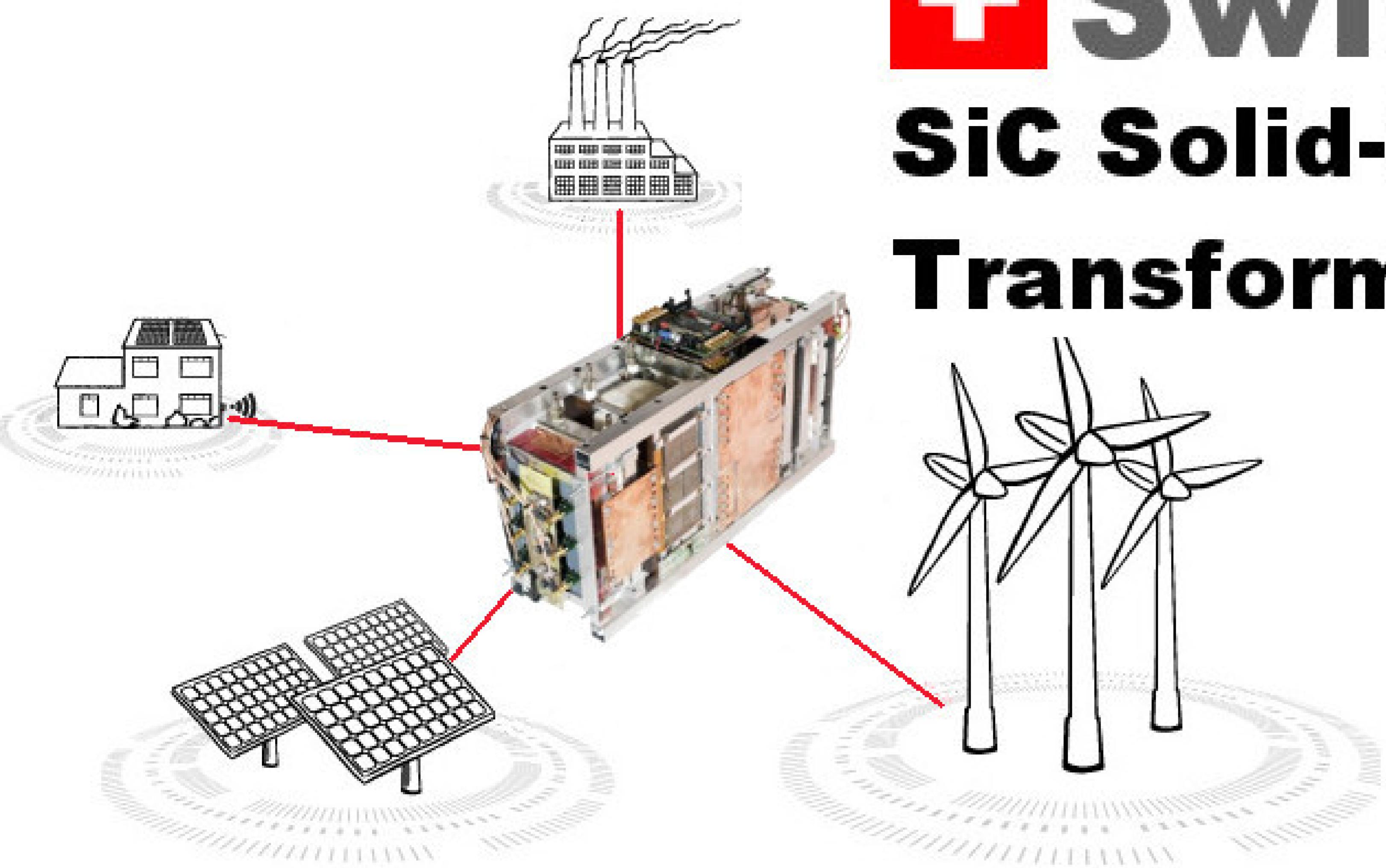


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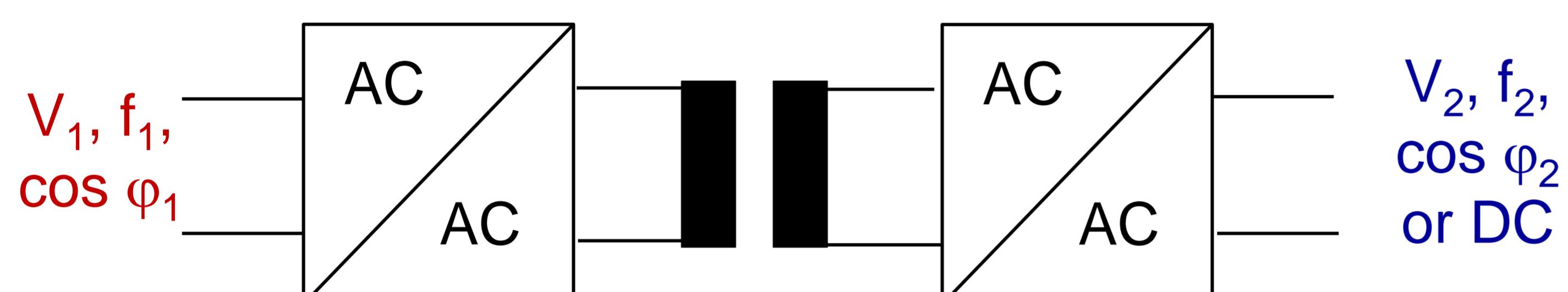
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# SwiSS SiC Solid-State Transformer



## Why Solid-State transformers?



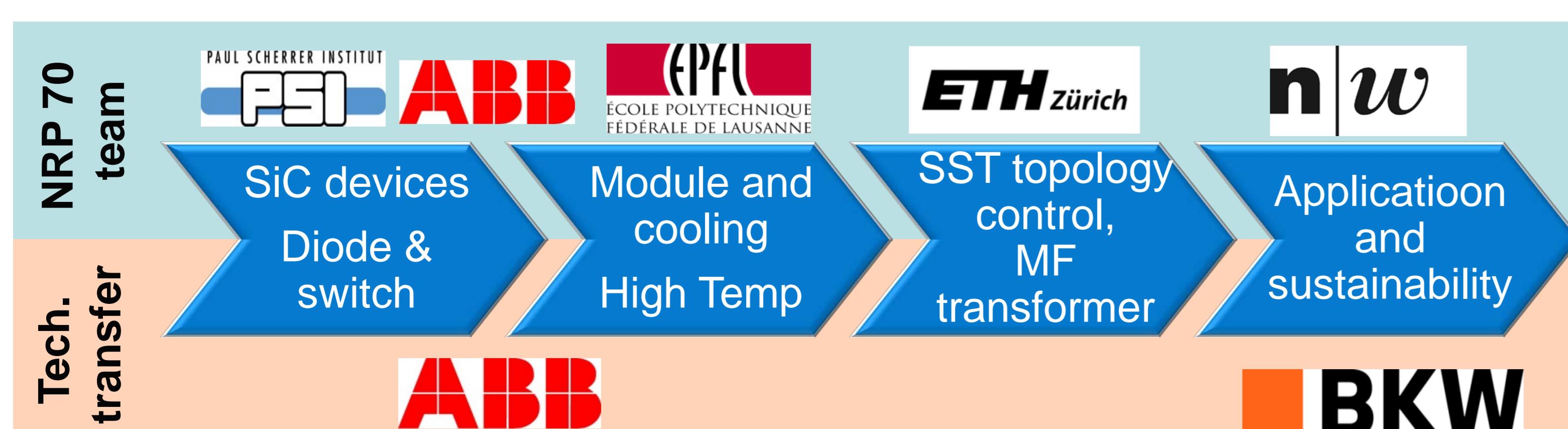
- Fluctuating renewable energy feed-in can de-stabilize the grid
- This requires a «smarter» electrical grid:
  - Local & dynamic voltage stabilization
  - Dynamic control of power flow
  - Better exploitation of existing grid structures
  - Integration DC-based systems
- Solid-state transformer (SST): Combines all functions in a single device

## Why Silicon Carbide (SiC) ?

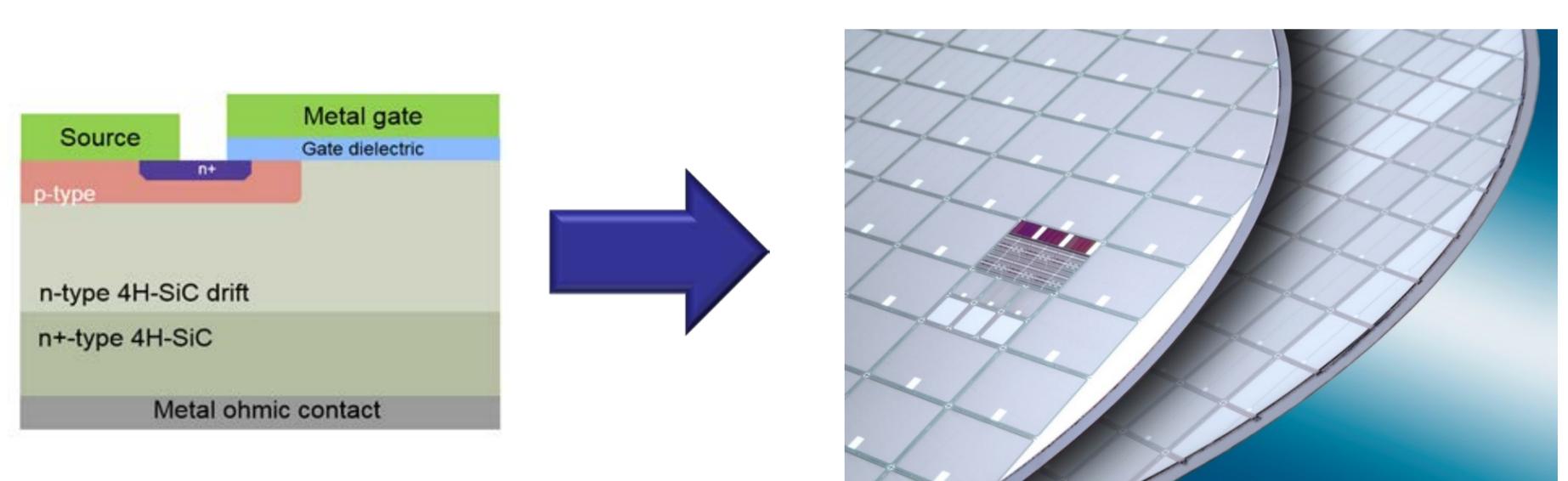
- Silicon SSTs: max. 10 kHz / 4.5 kV
- Novel SiC SST: 50 kHz / 10 kV
- SiC device technology and power electronics are not mature yet
- Comprehensive and multi-disciplinary R&D is required to realize SiC SSTs

## Value Chain Covered

Semiconductor physics → materials science  
→ system engineering

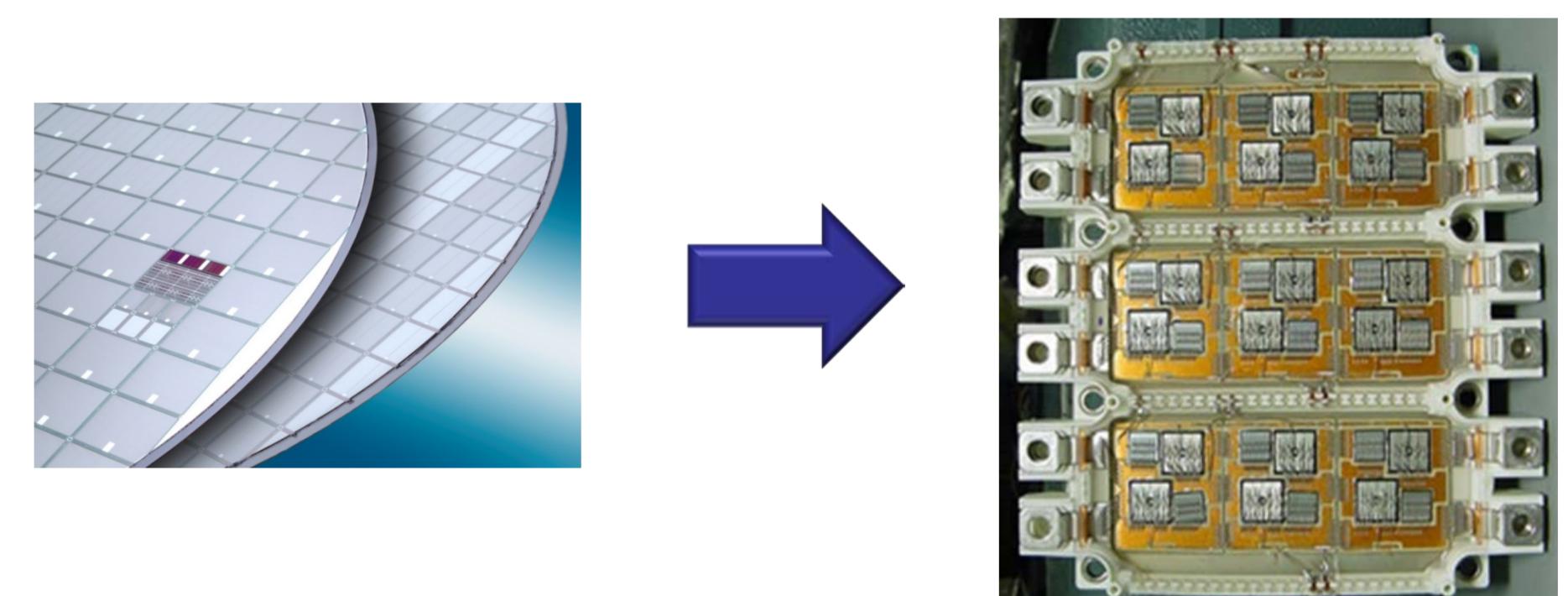


## Sub-Project 1: 3.3 kV MOSFETs and Diodes



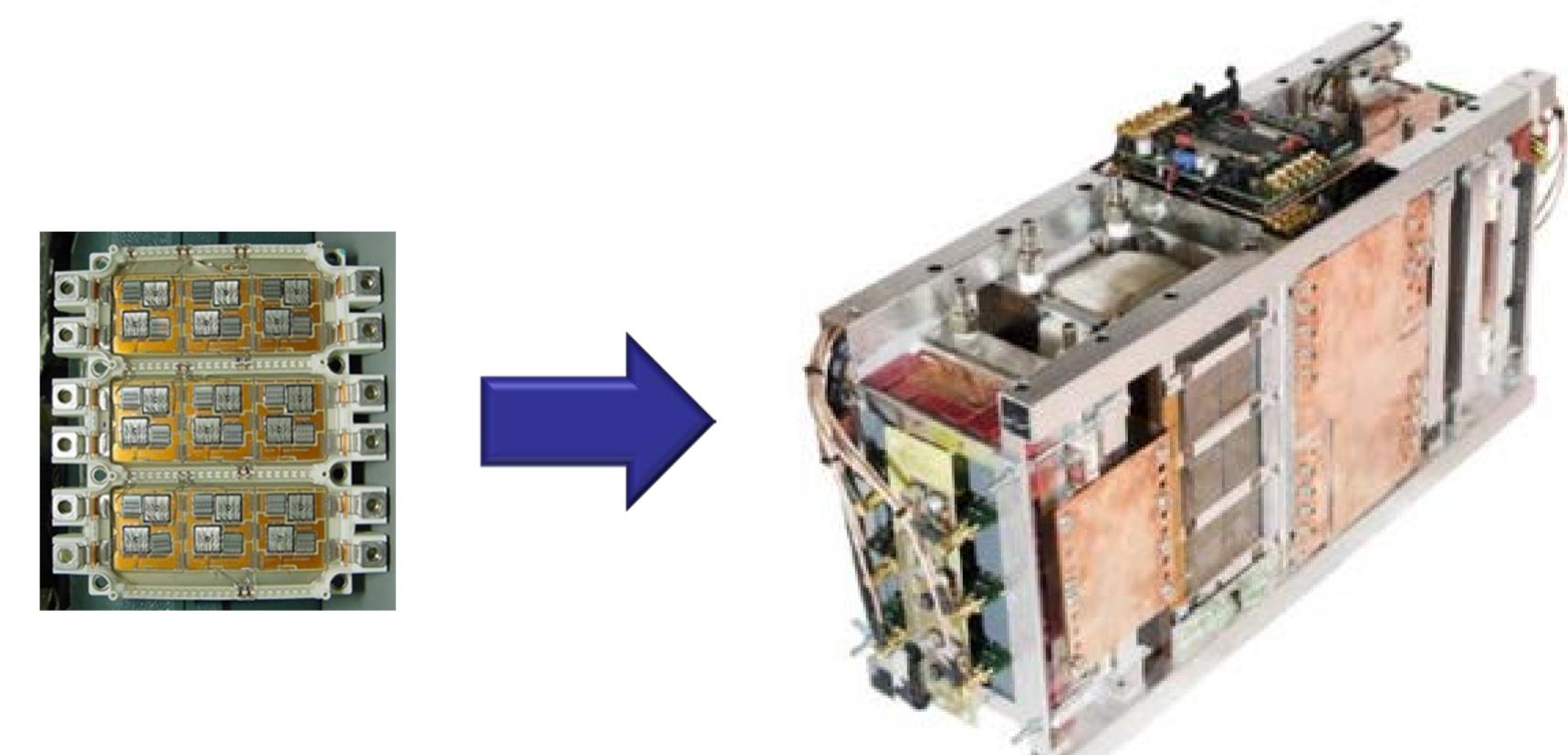
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## Sub-Project 2: Integrated 3D Cooling for SiC Power Module Packaging



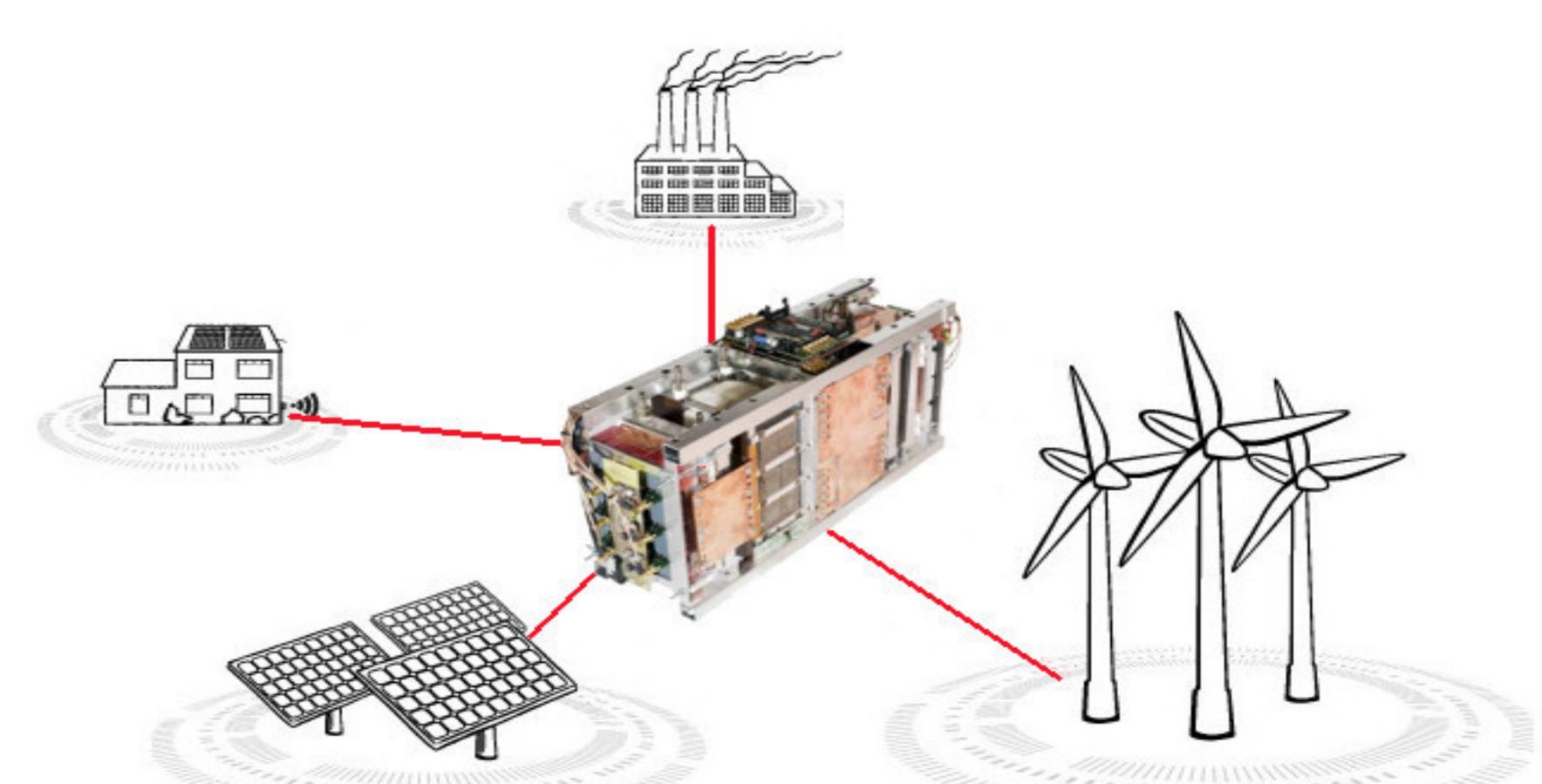
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## Sub-Project 3: SiC SST Cell Prototype



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## Sub-Project 4: Application & Sustainability of SiC SSTs in the Swiss Electrical Grid



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