

# Power Delivery to Future Physics Detector Front End Electronics with Commercial DC-DC Power Converters

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# Agenda

- ❖ How we got into this Power Supply mess
- ❖ Type of Converters
- ❖ Coil Development
- ❖ Proximity Effect
- ❖ Plug in cards
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- ❖ GaN Wide band Gap materials
- ❖ Industry Developments
- ❖ Did we find a commercial part for sLHC ?
- ❖ Market Trends Single Chip
- ❖ Conclusions
- ❖ *Oodle Reduction for Energy Efficiency , Rad Resistant PS & Li Nitrogen Tests*

## Collaborators:

Yale University: Keith Baker, Hunter Smith

# Center for European Nuclear Research (CERN)

- World's Largest Particle Physics Laboratory
- Located near Geneva, Switzerland on French-Swiss Border
- Also known for creating the WEB in early 1990s

Main Site

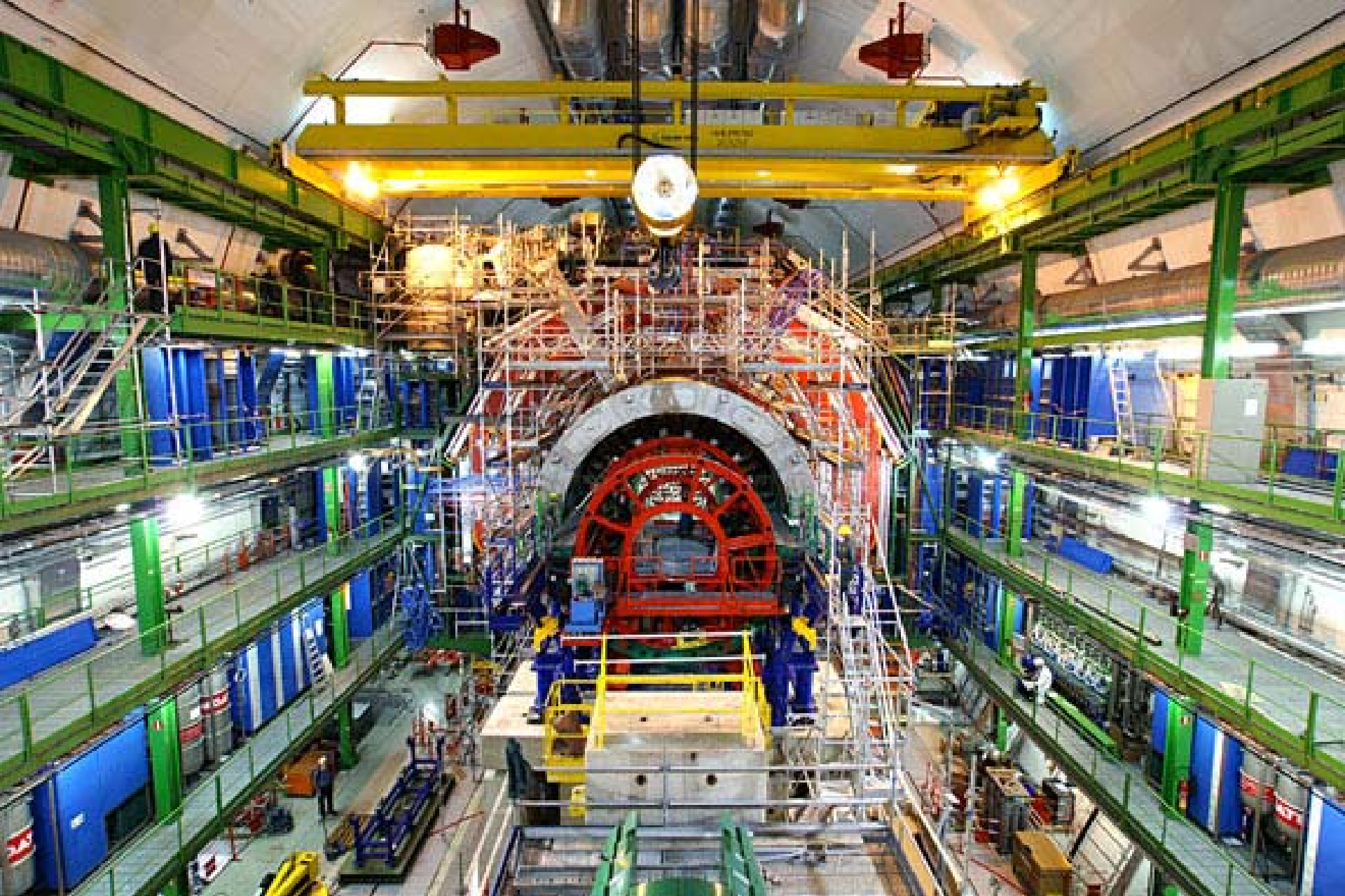


# Large Hadron Collider



- 16 Mile proton-proton collider
- Tunnel as deep as 100 meters underground
- Four main experiments: *Atlas*, *CMS*, *LHCb*, and *Alice*





37 Countries, 155 Institutes, 2000 scientists (including about 400 students)    October 2006

**TRIGGER, DATA ACQUISITION  
& OFFLINE COMPUTING**

Austria, Brazil, CERN, Finland, France, Greece,  
Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Korea, Poland,  
Portugal, Switzerland, UK, USA

**TRACKER**

Austria, Belgium, CERN, Finland, France, Germany,  
Italy, Japan\*, Mexico, New Zealand, Switzerland, UK, USA

**CRYSTAL ECAL**

Belarus, CERN, China, Croatia, Cyprus, France, Italy,  
Japan\*, Portugal, Russia, Serbia, Switzerland, UK, USA

**PRESHOWER**

Armenia, CERN, Greece,  
India, Russia, Taiwan

**RETURN YOKE**

Barrel: Czech Rep., Estonia, Germany, Greece, Russia  
Endcap: Japan\*, USA

**SUPERCONDUCTING  
MAGNET**

All countries in CMS contribute  
to Magnet financing in particular:  
Finland, France, Italy, Japan\*,  
Korea, Switzerland, USA

**HCAL**

Barrel: Bulgaria, India, Spain\*, USA  
Endcap: Belarus, Bulgaria, Georgia, Russia,  
Ukraine, Uzbekistan  
HO: India

**FEET**

Pakistan  
China

**FORWARD  
CALORIMETER**

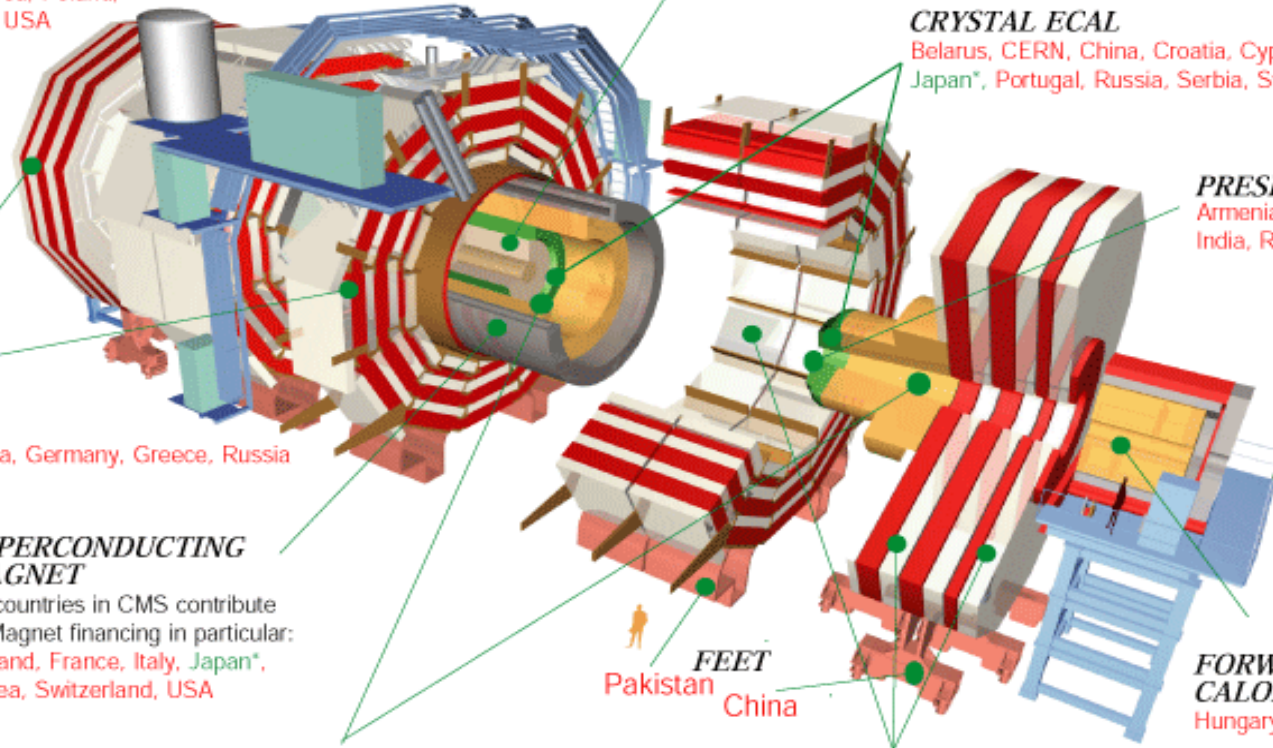
Hungary, Iran, Russia, Turkey, USA

**MUON CHAMBERS**

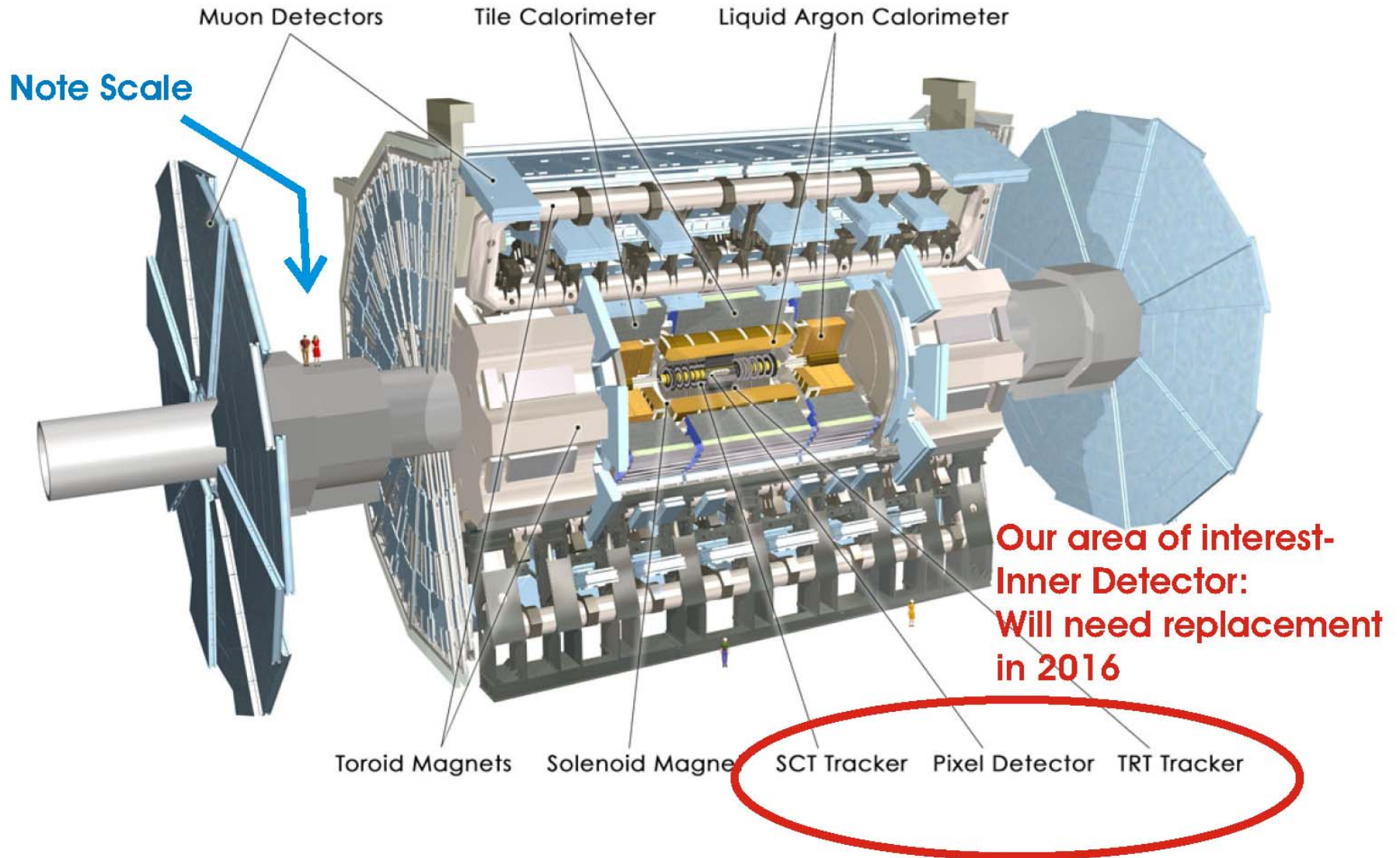
Barrel: Austria, Bulgaria, CERN, China,  
Germany, Hungary, Italy, Spain,  
Endcap: Belarus, Bulgaria, China, Colombia,  
Korea, Pakistan, Russia, USA

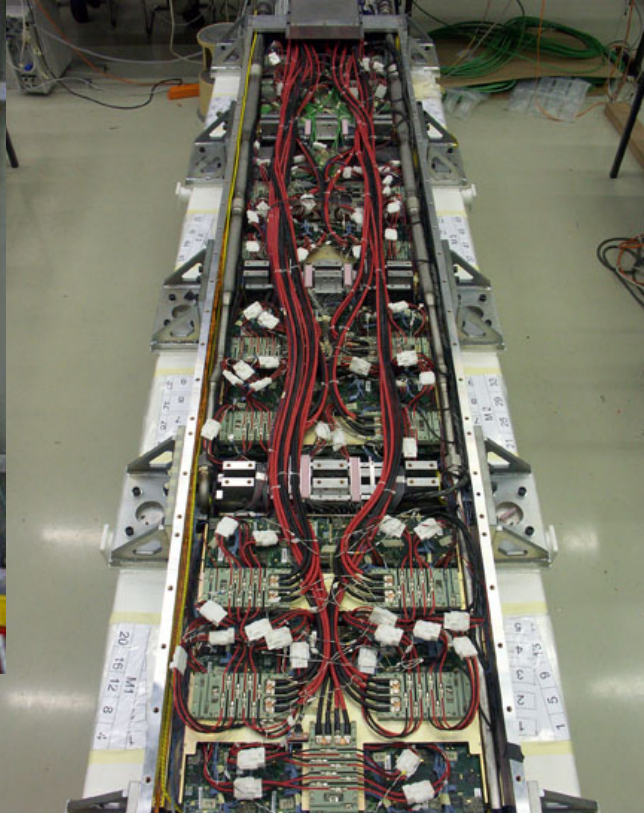
\* Only through  
industrial contracts

**Total weight** : 12500 T  
**Overall diameter** : 15.0 m  
**Overall length** : 21.5 m  
**Magnetic field** : 4 Tesla



# Atlas Detector Consists of Many Sub-Detectors

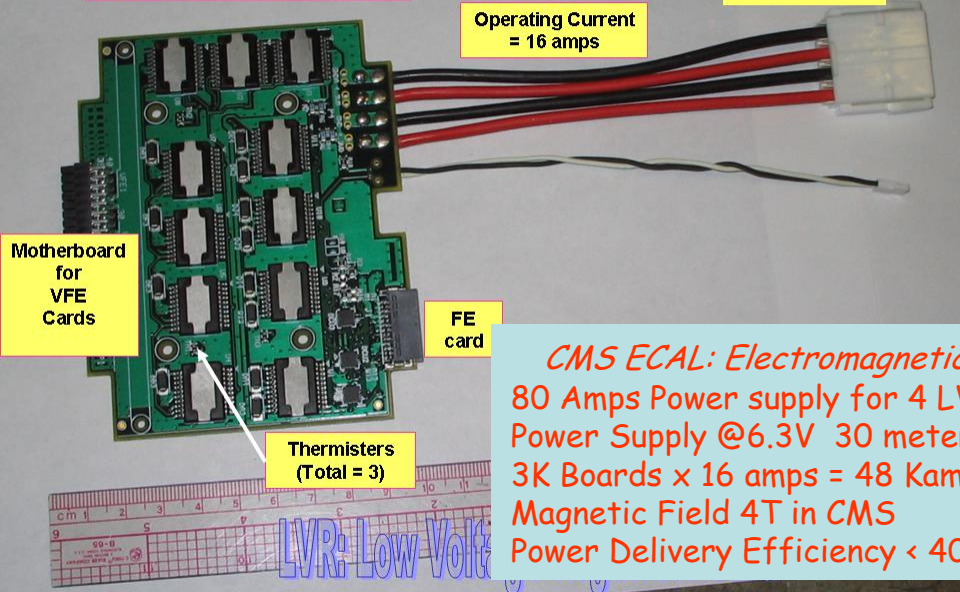




11 Regulators each with Output Current maximum = 2.5 amps

Power Input  
4.3 Volt Analog  
4.3 Volt Digital

Operating Current = 16 amps



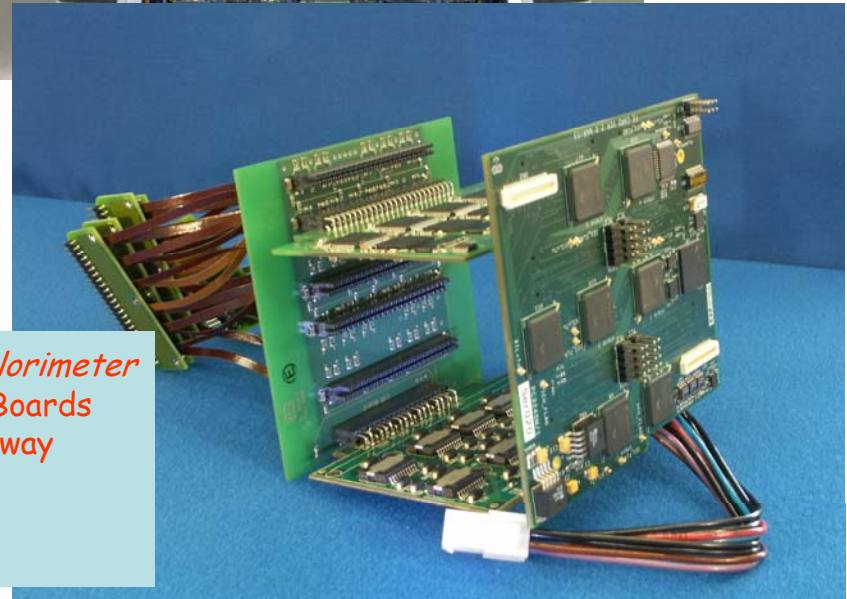
Motherboard for VFE Cards

FE card

Thermistors (Total = 3)

LVR: Low Voltage

*CMS ECAL: Electromagnetic Calorimeter*  
80 Amps Power supply for 4 LVR Boards  
Power Supply @6.3V 30 meters away  
3K Boards x 16 amps = 48 Kamps  
Magnetic Field 4T in CMS  
Power Delivery Efficiency < 40 %





**CMS ECAL: 5 Oodles (50 Kamps) .**

Power Supply output = 315 KW  
Power loss in Leads to SM = 100 KW  
Power loss in Regulator Card = 90 KW  
Power Delivered @ 2.5 V = 125 KW

1 Oodle = 10,000 amps

Power Supply  
6.3 V

64 Amps

30 m

# of Power Supplies ~ 700

# of ST LDO Chips = 35 K LHC Radiation Hard made by ST Microelectronics

# of LVR Cards = 3.1 K.

**Yale: Designed, built, burn-in and Tested.**

Vdrop = 2V  
Pd = 128 W

2x16 mm<sup>2</sup> (AWG 6)

1 to 3 m

50 mm<sup>2</sup> (AWG 00)

SM: Super Module

4.3 V

Junction Box

2.5V

64 amps

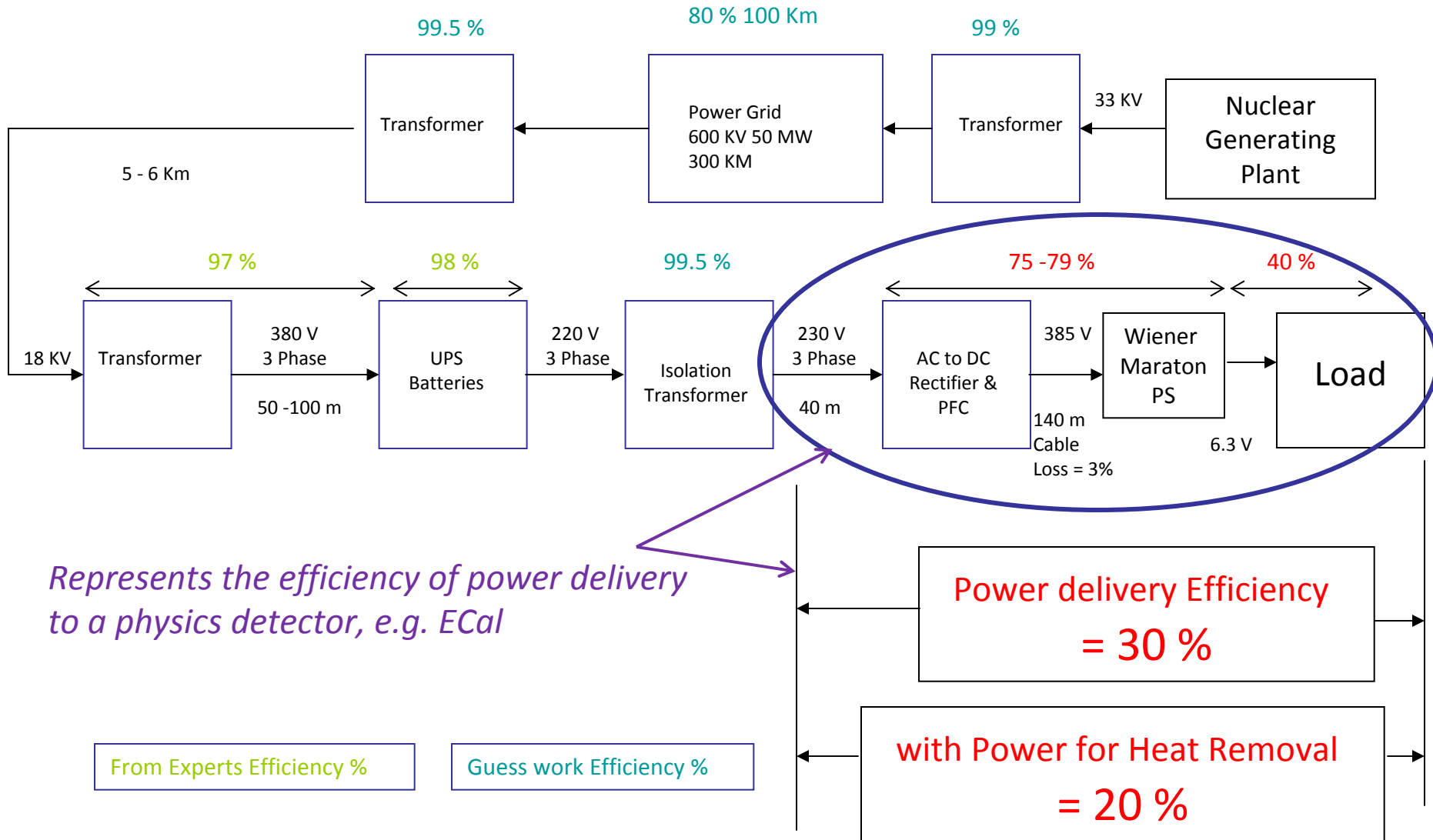
160 W

4 LVR Boards

**Power Delivery Efficiency = 40%  
NOT INCLUDED**

1. Power Supply efficiency
2. Water cooling
3. Removal of Waste heat
4. Air Conditioning

# Power Chain Efficiency for CMS ECAL

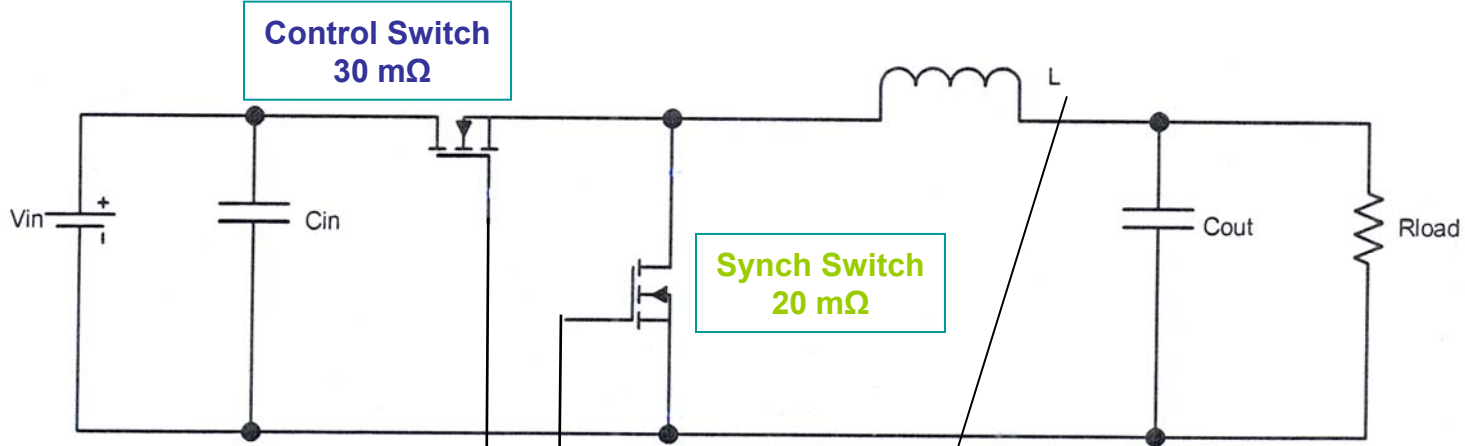


# What can we do?

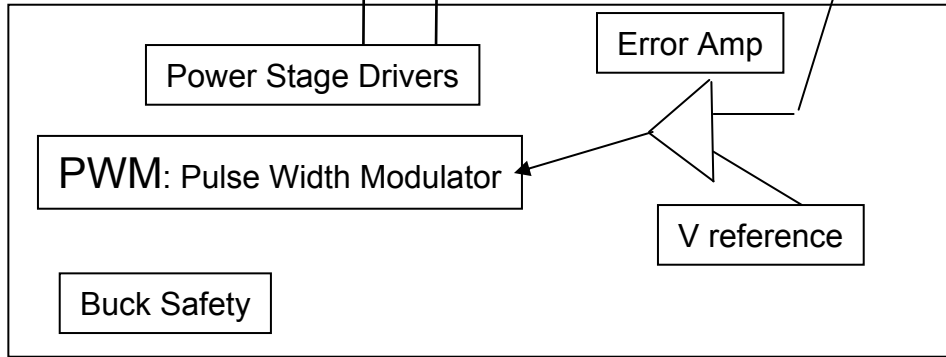
- Is there a better way to distribute power ?
- High Radiation
- Magnetic Field 4 T
- Load ~1 V Oodles of current
- Feed High Voltage and Convert - *like AC power transmission*
- Commercial Technologies — *No Custom ASIC Chips*
- Learn from Semiconductor Industry
- Use Company Evaluation Boards for testing

# Synchronous Buck Converter

Power Stage  
-  
High Volts



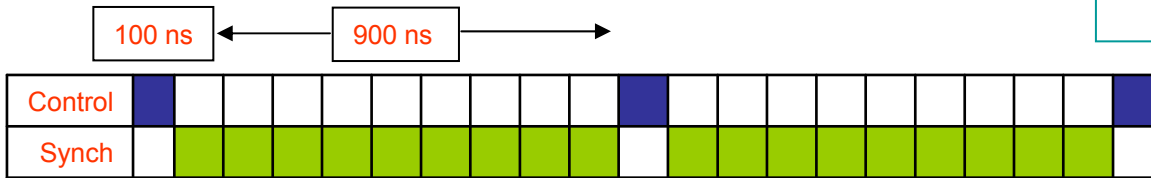
Controller  
Low Voltage



Minimum Switch ON Time  
Limits Max Frequency  
10 nsec @ 10 MHz

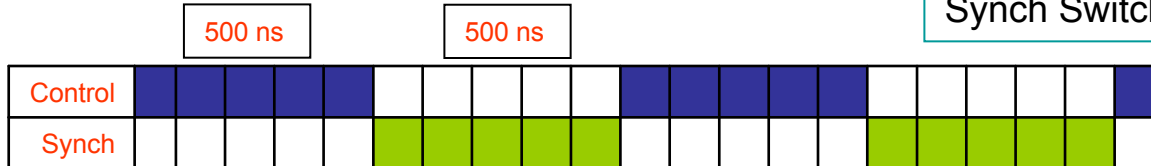
Lower Voltage Ratio  
>>> Higher Frequency  
& Smaller Coil

Vout = 11%

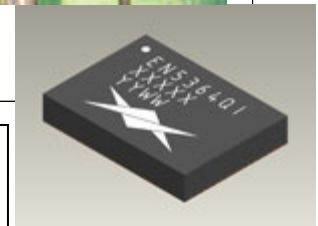
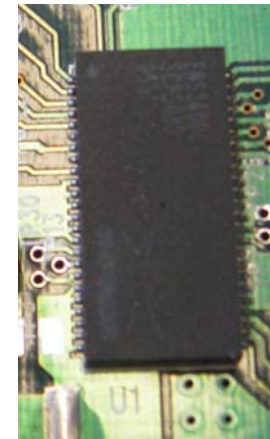
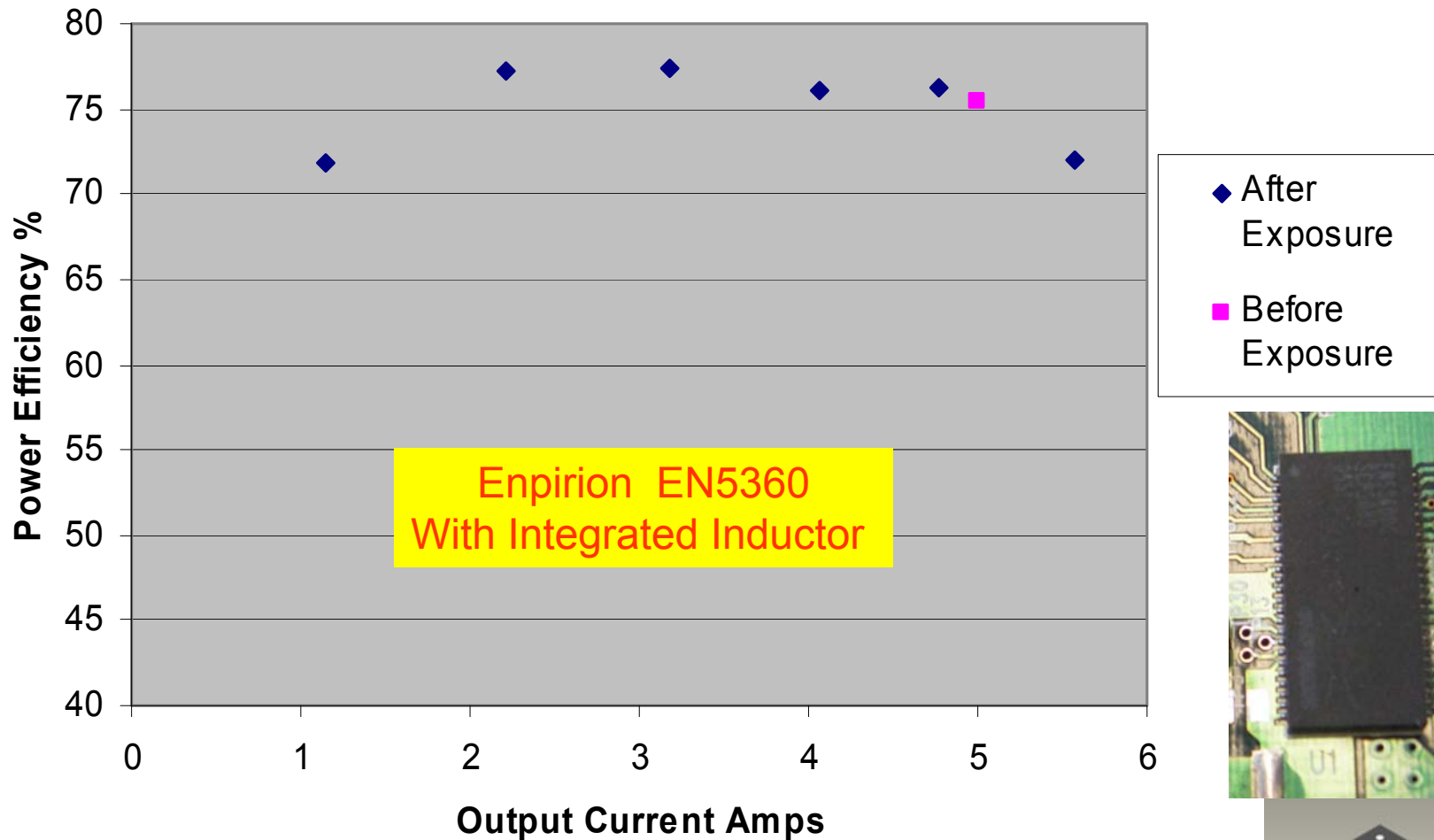


Control Switch: Switching Loss > I<sup>2</sup>  
Synch Switch: R<sub>ds</sub> Loss Significant

Vout = 50%



## Buck Regulator Efficiency after 100 Mrad dosage

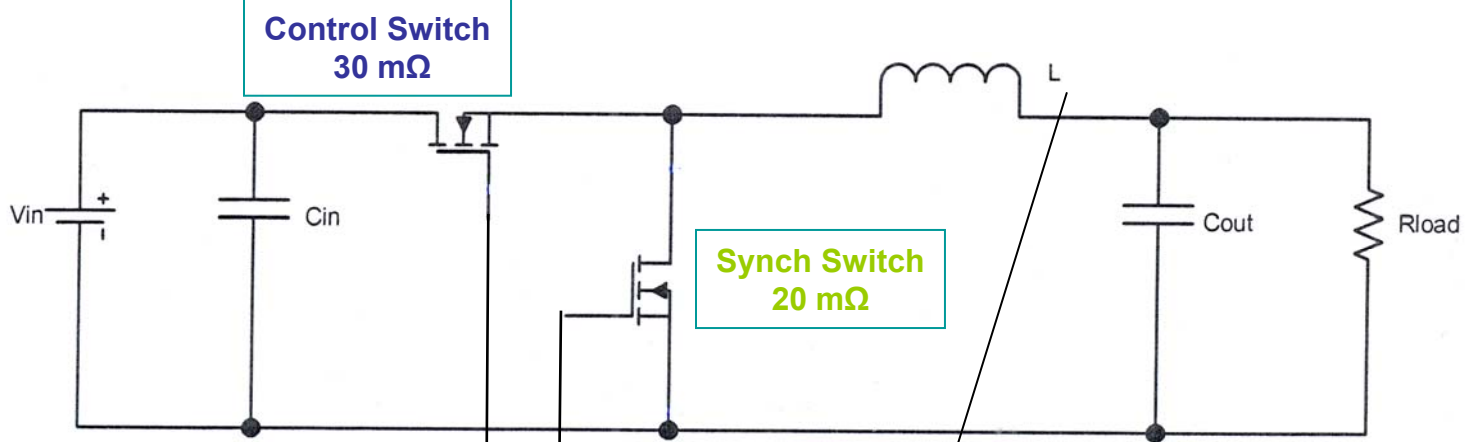


Found out at Power Technology conference 0.25  $\mu\text{m}$  Lithography

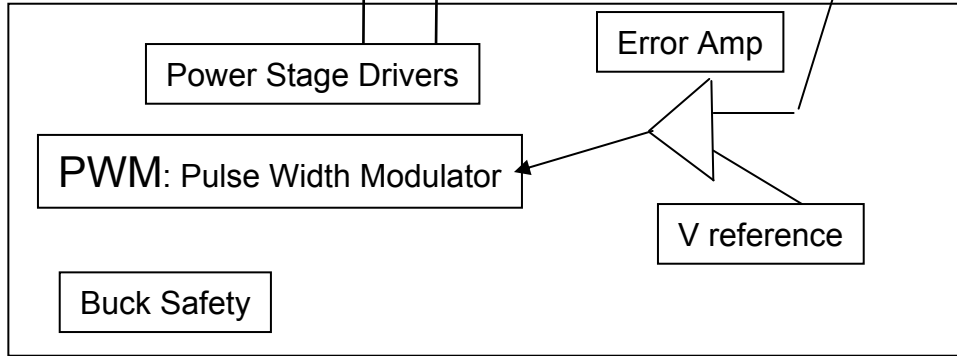
- Irradiated Stopped on St. Valentines Day 2007
- We reported @ TWEPP 2008 - IHP was foundry for EN5360

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- High Volts

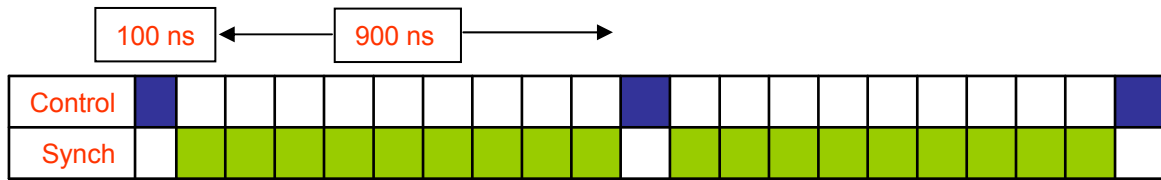


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Low Voltage



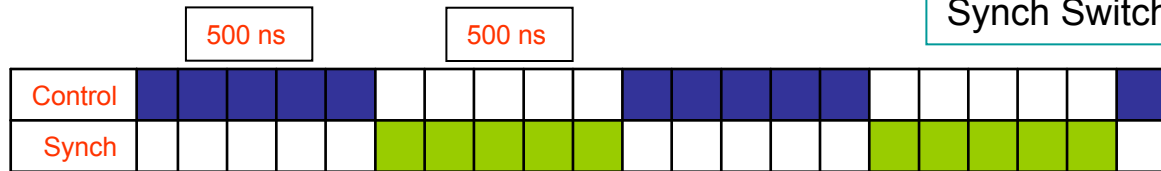
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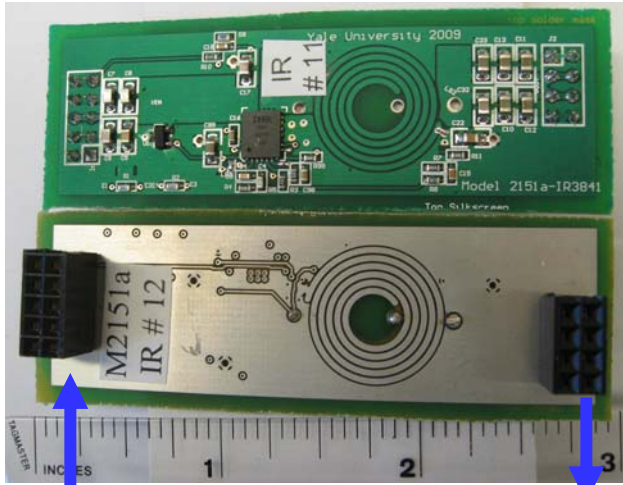


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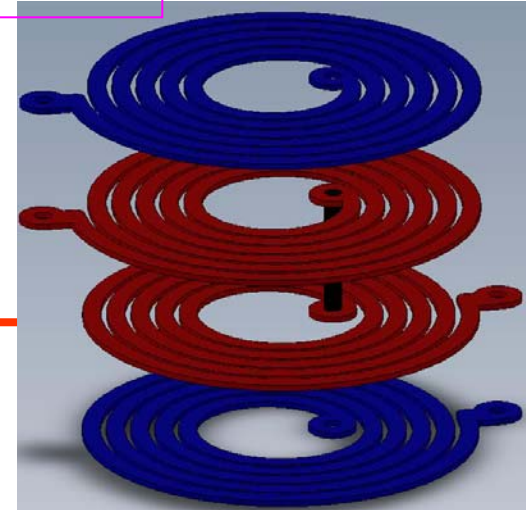
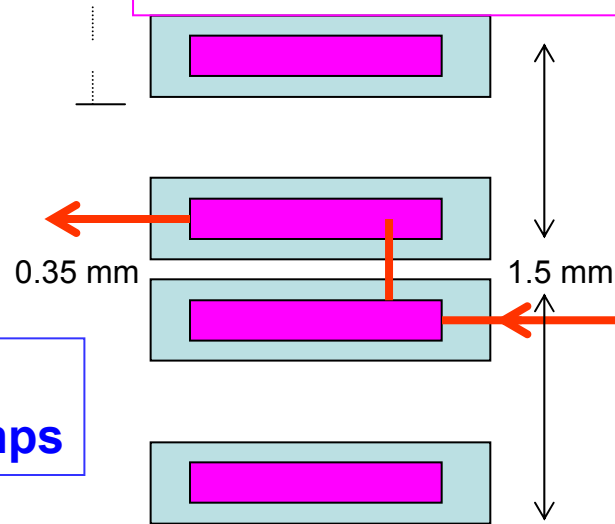
# Plug In Card with Shielded Buck Inductor



12 V

2.5 V  
@ 6 amps

Coupled Air Core Inductor  
Connected in Series



Spiral Coils Resistance in mΩ

	Top	Bottom
3 Oz PCB	57	46
0.25 mm Cu Foil	19.4	17

## Different Versions

### ❖ Converter Chips

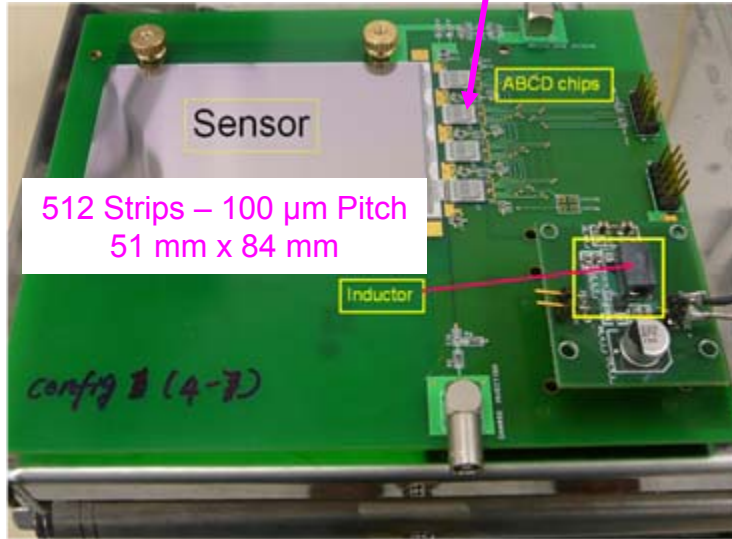
Max8654 monolithic  
IR8341 3 die MCM

### ❖ Coils

Embedded 3oz cu  
Solenoid 15 mΩ  
Spiral Etched 0.25mm

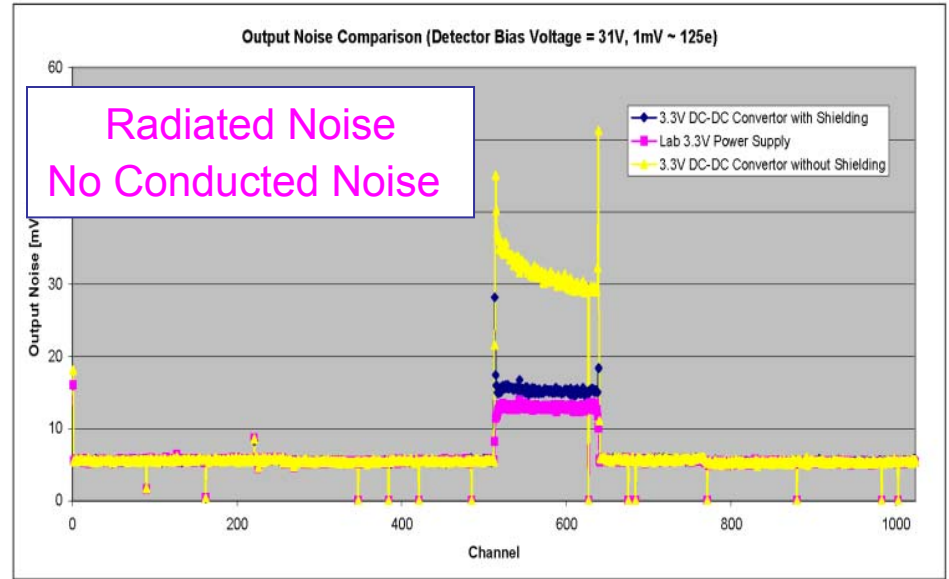
Test @ BNL

Only One Chip Bonded



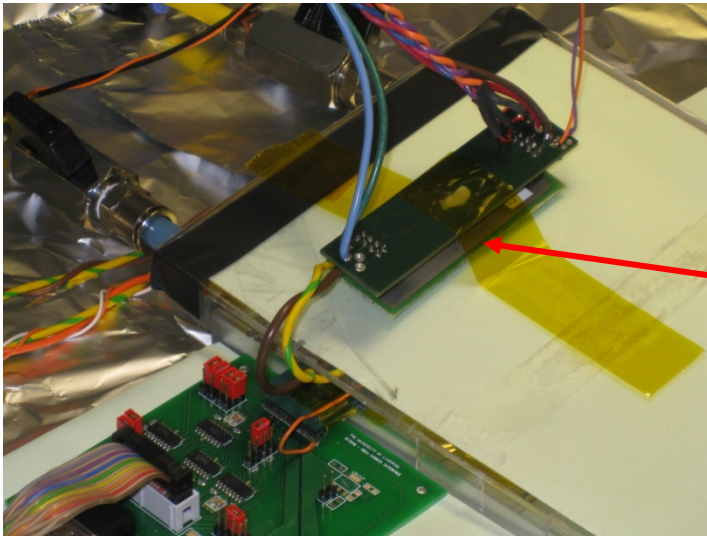
512 Strips – 100  $\mu\text{m}$  Pitch  
51 mm x 84 mm

# Noise Tests with Silicon Sensors



Radiated Noise  
No Conducted Noise

Test @ Liverpool



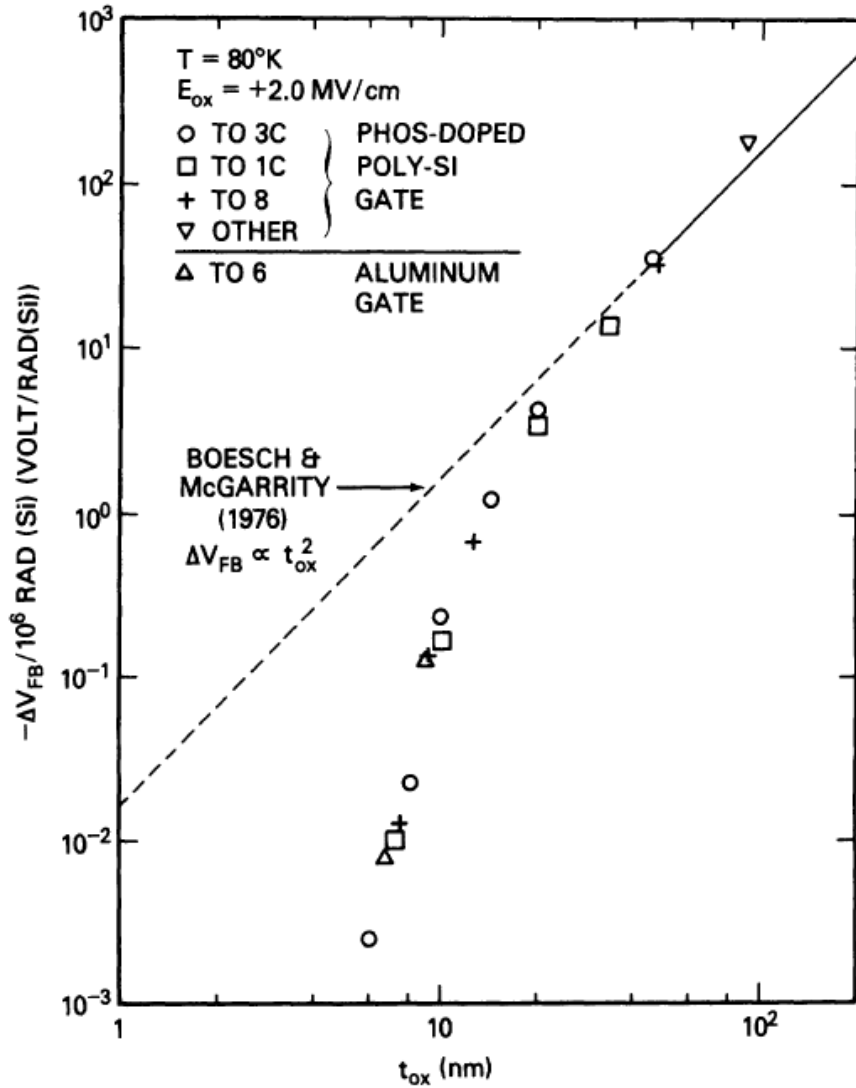
Plug in Card  
1 cm from Coil  
facing Sensor

20  $\mu\text{m}$  Al foil  
shielding

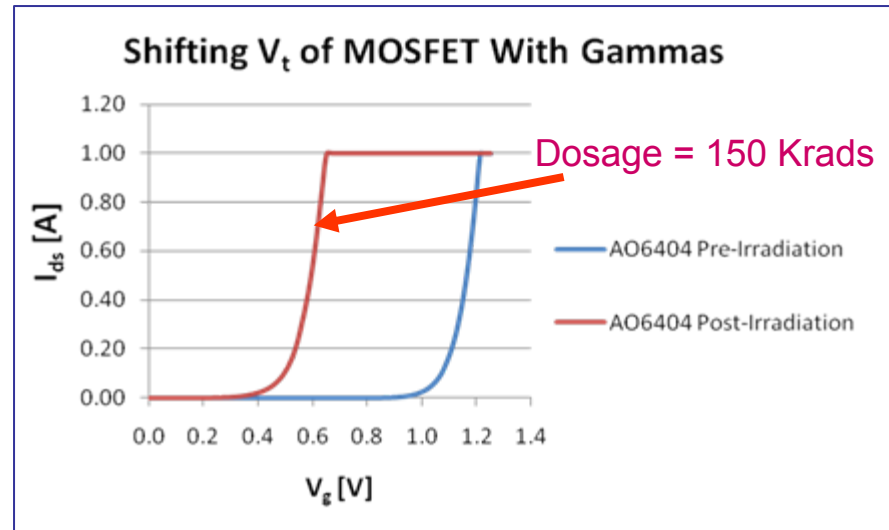
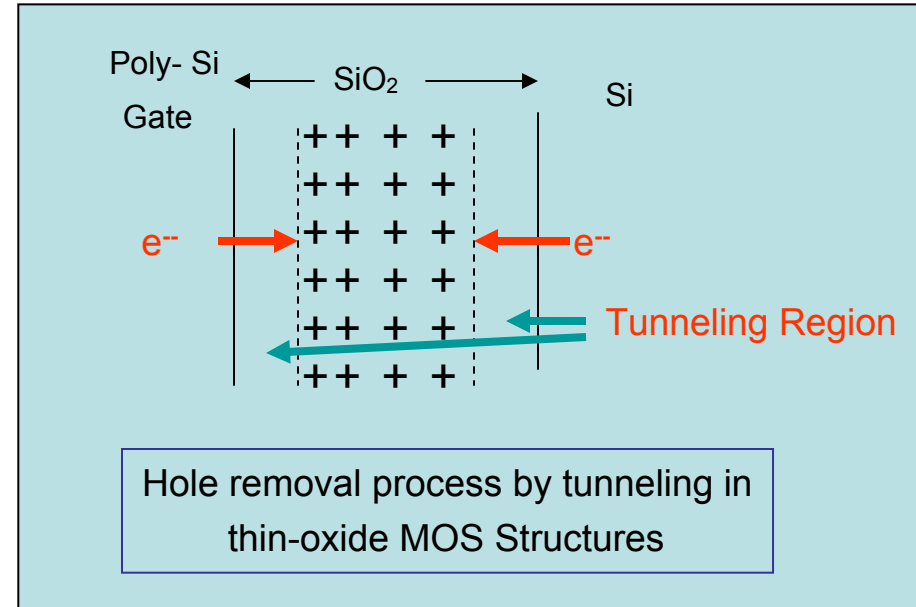
Coil Type	Power	Input Noise electrons rms
Solenoid	DC - DC	881
Solenoid	Linear	885
Spiral Coil	DC - DC	666
Spiral Coil	Linear	664



# Threshold Shift vs Gate Oxide Thickness



Sachs et. al. IEEE Trans. Nuclear Science NS-31, 1249 (1984)



Book. Timothy R Oldham "Ionizing Radiation Effects in MOS Oxides" 1999 World Scientific

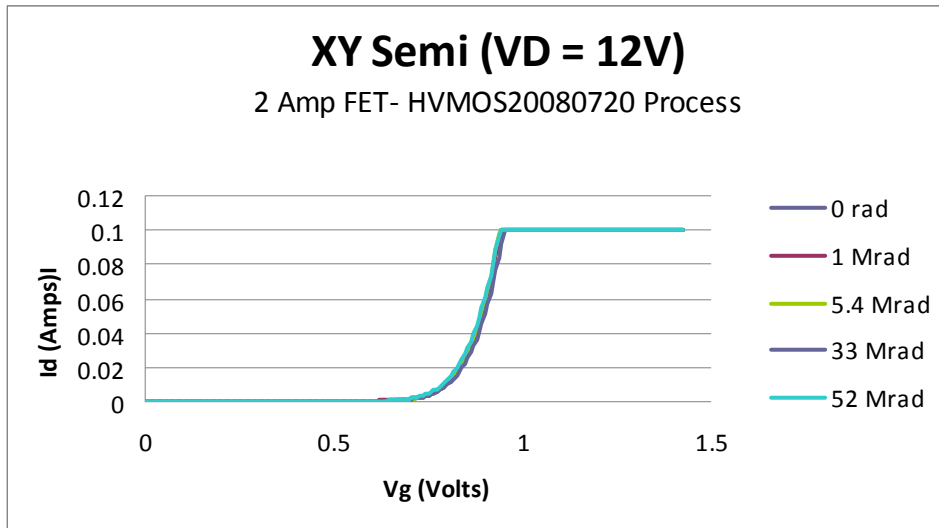
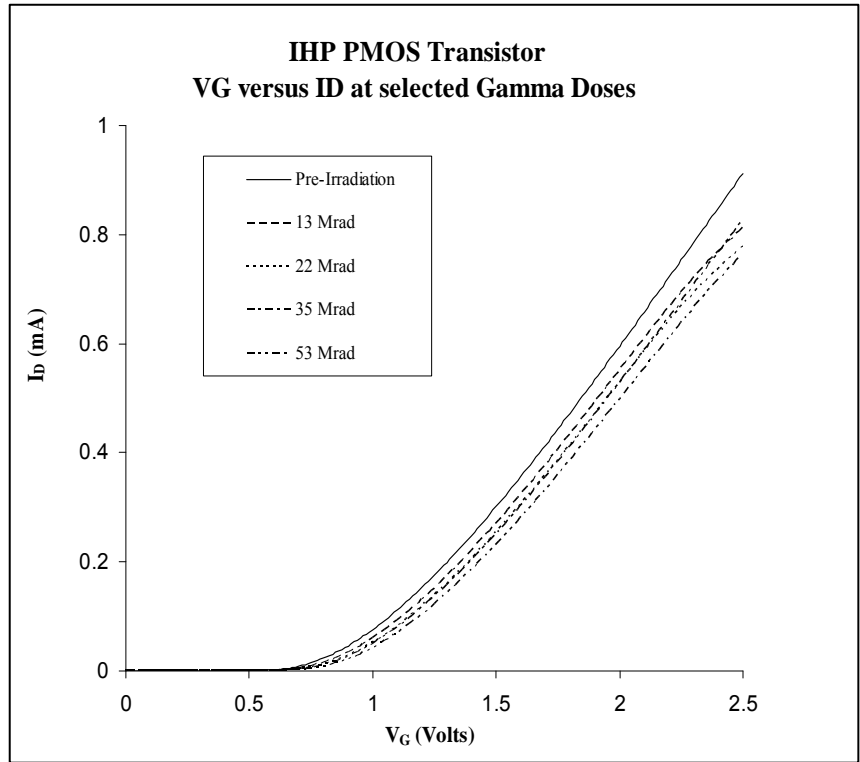
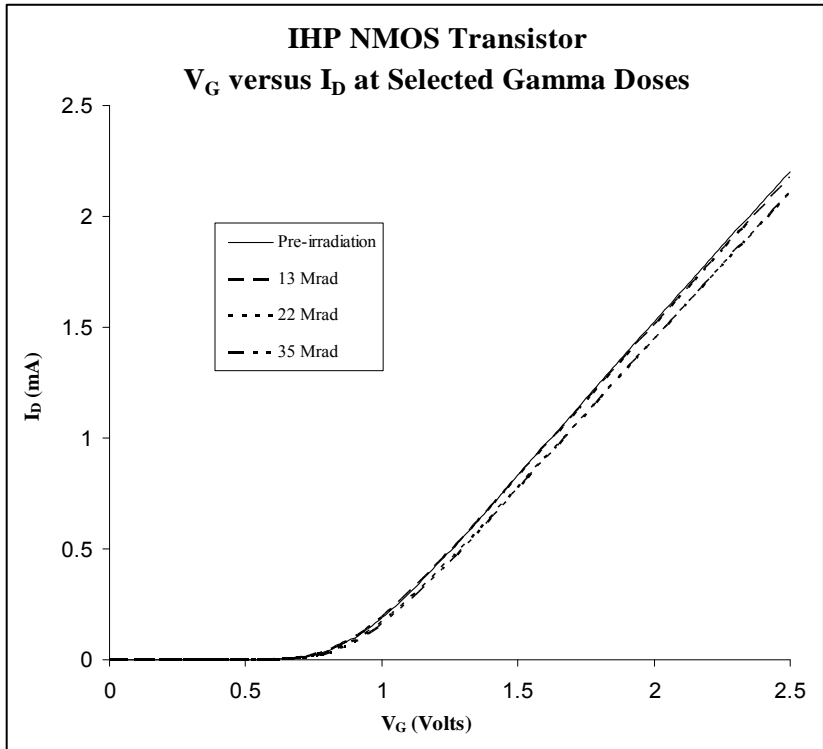
# Can We Have High Radiation Tolerance & Higher Voltage Together ???

Controller : Low Voltage

High Voltage: Switches –

LDMOS, Drain Extension, Deep Diffusion etc

>> 20 Volts HEMT GaN on Silicon, Silicon Carbide, Sapphire



## Thin Oxide Devices (non IBM)

Company	Device	Process	Foundry	Oxide	Dose before	Observation
		Name/ Number	Name	nm	Damage seen	Damage Mode
IHP	ASIC custom	SG25V GOD <b>12 V</b>	IHP, Germany	5		Minimal Damage
XySemi	FET 2 amps	HVMOS20080720 <b>12 V</b>	China	7		Minimal Damage
XySemi	XP2201	HVMOS20080720 <b>15 V</b>	China	12 / 7		1Q2010
Enpirion	EN5365	CMOS 0.25 $\mu$ m	Dongbu HiTek, Korea	5	64 Krads	
Enpirion	EN5382	CMOS 0.25 $\mu$ m	Dongbu HiTek, Korea	5	111 Krads	
Enpirion	EN5360 #2	SG25V (IHP)	IHP, Germany	5	100 Mrads	Minimal Damage
Enpirion	EN5360 #3	SG25V (IHP)	IHP, Germany	5	48 Mrads	Minimal Damage

Necessary condition for Radiation Hardness - **Thin Gate Oxide**

***But not sufficient***

IHP: Epi free, High resistivity substrate, Higher voltage, lower noise devices

Dongbu: Epi process on substrate, lower voltage due to hot carriers in gate oxide

# Gallium Nitride Devices under Tests

## **RF GaN** 20 Volts & 0.1 amp

- ❖ 8 pieces: Nitronex NPT 25015: [GaN on Silicon](#)
- ✓ Done Gamma, Proton & Neutrons
- ✓ 65 volts Oct 2009
  
- ❖ 2 pieces: CREE CGH40010F: [GaN on siC](#)
  
- ❖ 6 pieces: Eudyna EGNB010MK: [GaN on siC](#)
- ✓ Done Neutrons

## **Switch GaN**

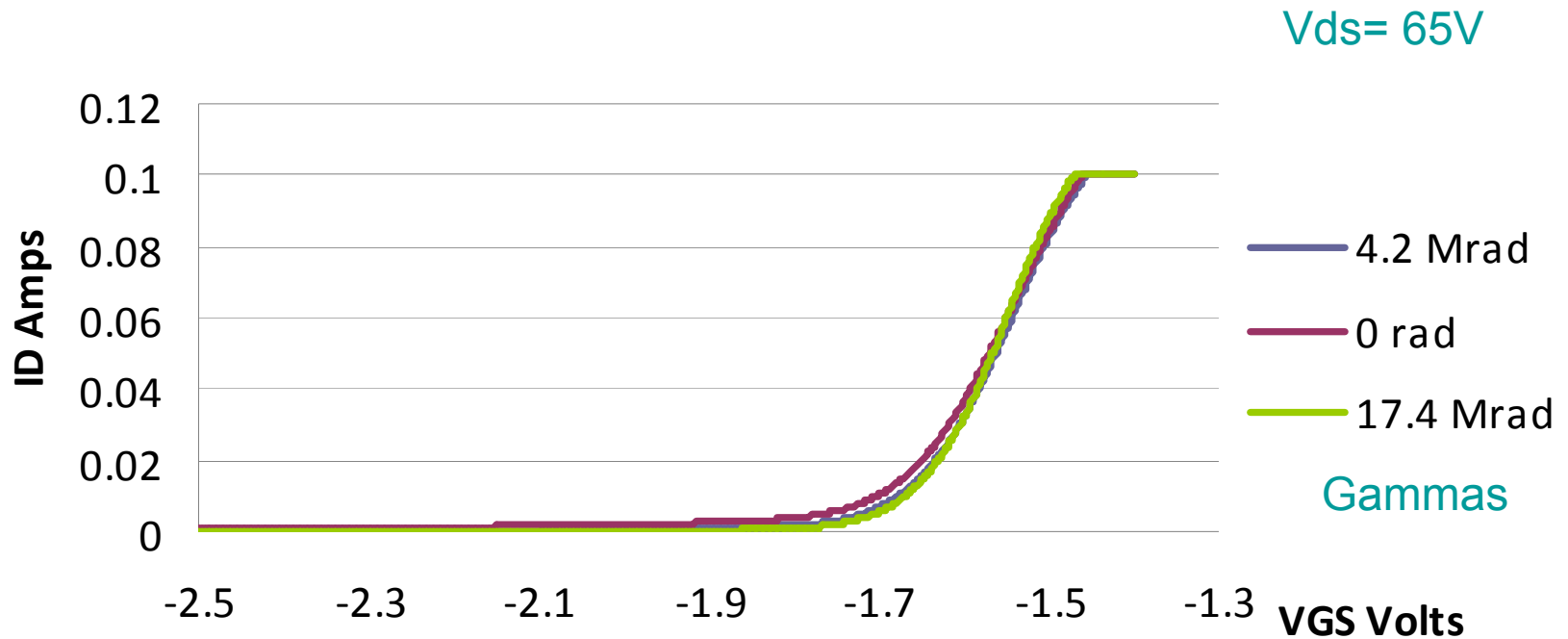
- ❖ International Rectifier [GaN on Silicon](#)  
[Under NDA](#)

Gamma: @ BNL  
Protons: @ Lansce  
Neutrons: @ U of Mass Lowell

Plan to Expose same device to  
Gamma, Protons & Neutrons  
Online Monitoring

# Nitronex 25015

Serial # 1



200 Mrads of Protons had no effect – switching 20 V 0.1 Amp  
Parts still activated after 7 months

## Some Random Remarks

- Learned from commercial devices, companies & power conferences
- Can get high radiation tolerance & higher voltage simultaneously
- High frequency > smaller air coil > less material
- Goal: ~20 MHz buck, MEM on Chip *size 9 mm x 9mm*
- Power SOC: MEMs air core inductor on chip
- Will study feasibility of 48 / 300V converters
- Irradiations:
  - Important to run @ max operating V & I.
  - Limit power dissipation by switching duty cycle
  - Use online monitoring during irradiation for faster results
- Yale Plug Cards can be loaned for evaluation
- Collaborators are Welcome



# Conclusions

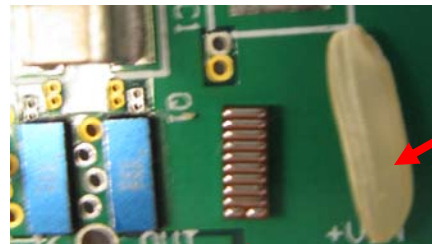
- The power distribution needs of HEP detectors require new solutions/technologies to meet power and environmental requirements.
- DC/DC (Buck) Converters are potential solutions for these needs.
- The environment requires that these converters operate in high radiation environments and high magnetic fields at high switching frequencies in a small size/mass package.
- Target technologies for the switches are radiation hard GaN and 0.25  $\mu\text{m}$  LDMOS. High frequency controllers driving small sized nonmagnetic/air core inductors are also required.
- Many of these components have been tested and now need integration to produce a working prototype. This is the next step in our R&D program.



# What can be achieved by this Development ?

- ❖ Current Reduction from Power Supply by DC-DC near Load  
Losses  $> \text{Current}^2 \times \text{Resistance}$
- ❖ Silicon  $\div 10$  Current Reduction **5 Oodle  $> 0.5$  Oodle**  
CMOS converters can run @ Li Nitrogen temperature
- ❖ GaN  $\div 50$  Current Reduction **5 Oodle  $> 0.1$  Oodle**  
Power Converters for Beam Line usage

## Thermal Challenge



A grain of Basmati Rice  
4 watts

GaN FETs  
40 V 33 A 4m $\Omega$

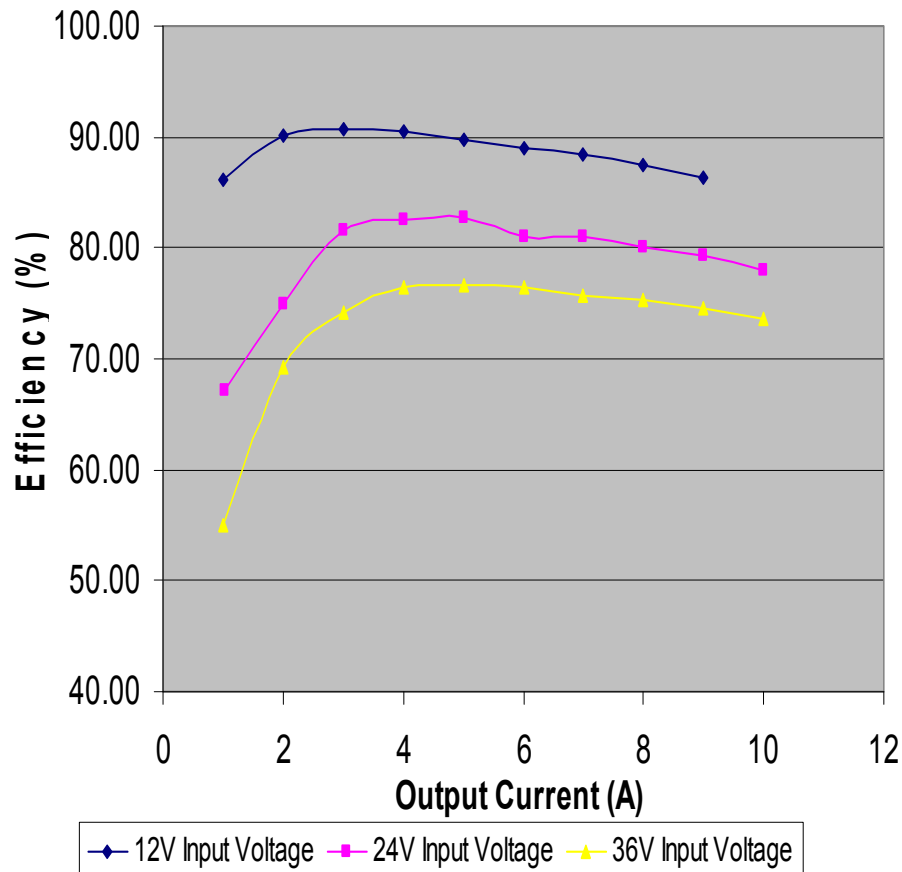
FET Solder side

: epc 1015 – 40V: Efficiency with constant frequency and constant on pulse with inputs of 12, 24 & 36 Volts.

### EPC9001 #2 Efficiency vs Output Current

Constant Frequency = 566 KHz: Pulse width =124 - 240 ns:

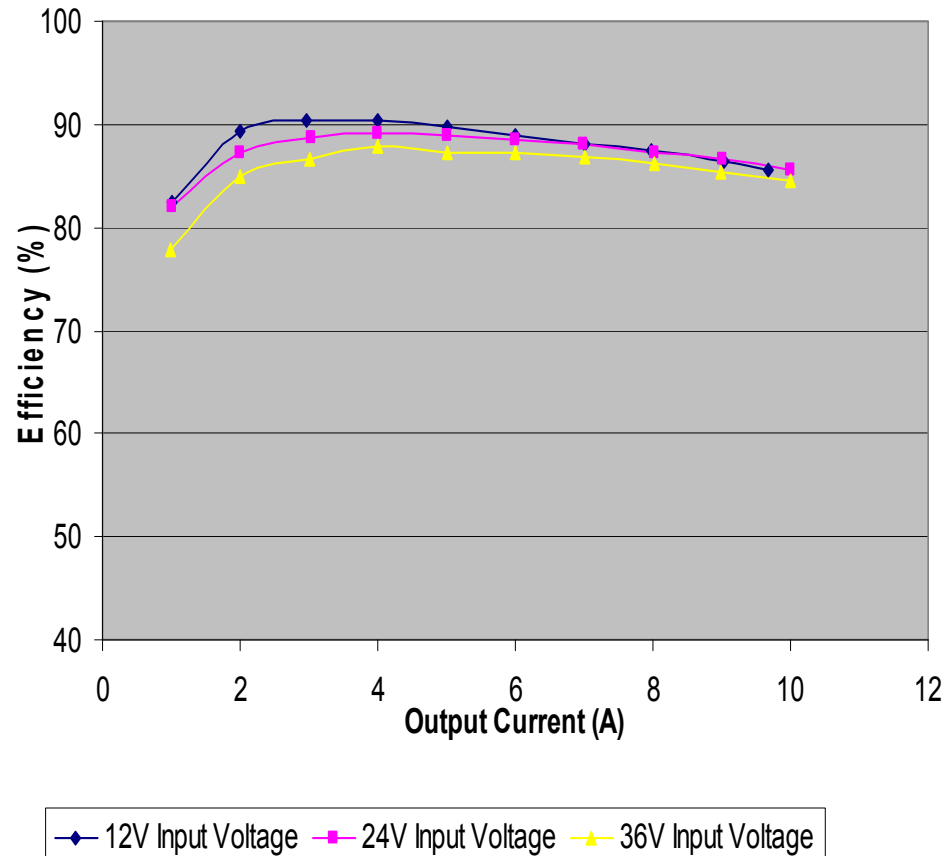
Vout = 0.95 -1.34V: L= 3.9  $\mu$ H, 4.8 m $\Omega$



### EPC9001 #2 Efficiency vs Output Current

Constant twd = 240 ns: Frequency = 164 - 568 kHz

Vout ~1.2V: L = 3.9  $\mu$ H, 4.8 m $\Omega$

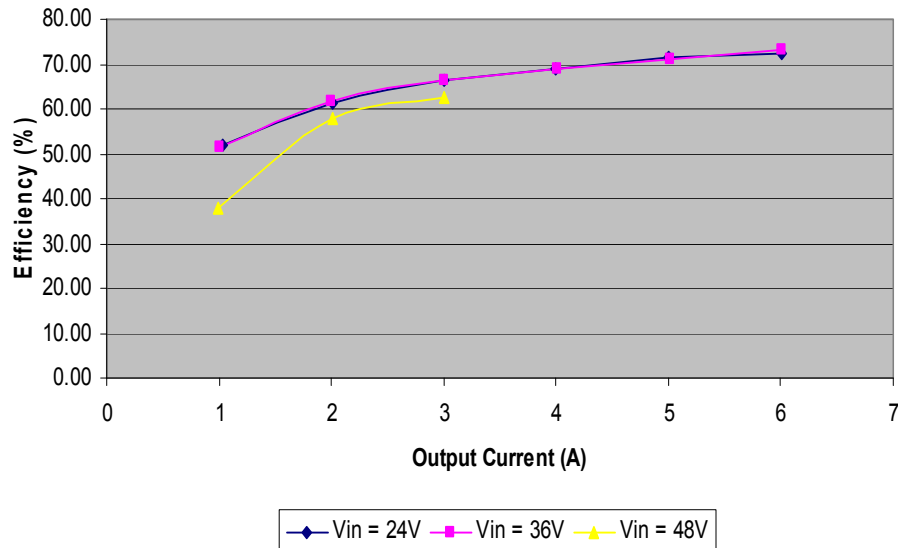


: epc 1001 – 100V: Efficiency with 2 constant frequencies. Inputs of 24, 36 & 48 Volts.

### EPC9002 #1 Efficiency vs Output Current

Constant Frequency = 496 kHz: Pulse width =100 - 173 ns:

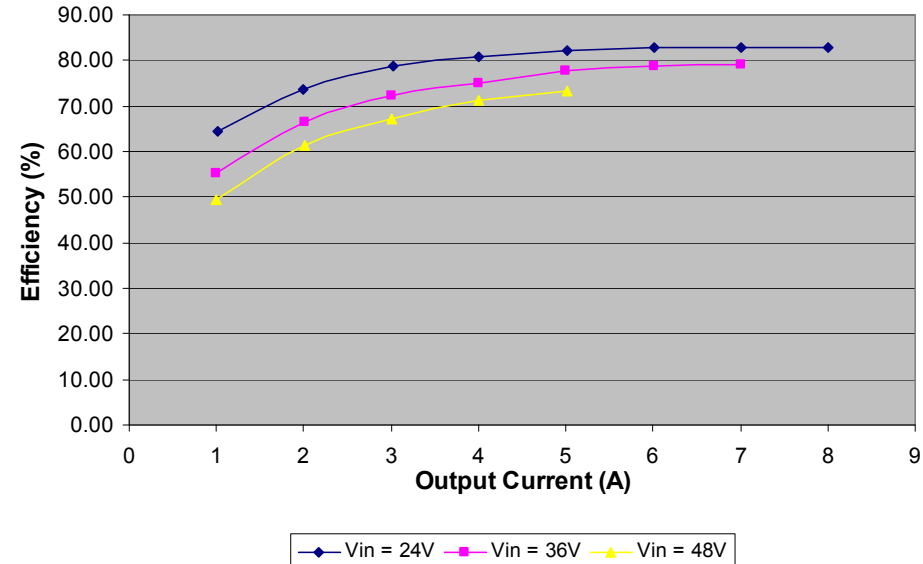
Vout = 1.2015 -1.857.V: L = 3.9  $\mu$ H: R= 4.8 m $\Omega$



### EPC9002 #1 Efficiency vs Output Current

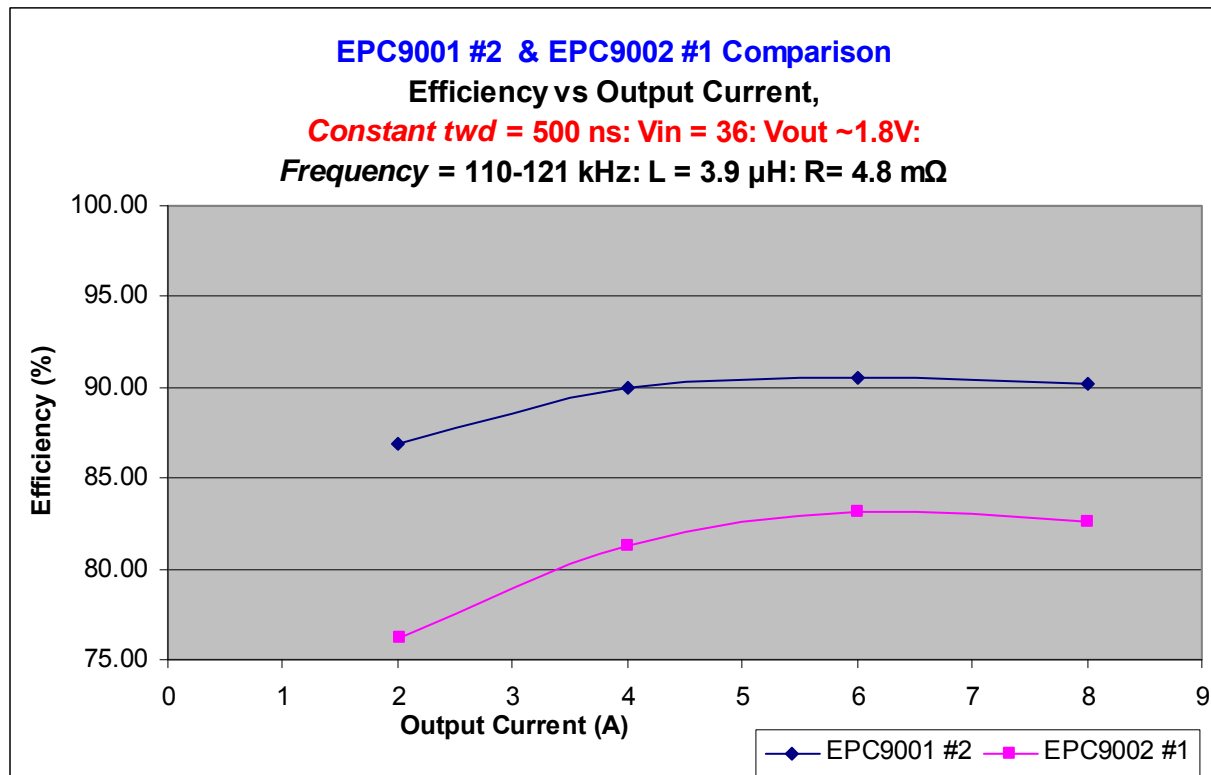
Constant Frequency = 266 kHz: Pulse width =166 - 358 ns:

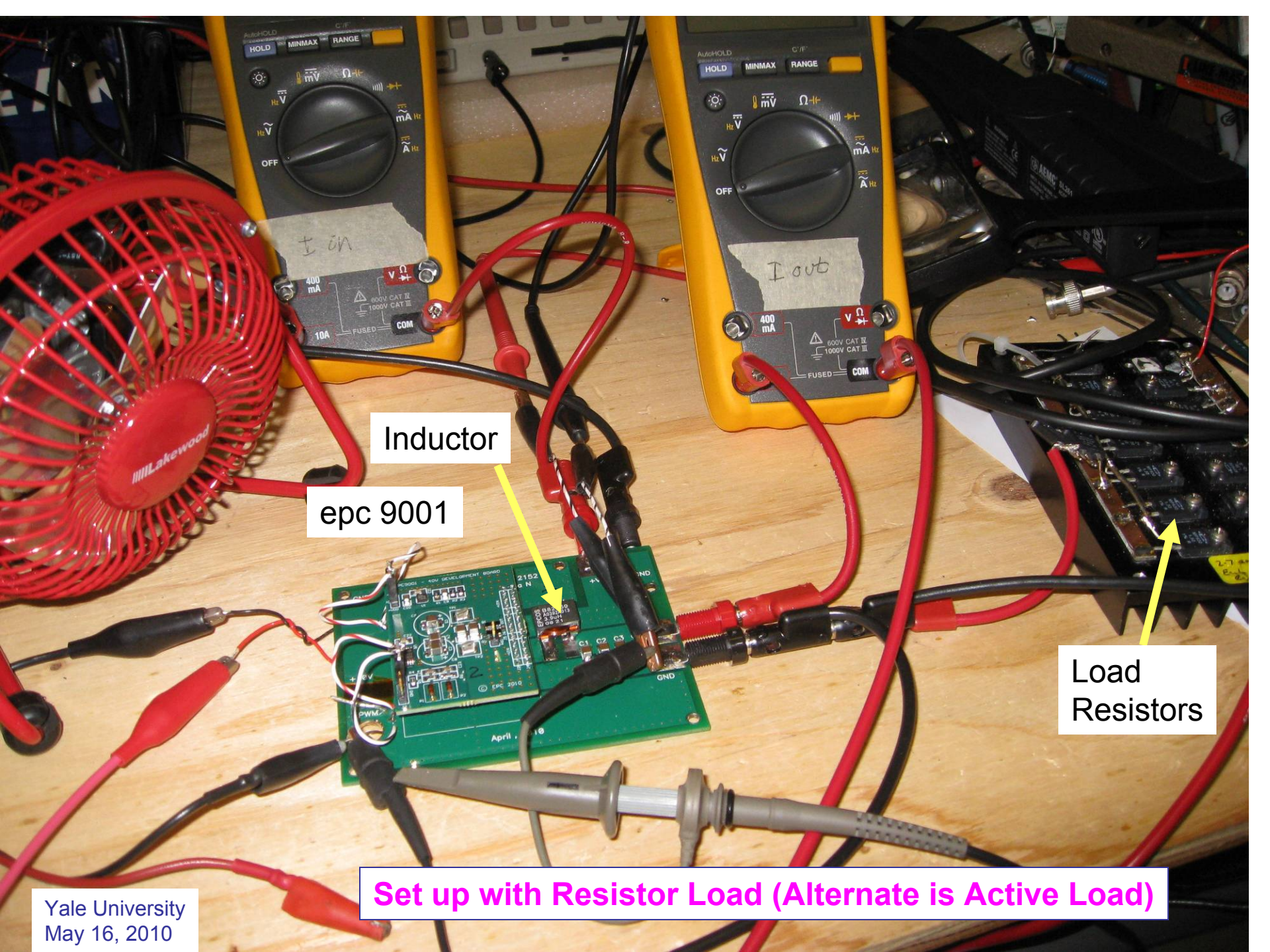
Vout = 1.7984 -1.8144.V: L = 3.9  $\mu$ H: R= 4.8 m $\Omega$



Longer On Time improves efficiency

: epc 9001 & 9002 Comparison: Efficiency with constant 110 KHz.:  $V_{in} = 36$ ;  $V_{out} = 1.8$  V.





Inductor

epc 9001

Load Resistors

Set up with Resistor Load (Alternate is Active Load)

## Power Delivery to HEP Detectors

- ❖ Need Increase in Power Delivery Efficiency for environment & budget
- ❖ Energy and Power are high priorities of current (and future) administration
- ❖ Power will be critical for next generation of HEP experiments: power bill and physics reach
- ❖ Increase emphasis on Power Electronics in US is needed. In Asia it is a Glamorous field. Best and the brightest going into this.  
Tremendous Economic opportunity
- ❖ In US no support for this type of R&D.  
In general, limited support for generic detector R&D.
- ❖ This R&D is needed for a viable US HEP program.  
Do we want or should US give up and transfer all HEP to CERN?
- ❖ Office of Science is very supportive of innovative, applied R&D with benefits to society.
- ❖ Do you agree? If so, how can you help to reverse this situation?

## Supporting Bullets for Power Delivery to HEP Detectors

- ❖ Early work at Intel central research lab's AIR Core Coils.
- ❖ Bell labs / Lucent investigators started Enpirion (maker of the commercial chip that happens to be Radiation Hard)
- ❖ Radiation Hardness: Silicon LDMOS 15 V Few amps
- ❖ Gallium Nitride could be a game changer: 100 Volts, tens of amps. Opportunity for Beam line power supplies
- ❖ Gallium Nitride: US companies developing for Power switching market.
- ❖ Four years ago I started the field of DC-DC Converters for sLHC SiT. Introduced ideas at BNL & CERN meetings to a about 10 person at each lab. David Lissauer was at both. CERN started to work on it with EU funding.
- ❖ Basic ideas: Converters to run in high radiation and magnetic fields.



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- ❖ Yale Work: No base support available. Let CERN do it.
- ❖ Current Funding @ Yale: NSF/DoE University LCRD: \$47k /year
- ❖ ATLAS Si Tracker Phase II has supported.  
Due to delay . FY11 funding = zero
- ❖ DoE HEP University Generic R&D: \$600K /year. Request enhance base program
- ❖ Europe / CERN: With EU funding it is ~25MCHF (total or per year?)
- ❖ Balkanization of projects: ATLAS & CMS vertical organization.  
No room for people working on same thing to work together
- ❖ Workshop Presentation are considered confidential & cannot be shared/  
examined by the other Group
- ❖ Mission Oriented Funding. No room for Generic R&D with long payback
- ❖ Fermilab mission is HEP. Support Generic R&D on Power delivery Electronics



A polar bear stands on a vast, flat expanse of snow and ice. To the left, there is a dark, irregularly shaped hole in the ice. A long, dark shadow of the bear is cast to its left. To the right, a series of tracks leads away from the bear, curving towards the bottom right. The overall scene is bright and cold, with a clear sky.

# Working on Power Supply Is not Glamorous

Top of the World is Cool but lonely!  
Let us keep it cool with highly efficient PS  
Swimming is Great at the North Pole

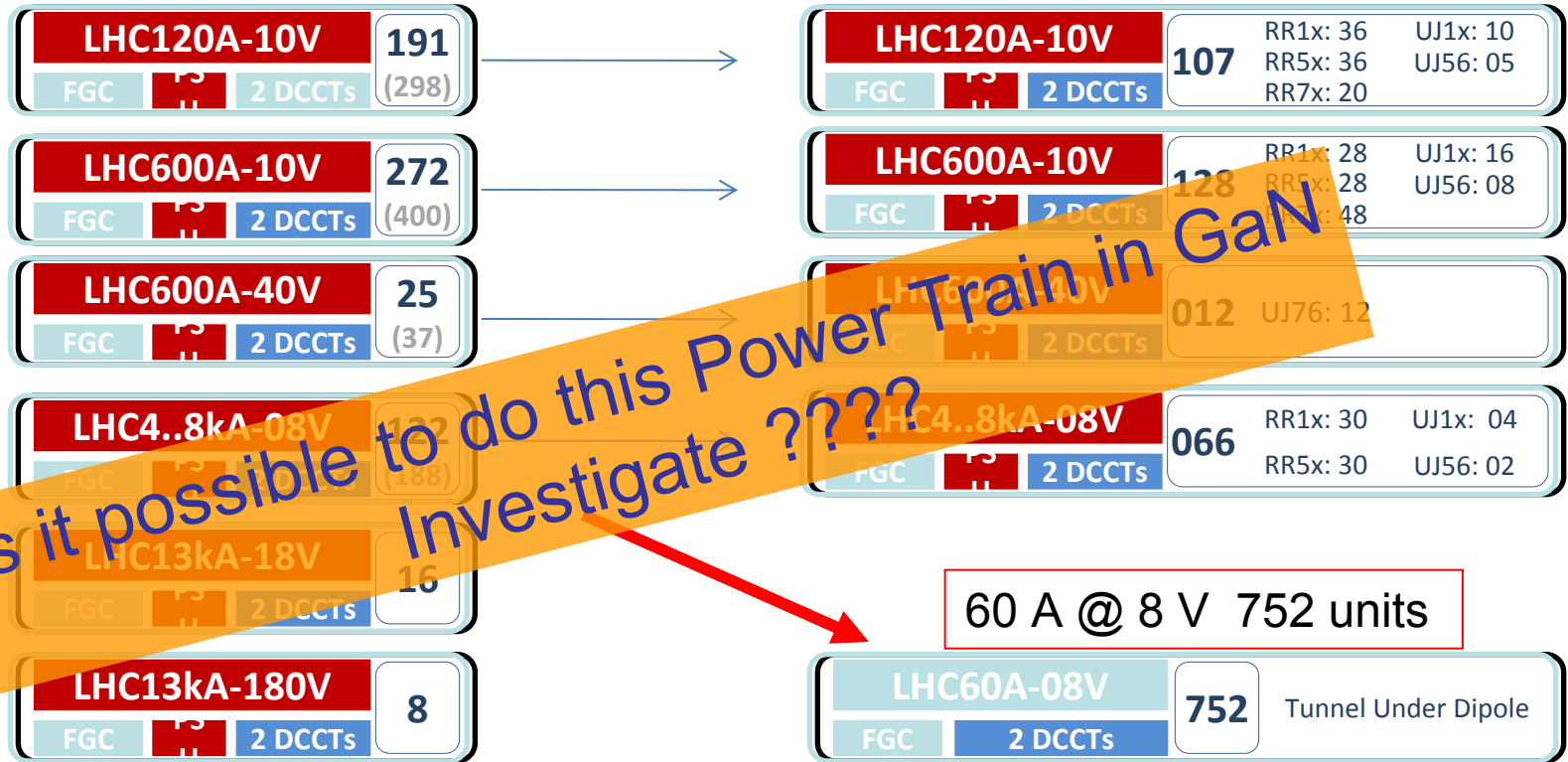
**More Details:** [www.Yale.edu/FASTCAMAC](http://www.Yale.edu/FASTCAMAC) click on DC-DC

# CONVERTERS INSTALLED

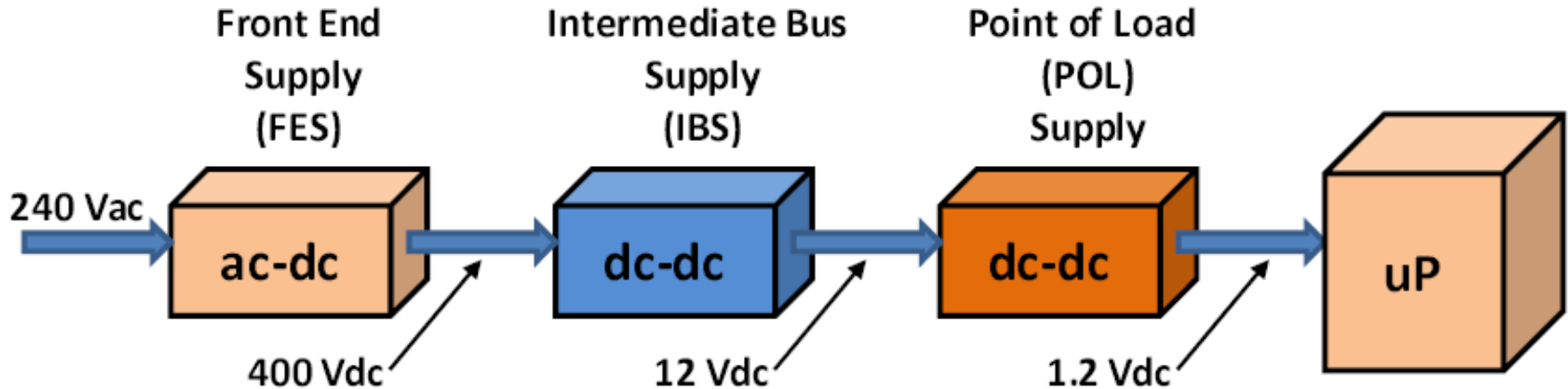
CERN - Chamonix 2010 Report

## ■ LHC CONVERTERS VS RADIATION [2010]

- Rad Tolerant Design *or* standard Design with low Rad sensitivity (safe components)
- Standard Design *and* Rad sensitivity unknown (too many components, sub-assemblies...)



## AC - DC Power Efficiency Challenge by IBM September 2007



	FES	IBS	POL	Plug-to-Processor
Recent	93%	95%	88%	78%
Best Immediate	95%	98%	90%	84%
	IBM Challenge			<b>90%</b>
Needed	98%	98%	94%	<b>90%</b>



# Aurora 14



**Pet Bear**

**Polar Bear**