

# Collaborating to build the UK's Power Electronics Supply Chain

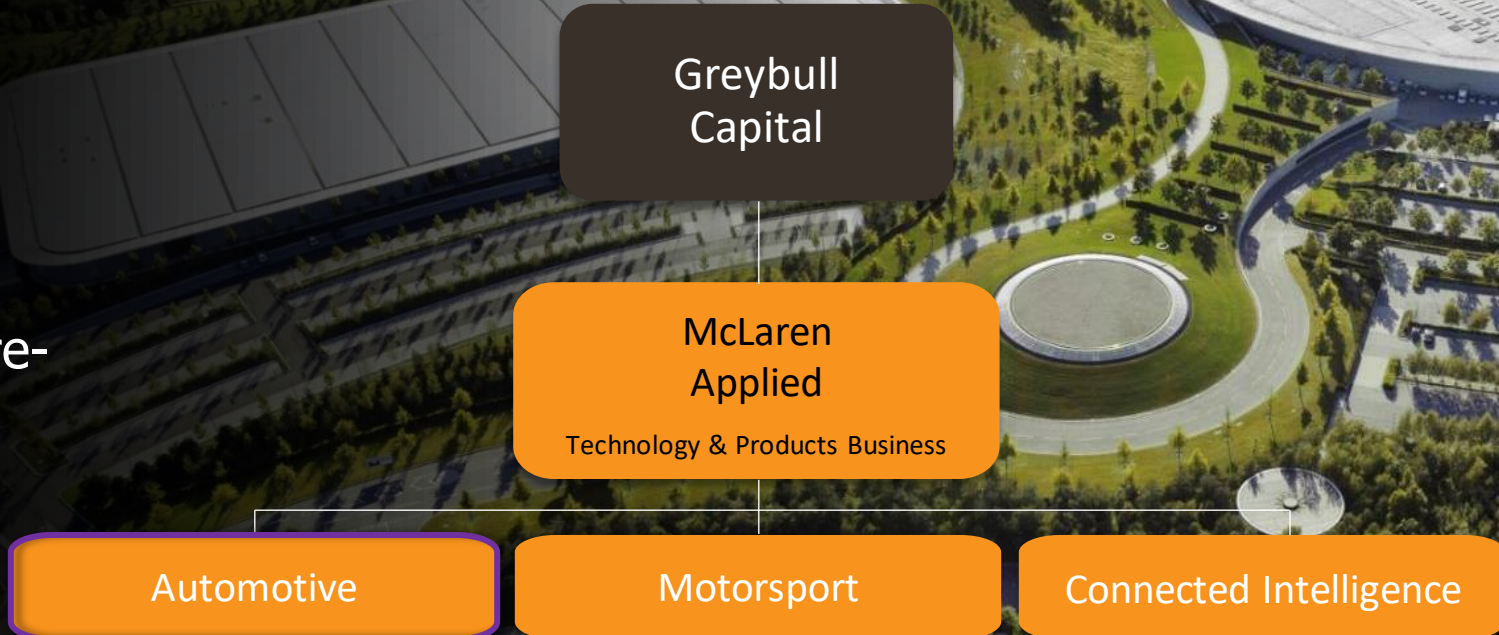
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# Overview

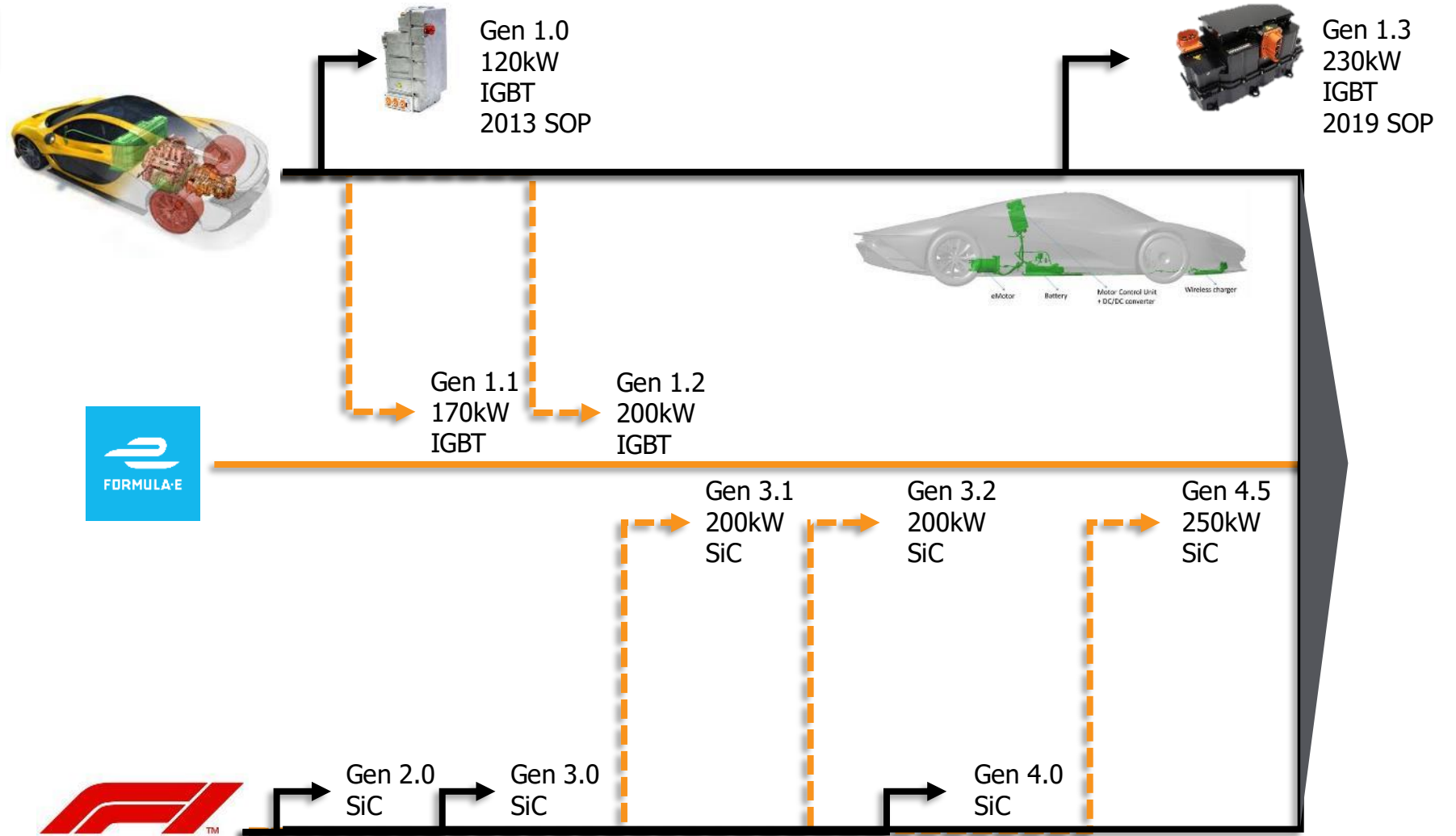
McLaren Applied is a Tier 1 supplier developing and manufacturing future-focussed, sustainable products





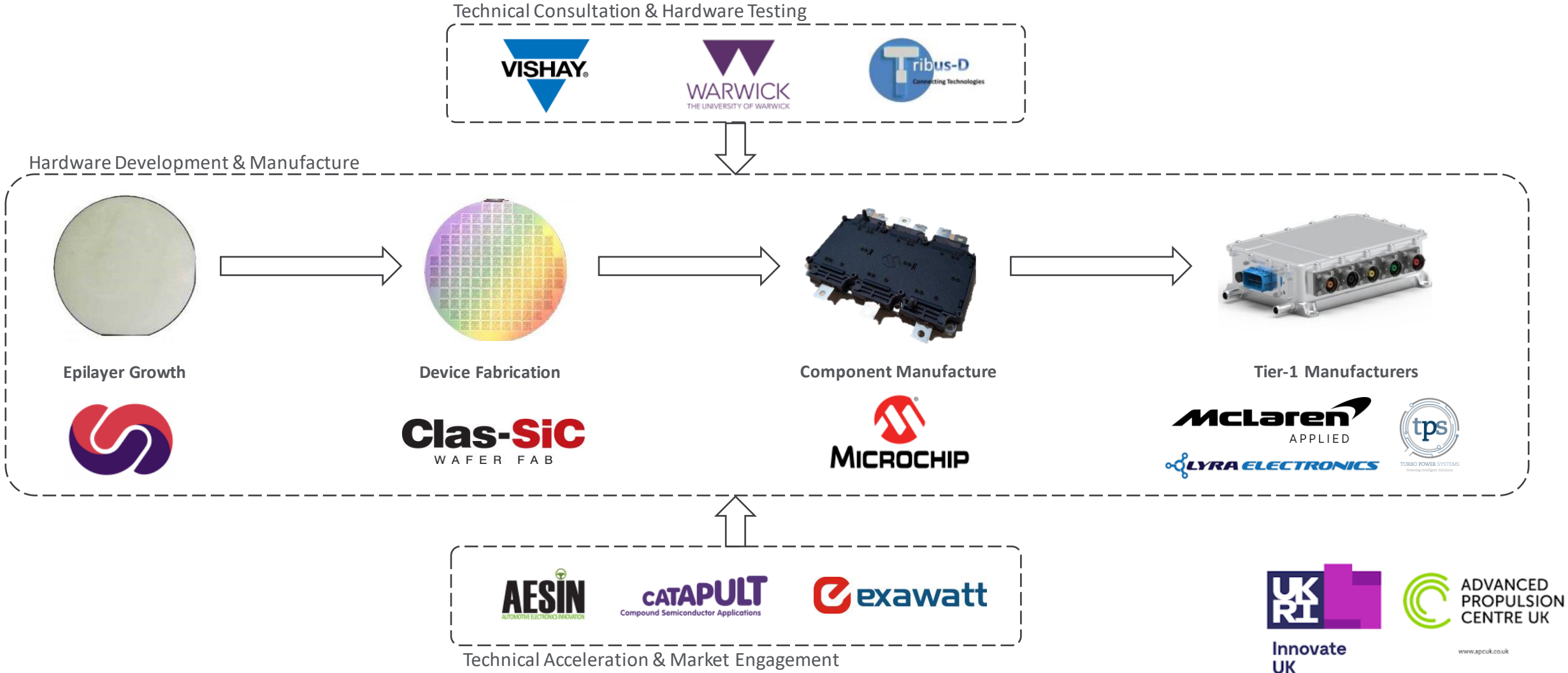
## McLaren Applied's Power Electronics Journey

### Inverter History





## ESCAPE – End-to-end Supply Chain development for Automotive Power Electronics





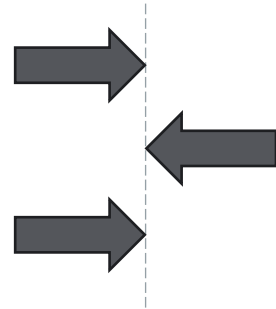
## Project Objectives & Scope

To establish a globally unique and cohesive end-to-end supply chain capability for innovative SiC power electronics designed to service UK and global end user demand

Drive power electronics innovation capability



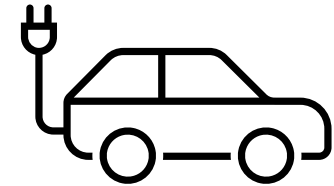
UK supply chain alignment



Tier-1 product development



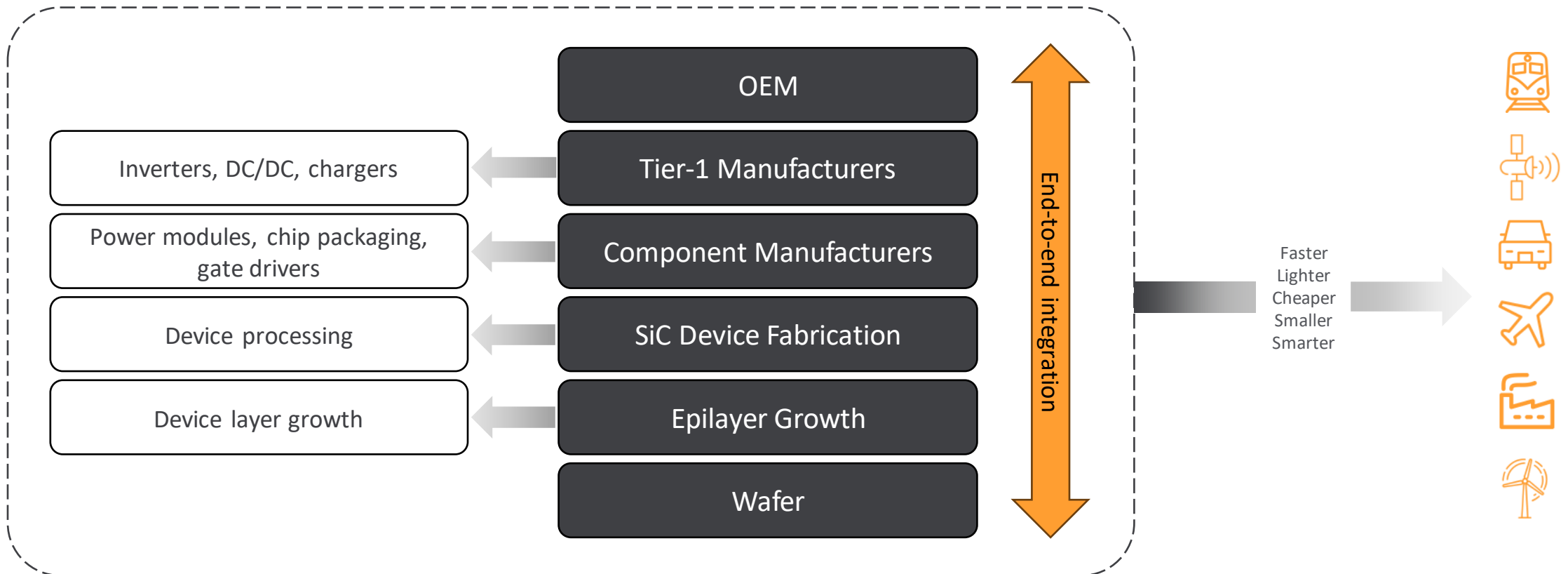
Alignment to OEM requirements





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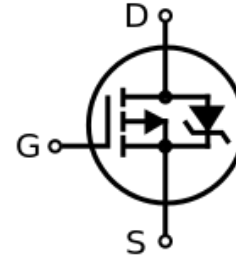


## Technical Objectives



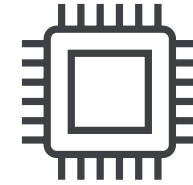
### Supply Chain Innovation

- Co-design of innovative solutions through the supply chain
- Embed capability for future UK innovation and access



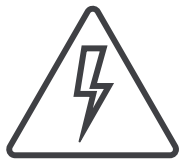
### Vishay & ClasSiC

- Development and implementation of new vertical trench MOSFET
- Transfer of process to 6" wafers, increasing die count and reducing cost



### Microchip & Tribus-D

- Development and implementation of novel embedded and miniaturised packaging techniques
- Improved thermal management design



### McLaren Applied

- Optimised SiC inverter design for electrified applications



### Lyra

- High power DC/DC converter enabling novel vehicle topologies

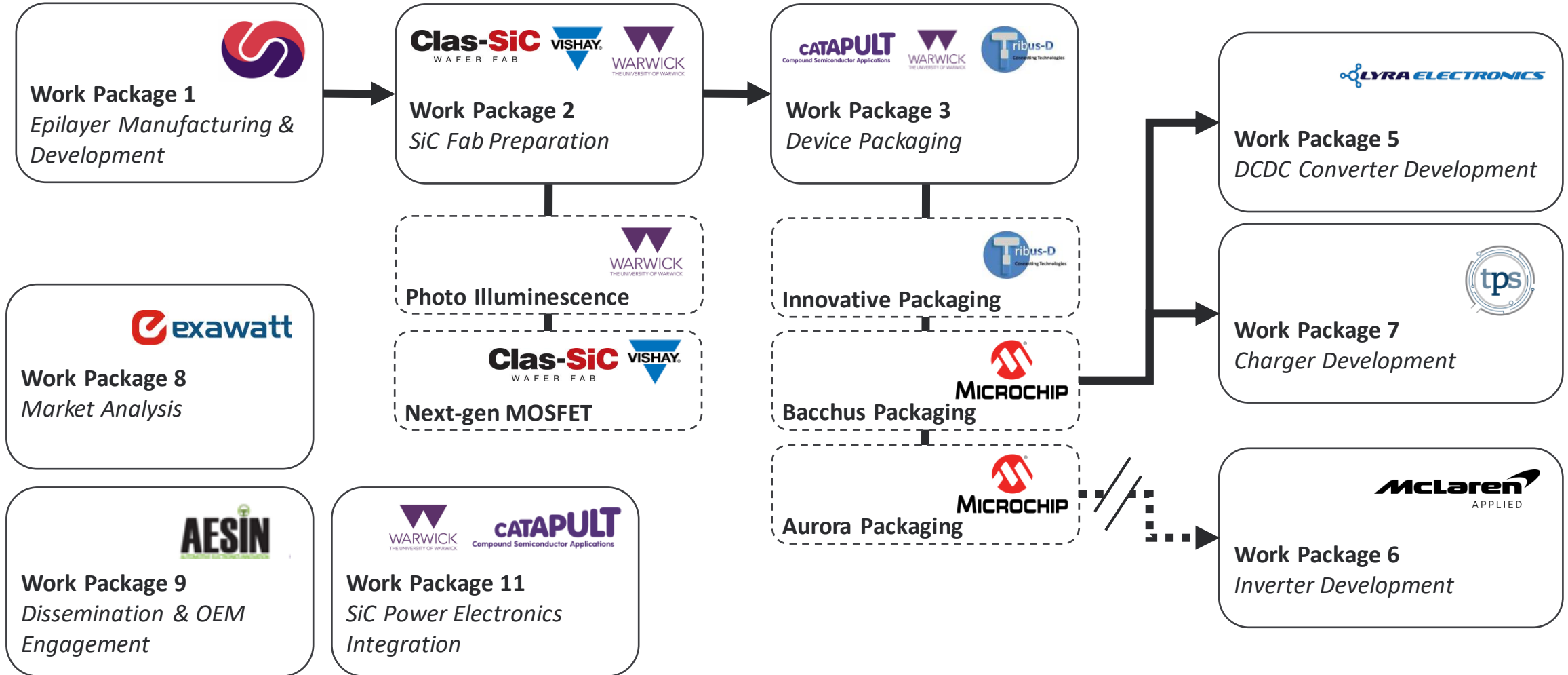


### Turbo Power Systems

- Electric vehicle charger, connected to the medium-voltage grid



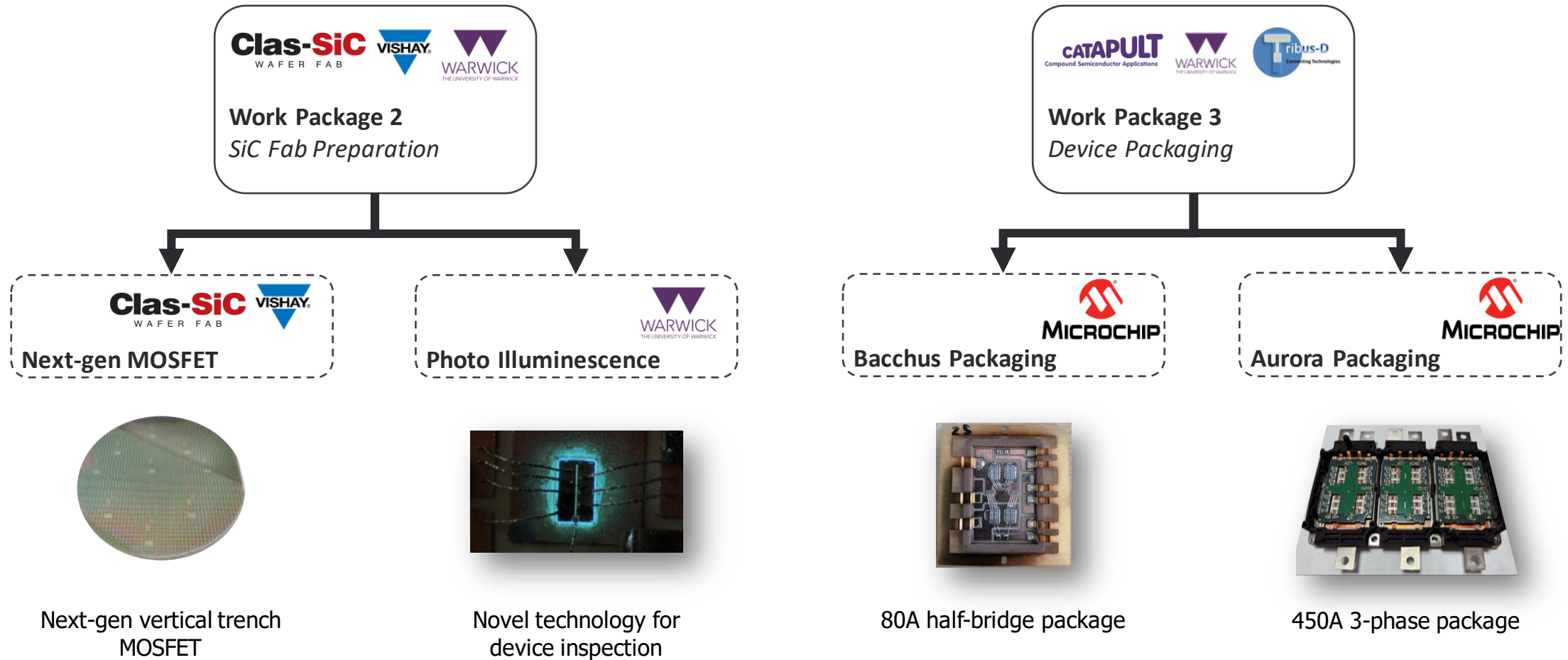
## Partners & Responsibilities







## Key Outcomes

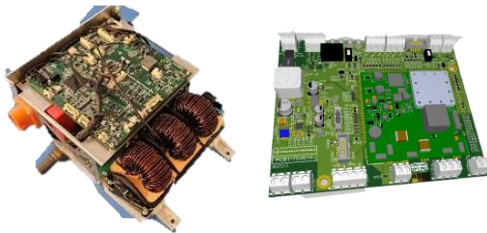




## Key Outcomes



**Work Package 5**  
*DCDC Converter Development*



High-power DCDC Converter  
CCS communications device



**Work Package 6**  
*Inverter Development*



IPG5 800V SiC Inverter



**Work Package 7**  
*Charger Development*



Velox Fleet EV Charging point  
MV/LV Module (Bacchus 2)

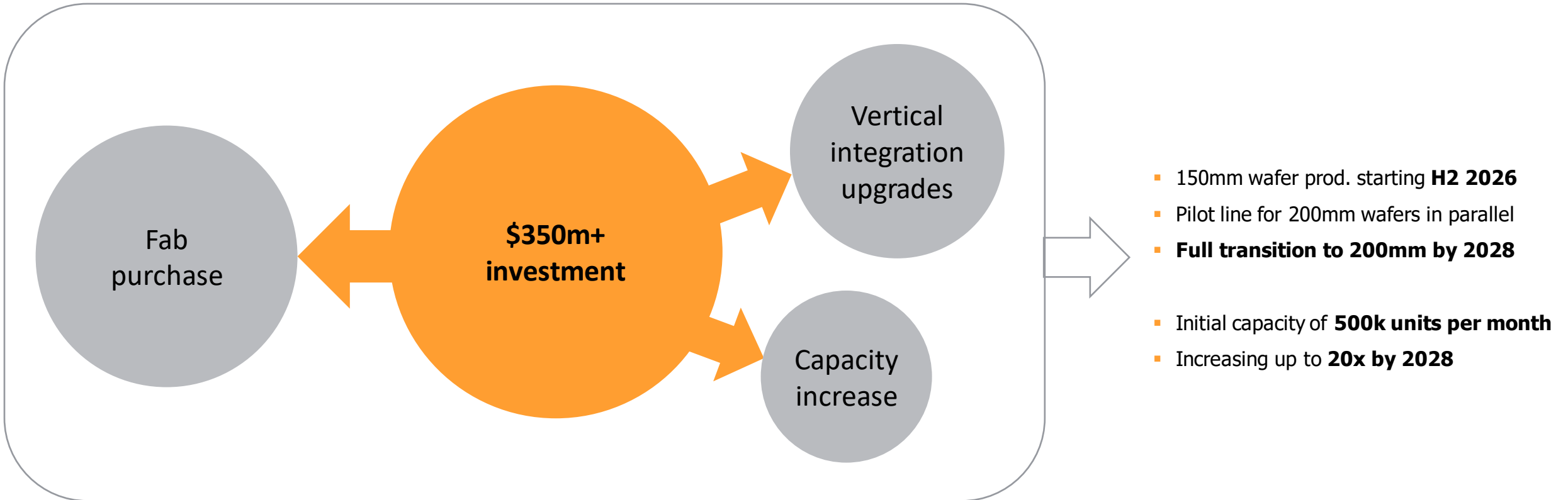


## Vishay acquisition of & investment into Newport Wafer Fab



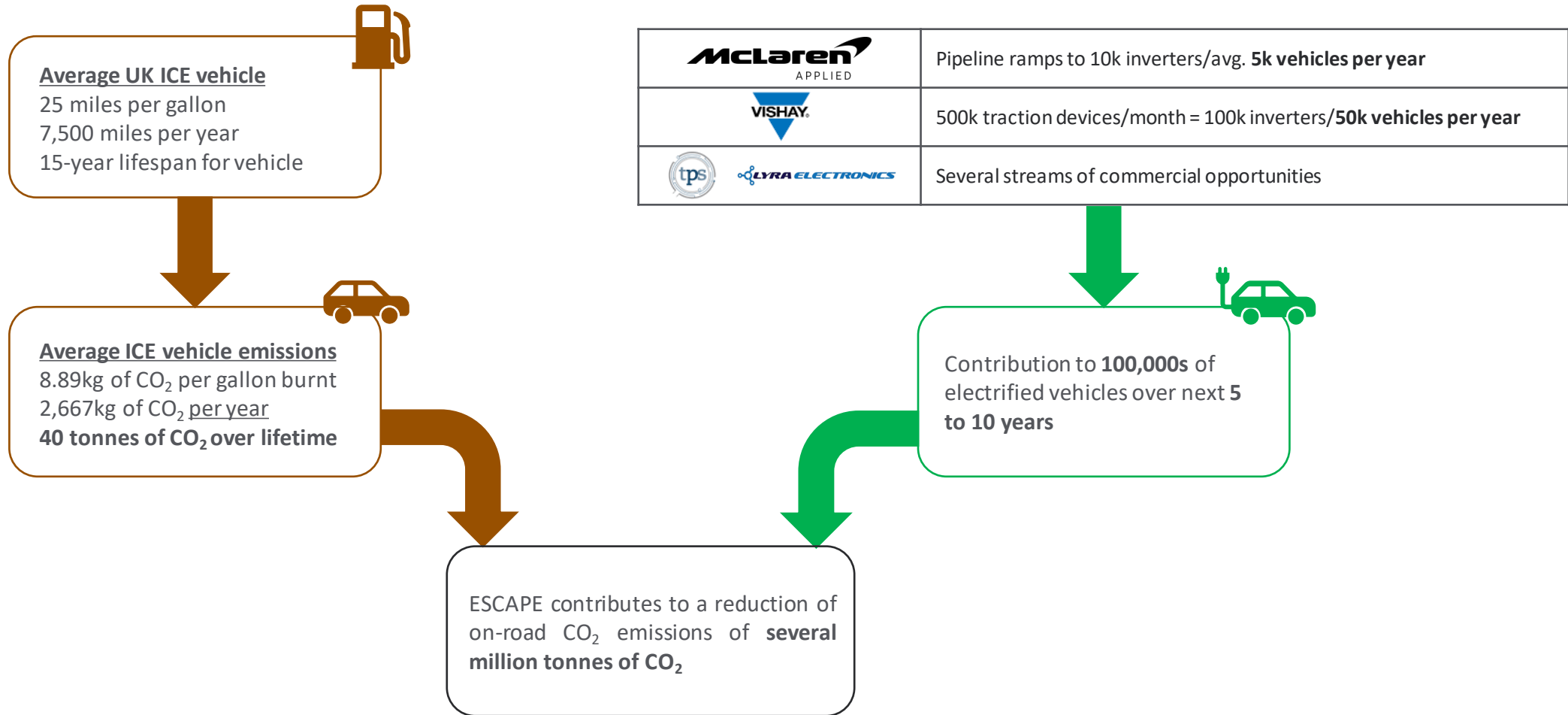
“With the acquisition of the Newport Wafer fab, Vishay will be able to provide the quality and scale required for its SiC portfolio... This effort is aligned with Vishay’s goal to be prepared to meet the supply demands in the e-mobility, sustainability, and connectivity marketplaces.”

Amr Darwish  
Senior Director, Product Marketing & Market Development, Vishay





## CO<sub>2</sub> Saving

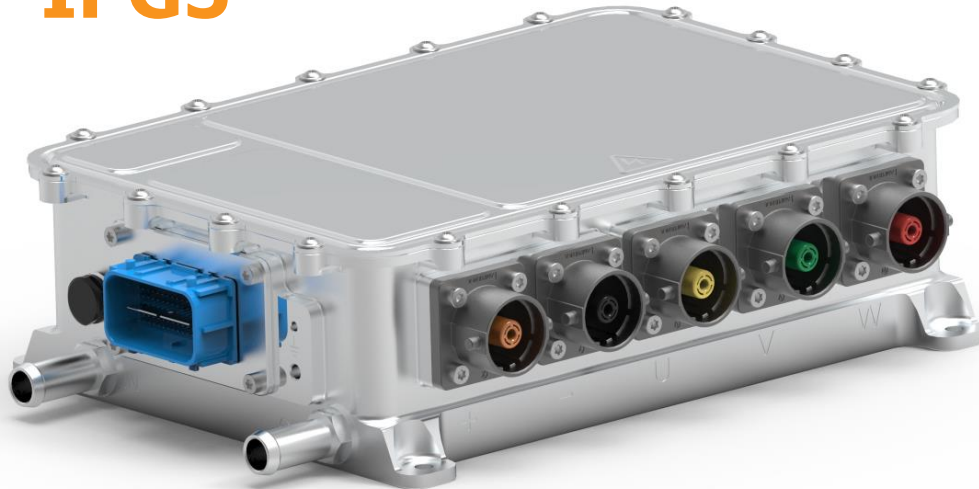




## McLaren Applied – Project Responsibilities

Development of **5<sup>th</sup> generation** inverter, using **800V Silicon Carbide** architecture

**IPG5**



Supports ultra-fast charging  
450-900V HV Input

Lightweight & compact  
5.5kg & 3.88L

Class-leading power density  
>85kVA/kg >125kVA/L

High Efficiency  
97% typical, 99% peak

High Current Capability  
540A<sub>rms</sub> Peak & 320A<sub>rms</sub> Continuous

Advanced SW control  
Variable Switching Frequency 1 – 32kHz

Safety features  
ISO26262 to ASIL D  
Integrated HVIL  
Active Short Circuit  
AUTOSAR 4.3 Compliant



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THERMAL ISSUES  
FLEXIBILITY IN RESPONSE

UK Supply Chain

# McLaren Applied – Exploitation

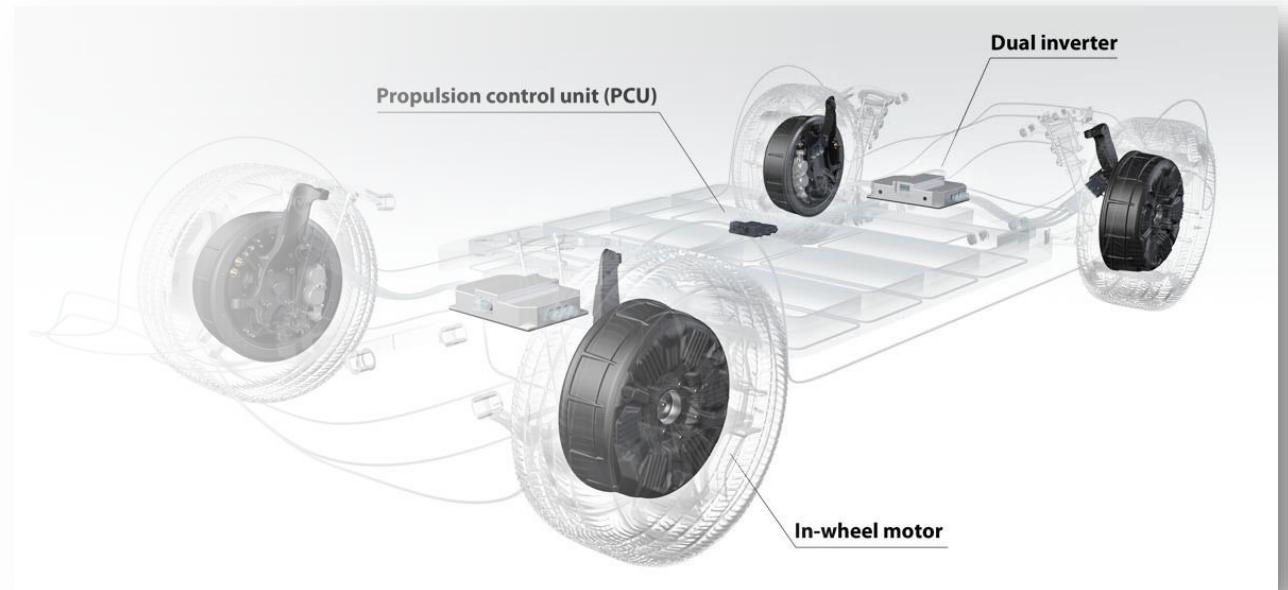
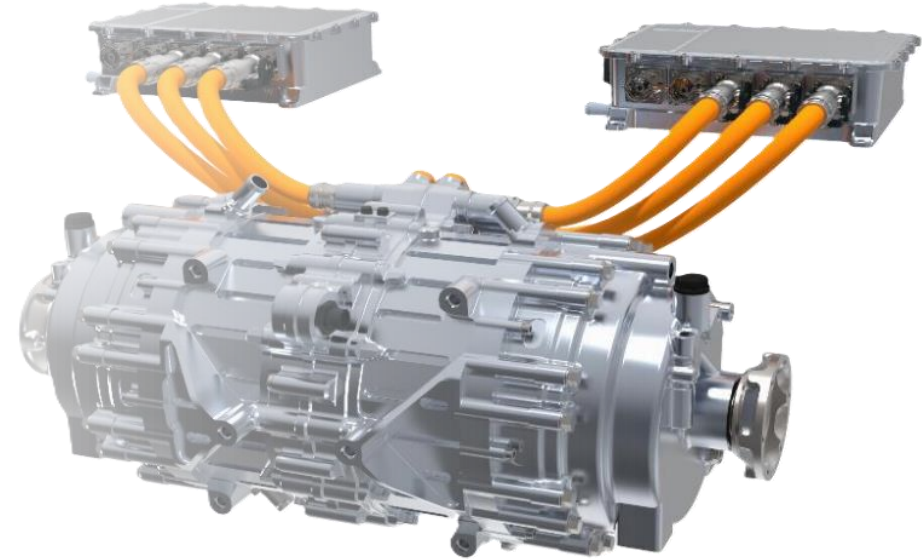
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- **Czinger 21C - Awarded**
  - Czinger PP2 vehicle pictured on track using three IPG5 inverters
  - 64 units delivered to date, further 45 in 2024
  - Production vehicle builds starting this month
- **UK Automotive Hypercar - Awarded**
  - Mule vehicle testing completed
  - 15 units supplied, further 20 in 2024
  - 500 units for production vehicles across 2025/26
- **US Hybrid Aircraft – Awarded**
  - Development aircraft using in-line hybrid system
  - Collaborating on design changes to meet aerospace standards



# McLaren Applied – Collaborations

- **Tremec** – Strategic Partner (EDUs)
  - Development of **Electric Drive Unit** systems
  - Several opportunities, including supply for performance variant for US OEM EV
  - 4 units for demo vehicle supplied
  - 1400hp Mule vehicle in 2024
  - Production series requires >10,000 IPG5 units over 18 months from 2025
- **Elaphe** – Strategic Partner (Motors)
  - Supplier of in-wheel motors, ‘Corner Control Unit’ available using IPG5
  - Several key customer programmes in pipeline
- **Undisclosed Partnerships**
  - Several partnerships with motor & transmission Tier 1s







## McLaren Applied – Future Investments

### IPG5-x

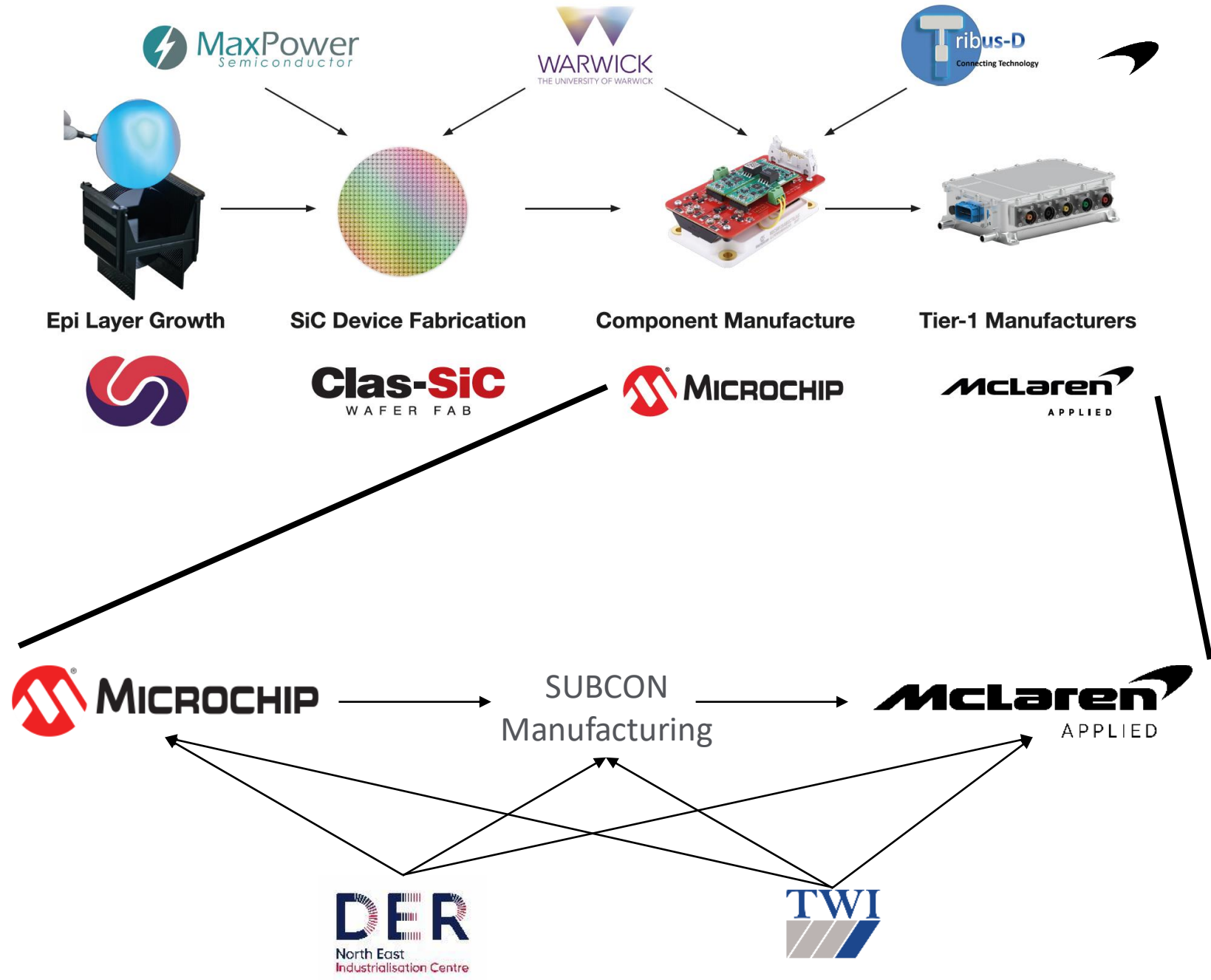


- Inverter platform designed for **direct integration** into Electric Drive Unit housings
- Increased peak current to **600Arms**
- Housing removal, integration of busbars/cooling and integrated connections **reduces overall system weight and LCA impact**
- Design work happening in parallel, production release **~18 months behind IPG5**

Product Manufacturing  
Supply Chain Development

The SCIENZE Project

Supply Chain Innovation  
Engineering for Net ZErO





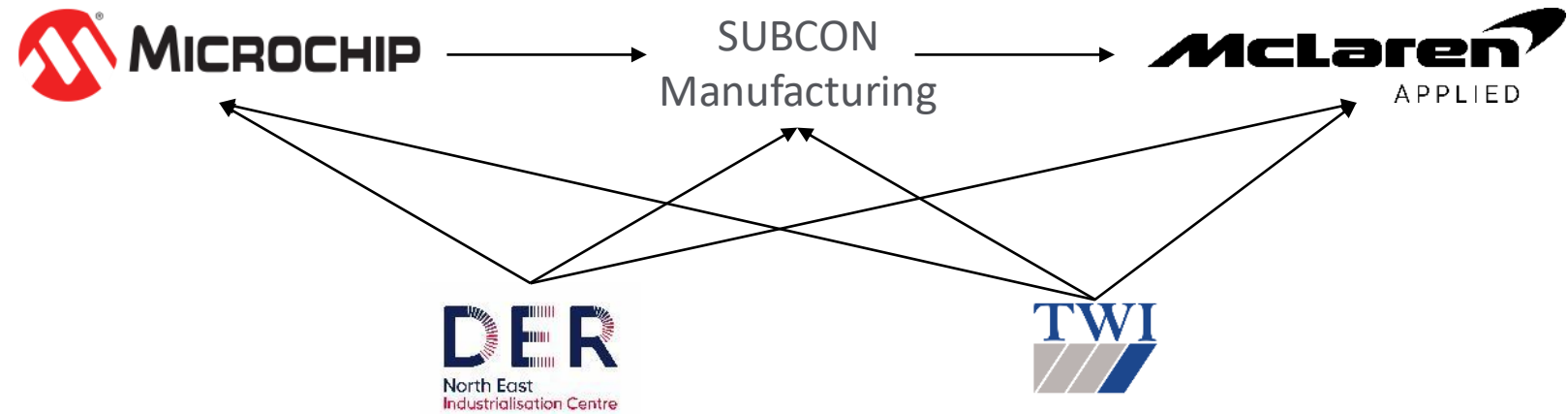
# SCIENZE

To establish a sustainable and secure UK based supply chain capability for the manufacture of complex automotive power electronics products at volume and be able to compete globally

Product Manufacturing  
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