# Course in **Power Electronics**



### Windmills: Example of an Integrated System



## Another Example : Switch-Mode DC Power Supply



# High Efficiency is very important: Diodes, Thyristors, MOSFETs, IGBTs, GTOs, etc used as Switches



### Beyond Silicon: New Materials

Parameters:

	Si	4H-SiC	Diamond		1
Bandgap	1.1	3	5	eV	Y
Breakdown field	0.3	3	10	MV/cm	1
Max electron velocity 1.0		2	3	10 <sup>7</sup> cm/s	24
Thermal conductivity 1.5		5	20	W/cmK	

Silicon Carbide exceeds the fundamental limitations of Silicon by a factor 10-100 in improved device properties

#### A Common Topology: Voltage-Link Converters



Switching Power-Pole: Building-block of converters

- Synthesis by Pulse-Width Modulation
- Bidirectional Power Flow



#### Average Representation of the Switching Power-Pole:



### Feedback Control assisted by PSpice:



### Converters for DC and AC Motor Drives:



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### **Topics Covered in this Course:**

- Switch-Mode Converters
  - Buck, Boost, Buck-Boost
  - Flyback, Forward, Full-Bridge
  - DC and AC Motor Drives
  - Power-Factor-Correction Circuits
- Feedback Control
- Thyristor Converters
  - Textbook:
    - Presentation Slides
    - Solutions Manual



### **PSpice-based Lab:** (Using Student/Evaluation Version)

- Switching Power-Pole
- Capacitor Characteristic
- Buck, Boost, Buck-Boost Converters
- Average Modeling of dc-dc Converters
- Feedback Control: Voltage & Current-Mode
- Frequency Response in DCM
- Flyback, Forward and Full-Bridge Converters
- Soft-Switching in DC-DC Converters
- Converters for DC-Motor Drives
- Converters for 3-Phase AC Motor Drives
- Thyristor Converters

### Hardware Lab: very low-cost

#### **Switching Power - Pole Board**





**Magnetics Plug - In Board** 



Feedback Control Plug - In Board

#### **Power Electronics Laboratory**

<u>User Manual</u>

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#### **Experiments:**

Buck, Boost, Buck-Boost
Feedback Control: Voltage
-Mode, Peak-Current-Mode
Flyback, Forward

# Additional Experiments Using FPGAs (funded by ONR)

- Digital Control of DC-DC Converters
- Full-Bridge DC-DC Converters
- Soft-Switching in Full-Bridge DC-DC Converters
- DC Motor Drives
- 3-Phase AC Drives



### Hands-on Construction Kit:



- Forward converter with regulated output
  - Components and circuit board provided.
  - Students mount (solder) components on board and test converter.

### **Graduate-Level Textbook:**

