

# Power Sources Manufacturers Association

## *A 5-Year Power Technology Roadmap*

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# Creating the 5-Year Power Technology Roadmap

## Keynote Presentations

Mohan Mankikar – Micro-Tech Consultants

Fred Lee – CPES

## End User Presentations

Thai Ngo / Randy Malik – IBM

Shawn Morrison – Nortel

Scott Wilson – Cisco

Bruce Miller – Dell

Ed Stanford – Intel

## Power Supply Presentations

Lou Pechi – Power One

John Wanes – Celestica

Joseph Thottuvelil – Tyco

Trey Burns – Artesyn

Tom Duffy – Primarion

## Component Technology Presentations

Jim Sarjeant, SUNY Buffalo (by proxy) – Capacitors

Lowell Bosley, Magnetics Div. of Spang – Magnetics

Cian O'Mathuna, NMRC (Ireland) – Packaging and Thermal Issues

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# Creating the 5-Year Power Technology Roadmap

## Breakout Groups – a Key Ingredient

- Circuits and Architecture
- Packaging
- Components
- Oversight & Economics

## The Scribes – Industry Experts

- Documented all presentations and discussions
- Scribes' inputs are included in the report.

## The Organizing Committee

- Arnold Alderman – Anagenesis, Inc.
  - Joe Horzepa – Horizon Consultants Ltd.
  - Conor Quinn – Artesyn Technologies
  - Chuck Mullett – ON Semiconductor
  - Bob White – Artesyn Technologies
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# The 5-Year Roadmap Focus

- Three Categories
    - AC-DC “Front Ends”
      - 1000 W, Single Output with PFC
    - Isolated DC-DC Converters
      - 100 W “Bricks”
    - Nonisolated DC-DC Converters
      - Less than 200 W
  
  - All three are...
    - Fast growth markets
    - Key elements in distributed power systems
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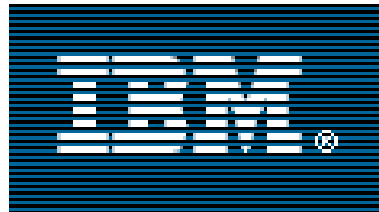
## *Technical Challenges and Solutions*

### Future Power Technical Challenges

- Higher **Reliability** - MTBF
- Higher **Power Density**
- Higher **Transient Response** - di/dt
- Higher **Efficiency**
- Lower **Voltage** - Higher **Current**
- Voltage/Current **Distribution**
- Increased Number Of **Voltage Domains**
- Ability to **Hot Swap**
- Error and Status **Reporting**
- Increased Mobile Client **Power Needs**
- Lower **Cost**
- Shorter **Development Cycles**

### Technology Solutions

- More **Integration**
- Higher **Switching Frequencies**
- Lower Switching and Conduction **Losses**
- **Topology** Influences
  - RES/ZVS/ZCS
- Better **EMI** Design
- Innovative **Design**
- Lower **Output Impedance**
- Thermal **Management**
- **Component Improvements**
  - Integrated Circuits
  - Battery Technology
  - Power Semiconductors
  - Capacitors
  - Interconnect





## *Summary of Opportunities*

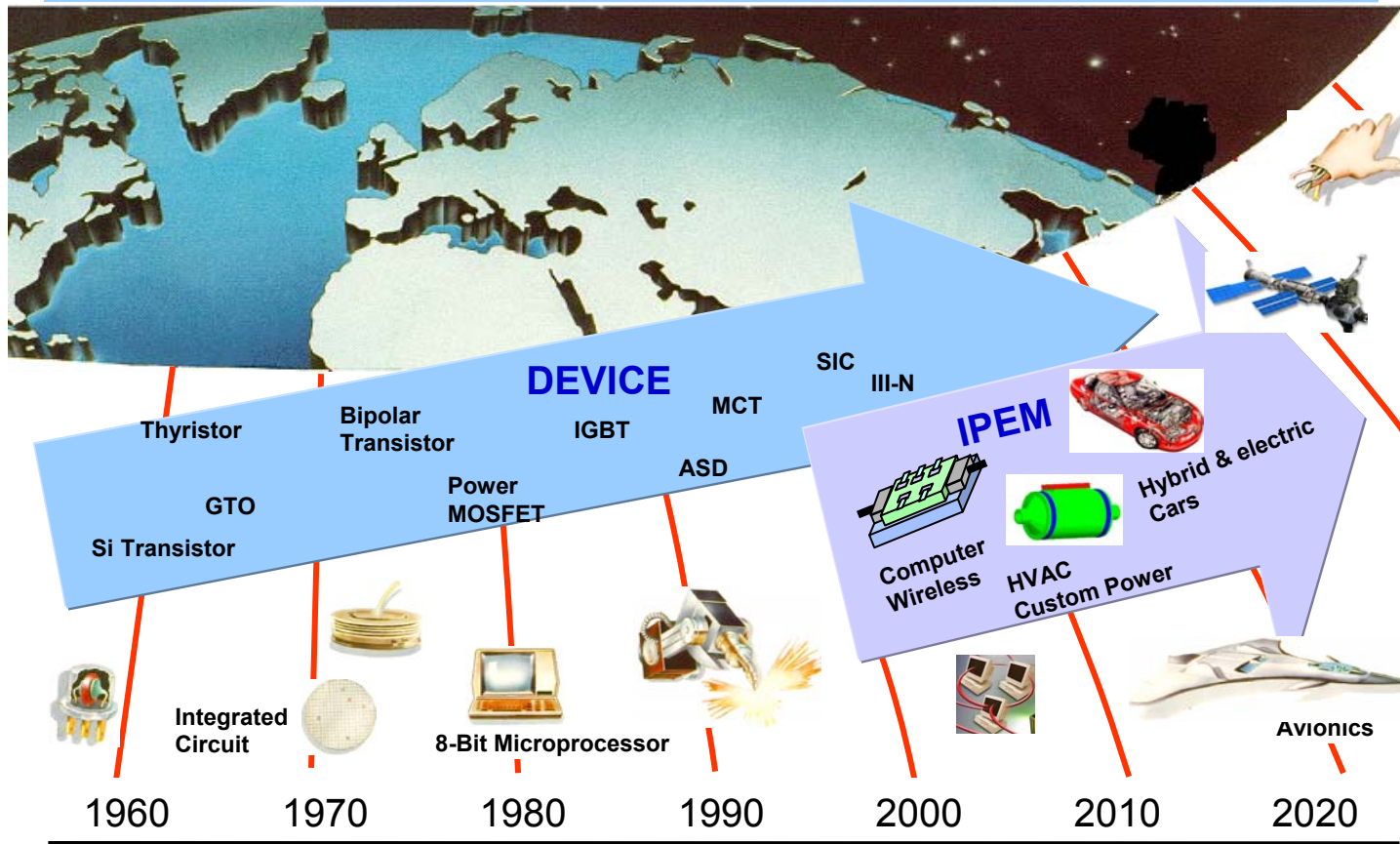
- **Power Switching Devices - The Backbone**
  - Tuned to evolving applications
  - Continued reduction in cost
  
- **Digital Control - A New Brain**
  - Potential is just now being tapped
  - Outstanding potential for converter performance and flexibility
  
- **Embedded Magnetics and Capacitors**
  - Higher frequencies enable smaller devices
  - Integration of passive components holds promise for higher performance and lower cost
  
- **Low impedance, high current interconnect between voltage regulators and high performance silicon**
  
- **Higher Density Energy Storage Capacitors**



# Fred Lee Presentation



## Driving forces for power electronics technology and applications



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# AC-DC “Front Ends”



|                                  | <u>2003</u>              | <u>2008</u>               |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Cost</b> ▶                    | 0.10 – 0.20 \$/W         | 0.08 – 0.14 \$/W          |
| <b>Time to Market (custom)</b> ▶ | 6 – 9 months             | 3 – 6 months              |
| <b>Density</b> ▶                 | 3 – 10 W/in <sup>3</sup> | 10 – 25 W/in <sup>3</sup> |
| <b>MTBF</b> ▶                    | 500 kh                   | 750 – 1000 kh             |
| <b>Efficiency</b> ▶              | 80 – 85%                 | 85 – 92%                  |
| <b>Control</b> ▶                 | Analog                   | Digital                   |
| <b>Switching Freq.</b> ▶         | 100 – 200 kHz            | 100 – 500 kHz             |
| <b>Monitoring</b> ▶              | Analog & Digital         | All Digital               |

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# AC-DC “Front Ends”

## *SUMMARY – Ratio of 2008 to 2003 values*

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| <b>Cost</b> ▶                            | <b>80%</b>  |
| <b>Time to Market (custom designs)</b> ▶ | <b>60%</b>  |
| <b>Density</b> ▶                         | <b>300%</b> |
| <b>Power Losses</b> ▶                    | <b>55%</b>  |
| <b>Reliability (MTBF)</b> ▶              | <b>175%</b> |
| <b>Maximum Frequency</b> ▶               | <b>250%</b> |





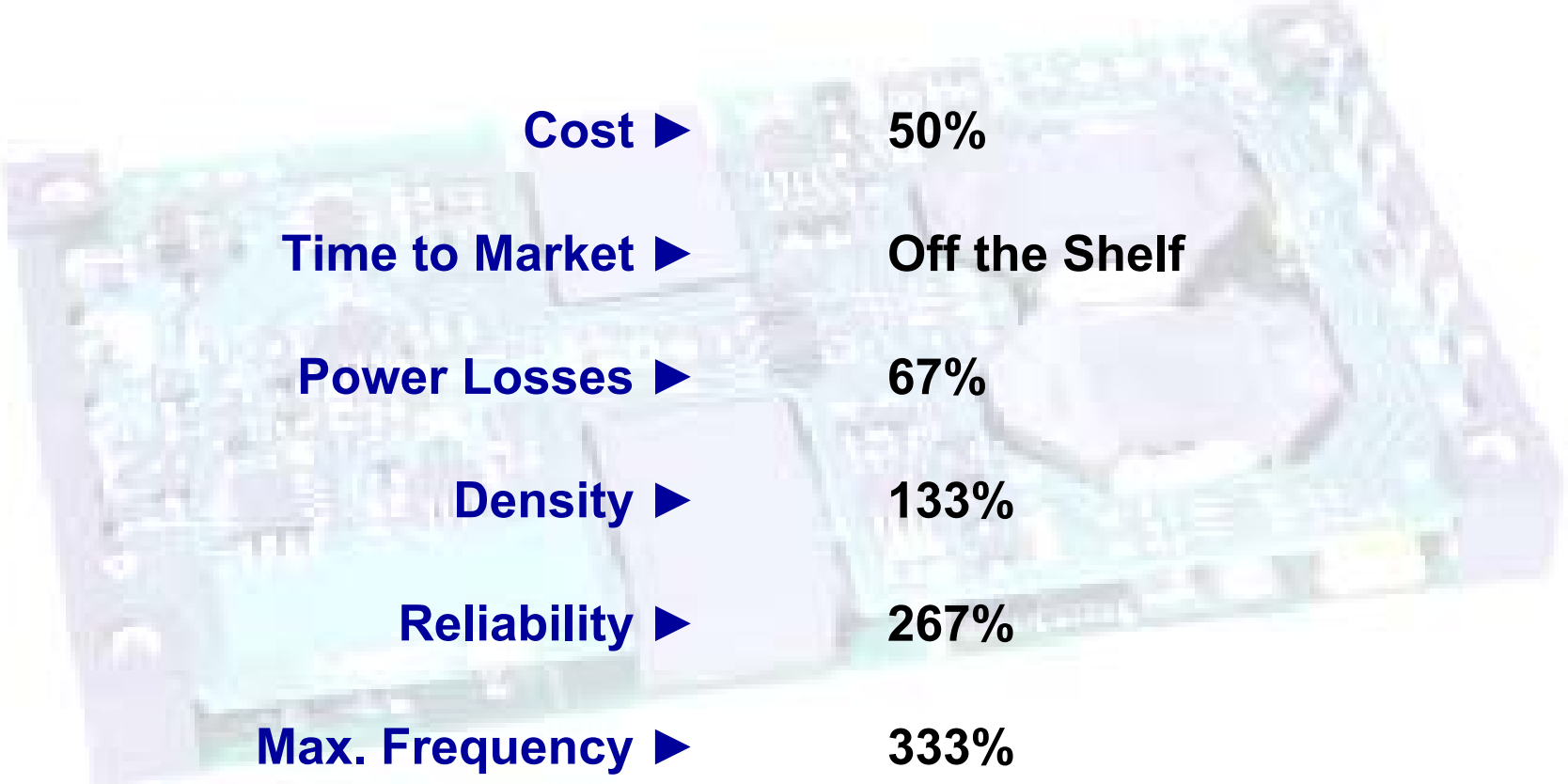
# 100 W “Bricks”

|                          | <u>2003</u>                         | <u>2008</u>                       |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Cost ▶</b>            | 0.40 – 0.60 \$/W                    | 0.20 – 0.45 \$/W                  |
| <b>Density ▶</b>         | 75 W/in <sup>3</sup>                | 100 W/in <sup>3</sup>             |
| <b>Time to Market ▶</b>  | Off The Shelf                       | Off The Shelf                     |
| <b>MTBF ▶</b>            | 1 – 2 Mh                            | 4 Mh                              |
| <b>Efficiency ▶</b>      | 85 – 93%                            | 90 – 95%                          |
| <b>Control ▶</b>         | Limited Digital                     | All Digital                       |
| <b>Switching Freq. ▶</b> | 200 – 300 kHz                       | 300 – 1000 kHz                    |
| <b>Magnetics ▶</b>       | Planar Ferrite<br>10% Custom Shapes | 5% Thin Film<br>50% Custom Shapes |



# 100 W “Bricks”

## ***SUMMARY – Ratio of 2008 to 2003 values***

A faded, light-colored image of a power brick (a 100W DC-DC converter) is used as a background for the table. The brick is a rectangular printed circuit board with various components like capacitors and a transformer.

|                       |   |                      |
|-----------------------|---|----------------------|
| <b>Cost</b>           | ▶ | <b>50%</b>           |
| <b>Time to Market</b> | ▶ | <b>Off the Shelf</b> |
| <b>Power Losses</b>   | ▶ | <b>67%</b>           |
| <b>Density</b>        | ▶ | <b>133%</b>          |
| <b>Reliability</b>    | ▶ | <b>267%</b>          |
| <b>Max. Frequency</b> | ▶ | <b>333%</b>          |



# Non-Isolated DC-DC Converters (Under 200 W)

|                          | <u>2003</u>             | <u>2008</u>           |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Cost ▶</b>            | 0.15 – 1.00 \$/A        | 0.10 – 0.50 \$/A      |
| <b>Density ▶</b>         | 50 A/in <sup>3</sup>    | 75 A/in <sup>3</sup>  |
| <b>Time to Market ▶</b>  | Off the shelf           | Off the shelf         |
| <b>MTBF ▶</b>            | 4 Mh                    | 4 Mh                  |
| <b>Efficiency ▶</b>      | 83 – 95%                | 85 – 97%              |
| <b>Control ▶</b>         | Mostly Analog           | Mostly Digital        |
| <b>Switching Freq. ▶</b> | 0.5 – 1 MHz (per phase) | 1 – 2 MHz (per phase) |
| <b>Switch Package ▶</b>  | SO-8 and Derivatives    | Chip Scale Packages   |

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# Non-Isolated DC-DC Converters (Under 200 W)

## ***SUMMARY – Ratio of 2008 to 2003 values***

|                             |                      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Cost ▶</b>               | <b>50%</b>           |
| <b>Time to Market ▶</b>     | <b>Off the Shelf</b> |
| <b>Power Losses ▶</b>       | <b>60%</b>           |
| <b>Density ▶</b>            | <b>150%</b>          |
| <b>Reliability (MTBF) ▶</b> | <b>100%</b>          |
| <b>Maximum Frequency ▶</b>  | <b>200%</b>          |

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# *Average of all Three Categories*

| <u>Parameter</u>                            | <u>Ratio, 2008/2003</u> |
|---|-------------------------|
| <b>Cost ▶</b>                               | <b>60%</b>              |
| <b>Time to Market ▶</b><br>(Custom Designs) | <b>60%</b>              |
| <b>Power Losses ▶</b>                       | <b>60%</b>              |
| <b>Density ▶</b>                            | <b>200%</b>             |
| <b>Reliability (MTBF) ▶</b>                 | <b>180%</b>             |
| <b>Frequency ▶</b>                          | <b>250%</b>             |

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# Future Power Supplies

**Not Seen**

**Not Heard**

**Not Hot**

**Not Expensive**

**How do we get there?**

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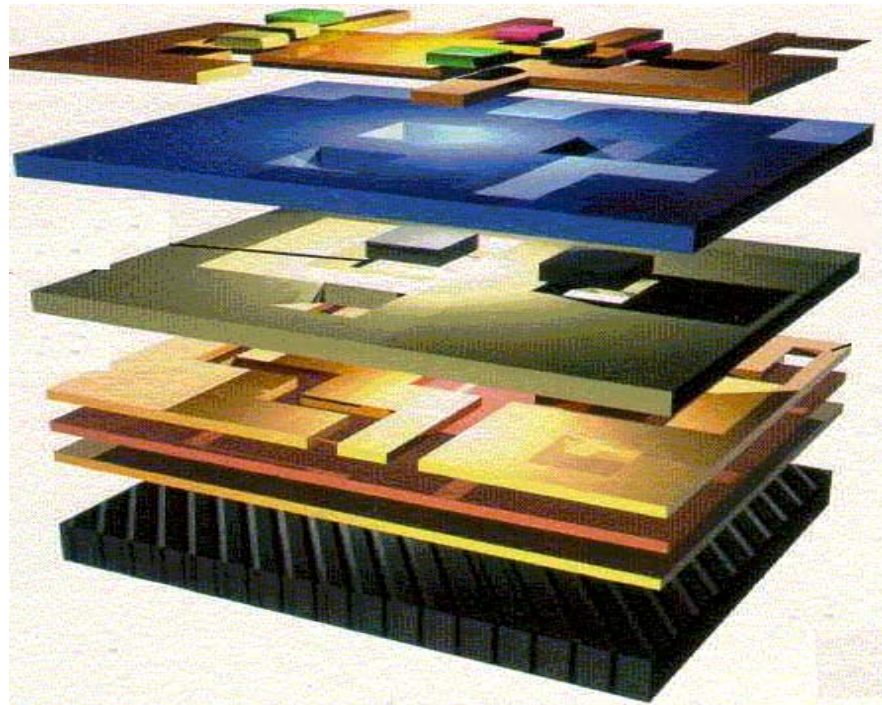
# ***Solutions***

- **Packaging**
  - **Circuits & Technology**
  - **Passive Components**
  - **Semiconductors**
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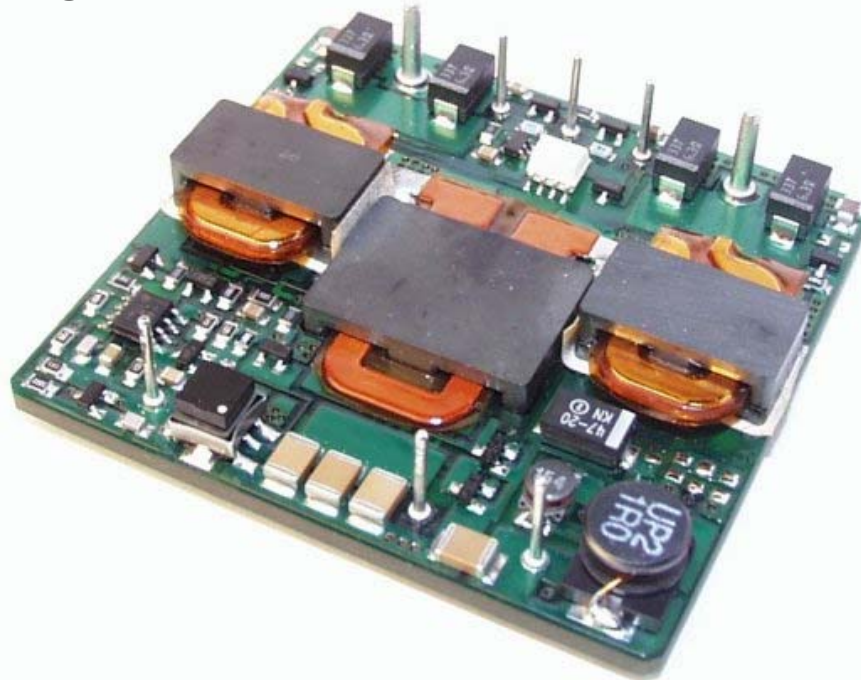
## *Packaging*

- Better use of space, integration of components
- Better thermal management



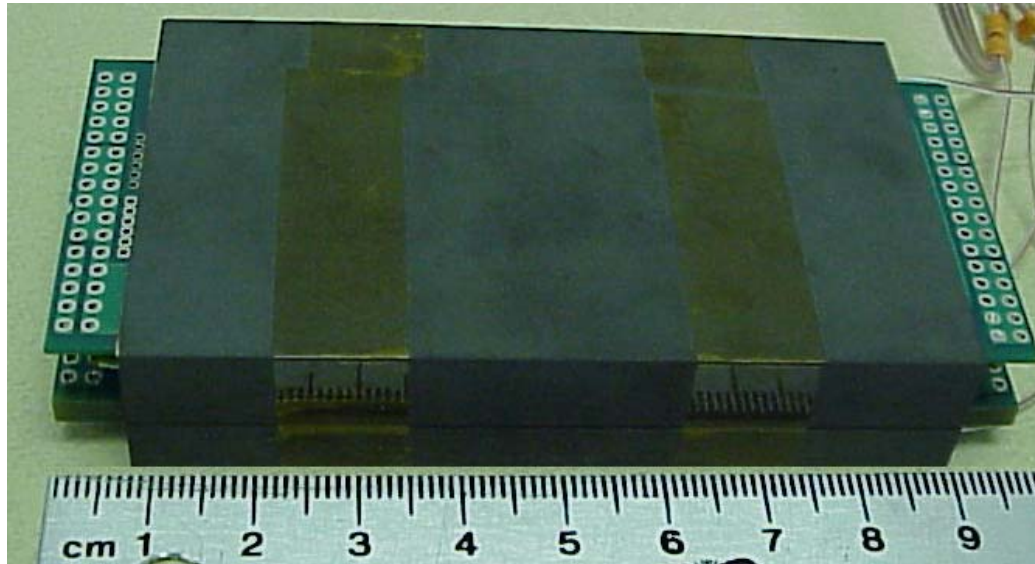
## *Circuits & Topology*

- **Soft-switching techniques to minimize switching losses**
- **Topologies that minimize parasitic losses**



## *Passive Components*

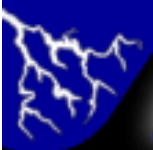
- Magnetic materials with lower losses
- Capacitors with lower parasitic inductance and resistance
- Integrated passive component modules



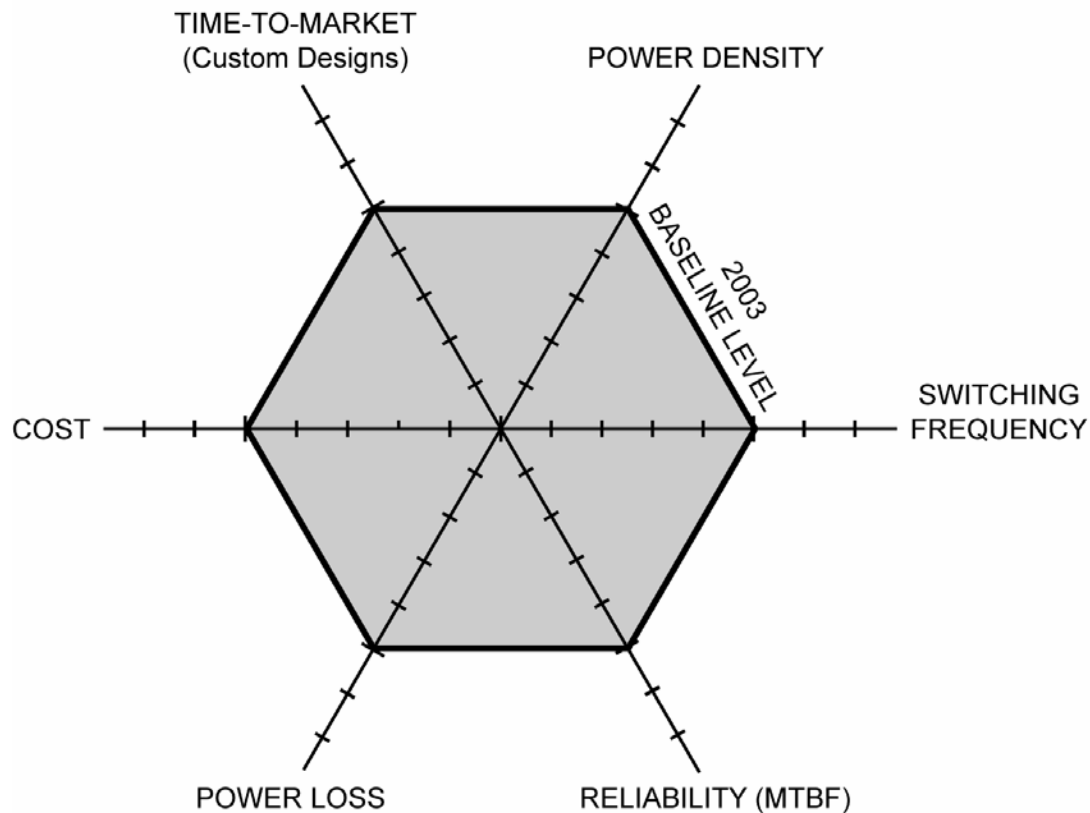
## *Semiconductors*

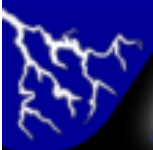
- **Better fundamental elements**  
(bipolar, MOS transistors, etc.)
- **Integrated devices with better thermal management**
- **Controllers that optimize both standby and active modes**



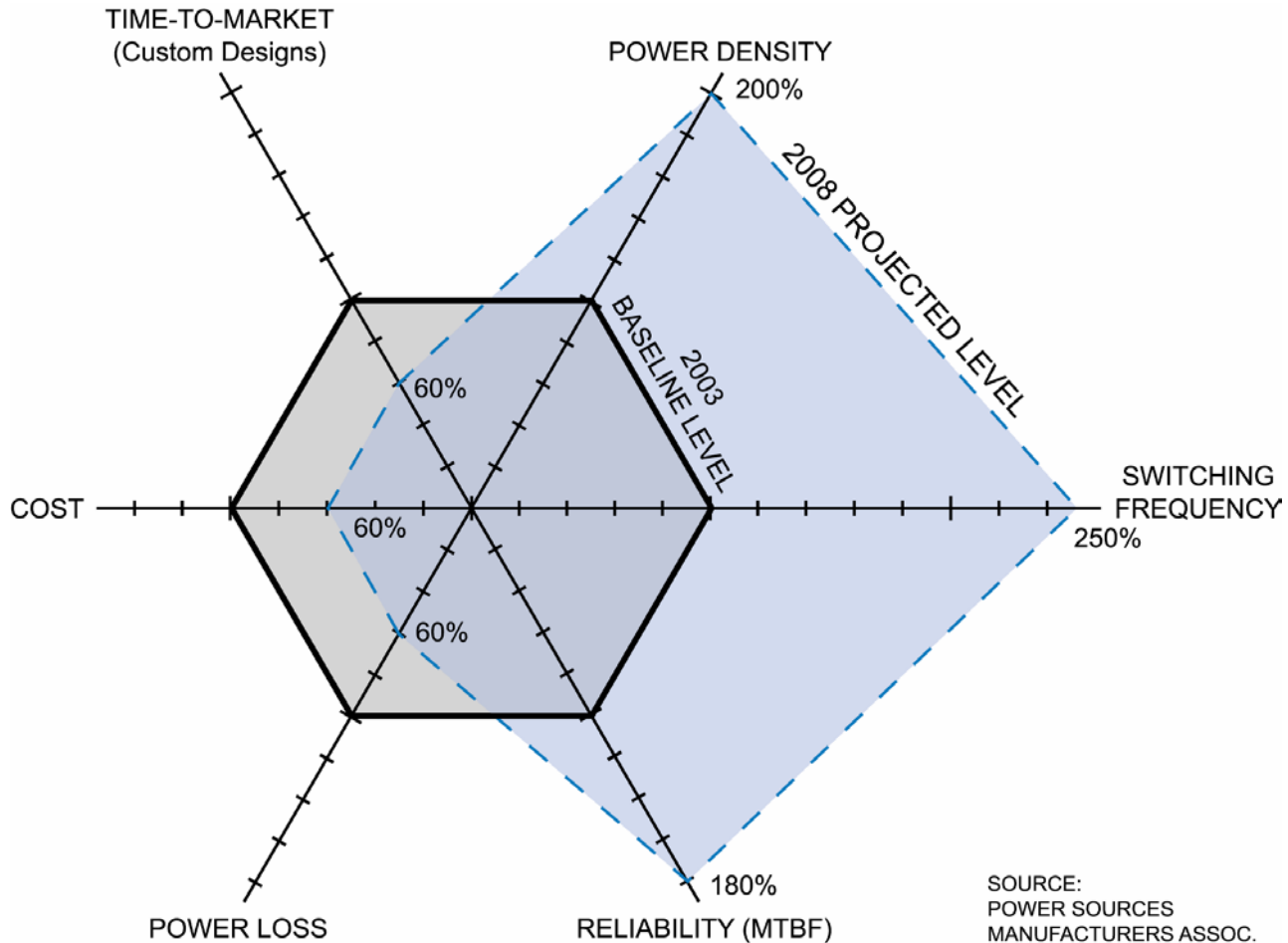


# 5-Year Trend of Key Parameters





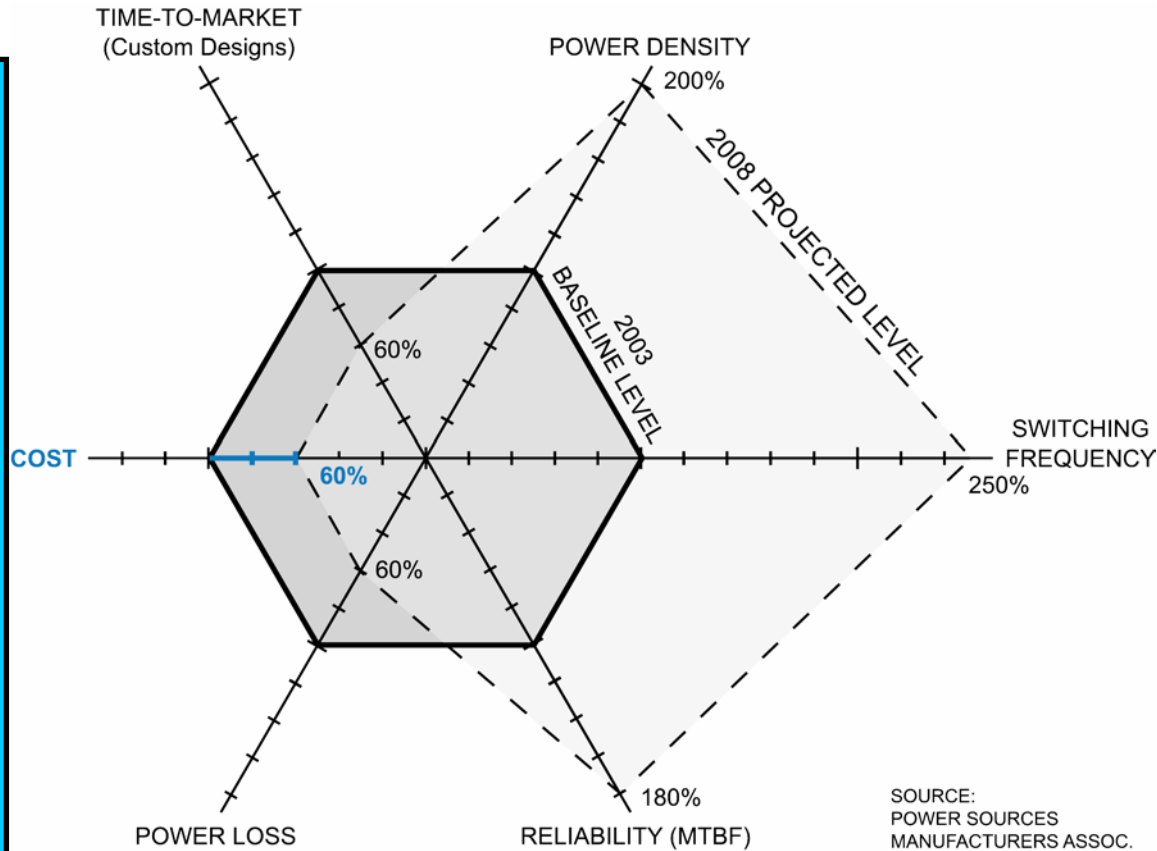
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# The Pieces of the Puzzle

- More Integration
- Better/Cost Effective Components (ICs, Power Semi's, etc.)
- Optimal Topologies
- Innovative Design
- Manufacturing Techniques
- Lower Losses (Reduces cost of package)

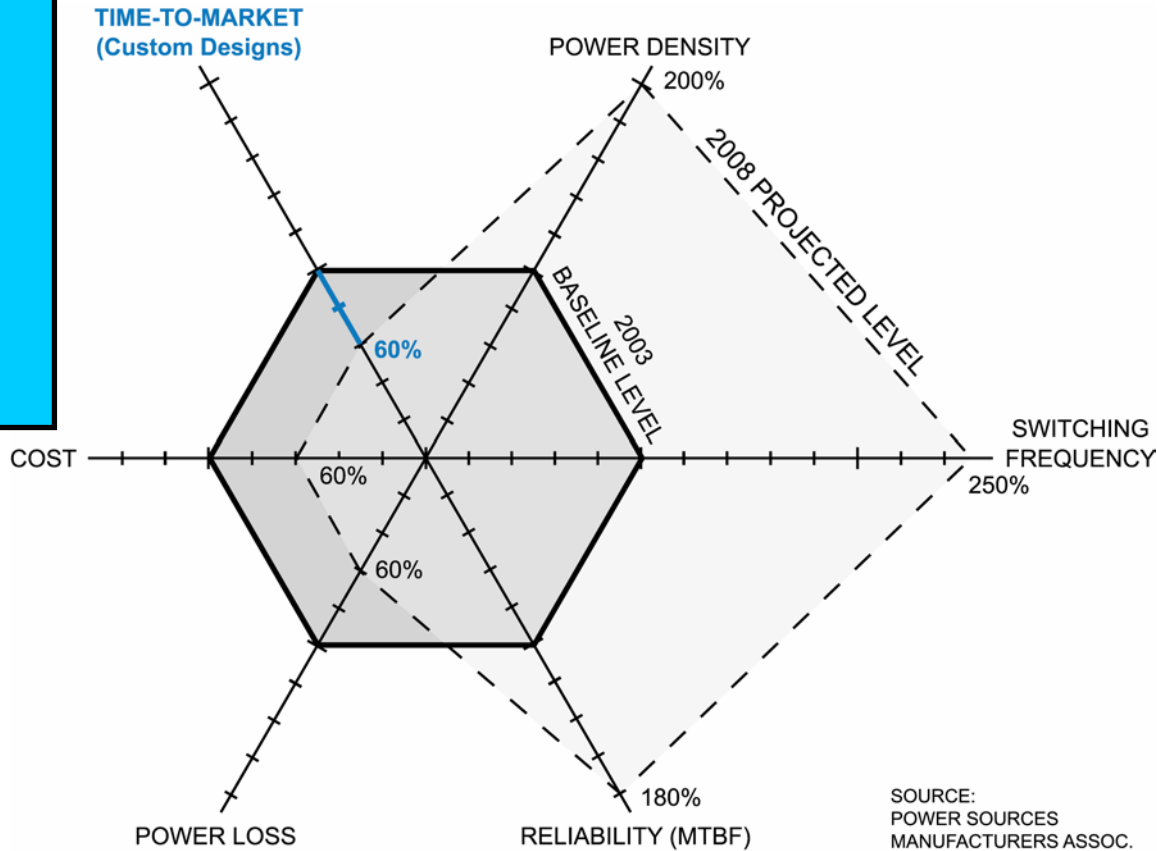






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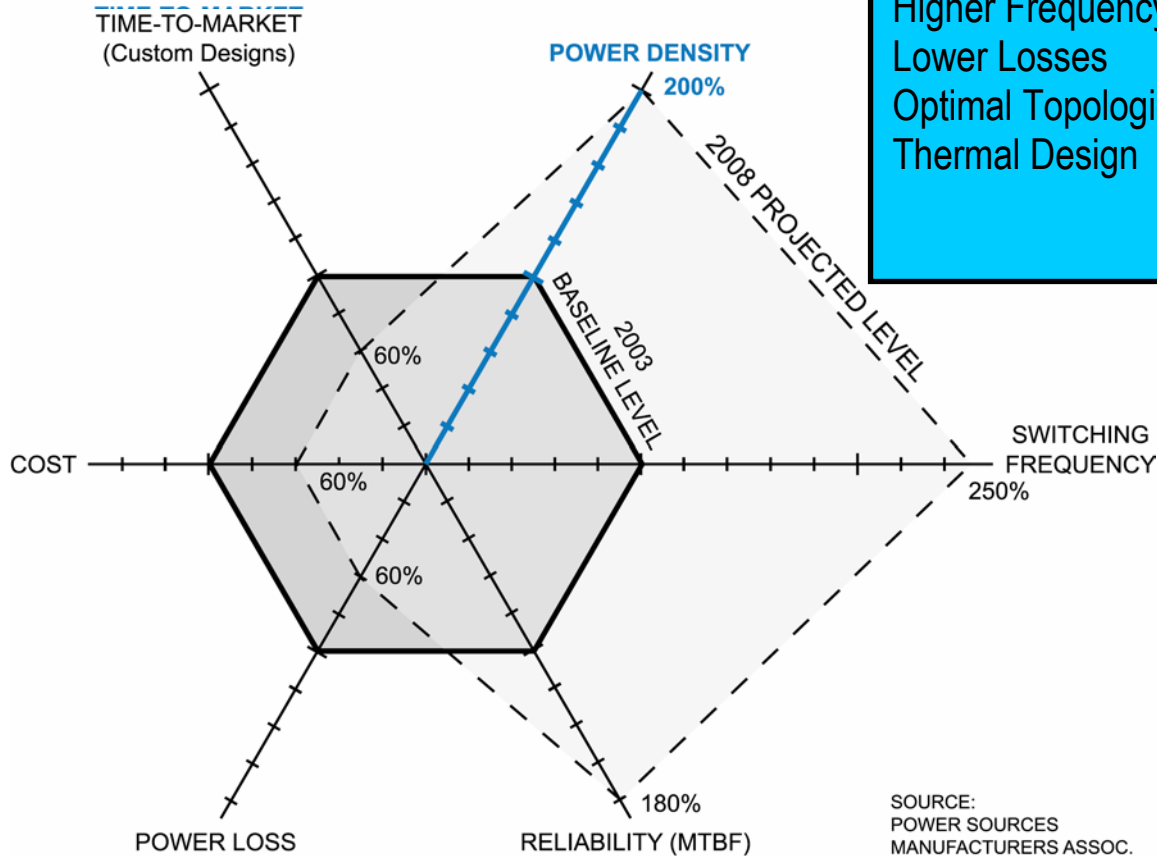
- Integration
- Design Software
- Models
- Kit Solutions
- Technical Support







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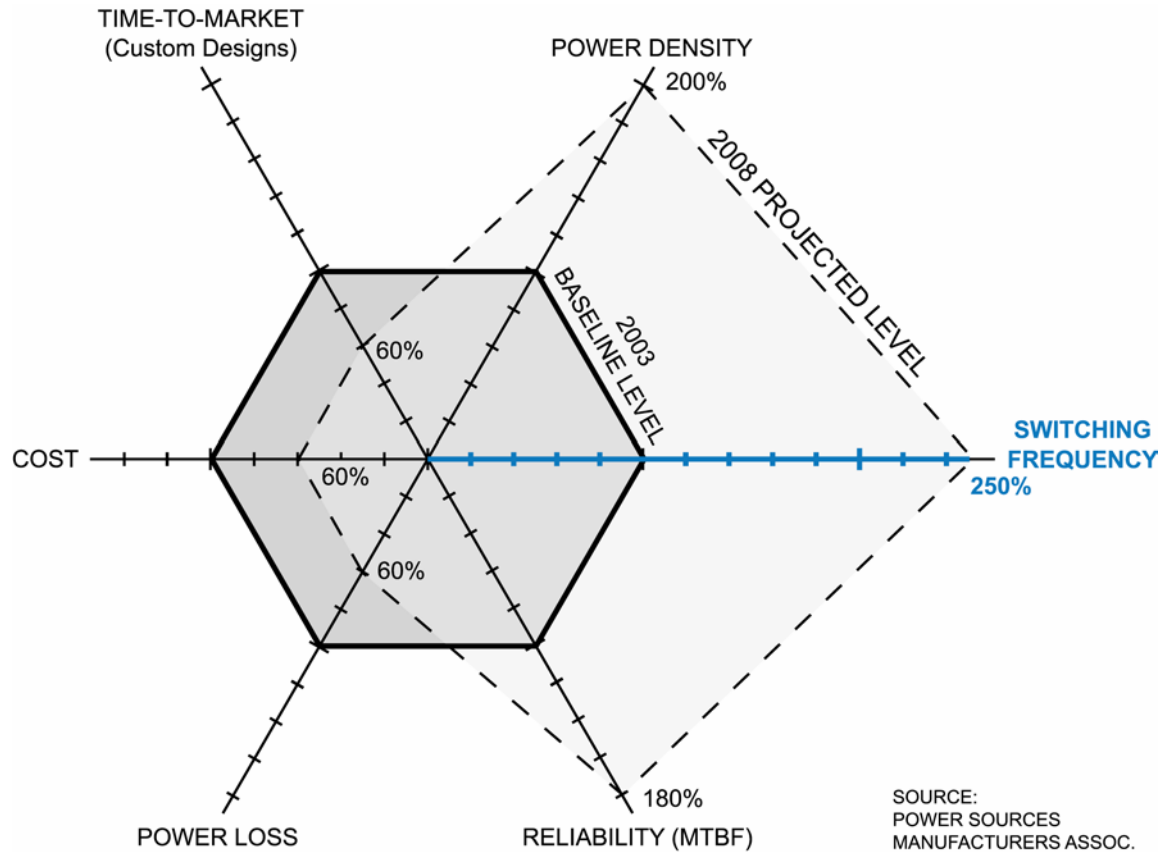


- More Integration
- Better Components
- Higher Frequency
- ICs
- Lower Losses
- Power Semi's
- Optimal Topologies
- Capacitors
- Thermal Design
- Magnetics
- Materials
- Structures

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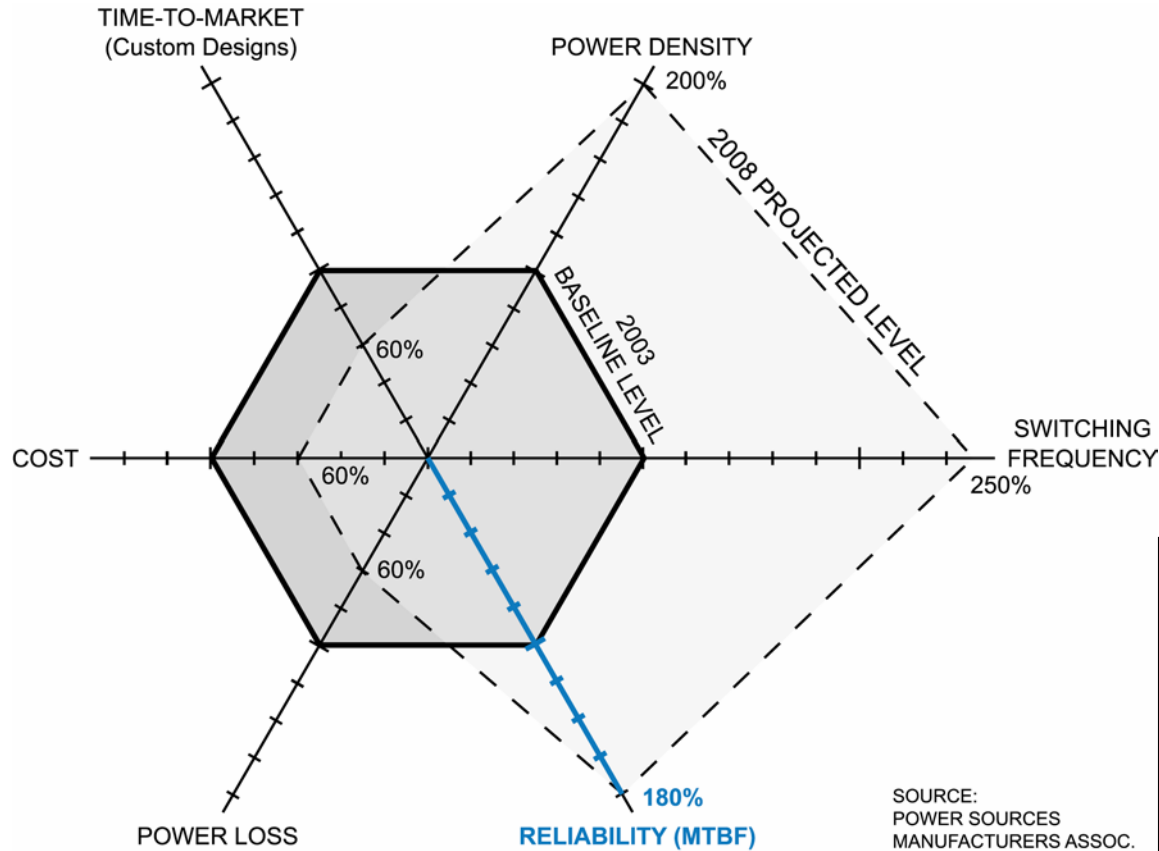
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Better Components

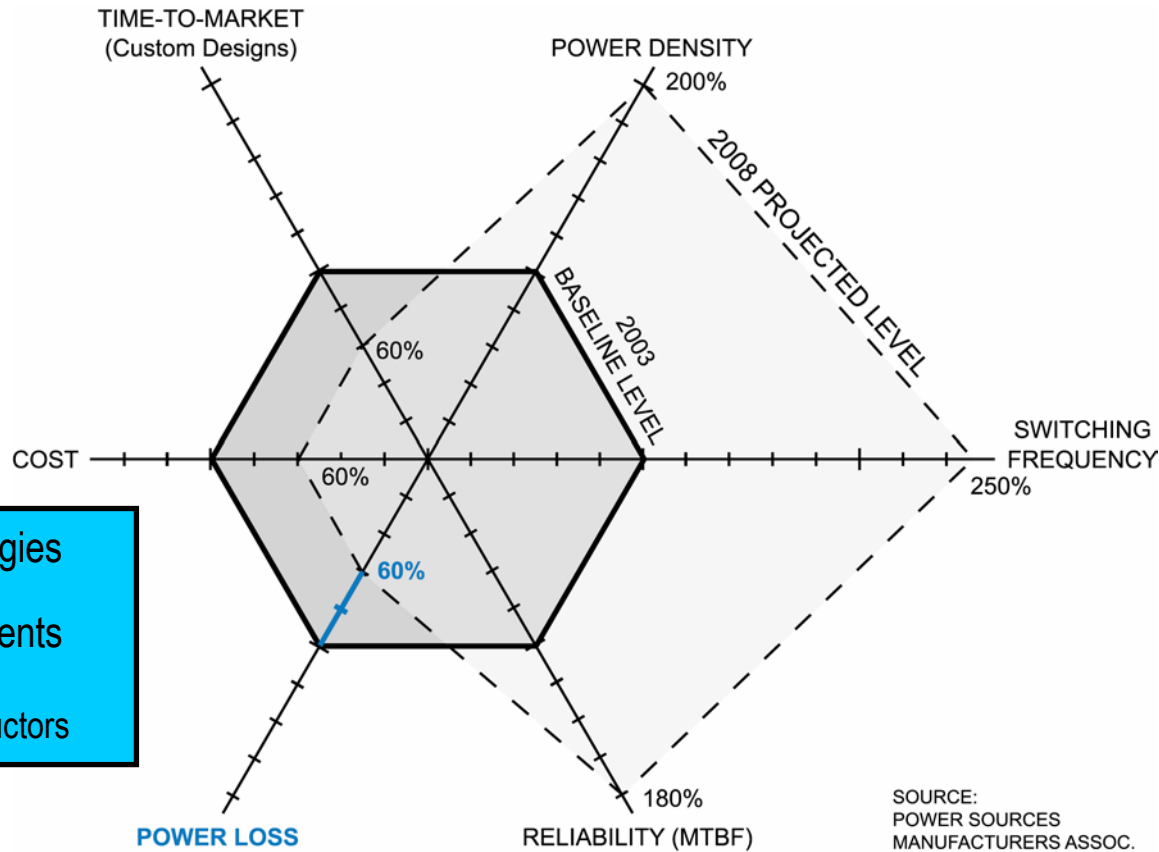
Thermal Design

Better Design  
Stress Analysis

Hot Swap  
Infrastructure



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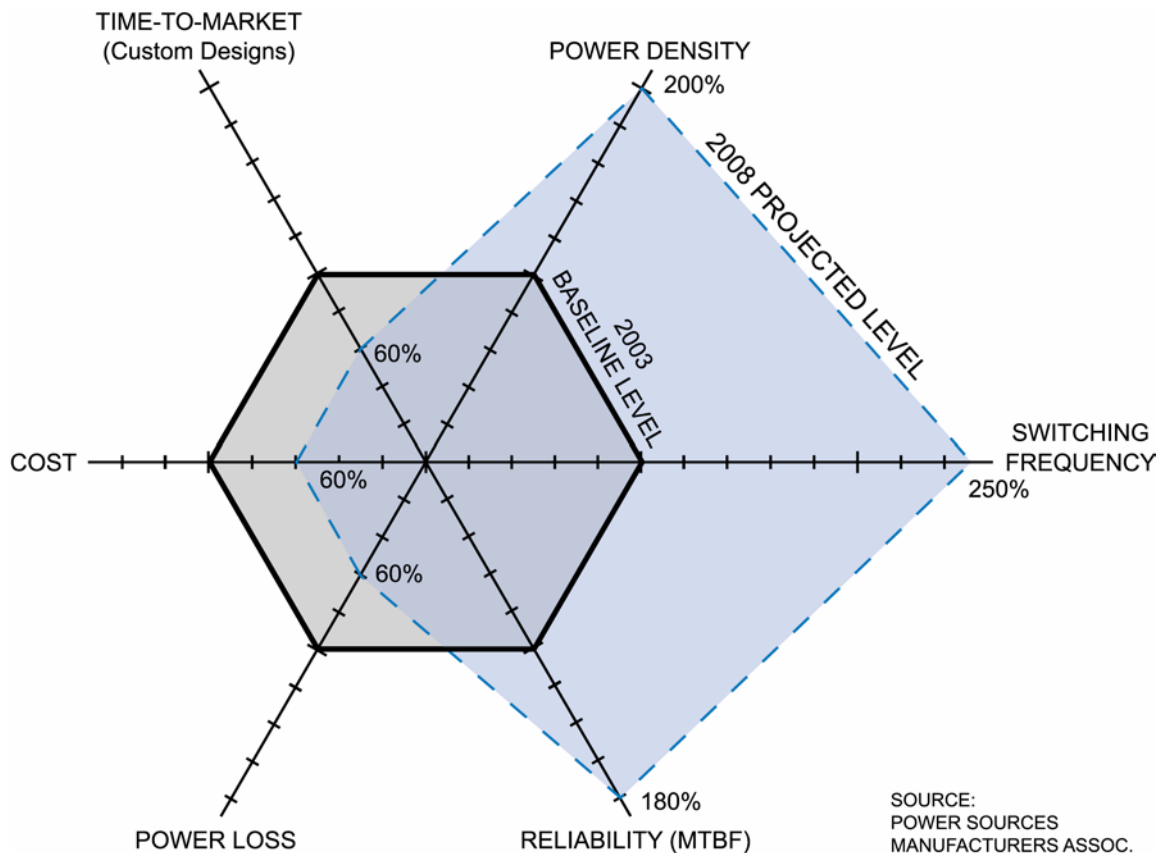


Optimal Topologies  
Better Components  
ICs  
Power Semiconductors

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