

# Power Electronics

# Lecture 1 – Introduction & Basic Switching



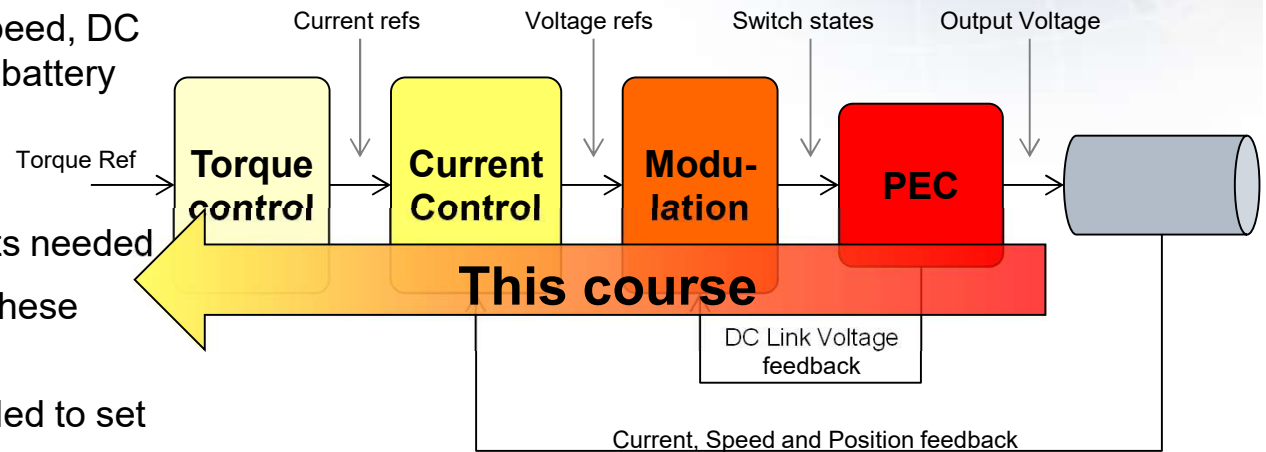
# We want torque !

- We are mainly interested in the mechanical torque on the electrical machine shaft
- But, the torque is the result of a complex interaction of electric voltages and currents, magnetic fluxes and mechanical layout
- Our source is (usually) a DC Voltage, that ...
  - we convert to AC with PWM and feed to the electrical machine to ...
  - control the machine currents such that the mechanical torque becomes the one we want.
- Against us we have:
  - A machine that require voltages that increase with speed
  - A battery with limited and almost constant voltage
  - A converter that needs to be controlled in a microsecond time scale



# How we do it?

- We start knowing:
  - The desired torque
  - Lots of system states, like speed, DC link voltage, phase currents, battery SOC, ...
- We calculate:
  - The traction machine currents needed
  - The voltages needed to set these currents
  - The modulation pattern needed to set these voltages
- We modulate the swithes accordingly !



# Why Power Electronics?

- **The efficiency of a linear amplifier (converter) has a theoretical upper limit of 78.5 %**
- **This is sufficient in many low power applications, such as home audio**
- **In trains the rated power may be as high as 4-8 MW**
- **For an efficiency of 78.5 % the losses would be 0.86-1.72 MW**
- **This means that huge amounts of power and money would be lost**

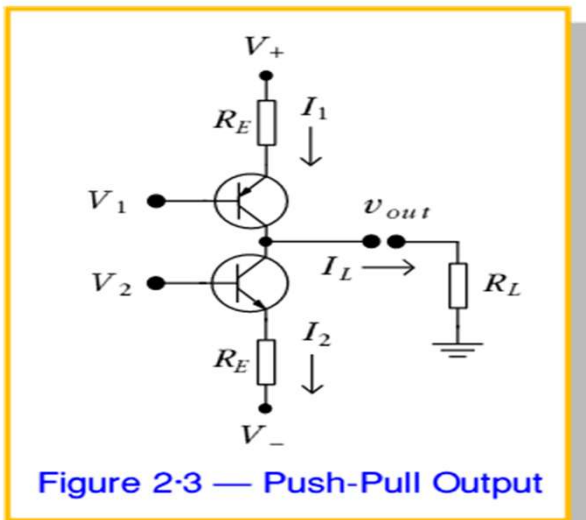
*... but the main problem would be thermal management, i.e. handling the heat power*

- **Typically, the efficiency of a power electronic switch mode converter is >98 %**



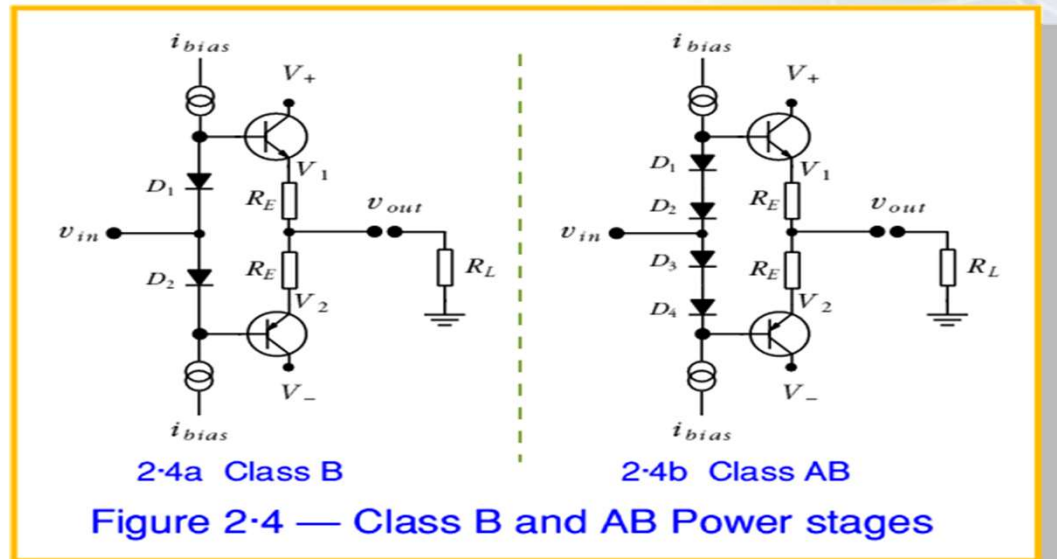
# Simple low power amplifiers

**A**



**Eff = 20 – 25%**

**B och AB**



**Eff = 60 %**

# Class D Audio Amplifiers



[Product description](#) [Specifications](#) [User manual](#) [Wiring schematics](#)

## Hypex UcD2k 1x2000W Universal Class D Amplifier Module

The UcD2k amplifier module is an entry level high-end class D amplifier from Hypex. The UcD2k is known for its high performance, reliability and ease of use. The UcD2k comes with the required UcD Signal Cable.

## Specifications for: UcD2k 1x2000W Universal Class D Amplifier Module

Rated power output (RMS) ⓘ	2500 watts at 4 ohms 1600 watts at 8 ohms 2000 watts at 2 ohms
Minimum load ⓘ	1 ohm
Efficiency ⓘ	92 %
Signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) ⓘ	-
Distortion ⓘ	0.02 % (20-20,000 Hz @ 0.5 x Rated power output)
Frequency response	10 - 50,000 Hz
Gain	34 dB
Input sensitivity	2.25 Vrms for rated power output
Input impedance	100k ohms
Amplifier Classification	Class D
Circuit Topology	UcD®
Speaker output channels	1
Power Requirements	50 - 98 VDC (symmetric supply +/-) 13 - 15 VDC (driver supply voltage)
Power inlet connector	Crimp/solder connection tabs
Current limit	50 A
Under/over voltage protection	✓
Dimensions (L x W x H)	141 x 108 x 38 mm

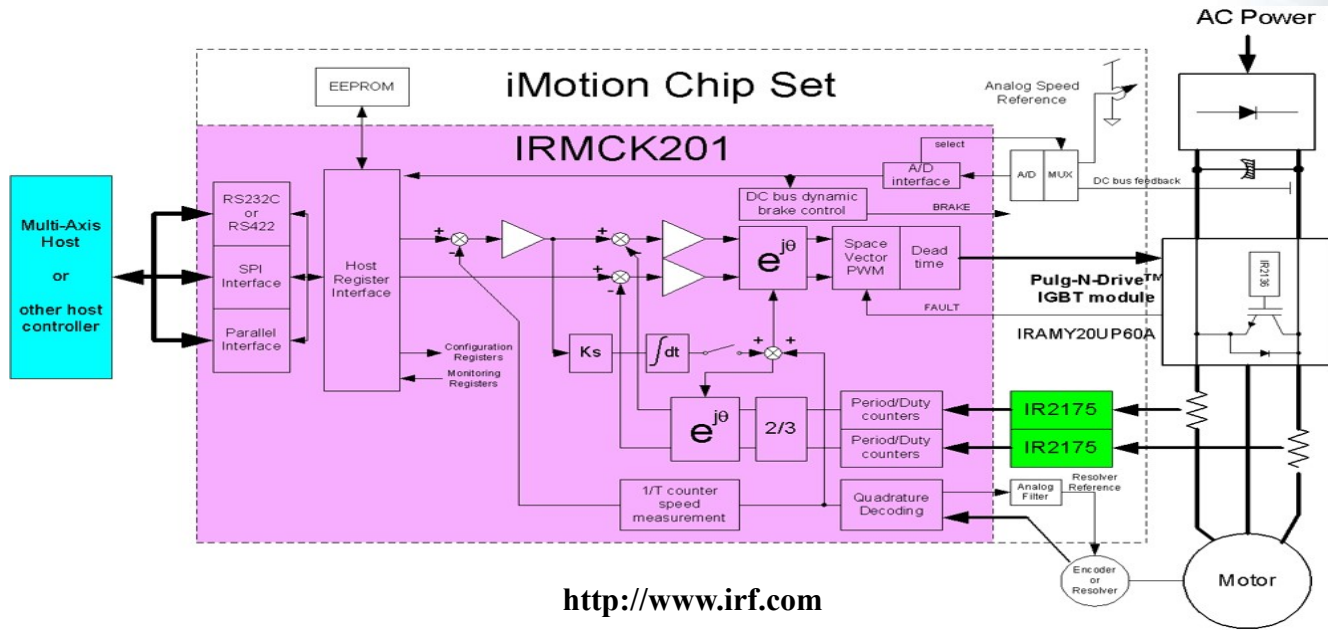
# What is Power Electronics used for?

- **All kinds of electrical drives where electrical power is transferred to mechanical and variable speed is required such as**
  - *Traction applications such as trains, electrical vehicles and ship propulsion*
  - *Pumps and fans*
- **All kinds of electrical drives where electrical power is transferred to mechanical and position control (servo) is required such as**
  - *Robots, cranes*
- **Power system applications such as**
  - *HVDC (up to 3000 MW), Transistor based HVDC*
  - *Feeding and priming power from renewable energy sources (solar, wind, ...)*
  - *Active power filters, reactive power compensation, ...*
- **Power supplies**
  - *Computers, tv-sets, ...*
  - *Battery chargers for computers, mobile phones, hand-held tools, ...*
- **Back-up power, i.e. uninterruptable power supplies**
- **Many other applications**





# Electrical Motor Drives



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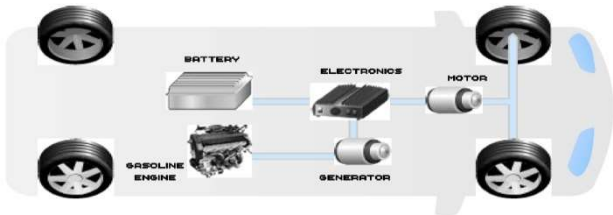
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# Typical Motor Drive Applications

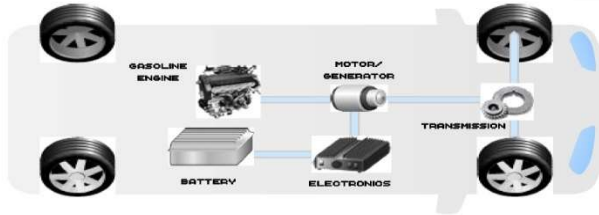
- Except pumps, fans, cranes, ...

**Traction:** for example trains and hybrid vehicles



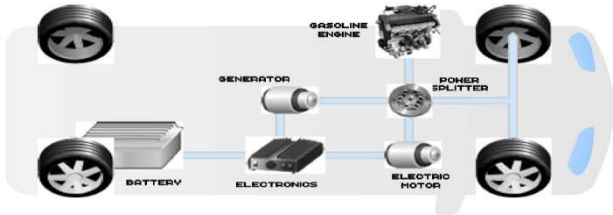
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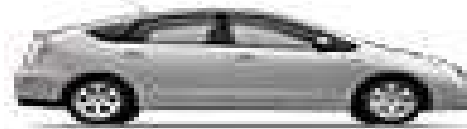
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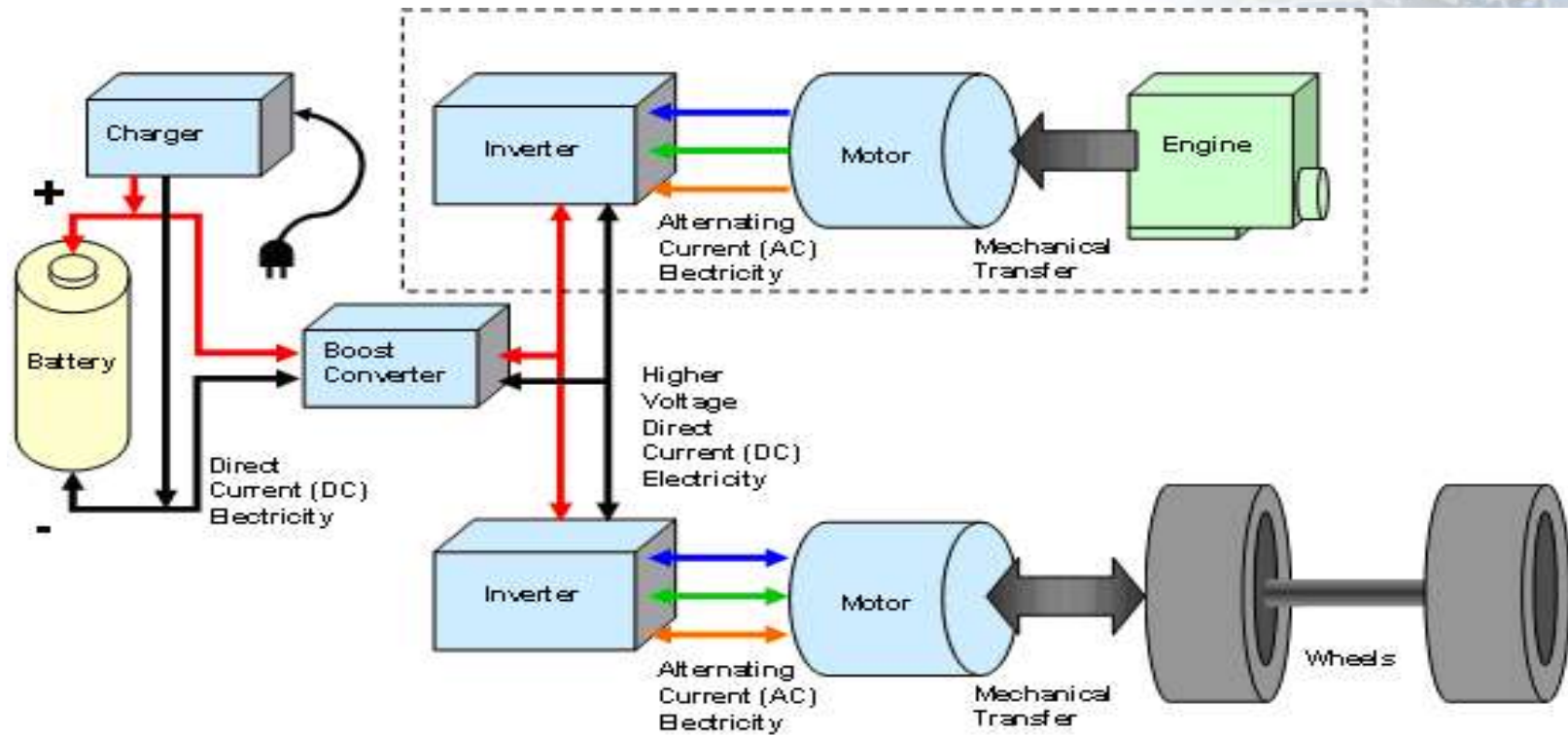
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**Robotics**



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# Energy Conversion in Hybrid Vehicles

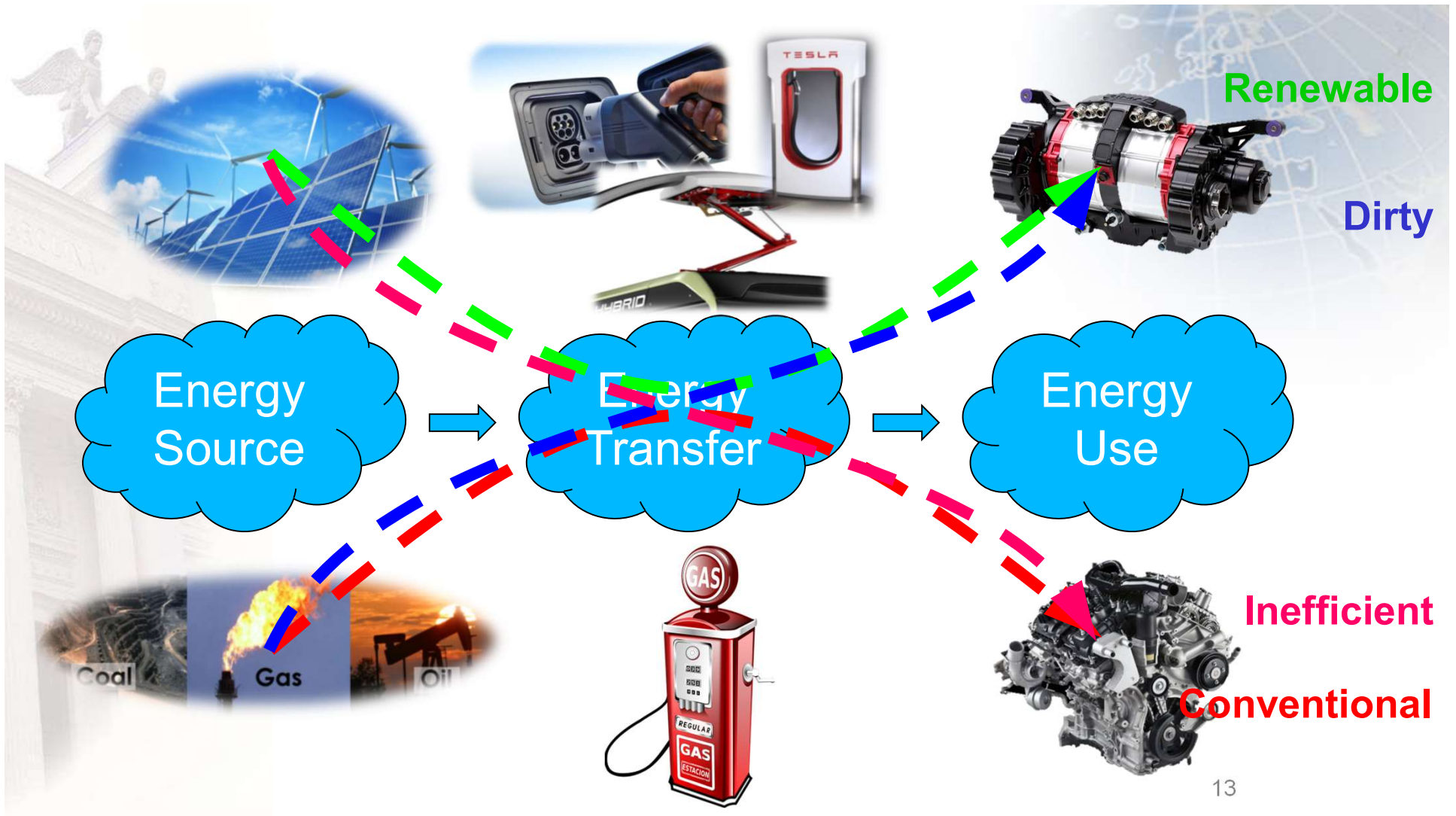




# EV Charging



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*Industrial Electrical Engineering at **Lund University***  
*Senior Technology Advisor, **AB Volvo***  
*Scientific Leader, **Swedish Electro Mobility Research Centre***





## The last Century

# The Charging Challenge is NOT new ...

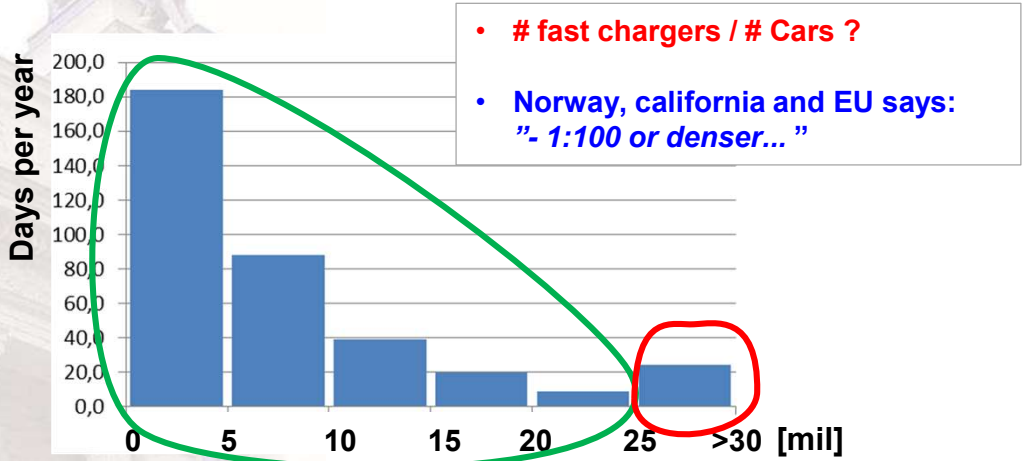




# Possibilities



# Car charging needs





# Static Charging

# On board / Off board = AC / DC



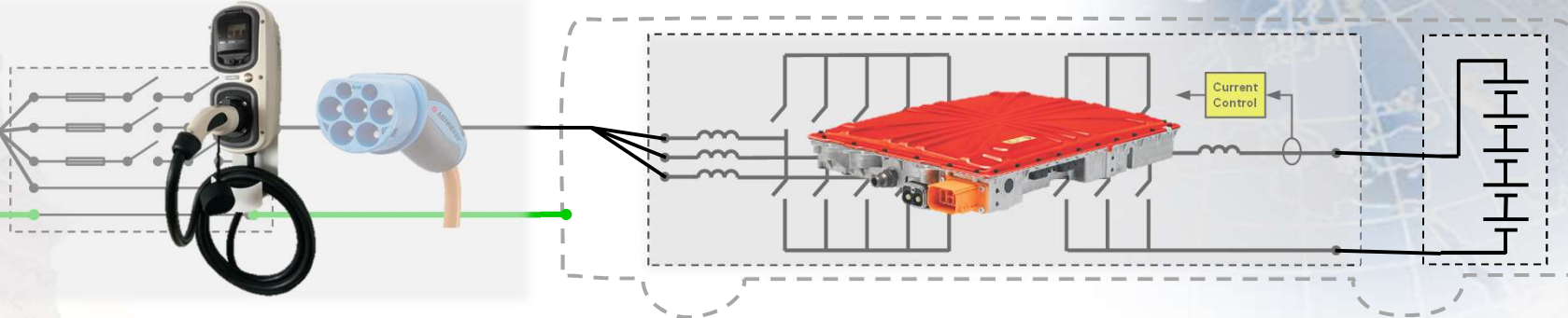
- "AC Charging"
- **Automation missing**
- **High power plug missing?**
- 10...100 MW/m<sup>2</sup>

- "Wireless Charging"
- 10...100 kW/m<sup>2</sup>

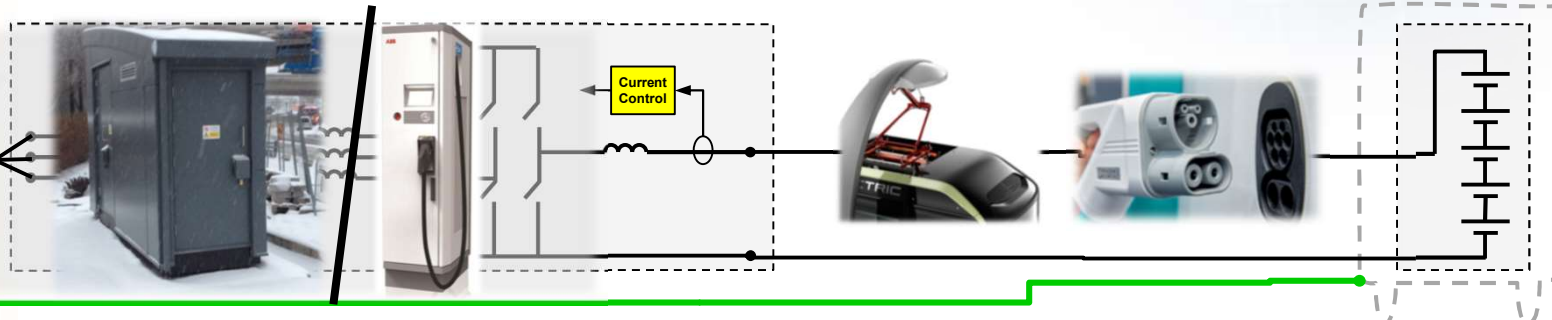
- "DC Charging"
- **Automation missing**
- 10...100 MW/m<sup>2</sup>

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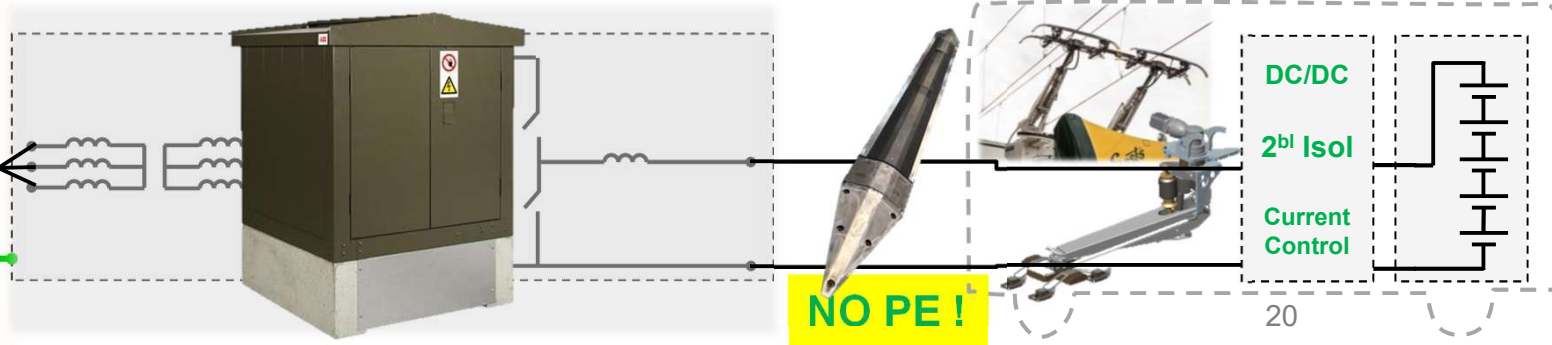
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DC1

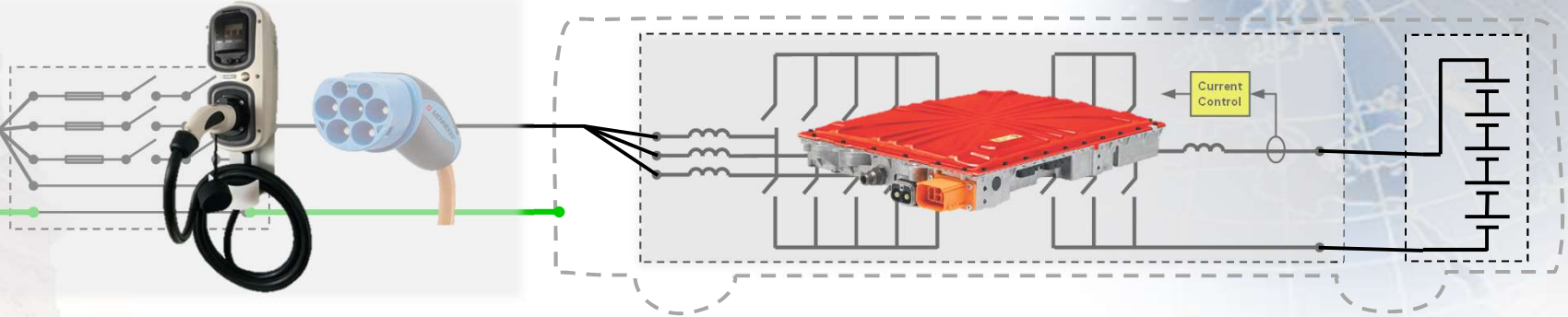


DC2



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AC



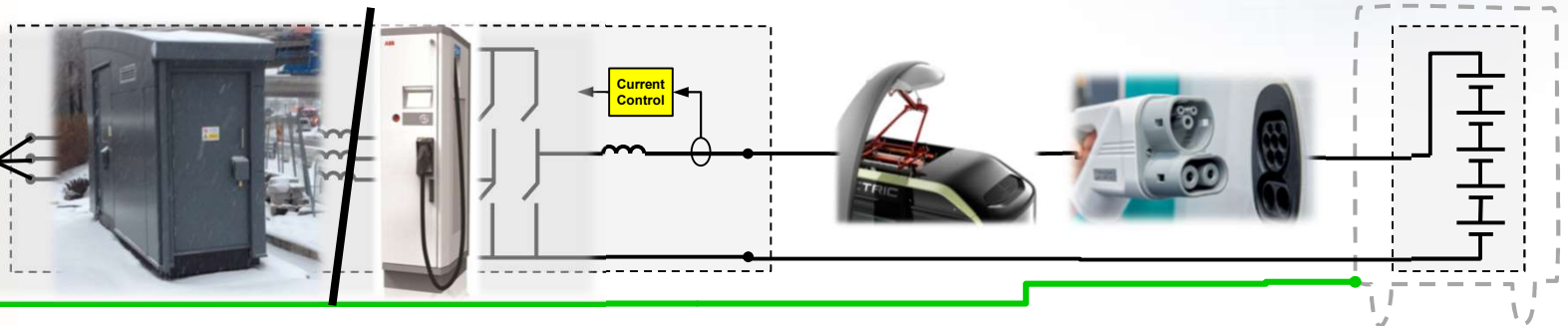
- 3 phase plug limited to 63 A
- Max charging power 44 kW
- Available from all OEMs for night time charging
- E.g. 200 kWh in 5 hours night time.
- **NOT Enough for Opportunity Charging at +100 kW**
- **New Plug Needed** for higher power levels!

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AC

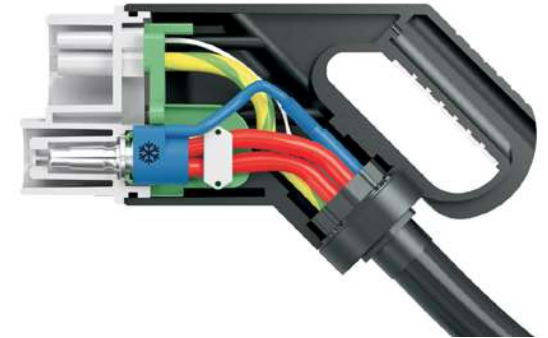
- OppCharge an open "standard", capable of up to 600 kW
- **Expensive stations**, not compatible with most truck applications

DC1



DC2

- CCS/DC normally limited to 200 A.
- @ 750 V this gives 150 kW, e.g 4x0.25h = 150 kWh
- **NOT automatic**
- Pushed towards 500 A with water cooling = 375 kW @ 750 V

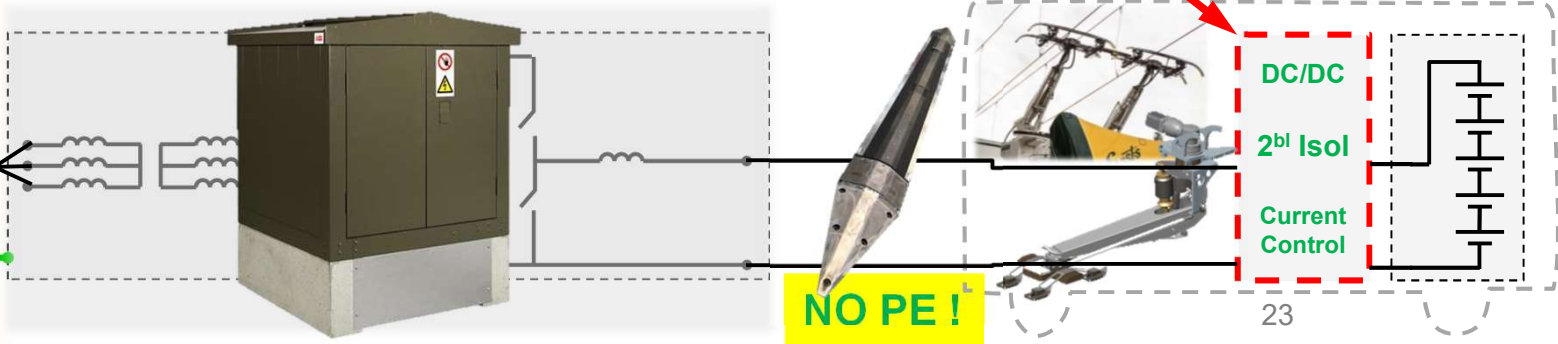


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- Siemens eHighway is currently leading
- Others follow very soon
- Significant battery size reduction (-60%...-80%)
- 150 kWh instead of 600 kWh
- **No protective earth** – requires special safety solutions



DC2



# Tesla Semi Analysis ...





# Technical facts

## Given Facts

- GVW = 80000 lbs = 36 287 kg
- Drag Coefficient = Cd = 0.36
- Drivetrain: 4 PM motors from Model 3
- Acceleration 0-60 mph = 0-97 km/h
  - Tractor only: 5 seconds
  - Full load (80000 lbs): 20 seconds
- Hill climbing: 5 % slope @ 65 mph = 105 km/h
- Range: 300/500 miles = 483/805 km
- Charging time: 400 miles = 644 km in 30 minutes

## Calculated Facts

- Energy consumption = about 1 kWh/km
- Tractor weight = 9 tons
- Traction motors = 4 x 137/192 kW (cont/peak)
- Battery Energy = 850 – 950 kWh (depends on DoD)
- Battery Weight = 4.2 – 4.7 tons (@ 0.2 kWh/kg)
- Charging power
  - = almost 1.3 Megawatt for Fast Charging
  - = 100 kW for Night Time Charging
- MEGA Charging Connector: Seems to be 4xSUPER Charging Connector



X 4 =



Volvo Trucks. Driving Progress










# Dynamic Charging

# Electric Road Systems (ERS) – Continuous charging

- Transfer energy to vehicles in motion
- Traditionally in Trains, Trams and Trolley Buses
- Different technologies, different connections
- Several different technology demonstrations under way

	<i>Top</i>	<i>Side</i>	<i>Below</i>
<i>Conductive</i>			
<i>Inductive</i>	✗	✗	
<i>Capacitive</i>	✗	✗	

# Suppliers considered in Sweden ...

Electreon



Elways



Alstom



<https://www.alstom.com>

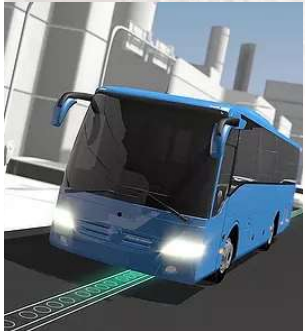
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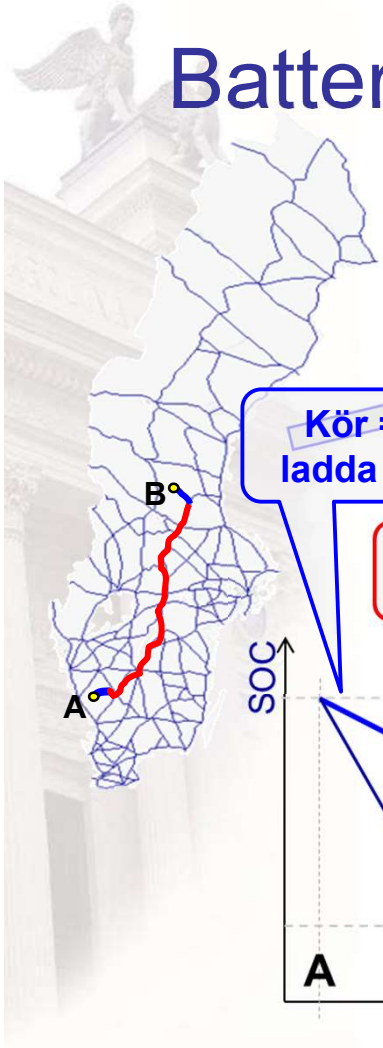
Honda



Siemens



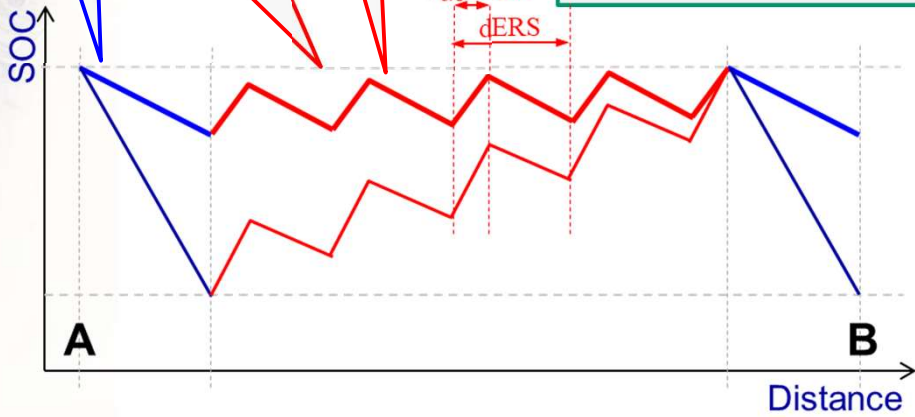
# Battery reach



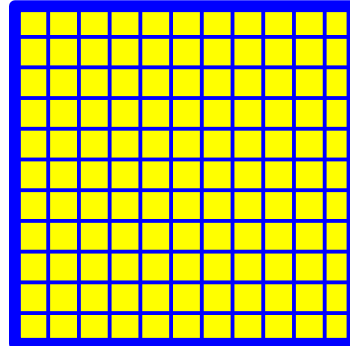
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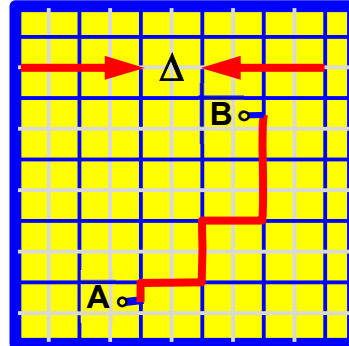


All National and European roads



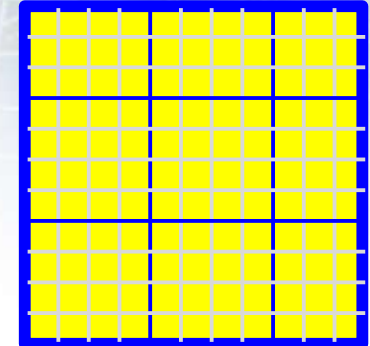
$\Delta = 61 \text{ km}$

50 % of All National and European roads



$\Delta = 134 \text{ km}$

25 % of All National and European roads

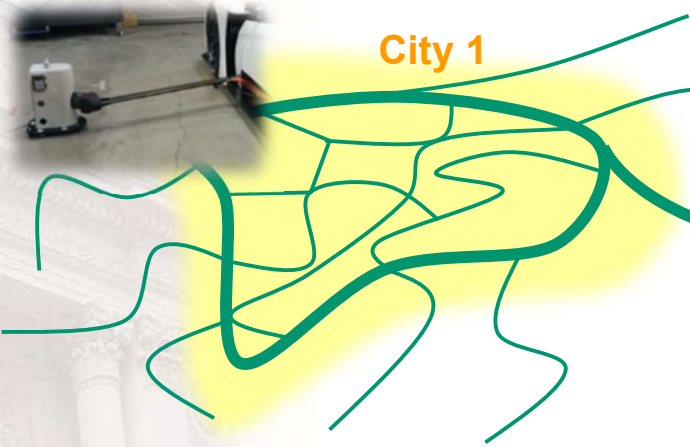


$\Delta = 336 \text{ km}$

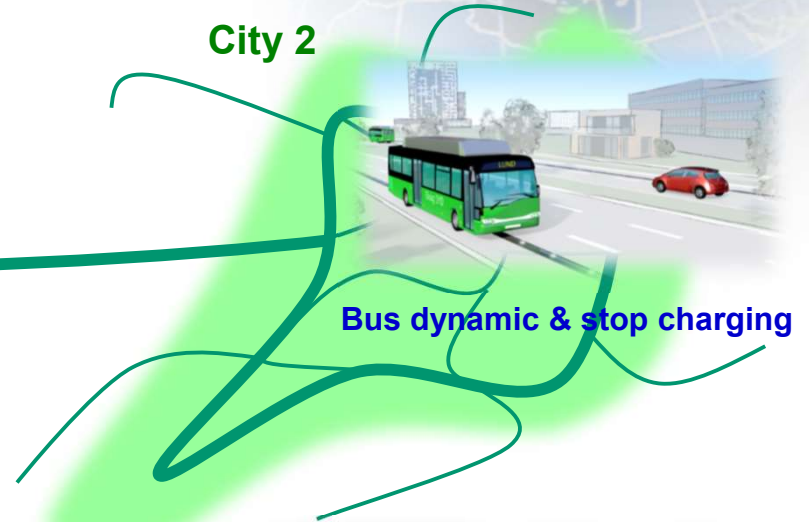
"Infinite range Extender"

# ERS between cities and static charging in cities

Static car charging

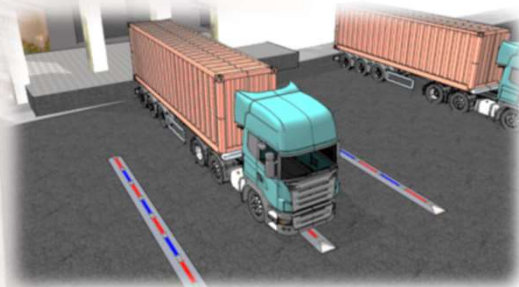


City 2



Bus dynamic & stop charging

Higway dynamic charging



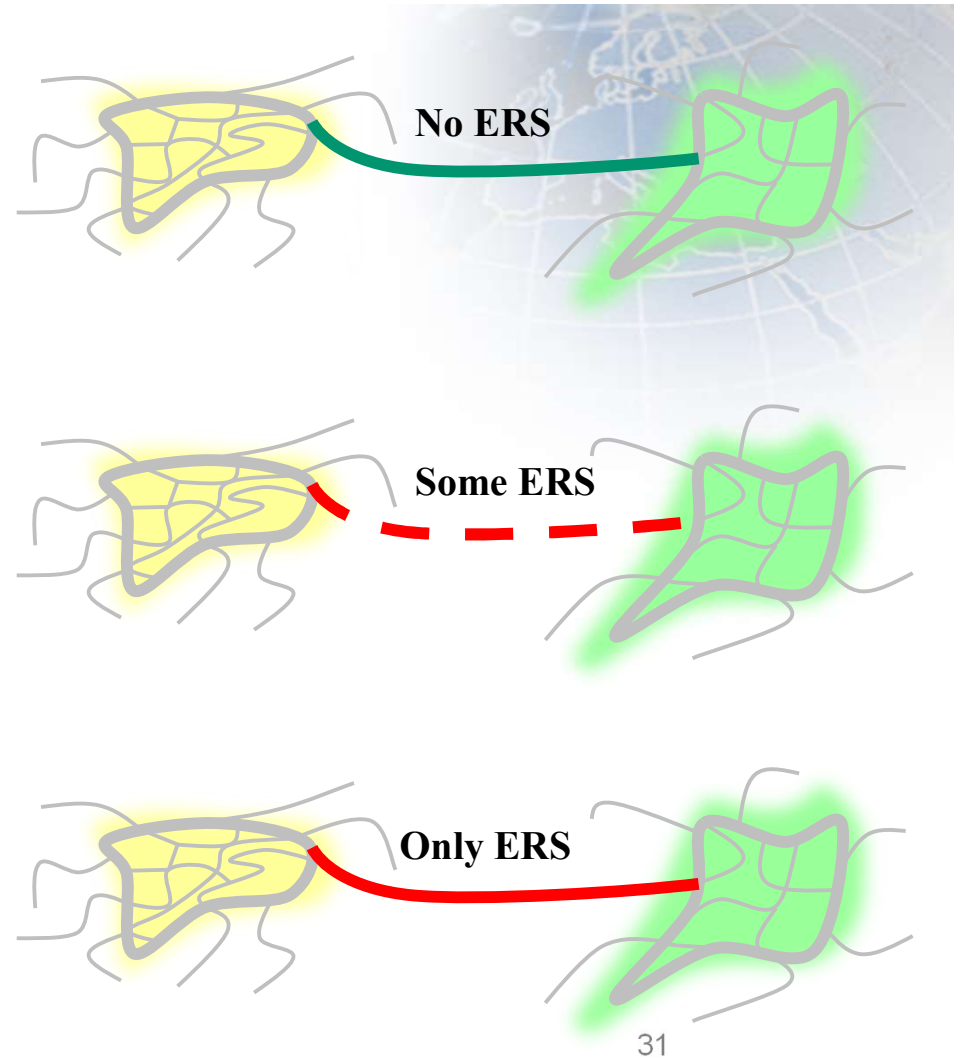
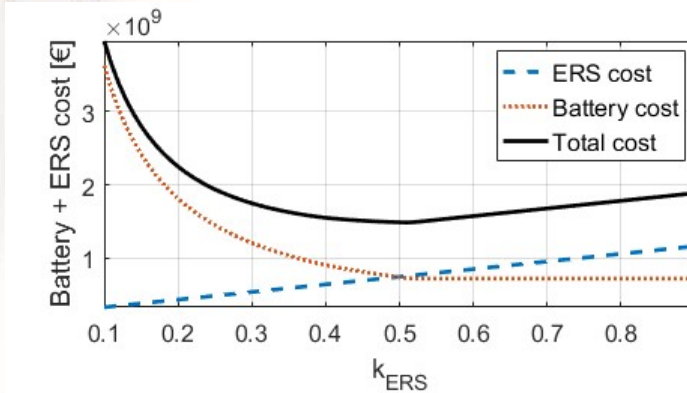
Truck static depot charging



Static car charging

# Not ERS all the way...

- No ERS  
= No ERS cost, high battery cost
- Some ERS  
= Reduced battery cost, some ERS cost
- Only ERS  
= Low battery cost, high ERS cost
- There is an optimum



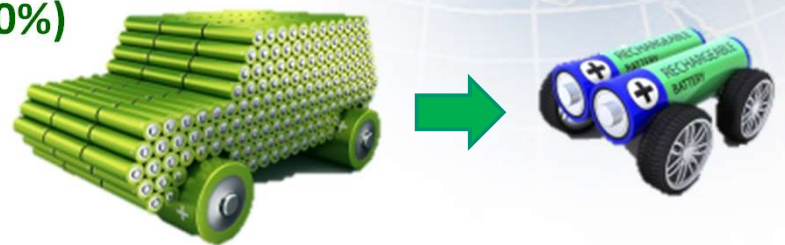
# Possibilities and Challenges

- **Possibilities:**

- **Large reduction of battery need (-50% ... -80%)**
  - Cheaper, lighter and more energy efficient vehicles
- **No need for fast chargers**
  - Only night time + ERS

- **Challenges**

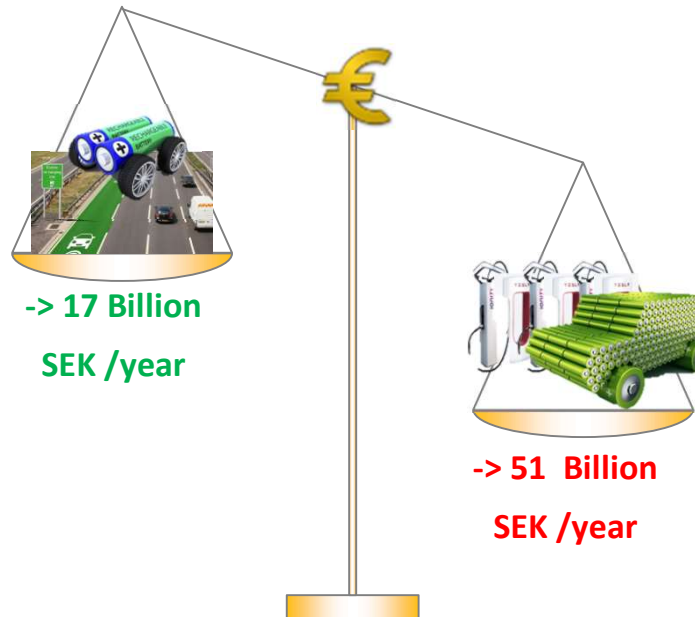
- Road installation and maintenance
- Electro magnetic, thermal and mechanical safety
- Legal and business aspects





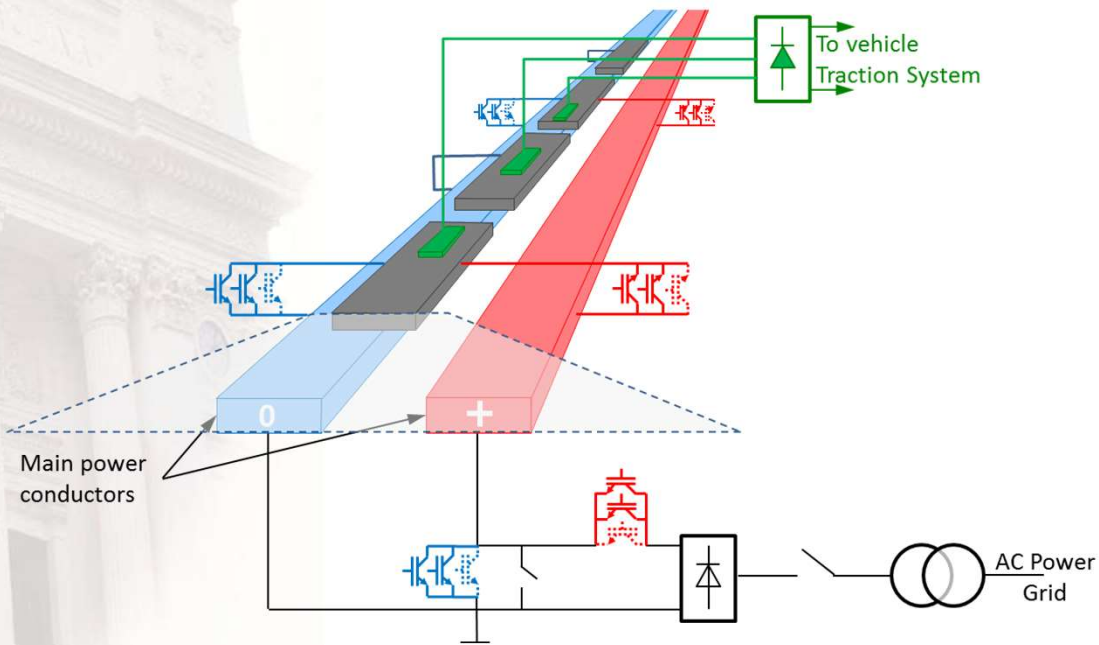
# A fast cost comparison

- 5 million **cars** á **15 kWh** batteries á 1000 SEK/kWh @ 10 years lifetime  
-> *7 Billion SEK/year*
- 50 000 **Heavy Duty Trucks** á **100 kWh** batteries á 1000 SEK/kWh @ 2 years lifetime  
-> *2 Billion SEK/year*
- 15 600 km National and European road á 10 Million SEK/km @ 20 years lifetime  
-> *8 Billion SEK/year*



- 5 million **cars** á **75 kWh** batteries á 1000 SEK/kWh @ 10 years lifetime  
-> *38 Billion SEK/year*
- 50 000 **Heavy Duty Trucks** á **500 kWh** batteries á 1000 SEK/kWh @ 2 years lifetime  
-> *12 Billion SEK/year*
- 50 000 "**SuperChargers**" á 150 kW á 6000 SEK/kW @ 25 years lifetime  
-> *1 Billion SEK/year*
- 500 "**MEGACHargers**" á 1000 kW á 6000 SEK/kW @ 25 years lifetime  
-> *0,12 Billion SEK/year*

# Elonroad





# Other applications of Power Electronics



# Frequency Conversion

- Japan East / West
- 50/60 Hz
- 600 MW

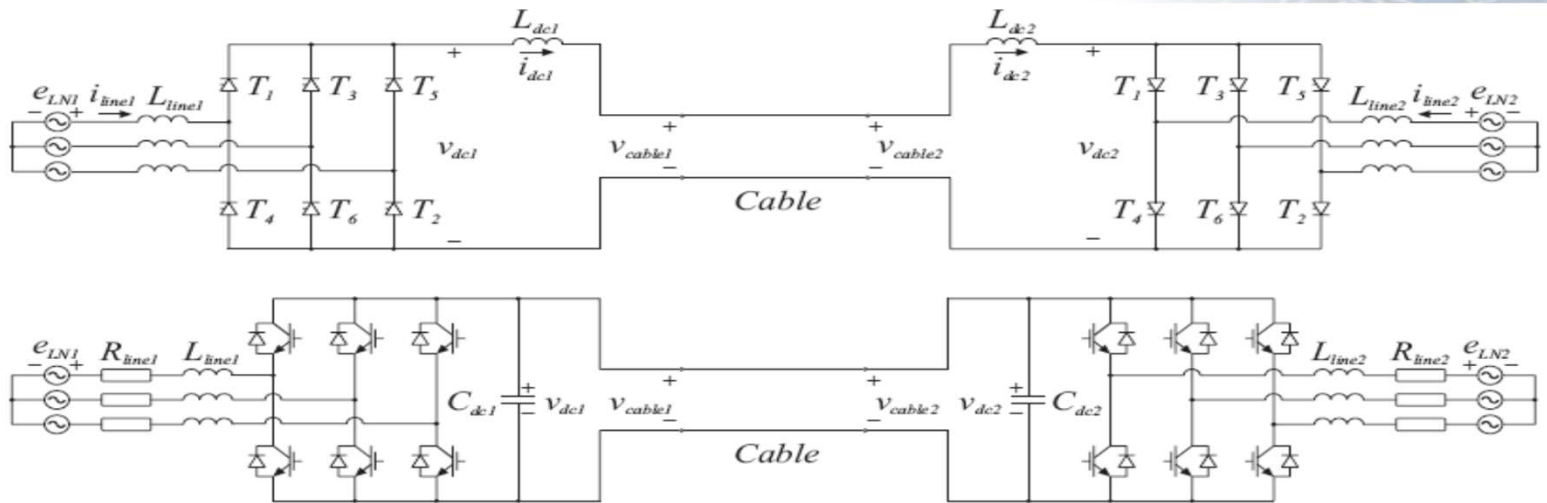


# HVDC

- Japan: Hokkaido to Honshu / 600 MW



# HVDC and Transistor Based HVDC

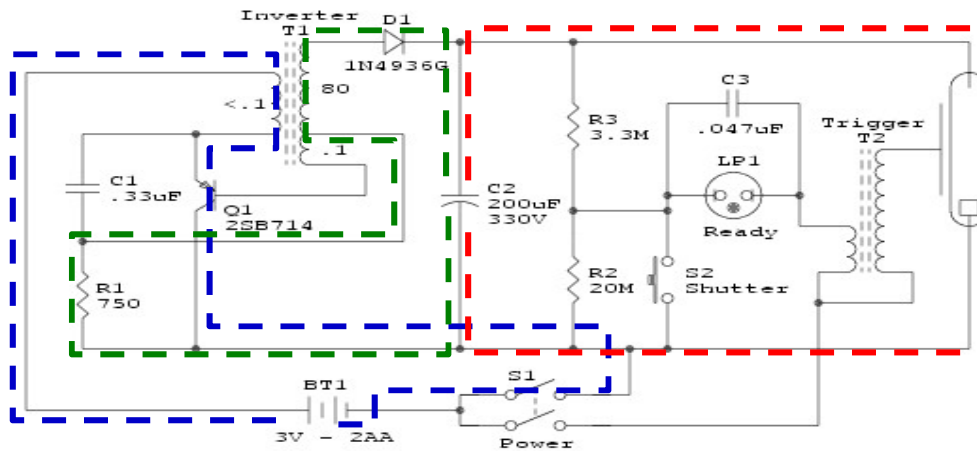


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# Camera with flash



Kodak Ektralite 10 Flash Unit

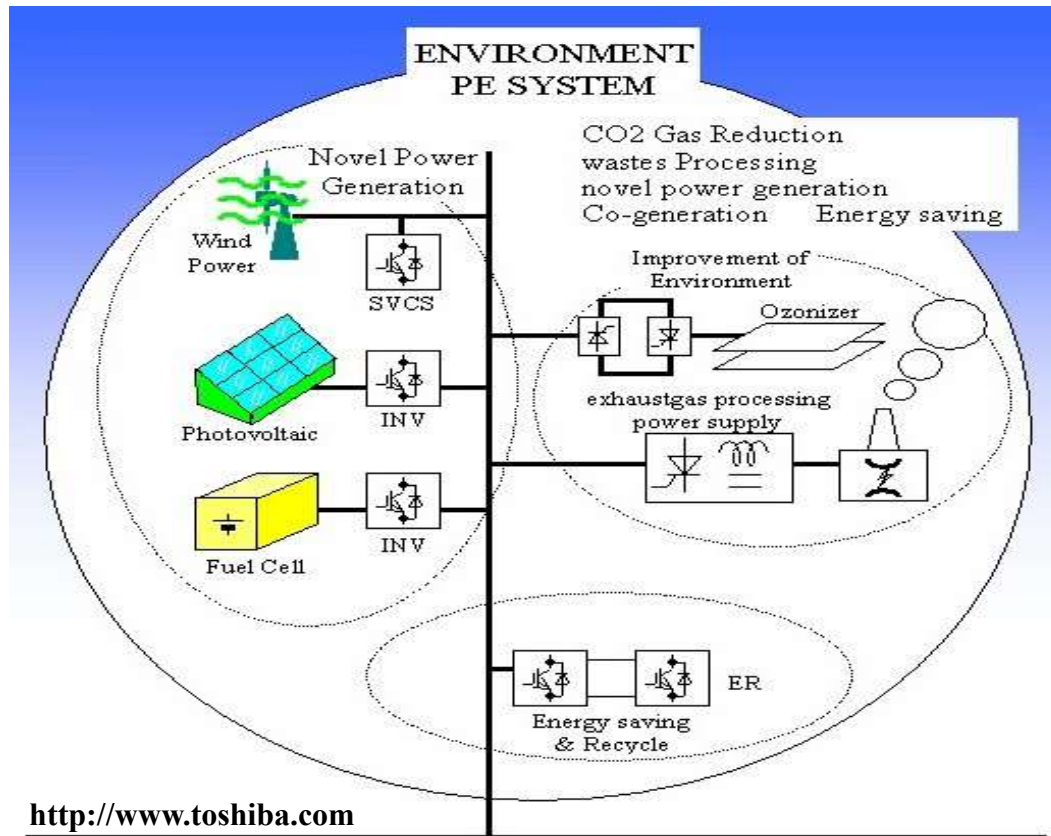


# Audio amplifiers

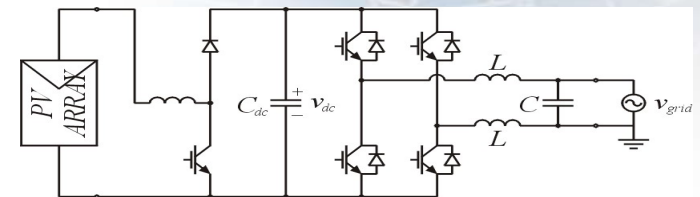




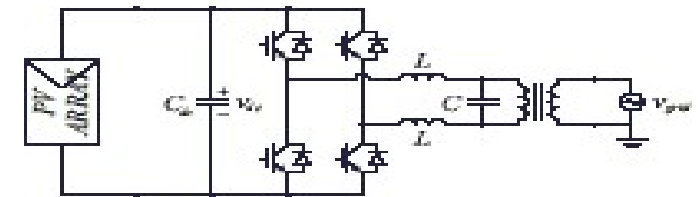
# Renewable Energy Systems



## Converters Suitable for Solar Cells

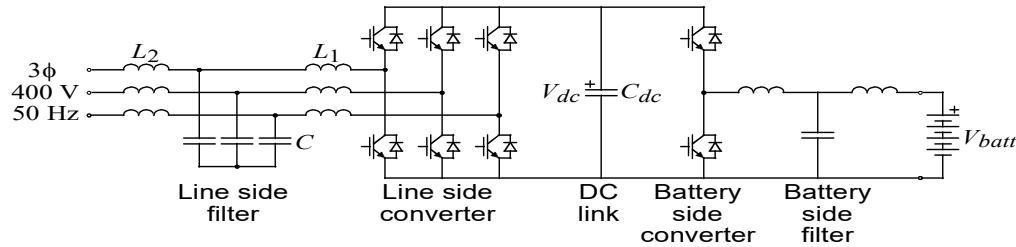
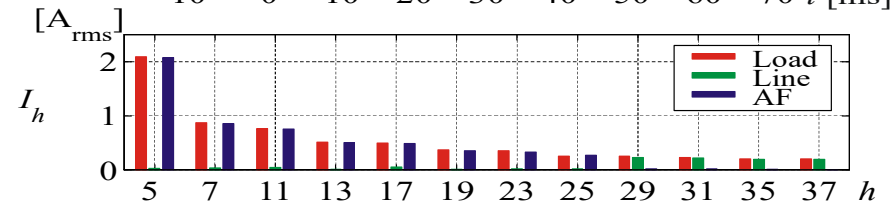
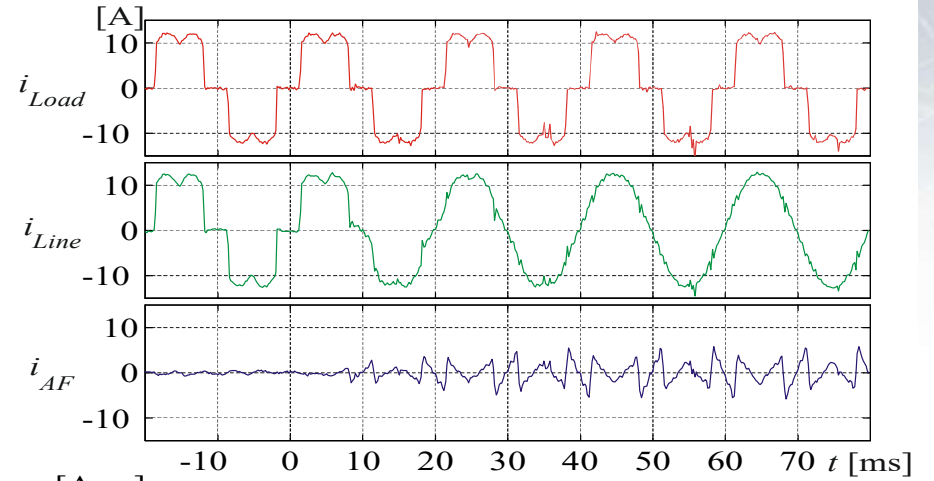
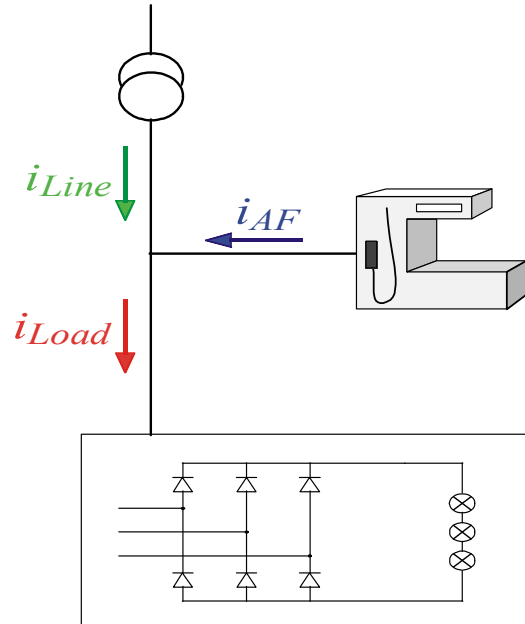


**Without transformer**



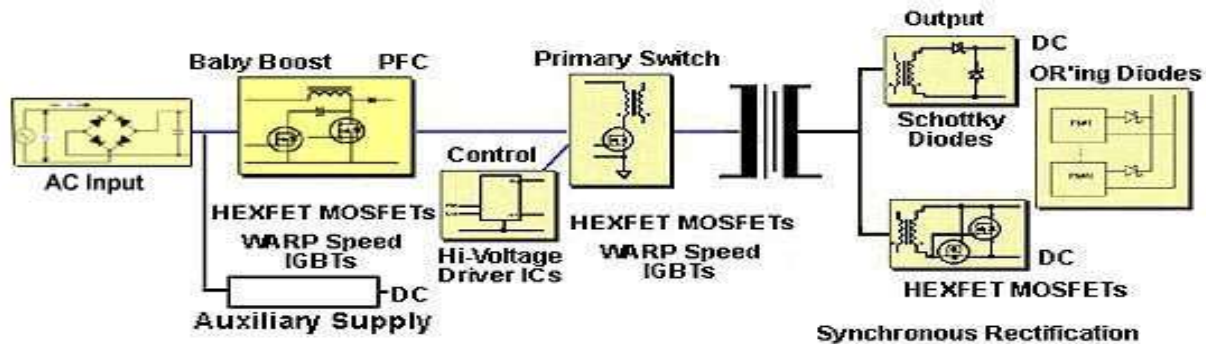
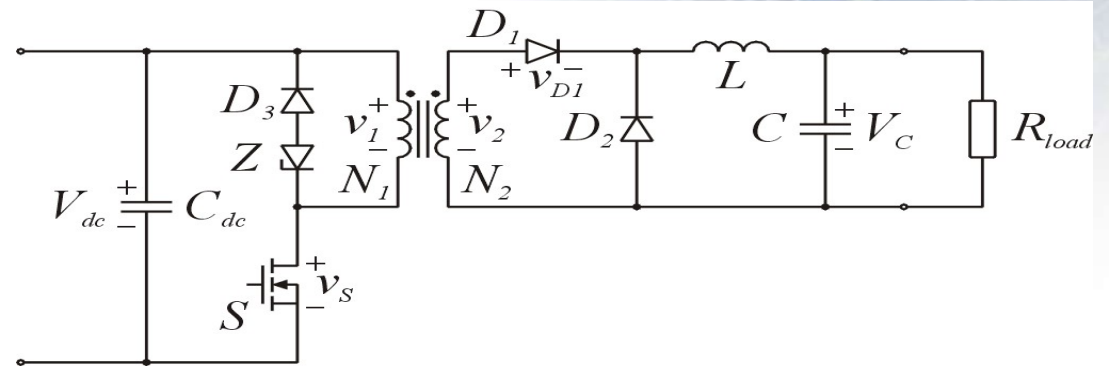
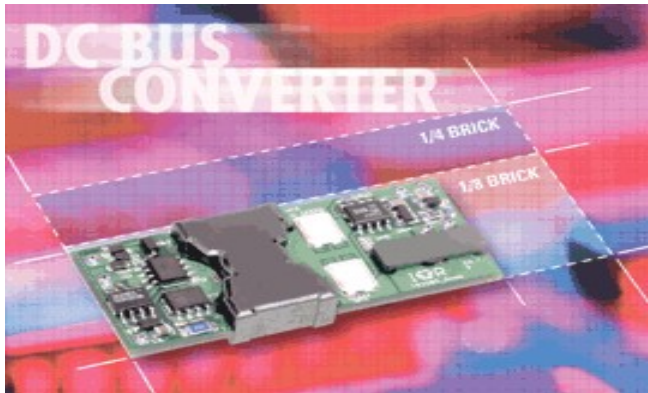
**With transformer**

# Active Filters



# Switch Mode Power Supplies

## - Forward Converter



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**Thank You!**



# The Course 2021

- Lectures 2 times a week
- 2...3 exercises a week
- 6 labs with home assignments / simulation exercises:
  - The Flyback Converter
  - The H-bridge
  - Speed Control with a DC Machine
  - Control of an Active Power Filter
  - Control of PM Machines
  - Control of Induction Machines



# Teaching Plan 2021

Calendar Week	Date	Time	Event Lecture, Exercise, Preparation	Topic	Teacher	Note (deadlines)	
3	2021-01-18	15:15-17:00	L	Intro + Semiconductors and bridges	Mats		
	2021-01-19	13:15-15:00	L	Bridges, switch dynamics, snubbers	Mats		
	2021-01-21	13:15-15:00	E	Semiconductors, bridges etc	Mats		
	2021-01-21	15:15-17:00	E	Semiconductors, bridges etc	Mats		
2021-01-22	10:15-12:00	P	Flyback Simulation preparation (Ltspace)	Akanksha			
4	2021-01-25	13:15-15:00	L	DC/DC conv +1 phase modulation	Mats		
	2021-01-25	15:15-17:00	E	DC/DC conv +1 phase modulation	Mats		
	2021-01-27	10:15-12:00	P	Flyback Lab preparation	Akanksha	Flyback simulation report	
	2021-01-27	13:15-15:00	L	H-bridge + 2 phase modulation (+ thermal)	Mats		
2021-01-29	10:15-12:00	P	H-bridge Simulation preparation (+ support an Flyback Lab)	Akanksha			
5	2021-02-01	13:15-15:00	L	Position and Speed control	Mats		
	2021-02-01	15:15-17:01	E	Position and Speed control	Mats		
	2021-02-03	10:15-12:00	L	DC Current Control	Mats	Flyback lab report	
	2021-02-03	13:15-15:00	E	DC Current Control	Mats		
	2021-02-05	08:15-10:00	P	H-bridge Lab preparation + thermal	Akanksha	H-bridge simulation report	
6	2021-02-08	13:15-15:00	L	Torque generation	Mats		
	2021-02-08	15:15-17:01	E	Torque generation	Mats		
	2021-02-10	10:15-12:00	L	DC Machine Theory and Control	Mats		
	2021-02-10	13:15-15:00	E	DC Machine Theory and Control	Mats		
	2021-02-12	08:15-10:00	P	DC-machine Simulation preparation	Samuel	H-bridge lab report	
7	2021-02-15	13:15-15:00	L	AC-power + 3 phase modulation	Mats		
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	2021-02-19	08:15-10:00	E	AC Current Control	Mats		
8	2021-02-22	13:15-15:00	L	Static VAR compensation	Mats		
	2021-02-22	15:15-17:01	E	Static VAR compensation	Mats		
	2021-02-24	10:15-12:00	L	Active Filters, design & control	Mats		
	2021-02-24	13:15-15:00	E	Active Filters, design & control	Mats		
	2021-02-26	08:15-10:00	L	Guest lecture Active Power Filters	Mats	DC-machine lab report	
9	2021-03-01	13:15-15:00	L	Passive components (Ind&Cap)	Mats		
	2021-03-01	15:15-17:01	E	Passive components (Ind&Cap)	Mats		
	2021-03-03	10:15-12:00	L	Inductor design	Mats		
	2021-03-03	13:15-15:00	E	Inductor design	Mats		
	2021-03-05	08:15-10:00	-	Spare	Mats		
10	No teaching						
11	Exam period						

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12	2021-03-23	13:15-15:00	L	Synchronous Machine and PMSM	Mats		
	2021-03-23	15:15-17:01	E	Synchronous Machine and PMSM	Mats		
	2021-03-25	13:15-15:00	P	AF simulation preparation	Max		
13	2021-03-25	15:15-17:01	L	Control of PMSM, incl FW	Mats		
	2021-03-30	13:15-15:00	E	Control of PMSM, incl FW	Mats		
	2021-03-30	15:15-17:01	L	Semiconductor I	Mats		
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21	2021-05-25	13:15-15:01	L	Resonant and Multilevel converters	Mats		
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	2021-05-27	15:15-17:02	P	Exam preparations	Mats		
22	2020-06-03	15:00-19:00				Written Exam	

# Home Assignments

- Content as similar as possible to the labs
- Prepares you for the lab
- Diagnostic tests can be used before the labs – You must pass!



# Covid-19 limitations

- To start with, we will do everything via Internet
  - Lectures, Exercises, Labs
- IF, or WHEN, it is possible, we will return to F2F teaching
- The Labs are the trickiest part !
  - Based on filmed lab moments that you analyse





# Teachers

- Lectures:
  - Mats Alaküla, professor
  
- Course assistance, simulation exercises and Labs:
  - Akanksha Upadthey, PhD student
  - Max Collins, PhD student
  - Samuel Estenlund, PhD Student

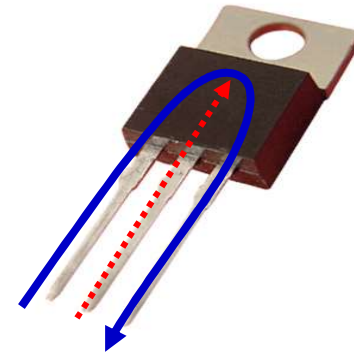
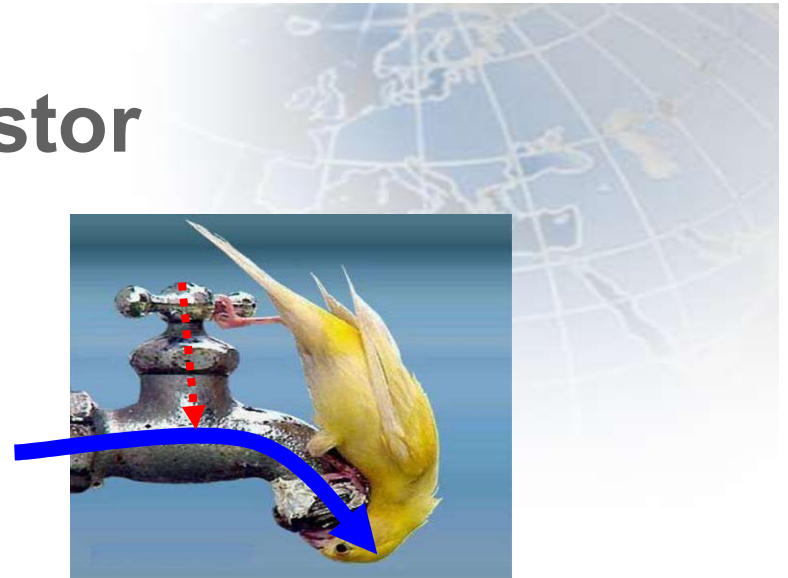


# Components

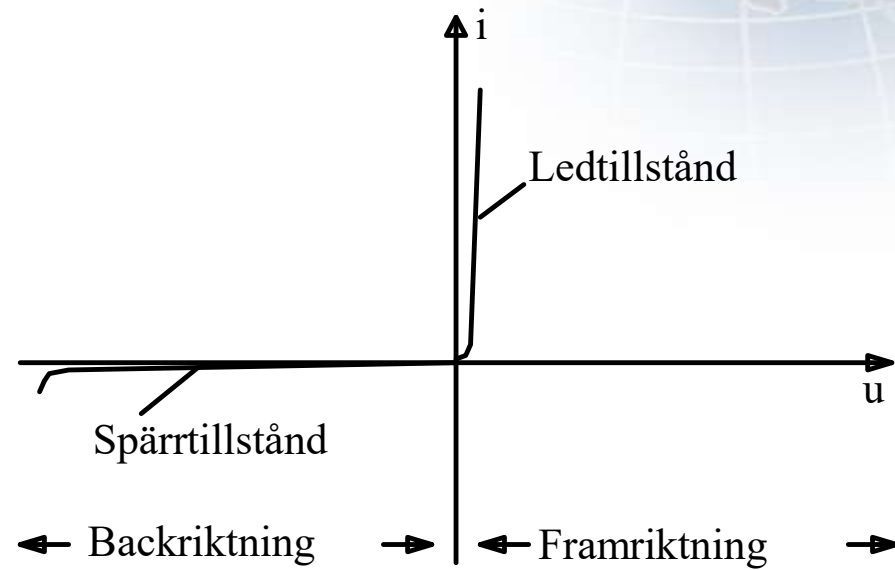
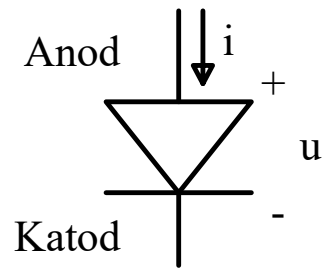


# Components 1 : The transistor

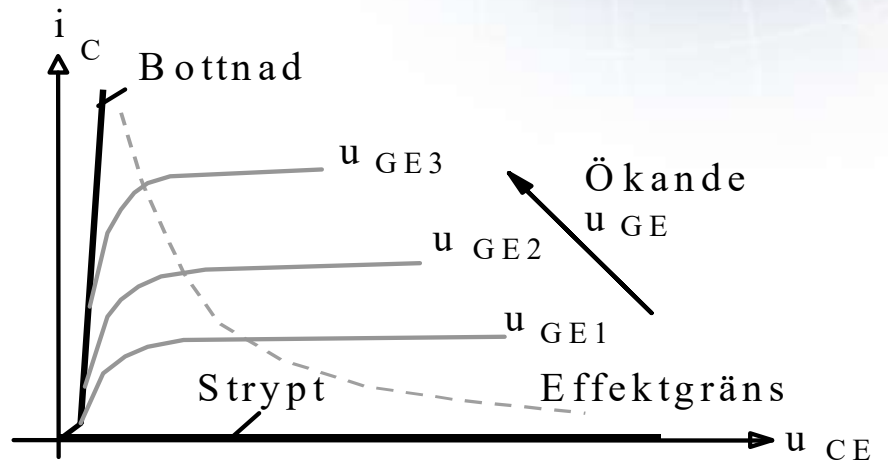
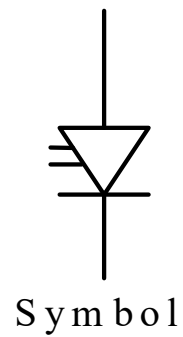
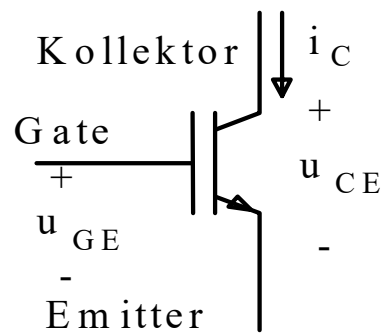
- Works like a valve for electric current
- Compare to a water tap
  - Control a big flow with a small movement
  - $\text{Flow} \times \text{Pressure drop} = \text{Power}$
  - Heats the water (a little)
- A transistor
  - Controls a big current with a small current
  - $\text{The voltage drop across the transistor} \times \text{the current} = \text{Power}$
  - Heats the transistor (a lot)



# Components 2: The Diode



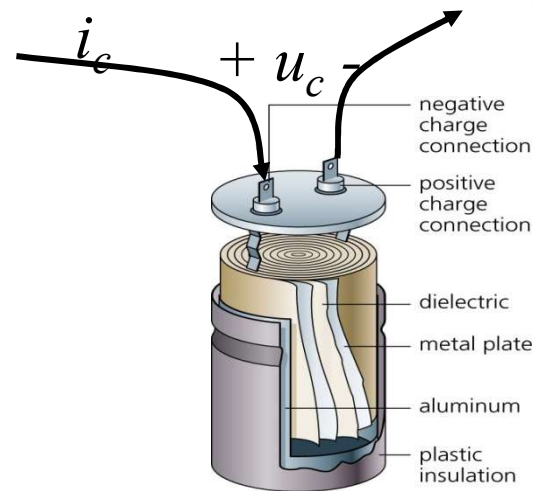
# Components 3: The IGBT – transistor



# Components 4: The Capacitor

- Stores electric current with increasing voltage like a hydrophore stores a fluid or gas with increasing pressure

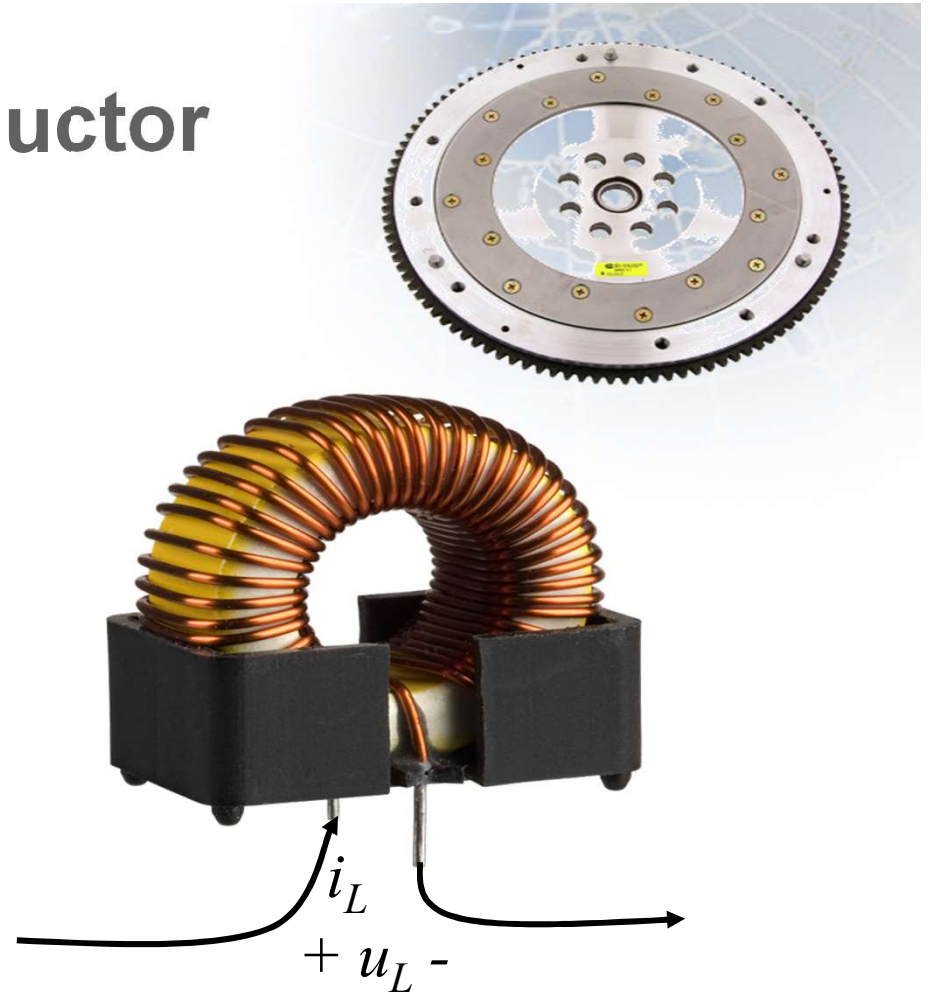
$$\frac{du_c}{dt} = \frac{1}{C} \cdot i$$



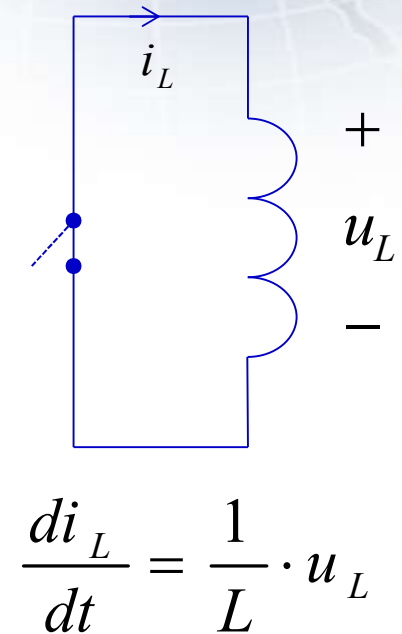
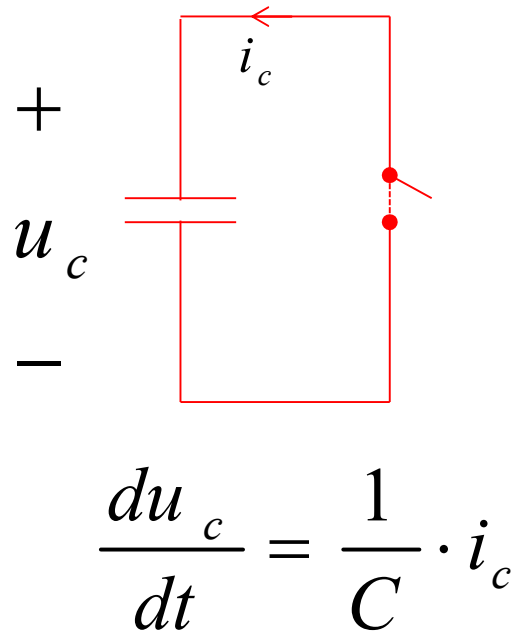
# Components 5: The Inductor

- Stores current into magnetic energy like a flywheel stores torque into speed and mechanical energy

$$\frac{di_L}{dt} = \frac{1}{L} \cdot u_L$$



Never break an **inductive current**  
Never short a **capacitive voltage**

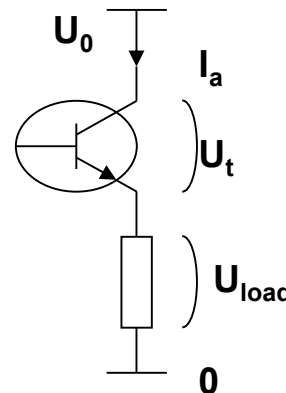




# Basic Switching



# Fundamentals of Switching



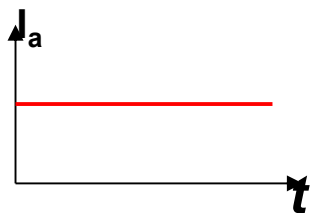
## Analogue

$$P_{\text{load}} = U_{\text{load}} * I_a$$

$$P_{\text{loss}} = U_t * I_a$$

$$U_t \approx U_{\text{load}}$$

$$P_{\text{loss}} \approx P_{\text{load}}$$



## Switched

**On**

$$U_t \approx 0$$

$$I_a = I_{\text{load}}$$

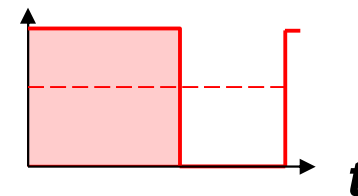
$$P_{\text{loss}} = 0$$

**Off**

$$U_t = U_0$$

$$I_s = 0$$

$$P_{\text{loss}} = 0$$



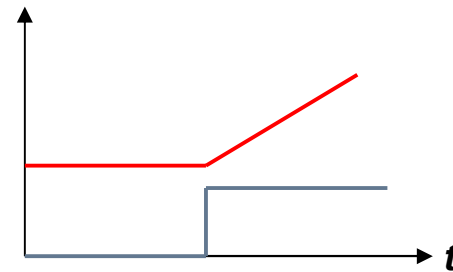
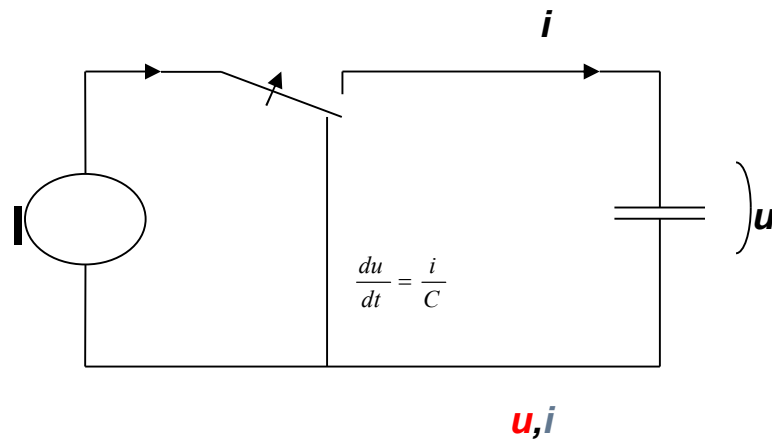
**Never break an inductive current**  
**Never short a capacitive voltage**



# BASIC

turn on current step, capacitive load.

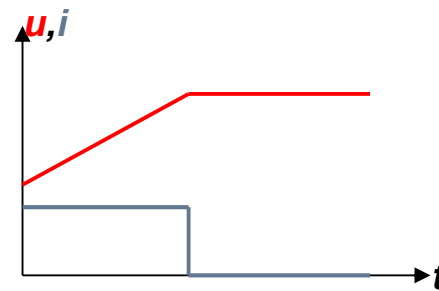
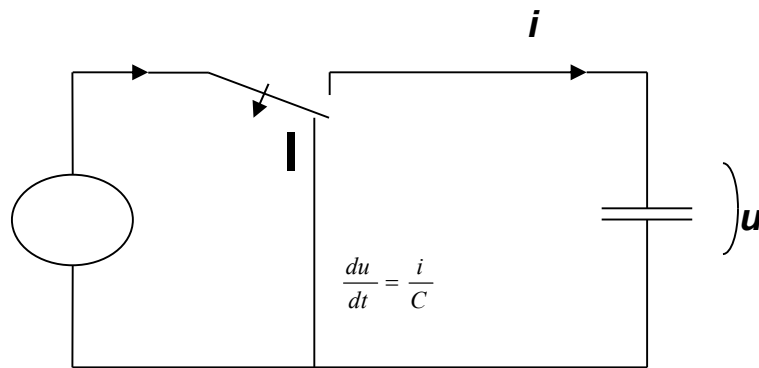
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# BASIC

turn off current step, capacitive load.

No problem

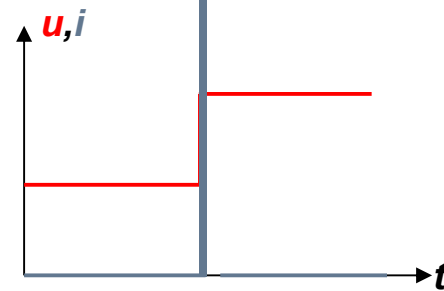
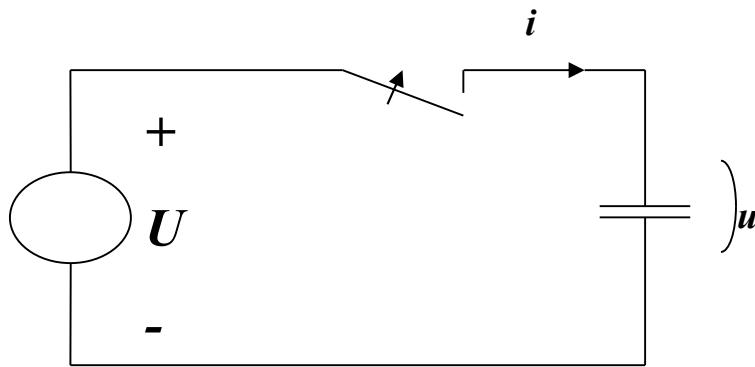


# BASIC

turn on voltage step with capacitive load.

**Problem!**

$$i = C \cdot \frac{du}{dt}$$

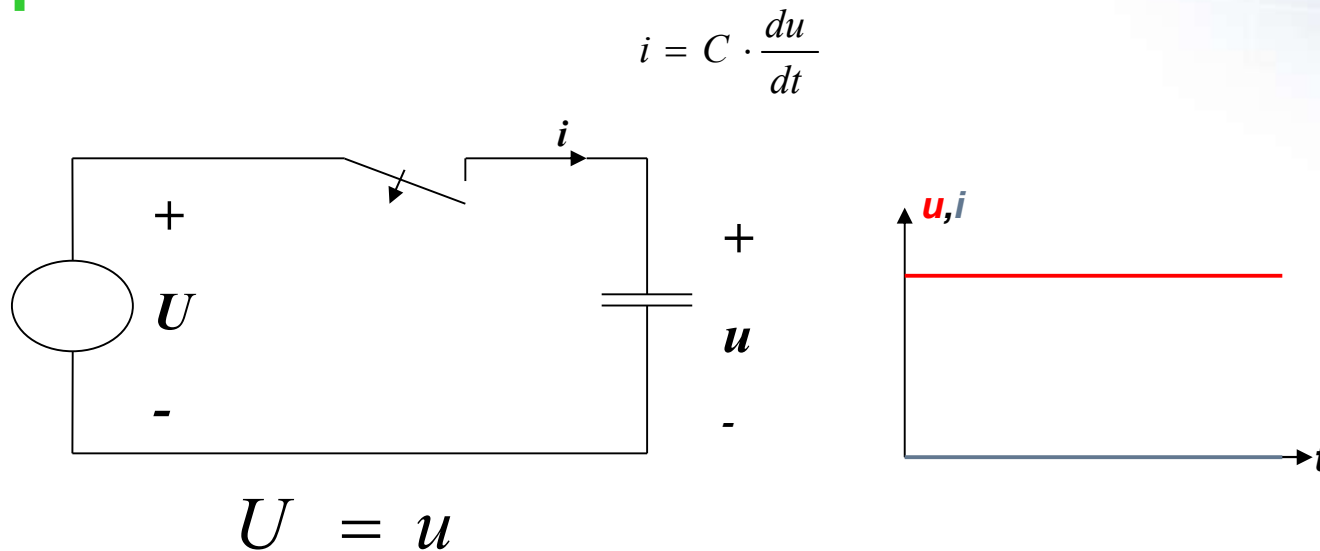


$$U \neq u$$

# BASIC

turn off voltage step, capacitive load.

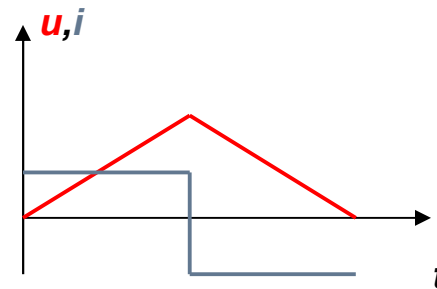
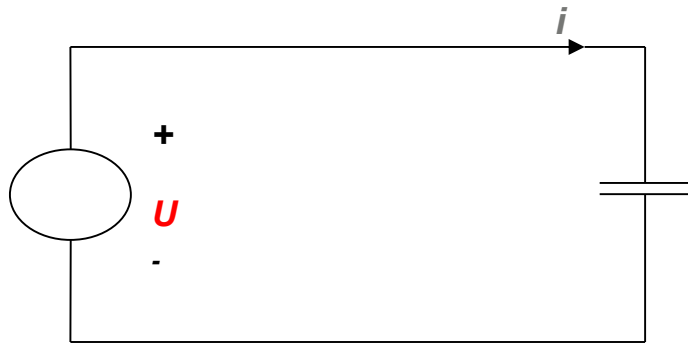
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# BASIC

voltage ramp, capacitive load.  
**No problem**

$$i = C \cdot \frac{du}{dt}$$

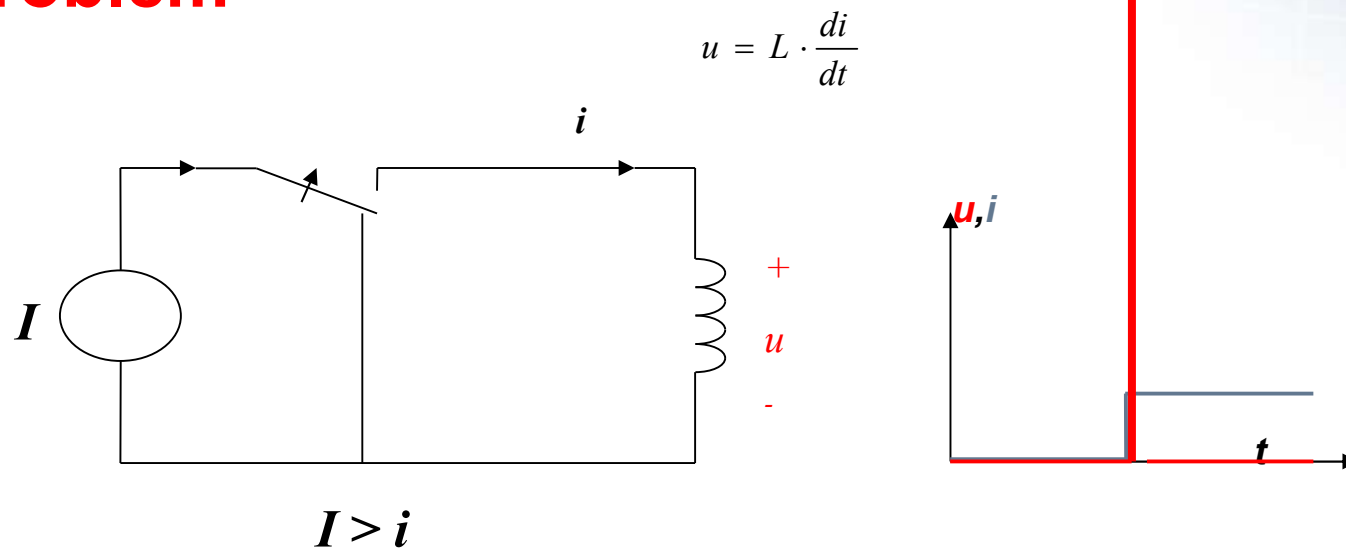




# BASIC

turn on current step, inductive load.

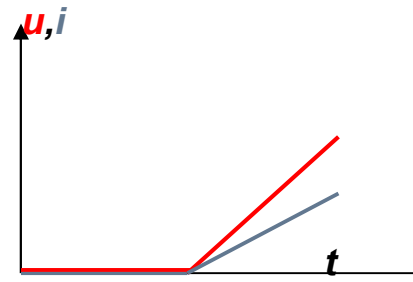
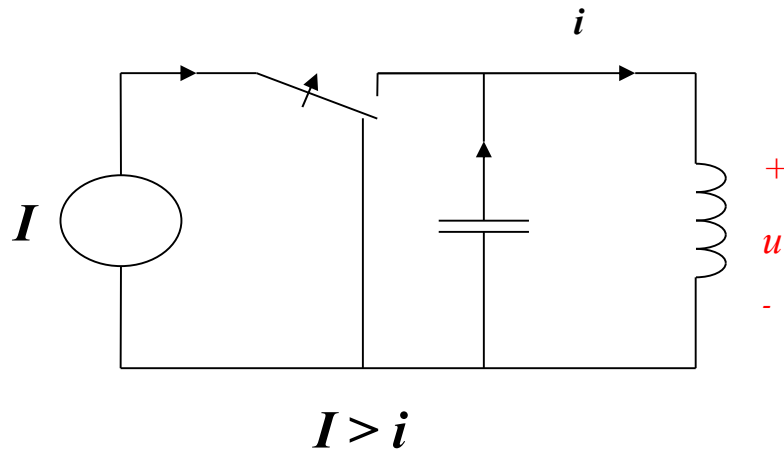
**Problem**



# BASIC

turn on current step, inductive load.  
Counter measure with capacitor

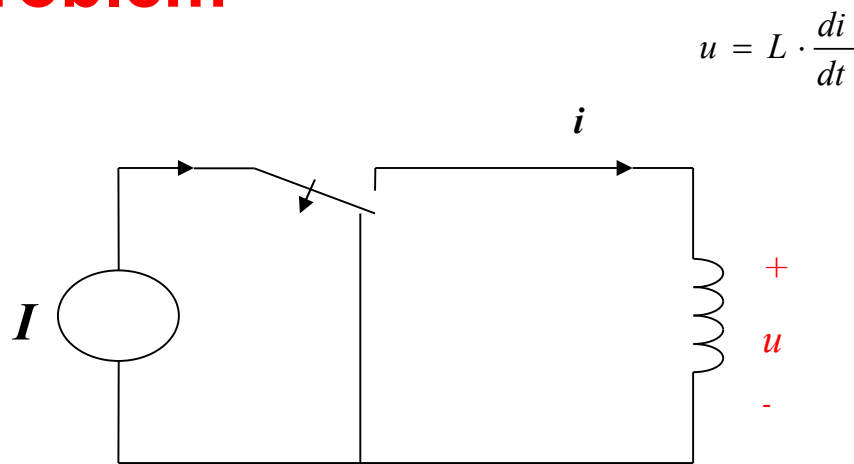
$$u = L \cdot \frac{di}{dt}$$



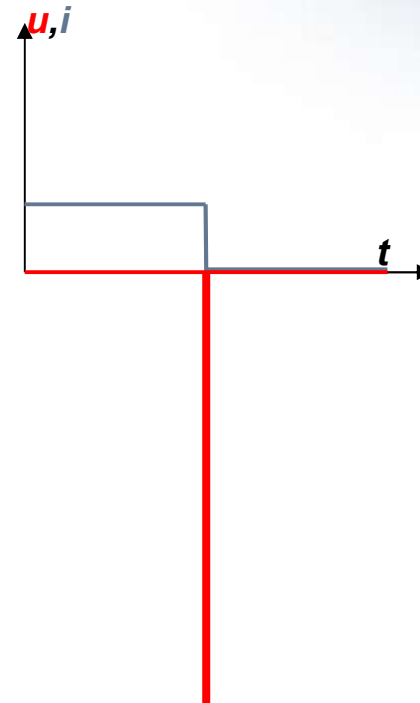
# BASIC

turn off current step, inductive load.

## Problem



$$u = L \cdot \frac{di}{dt}$$



# BASIC

turn off current step, inductive load.  
Counter measure with freewheeling diode

