



ECE 8930: Advanced Power Electronics
FALL 2020

MEETING TIME: TR 12:30 pm – 01:45 pm

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Meeting ID: 294 774 7574
Passcode: dh1G9W

COURSE MODALITY: HYBRID

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Multi-phase (esp. three-phase) AC PWM converters are one of the most popular and important types of power electronics converters. Many emerging applications require the use of three- and multiphase PWM converters: electrified transportation, electronic power distribution systems, and renewable energy systems. They are used in industrial automation, vehicles, wind power generator, appliances in the form of electric motor drives; and used in power systems as electronic transformer, power flow controller, and compensator. There is a real need to have a course focusing on the design of the multi-phase PWM converters, not only their control, but also power stage, system interface, and integration. This course starts from an introduction to AC three-phase PWM converters. Then the detailed power stage design of three-phase PWM converters will be presented, including power semiconductor device selection and loss calculation, passive component selection and design, thermal design, gate drive, protection, auxiliary circuits, sensors, and controller hardware. Afterward, the power converter interface with load and source will be discussed, including dv/dt filter for motor drives, LCL filter for grid-tied applications, and EMI filter for industrial and emerging applications (e.g. aviation). Finally, a high-density converter design methodology will be overviewed with several examples highlighted. The course targets for graduate students with fundamental power electronics knowledge.

COURSE PREREQUISITES: ECE4930/6930 - INTRODUCTION OF POWER ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY AND APPLICATIONS

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES: At the completion of the course, students should be able to 1) understand the operation of three-phase PWM converters; 2) be able to design a three-phase converter, including component selection, power stage design, filter design, auxiliary circuit design; 3) be able to consider the important source and load interface issues, including harmonics, EMI noise, dv/dt noise; 4) be able to use simulation in design and validation; 5) understand the basic principle for achieving high power density; and 6) give a technical presentation

REQUIRED MATERIALS: Simulation software — PLECS, MATLAB, and SABER (license will be provided in the class)

Textbook (optional) — 1) Analysis of Electric Machinery and Drive Systems –Krause, Wasynczuk, Sudhoff, 2) Power Electronics : Converters, Applications and Design –Mohan, Undeland, Robbins; 3)

Vector Control and Dynamics of AC Drives –Novotny and Lipo; 4) Power Electronics and Motor Drives: Advances and Trends –Bose; 5) High Power Converters and AC Drives –Wu; 6) Electric Motor Drives: Modeling, Analysis, and Control –Krishnan

Student is required to have a laptop computer, internet connectivity capable of transmitting and receiving video, a video camera, a microphone, and a cell phone

TOPICAL OUTLINE:

Week	Date	Type	Topic	Remarks
W1	08/20/20	Lecture 1	Introduction	Online
W2	08/25/20	Lecture 2	Two-level voltage source converter Overall aspect with design consideration	Online
W2	08/27/20	Lecture 3	Power semiconductors	Online
W3	09/01/20	Lecture 4	Switching loss analysis	Online
W3	09/03/20	Lecture 4 (Cont'd)	Switching analysis with parasitics	Online
W4	09/08/20	Lecture 4 (Cont'd)	Switching analysis with Saber	Online
W4	09/10/20	Lecture 5	Thermal management system	Online
W5	09/15/20	Lecture 6	Capacitor	Online
W5	09/17/20	Lecture 7	Inductor basics	Online
W6	09/22/20	Lecture 7 (Cont'd)	Inductor design consideration	TBD
W6	09/24/20	Lecture 8	Two-level VSC modulation & control	TBD
W7	09/29/20	Lecture 9	Loss calculation	TBD
W7	10/01/20	Lecture 10	Power stage design	TBD
W8	10/06/20	Lecture 11	Gate drive design	TBD
W8	10/08/20	Lecture 12	Protection	TBD
W9	10/13/20	Lecture 13	Dead-time effect	TBD
W10	10/20/20	Lecture 14	Filter design overview	TBD
W10	10/22/20	Lecture 15	EMI filter design	TBD
W11	10/27/20	Lecture 15 (Cont'd)	EMI filter design (Cont'd)	TBD
W11	10/29/20	Lecture 16	Dv/dt issue for motor drives	TBD
W12	11/03/20	Fall break		
W12	11/05/20	Lecture 16 (Cont'd))	Dv/dt filter design for motor drives	TBD
W13	11/10/20	Lecture 17	LCL filter for grid-tied inverter	TBD
W13	11/12/20	Lecture 18	Control and auxiliary hardware	TBD
W14	11/17/20	Lecture 19	Other topology — Three-level neutral-point clamped converter	TBD
W14	11/19/20	Lecture 19 (Cont'd)	Other topology — H-bridge cascaded converter	TBD
W15	11/24/20	Lecture 20	Converter design optimization	TBD
W15	11/26/20	Thanksgiving		
W16	12/01/20	Lecture 20 (Cont'd)	Converter design optimization (Cont'd)	Online
W16	12/03/20	Student presentation 2	Student presentation – Final examination	Online

CLASS CANCELLATION POLICY: Class is cancelled if the instructor is more than 15 minutes late to class.

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A – 90% - 100%; B – 80-89.9%; C – 70-79.9%; D – 60-69.9% & F – < 60%

Grading Type	Weighting
Homework (three)	30 %

Participation and discussion	5 %
Project (one)	20 %
Student presentation (two)	20 %
Final project (one)	25 %
Total	100 %

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Procedures for turning in homework – online submission is highly recommended.