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**Project name: WBG Devices-Based Matrix  
Converter**

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## Problem Statement

- The rise of energy-intensive computing (AI model training, cloud computing, data centers, etc.) creates a need to optimize power delivery to these loads
- Though many solutions have been presented, there remains room for improvement in efficiency and cost

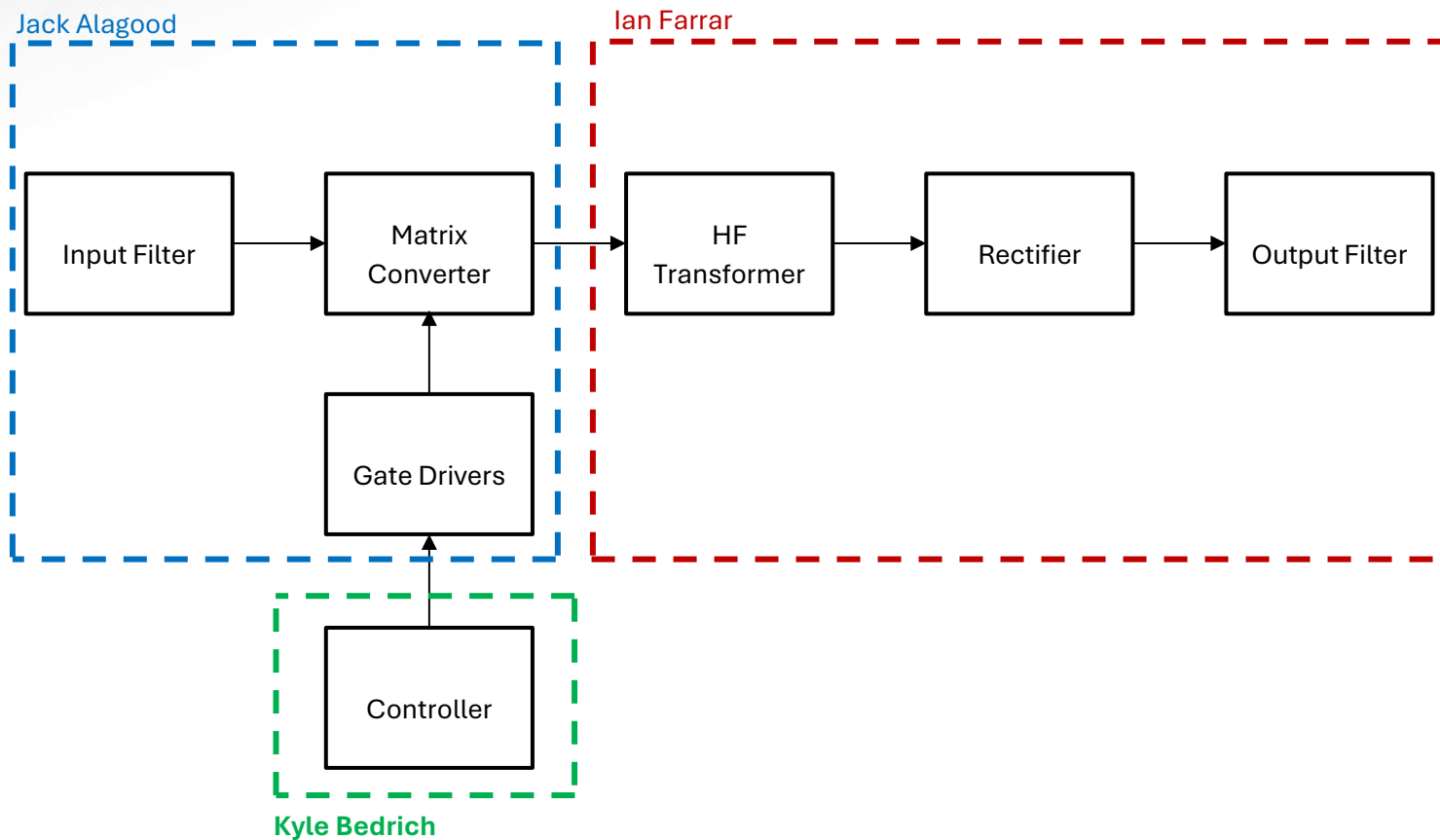


## Proposed Solution

- GaN technology promises greater power density than SiC
- Matrix converters offer bi-directional power flow, adjustable input power factor, and greater power density due to less storage elements



# System Diagram



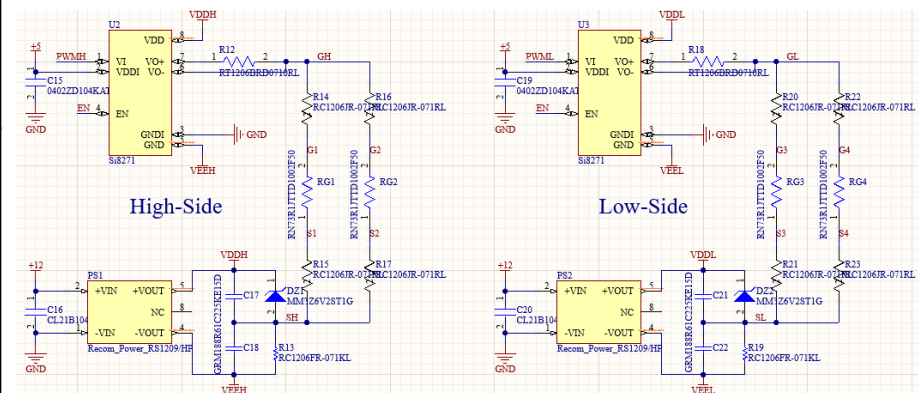
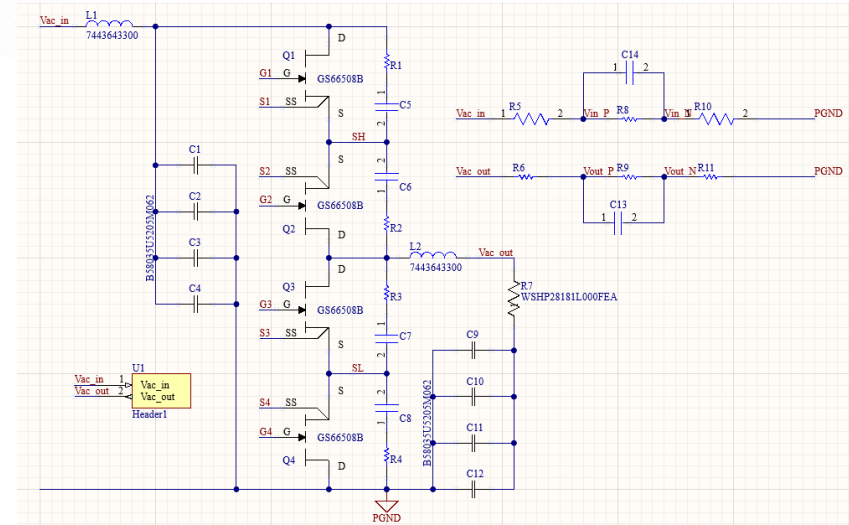


## Accomplishments since the last presentation

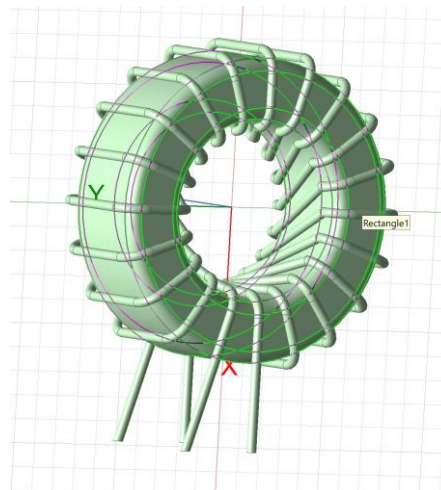
- Familiar with matrix converter elements (~10h)
- Familiar with Altium's schematic and PCB design interfaces (20h)
- Proposed schematics for voltage sensor, gate driver, and single-phase ACDC converter (20h)

## Ongoing progress/problems and plans until the next presentation

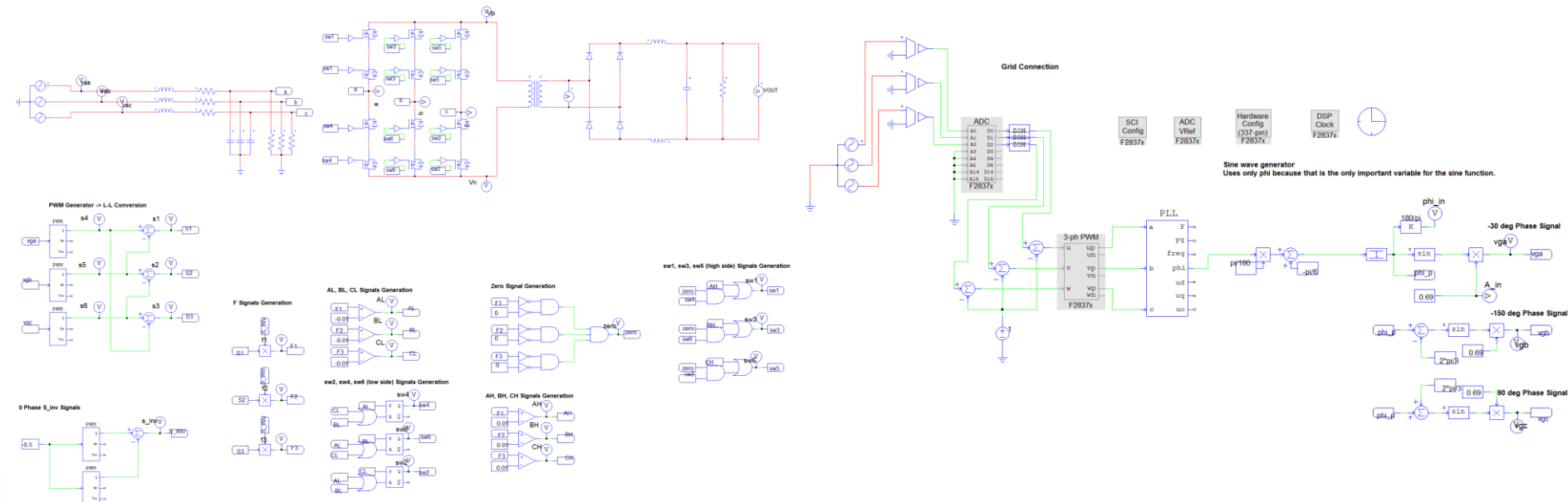
- Replace inadequate components (must be rated appropriately)
- Design PoC PCB
- Link and test schematics with control devices



Accomplishments since the last presentation	Ongoing progress/problems and plans until the next presentation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finished bulk of transformer research to narrow down type (material, shape) of transformer and compile list of significant equations (10 hours)</li> <li>Familiarized self with parametrization of 2D model in Ansys Maxell (10 hours)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Convert previously built transformer model to be parametric</li> <li>Setup infrastructure to convert excel files to simulation files to be processed by HPRC</li> </ul>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working matrix converter switching signal with correct switching logic (30h)</li> <li>PSIM code generation working (10h)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PSIM ABC-DQO transformation for sensing 3-phase voltage phi</li> <li>Control system HIL testing with TI F2837x and validation</li> </ul>





# Execution Plan

	8/19/2024	8/26/2024	9/2/2024	9/9/2024	9/16/2024	9/23/2024	9/30/2024	10/7/2024		Legend
URS Program Application	Complete	Complete	Complete							Complete
Analyze Prior Studies	In Progress	Complete	Complete							In Progress
Acquire Software Licenses		Complete	Complete							Overdue
Concept of Operations Report			Complete	Complete						Not Started
Research			Complete	Complete	Complete					
Functional System Requirements					Complete	Complete				
Interface Control Document					Complete	Complete				
Validation Plan					Complete	Complete				
Design and Simulation						Complete	Complete	Complete		
Midterm Presentation						Complete	Complete	Complete		
PCB Design							In Progress	In Progress		
	10/14/2024	10/21/2024	10/28/2024	11/4/2024	11/11/2024	11/18/2024	11/25/2024	12/2/2024		
PCB Design	In Progress	In Progress	In Progress							
PCB Assembling				Not Started						
Testing					Not Started	Not Started	Not Started			
Status Update Presentation		Complete								
Final Presentation						Not Started				
Final Demo							Not Started			



# Validation Plan

Task	Deadline	Status	
URS Program Application	9/3/2024	<div></div>	Complete
Analyze Prior Studies	9/5/2024	<div></div>	Complete
Acquire Software Licenses	9/5/2024	<div></div>	Complete
Concept of Operations Report	9/15/2024	<div></div>	Complete
Research	9/19/2024	<div></div>	Complete
Functional System Requirements	9/26/2024	<div></div>	Complete
Interface Control Document	9/26/2024	<div></div>	Complete
Validation Plan	9/26/2024	<div></div>	Complete
Design and Simulation	10/10/2024	<div></div>	Complete
Status Update Presentation	10/23/2024	<div></div>	Complete
Midterm Presentation	10/10/2024	<div></div>	Complete
PCB Design	10/31/2024	<div></div>	In Progress
PCB Assembly	11/7/2024	<div></div>	
Testing	11/26/2024	<div></div>	
Final Presentation	11/20/2024	<div></div>	
Final Demo	11/26/2024	<div></div>	
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