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# **Unit 2**

## **Power Semiconductor Device**

### **requirements, characteristics and application**

# Power Semiconductor Devices

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- ◆ Devices similar to the ones you already have heard of (MOSFET, BJT, Diodes etc) are used – but they are often much bigger – called “Power Devices”
- ◆ In many electronic circuits (e.g. amplifiers), devices are **biased** so that they operate in their ***linear region*** – not good for power electronics – too much heat generated in the device
- ◆ In power electronics, devices are either **OFF** (no base or gate drive) or **ON** (sufficient base or gate drive to “saturate” the device – see later)
- ◆ There are three basic classes of switching device:
  - ◆ *Controlled devices* (“transistors” of various kinds) – ON/OFF can be controlled by a gate or base terminal
  - ◆ *Uncontrolled devices* (Diodes) – ON/OFF is determined by external circuit conditions
  - ◆ *Latching Devices* (Thyristors and Triacs) – special devices with ON control via a gate, but OFF determined by external circuit conditions

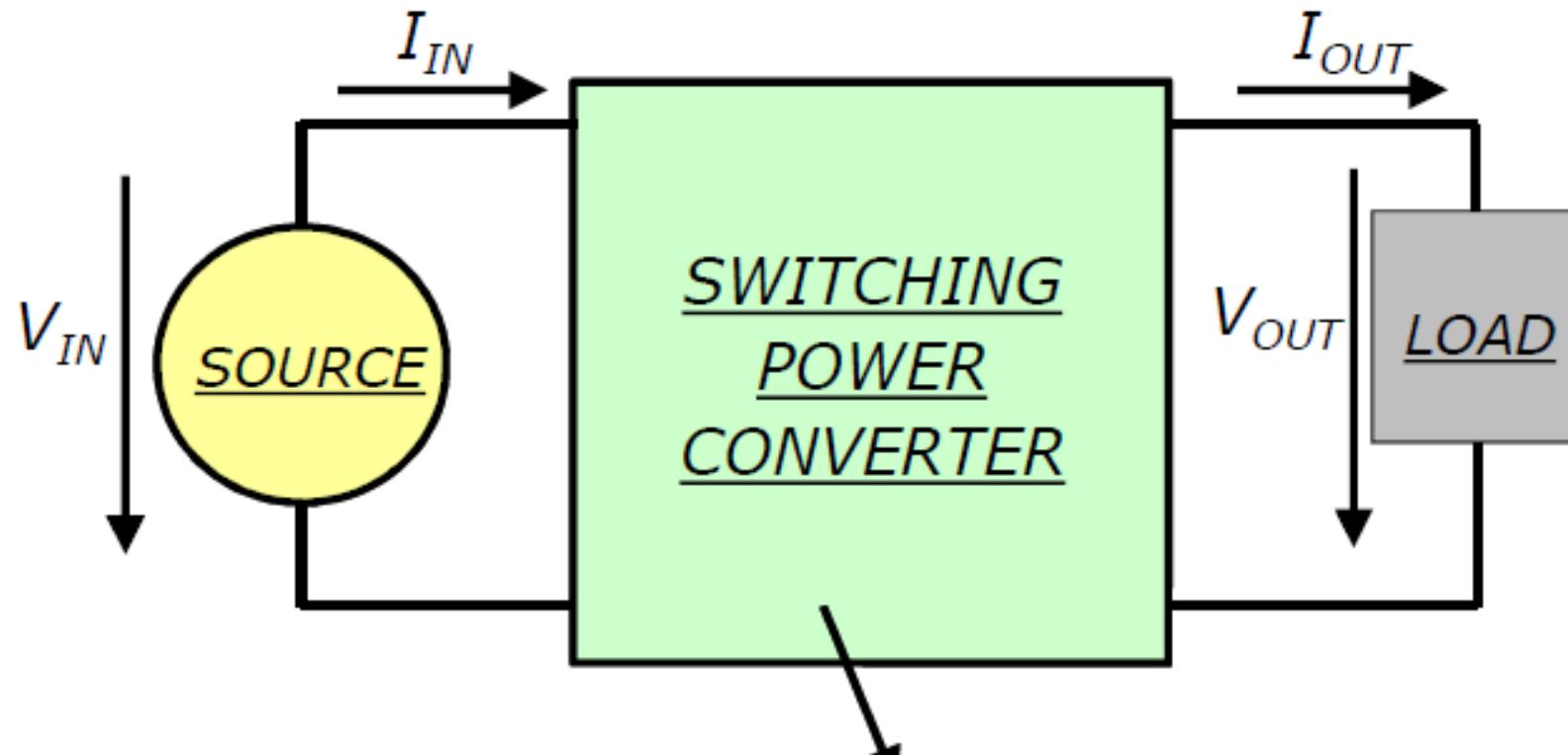
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# Requirements

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## Power Electronic Conversion

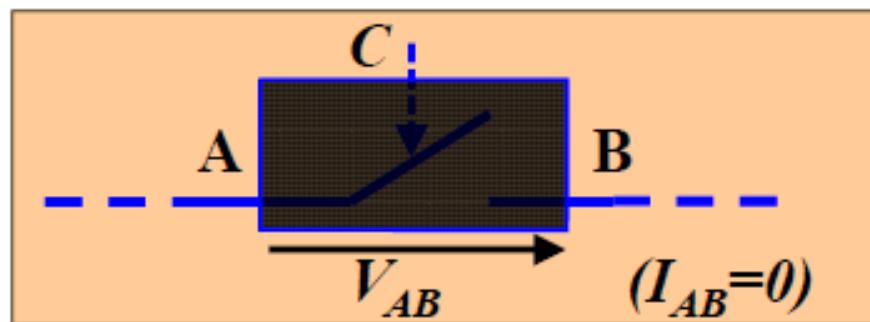


$$\text{Ideally: } V_{IN} \cdot I_{IN} = P_{IN} = P_{OUT} = V_{OUT} \cdot I_{OUT}$$

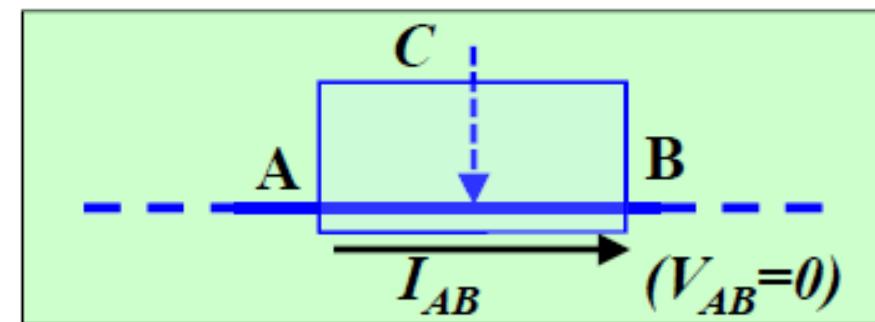
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## Ideal switches in Power Electronic Conversion

OFF-STATE



ON-STATE



Block voltage with zero current flow

Allow current flow with zero voltage drop

Transition between ON and OFF states  
controllable, instantaneous and non-dissipative

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## Conductive properties of materials

### Metal

EXCELLENT CURRENT CONDUCTION PROPERTIES

### Semiconductor

TRADE-OFF ACHIEVABLE BY DESIGN

### Insulator

EXCELLENT BLOCKING CHARACTERISTICS

Atomic #	Symbol	Name	Atomic Mass
1	H	Hydrogen	1.00794
3	Li	Lithium	6.941
11	Na	Sodium	22.9878520
19	K	Potassium	39.093
20	Ca	Calcium	40.078
21	Sc	Scandium	44.95912
22	Ti	Titanium	47.987
23	V	Vanadium	50.9415
24	Cr	Chromium	51.9961
25	Mn	Manganese	54.938045
26	Fe	Iron	55.845
27	Co	Cobalt	58.933155
28	Ni	Nickel	58.934
29	Cu	Copper	63.545
30	Zn	Zinc	65.38
31	Ga	Gallium	69.723
32	Ge	Dermanium	72.64
33	As	Antimony	74.92165
34	Se	Selenium	78.96
35	Br	Bromine	79.904
36	Kr	Krypton	83.759
2	He	Helium	4.002602
10	Ne	Neon	20.1797
13	Al	Aluminum	26.981538
14	Si	Silicon	28.085
15	P	Phosphorus	30.97376
16	S	Sulfur	32.065
17	Cl	Chlorine	35.453
18	Ar	Argon	39.948

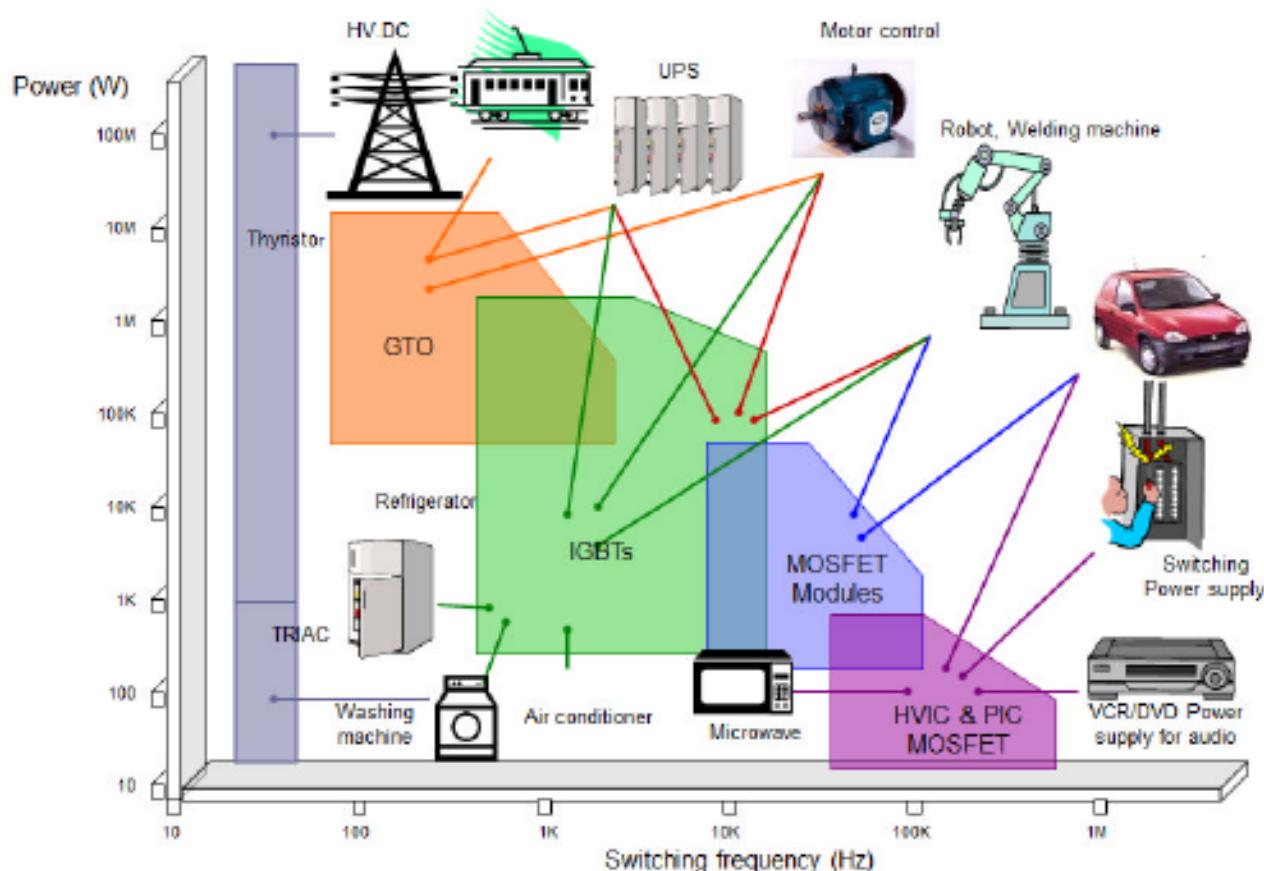
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# Application

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## Switches in power conversion circuitry



Higher switching frequency → smaller dimensions, better EMC, improved dynamics

Limit associated with power losses

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## Most relevant ratings

**Voltage rating:** withstand reverse bias without failure and with negligible leakage current (→ off-state power losses)

**Current rating:** handle required current levels with good performance in terms of efficiency and switching speed

**Temperature rating:** ensure desired performance, prevent catastrophic failure, lifetime

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## Most relevant characteristics

**Controllability:** low-power control of transitions from ON to OFF and vice versa; low-power control of both ON and OFF states

**Switching speed:** fast, low-dissipation achievement of final states (either ON or OFF)

**Power dissipation:** device/system efficiency, thermal management (system size, weight, cost), reliability

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Device types and characteristics

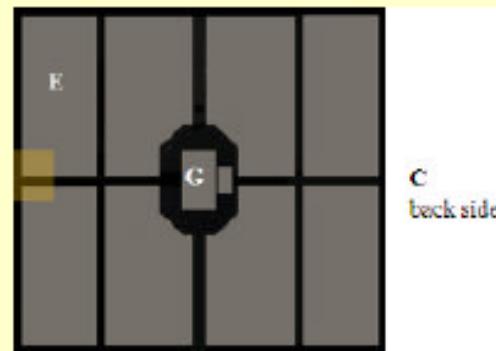
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## Basic components

### Transistor (IGBT):

3-terminal device  
(Collector, Gate,  
Emitter)

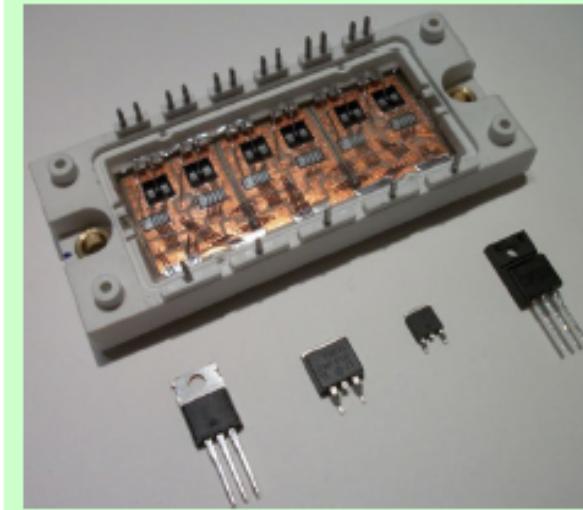


### Diode (IGBT):

2-terminal device  
(Anode, Cathode)



### Packaged devices/module



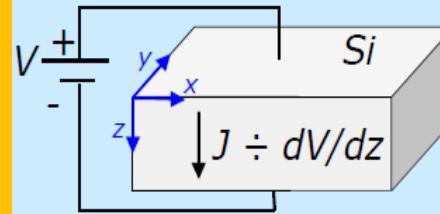
Power electronic devices are typically *vertical*, i.e.  
their power terminals are located on the top and  
bottom surfaces of the Si chip, respectively

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## Current transport mechanisms

**Drift:** current density proportional to the gradient of the electric potential (electric field)

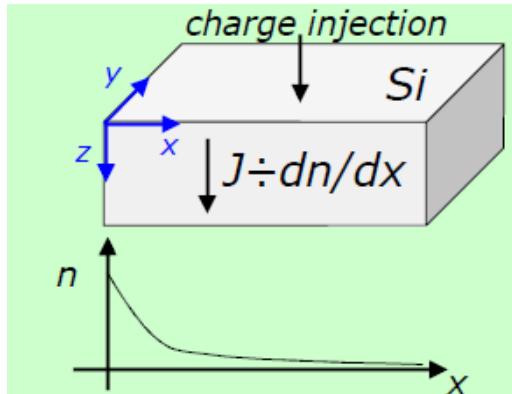


### **Drift currents:**

- associated with power losses and heat generation  
( $\rightarrow$  limits in ON-state performance)
- + can be initiated/terminated virtually instantaneously  
( $\rightarrow$  fast, relatively low dissipative switching transitions)

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## Properties



**Diffusion:** current density proportional to the *gradient of charge carrier density*

### Diffusion currents:

- + virtually non-dissipative  
(→ enhanced ON-state performance)
- Require non-instantaneous charge accumulation/extraction  
(→ limited switching performances)

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## Devices and applications

Both current conduction mechanisms can be combined and used within a single device

One of the two components can be made dominant to achieve specific target characteristics

Current conduction mechanism is related to *controllability* of device switching: driving requirements/characteristics are also an important performance indicator

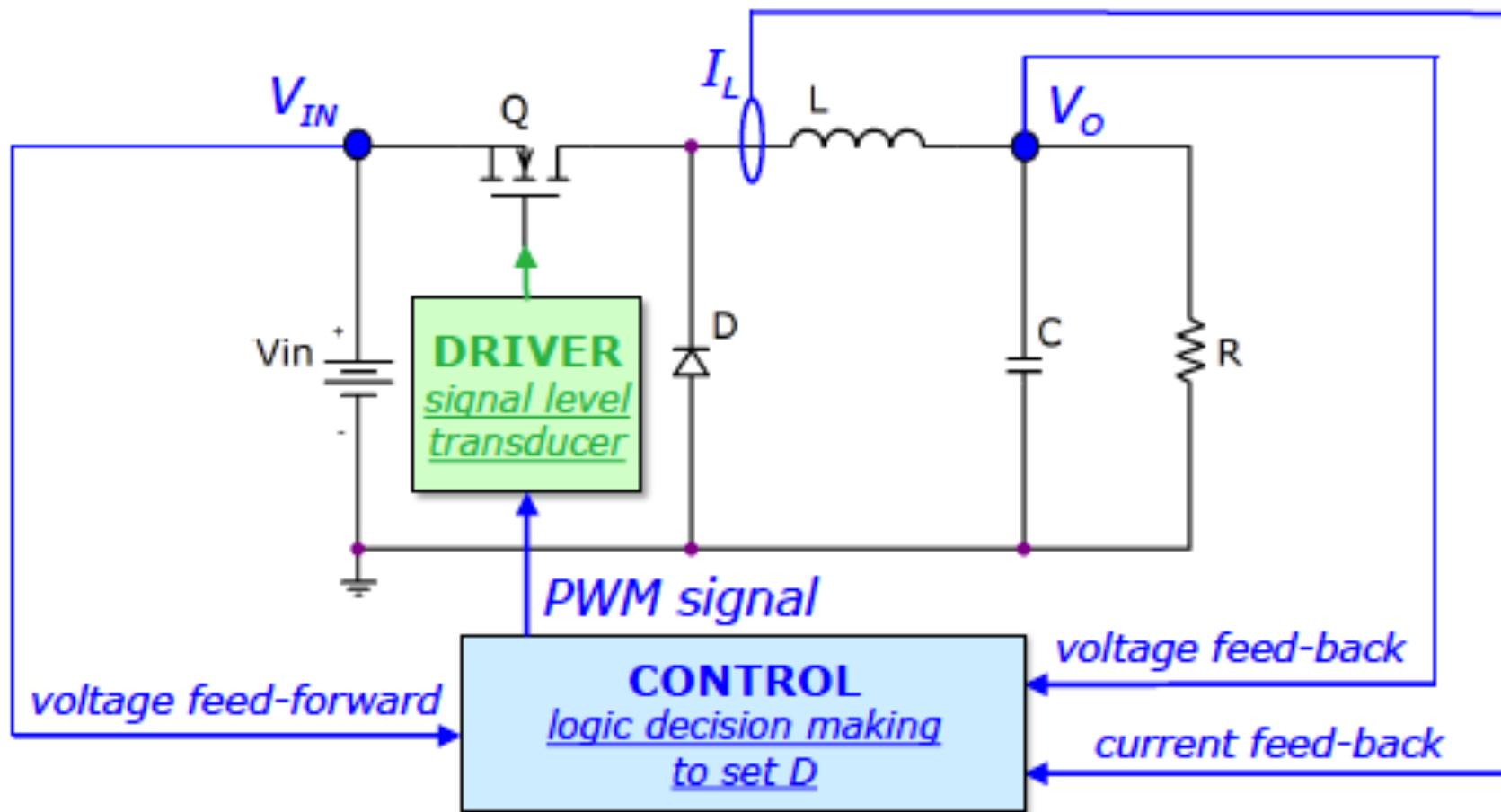
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Driver function and types

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## Closed-loop converter operation



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## Driver types

### Gate-drivers:

- Need to deliver current pulses to charge/discharge device input capacitance during switching
- Fast and low-dissipative

### Base-drivers:

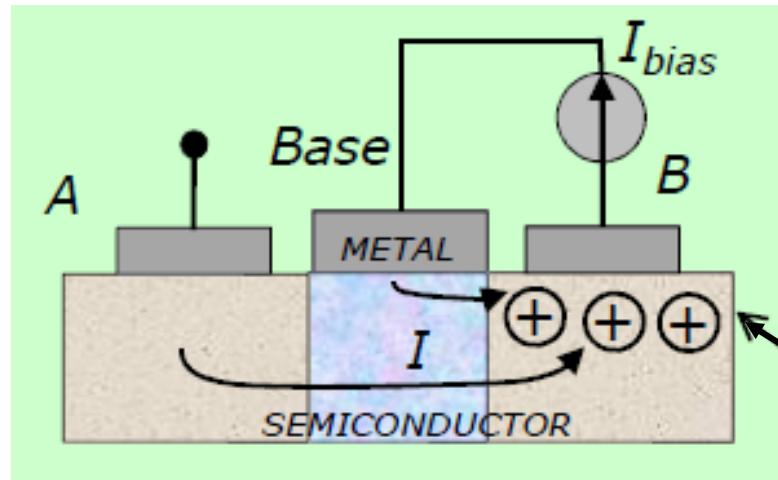
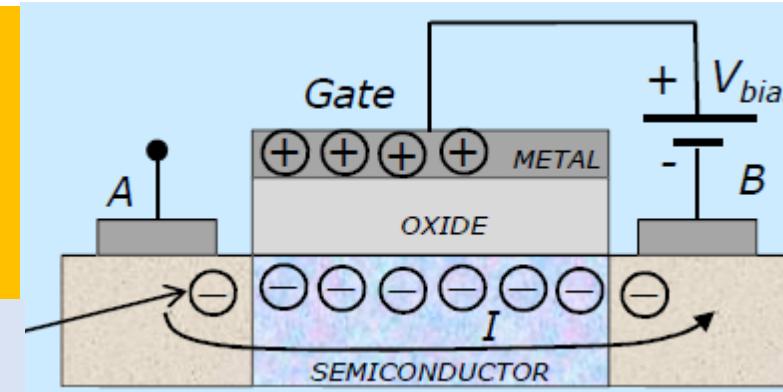
- Need to supply current during switching and during conduction
- Relatively slow and dissipative

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## Driving mechanisms

**Gate-drive:** Metal-Oxide-Semiconductor (MOS) capacitive control terminal; device is voltage-driven

*Creation of conductive channel*



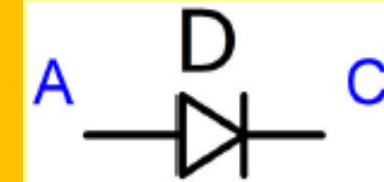
**Base-drive:** charge-injection control terminal; device is current driven

*Creation of charge gradient*

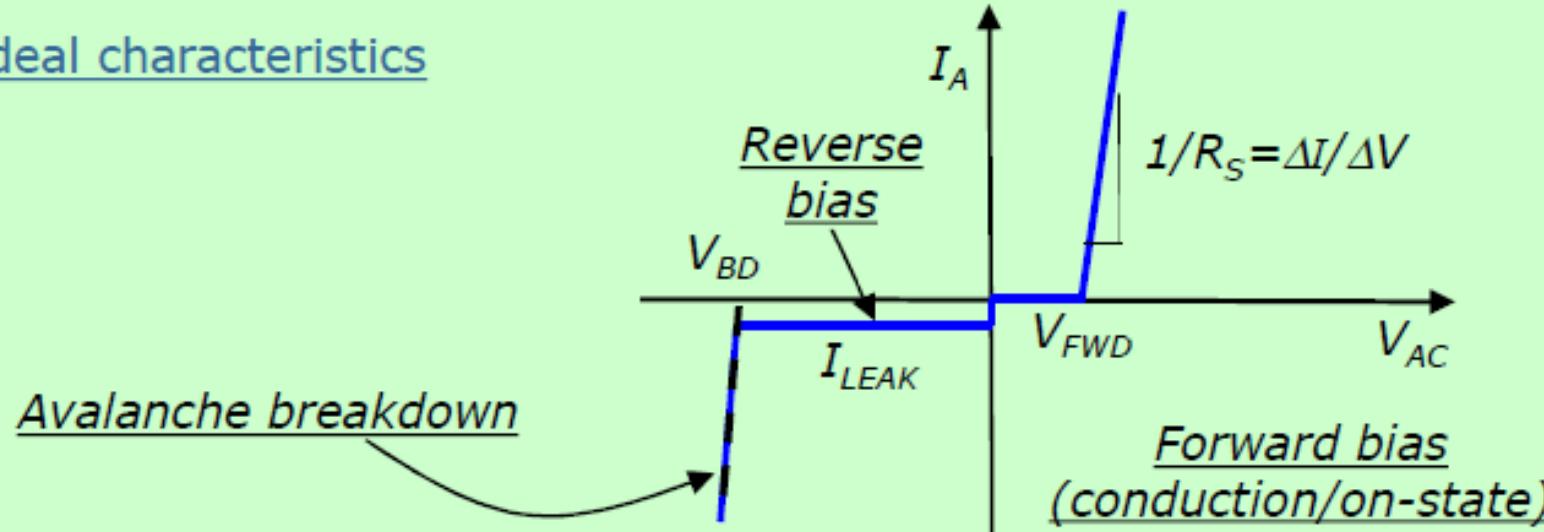
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## Diodes

- ✓ Two terminal device (*Anode* and *Cathode*)
- ✓ All voltage ranges (from 1 V to 6.5 kV)
- ✓ Diffusion-current based
- ✓ Unidirectional current flow

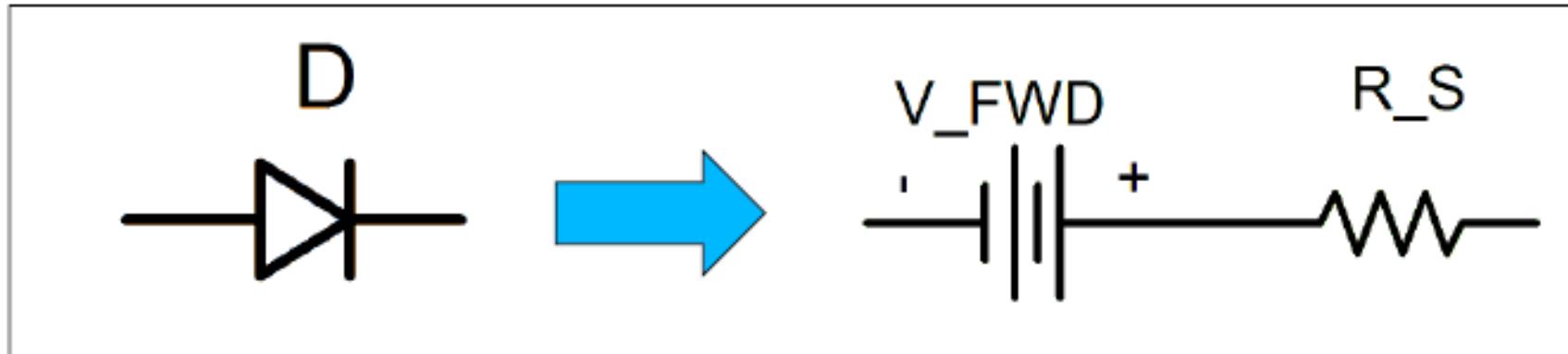


### Ideal characteristics



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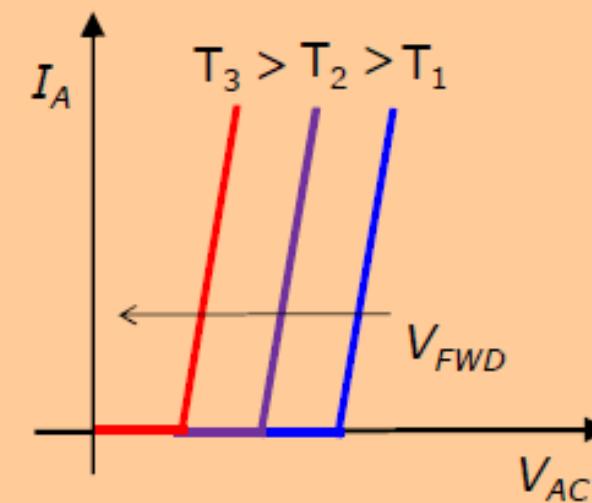
## Diode equivalent on-state model



### Temperature behaviour

$V_{FWD}$  decreases with temperature  
(ca.  $2\text{mV/K}$ )

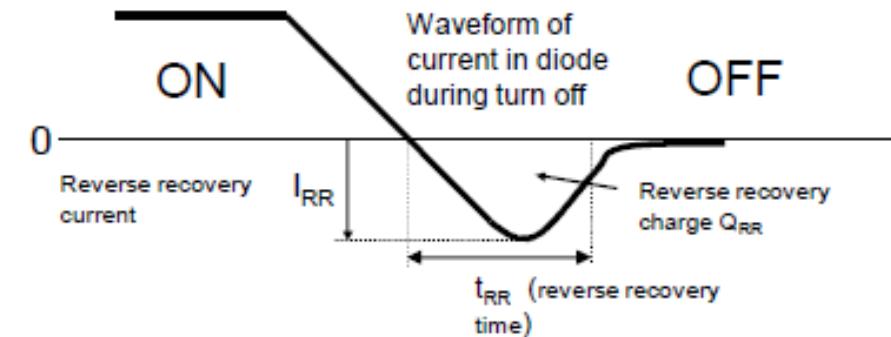
**Diode not ideal for parallel operation!**



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## Diode switching performance

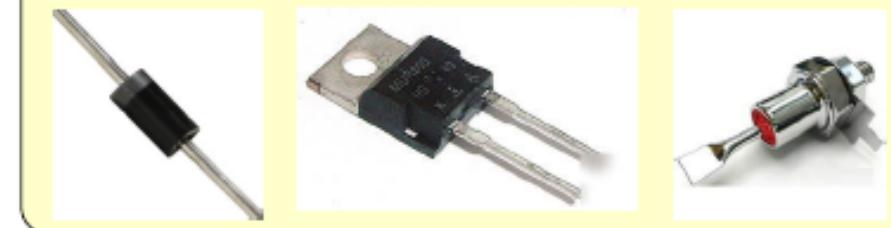
Real diodes characterised by *reverse-recovery* currents and switching delays due to charge extraction



Schottky diodes are used for improved switching (but poorer on-state performance)

### Common packages

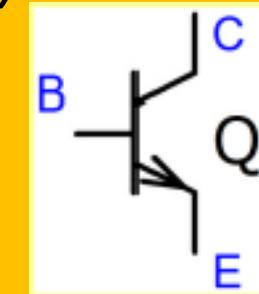
*Increasing power rating*



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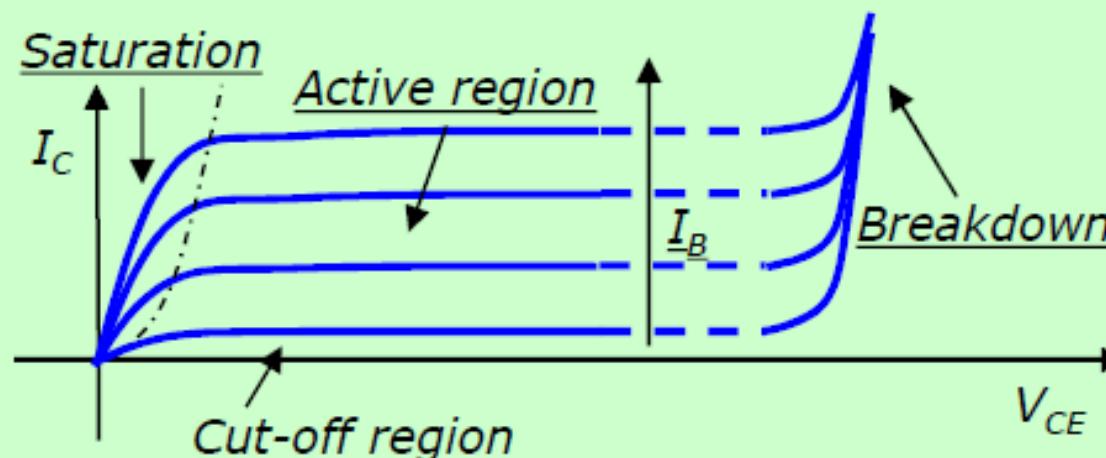
## BJT (Bipolar Junction Transistor)

- ✓ Three terminal device (*Collector-Base-Emitter*)
- ✓ Diffusion-current based
- ✓ Current controlled (*base* is control terminal)
- ✓ Unidirectional current flow



### Ideal characteristics

Not used in reverse bias



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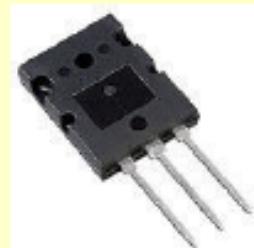
## BJT (Bipolar Junction Transistor)

Ratio between  $I_C$  and  $I_B$  is the *current gain*. Power BJTs typically have poor current-gains, i.e. their driving can be very dissipative and limited in practical frequency.

They also suffer from current tails at turn-off, which limits their switching speed/frequency. Presently confined to niche applications. Used frequently in gate-driver design.

### Common packages

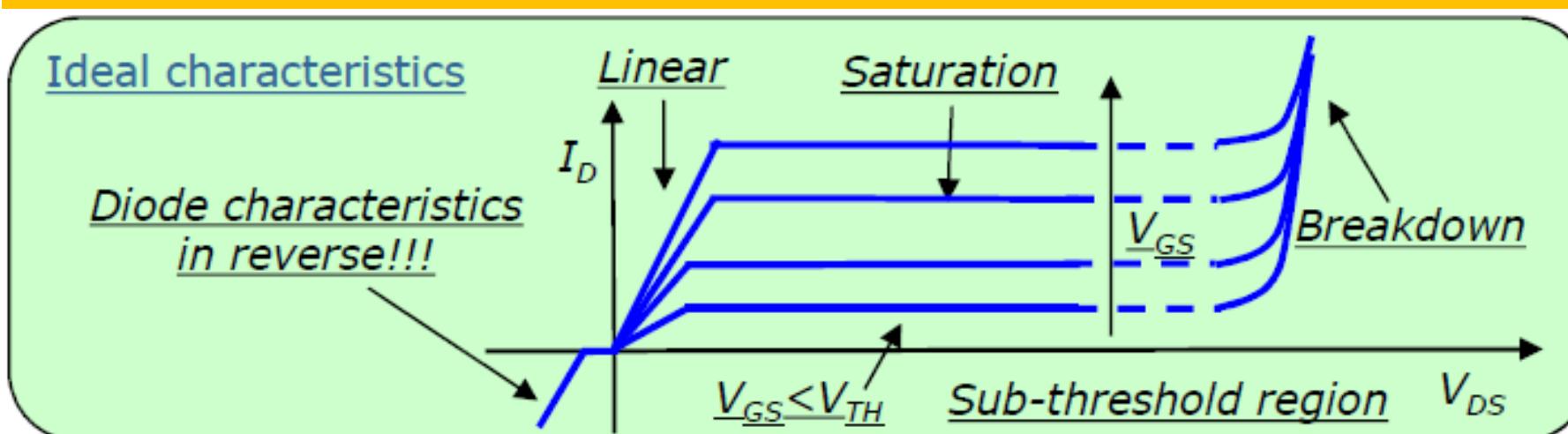
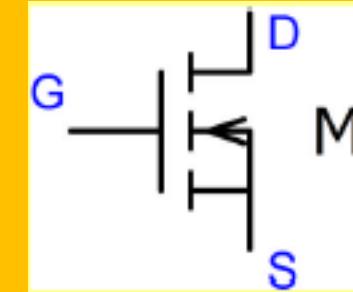
*Increasing power rating*



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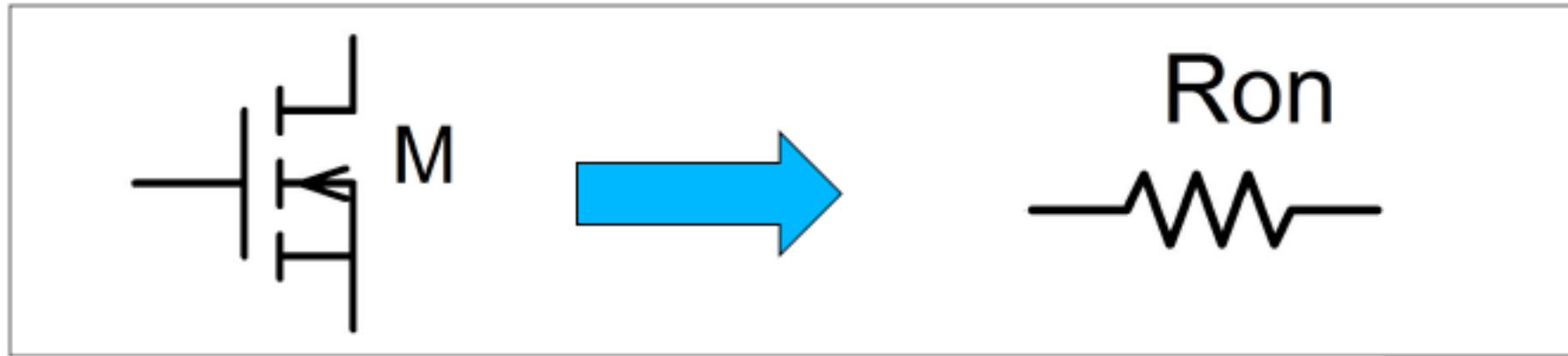
## MOSFET (MOS Field-Effect Transistor)

- ✓ Three terminal device (*Drain-Gate-Source*)
- ✓ Drift-current based
- ✓ Voltage controlled *with minimum threshold*
- ✓ Bi-directional current flow between drain and source
- ✓ Contains intrinsic (body) diode between source and drain



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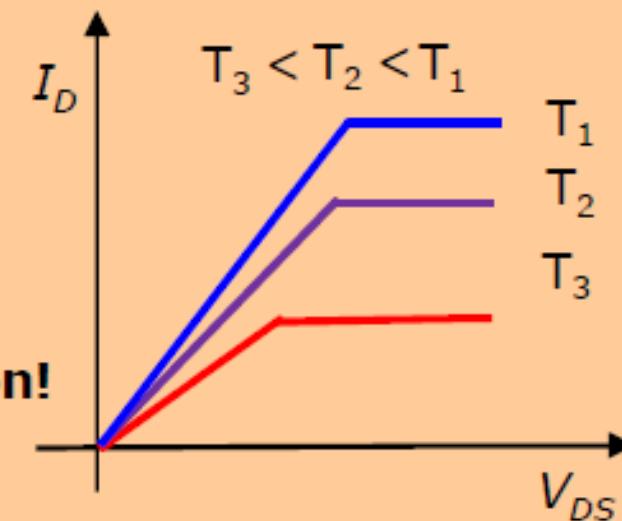
## MOSFET equivalent on-state model



Temperature behaviour

$R_{ON}$  increases with temperature

**MOSFET ideal for parallel operation!**



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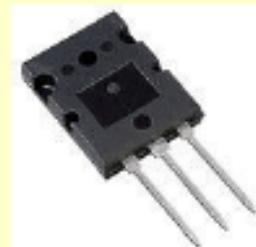
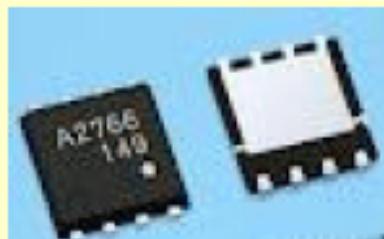
## MOSFET

Dominating in the low-power range (<600V). Low-dissipative drive, but requires fast/high current peaks.

Ideal for parallel operation (on-state performance similar to a resistor). Limited in voltage scalability due to  $R_{DS,ON}$  (typically scales with 2.5 power of voltage rating). Intrinsic body-diode simplifies design of a number of power converter topologies.

### Common packages

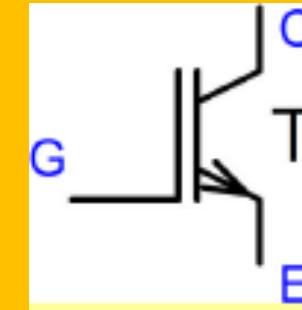
*Increasing voltage rating*



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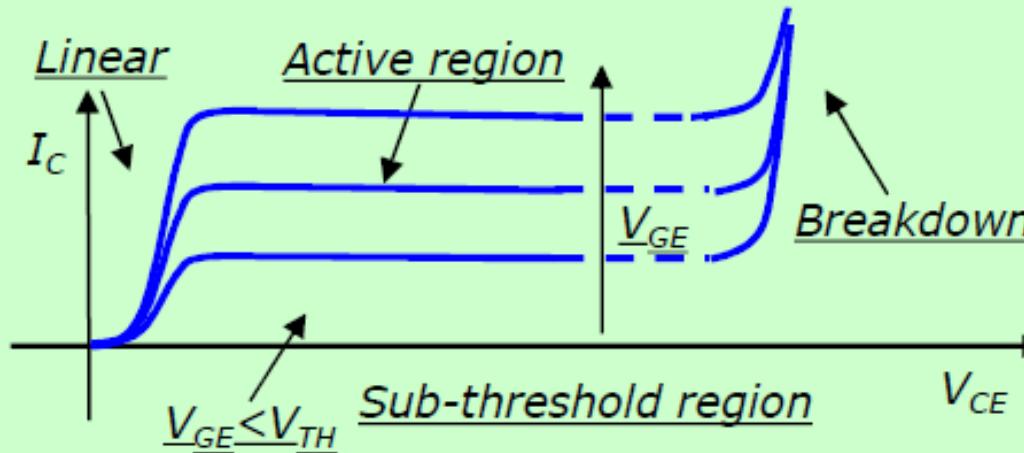
## IGBT (Insulated Gate Bipolar Transistor)

- ✓ Three terminal device (*Collector-Gate-Emitter*)
- ✓ Uses both drift and diffusion current components (very high current density and versatile design)
- ✓ Voltage controlled (Gate)
- ✓ Unidirectional current flow



### Ideal characteristics

Not used in reverse bias



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## IGBT

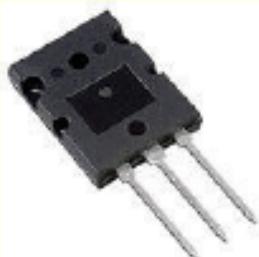
Combines the positive features of BJT (low on-state voltage) and MOSFET (low-dissipation driving).

One of the most flexible devices from design point of view (design can be optimised/tailored for a vast number of different application requirements). Dominates the voltage range 1 – 6.5 kV.

Limited in switching speed (also affected by current tail at turn-off).

### Common packages

*Increasing power rating*



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## Other device types and developments

- Thyristor/Gate Turn-Off Thyristor (GTO)
  
- IGCT (Integrated Gate Commutated Thyristor)

Replacement of Silicon with so-called wide-band-gap (WBG) materials, such as Silicon-Carbide (SiC) and Gallium-Nitride (GaN) is extending the application range of consolidated device types opening up new scenarios

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## Typical key parameters range

<i>parameter</i>	<i>diode</i>	<i>MOSFET</i>	<i>BJT</i>	<i>IGBT</i>	<i>thyristor</i>	<i>GTO</i>
typ. min. voltage rating	30V	20V	60V	600V	100V	1000V
max. voltage rating	50kV	1500V	1800V	6000V	9kV	8kV
typ. min. current rating	1A	0.5A	1A	10A	10A	300A
max. current rating	6000A	1000A	1000A	400A	4000A	3000A
max. frequency	>1MHz	>1MHz	100kHz	50kHz	10kHz	1kHz
on-state loss	low	high	moderate	moderate	v. low	low
switching loss	moderate	low	moderate	moderate	high	high
drive requirements	none	v. low	high	v. low	low	moderate
ease of parallel connection	moderate	easy	moderate	moderate	hard	hard
ease of series connection	moderate	moderate	hard	moderate	hard	v. hard
cost/VA	v. low	moderate	low	low	v. low	moderate

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## **Power losses**

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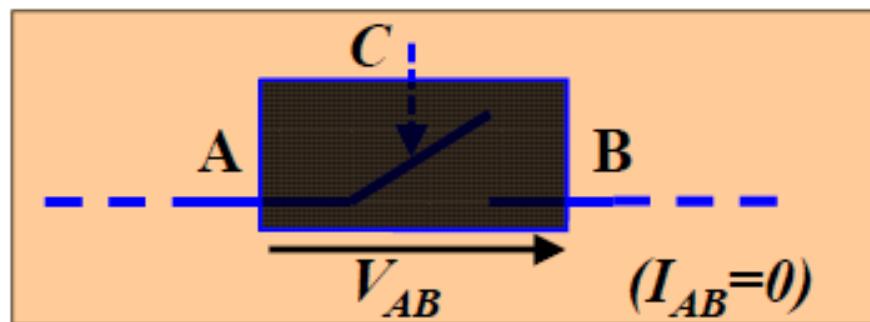
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Introduction/recap

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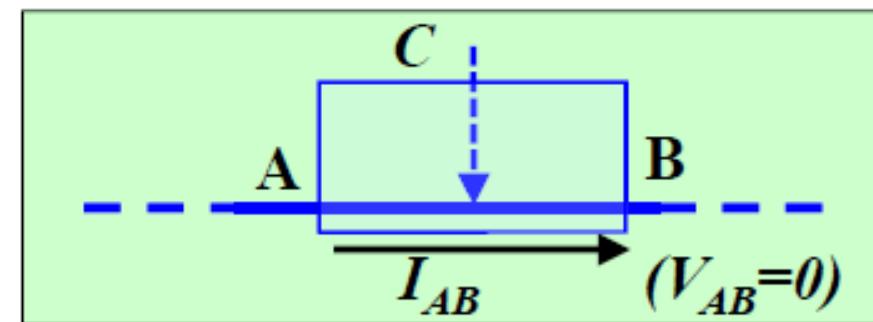
## Ideal switches in Power Electronics

OFF-STATE



$$V_{AB} \cdot I_{AB} = P_{DISS} = 0$$

ON-STATE



Block voltage with zero current flow

Allow current flow with zero voltage drop

Transition between ON and OFF states  
controllable, instantaneous and non-dissipative

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## Real switches

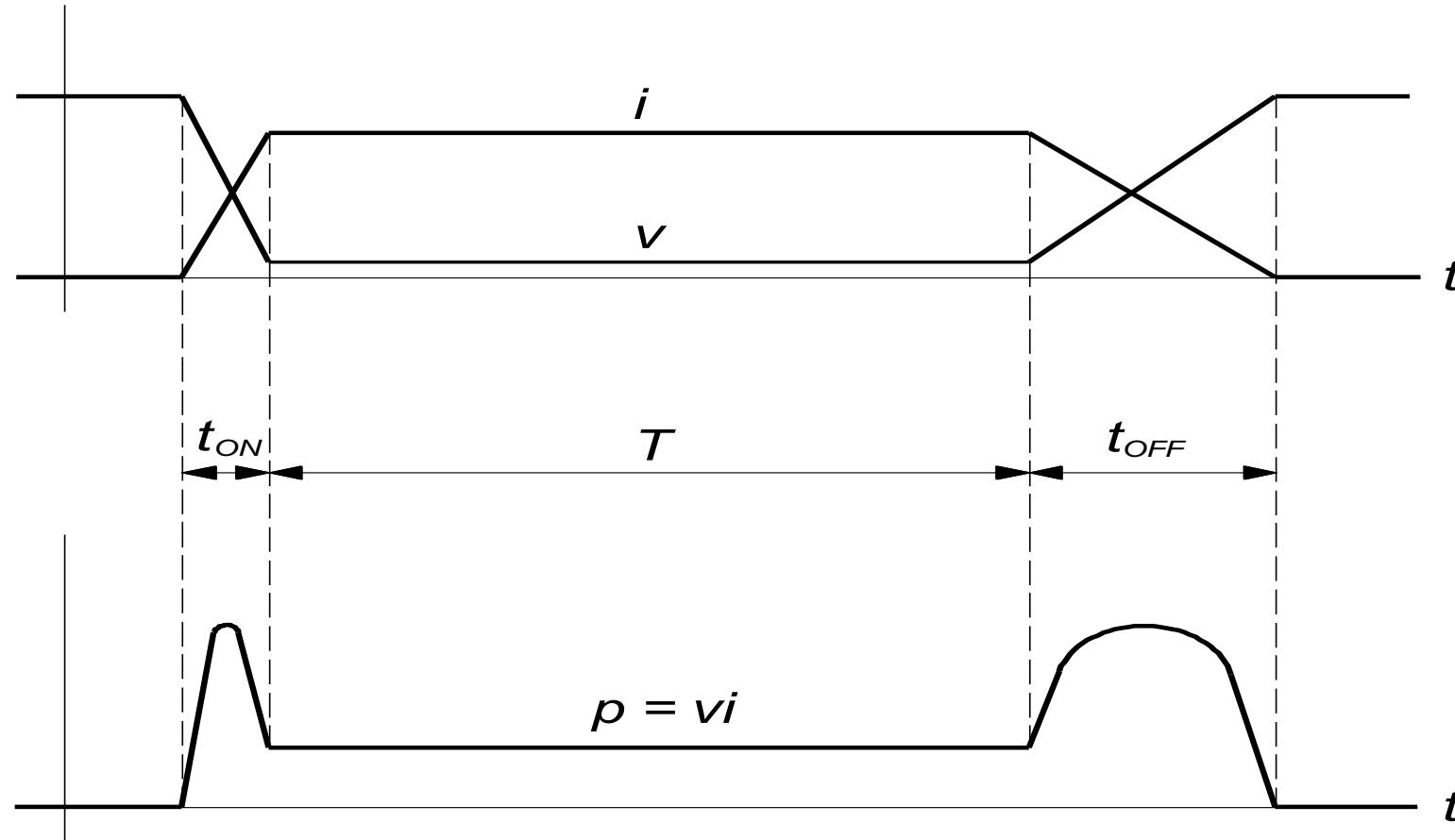
Affected by power losses during operation:

- ON-state (conduction)
- Switching
- OFF-state (blocking)

Conjunct device design optimisation for all states is very challenging!!!

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Waveforms of voltage, current, and power loss in a semiconductor power switch

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## Implication of power dissipation-I

- waste of energy (environmental impact; reduction of operational time of battery-powered systems; higher costs)

### Exercise:

The average power consumption of a mobile phone is 0.5 W.

The phone is powered by a battery with 6.11 Wh rating, via a DC-DC converter.

How long can the phone be operated (in-between recharges) if the converter efficiency is:  
a) 80 %; b) 90 %

### Solution:

Efficiency =

$$P_{OUT}/P_{IN} = P_{PHONE}/P_{BATTERY}$$

- a)  $P_{BATTERY} = 0.5W/0.8 = 0.625W$ ;
- b)  $P_{BATTERY} = 0.5W/0.9 = 0.55W$ .

So, the operation time is:

- a)  $t_{OP} = 6.11/0.625 = 9.8 \text{ h}$ ;
- b)  $t_{OP} = 6.11/0.55 = 11.1 \text{ h}$ .

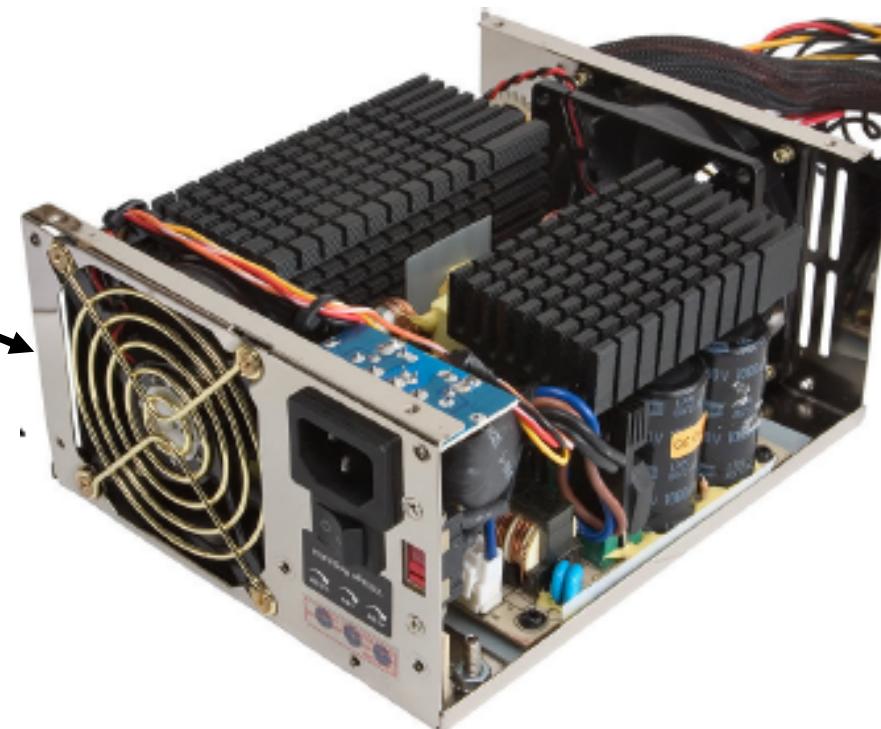
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## Implication of power dissipation-II

- *Generation of heat* (requires additional thermal management components; negatively affects device performance; key factor in component/system degradation and failure)

Complexity, size and cost of typical power supply significantly affected by thermal management issues!



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*Calculation of power losses*

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## Power loss calculation

General equation:

$$P = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T (V_{AB} \cdot I_A) dt$$

$$1/T = f_s$$

$V_{AB} = \text{constant}$

$$P = V_{AB} \cdot \left[ \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T I_A dt \right] = V_{AB} \cdot I_{A,AVG}$$

Special cases:

$$P = R \cdot \left[ \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T (I_A)^2 dt \right] = V_{AB} \cdot (I_{A,RMS})^2$$

$$V_{AB} = I_A \cdot R$$

with

$$I_{A,RMS} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T (I_A)^2 dt}$$

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## On-state power losses

Diode:

$$P_{ON} = V_{FWD} \cdot I_{FWD,AVG} + R_S \cdot (I_{FWD,RMS})^2$$

*with  $R_S$  often negligible*

MOSFET:

$$P_{ON} = R_{DS,ON} \cdot (I_{D,RMS})^2$$

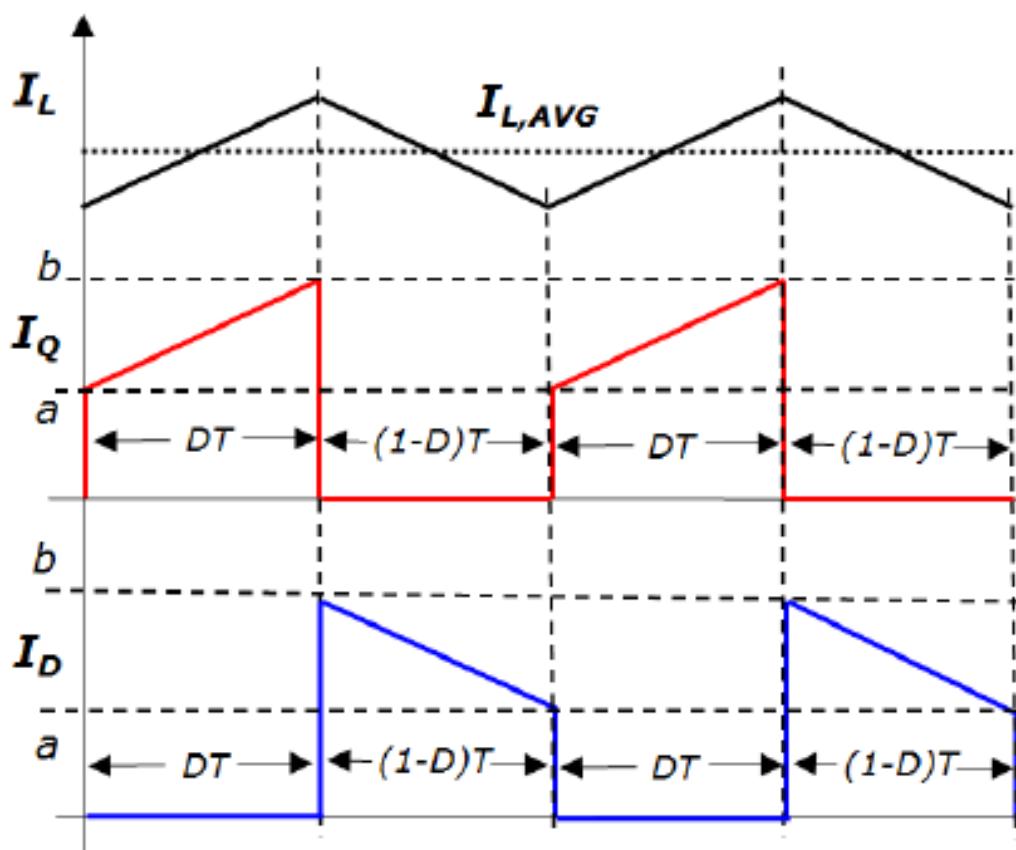
*with  $R_{DS,ON}$  typically dependent on temperature and current*

BJT/IGBT:

$$P_{ON} = V_{CE} \cdot I_{C,AVG}$$

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## Common functions AVG and RMS values



$$I_{L, AVG} = \frac{a+b}{2}$$

$$I_{L,RMS} = \sqrt{\frac{(a^2+b^2+ab)}{3}}$$

$$I_{Q, AVG} = \frac{a+b}{2} \cdot D$$

$$I_{Q,RMS} = \sqrt{\frac{D}{3} \cdot (a^2 + b^2 + ab)}$$

$$I_{D, AVG} = \frac{a+b}{2} \cdot (1 - D)$$

$$I_{D,RMS} = \sqrt{\frac{(1-D)}{3} \cdot (a^2 + b^2 + ab)}$$

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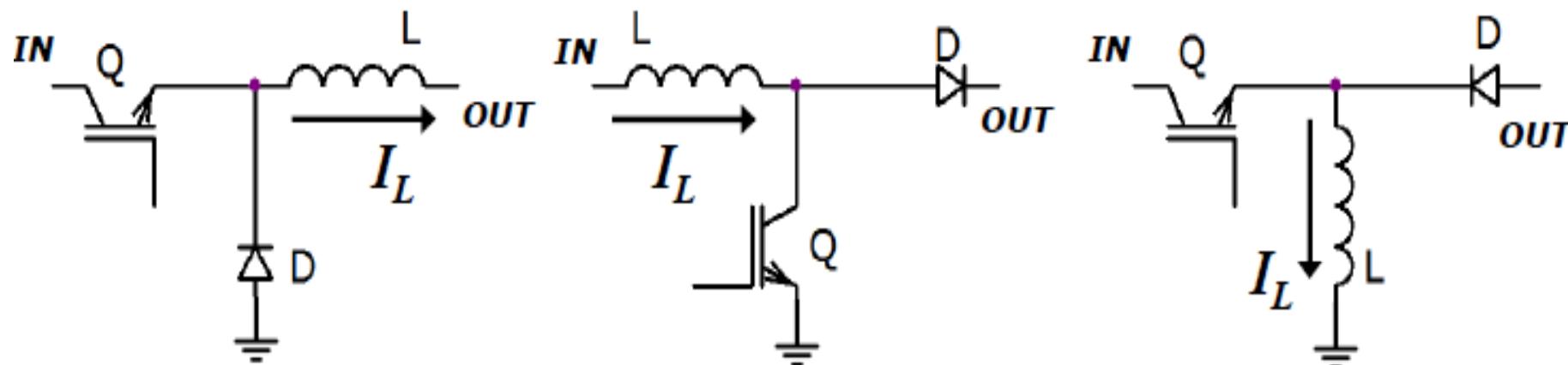
## Switching losses

Representative commutation cells:

Forward type  
(step down)

Forward type  
(step-up)

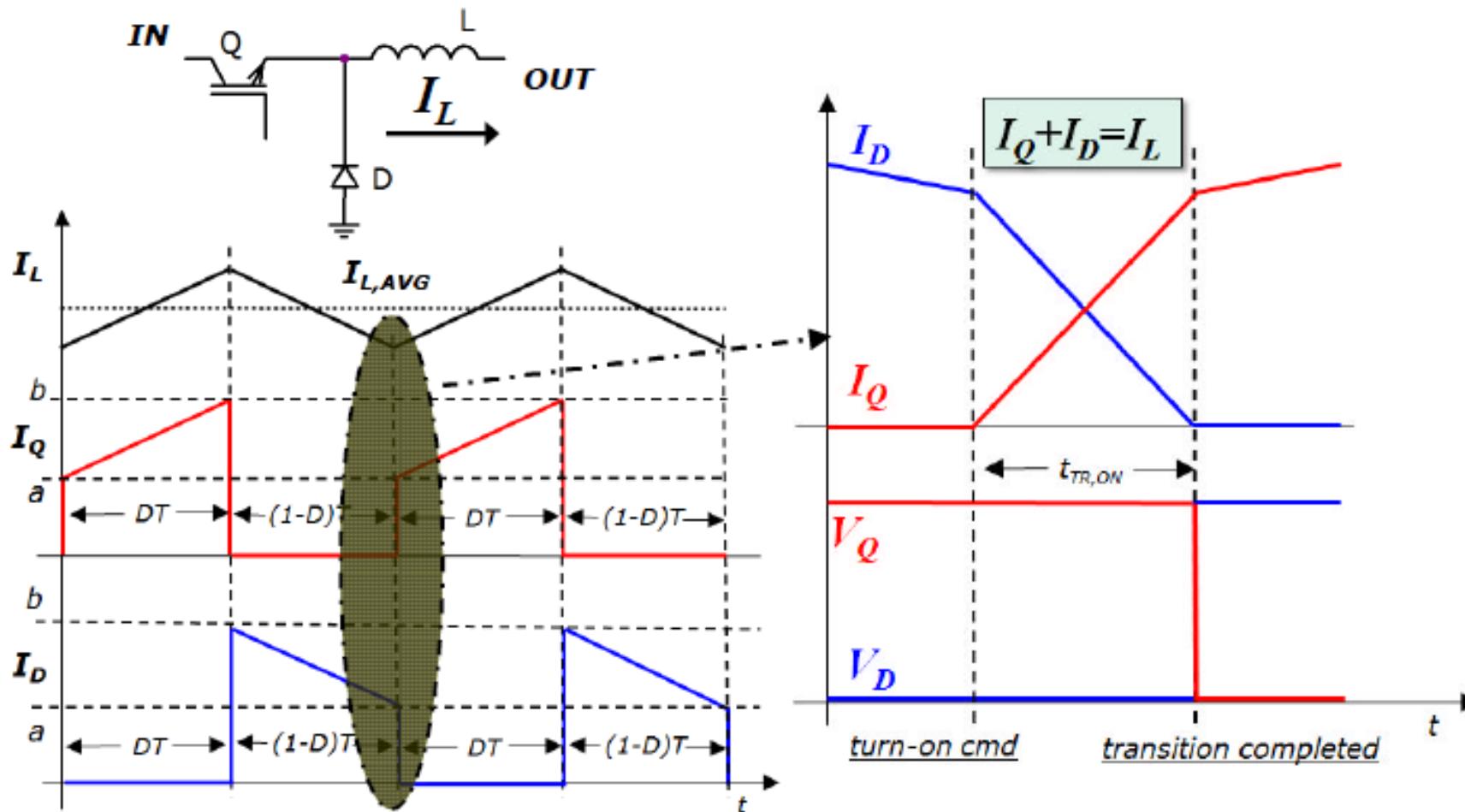
Fly-back type  
(step up or down)



Cell includes transistor and diode;  
Switching transition *short* compared to characteristic period;  
 $I_L$  assumed constant during switching transition!

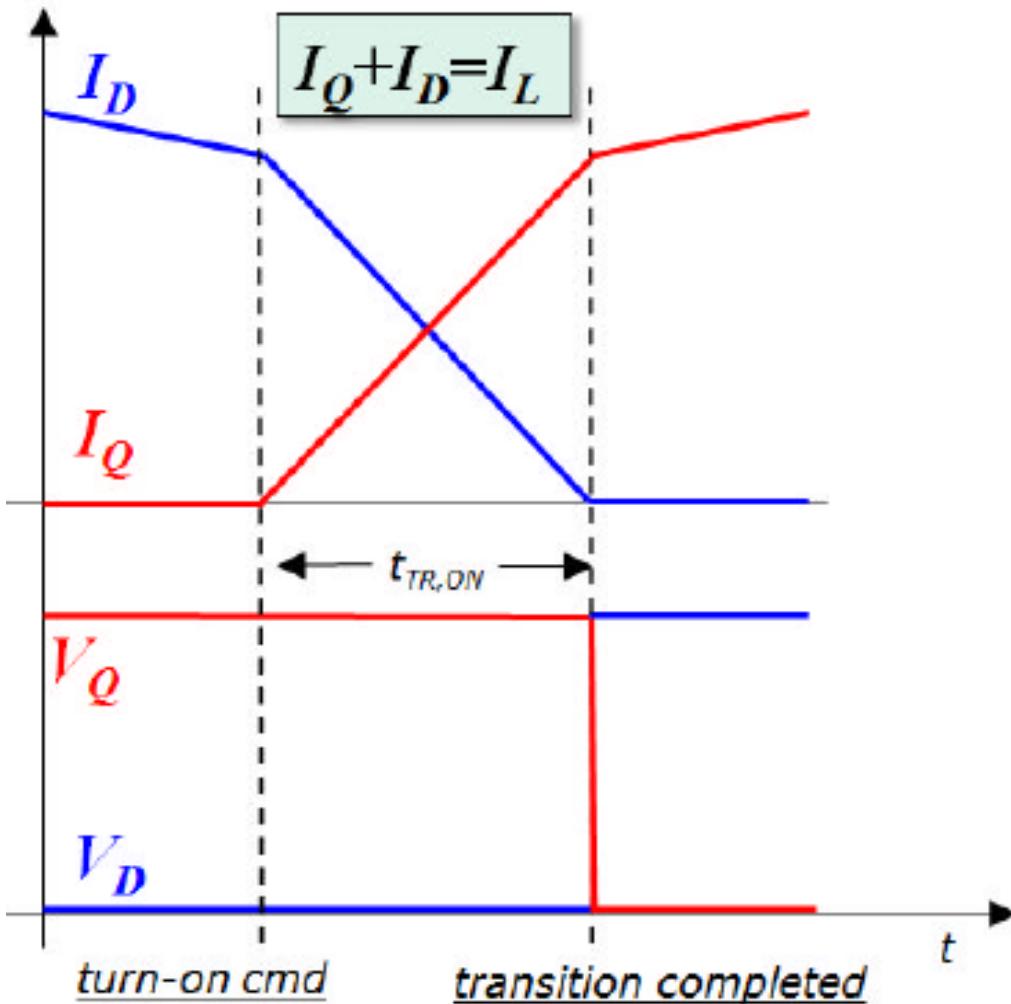
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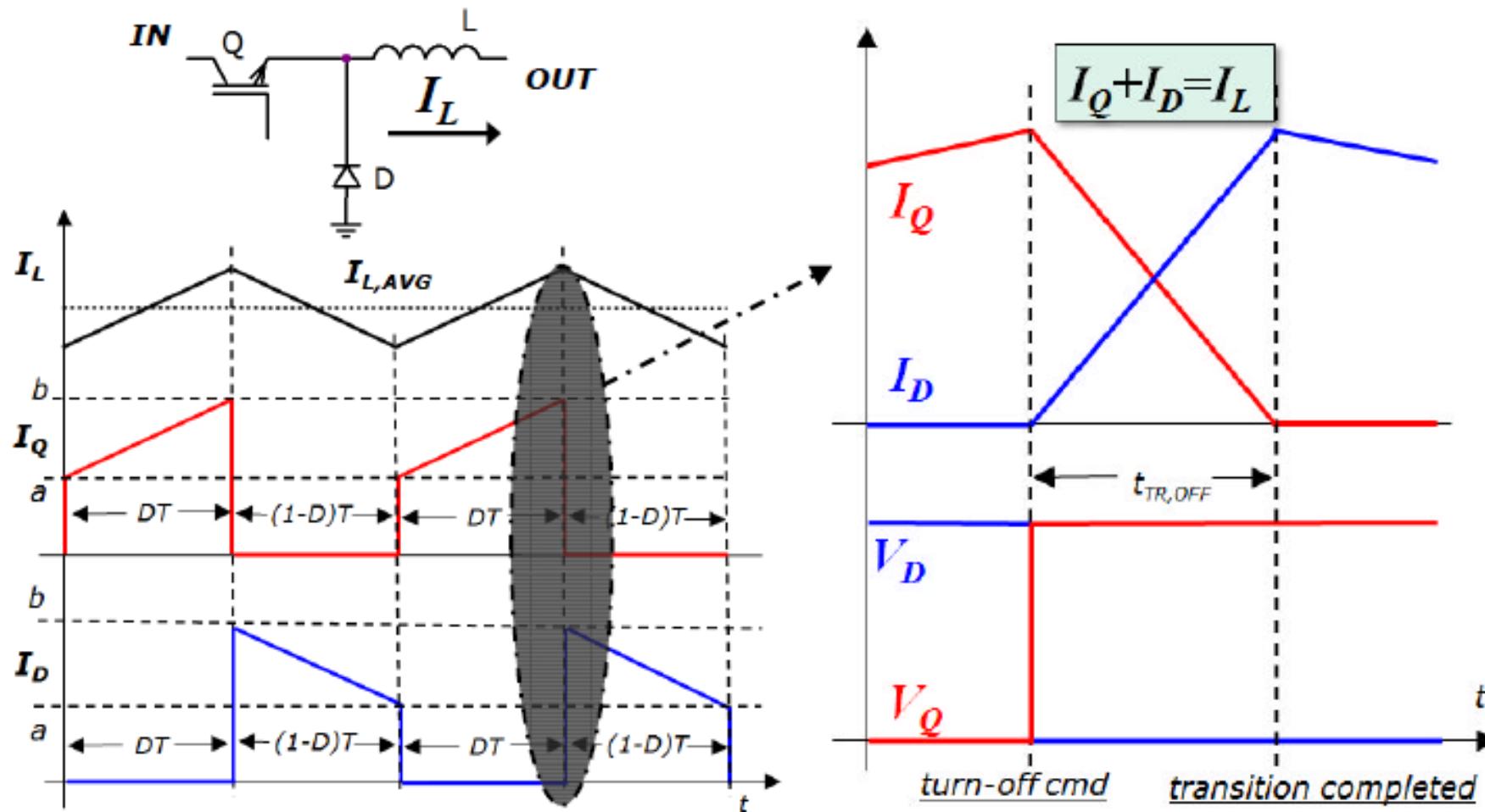
$$P_{LOSS} = 0$$

Transistor:

$$\begin{aligned} P_{LOSS} &= V_Q \cdot I_{Q,AVG} \\ &= 0.5 \cdot V_Q \cdot I_L \cdot t_{TR,ON} \cdot f_S \\ &= E_{SW} \cdot f_S \end{aligned}$$

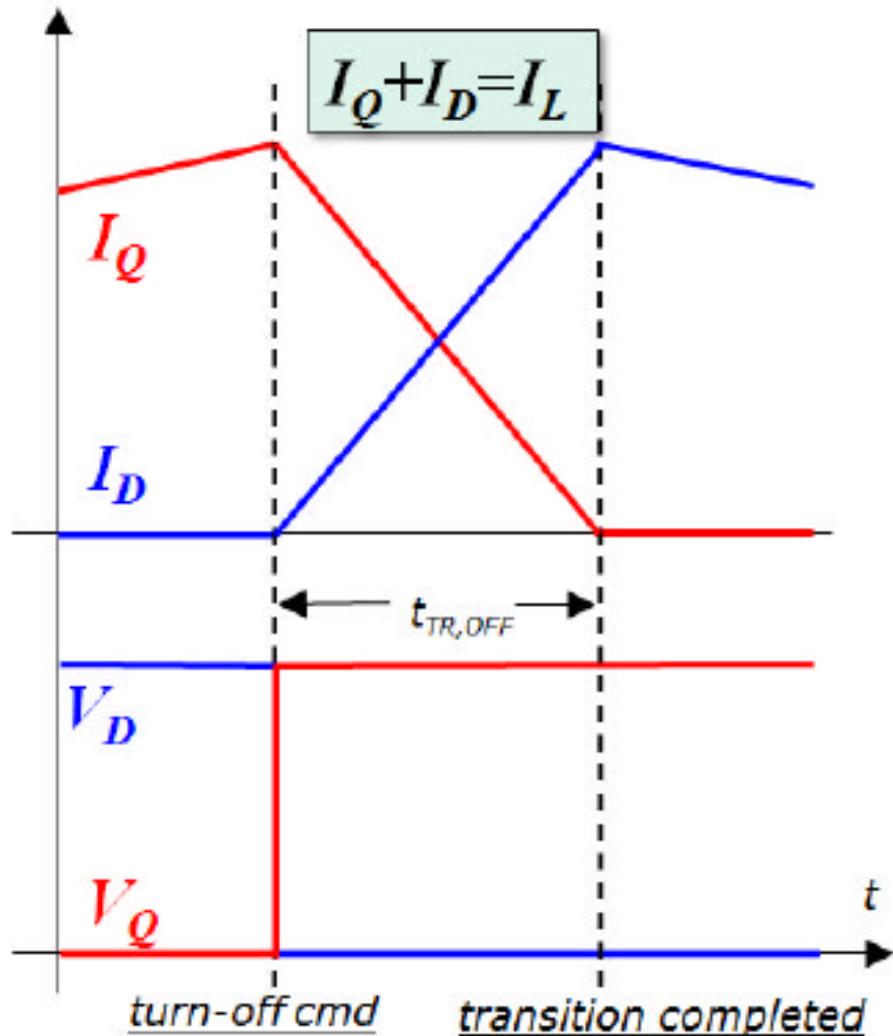
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## Off-state power losses

Diode:

$$P_{OFF} = V_{REV} \cdot I_{LEAK}$$

MOSFET:

$$P_{OFF} = V_{BLK} \cdot I_{LEAK}$$

IGBT:

$$P_{OFF} = V_{BLK} \cdot I_{LEAK}$$

Typically, both voltage and current values are assumed constant, with

$$I_{LEAK} = f(V_{REV/BLK}, T)$$

For most device types, off-state power losses are negligible compared to conduction and switching losses in most applications/operational conditions.

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Basics of thermal modelling

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## Heat transport

**Conduction:** heat propagates through matter

**Convection:** heat is transferred by relative motion of different parts of the system

**Radiation:** heat is transferred by electromagnetic waves

Heat is a form of energy. Propagation always takes place in the direction of decreasing temperature.

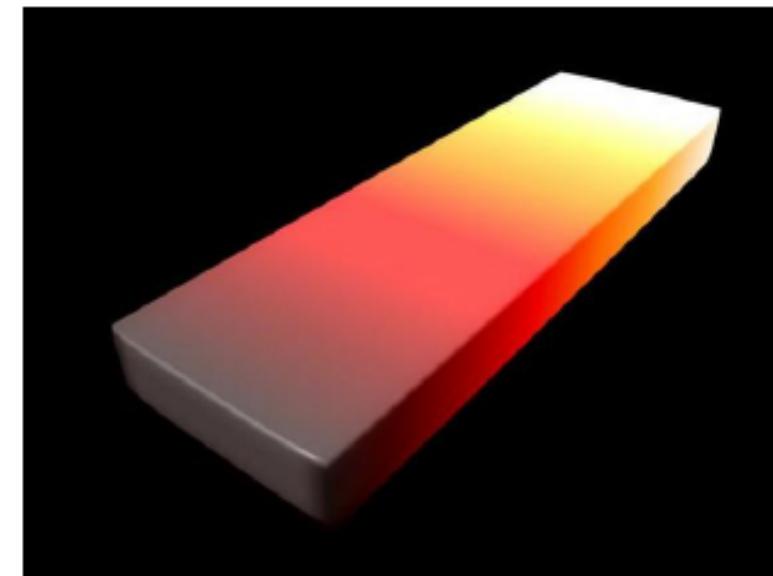
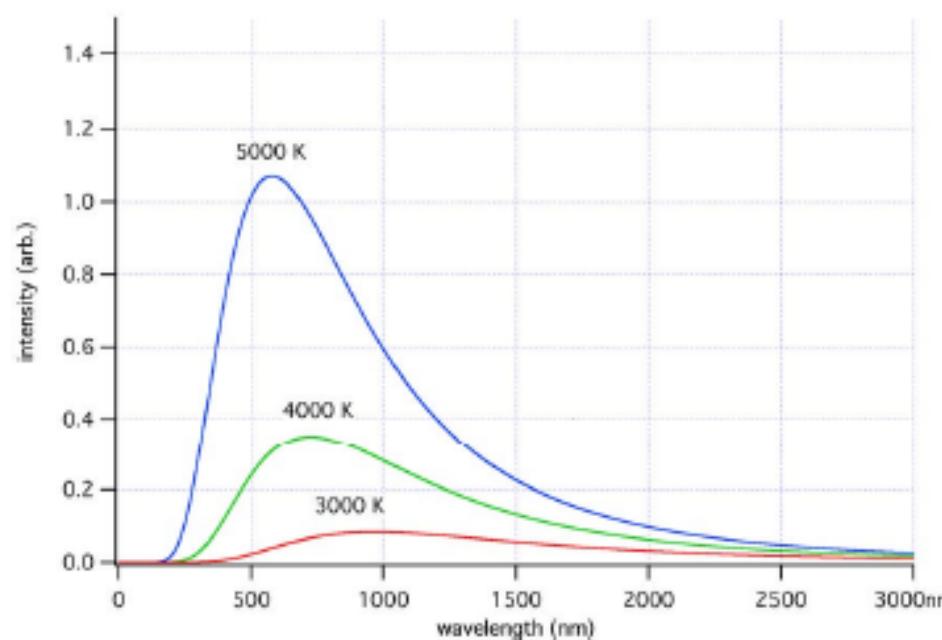
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## Heat radiation

Electromagnetic radiation is emitted by all substances at temperatures greater than zero due to molecular/atomic agitation

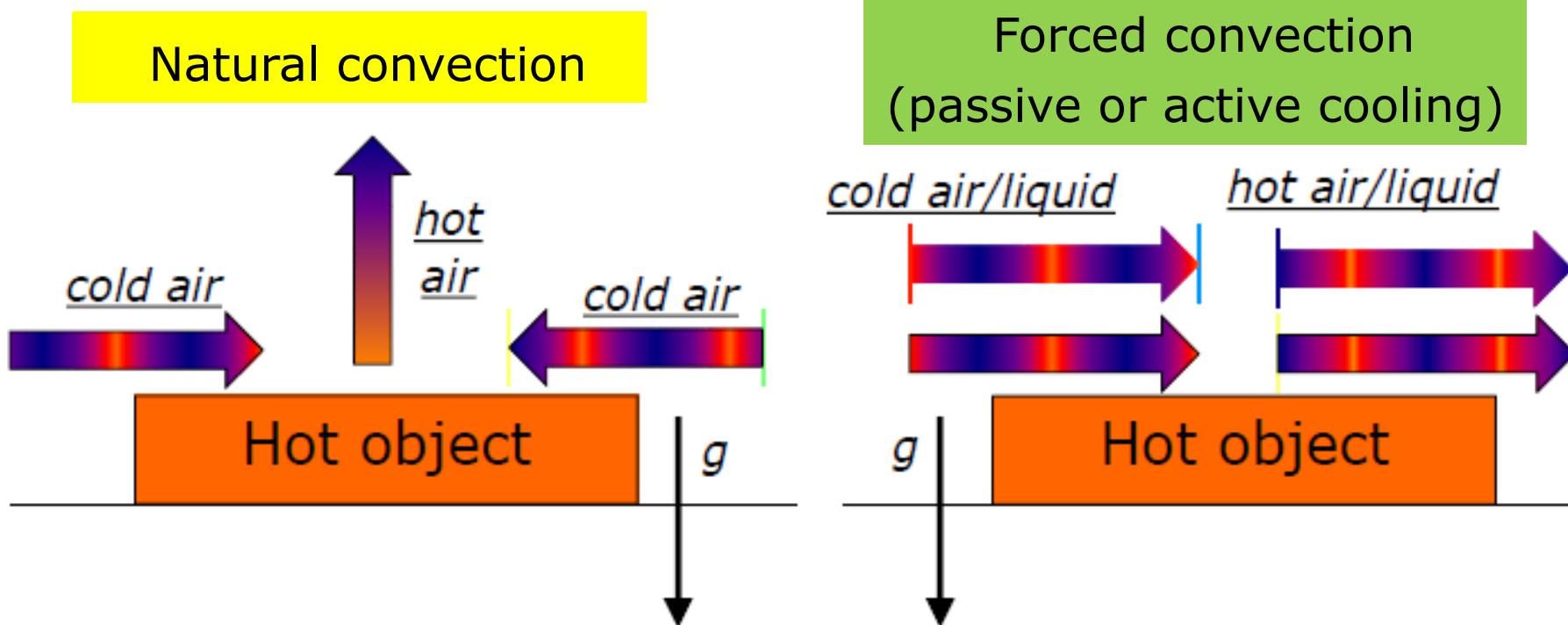
Black-body: ideal entity with continuous emission spectrum emitting maximum radiant energy (Planck' theory)



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## Heat convection

Cold air or liquid flow on a hot body will give rise to heat exchange by convection



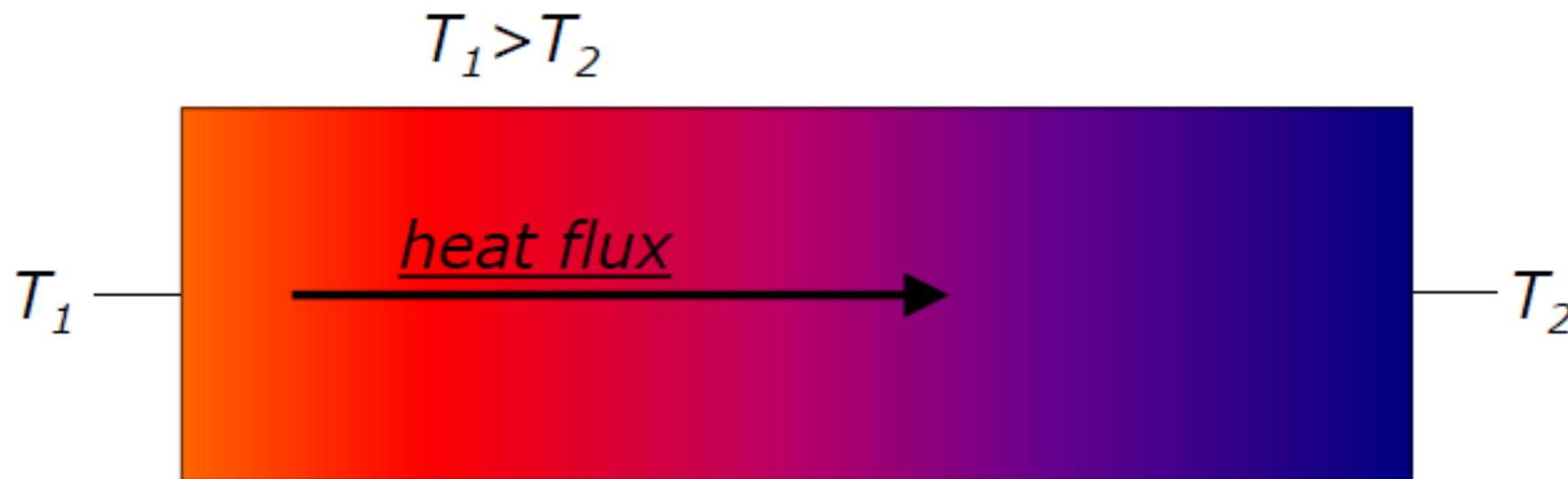
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## Heat conduction

Diffusion-based mechanism, driven by temperature gradient

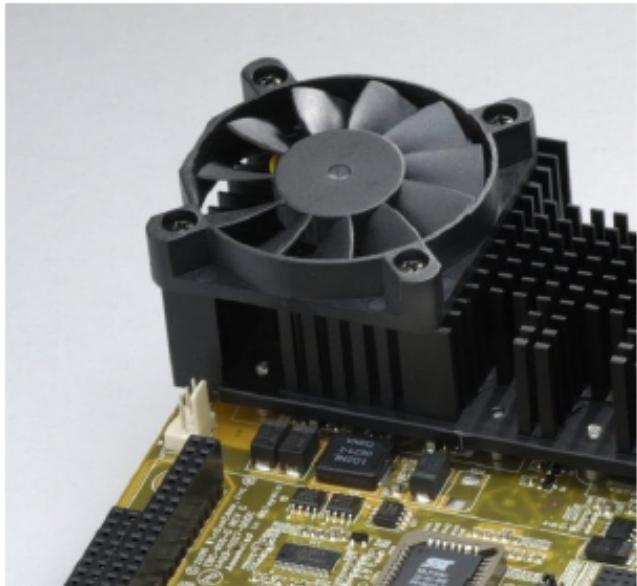
Main mechanism of heat transport in solids



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## Cooling assemblies



Thermal management of power devices needed to ensure target performance and reliability

Thermal interface material between device and heat-sink to maximise conduction between the two

*Finned and fanned* heat-sink to maximise convection (increase heat exchange surface and turbulence of fluid)

Black paint to maximise radiation

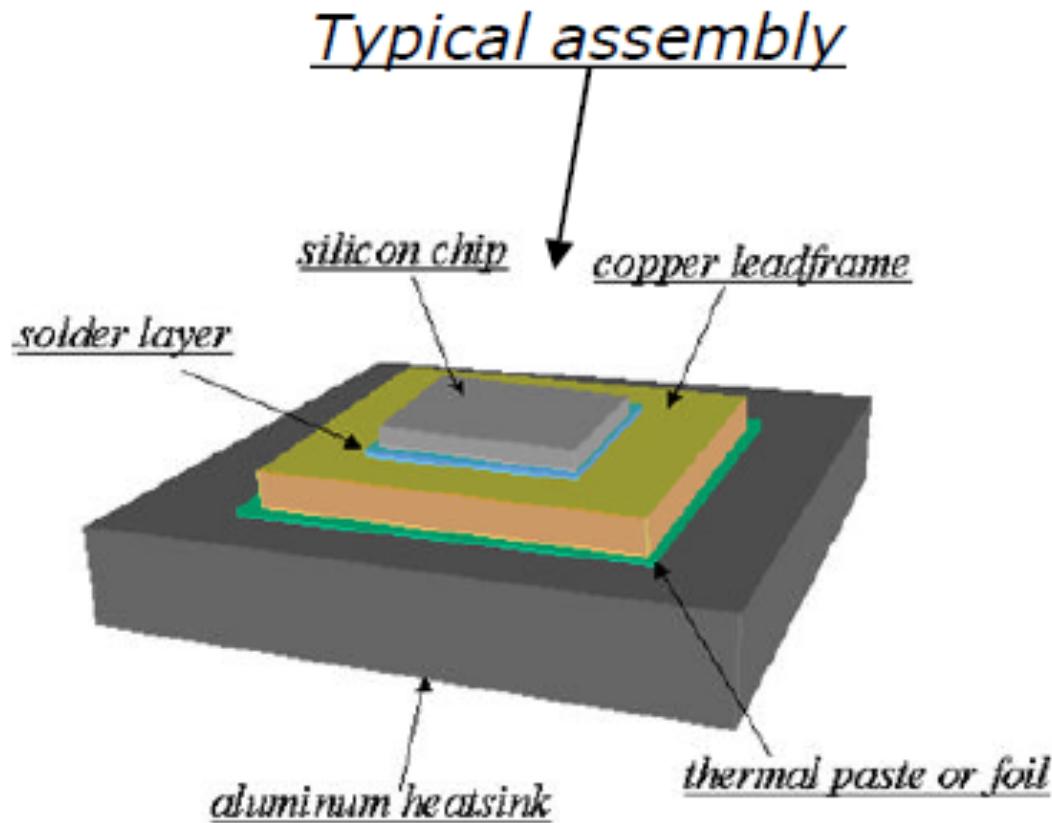
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*Heat conduction analysis*

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## The thermal problem



Heat is generated on device top surface: *power density = heat generation rate*

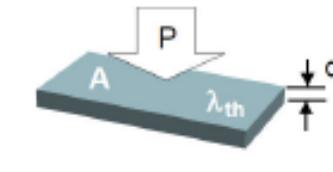
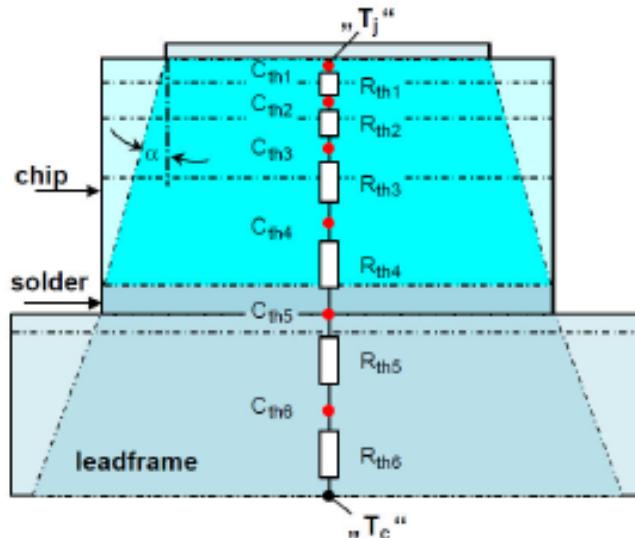
3D problem reduced to essentially 1-D: heat flows in the vertical direction with a ca.  $45^\circ$  spread angle

Thermal properties of all components are assumed constant (*linear problem*)

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## Packaged device thermal model

$\rho \rightarrow$  material density



$c \rightarrow$  specific heat

$\lambda_m \rightarrow$  thermal conductivity

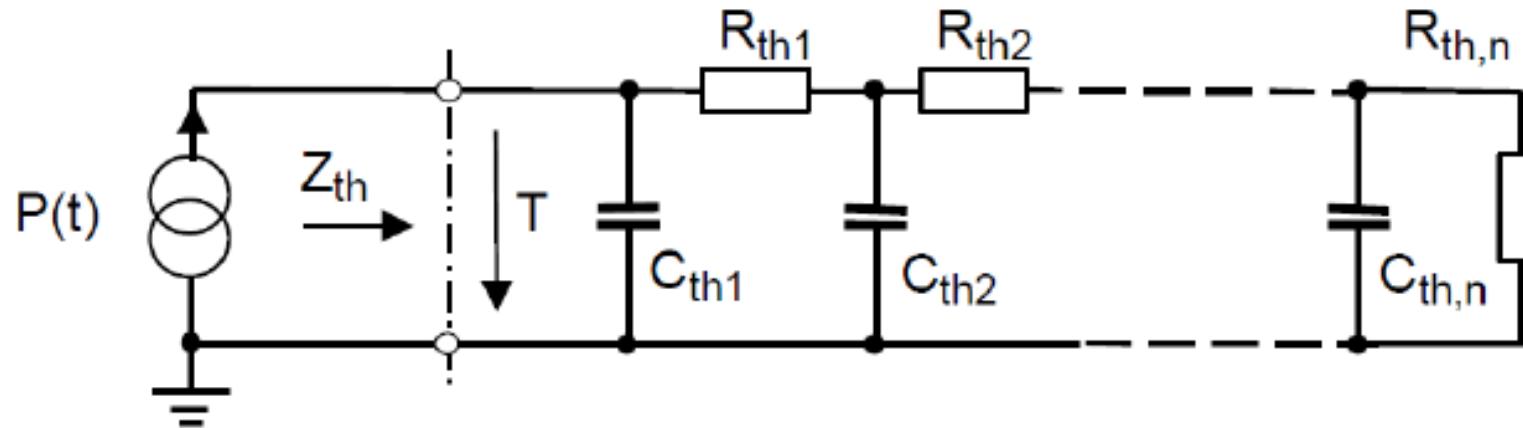
$$R_{th} = \frac{d}{\lambda_{th} \cdot A}$$

$$C_{th} = c \cdot \rho \cdot d \cdot A$$

Thermal resistance  $R_{th}$  and capacitance  $C_{th}$  can be associated with each element in the thermal path

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## Equivalent thermal model



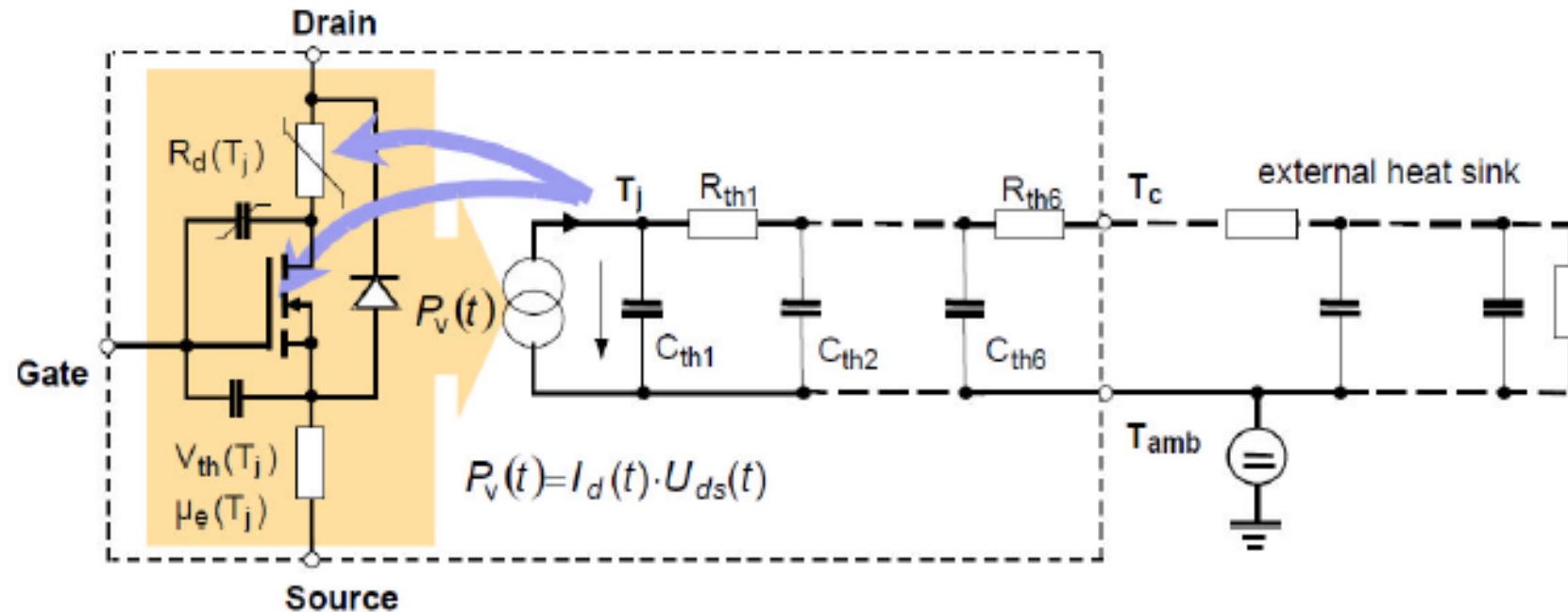
Power losses are the input to the thermal network

Straightforward implementation into standard circuit simulation tool

Electrical	Thermal
$V$ [V]	$T$ [K]
$I$ [A]	$P$ [W]
$R$ [ $\Omega$ ]	$R$ [K/W]
$C$ [F]	$C$ [J/K]

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## Coupled electro-thermal model



Device parameters/equations  
temperature dependent:  
performance and efficiency  
temperature dependent

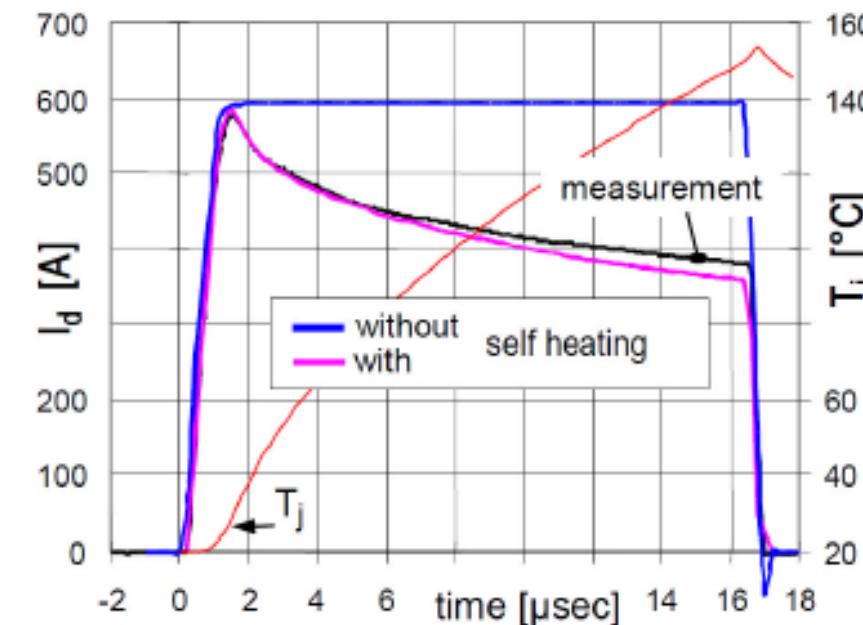
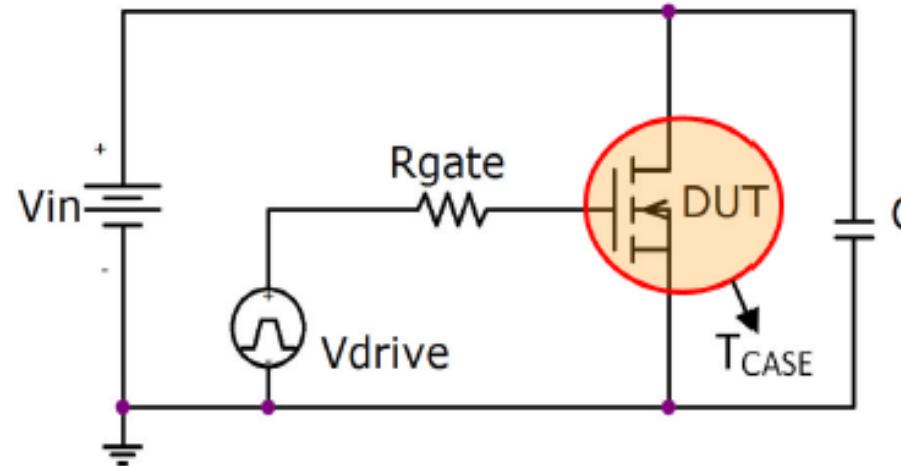
Temperature is circuit  
variable, depending on  
thermal model and power  
losses

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## Importance of thermal modelling

Experimental and simulation results

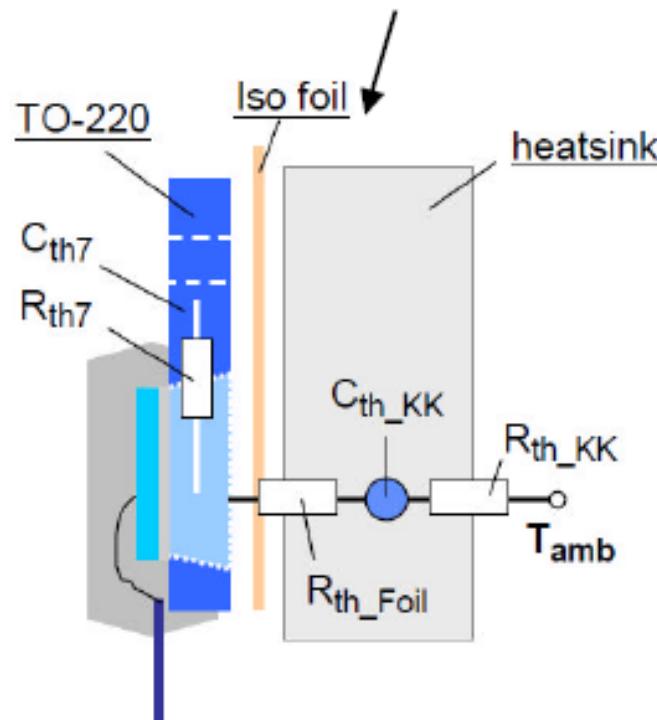
Test circuit schematic



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## Typical problem

Packaged device  
mounted on heat-sink



Steady-state analysis: thermal network contains resistors only

$$P_{DISS} \cdot R_{th} = \Delta T$$

$R_{th,JH} \rightarrow$  Junction-to-Case

$R_{th,CH} \rightarrow$  Case-to-Heatsink

$R_{th,HS} \rightarrow$  Heatsink-to-Ambient

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Worked Examples on  
Power Device Losses

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Q1.

A switching transistor energises a series R-L load from a 200 V supply. A freewheeling diode is connected across the load. The transistor switches at 2 kHz with a duty cycle of 60 %. The load resistance is  $20 \Omega$  and the load inductance is such that the peak to peak ripple in the load current is 2 A. It may be assumed that the load current rises and falls linearly.

- (a) Draw the circuit
- (b) Calculate the mean load current and sketch the load current waveform.

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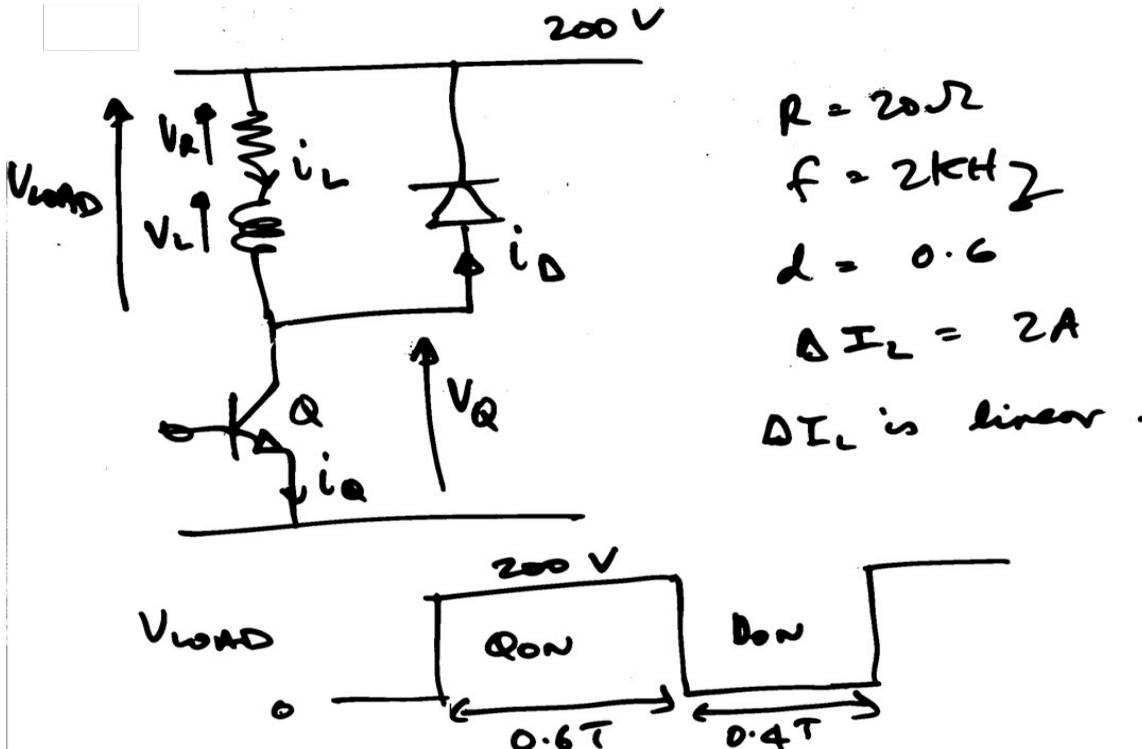
Q1 cont.

The components are now considered in more detail to calculate the power losses. The transistor turn-on and turn-off times are  $10\mu\text{s}$  and  $5\mu\text{s}$  respectively. The voltage across the transistor when it is conducting ( $V_{CE}(\text{sat})$ ) is 2 V and may be assumed to be independent of the current. The diode may be approximated by a threshold voltage drop of 0.7 V in series with a resistance of  $0.1 \Omega$  when it is conducting.

- (c) Draw the transistor current waveform
- (d) Determine the conduction loss in the transistor
- (e) Draw the transistor current and voltage waveforms at turn-on and turn-off
- (f) Calculate the switching loss in the transistor
- (g) Draw the diode current waveform
- (h) Calculate the conduction loss in the diode

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Q1



$$R = 20\Omega$$

$$f = 2kHz$$

$$\alpha = 0.6$$

$$\Delta i_L = 2A$$

$\Delta i_L$  is linear.

$$\text{Then } \overline{V_{LOAD}} = 200 \times 0.6 = \underline{\underline{120V}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \overline{i_L} = 6A$$

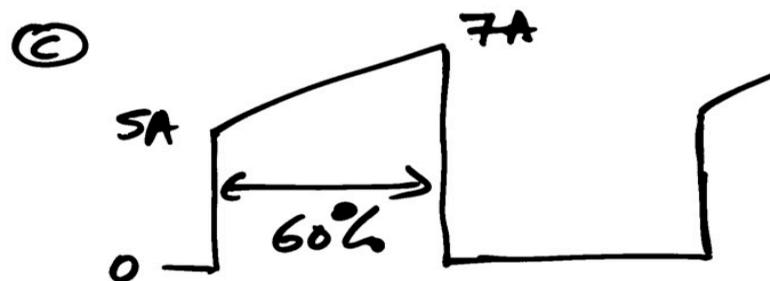
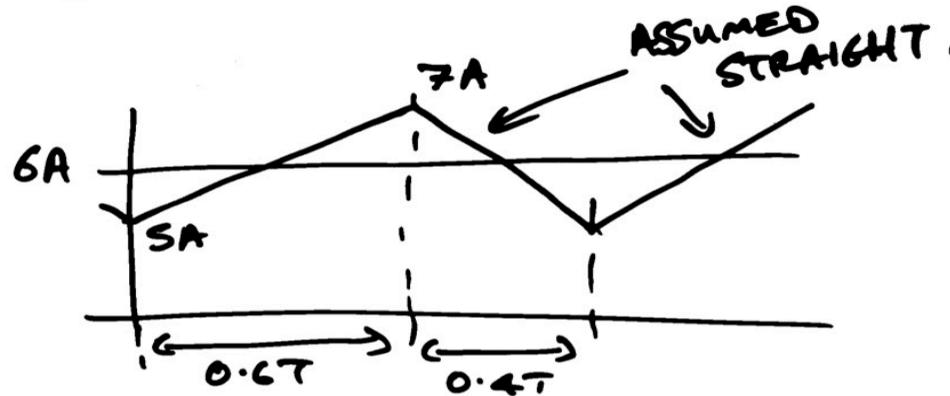
Because

$$\overline{V_{LOAD}} = \overline{V_L} + \overline{V_R}$$

$$\Rightarrow \overline{V_R} = 120V \Rightarrow \overline{i_L} = \frac{\overline{V_R}}{R} = \underline{\underline{6A}}$$

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It looks like:

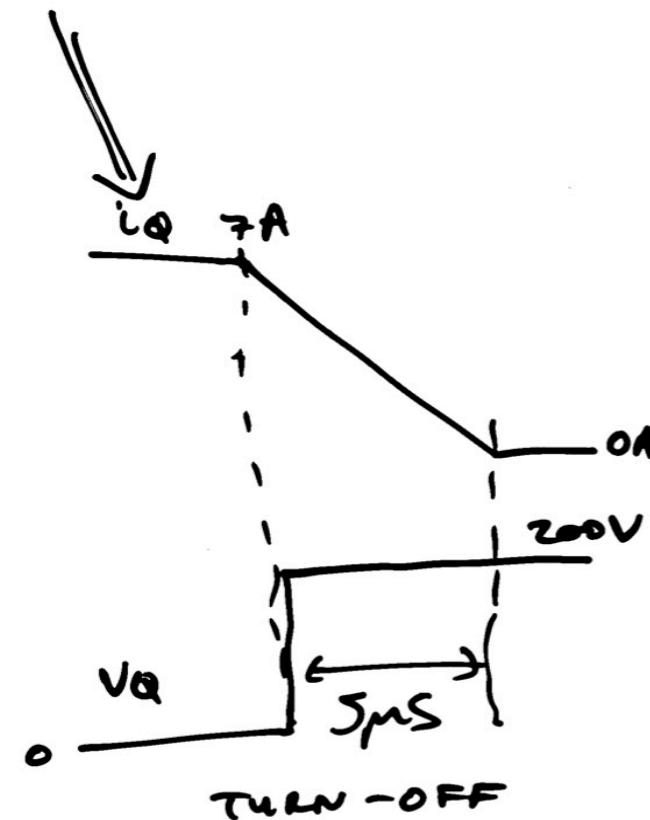
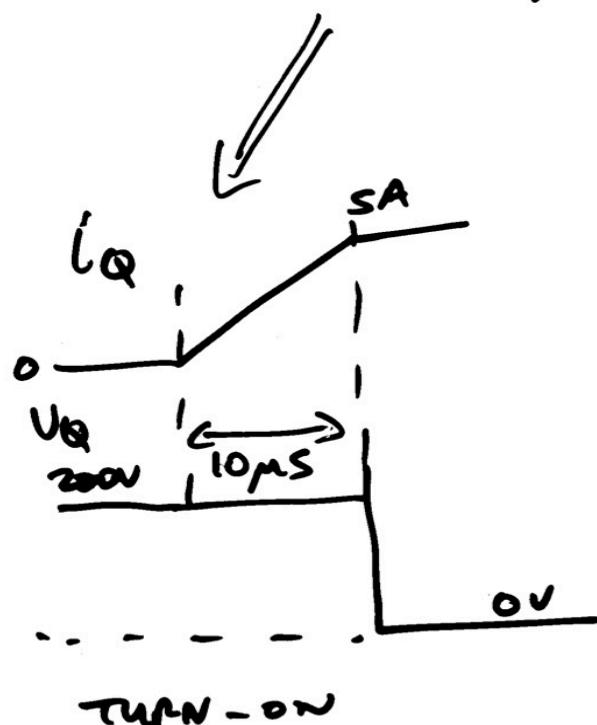
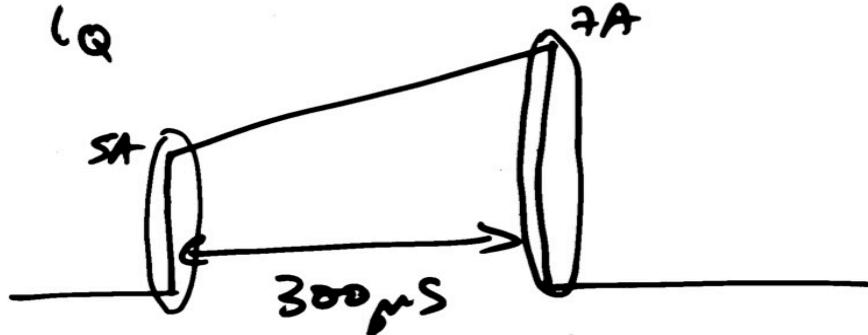


$$\begin{aligned} \text{Conduction loss} &= V_{CE(\text{SAT})} \times \bar{I}_Q \\ &= 2 \times \left( \frac{5+7}{2} \right) \times 0.6 = \underline{\underline{7.2W}} \end{aligned}$$

Annotations:  $V_{CE(\text{SAT})}$  points to the 2V value, and  $\bar{I}_Q$  is labeled under the 0.6 value.

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e)  $i_Q$



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f)

Energy loss @ turn-on

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times 200 \times 5 \times 10\mu s = \underline{\underline{5mJ}}$$

↓  
I @ turn-on

@ turn-off

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times 200 \times 7 \times 5\mu s = \underline{\underline{3.5mJ}}$$

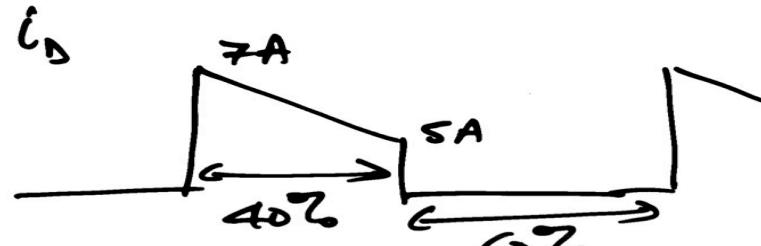
↓  
I at turn-off

Power loss = Energy × frequency .

$$(5mJ + 3.5mJ) \times 2\text{kHz} = \underline{\underline{17W}}$$

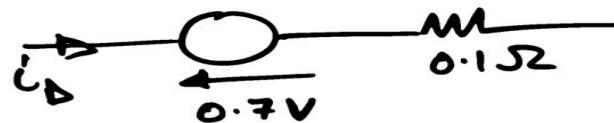
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g)



h)

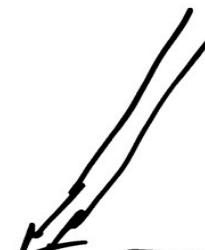
Conduction losses in the diode  
diode "model"



Power loss

$$= \underbrace{i_D \times 0.7 V}_{0.7} + (I_{rms})^2 \times 0.1$$

$$0.7 \times \left(\frac{7+5}{2}\right) \times 0.4$$



$$\left[ \frac{(7^2 + 5^2 + 7 \times 5)}{3} \times 0.4 \right] \times 0.1$$

MEAN SQUARE CURRENT

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⇒ Diode conduction loss  
= 3.13 W

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Q2

The transistor and freewheeling diode in Q1 are attached to the same heatsink. The thermal resistances between the device junctions and the devices cases are  $1 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C/W}$  (Transistor) and  $6 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C/W}$  (Diode) respectively. The thermal resistance between the device case and the heatsink is  $1 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C/W}$  for both devices. Neglecting switching losses in the diode determine the:

- (a) power losses in the transistor and diode,
- (b) device with the hottest junction,
- (c) heatsink rating (in  $\text{^{\circ}C/W}$ ) if the junction temperature of the hottest device is to be limited to  $120 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  and the ambient air temperature is  $40 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,
- (d) case temperatures of both devices and the junction temperature of the cooler device.

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Q2

D & Q in Q1 have parameters

$$\theta_{JC} = 1^\circ C/W \text{ for } Q$$

$$\theta_{SC} = 6^\circ C/W \text{ for } D$$

$$\theta_{CS} = 1^\circ C/W \text{ for both}$$

Find  $\theta_S$  so that hottest junction  
 $= 120^\circ C$  at  $T_{AIR} = 40^\circ C$ .

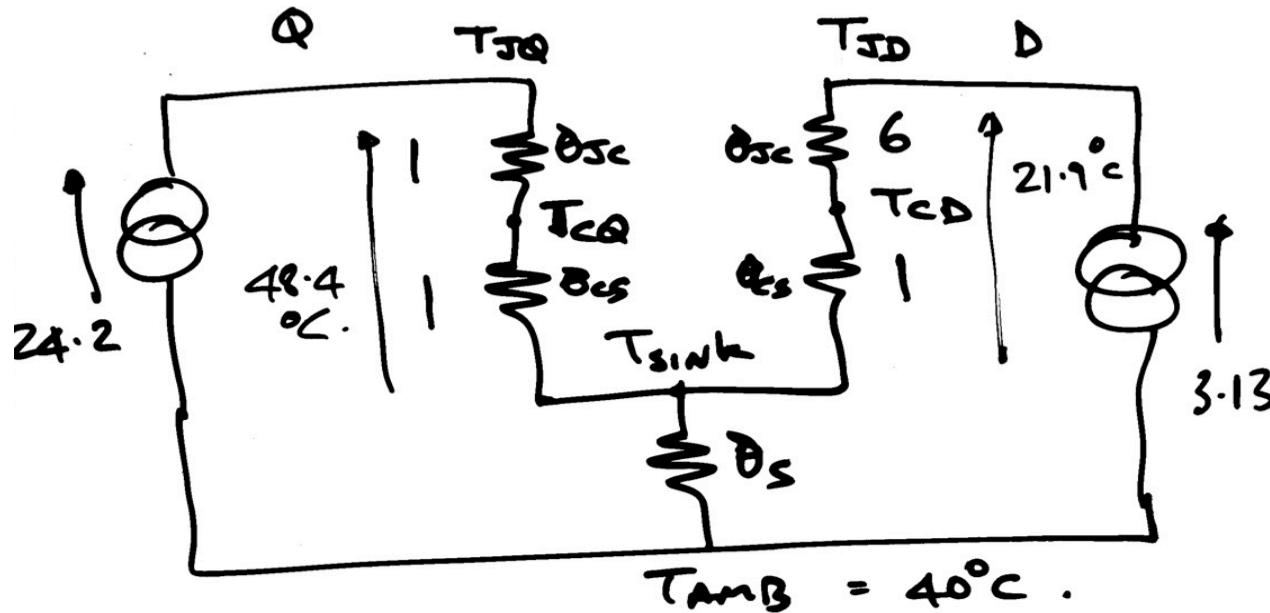
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Losses from Q1

$$Q_{TOTAL} = 17 + 7.2 = 24.2 W$$

$$D_{TOTAL} = 3.13 W$$

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$\Rightarrow T_{JQ}$  is the hottest

c)  $\Rightarrow$  Set  $T_{JQ} = 120^\circ\text{C}$

$$\Rightarrow T_{sink} = 120 - 48.4 = \underline{\underline{71.6^\circ\text{C}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta_{sink} = \frac{(71.6 - 40)}{(24.2 + 3.13)} = \underline{\underline{1.16^\circ\text{C}/\text{W}}}$$

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d) From diagram

$$T_{CQ} = 71.6 + 24 \cdot 2 \times 1 = \underline{\underline{95.8^\circ C}}$$

$$T_{CD} = 71.6 + 3.13 \times 1 = \underline{\underline{74.7^\circ C}}$$

$$T_{JD} = 71.6 + 3.13(1+6) = \underline{\underline{93.8^\circ C}}$$

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Q3

Consider the IRFZ34 MOSFET (datasheet given separately). It has the following “headline” ratings:

$$60 \text{ V}, 30 \text{ A}, R_{DS(\text{ON})} = 0.05 \Omega$$

Determine the actual RMS current we can use the device at if we fix it to a heatsink rated at  $3 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C/W}$  (a very large piece of metal compared to the size of the device).

Neglect switching loss

Assume ambient temperature is  $40 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  (this is probably low for a real design)

Assume we allow the junction to get to  $150 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  (very hot! –  $175 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  means certain destruction).

Determine also the device case temperature and the heatsink temperature.

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Q3

IRFZ34 MOSFET

What RMS current will it handle when bolted to a  $3^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{W}$  heatsink? Neglect switching loss.

Headline Ratings  $60\text{V}, 30\text{A}$   
 $R_{DS(\text{ON})} = 0.05\Omega$

Assume we allow the "Junction" to reach  $150^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $175^{\circ}\text{C} \rightarrow$  destruction)

Assume Air temp =  $40^{\circ}\text{C}$

$$\text{At } 150^{\circ}\text{C} \quad T_J \quad R_{DS(\text{ON})} \\ = 0.05 \times 1.8 = 0.09\Omega$$

See databsheet  
Fig 4.

Temp difference = Power  $\times$  Thermal resistance.

Total  $\theta$

$$= \theta_{JC} + \theta_{CS} + \theta_{SINK}$$

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$$= \underbrace{1.7 + 0.5}_{\text{DATASHEET}} + 3 = 5.2^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{W}$$

$$\text{Power} = \frac{(150 - 40)}{5.2} = \underline{\underline{21\text{W}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow I_{\text{rms}}^2 \times R_{\text{DS(on)}}$$

$$\Rightarrow I_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\frac{21}{0.09}} = \underline{\underline{15\text{A}}}$$

$\Rightarrow 50\%$   $\Delta$  HEADLINE VALUE !!

$$\text{Heatsink is } @ 40 + 21 \times 3 \\ = \underline{\underline{103^{\circ}\text{C}}}$$

$$\text{CASE is } @ 103 + 21 \times 0.05 \\ = \underline{\underline{114^{\circ}\text{C}}} !!$$

Need a Fridge to operate at  
30A !!

See curve  
Fig 9