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Power Electronics is a **UK** Success Story

World class companies across a number of market sectors

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International
IOR Rectifier

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DIODES

sectors

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e2v technologies

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THE POWER CONVERSION COMPANY

ROLLS
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**Innovative SME's delivering new approaches
and technologies to the market**



Power Electronics is a UK Success Story

Internationally recognised universities educating the next generations of power electronic engineers and expanding the knowledge base through research



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Of
Sheffield.

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WARWICK





What is Power Electronics?

- Power Electronics manages power not data
- It is used from the mW (eg mobile phone) through to multi-GW (eg HVDC energy transmission between countries)
- Wherever there is a need to modify a form of electrical energy – i.e. change its voltage, current or frequency – then Power Electronics comes into play

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Power Electronics - The Enabling Technology



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Industrial



Energy



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Power Electronics - A **Global** Market

- £135 billion direct market with 10% CAGR
- The market is **Global** and Competitive
- Multi-national companies with **Global** design and manufacturing locations
- The UK is competitive in key **Global** markets *including* in the “systems” area:
 - Aerospace
 - Industrial Drives / Marine Drives / Renewable Energy Converters
 - Automotive
 - HVDC

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Power Electronics – A UK Strength

- **UK Electronics Industry:**
 - contributes > £50bn to UK GDP
 - 500,000 jobs in 25,000 companies
- **A key Power Electronics Manufacturer**
 - >£4bn of Power Electronics product (most exported)
 - Order(s) of magnitude higher for the enabled systems
- **An international reputation for Design**
 - Design for Global manufacture
- **A strong SME base**
 - Driving Innovation & key component supply
- **Established and good routes to market**



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Challenges for Power Electronics (and the way forward)

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Challenge 1: The Power Electronics Community lacks cohesion and representation

Approach:

The National Forum for Power Electronics will maintain and increase the momentum gained during the preparation of this report, driving through its recommendations and monitoring progress made.

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Challenge 2: The UK needs to be an exemplar low-energy/low-carbon economy

Approach:

Foster the reputation of the UK as an exemplary producer and user of Power Electronics technologies – a world-leader in low carbon, renewables, manufacturing and sustainability. Critical to this is to develop a clear vision for our electricity infrastructure – to define the ‘Smart Grid’.

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Challenge 3: To ensure the UK remains at the forefront of innovative Power Electronics design and manufacture

Approach:

To drive innovation in both product design and manufacture. To foster collaboration across industry sectors and supply chain barriers, promoting best practice and access to international standards. Long-term disruptive technologies need focused support through to pre-production.

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Challenge 4: To ensure a good supply of talented Power Electronics engineers

Approach:

The National Forum would promote Power Electronics in all areas of education, from primary schools onwards, to maintain a critical mass of competent talent on which the viability and vibrancy of the sector depends. Collaborative industrial involvement is needed. Government has also to play its part, and the strategy proposes a number of zero-cost actions to promote the value of STEM

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Challenge 5: To improve access and the exchange of leading technology

Approach:

It is necessary to bridge the gaps between universities, start-ups and industry, so that innovation is pulled through in a timely manner. The onus is on all parties to recognise the needs and the opportunities, to make the necessary investment and to create the mechanisms for vibrant relationships.

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■ **The Report**

- celebrates success
- projects a vision for even greater future success
- identifies threats and opportunities
- gives detailed direction to industry, academia and government to fulfil the UK's potential



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STRATEGY OVERVIEW

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Strategy Overview

1. Introduction – Bill Drury
2. The UK Industrial & Academic Position – Derek Boyd
3. Challenges, Opportunities & Actions
 - National Forum for Power Electronics – Gareth Taylor
 - UK exemplar low energy/carb. economy – Graham Ferry
 - Support Design and Manufacture – Rob Haase
 - Supply of PE Engineers – Bill Drury
 - Improve Access to Technology – Phil McGoldrick

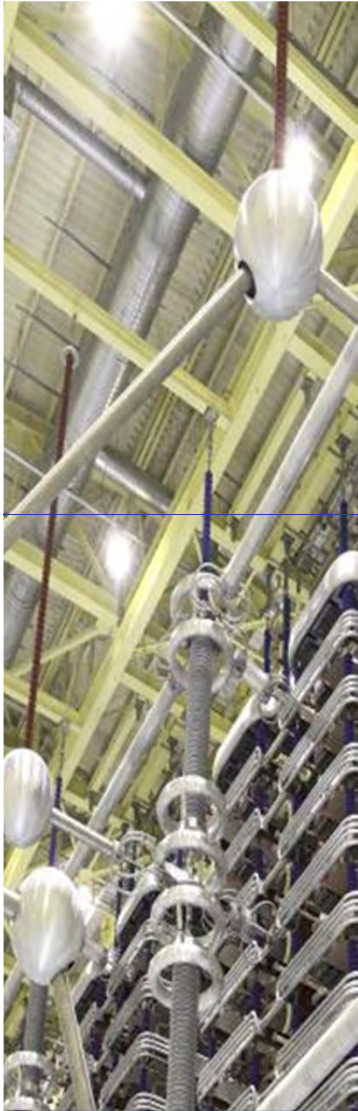


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What is Power Electronics?

- A picture is worth a thousand words.....

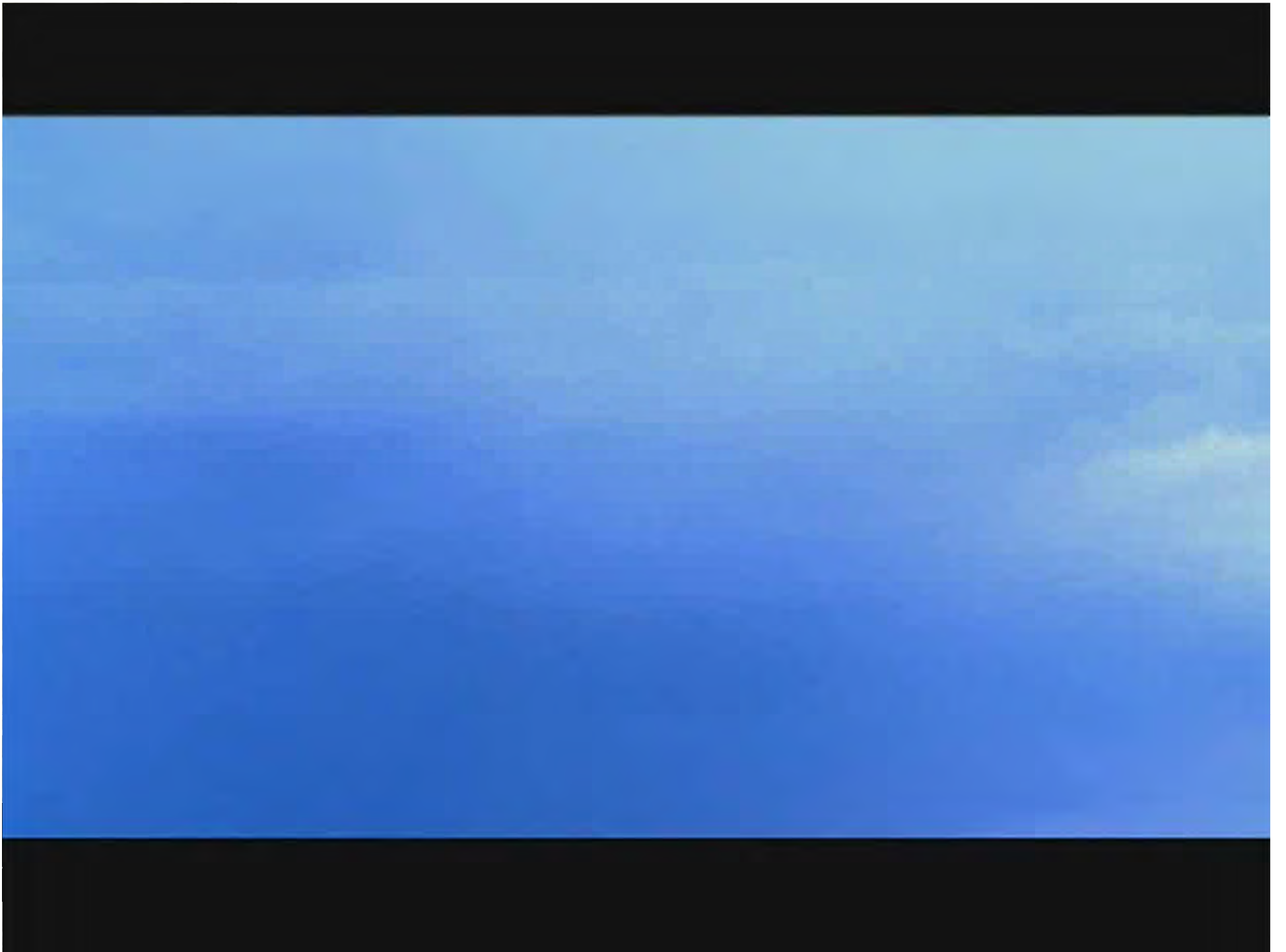


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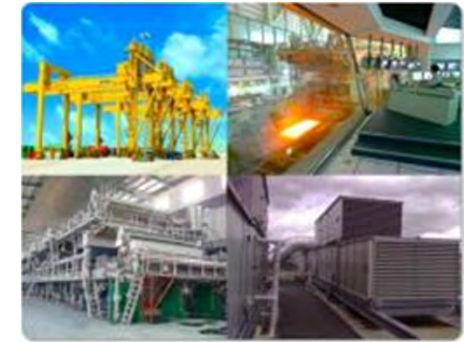
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Is Power Electronics Important?

Power Electronics is critical to National Strategic objectives:

- Carbon Reduction / Energy Efficiency
 - UK Government targets a 34% cut in 1990 emission levels by 2020 & >80% cut by 2050
 - UK legislation mandates 15% of all energy will come from Renewable sources by 2020 (= >5-fold increase from 2009)

- Manufacturing

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- Innovation

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Power Electronics makes a difference

- 60% of all electrical energy is used in Industrial Electric motors
- Power Electronic control reduced energy consumption typically by 30-40%, and could be applied effectively in about 50% of applications*
- Power Electronic Motor Control has potential to **reduce total electrical energy consumption by 9%**



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* Electronics enabling efficient energy use, e4u, 2009



Power Electronics - A **Global** Market

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- The market is **Global** and Competitive
- **Global** companies with **Global** design and manufacturing locations
- UK is good at Power Electronics!
- In the “systems” area alone, global strength in:
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 - Automotive
 - HVDC

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BUT

The community is fragmented and faces
real challenges in the future

**So we decided to do
something about it!**



The Power Electronics Strategy Group

- Led by BIS and NMI
- Strategy Group – Industry, Academia, TSB, EPSRC, Carbon Trust, ETN, Trade Associations..
- Engaged with an ever growing Power Electronics community - 5 Regional Workshops
- Identified 4 exemplar industry sectors
 - Transport
 - Energy generation, transmission & distribution
 - Consumer electronics & lighting
 - Industrial drives

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Regional Workshop - Common Issues



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Strengths

- International reputation for Design and Innovation
- Good Supply Chain
- World Class University Research and Undergraduate teaching
- Good Market Access

Weaknesses

- Fragmented Power Electronics Community
- Availability of suitably skilled Engineers
- Power Electronics not recognised
- Industry, Universities and Government not co-ordinated

Opportunities

- Growing Student Power/Energy interest
- Sponsoring Students key to recruitment

Threats

- Inability to recruit high quality Engineers
- Tuition Fees



UK Strength and Opportunity

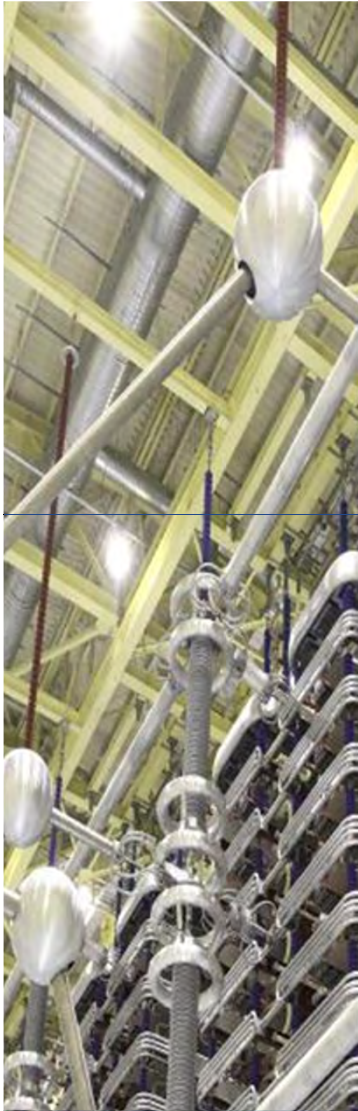
- For each exemplar market sector we reviewed
 - The market
 - The UK supply chain
 - The technology base
 - SWOT analysis
 - Illustrative case studies
- We also considered our university capability
- We concluded that

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Chief Executive, NMI
UK Capability



Sector mapping

- Academia >14
- Energy >14
- Transport >14
- Consumer & Lighting >7
- Industrial, Commercial & Military >11
- Semiconductors >17
- Equipment & Materials >8
- Supporting Organisations >18



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Consumer & Lighting

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LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY



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In Conclusion...

- Outstanding capability in the UK
- Faced with some key challenges...and we need to get our act together!
- The National Forum will provide a focal point, but we need
 - Industrial activism
 - Unity of purpose & cohesion
 - Resources
- It has commitment from the leading Trade Associations, BIS & the ESP KTN...
- Let's make it happen!



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Challenges, Opportunities & Actions

1. A National Forum for Power Electronics
2. UK exemplar low-energy/ low-carbon economy
3. To ensure the UK remains at the forefront of innovative Power Electronics design and manufacture
4. To ensure a good supply of talented Power Electronics engineers for both industry and academia
5. To improve access to leading technology and engineers, bridging industry and universities



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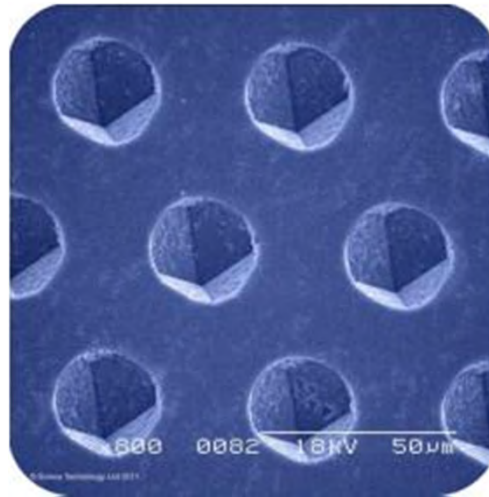
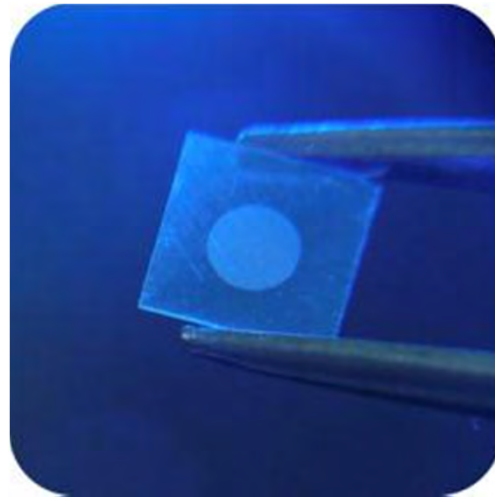
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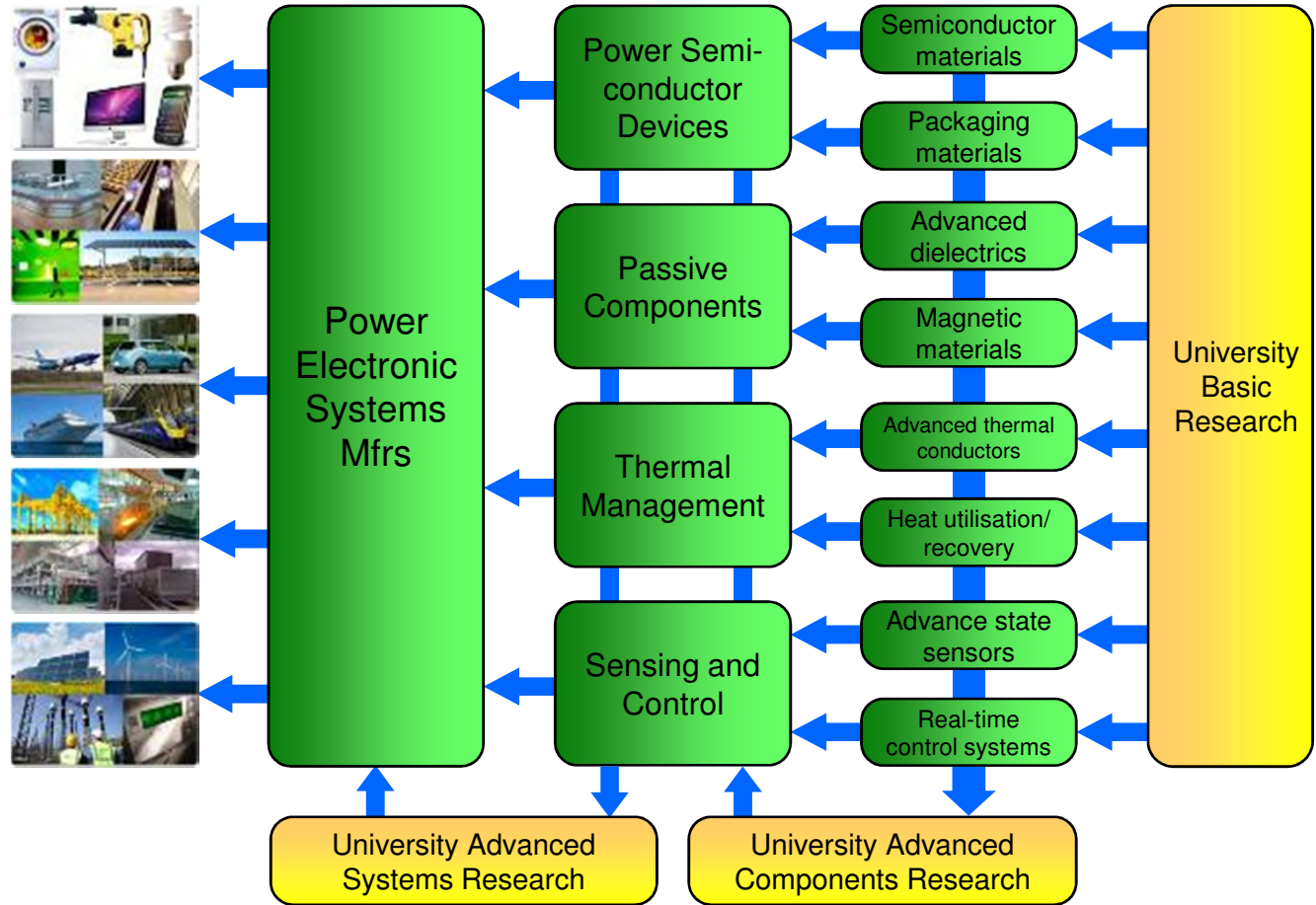
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Dr Gareth Taylor
CEO



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A National Forum for Power Electronics



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A National Forum for Power Electronics

- A focal point for UK power electronics
- Public awareness of PE as keystone to CO₂ reduction
- Cross fertilisation
- Innovation pull through
- Creating and building bridges for UK success

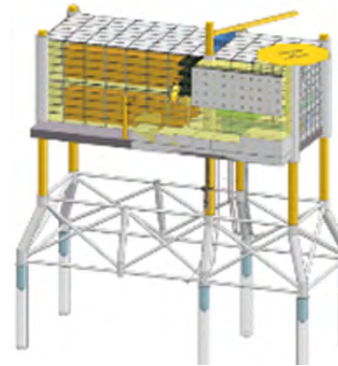




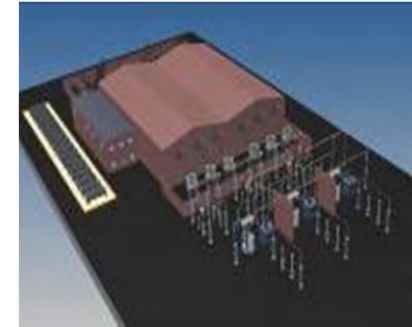
**Off-shore
wind farm**



**HVAC
platform**



**HVDC
platform**



**On-shore
HVDC station**

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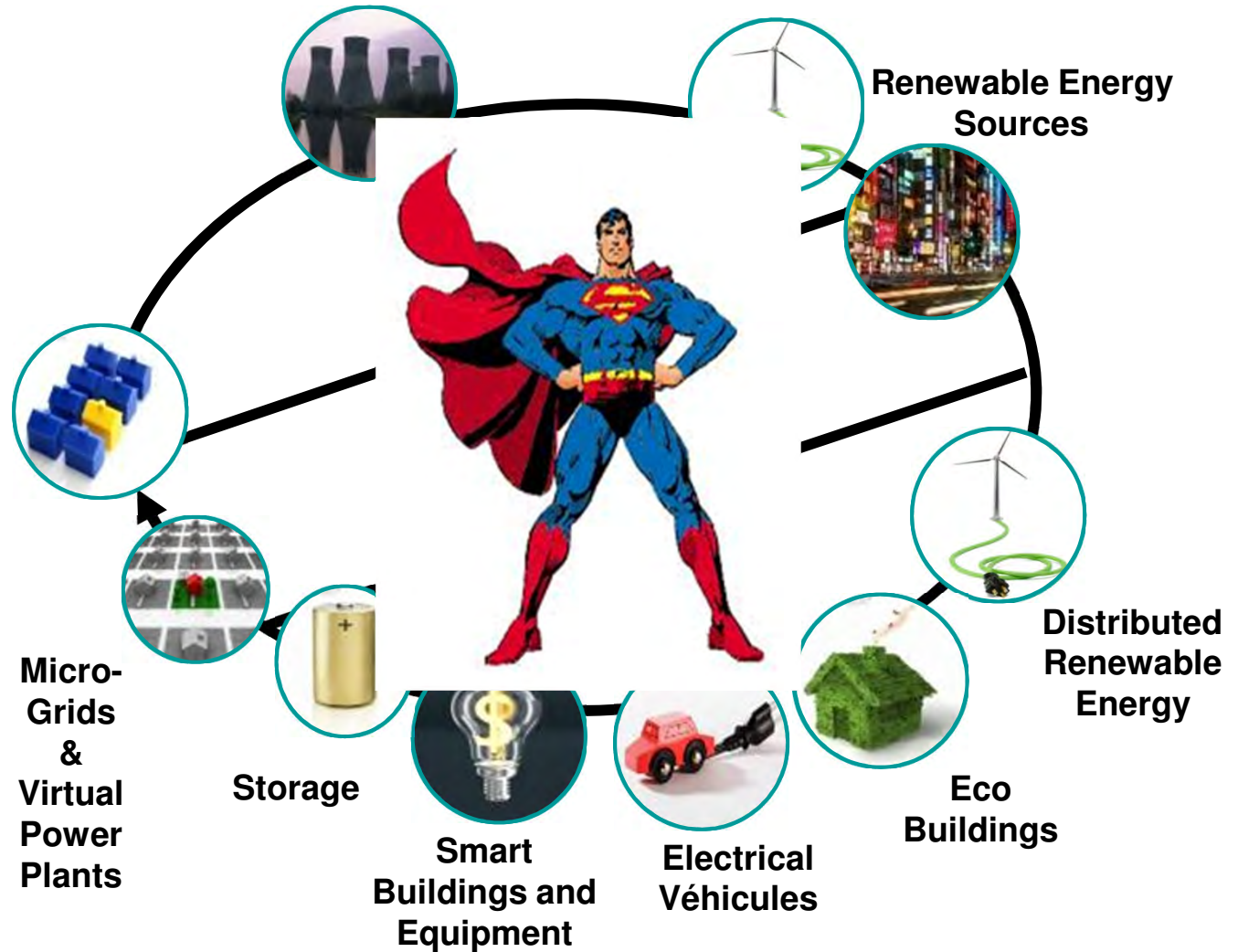


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UK exemplar low-energy/ low-carbon economy





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UK exemplar low-energy/ low-carbon economy

- Smart Grid Team work



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Robert Haase, Technology Director



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To ensure the UK remains at the forefront of innovative Power Electronics design and manufacture

- UK needs to be recognised as a major exporter of essential components which are enabling low carbon economic growth of nations like China
- World class technology is being developed from the legacy of major semiconductor manufacturing facilities dating back to 80's. Investment is required to retain viability
- Advanced manufacturing and technology development projects are internationally mobile

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To ensure the UK remains at the forefront of innovative Power Electronics design and manufacture

- Retain skills and develop new talent
- Embrace innovation at all levels
- Attract year on year investment to retain high margin advanced manufacturing
- Recognition of UK's contribution to global low carbon economic growth
- Export growth

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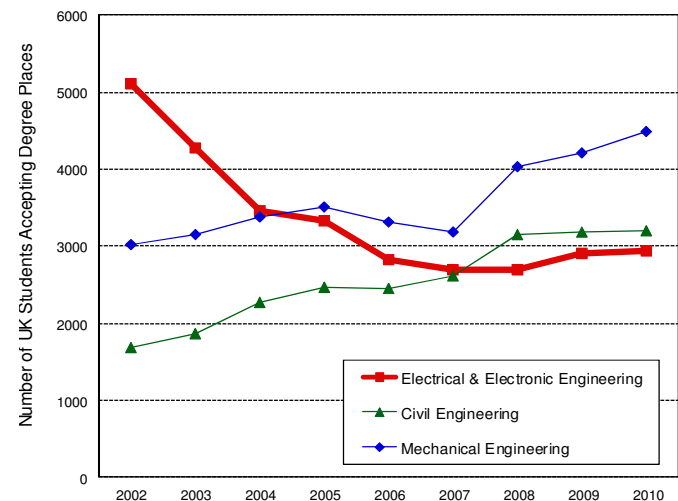
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- 41% fewer UK students in 2010 (cf 2002) accepting a place to study EEE
- 33% of engineering graduates take non-engineering related jobs
- University fees rise to circa £9k in 2012
- 12.9% fewer 15-19 year olds in 2018 than there were in 2008

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To ensure a good supply of talented Power Electronics engineers for both industry and academia

- Hearts and Minds action in primary & secondary Schools to promote/value engineering
- Vocational Routes to all levels of Engineering
- Tertiary education to recognise the National importance of Engineering & Power Electronics
- Postgraduate research and training funding to be directed to strategic objectives
- Recognise the global market for Power Electronics talent
- Maintain and improve standards of teaching
- Ensure critical mass of key academic teams without stifling innovation

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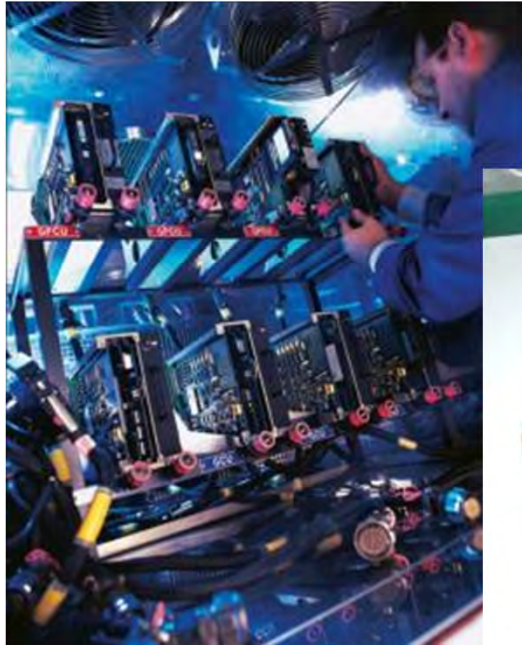
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To improve access to leading technology and engineers, bridging industry and universities

- Virtual power electronic research centre. Pull-through from industrial Tier 1's. Context: National Technology Roadmap.
- Standard IP agreements.
- Long term relationships (University of Newcastle / Dyson).
- Focus on economic impact of industrially orientated R&T.

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What Aerospace Industry can do to improve access to technology

Contribute to cross-sector technology roadmaps.

Cross-fertilisation.

UK aerospace industry is one of only two countries that can undertake complete new technology systems for future airliners.

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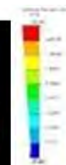
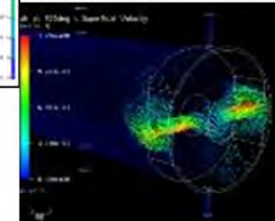
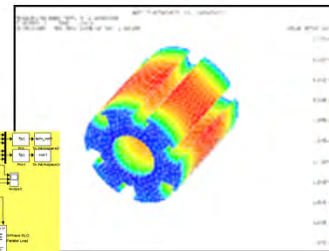
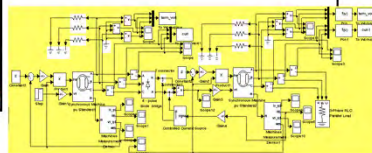
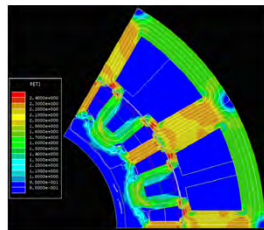
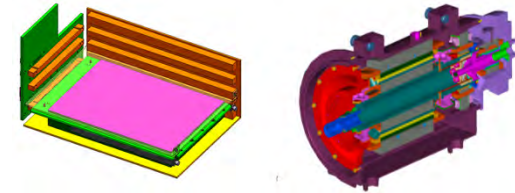


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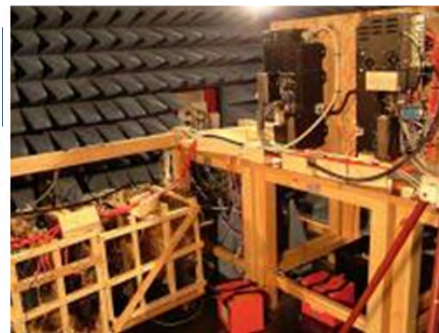
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What Goodrich can do

CAD, Simulation, Integration

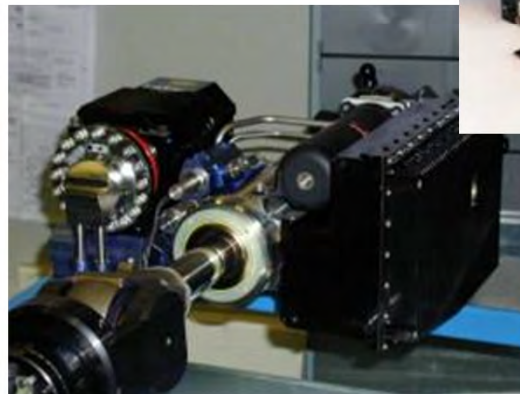
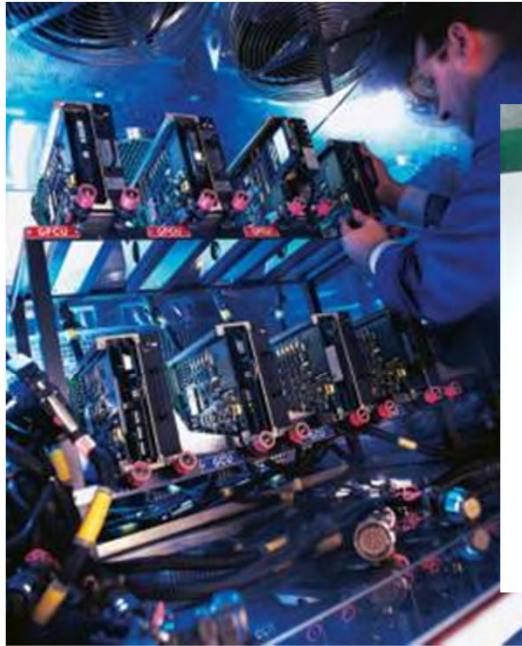


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What Aerospace industry can do

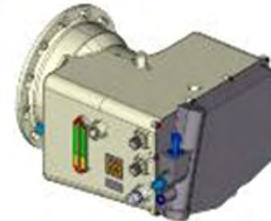
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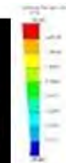
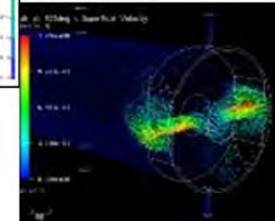
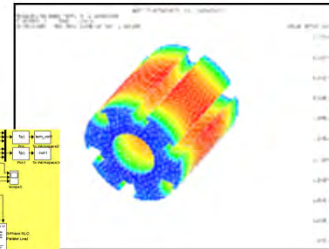
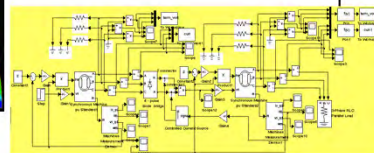
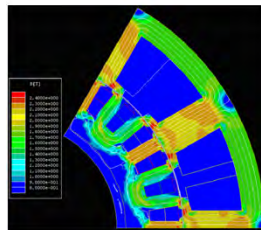
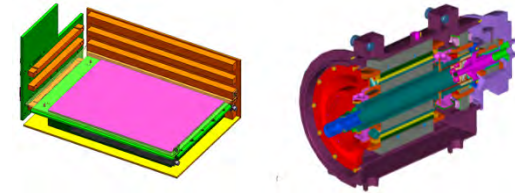


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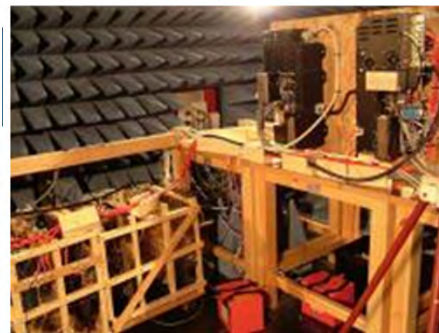
To improve access to leading technology and engineers, bridging industry and universities

What Goodrich can do

CAD, Simulation, Integration



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Panel session

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Industrial Drives



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Bill Drury
Technical Advisor



Industrial Drives Market Size

- Global Market £8.5bn. 13% CAGR
- Fragmented market and supply - No one supplier has more than 25% of the world market



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Industrial Drives UK Strengths & Capabilities

- 6 of the top 10 global market leaders have design and/or manufacturing facilities in the UK
- World Class Universities

SIEMENS


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Industrial Automation

 **CONTROL
TECHNIQUES**

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THE POWER CONVERSION COMPANY

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DRIVES**



Regional Workshop – Industrial Drives Issues



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Strengths

- International reputation for Design / Innovation
- Profitable can fund non disruptive innovation
- 6 out of top 10 global suppliers have UK based design / manufacturing
- Good Supply Chain
- World Class University Research and teaching

Weaknesses

- Drives not seen as “low carbon” enabler in legislation
- Availability of skilled staff
- Time to Market / Response time to market too slow
- Industry, Universities and Government not coordinated

Opportunities

- High added value manufacture
- Technology feed in to Renewables and the Smart Grid.
- Sponsoring Students key to recruitment

Threats

- Inability to recruit high quality Engineers would make global companies move their design and manufacturing out of the UK.



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Agenda

Power Electronics: A Strategy for Success

Launch Event, **18 October 2011, 9:30 – 14:00**

BIS Conference Centre, 1 Victoria Street, London,

09:30	Registration & Coffee Delegates are asked to be seated by 10:00am	
10:10	Chairman's welcome and introduction to Power Electronics: A Strategy for Success	Bill Drury, Chairman, Power Electronics Strategy Working Group
10:20	Keynote Address	Mark Prisk MP, Minister of State for Business and Enterprise
10:30	Strategy Overview A series of short presentations from members of the Power Electronics Strategy Group looking in more detail at some of the key issues raised in the report.	Bill Drury supported by Working Group Subject leaders
11:30	Break and Coffee	
11:45	Panel Session Meeting the Challenges – Your views Your chance to put questions to the Power Electronics Working Group members.	Power Electronics Working Group
12:45	Networking Lunch and Exhibition A buffet lunch will be served and you have the opportunity meet some companies in the power electronics supply chain.	
14:00	Close	

Exhibitors

- Goodrich
- Dynex Semiconductor
- International Rectifier
- Emerson - Control Techniques
- University of Nottingham
- GE Energy (Converteam)
- Rolls-Royce
- UKESF
- E3 Academy
- NMI



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