

# High-Power Converters and AC Drives

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# High-Power Converters and AC Drives

## Main Topics

1. Introduction
2. Cascaded H-Bridge Multilevel Inverters
3. Neutral Point Clamped Multilevel Inverters
4. Other Multilevel Inverters
5. PWM Current Source Inverters
6. PWM Current Source Rectifiers
7. Voltage Source Inverter (VSI) Fed Drives
8. Current Source Inverter (CSI) Fed Drives

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## Topic 1 Introduction

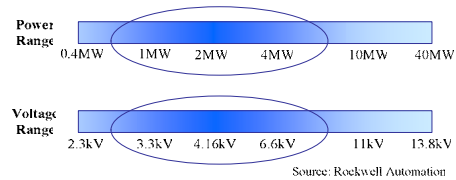
### Main Topics

- Medium Voltage (MV) Drive Overview
- High Power Converter Topologies
- MV Industrial Drives
- High-Power Semiconductor Devices

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## Topic 1 Introduction MV Drive Overview

### • MV Drive Power and Voltage Ratings



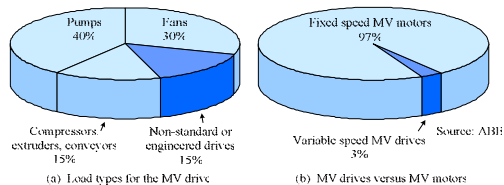
Majority of installed MV drives:

1MW to 4MW  
3.3KV to 6.6KV

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## Topic 1 Introduction MV Drive Overview

### • MV Drive Market Survey

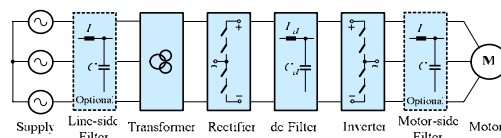


Main purpose for high-power fan/pump drives:  
Energy conservation

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## Topic 1 Introduction MV Drive Overview

### • General Block Diagram



Line- and motor-side filters:  
Optional, depending on converter topologies and harmonic requirements

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MV Drive Overview

• MV Drive Applications

Source: Rockwell Automation

Industry	Application Examples
Petrochemical	Pipeline pumps, gas compressors, brine pumps, mixers / extruders, electrical submersible pumps, induced draft fans, boiler feed water pumps, water injection pumps.
Cement	Kiln induced draft fans, forced draft fans, baghouse fans, preheat tower fans, raw mill induced draft fans, kiln gas fans, cooler exhaust fans, separator fans.
Mining & Metals	Slurry pumps, ventilation fans, de-scaling pumps, tandem belt conveyors, baghouse fans, cyclone feed pumps, crushers, rolling mills, hoists, coilers, winders.
Water / Wastewater	Raw sewage pumps, bio-roughing tower pumps, treatment pumps, freshwater pumps, storm water pumps.
Transportation	Propulsion for naval vessels, shuttle tankers, icebreakers, cruisers. Traction drives for locomotives, light-track trains.
Electric Power	Feed water pumps, induced draft fans, forced draft fans, effluent pumps, compressors.
Forest Products	Fan pumps, induced draft fans, boiler feed water pumps, pulpers, refiners, kiln drives, line shafts.
Miscellaneous	Wind tunnels, agitators, test stands, rubber mixers.

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Topic 1 Introduction  
MV Drive Overview

• Technical Requirements and Challenges

• Line-Side Requirements

Low line current THD  
High input power factor

• Motor-Side Challenges

High  $dv/dt$  and wave reflection  
Motor derating due to harmonics  
Common-mode voltage stress

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MV Drive Overview

• Technical Requirements and Challenges

• Switching Device Constraints

Low device switching frequency ( $<1000\text{Hz}$ )  
Reliable series connection

• Drive System Requirements

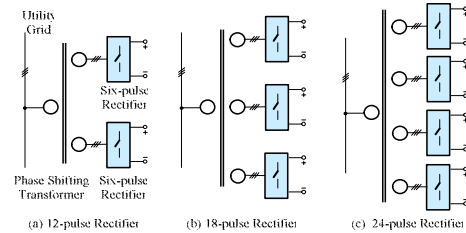
High efficiency  
Low manufacturing cost  
High reliability  
Effective fault protection  
Self commissioning  
Minimum down-time for repairs  
Small footprint  
N+1 redundancy (optional)  
Dynamic braking / four-quadrant operation (optional)

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High-Power Converter Topologies

• Multipulse Diode/SCR Rectifiers



Main Feature: To reduce line current THD.

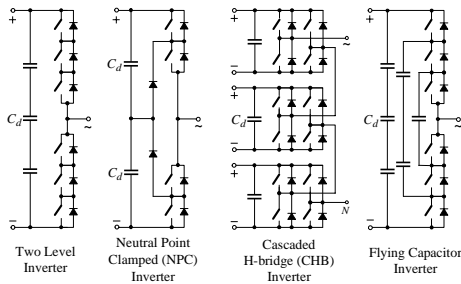
Six-pulse rectifiers can be in series or isolated at their outputs, depending on inverter topologies

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High-Power Converter Topologies

• Multilevel Voltage Source Inverters

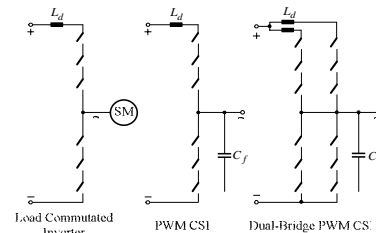


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• PWM Current Source Inverters



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Topic 1 Introduction  
**MV Industrial Drives**

• NPC Inverter Fed MV Drive



ACS1000, Courtesy of ABB

GCT based three-level NPC inverter fed drive (4.16KV and 1.2MW)



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• NPC Inverter Fed MV Drive



SIMOVERT MV  
Courtesy of Siemens

IGBT based three-level NPC inverter fed drive



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**MV Industrial Drives**

• CHB Inverter Fed MV Drives



Perfect Harmony, Courtesy of ASI Robicon

IGBT based cascaded H-bridge inverter fed MV drive  
(4.16KV and 7.5MW)



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Topic 1 Introduction  
**MV Industrial Drives**

• PWM Current Source Inverter Fed Drive



PowerFlex 7000, Courtesy of Rockwell Automation

GCT based current source based MV drive  
(Frame C, 2.3 MW to 7MW)

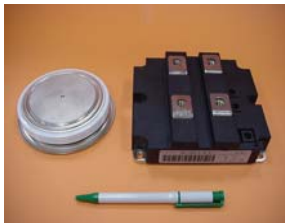


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**High-Power Switching Devices**

• Power Diode



4500V/800A press-pack and 1700V/1200A module diodes



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Topic 1 Introduction  
**High-Power Switching Devices**

• Silicon Controlled Rectifier (SCR)



4500V/800A and 4500V/1500A SCRs



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## High-Power Switching Devices

- Gate Turn Off Thyristor (GTO)



4500V/800A and 4500V/1500A GTOs


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## High-Power Switching Devices

- Integrated Gate Controlled Thyristor (IGCT/GCT)



6500V/1500A Symmetrical GCT

GCT = Improved GTO + Integrated Gate + Anti-parallel Diode (optional)


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## High-Power Switching Devices

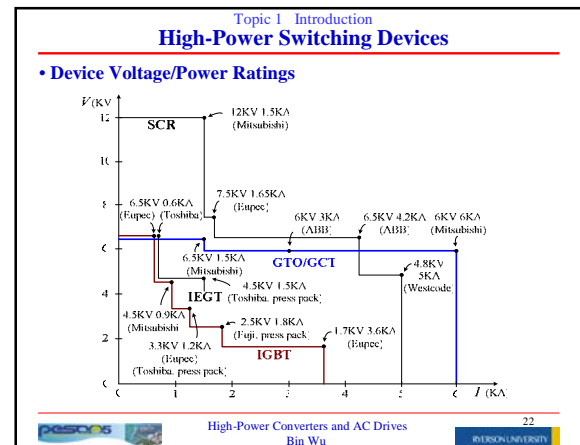
- Insulated Gate Bipolar Transistor (IGBT)



1700V/1200A and 3300V/1200A IGBT modules

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## High-Power Switching Devices

- Comparison

Item	GTO	GCT	IGBT
Maximum voltage and current ratings	High	High	Low
Packaging	Press pack	Press pack	Module or Press pack
Switching speed	Slow	Moderate	Fast
Turn-on ( $di/dt$ ) snubber	Required	Required	Not required
Turn-off ( $dv/dt$ ) snubber	Required	Not required	Not required
Active overvoltage clamping	No	No	Yes
Active $di/dt$ and $dv/dt$ control	No	No	Yes
Active short circuit protection	No	No	Yes
On-state loss	Low	Low	High
Switching loss	High	Medium	Low
Behavior after destruction	Short circuited	Short circuited	Open circuited
Gate Driver	Complex, separate	Complex, integrated	Simple, compact
Gate Driver Power Consumption	High	Medium	Low

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## Topic 2

### Cascaded H-Bridge (CHB) Multilevel Inverters

- H-Bridge Inverter
- CHB Inverter Topologies
- Phase Shifted PWM
- Level Shifted PWM
- PWM Scheme Comparison

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## Topic 2 CHB Multilevel Inverters

### Why Use Multilevel Inverters?

- To increase inverter operating voltage without devices in series
- To minimize THD with low switching frequencies  $f_{sw}$
- To reduce EMI due to lower voltage steps

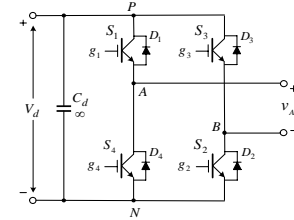
Device Switching frequency:

$$f_{sw} < 1000\text{Hz}$$



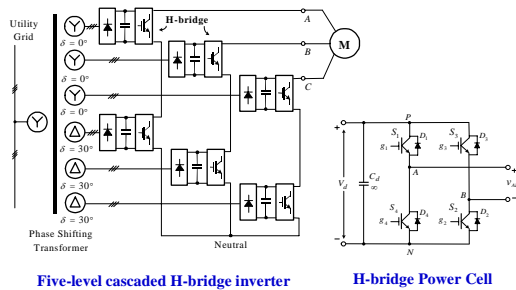
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### • H-bridge Inverter Circuit



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### • CHB Inverter Fed MV Drive



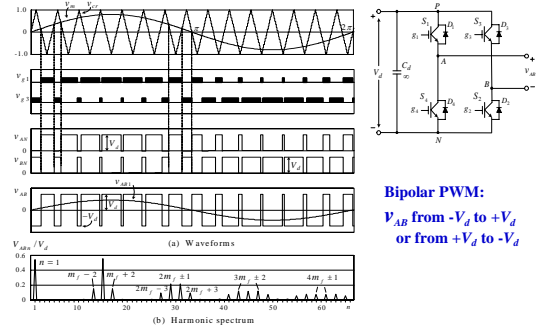
Five-level cascaded H-bridge inverter

H-bridge Power Cell



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### • Bipolar Modulation

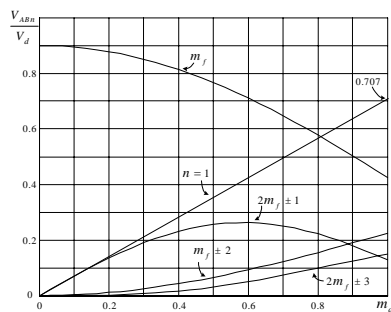


Bipolar PWM:  
 $V_{AB}$  from  $-V_d$  to  $+V_d$   
or from  $+V_d$  to  $-V_d$



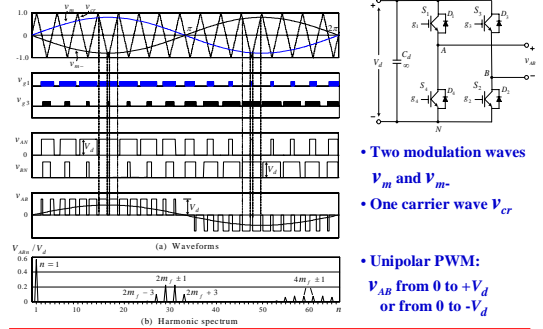
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### • Bipolar Modulation (FFT)



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### • Unipolar Modulation (1)



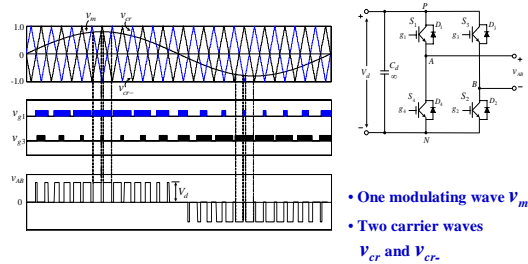
• Two modulation waves  
 $V_m$  and  $V_{m-}$   
• One carrier wave  $V_{cr}$

• Unipolar PWM:  
 $V_{AB}$  from 0 to  $+V_d$   
or from 0 to  $-V_d$



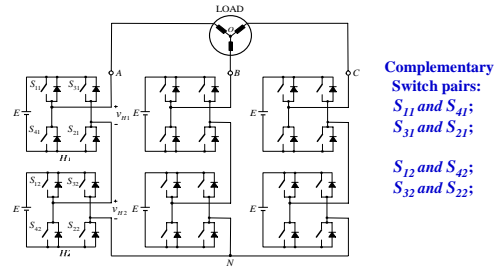
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H-Bridge Inverter

• Unipolar Modulation (2)



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CHB Inverter Topologies

• Five-Level Inverter



Converters in cascade, but no switching devices in series.

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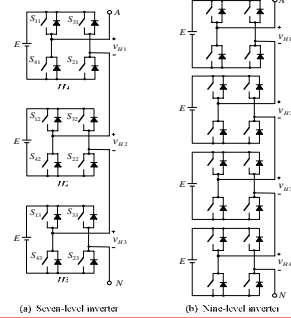
• Output Voltage and Switching Status (five-level)

Output Voltage $V_{AN}$	Switching State				$V_{H1}$	$V_{H2}$
	$S_{11}$	$S_{31}$	$S_{12}$	$S_{32}$		
$2E$	1	0	1	0	$E$	$E$
$E$	1	0	1	1	$E$	$0$
	1	0	0	0	$E$	$0$
	1	1	1	0	$0$	$E$
$0$	0	0	1	0	$0$	$E$
	0	0	0	0	$0$	$0$
	0	0	1	1	$0$	$0$
$-E$	1	1	0	0	$0$	$0$
	1	1	1	1	$0$	$0$
	1	0	0	1	$E$	$-E$
$-2E$	0	1	1	0	$-E$	$0$
	0	1	1	1	$-E$	$0$
	0	1	0	1	$0$	$-E$
	0	0	0	1	$0$	$-E$

Waveform of  $V_{AN}$  is composed of five voltage levels:  $2E$ ,  $E$ ,  $0$ ,  $-E$ , and  $-2E$

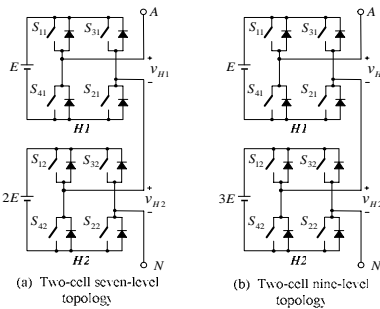
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• Seven- and Nine-Level Inverters (Per phase diagram)



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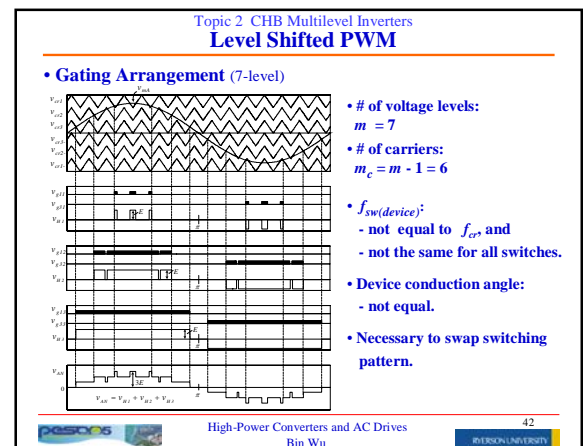
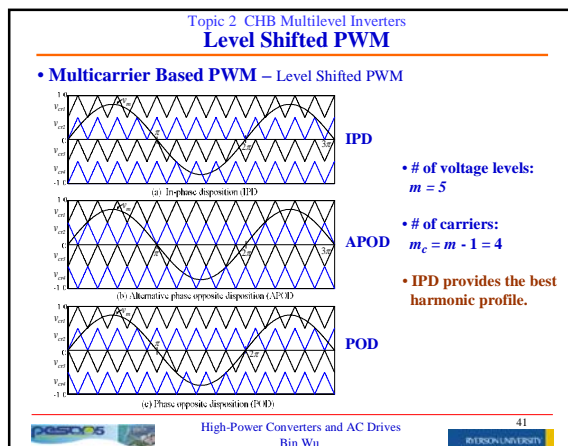
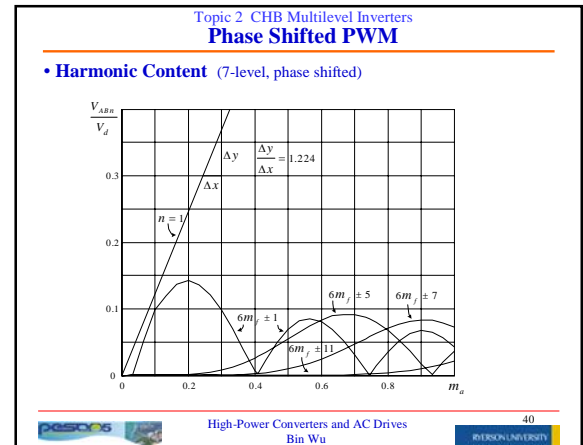
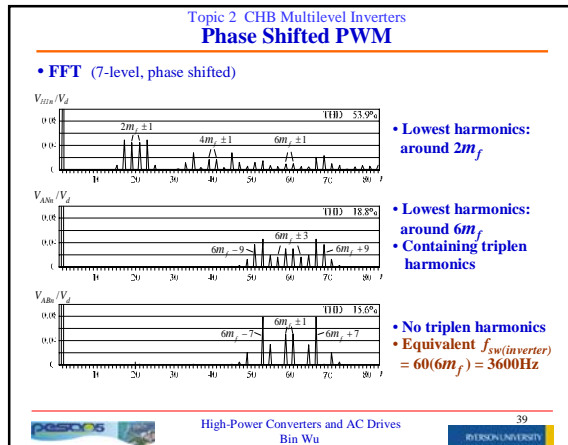
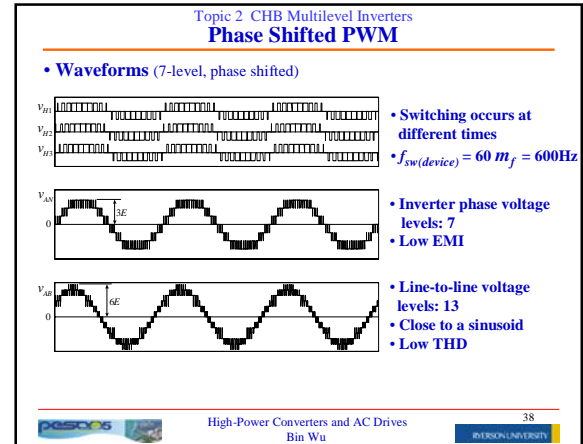
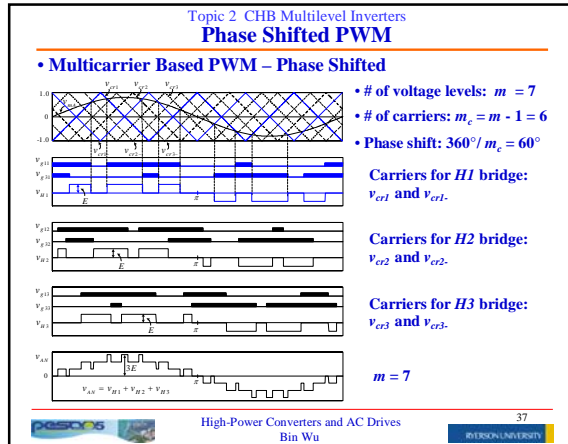
• Unequal dc Bus Voltage

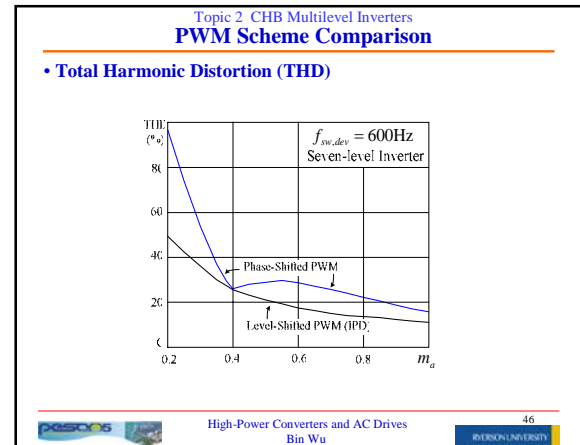
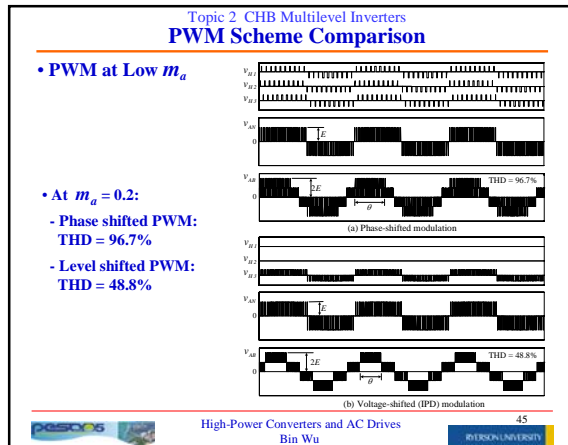
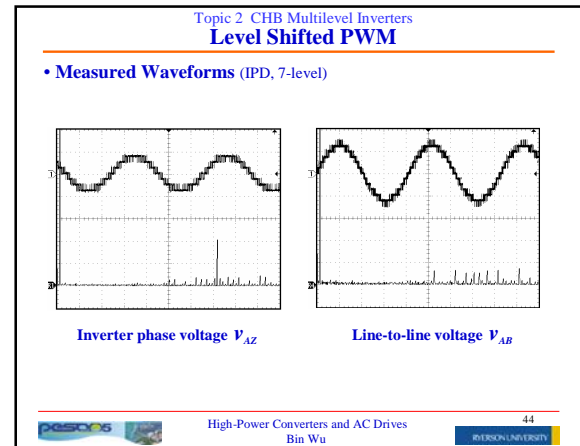
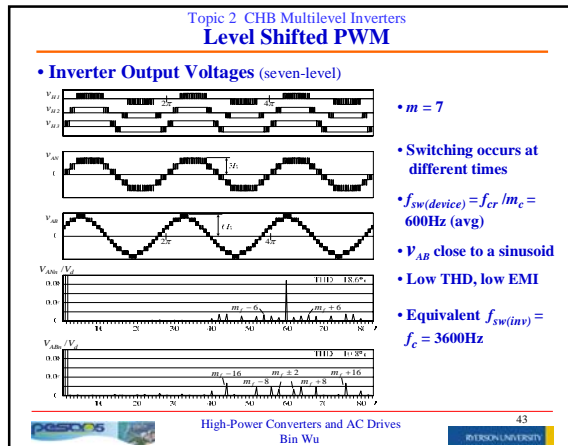


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CHB Inverter Topologies

• Unequal dc Bus Voltage (Two-cell seven-level topology)

Output Voltage $V_{AN}$	Switching State				$V_{H1}$	$V_{H2}$
	$S_{11}$	$S_{31}$	$S_{12}$	$S_{32}$		
$3E$	1	0	1	0	$E$	$2E$
$2E$	1	1	1	0	$0$	$2E$
$E$	0	0	1	0	$0$	$2E$
	1	0	1	1	$E$	$0$
	1	0	0	0	$E$	$0$
$0$	0	1	1	0	$-E$	$2E$
	0	0	0	0	$0$	$0$
	0	0	1	1	$0$	$0$
$-E$	1	1	0	0	$E$	$-2E$
	0	1	1	1	$-E$	$0$
	0	1	0	0	$-E$	$0$
$-2E$	1	1	0	1	$0$	$-2E$
$-3E$	0	0	0	1	$0$	$-2E$



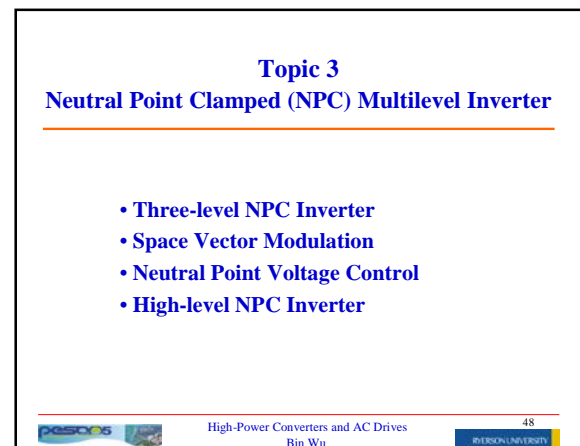


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**PWM Scheme Comparison**

- Summary**

Comparison	Phase-shifted Modulation	Level-shifted Modulation (IPD)
Device Switching Frequency	Same for all devices	Different
Device Conduction Period	Same for all devices	Different
Rotating of switching patterns	No required	Required
THD of inverter output line-to-line voltage	Good	Better
Low Order Harmonics	No	Yes (Very low amplitude)

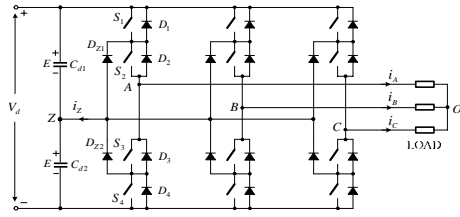
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**Three-Level NPC Inverter**

• Inverter Configuration



Clamping diodes:  $D_{Z1}$  and  $D_{Z2}$  (Phase A)



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**Three-Level NPC Inverter**

• Switching State

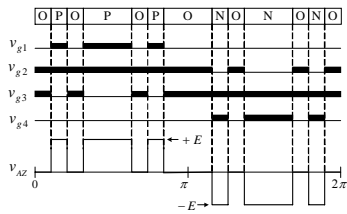
Switching State	Device Switching Status (Phase A)				Inverter Terminal Voltage $V_{AZ}$
	$S_1$	$S_2$	$S_3$	$S_4$	
P	On	On	Off	Off	$E$
O	Off	On	On	Off	0
N	Off	Off	On	On	$-E$

Complementary Switch pairs:  
 $S_1$  and  $S_3$ ;  $S_2$  and  $S_4$



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**Three-Level NPC Inverter**

• Gate Signal Arrangements

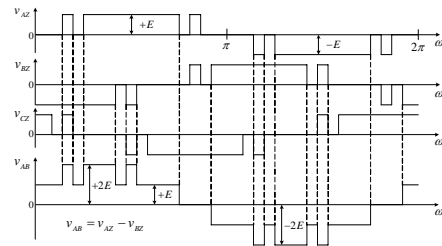


Inverter phase voltage  $v_{AZ}$  has three levels:  $E$ , 0 and  $-E$



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**Three-Level NPC Inverter**

• Inverter Output Waveforms



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**Space Vector Modulation**

• Space Vectors

• Three-phase voltages

$$v_{AO}(t) + v_{BO}(t) + v_{CO}(t) = 0 \quad (1)$$

• Two-phase voltages

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_a(t) \\ v_b(t) \end{bmatrix} = \frac{2}{3} \begin{bmatrix} \cos 0 & \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} & \cos \frac{4\pi}{3} \\ \sin 0 & \sin \frac{2\pi}{3} & \sin \frac{4\pi}{3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_{AO}(t) \\ v_{BO}(t) \\ v_{CO}(t) \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

• Space vector representation

$$\vec{V}(t) = v_a(t) + jv_b(t) \quad (3)$$

$$(2) \rightarrow (3)$$

$$\vec{V}(t) = \frac{2}{3} [v_{AO}(t)e^{j0} + v_{BO}(t)e^{j2\pi/3} + v_{CO}(t)e^{j4\pi/3}] \quad (4)$$

where  $e^{jx} = \cos x + j\sin x$



Topic 3 Multilevel NPC Inverters  
**Space Vector Modulation**

• Space Vectors (Example)

Switching state [POO]  $\rightarrow$  on-state switches:

Phase A: upper two switches [P]

Phase B: lower two switches [O]

Phase C: lower two switches [O]

from which

$$v_{AO}(t) = \frac{2}{3}V_d, \quad v_{BO}(t) = -\frac{1}{3}V_d \quad \text{and} \quad v_{CO}(t) = -\frac{1}{3}V_d \quad (5)$$

Substituting (5) to (4) gives a space vector

$$\vec{V}_1 = \frac{2}{3}V_d e^{j0} \quad (6)$$

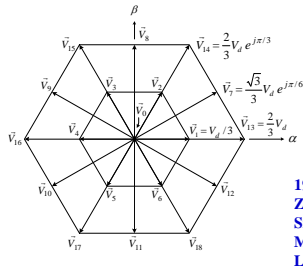
Total switching states: 27

Total space vectors: 19



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Space Vector Modulation

• Space Vectors Diagram



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Space Vector Modulation

• Switching States and Space Vectors

Space Vector	Switching State		Vector Classification	Vector Magnitude
$\vec{V}_0$	[PPP][OOO]	[NNN]	Zero Vector (ZV)	0
$\vec{V}_1$	$\vec{V}_{1P}$	[POO]	Small Vector (SV) P-type Small Vector (PSV) N-type Small Vector (NSV)	$\frac{1}{3}V_d$
	$\vec{V}_{1N}$	[OON]		
$\vec{V}_2$	$\vec{V}_{2P}$	[PPO]		
	$\vec{V}_{2N}$	[OON]		
$\vec{V}_3$	$\vec{V}_{3P}$	[OPO]		
	$\vec{V}_{3N}$	[NON]		
$\vec{V}_4$	$\vec{V}_{4P}$	[OPP]		
	$\vec{V}_{4N}$	[NOO]		
$\vec{V}_5$	$\vec{V}_{5P}$	[OOP]		
	$\vec{V}_{5N}$	[NNO]		
$\vec{V}_6$	$\vec{V}_{6P}$	[POP]		
	$\vec{V}_{6N}$	[ONN]		

Redundancy: Zero vector – three switching states  
Small vectors – two states per vector



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Space Vector Modulation

• Switching States and Space Vectors

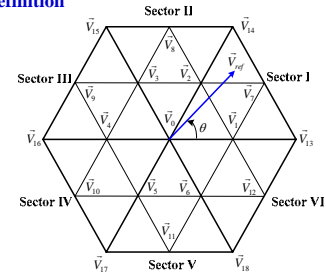
Space Vector	Switching State	Vector Classification	Vector Magnitude
$\vec{V}_7$	[PON]	Medium Vector (MV)	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}V_d$
$\vec{V}_8$	[OPN]		
$\vec{V}_9$	[NPO]		
$\vec{V}_{10}$	[NOP]		
$\vec{V}_{11}$	[ONP]		
$\vec{V}_{12}$	[PNO]		
$\vec{V}_{13}$	[PNN]	Large Vector (LV)	$\frac{2}{3}V_d$
$\vec{V}_{14}$	[PPN]		
$\vec{V}_{15}$	[NPN]		
$\vec{V}_{16}$	[NPP]		
$\vec{V}_{17}$	[NNP]		
$\vec{V}_{18}$	[PNP]		

No redundant switching states for medium or large vectors



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Space Vector Modulation

• Sector Definition



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Space Vector Modulation

• SVM Principle

- For a given length and position,  $V_{ref}$  can be synthesized by three nearby stationary vectors;
- Based on the selected stationary vectors, switching states can be designed and gate signals can be generated;
- When  $V_{ref}$  passes through sectors one by one, different sets of switches can be turned on or off;
- When  $V_{ref}$  rotates one revolution in space, the inverter output voltage varies one cycle over time;
- The inverter output frequency corresponds to the rotating speed of  $V_{ref}$ ;
- The inverter output voltage can be adjusted by the magnitude of  $V_{ref}$ .



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Space Vector Modulation

• Dwell Time Calculation

What is the dwell time?

- $V_{ref}$  is synthesized by three stationary vectors.
- The dwell time for the stationary vectors essentially represents the duty-cycle time of selected switches during the sampling period  $T_s$ .

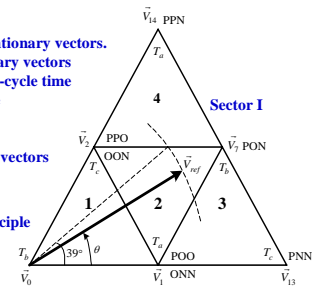
• Select three nearest stationary vectors

$\vec{V}_1, \vec{V}_2$  and  $\vec{V}_7$

• Use volt-second balancing principle

$$\begin{cases} \vec{V}_1 T_a + \vec{V}_7 T_b + \vec{V}_2 T_c = \vec{V}_{ref} T_s \\ T_a + T_b + T_c = T_s \end{cases} \quad (a)$$

Four Regions



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**Space Vector Modulation**

• Dwell Time Calculation

From equation (a)

$$\begin{cases} T_a = T_s [1 - 2m_a \sin \theta] \\ T_b = T_s [2m_a \sin(\frac{\pi}{3} + \theta) - 1] \\ T_c = T_s [1 - 2m_a \sin(\frac{\pi}{3} - \theta)] \end{cases}$$

$T_a, T_b$  and  $T_c$  – dwell times for  $V_1, V_7$  and  $V_2$

$$m_a = \sqrt{3} \frac{V_{ref}}{V_d} \text{ – modulation index}$$



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**Space Vector Modulation**

• Switching Sequence (Seven-segment)

General Design Requirements:

- The transition from one switching state to the next involves only two switches in the same inverter leg, one being turned on and the other turned off; and
- The transition for  $V_{ref}$  moving from one sector (or one region) to the next requires no or minimum number of switchings.

Note:

The switching sequence design is not unique, but the above requirements should be satisfied for switching frequency minimization.



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**Space Vector Modulation**

• Switching Sequence (Seven-segment)

Assuming  $V_{ref}$  is in Region 4 of Sector I, three vectors are selected:  $V_2, V_7$  and  $V_{14}$

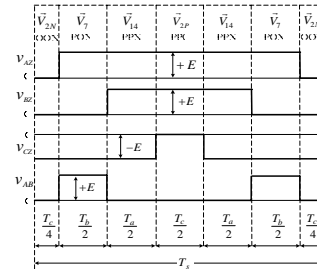
Voltage Vector		$\vec{V}_{2N}$	$\vec{V}_7$	$\vec{V}_{14}$	$\vec{V}_{2P}$	$\vec{V}_{14}$	$\vec{V}_7$	$\vec{V}_{2N}$
Dwell Time		$\frac{T_c}{4}$	$\frac{T_b}{2}$	$\frac{T_a}{2}$	$\frac{T_c}{2}$	$\frac{T_b}{2}$	$\frac{T_a}{4}$	$\frac{T_c}{4}$
Switching State	Phase A	O	P	P	P	P	P	O
	Phase B	O	O	P	P	P	O	O
	Phase C	N	N	N	O	N	N	N

[P] = E, [O] = 0, [N] = -E.



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**Space Vector Modulation**

• Switching Sequence (Seven-segment)



Switching sequence requirement a) is satisfied



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**Space Vector Modulation**

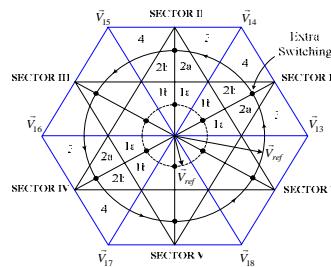
• Switching Sequence (Seven-segment)

Sector I												
Signal	1a	1b	2a	2b	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1 <sup>st</sup>	$\vec{V}_{14}$	[ONN]	$\vec{V}_{2N}$	[OON]	$\vec{V}_{14}$	[OON]	$\vec{V}_{2P}$	[PON]	$\vec{V}_{14}$	[PON]	$\vec{V}_{2N}$	[OON]
2 <sup>nd</sup>	$\vec{V}_{2N}$	[OON]	$\vec{V}_7$	[OOO]	$\vec{V}_{2N}$	[OON]	$\vec{V}_7$	[PON]	$\vec{V}_{2N}$	[PON]	$\vec{V}_7$	[PON]
3 <sup>rd</sup>	$\vec{V}_7$	[OOO]	$\vec{V}_{14}$	[POO]	$\vec{V}_7$	[PON]	$\vec{V}_{14}$	[PON]	$\vec{V}_7$	[PON]	$\vec{V}_{14}$	[PON]
4 <sup>th</sup>	$\vec{V}_{14}$	[POO]	$\vec{V}_{2P}$	[PPO]	$\vec{V}_{14}$	[PON]	$\vec{V}_{2P}$	[PPO]	$\vec{V}_{14}$	[PON]	$\vec{V}_{2P}$	[PPO]
5 <sup>th</sup>	$\vec{V}_7$	[OOO]	$\vec{V}_{14}$	[POO]	$\vec{V}_7$	[PON]	$\vec{V}_{14}$	[PON]	$\vec{V}_7$	[PON]	$\vec{V}_{14}$	[PON]
6 <sup>th</sup>	$\vec{V}_{2N}$	[OON]	$\vec{V}_7$	[OOO]	$\vec{V}_{2N}$	[OON]	$\vec{V}_7$	[PON]	$\vec{V}_{2N}$	[PON]	$\vec{V}_7$	[PON]
7 <sup>th</sup>	$\vec{V}_{14}$	[OON]	$\vec{V}_{2N}$	[OON]	$\vec{V}_{14}$	[OON]	$\vec{V}_{2N}$	[OON]	$\vec{V}_{14}$	[OON]	$\vec{V}_{2N}$	[OON]
Sector II												
Signal	1a	1b	2a	2b	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1 <sup>st</sup>	$\vec{V}_{2N}$	[OON]	$\vec{V}_{14}$	[OON]	$\vec{V}_{2N}$	[OON]	$\vec{V}_{14}$	[PON]	$\vec{V}_{2N}$	[PON]	$\vec{V}_{14}$	[PON]
2 <sup>nd</sup>	$\vec{V}_7$	[OOO]	$\vec{V}_{2N}$	[OON]	$\vec{V}_7$	[PON]	$\vec{V}_{2N}$	[PON]	$\vec{V}_7$	[PON]	$\vec{V}_{2N}$	[PON]
3 <sup>rd</sup>	$\vec{V}_{2P}$	[OPN]	$\vec{V}_7$	[OOO]	$\vec{V}_{2P}$	[OPN]	$\vec{V}_7$	[PON]	$\vec{V}_{2P}$	[OPN]	$\vec{V}_7$	[PON]
4 <sup>th</sup>	$\vec{V}_{2P}$	[PPO]	$\vec{V}_{14}$	[OPN]	$\vec{V}_{2P}$	[PPO]	$\vec{V}_{14}$	[PON]	$\vec{V}_{2P}$	[PPO]	$\vec{V}_{14}$	[PON]
5 <sup>th</sup>	$\vec{V}_{2P}$	[OPN]	$\vec{V}_7$	[OOO]	$\vec{V}_{2P}$	[OPN]	$\vec{V}_7$	[PON]	$\vec{V}_{2P}$	[OPN]	$\vec{V}_7$	[PON]
6 <sup>th</sup>	$\vec{V}_7$	[OOO]	$\vec{V}_{2N}$	[OON]	$\vec{V}_7$	[PON]	$\vec{V}_{2N}$	[PON]	$\vec{V}_7$	[PON]	$\vec{V}_{2N}$	[PON]
7 <sup>th</sup>	$\vec{V}_{2N}$	[OON]	$\vec{V}_{14}$	[OON]	$\vec{V}_{2N}$	[OON]	$\vec{V}_{14}$	[OON]	$\vec{V}_{2N}$	[OON]	$\vec{V}_{14}$	[OON]



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**Space Vector Modulation**

• Switching Sequence (Seven-segment)



Switching sequence requirement b) is satisfied



Device switching frequency:

$$f_{sw,dev} = f_{sp} / 2 + f_1 / 2$$

Sampling frequency:

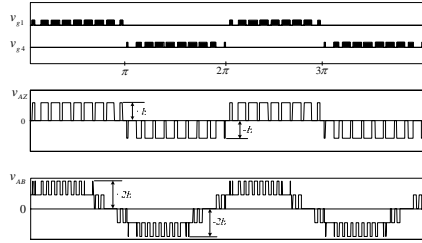
$$f_{sp} = 1 / T_s$$

Fundamental frequency:

$$f_1$$

### Topic 3 Multilevel NPC Inverters Space Vector Modulation

#### • Simulated Waveforms (Seven-segment)



$f_i = 60\text{Hz}$ ,  $T_s = 1/1080\text{ sec}$ ,  $m_a = 0.8$ ,  $f_{sw} = 570\text{Hz}$   
 $V_{AB}$  is not half wave symmetrical; and  
 Contains both even- and odd-order harmonics

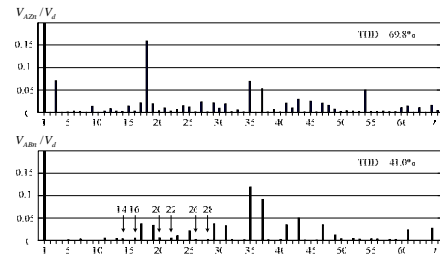


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### Topic 3 Multilevel NPC Inverters Space Vector Modulation

#### • Simulated Waveforms (Seven-segment)



$f_i = 60\text{Hz}$ ,  $T_s = 1/1080\text{ sec}$ ,  $m_a = 0.8$ ,  $f_{sw} = 570\text{Hz}$

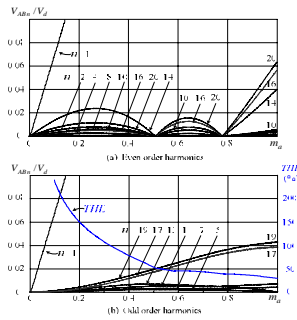


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#### • Harmonic Content (Seven-segment)

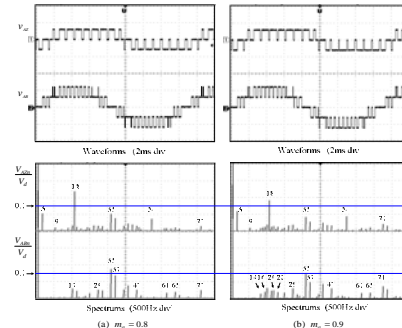


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#### • Measured Waveforms



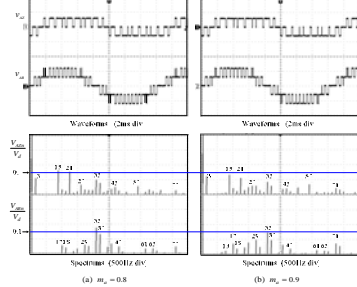
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#### • Measured waveforms (No even-order harmonics)

The SVM switching sequence can be modified for even-order harmonic elimination.

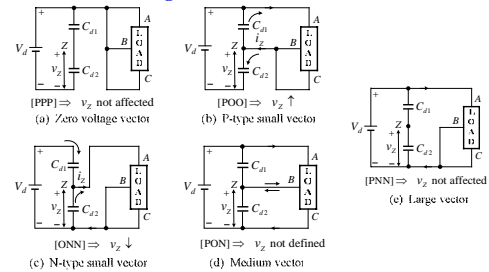


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### Topic 3 Multilevel NPC Inverters Neutral Point Voltage Control

#### • Neutral Point Voltage Deviation



The neutral point voltage  $V_n$  can be controlled by  
 P- and N-types of small vectors



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### Neutral Point Voltage Control

- Neutral Point Voltage Control

$$T_a = T_{ap} + T_{an}$$

$$\begin{cases} T_{ap} = \frac{T_d}{2} (1 + \Delta t) \\ T_{an} = \frac{T_d}{2} (1 - \Delta t) \end{cases} \quad -1 \leq \Delta t \leq 1$$

Neutral Point Deviation Level	Motoring Mode $i_d > 0$	Regenerating Mode $i_d < 0$
$(v_{d1} - v_{d2}) > \Delta V_d$	$\Delta t > 0$	$\Delta t < 0$
$(v_{d2} - v_{d1}) > \Delta V_d$	$\Delta t < 0$	$\Delta t > 0$
$ v_{d1} - v_{d2}  < \Delta V_d$	$\Delta t = 0$	$\Delta t = 0$

$\Delta V$  – maximum allowed voltage deviation ( $\Delta V_d > 0$ ).

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### Neutral Point Voltage Control

- Neutral Point Voltage Control

$R$  is used on purpose to make the dc voltage unbalance.

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### High-Level NPC Inverters

- Inverter Topologies

(a) Four-level ( $m=4$ ) (b) Five-level ( $m=5$ )

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### High-Level NPC Inverters

- Switching State

Switch Status							$V_{AN}$
Four-level Inverter							
$S_1$	$S_2$	$S_3$	$S'_1$	$S'_2$	$S'_3$		
1	1	1	0	0	0		$3E$
0	1	1	1	0	0		$2E$
0	0	1	1	1	0		$E$
0	0	0	1	1	1		$0$

Five-level Inverter							$V_{AN}$
$S_1$	$S_2$	$S_3$	$S_4$	$S'_1$	$S'_2$	$S'_3$	
1	1	1	1	0	0	0	$4E$
0	1	1	1	1	0	0	$3E$
0	0	1	1	1	1	0	$2E$
0	0	0	1	1	1	1	$E$
0	0	0	0	1	1	1	$0$

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### High-Level NPC Inverters

- Component Count

Voltage Level	Switches	Clamping Diodes*	dc capacitors
$m$	$6(m-1)$	$3(m-1)(m-2)$	$(m-1)$
3	12	6	2
4	18	18	3
5	24	36	4
6	30	60	5

\* The clamping diodes have the same voltage rating as other switches.

Note:  
The number of clamping diodes increases substantially with the voltage level.

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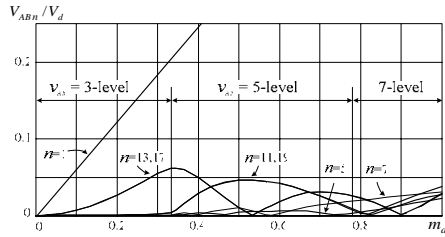
### High-Level NPC Inverters

- IPD Modulation (four-level)

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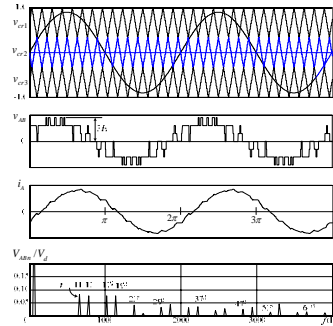
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• Harmonic Content (four-level, IPD Modulation)



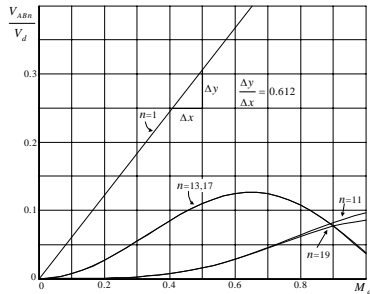
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• APOD Modulation (four-level)



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• Harmonic Content (four-level, APOD Modulation)



Topic 3 Multilevel NPC Inverters  
Summary

- The three-level NPC inverter has found wide application in the MV drives.  
Main features:
  - Low device count
  - Good harmonic profile
  - Suitable for medium voltage operation
- The practical use of four- or five-level inverters has not been reported.  
Main reasons:
  - Difficulties in dc capacitor voltage control
  - Large number of clamping diodes



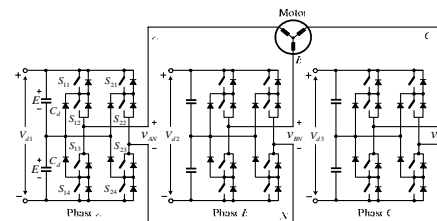
Topic 4  
Other Multilevel Inverters

- NPC/H-Bridge Inverters
- Flying-Capacitor Multilevel Inverters



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NPC/H-bridge Inverters

• Five-Level Topology



- Compared with three-level NPC Topology:
- Voltage levels increases from three to five
  - Inverter output voltage and power are doubled
  - Device count is doubled



Topic 4 Other Multilevel Inverters  
**NPC/H-bridge Inverters**

• IPD Modulation

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Topic 4 Other Multilevel Inverters  
**NPC/H-bridge Inverters**

• Waveforms and FFT

Inverter phase voltage  $V_{AN}$  : 5-level      Line-to-line voltage  $V_{AN}$  : 9-levels

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Topic 4 Other Multilevel Inverters  
**Flying Capacitor Multilevel Inverters**

• Five-Level Topology

Complementary Switch pairs:  
 $S_1$  and  $S'_1$ ;  
 $S_2$  and  $S'_2$ ;  
 $S_3$  and  $S'_3$ ;  
 $S_4$  and  $S'_4$ ;

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Topic 4 Other Multilevel Inverters  
**Flying Capacitor Multilevel Inverters**

• Phase-Shifted PWM

•  $f_{sw(device)} = 60(m_f) = 720\text{Hz}$   
•  $f_{sw(inverter)} = 60(4m_f) = 2880\text{Hz}$

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Topic 4 Other Multilevel Inverters  
**Flying Capacitor Multilevel Inverters**

• Summary

Features:

- Low harmonic distortion
- Modular design

Drawbacks:

- Large number of dc caps
- Complex pre-charging circuits
- Difficulties in dc cap voltage balancing control

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Topic 5  
**PWM Current Source Inverters (CSI)**

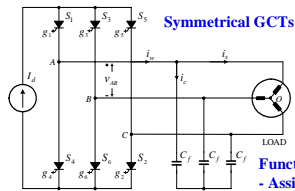
Main Topics

- Single Bridge Inverter
- Trapezoidal Modulation (TPWM)
- Selective Harmonic Elimination (SHE)
- Space Vector Modulation (SVM)
- Dual Bridge Inverter

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Single Bridge Inverter

• Inverter Topology



Features:

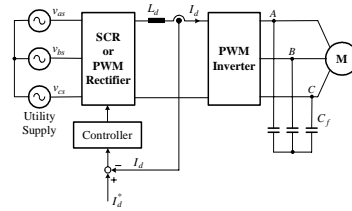
- Simple topology – no antiparallel diodes
- Reliable short circuit protection – constant dc current
- Very low  $dv/dt$  on motor terminals

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Single Bridge Inverter

• DC Current Source  $I_d$



Implementation of dc current source:

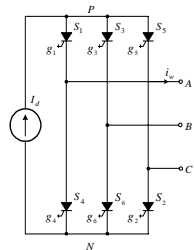
- use a large size dc choke – making  $I_d$  smooth;
- use dc current feed back control – keeping  $I_d$  constant

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Single Bridge Inverter

• Modulation Techniques



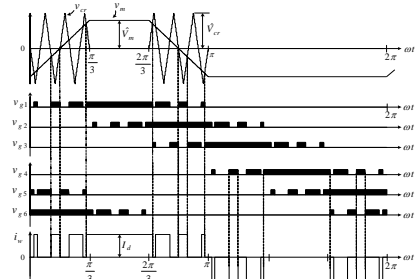
- Trapezoidal PWM (TPWM)
- Selective Harmonic Elimination (SHE)
- Space Vector Modulation (SVM)
- Constraints on Switching Pattern Design
  - dc current  $I_d$  cannot be interrupted
  - inverter output current waveform must be defined.
- At any time instant, only two switches are turned on, one connected to the positive dc bus, and the other to the negative dc bus.

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Trapezoidal Modulation

• Trapezoidal PWM (TPWM)

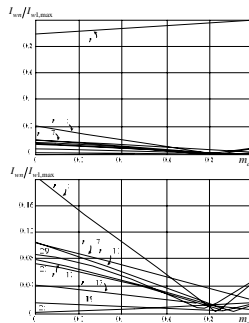


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Trapezoidal Modulation

• Harmonic Content (TPWM)



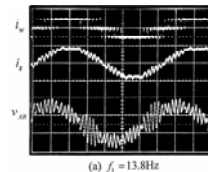
- $N_p = 15$
- Fundamental does not change much with  $m_a$
- $m_a = 0.85$

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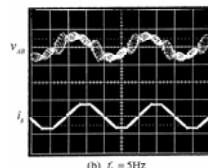
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Trapezoidal Modulation

• Waveforms (TPWM)



$f_1 = 13.8\text{Hz}$ ,  $N_p = 13$ ,  
 $f_{sw} = 180\text{Hz}$



$f_1 = 5\text{Hz}$ ,  $N_p = 31$ ,  
 $f_{sw} = 155\text{Hz}$

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Topic 5 PWM CSI  
**Selective Harmonic Elimination**

• **Selective Harmonic Elimination (SHE)**

- Not all the switching angles are independent.
- Only two harmonics can be eliminated with  $N_p = 5$ .
- Number of harmonics to be eliminated:**  $k = (N_p - 1) / 2$
- No modulation index control – the magnitude of inverter output current is controlled by  $I_d$

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Topic 5 PWM CSI  
**Selective Harmonic Elimination**

• **Fourier Analysis**

$$i_u(\omega t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \sin(n\omega t)$$

$$a_n = \frac{4}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} i_u(\omega t) \sin(n\omega t) d(\omega t)$$

$$a_n = \frac{4I_d}{\pi} \times \begin{cases} \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \sin(n\omega t) d(\omega t) + \dots + \int_{\theta_{N_p-1}}^{\pi} \sin(n\omega t) d(\omega t) + \\ \int_{\frac{\pi}{3}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}-\theta_k} \sin(n\omega t) d(\omega t) + \dots + \int_{\frac{\pi}{3}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}-\theta_1} \sin(n\omega t) d(\omega t) & k = \text{odd}; \\ \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \sin(n\omega t) d(\omega t) + \dots + \int_{\theta_{N_p-1}}^{\pi} \sin(n\omega t) d(\omega t) + \\ \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{6}-\theta_k} \sin(n\omega t) d(\omega t) + \dots + \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{6}-\theta_1} \sin(n\omega t) d(\omega t) & k = \text{even}. \end{cases}$$

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Topic 5 PWM CSI  
**Selective Harmonic Elimination**

• **Fourier Analysis**

Expression for  $a_n$

$$a_n = \frac{4I_d}{\pi} \times \begin{cases} \cos(n\theta_1) + \cos[n(\frac{\pi}{3} - \theta_1)] - \cos(n\theta_2) - \cos[n(\frac{\pi}{3} - \theta_2)] + \dots \\ + \cos(n\theta_k) + \cos[n(\frac{\pi}{3} - \theta_k)] - \cos(n\frac{\pi}{6}) & k = \text{odd}; \\ \cos(n\theta_1) + \cos[n(\frac{\pi}{3} - \theta_1)] - \cos(n\theta_2) - \cos[n(\frac{\pi}{3} - \theta_2)] + \dots \\ - \cos(n\theta_k) - \cos[n(\frac{\pi}{3} - \theta_k)] + \cos(n\frac{\pi}{6}) & k = \text{even}. \end{cases}$$

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Topic 5 PWM CSI  
**Selective Harmonic Elimination**

• **Switching Angle Calculation**

To Eliminate  $n^{\text{th}}$  harmonic, set  $a_n = 0$

$$F_i(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \dots, \theta_k) = 0 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, k$$

For 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> harmonic elimination:

$$F_1 = \cos(5\theta_1) + \cos[5(\frac{\pi}{3} - \theta_1)] - \cos(5\theta_2) - \cos[5(\frac{\pi}{3} - \theta_2)] + \dots + \cos(5\theta_k) + \cos[5(\frac{\pi}{3} - \theta_k)] - \cos(\frac{5\pi}{6}) = 0$$

$$F_2 = \cos(7\theta_1) + \cos[7(\frac{\pi}{3} - \theta_1)] - \cos(7\theta_2) - \cos[7(\frac{\pi}{3} - \theta_2)] + \dots + \cos(7\theta_k) + \cos[7(\frac{\pi}{3} - \theta_k)] - \cos(\frac{7\pi}{6}) = 0$$

$$F_3 = \cos(11\theta_1) + \cos[11(\frac{\pi}{3} - \theta_1)] - \cos(11\theta_2) - \cos[11(\frac{\pi}{3} - \theta_2)] + \dots + \cos(11\theta_k) + \cos[11(\frac{\pi}{3} - \theta_k)] - \cos(\frac{11\pi}{6}) = 0$$

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Topic 5 PWM CSI  
**Selective Harmonic Elimination**

• **Switching Angles (SHE)**

Harmonics Eliminated	Switching Angles			Harmonics Eliminated	Switching Angles		
	$\theta_1$	$\theta_2$	$\theta_3$		$\theta_1$	$\theta_2$	$\theta_3$
5	18.00	-	-	7,11,17	11.70	14.12	24.17
7	21.43	-	-	7,13,17	12.69	14.97	24.16
11	24.55	-	-	7,13,19	13.49	15.94	24.53
13	25.38	-	-	11,13,17	14.55	15.97	25.06
5,7	7.95	13.75	-	11,13,19	15.24	16.71	25.32
5,11	12.96	19.16	-	13,17,19	17.08	18.23	25.84
5,13	14.48	21.12	-	13,17,25	18.03	19.22	26.16
7,11	15.23	19.37	-	5,7,11,13	0.00	1.60	15.14
7,13	16.58	20.79	-	5,7,11,17	0.07	2.63	16.57
7,17	18.49	23.08	-	5,7,11,19	1.11	4.01	18.26
11,13	19.00	21.74	-	5,7,13,17	1.50	4.14	16.40
11,17	20.51	23.14	-	5,7,13,19	2.56	5.57	17.82
11,19	21.10	23.75	-	5,7,17,19	4.59	7.96	17.17
13,17	21.19	23.45	-	5,11,13,17	4.16	6.07	16.79
13,19	21.71	23.94	-	5,11,13,19	5.13	7.36	17.57
5,7,11	2.24	5.60	21.26	5,11,17,19	6.93	9.15	17.85
5,7,13	4.21	8.04	22.45	5,13,17,19	7.80	9.82	18.01
5,7,17	6.91	11.96	25.57	7,11,13,17	5.42	6.65	18.03
5,11,13	7.81	11.03	22.13	7,11,13,19	6.35	7.69	18.67
5,11,17	10.16	14.02	23.34	7,11,17,19	8.07	9.44	19.09
5,13,17	11.24	14.92	22.98	7,13,17,19	8.88	10.12	19.35
7,11,13	9.51	11.64	23.27	11,13,17,19	10.39	11.14	20.56

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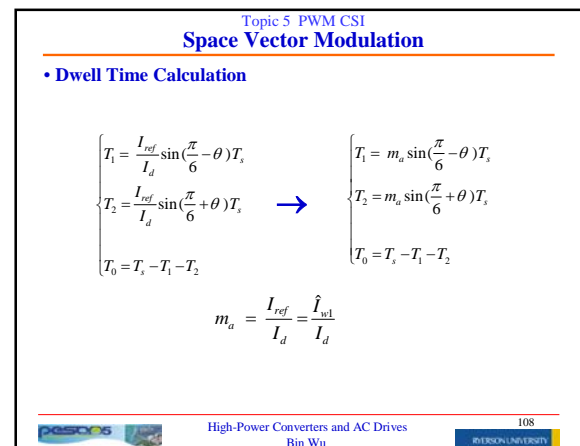
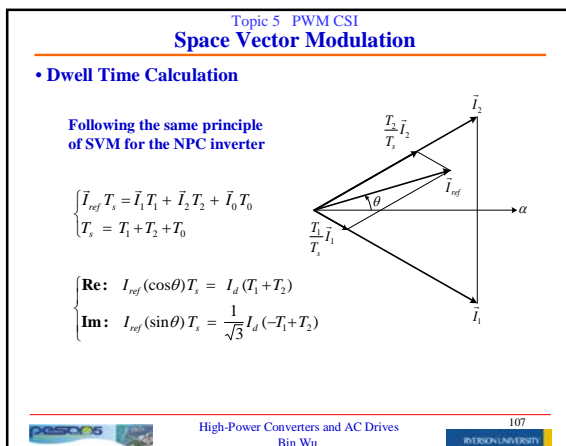
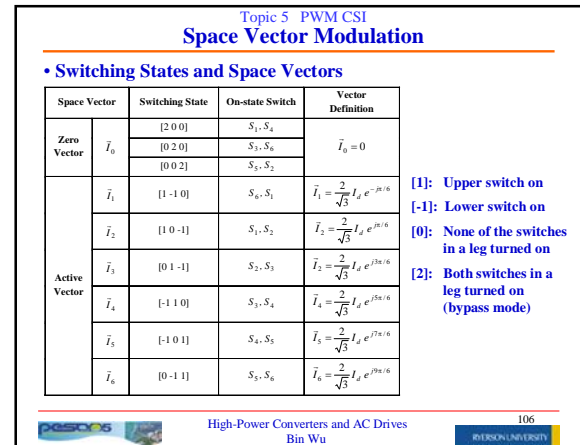
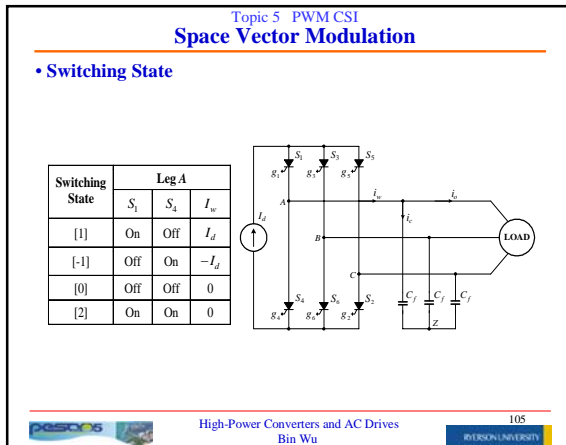
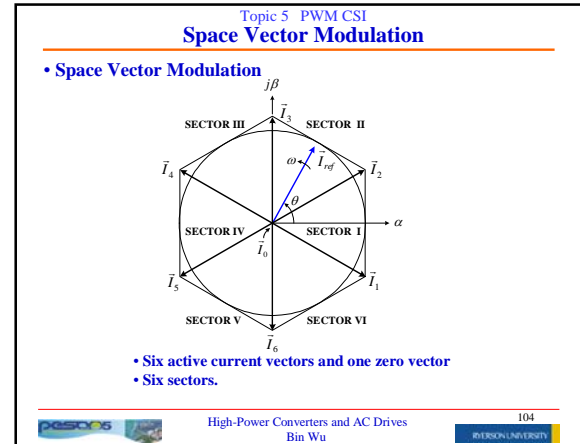
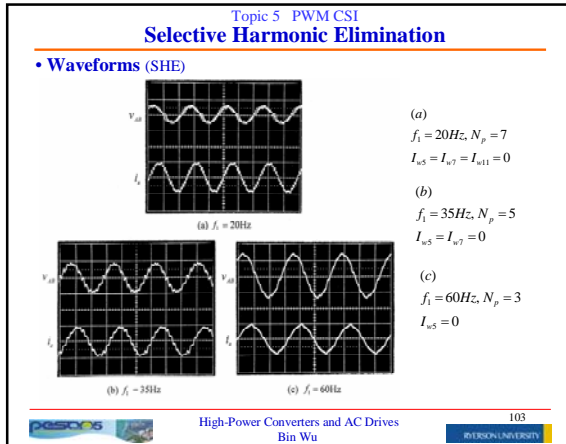
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**Selective Harmonic Elimination**

• **Inverter Waveforms (SHE)**

Harmonic eliminated: 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>;  $f_{sw} = 420\text{Hz}$

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Topic 5 PWM CSI  
**Space Vector Modulation**

• **Switching Sequence**

$\bar{I}_1$	$\bar{I}_2$	$\bar{I}_0$	$\bar{I}_1$	$\bar{I}_2$	$\bar{I}_0$
$S_6, S_1$	$S_1, S_2$	$S_1, S_4$	$S_6, S_1$	$S_1, S_2$	$S_1, S_4$

**Requirements:**

- 1) Transition from one switching state to the next involves only two switches
- 2) At any time only two switches are on.

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**Space Vector Modulation**

• **Switching Sequence (Over one cycle)**

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**Space Vector Modulation**

• **Inverter Output Waveforms (SVM)**

(a) Waveform

$f_l = 60\text{Hz}$ ,  $f_{sw} = 540\text{Hz}$ ,  $N_p = 9$  and  $m_a = 1$

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**Space Vector Modulation**

• **Harmonic Spectrum (SVM)**

(b) Spectrum

$f_l = 60\text{Hz}$ ,  $f_{sw} = 540\text{Hz}$ ,  $N_p = 9$  and  $m_a = 1$

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Topic 5 PWM CSI  
**Space Vector Modulation**

• **Harmonic Content (SVM)**

(a)  $f_m = 540\text{Hz}$ ,  $N_p = 9$

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Topic 5 PWM CSI  
**Dual Bridge Inverter**

• **Dual-Bridge Inverter**

**Research focus**

- Increase converter power rating
- Equal dc current sharing
- Switching pattern optimization

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## Topic 5 PWM CSI Summary

### • CSI PWM Schemes

Item	SVM	TPWM	SHE
DC Current Utilization $I_{w, \max} / I_d$	0.707	0.74	0.73 to 0.78
Dynamic performance	High	Medium	Low
Digital Implementation	Real time	Real time or look-up table	Look-up table
Harmonic Performance	Adequate	Good	Best
dc Current Bypass Operation	Yes	No	Optional



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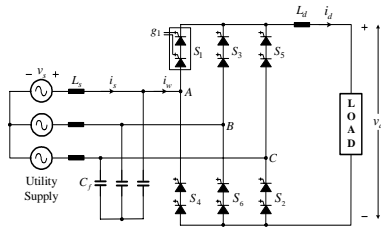
### Topics

- Single Bridge Rectifier
- Dual Bridge Rectifier
- Power Factor Control
- LC Resonance and Active Damping



## Topic 6 PWM CSR Single Bridge Rectifier

### • Converter Configuration



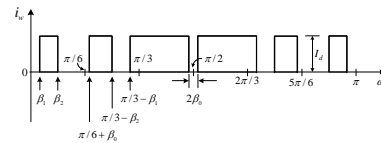
• Switching devices:  
Symmetrical GCT

• Function  $C_f$   
To assist GCT commutation;  
To reduce line current THD.



## Topic 6 PWM CSR Single Bridge Rectifier

### • Rectifier Input Current Waveform



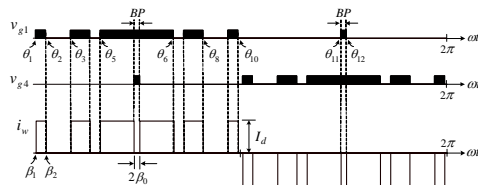
### • Constraints for Switching Pattern Design

- dc current  $I_d$  should not be interrupted
- waveform of  $i_w$  should be defined
- Three independent angles to eliminate two harmonics and make modulation index adjustable.



## Topic 6 PWM CSR Single Bridge Rectifier

### • Switching Angles

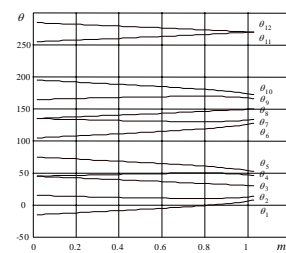


• Bypass pulse (BP) - make  $i_w$  adjustable



## Topic 6 PWM CSR Single Bridge Rectifier

### • Switching Angles versus $m_a$

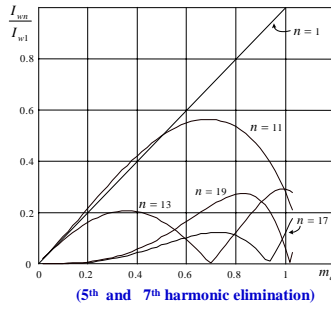


(5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> harmonic elimination)



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Single Bridge Rectifier

• Harmonic Profile

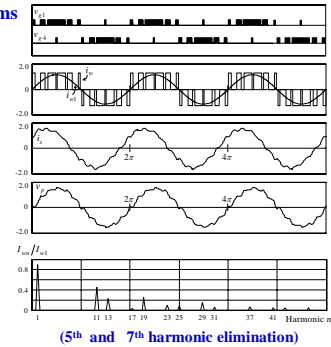


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Single Bridge Rectifier

• Waveforms

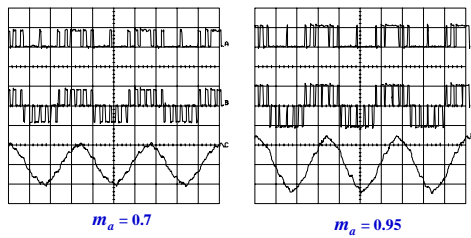


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Single Bridge Rectifier

• Experiments



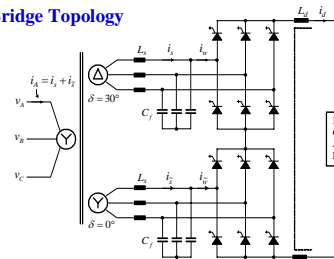
Trace A: current in switch  $S_1$   
Trace B: Rectifier input current  $i_w$   
Trace C: Line current  $i_s$

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Dual Bridge Rectifier

• Dual-Bridge Topology



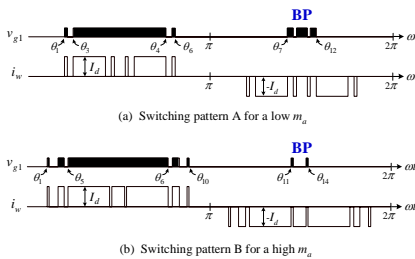
- Use 12-pulse transformer to cancel the 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> harmonics
- Use PWM to eliminate the 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> harmonics
- The lowest harmonic in the line current is the 17<sup>th</sup>
- Very low line current harmonic distortion

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Dual Bridge Rectifier

• Switching Angles



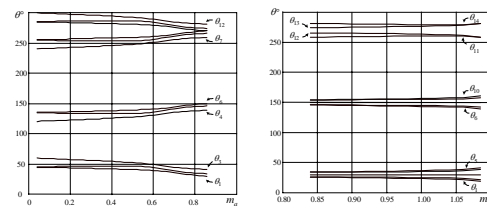
- Bypass pulses (BP) – make  $i_w$  adjustable
- SHE modulation – eliminate the 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> harmonics

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Dual Bridge Rectifier

• Switching Angles versus  $m_d$



Switching pattern A

Switching pattern B

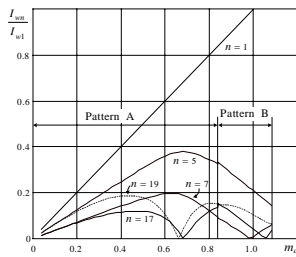
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• Harmonic Profile



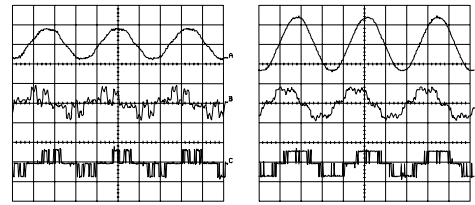
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Dual Bridge Rectifier

• Experimental Waveforms



Modulation index: 0.5

Modulation index: 0.9

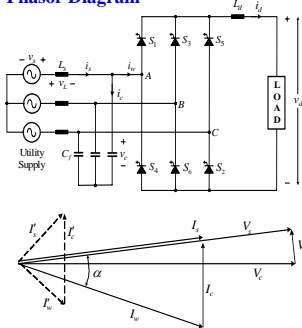
Trace A:  $i_A$  - line current on transformer primary side  
Trace B:  $i_s$  - line current on transformer secondary side  
Trace C:  $i_w$  - rectifier input current

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Power Factor Control

• Phasor Diagram



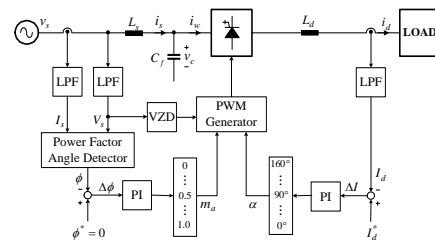
- $C_f$  produces leading PF
- Delay angle control produces lagging PF
- To improve PF, use  $m_a$  and delay angle control simultaneously

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Power Factor Control

• Block Diagram

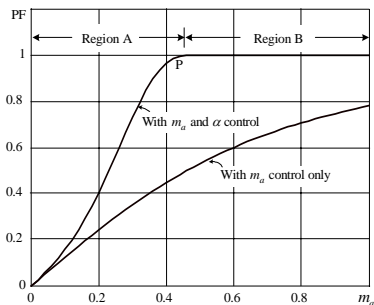


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Power Factor Control

• Power Factor Profile

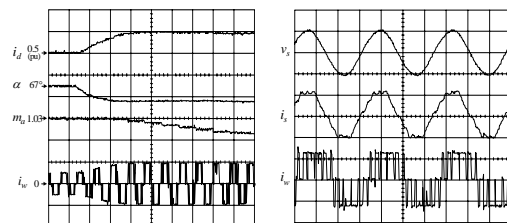


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Power Factor Control

• Experiments



(a) Transient response

(b) Steady state waveforms  
(PF = 1)

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Topic 6 PWM CSR

### LC Resonance and Active Damping

- LC Resonance

Resonant Mode:  $\omega_{res} = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{L_s C_f}}$

Resonance may be excited by

- Supply voltage harmonics
- Rectifier current harmonics

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### LC Resonance and Active Damping

- Passive and Active Damping

(a) Passive damping

(b) Active damping

- Passive damping:  
 $R_p$  – physical damping resistor
- Active damping:  
- no physical resistor  
- damping current  $i_p$  is produced by CSR via  $m_a$  control  
-  $i_p$  is in phase with  $v_c$

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### LC Resonance and Active Damping

- Block Diagram of Active Damping Control

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### LC Resonance and Active Damping

- Measured Waveforms

**Without Active Damping**

- Rectifier input current
- Line current
- Capacitor voltage

**With Active Damping**

- Rectifier input current
- Line current
- Capacitor voltage

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## Topic 7 Voltage Source Inverter Fed Drives

Topics

- Two-Level VSI Fed Drives
- NPC Inverter Fed Drives
- CHB Inverter Fed Drives

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Topic 7 VSI Drives

### Two-Level Inverter Fed Drives

- Power Converter Building Block (PCBB)

(a) Two-level inverter

(b) Power converter building block

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Topic 7 VSI Drives  
**Two-Level Inverter Fed Drives**

• **Drive Configuration**

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Topic 7 VSI Drives  
**Two-Level Inverter Fed Drives**

• **Features and Drawbacks**

**Features**

- Modular structure using PCBB
- Simple PWM Scheme
- Active voltage clamping for series connected IGBTs
- N+1 Provision
- Ease of dc capacitor precharging
- Provision for four-quadrant operation and regenerative braking

**Drawbacks**

- High  $dv/dt$  in the inverter output voltage
- Large size output L-C filter

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Topic 7 VSI Drives  
**NPC Inverter Fed Drives**

• **Drive Configuration (with GCT Inverter)**

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Topic 7 VSI Drives  
**NPC Inverter Fed Drives**

• **Main Specifications (With GCT Inverter)**

Nominal input voltage	2300V, 3300V, 4160V
Output power rating	400 ~ 6700HP (0.3 ~ 5 MW)
Output voltage rating	0 ~ 2300V, 0 ~ 3300V, 0 ~ 4160V
Output frequency	0 ~ 66Hz (up to 200Hz optional)
Drive system efficiency	Typically > 98.0% (including output filter losses but excluding transformer losses)
Input power factor	> 0.95% (Displacement power factor > 0.97)
Output waveform	Sinusoidal (with output filter)
Motor type	Induction or synchronous
Overload capability	Standard: 10% for one minute every 10 minutes Optional: 150% for one minute every 10 minutes
Cooling	Forced air or liquid
Mean time between failure (MTBF)	> 6 years
Regenerative braking capability	No

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Topic 7 VSI Drives  
**NPC Inverter Fed Drives**

• **Drive Configuration (With IGBT Inverter)**

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Topic 7 VSI Drives  
**NPC Inverter Fed Drives**

• **Main Specifications (With IGBT Inverter)**

Rectifier	Standard: 12-pulse diode rectifier Optional: 24-pulse diode rectifier or active front end (PWM IGBT rectifier)
Displacement power factor ( $\cos\phi$ )	> 0.96 (12-pulse diode rectifier)
Nominal utility/motor voltage	2300V, 3300V, 4160V, 6600V
Output power rating	0.8 ~ 2.4MW @2300V 1.0 ~ 3.1MW @3300V 1.3 ~ 4.0MW @4160V 4.7 ~ 7.2MW @4160V (Parallel converter configuration) 0.6 ~ 2.0MW @6600V
Output voltage range	0 ~ 2300V, 0 ~ 3300V, 0 ~ 4160V, 0 ~ 6600V
Output frequency	0 ~ 100Hz (standard)
Motor speed range	1:1000 (with encoder)
Drive system efficiency	Typically > 98.5% (at rated operating point, excluding transformer losses)

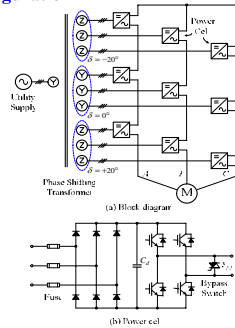
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CHB Inverter Fed Drives

• Drive Configuration



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CHB Inverter Fed Drives

• Drive Configuration

	Multipulse Diode Rectifier			Multilevel CHB Inverter					
Rated Utility/Motor Voltage	Rectifier Pulses	Secondary Windings	Transformer Secondary Cables	Power Cells	IGBTs	Voltage Levels	Rated H-Bridge Output	$f_{m,IGBT}$	$f_{m,mv}$
2300V	18	9	27	9	36	7	480V	600Hz	3600Hz
3300V	24	12	36	12	48	9	480V	600Hz	4800Hz
4160V	30	15	45	15	60	11	480V	600Hz	6000Hz

Typical power range: 0.3 ~ 10MW (400 ~ 1400HP)

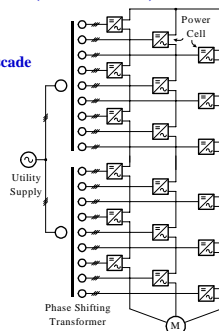
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CHB Inverter Fed Drives

• Drive Configuration (6600V Drives)

Two units of 3300V  
CHB inverter in cascade



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Topic 7 VSI Drives  
CHB Inverter Fed Drives

• Features and Drawbacks

Features

- Modular design for cost reduction
- Nearly sinusoidal inputs and outputs without LC filters
- Provision for N+1 design for high reliability

Drawbacks

- Costly phase shifting transformers
- Large number of cables between transformer secondaries and power converters
- The transformer normally installed inside cabinet – larger footprint, more cooling requirement

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Topic 8  
Current Source Inverter Fed Drives

Main Topics

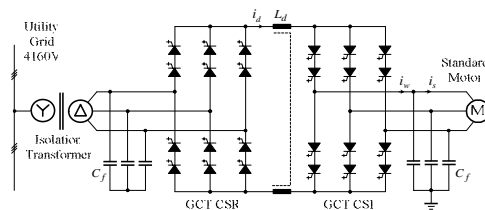
- CSI Drive for Standard Motors
- CSI Drive for Inverter-Duty Motors
- Transformerless CSI Drives for Std Motors
- CSI Drive with SCR Rectifiers

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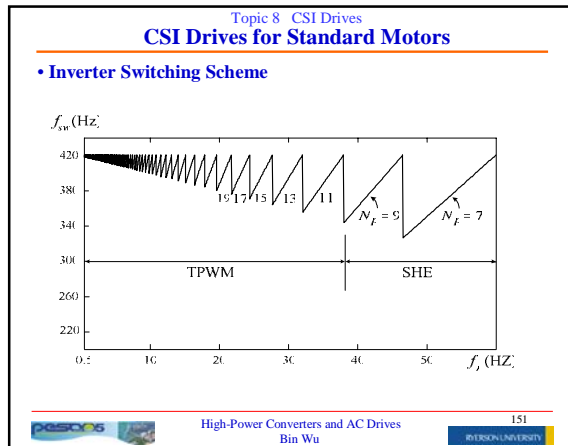
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CSI Drives for Standard Motors

• Drive Configuration



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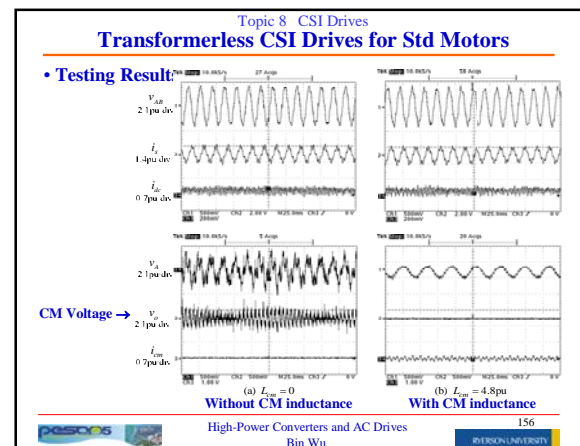
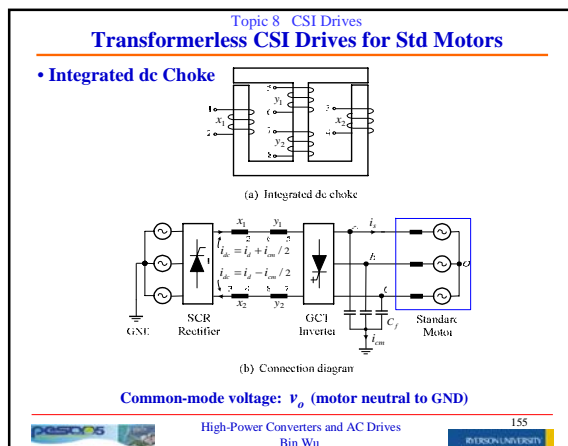
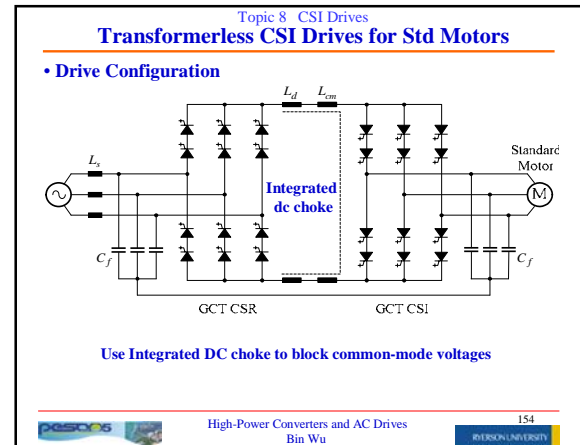
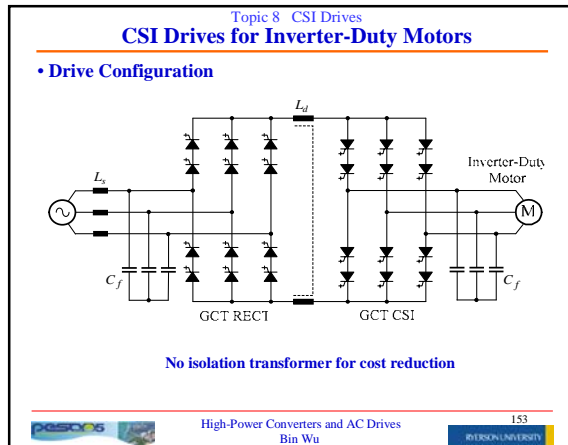
### CSI Drives for Standard Motors

- Main Specifications

Nominal input voltage	2300V, 3300V, 4160V, 6600V
Output power rating	200 ~ 9000HP (150 ~ 6700 kW)
Output voltage rating	0 ~ 2300V, 0 ~ 3300V, 0 ~ 4160V, 0 ~ 6600V
Output frequency	0.2 ~ 85 Hz
Drive system efficiency	> 96.0% (including transformer losses)
Input power factor	Typically >0.98% (with PWM rectifier)
Line current THD	Typically <5% (with PWM rectifier)
Output waveform	Near sinusoidal current & voltage
Motor type	Induction or synchronous
Overload capability	150% - one minute (standard)
Power loss ride-through	5 cycles
Cooling	Forced air or liquid
Regenerative braking capability	Inherent. No additional hardware or software required.

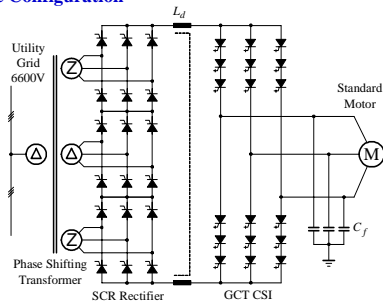
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Topic 8 CSI Drives  
CSI Drive With SCR Rectifiers

• Drive Configuration



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Topic 8 CSI Drives  
Summary

• Features and Drawbacks of MVCSI Drives

Features

- Simple converter structure with component count
- Motor friendly waveforms
- Reliable fuseless short circuit protection
- N+1 provision for high reliability
- Regenerative braking capability
- Inherent four quadrant operation

Drawbacks

- Limited dynamic performance
- Potential LC resonances

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Summary - MV Industrial Drives

Inverter Configuration	Switching Device	Power Range	Manufacturer
Two-Level Voltage Source Inverter	IGBT	1.4MVA - 7.2MVA	Alstom (VDM5000)
	GCT	0.3MVA - 5MVA	ABB (ACS1000)
Three-Level Neutral Point Clamped Inverter	GCT	3MVA - 27MVA	ABB (ACS6000)
	GCT	3MVA - 20MVA	General Electric (Innovation Series MV-SP)
	IGBT	0.6MVA - 7.2MVA	Siemens (SIMOVERT-MV)
Multilevel Cascaded H-Bridge Inverter	IGBT	0.3MVA - 2.4MVA	General Electric-Toshiba (Dena-BIIS MV)
	IGBT	0.3MVA - 2.4MVA	ABB (ACS1000)
	IGBT	0.3MVA - 2.2MVA	ABB (ACS1000)
	IGBT	0.5MVA - 4MVA	Toshiba (TOSVERT-MV)
NPC/H bridge Inverter	IGBT	0.4MVA - 4.8MVA	General Electric (Innovation MV-GP Type H)
	IGBT	0.4MVA - 4.8MVA	Toshiba (TOSVERT-100 MV)
Flying Capacitor Inverter	IGBT	0.3MVA - 8MVA	Alstom (VDM6000 Symphony)
PWM Current Source Inverter	Symmetrical GCT	0.2MVA - 20MVA	Rockwell Automation (PowerFlex 7000)
Load Commutated Inverter	SCR	>10MVA	Siemens (SIMOVERT S)
		>10MVA	ABB (LCI)
		>10MVA	Alstom (ALSPA SD7000)

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