

Multi-Objective Optimization in Power Electronics

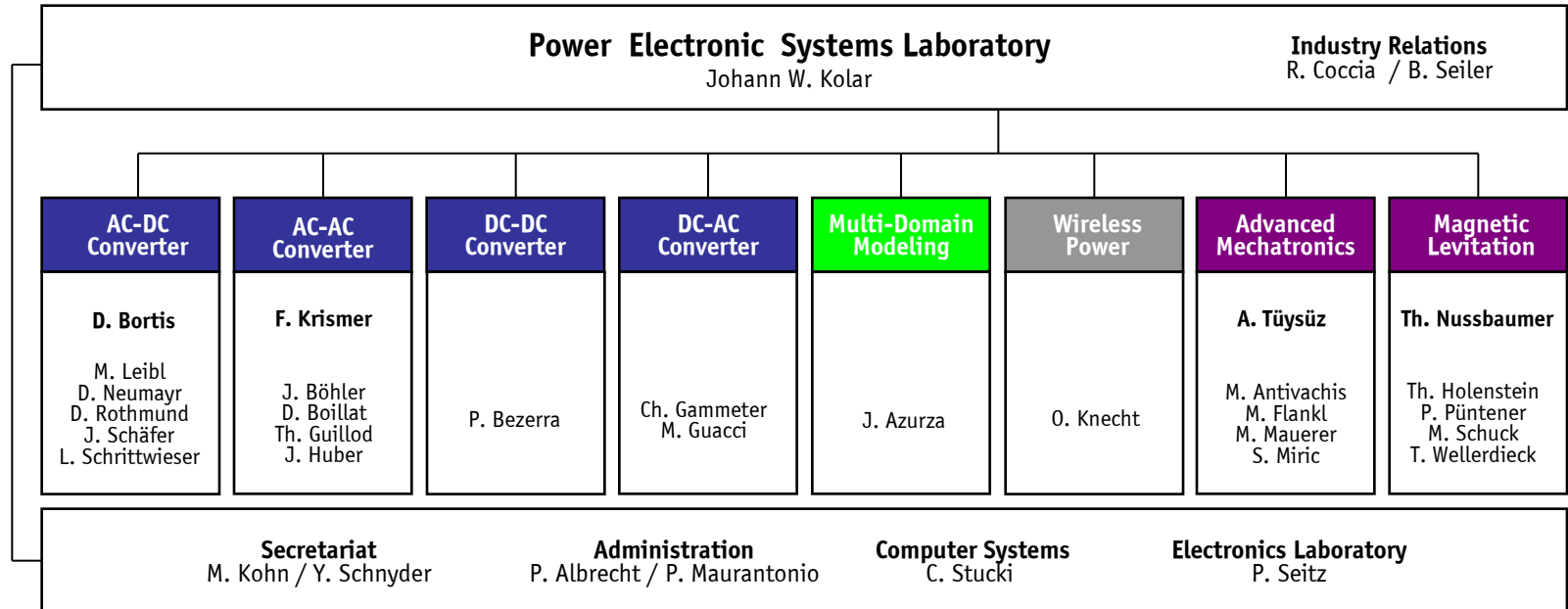
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22 Ph.D. Students
4 Post Docs

→ 1:5 PostDoc/Doc - Ratio



Leading Univ.
in Europe

Examples of
Research Activities in
Mechatronics

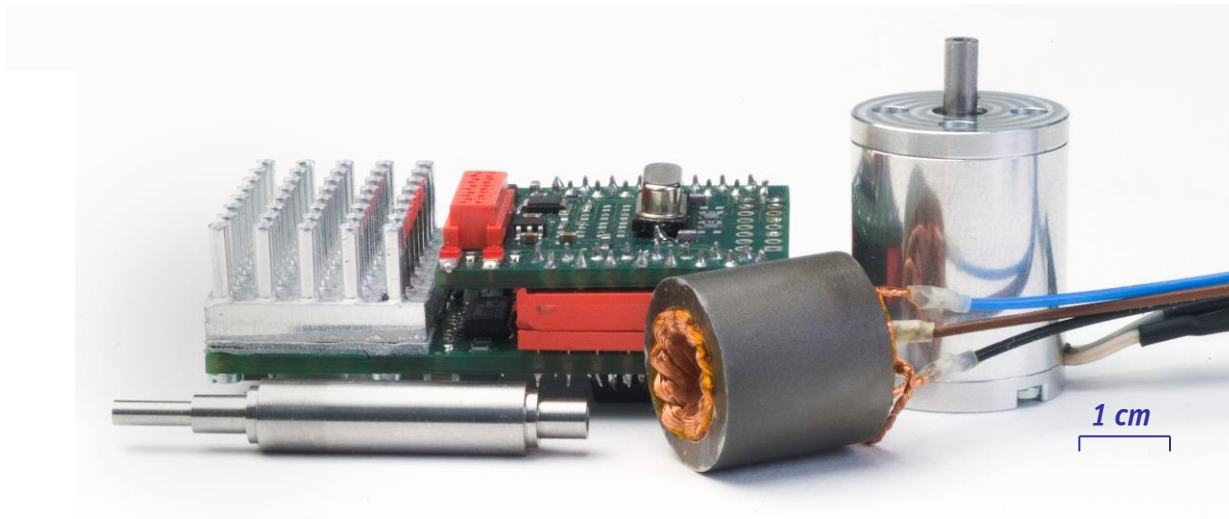
- Ultra High Speed Drives
- Bearingless Machines

Ultra High Speed Drive Systems

World Record !

100W @ 1'000'000 rpm

- ▶ μ m-Scale PCB Drilling
- ▶ Dental Technology
- ▶ Laser Measurement Technology
- ▶ Turbo-Compressor Systems
- ▶ Air-to-Power
- ▶ Artificial Muscles
- ▶ Mega Gravity Science

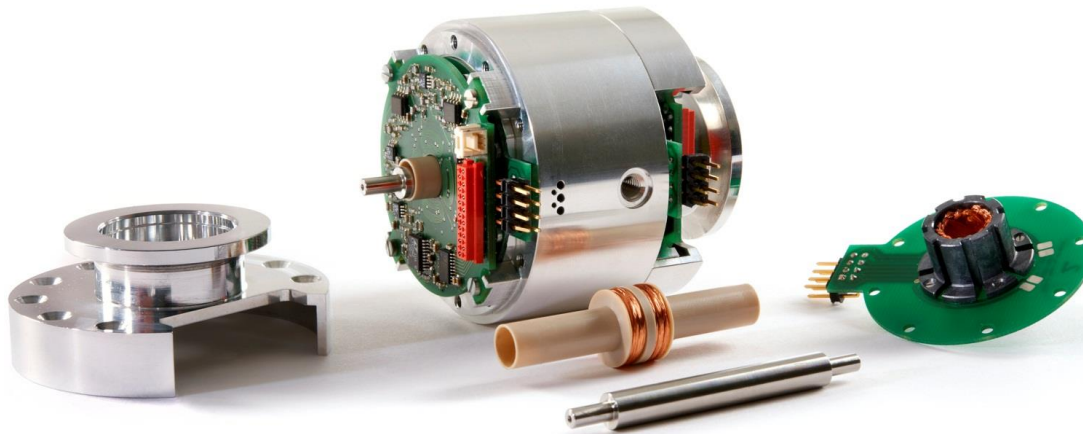


Ultra High Speed Magnetically Levitated Drive Systems

World Record !

500'000 rpm

- ▶ Laser Measurement Technology
- ▶ Active Damping of Air Bearings
- ▶ **Satellite Attitude Control**

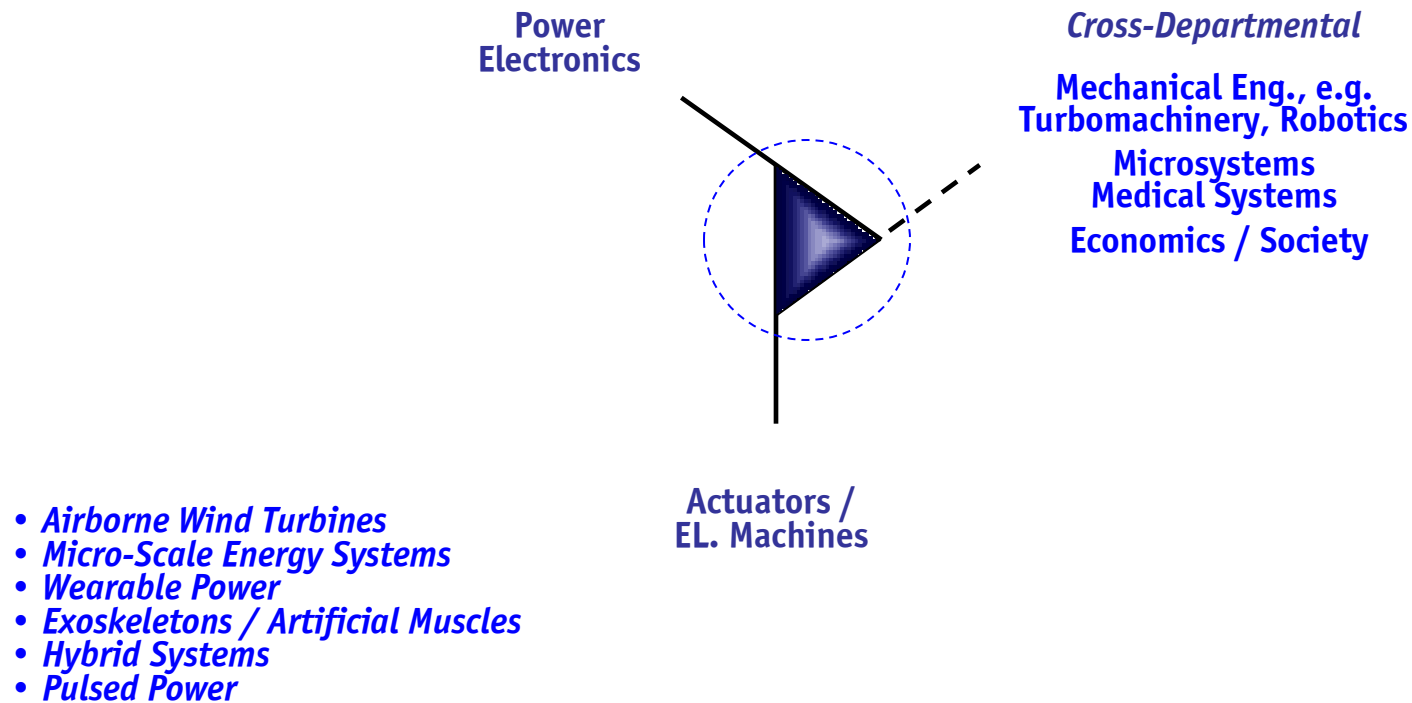


Bearingless Motors



- Maximum Speed 2000rpm
- High Acceleration Capability
(3.8s from 0 → 2000rpm)
- 7mm Air Gap
- Two Phase Winding Configurations
- Adaptive Unbalance Compensation Control

PES Research Scope

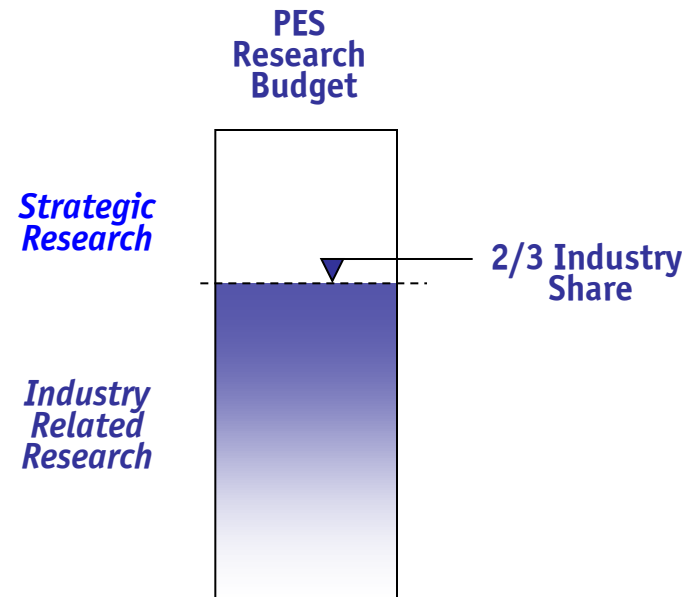


Industry Collaboration

► Core Application Areas

- Renewable Energy
- UPS
- Smart Grid
- Automotive Systems
- More-Electric Aircraft
- Medical Systems
- Industry Automation
- Semiconductor Process Technology
- Etc.

► 16 International Industry Partners



Outline

- ▶ Global Megatrends
- ▶ Resulting Requirements for Power Electronics
- ▶ *Multi-Objective Optimization Approach*
- ▶ *Optimization Application Examples*
- ▶ Power Electronics 2.0
- ▶ Summary

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Global Megatrends



*Climate Change
Digitalization
Sustainable Mobility
Urbanization
Alleviate Poverty
Etc.*

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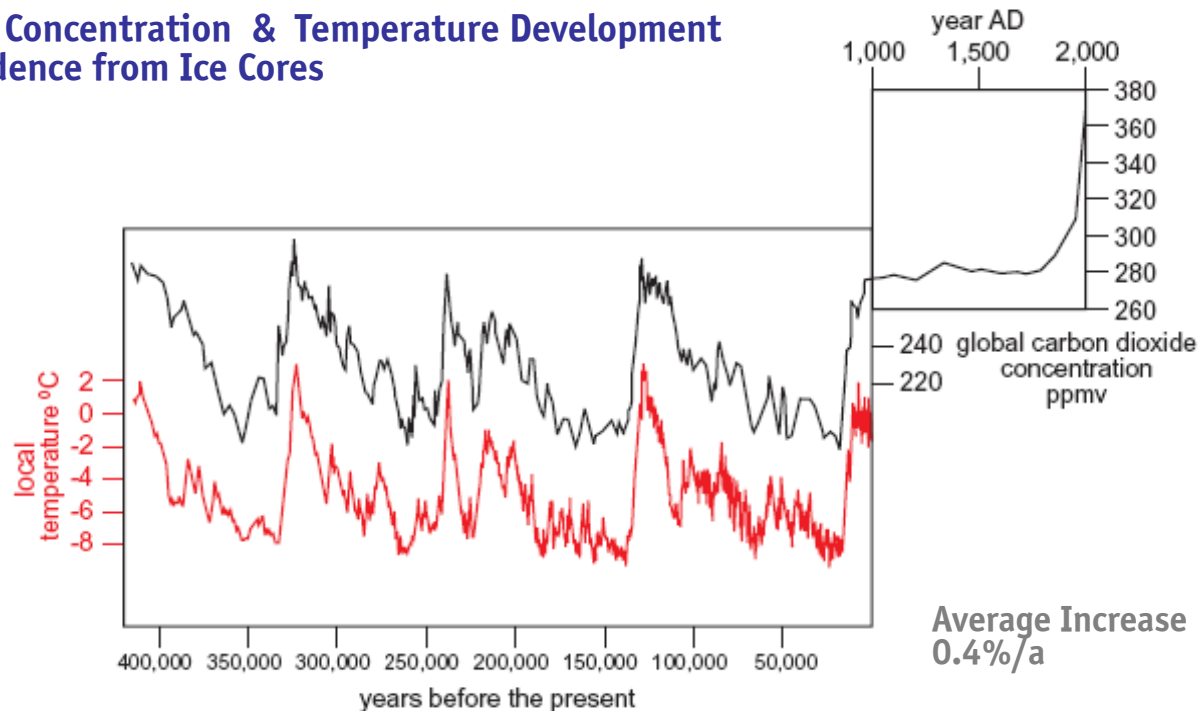


Climate Change →

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► Climate Change

- CO₂ Concentration & Temperature Development
- Evidence from Ice Cores



- Reduce CO₂ Emissions *Intensity* (CO₂/GDP) to Stabilize Atmospheric CO₂ Concentration
- 1/3 in 2050 → less than 1/10 in 2100 (AIST, Japan @ IEA Workshop 2007)

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Source: H. Nilsson
Chairman IEA DSM Program
FourFact AB

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→ Utilize Renewable Energy (1)

■ Enabled by Power Electronics

- Higher Reliability (!)
- Lower Costs

Source: M. Prahm / Flickr

Medium-Voltage Power
Collection and Connection
to On-Shore Grid



- ▶ Off-Shore Wind Farms
- ▶ Medium Voltage Systems

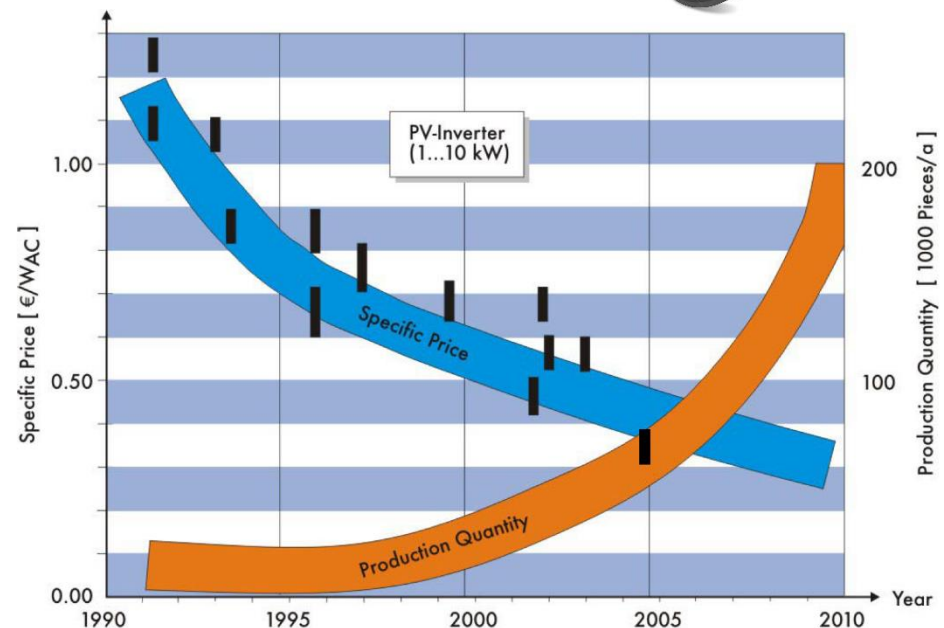
→ Utilize Renewable Energy (2)

■ Enabled by Power Electronics

- Extreme Cost Pressure (!)
- Higher Efficiency
- Higher Power Density



Source:  2006



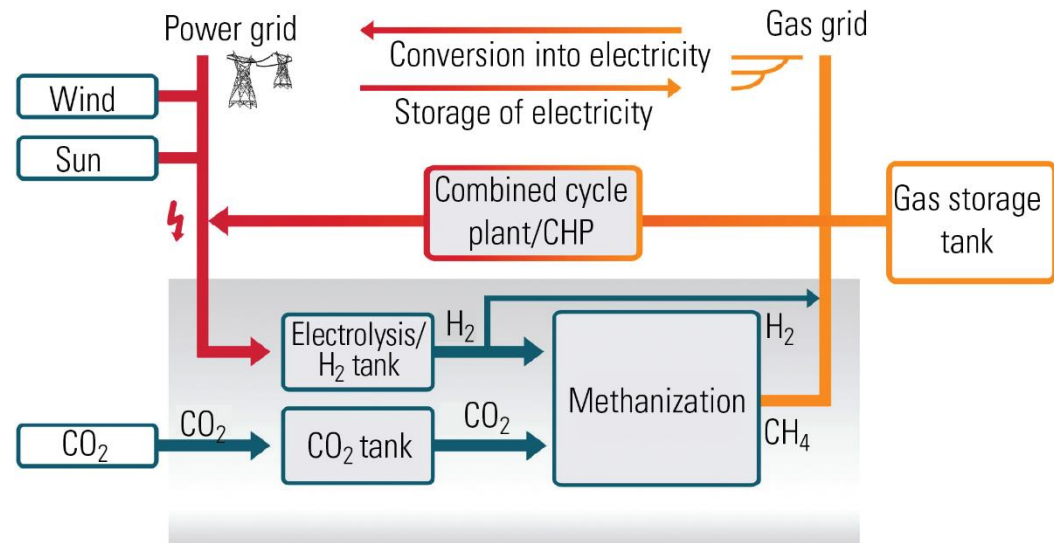
- ▶ Photovoltaics Power Plants
- ▶ Up to Several MW Power Level
- ▶ Future Hybrid PV/Therm. Collectors

→ Utilize Renewable Energy (3)

■ Enabled by Power Electronics

- Electrolysis for Conversion of Excess Wind/Solar Electric Energy into Hydrogen
 - Fuel-Cell Powered Cars
 - Heating

Hydrogenics 100 kW
H₂-Generator ($\eta=57\%$),
High Power @ Low
Voltage



Source: www.r-e-a.net

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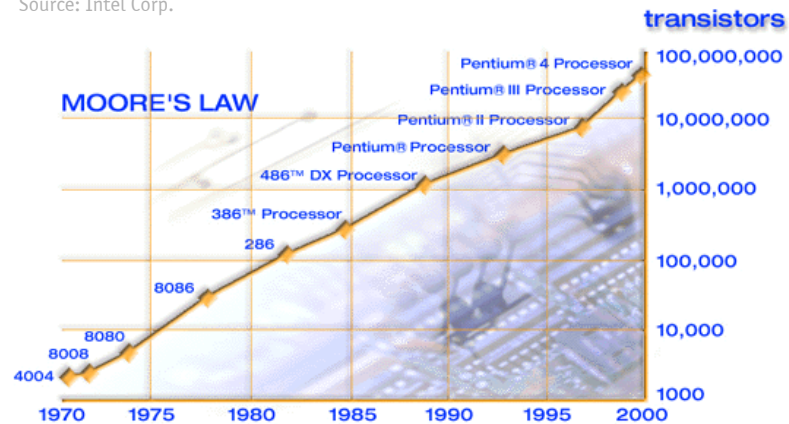
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► Digitalization

■ Internet of Things (IoT) / Cognitive Computing

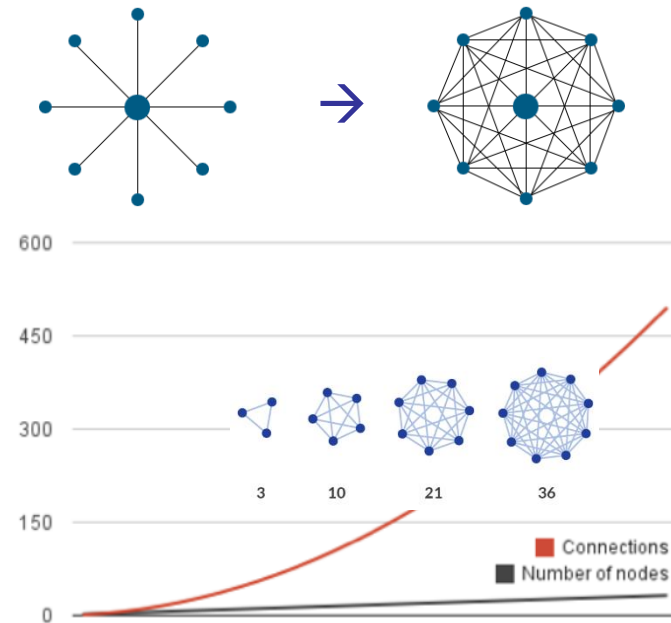
- Ubiquitous Computing / BIG DATA
- Fully Automated Manufacturing / Industry 4.0
- Autonomous Cars
- Etc.

Source: Intel Corp.



► Moore's Law

– Moving from Hub-Based to Community Concept Increases Potential Network Value Exponentially ($\sim n(n-1)$ or $\sim n \log(n)$)



► Metcalfe's Law

→ Green / Zero Datacenters (1)

■ Enabled by Power Electronics

- Ranging from Medium Voltage to Power-Supplies-on-Chip
- Short Power Supply Innovation Cycles
- Modularity / Scalability
- Higher Power Density (!)
- Higher Efficiency (!)
- Lower Costs

Server-Farms
up to 450 MW
99.9999% / <30s/a
\$1.0 Mio./Shutdown

Since 2006
Running Costs >
Initial Costs

Source: REUTERS/Sigtryggur Ari



33 Watts



60 Watts

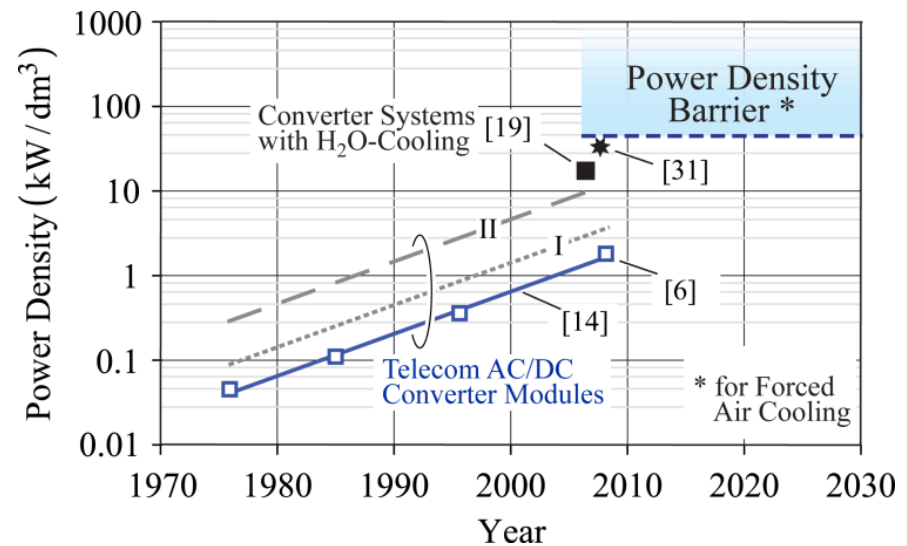


→ Green / Zero Datacenters (2)

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► Power Density Increased by
Factor 2 over 10 Years

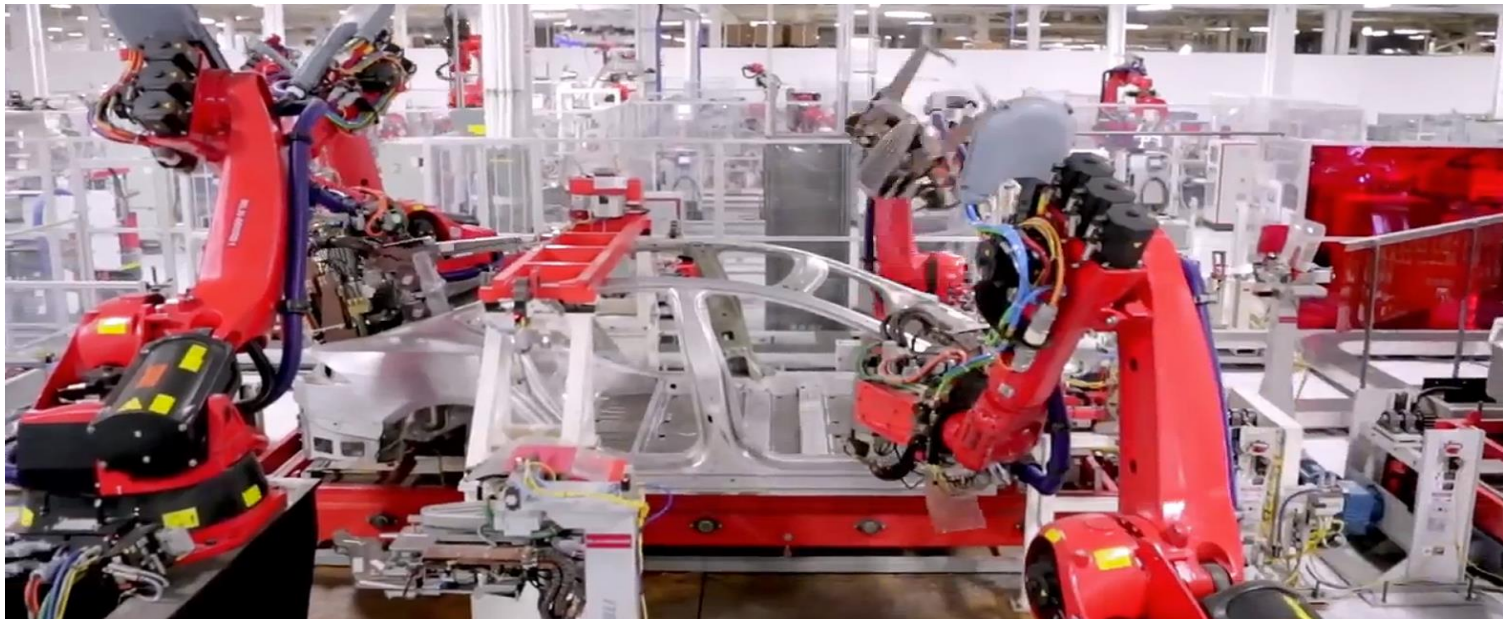


→ Fully Automated Manufacturing – Industry 4.0

■ Enabled by Power Electronics

- Lower Costs (!)
- Higher Power Density
- Self-Sensing etc.

Source:  TESLA MOTORS

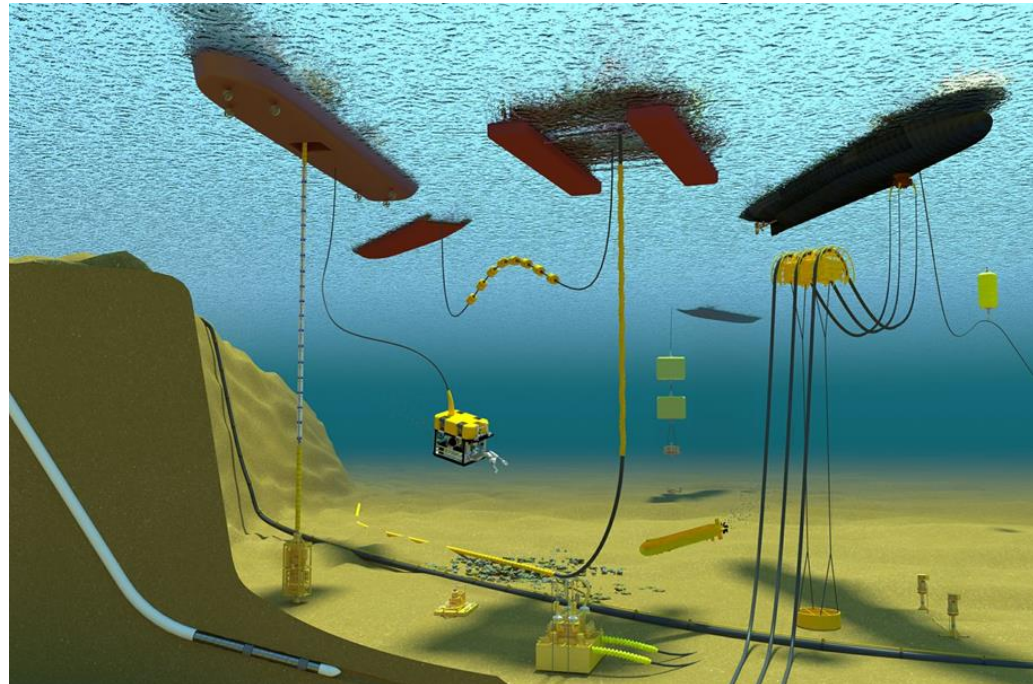


→ Fully Automated Raw Material Extraction

■ Enabled by Power Electronics

- High Reliability (!)
- High Power Density (!)

Source: matrixengineered.com



- ▶ ABB's Future Subsea Power Grid → "Develop All Elements for a Subsea Factory"

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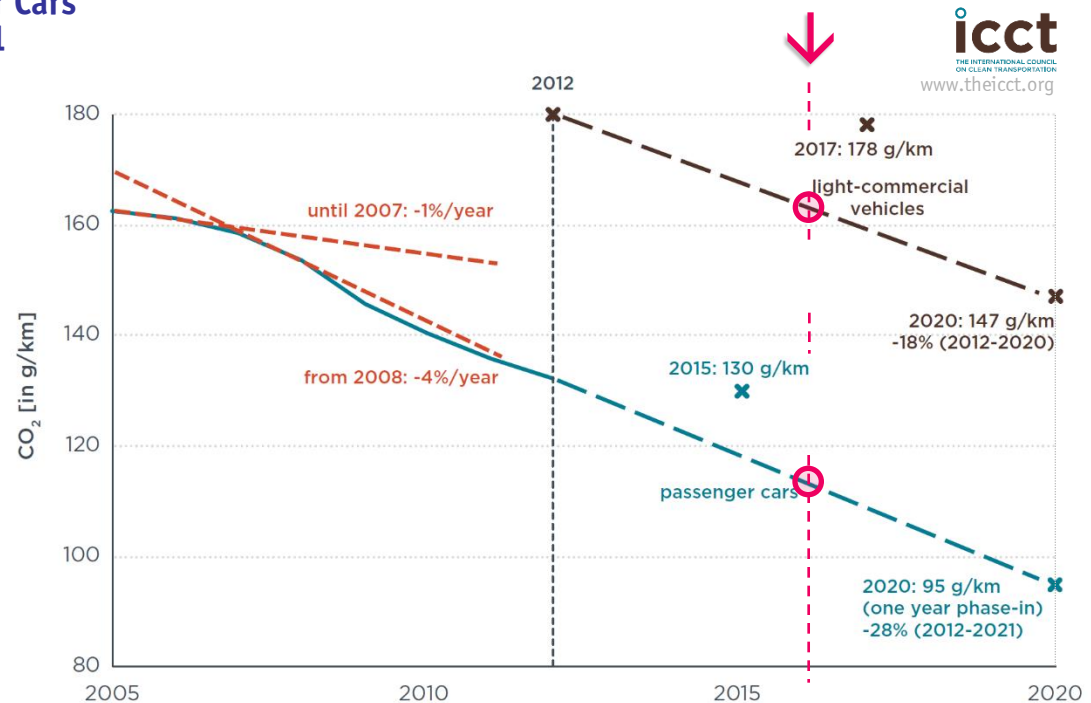
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► Sustainable Mobility

■ EU Mandatory 2020 CO₂ Emission Targets for New Cars

- 147g CO₂/km for Light-Commercial Vehicles
- 95g CO₂/km for Passenger Cars
- 100% Compliance in 2021

- Hybrid Vehicles
- Electric Vehicles



→ Electric Vehicles (1)

■ Enabled by Power Electronics - Drivetrain / Aux. / Charger

- Higher Power Density
- Extreme Cost Pressure (!)



Faraday Future

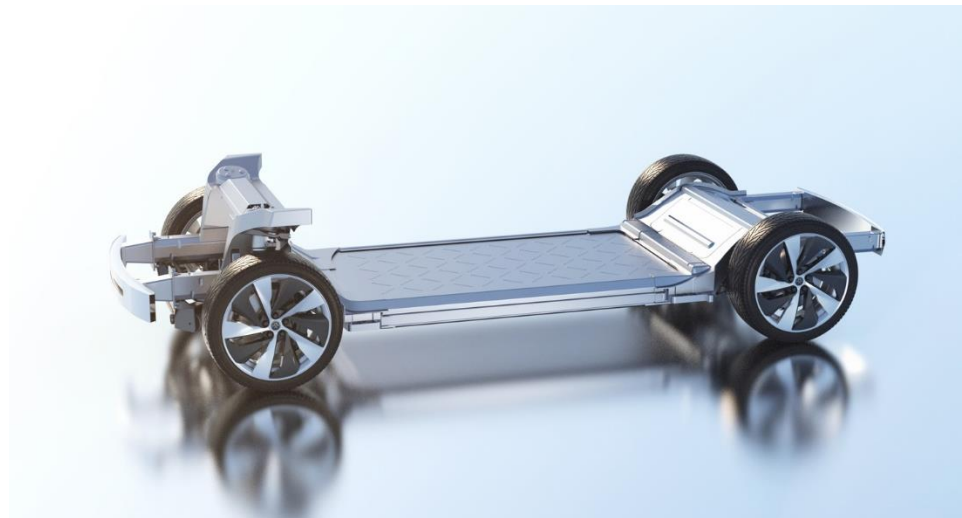
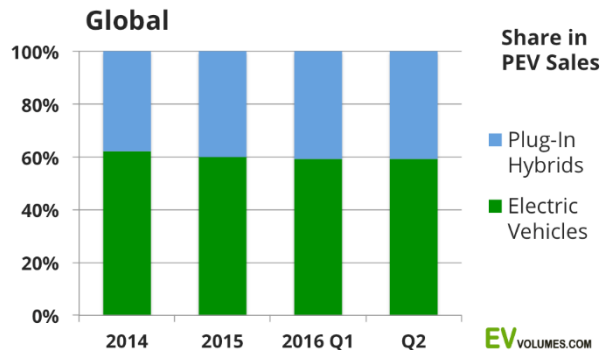
FF-ZERO1

750kW / 322km/h

1 Motor per Wheel

300+ Miles Range

Lithium-Ion Batteries along the Floor

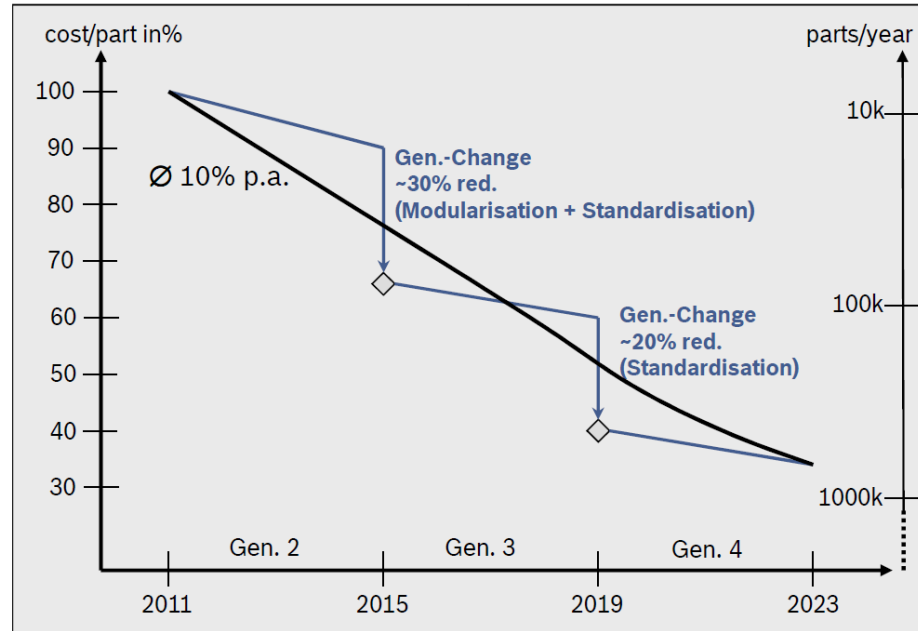


→ Electric Vehicles (2)

■ Enabled by Power Electronics - Drivetrain / Aux. / Charger

- Higher Power Density
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Source: PCIM 2013



- Typ. 10% / a Cost Reduction
- Economy of Scale !

→ *Futuristic Mobility Concepts (1)*

■ Enabled by Power Electronics

- Hyperloop
- San Francisco → Los Angeles in 35min

 **HYPERLOOP**
POD COMPETITION
www.spacex.com/hyperloop



- ▶ Low Pressure Tube
- ▶ Magnetic Levitation
- ▶ Linear Ind. Motor
- ▶ Air Compressor in Nose



→ *Futuristic Mobility Concepts (2)*

■ Enabled by Power Electronics

— Cut Emissions Until 2050

- * CO₂ by 75%,
- * NO_x by 90%,
- * Noise Level by 65%

Source:

EADS

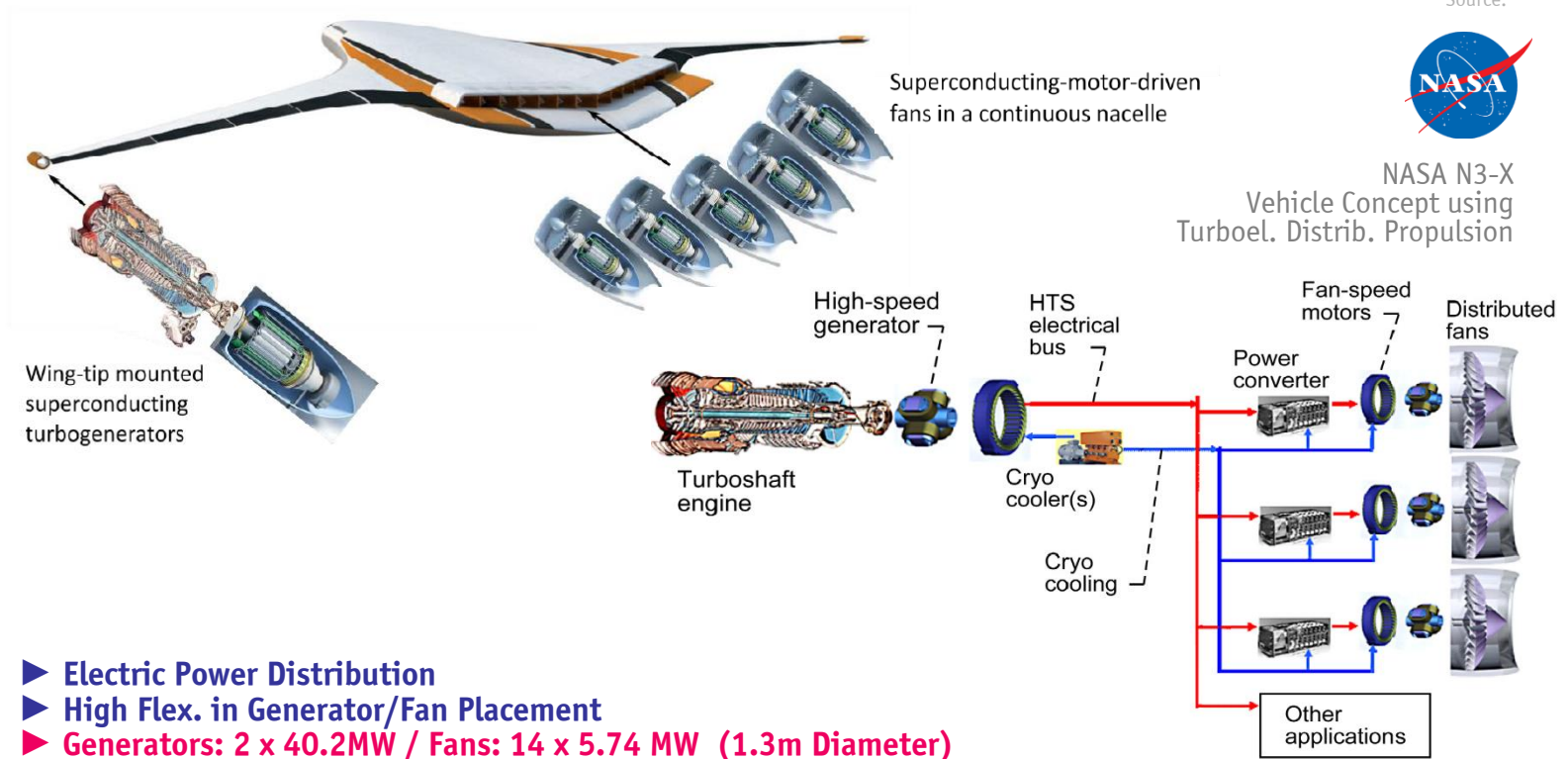
Future Hybrid
Distributed Propulsion Aircraft



- ▶ Eff. Optim. Gas Turbine
- ▶ 1000Wh/kg Batteries
- ▶ Distrib. Fans (E-Thrust)
- ▶ Supercond. Motors
- ▶ Med. Volt. Power Distrib.

→ Futuristic Mobility Concepts (3)

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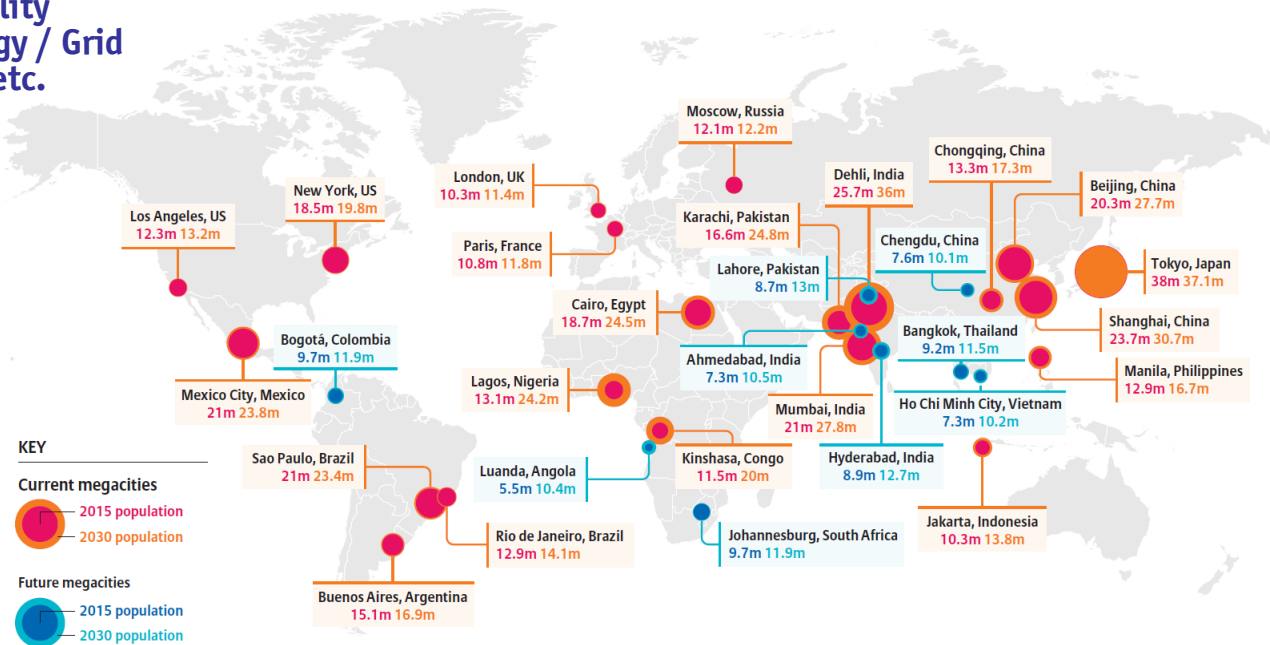
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► Urbanization

- 60% of World Population Exp. to Live in Urban Cities by 2025
- 30 MEGA Cities Globally by 2023

- Smart Buildings
- Smart Mobility
- Smart Energy / Grid
- Smart ICT, etc.

Source: World Urbanization
Prospects: The 2014 Revision



► Selected Current & Future MEGA Cities 2015 → 2030

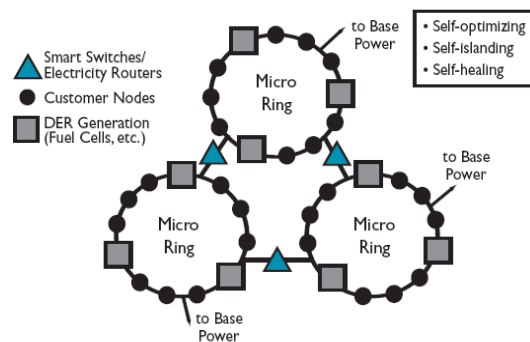
→ Smart Cities / Grid (1)

■ Enabled by Power Electronics

- *Masdar* = “Source”
- Fully Sustainable Energy Generation
 - * Zero CO₂
 - * Zero Waste
- EV Transport / IPT Charging
- to be finished 2025



Source: EPRI | ELECTRIC POWER RESEARCH INSTITUTE



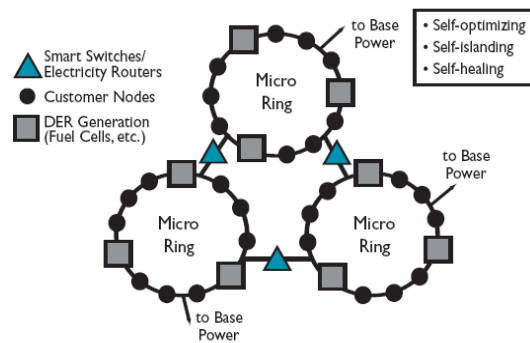
→ Smart Cities / Grid (2)

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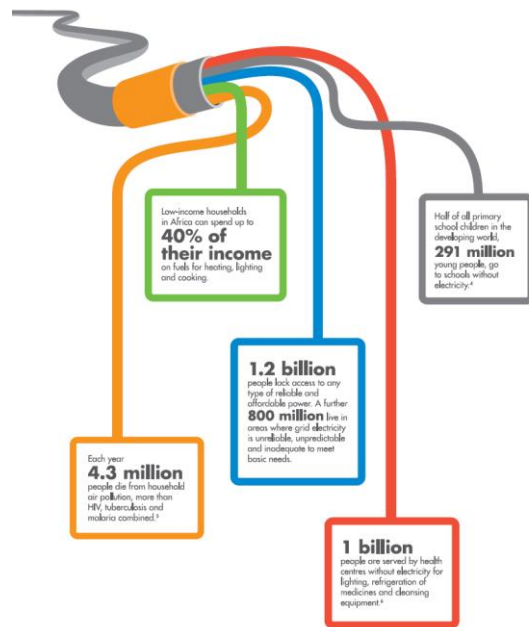
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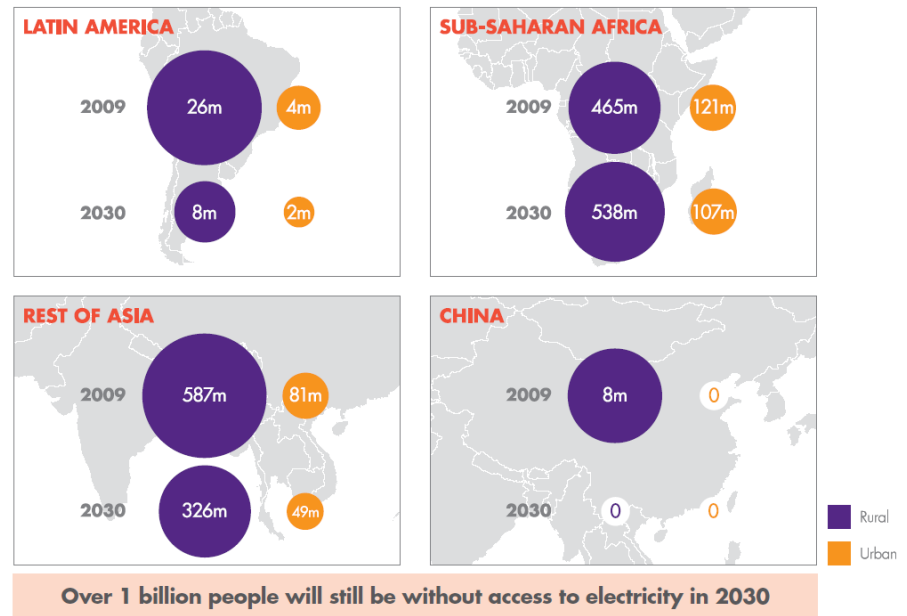
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► Alleviate Poverty

- **2 Billion “Bottom-of-the-Pyramid People” are Lacking Access to Clean Energy**
- **Rural Electrification in the Developing World**

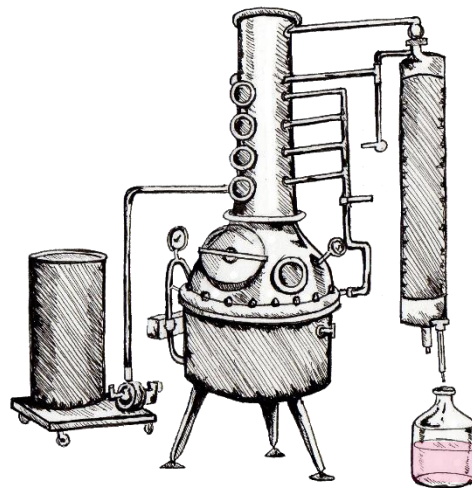


The number of people without access to electricity



Source: IEA, Dalberg Analysis, IFC

- **Urgent Need for Village-Scale Solar DC Microgrids etc.**
- **2 US\$ for 2 LED Lights + Mobile-Phone Charging / Household / Month (!)**



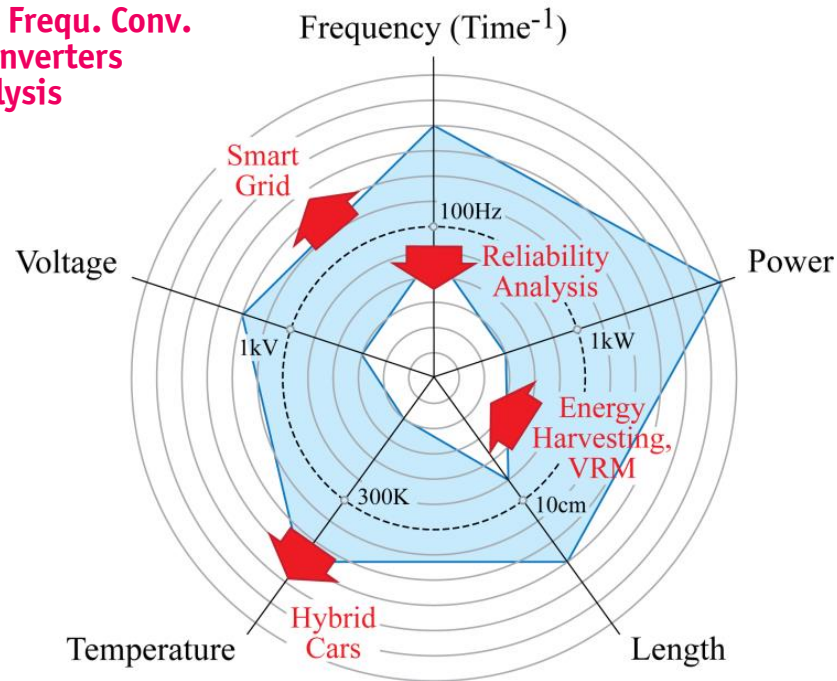
Source: whiskeybehavior.info

... in **Summary**

► Current / New Application Areas (1)

- Power Electronics Covers an Extremely Wide Power / Voltage / Frequency Range
- Extensions for *SMART xxx* / Mobility Trends / Availability Requirements

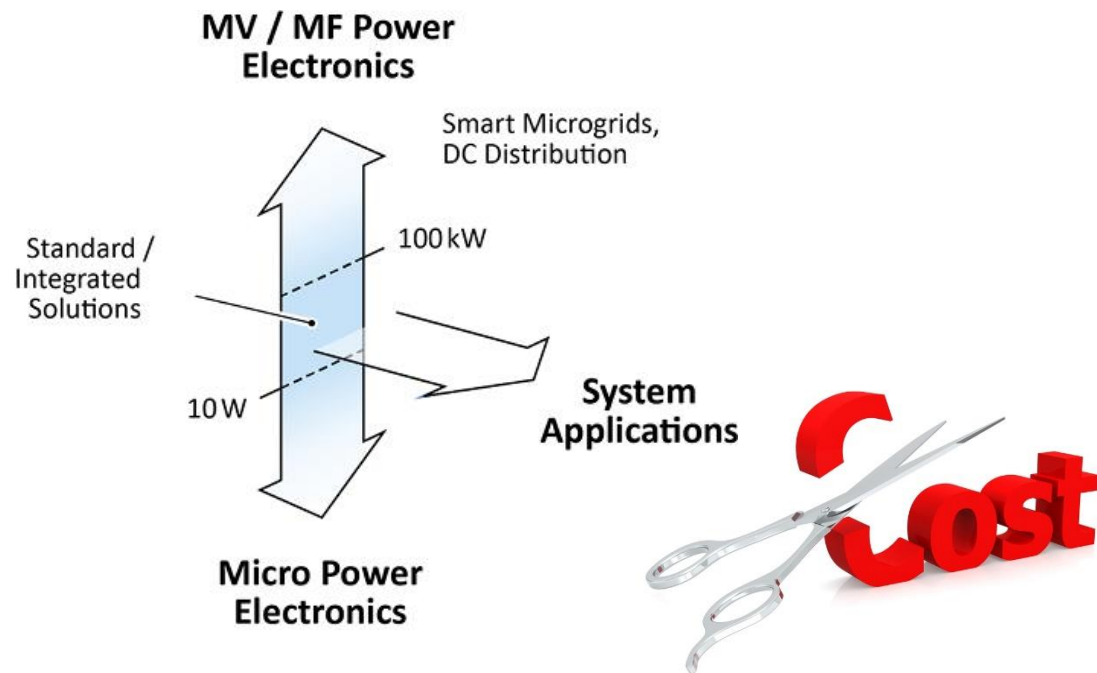
- Medium-Voltage / Medium. Frequ. Conv.
- 3D-Integr. of Low Power Converters
- Life-Cycle & Reliability Analysis



► Future Extensions of Power Electronics Application Areas

► Current / New Application Areas (2)

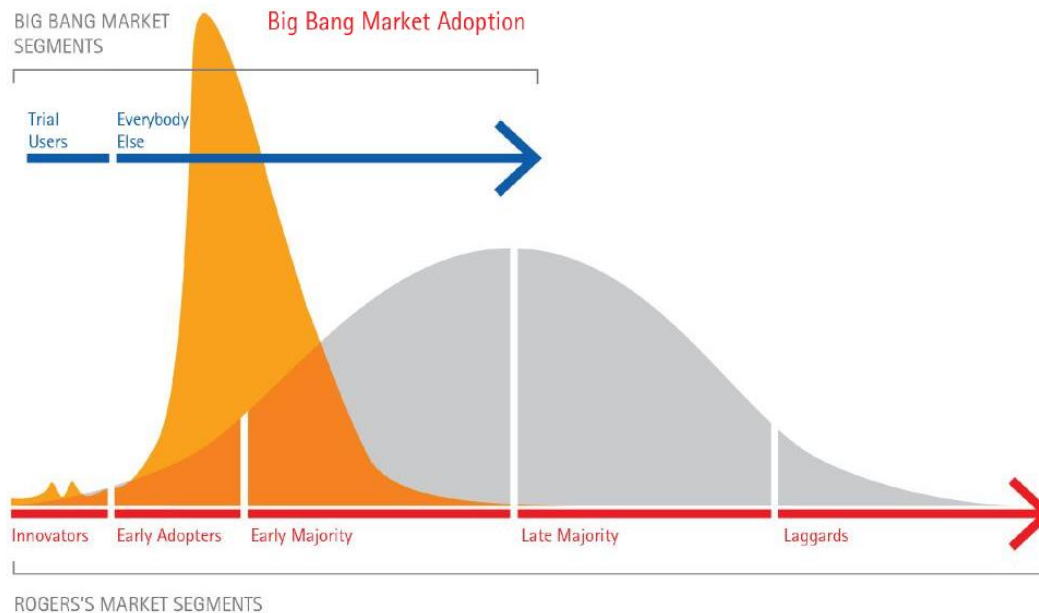
- Commoditization / Standardization for High Volume Applications
- Extension to Microelectronics-Technology (Power Supply on Chip)
- Extensions to MV/MF



- Cost Pressure as Common Denominator of All Applications (!)
- Key Importance of Technology Partnerships of Academia & Industry

► Future “Big-Bang” Disruptions

- “Catastrophic” Success of Disruptive New (Digital) Technologies
- No Bell-Curve Technology Adoption / Technology S-Curve
- “Shark Fin”-Model



Source: www.verschuerent.wordpress.com
February 2015

See also:
Big Bang Disruption –
Strategy in the Age of
Devastating Innovation,
L. Downes and P. Nunes

► **Consequence: Market Immediately & Be Ready to Scale Up — and Exit — Swiftly (!)**

Power Converter Design Challenges



*Mutual Coupling of Performances
New Integration Technologies*

Power Converter Design Challenges



Mutual Coupling of Performances →
New Integration Technologies

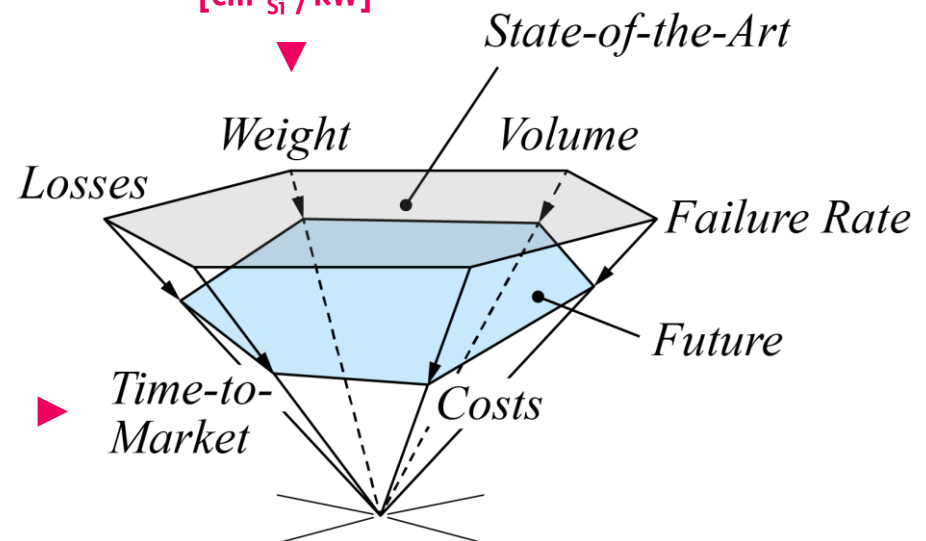
► Required Power Electronics Performance Improvements

Environmental Impact...

$[\text{kg}_{\text{Fe}} / \text{kW}]$
 $[\text{kg}_{\text{Cu}} / \text{kW}]$
 $[\text{kg}_{\text{Al}} / \text{kW}]$
 $[\text{cm}^2_{\text{Si}} / \text{kW}]$

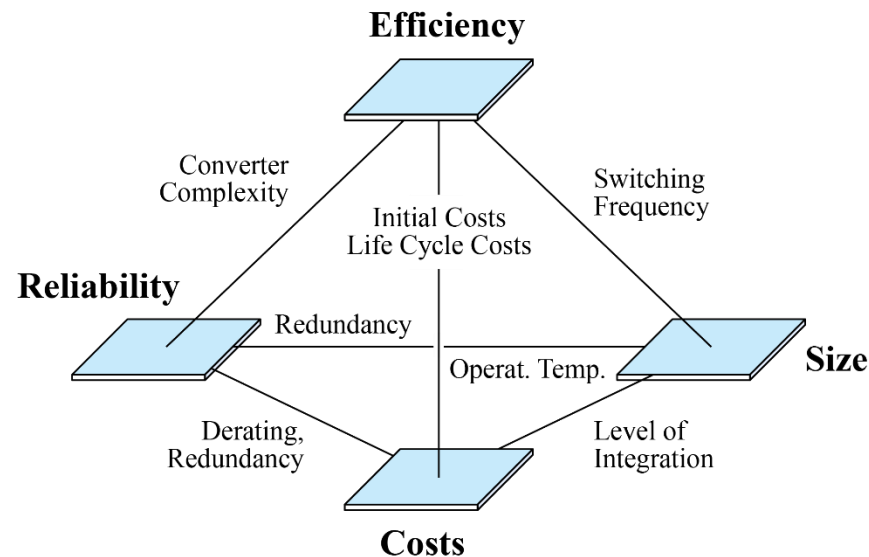
■ Performance Indices

- Power Density $[\text{kW}/\text{dm}^3]$
- Power per Unit Weight $[\text{kW}/\text{kg}]$
- Relative Costs $[\text{kW}/\$]$
- Relative Losses $[\%]$
- Failure Rate $[\text{h}^{-1}]$



► Multi-Objective Design Challenge (1)

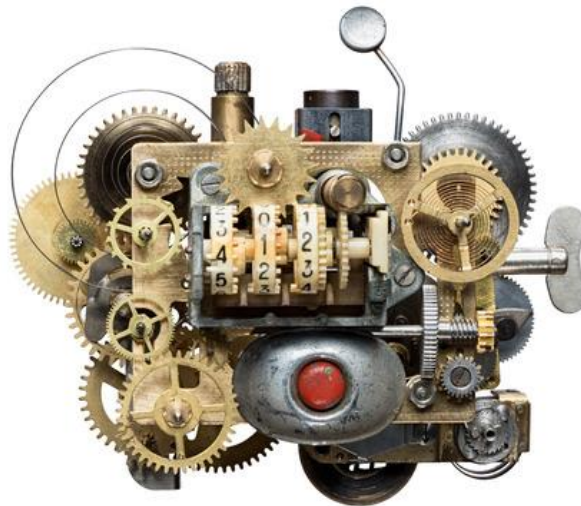
- Counteracting Effects of Key Design Parameters
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- Full Utilization of Design Space only Guaranteed by Multi-Objective Optimization

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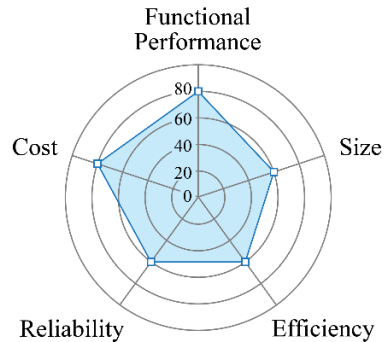
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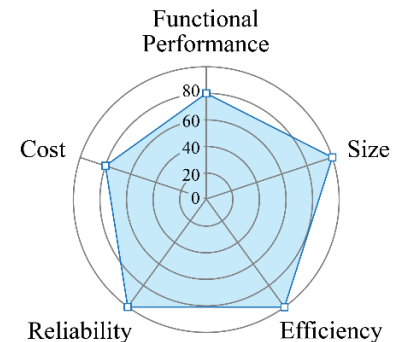
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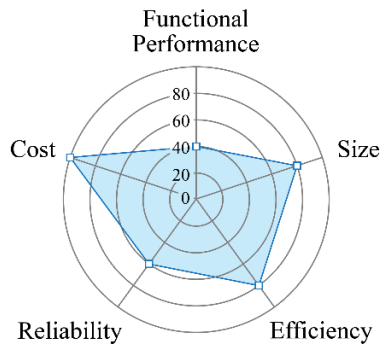
- **Specific Performance Profiles / Trade-Offs**
Dependent on Application



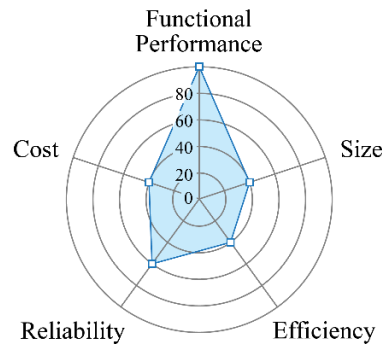
Industry Applications



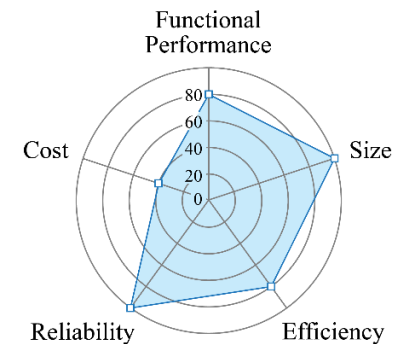
Information & Communication Industry



Domestic Applications



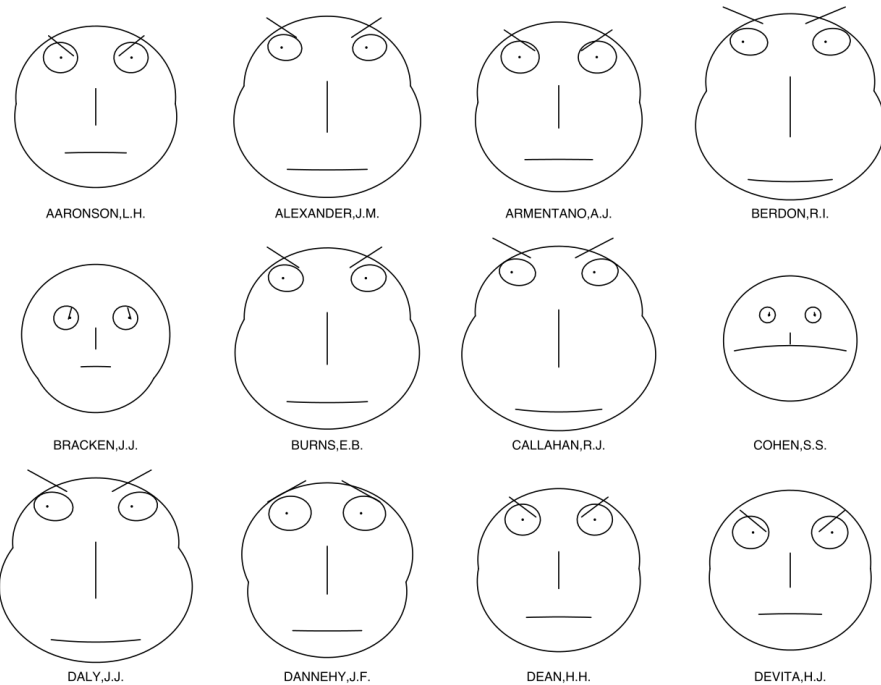
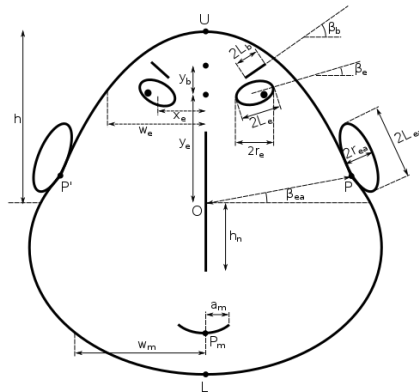
Laboratory Applications



Aerospace Applications

► Remark: Visualization of Multiple Performances ;-)

- Spider Charts, etc.
- Chernoff-Faces



► H. Chernoff (Stanford): “The Use of Faces to Represent Points in K-Dimensional Space Graphically”

Power Converter Design Challenges

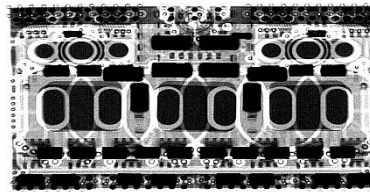


Mutual Coupling of Performances
New Integration Technologies →

► Advanced Technologies / Extreme Integration

■ Industry Is Leading the Field (!)

- Cutting Edge Converters (up to 1.5kW) 3D-Integrated (!)
- PCB Based Demonstrators Do NOT (any more) Provide Much Information (!)



■ Future Role of Universities in Question (!)

- Not Any More Many “Low Hanging” Fruits
- *Solution of Non-Problems vs. Non-Solution of Problems*
- Industry Technology Partnership for Technology Access
- “Fab-Less” Research @ Universities?



Citation: L.H. Fink

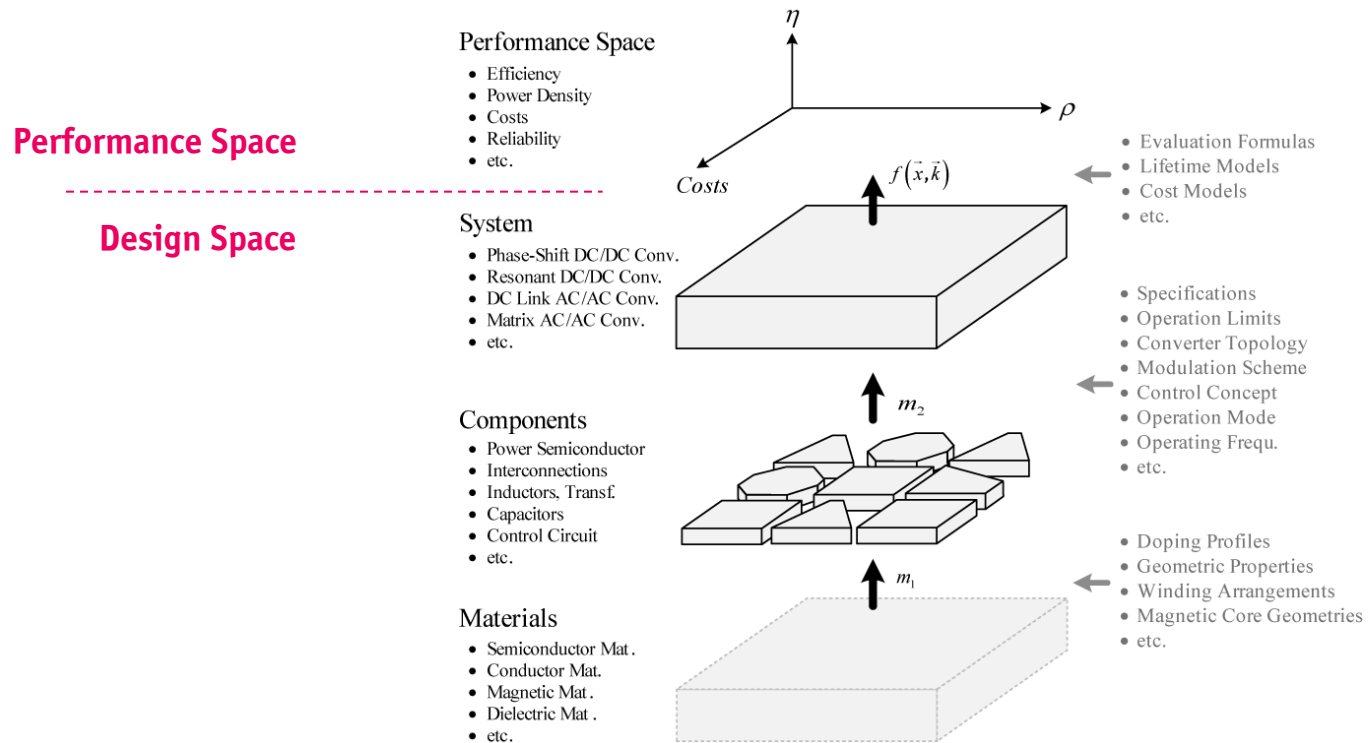
► Research on Multi-Objective Design / Virtual Prototyping as Natural Consequence (!)



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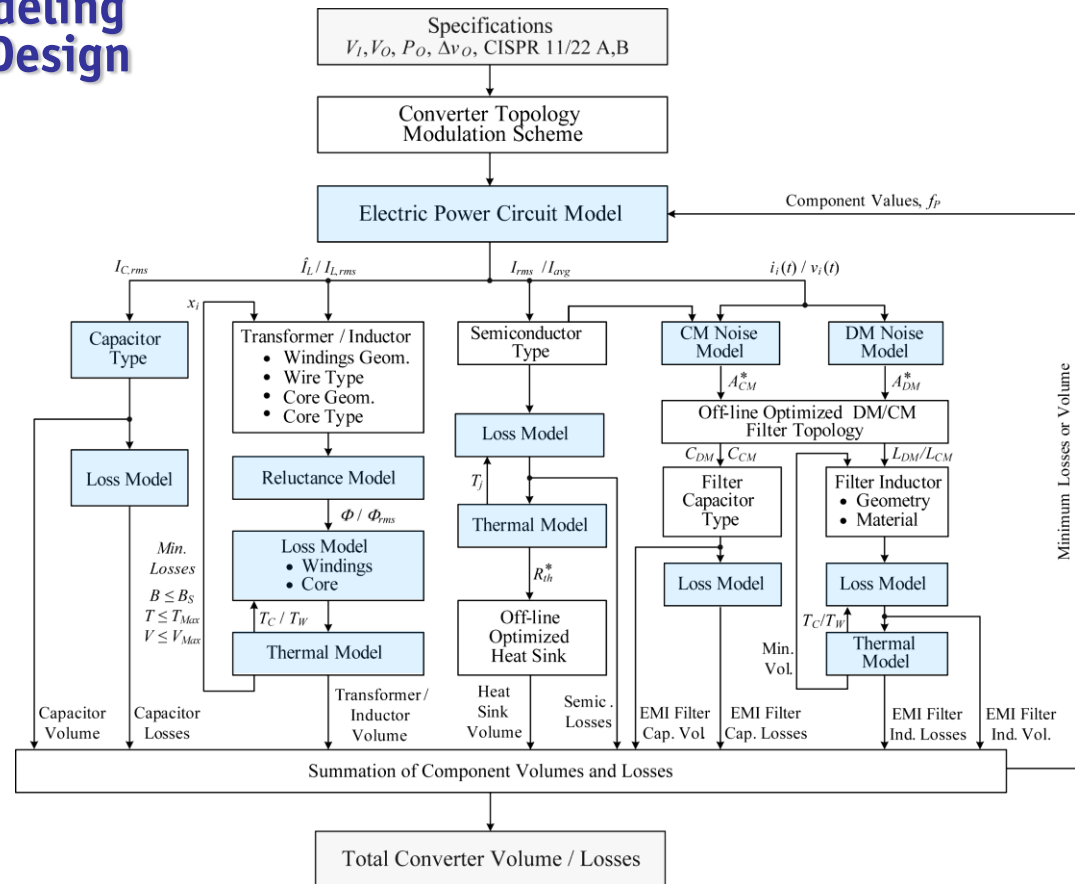
Abstraction of Converter Design
Design Space / Performance Space
Pareto Front
Sensitivities / Trade-Offs

► Abstraction of Power Converter Design



→ Mapping of "Design Space" into System "Performance Space"

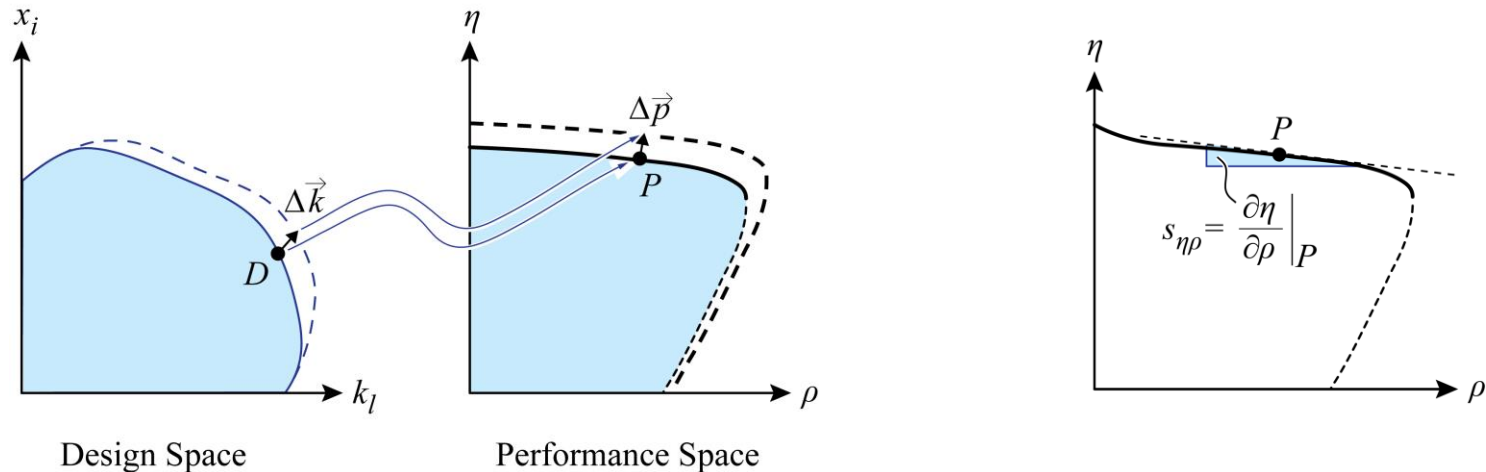
► Mathematical Modeling of the Converter Design



→ **Multi-Objective Optimization** – *Guarantees Best Utilization of All Degrees of Freedom (!)*

► Multi-Objective Optimization (1)

- Ensures **Optimal Mapping** of the “Design Space” into the “Performance Space”
- Identifies **Absolute Performance Limits** → **Pareto Front / Surface**

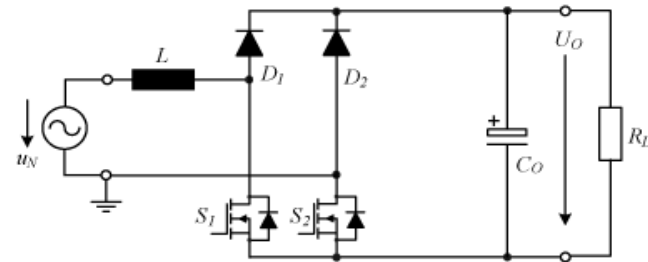


- Clarifies **Sensitivity** $\Delta \vec{p} / \Delta \vec{k}$ to Improvements of Technologies
- **Trade-off Analysis**

► Determination of the η - ρ -Pareto Front (a)

■ Comp.-Level Degrees of Freedom of the Design

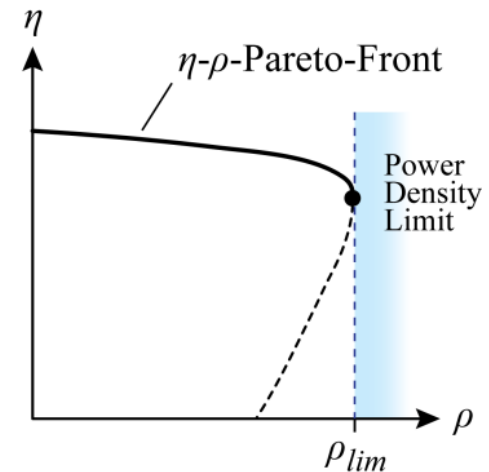
- Core Geometry / Material
- Single / Multiple Airgaps
- Solid / Litz Wire, Foils
- Winding Topology
- Natural / Forced Conv. Cooling
- Hard-/Soft-Switching
- Si / SiC
- etc.
- etc.
- etc.



■ System-Level Degrees of Freedom

- Circuit Topology
- Modulation Scheme
- Switching Frequ.
- etc.
- etc.

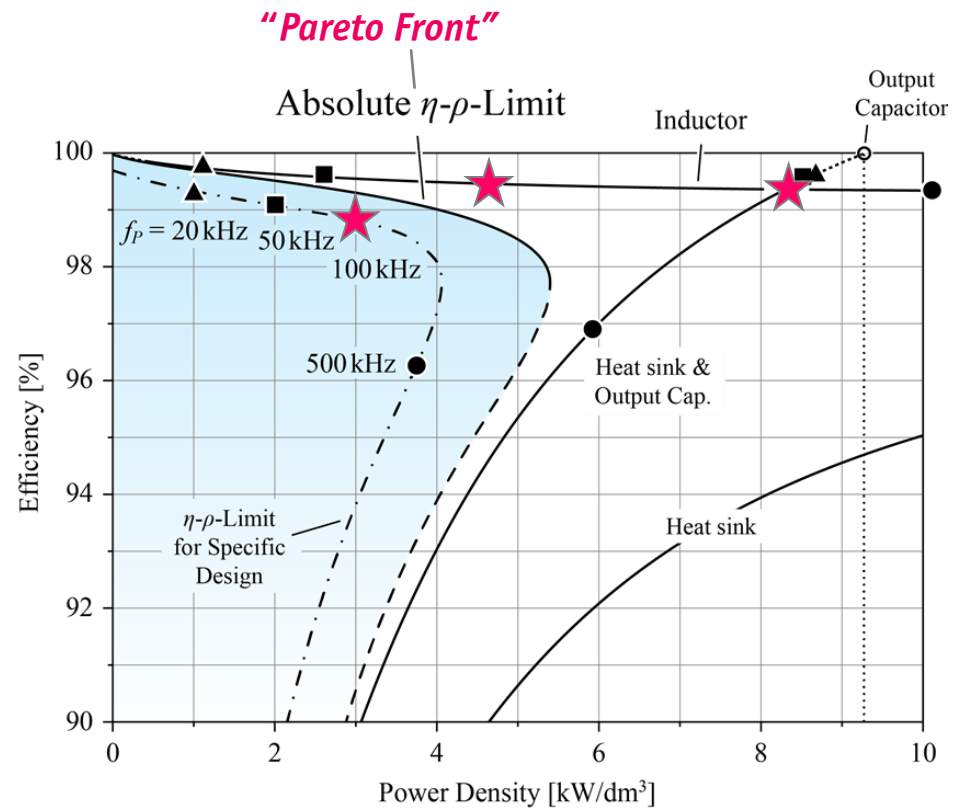
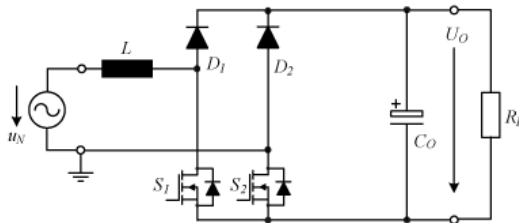
■ Only η - ρ -Pareto Front Allows Comprehensive Comparison of Converter Concepts (!)



► Determination of the η - ρ -Pareto Front (b)

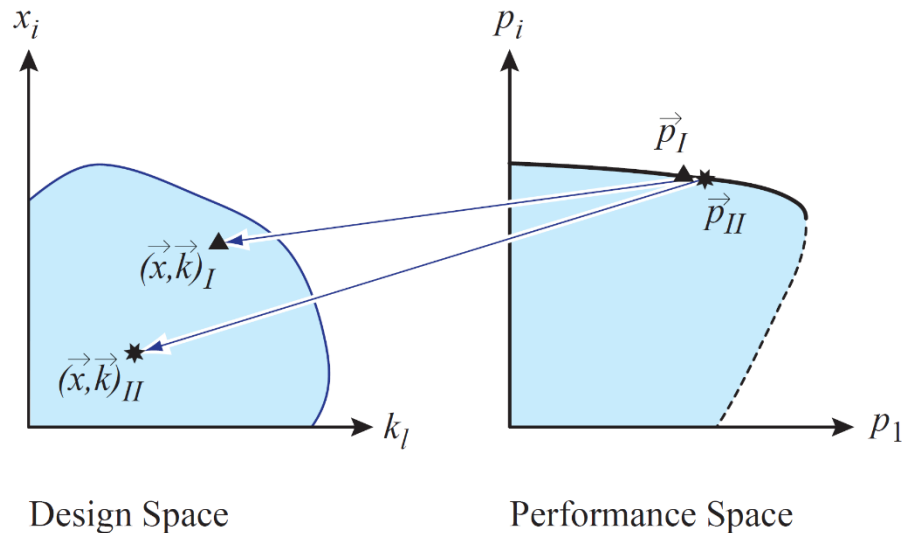
- Example: Consider Only f_p as Design Parameter
- Only the Consideration of All Possible Designs / Degrees of Freedom Clarifies the Absolute η - ρ -Performance Limit

★ $f_p = 100\text{kHz}$



► Multi-Objective Optimization (2)

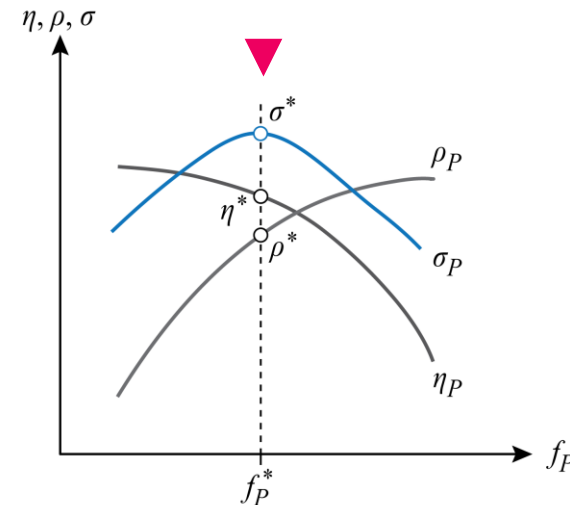
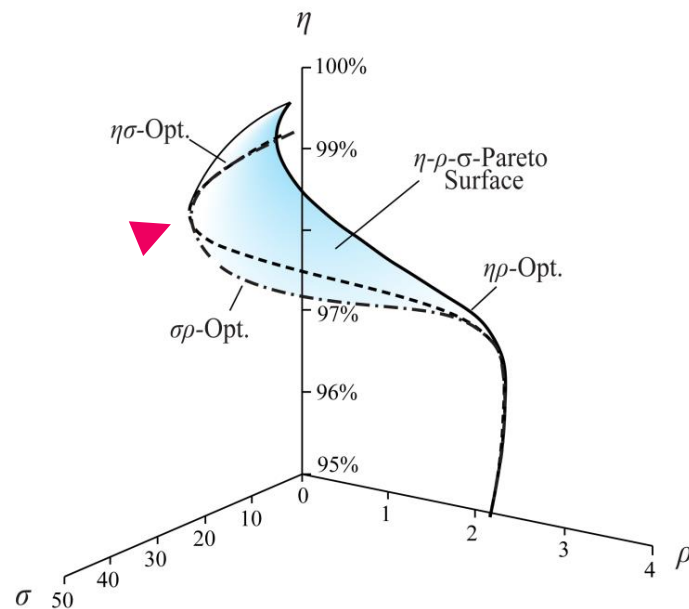
- Design Space Diversity
- Equal Performance for Largely Different Sets of Design Parameters



- E.g. Mutual Compensation of Volume and Loss Contributions (e.g. Cond. & Sw. Losses)
- Allows Optimization for Further Performance Index (e.g. Costs)

► Converter Performance Evaluation Based on η - ρ - σ -Pareto Surface

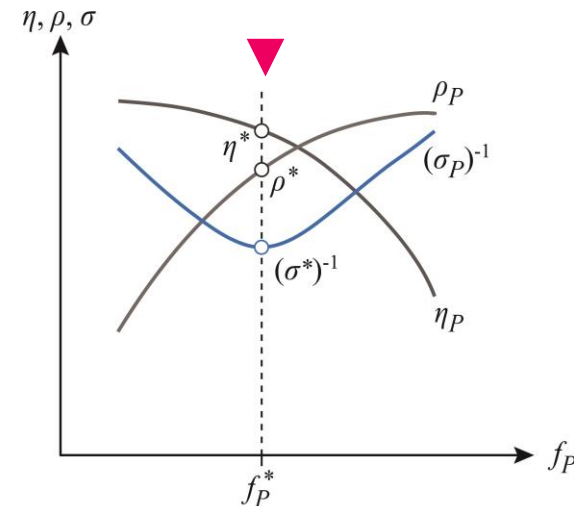
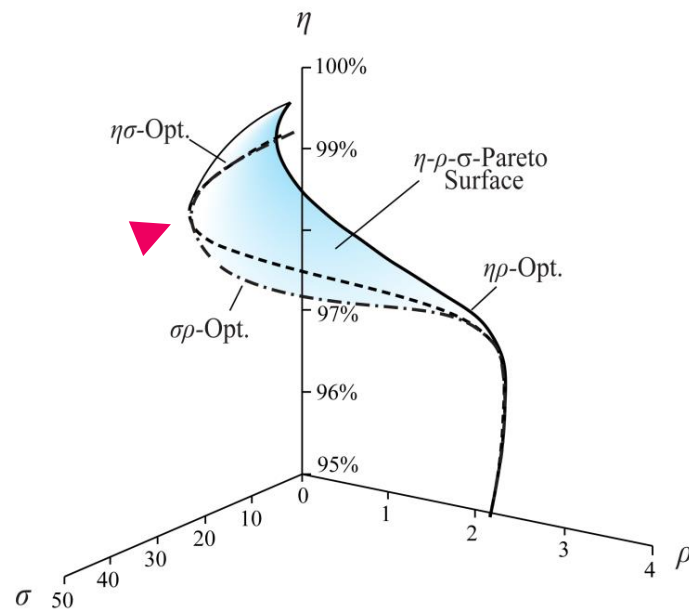
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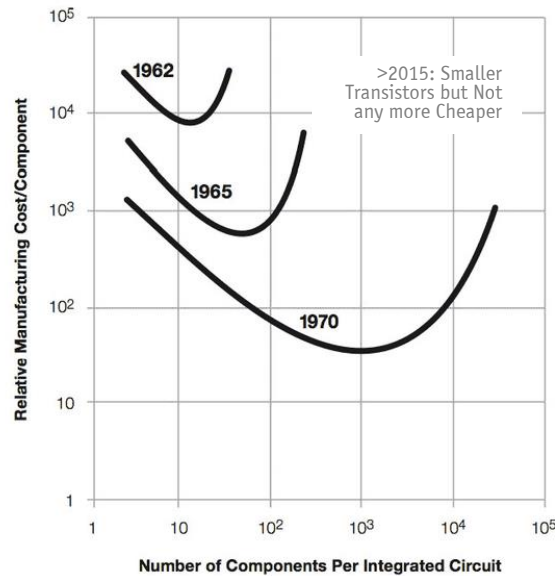


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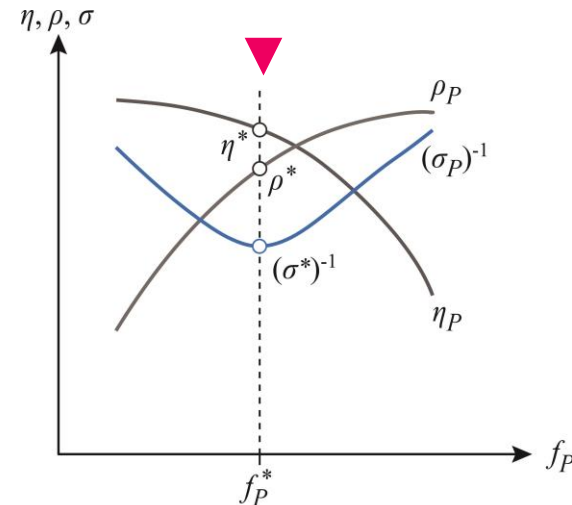
► Remark: Comparison to “Moore’s Law”

- “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

Economy of Scale → ← Lower Yield



Gordon Moore: The Future of Integrated Electronics, 1965 (Consideration of Three Consecutive Technology Nodes)



→ Definition of “ $\eta^*, \rho^*, \sigma^*, f_P^*$ -Node” Must Consider Conv. Type / Operating Range etc. (!)

Multi-Objective Optimization Application Examples

Comparative Converter Evaluation
Impact of Technology Progress
Design Space Diversity

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Example #1

Two-Level vs. Three-Level Dual Active Bridge

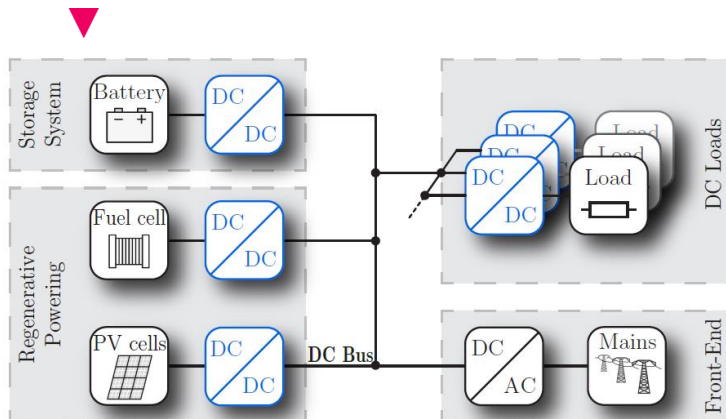


Source: SMA



► Wide Input Voltage Range Isolated DC/DC Converter

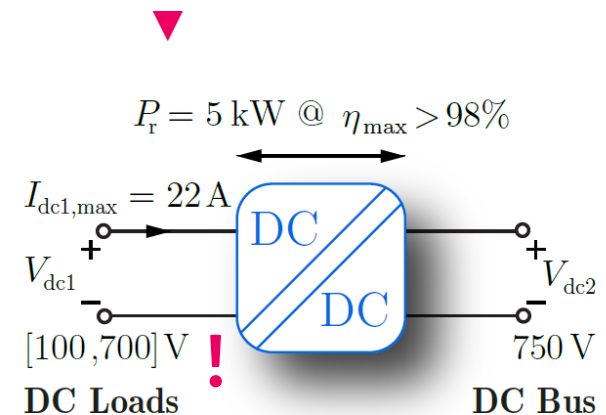
Structure of "Smart Home" DC Microgrid



■ Universal Isolated DC/DC Converter

- Bidirectional Power Flow
- Galvanic Isolation
- Wide Voltage Range
- High Partial Load Efficiency

Universal DC/DC Converter

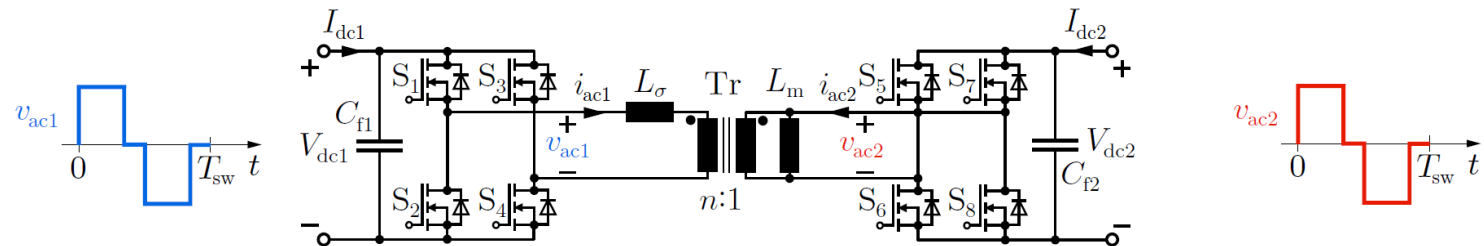


■ Advantages

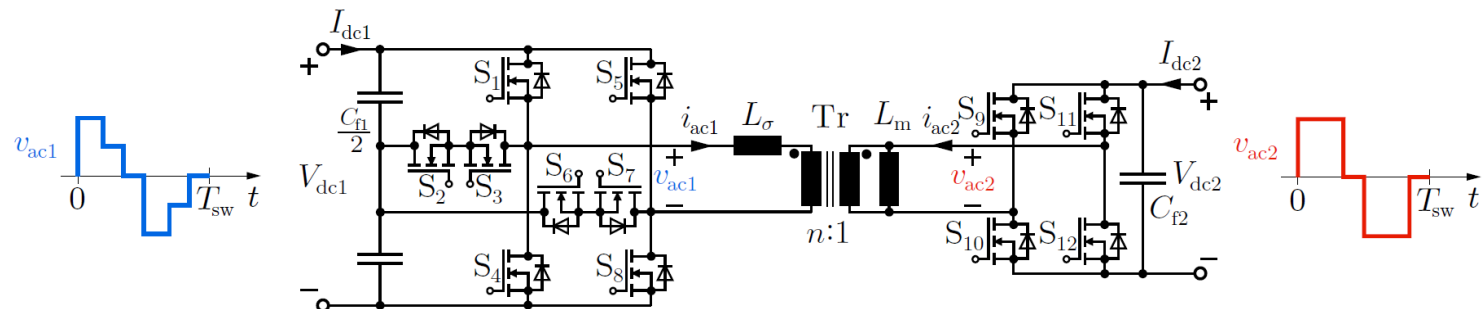
- Reduced System Complexity
- Lower Overall Development Costs
- Economy of Scale

► Comparative Evaluation of Converter Topologies

■ Conv. 3-Level Dual Active Bridge (3L-DAB)



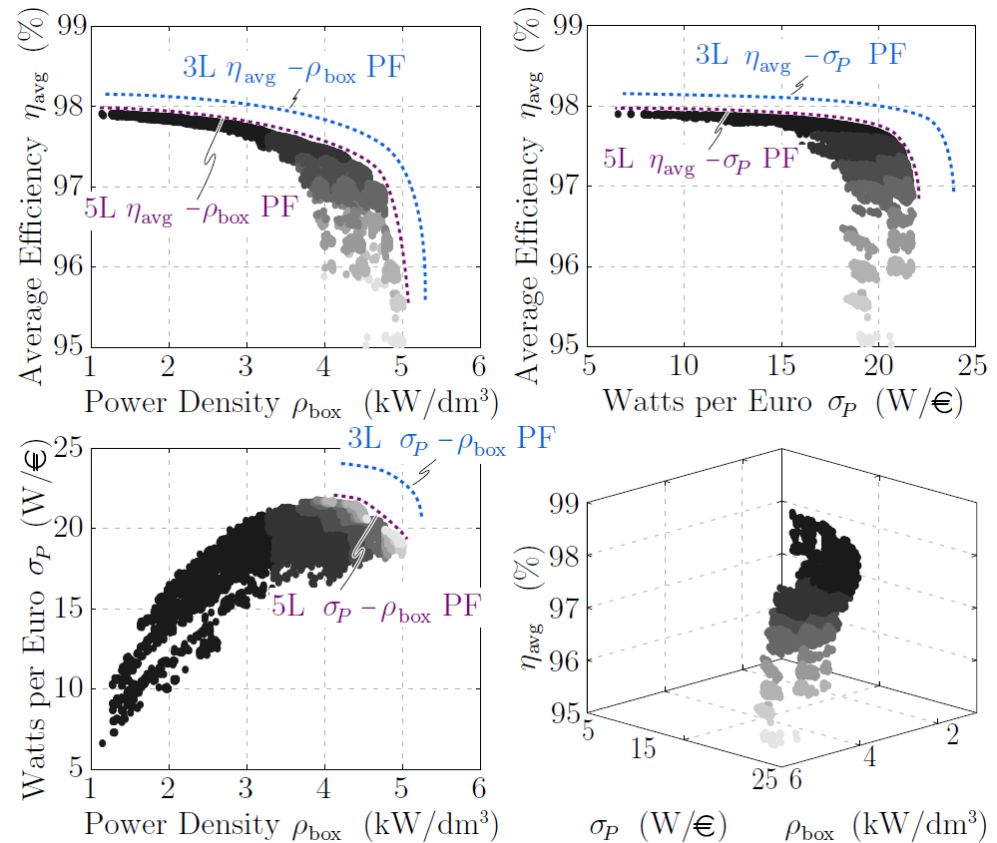
■ Advanced 5-Level Dual Active Bridge (5L-DAB)



► Optimization Results - Pareto Surfaces

- 3-Level Dual Active Bridge
- 5-Level Dual Active Bridge

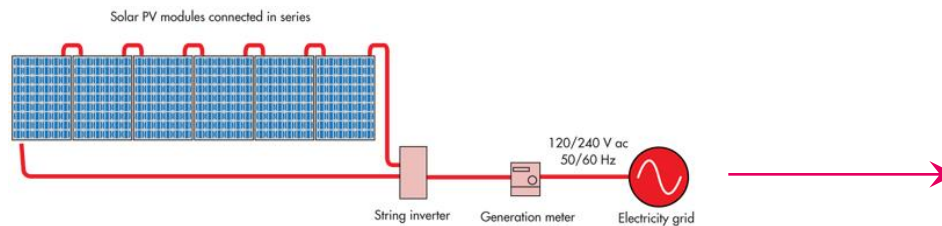
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Switching Frequency f_{sw} (kHz)



Example #2

Performance & Life-Cycle- Costs of *Si* vs. *SiC*

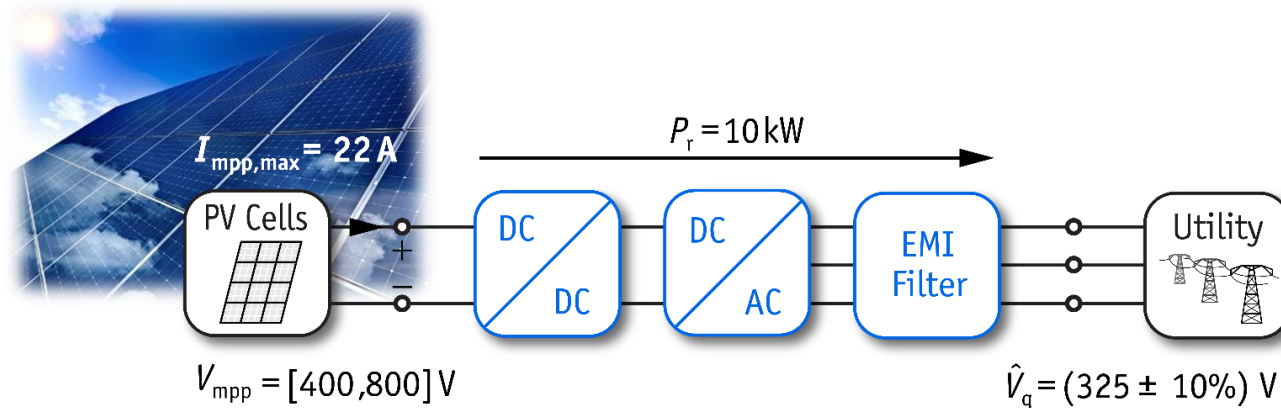
Source: L. Lalonde / electronicdesign.com



► Multi-Objective η - ρ - σ -Comparison of *Si* vs. *SiC*

■ Three-Phase PV Inverter System

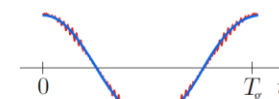
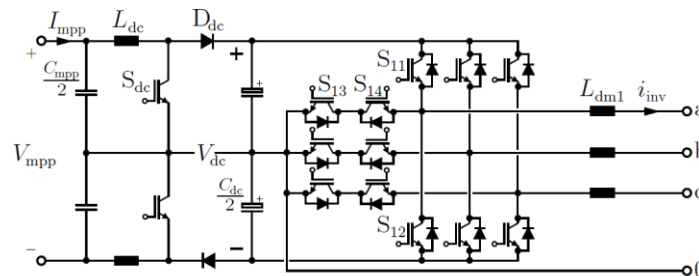
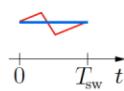
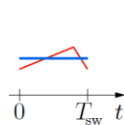
- Typical Residential Application
- Single-Input/Single-MPP-Tracker Multi-String PV Inverter
- DC/DC Boost Converter for Wide MPP Voltage Range
- Output EMI Filter



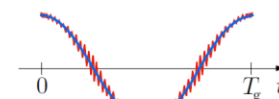
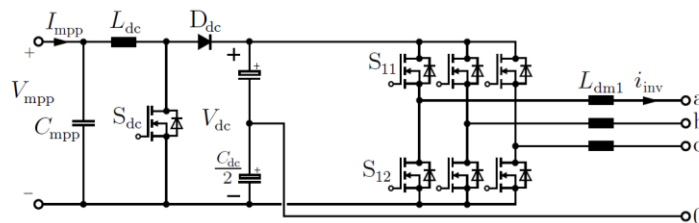
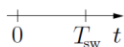
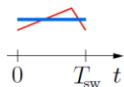
- Exploit Excellent Hard- AND Soft-Switching Capabilities of SiC
- Find Useful Sw. Frequency and Current Ripple Ranges
- Find Appropriate Core Material

► Topologies - Converter Stages

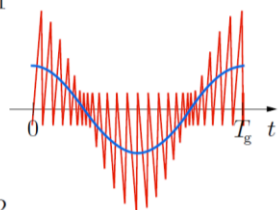
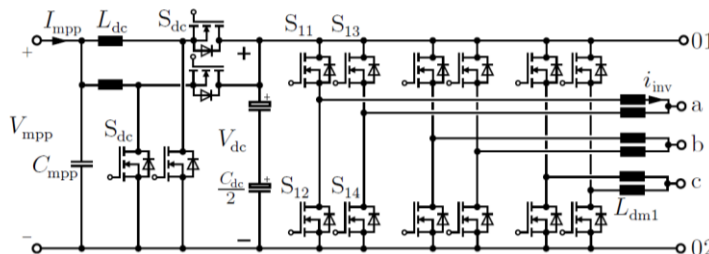
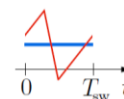
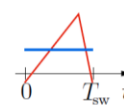
■ Si IGBT 3L-PWM Inverter



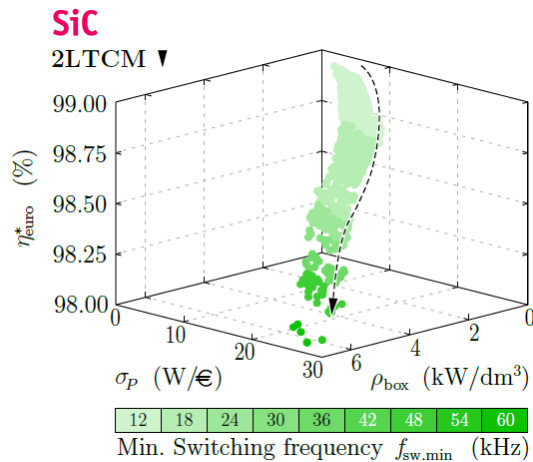
■ SiC MOSFET 2L-PWM Inverter



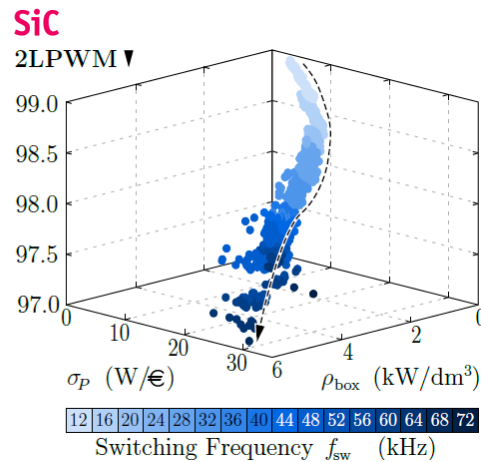
■ SiC MOSFET Interleaved 2L-TCM Inverter



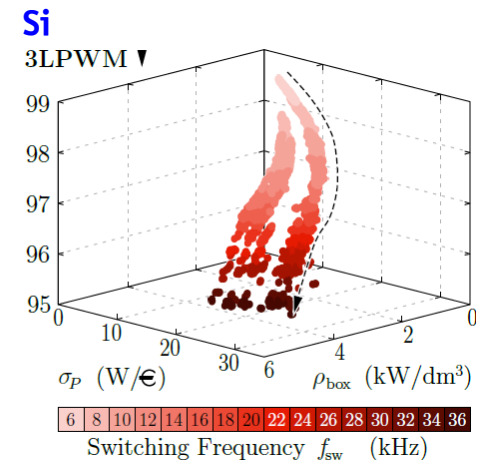
► Optimization Results - Pareto Surfaces



- No Pareto-Optimal Designs for $f_{\text{sw,min}} > 60$ kHz
- No METGLAS Amorphous Iron Designs



- Pareto-Optimal Designs for Entire Considered f_{sw} Range
- No METGLAS Amorphous Iron Designs



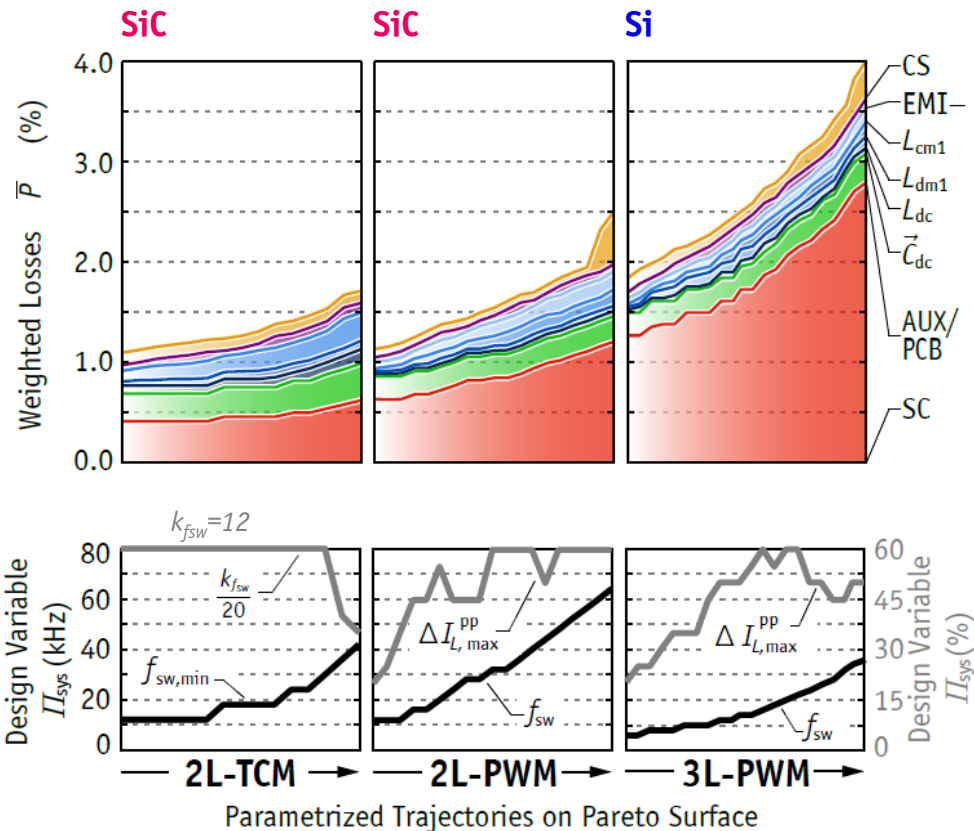
- Pareto-Optimal Designs for Entire Considered f_{sw} Range
- METGLAS Amorphous Iron and Ferrite Designs

► Optimization Results – Investigations Along Pareto Surfaces

■ Comparison of the Inverter Concepts

	η	ρ	σ
• 2L-TCM			
• 2L-PWM			
• 3L-PWM			

→ Semiconductor Losses
Clearly Dominating
(35...70%)



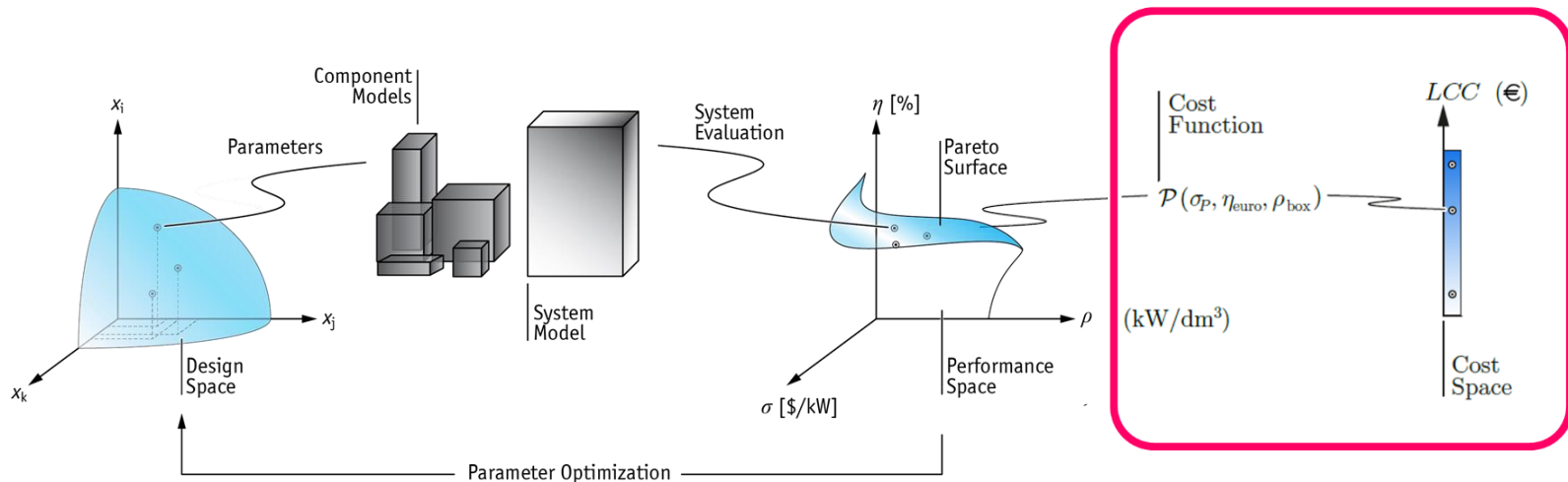
► Extension to *Life-Cycle Cost (LCC) Analysis*

■ Performance Space Analysis

- 3 Performance Measures: η , ρ , σ
- Reveals Absolute Performance Limits / Trade-Offs Between Performances

■ Life-Cycle Cost Analysis

- Post-Processing of Pareto-Optimal Designs
- Determination of Min.-LCC Design
- Arbitrary Cost Function Possible



- Which is the Best Solution Weighting η , ρ , σ , e.g. in Form of Life-Cycle Costs (LCC)?
- How Much Better is the Best Design?
- Optimal Switching Frequency?

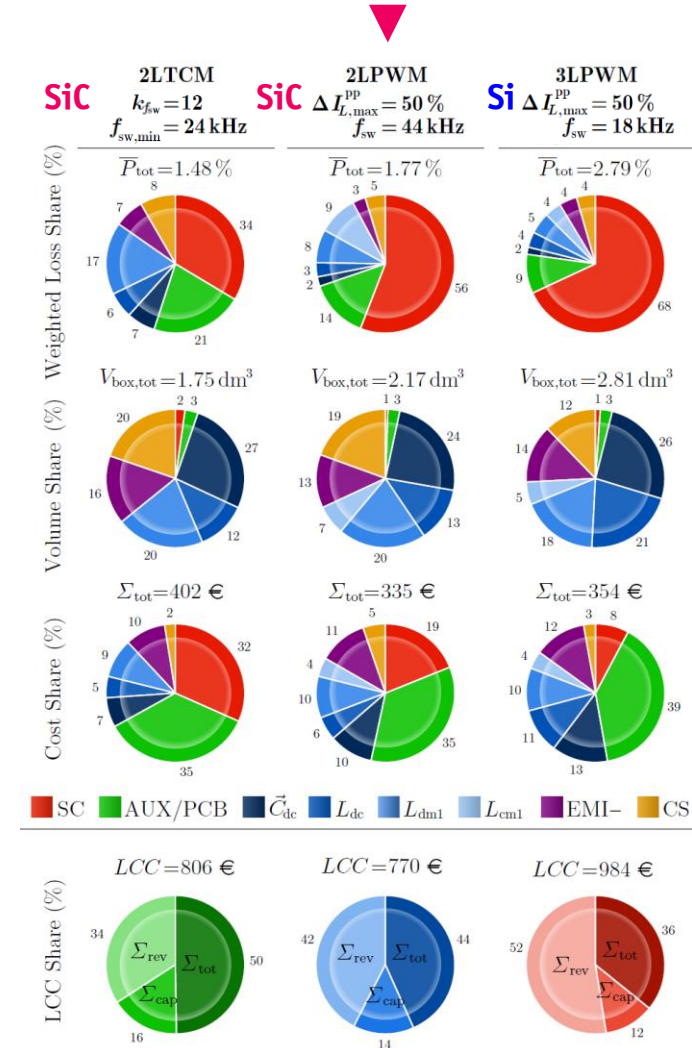
► Post-Processing

■ Life-Cycle Cost Analysis (10 years)

■ Best System - 2L-PWM SiC Converter @ 44kHz & 50% Current Ripple

- 22% Lower LCC than 3L-PWM
- 5% Lower LCC than 2L-TCM
- Simplest Design
- Probably Highest Reliability
- Lower Vol. (Housing) Not Yet Considered!

→ Application of SiC Justified on “System Level”



Example #3



Source: www.qualcomm.com

► Multi-Objective Optimization of 5kW Prototype

■ Design Process Taking All Performance Aspects into Account

■ System Specification

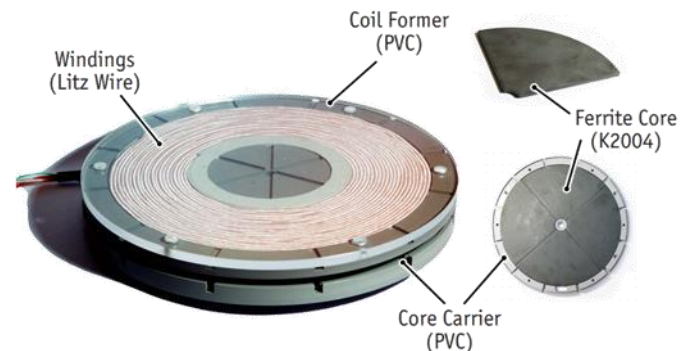
- Input Voltage 400V
- Battery Voltage 350V
- **Output Power** 5kW
- Air Gap 50mm

■ Constraints / Side Conditions

- Thermal Limitations [°C]
- Stray Field Limits [μT]
- Max. Constr. Vol. [m³]
- Switching Frequency [kHz]

■ System Performance

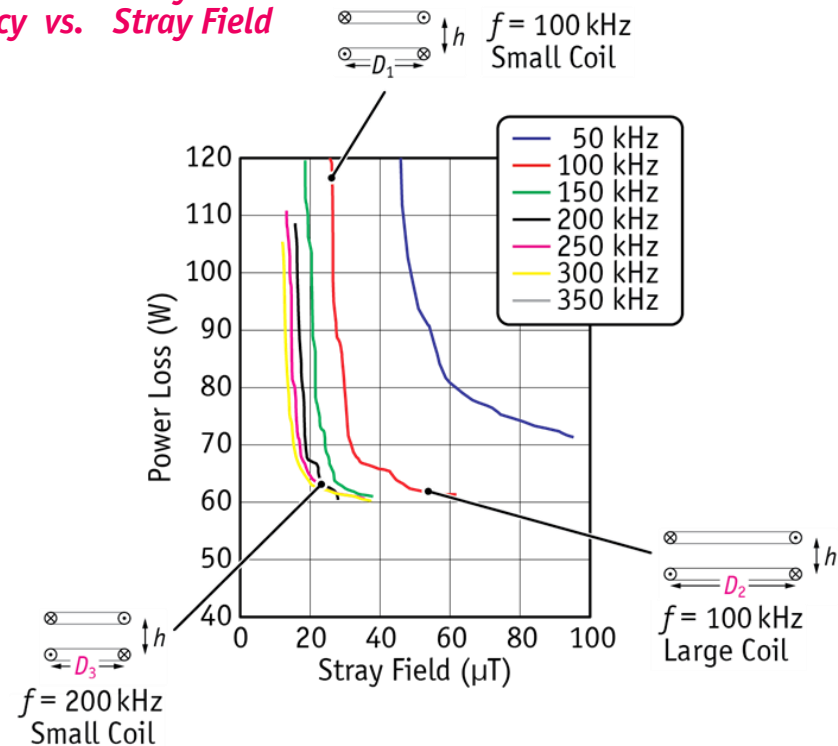
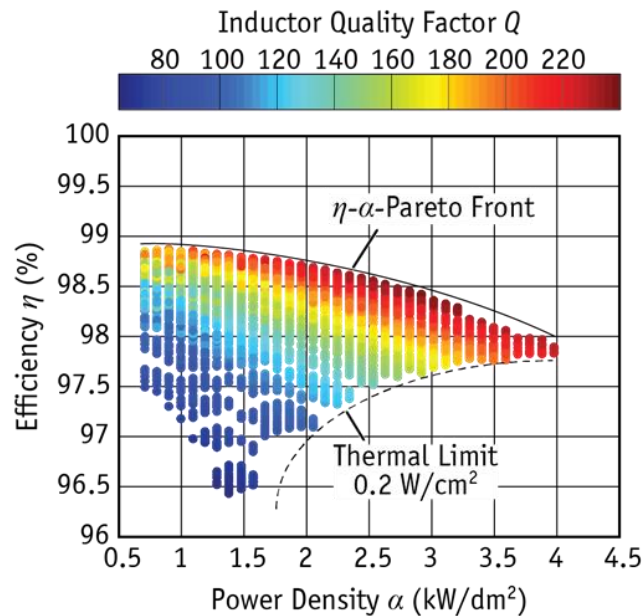
- * Efficiency $\eta = P_{out}/P_{in}$ [%]
- * Power Density $\alpha = P_{out}/A_{coil}$ [kW/dm²]
- * Stray Field $\beta = B_{max}/B_{norm}$ [%]



► η - α - β -Pareto Coil Optimization

■ Encountered Design Trade-Offs

- * *Coil Size* vs. *Efficiency*
- * *Coil Size* vs. *Stray Field*
- * *Frequency* vs. *Stray Field*

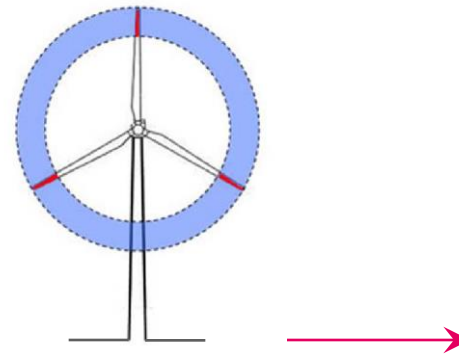


→ Pareto-Optimization Allows to Study Influence of Key Design Parameters

Example #4

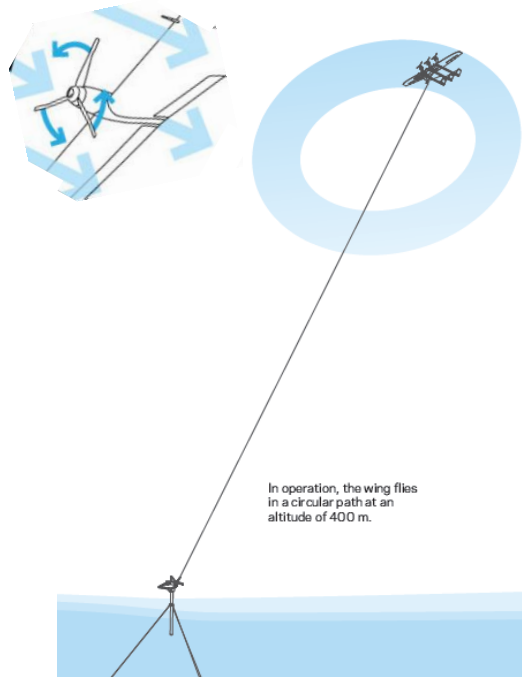
Electrical System of an Airborne Wind Turbine

M. Loyd, 1980



► Airborne Wind Turbine (AWT) - Google X

- Power Kite → On-Board Turbine / Generator / Power Electronics
- Power Transmitted to Ground Electrically
- Minimum of Mechanical Support



 MAKANI POWER

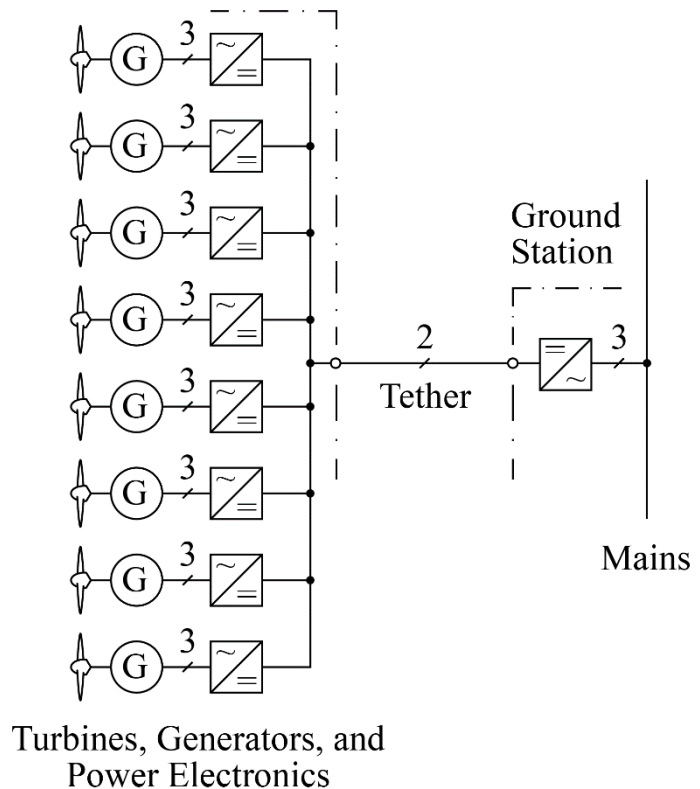


► AWT Electrical System Structure

- Rated Power 100kW
- Operating Height 800...1000m
- Ambient Temp. 40°C
- Power Flow Motor & Generator

- El. System Target Weight 100kg
- Efficiency (incl. Tether) 90%
- Turbine /Motor 2000/3000rpm

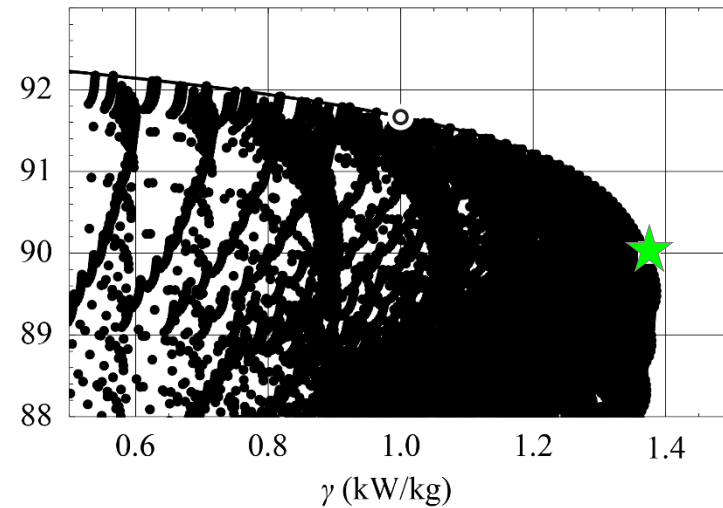
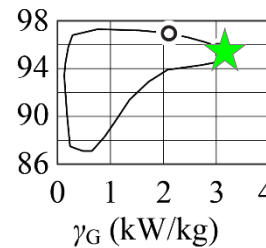
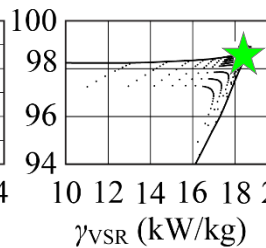
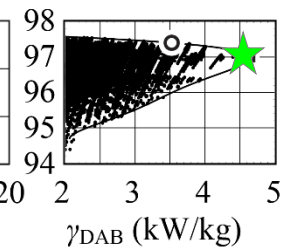
Airborne Wind Turbine



► Overall AWT System Performance

EFFICIENCIES AND POWER-TO-WEIGHT RATIOS AT THE 2 DESIGN POINTS MARKED IN FIG. 24(A) (CALCULATED FOR NOMINAL OPERATION).

Total system	Generator, VSR, and DAB converter	
$\gamma = 1.37 \text{ kW/kg}$ $\eta = 90.0\%$	Generator:	$\gamma_G = 3.11 \text{ kW/kg}$, $\eta_G = 95.4\%$
	VSR:	$\gamma_{\text{VSR}} = 18.3 \text{ kW/kg}$, $\eta_{\text{VSR}} = 98.6\%$
	DAB:	$\gamma_{\text{DAB}} = 4.60 \text{ kW/kg}$, $\eta_{\text{DAB}} = 97.1\%$
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 η (%)

 η_G (%)

 η_{VSR} (%)

 η_{DAB} (%)


■ Final Step: System Control Consideration

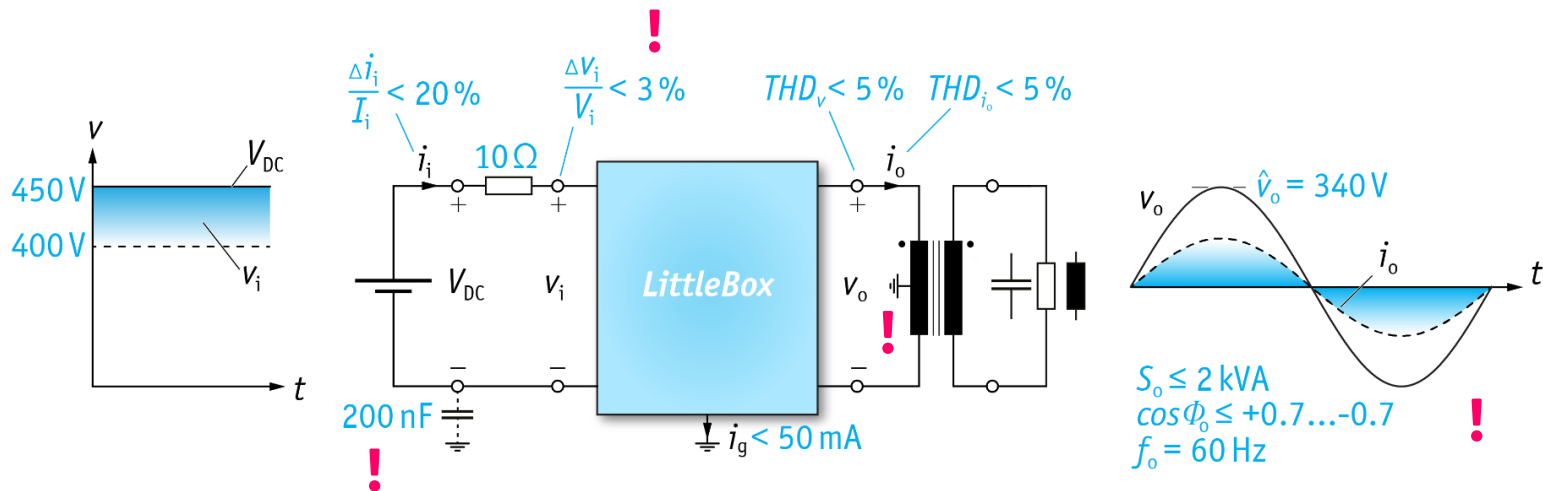
Multi-Objective Optimization Application Examples

*Comparative Converter Evaluation
Impact of Technology Progress &
Design Space Diversity* →

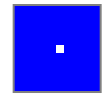
**LITTLE BOX
CHALLENGE**



- **Design / Build the 2kW 1- Φ Solar Inverter with the Highest Power Density in the World**
- **Power Density > 3kW/dm³ (50W/in³)**
- **Efficiency > 95%**
- **Case Temp. < 60°C**
- **EMI FCC Part 15 B**

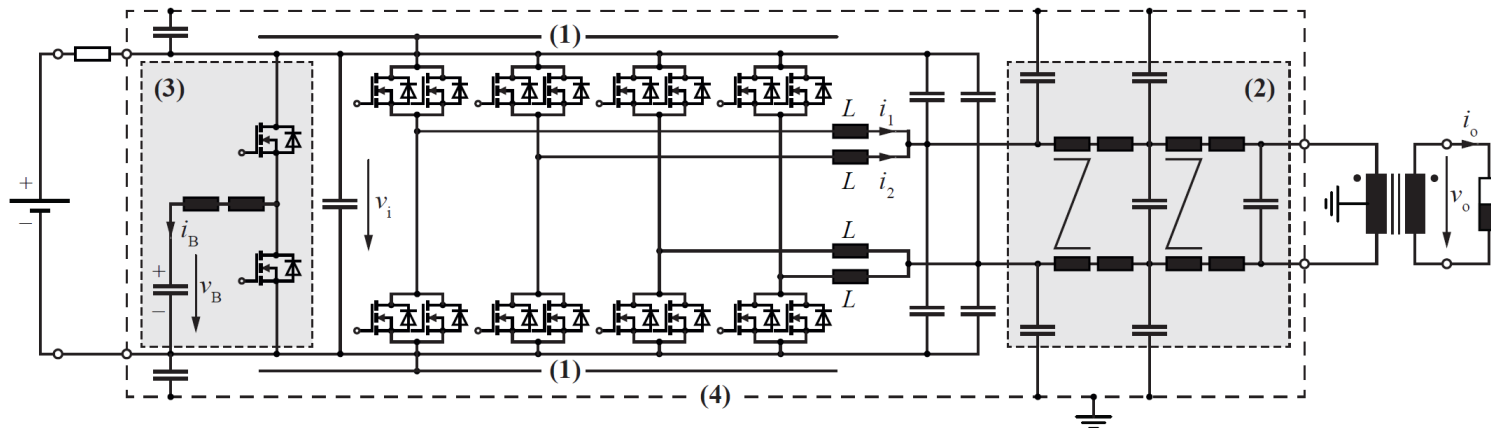


➔ Push the Forefront of New Technologies in R&D of High Power Density Inverters

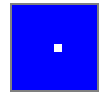


Selected Converter Topology

- Interleaving of 2 Bridge Legs per Phase
- Active DC-Side Buck-Type Power Pulsation Buffer
- 2-Stage EMI AC Output Filter



- ZVS of All Bridge Legs @ Turn-On/Turn-Off in Whole Operating Range (4D-TCM-Interleaving)
- Heatsinks Connected to DC Bus / Shield to Prevent Cap. Coupling to Grounded Enclosure



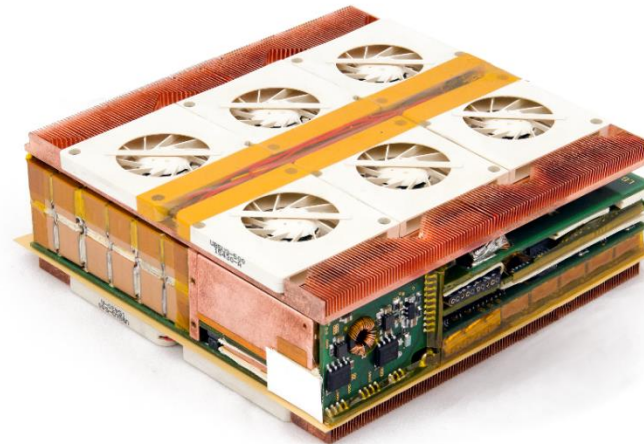
Little-Box 1.0 Prototype

■ Performance

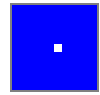
- 8.2 kW/dm³
- 96,3% Efficiency @ 2kW
- $T_c = 58^\circ\text{C}$ @ 2kW

■ Design Details

- 600V IFX Normally-Off GaN GIT
- Antiparallel SiC Schottky Diodes
- Multi-Airgap Ind. w. Multi-Layer Foil Wdg
- Triangular Curr. Mode ZVS Operation
- CeraLink Power Pulsation Buffer



→ Analysis of Potential Performance Improvement for “Ideal Switches”



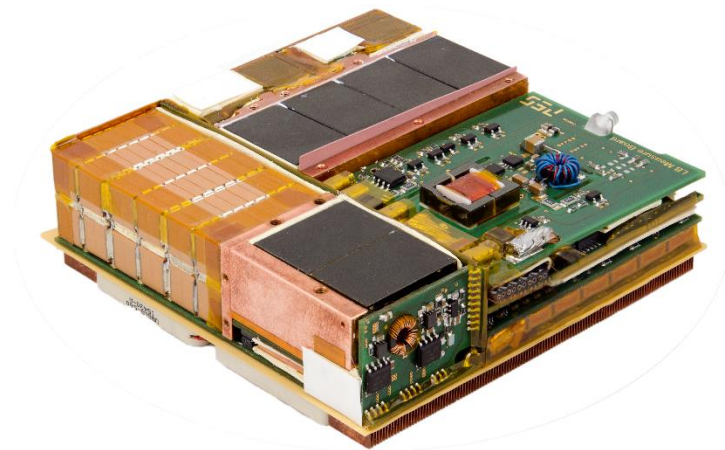
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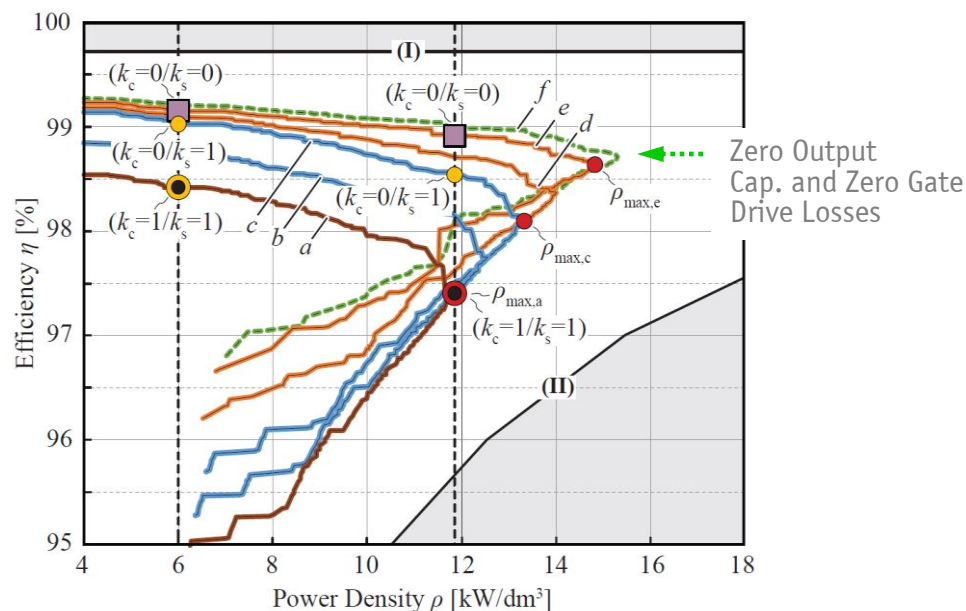
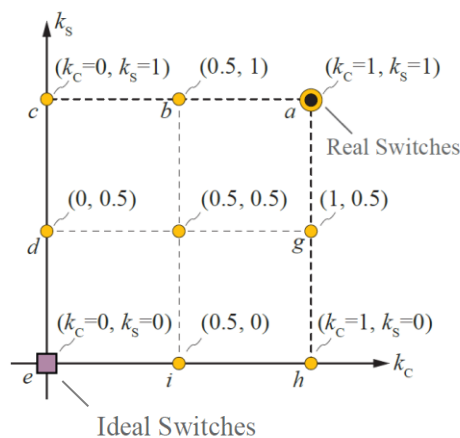


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Little Box 1.0 @ Ideal Switches (TCM)

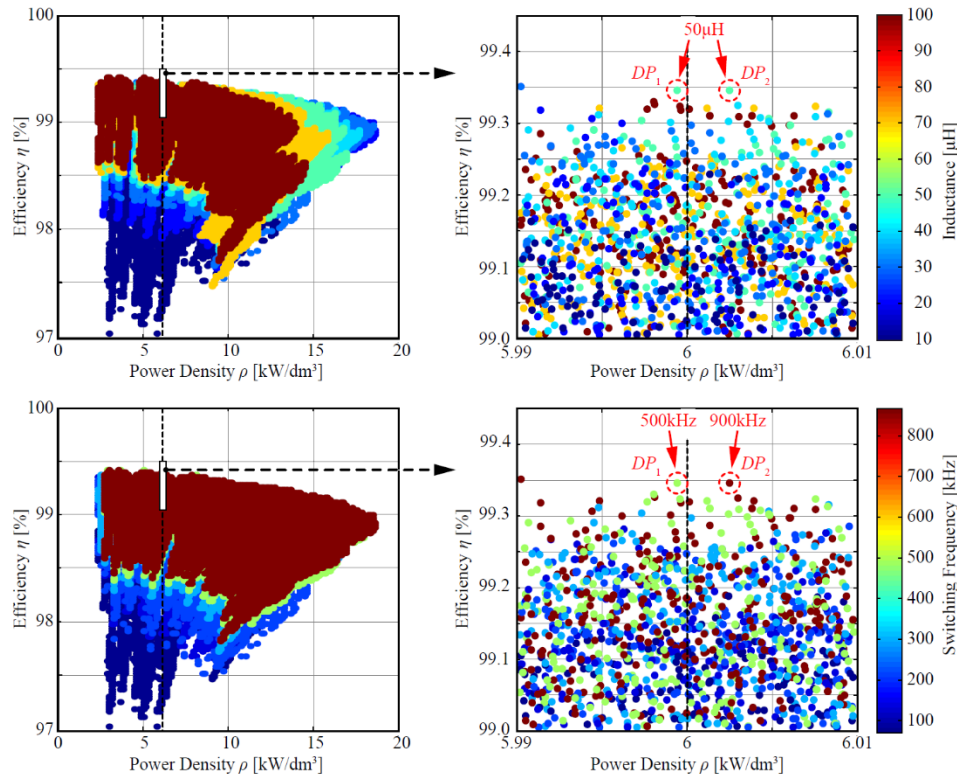
- Multi-Objective Optimization of Little-Box 1.0 (X6S Power Pulsation Buffer)
- Step-by-Step Idealization of the Power Transistors
- Ideal Switches: $k_c=0$ (Zero Cond. Losses); $k_s=0$ (Zero Sw. Losses)



→ Analysis of Improvement of Efficiency @ Given Power Density & Maximum Power Density
→ The Ideal Switch is NOT Enough (!)



Little Box 1.0 @ Ideal Switches (PWM)



$$\rho = 6 \text{ kW/dm}^3$$

$$\eta \approx 99.35\%$$

$$L = 50 \mu\text{H}$$

$$f_s = 500 \text{ kHz or } 900 \text{ kHz}$$

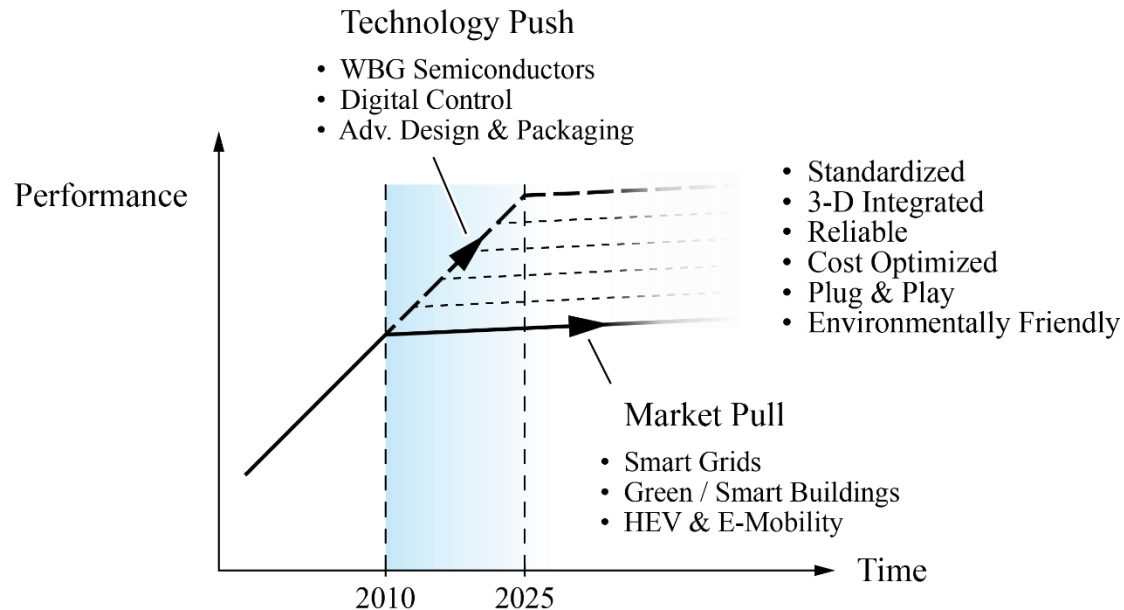
- L & f_s are Independent Degrees of Freedom
- Large Design Space Diversity (Mutual Compensation of HF and LF Loss Contributions)

Conclusions

Future Power Electronics Development
Future Virtual Prototyping
"Stairway to Heaven"

► Future Development

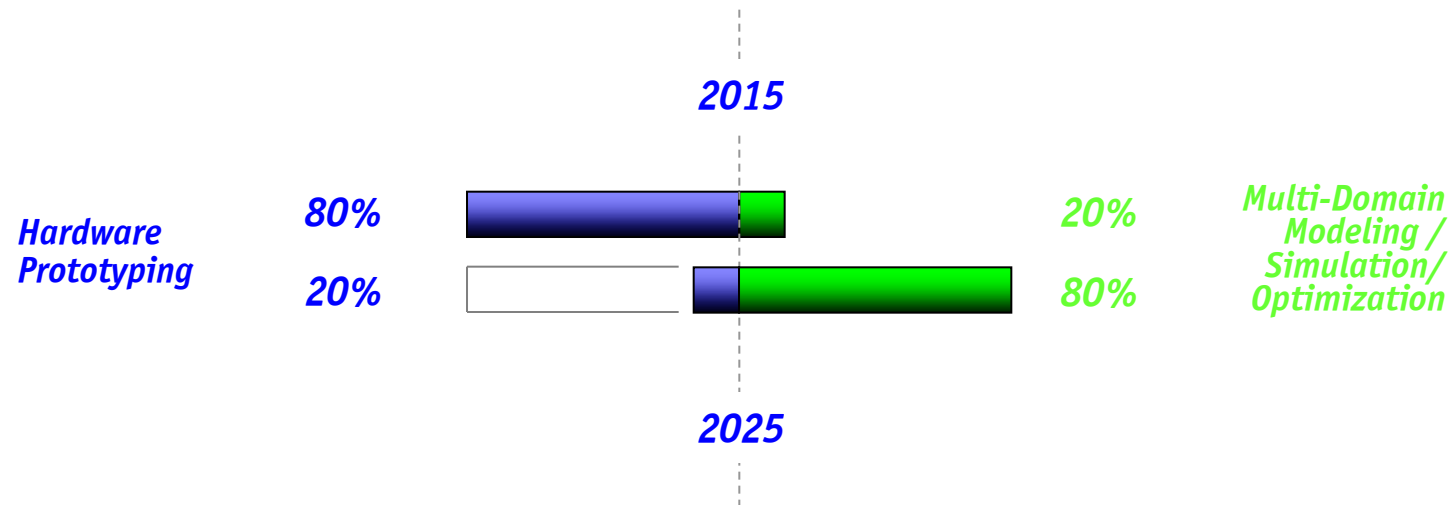
- **Megatrends – Renewable Energy / Energy Saving / E-Mobility / “SMART XXX”**
- **Power Electronics will Massively Spread in Applications**



- **More Application Specific Solutions**
- **Mature Technology – Cost Optimization @ Given Performance Level**
- **Design / Optimize / Verify (All in Simulation) - Faster / Cheaper / Better**

► Future “Virtual Prototyping”

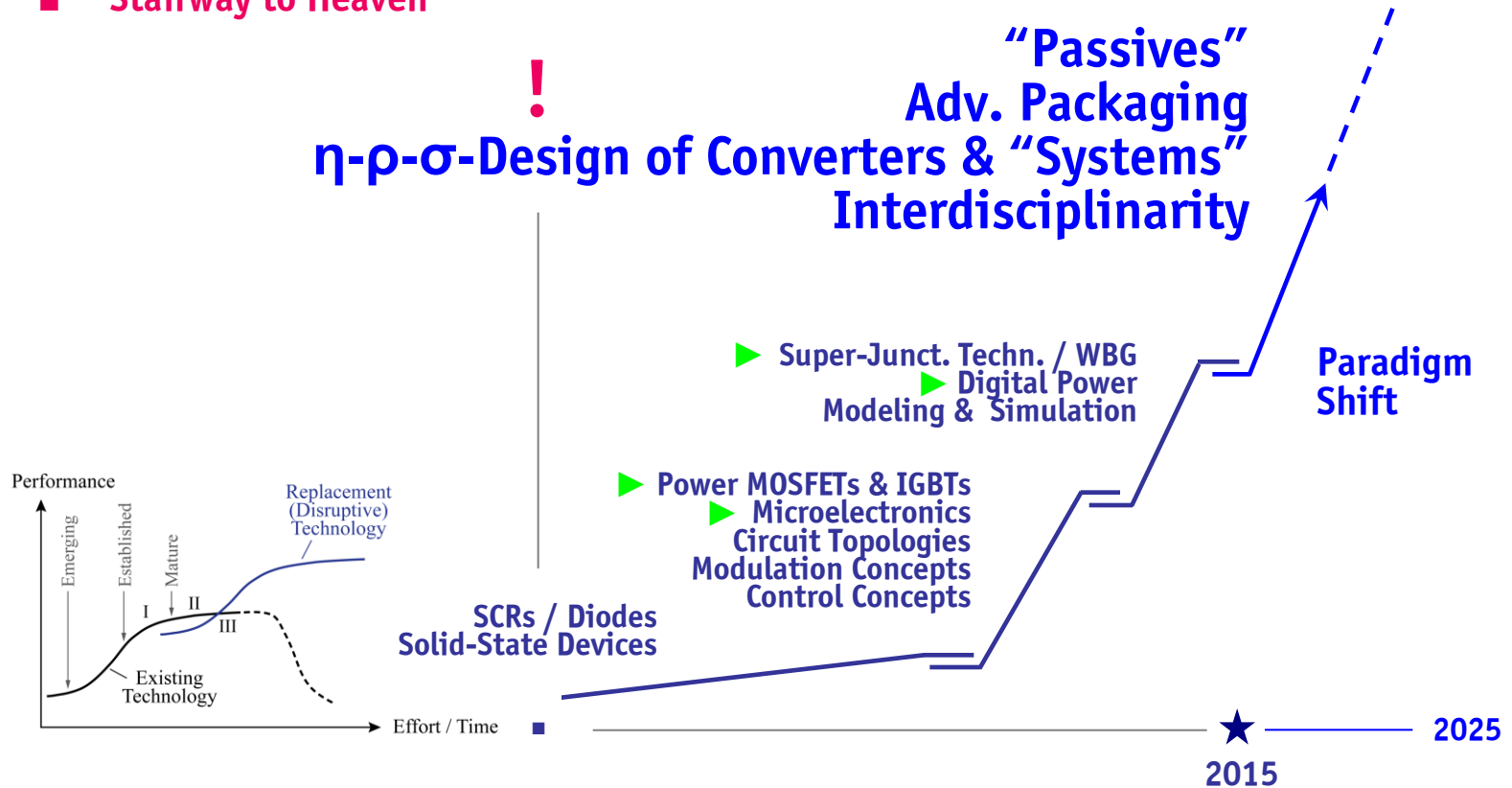
- Offers Incredible Design Insight
- Extends Theory of Components
- Reduces Time-to-Market
- Quantifies Trade-Offs / Technology Sensitivities (!)
- “Theory of Systems”
- Cuts Design Time from Weeks to Hours



- Main Research Challenges in Modeling (EMI, Reliability, Reduced Order Models etc.)
- Main Practical Challenge is the Implementation in Industry & Academia ;-)

► Extrapolation of Technology S-Curve

■ “Stairway to Heaven”



*Future
Paradigm
Shift*



► Power Electronics 2.0

- Design Considering Converters as “Integrated Circuits” (PEBBs)
- Extend Analysis to Converter Clusters / Power Supply Chains / etc.

- “Converter” → “Systems” (Microgrid) or “Hybrid Systems” (Automation / Aircraft)
- “Time” → “Integral over Time”
- “Power” → “Energy”

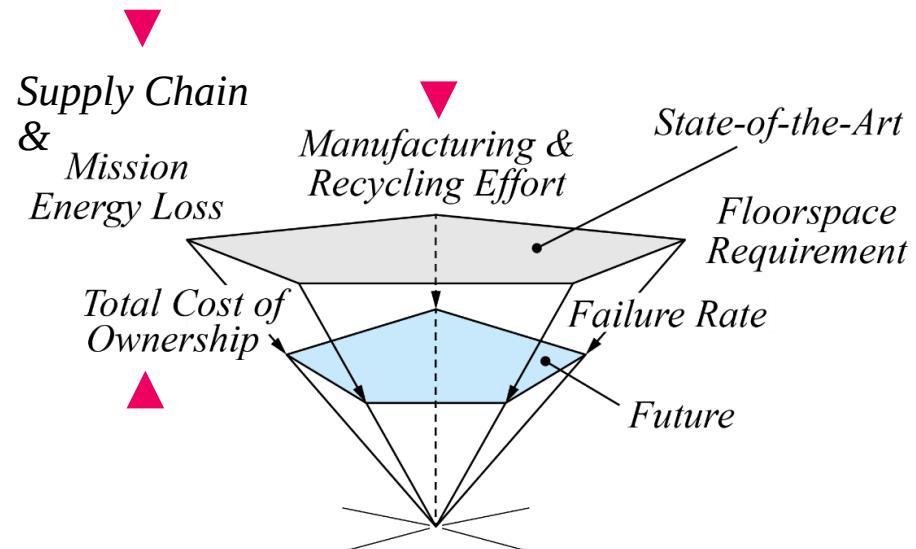
$$p(t) \rightarrow \int_0^t p(t) dt$$

- Power Conversion → Energy Management / Distribution
- Converter Analysis → System Analysis (incl. Interactions Conv. / Conv. or Load or Mains)
- Converter Stability → System Stability (Autonom. Cntrl of Distributed Converters)
- Cap. Filtering → Energy Storage & Demand Side Management
- Costs / Efficiency → Life Cycle Costs / Mission Efficiency / Supply Chain Efficiency
- etc.

► New Power Electronics **Systems** Performance Figures/Trends

■ Complete Set of New Performance Indices

- Power Density [kW/m²]
- Environm. Impact [kW_s/kW]
- TCO [\$/kW]
- Mission Efficiency [%]
- Failure Rate [h⁻¹]





■ End

Thank You !

