

EP R&D Day 2022  
WP5.2  
powering solutions

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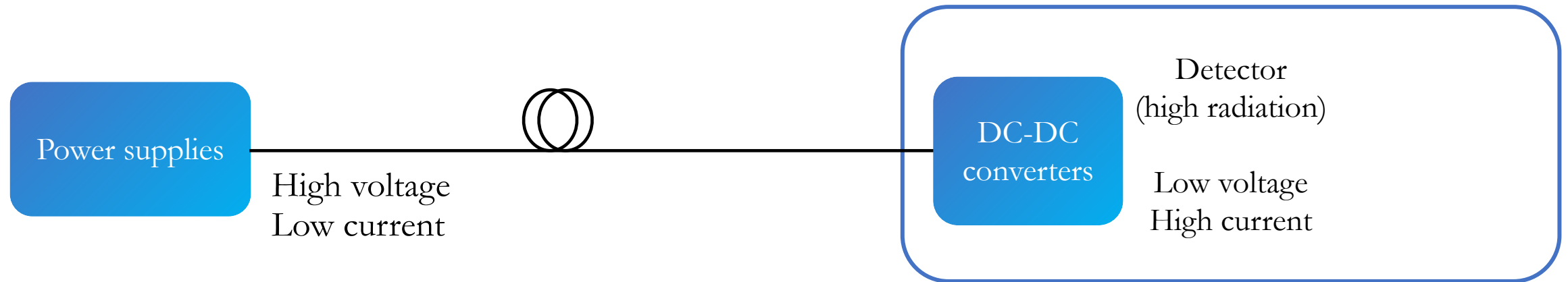
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# Power management and distribution



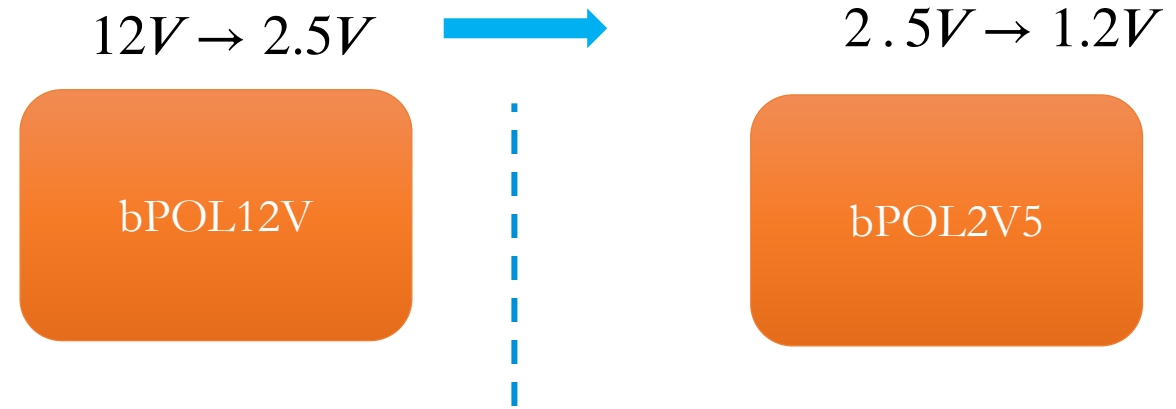
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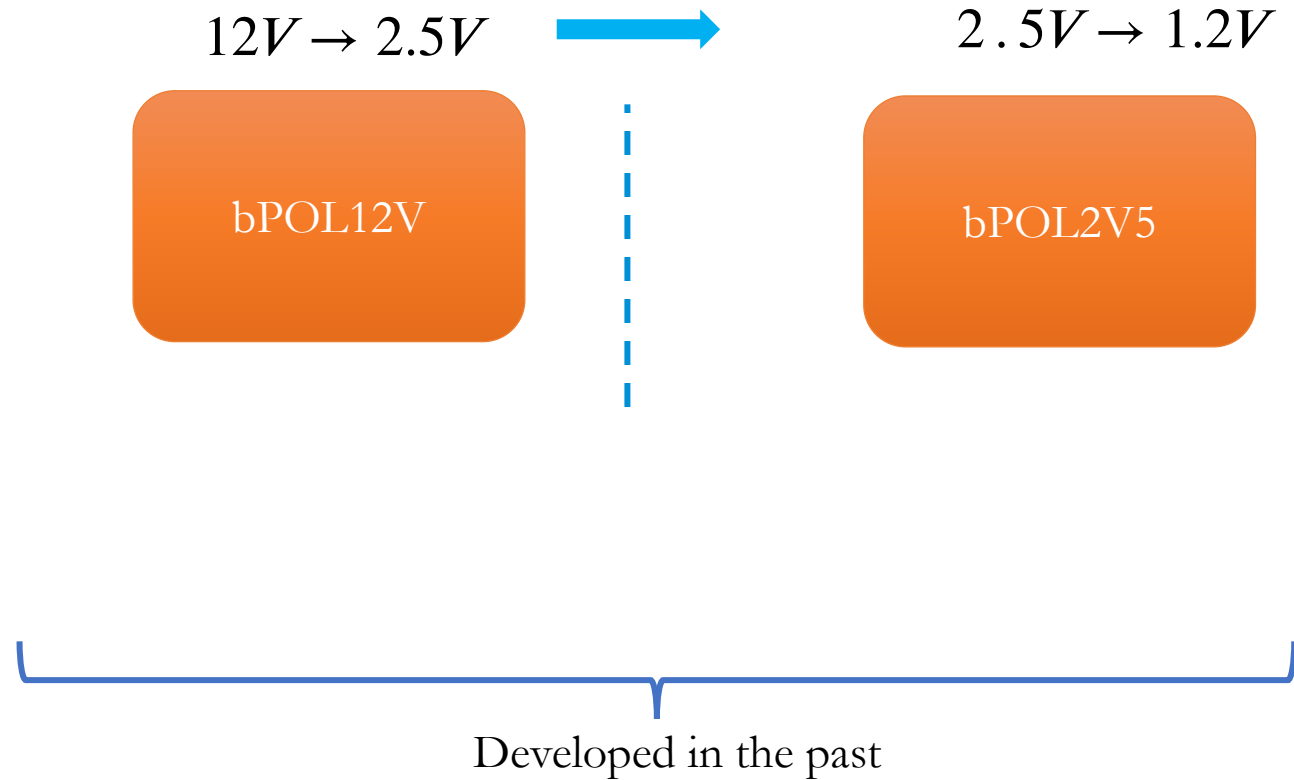
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WP5 R&D

Developed in the past



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bPOL48V

POL buck converter  
(0.35 μm HV-CMOS and GaN)

linPOL48V

Linear regulator  
(0.35 μm HV-CMOS)

rPOL48V




GaN-based switched-tank resonant converter

bPOL12V

bPOL2V5

WP5 R&D

Developed in the past

-  WP5 R&D and now in production grade/in production
-  WP5 R&D and KT funds
-  Already developed outside WP5

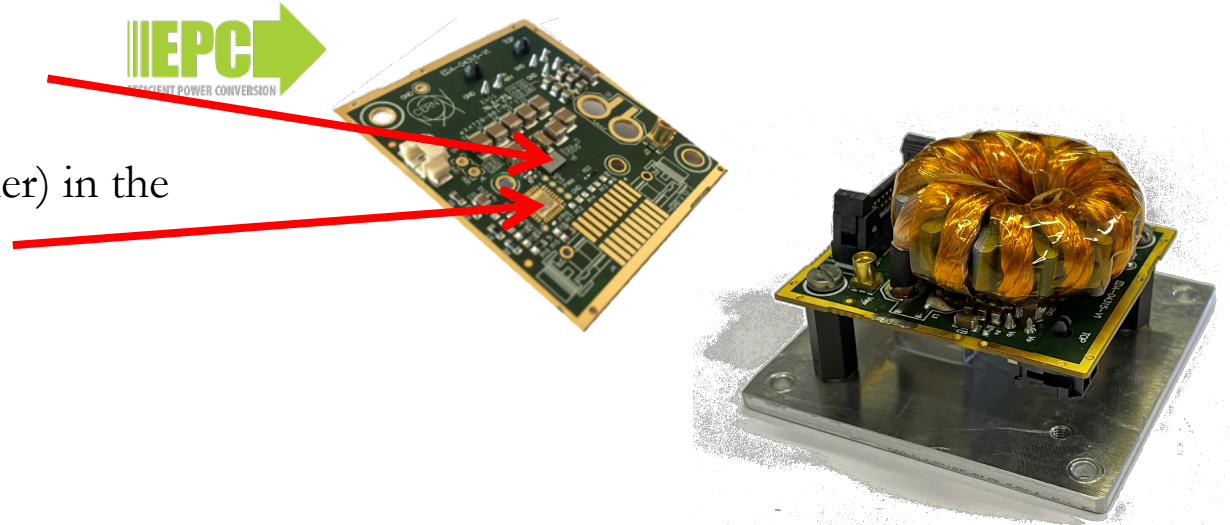
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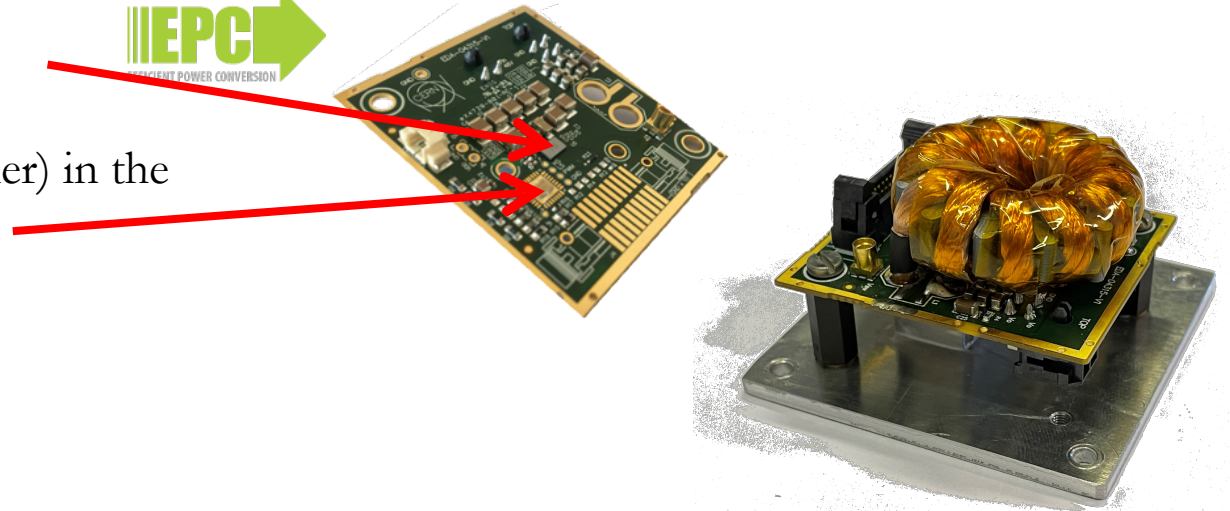
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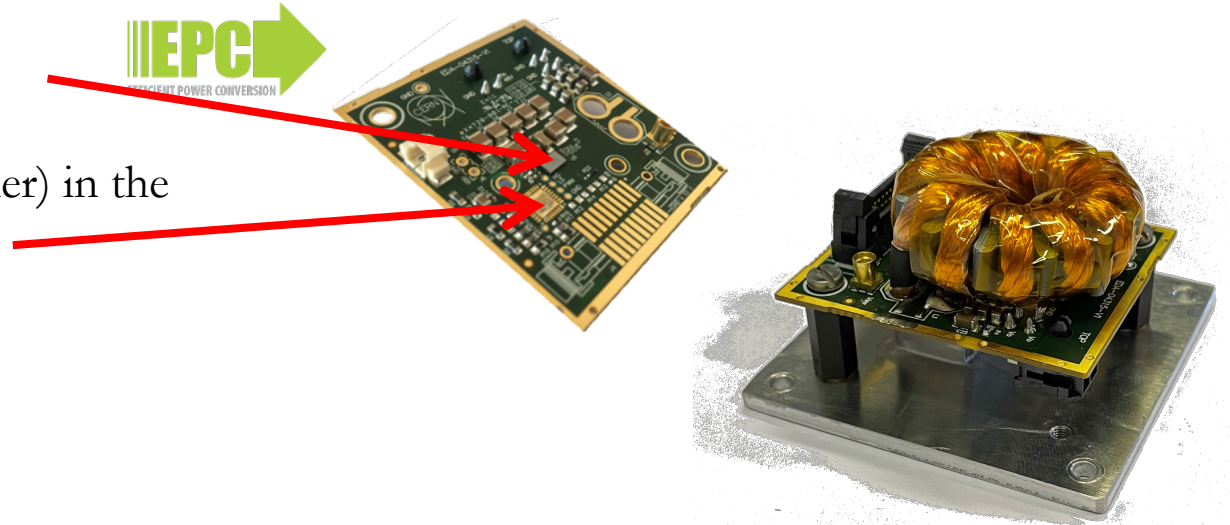
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Possible big customers:

- ATLAS Lar calorimeter
- Space industry

Success of this project due to:

- maturity of the EP-ESE-ME knowledge in High Voltage CMOS technology
- maturity of the GaN technology
- **close collaboration with GaN manufacturer**

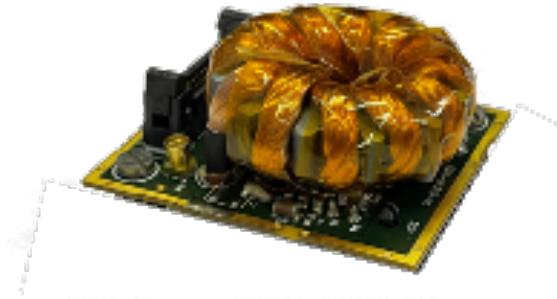


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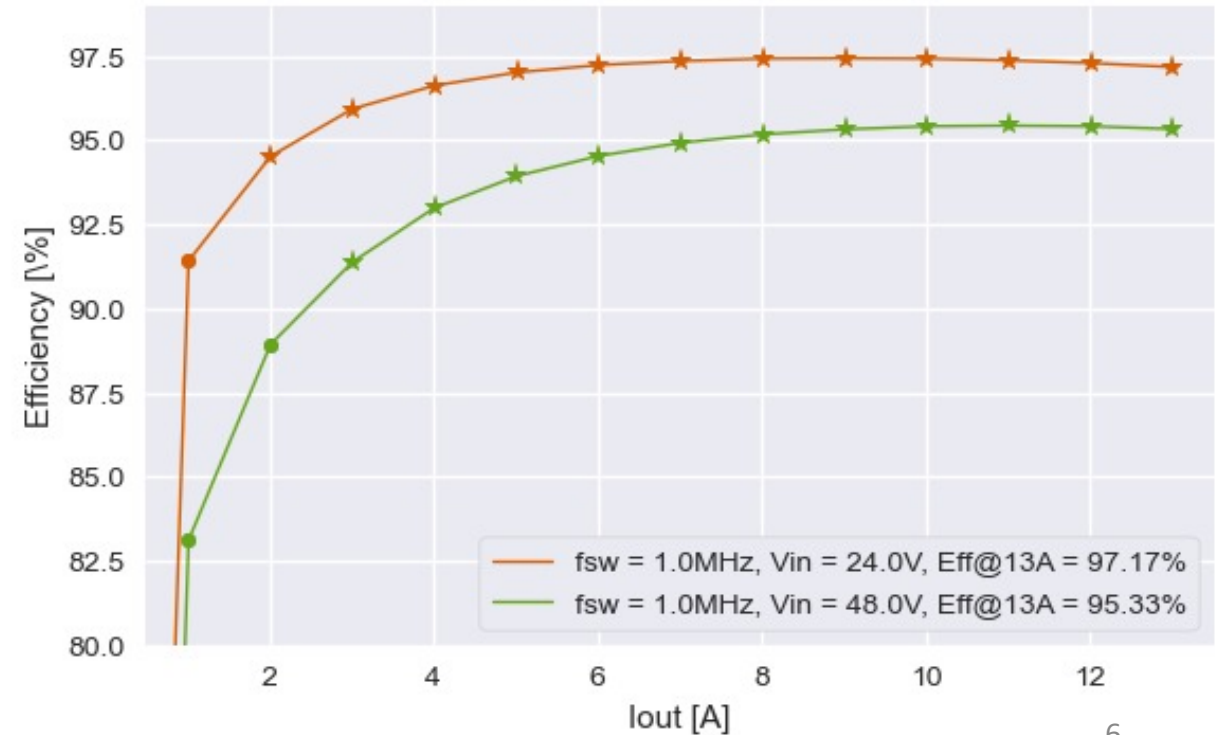
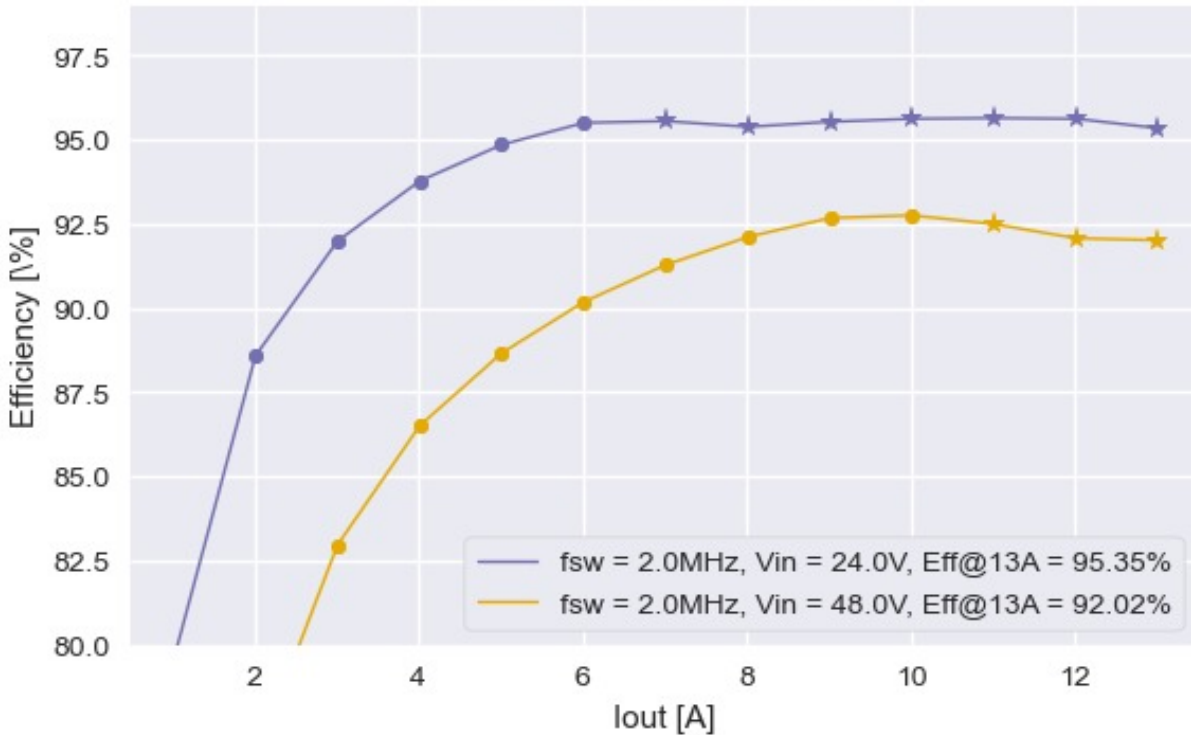
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Efficiency - 220nH Air Core



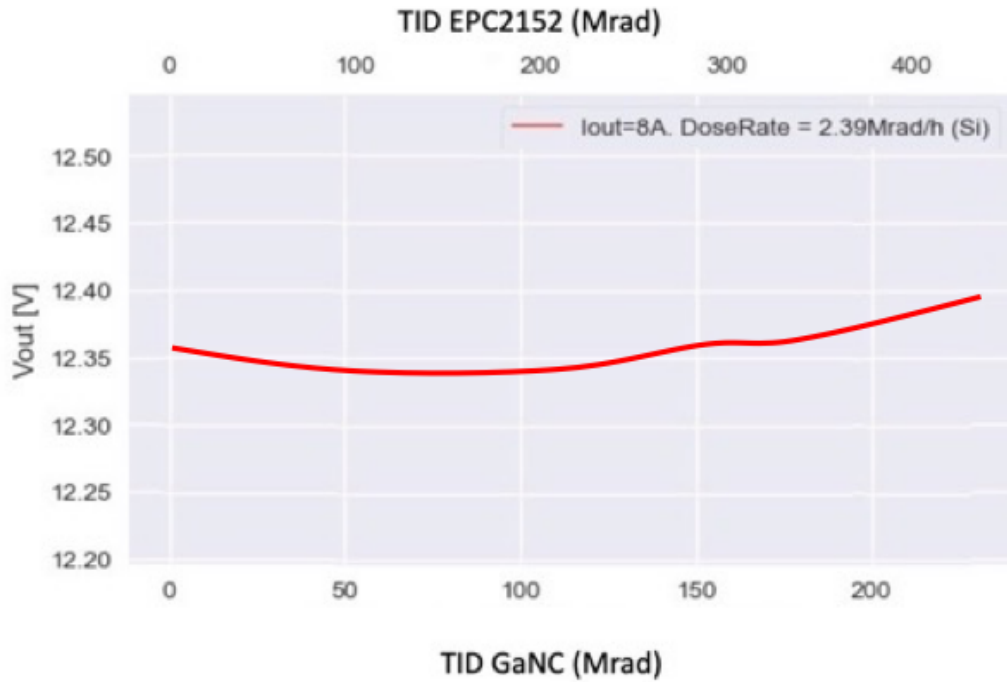
Efficiency - 2.2uH Ferromagnetic



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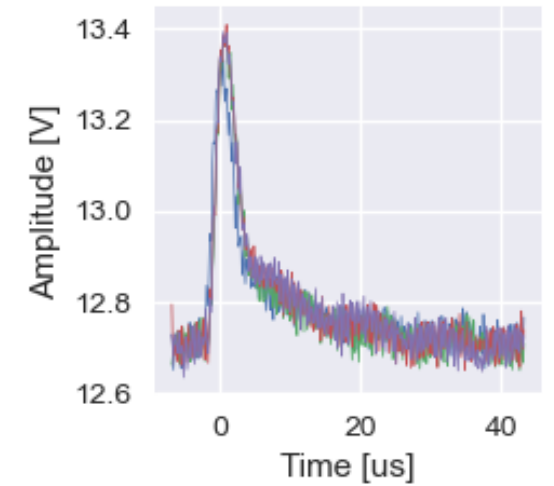
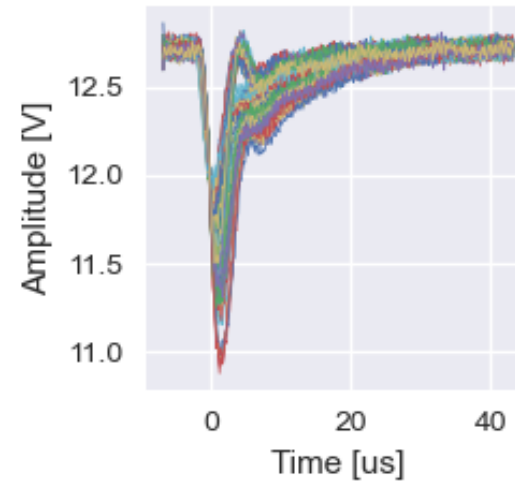
### TID (Total Ionizing Dose)



### SEE (Single Event Effect)

Successfully tested up to  $LET=88 \text{ MeV}/(\text{mg}/\text{cm}^2)$  (space grade)  
 Only fast transients seen (2-3 $\mu\text{s}$ ), no permanent damage or long-resets

For CERN applications  $LET=46 \text{ MeV}/(\text{mg}/\text{cm}^2)$  transients are less than 20% of  $V_{out}$

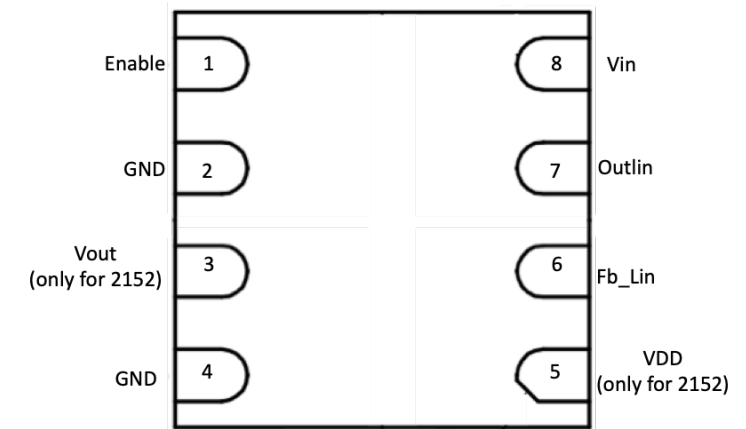
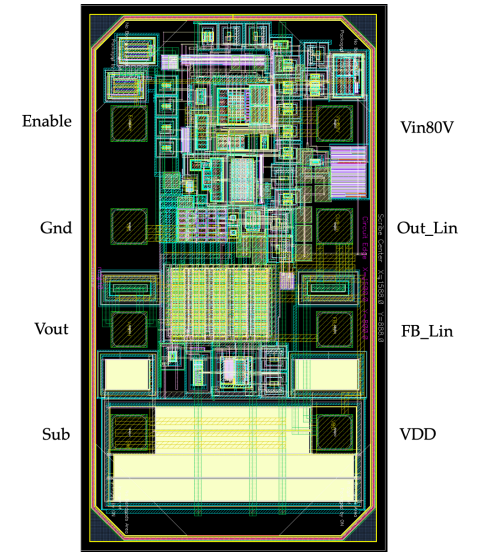


# Stage1 linPOL48V: 48V-input linear regulator

LinPOL48V is a rad-hard linear regulator designed in the HV-CMOS OnSemi I3T80 technology, available in DFN8 package

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specs	Vin max	48V
	Typ Vout	12V
	Iout max	200mA
Rad specs	TID max	700 Mrad
	SEE max	88 MeV/(mg/cm <sup>2</sup> )
	DD max	4e14 n/cm2 2.23e14 p/cm2(30MeV)
Production	30000 dies produced	



Top view 8-lead plastic DFN (2x2mm)  
Therm pad must be soldered to PCB Gnd

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# Stage1 R&D

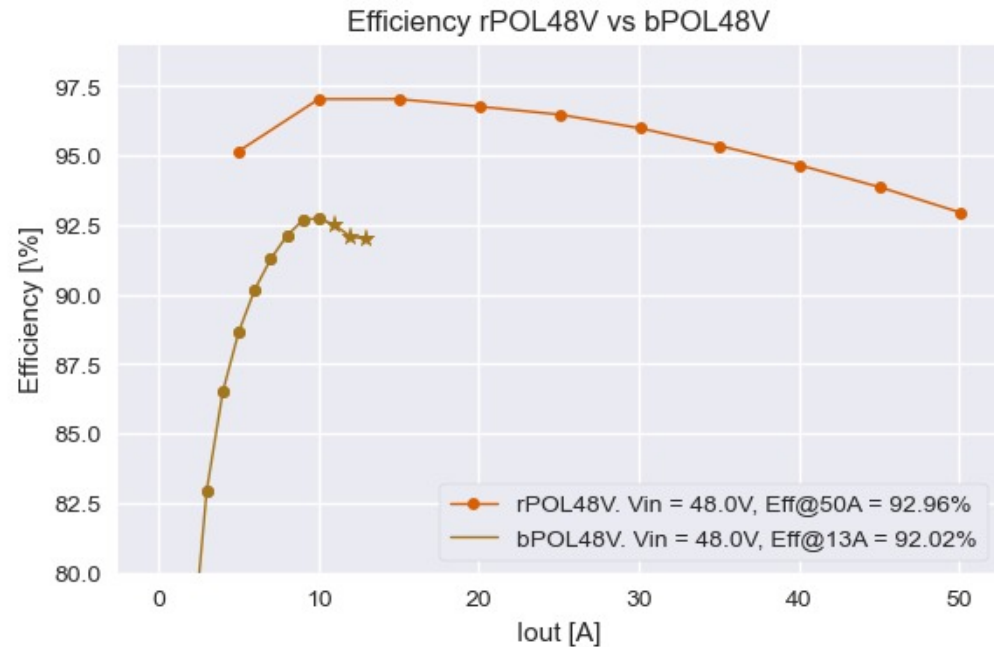
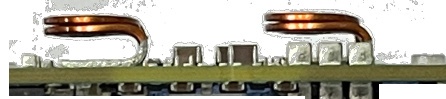
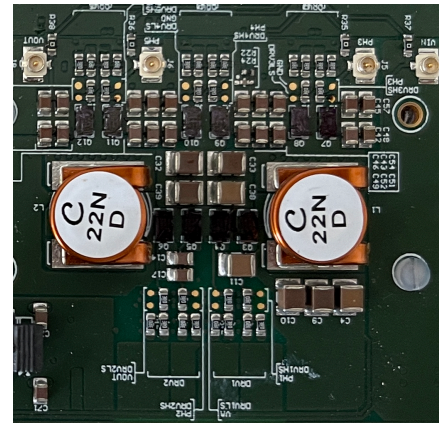
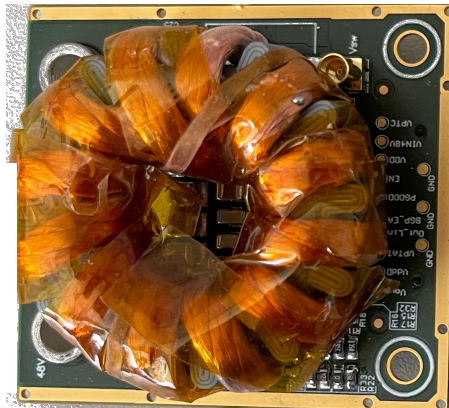
## rPOL48V: 48V-input Switched Tank Converter (STC)

rPOL48V is a WP5.2/KT-fund development **in collaboration with University of Udine**, aiming to a 50A very compact and efficient DCDC converter, fixed ratio 4. First prototype is built with commercial non-rad hard controller, as demonstrator

bPOL48V (buck)  
production grade

vs.

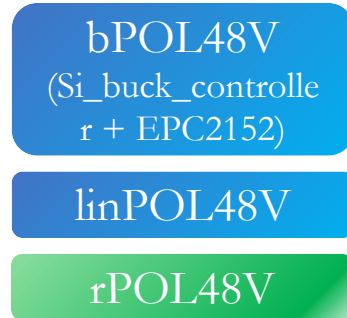
rPOL48V (resonant)



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Stage 3: 2.5V → 1.2V



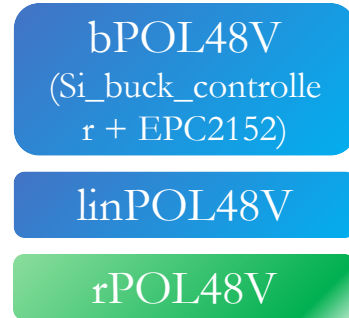
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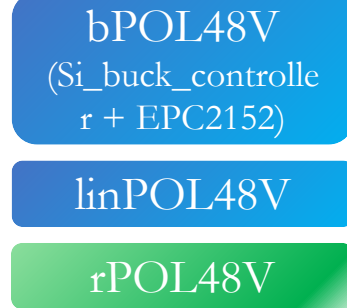
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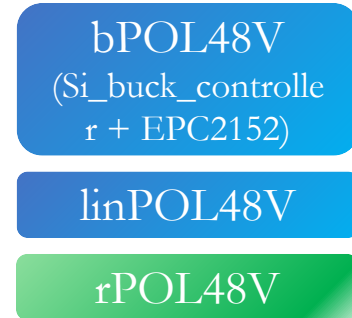
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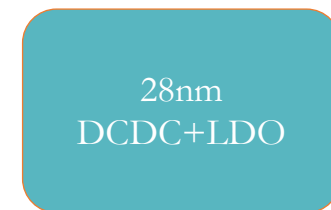
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New HV Stage1 (HV CMOS technology and GaN)  
DCDC converter in 28nm TSMC

Stage 1: 48V → 5V



Stage on FE-chip: 5V → 0.9V



# Future development for long term R&D in WP5

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New bPOL48V  
(new controller)

Fully integrated DCDC in  
28nm TSMC  
All On-Chip (caps, inductor,  
200MHz)  
+ LDOs

We need to find a new suitable High Voltage technology and test it for radiation.

Full radiation characterization takes at least 1 year

- Design and production of test chips
- Radiation testing:
  - TID (Total Ionizing Dose)
  - SEE (Single Event Effect)
  - DD (Displacement Damage)

28nm TSMC technology  
already fully characterized  
for radiation

# Future R&D

## Stage 1: HV technology

Work in progress to find an alternative for:

- HV CMOS technology

OnSemi I4T: 2 testchips submitted in 2021 in I4T OnSemi technology. Outcome not very promising

OnSemi I3T80 in Gresham: Onsemi is moving the production to the US Fab. Testchips are being manufactured

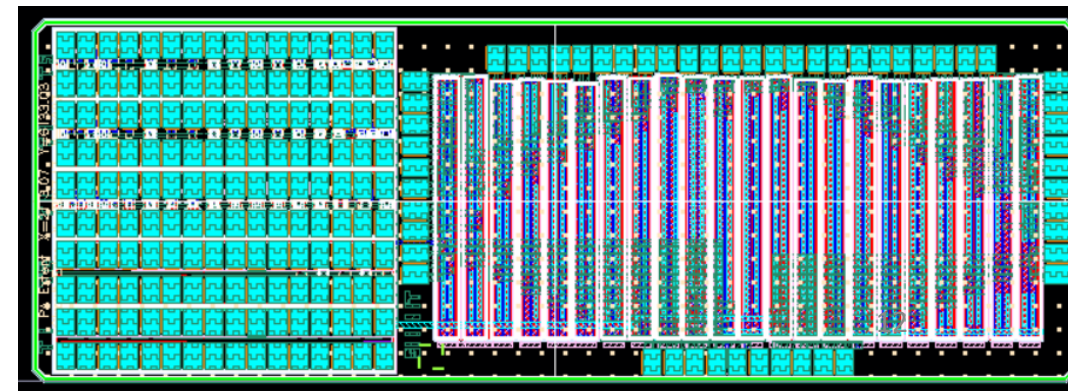
ST 0.16 BCD SOI: we try to get the PDK and design testchips

- GaN technology:

close collaboration with EPC

IMEC GaN 200V: testchips are in their way to CERN

OnSemi I4T radiation results				
Transistor Voltage (V)	TID (total Ionizing dose)	SEE (Single Event Effect), mainly SEB (Single Event Burn-out)	DD (Displacement Damage)	
1.8	ok	ok	On-going in Irrad facility	
3.3	Leakage, very large Vth degradation	ok		
15	High leakage in NMOS	All NMOS suffers of SEB PMOS OK		SEB at 11V
30				SEB at 20V
45				SEB at 25V
70			SEB at 30V	

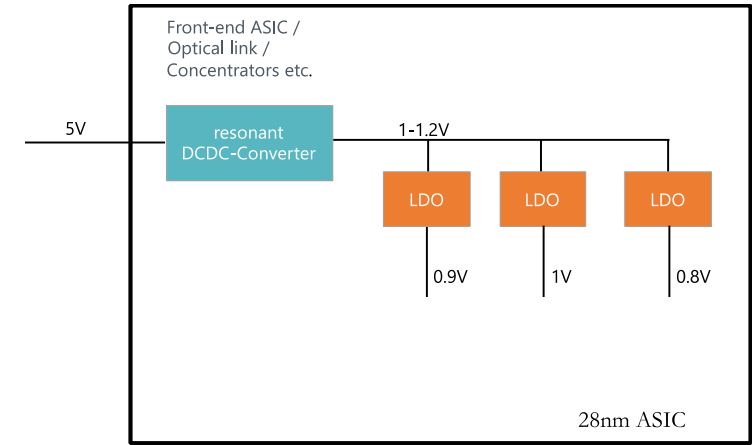


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## Stage On-Chip in 28nm technology 5V -> 0.9V

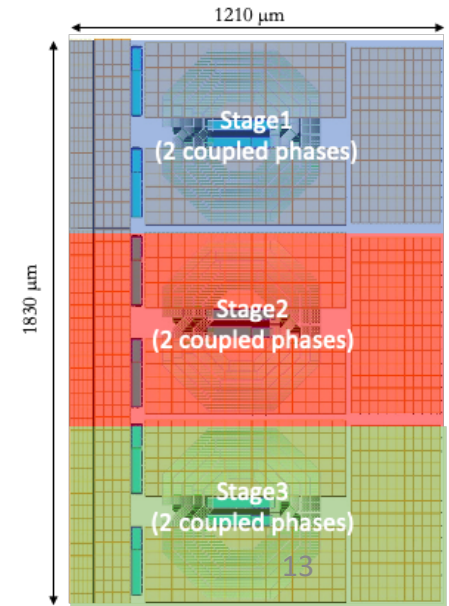
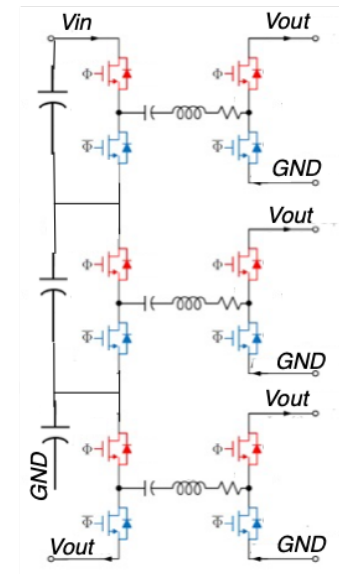
Added value:

- precise power distribution on-chip
- possible to have different voltage domains from only one input voltage at 5V
- large reduction of input current (factor 4)
- radiation tolerance up to 1Grad
- fully integrated including all passive components, relaxing PCB design
- based on a resonant modular architecture



Design started, submission of the first prototype in Nov 2022

Linear regulator design is ongoing **in collaboration with TU university of Graz**





# Summary

Name	Status	Availability	WP5 plan
bPOL48V	Fully tested Radiation tolerance OK TID, DD, SEE	Already produced 30 wafers available ~30k samples	Originally the only planned activity
linPOL48V			
rPOL48V	First prototype Tests ongoing Commercial drivers FPGA control Rad-hard controller being designed at CERN		Side development with also KT funds
Technology characterization	OnSemi I4T OnSemi I3T80 from Gresham Fab ST 0.16 BCD SOI IMEC GaN 200V		New WP5 R&D added
DCDC converter in 28nm	Design in progress		