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# High Efficiency, Compact On-Board Chargers for Industrial Electric Vehicles

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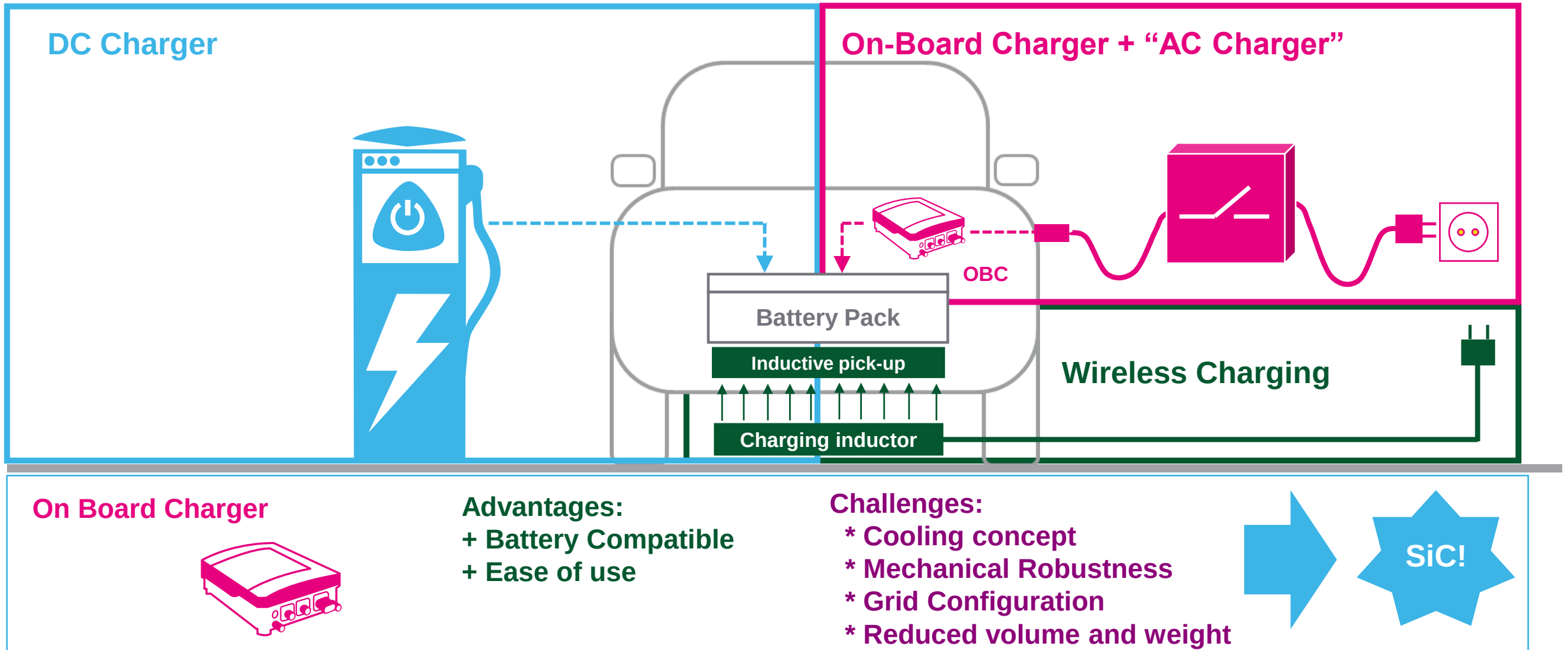
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# How to charge an electrical vehicle?



# EVs: Many more applications beyond cars

## Industrial Vehicles

Transition to greener platforms everywhere:

- Locally **CO2 neutral**;
- **Less noise** from EVs than combustion engines.

Shift from lead-acid to lithium-ion batteries:

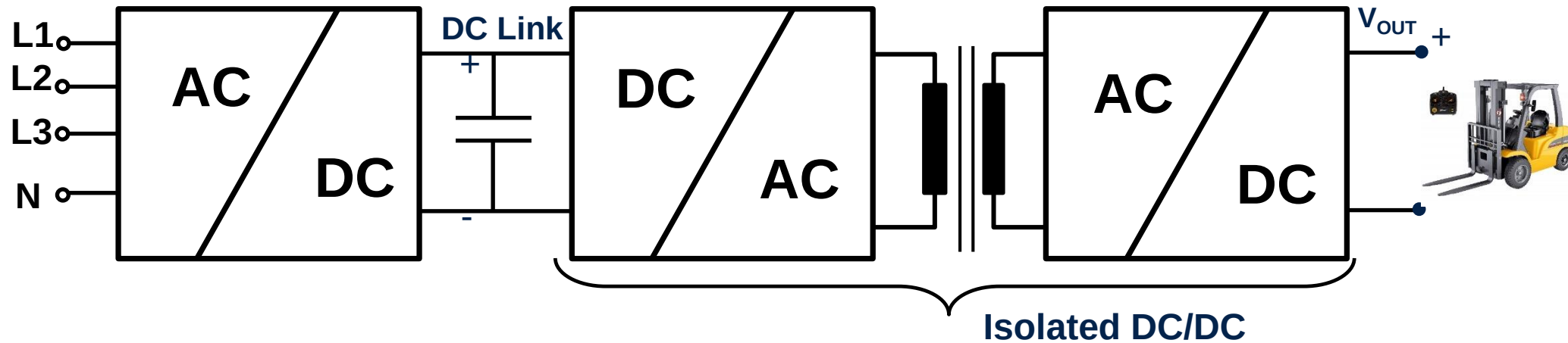
- Larger storage capacity → **Longer Autonomy**
- Higher voltages → **Shorter charging time.**



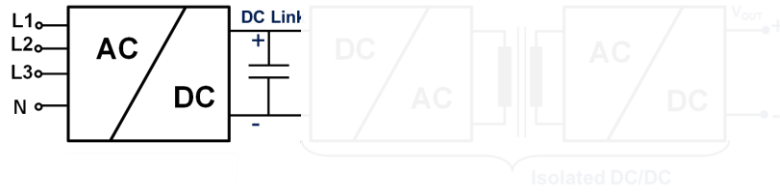
# Industrial On-Board Charger

## System Concept

3-ph Outlet



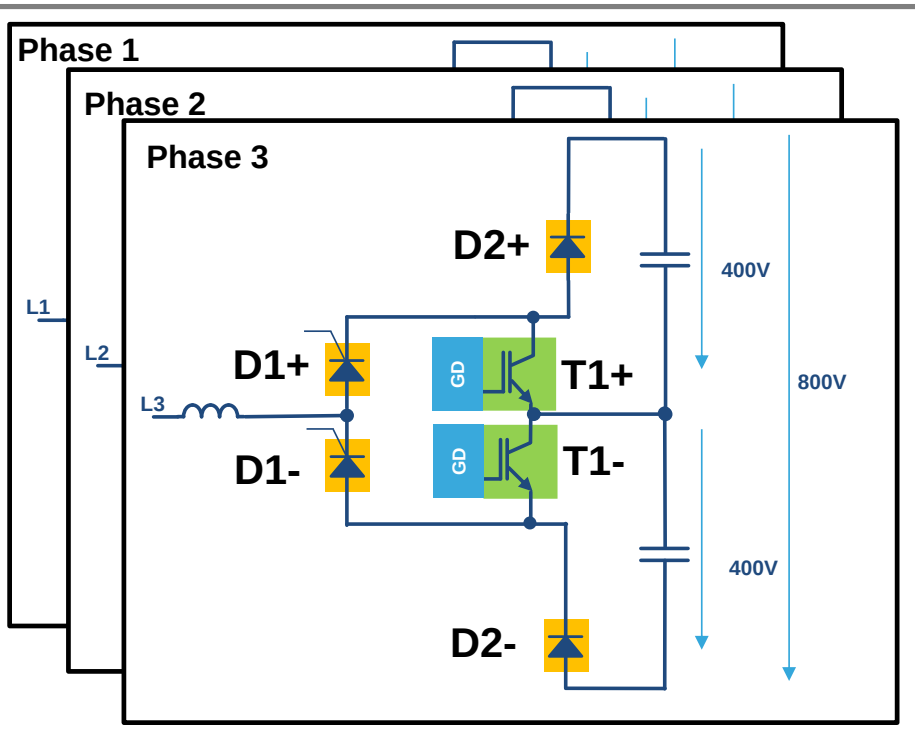
| Parameter       | Value                                                                                                                    |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Input voltage   | $L_x-L_y \rightarrow 400\text{ V}_{AC}$<br>$L_x-N \rightarrow 230\text{ V}_{AC}$                                         |
| DC Link Voltage | 400..1000 V                                                                                                              |
| Nominal Power   | 11..22 kW                                                                                                                |
| Output Voltage  | 200..500 V <sub>DC</sub> for 400 V <sub>DC</sub> Batteries<br>500..900 V <sub>DC</sub> for 800 V <sub>DC</sub> Batteries |



# AC/DC concepts

## 3-Level 3-Phase

### Example: Modified Vienna Type 1

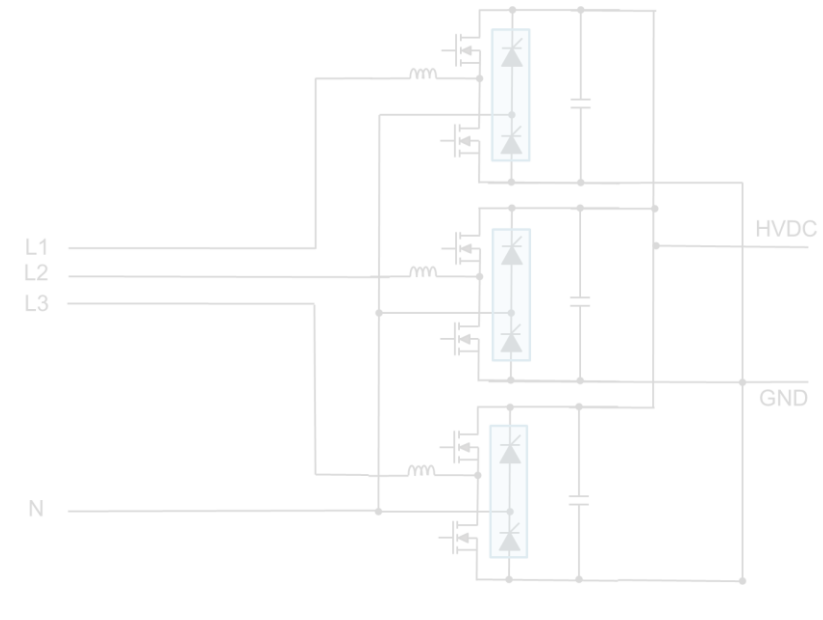


+ 650V Si Switches.

- 6 devices / phase.

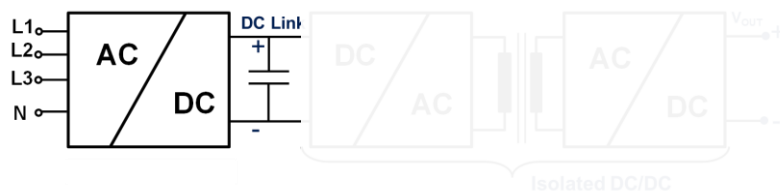
## 3x Independent 1-phase

### Example: 3x PFC Booster



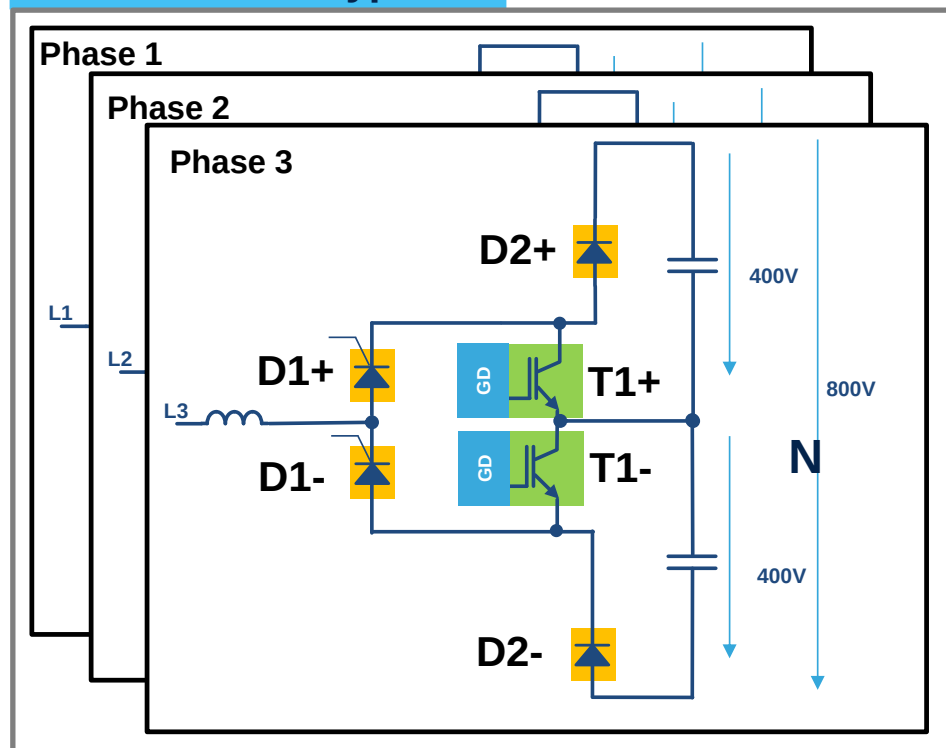
+ 4 devices / phase  
+ Flexible grid configuration

- May need of 1200V SiC switches\*  
\* In order to accomplish battery voltage requirements.



# Modified Vienna Rectifier topology comparison

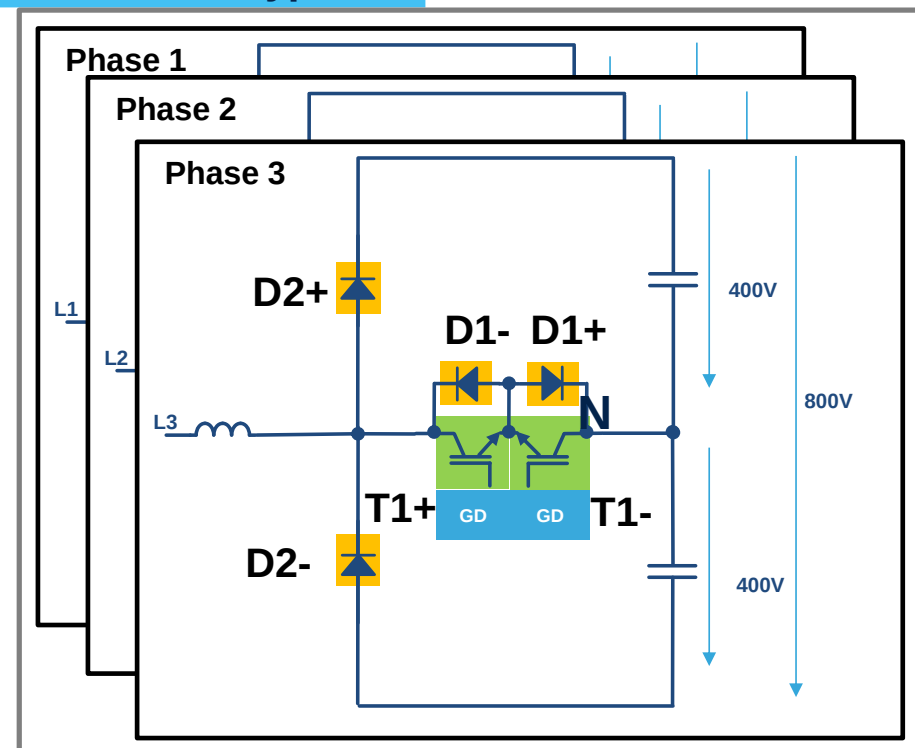
**Mod. Vienna Type 1**



+ All 650V rated devices  
→ lower cost

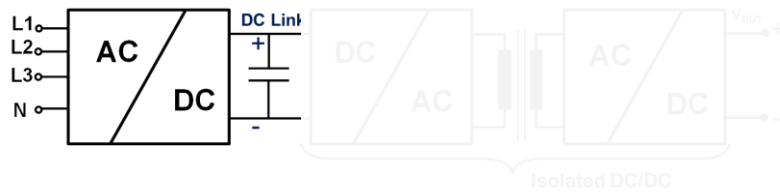
- 2 devices in the main current path (D1&D2)  
→ lower efficiency

**Mod. Vienna Type 2**

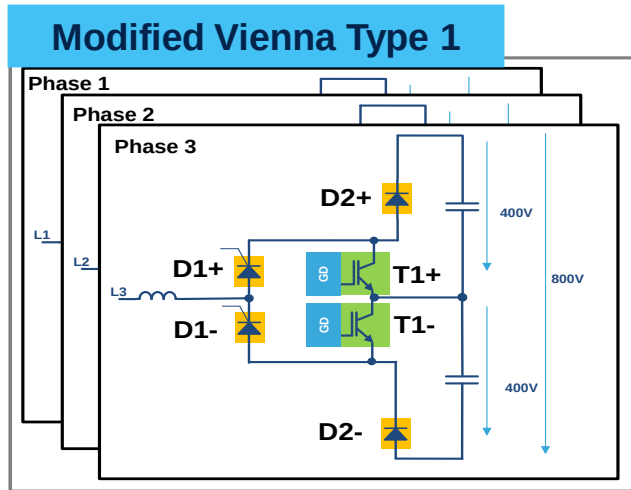


+ 1 devices in the main current path (D2)  
→ Higher efficiency

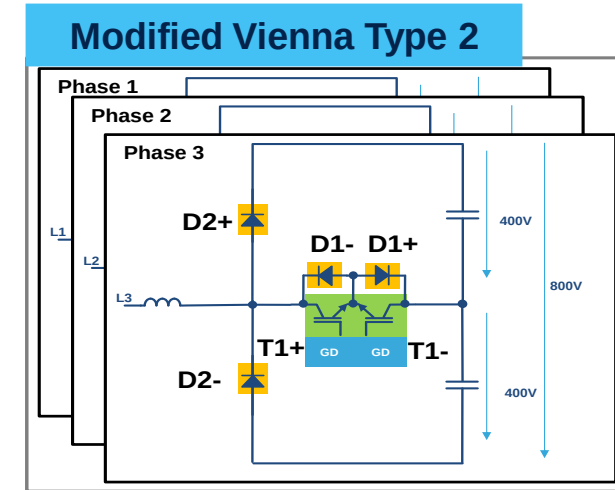
- Need 1200V diodes (D2), typically SiC.  
→ Higher cost



# Modified Vienna Rectifier: device proposal



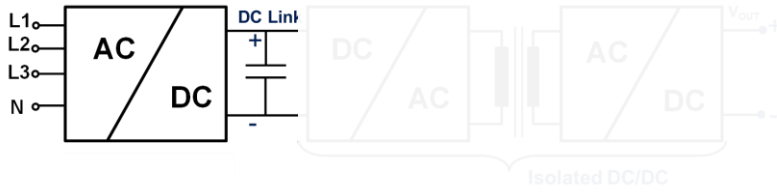
|    | Required Semiconductor                                     | ST Solution                                  |
|----|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| D1 | Rectifier<br>SCR                                           | STBRxx12W<br>TNxx50H-12WY                    |
| T1 | 650V IGBT<br>650V SJ POWER MOSFET<br>650V SiC POWER MOSFET | STGWAxxH65DFB2<br>STWxxN65M5<br>SCTWxxN65G2V |
| D2 | 600V FRD<br>650V SiC Diodes                                | STTHxxRQ06<br>STPSCxx065C                    |
| GD | Isolated driver                                            | STGAP2S                                      |
|    | Control                                                    | STM32 (Digital)<br>STNRGPF0x (Mixed mode)    |



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| D2    | 1200V SiC Diode                                            | STPSC40H12C                                  |
| GD    | Isolated driver                                            | STGAP2S                                      |
|       | Control                                                    | STM32 (Digital)<br>STNRGPF0x (Mixed mode)    |

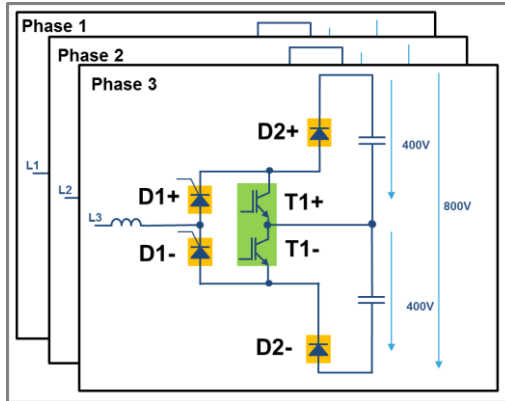
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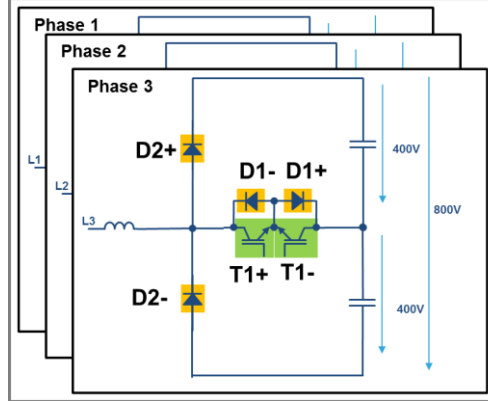


# Topology efficiency comparison @ $P_{out}=20\text{ kW}$

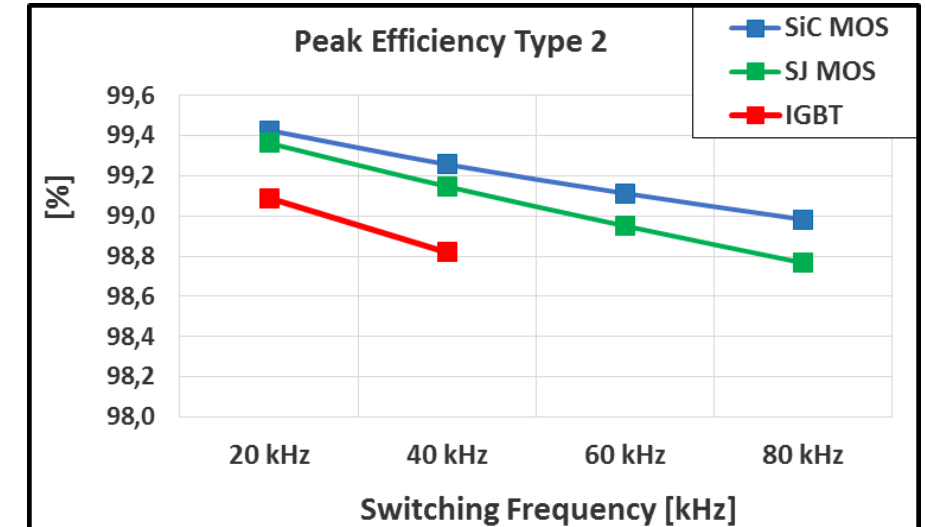
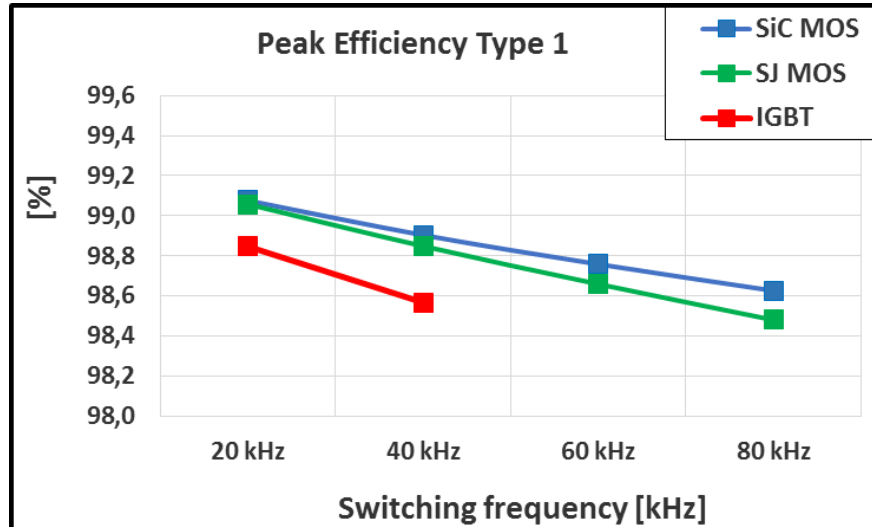
**Vienna rectifier Type 1**



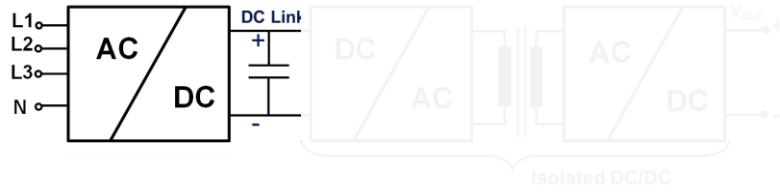
**Vienna rectifier Type 2**



|    | Mod. Vienna Type 1                               | Mod. Vienna Type 2 |
|----|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| D1 | STBR6012W                                        | -----              |
| T1 | STGW40H65DFB-4<br>STW88N65M5-4<br>SCTW90N65G2V-4 |                    |
| D2 | STPSC40065C                                      | STPSC40H12C        |



Simulated efficiency @  $T_j = 125^\circ\text{C}$ , considering only semiconductor losses.



**Documentation  
Available!**

PFC Inductors

Power Semiconductors

EMI Input filter



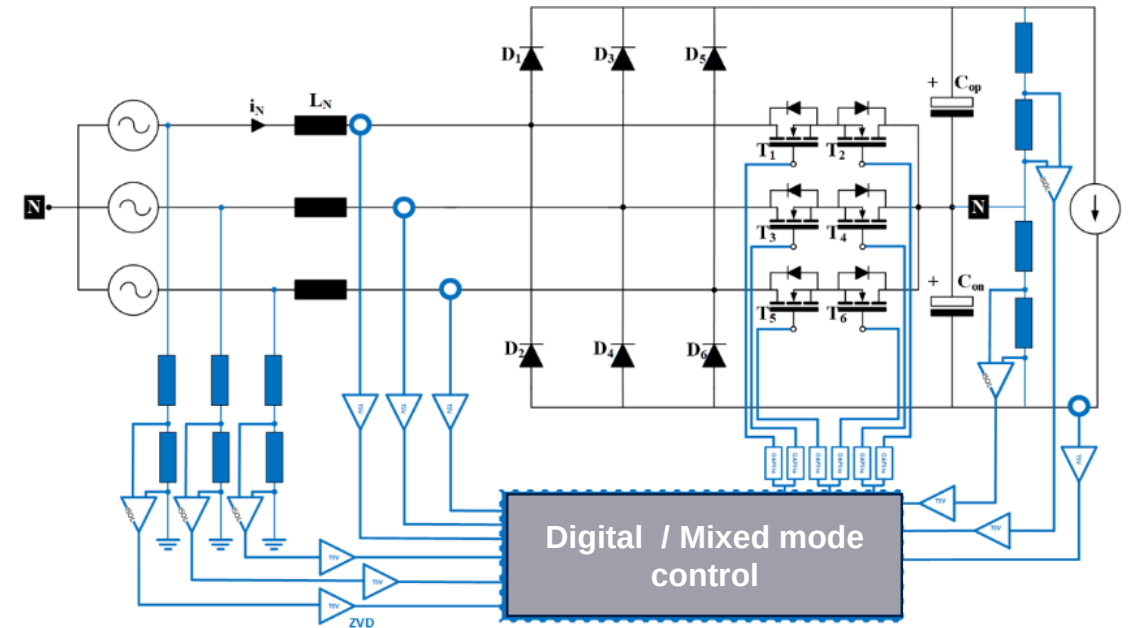
Output Capacitors

Isolated Gate  
drivers

Input V&I Sensing Control Board

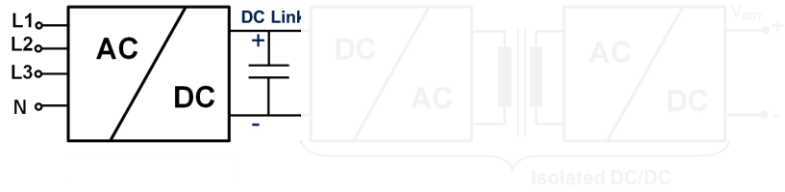
# Evaluation Board 1: Modified Vienna Type 2

## 15 kW 3-ph PFC Converter



ST Solutions:

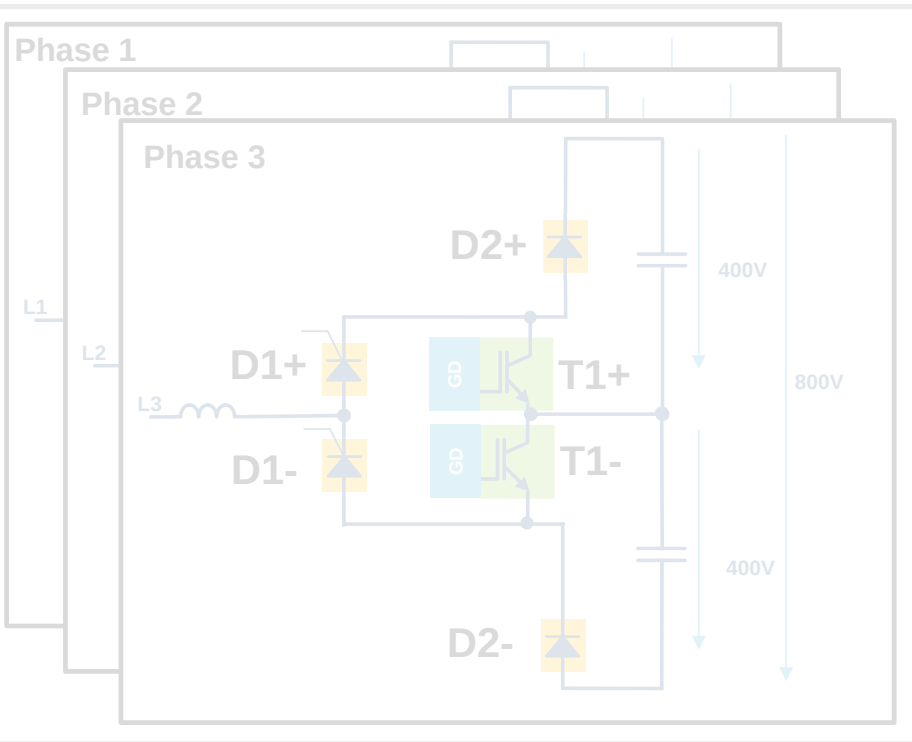
- **SCTW35N65G2V** (SiC MOSFET);
- **STPSC20H12** (SiC Diode);
- **STNRGPF0x** (mixed mode controller, in development);
- **STM32G474** (microcontroller);
- **STGAP2S** (Gate Driver).



# AC/DC concepts

## 3-Level 3-Phase

### Example: Modified Vienna Type 1

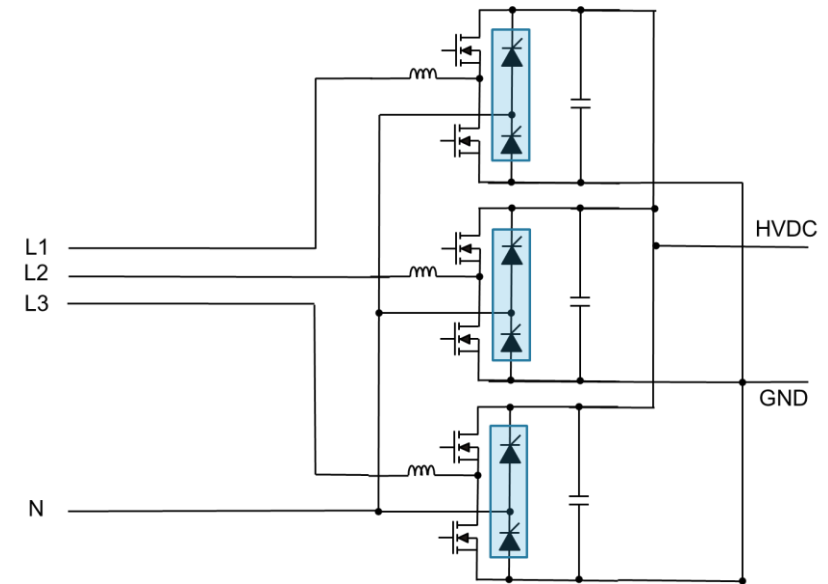


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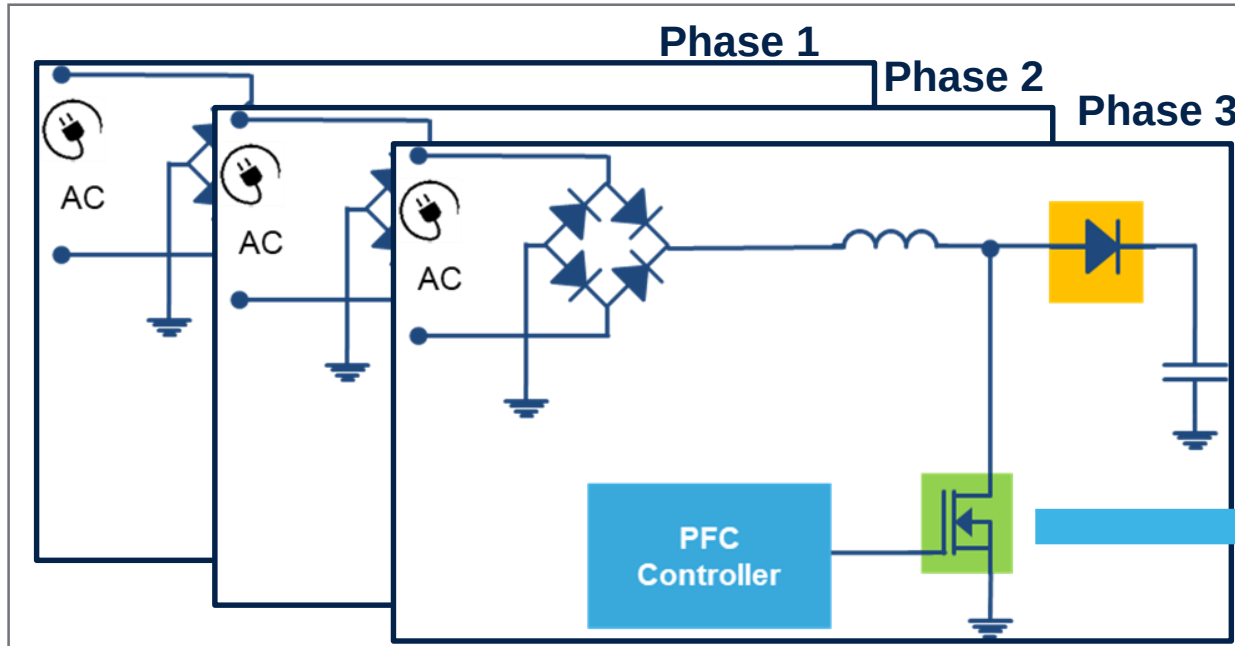
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# 3x 1-Phase Topologies: Standard PFC

## Booster PFC



**1200V SiC MOSFET**  
Due to high DC link voltage.

| Required Semiconductor        | ST Solution                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Rectifier<br>SCR              | STBRxx12W<br>TNxx50H-12WY                 |
| <b>1200V SiC POWER MOSFET</b> | <b>SCTxxN120</b>                          |
| 1200V SiC Diodes              | STPSCxxH12C                               |
| Isolated driver               | STGAP2S                                   |
| Control                       | STM32 (Digital)<br>STNRGPF0x (Mixed mode) |

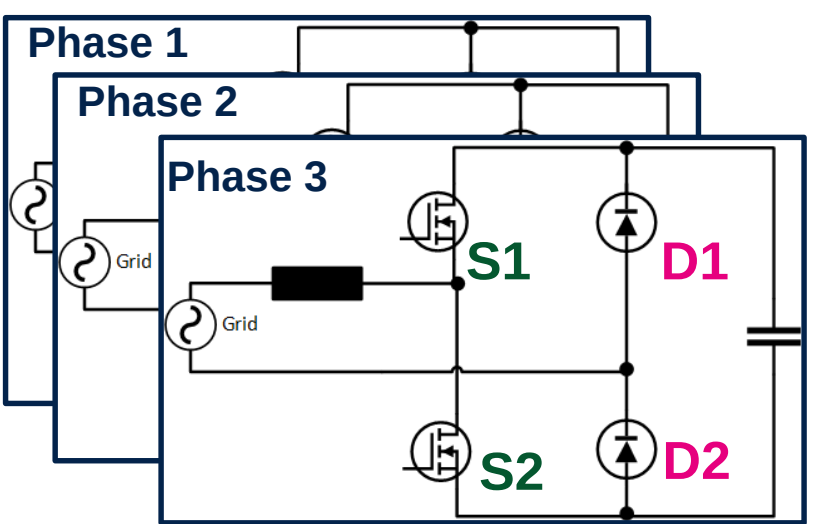
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# Bridge-less topologies: Totem Pole PFC

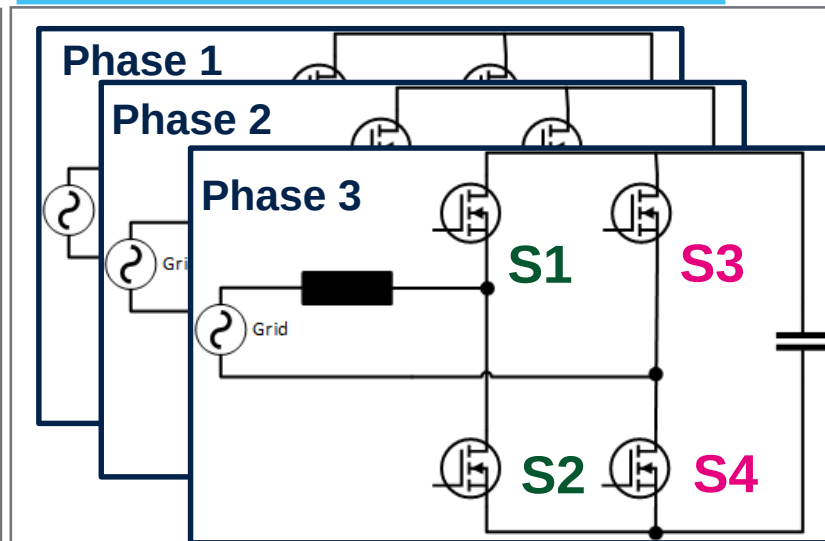
**SiC MOSFET mandatory due high DC Voltage and body diode robustness.**

Var. 1 – Cost – Diode Leg



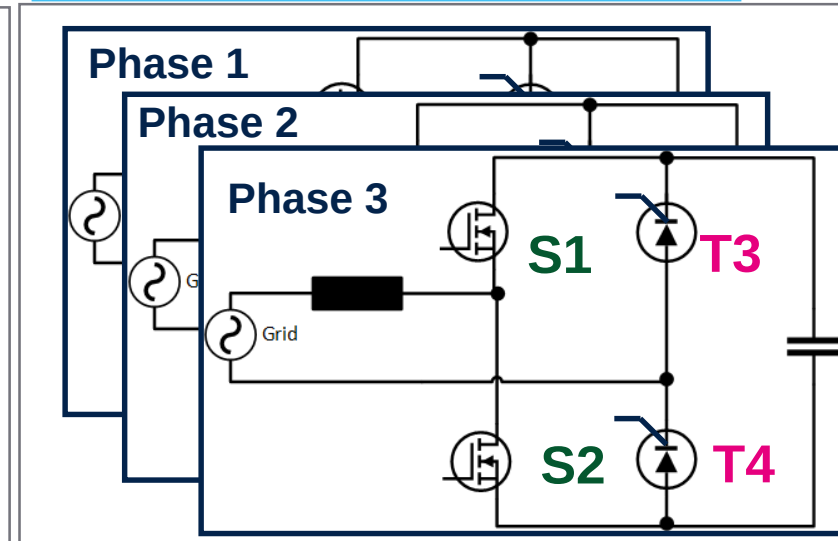
| Device       | Technology      | ST Proposal |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------|
| <b>S1/S2</b> | 1200V SiC MOS   | SCTxxN120   |
| <b>D1/D2</b> | 1200V Rectifier | STBRxx12W   |
|              | Driver          | STGAP2S/D   |
|              | Control         | STM32       |

Var. 2 – Performance – SiC MOS Leg



| Device       | Technology    | ST Proposal |
|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| <b>S1/S2</b> | 1200V SiC MOS | SCTWxxN120  |
| <b>S3/S4</b> | 1200V SiC MOS | SCTxxN120   |
|              | Driver        | STGAP2S/D   |
|              | Control       | STM32       |

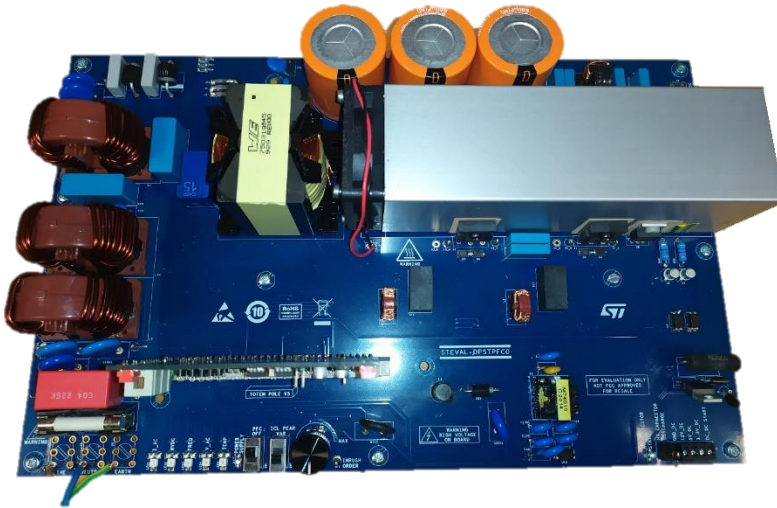
Var. 3 – Relay-less – SCR Leg



| Device       | Technology    | ST Proposal |
|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| <b>S1/S2</b> | 1200V SiC MOS | SCTxxN120   |
| <b>T3/T4</b> | 1200V SCR     | TNxx50-12PI |
|              | Driver        | STGAP2S/D   |
|              | Control       | STM32       |

# Evaluation Board 2: 3.6 kW Totem Pole PFC

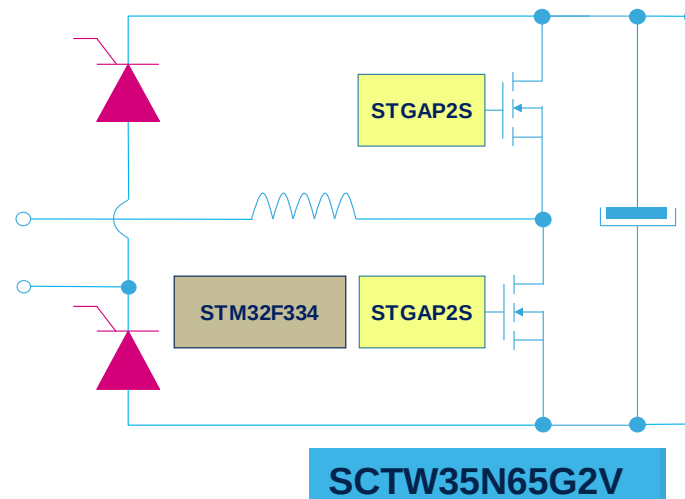
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## Main Features

- Input AC voltage: 85VAC up to 264VAC
- DC output voltage: 400VDC
- Switching frequency: 72 kHz
- Maximum input current: 16 A RMS (POUT = 3.6KW)
- Efficiency: > 97,5%
- THD < 10 %
- Remove two bulky relays and an NTC resistor thanks to SCRs progressive start-up

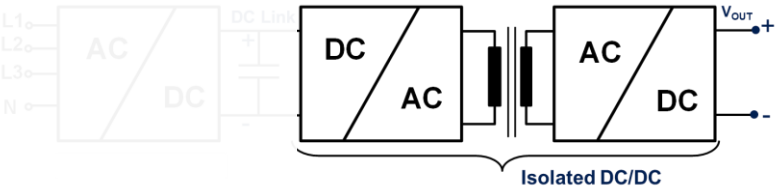
TN3050H-12WY



SCTW35N65G2V

## Key Products

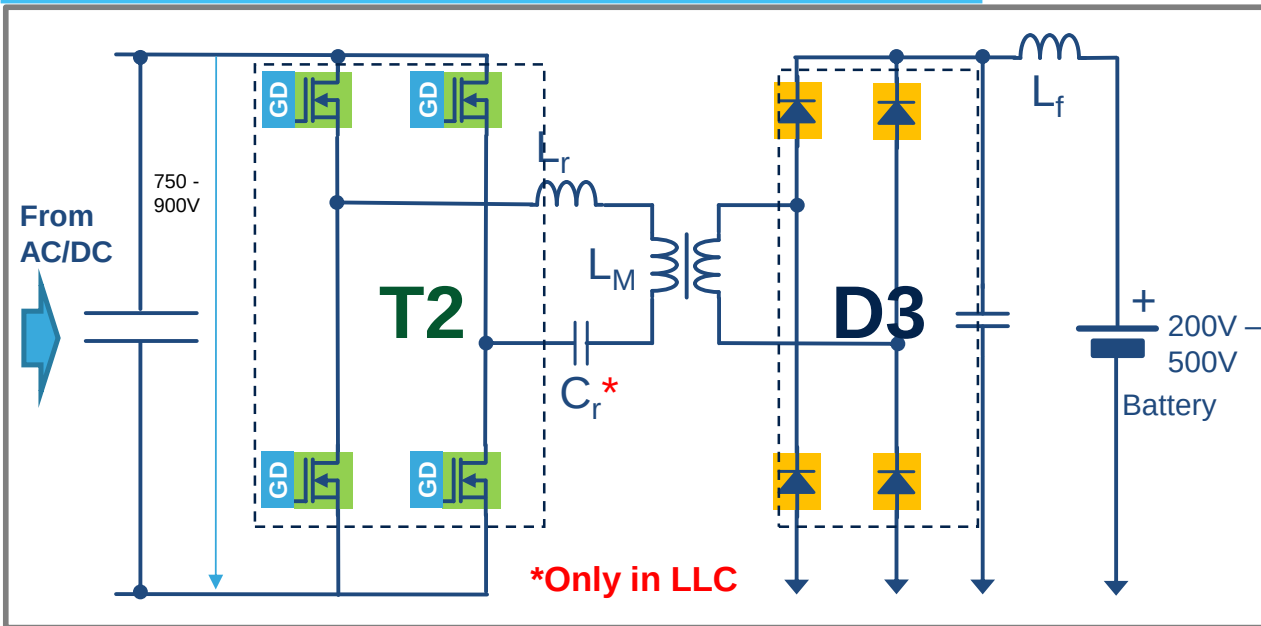
- TN3050H-12WY → SCR in the Bridge
- SCTW35N65G2V → 650V SiC MOSFET
- STGAP2S → Isolated Gate Driver
- STM32 → 32-bit Microcontroller)
- VIPER26LD → HV Converter Controller



# DC/DC stage topologies: Resonant LLC / ZVS or DAB

**1200V SiC MOSFET due to robust diode, low  $R_{ds,on}$ .**

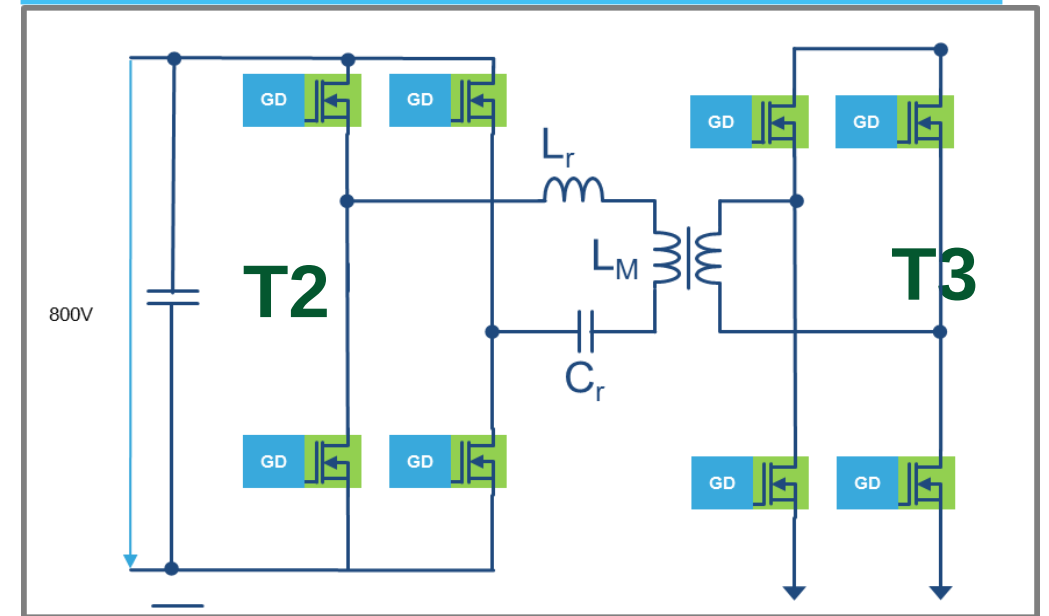
## Resonant LLC / Zero Voltage Switching



| Device  | Technology                   | ST Solution                           |
|---------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| T2      | 1200V SiC POWER MOSFET       | SCTxxN120                             |
| D3      | 600V FRD<br>1200V SiC Diodes | STTHxxRQ06 (LLC)<br>STPSCxxH12C (ZVS) |
| GD      | Isolated Driver              | STGAP2S/D                             |
| Control | Microcontroller              | STM32 (Digital)                       |

**Bi-directionality when needed.**

## Dual Active Bridge (DAB) / Bi-directional LLC



| Device  | Technology                                      | ST Solution                                        |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| T2      | 1200V SiC POWER MOSFET                          | SCTxxN120                                          |
| T3      | 650V SiC POWER MOSFET<br>1200V SiC POWER MOSFET | SCTxxN65G2V [400V Batt.]<br>SCTxxN120 [800V Batt.] |
| GD      | Isolated Driver                                 | STGAP2S/D                                          |
| Control | Microcontroller                                 | STM32 (Digital)                                    |

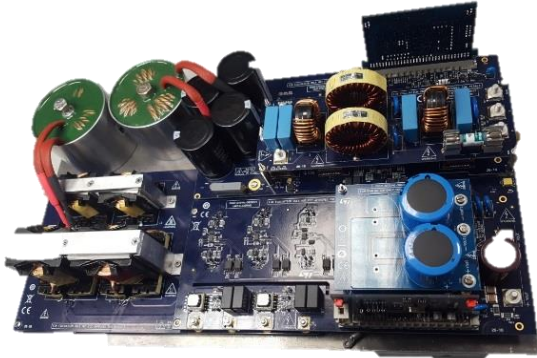




# Evaluation Board 3

## 3x 7 kW On-Board Charger

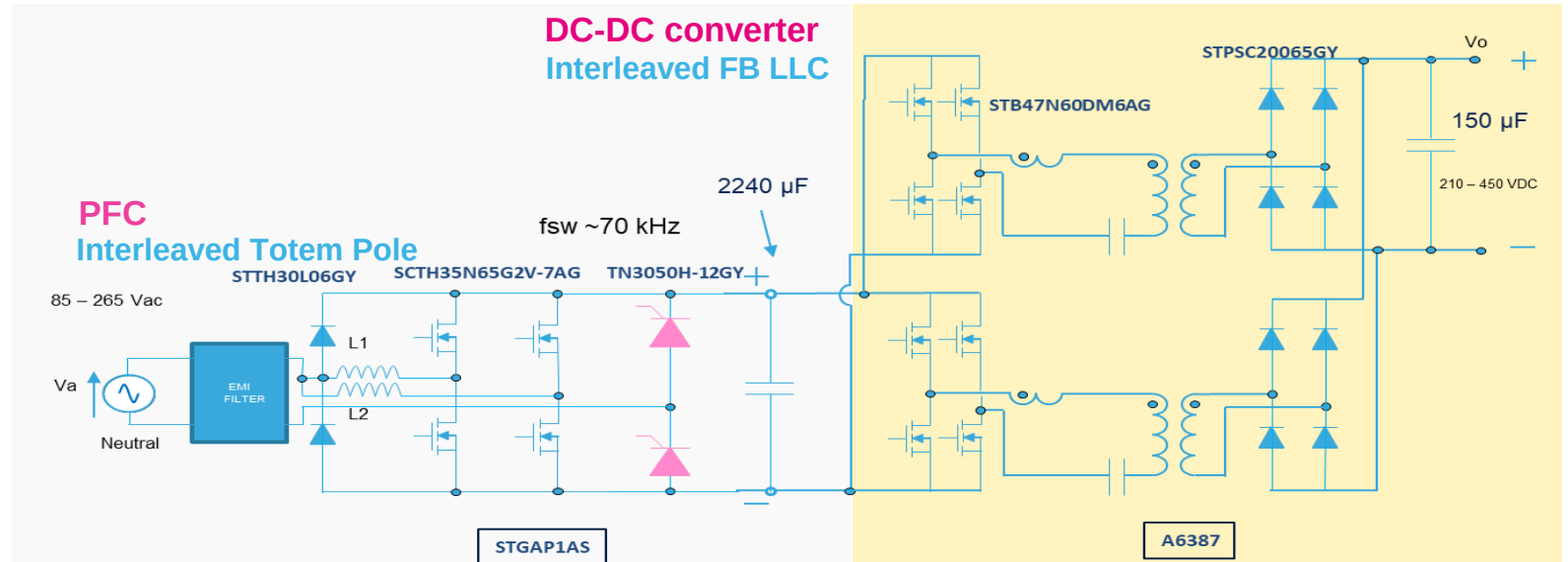
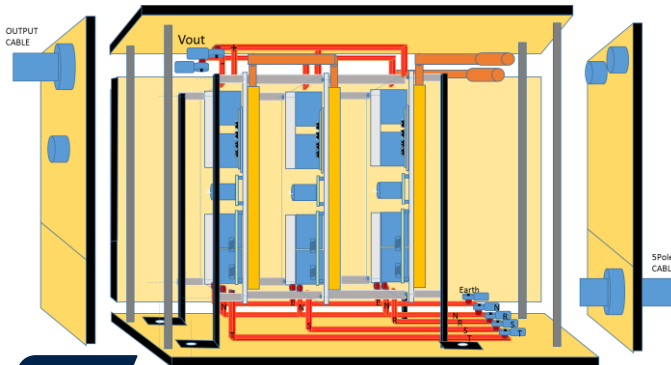
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Single solution 7 kW



21 kW solution, stacked modules with bus bars



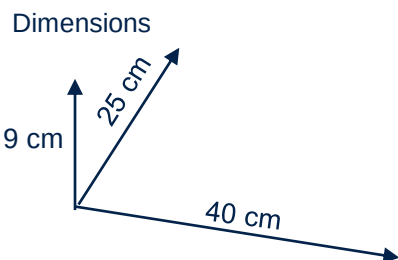
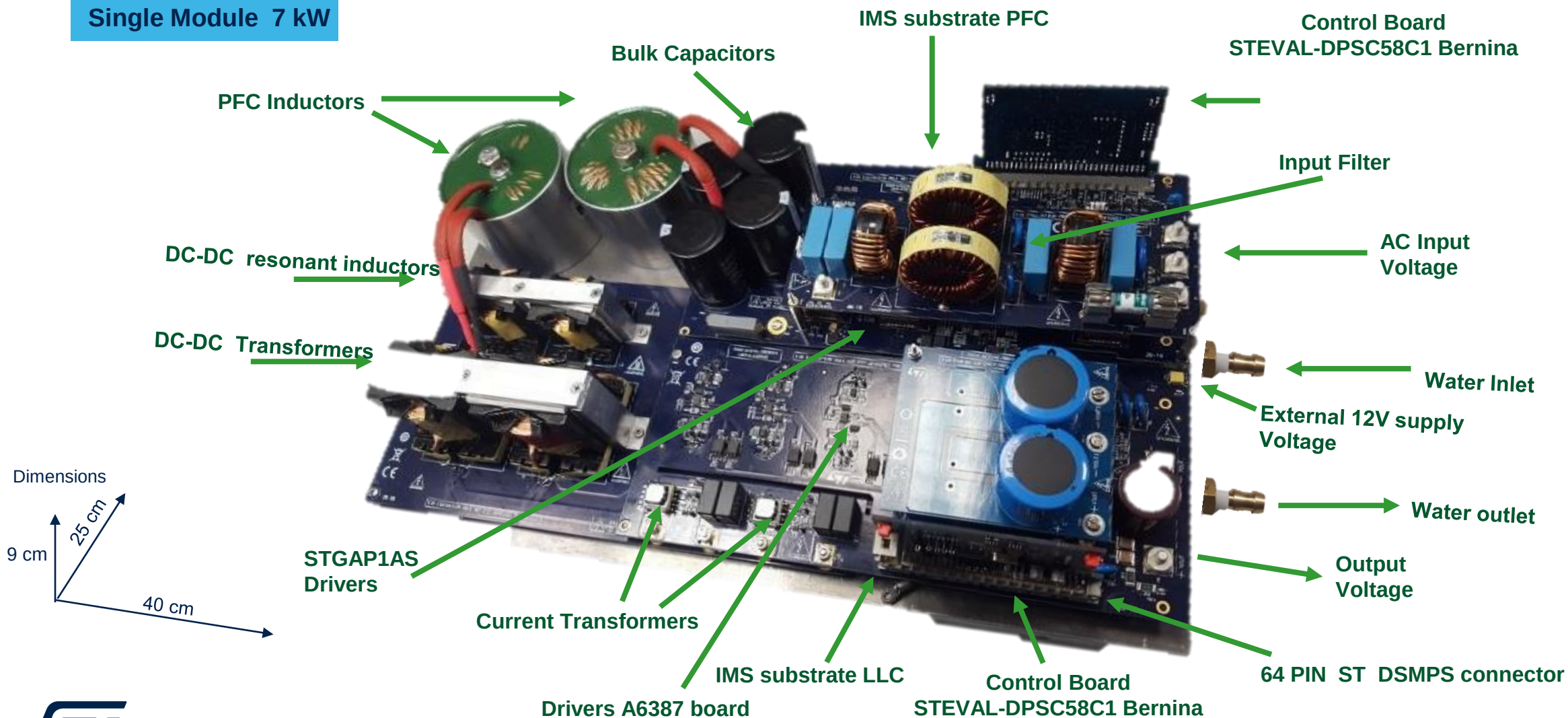
| Semiconductor         | Automotive version | Industrial Version |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Rectifier             | STTH30L06GY        | STTH30L06C         |
| 650V SiC POWER MOSFET | SPTH35N65G2V-7AG   | SPTH35N65G2V-7     |
| Thyristors            | TN3050H-12GY       | TN3050H-12GY       |
| Isolated driver       | STGAP1AS           | STGAP2S            |
| 650V SJ MOSFET        | STB47N60DM6AG      | SPTH35N65G2V-7     |
| 650V SiC Diode        | STPSC20065GY       | STPSC20065         |
| Microcontroller       | SPC58NN84E7 (x 2)  | STM32G474          |





# OBC First Platform Overview

Single Module 7 kW



# Evaluation board 4: 100 W Auxiliary Power Supply

Available Q1/20

## Project details

### Input voltage

- 185 – 640 Vac
- 150 – 900 Vdc

### Output power

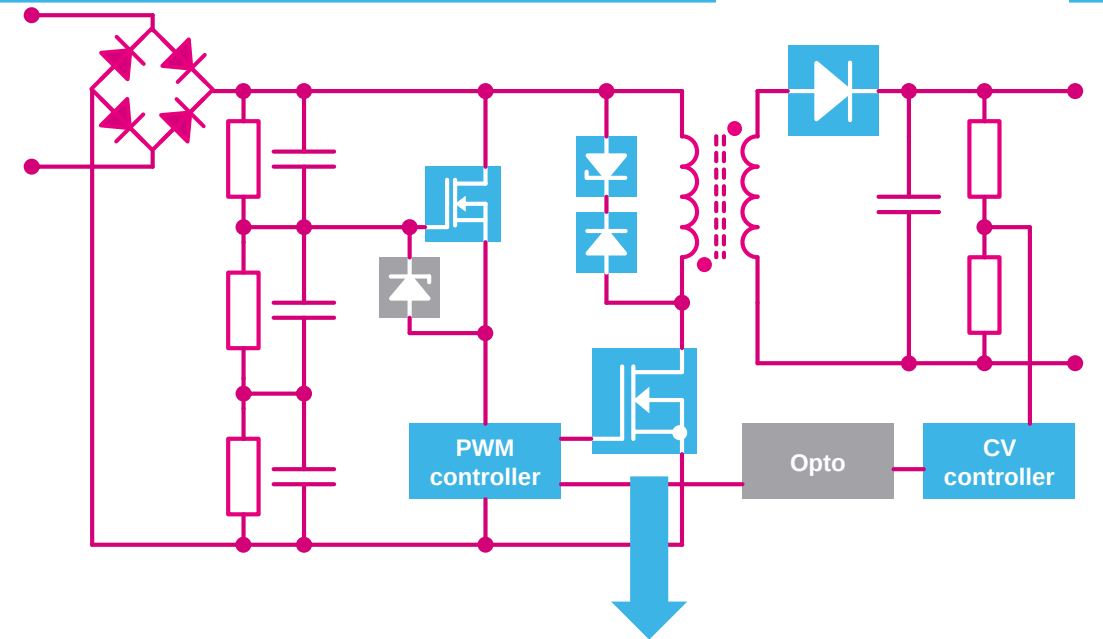
- Up to 100W

### Topology

- Flyback

## ST components

- L6566BH → Quasi-resonant controller
- STW12N150K5 → 1500V SJ MOSFET
- **SCT1000N170 → 1700V SiC MOSFET**
- STN1HNK60 → Start-up MOSFET
- STPS10150 → Output Diode



**1700V SiC MOSFET due to:**  
**Input Voltage +**  
**Reflected voltage +**  
**Spikes**

# Summary

- Several **Industrial Vehicles** are now being electrified. A good portion of them will require an **on-board charger**.
- **Industrial OBCs** are typically implemented in a **2-stage** concept: **PFC** followed by **isolated DC/DC**.
- **650V & 1200V Silicon Carbide MOSFETs** provide advantages in both stages. **1700V SiC MOSFETs** can also be used in **Auxiliary power supply**.
- Several **evaluation boards** to approach this application are now ready or in preparation at **STMicroelectronics**.

# Thank you