



# Powering the Future with Wolfspeed SiC Technology

-- Wolfspeed SiC power solutions and Practical Implementation of SiC MOSFET

# Agenda

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- Practical Implementation of SiC MOSFET

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## THE SiC ADVANTAGE

# SiC | The Basics

### Types of SiC Power Products:

- Schottky Diodes
- MOSFETs
- Standard packaged discrete, bare die and power modules

### Silicon Carbide vs. Silicon in Similar Devices:

- Higher power conversion for given die size
- Faster switching speeds
- Better body diode
- Higher potential operating temperature

### SiC ENABLES SYSTEMS THAT DELIVER UP TO:



**50%**  
Less losses



**3X**  
Smaller size



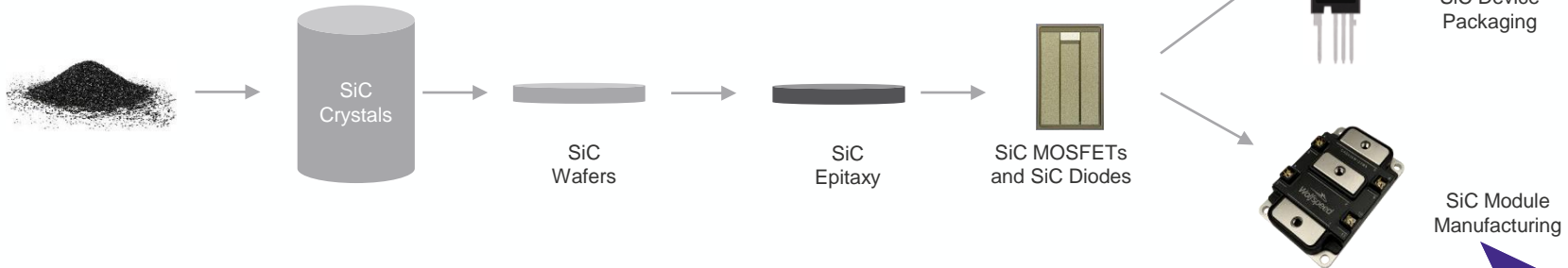
**20%** Lower  
system costs

WHEN COMPARED TO Si

## THE WOLFSPEED ADVANTAGE

# Wolfspeed – The Leader in Silicon Carbide (SiC)

- Three decades of global leadership in wide bandgap materials (SiC, GaN)
- ~3700 SiC and GaN patents issued
- 17+ Years of Diode and MOSFET Production
- #1 SiC materials supplier – SiC wafers, SiC and GaN epi wafers  
> 65% Market share
- #1 SiC Power devices supplier
- Vertically Integrated



# Adoption of SiC into Various Applications – It's all around

## PV Inverters

Shipping in high volume

- MOSFETs
- Diodes
- Modules



## EV Battery Charger/DCDC

Shipping in high volume

- MOSFETs
- Diodes
- Modules



## Server Power Supply

Shipping in high volume

- MOSFETs in evaluation
- Diodes shipping in high volume



## Traction

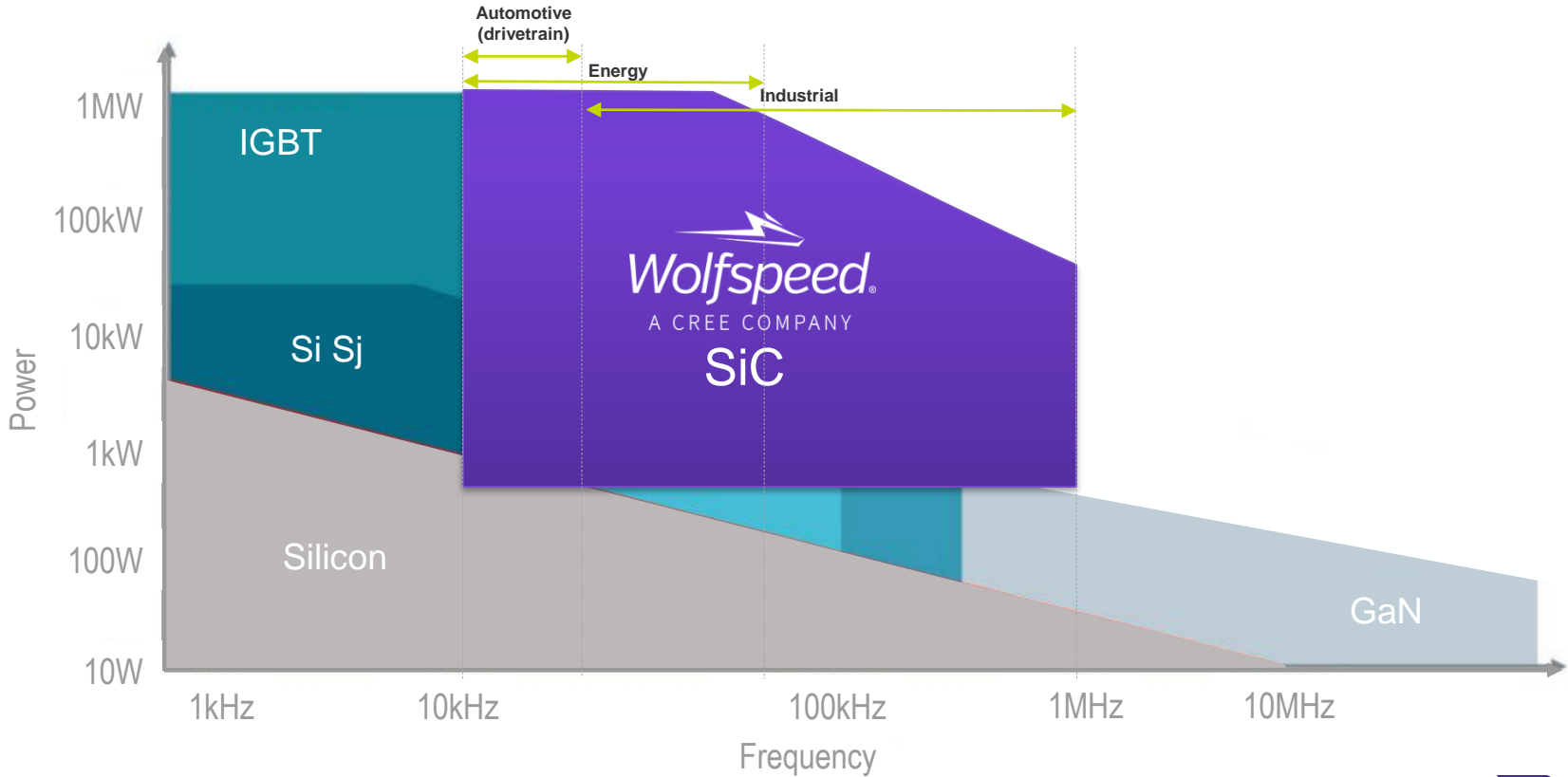
Shipping in volume

- SiC Modules



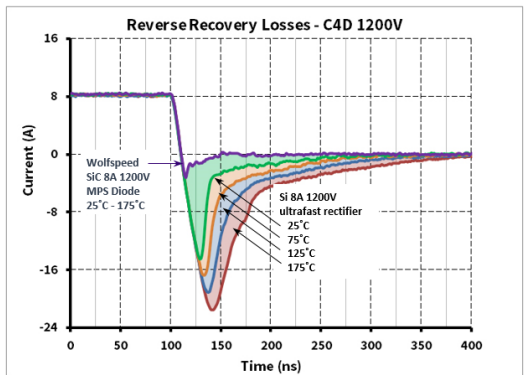
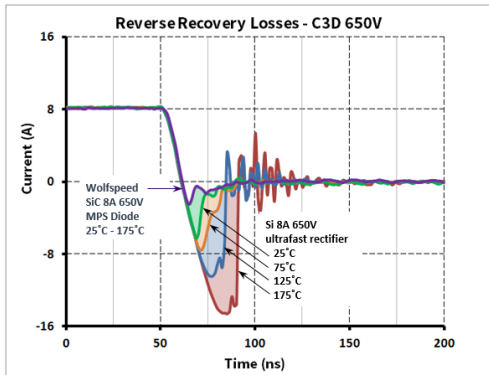
## THE SiC ADVANTAGE

# Where does SiC fit in the power world?



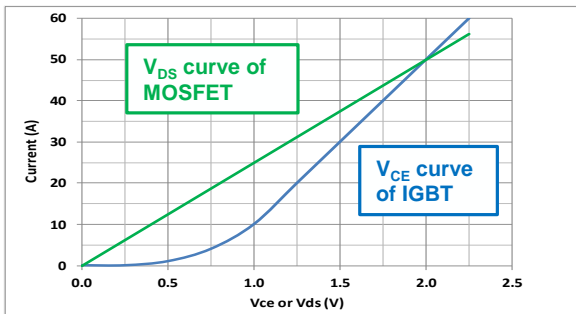


# Technology Vs Technology

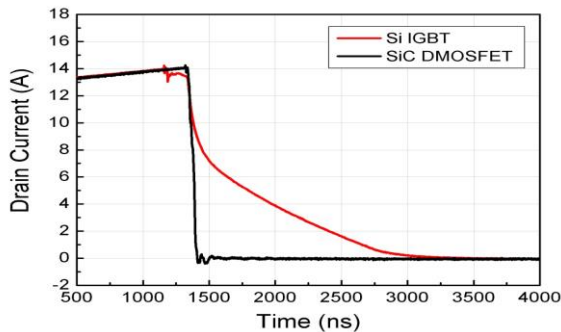


SiC Schottky ~zero reverse recovery charge ( $Q_{RR}$ ) replace high-loss silicon PIN diodes

Conduction Loss  
1200V SiC MOSFET vs. Si IGBT



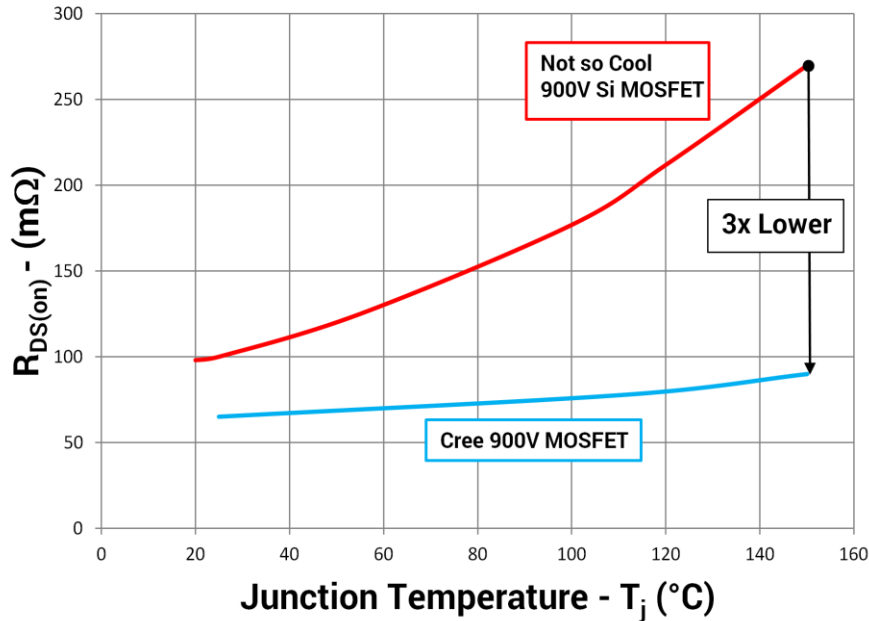
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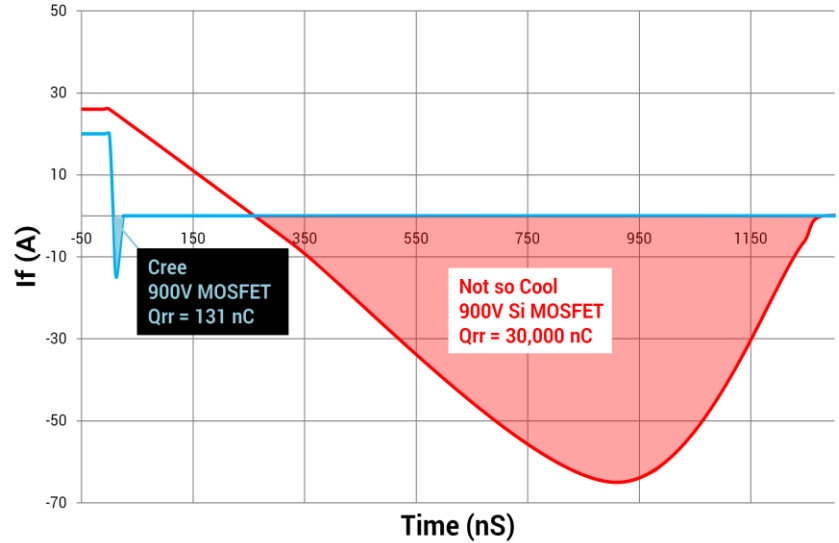
- Under lower loads the SiC MOSFET conduction losses are as much as 1/2 the IGBT
- IGBT tailing current eliminated with SiC
- SiC MOSFET: 400 mJ
- Si IGBT: 4490 mJ

# SiC MOSFET vs. Si Superjunction MOSFETs – energy losses

## Significantly Lower $R_{DS(on)}$ Over Operating Temperature



## Dramatic Improvement in Body Diode Performance



# SiC vs. GaN in Power Applications

- SiC is the technology of choice for **high voltage** (>600V), **high power** (>500W), and <1MHz switching frequencies
- GaN on Si *could* be used in the <600V range when fast switching is required, but total cost can become prohibitive
- GaN on SiC is the technology of choice in **RF power** applications that require GHz switching speeds at low voltages

	<u>650V 30A</u> <u>SiC</u>	<u>650V 30A</u> <u>GaN</u>
$R_{DS(on)}$	80mΩ	50mΩ
Price	\$7.05	\$14.56

Source: Mouser, 250pc price for Rohm and GaN Systems



Relative die size for equivalent current/voltage rating

# Power Product Portfolio

## SiC Schottky Diodes and MOSFETS

- Diodes: 600V to 1700V
- MOSFETs: 900V to 1700V (650V is coming )
- Up to 100A current rating (package limited)

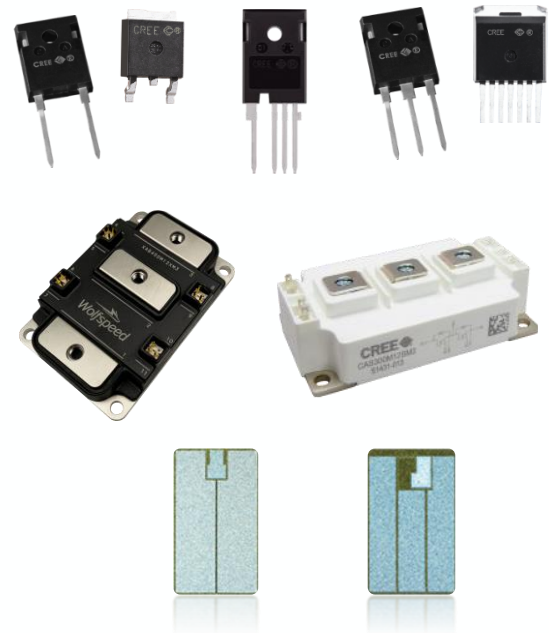
## SiC Power Modules

- Up to 1700V rating
- Up to 450A current rating
- Half-bridge and three-phase configurations

## SiC Bare Die

- Up to 1700V rating
- Up to 196A current rating

## Package Options



# New product releases

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation 1200V SiC MOSFETs

Part Number	VBR	Rdson	I <sub>D</sub>	Package options
<b>C3M0016120D/K</b>	1200V	16mΩ	100A	TO-247-3L, TO-247-4L
<b>C3M0021120D/K</b>	1200V	21mΩ	75A	TO-247-3L, TO-247-4L
<b>C3M0032120D/K</b>	1200V	32mΩ	50A	TO-247-3L, TO-247-4L
<b>C3M0032120J1</b>	1200V	32mΩ	50A	TO-263-7L XL
<b>C3M0075120K/J</b>	1200V	75mΩ	30A	TO-247-4L, TO-263-7L
<b>C3M0075120D</b>	1200V	75mΩ	30A	TO-247-3L
<b>C3M0160120D/J</b>	1200V	160mΩ	20A	TO-247-3L, TO-263-7L
<b>C3M0350120D/J</b>	1200V	350mΩ	10A	TO-247-3L, TO-263-7L

## XM3 Half-Bridge SiC Module

- New industry standard optimized for SiC
- Ultra-low loss, low inductance for fast switching operation
- Maximum junction temperature of 175 °C
- Designed to simplify external bussing for easy paralleling of modules in stacks or higher-current applications
- Cost effective design and manufacture



Configuration (part #)	BV <sub>DSS</sub> (V)	I <sub>DS</sub> (A)	T <sub>Jmax</sub> (°C)
½ Bridge (CAB450M12XM3)	1200	450	175
½ Bridge (CAB400M12XM3)	1200	400	175

# Wolfspeed SiC power solutions

- Wolfspeed advantage for SiC power systems
- Wolfspeed SiC power solutions on key applications

# Target markets

## Automotive

- On Board Charging
- On Board Dc-Dc
- Drivetrain
- Fast/super Charging



## Energy

- Solar Inverters
- Energy Storage
- Smart Grid
- Wind



## Light Industrial

- Server SMPS
- Netcom SMPS
- Aux Power
- Medical



## Heavy Industrial

- Traction
- Welding
- Induction Heating
- Industrial Robots



## WOLFSPEED IMPACT ON KEY APPLICATIONS

# On-board charger (OBC)

**What:** Silicon Carbide MOSFETs and Diodes

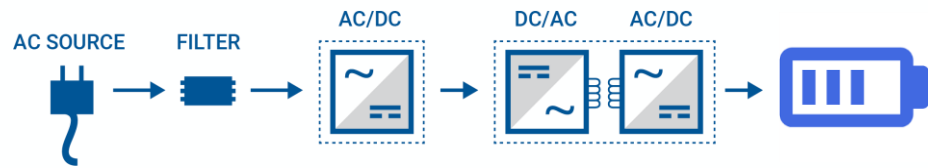
**Where:**

- Uni/Bi-directional on-board charger
- Converts AC power from grid into DC power for the battery all within the vehicle
- Typically ranging from 3.3kW – 22kW

**Why:** Minimize the size, weight, and cost of the OBC while maximizing power delivered to the battery

**SiC Advantage:**

- Up to 30% lower losses
- Deliver 2x increase in power density
- 30% fewer components





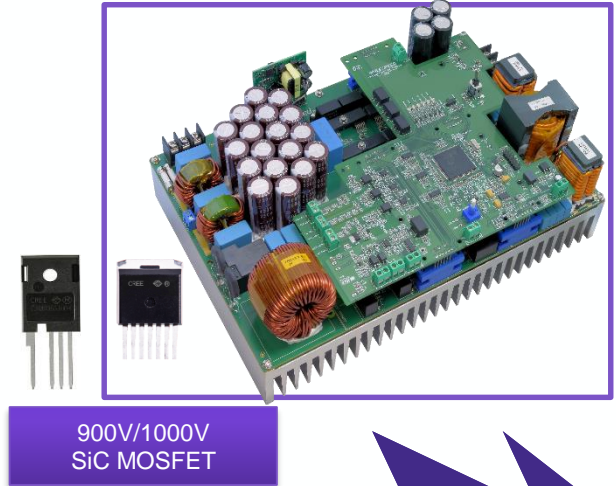
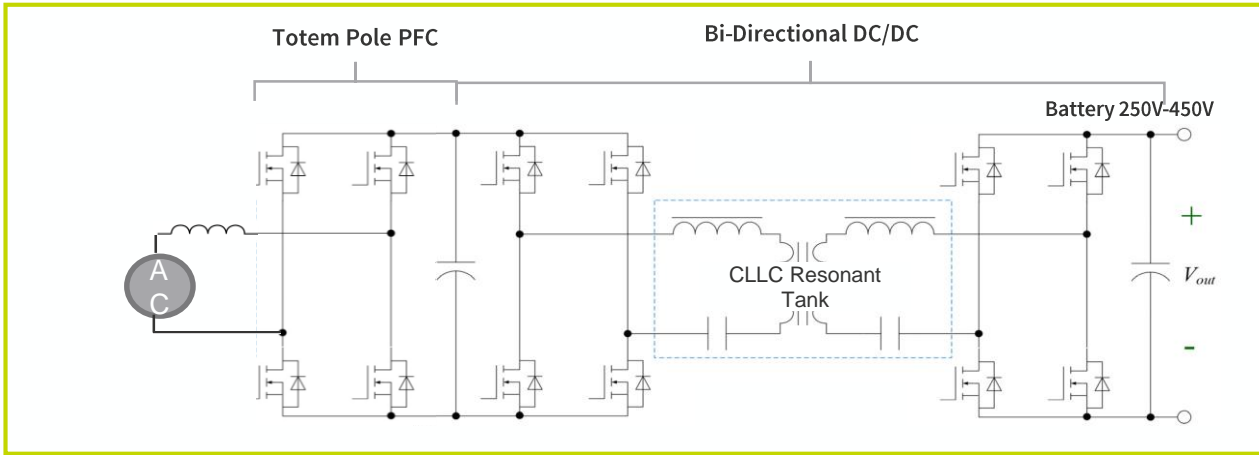
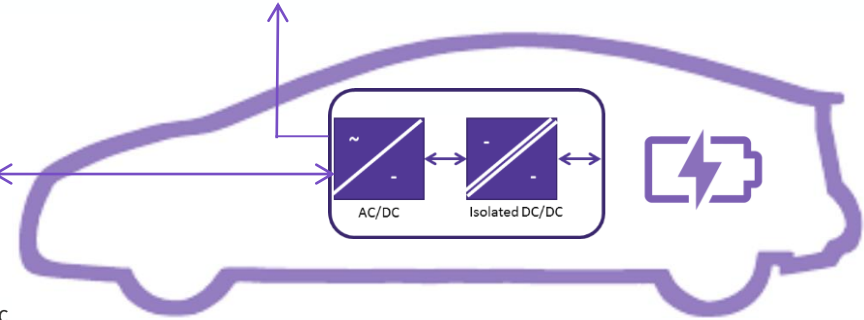
# WOLFSPEED IMPACT ON KEY APPLICATIONS

## Wolfspeed in 6.6kW OBC | Bi-directional



### Overall trends:

- High power density
- High Efficiency
- V2X requires a bi-directional OBC. Bi-directional charging pushed by EV initiatives worldwide



900V/1000V SiC MOSFET

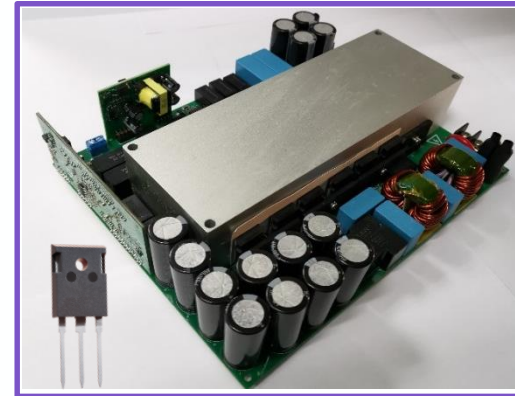
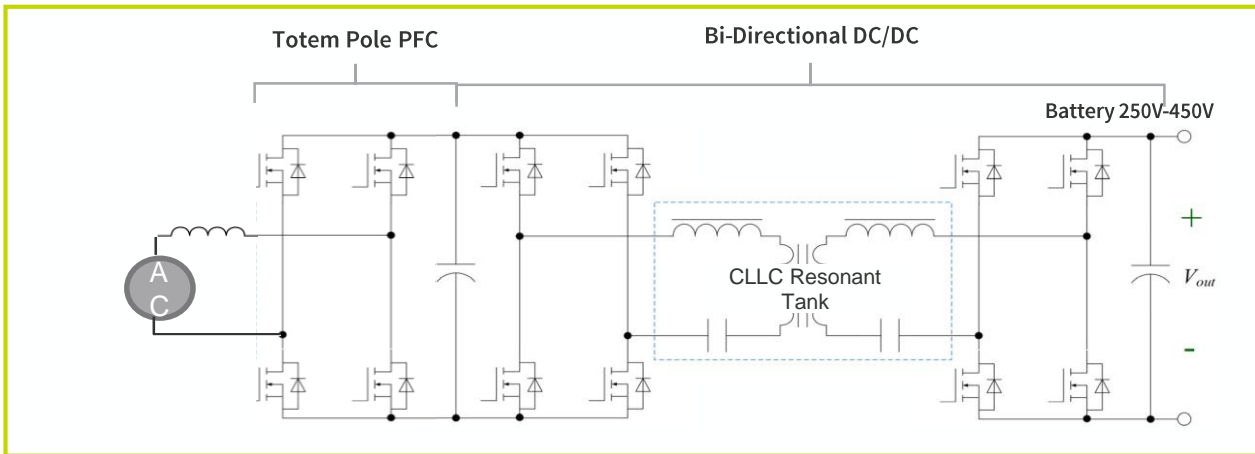
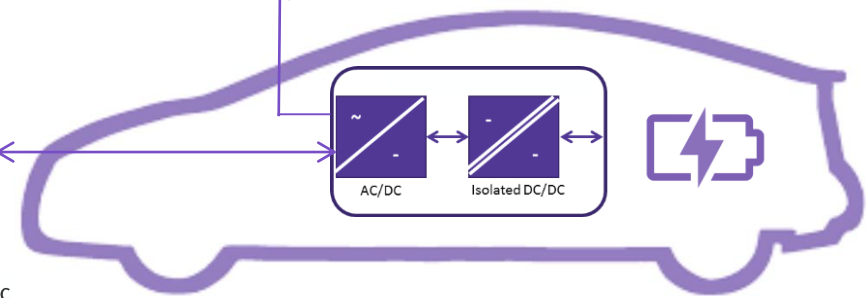
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650V SiC MOSFET

## BI-DIRECTIONAL HIGH POWER CONVERSION

Thanks to the low power loss of C3M 650V SiC MOSFET and the advantage of integrated heatsink solution, all the design targets are achieved.

- ✓ High Power Density 3.3kW/L PCBA
- ✓ High Efficiency > 96.5% in charging and discharging mode
- ✓ Bi-directional Operation



The low power loss of **SiC MOSFET and Integrated Heatsink Solution** delivers

**HIGH  
EFFICIENCY**

**+  
HIGH  
POWER DENSITY**

## WOLFSPEED IMPACT ON KEY APPLICATIONS

# DC Fast Charger

**What:** Silicon Carbide MOSFETs and Diodes

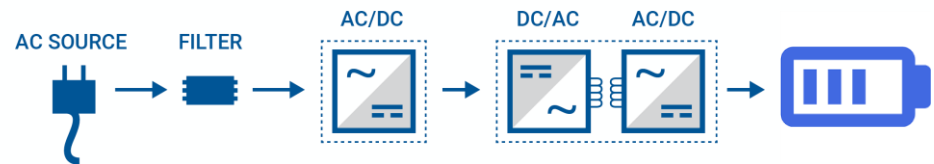
**Where:**

- EV off-board battery charging 80kW – 300kW
- DC charge from station to car
- Typically constructed from multiple 15-50kW blocks

**Why:** Minimize charger size and weight while maintaining a <30 minute charge time.

**SiC Advantage:**

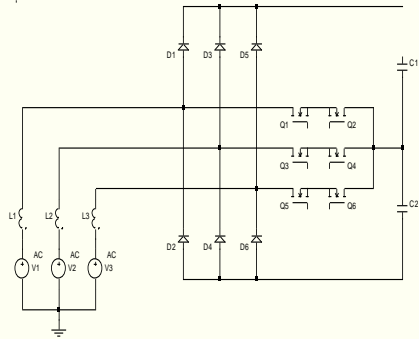
- Up to 30% lower losses
- 2-3X faster switching speed
- Deliver 65% increase in power density
- 30% fewer components.



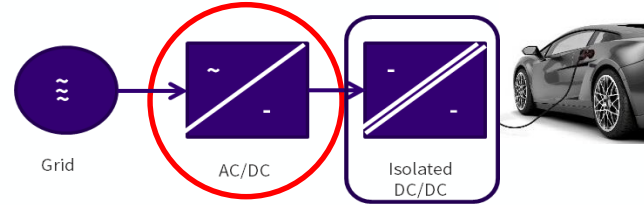
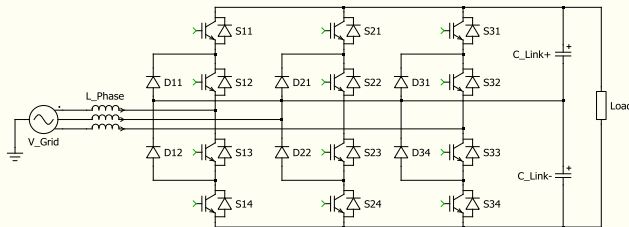
# SiC AC/DC Converter Improves Performance and Cost Vs Silicon

## Today's Silicon Design Options

### Design Using Si MOSFET



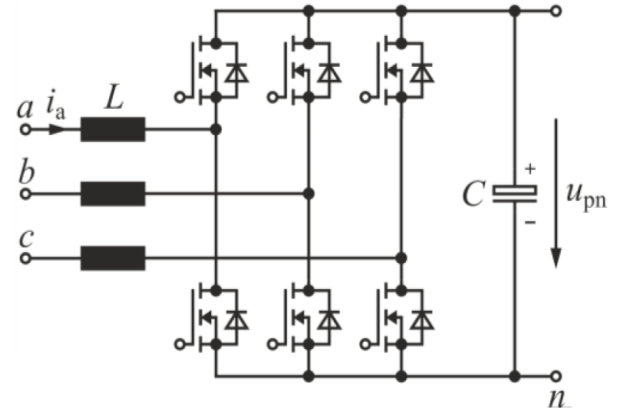
### Design Using Si IGBT



## Simplify with SiC



- Fewer components
- Lower system cost
- Higher efficiency
- Smaller size
- Enables Bi-directional power transfer



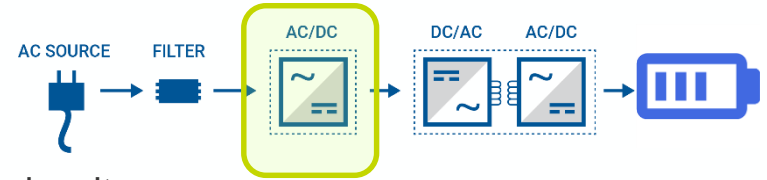
1000V/1200V SiC MOSFET  
TO-247-4 Package

# WOLFSPEED IMPACT ON KEY APPLICATIONS: DC FAST CHARGER

## Off Board Charging AC-DC Reference Design

### Features:

- 20kW, 3-phase AC/DC converter – high efficiency and power density
- Simple 2-level topology replaces complicated multi-level Si MOSFET (12 devices) or Si IGBT (18 devices) solution
- High operating frequency significantly reduces magnetics size and weight
- Higher efficiency and higher power density than Si solution



### Included with the reference design:

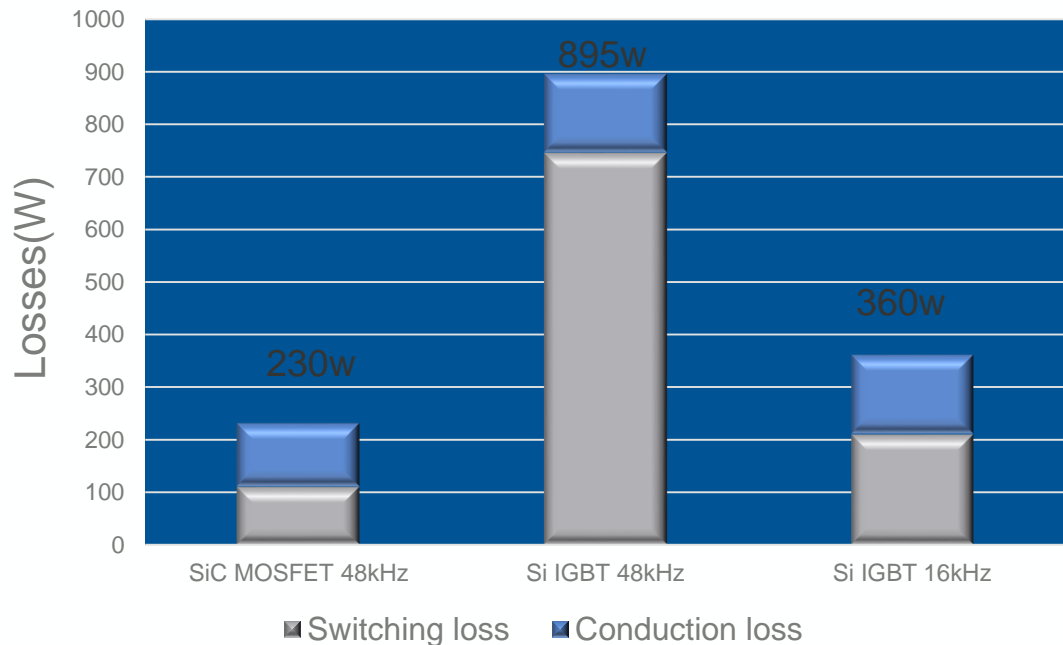
- Schematic
- Board layout
- Bill-of-materials
- Connection and user guide
- Waveforms and efficiency charts

### Technical Specifications:

Input Voltage Range	380V-480V AC
Output Voltage	800V DC
Output Power	20kW
Efficiency	> 98%
MOSFET Package	TO-247-4L

# Comparison with Si IGBT

Estimated semiconductor losses ( $V_{\text{GRID}} = 380\text{V}$ ,  $V_{\text{LINK}} = 800\text{V}$ ,  $P_{\text{OUT}} = 20\text{ kW}$ , constant  $T_j = 110\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ )



AMCC-50  
Weight: 590g  
Volume: 199cm<sup>3</sup>



AMCC-200  
Weight: 1670g  
Volume: 572cm<sup>3</sup>

- **48Khz AMCC-50**
- **16Khz AMCC-200**

To use Si IGBT, the switching frequency has to be reduced to 16kHz

# WOLFSPEED IMPACT ON KEY APPLICATIONS: DC FAST CHARGER

## Off Board Charging DC-DC Reference Design

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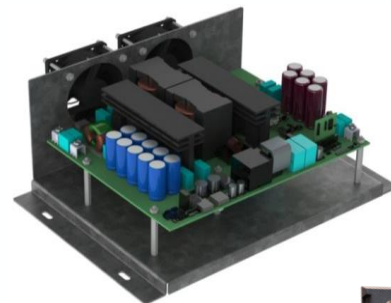
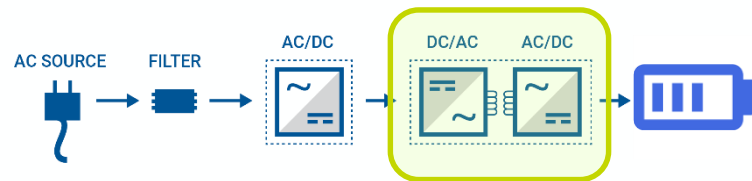
- 20kW LLC DC-DC converter: high efficiency/power density
- Simple 2-level topology using SiC to replace complicated multi-level Si topology
- High operating frequency significantly reduce the magnetics size and weight
- Higher efficiency and higher power density than Si solution

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- Board layout
- Bill-of-materials
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- Waveforms and efficiency charts

### Technical Specifications:

Input Voltage Range	650-750V DC
Output Voltage	300-570V DC
Output Power	20kW
Switching Frequency	110-350 kHz
Efficiency	> 98%
MOSFET Package	TO-247-4L



1000V/1200V  
SiC MOSFET  
TO-247-4 Package



SiC Schottky Diode  
C3D20065D  
TO-247-3 Package



## WOLFSPEED IMPACT ON KEY APPLICATIONS: DC FAST CHARGER

### Off Board Charging DC-DC Reference Design

- 33% more power, 25% smaller size



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#### 15KW Silicon based solution

- 4.1 Kg
- More components

#### 20KW SiC based solution

- 3.2 Kg
- 20% fewer parts

## WOLFSPEED IMPACT ON KEY APPLICATIONS

# Drivetrain Inverter

**What:** Silicon Carbide MOSFETs

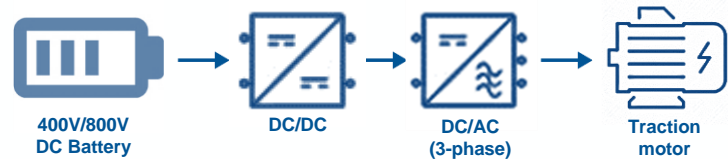
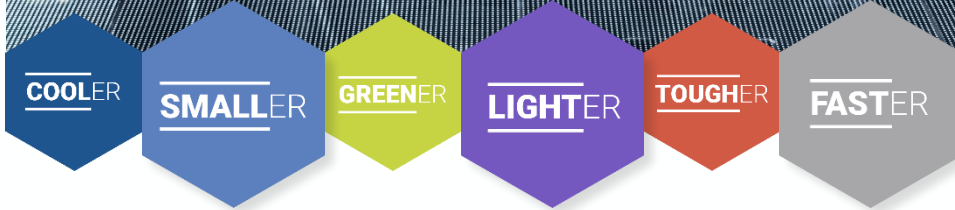
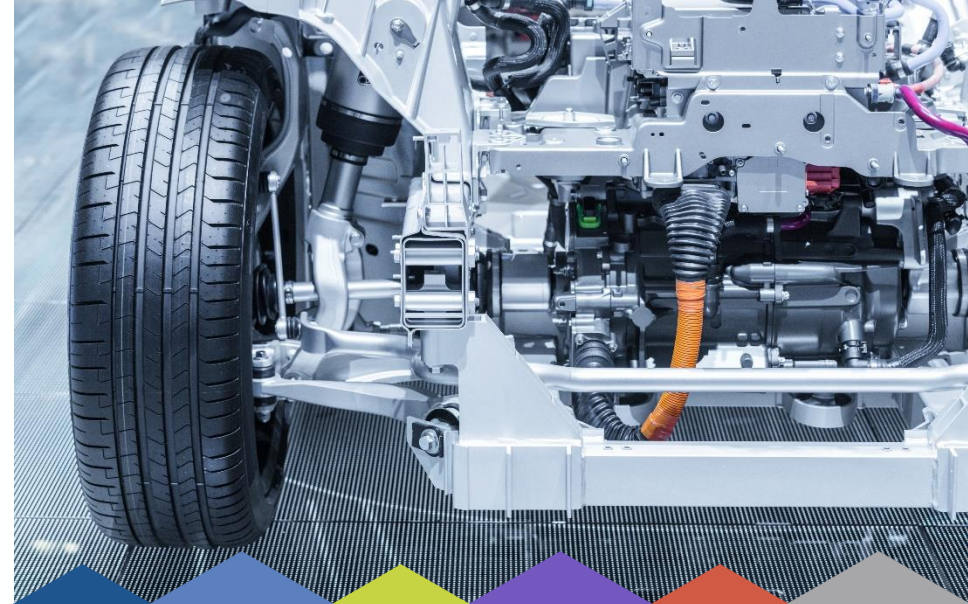
**Where:**

- 90 – 350kW+ EV drivetrain inverter
- Single, dual, or in hub drives

**Why:** Maximize EV range while minimizing overall system and battery cost. Bi-directionality also enables regenerative braking.

**SiC Advantage:**

- ~80% lower losses
- ~30% smaller size
- Lower system cost



# WOLFSPEED IMPACT ON KEY APPLICATIONS: EV DRIVETRAIN

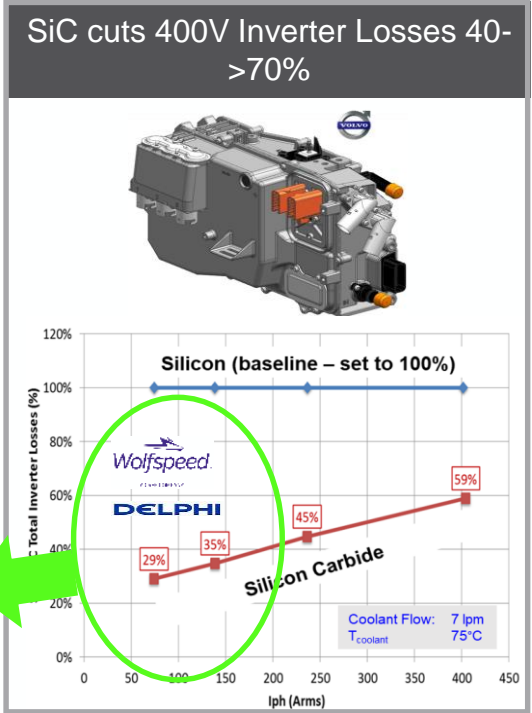
## Wolfspeed SiC EV drivetrain savings







**Battery Electric Vehicle**



**Light Load Saving**

**In Partial Load  
Up to 6-10% savings  
Even on 400V**



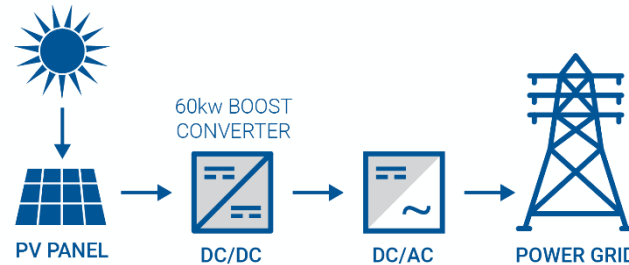
	Overall Cost of EV	\$15,000-\$100,000
	Incremental Cost of Using SiC	\$75-\$150
	~3.0% SiC Battery Savings	\$600-\$1000
	Space Savings	\$- Significant
	Cooling Requirements Savings	\$- Significant
	<b>SUMMARY</b>	<b>Savings \$525 to \$850</b>

**Costs savings from reduced space, cooling, provide additional savings (will vary by vehicle model)**

## WOLFSPEED IMPACT ON KEY APPLICATIONS

# Inverters for Solar Power and Energy Storage

- **What:** SiC MOSFETs and Diodes
- **Where:** Panel array boost converter to provide input voltage for battery charger and/or power grid inverter
- **Why:** Minimize size and weight while increasing ruggedness for lower installation and maintenance costs
- **SiC Advantage:** 99.5% efficiency enables:
  - Up to 3X smaller size
  - 10X lighter weight

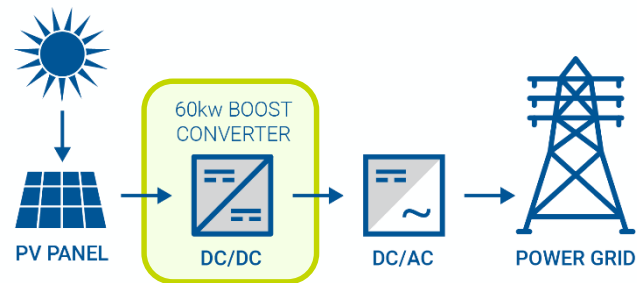


# WOLFSPEED IMPACT ON KEY APPLICATIONS: SOLAR POWER

## 60kW Boost Converter Reference Design

Parameters	Values
Input voltage range	470VDC-800VDC
Output voltage	850VDC
Output Power	60kW ( $V_{in} \geq 600V$ ) 50kW ( $V_{in} < 600V$ )
Switching frequency	78kHz
Efficiency	99.5%
Power Density	127W/in <sup>3</sup>
Topology	Interleaved DC/DC Boost
Power device package	TO-247-4

- Featuring Wolfspeed 3<sup>rd</sup> Gen C3M 1200V MOSFETs
- Featuring Wolfspeed 4<sup>th</sup> Gen C4D 1200V Schottky diodes



SiC Schottky Diode  
C4D101120D  
TO-247-3 Package



SiC MOSFET  
C3M0075120K  
TO-247-4 Package

## WOLFSPEED IMPACT ON KEY APPLICATIONS

# Energy Storage

**What:** Silicon Carbide MOSFETs

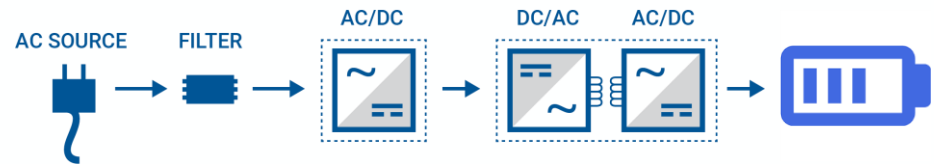
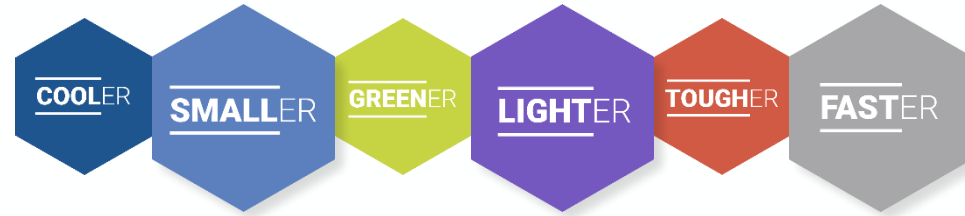
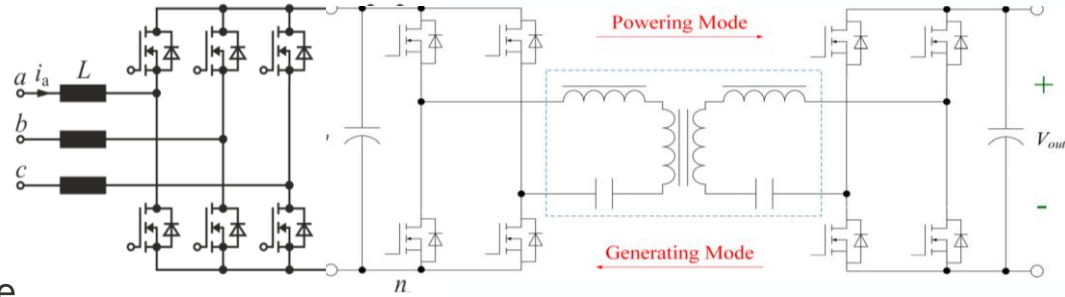
**Where:**

- Bidirectional 5kW – 200kW energy storage system
- Converts AC power from grid into DC power for the battery and also deliver the energy back to grid

**Why:** Bidirectional operation, Minimize the size, weight, and cost while maximizing power delivered to the battery

**SiC Advantage:**

- Up to 30% lower losses
- Deliver 65% increase in power density
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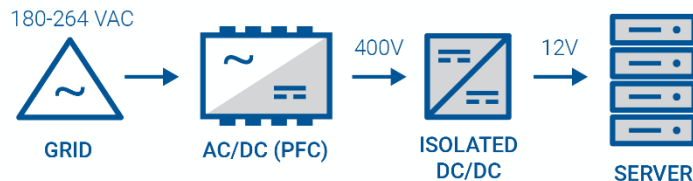




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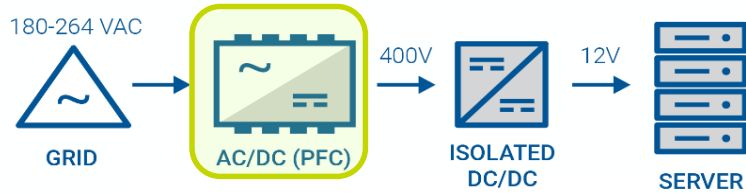
# High Efficiency Power for Data Centers

- **What:** Silicon Carbide MOSFETs and Diodes
- **Where:** Data centers for cloud computing
- **Why:** Minimizing electricity consumption — cooling system can be up to 40% of the electricity cost
- **SiC Advantage:**
  - Achieves 80+ Titanium standards
  - Lower E-BOM cost
  - Contributes to 620 billion kWh in energy savings from 2010 to 2020



## WOLFSPEED IMPACT ON KEY APPLICATIONS: DATA CENTER POWER

### Bridgeless Totem-Pole PFC Reference Design



- 2.2kW high efficiency bridgeless totem-pole PFC
- Featuring Wolfspeed 650V MOSFETs
- Meets 80+ titanium efficiency rating
- Board dimensions: 213 x 112.5 mm

Parameters	Values	Note
Input voltage range, 47-63Hz	180-264V (rms)	
Output voltage	400V nominal	+/- 2%
Output power	2,200 W	At 230V AC
Output power	1,500 W	At 180V AC
Input power factor	>.98	
Input THD at full load	<5%	
Switching frequency	64 KHz	Fixed frequency
<b>Efficiency</b>	<b>&gt;98.5%</b>	Including Aux
Cooling	Forced air, 15x40mm Fan	1.5W power
Topology	Totem pole	Diode as LF switch
Power devices package	TO-263-7 TO-247 TO-247-4	



## PROBLEM STATEMENT

# How to Improve a 200KW UPS System?

### UPS are large

- Silicon-based UPS designs are extremely large in size
- UPS using silicon create sizeable heat loads

### UPS can be inefficient

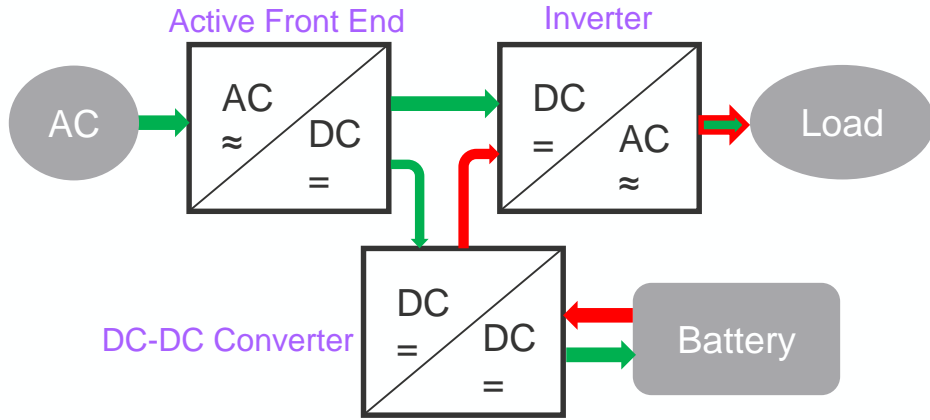
- Silicon based switching losses add-up in high power applications

### What Can SiC Enable?

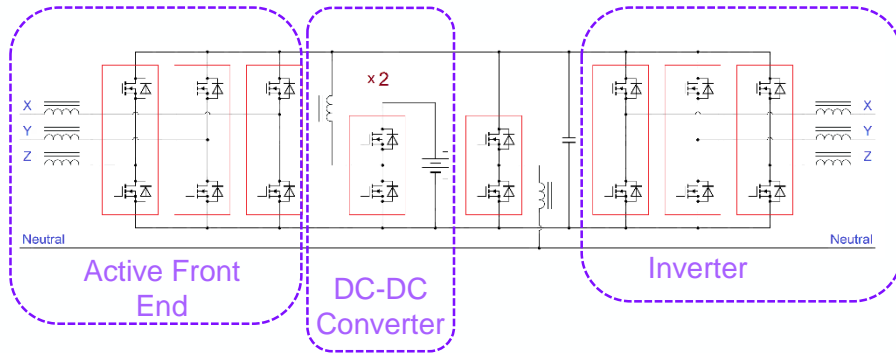
- 38% reduction in system losses
- 42% reduction in passive component volume
- 35% reduction in passive BOM costs



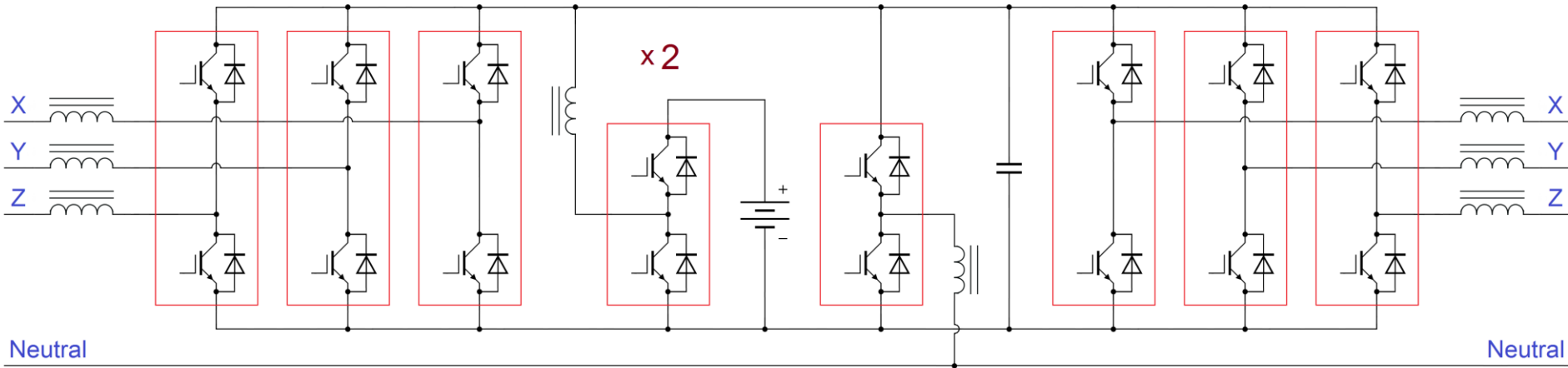
# Advantages of Double Conversion UPS Topology



- The DC link with energy storage effectively decouples the load from the grid
- The topology can provide extremely clean power in even with unstable grid power



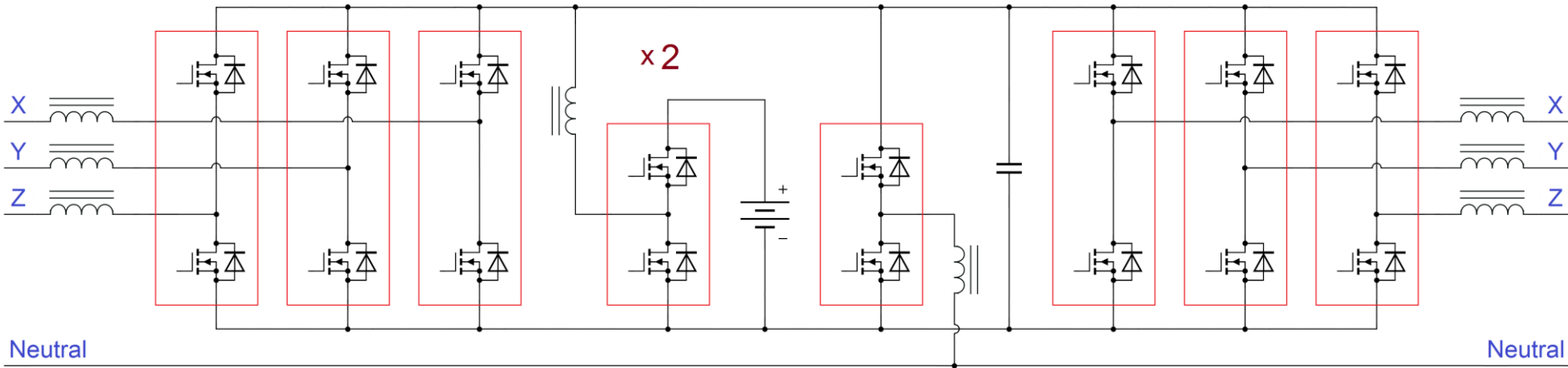
# Si IGBT UPS Block Diagram



**8 kHz Switching Frequency**



# Wolfspeed XM3 SiC Module UPS Block Diagram

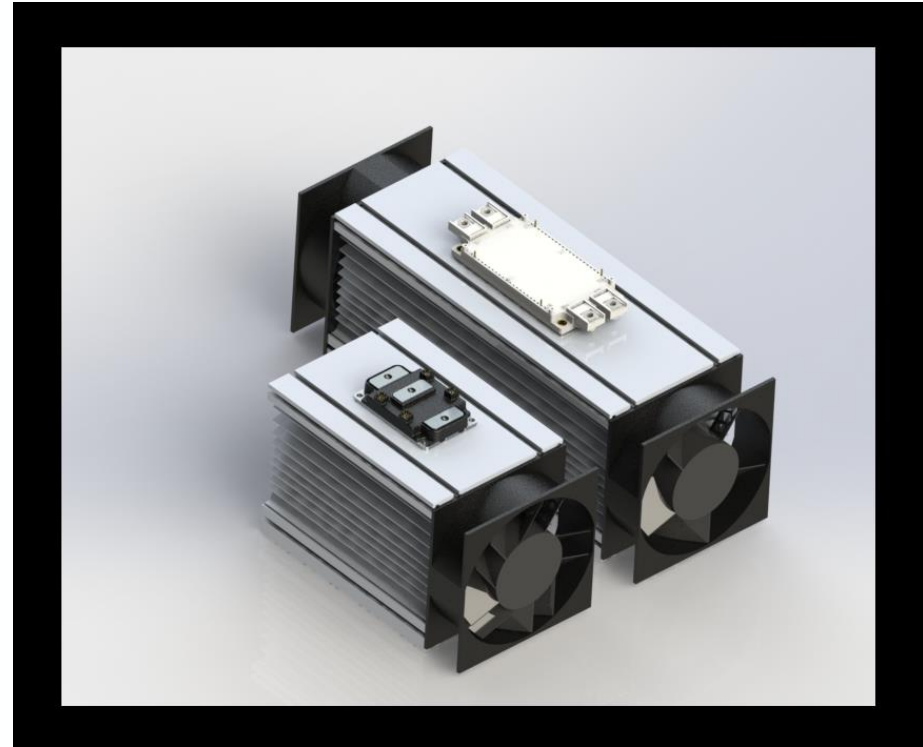


**25 kHz Switching Frequency**

## The Wolfspeed Advantage

# Reducing Switching Losses & Cooling Requirements

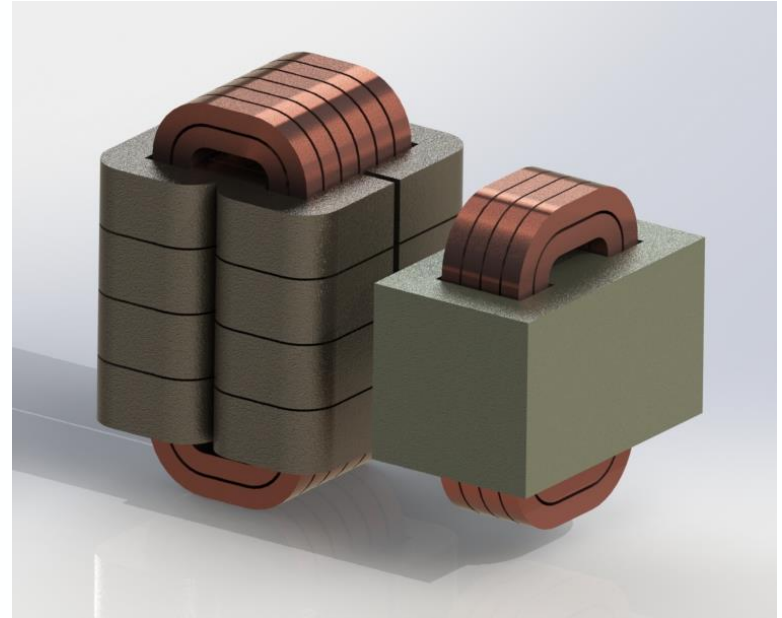
- Wolfspeed's SiC module has 662 W of losses compared to a Si IGBT's 1100 W
- Each SiC module only requires a single cooling fan, due to the high efficiency
- The heatsink + fan volume is reduced from 6.4 L per module to 3.7 L per module
- Using Wolfspeed XM3 SiC Modules yields:
  - **40.4% reduction in switching losses**
  - **42% reduction in cooling volume**
  - **43% reduction in thermal solution cost**



## The Wolfspeed Advantage

# Reducing Inductor Requirements via Switching Frequency

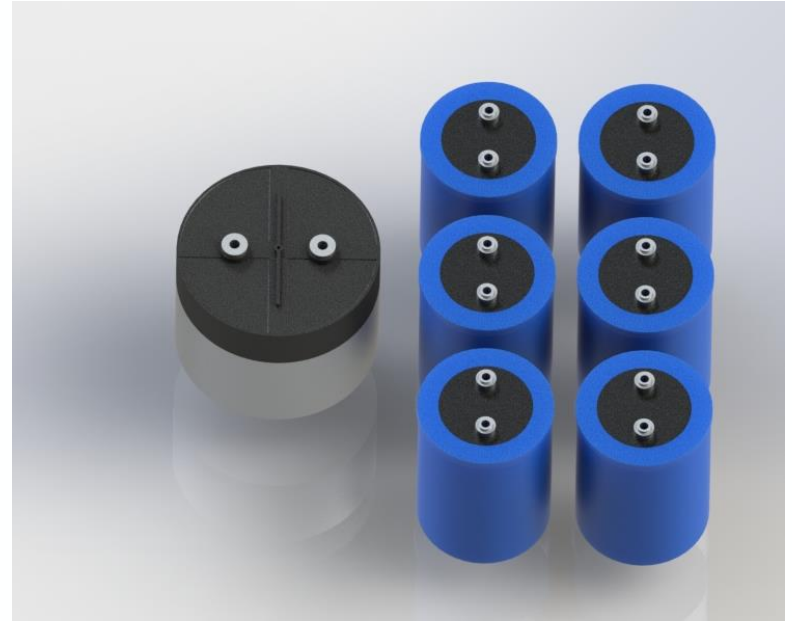
- Wolfspeed XM3 SiC Modules allow the switching frequency to increase from 8 kHz to 25 kHz resulting in the following:
- The required **inductance is reduced from 100 $\mu$ H to 30 $\mu$ H**
- Each inductor can be **reduced in size by 37%**
- **Reduces total losses by 20%**
- A **23% reduction in inductor cost** can be achieved with SiC



## The Wolfspeed Advantage

# Reducing Capacitance via Switching Frequency

- Wolfspeed XM3 SiC Modules allow the switching frequency to **increase from 8 kHz to 25 kHz** resulting in the following:
- DC link capacitance can be dramatically reduced from **2322 $\mu$ F** to **740 $\mu$ F**
- Capacitor **volume reduction of 67%** is achieved with SiC
- Capacitor **cost is reduced by 66%**



# Agenda

- Wolfspeed SiC power solutions
- Practical Implementation of SiC MOSFET



# Practical Implementation of SiC MOSFET

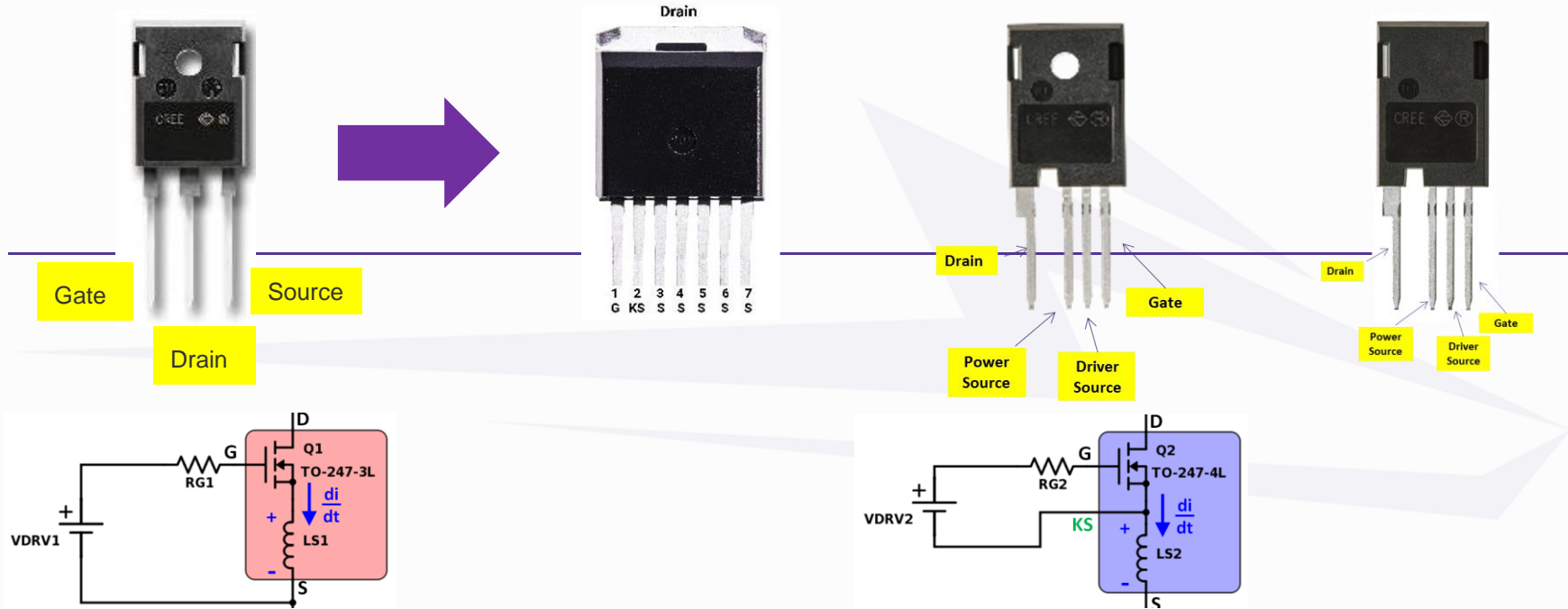
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- Package Selection
- Gate Driver Design
- PCB Layout Considerations
- Helpful resources for you to implement SiC system advantages



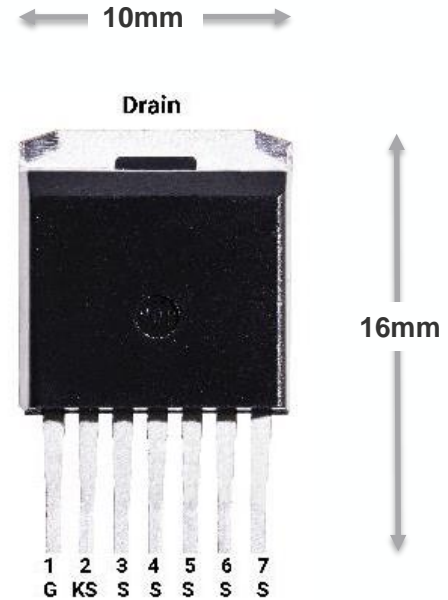
# Package Selection

# Recommended Optimized Packages with Kelvin Source Pin



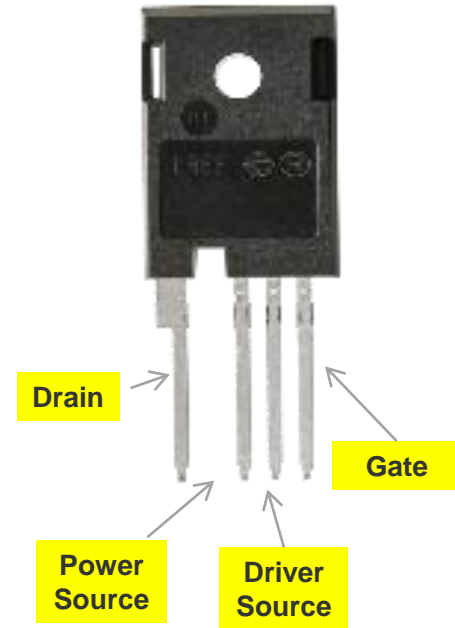
# TO-263-7L Package with Kelvin Source

- 7mm of Creepage distance between Drain and Source
- Low source inductance  $< 2\text{nH}$
- Design for automatic assembly
- Separated power source pin provides lower switching losses



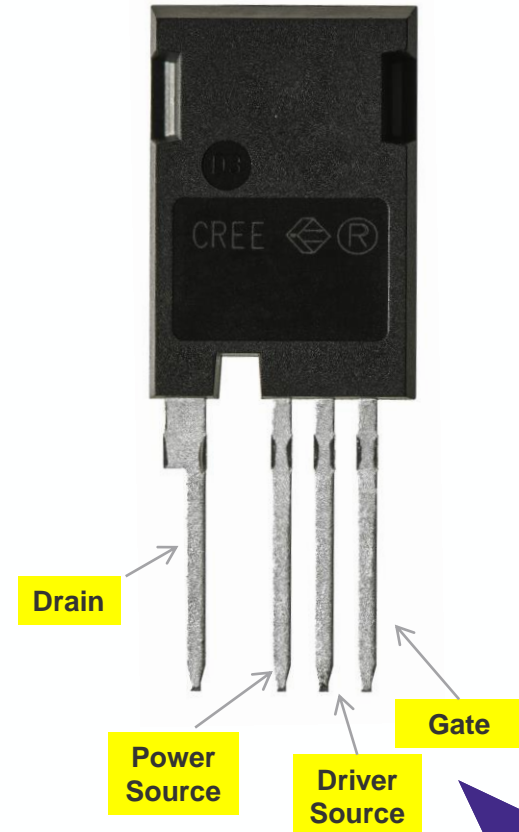
# TO-247 Package with source kelvin

- Optimized package design with wide creepage/clearance between drain and source for high-voltage capability in high-pollution environments
- Optimized package for SiC for higher current capability
- 8mm of creepage distance between Drain and source
- Separated power source pin provides lower switching losses
- Capable of 5kV isolation



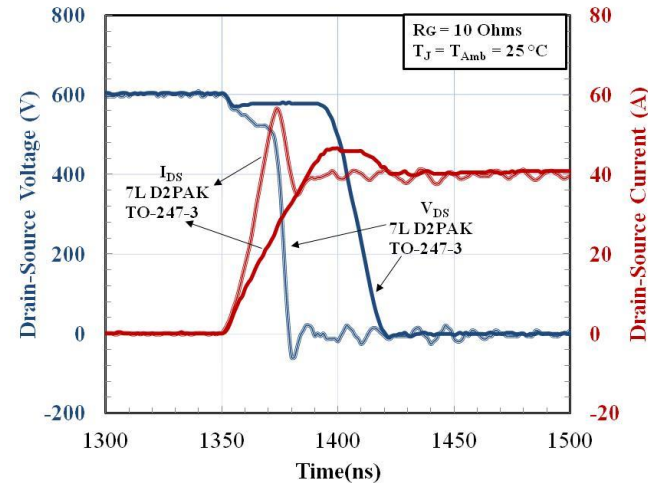
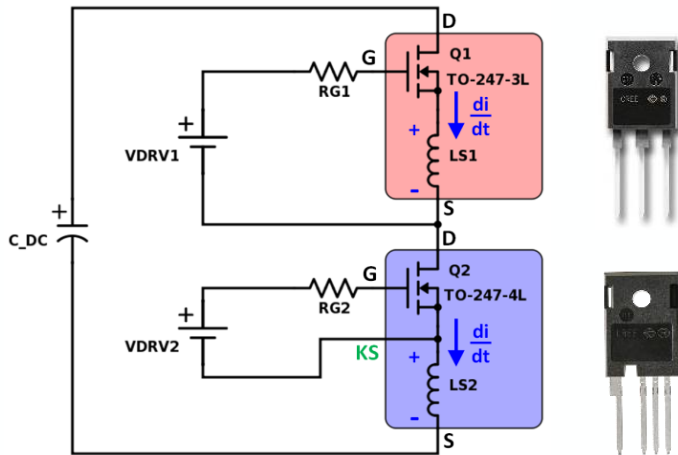
# New TO-247-4L Plus Package

- Optimized package design with wide creepage/clearance between drain and source for high-voltage capability in high-pollution environments
- Larger lead-frame with 10mil stitch wire-bonding for increased current handling
- Separated power source pin provides lower switching losses
- Clip-mount design with no center mounting hole provides improved electrical isolation

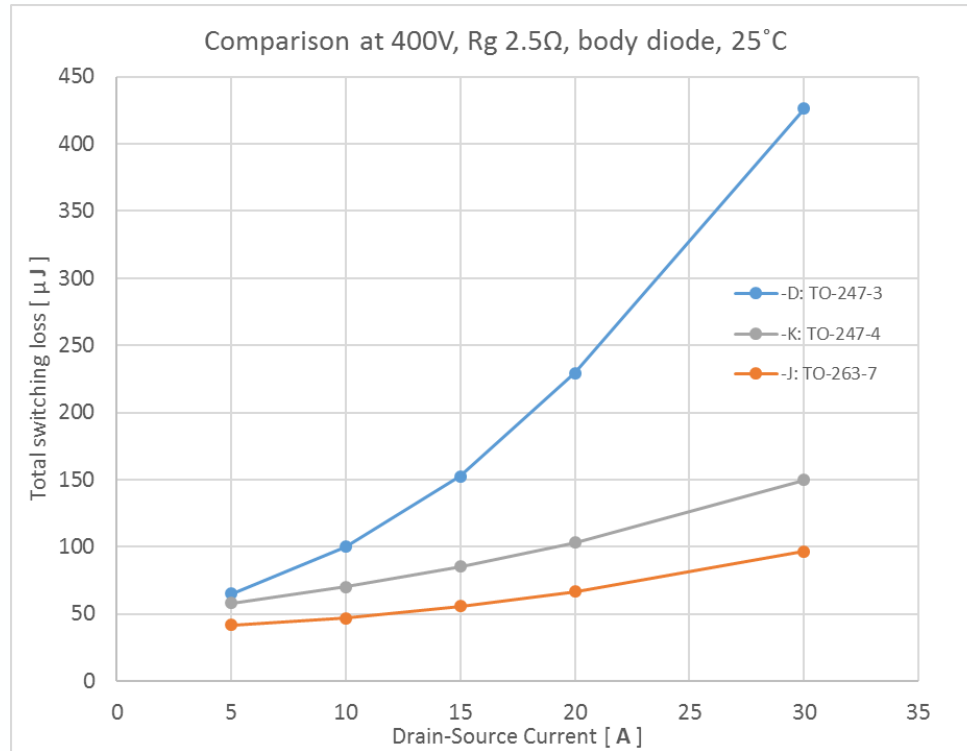


# Advantage of the Kelvin Source Pin

- SiC MOSFET chip is capable of extremely fast transitions.
- In TO-247-3,  $L_S$  in the gate driver loop will limit the switching speed.
- TO-247-4 has a separate source return pin for the gate driver equivalent circuit.  $V_{G,KS}$  is not affected by the voltage drop in the source inductance  $L_{S2}$  introduced by the  $di/dt$  of the drain-source current.



# Switching Loss Comparison @ Vdd=400V, Rg.ext=2.5ohm, Vgs=-4/+15V



TO-247-3  
NO - Kelvin Pin  
2.6mm Creepage  
8nH Inductance



TO-247-4  
Kelvin Pin  
8mm Creepage  
8nH Inductance



TO-263-7  
Kelvin Pin  
7mm Creepage  
2nH Inductance

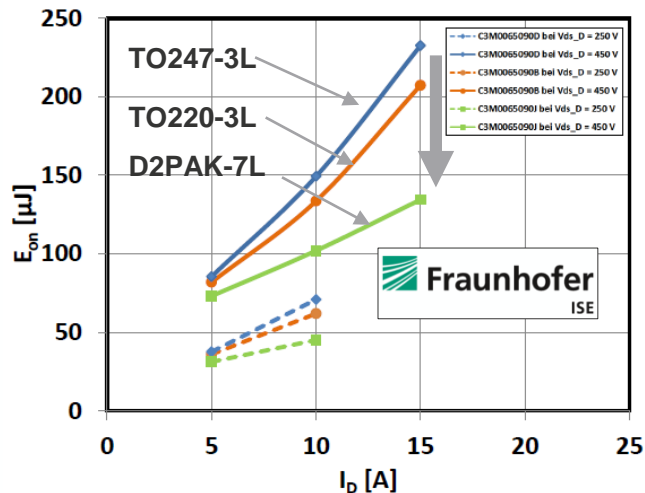
Lower switching losses and for higher creepage



# External testing on Impact of discrete package on switching energy

## 900V, 65mΩ SiC MOSFET from Wolfspeed D2PAK-7L offers up to 44% reduction over TO247-3L

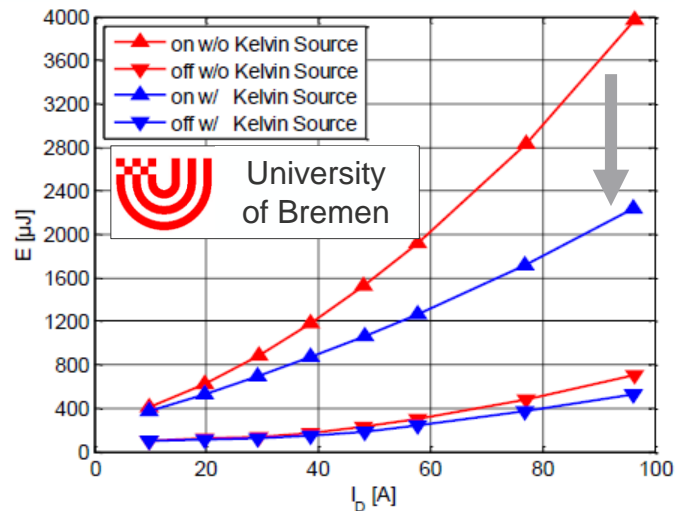
Switching energies @ 450V, 15A (solid lines)  
TO247-3L (blue), TO220-3L (orange), D2PAK-7L (orange)  
Turn-on ( $E_{on}$ ) losses are dominant (~90% of total)



C. Schöner, "Switching Energy Comparison of 900V SiC MOSFET Chip in Different Transistor Packages," internal report, April 2017.

## 900V, 10mΩ SiC MOSFET from Wolfspeed Up to 42% reduction in TO247 if using Kelvin

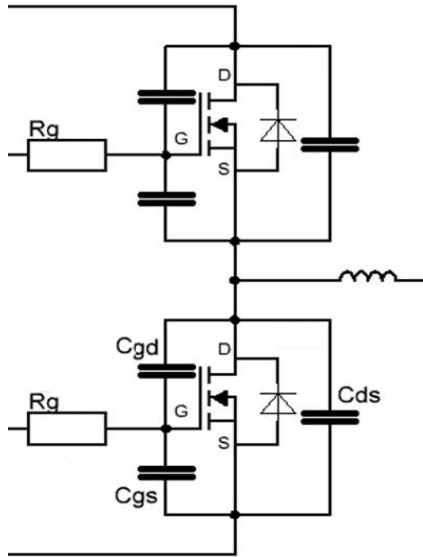
Switching energies @ 600V, 96A,  $R_{G,ext} = 5.1\Omega$



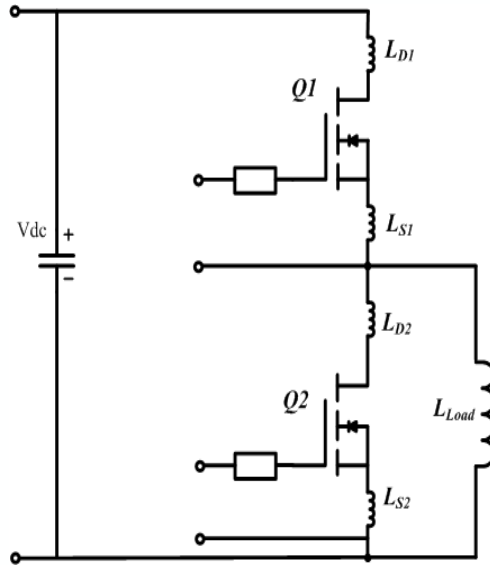
C. Bödeker, N. Kaminski, "Impact of a Kelvin Source Connection on Discrete High Power SiC-MOSFETs," ICSCRM 2017 pre-print.

- Fraunhofer ISE (left) measured commercial 900V, 65mΩ SiC MOSFET with three different packages
  - D2PAK-7L with Kelvin Source had ~ 40% lower switching losses than TO247-3L or TO220-3L
- Bremen Univ. (right) measured commercial 900V, 10mΩ SiC MOSFET with two different packages
  - TO247-4L with Kelvin Source had ~ 40% lower switching losses when using Kelvin sense

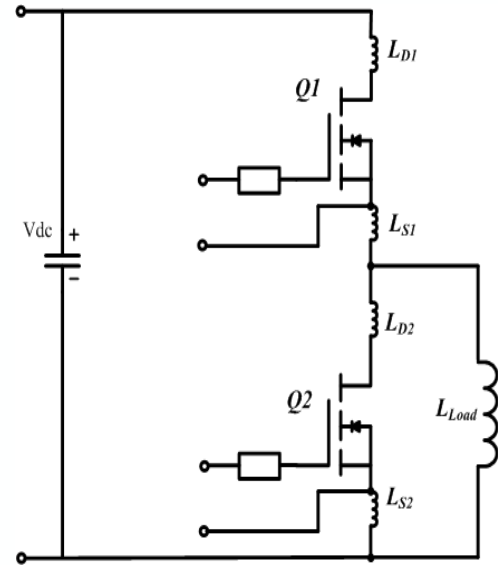
# MOSFET Cross-talk in Half bridge



Ideal Switch without package parasitic

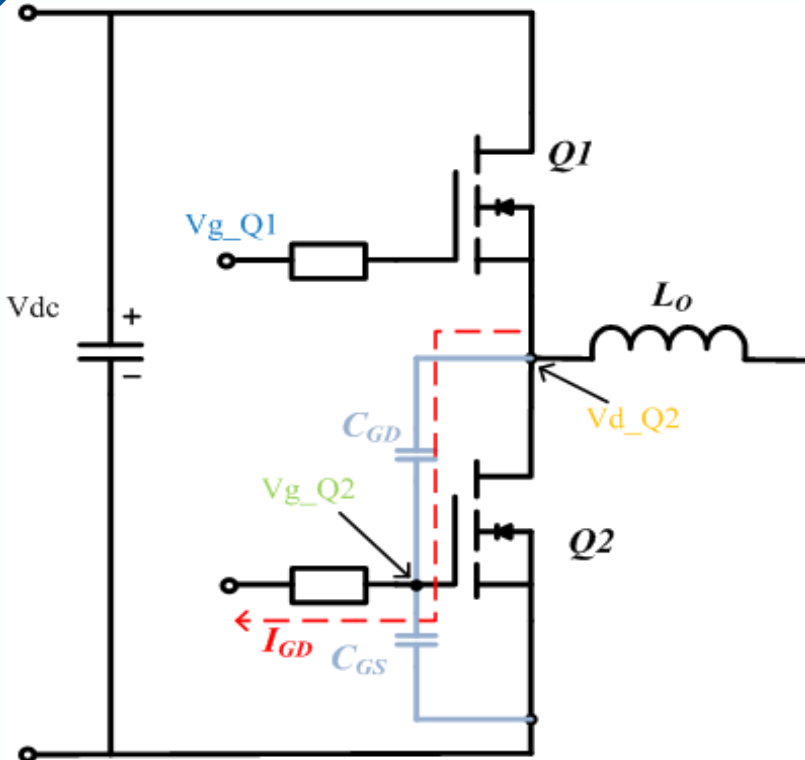


3L package

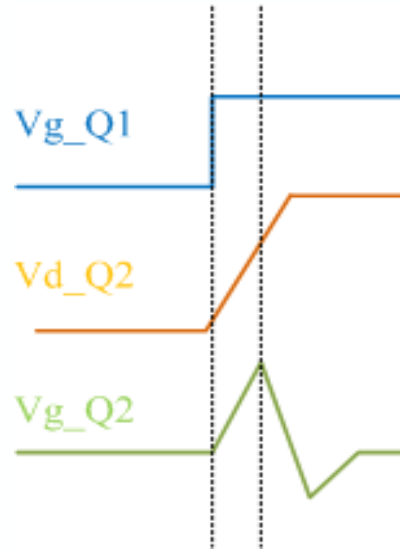


4L package

# MOSFET Cross-talk in Half bridge



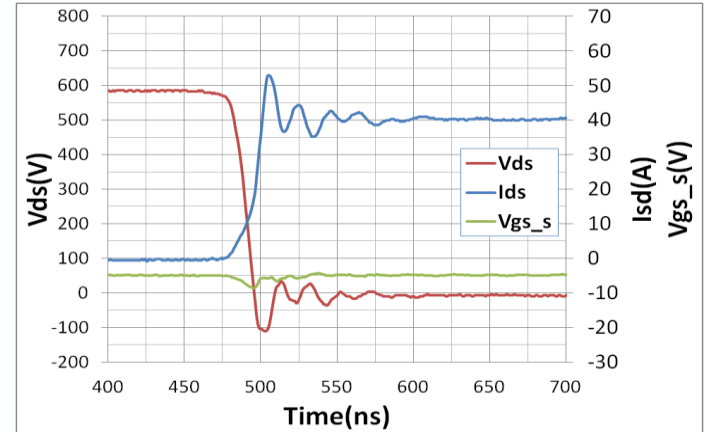
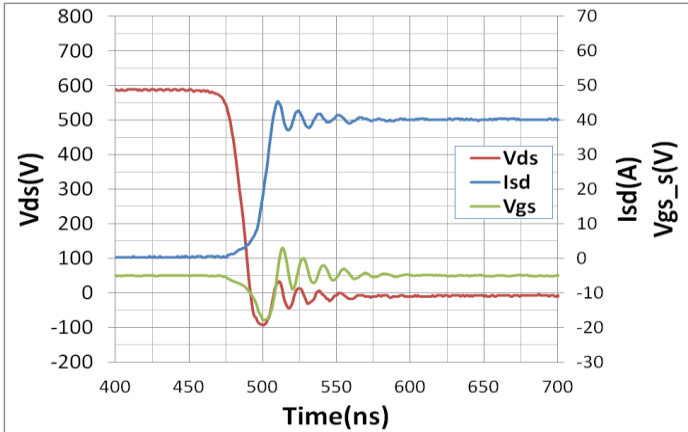
Turn on Q1



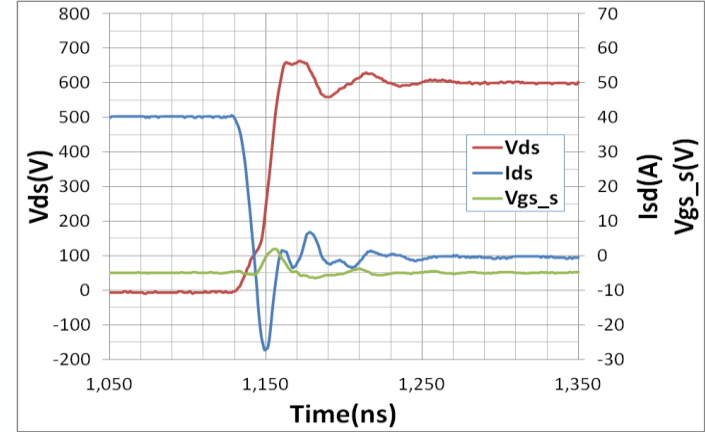
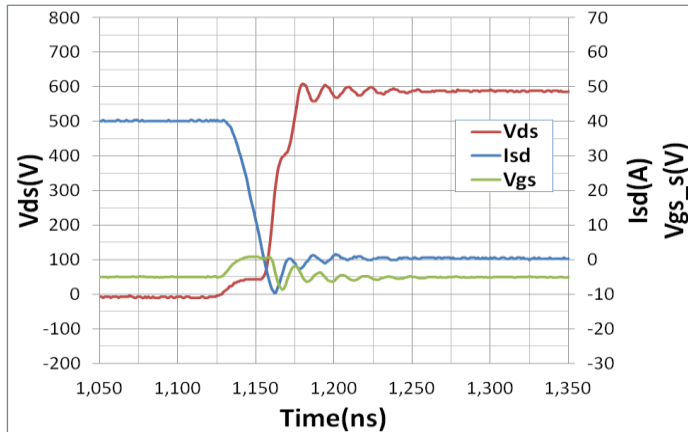
In the off period of the low side MOSFET, the voltage across the  $C_{oss}$  of low side MOSFET is nearby zero. When the high side MOSFET is turning on,  $C_{oss}$  of high side MOSFET will be discharged. And the  $C_{oss}$  of low side MOSFET will be charged.  $dv/dt$  will also cause the  $C_{gd}$  of low side MOSFET to charge through  $C_{gs}$ . Thus, a positive voltage is generated. If the voltage spike is over the  $V_{th}$  of low side MOSFET, potential Shoot through risk.

# Gate voltage spike comparison 3L VS 4L

3L



4L



# Key Takeaways

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1. New K-Source package reduces switching loss
2. New K-Source package reduce cross talk



# Gate Drive Considerations

# Introduction

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## Why do we need gate drivers for MOSFETs?

Gate drivers provide

- **Desired sourcing and sinking current**
- **Level shifting for high-side MOSFETs**
- **Isolation between controller ICs and MOSFETs for compliance**

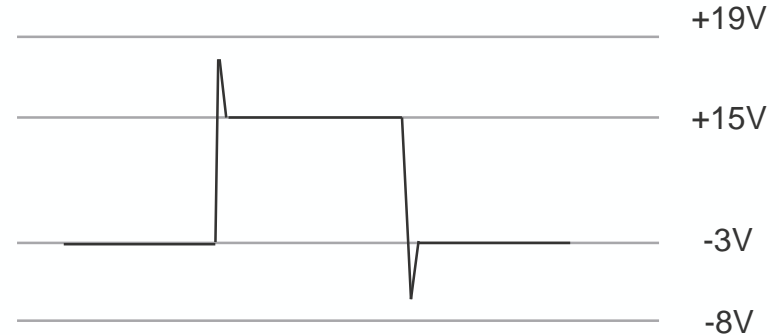
# SiC MOSFET Gate Voltage Rating

Symbol	Parameter	Value	Unit	Test Conditions	Note
$V_{GSmax}$	Gate - Source Voltage (dynamic)	-8/+19	V	AC (f >1 Hz)	Note: 1
$V_{GSop}$	Gate - Source Voltage (static)	-4/+15	V	Static	Note: 2

- $V_{GSmax}$**  -- Maximum allowable peak value of Gate to source voltage.  
The worst case operating voltage should not be over  **$V_{GSmax}$** .
- $V_{GSop}$**  -- Maximum allowable static value of Gate to source voltage.  
The worst case operating voltage at static operation mode ( $f \leq 1\text{Hz}$ ) should be within the rating of  **$V_{GSop}$** .

Design Recommendation:

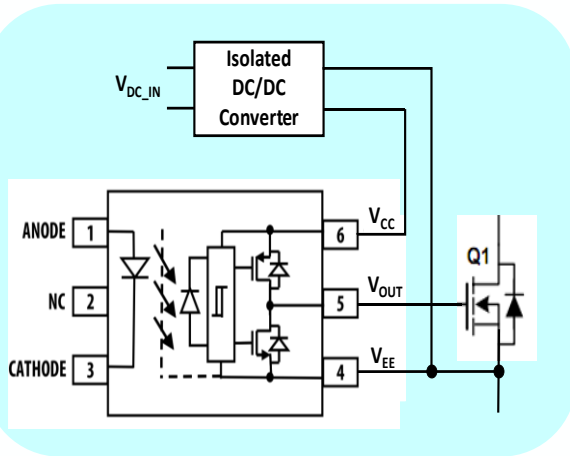
- +15V/-3V gate voltage is recommended.
- The positive and negative voltage spikes don't exceed  **$V_{GSmax}$**





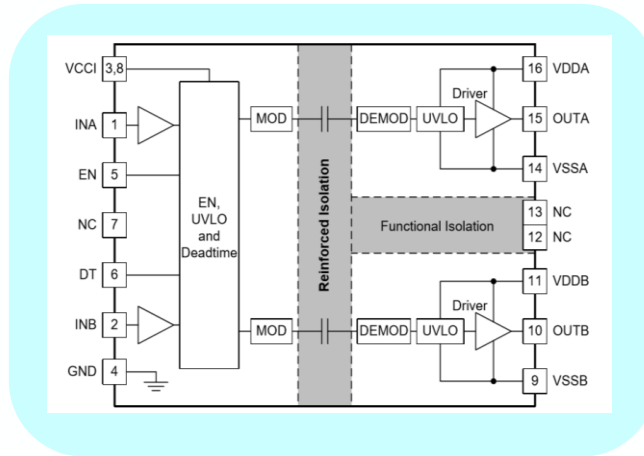
# Types of Isolated Gate Driver

## Optically Isolated



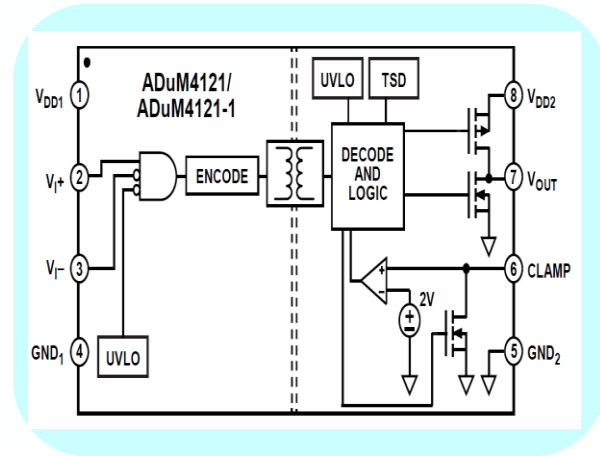
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## Capacitive Isolated



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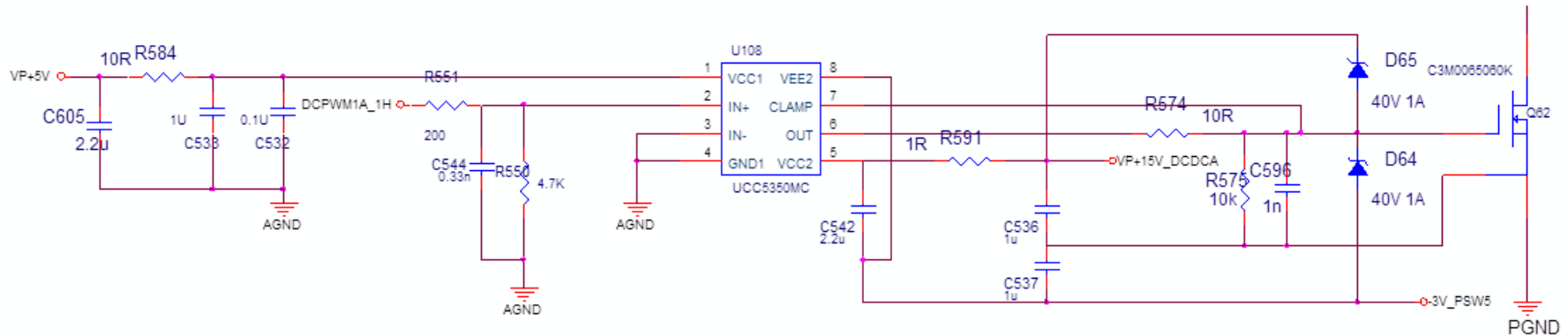
## Inductive Isolated



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# Tips for SiC MOSFET Gate Driver

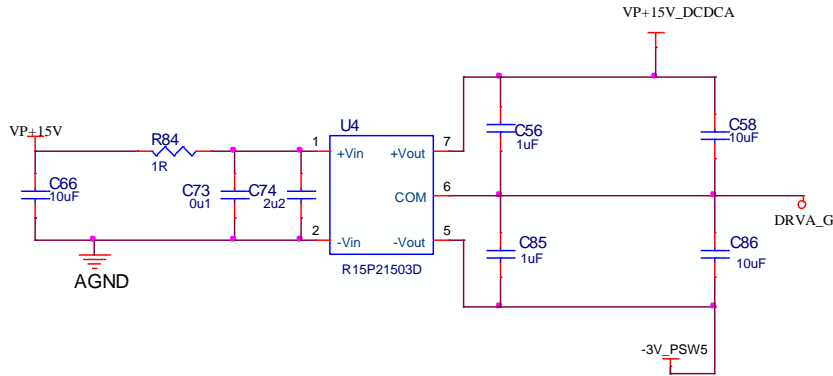
- +15V/-3V power supply
- VIORM Maximum Working Insulation Voltage
- Driving capability
- CMTI
- Active miller clamp
- Additional cap Gate to Source
- Gate voltage clamp if active clamp is not available in gate drive IC



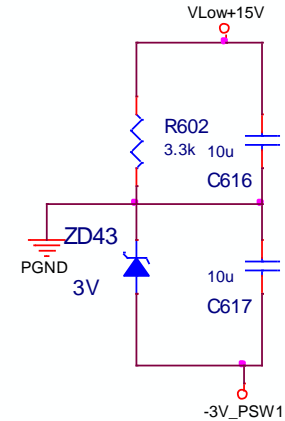
# Power Supply Options

+15V/-3V power supply

- DCDC Power supply module like R15P21503D.
- 18V multi-outputs on-board Aux power supply. Generate -3V by resistor and Zener.



Easy to use



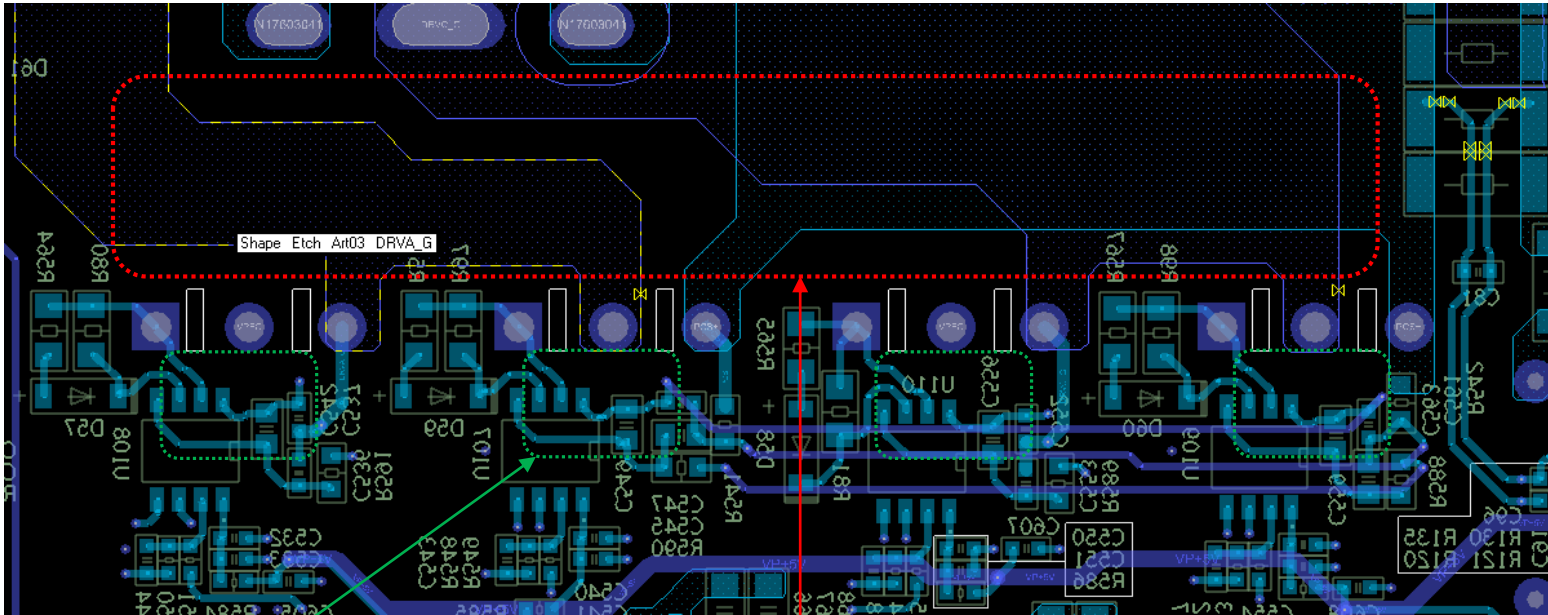
Lower cost



# PCB Layout Considerations

# SiC MOSFET Gate Driver

- Avoid overlap between Drain and Gate and Gate drive circuit.

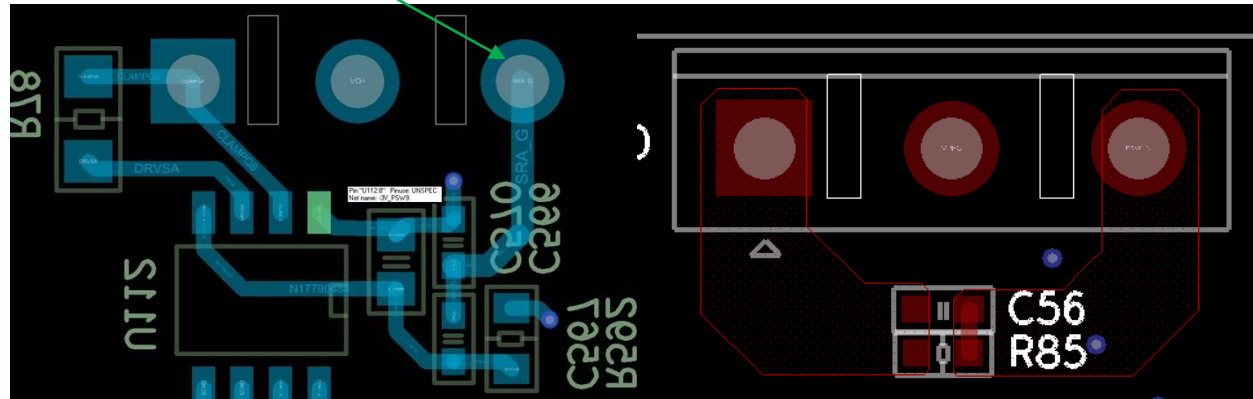
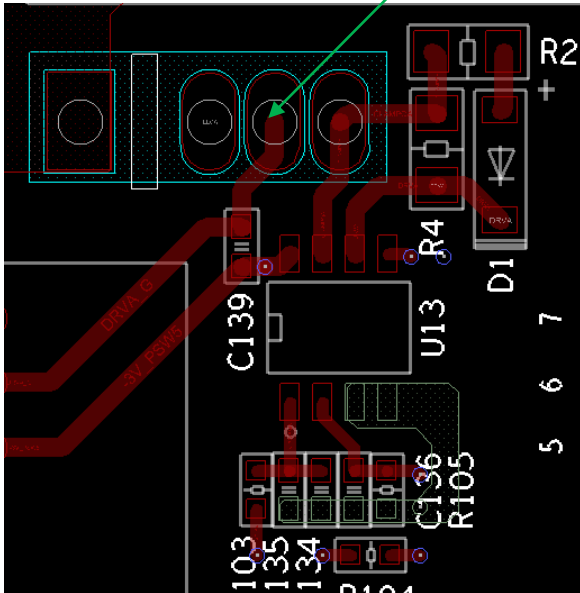


Gate drive loop

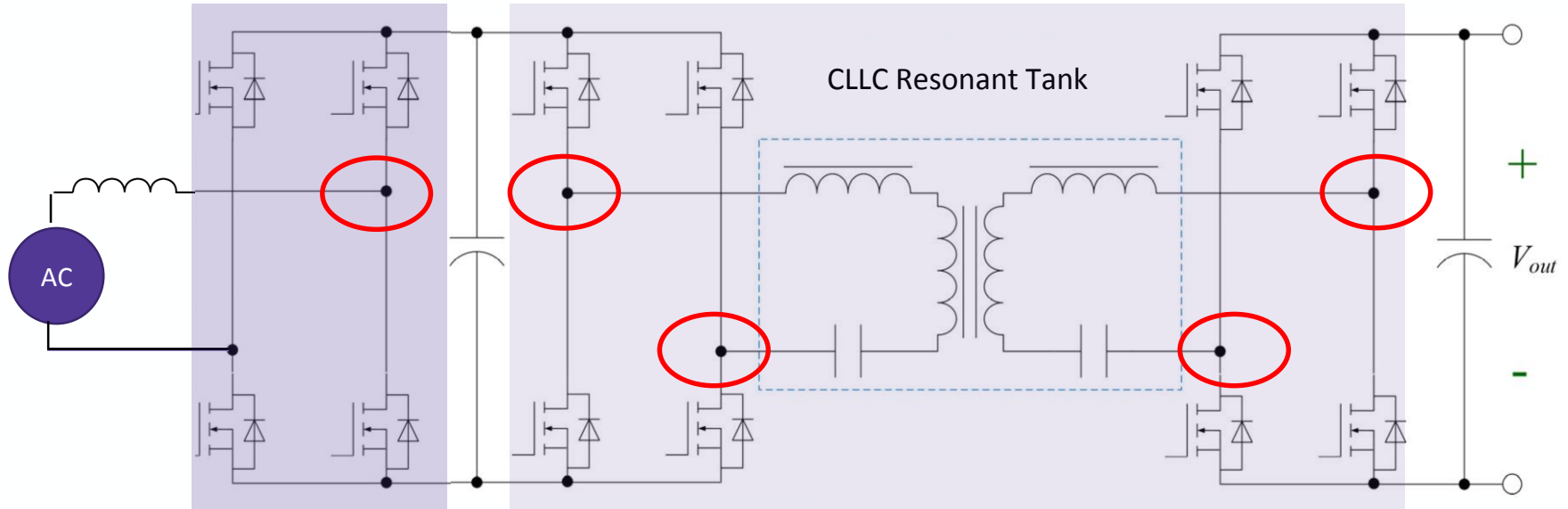
Power loop

# SiC MOSFET Gate Driver

- Minimized the loop of gate drive
- Minimized the loop of active miller clamp
- Separated gate source. Don't introduce parasitic inductance from power source loop
- Place the external Gate to Source cap as close as possible to the MOSFET
- Minimized the loop of gate voltage clamp if active clamp is not available in gate drive IC

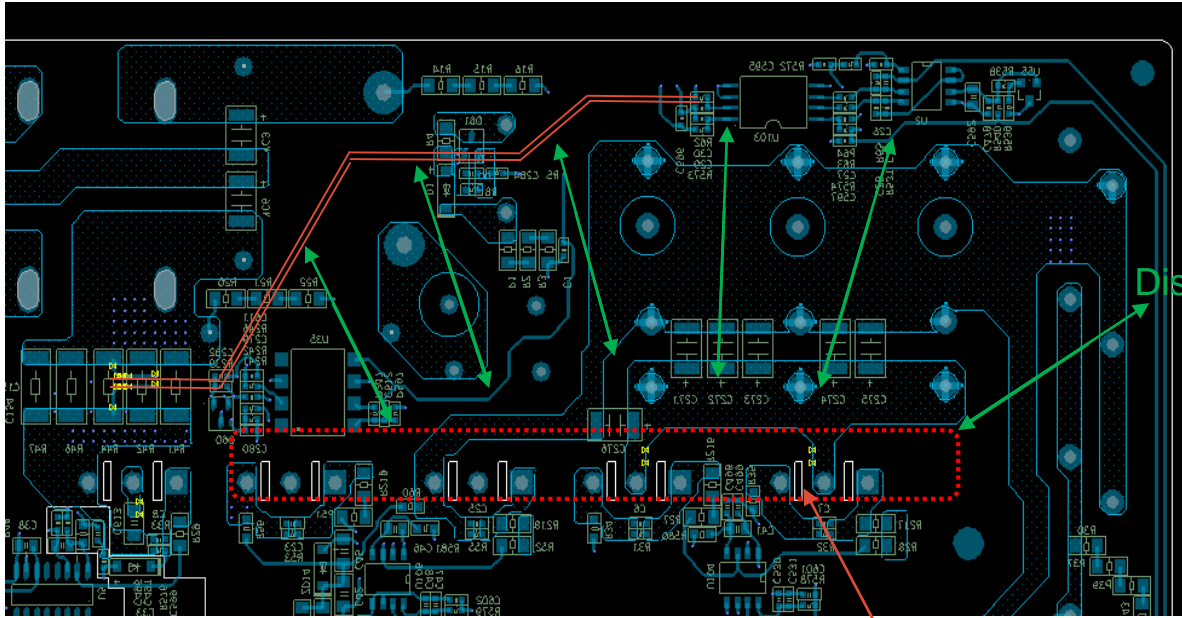


# High dv/dt trace/node

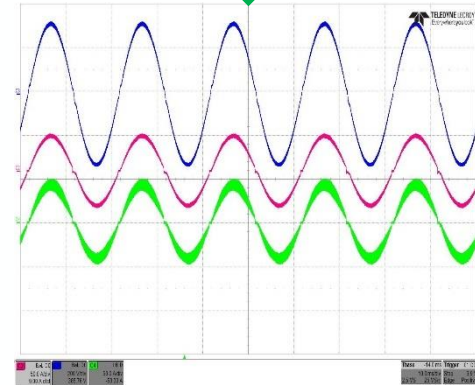
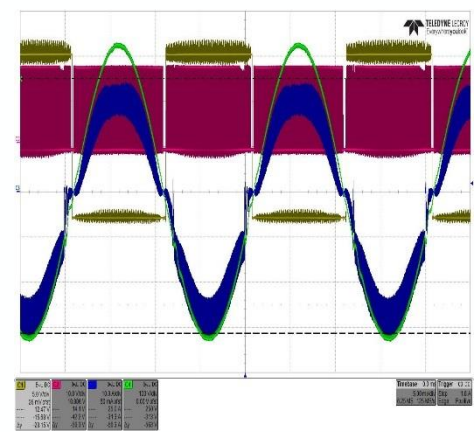


- Keep the sensitive signals far away from the high  $dV/dt$  trace/nodes.
- Keep the sensitive signals far away from the high magnetic field such as PFC choke, DCDC power magnetics.
- Small pad size of Drain nodes to reduce the coupling and parasitic capacitance

# High dv/dt trace/node



Distance!

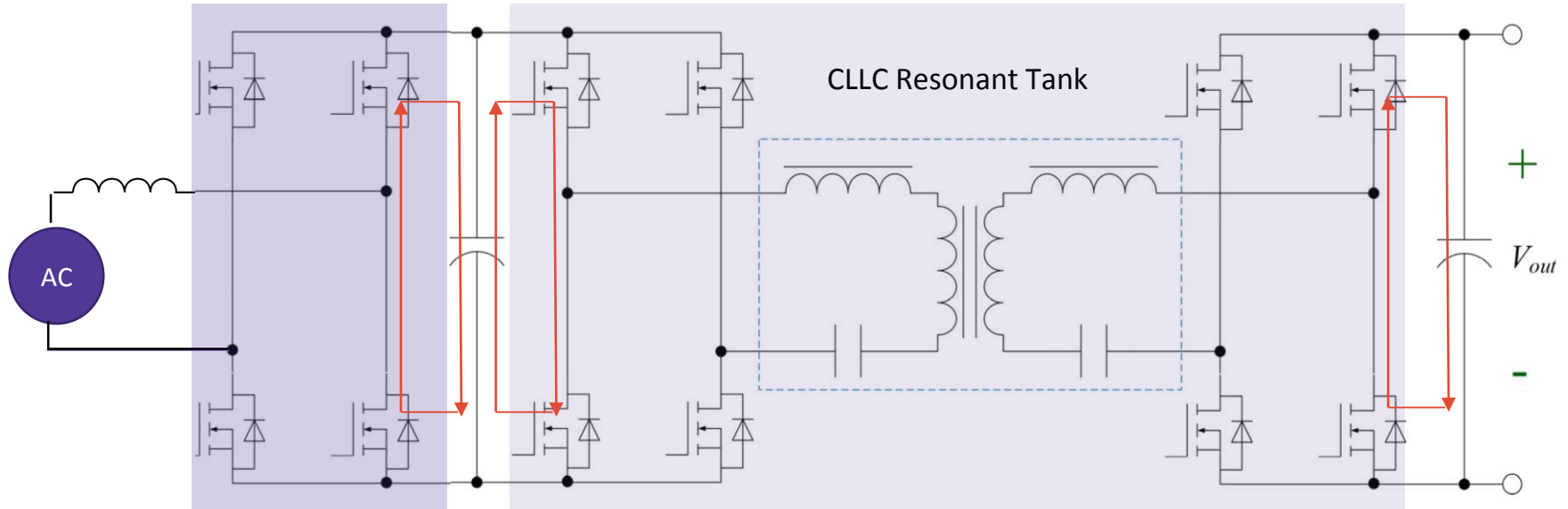


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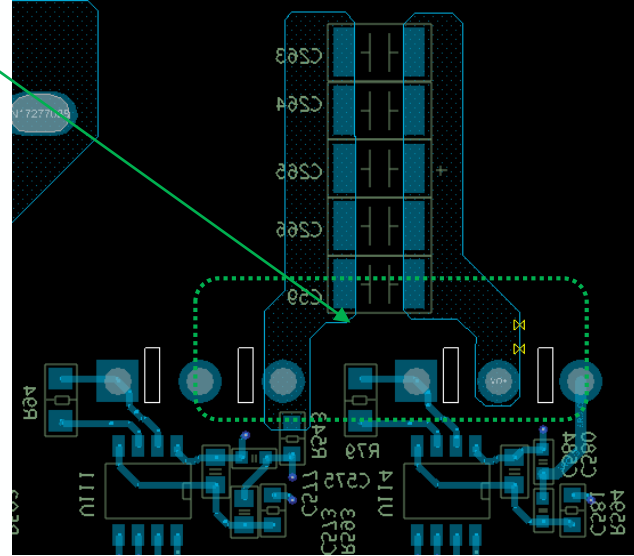
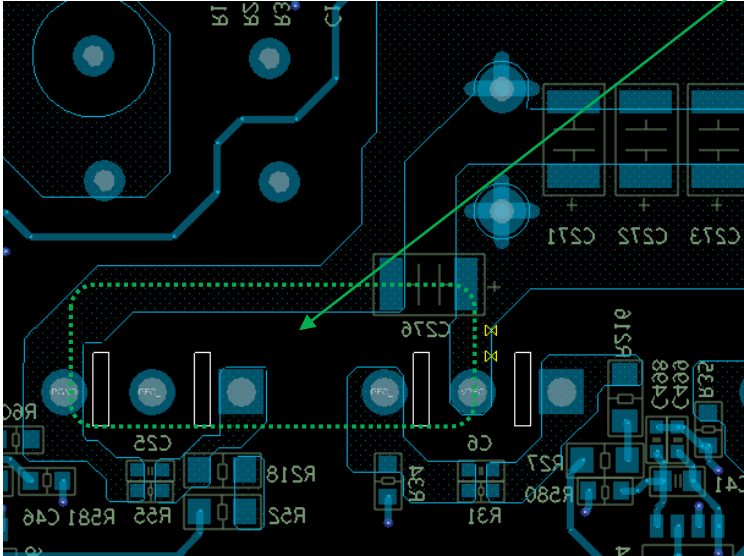
# High di/dt loop



- Place ceramic or film caps as close as possible to minimize the high frequency di/dt loop.
- Proper PCB layout of the power components to minimize the high frequency di/dt loop.

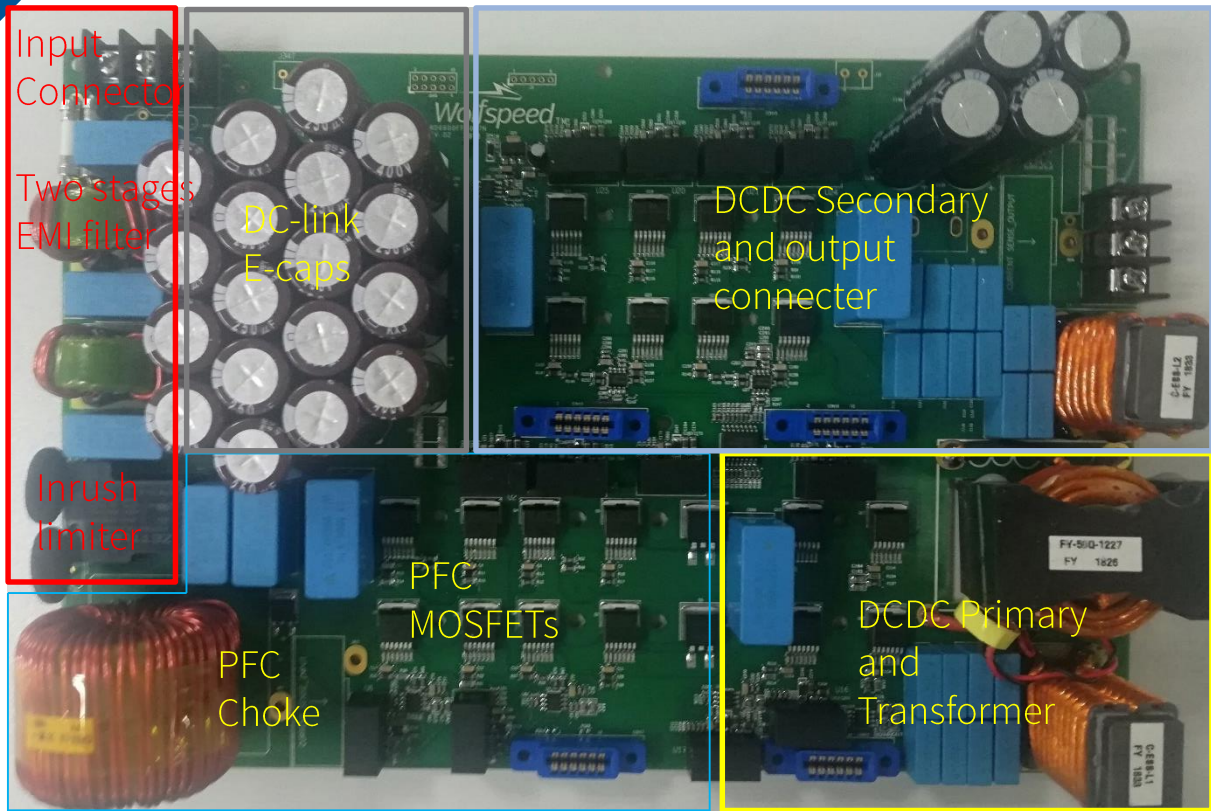
# High di/dt loop

small di/dt loop



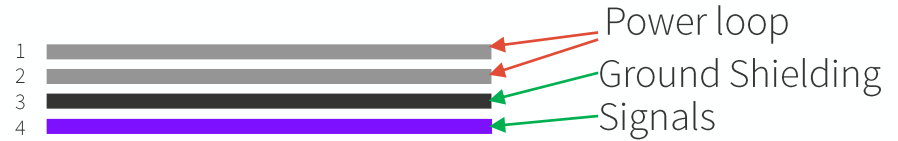
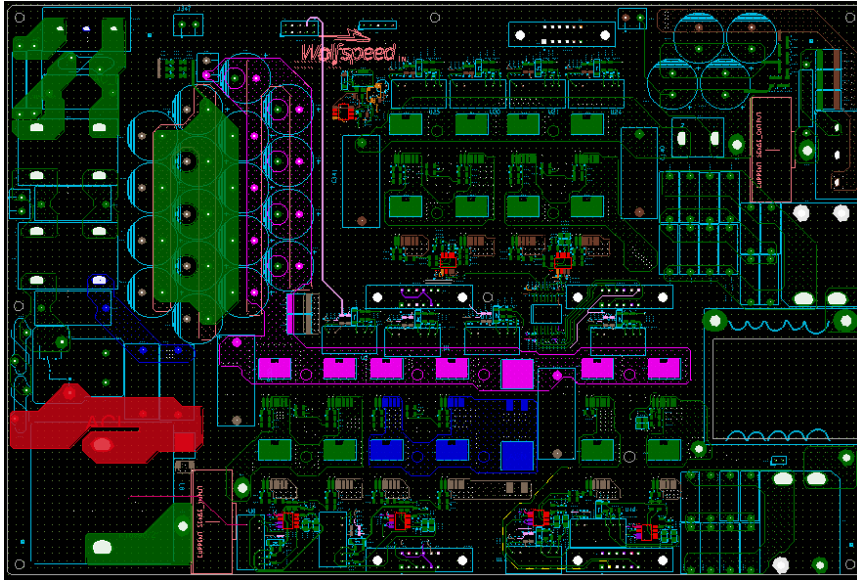
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# EMI Filter



- Keep the high  $dV/dt$  trace/nodes far away from the input EMI filter and connector to minimize the noise coupling.
- Keep the high magnetic field such as PFC choke, DCDC power magnetics far away from the input EMI filter and connector to minimize the noise coupling.

# 4layers Power Board



## Tips(for 4layers PCB):

- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> layers for power loop
- Sensitive signals at bottom layer
- 3<sup>rd</sup> layer for GND. The ground layer acts as a shielding to cover the signal traces at bottom layer.

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## KEY TAKE-AWAYS

# Helpful resources

<http://www.wolfspeed.com/power/tools-and-support>

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