
Hybrid Power Converters:

An Exploration of Benefits

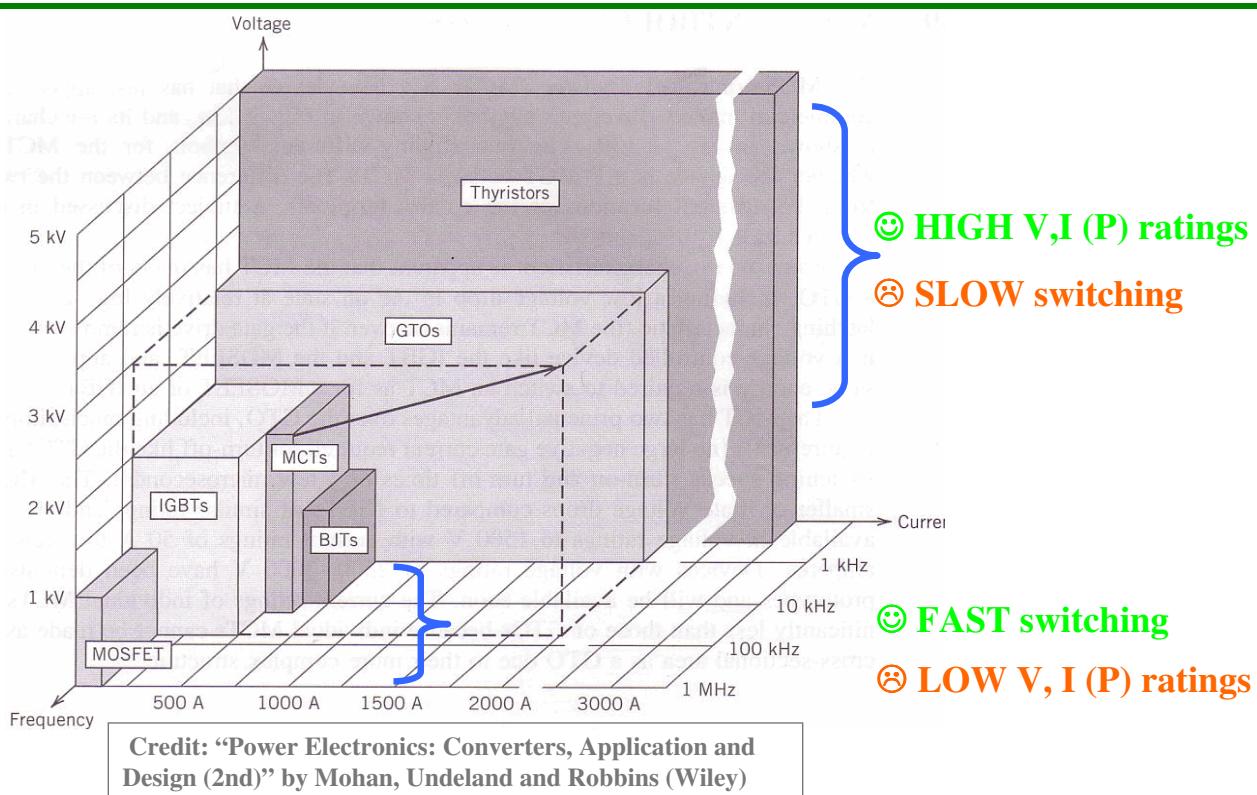
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Solutions to build High Voltage/Current/Power PE Systems:

- Series and/or Parallel connected Low Voltage/Current fast sw. devices/PEBB

- ☺ Low risk technology (well known)
- ☺ Mass production identical units
- ☺ Easy to build redundancy (N+1)

- ☹ Dynamic sharing of voltage/current (derating = \$\$)
- ☹ Large dv/dt

- Multilevel Power Converter Topologies

- ☺ Solved dynamic V/I sharing
- ☺ Better synthesising of output Voltage (smaller filters, less noise)
- ☺ Low dv/dt

- ☹ High risk technology
- ☹ More components (cap, diodes)
- ☹ More complex control (cap volt balancing?)

- Hybrid Arrangements: Slow (High Power) + Fast (Low Power)

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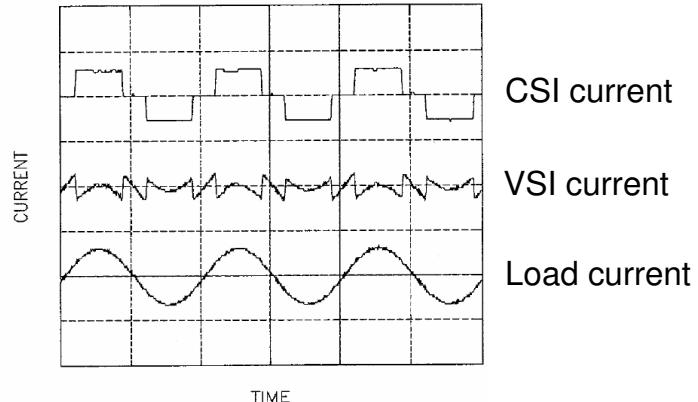
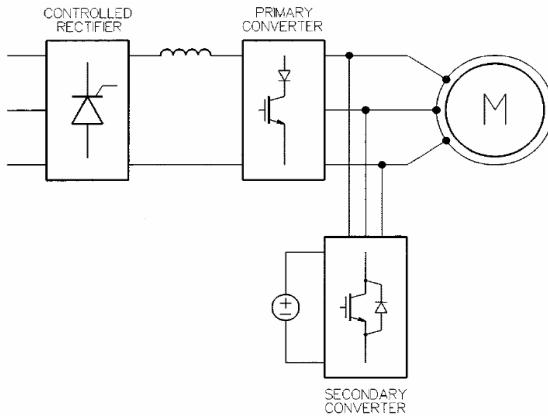
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“Tandem Converter”

Line Commutated Current Source Inverter + Voltage Source Inverter



A.M. Trzynadlowski, N. Patriciu, F. Blaabjerg, J.K. Pedersen, “A hybrid, current-source/voltage-source power inverter circuit”, IEEE Trans. on Power Electronics, Vol. 16, No. 6, pp. 866 – 871, Nov. 2001.

- ☺ Cheaper?
- ☺ More efficient?

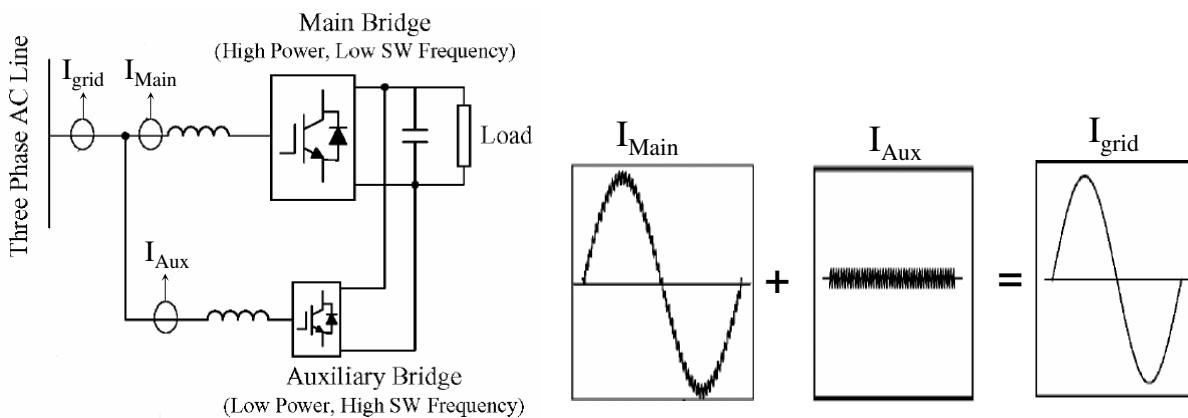
- ☹ More complex/Customized for app?
- ☹ Protection?

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Hybrid PWM Voltage Source Rectifier



Y. Sato, K. Kawamura, H. Morimoto, K. Nezu, “Hybrid PWM Rectifiers to Reduce Electromagnetic Interference”, Proc. of IEEE Industry Applications Society IAS'02, Vol. 3, pp. 2141-2146, 2002.

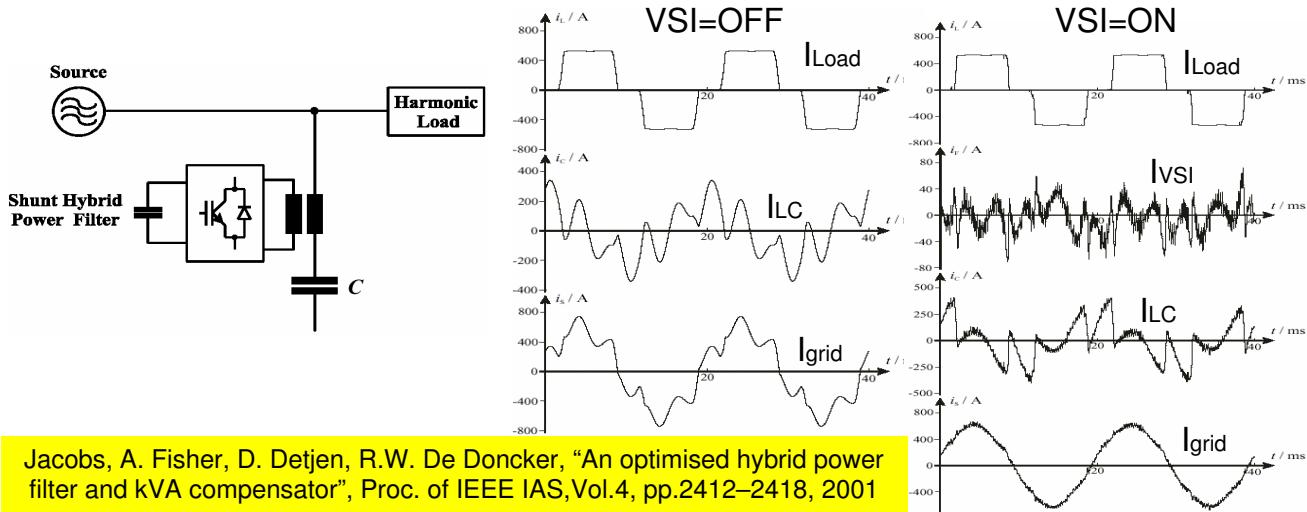
- ☺ Cheaper (semicond, L) ?
- ☺ More efficient (sw. loss) ?

- ☹ More complex
- ☹ Circulate power ?

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Hybrid current harmonics filter

LC filter (bulk of reactive + harmonic current) + Voltage Source Inverter (change transfer fct)



Jacobs, A. Fisher, D. Detjen, R.W. De Doncker, "An optimised hybrid power filter and kVA compensator", Proc. of IEEE IAS, Vol.4, pp.2412–2418, 2001

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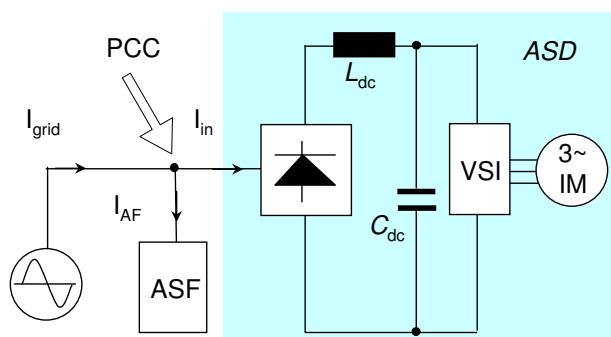
- ☹ More complex (trafo, control, protections)



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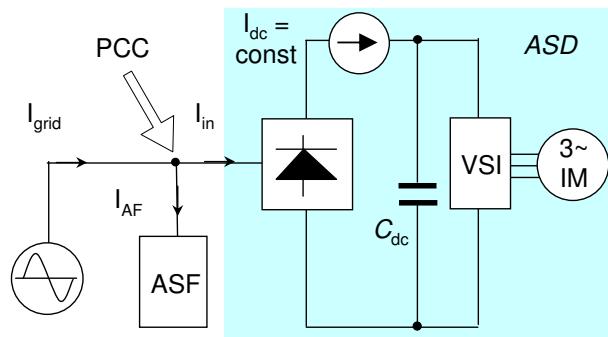
2. Electronic Inductor



Standard Implementation of ASD:

- Diode rectifier
 - DC-link inductance (or AC side)
 - DC-link capacitor
 - Voltage Source Inverter
- ☺ Generates Harmonics ($L_{dc} \uparrow$)
- ☺ Performance under Unbalance

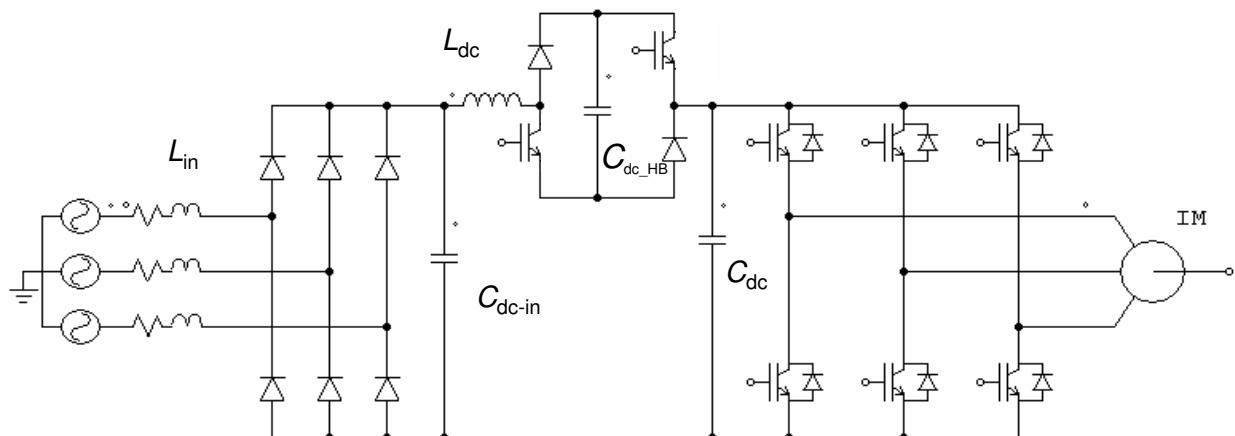
Hybrid.....DC-link Inductor?



Constant DC-link Current Source:

- ☺ quasi-square wave input current
- ☺ ripple free V_{dc_inv} ($I_{dc_in} \equiv I_{dc_out}$)
- ☺ Preserves performance independent of power grid conditions & C_{dc} size

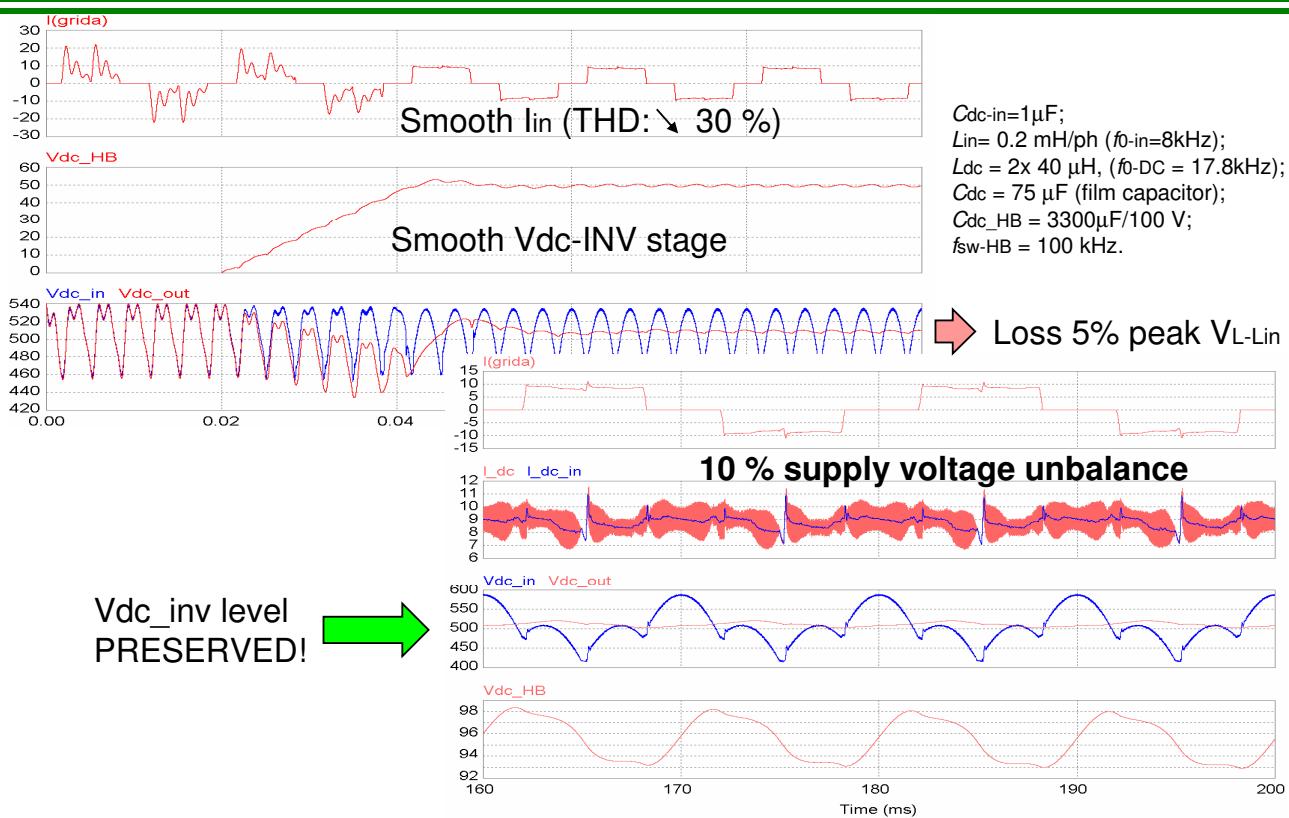
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Low switching voltage (12% (balanced supply) - 20% (unbalanced)):

- Can use MOSFETs/Shottky diodes \Rightarrow low conduction losses
- Allow high switching frequency \Rightarrow small L_{dc}

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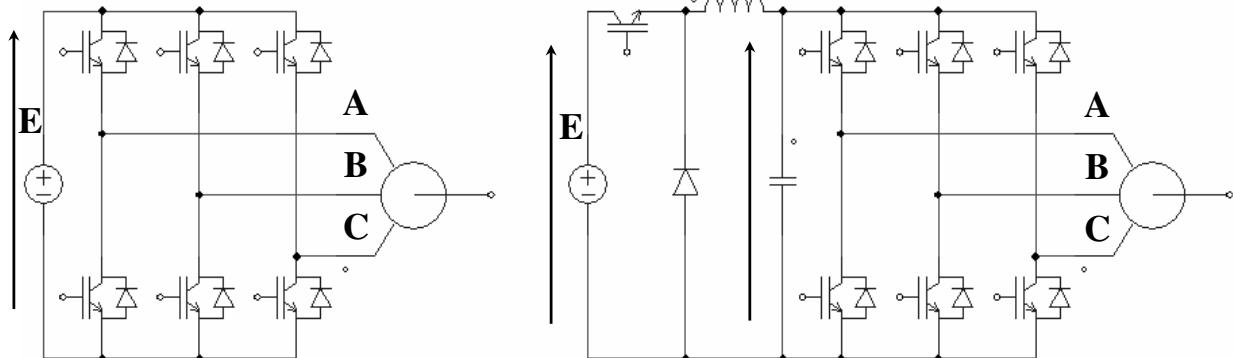


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3. Two-stage VSI

Typical DC/AC Inverter Topologies



- Fewer IGBTs/Diodes
- Smallest conduction losses
- **Switching losses = high**

- An extra IGBT/Diode/HF inductor/capacitor
- Increased conduction losses
- **Switching voltage = adjustable (high Mi)**
- limit max voltage seen by VSI switches
- Buck stage=switches variable current
- **More devices for bidirectional**

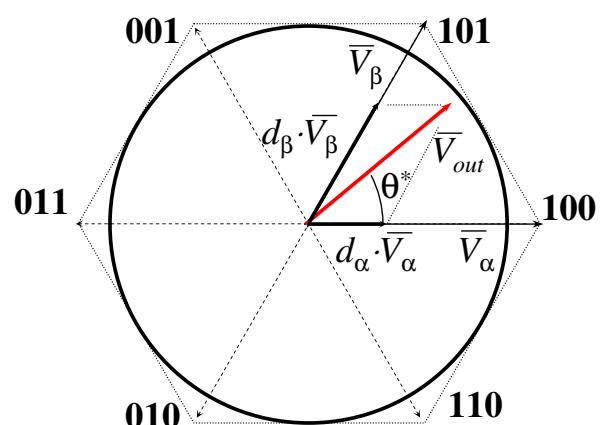
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Duty-cycles calculation

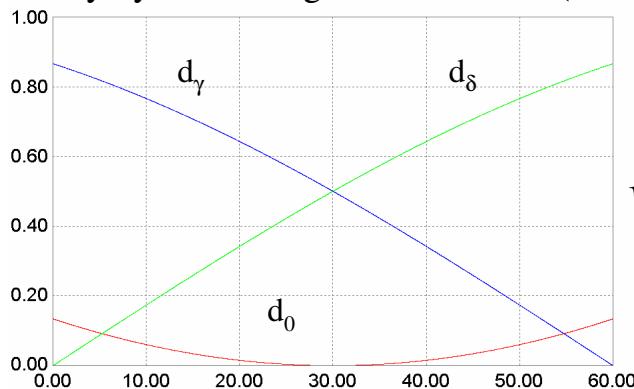
$$d_\alpha = m_U \cdot \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3} - \theta^*\right)$$

$$d_\beta = m_U \cdot \sin(\theta^*)$$

$$d_0 = 1 - d_\alpha - d_\beta \quad m_U = \sqrt{2} \cdot V_{out} / E$$



Duty-cycles vs. angle within sector ($\mu_U=1$)



Use modulated DC-link Voltage

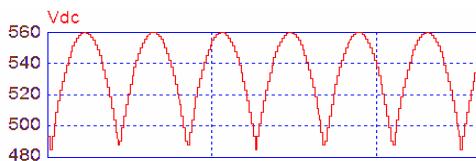
$$v_{dc} = \sqrt{3} \cdot \hat{V}_{out} \cdot [\sin(\theta^*) + \sin(\pi/3 - \theta^*)]$$

Switching is needed in only one leg:
 $101 \rightarrow 100 \rightarrow 101 \Rightarrow \text{phase C}$

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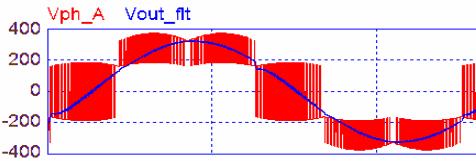


DC-link voltage

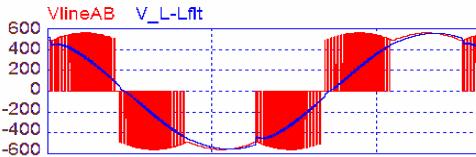


Switched mode Vdc

Phase-to-neutral voltage and its filtered value



Line-to-line voltage and its filtered value



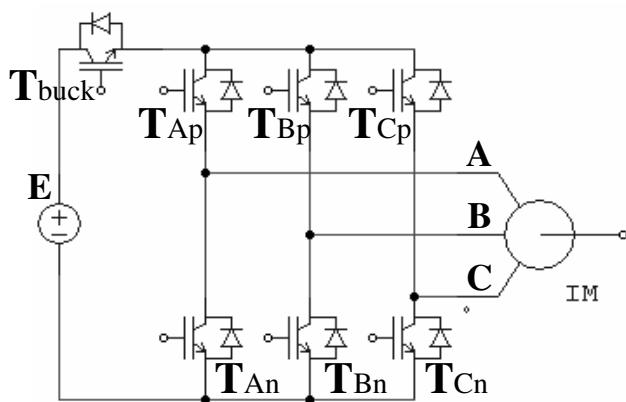
Distribution of power losses

	Pout	Pcond	Pswitch
Sinusoidal PWM	5.46 kW	65.1 W	57.6W (1.06 %)
SVM 2 ZVV	5.53 kW	65.8 W	69.8W (1.26 %)
SVM 1 ZVV	5.54 kW	65.9 W	44.2W (0.80 %)
SVM modulat. V_{PN}	5.34 kW	66.2 W	16.0W (0.30 %)

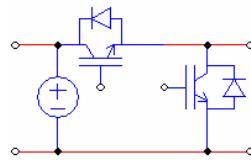
Device param. for loss estimation: 1200 V/25A IGBTs and diode

$V_{CE-0} = 1.65 \text{ V}$, $r_{d-IGBT} = 75 \text{ m}\Omega$; $V_{AK-0} = 1.3 \text{ V}$, $r_{d-FRD} = 42 \text{ m}\Omega$; $t_{on} = 0.5 \mu\text{s}$, $t_{off} = 0.22 \mu\text{s}$.

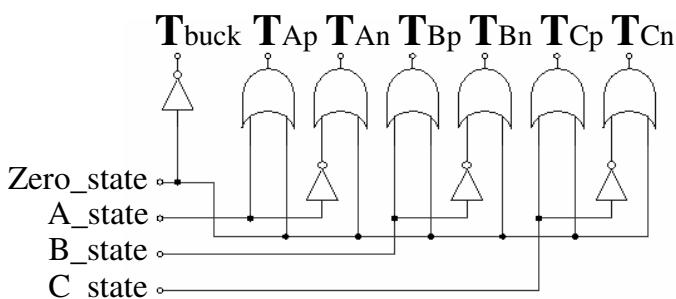
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- No extra passive components needed
- Fully bidirectional
- Full DC-link voltage
- VSI switches at zero voltage to/from ZV state



Switched mode Vdc

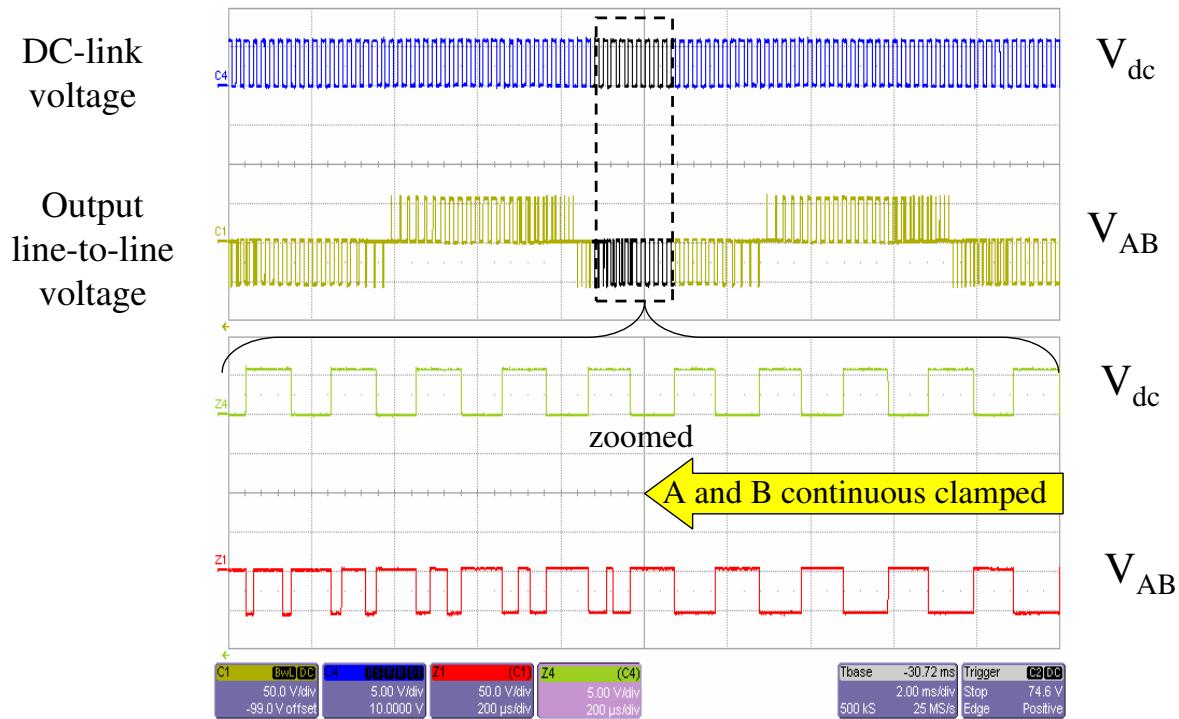


Zero Voltage State

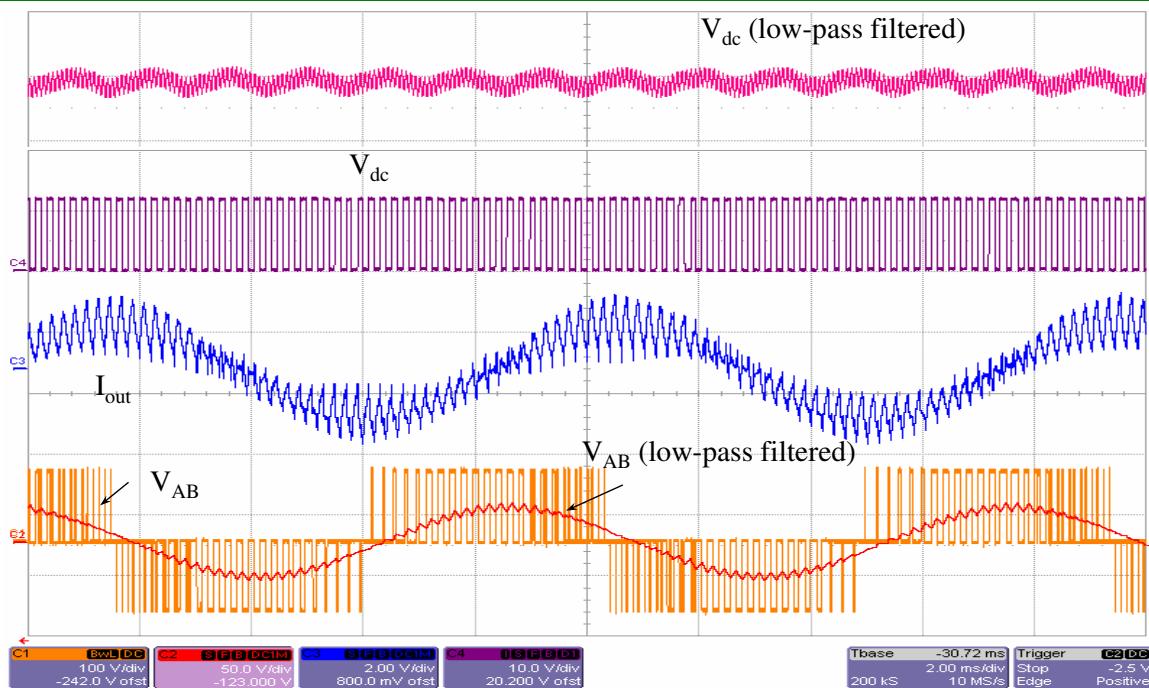
T_{buck} = OFF

T_{Ap}=T_{An}=T_{Bp}=T_{Bn}=T_{Cp}=T_{Cn}= OFF

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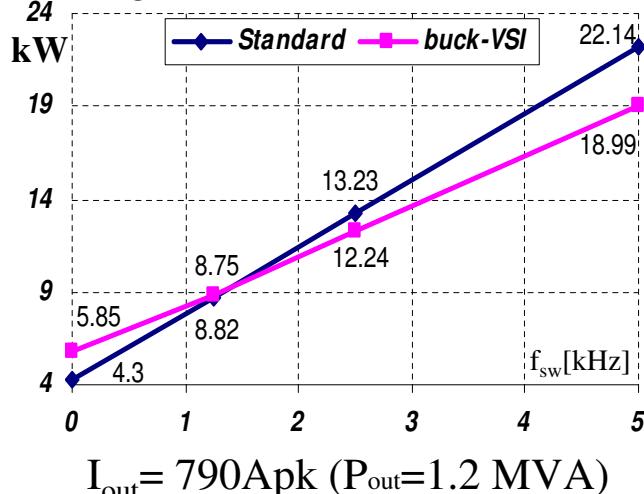


DC-link voltage seen by VSI, output current and filtered and actual output line-to-line voltages of a buck-VSI.

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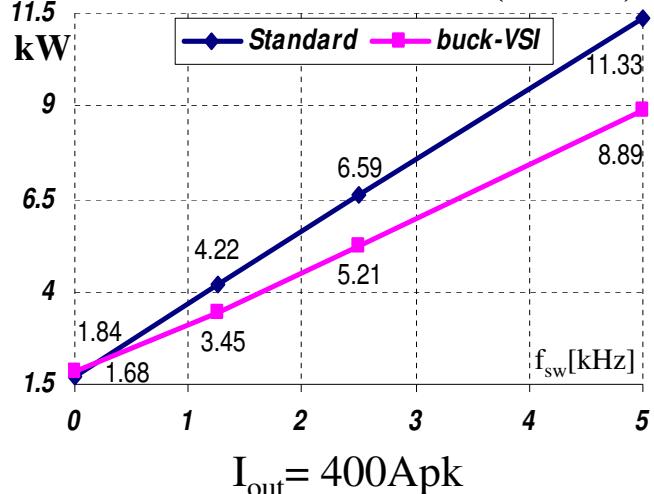
Semiconductor Losses

High modulation index ($M=1$)



$P_{lossVSI} = P_{loss-2VSI}$ @ 1430 Hz

Low modulation index ($M=0.5$)



$P_{lossVSI} = P_{loss-2VSI}$ @ 300 Hz

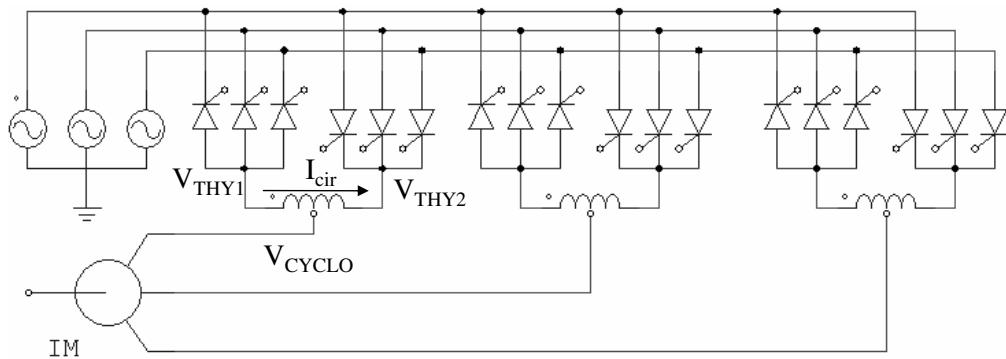
More efficient at higher sw. frequency (dependent also on parameters of sw.devices)



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$$V_{THY1} = V_{max} \cdot \cos(\alpha) \quad \alpha = \cos^{-1} \left[V_{THY1-pk} / V_{max} \cdot \sin(2\pi \cdot f_{out} \cdot t) \right]$$

- Output frequency is limited to 40% of input frequency
- **High harmonic content in the Output Voltage** (more pulses)
- Large number of thyristors (especially for high no. pulses)
- **Large circulating current** (DC+low order harmonics)
 - Poor input power factor (including inter-harmonics)
 - Large Inter-phase reactor (IPR) to reduce the circulating current



4. Hybrid Cycloconverters



1. Intergroup blanking (cycloconverter without circulating current)

⇒ block all thyristors in a rectifier group that is not delivering load current

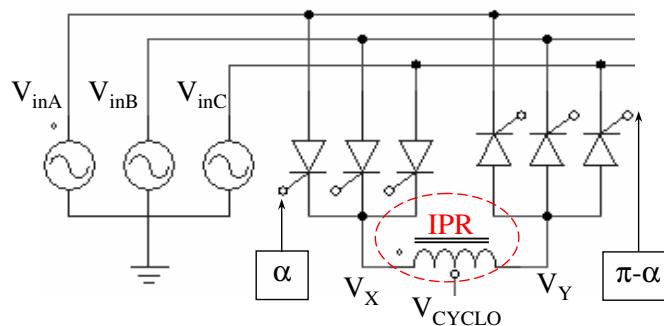
Disadvantages: Output voltage = more harmonics ($3 \times \text{fin}$)

2. Inter-phase reactor (cycloconverter with circulating current)

⇒ Introduction of an intergroup reactor.

Disadvantages: 1. IPR is large/expensive

2. Poor control reduces the Power Factor on the input

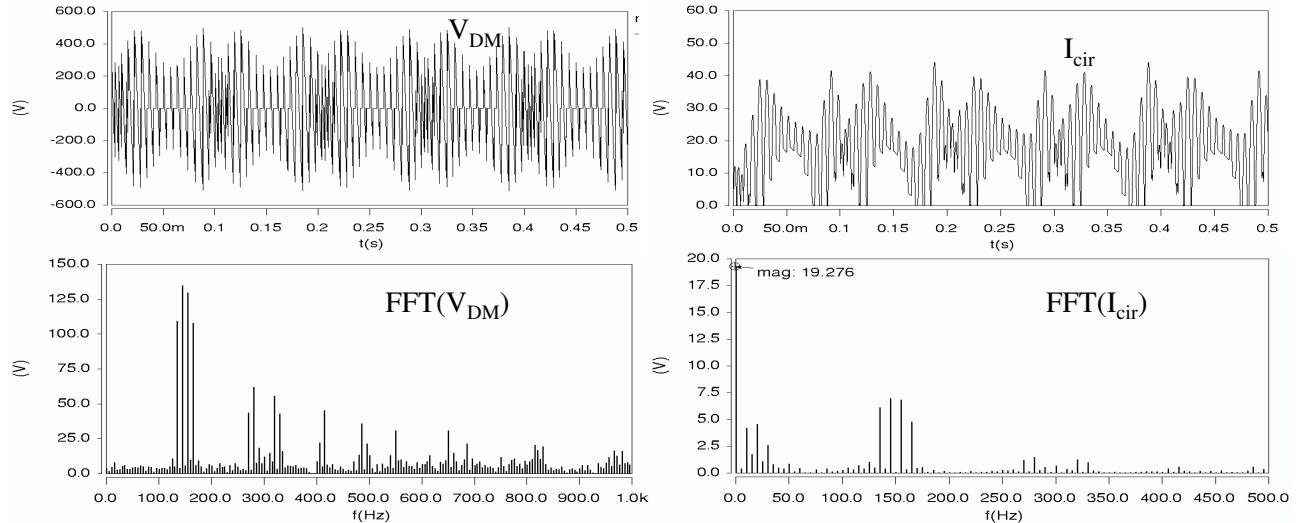


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Circulating Current by using IPR method:



$$\Delta I = V_{pk} / \omega L \quad \Rightarrow \quad 8A = 135V / (150Hz \times 6.28 \times L) \quad \Rightarrow \quad L = 17.9mH$$

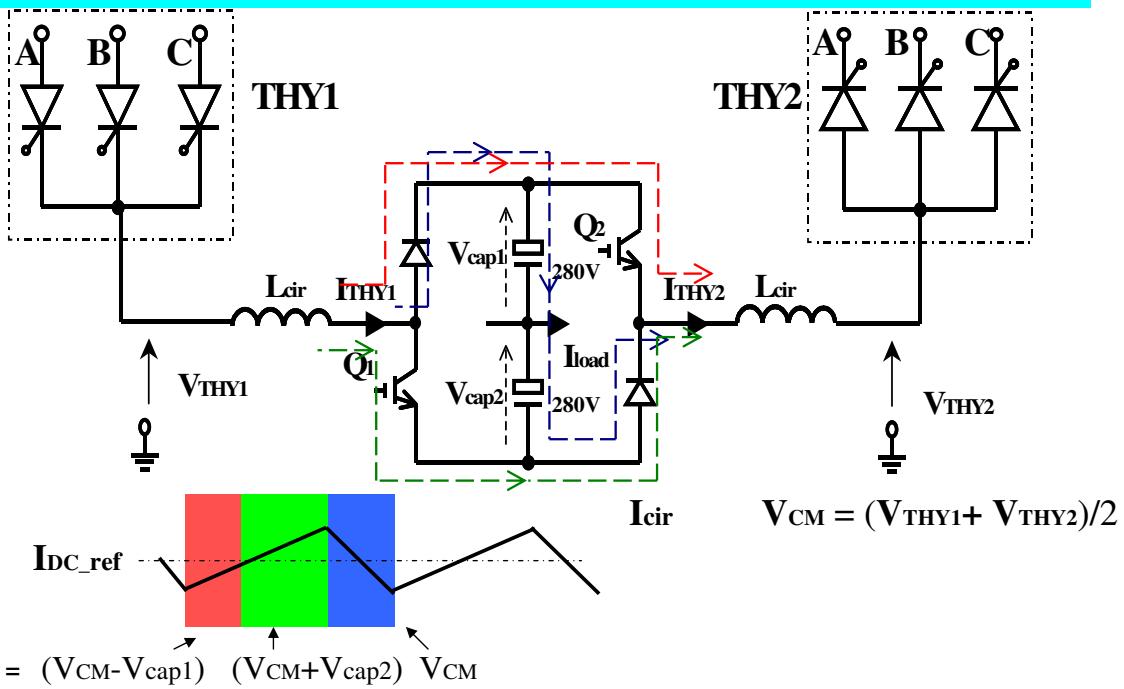
Now the interphase reactor consists of two 10mH coupled inductances with a coupling coefficient of 0.9 that gives 18mH mutual inductance, which is very close to the value calculated above.

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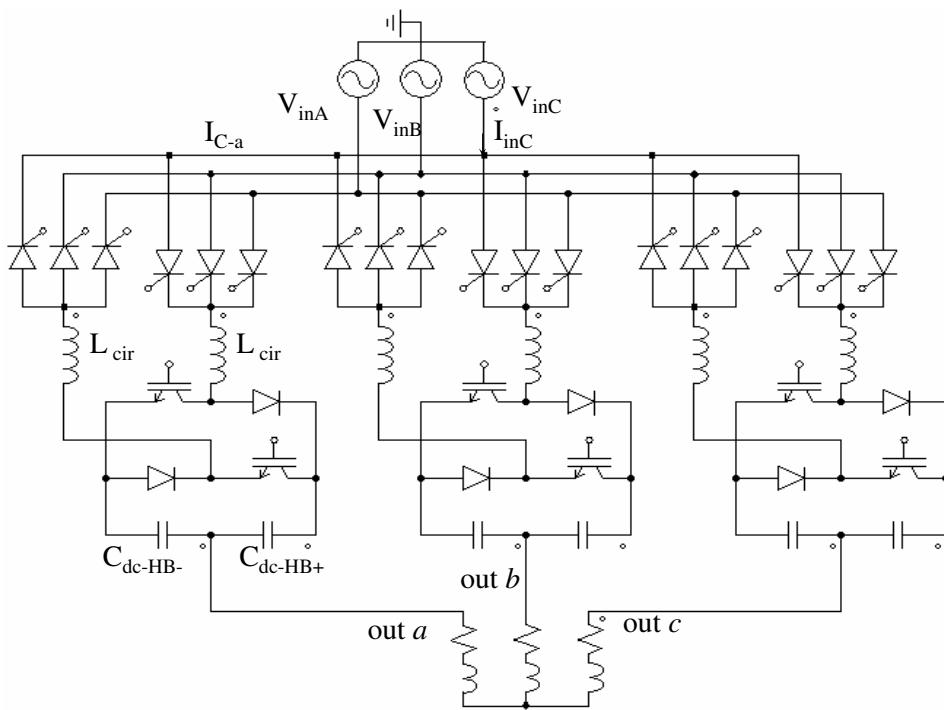


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Solution: The cancellation of the low frequency differential mode voltage component between the outputs of the two thyristor bridge halves



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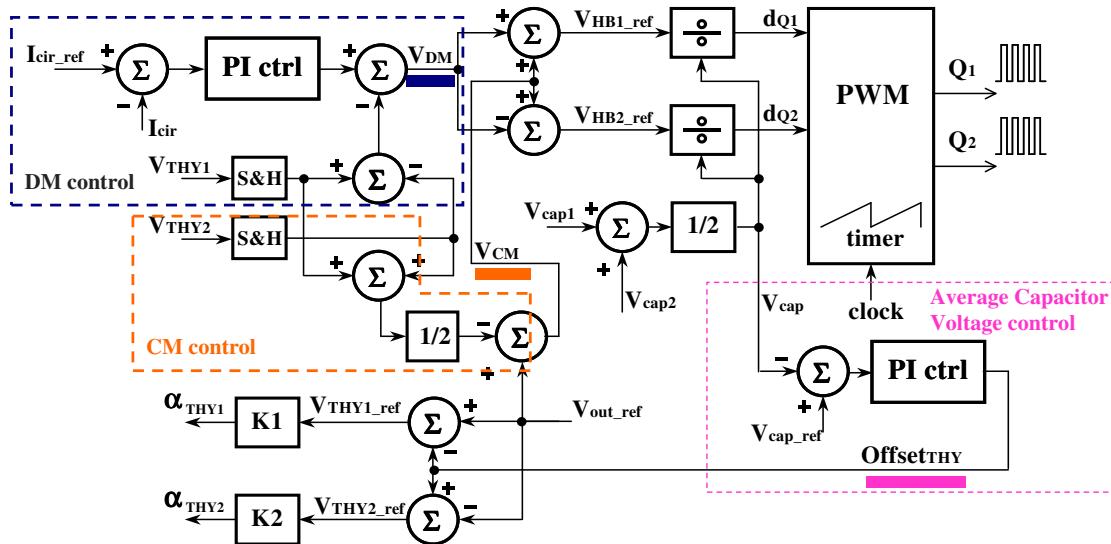


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Control objectives

1. Provide a ripple free voltage at the middle point of the split dc-link
2. Control accurately the circulating current
3. Maintain the average capacitor voltage constant

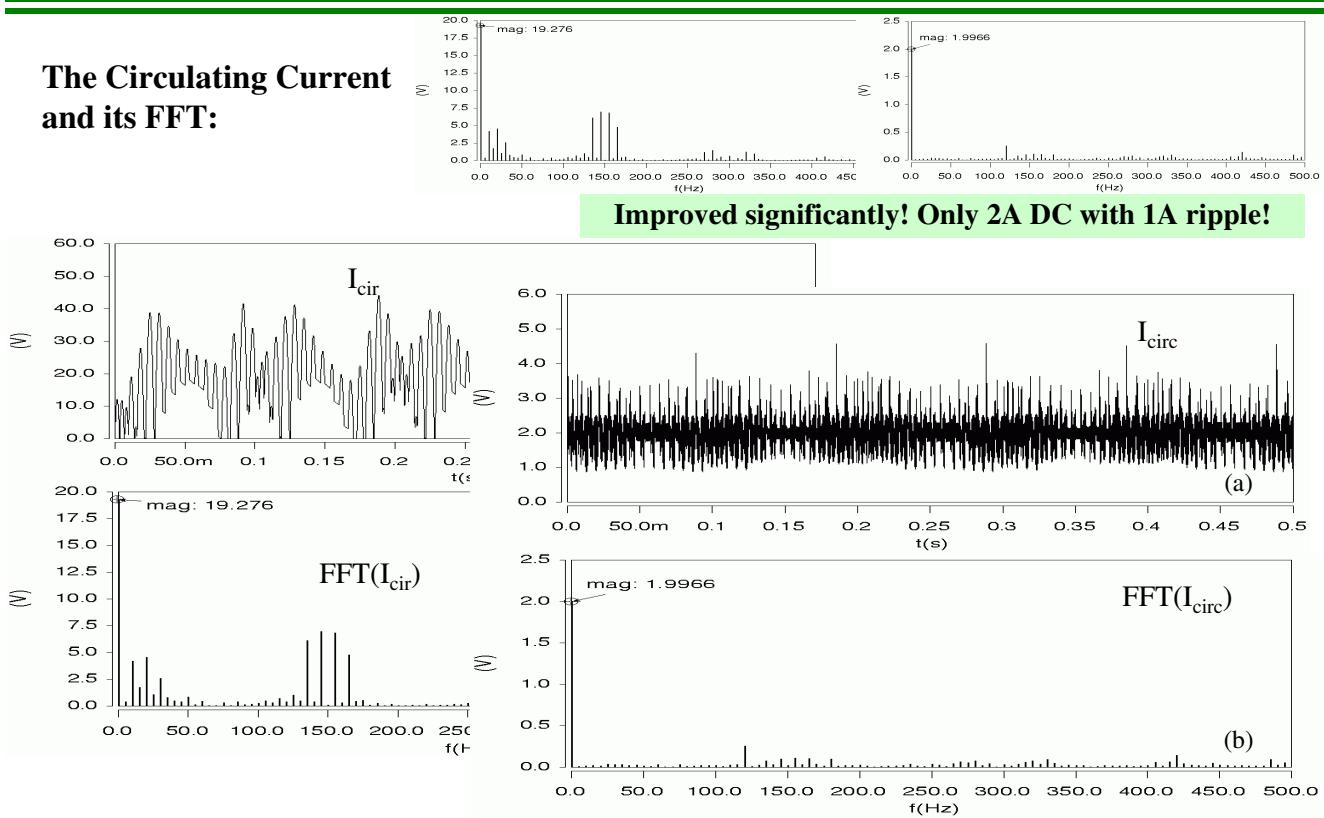


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The Circulating Current and its FFT:

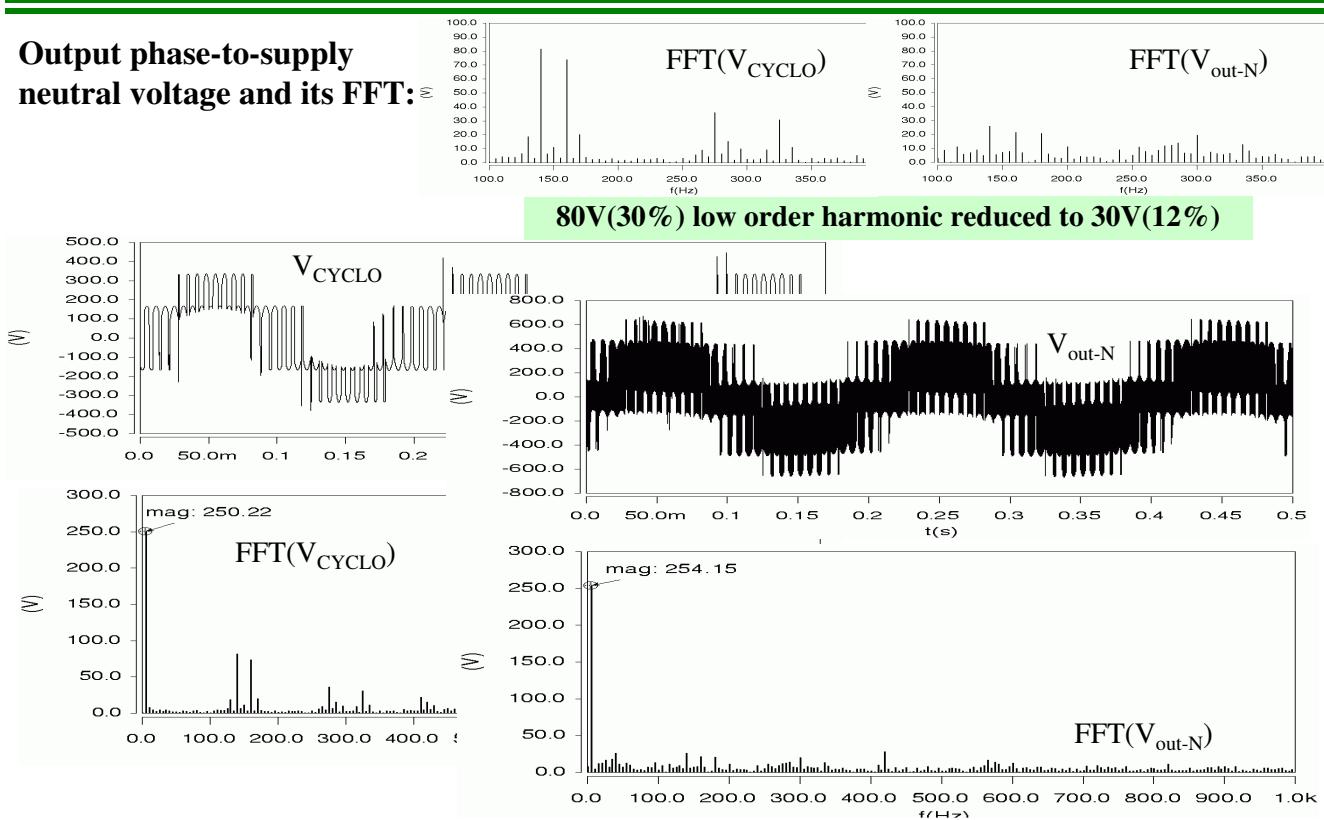


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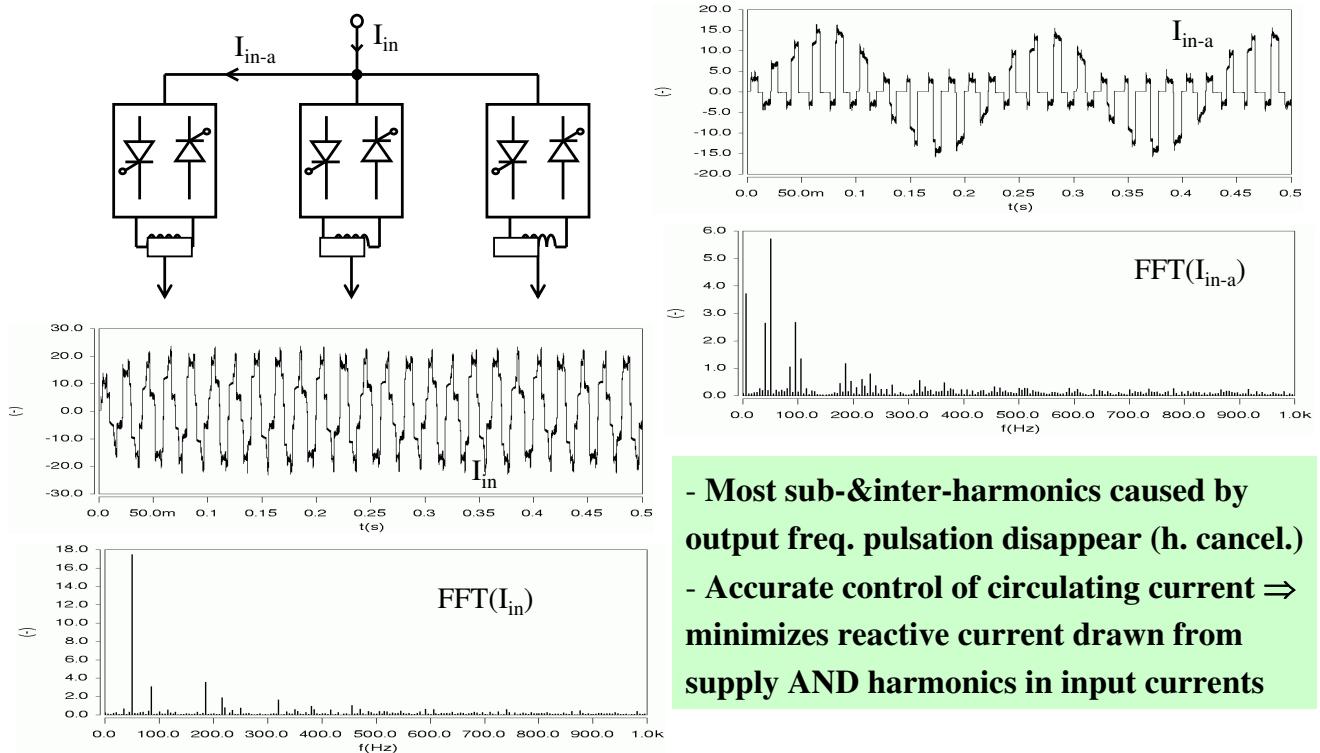


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Output phase-to-supply neutral voltage and its FFT:



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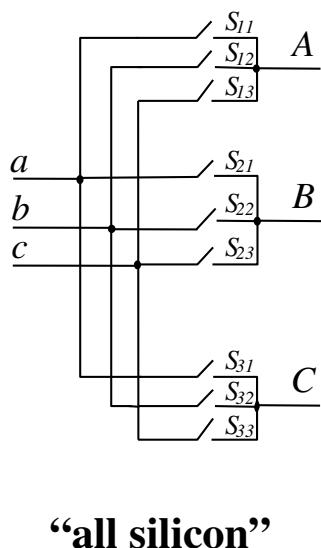
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Basic Features of Direct Power Conversion



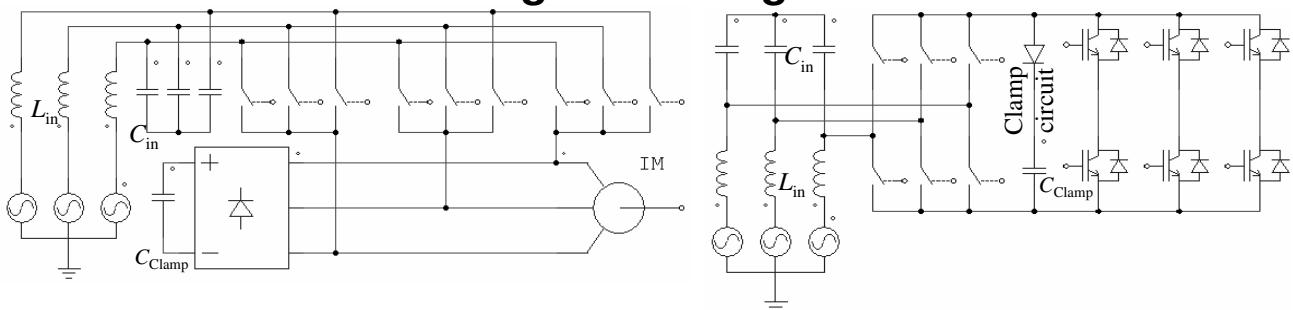
Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 4-quadrant drive ● Sinusoidal input currents ● Semi-soft commutation ● No DC-link passive comp. ● Compact drive potential ● High output voltage quality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Low output voltage <86% ● Many semiconductors ● Many gate-drives ● Complex commutation control ● Sensitive to disturbances in the supply voltage

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1-stage vs. 2-stage MC



Both DPC need LC input filter, clamp circuit, $V_{out}/V_{in} < 0.87!$

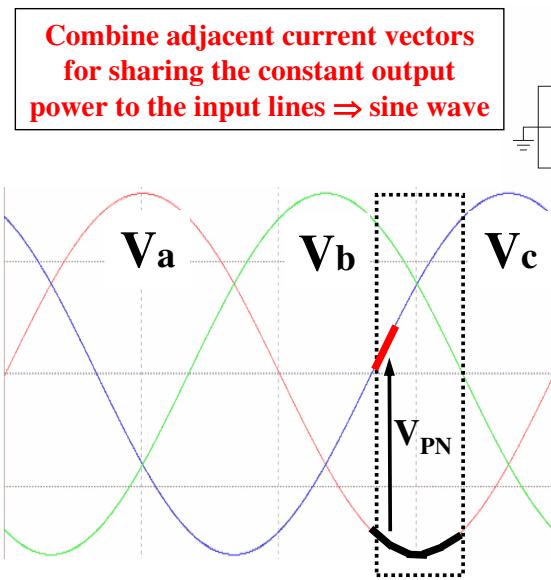
- ☺ Save diodes for clamp circuit on load side
- ☺ Flexible design of rectifier stage (optimize semiconductor ratings, multidrive)
- ☺ Dead-time commutation in inversion stage
- ☺ Possible ZCS of rectifier stage during a zero-voltage vector
- ☺ Conduction losses are load dependent (better efficiency at light loads torque)

- ☹ Cannot produce rotating vectors
- ☹ ZCS \Rightarrow Rectifier stage decrease max. voltage transfer ratio
- ☹ Higher conduction losses at rated power

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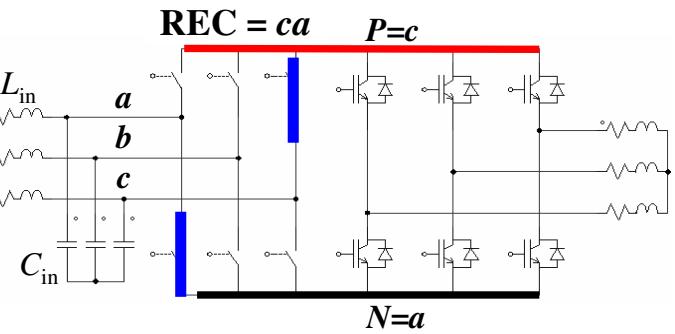


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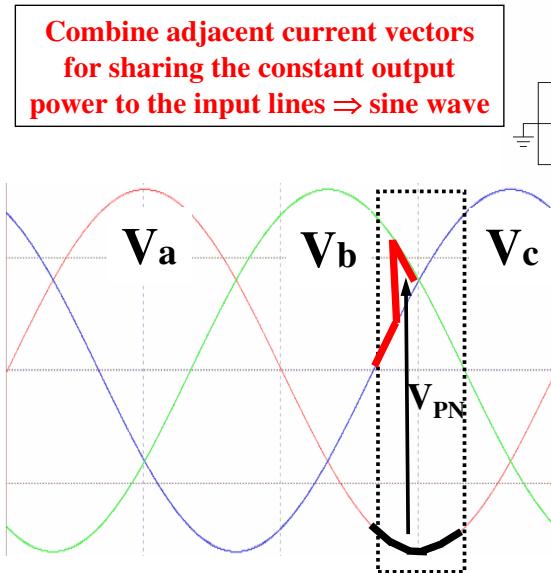
Rectification Stage $\Rightarrow V_{PN}$

Sector	0	1	2	3	4	5
γ -sequence:	ac	bc	ba	ca	cb	ab
V_P	V_a	V_b	V_b	V_c	V_c	V_a
V_N	V_c	V_c	V_a	V_a	V_b	V_b
$V_{line-\gamma}$	V_{ac}	V_{bc}	V_{ba}	V_{ca}	V_{cb}	V_{ab}
δ -sequence:	ab	ac	bc	ba	ca	cb
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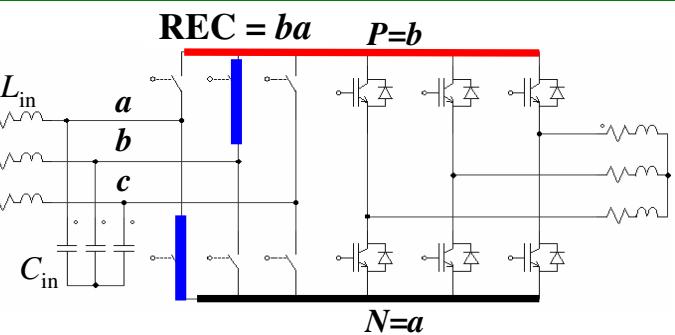


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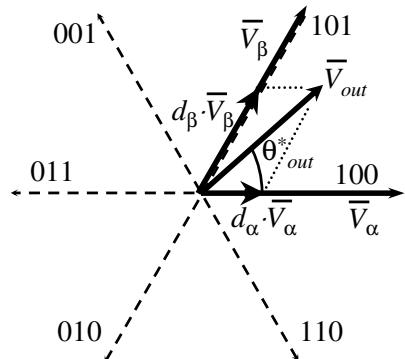
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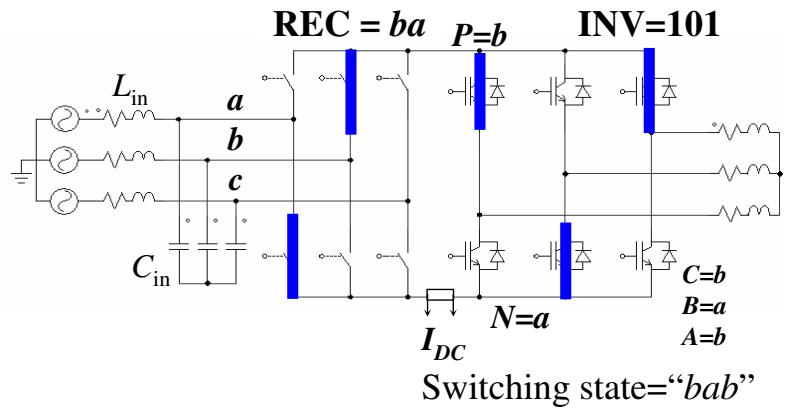
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Combine adjacent voltage vectors for accurate generation of the reference voltage vector



$$d_\alpha = m_U \cdot \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3} - \theta_{out}^*\right)$$

$$d_\beta = m_U \cdot \sin(\theta_{out}^*)$$



Inversion Stage

Sector	β -sequence	α -sequence	I_{DC} [0- α - β - α -0]
0	$100 = I_A$	$110 = -I_C$	$0 I_A -I_C I_A 0$
1	$110 = -I_C$	$010 = I_B$	$0 -I_C I_B -I_C 0$
2	$010 = I_B$	$011 = -I_A$	$0 I_B -I_A I_B 0$
3	$011 = -I_A$	$001 = I_C$	$0 -I_A I_C -I_A 0$
4	$001 = I_C$	$101 = -I_B$	$0 I_C -I_B I_C 0$
5	$101 = -I_B$	$100 = I_A$	$0 -I_B I_A -I_B 0$

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Removing the Zero Current Vector from REC Stage = **maintain duty_{REC} proportion**

Rectification stage duty-cycles

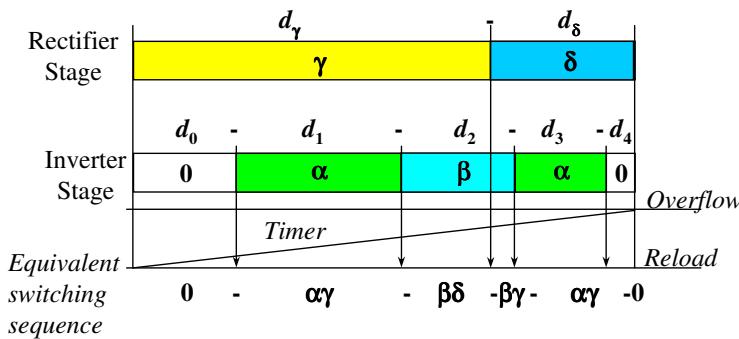
$$d_\gamma^R = \frac{d_\gamma}{d_\gamma + d_\delta} \quad d_\delta^R = \frac{d_\delta}{d_\gamma + d_\delta}$$

$$V_{PN} = d_\gamma^R \cdot V_{line-\gamma} + d_\delta^R \cdot V_{line-\delta}$$

$$m_U = \sqrt{2} \cdot V_{out} / V_{PN}$$

$$d_\alpha = m_U \cdot \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3} - \theta_{out}^*\right)$$

$$d_\beta = m_U \cdot \sin(\theta_{out}^*)$$



Inversion stages duty-cycles

$$d_0 = d_\gamma^R \cdot [1 - (d_\gamma + d_\delta) \cdot (d_\alpha + d_\beta)]$$

$$d_1 = d_\gamma \cdot d_\alpha$$

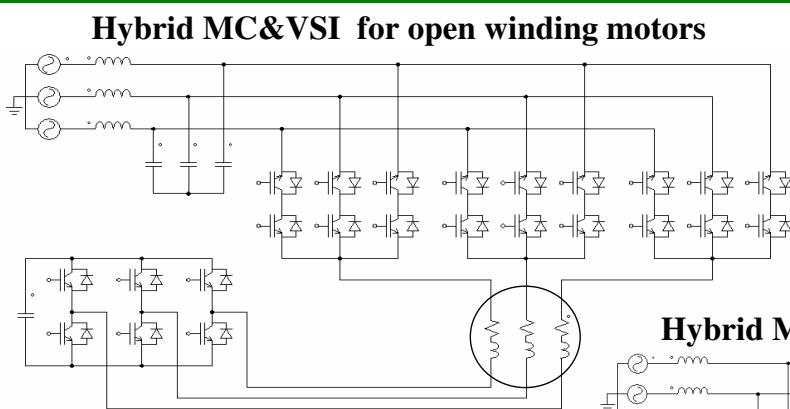
$$d_2 = (d_\gamma + d_\delta) \cdot d_\beta$$

$$d_3 = d_\delta \cdot d_\alpha$$

$$d_4 = d_\delta^R \cdot [1 - (d_\gamma + d_\delta) \cdot (d_\alpha + d_\beta)]$$

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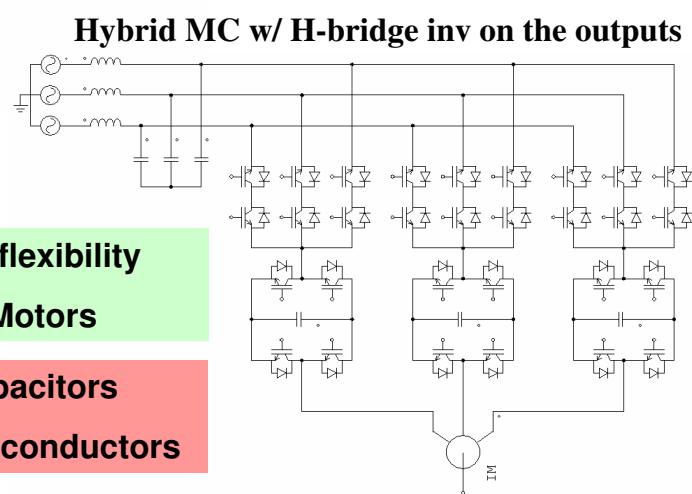
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☺ Smaller Capacitor

☺ Less semiconductors

☹ Open Winding Motors



☺ Increased flexibility

☺ Standard Motors

☹ Bigger Capacitors

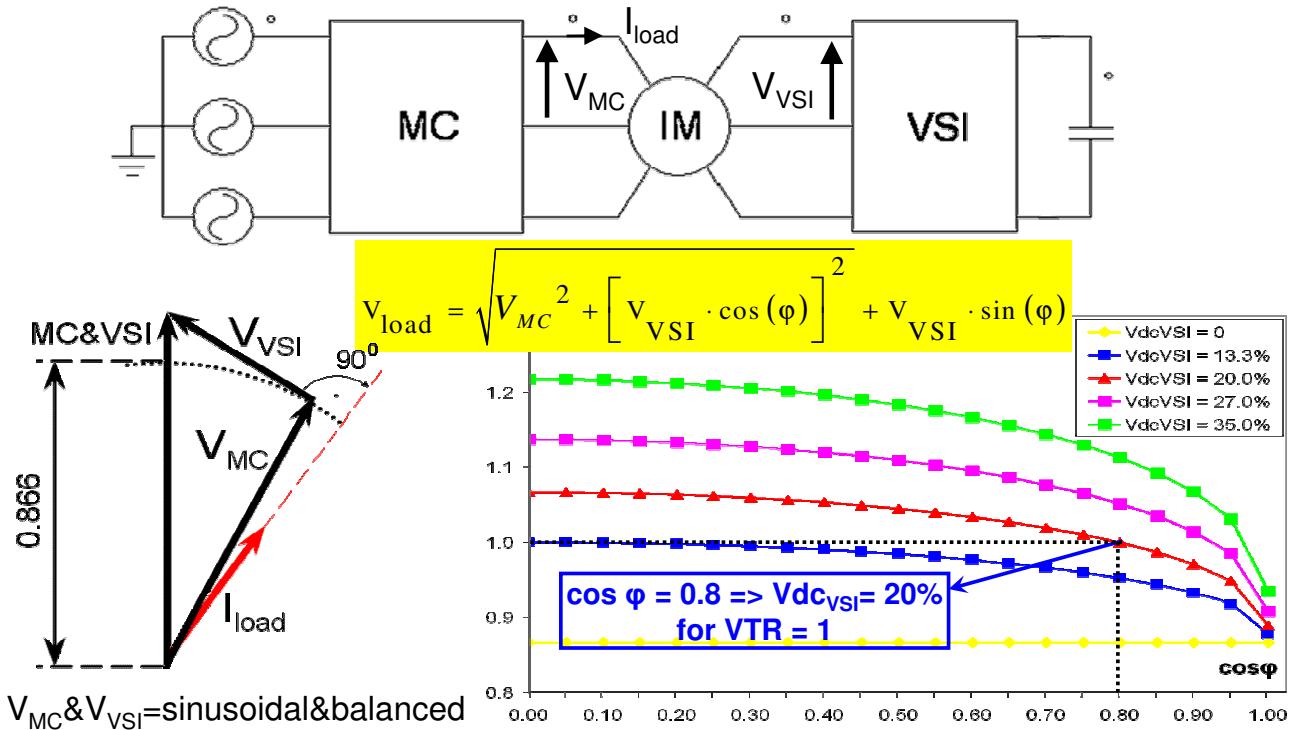
☹ More Semiconductors

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Mode 1: ZERO Instantaneous Power Injection

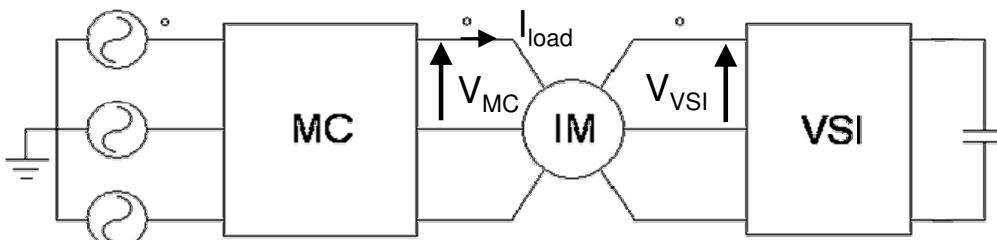


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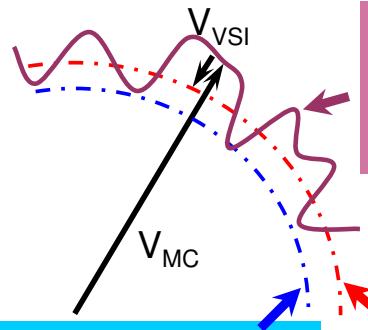
Mode 2: ZERO Average Power Injection



MC: overmodulation

V_{MC} = non-sinusoidal

V_{VSI} = to cancel distortion



Locus of the matrix converter output voltage (overmodulation)

Outer limit (0.866) of MC output voltage (sinus & balanced)

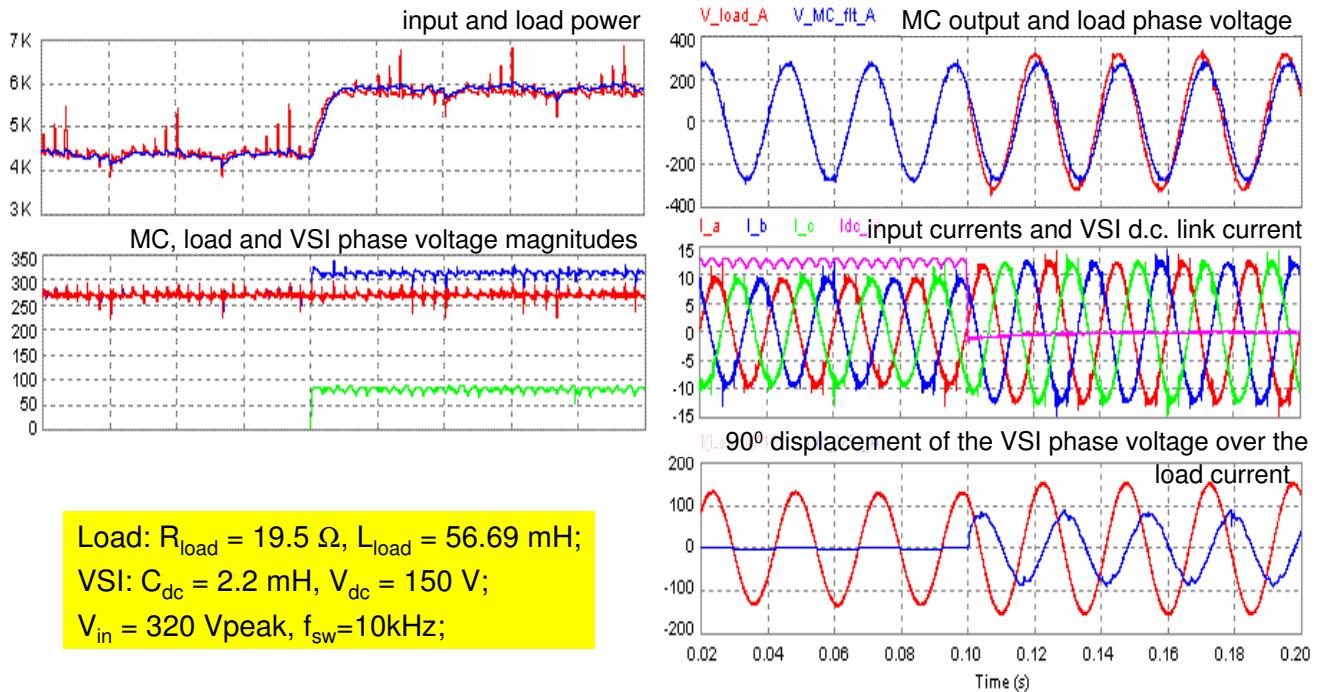
Circle equivalent outer limit of the MC output voltage locus (overmodulation)

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Transient ($t = 0.1\text{s}$) from standard to hybrid operation (**Mode 1, VTR=1**)

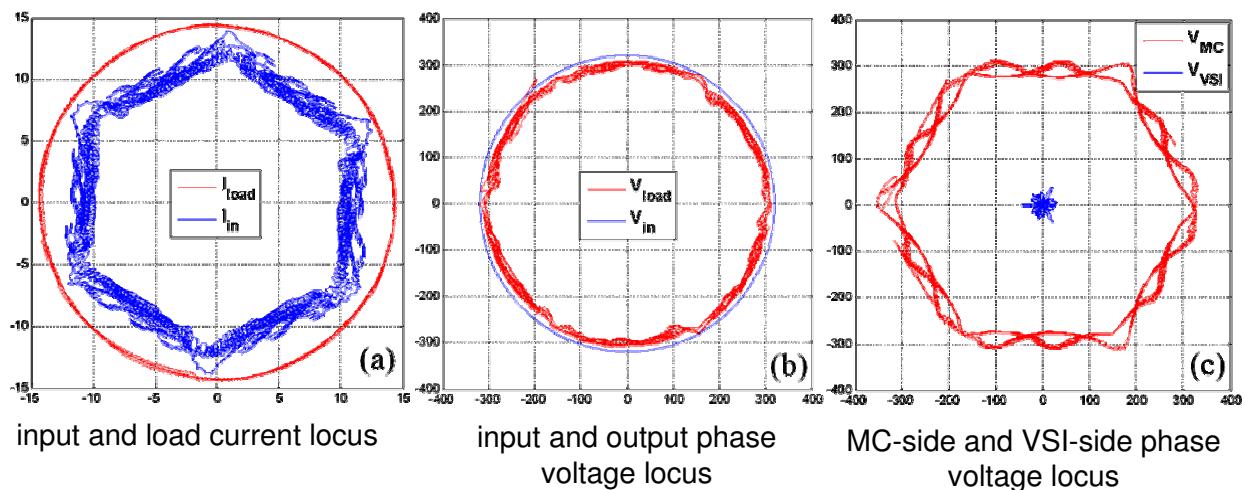


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Operation of the hybrid MC&VSI (**Mode 2, VTR=0.955**)



Mode 2:

MC overmodulation range (nonsin/unbal V_{MC})

VSI cancel distortion/unbalance caused by MC

Load: $R_{\text{load}} = 19.5 \Omega$, $L_{\text{load}} = 56.69 \text{ mH}$;

VSI: $C_{\text{dc}} = 2.2 \text{ mH}$, $V_{\text{dc}} = 75\text{V}$;

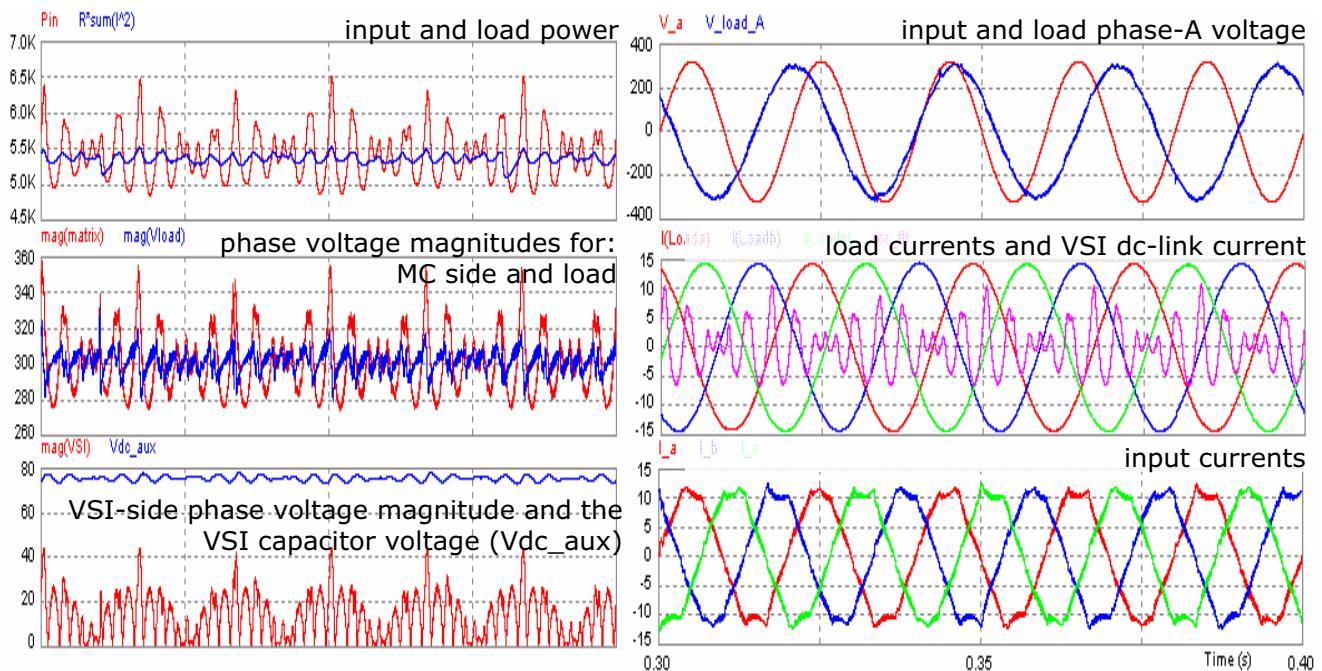
$V_{\text{in}} = 320 \text{ Vpeak}$, $f_{\text{sw}} = 10\text{kHz}$;

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Operation of the hybrid MC&VSI (Mode 2, VTR=0.955)

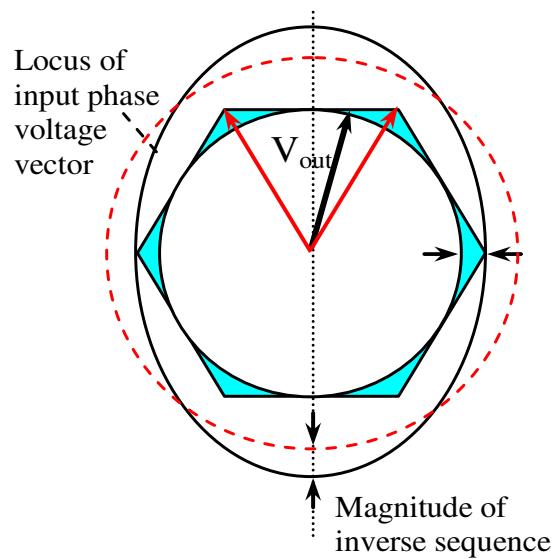


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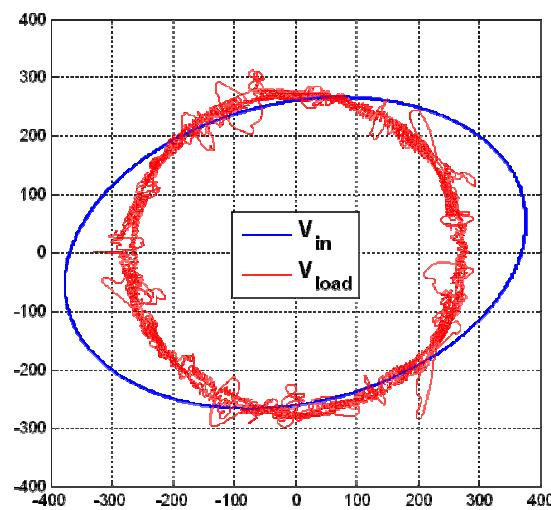


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Locus of input and load voltage vectors
under unbalance supply voltages (Mode 2, VTR=0.955)



Standard MC with passive compensation
(explanatory)



Active Compensation of Unbalance
Proposed hybrid MC&VSI (20% unbalance)

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Semiconductor Losses

		IGBT	FRD	ON	OFF
Standard MC		69.81	49.55	29.24	12.14
MC&VSI (with ZV in the INV-stage of the MC)	MC	70.84	50.25	29.33	12.65
	VSI	15.25	12.17	1.13	0.5
MC&VSI (no ZV state in the MC)	MC	69.84	49.58	14.12	5.74
	VSI	14.35	12.17	1.01	0.46

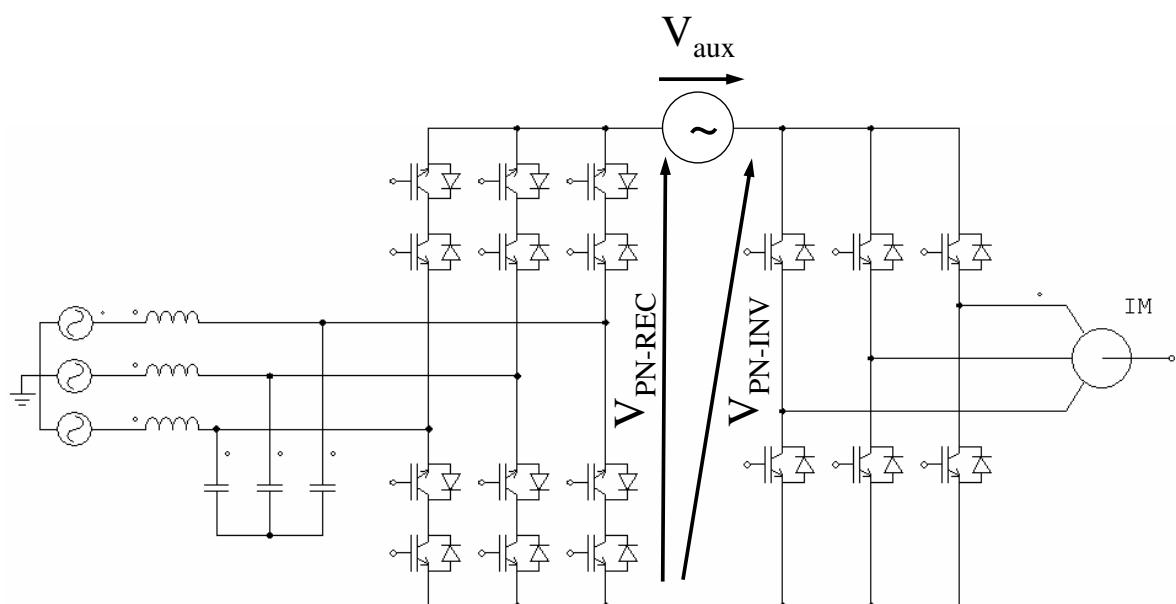
- 1.the standard MC
- 2.the hybrid MC&VSI with ZV in the inverter stage of the MC
- 3.the hybrid MC&VSI with modified switching pattern (ZV removed from MC as in slide 7)

		P _{cond} [W]	P _{switch} [W]	P _{loss} [W]	P _{out} [kW]	P _{loss} [%]	Σ [%]	I _{load} [A]	V _{phn} [V]	V _{rms} [V]	VTR
Standard MC	MC	119.36	41.38	160.74	4.84	3.32	3.32	14.35	320	339	0.866
MC&VSI (with ZV in the INV of the MC)	MC	121.08	41.98	163.06	5.02	3.25	3.83	14.35	320	355	0.910
	VSI	27.42	1.18	29.06		0.58					
MC&VSI (no ZV in the MC)	MC	119.42	19.86	139.28	5.37	2.59	3.11	14.35	320	373	0.955
	VSI	26.52	1.47	27.99		0.52					

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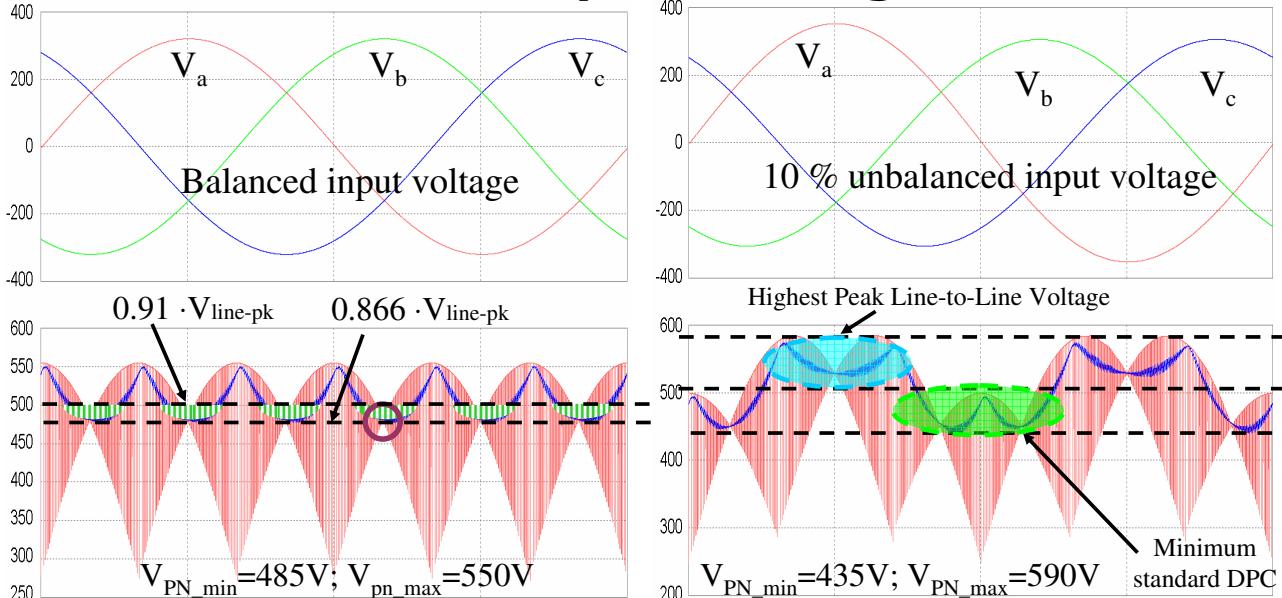
$$V_{PN-INV} = V_{PN-REC} + V_{aux}$$

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Intermediary Link Voltage

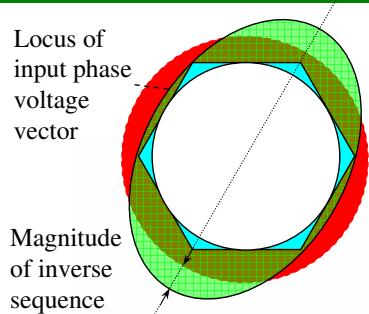


- The key for unbalance compensation is increase V_{pn} average
- Use an auxiliary voltage supply to boost up the average

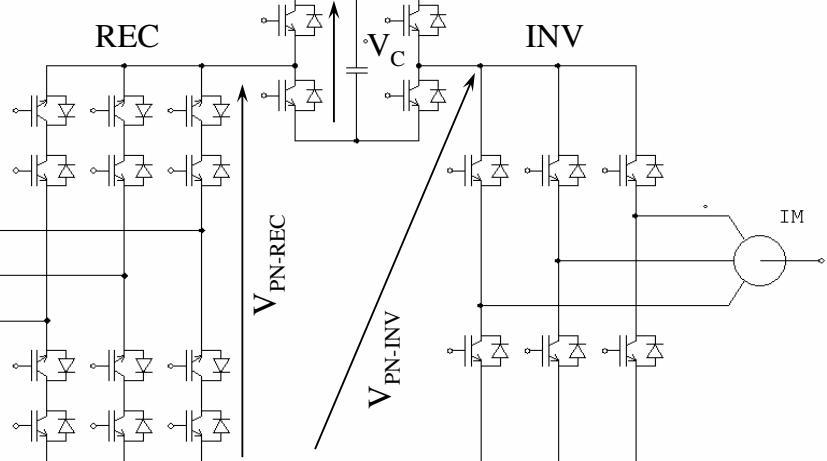
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Unbalance { twice a period = deficit of voltage
twice a period = voltage in excess



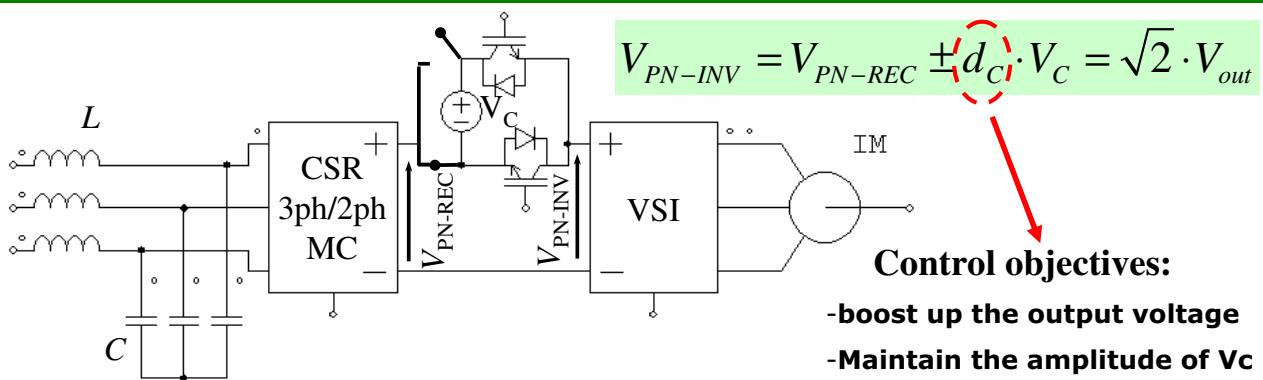
Preservation of
capacitor
energy

$$\int V_{\text{HB}} \cdot I_{\text{DC-INV}} = 0$$

$$V_{\text{HB-ref}} = V_{\text{PN-REC}} - V_{\text{PN-INV}} \Rightarrow \text{CONSTANT} (> 0.866)$$

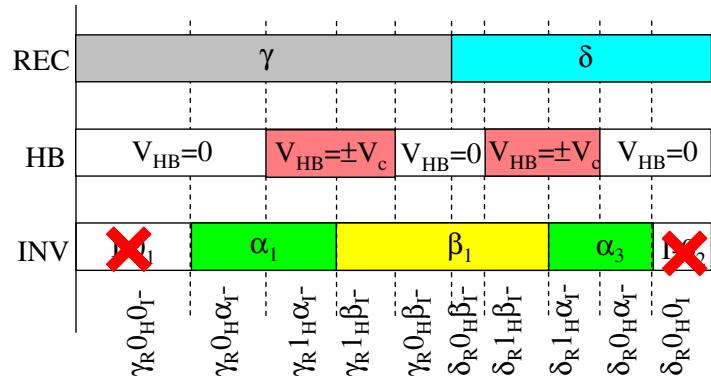
\Rightarrow Customized shape

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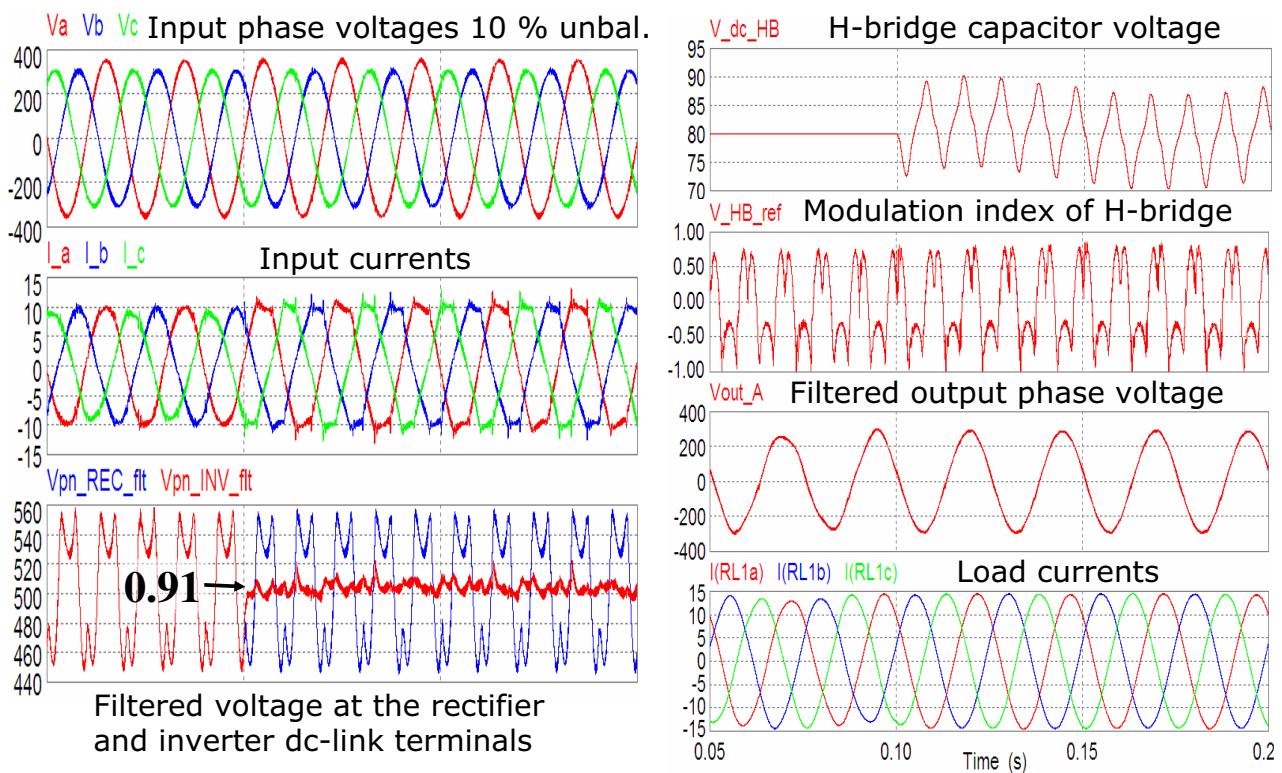


Voltage ratings H-bridge

	Constant V_{pn}	Modulated V_{pn}
Balanced Supply	1-0.91 =9 %	0.95-0.86 =9 %
10 % Unbalance	15 %	20 %



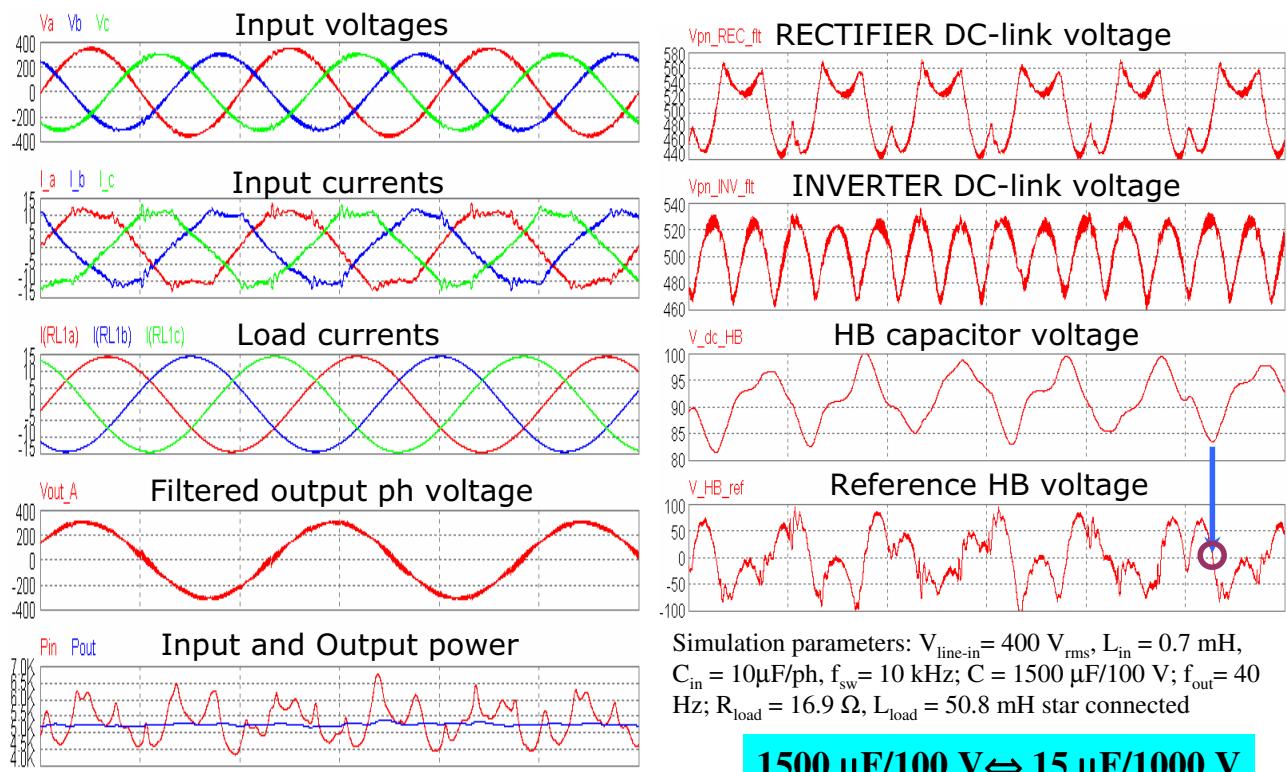
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Two-stage IMC

	IGBT	FRD	ON	OFF	$\Sigma [\%]$
Rectifier	49.1 W	34.8 W	1.2 W	0.6 W	1.77 %
Inverter	59.3 W	6.6 W	24.2 W	10.4 W	2.08 %

Hybrid IMC constant V_{pn}

	IGBT	FRD	ON	OFF	$\Sigma[\%]$
Rectifier	50.4 W	35.7 W	1.2 W	0.6 W	1.76 %
H-bridge	10.7 W	9.1 W	2.2 W	1.1 W	0.46 %
Inverter	59.9 W	6.1 W	22.2 W	9.8 W	1.96 %

Hybrid IMC modulated V_{pn}

	IGBT	FRD	ON	OFF	$\Sigma[\%]$
Rectifier	53.1 W	37.6 W	2.7 W	1.2 W	1.78 %
H-bridge	12.3 W	9.7 W	1.9 W	0.9 W	0.47 %
Inverter	61.3 W	5.3 W	10.7 W	4.9 W	1.56 %

$f_{\text{out}} = 40 \text{ Hz}$; $I_{\text{load}} = 14.3 \text{ A}_{\text{pk}}$; $\cos \varphi = 0.8$

6. Hybrid Indirect Matrix Conv.

Comparison of the power losses

	V _{out} L-L	P _{out}	Total loss	η	Conduction losses	Switching losses		
	V	W	W	%	W	%	W	%
IMC	337.6	4830	186.1	96.14%	149.7	3.10%	36.3	0.75%
H/V=ct	354.8	5006	209.3	95.82%	172.1	3.44%	37.2	0.74%
Mod V	373.1	5258	201.6	96.17%	179.3	3.41%	22.3	0.42%

Installed power in semiconductors

Topology	N _{main}	N _{aux}	kV _{aux}	P _{sw} /kVA _{out}
Standard MC, IMC/18sw	18	0	0	24.0
HIMC/18sw/const. Vpn	18	4	0.15	23.7
HIMC/18sw/mod Vpn	18	4	0.2	22.8
MC&VSI (mode 2)	18	6	0.2	22.8

Can handle 10 % unbalance

$$\frac{P_{sw}}{kVA_{out}} = \frac{(N_{main} + N_{aux} \cdot k_{volt}) \cdot \sqrt{2} \cdot V_{in-L} \cdot \sqrt{2} \cdot I_{out}}{VTR \cdot \sqrt{3} \cdot V_{in-L} \cdot I_{out}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \frac{(N_{main} + N_{aux} \cdot k_{volt})}{VTR}$$



Conclusions

- ✓ Hybrid Converters = Main Converter + Auxiliary Converter
- ✓ Main Converter: Processes the bulk power efficiently but with low performance
- ✓ Auxiliary Converter: Low added kVA/\$ but highly versatile
- ✓ Electr. L ⇒ Better input currents, reduced L, ripple free Vdc
- ✓ 2-stage VSI: Moves Losses; Changes loss distribution
- ✓ H-cycloconv: Ctrl.circulating current, better input crt/Vout
- ✓ H-matrix converter: higher Vout/Vin, improved robustness against unbalanced supply, more efficient (same Iout)
- ✓ Added power semiconductors ⇔ increase in P_{out}

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