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5.1 Fully Integrated Isolated DC-to-DC Converter and Half Bridge Gate Driver with Integral Power Supply

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- ◆ **Converter Performance**
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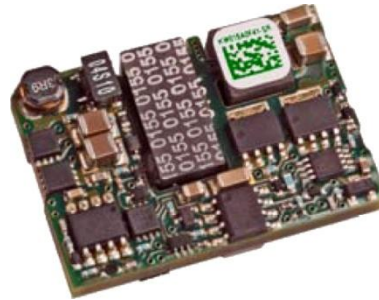
Isolation Applications

PLC

I/O and Communication

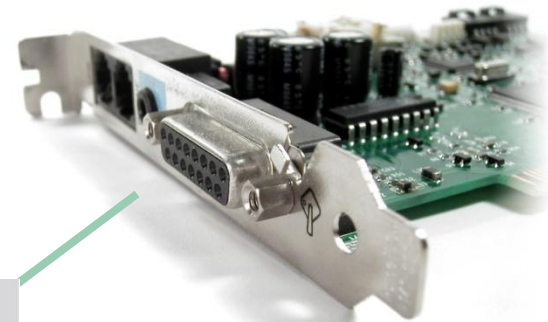


Power Supply

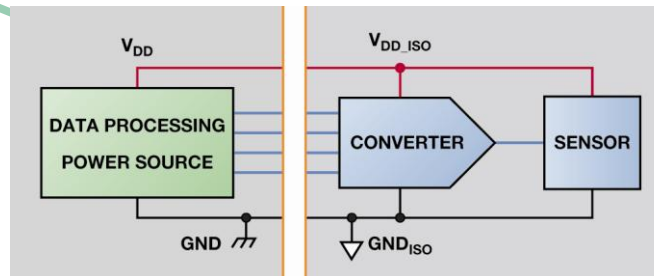


Instrumentation

Data Acquisition and Communication



Motor Control
Sensing and Gate Drive



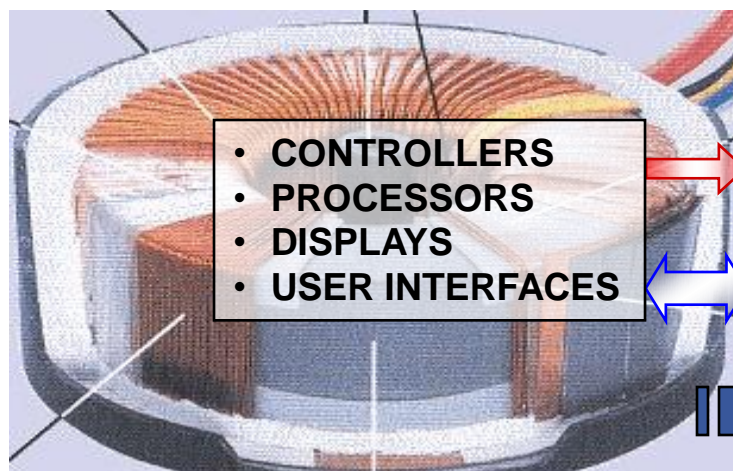
Patient Monitoring
To/From Patient



Plasma TV



Integrated Isolated Power Transfer Needs

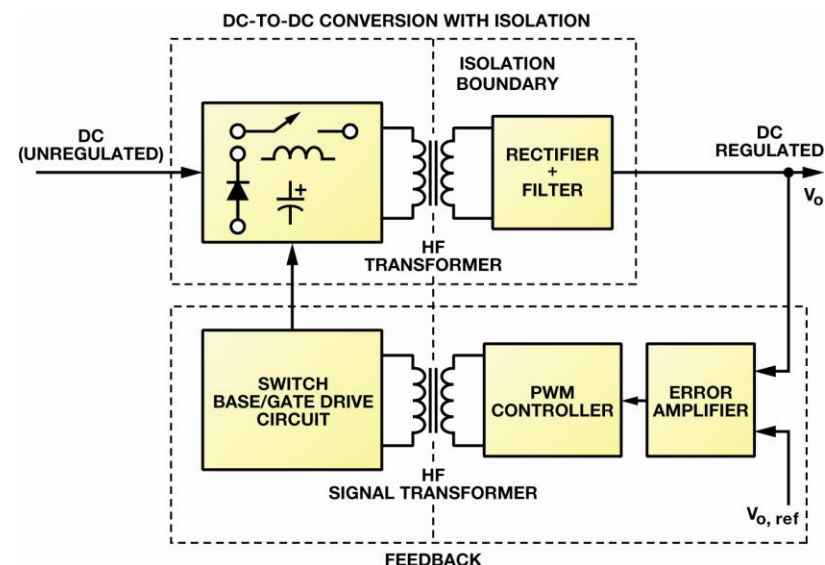


**POWER
ISOLATION**

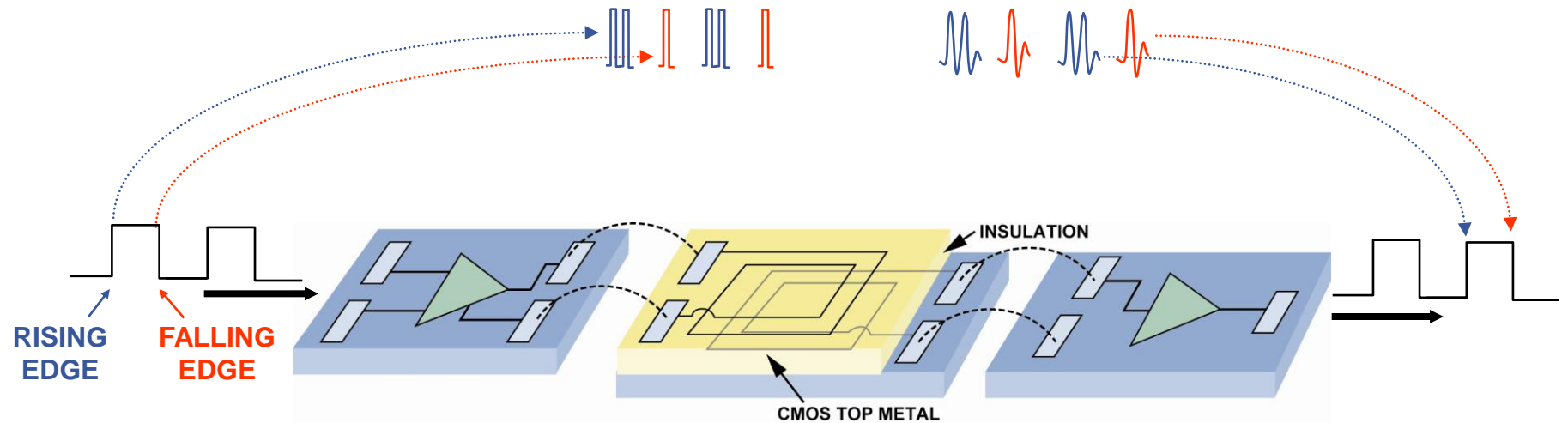
**SIGNAL
ISOLATION**

• SENSORS
• ACTUATORS
• SWITCHES
• COMMUNICATIONS

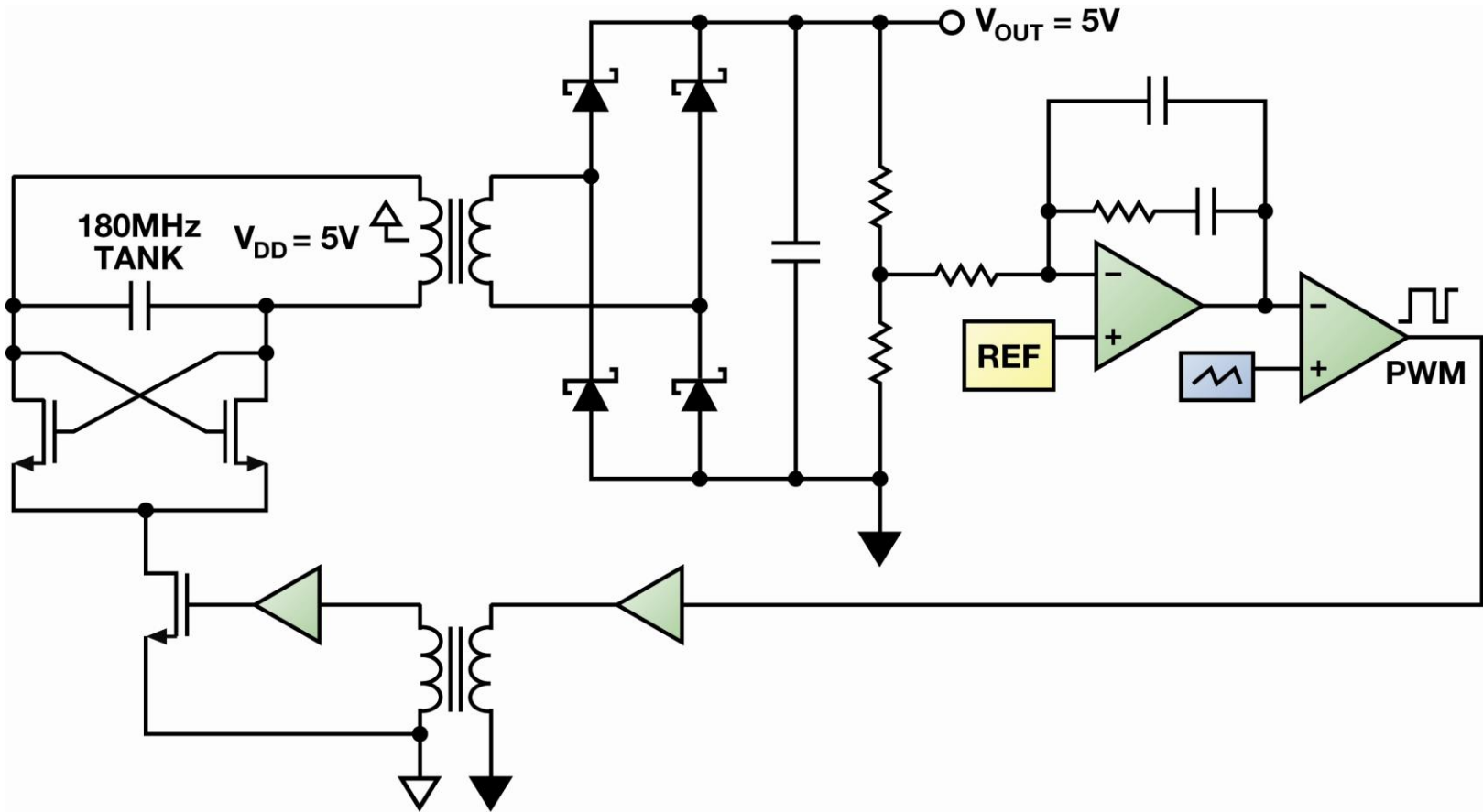
- ◆ Miniaturized, isolated dc-to-dc converter
- ◆ High frequency energy conversion with low frequency energy regulation
- ◆ Energy conversion optimized while regulation maintained through wide input and load ranges



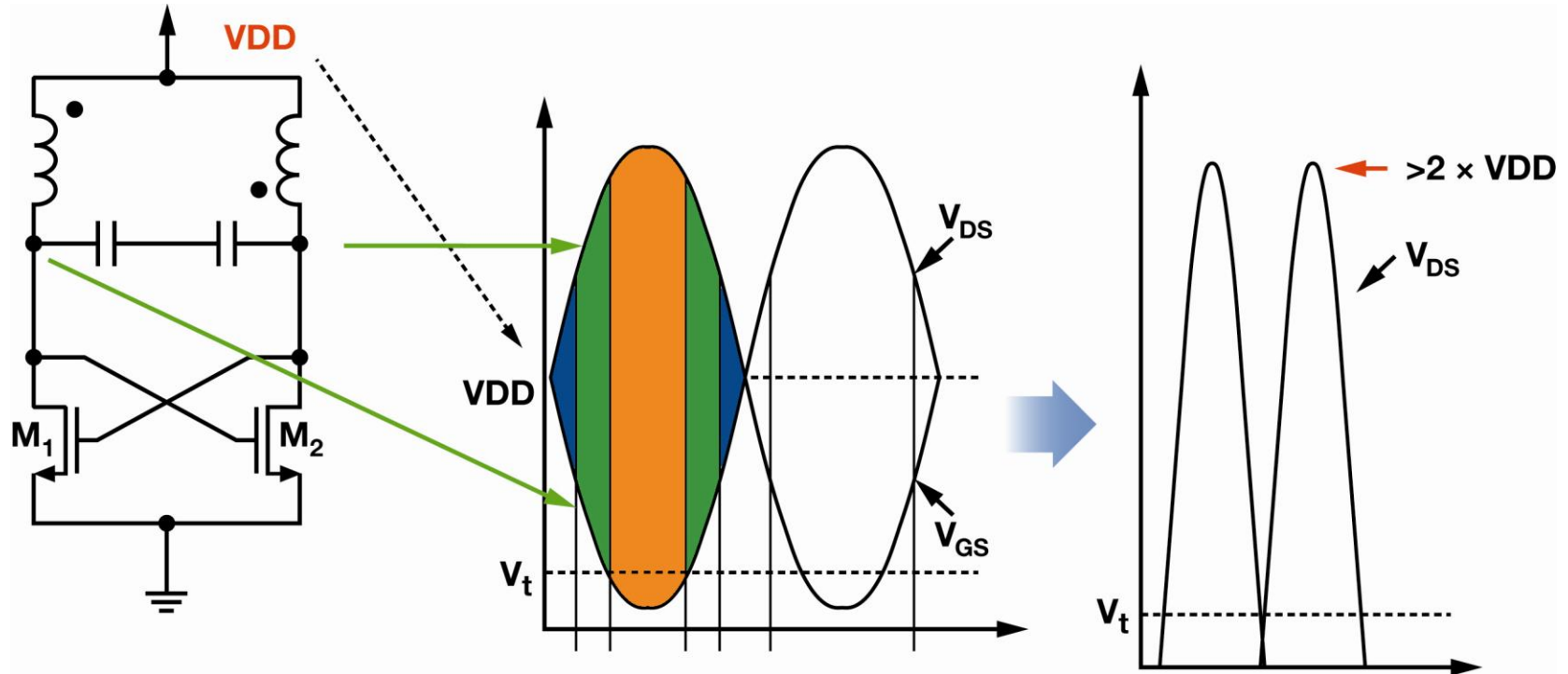
Signal Transmission Operational Diagram



DC-to-DC Converter Architecture



Primary Switching States: Resonant Gate Drive ZVS



$$V_1 = V_{DD} + V_1 \cos(\omega t).$$

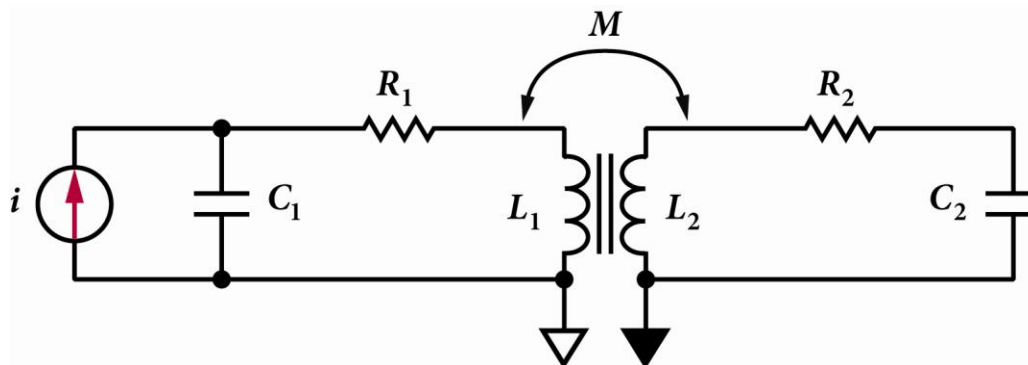
Region I: $V_1 < V_t/2$ both saturated.

Region II: $V_t/2 < V_1 < V_{DD} - V_t$ one linear, and one saturated.

Region III: $V_{DD} - V_t < V_1$ one linear, and the other will be off.

We want region III! Power delivered to load, not MN1/MN2!!!

Transformer-Coupled Resonator



$$\omega_{1,2}^2 \Big|^{Transf} = \frac{-(L_1 C_1 + L_2 C_2) \pm \sqrt{(L_2 C_2 + L_1 C_1)^2 + 4 C_1 C_2 (M^2 - L_1 L_2)}}{2 C_1 C_2 (M^2 - L_1 L_2)}$$

$$\omega_1^2 \Big|^{Transf} = \frac{1}{(L + M)C}$$

$$\omega_2^2 \Big|^{Transf} = \frac{1}{(L - M)C}$$

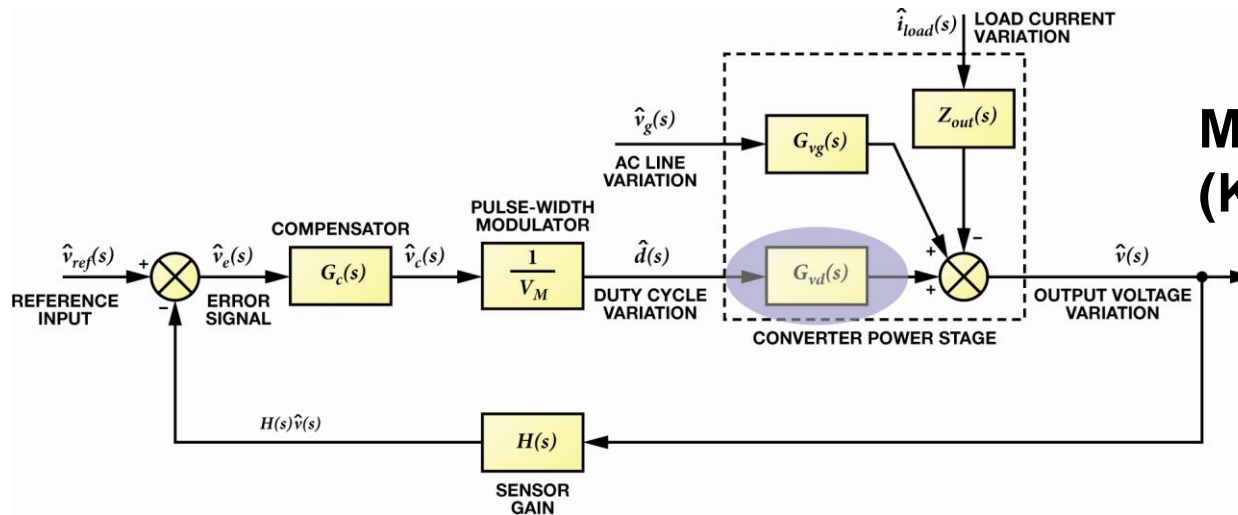
$$Z_{in}(\omega_1) \Big|^{Transf} \approx \frac{L + M}{2rC}$$

High Q Resonance

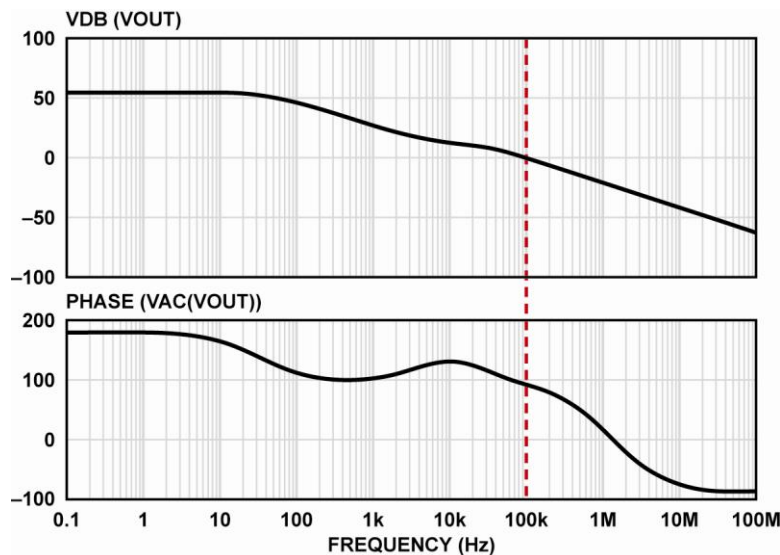
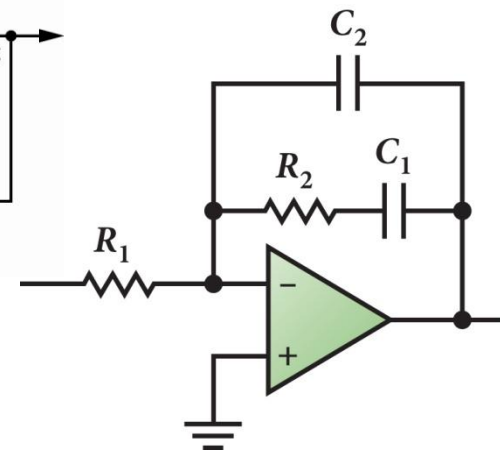
$$Z_{in}(\omega_2) \Big|^{Transf} \approx \frac{L - M}{2rC}$$

Low Q Resonance

Converter Stability



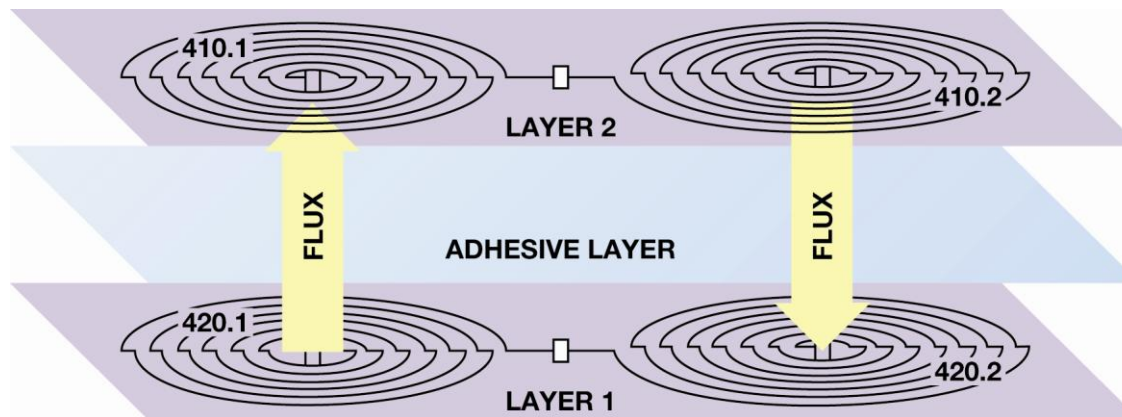
Modified PI Controller (K Factor Type II)



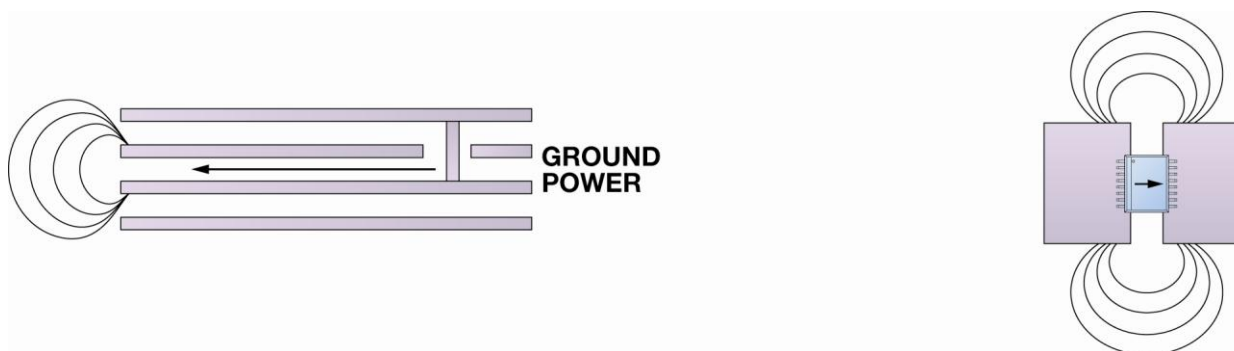
$$G_c = k \frac{1 + s\tau}{s\tau} \frac{1}{1 + s\tau_p}$$

$$k = \frac{R_2 C_2}{R_1 (C_1 + C_2)}; \tau = R_2 C_2; \tau_p = \frac{R_2 C_1 C_2}{C_1 + C_2}$$

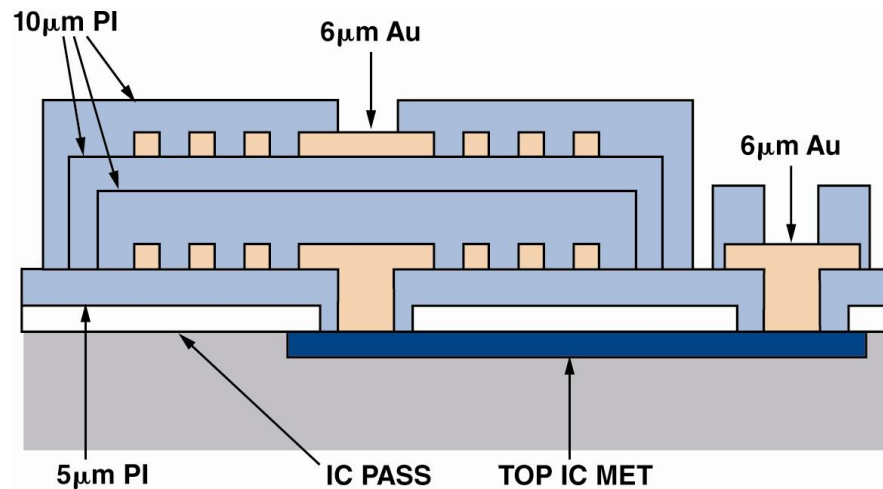
Power Transformer Radiation Minimized Through Antiphase Center Tap



PCB Radiation Dominant-PCB Techniques Available



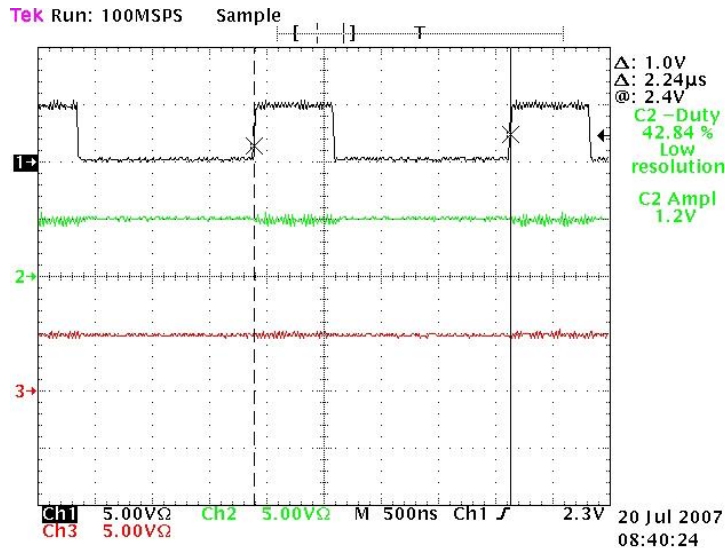
Transformer Structures



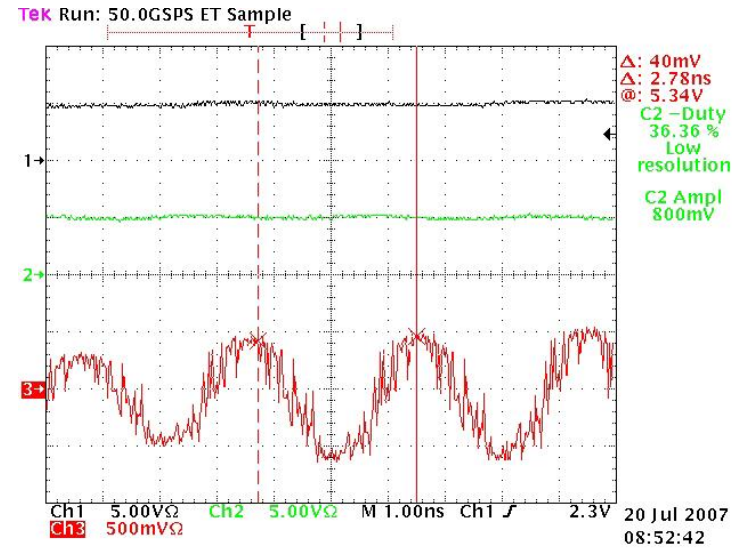
>6 kV rms ISOLATION

- ◆ **Primary: Two Coils Connected in Center-Tapped**
- ◆ **$L = 8 \text{ nH}$, $R = 0.8 \text{ } \Omega$, $C_s = 0.38 \text{ pF}$, $Q = 19$ at 300 MHz**
- ◆ **Radius = 460 µm, Turns = 3, Width = 60 µm, Space = 7 µm**
- ◆ **Secondary (1:1 for 5 V output): Two Coils Connected in Center-Tapped**
- ◆ **$L = 8 \text{ nH}$, $R = 0.8 \text{ } \Omega$, $C_s = 1.2 \text{ pF}$, $Q = 13$ at 300 MHz**
- ◆ **Radius = 460 µm, Turns = 3, Width = 60 µm, Space = 7 µm**

Converter Waveforms



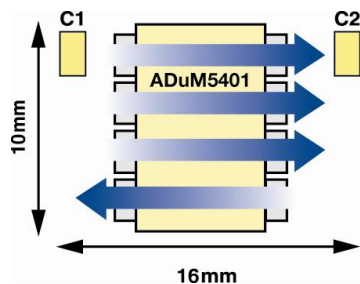
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ZOOM-IN



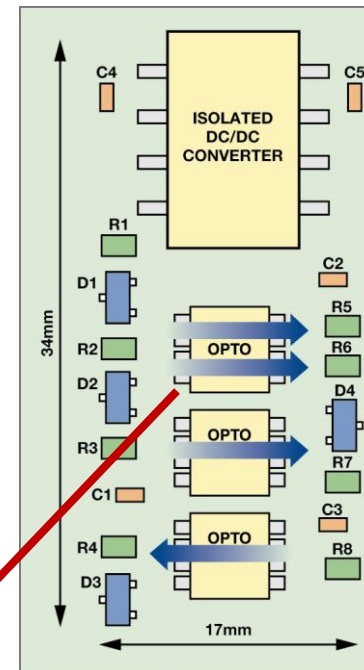
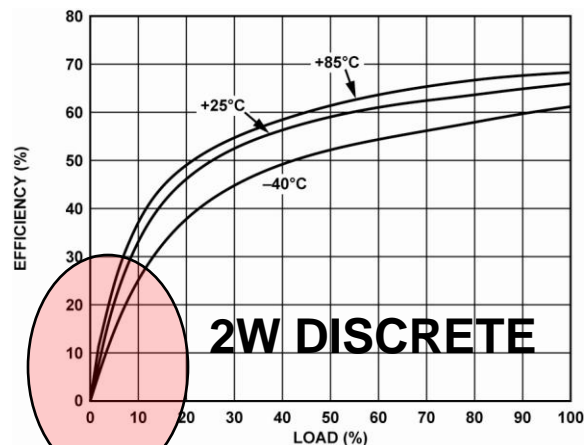
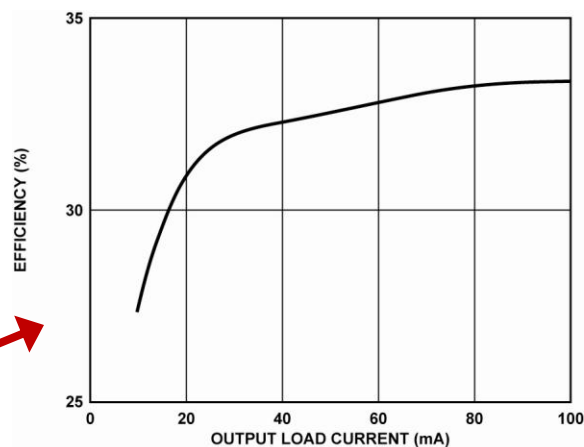
Ch. 1 is the 450 kHz PWM signal.
Ch. 2 is the input supply.
Ch. 3 is the isolated supply output.

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340 MHz Noise => 170 MHz Tank

Converter Performance: Saving Power Compared to Discrete Solution

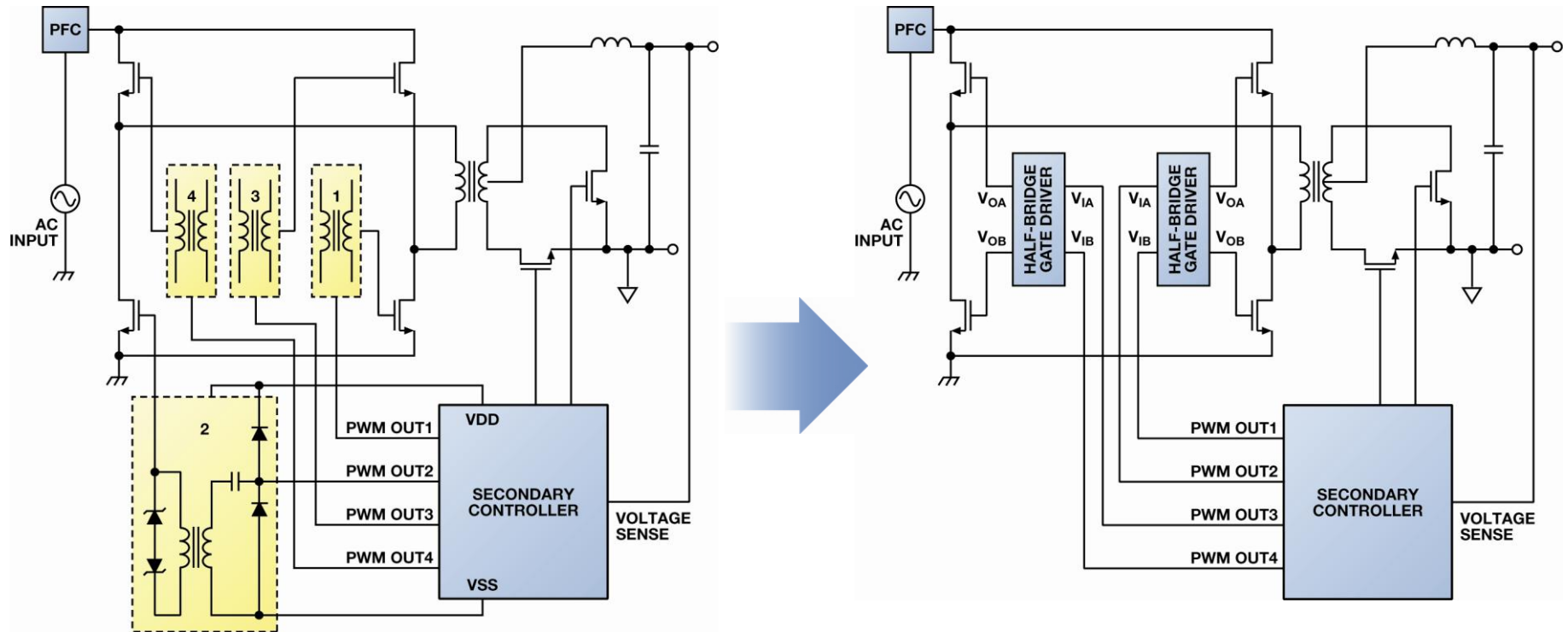


Est. Total Power: 220 mW
 Supply @ 20 mA Load: 205 mW
 iCoupler Data: 15 mW



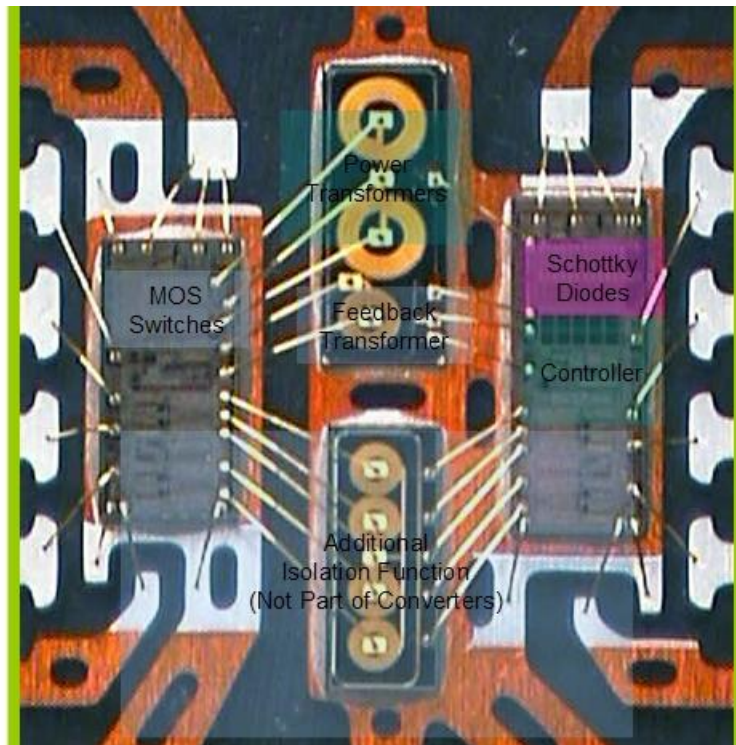
Est. Total Power: 490 mW
 Supply @ 20 mA Load: 275 mW
 Optocoupler Data: 220 mW

Isolated Gate Drive Integration Needs

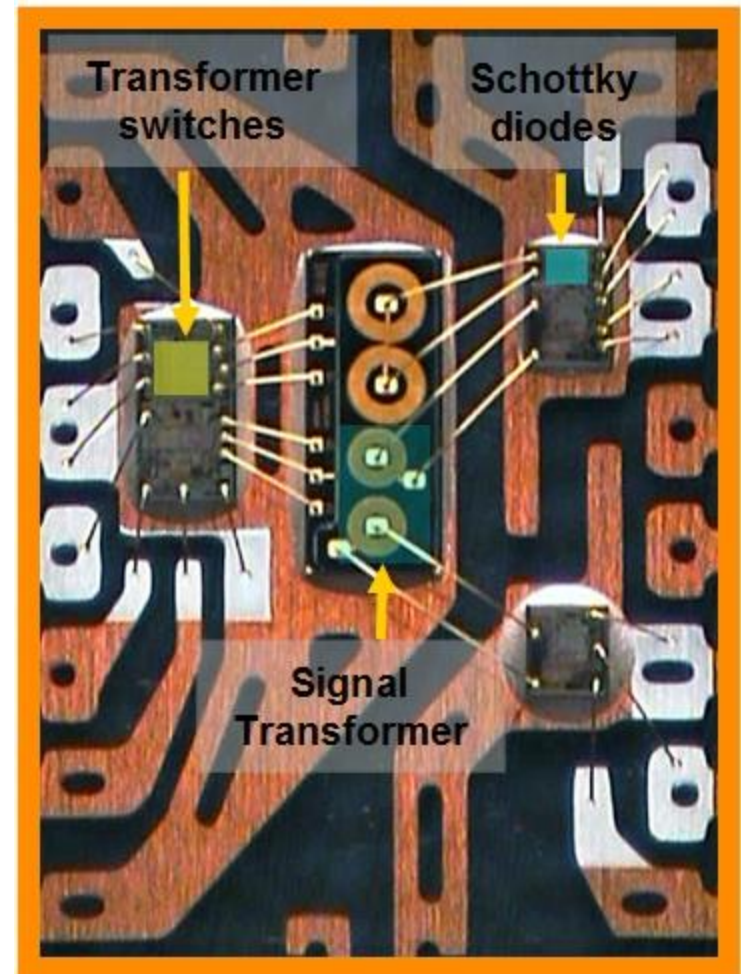


Size Reduction, Ease of Use, and Elimination of Duty-Cycle Limitation

500 mW DC-to-DC Converter and Half-Bridge Gate Driver in 16-Lead SOIC



**4-Channel Isolation
Integrated**





Summary

- ◆ **500 mW, 33% efficient integrated isolated DC-to-DC converter architecture was reviewed.**
- ◆ **The integrated signal and power integration provide possibilities for total isolated system integration; reduces total system cost and complexity.**

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