# New Challenges in Transportation Electrification, Powertrain Drives & New Power Electronics Architectures

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# **Overview**

- PHYSICS-BASED MODELING for Electric
   Machines and Drives
- Condition Monitoring and Diagnostics in Machines Drives for Transportation Electrification
- Wide Band Gap Devices and the Modeling of Power Electronic Converter Architectures for Transportation Electrification.
- EMI in PCB Designs and Circuit Optimization
- Component Signature Source Recognition





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## We Need Detailed Models Through Computational Electromagnetics Tools

## Physics-Based Modeling For Electric Machines And Drives



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#### **From Device to Enclosure Levels:**



## **From Device to Enclosure Levels:**







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#### **High Frequency modeling of Machine-drives**







## **Physics-based Modeling in WBG Devices**

Physics-Based Modeling is a way to simulate the real behavior and characteristics of a system considering its material properties, structures, geometry, packaging, switching activities, etc.

It is based on being able to solve the partial differential equations (PDE) that models the real-dynamic behavior of physical systems

- Multi-physics PDE can be used for modeling different characteristics:
  - Electromagnetic
    - Electric Fields
    - Magnetic Field
  - Thermo-dynamics
    - Heat Transfer (Temperature)
  - Solid State dynamics
    - Carrier concentration





## **Creating the Models**

- Solve general heat transfer, magnetic and electric fields and the solid-state dynamics.
  - **Eqs1.: Magnetic and electric field PDE:**

$$\nabla \times E = -\frac{\partial B}{\partial t} \qquad \nabla \times B = \mu \cdot \epsilon \cdot \frac{\partial E}{\partial t} + \mu \left[ J + \frac{\partial P}{\partial t} + \nabla \times M \right] \qquad \nabla \cdot E = \frac{1}{\epsilon} (\rho + \nabla \cdot P)$$
  
$$\nabla \cdot B = 0 \qquad D = \epsilon E + P \qquad B = \mu (H + M) \qquad J = J_{ext.} + \frac{\partial P}{\partial t} \qquad \rho = \rho_{int} - \nabla \cdot P$$

#### **Eq.s2: General Heat Transfer PDE and ODE:**

$$c.\frac{dT}{dt} + \nabla.(K_c.\nabla T) = P_{loss}$$
  $\frac{dP_{loss}}{dt} = h.A.(T - T_{ambient})$ 

#### **Eqs.3: Solid State Dynamic PDE:**

 $\begin{array}{l} -\nabla . \left( \varepsilon \nabla \psi \right) = q(p-n+N) \\ -\nabla . J_n = qR_{SRH} \\ -\nabla . J_p = qR_{SRH} \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{l} J_n = qn\mu_n \, \nabla \psi + qD_n \, \nabla n \\ J_p = qp\mu_p \, \nabla \psi + qD_p \, \nabla p \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{l} R_{SRH} = \frac{np-n_i^2}{\tau_p(n+n_1) + \tau_n(p+p_1)} \end{array}$ 





## The Multiphysics Approach Involving Solid State and GaN Based Devices

Solving magnetic and electric fields after computing the Solid-State Dynamics.



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## Physics-Based Optimization of EMI Performance in Machines & Power Converters:

- The IEC defines electromagnetic compatibility as "the ability of an equipment or system to function satisfactorily in its electromagnetic environment without introducing intolerable electromagnetic disturbances to anything in that environment".
- Types of disturbances:
  - ✓ Low Frequency, f < 9 kHz</p>
  - ✓ High Frequency, f > 9 kHz
- Principal electromagnetic conducted phenomena:
  - ✓ Conducted low-frequency phenomena:
  - Harmonics, inter-harmonics
  - Signals superimposed on power lines
  - Voltage fluctuations
  - Voltage dips and interruptions
  - Voltage unbalance
  - Power frequency variations
  - Induced low-frequency voltages
  - DC components in AC networks

- Conducted high-frequency phenomena:
- Induced voltage or current
- Unidirectional transients
   Oscillatory transients







- To design the whole converter with respect to physical and operational constraints.
- The system components are modeled numerically and then combined to achieve a model for the converter.











#### **Semiconductor devices Modeling: IGBT Example**

#### IGBT PHYSICS-BASED MODELING for high frequency modeling of machine drive



Physics-based analytical model of the IGBT based on Hefner's Algorithm: Anode



#### **Construction of IGBT fast and accurate model using FE**



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#### Test and Verification of high frequency model of machine drive







## Physics-based Modeling of Power Electronics Converters





## Power Train Modeling in Electric Transportation Systems

Component	Characteristics		
	Three-phase, 5.5 kW, Switching frequency: 5-kHz,		
Inverter	Switching algorithm: SVM, Length: 30-cm, Width: 30-		
	cm, Height: 25-cm, Nominal voltage: 320-V, Amp: 20-A		
Electric			
Load	3-kw AC load		
	XLPE, Diameters: Cross-sectional area: 1000mm <sup>2</sup> ,		
Connection	Thickness of insulation: 2.8mm, Nominal thickness of		
cable	pvc sheath: 2.4mm, Overall diameter: 51mm, insulated		
	and armored PVC sheathed cable		









#### Power Train Modeling in Electric Transportation Systems Case 1: Converter connected to the Load



(a) IGBT switched on (b) IGBT switched off  $(\mu T)$ 



Stray electric field of the system: (a) IGBT switched on (b) IGBT switched off  $(\mu V/m)$ 

 $\begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} & \text{Max: 9.596e-4} \\ & \text{x10}^{-4} \\ & 9 \\ & 9 \\ & 7 \\ & 5 \\ & 4 \\ & 1 \\$ 

Stray magnetic field density of the system (µT):
(a) only the cable is switched on,
(b) only the inverter is switched on,
(c) only the load is switched on,
(d) the whole system is switched on



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## **Power Train Modeling Results**

Case 2: Converter connected to the Motor

The scheme of the setup of case 2 (a) FE simulation (b) measurement





#### **PHYSICS-BASED MODELING IN ELECTRIC MACHINES**

• The physics-based model is:

A FE data-based model that can predict the machine operational and internal conditions at different working points.





- It can be utilized in the development of:
  - Physics-based observers,
  - The physics-based design optimization system.
  - The physics-based fault diagnosis and prognostic system.



# **Elements of the Physics-based Model**

- Look up tables
- Permanent magnet modeling
   The model of magnet model in the machine
- Thermal modeling of the machine
   Electrical modeling of the machine
   Connecting the drive into the machine





# **Thermal modeling**

Break down the machine into small cylindrical components:





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# Modeling of the magnets:

• In general B-H curve magnets can be modeled as:

$$H = p_{00} + p_{10}.T + p_{01}.B_r + p_{11}.T.B_r + p_{02}.B_r^2$$

 $B_r$  is the remnant flux density, T is average temperature of the magnet



## **Fault Detection and Machine Control**

- In plug-in electric vehicles (PEVs), the motor is closed-loop driven (<u>FOC or DTC</u>)
- In urban cities, the vehicle is subjected to <u>multiple</u> stops, <u>acceleration</u> and <u>deceleration</u>
- Consequently, for in-city EVs, the drive system is subjected to <u>several transient</u> in the operation mode.
- Due to the high switching frequency of the DC-AC converter and the transient operation, the stator's windings are subjected to *Inter-turn short circuit (ITSC) faults*.
- How to detect that fault in DTC driven motors in EV powertrains? That is the question we are trying to answer

We can use COMPUTATIONS to develop FD process for EVs and PHEVs



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Loads

-directiona Converter

DC-DC

Converte

Electric

Motor

Torque

Drive Wheels

**ESS** 

Batten

Charger



# **Condition Monitoring**

- To perform online condition monitoring to detect the ITSC for DTC driven induction motors.
- WHY? Stator winding insulation accounts for about 30~40% of induction machine failures in industrial applications.
- The condition monitoring technique will be based on:
  - Current

VSI

MODULATION

 $d_{ib} d_{i}$ 

linv

ADC

 $V_{DC}$ 

Sequence components Impedance

INDUCTION

MACHINE

IM

ADC

 The fault detection (FD) technique should be applied on board (DSP or FPGA) to fit the EV powertrain requirements

Load





ADC

CLOSED LOOP CONTROL

Ultracapacitor

Unit

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# **Power Electronic Challenges**

Key Components of an EV powertrain:

- Electric machines
- Power electronics converters
- Energy management System
- Energy storage system
- Ultra-fast chargers using 800 V bus systems
- Fuel-cell powered EV powertrains



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#### General configuration of battery-based EV powertrain





## **Transformerless Architectures**

#### What are the Transformerless architectures ?

Transformerless power electronic architectures are power converters with high voltage gain/reduced voltage stress without magnetic coupling components, usually with integrated canonical-switching-cell, switched inductor, switched capacitor, voltage multiplier, .... etc. networks.

The advantages of these architectures

- High voltage gain.
- Reduced voltage stress on the semiconductor devices.
- High power density.
- High specific power.







## Transformerless Bidirectional DC-DC Converter with Wide Conversion Ratios



Recently published by our research group in IEEE Transactions on Industrial Electronics

- Power: 1.6 kW
- Switching frequency: 100 kHz
- Input Voltage: 50-100 V
- Output voltage : 400 V
- SiC MOSFETs
- The setup is implemented using **Silicon Carbide (SiC)** MOSFETs.
- This bidirectional dc-dc converter has low voltage stress on the semiconductor devices, wide voltage gain range, low number of components and fast dynamic response.
- It is suitable for energy storage systems, electric vehicles, microgrids and uninterruptible power supply systems.





## A New Three-Level Boost Converter With An Integrated *LC*<sup>2</sup>*D* Output Network

This converter is based on a 3level flying capacitor boost converter





- Power: 1.3 kW
- Switching frequency: 100 kHz
- Input Voltage: 50-100 V
- Output voltage : 800 V
- GaN HEMTs and SiC Diodes
- The setup is implemented using Gallium Nitride (GaN) enhancement high electron mobility transistors (E-HEMTs) and SiC diodes.
- This converter has lower voltage stress on the semiconductor devices and higher voltage gain compared to the conventional three-level boost converter.
- It is suitable for renewable energy systems and fuel cell vehicles.



# A New Single-Switch DC-DC Converter with Wide Voltage Gain for Fuel Cell Vehicles



- Power: 2 kW
- Switching frequency: 100 kHz
- Input Voltage: 50-100 V
- Output voltage : 800 V
- GaN Switches and SiC Diodes
- The setup is implemented using GaN HEMTs and SiC diodes.
- This converter has low voltage stress on the semiconductor devices, wide voltage gain range, low number of components and fast dynamic response.
- It is suitable for fuel cell electric vehicles, and renewable energy systems.





magnetic coupling

#### A Quasi-Resonant Soft-Switched DC-DC Converter





This topology has the capability of modularity; so, it can be extended for high voltage and high power applications.

- Power: 1 kW
- Switching frequency: 200 kHz
- Input Voltage: 50-100 V
- Output voltage : 600 V
- GaN Switches: GS66508T (650 V, 30 A,  $R_{DS(on)}$  of 50 m $\Omega$ )
- The setup is implemented using Gallium Nitride (GaN) enhancement high electron mobility transistors (E-HEMTs).
- Using a resonant branch, the zero-voltageswitching at turn-on instant is realized, which improves the efficiency.
- The cascaded configuration, along with active clamp topology, is used to decrease the voltage stress across the semiconductor devices.
- It is suitable for electric vehicle and renewable energy systems.

-To reduce the voltage stress of switches, the output stage of the converter are cascaded. -To reduce the current ripple, the modules are connected in interleaved configuration. So, the current will be divided equally between modules. Also, interleaved connection allows to employ the switches with lower rated-current.



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#### **Power Electronic Building Blocks**

- The **Power Electronic Building Block (PEBB)** is a generic power electronic converter circuit that can be configured in different ways to synthesize popular power electronic architectures (DC-DC, DC-AC, AC-DC, and AC-AC converters).
- This can reduce the number of spare parts needed onboard a ship, plane, ... etc., also the PEBB can reduce the manufacturing cost of the power electronic systems since the mass production of one generic power electronic architecture is more economical than producing application-specific power electronic architectures.

All PEBBs in literature are either built with Si or SiC MOSFETs/IGBTs.

Building PEBBs using GaN HEMTs could reduce the conduction and switching losses of the PEBB and enables high power density and high specific power.

The main restraint in using GaN HEMTs is the limited breakdown voltage compared to their Si/SiC FETs counterparts.





## **Power Electronic Building Blocks using GaN E-HEMT**

- Aim to develop a generic and compact Power Electronic Building Blocks (PEBB) using GaN E-HEMT and soft magnetic materials
- Can be non-isolated or isolated
- GaN-based PEBBs can have 2-3 times the power density and specific power of the Si/SiC-based PEBBs
- Integrated active energy buffer can have a significant impact on the PEBB size and weight

## An integrated non-isolated E-GaN PEBB with input/output filter capacitors and a Nanocrystalline inductor



- E-GaN PEBB has supply-independent gate drivers making them suitable for unconventional PWM techniques such as bus clamping PWM
- This E-GaN PEBB can be used to synthesize a wide variety of power electronic converter topologies (DC-DC and DC-AC) including single-phase and three-phase DC-AC inverters





## Example: DC-DC Architectures synthesized with the 1.3kV GaN PEBB



Bidirectional Buck-Boost DC/DC Converter synthesized by series-stacked GaN modules

Bidirectional Non-inverting Buck-Boost DC/DC Converter synthesized by seriesstacked GaN modules





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#### **Example: Single-phase Inverters synthesized by the 1.3kV GaN PEBB:**

Two PEBBs can be used to synthesize a single-phase inverter





#### **Example: Three-phase Inverters synthesized by the 1.3kV GaN PEBB:**



Three-phase Buck Inverter synthesized by series-stacked GaN modules Three-phase Buck-Boost Inverter synthesized by series-stacked GaN modules







# **Experimental Evaluation**:

The voltage stress on the whole 1.3kV GaN module



#### Voltage Stress of switches in module versus the voltage across one switch



#### **Voltage Stress of switches connected in series**



#### **1.3 KV PEBB prototype using GaN Switches**



#### **Differential mode inverter using PEBB**



The voltage across 1 HEMT equals half the total voltage on the whole module

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# **High-Power Integrated Modules**

<ul> <li>Data Center</li> <li>On-board charg</li> <li>Solar inverters</li> <li>HEV Power train</li> </ul>	n Integrated modu weight of the po inductors and ca	ules are used to minimize the ower converter by integrating pacitors within the structure	e size and g the e of the PCB
Architecture	Feature	Advantage	Disadvantage
•Multi-phase converters:	<ul> <li>Paralleling a number of dc-dc converters,</li> <li>Phase shifts between the carrier signals of these converters</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Low input current</li> <li>Current sharing between the paralleled phases.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Higher number of magnetic components</li> <li>Voltage stress on semiconductor devices</li> </ul>
•Multilevel architectures	<ul><li>Neutral point clamped network or</li><li>Flying capacitor network</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Low input current ripple</li> <li>Low voltage stress on the semiconductor devices</li> <li>Does not require any extra magnetic components</li> </ul>	•No current sharing



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# **Challenges in EV Applications**



- Increasing the switching losses
- Limitations in High-frequency high-power magnetic components
- Issues related to utilizing WBG devices
- Embedding of Actives and Passive Components





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# EMI in PCB Designs and Circuit Optimization for Transportation Electrification Systems



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# **EMI in PCB Designs**

#### Reducing size of power electronic converters a Scientia Facultas

Increased switching frequency

Size minimization increase EMI issues on susceptible devices (transducers)





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Two reasons cause the EMI problem:
 The distance between EM sensitive devices and EM sources is reduce.
 The increase in switching frequency

more harmonics

more EM emissions

PCB design in DC-DC converters must comply with

Conducted emissions

radiated emissions

Standards CISPR22, FCC part 15 and EN 55022, MIL-STD-464







Increasing

distance

## **CONDUCTED EMI:**

- Is a complex problem that can be analyzed by building a HF FE model to extract the parasitic and mutual coupling elements of the tracks and the components on the PCB.
- Equivalent model of the circuit can be analyzed by any circuitsolver (Spice, MATLAB, etc.)

## ► RADIATED EMI:

Even more complicated
 Has many different sources
 The radiation analysis should consider different effects
 (physical location of the passive elements, their dimensions and conducted EMI).







# **EMI Reduction Measures**

Measures to reduce the EMI effects in high frequency power electronics converters

EMI Filter: Leads to an increase in the circuit volume. Also the design and the tuning should be completed following the implementation stage Improving the modulation techniques: to suppress EMI with emphasis on the conduction form. Even when this technique does not affect the dimensions of the PCB, it need complex algorithm. Predicting EMI using numerical analysis: solving the problem in the pre-design stage studying the location of components in a PCB.





# **Predicting EMI using numerical analysis**

The placement and orientation of passive components on a PCB in the pre-design stage.

Optimization Problem

For positioning components in PCB designs, the susceptible ones (transducers and microprocessors) should be as far as possible from inductors and capacitors operating at high frequency. Varying the distance and angle of the adjacent passive components between them using numerical models (3DFE)

Search for the cancelation of their coupling effects at the sensitive devices





## **Coupling of the cable with a synchronous machine**

# The equivalent source model is analyzed in connection of cable with a synchronous generator.



the detailed model

the equivalent source model

#### Wire modeling was used here which similar to the modeling of the cable





# **Evaluating Signatures**

The electromagnetic signature method is noninvasive/ nondestructive method OWER COVERTERS Ind DRIVES It's flexible for detecting faults various types of components such as machines, converters, pulse loads, and ... ectric Load Shielded Chamber Three-phase induction Three-phase Motor Inverter Armored Cable Coil Antenna

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## **Electromagnetic Signature Evaluation**

- To study the electric and magnetic behavior of power components, an accurate physicsbased model of each component should be considered:
  - All windings
  - Type of connections
  - Geometrical features slot shapes
  - Rotor and stators structure
  - Material properties







## High Frequency and Connecting Cable Models





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#### Inverter-motor interaction in integrated system



#### Steady state three phase current profile

The increase in the switching frequency increases the magnitude of the current spikes. This is because phase to ground capacitance provides low resistance path to increased switching frequency harmonic components.



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# Optimization for EMI Mitigation in Power Converters for EMC Compliance Example

#### Problem:

Positioning of Ferrite Inductors in the Field Domain for minimum EMI Using population-based optimization methods

Objective Function= Occupied area by conductors+ Energy of common mode current



- The coupling between the FE model and the external circuit provides an effective tool to study the effects of converter operating conditions.
- The FE equations and the external circuit equations are solved simultaneously to simulate the converter behavior.
- The frequency response of the converter is obtained by coupling the converter magnetic component's FE domain model and external electric circuits.





# FE modeling of Inductors:



Step1: Detailed modeling of Inductors in FE domain Using Solid Conductors

Step 2: Positioning of inductors for minimum EMC and EMI Using population-based optimization methods





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#### Effects of different geometries on EMI level of the system



Magnetic Components are modeled

Magnetic fields Interactions between the components are numerically modeled

Equivalent and Parasitic Inductances' Effects are Considered

Parasitic Capacitances' Effects are considered

Function

Objective I

Magnetic Coupled Electric Circuit model is Simulated

Area of the PC Board EMI is analyzed by which confines the two calculating energy of output voltage signal inductor is measured

Several Iterations had been taken by Genetic Algorithm to Minimize the Objective function

Inductance's	Switching	Position of Magnetic
values	frequency	Components



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The main Objective of this study is to reduce the size of the PCB while keep the EMI at low level.

Optimization Process For

Inductor positioning &

EMI Mitigation

- Frequency response of the converter is obtained by coupling the converter magnetic component's FE model and its coupled electric circuits.
- 2D electromagnetic FE analysis is used as a tool to have an accurate physics-based simulation.

By physics-based modeling of the converter components high-frequency oscillations are observed which in the ideal cases were not



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observed.

#### **Design and Optimization Procedure: Genetic Algorithm Procedure**

In the optimization process the objective function is:  $O(t) = \alpha_1 \cdot |Area|^2 + \alpha_2 \cdot |E_f|^2$ 

• The objective variables are :







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#### **Experimental Results on The inductance placement problem:**

ZCS quasi-resonant buck converter's circuit in the optimized layout.



**Optimized case** 

Y(f) | (dBV)



#### **Non-optimized case**

FFT spectrum of the ZCS-QRC Buck converter's output voltage

Frequency (Hz)

**Non-optimized case** 

16.4

**Optimized** case





# Experimental Results and Discussion of Inductor placement optimization problem:



It's observed that using the optimization techniques on the operation parameters and geometry of the PCB, EMI is reduced.

 The Picture shows about 10 (dBuV) reduction in the signal oscillations.



# Thank You



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