



Case study: Vehicle-powered
portable digital radio



Providing well-regulated 48V at over 1kW



Customer's challenge

A performance upgrade to an existing vehicle-mounted radio providing voice and data communications across the battlefield required 1kW of power – that needed tight regulation – to power upgraded performance features. Key goals were:

- Provide well-regulated 48V with high power
- Use an existing cold wall for thermal dissipation
- Fit in a very small, existing space



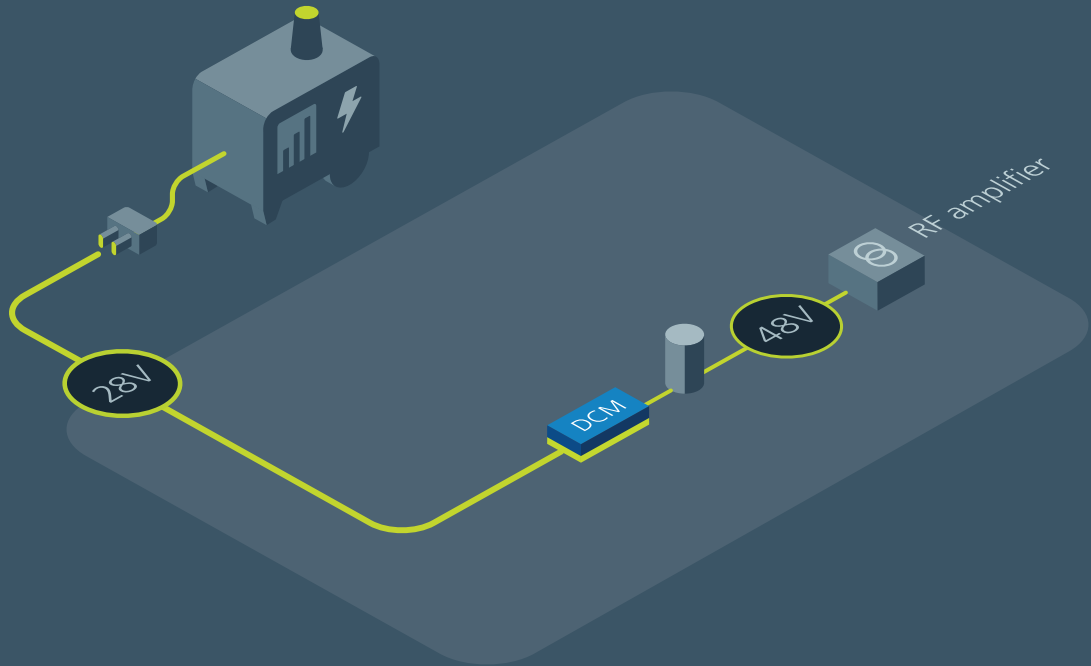
The Vicor solution

Vicor high-performance power modules provided a lightweight, compact, power-dense solution that both fit within the existing space, but all provided the power necessary. With 800W/in³ of power density, the MIL-COTS DCM3623 provided the efficiency required to reduce heat and improve reliability critical to vetronics applications. Key benefits were:

- High peak RF output power
- Compact, efficient power delivery
- Low-profile packaging that can utilize the cold wall

Portable digital radio power delivery network

This PDN boosts the 28V bus to a regulated 48V with a MIL-COTS DCM3623 DC-DC converter module. The regulated 48V from the DCM™ charges a large capacitor required to deliver the high peak power required by the RF stage. The low profile (7.62mm) of the thermally adept DCM facilitates a cooling solution utilizing an available cold wall, which along with the 800W/in³ DCM power density, further reduces the footprint of the PDN. The high efficiency of the DCM reduces the waste heat and improves reliability, while its high frequency helps reduce EMI.



MIL-COTS DCM DC-DC converters

Isolated regulated

Input: 28, 30, 270V

Output: 3.3, 5, 12, 15, 24, 28, 48V

Power: Up to 1300W

Peak efficiency: 96%

As small as
0.98 x 0.90 x 0.28in

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