

GaN Power Device Market Adoption: National Laboratory Perspective



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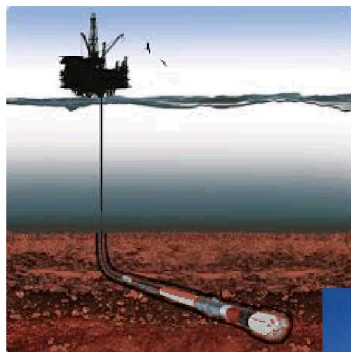
High-Reliability GaN Power Electronics for Demanding Environments

Relevant demanding environments:

- Temperature
- Vibration
- Radiation
- SWaP-constrained
- Demanding loads

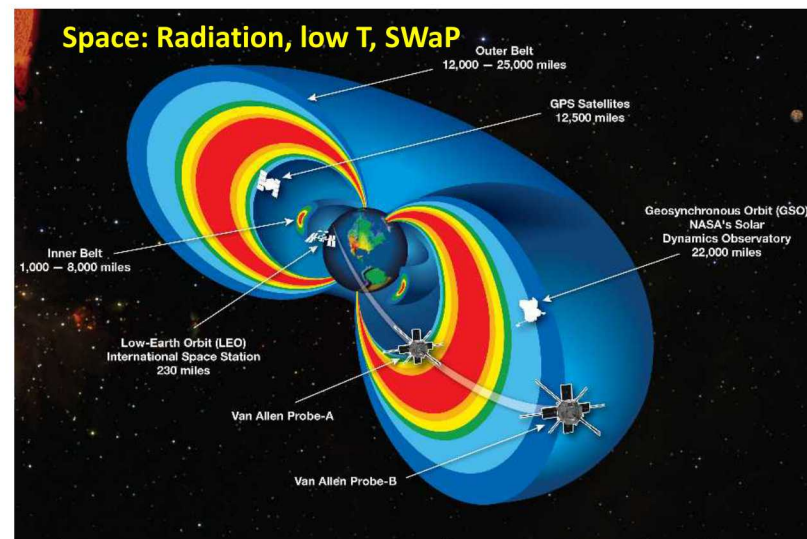


**Aviation: High T,
vibration, SWaP**



**Down-hole: High T,
vibration, SWaP**

**Naval: SWaP,
pulsed power
loads**



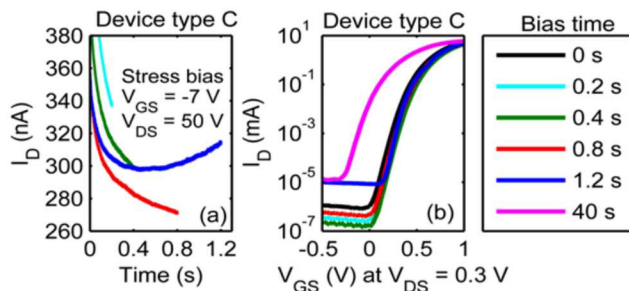
Representative Examples: Vehicle Electrification, Grid Energy Storage



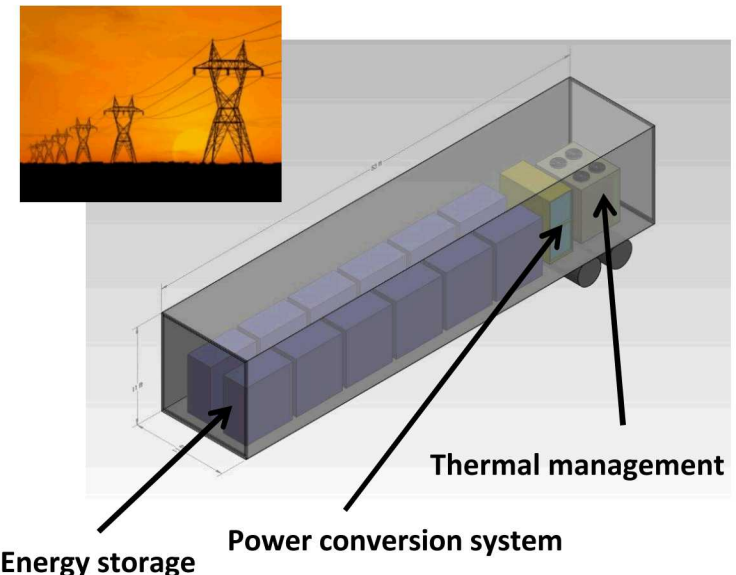
- DOE vehicle drivetrain electrification goals are a 100 kW electric traction drive system with¹:
- Power density of 33 kW/L (~10X improvement)
 - Cost of \$6/kW (~50% cost reduction)
 - Operational life of 300,000 miles (~2X improvement)

Power electronics for grid-tied energy storage:

- High consequence of failure
- High reliability required!



Performance shifts in power GaN HEMTs²



¹ USDRIVE Electrical and Electronics Technical Team Roadmap (October 2017)

² R. Kaplar et al., ISPSD (2014), IRPS (2014)