

POWER ELECTRONICS – PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

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POWER ELECTRONICS (PE)

> DEFINITION

Technology associated with the efficient
• Conversion • Control • Conditioning
of electrical power / energy by static / solid state
means from the available electrical input form
into the desired electrical output form

> GOAL

To control the flow of energy from an
electrical source to an electrical load with

- **High efficiency**
- **High availability**
- **High reliability**
- **Small size**
- **Light weight and**
- **Low cost**

Source: Wilson, Trans.
PE, May, 2000

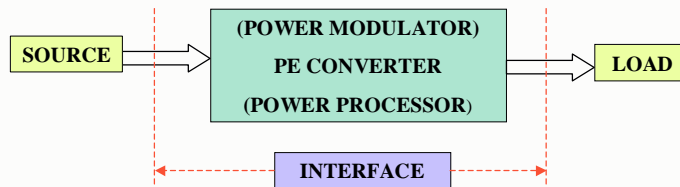
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➤ **FEATURES**

- Provides an **interface** between the fixed voltage / frequency source and the diverse requirements of consumers' load



• **Source:** Fixed Voltage / Fixed Frequency

- Small : Wind / Photovoltaic/ Battery / Fuel Cell
 - Medium : Diesel/ Gas Turbine Generator
 - Large : Hydro / Thermal / Nuclear
- DC, 1-Phase/ 3-Phase AC (50 / 60 hz)

• **Load :** Diverse Requirements—Examples

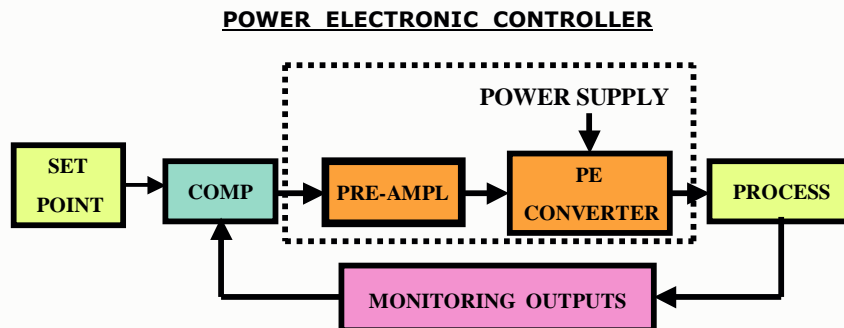
- Electro Chem.Plants : Low DC Voltage, High Current
- Induction Furnace : 1-phase , High Frequency AC >> 50hz
- Machine Tools : Variable DC Voltage
- Plants with AC Motors : Variable Voltage Variable Frequency (VVVF)
- Computer Loads : Un-interrupted Power Supply (UPS)
- Aircraft Power Systems : Variable Speed Constant Frequency (VSCF)
- HVDC Systems : AC/ DC & DC / AC

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- **PE CONVERTER** : Accepts electric power from the existing source and converts it in a **controlled manner** to a suitable form compatible with a particular load or process
- AC / DC DC / DC DC / AC AC / AC
- Provides an **essential link** between the micro- / milliwatt levels of the electronic controllers (now, **computers**) and the kilo-/megawatt levels of **process**.



A PROCESS CONTROL BLOCK DIAGRAM

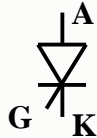
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- Gone through more than **four and half** decades of intense technological revolution (**silent*?**) since the development of **SCR** in **1957**

- **THYRISTOR (SCR)**



- SILICON SEMICONDUCTOR
- CONTROLLED RECTIFIER
- LATCHING SWITCH
- AMPLIFIER (Power Gain Over 10^8)

- Emerged as **KEY TECHNOLOGY** in all areas of

POWER PROCESSING

- GENERATION
- TRANSMISSION / DISTRIBUTION
- UTILISATION

and **SYSTEMS**

- INDUSTRIAL
- COMMERCIAL
- RESIDENTIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- UTILITY
- AEROSPACE
- TELECOMMUNICATION

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- **MAJOR APPLICATION AREAS OF PE:**

- REGULATED POWER SUPPLIES (DC & AC), UPS, SMPS
- ELECTRO-CHEMICAL PROCESSES
- HEATING AND LIGHTING CONTROL
- INDUCTION HEATING
- ELECTRONIC WELDING
- PHOTO-VOLTAIC AND FUEL CELL CONVERSION
- HVDC SYSTEMS / FACTS
- POWER LINE VAR AND HARMONIC COMPENSATION (SVC) (APLC / APF)
- SOLID STATE CIRCUIT BREAKER
- **MOTOR DRIVES** (DC & AC)—INCLUDING ROBOTICS AND ACTUATORS (**MOTION CONTROL**)

POLARISATION IN TWO DIRECTIONS:

- LOW POWER HIGH FREQUENCY SUPPLIES (e.g. SMPS)
- MODERATE TO HIGH POWER LOW FREQUENCY (MOTOR DRIVES, UPS, APLC, ...)

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• ACHIEVEMENTS WITH POWER ELECTRONICS

- **COST AND SPACE SAVING**
- **ENERGY SAVING *- INDUSTRIAL ECONOMY**
- **REDUCTION OF MAINTENANCE**
- **IMPROVEMENT OF RELIABILITY**
- **LONGER LIFE**
- **HIGH QUALITY OF PERFORMANCE**
- **COMPLETE CONTROLABILITY**
- **MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY**
- **CLEAN ENVIRONMENT**

(*Motor drives and lighting industries represent more than 75% of electrical power consumption .

Today more than 40% of electric power being processed pass through some form of PE equipment. Expected to be 80% by 2010. With use of PE, the energy is to be saved by 35%)

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TABLE - 1 SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN THE PAST HISTORY OF POWER ELECTRONICS (TILL 1960)


- 1783 CONCEPT OF 'SEMICONDUCTOR' (VOLTA)
- 1802 DISCOVERY OF 'UNIPOLAR CONDUCTOR' (ERMAN)
- 1803 RECTIFICATION EFFECT OF COPPER OXIDE (OHM)
- 1838 ROTATING CURRENT INTERRUPTER 'INVERSOR'
(POGGENDORF), 'MUTATOR' (DOVE)
- 1876 SELENIUM RECTIFIER (SIEMENS / ADAMS)
- 1883 EDISON EFFECT- HEATED WIRE EMITS ELECTRONS
- 1896 SINGLE-- PHASE RECTIFIER BRIDGE CIRCUIT (POLLAK)
- 1897 GRAETZ CIRCUIT (THREE-- PHASE BRIDGE RECTIFIER)
DISCOVERY OF ELECTRON (THOMSON)
- 1902 COOPER- HEWITT PATENT ON MERCURY-ARC
RECTIFIER
- 1903 PATENT ON PRINCIPLE OF PHASE ANGLE CONTROL
(THOMAS)

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....CONTD.


Annales des Observations
Physikalisches
Wörterbuch



Semiconductor, Volta, 1783

* *Versuche zu einer nähern Bestimmung der Natur unipolarer Leiter*
VON
G. S. OHM.

ANNALEN
DER
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**Inversor
Pogendorf, 1838**

Fig. 7 "Inversor", Pogendorf, 1838

**Bridge, Christie 1833
Rect. Bridge, Pollak,
1896; Graetz, 1897**

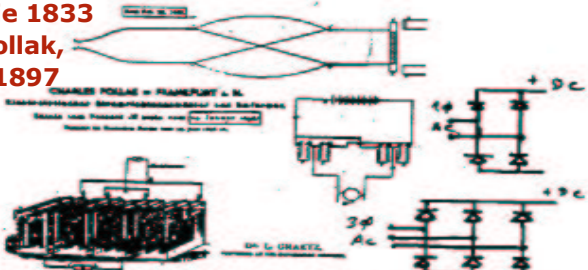
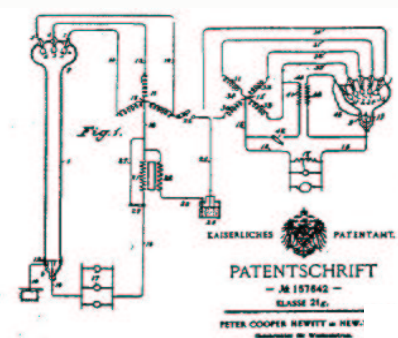


Fig. 5 Bridge, Christie 1833, Rectifier-Bridge, Pollak
1896, Graetz 1897

Source: Kloss, EPE 1985



**Mercury-arc Rectifier, Cooper-Hewitt
1902**

Source: Kloss, EPE 1985

**Phase Angle Control
Thomas 1903, Toulon 1923**

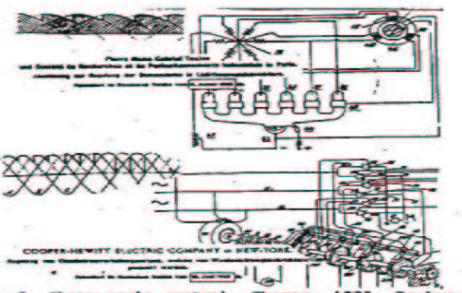


Fig. 9 Phase angle control, Thomas, 1903, Toulon,
1923

Source: Kloss, EPE 1985

TABLE-1 (CONTD.)

- 1904 **THERMIONIC DIODE** (PAWLOWOSKI / FLEMING)
- 1905 STEINMETZ HIGH VOLTAGE RECTIFIER FOR STREET LIGHTING
- 1907 THREE ELEMENT THERMIONIC VACUUM TUBE, **AUDION TRIODE** (DE FOREST)
- 1911 METAL TANK MERCURY RECTIFIER FOR SREET LIGHTING (SCHAFFER)
- 1912 **MAGNETIC AMPLIFIER** FOR RADIO TELEPHONY (ALEXANDERSON, GE)
- 1913 DISCOVERY OF GRID CONTROL PRINCIPLE (LANGMUIR / PIERCE)
- 1922 **CYCLOCONVERTER** PRINCIPLE (MEYER / HAZELTINE)
GRID CONTROL APPLICATION (TOULON)
INVERTED RECTIFICATION (ALEXANDERSON)
- 1923 POOLED CATHODE **THYRATRON** *(LANGMUIR)

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*(Thyratron- Greek derivative meaning 'a door that can be opened')

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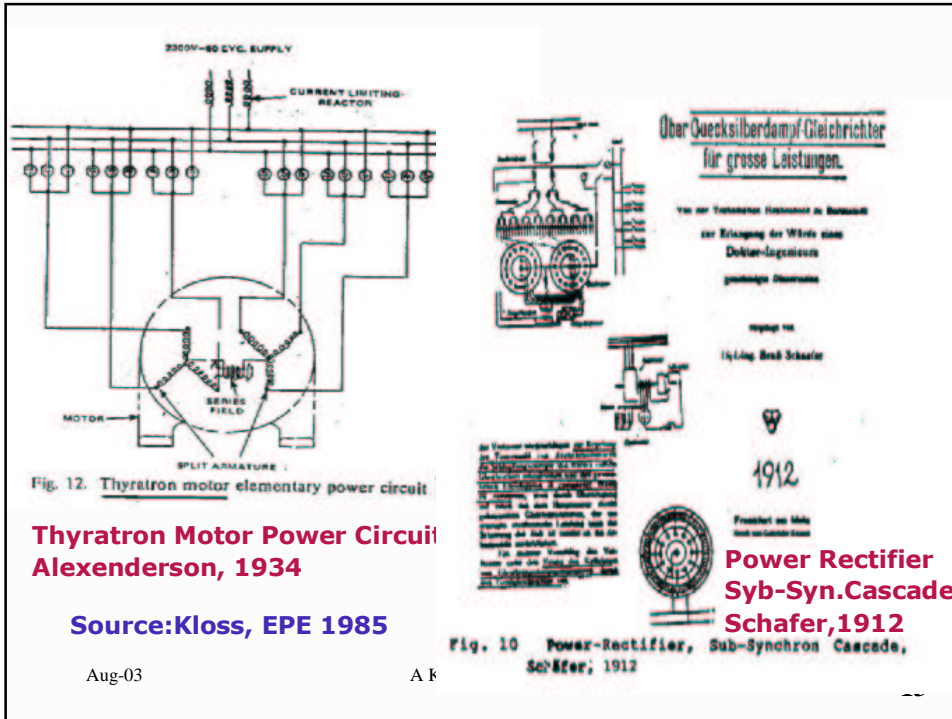
- 1924 CHOPPER PRINCIPLE (BURNSTEIN)
- 1925 PARALLEL **INVERTER** COMMUTATION (PRINCE)
- 1926 HOT CATHODE THYRATRON (HULL)
- 1931 CYCLOCONVERTER FOR RAILWAYS (SCHENKEL & ISSENDORF)
- 1933 SINGLE ANODE LIQUID MERCURY CATHODE **IGNITRON** (SEPIAN, WESTINGHOUSE)
- 1934 **THYRATRON MOTOR BUILT AND TESTED** (ALEXANDERSON, GE) Mittag Patent on ASCI principle
- 1935 HVDC TRANSMISSION BETWEEN MECHANICVILLE AND SHENECTADY, NY, USA
- 1939 **AMPLIDYNE** INTRODUCED (ALEXANDERSON)
ELECTRONIC KRAMER /SCHERBIUS DRIVE
(ALEXANDERSON / STOHR)
LCI-SYN. MOTOR DRIVE CONCEPT (STOHR)
- 1942 20 MW FREQUENCY CHANGER, 25/60 Hz

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**Thyatron Motor Power Circuit
Alexenderson, 1934**

Source:Kloss, EPE 1985

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**Power Rectifier
Syb-Syn.Cascade
Schafer,1912**

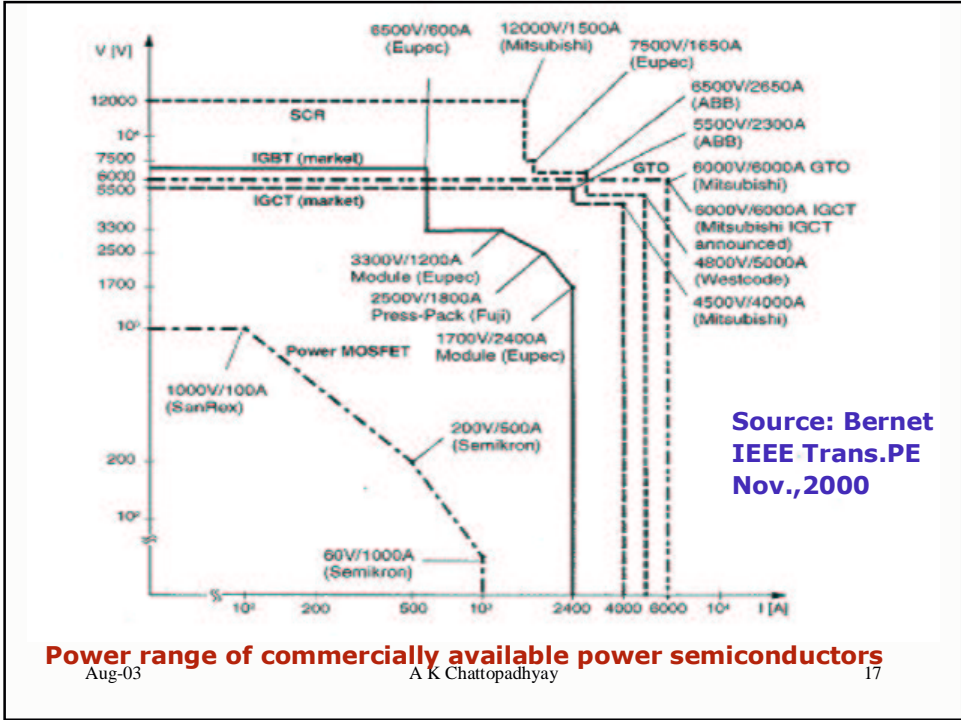
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- 1948 INVENTION OF TRANSISTOR (POINT CONTACT) (BARDEEN, BRATTAIN, SHOCKLEY, BELL LAB), Nobel Prize in 1956**
- 1951 JUNCTION TRANSISTOR (SHOCKLEY)**
- 1953 GERMANIUM POWER DIODE, 100 A**
- 1954 SILICON POWER DIODE;
FIRST TRANSISTOR RADIO**
- 1957 THYRISTOR (SCR) ANNOUNCED (BELL LAB, USA)
(p-n-p-n switches, MOLL et al, 1956)**
- 1958 COMMERCIALISATION OF THYRISTOR (GE, USA)
FIRST TRANSISTORISED COMPUTER (CDC 1604)**
- 1959 DEVELOPMENT OF INTEGRATED CIRCUIT (IC)
(KILBY/NOYCE), Kilby, Nobel Prize in 2000
(FIRST RADIO WITH IC -1967)**

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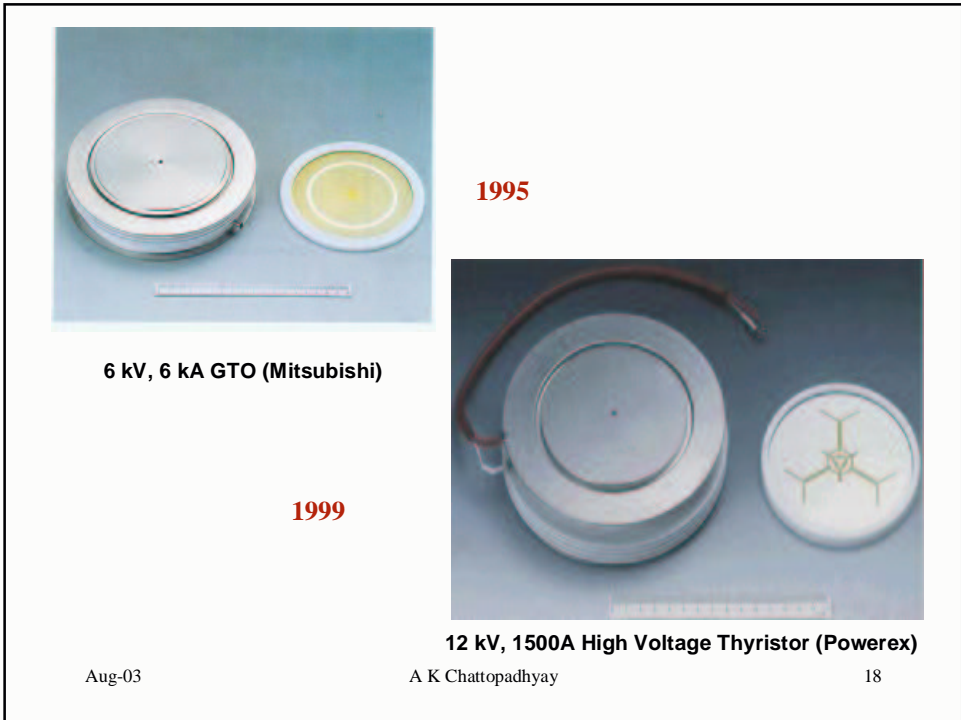
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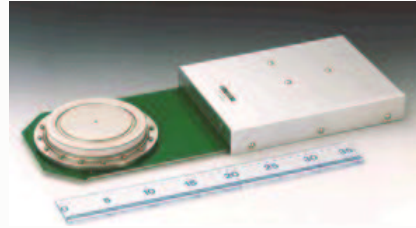
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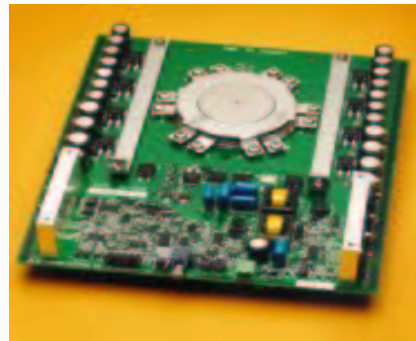
3.3kV HVIPM (Powerex / Mitsubishi)



6.5kV, 6kA IGCT (Powerex / Mitsubishi / ABB)



4.5 kV HVIGBT (Powerex / Mitsubishi)



6.5 kV, 1.5 kA SGCT (Powerex / Mitsubishi)

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NEXT GENERATION POWER SEMICONDUCTOR MATERIALS

- Gallium Arsenide (GaAs) / Gallium Nitride (GaN)
- Silicon Carbide (SiC)
- Diamond (Thin Film)
- Superconducting

Properties:

- Large band Gap
- High Carrier Mobility
- High Electrical Conductivity
- high Thermal Conductivity

Results:

- High Power Capability
- High Frequency
- Low Conduction Drop
- High Junction Temperature
- Good Radiation Hardness

Ideal switch requirements :

High input impedance
 Low on-state drop
 Infinite 'off' resistance
 Fast turn-off and turn-on
 Ability to withstand high V & I (Good SOA)
 High current density
 Low cost
 High temp.Capability
 Bilateral /Bi-directional

Integrated Gate Drive
 Minimize Conduction Loss
 Zero Leakage
 Minimize Switching Loss
 Snubber-less Operation
 Low Die Cost
 Reduced Size
 Reduced Heat-sink
 Less Device Count

Ideal switch is still a dream!

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Comparison of material properties of Silicon (Si) , Silicon Carbide (4H-SiC) and Diamond for high-power devices

		Si	4H-SiC	Diamond
Band-gap	eV	1.1	3	5
Breakdown field	MV/cm	0.3	3	10
Max.Electron velocity	10 ⁷ cm/s	1.0	2	3
Thermal conductivity	W/cmK	1.5	5	20

Technical potential of SiC power devices , compared with the limits of Si

Device voltage	5 to 10 times higher
Current densities	10 to 100 times higher
Switching losses	1/10 th to 1/100 th of today's
Working temperature	up to 500°C

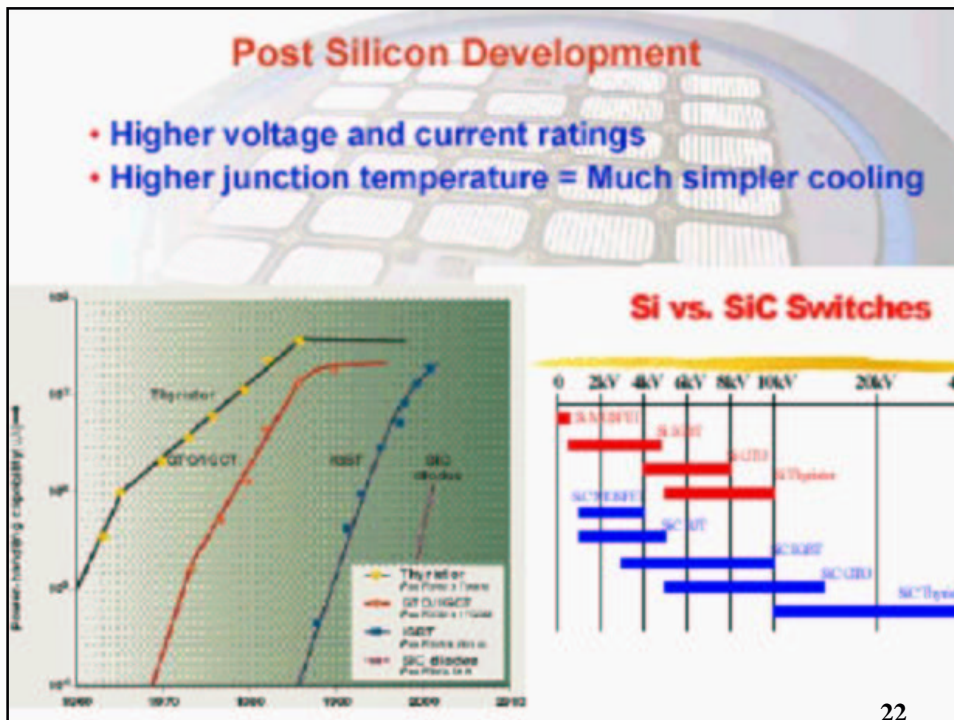
Status of SiC Power Devices (2001)

- 19 kV 4H-SiC p-i-n Diodes
- Power MOSFETs
- 1800V n-p-n BJTs , performance 100 times higher than silicon
- 3.1 kV,12 A GTOs
- Hybrid Modules: Si-IGBT/SiC Diodes, SiC IGBT Modules (GE, 2000)

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IGBT SCENARIO

- Device that takes advantage of the high voltage bipolar transistor with MOS gate
- Fast evolution since the introduction in 1983 (marketed in 1988)
- Can be designed with or without snubber
- Improved characteristics like reduced loss, high speed, high blocking capability etc., with **PT** (Punch Through) **NPT** (Non-Punch-Through), **SPT** (Soft Punch Through, ABB), **Field-Stop(FS-IGBT, Infineon)**,**LPT,CSTBT** (Mitsubishi) technologies.
- State-of-the-art high power device (HVIGBT): 3.3kV 1.2kA, 5kV 0.9kA,(6.5kV, 600A Module reported), EUPEC
- 4th generation device with **Trench gate** (low on-state voltage and on-state loss (30% less) and 50% higher speed than 3rd generation **Planar** gate device

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IGBT Scenario (Contd.)

- Press-pack** type package for applications with a redundant series connection (acts as short circuit and thus the operation not affected by failure of one/two devices)
- Best option for low and medium power applications (e.g. Traction where IGBT's have replaced GTO's)
- Intelligent power modules (IPM) up to 1200 V 800A (200 hp motor), "Smart power " capability, 3.3kV 1200A (Powerex)
- 3 MW power level with 3-Level inverter
- HVIGBT offers interesting features: Active control of dv/dt and di/dt , Active clamping, short circuit limitation and active protection, however, higher on-state and total losses, substantially smaller utilization of silicon area, etc. are some of the disadvantages.
- First Reverse Blocking IGBT (**RBIGBT**) announced, IXYS, 2000

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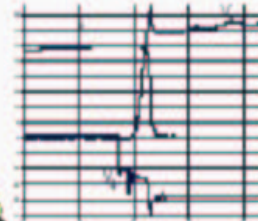
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New Switching Devices

- IGBTs (*Insulated Gate Bipolar Transistors*)
- IGCTs (*Integrated Gate-Commutated Thyristors*)
lower cost, volume and weight
higher efficiency
much higher reliability

Integrated Gate Commutated Thyristor - IGCT



Snubberless Turn-off 30kV/6kA

Conducts
like a thyristor

Switches and blocks
like a transistor

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IGCT=GTO+IGBT Advantages

- **Switching technology**
 - Switches at high frequency
 - Low switching losses
 - Low on-state losses
 - Suitable for medium voltage
 - Snubberless (Unity Gain)
 - Short-circuit failure mode
- **Power circuitry**
 - Integrated diode and gate unit for low parts count
 - Suitable for parallel and series connection
- **Equipment design**
 - Allows compact, modular equipment design
 - Application-ready modules
 - Reduced cabling and interconnection

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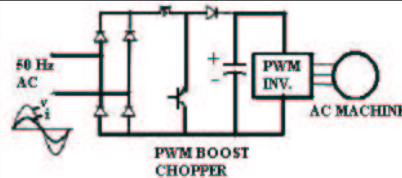
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POWER ELECTRONIC CONVERTERS

- **General:**
 - AC/DC- Rectifier
 - DC/DC- Chopper
 - DC/AC-Inverter
 - AC/AC- Regulator/Cycloconverter
 - **AC/DC:**
 - Phase controlled rectifier
 - 1-phase/ 3-phase Rectifier Boost Chopper (SMR)
 - PWM Rectifier
 - **DC/ DC:**
 - PWM(Buck/ Boost/ Buck-Boost)
 - C'uk Converter
 - Transformer Coupled-Flyback/ Forward
 - Resonant high frequency AC link
 - Quasi-Resonant link-ZVS & ZCS
 - **DC/ AC:**
 - VSI
 - Square wave / 6-step
 - PWM (Hard/Soft switching)
 - Double PWM
 - Resonant DC /AC link
 - Multi level
 - **AC/ AC:**
 - Phase- controlled Regulator
 - Phase-controlled Cycloconverter
 - High frequency / DC link cascaded
 - Matrix converter
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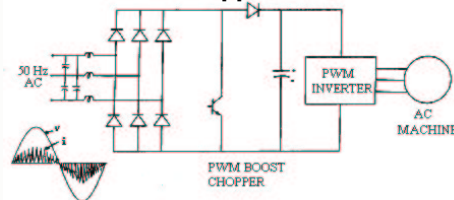
**Moromito
1989**



**AC/DC/AC
SMR**

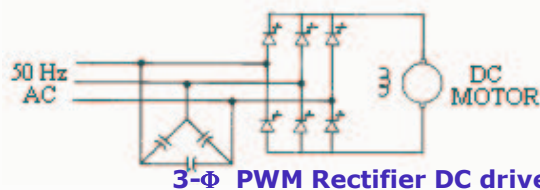
1- ϕ diode rectifier with boost chopper for active line current wave shaping

**PROSAD et al
1989**



UPF

3- ϕ diode rectifier with boost chopper for active line current wave shaping



**AC/DC
PWM**

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AC/DC

VIENNA RECTIFIER

(KOLAR, 1994)

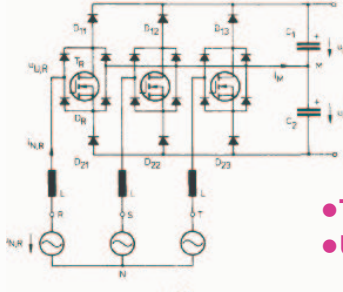
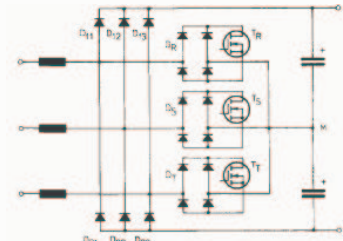
3-Phase / 3-Level / 3-Switch PWM

Sinusoidal Input Current
Unity Power Factor

Applications:

- Telecommunications Power Supply
- UPS

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DC/DC

IGBT CHOPPER
PWM buck converter for one-quadrant control

Four quadrant drive using H-bridge
Steigerwald 1980

C'uk converter (1982)

Duty-cycle modulated buck-boost converter

Flyback DC/DC converter

Forward DC/DC converter

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DC/DC Resonant

Steigerwald 1984
 For power supply to computers, telecom, instrumentation
 Resonant link dc-dc converter
 Half bridge inverter (VSI) (ZVS)

Lee (1989)
 Hybrid (PWM + Resonant)
 (ZVS)
 Quasi-resonant flyback converter with zero voltage switching

Res. Freq. higher than Switching freq.
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DC / AC VSI

Three-phase square wave inverter with phase-controlled
 $M = A_r / A_c$

Double PWM VSI rectifier-PWM inverter configuration
1987

2-level Sinusoidal Pulse Width Modulation (SPWM)

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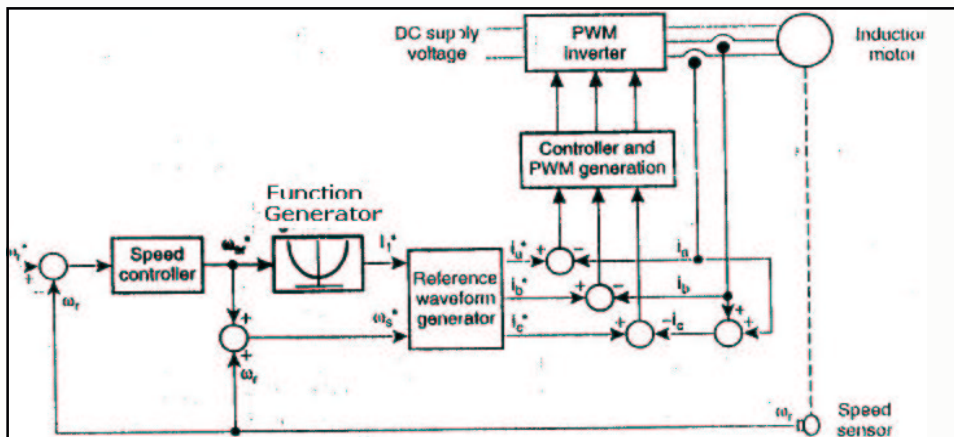
INVERTER PWM METHODS

- **Sinusoidal PWM (SPWM)**
- **Selected Harmonic Elimination (SHE)**
- **Hysteresis Band (HB) Current Control**
- **Delta Modulation (DM)**
- **Sigma Delta Modulation (SDM)**
- **Random PWM (RPWM)**
- **Space Vector PWM (SVM) :Features**
 - **Advanced , computation intensive for VF Drives for superior performance**
 - **Based on the concept of rotating space vector theory**
 - **Better DC Bus Utilization, 15% higher output voltage than that of SPM**
 - **Considers the interaction of the phase and optimizes the harmonic component of the 3-phase isolated neutral load**
 - **Power switching frequency limited. Can be increased by simplifying computations and using Look-up table. ANN-based proposed (Bose)**

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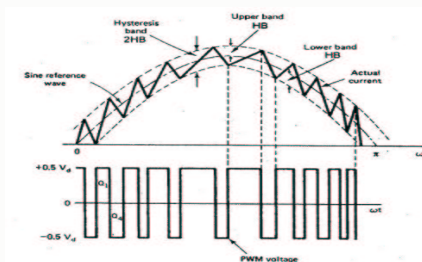
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Current Controlled PWM (CRPWM) Inverter Drive With Slip-Frequency Control

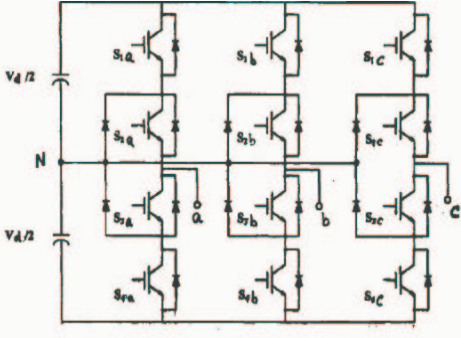
Hysteresis Band Current Control ⇒



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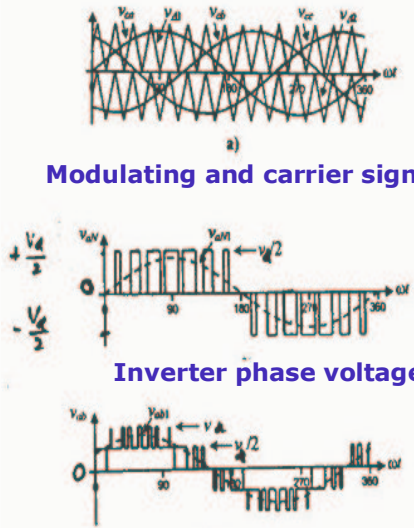
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DC / AC VSI



(a)

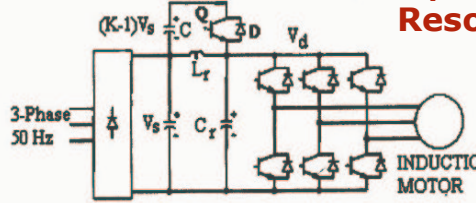
Nabae, 1987
3-Level (NPC) PWM Inverter
(a) Circuit diagram (b) Output voltages



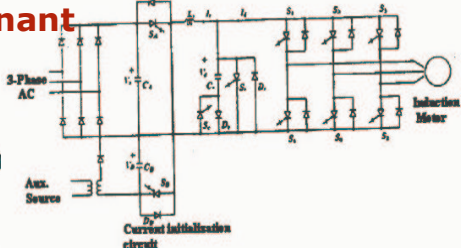
(b) **Load line voltage**

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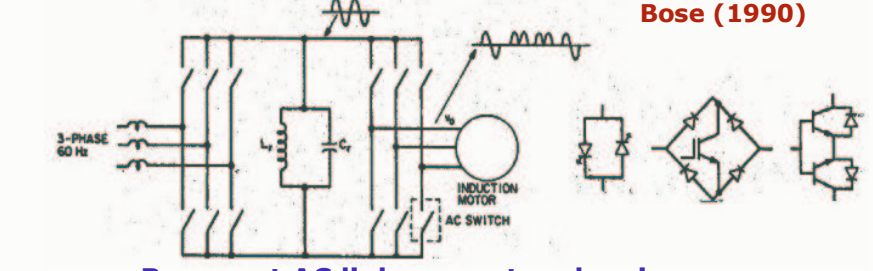
DC / AC VSI Resonant



Resonant dc-link inverter with active voltage clamping
Divan (1989)



Resonant DC link Inverter with Current Initialisation scheme
Bose (1990)



Resonant AC link converter showing configuration of AC switches **Lipo (1990)**

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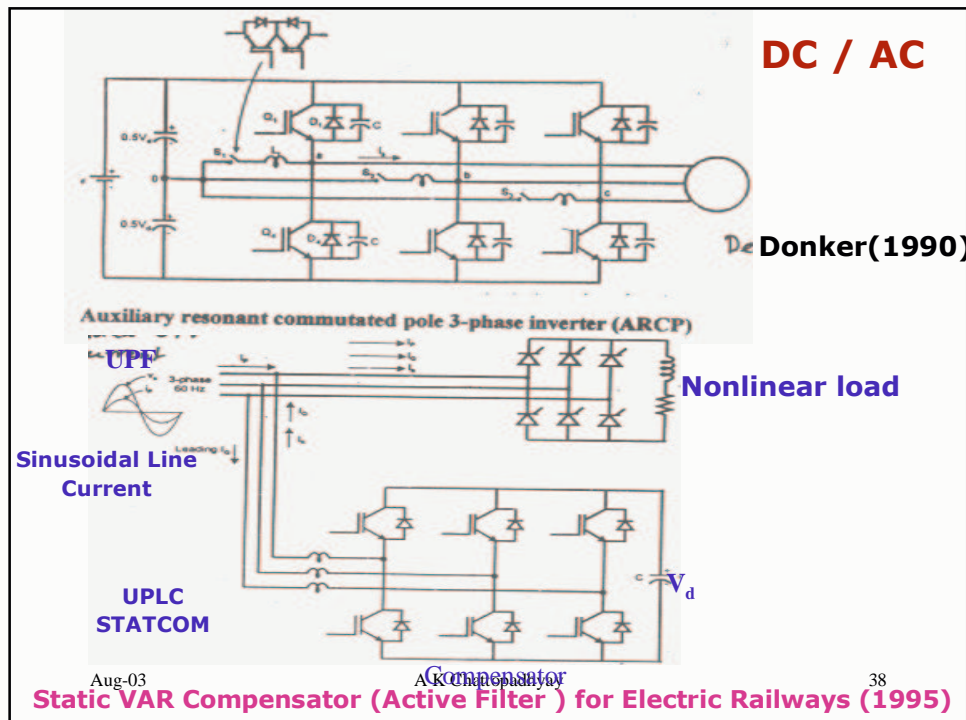
SOFT SWITCHED CONVERTERS

- ❑ Reduced switching loss at both turn-on and turn-off; Higher inverter efficiency; Less cooling requirement
- ❑ Softened EMI
- ❑ Reduced snubber size or snubber-less operation
- ❑ Reduced dv/dt on machine insulation
- ❑ Less acoustic noise because of high frequency
- ❑ Elimination of Machine bearing current
- ❑ Elimination of Machine voltage boost with long cable
- ❑ Less device stress ; Improved reliability
- ❑ Higher conduction loss and higher V and I ratings for the power devices
- ❑ Need of extra high frequency components
- ❑ Complex control
- ❑ Hardly any industrial drive so far

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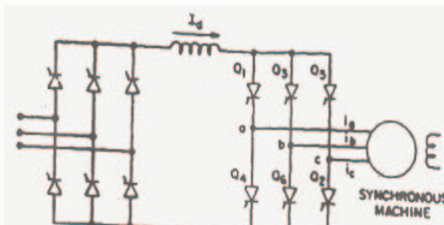
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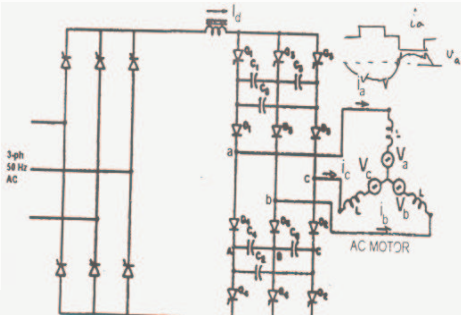
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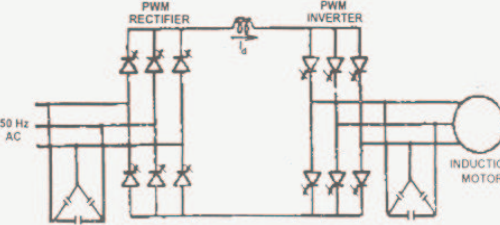


LCI-Fed Synchronous Motor Drive

**DC / AC
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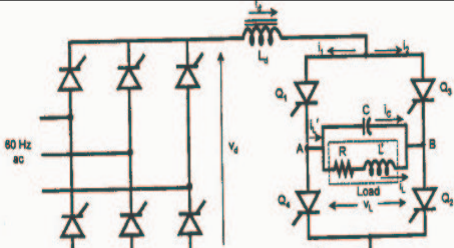


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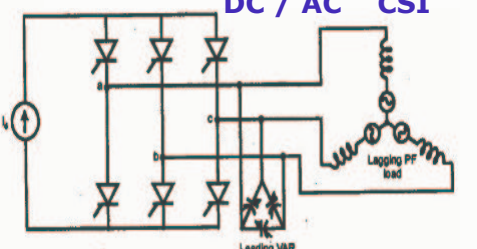
CSI-PWM Rectifier-PWM Inverter-Fed Drive
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**Hombu
(1985)**

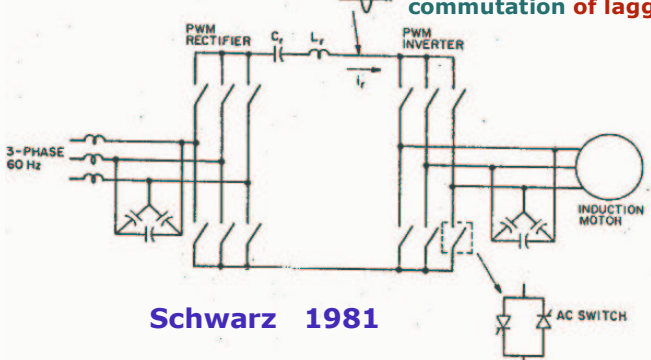


1-phase current-fed parallel resonant inverter for induction heating

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3-phase bridge inverter with load commutation of lagging p.f. load

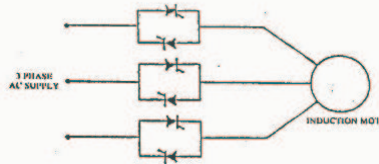


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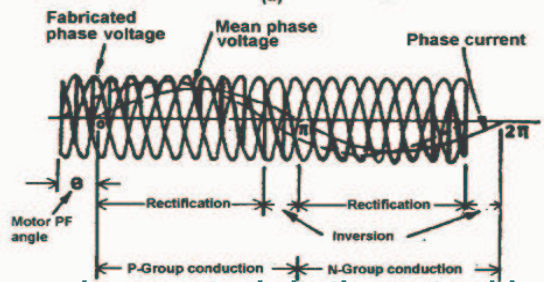
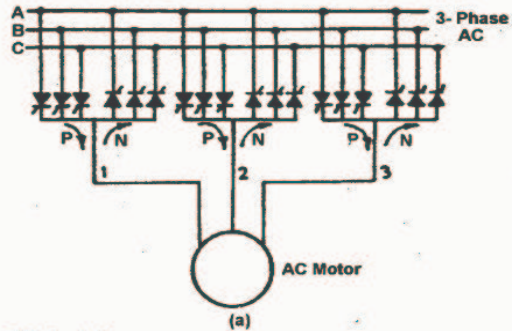
Aug-03 **Series resonant AC-link rectifier-inverter system**

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3-phase AC voltage control with anti-parallel Thyristor:



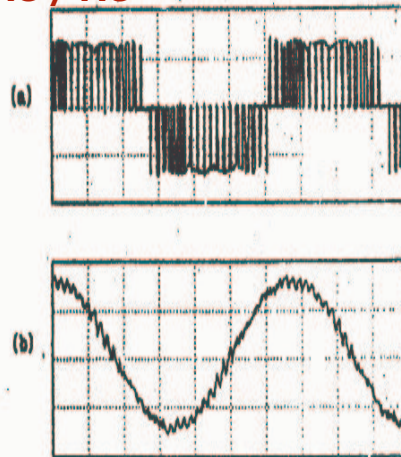
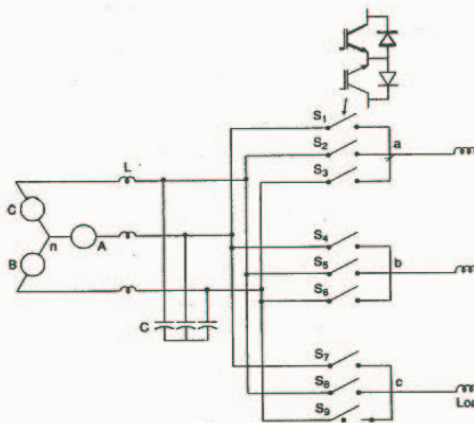
3-phase 3-pulse cyclo-converter induction motor drive (a) Power circuit (b) wave forms

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3-phase to 3-phase matrix converter (Venturini 1980)

Experimental waveforms for a matrix converter at 30 Hz from a 50 Hz input

(a) Output line voltage (b) Output line current

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☐ Motors in Drives

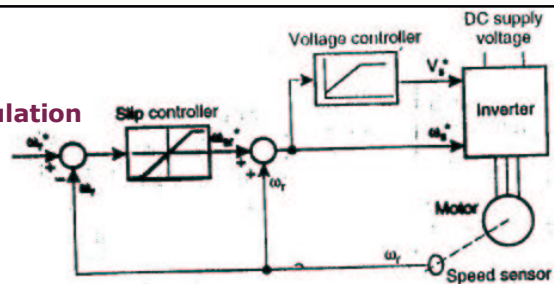
- DC, Induction & Synchronous Motors
- Commutator-less Motors (CLM)/ECM : • AC-CLM • DC-CLM
- Synchronous Reluctance Motor (SyRM)
- Brushless DC Motors (BLDM)
- Permanent Magnet SM (PMSM), SPM / IPM
- Stepper Motor
- Switched Reluctance Motor (SRM)

☐ AC Drive Control

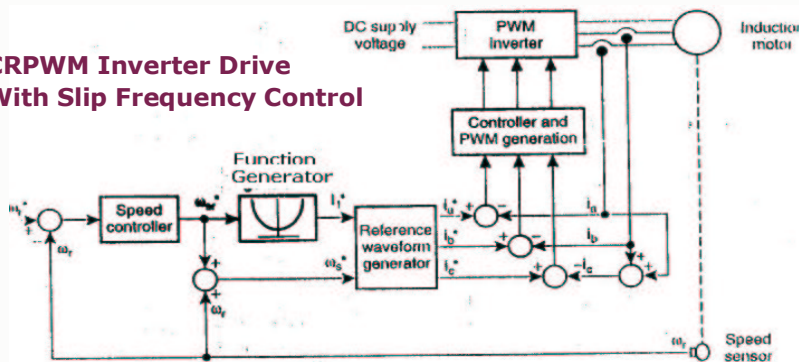
- Open Loop / Closed Loop
- Volts / Hz; Scalar Control
- Vector or Field Oriented Control
 - Direct/Indirect/Universal
 - Stator Flux / Rotor Flux/ Air-gap Flux
- Direct Torque Control (DTC)
- Sensor-less Control
- Modern Control Theory Applications:
 - State Feedback / Feed-Forward Control
 - Self -Tuning Control
 - Adaptive (MRAC) / Optimal Control
 - H-Infinity (Robust) Control
 - Sliding Mode (Variable Structure) Control
 - AI (Fuzzy/ANN) based Control
 - Parameter Estimation / Identification / Self Commissioning Methods

Constant V/Hz Speed Control with Slip Regulation

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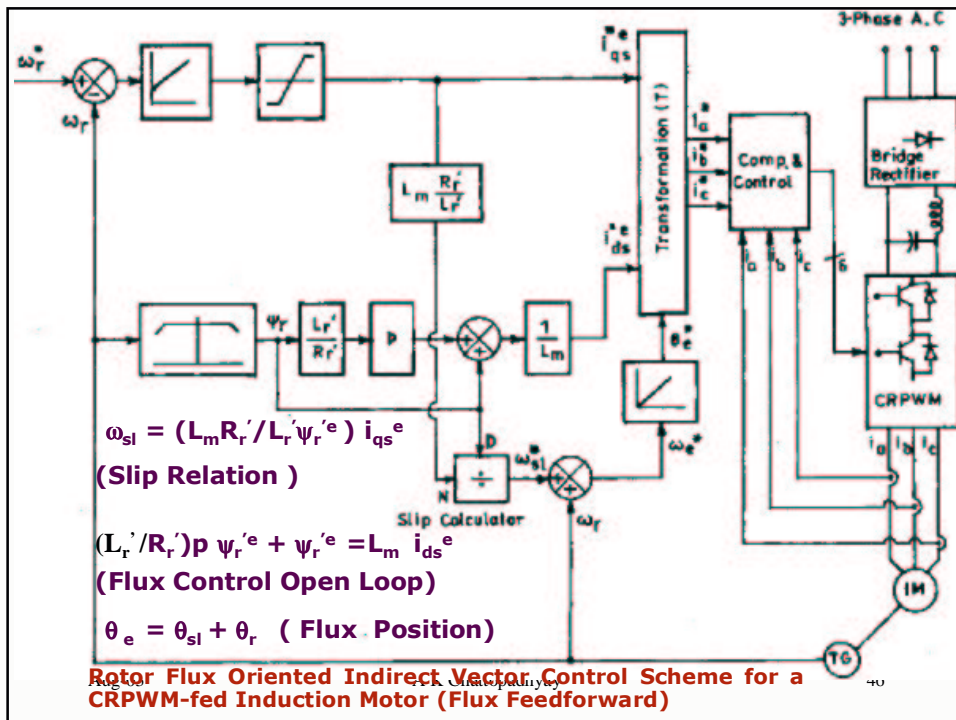
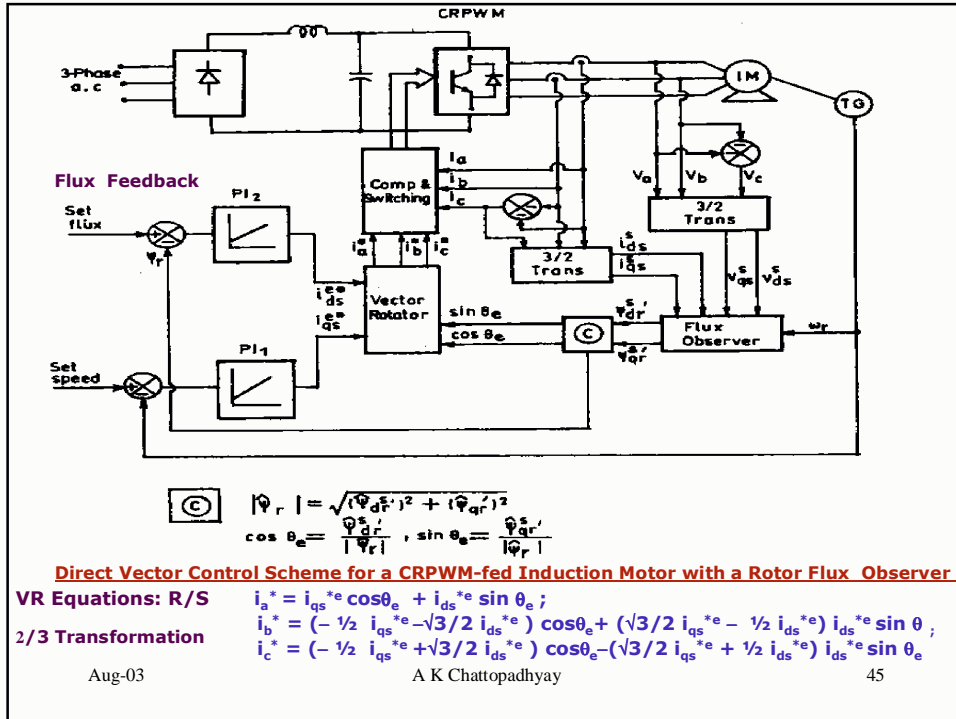
CRPWM Inverter Drive With Slip Frequency Control



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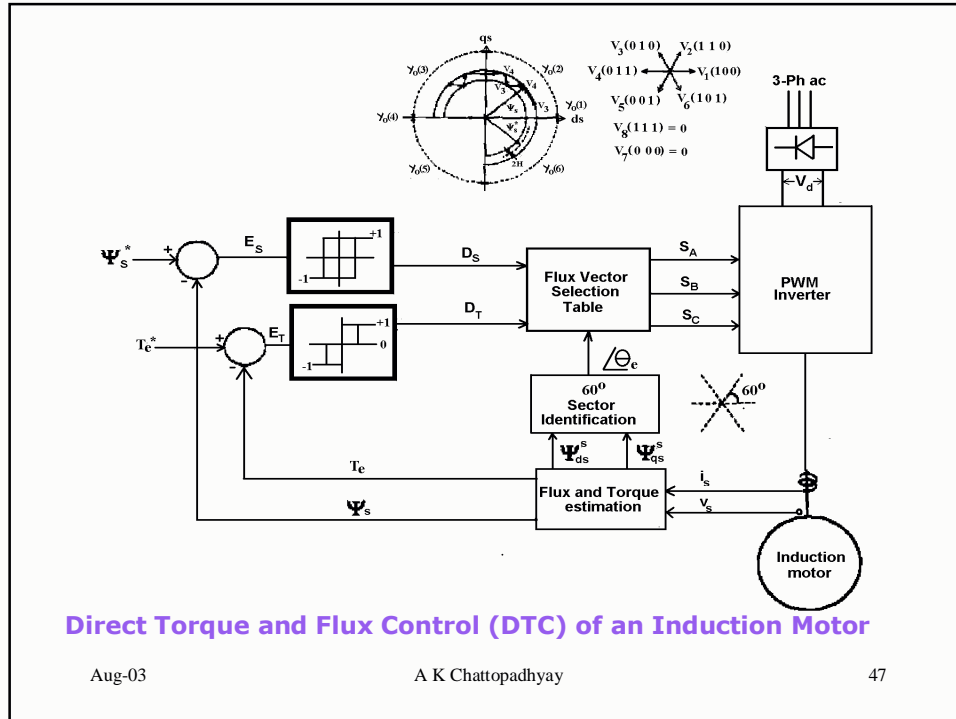


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SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN PE (SINCE 1960)

- 1961 SMALL POWER **GTO** (**GENERAL ELECTRIC**)
PRACTICAL ELECTRONIC CHOPPER CONTROL (**JONES**)
FIRST UPS**
- 1964 **TRIAC** (**GE**) (GENTRY ET AL) THYRISTOR -CONTROLLED DC
DRIVE (10-MW)**
- 1965 **LASCR** (**GE**)**
- 1967 THYRISTORS FOR **HVDC** APPLICATIONS**
- 1969 MOS IC (INTEGRATED CIRCUIT)**
- 1970 SILICON BIPOLAR JUNCTION TRANSISTOR (**BJT**)
500 V, 20 A (IR)**
- 1971 PRINCIPLE OF **FIELD ORIENTATION** (VECTOR CONTROL)
(BLASCHKE /HASSE)**
- 1972 4-BIT MICROPROCESSOR (INTEL)**
- 1973 GEARLESS BALL MILL DRIVE WITH CYCLOCONVERTERS
(SIEMENS)**

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- 1974 8-BIT MICROPROCESSOR
1975 GIANT TRANSISTOR, 300 V, 400A
1976 16-BIT MICROPROCESSOR (INTEL)
1978 **POWER MOSFET**, 100V, 25A
- 1979 MICROPROCESSOR IMPLEMENTATION OF VECTOR CONTROL WITH TRANSISTOR INVERTER (LEONHARD)
- 1980 **MATRIX CONVERTER** CONCEPT (VENTURINI)
LIGHT TRIGGERED THYRISTOR (**LTT**), 4kV, 1.5kA
SWITCHED RELUCTANCE MOTOR (LAWRENSON)
10,000 HP LCI DRIVE
- 1981 2500V,1000A **GTO** (HITACHI / MITSUBISHI / TOSHIBA)
CYCLOCONVERTER-FED ROLLING MILL DRIVE
- 1982 C'UK CONVERTER
1983 **IGBT** DEVELOPED (BALIGA)
1983 RESONANT LINK DC-DC CONVERTER (STEIGARWALD)

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- 1986 **RESONANT DC LINK INVERTER** (DIVAN)
FLEXIBLE AC TRANSMISSION (**FACTS**) PROPOSED
(HINGORANI)
- 1987 DOUBLE-SIDED PWM RECTIFIER-INVERTER
- 1987 MOS-CONTROLLED THYRISTOR (**MCT**) (TEMPLE)
ACTIVE POWER LINE CONDITIONER (APLC)
SIT/ SITH (JAPAN)
CONCEPT OF DIRECT TORQUE CONTROL (DTC),
(DEPENBROCK / TAKAHASI)
- 1989 85 MW VARIABLE-SPEED PUMPED STORAGE SYSTEM
QUASI-RESONANT INVERTER (LEE)
- 1990 "SMART" POWER DEVICES
- 1991 80 MVA STATIC VAR COMPENSATOR (**SVC**),
(MITSUBISHI)

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- 1992 300 MW HVDC LINK WITH 6kV, 2.5kA LTT VALVES (TOSHIBA)
EXPT. WITH SILICON CARBIDE DEVICES
- 1993 FUZZY LOGIC / NEURAL NETWORK APPLICATIONS TO PE &
DRIVES (BOSE)
- 1994 1-MVA IGBT UPS (TOSHIBA)
38-MVA GTO INVERTER FOR "MAGLEV" RAILWAY LINE (TOSHIBA)
400-MW **VARIABLE SPEED PUMPED STORAGE** (JAPAN)
- 1995 **3-LEVEL GTO / IGBT INVERTER** FOR ROLLING MILLS (15 / 1.5 MV
100 MVar **STATCOM** (TVA, EPRI, SIEMENS)
- 1997 **IGCT** INTRODUCED AND COMMERCIALISED (ABB)
ETO / MTO DEVELOPED (Virginia Tech / SPCO)
- 1998 5-MW 3-LEVEL CONVERTER WITH **DTC** CONTROL (**AC 1000**, ABB)
1 MW 50 KHZ CURRENT-FED INVERTER FOR INDUCTION HEATING
(MITSUI ENGG)

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- 1998 300 MW GTO CONVERTER SYSTEM FOR **HVDC INTER-TIE**
(TOKYO ELECTRIC POWER CO.)
6.5 kV BIDIRECTIONAL THYRISTOR (**BCT**) (ABB)
IMPROVED **Cool MOS** (INFINEON)
FIRST **UPFC** (± 160 MVar) at AEP'S INEZ, (SIEMENS)
BILATERAL IGBT (**BLIGBT**) PATENT (LI)
DIRECT POWER CONTROL (DPC) IN PWM RECTIFIER
- 1999 6.5 kV, 600 A **IGBT** MODULES TO REPLACE 6.5kV GTO's in 3kV
DC MAINS
MOS BILATERAL SWITCH (**MBS**) (ST Microelectronics)
- 2000 REVERSE BLOCKING IGBT (**RBIGBT**) ANOUNCED (IXYS)
45 MVA DYNAMIC VOLTAGE RESTORER (**DVR**) WITH
3-LEVEL IGCT INVERTER (ABB)
- 2001 **ECONOMAC** MATRIX CONVERTER POWER MODULE (EUPEC/SIEMENS)

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Emerging Applications in PE

<u>Application</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Typ. Power(MW)</u>	<u>Segment</u>
<u>STATCOM</u>	Static Syn. Compensator (SHUNT) (Voltage control, VAR compensation)	100	T&D Industry
<u>SSSC</u>	Static Syn. Series Compensator	100	T &D
<u>UPFC</u>	Unified Power Flow Controller (Shunt-series, Power flow, voltage and PF control)	200	T&D
<u>IPFC</u>	Interline Power Flow Controller (Series-series linking multiple transmission lines)		T&D
<u>DVR</u>	Dynamic Voltage Restorer (Corrects the voltage dip instantly)	2-100	Power quality
<u>SSTS</u>	Solid State Transfer Switch (to alternative lines)	5-30	-do-
<u>Static Breaker</u>	Interrupts faults with sub-cycle response	5-30	-do-
<u>Intertie</u>	Allows energy exchange between asynchronous 3-ph and/ or 1-ph. systems	2-300	Utility Traction
<u>VAR Speed</u>	Syn. Motor / Gen. Excitation control	30	Generation

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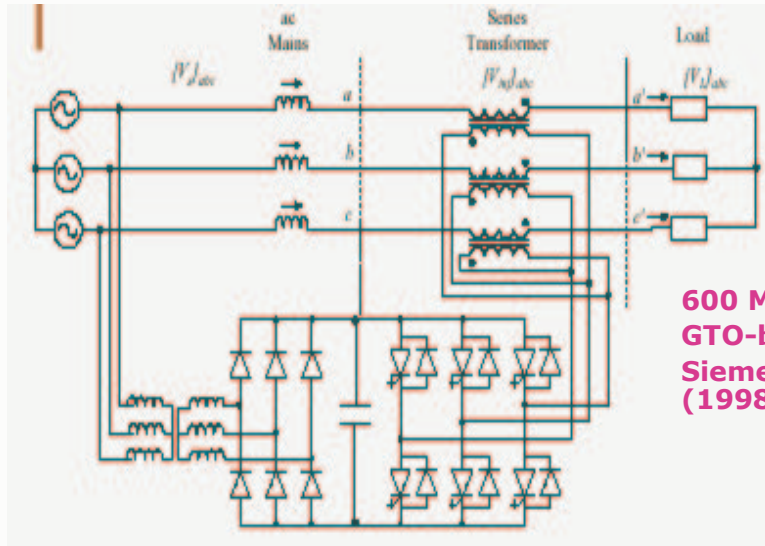
Emerging Applications in PE (Contd.)

<u>Application</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Typ. Power(MW)</u>	<u>Segment</u>
<u>Local/Dist. Generation</u>	Fuel Cells or small Turbo-Gen. (Distributed Generation)	2	Generation
<u>Energy Storage / UPS</u>	Short term energy storage with batteries, flywheels, SMES etc.	1-100	PQ, T&D Traction
<u>Active Filter</u>	Harmonic distortion compensation	1-30	PQ
<u>Short DC Link</u>	Short distance HVDC(100kV) from utility to load and from alt. Sources to grid	50	T&D
<u>DC Distribution</u>	Local network to DC processes or PE systems with a DC link on the customer's site		Distribution
<u>EV/HEV</u>	Electric Vehicles / Hybrid Electric Vehicles		Industry
<u>MEMS</u>	Micro-electro-mechanical systems, actuators		
<u>Power Source for the Information age (Computers, Telecom, Instrumentation.....)</u>			

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**600 MVA
GTO-based
Siemens
(1998)**

Dynamic Voltage Restorer (DVR)

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Thyristor Valves: 300 MW, 250 kV, 1200A, 6kV, 2500 A LTT (Toshiba), 1992

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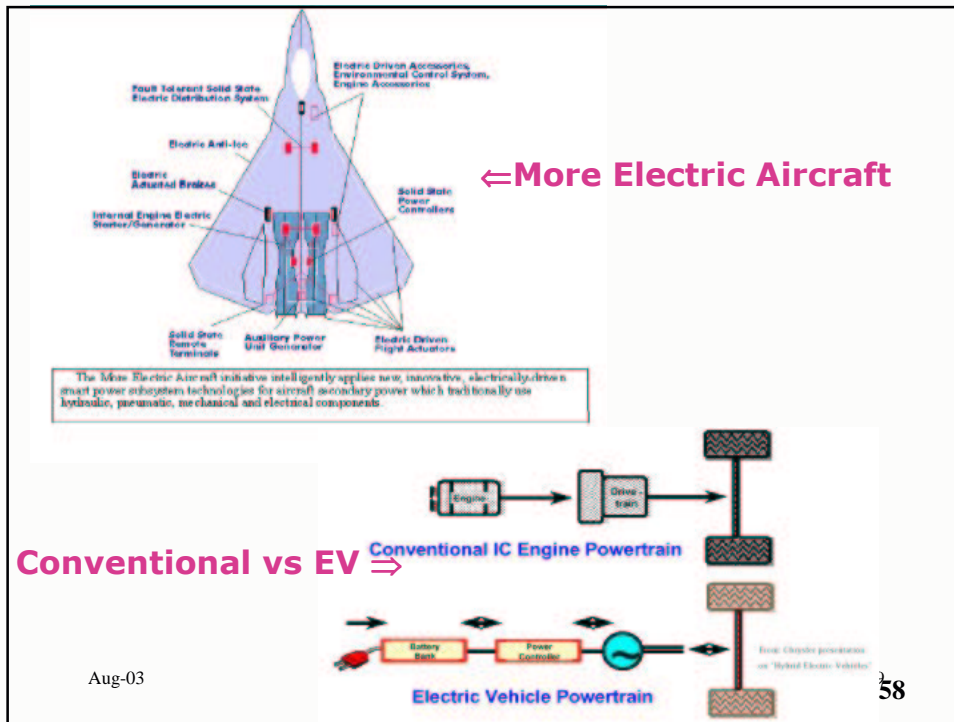


TABLE 3
PE-FUTURE PERSPECTIVE

- Power Electronics applications **everywhere**
- Thrust on **energy saving, better environment, system integration and packaging technology**
- Performance improvement and **cost reduction** in every process: drives, transport, consumer products, power system
- Devices with **new materials** (e.g. SiC) extending the frequency, power level, and temperature range with size and cost reduction
- IGBTs with **snubberless turn-off** capability, small turn-off delay, ease of series operation are the choice of high power electronics
- ETOs and MTOs have promise to compete with IGBTs for every high power applications
- **"SMART"** machines with IPEM—remotely controlled room computer will improve productivity and product quality

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- **Multilevel converters** and modularized PEBB for high power converters
- Achieving fully silicon design (**Matrix converter**) with reduced passive components resulting in smaller size and weight and less cost
- **Sensorless** vector controlled drives with neural network and fuzzy logic chips
- Cheap high energy Magnet-**PMSM** drives with sensorless control
- Expert system applications to achieve real time performance **optimization** and **fault tolerant control** Drive **self-commissioning** with **auto-tuning** of controller will become an integral part of the future drive system
- Efficient and **light weight** electric vehicles
- **Automated** active power line conditioners and increased applications of '**FACTS**' equipment in transmission and distribution to improve power quality and power utility

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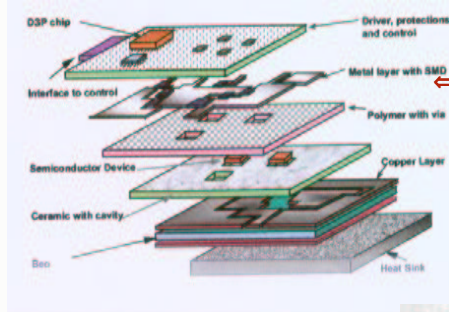
- Increasing **clean energy applications** with photovoltaic system, fuel cell power plants, battery, super-conducting magnetic storage (SMES) and wind energy systems (**Distributed generation**)
- **DC distribution** links with super-conducting DC loops for direct power supply to digital devices at the customer center
- Application of **new PEBB processing** concept (**MPIPPS***) for development of PE modules for superior electrical, thermal and mechanical performance
- **UPS substation (20-MW)** providing instantaneous and continuous power at a transmission substation when the grid is down
- Innovative **energy efficient** consumer products
- **Improved packaging** maximizing integration efficiency and reliability

*Metal Posts interconnected Parallel Plate Structure

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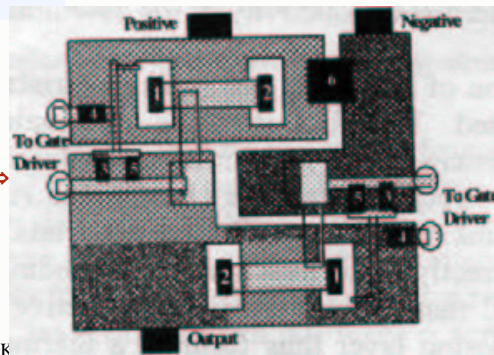
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← Packaging of IPEM using laminated multichip Module cored ceramic (Van Wyk & Lee, 1999)

MPIPPS* Circuit Layout (1-IGBT, 2-Diode 3- Varistor 4&5-Resistor ⇒ 6-Capacitor (S.Haque et al, 1998)

•Metal Post Interconnected Parallel Plate Structure



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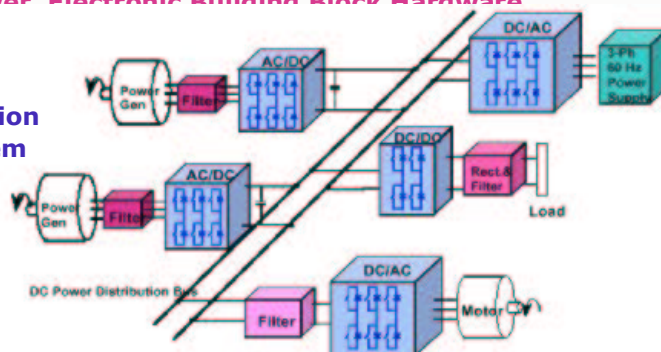
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Power Electronic Building Block Hardware

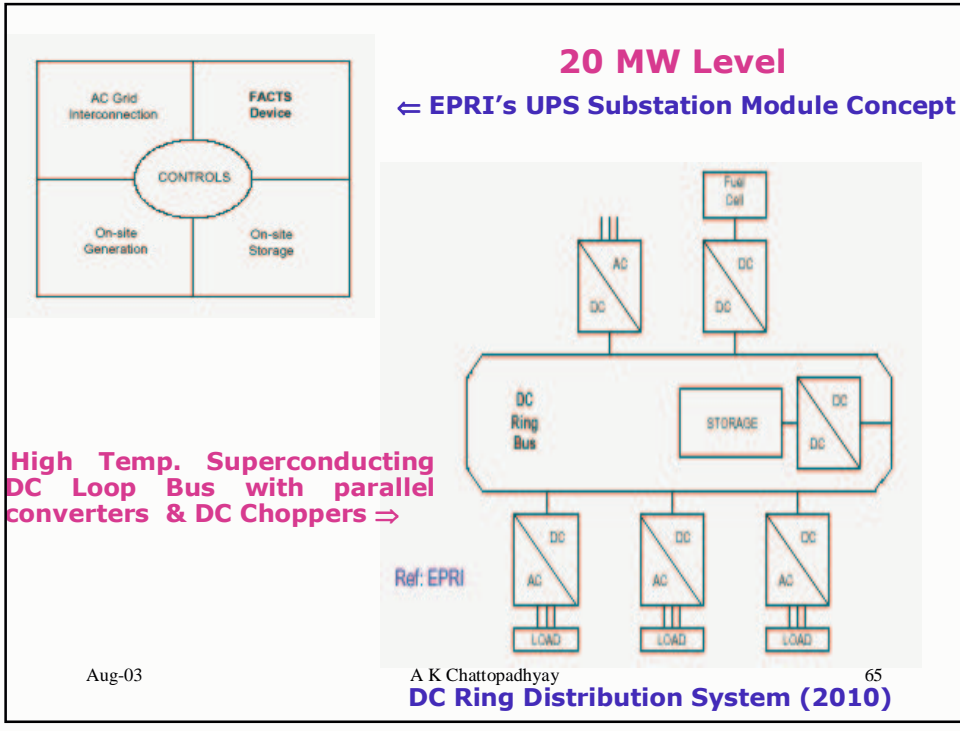
DC Distribution Power System (Navy Ship)



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PEBB-based Power System (Lee, VPI)

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SUMMARY CONCLUSIONS

- **Power Electronics is a multidisciplinary area synthesizing rapid developments in**
 - Electronics—low and high power
 - Control (Theory and Implementation) and Automation
 - Energy Conversion Systems and available Energy Sources
- **Developments are dictated by the progress in**
 - Power Semiconductor Devices and VLSI Technologies
 - Power Converter Topologies
 - Digital Control and Modern Control Theory
 - Applications / Market
- **Applications are increasing in all areas including**
 - Very low power applications : MEMS
 - Very high power applications : T&D, Pulse Power, Traction, Electric Drives...
 - Power supplies for the information age: Computers, Telecom.....
 - Industrial Power Conversion Systems
- **Challenges in the reduction of cost need :**
 - New Wide-Band Semiconductor Materials (GaAs, SiC...)
 - Better integration of power and control with improved packaging

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CONCLUDING REMARKS

In the highly automated industrial front with economic competitiveness of nations in future ,

the importance of power electronics cannot be overemphasized

In the 21st Century, two technologies will dominate:

❖ **Computers** (coupled with **Communication and Information Technology**) providing the intelligence as what-to-do

❖ **Power Electronics** (coupled with **Microelectronics**) providing the means to do it

Let us wish them best.

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