

GaN Power HEMT Tutorial: GaN Applications



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Rough Comparison: GaN vs. MOSFET

| | MOSFET | GaN | Comments |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| Switching speed | Slower | Faster | Very Good |
| R _{ds} | Larger | Smaller | Excellent |
| V _{gs} range | Wider (5- 20V) | Narrower (4.5 to 6.5V) | Bad |
| Avalanche | Yes | No | Bad |
| Price | Lower | Higher | Bad |

Need new technologies optimized for GaN

- ✓ Take full advantages of GaN device
- ✓ Better Performance at higher / same cost



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MOSFET as a Switch vs. GaN as a Switch

MOSFET used for past 30 years:

- > All the problems ironed out
- > All the lessons learned
- Very well understood
- > Optimal topologies identified
- Application strategies found

30 years ago, initial MOSFET:

- As compared with BJT
- Very sensitive to noise
- ➢ Easy to get damaged
- Similar scenario as the GaN vs MOSFET

GaN as a new device:

- More expensive (-)
- Faster switching speed (++)
- > Lower on resistance value $(R_{ds})(+++)$
- Higher "body diode" voltage ()
- No "body diode" reverse-recovery charge (++)
- ➢ Narrow V_{gs} Range (-)





GaN is Expensive (- - -)

➤ How to justify the higher cost

- ➤ Smaller sizes
- ➤ Higher efficiency
- Something that MOSFET cannot achieve

➢ Need a new eco-system for GaN switch

- ➤ Topology
- > Control
- ➤ Gate drive
- ➢ Package





Faster Switching Speed (+ +)

Good:

- Lower switching loss
- Higher switching frequency

Bad:

- ➢ Large voltage ringing due to L*di/dt
- Coupled to gate signal causing higher GaN loss, even damage
- Increase gate resistor value

Consequence:

- Paramount to reduce AC loop (to reduce L)
- Extensive experience on layout
- Limited improvement for hard switching topology





Lower On Resistance (R_{ds}) (+ + +)

Good:

- Lower conduction loss
- > Allow for higher conduction current

Bad: None

Consequence:

- Resonant converter is more advantageous
- Example: 250 400V, 12V / 500W

Example: 250 – 400V, 12V / 500W

| | Conduction Loss | % of P _{out} |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| PSFB with MOSFET (0.11 Ω) | 1.70W | 0.34% |
| LLC with MOSFET (0.11 Ω) | 2.75W | 0.55% |
| LLC with GaN (0.05 Ω) | 1.25W | 0.25% |





Higher "Body Diode" Voltage (-)

Good:

≻ None

Bad:

➢ Higher loss when "Body Diode" Conducts

Consequence:

- > Very important for dead time control
- > Different (adaptive) dead time for different conditions
- Reduce the current through the "Body Diode"





No "Body Diode" Reverse-Recovery (+)



➢ Only PWM converter with GaN





Narrow V_{gs} Range (- -)

Good: None

- ≻ 4.5V to 6.5V
- ➢ Reasonable for V_{cc} circuit

Bad:

- ➤ V_{gs} variation due to large L*di/dt
- Common source inductor (L_{cs}) impact

Consequence:

- ➢ Paramount to reduce L_{cs}
- Integrated driver + GaN switch in same die
- \succ Topology not sensitive to L_{cs}





GaN: ZVS and LLC

Zero-Voltage Switching for GaN device:

- ➢ Best operating mode for GaN
- Maximize the benefit of GaN devices
- ➤ Higher switching frequency and low conduction loss

DCM operation for PWM converter:

- > Making the inductor current negative
- Using negative current to achieve ZVS
- ZVS operation of PWM converter

Resonant converter:

- LLC resonant converter
- Achieving ZVS over entire operating range



Why Hard-Switching is not for GaN?

Blue: Super Junction Red: E-mode GaN Both ~70 m Ω R_{dson}



- ✓ Superjunction capacitances are much higher when compared to GaN
- ✓ Superjunction C_{oss} and C_{rss} behave very nonlinearly with voltage



- ✓ Output charge Q_{oss} difference is very large (up to 10x at 100 V)
- ✓ Difference in E_{oss} is much smaller (e.g: 20% at 400 V)

Source: Tim McDonald, GaN in a Silicon world: competition or coexistence? Infineon Technologies, APEC 2016





Why Should We Use ZVS Switching for GaN?

- \blacktriangleright There is no large difference in E_{oss} at 400V for GaN and SJ FET with same rated BV and comparable R_{dson}
- C_{o(tr)} of GaN device is 10x lower than SJ FET, which can be leveraged in ZVS applications where it can result in lower power losses. This benefit grows with frequency (as a fixed deadtime grows in percentage of total switching cycle time)
- Hard switching turn-on loss is much higher than turn-off loss, use ZVS turn-on and fast hard turn-off can optimize the switching loss



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Features of Resonant Converters

Frequency control

- \succ Output voltage determined by ratio of F_s and F_r
- ➢ Around 50% duty cycle with dead time

Zero Voltage Switching (ZVS)

- > ZVS over entire input and output voltage / load current range
- ➤ Very low switching loss
- ➤ L_{CS} is no long an impact

Higher Conduction Loss

- > Higher circulating current through resonant tank
- ➢ Not an issue with GaN's lower R_{dson}

The Topology is Optimized for GaN Devices



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GaN Applications Survey

First use of GaN: 100 V cascode device for class D audio amplifier



Source: Tim McDonald, GaN in a Silicon world: competition or coexistence? Infineon Technologies, APEC 2016

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GaN Applications Survey: Totem-Pole Bridgeless Boost at ZVS

Benefits: Smaller size and high efficiency



Z. Liu, FC Lee, etc, "Design of GaN-Based MHz Totem-Pole PFC Rectifier", JESTPE 2016

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GaN Applications Survey: Air Conditioning Inverter





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GaN Applications Survey: 3600W LLC 380V to 52V Converter from Infineon



Moshe Domb, E-Mode GaN ,600V, 0.07Ohm, utilized in 3600W LLC 380V to 52V Converter, Infineon, APEC 2018



GaN Applications Survey: 3600W LLC 380V to 52V Converter from Infineon



CoolMOS requires much longer dead time between primary switches: 350ns compared to 130ns with GaN

The longer dead time for CoolMOS also forces a higher primary & secondary peak current, compared to GaN to deliver the same output current, which causes more loss

Moshe Domb, E-Mode GaN ,600V, 0.070hm, utilized in 3600W_LLC 380V to 52V Converter, Infineon, APEC 2018



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GaN Applications Survey: Active Clamp Flyback USB-PD Charger from TI and Navitas



- Zero voltage switching (ZVS) is achieved over a wide operating range with advanced auto-tuning techniques, adaptive dead-time optimization, and variable switching frequency control law.
- Using adaptive multimode control that changes the operation based on input and output conditions, UCC28780 enables high efficiency while mitigating audible noise.
- ✓ With a variable switching frequency of up to 1 MHz and accurate programmable over-power protection, which provides consistent power for thermal design across wide line range, the size of passive components can be further reduced and enable high power density.

Source: TI UCC28780 Datasheet





GaN Applications Survey: GaN applications that are in Mass Production: PC Gaming Power



- ✓ The AX1600i uses Transphorm's <u>TPH3205WS 650V FETs</u> in a bridgeless totem-pole power factor correction (PFC)—the topology that complements GaN's performance and efficiency potential.
- ✓ With an increase of 6 percent within this topology, CORSAIR's PSU efficiency now earns a better-than an 80 PLUS[®] Titanium rating.
- ✓ Previous CORSAIR power supplies used Silicon (Si) super junction (SJ) MOSFETs in a 2-phased interleaved PFC, reaching 93 percent efficiency

Source: www.transphormusa.com





GaN Applications Survey:

GaN applications that are in Mass Production: 30W QR Adapters



Source: www.chongdiantou.com





GaN Applications Survey: GaN applications that are in Mass Production: 45W ACF Adapters



- According to the teardown, this 45W power adapter is powered by Navitas NV6115 (650V 170 mΩ) and TI UCC28780 controller)
- ✓ Active Clamp Flyback (ACF) topology is used in this adapter
- ✓ Input: 100 240V; output: 5V/3A, 9V/3A, 12V/3A, 15V/3A, 20V/2.25A (45W)

Source: www.chongdiantou.com

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GaN Applications Survey:

Commercially Available Ultra Compact 65W Adapters

| 65W Adapter | Lenovo ThinkPlus | Delta PowerGear 60C | Finsix Dart | Zolt | Mi CDQ07ZM | RAVPower GaN |
|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Topology | Flyback | Flyback | 3-level LLC | ACF | Flyback | QR |
| Power Switch | si sj mos | si sj mos | si sj mos | SiC | si sj mos | GaN |
| Size (Exclude Prongs) | 35*74*30 mm | 30*60*30 mm | 28*70*28 mm | 88.9*33*33 mm | 60*57*28 mm | 48 *48*30 mm |
| Weight | 122g | 88g | 85g | 100g | 113g | 175g |
| Max Power | 20V/3.25A | 20V/3A | 20V/3.25A | 20V/3.5A | 20V/3.25A | 20V/3A |
| USB-C/PD | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes | Yes |
| Power Density | 13.74W/in ³ | 18.18W/in ³ | 19.42W/in ³ | 11.83W/in ³ | 11.13W/in ³ | 14.08W/in ³ |
| Date of Introduction | 2018.11 | 2018.5 | 2016 | 2016 | 2018.6 | 2019 |
| List Price | 30 USD | 109 USD | 99 USD | 49.99 USD | 20 USD | 37 USD |
| Product Pictures | | and a second | | | | |



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GaN Applications Survey: High Frequency Magnetics





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1kW LCLC-SCC* Converter Demo (in collaboration with Digiq Power)





*Switch-Controlled-Capacitor (SCC) is a GaNPower patented technology



Switch-Controlled-Capacitor (SCC) – LLC Converter

By compensating the resonant frequency due to L, C tolerance, Switch-Controlled-Capacitor (SCC) is designed to

- Achieve current sharing and interleaving for LLC
- Reduce the rms current and conduction loss
- \succ Reduce the total system volume with higher switching frequency





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Switch Controlled Capacitor (SCC)



Solution: Switch Controlled Capacitor (SCC) to equalize the resonant frequencies



Equivalent capacitor value (C_{AB}) depends on the conduction time of S_1



Benefits of SCC Technology

✓ High efficiency at high load current

- > Through parallel operation with current sharing
- ➤ Lower conduction loss
- \checkmark Lower input and output ripple
 - > Through interleaving operation
- ✓ High switching frequency
 - Because of lower current for each phase
- ✓ Achieving both (<u>at same time</u>)
 - ➢ Higher power density
 - ➢ Higher efficiency





Introduction to LCLC Resonant Converter

LCLC Resonant Tank \rightarrow Modified LLC with Changeable L_m





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LCLC and LLC Efficiency Comparison





Much higher efficiency at 400V for LCLC



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LCLC-SCC Resonant Converter







Design Parameters

| Description | Value |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Input Voltage | 250 – 400 VDC |
| | |
| Nominal input voltage | 400 VDC |
| Output Voltage | 12 VDC |
| Rated Output Current | 84 A |
| Rated Output Power | 1 kW |
| Series Resonant Frequency | 320 kHz |
| Switching Frequency | 170 – 240 kHz |
| Transformer Turns Ratio | 18 : 1 : 1 (center tapped) |
| Resonant Inductor (L _r) | 12.8 µH (Phase1) - 12.1 µH (Phase2) |
| Parallel Inductor (L _p) | 230 µH (Phase1) - 223 µH (Phase2) |
| Resonant Capacitor (C _r) | 20 x 1 nF = 20 nF ± 5% |
| Parallel Capacitor (C _p) | 5 x 1 nF = 5 nF ± 5% |
| SCC Capacitor (Each Phase) | 5 x 3.3 nF = 16.5 nF ± 5% |
| Input Capacitor (Electrolytic) | 2 x 68 µF = 136 µF ± 5% |
| Output Capacitor (Ceramic) | 20 x 47 µF = 940 µF ± 5% |



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Prototype with GaNPower HEMTs (TO-220)











Waveforms of Non-Interleaved LCLC-SCC Resonant Converter



V_{in}=250 V - Load=70 A



V_{in}=350 V - Load=80 A



V_{in}=300 V - Load=80 A



V_{in}=400 V - Load=80 A



Waveforms of Interleaved LCLC-SCC Resonant Converter



V_{in}=250 V - Load=70 A



V_{in}=350 V - Load=80 A





V_{in}=400 V - Load=80 A



Output Voltage Ripple of Non-Interleaved LCLC-SCC Converter



 V_{in} =250 V - Load=70 A



V_{in}=350 V - Load=80 A



V_{in}=300 V - Load=80 A



V_{in}=400 V - Load=80 A



Output Voltage Ripple of Interleaved LCLC-SCC Converter



V_{in}=250 V - Load=70 A



V_{in}=350 V - Load=80 A



V_{in}=300 V - Load=80 A



V_{in}=400 V - Load=80 A



Thermal Images of Output Capacitor with Fan Cooling

Non-Interleaved



Interleaved



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Efficiency Curves (with 15 A GaN Power Devices)



1kW LCLC-SCC Converter (15A GaN Power TO-220)





Summary for the 1KW LCLC-SCC Converter

- Small Deadtime is Required for GaN Switches (100ns 200ns)
- ➢ GaN Switches Operate Well for Wide Input Voltage Range
- > TO-220 Package GaNs Work Without Heatsink Under Full-Load
- Perfect Current Sharing is Achieved by SCC Technology
- > Only Ceramic Capacitors are Used at the Output Due to Interleaving
- > Peak Efficiency of 96.3% is Recorded for LCLC-SCC Converter







GaNPower SCC for EV OBC and DC/DC Converter (in collaboration with Digiq Power)





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SCC Technology for EV OBC with GaN

Requirements:

- ➢ Output power: 3.3kW and 6.6kW
- ➢ Wide input voltage range: 85 − 264V
- Wide output voltage range: 240 430V (battery)
- High output current: 14A for 3.3kW and 28A for 6.6kW



Block diagram of on-board EV charger





EV OBC Current Technology

- First Generation: Diode Bridge + Boost + Phase-Shift Full Bridge (PSFB)
- Efficiency: 92 93%, Power Density: 0.5 0.8 kW / L





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EV OBC Current Technology



Bridgeless Boost + LLC Resonant (in production)

- Current technology
- Efficiency: 94% (full load)
- Power Density: ~1 kW / L (16W / in³)

Bridgeless Boost + LLC Resonant (in lab, reported)

- ➤ Using GaN and / or SiC
- ➢ Efficiency: 95.7% (AC − DC: 98.2%, DC − DC: 97.5%)
- Power density: ~1.5 kW / L (24W / in³)





GaNPower SCC EV OBC

Bridgeless Boost PFC + 3-phase Interleaved LCLC (for 3.3kW)

- > AC DC stage: Bridgeless Boost, integrated GaN switches (similar)
- DC DC: 3-phase interleaved SCC LCLC for 3.3kW output (new)





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GaNPower SCC EV OBC

SCC – LCLC topology for EV Battery charger







GaNPower SCC GaN Based EV OBC

Advantages

- ➤ -Reduced output capacitor value, from 190uF / 500V to 12uF / 500V
 - ✓ Size reduction from 14 in³ (two 100 μ F / 500V film cap, \$28 x 2 = \$56)
 - ✓ To 1 in³ (one 12uF / 500V, film cap, \$8)
- Better thermal performance (no hot spot)
- –Efficiency: 96.5% (system, full load)
- ➤ -Size: ~ 1.2 Litre for 3.3kW
 - ✓ Power density: 2.5 3 kW / L (40 48W / in³)



GaNPower SCC GaN Based EV DC/DC Converter

Requirements:

- High output power: 2kW
- ➢ Wide Input voltage range: 350V nominal, 240 −430V, from battery
- ➢ Wide output voltage range: 14V nominal, 9 − 16V
 - ✓ Voltage gain variation range: 15 to 48 (> 1:3)
 - ✓ Difficult to meet with LLC converter
- ➢ High load current: 150A
 - ✓ Needs bridge type converter with large inductor as a filter





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GaNPower SCC GaN Based EV DC/DC Converter

- ➢ Four-phase interleaved SCC − LCLC in parallel
 - ➢ No need for large inductor
 - ➤ 40A each phase (~500W) to reduce the conduction loss
 - Interleaving to achieve very small output capacitor (< 500uF)</p>
 - Small output capacitor with interleave technology (~500uF for 150A)
 - Conventional: 8,400uF output capacitor
 - ➤ 100V MOSFET for SCC is cheap and almost no loss





OBC and DC/DC Solutions Using SCC Technology

EV On-board Charger (OBC)

| | Current Design | Reported Design | GaNPower's Design I | GaNPower's Design II | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Size / Volume | 3.2 Litre | 2.2 Litre | 1.2 Litre | 0.6 - 0.8 Litre | |
| Power Density | 1 kW / L | 1.5 kW / L | 2.5 - 3 kW / L | 4 - 5.5 kW / L | |
| Weight | Proportional to volume | | | | |
| Efficiency | 92%-94% | 95.7% 96.5% | | 98% | |
| Operating Temp Range | -45 - 105 | -45 - 105 | -45 - 105 | -45 - 105 | |
| Transient Speed | No need to be fast | | | | |
| Reliability | Same | Same | Same | Same | |
| Durability | Same | Same Same | | Same | |
| Power Devices / Cost | Large inductor | 500V/200uF cap (\$56) | 500V / 12uF cap (\$8) | 500V / 12uF cap (\$8) | |

Input : 85-265VAC, Output : 240-430VDC, 3.3KW, 14A

EV On-board DC/DC Converter

| | Current Design | Reported Design | GaNPower's Design | | |
|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| Size / Volume | 1.8 Litre | 1.3 Litre | 0.7 Litre | | |
| Power Density | 0.7 - 1.1 kW / L | 1.5 kW / L | 3 - 4 kW / L | | |
| Weight | Proportional to volume | | | | |
| Efficiency | 94 - 95% | 95 - 96% | 97% | | |
| Operating Temp Range | -45 - 105 | -45 - 105 | -45 - 105 | | |
| Transient Speed | Same | Same | Same | | |
| Reliability | Same | Same | Same | | |
| Durability | Same | Same | Same | | |
| Power Devices / Cost | MOSFET Large inductor | GaN 8,400uF cap | With GaN 500uF cap | | |

Input : 240-430VDC, Output : 9-16VDC , 2KW , 150A

4X increase of power density using GaNPower's GaN devices and SCC design



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About GaNPower International Inc.





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GaNPower was established in June, 2015 by a group of professionals in Vancouver, Canada

Ganpower Our Gan HEMT Products

| Product Catalog | Current Ratings | Release date | | |
|--|--|-------------------|--|--|
| 650V GaN HEMT (TO220) | 10A , 15A , 20A , 30A | 2018 Q1 | | |
| (GPI650 <mark>XX</mark> TO) | 40A , 60A , 80A | 2018 Q3 ~ 2019 Q2 | | |
| 650V GaN HEMT (DFN 5X6) (GPI650 <mark>XX</mark> DFI) | 7.5A , 10A , IC | 2019 Q2 | | |
| 650V GaN HEMT (DFN 6X8) (GPI650 <mark>XX</mark> DFO) | 15A, 20A, 30A, IC | 2018 Q2 ~ 2019 Q2 | | |
| 650V GaN HEMT (DFN 8X8) | 15A , 30A | 2018 Q3 | | |
| (GPI650 <mark>XX</mark> DFN) | 30A,60A,Co-package, Monolithic IC | 2019 Q1 ~ 2020 Q3 | | |
| 650V GaN HEMT (LGA) | 10A , 15A , 20A , 30A | 2018 Q3 | | |
| (iGaN650 <mark>XX</mark>) | LGA Half-bridge module: 60A , 120A | 2019 Q3 ~ 2020 Q3 | | |
| 1200V GaN HEMT (TO252 DPAK) (GPIHV <mark>XX</mark> DDK) | 15A , 30A | 2018 Q3 ~ 2019 Q2 | | |
| 100V GaN HEMT (LGA) (iGaN100 <mark>XXX</mark>) | 7.5A , 10A , 30A , 60A , 80A , 100A | 2020 Q1 ~ 2021 Q1 | | |



| | GaNPower | Super Junction MOS | SiC | Cascode GaN | E-mode GaN |
|---------------------------------------|------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| Product number | GPI65015TO | XXXXXXXC7 | XXXXXXXB3 | XXXXXXLD | XXXXXX4B |
| Rated BV | 650V | 700V | 650V | 600V | 650V |
| R _{dson} | 92mΩ | 125mΩ | 100mΩ | 150mΩ | 100 - 130mΩ |
| Qg | 3.3nC | 35nC | 51nC | 6nC | 3nC |
| FOM=R _{dson} *Q _g | 304 | 4375 | 5100 | 900 | 300 - 390 |

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