

20% to 40% Switching and Dynamic Power Reduction Using PowerGrid or Ground PowerPad Modification in Autonomous Electric Vehicle ICs

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CurrentRF PowerPad & PowerGrid

**40% Reduction in Digital Dynamic Power
From a Supply Line Bondpad or Digital Top
Level Metalization**

Clean Energy

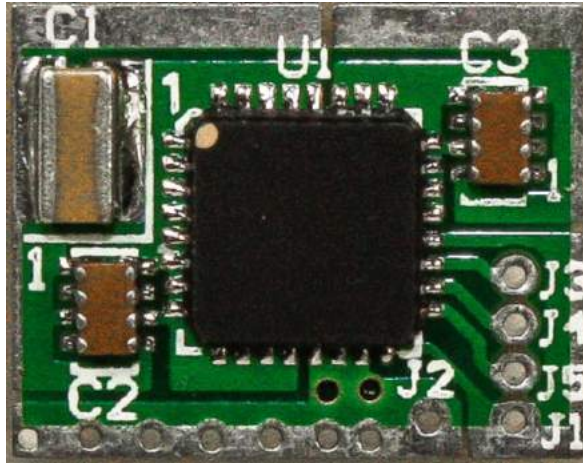


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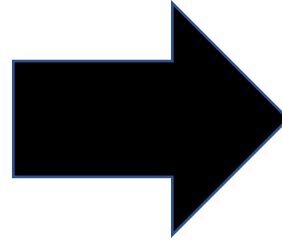
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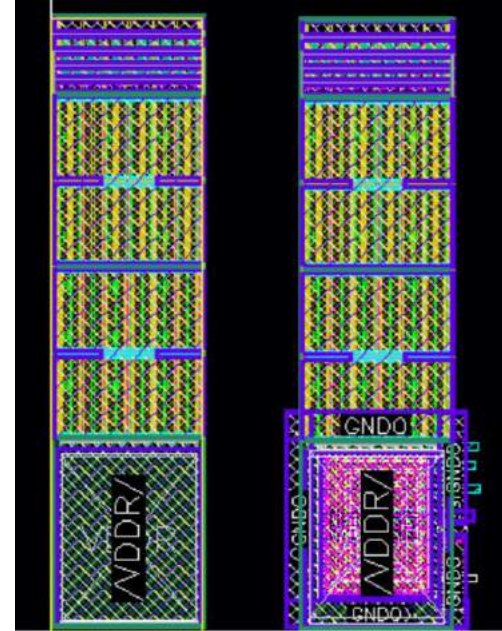
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**CC-100 IC Global Foundries
PowerPad Inside**



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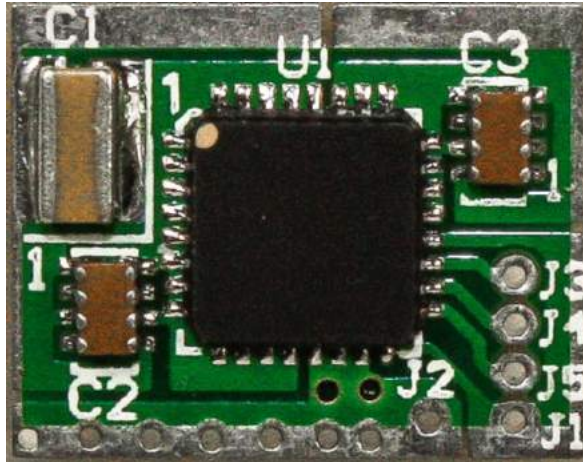


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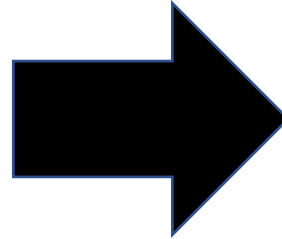
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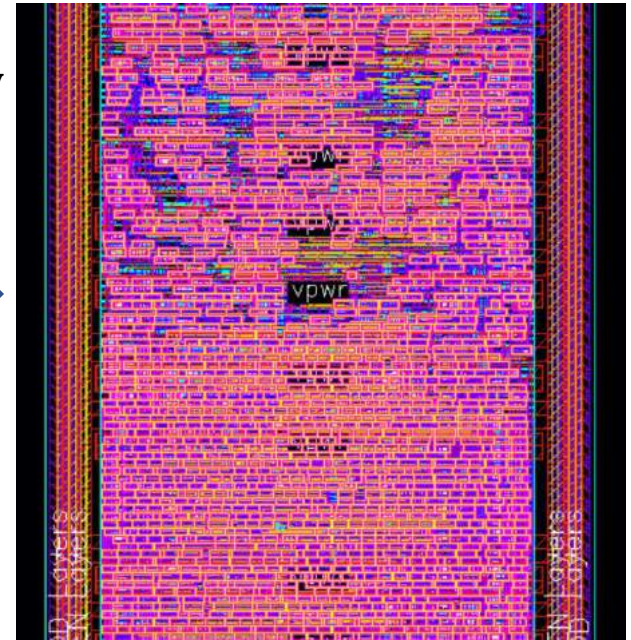
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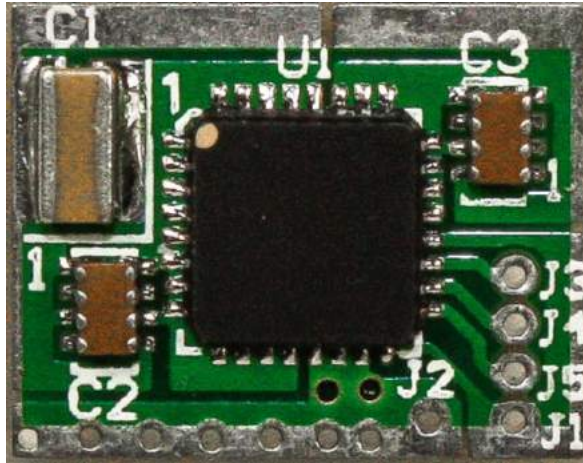
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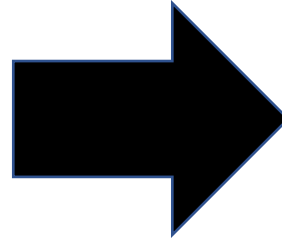
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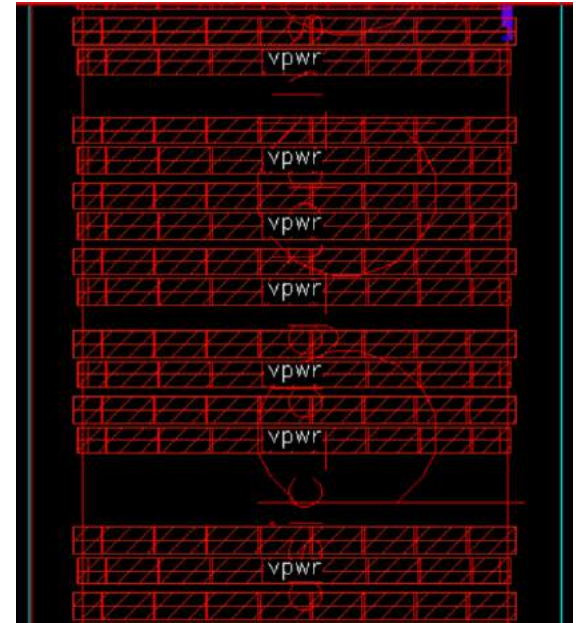
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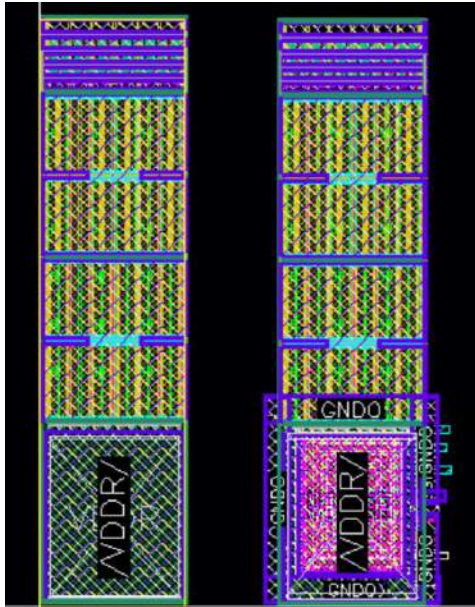
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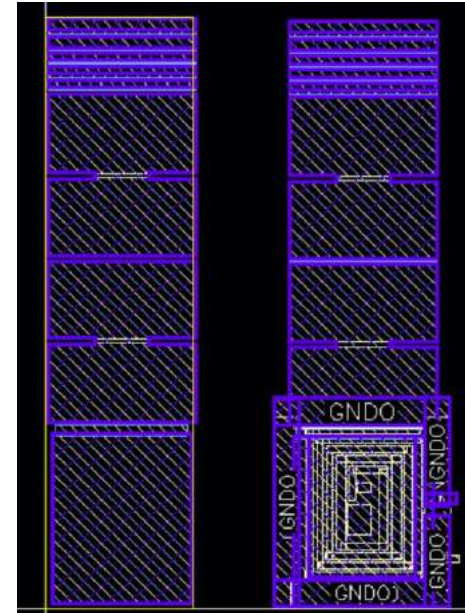
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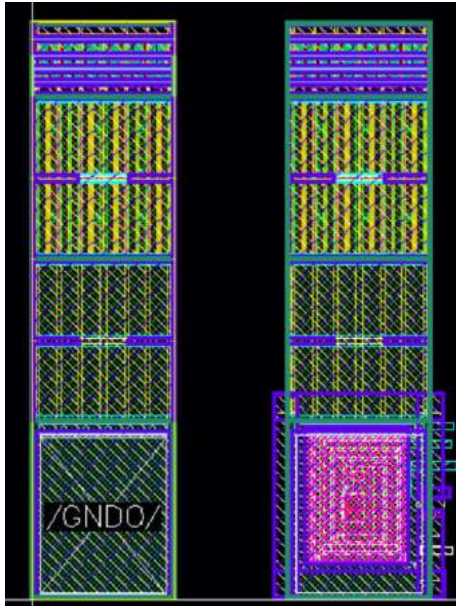
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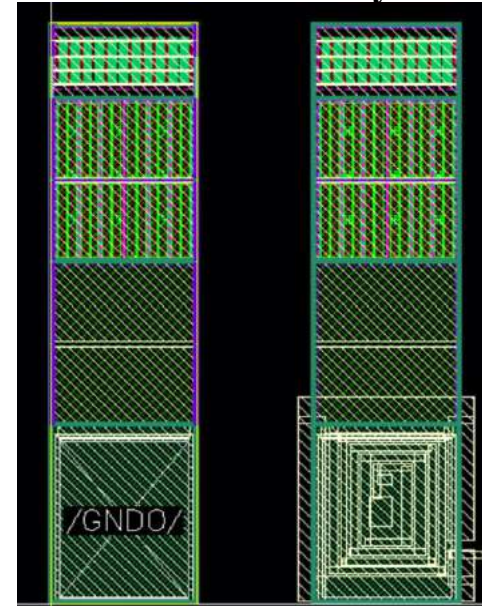
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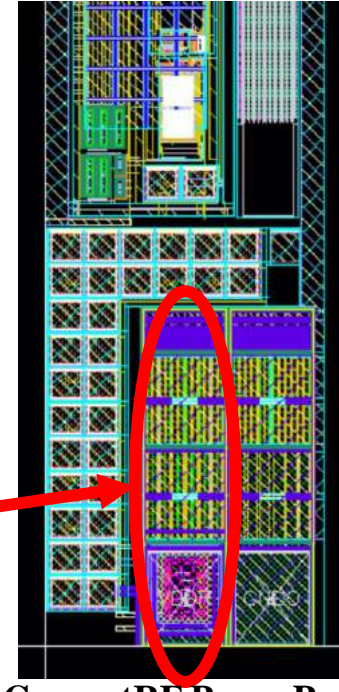
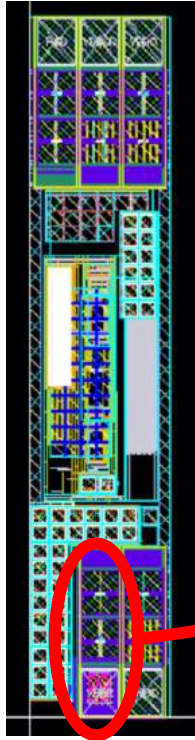


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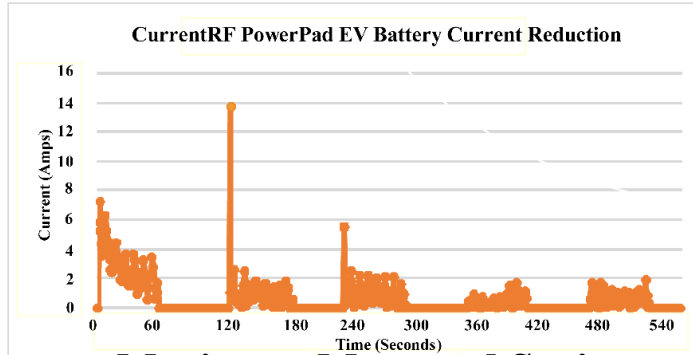
CurrentRF Supply PowerPad Integration into a 200um X 1mm Chiplet IC



CurrentRF PowerPad

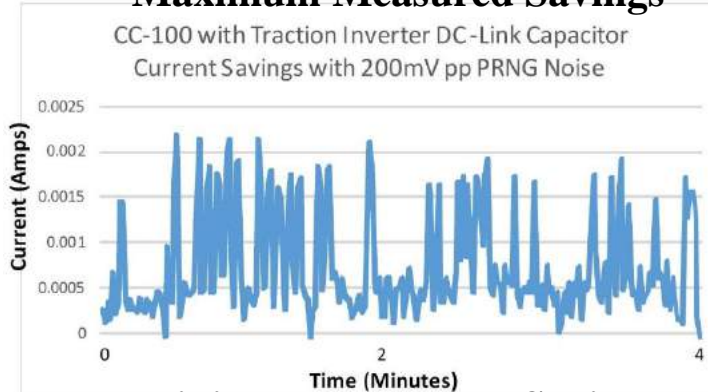
The CurrentRF PowerPad Can Be Inserted into the Power ESD Cells of any IC

CurrentRF PowerPad Current Savings Dynamic Range



Maximum Measured Savings

Electric Vehicle Solution—60 Amp Nominal Battery Current Draw
Average Savings--> 3 Amps—5% Savings
Maximum Surge Savings→14 Amps—23% savings
Applications→ EV Traction Inverter DC Link Caps
EV Battery Packs
EV Battery Management Systems



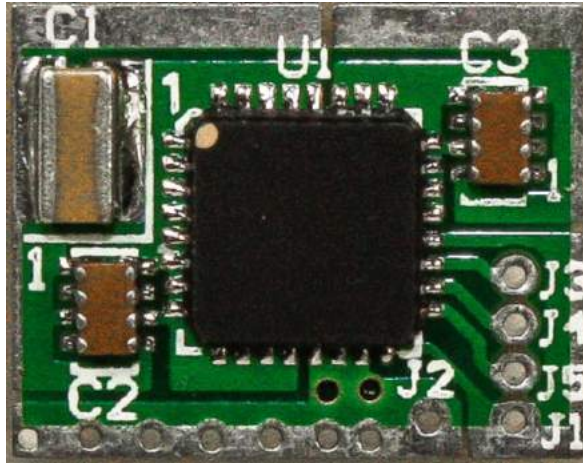
Minimum Measured Savings

Digital and Mixed Signal IC Solution—5mA Nominal Current Draw
Average Savings--> 500 Micro-Amps—10% savings
Maximum Surge Savings→ 2.1mA---42% savings
Applications→ Micro and Nano Power Digital ICs
Micro and Nano Power Mixed Signal ICs
PLLs
Any IC that consumes Dynamic Power from Supplies

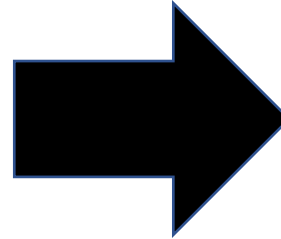
EV Solutions

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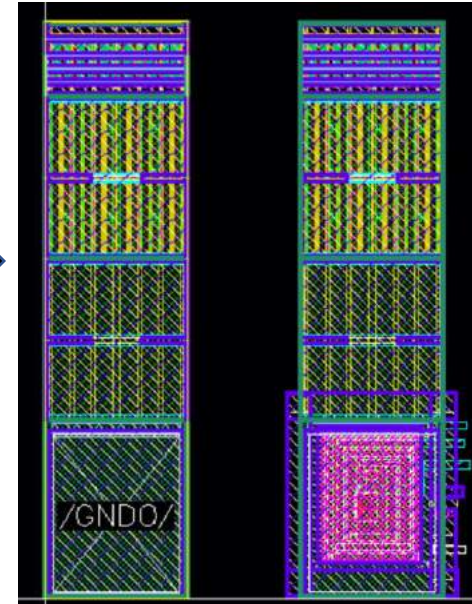
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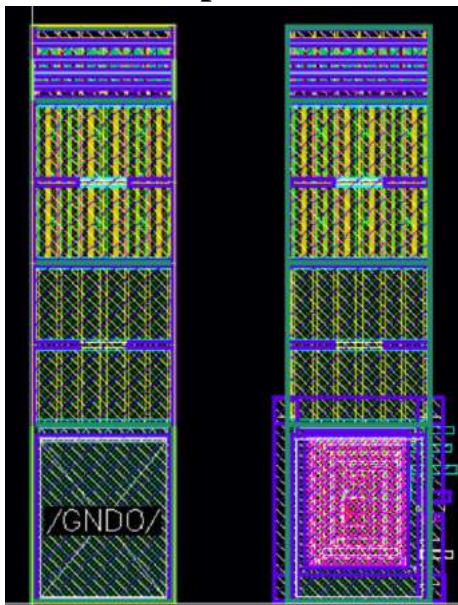


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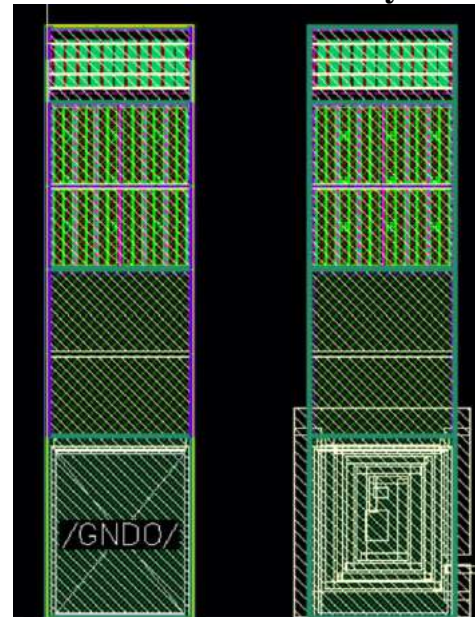
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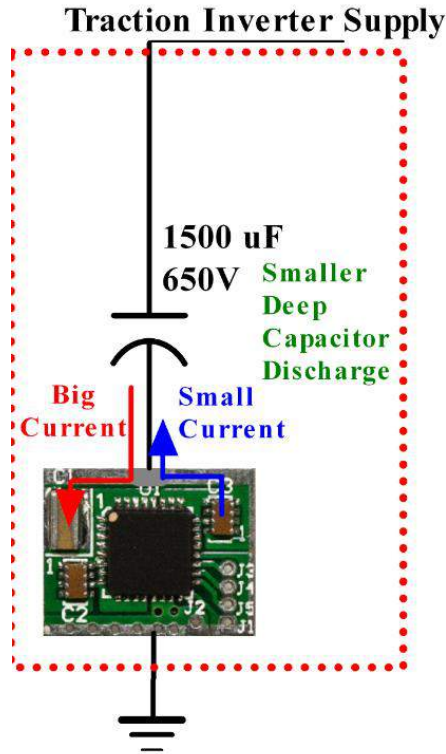


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Top Level –How the CurrentRF PowerPad Works With EV DC-Link Capacitors



**Kirchoff's Current Law
For AC Currents**

**CurrentRF Powerpad
Enhanced DC-Link
Capacitors**

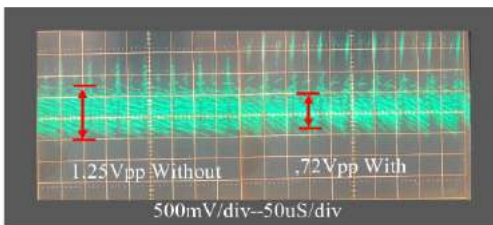
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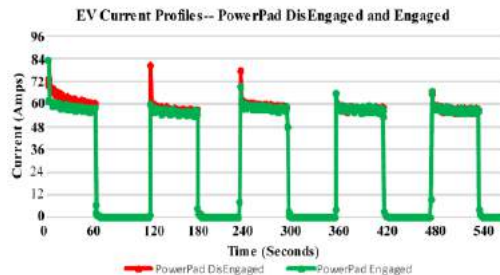
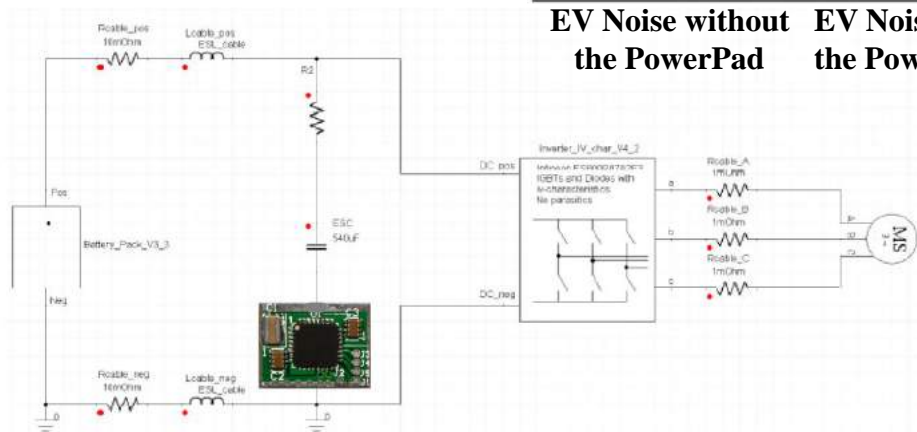
Electric Vehicles are Electrically Noisy-PowerPad Battery Current Reduction

Shielded EV Cables

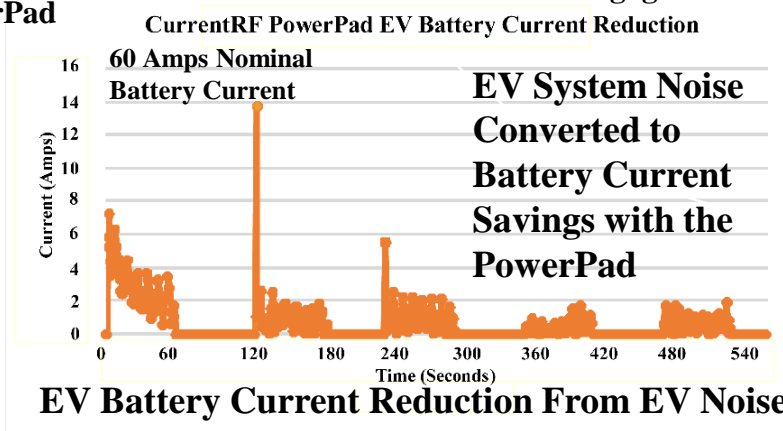
Why do This?
To Suppress EV Transmitted Noise



EV Noise without the PowerPad EV Noise with the PowerPad



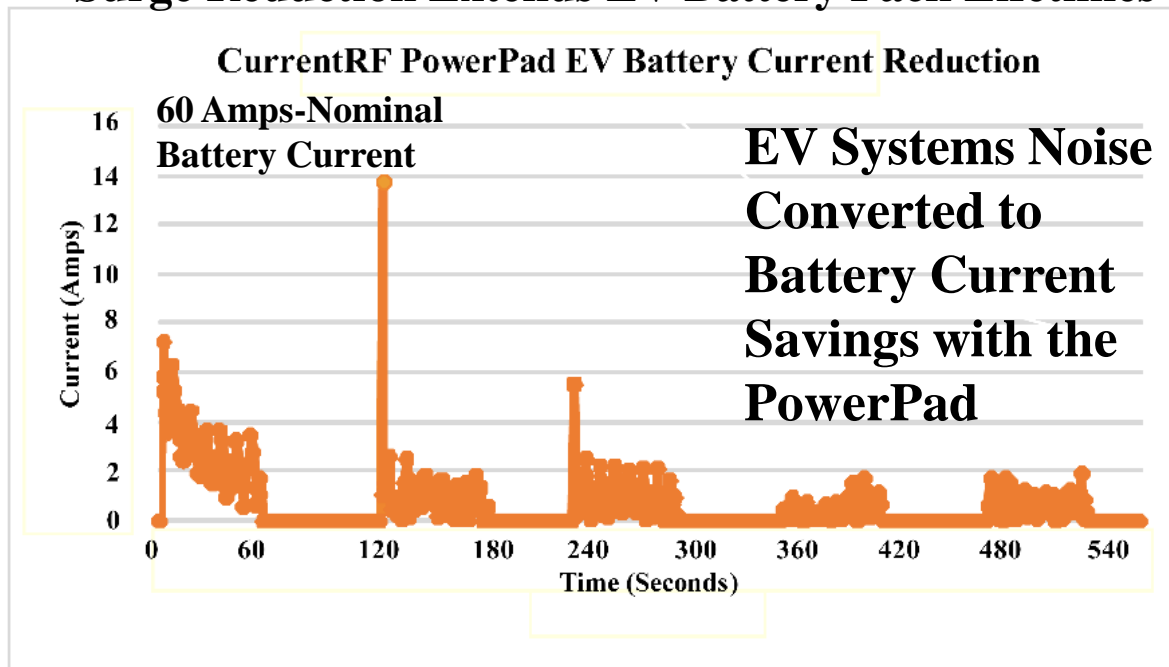
PowerPad Current Performance DisEngaged and Engaged



PowerPad Insertion on the Ground Side of a DC-Link Capacitor

-Maximum Current Savings Application- DC Link Capacitors in Traction Inverters Driving EVs

- 10% Increase in EV Mileage (Town and Country)
- Surge Reduction Extends EV Battery Pack Lifetimes

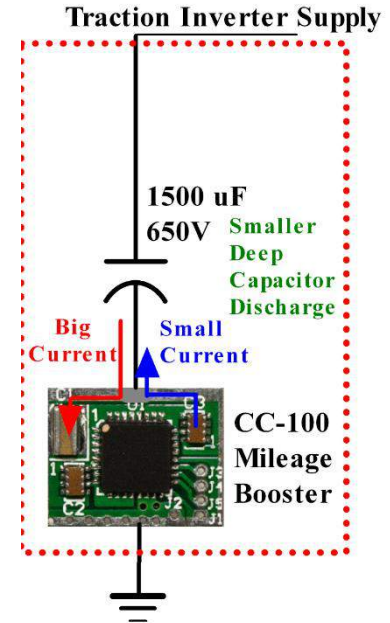
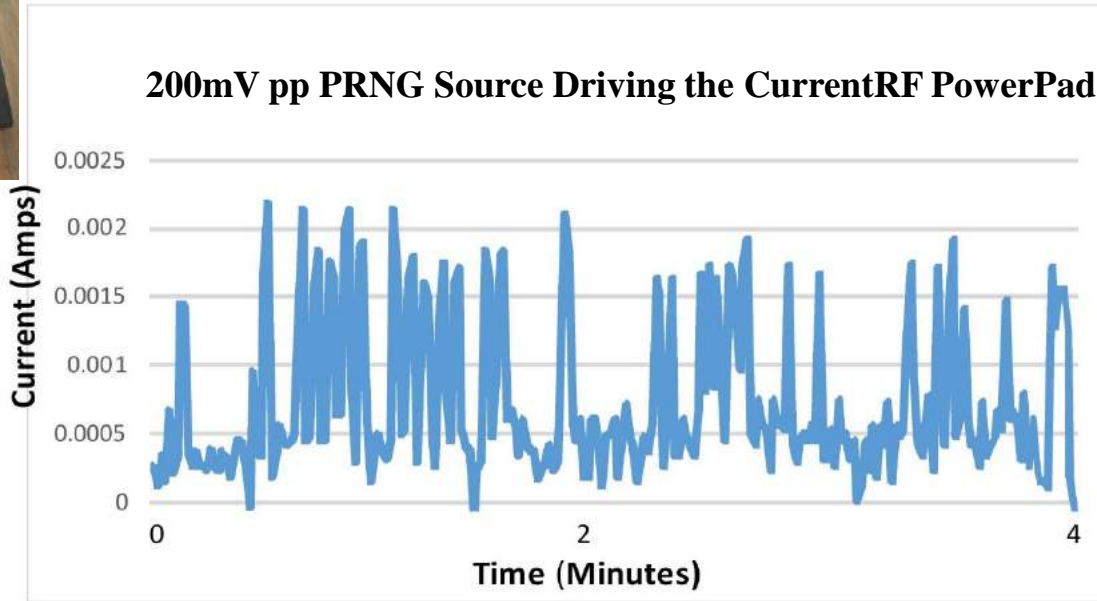


CurrentRF PowerPad- Minimum EV Noise Sensitivity Test Results

A Pseudo Random Noise Generator (PRNG) was Utilized to Generate a Controlled Noise Source for these Tests



The Current Feedback Mechanism inside the CurrentRF PowerPad Lessens the Capacitor Deep Discharge, thus less re-charge from System Batteries



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EV Applications

- **PowerPad Insertion into DC-Link Capacitors/Traction Inverters**
- **PowerPad Insertion into EV Battery Packs**
- **PowerPad Insertion into EV Battery Management Systems**
- **PowerPad Insertion into EV Gate Drivers**
- **PowerPad Insertion into EV Control ICs**

DC-Link Capacitor CurrentRF PowerPad IP Enhancements in Electric Vehicles



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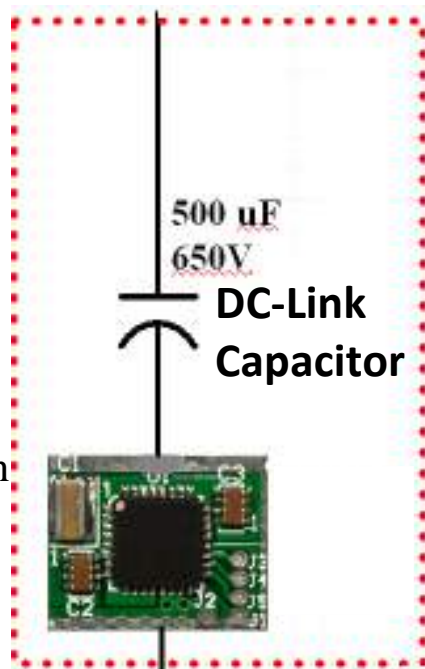
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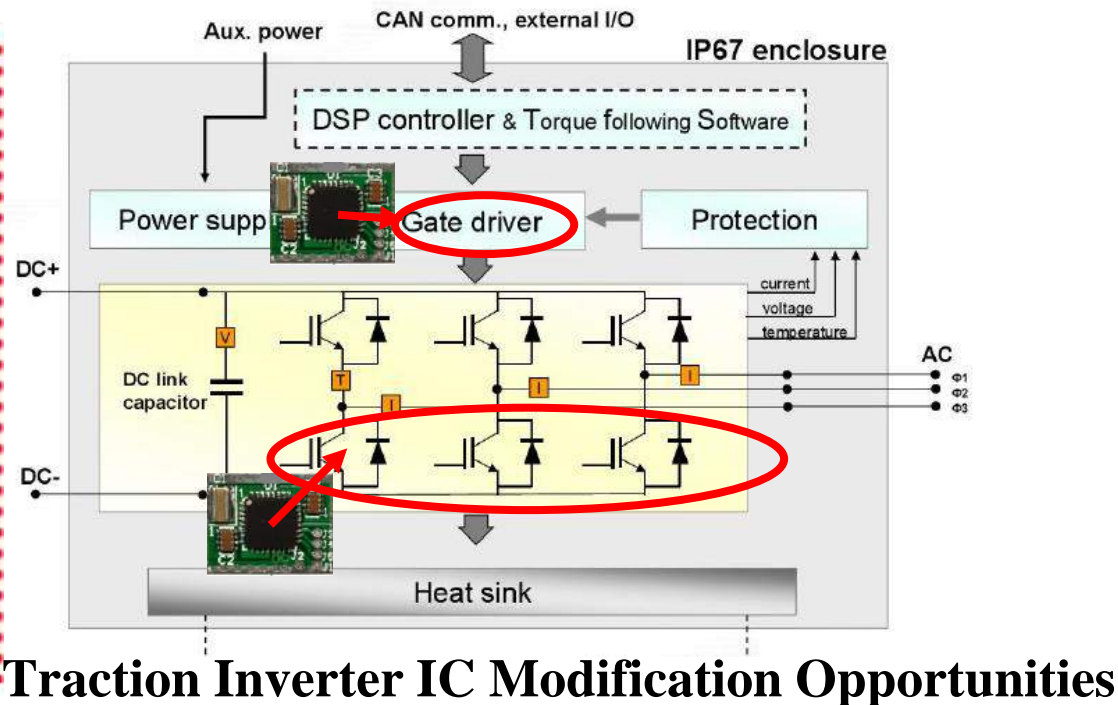
The CurrentRF PowerPad IP can be Inserted in Hybrid Form or as a Scalable IP Pad in Various Locations in the EV System

CurrentRF PowerPad IP Integration Opportunities:

The CurrentRF Powerpad can be inserted in Hybrid form in SiC Power MOSFETs, and/or in the Gate Driver ICs that drive the SiC Power MOSFETs in Traction Inverters



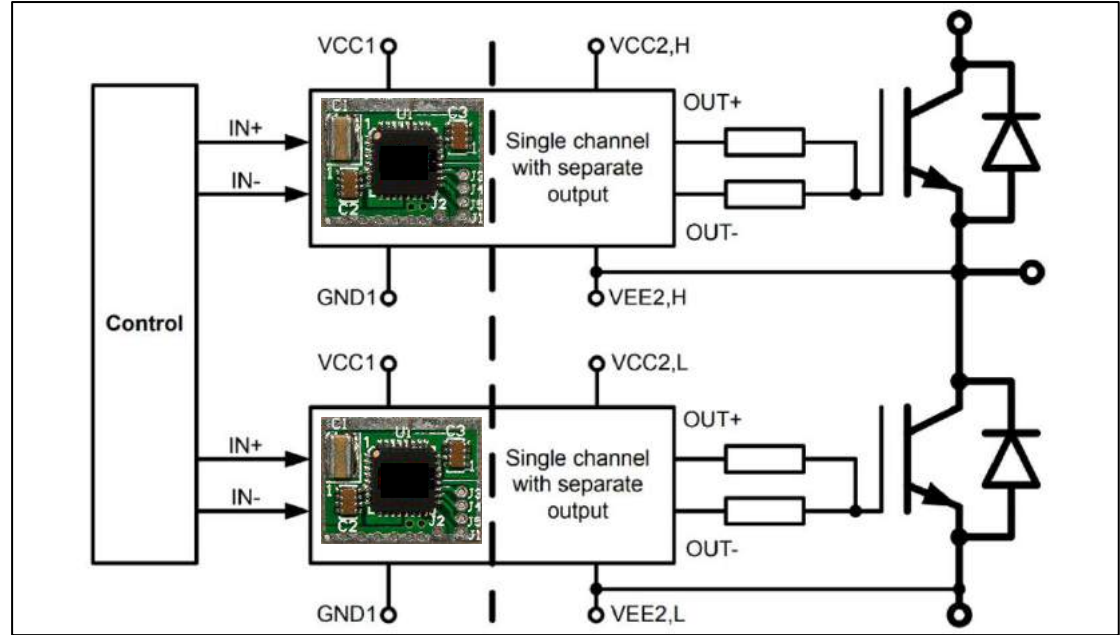
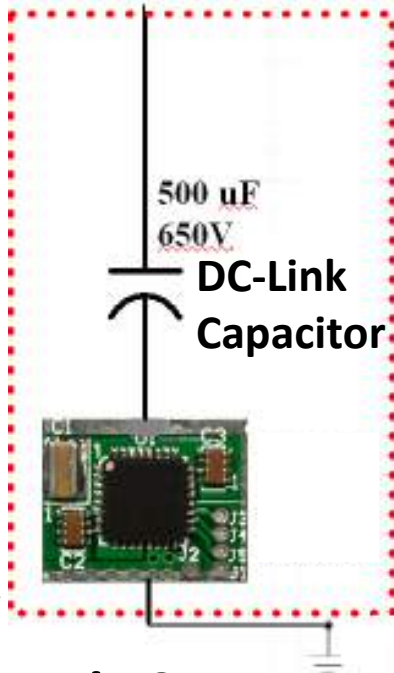
Basic Structure



The CurrentRF PowerPad IP can be Inserted Into Standard CMOS SiC Gate Driver ICs

Traction Inverter Gate Driver Modification:

The CurrentRF PowerPad can be included in the low voltage side of Gate Driver ICs. A simple pin connection to the ground side of the Traction Inverter DC-Link cap is all that is needed for EV Mileage Increase performance



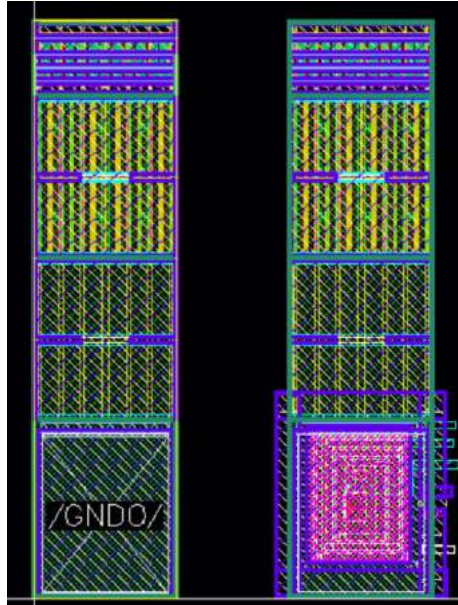
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Autonomous Technologies
Conference

Standard Digital/Mixed Signal Solutions (Planar Mosfets or FinFet Technologies)

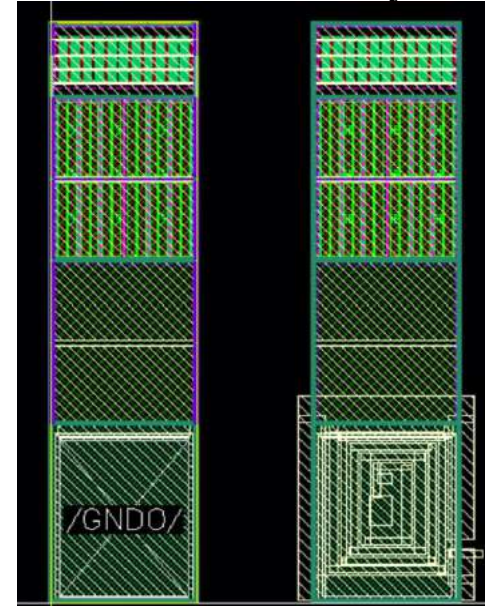
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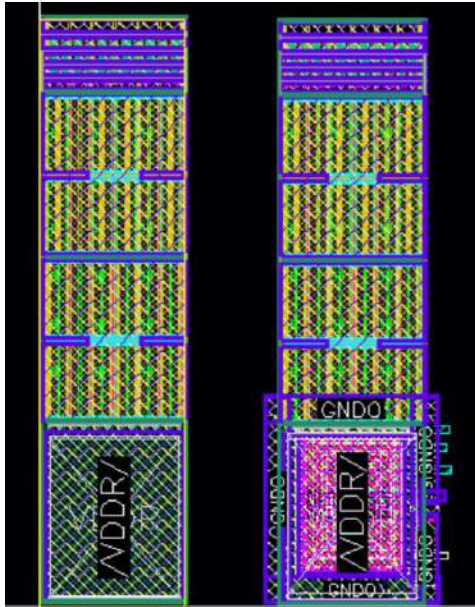
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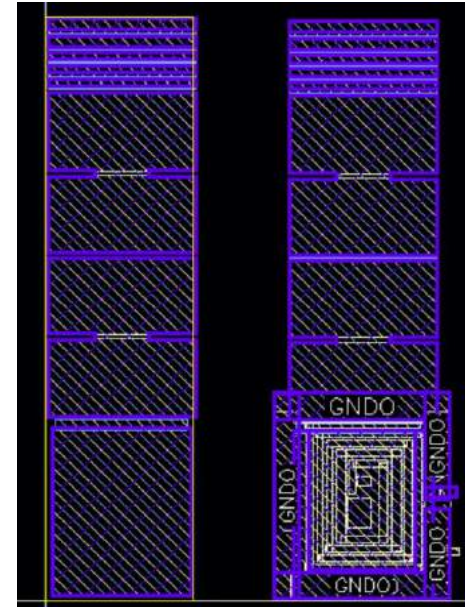
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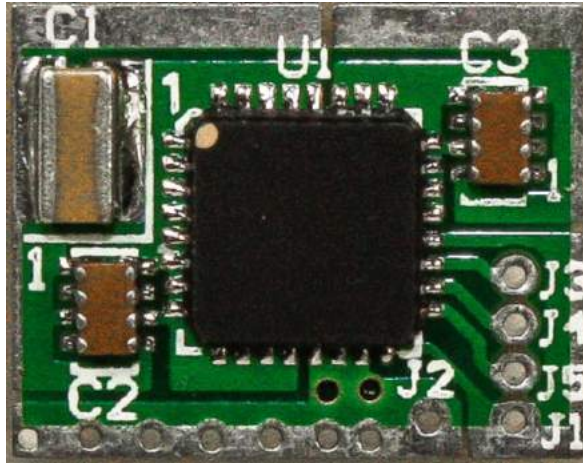
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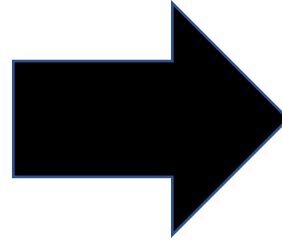
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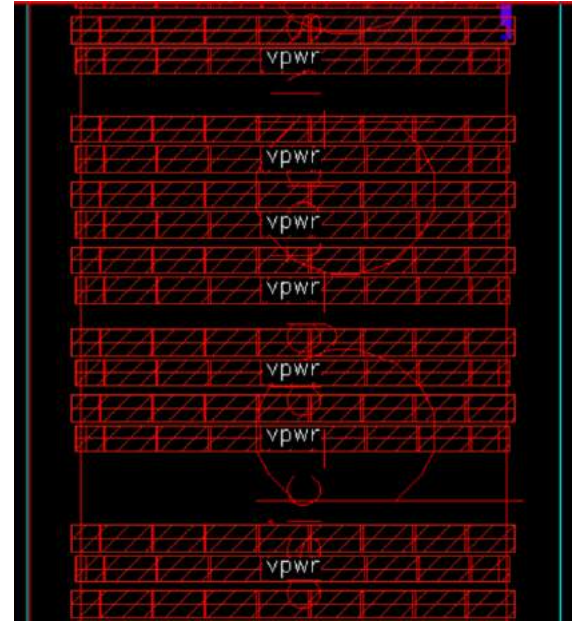
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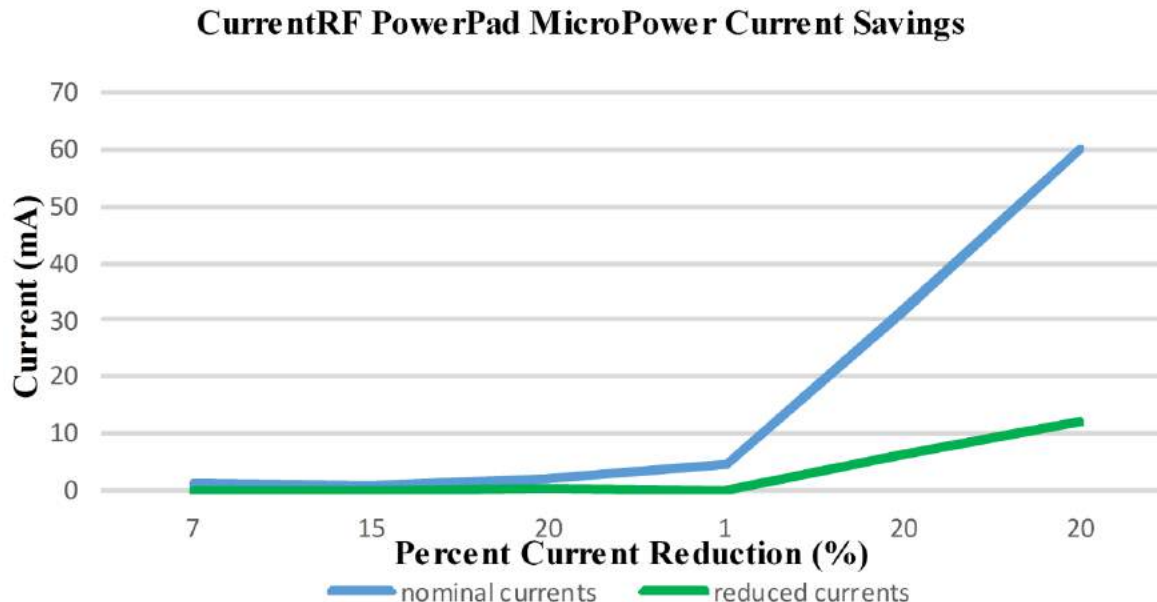


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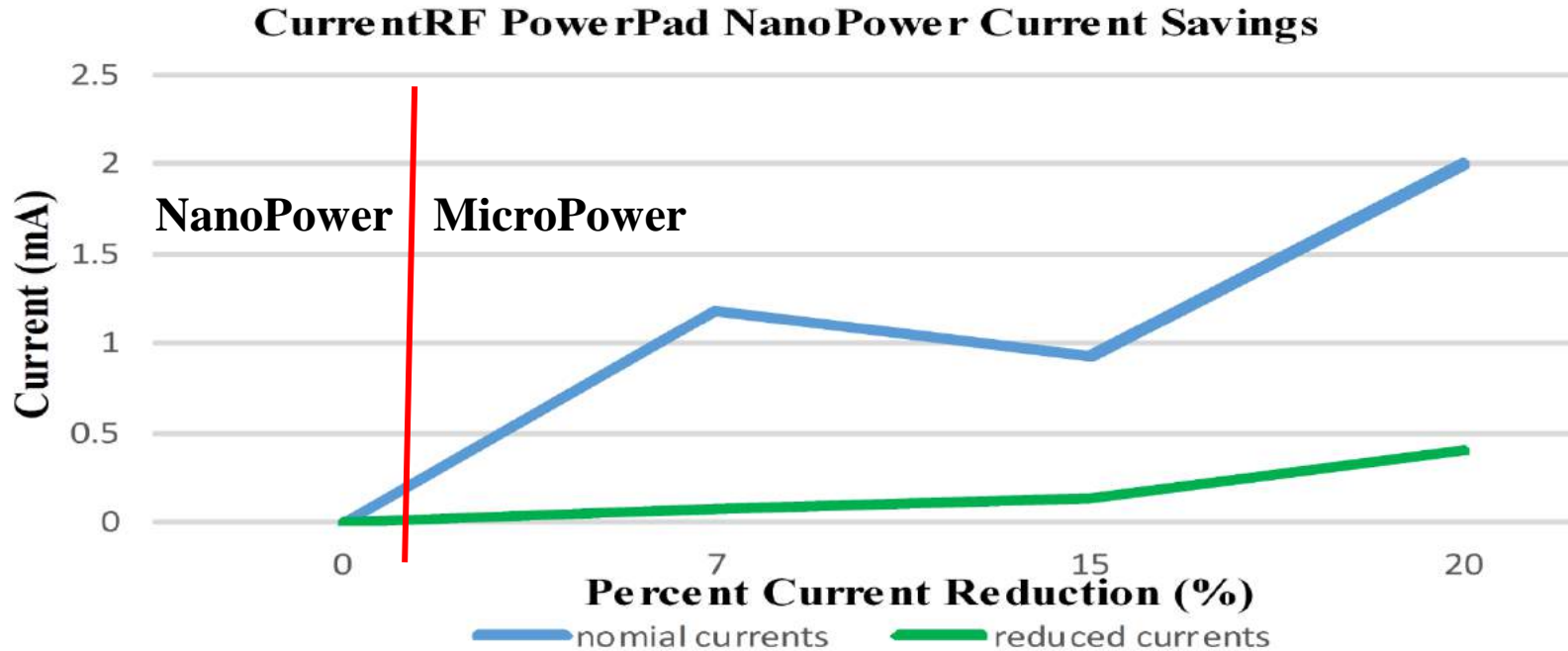


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CurrentRF PowerPad and PowerGrid—Absolute Minimum MicroPower Sensitivity



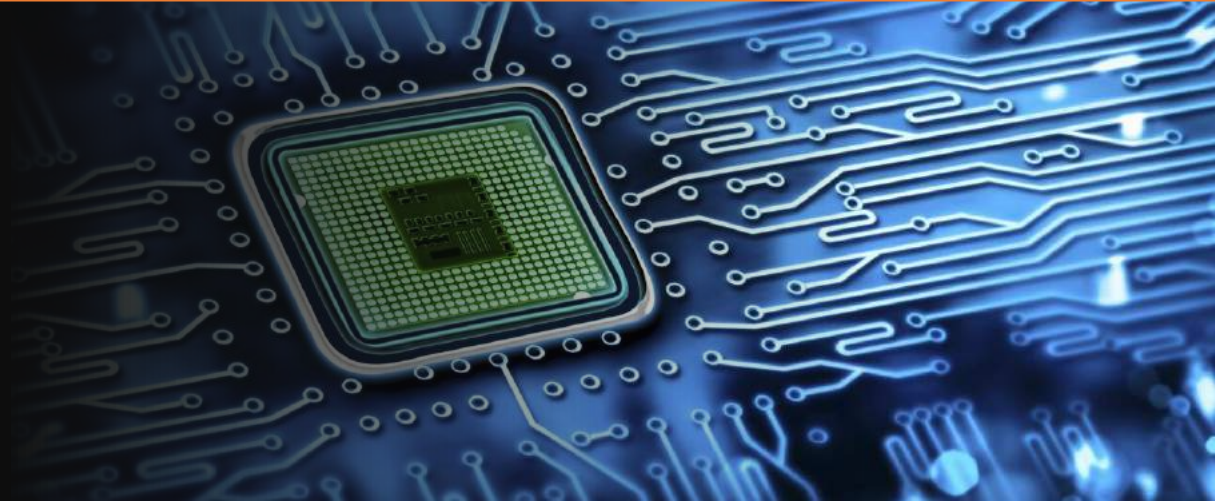
CurrentRF PowerPad and PowerGrid Absolute Minimum NanoPower Sensitivity



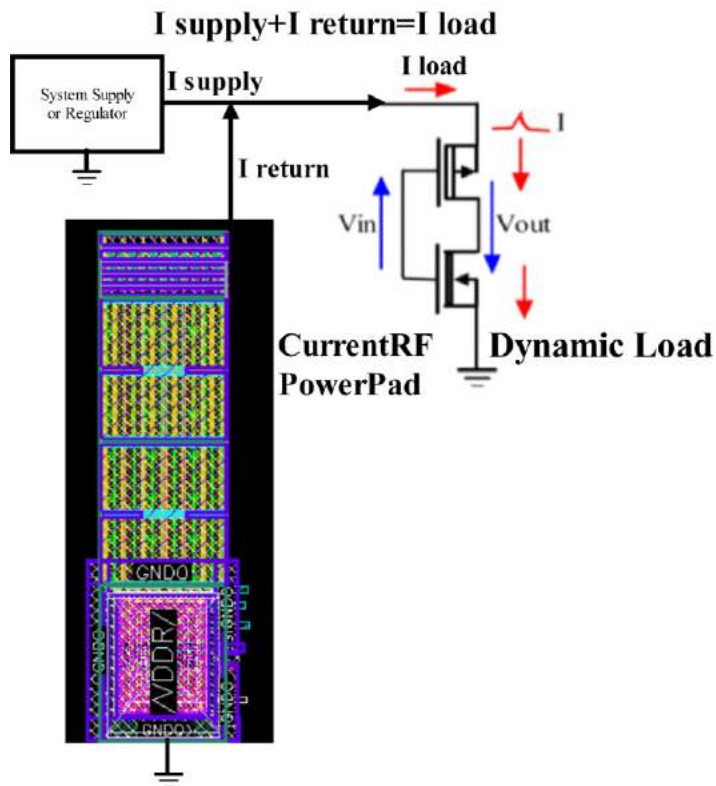
Digital and Mixed Signal Applications

- **PowerPad Insertion into the Pad Cells of Microprocessor ICs**
- **PowerPad Insertion into the Pad Cells of any Mixed Signal IC**
- **PowerPad Insertion into the Pad Cells of Sensor ICs**
- **PowerPad Insertion into the Pad Cells of PLLs**
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- **PowerPad or PowerGrid Insertion has Power Saving Benefits for any IC**

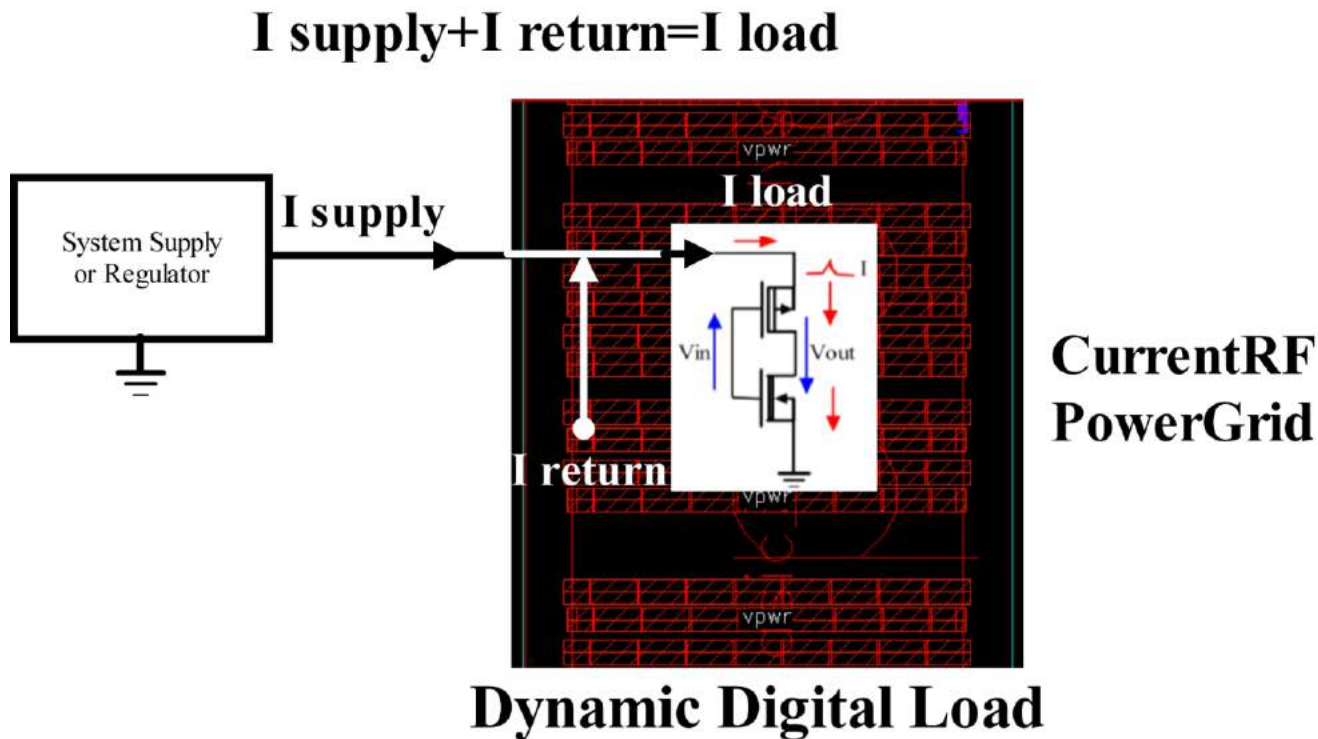
Applications



How the CurrentRF PowerPad Works in Typical Digital Solutions (Kirchoff's Current Law for AC Currents)



How the CurrentRF PowerGrid Works in Typical Digital Solutions (Kirchoff's Current Law for AC Currents)



Conclusions

- **PowerPad Insertion Fits Into the Footprint of Any IC Supply or Ground Bondpad**
- **PowerGrid Insertion Fits Into the Footprint of Any IC Supply or Ground Routing**
- **PowerPad/PowerGrid Insertion Re-Cycles the Overlap Current in Digital and Switching Circuits**
- **PowerPad/PowerGrid Insertion Saves Up to 40% of Total Digital, Switching, and Dynamic Current**
- **PowerPad Insertion Extends EV Driving Range (Town and Country)**
- **PowerPad Insertion Extends EV Battery Pack Lifetimes**
- **PowerPad/PowerGrid Insertion Reduces Digital and Mixed Signal Power Dissipation**
- **PowerPad/PowerGrid Insertion Reduces Dynamic Power at the Micro and Nano Power Levels**



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