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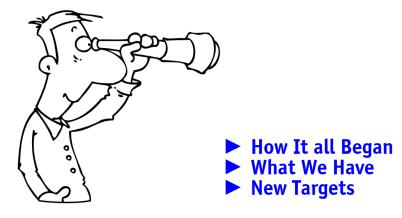
# A Competence Centers View on the ECPE Network

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# A Competence Centers View ...







### A Great Idea was Implemented...



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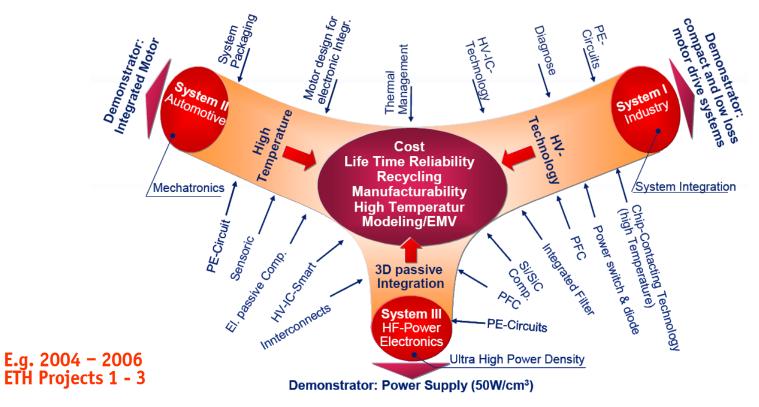
# Formation of an Industry Consortium Univ. Institutes as "Competence Centers"

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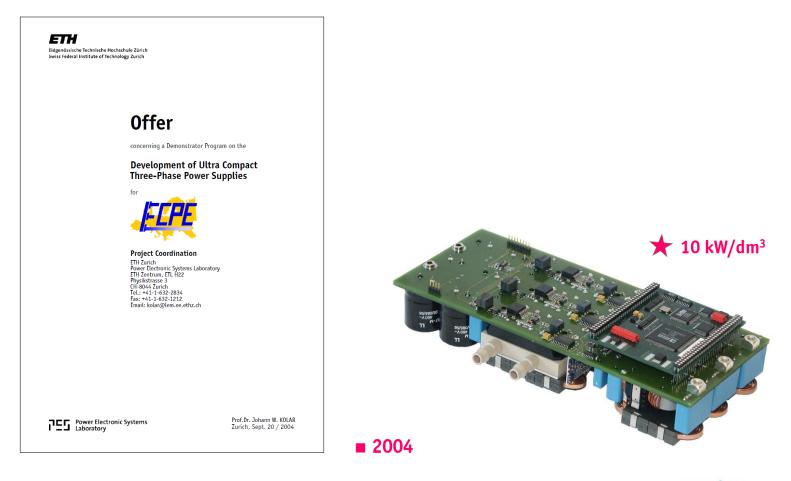
- Set-Up of a Demonstrator Program
- Technology Reports
   Expert Seminars







#### A Great Idea Started to Work ....





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#### What We Have Today ...

#### Unique Opportunities for the CCs

- Financial Support of Research Projects
  Organization of EU Funded Joint Research Projects
  Opportunity to Present Research Capabilities to 70 Potential Ind. Partners
  Reaching an Even Larger Audience through the ECPE Supported Conferences & Seminars



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#### **b** But, Showing Poor Results $\rightarrow$ Could Easily Ruin Your Reputation ....





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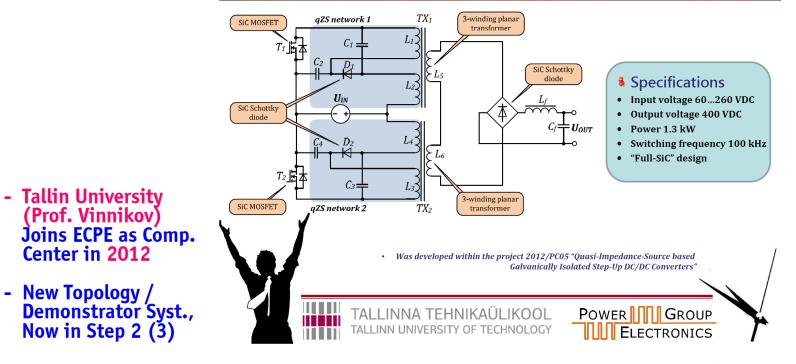
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## How Well It Works $\rightarrow$ Example I

### qZS-derived Push-Pull DC/DC Converter\* with Wide Input Voltage Range





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## How Well It Works $\rightarrow$ Example II

#### PEMC – Power Electronics and EMC

#### Ultra-Low Inductance Package for SiC: Embedded Module

Full bus bar DC link structure using Current capacitors measurement PCB process on a DBC DC capacitors on the module DC+ DC link current Out measurement included DC-Gates JFET Diode Dr.-Ing. Eckart Hoene GECKO ETH RESEARCH Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich 🗾 Fraunhofer Technische Universität Berlin 17M Forschungsschwerpunkt hnologien der Mikroperiph





# What More ?







Keep / Establish a Close(r) Link of Roadmapping and the Demonstrator Program

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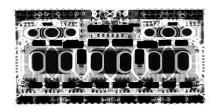


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#### More Wishes Concerning Roadmapping

- → Should be Substantiated by Basic Physical Considerations
   → Should also Consider "Far-Out" Technologies
- $\rightarrow$  Establish a Link to the IEEE FEPPCON (Future of Electr. Power Proc. & Conv.)





#### Establish Database for Data Not Easily Accessible to Universities / Comp. Centers

- Cost Models, Reliability Data, etc.
- → Optimization / Focus Moves from Power Density & Efficiency to Costs & Reliability - Very Limited Data is Available Here for Universities Models are Lacking → No Results → Chicken & Egg Problem

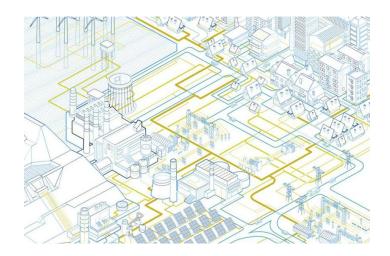




Link to Neighboring Disciplines

- Power SystemsPackaging
- → The "SMART Grid" Should Not be Left to the ICT Community
- $\rightarrow$  Power Electronics is as Much an Enabler as ICT (!)
- → Join / Establish a Demonstration Case with a Team of Competence Centers
- → Packaging → Material Science, Mech. Eng. etc.
- $\rightarrow$  Set Up a Program for Joint Training







Include Activity in "Micro-Power Electronics"

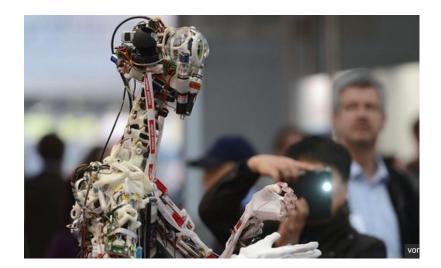
- **Power Supplies on Chip**
- → Requires Access to Technologies of Industry Partners
   → Very Specific Topic Frequently Tied to Special Applications





Showcases which Don't Show "Only" a Power Converter

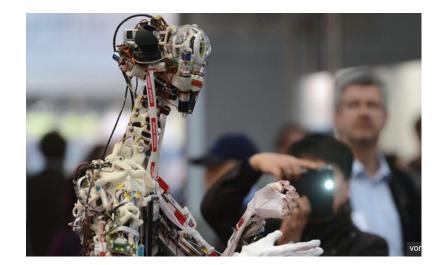
- Robotics, Bio-Inspired xxx, Hybrid Cars, Smart Homes, etc.
- Lighthouse Projects Designed for (Pure) Advertisement







Showcases which Don't Show "Only" a Power Converter



→ Power Electronics can Only be Advertised to the Non-Specialist (Politician) Through an Appealing Application



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# Some Further Ideas ...

- **ECPE** Power Electronics Textbook
- ECPE Distinguished Lecturer Program
- **ECPE** Webinars
- **ECPE Fellowship**
- **ECPE Competence Center Award**
- **ECPE** App (e.g. for PCIM Exhibition, Seminars, etc.)





But, ...



But, ...

# ... it's Already Great as It is



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#### ... in the Name of All **Competence Centers**

- **For Setting It All Up**
- For the Continuous Financial Support
- For the Support with Organizing Seminars
   For the Patience Concerning Late Delivery of Project Reports
- etc.







