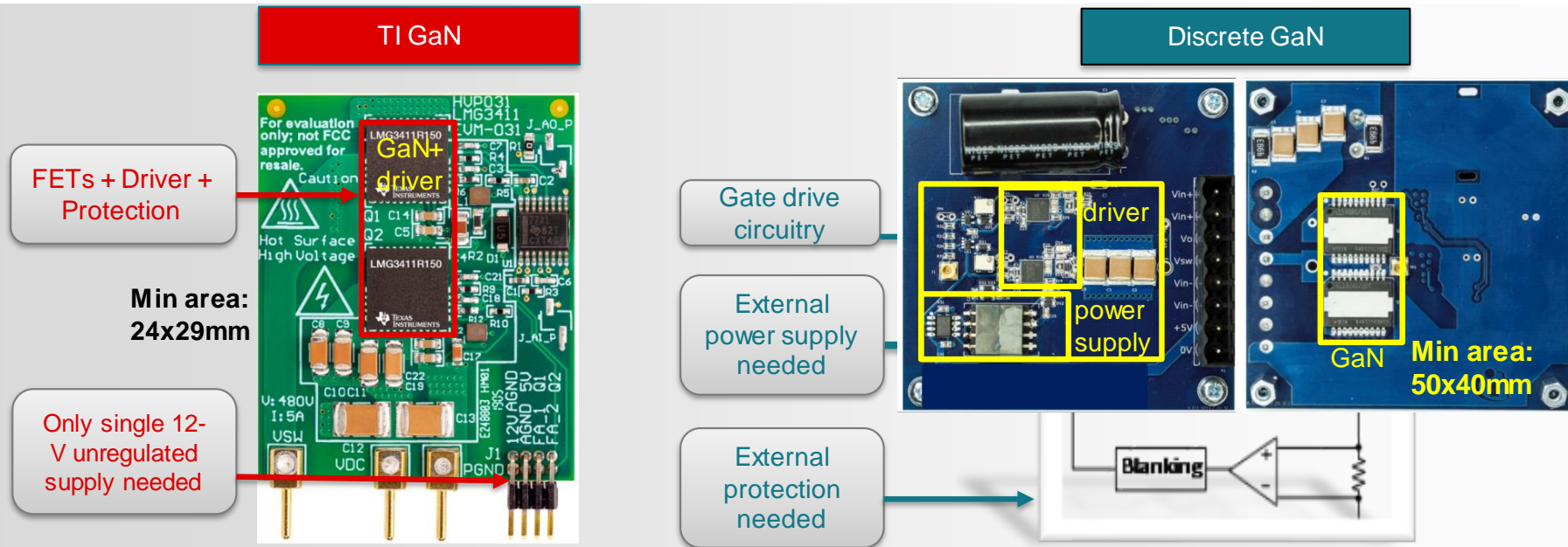
Compact SMD package =

- Low parasitic lead inductance
- Enhanced thermal management with top/bottom-side cooling

Design simplicity & confidence

- Demonstrated dV_{ds}/dt capability of 150 V/ns
- dV_{ds}/dt adjustable between 30-150 V/ns for EMI vs efficiency
- Compact PCB footprint

TI GaN integration simplifies BOM and cost



TI GaN FET portfolio

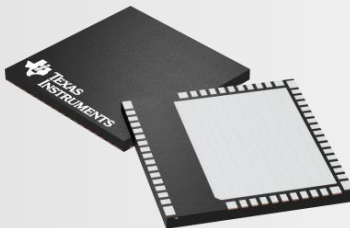
Gen-I



**2x the
power**



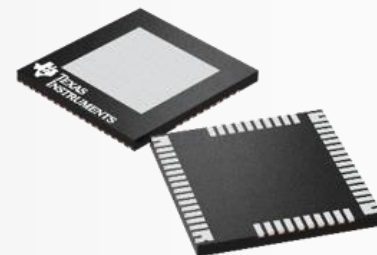
Gen-II Industrial



AECQ-100



Gen II Automotive



RDS: 50/70/150 mΩ
Size: 8mm x 8mm
Cooling: Bottom
Rj-s: <5.5 C/W
Power Loop Inductance: <2.3 nH

<https://www.ti.com/product/LMG3411R050>

RDS: 30/50 mΩ
Size: 12mm x 12mm
Cooling: Bottom
Rj-s: <2.6 C/W
Power Loop Inductance: <2.8 nH

<https://www.ti.com/product/LMG3422R030>

RDS: 30 mΩ
Size: 12mm x 12mm
Cooling: Top
Rj-s: <2.3 C/W
Power Loop Inductance: <2.1 nH

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LMG342x/352x: TI Gen-II GaN FETs

>150 V/ns Drain-Source Slew rate capability; **adjustable from 30 V/ns to 150 V/ns**

Integrated **2.2-MHz** gate driver with industry lowest CSI

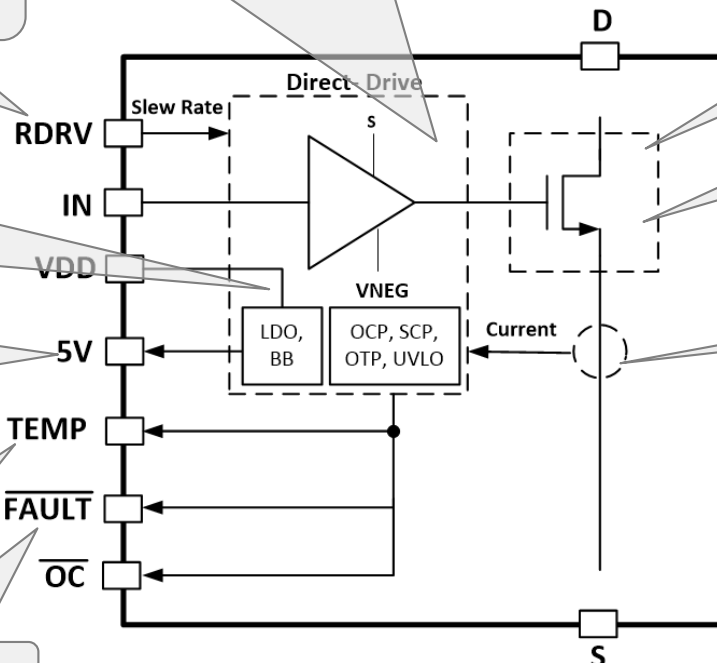
LMG342x: 600-V GaN FET
LMG352x: 650-V GaN FET

Integrated gate driver bias generated from 7.5-18 V unregulated supply supporting **2.2-MHz switching**

5-V regulated output **for powering digital isolator**

GaN FET temperature digital **PWM reporting for active power management**

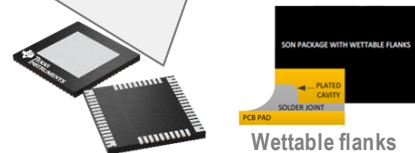
V/I/T **fault reporting**



LMG3425/3525 Ideal diode mode **reduces reverse conduction losses** **NEW**

Overcurrent protection **Cycle-by-Cycle**
Short circuit protection **Latched**

12mm-by-12 mm QFN
LMG342x: bottom-cooled
LMG352x: top-cooled QFN with wettable flanks **NEW**

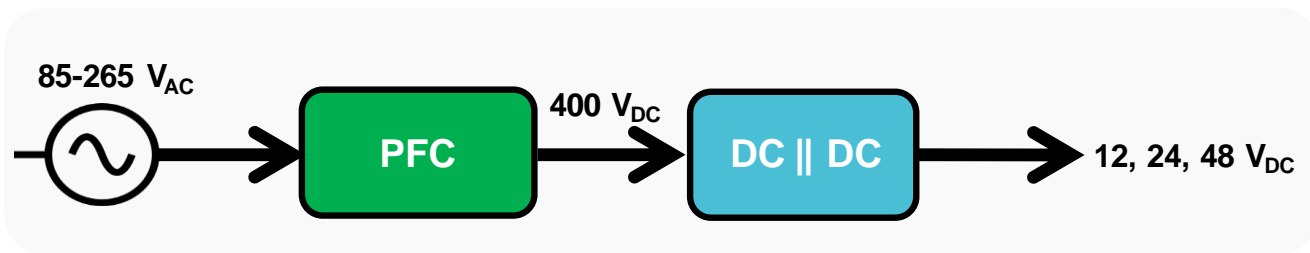


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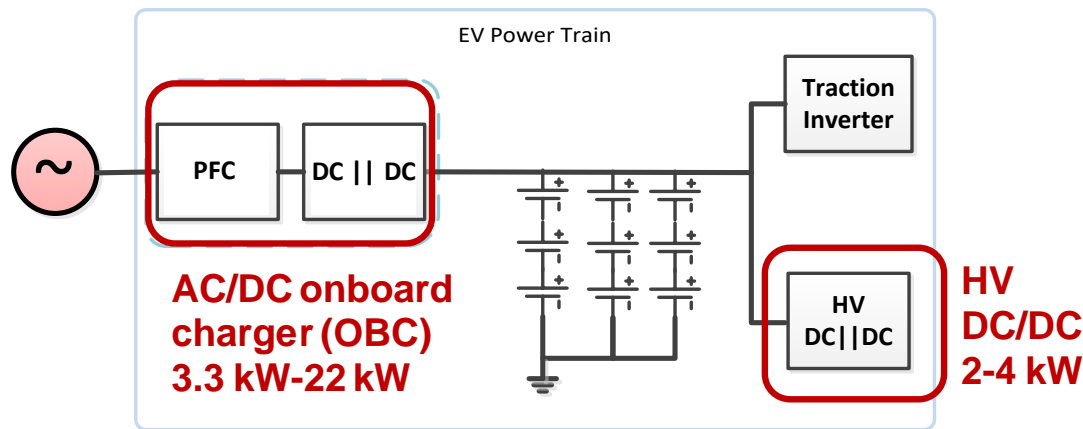
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Multi-kW applications demanding high efficiency & density



AC/DC power supply for datacenter, telecom, medical and industrial (up to 10 kW)



Automotive HEV/EV powertrain

AC/DC trends in datacenter and telecom

Energy Efficiency

Beyond 80+ Titanium
@ 50% & 100% load

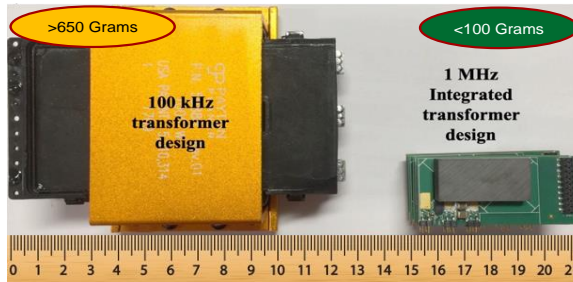
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% of Rated Load	20%	50%	100%	10%	20%	50%	100%
80 PLUS	80%	80%	80%	N/A			
80 PLUS Bronze	82%	85%	82%	---	81%	85%	81%
80 PLUS Silver	85%	88%	85%	---	85%	89%	85%
80 PLUS Gold	87%	90%	87%	---	88%	92%	88%
80 PLUS Platinum	90%	92%	89%	---	90%	94%	91%
80 PLUS Titanium	---	---	---	90%	94%	96%	91%



- PSU efficiency spec 2021:
 - ITE-level PSU > **96.5%**
 - Rack-level PSU peak efficiency > **97.5%** @ 230Vac

High power & Power density

3kW/4kW/5kW & > **100W/in³**



ITE-level PSU going up to 3kW+ in same FF

- Power density: 80W/in³ in Y19-Y20 → **115W/in³** in Y23-Y24

Rack-level PSU going up to 4kW+ in same form factor

- Power density: > **100W/in³** by Y23

Automotive trends in onboard charger & HV DC/DC

High power density

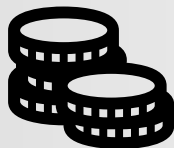
(1-2 kW/L → 3-5 kW/L)



Requires new topologies and design approaches:

- **PFC**: Totem-pole topology to achieve **2x** density improvement
- **DC/DC**: **>10x** increase in switching frequency to achieve significant reduction in magnetics

Lower cost



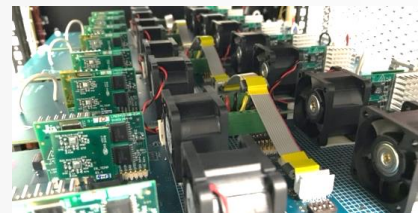
- Smaller and cheaper magnetic components
- Integrated magnetics (eg, inductor + transformer)
- Lower BoM with highly integrated devices

Faster to market



- Solutions that easily scale from **3.3-22 kW** and address both 400-V and 800-V battery systems, while delivering on performance metrics.

Reliability



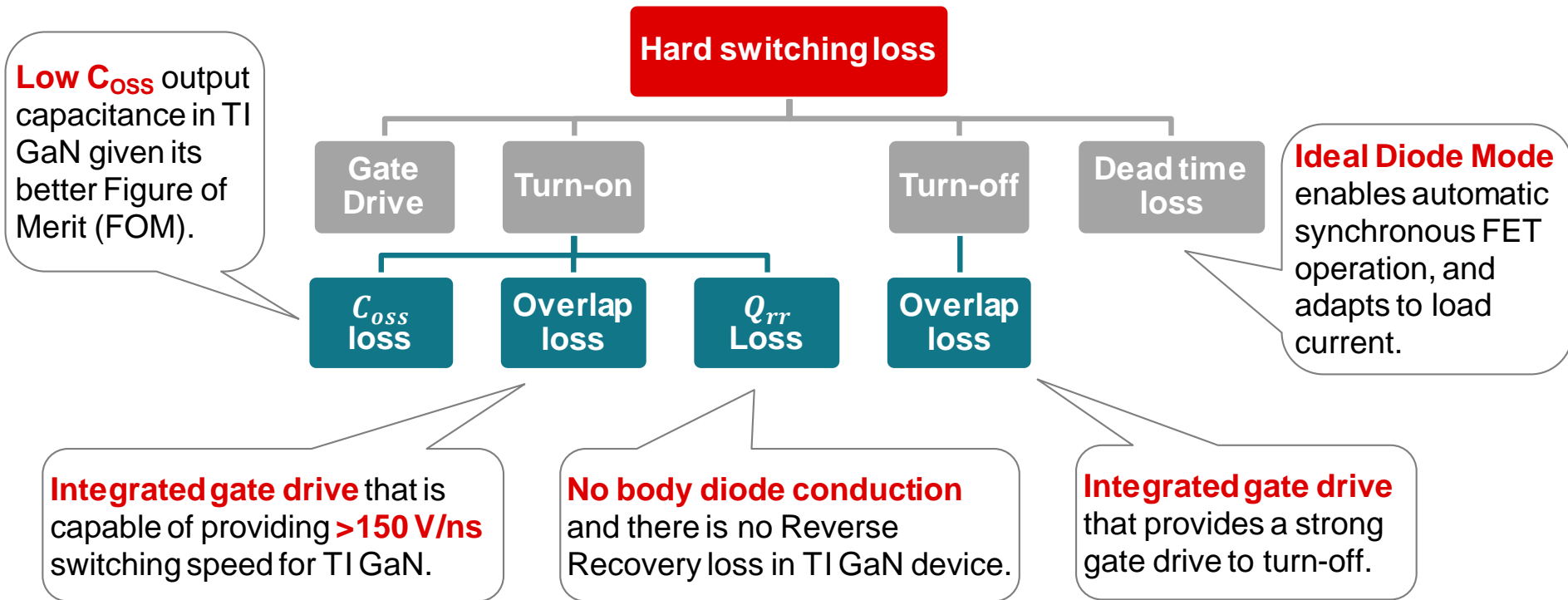
- Component level and application level reliability
- Confidence for adopting new technologies or design approaches

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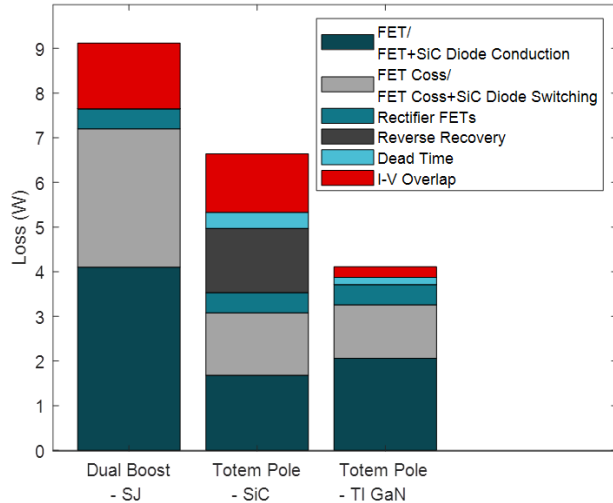
Hard-switching loss breakdown: TI GaN solution

- Hard-switching loss occurs in CCM Totem Pole PFC.

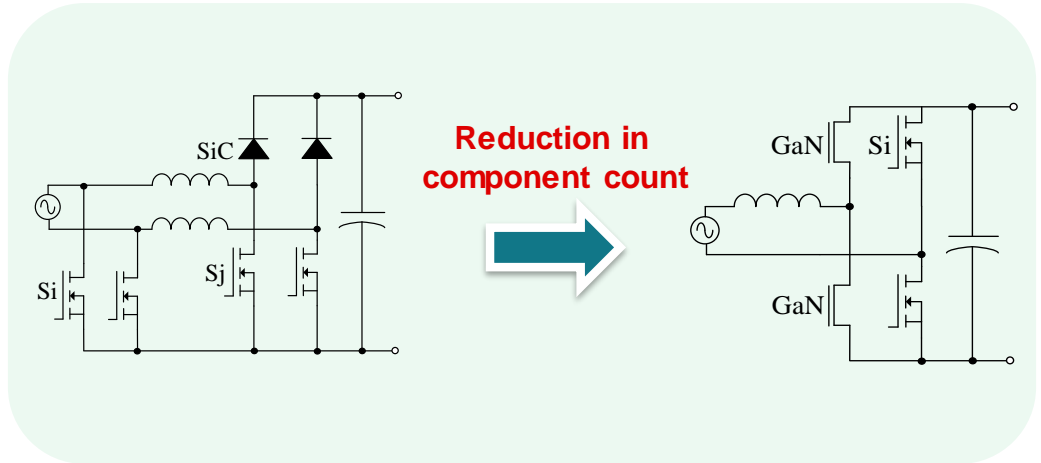


Bridgeless PFC comparison: Si vs. SiC vs. TI GaN

- **Dual-boost bridgeless PFC with Si MOSFET + SiC Schottky diode:** Si MOSFET has high C_{oss} loss and overlap loss, while SiC diode has high conduction loss
- **SiC MOSFET totem-pole (TP) bridgeless PFC (w/o anti-parallel Schottky diode):** SiC MOSFET still has reverse recovery loss and high dead time loss
- **TI GaN totem-pole (TP) bridgeless PFC:** lowest loss, zero reverse recovery, minimal overlap

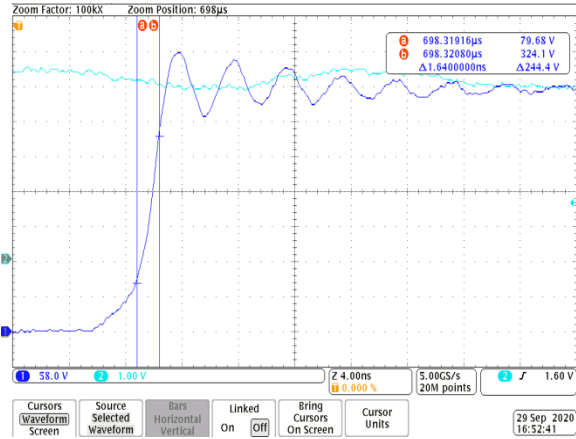


Loss comparison at 1 kW, 100 kHz

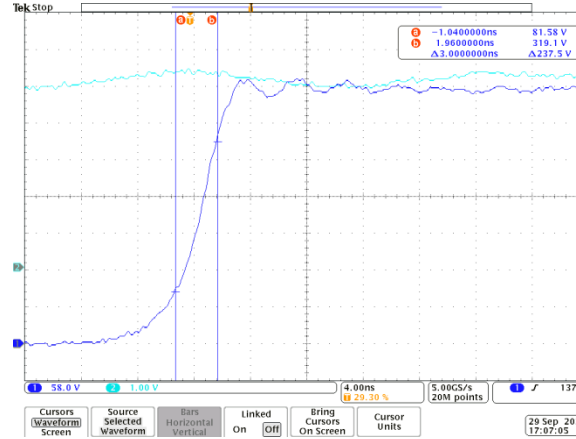


Technical article: [Wide-bandgap semiconductors: Performance and benefits of GaN versus SiC](#)

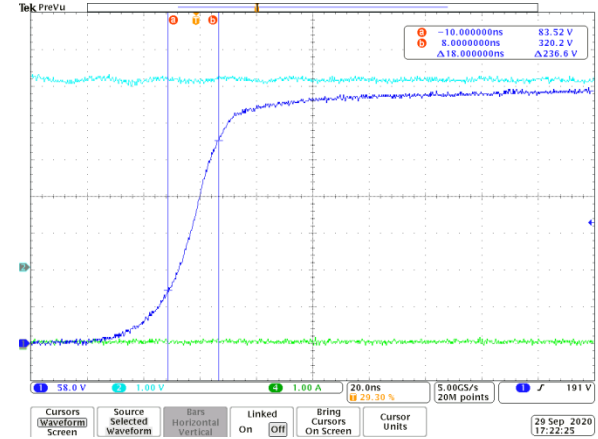
Adjustable slew rate



149 V/ns



80-85 V/ns

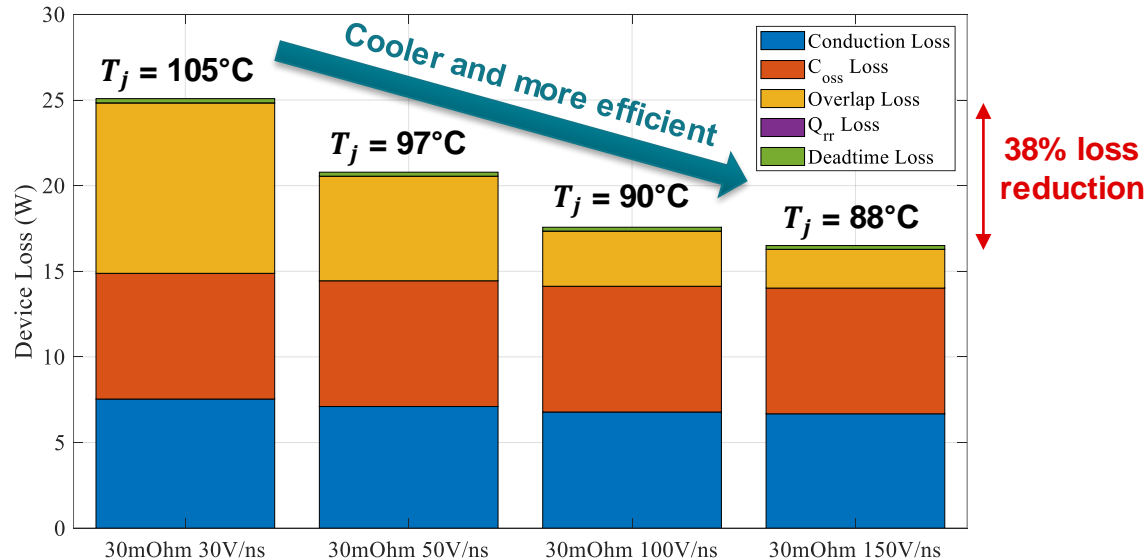
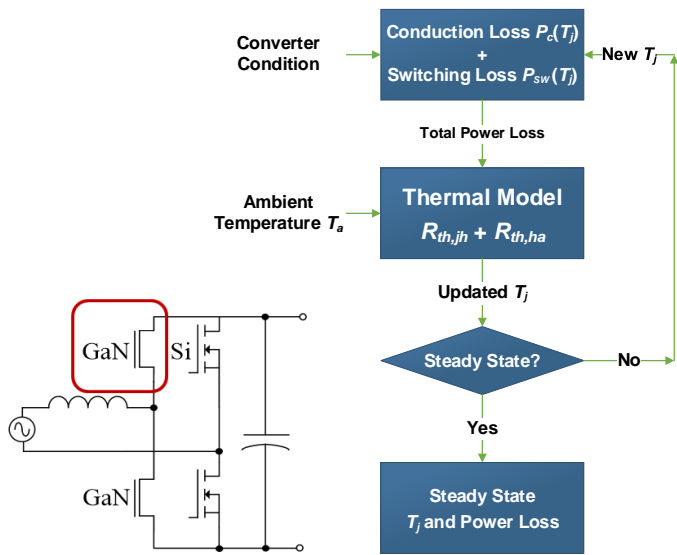


13 V/ns

- High slew-rates with minimal ringing and voltage overshoot
- Tested in Buck converter at 400 V, and the turn-on dv/dt can be adjusted according to different R_{drv} resistances.
- The slew rate is defined from 20% to 80% at a bus voltage of 400 V.

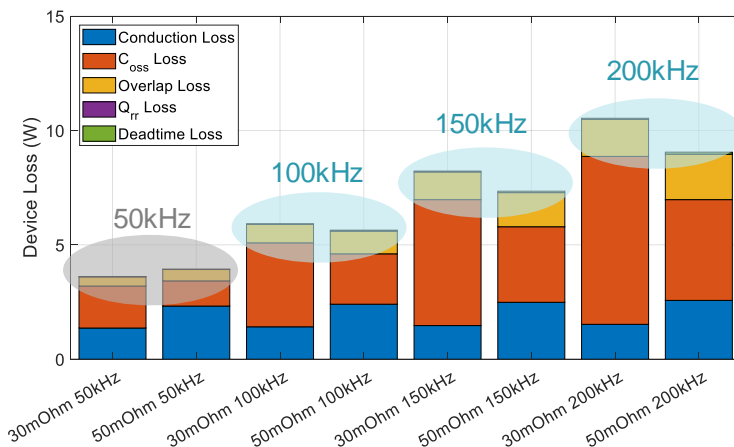
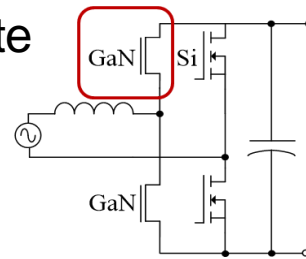
Impact of slew rate on device loss

- Analysis at 4 kW, 230 V V_{ac_RMS} , 400 V bus, 55°C ambient and $f_{sw} = 200$ kHz
 - Full load (4 kW) is considered for thermal design, and the steady-state loss is obtained.
 - With TI GaN's 150 V/ns slew rate, the device is cooler and the system is more efficient.

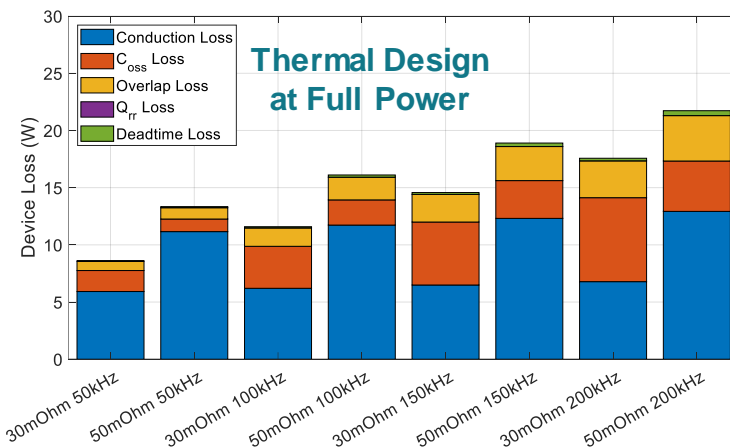


Case study: CCM TP PFC $R_{ds,on}$ v.s C_{oss} trade-off

- 30 m Ω and 50 m Ω comparison at different f_{sw} with 100 V/ns slew rate
 - 230 V V_{ac_RMS} and 400 V bus. Ambient temperature is 55°C.
 - 30-m Ω device shows lower loss at full power (4 kW).
 - At 50% load, the 50-m Ω device indicate lower loss when the switching frequency is beyond 100 kHz.

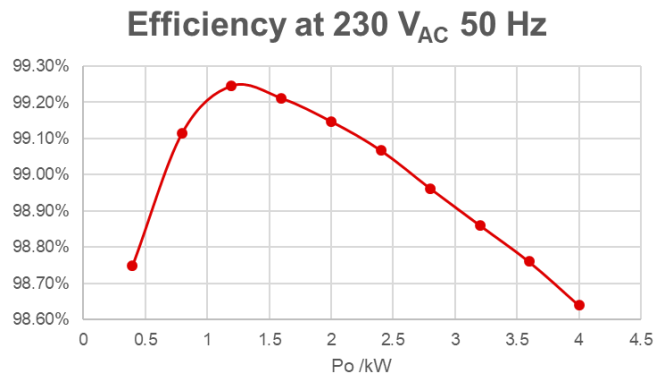


Loss Comparison at 50% Load: 2kW

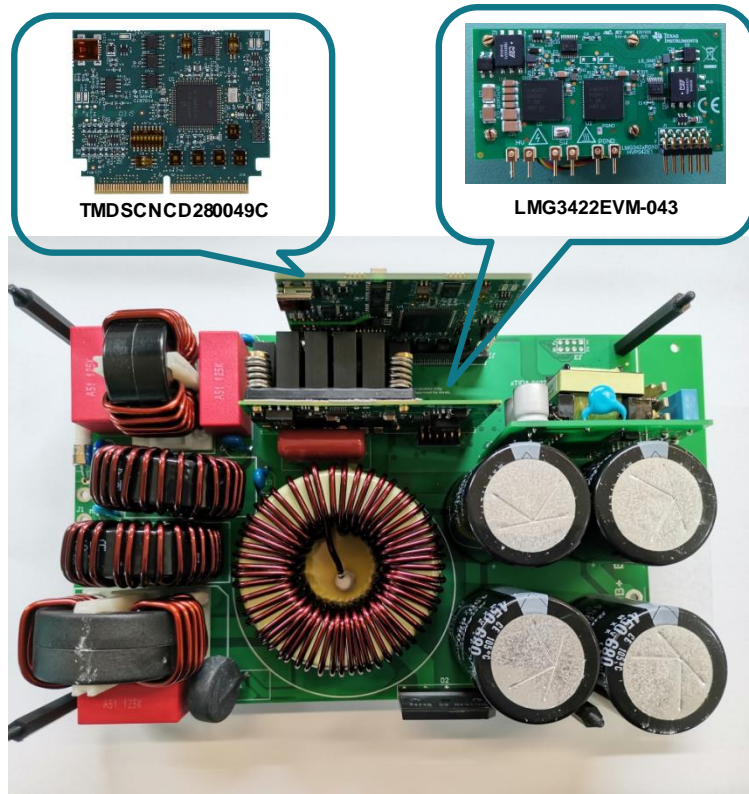


Loss Comparison at Full Load: 4kW

4-kW single-phase CCM totem-pole PFC



Key parameters	Key specification
Input range	200 V _{AC} -277 V _{AC}
Nominal input	230 V _{AC}
DC link voltage	400 V _{DC}
GaN HEMT (Q1/Q2)	LMG342xR030
Switching frequency	50 kHz

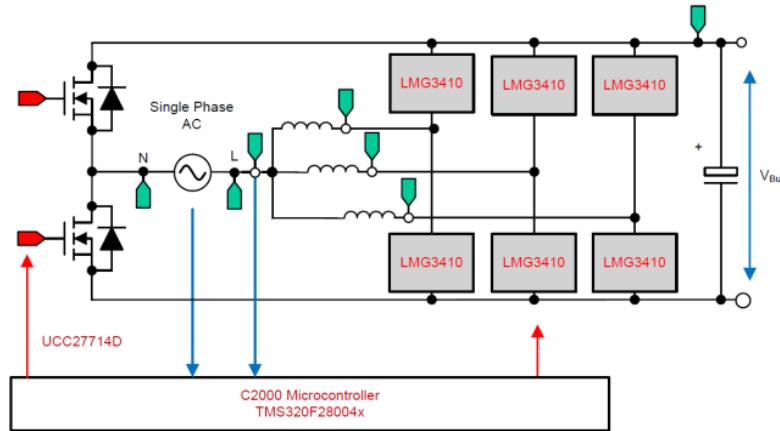
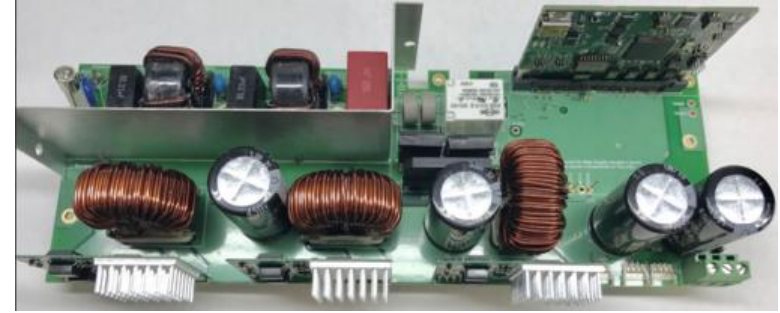


Phase shedding for higher light load efficiency

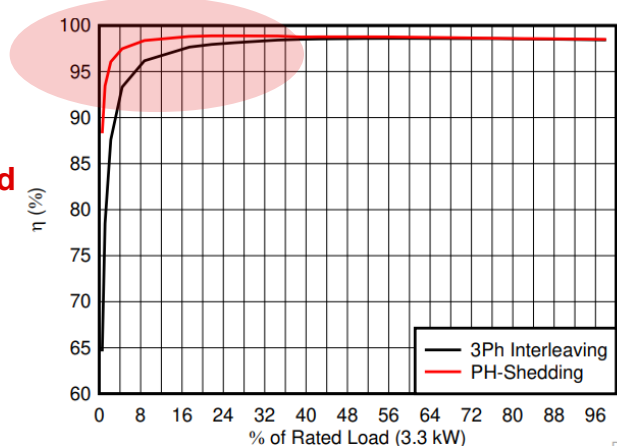
Features

- **TI GaN-based** 3-phase interleaved totem pole bidirectional PFC
- Rated Power : 3.3 kW (at 230 V_{rms})
- Peak efficiency : 98.7 % (at 230 V_{rms})
- Total Harmonic Distortion (THD) < 2% (at low line)
- PWM switching frequency : 100 kHz
- Phase shedding control for higher efficiency

Bidirectional 3.3kW CCM Totem Pole PFC

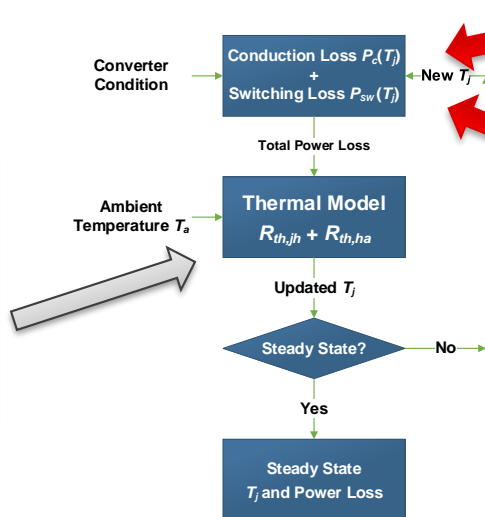
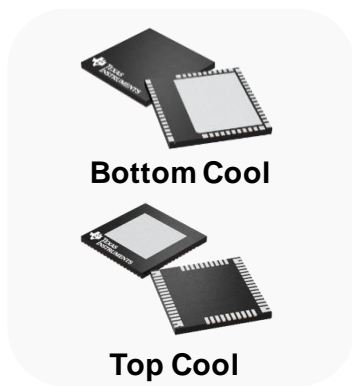


Phase shedding
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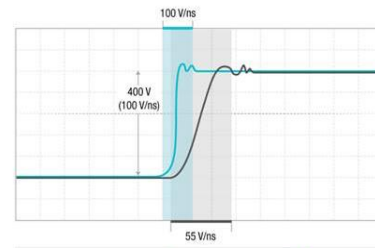


Summary: CCM TP PFC Design with TI GaN

- TI GaN provides different QFN package variants for optimized thermal design at full power and max T_a .
- TI GaN's 30 V/ns to 150 V/ns adjustable slew rate provides a design flexibility to optimize the system efficiency and help on thermal design.
- TI GaN provides a variety of on-resistance to optimize the system design at different switching frequency.



TI GaN with Different $R_{ds,on}$

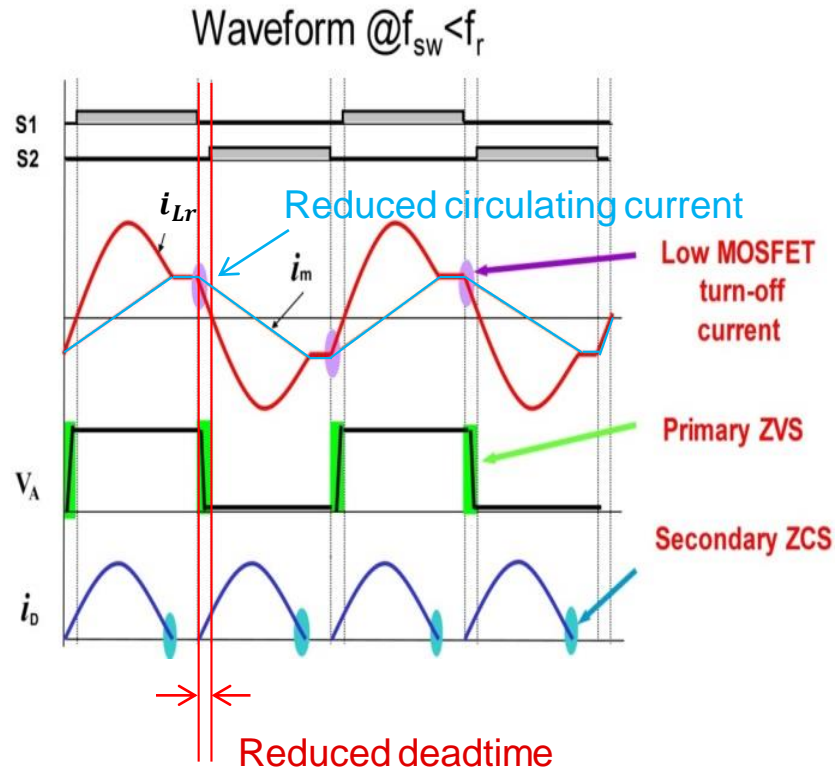
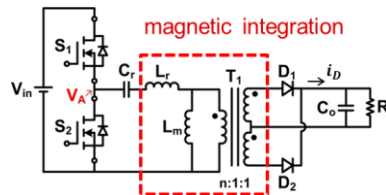


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TI GaN: superior solution for soft-switching DC/DC

- **Reduced output capacitance C_{oss}**
 - Reduces dead-time, increasing the time when current delivered to the output
 - Low transformer magnetizing current to minimize circulating current loss & eddy loss.
- **Reduced gate driver losses**
- **High power density in system**
 - GaN enables higher switching frequency to reduce magnetic components, and enables further magnetic integration.



1-MHz Isolated LLC DC/DC converter with TI GaN

Compared with 100-kHz LLC design, the 1 kW transformer is **6X smaller**

	Design target
Input voltage (V)	380 ~ 400 V
Output voltage (V)	48 V Nom unregulated
Power (W)	1000 W
Integrated Transformer size (mm)	33 x 53 x 43
Power density	140 W/in ³ (8.5 W/cm ³) High power density
Efficiency	>97.5% High Efficiency
Switching frequency	1 MHz High Frequency

[[Link to PMP20637](#)]



6.6 kW Bidirectional On-Board Charger with TI-GaN

Design Features

- Single TI **C2000** used for control (TMS320F28388D)
- Two phase Interleaved CCM totem-pole bridgeless PFC converter (125kHz)
- CLLLC DC-DC Converter (**200-800 kHz**), <100ns dead-time
- 250 to 450V output (battery voltage range)
- Liquid cooled heatsink
- Integrated active EMI filter circuit
- Total Size ~ 113mm (w) x 271mm (l) x 58.4mm (h)

Design Benefits

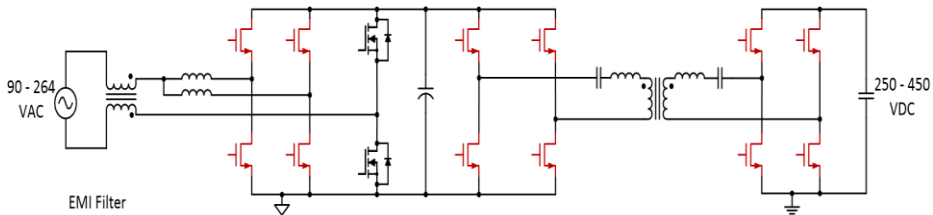
- Higher power density and lower solution cost **than SiC**.
- **59% smaller DC/DC magnetics** offering lower cost.

Typical Operating conditions		SiC	TI-GaN
PFC Switching Frequency (kHz)		67	125
DC-DC Switching Frequency (kHz)		<300	~500
Open frame Power Density	(W/in ³)	54	62.5
	(kW/liter)	3.3	3.8
Efficiency (%)		96.5	97+

	65kHz Totem Pole PFC	120kHz Totem Pole PFC	150-300kHz CLLLC	200-800kHz CLLLC
Magnetic volume	149 cm ³	119 cm ³ (~25 % smaller)	166 cm ³	69 cm ³ (~60 % smaller)

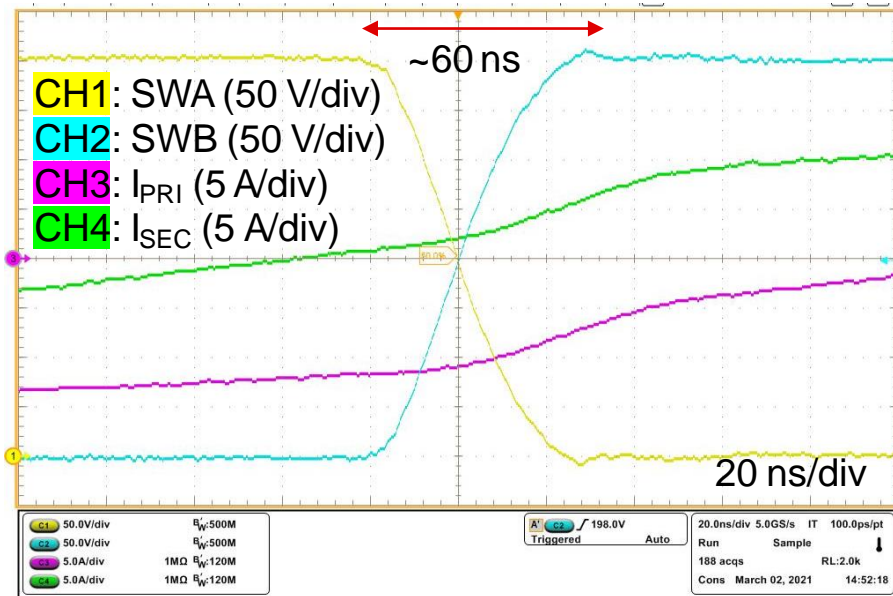
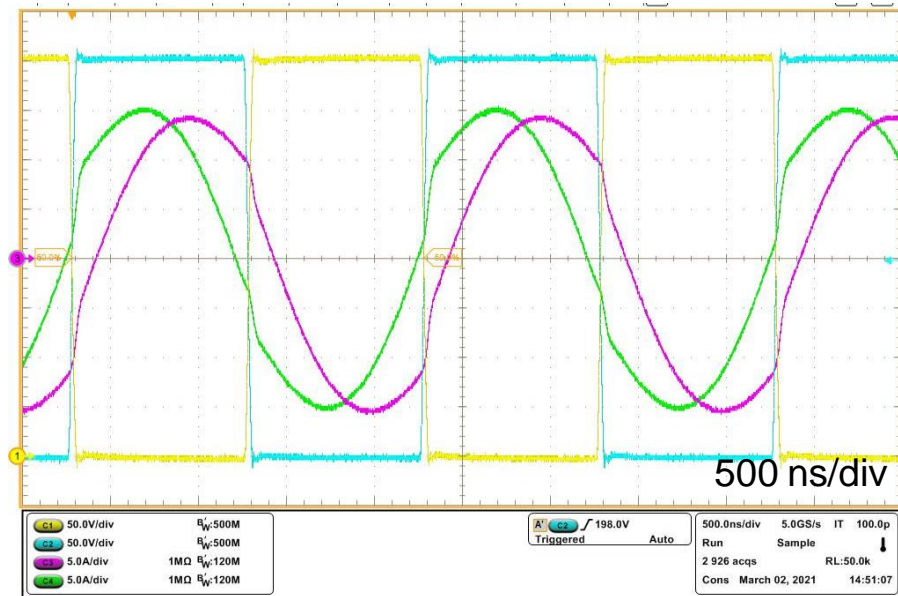
CCM Totem Pole PFC

Resonant CLLLC



Soft switching waveforms in CLLC

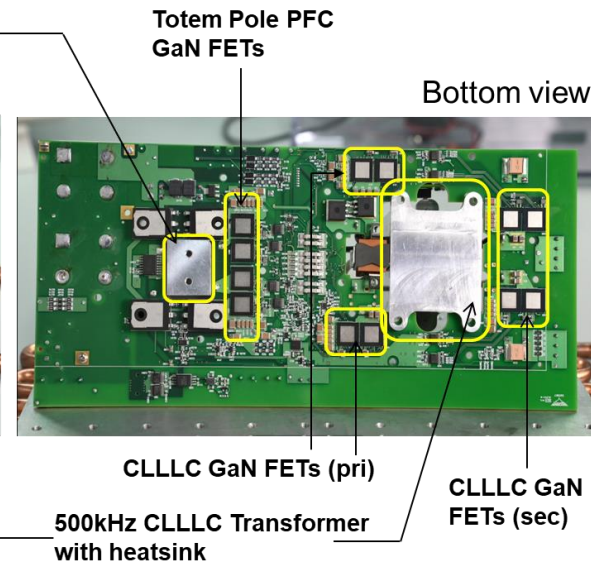
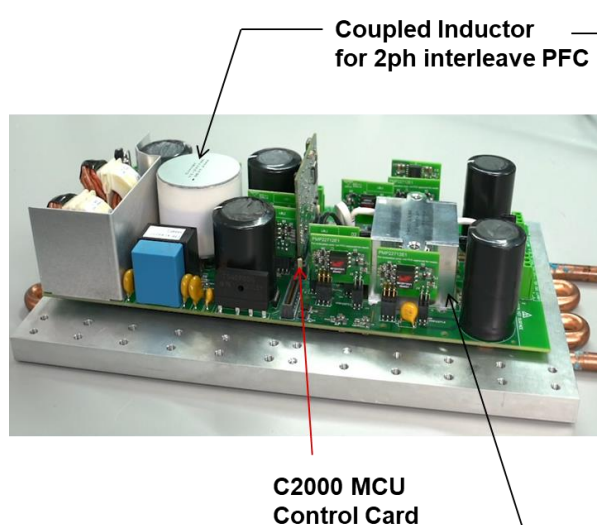
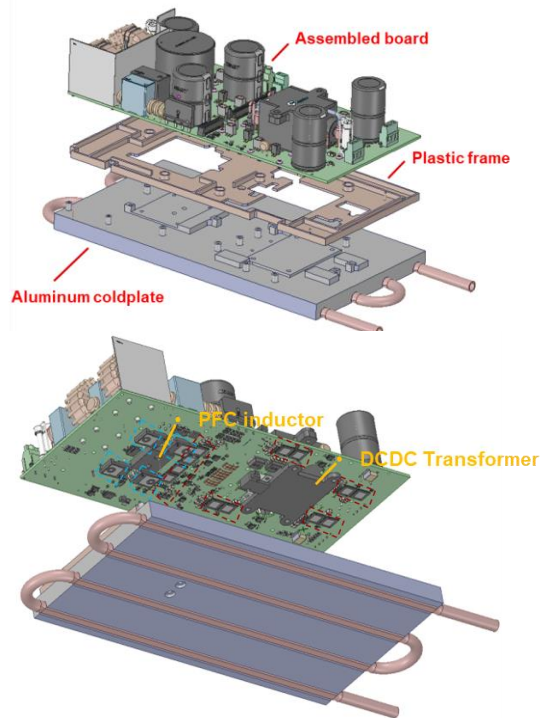
- Conditions: $V_{in} = 400\text{ V}$, $V_{out} = 354\text{ V}$, $I_{out} = 10\text{ A}$, $f_{sw} = 500\text{ kHz}$.



Low $C_{OSS(tr)}$ of TI GaN enables ZVS with ~60 ns deadtime

Cooling design for top-cooled device: 6.6kW OBC

- 12 GaN FETs (tsQFN12x12), 4 Si FET (TO-247), PFC inductor and DC/DC transformer are cooled by one aluminum coldplate.





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