



Powering AI infrastructure

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AGENDA

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AI impact everywhere

\$15T in economic contributions in 2030¹

>\$6T in productivity gains¹

>\$9T in consumption effects¹

1ST WAVE UNDERWAY 2023

**AI training clusters
and tools**

2ND WAVE RAMPING 2025

**Broad enterprise
use case adoption
from edge to cloud**

BY 2029

**\$1 trillion
worldwide data
center IT capex²**

BY 2030

**Cloud service
provider
infrastructures will
host ~65% of AI
workloads in EU,
US³**

33% CAGR for AI-ready data center capacity through 2030³

1. PwC: "Sizing the Prize" published in 2017 and updated in 2023
2. Dell'Oro Group: "Data Center Capex to Surpass \$1 Trillion by 2029," February 5, 2025
3. McKinsey & Company: "AI power expanding data center capacity to meet growing demand," October 29, 2024

The evolution of AI Power requirement rapidly increasing

125kW
Power

250kW
Power

500kW
Power

1MW+
Power

AI power architectures

Generation 1: 12 V architecture

Pros:

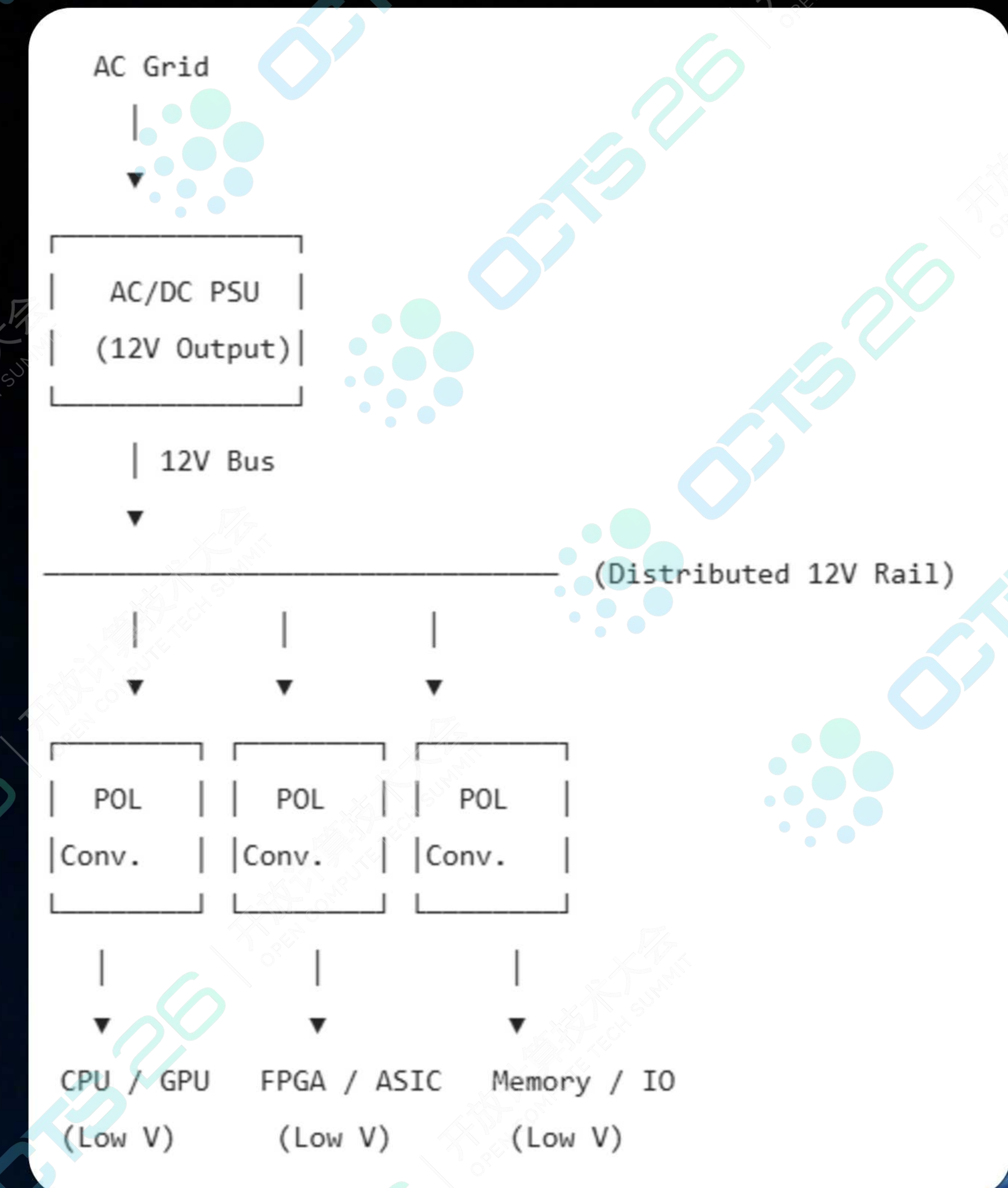
- Simple, standardized
- Legacy ecosystem

Cons:

- High current = I^2R losses
- Poor efficiency
- Not scalable for AI racks > 30kW

Conclusion:

- 12 V fails due to current scaling



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AI power architecture evolution

Generation 2: 48 V architecture

Pros:

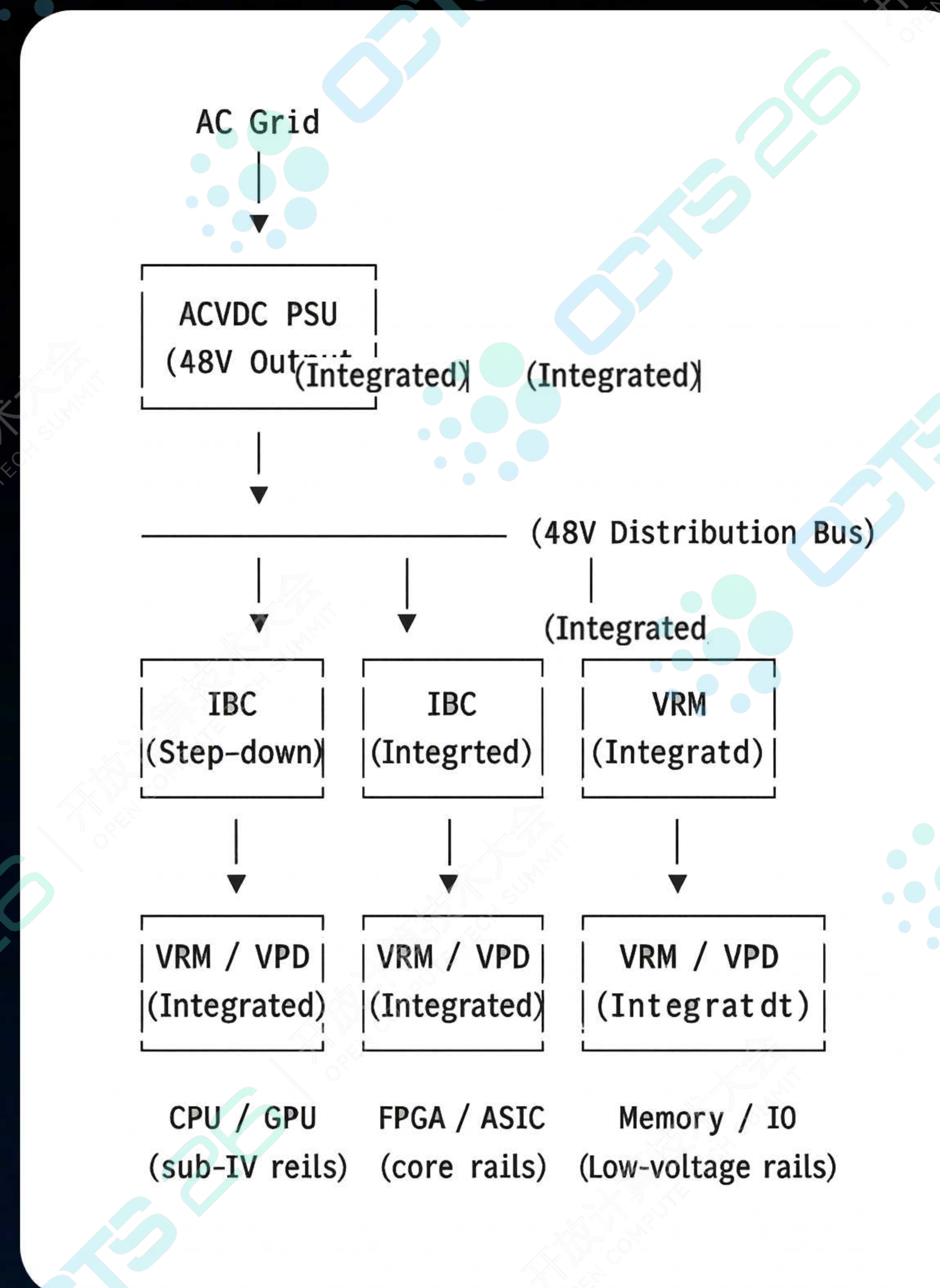
- Enables higher rack density
- Supports VPD— customized power

Cons:

- Significant copper losses
- Board space
- Thermal constraints

Conclusion:

- 48 V is the bridge and required but not the end state



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AI power architecture evolution

Generation 3: 800 VDC architecture

Pros:

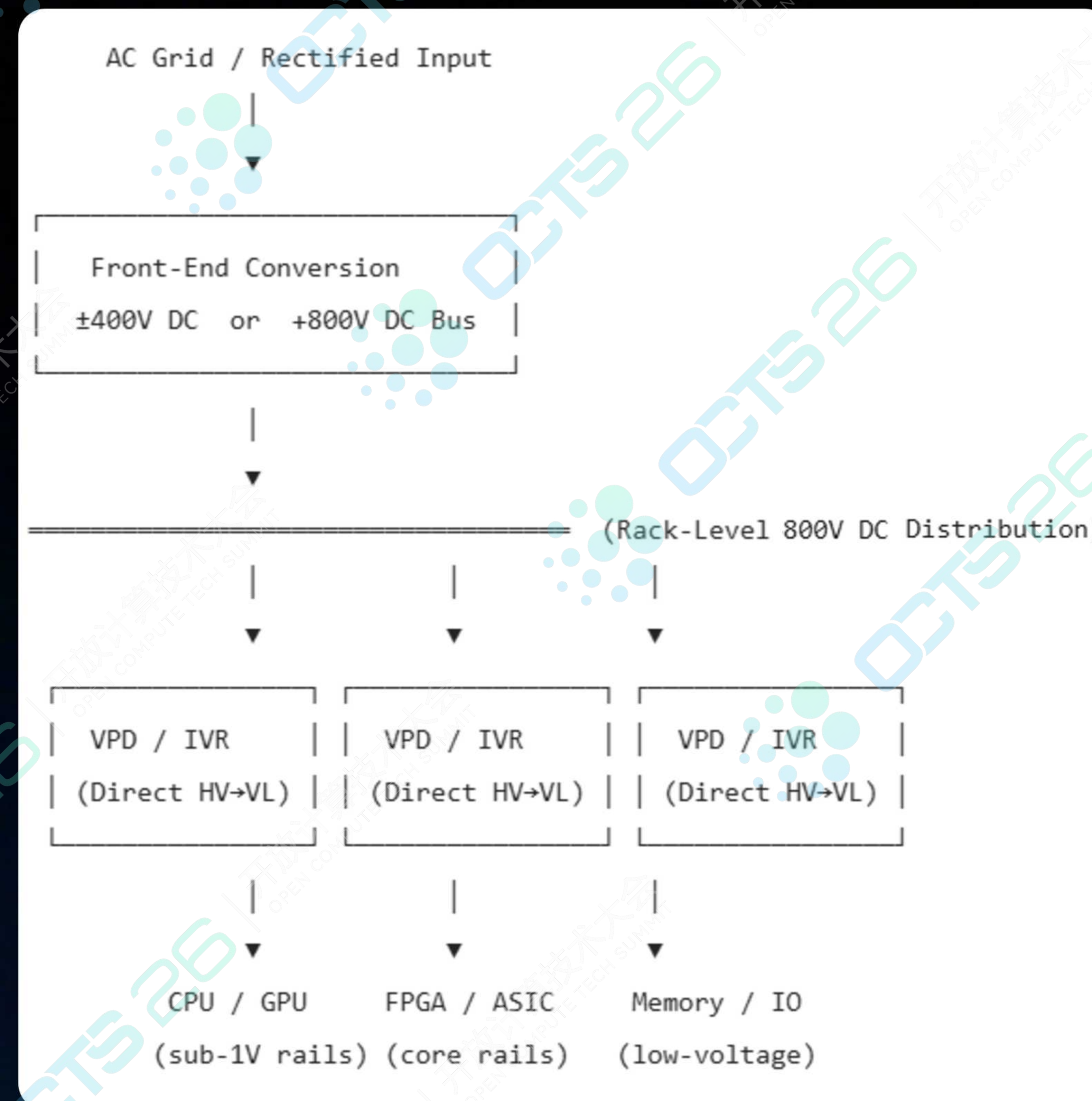
- Drastic current reduction
- Lower distribution losses
- Simplified power chain

Cons:

- Safety & protection
- New standards

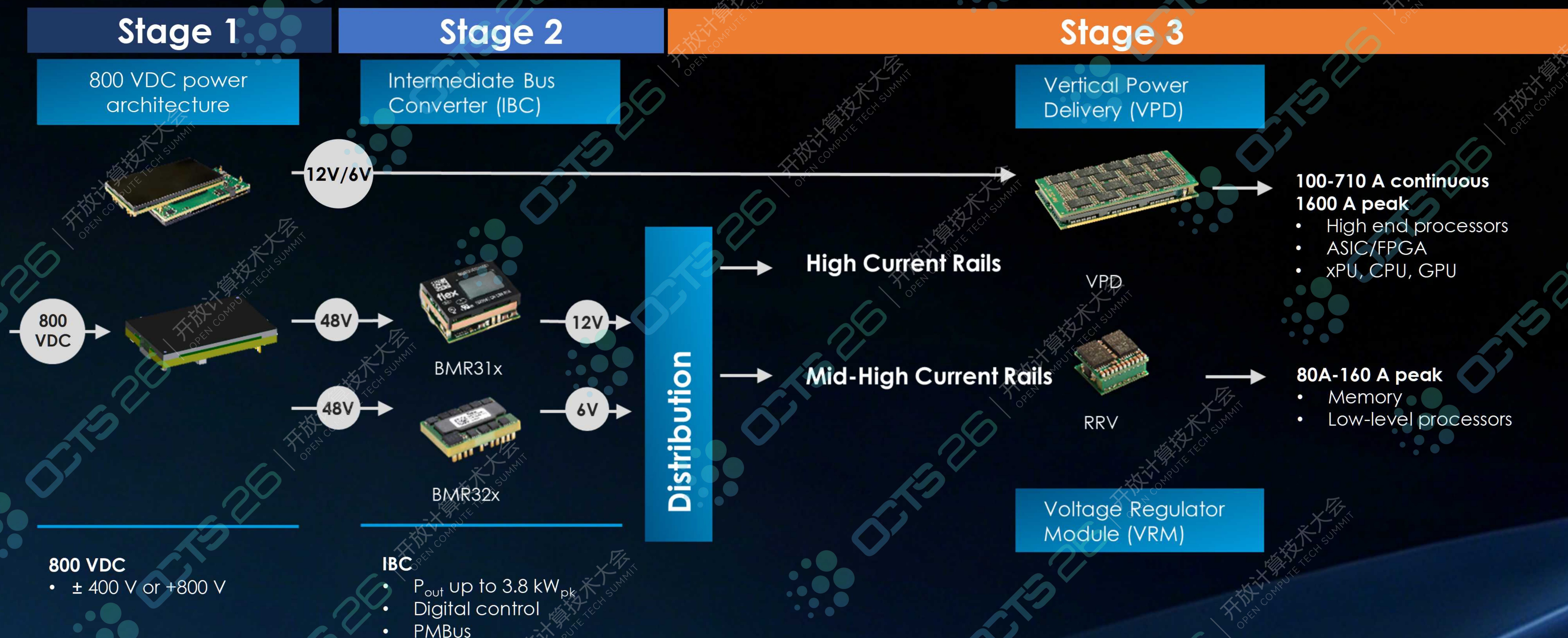
Conclusion:

- 800 VDC is a structure shift in power delivery



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3 stage power conversion



800 VDC products & development

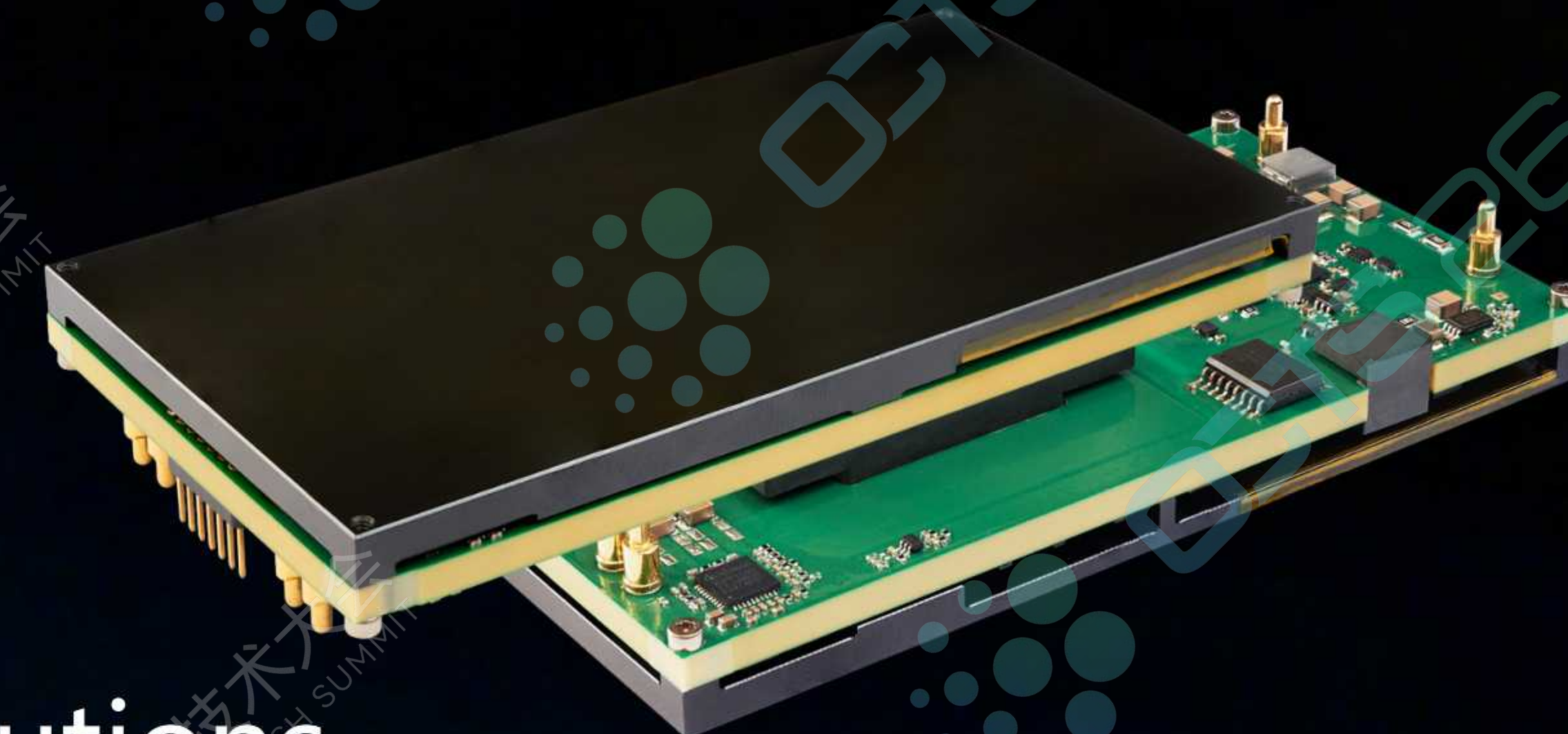
Flex next-gen power modules portfolio

BMR720 – next-gen power in a full brick:

$V_{in} = \pm 400 \text{ VDC}$ | $V_{out} = 50 \text{ V}$ (16:1) | Power = 10kW TDP and 15kW peak | efficiency = 98.5%

Trends in the market:

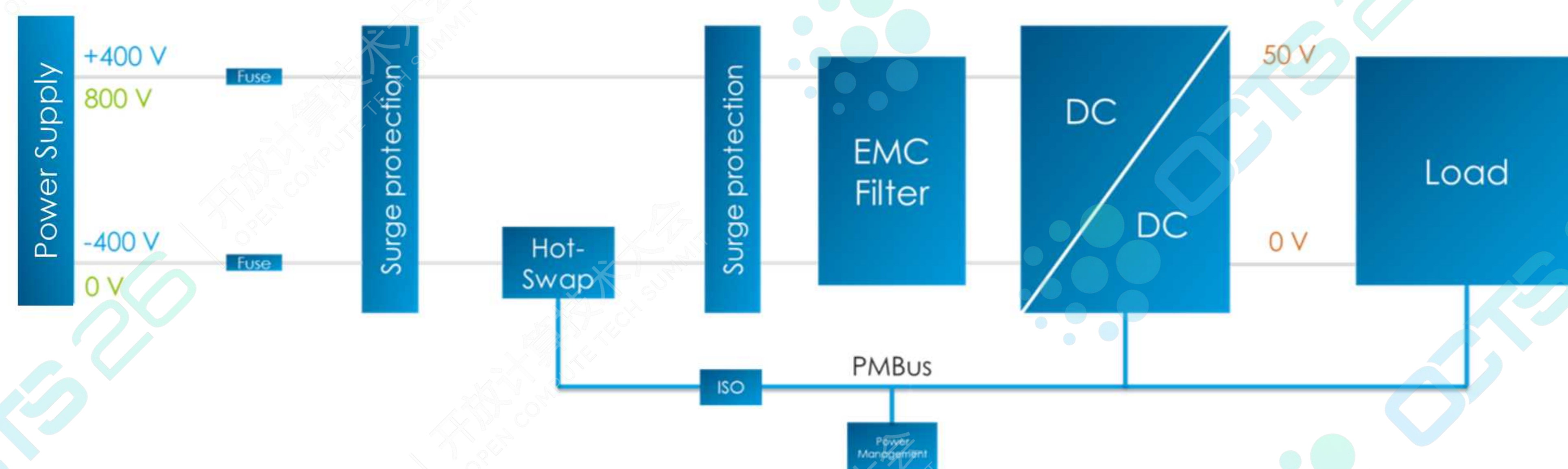
- Choice between regulated and unregulated
- Standard brick formats
- Capability to provide custom PDB (power distribution board) solutions
- Units capable of supporting either 800V or $\pm 400\text{V}$ (isolation differences)
- 800 VDC is not the final stage



Power Distribution Board

PDB architecture

- Customized solution
- Fusing
- Surge suppression
- Current measurements
- Hot swap
- EMC filtering
- Bulk capacitance & discharge circuit
- PMBus interface & isolation



Conclusion

- Higher current driven by AI
- Move to higher voltages and fewer conversion steps
- FET technology evolution - GaN&SiC
- Advanced cooling solution



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