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... BUT Lots of Opportunities & Some Challenges ;-)

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Outline

► Introduction

- Performance Trends
 10x -Technologies / Concepts
 Research Results
- **Conclusions**

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Research Scope



- Explore the Limits / Create New Concepts / Push the Envelope
 Maximize Technology Utilization
 Enable New Applications









——— Market Pull / Technology Push ———







Required Performance Improvements



• Connected Cognitive Power Electronic Systems \rightarrow Power Electronics 4.0







S-Curve of Power Electronics

- **Power Electronics 1.0** \rightarrow **Power Electronics 4.0**
- Identify "X-Concepts" / "Moon-Shot" Technologies
 10x Improvement NOT Only 10% !









3-Ф Variable Speed Drive Inverter Systems

State-of-the-Art Future Requirements



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Variable Speed Drive (VSD) Systems

- Industry Automation / Robotics
- Material Machining / Processing Drilling, Milling, etc.
 Compressors / Pumps / Fans
- Transportation
- etc., etc.

.... Everywhere !



• 60...70 % of All Electric Energy Used in Industry Consumed by VSDs







State-of-the-Art

- Mains Interface / 3-Ф PWM Inverter / Cable / Motor Large Installation Space / Complicated
 Conducted EMI / Radiated EMI / Reflections on Long Motor Cables / Bearing Currents



• High Performance @ High Level of Complexity / High Costs (!)









Surge Voltage Reflections

- Long Motor Cable $l_c \ge \frac{1}{2} t_r v$ Short Rise Time of Inverter Output Voltage Impedance Mismatch of Cable & Motor \rightarrow Reflect. @ Motor Terminals / High Insul. Stress



 \rightarrow *dv/dt-* OR Full-Sinewave Filtering / Termination & Matching Networks etc.







Motor Bearing Currents

- Switching Frequency CM Inverter Output Voltage \rightarrow Motor Shaft Voltage
- Electrical Discharge in the Bearing ("EDM")



→ Cond. Grease / Ceram. Bearings / Shaft Grndg Brushes / dv/dt- OR Full-Sinewave Filters







VSD Inverter - Future Requirements

- "Non-Expert" Installation / "Sinus-Inverter" OR Motor-Integrated Inverter
- **Low Losses** & Low HF Motor Losses
- **Low Volume & Weight**
- Wide Output Voltage Range
- High Output Frequencies



● Main "Enablers" → SiC/GaN Power Semiconductors & Adv. Inverter Topologies















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Si vs. SiC

Si-IGBT / Diode → Const. On-State Voltage, Turn-Off Tail Current & Diode Reverse Recovery Current
 SiC-MOSFET → Massive Loss Reduction @ Part Load BUT Higher R_{th}



• Space Saving of >30% on Module Level (!)







Low R_{DS(on)} High-Voltage Devices

- Higher Critical E-Field of SiC \rightarrow Thinner Drift Layer Higher Maximum Junction Temperature $T_{i,max}$



• Massive Reduction of Relative On-Resistance \rightarrow High Blocking Voltage Unipolar Devices







Si vs. SiC Conduction Behavior

Si-IGBT → Const. On-State Voltage Drop / Rel. Low Switching Speed,
 SiC-MOSFETs → Resistive On-State Behavior / Factor 10 Higher Sw. Speed



• Efficiency Characteristic Considering Only Conduction Losses







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• Extremely High di/dt & dv/dt \rightarrow Challenges in Packaging / EMI / Motor Insulation / Bearing Currents

















Circuit Parasitics

- **Extremely High di/dt Commutation Loop Inductance** L_s Allowed L_s Directly Related to Switching Time $t_s \rightarrow$





Advanced Packaging & Parallel Interleaving for Partitioning of Large Currents









Si vs. SiC EMI Emissions

- Higher dv/dt → Factor 1 Higher Switching Frequencies → Factor 1 EMI Envelope Shifted to Higher Frequencies \rightarrow Factor 10
- \rightarrow Factor 10



• Higher Influence of Filter Component Parasitics & Couplings \rightarrow Advanced Design







Inverter Output Filters

dv/dt-Filters —— Full-Sinewave Filters ———











dv/dt-Control







Passive | Hybrid | Active dv/dt-Limitation

- **Passive** Damped LC-Filter $f_c > f_s$ Hybrid Undamped LC-Filter & Multi-Step Sw. Transition Active Gate-Drive Based Shaping of Sw. Transients



• Connection to DC-Minus & CM Inductor \rightarrow Limit CM Curr. Spikes / EMI / Bearing Currents







Comparison of dv/dt-Filtering Techniques (1)



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Comparison of dv/dt-Filtering Techniques (2)



• Losses / Power Density – V_{DC} = 800V, P_{out} = 10kW, f_{sw} = 16kHz, 1200V SiC-MOSFETs (16m Ω)







Inverter Systems w/ Sinusoidal Output Voltages —







ZVS/TCM Operation

- Sinusoidal Output Voltage
- ZVS of Inverter Bridge-Legs
- High Sw. Frequency & TCM \rightarrow Low Filter Inductor Volume



- Only 33% Increase of Transistor Conduction Losses Compared to CCM (!)
- Very Wide Switching Frequency Variation







$TCM \rightarrow B-TCM$

■ Very Wide Switching Frequency Variation of TCM → B-TCM



• TCM \rightarrow B-TCM — 10% Further Increase of Transistor Conduction Losses









$B-TCM \rightarrow S-TCM$

- Sinusoidal Switching Boundaries → S-TCM
 Adaption for Low Output Power Considering f_{sw,max}= 140kHz



• TCM \rightarrow S-TCM \approx 10% Further Increase of Transistor Conduction Losses







Remark *Residual ZVS Losses*



• "Kink" Current I_K Dependent on Inner & Outer Gate Resistance & u_{a.n}





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CCM & 2-Stage Full-Sinewave Output Filter (1) PERFECTION IN AUTOMATION Sinewave Output & IEC/EN 55011 Class-A
 Low-Loss Active Damping of 1st Filter Stage — Neg. Cap. Current Feedback $2kW / 400V DC-Link 3-\Phi 650V GaN Inverter (I_M=5A), f_{out,max} = 500Hz$ Sw. Frequency $f_s = 100 kHz$ GaN Power Stage $L_d R_d$ L_2 $f_{C_1}=7kHz$ ΡI l_{C1} GaN Power Stage Active-Damped Filter



 \rightarrow Evaluation of Optimized Inductors — Soft Sat. Toroidal Iron Powder Cores \rightarrow L₁=200uH (OD57S) / C₁=2.5uF / L₂=25uH (OD2OS) / C₂=2.5uF / L_d=33uH / R_d=5.6 Ω







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CCM & 2-Stage Full-Sinewave Output Filter (2)

- Exp. Verification 650V E-Mode GaN Systems Transistors (50mΩ)
 Sw. Frequency f_s= 100kHz, Efficiency ≈98%
- 200mm x 250mm



- Stationary Motor Phase Curr. /Voltage @ 2.5Nm & f_{out}=250Hz
 Speed Increase from Standstill to n = 3000rpm in 60ms



M7ms





CCM & 2-Stage Full-Sinewave Output Filter (3)

- Modification of Output Filter Structure Elimination of Direct Cap. Coupling Between Output and Noisy (!) DC+ (Due to R_{DC}) For Opt. i_c -Feedback C_1 Realized Using ≈Linear Kemet KC-Link



Modified Filter \rightarrow Compliance to EMI Standard EN55011 Class-A
















Multi-Level (ML) Converter Scaling

- 1/N Reduction of Blocking Voltage → Lower $R_{DS,(on)}$ Semiconductors $(R_{on} \sim U_B^2)$ Eff. Increase of Sw. Frequency → $f_{sw,eff} = N f_{sw}$ $(f_{sw} \dots Individual Device)$ Larger Chip Area and/or Smaller L_0



• D-FOM = D-FOM(U_{dc}/N) \rightarrow Results in ML-Performance (X-FOM) Dependent on N







Functional Principle of ML-Converters

- 3-Level Flying Cap. (FC) Converter Requires No Connection to DC-Midpoint Involves All Switches in Voltage Generation \rightarrow Eff. Doubles Device Sw. Frequency
- FC Voltage Balancing Possible also for DC Output



• *Risk of Transistor Overvoltage for Steep U_{dc} Changes*







Scaling of ML Bridge-Leg Concepts

- **Reduced Ripple @ Same (!) Switching Losses Lower Overall On-Resistance** @ Given Blocking Voltage \rightarrow 1+1=2 NOT 2² = 4 (!) Application of LV Technology to HV



• Scalability / Manufacturability / Standardization / Impedance Matching / Redundancy







X-FOM of ML-Bridge-Legs

- *Quantifies Bridge-Leg Performance of N-Level FC Converters Identifies Max. Achievable Efficiency & Loss Opt. Chip Area @ Given Sw. Frequ.*







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7-Level Flying Cap. 200V GaN Inverter (1)

- DC-Link Voltage Rated Power
- DC-Link Voltage 800V Rated Power 2.2 kW / Phase 99% Efficiency → Natural Convection Cooling (!)





• High Effective Sw. Frequency (6 x 30kHz = 180kHz) \rightarrow Small Filter Inductor L₀





7-Level Flying Cap. 200V GaN Inverter (2)

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3-Φ Hybrid Multi-Level Inverter Demonstrator

- Realization of a 99%++ Efficient 10kW 3-Φ 400V_{rms,ll} Inverter System
 7-Level Hybrid Active NPC Topology / LV Si-Technology



• 200V Si \rightarrow 200V GaN Technology Results in 99.5% Efficiency









Quasi-2L/3L —— Flying Capacitor Inverter ——







Quasi-2L & Quasi-3L Inverters (1)

- Operation of N-Level Topology in 2-Level or 3-Level Mode
 Intermediate Voltage Levels Only Used During Sw. Transients
- Applicability to All Types of Multi-Level Converters



- Reduced Average dv/dt → Lower EMI / Lower Reflection Overvoltages
 Clear Partitioning of Overall Blocking Voltage & Small Flying Capacitors
 Low Voltage/Low R_{DS(on)}/Low \$ MOSFETs → High Efficiency / No Heatsinks / SMD Packages







Quasi-2L & Quasi-3L Inverters (2)

- Operation of 5L Bridge-Leg Topology in Quasi-3L Mode
 Intermediate Voltage Levels Only Used During Sw. Transients
- Applicability to All Types of Multi-Level Converters



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- Operation of 5L Bridge-Leg Topology in Quasi-3L Mode
 Intermediate Voltage Levels Only Used During Sw. Transients
- Applicability to All Types of Multi-Level Converters

Operation @ 3.2kW





- *Conv. Output Voltage*
- Sw. Stage Output Voltage
- Flying Cap. (FC) Voltage
- Q-FC Voltage (Úncntrl.)



- Output Current — - Conv. Side Current

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Ultra-Compact Power Module with **Integrated Filter** 650V GaN E-HEMT Technology $f_{S,eff}$ = 4.8MHz f_{out} = 100kHz









Integrated Filter GaN Half-Bridge Module

- Minimization of Filter Volume by Series & Parallel Interleaving & Extreme Sw. Frequency
- Handling of DC Output Requires Flying Capacitor Approach for Series Interleaving



 \rightarrow Target: Best Combination of Multiple Levels (M) & Parallel Branches (N)





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4.8MHz GaN Half-Bridge Phase Module

- Combination of Series & Parallel Interleaving
- 600V GaN Power Semiconductors, f_{sw} = 800kHz Volume of ~180cm³ (incl. Control etc.) H₂0 Cooling Through Baseplate



• Operation @ f_{out}=100kHz / f_{S,eff}= 4.8MHz, 10kW, U_{dc}=800V







Remark High-BW High-CMRR Current Measurement

Extension of Commercial Hall Sensor DC... $f_{Hall} \approx 500 \text{kHz} \rightarrow DC...20 \text{MHz}$ Low-Pass & High-Pass Filter Network Combining HF-Sensor & LF Hall-Sensor



- Hall Sensor Bandwidth f_{Hall} = 1.6MHz
 Rogowski Coil High-Pass Corner Frequency f_{int}=1kHz
 Low/High-Pass Filter Cross-Over Network f_{filter} = 24kHz









Motor-Integrated Inverter Systems









Stacked-Multi-Cell (SMC) Inverter



- Low-Voltage Inverter Modules
- Very-High Efficiency / Power Density
- Automated Manufacturing
- Rated Power
 DC-Link Voltage
 45kW / f_{out} = 2kHz
 1 kV





• Smart Motor / Plug & Play | Connected / Intelligent VSD 4.0







Motor-Integrated SMC 200V GaN-Inverter

Rated Power
DC-Link Voltage
3-Ф Power Cells
0uter Diameter
9kW @ 3700rpm
650V...720V
5+1
220mm





- Axial Stator Mount
- 200V GaN e-FETs
- Low-Capacitance DC-Links
- 45mm x 58mm / Cell

• Main Challenge — Thermal Coupling/Decoupling of Motor & Inverter









Double-Bridge (DB) Inverter









Turbo-Compressor-Integrated DB GaN-Inverter

- E-Mobility 5...15kW Fuel Cell Pressurized Air Supply
 1kW Rated Power, f_{sw}=300kHz | n= 280'000rpm / f_{out}= 4.6kHz
 Low EMI / Low Cabling Effort



• Integration \rightarrow 2x System Power Density | 97% \rightarrow 98.5% Inverter Efficiency









3-Φ 650V GaN Motor-Integrated Inverter Source: YASKAWA

- Sigma-7F Servo Drive Motor Integration of DC/AC Stage (TO-220 GaN)
 Distributed DC-Link System Single AC/DC Converter / Smaller Cabinet
 0.1 0.4kW / 270...324V Nominal DC-Link Voltage









------ Overload | Thermal Limit ------









- **Highly Dynamic Robotics VSDs** \rightarrow 3x ... 5x Rated Torque for Seconds
- **Small Chip Area** \rightarrow Low Thermal Time Constant of GaN HEMTs
- Trade-Off Between Overload Rating & Rated Power Efficiency



• 200V GaN vs. Si (Multi-Level Inverter) Comparison



















Motivation

- General / Wide Applicability
- Adaption of (Load-Dependent) Supply Voltage & Motor Voltage Wide Speed Range \rightarrow Wide Output Voltage Range



No Add. Converter for Voltage Adaption \rightarrow Single-Stage Energy Conversion















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Derivation of Buck-Boost Y-Inverter

Generation of AC-Voltages Using Unipolar Bridge-Legs



- Switch-Mode Operation of Buck OR Boost Stage
 3-Φ Continuous Sinusoidal Output / Low EMI
 Standard Bridge-Legs / Building Blocks
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Sinusoidal Modulation

• Y-Inverter



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Const. DC Offset \rightarrow Strictly Positive Output Voltages $u_{aN'}$, $u_{bN'}$, u_{cN} Mutually Exclusive Operation of the Half-Bridges \rightarrow Low Switching Losses







Boost-Operation $u_{an} > U_i$

Phase-Module



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- Current-Source-Type Operation
 Clamping of Buck-Bridge High-Side Switch → Quasi Single-Stage Energy Conversion







Buck-Operation $u_{an} < U_i$

Phase-Module



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- Voltage-Source-Type Operation
 Clamping of Boost-Bridge High-Side Switch → Quasi Single-Stage Energy Conversion







Discontinuous Modulation

• Y-Inverter



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Clamping of Each Phase for 1/3 of the Fund. Period → Low Switching Losses (!)
 Non-Sinusoidal Module Output Voltages / Sinusoidal Line-to-Line Voltages









Control Structure

• Motor Speed Control









Y-Inverter VSD

Demonstrator Specifications



- Max. Output Power
- Output Frequency Range
- Output Voltage Ripple
- \rightarrow 6...11 kW \rightarrow 0...500Hz
- → 3.2V Peak @ Output of Add. LC-Filter



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Y-Inverter Demonstrator

- DC Voltage Range 400...750V_{DC}
- Max. Input Current ± 15A
- Output Voltage
 Output Frequency
 O...230V_{rms} (Phase)
 O...500Hz
- 100kHz • Sw. Frequency
- $3 \times \text{SiC} (75 \text{m} \Omega) / 1200 \text{V}$ per Switch
- IMS Carrying Buck/Boost-Stage Transistors & Comm. Caps & 2nd Filter Ind.



Dimensions \rightarrow 160 x 110 x 42 mm³ (245W/in³)







Y-Inverter - Measurement Results

100V/div

Stationary Operation









• Line-to-Line Output Voltage Ripple < 3.2V






Efficiency Measurements

• Dependency on Input Voltage & Output Power Level

DSP / Fans / PCB

Auxiliaries

Boost(Cond)

 $U_{DC} = \frac{400V}{600V}$ $U_{AC} = \frac{230V_{rms}}{100kHz}$ (Motor Phase-Voltage) $f_{S} = 100kHz$

Semiconductors

Buck(SW)

Buck(Cond)

Filter

Inductors

Filter

Capacitors

Buck-Boost

Inductors



Multi-Level Bridge-Leg Structure for Increase of Power Density @ Same Efficiency \rightarrow

Filter

Capacitors







EMI-Limits (VSD Product Standard)

- IEC 61800-3
- \rightarrow Product Standard for Variable-Speed Motor Drives
- EMI Emission Limits \rightarrow
- Application





EMI-Filter Design for Unshielded Cables > 2m and Resid. Applications (Cond. & Rad.)







Conducted EMI-Filter

• Separate Cond. DM & CM EMI-Filter on DC-Side & DC-Minus Ref. EMI-Filter on AC-Side



→ Low Add. EMI Filter Volume — 74cm³ for Each Filter (incl. Toroid. Rad. EMI Filter) → Total Power Density Reduces — $15kW/dm^3$ (740cm³) → $12kW/dm^3$ (890cm³)







Conducted EMI - Experimental Results

• Measurements of the Cond. EMI Noise on the AC-Side (QP, with 50Hz AC-LISN)



→ Small 80uH CM-Ind. Added on AC-Side - (3cm³ of Add. Volume = 0.5% of Converter Vol.)
 → Conducted EMI with Unshielded Motor Cable Fulfilled







Measurement of Radiated EMI-Noise (1)

- Equipment Under Test (EUT) Placed on Wooden Table with Specified Arrangement
 CM Absorption Devices (CMAD) Terminate All Cables on AC- & DC-Side (Total l_{cable} ≈ 1.5m)
 Measurement of Radiated Noise with Antenna in 3m Distance



- Either Open-Area Test Site (OATS) or Special Semi-Anechoic Chamber (SAC) Needed
- Alternative Pre-Compliance Measurement Method







Measurement of Radiated EMI-Noise (2)

- CM-Currents NOT Returning IN THE CABLE are Dominant Source of Radiation
- Relation Between Radiated Electric Field and CM-Currents (!)



- Max. Allow. El. Field Strength of $40dBuV/m \rightarrow Max$. CM-Current of 3.5uA (11dBuA) Current Probe Impedance of 6.3Ω (F-33-1) $\rightarrow Max$. Noise Volt. of 26dBuV @ Test Receiver





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Radiated EMI-Filter Design

- Single-Stage HF CM-Filter on DC-Side and AC-Side
 Plug-On CM-Cores (NiZn-Ferrites) → Low Parasitics & Good HF-Att. up to 1GHz



→ Additional EMI Filter Volume Already Considered with Conducted EMI Filter → Total Power Density Slightly Reduces — $15kW/dm^3 \rightarrow 12kW/dm^3$





Experimental Results - Radiated EMI

- Measurement Setup
 Alternative Measurement Principle
- Y-Inverter Placed in Metallic Enclosure
 Measurement Setup
 Alternative Measurement Principle
 → Emulate Housing, but UNshielded Cables (!)
 → According IEC 61800-3
 → Conducted CM-Current Instead of Radiation





 \rightarrow Already Noticeable Noise Floor

 \rightarrow HF-Emissions Well Below Equivalent EMI-Limit \rightarrow Next Step: Verification Using Antenna







Current Source Inverter (CSI) Topologies

- **Phase** Modular Concept \rightarrow **Y-Inverter** (Buck-Stage / Current Link / Boost-Stage) 3- \oplus Integrated Concept \rightarrow Buck-Stage & Current DC-Link Inverter



→ Low Number of Ind. Components & Utilization of Bidir. GaN Semicond. Technology







$3-\Phi$ Integrated Buck-Boost CSI

Bidirectional/Bipolar Switches \rightarrow Positive DC-Side Voltage for Both Directions of Power Flow



• Monolithic Bidir. GaN Switches \rightarrow Factor 4 Reduction of Chip Area Comp. to Discrete Realization







- Power America Project Based on Infineon's CoolGaN^M HEMT Technology ($R_{DS(on)} = 70m\Omega$) (infineon Dual-Gate Device / Controllability of Both Current Directions
- **Bipolar Voltage Blocking Capability** | Normally On or Off



• Analysis of 4-Quardant Operation of $R_{DS(on)} = 140m\Omega$ Sample @ ±400V





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3-Φ-Integrated Buck-Boost CSI

- "Synergetic" Control of Buck-Stage & CSI Stage
- 6-Pulse-Shaping of DC Current by Buck-Stage → Allows Clamping of a CSI-Phase



• Switching of Only 2 of 3 Phase Legs \rightarrow Reduction of Sw. Losses by \approx 86% (!)









3-Φ Integrated Buck-Boost CSI

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Operation for 30° Phase Shift of AC-Side Voltage & Current







Future Research

- Advanced DC/AC Topologies incl. CM-Filtering
 Extension of 2/3-PWM to Bipolar DC-Link Voltage 3-Φ AC/AC Converter
 Multi-Objective Design & Comparative Evaluation



• **Partial Use of "Normally-On" Switches** for Freewheeling in Case of Auxiliary Power Loss





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Remark 3-Ф AC/AC Matrix Converter

- Indirect Matrix Converter (IMC)
- CSI GaN M-BDS AC/DC Front-End ZCS Commutation of CSI Stage @ i_{DC} =0
- No 4-Step Commutation

- Direct Matrix Converter (CMC)
- 4-Step Commutation Exclusive Use of GaN M-BDSs





- **Higher # of Switches Compared to CMC**
- Lower Cond. Losses @ Low Output Voltage Thermally Critical @ $f_{out} \rightarrow 0$
- ____

- Thermally Critical @ $f_{out} \approx f_{in}$







3-Ф PFC Rectifier System

Synergetic Control ——— Matrix-Type Isolated Topology ——





Source: Porsche Mission-E Project







Selected EV Charger Topology

- Isolated Controlled Output Voltage
- Buck-Boost Functionality & Sinusoidal Input Current Applicability of 600V GaN M-BDSs High Power Density / Low Costs



 \rightarrow Conventional / Independent <u>OR</u> "Synergetic Control" of Input & Output Stage



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Conventional vs. "Synergetic" Control 11/ 1/3-Modulation \rightarrow Significant Red. of Losses of the Power Switches Comp. to 3/3-PWM *Conduction Losses* ≈ -80% Sector I Sector I 600 Switching Losses ≈ *-70%* u_{xz} \geq 400 200Voltage U. -200 q Duty Cycle Voltage (V) 2! -25 i_x x Current (A) 2! $u_{xy} \longrightarrow P_{xy}$ + -25 ¹D_{zā} $i_{\mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{z}\bar{\mathrm{a}}}}$ 50Current (A) 25 $u'_{yz} \downarrow P_{yz}$ + -25 D. -50 0 60 120180240300360 060 120180240300360 \mathbf{Z} ωt (°) ωt (°) → Operating Point Dependent Selection of 1/3-PWM OR 3/3-PWM for Min. Overall Losses

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AC/DC Stage Transition to Full-Boost Operation



→ Intermediate 2/3-Operation for Limiting DC-Link Center Point Current (Low DC-Cap.)









Isolated Matrix-Type Rectifier







Isolated 3- Φ Matrix-Type PFC Rectifier (1)

- Based on Dual Active Bridge (DAB) Concept Opt. Modulation $(t_1...t_4)$ for Min. Transformer RMS Curr. & ZVS or ZCS Allows Buck-Boost Operation



Transformer Voltages / Currents







Isolated 3- Φ Matrix-Type PFC Rectifier (2)





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3D-Packaging / Heterogeneous Integration

- System in Package (SiP) Approach Minim. of Parasitic Inductances / EMI Shielding / Integr. Thermal Management

0.91'

0.97

- Very High Power Density (No Bond Wires / Solder / Thermal Paste)
- Automated Manufacturing











- Future Application Up to 100kW (!)
 New Design Tools & Measurement Systems (!)
 University / Industry Technology Partnership (!)









Monolithic 3D-Integration

Source: Panasonic ISSCC 2014

- **Gan 3x3 Matrix Converter Chipset with Drive-By-Microwave (DBM) Technology**
- 9 Dual-Gate GaN AC-Switches
- DBM Gate Drive Transmitter Chip & Isolating Couplers
- Ultra Compact \rightarrow 25 x 18 mm² (600V, 10A 5kW Motor)











No Access to Inner Details / Only Terminal Waveforms Available for Measurement (!)



Measured Signals & Simulated Inner Voltages/Currents/Temp. Displayed Simultaneously
 Automatic Tuning of Simulation Parameter Models for Best Fit of Simulated/Measured Waveforms







PCB-Based 3-Port Resonant GaN DC/DC Converter

- Single Transformer & Decoupled Power Flow Control Charge Mode PFC \rightarrow HV (250...500V) SRC DCX / Const. f_{sw} , Min. Series Inductance / ZVS Drive Mode HV \rightarrow LV (10.5...15V) 2 Interleaved Buck-Converters / Var. f_{sw} / ZVS

P = 3.6 kW



• Peak Efficiency of 96.5% in Charge Mode / 95.5% in Drive Mode

















HF Magnetic Materials & Ceramic Capacitors

- High Performance Factor of Low Permeability Magnetic Materials for 2...20MHz
 Volumetric Efficiency (uF/cm³) Improvement of MLCCs Exceeds Moore's Law (!)
 Hybrid Ind./Cap. Converter Concepts for Min. Magnetic Energy Storage Requirements



Performance Factor B.f Indicates Power Handling Capability @ Const. Loss Density & Core Volume

















Digital Signal & Data Processing

- Exponentially Improving uC / Storage Technology (!)



- Fully Digital Control of Complex Systems
- Massive Computational Power \rightarrow Fully Automated Design & Manufacturing / Industrial IoT (IIoT)









Automated Design Roadmap

- **End-to-End Horizon** of Modeling & Simulation
- Design for Cost / Volume / Efficiency Target / Manufacturing / Testing / Reliability / Recycling



• AI-Based Summaries → No Other Way to Survive in a World of Exp. Increasing # of Publications (!)







Scaling Law – Power Electronics 4.0

- Metcalfe's Law
- Moving from Hub-Based Concept to Community Concept Increases Value Exponentially (~n(n-1) or ~n log(n))





• Automated Design / Digital Control / Digital Twin



























S-Curve of Power Electronics

- Power Electronics $1.0 \rightarrow$ Power Electronics 4.0
- Identify "X-Concepts" / "Moon-Shot" Technologies
- 10x Improvement NOT Only 10% !



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Comparison to "Moores Law"

- "Moore's Law" Defines Consecutive Techn. Nodes Based on Min. Costs per Integr. Circuit (!)
- **Complexity for Min. Comp. Costs Increases approx. by Factor of 2 / Year**



Definition of " $\eta^*, \rho^*, \sigma^*, f_{P}^*$ -Node" Must Consider Conv. Type / Operating Range etc. (!)









Future Development

- **Commoditization / Standardization**
- **Extreme Cost Pressure (!)**



• Key Importance of Technology Partnerships of Academia & Industry









Thank you!









Appendix A ——

Accurate Measurement of SiC/GaN Power Semiconductor On-State & Switching Losses







On-State Voltage Measurement (1)

Device / Load Current / Gate Voltage / Junction Temp. \rightarrow **On State-Resistance** $R_{DS(on)}$



• Decoupling High Blocking Voltage and (Very) Low On-State Voltage (≈1V << BV_{DS})







On-State Voltage Measurement (2)

High Accuracy

→ Compensation of Decoupling Diode Forward Voltage
 → Valid Measurement 50ns After Turn-On

Fast Dyn. Response \rightarrow Valid Measurement 50ns After Turn



• Example – Dyn. $R_{DS(on)}$ of GaN HEMTs $\rightarrow 2x R_{DS(on)} @ 100 kHz - 0.6 BV_{DS}$







Switching Loss Measurement

■ Heat-Sink Temp.-Based Transient Calorim. Method → 15 min / Measurement



■ Case Temp.-Based Ultra-Fast Method → 15 sec / Measurement









Example Measurement Results

■ 650V GaN (ZVS)



■ 1.2kV SiC (Hard-Sw.)





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— Appendix B —

T-Type M-BDS Topology Integr. Active Filter PFC Rectifier Swiss Rectifier









- Application of 600V M-BDSs @ U_{pn}= 800V in Combination w/ 1200V SiC MOSFETs
 Hard-Switching Cont. Cond. Mode (CCM) or ZVS TCM Operation



• Max. Power Density | 98.4% Efficiency @ CCM w/ f_{sw}= 550kHz







Integr. Active Filter (IAF) Rectifier



Non-Sinusoidal Mains Current

- → P₀= const. Required
 → 3-Φ Unfolder Front End
 → 3rd Harmonic Injection in Middle Phase
 → Basic Idea: M. Jantsch, 1997 (for PV Inv.)









IAF Rectifier Demonstrator

- Efficiency η > 99.1% @ 60% Rated Load
- Mains Current $THD_I \approx 2\%$ @ Rated Load Power Density $\rho \approx 4$ kW/dm³

 $\begin{array}{l} P_0 = 8 \text{ kW} \\ U_N = 400 \text{V}_{AC} \rightarrow U_0 = 400 \text{V}_{DC} \\ f_S = 27 \text{ kHz} \end{array}$



400

200

-200

-400 20

0

Voltage in V

 $u_{\rm b}$

 $u_{\rm c}$

240

300

360



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Swiss Rectifier Demonstrator

- Efficiency η = 99.26% @ 60% Rated Load
- Mains Current $THD_I \approx 0.5\%$ @ Rated Load Power Density $\rho \approx 4kW/dm^3$



SiC Power MOSFETs & Diodes Integr. CM Coupled Output Inductors (ICMCI)











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