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Tutorial:

Is SiC a Game Changer?

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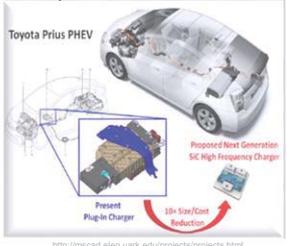


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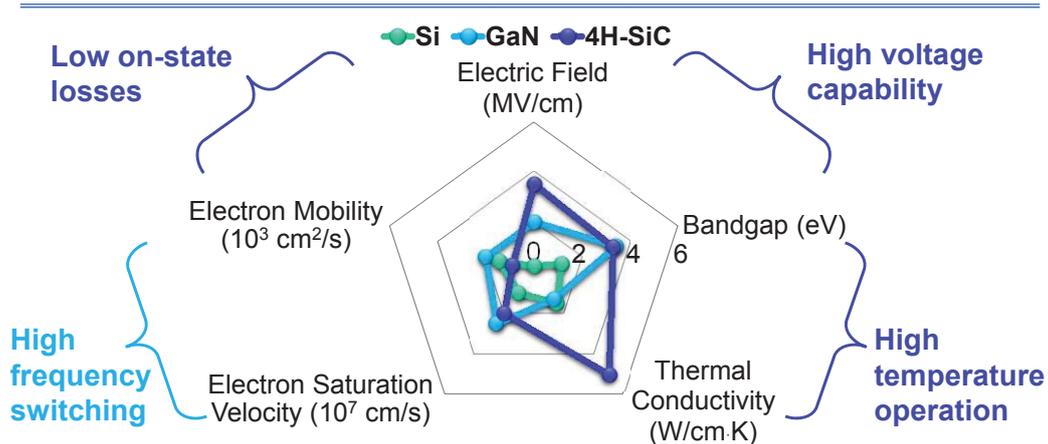
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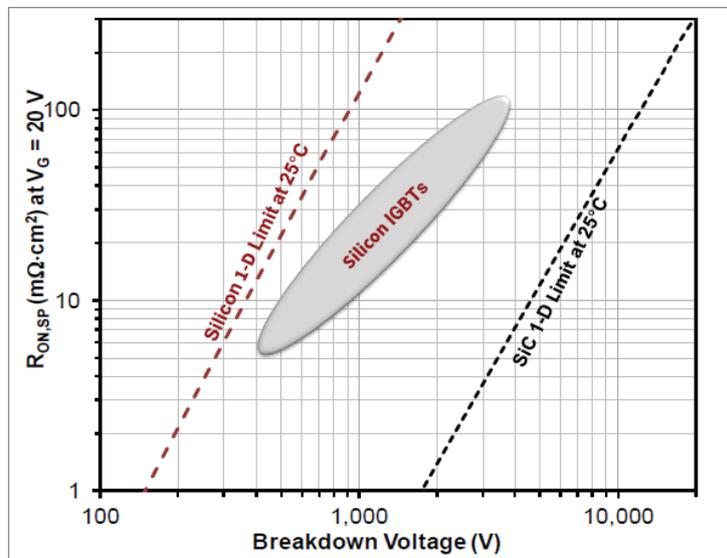
The requirements for power electronics are becoming more demanding.

Efficiency	Power Density	Durability
<p>Renewable Energy</p>  <p>http://www.renewableenergyinstaller.co.uk/2013/01/uk-on-track-to-hit-2020-targets/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower losses • Higher voltage ratings 	<p>Transportation Electrification</p>  <p>http://mscad.eleg.uark.edu/projects/projects.html</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher frequency • Smaller cooling systems 	<p>Oil & Gas Exploration</p>  <p>http://www.epri.org.com/Production-Drilling/Hostile-drilling-environments-require-approach_42842</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High temperature capability • Radiation hard
<p><i>WBG devices and new packaging technologies are key to meeting these growing needs.</i></p>		

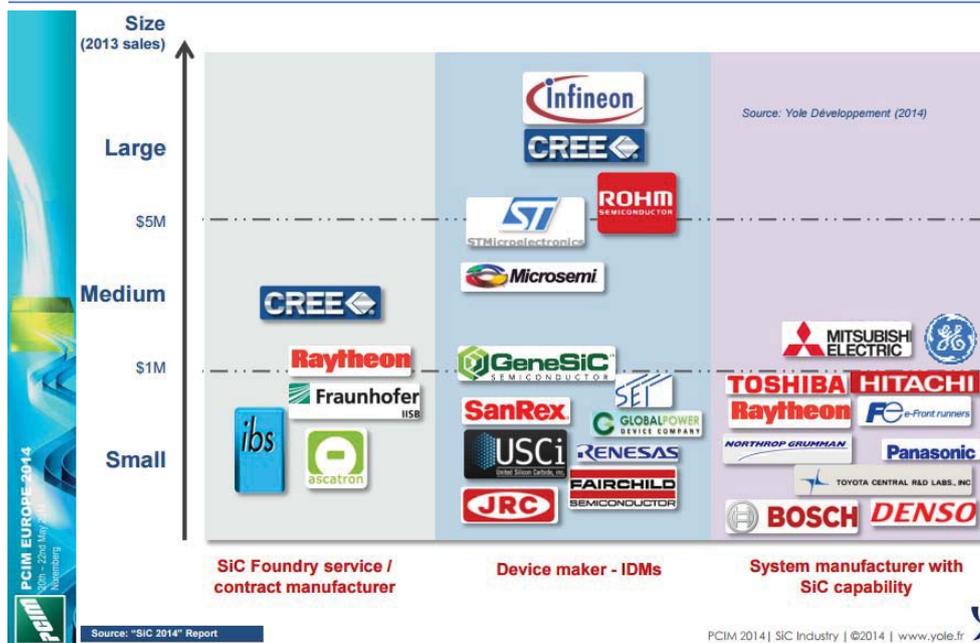
Wide bandgap (WBG) semiconductors are capable of achieving these goals.



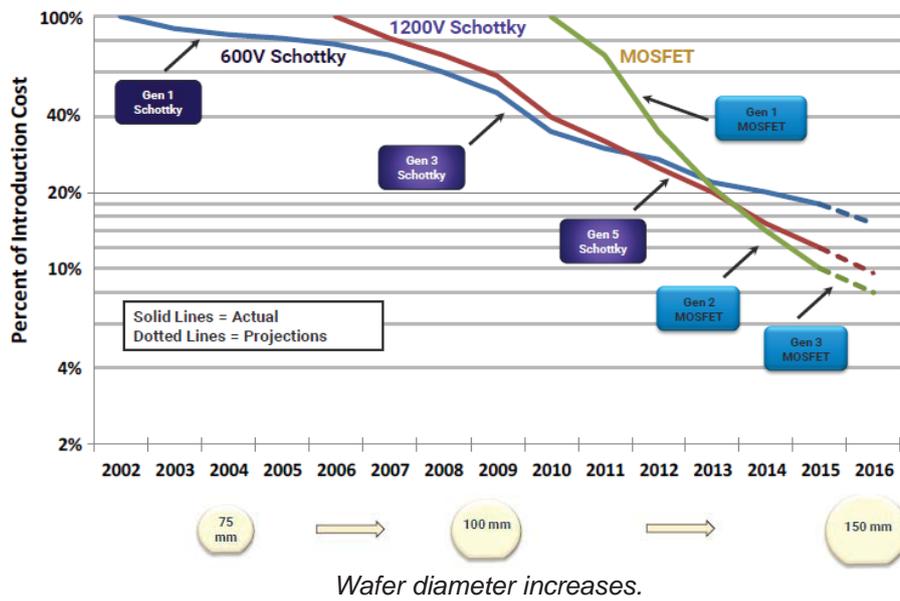
High electric breakdown field allows low on-resistance in SiC.



Power Electronics SiC Device Manufacturing



Cost Reduction of Wolfspeed's SiC Power Devices



SiC Devices

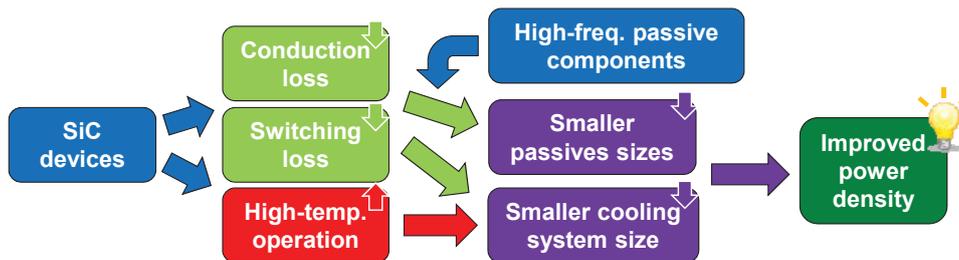
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Unipolar	DMOSFET	Scalable	MOS Interface	0.4 kV – 15 kV
	Trench MOSFET	High V_{TH} , Low R_{ON}	High Electric Field	0.6 kV – 1.2 kV
	Normally-On JFET	High Temp.	Normally-On	1.2 kV – 6.5 kV
	Normally-Off JFET	Normally-Off	High R_{ON}	1.2 kV – 6.5 kV
Bipolar	BJT	No Gate Oxide	Current Driven	1.2 kV – 10 kV
	IGBT	High Voltage	Reliability	15 kV – 27 kV
	GTO	Low Conduction Loss	Difficult Control	> 8 kV
	Schottky Diode	No Reverse Recovery	High Leakage	0.1 kV – 8 kV
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Wide-Bandgap Silicon Carbide (SiC) Power Semiconductors Devices

	Si	VS	SiC	
Band gap	1.1 eV		3.3 eV	} High-voltage (≥ 1.2 kV);
Critical E-field	0.3 MV/cm		2.0 MV/cm	
Doping	Low		High	
Thermal conductivity	1.5 W/cm-K		4.9 W/cm-K	} Unipolar switches
State-of-the-art devices	Si IGBT ≤ 20 kHz, 150-175 °C		SiC FETs ≥ 20 kHz, 200-250 °C	for 0.5 kV < V _{dc} < 1 kV

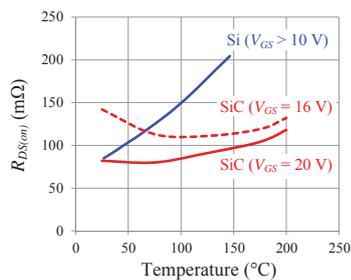


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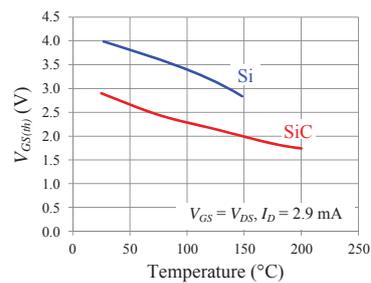
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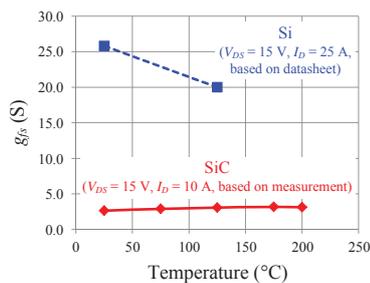
On-state resistance



Gate threshold voltage



Transconductance

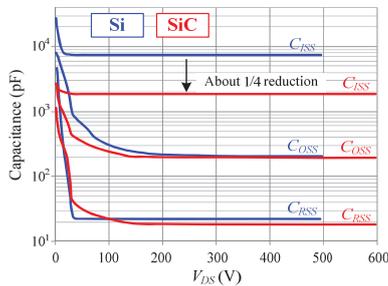


SiC MOSFETs:

- 20 V turn-on to achieve smaller & less temp.-sensitive $R_{DS(on)}$
- Neg. turn-off to ensure safe threshold margin
- Much lower g_{fs} , opposite temp.-dependence

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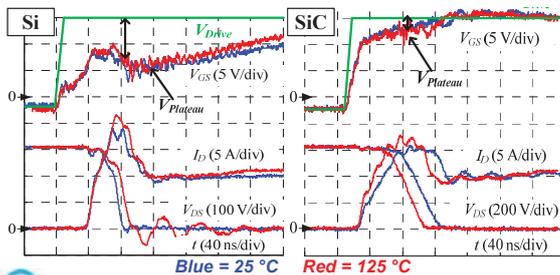
Junction capacitances



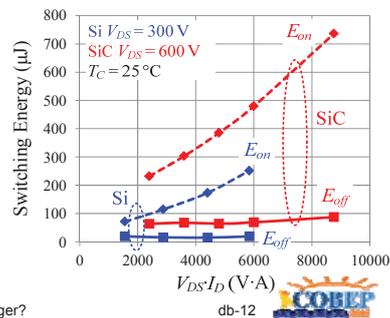
SiC MOSFET:

- 1/4 total gate charge
- Shorter on/off switching delays
→ Smaller dead time
- Driving speed significantly impeded by low g_{fs}
- Higher E_{SW} when switching the same apparent power and $V_{GS} = +15\text{ V}/-2.5\text{ V}$

Turn-on waveforms



Switching energies



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600 V Si CoolMOS vs. 1200 V SiC MOSFET : Phase-Legs in a High-Frequency Converter

Module features

- 1200 V, 20 A SiC MOSFET phase-leg module
- Integrated peripheral functions
- High-speed gate drive (up to 500 kHz)
- Improved power stage layout (40% ↓ in stray L than conventional design)
- Compatible with Si MOSFET as well
 - 600 V, 46 A Si CoolMOS version

SiC Phase Leg

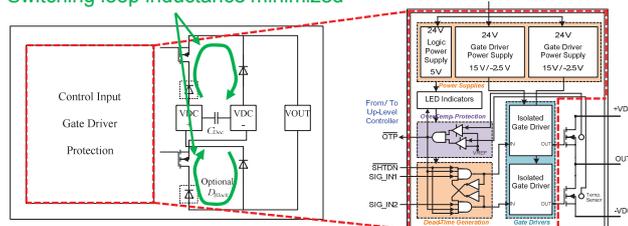


Si Phase Leg



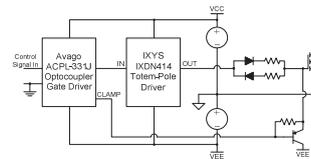
Module layout

Switching loop inductance minimized



Integrated functions

Gate drive w/ Miller clamp



Suppressing cross-talk effect



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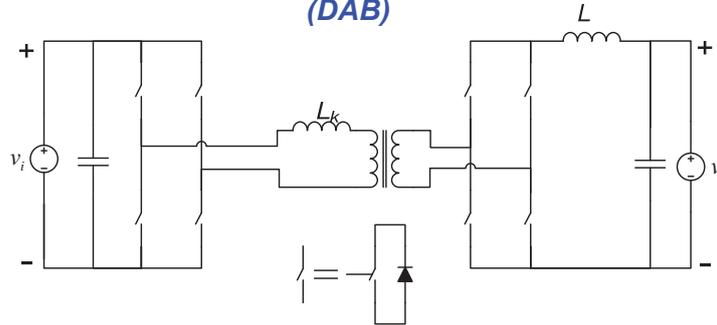
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600 V Si CoolMOS vs. 1200 V SiC MOSFET: High-Frequency Converter Comparison

High-frequency dual-active-bridge (DAB)



- Isolated DC-DC converter, bidirectional power flow
 - Input & output DC bus:
300 V for Si CoolMOS, 600 V for SiC MOSFETs
 - Same output power: 5 kW full-load
 - Switching frequency: 100 kHz, 250 kHz, 500 kHz
 - Device loss distribution calculated based on loss-less DAB model



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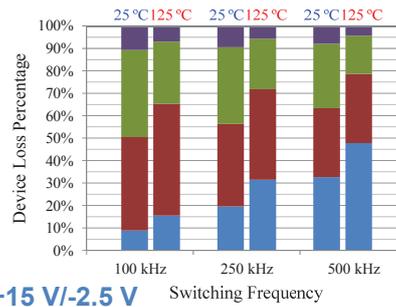
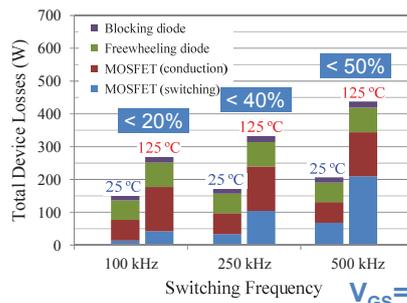
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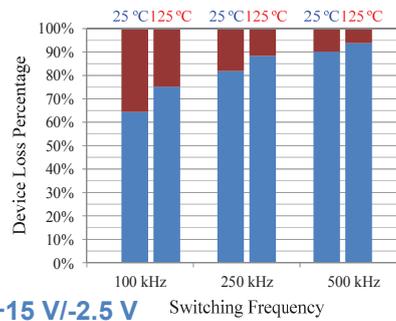
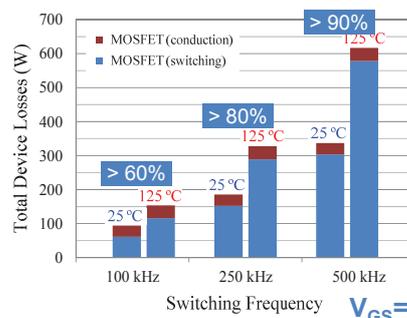


600 V Si CoolMOS vs. 1200 V SiC MOSFET: Device Loss Distribution

**600 V
Si CoolMOS
PEBB
(300 V bus)**



**1200 V
SiC MOSFET
PEBB
(600 V bus)**



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Brief Summary: SiC MOSFET Under High-Frequency Operation

• Si CoolMOS vs. SiC MOSFETs

	Si CoolMOS (600 V, 46 A)	SiC MOSFET (1200 V, 20 A)
V_{GS}	0 – 10 V	-5 – 20 V
$R_{DS(on)}$	Larger; Increases by > 200% at 125 °C	Smaller; Increases by < 200% at 200 °C
Junction caps	4x higher C_{ISS} ; Slightly higher C_{RSS} , C_{OSS}	1/4x lower C_{ISS} ; Slightly lower C_{RSS} , C_{OSS}
g_{fs}	Much higher	Much lower
E_{sw}	Lower	Higher (when driving with +15 V/-2.5 V)

What about
newer-generation
SiC MOSFETs?



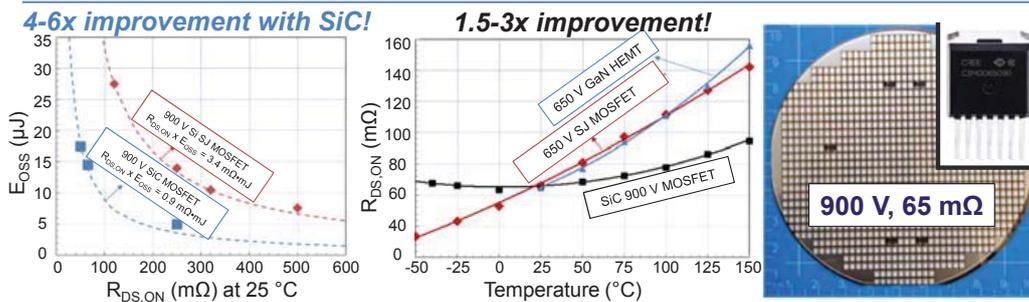
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Industry's first 900 V SiC MOSFET vs. 900 V Si CoolMOS.



Key Parameters	Cree 900V C3M0065090J	CoolMOS™ 900V
RDS(ON) @ 25C	65 mΩ	280 mΩ
RDS(ON) @ 150C	90 mΩ	760 mΩ
Peak Current	90 A	34 A
Qg	30 nC	94 nC
Ciss	660 pF	2400 pF
Qrr	131 nC	11,000 nC
Trr	16 ns	510 ns



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http://apps.richardsonfpd.com/Mktg/Cree_900V_SiC-MOSFET.html

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Industry's first 900 V SiC MOSFET vs. 650 V Si CoolMOS.

220 W LED driver using Si SJ MOSFETs



	650 V CoolMOS (2-Stage)	900 V SiC MOSFET (Single Stage)
Input voltage Range	120-277V AC	120-277V AC
Output Voltage Range	150-210V DC	150-210V DC
Max Output Current	1.45 A	1.45 A
Peak Efficiency	93.5 %	94.4 %
Input THD	< 20%	< 20%
Output Current Ripple	>0.95	>0.95
Output Current Ripple	±5 %	±10 %
Size	220 x 52 x 30 mm	140 x 50 x 30 mm
Weight	2.7 lbs / 1.3 kg	1.1 lbs / 0.5 kg
Relative cost	1	0.85



220 W LED driver using Wolfspeed C3M SiC MOSFETs

→ 1 % higher efficiency

→ 40 % size reduction

→ 60 % weight reduction

→ 15 % BOM cost reduction



v. Pala, et al., "900 V silicon carbide MOSFETs for breakthrough power supply design," IEEE ECCE, pp. 4145-4150, 2015.

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g_{fs}	Much higher	Much lower
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• Suitable applications for SiC MOSFETs

- High DC bus voltage (> 400 V)
- High power
- High junction temperature
- 10 kHz < frequency < 100 kHz

To replace state-of-the-art Si IGBTs

- Increase switching frequency
- Reduce conduction/switching losses



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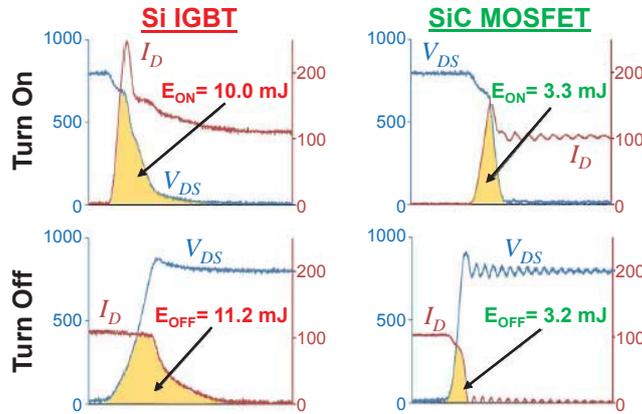
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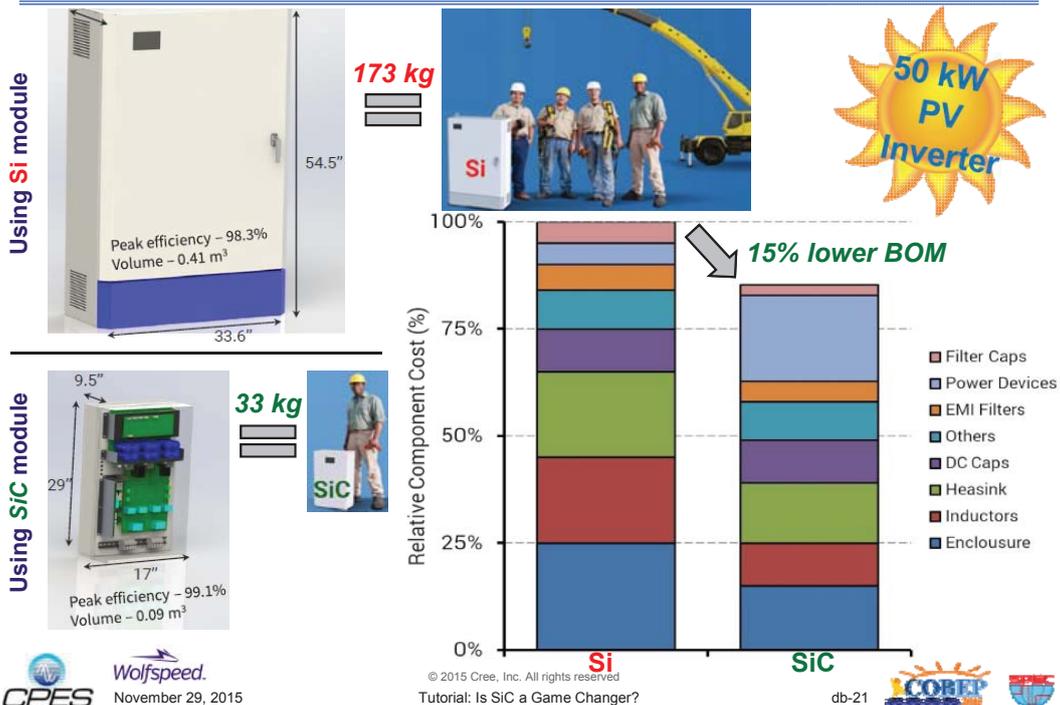
SiC MOSFET 6-Pack vs. Si IGBT (FS50R12KT4)

Switching test at 800 V, 100 A, and $T_j = 150\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.



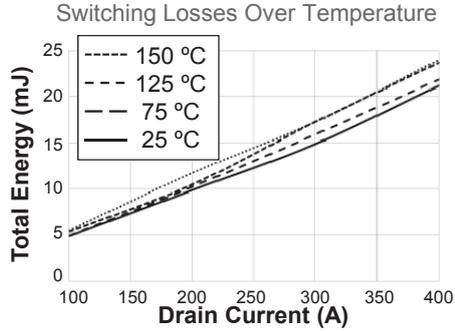
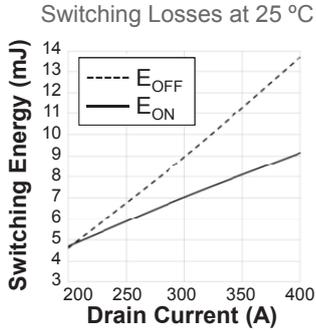
- Unlike Si IGBTs, SiC MOSFETs do not have a tail current. This results in significantly **lower turn-on switching losses**.
- SiC MOSFETs enable **increased switching frequency**, which **reduces** the **size, weight, and BOM cost** of power electronic systems.

SiC MOSFETs reduce the converter size and weight, and lower system costs.



SiC MOSFET switching losses are $< 1/10^{\text{th}}$ that of Si IGBT.

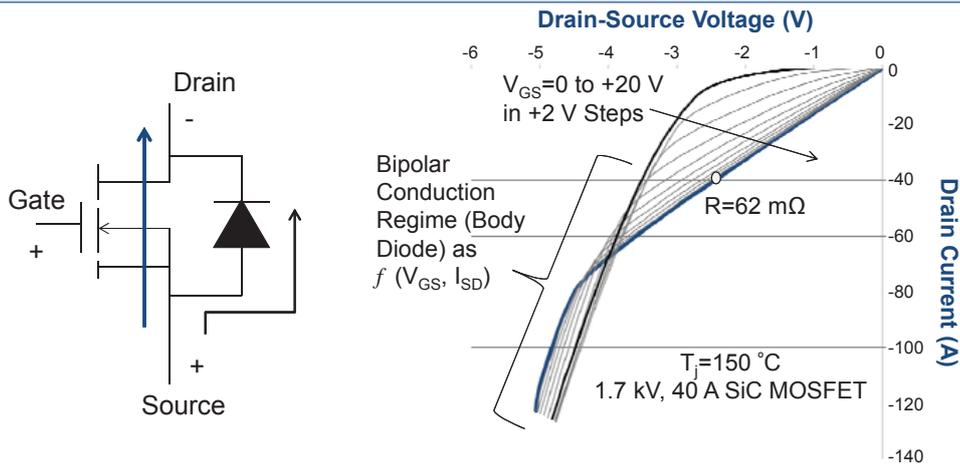
1.7 kV, 240 A SiC MOSFET Module Switching Test at $V_{\text{DS}} = 900 \text{ V}$, $R_{\text{G}} = 4.3 \ \Omega$



Module Type	Switching Test Conditions	E_{ON} (mJ)	E_{OFF} (mJ)	E_{REC} (mJ)	E_{SUM} (mJ)
1.7 kV SiC MOSFET	900 V, 400 A, 125 °C, $R_{\text{ON}}=R_{\text{OFF}}=4.3 \ \Omega$	10	14	4	28
1.7 kV Si IGBT (FS450R17KE3)	900 V, 400 A, 125 °C, $R_{\text{ON}}=R_{\text{OFF}}=3.3 \ \Omega$	130	130	100	360

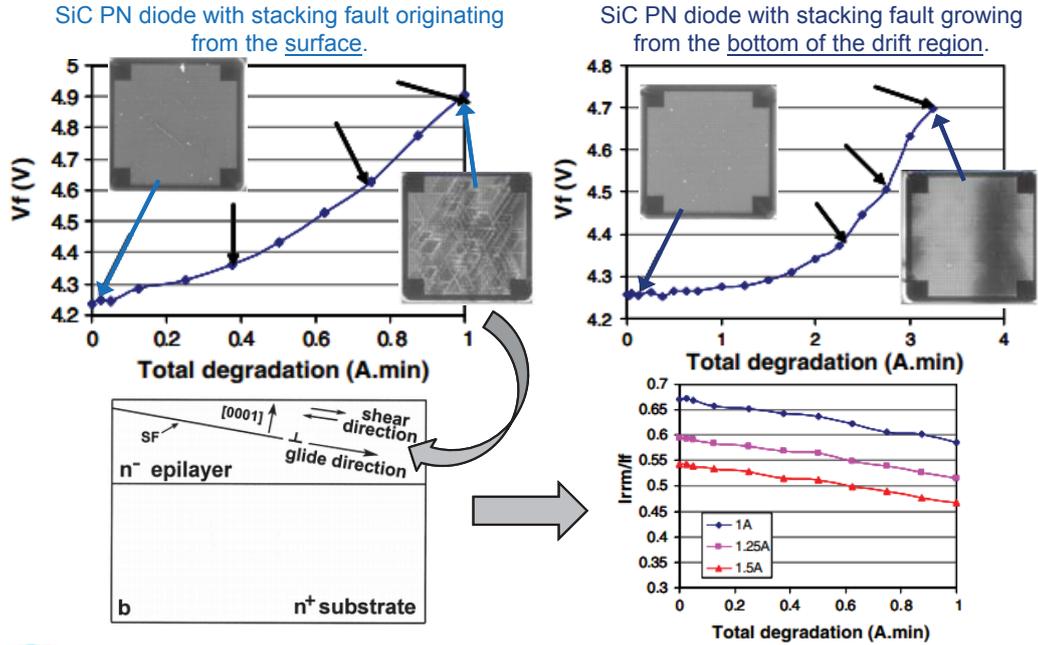
> 10x lower!

SiC MOSFETs offer symmetric reverse conduction for synchronous rectification.



- The **body diode** of the SiC MOSFET is ideal for **synchronous rectification**.
- Using the body diode **eliminates** the need for an external **anti-parallel diode**, which increases the floor space thereby allowing for **higher-current modules**.

Previously, stacking faults resulted in degradation in SiC PN junctions.



R. Singh, "Reliability and performance limitations in SiC power devices," *Microelectronics Rel.*, vol. 46, pp. 713-730, 2006.

J. Liu, et al., "Structure of recombination-induced stacking faults in high-voltage SiC p-n junctions," *Appl. Physics Lett.*, vol. 80, no. 5, pp. 749-751, 2002.

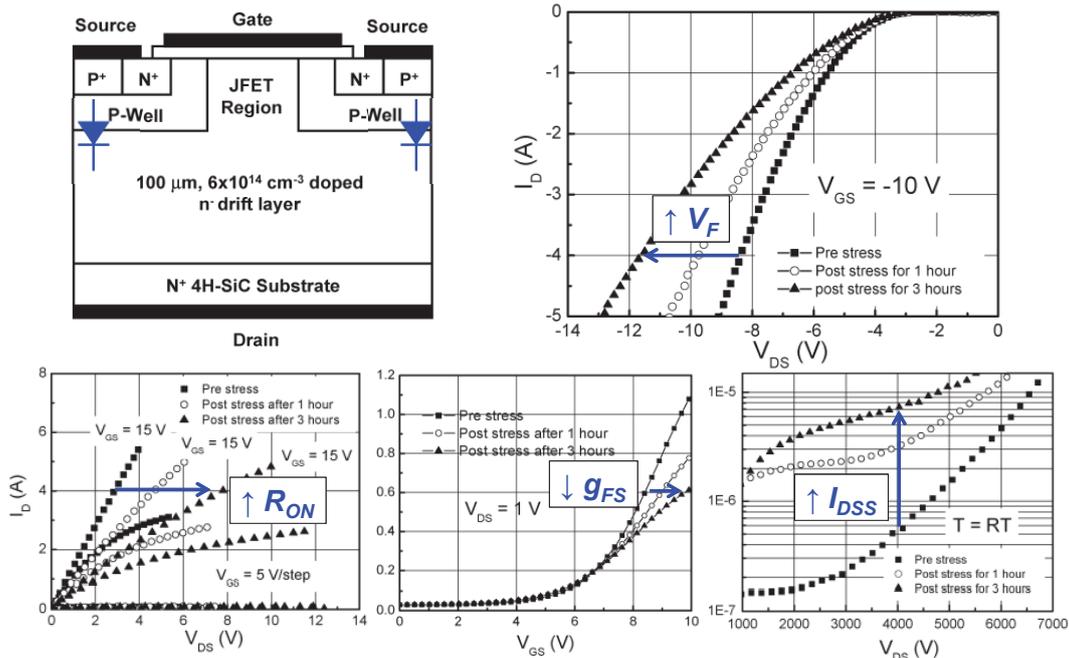
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These faults were observed to degrade high-voltage SiC MOSFETs during body diode stressing.



A. Agarwal, et al., "A new degradation mechanism in high-voltage SiC power MOSFETs," *IEEE Electron. Device Lett.*, vol. 28, no. 7, pp. 587-589, 2007.

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There were also concerns about the gate oxide reliability, especially under high temperature conditions.

SiC MOSFET

- Lower channel mobility
- Smaller effective barrier height
- Higher interface state densities...

- Time-dependent dielectric-breakdown
- Gate oxide defects
- Gate threshold voltage shift

(A. Agarwal, 1997) (R. Singh, 2004, 2007) (A. Lelis, 2008, 2011) (M. Das, 2011)

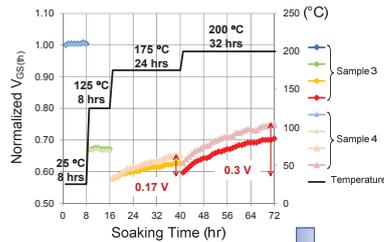
Device terminal behaviors under both high V_{GS} and high T_J ?

SiC MOS die in HT package

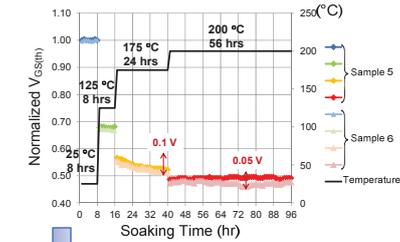


x2 for each test condition

HT gate biasing test ($T_J = 200^\circ\text{C}$, $V_{GS} = 20\text{ VDC}$)



HT gate switching test ($T_J = 200^\circ\text{C}$, $V_{GS} = -4/20\text{ V}$ at 70 kHz)



Other device parameters

$V_{GS(th)}$	26% ↑	7% ↓
I_{DSS}	Negligible change	
$R_{DS(on)}$	Negligible change	
C_{ISS}	5% ↓	3% ↓

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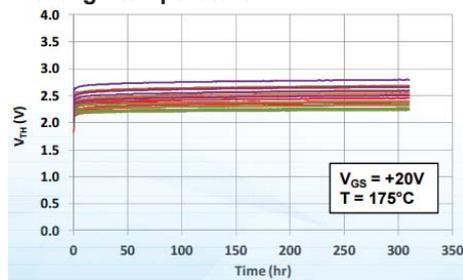
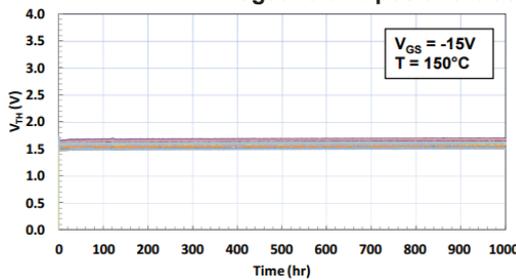
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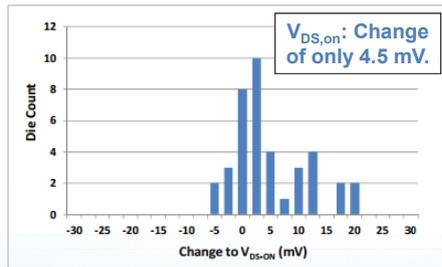
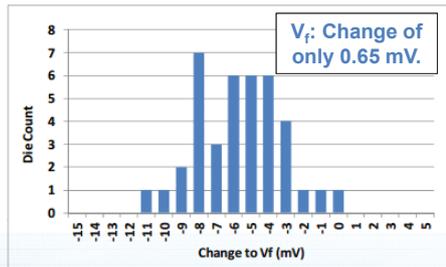


It has been shown that the gate oxide and body diode of newer-generation SiC MOSFETs are stable.

Threshold voltage stability of Wolfspeed's C2M0080120D SiC MOSFETs at negative and positive bias under high temperature.



Body diode stability of Wolfspeed's C2M0080120D SiC MOSFETs at 10 A, 150 °C.



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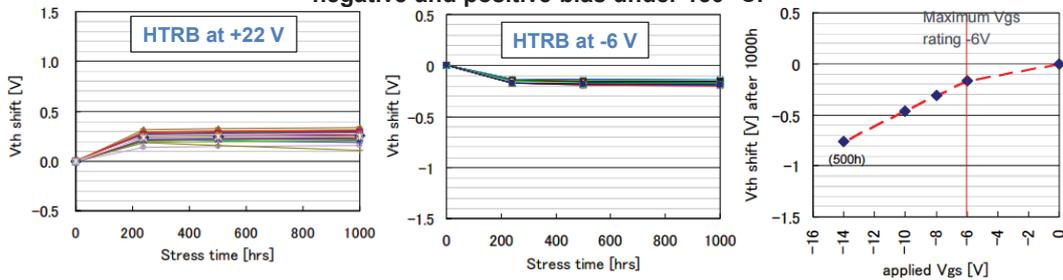
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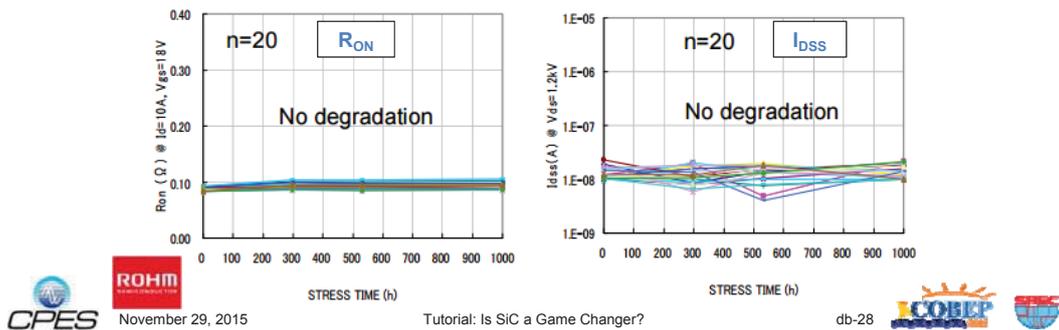


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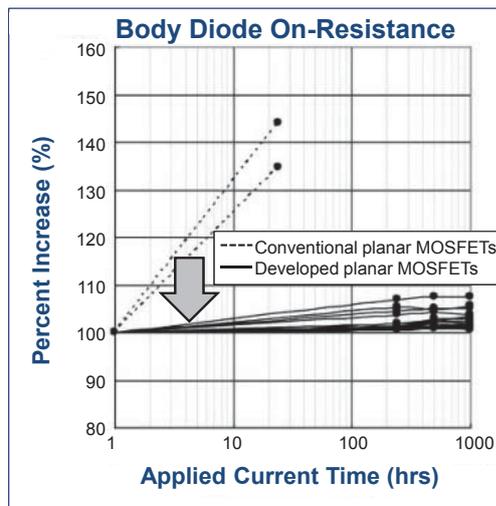
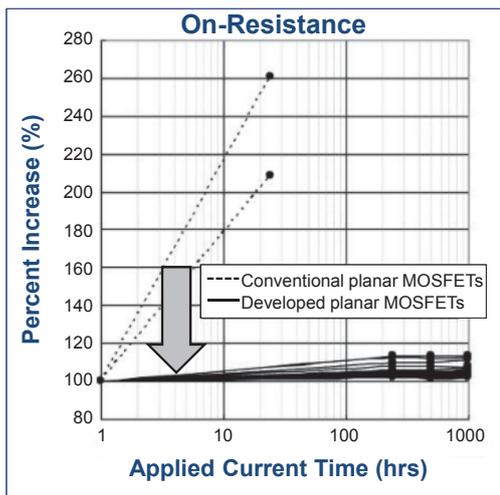
Threshold voltage stability of ROHM's Gen. 2 SiC MOSFETs at negative and positive bias under 150 °C.



Body diode stability of ROHM's SCT2080KE SiC MOSFETs at 8 A, 25 °C.

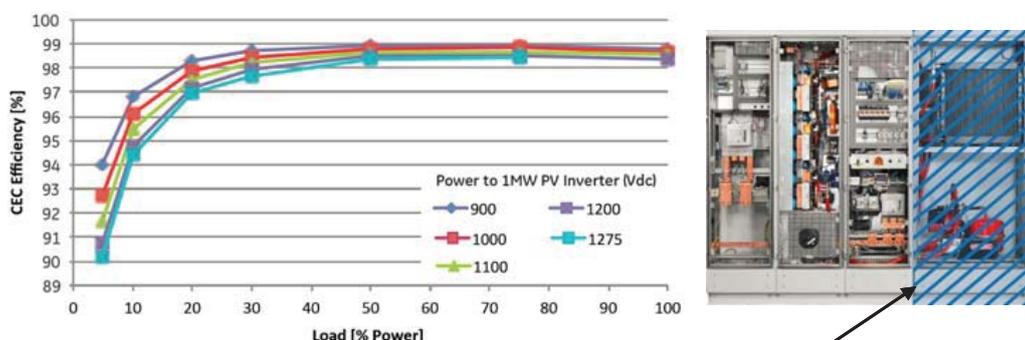


Body diode reliability can be achieved with improved substrate, epitaxy, and device fabrication processes.



1 % higher CEC efficiency is achieved when using SiC MOSFETs (without JBS) instead of Si IGBTs.

1 MW, 2L PV inverter switching at 8 kHz with 1.7 kV SiC MOSFET modules.



- 99.4 % module efficiency
- Outstanding CEC* efficiency, approaching 99.0 %
- 50 % lower losses → air cooling
- Simpler system for lower manufacturing cost

*CEC= California Energy Commission. The Commission sets standards for appliances and buildings in order to promote energy efficiency, among other responsibilities.



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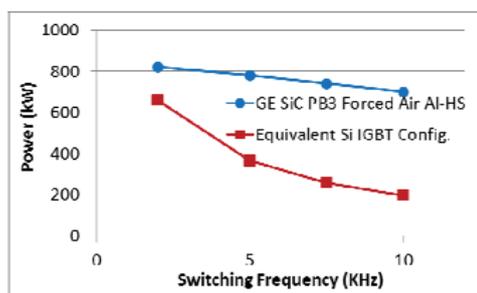


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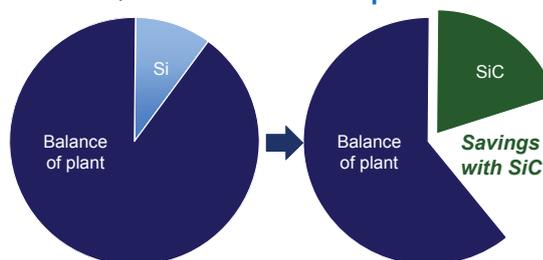
Less heat to manage
50% lower power losses vs. IGBT

Operate at higher temp
50°C higher junction temp. vs. IGBT

Higher frequency
10X higher frequency vs. IGBT



Qualitative Cost Comparison



- Not necessary for SiC to be at Si cost
- Focus on high power, high volume apps where SiC offers attractive value proposition



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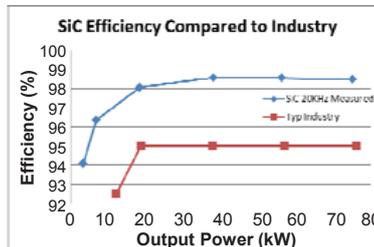
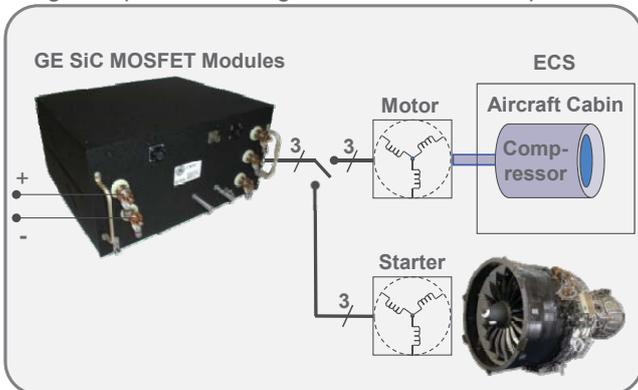
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A 75 kW aviation converter with 98.5 % efficiency at 20 kHz is realized using SiC MOSFETs.

$$V_{IN} = \pm 270V_{DC}, V_{OUT} = 220V_{LN}, P_{OUT} = 75kW, F_{FUND_MAX} = 1.8kHz$$

High freq. drive for engine start + ECS compressor



- 50 %** smaller inverter size and weight
- 70 %** lower losses liquid → air cooled
- 500 lb** less per aircraft

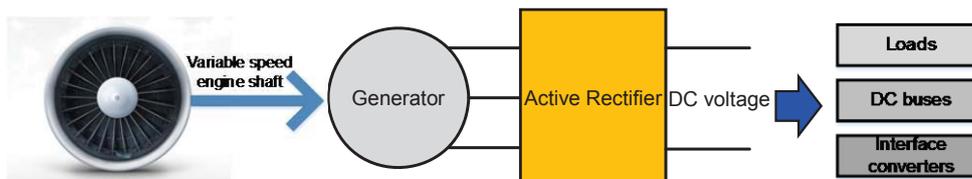


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99 % - Efficient Rectifiers for Aerospace Applications



Target Specifications	
Input RMS Voltage	230 V (L-N)
Input Frequency	360 Hz ~ 800 Hz
Output DC Voltage	650 V
Nominal Power	3 kW
Cooling	Free Convection
Efficiency	99 % at Full Load

According to a loss estimation, the **highest efficiency** could be achieved using **SiC MOSFETs**.



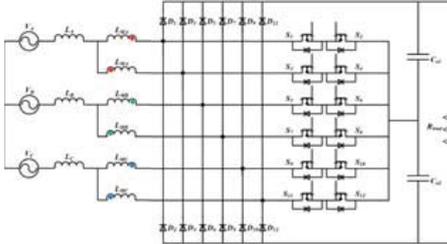
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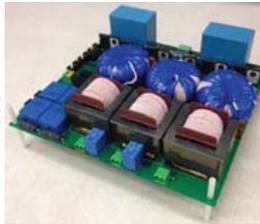


99 % - Efficient 3 kW SiC Vienna Rectifier for Aerospace

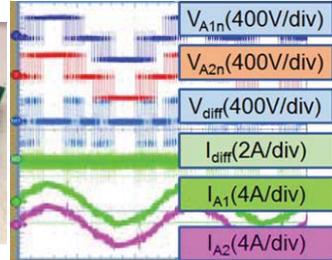
Interleaved VR Circuit Diagram



Converter Prototype



Experimental Waveforms

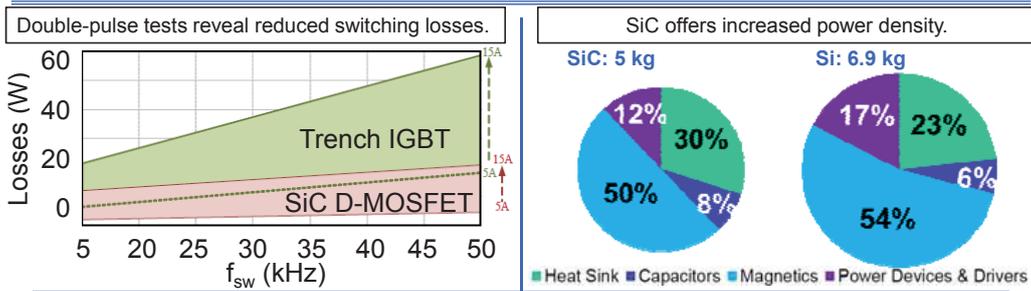


- All switches implemented with SiC devices
- Total measured loss is 22.4 W (**99.26% efficiency** at 3 kW output power **without active cooling**)
- Device case/surface temperatures without active cooling at room-temperature ambient (22 °C):

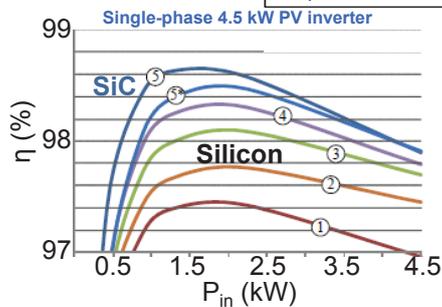
- ❖ SiC MOSFET: **53 °C**
- ❖ SiC Schottky Diode: **74 °C**
- ❖ Boost inductor: 35 °C
- ❖ Coupled inductor: 37 °C



SiC has shown numerous benefits over Si.



Improved efficiency has been proven when using SiC.



Dual 52.8 kW interleaved bidirectional IGBT converter

Component	Type	SiC Losses	Si Losses
Power modules	Switching	673 W	1586 W
	Conduction	459 W	398 W
Drivers	Driver	73 W	10 W
Magnetic components	Inductor	134 W	230 W
	IPT	124 W	160 W
	Total	1,463 W	2,384 W

How do the SiC devices compare to one another?



SiC Devices

	Device	Advantages	Disadvantages	Voltage Rating
Unipolar	DMOSFET	Scalable	MOS Interface	0.4 kV – 15 kV
	Trench MOSFET	High V_{TH} , Low R_{ON}	High Electric Field	0.6 kV – 1.2 kV
	Normally-On JFET	High Temp.	Normally-On	1.2 kV – 6.5 kV
	Normally-Off JFET	Normally-Off	High R_{ON}	1.2 kV – 6.5 kV
Bipolar	BJT	No Gate Oxide	Current Driven	1.2 kV – 10 kV
	IGBT	High Voltage	Reliability	15 kV – 27 kV
	GTO	Low Conduction Loss	Difficult Control	> 8 kV
	Schottky Diode	No Reverse Recovery	High Leakage	0.1 kV – 8 kV
	JBS Diode	Low Leakage	High Forward Voltage	0.65 kV – 10 kV
	PiN Diode	Forward Voltage	Degradation	10 kV

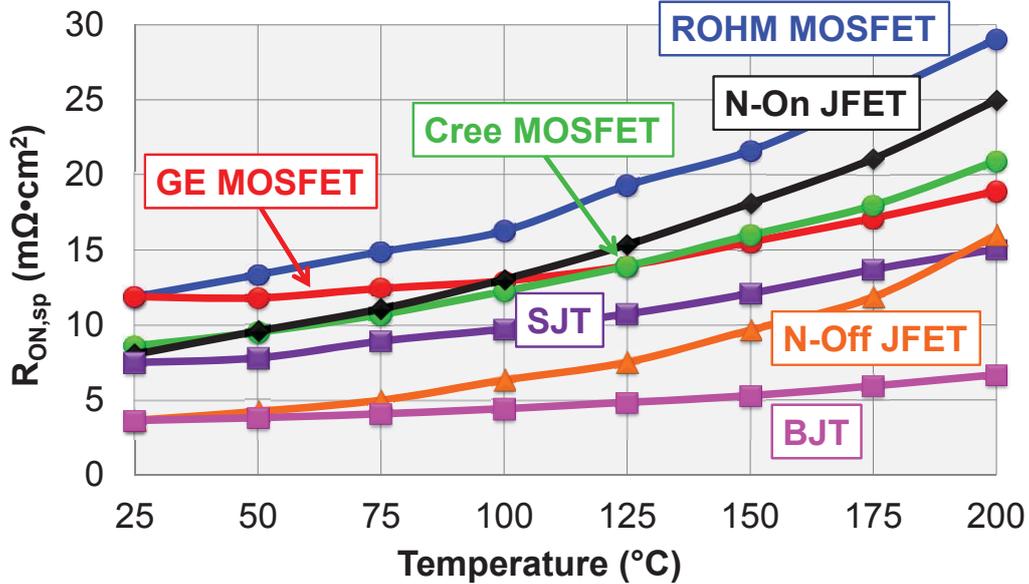
SiC Device Comparative Characterization

	Device	Continuous Current Rating*	T_{MAX} *	Normalized Die Area**
	SiC MOSFET (C2M0080120D)	20 A (100 °C)	150 °C	1.00
	SiC MOSFET (SCH2080KE)	22 A (100 °C)	150 °C	1.21
	SiC MOSFET (GE12N20L)	22.5 A (100 °C)	200 °C	0.97
	SiC BJT (FSICBH057A120)	15 A	175 °C	0.64
	SiC SJT (GA10JT12)	6 A (25 °C)	175 °C	0.33
	N-On SiC JFET (IJW120R100T1)	10 A (\leq 150 °C)	175 °C	1.29
	N-Off SiC JFET (SJEP120R100)	17 A (100 °C)	150 °C	0.43

*Ratings from the device datasheet.

**Normalized to the die area of the Cree C2M0080120D SiC MOSFET.
(C. DiMarino, 2014)

SiC Switch Comparative Characterization: Specific On-Resistance vs. Temperature



* $R_{ON,sp} = R_{ON} \times \text{Die Area}$

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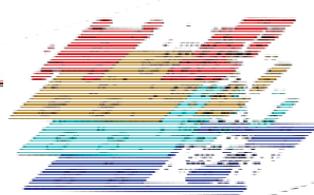


Modeling of Switching Behavior

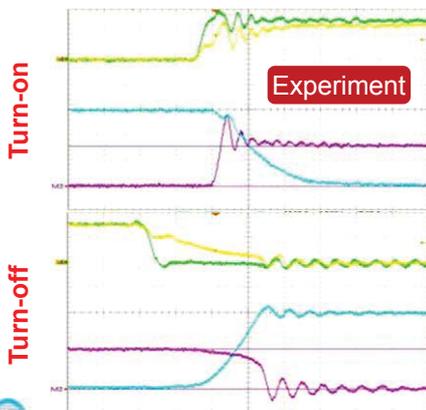
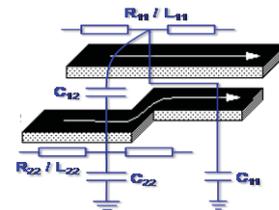
Double-pulse Tester



Geometry Model



Extraction of Impedances



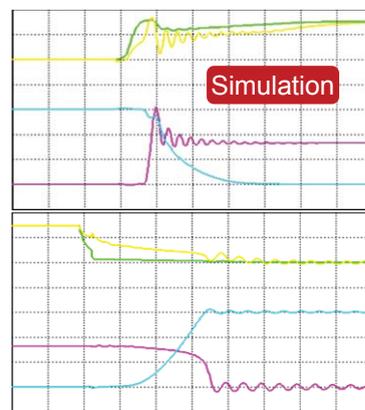
V_{drive}
(10 V/div)

V_{gs}
(10 V/div)

V_{ds}
(200 V/div)

I_d
(5 A/div)

(Z. Chen, 2009)



Simulation



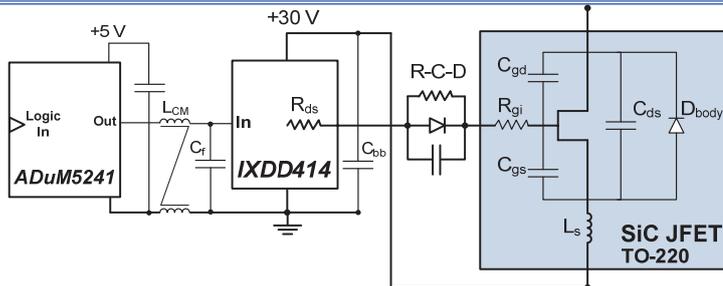
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Design of a 0-Ω Gate Drive for 1.2 kV SiC Normally-On JFET



V_{DS} : 100 x Probe, 2500 V, P5100
 V_{GS} : 10 x Probe, 300 V, P6139A
 I_D : 0.1 Ω Coaxial Shunt SDN-10



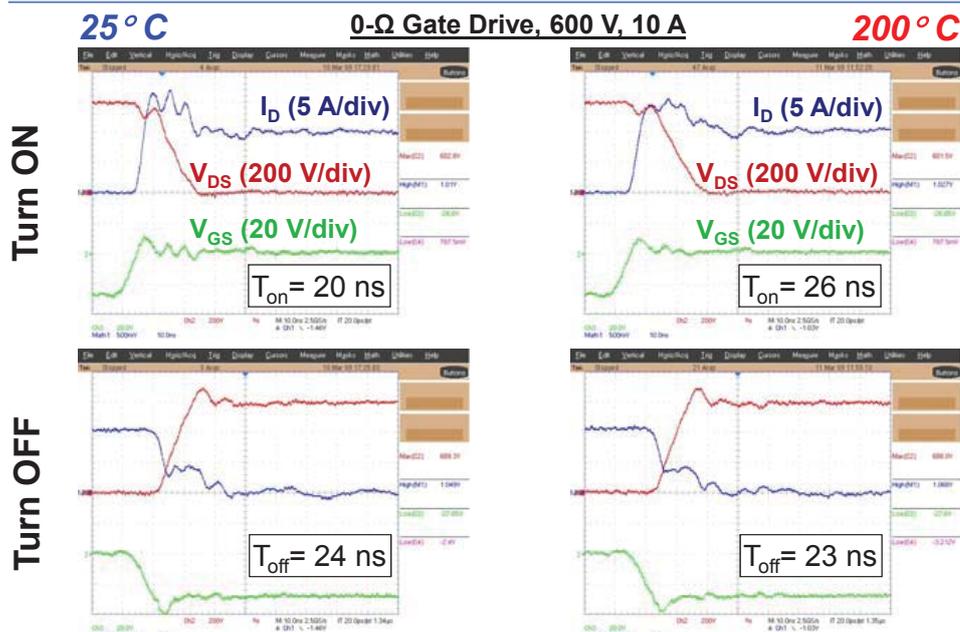
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Switching of SiC Normally-On JFET at Different Temperatures



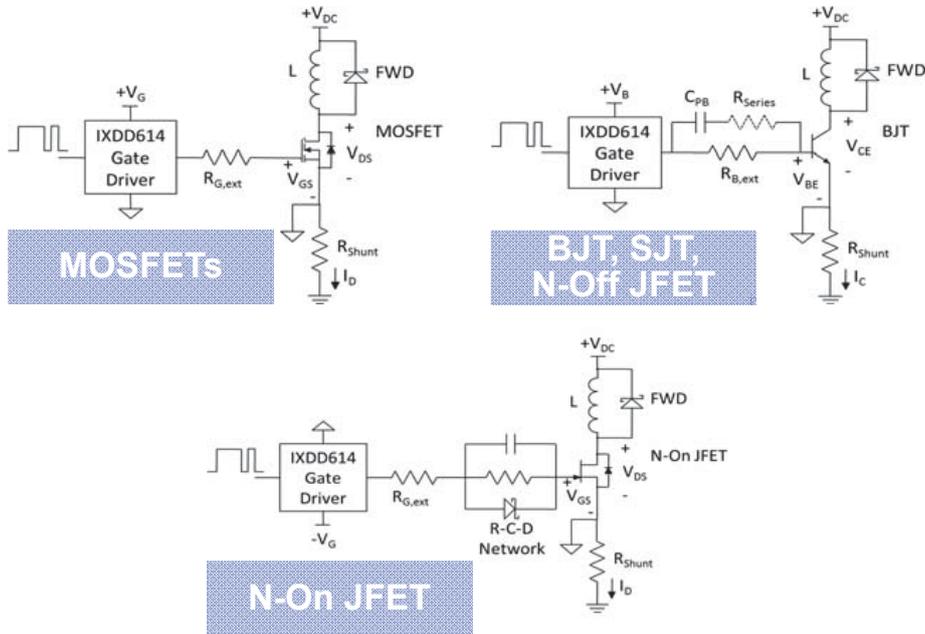
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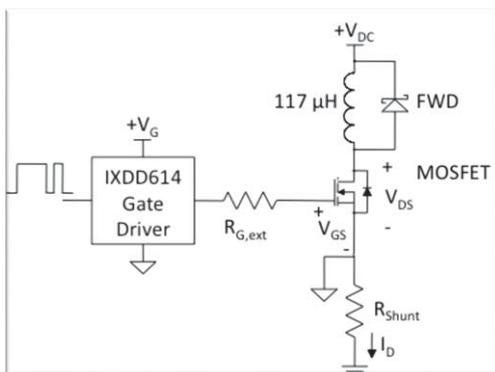
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Minimal modifications are made to the driving circuits to allow for fair comparisons.

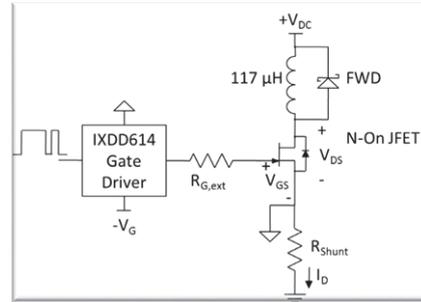
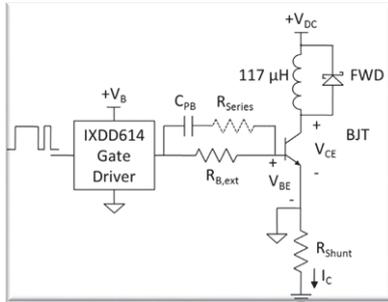


Driving Method for the SiC MOSFETs



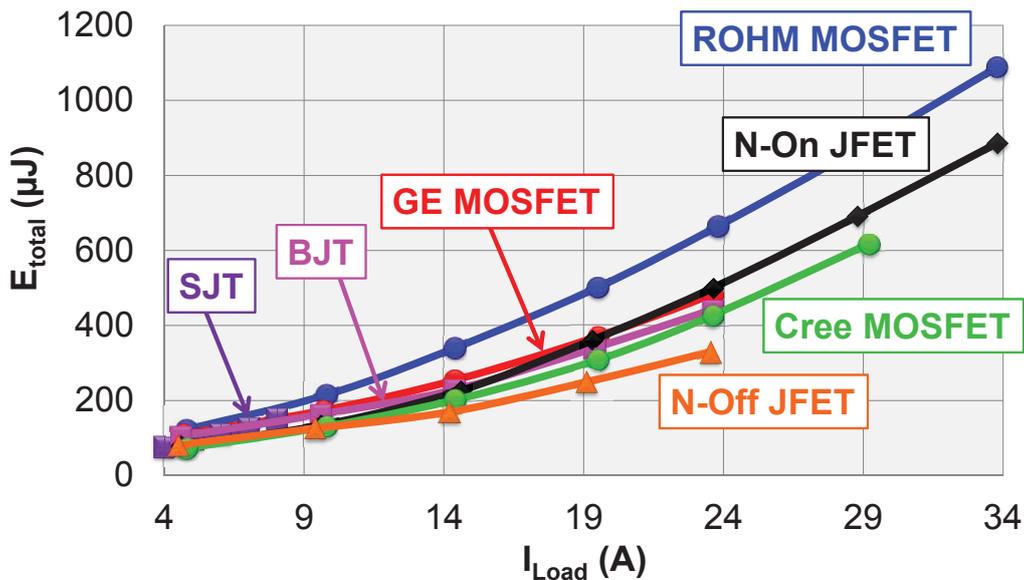
Mfg.	Part #	$R_{G,ext}$	R_{total}
CREE	CMF20120D	2.5 Ω	7.5 Ω
	C2M0080120D	2.5 Ω	7.4 Ω
GE	GE12N20L	5 Ω	7.4 Ω
ROHM	SCT2080KE	0 Ω	7.3 Ω

Driving Methods for the SiC BJT, SJT, and JFETs



Device	V_{drive}	C_{PB}	$R_{G,ext}$	R_{series}
BJT	0 V - 20 V	47 nF	30 Ω	3 Ω
SJT	0 V - 20 V	47 nF	30 Ω	0 Ω
N-Off JFET	0 V - 20 V	47 nF	30 Ω	3 Ω
N-On JFET	-19 V - 0 V	N/A	3.3 Ω	N/A

SiC Switch Comparative Characterization: Switching Energy vs. Load Current

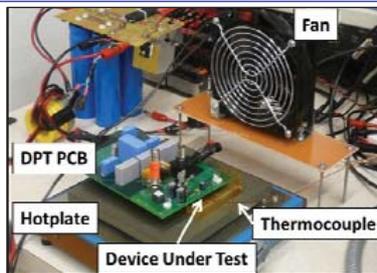


$V_{DC} = 600$ V. Driver losses not included.

The switching loss of SiC transistors is independent of temperature.

For ΔT of 175 °C (from 25 °C to 200 °C)

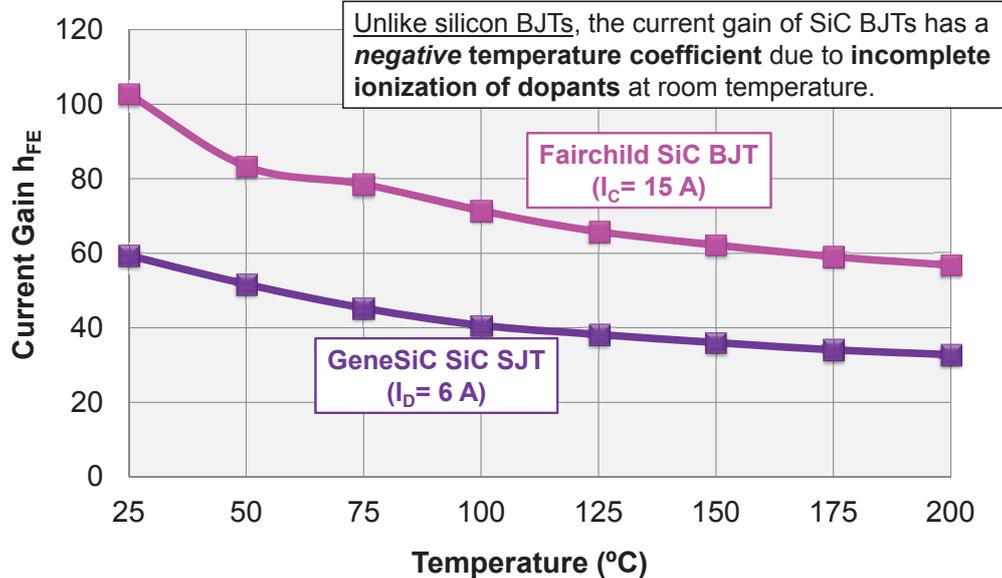
Device	ΔE_{ON}	ΔE_{OFF}	ΔE_{TOT}
Cree MOSFET	↓	↑	↓ 6 %
ROHM MOSFET	↓	↑	↓ 8 %
GE MOSFET	↓	↑	constant
BJT	↓	↓	↓ 6 %
SJT	↓	↓	↓ 14 %
N-Off JFET	↑	constant	↑ 11 %
N-On JFET	constant	↓	↓ 11 %



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The SiC BJT and SJT have high current gains with a negative temperature coefficient.



* h_{FE} taken at $V_{CE} = 5$ V.

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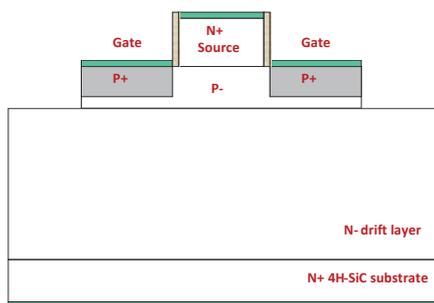


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Silicon Carbide Junction Transistor (SJT)



- Lowest $V_{DS(ON)}$ as compared to any other commercial SiC switch
- Best-in-class temperature independent switching
- Positive temperature coefficient for easy paralleling
- Gate oxide free SiC switch = high operating temperature
- Avalanche-capable, short-circuit rated
- Easy to drive using commercial drivers
- Suitable for connecting anti-parallel diode
- Low gate charge, low intrinsic capacitance
- High yielding, smaller size, lower cost



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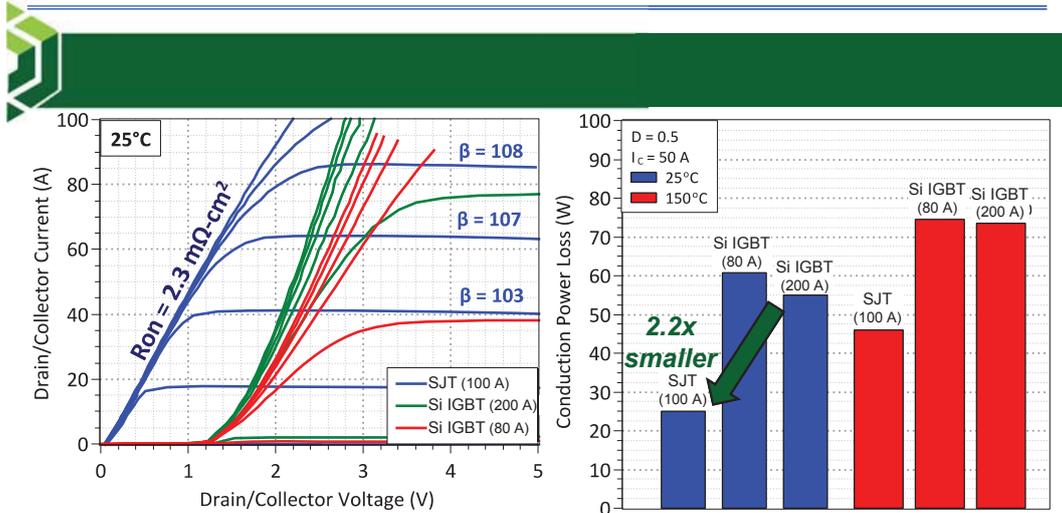
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1700 V SJT vs. Si IGBT: Conduction Loss



- Benchmarked with best-in-class 40-75 A 1700 V Si IGBTs
- The **SJT's V_F is 50% lower** than either IGBT at high operating temperatures
- The **conduction power loss** of the SiC SJT is **2.2x smaller** than the Si IGBT during 25 °C operation



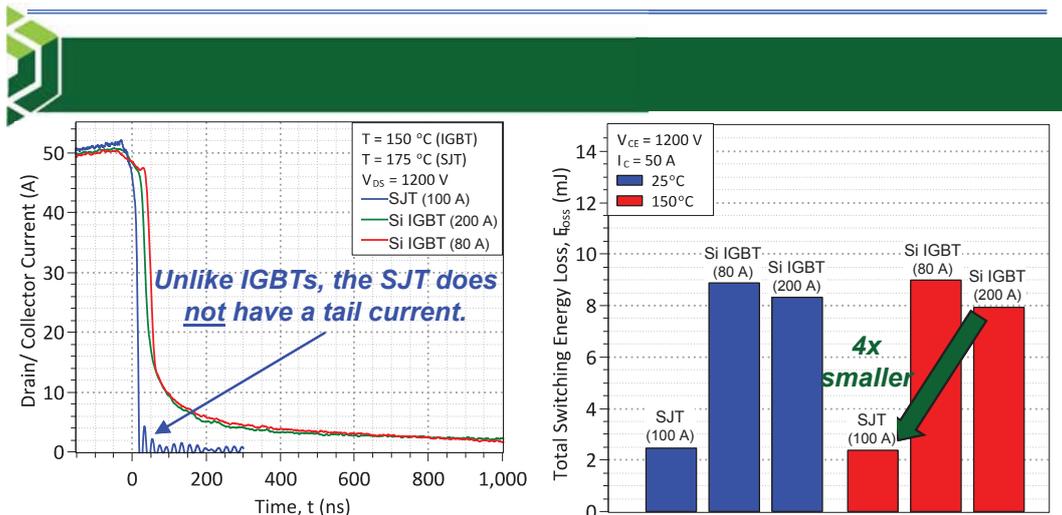
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1700 V SJT vs. Si IGBT: Turn-Off Loss



- SJT shows **MOSFET-like** fast turn-off waveforms, due to unipolar operation
- SiC SJT offers the **lowest switching energy loss** at all temperatures due to:
 - Small chip size
 - Lack of minority charge storage (also resulting in temperature invariant switching)



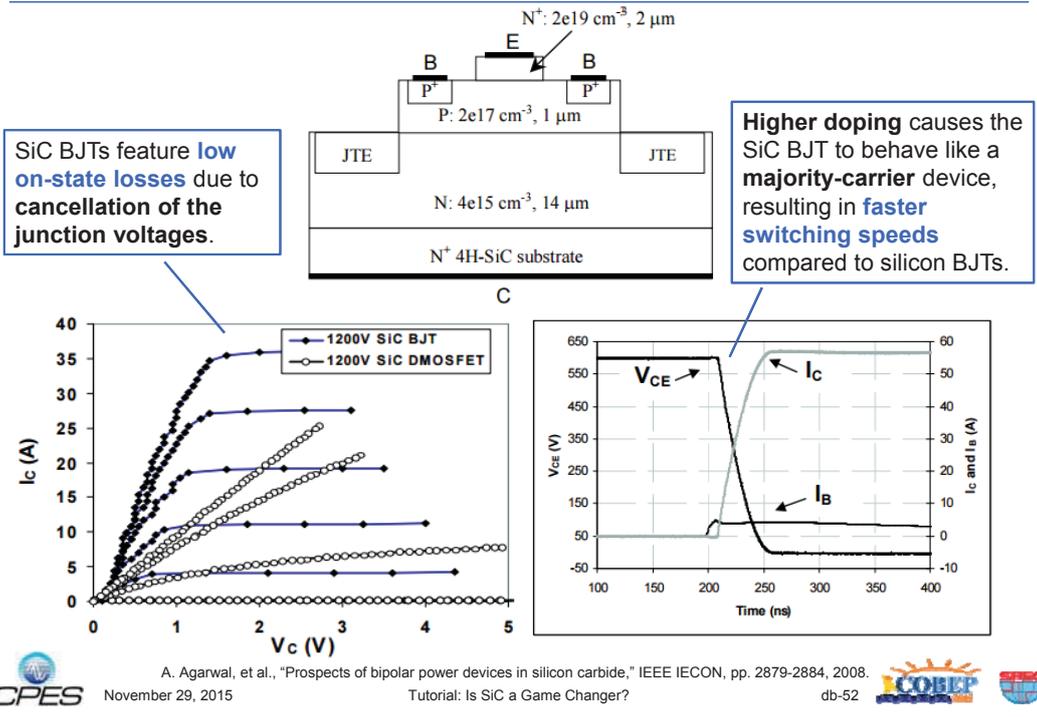
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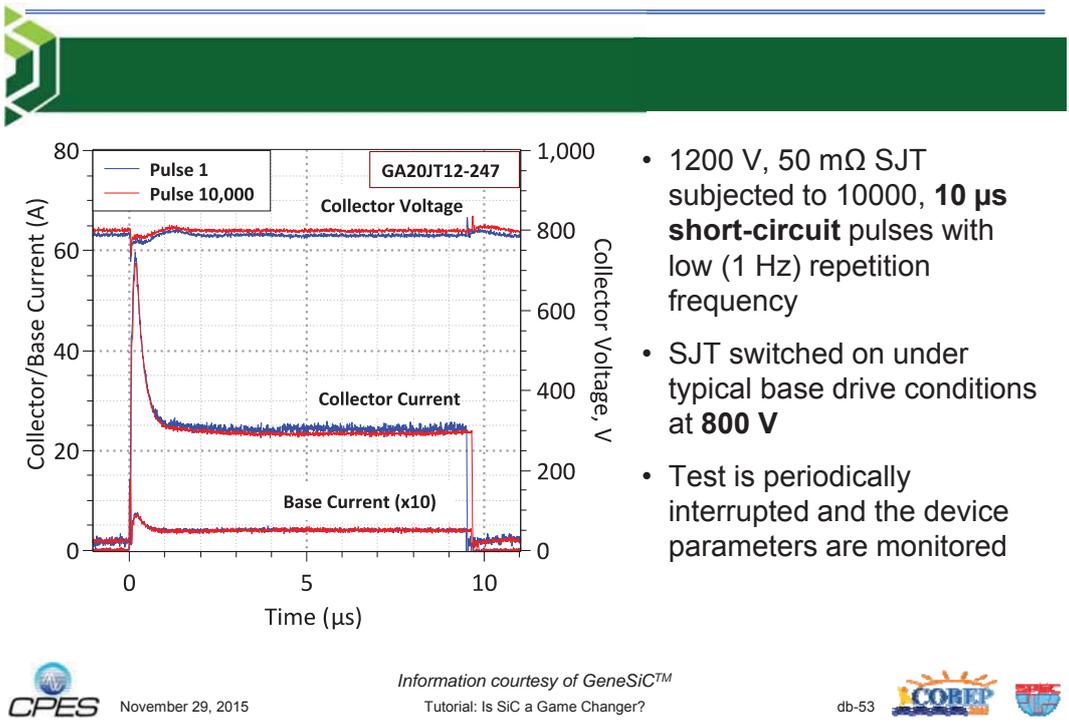
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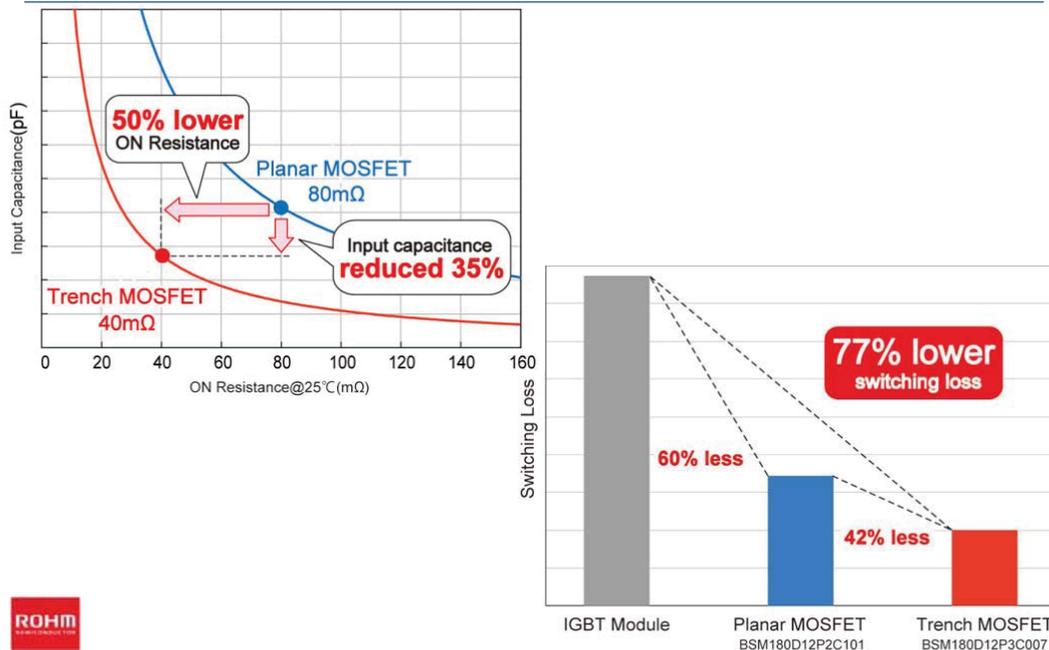
Why does the SiC BJT behave like a MOSFET?



SJT Repetitive Short-Circuit at 800 V



The 1.2 kV double-trench SiC MOSFET shows promising advantages over planar SiC MOSFETs.



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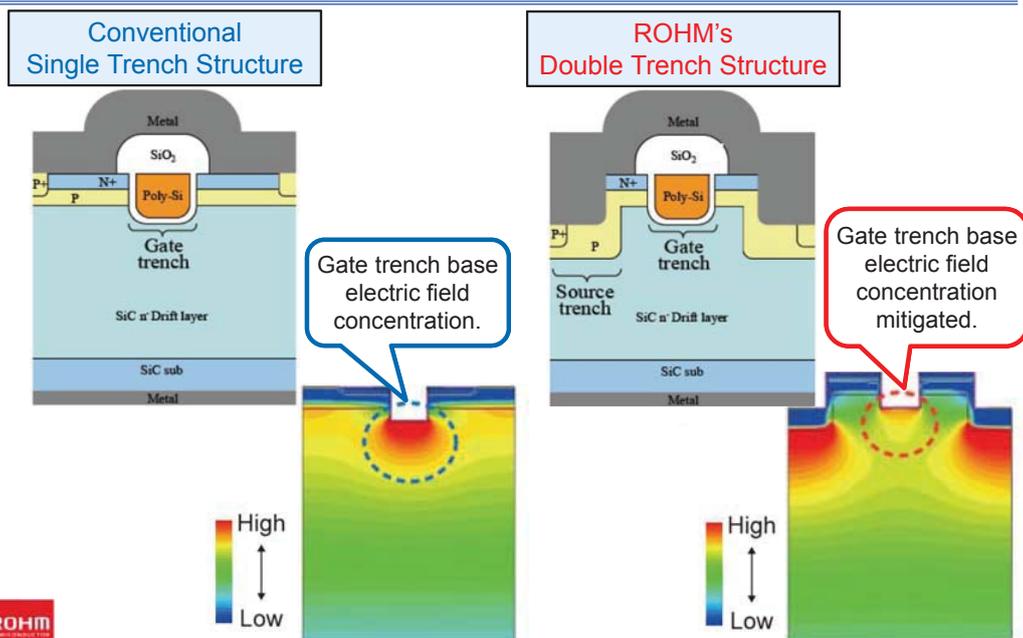
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The double-trench structure reduces the electric field at the gate.



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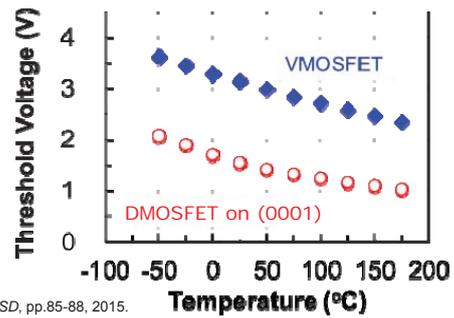
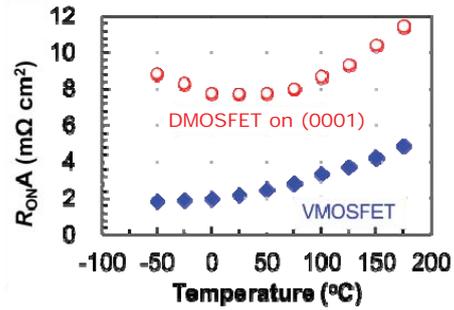
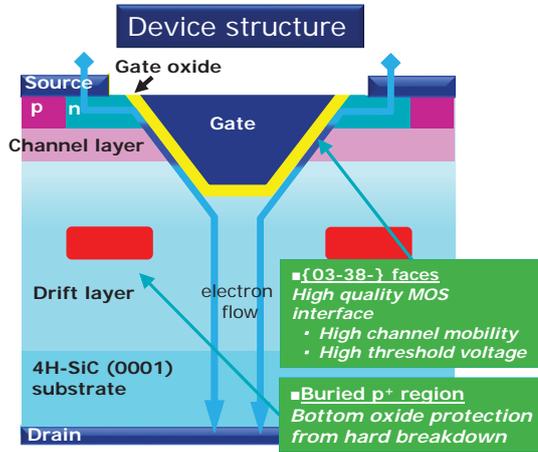
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1200 V "V-groove" 4H-SiC MOSFET

- Unique high-mobility channel
- Lower $R_{DS(on)}$ with high blocking voltage

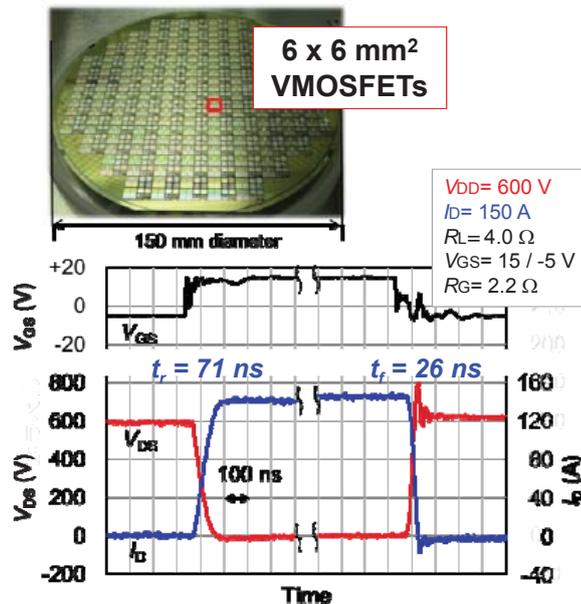
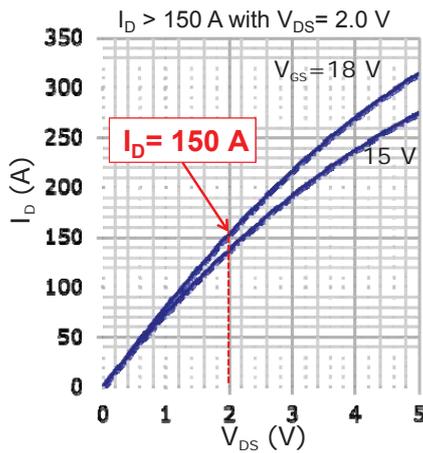


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I-V Characteristics of 6 x 6 mm² VMOSFET



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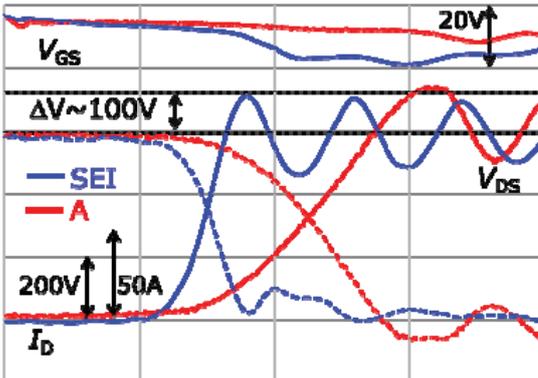
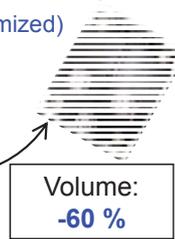
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Low-Inductance, 2-in-1 Module for 1200 V VMOSFET

Items	SiC MOSFET		Si IGBT
	New	IGBT compatible	
I_D	100 A	100 A	100 A
$R_{DS(on)}$	12 mΩ	18 m Ω	(21 m Ω)
$E_{on} + E_{off}$	1.1 mJ	4.8 mJ	14.5 mJ

IGBT compatible

New (Customized)



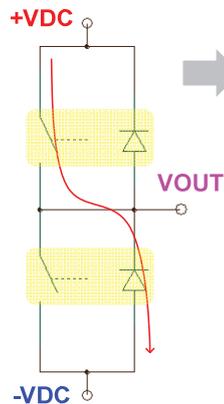
	SiC MOSFET		
	SEI	A	B
R_G	1.0 Ω	4.7 Ω	6.7 Ω
t_f	20 ns	58 ns	46 ns
$t_{d(off)}$	59 ns	79 ns	138 ns
ΔV	100 V	110 V	110 V

$V_{DS}=600$ V, $I_D=100$ A, $R_G=1$ Ω ,
 $V_{GS}=-5$ V/ +15 V, $T_J=25$ $^{\circ}$ C, Resistive mode

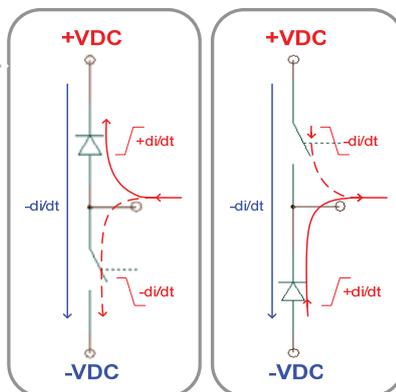
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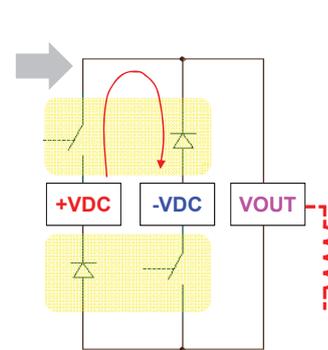
Conventional Layout



Switch Pairs in a Phase-Leg



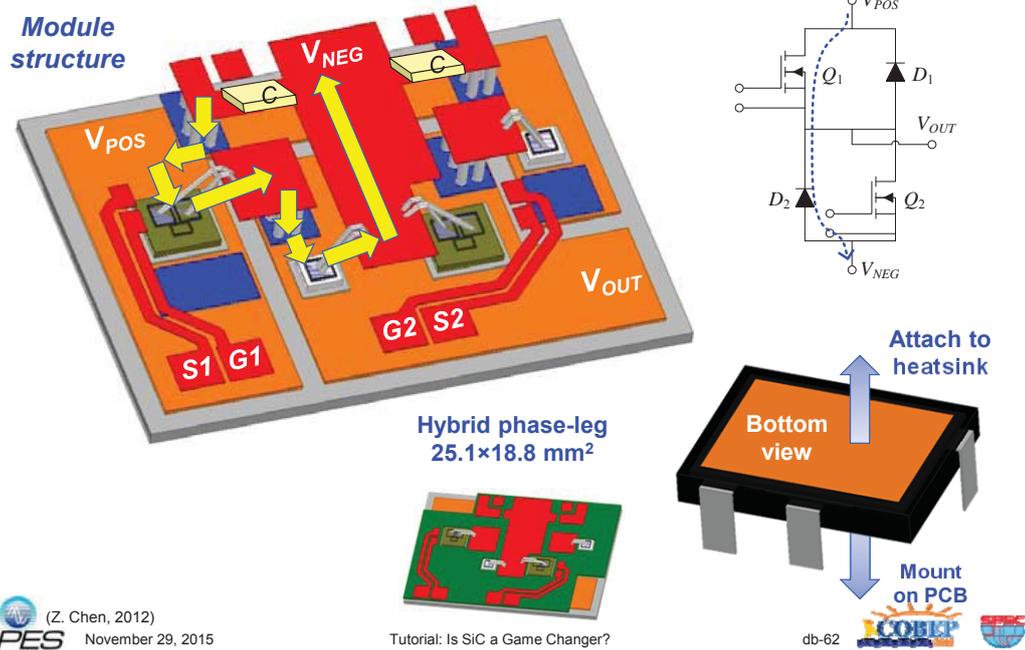
Improved Layout



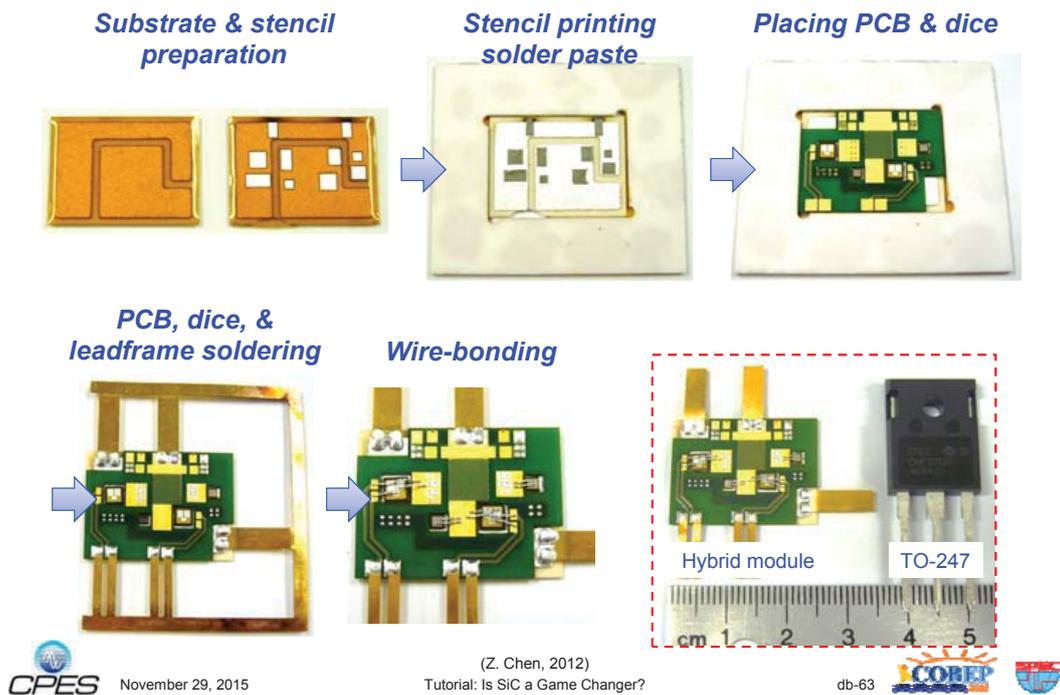
Switching loop handles the most severe di/dt!

High-Frequency Hybrid Phase-Leg Module Design

- 1200 V, 10 A SiC DMOSFETs + 1200 V, 5 A SiC SBDs

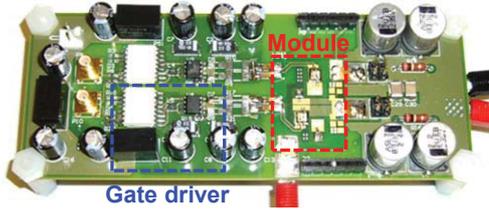


Fabrication of Hybrid Phase-Leg Module

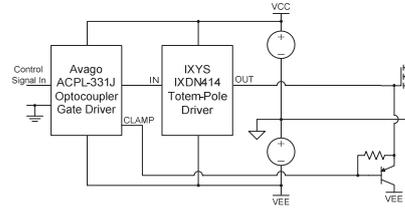


Switching Performance with $R_G = 0 \Omega$

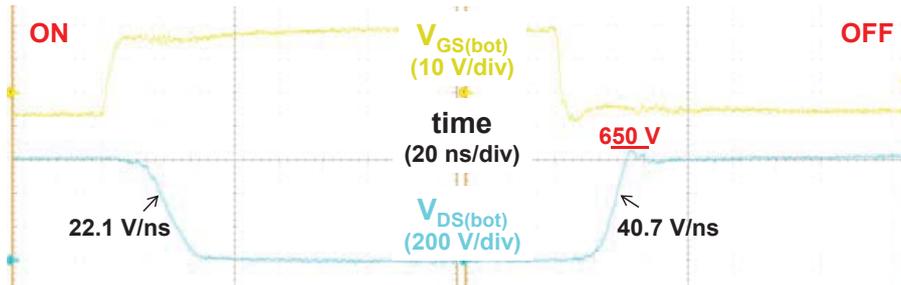
Phase-leg with drivers



MOSFET gate driver



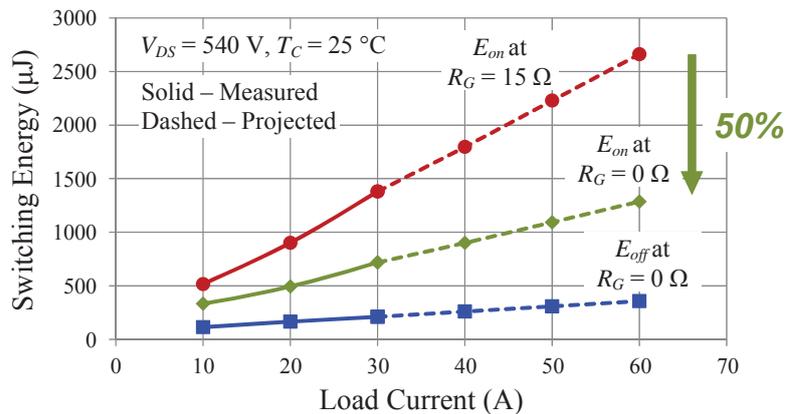
Phase-leg switching waveforms
(Clamped inductive switching at 600 V, 17.4 A)



Device switching speed limit reached without excessive ringing!

Switching Energies vs. Load Current

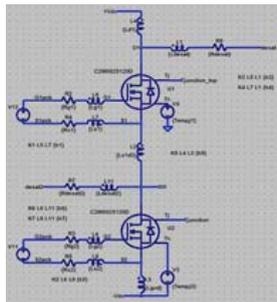
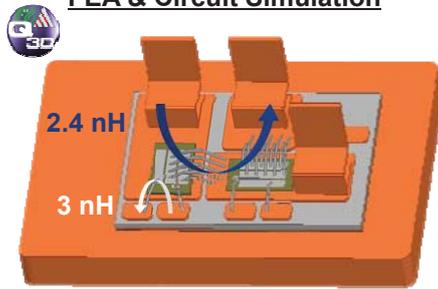
- Measured at 25 °C



Smaller switching energy can be achieved without compromising to the parasitic ringing.

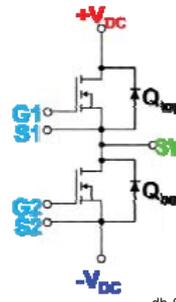
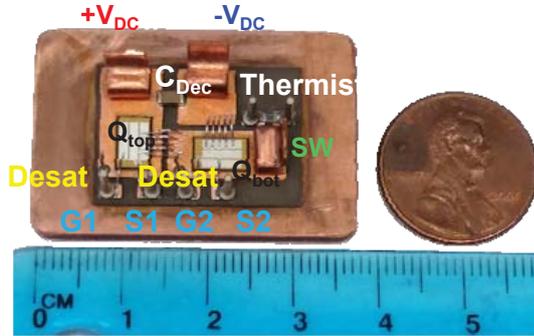
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FEA & Circuit Simulation



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Module Fabrication



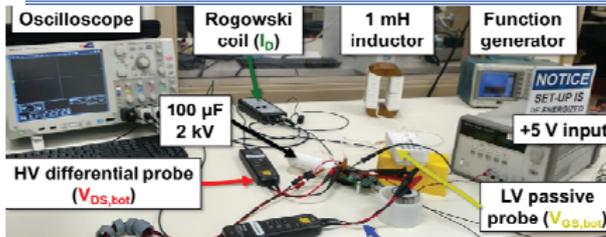
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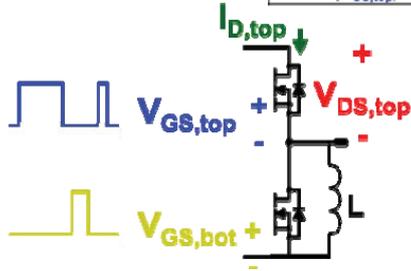
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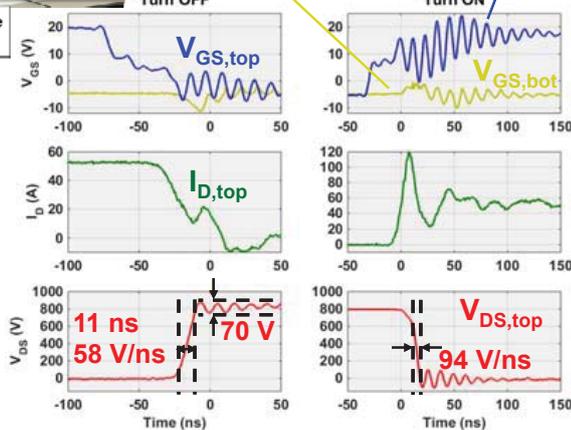
Double-Pulse Tests
at 800 V, 50 A, $R_{G,ext} = 2.5 \Omega$

Ringing due to HV differential probe.

Active Miller clamp kept $V_{GS} < 0$ V.



DPTs were performed on the top MOSFET so that the Miller effect could be more accurately observed.



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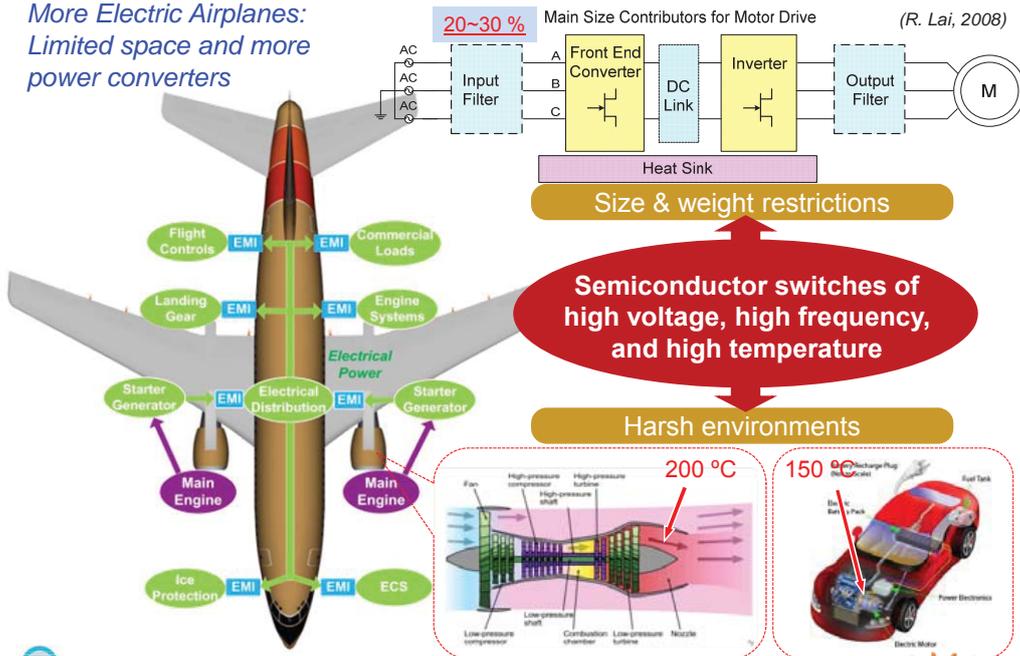


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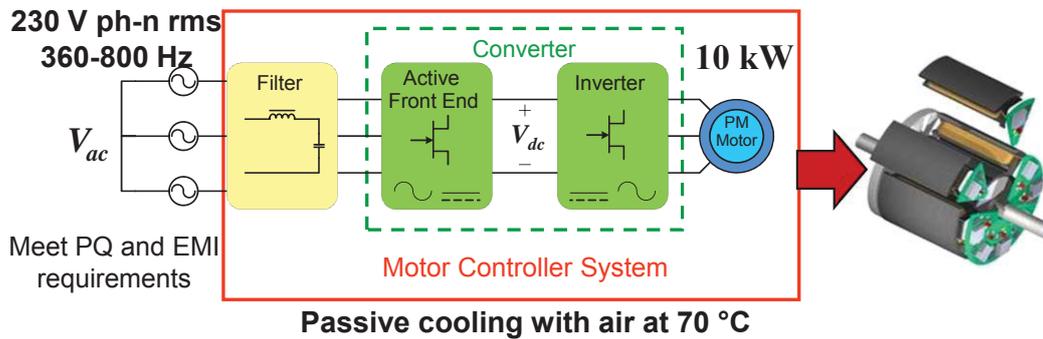
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2. High Frequency and High Efficiency
 - Comparison with Si
 - Characterization of 1.2 kV SiC discrete transistors
3. High Temperature
 - For power density in normal temperature ambient
 - For operation in high-temperature ambient
4. Medium Voltage
5. High Voltage
6. Conclusions
7. References

Demands for High-Power-Density Converters

*More Electric Airplanes:
Limited space and more
power converters*



High-Power-Density, 10 kW Motor Drive with High-Temperature Modules



Objective:

- Reduce weight through integration and high-temperature operation

Targets & Desired Features

- Specific power: > 2 kVA/lb
- Device junction temperature 200-300 °C with SiC devices
- Advanced topologies
- Reduced filter size



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SiC Devices

	Device	Advantages	Disadvantages	Voltage Rating
Unipolar	D MOSFET	Scalable	MOS Interface	0.4 kV – 15 kV
	Trench MOSFET	High V_{TH} , Low R_{ON}	High Electric Field	0.6 kV – 1.2 kV
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	Normally-Off JFET	Normally-Off	High R_{ON}	1.2 kV – 6.5 kV
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	IGBT	High Voltage	Reliability	15 kV – 27 kV
	GTO	Low Conduction Loss	Difficult Control	> 8 kV
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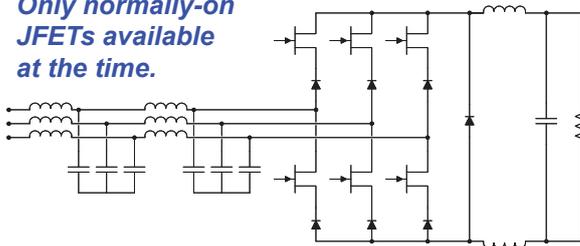
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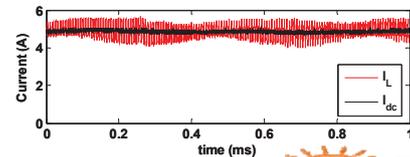
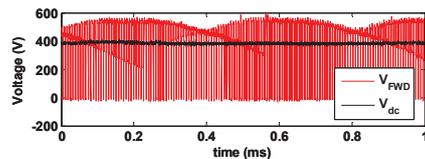
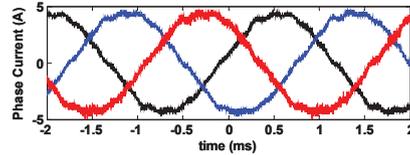
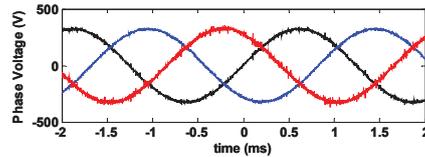


Three-Phase SiC Buck Rectifier using Normally-On JFETs and Switching at 150 kHz

Only normally-on JFETs available at the time.

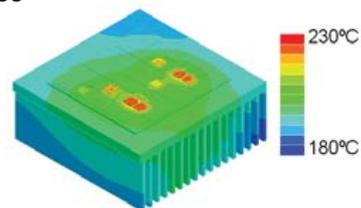
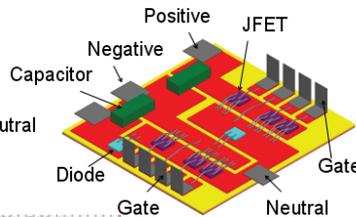
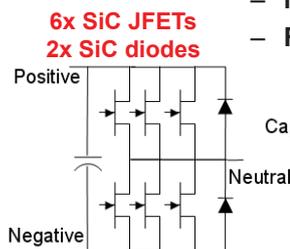


- Efficiency below 95 %
- DC link inductor very heavy

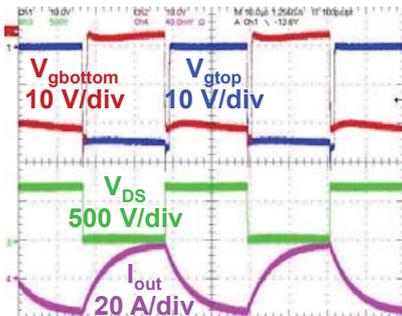


High-Temperature Wire-Bond Power Module Design

- Minimize structural impedances
- Maximize thermal performance
- Reduce footprint



FEA thermal simulation

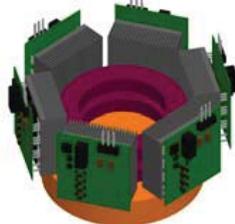


Continuous operation at 250 °C

High-Power-Density, 10 kW Motor Drive with High-Temperature Modules

- High-temperature SiC modules
- Sensorless control
- Soft start
- Fan load application

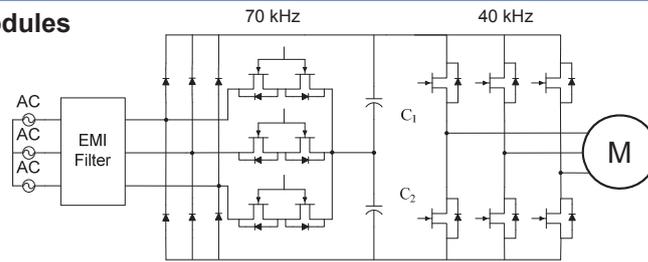
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175 °C Converter



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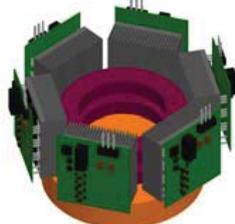
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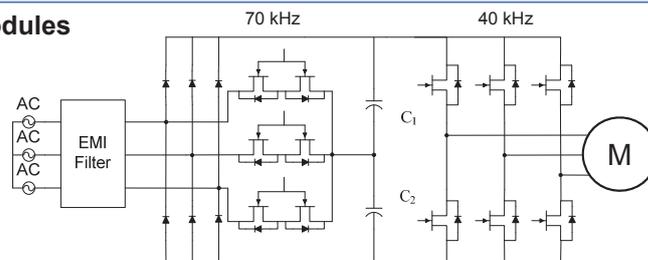
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175 °C Converter



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250 °C Converter

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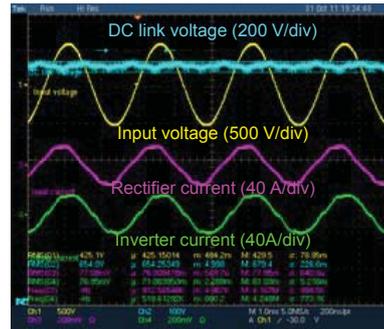
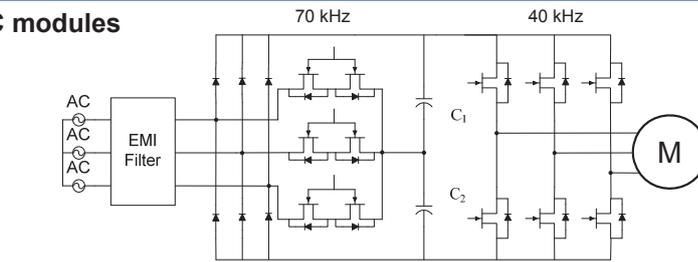
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- Power Density:**
- Low-temperature
1.04 kW/lb
 - High-temperature
1.27 kW/lb
 - Thermal management is 50% smaller for HT



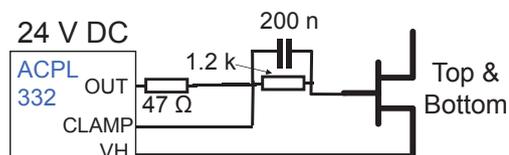
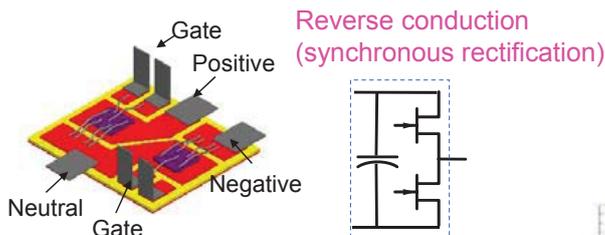
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Improved SiC JFET Power Module

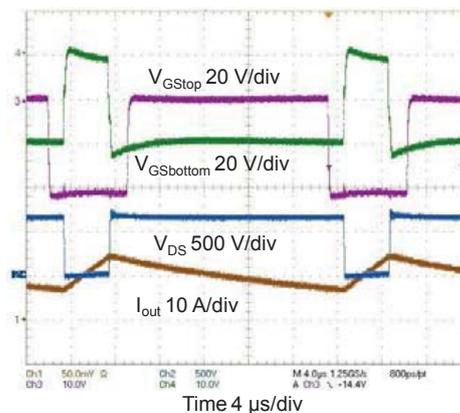


Gate Drive

Temperature isolation



Test condition
 Input voltage: 700 V
 Duty cycle: 15.7%
 Output current: 11 A (rms)
 Switching frequency: 40 kHz
 Junction temperature 250 °C



Turn on/off time: 60 ns



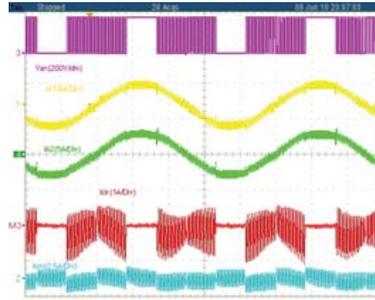
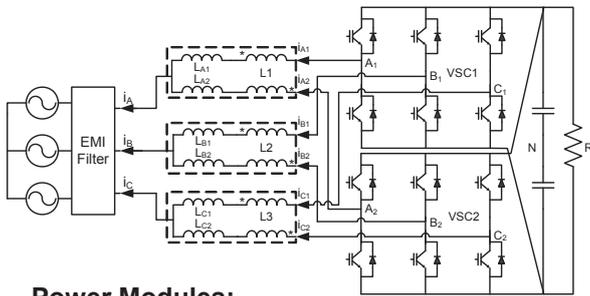
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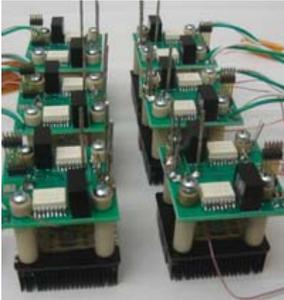
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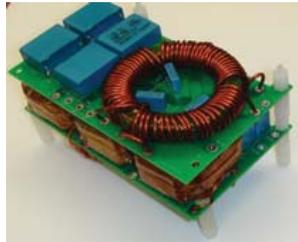
Interleaved High Power Density AFE Converter (15 kW, SiC, 2 Parallel Interleaved 3-phase Boost Rectifiers)



Power Modules:



EMI Filter



15 kW @ 6.3 kW/l with $\theta_{jmax} = 250\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$



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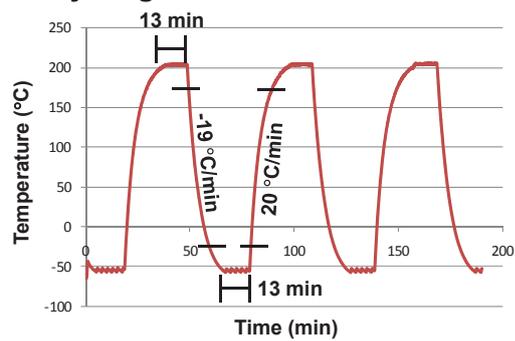
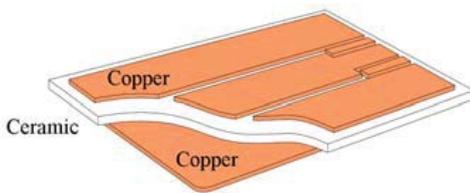
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Reliability of Direct-Bond-Copper (DBC) Substrate

Reliability of DBC substrate in thermal cycling between -55°C and 200°C



• DBC substrate fails in

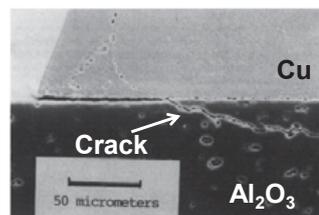
< 20 cycles



Before temperature cycling



After temperature cycling



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Direct-Bond-Copper Substrate

- DBC substrate fails in **< 20 cycles**



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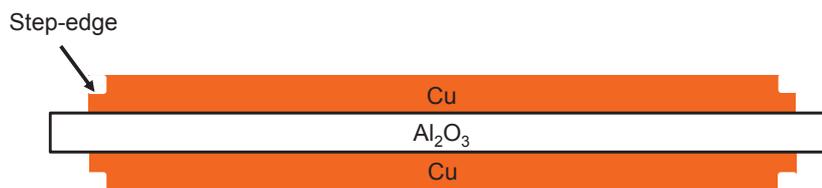
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- ❖ Creating stepped edges



Direct-Bond-Copper Substrate

- DBC substrate fails in **< 20 cycles**
- With stepped-edge fails in **~ 100 cycles**



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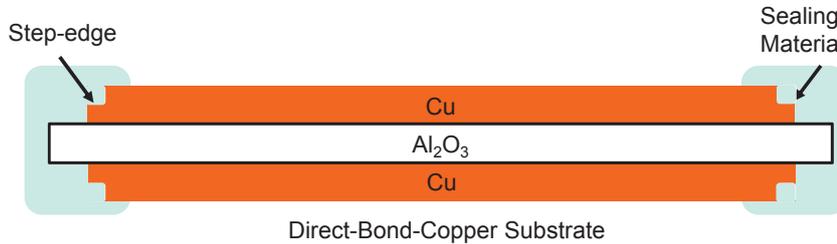


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❖ Creating stepped edges

❖ Applying sealing material



- DBC substrate fails in < 20 cycles
- With stepped-edge fails in ~ 100 cycles
- With stepped-edge and Parylene HT sealant fails in ~ 300 cycles
- With stepped-edge and Nysil sealant fails in ~ 1200 cycles



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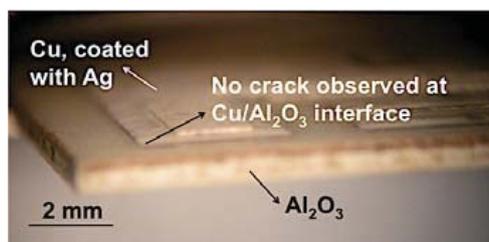
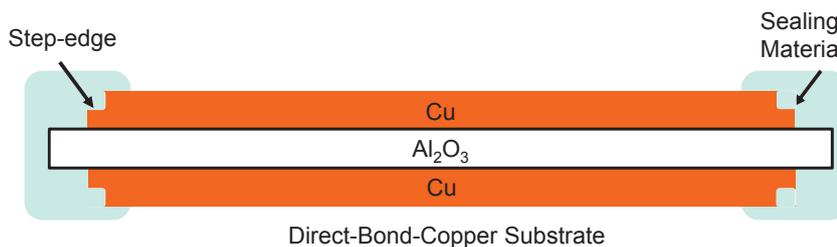


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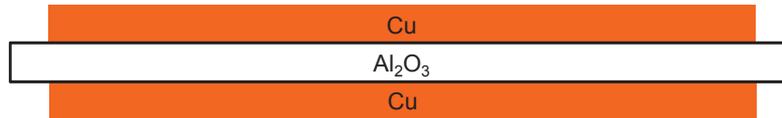
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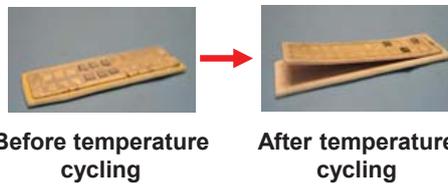
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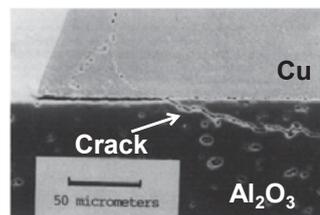
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Before temperature cycling

After temperature cycling



Crack

Cu

Al₂O₃

50 micrometers



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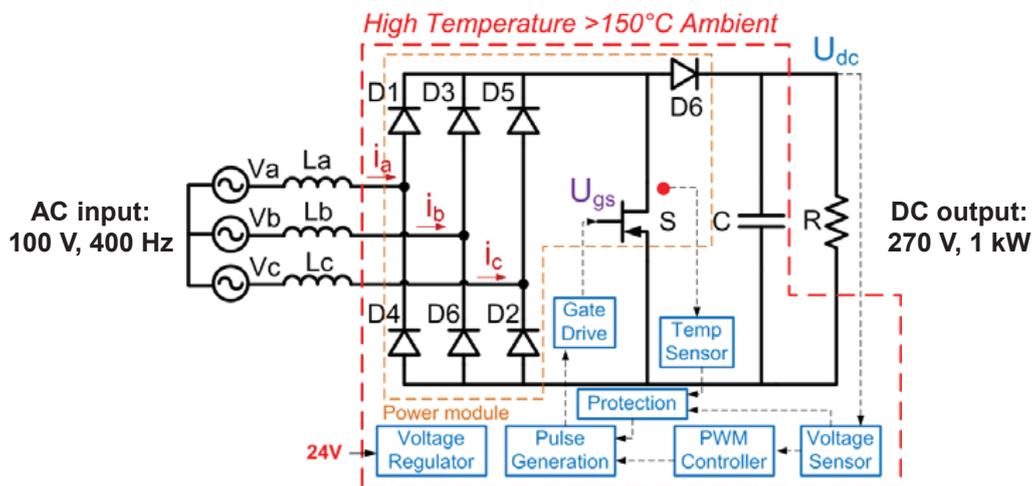
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High-Temperature Single-Switch Three-Phase Rectifier

Targets:

- Junction temperature up to 250 °C.
- Ambient temperature over 150 °C.



30 kHz Switching Frequency



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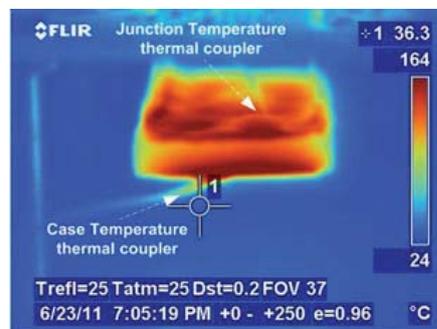
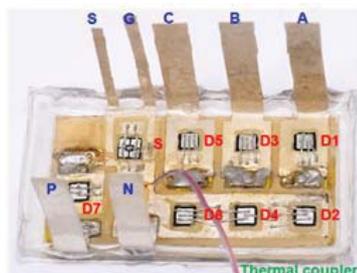
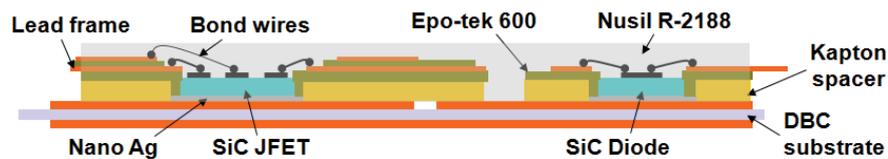
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Component Selection

- Power devices
 - 1200 V, 10 A SiC JFET from SiCed
 - 600 V, 10 A SiC Schottky diode from Cree
- Controller devices
 - SOI discrete devices from Honeywell, Cissoid
- Passive components
 - Nanocrystalline core and High temperature wire
 - Film resistor from Caddock, Vishey,...
 - Ceramic capacitor from Novacap, Kemet, Eurofarad,...
- PCB
 - Polyimide pcb from 4PCB, Standard Printed Circuits Inc, ...

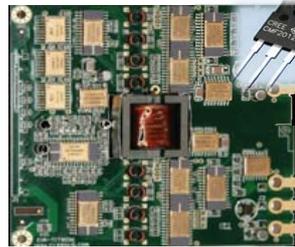
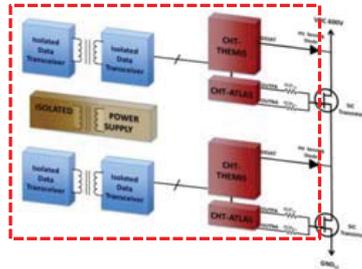
Modified Hybrid Packaging Structure



Power module thermal test

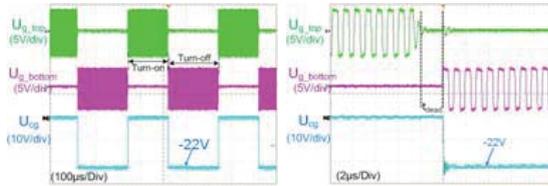
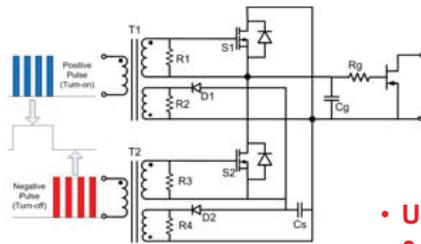
High-Temperature Gate Drivers

SOI-based half-bridge gate driver for SiC MOSFETs by Cissoid



- Up to 225 °C
- Drive 1.2 kV MOSFETs / JFETs
- 4 A max. I_G
- UVLO & de-sat protections
- Active Miller clamp

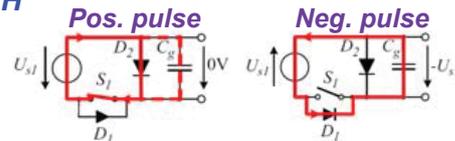
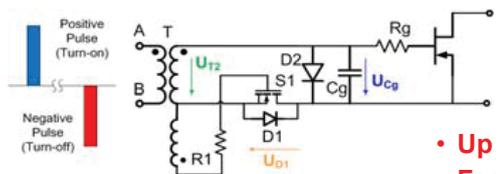
High-freq. modulation SiC JFET driver by Univ. Buffalo



- Up to 250 °C
- 0 to 100% duty cycle
- High driving speed
- Complex topology
- Limited duty cycle resolution

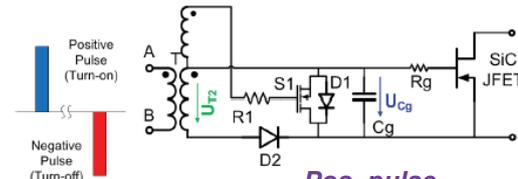
High-Temperature Gate Drivers (Cont'd)

Edge-triggered SiC JFET driver by ETH



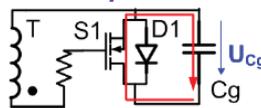
- Up to 200 °C
- Fast switching
- Small part count
- Need refreshing
- Same on/off driving speed

Modified edge-triggered SiC JFET driver by CPES

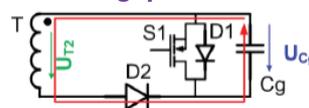


- Same features as above
- Independent on/off driving speed

Pos. pulse



Neg. pulse



Integration of High-Temperature Three-Phase Rectifier

High temperature controller

Mother board (driver, sensor, etc.)

16.5 cm x 14 cm

Electrical test

$T_j = 225\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$

Power module

Heatsink

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Converter Thermal Testing

Sealed with Sponge plug

Thermal coupler and 200 °C wire through the connection hole

Bias Power

Thermal Coupler

Monitored Temperature:

- Ambient,
- Voltage regulator,
- Gate resistor,
- Core,
- Primary MOSFET,
- Gate drive MOSFET

DC cable

Treffi=20 Tatm=20 Dst=2.0 FOV 37

3/11/11 2:02:02 AM +0 - +250 e=0.96 °C

Ambient temperature test point:
 -50 °C, -25 °C, 0 °C, 25 °C, 50 °C, 75 °C, 100 °C, 125 °C, 150 °C

Test Picture for 150 °C Ambient Temperature

144.45	#1 Ambient °C
155.89	#2 Temperature °C
144.96	#3 Core °C
154.78	#4 Gate MOSFET °C
147.70	#5 MOSFET °C

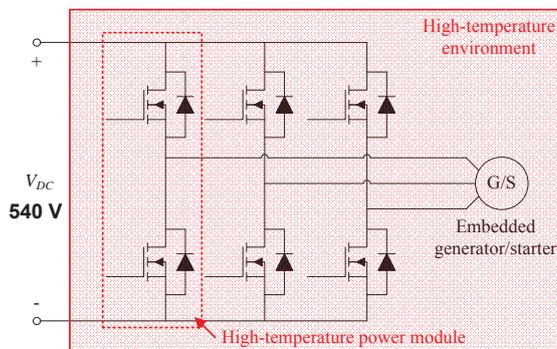
Electrical and thermal performance met design targets.
 Ceramic capacitors and their attach to PCB exhibited early failures.

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High-Temperature 3-Phase AC-DC Converter for Embedded Generators in MEA

- Target:**
- 50 kW inverter/rectifier for starter/generator
 - High-temperature and high-power-density
 - Ambient temperature: 200 – 250 °C
 - Switching frequency: 70 kHz



Commercial products (1200 V, 100 A)



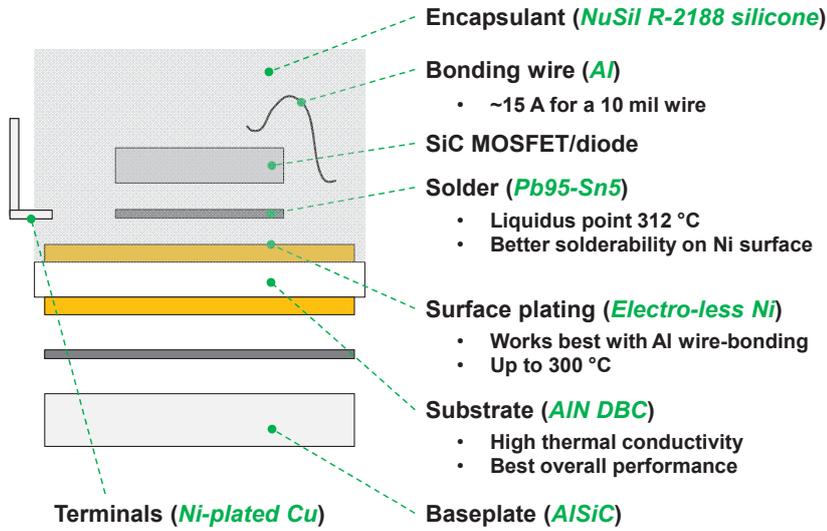
Powerex
SiC MOSFET module
(2012)
150 °C



Cree
SiC MOSFET module
(2013)
125 °C

Need a power module capable of both high-temperature & high-frequency operations!

High-Temperature Packaging Materials Used

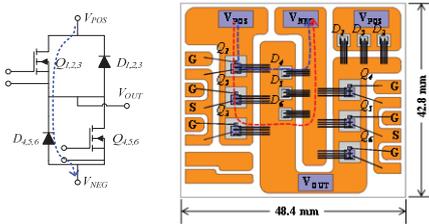


High-temperature capability of the material;
Suitable combinations of materials to achieve higher reliability

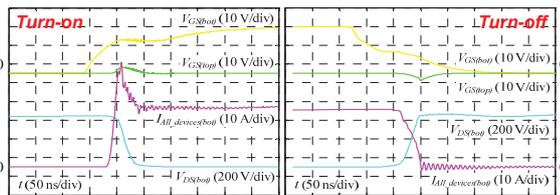


1200 V, 60 A SiC Phase-Leg Module Design

Improved substrate layout to minimize loop inductances

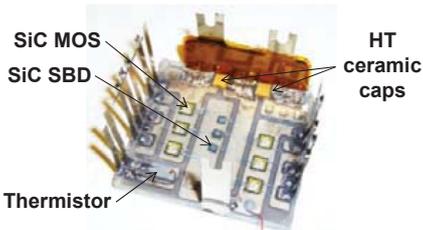


Fast & clean switching

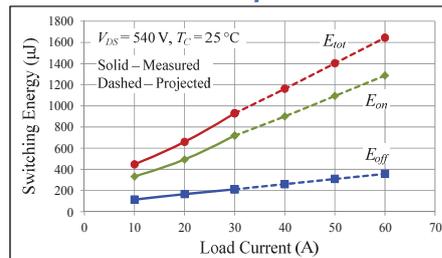


Hard switching w/ $R_G = 0 \Omega$
Fast di/dt & dv/dt with small V_{DS} overshoot

Fabricated module with DC decoupling capacitors

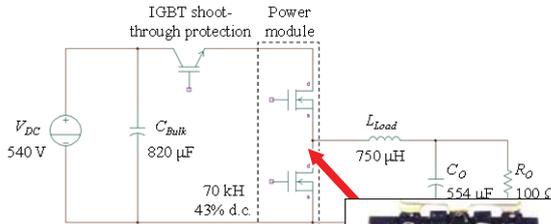


Switching Loss is 10-20% of an equivalent IGBT

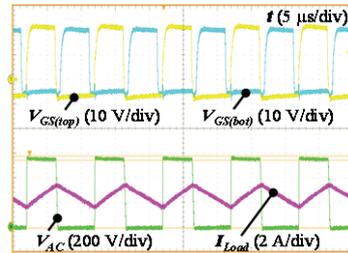


200 °C, 1200 V, 60 A SiC Phase-Leg Module: Continuous Operation at 200 °C

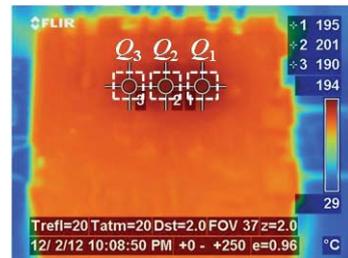
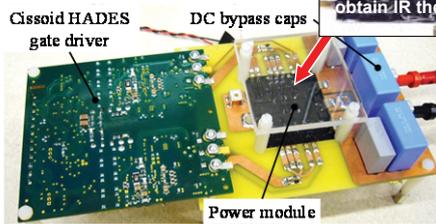
Buck-mode operation



Test results at 560 V & 100 kHz



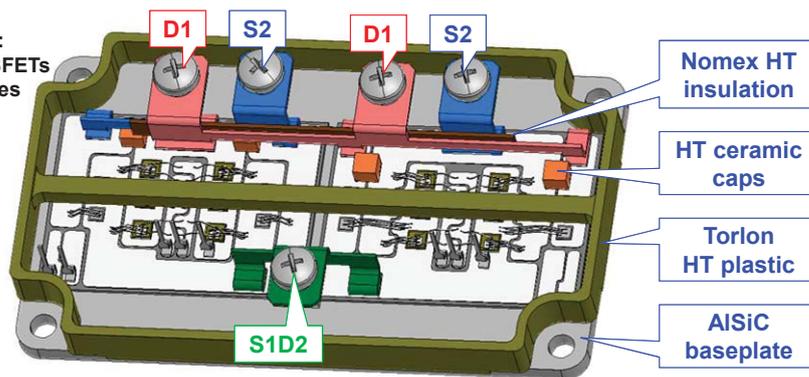
Test setup



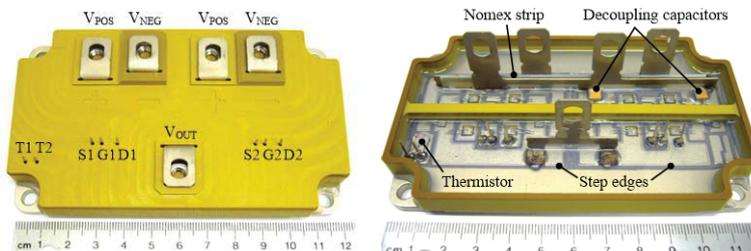
200 °C, 1200 V, 120 A SiC Phase-Leg Module: Module Design

Each switch:
6x 20 A MOSFETs
4x 20 A diodes

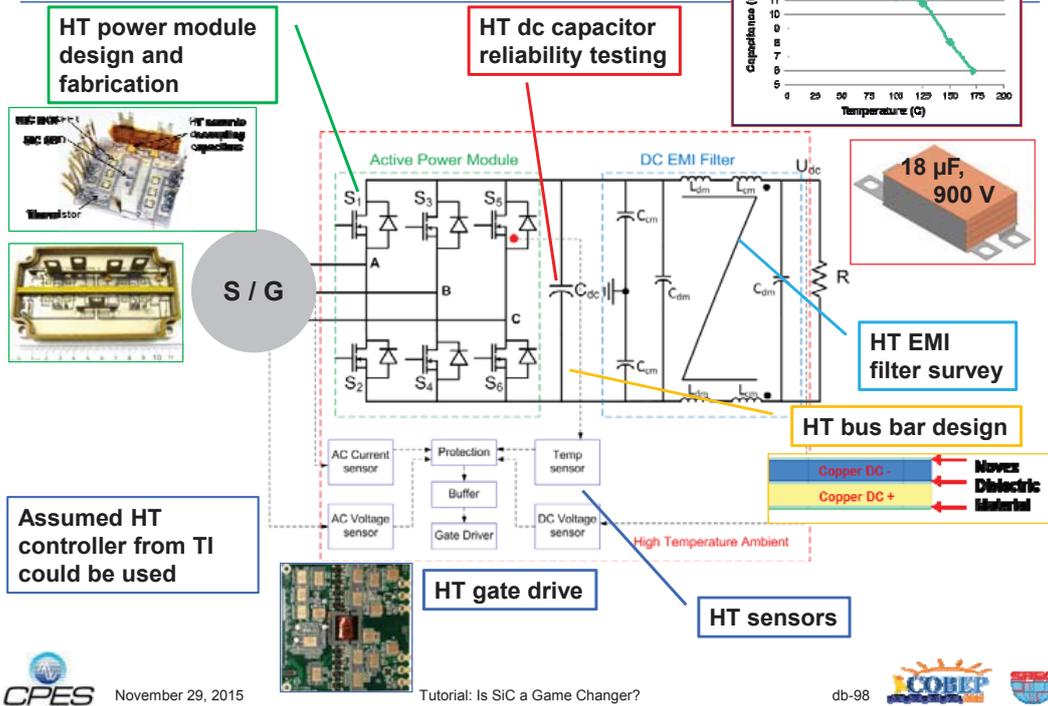
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W: 69 mm
H: 19 mm



Fabricated module



High-Temperature 3-Phase AC-DC Converter: System Design



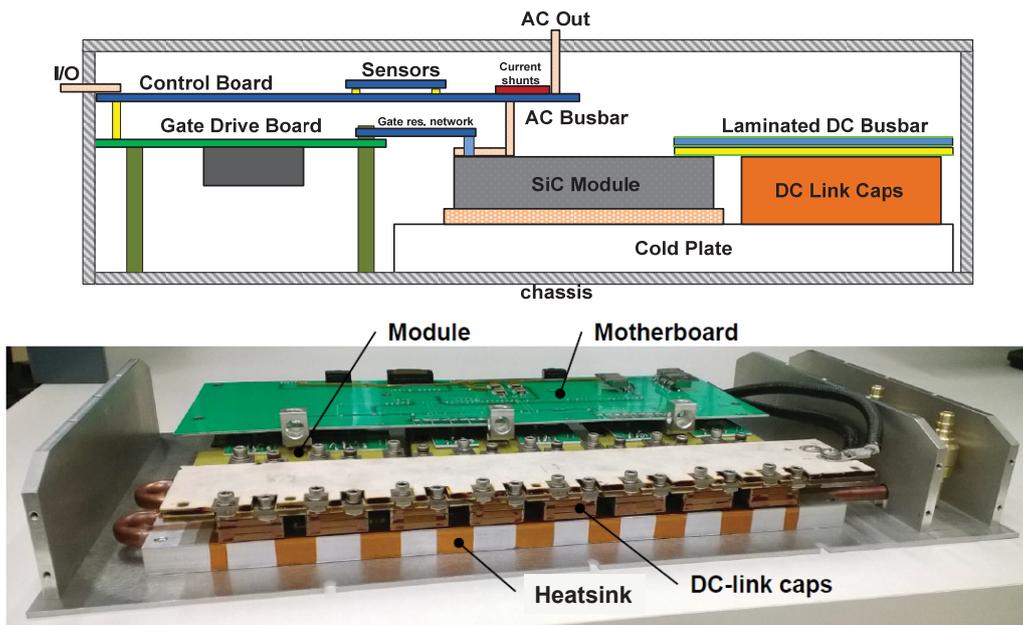
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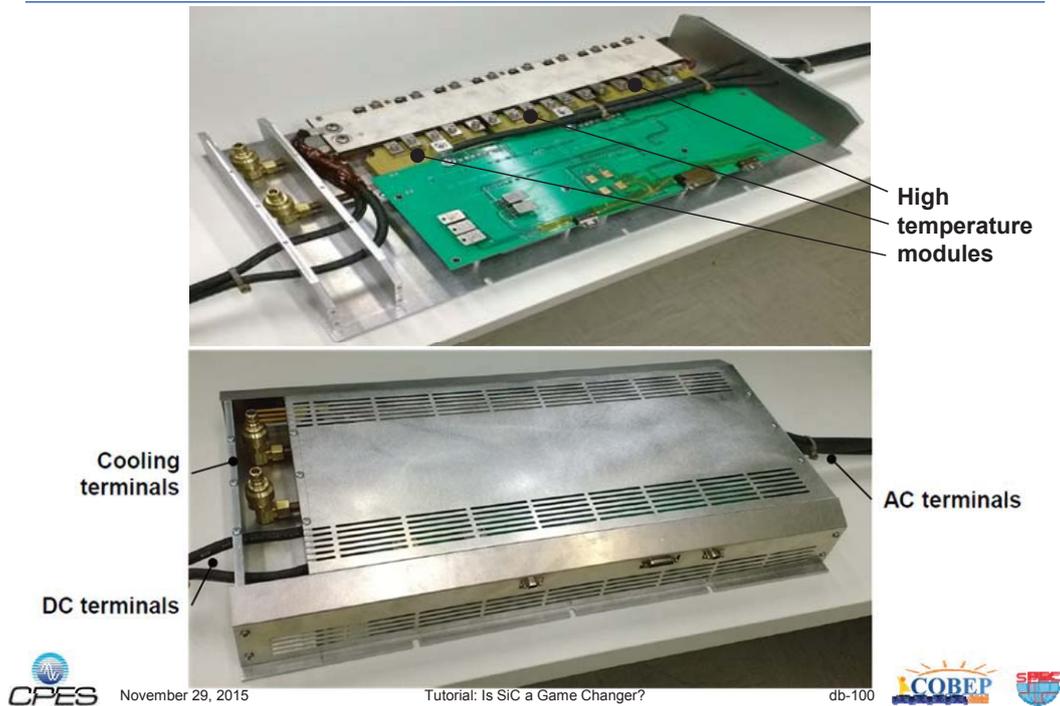
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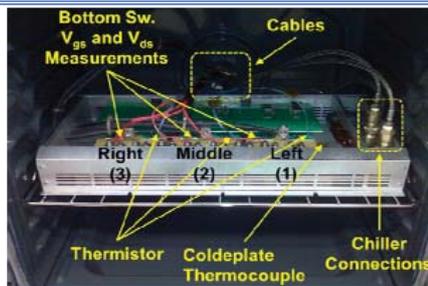
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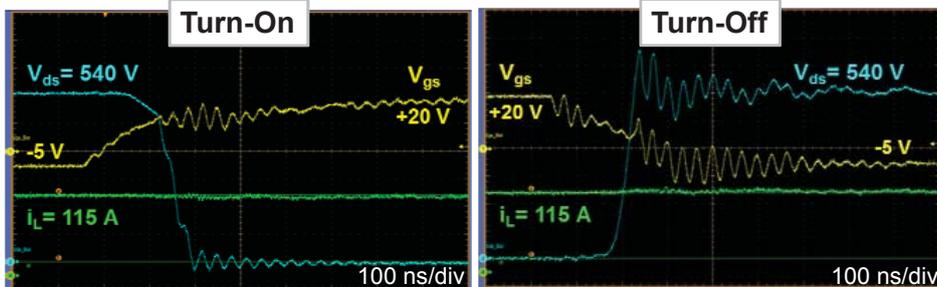
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High-Temperature 3-Phase AC-DC Converter: Converter Double-Pulse Tests at 200 °C



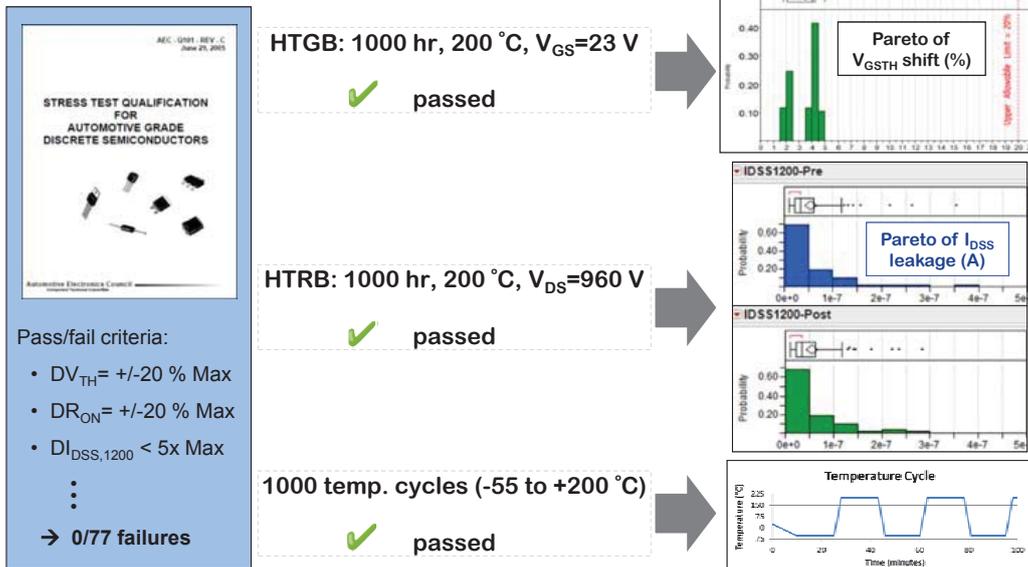
- **200 °C ambient**
- $R_{G,on}$ and $R_{G,off}$: 3.3 Ω
- Liquid cooling temperature: 70 °C
- Protection:
 - over-voltage
 - over-current
 - over-temperature



Ringing due to the use of long wires to measure outside of the high-temperature environment. Testing at room-temperature with the probes directly on the modules showed little ringing.

SiC DMOSFETs Qualified at 200 °C

1.2 kV, 30 A TO-247 part qualified per AEC-Q101.



600 V, 600 A, $T_j = 200$ °C SiC Trench MOSFET Module for 3-Phase Motor Drive

- 1/10th the volume of conventional Si power modules
- Ultra-compact 600 V, 600 A drive
- Ultra-high efficiency! Less than half the loss of existing products
- Ideal for 60 kW-class motors
- High temperature operation ($T_{jmax} = 200$ °C)



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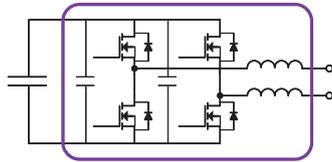
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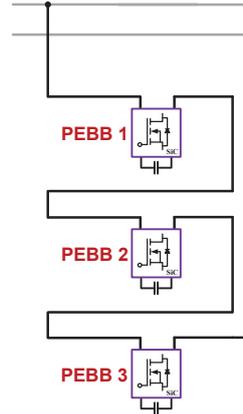
PEBB H-Bridge

PEBB 1000

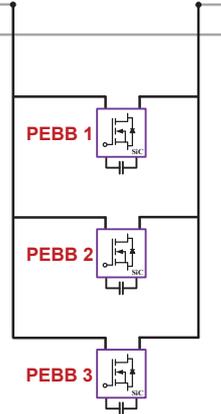
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Series PEBB Connection



Parallel PEBB Connection



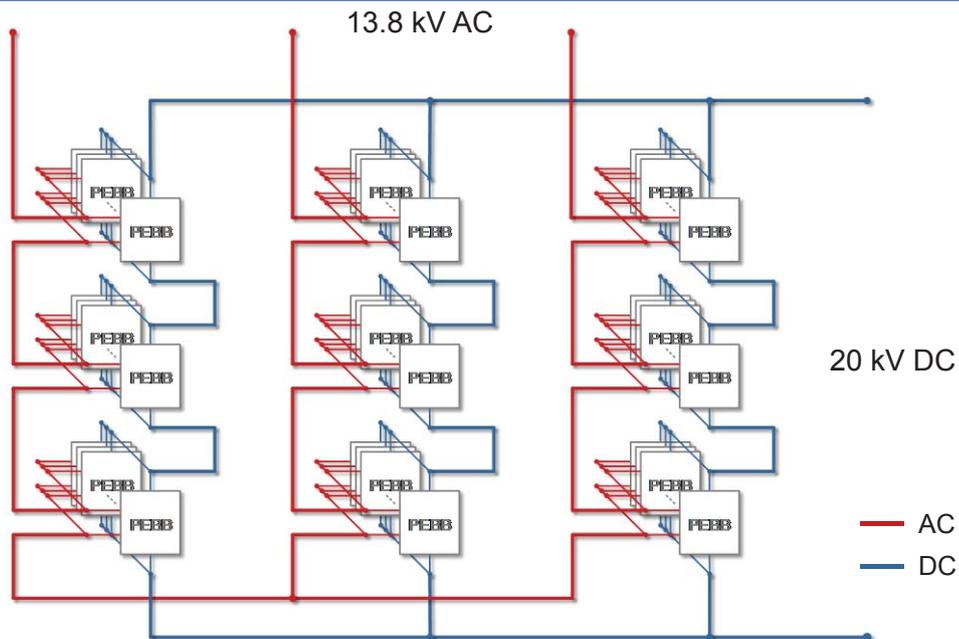
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Ex: 35 MW 3-phase AC to DC Power Converter for Bidirectional MV Motor Drive or Grid-Interface



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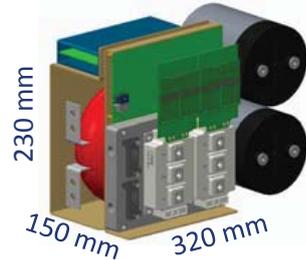


PEBB 1000 Design and Applications

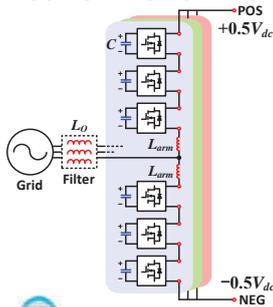
Specifications

- 1 kV dc, 200 A dc, 200 kW
- Power density > 10 MW/m³
- High dv/dt slew rate immunity > 100 V/ns
- High efficiency > 98 %
- EMI containment
- Insulation > 100 kV
- **Modular distributed digital control system**

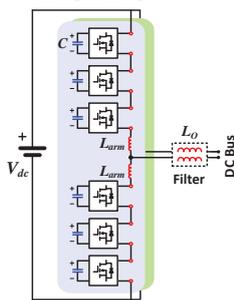
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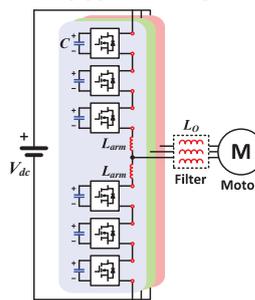
Active Front-End



DC-DC



Motor Drive



3M 3Φ Stack



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SiC MOSFET Candidates

	GE*		Cree	
Part No.	Not Commercial		CAS300M17BM2 (Commercial)	
Voltage Rating	1500 V		1700 V	
Current Rating	400 A @ T _J =25 °C		325 A @ T _J =25 °C, 225 A @ T _J =90 °C,	
R _{DS(on)}	8.3 mΩ @ V _{GS} =20 V, I _{DS} =240 A		8.0 mΩ @ V _{GS} =20 V, I _{DS} =225 A	
E _{ON}	11.1 mJ	@ V _{DS} =800 V, V _{GS} =-5/+20 V, I _{DS} =300 A, R _{G_ex} =1.9 Ω, T _J =25°C	9.56 mJ	@ V _{DS} =800 V, V _{GS} =-5/+20 V, I _{DS} =300 A, R _{G_ex} =1.9 Ω, T _J =25°C
E _{OFF}	9.3 mJ		9.42 mJ	
T _{J,max}	175 °C		150 °C	
C _{oss}	2.151 nF (800 V)		3.954 nF (800 V)	

*1st generation



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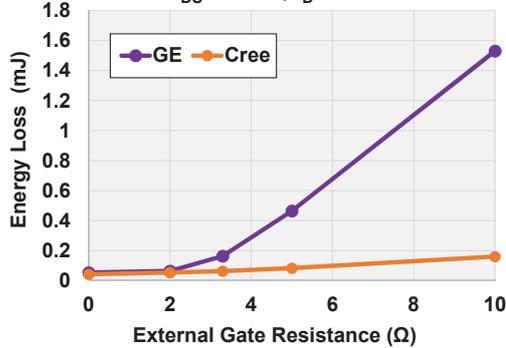
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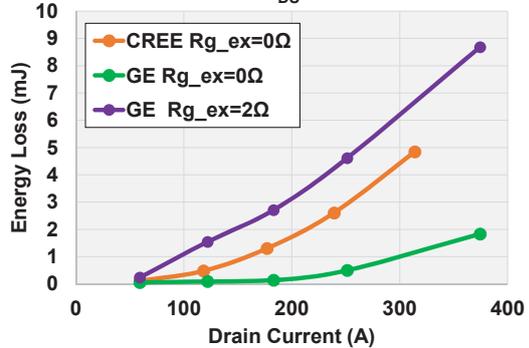
Device Comparison: Turn off Energy

Turn-off Loss vs. External Gate Resistance at $V_{DS}=800\text{ V}$, $I_D=30\text{ A}$



- At **low** R_{g_ex} , the turn-off losses are **similar**
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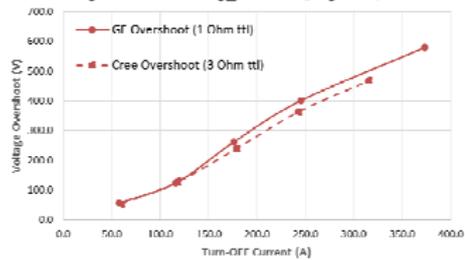
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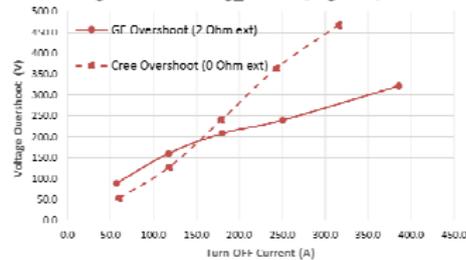
- At $R_{g_ex} = 0\ \Omega$, the **Cree** module has **higher** turn-off loss
- At **same total** R_g , the **GE** module has **higher** turn-off loss

Device Comparison: Overvoltage and Overcurrent

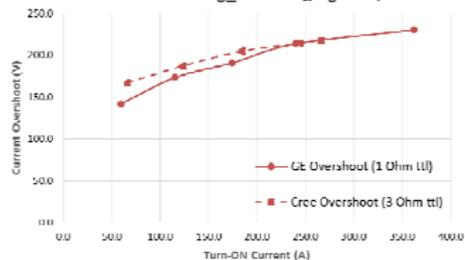
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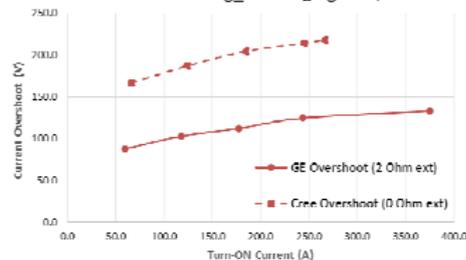
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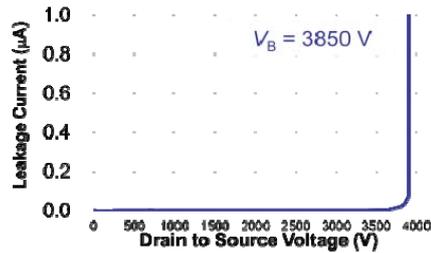
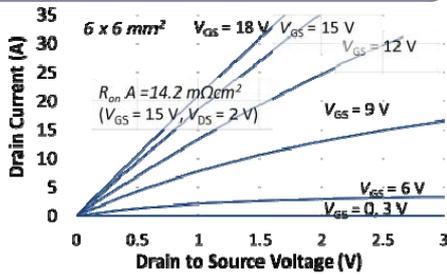


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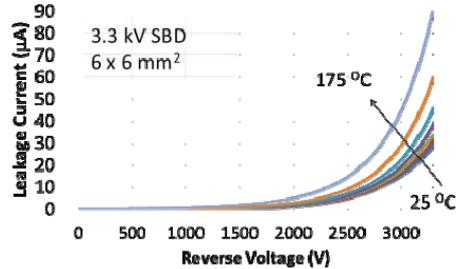
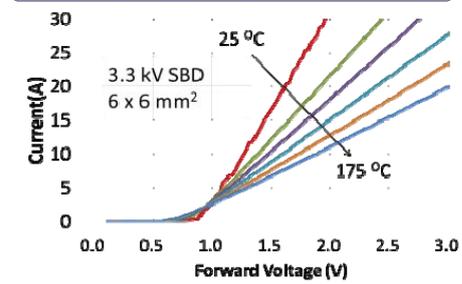


Characteristics of Discrete 3.3 kV SiC Devices

3.3 kV DMOSFET I-V characteristics

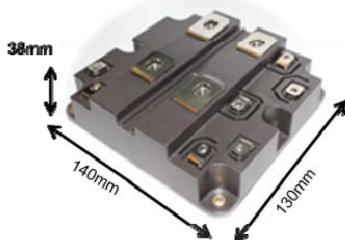


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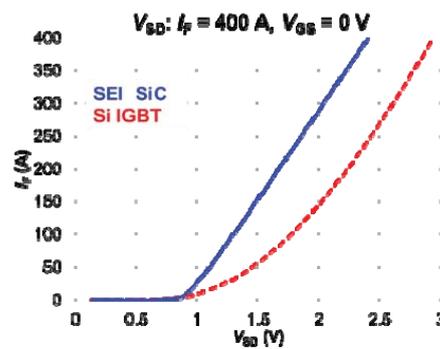
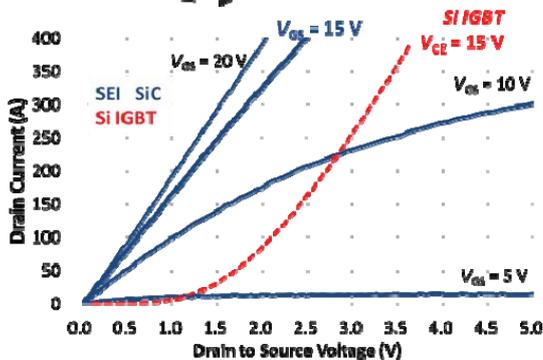


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3.3 kV, 400 A Full SiC 2-in-1 Module

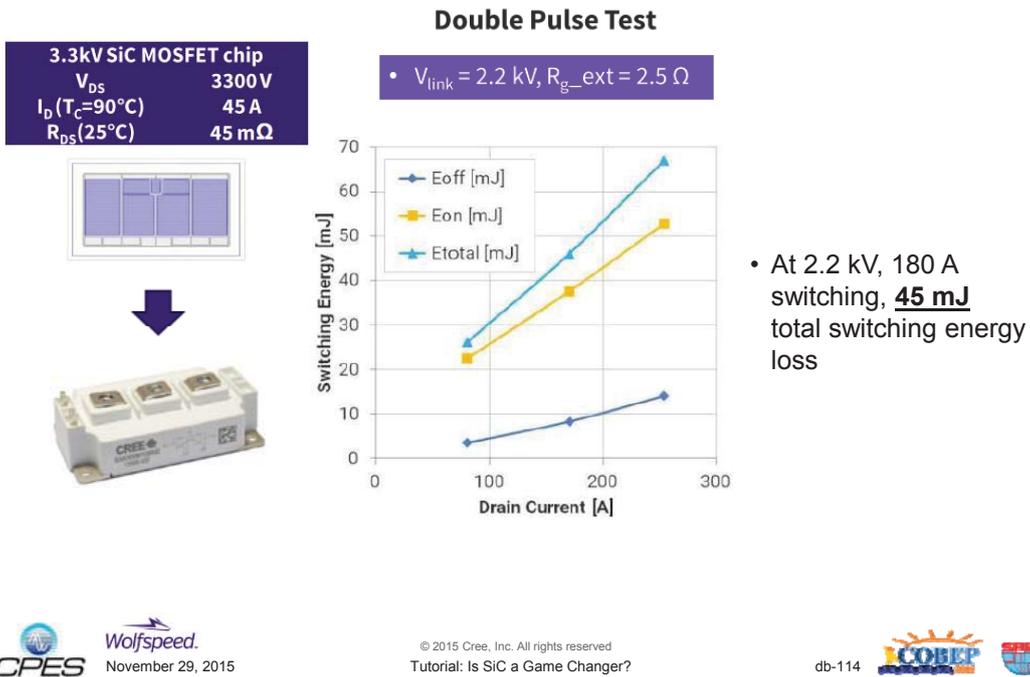


	$R_{DS(on)}(m\Omega)$	$V_{SD}(V)$
SEI Full SiC Module	6.0	2.3
SI IGBT Module	(8.5)	2.8



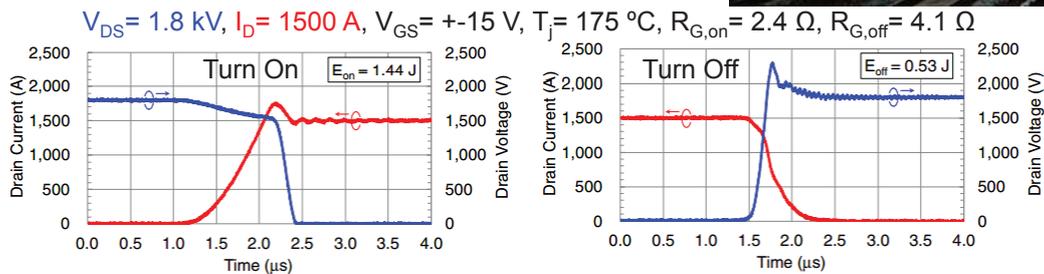
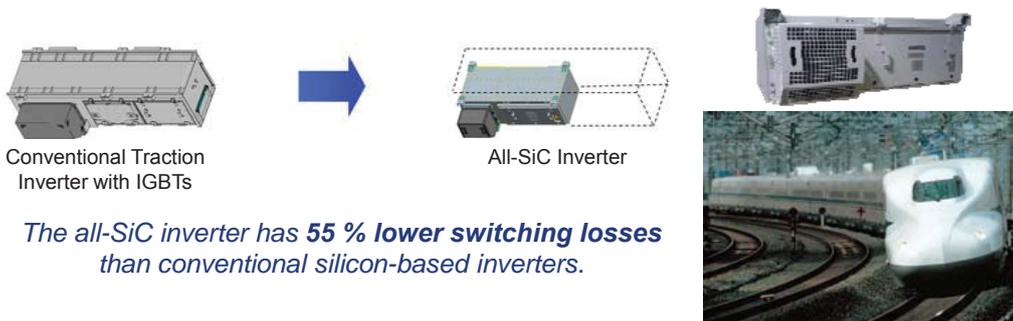
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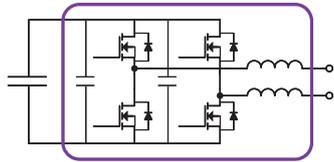
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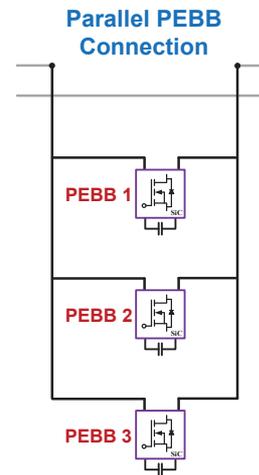
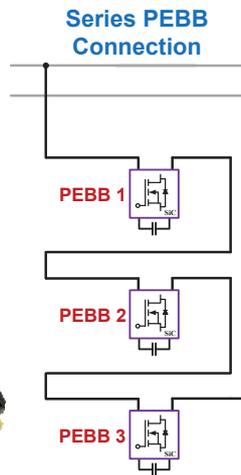
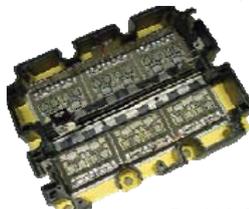


PEBB H-Bridge

PEBB 1000
1.7 kV SiC MOS



PEBB 6000
10 kV SiC MOS



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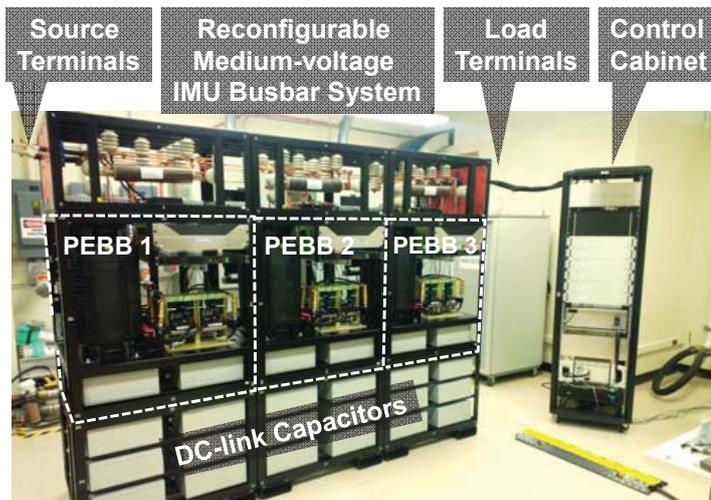
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Impedance Measurement Unit using 10 kV SiC MOSFETs for Medium Voltage (4.16 kV) Medium Power (2 MW) Systems

System Ratings: 10 kV dc or 4.16 kV rms ac
300 A dc or rms ac
DC, 50 Hz, 60 Hz or 400 Hz



10 kV / 120 A
SiC half-bridge



5 kV / 100 A H-bridge

Measurement frequency range: 0.1 Hz - 1 kHz



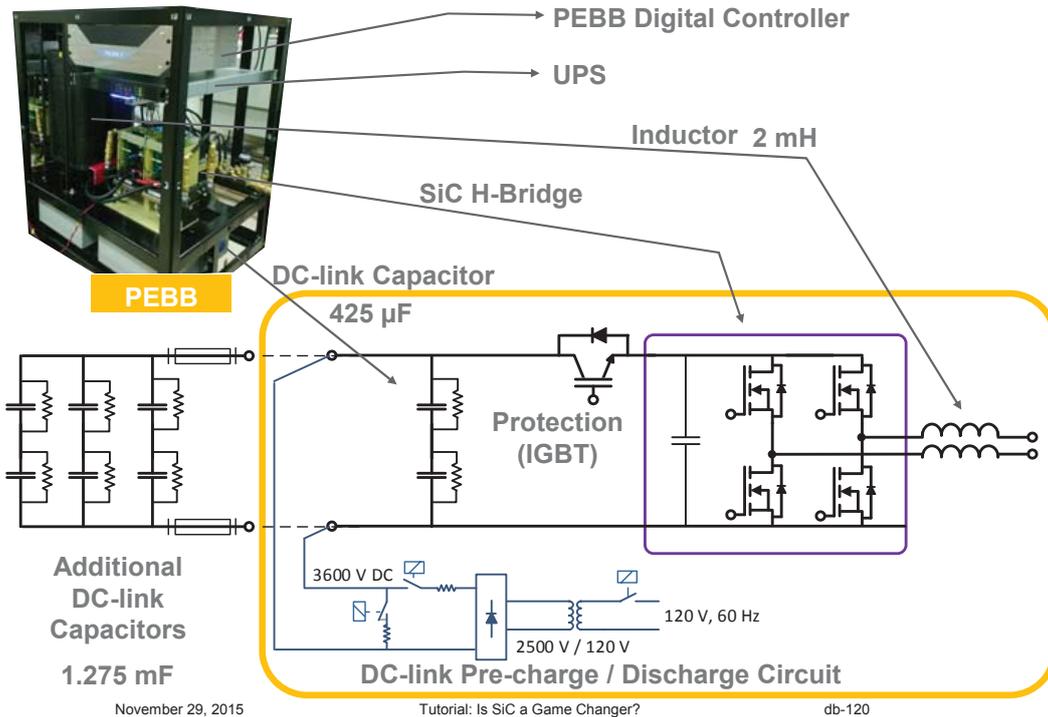
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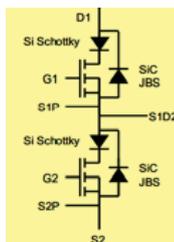
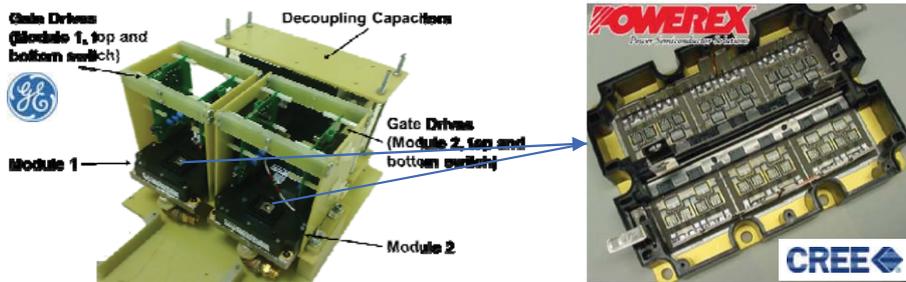
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Power Electronic Building Block (PEBB) Design



SiC H-Bridge



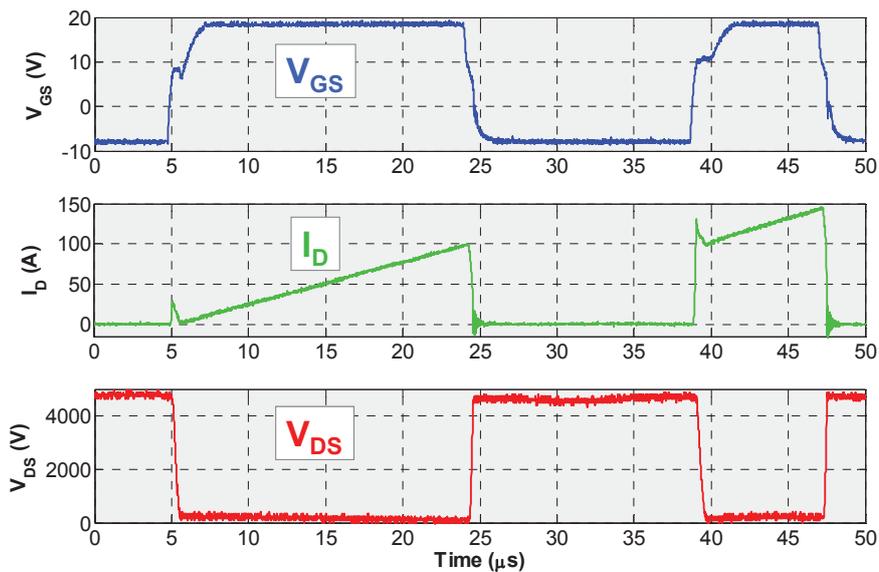
Parameter	Full Module
Voltage Rating	10 kV
Current Rating	120 A
No. of SiC MOSFETs	12
No. of SiC JBS Diodes	6
$V_{DS,ON}$	5 V at 100 A

High-Voltage Double-Pulse Test Setup

This DPT setup allows us to quickly test all of the 10 kV SiC modules and gate drives.

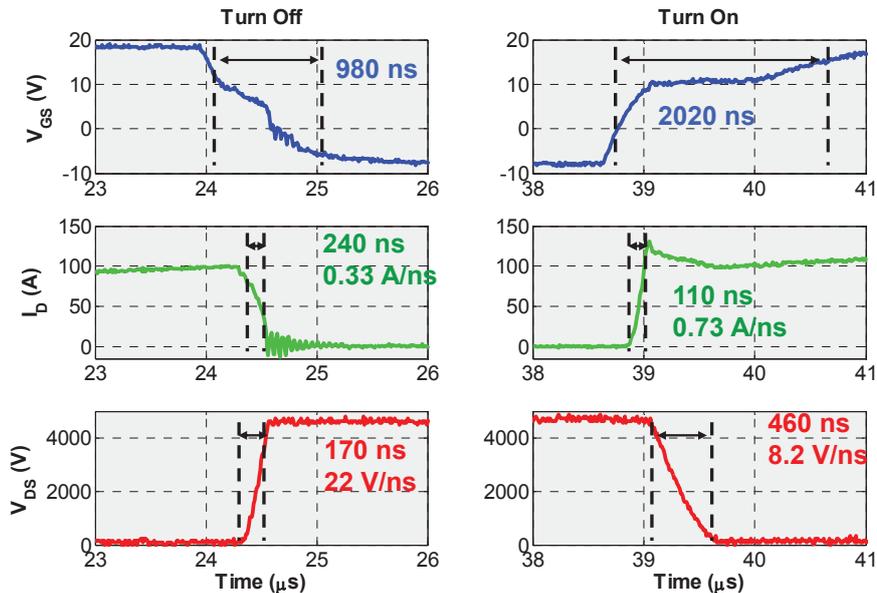
Labels in the photograph: V_{DS} , Gate Drive, Current Shunt, Bulk Capacitors, 1 mH Inductor, HB Under Test, Decoupling Capacitors.

Experimental Double-Pulse Test: 4.7 kV, 100 A



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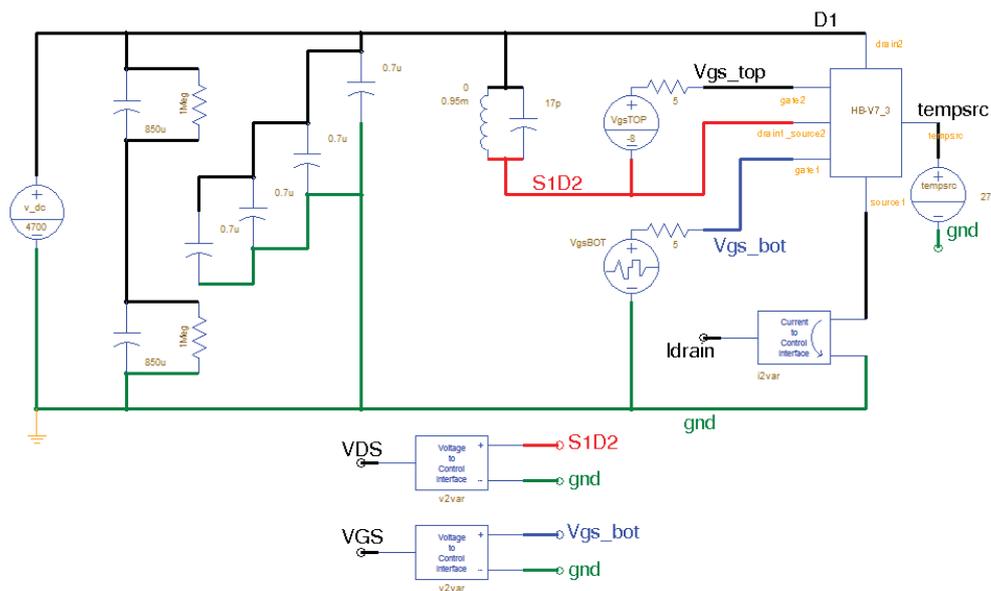
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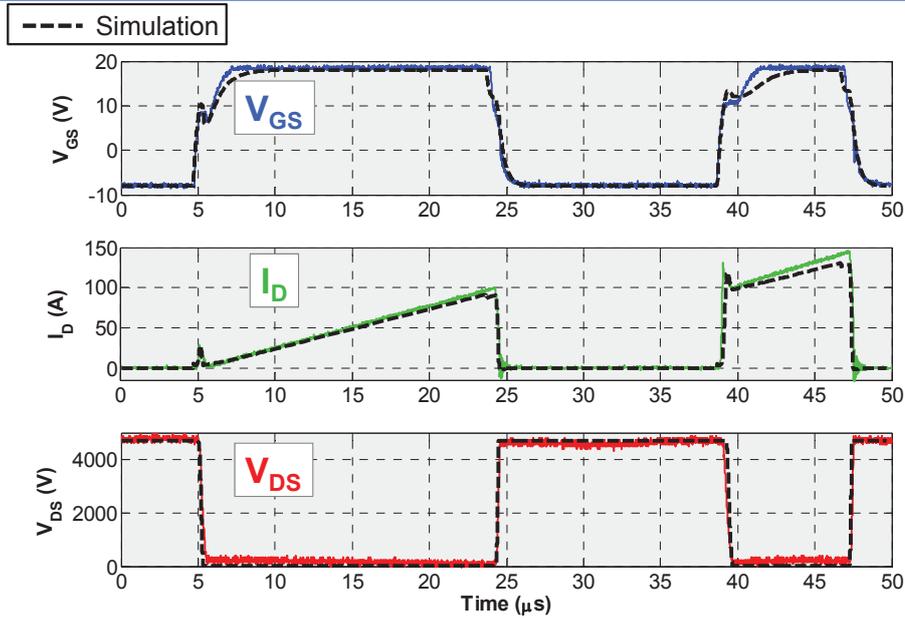
Saber Simulation: Double-Pulse Test Schematic



SiC Saber models developed by NIST.



Experimental and Simulation Comparison



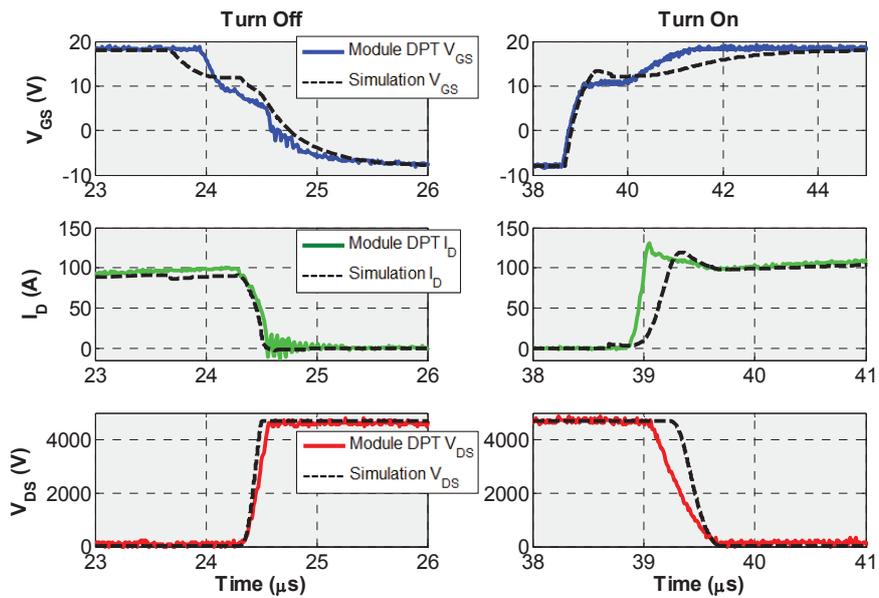
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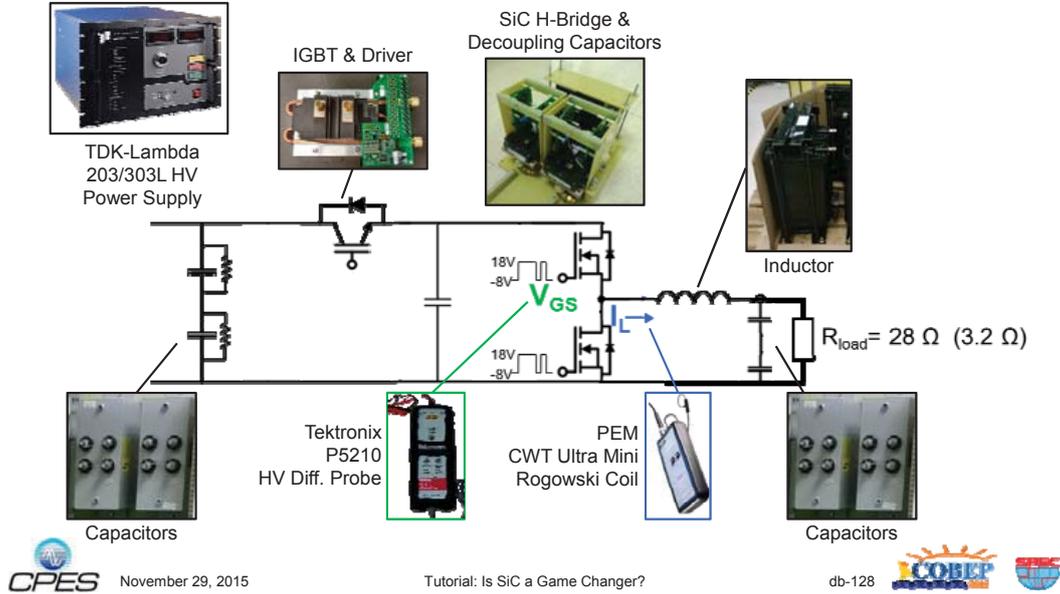
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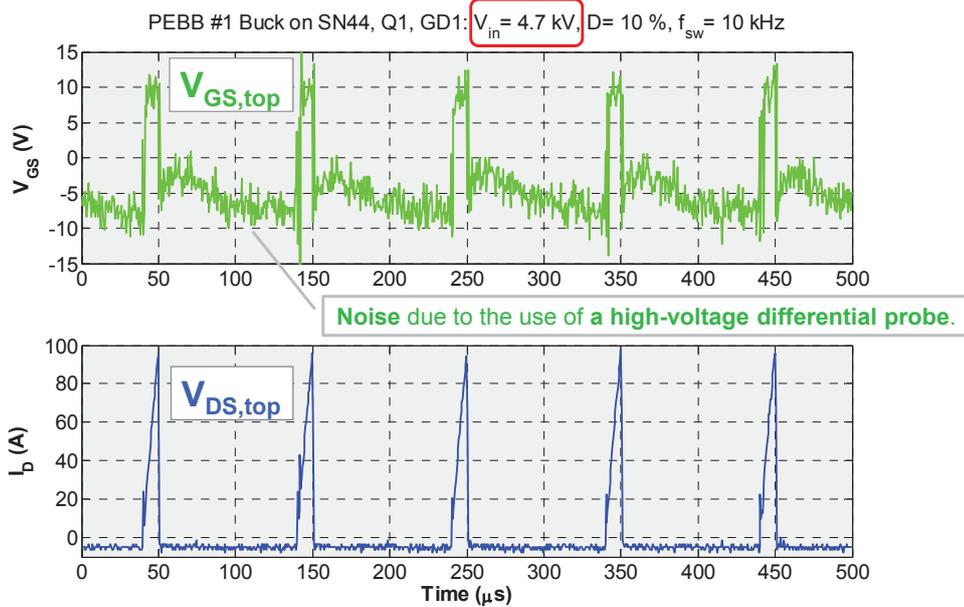


PEBB Buck Testing

- High voltage:** $V_{in} = 4.7 \text{ kV}$, $I_{out} = 4 \text{ A}$, $V_{out} = 470 \text{ V}$, $f_{sw} = 10 \text{ kHz}$, $D = 10 \%$
- High current:** $V_{in} = 670 \text{ V}$, $I_{out} = 100 \text{ A}$, $V_{out} = 320 \text{ V}$, $f_{sw} = 10 \text{ kHz}$, $D = 50 \%$

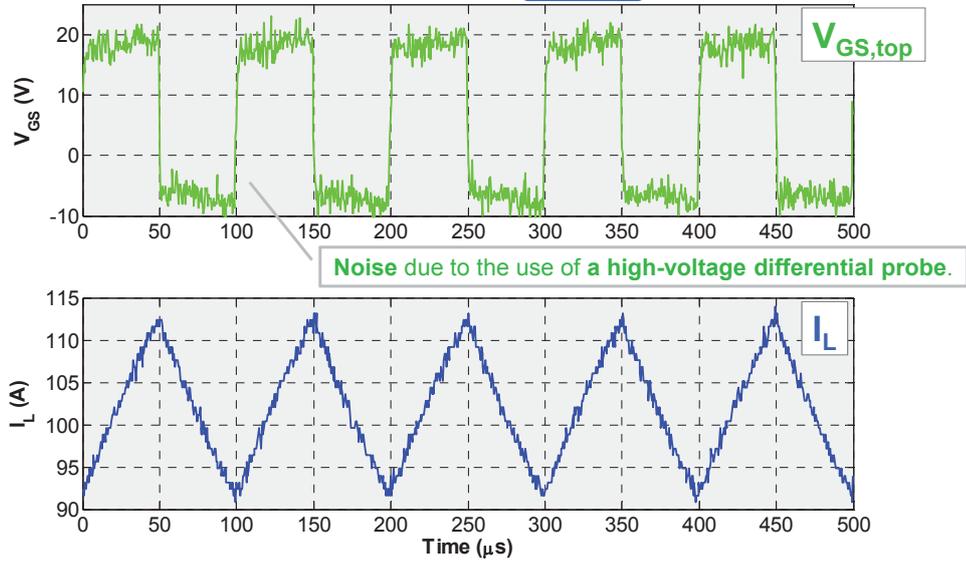


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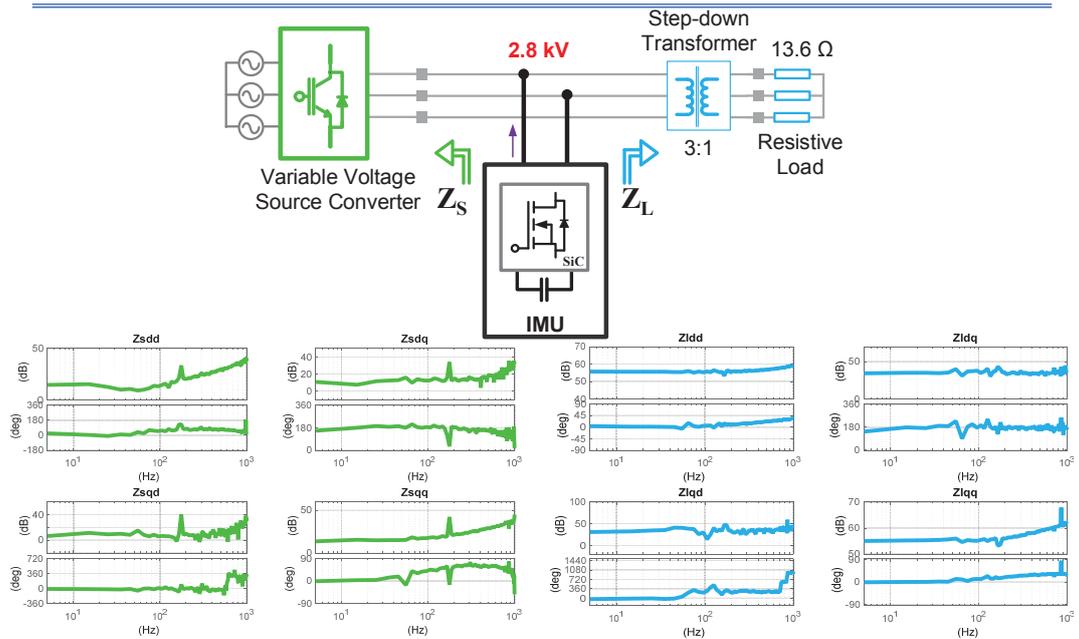


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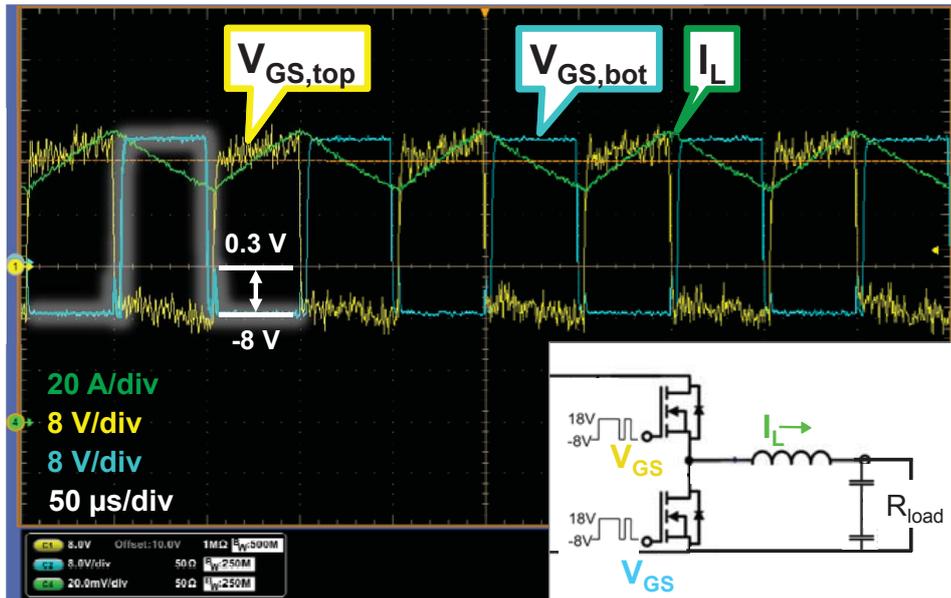
PEBB #1 Buck on SN44, Q1, GD1: $V_{in} = 670\text{ V}$, $I_{L,avg} = 100\text{ A}$, $D = 50\%$, $f_{sw} = 10\text{ kHz}$



First-ever impedance measurement at 2.8 kV.

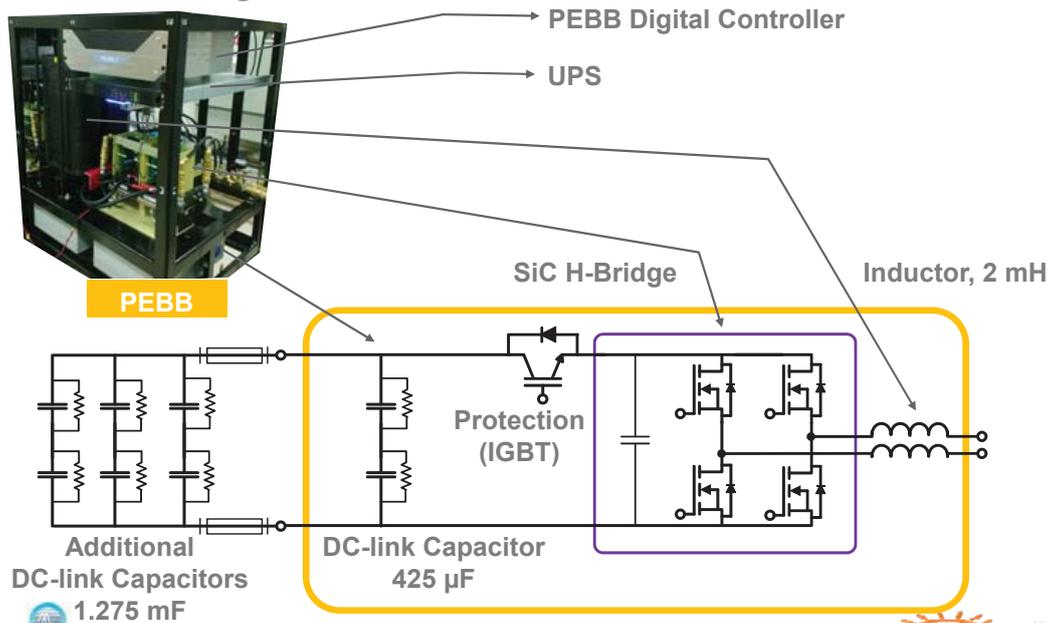


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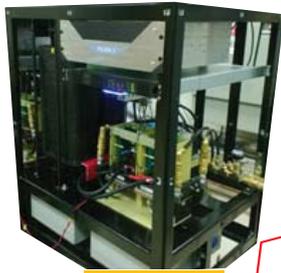
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PEBB Design

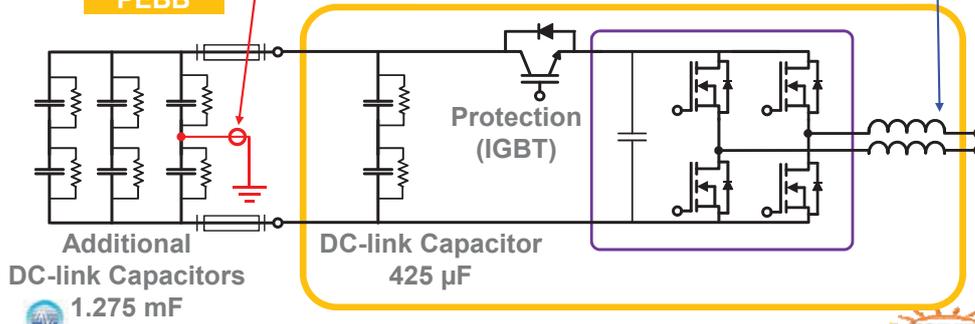
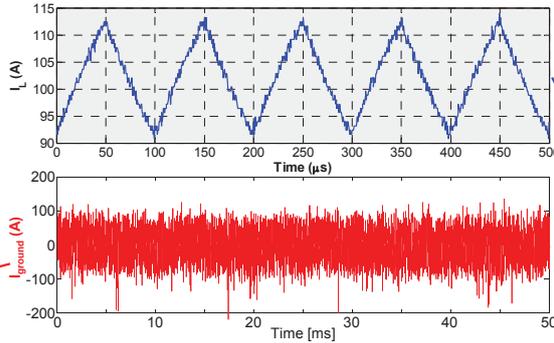


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Continuous Operation



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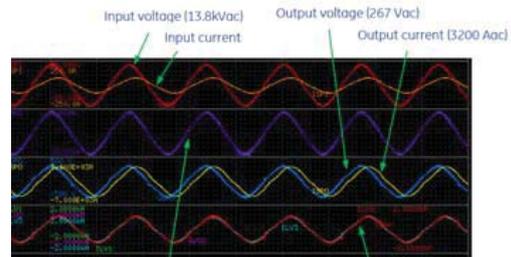
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High Power Electronics (HPE) program – DARPA/ONR Solid-State Power Substation (SSPS)

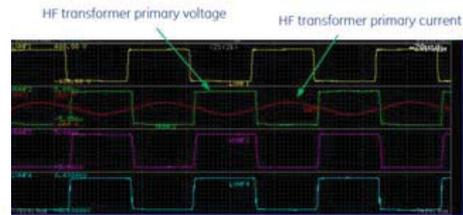


Single-phase SSPS at Navy test lab



Input voltage across individual bridge Current sharing at bridge outputs

60 Hz waveforms



20 kHz transformer primary (HV side) waveforms

- ✓ Demonstrated at 1 MVA, 13.8 kV/265 V
- ✓ Efficiency at full load > 97%
- ✓ 1/3rd weight of conventional transformer
- ✓ AC input current/ output voltage THD < 5%



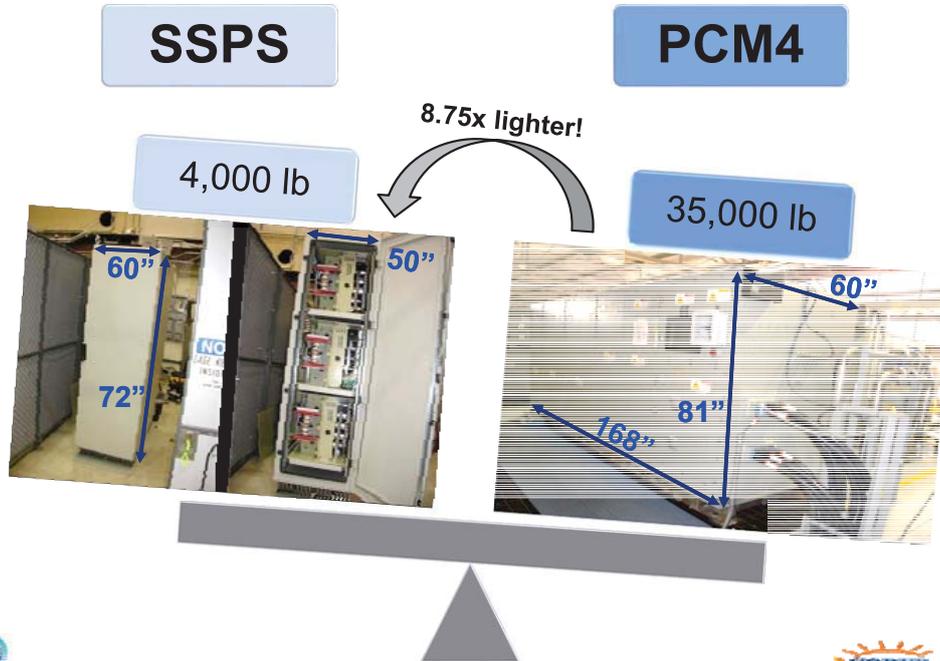
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Comparison of 3 MW Transformers



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Significant common-mode current could be flowing through the baseplate parasitic capacitance.

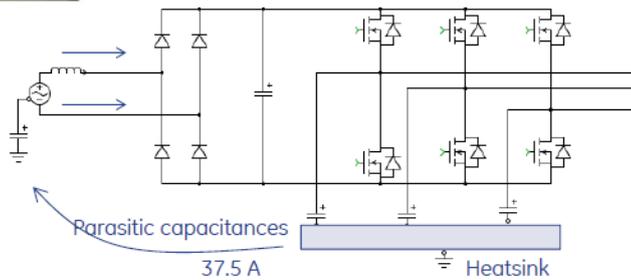
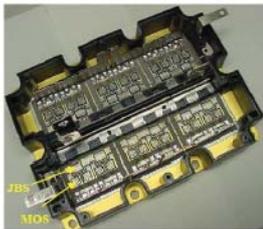
Example – EMI, dv/dt

Chips to baseplate capacitance, $C \sim 750$ pF

Assume slew rate, $dv/dt \sim 5$ kV / 100 ns

Common mode current = $C \cdot dv/dt = 37.5$ amps
(same order of magnitude as rated currents)

Solutions - Decoupling capacitors, synchronized out-of-phase switching of phase-legs to cancel CM currents, etc. can be used.



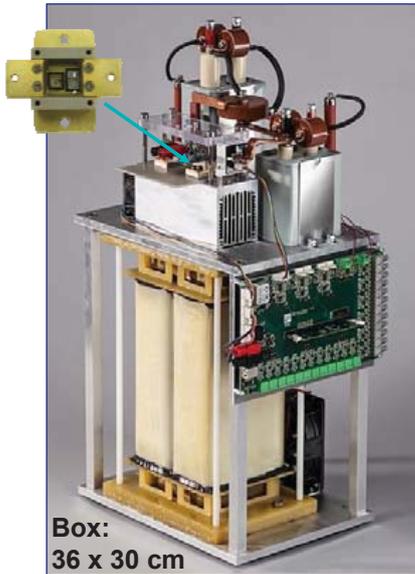
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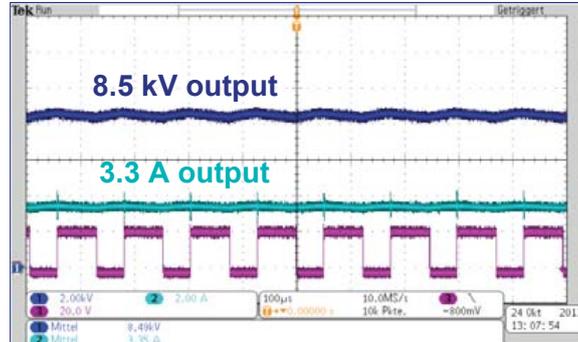


10 kV SiC MOSFETs in 30 kW Boost Converter



Box:
36 x 30 cm

Efficient, "Transformer-Less" Power Distribution Medium Voltage Grid



- 98.5 % efficiency
- 8 kHz switching frequency, >10X higher than possible with conventional silicon-based medium voltage converters.

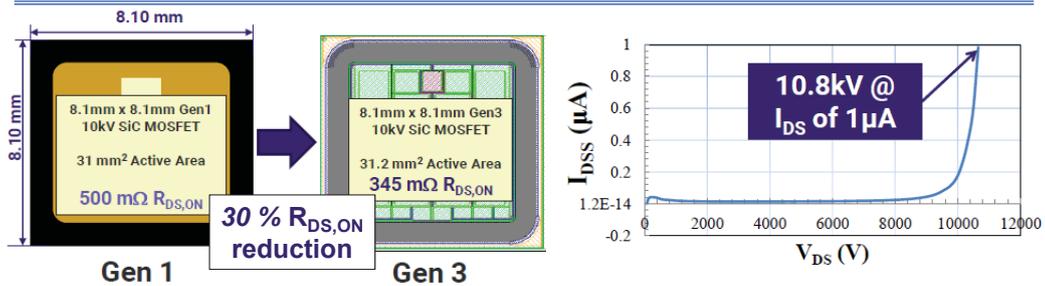
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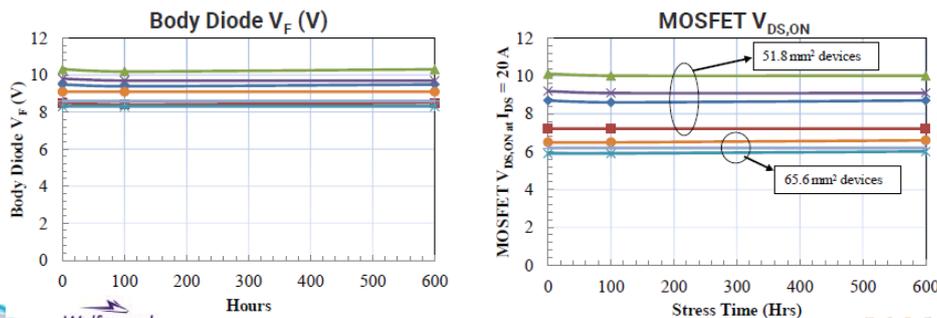
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3rd Generation 10 kV SiC MOSFET



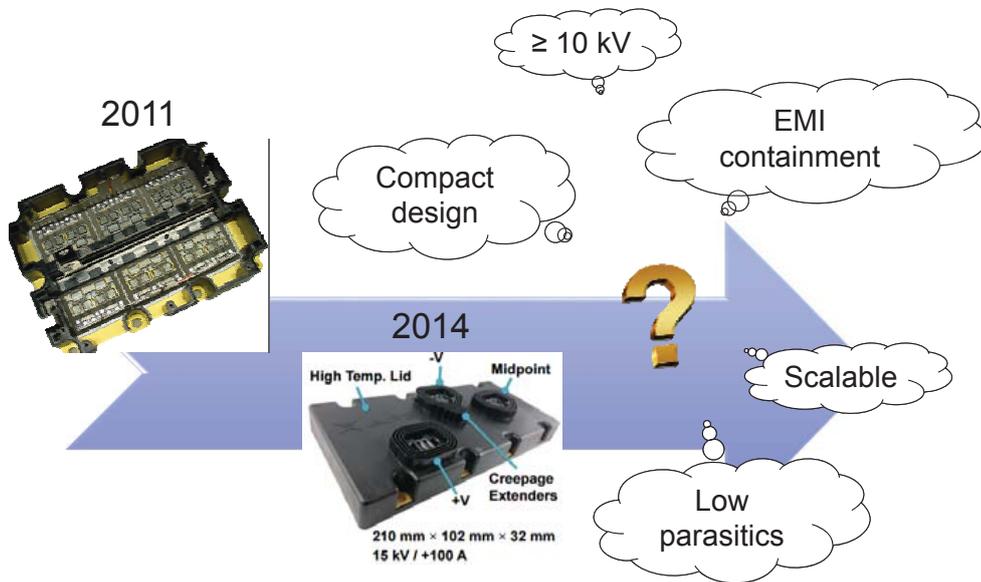
10 kV SiC MOSFET body diode stability after stressing at 10 A, 150 °C for 600 hrs.



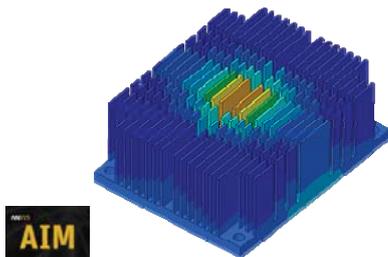
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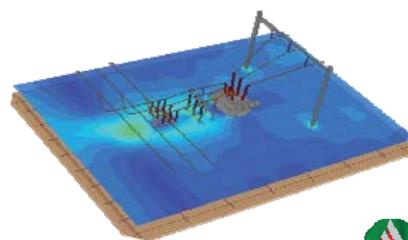
It is necessary to investigate the multi-physics design optimization of a high voltage SiC power module.



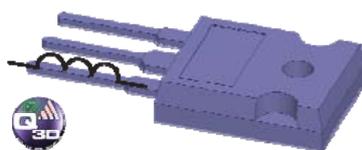
3D finite element analysis tools can be used to optimize the high voltage module design.



Temperature distribution of a finned heatsink solved by ANSYS AIM.

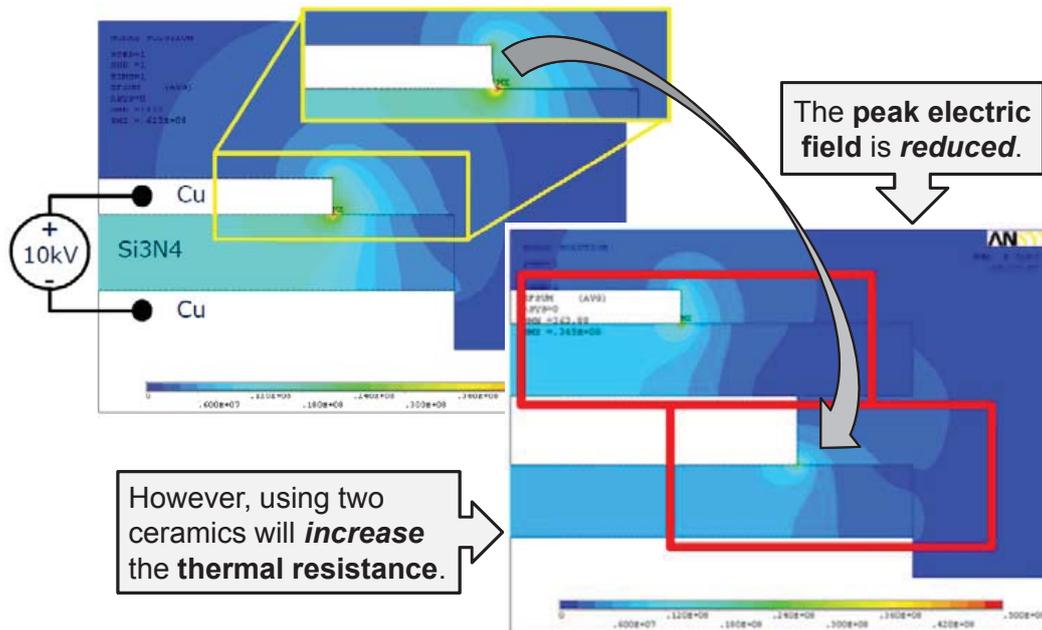


Electric field distribution from substation solved by ANSYS Maxwell.



Parasitic extraction of a TO-247 package solved by ANSYS Q3D.

Stacking substrates can reduce the peak electric field at the triple point.



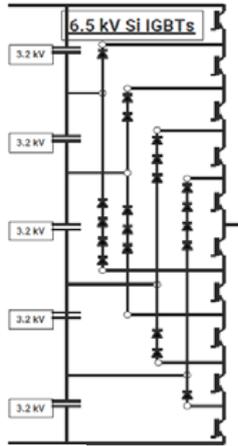
SiC Devices

	Device	Advantages	Disadvantages	Voltage Rating
Unipolar	DMOSFET	Scalable	MOS Interface	0.4 kV – 15 kV
	Trench MOSFET	High V_{TH} , Low R_{ON}	High Electric Field	0.6 kV – 1.2 kV
	Normally-On JFET	High Temp.	Normally-On	1.2 kV – 6.5 kV
	Normally-Off JFET	Normally-Off	High R_{ON}	1.2 kV – 6.5 kV
Bipolar	BJT	No Gate Oxide	Current Driven	1.2 kV – 10 kV
	IGBT	High Voltage	Reliability	15 kV – 27 kV
	GTO	Low Conduction Loss	Difficult Control	> 8 kV
	Schottky Diode	No Reverse Recovery	High Leakage	0.1 kV – 8 kV
	JBS Diode	Low Leakage	High Forward Voltage	0.65 kV – 10 kV
	PiN Diode	Forward Voltage	Degradation	10 kV

Switching loss benefits and simplified topologies are possible with high voltage SiC MOSFETs and IGBTs.

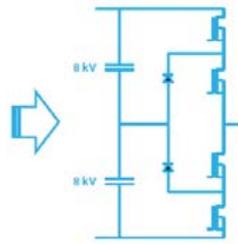
Device	Max T_j	Bus Voltage	Rated Current	$V_{DS(on)}$ @ Max T_j	$E_{SW,ON}$	$E_{SW,OFF}$	$E_{SW,TOT}$
6.5 kV Si IGBT	125 °C	3.6 kV	25 A	5.4 V	200 mJ	130 mJ	330 mJ
10 kV SiC MOSFET	150 °C	7 kV	20 A	10.2 V	8.4 mJ	1.3 mJ	9.7 mJ
15 kV SiC MOSFET	150 °C	10 kV	10 A	16.3 V	10.2 mJ	3 mJ	13.2 mJ

3x bus voltage,
25x smaller E_{sw}

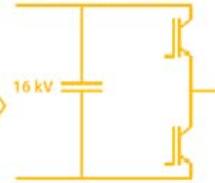


Example: 16 kV Input

15 kV SiC MOSFETs



24+ kV SiC IGBTs



Benefits:

- Fewer devices
- Simpler control
- Less power loss

Potential Issues:

- Higher dv/dt
- Worse EMI

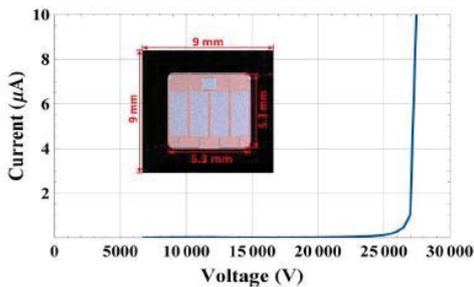


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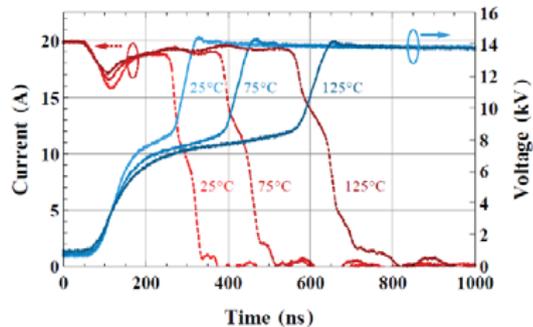
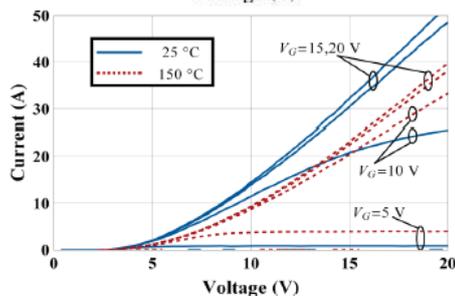
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27.5 kV, 20 A SiC n-IGBT The world's highest-voltage semiconductor switch!



- 0.9 cm x 0.9 cm SiC n-IGBT
- 0.25 cm² active area
- 230 nm, 1×10^{14} /cm³ doped drift layer
- 27.5 kV blocking at $I_C = 11.8 \mu A$ ($V_{GE} = 0 V$)

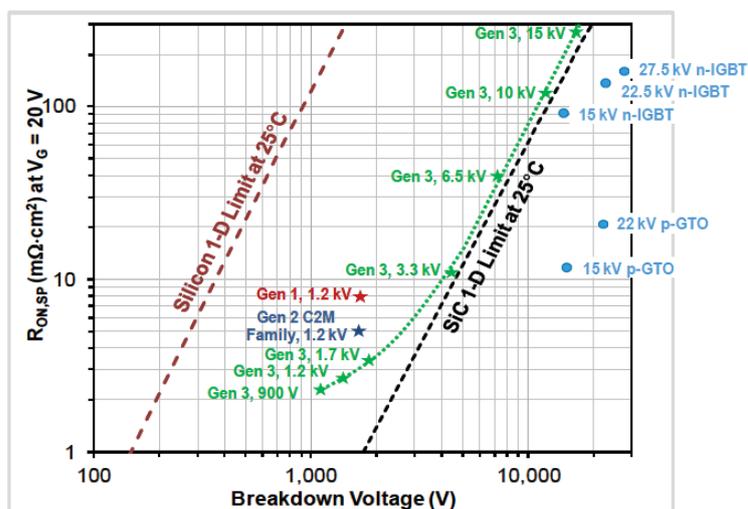


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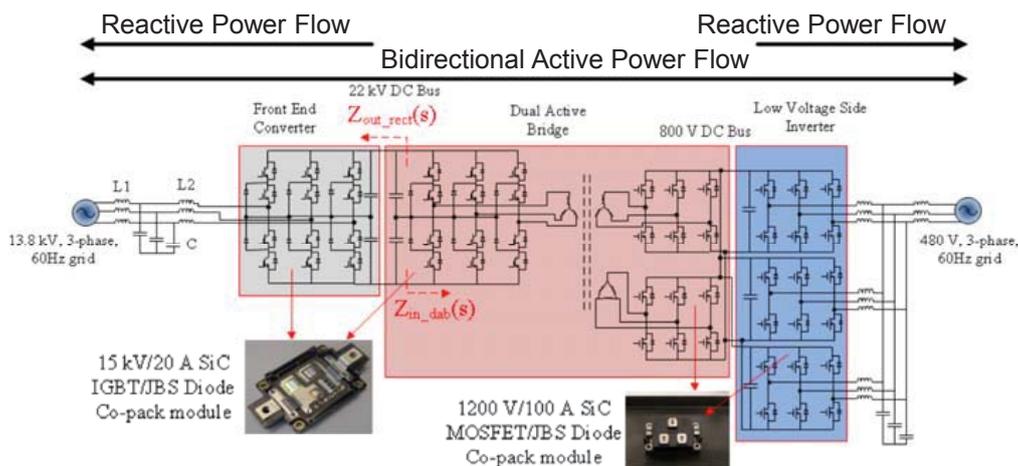
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Bipolar SiC devices yield lower on-resistance for higher voltages.



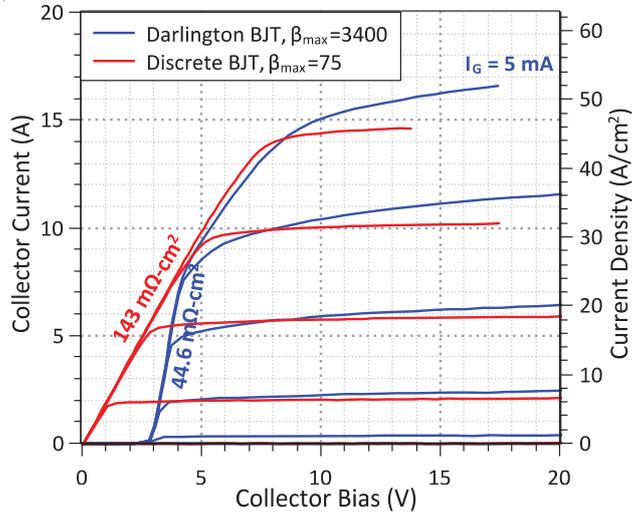
Transformer-less Intelligent Power Substation with 15 kV SiC IGBT and 1.2 kV SiC MOSFET



- SiC-based 3-phase solid state transformer for 13.8 kV – 480 V grid interconnection
- Features: High efficiency, small size, bidirectional, reactive power compensation, improved power quality, renewable integration

A. Kadavelugu, et al., "Medium voltage power converter design and demonstration using 15 kV SiC n-IGBTs," IEEE APEC, pp. 1396-1403, 2015.

On-State Characteristics of 10 kV SiC BJTs



- $R_{\text{on}} = 143 \text{ m}\Omega\text{-cm}^2$ and $\beta = 75$ measured on single-stage BJT
- **Darlington BJT** shows diff. $R_{\text{on}} = 44.6 \text{ m}\Omega\text{-cm}^2$ in saturation region
 - R_{on} is not constrained by collector current load line in this region
 - **70% lower** than discrete BJT
 - **Unipolar limit= 94 mΩ-cm²**

7.3 mm x 7.3 mm BJTs (active area = 28 mm²)

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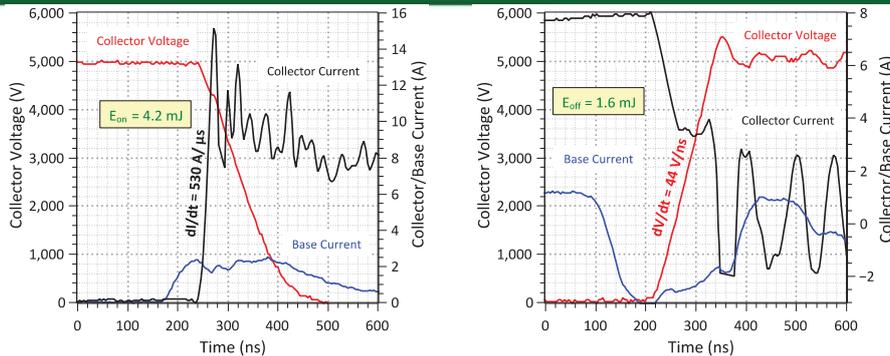
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10 kV SiC BJT Inductive Switching Test at 5 kV, 8 A and 150°C



Device	BV	I _C	Temp.(C)	V _{CE,sat} (V)	E _{on} (mJ)	E _{off} (mJ)
SiC BJT	10 kV	8 A	150°C	6.4	4.2	1.6
Si IGBT	6.5 kV	10 A	125°C	4	80	40
				↑ 1.6 x	19 x ↓	25 x ↓

* Si IGBT switching data sourced from device datasheet

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10 kV SiC BJT Inductive Switching and Short-Circuit Ruggedness

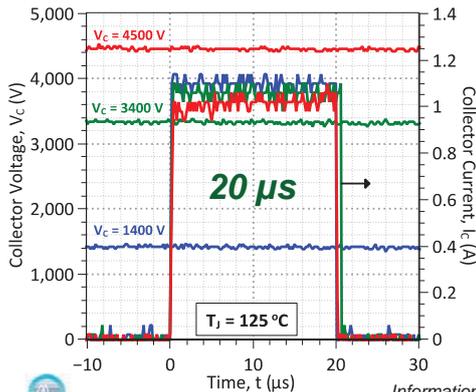


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- 3.65 mm x 3.65 mm SiC BJT turned on to a short-circuited load at a DC link voltage of 4.5 kV.
- A short-circuit withstand time of $\geq 20 \mu\text{s}$ observed at $V_{CE} = 4.5 \text{ kV}$ and $T_C = 125^\circ\text{C}$
 - Near-infinity output resistance (and Early voltage) results in V_{CE} invariance of I_{SC}



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Conclusions

For $V_{dc} < 500$ V:

- SiC SBD + Si Super-junction MOSFET will compete with GaN-on-Si

For 0.5 kV $< V_{dc} < 1$ kV:

- SiC Schottky (SBD) will be increasingly used instead of Si PiN
- SiC transistors will start competing with Si MOSFETs and IGBTs based on converter cost, efficiency, size and performance
 - (A tough proposition!)
- For high switching frequencies (> 10 kHz) better module and converter packaging must be developed

For 1 kV $< V_{dc} < 6$ kV:

- SiC could be overtaking Si within 3-8 years
- Improved packaging for higher switching frequencies, higher voltage, higher temperatures, and longer lifetime will provide competitive advantage
- Much improved systems based on new designs for electric machines, passives, and converters will be a game changer



Conclusions

For Medium and High Voltage ($V_{dc} > 6$ kV):

- SiC is the future! (*Not a game changer, but a New Game.*)
- Very innovative packaging and system design for high voltage, higher switching frequencies and long lifetime is required
- Completely new systems and new applications will be developed
- This will become huge when the new electronic grid will start to be built

For High Ambient Temperature (> 200 °C):

- SiC is the future! (*Not a game changer, but a New Game.*)
- Very innovative packaging for high temperature, higher switching frequencies and long lifetime is required
- Novel components for the “balance of system” (sensing, control, passives, interconnects, ...) will have to be invented and developed
- Completely new systems and new applications will be developed
 - (“Physics” will remain the problem!)



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