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# The Essence of Three-Phase PFC Rectifier Systems

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Definitions and Characteristics

• Passive Rectifier Systems	<ul> <li>Line Commutated Diode Bridge/Thyristor Bridge - Full/Half Controlled</li> <li>Low Frequency Output Capacitor for DC Voltage Smoothing</li> <li>Only Low Frequency Passive Components Employed for Current Shaping, No Active Current Control</li> <li>No Active Output Voltage Control</li> </ul>
• Hybrid Rectifier Systems	<ul> <li>Low Frequency and Switching Frequency Passive Components and/or</li> <li>Mains Commutation (Diode/Thyristor Bridge - Full/Half Controlled) and/or Forced Commutation</li> <li>Partly Only Current Shaping/Control and/or Only Output Voltage Control</li> <li>Partly Featuring Purely Sinusoidal Mains Current</li> </ul>
• Active Rectifier Systems	<ul> <li>Controlled Output Voltage</li> <li>Controlled (Sinusoidal) Input Current</li> <li>Only Forced Commutations / Switching Frequ. Passive Components</li> </ul>
Phase-Modular Systems	<ul> <li>Phase Rectifier Modules of Identical Structure</li> <li>Phase Modules connected in Star or in Delta</li> <li>Formation of Three Independent Controlled DC Output Voltages</li> </ul>
Direct Three-Phase Syst.	- Only One Common Output Voltage for All Phases

- Symmetrical Structure of the Phase Legs
  Phase (and/or Bridge-)Legs Connected either in Star or Delta







#### **Diode Bridge Rectifier with Capacitive Smoothing**



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 $U_{LL} = 3 \times 400 V$   $f_N = 50 Hz$   $P_{out} = 2.5 kW (R=125 \Omega)$   $C = 1 mF; 40 \mu F$   $X_c/R = 0.025; 0.636$ 



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Current (A)

 $u_{\rm pn} (40 \mu F)$ 

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#### **Diode Bridge Rectifier / DC-Side Inductor and Output Capacitor**



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#### **Diode Bridge Rectifier / AC-Side Inductor and Output Capacitor**



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#### **Passive 3rd Harmonic Injection**





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#### **Passive 3rd Harmonic Injection**



- Minimum THD of Phase Current for i<sub>y</sub> = 1/2 I
  THD<sub>min</sub> = 5 %





#### Auto-Transformer-Based-12-Pulse Rectifier Systems

#### ■ AC-Side Interphase Transf. (Impr. DC Voltage)



**DC-Side Interphase Transf. (Impr. DC Current)** 



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**DC-Side Interphase Transformer can** be omitted in Case of Full Transformer Isolation of Both Diode Bridges





#### **Diode Bridge and DC-Side Electronic Inductor (EI)**



- + Only Fract. of Output Power Processed+ High Efficiency and Power Density
- Not Output Voltage Control
- EMI Filtering Required





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# **Diode Bridge and DC-Side Electronic Inductor (EI)**

Control Structure



• Current Control could Theoretically Emulate Infinite Inductance Value but Damping (Parallel Ohmic Component) has to be Provided for Preventing Oscillations



# **Diode Bridge and DC-Side Electronic Inductor (EI)**



 $U_{LL} = 3 \times 400 V$   $P_0 = 5 kW$   $f_s = 70 kHz$  $C = 4 \times 330 \mu F / 100 V$ 







# Diode Bridge and DC-Side EI or Electronic Capacitor MERS Concept (Magnetic Energy Recovery Switch)



#### **Fundamental Frequency Equivalent Circuit**



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# 12-Pulse Rectifier Employing Electr. Interphase Transformer (EIT)



- Switching Frequency DC-Side Inductors
  Proper Control of the EIT Allows to Achieve *Purely Sinusoidal* Mains Current !







#### **Active 3rd Harmonic Injection** <u>into All Phases</u>



- No Output Voltage Control
- Mains Current Close to Sinusoidal Shape



e.g.:  $i_1 = I + 3/2 i_y$  $i_2 = I - 3/2 i_y$ CCL:  $3i_y = i_1 - i_2$ 

Minnesota Rectifier

- Controlled Output Voltage
- Purely Sinusoidal Shape of Mains Current





Active 3<sup>rd</sup> Harmonic Injection into All Phases



• Current Control Implemention with Boost-Type DC/DC Converter (*Minnesota Rectifier*) or with Buck-Type Topology

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### Active 3<sup>rd</sup> Harmonic Inj. Only <u>into One Phase</u> (I)

- + Purely Sinusoidal Mains Current (Only for Const. Power Load)
  + Low Current Stress on Active Semicond. / High Efficiency
- + Low Complexity



• T<sub>+</sub>, T<sub>-</sub> Could be Replaced by Passive Network

 $i + \bar{i}_{T_+} = G \cdot u_{a0} = i_a$ Sinusoidal Mains Current:

 $=G\frac{u_a \cdot u_{ac} + u_b \cdot u_{bc}}{u_{ac}} = G\left(u_{a0} + u_{b0}\frac{u_{bc}}{u_{ac}}\right)$ 

 $i = \frac{P}{u_{ac}} = \frac{u_{ac} \cdot i_a + u_{bc} \cdot i_b}{u_{ac}}$ 

**Condition:**  $i_{a} + i_{b} + i_{c} = 0$ 0



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- $i_v = -i_b$
- Local Avg. Ind. Voltage / Bridge Leg  $(T_+, T_-)$  Output Voltage:

- Current to be Inj. Into Phase b:

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- Bridge Leg Voltage Formation:

- Constant Power Load Current:

 $\bar{i}_{T_+} = k \cdot i_y = -k \cdot G \cdot u_{b0} = -G \cdot u_{b0} \frac{\cdots_{bc}}{u_{ac}}$ 

 $\overline{u}_{L} \approx 0$  and/or  $\overline{u}_{20} = u_{b0}$ 

 $\overline{u}_{20} = u_{b0} = k \cdot u_{a0} + (1 - k)u_{c0}$ 

 $u_{b0} = k \cdot u_{ac} + u_{c0}$ 

- Bridge Leg Current Formation:

Proof of Sinusoidal Mains Current Shape for  $\omega t \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{3}\right]$ 

$$k = \frac{u_{bc}}{u_{ac}}$$

$$\frac{p}{1 - \frac{p}{1 - p$$

 $i_a = G \cdot u_{a0}$ 

 $i_b = G \cdot u_{b0}$ 

 $i = G_{i} \eta$ 

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#### ► Active 3<sup>rd</sup> Harmonic Inj. Only <u>into One Phase</u> (II)

Boost-Type Topology

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- + Controlled Output Voltage
- + Purely Sinusoidal Mains Current
- Power Semiconductors Stressed with Line-to-Line and/or Full Output Voltage



- Proof of Sinusoidal Mains Current Shape for  $\omega t \in \left| 0, \frac{\pi}{3} \right|$  (1)
- 4 Different Switching States:

$$T_{+} \text{ on, } T_{-} \text{ off }$$

$$k_{1}$$

$$T_{+} \text{ off, } T_{-} \text{ on }$$

$$k_{2}$$

$$T_{+} \text{ off, } T_{-} \text{ off }$$

$$k_{3} = (1 - k_{1} - k_{2})$$

3 Different States Regarding the Current Paths with Relative On-Times  $k_1$  ,  $k_2$  , and  $k_3$ 



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- $k_2 = \frac{u_{ab}}{U_{nn}}$  $k_1 \left( u_{bc} - U_{pn} \right) + k_2 u_{bc} + \left( 1 - k_1 - k_2 \right) u_{bc} = 0$  $k_1 = \frac{u_{bc}}{U_{nn}}$  $\overline{i} = \frac{P}{U_{pn}} = \frac{u_{ab}i_a - u_{bc}i_c}{U_{pn}} = -k_1i_c + k_2i_a$ - Constant Power, Load Current:  $\bar{i}_{T+} = k_1 i_v^* + (1 - k_1 - k_2) i_a^*$  Condition:  $i_a^* + i_b^* + i_c^* = 0$ - Current Formation in T<sub>+</sub>:  $\overline{i}_{T+} + \overline{i}^* = i_a^*$ Sinusoidal Mains Current:

 $i_{v}^{*} = -i_{b}^{*}$ 

 $\overline{u}_{L,1}^* \approx 0 \qquad \overline{u}_{L,2}^* \approx 0$ 

 $k_1 u_{ab} + k_2 (u_{ab} - U_{pn}) + (1 - k_1 - k_2) u_{ab} = 0$ 

- Bridge Leg (T<sub>+</sub>, T<sub>-</sub>): Voltage Form.:
- Current to be Injected into b:
- Inductor Voltages:
- Proof of Sinusoidal Mains Current Shape for  $\omega t \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{3}\right]$  (2)

 $i_a^* = G \cdot u_{a0}$ 

 $i_b^* = G \cdot u_{b0}$ 

 $i_c^* = G \cdot u_{c0}$ 



# ► Active 3<sup>rd</sup> Harmonic Inj. Only <u>into One Phase</u> (III)

#### Buck-Type Topology

- + Controlled Output Voltage
- + Purely Sinusoidal Mains Current
- + Low Current Stress on the Inj. Current Distribution Power Transistors / High Eff.
- + Low Control Complexity
- Higher Number of Active Power Semiconductors than Active Buck-Type PWM Rect. (but Only T+, T\_ Operated with Switching Frequency)



- Patent Pending
- Switches Distributing the Injected Current could be Replaced by Passive Network

P=10kW

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t (ms)

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 $T_{-} \} k_2$ 

Proof of Sinusoidal Mains Current Shape for 
$$\omega t \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{3}\right]$$

 $i_{1} = -i_{1}$ 

- Current Formation:

$$\begin{array}{ll} i_y &= -i_b & & \text{Duty Cycles:} & T_+ \} k_1 \\ k_1 I = i_a & k_2 I = -i_c & & & \\ i_y = -(1-k_1)I + (1-k_2)I = -i_b & & i_a = G \cdot u_{a0} \\ i_a + i_b + i_c = 0 & & & i_b = G \cdot u_{b0} \\ & & & i_c = G \cdot u_{c0} \end{array}$$

- Voltage Formation:

$$\begin{split} \overline{u}_L &\approx 0 \\ k_1 u_a + (1 - k_1) u_b - (k_2 u_c + (1 - k_2) u_b) &= u_{pn} \\ k_1 u_{ab} - k_2 u_{cb} &= u_{pn} \\ i_a u_{ab} + i_c u_{cb} &= u_{pn} I \\ i_a u_{ab} + i_c u_{cb} &= P \\ i_a u_{ab} + i_c u_{cb} &= P \\ \end{split}$$





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#### Diode Bridge Combined with DC/DC Boost Converter



 Other Diode Bridge Output Current Impressing DC/DC Converter Topologies (e.g. SEPIC, Cuk) result in Same Mains Current Shape





#### Half-Controlled Rectifier Bridge Boost Converter





- Sinusoidal Current Control Only in Sectors with 2 Positive Phase Voltages, e.g. in Sector B
- In other Sectors, Only One Phase Current could be Shaped, e.g. in Sector A
- + Controlled Output Voltage (U > √6 Û)
  + Low Complexity (e.g. Single Curr. Sensor)
  + Low Conduction Losses

- Block Shaped Mains Current



### Half-Controlled Rectifier Bridge Boost-Type Converter

- Current Control Concepts
- **Option 1: All Switches Simultaneously Controlled with Same Duty-Cycle (Synchr. Modulation)**
- Option 2: Only Phase with most Positive Voltage is Modulated, Switch of Phase with most Neg. Voltage is Cont. Turned on for Lowering Conduction Losses in Case of Switch Implementation with MOSFETs. Middle Phase Switch is OFF; Results in Block Shaped Mains Current



Boost-Type Auto-Transf.-Based 12-Pulse Hybrid Rectifier 

Impressed Diode Bridge Output Voltages



- + Output Voltage Controlled+ Sinusoidal Mains Current Shaping Possible
- Active Converter Stage Processes Full Output Power
- Low Frequency Magnetics Employed





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#### **Boost-Type Auto-Transf.-Based 12-Pulse Hybrid Rectifier**

**Experimental Results (Impressed Diode Bridge Output Voltages)** 





Boost-Type Auto-Transf.-Based 12-Pulse Hybrid Rectifier

#### Impressed Diode Bridge Output Currents



- + Sinusoidal Mains Current Shaping Possible
- Active Converter Stage Processes Full Output Power
- Low Frequency Magnetics Employed
- ► Wide Varity of Further Topologies for Pulse Multiplication (e.g. 12p → 36p) which Process Only Part of Output Power but don't Provide Output Voltage Control





#### Half-Controlled Rectifier Bridge Buck-Type Converter

- + Controlled Output Voltage
- + Low Complexity
- + Low Conduction Losses
- Block Shaped Mains Current



• Topology Limits Input Current Shaping to Intervals with Positive Phase Voltage

Sector 1: Only  $i_a$  could be Controlled Sector 2:  $i_a$  and  $i_b$  could be Controlled

• Low Complexity Control: Only Current of Phase with most Positive Voltage Controlled; Switch of Phase with most Neg. Voltage Turned On Cont. for Providing a Free-Wheeling Path




## Classification of Unidirectional Rectifier Systems





#### Phase-Modular Rectifier Topologies

Y-Rectifier





- Individual DC Output Voltages of the Phase Units
  Isolated DC/DC Converter Stages Required for Forming Single DC Output





## ► Y-Rectifier



• Basic AC-Side Behavior Analogous to Direct Three-Phase Three-Level Rectifier Systems



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## ► Y-Rectifier

**Cond.** States for  $i_a>0$ ,  $i_b<0$ ,  $i_c<0$  in Dep. on Transistor Switching States ( $S_a S_b S_c$ )



Switching States (011) and (100)

- Redundant Concerning Formation of  $u_{\bar{a}\bar{b}}, u_{\bar{b}\bar{c}}, u_{\bar{c}\bar{a}}$
- Inverse Concerning Charging of C<sub>a</sub> and C<sub>c</sub> (and C<sub>b</sub>)



# ► Y-Rectifier

#### **Equivalent Circuit and Voltage Formation**



$$u_{\overline{a}} = \overline{u}_{\overline{a}} + u_{\overline{a},\sim}$$
$$u_{\overline{b}} = \overline{u}_{\overline{b}} + u_{\overline{b},\sim}$$
$$u_{\overline{c}} = \overline{u}_{\overline{c}} + u_{\overline{c}} \sim$$

$$u_{\overline{a}} = u'_{\overline{a}} + u_0 \qquad u'_{\overline{a}} + u'_{\overline{b}} + u'_{\overline{c}} = 0$$
$$u_{\overline{b}} = u'_{\overline{b}} + u_0$$
$$u_{\overline{c}} = u'_{\overline{c}} + u_0$$

$$\overrightarrow{u}_{\overline{a}} = \overline{u}'_{\overline{a}} + \overline{u}_{0}$$
$$u_{\overline{a},\sim} = u'_{\overline{a},\sim} + u_{0,\sim}$$

(shown at the Example of Phase a)



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# ► Y-Rectifier

#### **Equivalent Circuit and Voltage Formation**



• Voltage of the Star Point N' Defined by u<sub>0</sub> (CM-Voltage)



## ► Y-Rectifier

#### Modulation and Voltage Formation



• Addition of  $m_0$  Increases Modulation Range from  $\hat{U}_a = U$  to  $\hat{U}_a = 2/\sqrt{3}U$ 

• Potential of Star Point N' Changes with LF ( $\overline{u}_0$ ) and Switching Frequency ( $u_{0,\sim}$ )



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# ► Y-Rectifier

 Balancing of Phase-Module DC-Output Voltages by DC Component of u<sub>0</sub> (m
<sub>0</sub>)



- $\overline{m}_0$  Only Changes the On-Time of Redundant Switching Stages, e.g. (100) and (011)
- No Influence on the AC-Side Current Formation- Allows Balancing of the Module Output Voltages Independent of Input Current Shaping



# ► Y-Rectifier

#### Control Structure / 2-out-of-3 Output Voltage Balancing





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## ► Y-Rectifier

#### Experimental Verification of Output Voltage Balancing

- Symm. Loading P<sub>a</sub> = P<sub>b</sub> = P<sub>c</sub> = 1000 W
  Asymm. Loading P<sub>a</sub> = 730 W, P<sub>b</sub> = P<sub>c</sub> = 1000 W

 $U_{\rm N} = 3 \times 230 \text{ V} (50 \text{ Hz})$  $P_{\rm o} = 3 \times 1 \text{ kW}$  $U_{o} = 400 V$  $f_{s} = 58 \text{ kHz}$ *L* = 2.8 mH (on AC-side)  $C = 660 \, \mu F$ 



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VDC.S

VDC.R

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#### Input Phase Currents, Control Signal $i_0$ , Output Voltages





Symm. Loading

Asymm. Loading

*i<sub>N,i</sub>*: 1 A/div

 $V_{DC_i}$ : 100 V/div



•  $\Delta$ -Rectifier



• Connection of Each Module to All Phases / Rated Power also Available for Phase Loss !



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# $\blacktriangleright$ $\Delta$ -Rectifier

Derivation of Equivalent Circuit / Circulating Current Component i<sub>0</sub>



$$u_{\overline{a}b} = u'_{\overline{a}b} + u_0$$
$$u_{\overline{b}c} = u'_{\overline{b}c} + u_0$$
$$u_{\overline{c}a} = u'_{\overline{c}a} + u_0$$



**Def.:**  $u'_{\overline{a}b} + u'_{\overline{b}c} + u'_{\overline{c}a} = 0$ 

- Mains Phase Current Formed by  $u'_{\overline{a}b}$ ,  $u'_{\overline{b}c}$ ,  $u'_{\overline{c}a}$ and  $u_a$ ,  $u_b$ ,  $u_c$
- Circulating Current *i*<sub>0</sub> Formed by *u*<sub>0</sub>

$$u_0 = \frac{1}{3} \left( u_{\overline{a}b} + u_{\overline{b}c} + u_{\overline{c}a} \right)$$

 u<sub>0</sub> and/or i<sub>0</sub>, which does not Appear in i<sub>a</sub>, i<sub>b</sub> and i<sub>c</sub>, can be Maximized by Proper Synchron. of Module PWM Carrier Signals; Accordingly, Switching Frequency Components of u'<sub>ab</sub>, u'<sub>bc</sub> and u'<sub>ca</sub> are Minimized







# $\blacktriangleright$ $\Delta$ -Rectifier

#### Y-Equivalent Circuit Describing Mains Current Formation

• Equiv. Conc. No-Load Voltage at Terminals a, b, c (No Circ. Current  $i_0$ , i.e. No Voltage Drop across  $L_{\Delta}$ 

$$u_{ab} = u'_{\overline{a}b} = u_{\overline{a}'} - u_{\overline{b}'}$$
$$u_{bc} = u_{\overline{b}c} = u_{\overline{b}'} - u_{\overline{c}'}$$

• Equiv. Y-Voltage Syst. should not Contain Zero Sequ. Comp.



• Equiv. Concerning Input Impedance between any Terminals



# $\blacktriangleright$ $\Delta$ -Rectifier

#### **Circulating Current Max. / Minimization of Mains Current Ripple**

 $U_{LL} = 3 \times 480 \text{ V} (50 \text{ Hz})$   $P_0 = 5 \text{ kW}$   $U_0 = 800 \text{ V}$   $f_s = 25 \text{ kHz}$ L = 2.1 mH (on AC-Side)

• For Proper Phase Shift of Module PWM Carrier Signals a Share of the Line-to-Line Current Ripple can be Confined into the Delta Connection.





# $\blacktriangleright$ $\Delta$ -Rectifier

#### **Experimental Results**

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 $i_{a^{\prime}}, i_{\bar{a}b^{\prime}}, i_{\bar{c}a}: 5 \text{ A/div}; \qquad i_{a}\text{-}i_{a,(1)}\text{, } i_{0}\text{: 2 A/div}$ 

- Formation of Input Phase Current  $i_a = i_{\overline{a}b} i_{\overline{c}a}$
- Circulating Zero Sequence Current  $i_0$



## **Coffee Break !**





## Classification of Unidirectional Rectifier Systems



Single-Switch + Boost-Type DCM Converter Topology

- + Low Complexity / Single Switch+ No PWM, Constant Duty Cycle Operation
- + No Current Measurement
- High Peak Current Stress
- Low Frequ. Distortion of Mains Currents / Dep. on  $U_{pn}/\hat{U}$
- High EMI Filtering Effort



- Improvement of Mains Current Shape by 6<sup>th</sup> Harmonic Duty Cycle Modulation or Boundary Mode Operation
- Reduction of EMI Filtering Effort by Interleaving

 $U_{LL} = 3 \times 400 \text{ V} (50 \text{Hz})$  $P_0^{LL} = 2.5 \text{ kW}$  $U_0 = 800 \text{ V}$ **THD**<sub>i</sub> = 13.7 %





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## Two Interleaved Single-Switch Boost-Type DCM Converter Stages



- + Interleaving Reduces Switching Frequency Input Current Ripple
  + For Low Power Only One Unit Could be Operated Higher Efficiency
- Low Frequency Mains Current Distortion Still Remaining
   Relatively High Implementation Effort



Two-Switch Boost-Type DCM Converter Topology



## Classification of Unidirectional Rectifier Systems



# **<u>Two-Level</u>** CCM Boost-Type PFC Rectifier Systems

- Y-Switch Rectifier
  Δ-Switch Rectifier



## ► Y-Switch Rectifier



• Proper Control of Power Transistors Allows Formation of PWM Voltages at  $\overline{a}$ ,  $\overline{b}$ ,  $\overline{c}$  and/or Impression of Sinusoidal Mains Current



## ► **Δ-Switch Rectifier**



- $\Delta$ -Switch Rectifier Features Lower Conduction Losses Compared to Y-Switch System
- Active Switch Could be Implemented with Six-Switch Power Module









# ► **Δ-Switch Rectifier**

#### Equivalent Circuit / Mains Current Control

• Reference Voltages, i.e. the Output of the Phase Current Controllers Need to be Transformed into  $\triangle$ -Quantities



- Mains Currents Controlled in Phase with Mains Voltages u<sub>a</sub>, u<sub>b</sub>, u<sub>c</sub>
- Voltage Formation at a, b, c is Determined by Switching State of  $S_{\overline{a}\overline{b}\overline{a}}$ ,  $S_{\overline{b}\overline{c}\overline{b}}$ ,  $S_{\overline{c}\overline{a}\overline{c}}$  and AND Input Current Direction/Magnitude
- Always Only Switches Corresponding to Highest and Lowest Line-to-Line Voltage are Pulsed
- Switch of Middle Phase Turned Off Continuously



# • $\Delta$ -Switch Rectifier

#### Modulation

 $U_{LL} = 115 V (400 Hz)$   $P_0 = 5 kW$   $U_0 = 400 V$  $f_S = 72 kHz$ 

#### Power Density: 2.35 kW/dm<sup>3</sup>







## $\blacktriangleright$ $\Delta$ -Switch Rectifier

#### **Experimental Analysis**

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# **<u>Three-Level</u>** Boost-Type CCM PFC Rectifier System

• Derivation of Circuit Topologies





#### Derivation of Three-Level Rectifier Topologies (1)



• Sinusoidal Mains Current Shaping Requires Independent Controllability of the Voltage Formation of the Phases



#### Derivation of Three-Level Rectifier Topologies (2)



 $+\frac{1}{2}U$ R $u_{\rm pn}$  $-\frac{1}{2}U$ 



- Three-Level Characteristics
- + Low Input Inductance Requ.

 $+\frac{1}{2}U$ 

- + Low Switching Losses,
- + Low EMI
- Higher Circuit Complexity
  Control of Output Voltage Center Point Required









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# **Three-Level PFC Rectifier Analysis**

- Input Voltage Formation
- Modulation / Sinusoidal Input Current Shaping
- Output Center Point Formation
- Control
- Design Considerations
- EMI Filtering
- Digital Control
- Experimental Analysis





#### Input Voltage Formation



• Voltage Formation

$$u_{\overline{a}M} = (1 - s_a) \operatorname{sign}(i_a) \frac{U}{2}$$

is Determined by Phase Switching State AND Direction of Phase Current



 $s_a = 0$  $T_{a+}, T_{a-}: OFF$  $u_{\overline{a}M} = -\frac{1}{2}U$ 





 $s_a = 1$   $T_{a+}, T_{a-}: ON$  $u_{\overline{a}M} = 0$ 



## Semiconductor Blocking Voltage Stress

Blocking Voltage Definition

- $D_{F+}$ : Limited to  $U_+$  via Parasitic Diode of  $T_{a+}$
- D<sub>N+</sub>: Not Dir. Def. by Circuit Structure
- D<sub>N</sub>.: Not Dir. Def. by Circuit Structure
- *D*<sub>F-</sub>: Limited to *U*<sub>-</sub> via Paras. Diode of *T*<sub>a-</sub>
- T<sub>a+</sub>: Limited to U<sub>+</sub> via D<sub>F+</sub>
- Ta-: Limited to U\_ via DF-



 $u_{\bar{a}M} = -\frac{1}{2}U$ 







 $s_a = 1$  $T_{a+}, T_{a-}: ON$  $u_{\overline{a}M} = 0$ 



## Impression of Input Current Fund. (Ohmic Fund. Mains Behavior)





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## **PWM / Formation of** $\bar{u}_{a}$ , $\bar{u}_{b}$ , $\bar{u}_{c}$ / AC-Side Equiv. Circuit (1)

• Def. of Modulation Index:

$$M = \frac{\hat{U}_{\overline{a}}}{\frac{1}{2}U} \qquad \left(0 \dots \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$$

• Zero-Sequence Signal to Achieve Ext. Mod. Range

$$u_{\overline{a}\,0} = u'_{\overline{a}} + u_{0} \qquad u'_{\overline{a}} + u'_{\overline{b}} + u'_{\overline{c}} = 0$$
  

$$u_{\overline{b}\,0} = u'_{\overline{b}} + u_{0} \qquad u_{0} = \frac{1}{3} \Big( u_{\overline{a}\,0} + u_{\overline{b}\,0} + u_{\overline{c}\,0} \Big)$$

• Generation of *u*<sub>0</sub>, *i.e.* 3<sup>rd</sup> Harmonic Signal







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## **PWM / Formation of** $\bar{u}_{a}$ , $\bar{u}_{b}$ , $\bar{u}_{c}$ / AC-Side Equiv. Circuit (2)

$\overline{u}_a', \overline{u}_b', \overline{u}_c'$	Impression of Mains Current Fundamental in Combination with <i>u<sub>a</sub></i> , <i>u<sub>b</sub></i> , <i>u<sub>c</sub></i>	$u'_{\overline{a}} = u_{\overline{a}N'}$ $u'_{\overline{b}} = u_{\overline{b}N'}$ $u'_{\overline{c}} = u_{\overline{c}N'}$	$= \overline{u}_{\overline{a}}' + u_{\overline{a}}_{\sim}$ $= \overline{u}_{\overline{b}}' + u_{\overline{b}}_{\sim}$ $= \overline{u}_{\overline{c}}' + u_{\overline{c}}_{\sim}$
$\overline{u}_{a^{\sim}}^{\prime},\overline{u}_{b^{\sim}}^{\prime},\overline{u}_{c^{\sim}}^{\prime}$	Causing the Switching Frequ. Ripple of the Mains Currents and/or DM Filtering Requirement	Note:	$u_{NN'} = 0$
		$u_{\overline{a}0} = u'_{\overline{a}}$	+ <i>u</i> <sub>0</sub>
		$u_{\overline{b}0} = u_{\overline{b}}' + u_0$	
		$u_{\overline{c}0} = u_{\overline{c}}' + u_0$	
<u>u</u> 0	Low Frequency Zero Sequence Component for Extending the Modulation Range from $M = 01$ (Sinusoidal Modulation) to $M = 0\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$	u <sub>(</sub>	$u_0 = \overline{u}_0 + u_{0\sim}$
<i>u</i> <sub>0~</sub>	Switching Frequency CM Voltage Fluctuation of the Output → Resulting in CM Current and/or CM Filtering Requirement		




### **•** Time Behavior of the Components of Voltages $u_{\overline{a}}$ , $u_{\overline{b}}$ , $u_{\overline{c}}$



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Local Average Value of Center Point Current

• Derivation of Low-Frequency Component  $\overline{i}_M$  of Center Point Current Assuming a 3<sup>rd</sup> Harmonic Component of  $u_0$  as Employed for Increasing the Modulation Range)

 $m_a = m'_a + m_0 = M_1 \cdot \cos(\omega t) + M_3 \cdot \cos(3\omega t)$  $m_b = m'_b + m_0 = M_1 \cdot \cos\left(\omega t - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) + M_3 \cdot \cos(3\omega t)$  $M_1 = \frac{U}{\frac{1}{2}U}$   $M_3 = \frac{U_0}{\frac{1}{2}U}$  $m_c = m'_c + m_0 = M_1 \cdot \cos\left(\omega t + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) + M_3 \cdot \cos\left(3\omega t\right)$  $\alpha_a = 1 - m_a$  (relative on-time of  $T_{a+}$ )  $\overline{i}_M = \alpha_a \cdot i_a + \alpha_b \cdot i_b + \alpha_c \cdot i_c$  $\alpha_b = 1 - m_b$  (relative on-time of  $T_{b+}$ )  $=(1-m_a)\cdot i_a + (1-m_b)\cdot i_b + (1-m_c)\cdot i_c$  $\alpha_c = 1 - m_c$  (relative on-time of  $T_{c+}$ ) RMS of  $\overline{i}_M$  minimal for  $\frac{M_3}{M_4} \approx \frac{1}{4}$ •  $m_0$ , i.e. PWM incl. 3<sup>rd</sup> Harm., Reduces  $\overline{i}_M$  and Extends the Modulation Range



Assumption:  $i_a > 0, i_b < 0, i_c < 0$ 



## Cond. States within a Pulse Period / Center Point Current Formation

- **Consider e.g.**  $i_a > 0, i_b < 0, i_c < 0$
- Switching States (100), (011) are Forming Identical Voltages  $u'_{\overline{a}}, u'_{\overline{b}}, u'_{\overline{c}}$  but Inverse Centre Point Currents  $i_M$
- Control of  $i_M$  by Changing the Partitioning of Total On-Times of (100) and (011)







 $i_M$ 

## System Control

- Control Structure
- Balancing of the Partial Output Voltages



#### **Control Structure**



- Output Voltage Control Mains Phase Current Control
- Control of Output Center Point Potential (Balancing of U<sub>+</sub>, U<sub>-</sub>)
- Control of i<sub>a</sub>, i<sub>b</sub>, i<sub>c</sub> Relies on u<sub>a</sub>, u<sub>b</sub>, u<sub>c</sub>
  Control of u<sub>M</sub> Relies on u<sub>0</sub> (DC Component)
  No Cross Coupling of both Control Loops





### **Control of Potential** *u*<sub>M</sub> of Output Voltage Center Point

• Assumption:  $i_a > 0$ ,  $i_b < 0$ ,  $i_c < 0$ 



• Control via DC Component of  $u_0$ , i.e. by Adding  $m_0$  to the Phase Modulation Signals i.e. by Inversely Changing the Rel. On-Times of (100) and (011),  $\delta_{(100)}$  and  $\delta_{(011)}$ , without taking Influence on the Total On-Time  $\delta_{(100)} + \delta_{(011)}$ .



### Control of Output Voltage Center Point Potential u<sub>M</sub>



- Output Voltage Unbalance Results in Increasing On-Time of  $T_{a^+}$  and Decreasing Off-Times of  $T_{b^-}$  and  $T_{C^-}$  so that the Voltages  $\overline{u'}_{\overline{a}}$ ,  $\overline{u'}_{\overline{b}}$ ,  $\overline{u'}_{\overline{c}}$  are Formed as in the Symmetric Case ( $\Delta U = 0$ ) and/or the Mains Phase Currents Remain at Sinusoidal Shape
- Resulting  $\bar{i}_M$  Reduces  $\Delta U$ , i.e. Self Stability Guaranteed





### ► Admissible Unbalance of Loading of U<sub>+</sub> and U<sub>-</sub>



• System Tolerates Load Unbalance Dependent on the Voltage Transfer Ratio  $(U_+ + U_-)/\hat{U}$  and/or the Value of The Modulation Index M

## **Design Guidelines**

- Current Stress on the Components
  Transistor Selection
- Output Pre-Charging at Start-up



### **Current Stress on Power Semiconductors**

6-Switch Circuit Topology



- Output Voltage > √3 Û<sub>max</sub> (typ. 1.2 √3 Û<sub>max</sub>); Û<sub>max</sub>: Ampl. of Max. Mains Phase Voltage
   Required Blocking Capability of All Semiconductors: ½ U



### **Current Stress on Power Semiconductors**

**3-Switch Circuit Topology** 



- Output Voltage >  $\sqrt{3} \hat{U}_{max}$  (typ. 1.2  $\sqrt{3} \hat{U}_{max}$ );  $\hat{U}_{max}$ : Ampl. of Max. Mains Phase Voltage Required Blocking Capability of All Semiconductors:  $\frac{1}{2}$  U



## ► Nonlin. C<sub>oss</sub> of Superjunct. MOSFETs Causes Input Curr. Distortion



- Nonlinear Output Capacitance C<sub>oss</sub> of MOSFET (CoolMOS) has to be Charged at Turn-off
- Large Turn-Off Delay for Low Currents (e.g. Delay of CoolMOS IPP60R099 (@ IDS = 1.3 A): 11% of Switching Cycle @ fs = 500 kHz
- Results in PWM Volt. and/or Input Curr. Distortion







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## Pre-Charging of Output Capacitors / Start-Up Sequence

- Lower Mains Diode D<sub>N-</sub> is Replaced by Thyristor
   Inrush Current is Limited by R<sub>pre</sub>
   Switches are not Gated During Start-Up
   Start-up Sequence is Required





## **EMI Filtering**

- DM Filtering
  CM Filtering





## **EMI Filtering Concept**

- DM and CM Filter Stages
- Connection of Output Voltage Midpoint *M* to Artificial Mains Star-Point *N'*
- → No High-Frequency CM-Voltage at *M*
- → Capacitance of C<sub>FB</sub> Not Limited by Safety Standards
- Parasitic Capacitances have to be Considered for CM-Filter Design







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### **DM Filter Design**

• DM Equivalent Circuit

• Required DM Attenuation, e.g. for fs = 1 MHz (VR1000)



• DM Filter Structure





## **CM Filter Design**

• CM Equivalent Circuit







• **Required CM Attenuation** 



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## **EMI Filter Structure for VR1000 Rectifier System**

#### • 3 Stage DM Filter

• 2 Filter Stages for CM Filter



3 x CM Inductors in Series to Implement Proposed Filter Concept
 Additional CM Filter Stage Required Due to Parasitic Capacitances





## **EMI Filter Design**

- Analytical Approximation
  Volume / Efficiency Optimization



## **Considered System**



Goal

**Tasks** 

- $\rightarrow$  Meet Conducted EMI Standards (e.g. CISPR 11, Class A or Class B)
- Find Needed Filter Attenuation
   Design Filter Accordingly



## **Calculate Required Filter Attenuation**



**DM** Attenuation

→ Determine Filter Attenuation such that Test Receiver Output is Below EMI Limits at all Frequencies

#### Challenges

- → Determine Spectrum of VDM and VCM
- $\rightarrow$  Computationally Intensive Test Receiver Modeling





CM and DM Voltage Formation / Time Behavior



**Voltage** *V*<sub>a</sub> splitted into LF and High Frequency Components



## Simplified Calculation of Required Filter Attenuation



- $\rightarrow$  Model of Test Receiver is Omitted
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## Simplified Calculation of Required Filter Attenuation



 $A_{\text{filter}}(f_D)[dB\mu V] = V_{\text{est}}(f_D)[dB\mu V] - \text{Limit}(f_D)[dB\mu V] + \text{Margin}(f_D)[dB\mu V]$ 



### **Shown for DM Filter**



Optimal Selection of Current Ripple Ratio k (f<sub>P</sub> = const.)

→ High Ripple Current in  $L_{\text{Boost}}$  (→ high k) requires Large CLC-filter; in Return the  $L_{\text{boost}}$  is Small → Small Ripple Current in  $L_{\text{Boost}}$  (→ small k) requires Large  $L_{\text{boost}}$ ; in Return the CLC-filter is Small

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#### Optimization Result for DM Filter of a Single-Phase Boost-Type PFC Rectifier





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# **Experimental Analysis**

- Power Density / Efficiency Pareto Limit
  Experimental Analysis VR250



### Experimental Analysis

■ Generation 1 – 4 of VIENNA Rectifier Systems

 Switching Frequency of f<sub>s</sub> = 250 kHz Offers Good Compromise Concerning Power Density / Weight per Unit Power, Efficiency and Input Current Quality THD<sub>i</sub>







## Demonstrator – VR250 (1)

• Specifications

 $U_{LL} = 3 \times 400 V$   $f_N = 50 Hz \dots 60 Hz \text{ or } 360 Hz \dots 800 Hz$   $P_0 = 10 kW$   $U_0 = 2 \times 400 V$  $f_s = 250 \text{ kHz}$ 

• Characteristics

η = 96.8 % THD<sub>i</sub> = 1.6 % @ 800 Hz 10 kW/dm3 3.3 kg (≈3 kW/kg)

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## Demonstrator – VR250 (2)

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### **•** Mains Behavior @ $f_N$ = 50 Hz







## Mains Behavior @ $f_N$ = 400Hz / 800Hz







## **Demonstrator Performance (VR250)**

• Input Current Quality @  $f_N$  = 800 Hz



• Efficiency @  $f_N$  = 800 Hz




## **Demonstrator (VR250) Control Behavior**







## **Demonstrator (VR250) EMI Analysis**



• DM Emissions







# **Evaluation of Boost-Type Systems**

3<sup>rd</sup> Harmonic Inj. Rectifier ∆-Switch Rectifier Vienna-Rectifier Six-Switch Rectifier





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## **Boost-Type PFC Rectifiers**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Harmonic Inj. Type
   Diode Bridge Conduction Modulation





**Boost-Type PFC Rectifiers** 

■ 3<sup>rd</sup> Harmonic Inj. Type → Limited Operating Range

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## **Boost-Type PFC Rectifiers**

△-Switch Rectifier
 → System Complexity







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## **Vienna Rectifier vs. Six-Switch Rectifier**



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# **Buck-Type CVM PFC Rectifier System**

• Derivation of Circuit Topologies



## **Derivation of the Circuit Topology (1)**

#### **Insertion of Switches in Series to the Diodes**



- + DC Current Distribution to Phases a, b, c
- can be Controlled + Control of Output Voltage  $0 \le u \le \frac{3}{2}\hat{U}$

- Pulsating Input Currents / EMI Filtering Requ.
  Relatively High Conduction Losses



### Derivation of the Circuit Topology (2)



• Insertion of 4Q-Switches on the AC-Side in Order to Enable Control of the DC Current Distribution to Phases *a*, *b*, *c* 



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## Derivation of the Circuit Topology (3)

**Circuit Extensions** 



- Integration of Boost-Type Output Stage
- Wide Output Voltage Range, i.e. also  $U > \frac{3}{2}\hat{U}$
- Sinusoidal Mains Current also in Case of Phase Loss

# $C \perp_{\pm} u_{pn} \square R$ |u| $\perp C_a$ L L $C \stackrel{+}{=} u_{pn} \prod R$ $C \stackrel{+}{=} |u_{pn}| R$ n n $\perp C_{a}$ = C

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■ Circuit Extensions Shown for 3-Switch Topology, but is also Applicable to 6-Switch Topology



# **Buck-Type PFC Rectifier Analysis**

- Modulation
- Input Current Formation
  Output Voltage Formation
  Experimental Analysis



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## Modulation Scheme

- Consider 60°-Wide Segment of the Mains Period; Suitable Switching States Denominated by (s<sub>a</sub>, s<sub>b</sub>, s<sub>c</sub>)
- Clamping to Phase with Highest Absolute Voltage Value, i.e.
- Phase *a* for  $\omega t \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{6}, +\frac{\pi}{6}\right)$ ,
- Phase *c* for  $\omega t \in \left(+\frac{\pi}{6}, +\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$  etc.
- Assumption:  $\omega t \in \left(0, +\frac{\pi}{6}\right)$





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• Clamping and "Staircase-Shaped" Link Voltage in Order to Minimize the Switching Losses





#### Input Current and Output Voltage Formation (1)



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## Input Current and Output Voltage Formation (2)



- Output Voltage Formation:

$$\overline{u} = u_{ab} \cdot \alpha_b + u_{ac} \cdot \alpha_c$$

$$P_{\text{link}} = P_{\text{input}}$$

$$\overline{u} \cdot I = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \hat{U} \cdot \hat{I}^*$$

$$\overline{u} = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \hat{U} \cdot \frac{\hat{I}^*}{I} = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \hat{U} \cdot M$$

- Output Voltage is Formed by Segments of the Input Line-to-Line Voltages
- Output Voltage Shows Const. Local Average Value





## **Experimental Results**

Ultra-Efficient Demonstrator System

 $U_{LL} = 3 \times 400 \text{ V} (50 \text{ Hz})$   $P_0 = 5 \text{ kW}$   $U_0 = 400 \text{ V}$   $f_s = 18 \text{ kHz}$  $L = 2 \times 0.65 \text{ mH}$ 

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# **Comparison of Buck-Type Systems**

Six-Switch Rectifier SWISS-Rectifier



## **Buck-Type PFC Rectifiers**





## **Buck-Type PFC Rectifiers**







## **SWISS Rectifier vs. Six-Switch Rectifier**





# Summary of Unidirectional PFC Rectifier Systems

- Block Shaped Input Current Systems
- Sinusoidal Input Current Systems







**Boost-Type** 

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 $U > \sqrt{3} \hat{U}$ 

 $u_{\rm pn}$ 









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## Sinusoidal Input Current Rectifier Systems (1)





## Sinusoidal Input Current Rectifier Systems (2)





# **Bidirectional PFC Rectifier Systems**

- Boost-Type Topologies
  Buck-Type Topologies





# **Boost-Type Topologies**



## Classification of Bidirectional Boost-Type Rectifier Systems



- Active NPC (ANPC) Converter
- Bridge-Leg Inductor (BLI) Converter



#### Derivation of Two-Level Boost-Type Topologies

#### • Output Operating Range







Derivation of Three-Level Boost-Type Topologies







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#### Comparison of Two-Level/Three-Level NPC Boost-Type Rectifier Systems



- Two-Level Converter Systems
- + State-of-the-Art Topology for LV Appl.
- + Simple, Robust, and Well-Known
- + Power Modules and Auxiliary Components Available from Several Manufacturers
- Limited Maximum Switching Frequency
- Large Volume of Input Inductors



- Two-Level  $\rightarrow$  Three-Level Converter Systems
- + Reduction of Device Blocking Voltage Stress
- + Lower Switching Losses
- + Reduction of Passive Component Volume
- Higher Conduction Losses
- Increased Complexity and Implementation Effort





#### Active Neutral Point Clamped (ANPC) Three-Level Boost-Type System



- + Active Distribution of the Switching Losses Possible
  + Better Utilization of the Installed Switching Power Devices
- Higher Implementation Effort Compared to NPC Topology





#### T-Type Three-Level Boost-Type Rectifier System



- + Semiconductor Losses for Low Switching Frequencies Lower than for NPC Topologies
- + Can be Implemented with Standard Six-Pack Module
- Requires Switches for 2 Different Blocking Voltage Levels





#### Three-Level Flying Capacitor (FC) Boost-Type Rectifier System



- + Lower Number of Components (per Voltage Level)
  + For Three-Level Topology only Two Output Terminals
- Volume of Flying CapacitorsNo Standard Industrial Topology





#### Three-Level Bridge-Leg Inductor (BLI) Boost-Type Rectifier System



- + Lower Number of Components (per Voltage Level)
  + For Three-Level Topology only Two Output Terminals

- Additional Volume due to Coupled Inductors
   Semiconductor Blocking Voltage Equal to DC Link Voltage




#### Pros and Cons of Three-Level vs. Two-Level Boost-Type Rectifier Systems

- + Losses are Distributed over Many Semicond.
   Devices; More Even Loading of the Chips →
   Potential for Chip Area Optimization for Pure Rectifier Operation
- + High Efficiency at High Switching Frequency
- + Lower Volume of Passive Components
- More Semiconductors
- More Gate Drive Units
- Increased Complexity
- Capacitor Voltage Balancing Required
- Increased Cost

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• Moderate Increase of the Component Count with the T-Type Topology

Consideration for 10kVA/400V<sub>AC</sub> Rectifier Operation; Min. Chip Area,  $T_{j,max}$ = 125°C

Multi-Level Topologies are Commonly Used for Medium Voltage Applications but Gain Steadily in Importance also for Low-Voltage Renewable Energy Applications



## **Buck-Type** Topologies



#### **Derivation of Unipolar Output Bidirectional Buck-Type Topologies**

• Output Operating Range





• System also Features Boost-Type Operation





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 $u_{pn}$  U  $-I_{max}$  $+I_{max}$ 

#### **Derivation of Unipolar Output Bidirectional Buck-Type Topologies**





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### **Final Remarks**

Performance Trends Multi-Objective Optimization



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#### **Power Electronics Performance Trends**

- Performance Indices
- Power Density [kW/dm<sup>3</sup>]
  Power per Unit Weight [kW/kg]
  Relative Costs [kW/\$]
- Relative Losses [%]
- Failure Rate [h-1]





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#### Technology Sensitivity Analysis Based on η-ρ-Pareto Front

# Sensitivity to Technology Advancements Trade-off Analysis







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# Converter Performance Evaluation Based on $\eta$ - $\rho$ - $\sigma$ -Pareto Surface

▶ **σ**: kW/\$







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# Converter Performance Evaluation Based on $\eta$ - $\rho$ - $\sigma$ -Pareto Surface

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## **Questions ?**



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