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Enabling High-Performance High-Voltage Integrated Power Conversion Circuits for Energy-Efficient Systems

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Abstract: In recent years, high-voltage (HV) power conversion circuits have attracted growing interests for applications in automotive vehicles and renewable energy systems. Innovation in the HV power converter design through miniaturization is important as it can lead to significant reduction in the system cost. However, existing HV power converters typically require the use of bulky passive components due to low frequency operation for better power efficiency consideration. The success experience of the past 2 decades in low-voltage power converter design may not provide sufficient insights to realize high-performance high-input-voltage integrated power converters and we are starting to hit a number of "walls" that are likely to limit our progress. In this talk, we will present our recent research on monolithic HV gate driver developments for enabling reliable high-frequency operation in HV power converters. As an application example, the design considerations of the first soft-switched HV DC-DC based LED driver with the advanced gate driver will also be discussed.

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