

# Comprehensive Evaluation of Three-Phase AC-AC PWM Converter Systems

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# Outline



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- ▶ Derivation of Basic MC Topologies



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- ▶ Extended MC Topologies



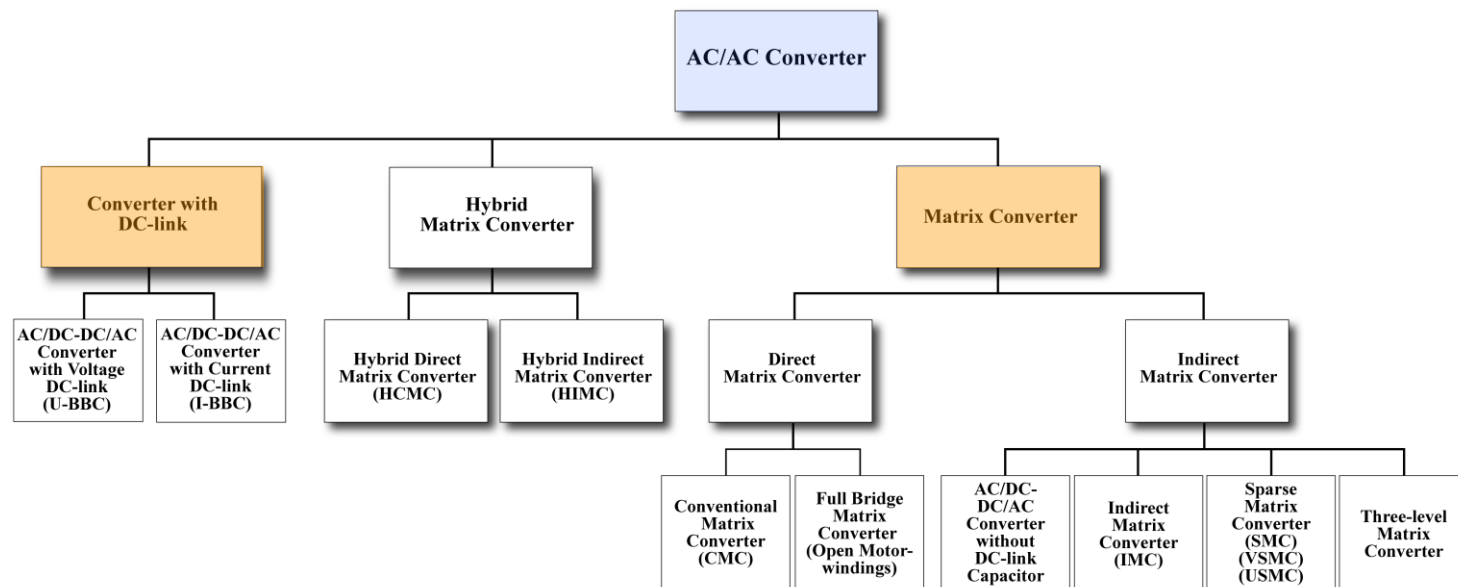
- ▶ Methodology for Converter Comparisons
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- ▶ Multi-Domain Simulator Demonstration (GECKO)
- ▶ Conclusions / Questions / Discussion

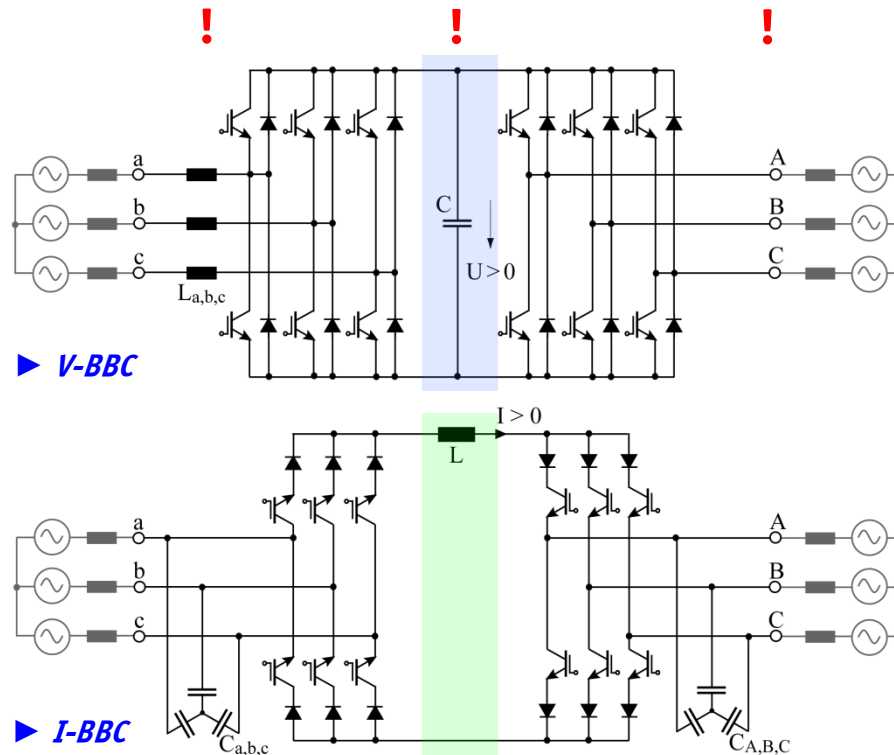


# Classification of Three-Phase AC-AC Converters

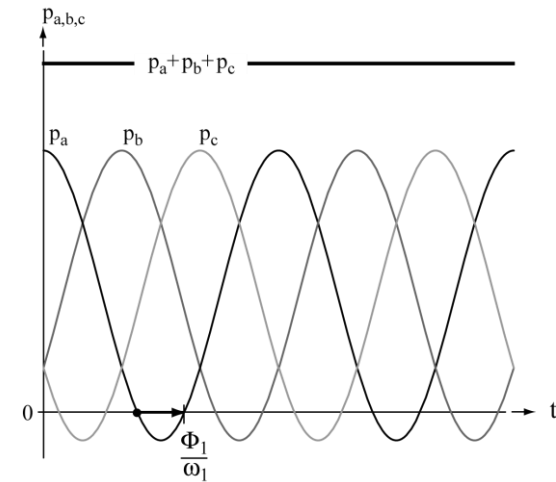


- *Converters with DC-link*
- *Hybrid Converters*
- *Indirect / Direct Matrix Converters*

## DC-link AC-AC Converter Topologies



$$P = \frac{3}{2} \hat{U}_1 \cdot \hat{I}_1 \cos \Phi_1$$





# Symmetric Three-Phase Mains

## Phase Voltages

$$u_a = \hat{U}_1 \cos(\omega_1 t)$$

$$u_b = \hat{U}_1 \cos\left(\omega_1 \left(t - \frac{T}{3}\right)\right)$$

$$u_c = \hat{U}_1 \cos\left(\omega_1 \left(t + \frac{T}{3}\right)\right)$$

## Phase Currents

$$i_a = \hat{I}_1 \cos(\omega_1 t - \Phi_1)$$

$$i_b = \hat{I}_1 \cos\left(\omega_1 \left(t - \frac{T}{3}\right) - \Phi_1\right)$$

$$i_c = \hat{I}_1 \cos\left(\omega_1 \left(t + \frac{T}{3}\right) - \Phi_1\right)$$

## Instantaneous Power

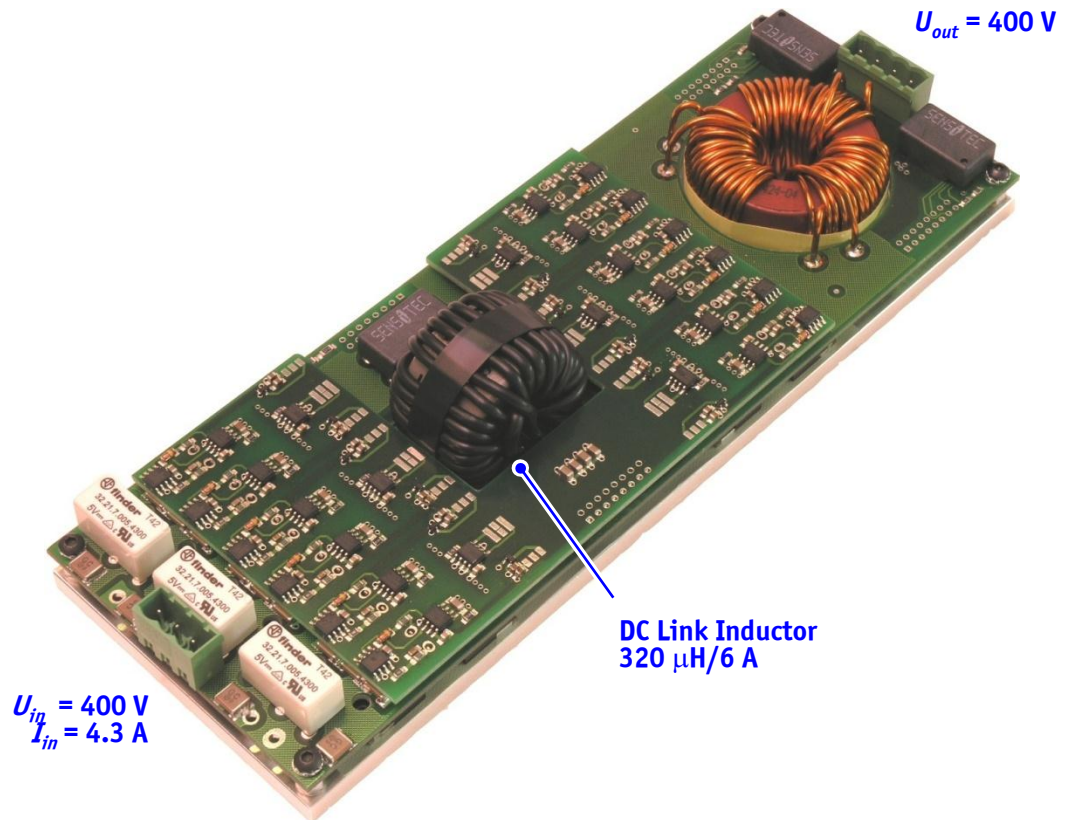
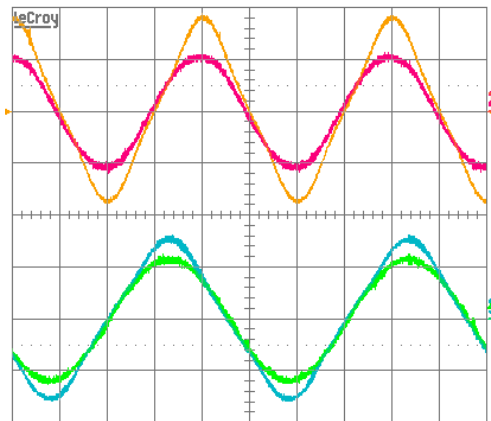
$$\begin{aligned} p(t) = u_a i_a + u_b i_b + u_c i_c &= \frac{P}{3} (1 + \cos 2\omega_1 t) + \frac{Q}{3} \sin 2\omega_1 t \\ &+ \frac{P}{3} \left(1 + \cos 2\omega_1 \left(t - \frac{T}{3}\right)\right) + \frac{Q}{3} \sin 2\omega_1 \left(t - \frac{T}{3}\right) \\ &+ \frac{P}{3} \left(1 + \cos 2\omega_1 \left(t + \frac{T}{3}\right)\right) + \frac{Q}{3} \sin 2\omega_1 \left(t + \frac{T}{3}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P &= \frac{3}{2} \hat{U}_1 \cdot \hat{I}_1 \cos \Phi_1 & p(t) &= \frac{P}{3} (1 + \cos 2\omega_1 t) + \frac{P}{3} \left(1 + \cos 2\omega_1 \left(t - \frac{T}{3}\right)\right) \\ Q &= \frac{3}{2} \hat{U}_1 \cdot \hat{I}_1 \sin \Phi_1 & &+ \frac{P}{3} \left(1 + \cos 2\omega_1 \left(t + \frac{T}{3}\right)\right) = 3 \frac{P}{3} = P \end{aligned}$$

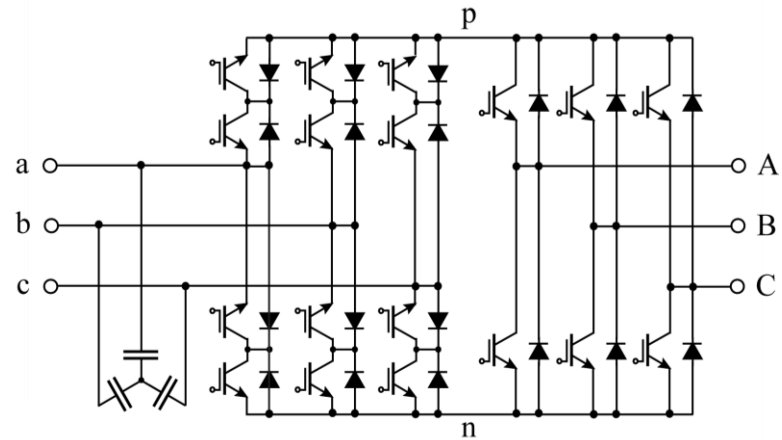
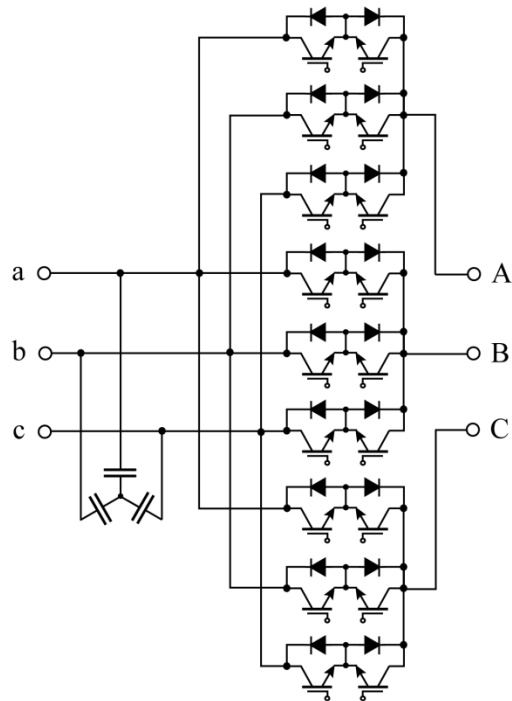
## All-SiC JFET I-BBC Prototype

- ▶  $P_{out} = 2.9 \text{ kVA}$
- ▶  $f_s = 200 \text{ kHz}$
- ▶  $2.4 \text{ kVA / liter}$  ( $42 \text{ W/in}^3$ )
- ▶  $230 \times 80 \times 65 \text{ mm}^3$

200V/div  
5A/div



## Basic Matrix Converter Topologies



$$\frac{Q}{3} \left( \sin 2\omega_1 t + \sin 2\omega_1 \left( t - \frac{T}{3} \right) + \sin 2\omega_1 \left( t + \frac{T}{3} \right) \right) \equiv 0$$

# V-BBC

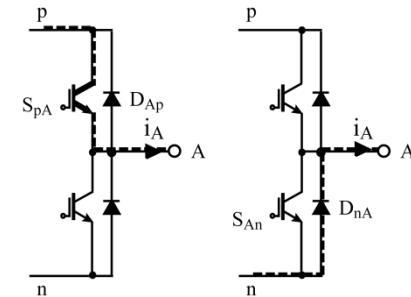
*Voltage Space Vectors  
Modulation  
DC Link Current*

## VSI Space Vector Modulation (1)

$$\vec{u}_{2,j} = \frac{2}{3} (u_{A,j} + \underline{a} u_{B,j} + \underline{a}^2 u_{C,j})$$

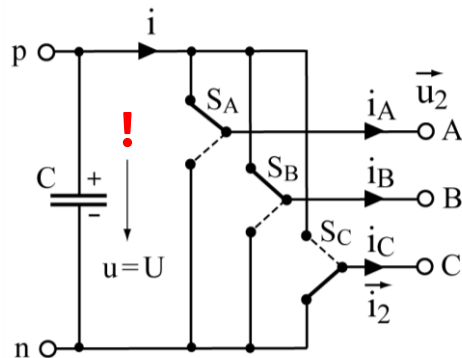
$$u_{0,j} = \frac{1}{3} (u_{A,j} + u_{B,j} + u_{C,j})$$

- Switching with  
Interlock Delay

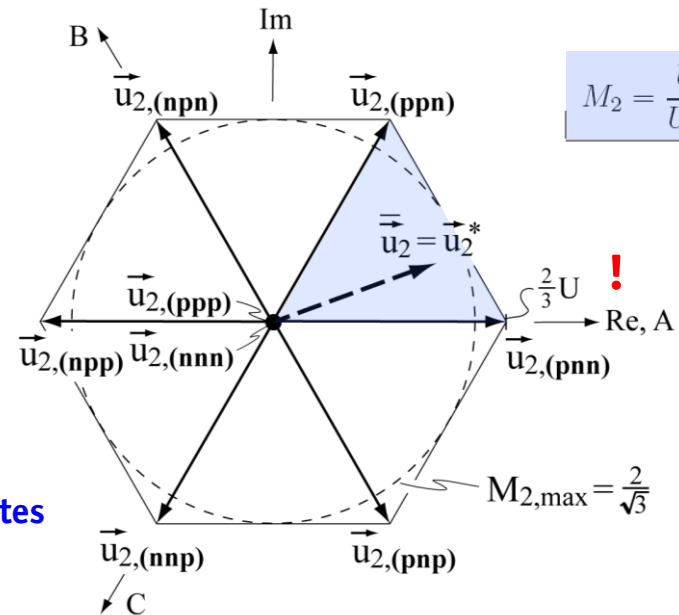


### Output Voltage Reference Value

$$\vec{u}_2^* = \hat{U}_2^* e^{j\varphi_{\vec{u}_2^*}} = \hat{U}_2^* e^{j\omega_2^* t}$$



$2^3 = 8$  Switching States



$$M_2 = \frac{\hat{U}_2^*}{U/2}$$

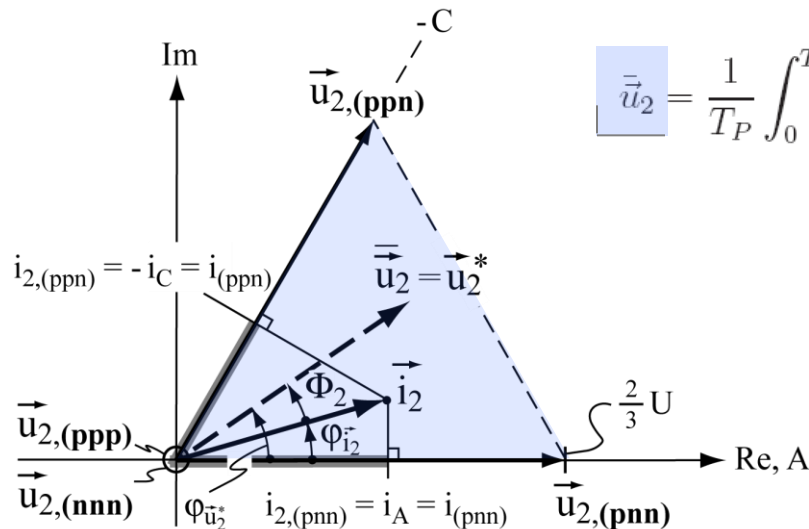
## VSI Space Vector Modulation (2)

### Switching State Sequence

$$M_{2,\max} = \frac{\hat{U}_{2,\max}^*}{U/2} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dots \quad \left| t_\mu = 0 \quad (nnn) - (pnn) - (ppn) - (ppp) \right| t_\mu = T_P/2 \\ (ppp) - (ppn) - (pnn) - (nnn) \left| t_\mu = T_P \quad \dots \right. \end{aligned}$$

### Formation of the Output Voltage



$$\begin{aligned} \bar{u}_2 &= \frac{1}{T_P} \int_0^{T_P} \vec{u}_{2,j} dt_\mu = d_{(pnn)} \cdot \vec{u}_{2,(pnn)} + d_{(ppn)} \cdot \vec{u}_{2,(ppn)} \\ &= d_{(pnn)} \frac{2}{3} U + d_{(ppn)} \frac{2}{3} U e^{j\pi/3} \\ &= \vec{u}_2^* \end{aligned}$$

### Relative On-times

$$\begin{aligned} d_{(ppn)} &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} M_2 \sin(\varphi_{\vec{u}_2^*}) \\ d_{(pnn)} &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} M_2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3} - \varphi_{\vec{u}_2^*}\right) \end{aligned}$$

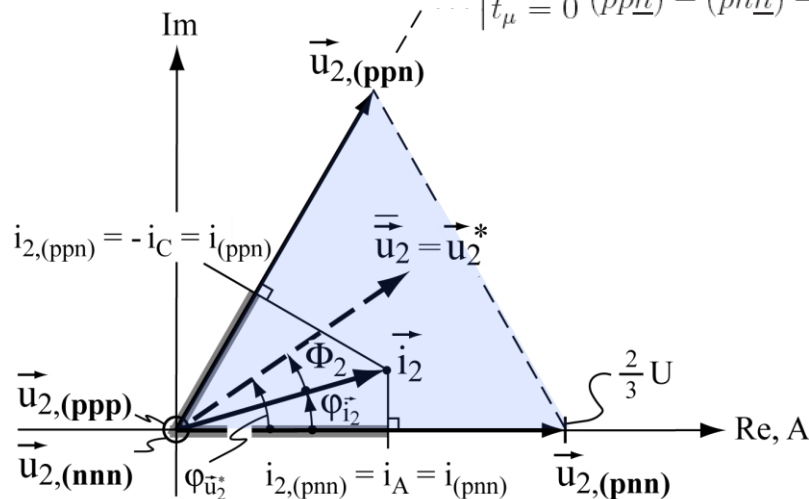
## VSI Space Vector Modulation (3)

## Freewheeling On-time

$$d_{(nnn)} + d_{(ppp)} = 1 - (d_{(ppn)} + d_{(pnn)})$$

## Discontinuous Modulation

$$\begin{array}{l} \left| t_\mu = 0 \ (\underline{pnn}) - (\underline{ppn}) - (\underline{ppp}) \right| t_\mu = T_P/2 \ (\underline{ppp}) - (\underline{ppn}) - (\underline{pnn}) \left| t_\mu = T_P \cdots \right. \\ \left. t_\mu = 0 \ (\underline{ppn}) - (\underline{pnn}) - (\underline{nnn}) \right| t_\mu = T_P/2 \ (\underline{nnn}) - (\underline{pnn}) - (\underline{ppn}) \left| t_\mu = T_P \cdots \right. \end{array}$$



## Space Vector Orientation

$$\frac{d_{(ppn)}}{d_{(pnn)}} = \frac{\sin\left(\varphi \vec{u}_2^*\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3} - \varphi \vec{u}_2^*\right)}$$

## Modulation Limit

$$M_{2,\max} = \frac{\hat{U}_{2,\max}^*}{U/2} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$$



## VSI Space Vector Modulation (4)

### DC-link Current Shape

$$i_j = i_{2,j}$$

$$i_{(nnn)} = 0$$

$$i_{(nnp)} = i_C$$

$$i_{(npp)} = i_B$$

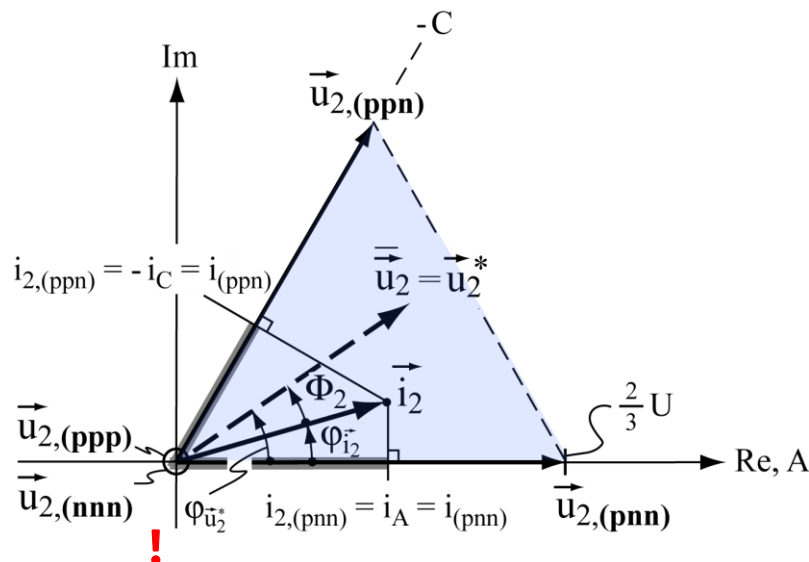
$$i_{(ppp)} = i_B + i_C = -i_A$$

$$i_{(pnn)} = i_A$$

$$i_{(pnp)} = i_A + i_C = -i_B$$

$$i_{(ppn)} = i_A + i_B = -i_C$$

$$i_{(ppp)} = 0$$



### Local Average Value

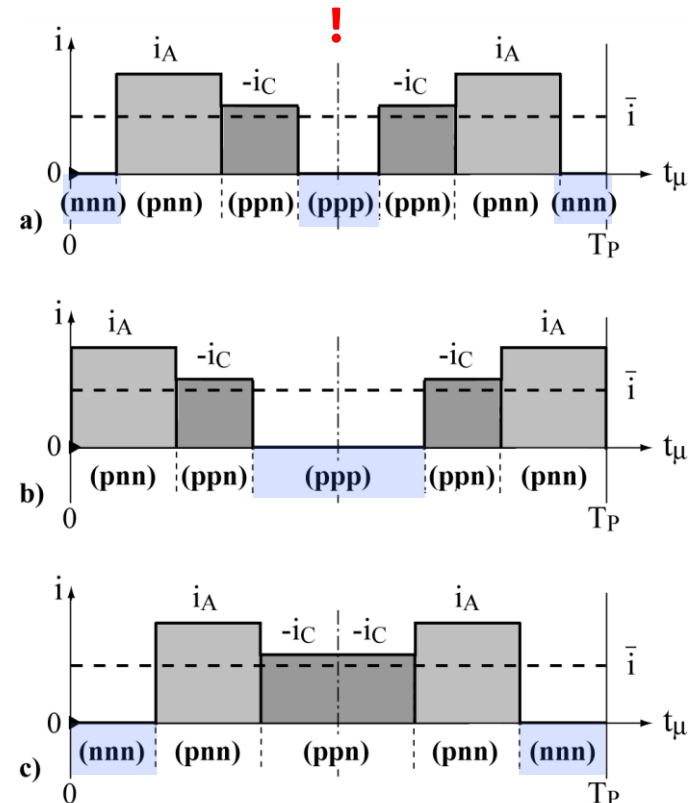
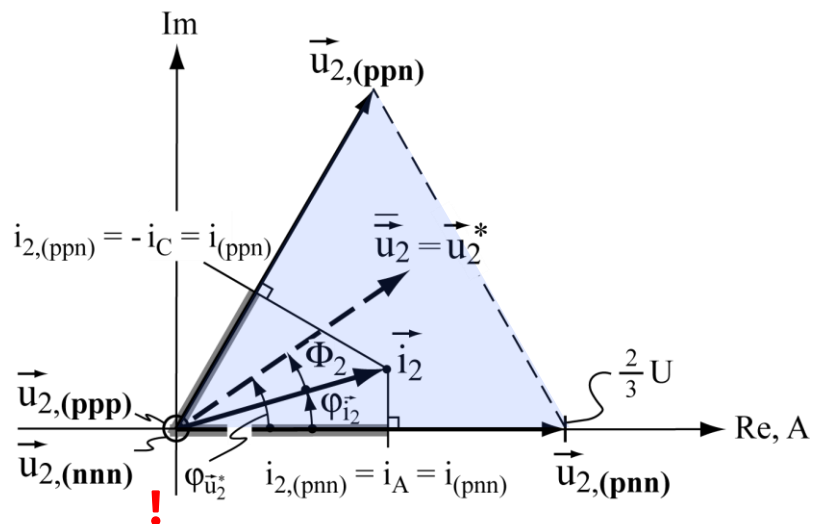
$$\bar{i} = \frac{1}{T_P} \int_0^{T_P} i_j dt_\mu$$

$$\bar{i} = -i_C d_{(ppn)} + i_A d_{(pnn)}$$

## VSI Space Vector Modulation (5)

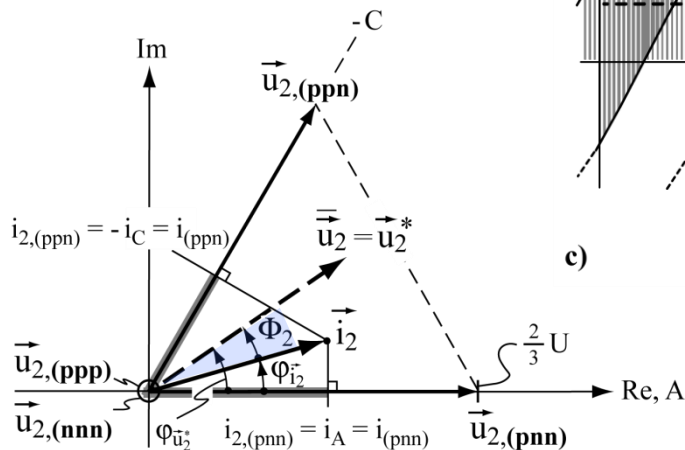
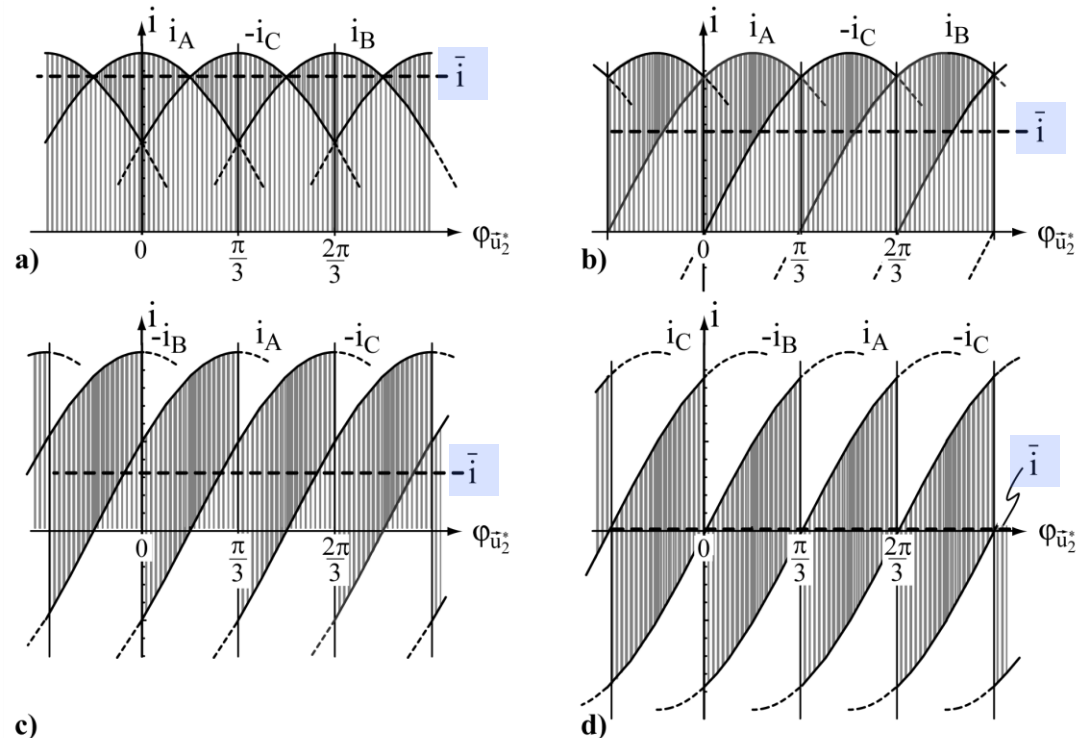
## Local DC-link Current Shape

$$\vec{i} = I = \frac{3}{4} M_2 \hat{I}_2 \cos \Phi_2$$



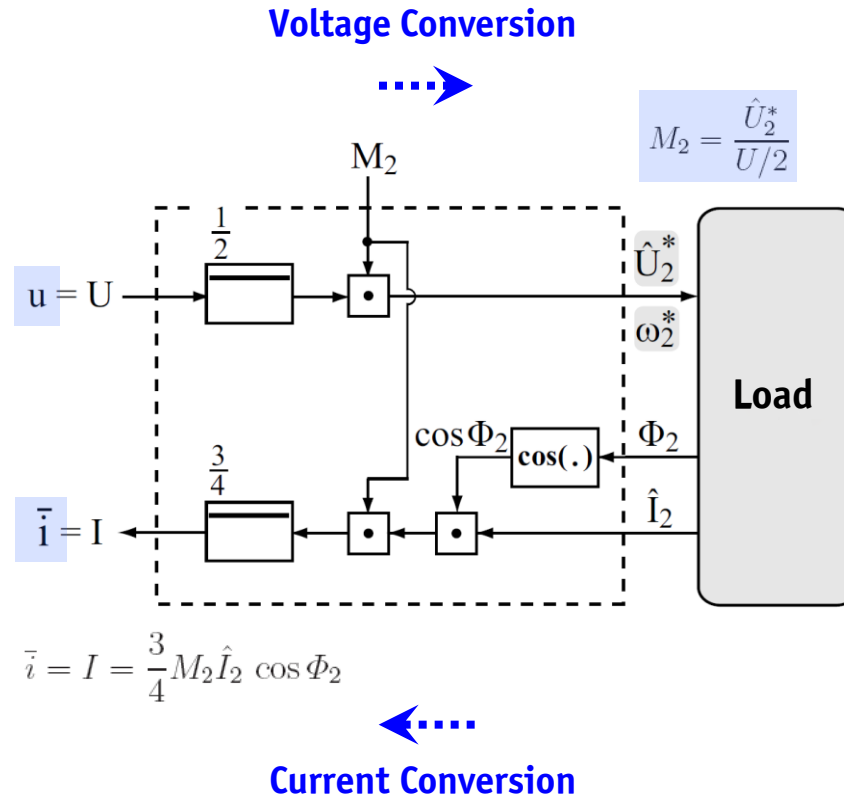
## VSI DC-link Current Waveform

Influence of Output  
Voltage Phase Displacement  
 $\Phi_2$  on DC-link Current  
Waveform



$$\bar{i} = I = \frac{3}{4} M_2 \hat{I}_2 \cos \Phi_2 \quad M_2 = 2/\sqrt{3}$$

## VSI Functional Equivalent Circuit

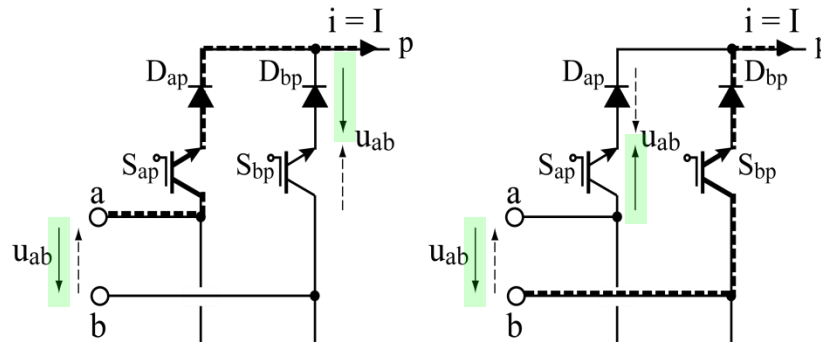


# I-BBC

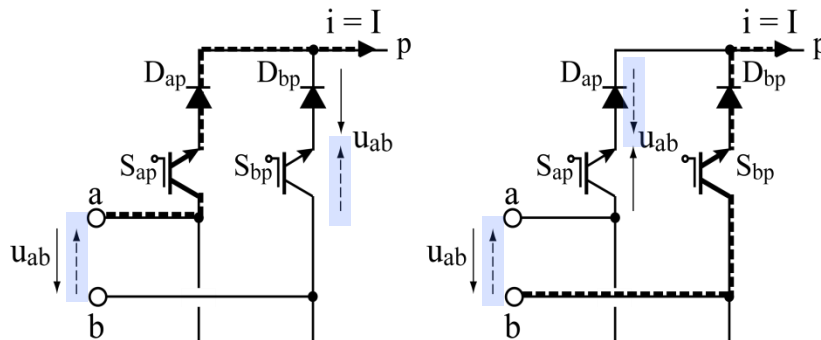
*Current Space Vectors  
Modulation  
DC Link Voltage*

# CSR Commutation & Equivalent Circuit

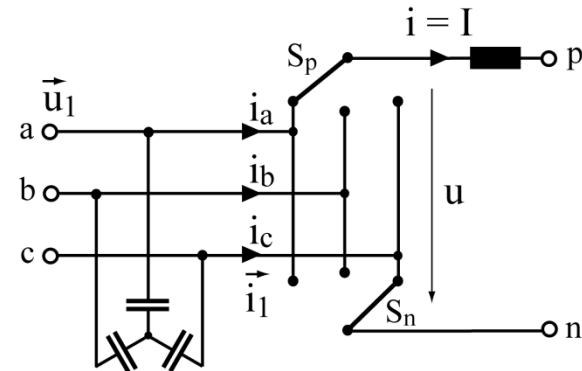
## Forced Commutation



## Natural Commutation



## Equivalent Circuit



- $3^2 = 9$  Switching States
- Overlapping Switching

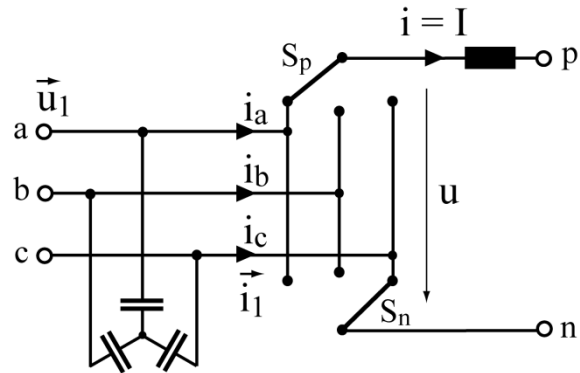
## CSR Space Vector Modulation (1)

$$\vec{i}_k = \frac{2}{3} \left( i_{a,k} + \underline{a} i_{b,k} + \underline{a}^2 i_{c,k} \right) \quad \underline{a} = e^{j2\pi/3}$$

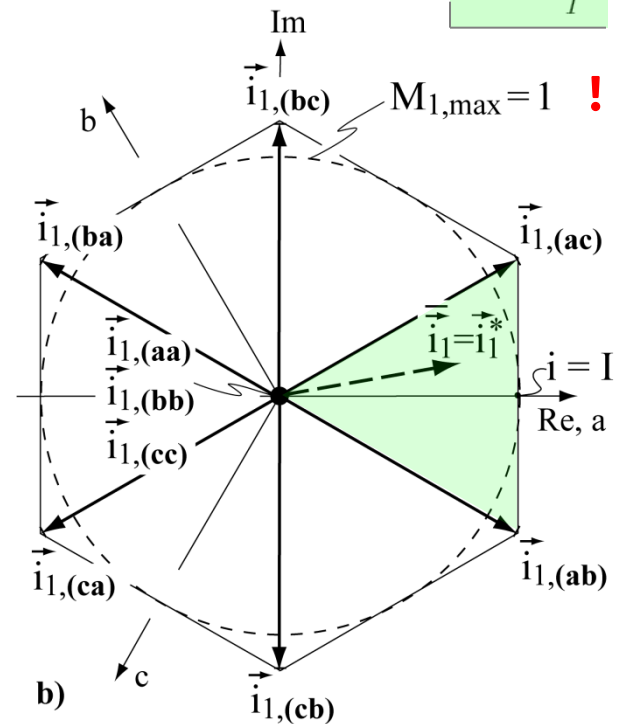
### Input Current Reference Value

$$\vec{i}_1^* = \hat{I}_1^* e^{j\varphi_{i_1^*}} = \hat{I}_1^* e^{j(\omega_1 t - \Phi_1^*)}$$

$$M_1 = \frac{\hat{I}_1^*}{I}$$



a)



b)



## CSR Space Vector Modulation (2)

### Formation of the Input Current

$$|\vec{i}_{1,k}| = i_{1,k} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot I \quad \vec{i}_1 = \frac{1}{T_P} \int_0^{T_P} \vec{i}_{1,k} dt_\mu = d_{(ac)} \cdot \vec{i}_{1,(ac)} + d_{(ab)} \cdot \vec{i}_{1,(ab)} = \vec{i}_1^*$$

### Relative On-times

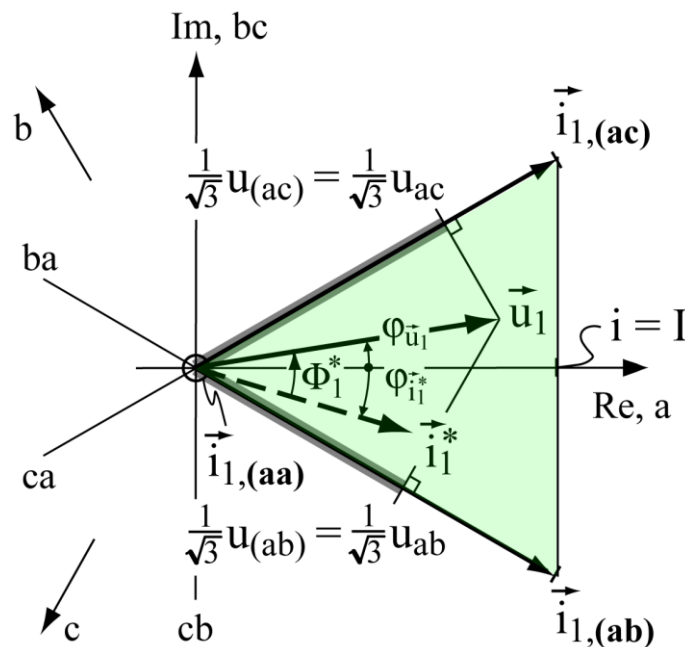
$$d_{(ac)} = M_1 \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{6} + \varphi_{\vec{i}_1^*} \right)$$

$$d_{(ab)} = M_1 \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{6} - \varphi_{\vec{i}_1^*} \right)$$

$$d_{(aa)} = 1 - (d_{(ac)} + d_{(ab)})$$

### Space Vector Orientation

$$\frac{d_{(ac)}}{d_{(ab)}} = \frac{\sin \left( \frac{\pi}{6} + \varphi_{\vec{i}_1^*} \right)}{\sin \left( \frac{\pi}{6} - \varphi_{\vec{i}_1^*} \right)}$$

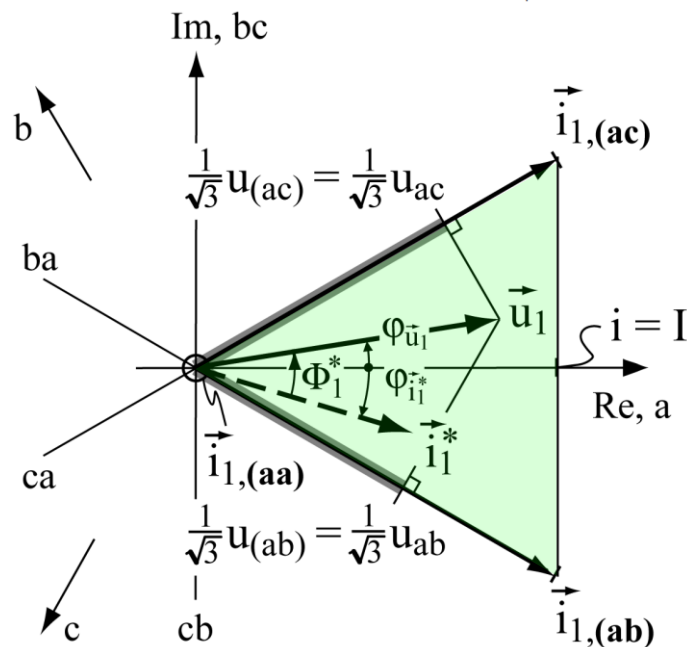


$$\varphi_{\vec{i}_1^*} = \varphi_{\vec{u}_1} - \Phi_1^*$$

## CSR Space Vector Modulation (3)

### Switching State Sequence

$$\begin{aligned} \dots & \left| \begin{array}{l} t_\mu = 0 \quad (\underline{ab}) - (\underline{ac}) - (\underline{aa}) \end{array} \right| t_\mu = T_P/2 \quad (\underline{aa}) - (\underline{ac}) - (\underline{ab}) \left| t_\mu = T_P \dots \right. \\ \dots & \left| \begin{array}{l} t_\mu = 0 \quad (\underline{ac}) - (\underline{ab}) - (\underline{aa}) \end{array} \right| t_\mu = T_P/2 \quad (\underline{aa}) - (\underline{ab}) - (\underline{ac}) \left| t_\mu = T_P \dots \right. \\ \dots & \left| \begin{array}{l} t_\mu = 0 \quad (\underline{ac}) - (\underline{aa}) - (\underline{ab}) \end{array} \right| t_\mu = T_P/2 \quad (\underline{ab}) - (\underline{aa}) - (\underline{ac}) \left| t_\mu = T_P \dots \right. \end{aligned}$$



### DC-link Voltage Formation

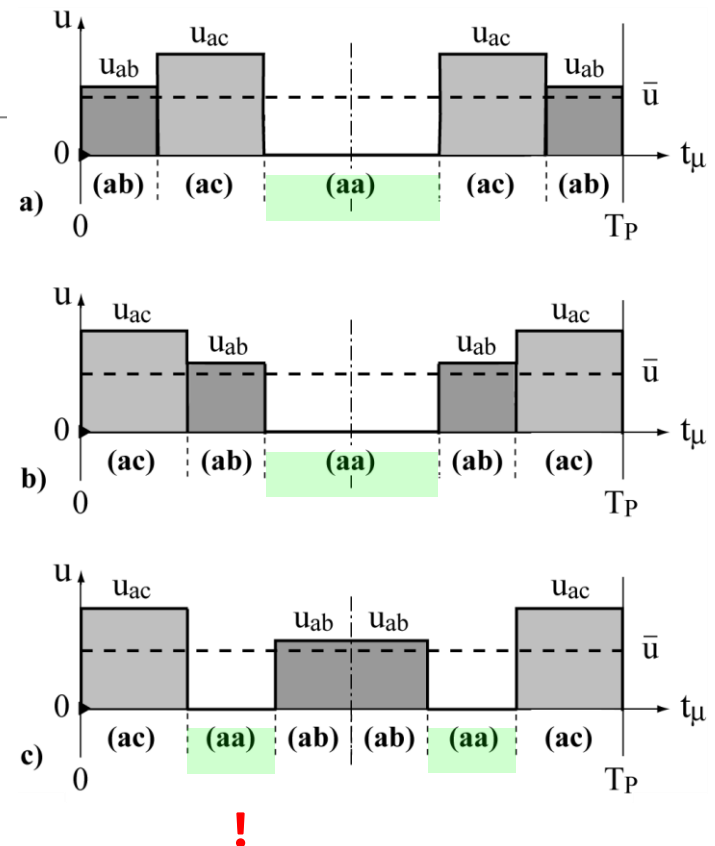
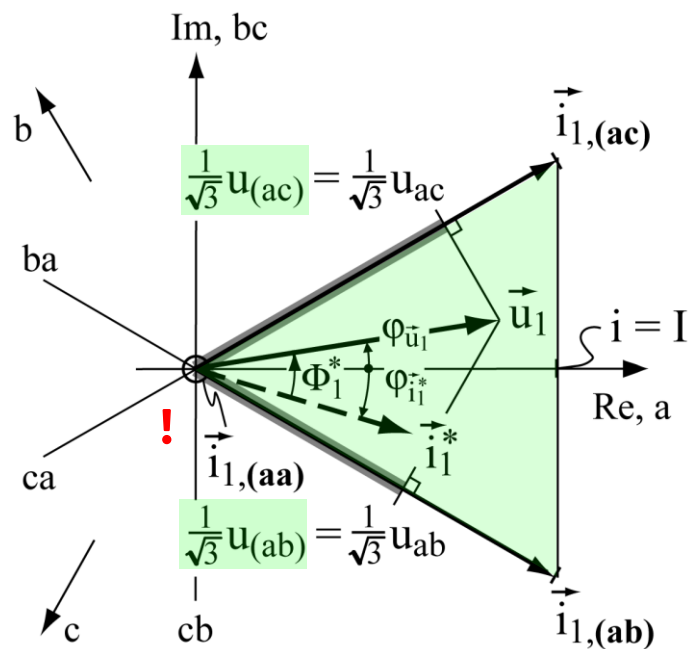
$$\begin{aligned} u_{(ab)} &= u_a - u_b = u_{ab} \\ u_{(ba)} &= u_b - u_a = u_{ba} = -u_{ab} \\ u_{(bc)} &= u_b - u_c = u_{bc} \\ u_{(cb)} &= u_c - u_b = u_{cb} = -u_{bc} \\ u_{(ca)} &= u_c - u_a = u_{ca} \\ u_{(ac)} &= u_a - u_c = u_{ac} = -u_{ca} \\ u_{(aa)} &= u_{(bb)} = u_{(cc)} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$u_k = \sqrt{3} \cdot u_{1,k} \quad \bar{u} = u_{ab}d_{(ab)} + u_{ac}d_{(ac)}$$

## CSR Space Vector Modulation (4)

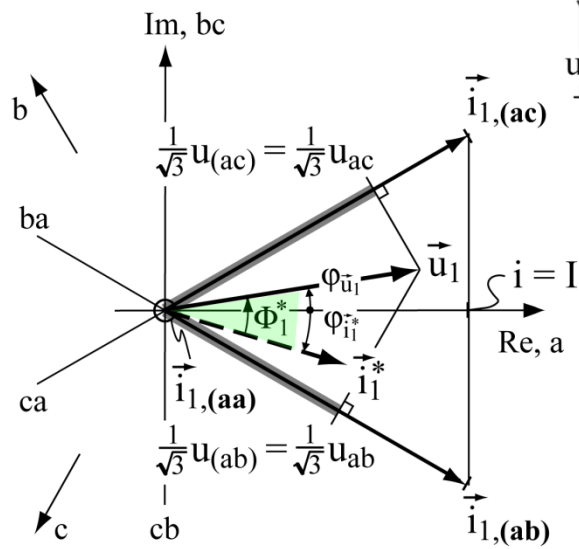
## Local DC-link Voltage Shape

$$\bar{u} = \frac{3}{2} M_1 \hat{U}_1 \cos \Phi_1^*$$

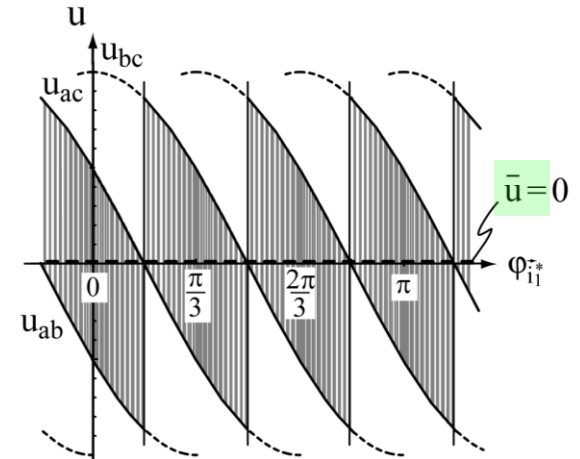
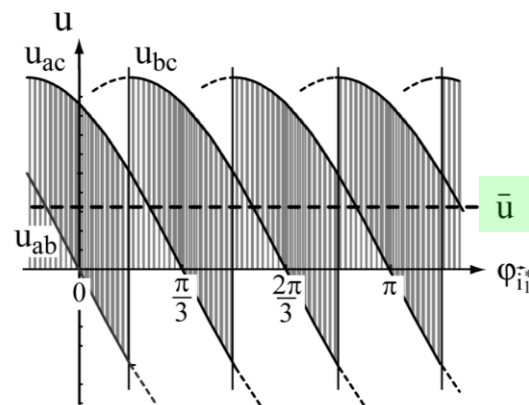
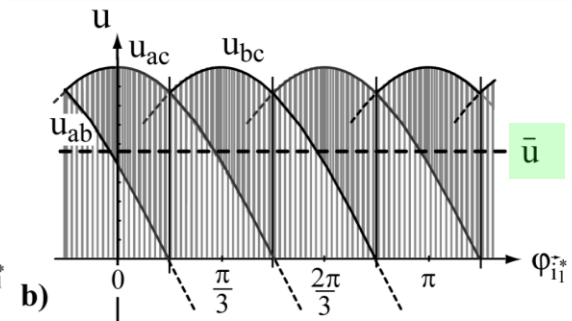
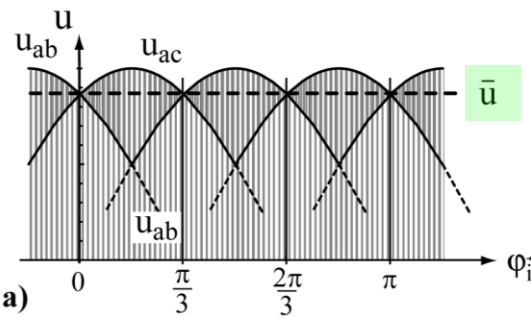


## CSR DC-link Voltage Waveform

## Influence of Input Current Phase Displacement $\Phi_1$ on DC-link Voltage Waveform

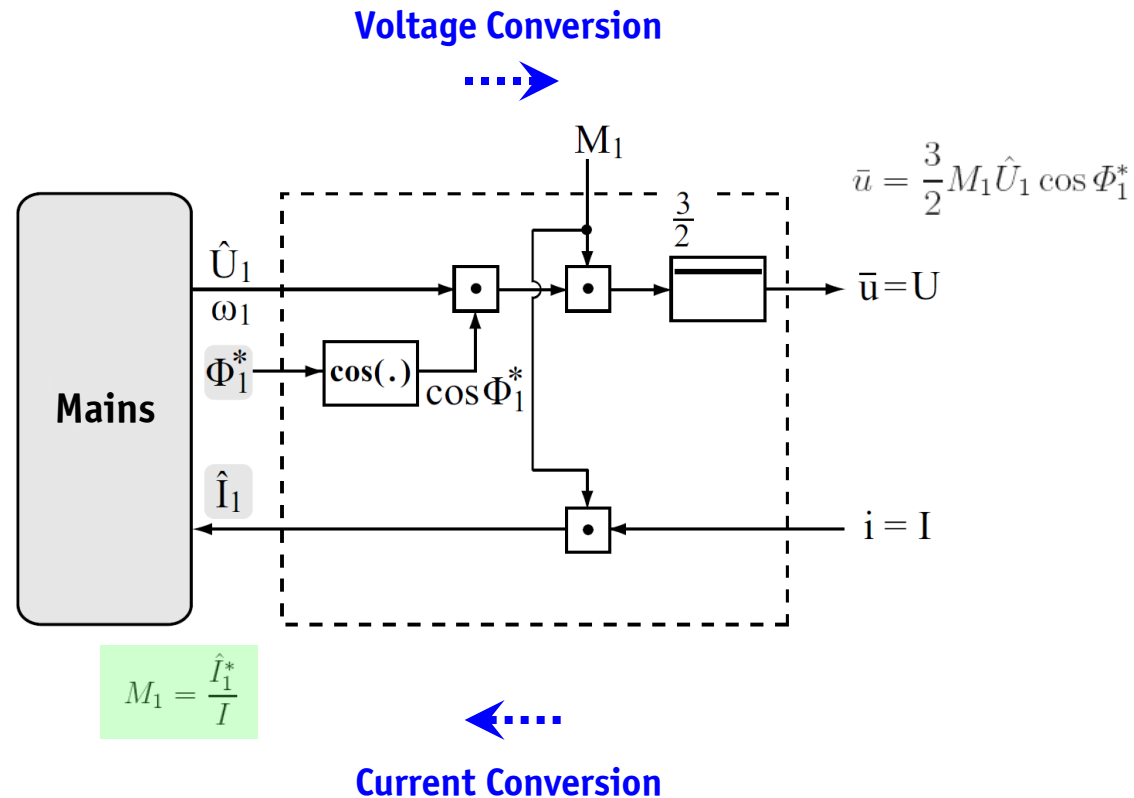


$$M_1 = \frac{\hat{I}_1^*}{I}$$



$$\bar{u} = \frac{3}{2}M_1\hat{U}_1\cos\Phi_1^*$$

# CSR Functional Equivalent Circuit

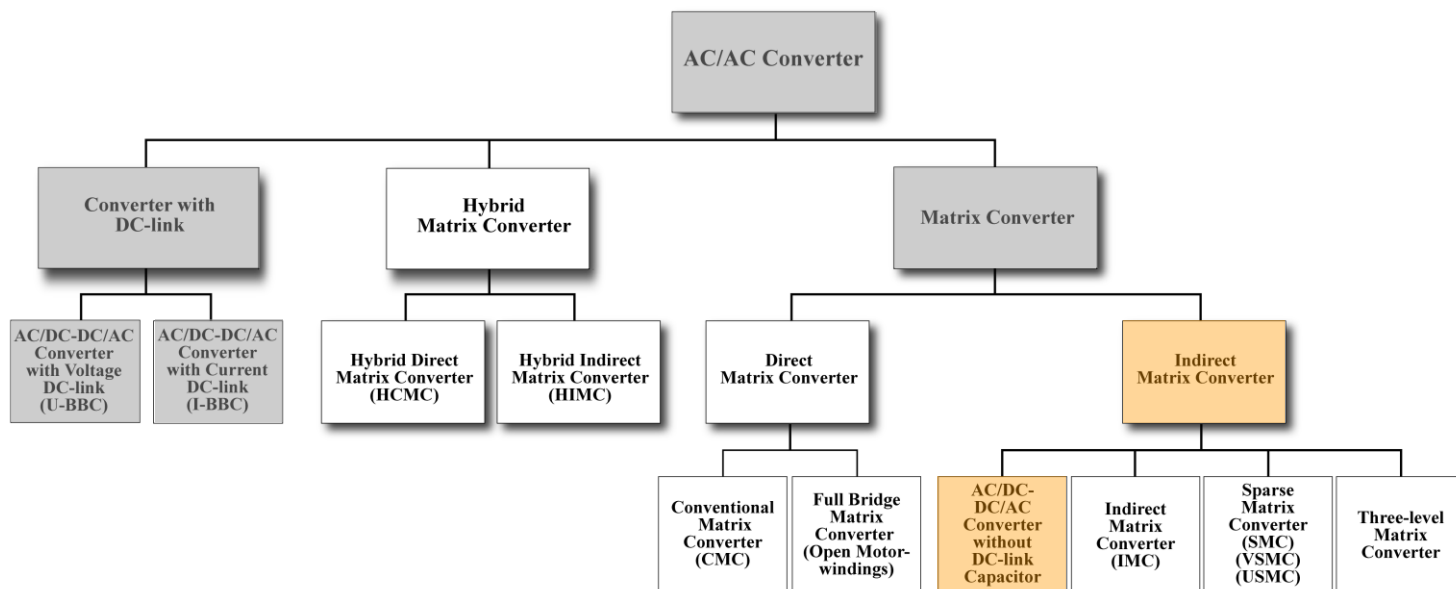


# Derivation of MC Topologies

*Fundamental Frequency Front End*

$F^3E$

## Classification of Three-Phase AC-AC Converters



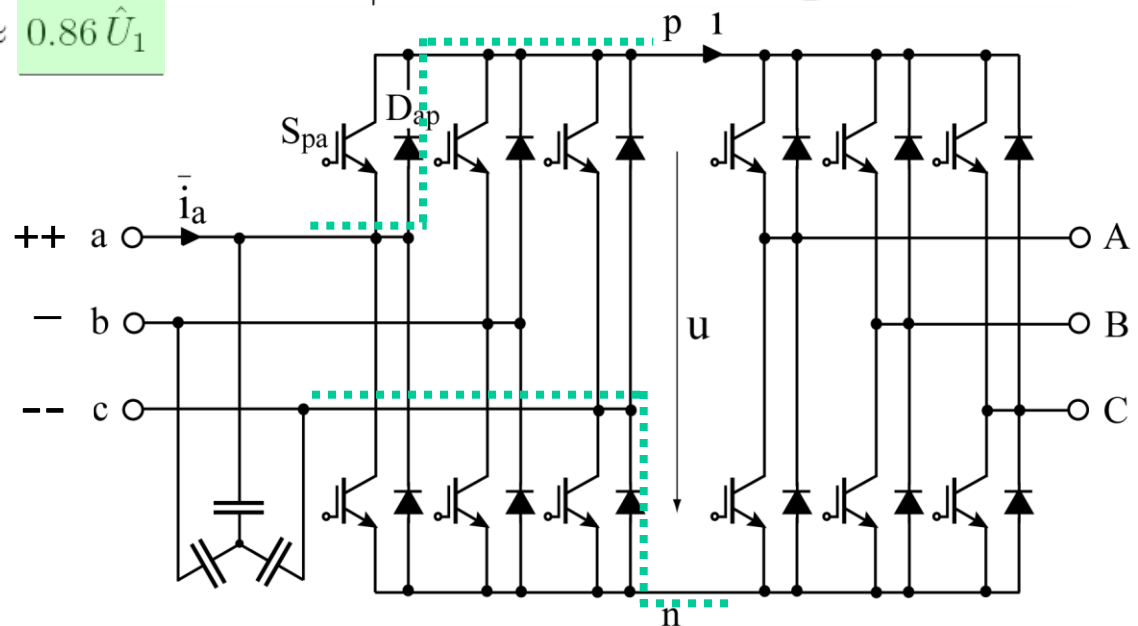
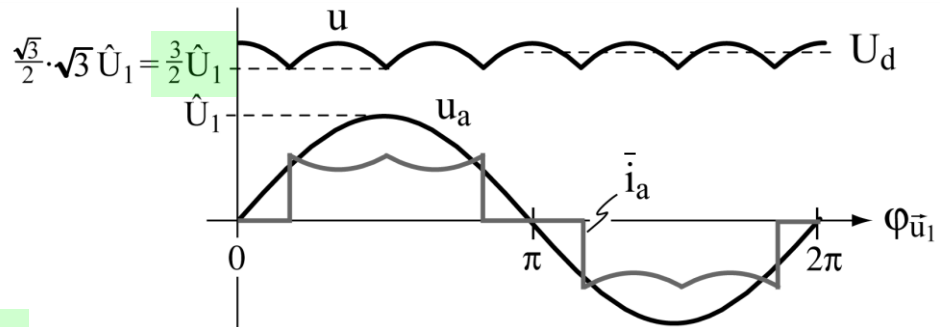
### ■ Converter without DC-link Capacitor



## F<sup>3</sup>E Topology / Mains Behavior

$$u_{\min} = \frac{3}{2} \hat{U}_1$$

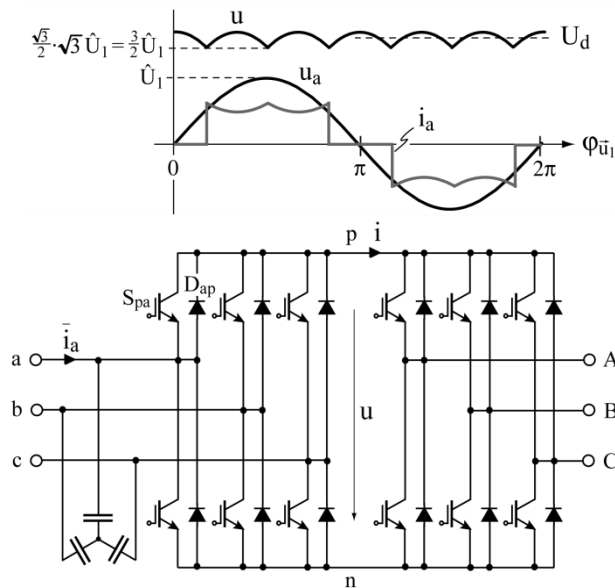
$$\hat{U}_2^* < \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \hat{U}_1 \approx 0.86 \hat{U}_1$$



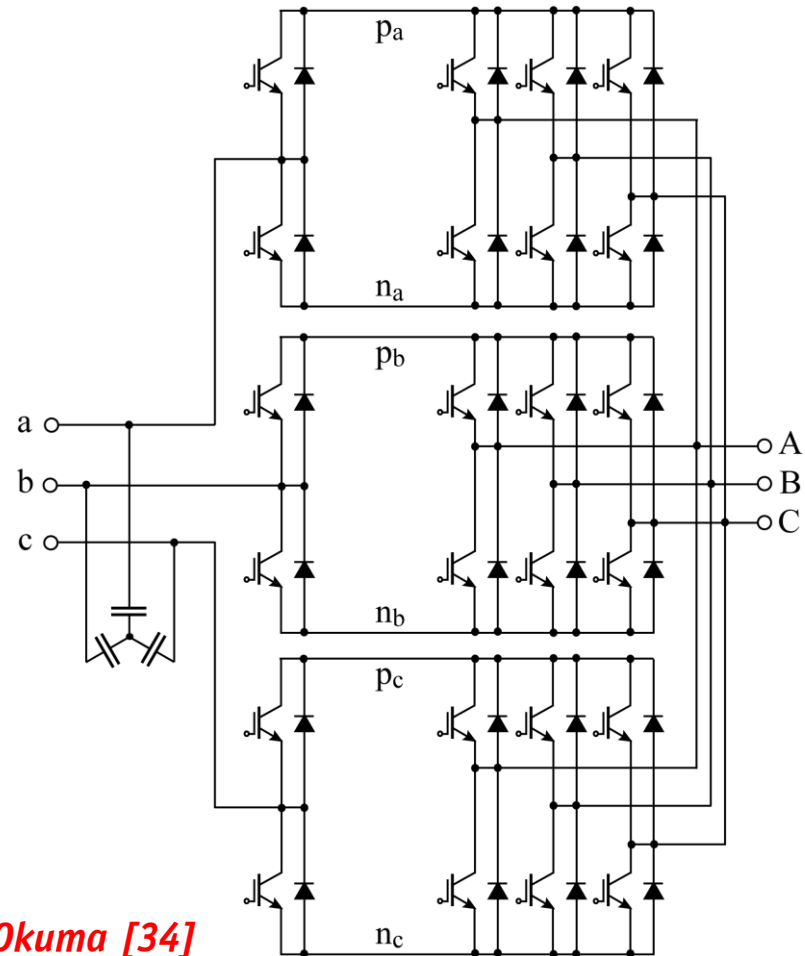
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## F<sup>3</sup>E Topology Extension

### ► Sinusoidal Mains Current



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# Indirect Matrix Converter – IMC

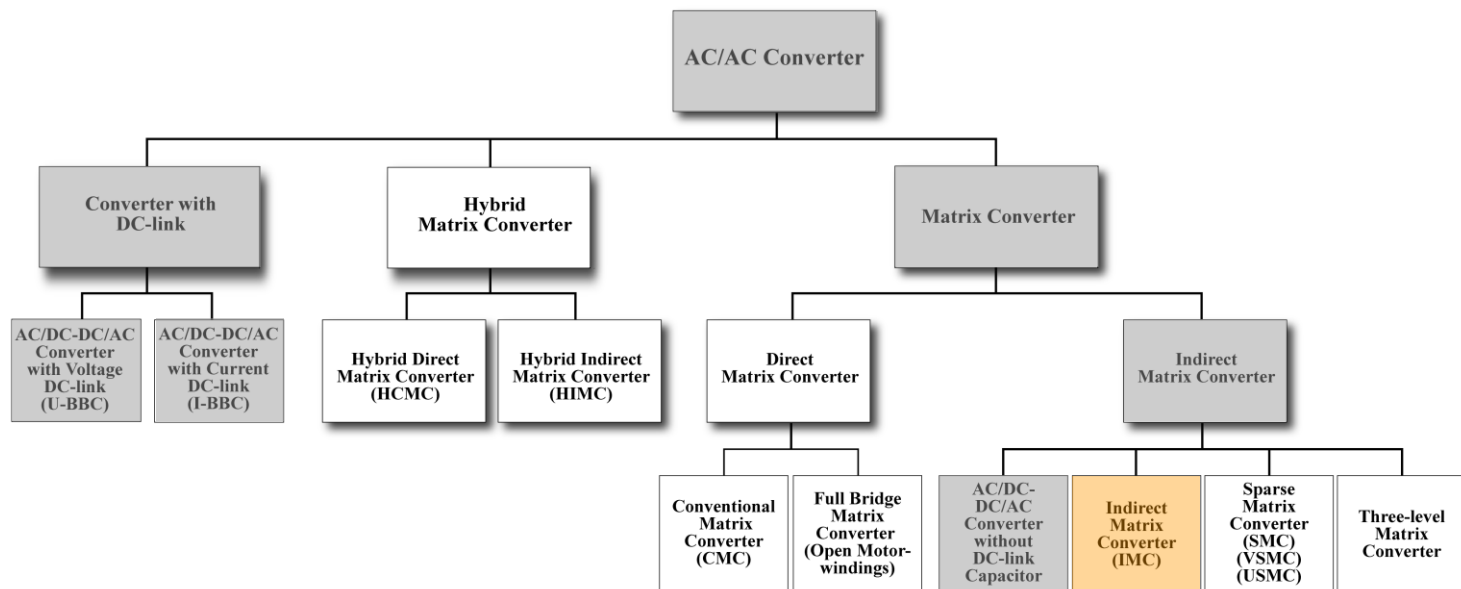
*Space Vectors*

*Modulation*

*Simulation*

— *Experimental Results* —

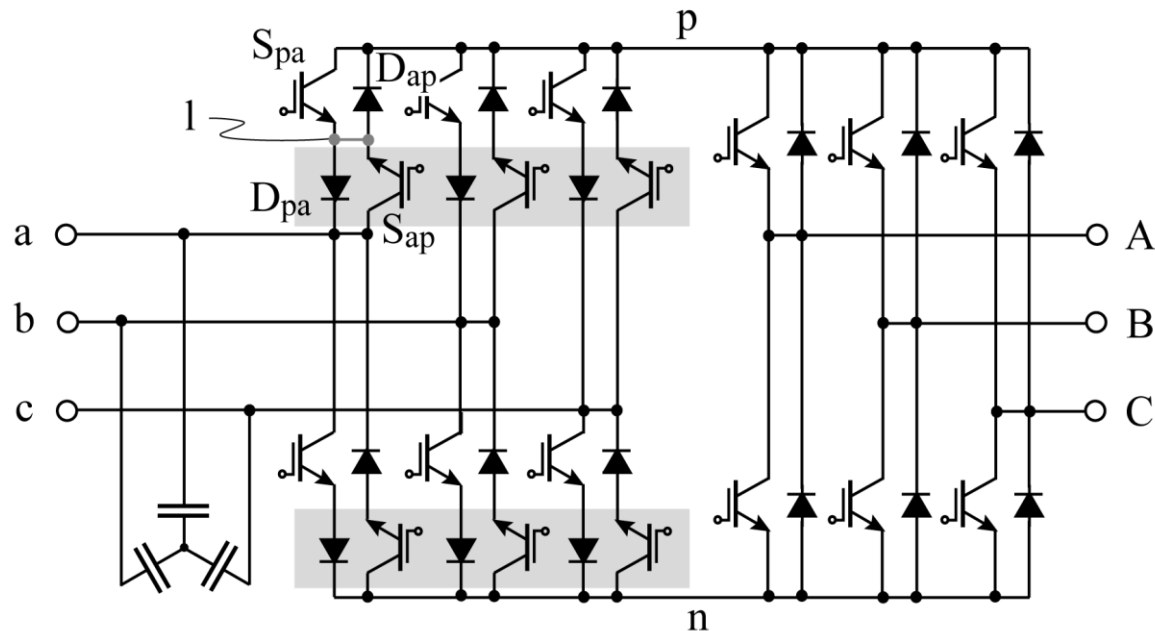
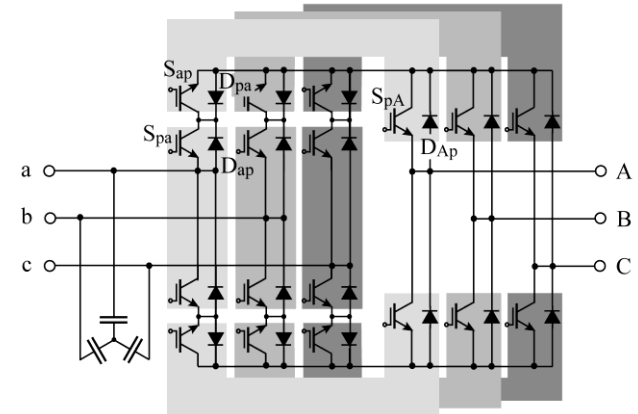
## Classification of Three-Phase AC-AC Converters



### ■ Indirect Matrix Converter

## IMC Topology Derivation

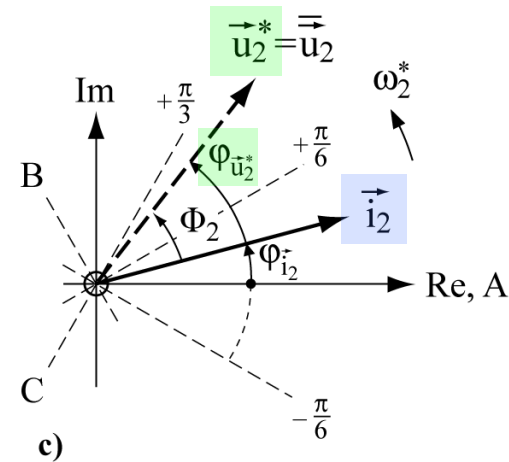
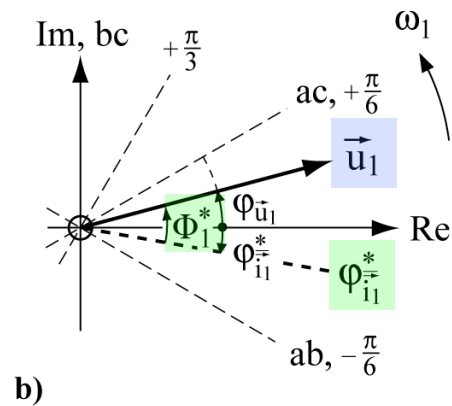
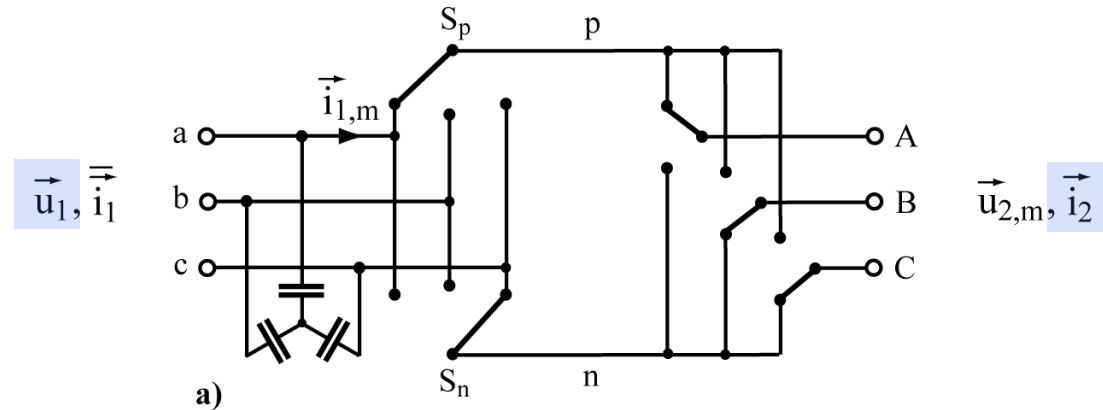
- *Extension of  $F^3E$ -Topology*
- *Bidirectional CSR Mains Interface !*



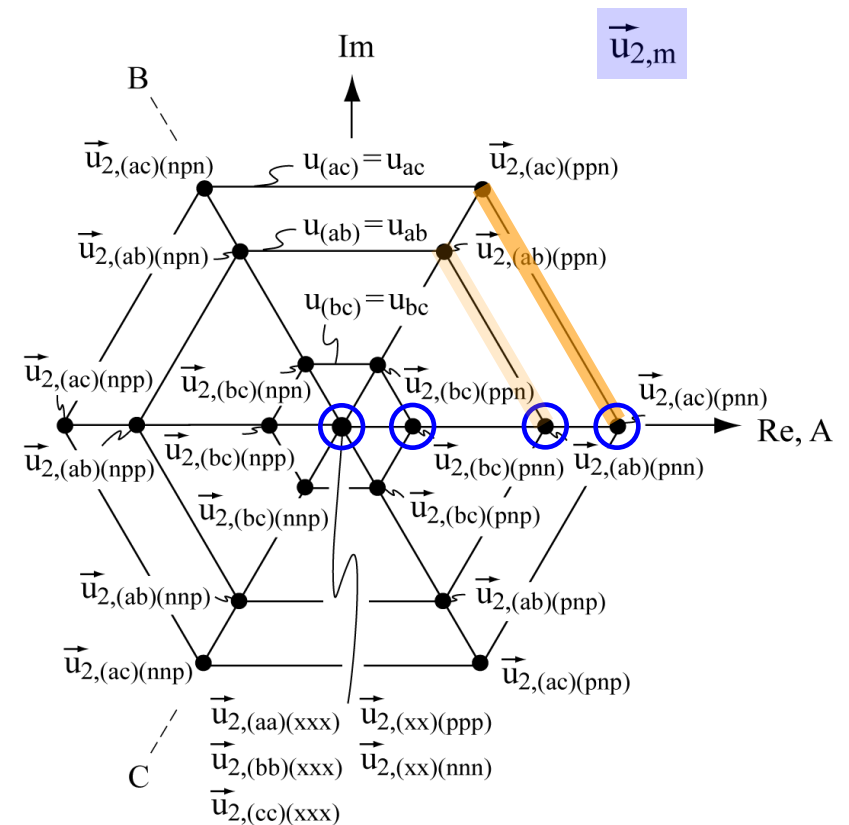
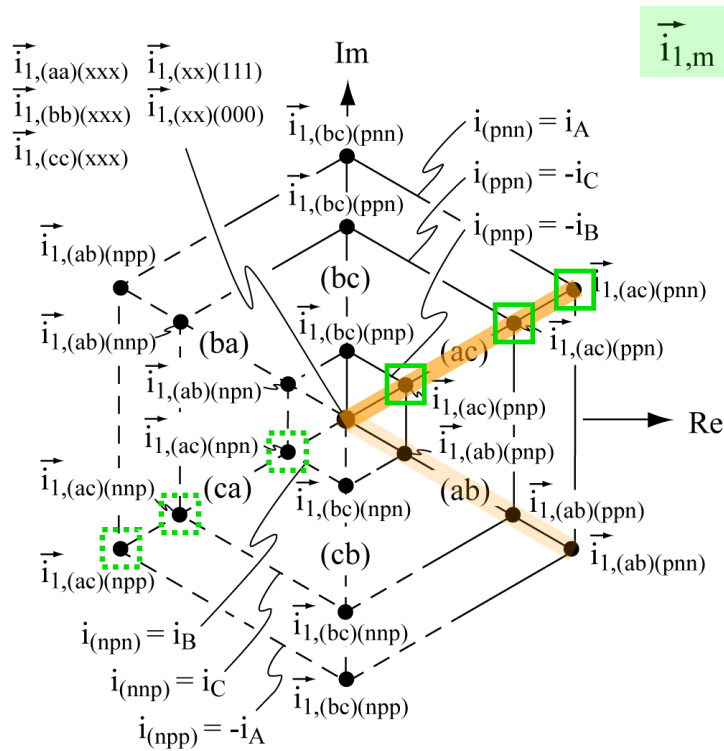
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## IMC Properties

► **Positive DC-link Voltage Required !**

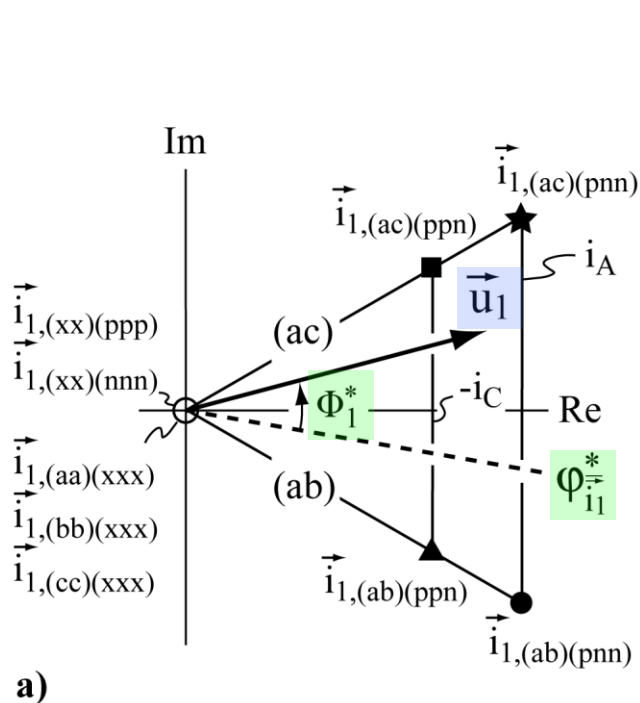


# IMC Voltage and Current Space Vectors

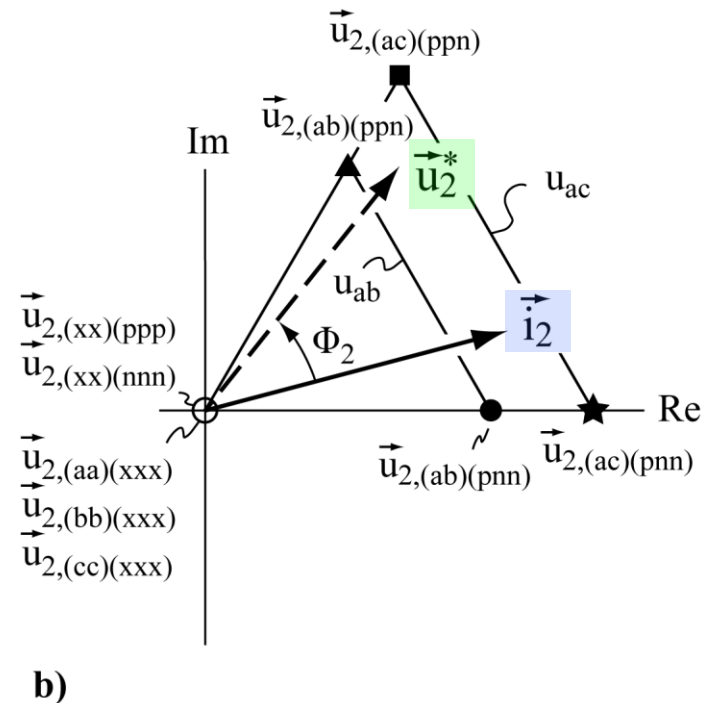




## IMC Space Vector Modulation (1)



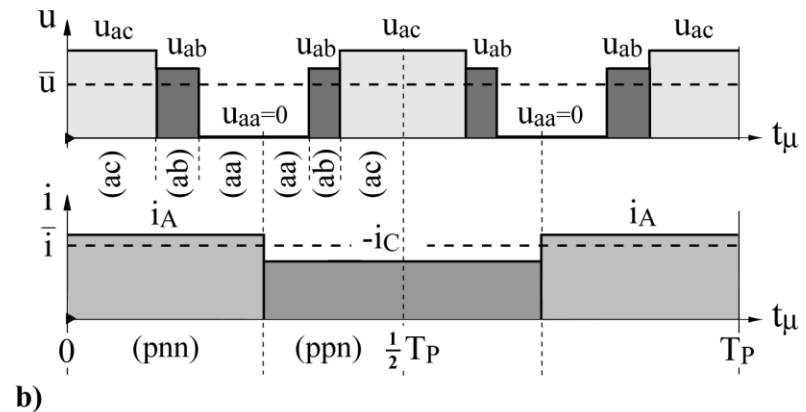
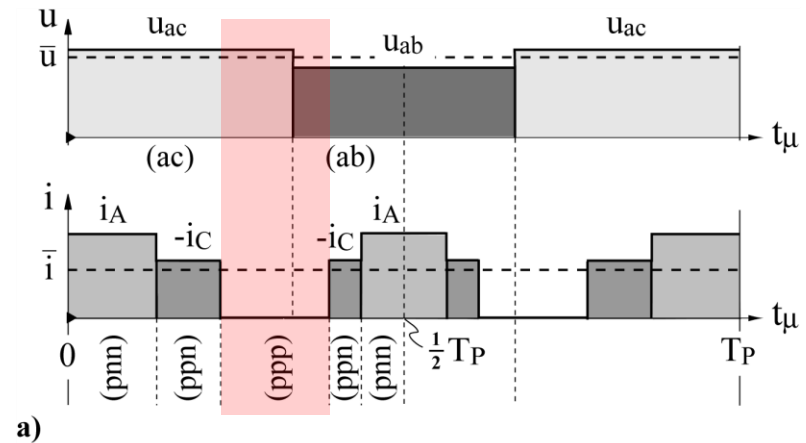
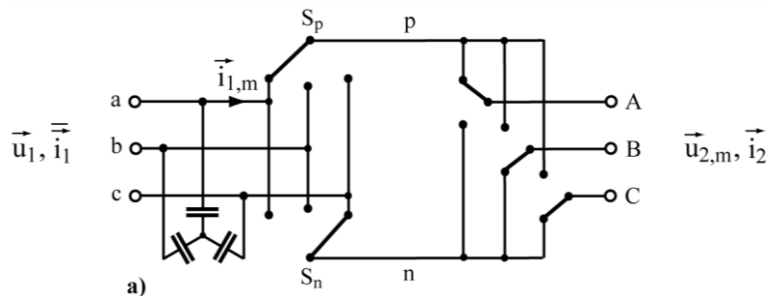
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$$\begin{aligned} \vec{u}_2^* &= \hat{U}_2^* e^{j\varphi_{\vec{u}_2^*}} = \hat{U}_2^* e^{j\omega_2^* t} \\ \vec{i}_2 &= \hat{I}_2 e^{j\varphi_{\vec{i}_2}} = \hat{I}_2 e^{j(\varphi_{\vec{u}_2^*} - \Phi_2)} \end{aligned}$$

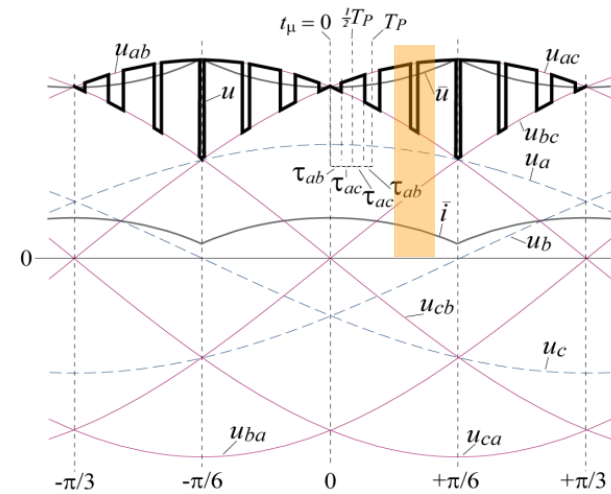
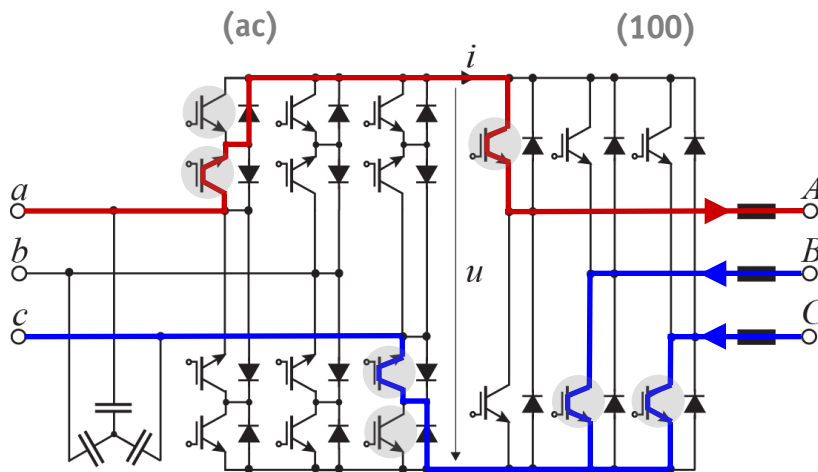
## IMC Space Vector Modulation (2)

- Zero Current Commutation !
- Zero Voltage Commutation

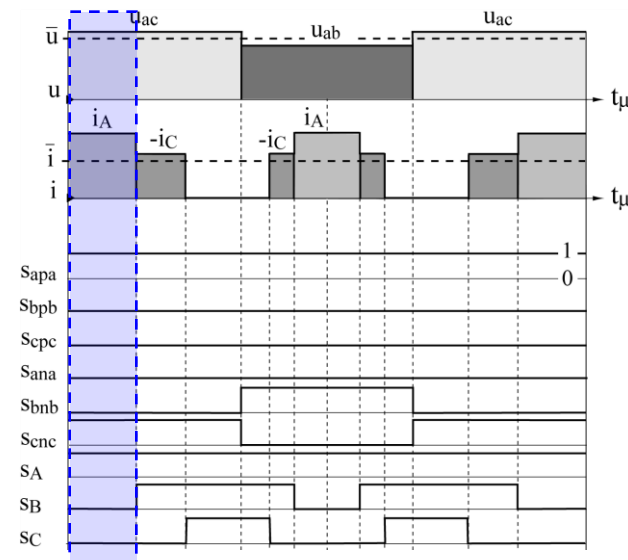


# IMC Zero DC-link Current Commutation (1)

DC-link Voltage  $u = u_{ac}$   
DC-link Current  $i = i_A$



120° of  
Mains  
Period

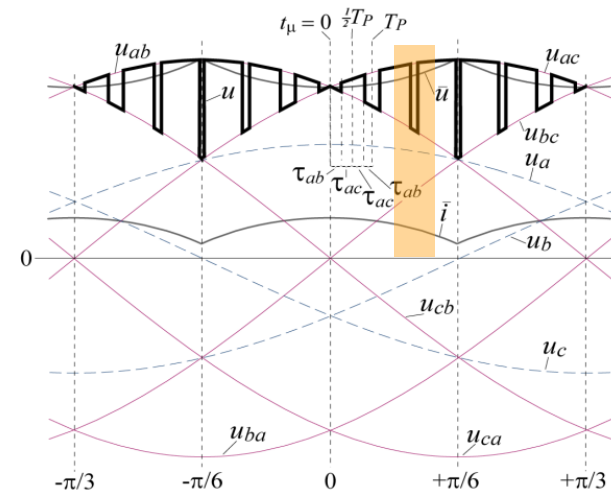
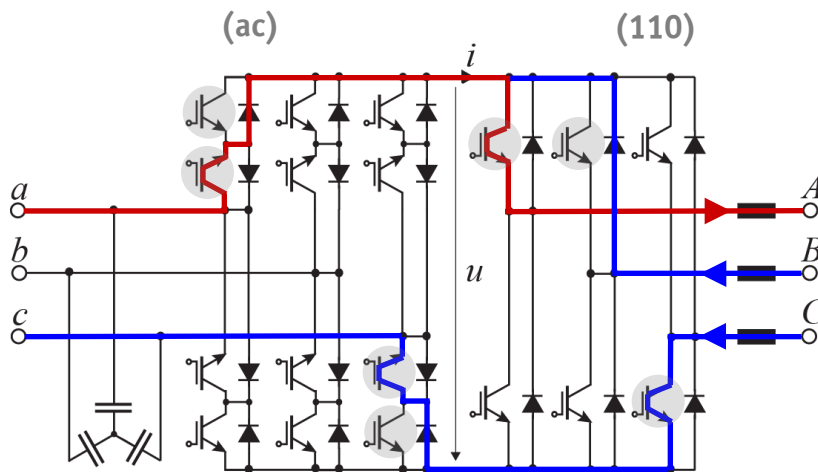


DC link  
Voltage &  
Current

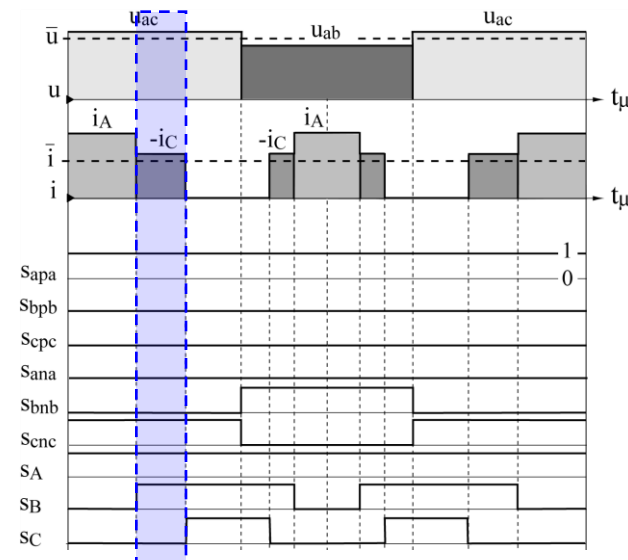
PWM  
Pattern

## IMC Zero DC-link Current Commutation (2)

DC-link Voltage  $u = u_{qc}$   
DC-link Current  $i = -i_c$



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Mains  
Period

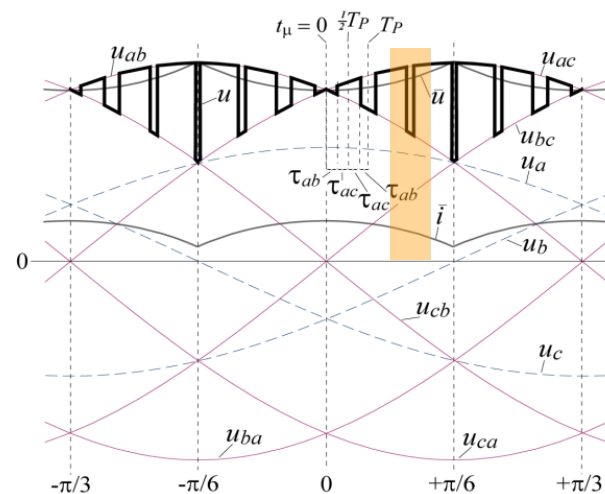
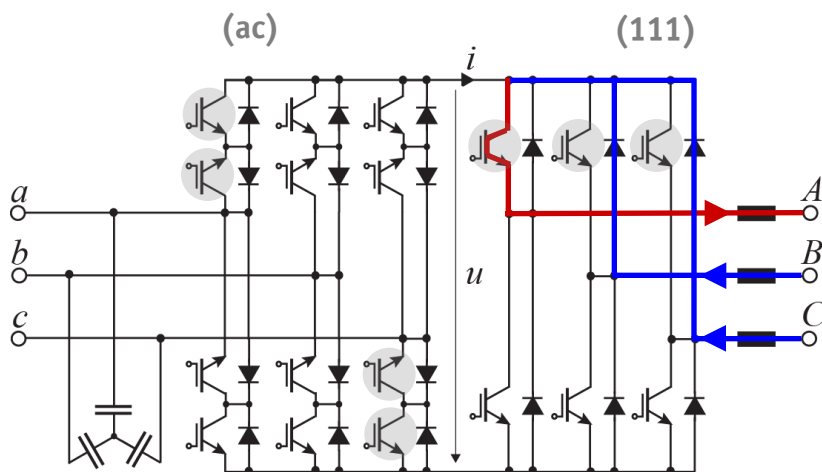


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Voltage &  
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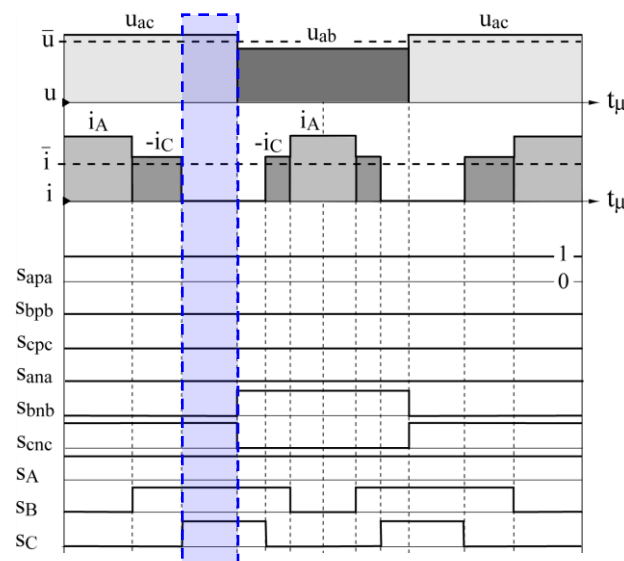
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## IMC Zero DC-link Current Commutation (3)

DC-link Voltage  $u = u_{ac}$   
DC-link Current  $i = 0$



120° of  
Mains  
Period

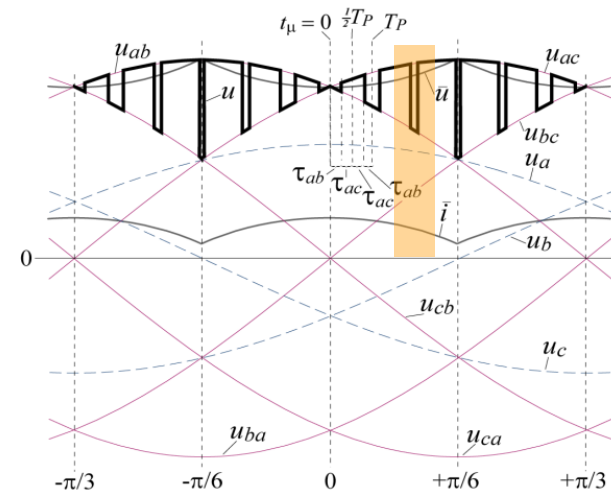
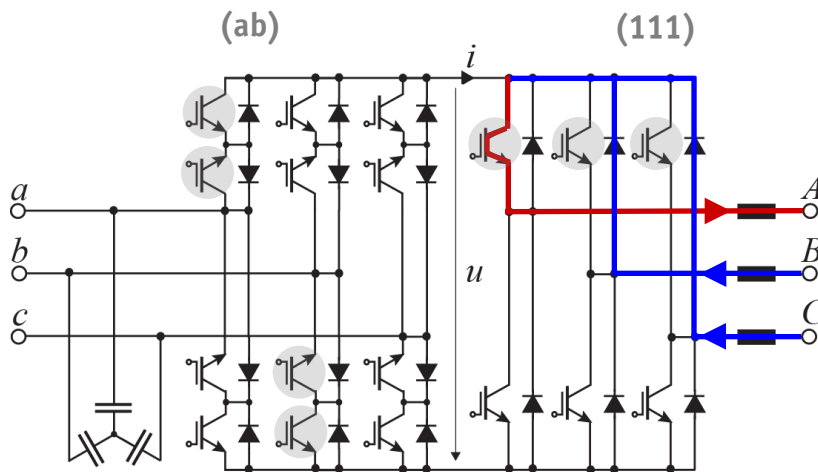


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Voltage &  
Current

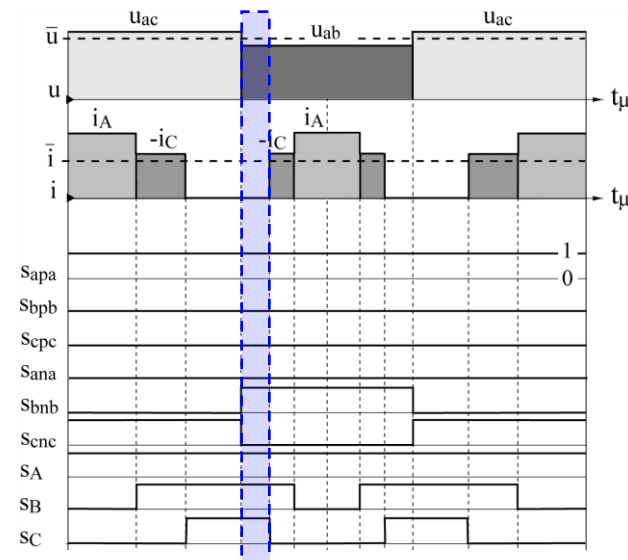
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# IMC Zero DC-link Current Commutation (4)

DC-link Voltage  $u = u_{ab}$   
DC-link Current  $i = 0$



120° of  
Mains  
Period

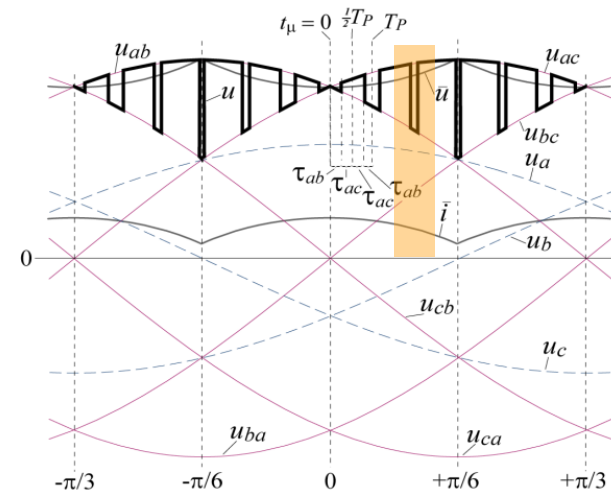
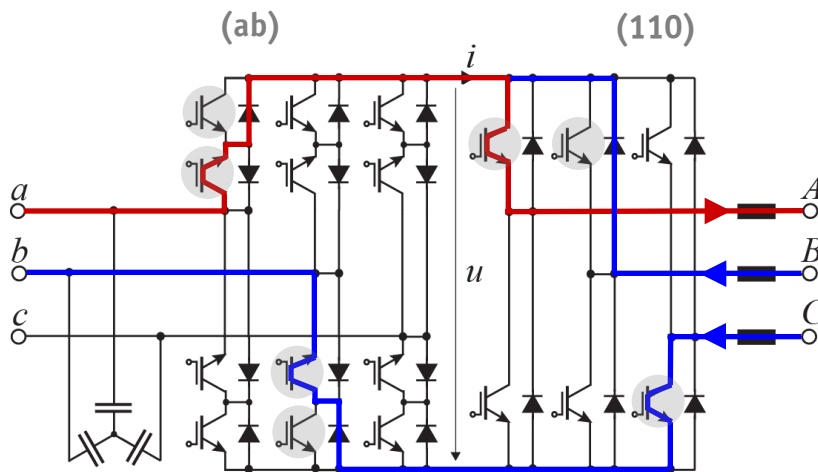


DC link  
Voltage &  
Current

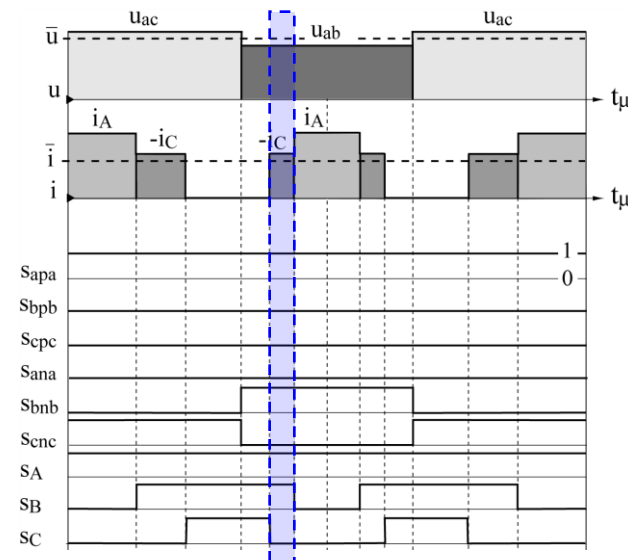
PWM  
Pattern

# IMC Zero DC-link Current Commutation (5)

DC-link Voltage  $u = u_{qb}$   
DC-link Current  $i = -i_c$



120° of  
Mains  
Period

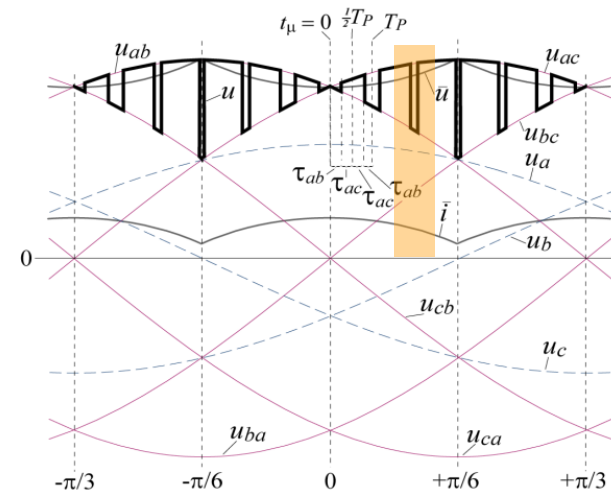
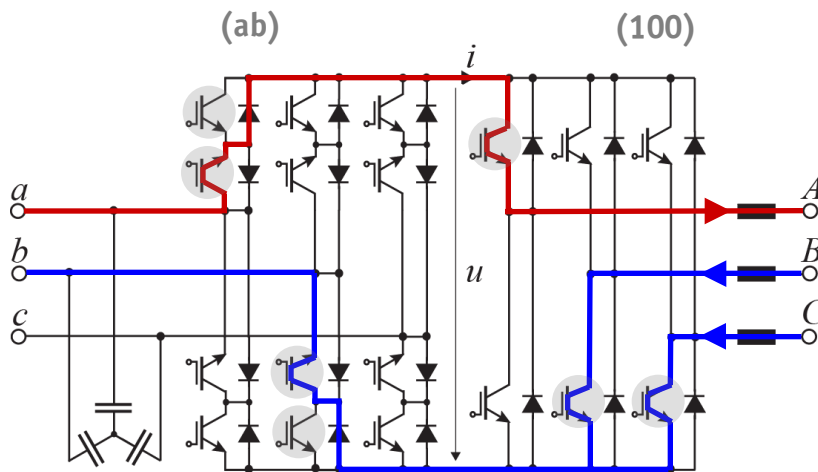


DC link  
Voltage &  
Current

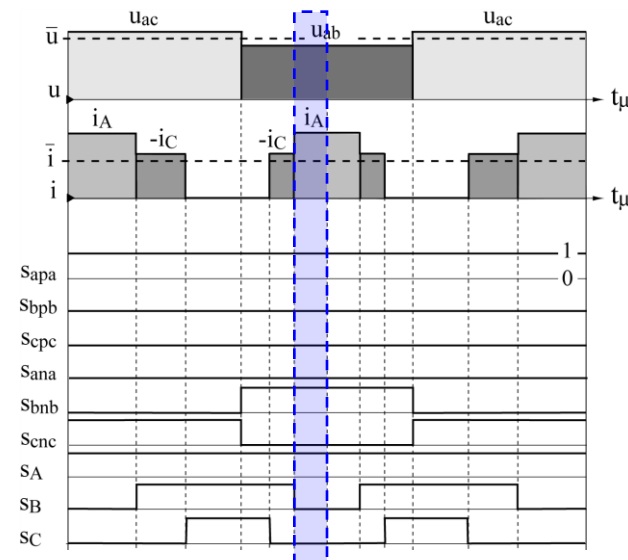
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# IMC Zero DC-link Current Commutation (6)

DC-link Voltage  $u = u_{ab}$   
DC-link Current  $i = i_A$



120° of  
Mains  
Period



DC link  
Voltage &  
Current

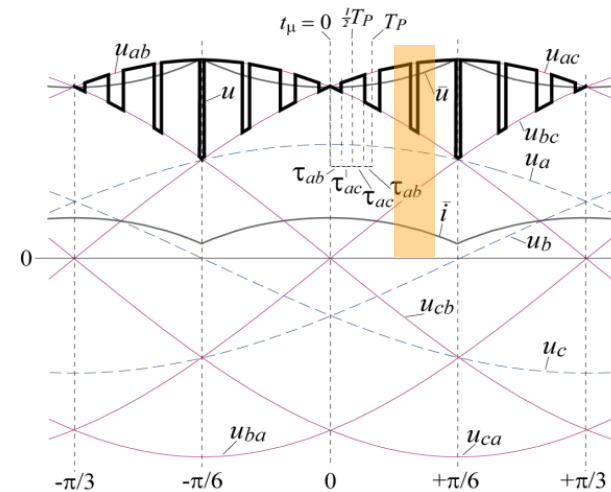
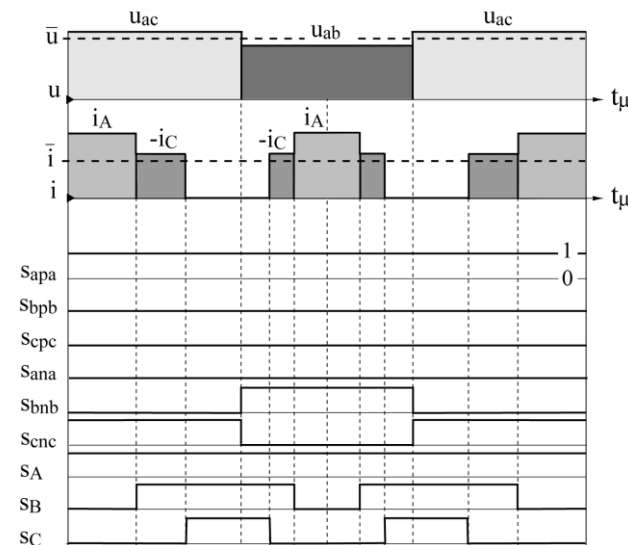
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# IMC Zero DC-link Current Commutation (7)

## Summary

- Simple and Robust Modulation Scheme Independent of Commutation Voltage Polarity or Current Flow Direction
- Negligible Rectifier Stage Switching Losses Due to Zero Current Commutation


120° of  
Mains  
Period

DC link  
Voltage &  
Current

PWM  
Pattern

## Coffee Break !



## IMC Space Vector Modulation (3)

Output Voltage Ref. Value

$$\vec{u}_2^* = \hat{U}_2^* e^{j\varphi_{\vec{u}_2^*}} = \hat{U}_2^* e^{j\omega_2^* t}$$

Input Current Ref. Angle  $\varphi_{\vec{i}_1}^*$

$$\vec{i}_1 = \hat{I}_1 e^{j\varphi_{\vec{i}_1}^*}$$

$$\varphi_{\vec{i}_1}^* = \varphi_{\vec{u}_1} - \Phi_1^*$$

Mains Voltage

$$\vec{u}_1 = \hat{U}_1 e^{j\varphi_{\vec{u}_1}} = \hat{U}_1 e^{j\omega_1 t}$$

Load Behavior

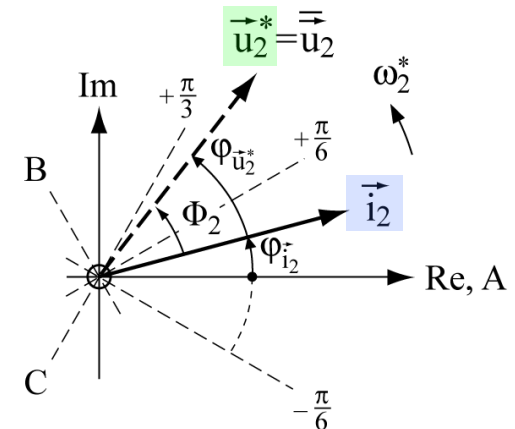
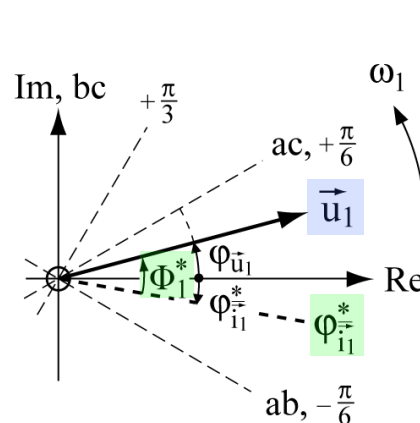
$$\vec{i}_2 = \hat{I}_2 e^{j\varphi_{\vec{i}_2}} = \hat{I}_2 e^{j(\varphi_{\vec{u}_2^*} - \Phi_2)}$$

Assumptions

$$\varphi_{\vec{u}_1} \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{6}\right]$$

$$\varphi_{\vec{u}_2^*} \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{3}\right]$$

$$\varphi_{\vec{i}_1}^* \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{6}\right]$$



PWM Pattern is Specific for each Combination of Input Current and Output Voltage Sectors

## Freewheeling Limited to Output Stage

$$d_{(ab)} + d_{(ac)} = 1$$

## Input Current Formation

$$\bar{i}_a = (d_{(ab)} + d_{(ac)}) \bar{i} = \bar{i}$$

$$\bar{i}_b = -d_{(ab)} \bar{i}$$

$$\bar{i}_c = -d_{(ac)} \bar{i}$$

## Desired Input Current

$$\bar{i}_a = \hat{I}_1 \cos \varphi_{\vec{i}_1}^*$$

$$\bar{i}_b = \hat{I}_1 \cos \left( \varphi_{\vec{i}_1}^* - \frac{2\pi}{3} \right)$$

$$\bar{i}_c = \hat{I}_1 \cos \left( \varphi_{\vec{i}_1}^* + \frac{2\pi}{3} \right)$$

## Resulting Rectifier Stage Relative On-Times

$$d_{(ab)} = \frac{\sin \left( \frac{\pi}{6} - \varphi_{\vec{i}_1}^* \right)}{\cos \varphi_{\vec{i}_1}^*}$$

$$d_{(ac)} = \frac{\sin \left( \frac{\pi}{6} + \varphi_{\vec{i}_1}^* \right)}{\cos \varphi_{\vec{i}_1}^*}$$

## Absolute On-Times

$$\tau_{(ab)} = d_{(ab)} \frac{T_P}{2}$$

$$\tau_{(ac)} = d_{(ac)} \frac{T_P}{2}$$

## Mains Voltage

$$u_a = \hat{U}_1 \cos(\varphi_{\vec{u}_1})$$

$$u_b = \hat{U}_1 \cos\left(\varphi_{\vec{u}_1} - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right)$$

$$u_c = \hat{U}_1 \cos\left(\varphi_{\vec{u}_1} + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right)$$

## Available DC Link Voltage Values

$$u_{(ac)} = u_{ac} = u_a - u_c = \sqrt{3} \cdot \hat{U}_1 \cos\left(\varphi_{\vec{u}_1} - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)$$

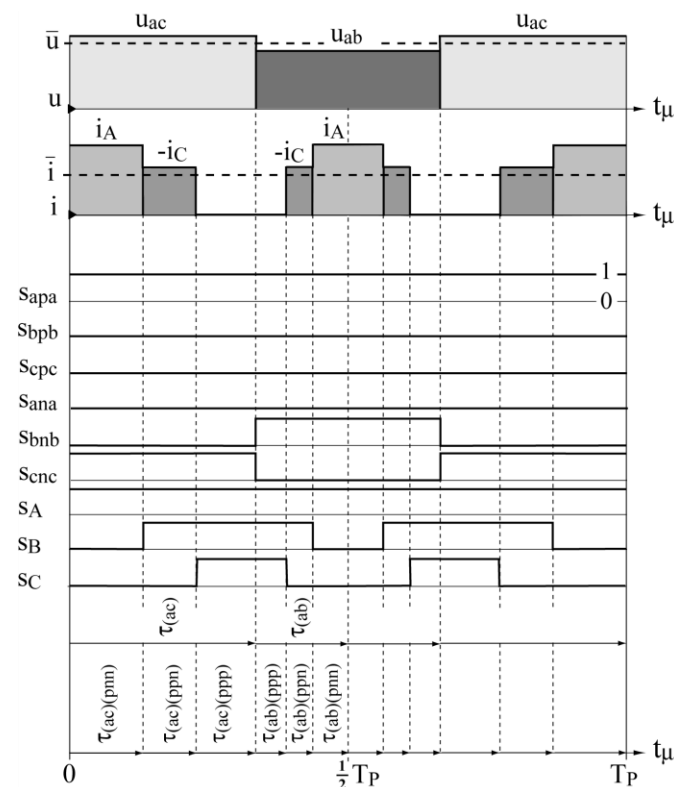
$$u_{(ab)} = u_{ab} = u_a - u_b = \sqrt{3} \cdot \hat{U}_1 \cos\left(\varphi_{\vec{u}_1} + \frac{\pi}{6}\right)$$

## Select Identical Duty Cycles of Inverter Switching States (100), (110) in $\tau_{ac}$ and $\tau_{ab}$ for Maximum Modulation Range

$$\delta_{(ac)(pnn)} = \frac{\tau_{(ac)(pnn)}}{\tau_{(ac)}} = \delta_{(ab)(pnn)} = \frac{\tau_{(ab)(pnn)}}{\tau_{(ab)}} = \delta_{(pnn)}$$

$$\delta_{(ac)(ppn)} = \frac{\tau_{(ac)(ppn)}}{\tau_{(ac)}} = \delta_{(ab)(ppn)} = \frac{\tau_{(ab)(ppn)}}{\tau_{(ab)}} = \delta_{(ppn)}$$

Switch Conducting  
the Largest Current is Clamped  
(over  $\pi/3$ -wide Interval)



## Voltage Space Vectors Related to Active Inverter Switching States

$$\vec{u}_{2,(pnn)} = \frac{2}{3}u$$

$$\vec{u}_{2,(ppn)} = \frac{2}{3}u e^{j\pi/3}$$

## Output Voltage Formation

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{u}_2 &= \frac{2/3}{T_P/2} \left( \delta_{(ac)(pnn)} \tau_{(ac)} u_{ac} + \delta_{(ab)(pnn)} \tau_{(ab)} u_{ab} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \delta_{(ac)(ppn)} \tau_{(ac)} u_{ac} e^{j\pi/3} + \delta_{(ab)(ppn)} \tau_{(ab)} u_{ab} e^{j\pi/3} \right) \\ &= \delta_{(pnn)} \frac{2}{3} \left( \frac{\tau_{(ac)}}{T_P/2} u_{ac} + \frac{\tau_{(ab)}}{T_P/2} u_{ab} \right) + \delta_{(ppn)} \frac{2}{3} \left( \frac{\tau_{(ac)}}{T_P/2} u_{ac} + \frac{\tau_{(ab)}}{T_P/2} u_{ab} \right) e^{j\pi/3} \\ &= \delta_{(pnn)} \frac{2}{3} (d_{(ac)} u_{ac} + d_{(ab)} u_{ab}) + \delta_{(ppn)} \frac{2}{3} (d_{(ac)} u_{ac} + d_{(ab)} u_{ab}) e^{j\pi/3}\end{aligned}$$

## Local DC-link Voltage Average Value

$$\bar{u} = d_{(ac)} u_{ac} + d_{(ab)} u_{ab}$$

$$\vec{u}_2 = \delta_{(pnn)} \frac{2}{3} \bar{u} + \delta_{(ppn)} \frac{2}{3} \bar{u} e^{j\pi/3} \quad \vec{u}_2 = \vec{u}_2^*$$

Calculation of the Inverter Active Switching State On-Times can be directly based on  $\bar{u}$  !

## DC-link Voltage Local Average Value

$$\bar{u} = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \hat{U}_1 \frac{\cos \left( \varphi_{\vec{u}_1} - \varphi_{\vec{i}_1}^* \right)}{\cos \left( \varphi_{\vec{i}_1}^* \right)} = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \hat{U}_1 \frac{\cos (\Phi_1^*)}{\cos \left( \varphi_{\vec{i}_1}^* \right)}$$

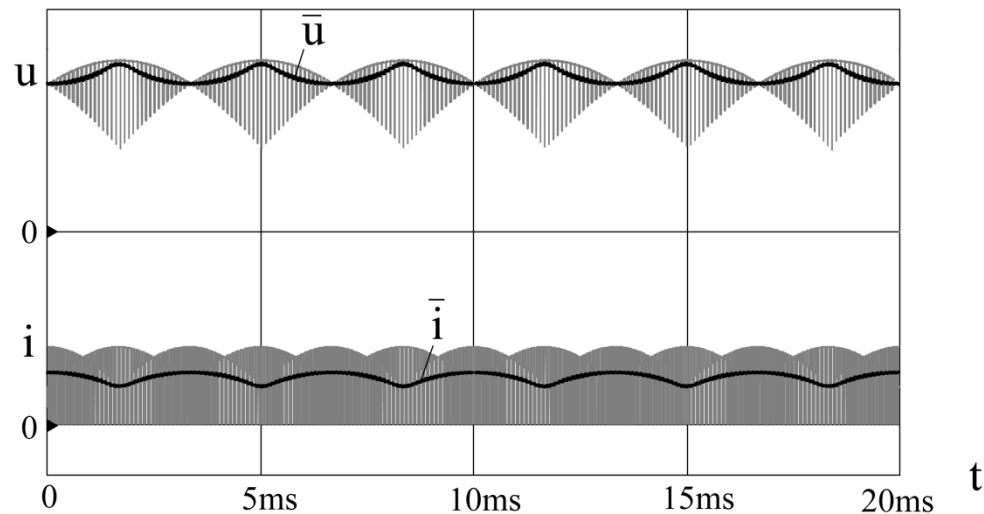
## Minimum of DC-link Voltage Local Average Value

$$\bar{u}_{\min} = \frac{3}{2} \hat{U}_1 \cos \Phi_1^*$$

## Resulting IMC Output Voltage Limit

$$\hat{U}_{2,\max}^* \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \hat{U}_1 \cos \Phi_1^*$$

## Simulation of DC-link Voltage and Current Time Behavior



## Resulting Inverter Stage Relative On-Times

$$\delta_{(ppn)} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{\hat{U}_2^*}{\bar{u}/2} \sin \left( \varphi_{\vec{u}_2^*} \right)$$

$$\delta_{(pnn)} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{\hat{U}_2^*}{\bar{u}/2} \cos \left( \varphi_{\vec{u}_2^*} + \frac{\pi}{6} \right)$$

## Resulting Inverter Stage Absolute On-Times

$$\tau_{(ac)(pnn)} = \frac{1}{2} T_P d_{(ac)} \delta_{(pnn)} = \frac{1}{2} T_P \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \frac{\hat{U}_2^*}{\hat{U}_1} \frac{1}{\cos \Phi_1^*} \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{6} + \varphi_{\vec{i}_1^*} \right) \cos \left( \varphi_{\vec{u}_2^*} + \frac{\pi}{6} \right)$$

$$\tau_{(ac)(ppn)} = \frac{1}{2} T_P d_{(ac)} \delta_{(ppn)} = \frac{1}{2} T_P \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \frac{\hat{U}_2^*}{\hat{U}_1} \frac{1}{\cos \Phi_1^*} \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{6} + \varphi_{\vec{i}_1^*} \right) \sin \left( \varphi_{\vec{u}_2^*} \right)$$



## DC-link Voltage Local Average Value

$$\bar{i}_{(ac)} = \frac{1}{T_{(ac)}} \left( i_A \delta_{(pnn)} T_{(ac)} - i_C \delta_{(ppn)} T_{(ac)} \right) = i_A \delta_{(pnn)} - i_C \delta_{(ppn)}$$

$$\bar{i}_{(ab)} = \frac{1}{T_{(ab)}} \left( i_A \delta_{(pnn)} T_{(ab)} - i_C \delta_{(ppn)} T_{(ab)} \right) = i_A \delta_{(pnn)} - i_C \delta_{(ppn)}$$

Equal DC-link Current Local Average Values for Inverter Active Switching States

$$\bar{i} = \bar{i}_{(ac)} = \bar{i}_{(ab)} = \hat{I}_2 \frac{\hat{U}_2^* \cos \Phi_2}{\hat{U}_1 \cos \Phi_1^*} \cos \varphi_{\vec{i}_1}^*$$

Local Average Value of Input Current in *a*

$$\bar{i}_a = \bar{i} = \hat{I}_1 \cos \varphi_{\vec{i}_1}^*$$

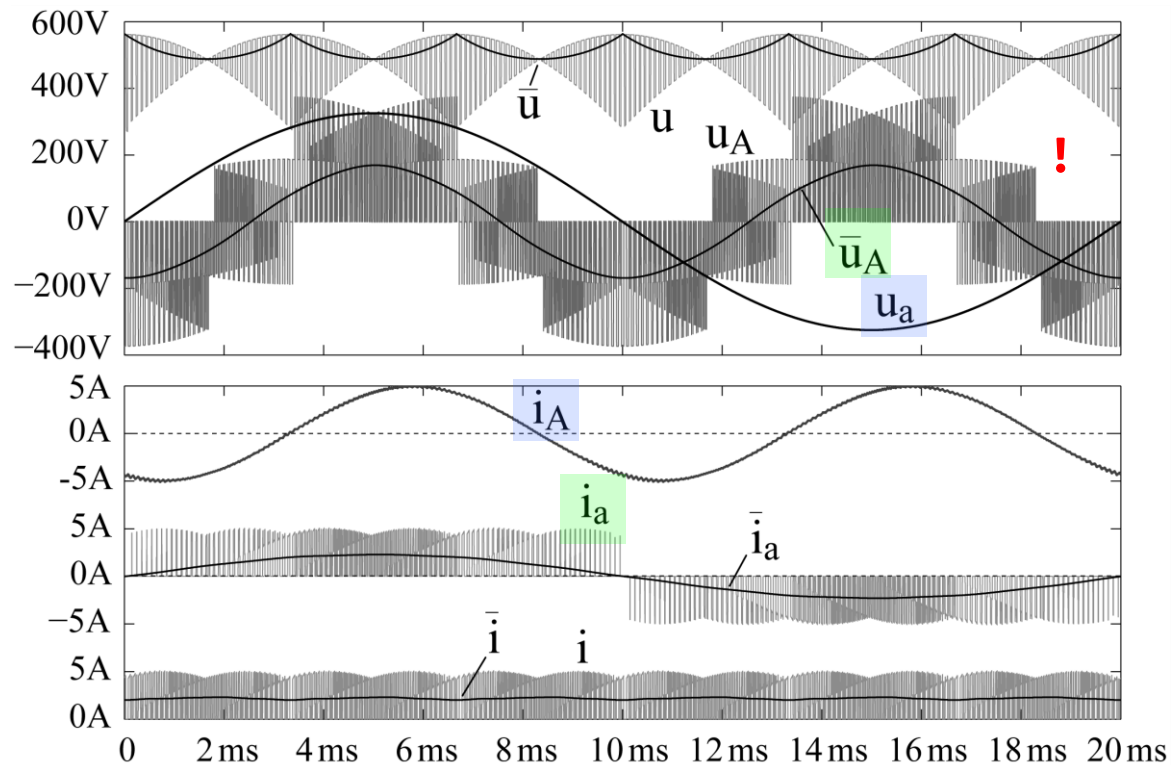
Resulting Input Phase Current Amplitude

$$\hat{I}_1 = \hat{I}_2 \frac{\hat{U}_2^* \cos \Phi_2}{\hat{U}_1 \cos \Phi_1^*}$$

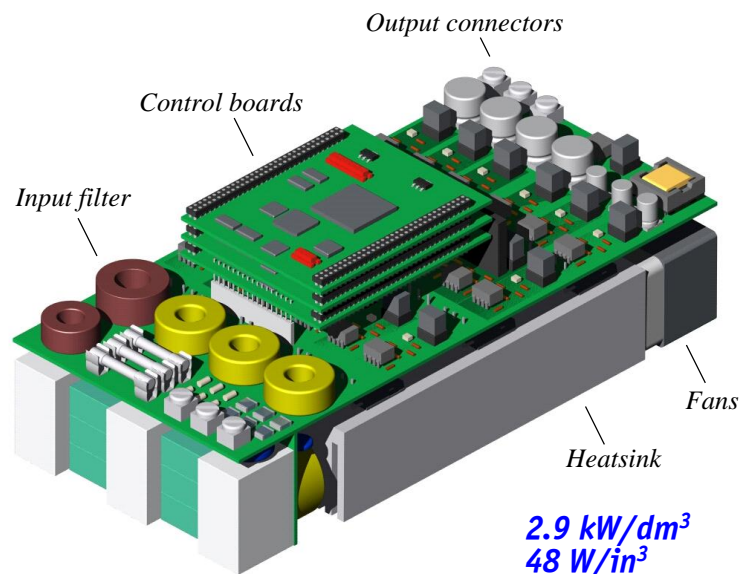
Power Balance of Input and Output Side

$$\bar{p} = P = \bar{u} \bar{i} = \frac{3}{2} \hat{U}_1 \hat{I}_1 \cos \Phi_1^* = \frac{3}{2} \hat{U}_2^* \hat{I}_2 \cos \Phi_2$$

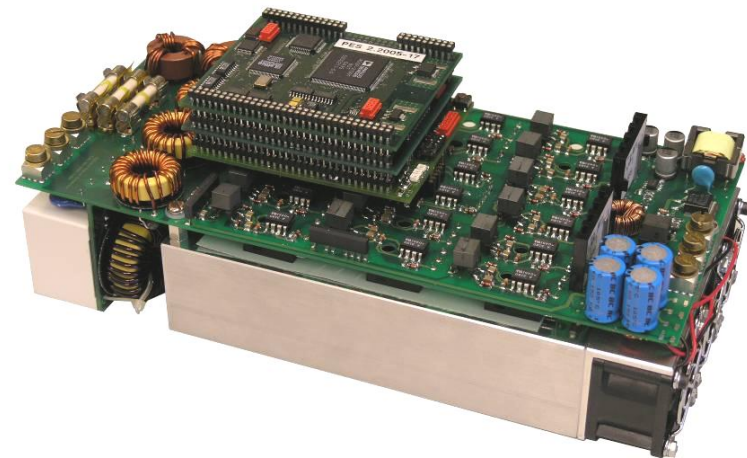
## IMC Simulation Results



## RB-IGBT IMC Experimental Results (1)



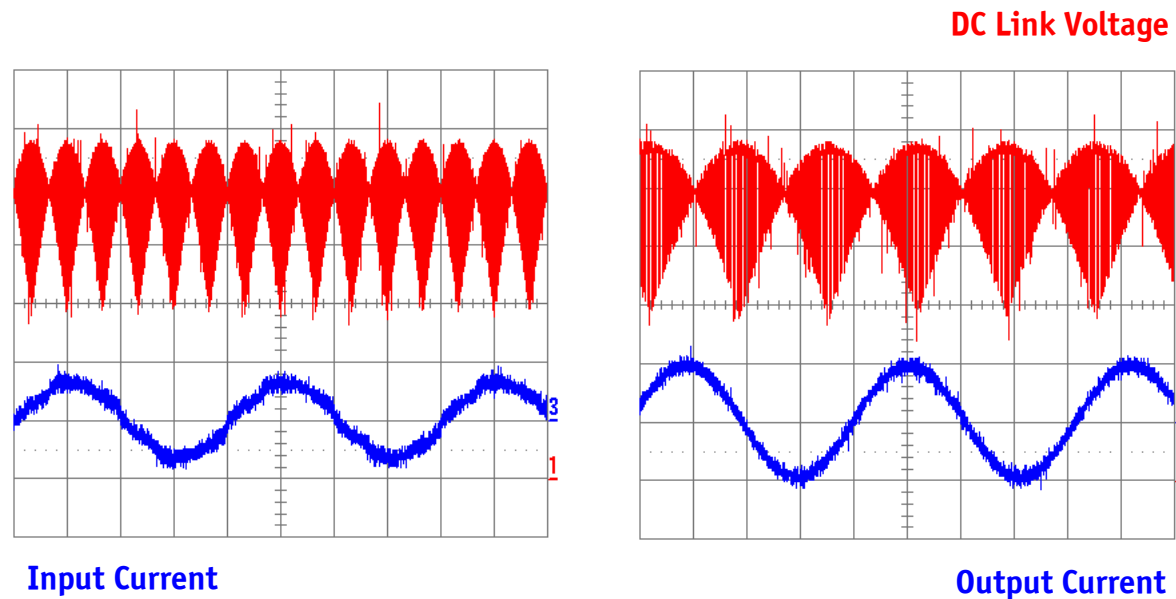
Efficiency 95%



Input RMS voltage	400V
Output Power	6.8 kVA
Rectifier Switching Frequency	12.5 kHz
Inverter Switching Frequency	25 kHz

## RB-IGBT IMC Experimental Results (2)

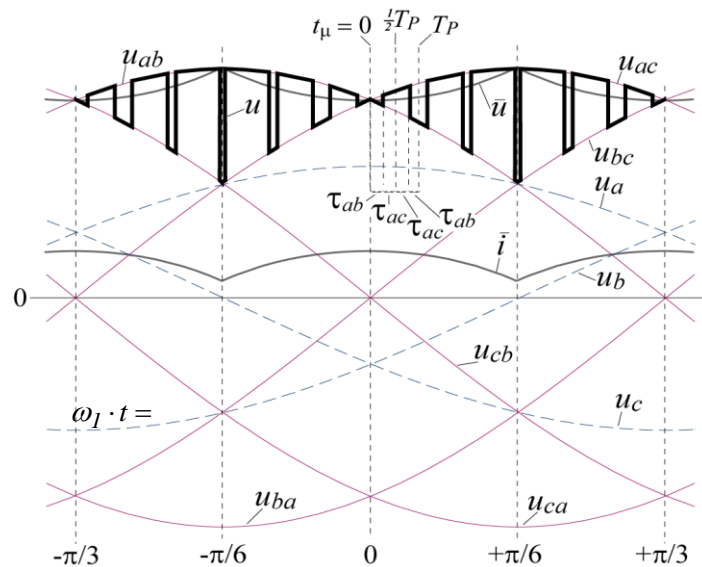
$U_{12} = 400\text{V}$   
 $P_{out} = 1.5\text{ kW}$   
 $f_{out} = 120\text{ Hz}$   
 $f_s = 12.5\text{ kHz} / 25\text{kHz}$



100 V/div  
 5A/div

## Alternative Modulation Schemes (1)

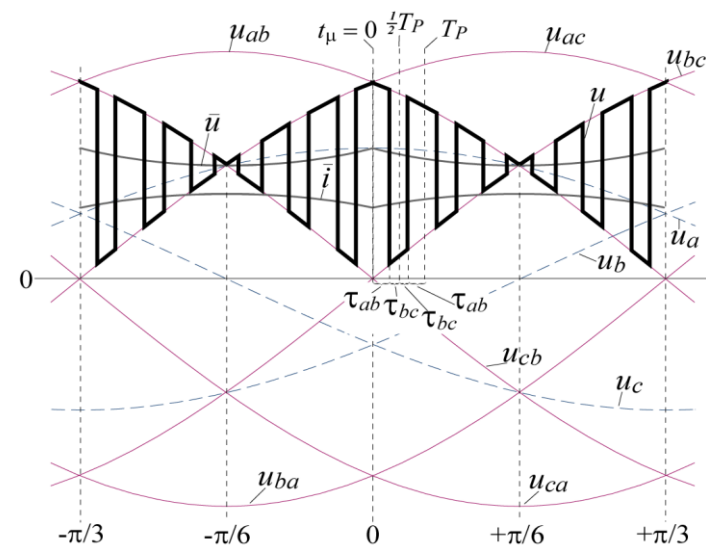
### ► Conventional Modulation (HV)



**DC-link Voltage:** *Largest and Medium Line-to-Line Mains Voltage*

$$\hat{U}_{2,max,I} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \hat{U}_1 \approx 0.86 \cdot \hat{U}_1 \quad !$$

### ► Low Output Voltage Modulation (LV)

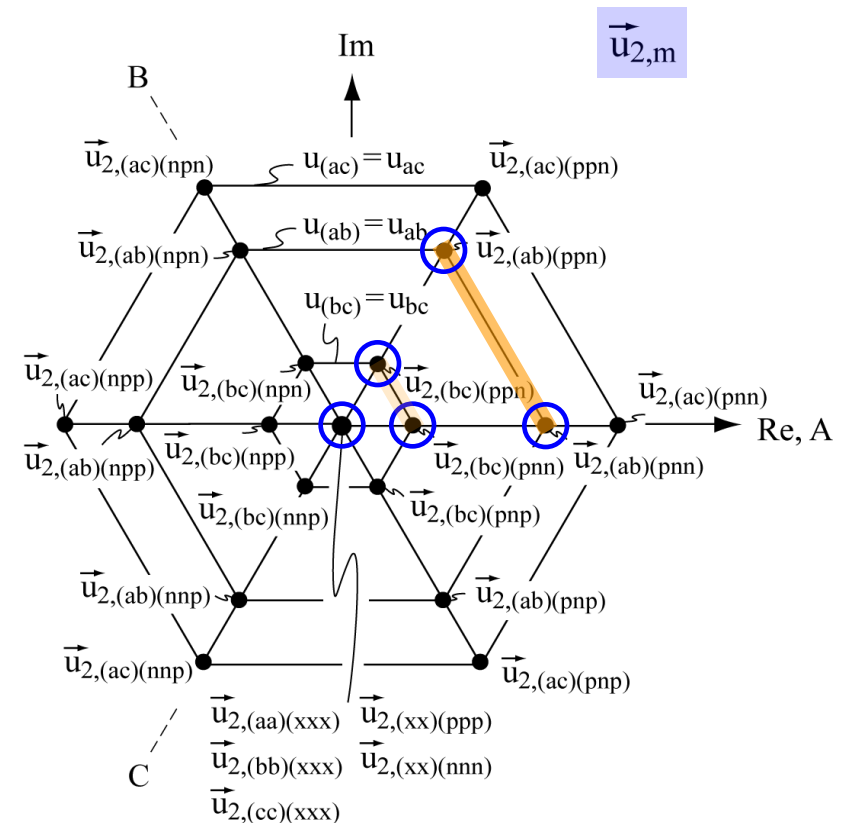
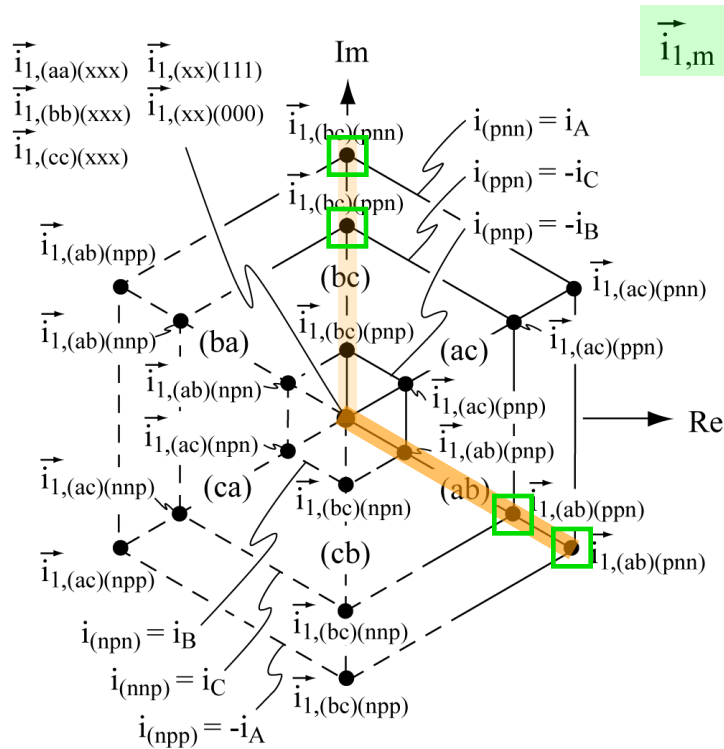


**DC-link Voltage:** *Medium and Smallest Line-to-Line Mains Voltage*

$$\hat{U}_{2,max,II} = \frac{1}{2} \hat{U}_1 = 0.5 \cdot \hat{U}_1 \quad !$$

## Alternative Modulation Schemes (2)

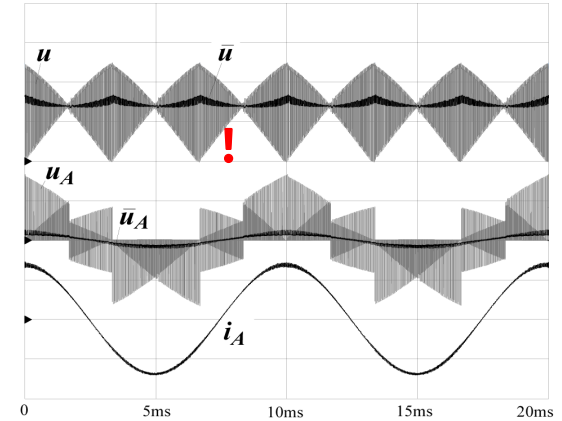
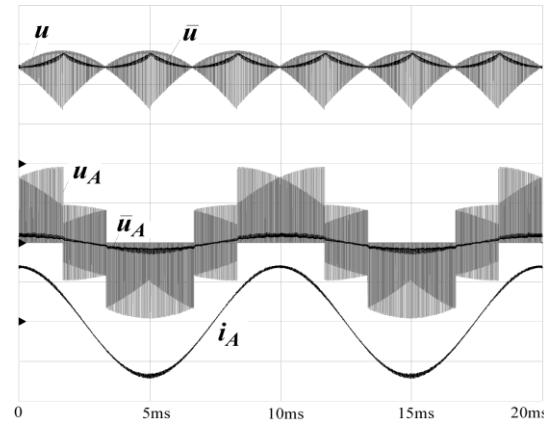
### ► Low Output Voltage Modulation



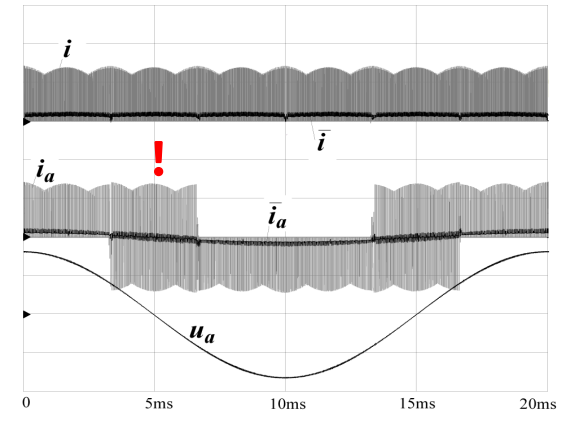
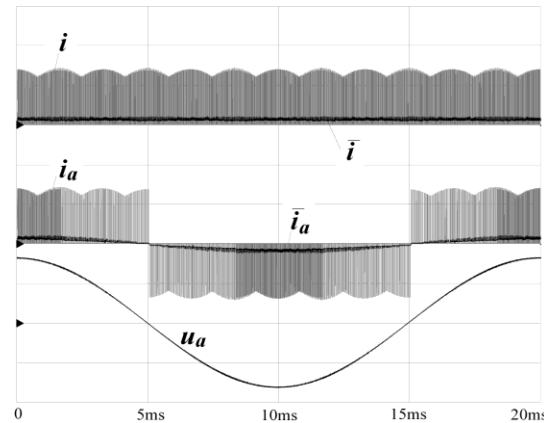
## Alternative Modulation Schemes (3)

### ► LV vs. HV Modulation

Output Voltage  
Generation



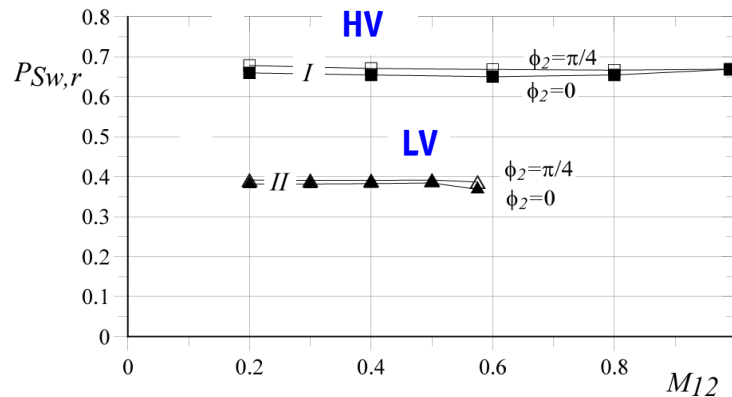
Input Current  
Generation



## Alternative Modulation Schemes (4)

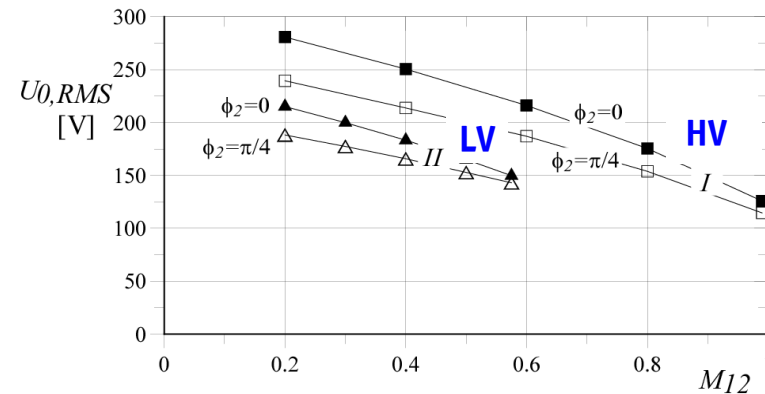
### ► LV vs. HV Modulation

Switching Losses



Reduction of Switching Losses  
to approx. 58%

Output Common Mode Voltage



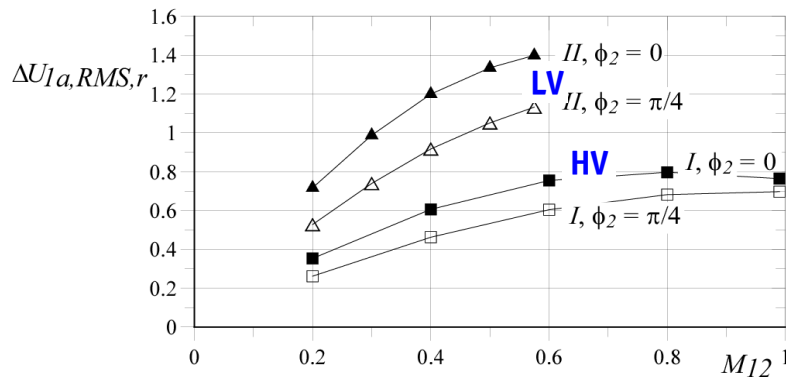
Output Common Mode Voltage reduced  
to approx. 75%



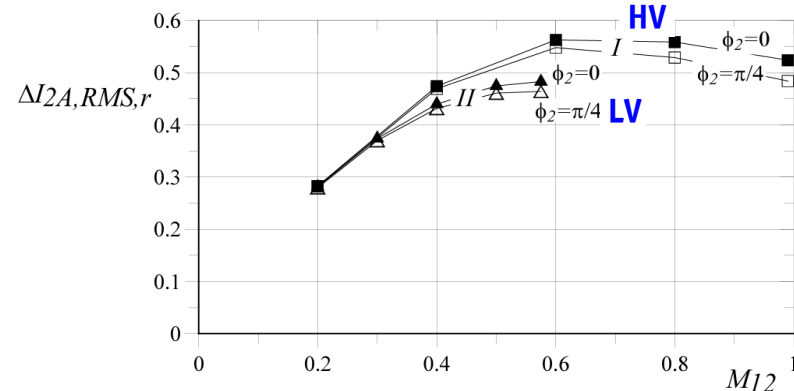
## Alternative Modulation Schemes (5)

### ► LV vs. HV Modulation

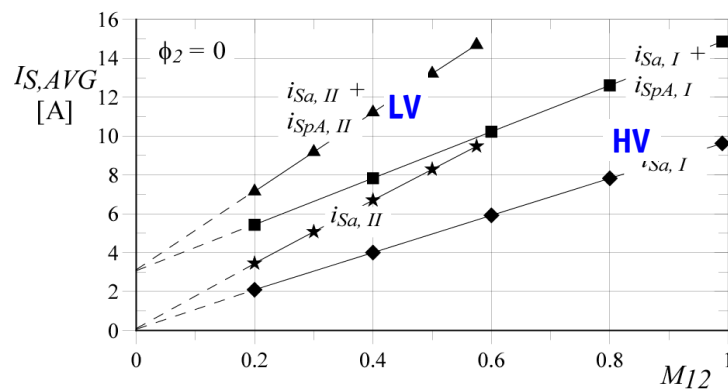
Input Voltage Ripple



Output Current Ripple



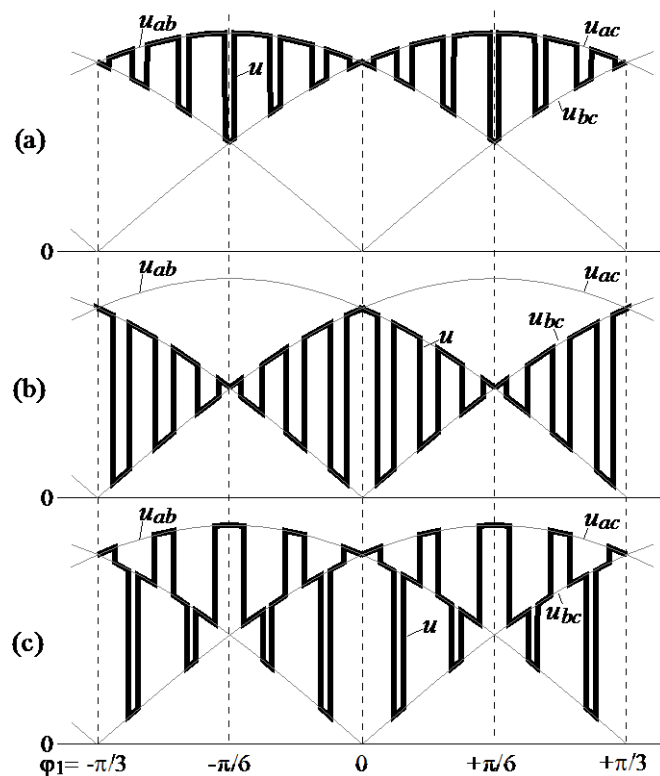
Current Stresses



- Input Voltage Ripple Doubles
- Output Current Ripple Slightly Reduced
- For given  $\hat{U}_2$  ( $M_{12}$ ) the Component Current Stress are Increasing (Conduction Losses)

## Alternative Modulation Schemes (6)

### ► Three-Level Medium Voltage Modulation



High Output Voltage Modulation (HVM)

$$\hat{U}_2 = 0 \dots \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \hat{U}_1$$

Low Output Voltage Modulation (LVM)

$$\hat{U}_2 = 0 \dots \frac{1}{2} \cdot \hat{U}_1$$

Three-Level Modulation

$$\hat{U}_2 = \frac{1}{2} \dots \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \hat{U}_1$$

Weighted Combination of HVM and LVM

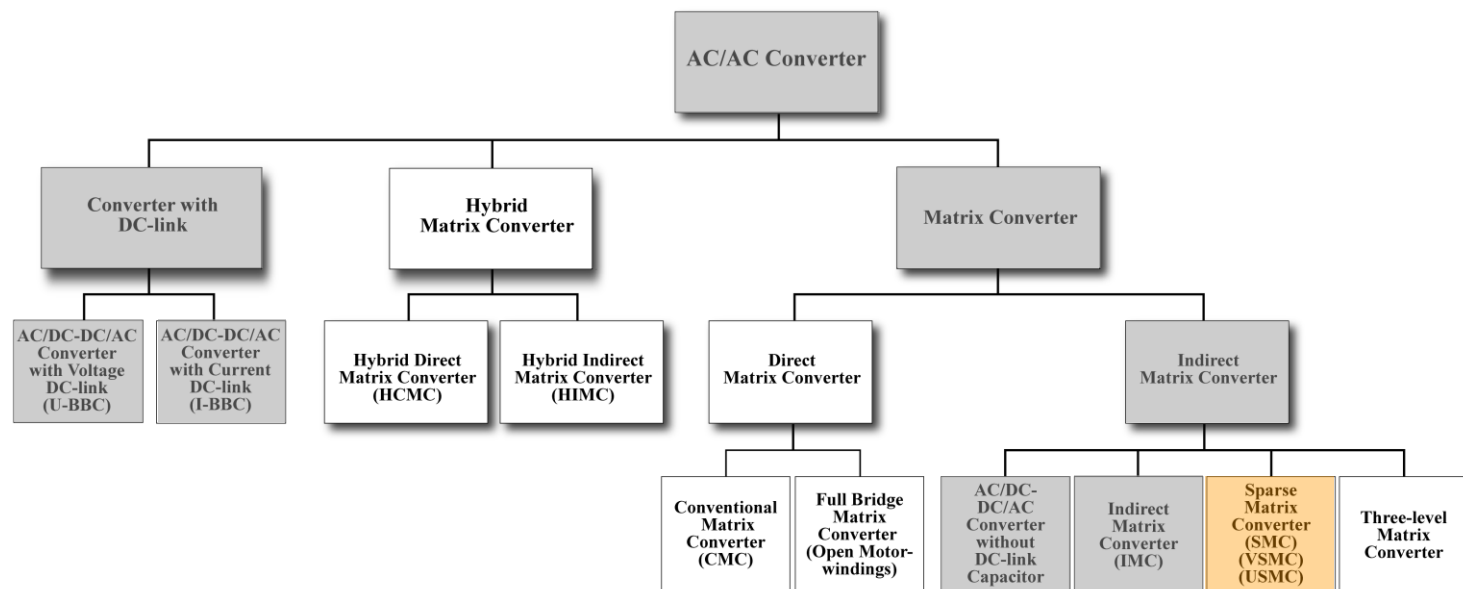
# Sparse Matrix Converter - SMC

*Topology Derivation*

—— *Bidirectional / Unidirectional Converter* ——

*Experimental Results*

## Classification of Three-Phase AC-AC Converters

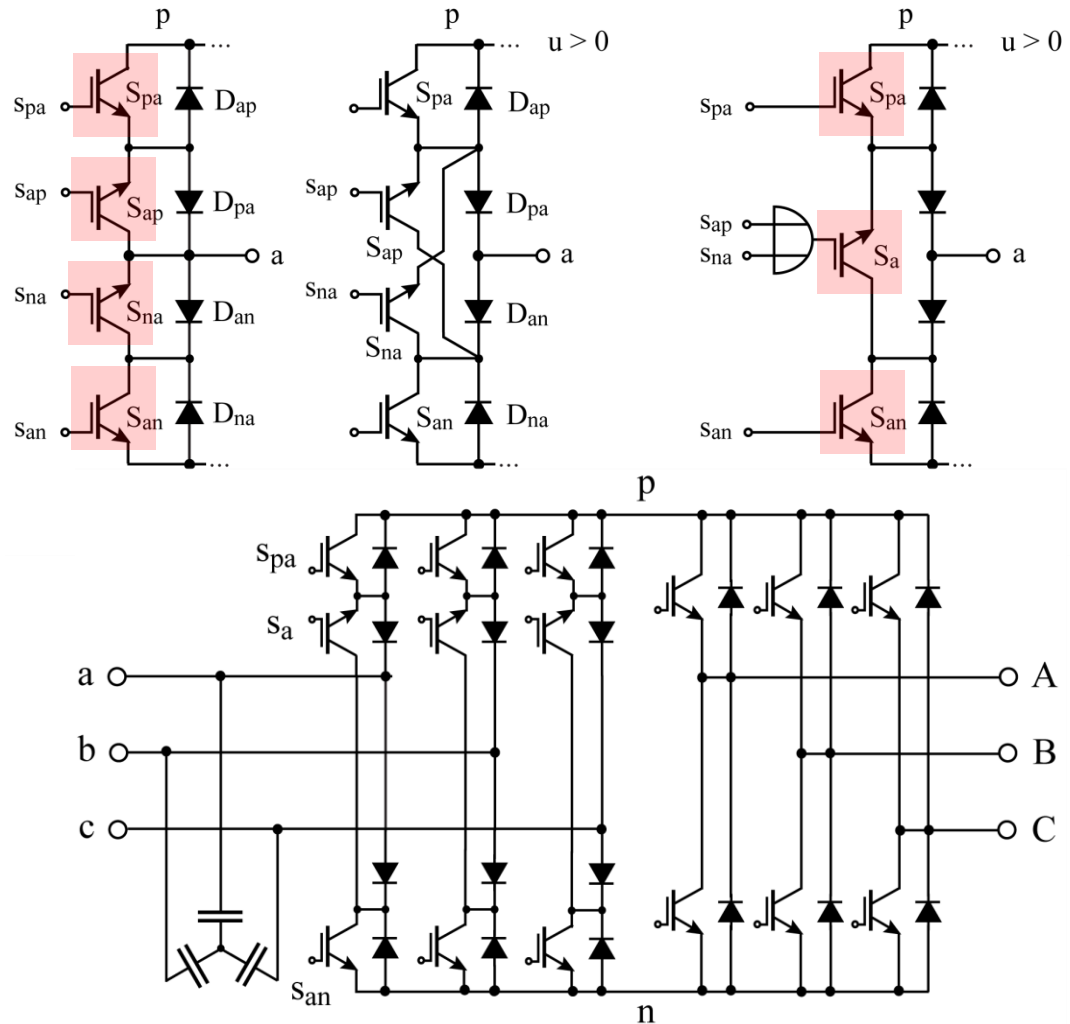


### ■ Sparse Matrix Converter

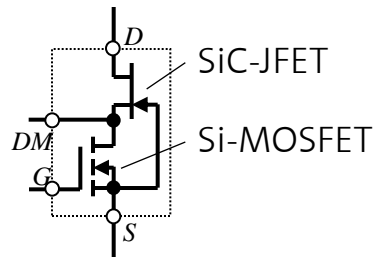
# Sparse Matrix Converter

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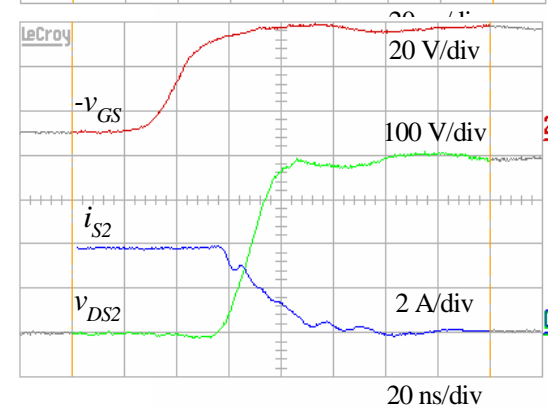
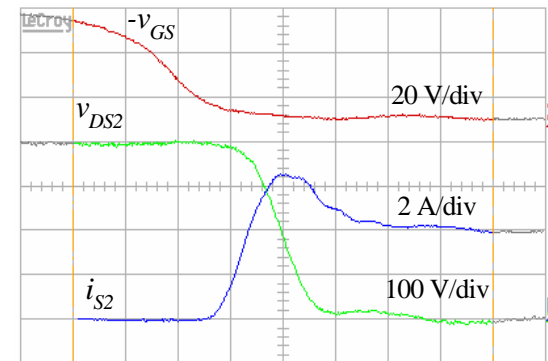
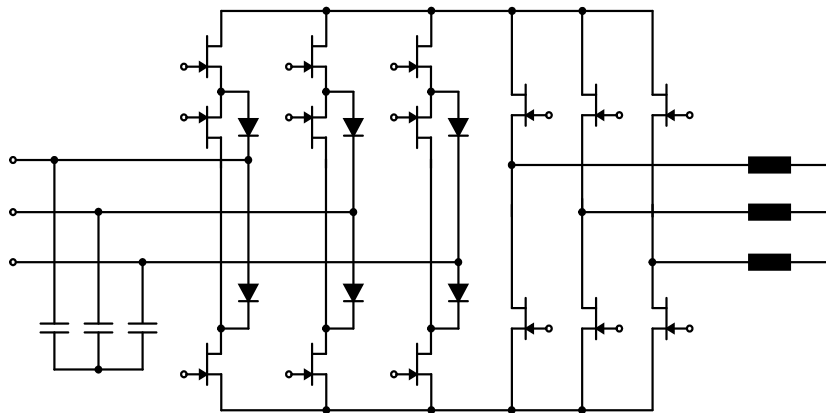
- 15 Transistors
- 18 Diodes



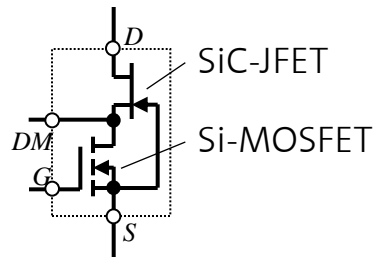
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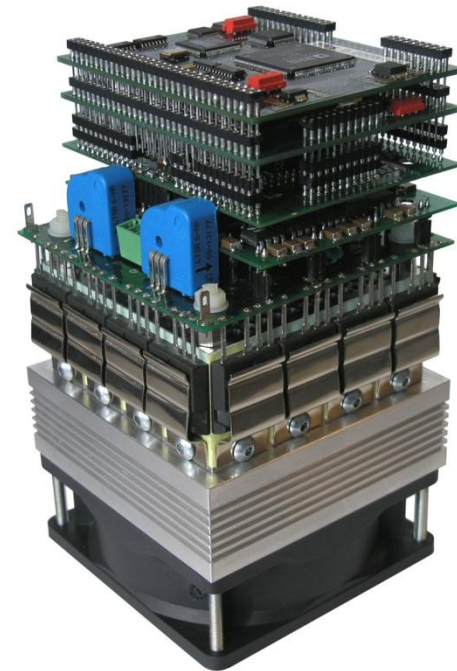
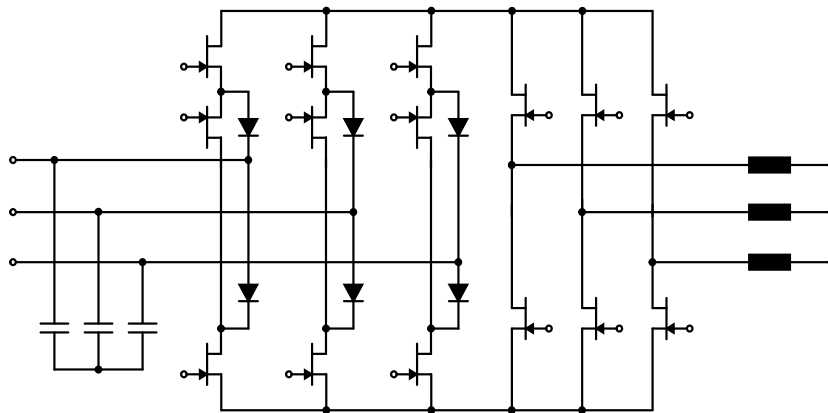
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## SiC Sparse Matrix Converter



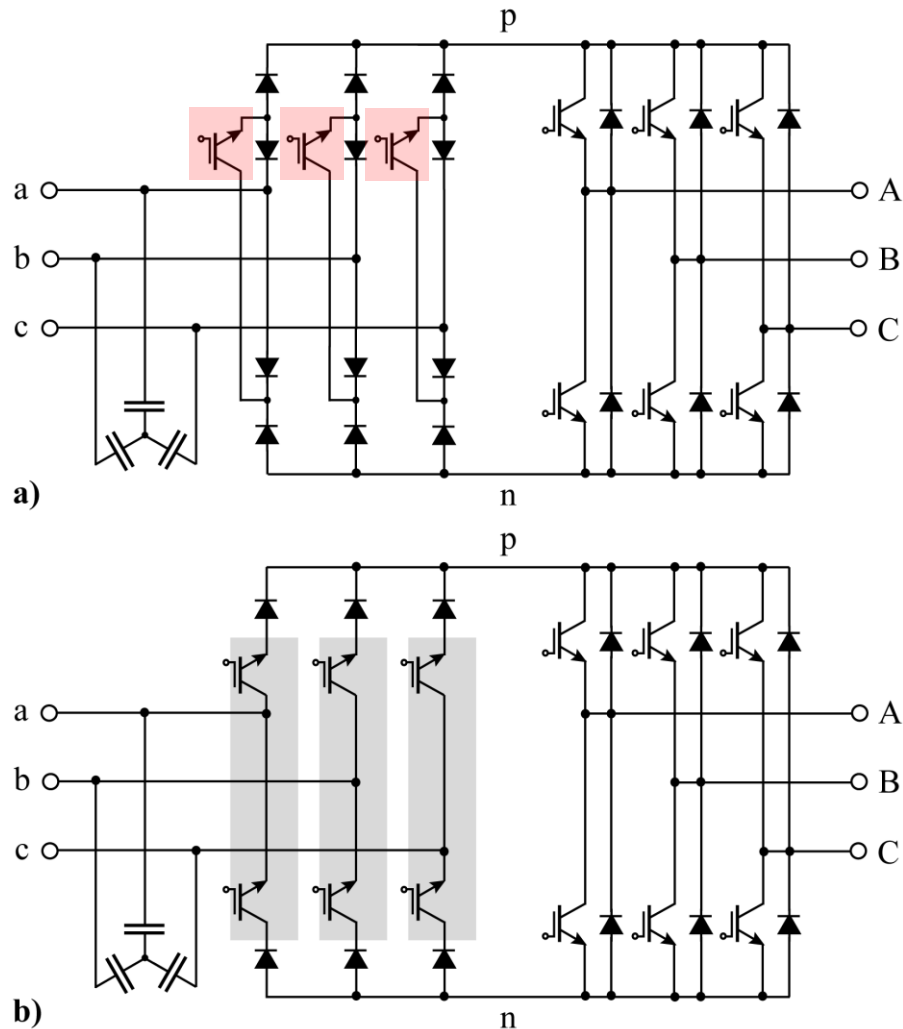
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# Ultra Sparse Matrix Converter

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► 9 Transistors  
► 18 Diodes





# Ultra Sparse Matrix Converter

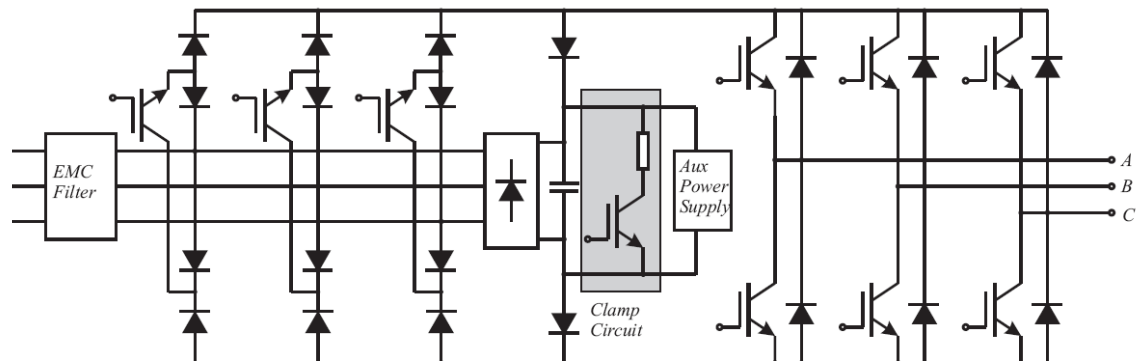
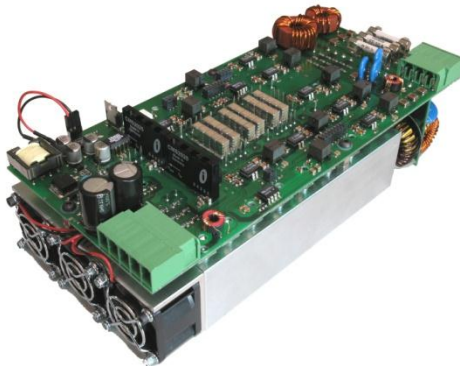
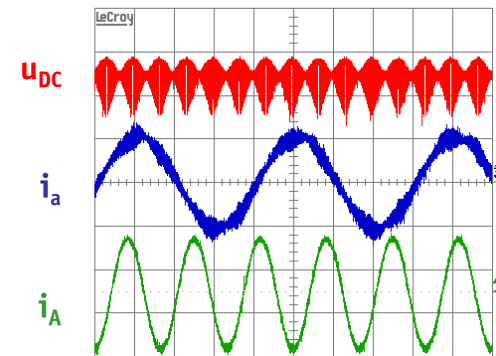
$U_{in} = 3-\Phi \ 400V/50Hz$

$U_{out} = 3-\Phi \ 0...340V / 0...200Hz$

$P = 5.5kVA$

$f_s = 25kHz \text{ (Rect.)} / 50kHz \text{ (Inv.)}$

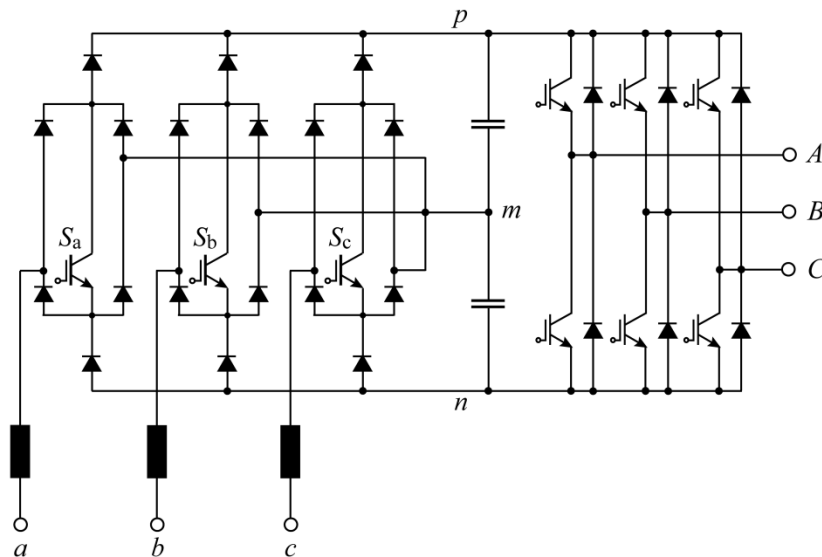
200V/div  
2A/div  
5ms/div



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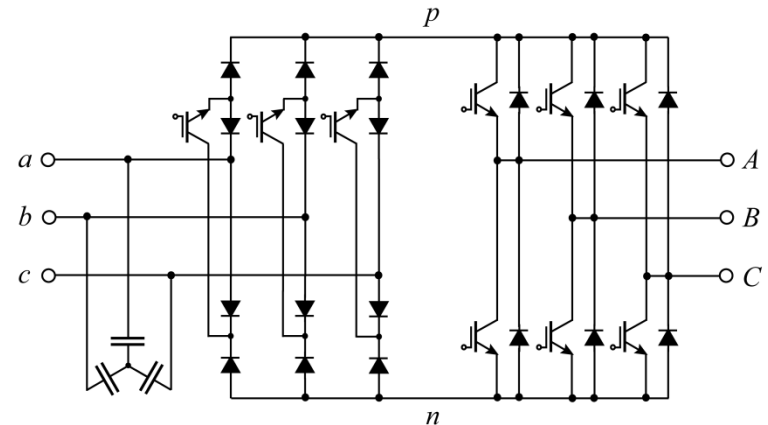
# Unidirectional 9-Switch AC-AC Converters with PFC Input

## VIENNA Rectifier with VSI (VR-VSI)



- ▶ With Intermediate Energy Storage
- ▶ 3-Level Input Stage
- ▶ Impressed Currents at Input Terminals (a,b,c)
- ▶ Additional DC-Link Chopper Required

## Ultra Sparse Matrix Converter (USMC)



- ▶ Without Intermediate Energy Storage
- ▶ "Quasi" 3-Level Output
- ▶ Impressed Voltages at Input Terminals (a,b,c)
- ▶ Additional DC-Link Chopper/Clamp Required

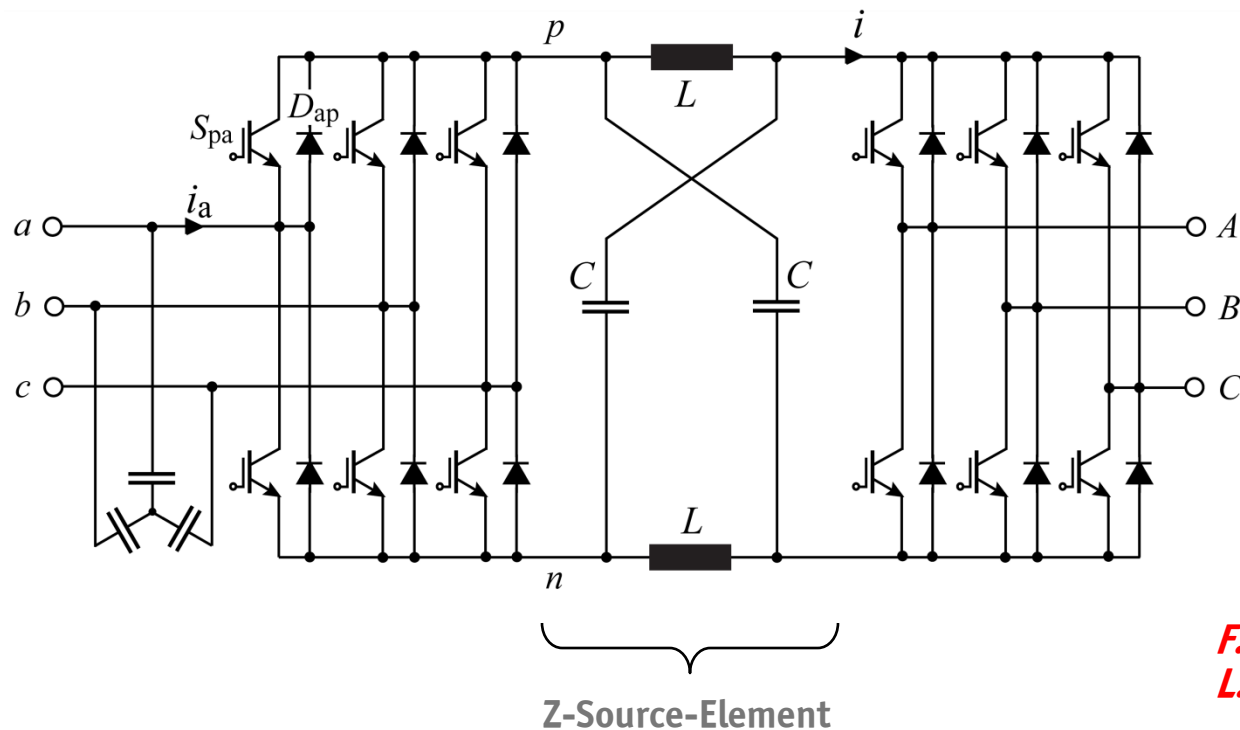
# Topologies with LC-Element in DC-Link

*Z-Source Converter ZSC*

*T-Source Converter TSC*

## Z-Source Converter

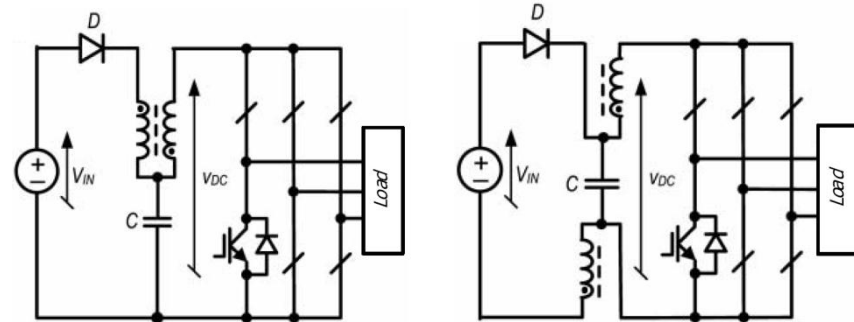
### F<sup>3</sup>E-Topology with Z-Source-Element (LC-Element) in DC-Link



*F. Z. Peng [45]  
L. Sack [46]*

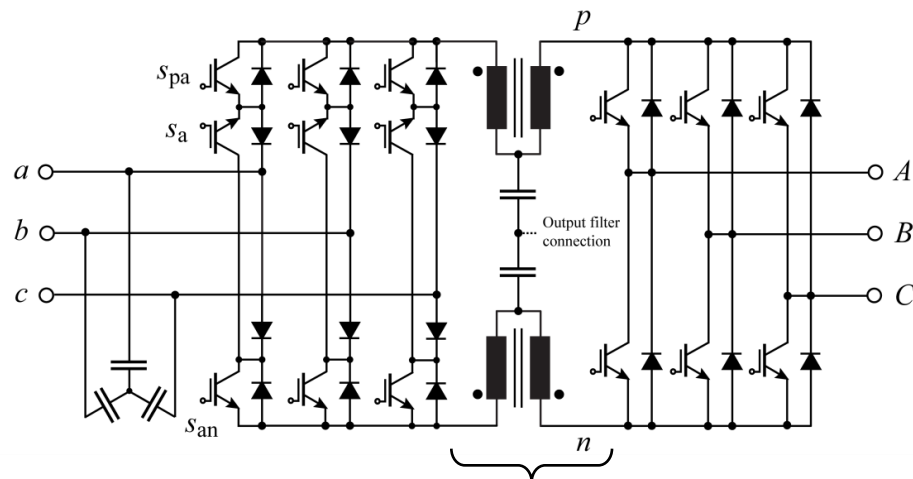
## T-Source Converters

- Suggested 2-Level T-Source Inverter Topologies by **Strzelecki et al. [46]**, 2009, and Trans-Z-Source Inverter by **Quian et al. [48]**, 2010.



## T-Source “Sparse Matrix Related” AC-AC Converter

- IMC-Based Modulation Scheme
- Output Voltage Boost Capability
- Low Input Stage Switching Losses
- High Blocking Voltage Requirements of Output Side Switches
- Need for Low Leakage Transformer

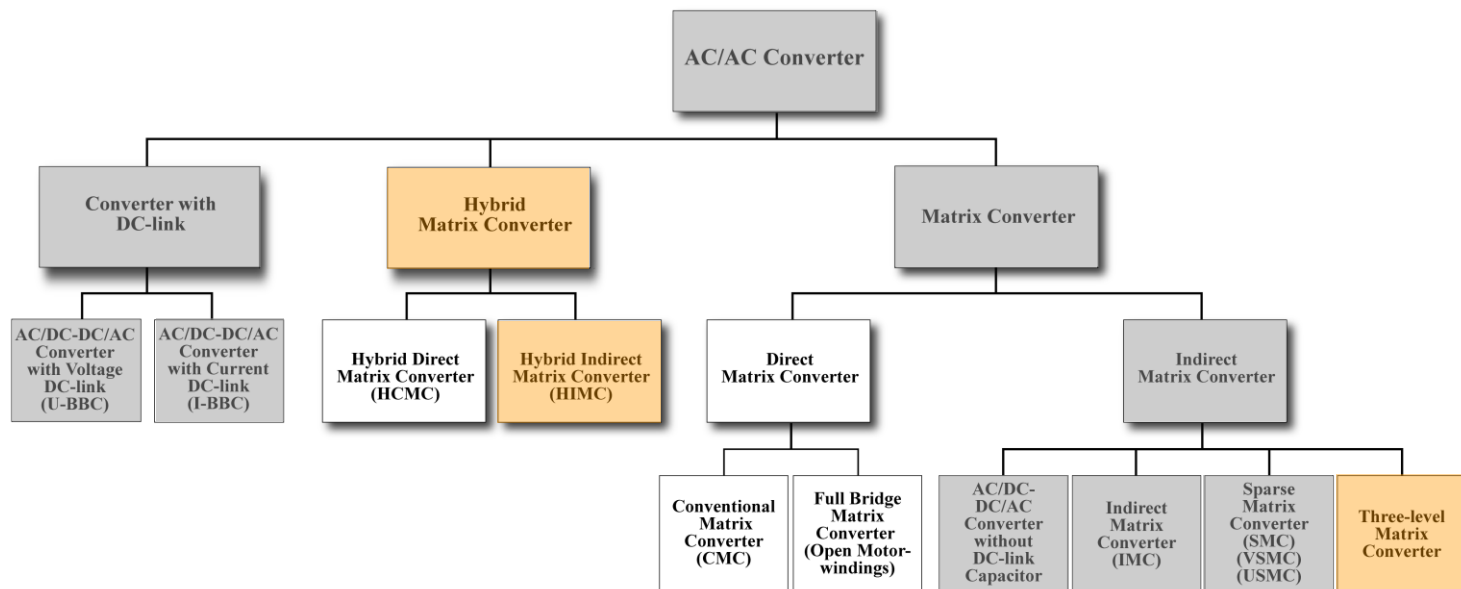


Double T-Source with HF Autotransformer

# IMC - Extensions

- *Three-Level*
- *Hybrid*

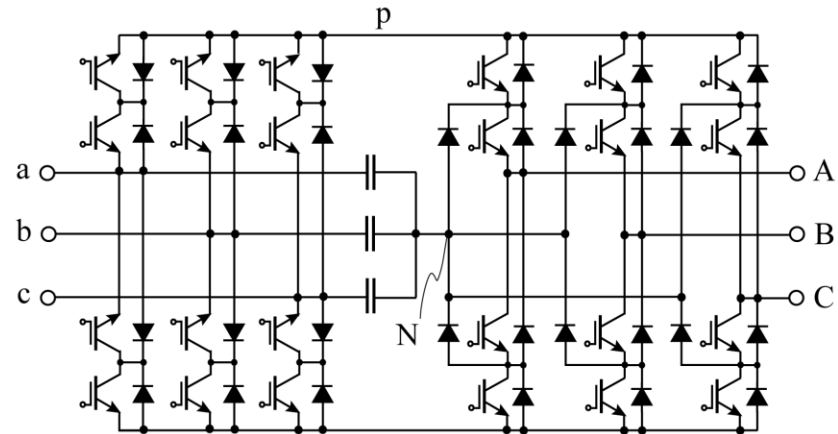
## Classification of Three-Phase AC-AC Converters



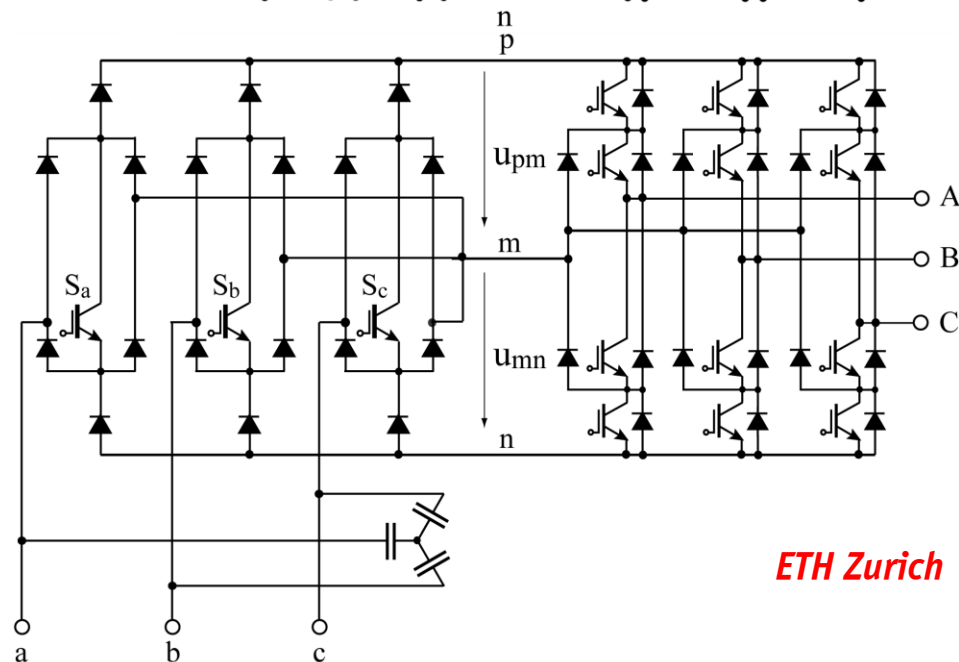
- *Three-Level IMC*
- *Hybrid IMC*

## Three-Level Matrix Converter

► *Bidirectional Converter*



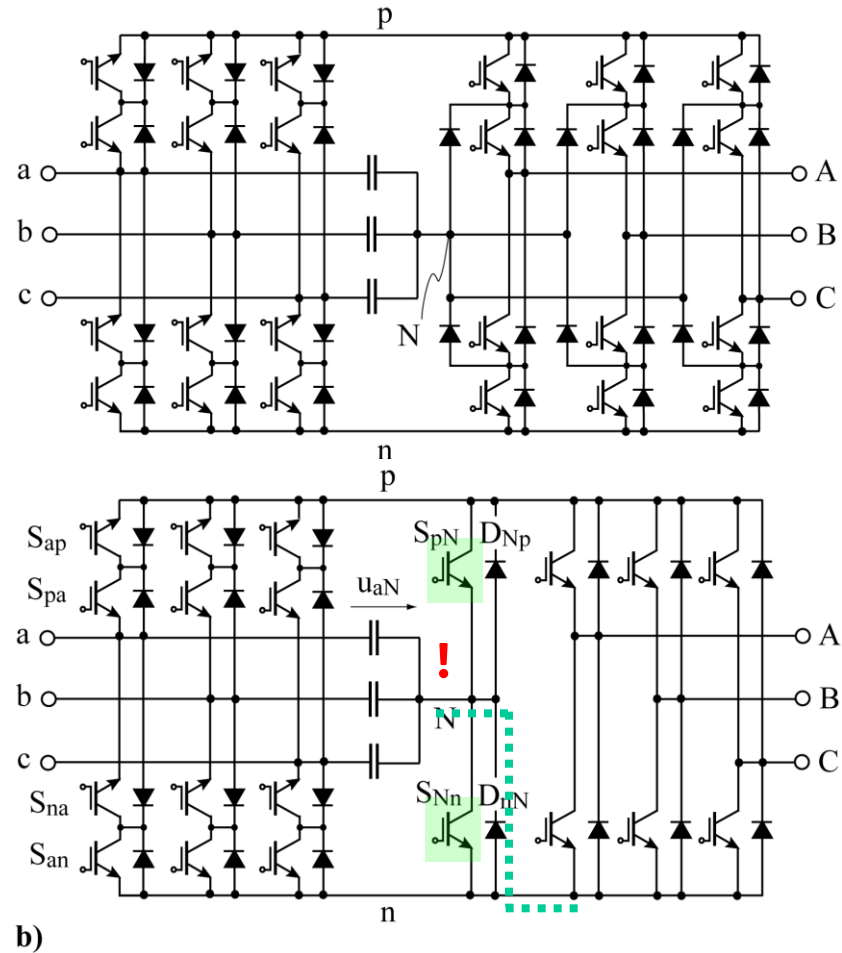
► *Unidirectional Converter*



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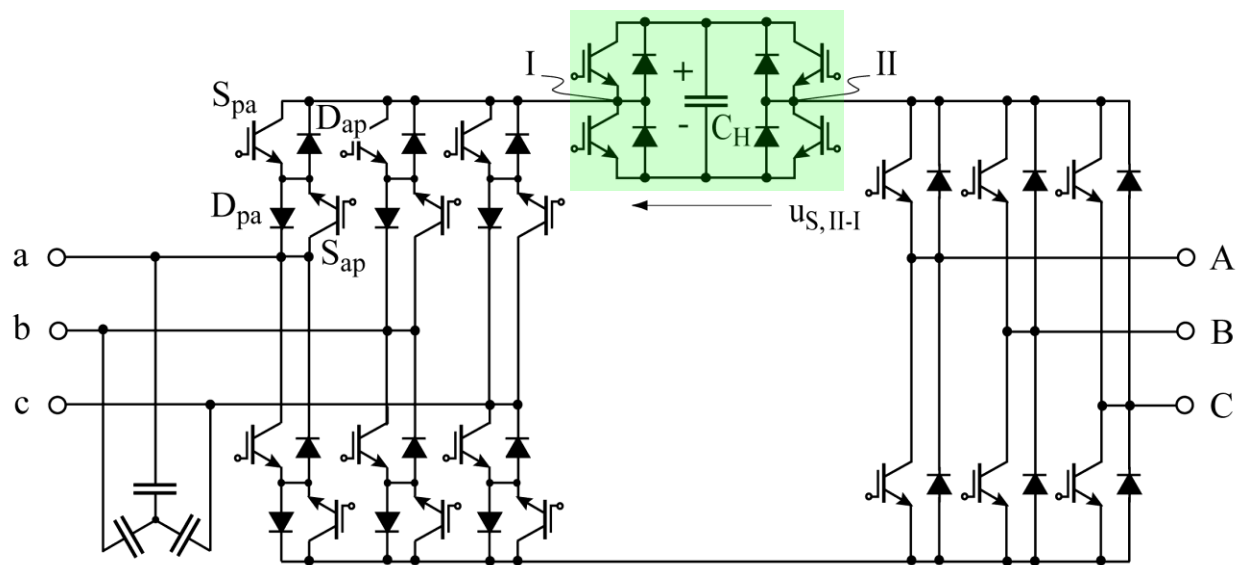


## Three-Level Matrix Converter



*Ch. Klumpner [23, 24]*

## Hybrid IMC

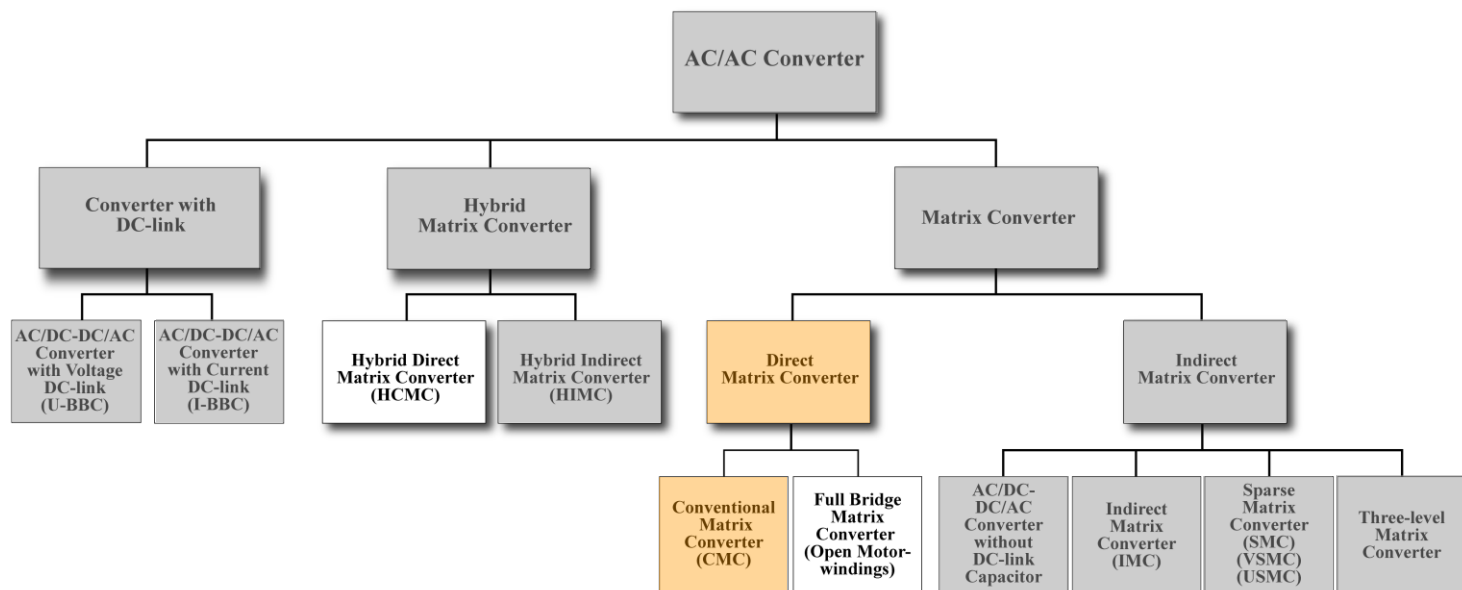


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# Conventional Matrix Converter - CMC

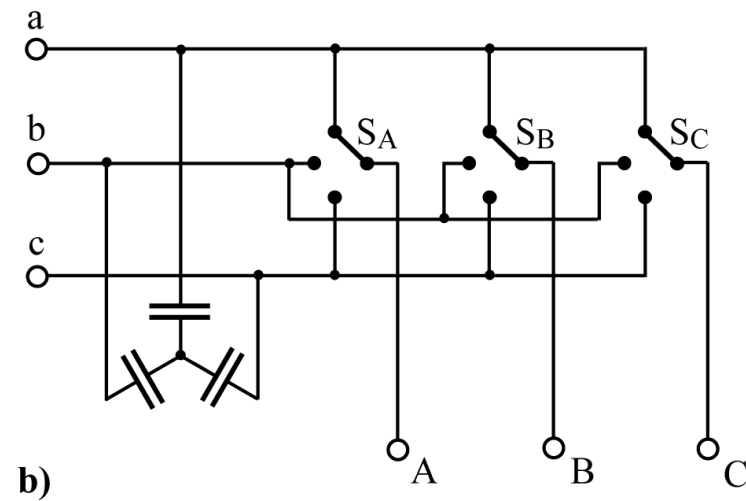
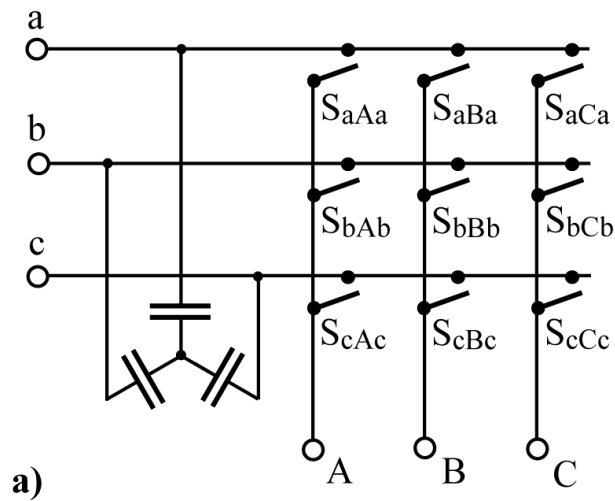
*Modulation*  
*Multi-Step Commutation*

## Classification of Three-Phase AC-AC Converters



### ■ *Conventional Matrix Converter*

## Conventional Matrix Converter – CMC



► *Quasi Three-Level Characteristic*

## CMC Classification of Switching States

### Group I

*Freewheeling States*

(aaa) (bbb) (ccc)

### Group II

*Generating Stationary  
Output Voltage and Input  
Current Space Vectors*

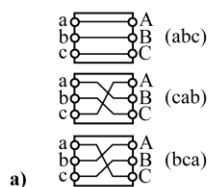
(cca)	(ccb)	(aab)	}	$u_{AB} = 0$
(aac)	(bbc)	(bba)		
(acc)	(bcc)	(baa)	}	$u_{BC} = 0$
(caa)	(cbb)	(abb)		
(cac)	(cbc)	(aba)	}	$u_{CA} = 0$
(aca)	(bcb)	(bab)		

### Group III

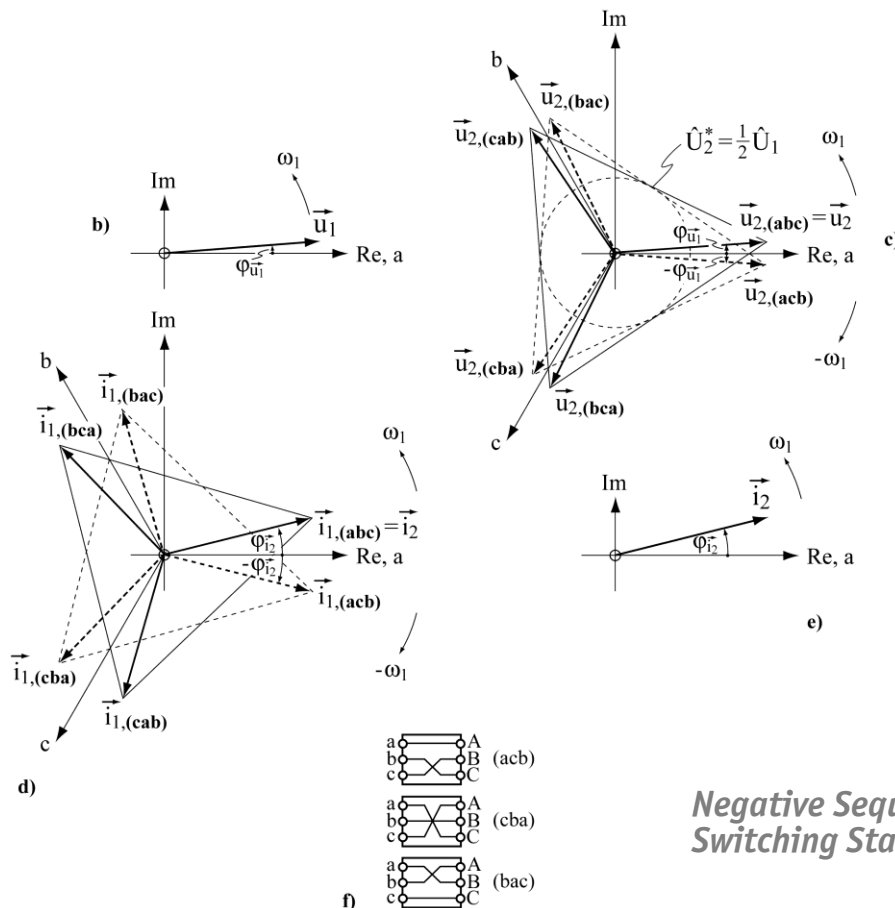
*Generating Rotating  
Space Vectors*

(abc)	(cab)	(bca)	<i>Positive Sequence</i>
(acb)	(cba)	(bac)	<i>Negative Sequence</i>

# CMC Rotating Space Vectors

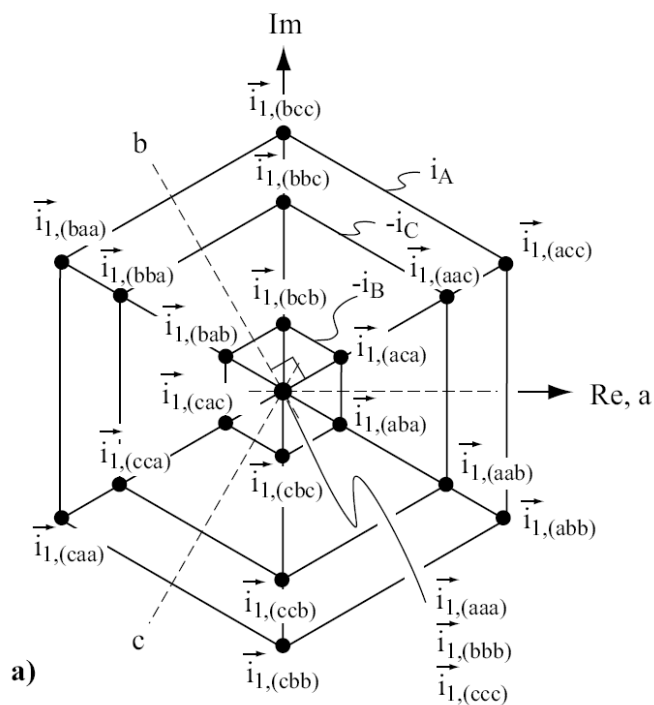


*Positive Sequence  
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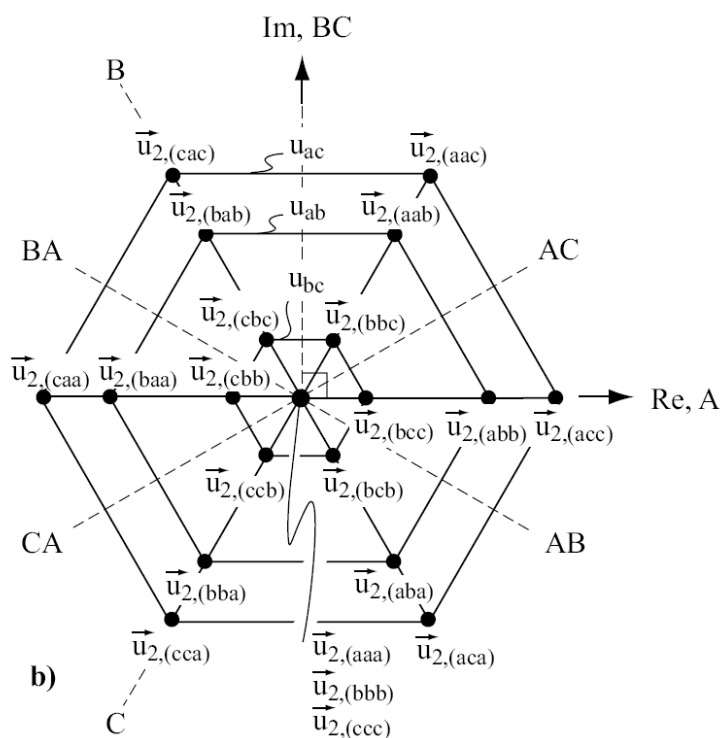


*Negative Sequence  
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## CMC Stationary Space Vectors



*Input Current Space Vectors*



*Output Voltage Space Vectors*

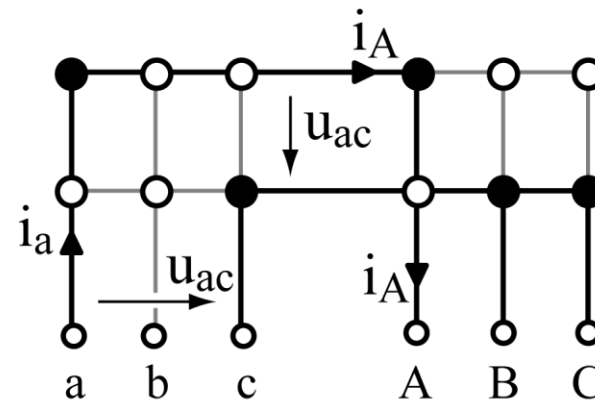
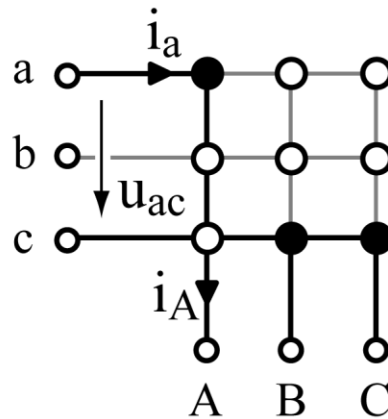


## CMC/IMC Relation (1)

Correspondence of  
Switching States

$$\vec{u}_{2,(acc)} = \vec{u}_{2,(ac)(pnn)}$$

$$\vec{i}_{1,(acc)} = \vec{i}_{1,(ac)(pnn)}$$



► *Indirect Space Vector Modulation*

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L. Huber / D. Borojevic*

## CMC/IMC Relation (2)

Matrix Representation  
of Voltage and Current  
Conversion

► CMC

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_A \\ u_B \\ u_C \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} s_{aAa} & s_{bAb} & s_{cAc} \\ s_{aBa} & s_{bBb} & s_{cBc} \\ s_{aCa} & s_{bCb} & s_{cCc} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} u_a \\ u_b \\ u_c \end{pmatrix} = \underline{\underline{S}}_{CMC,U} \begin{pmatrix} u_a \\ u_b \\ u_c \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} i_a \\ i_b \\ i_c \end{pmatrix} = \underline{\underline{S}}_{CMC,I} \begin{pmatrix} i_A \\ i_B \\ i_C \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{\underline{S}}_{CMC,I} = \underline{\underline{S}}_{CMC,U}^T$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_A \\ u_B \\ u_C \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} s_{pA} & s_{An} \\ s_{pB} & s_{Bn} \\ s_{pC} & s_{Cn} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} u_p \\ u_n \end{pmatrix} = \underline{\underline{S}}_{WR,U} \begin{pmatrix} u_p \\ u_n \end{pmatrix}$$

► IMC

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_p \\ u_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} s_{apa} & s_{bpb} & s_{cpc} \\ s_{ana} & s_{bnb} & s_{cnc} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} u_a \\ u_b \\ u_c \end{pmatrix} = \underline{\underline{S}}_{GR,U} \begin{pmatrix} u_a \\ u_b \\ u_c \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{\underline{S}}_{IMC,I} = \underline{\underline{S}}_{IMC,U}^T$$

## CMC/IMC Relation (3)

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\underline{S}}_{CMC,U} &\equiv \underline{\underline{S}}_{IMC,U} & \underline{\underline{S}}_{IMC,U} &= \underline{\underline{S}}_{WR,U} \underline{\underline{S}}_{GR,U} = \begin{pmatrix} s_{pA} & s_{An} \\ s_{pB} & s_{Bn} \\ s_{pC} & s_{Cn} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} s_{apa} & s_{bpb} & s_{bpb} \\ s_{ana} & s_{bnb} & s_{cnc} \end{pmatrix} \\ & & & \begin{pmatrix} s_{aAa} & s_{bAb} & s_{cAc} \\ s_{aBa} & s_{bBb} & s_{cBc} \\ s_{aCa} & s_{bCb} & s_{cCc} \end{pmatrix} \\ & & & \equiv \begin{pmatrix} s_{apa}s_{pA} + s_{ana}s_{An} & s_{bpb}s_{pA} + s_{bnb}s_{An} & s_{cpc}s_{pA} + s_{cnc}s_{An} \\ s_{apa}s_{pB} + s_{ana}s_{Bn} & s_{bpb}s_{pB} + s_{bnb}s_{Bn} & s_{cpc}s_{pB} + s_{cnc}s_{Bn} \\ s_{apa}s_{pC} + s_{ana}s_{Cn} & s_{bpb}s_{pC} + s_{bnb}s_{Cn} & s_{cpc}s_{pC} + s_{cnc}s_{Cn} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

### Example

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{u}_{2,(acc)} &= \vec{u}_{2,(ac)(pnn)} \\ \vec{i}_{1,(acc)} &= \vec{i}_{1,(ac)(pnn)} \\ \underline{\underline{S}}_{CMC,U} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

## CMC/IMC Relation (4)

$$\varphi \vec{u}_2^* \in [0, \pi/6]$$

Correspondence of  
Switching States

► IMC

$$\begin{aligned} \dots |_{t_\mu = 0} & (ac)(pnn) - (ac)(ppn) - (ac)(ppp) \\ & - (ab)(ppp) - (ab)(ppn) - (ab)(pnn) |_{t_\mu = T_P/2} \\ & (ab)(pnn) - (ab)(ppn) - (ab)(ppp) \\ & - (ac)(ppp) - (ac)(ppn) - (ac)(pnn) |_{t_\mu = T_P} \dots \end{aligned}$$

► CMC

$$\begin{aligned} \dots |_{t_\mu = 0} & (acc) - (aac) - (aaa) - (aaa) - (aab) - (abb) |_{t_\mu = T_P/2} \\ & (abb) - (aab) - (aaa) - (aaa) - (aac) - (acc) |_{t_\mu = T_P} \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\varphi \vec{u}_2^* \in [\pi/6, \pi/3]$$

► IMC

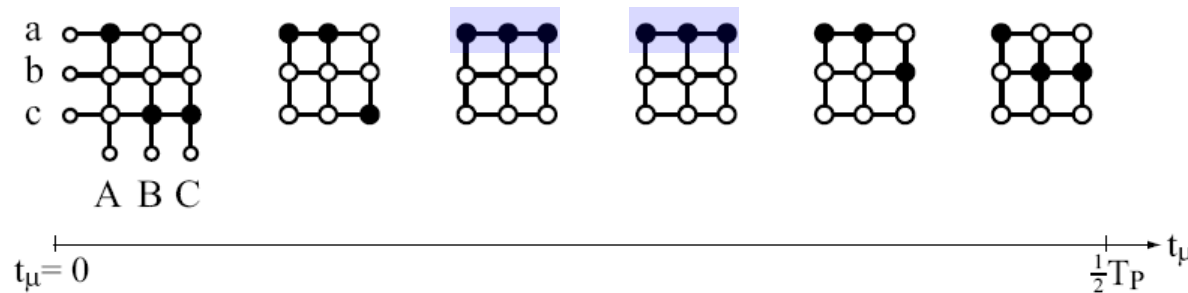
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► CMC

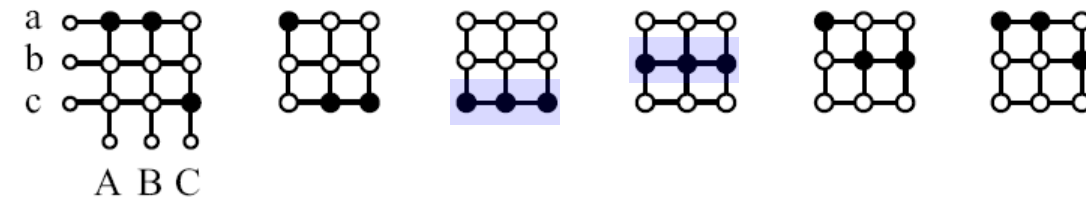
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## CMC/IMC Relation (5)

$$\varphi_{\vec{u}_2^*} \in [0, \pi/6]$$



$$\varphi_{\vec{u}_2^*} \in [\pi/6, \pi/3]$$



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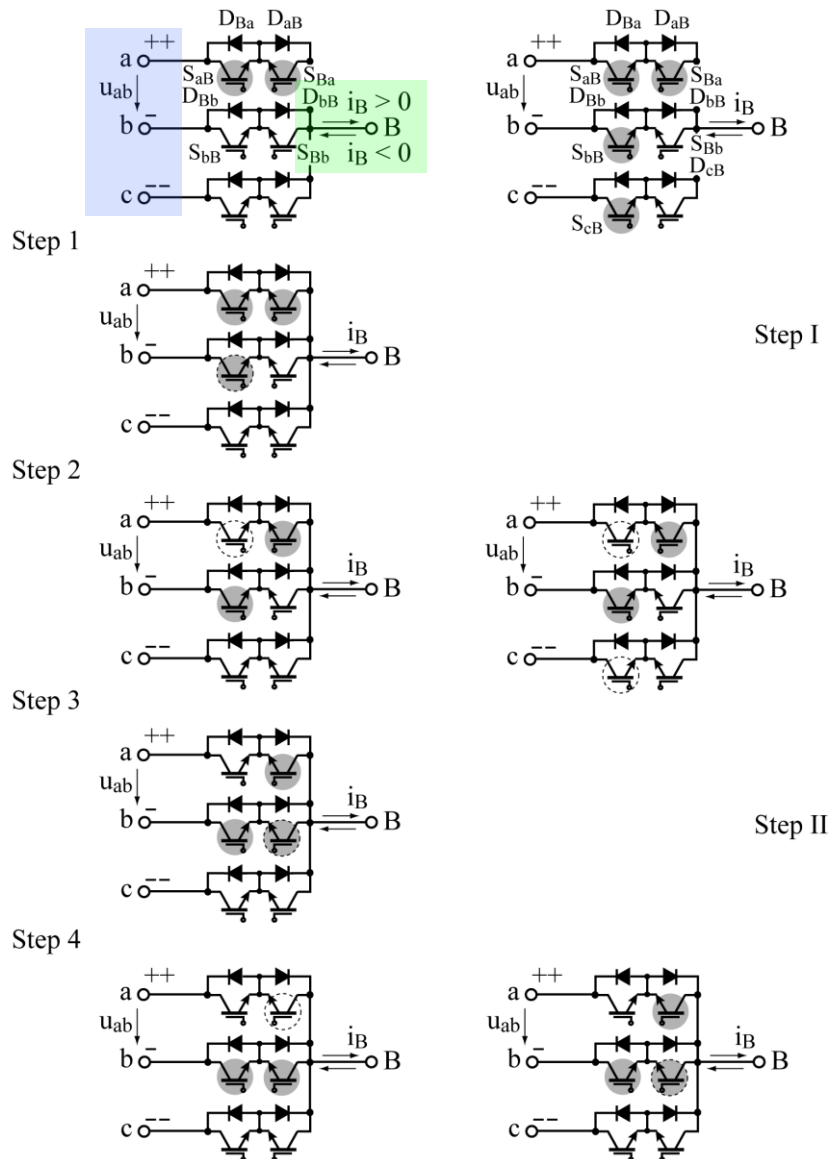
$$\begin{aligned} \dots |_{t_\mu = 0} \quad & (acc) - (aac) - (aaa) - (aaa) - (aab) - (abb) |_{t_\mu = T_P/2} \\ & (abb) - (aab) - (aaa) - (aaa) - (aac) - (acc) |_{t_\mu = T_P} \quad \dots \end{aligned}$$

# CMC Multi-Step Commutation

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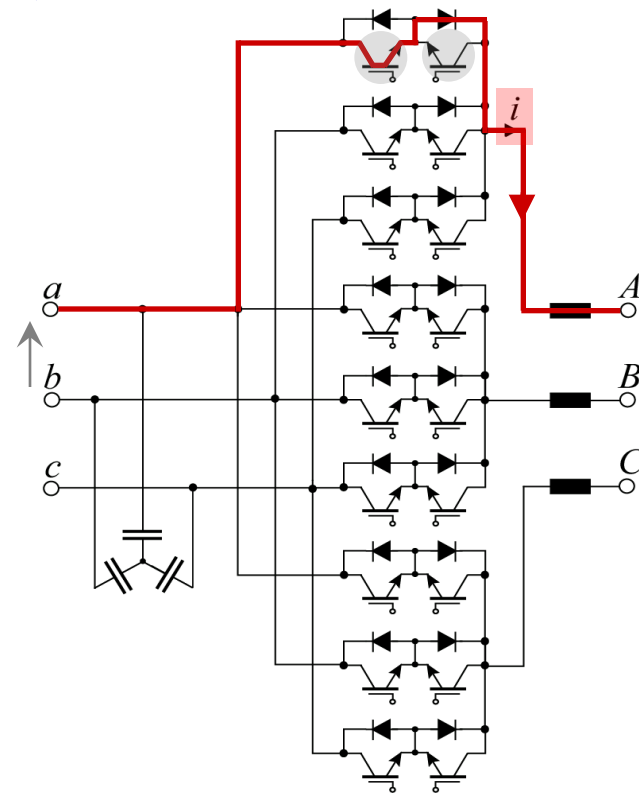
Example:  $\mu$ -Dependent  
Commutation

- *Four-Step Commutation*
- *Two-Step Commutation*



## 4-Step Commutation of CMC (1)

Example:  $i$ -Dependent Commutation

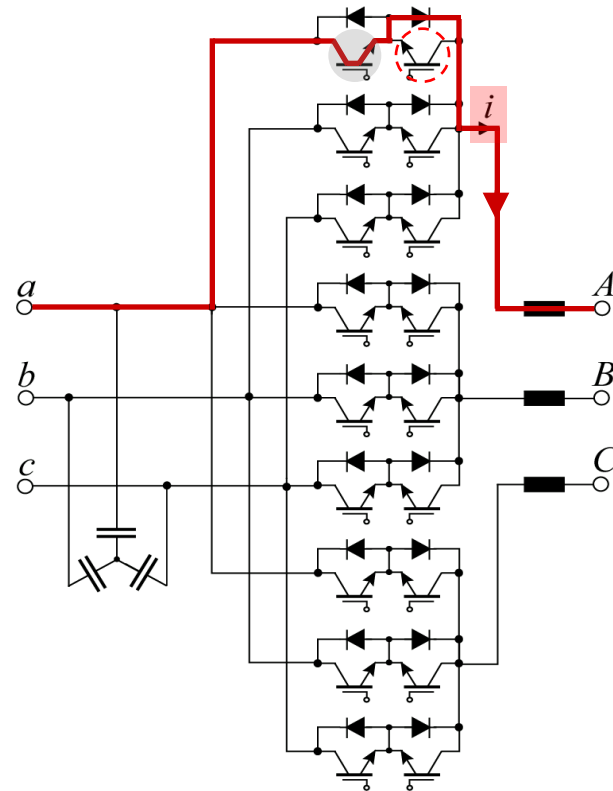


- No Short Circuit of Mains Phases
- No Interruption of Load Current

Assumption:  $i > 0$ ,  $u_{ab} < 0$ ,  $aA \rightarrow bA$

## 4-Step Commutation of CMC (2)

1<sup>st</sup> Step: Off



### Constraints

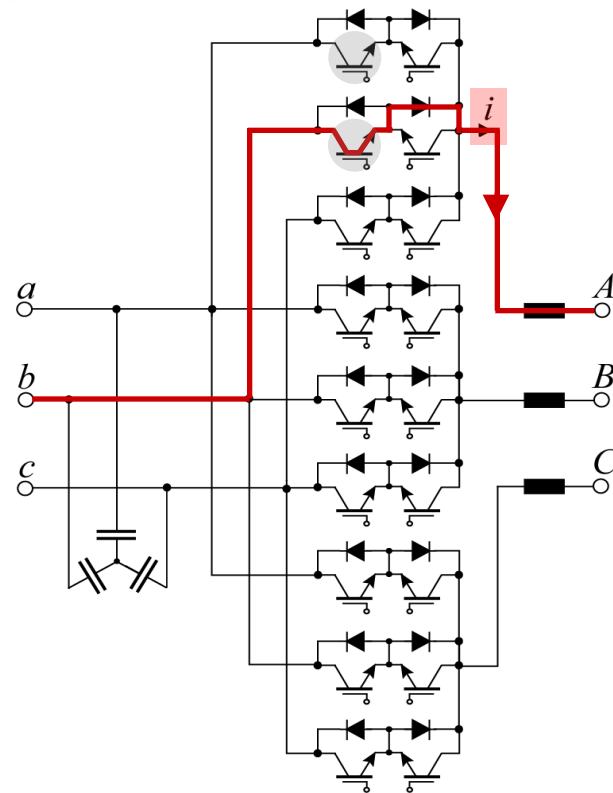
- No Short Circuit of Mains Phases
- No Interruption of Load Current

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## 4-Step Commutation of CMC (3)

1<sup>st</sup> Step: Off  
2<sup>nd</sup> Step: On



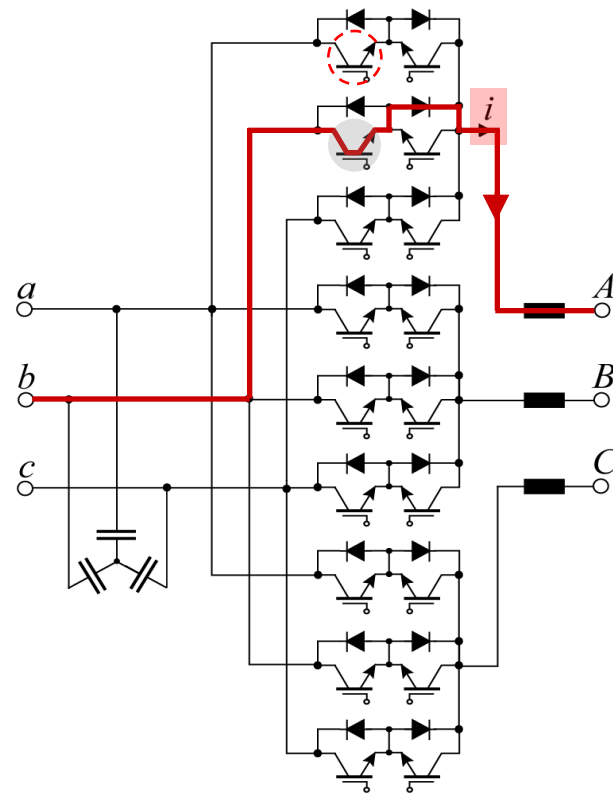
### Constraints

- No Short Circuit of Mains Phases
- No Interruption of Load Current

Assumption:  $i > 0$ ,  $u_{ab} < 0$ ,  $aA \rightarrow bA$

## 4-Step Commutation of CMC (4)

1<sup>st</sup> Step: Off  
2<sup>nd</sup> Step: On  
3<sup>rd</sup> Step: Off



### Constraints

- No Short Circuit of Mains Phases
- No Interruption of Load Current

Assumption:  $i > 0$ ,  $u_{ab} < 0$ ,  $aA \rightarrow bA$

## 4-Step Commutation of CMC (5)

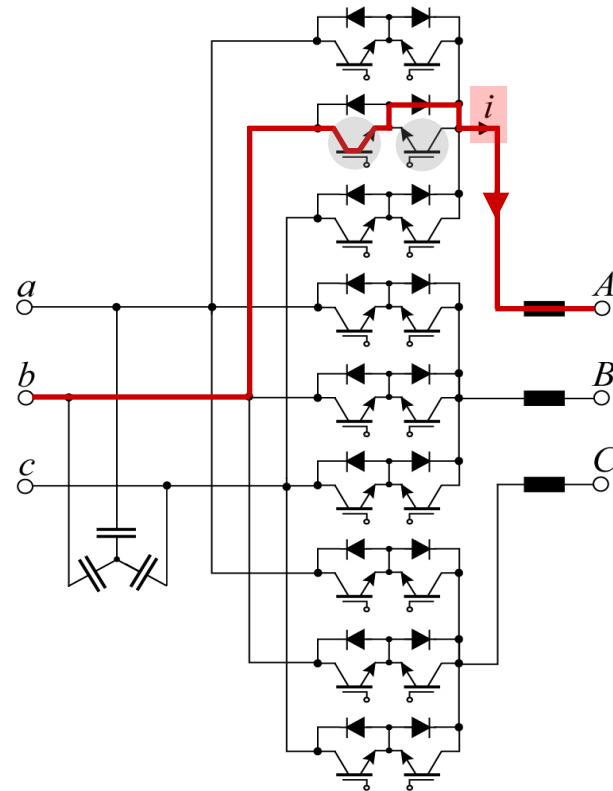
1<sup>st</sup> Step: Off  
2<sup>nd</sup> Step: On  
3<sup>rd</sup> Step: Off  
4<sup>th</sup> Step: On

Sequence Depends on  
Direction of Output Current !

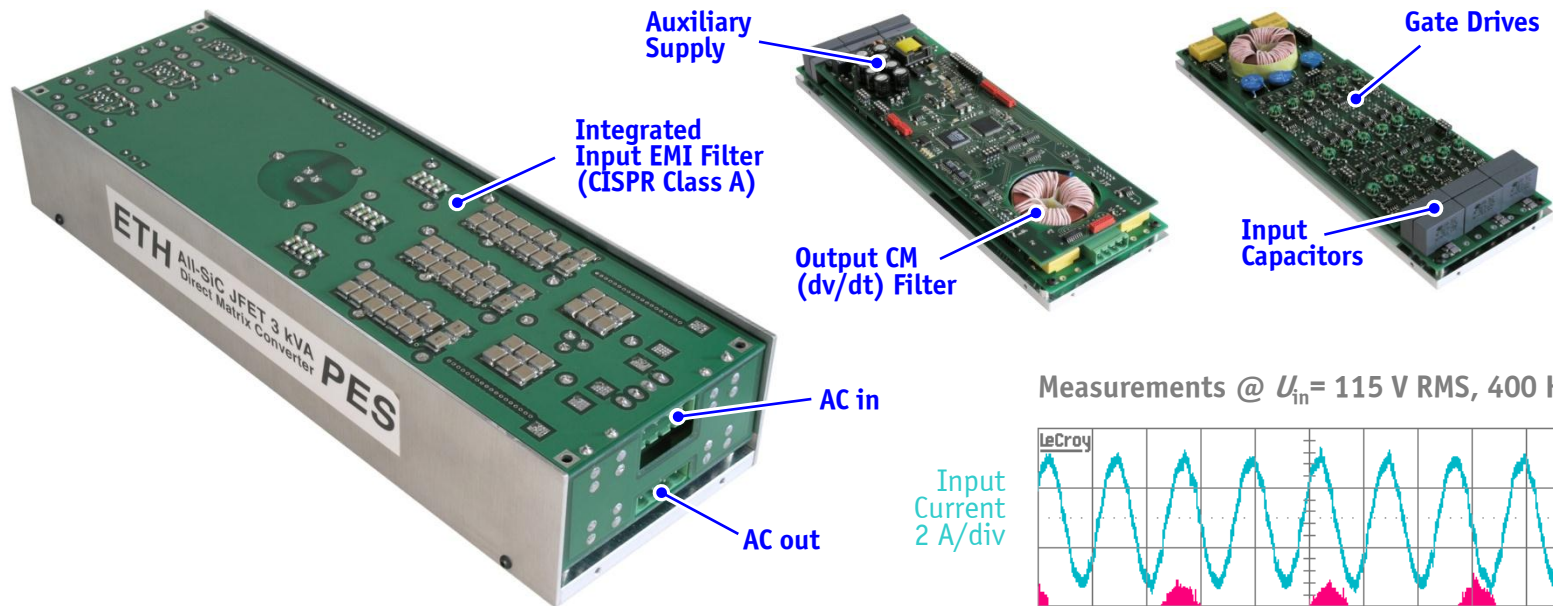
### Constraints

- No Short Circuit of Mains Phases
- No Interruption of Load Current

Assumption:  $i > 0$ ,  $u_{ab} < 0$ ,  $aA \rightarrow bA$

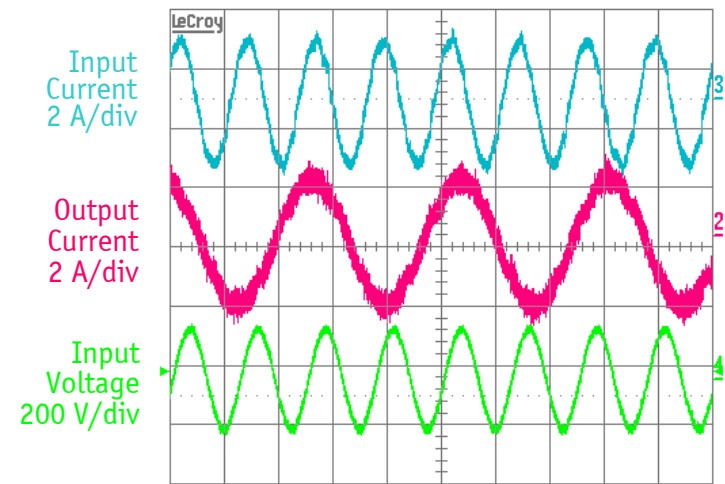


# All-SiC JFET Conventional direct Matrix Converter



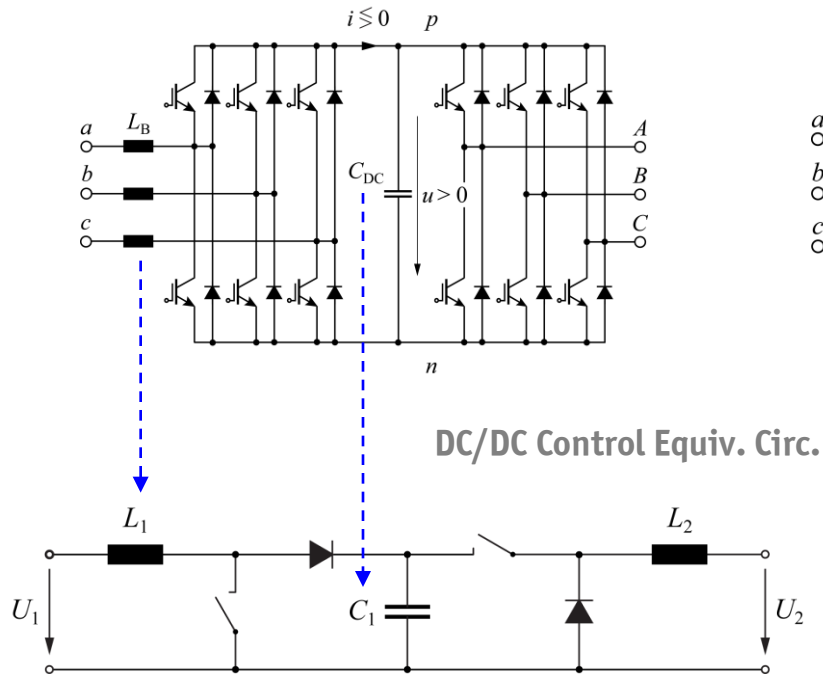
- ▶  $P_{out} = 3 \text{ kVA}$ ,  $\eta = 93.1\%$  (at 200 kHz)
- ▶  $f_{S,nom} = 144 \text{ kHz}$  ( $f_{S,design} = 200 \text{ kHz}$ )
- ▶  $3 \text{ kVA/dm}^3$  ( $50 \text{ W/in}^3$ ) with 1200 V/6 A SiC JFET
- ▶  $\approx 8 \text{ kVA/dm}^3$  ( $135 \text{ W/in}^3$ ) with 1200 V/ 20 A SiC JFET
- ▶  $273 \times 82 \times 47 \text{ mm}^3 = 1.05 \text{ dm}^3$  ( $64 \text{ in}^3$ )

Measurements @  $U_{in} = 115 \text{ V RMS}$ , 400 Hz



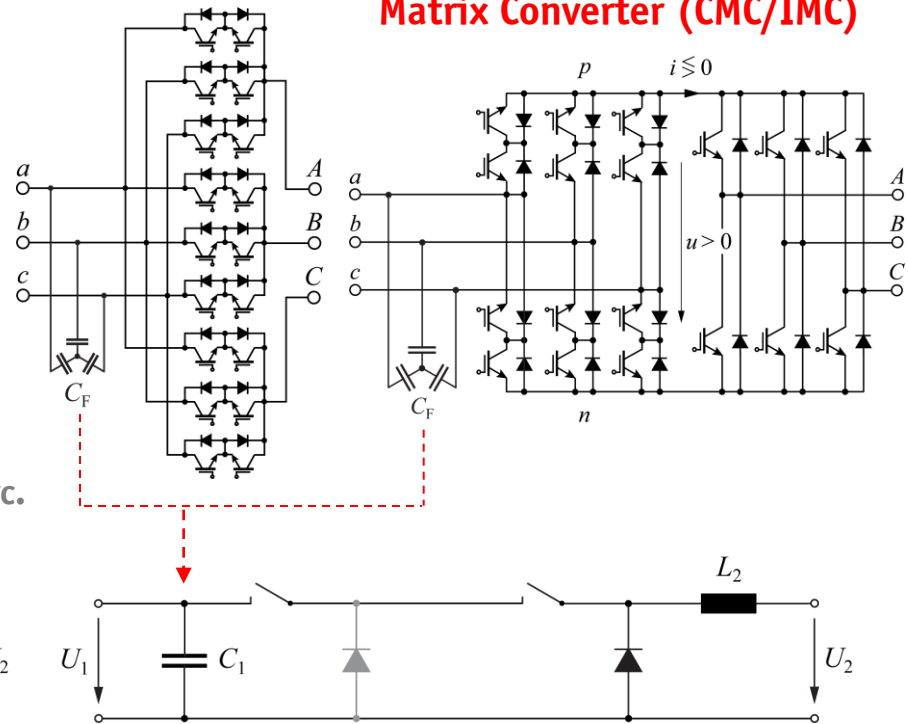
# Control Properties of AC-AC Converters (1)

## Voltage DC-Link B2B Conv. (V-BBC)



- Boost-Buck-Type Converter
- Max. Output Voltage can be Maintained during Low Mains Condition

## Matrix Converter (CMC/IMC)

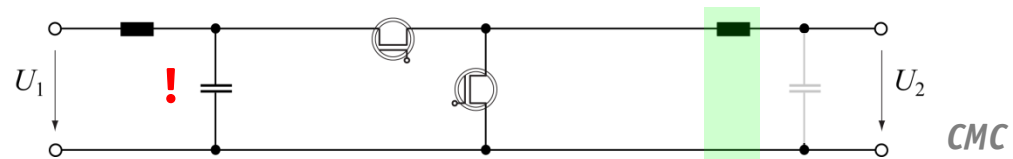
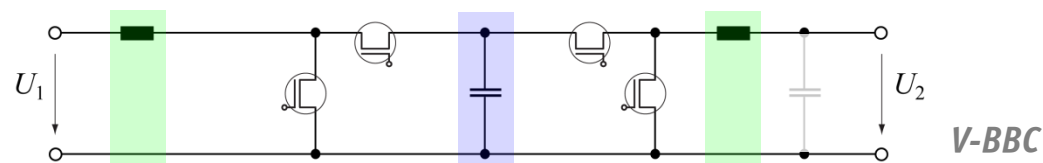
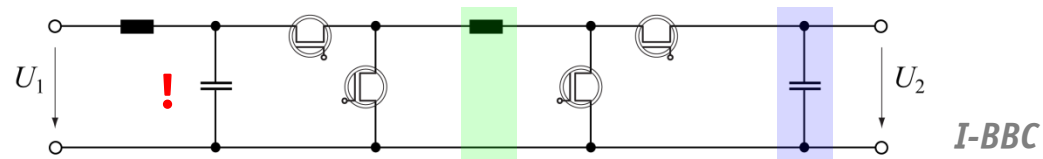
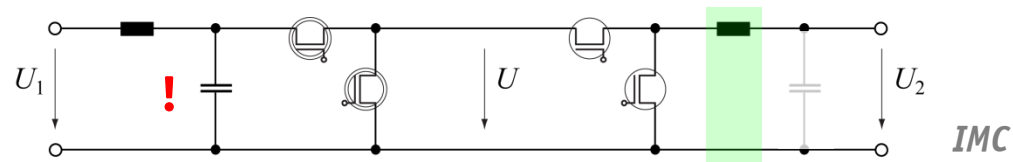


- Buck-Type Converter
- Maximum Output Voltage is Limited by Actual Input Voltage  $\hat{U}_2 = 0.866 \cdot \hat{U}_1$

## Control Properties of AC-AC Converters (2)

### DC-DC Equivalent Circuits

**! Uncontrolled  
Input Filter**



## Control Properties of AC-AC Converters (3)

### ■ Voltage DC-Link B2B Converter (V-BBC)

- ▶ Input Current (in Phase with Input Voltage)
  - ▶ DC-Link Voltage
  - ▶ Output Current (Torque and Speed of the Motor)
- } 2 Cascaded Control Loops
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### ■ Matrix Converter (CMC / IMC)

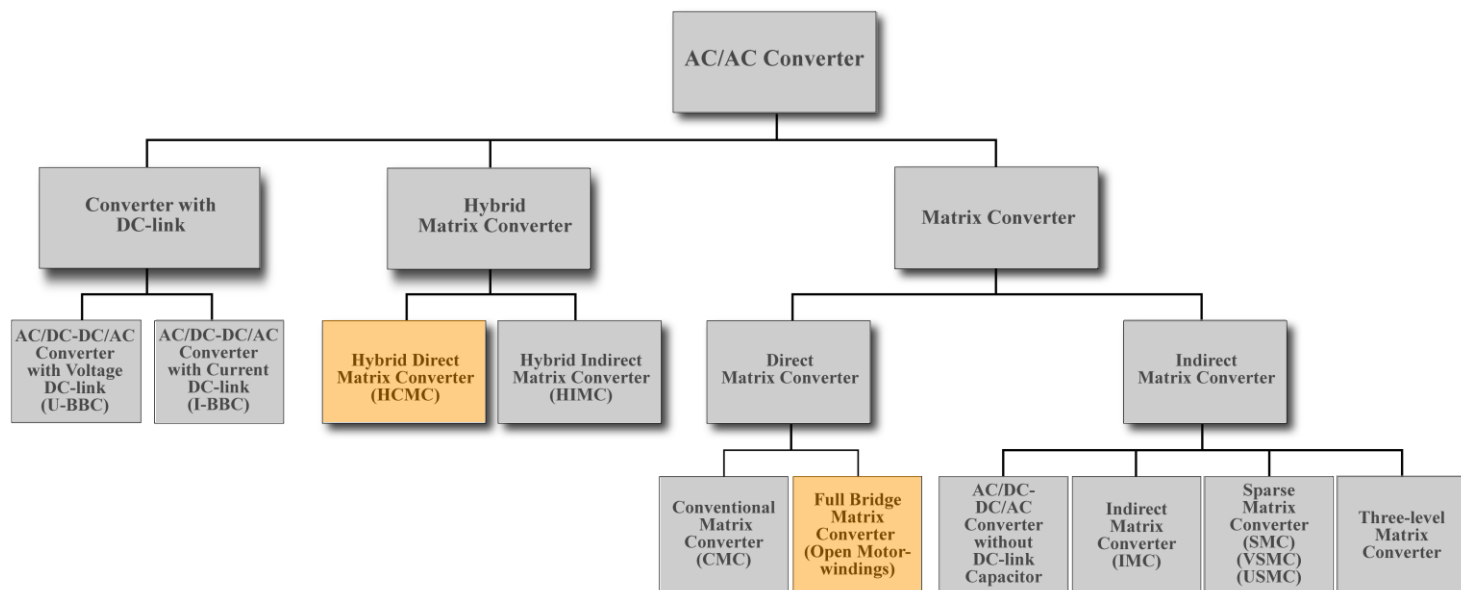
- ▶ Output Current (Torque and Speed of the Motor)
  - ▶ Optional: Input Current (Formation of Input Current still Depends on the Impressed Output Current)
- } 2 Cascaded Control Loops

# CMC - Extensions

*Multi-Level  
Full-Bridge*

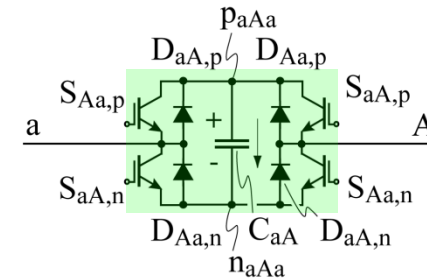
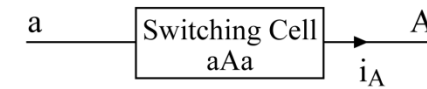
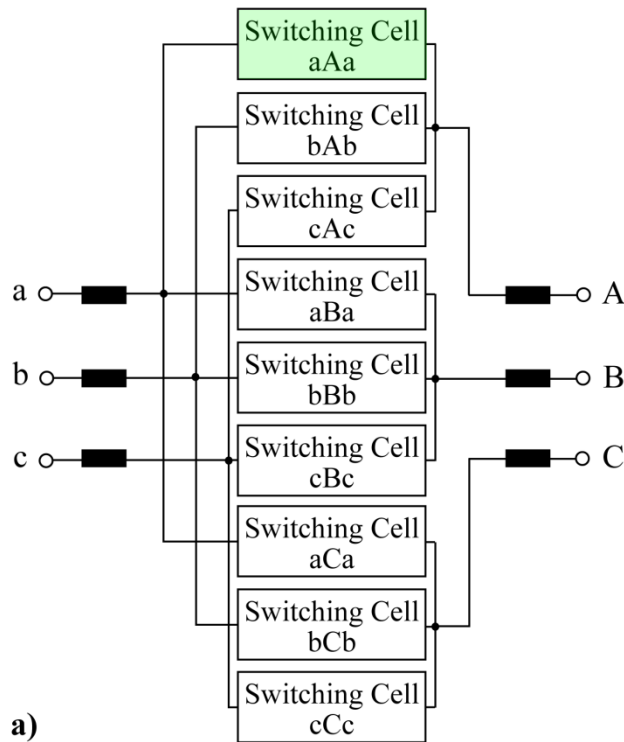


## Classification of Three-Phase AC-AC Converters



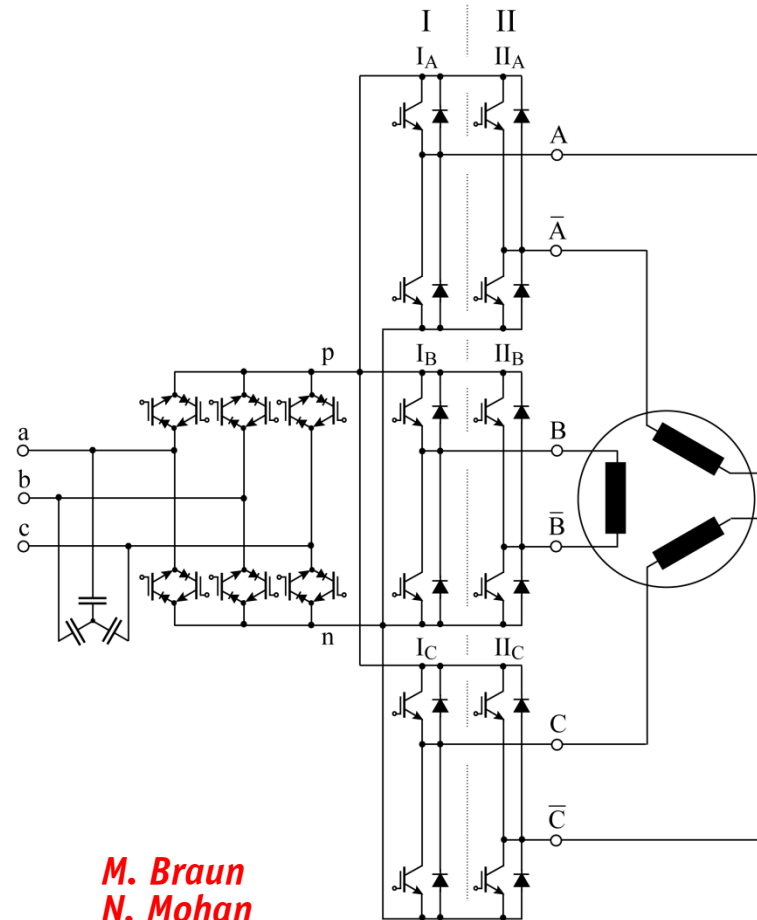
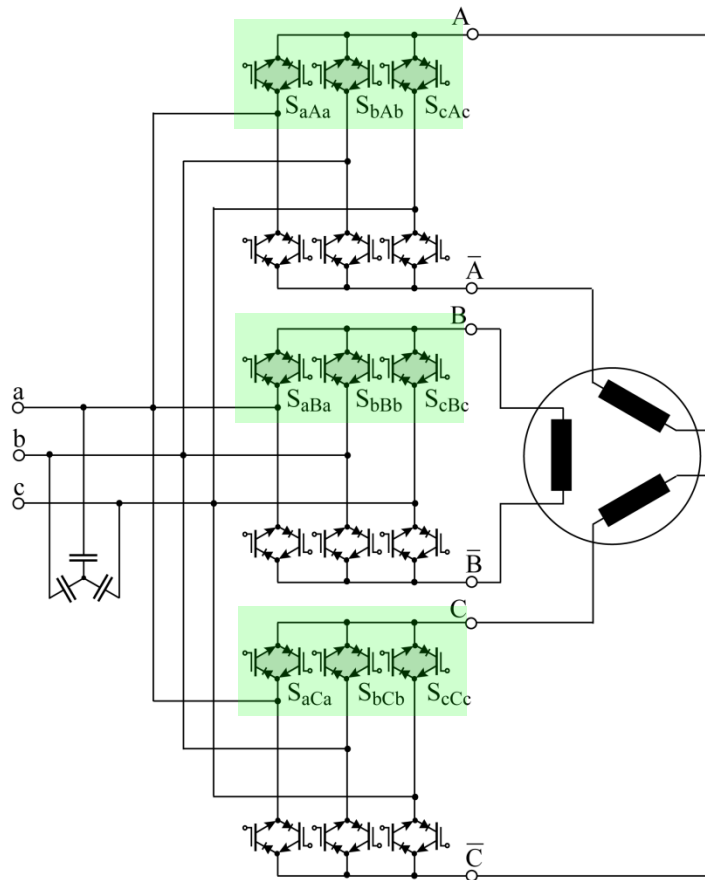
- *Hybrid CMC*
- *Full-Bridge CMC*

## Hybrid CMC



*B. Erickson*

## Full-Bridge CMC / IMC



*M. Braun  
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## Coffee Break !

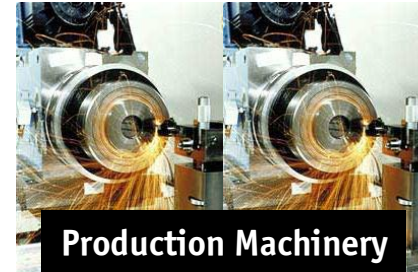


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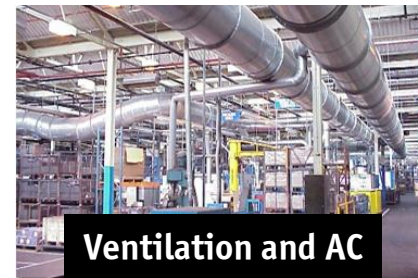
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# Application Areas of Three-Phase PWM Converters

## Bidirectional Power Flow



## Unidirectional Power Flow

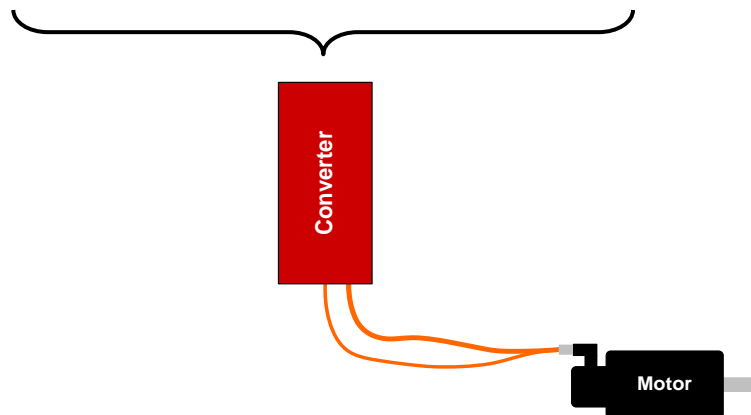
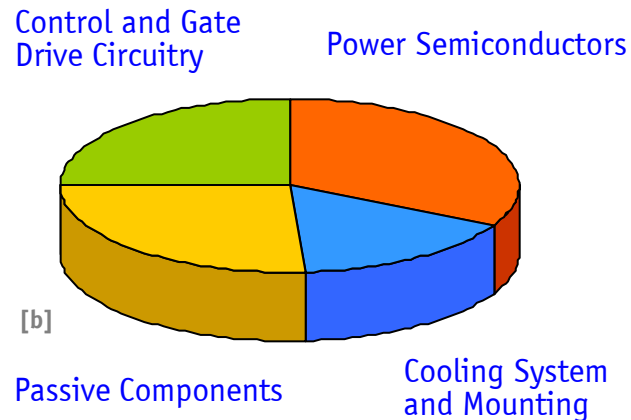


**60% of Worldwide Ind. Energy  
Used by Electric Motor Drives! [a]**

[a] "Study on Worldwide Energy Consumption", ECPE Workshop, 2008

# Motivation

## ► Cost Allocation of VFD Converters



## ► Status Quo $\Rightarrow$ Motivation

- Holistic Converter System Comparisons are (still) Rarely Found
- Comprehensive Comparisons Involves a Multi-Domain Converter Design
- Voltage-Source-Type Converter Topologies are Widely Used

## ► Focus of the Investigation

- Bidirectional Three-Phase AC/DC/AC and AC/AC Converters
- Low Voltage Drives
- Power Level from 1 kVA to few 10 kVA

[b]: Based on "ECPE Roadmap on Power Electronics, 2008"

# Comparative Evaluation – Virtual Converter Evaluation Platform

## ■ Define Application / Mission Profile

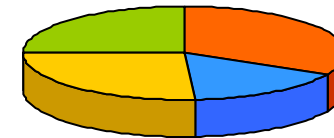
- *M-n* Operating Range (Continuous / Overload Requirement)
- Torque at Standstill
- Motor Type
- etc.

## ■ Compare Required Total Silicon Area (e.g. for $T_J < 150^\circ\text{C}$ , $T_C = 95^\circ\text{C}$ )

- Guarantee Optimal Partitioning of Si Area between IGBTs and Diodes

Control and Gate Driver Circuitry

Power Semiconductors  $\approx 30\%$



Passive Components

Cooling System and Mounting

- Semiconductor Type, Data
- Thermal Properties
- EMI Specifications
- Converter Type, Motor Type (Losses)
- Modulation Scheme
- etc.

- *M-n* Operating Range
- Mission Profile
- etc.

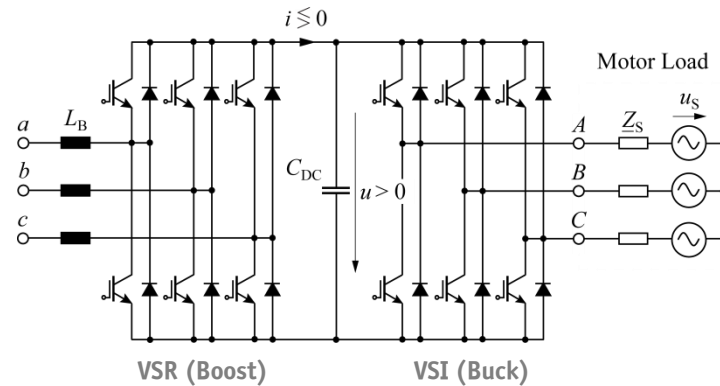


- Total Si Area – Figure-Of-Merit
- Operating Efficiency
- Average Mission Efficiency
- Total Mission Energy Losses
- EMI Filter Volume
- Costs

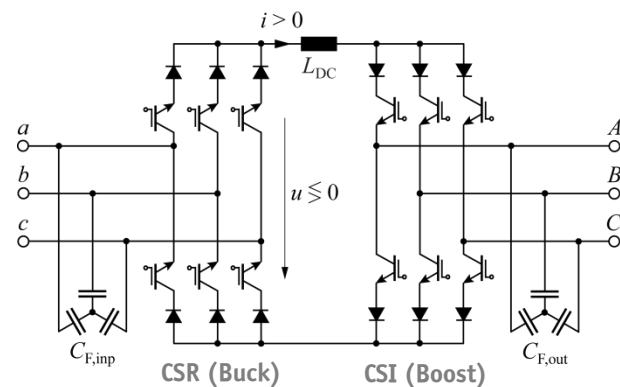


# Considered Converter Topologies – V-BBC, I-BBC, IMC, and CMC

## With Intermediate Energy Storage

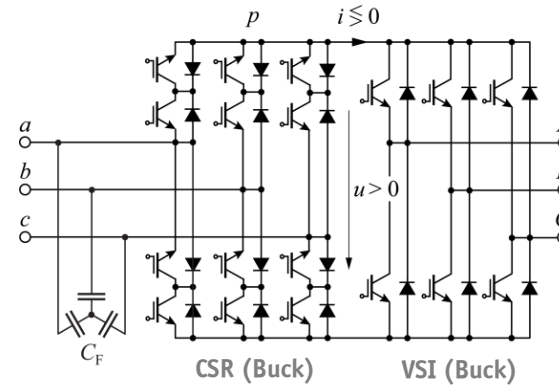


**Voltage Source Back-to-Back Converter (V-BBC)**  
"State-of-the-Art" Converter System



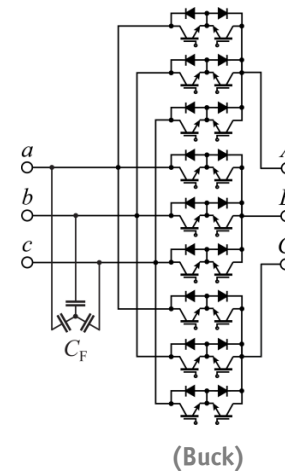
**Current Source Back-to-Back Converter (I-BBC)**

## Without Intermediate Energy Storage



**Indirect Matrix Converter (IMC)**

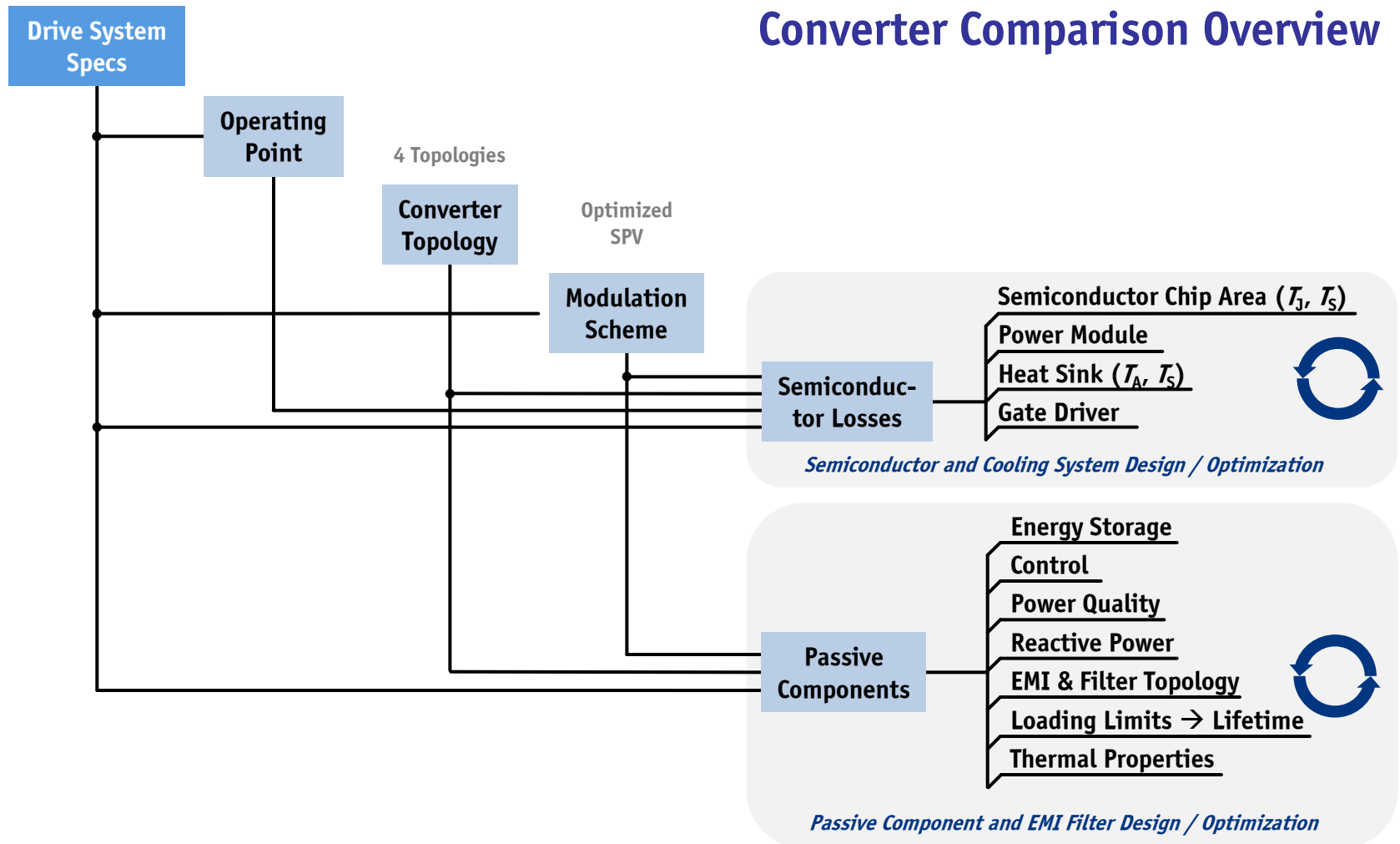
$$U_{2,\max} = 0.866 U_1$$



**Conventional (Direct)  
Matrix Converter (CMC)**

$$U_{2,\max} = 0.866 U_1$$

# Converter Comparison Overview



# Comparative Evaluation (1) – Specifications and Operating Points

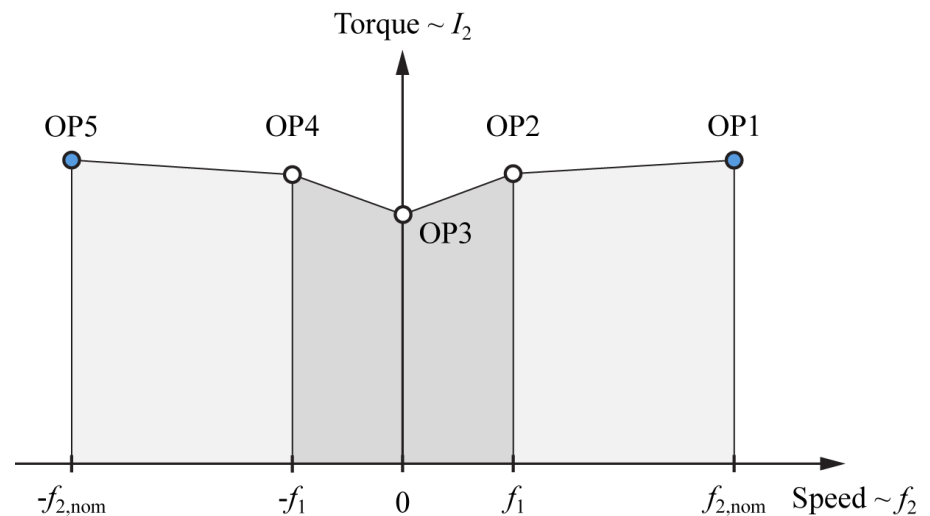
## Main Converter Specifications

- ▶ 3 x 400 V / 50 Hz, 15 kVA  
 $f_{sw} = [8 \dots 72]$  kHz  
 $U_{DC} = 700$  V (VSBBC)
- ▶ PMSM, Matched to Converter  
 $(L_s \text{ in mH range, } \Phi_2 \approx 0^\circ)$
- ▶ EMI Standard, CISPR 11  
 QP Class B (66 dB at 150 kHz)
- ▶ Ambient Temperature  $T_A = 50^\circ\text{C}$   
 Sink Temperature  $T_S = 95^\circ\text{C}$   
 Max. Junction Temperature  $T_{J,max} = 150^\circ\text{C}$   
 (for  $T_A = 20^\circ\text{C} \Rightarrow T_S = 65^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $T_{J,max} = 20^\circ\text{C}$ )

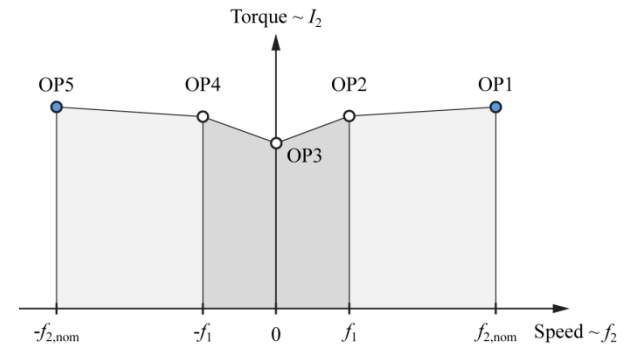
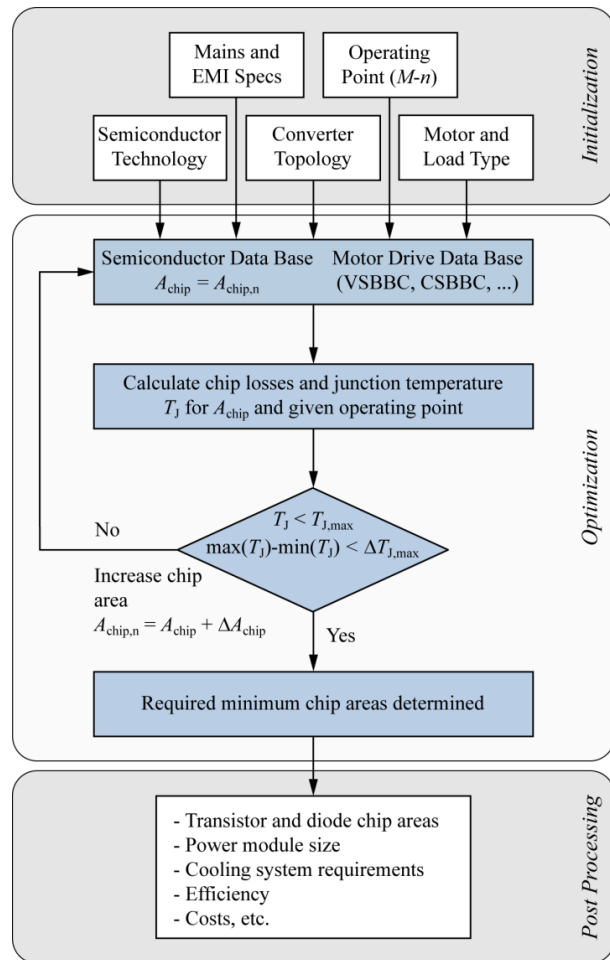
## Torque Speed Plane

OP1/OP5  
OP2/OP4  
OP3

Nominal Motor/Generator Operation (90%  $U_{2,max}$ )  
 Motor/Generator Operation for  $f_2 = f_1$   
 Motor Operation at Stand-still  $f_2 = 0$



## Comparative Evaluation (2) – Semicond. Area Based Comparison



► Minimum Chip Area Required to Fulfill the Junction Temperature Limit  $T_{j,max}$  ( $150^\circ\text{C}$ )



T	D
63%	37%

ETH Zurich [49]

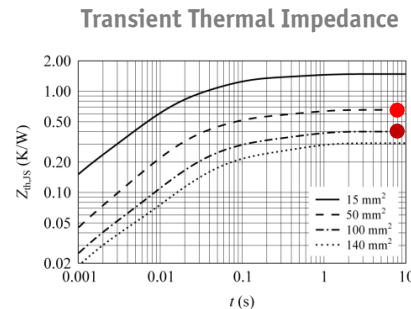
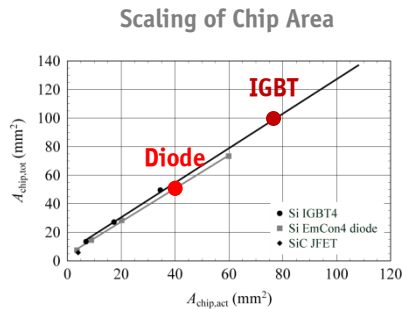
# Semiconductor and Cooling System Modeling

## Semiconductor Database

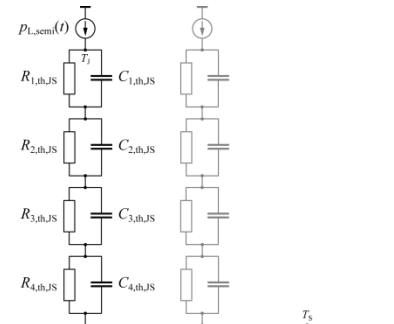
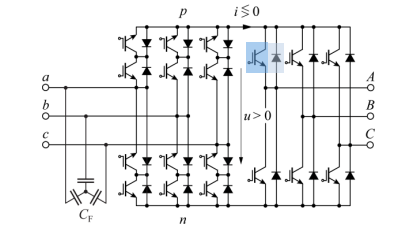
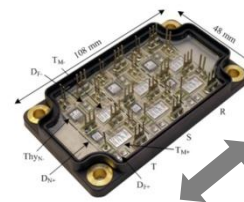
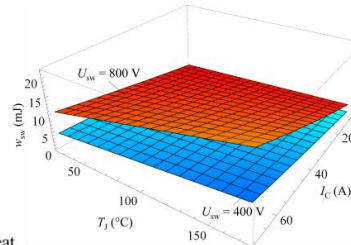
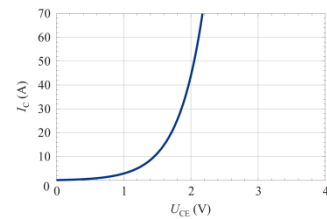
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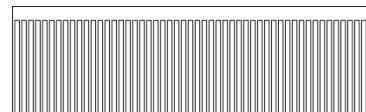
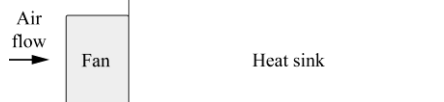
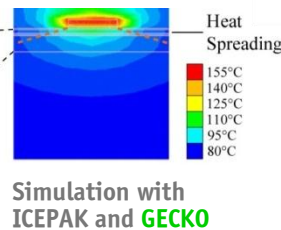
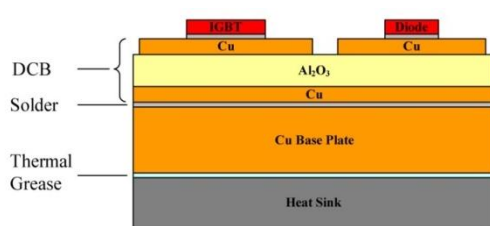
## System Level



Losses as  $f(A_{chip}, I, U, \text{ and } T_j)$

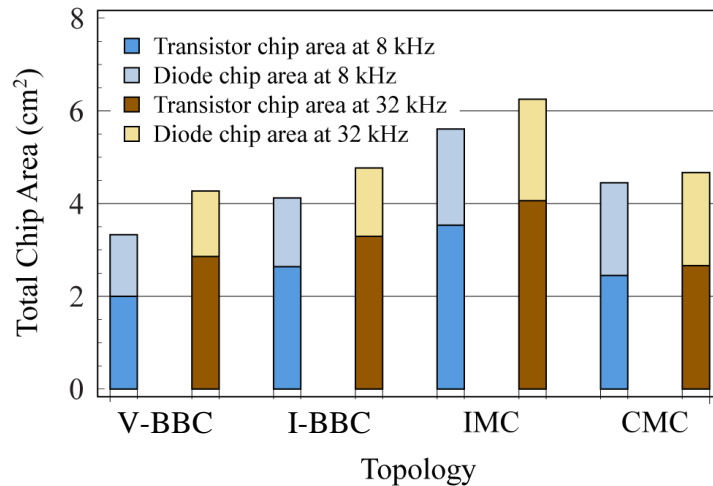


Cooling Performance

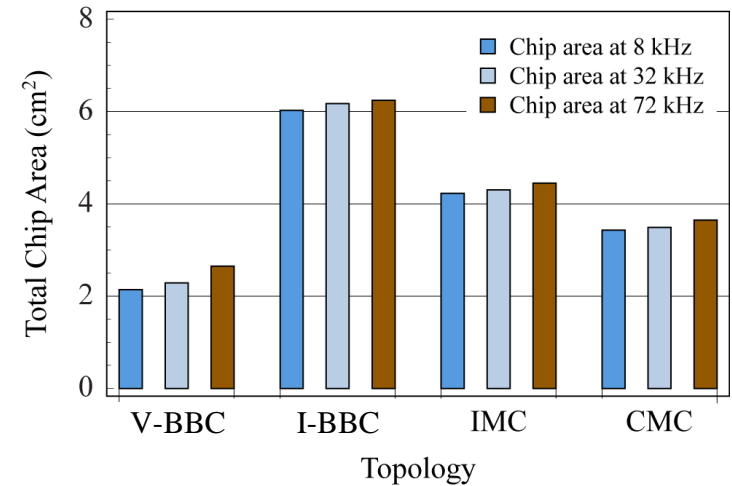


## Comp. Evaluation (3) – Semiconductor Chip Areas (OP1 & OP5)

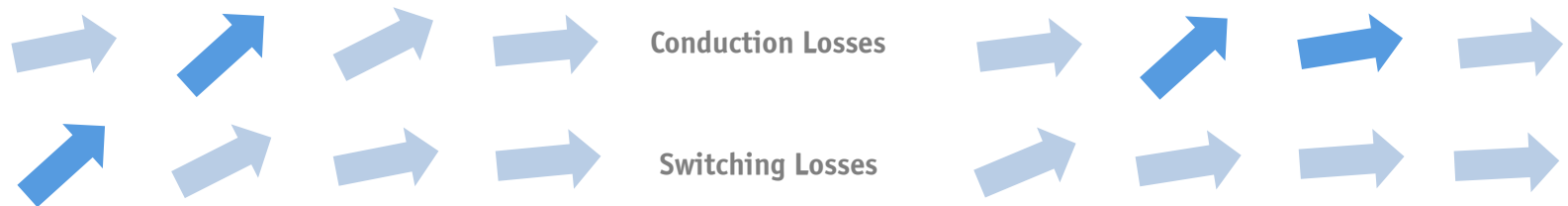
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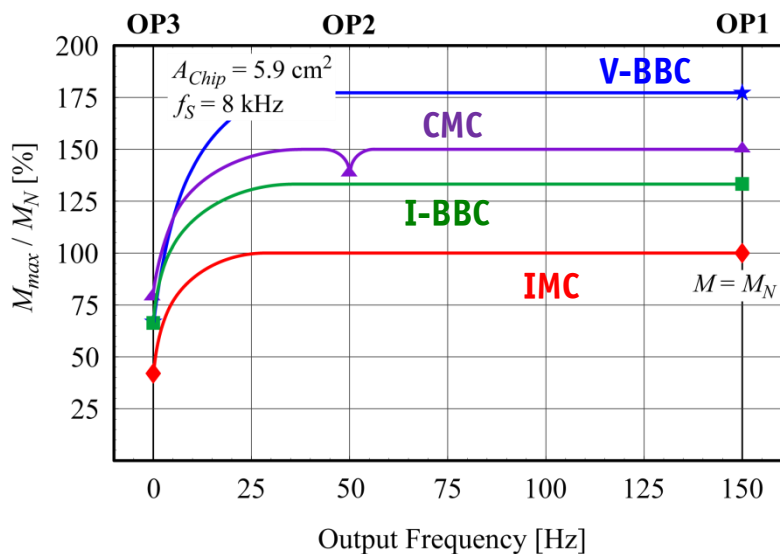
Resulting  
Sensitivities



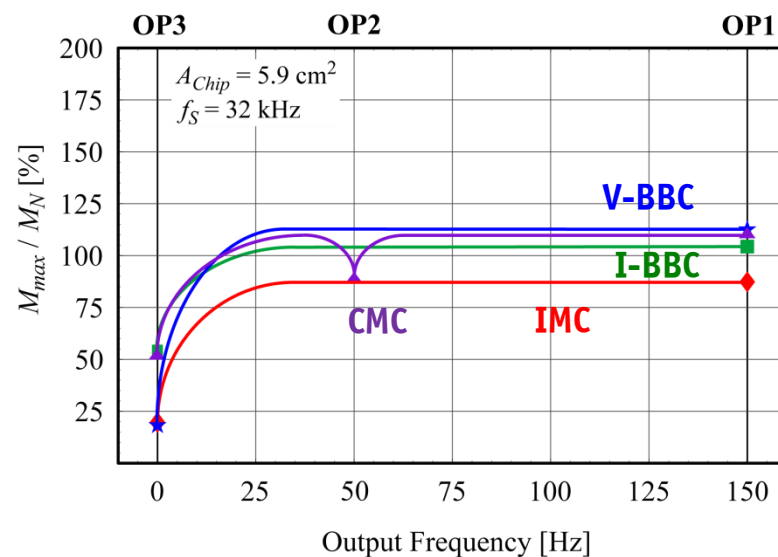
## Comparative Evaluation (4) – Torque Envelope for Equal $A_{chip}$

► For OP1 ( $P_{2N} = 15$  kVA) and OP3 (Stand-Still)

8 kHz:  $A_{chip} \approx 6$  cm<sup>2</sup>, Referenced to IMC



32 kHz: Available Chip Area  $A_{chip} \approx 6$  cm<sup>2</sup>



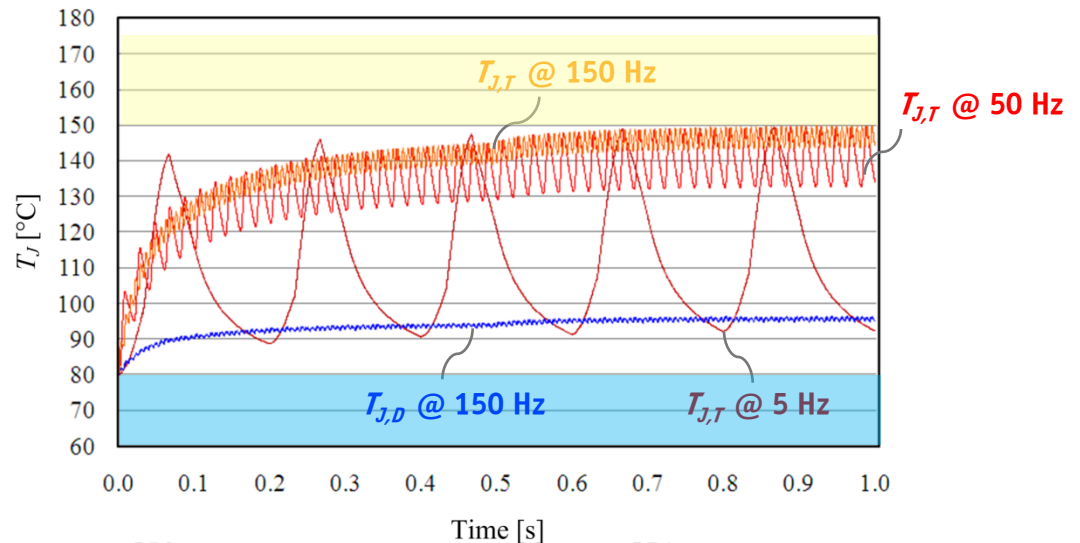
**Note:** Design at Thermal Limit – A More Conservative Design would be Applied for a Product!

# Verification by Electro-Thermal Simulation Shown for IMC

## Junction Temperatures OP1

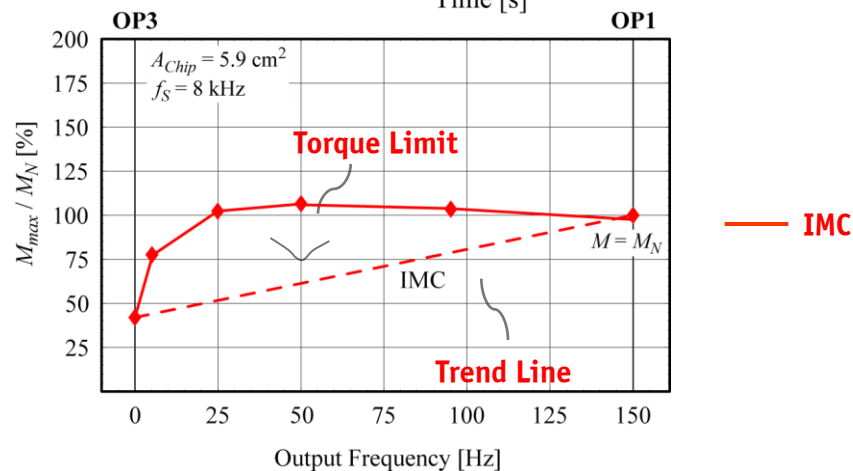
- Suggested Algorithm to Optimally Select the Semiconductor Chip Area Matches well at OP1 and OP3

Evaluated for OP1 @ 8 kHz



## Torque at OP1 and OP3

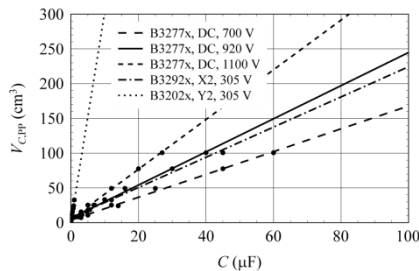
- Suggested Algorithm allows for Accurate Torque Estimation at OP1 and OP3
- Torque Limit Line Requires a Thermal Impedance Model of the Module (R-C Network)



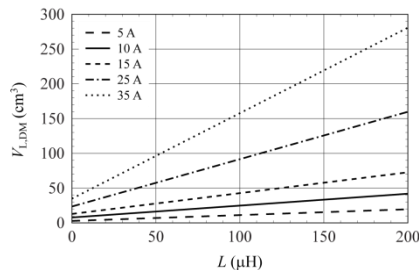


# Passive Component and EMI Input Filter Modeling

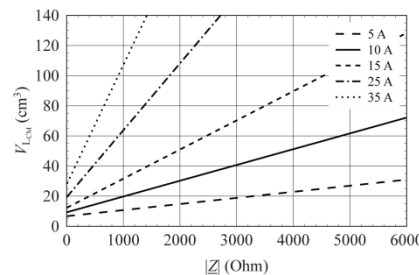
## Component Level



$I_{C,rms,max}$   
 $du/dt|_{max}$   
 $T_{op} = 70^\circ C$   
**MTF data**



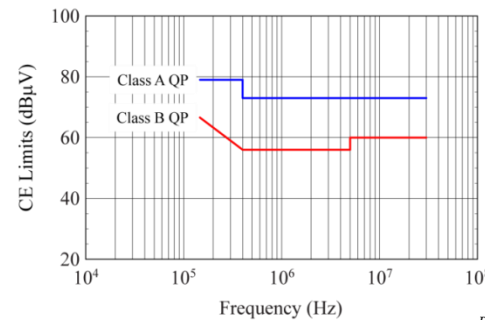
$\Delta L_{0,I,max}$   
 $T_{op,max} = 100^\circ C$



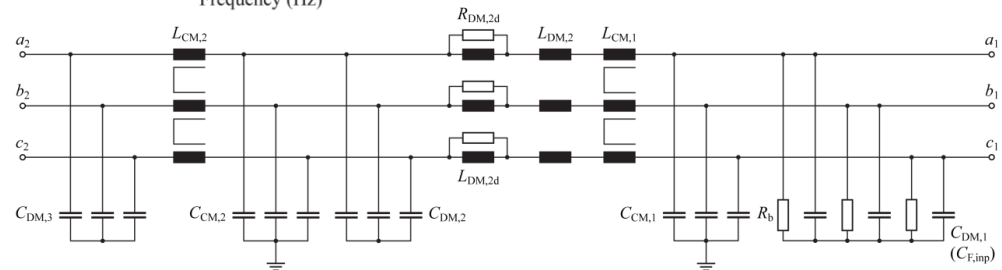
$T_{op,max} = 100^\circ C$

## System Level

### EMI Input Filter Topology



- CISPR 11 (Compliant to IEC/EN) EMI Standard for CE
- Filter Design Margin  
DM Design Margin: **6 dB**  
CM Design Margin: **8-10 dB**

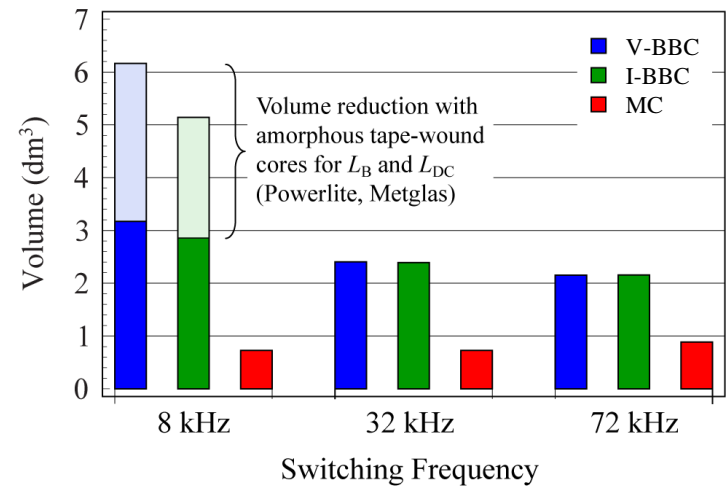


### Design Criteria and Constraints

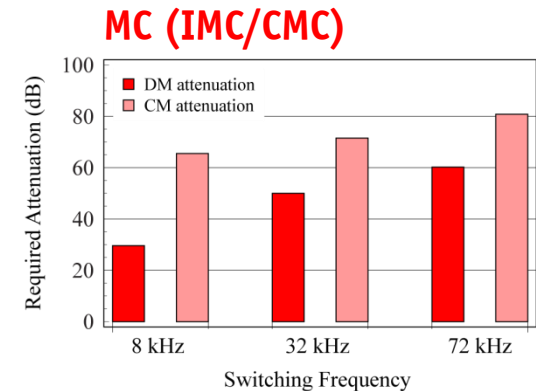
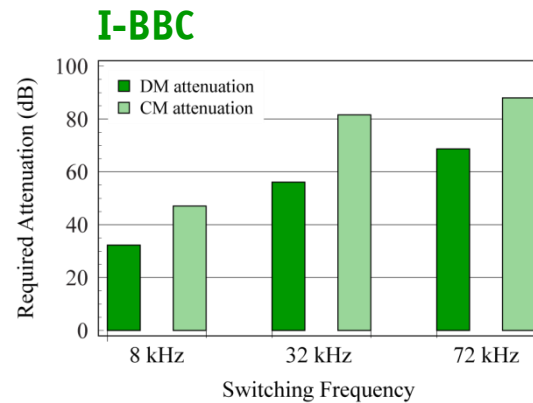
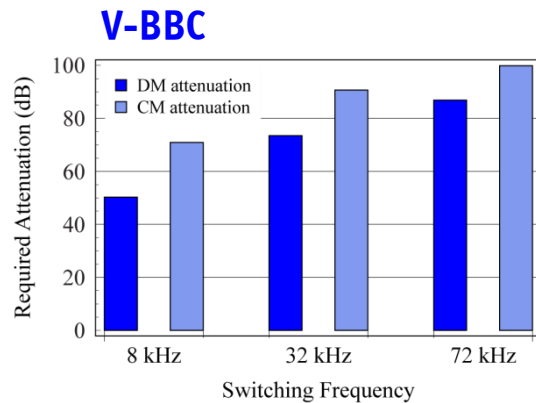
- Ripple-Based ( $C_{F,inp}$ ,  $C_{F,out}$ ,  $L_B$ )
- Reactive Power ( $C_{F,inp}$ )
- Control-Based ( $C_{DC}$ ,  $L_{DC}$ )
- Energy-Based ( $C_{DC}$ ,  $L_{DC}$ )

# Comparative Evaluation (5) – Attenuation, Volume of Passives

## Volume of Passive Components

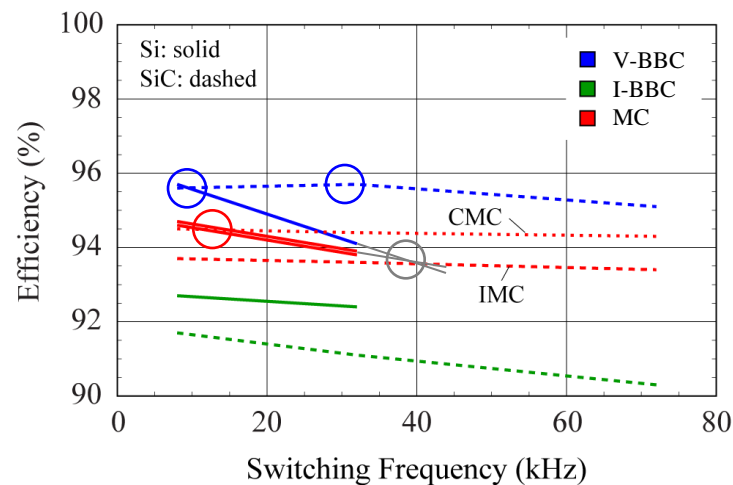


- V-BBC Requ. 15 dB More Atten.

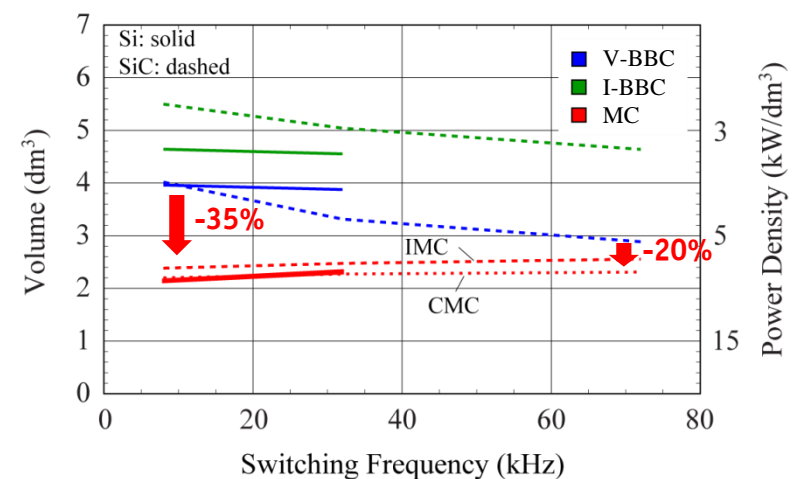


## Comparative Evaluation (6) – Total Efficiency and Volume

### Efficiency vs. Switching Frequency



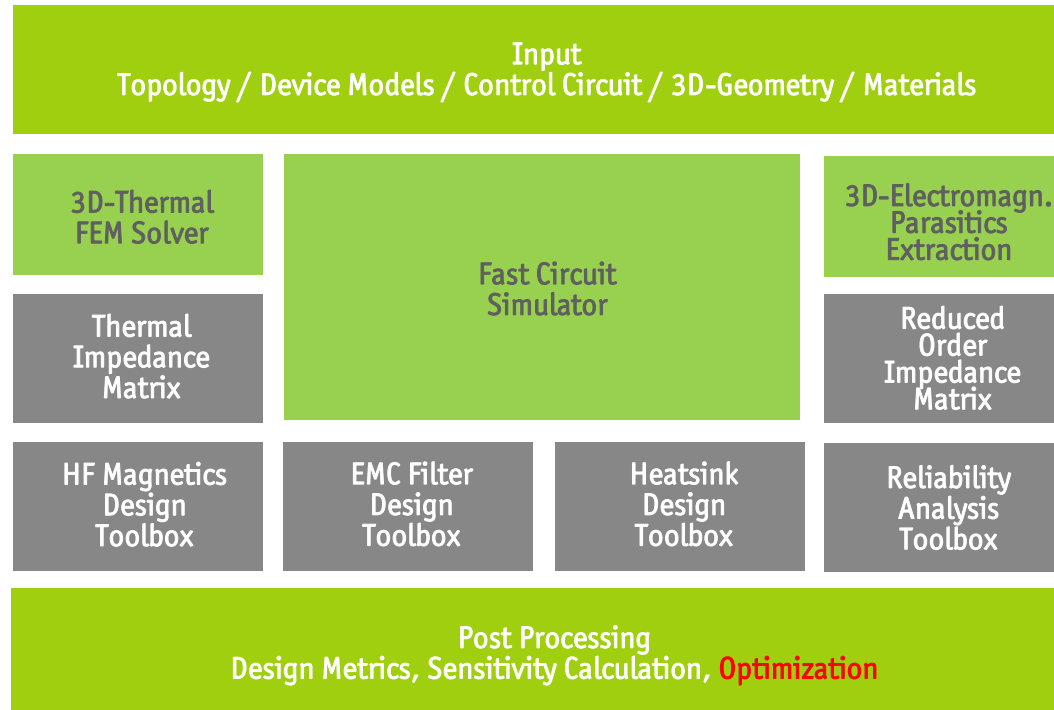
### Volume vs. Switching Frequency



- **V-BBC: Local Optimum at 35 kHz for SiC JFETs**
- **MC: Significant Volume Reduction**



## Multi-Domain Simulation Software



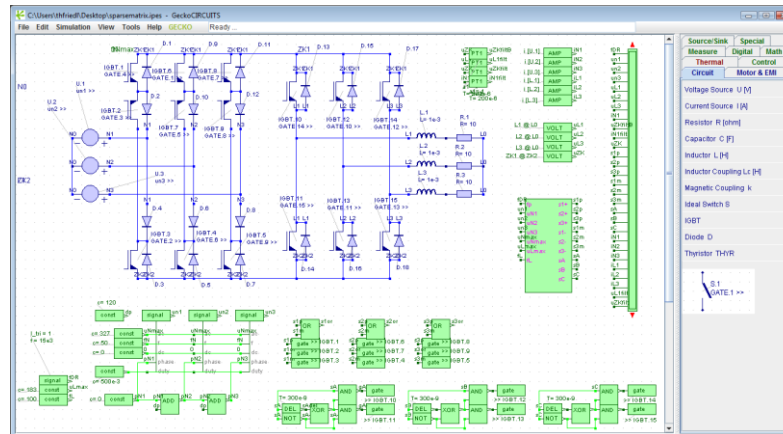
*Device & Material Database*  
*Control Toolbox*  
*Optimization Toolbox*

# Overview of Gecko-Software Demonstration

## ► Gecko-CIRCUITS: Basic Functionality

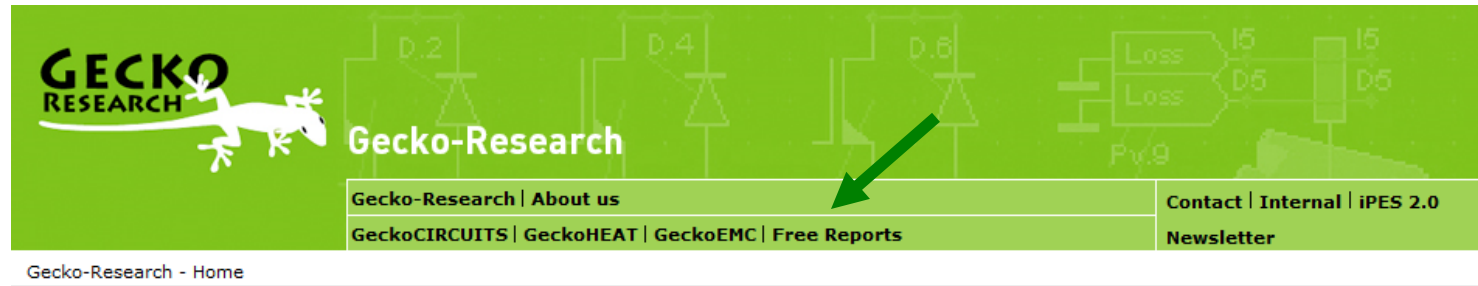
### ► Indirect Matrix Converter (IMC)

- IMC Simulation with Controlled AC Machine
- Specify Semiconductor Characteristics
- Simulate Semiconductor Junction Temperature
- etc.



## ► Gecko EMC: Basic Functionality

## Further Information Regarding Gecko-Research



Home

### Power Electronics Simulation - Gecko Research

- Specialized Software to meet demands of Power Electronics Engineers
- Easy-to-use
- Three tools working together: GeckoCIRCUITS, GeckoEMC, GeckoHEAT
- Multi-Domain approach and Optimization
- Coupled Circuit-, Thermal-, and Electromagnetic Simulation

#### Free Trial Version of GeckoCIRCUITS

- Online Simulator in Applet-Mode
- No installation required!

### Power Electronic Converter Optimization

Let's assume you want to build a single-phase PFC rectifier with 230V input voltage, 400V output voltage and 3.2kW output power. You can optimize this rectifier for highest efficiency or for highest power density or for minimum cost or ...

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# Gecko-Research Application Notes (1)



## Reports

### Free Reports: Power Electronics Simulation and Application

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### AC/AC-Conversion for Highly Compact Drives - What Options Do I Have?

For operating a Permanent Magnet Synchronous Machine (PMSM), which allows a highly compact design, you have to supply three-phase voltage with controllable output frequency and controllable voltage amplitude. There are many different alternatives for the AC/AC converter. Here you will learn all options.

- [Part I - An Overview of AC/AC-Converter Topologies](#)

### How to Design a 10kW Three-Phase AC/DC Interface Step by Step

You need a rectifier with sinusoidal input currents (power factor correction) and controlled DC-voltage at the output side? In this report you will learn how to compare the well-known Bidirectional 3-Phase AC/DC PWM Converter with Impressed Output Voltage (VSR) with a Vienna Rectifier employing a simple but effective strategy.

- [Part I - How Can I Compare Topologies?](#)
- [Part II - Semiconductor Loss Calculation Demystified](#)
- [Part III - Do You Know the Junction Temperatures of Your Design?](#)  
(coming soon)

Overview of  
AC-AC Converters

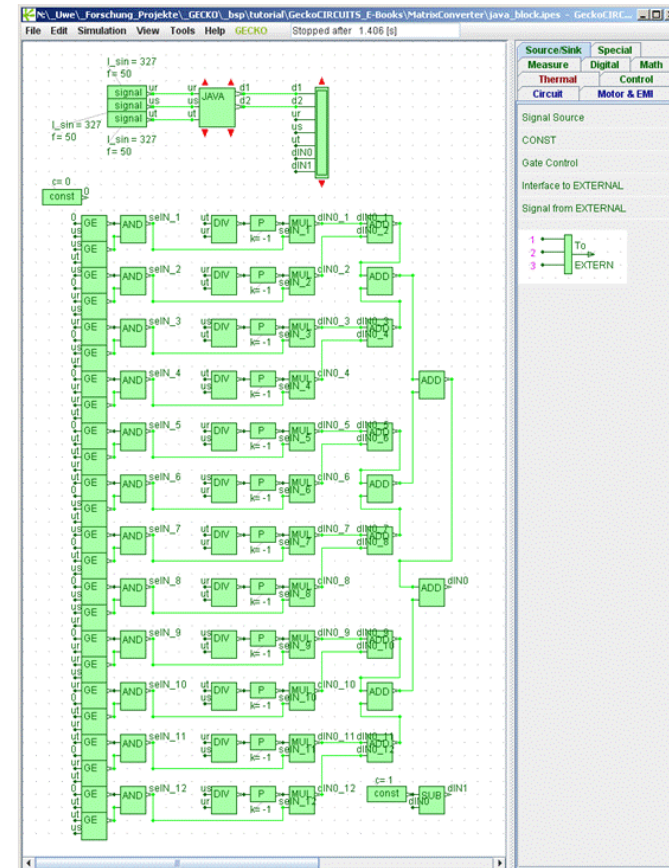
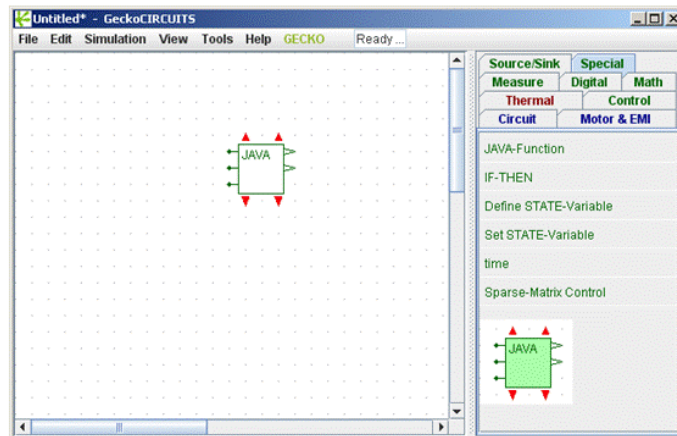


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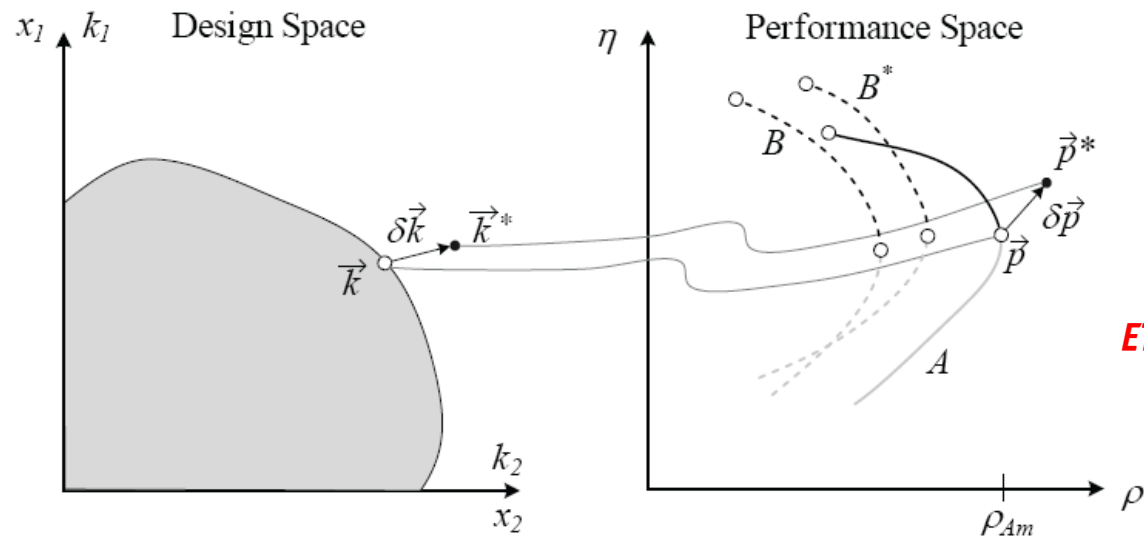
## Useful Hints for e.g. How to Implement Sector Detection for SV Modulation

### ► JAVA Code Block

- Integration of Complex Control Code; Enhances Overview and Transparency
- Code can Virtually be Copied to DSP C-Code Generator (Minor Syntax Adaptations)



# Power Electronics Converter Optimization



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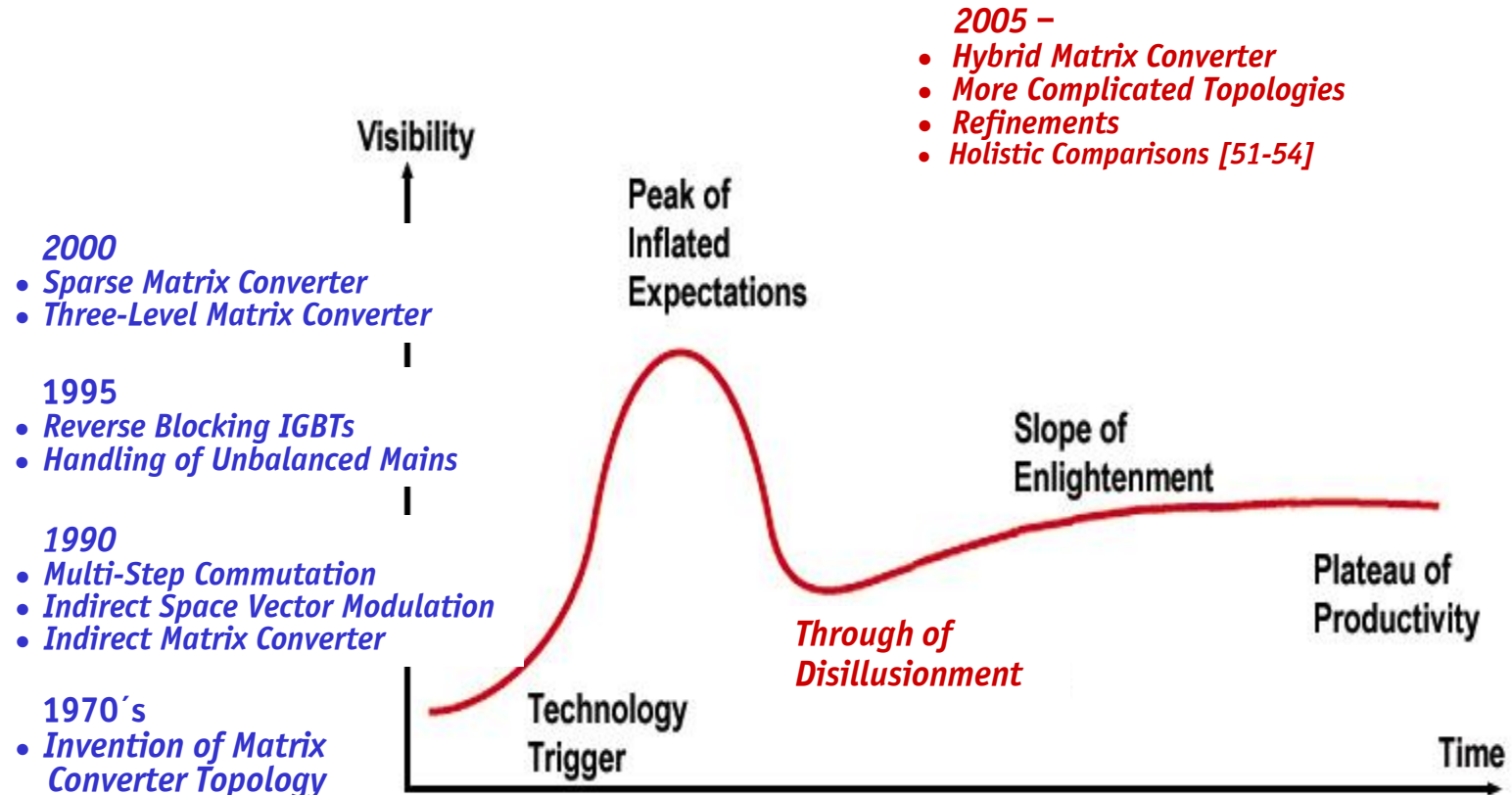
## Goal: Optimization Toolbox

- *Guided Step-by-Step Converter Design Procedure to Enable Optimal Utilization of Technological Base and Optimal Matching between Design Specifications and Final Performance*

## Conclusions

# Hype Cycle of Technologies

-Gartner Group



## Conclusions (1)

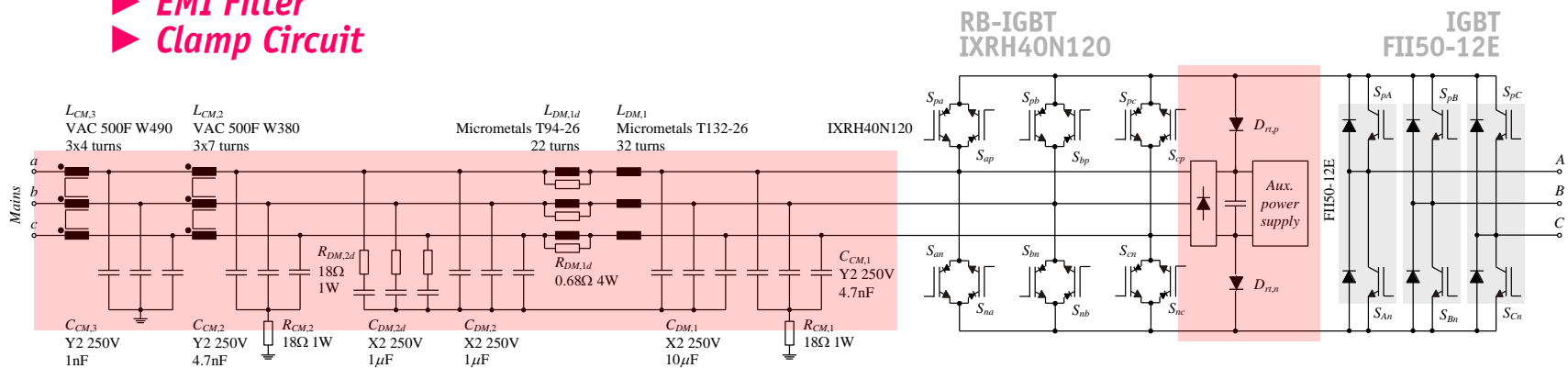
### ► MC is NOT an All-SiC Solution

- Industry Engineers Missing Experience
- 86% Voltage Limit / Application of Specific Motors / Silicon Area
- Limited Fault Tolerance
- Braking in Case of Mains Failure
- Costs and Complexity Challenge
- Voltage DC Link Converter could be implemented with Foil Capacitors

### ► MC does NOT offer a Specific Advantage without Drawback

#### ► EMI Filter

#### ► Clamp Circuit



## Conclusions (2)

- ▶ *Research MUST Address Comprehensive System Evaluations*
  - *MC Promising for High Switching Frequency*
  - *Consider Specific Application Areas*
  - *Consider Life Cycle Costs*
  - *etc.*
- ▶ *V-BBC is a Tough Competitor*
- ▶ *F<sup>3</sup>E Might Offer a Good Compromise*
- ▶ *Most Advantageous Converter Concept Depends on Application and on whether a CUSTOM Drive Design is Possible*
- ▶ *Integration of Multiple Functions (as for MC) Nearly ALWAYS Requires a Trade-off*

# Thank You !



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