

# 65 V LDMOS INTRODUCTION

HIGHER POWER. EASE OF USE.  
NO COMPROMISE.

**MRFX SERIES**

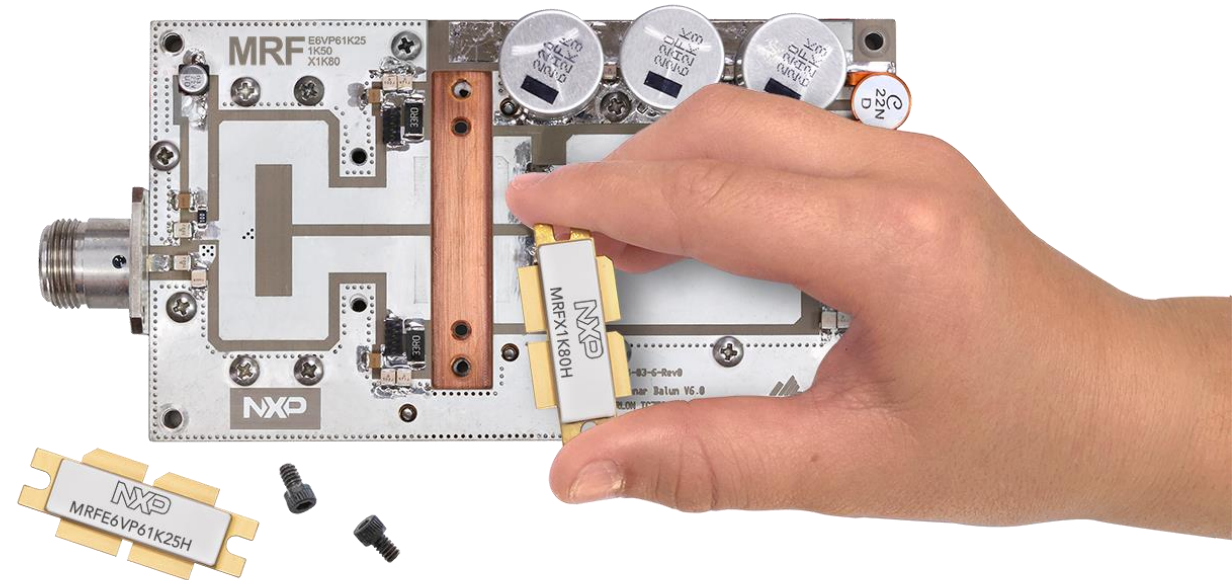
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# Introduction

- NXP is announcing a new LDMOS technology using 65 V drain voltage, focused on **ease of use**.
  - Higher voltage enables a higher RF output power with no compromise.
- The first transistor of the 65 V MRF~~X~~ series is the MRF~~X~~1K80, the industry's most powerful CW RF transistor: 1800 W.
- The MRF~~X~~1K80 is pin-compatible with existing 50 V transistors, to reduce design cycle times.



# A Brief History

- **2006-2009**: first to release a **1kW** LDMOS transistor, followed by four other lower power devices.
- **2010-2012**: launched industry-first portfolio of 5 **extremely rugged** 50 V LDMOS transistors in ceramic packaging, from 25 to 1250 W.
- **2014-2015**: complemented this portfolio with 5 transistors in **plastic package**, enabling lower thermal resistance.
- **2016**: launched the 1500 W **MRF1K50**, pushing 50 V LDMOS close to its limits of usability (higher power levels at 50V are challenging to match to 50 ohm).
- **2017**: introducing the MRF**X** series with the 1800 W **MRFX1K80**, based on new 65 V LDMOS technology developed in NXP's internal fab. Designed for ease of use.



# Why 65V? Ease of use.



**More power** – Higher voltage enables higher power density, which helps reduce the number of transistors to combine.



Fewer combining losses, smaller PAs, simpler power supply management.



**Faster development time** – With higher voltage, the output power can be increased while retaining a reasonable output impedance.



Easier matching to 50 ohms; transistors can be used wideband.



**Design reuse** – This impedance benefit also ensures pin-compatibility with current 50 V LDMOS transistors for better scalability.



Little to no retuning from existing 50 V power amplifiers.



**Manageable current level** – Higher voltage reduces the current losses in the system.



Fewer stresses on DC supplies, better system efficiency, less magnetic radiation.



**Wide safety margin** – The higher breakdown voltage of 182 V improves ruggedness and allows for higher efficiency classes of operation.



Better reliability, higher efficiency.

# NXP RF Technology Design Strategy: Focus on **Ease of Use**

To keep a reasonable output impedance above 1500 W, NXP is raising the voltage

## Output impedance

Higher impedance makes it easier to match to 50 ohm.

$$R_L = \frac{V^2}{2P}$$

## Drain voltage

NXP is raising the voltage  $V$  to increase the output power  $P$ , while keeping the output impedance  $R_L$  reasonable.

$R_L = (65^2 / 2 \times 900W) \times 2 \text{ sides} = 4.7 \text{ ohm}^*$   
(transformation ratio to 50 ohms = ~10)

## Output power.

NXP's competitors increase output power  $P$  while retaining  $V = 50 \text{ V}$ . Consequence: reduced output resistance, making the transistors difficult to match and very challenging to use wideband.

$R_L = (50^2 / 2 \times 900W) \times 2 \text{ sides} = 2.8 \text{ ohm}^*$   
(transformation ratio to 50 ohms = ~18)

\*: examples for a 1800W push-pull transistor.

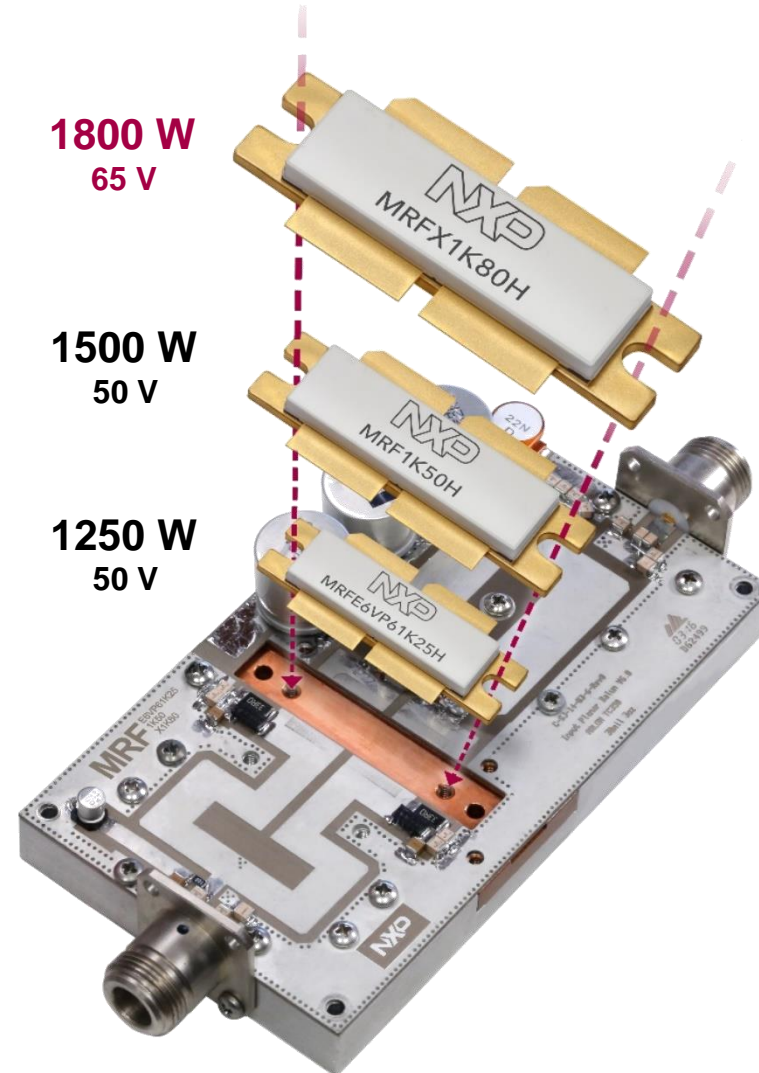
**Ease of use = higher power WITH higher voltage.**



# NXP RF Transistor Design Strategy: Focus on **Scalability**

*Transistors from the MRFX series fit into existing PCBs designed for previous 50 V transistors*

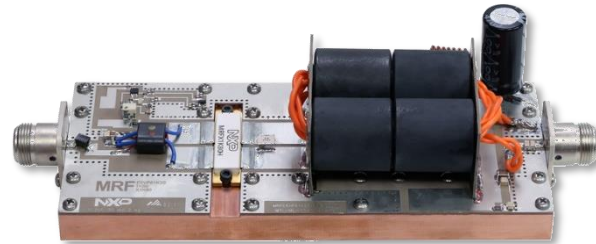
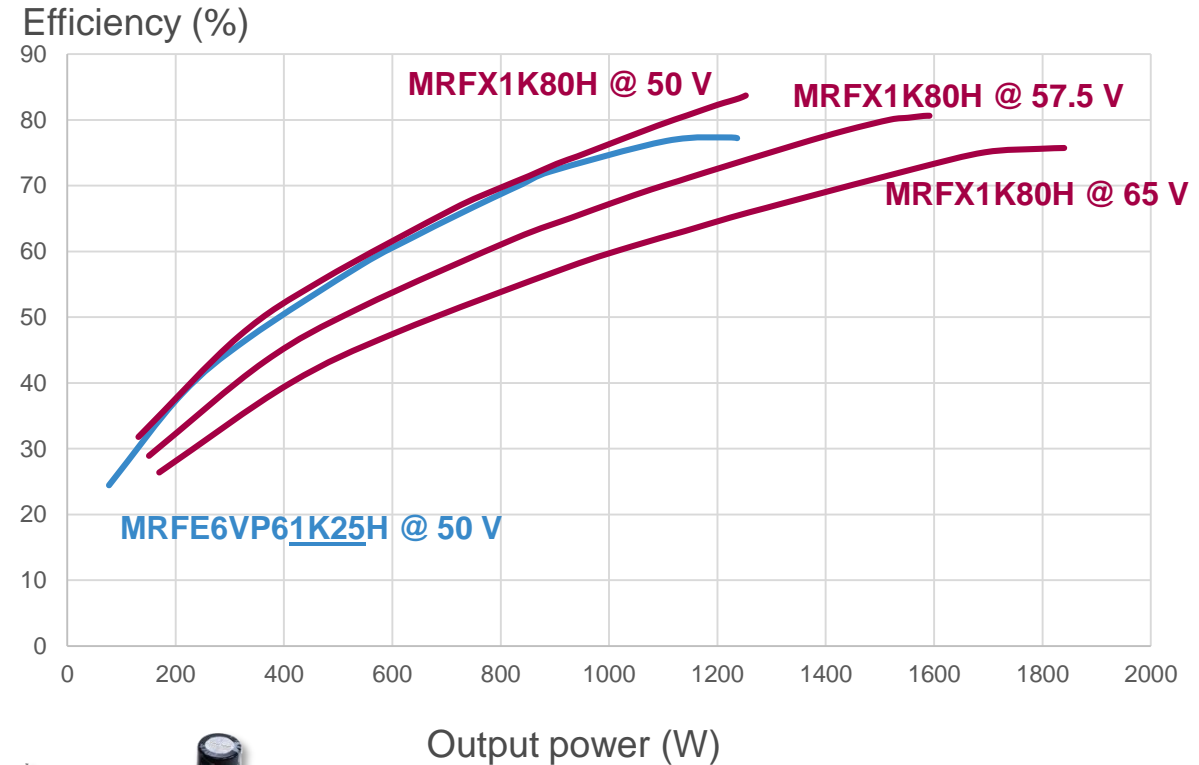
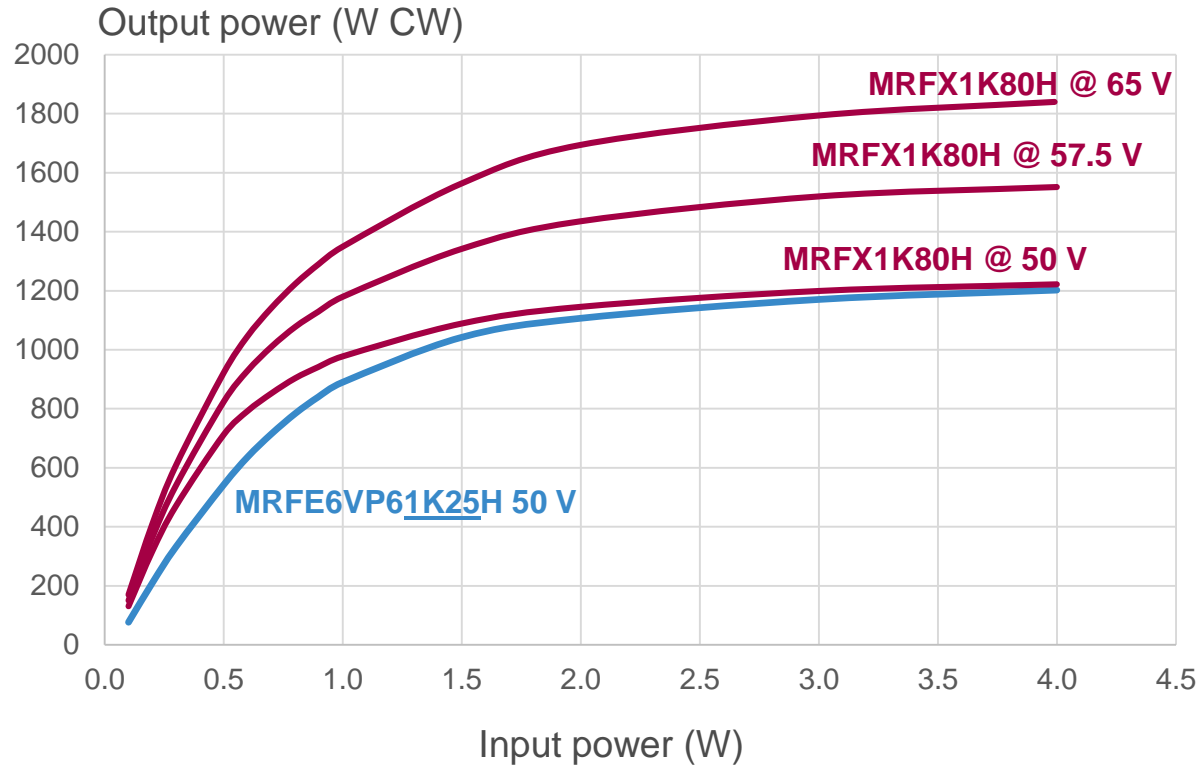
- Same PCB for  
MRFE6VP61K25H  
MRE6VP61K25N  
MRF1K50H  
MRF1K50N  
MRFX1K80H  
MRFX1K80N
- Little to no retuning needed



- Faster Time-To-Market
- One platform, multiple products

# Easy Upgrade from Existing 50 V Solutions

Data taken on the same 27 MHz reference circuit: no retuning



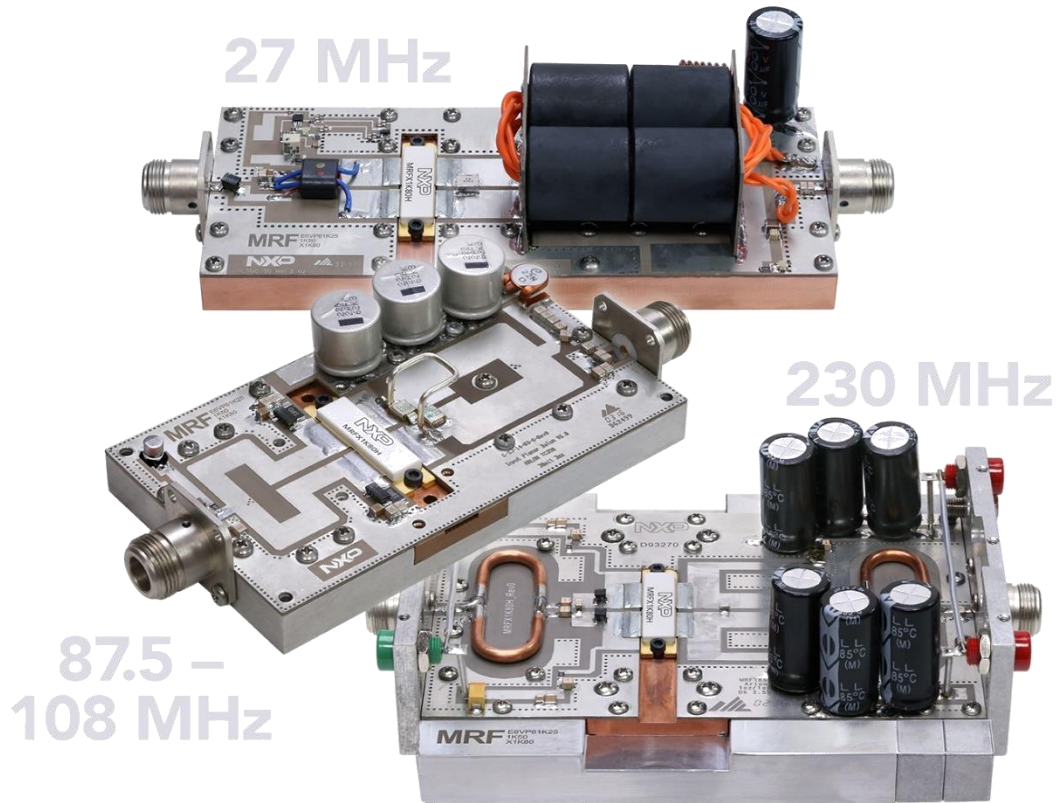
# MRFX1K80 Specifications

- 1800 W CW
- 1.8-470 MHz (unmatched input and output)
- 65 V LDMOS for 30-65 V operations
- 182 V min breakdown voltage  $V_{(BR)DSS}$
- Extreme ruggedness: handles 65:1 VSWR
- Warranted availability until 2032 minimum
  
- **MRFX1K80H**: housed in NI-1230 air cavity ceramic package
  - Thermal resistance 0.09°C/W
  - ***Sampling now, production August 2017***
  
- **MRFX1K80N**: housed in OM-1230 over-molded plastic package
  - Thermal resistance typically 30% lower than ceramic
  - ***Sampling August, production November 2017***





# MRFX1K80H Reference Circuits



Frequency	Signal type	Voltage	Output Power	Gain	Drain efficiency	Availability
27 MHz	CW	50 V	1200 W	26.0 dB	82.3%	Now
		57.5 V	1520 W	27.0 dB	80.1%	
		65 V	1800 W	27.8 dB	75.6%	
87.5-108 MHz	CW	60 V	1550 W	21.9 dB	82.2%	Now
144 MHz	CW	65 V	1800 W	23.5 dB	77.5%	July
230 MHz	Pulse	65 V	1800 W	24.0 dB	74.0%	July

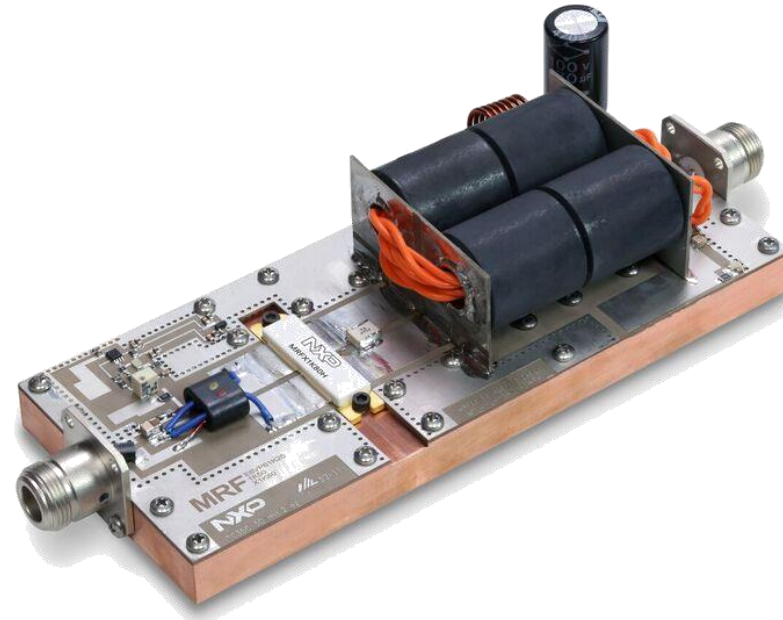
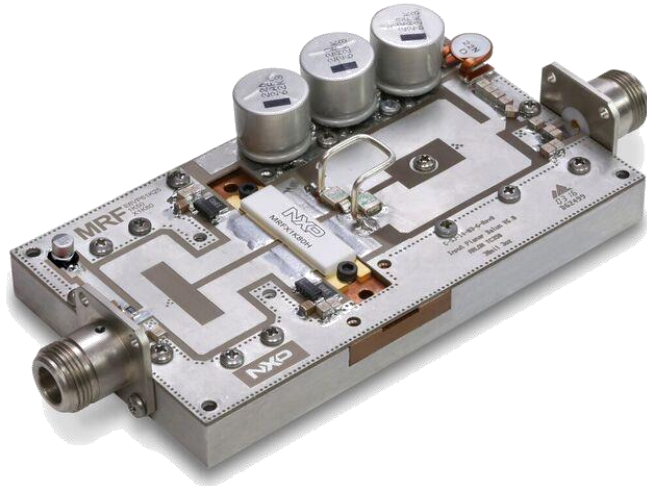
# MRFX1K80 Target Markets

- **Industrial, Scientific, Medical (ISM)**
  - Laser generation
  - Plasma etching
  - Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
  - Diathermy, skin laser, RF ablation
  - Industrial heating, welding and drying systems
  - Particle accelerators
- **Broadcast**
  - Radio broadcast (FM/DAB)
  - VHF TV broadcast
- **Aerospace**
  - VHF omnidirectional range (VOR)
  - HF and VHF communications
  - Weather radar
- **Mobile Radio**
  - VHF base stations



# For more information

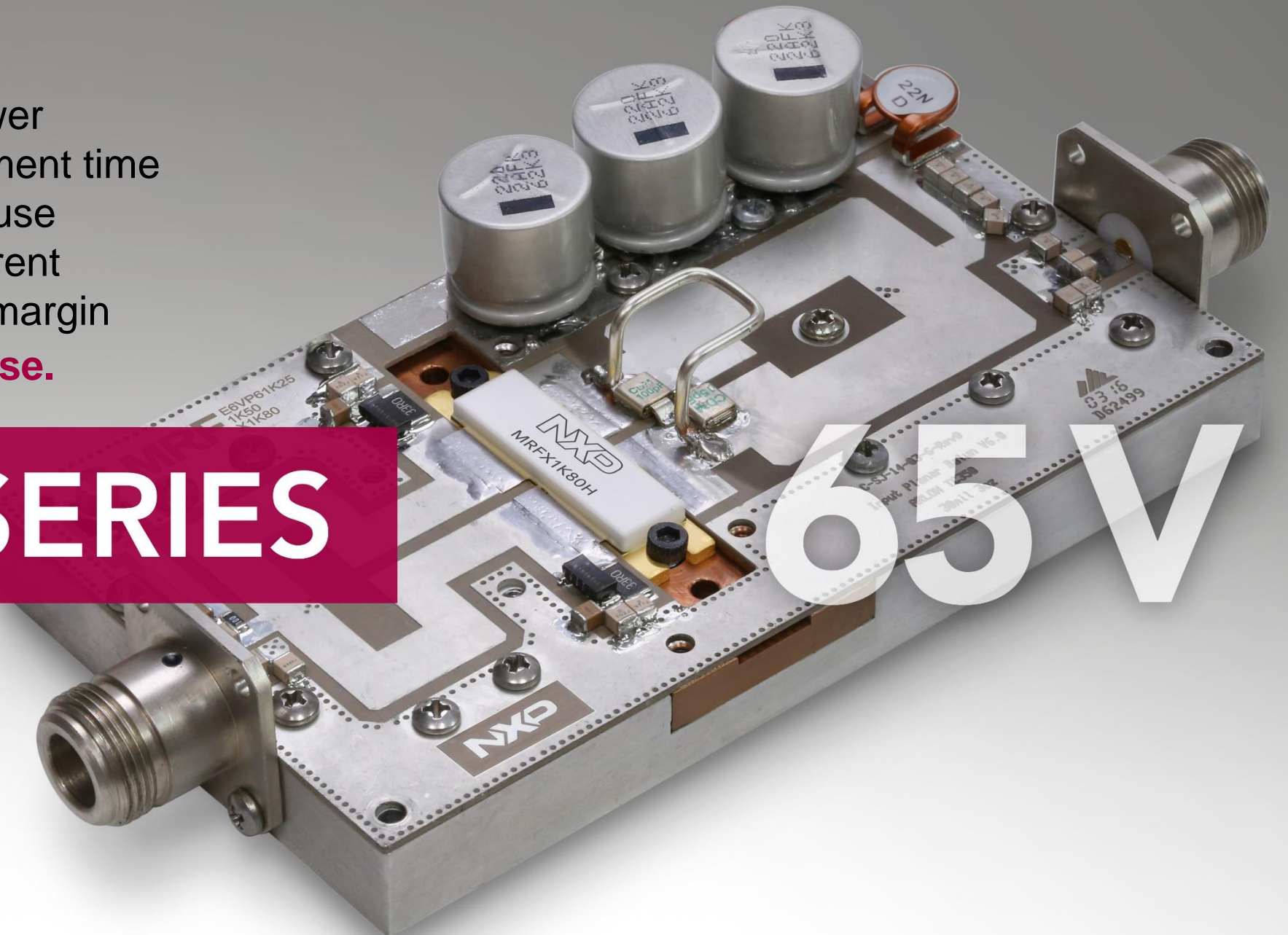
- 65 V LDMOS web page: [www.nxp.com/65V](http://www.nxp.com/65V)
- MRFX1K80H web page with datasheet: [www.nxp.com/MRFX1K80H](http://www.nxp.com/MRFX1K80H)



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