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# Airbus DS Power Processing Units PPU : HET Products, New developments and technologies status



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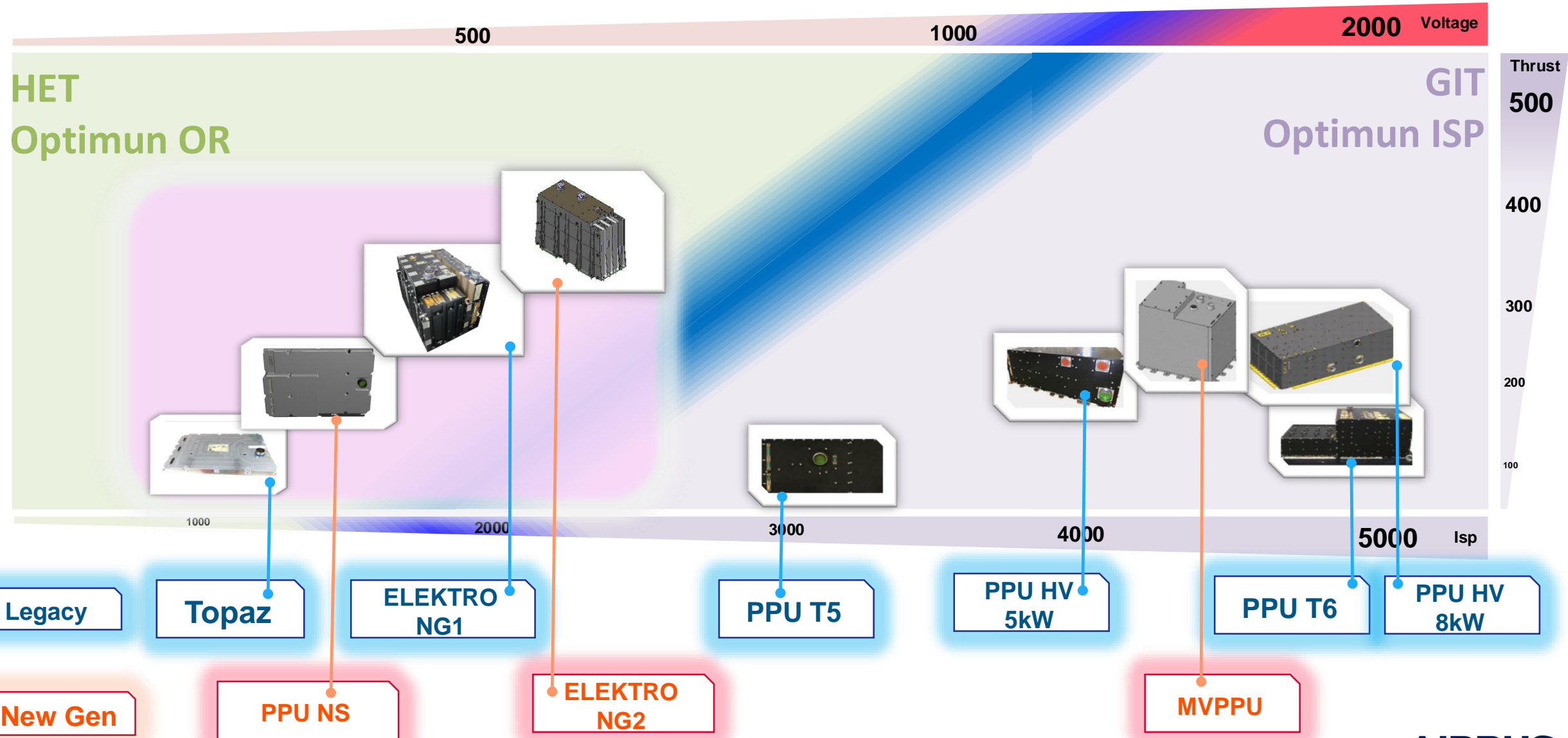
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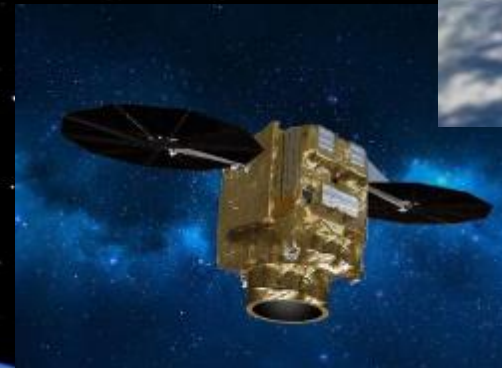
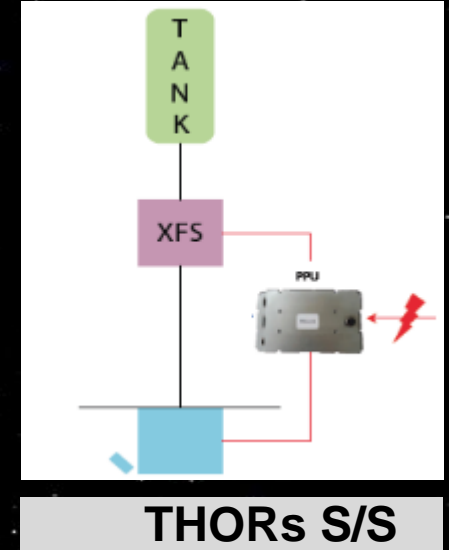
# PPU Airbus DS Portfolio



# TOPAZ PPU - PPU HET 300W class



- Bi-compatibility to the latest generation plasma thrusters
- Disruptive reliable rad hardened COTS design**
- Breakthrough price-performance ratio**
- 10 years lifetime in LEO
- Unregulated bus 27-38V
- SoCANBUS (N&R) or MILBUS 1553
- Mass optimized
- Qualification concluded in 2018
- Mass production with >600 units delivered**



## ~Unique flight heritage

- Equipped systems in orbit **>600**
- cumulative hours of operation **>600 000**

## PPUNG1 – PPU HET 5kW class

PPU for **main Hall Effect Thrusters** 5000W class

Optimum design and cost driven approach

**Dual mode operation** 300 - 400V

Wide power range 3kW - 5kW

**Full in-flight flexibility** for thruster parameters and operation

Regulated 100V bus with primary bus protection integrated

Filter Unit integrated in the PPU

MILBUS 1553

Qualification concluded in 2017

Flying with **PPS5000** and **SPT140D**

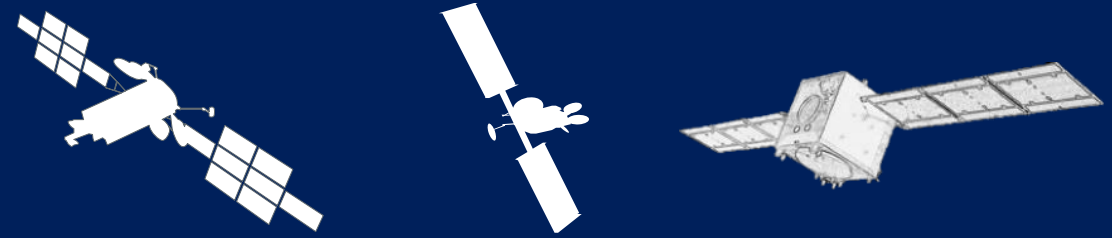
Two versions available :

FU-PPU connected to one thruster

FTSU-PPU: connected to 2 Thrusters in cold redundancy

**On board for GEO, MEO, Telecom and Nav. missions**

# ELEKTRO - PPU NG1



Major customers in **Europe and USA**

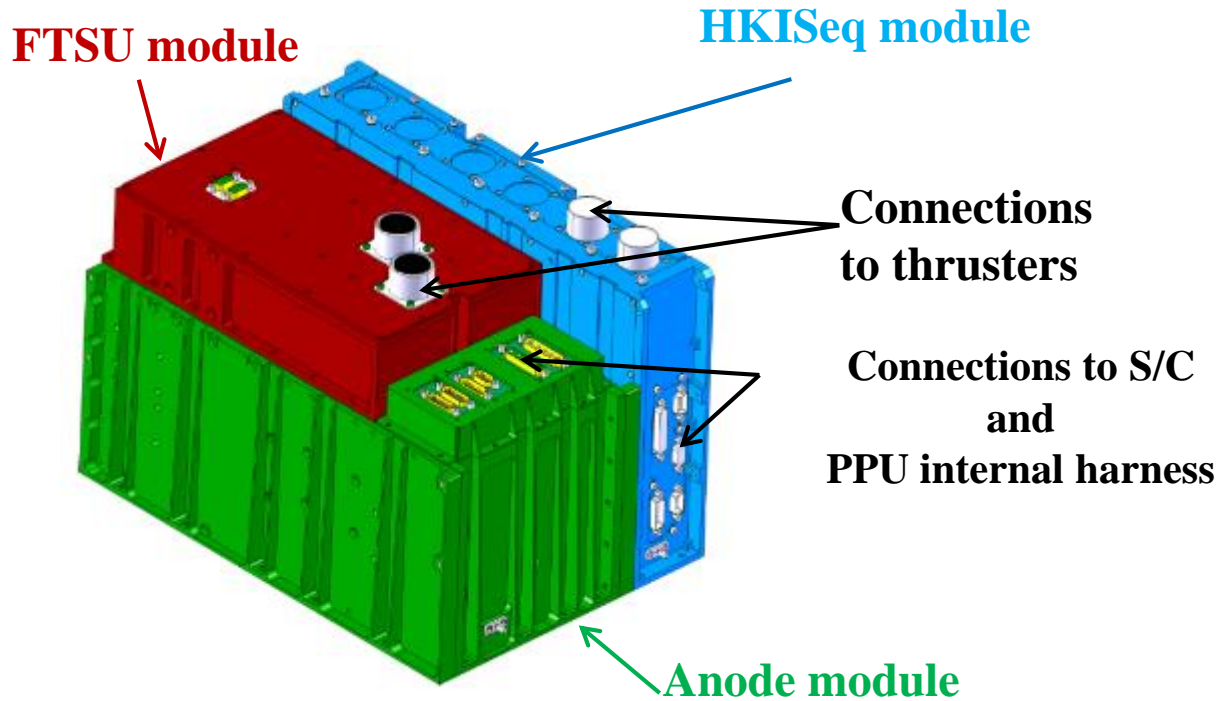
**>140** flight models ordered

**82** flight models already delivered

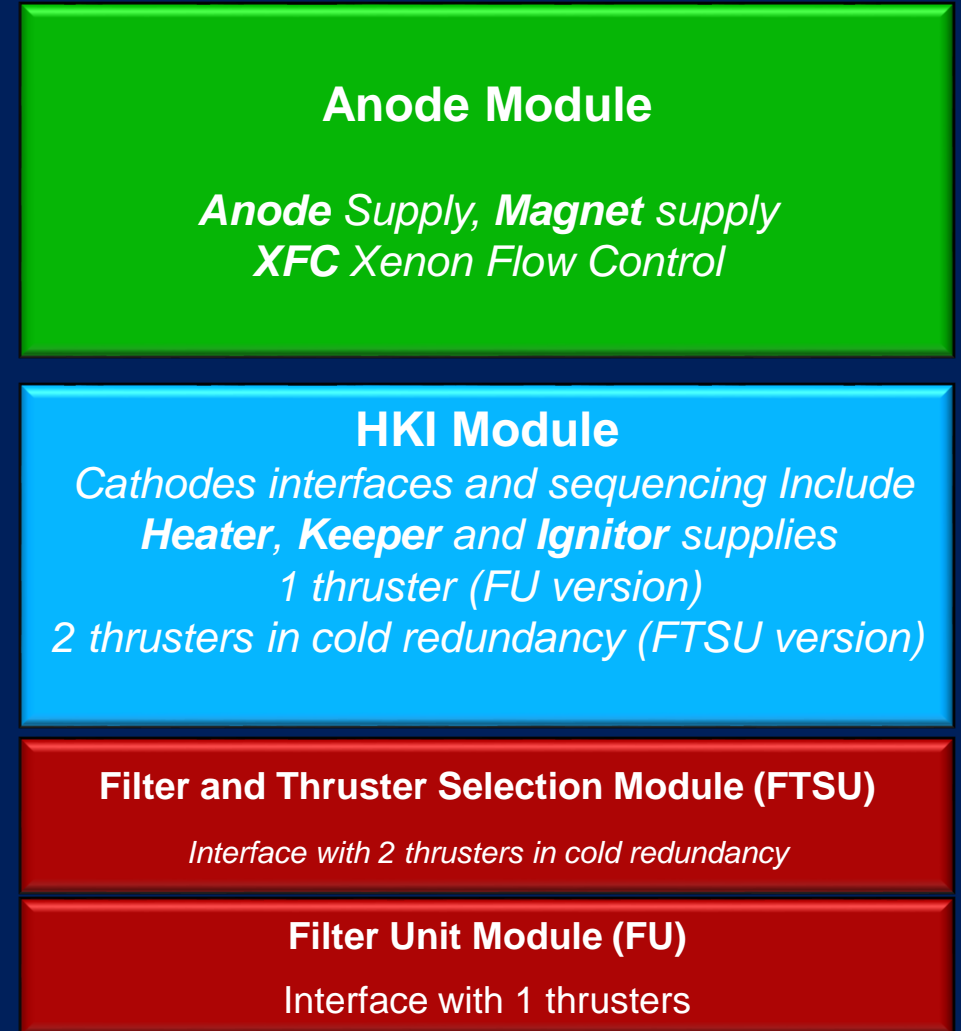
**23** flight models in orbit since 2021

**40** units per year production rate





# PPU NG1 - Architecture

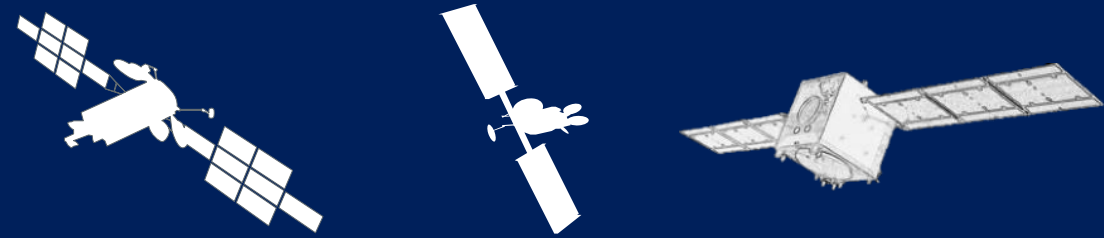


## PPU NG2 – One step ahead

- Disruptive reliable **rad hardened COTS** design
- **Compatible** with main thrusters PPS, SPT, BHT ...
- **Multi fluidics** management system, PV, BB and TT
- **Dual mode operation** range 300V– 600V
- Filter Unit **integrated** in the PPU
- State of the art design based on **GaN + digital control**
- Full **in-flight flexibility** for thruster parameters & operation
- Optimized DFM /DFT for **full automatic production**
- Self-diagnostics & self-tests
- **Patented** innovations
- Regulated **100V bus** or **70V Unregulated**
- Adaptation to other primary buses possible
- MILBUS 1553 or CANbus

**Competitiveness, flexibility and modularity**

# ELEKTRO - PPU NG2



## Key figures:

Modular compact concept **1 to 20kW**

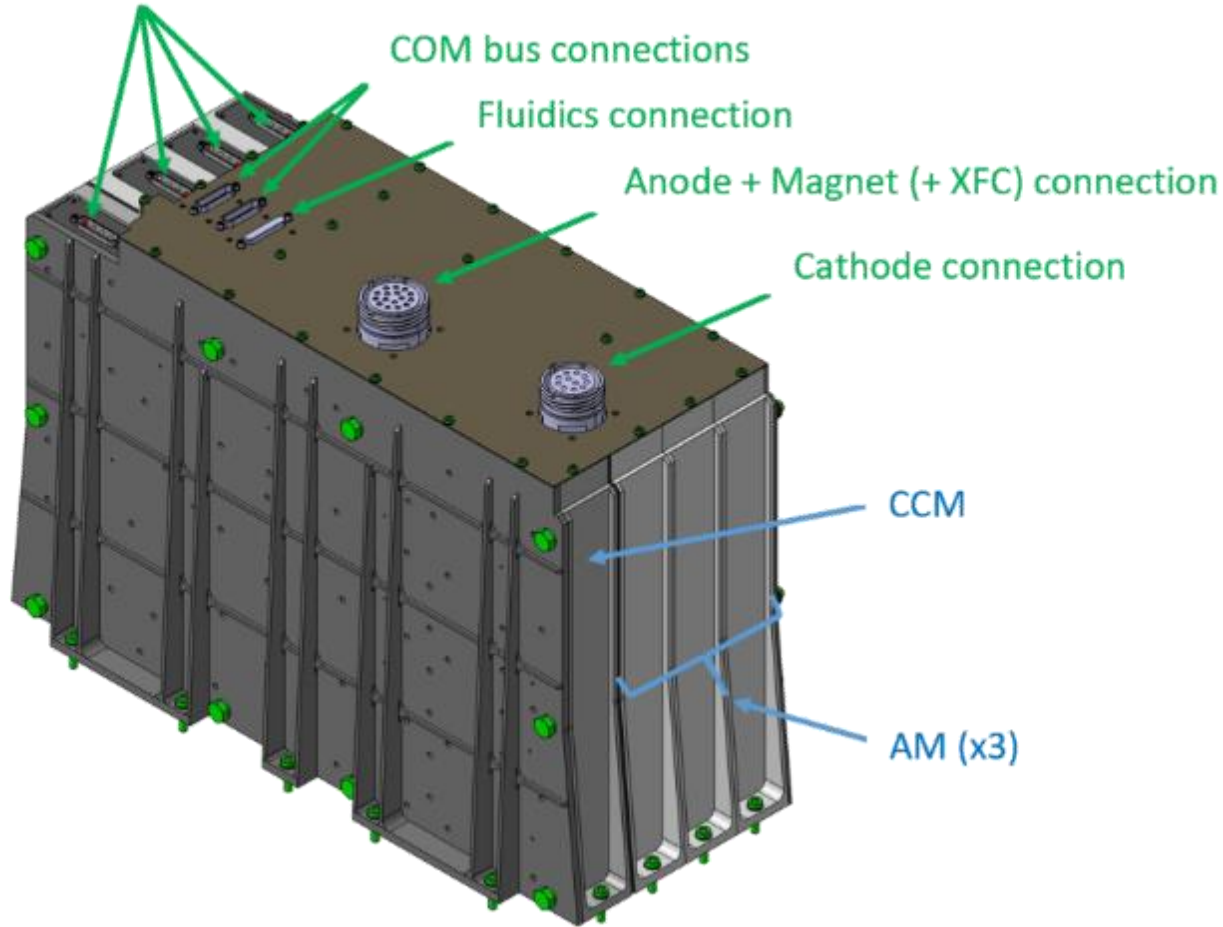
**50%** Cost reduction

**30%** Mass reduction



**PATENT PENDING**

Power bus connections



**PPU NG2 in its 5kW configuration**

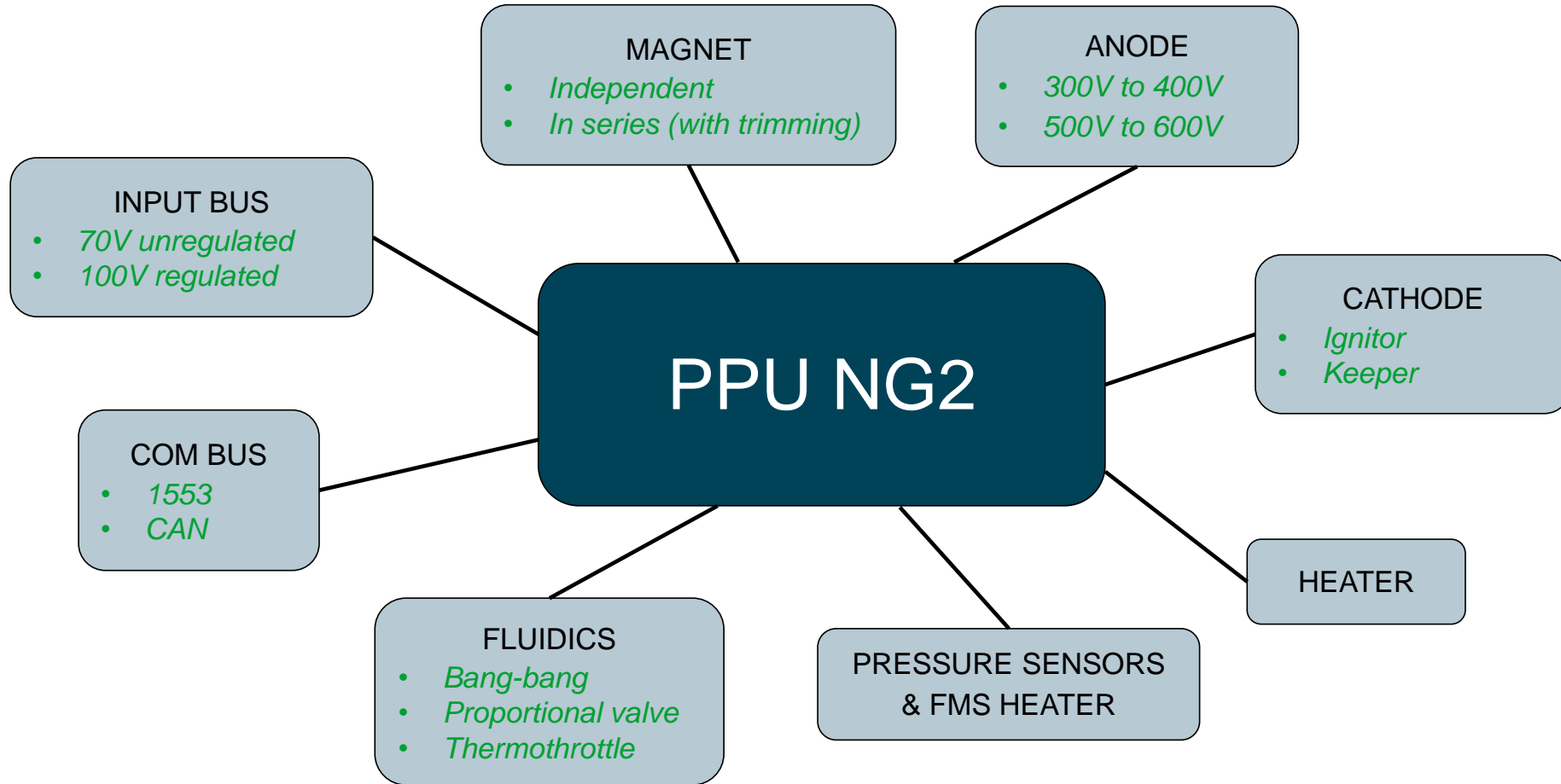
# PPU NG2 - Architecture

## Anode Modules

*Anode Supply, Magnet supply and Filter Unit*

## Cathode Control Module

*Heater, Keeper and Ignitor supplies  
Fluidics management interfaces*



# PPU NG2

## Versatility !!

Anode Voltage

Anode Power

Magnet

Fluidics

ComBus

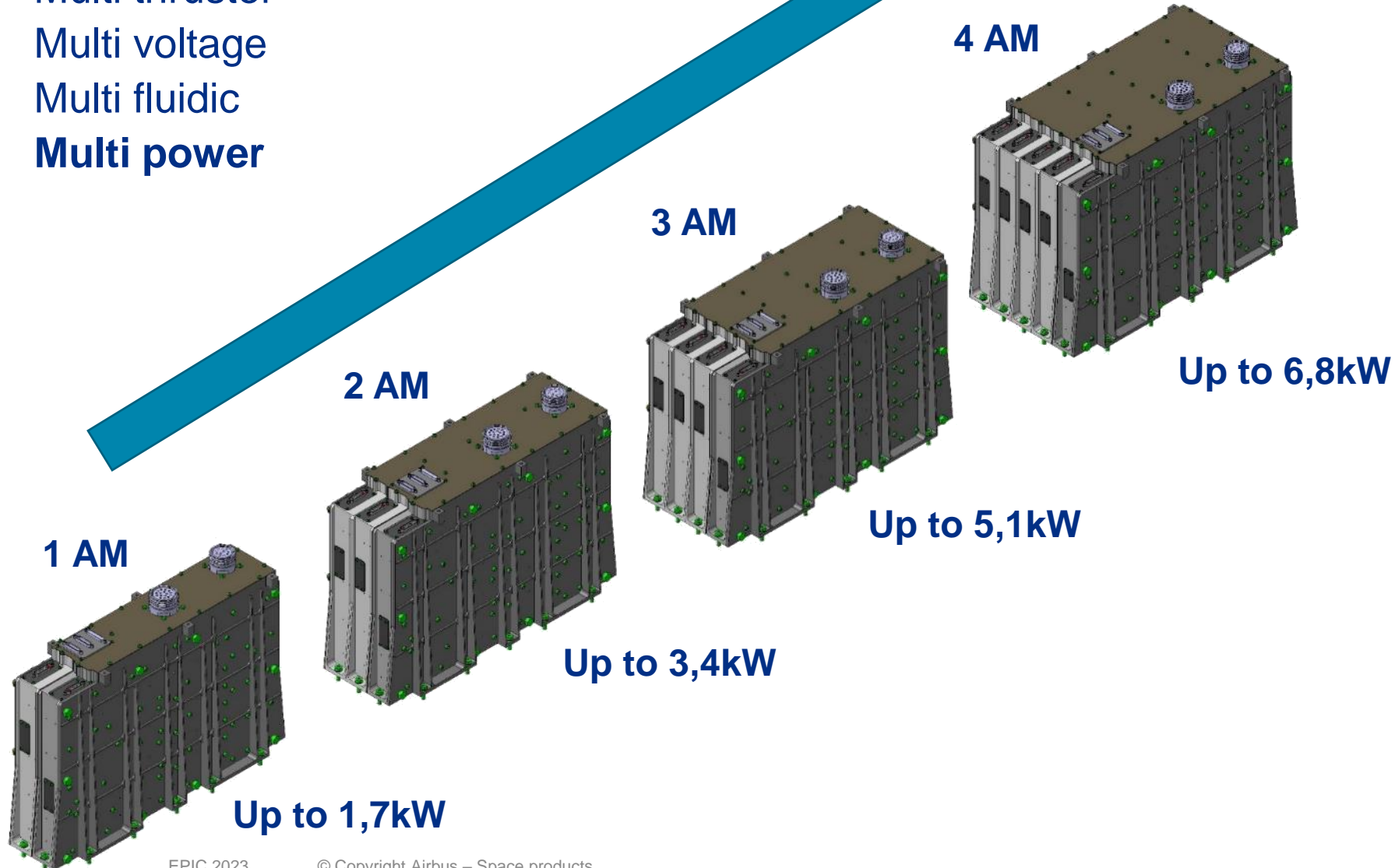
Primary Bus



## NG2 is an hAll effect PPU

- Multi thruster
- Multi voltage
- Multi fluidic
- **Multi power**

... 20kW



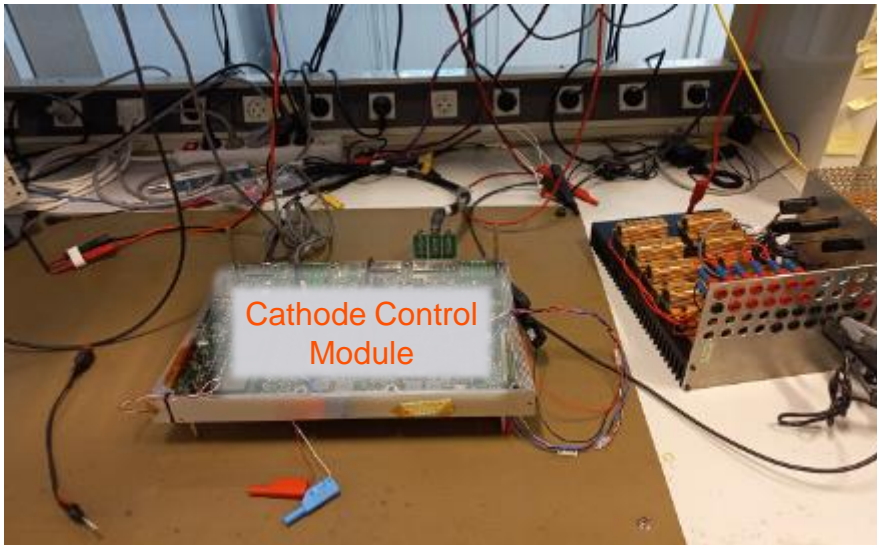
# PPU NG2

## Modularity!!

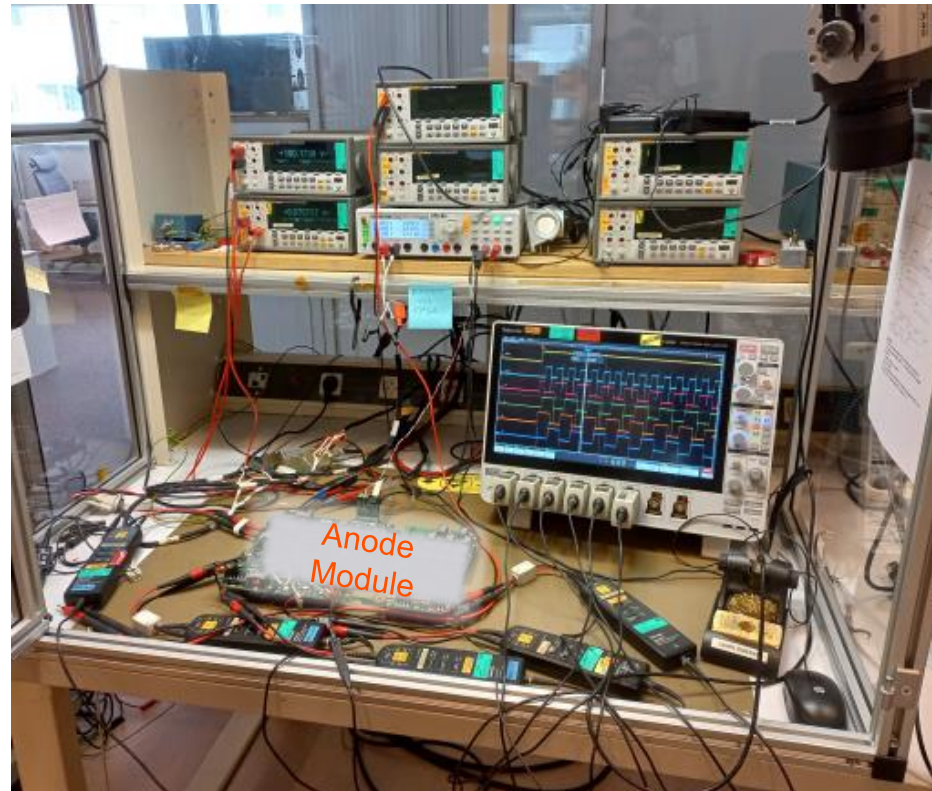
One PPU for  
hAll effect thrusters

# PPU NG2 Validations

- **Both** modules under **validations**
- Early **coupling** with PPS5000



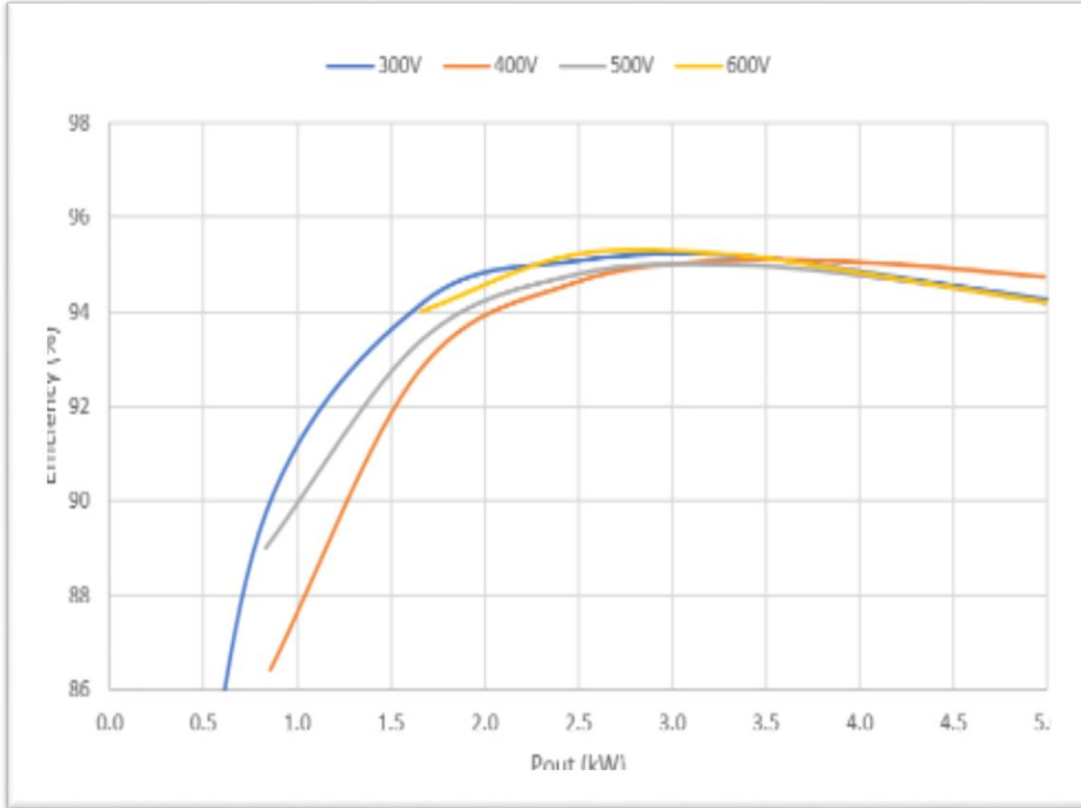
CCM validation



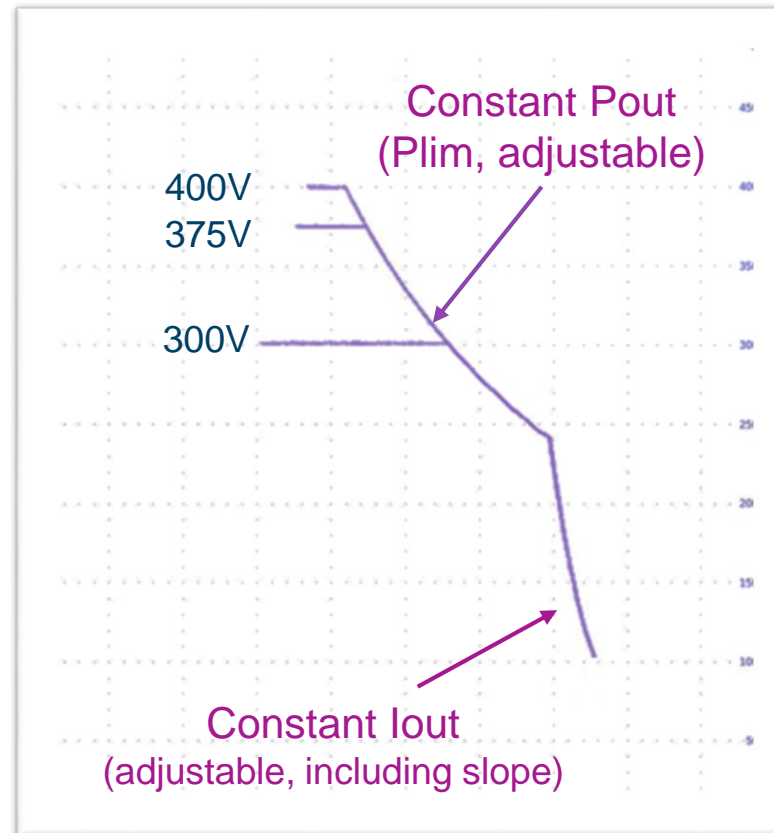
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# PPU NG2 Some figures

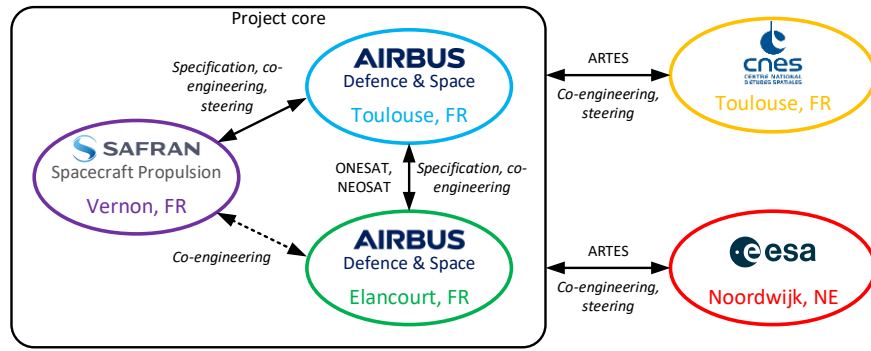
Anode supply efficiency for different output voltages



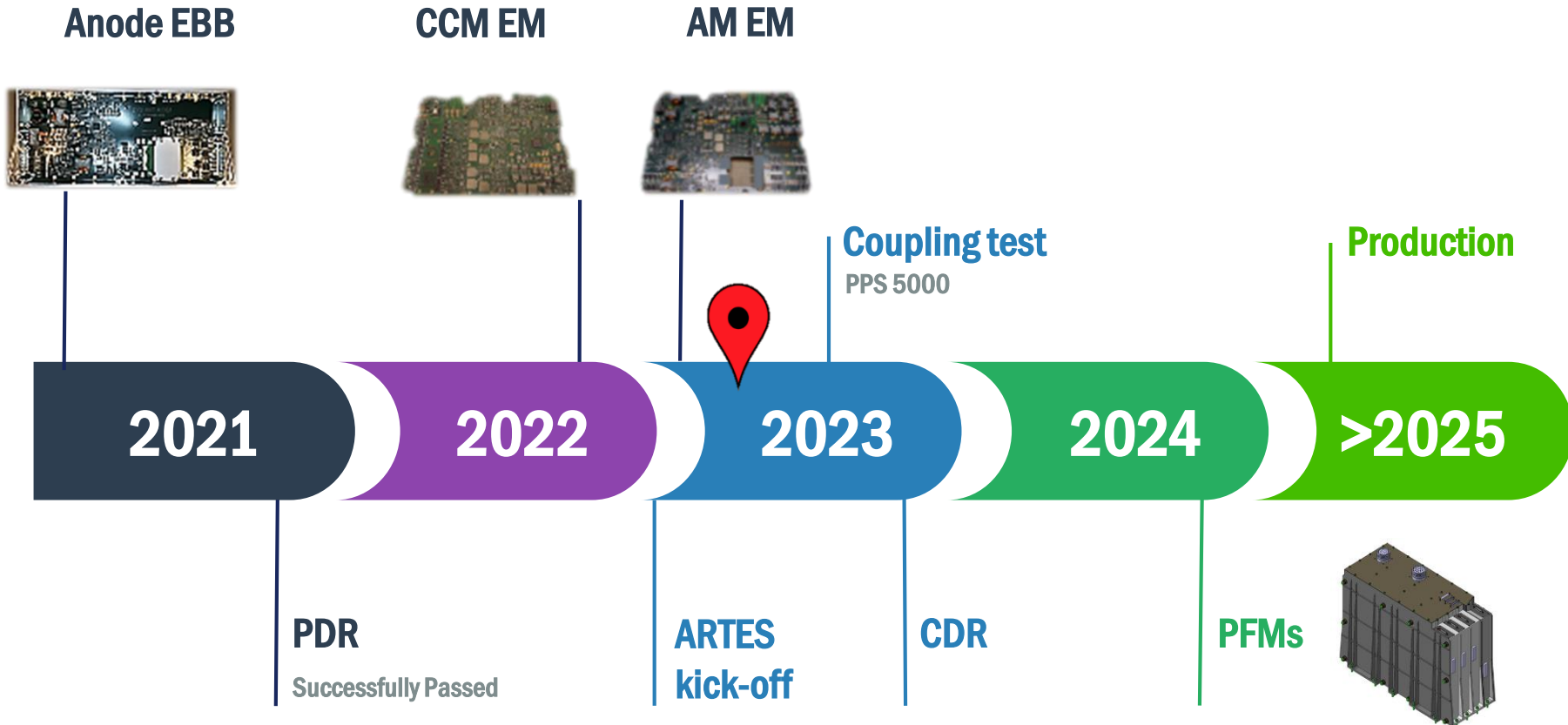
Example of Anode output characteristic



# Stakeholders



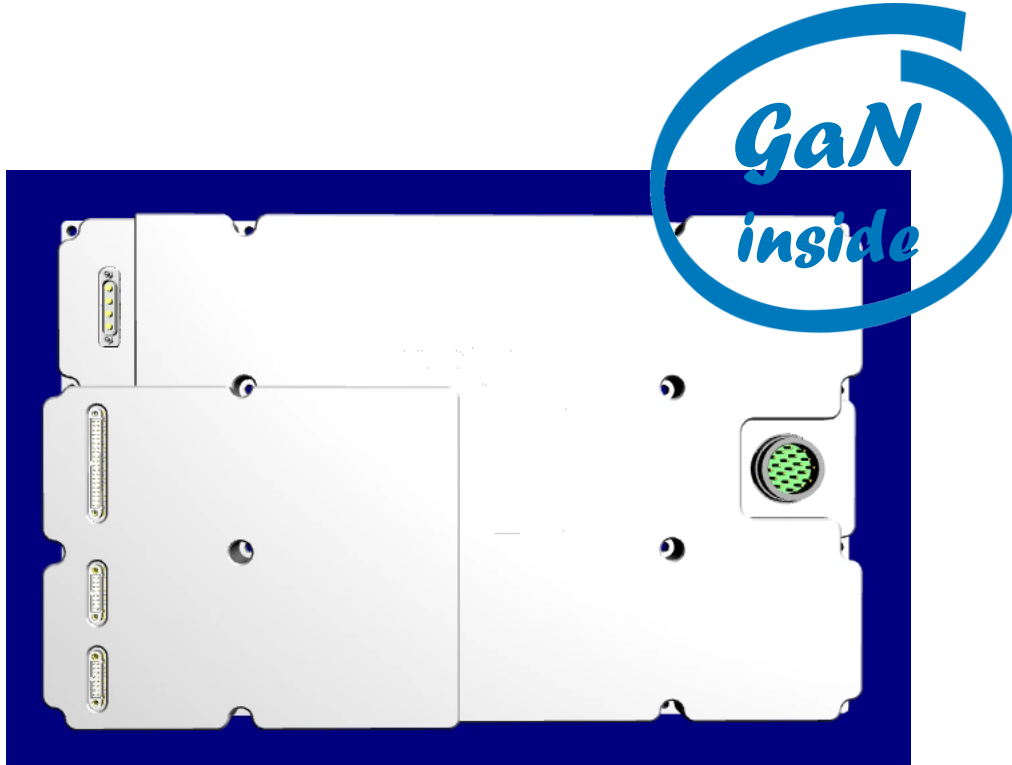
# Timeline



# PPU NG2 Development & Timeline

Development  
in  
**Airbus DS**  
in Elancourt

## One PPU, PPU Next Space



**BUILT UPON THE SUCCESS  
OF ONEWEB GEN1**

# PPU NS

DfM  
optimized  
heritage  
COTS  
efficient  
DfC  
compact  
NextSpace  
innovative

# CONCLUSIONS

Extensive **heritage** on PPUs

Mastering **cutting edge technologies** to answer the future:

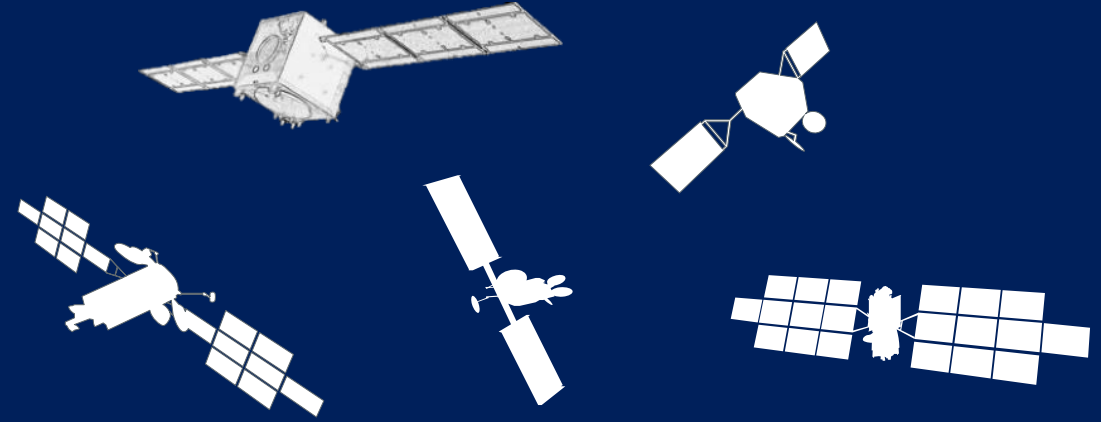
- ✓ **COTS,**
- ✓ **GaN,**
- ✓ **Digital Control**
- ✓ **High Voltage**

EP HET PPU portfolio answers Prime system **needs** :

- ✓ **Power**
- ✓ **Mass**
- ✓ **Efficiency**
- ✓ **Cost**

Power ranges from **Low** (300W) to **High Power** (20kW)

Provide **solutions** for short, mid and long term **needs**



Primes in **Europe** and **USA** with:

- > **600** Low Power **PPUs**
- > **140** Medium Power **PPUs**
- > **600.000** cumulated flying **hours**
- > **600** cumulated **years**



TOPAZ



PPU NS



ELEKTRO  
NG1



ELEKTRO  
NG2



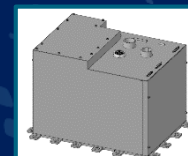
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Thank you for your attention

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