

# ***Power converters***

## ***Definitions and classifications***

## ***Converter topologies***

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will organise a course on

# **POWER CONVERTERS**

**FOR PARTICLE ACCELERATORS**

**Hanover International Hotel,  
Warrington, UK,  
12 - 18 May 2004**

This course will mainly be of interest to staff in accelerator laboratories, university departments and manufacturing companies specialising in power converters and their electronics.

It will present a review of the actual state of the art and highlight the latest developments in the field.

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# ***Power converters : Definitions***

**The source of the beam blow-up when we could not prove it was the RF** (Control room operator)

**A powerful small black box able to convert MAD files into currents** (Accelerator Physics group member)

**An equipment with three states, ON, OFF and FAULT** (Another operator)

**Is it the same thing as a power supply?** (Person from another physics lab)

**A big box with wires and pipes everywhere and blinking lamps. Occasionally it goes BANGG!** (Group secretary view)



# ***Power converters : Definitions (cont'd)***

**That which feeds the magnets** (a visitor)

**A stupid installation taking a non-sinusoidal current at poor power factor** (power distribution engineer)

**A standard piece of equipment available from industry off-the-shelf**  
(a higher management person, not in in this room !)

**Something which converts your time in money.**  
**Efficiency ??? Especially last week-ends !!!!...** (my wife)



# Energy source



# Applications

## Power converter

The task of a power converter is to process and control the flow of electric energy by supplying voltages and currents in a form that is optimally suited for user loads.

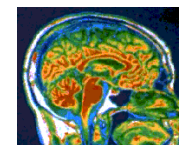
Control

Traction  
and auxiliary



Domestic Appliance

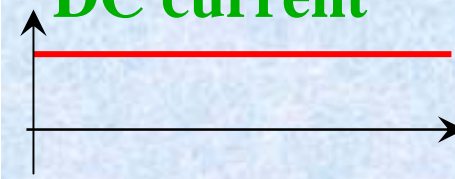
Medical applications



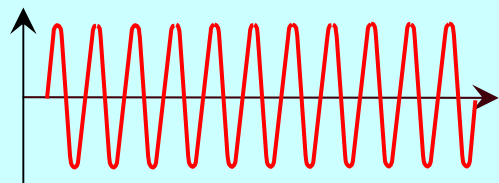
Industrial applications, Welding,  
Induction Heating, ....



DC current



50 or 60 Hz ; AC

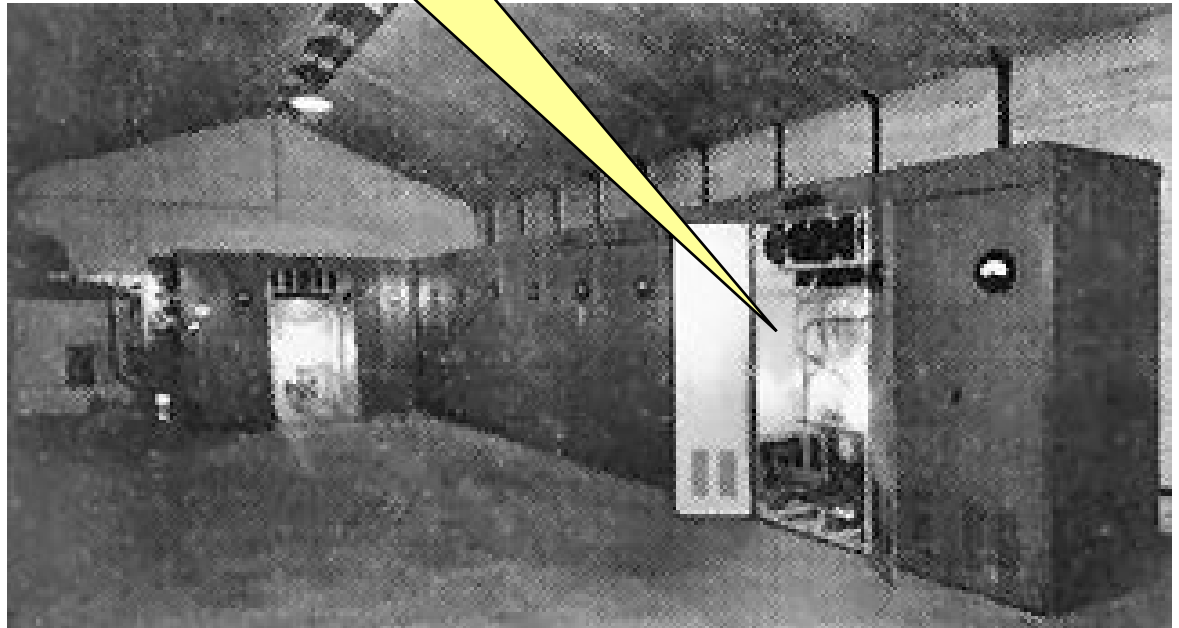
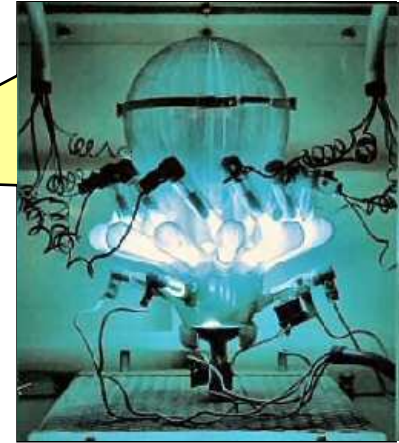




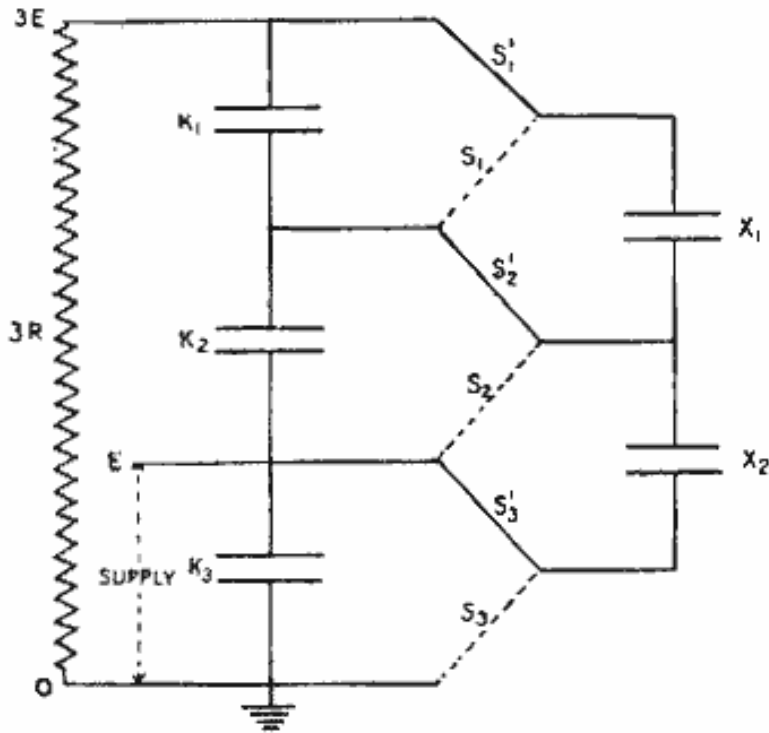
# Once upon a time.... not so far



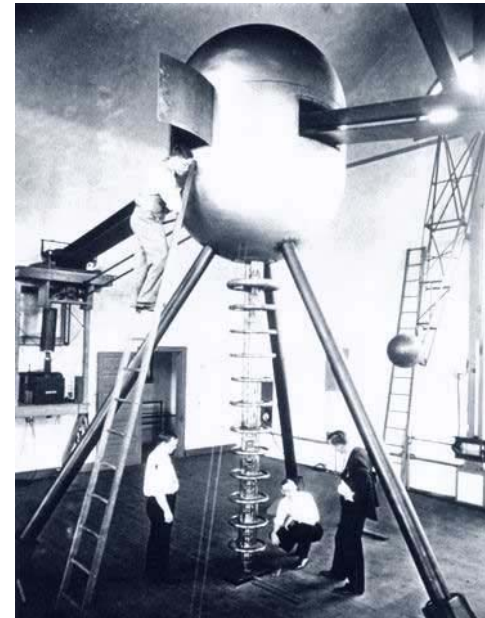
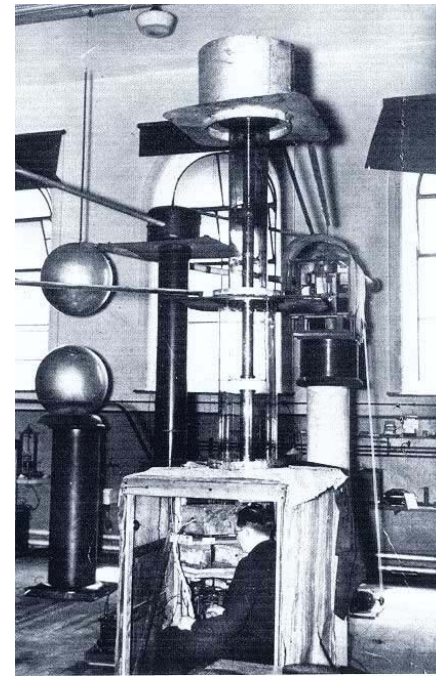
**This is a 6-phase device,  
150A rating with grid  
control.  
It measures 600mm high  
by 530mm diameter.**







**Schematic of Cockcroft and Walton's voltage multiplier. Opening and closing the switches  $S$  transfers charge from capacitor  $K_3$  through the capacitors  $X$  up to  $K_1$ .**





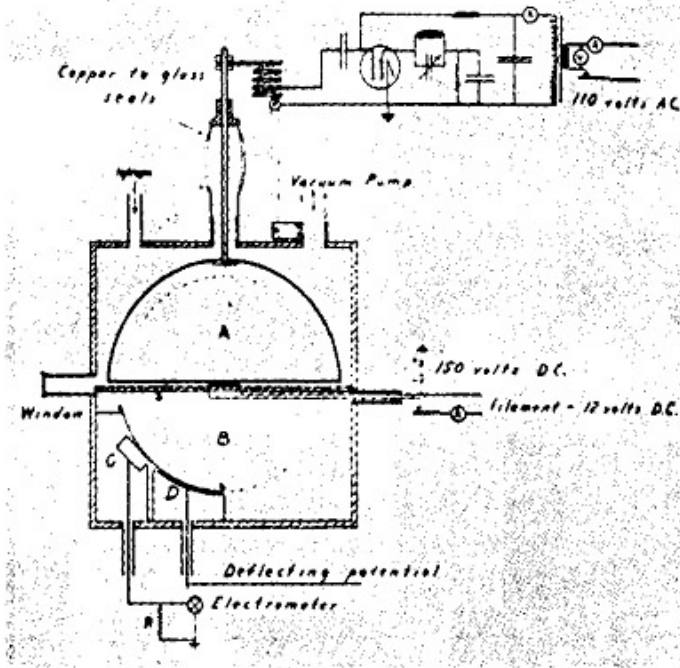
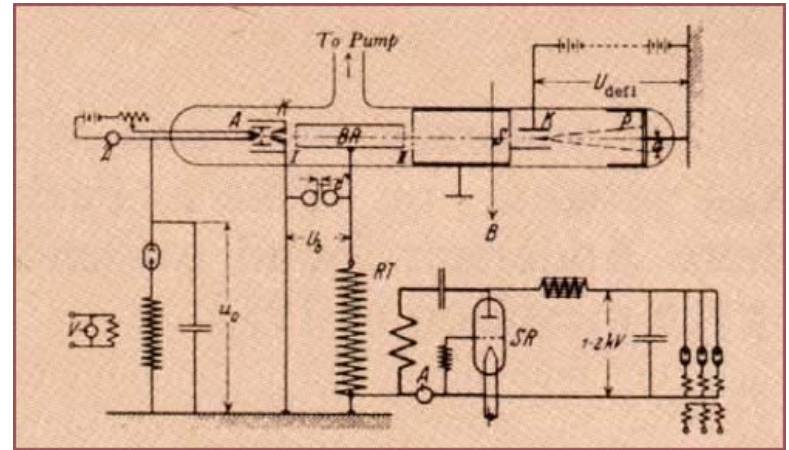


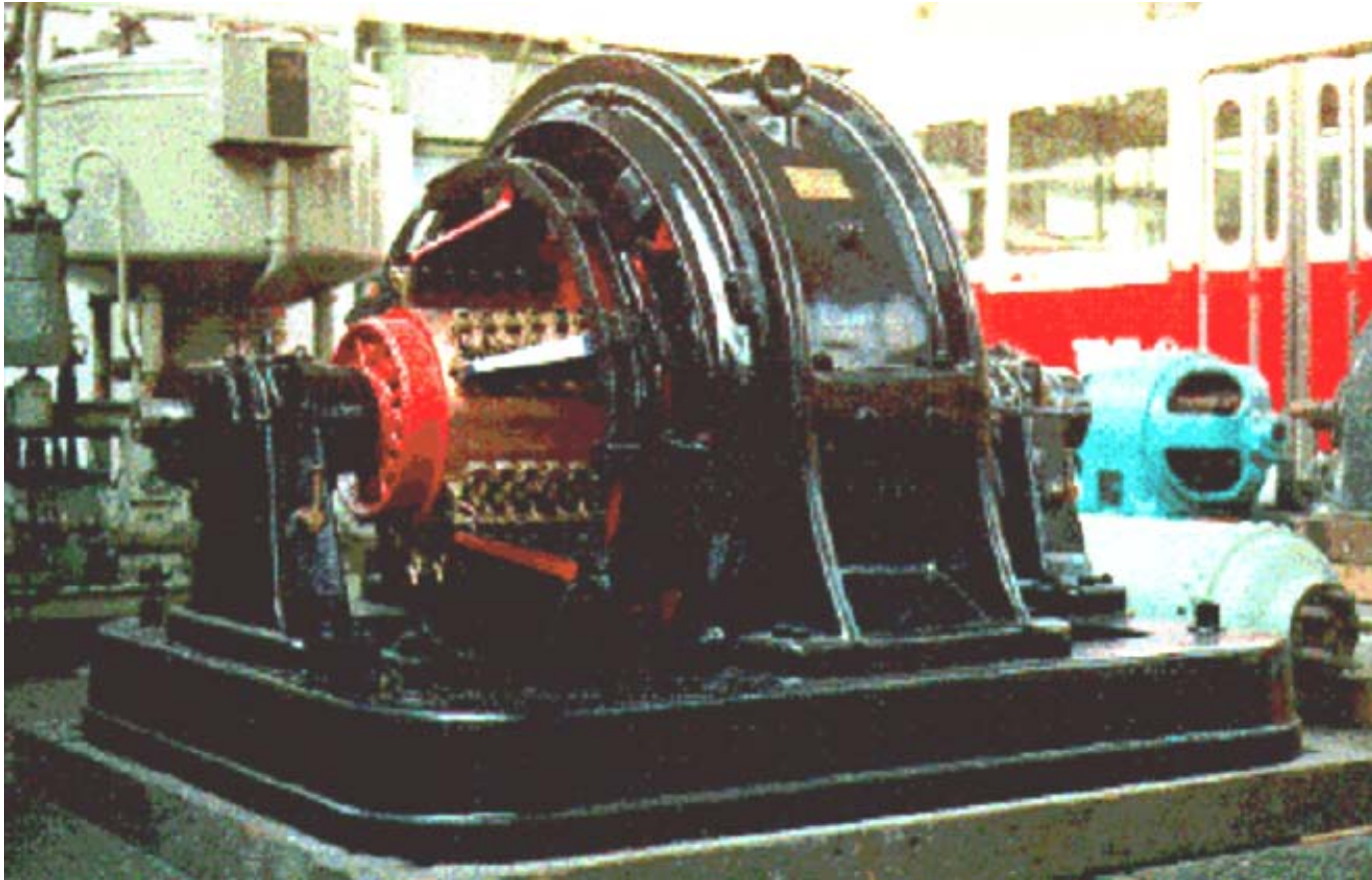
Diagram of the first successful cyclotron constructed by Lawrence and M. S. Livingston. The single dee is five inches in diameter.



The difficulties of maintaining high voltages led several physicists to propose accelerating particles by using a lower voltage more than once. Lawrence learned of one such scheme in the spring of 1929, while browsing through an issue of *Archiv für Elektrotechnik*, a German journal for electrical engineers. Lawrence read German only with great difficulty, but he was rewarded for his diligence: he found an article by a Norwegian engineer, Rolf Widerøe, the title of which he could translate as “On a new principle for the production of higher voltages.” The diagrams explained the principle and Lawrence skipped the text.



**In the beginning...**



**une commutatrice des tramways de Saint-Etienne, datant de 1907 et ayant fonctionné jusqu'en avril 1991**

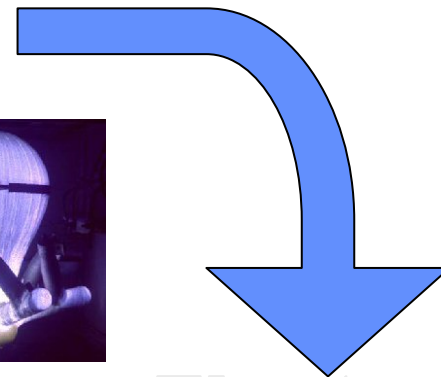






# Evolution of Power semiconductors

From mercury arc rectifier,  
grid-controlled vacuum-tube  
rectifier, inignitron ,....



## Power Electronics

**From 1960**

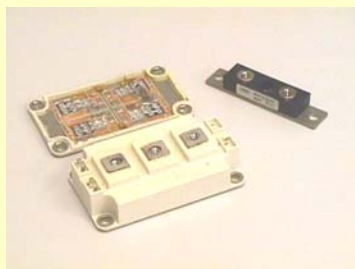
**Power Diode and Thyristor  
or SCR (Silicon-Controlled Rectifier )**



**Link to frequency of the  
electrical network  
50 Hz (60 Hz)**

**From 1985**

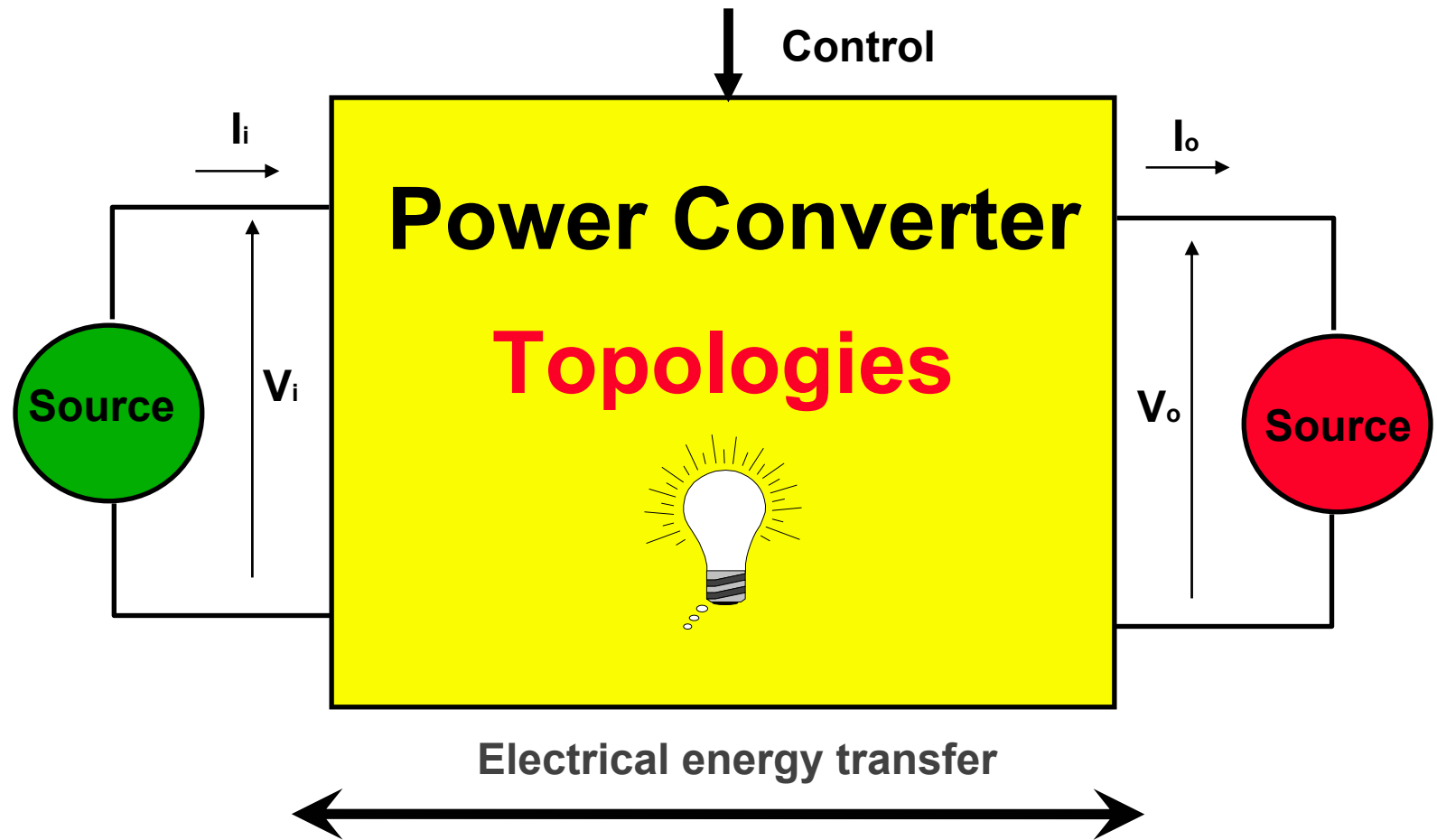
**High frequency power semiconductors :  
MosFet, IGBTs , GTOs, MCTs,....**



**High frequency => high  
performances (ripple,  
bandwidth, perturbation  
rejection,...)  
small magnetic  
(volume, weight)**



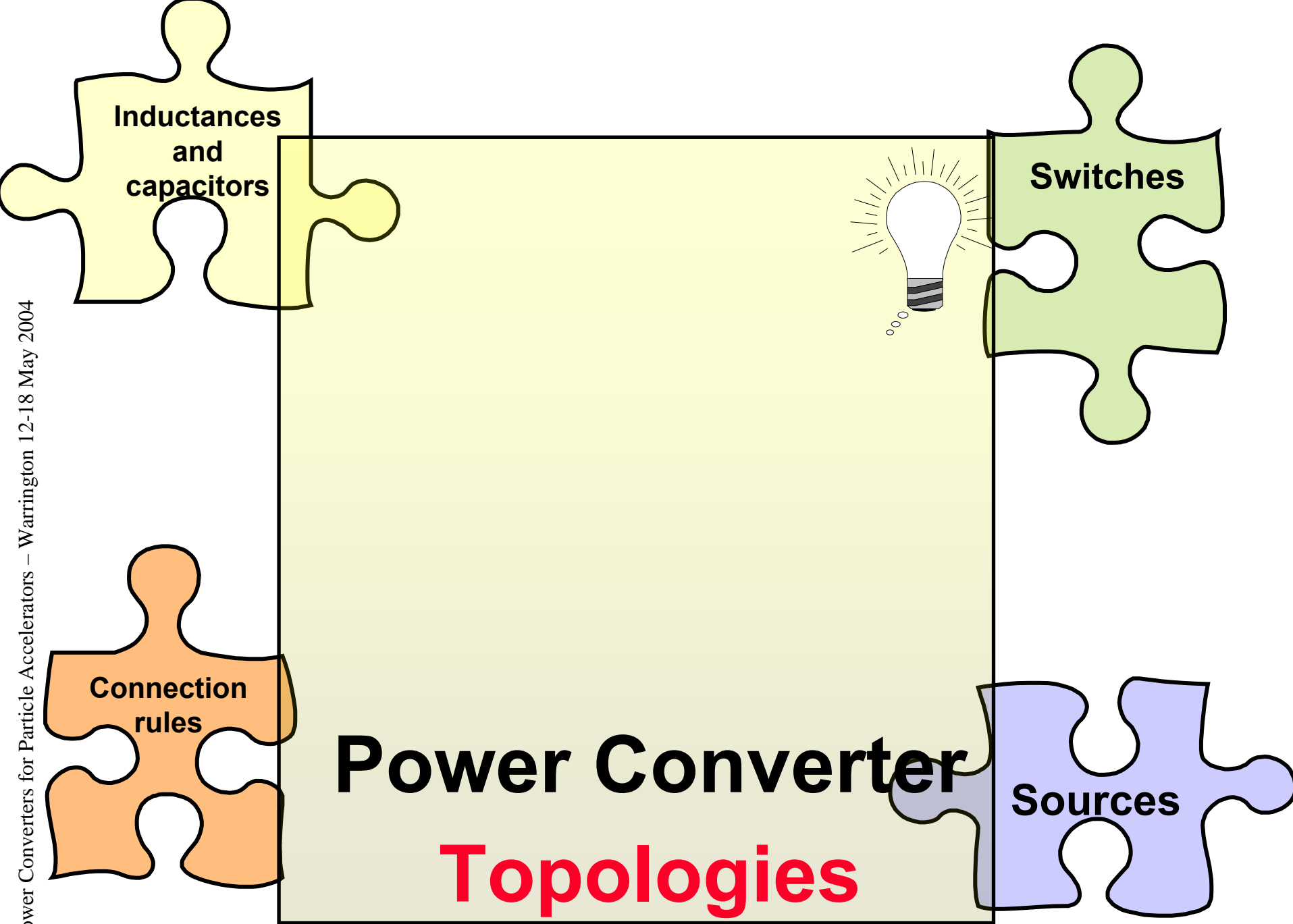




**Power Converter**

- performance
- efficiency
- reliability, repairability, availability
- low cost
- effect on environment (RFI, noise,...)







# Source definition

**Source definition:** any element able to impose a voltage or a current, independently of, respectively, the current flowing through, or the voltage imposed at its terminals.

**A source could be a generator or a receptor.**

**Two types of sources:**

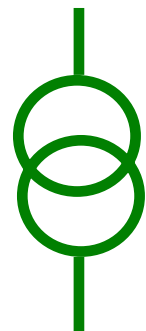
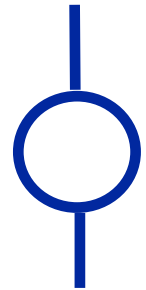
## **Voltage source**

**which imposes a voltage independently of the current flowing through it. This implies that the series impedance of the source is zero (or negligible in comparison with the load impedance)**

## **Current source**

**which imposes a current independently of the voltage at its terminals.**

**This implies that the series impedance of the source is infinite (or very large in comparison with the load impedance)**





# Source definition

The principle of operation of a converter is based on the switch mode action of its switches. Commutations of these switches generate very fast current and/or voltage transients so that the transient behaviour of the sources is fundamental.

A source is a voltage source if the voltage across its terminals can't undergo a *discontinuity* due to the *external* circuit variation.

A source is a current source if the current flowing through it can't undergo a *discontinuity* due to the *external* circuit variation.

*A square wave voltage (current) generator is indeed a voltage (current) source, since the discontinuity are not caused by the external circuit.*



# Source definition

**Instantaneous impedance :**  
**the limit of the impedance  $Z(s)$  when the Laplace operator  $s$  tends towards infinity.**

***New definitions:***

***Voltage Source has a zero instantaneous impedance***

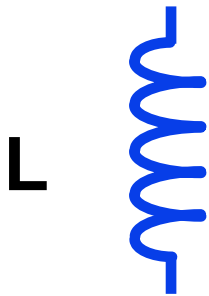
***Current Source has an infinite instantaneous impedance***

**Example:**

- Capacitor:  $Z(s) = 1 / (C.s)$  ,  $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} Z(s) = 0 \Rightarrow$  voltage source
- Inductance :  $Z(s) = L.s$  ,  $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} Z(s) = \infty \Rightarrow$  current source

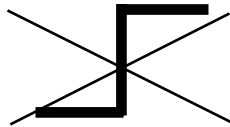


# Source examples

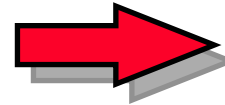


**i**

**i state variable**

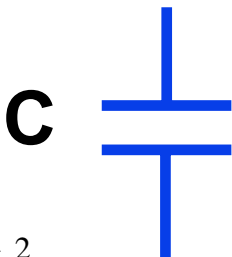


**di/dt ≠ ∞**



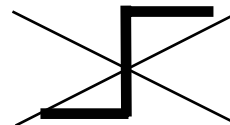
**“ Current source “**

$$E_L = \frac{1}{2} L i^2$$

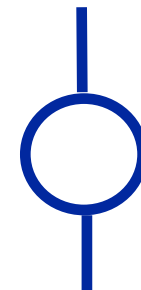
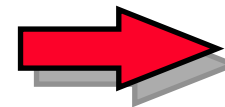


**v**

**v state variable**



**dv/dt ≠ ∞**

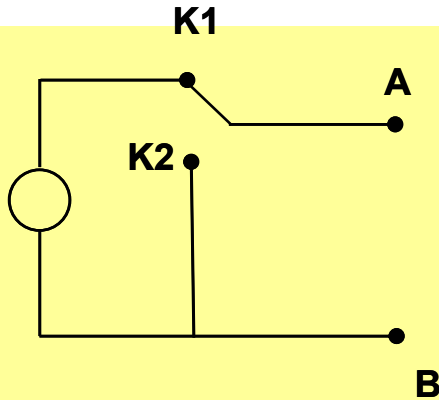


**“ Voltage source “**

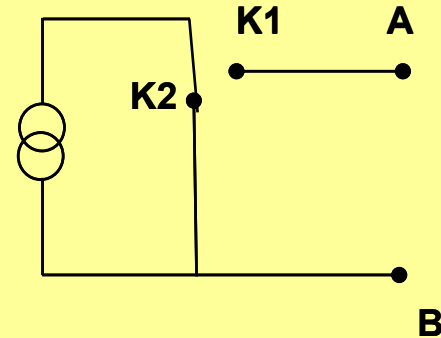
$$E_c = \frac{1}{2} C v^2$$



# Source examples



**Voltage source  
between A and B :**  
 $Z_{AB} = 0$

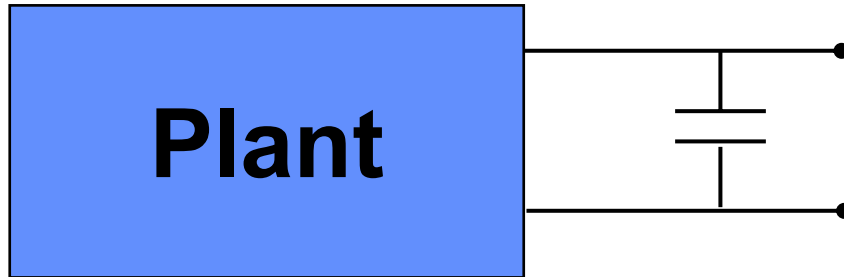


**Current source  
between A and B :**  
 $Z_{AB} = \infty$

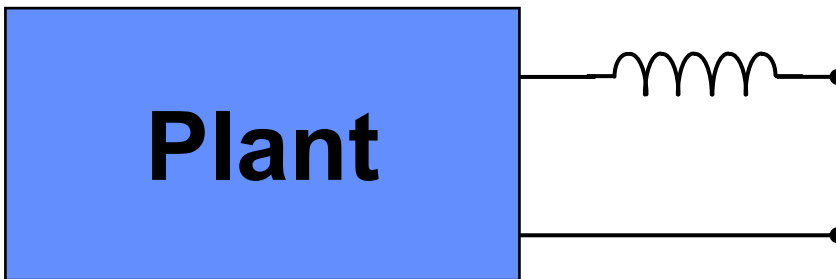
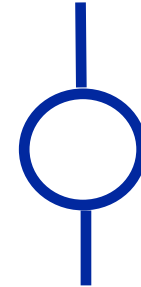
***"intermediate position : neither voltage, neither current source"***



# Source nature imposition



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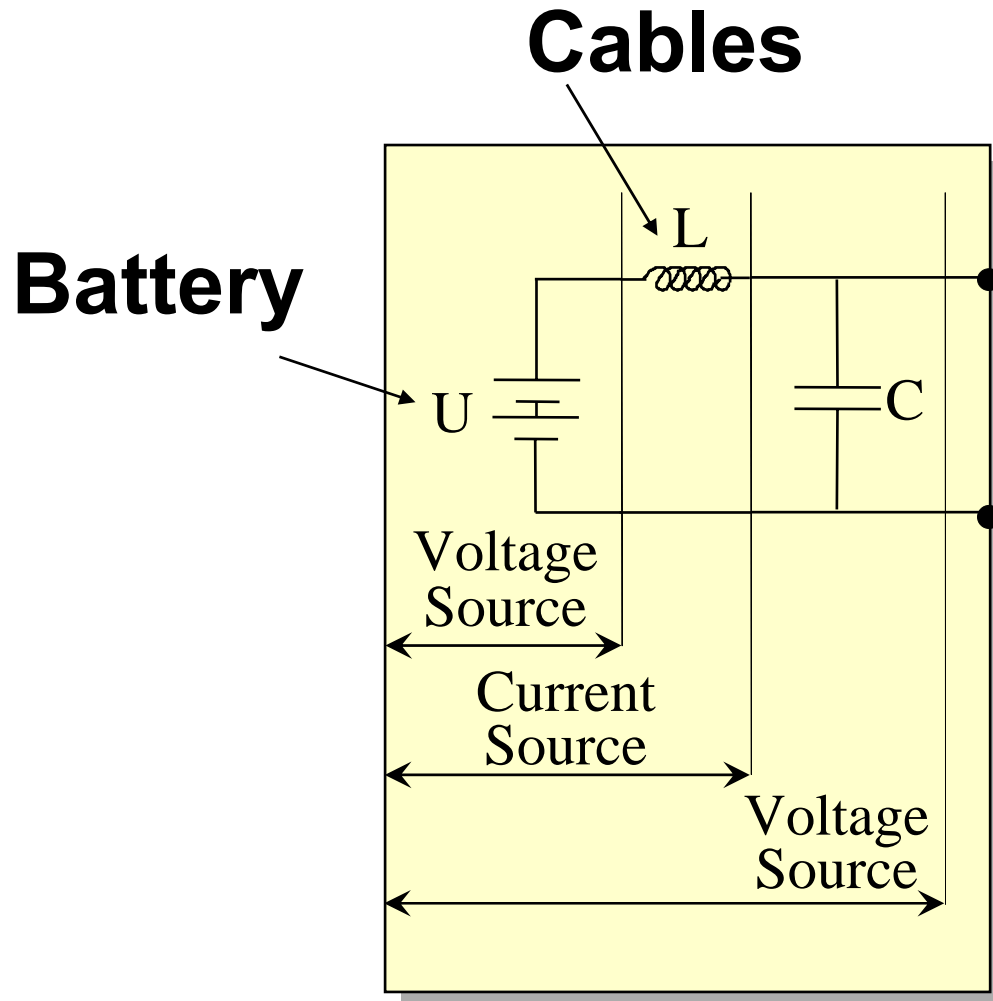


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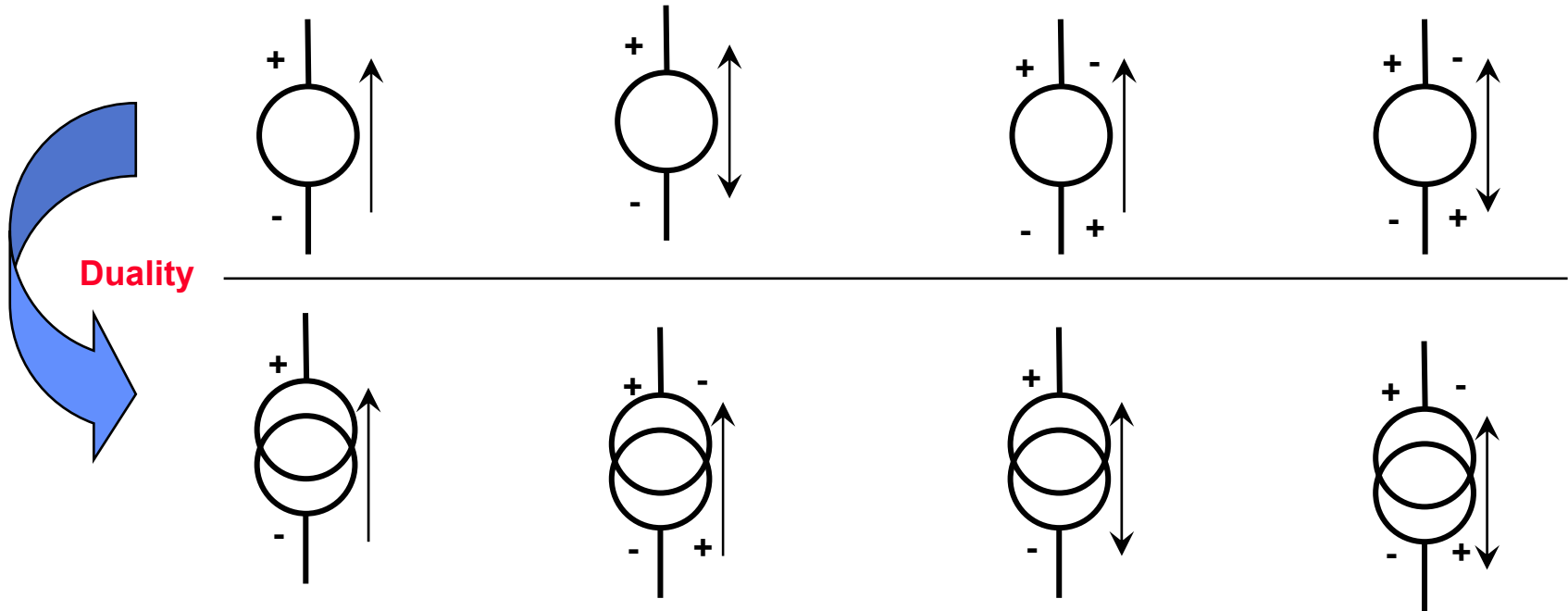


# Modification of source nature





# Eight types of sources



## Unidirectional source

**voltage** : if the voltage, across its terminal, can't change sign

**current** : if the current, flowing through it, can't reverse

## Bidirectional (reversible) source :

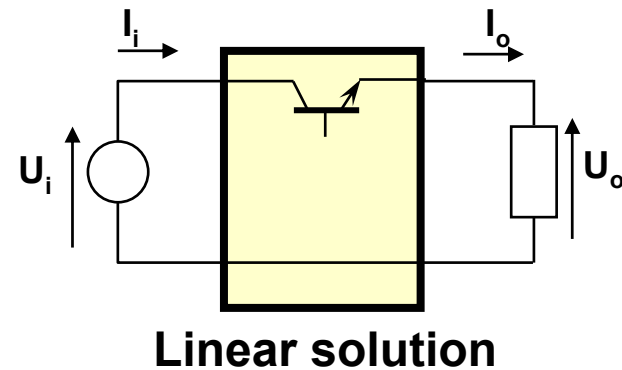
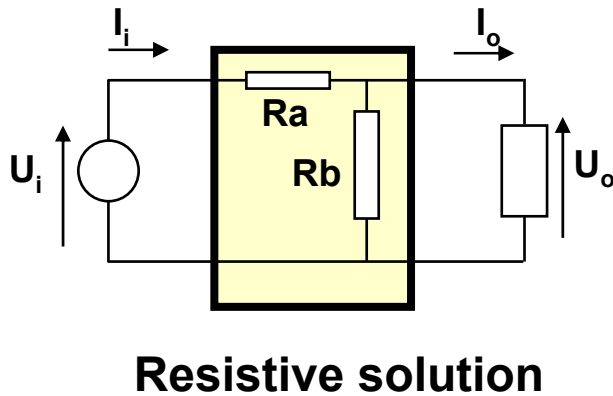
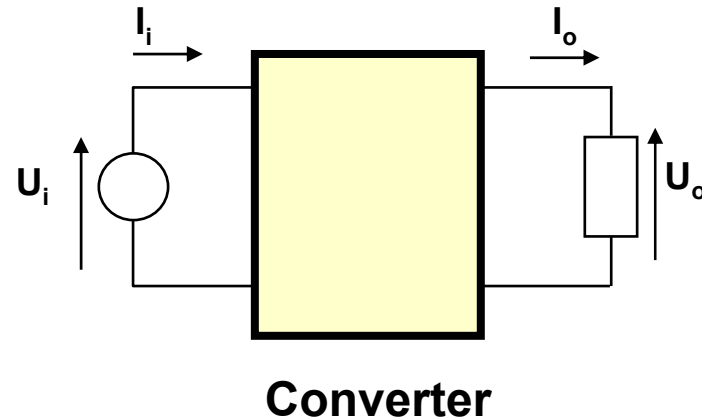
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**current** : if the current, flowing through it, can reverse



# Energy conversion : transfer of energy between two sources.

## *Introductive example*



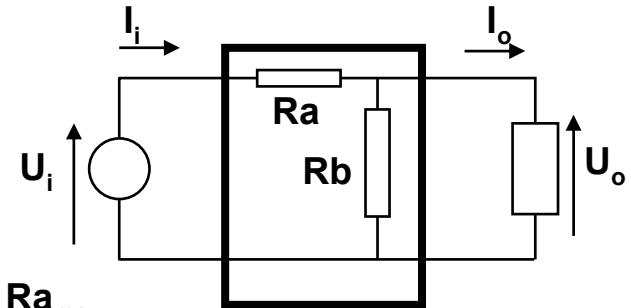


Introductory example:

Transfer of energy between

- DC voltage source  $U_i$
- DC source (nature is not defined) :  $U_o$ ,  $I_o$

## Resistive bridge solution



Model of the output source :  $R_o = U_o / I_o$

$$U_o / U_i = (R_o // R_b) / (R_a + R_o // R_b)$$

$$\Rightarrow R_b = R_o \cdot R_a / [(U_i - U_o) / I_o - R_a] \quad \text{with} \quad R_a < (U_i - U_o) / I_o = R_{a_{\max}}$$

$$P_{R_a} = (U_i - U_o)^2 / R_a$$

$$P_{R_b} = U_o^2 \cdot [(R_{a_{\max}} - R_a) / (R_o + R_a)]$$

Efficiency of the converter is equal to  $E = P_o / (P_o + P_{R_a} + P_{R_b})$  ; **optimum  $R_b = \infty$**

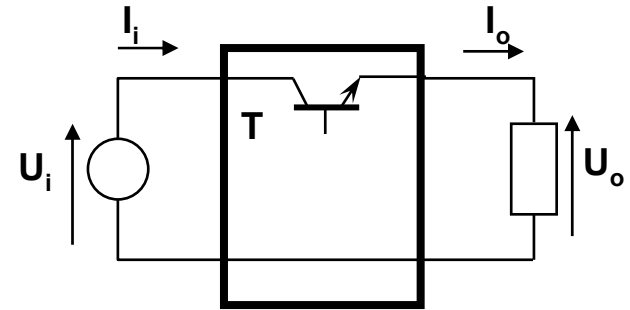
**Example :**

- $U_i = 24V$  ;  $U_o = 10 V$  and  $I_o = 600A \Rightarrow$  efficiency  $< 42 \%$
- $U_i = 24V$  ;  $U_o = 5 V$  and  $I_o = 600A \Rightarrow$  efficiency  $< 21 \%$
- $U_i = 48V$  ;  $U_o = 10V$  and  $I_o = 600A \Rightarrow$  efficiency  $< 21 \%$

Furthermore, fixed values of the resistances.  
No mean to vary the output voltage or current



## Second solution : Linear component



$$P_o = U_o \cdot I_o = 10 \cdot 600 = 6'000 \text{ W}$$

$$P_T \text{ (power dissipated by the switch)} = U_T \cdot I_T = (U_i - U_o) \cdot I_o = (24 - 10) \cdot 600 = 8'400 \text{ W}$$

$$\text{Converter efficiency} = P_o / (P_T + P_o) = 42 \% \text{ !!!!!}$$

Furthermore, it'll be difficult to find a component (semiconductor) able to dissipate 8'400 W .

Then impossible for medium and high power conversion

## Commutation

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} - U_T = 0 \text{ if } I_T \neq 0 \\ - I_T = 0 \text{ if } U_T \neq 0 \end{array} \right\} P_T = 0$$

~~Linear mode~~

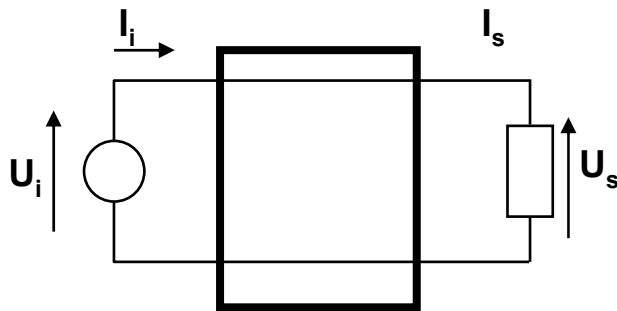


**switch mode  
(saturated-blocked)**

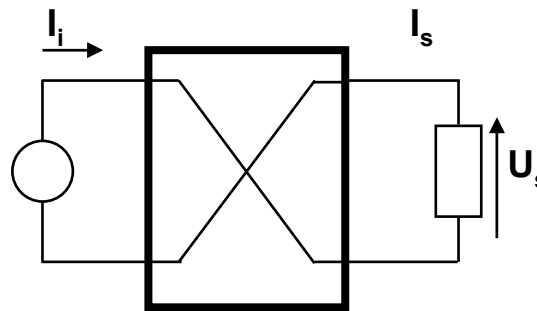


# Commutation

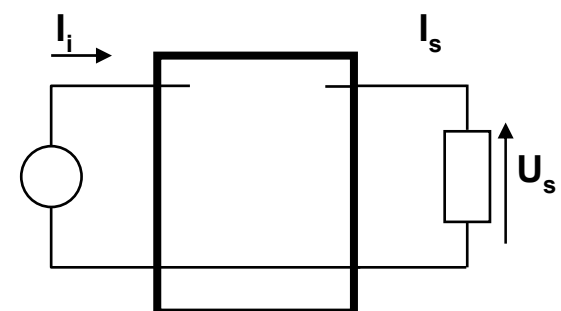
**Active components used as switches to create a succession of link and no link between sources to assure an energy transfer between these sources with high efficiency.**



Direct Link



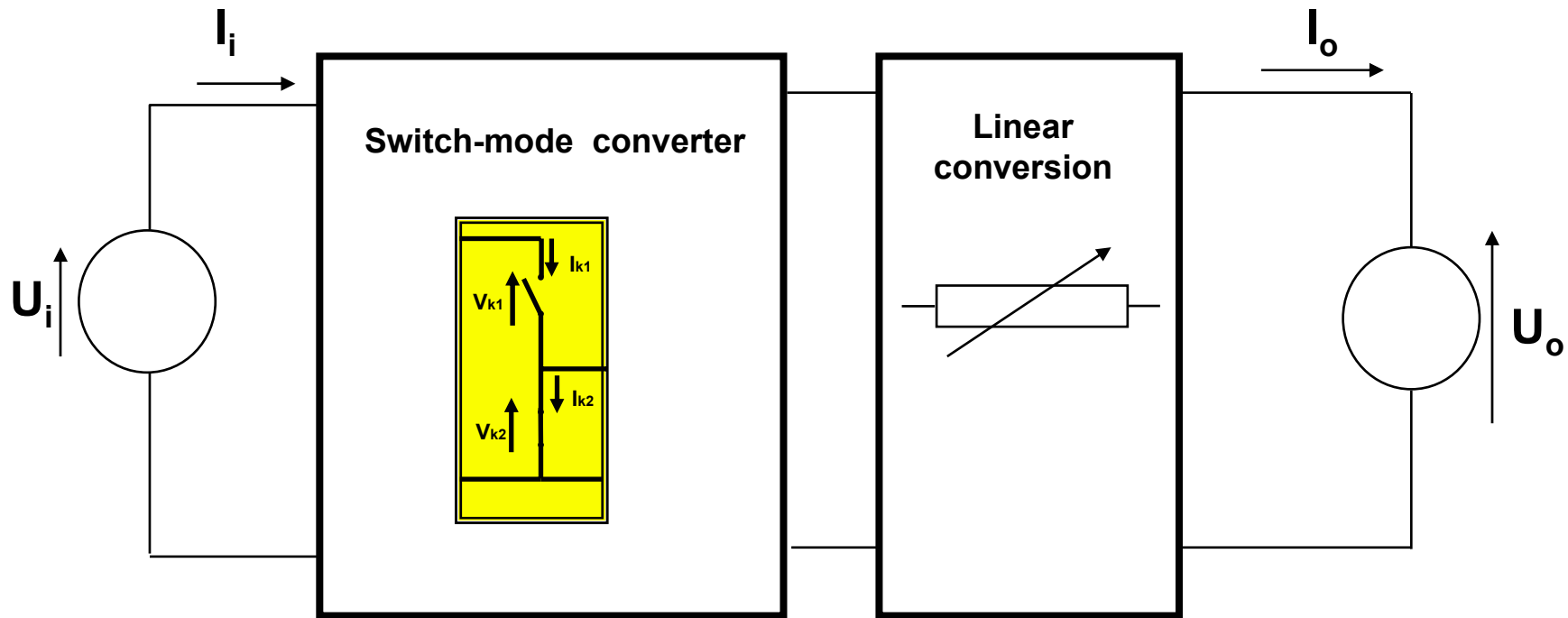
Inverse Link



Open Link



# Special case for linear application



- Active filter
- 4-quadrant converters (see Mr. Thurel's presentation)



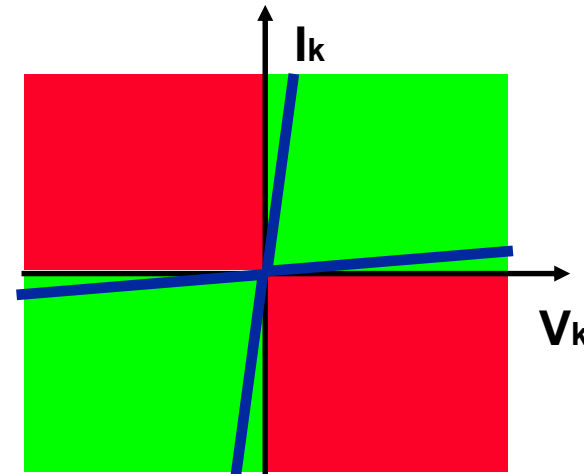
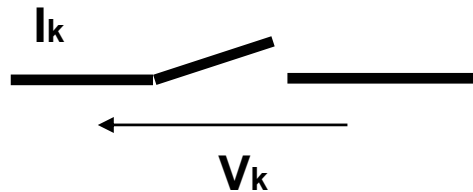
# The problem :

the interconnection of sources by switches

Fundamental rules  
and  
source natures

Power converter topologies

switch characteristics





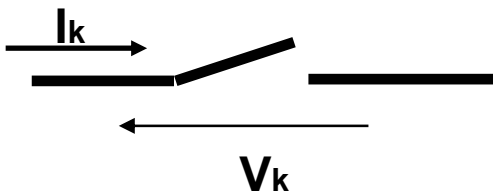
# Switch characteristics

**Switch** : *semiconductor device functioning in commutation*

*The losses in the switch has to be minimized*

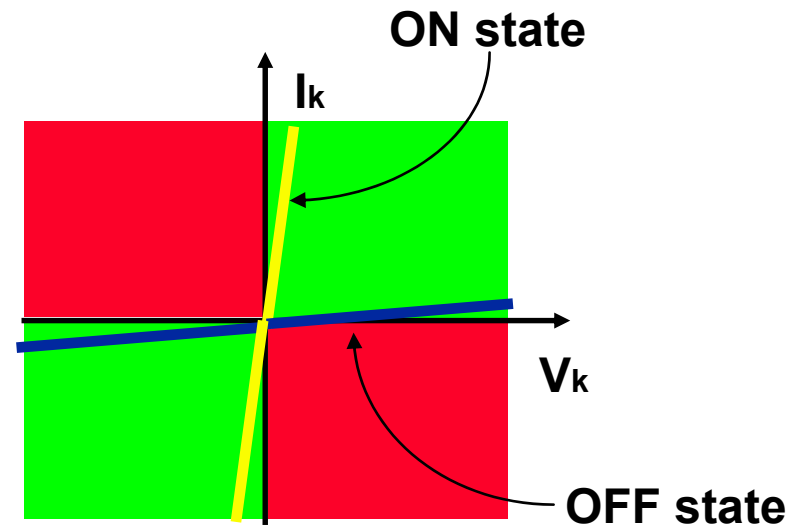
*$Z_{on}$  very low*

*$Z_{off}$  very high*



**Switch** : at least two orthogonal segments

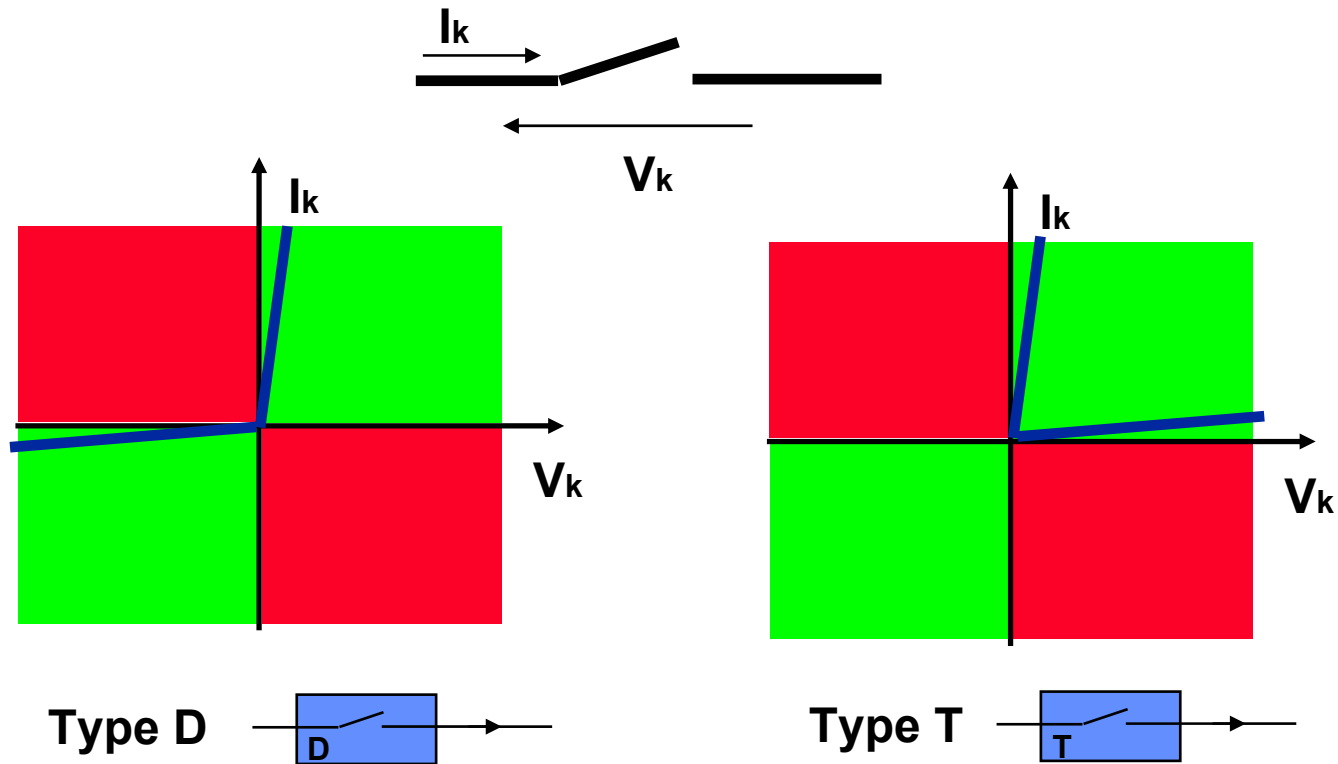
(short and open circuit are not switches)





# Switches : **two** segments

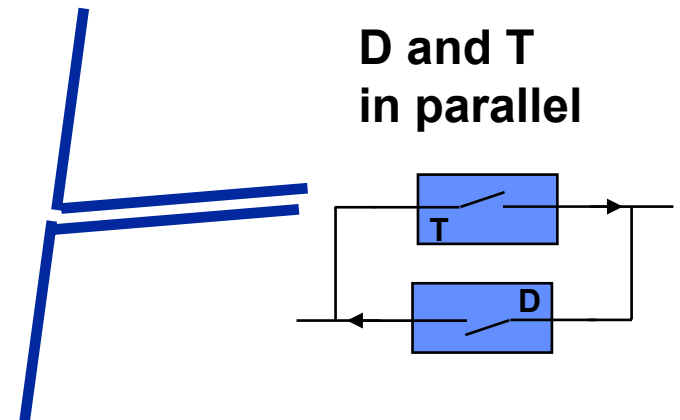
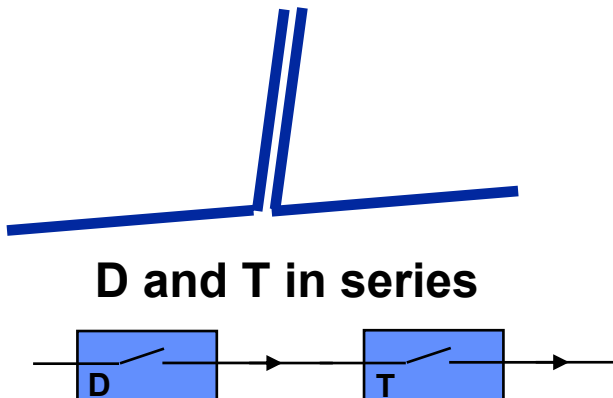
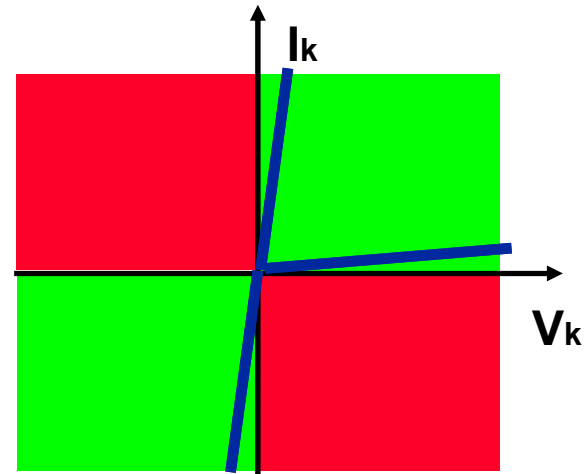
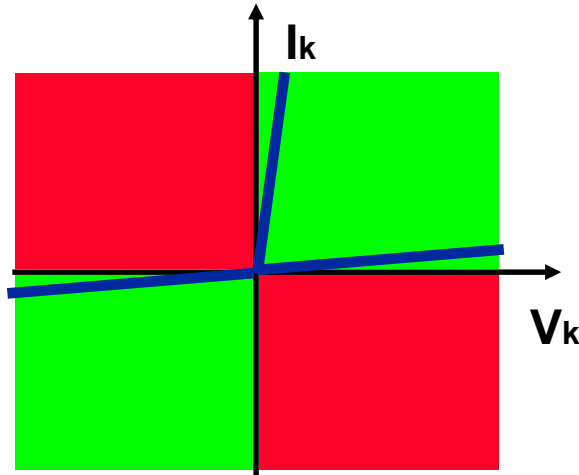
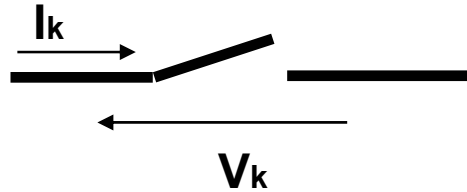
*Static characteristics*





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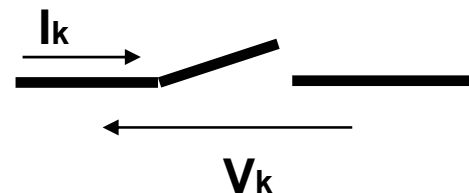
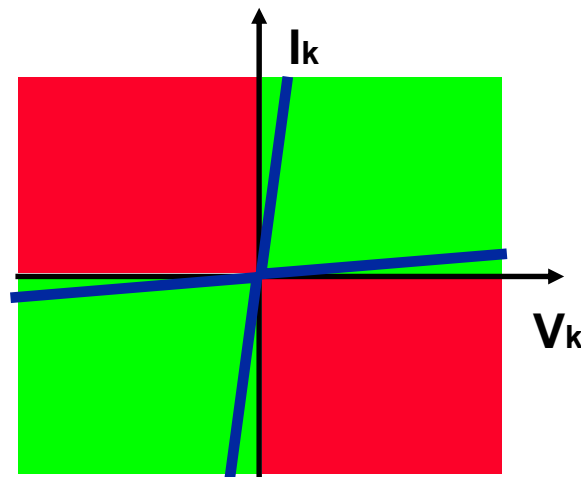
## *Static characteristics*



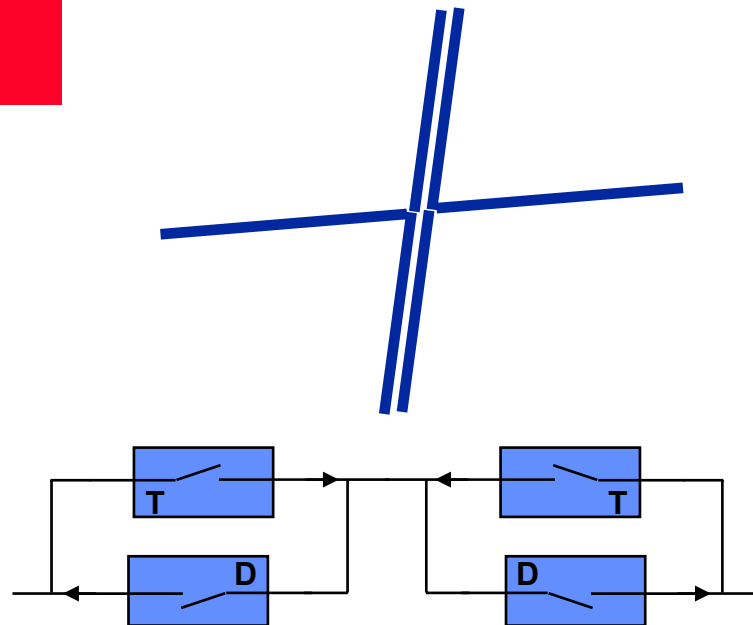
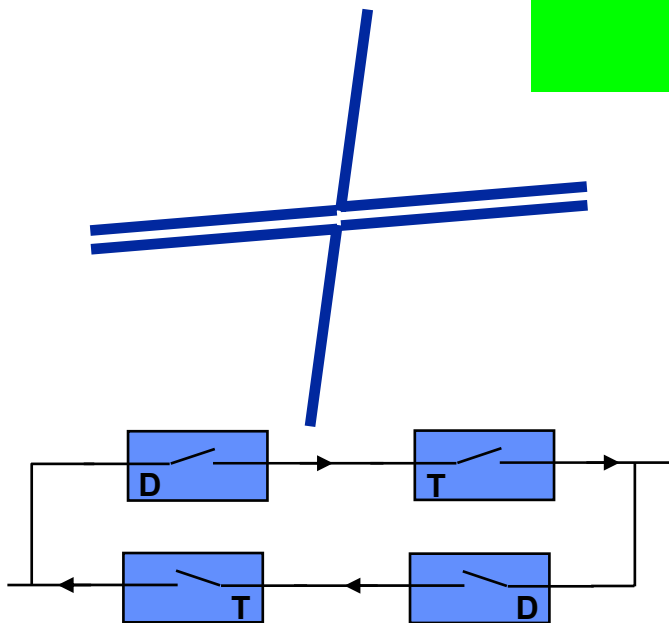


# Switches : **four** segments

## *Static characteristics*



or





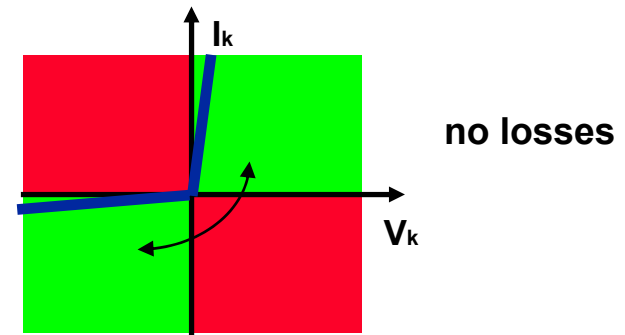
# Switches

## *Dynamic characteristics*

ON state  $\longleftrightarrow$  ?  $\longleftrightarrow$  OFF state

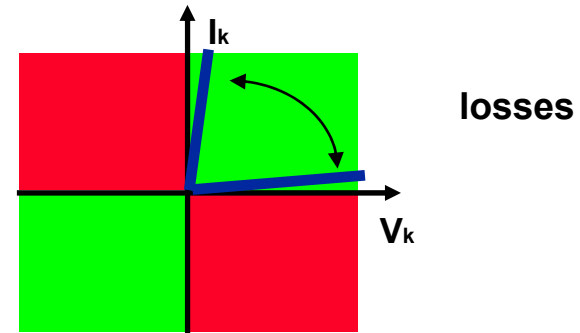
- **spontaneous commutation**

change of quadrant  
(*auto turn-on ; auto turn-off*)



- **controlled commutation**

no change of quadrant  
(*controlled turn-on ; controlled turn-off*)

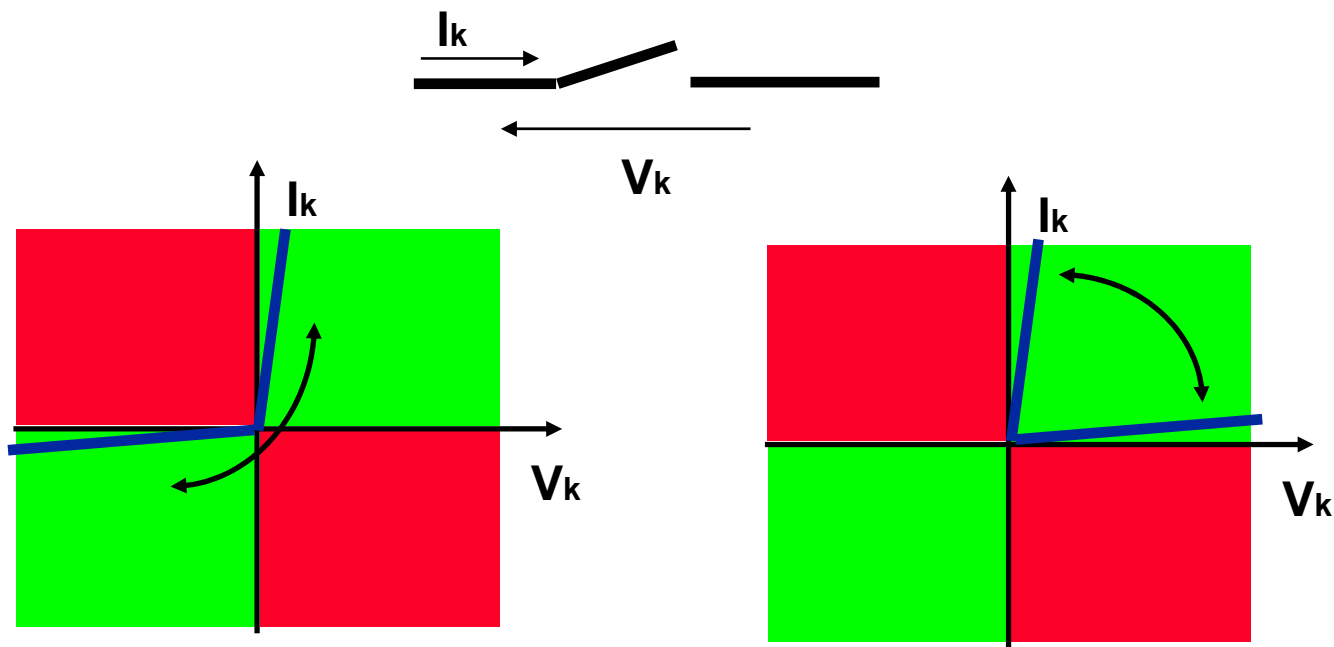


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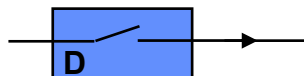


# Switches : **two** segments

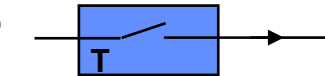
*Dynamic characteristics*



Type D



Type T



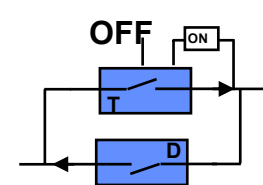
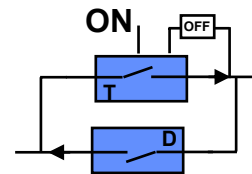
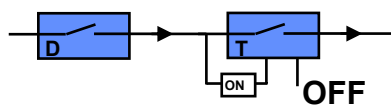
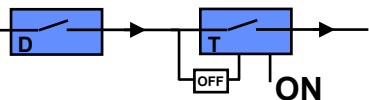
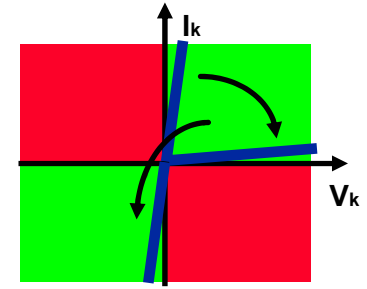
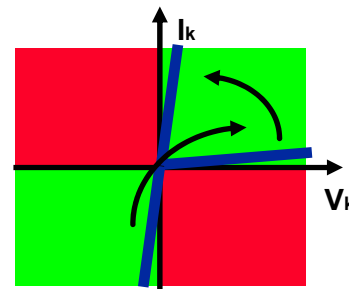
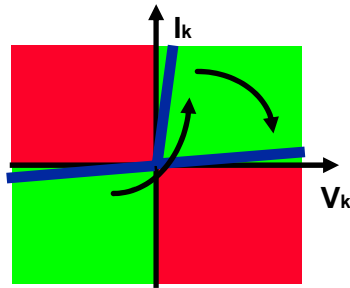
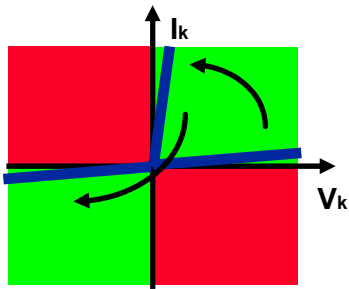
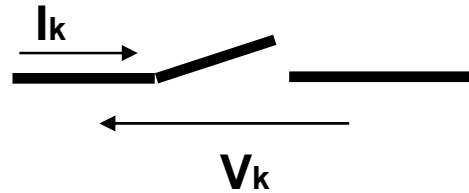
ON OFF

*PN junction principle : diode*



# Switches : **three** segments

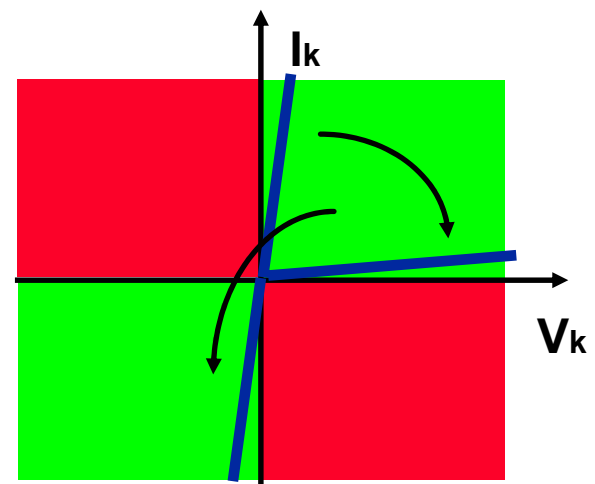
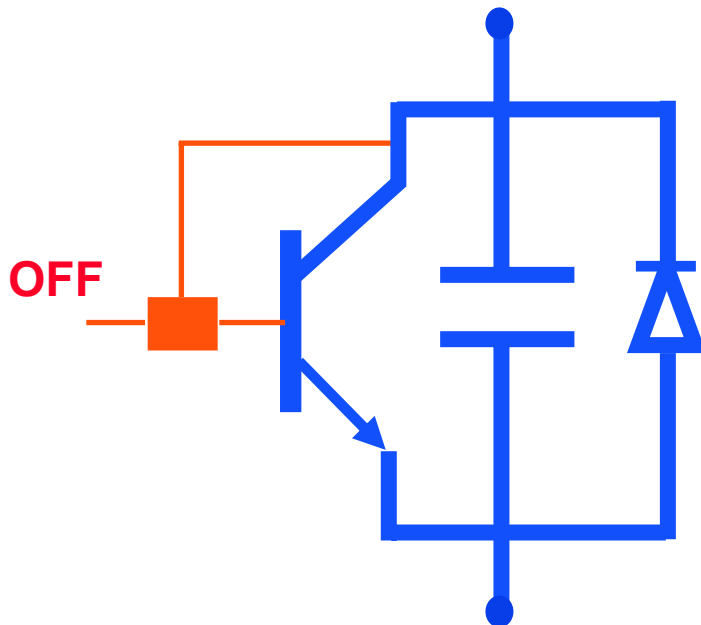
## *Dynamic characteristics*



**One controlled commutation and one spontaneous commutation**  
**Synthesized switches (except thyristor)**



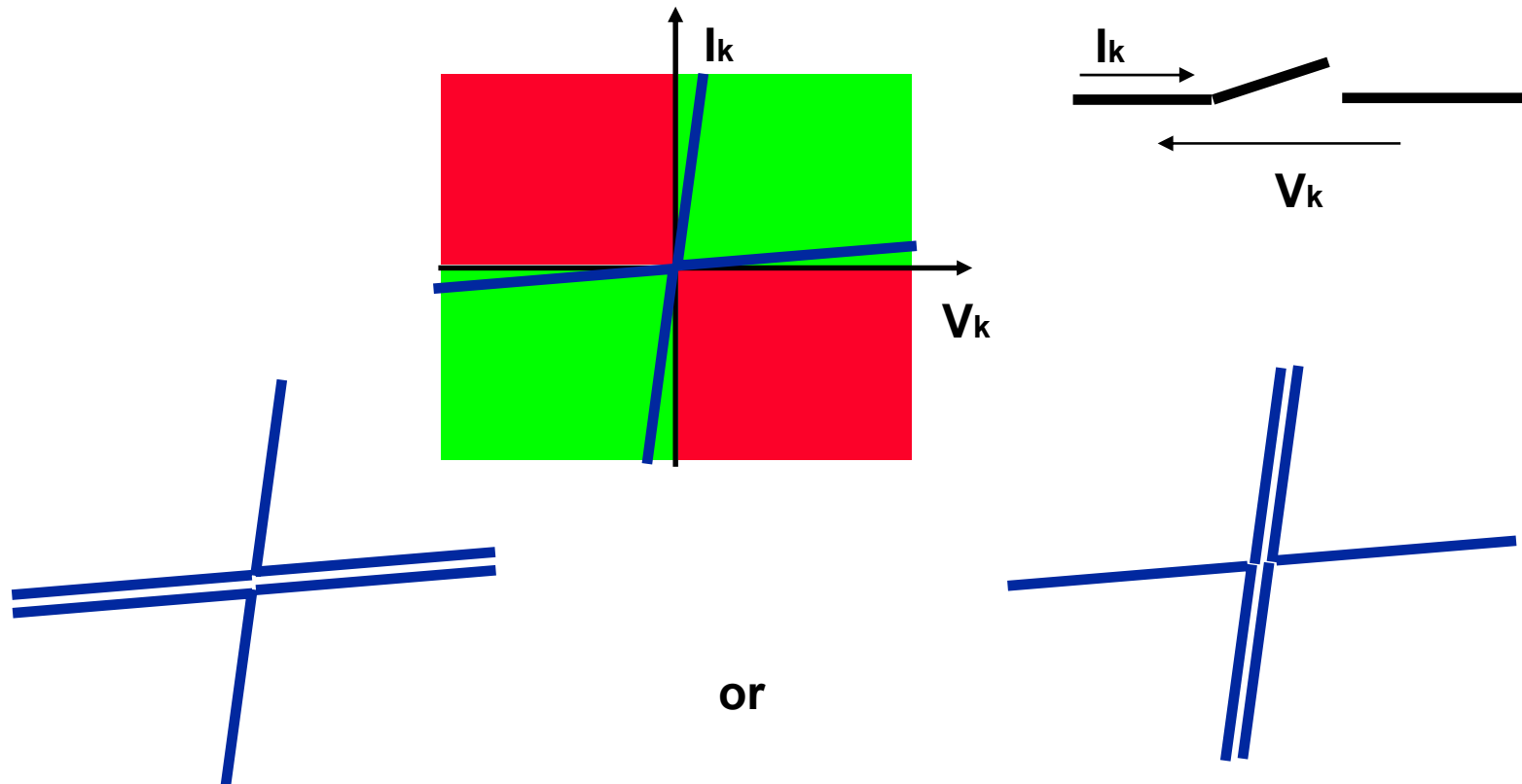
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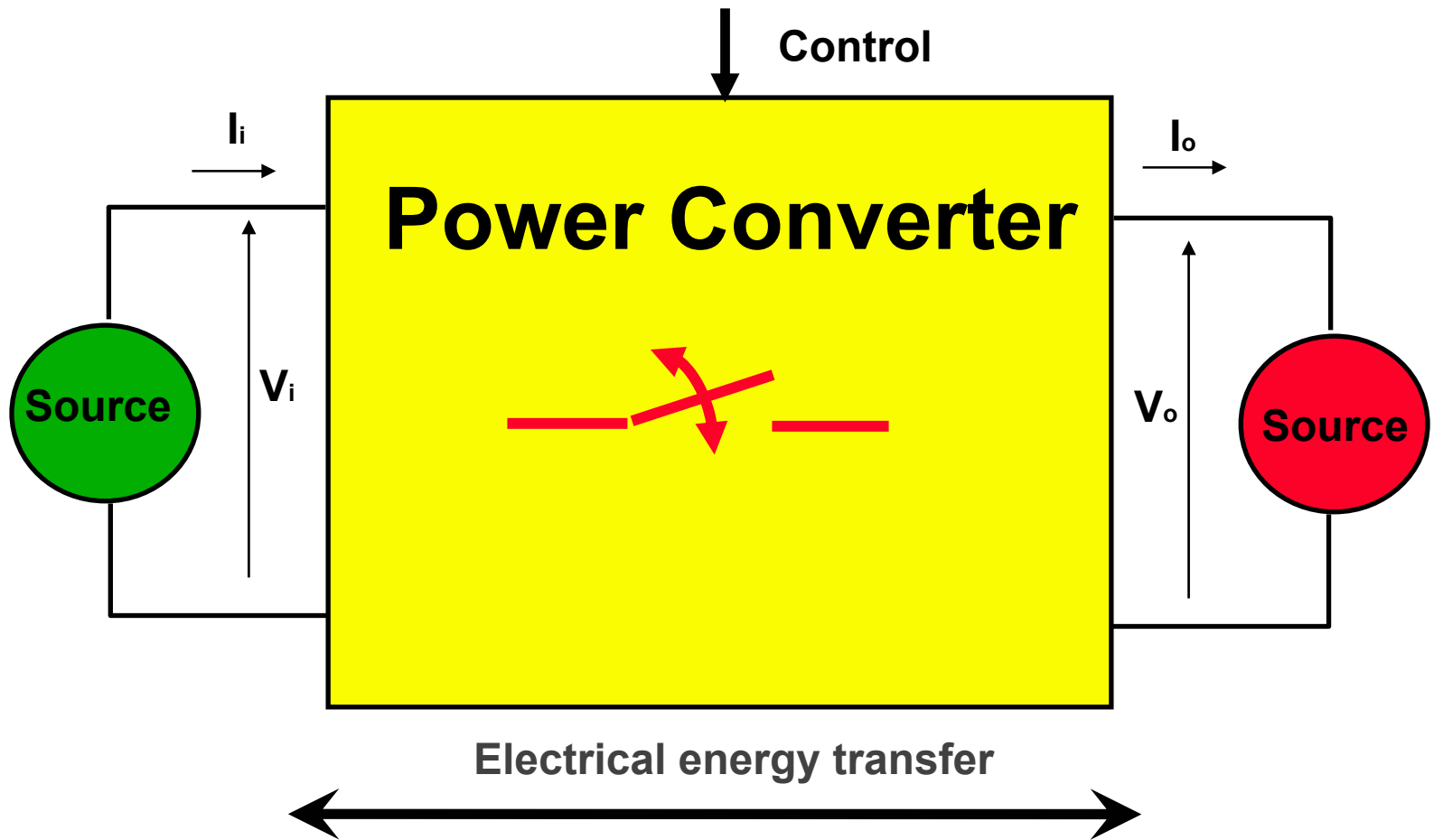
# Switches : **four** segments

## *Dynamic characteristics*



**Three segments synthesis  $\Rightarrow$  6 types of switches**





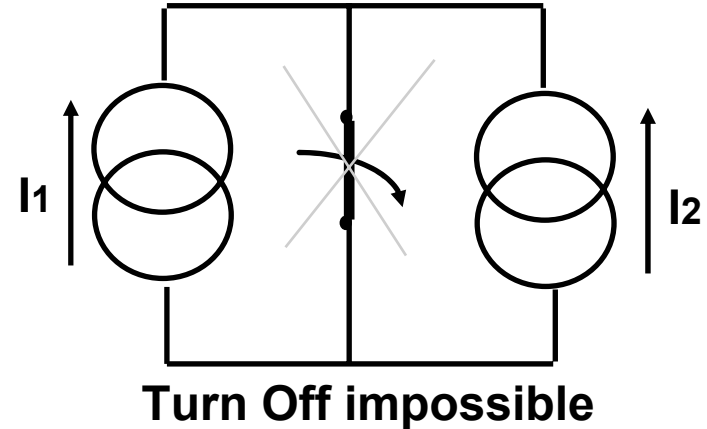
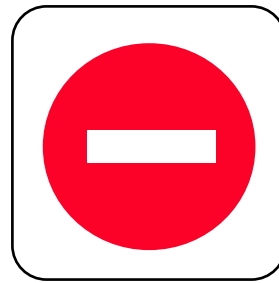
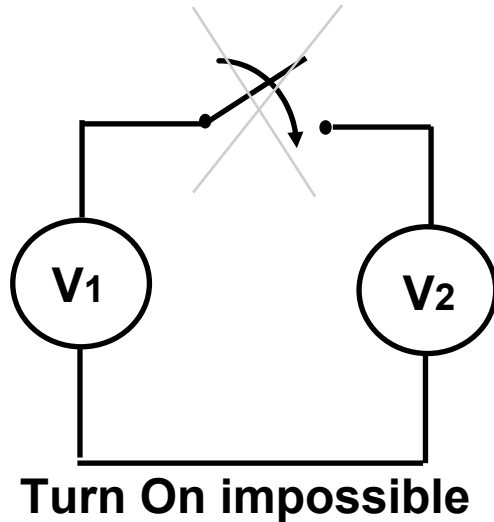
## Power Converter

- performance
- efficiency
- reliability, repairability, availability
- low cost
- effect on environment (RFI, noise,...)



# Commutation rules

- *electronic switches modify the interconnection of impeding circuits*
- *any commutation leading instantaneous variations of a state variable is prohibited*

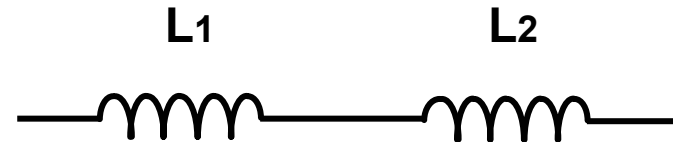
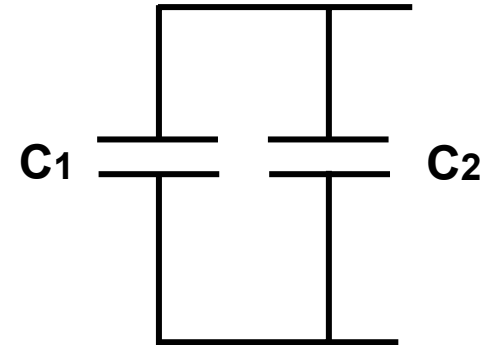
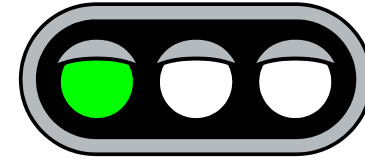
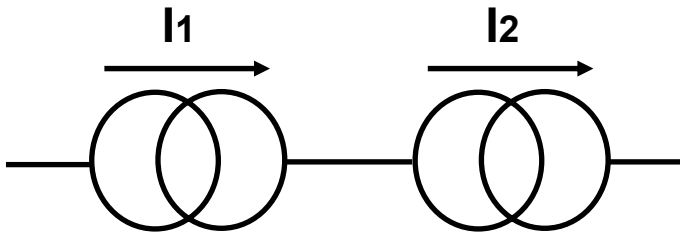
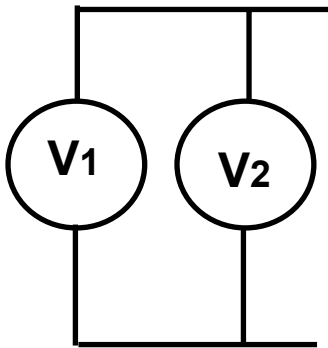
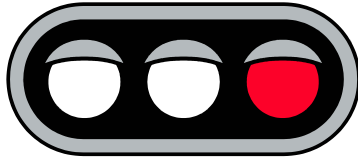


**Interconnection between two impeding networks can be modified only if :**

- **the two networks are sources of different natures (voltage and current)**
- **the commutation is achieved by TWO switches. The states of the two switches must be different.**



# Association of sources and components



Connection of the components at  
zero voltages or zero currents



# Converter topology

**Sources have different natures:**

→ **Direct link configuration**

**Sources have same natures:**

→ **Indirect link configuration :**

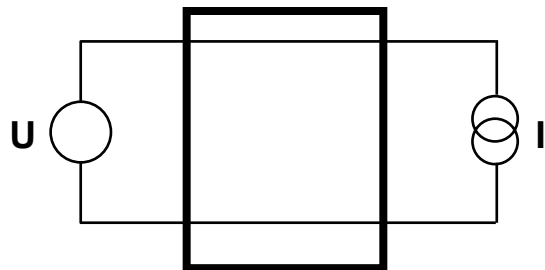
***need to had intermediate element***

- modification of source nature***
- use of two direct link structures***
- indirect structure***

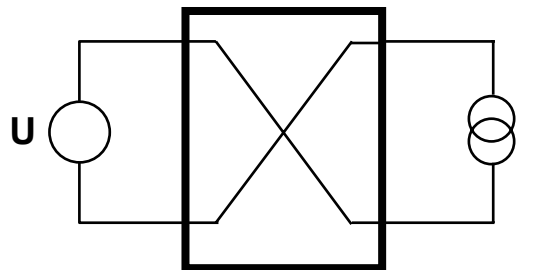


# Direct link configuration

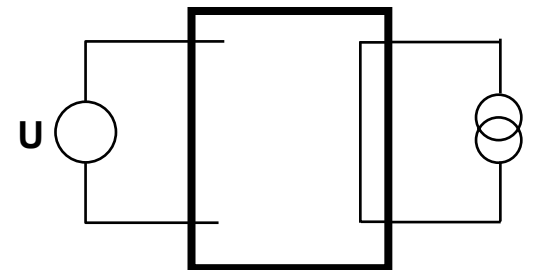
- Direct voltage-current converters



a



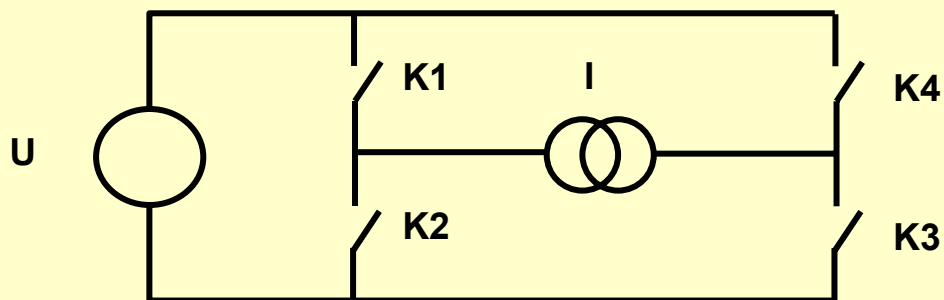
b



c

**Connexion**  
(energy flow between sources)

**Disconnexion**  
(current source short-circuited,  
voltage source open circuited)

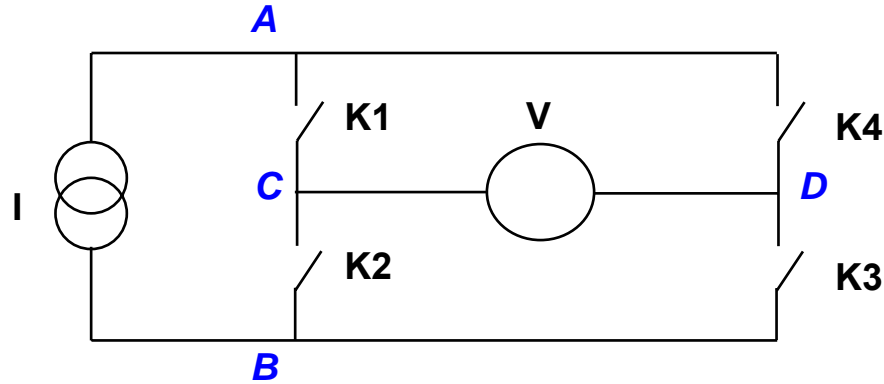


- K1 and K3 closed => a
- K2 and K4 closed => b
- K1 and K4 (or K2 and K3) closed => c

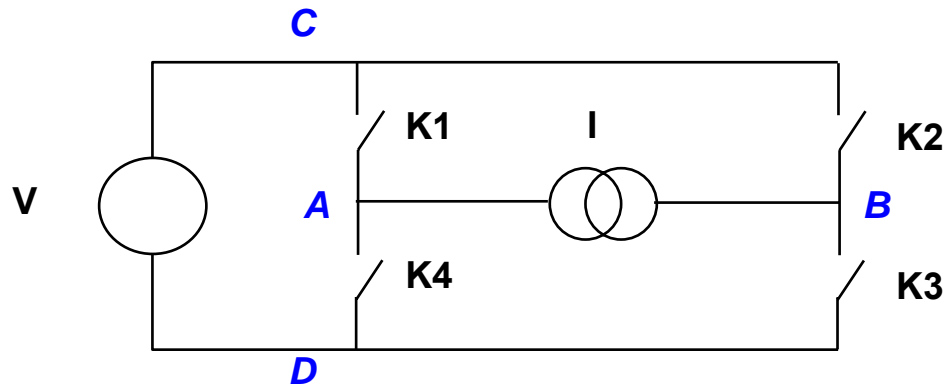


# Direct link configuration

- Direct Current-Voltage converters



***Identical problem : same basic converter configuration***



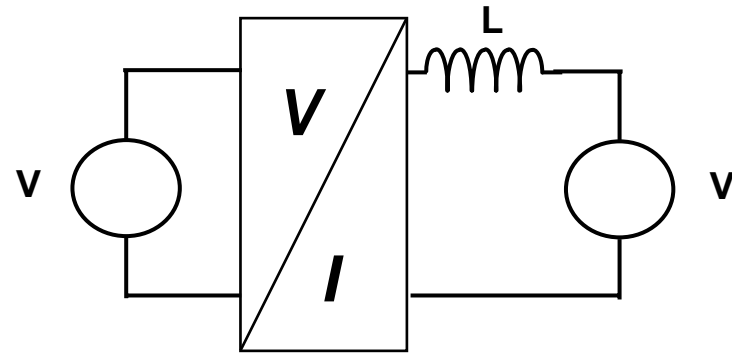
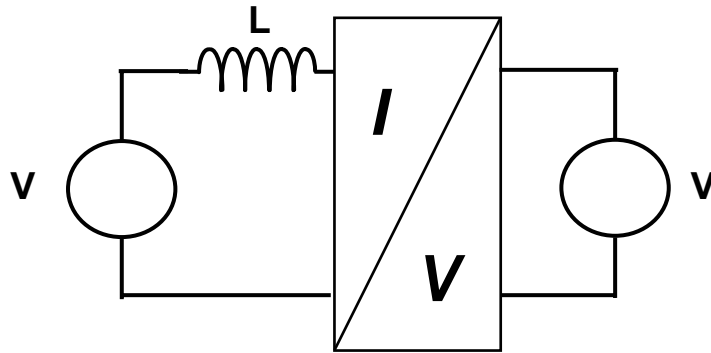


# Indirect Conversion

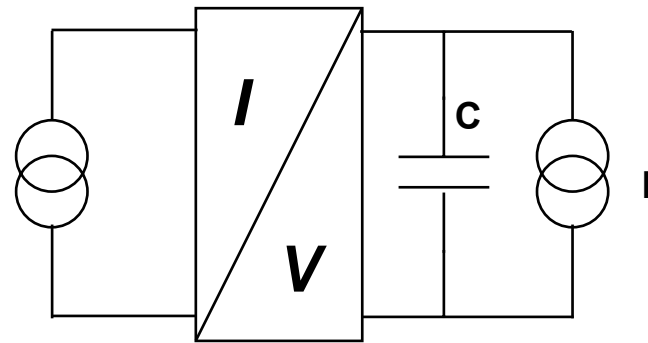
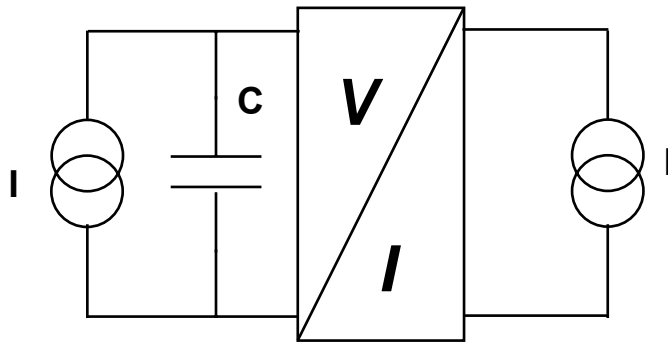
- Two sources have the same natures => need to had intermediate element

## 1) Modification of the input or output source nature

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Voltage-Voltage conversion



Current-Current conversion



Input

Output

Input

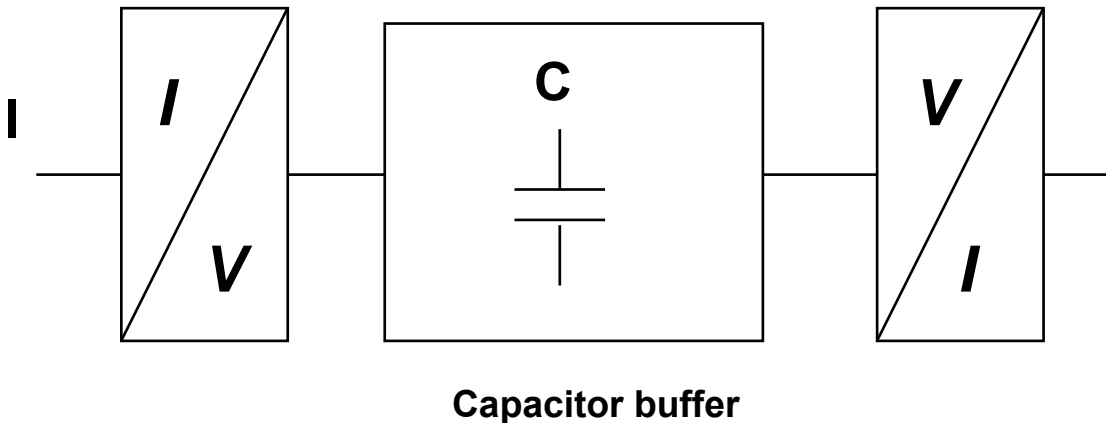
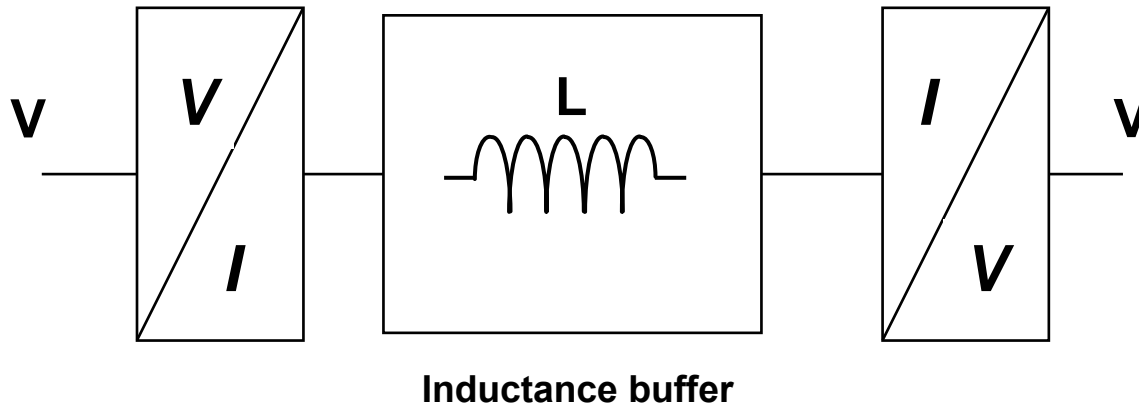
Output



# Indirect Conversion

- Two sources have the same natures => need to have intermediate element

## 2) Indirect conversion using two direct converters

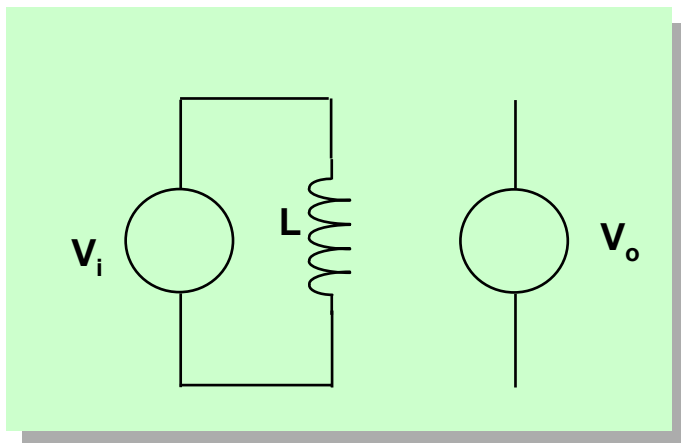




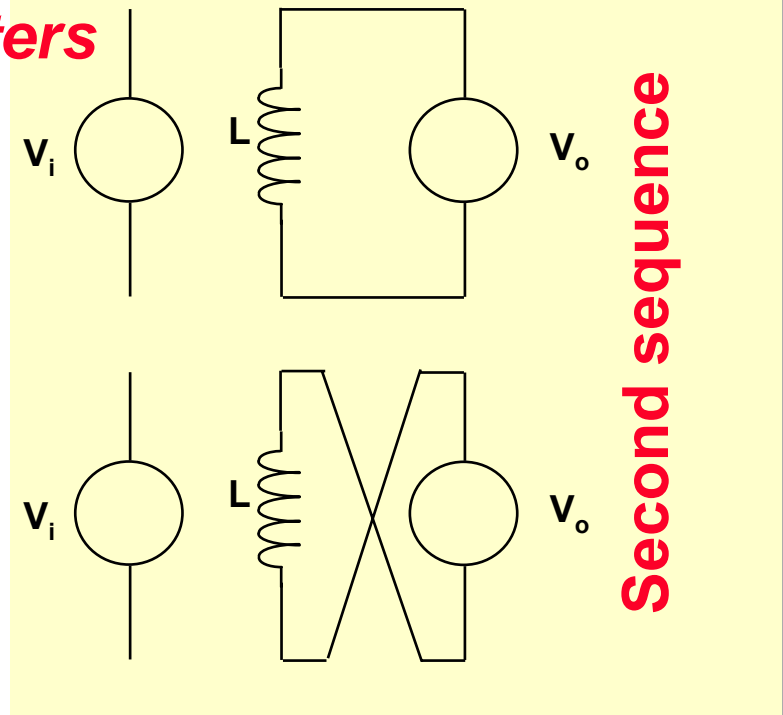
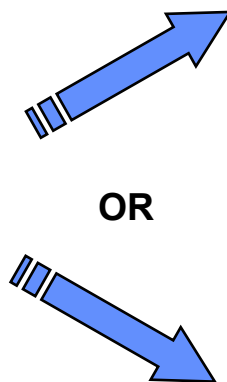
# Indirect Conversion

- Two sources have the same natures => indirect converters

## Voltage-Voltage Indirect Converters

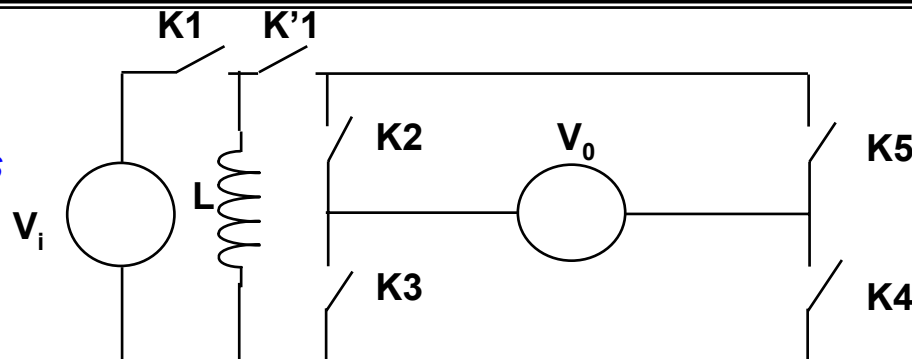


*First sequence*



*Second sequence*

*Voltage-Voltage Indirect Converters  
basic configuration*

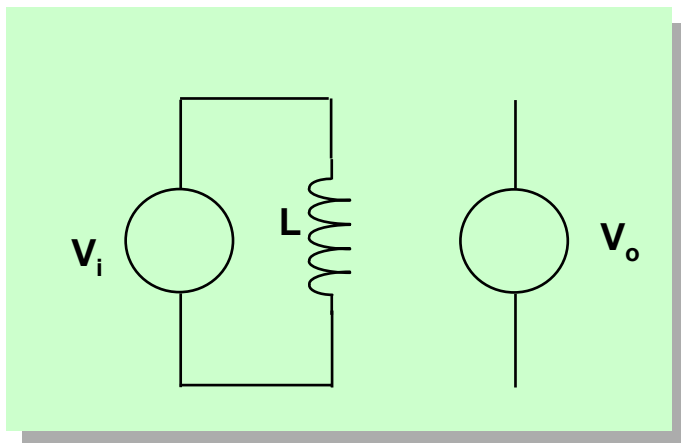




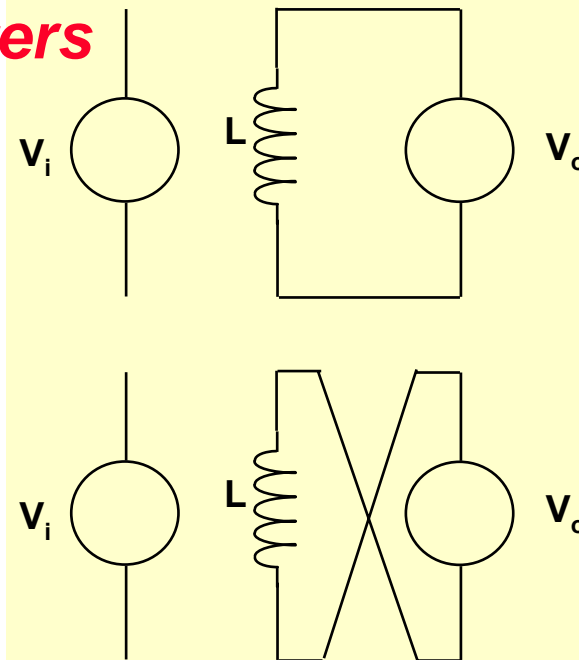
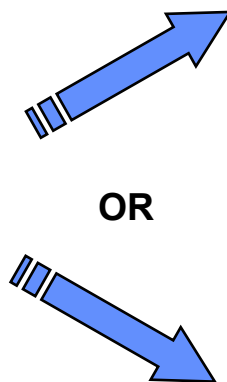
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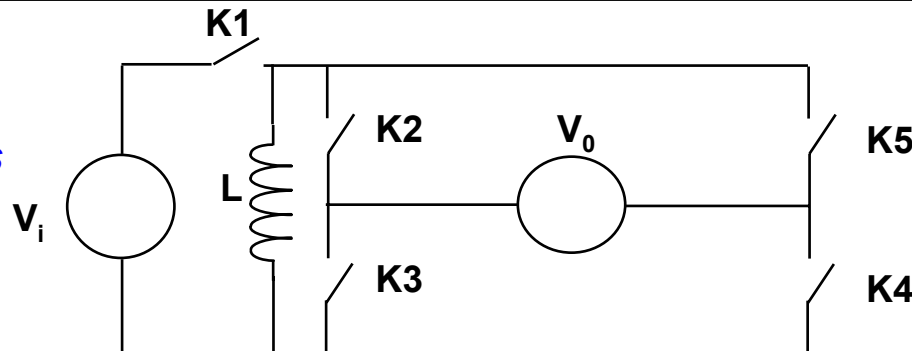


*First sequence*



*Second sequence*

## Voltage-Voltage Indirect Converters basic configuration

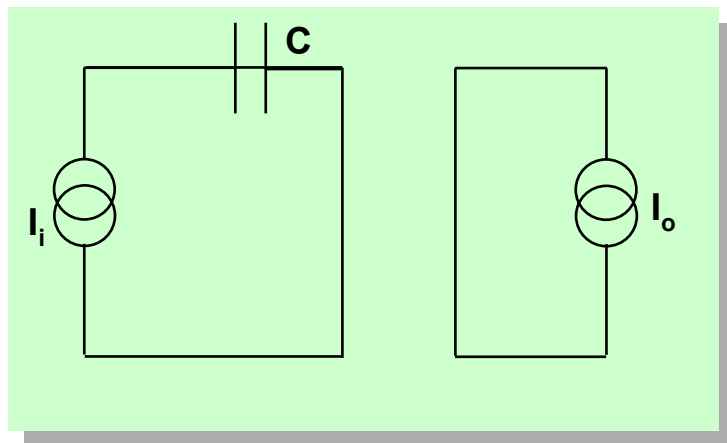




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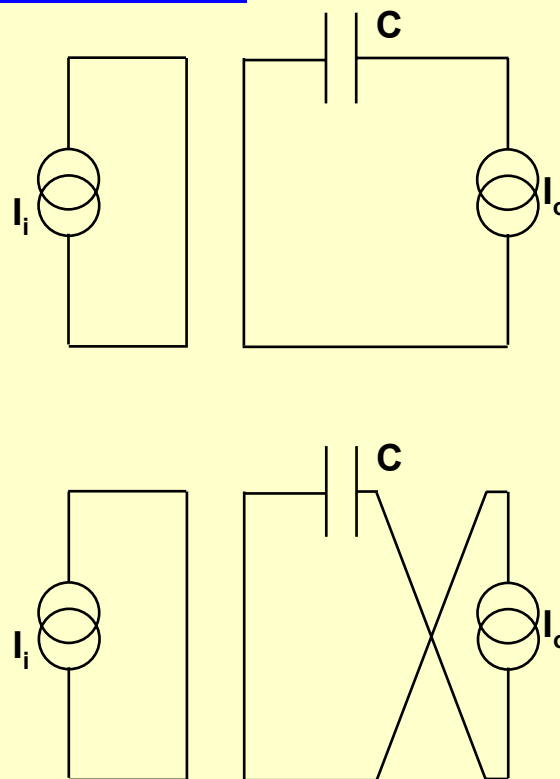
- Two sources have the same natures => indirect converters

## Current-Current Indirect Converters



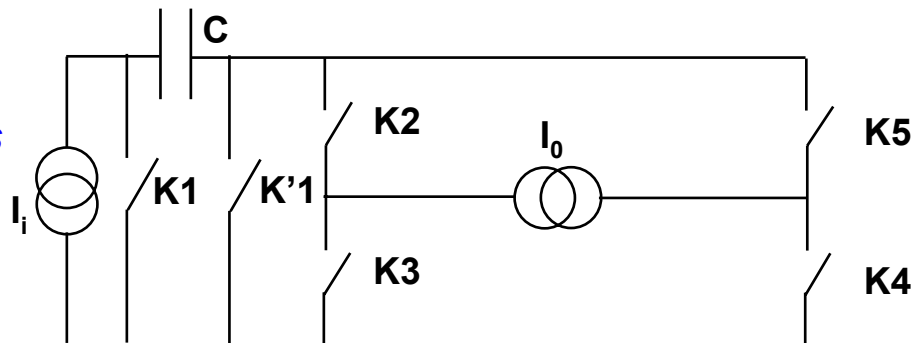
*First sequence*

OR



*Second sequence*

## Current-Current Indirect Converters basic configuration

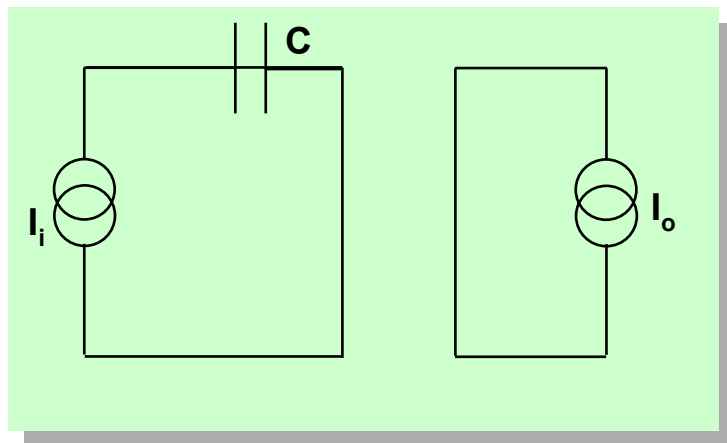




# Indirect Conversion

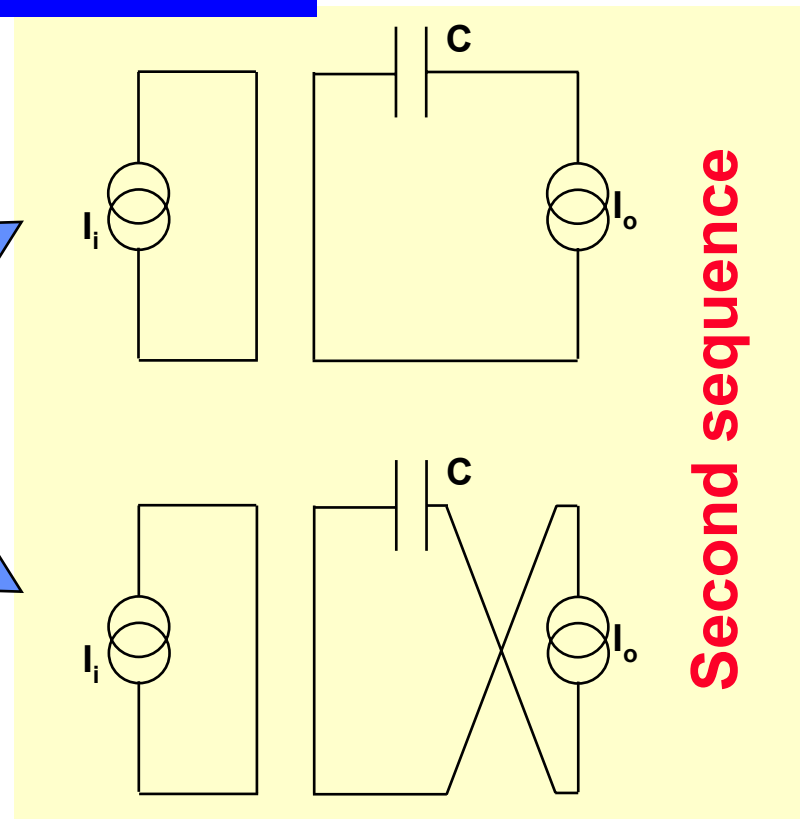
- Two sources have the same natures => indirect converters

## Current-Current Indirect Converters



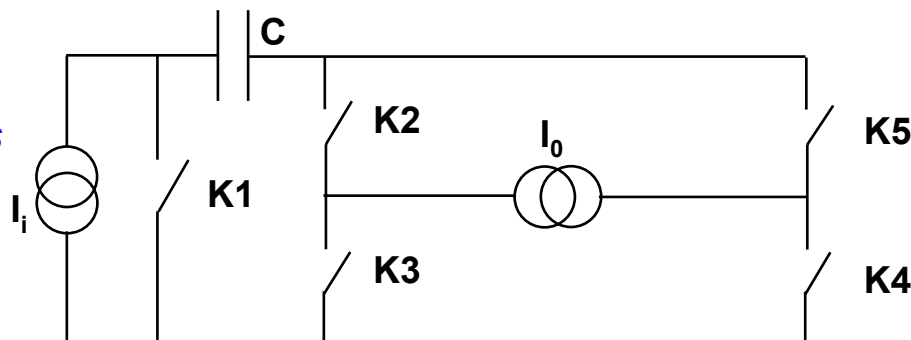
**First sequence**

OR



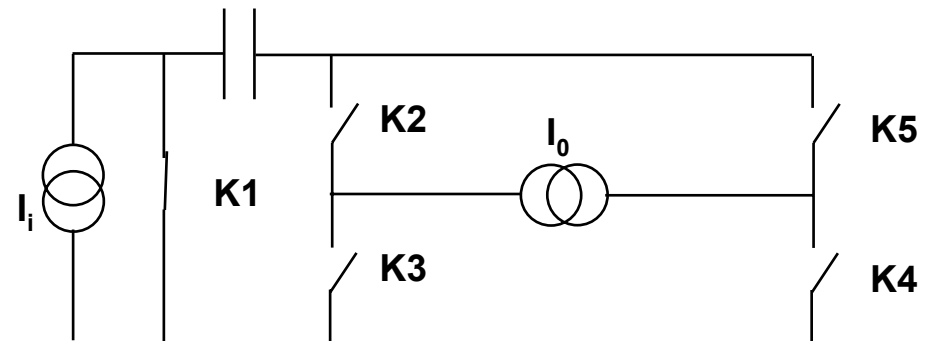
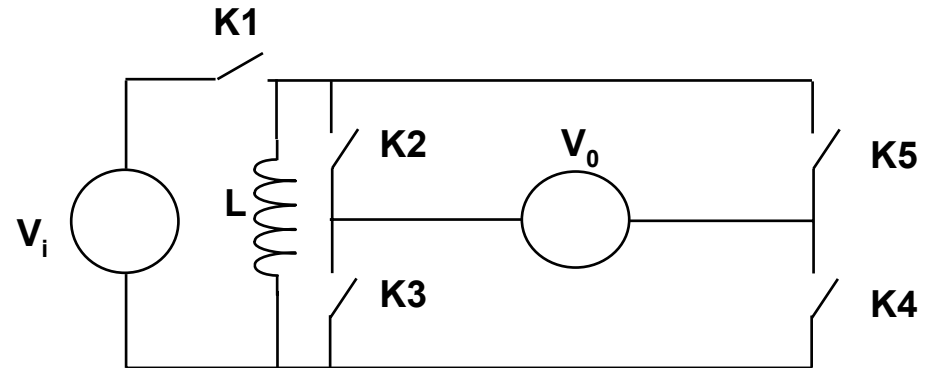
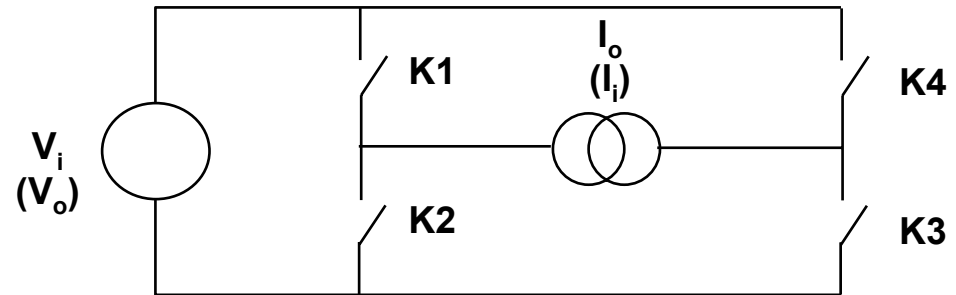
**Second sequence**

## Current-Current Indirect Converters basic configuration





# Three basic converters structures





# Power converter general table

**Voltage-Voltage  
Indirect Converters**

**Current-Current  
Indirect Converters**

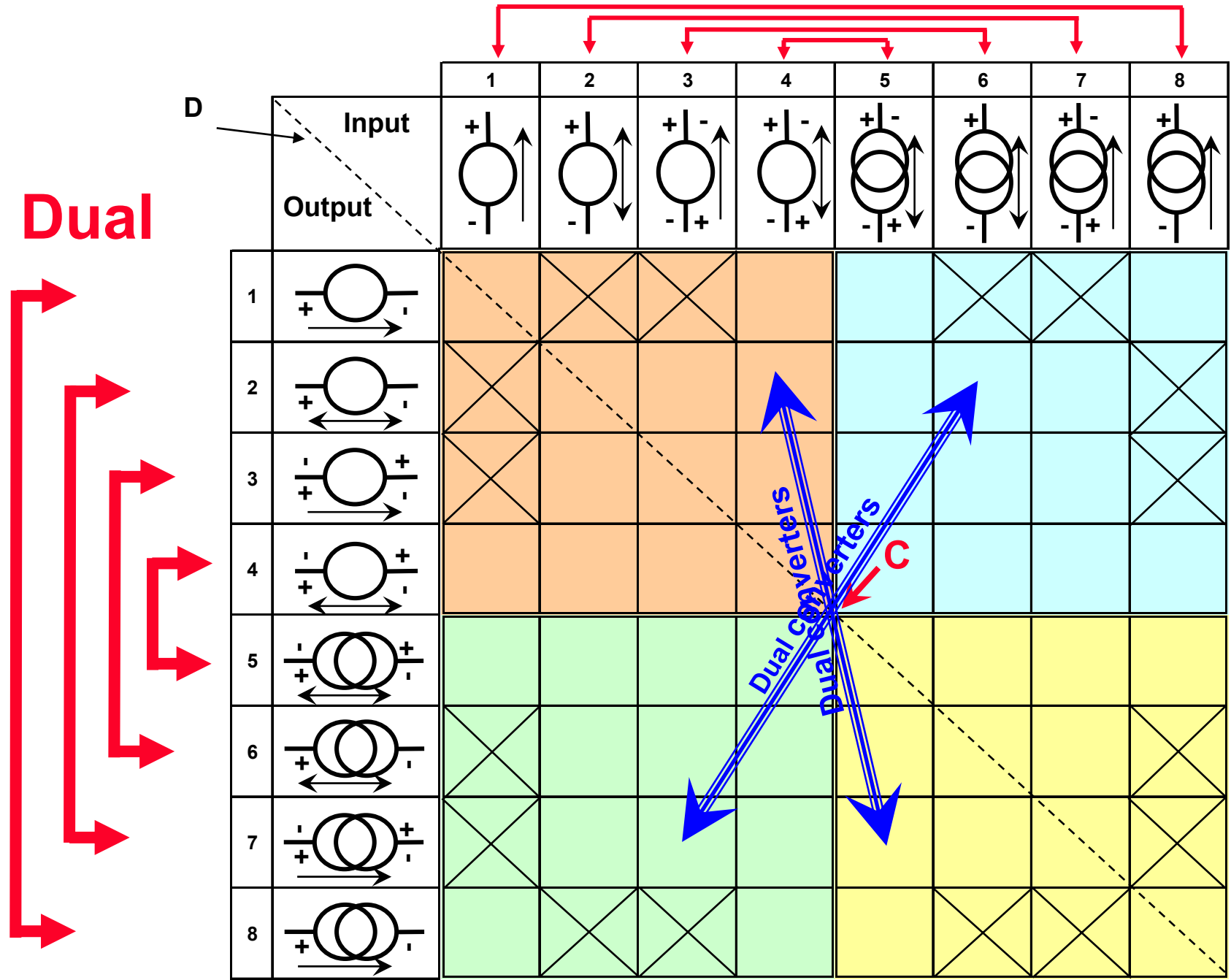
**Direct  
Converters**

D		Input	Output	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1											
2											
3											
4											
5											
6											
7											
8											

Reversible converters

Reversible converters

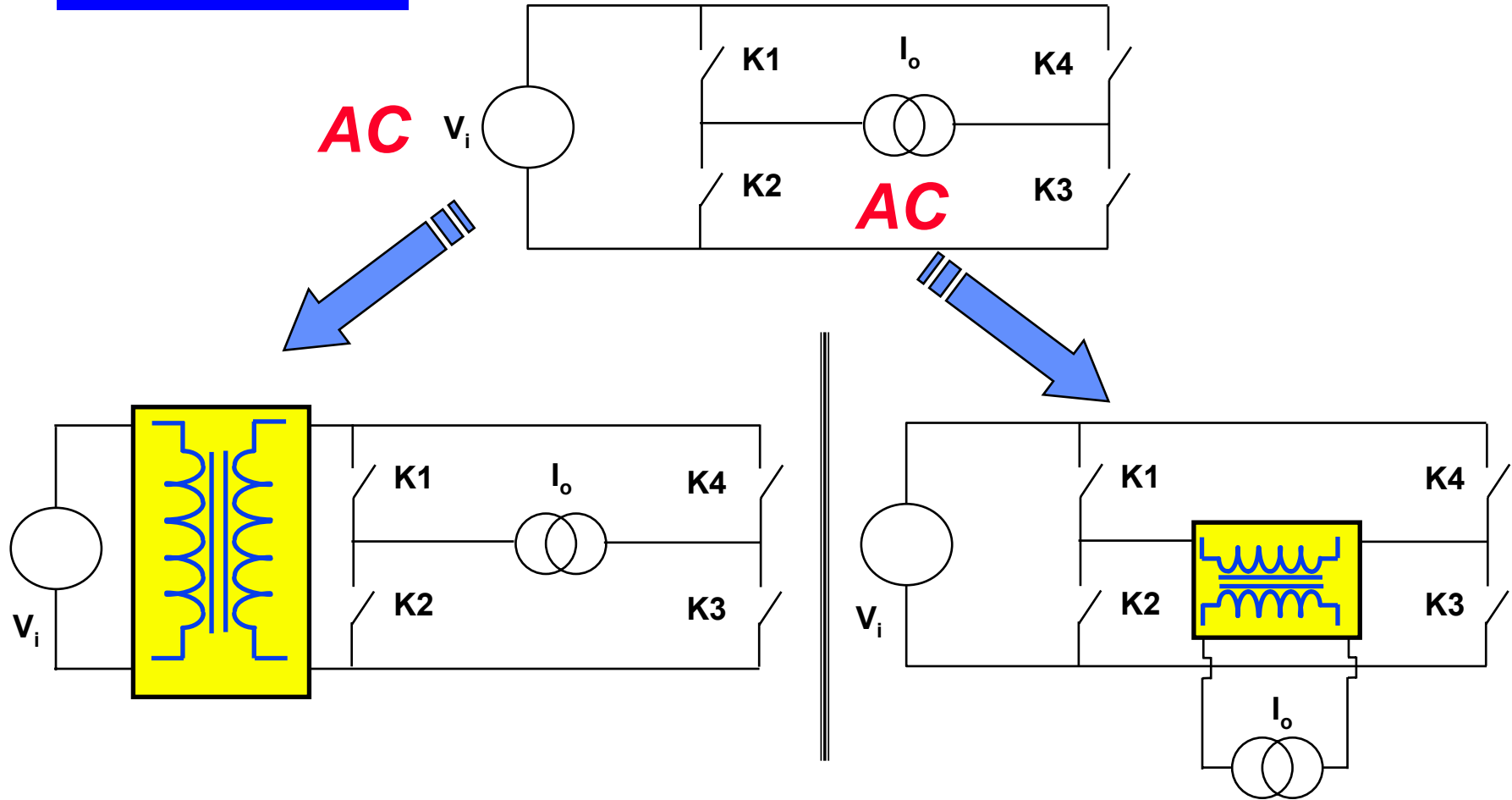






# Galvanic isolation : introduction of transformer

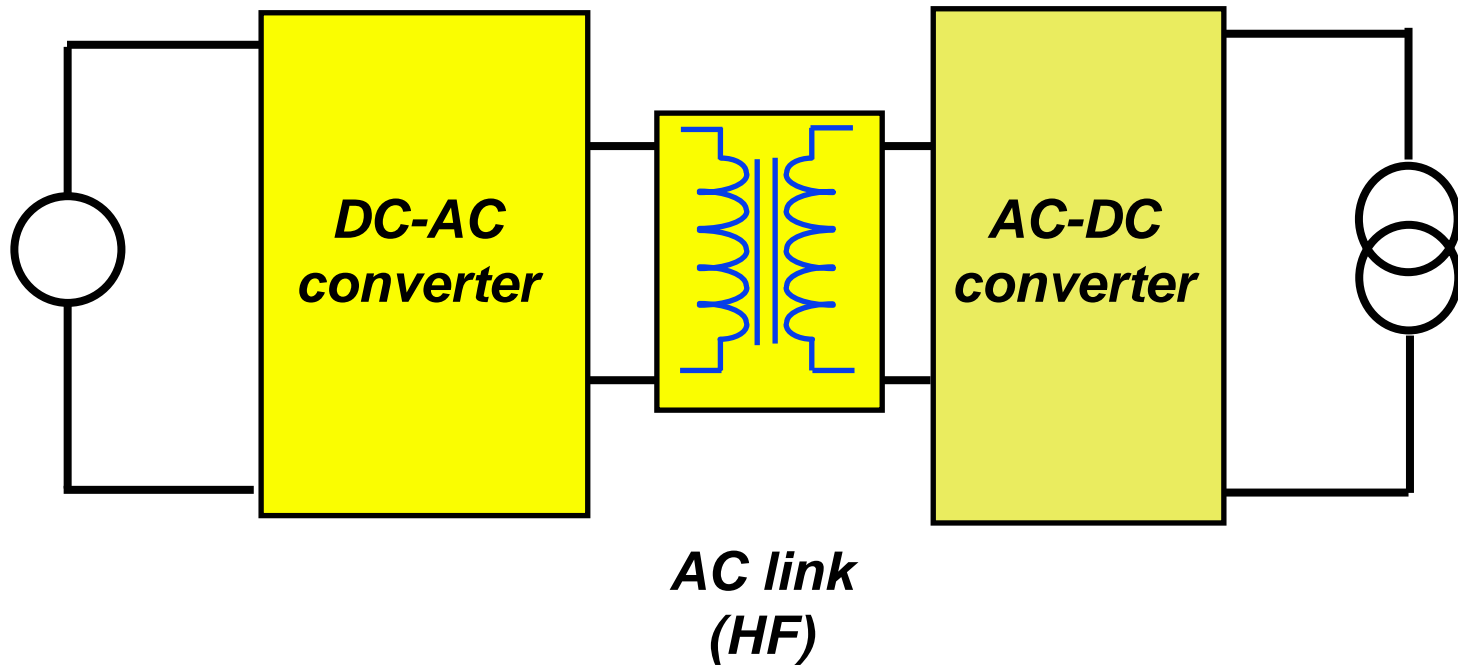
- AC source



*Transformer : source frequency*



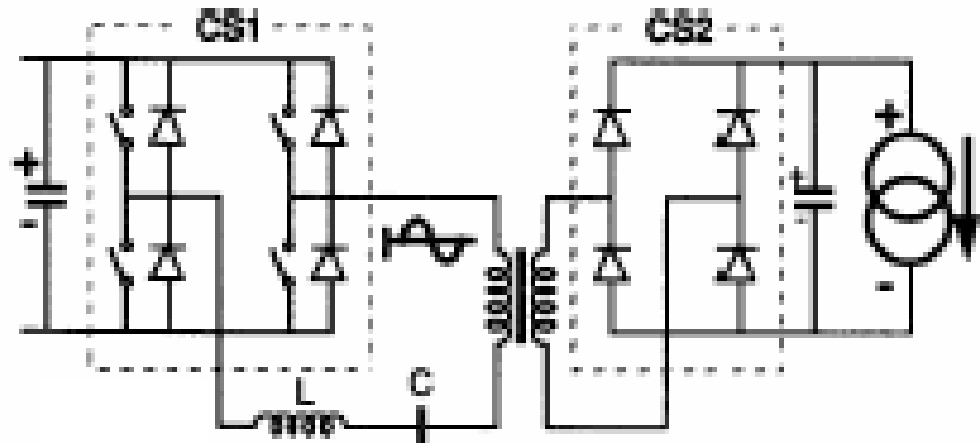
## - AC link (voltage or current link)



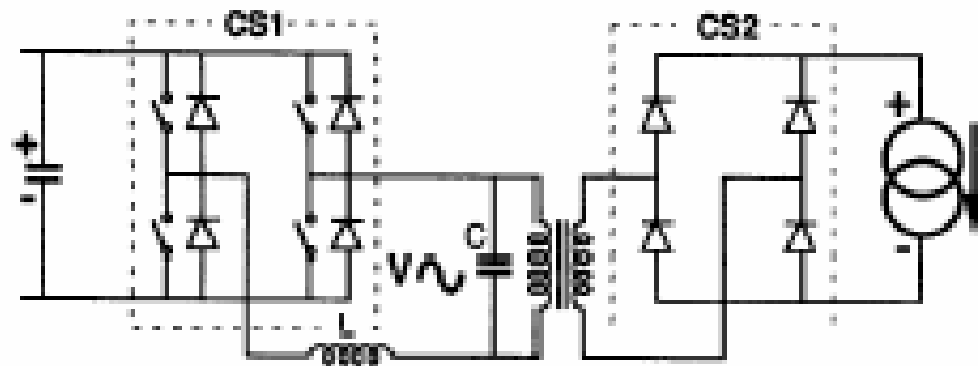


# -AC link (voltage or current link)

example : resonant converters

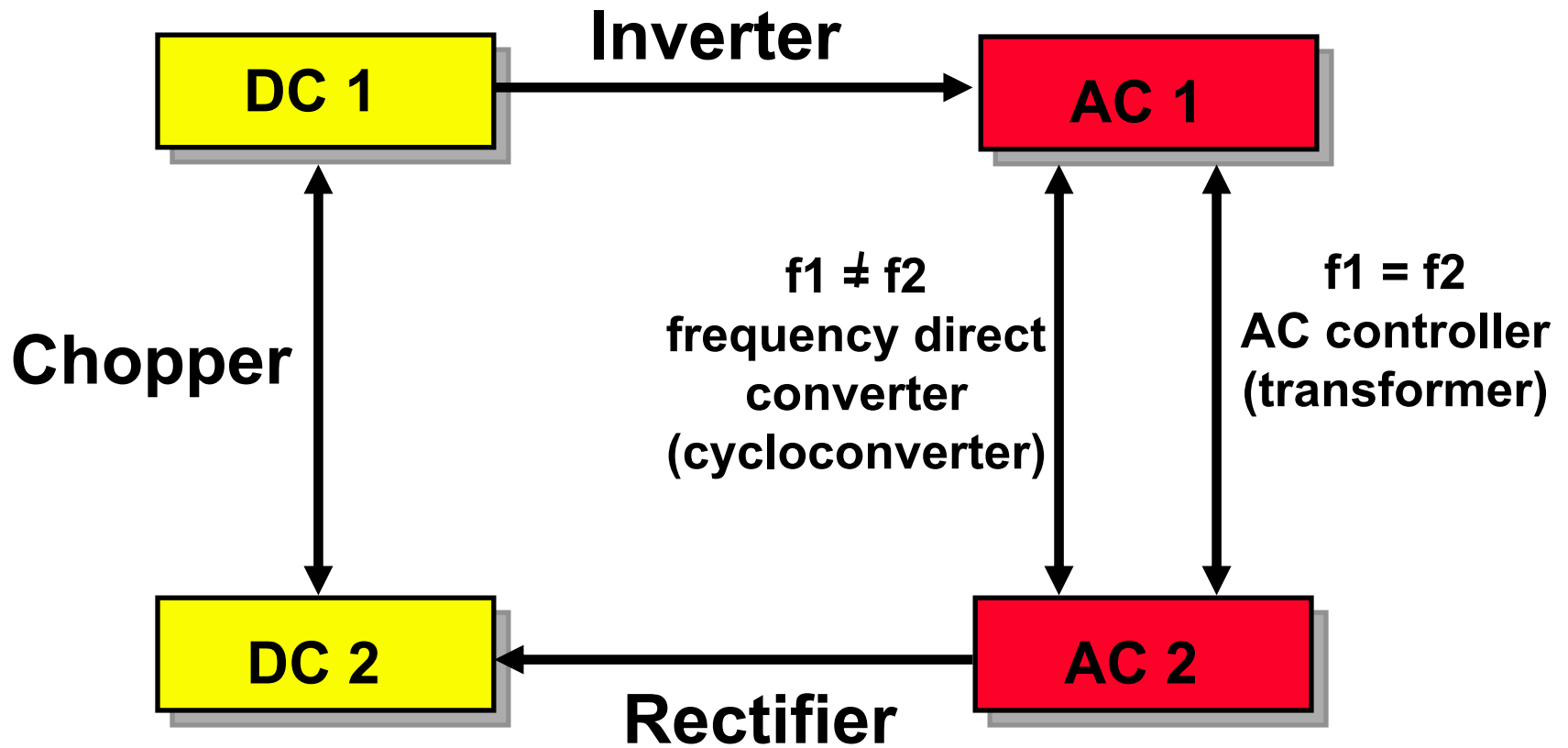


Voltage → Current → Voltage → Current



Voltage → Current → Voltage → Current





## Converter classification



# Commutation

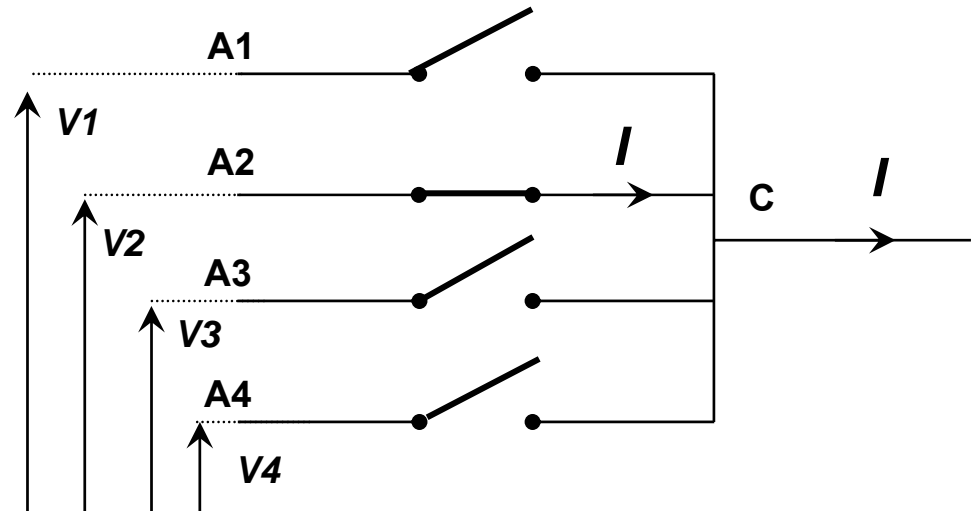
Operation of a static converter can be split into a sequence of elementary modes. Each elementary mode is characterized by an electrical network different to the previous one and derived by interconnection modifications of the active branches.

*The network branches connected to this static devices must fulfil the connection rules of the sources:*

- *each switch is connected to a voltage source (otherwise opening a switch would result in open-circuiting a current source)*
- *the node at the centre of the star is connected to a current source since a voltage source can be connected only to a current source through a controlled switch.*
- *at a given time one and only one switch must be ON to avoid connecting two voltages sources and open-circuiting the current source.*

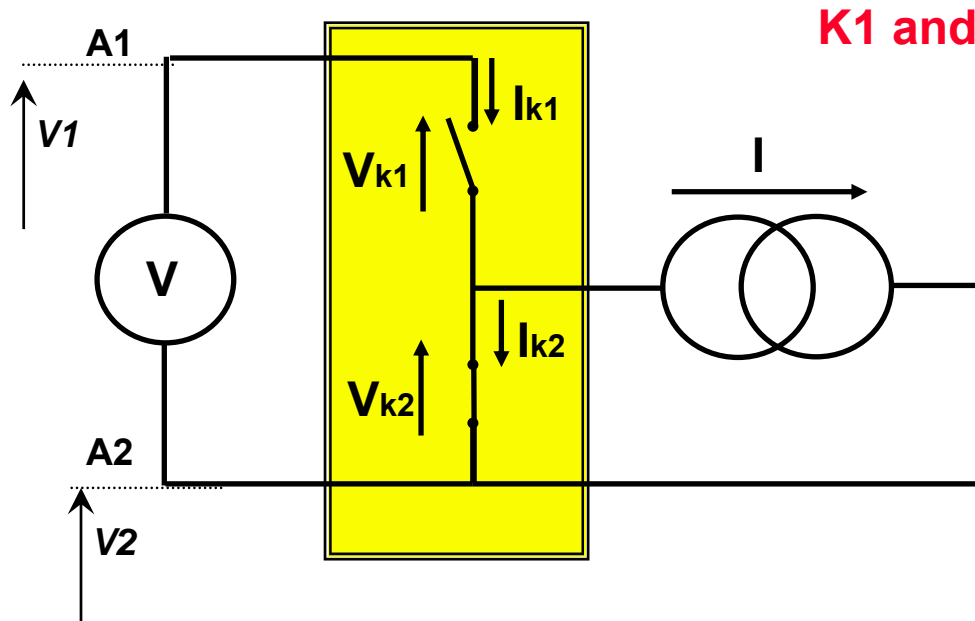
*Each commutation only involves two switches.*

**Star-connected  
electronic switches.**





# Elementary Commutation cell



**K1 and K2 are complementary switches**

$$\begin{aligned} V_{k1} + V_{k2} &= V \\ I_{k1} - I_{k2} &= I \end{aligned}$$

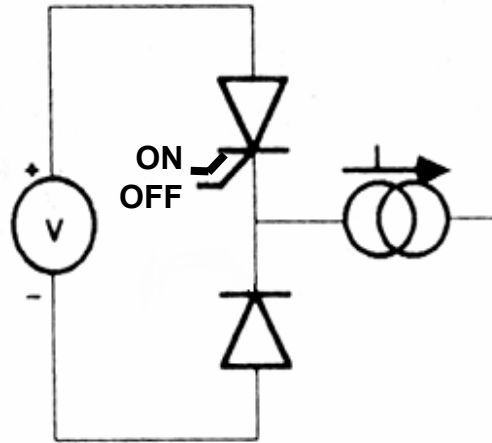
**No discontinuity of the variables  $V$  and  $I$**

$$V = V1 - V2$$

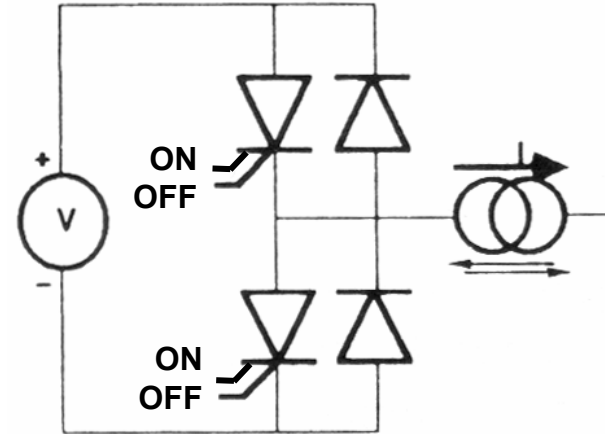
The reversibilities of the voltage and current sources determine the static characteristics of the switches. The switches need to have static characteristics with the same number of current and voltage segments.



# Six type of elementary commutation cells



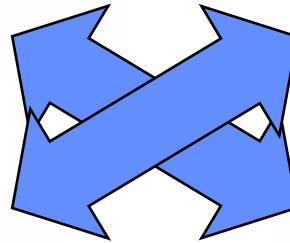
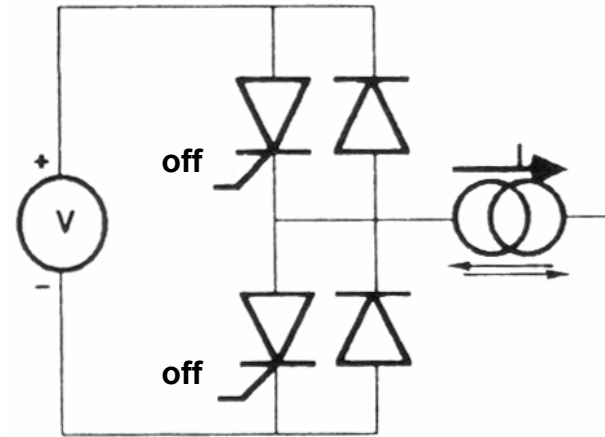
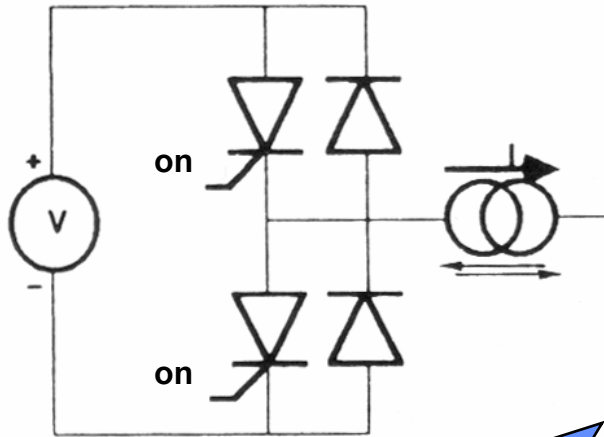
**Chopper-type cell**



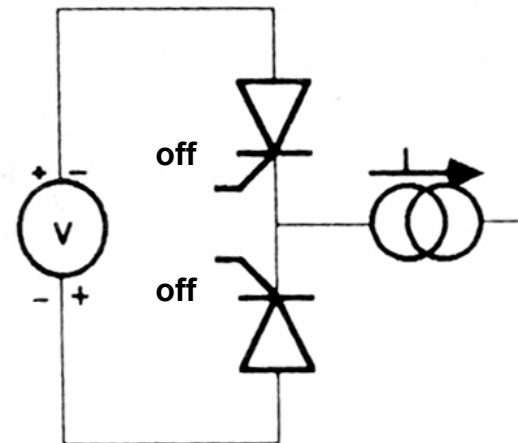
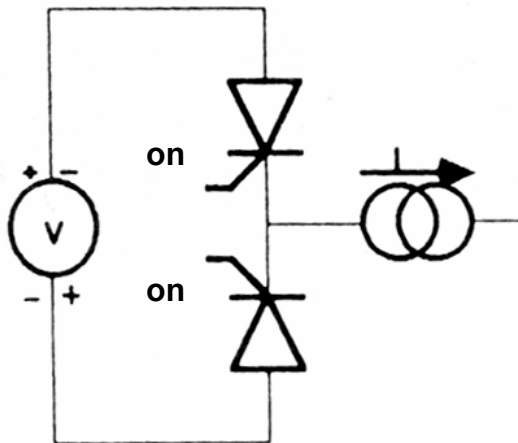
**PWM inverter cell**



## Voltage-source inverter type cells

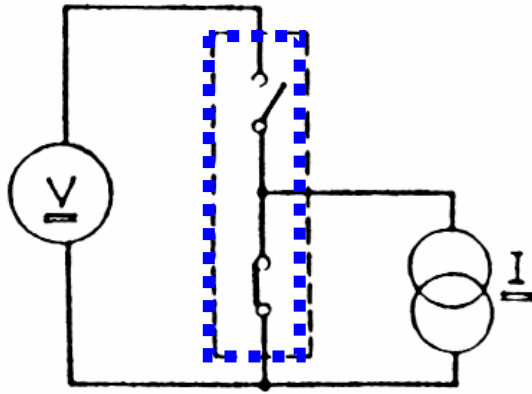


***Duality***

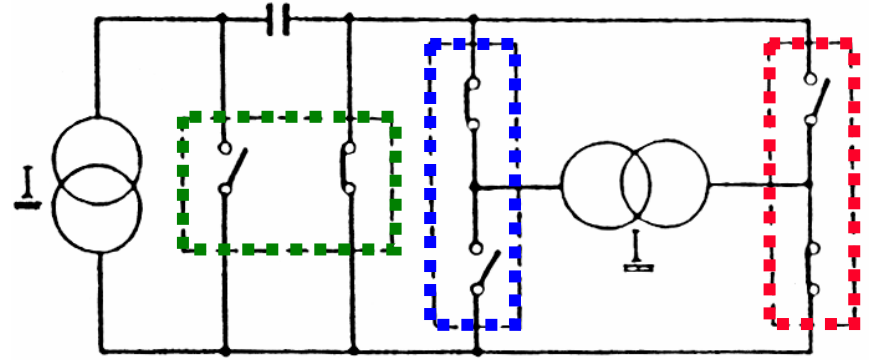


## Current-source inverter type cells

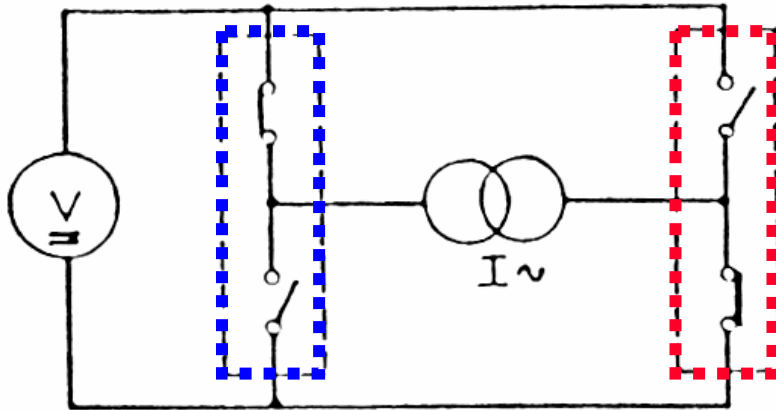




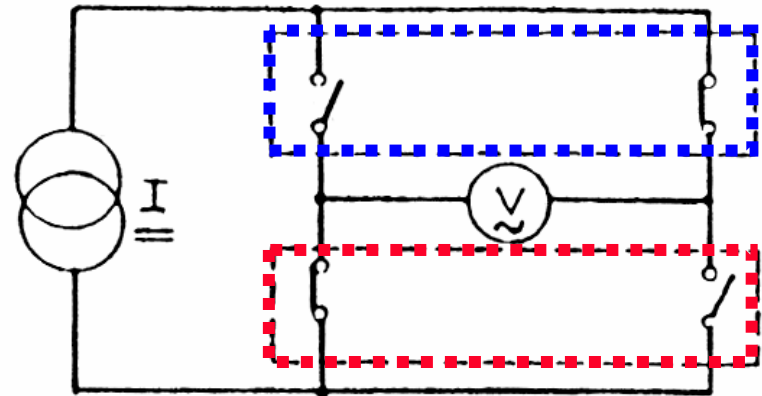
**Chopper**



**Converter with DC voltage link**

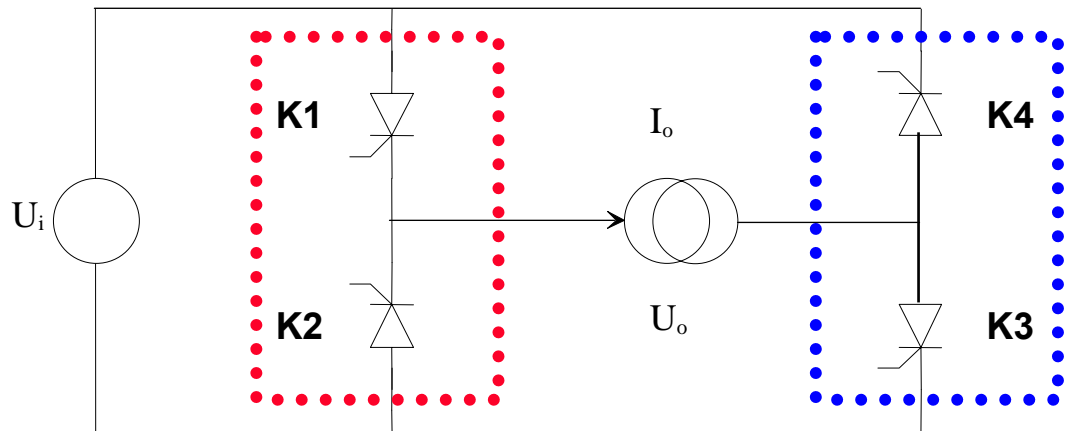


**Single phase voltage-source inverter**

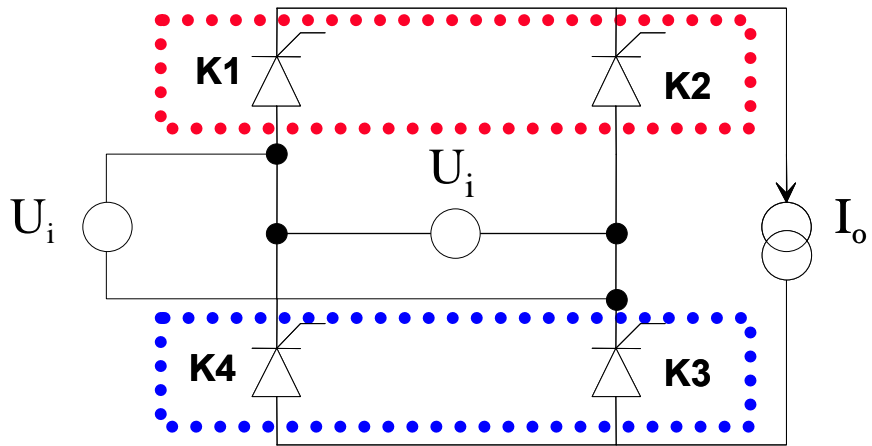


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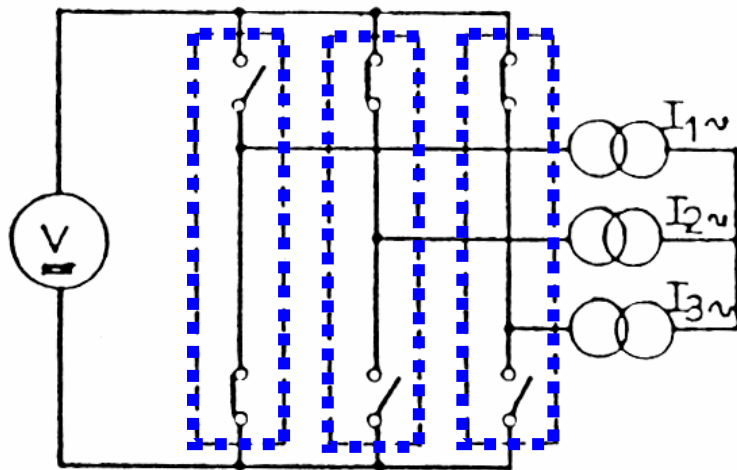




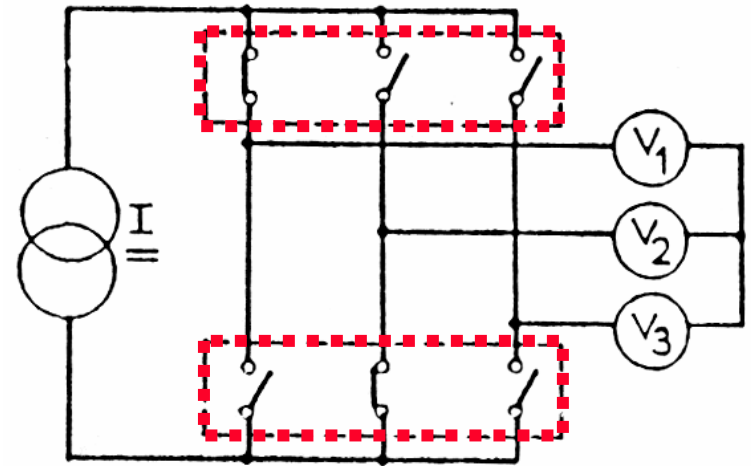
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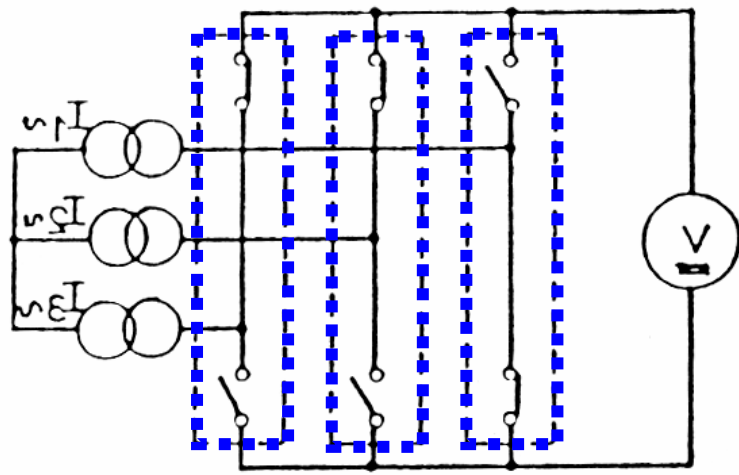


Three-phase voltage-source inverter

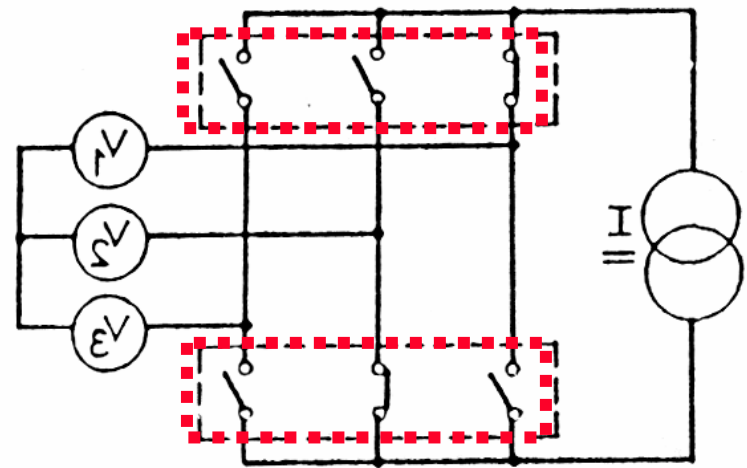


Three-phase current-source inverter





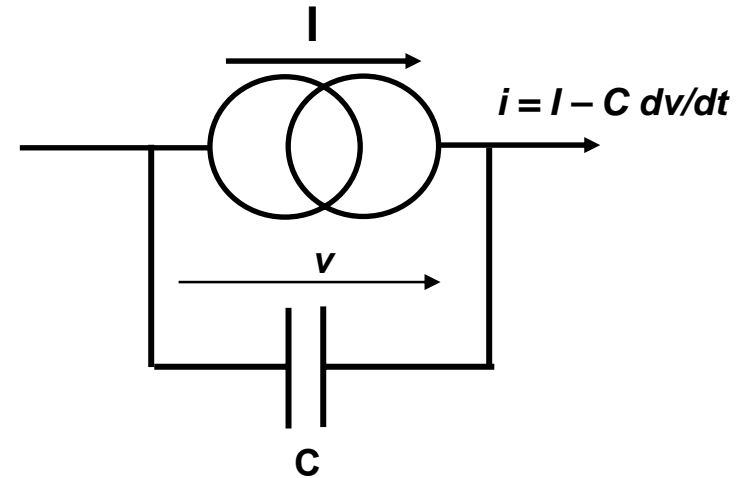
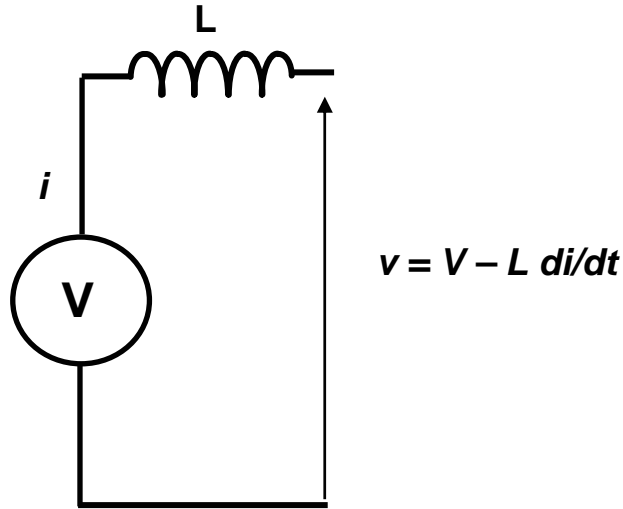
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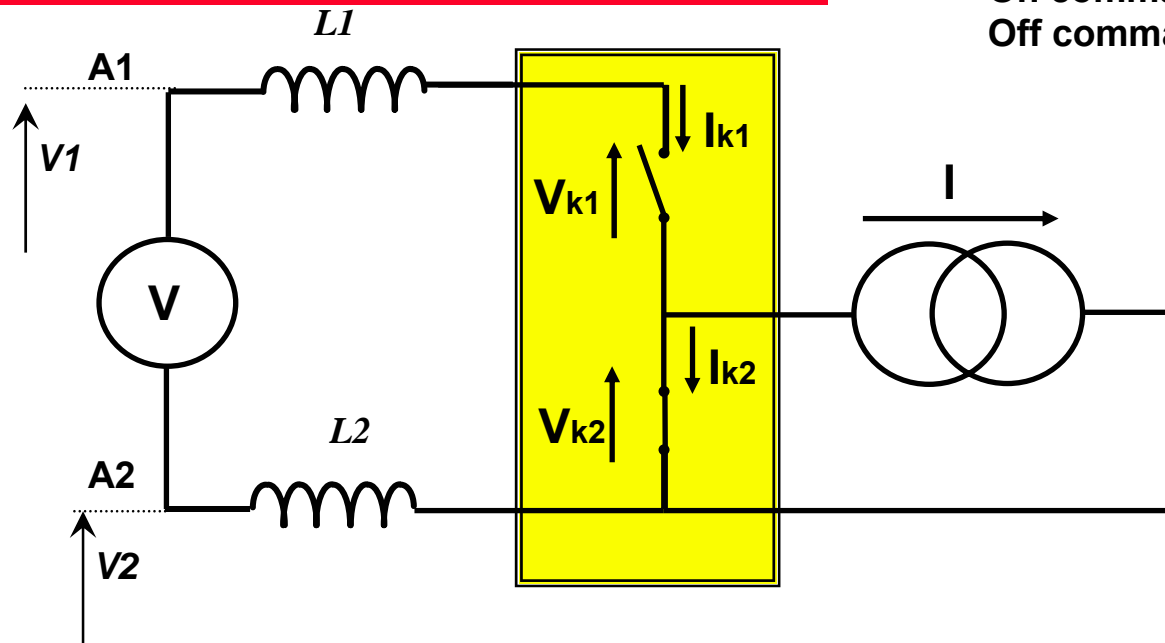
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# Commutation cell with parasitic components: real nature of the sources

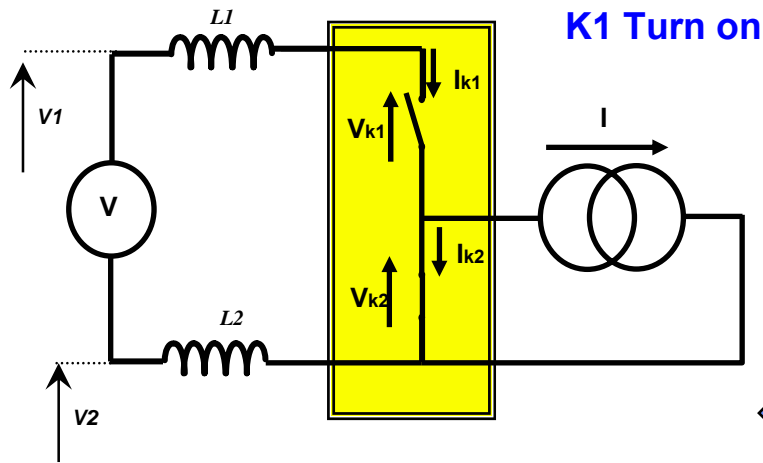


## Example of commutation cell with inductive voltage source

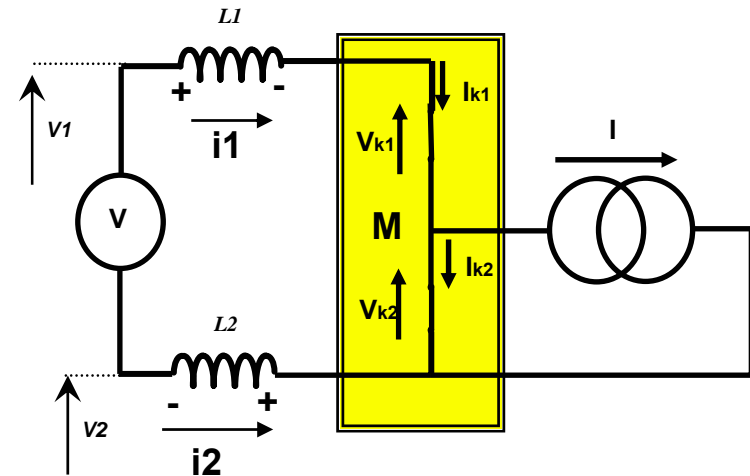
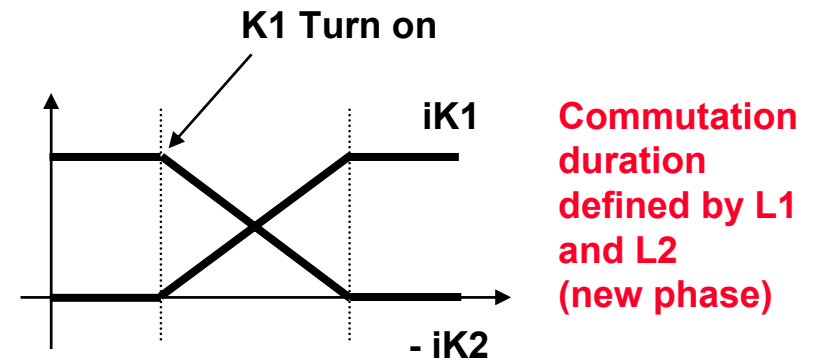


On command : OK  
Off command : overvoltage





$$\begin{aligned} V_{k1} &= V & I_{k1} &= 0 \\ V_{k2} &= 0 & I_{k2} &= -I \end{aligned}$$



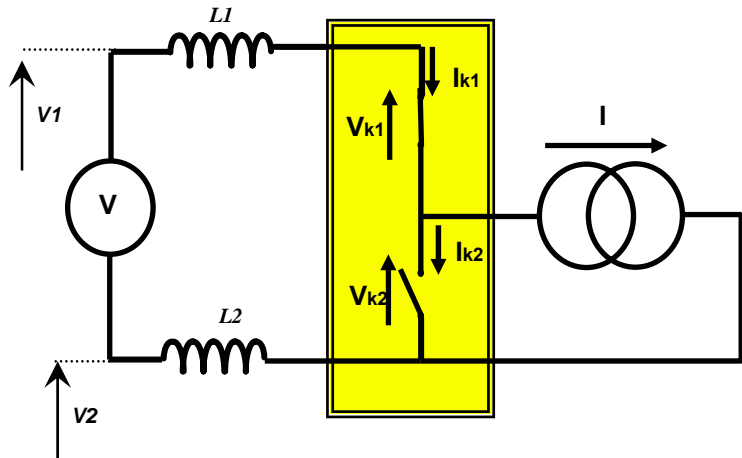
$$V1 - L1 \frac{di1}{dt} - V2 - L2 \frac{di2}{dt} = 0$$

$$I_{k1} - I_{k2} = I$$

$$\frac{dI_{k1}}{dt} = \frac{di1}{dt} \text{ and } \frac{dI_{k2}}{dt} = \frac{di1}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dI_{k1}}{dt} = \frac{dI_{k2}}{dt} = \frac{(V1 - V2)}{(L1 + L2)}$$

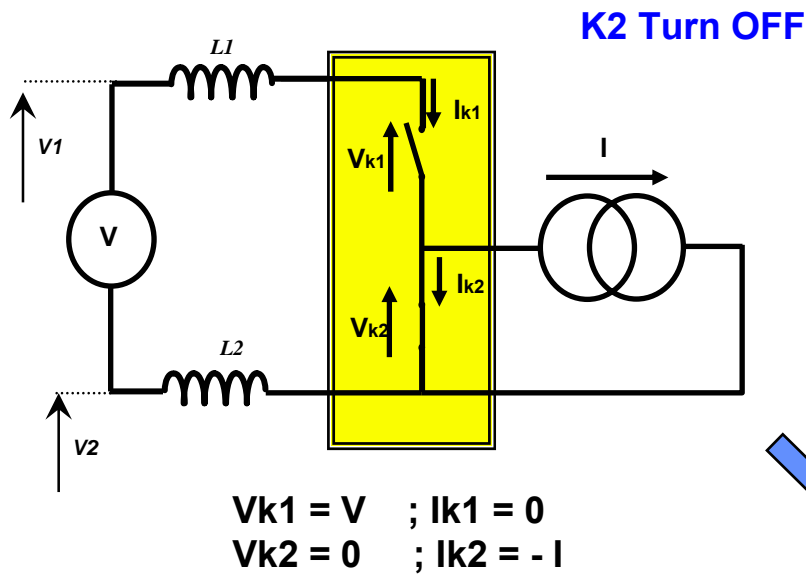
$$V_M = \frac{(V1 + V2)}{2}$$



$$\begin{aligned} V_{k1} &= 0 & I_{k1} &= I \\ V_{k2} &= V & I_{k2} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

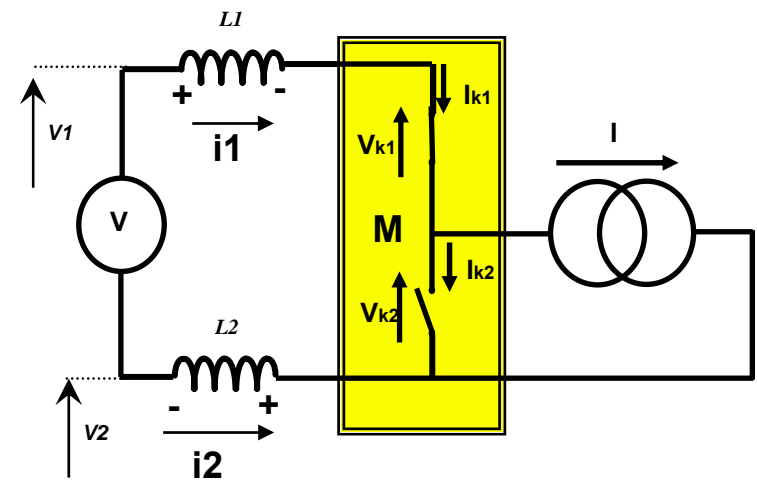
**Soft commutation (natural commutation) with overlapping**





$V_{k1} = 0$  (spontaneous On of K1)  
 $V_{k2} = V + (L1 + L2) \frac{di_2}{dt}$   
(closing of inductive circuit)

→ **over voltage on K2**

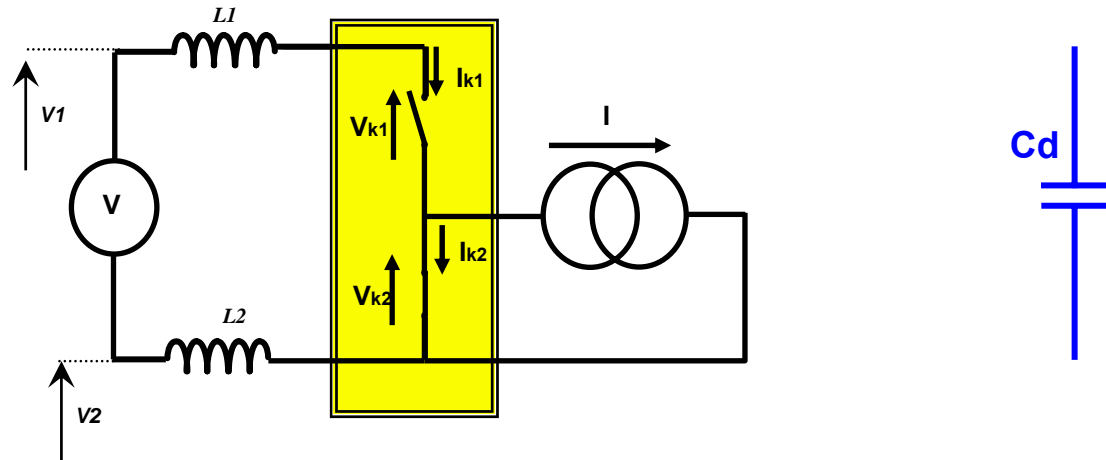


**Solution:**

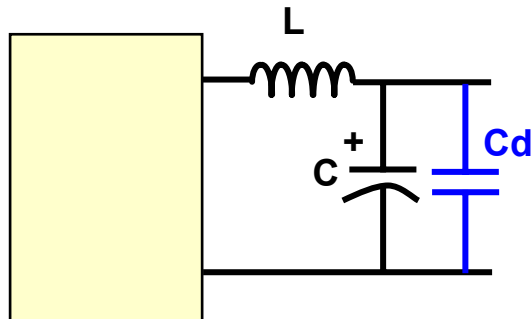
- Decoupling of the commutation cell
- Forced commutation.



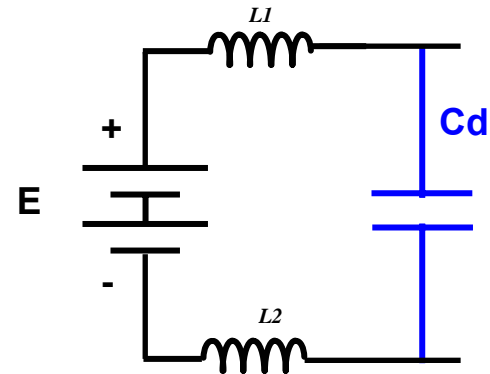
## -Decoupling of the commutation cell



For example....



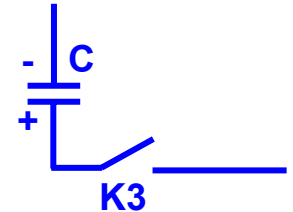
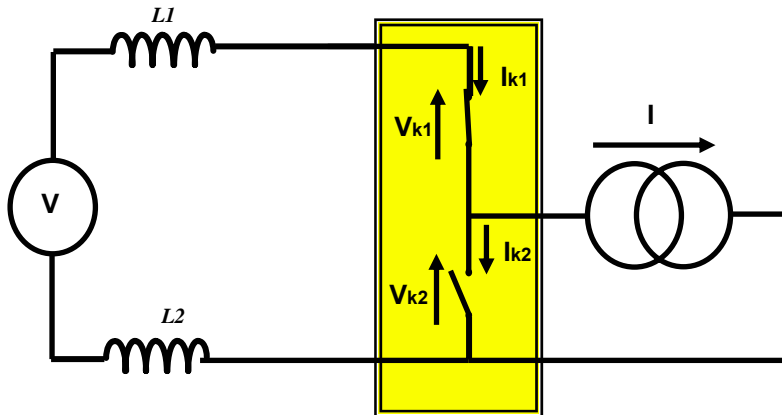
Output of LC filter  
(with electrochemical capacitor)



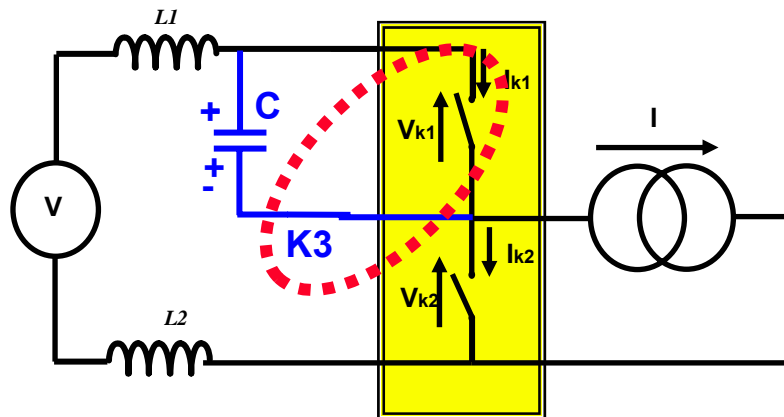
Battery with cables



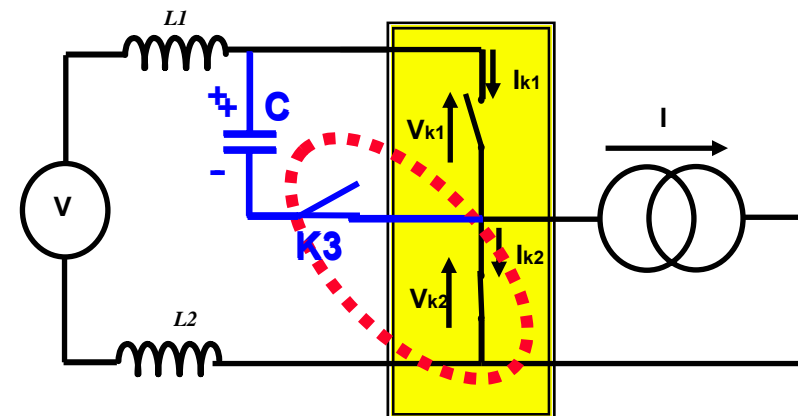
# - Forced commutation: how to avoid the K1 control turn off ?



**K1 and K3 : turn ON control**  
 - Must revert C polarity  
 - (See C. De Almeida's talk)



**Commutation cell : K1-K3**  
**K3 : Control Turn On**  
**K1 : Spontaneous Turn Off**

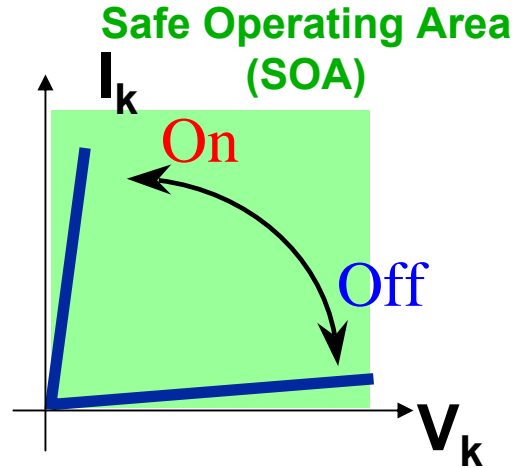
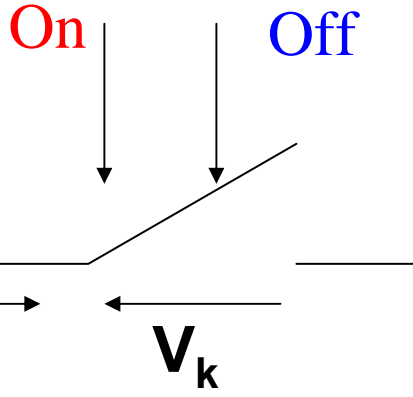


**Commutation cell : K2-K3**  
**K2 : Spontaneous Turn On**  
**But no immediate K3 Turn OFF**  
 (V L1L2 C loop : K3 off when  $I_c = 0$ )



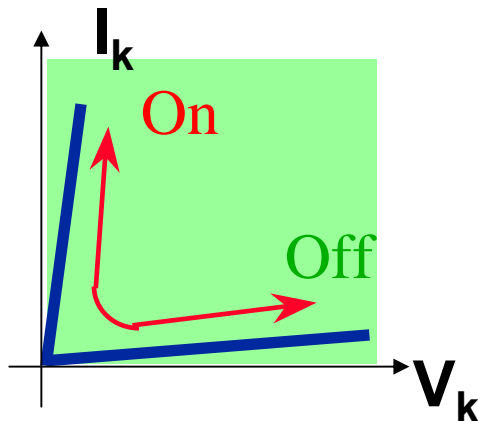
# Hard Commutation

(switches two segments)



**High commutation losses**  
=> frequency limitation

To limit the losses :  
high  $dI/dt$  and /or  $dV/dt$   
=> **EMI problem**



**Aided commutation : addition of aided commutation network (snubber)**

Series Inductance : turn On

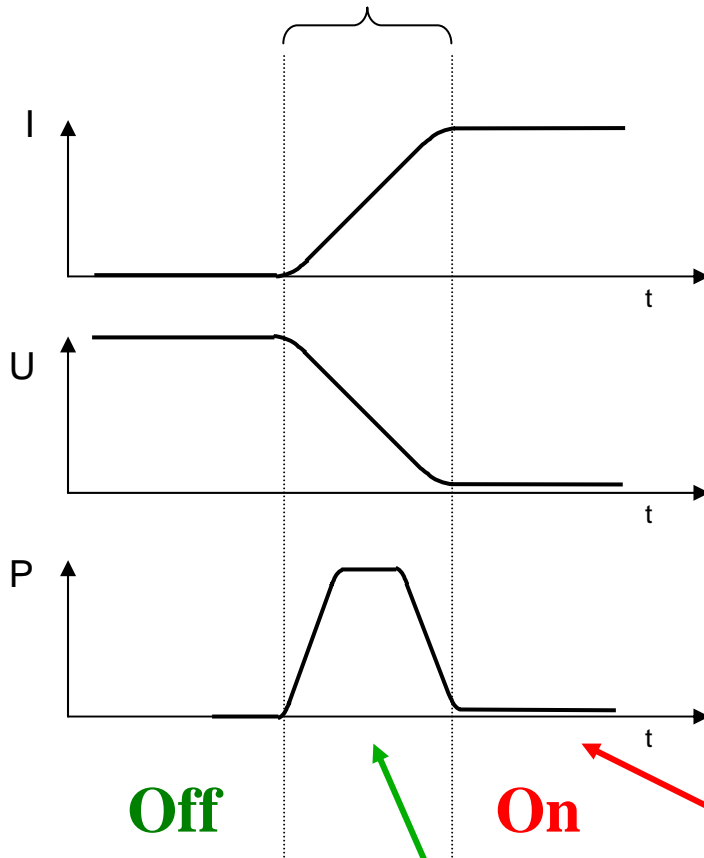
Parallel capacitor : turn Off

Should discharge the snubber before the next commutation ! (losses, extra components,...)



# Hard Commutation

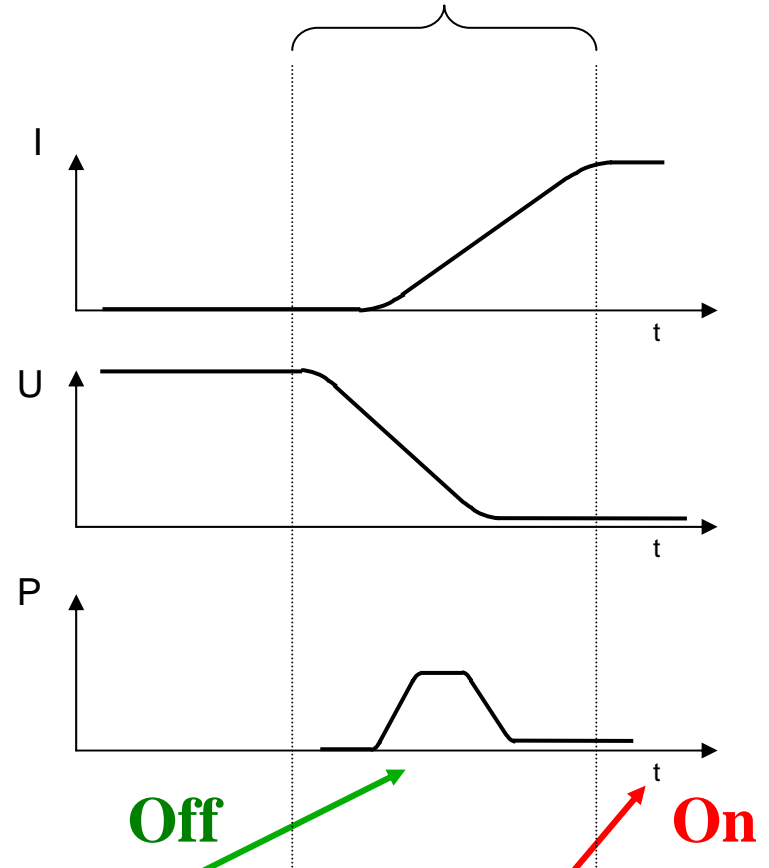
## Commutation Turn On



Switching losses

# Aided commutation

## Commutation Turn On

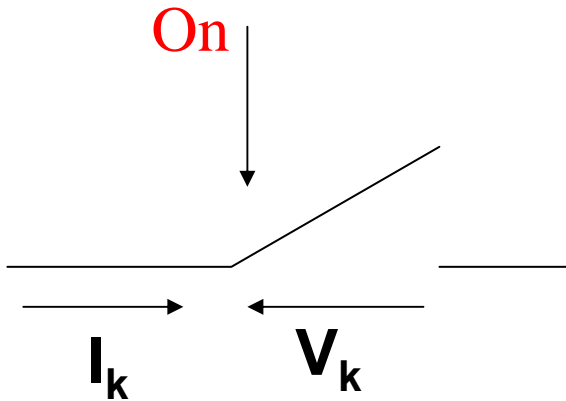


Conduction losses

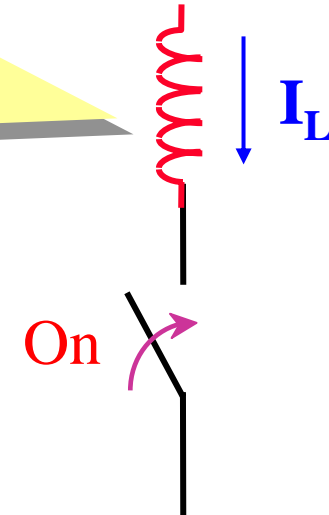


# Soft Commutation ZCS

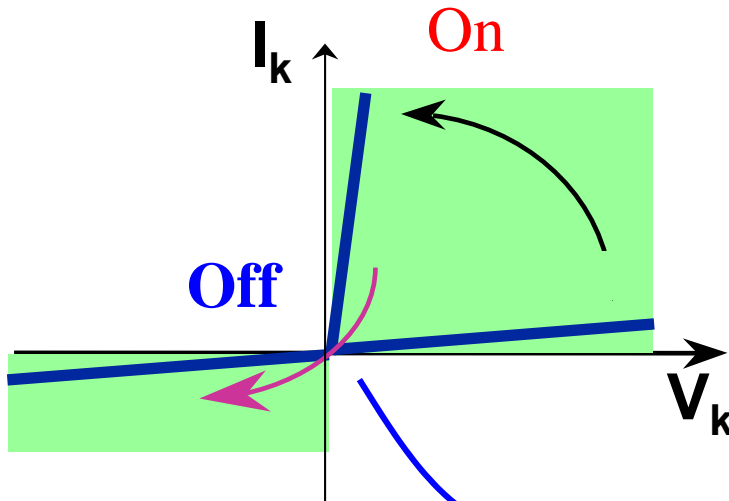
(switches three segments)



High inductance  
can be added to  
reduce the turn  
ON losses



Thyristor  
Turn On control



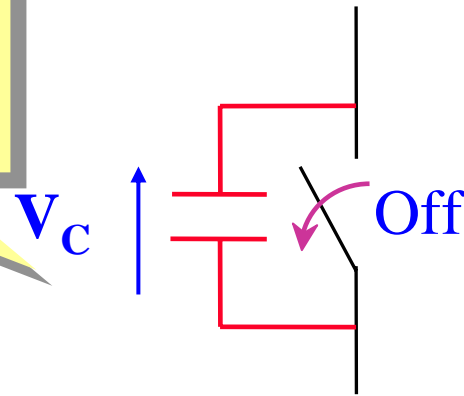
Off : no control;  
by the circuit topology  
 $I_L = 0$



# Soft Commutation : ZVS

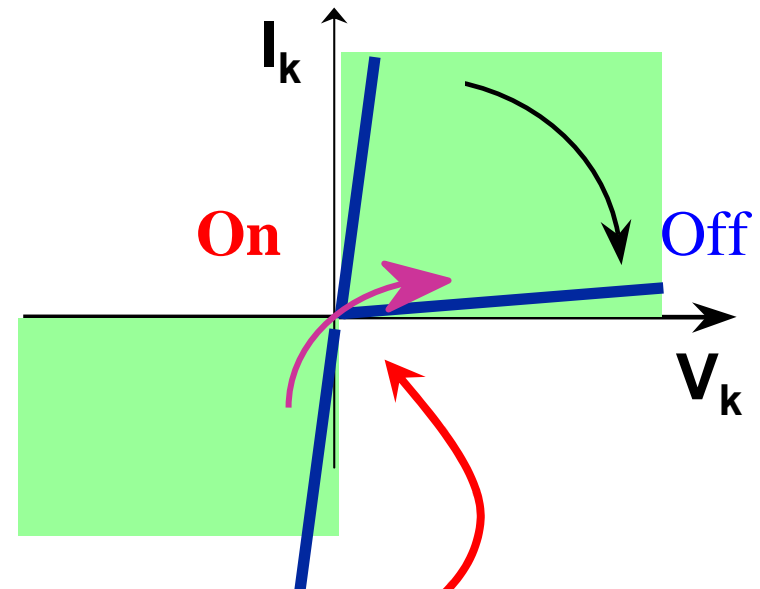
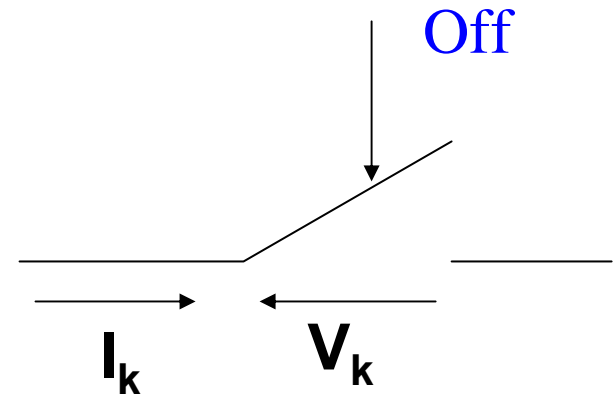
(switches three segments)

High capacitance  
can be added to  
reduce the turn  
OFF losses



Dual Thyristor  
Turn Off control

On : no control;  
by the circuit topology  
 $V_C = 0$





## Conditions of soft-commutation:

- **Switches with three-segments characteristic.**
- **This characteristic is entirely described at each period**
- **The converter must include reversible source(s) able to provoke the conditions of the spontaneous commutation of the switches at the right instant**
  
- **Lossless circuit can be added to the switch to limit the losses due to the controlled commutation**  
*(aided-commutation circuit)*

**Soft-commutation is not a slow commutation !!!!**

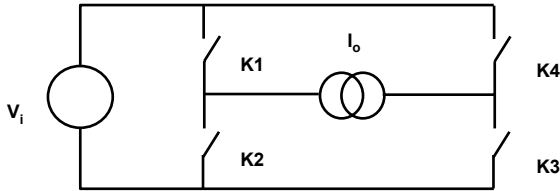


# General method for converter synthesis:

- a) Determine the natures of input and output sources => basic configuration
- b) From the specification, deduce the voltage and current reversibilities of the input and output sources (one configuration of general table)
- c) From the basic configuration, identify the different phases of operation according to the reversibilities and the energy transfer control. If necessary, simplify the configuration (short-circuit or open switches)
- d) For the various phases, check the sign of the current through the ON switches and the sign of the voltage across the OFF switches  
=>  $I_k(V_k)$  static characteristics of each switches
- e) From the specification (desired output current and/or voltage functions), deduce the sequence of the different phases. For every commutation, represent the working point of each switches before and after the commutation.
- f) From static and dynamic characteristics, choose the type of switches  
(=> semiconductor type)



# First Example

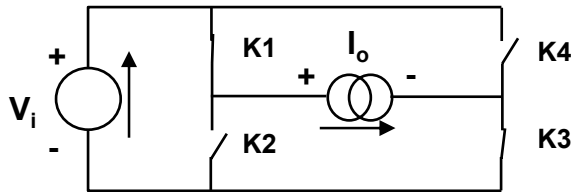


**Chopper:**  
Non reversible in current

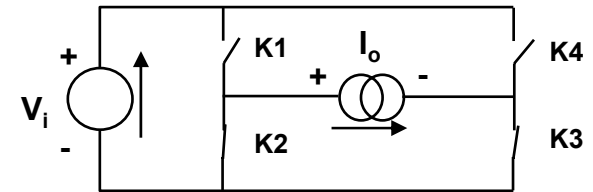
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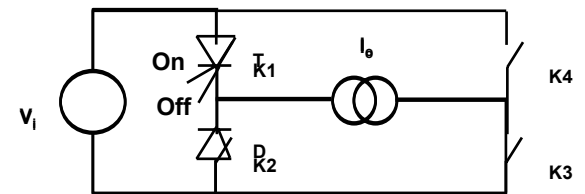
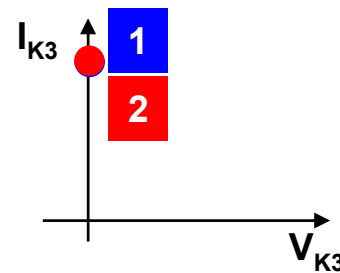
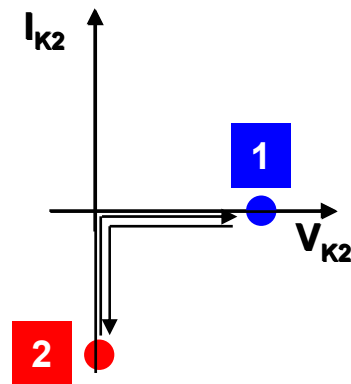
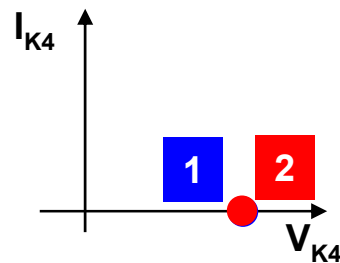
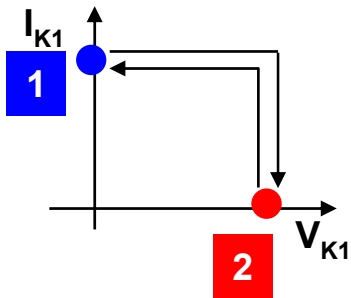
# First example : Non reversible current chopper



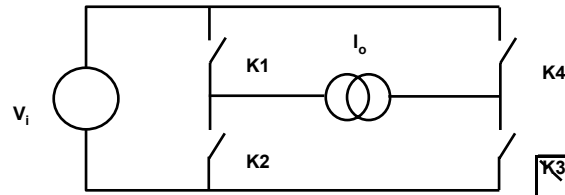
1



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# Second Example

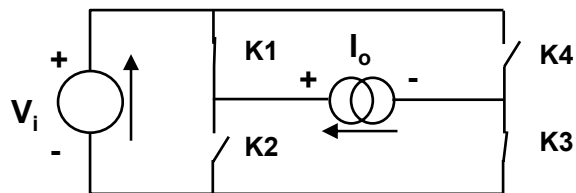
**Chopper:**  
Reversible in current

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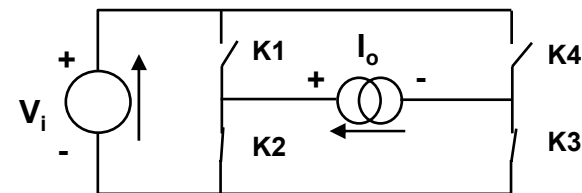


# Second example : Reversible current chopper

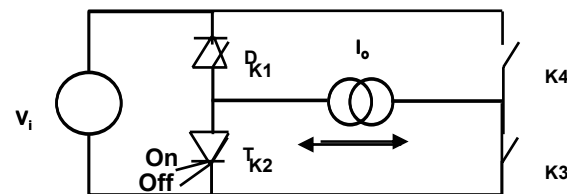
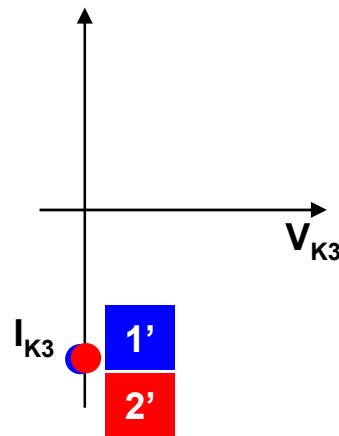
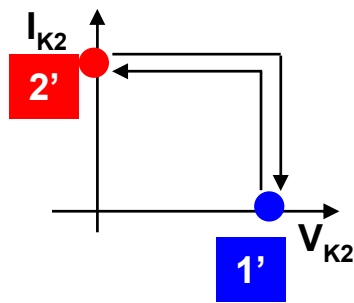
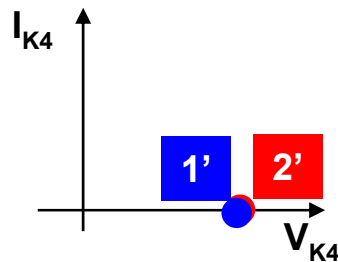
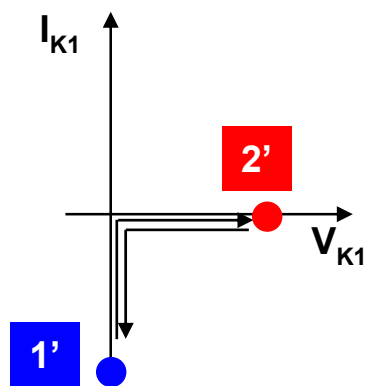
Energy:  $P_{input} = P_{output}$   
Back-phenomena example



1'



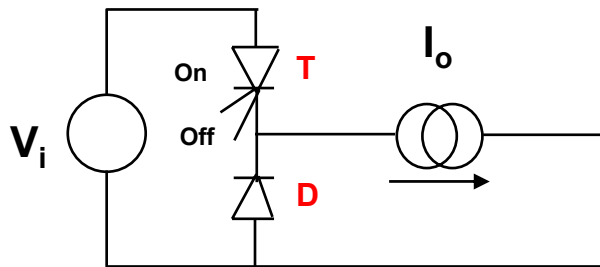
2'



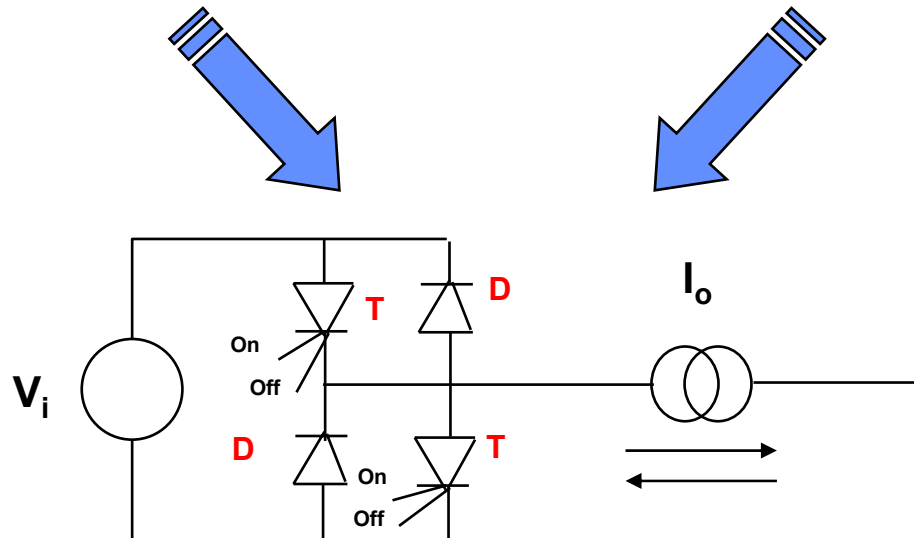
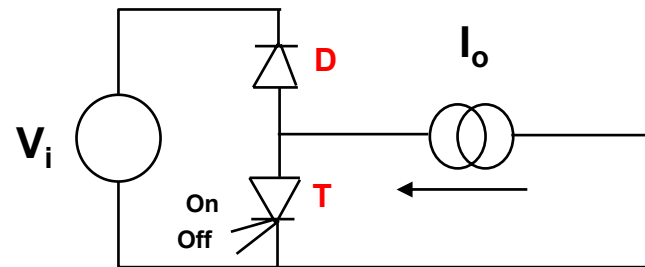


# Reversible current chopper

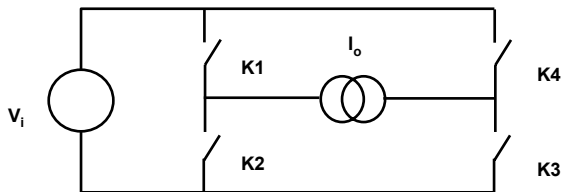
## Active phase



## Brake phase







## Third Example

### Voltage Inverter

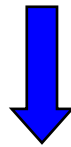
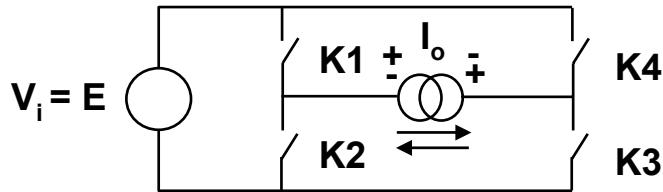
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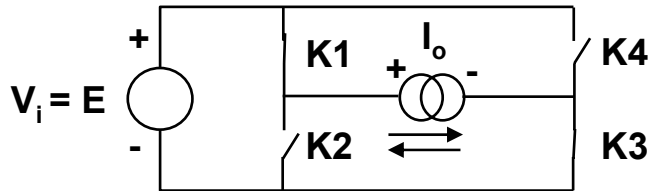
# Third example : Voltage inverter

Input source: voltage source (DC source:  $E$ ) ; reversible current

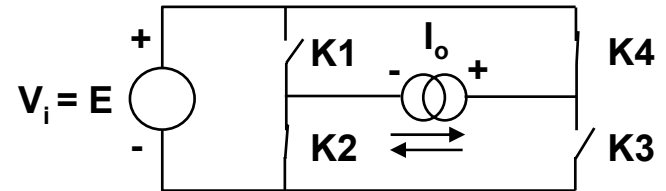
Output source : current source (AC source) ; reversible voltage and current



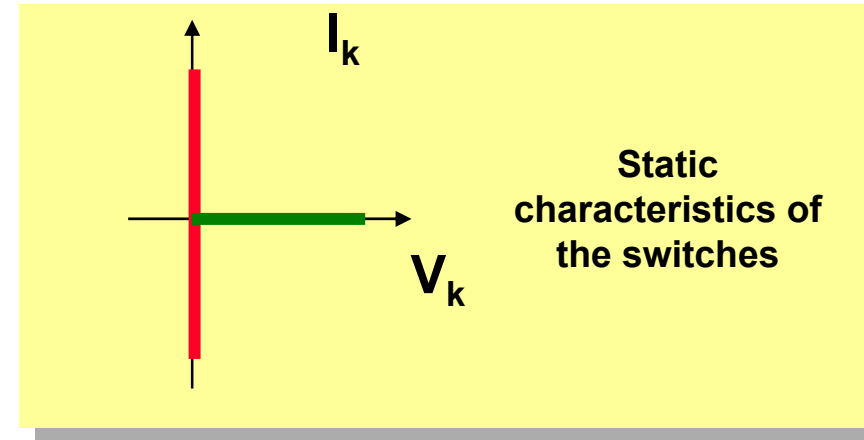
Specifications :  $+E$  and  $-E$  on the load



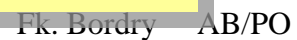
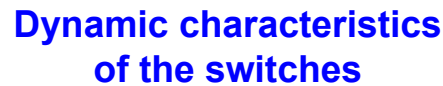
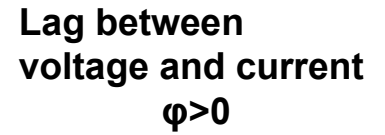
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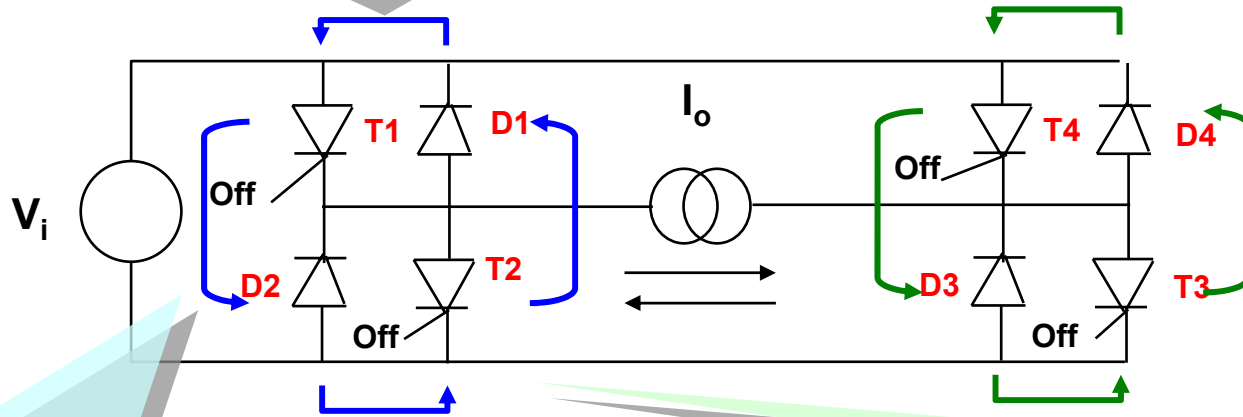






# Inverter structure : turn-off control

1a to 1b : D1 to T1 (D3 to T3) : ZVS

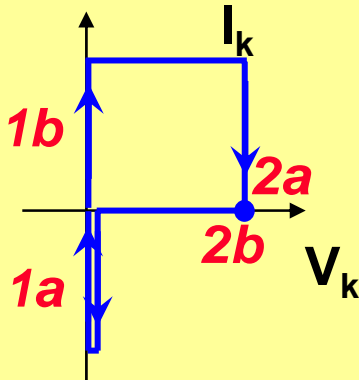


1b to 2a : T1 to D2 (T3 to D4) : OFF command

2a to 2b : D2 to T2 (D4 to T4) : ZVS

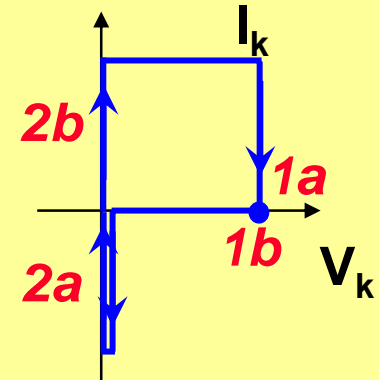
2b to 1a : T2 to D1 (T4 to D3) : OFF command

K1  
and  
K3



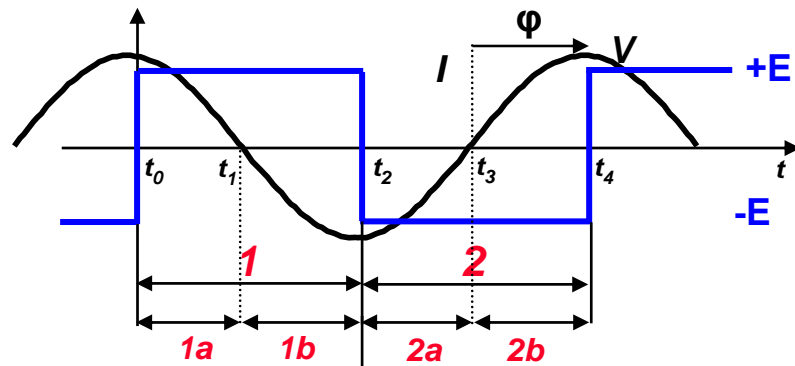
Dynamic  
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of the switches

K2  
and  
K4

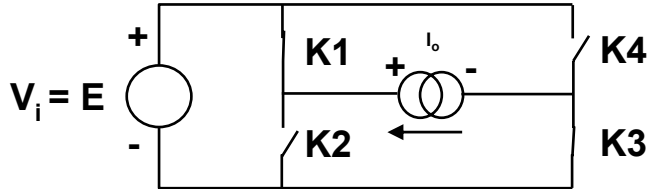




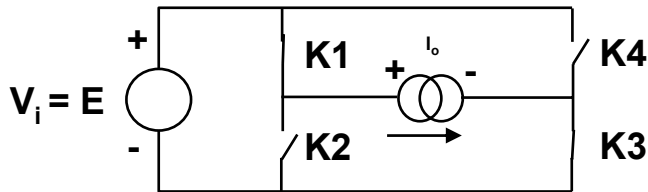
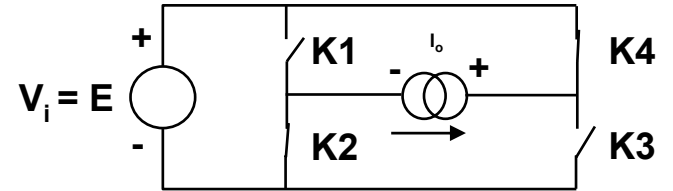
# Third example : Voltage inverter



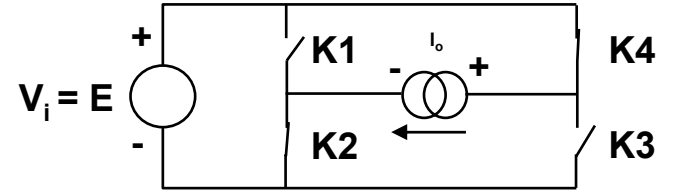
Lag between  
current and voltage  
 $\phi > 0$



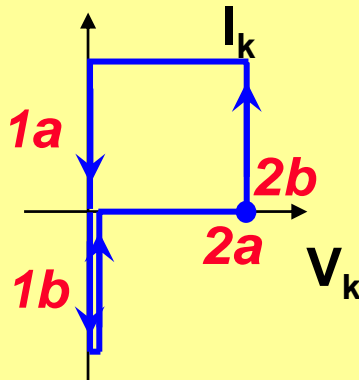
**2a**



**2b**

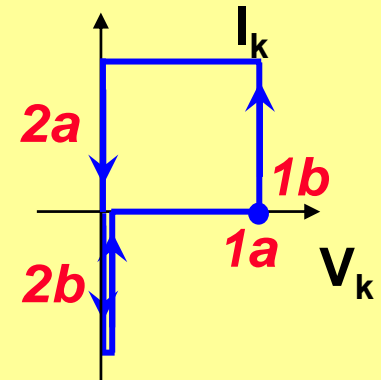


K1  
and  
K3



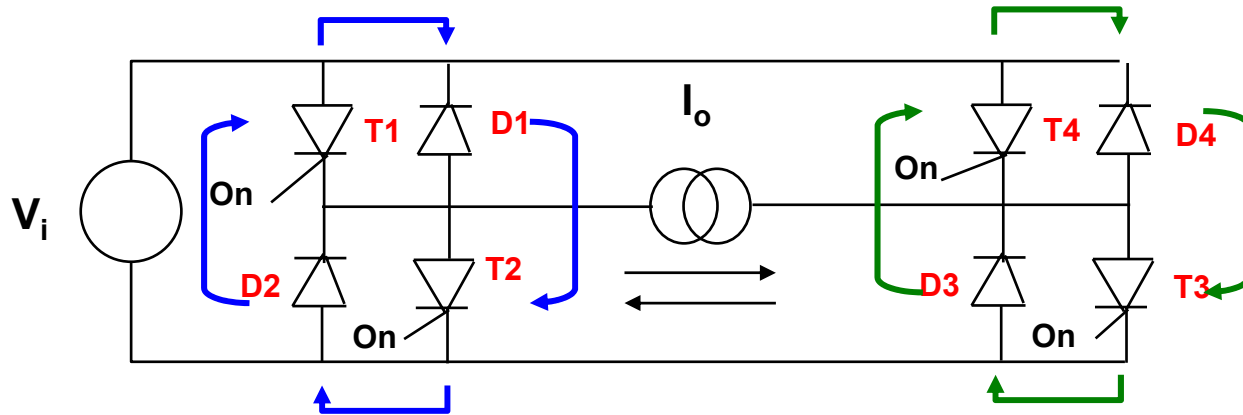
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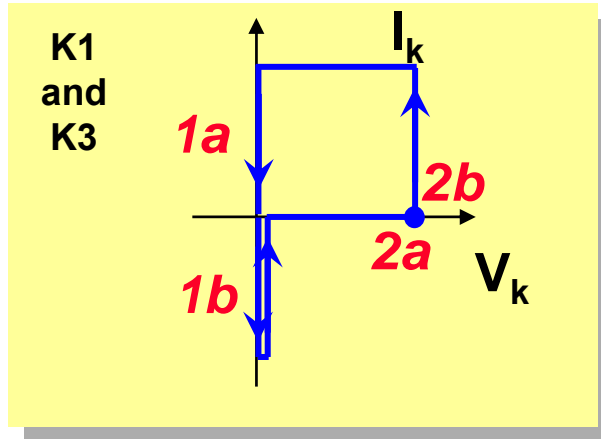


# Inverter structure : turn-on control

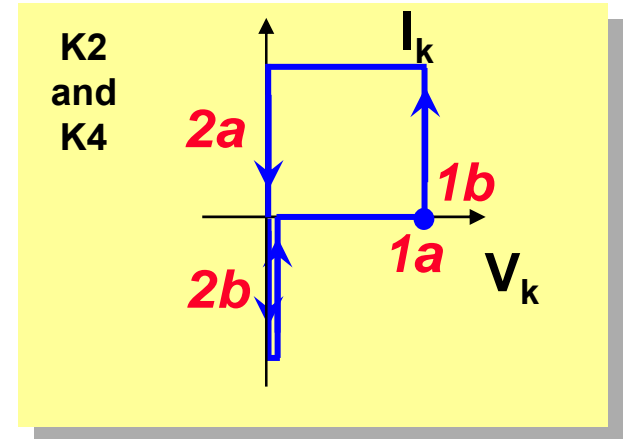


1a to 1b : T1 to D1 (T3 to D3) : ZCS  
 1b to 2a : D1 to T2 (D3 to T4) : ON command

2a to 2b : T2 to D2 (T4 to D4) : ZCS  
 2b to 1a : D2 to T1 (D4 to T3) : ON command

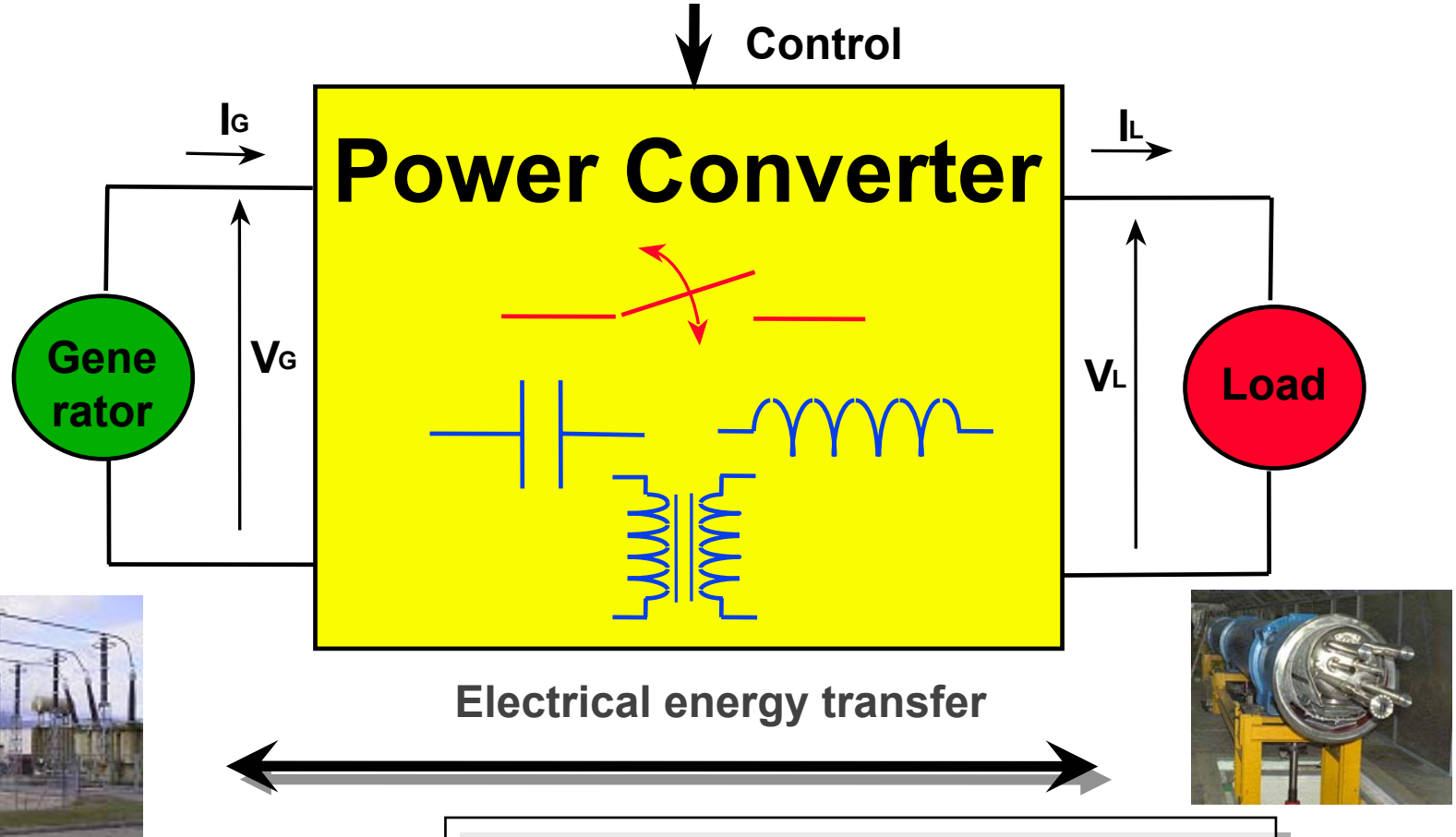


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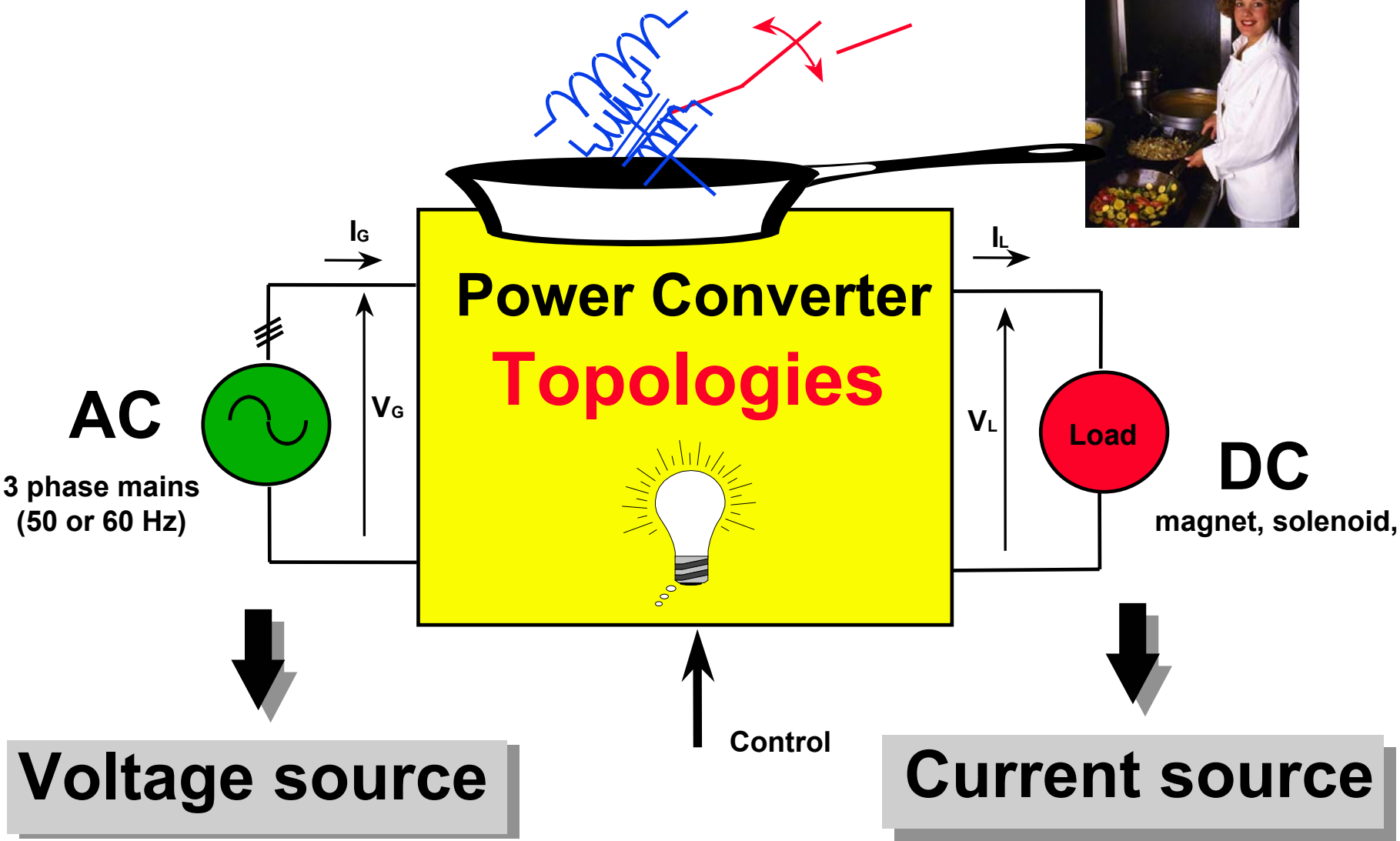
# Power Converter for magnets



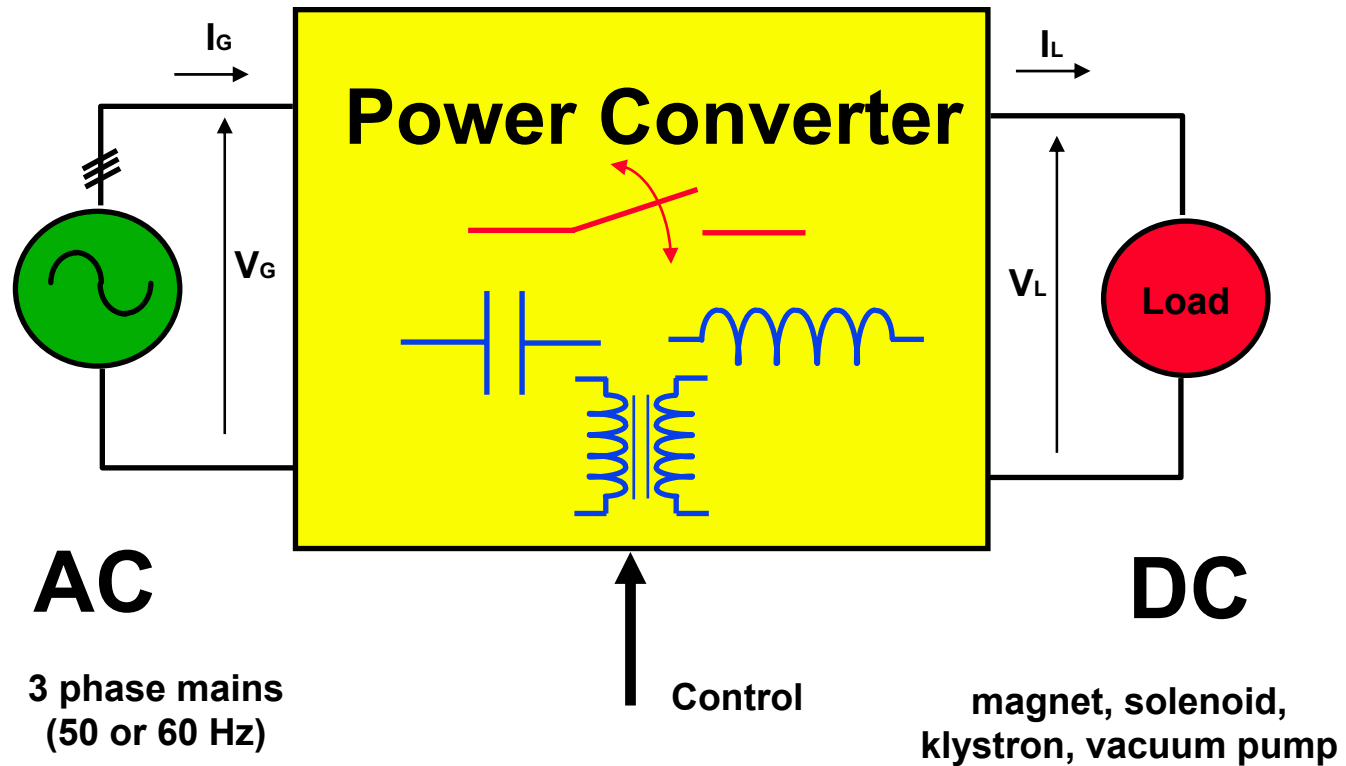
**Power Converter**

- performance
- efficiency
- reliability, repairability, availability
- low cost
- effect on environment (RFI, noise,...)







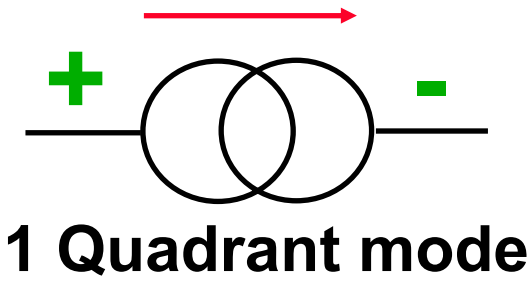
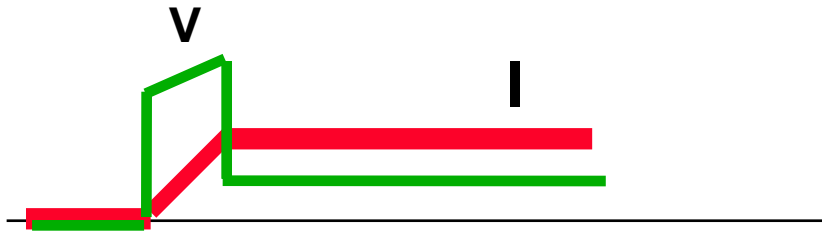


- low mains harmonic distortion
- power factor (closest to 1)

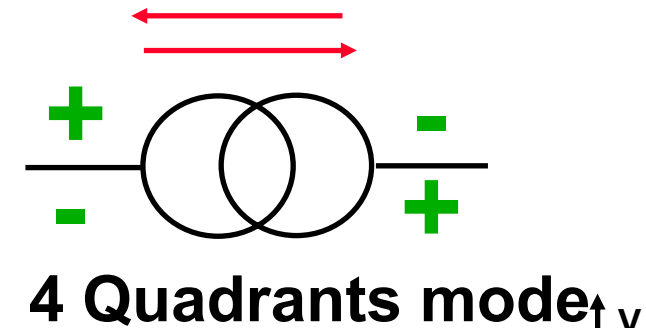
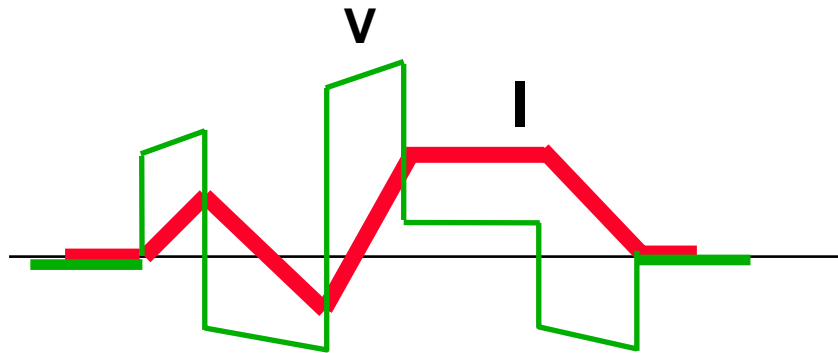
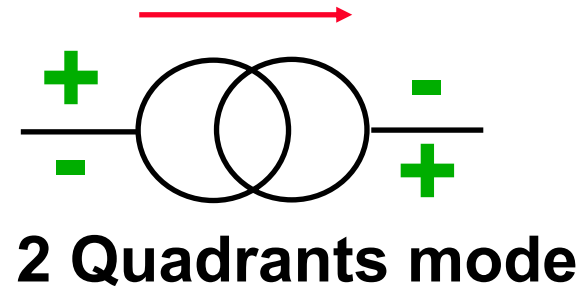
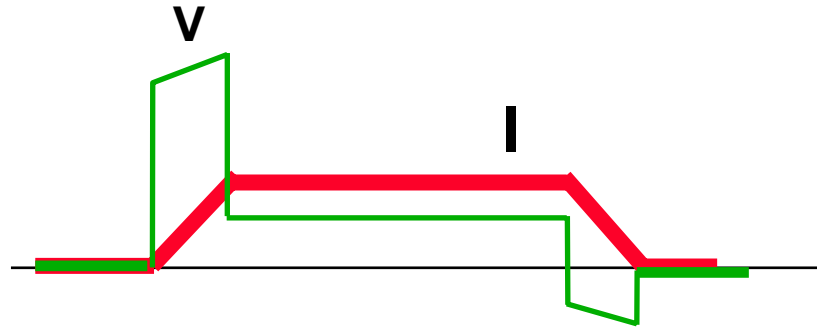
- low ripple (current)
- reproducibility (short and long term)
- rejection of mains disturbance
- dynamic response

Achieving high performance : **COMPROMISE**

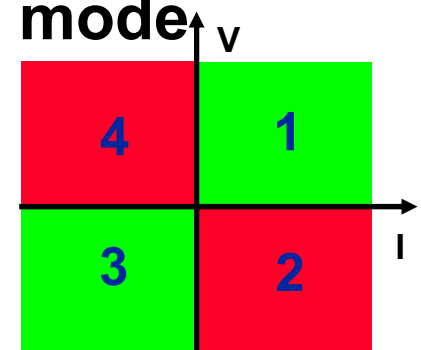




**Output  
Source**

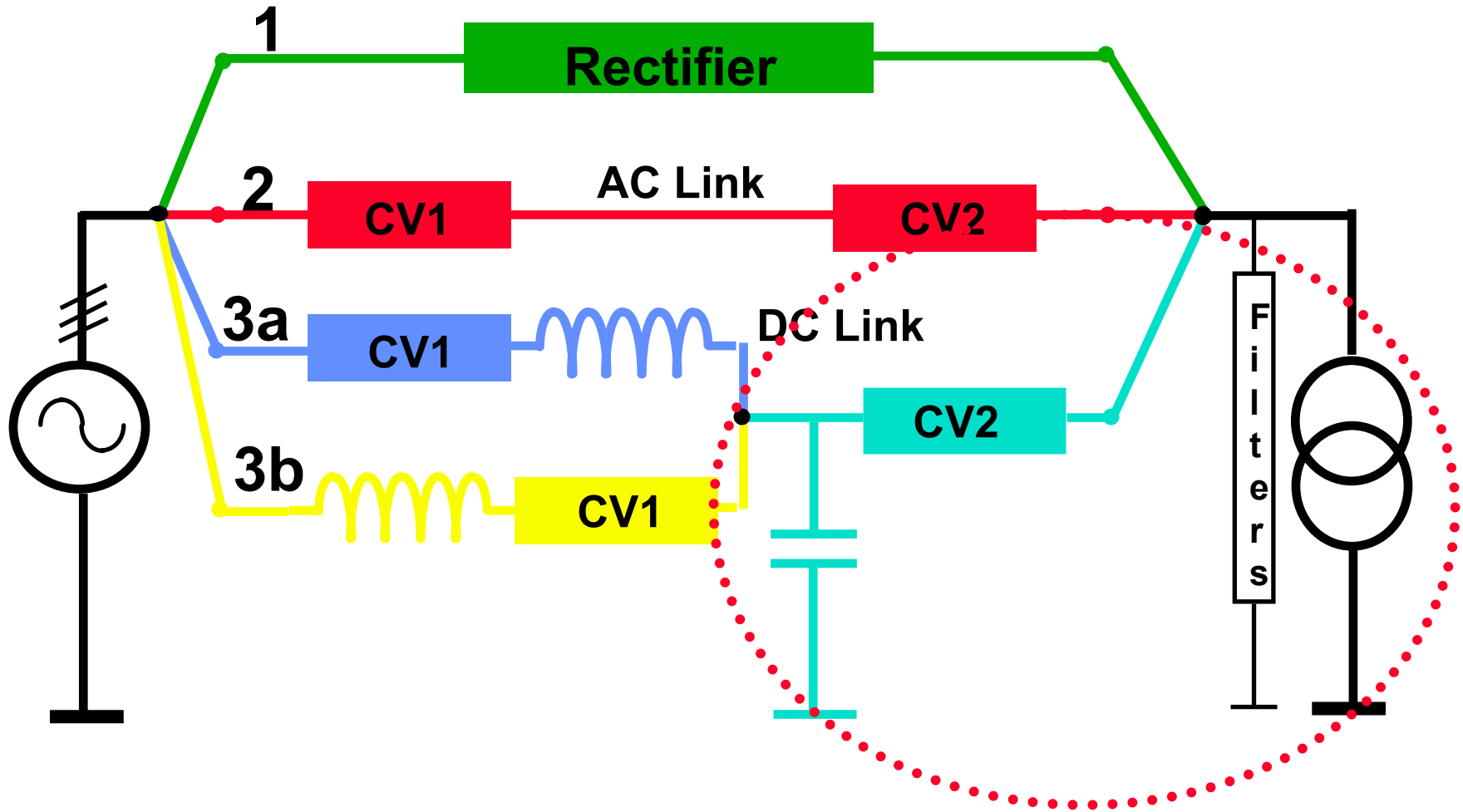


**Operating Modes**



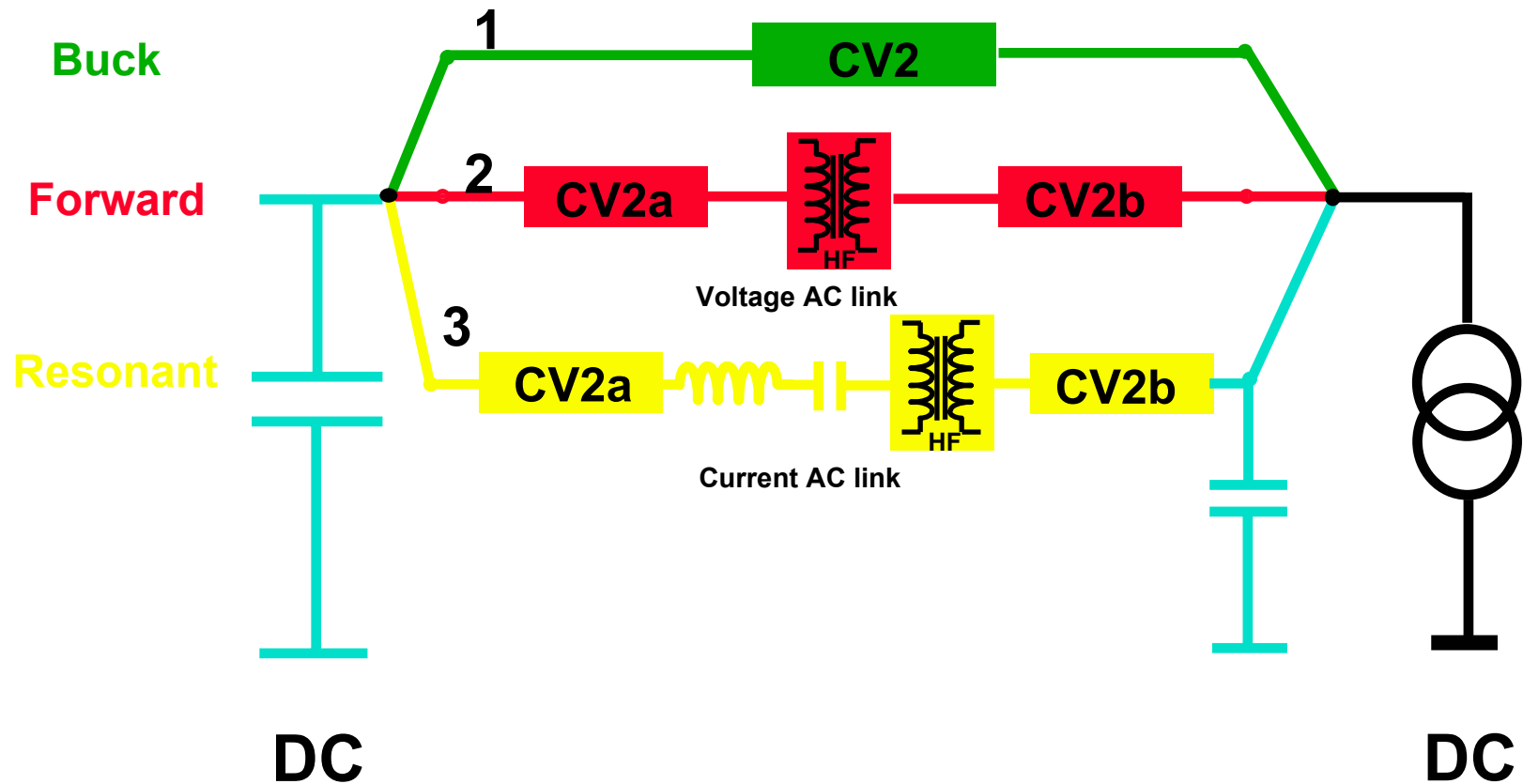


# General power converter topologies



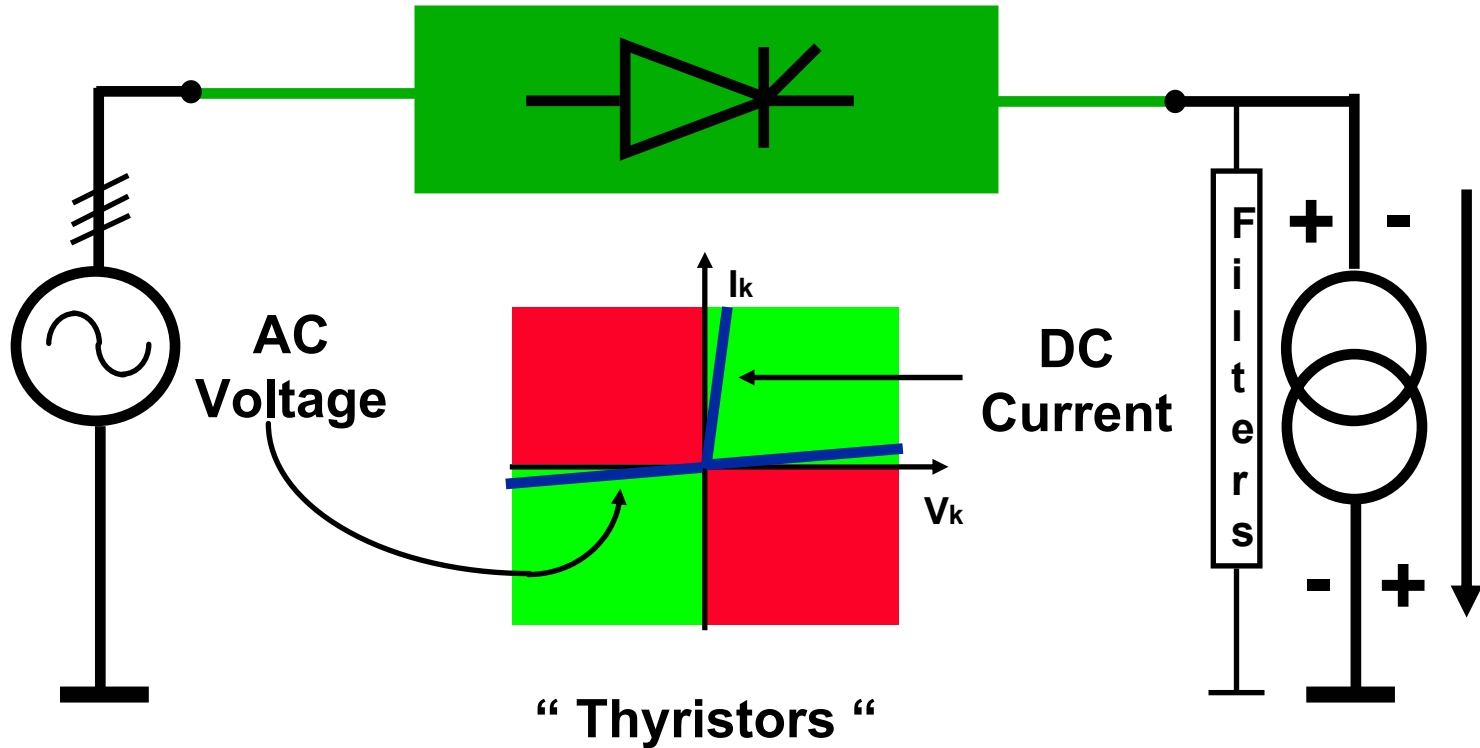


# Power converter topologies : DC - DC



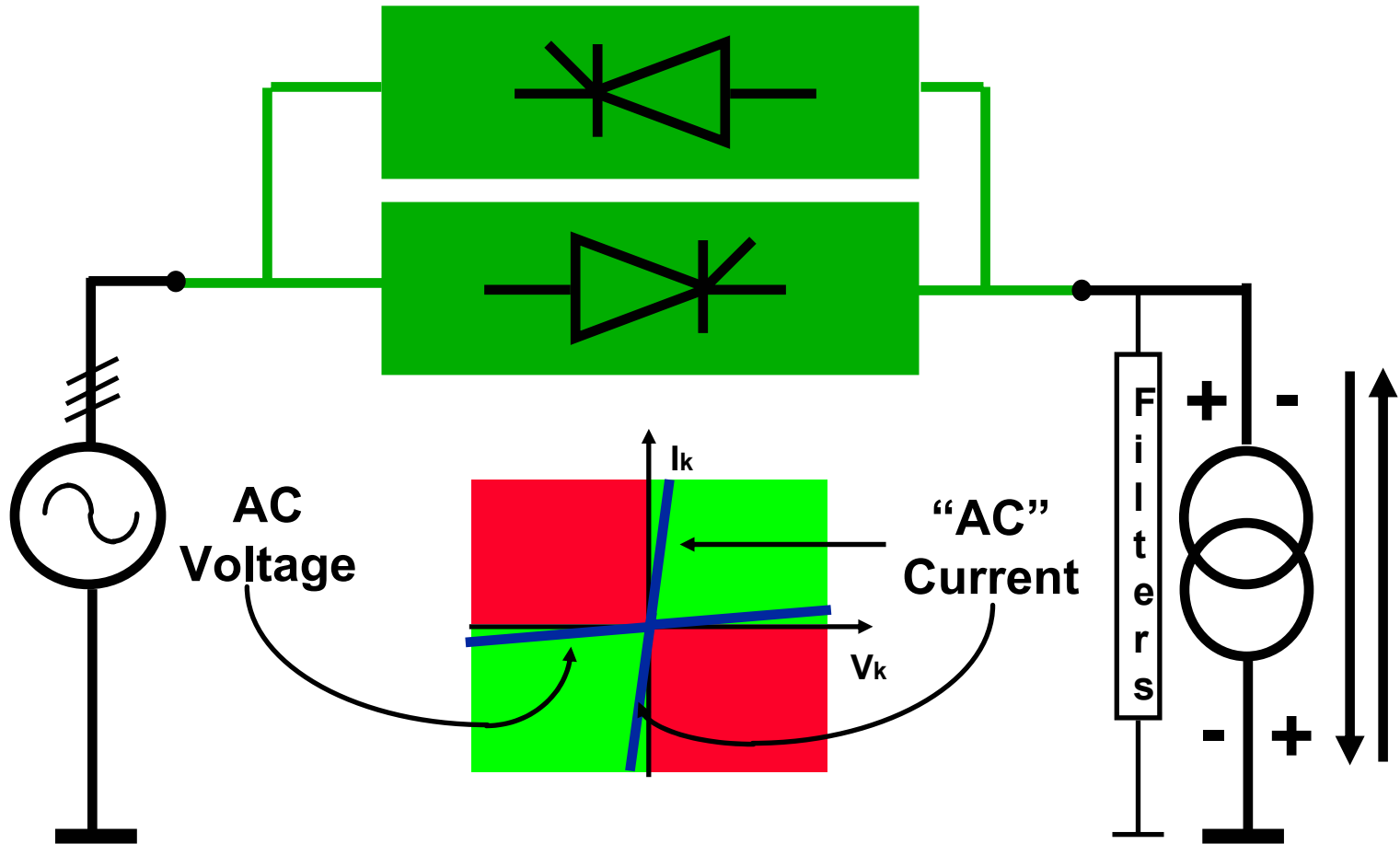


# Direct Converters : Rectifiers





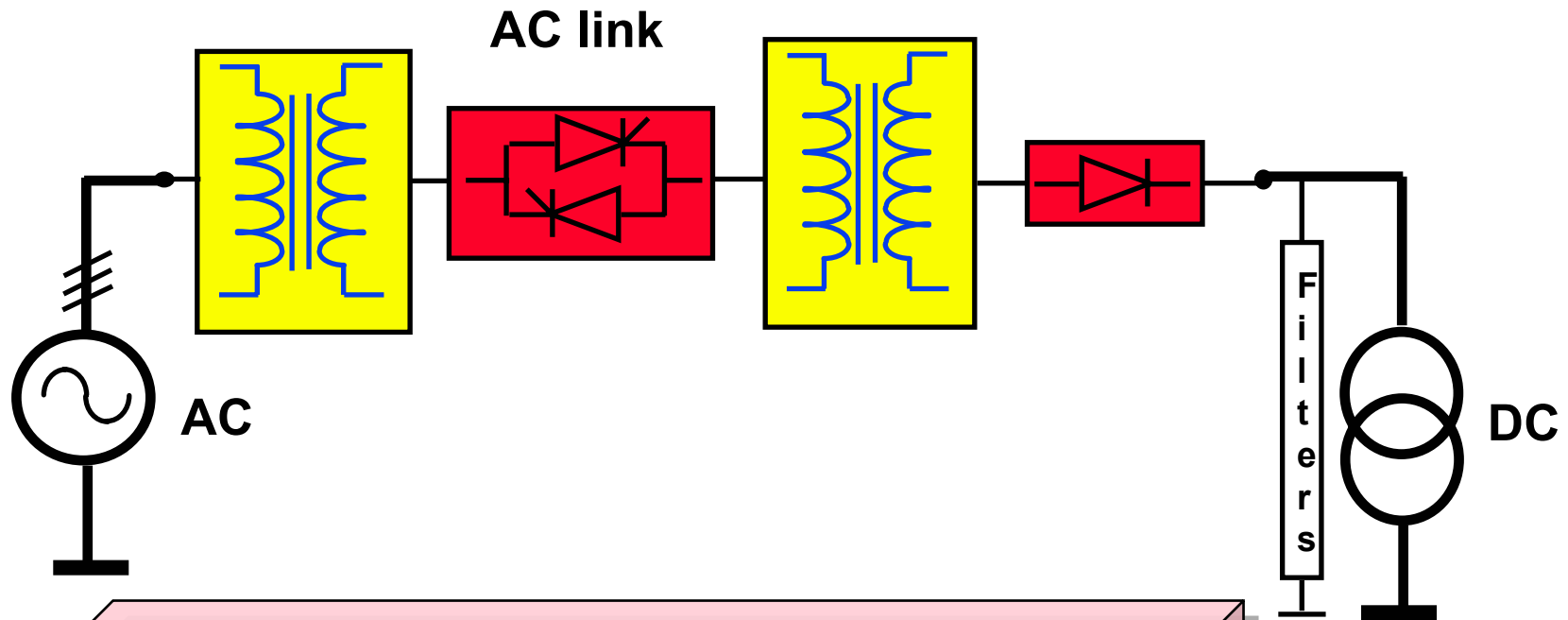
# Direct Converters : Rectifiers





# Indirect Converters : AC link

An AC link (with high frequency stage) leads to complex structures; no industrial solutions



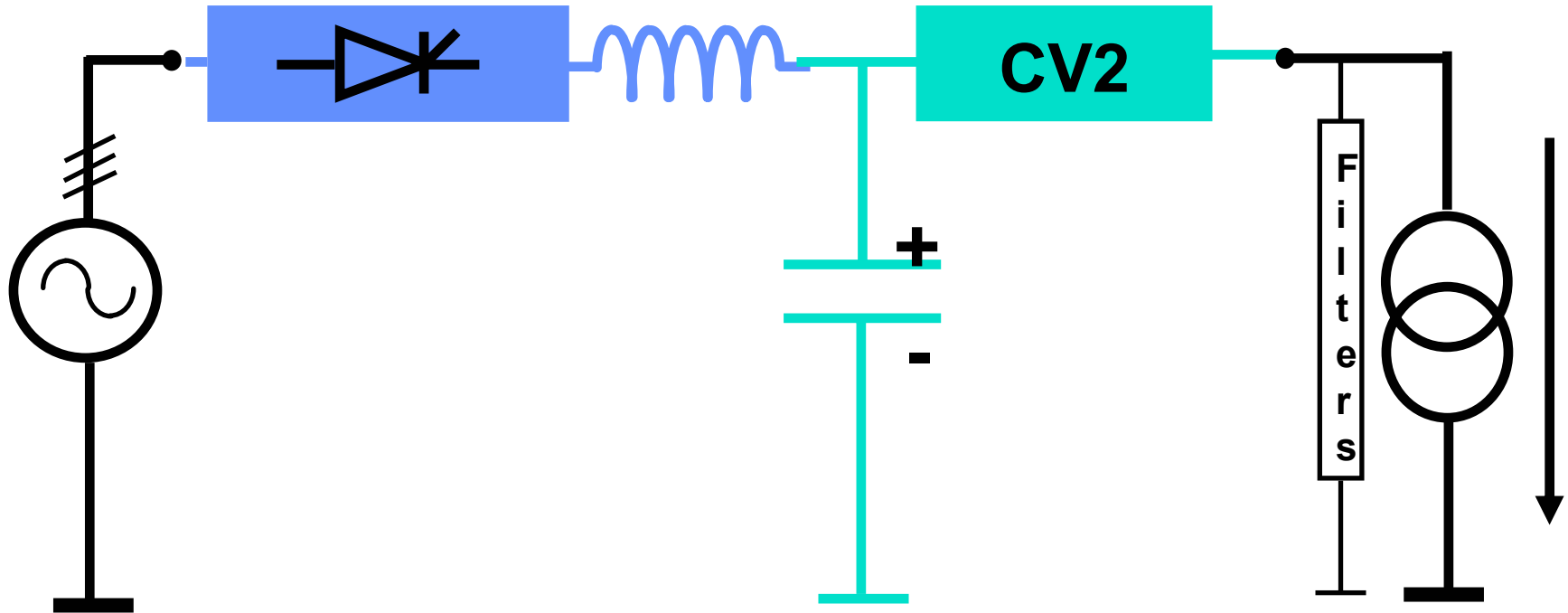
**Application :**

- very high voltages with low currents
- very high currents with low voltages



# Indirect Converters : DC link

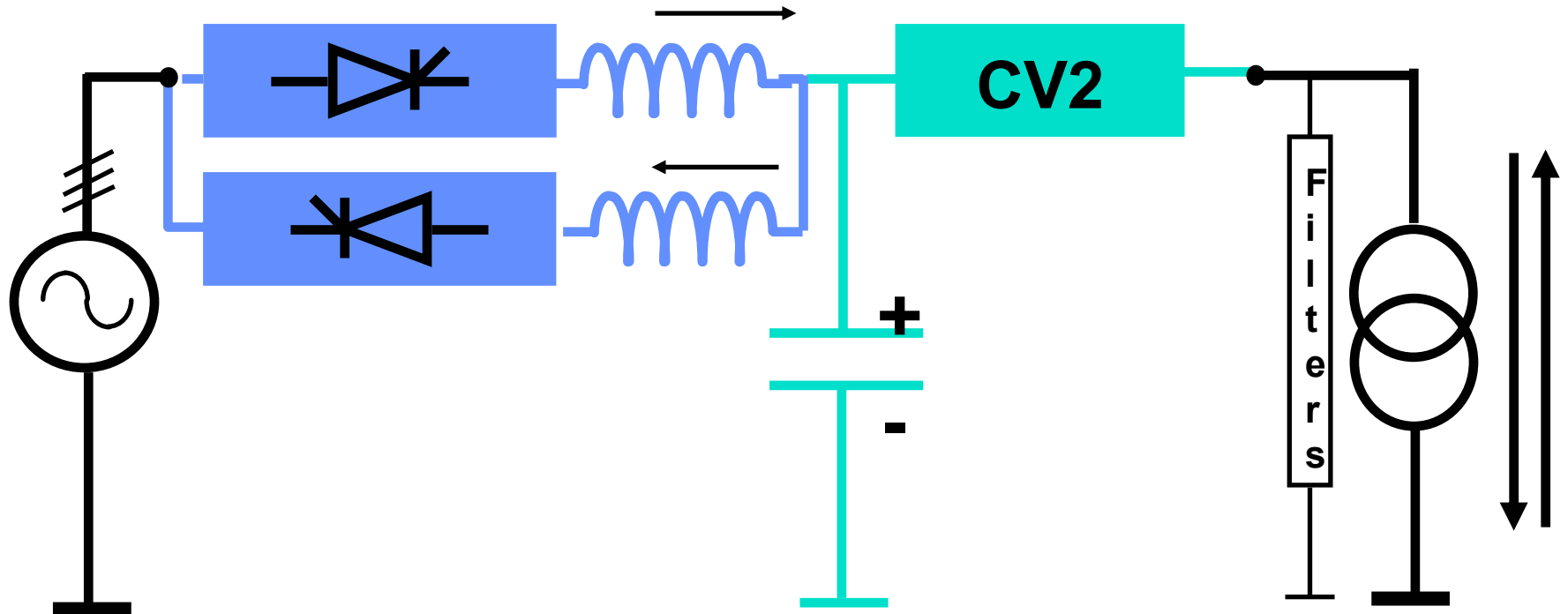
## Input Converter : AC / DC





# Indirect Converters : DC link

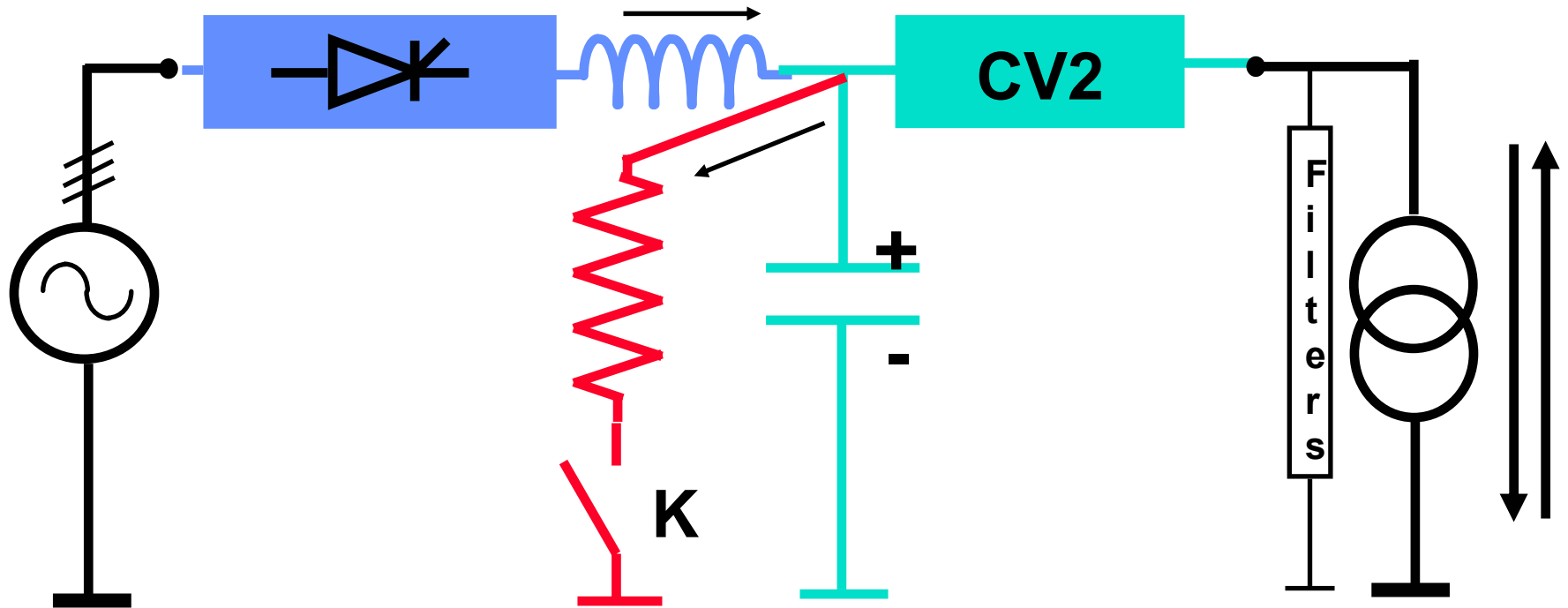
## Input Converter : AC / DC





# Indirect Converters : DC link

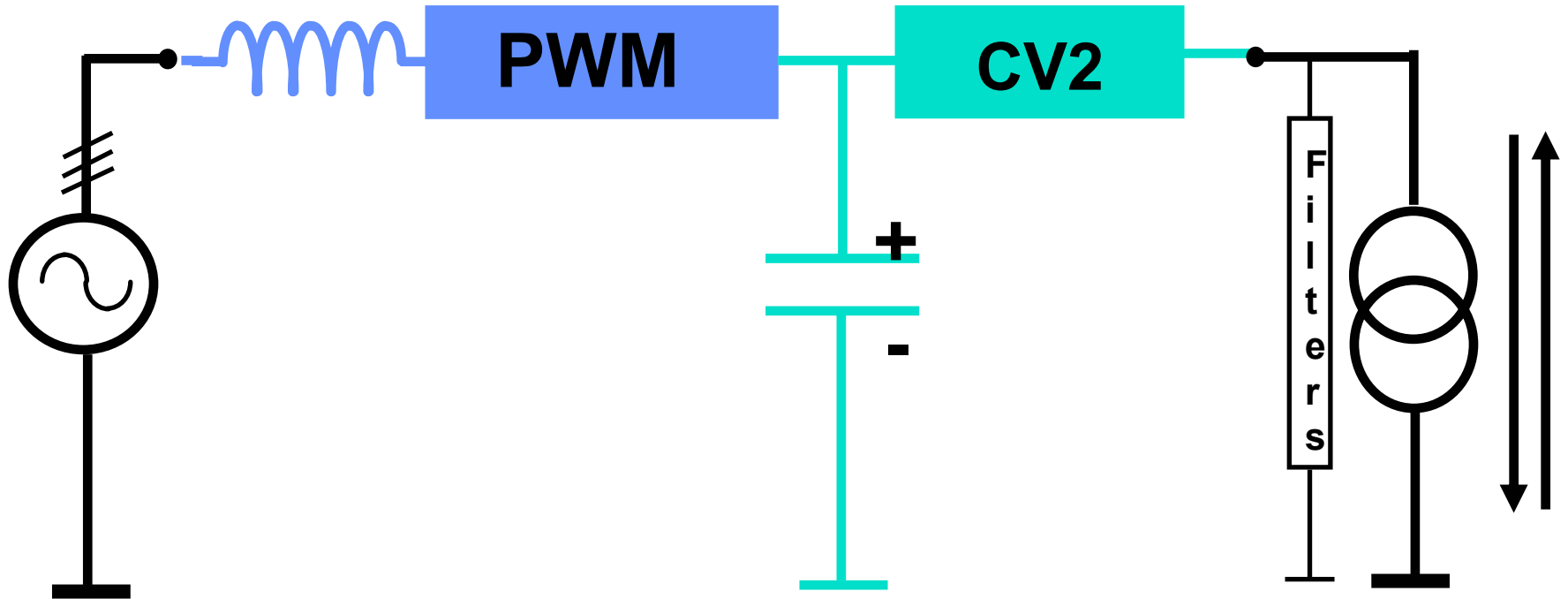
## Input Converter : AC / DC





# Indirect Converters : DC link

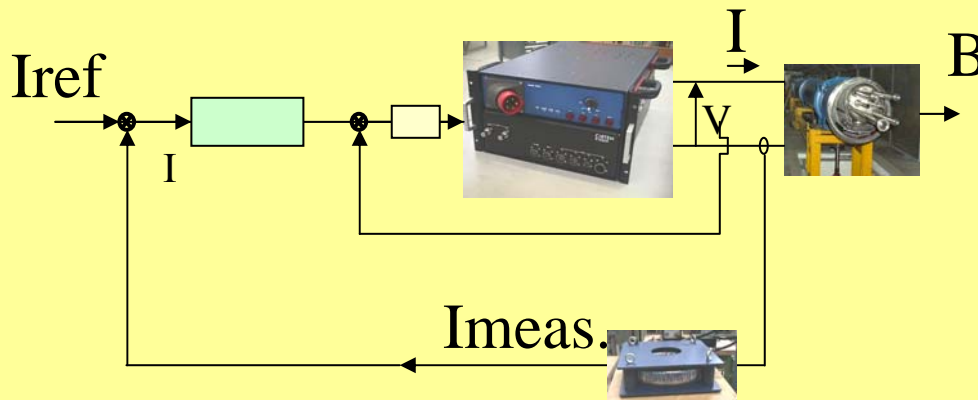
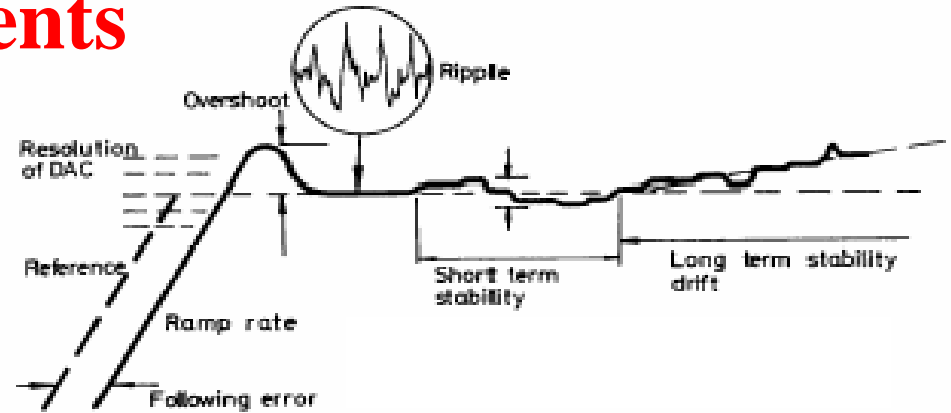
Input Converter : AC / DC





# Power converter

## Performance requirements



**Accuracy** **Reproducibility** **Stability**

**Resolution**

**Overshoot**

**Bandwidth**





In general, accelerator designers are not power converter experts and vice versa.

*Interface is the list of **power converter specifications.***

The apparent belief on one side that anything is possible and the impression on the other side that the specification have been chosen at random, sometimes leads to rather cynical feelings such as

- if in doubt, ask an extra order of magnitude, there is never a problem

or

- whatever it is, or however it is calculated, 1 in  $10^3$  will be good enough in the end



# Some definitions

✓ **PPM** : Part Per Million =  $10^{-6} = 2^{-20}$  (20 bits)

✓ **Nominal value (e.g.  $I_{\text{Nominal}}$ )** : Normal maximum value  
(it 's a choice)

✓ **ppm of nominal** : e.g  $10^{-6} \times I_{\text{Nominal}}$  (Amp)

Example :

For  $I_{\text{Nominal}} = 13 \text{ kA}$ , 1 ppm of nominal = 13 mA

For  $I_{\text{Nominal}} = 600 \text{ A}$ , 10 ppm of nominal = 0.6 mA

For  $I_{\text{Nominal}} = 60 \text{ A}$ , 10 ppm of nominal = 60  $\mu\text{A}$



100 years = 36'625 days = 876'600 hours = 52'596'000 minutes

**1 ppm of your life = 52 minutes**

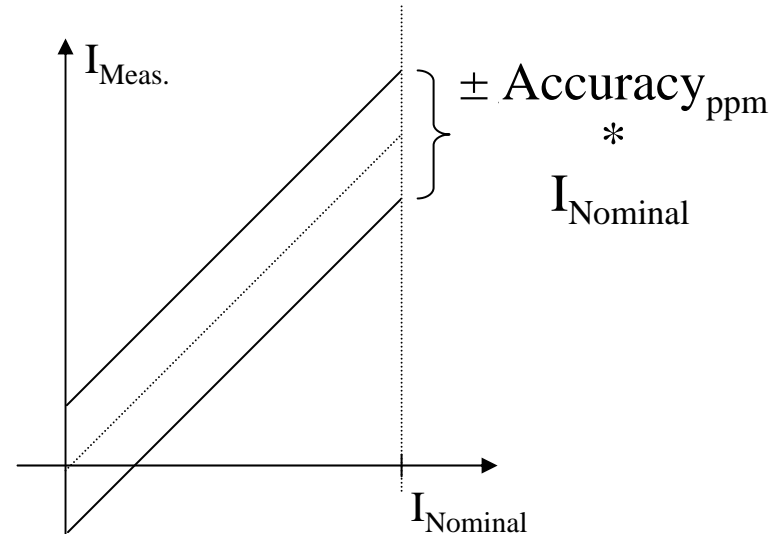
**You support me (today) only 2.3 ppm of our life**



# Accuracy

**Long term setting or measuring uncertainty taking into consideration the full range of permissible changes\* of operating and environmental conditions.**

**\*requires definition :  
(e.g. Electrical distribution system  
perturbation, temperature variation,...)**



**The accuracy is defined by default for a defined period ( $T_a$ )  
(e.g. **one year**)**

**The accuracy is expressed in ppm of  $I_{\text{Nominal}}$  •**

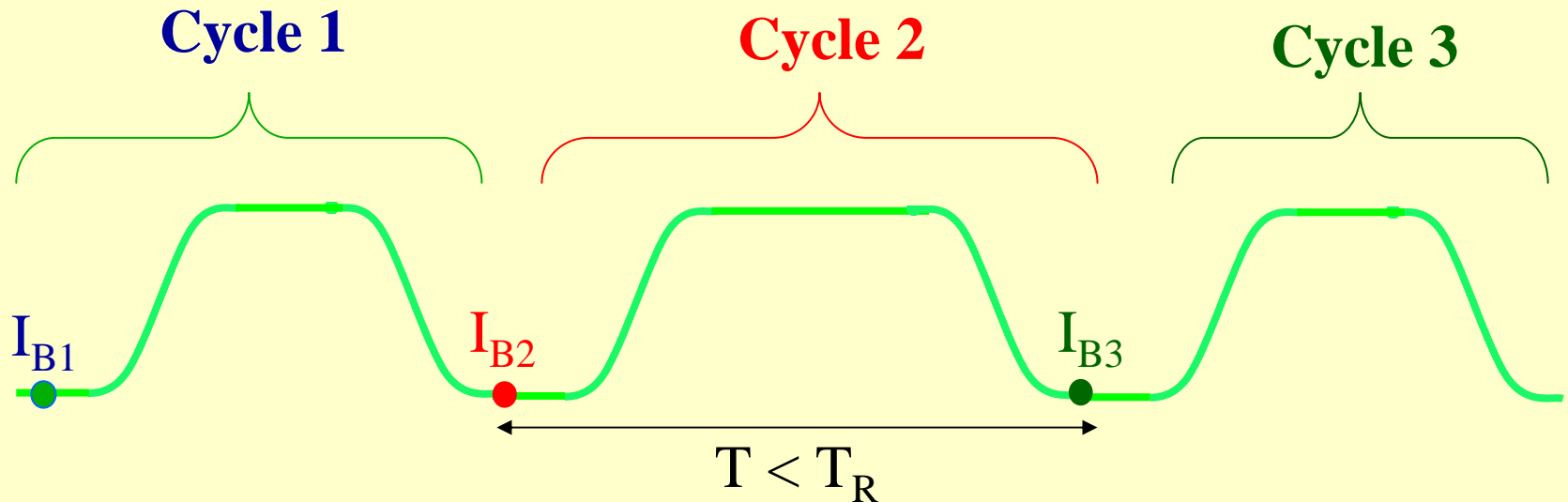
**If the defined period ( $T_a$ ) is too large, a calibration process  
should be executed more often (e.g every month)**



# Reproducibility

Uncertainty in returning to a set of previous working values from cycle to cycle of the machine.

The reproducibility is defined by default for a period of time  $T_R$  without any intervention affecting the calibrated parts (e.g. DCCT, ADC)  
The reproducibility is expressed in ppm of  $I_{\text{Nominal}}$ .



$$I_{B2} = I_{B1} \pm (\text{Reproducibility}_{\text{pmm}} \cdot I_{\text{nominal}})$$

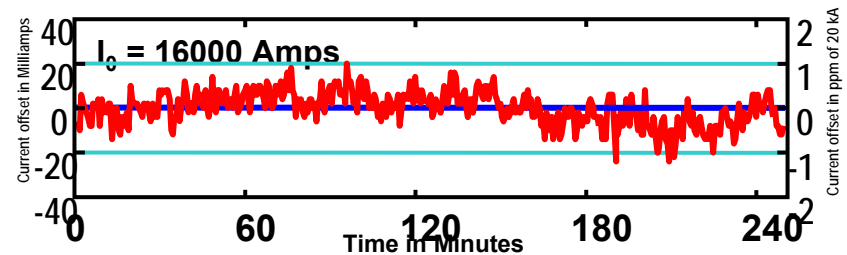
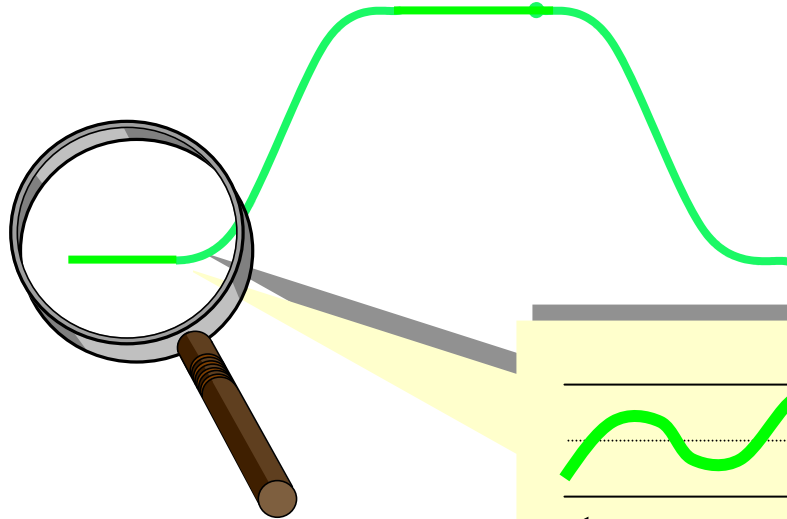
$$I_{B3} = I_{B2} \pm (\text{Reproducibility}_{\text{pmm}} \cdot I_{\text{nominal}})$$

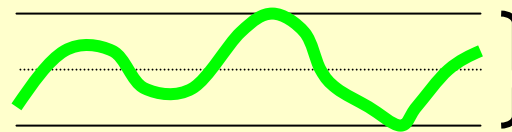


# Stability

Maximum deviation over a period with no changes in operating conditions.

The stability is defined by default for a period of time  $T_S$  (typically  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour)  
The stability is expressed in ppm of  $I_{\text{Nominal}}$  .




$$\pm \text{Stability}_{\text{ppm}} \cdot I_{\text{Nominal}}$$

$T_S$



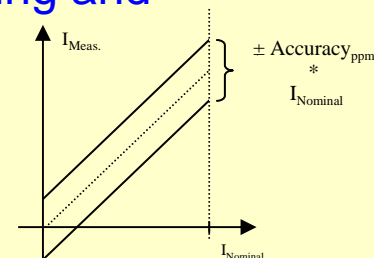
# Glossary

## Precision

### – Accuracy

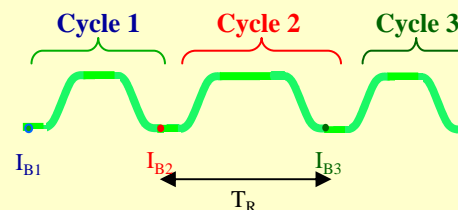
Long term setting or measuring uncertainty taking into consideration the full range of permissible changes\* of operating and environmental conditions.

\* requires definition



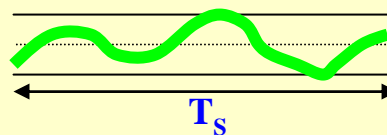
### – Reproducibility

Uncertainty in returning to a set of previous working values from cycle to cycle of the machine.



### – Stability

Maximum deviation over a period with no changes in operating conditions.



Accuracy, reproducibility and stability are defined for a given period

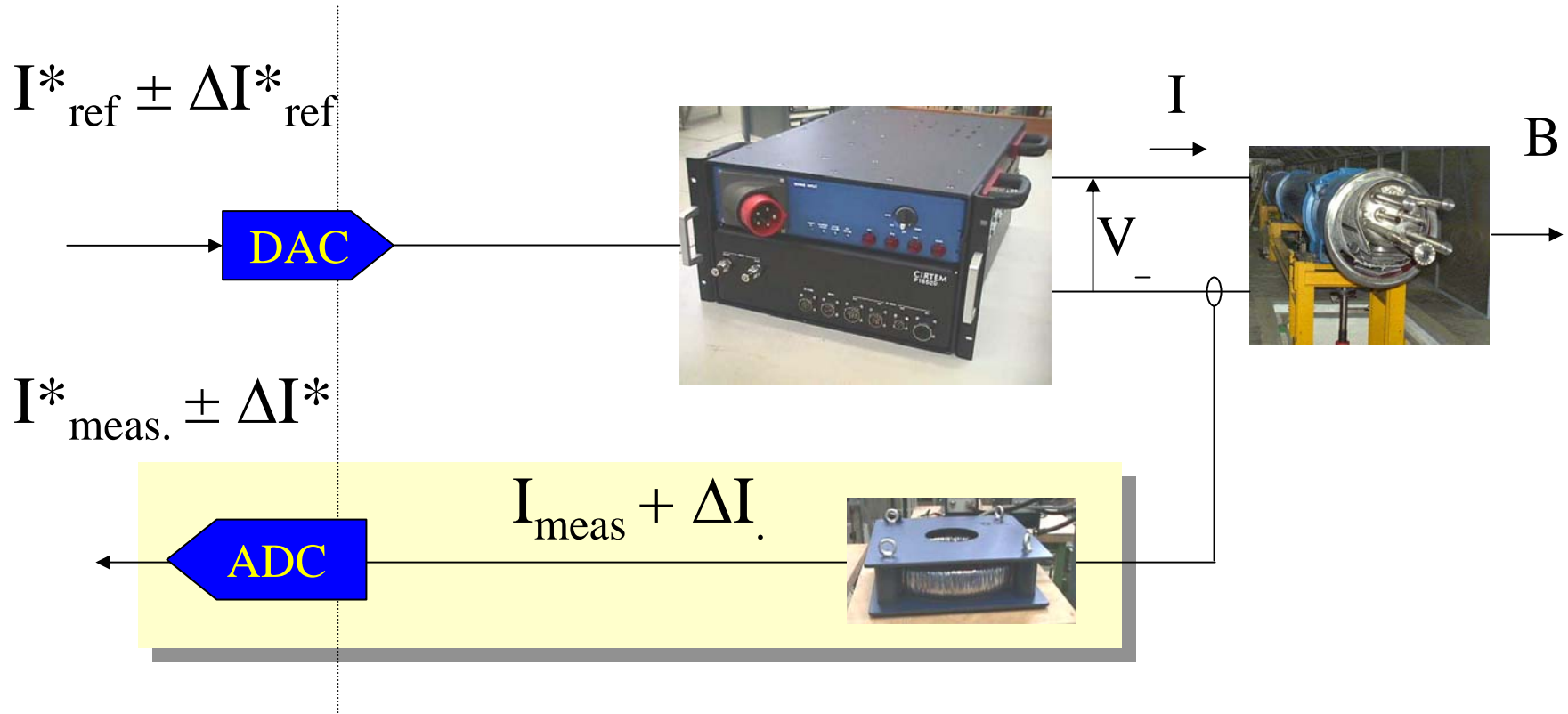
**Precision is qualitative . Accuracy is quantitative.**



# Resolution

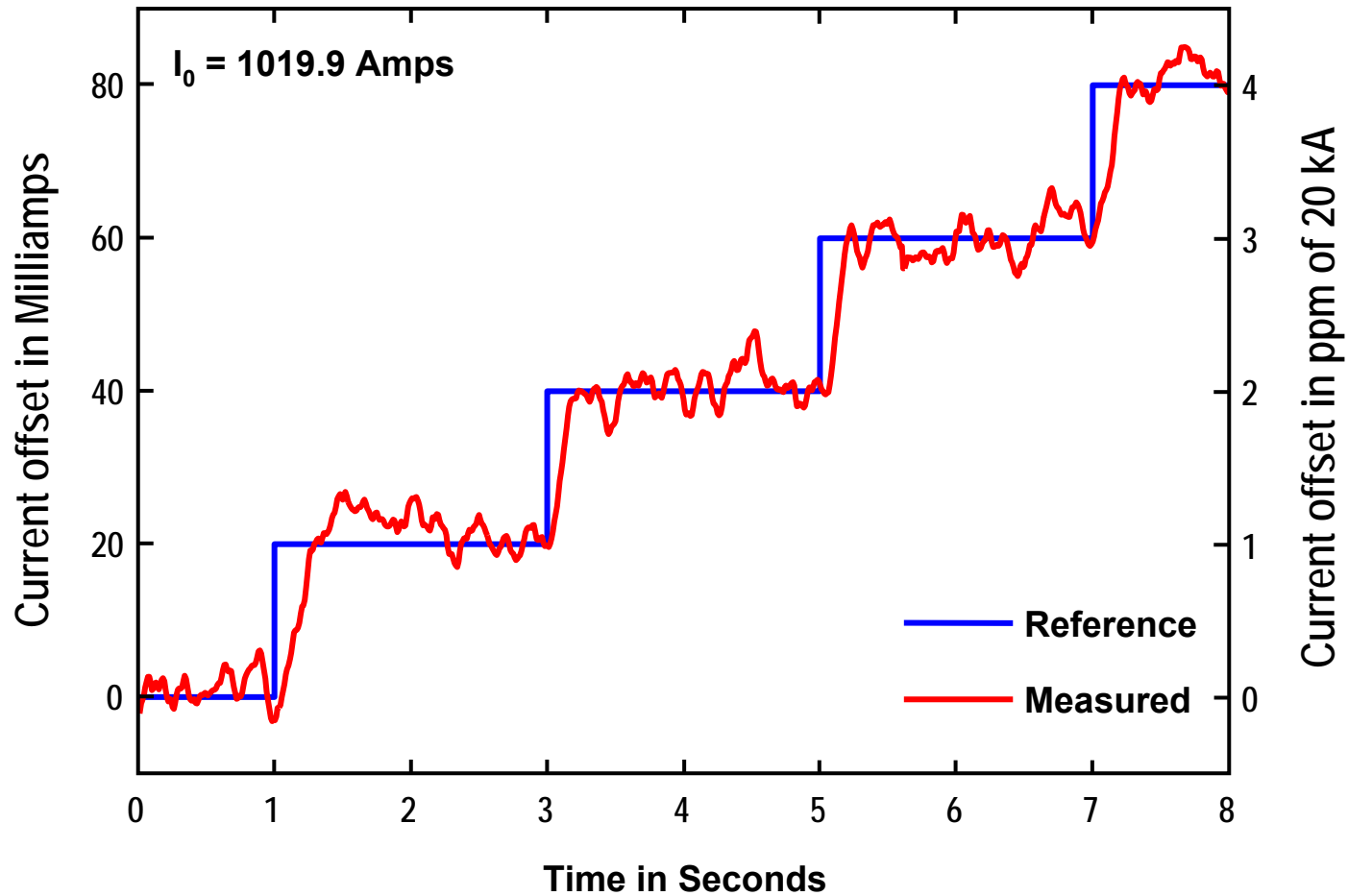
Smallest increment that can be induced or discerned.

The resolution is expressed in ppm of  $I_{\text{Nominal}}$  •  
Resolution is directly linked to A/D system





# Results of Resolution Test with the LHC Prototype Digital Controller



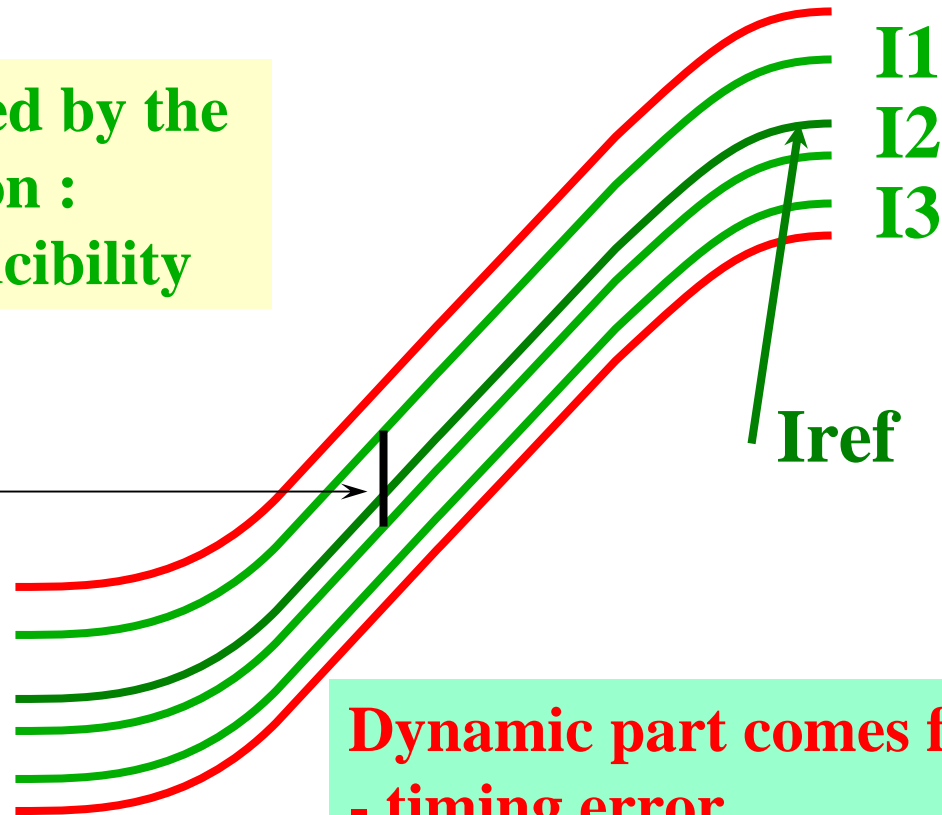


# Tracking

Ability of the converter **S** to follow the reference function (static, dynamics)

Static part is covered by the static definition :  
accuracy, reproducibility

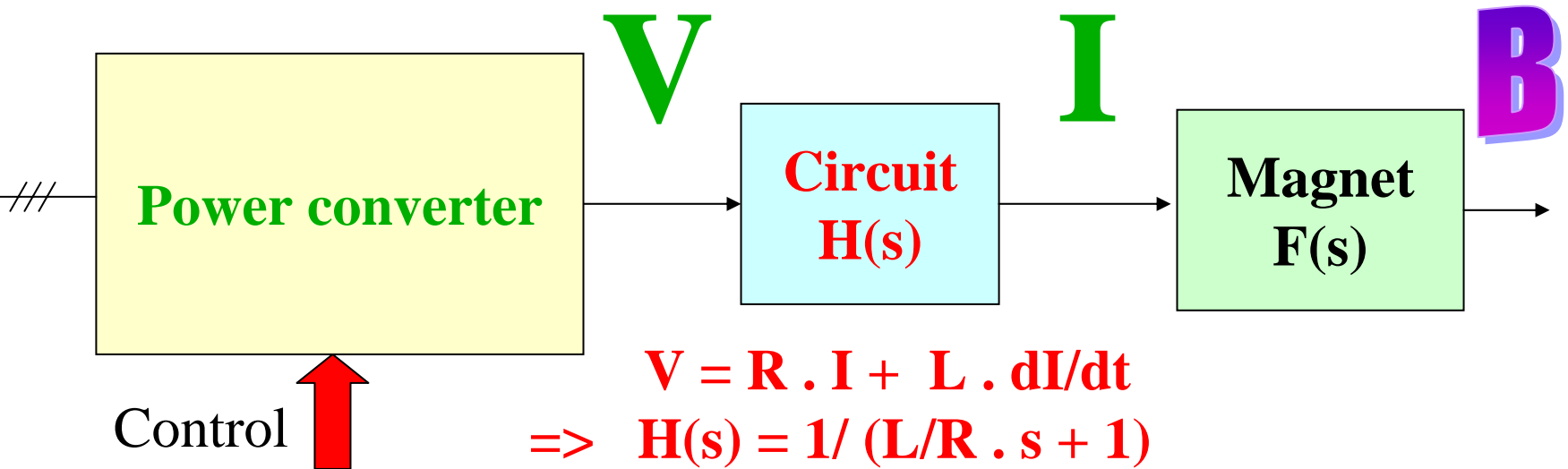
Tracking error  
between I1 and I2



Dynamic part comes from :  
- timing error  
- lagging error in the regulation



# RIPPLE



**Voltage ripple is defined by the power converter**

**Current ripple : load transfer function**

**(cables, magnet inductance,...)**

**(good identification is required if the load is a long string of magnets )**

**Field ripple : magnet transfer function (vacuum chamber,...)**



CERN Accelerator School & CLRC Daresbury Laboratory  
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# POWER CONVERTERS

## FOR PARTICLE ACCELERATORS

**Hanover International Hotel,  
Warrington, UK,  
12 - 18 May 2004**




This course will mainly be of interest to staff in accelerator laboratories, university departments and manufacturing companies specialising in power converters and their electronics.

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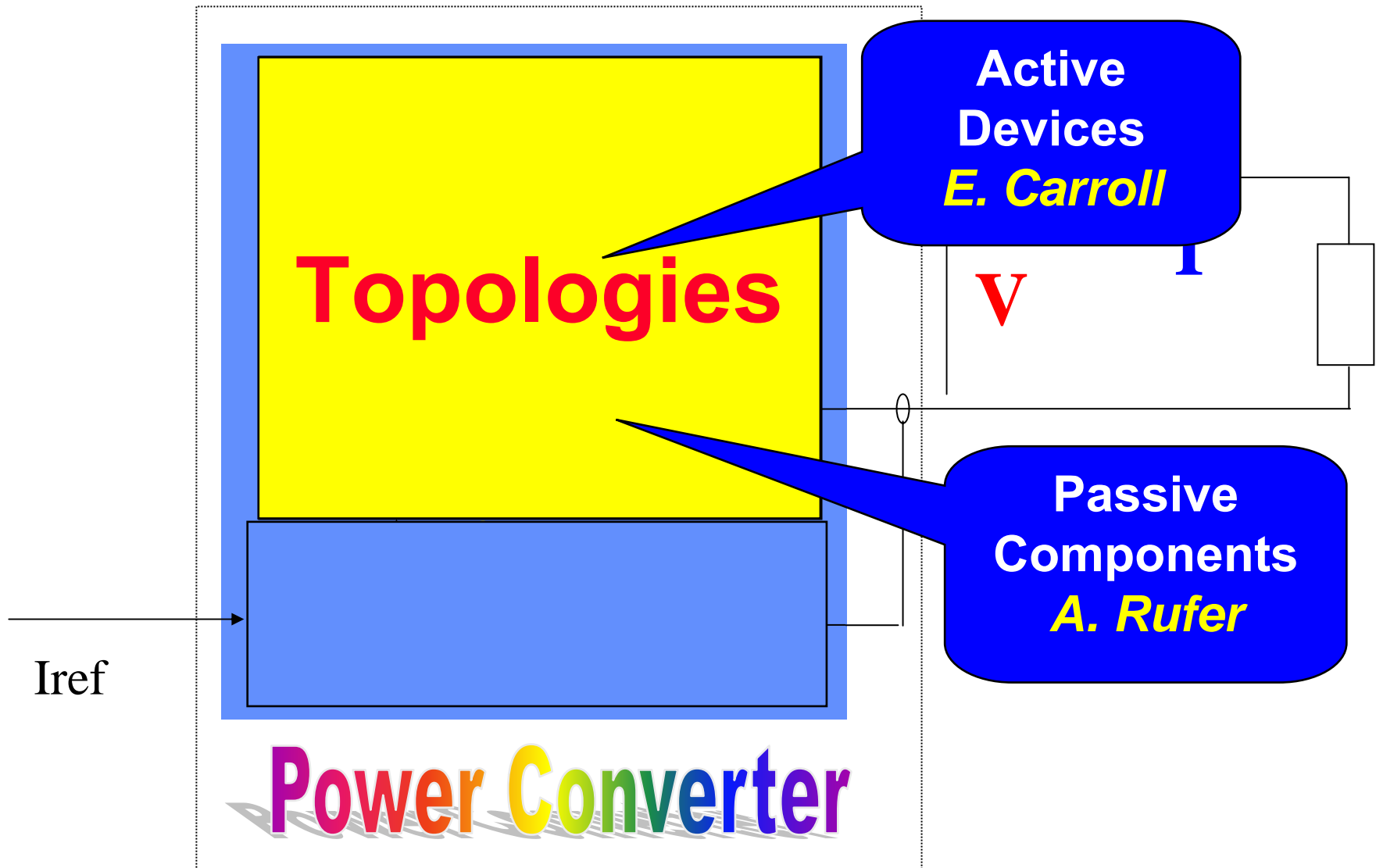




# Program construction

## POWER CONVERTERS FOR PARTICLE ACCELERATORS, Hanover International Hotel, Warrington, 12-18 May 2004

Time	Wednesday 12 May	Thursday 13 May	Friday 14 May	Saturday 15 May	Sunday 16 May	Monday 17 May	Tuesday 18 May
08 :30	Opening Remarks	Passive Components	<b>DAY AT DARESBURY</b> Fast Pulsed Converters I	<b>E  X  C  U  R  S  I  O  N</b>	Converters for Cycling Machines II	Protection, Interlocks and Diagnostics	Challenges for The Future
09 :30		A. Rufer	P. Smith		N. Marks	S. Griffiths	N. Marks
09:30	Accelerator Basics	Systematical Analysis  C. De Almeida Martins	Fast Pulsed Converters II		Regulation Theory	EMC	Discussion on Challenges
10:30	D. Brandt		P. Smith		F. Bordry	A. Charroy	F. Bordry
	<b>COFFEE</b>				<b>COFFEE</b>		
11:00	Power Converters and Accelerators	Rectifiers	Converters for Cycling Machines I		High Precision Measurements	Electrical Network and Power Converters	Closing Remarks
12:00	N. Marks	R. Visintini	N. Marks		G. Fernqvist	H.-U. Boksberger	
	<b>LUNCH</b>		<b>LUNCH</b>			<b>LUNCH</b>	
14:00	Power Converters Definitions & Classifications I	Switched Mode Converters (1 Quadrant)	<b>L  A  B  V  I  S  I  T</b>		DAC-ADC	Simulation Tools	BUSES TO AIRPORT
15:00	F. Bordry	P. Barrade			J. Pickering	P. Jenni	
15:00	Power Converters Definitions & Classifications II	Switched Mode Converters (4 Quadrants)			Controls and Interfaces	Demo	
16:00	F. Bordry	Y. Thurel			Q. King	P. Jenni	
	<b>TEA</b>				<b>TEA</b>		
16:30	Active Devices	<b>Seminar</b>			<b>Seminar</b>	<b>Seminar</b>	
17:30	E. Carroll						
17:30	TIME FOR DISCUSSIONS				TIME FOR DISCUSSIONS		
18:30							
18:30 20:00	<b>RECEPTION DINNER</b>	<b>DINNER</b>	<b>DINNER</b>	<b>DINNER</b>	<b>DINNER</b>	<b>BANQUET</b>	







# Topologies

**Fast Pulsed  
Converters**

***P. Smith***

**Converters  
for cycling  
machines**

***N. Marks***

**Rectifiers**

***R. Visintini***

**SMPC**

**1-quadrant**

***P. Barrade***

***SMPC***

**SMPC**

**4-quadrant**

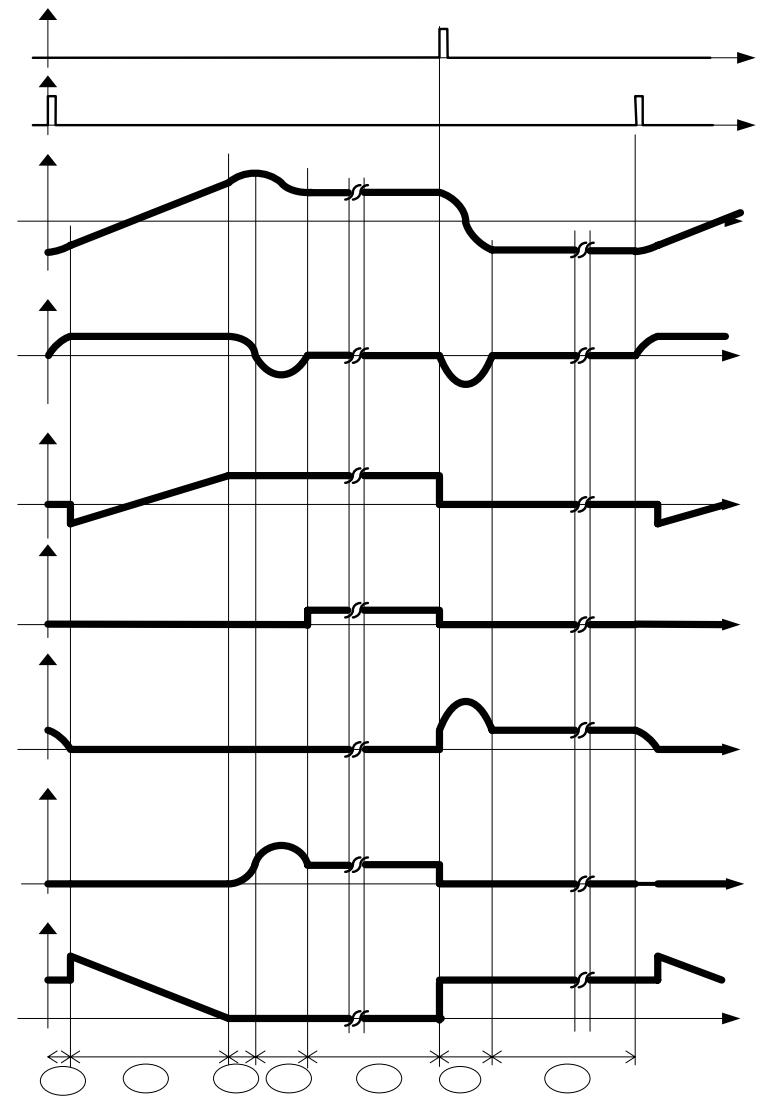
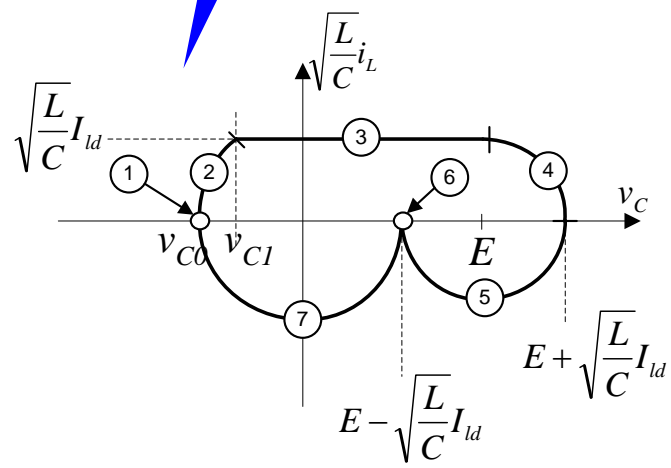
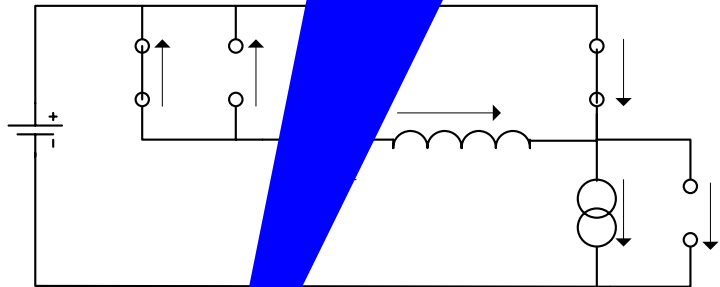
***Y. Thurel***

**V**

**I**



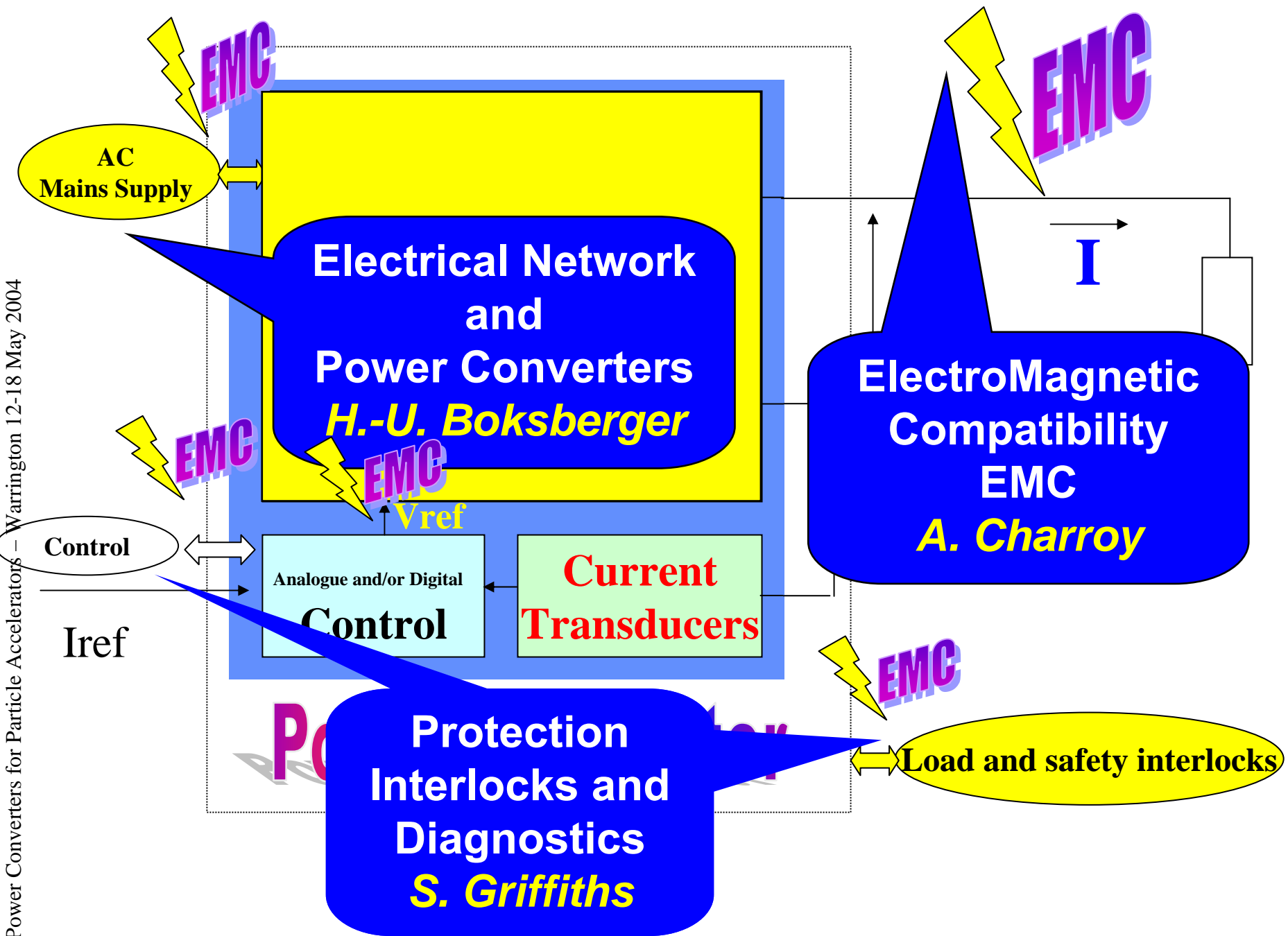
# Systematical Analysis *C. De Almeida*













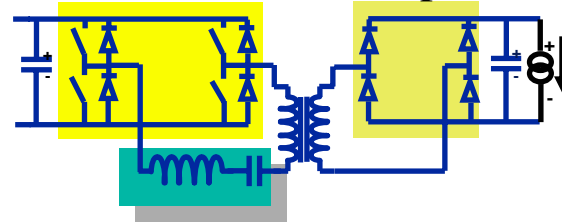
# Pre-Processor : more and more user-friendly

Netlist

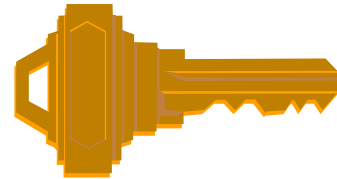
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Vin 1 0 pwl(0.0 .1m,1 5m,1 5.1m,0)
R1 1 2 1350
C1 5 0 3.528uF
.....
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and/or

Schematic input



## Simulation Program :



Reliability, robustness, numerical errors  
accuracy  
Local

TRTOL



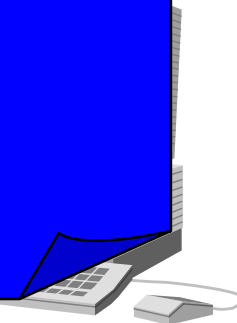
# Simulations Tools

## Demo

*P. Jenni*

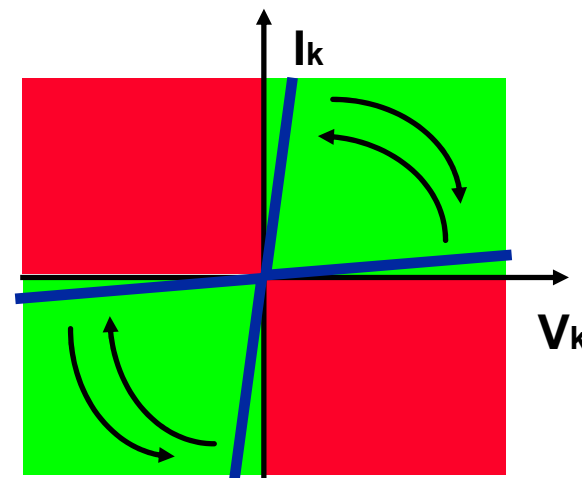
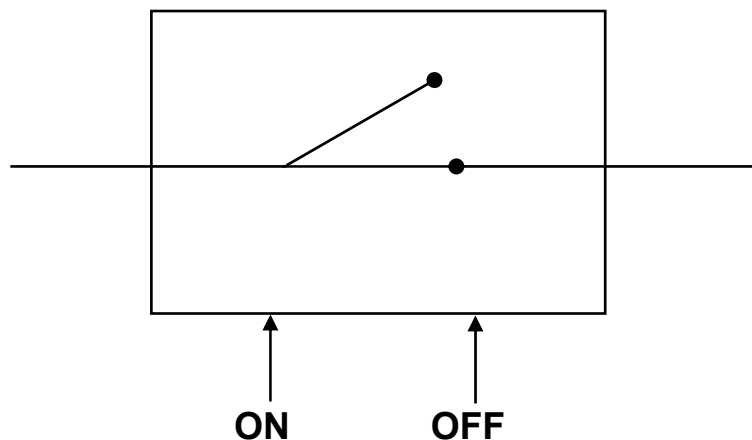
Power

Scope  
Way  
Nice





# I had a dream...



**$V_k$  up to 10 kV**  
 **$I_k$  up to 1kA**  
**In a few ns**

- Stress on other components (sources, capacitors, inductances...)
- high  $dI/dt$  and  $dV/dt$ : stresses and EMI problem (Which driver to use ?)
- switching losses



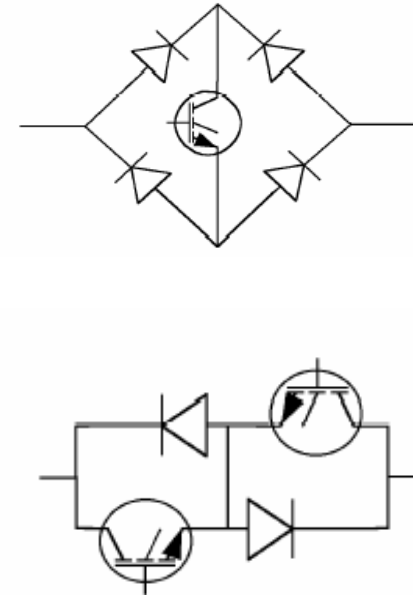
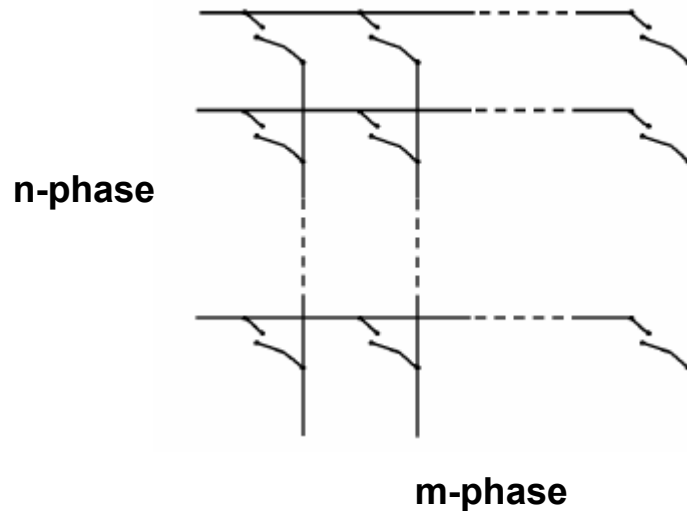
# It became a nightmare...



## Matrix converters...

Ideally an all silicon solution for power conversion ("no need for reactive energy storage components" !!!!... )

**Dream**



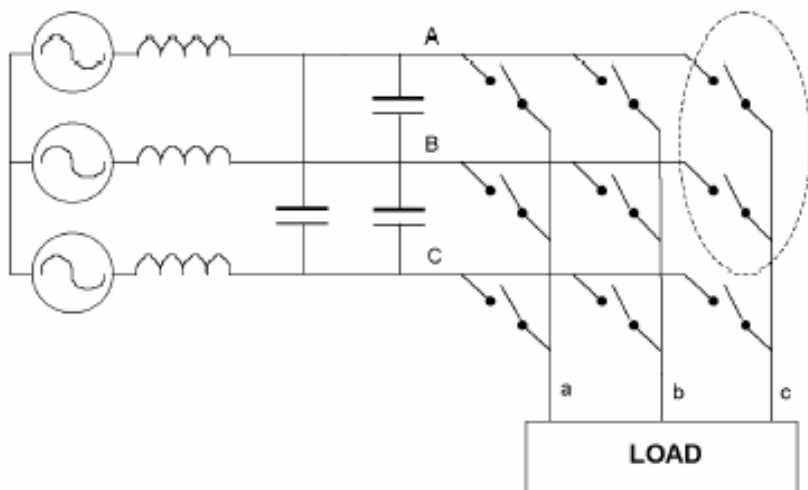
**$n \times m$  bi-directional switches arranged so that any of the output lines can be connected to any of the input lines.**

**A line filter are necessary to circulate high frequency switching harmonics.**

**Switches are modulated in such a way as to generate the desired output waveform**

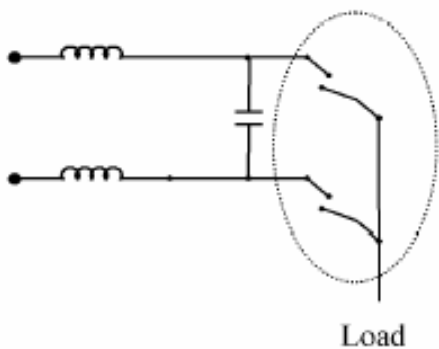


Most current Matrix Converter researches are focussed on 3-phase to 3-phase converters: 9 bi-directional switches.

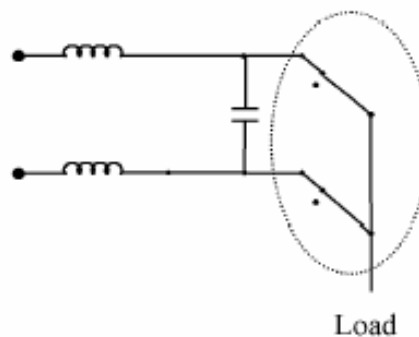


*A lot of theory but ...*

**nightmare**



**Opening of the current source**

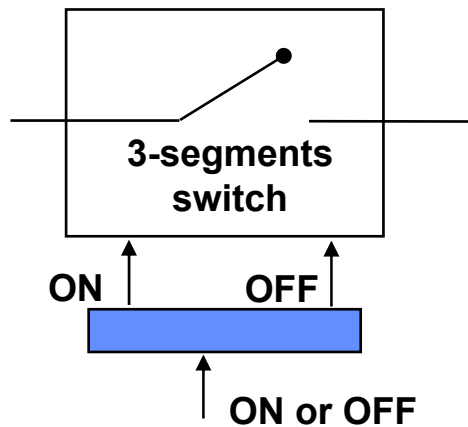
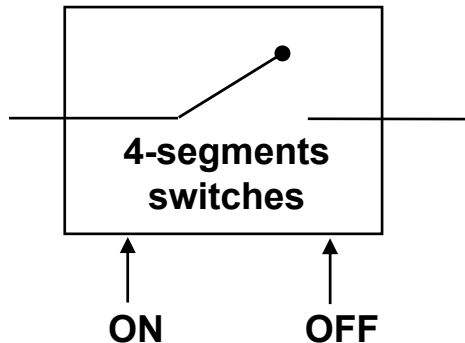


**Short-circuit of the voltage source**



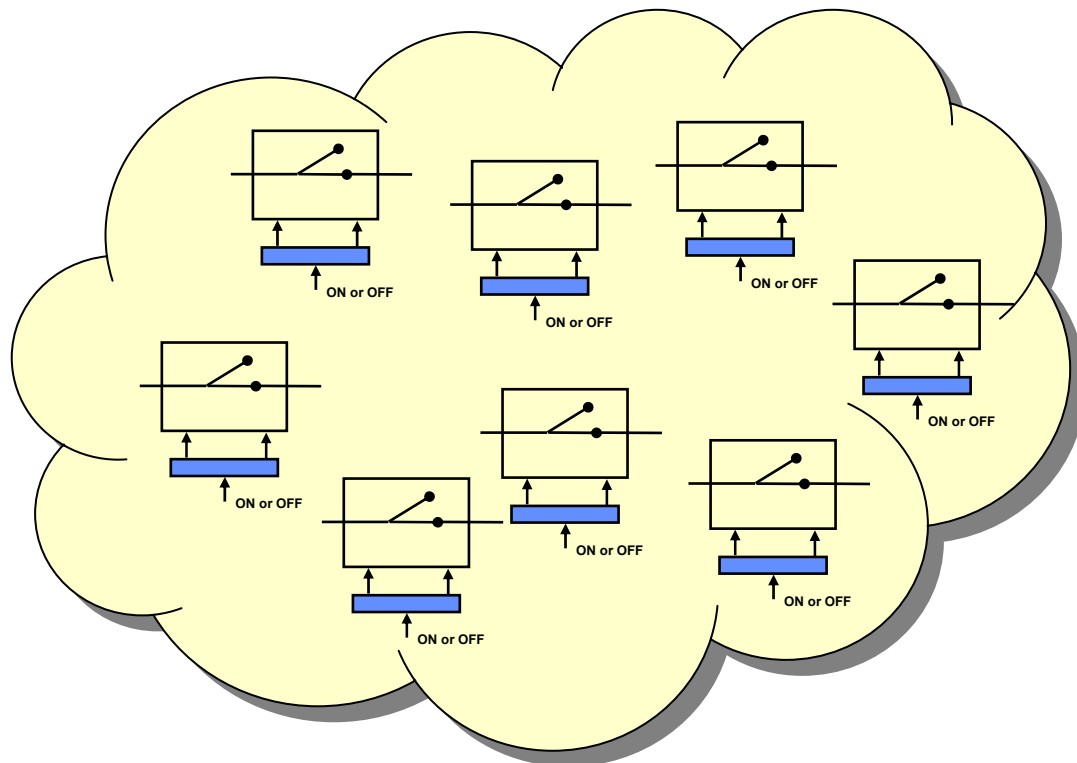
# Is it not better to work at structure level ?

Instead of



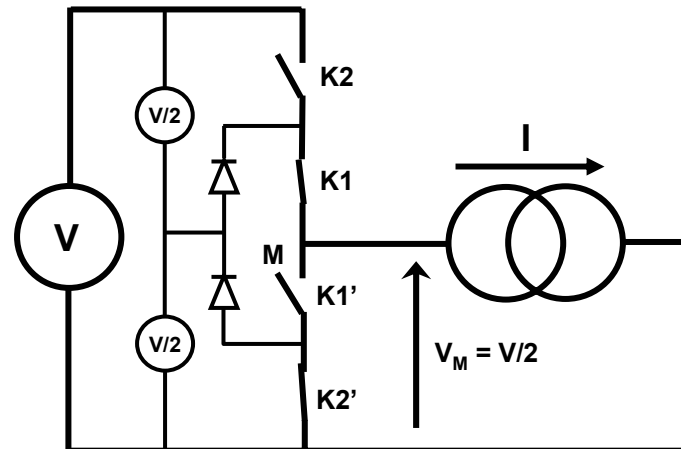
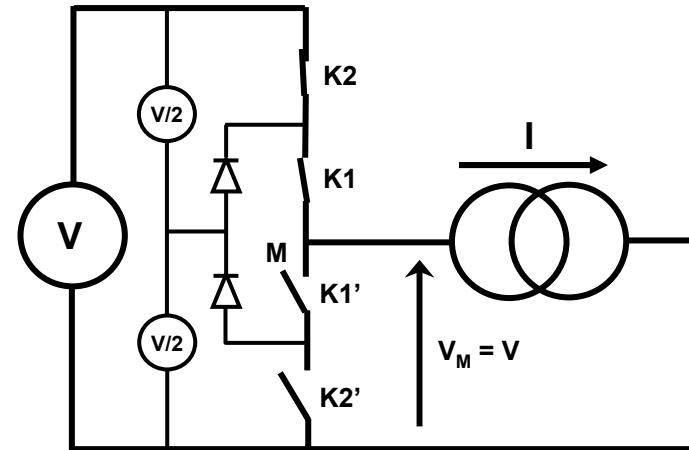
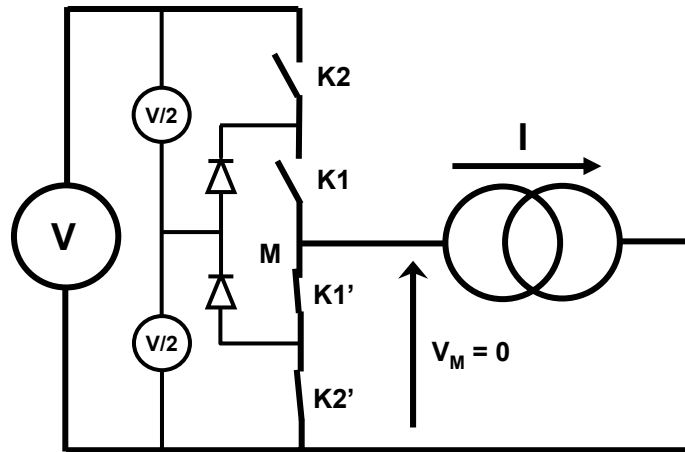
**ZVS / ZCS association**  
**Series or parallel converters**  
**Multilevel converters**

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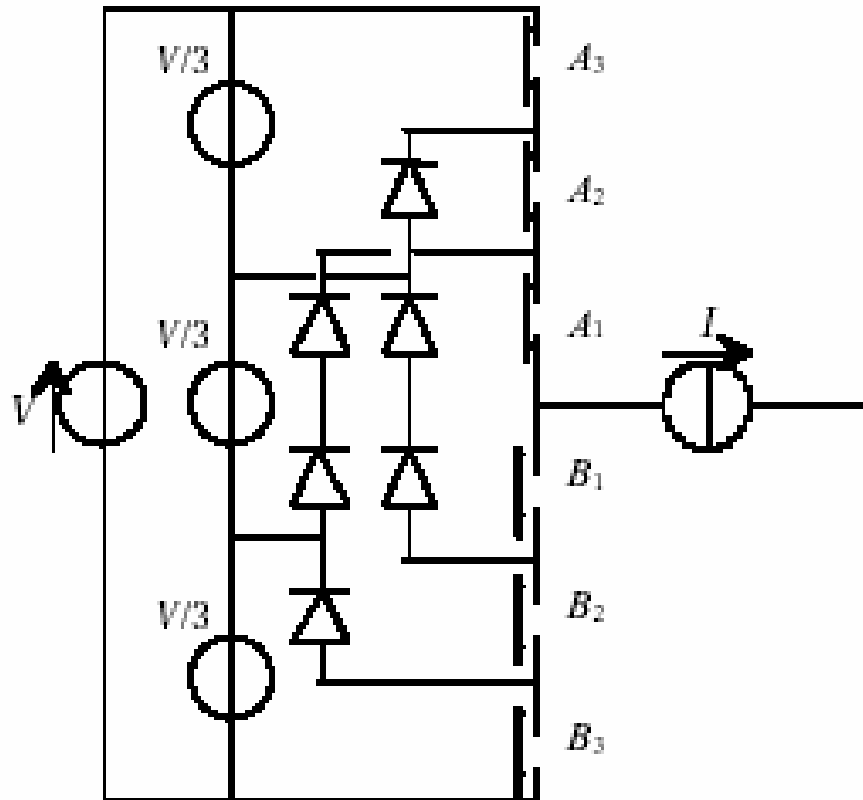
# Multilevel converters: Neutral Point Clamped



Three states of "Neutral Point Clamped" commutation cell



## ***"Neutral Point Clamped" multilevel : difficult to generalize***

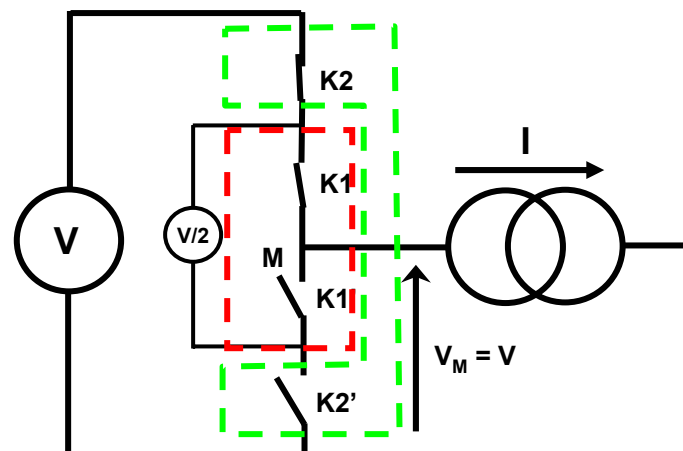
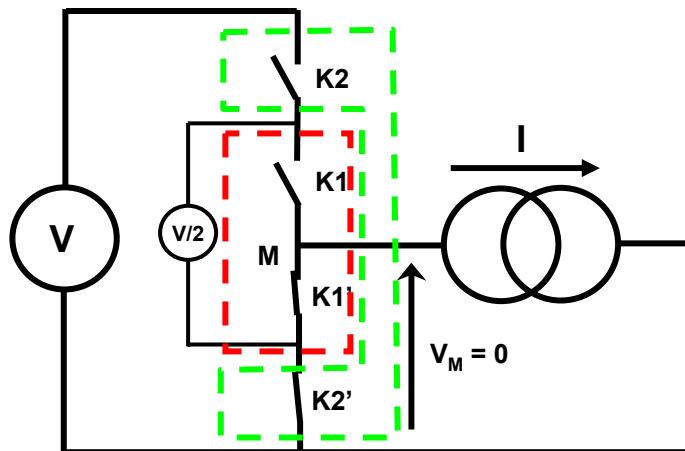


**"Neutral Point Clamped" :  
4-level commutation cell**

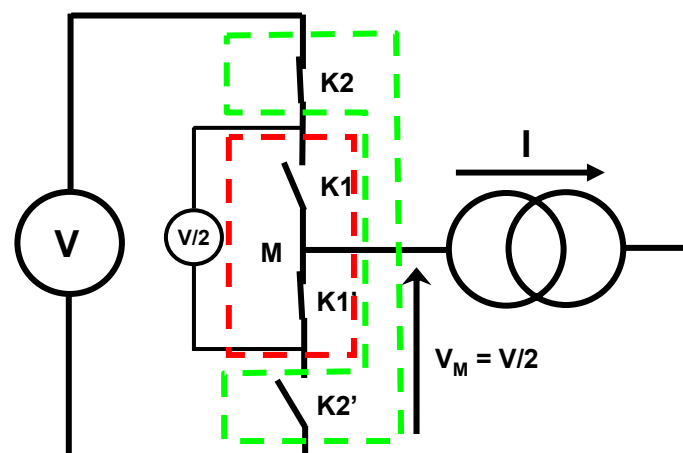
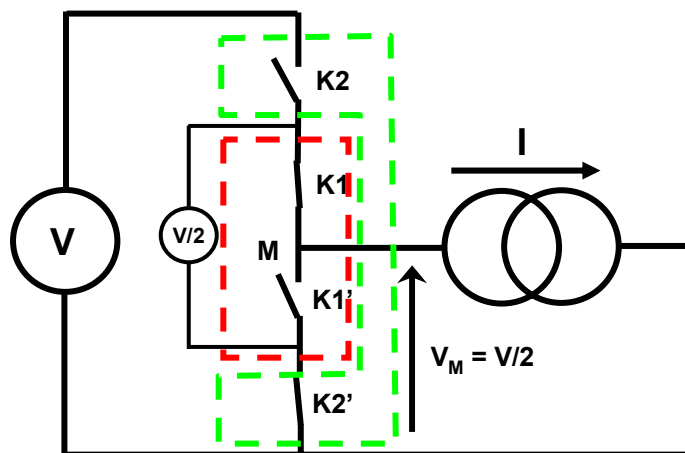


# Multicell concept

## Main states of "2-cell" commutation cell



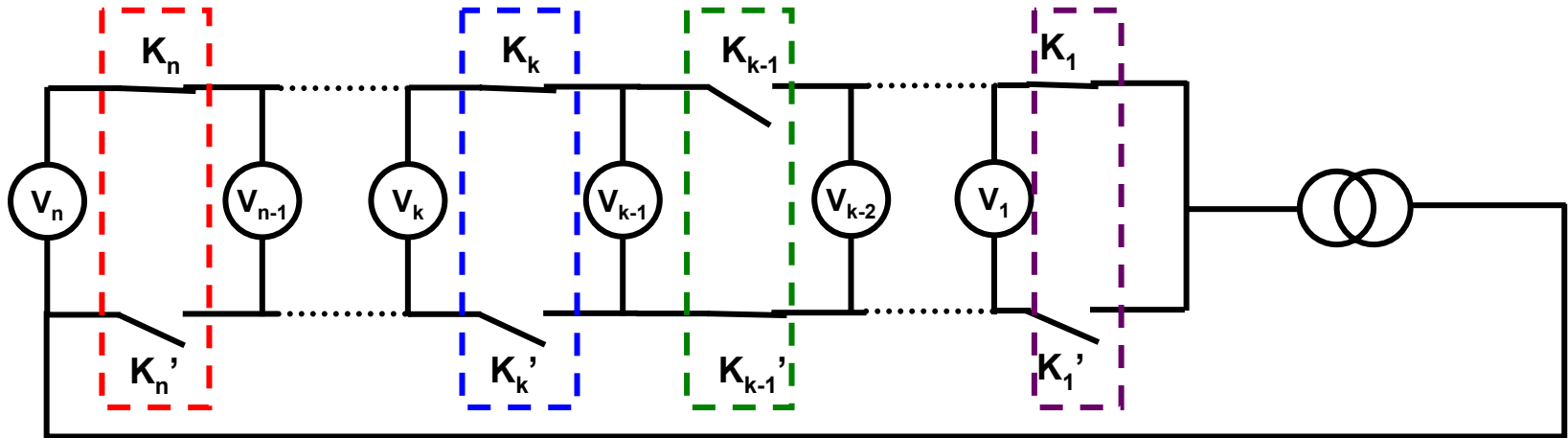
## Extra states of "2-cell" commutation cell





**Multicell concept : easy to generalize**

**n independent cells: phase shift between cells is possible**



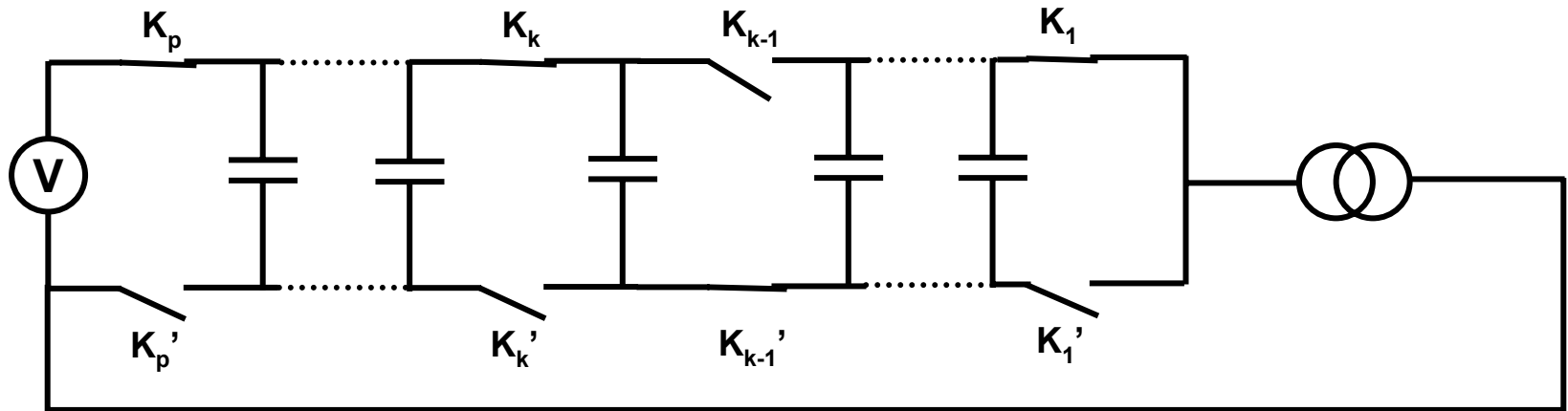
$$V_n = V ; \dots \quad V_k = k \cdot V / n ; \dots ; V_1 = V / n$$

$$K_k \text{ off} \Rightarrow K_k' \text{ on} : V_{Kk} = V_k - V_{k-1} = \mathbf{V / n}$$

**Half of switches is ON and half is OFF**



## Multicell concept : Flying capacitor concept



$$V_n = V ; \dots \quad V_k = k \cdot V / n ; \dots ; V_1 = V / n$$

$$K_k \text{ off } \Rightarrow K'_k \text{ on} : V_{Kk} = V_k - V_{k-1} = V / n$$







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# Standard Model

## Particles

### Leptons

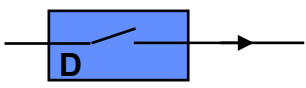
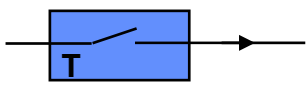
Tau		Electric Charge -1	Tau Neutrino		Electric Charge 0
Muon		-1	Muon Neutrino		0
Electron		-1	Electron Neutrino		0

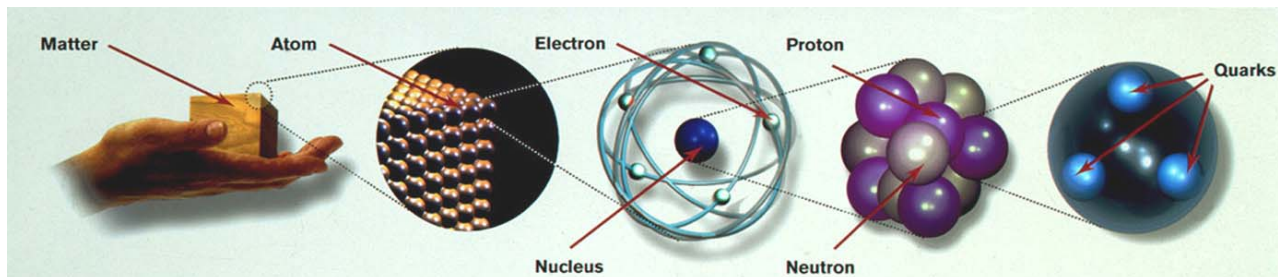
### Quarks

Bottom		Electric Charge -1/3	Top		Electric Charge 2/3
Strange		-1/3	Charm		2/3
Down		-1/3	Up		2/3

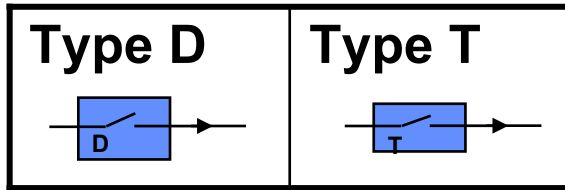
each quark: ●R, ●B, ●G 3 colors

Voltage source	Capacitor
Current Source	Inductance

Type D	Type T
	



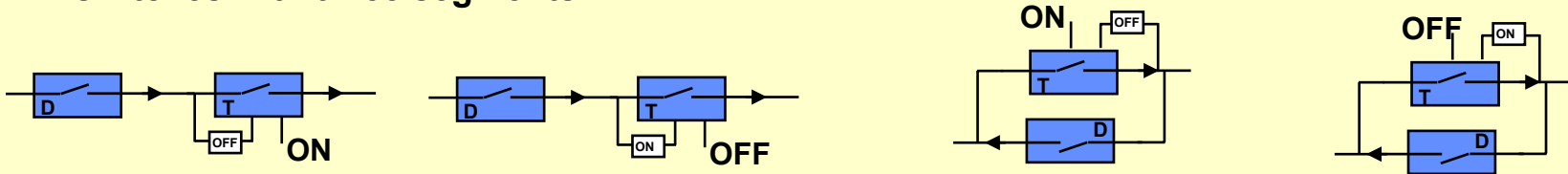




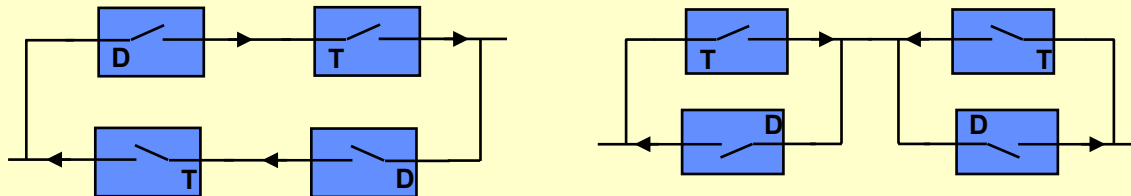
**"Quark Level : D and T quarks"**

**" Proton Level "**

**4 switches with three segments**



**6 switches with four segments**

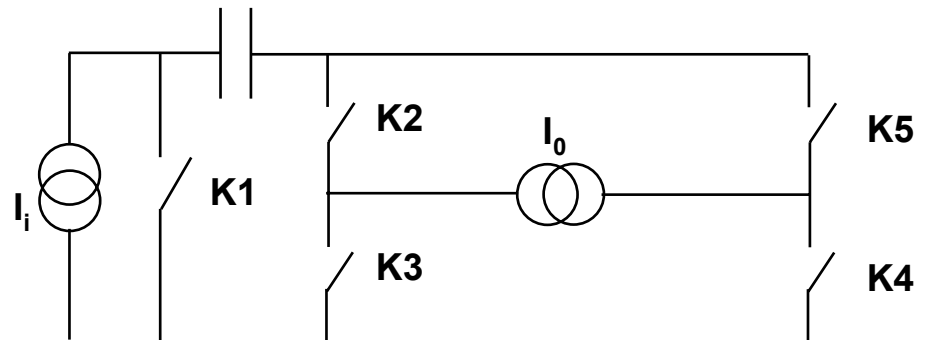
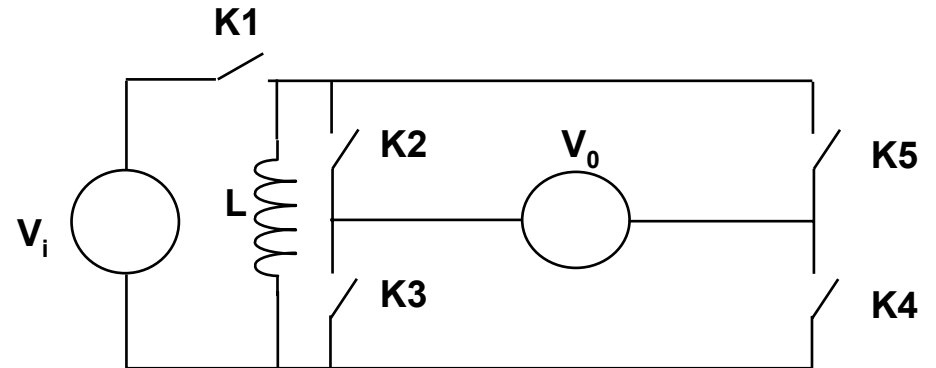
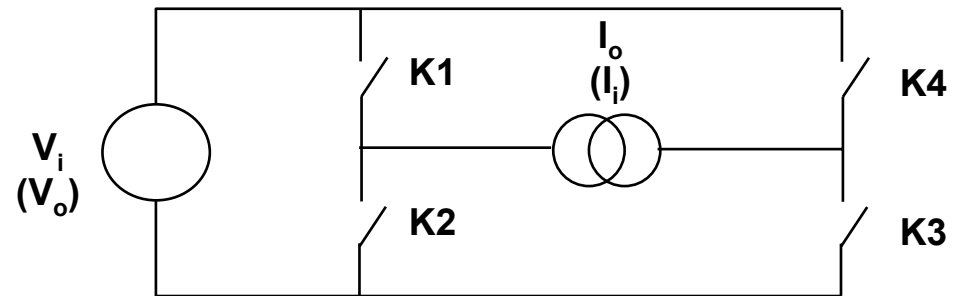


Etc...



**Protons + Leptons  
=  
Atoms**

**Cohesion laws:  
Never short-circuit a voltage source  
Never open a current source**





# Mendeleiev Table



**Thank for  
your attention**

***Regards for your participation***