



Extending GaN Integration to Higher Power and Faster Speeds

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Speaker Biography

Alex Lidow is CEO and co-founder of Efficient Power Conversion Corporation (EPC). Prior to founding EPC, Dr. Lidow was CEO of International Rectifier Corporation. A co-inventor of the HEXFET power MOSFET, Dr. Lidow holds many patents in power semiconductor technology and has authored numerous publications on related subjects, including co-authoring the first textbook on GaN transistors, *GaN Transistors for Efficient Power Conversion*, now in its third edition published by John Wiley and Sons. Lidow earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Caltech and his Ph.D. from Stanford.



GaN Integration

- What problems are we trying to solve?
- What's New?
- What to expect going forward.

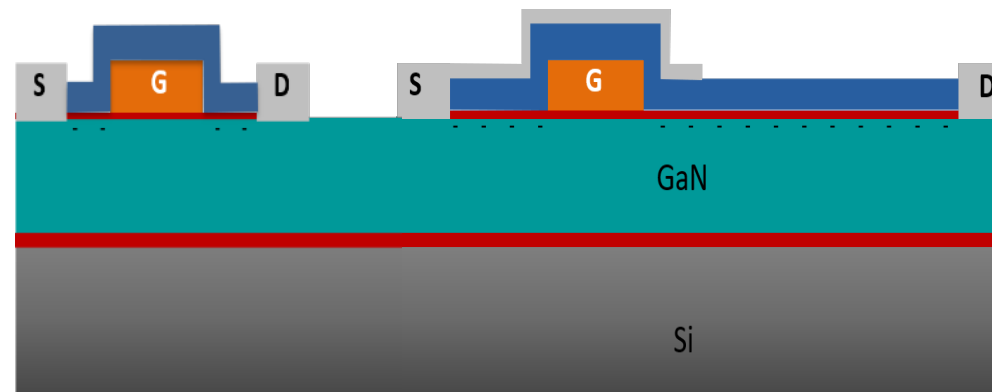


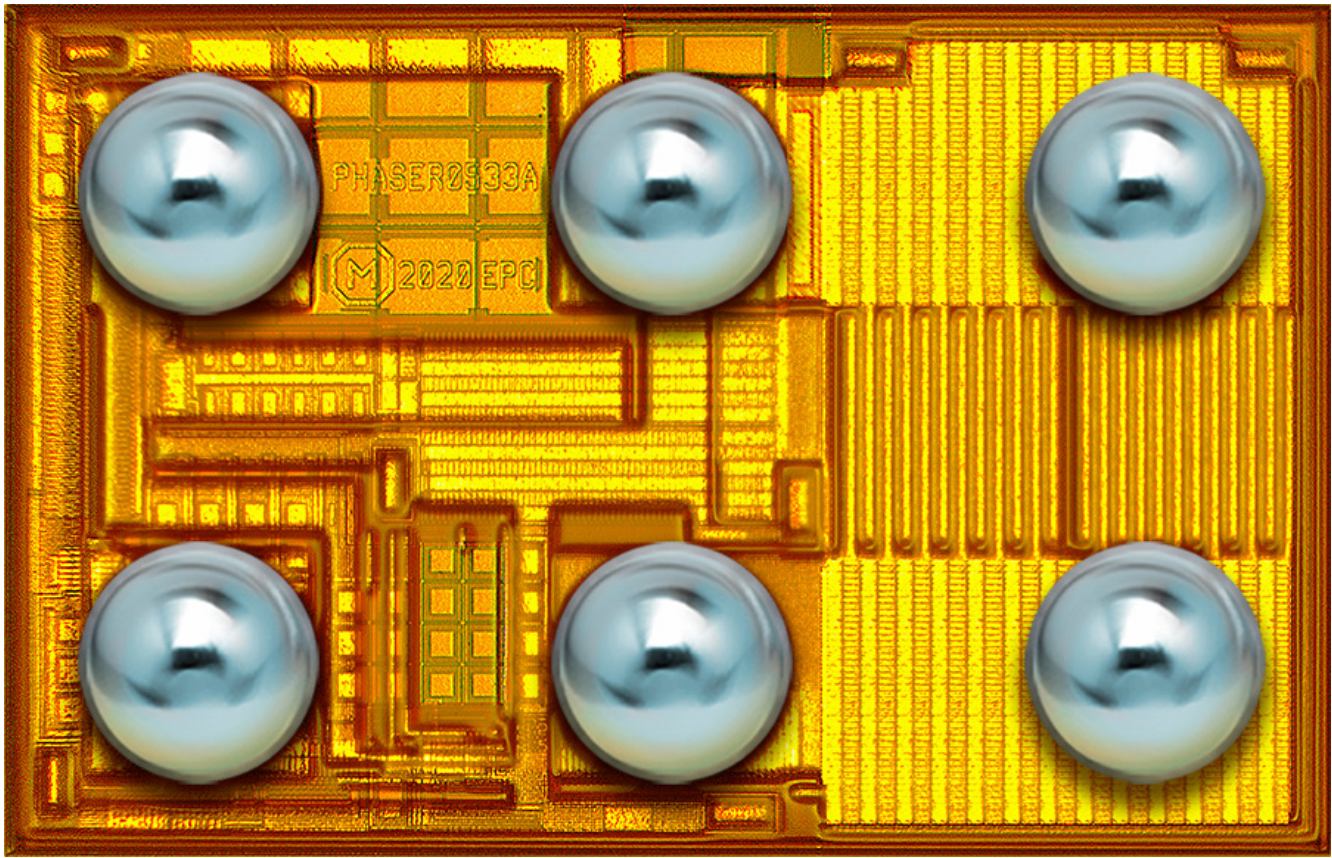
- Efficiency
- Size and Weight
- Cost
- EMI



Low Side
Fixed Ref
Low Voltage
Logic/Analog
GaN Devices

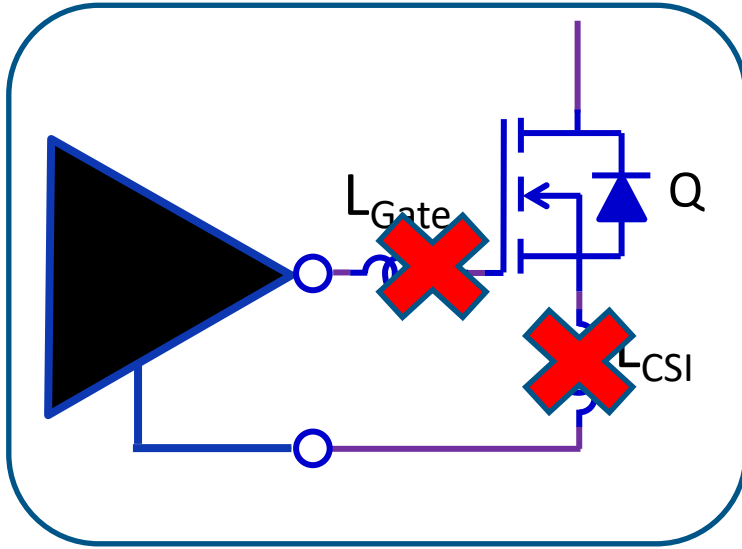
Power
eGaN Device

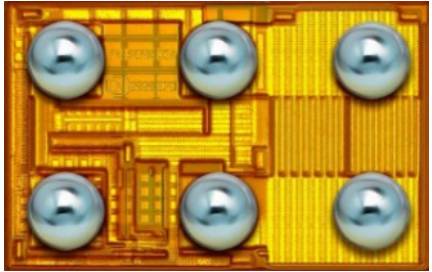




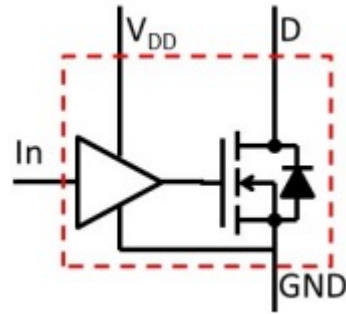
Application that benefits the most:

- Lidar

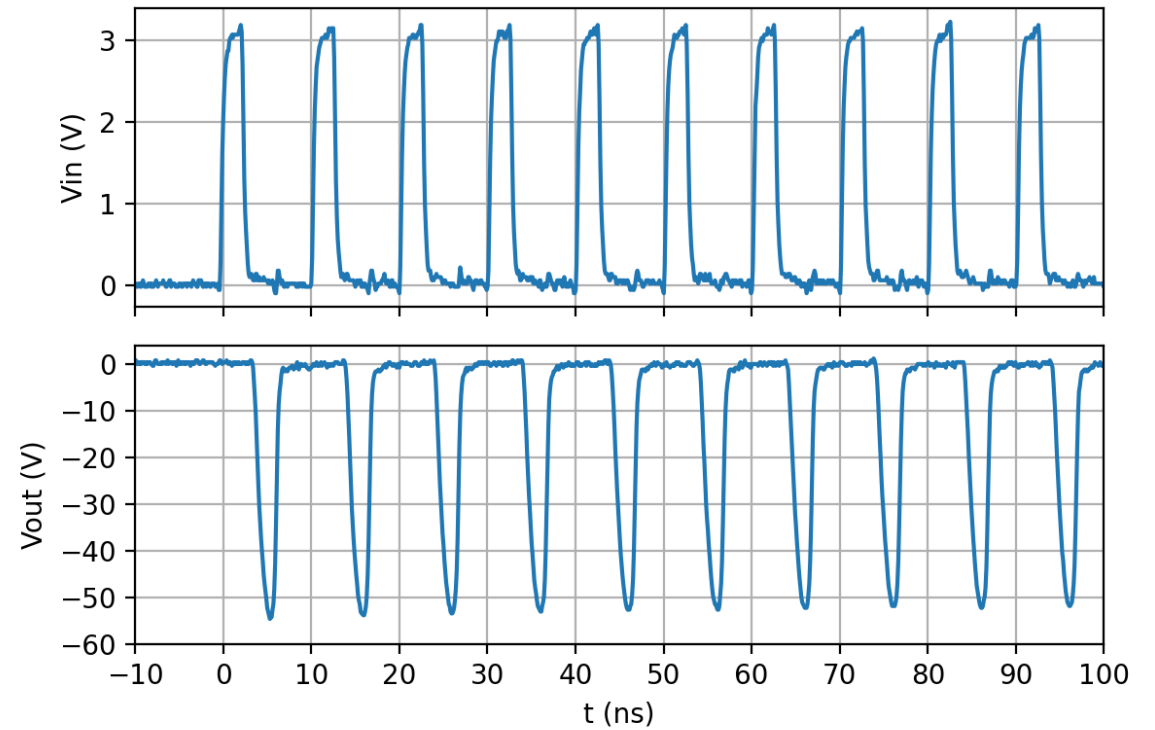
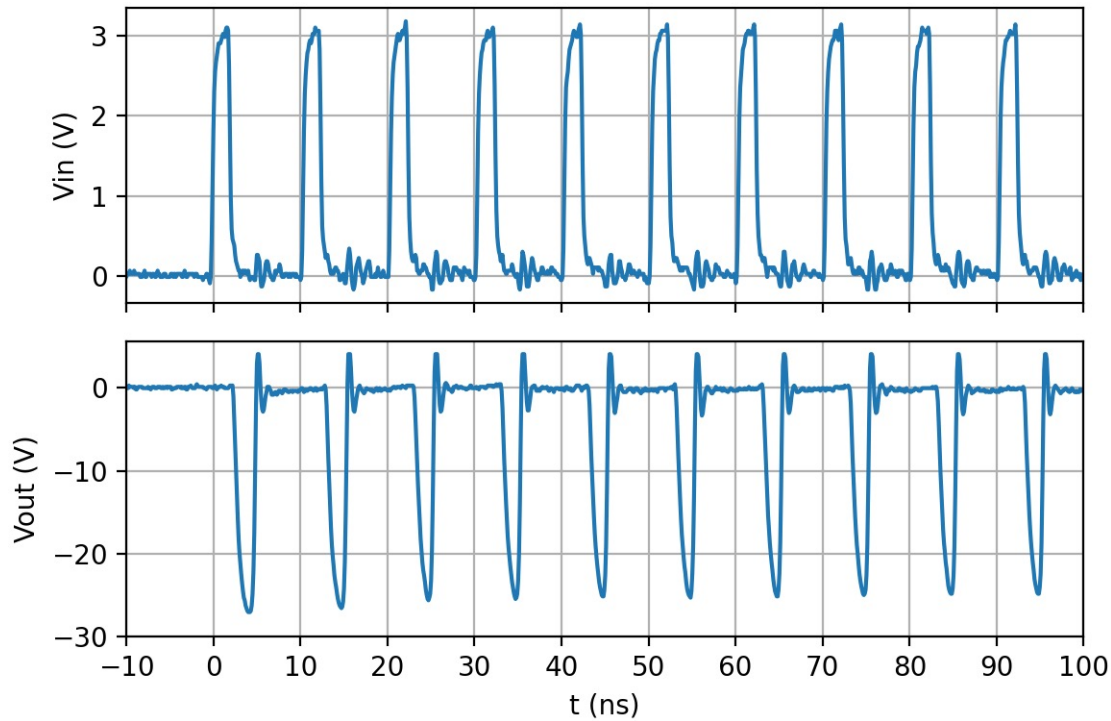
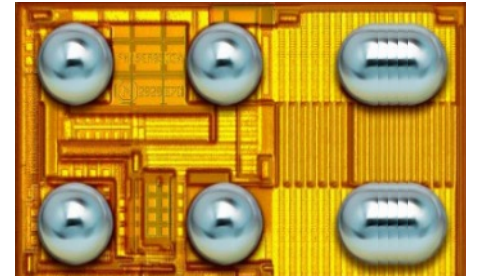




EPC21601
40 V, 10 A
pulsethwidth=2ns



EPC21701
80 V 18 A
pulsethwidth=2.5ns



Integrated Half-Bridge

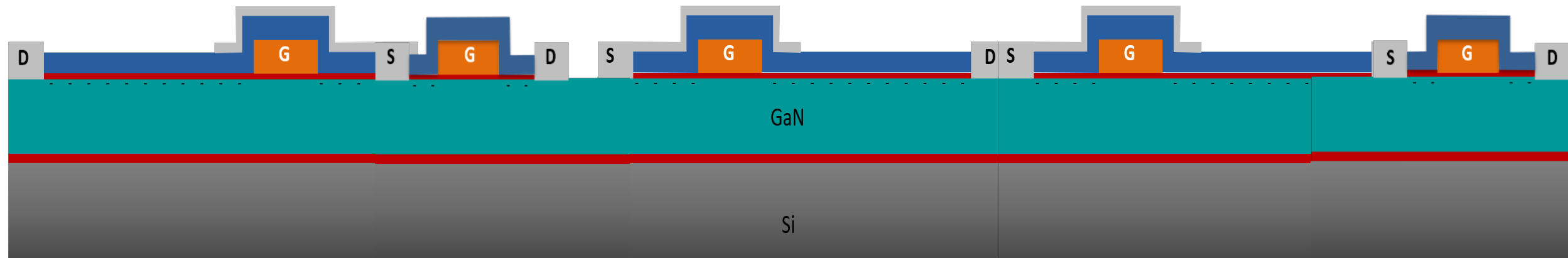
High Voltage
Level-Shifting
and Analog
GaN Devices

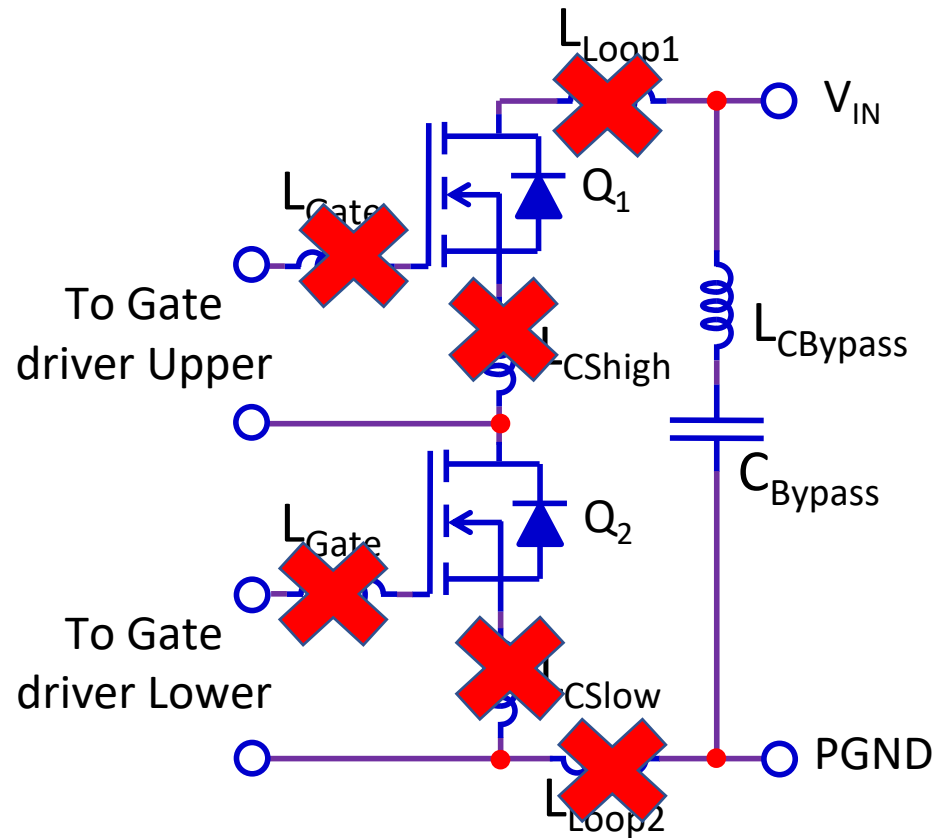
Low Side
Fixed Ref
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Low Side
Power
eGaN
Device

High Side
Power
eGaN
Device

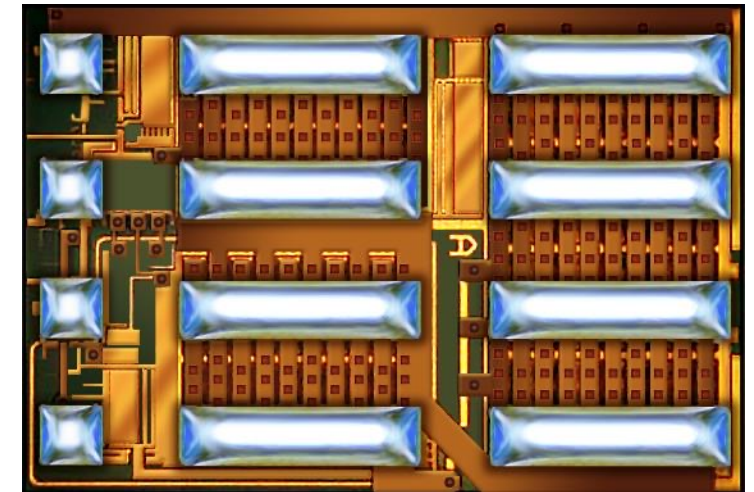
High Side
Floating
Low Voltage
Logic/Analog
GaN Devices





Applications that benefit the most:

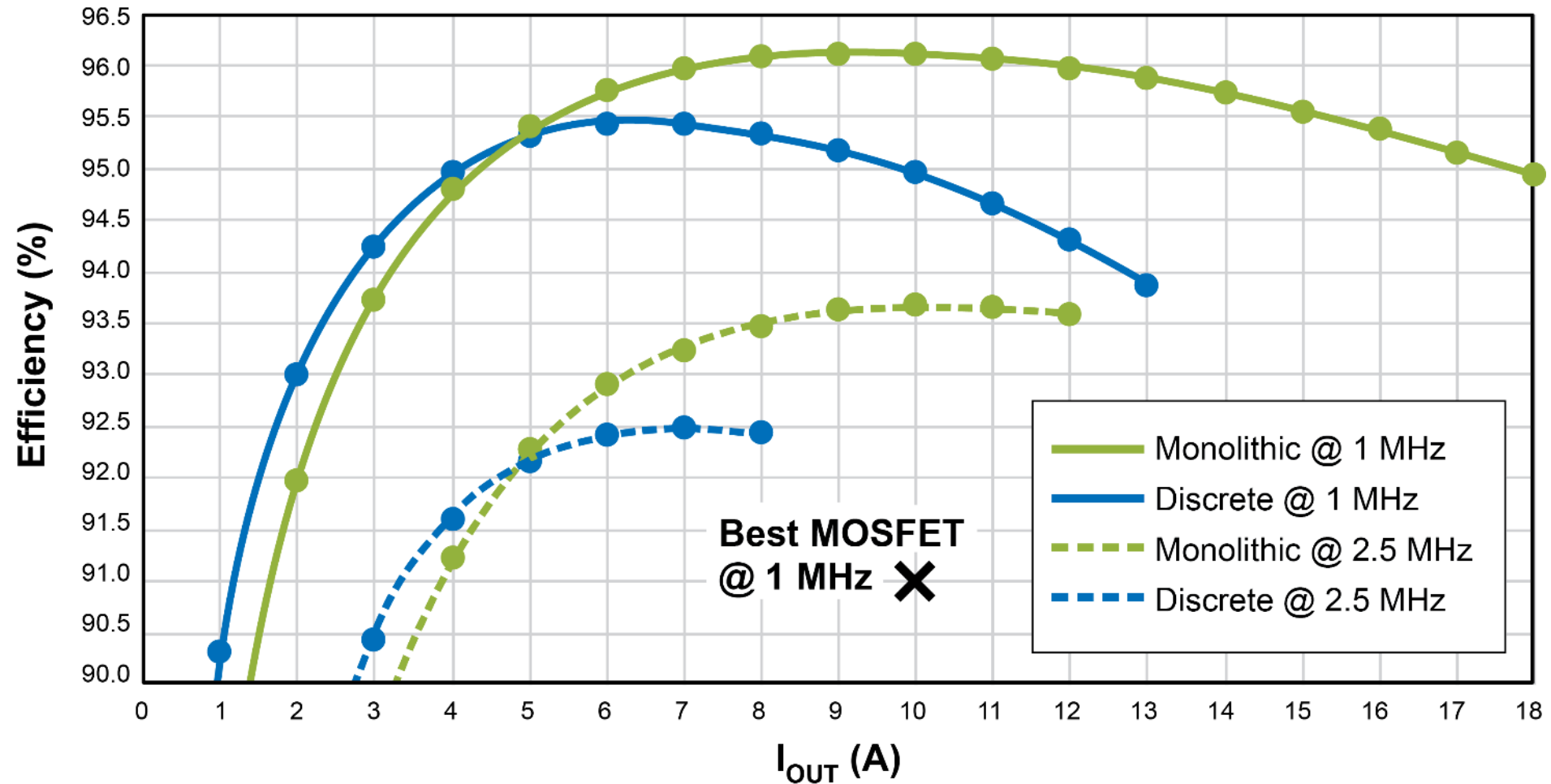
- DC-DC
- Motor Drives



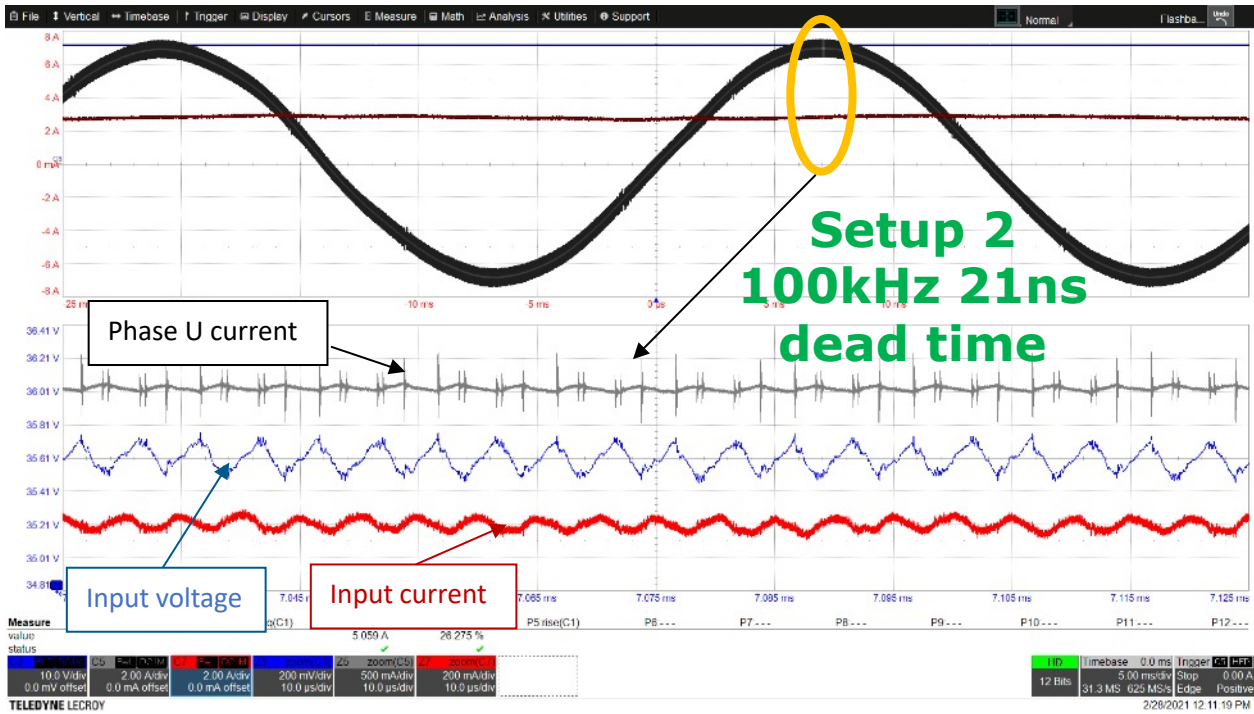
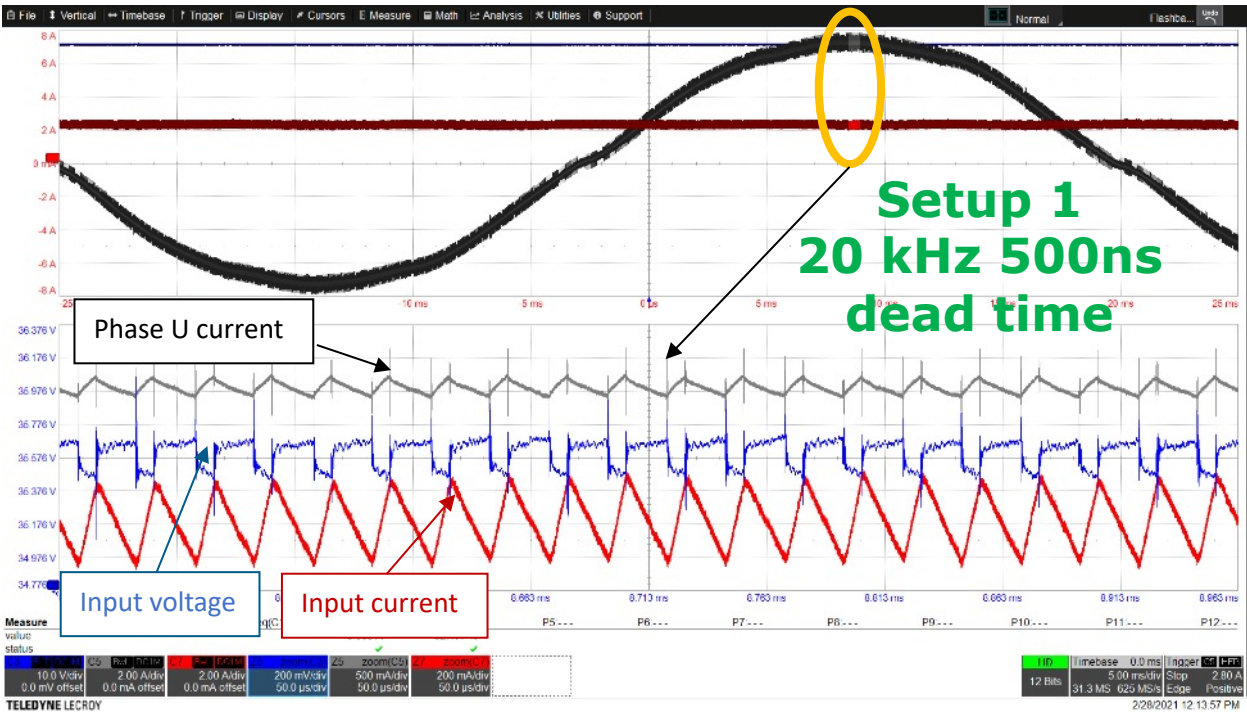
- 35% smaller
- 50% fewer components
- Less design time:
 - Logic In – Power Out
- Better efficiency

48 V – 12 V Buck Converter Topology

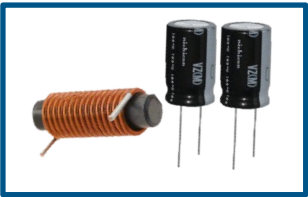
$L = 2.2 \mu\text{H}$, Air Flow = 800 LFM



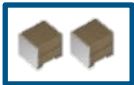
11 Higher Frequency Motor Drive with ePower™ Stage



36Vdc – 5Arms motor phase current

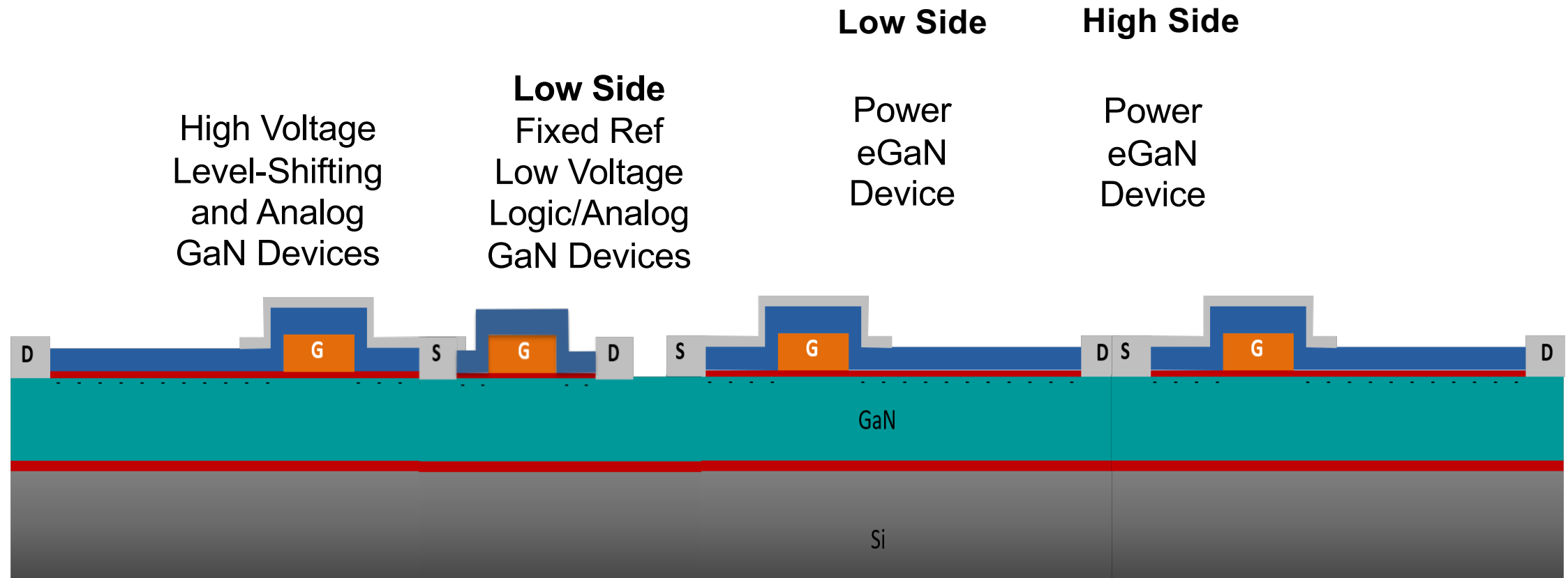


Original LC
input filter
2.7 μ H + 660 μ F



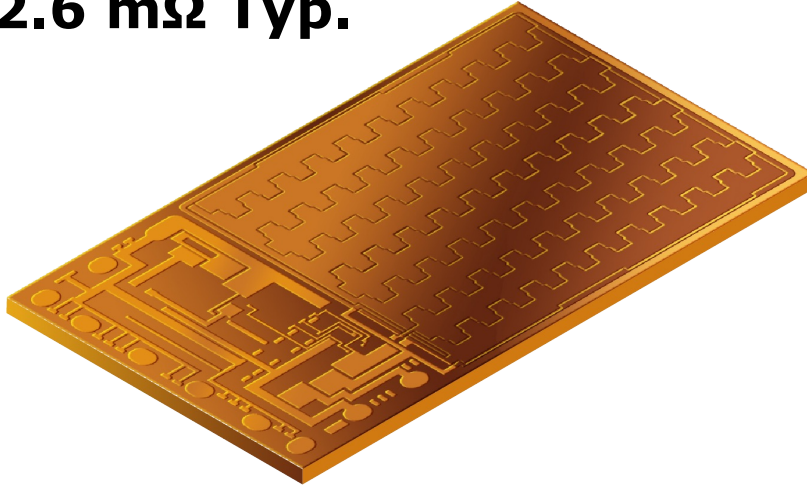
Ceramic
capacitors
44 μ F





EPC23101

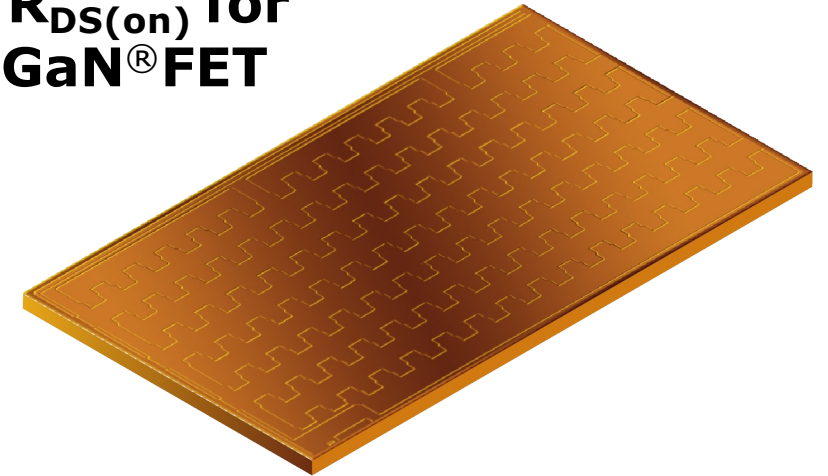
HSFET is 2.6 mΩ Typ.



**Optimized for
Lower Switching Losses**

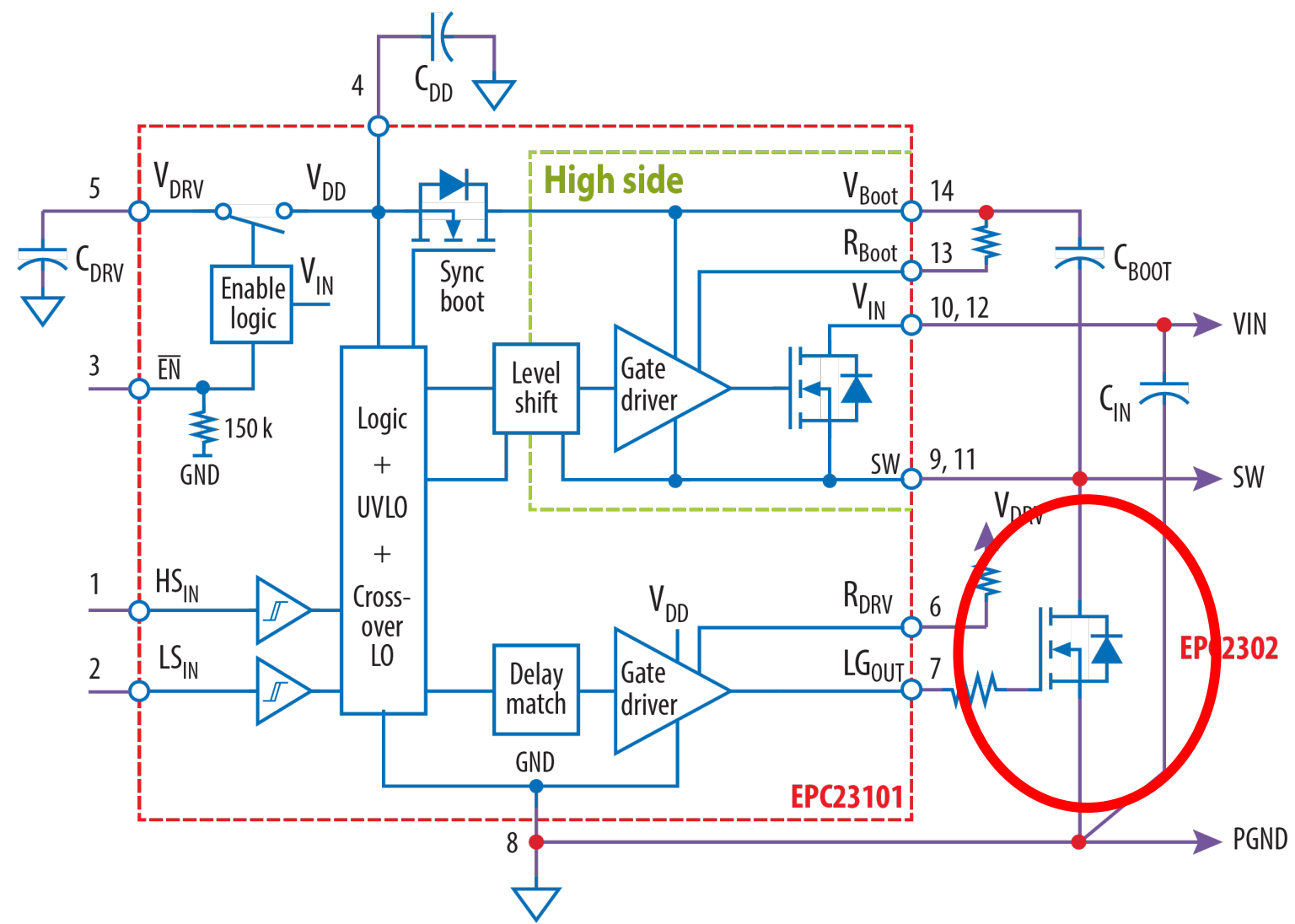
EPC2302

LSFET is 1.4 mΩ Typ.
Lowest $R_{DS(on)}$ for
100 V eGaN® FET

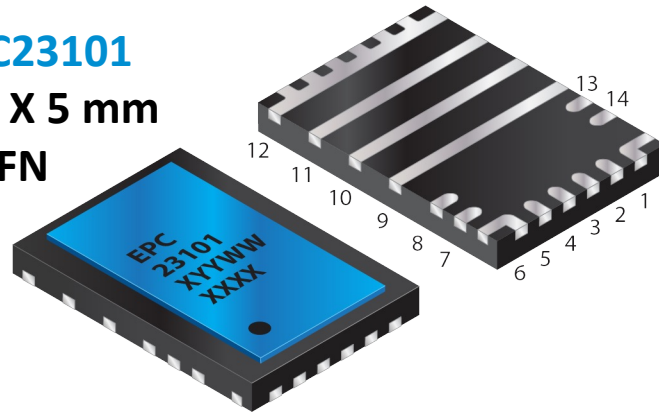


**Optimized for
Lower Conduction Losses**

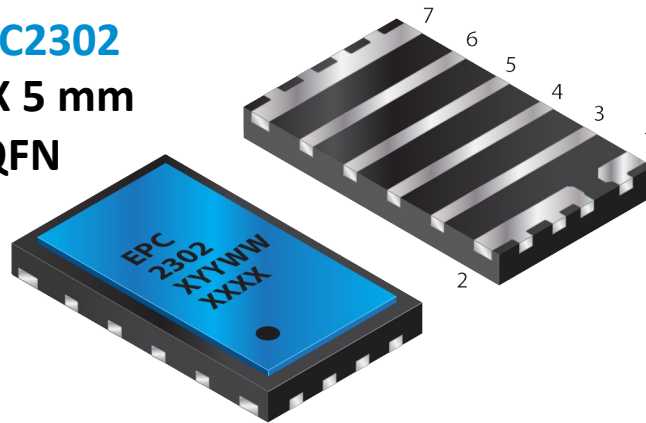
14 ePower™ Chipset Block Diagram



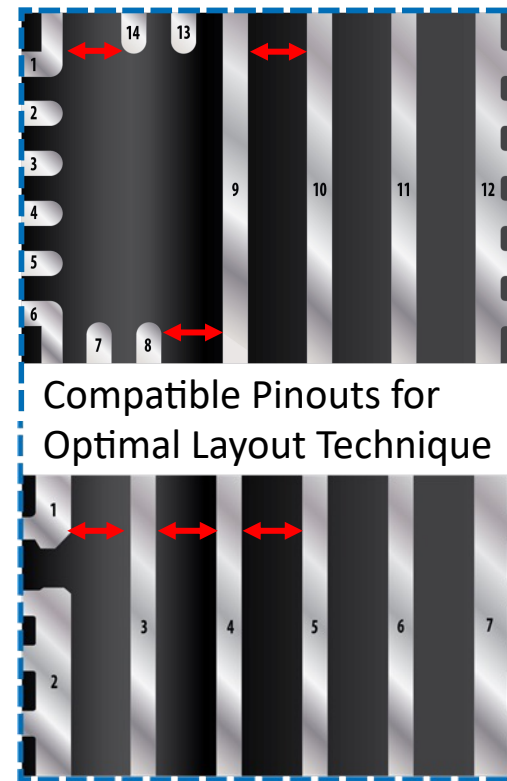
EPC23101
3.5 X 5 mm
PQFN

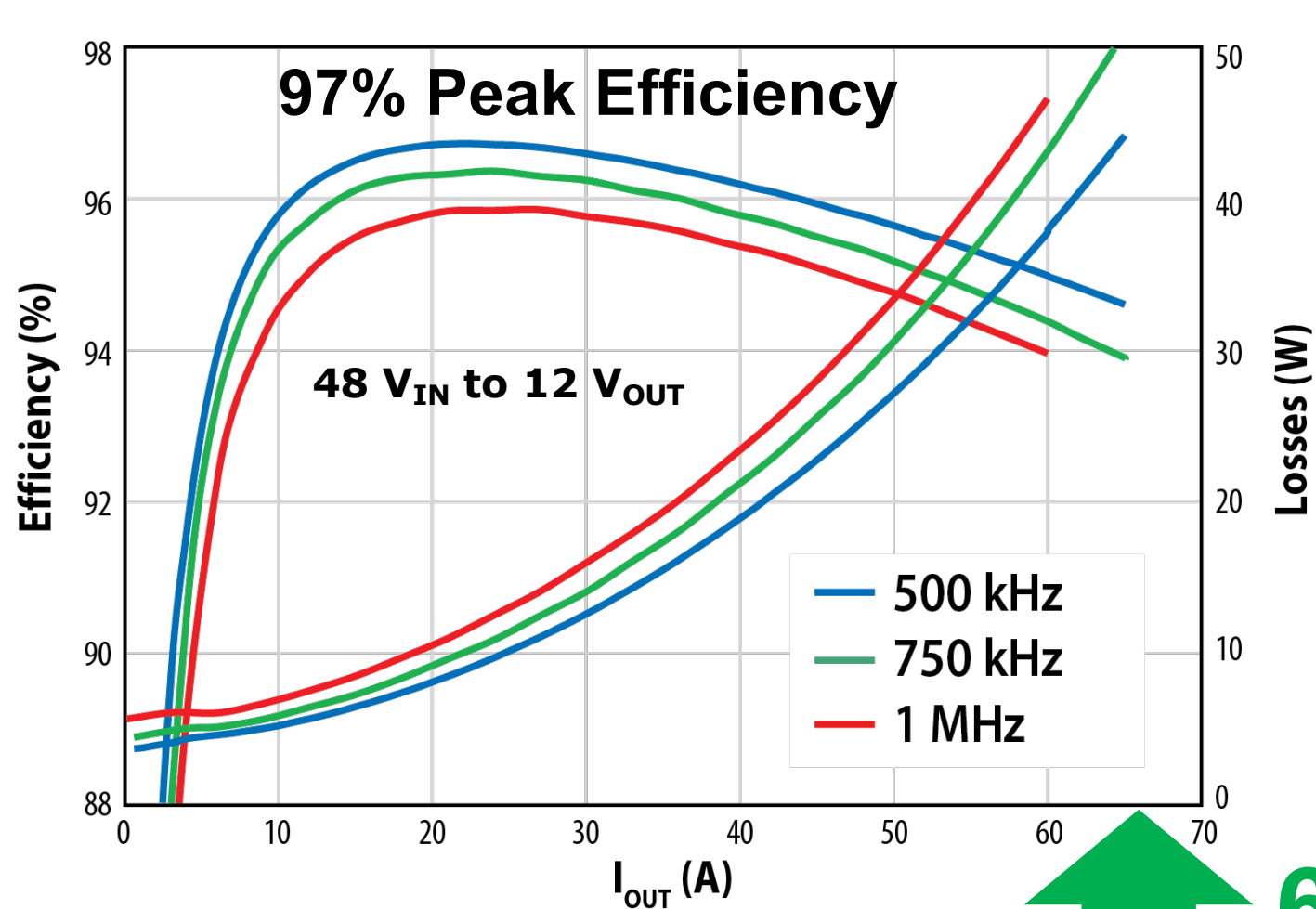


EPC2302
3 X 5 mm
PQFN



High Voltage to Low Voltage Pads
0.6 mm Spacings meet IPC Rules



**Buck Converter**

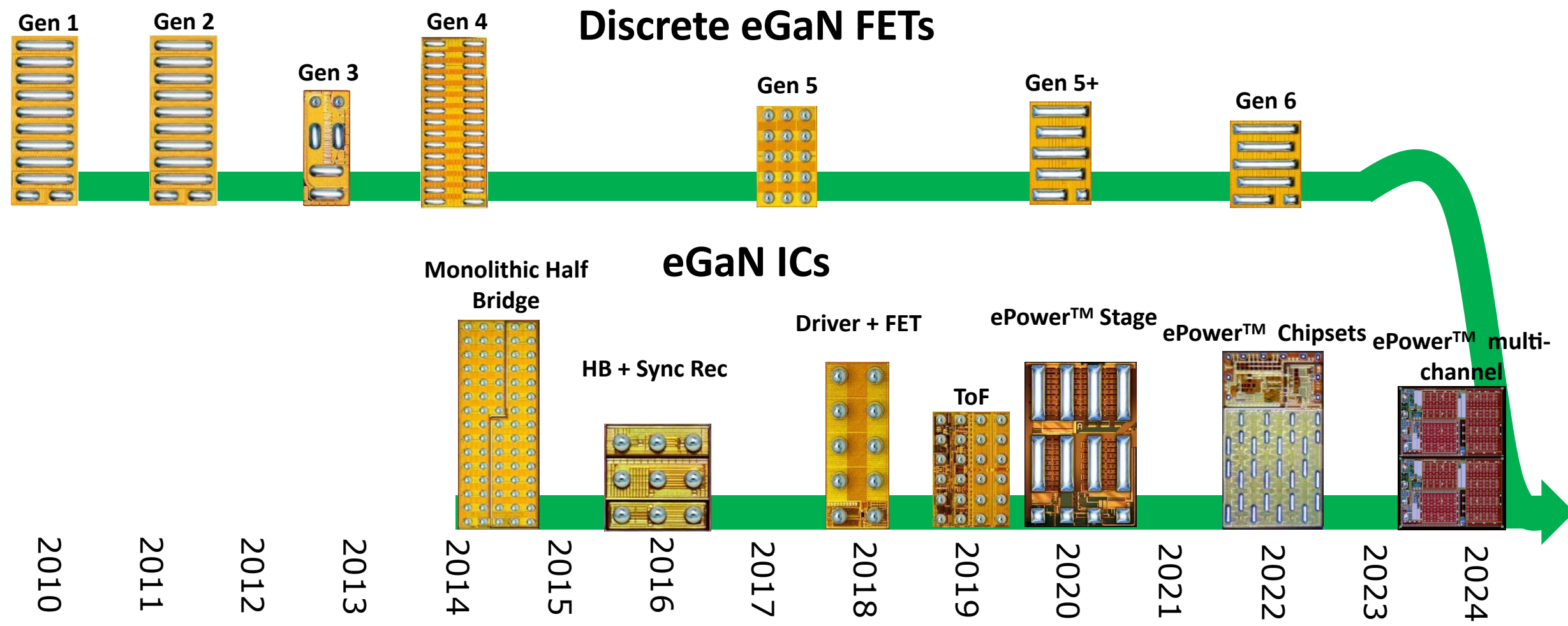
$$V_{IN} = 48 \text{ V}, V_{OUT} = 12 \text{ V},$$

$$PWM \text{ Freq} = 0.5/0.75/1 \text{ MHz},$$

$$L = 2.2 \mu\text{H}, DCR = 0.7 \text{ m}\Omega,$$

$$DT = 10 \text{ ns}$$

65 A





- Higher Efficiency
- Lower EMI
- Lower Component Count
- Shortened Design Time To Market
- Saved Precious PCB Area
- Reduced Cost

