

# TRANSFORMING THE WORLD

WITH SMALLER, LOWER COST, MORE EFFICIENT POWER ELECTRONICS

Power Systems Design Get Going with GaN

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# **GaN Systems company overview**

### Market leader for GaN power transistors

- GaN-on-Silicon transistors for the power conversion market
- Industry's most extensive & highest-performance products
  - Enhancement mode devices
  - 100V & 650V devices; industry-best performance

### **Global company with decades of experience in GaN**

- Parts shipping overnight from Mouser since 2014
- World-class fabless manufacturing and advanced packaging
- HQ and R&D in Ottawa, Canada
- Sales & App. Eng. in Germany, Japan, China, Taiwan, Korea, USA



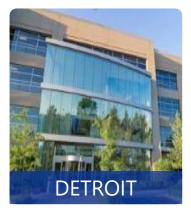








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- Smaller size 2x to 10x
- Lighter weight 2x to 8x
- Lower power loss 2x to 6x
- BoM cost reduction 10% to 20%
- System cost reduction 10% to 30%



Power Supply with Silicon

## You know the benefits. Is it difficult? How is it done?



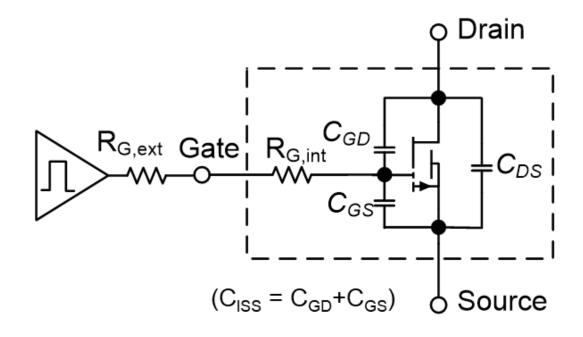


### Power Supply with GaN



# **Designing with GaN is straight-forward**

- GaN is a super-fast FET
  - It's not difficult
  - It's not new
- Similarities to a Silicon MOSFET
  - True enhancement-mode, normally off
  - Voltage driven: driver charges/discharges C<sub>ISS</sub>
  - Supply Gate leakage  $\mathsf{I}_{\mathsf{GSS}}$  only
  - Easy slew rate control by  $\rm R_{\rm G}$
  - Easily driven by Si gate driver chip
- Differences
  - Much Lower Q<sub>G</sub>: lower drive loss; faster switching
  - Higher gain and lower  $V_{GS}$ : +5 or +6V gate bias to turn on
  - Lower  $V_{G(th)}$ : +1.5V





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# How to get the most advantage for your system

### **Higher frequency**

#### Magnetics get smaller ... capacitors too

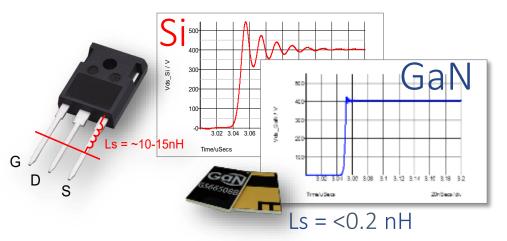


100 kHz 7 W/in<sup>3</sup>

**4x smaller** 

500 kHz 30 W/in<sup>3</sup>

#### EMI filtering reduced

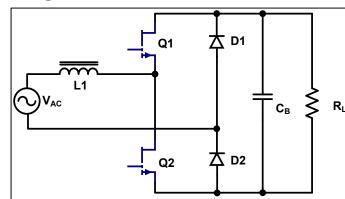


Resulting in power systems that are ...

### **Smaller size**

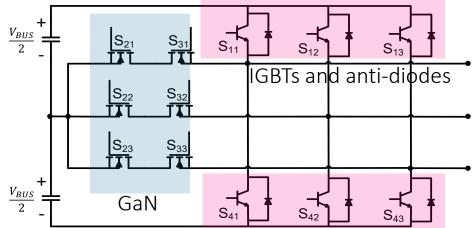
### **Best topologies**

#### **Bridgeless Totem Pole**



 More efficient, Lower cost Simpler, part count reduced 33%

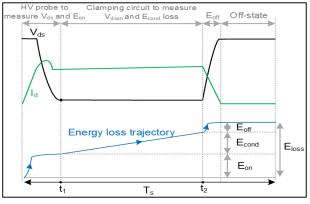
#### **T-type traction inverter**



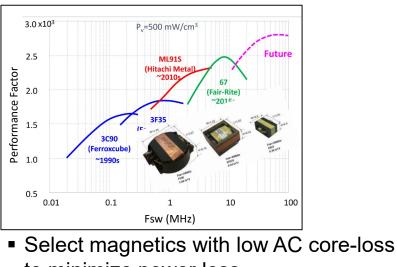
### **Better performance**

# **Best components**

#### **Gate Driver**



 Maximize performance with gate driver that has high CMTI, high dV/dt immunity



### **Even better performance**

## to minimize power loss

#### **Magnetics**



# How to get the info?

- Layout
- Gate Driver
- Paralleling
- Thermals
- EMI
- Dynamic Rdson

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### Application Notes

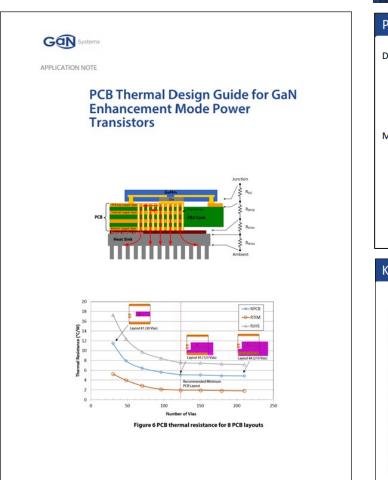
Our unique portfolio of GaN power transistors enables the design of smaller, lower cost, more efficient power systems that are free from the limitations of yesterday's silicon. Our application guides and design examples will help you understand and get the most out of GaN Systems' technology.

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GN001	Design with GaN Enhancement mode HEMT			
GN001 日本語	エンハンスメントモードGaN-HEMTを用いたデザイン			
GN002	Thermal Design for Top-Side Cooled GaN <i>PX</i> <sup>®</sup> packaged Devices			
GN003	Measurement Techniques for High-Speed GaN E- HEMTs			
GN004	Design considerations of paralleled GaN HEMT			
GN005	PCB Thermal Design Guide for GaN Enhancement Mode Power Transistors			
GN006	SPICE model for GaN HEMT usage guidelines and example			
GN007	Modeling Thermal Behavior of GaN <i>PX</i> <sup>®</sup> packages Using RC Thermal SPICE Models			
GN008	GaN Switching Loss Simulation Using LTSpice			
GN009	PCB Layout Considerations with GaN E-HEMTs			
GN010	EZDrive <sup>SM</sup> Solution for GaN Systems E-HEMTs			



# Layout, Parasitics, Thermals

- Circuit design
  - Control noise coupling from power to gate drive loop
  - Mitigate gate ringing/oscillations
- Minimizing parasitics
  - 5 step list including guidance on loop inductance and loop capacitance
- Layout best practice
  - 5 key areas to maximize performance





#### PCB Layout Checklist

Design for GaN<sub>PX</sub><sup>®</sup> embedded package

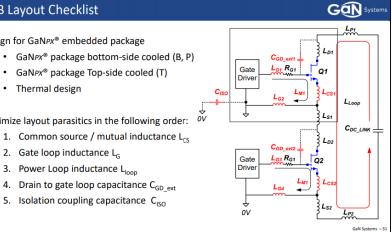
- GaN<sub>PX®</sub> package bottom-side cooled (B, P)
- GaN<sub>PX®</sub> package Top-side cooled (T) Thermal design

Minimize layout parasitics in the following order:

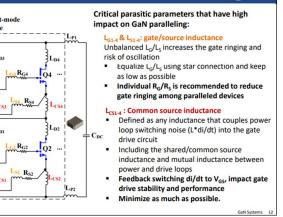
- 2. Gate loop inductance L
- 3. Power Loop inductance Lloor
- 4. Drain to gate loop capacitance C<sub>GD ext</sub>
- 5. Isolation coupling capacitance C<sub>iso</sub>

# Key layout parasitics GaN Enhancement-mod HEMT Half Bridge

## Svstems

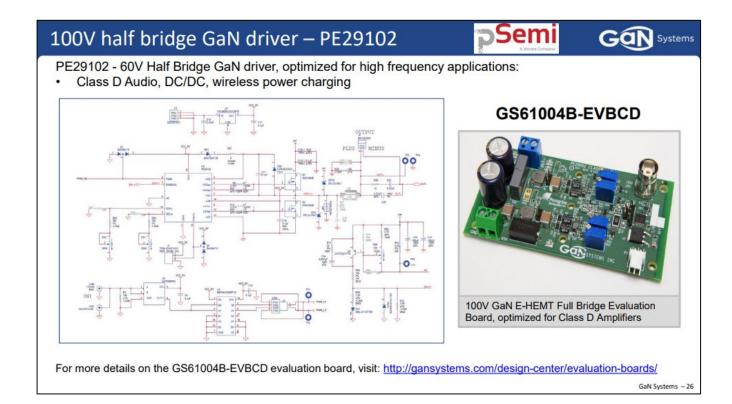


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# **Drivers and Controllers**

- Validated list of drivers and controllers
- Half bridge and Full Bridge
- Design examples included



#### Recommended GaN driver/controller ICs

The following drivers have been verified by GaN Systems and are recommended for use with our GaN E-HEMTs:

Configurations Ga		ate Driver/Controller IC	Design resources
<ol> <li>650V Half/Full Bridge:</li> <li>1. DC/DC: LLC, PSFB, Sync Boost/Buck</li> <li>2. AC/DC: Totem pole PFC, Active Clamp Flyback</li> <li>3. Inverter, motor drive</li> </ol>	SILICON LABS	<b>Si8271</b> – Single; <b>Si8273/4/5</b> – HB/Dual -GB (0-6V) or –AB (-3/+6V)	<ul> <li>Si827x Datasheet</li> <li>Si8271 demo board (GS66508T)</li> <li>IMS evaluation board User Guide</li> </ul>
		ADuM4121ARIZ (0-6V Drive) ADuM4121BRIZ (-3/+6V Drive)	ADuM4121 Datasheet
	BROADCOM.	ACPL-P346 Use -4/+6V gate drive	ACPL-P346 Datasheet ACPL-P346 Evaluation Board with GS66508T
<ol> <li>80-100V Half/Full bridge</li> <li>48V DC/DC</li> <li>48V POL</li> <li>Sync. Buck/Boost</li> <li>Class D Audio</li> <li>Wireless Power Transfer</li> </ol>	TEXAS INSTRUMENTS	LM5113(NRND): 100V, max 5MHz LMG1205: 80V/5A HB Driver	<ul> <li><u>LM5113 Datasheet</u></li> <li><u>LMG1205 Datasheet</u></li> </ul>
	Semi	PE29101: 100V, 48V DC/DC, 33MHz PE29102: 60V, Class D Audio, WPT, 40MHz	<ul> <li>PE29100 Datasheet</li> <li>PE20102 Datasheet</li> <li>PE29102 Demo board (GS61004B)</li> </ul>
		UPI Semi GaN FET drivers: uP1966A: Dual-Channel GaN driver	<ul> <li><u>uP1966A GaN Driver</u></li> <li>Ultra High Speed 80V HB Driver for GaN Application</li> </ul>
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#### Recommended GaN driver/controller ICs

Configurations	Gate Driver/Controller IC		Design resources
Low side non-isolated driver for 650V/100V GaN': 1. Flyback, Push-pull 2. Forward 3. Boost PFC 4. Secondary SR 5. Class E P/A	TEXAS INSTRUMENTS	LM5114/UCC27511: Single Channel, 4A, 5-6V drive UCC27611: w/ internal LDO (5V)	<ul> <li><u>LM5114 Datasheet</u></li> <li><u>UCC2751x Datasheet</u></li> </ul>
		uP1964: Internal LDO for 6V drive	uP1964 Datasheet
	Other GaN compatible drivers	IXD609SI: Single, 6V drive, high drive current (9A) FAN3122/TC4422: Single, 6V drive, high drive current (9A) FAN3223/4/5: Dual 4A, 6V drive, for push-pull or SR application	
Sync Buck DC/DC (100V GaN): 1. 48V-12V DC/DC	ANALOG DEVICES	LTC7800: 60V, Sync. Step-Down Controller (up to 2.2MHz, w/ integrated GaN compatible drivers)	<u>LTC7800 Datasheet</u>
Secondary side Rectification (100V GaN):	ON Semiconductor*	NCP4305A: 5V gate drive clamp, 1MHz max	MCP4305 Datasheet
<ol> <li>High frequency LLC</li> <li>Flyback</li> </ol>	lite.cugmented	SRK2001: Adaptive SR controller for LLC, 5-6V drive for GaN, 500KHz max	SRK2001 Datasheet

[\*] Low side non-isolated drivers can also be used on high side / half bridge configurations by combining with level-shift / signal isolators, see page 29 for design example.

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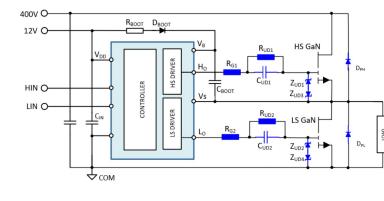
# **Option to eliminate external gate driver**

### **EZDrive<sup>™</sup> circuit**

- Use standard MOSFET controller with integrated driver to drive GaN Systems' transistors
- Low cost, easy way to implement a GaN driving circuit
- Adaptable to wide range of power levels, frequency, and LLC and PFC controllers
- The EZDrive circuit also provides design control for the optimization of efficiency and EMI

#### Summary – GaN Systems' EZDrive<sup>SM</sup> Solution

- Universally converts any IC controller/driver to properly drive GaN Systems transistors
- Eliminates the redundant GaN drivers & LDOs of a monolithic integrated driver GaN device
- Turn ON / OFF slew rate is controllable with external resistors for complete control of EMI
- Applies to single, dual, or high-side/low-side controllers with drivers









- Eliminates drivers
- Higher power density

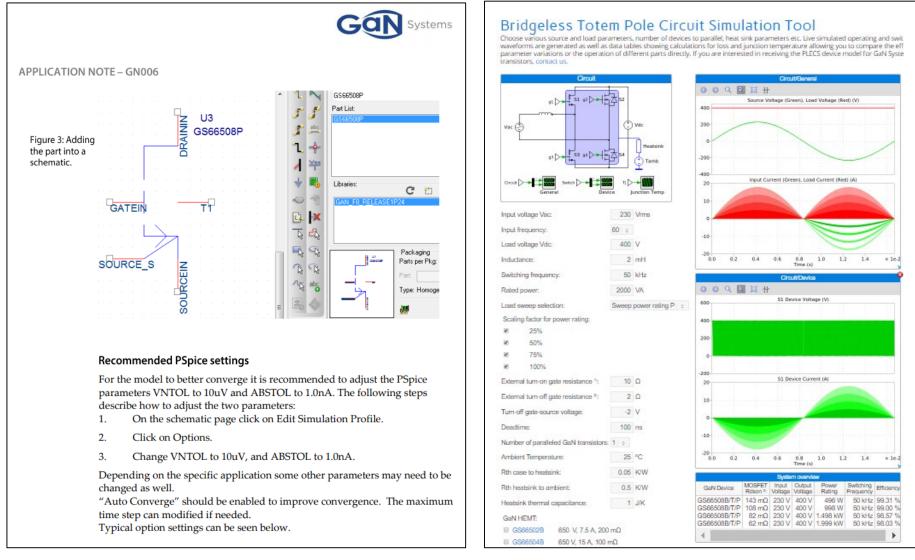


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# **Modeling GaN devices and circuits**

- Device-level simulation
  - LTspice and Pspice
  - Device characteristics (Q<sub>a</sub>,  $C_{oss}/C_{iss}$ , IV/CV curve,  $E_{on}/E_{off}$ )
  - Simple system simulation
  - Capability to observe parasitic effect on switching performance
- System-level simulation
  - PLECS
  - Simplify the switching transient
  - Observe converter operating waveforms
  - Accommodate complicated device-based, system-level simulation and analysis



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# Dynamic Rds(on)

- Clear analysis presented at PCIM
  - Define what it is
  - How to test
  - Measure the loss
  - Quantify the impact

- Conclusion
  - Power loss due to dynamic Rds is insignificant in total system power loss
  - Total system power loss: GaN outperforms silicon by a wide margin







#### The Effect of Dynamic On-State Resistance to System Losses in GaNbased Hard-Switching Applications

Ruoyu Hou, Juncheng Lu, GaN Systems, CDN

# **Evaluation Kits and Reference Designs**

1.5-2.5kW Half bridge power stage and universal motherboard



3 kW bridgeless totem pole PFC



2-7 kW Insulated Metal Substrate Configurable Full/Half Bridge



170W AC/DC PFC/LLC

14 kW Insulated Metal Substrate **Reference Design** 



**Buck Converter with 5MHz GaN Driver** 





EZDrive<sup>™</sup> Eval Kit

50W, 100W to 300W+ Wireless Power Transfer **Power Amplifiers** 













### Full Bridge optimized for Class D Amplifier

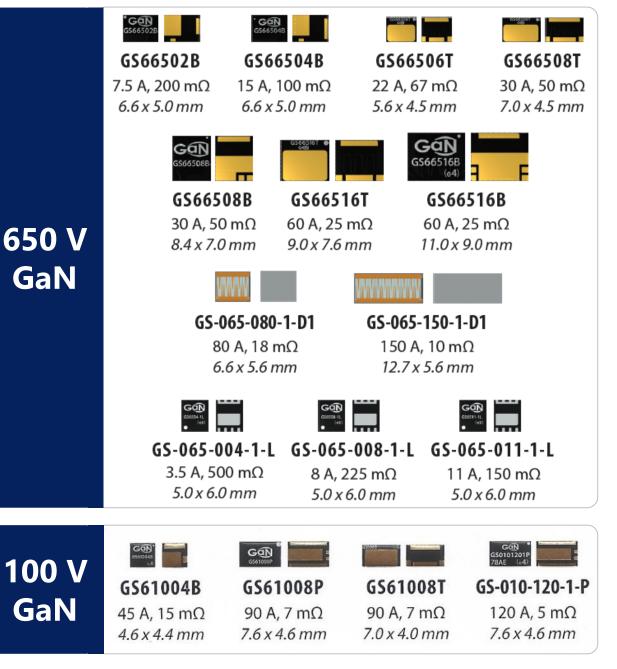
# **GaN Design Center**

- GaN is not difficult
  - Many similarities to MOSFET
  - Differences require attention to detail but no new concepts
- Many resources available
  - Easy to find
  - Easy to use
  - GaN Systems applications engineering team to help



## Join the wave - revolutionize your power electronics

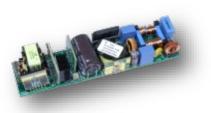
### **Broadest line of Products**



### Many Eval Kits & Reference Designs







#### High density PFC/LLC



300 W wireless power transfer