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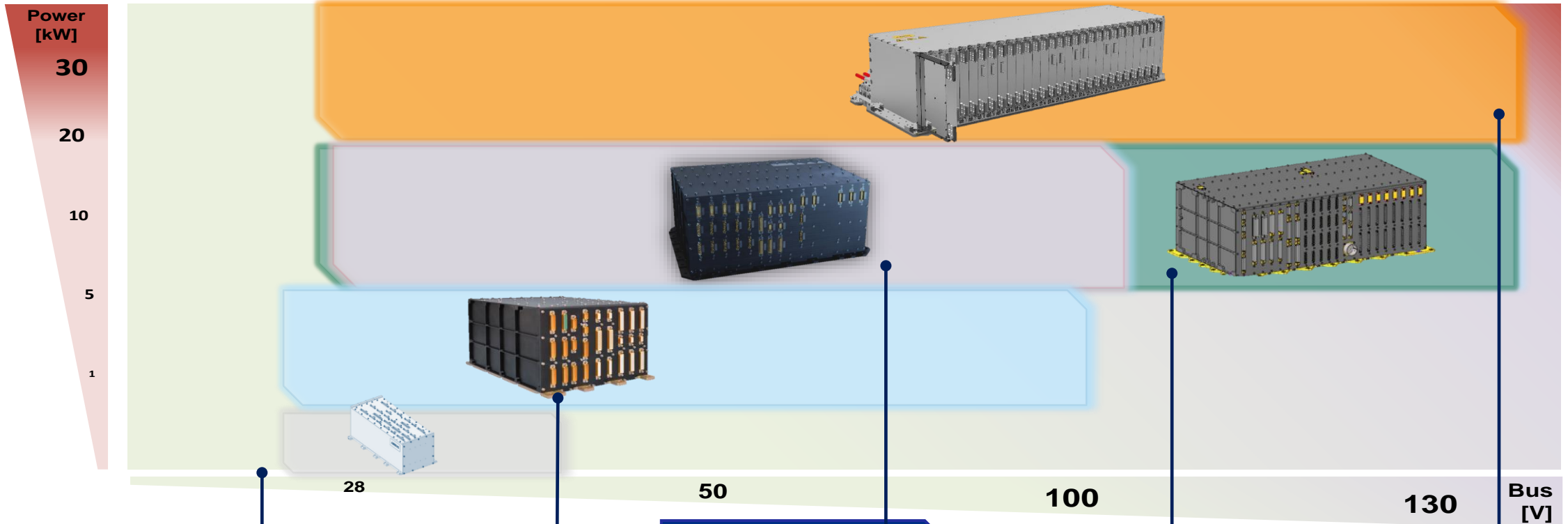
MVPCU Innovative COTS Based PCU Solution
for Telecommunications Market

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Airbus Crisa PCDU Portfolio



MEGA PCDU

- ❑ Unregulated 22-38V Bus
- ❑ 2 to 4kW power
- ❑ DET Si
- ❑ Distribution: Heaters / LCL / Fuses / Motor Drivers / Low Voltage

EVO PCDU

- ❑ Unregulated 22-37V Bus
- ❑ 0,5 to 4kW power
- ❑ DET si
- ❑ MPPT Si / MPPT GaN
- ❑ Distribution: Heaters / LCL / Deployment

MVPCU

- ❑ **Multi-voltage unit**
- ❑ **Regulated 100 V**
- ❑ **Regulated Secondaries**
- ❑ 8 kW to 22 kW power
- ❑ DET GaN
- ❑ **Digital control**

EVO HP PCDU

- ❑ Regulated 120V Bus
- ❑ Regulated Secondary Bus
- ❑ Unregulated Battery Bus
- ❑ DET GaN
- ❑ Distribution: Heater / LCL / Deployment / High Current LCLs

GHPS PCDU

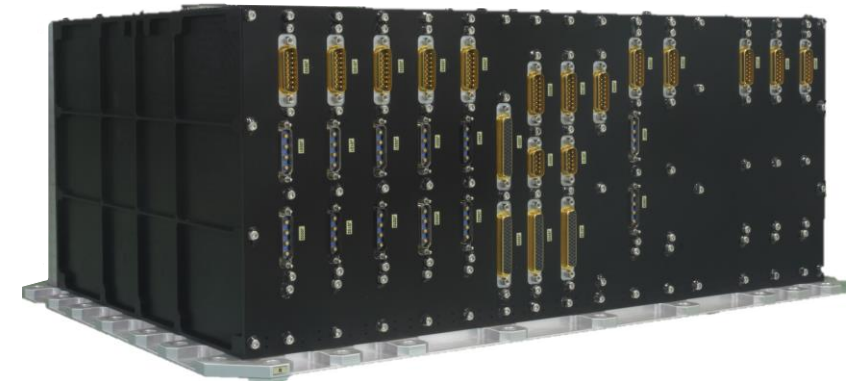
- ❑ Regulated 120V Bus
- ❑ Isolated Secondary 120V and 28V Buses
- ❑ Up to 32kW power
- ❑ Distribution: Heaters / LCL / High Current active LCL / Return switches



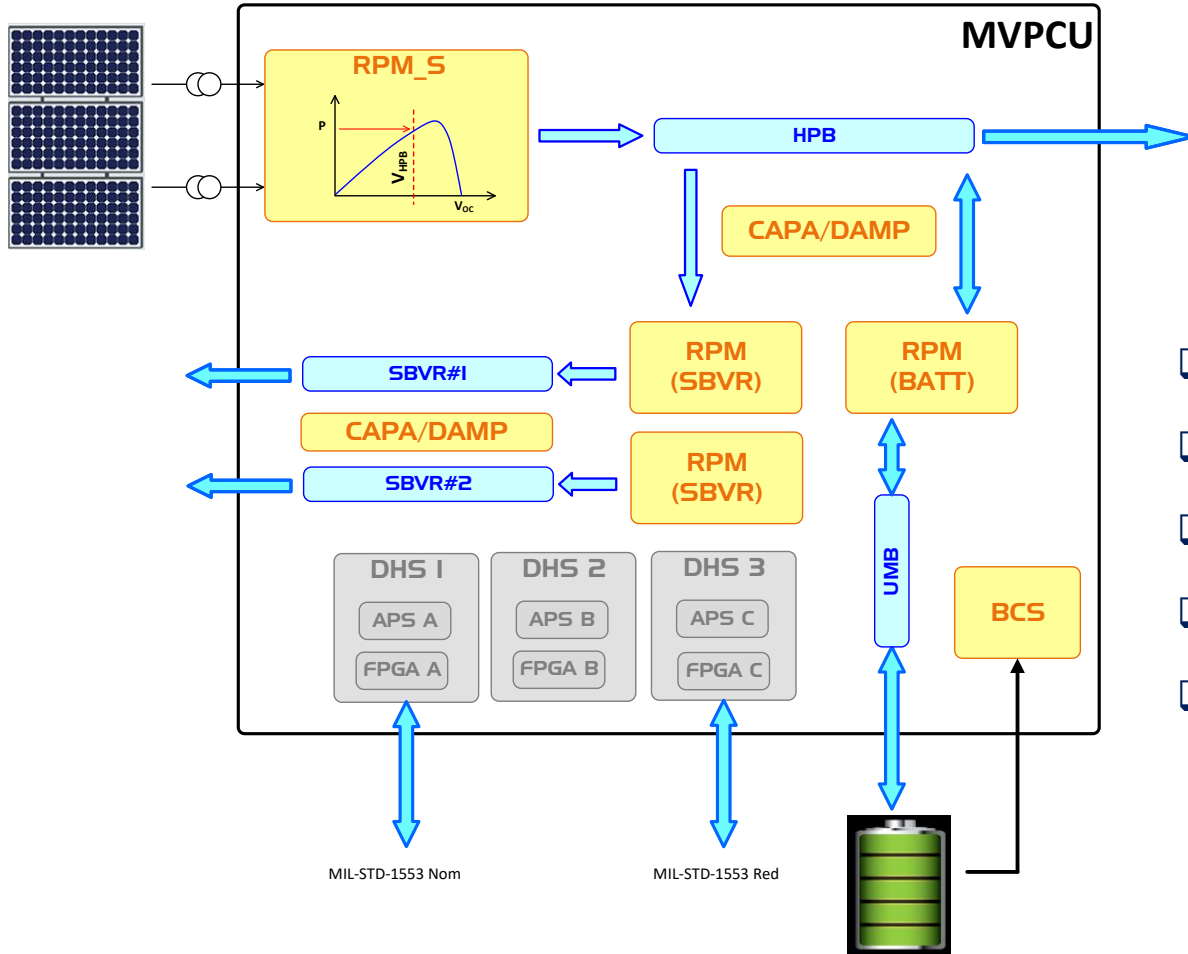
MultiVoltage Power Conditioning Unit (MVPCU): Pioneering New Space

- ❑ Up to **26 kW** in up to **3 power buses**:
 - High Power Bus (**HPB**) : regulated **100 V**
 - Regulated Secondary Bus (**RSB**) : up to **2 step down** buses
- ❑ **LEO, MEO, GEO** missions
- ❑ **High frequency S3R** solar array conditioning
- ❑ **MIL-STD-1553**
- ❑ **Li-Ion** battery management
- ❑ Based on **State of the art technologies**:
 - ✓ **GaN**
 - ✓ **Digital** control
 - ✓ Extensive use of **COTS**

- ❑ **Flight Qualified Unit**
- ❑ **26 kW FMs under recurrent production**

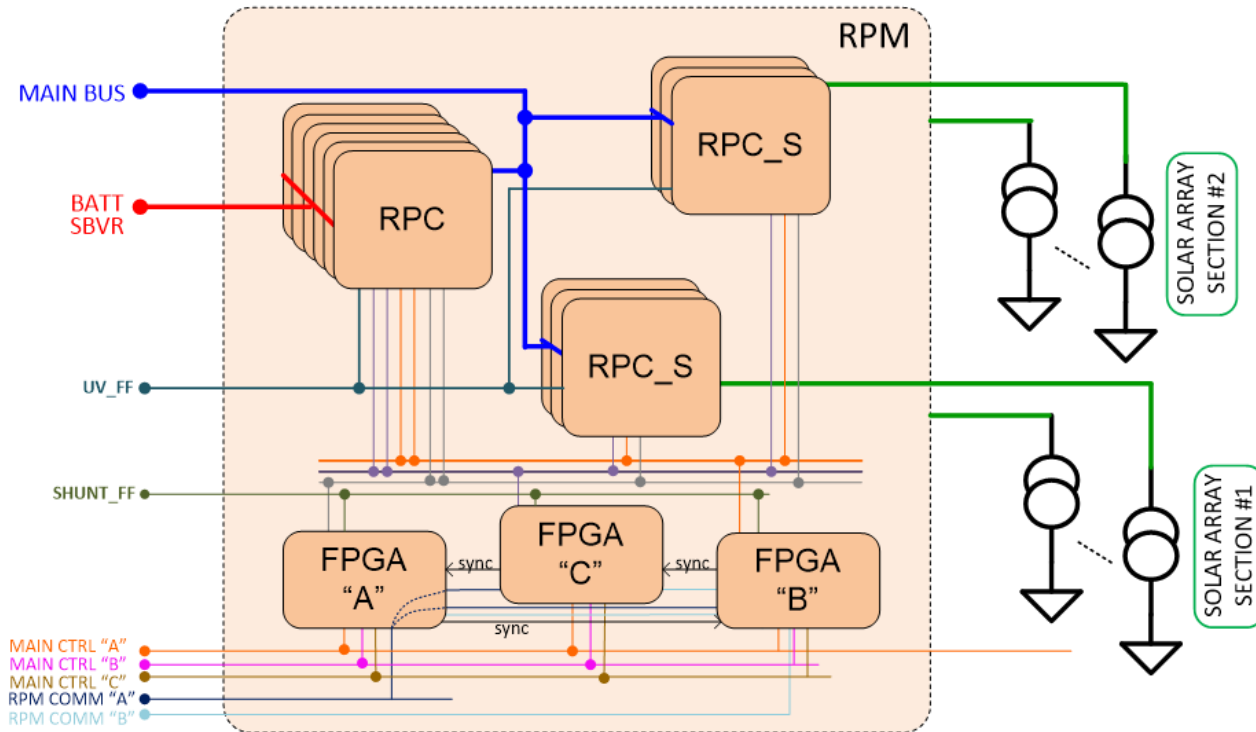


MVPCU Architecture



- ❑ RPS_S : Solar Array Reversible Power Module (RPM)
- ❑ RPM (SBVR) : RPM for Secondary Bus Voltage Regulator Module
- ❑ RPM (BATT) : RPM for Battery Module
- ❑ BCS : Battery Scanner Module
- ❑ CAPA/DAMP : Bus/Damping capacitance

Reversible Power Module (RPM) Capabilities



Digital controlled **GaN** based step-up/step-down **DC/DC** reversible power converters (**RPC**) module able to generate **up to 3 power buses**

RPM Performances	
Number of DCDCs	12
Number of FPGAs	3
Groups of DCDC converters	x6 RPC for SBVR/Battery x3 RPC for Solar Array x3 RPC for Solar Array
Max. Output Current per RPC Converter	+/-6 A ^{NOTE1}
Failure mode	Maximum 2 DCDCs
SA Characteristics	
Number of SA sections	2
Maximum section Isc	23A (27A during 30 mins)
Maximum section Voc	135V (limited by DET operation)
SA capacitance Range	0 uF – 3 uF
SA inductance Range	0 μH – 2.7 uH
SA Resistance Range	0 mΩ – 800 mΩ

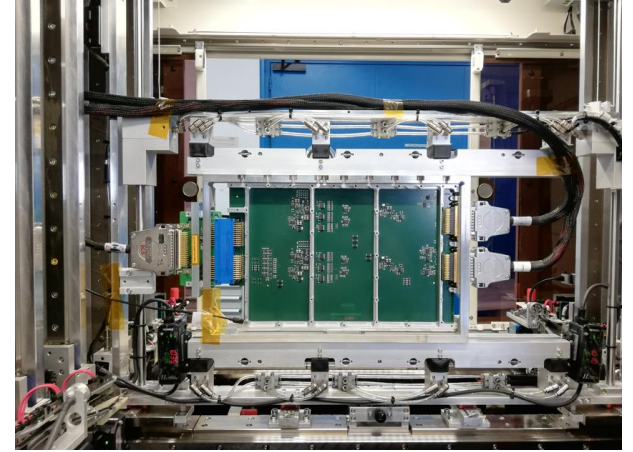
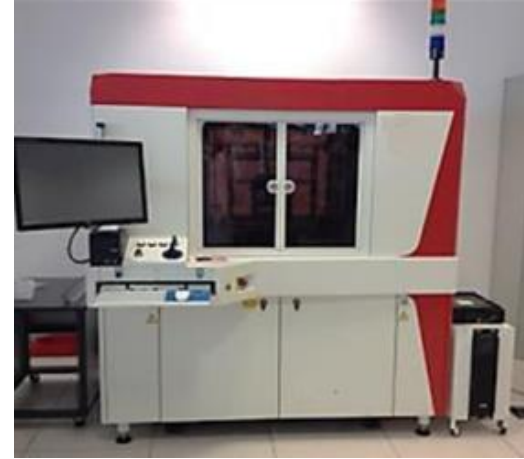
NOTE1: Output current depends on mission profile



Industrial approach

- ❑ Board **acceptance** tests are performed with an **automatic board testing**.
- ❑ **Major advantages:**
 - ✓ Reduction of Test Duration (<6h)
 - ✓ Mitigation of Human Errors
 - ✓ Increase of Test Coverage
- ❑ **Reducing unit lead times**

Automatic Board Testing Machine



Airbus Crisa Launchers and Next Space (LNS) production line



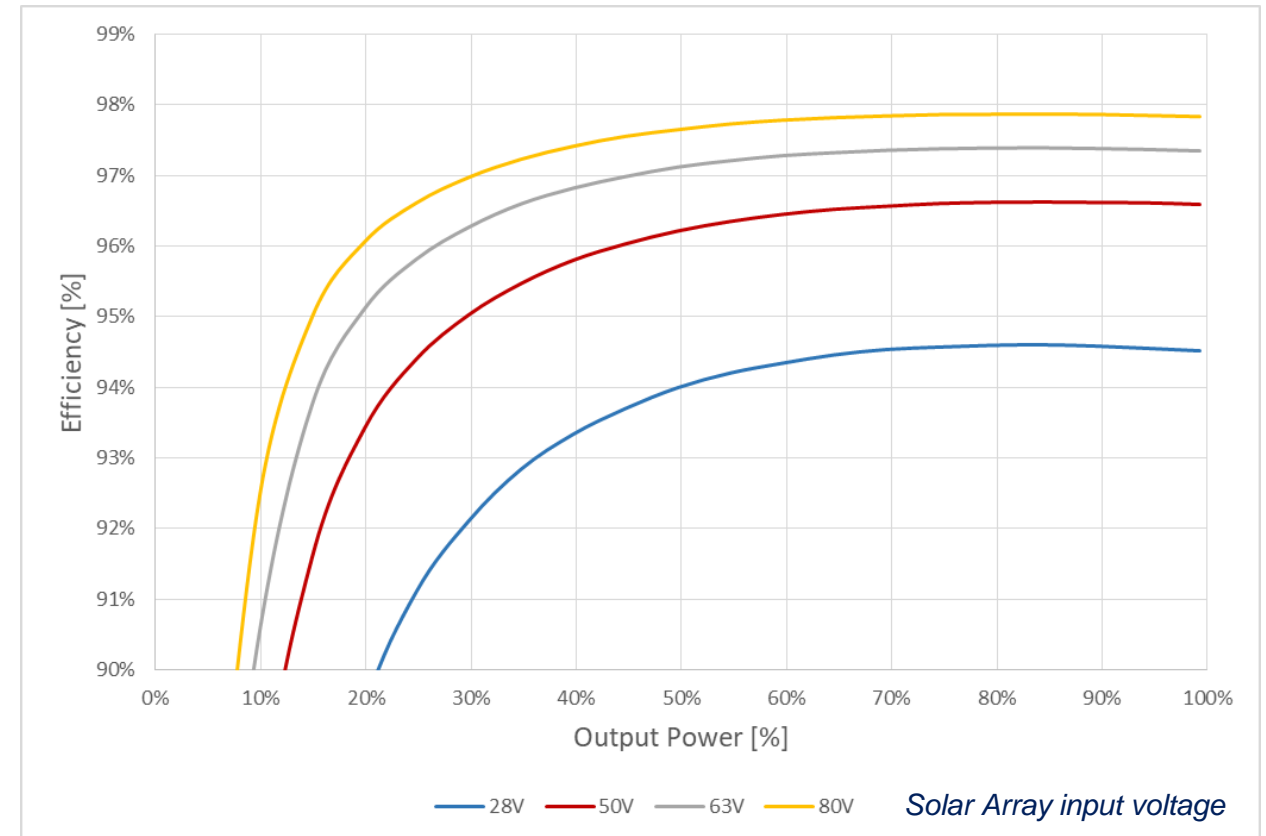
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RPC power efficiency

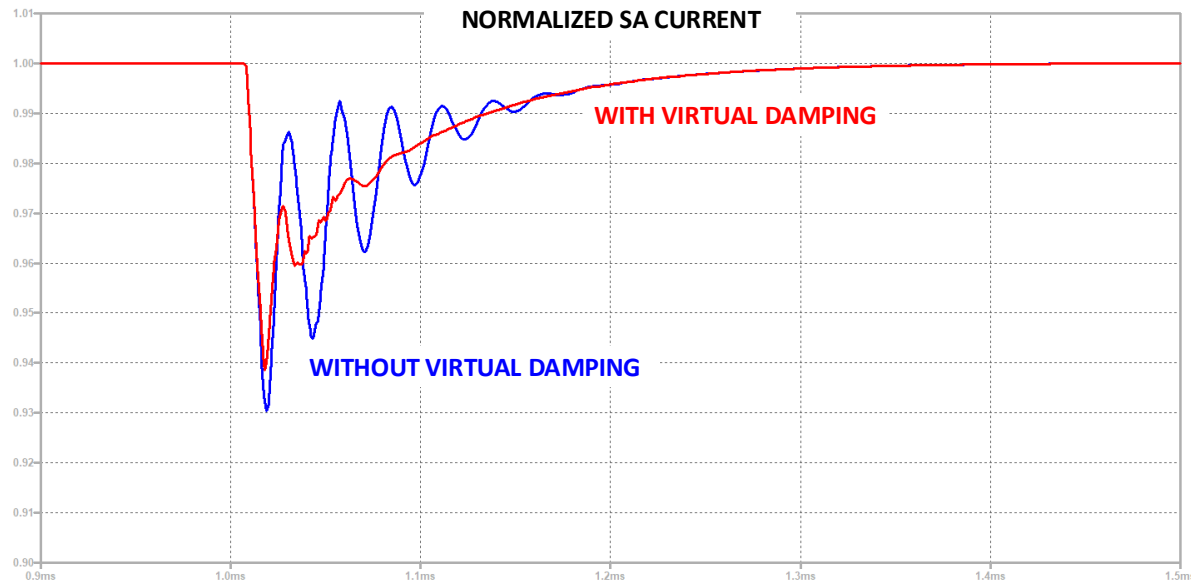
- ❑ RPC **efficiency** improved using **GaN** technology.
- ❑ **Smart** and innovative packaging for **heat drainage**.
- ❑ **x2 power density** [W/mm³].
- ❑ **RPC** (sections connected) efficiency of **99,5%**
- ❑ **SBVR/BCDR** mode of **98%** efficiency

Efficiency of the RPC switching cell

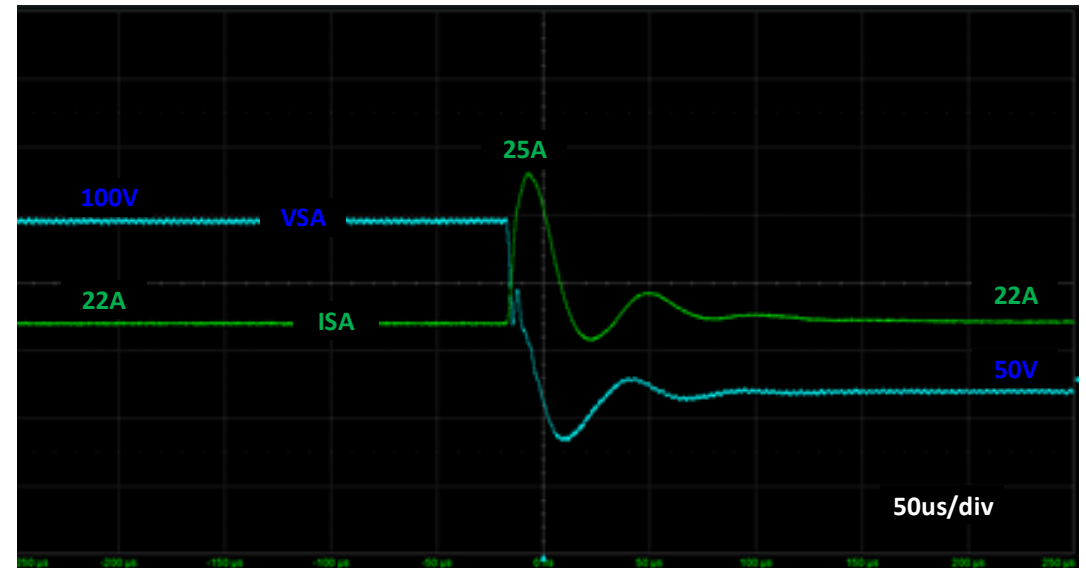


EMC and efficiency performances

- ❑ **Digitally controlled virtual damping** to mitigate the oscillations related to resonance between the SA capacitance and the harness inductance in S3R DET systems.



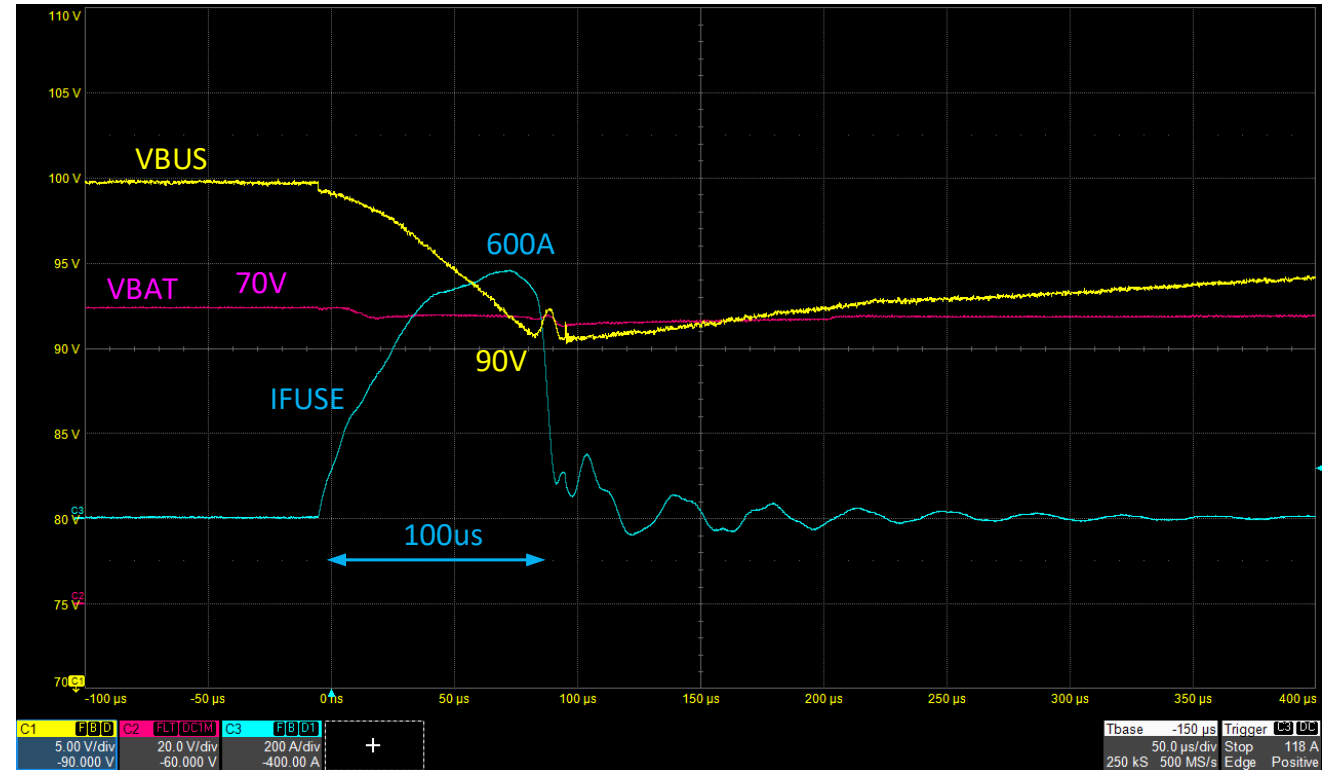
Virtual damping simulation.



Real damping response as a transient from 100V to 50V at SA interface.

Fuse blowing event digital management

- ❑ MVPCU provides enough current to guarantee fuse blowing, this is called **Boost Mode**.
- ❑ **Boost Mode increases**, during a limited period of time, the maximum **current** at the output of the RPC converters in case the bus collapses during a fuse blowing event.
- ❑ **Anti-windup** feature ensures **over-voltage** of less than 5 % (ECSS-E-ST-20C)



*100 V bus fuse blowing transient event.
Only 10 V voltage drop with a 600 A peak current.*

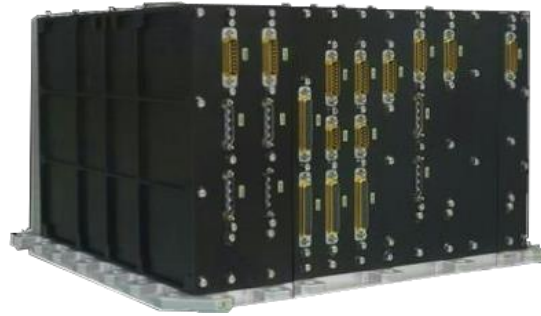


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MultiVoltage Power Conditioning Unit (MVPCU)

- ❑ **MVPCU** allows to provide **up to 3 regulated power buses**
- ❑ Any voltage between **100 V** and **28 V**
- ❑ **x2** increase of **power density**
- ❑ **High flexibility**



- ✓ **1 kW @ 100V**
- ✓ **3 kW @ 70 V**
- ✓ **2 kW @ 28 V**
- ✓ **21 kg**
- ✓ **308 mm x 380 mm x 209 mm**



- ✓ **17 kW @ 100V**
- ✓ **4 kW @ 28 V**
- ✓ **36 kg**
- ✓ **528 mm x 380 mm x 209 mm**



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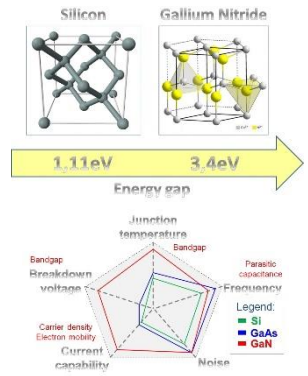
The Power Roadmap



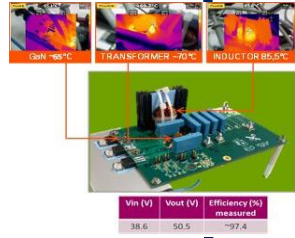
GaN devices continuous improvement



Learning the physics



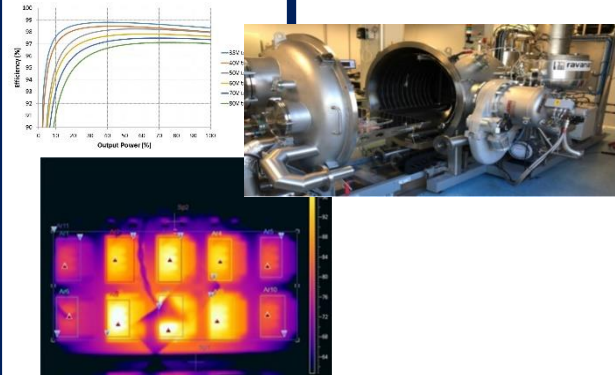
Concept Bread Boarding



JUICE: Flight Model with Digital Control



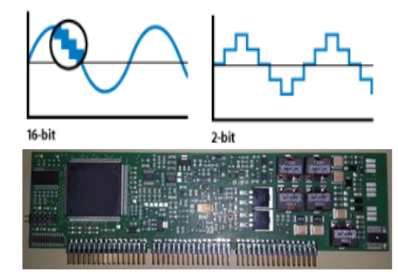
GaN Validation



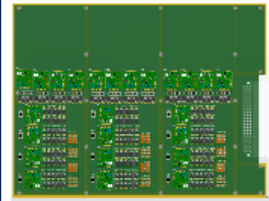
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- EVO HP PDDU
- MVPPU
- MVPSU



Digital Control Bread boarding

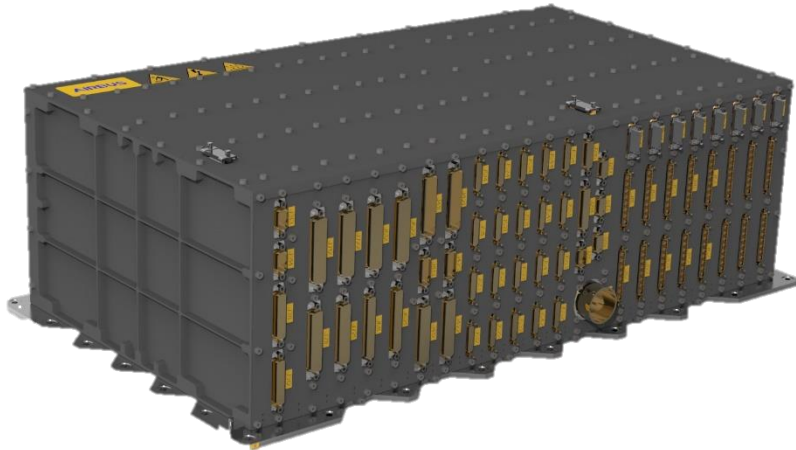


First GaN flight qualified power conversion module



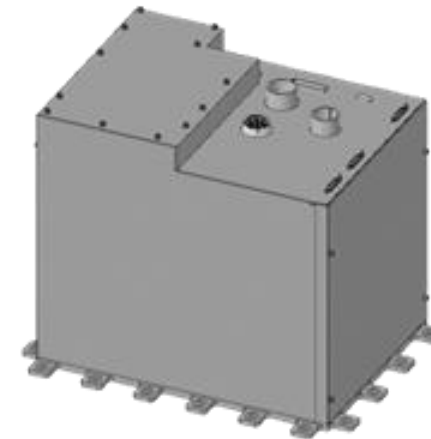
To be presented in SPW2025

EVO HP PCDU



- ❑ Power **Conditioning** and **Distribution** Unit for **deep space** and **science missions (MSR-ERO baseline)**
- ❑ **Upgraded parts** to classical space requirements
- ❑ **Engineering Model** under test

MVPPU



- ❑ **Multi-Voltage Power Processing Unit**
- ❑ Power electronics for **Electric Propulsion** thrusters
- ❑ **High voltage** (2 kV) management
- ❑ **High flexibility** for multiple thruster technologies
- ❑ **Engineering Model** under test

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MVPPU – Multi-technology PPU for medium and High Power Electric Propulsion




GHPS – generic high power system. The Power Standard for Human Exploration



Launcher electronics




MVPCU – Multivoltage PCDU. COTS & GaN Power revolution for New Generation GEO



MVPPU – Multi-technology PPU for medium and High Power Electric Propulsion



EVO PCDU – Power for Earth Observation & Science




MEGA – main electronics for global access. The Power for the New Space Economy

Solutions for energy conditioning, distribution and electrical propulsion.


A wide range of voltage and power levels.

State of the art technologies: Silicon and GaN, full digital control.


> 2000 years cumulated in orbit.



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