

# EE240: Power Engineering LAB

## Inverters

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# Recap

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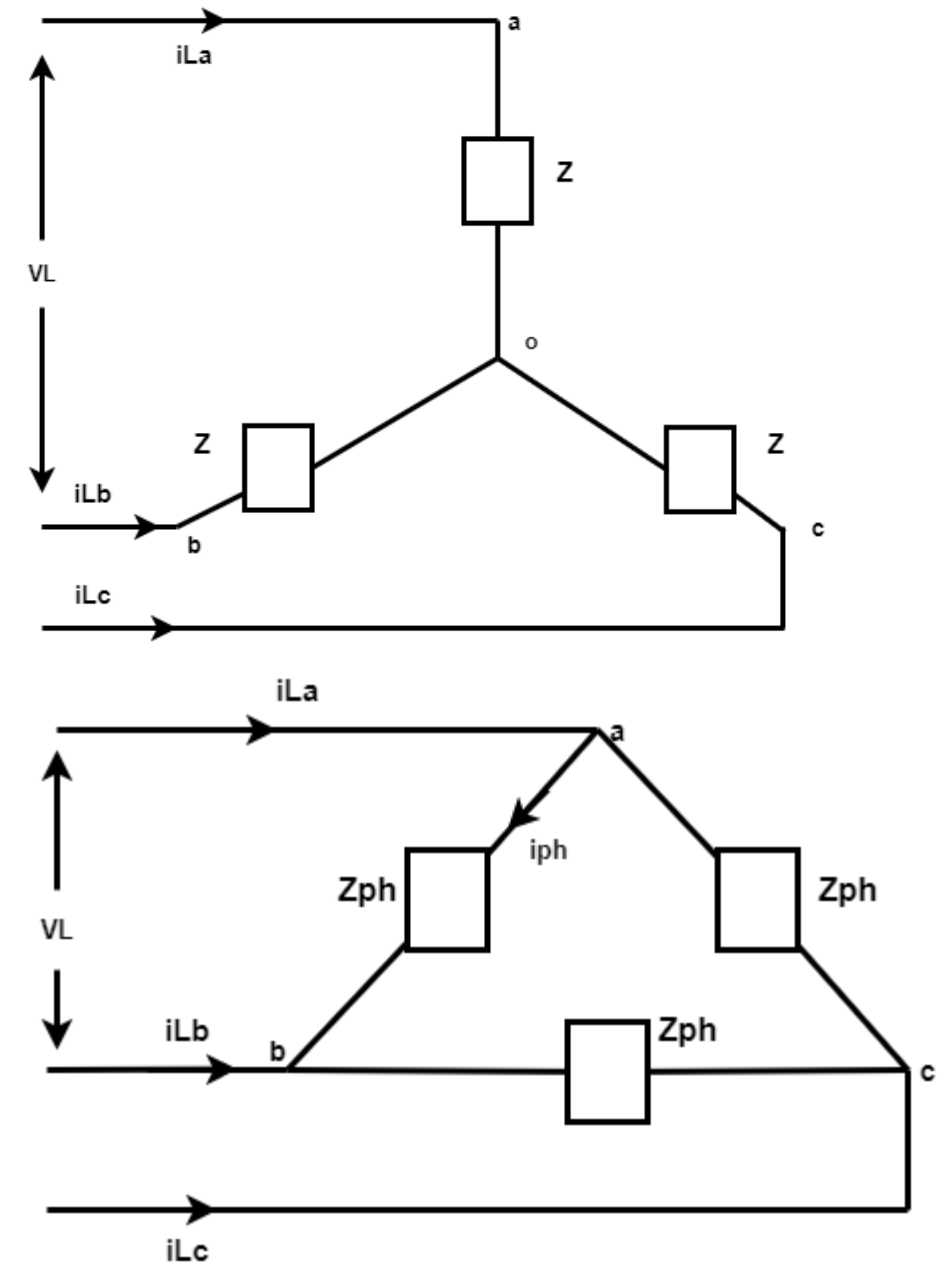
$$I_{L(Y)} = I_{ph} = \frac{V_{ph}}{Z_{ph}} = \frac{V_L}{\sqrt{3}Z_{ph}}$$
$$T_e \propto V_{ph}^2 \quad T_{e(Y)} \propto \left(\frac{V_L}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 = \frac{V_L^2}{3}$$

For delta connection:

$$I_{ph} = \frac{V_{ph}}{Z_{ph}} = \frac{V_L}{Z_{ph}}$$
$$I_{L(\Delta)} = \sqrt{3}I_{ph} = \frac{\sqrt{3}V_L}{Z_{ph}}$$

$$T_{e(\Delta)} \propto V_{ph}^2 \Rightarrow T_{e(\Delta)} \propto V_L^2$$

$$\therefore \frac{T_{e(Y)}}{T_{e(\Delta)}} = \frac{1}{3} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{I_{L(Y)}}{I_{L(\Delta)}} = \frac{1}{3}$$



# Inverters

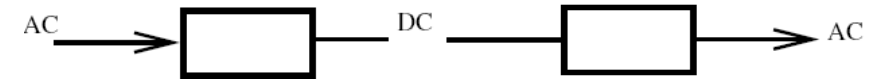
## DC – AC Converters : Inverters



Why there is a need?

Power is generated  $\rightarrow$  AC

Voltage induced in the conductor rotating in a magnetic field is AC



U.P.S.  $\rightarrow$  Input is 12V

Constant 'V' and constant 'F' supply is required.



3- $\phi$  Induction Motor

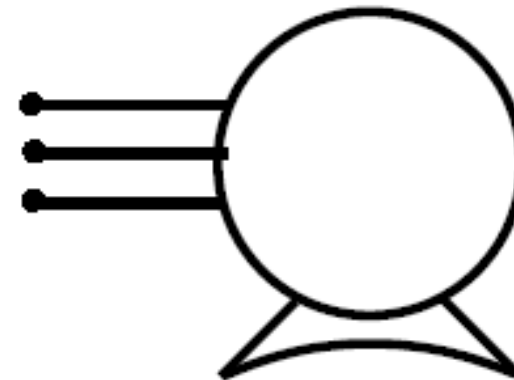
Stator field is rotating at  $N_s = 120 \frac{F}{P}$

Rotor is stationary ( $N_r = 0$ )

$$N_s - N_r = N_s$$

$\Rightarrow$  Current in rotor  $\rightarrow$  Current in stator

$\Rightarrow$  Supply current is very high ( $\approx 6 I_{rated}$ )



Assume that ' $T_L$ ' is constant.

$$\therefore T_L = \text{developed torque} \approx \text{constant} = \frac{P_2}{2\pi N_s}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Air gap power input is constant

$\Rightarrow$  Input power is constant  $\rightarrow$  almost independent of speed

$\Rightarrow$  In order to  $\downarrow$  the speed,  $\downarrow$  the applied voltage (F is constant)

$$T \propto V^2$$

$\Rightarrow$  speed from  $N_{r1}$  to  $N_{r2}$

$\because$  'F' is constant,  $N_s$  is constant.

$N_r$  has to  $\downarrow \Rightarrow \therefore 's' \uparrow$

$\because P_2$  is constant  $\Rightarrow sP_2$  has dissipated as heat.

$$\Rightarrow T_e \propto P_2 \propto \frac{I^2 R}{s}$$

$$\therefore I \propto \sqrt{s}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Stator core loss  $\uparrow$

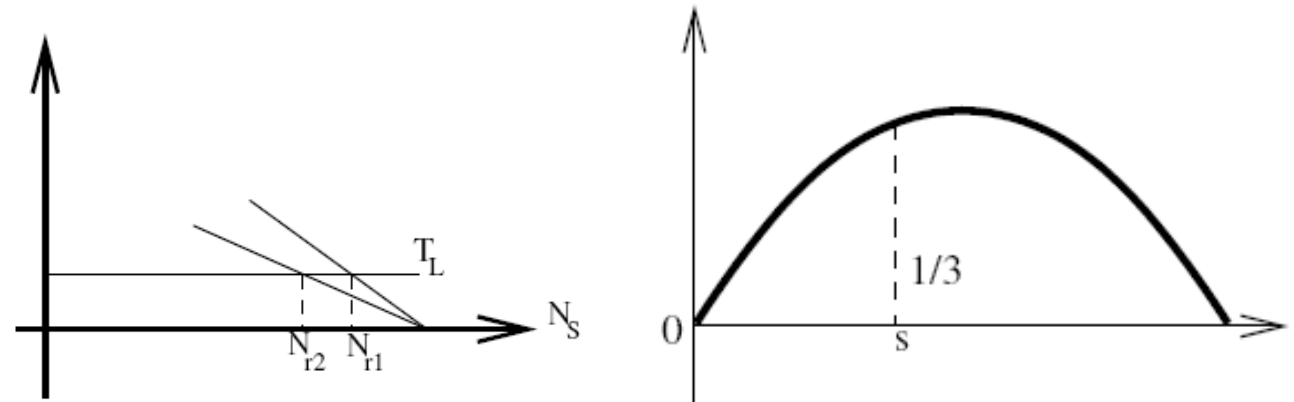
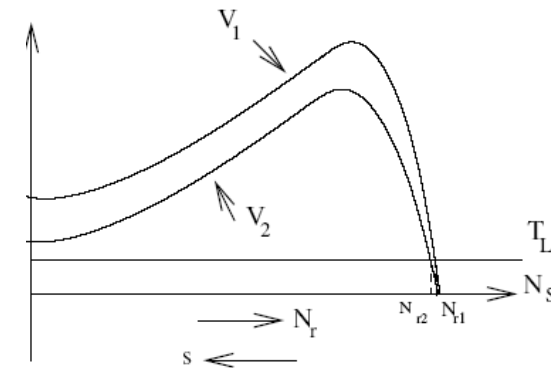
$\Rightarrow$  Heat  $\uparrow$  and  $\eta \downarrow$

If  $T_L \propto N_r^2 \rightarrow$  Fan type of load

$$\propto (1-s)^2$$

$$T_e \propto \frac{I^2 R}{s}$$

$$\therefore I = (1-s)s^{0.5}$$



If the process requires wide variation in speed

$\Rightarrow N_s$  should be changed especially for  $T_L = \text{constant}$

(In principle, this may not be required for fan type of loads)

$\Rightarrow$  Even for fan type of load, it is preferred.

$\Rightarrow$  Frequency of stator should be changed.



# Relationship between Output Voltage and Frequency

$$T \propto F_{SR} F_r \sin \angle(F_{SR} \text{ and } F_r)$$

$$\propto \phi I'_r$$

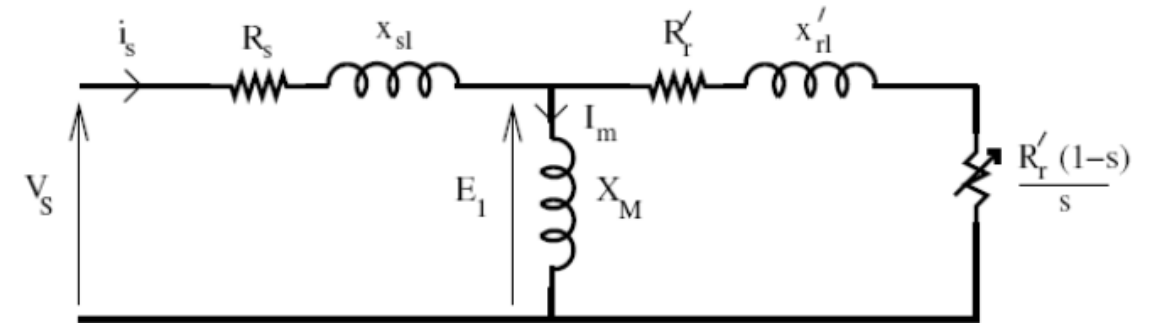
$$\propto I_m I'_r$$

$$I_m = \frac{E_1}{2\pi f L_m}$$

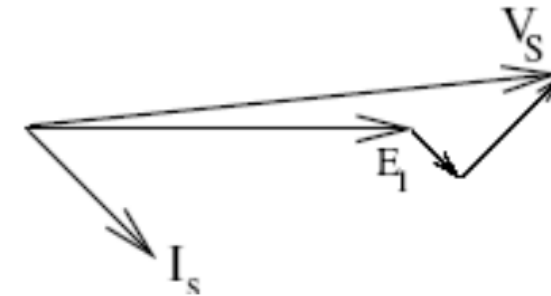
Generally,  $R_s$  and  $x_{sl}$  are small

Also at relatively high frequency i.e at 25-50 Hz

$$|E_1| \simeq |V_s| \longrightarrow I_m = \frac{V_s}{2\pi f L_m}$$



Equivalent circuit of Induction motor



**Case 1 :**  $V_s$  is constant and  $F \downarrow \Rightarrow N_s$  decreases

$|I_m| \uparrow \Rightarrow \phi$  tends to  $\uparrow$

All magnetic circuits operated at the knee point of magnetising curve.

If magnetising  $AT \uparrow$ , core gets saturated.

$\Rightarrow$  Input current becomes peaky and core losses  $\uparrow$

**Case 2:**  $V_s$  is constant and  $F \uparrow \Rightarrow N_s$  increases

$$\Rightarrow I_m = \frac{V_s}{2\pi f L_m} \downarrow \Rightarrow \phi \downarrow$$

$\Rightarrow$  If  $V_s = V_{rated}$  and  $F \uparrow$  above  $F_{rated}$

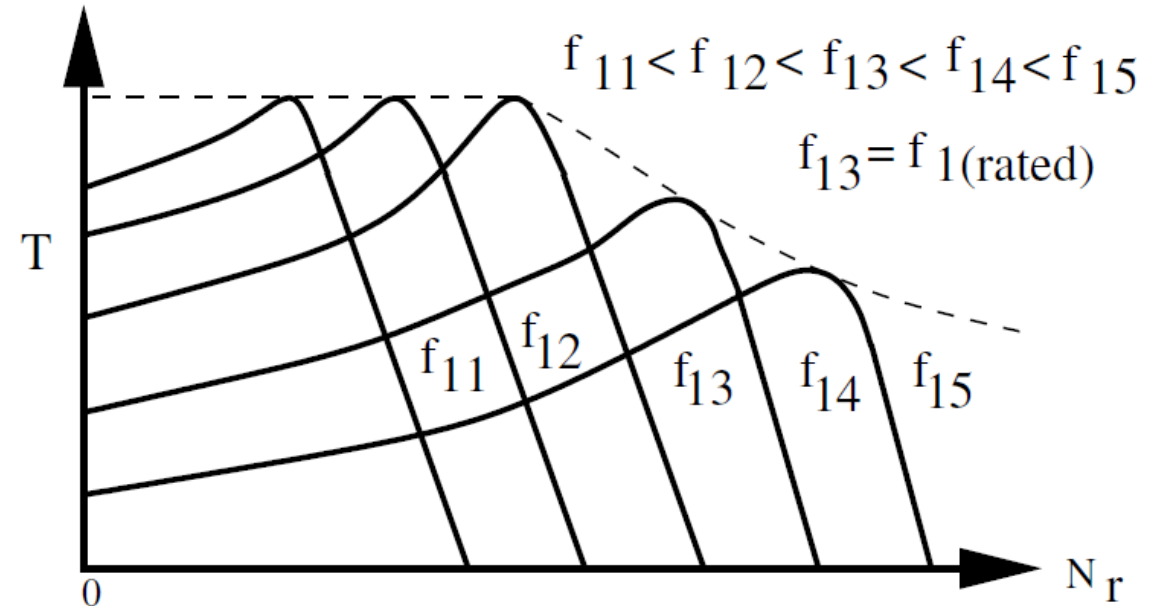
$\Rightarrow N_s$  and  $\therefore N_r$  also  $\uparrow$  above rated

$\Rightarrow |\phi| \downarrow$

$\Rightarrow$  Similar to the field weakening mode of DC motor  
( $V_0$  constant and  $I_r \downarrow$ )

$\Rightarrow$  Possible mode of operation

$\Rightarrow$  **DC/AC converter should have the feature that  $|V_s| = V_{rated}$   
and  $F$  should be able to increase**



**Case 3:** *Variable voltage and variable frequency*  $\Rightarrow N_s$  can increase and decrease

$$\Rightarrow I_m = \frac{V_s}{2\pi f L_m} \text{ constant} \Rightarrow \phi \text{ is constant (in speed range 0 to } N_{rated})$$

$\Rightarrow T_{max}$  is constant  $\because \phi$  is constant

$\Rightarrow$  fast variation in acceleration can be achieved by stator current control

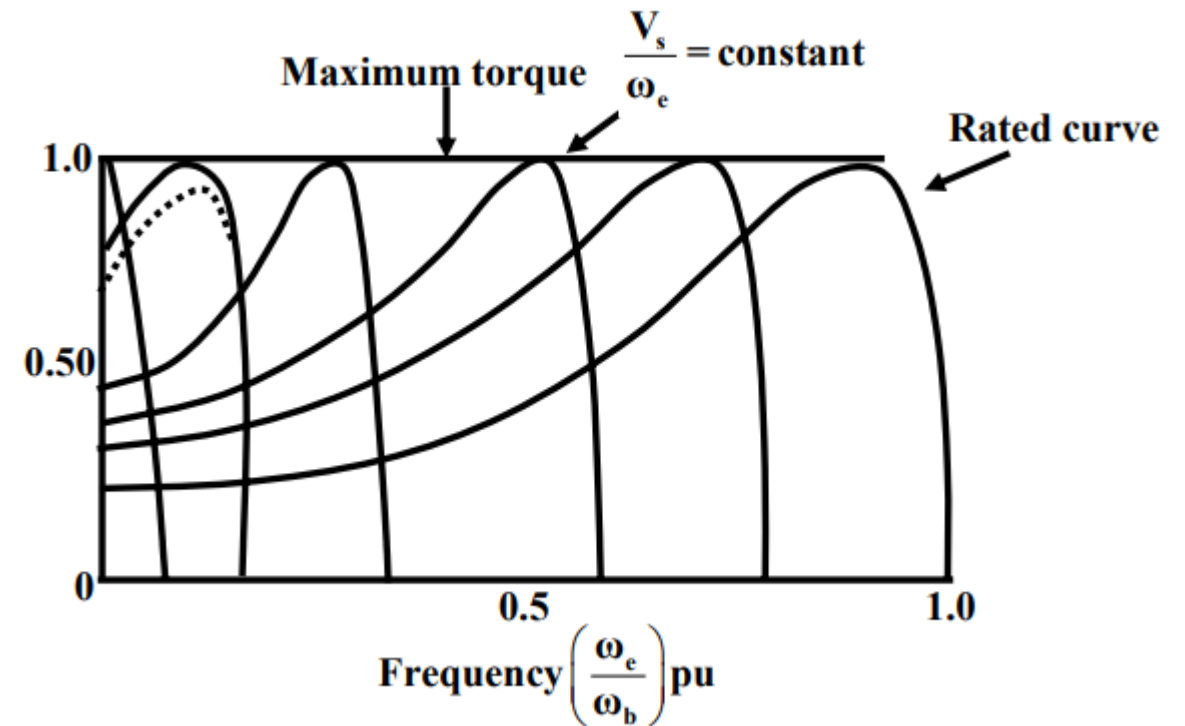
$\Rightarrow$  high  $\frac{T}{I}$  ratio

$\Rightarrow$  variable voltage and variable frequency till  $V_{rated}$  and constant  $V$  and variable frequency above rated

**Therefore DC-AC converter should have feature of “Variable voltage and Variable frequency”**

**The source should have following features:**

- (a) Output voltage should vary with frequency
- (b) Voltage magnitude should remain constant for rise in frequency  $> 50$  Hz.



# Types of Inverters

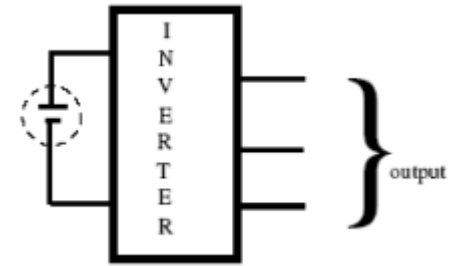
**Voltage Source Converter (VSC):** If the input to the inverter is a voltage source

⇒ Battery or large 'C' (input impedance ' $Z$ ' → 0)

⇒ DC-AC → **Voltage Source Inverter (VSI)**

⇒ 'I' can reverse but not 'V'

⇒ Anti-parallel diodes are essential



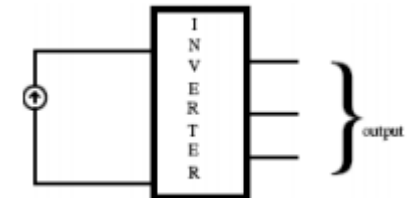
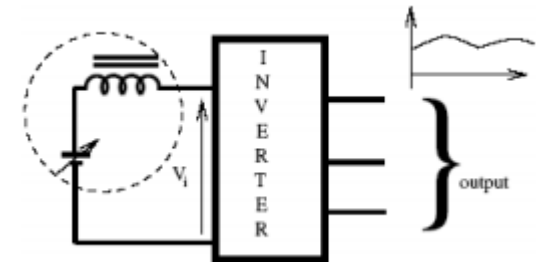
**Current Source Inverter (CSI):**

⇒ 'V' can reverse but not 'I'

⇒ Input L is very high, hence no possibility of shoot through fault.

⇒ Circuit is rugged and reliable

⇒ Device having anti-parallel diode can not be used.





# Single Phase Voltage Source Inverter

Circuit configuration of V.S.I. :

Basic Block : Half bridge

Since 'i' can reverse, switches should be able to carry bi-directional 'I'  
⇒ Connect a diode in anti-parallel fashion

In V.S.I. :

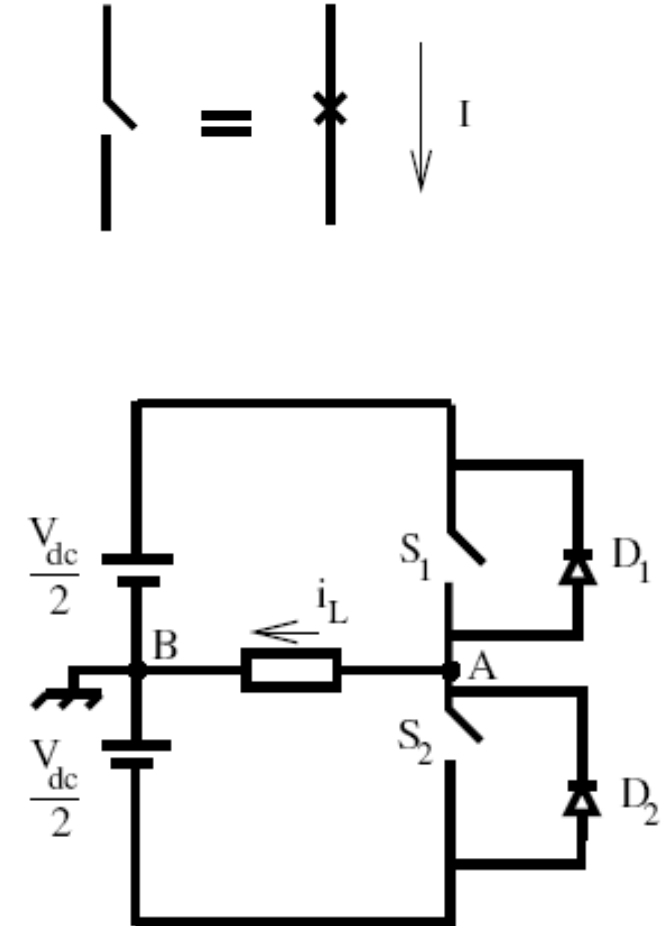
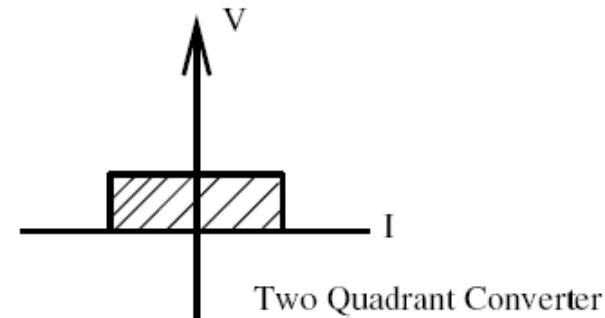
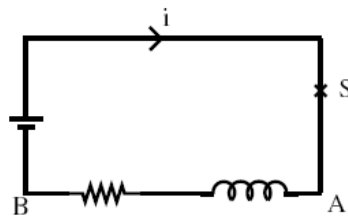
Switching signal for  $S_1$  &  $S_2$  (same leg) are always complimentary (Ideal condition).

**Case 1: R-L load**

$S_1$  ON:

For  $\frac{T}{2}$  duration,  $V_{AB} = \frac{V_{DC}}{2}$

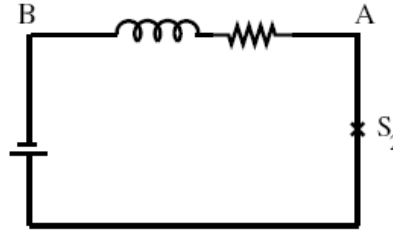
Load ⇒ R-L  $i = \frac{V}{R} (1 - e^{-\frac{t}{T}})$



$S_2$  ON and  $S_1$  OFF :

For  $V_{AB} = -\frac{V_{DC}}{2}$

'i' will decay and become negative.



**Observations:**

Time for which  $S_1/S_2$  is ON will determine the frequency of ' $V_0$ '.

$\Rightarrow$  If  $\frac{T}{2} = 10ms$ ,  $F = 50Hz$   
 $= 100ms$ ,  $F = 5Hz$

**At steady state:**

**P-Q :** V applied to the load = +ve,  $i_L$  is -ve (I flowing from B to A)

$\Rightarrow$  ' $D_1$ ' is carrying 'I'

**Q-R :** 'V' and 'I' are +ve

$\Rightarrow$  ' $S_1$ ' is carrying 'I'

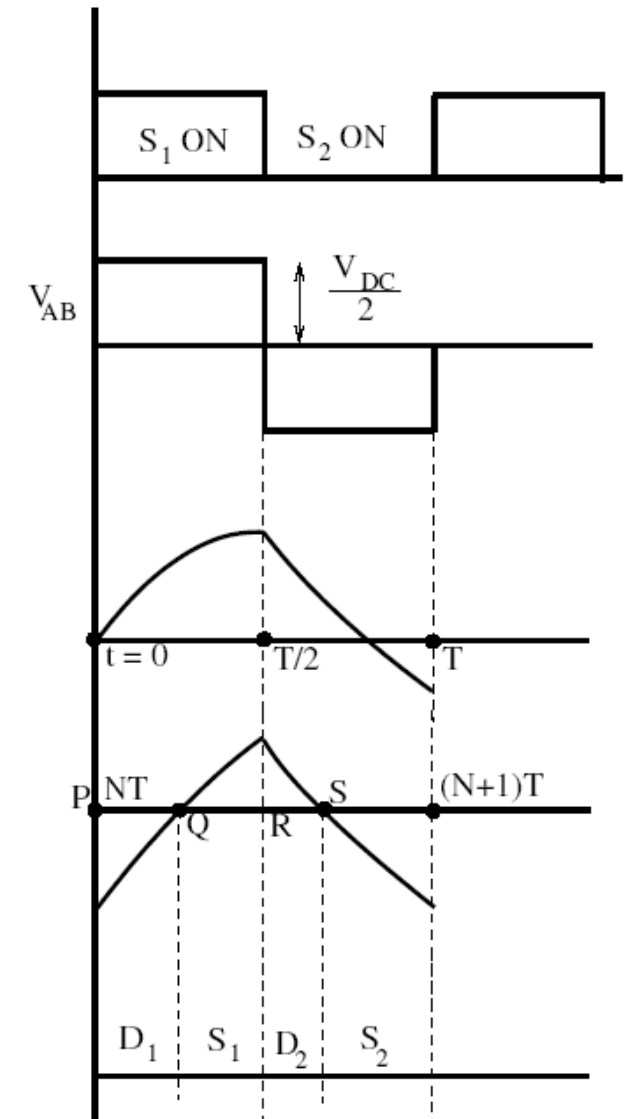
**R-S :** 'V' is -ve and 'i' is +ve

$\Rightarrow$  ' $D_2$ ' is carrying 'I'

**S-T:** 'V' and 'I' are -ve

$\Rightarrow$  ' $S_2$ ' is carrying 'I'

- If load is not purely resistive, switch should have a diode across it.

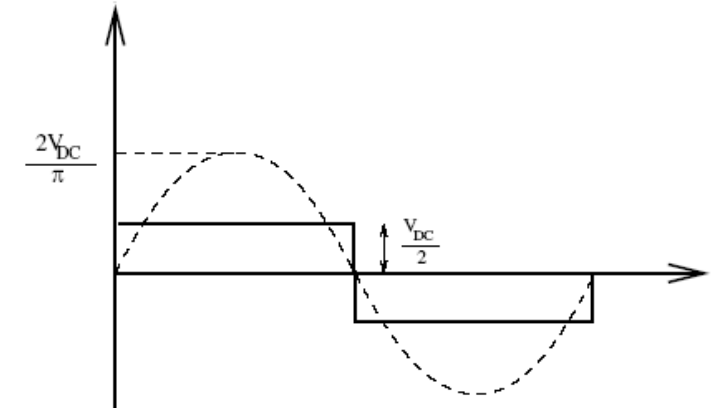
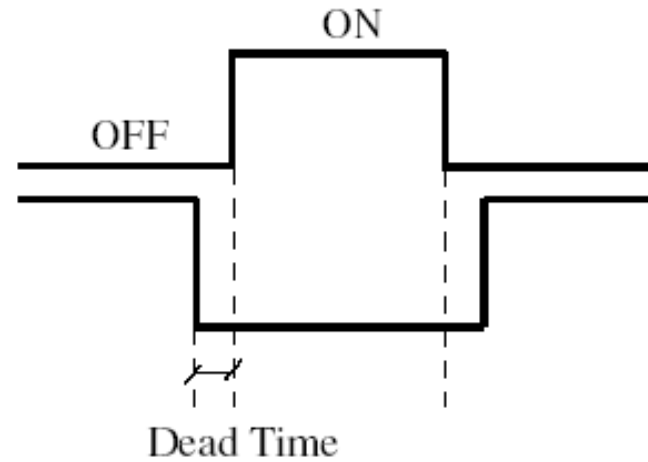


### Dead Time:

To avoid shoot through across DC bus.

⇒ Input 'V' =  $V_{DC}$       Output  $V = \frac{V_{DC}}{2}$

⇒ Has 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> ... all odd harmonics.  
THD  $\approx 48\%$



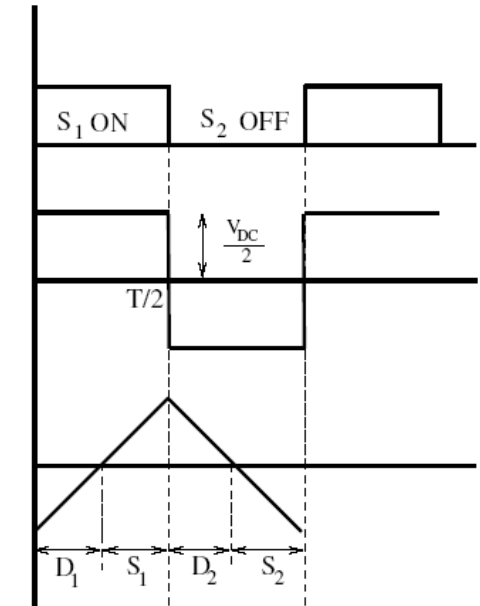
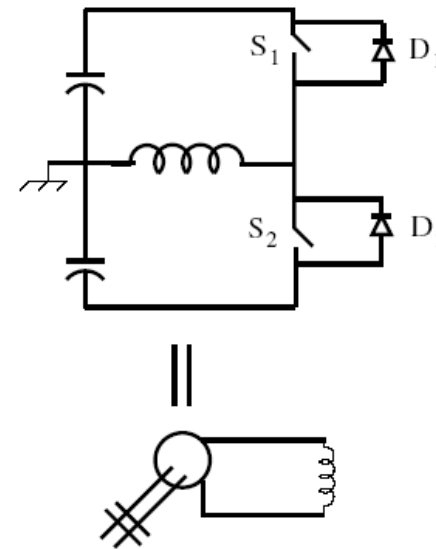
### Case 2: Load = L

$\gamma$  for D =  $\gamma$  for  $S = \frac{\pi}{2}$  radians

Average power = 0

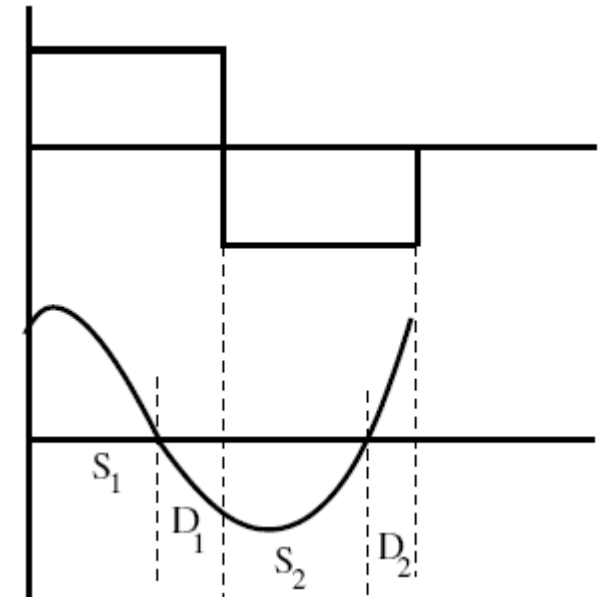
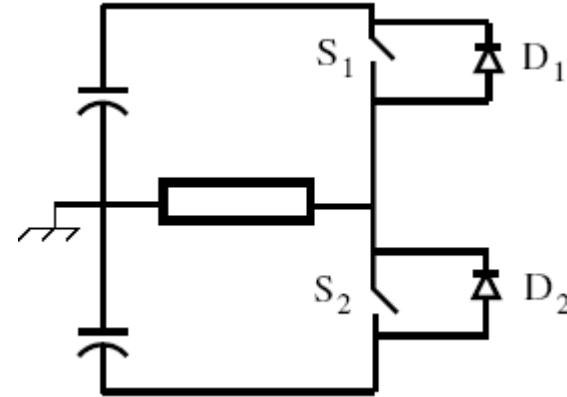
Input power = 0 (neglect loss)

- ⇒ replace battery by 'C'
- ⇒ VSI can supply reactive power
- ⇒ active input = inverter losses



### Case 2: Load = R-L-C

- ⇒ Series R-L-C with  $\omega < \omega_r, X_C > X_L$
- ⇒ P.F. is leading
- ⇒  $i_l$  is sinusoidal
- ⇒ 'i' through the device has become zero much before it is turned
- ⇒ Device is turned off of its own
- ⇒ Reason: Load 'I' is leading
- ⇒ Load commutation



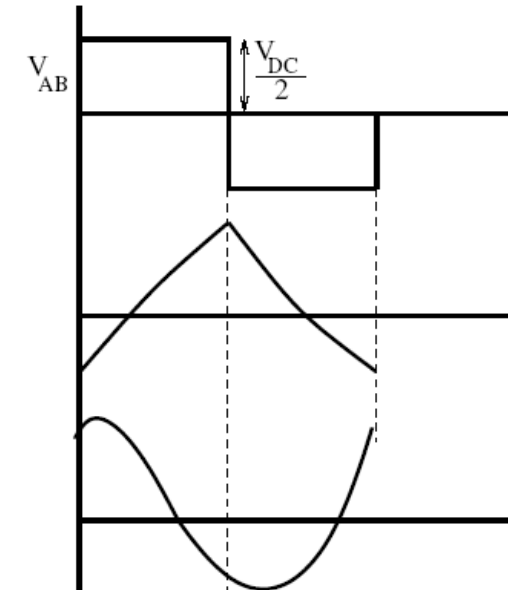
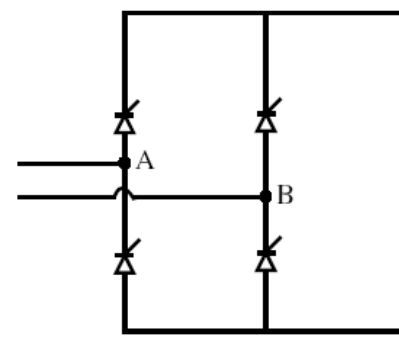
### If all the switches are SCR's & Load is R-L

Input to DC : SCR cannot be turned OFF through gate

$$i_{device} < i_{holding}$$

Reverse voltage should be applied to turn it OFF

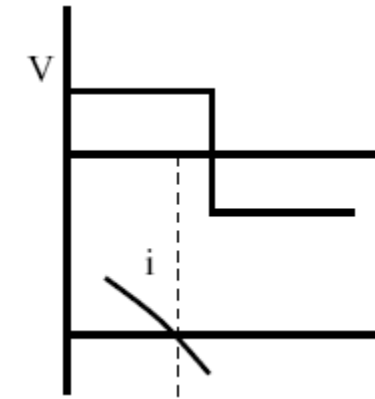
- ⇒ Separate L&C
- ⇒ Forcibly turned OFF
- ⇒ Forced commutation
- ⇒ Bulky and noisy
- ⇒ Inverter grade SCR's are required



### If P.F. is leading:

'i' through the device = 0 & flows through the diode of its complimentary switch before the voltage is reversed.

- ⇒ SCR has turned OFF
- ⇒ No external L-C circuit is required.
- ⇒ Inverter using SCR's feeding a leading P.F. load is quite attractive.
- ⇒ Inverter feeding over-excited synchronous motor
- ⇒ Large power
- ⇒ Load commutated inverter fed synchronous motor.



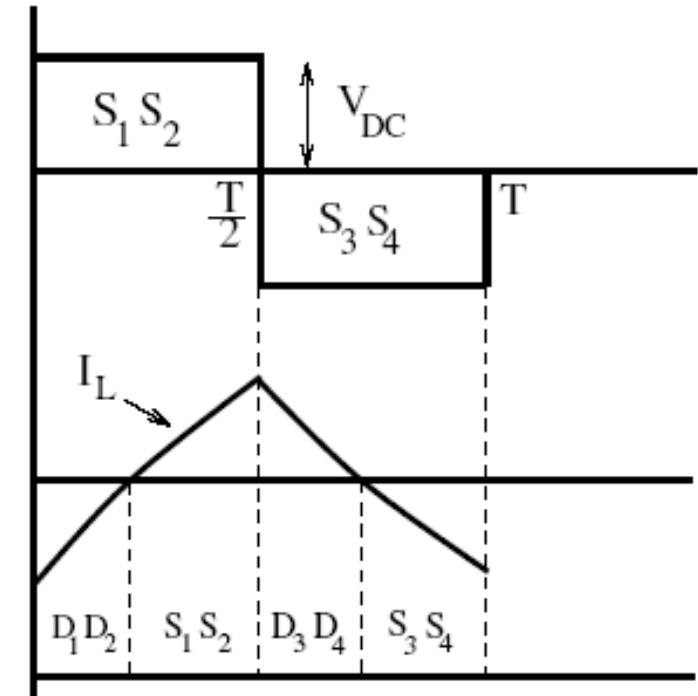
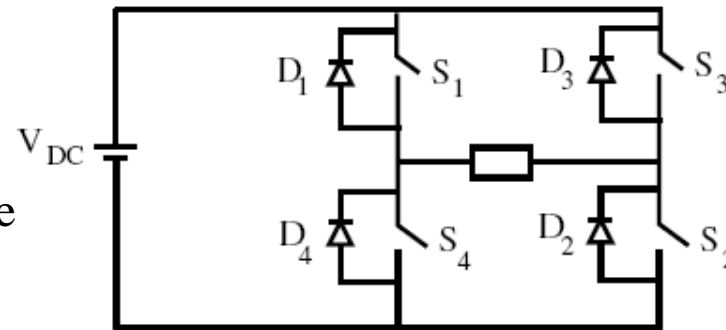
### Limitations of Half Bridge Inverter:

Input =  $V_{DC}$

Output =  $\frac{V_{DC}}{2}$

⇒ One device is conducting at a time

Instead use a full bridge.



- ⇒ 2 devices are conducting at a time.
- ⇒ Centre point of DC link is not required.



# Three Phase Inverters

Required output :  $3\phi$  AC

Phase displacement between  $S_1$  &  $S_3 = 120^\circ$

$$S_1 \text{ ON : } V_{AO} = \frac{V_{DC}}{2}$$

$$S_1 \text{ OFF : } V_{AO} = -\frac{V_{DC}}{2}$$

$$V_{AB} = V_{AO} - V_{BO}$$

From 0 to  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$

$$V_{AO} = \frac{V_{DC}}{2} \quad V_{BO} = -\frac{V_{DC}}{2} \quad \therefore V_{AB} = V_{DC}$$

From  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$  to  $\pi$

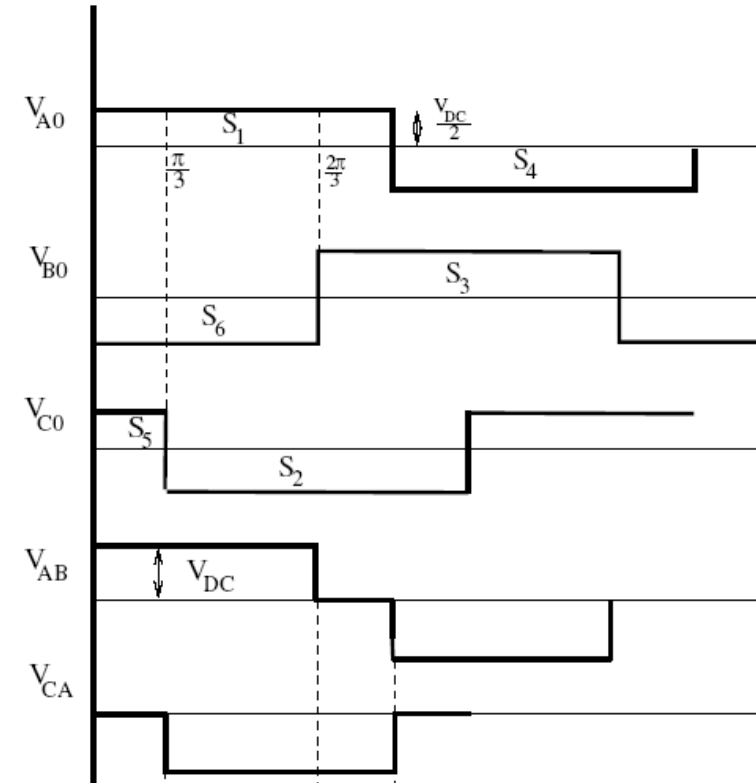
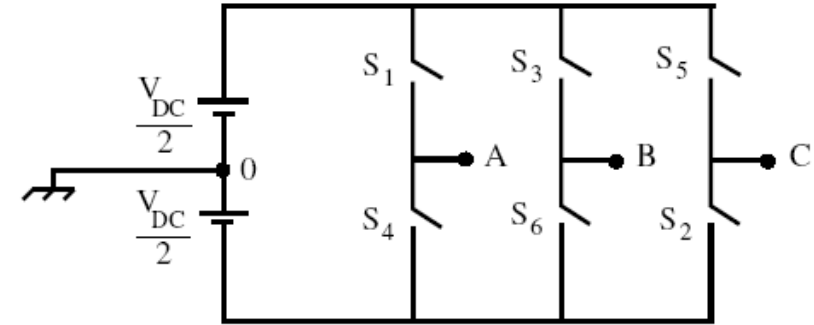
$$V_{AO} = V_{BO} = \frac{V_{DC}}{2}$$

$$\therefore V_{AO} = 0$$

Potential of A = Potential of B

$\Rightarrow$  Either +ve DC bus or -ve DC bus

$$V_{CA}: \quad 0 - \frac{\pi}{3} = 0 \quad \frac{\pi}{3} - \pi = -V_{DC}$$



## $\Delta$ Connected Load

$$i_{AB} = \frac{V_{AB}}{Z}$$

$$i_A = i_{AB} - i_{CA}$$

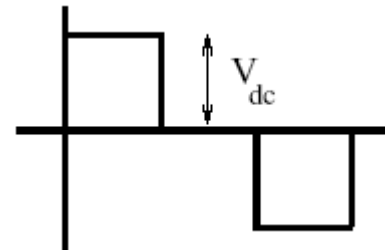
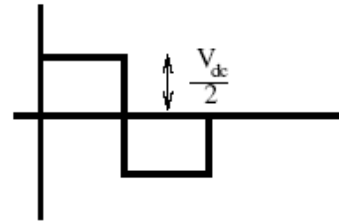
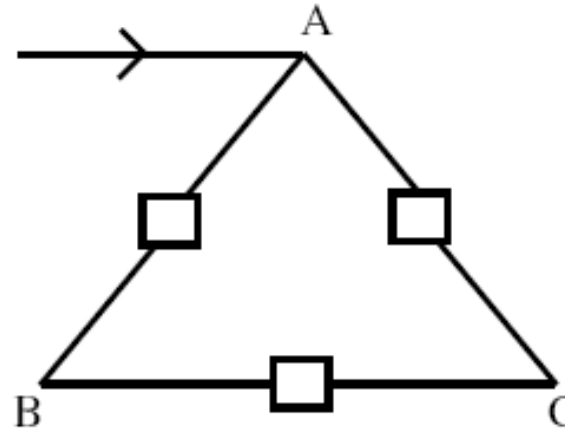
⇒ Observations:

There are 6 steps/cycle in load current

⇒ Six step inverter

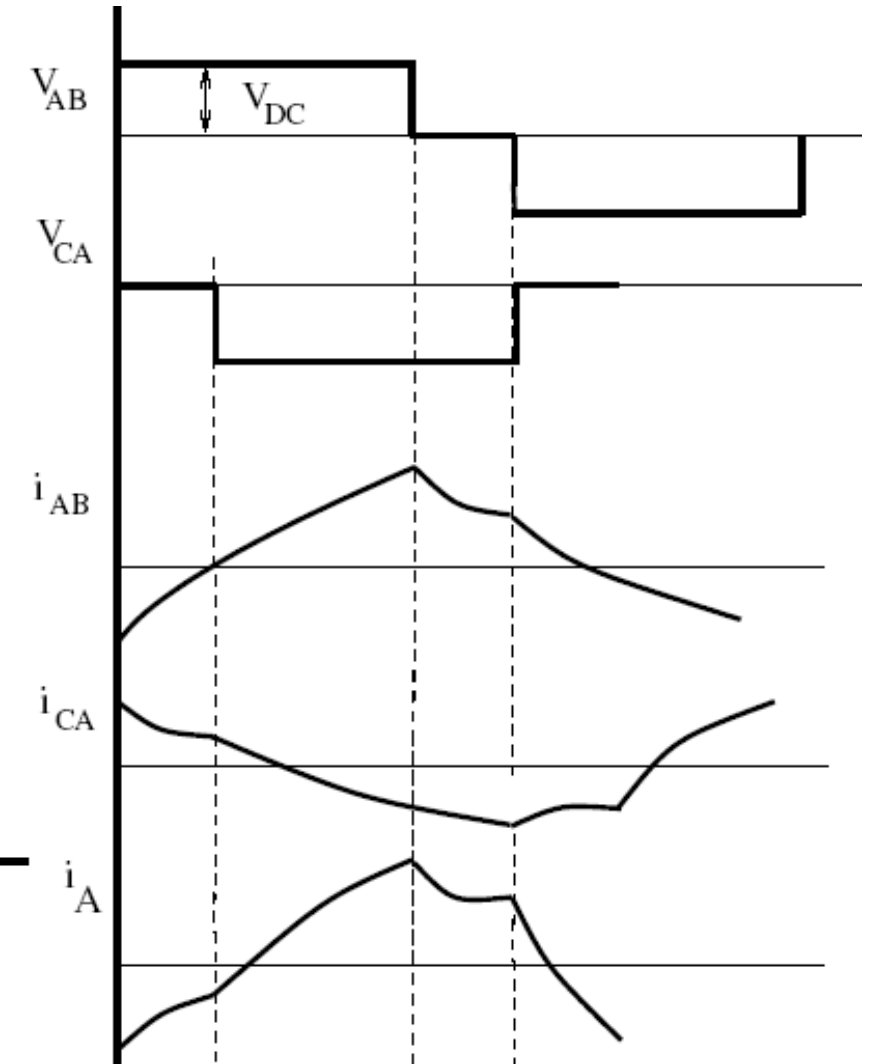
⇒  $V_{AO}, V_{BO}, V_{CO}$  → pole voltage

$V_{AB}, V_{BC}, V_{CA}$  → predominant harmonic  
is 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, ...  
=  $(6N \pm 1)$



$$V_{AB} = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{\pi} V_{dc} \left\{ \sin wt - \frac{1}{5} \sin 5wt - \frac{1}{7} \sin 7wt - \dots \right\}$$

R.M.S. of L-L is  $\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} V_{DC} = 0.816 V_{DC}$  Fundamental =  $\frac{\sqrt{6}}{\pi} V_{DC} = 0.78 V_{DC}$



⇒ *Y Connected Load*

⇒ *180° mode of conduction (square wave operation)*

⇒ VSI → switching signals for the leg of the inverter are complimentary

⇒ If status of  $S_A, S_B, S_C$  are known, the status of the other switches will also be known.

⇒ 8 possible combinations  $\{0,0,0\} - \{1,1,1\}$

⇒  $\{0,0,0\} \rightarrow S_A, S_B, S_C$  are OFF

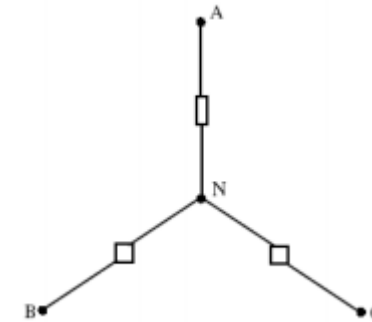
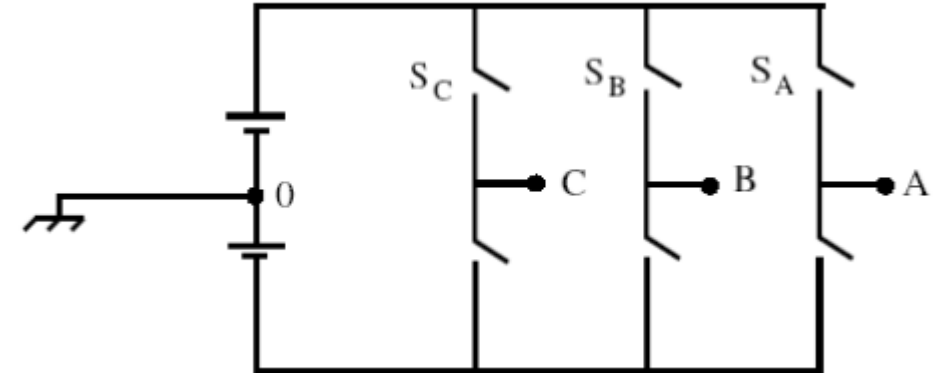
→ Points A, B and C are connected to -ve DC bus

→  $I_L$  is freewheeling through -ve DC bus

$$\Rightarrow V_{AB} = V_{BC} = V_{CA} = 0$$

⇒ True for  $\{1,1,1\}$

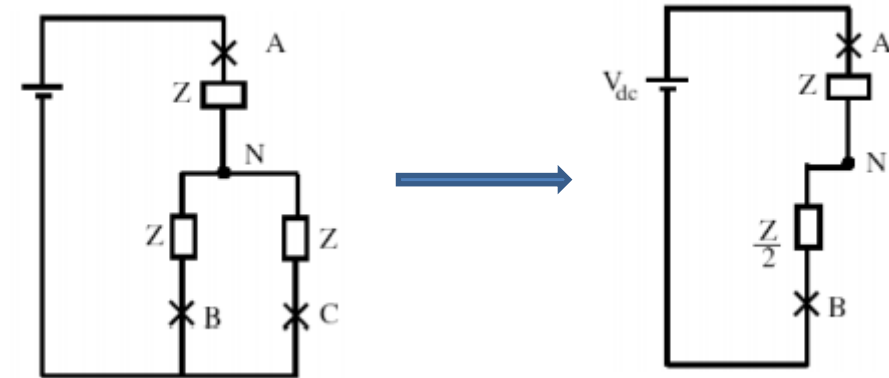
⇒ known as “0 Voltage Vectors”





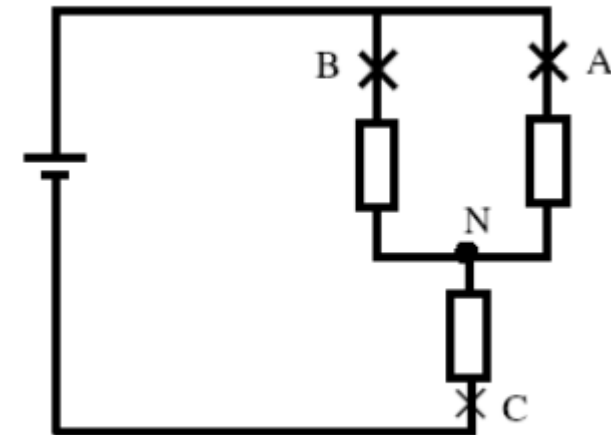
$$S_A \rightarrow 1, S_B \rightarrow 0, S_C \rightarrow 0$$

$$\therefore V_{AN} = \frac{2}{3}V_{DC} \quad V_{BN} = V_{CN} = -\frac{1}{3}V_{DC}$$



$$S_A \rightarrow 0, S_B \rightarrow 1, S_C \rightarrow 0$$

$$\therefore V_{BN} = \frac{2}{3}V_{DC} \quad V_{AN} = V_{CN} = -\frac{1}{3}V_{DC}$$



$$S_A \rightarrow 1, S_B \rightarrow 1, S_C \rightarrow 0$$

$$\therefore V_{CN} = -\frac{2}{3}V_{DC} \quad V_{BN} = V_{AN} = \frac{1}{3}V_{DC}$$



$$0 - \frac{\pi}{3} : S_A = 1, S_C = 1, S_B = 0$$

$$\therefore V_{AN} = \frac{1}{3} V_{DC}$$

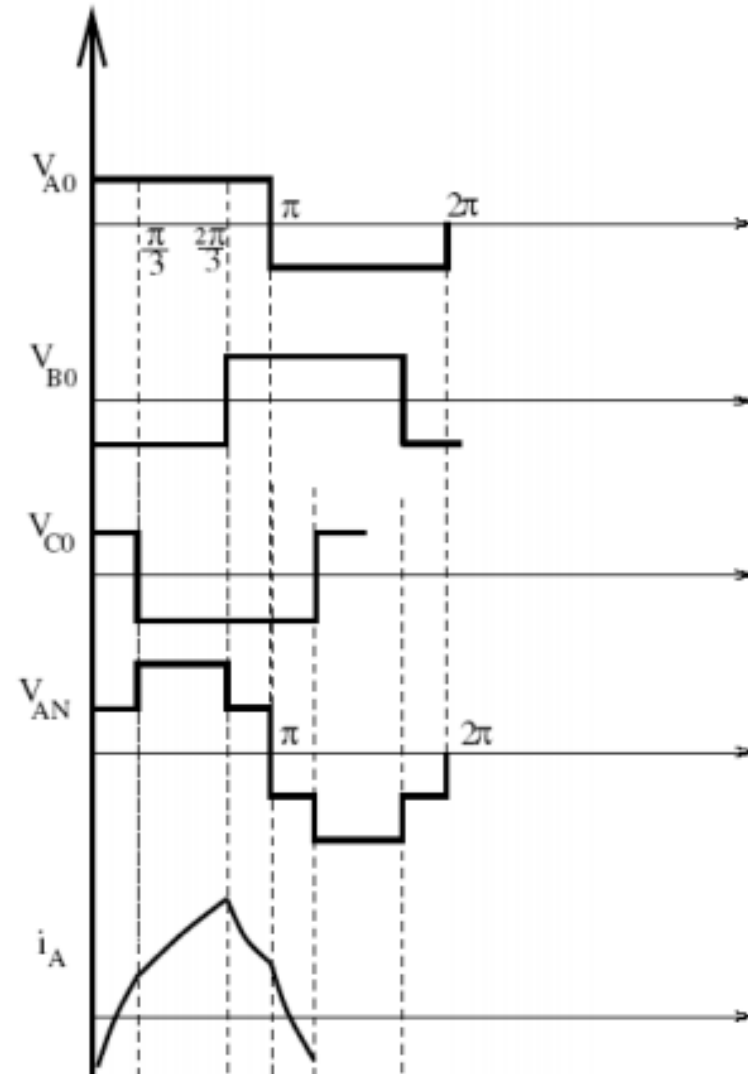
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$$\frac{2\pi}{3} - \pi : S_A = 1, S_C = 0, S_B = 1$$

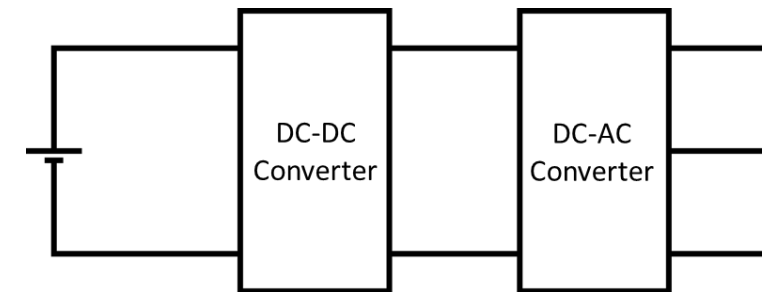
$$\therefore V_{AN} = \frac{1}{3} V_{DC}$$

$\Rightarrow V_{AN} \rightarrow 6 \text{ steps/cycle}$   
 $\rightarrow 6 \text{ step inverter}$

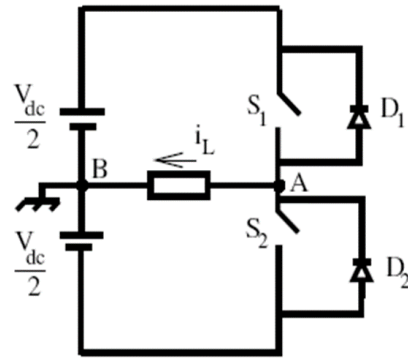
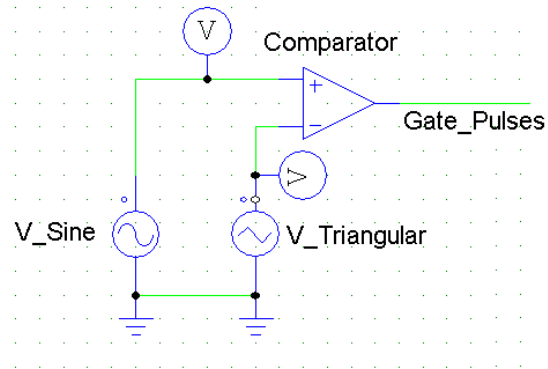


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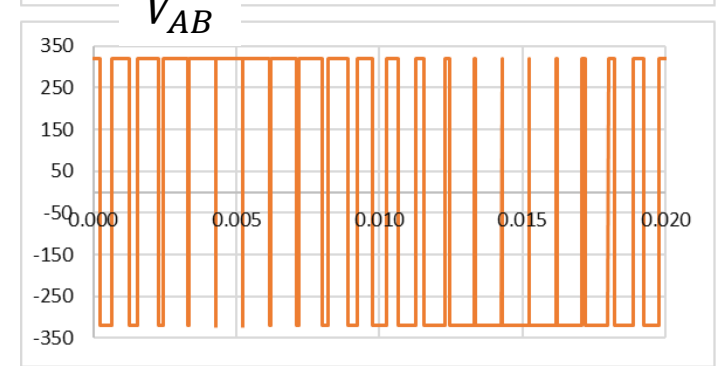
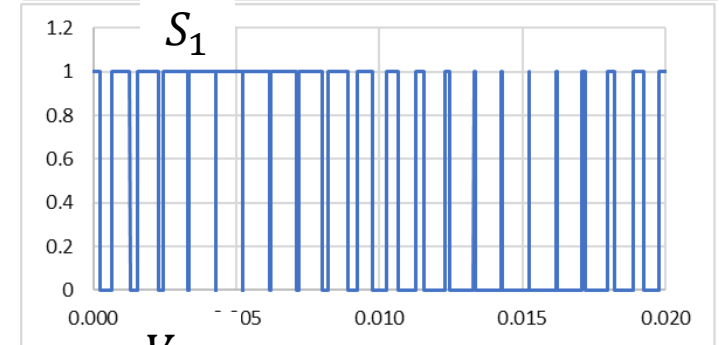
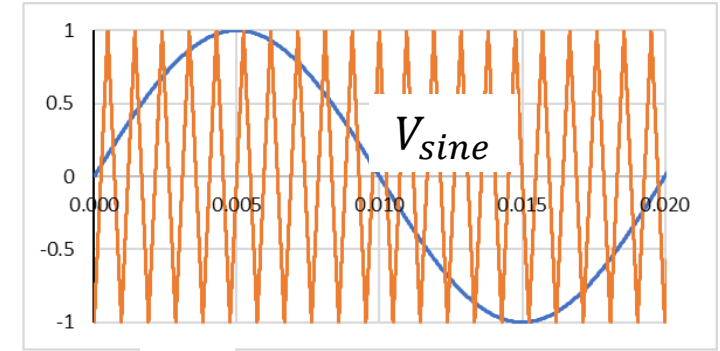
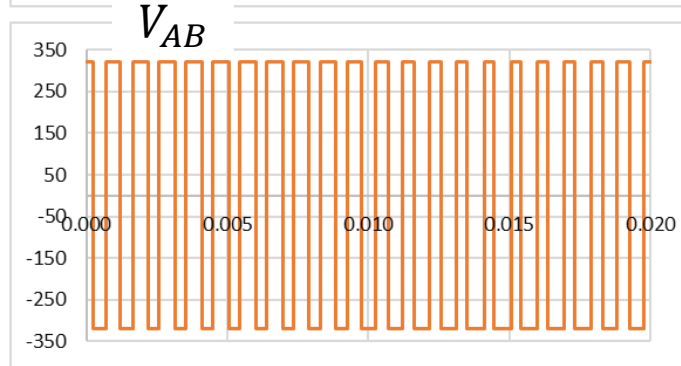
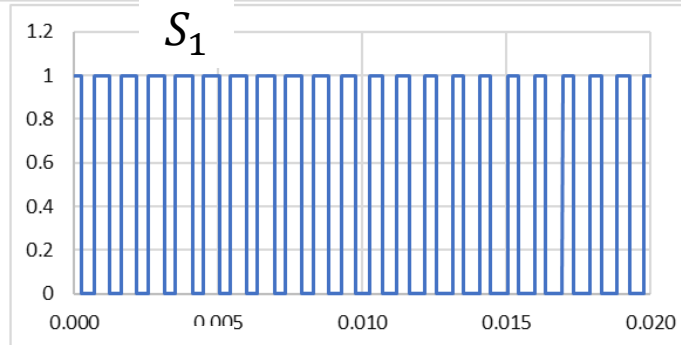
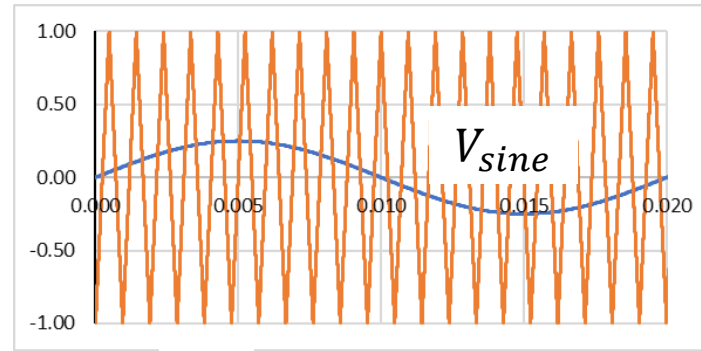
- Frequency variation can be obtained by changing the value of ' $T$ ', the time period
  - How to vary the voltage value?
  - A straight forward approach: Vary the input DC supply of the inverter (DC-AC Converter) using a DC-DC converter
  - In this method, the efficiency of the system is  $\eta_{dc-dc} \times \eta_{dc-ac}$
  - Also, the device count is high  $\rightarrow$  low reliability
  - Here, the switches are allowed to conduct for  $180^\circ$  (50% of  $T$ )
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- Instead, keep the DC input to the inverter fixed and vary the duty of the inverter switches
  - This scheme is known as Pulse Width Modulation (PWM)



# Sine Pulse Width Modulation: Switch Gate Pulse Generation



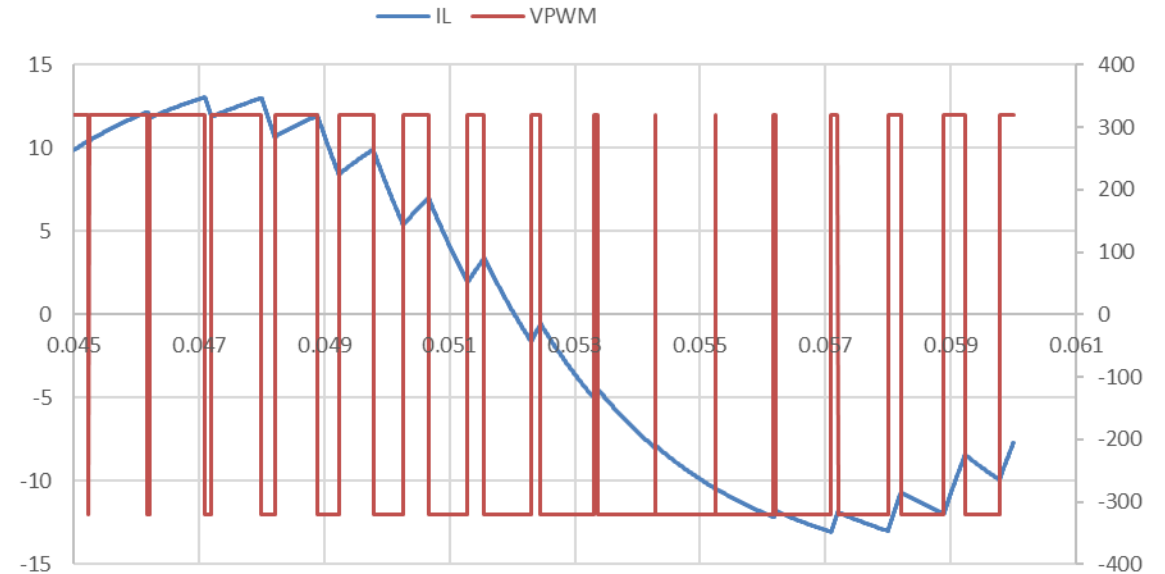
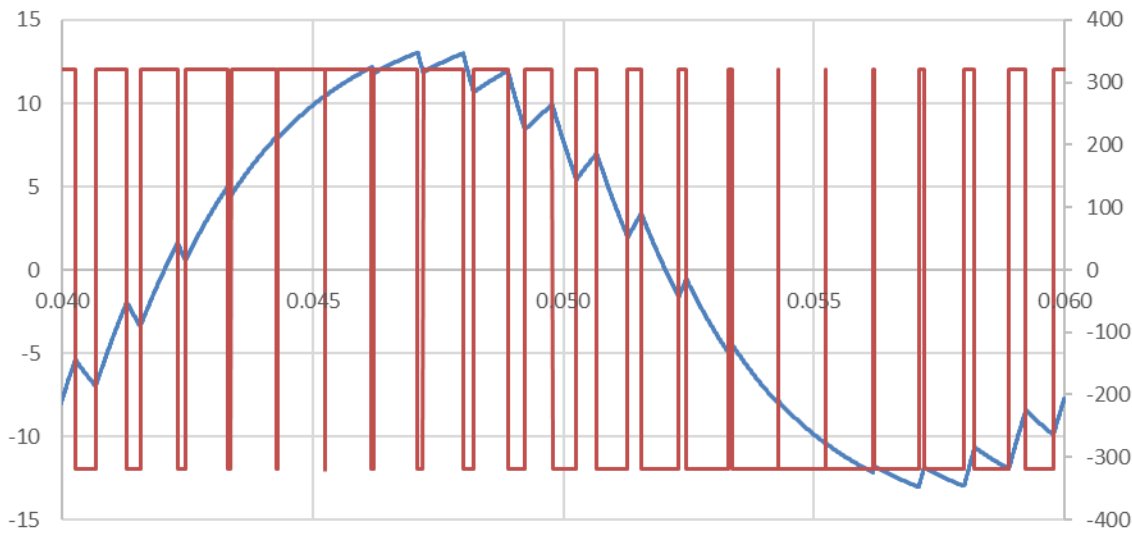
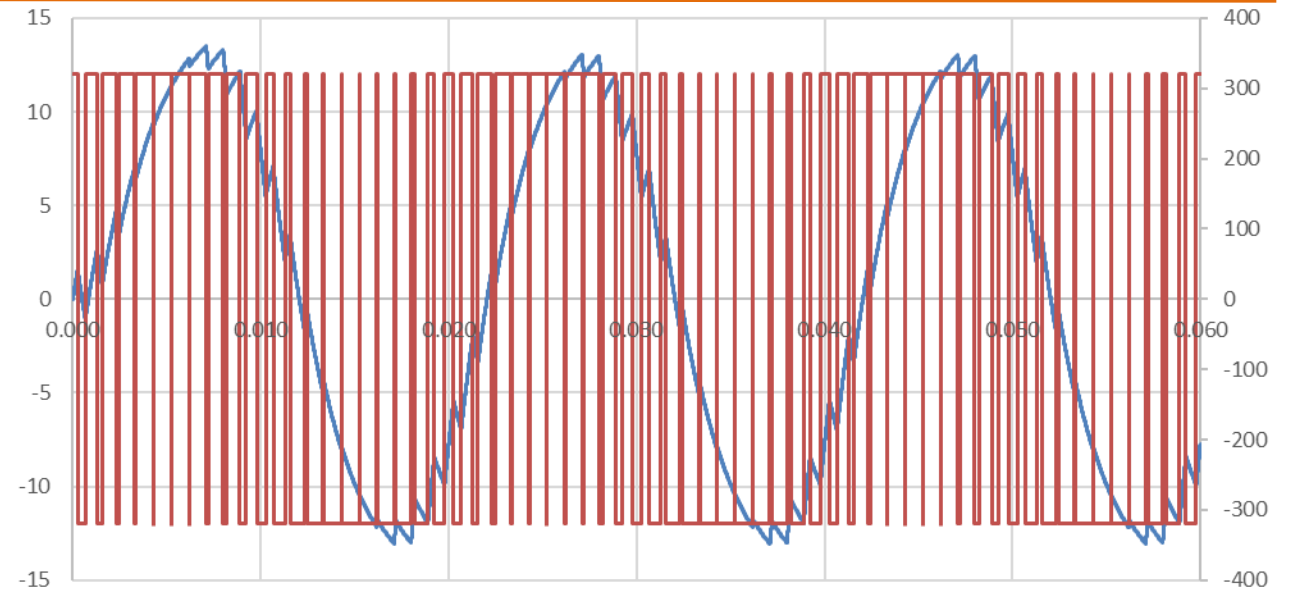
- A sinusoidal voltage (50 Hz) is compared with a triangular wave (High frequency)
- The obtained output is given as gate pulses to the corresponding switch



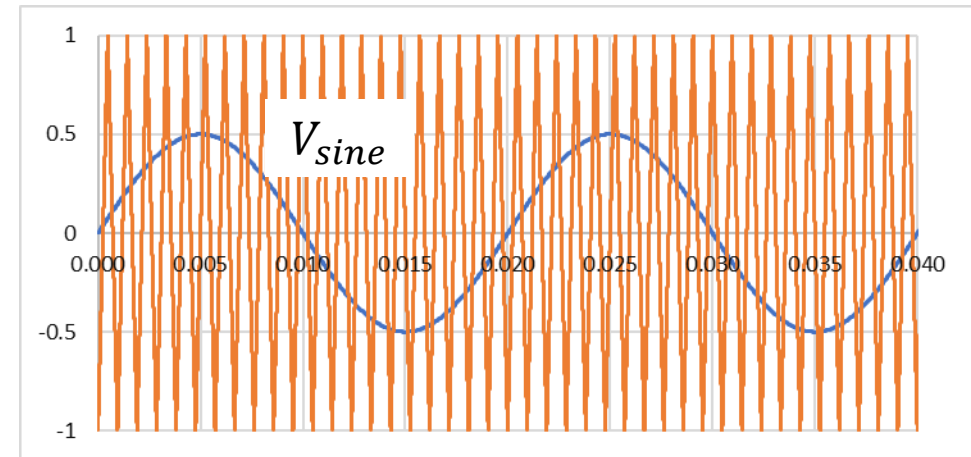
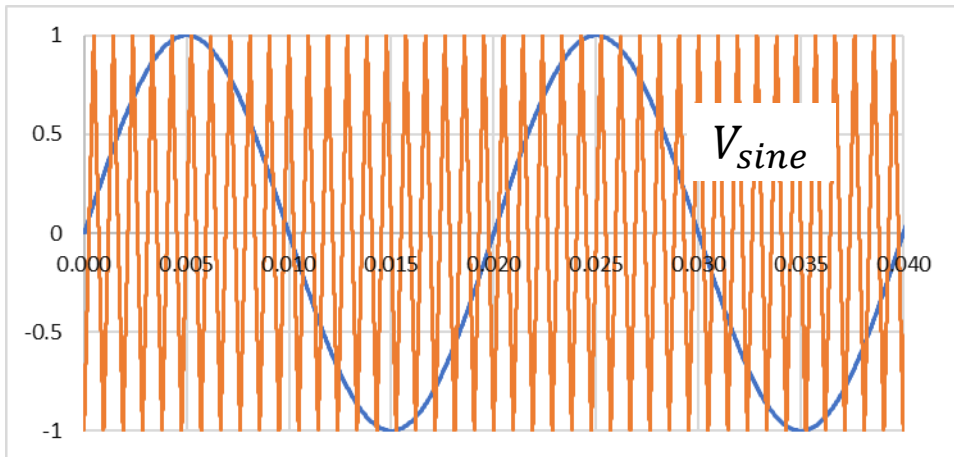
# Sine Pulse Width Modulation

VSI feeding an  $R - L$  load,  
 $R = 10 \text{ ohm}$ ,  $L = 50 \text{ mH}$ ,  
 $f_s = 1050 \text{ Hz}$

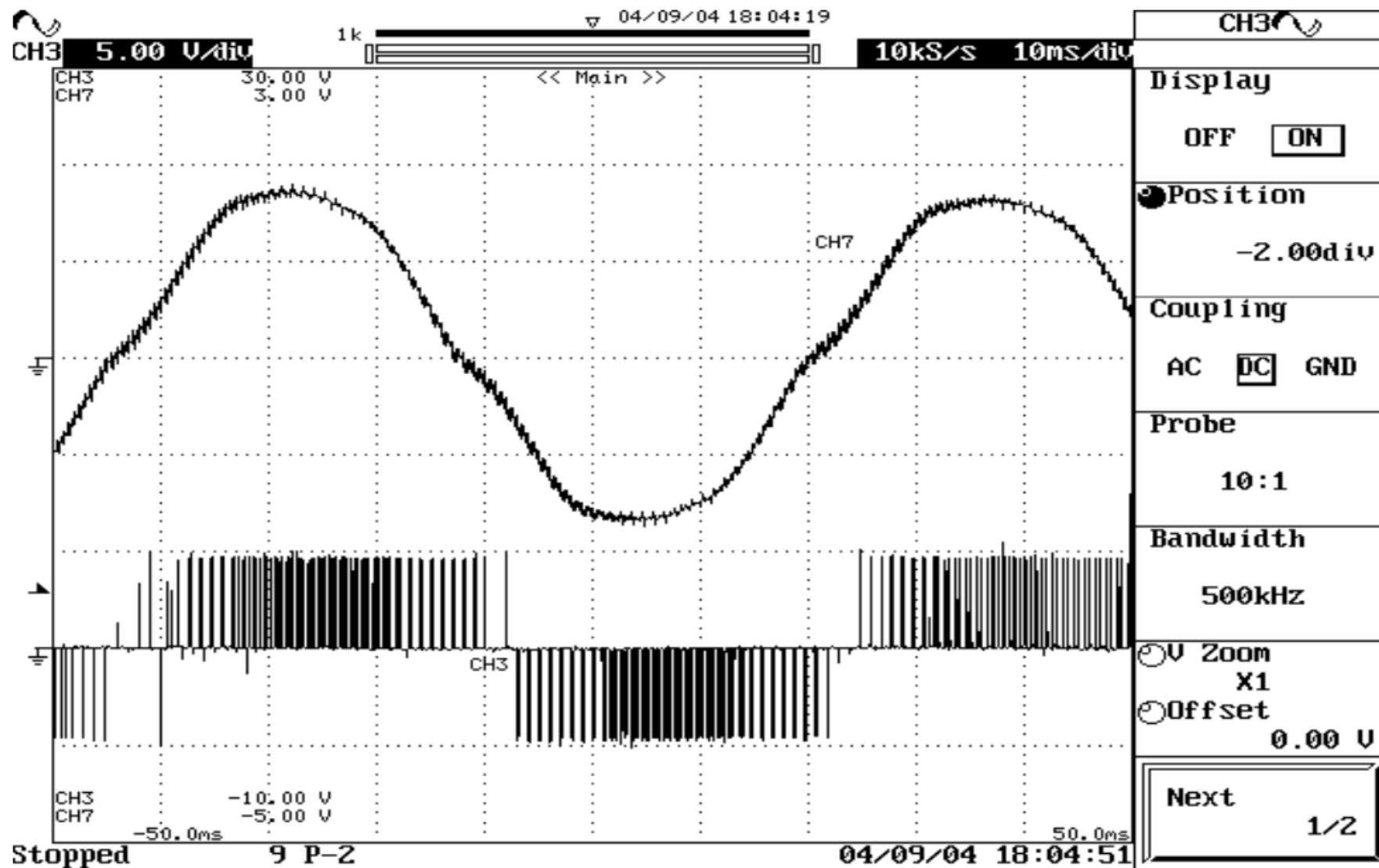
→ It is possible to obtain  
sinusoidal current waveform



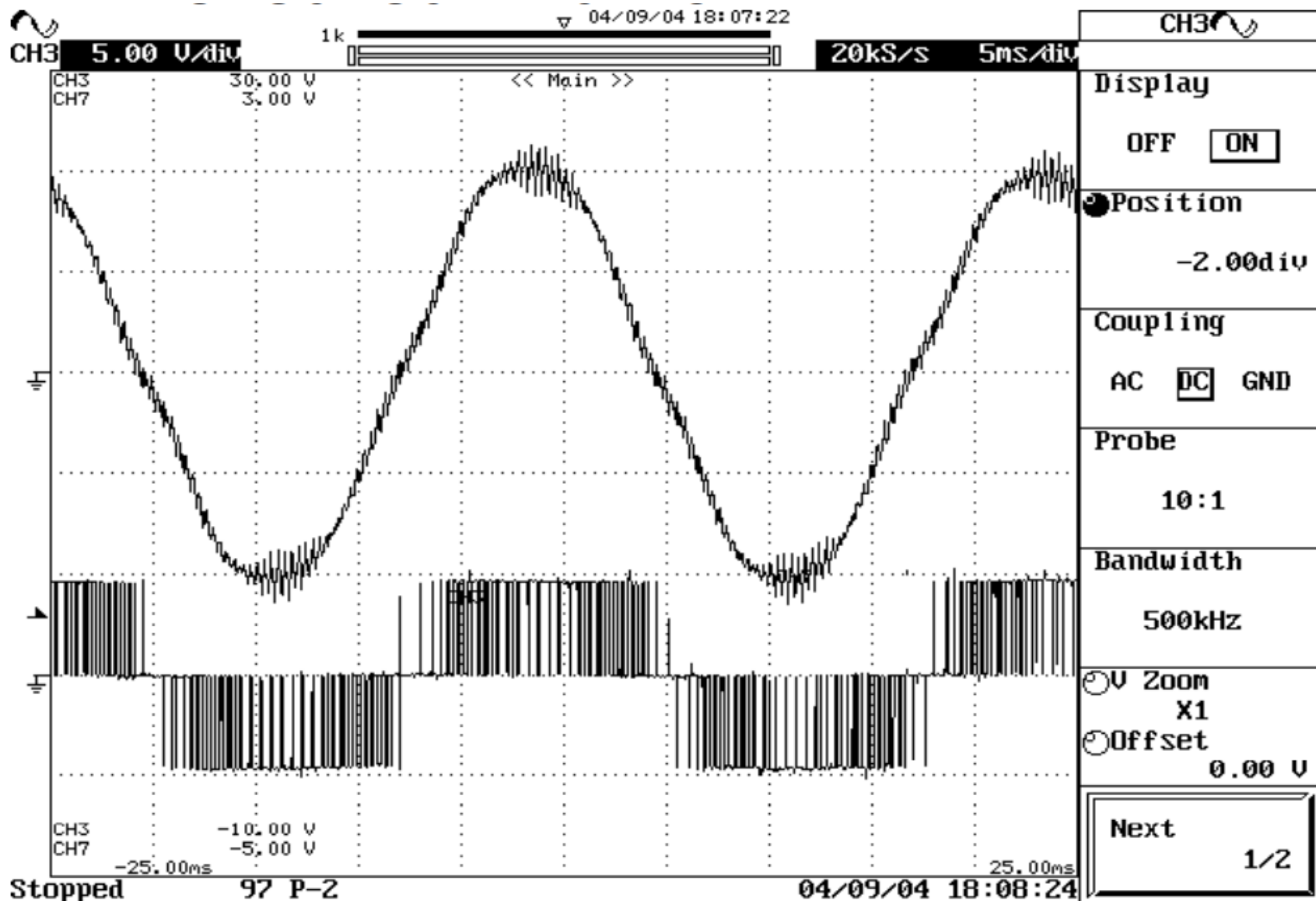
# Sine Pulse Width Modulation: Variation of Load current with reference sine



# Line-Line voltage & line current waveform of PWM inverted fed IM at 15Hz



# Line-Line voltage & line current waveform of PWM inverted fed IM at 40 Hz





# Line-Line voltage & line current waveform of PWM inverted fed IM at 40 Hz

