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# Theory of high frequency power supplies

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# Outline

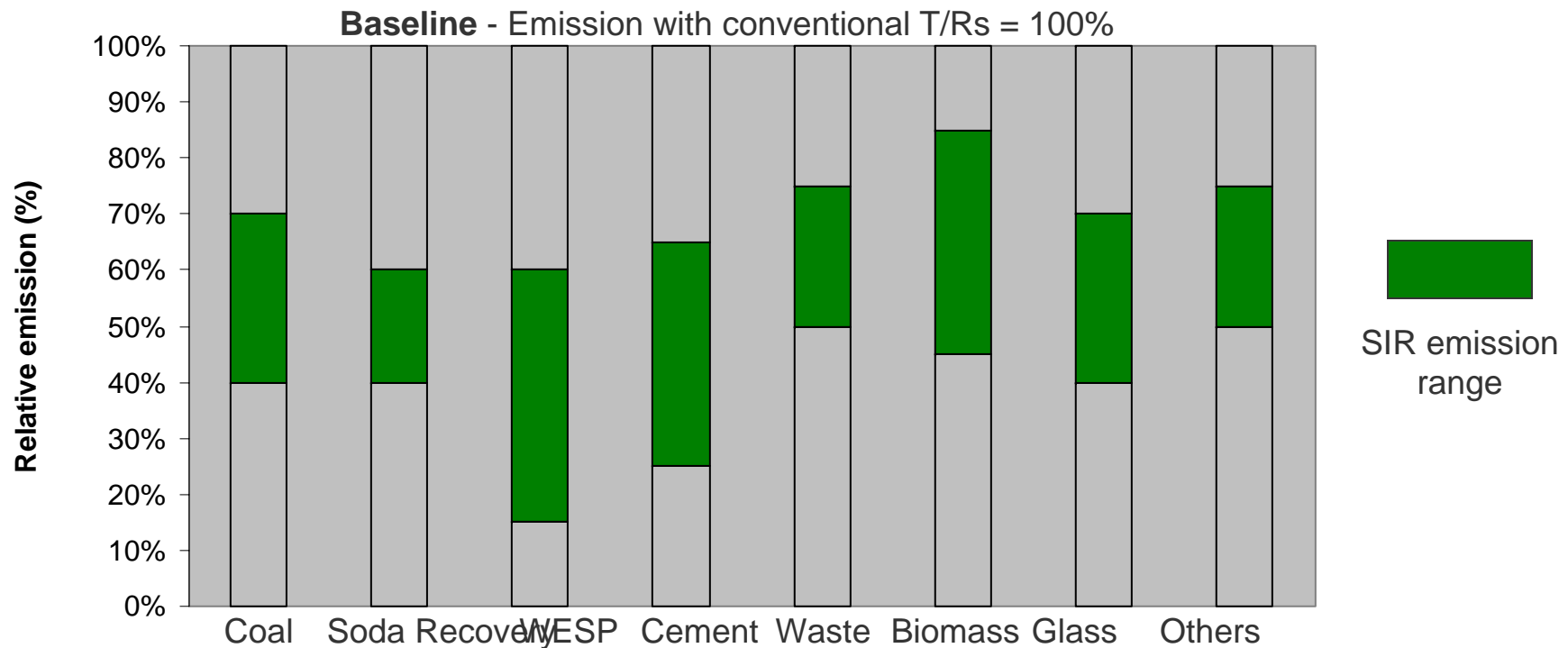
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| 1. | Introduction                            | 10min |
| 1. | Theory of operation                     | 25min |
| 2. | Aspects on ESP operation and efficiency | 15min |
| 3. | Discussion                              | 10min |

# 1 Introduction

1. Introduction
  1. Why 'High frequency power conversion' ?
  2. History
2. Theory of operation
3. Aspects on ESP operation and efficiency
4. Discussion

# Why High frequency power supplies ?

## No. of SIRs by Application & corresponding SIR emissions



<b>No. SIRs</b>	360	155	108	99	57	130	52	59	Total: 1020 SIR
<b>No. ESPs</b>	38	59	43	37	25	77	18	21	at 318 plants

**(15.000 MWe)**

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# History, Early High frequency ESP power supplies, Prototypes

60kV, 200mA, (80kHz) -89  
(smps, mosfet)

Field tested on: Coal fired  
boilers,  
Bio mass



80kV, 250mA, (25kHz)  
-91  
(resonant, IGBT)

Field tested on: Coal fired  
boilers,  
Bio mass



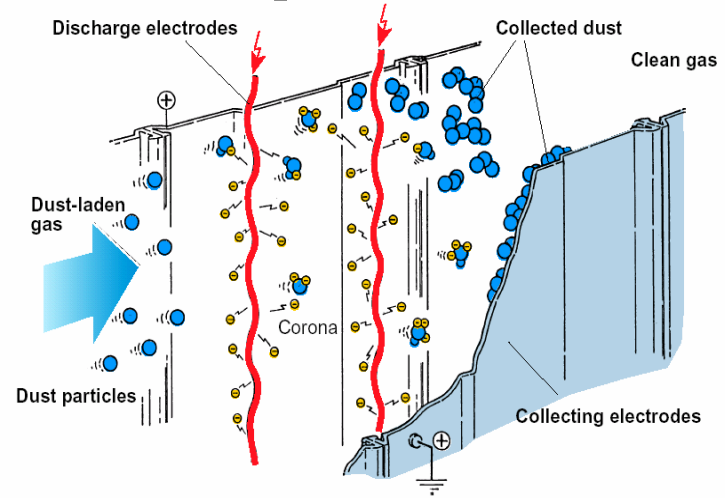
Soda recovery

# Electrostatic precipitation

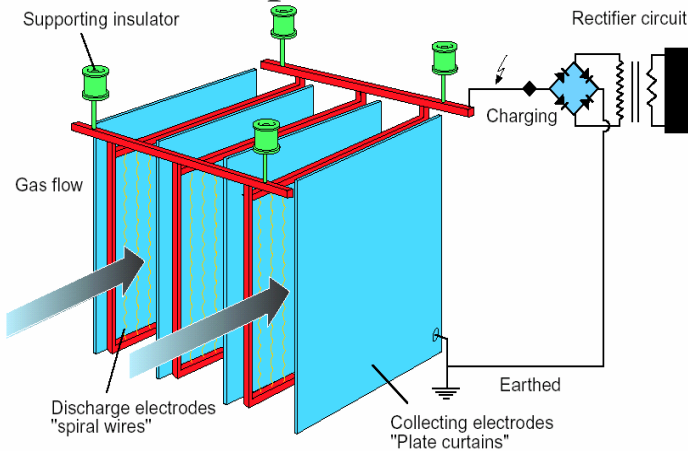
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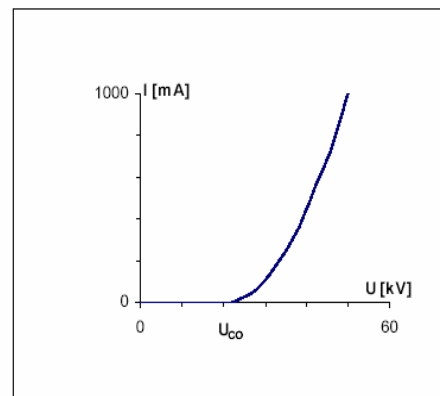
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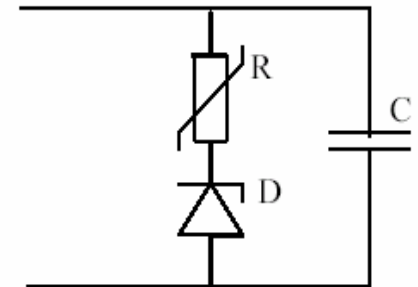
Implementation



Load characteristic



Model



# An ESP power supply comparison

**SIR**

**High  
frequency  
power supply**



**160 kg**

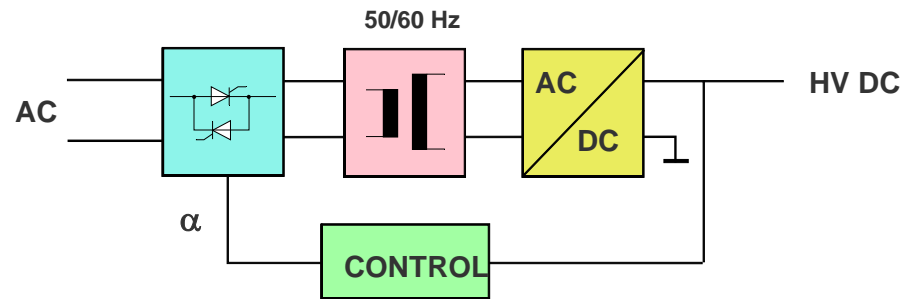
**Mains  
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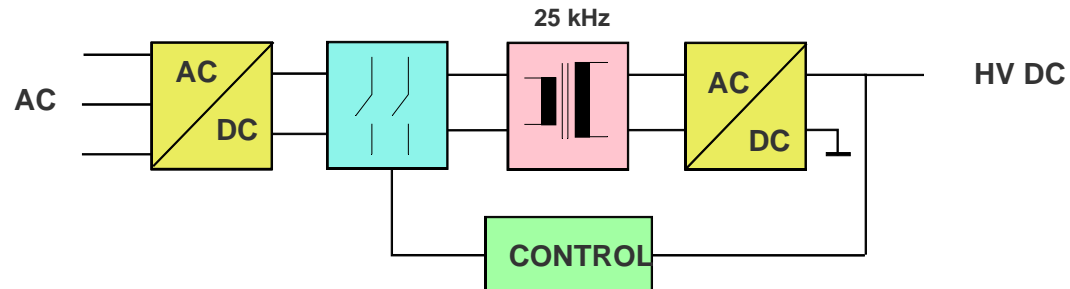
**200 kg + 800 kg**

# Power processing

## *Mains frequency power processing*



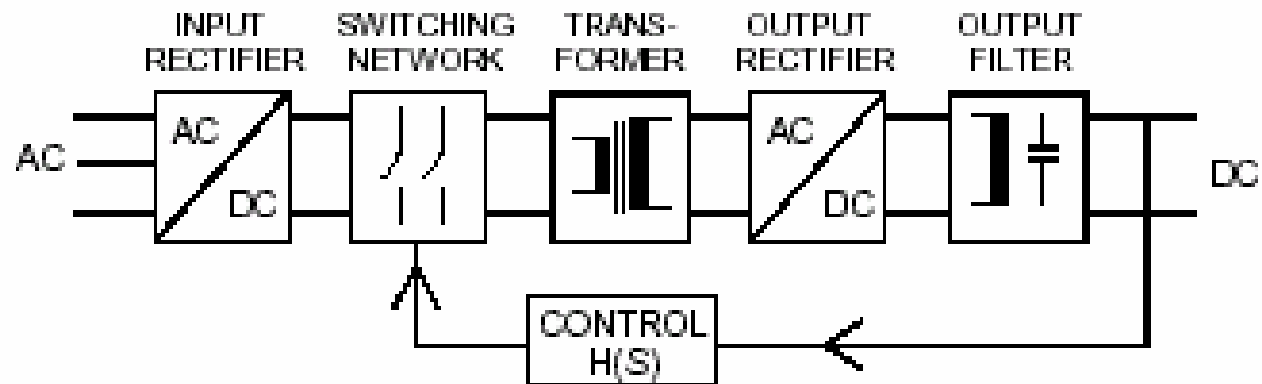
## *High frequency power processing*



# 2 Theory of operation

1. Introduction
  
2. Theory of operation
  1. Basic circuits
  2. The ESP as an electric load
  3. Key components
  4. System properties
  
- Aspects on ESP operation and efficiency
  
1. Discussion

# High frequency power converter



- Switch mode power converters, SPC
- Resonant mode power converters, RPC
- Quasi resonant power converters

# High frequency power conversion, general

## Pro

- Energy per cycle
  - Size
  - Control
- Induction
  - Transformer

$$P = f \cdot W \Rightarrow W = \frac{P}{f}$$

$$e = -\frac{d\phi}{dt} = -\frac{A \cdot dB}{dt}$$

## Con

- Switching losses
- High frequency conduction losses
  - Skin effect

$$P_{sw} = f \cdot W_{sw} , W_{sw} = \int_{T_{sw}} u \cdot i dt$$

$$\lambda = \frac{K}{\sqrt{f}} \quad 0.1\text{mm at } 100\text{kHz}$$

# Load characteristics, ESP

- Capacitive load
  - 20-200nF,  $T > 1\text{ms}$
- Voltage source characteristic, voltage stiff
- Sparkover
  - $T_f = 1\mu\text{s}$
- Wide operating range
  - $0 < I < I_N$
  - $0 < U < U_N$

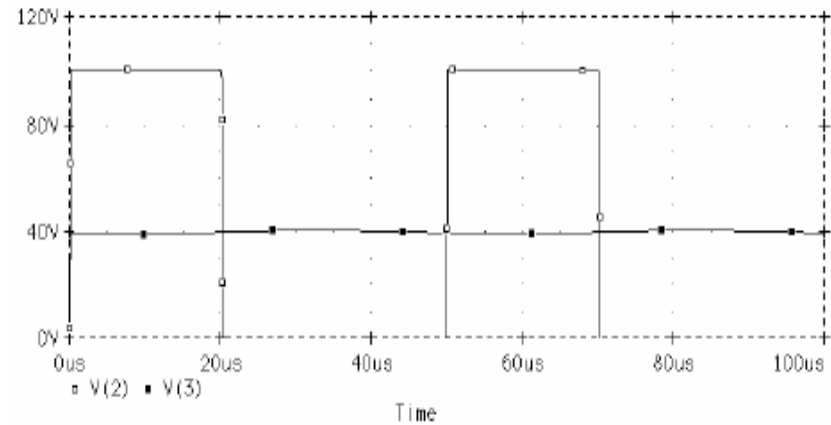
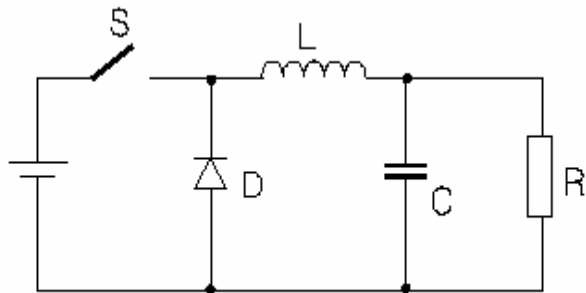
# Power supply for ESP

## Demands

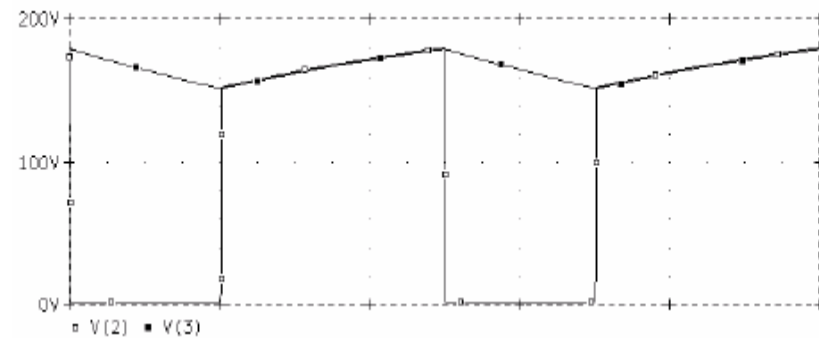
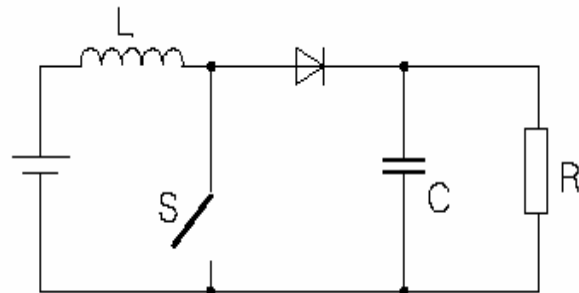
- Current source characteristics (voltage stiff load)
- Short-circuit proof (spark overs)
- High efficiency
- Wide load range (0-100%)
- Voltage-source driven (Mains)
- Capacitive output filter (ESP capacitance)
- Handle transformer parasitic components
- Minimize the number of components on the high-voltage side

# Basic SPC-circuits

Buck (Step down)  $M=d$



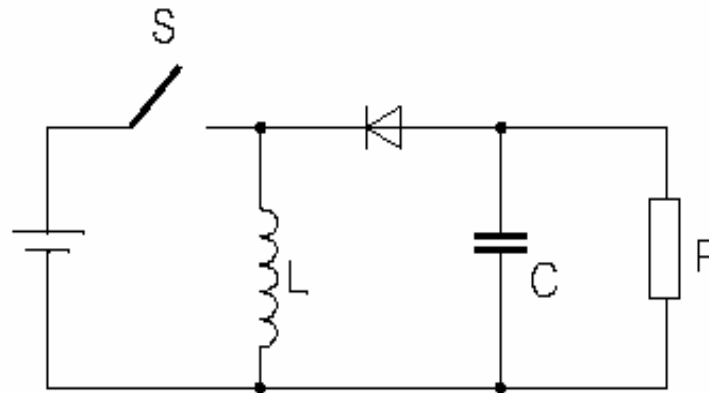
Boost (Step up)  $M=1/(1-d)$



# Cascaded SPC circuits

Buck-boost  
(Flyback)

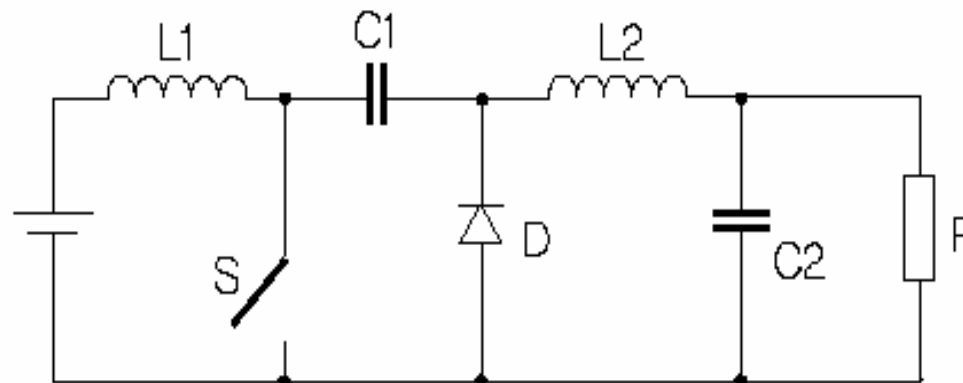
$$M=d/(1-d)$$



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Boost-buck  
(Cuk)

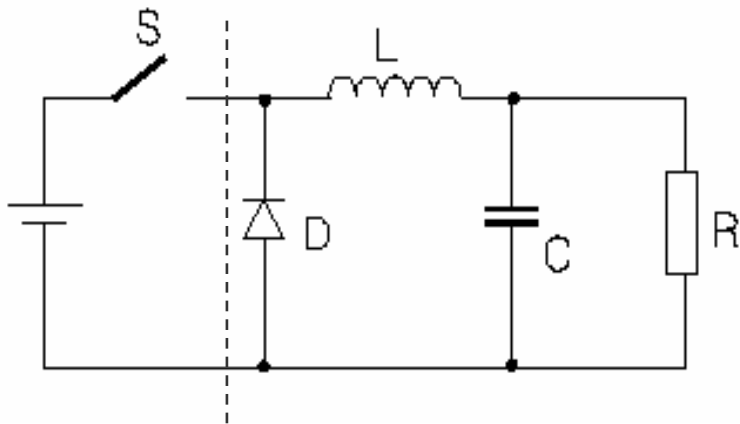
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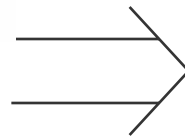
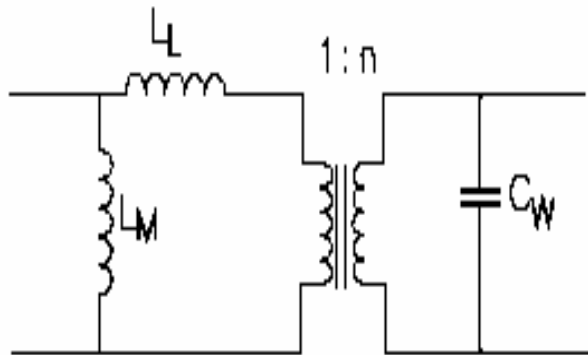
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# Prototype 1, comments

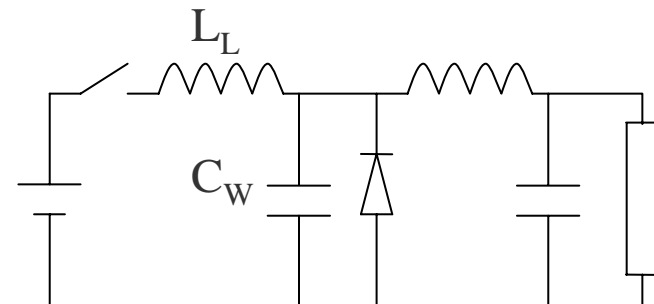
Buck-converter



Non-ideal transformer



Resonant-switch converter



# SPC circuits, evaluation

## Pro

- Simple circuitry
- Few components
- Easy to analyze

## Con

- Hard switching
- Not tolerant to parasitic elements
- High losses

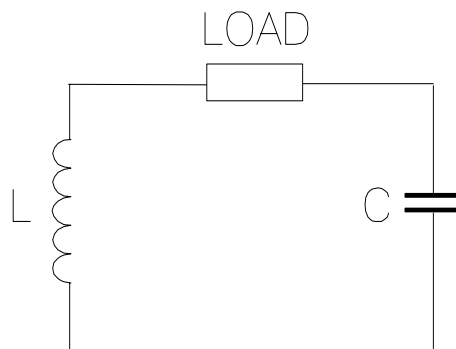
# RPC, Load-resonant converters

## General

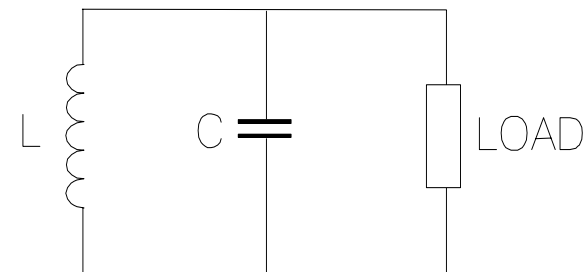


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## Series-loaded, SLR



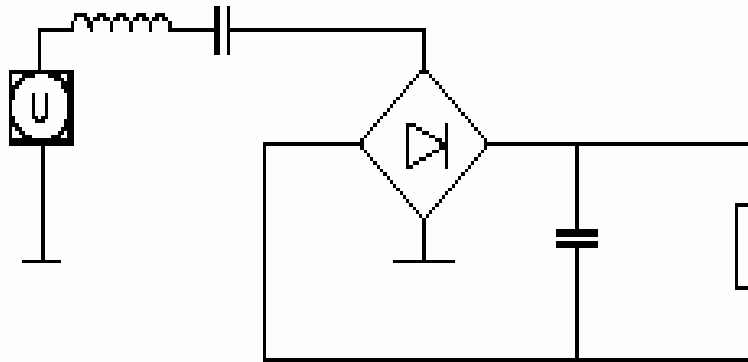
## Parallel-loaded, PLR



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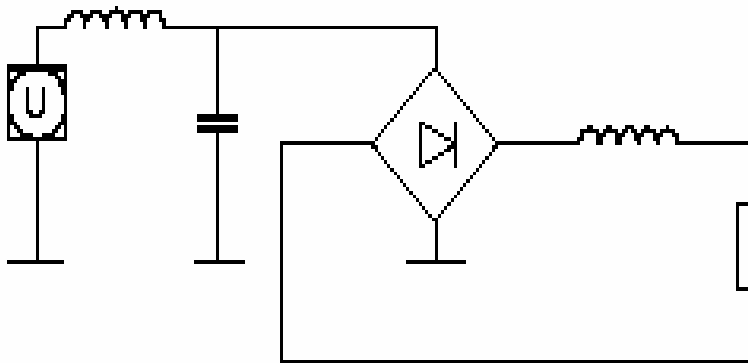
# Load-resonant converters

## SLR



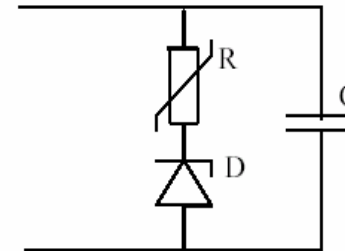
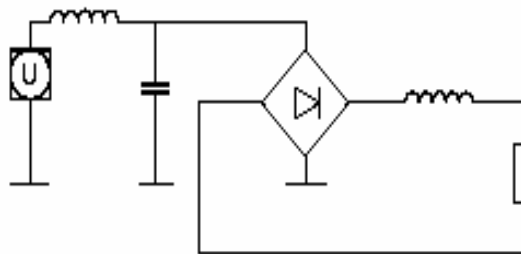
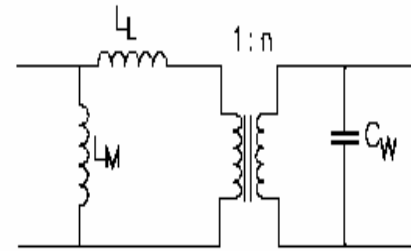
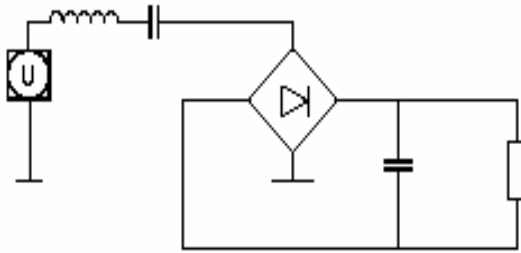
$$f_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC}}$$


## PLR



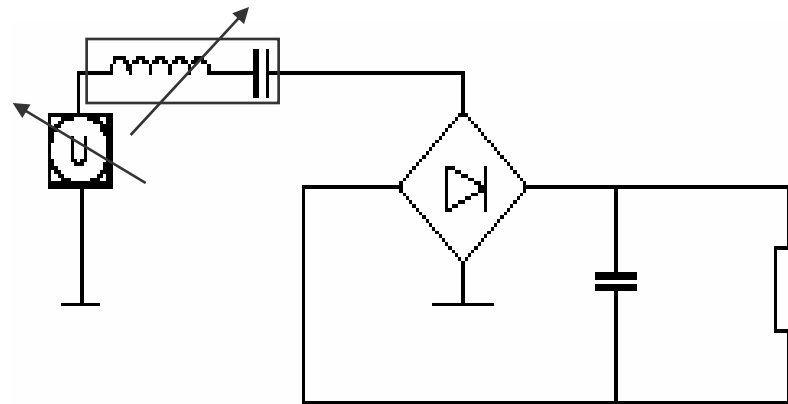
$$Z_0 = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}}$$

# Load resonant converters



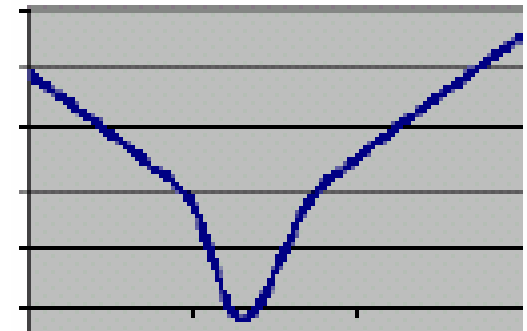
- SLR and PLR can utilise transformer parasitics in the operation
  - SLR can utilise the load capacitance in the output filter
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**SLR is the preferred topology**

# SLR, Control

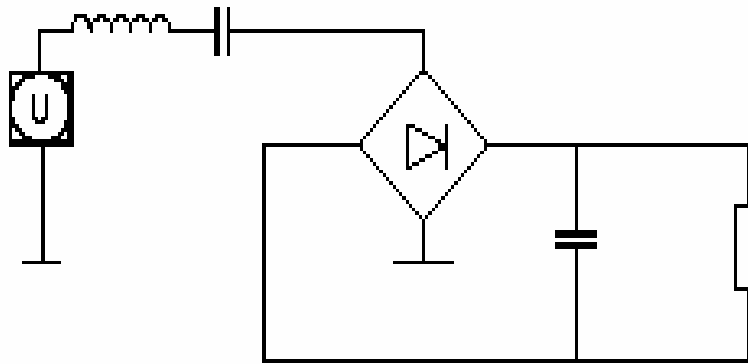


- Control of LC-tank impedance
  - Frequency modulation
- Control of voltage-source amplitude
  - Phase-shift modulation

Tank impedance vs frequency



# SLR, frequency modulation



Mode1  $0 < d < 1/2$

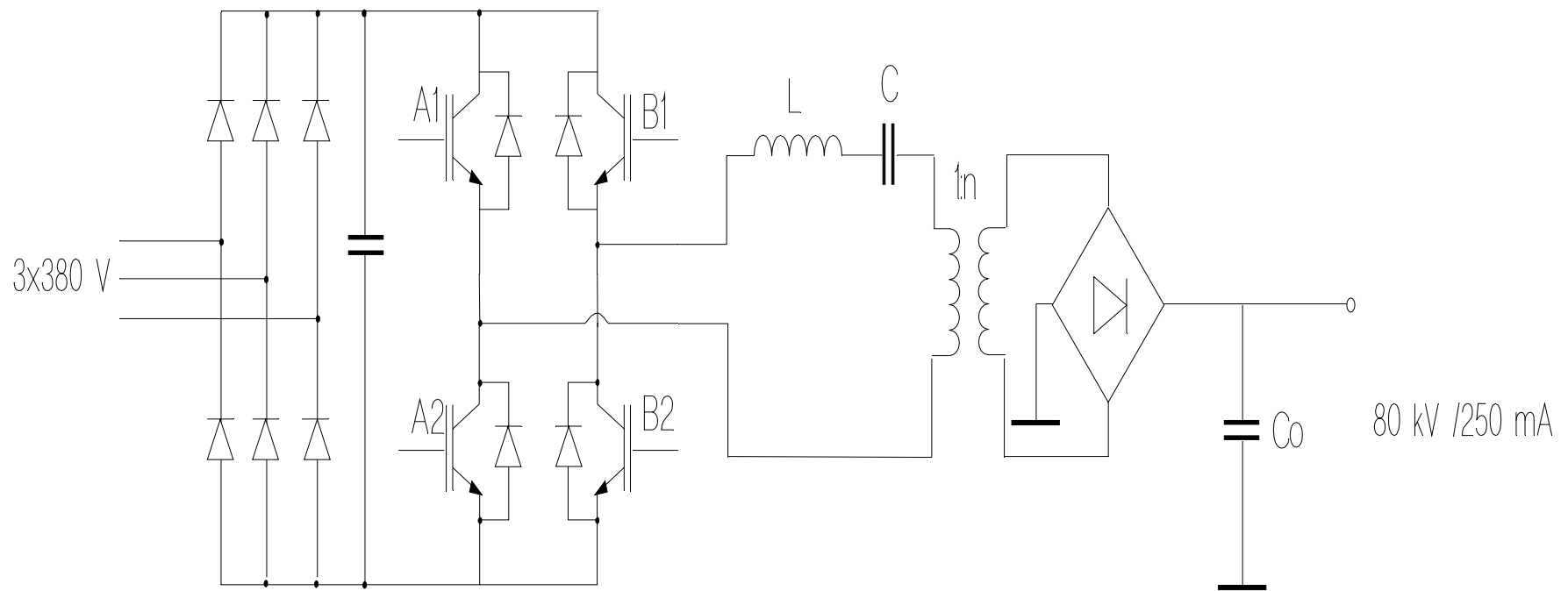
Mode2  $1/2 < d < 1$

Mode3  $d > 1$

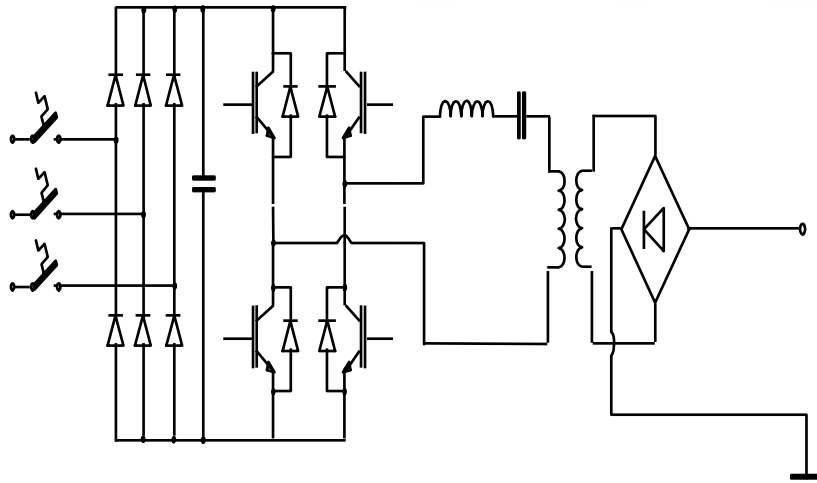
normalized frequency

$$d = f_s / f_o$$

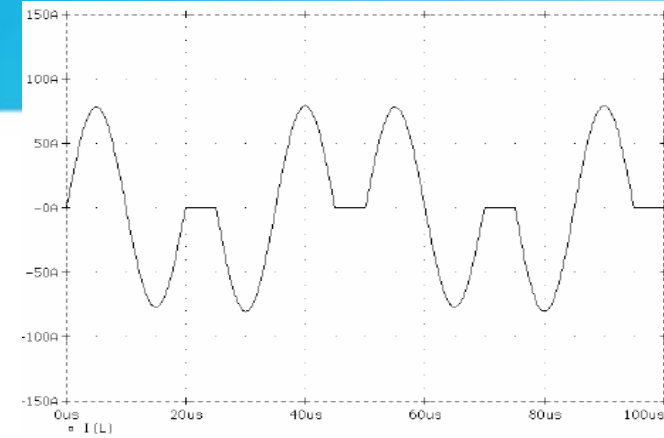
# SLR, Circuit diagram



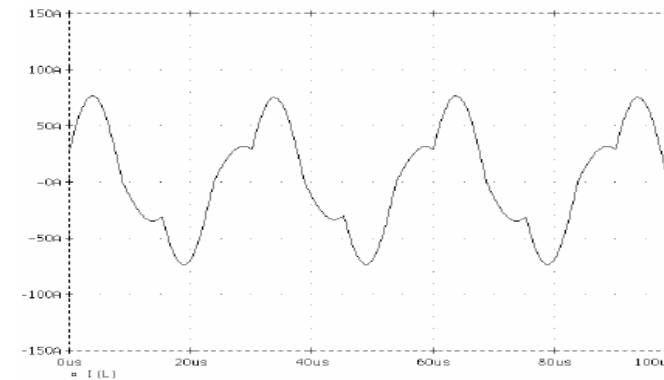
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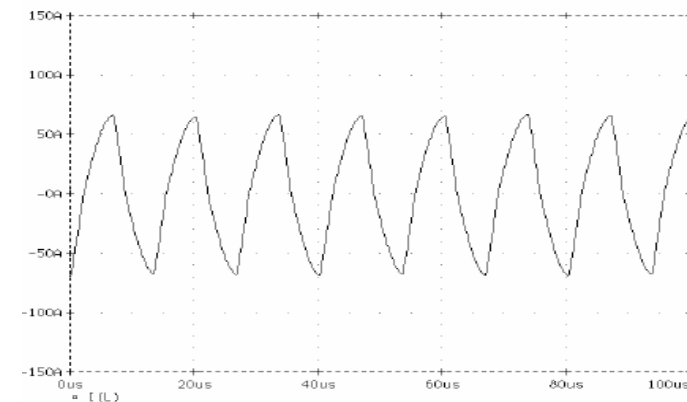
Mode1



Mode2



Mode3



Mode1  $0 < d < 1/2$

Mode2  $1/2 < d < 1$

Mode3  $d > 1$

# SLR modes of operation, FM

## Mode 1

- PRO
  - Easy to control
    - $I \sim f$
  - Soft turn-off
    - ZVS, ZCS
- CON
  - Discontinuous conduction
    - High RMS current ( $k > 1,57$ )
    - High component stress
    - High losses

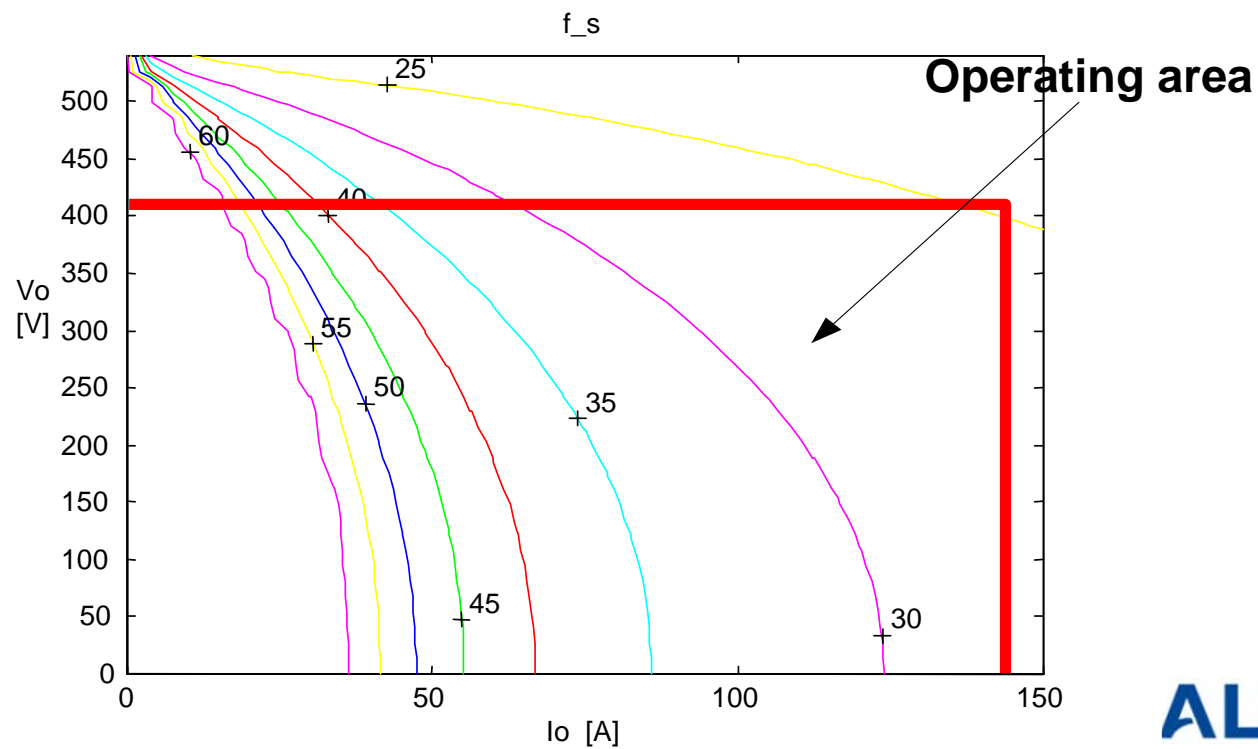
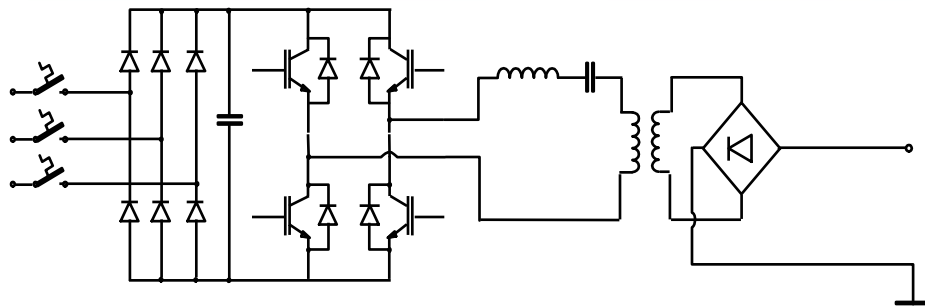
## Mode 2

- PRO
  - Continuous conduction
  - Soft turn-off
    - ZVS, ZCS
- CON
  - Hard turn-on
    - Diode reverse recovery
    - High losses

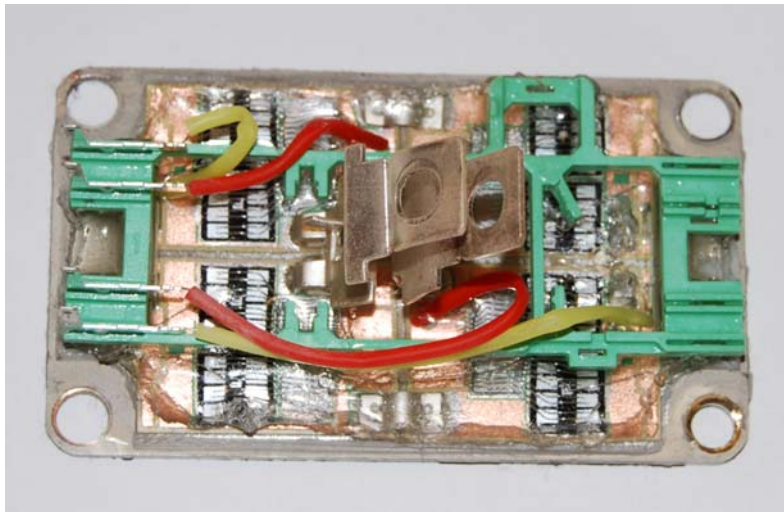
## Mode 3

- PRO
  - Continuous conduction
    - Lowest RMS current ( $1,11 < k < 1,15$ )
  - Soft turn-on
    - ZVS, ZCS
- CON
  - Hard turn-off
    - Capacitive snubber

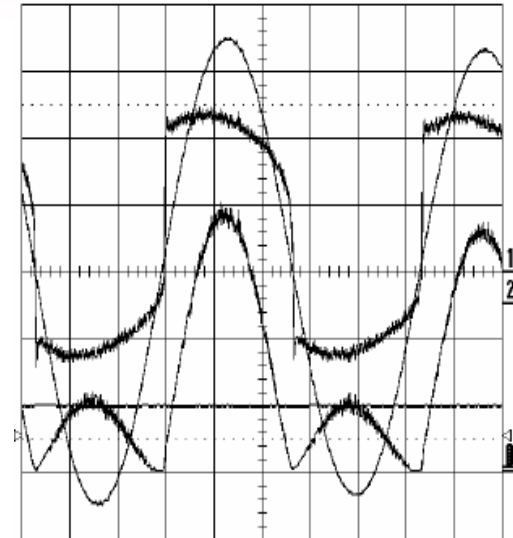
# Control loop, FM-control



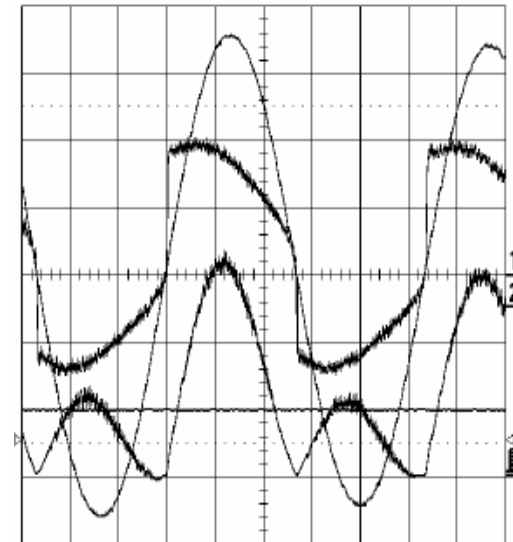
# IGBT, On-state voltage vs di/dt



IGBT1



IGBT2



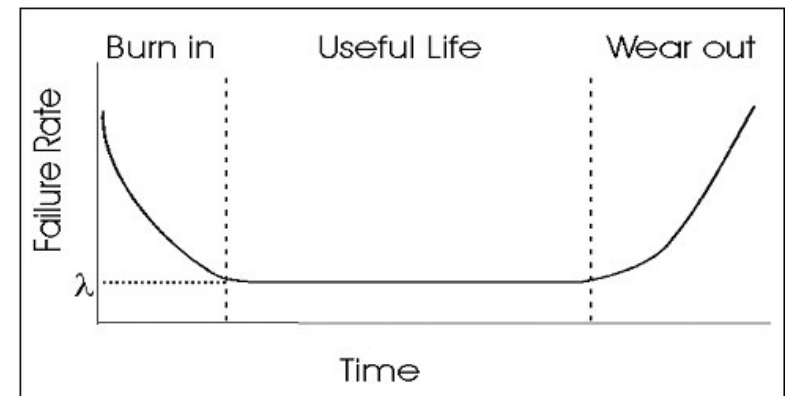
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# Reliability

## General

- Integrated system
- Less material
- Bridge-leg conf
- Environment
- Availability



## Measured

- Fleet MTBF 30 years
- Failures concentrated to specific plants

$$MTBF = \frac{\text{Operating}}{\text{No of failures}} = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

## Comments

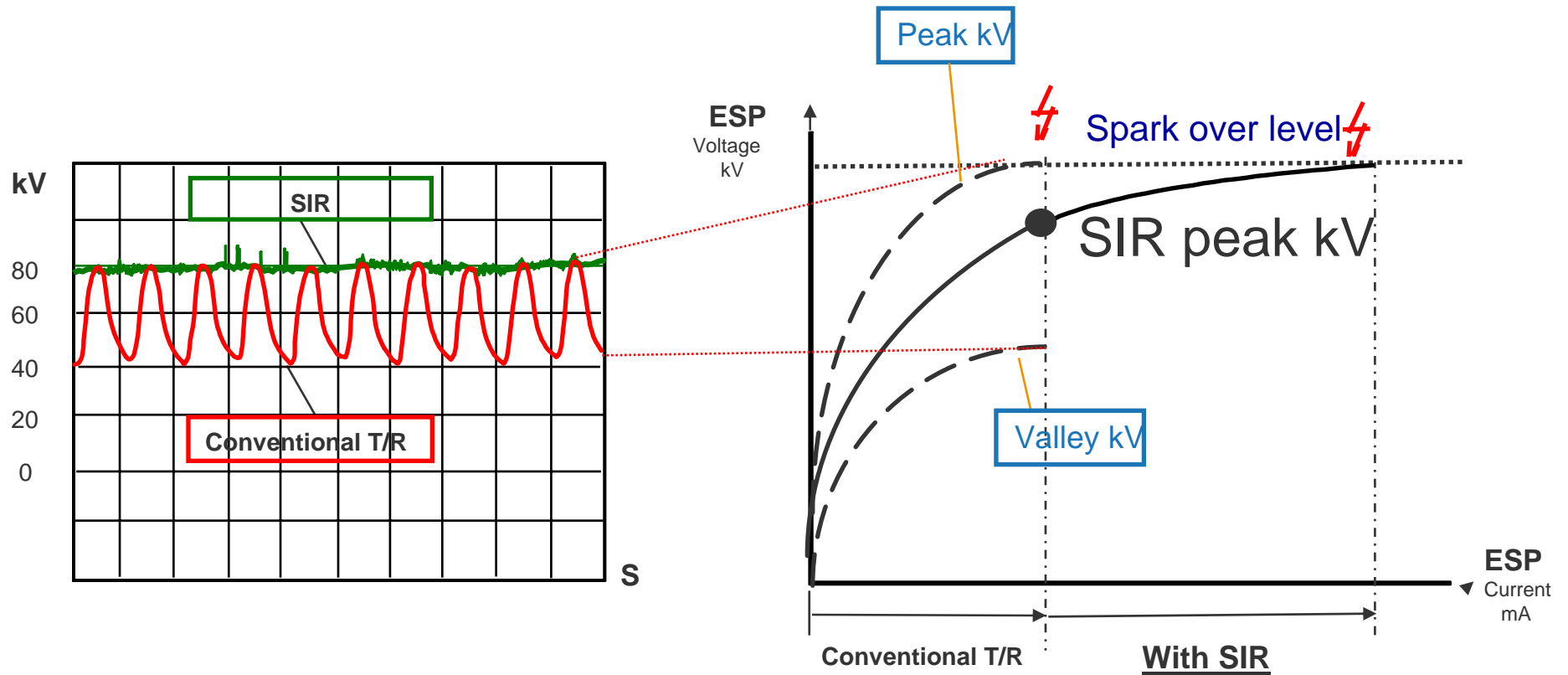
- Installation
- Trained technicians
- Components
- Maintenance

# 3 Aspects on ESP operation and efficiency

1. Introduction
2. Theory of operation
- 3.
4. Aspects on ESP operation and efficiency
  1. Corona current
  2. ESP voltage
  3. Holding forces /rapping /reentrainment
  4. Spark recovery
  5. Back-corona/Intermittent Ennergisation
5. Discussion

# Aspects on ESP operation and efficiency

## Corona current



# Aspects on ESP operation and efficiency

## Voltage

Due to the non-linear current voltage dependency,

$$I = I_0 (U - U_{\text{onset}})^n, \quad U > U_0, \quad n > 1 \quad (2)$$

will the high frequency power supply give a higher average voltage compared to the mains

frequency power converter for the same current.

EX:  $U_{\text{ONSET}} = 20 \text{ kV}$ ,  $I(60\text{kV}) = 1 \text{ A}$ ,  $n=2$

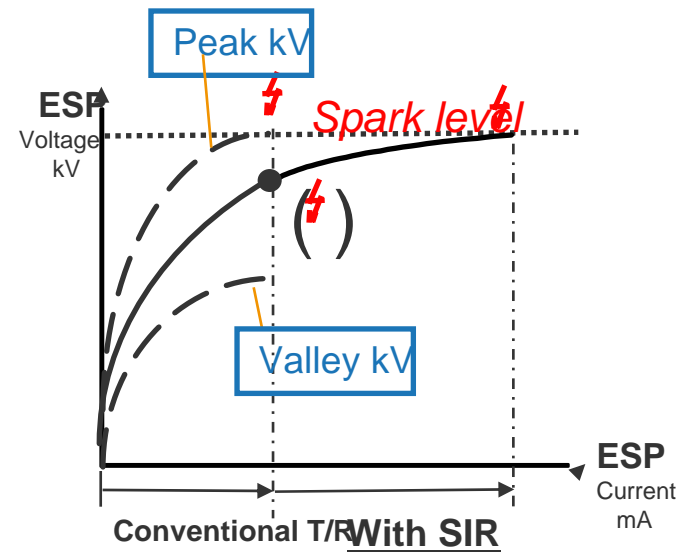
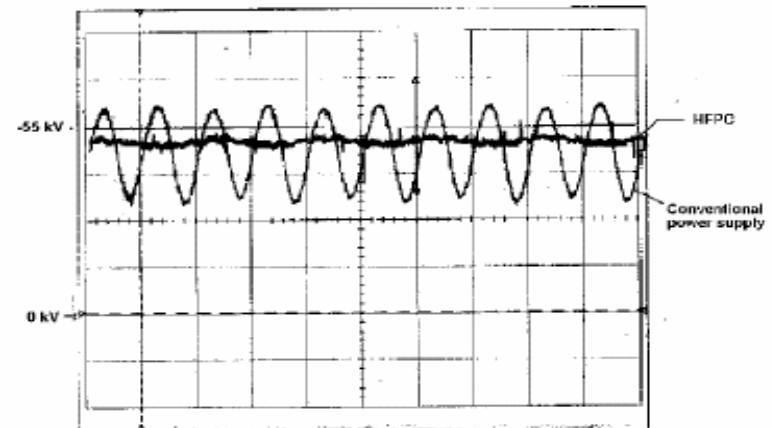
1:  $I = 1 \text{ A}$  (50%),  $0.1 \text{ A}$  (50%)

$U(1 \text{ A}) = 60 \text{ kV}$ ,  
 $U(0,1 \text{ A}) = 32.6 \text{ kV}$

$\Rightarrow U_{\text{AVG}} = 46.3 \text{ kV}$ ,  
 $I_{\text{AVG}} = 0.55 \text{ A}$

2:  $I = 0.55 \text{ A}$  (100%),

$U(0.55 \text{ A}) = 49.7 \text{ kV}$



# Aspects on ESP operation and efficiency

## Corona current, ESP Voltage

- More mA for same peak Voltage means better particle charging
- More mA means higher holding forces, means less risk of reentrainment.
- More mA means better utilization of the collector area



# Aspects on ESP operation and efficiency

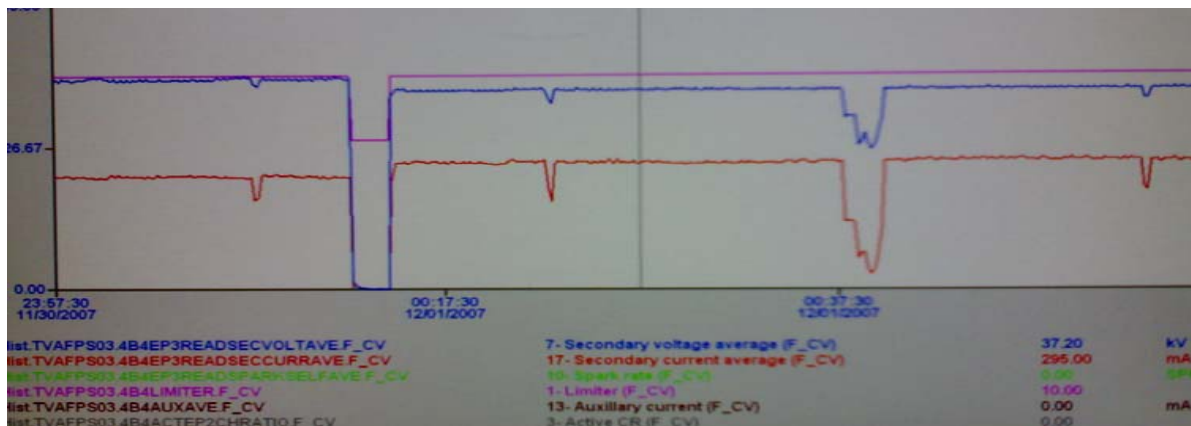
## Rapping/reentrainment

- Higher holding forces, means that greater care has to be taken during rapping to really clean the electrodes.



Dust build up due to inadequate rapping in a Soda recovery recovery boiler ESP.

The corona centres can be clearly seen resulting in a reduced Voltage clearance.



Power Control  
rapping vs  
Normal rapping

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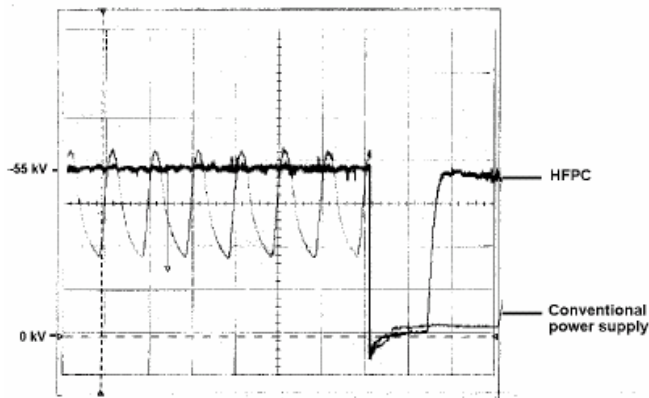
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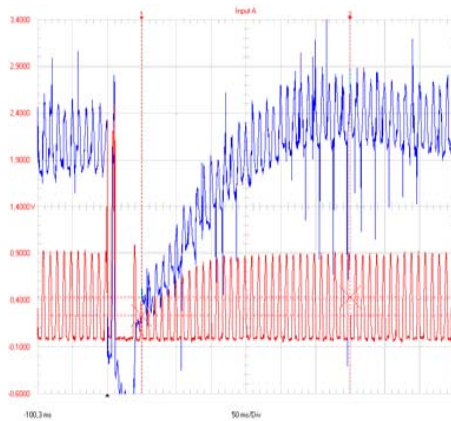
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# Aspects on ESP operation and efficiency

## Spark recovery



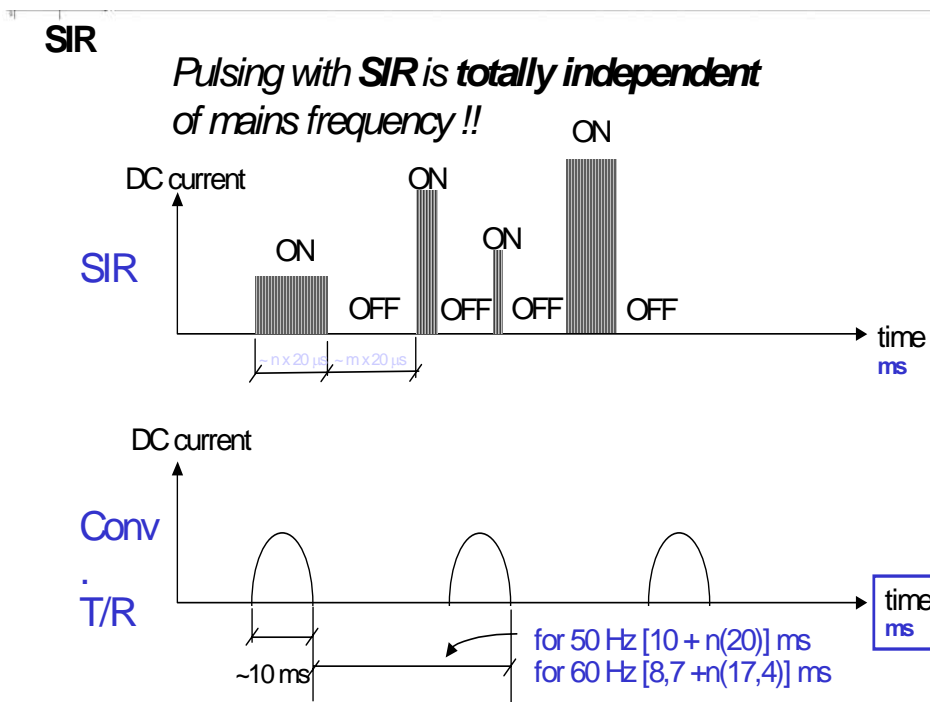
- Transistor control means faster response to spark overs. Current fed to the bus section can be turned off, within micro-seconds.
- Superior bandwidth of the control loop (faster) enables improved spark recovery.



# Aspects on ESP operation and efficiency

## Back-corona/Intermittent Energisation

### Intermittent Energisation

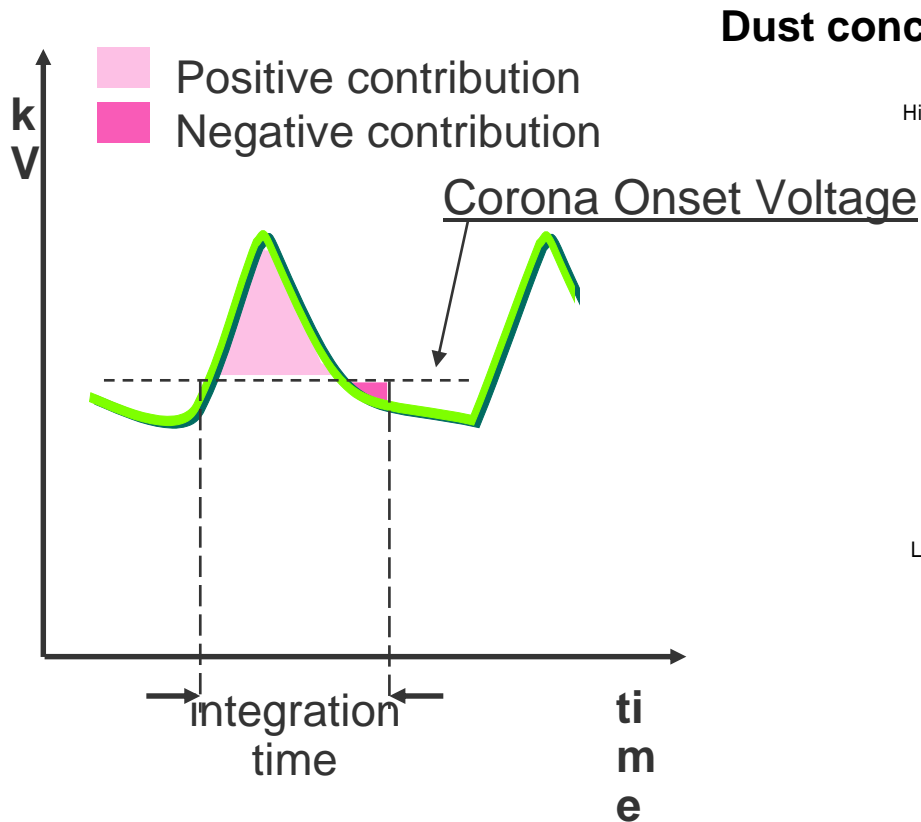


- The more exact control paired with the higher frequency offers the chance for a more detailed approach for back-corona control. The corona control can be executed faster with higher precision with exact control of pulse duration, pulse amplitude and puls cycle for full flexibility in addressing Back-Corona

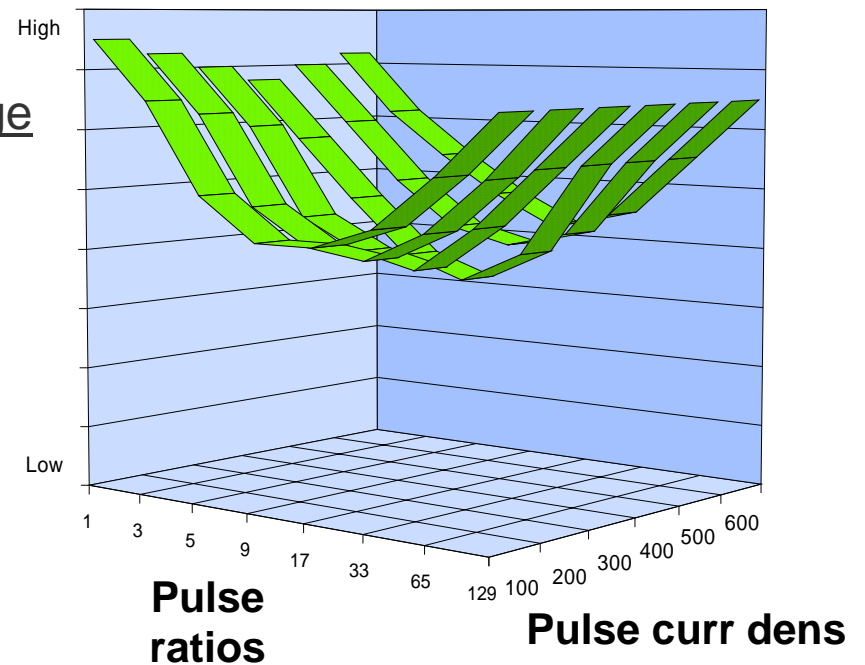
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## Back-corona/Intermittent Energisation

### EPOQ operation



### Dust concentration



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