



**Power Electronics -- *Electrical Energy Conversion  
Machines & Power Electronic Building Blocks***

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Alliance (SECA) Workshop**

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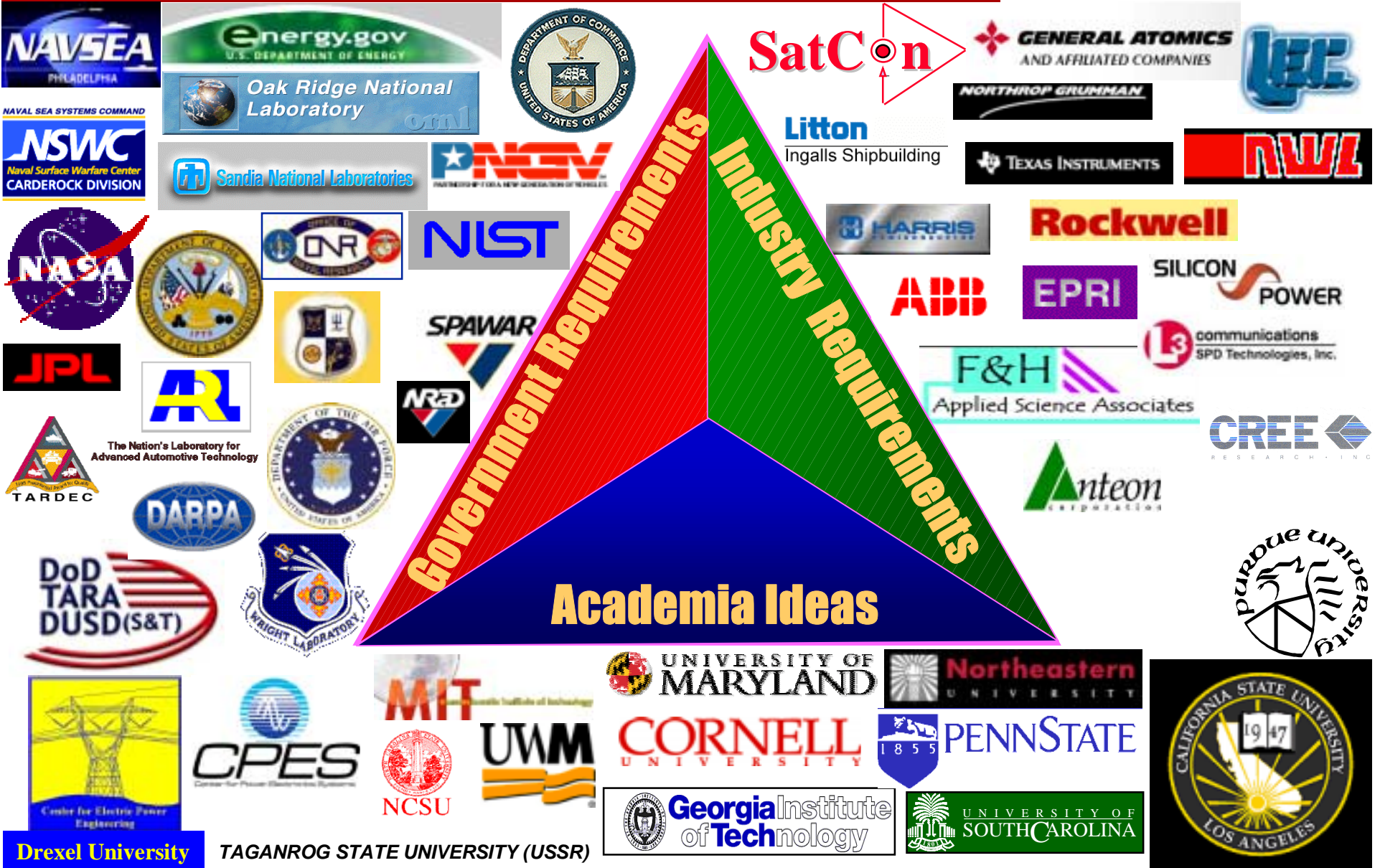
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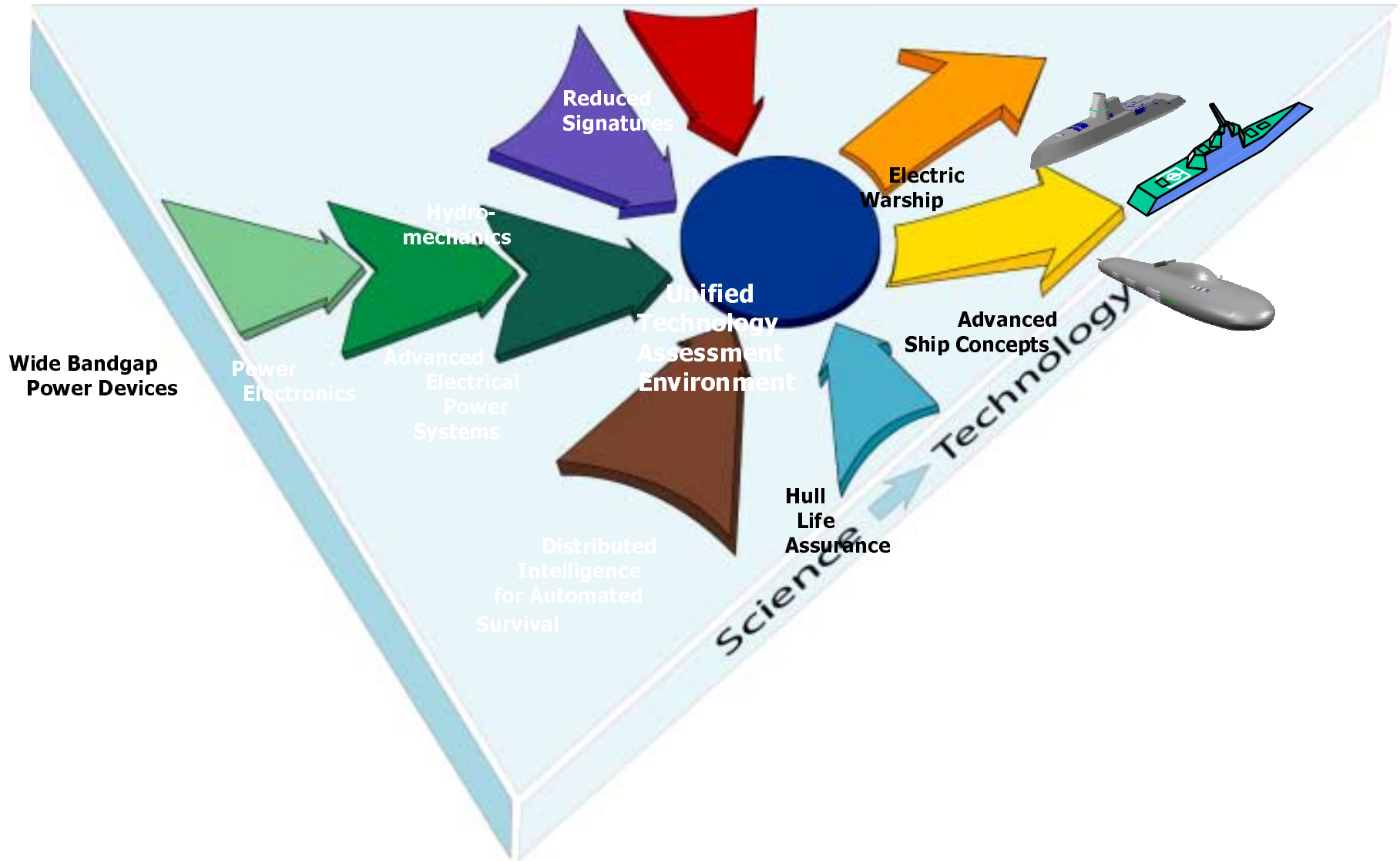
**Diverse Participation Ensures Dual-Use Applicability**





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# ONR Electrical Thrusts - Relationships

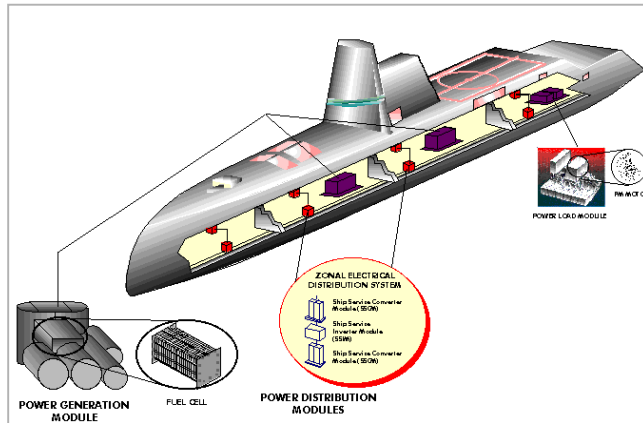




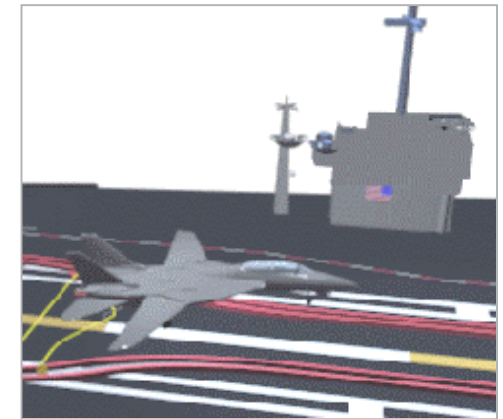
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# DoD Electric Power System Applications

## Electric Warship

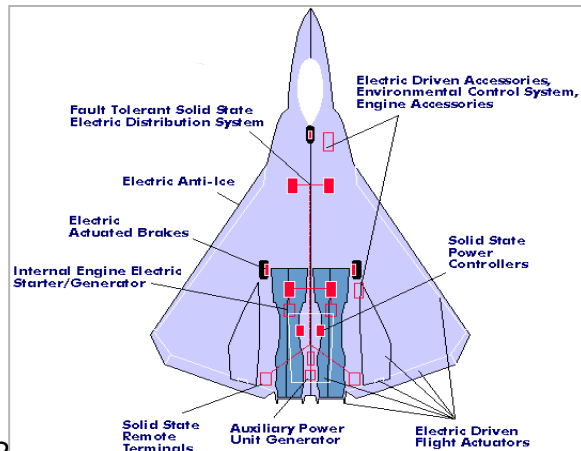


## Electromagnetic Arrest and Launch



## Pulse Power Weapons & High Power Sensors

## More Electric Aircraft



## Reconnaissance, Surveillance, Targeting Vehicle (RSTV)





# Navy Systems Context

## Relevance

- Increased survivability (Electric Warship)
- Reduced signatures (Electric Warship, Littoral ASW)
- Lower cost of stealth in future submarine designs. (TOC )
- Allow arrangement flexibility and electric power distribution for future weapons and payload enhancements. (Electric Warship, Littoral ASW)
- Need 10x reduction in size, and weight of shipboard electrical power system machinery (Electric Warship, Littoral ASW)

## S&T Issues

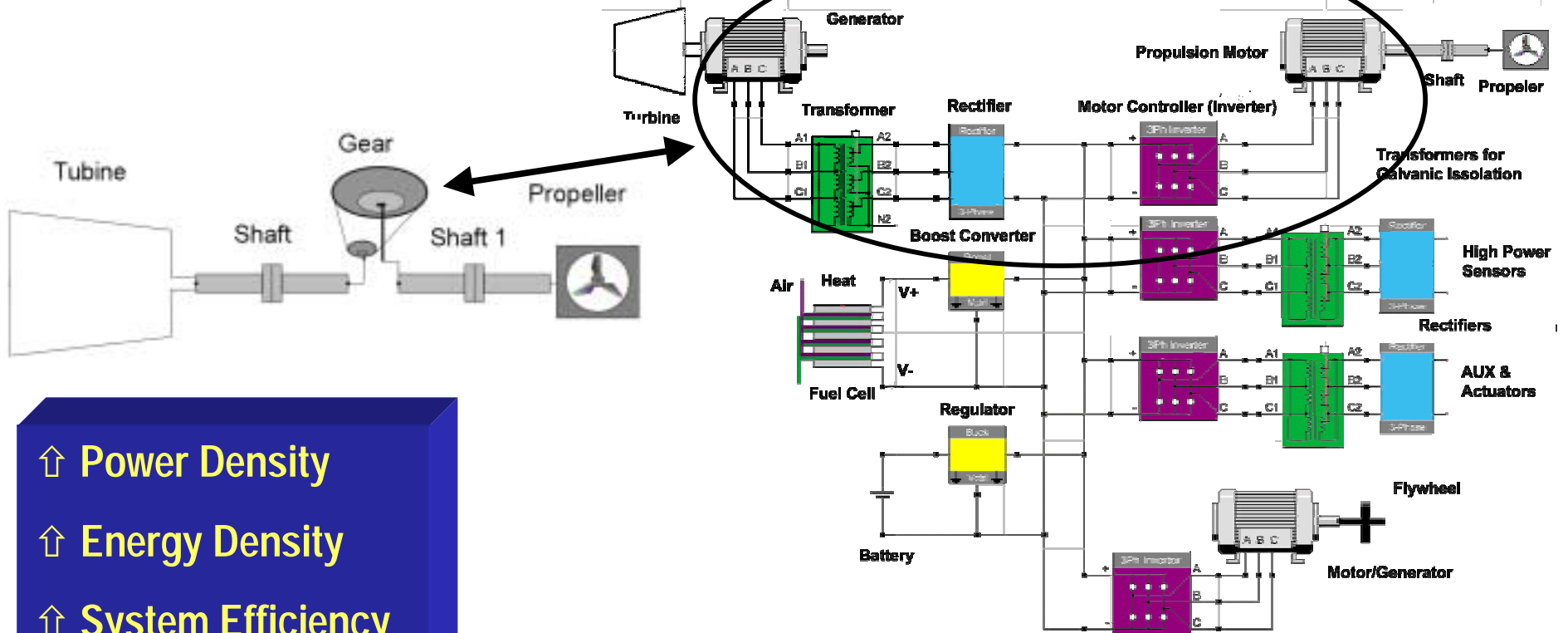
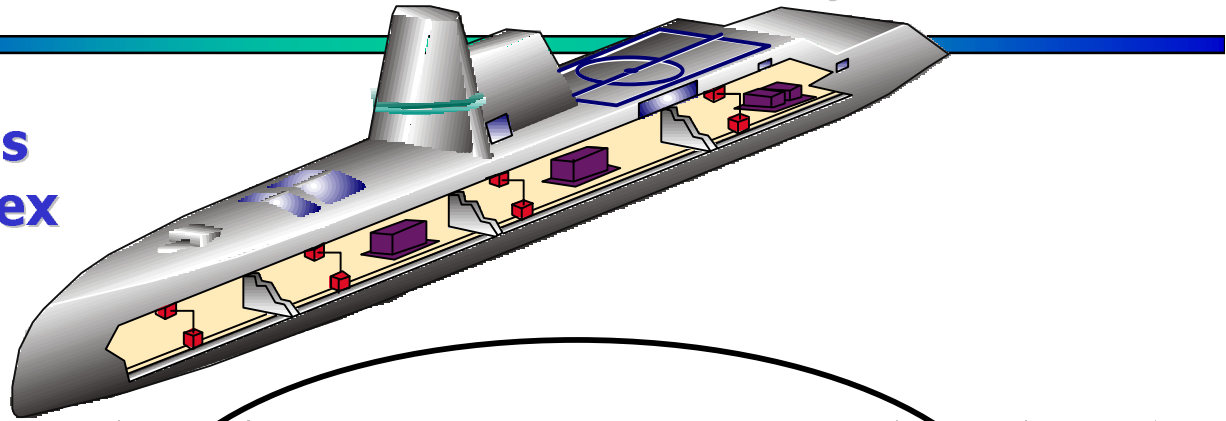
- Hierarchical & cellular design for Open Plug & Play Architecture
- Self-organization of systems of complex systems -- >10k State variables
- Simulation and control extending over >6 orders of magnitude in time
- Physics based analysis tools and models for non-linear circuits and loads and highly coupled power systems



# Advanced Electrical Power Systems

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Electrical power systems  
are made of many complex  
energy conversion  
machines



- ↑ Power Density
- ↑ Energy Density
- ↑ System Efficiency
- ↑ Control

A Mechanical Propulsion System Is A Shaft and A Set Of Gears



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# Future Electrical Power System Requirements



856 ft.



221 ft.

An Electric Navy Ship =  
10x Cruise Ship Power  
Density

With pulse power, An  
Electric Warship = 20x  
Cruise Ship Power  
Density

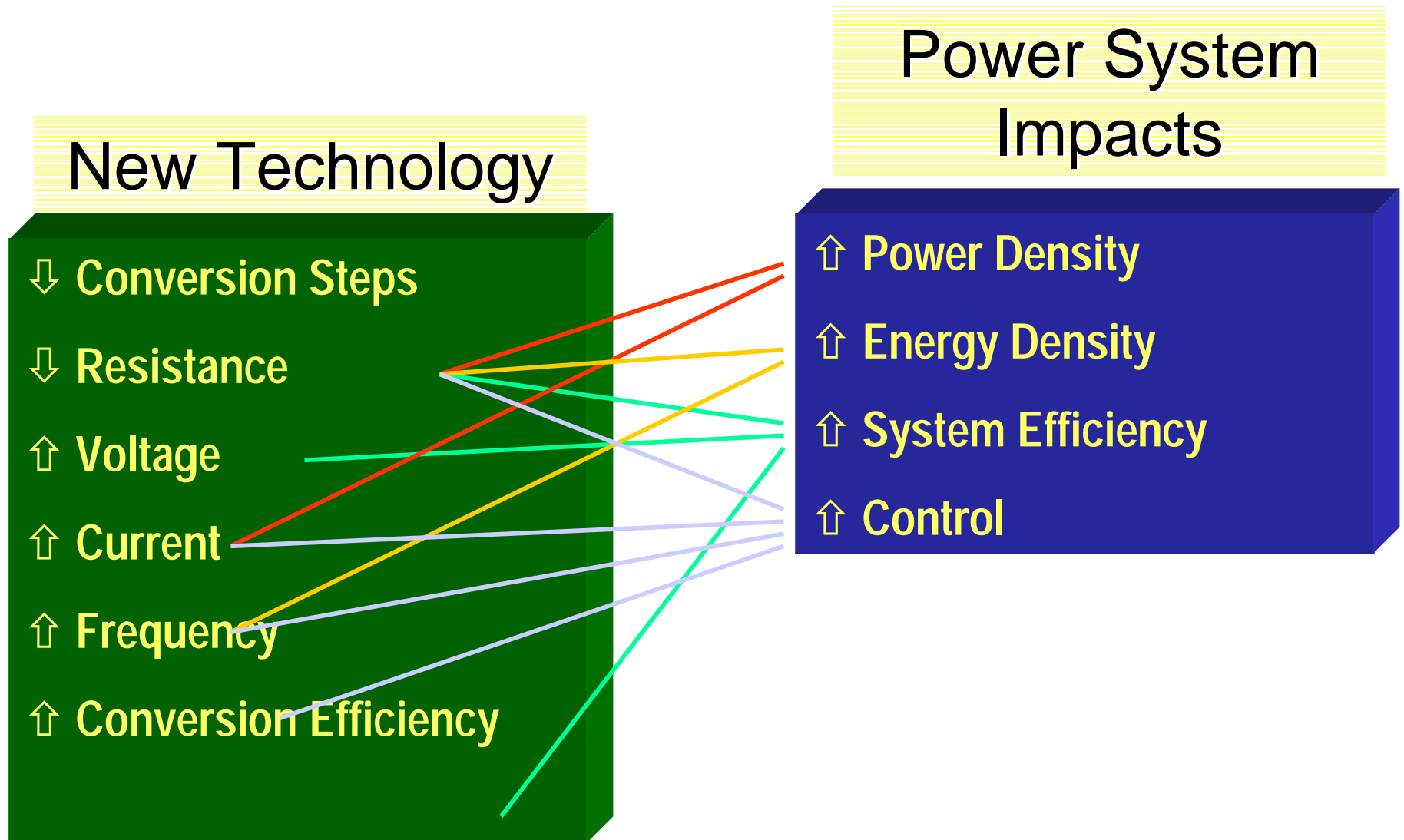
Metrics	Fantasy Cruise Liner	Navy Littoral Combatant
Length, max: ft.	856	221
Breadth, DWL: ft .	103	22
Draught, DWL: ft.	26	7.2
Displacement: LT	~40,000	~2,000
Total Propulsion & Service Power Output: kW	42,240	~15,000→ 20,000
Specific Power Output: kW/LT	1.1	~7.5→10





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# Technology Impacts on Power Systems





# Integration

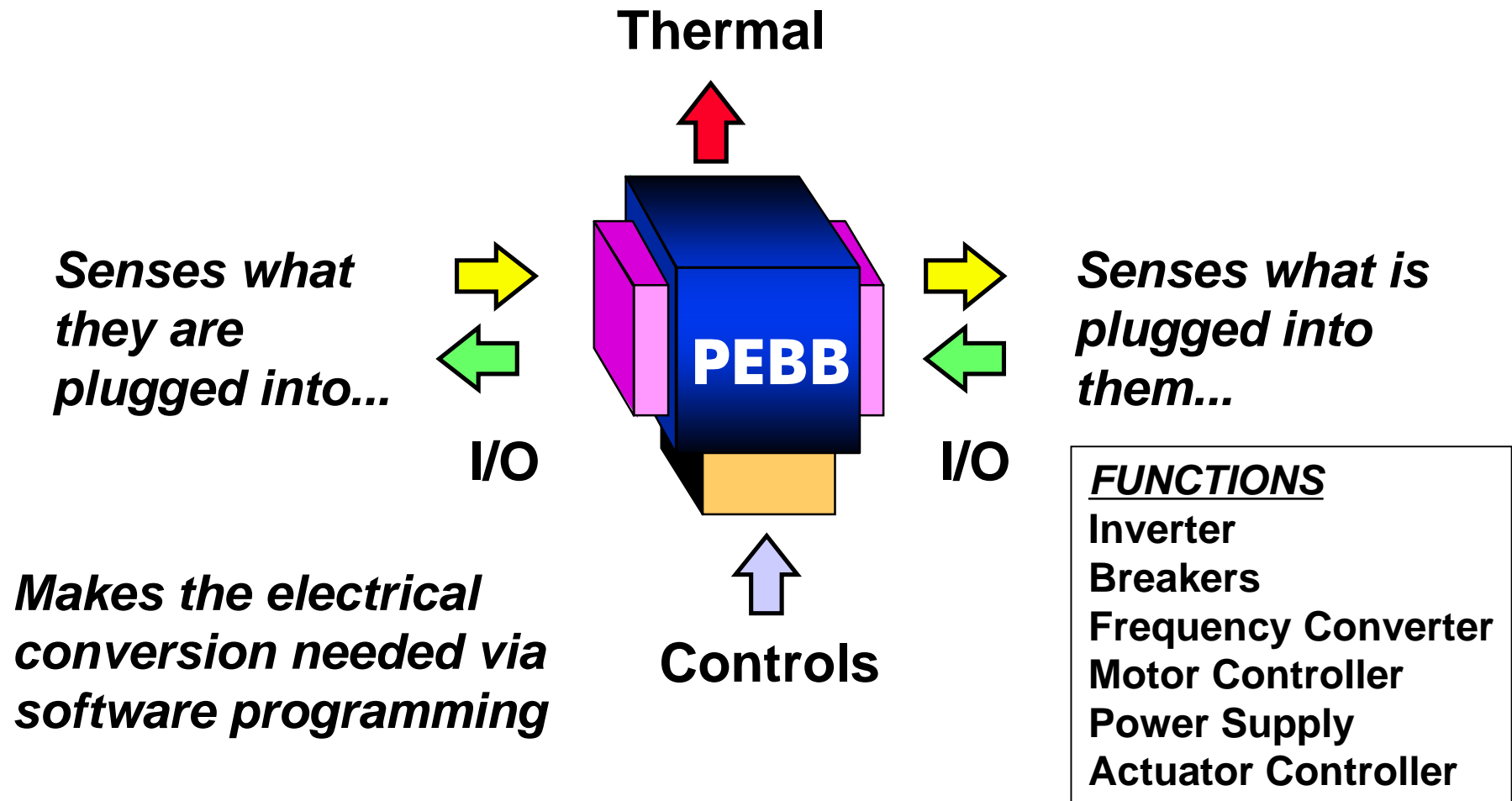
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- Modularity generally increases size, weight, & cost
  - But, **Integrated Modularity** can lead to far lower cost, size, & weight
- Integrated Modularity Attributes for power systems
  - **Partitioning** based on Physics
    - ◆ Thermal, Mechanical, Electrical, & Control
  - **Cellular design**
    - ◆ Material-to-system design rules
    - ◆ Hierarchical design objectives
  - **Programmable performance**
    - ◆ Variable output range
    - ◆ Multifunctional hardware modules
    - ◆ System reconfiguration



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# PEBB Systems: A Simple Set of Blocks for Power Electronics



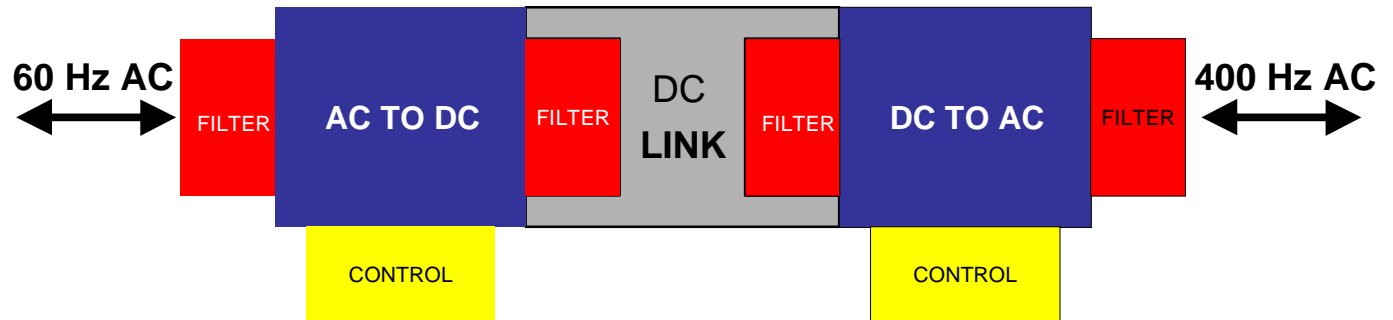
**Like a child's set of blocks**



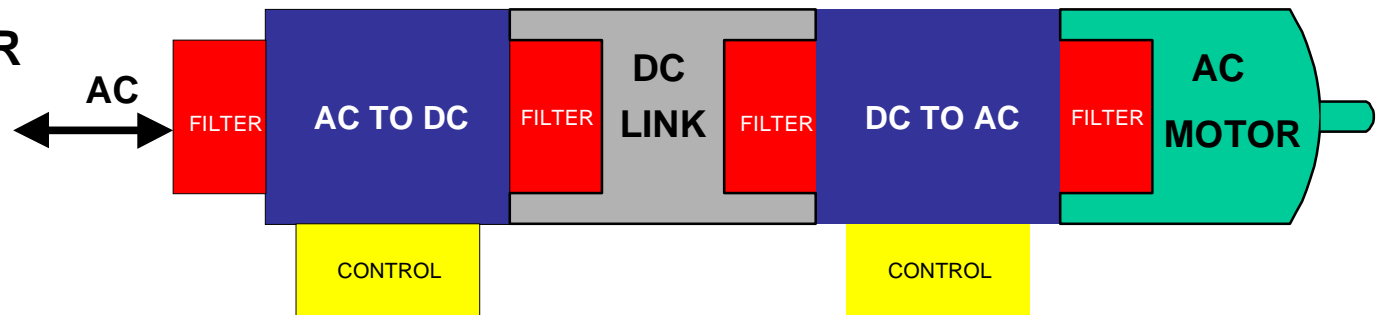
# A Simple Set Of Blocks For All Power Needs

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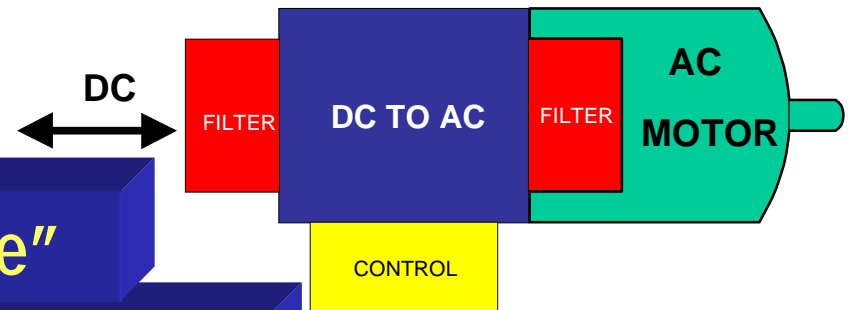
**FREQUENCY  
CONVERSION  
USING TWO  
PEBB  
INVERTERS**



**AC TO AC MOTOR  
CONTROLLER  
USING TWO  
PEBBs**



**MOTOR CONTROLLER  
FROM A DC SOURCE**



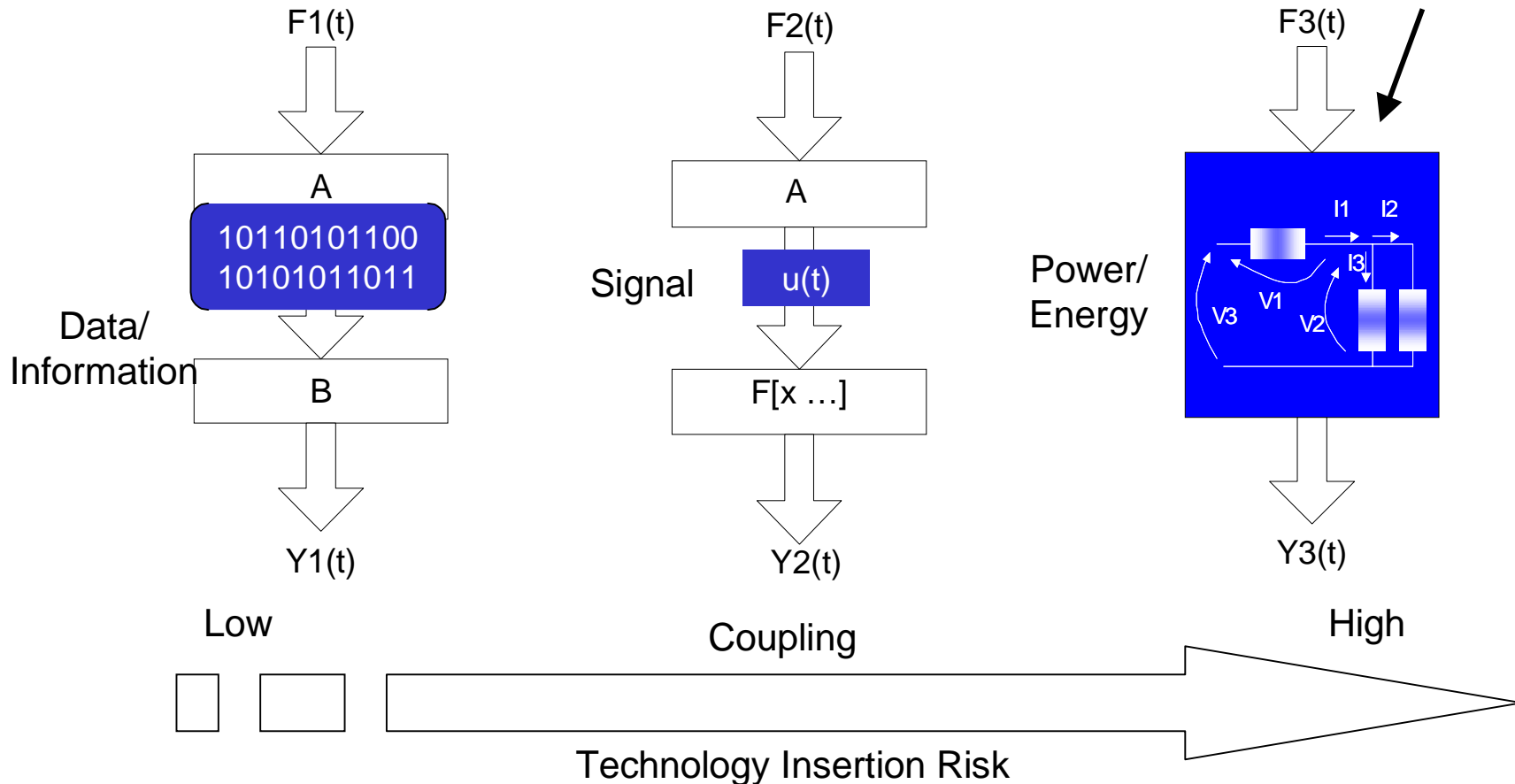
**"Open Plug and Play Architecture"**

**"Like a child's set of blocks"**



# System Coupling

Must obey conservation laws



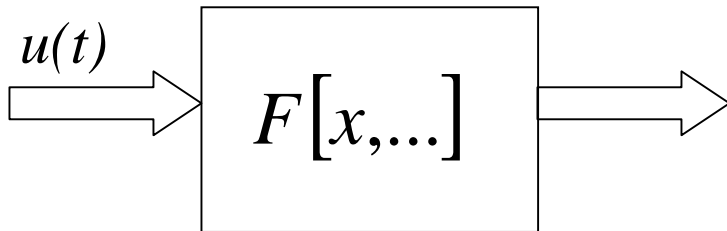
Three types of interactions between objects as defined by the IEEE, VHDL-AMS (VLSI Hardware Description Language - Analog and Mixed Signal)



# Physics Based Partitioning

## Control

Signal, unidirectional  
(Temporal partitions)  $y(t)$



$$\dot{x}(t) = f[x(t), u(t), t]$$

$$y(t) = g[x(t), u(t), t]$$

$x(t)$  : State vector

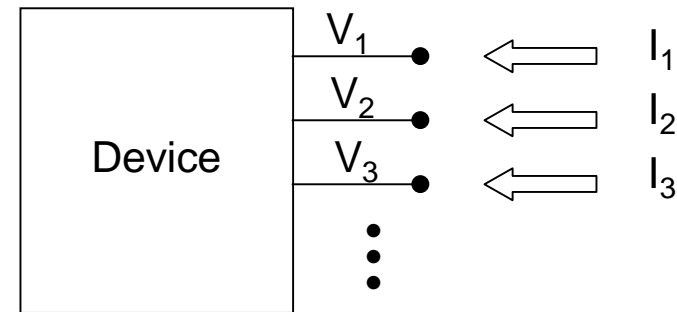
$y(t)$  : Output vector

$u(t)$  : Input vector

## Stability

Natural, bi-directional

(Spatial, i.e. electrical, mechanical, and thermal partitions)



$$\begin{bmatrix} i \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1(\dot{v}, \dot{y}, v, y, u) \\ f_2(\dot{v}, \dot{y}, v, y, u) \end{bmatrix}$$

$v$ : Vector of terminal through variables (voltages)

$i$ : Vector of terminal across variables (currents)

$y$ : Vector of device internal state variables

$u$ : Vector of independent controls



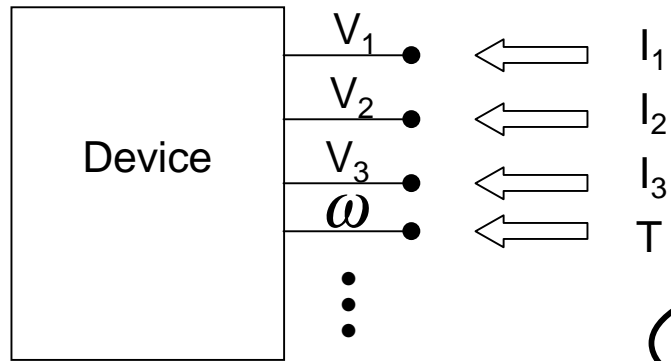
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# Partitioning Variables -- electrical, thermal, and mechanical

<i>Type</i>	<i>Across Variable</i>	<i>Through Variable</i>
<b>Electrcial</b>	<b>Voltage (Volts)</b>	<b>Current (Amperes)</b>
<b>Mechanical (Linear)</b>	<b>Speed (m/sec)</b>	<b>Force (Nt)</b>
<b>Mechanical (Angular)</b>	<b>Angular Speed (rad/sec)</b>	<b>Torque (Nt-m)</b>
<b>Hydraulic</b>	<b>Pressure (Nt/m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>Volume Velocity (m<sup>2</sup>/sec)</b>

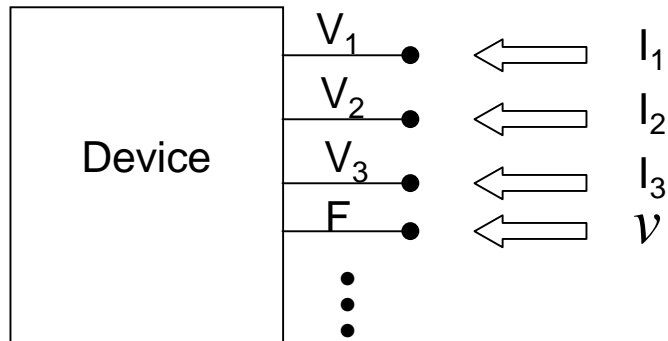
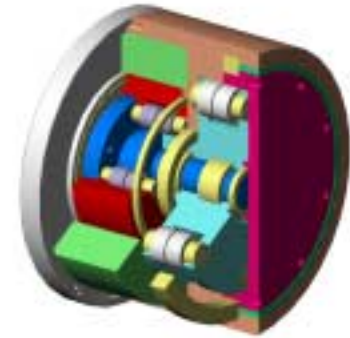


# Building Blocks & Actuator Challenges



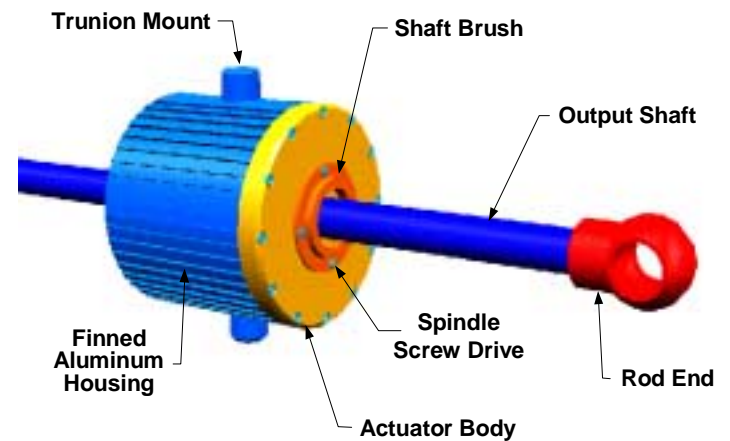
## Epicyclic Cylindrical Actuator

Mechanical and strength  
of materials at issue



## Frameless Linear Actuator

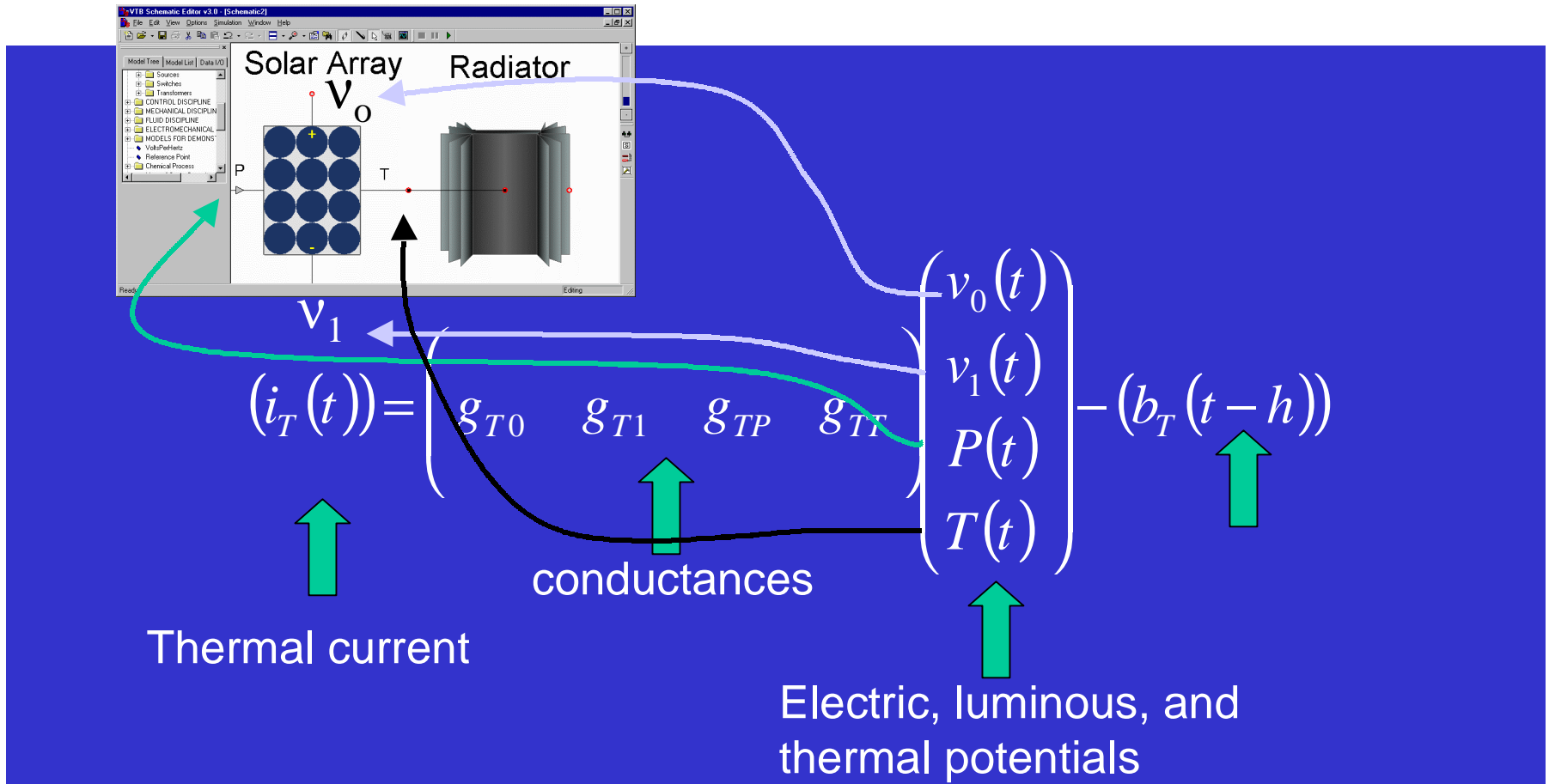
Motor issue --  
force, speed, and control







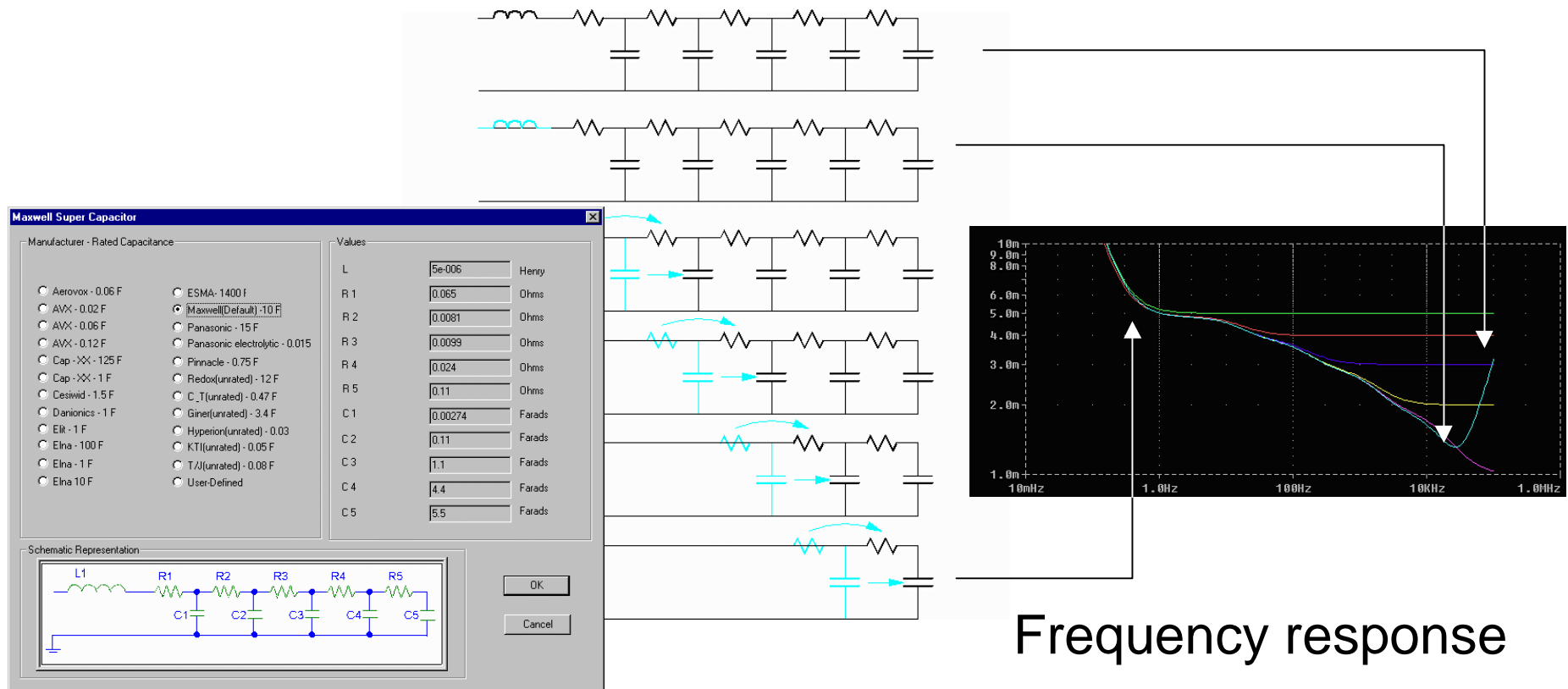
# Natural Coupling Example: Thermal Terminal for Solar Array





# Hierarchical Issues: Variable model order

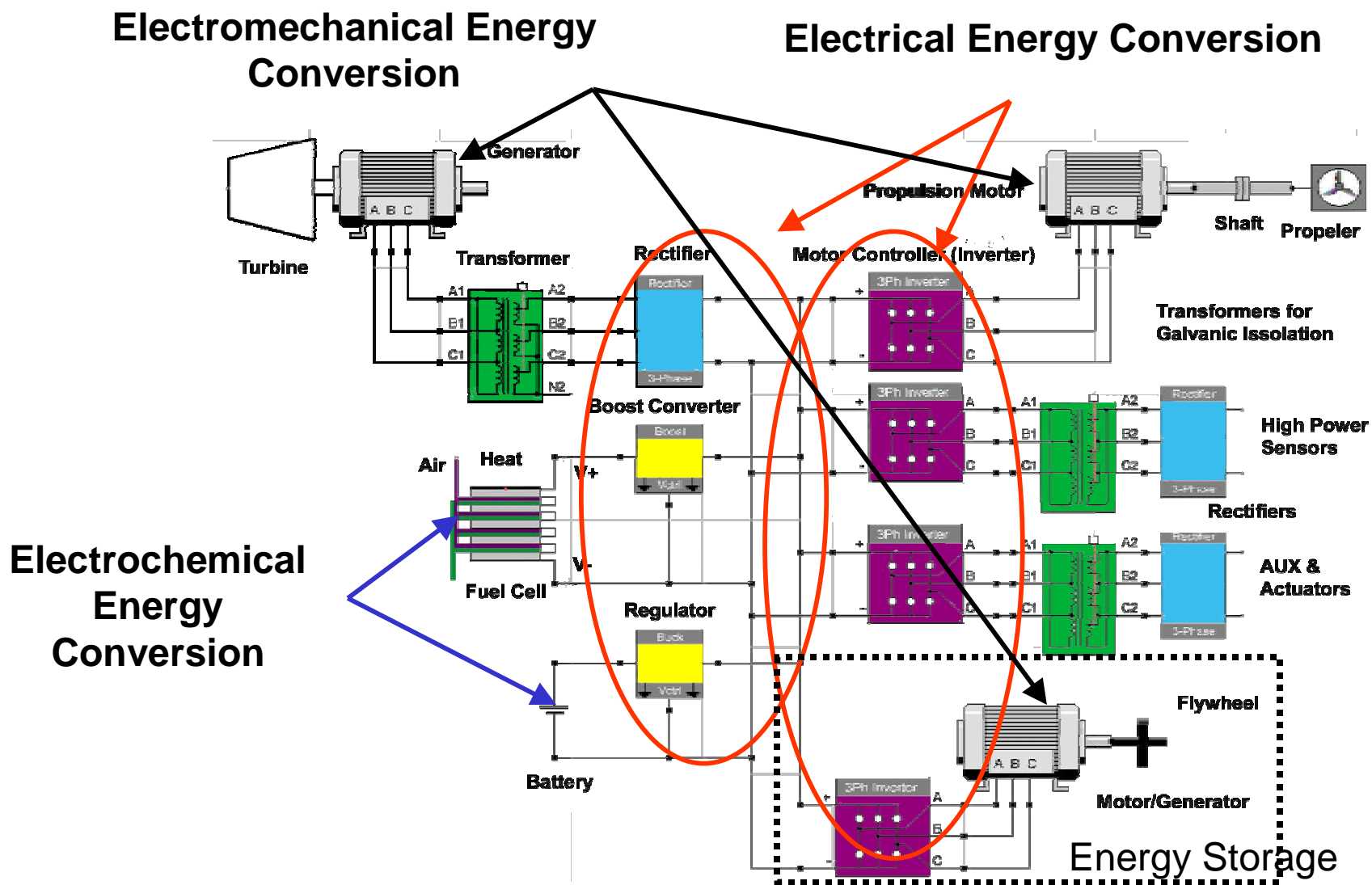
## Example: supercapacitor





# Electrical Power Systems Technology ( Physics Based -- Natural Coupling)

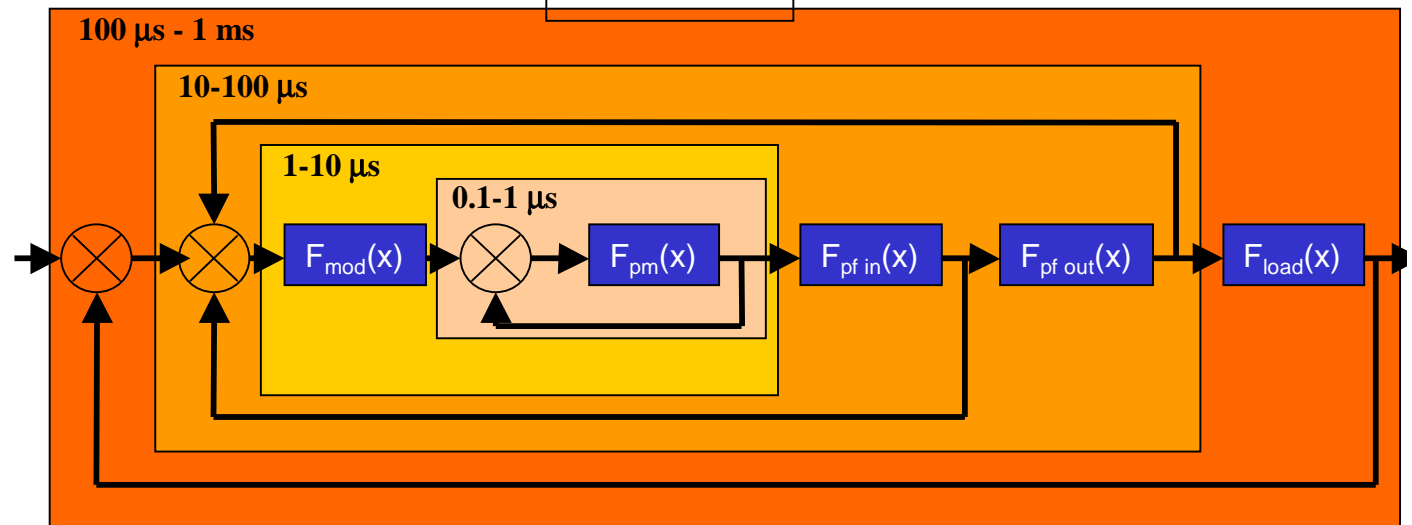
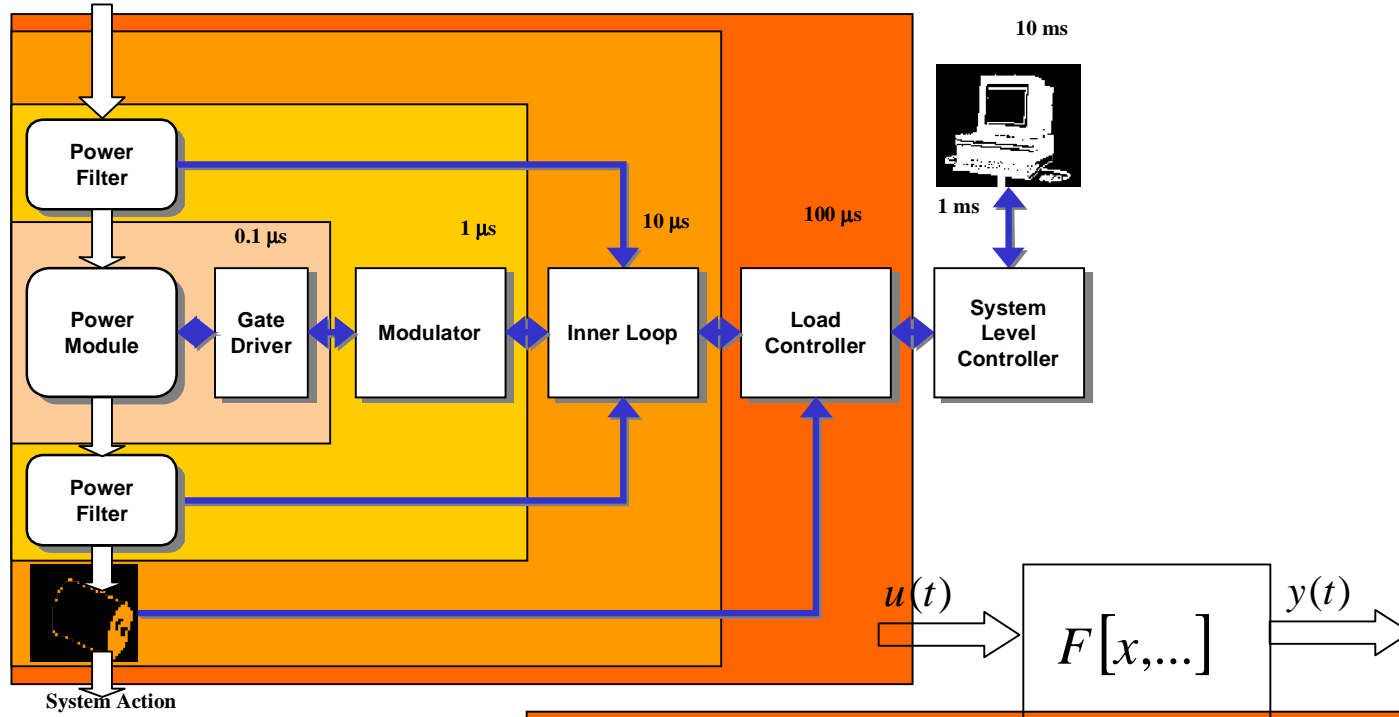
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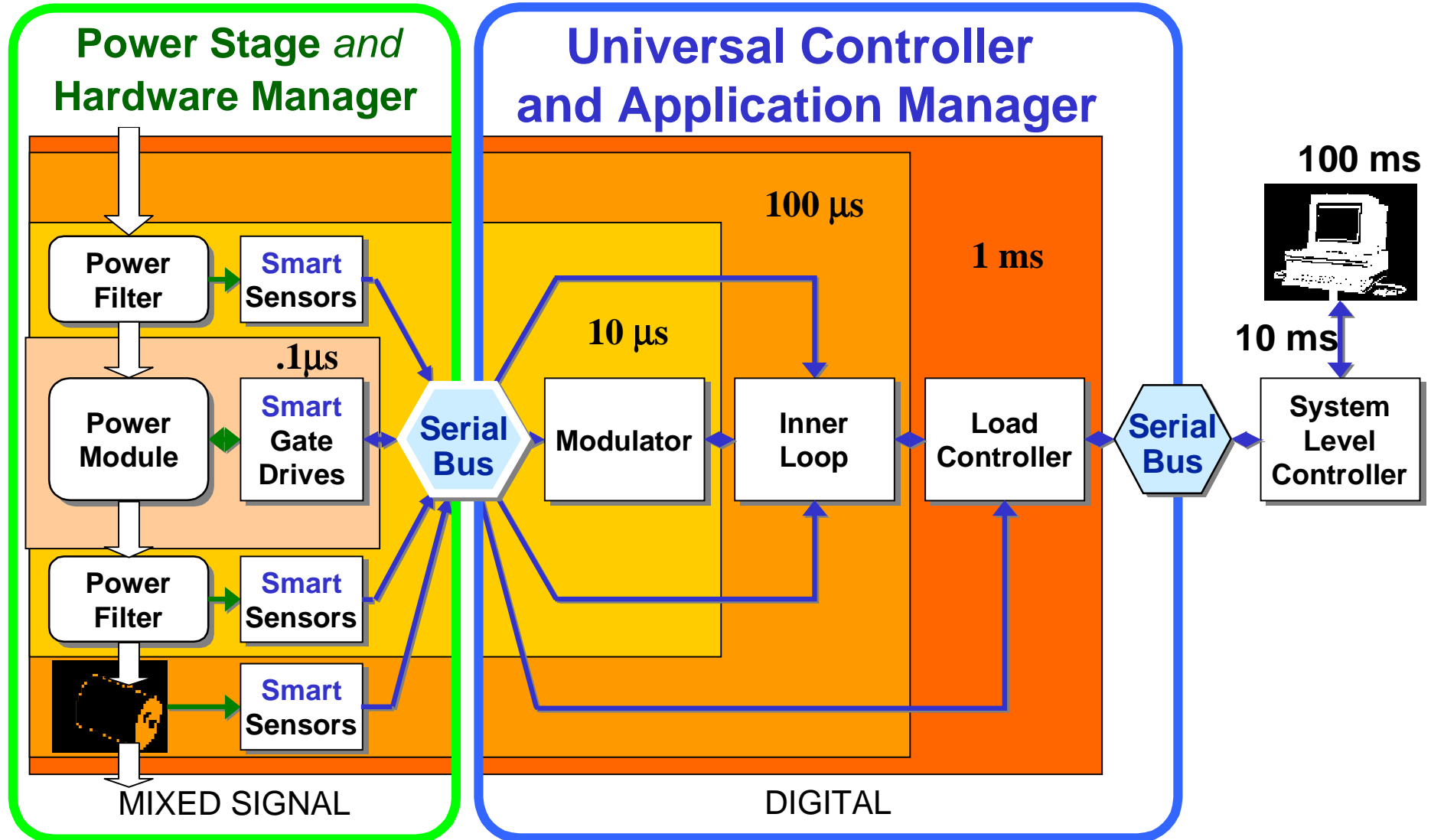
# Physics Based Temporal Partitions, Control





# Universal Controller Architecture under Development with serial, fiber optic, bus interfaces

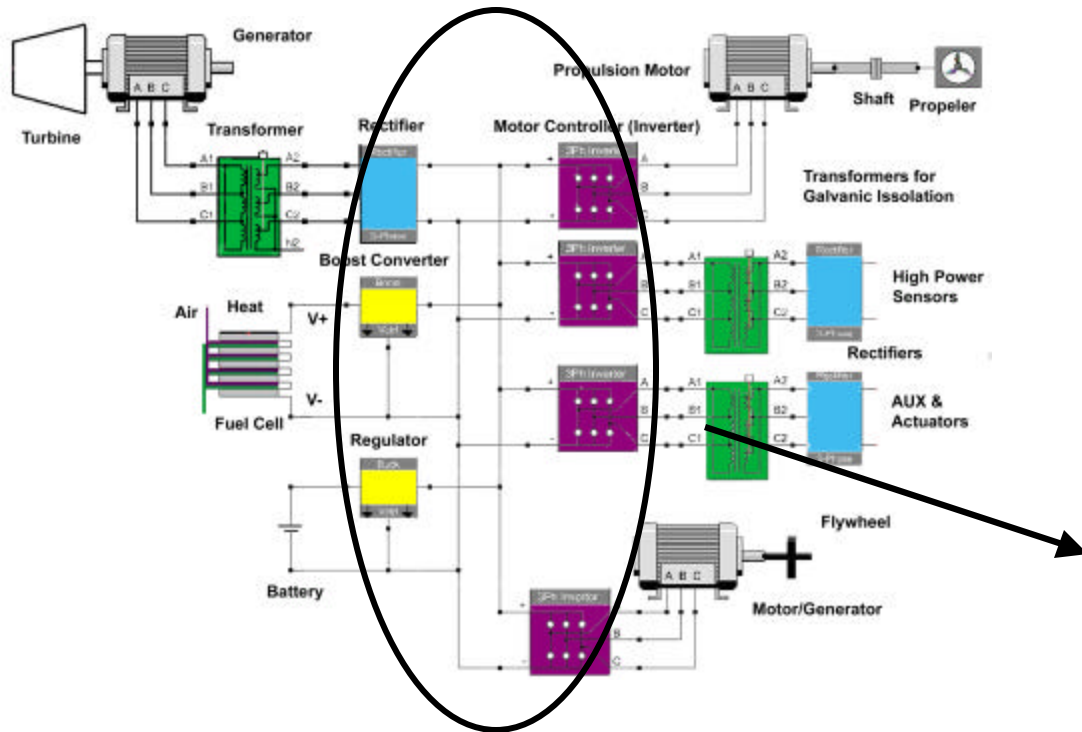
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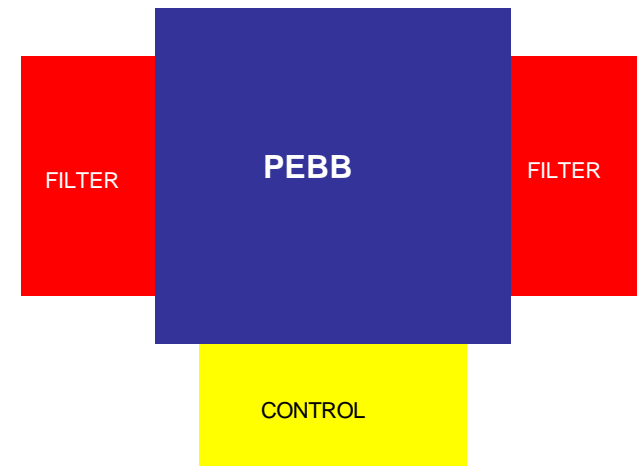


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# Standardization



- ↓ Conversion Steps
- ↓ Resistance
- ↑ Conversion Efficiency
- ↑ Voltage
- ↑ Current
- ↑ Frequency



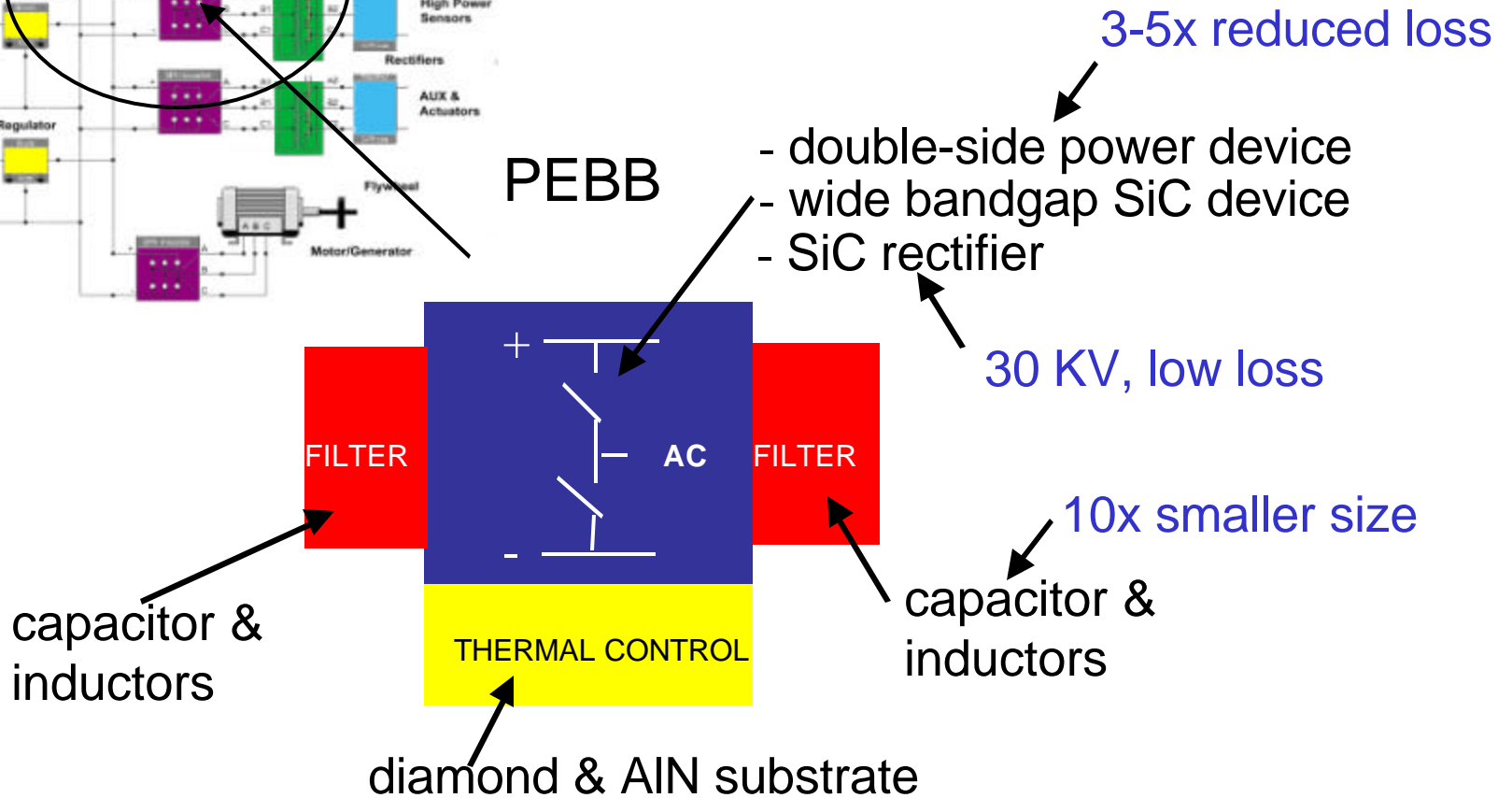
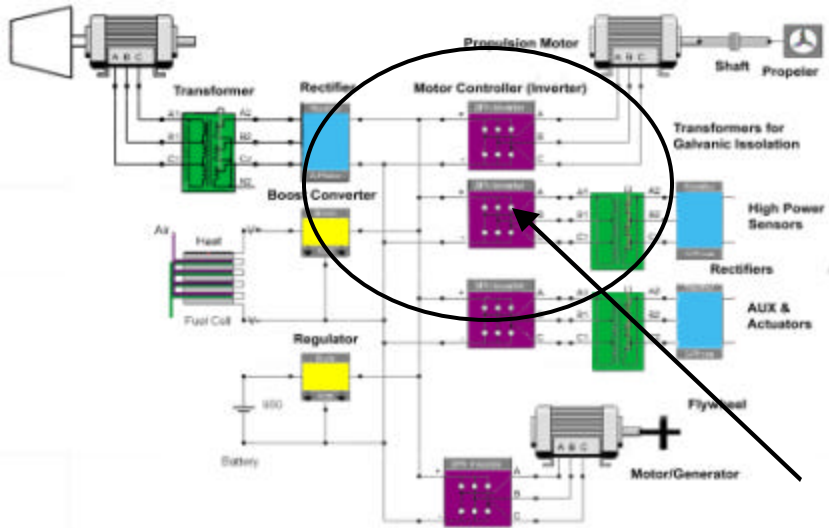
## Power Electronic Building Blocks (PEBB):

- Pre-engineered, pre-tested, plug & Play building blocks for high power controllers.
- Software programmable for multifunctionality.
- Industry based – adoption initiated, IEEE WG I-8, Power Electronic Building Block Concepts – 2 IEEE tasks: PEBB Technology & Digital Control Architectures (Universal Controller)



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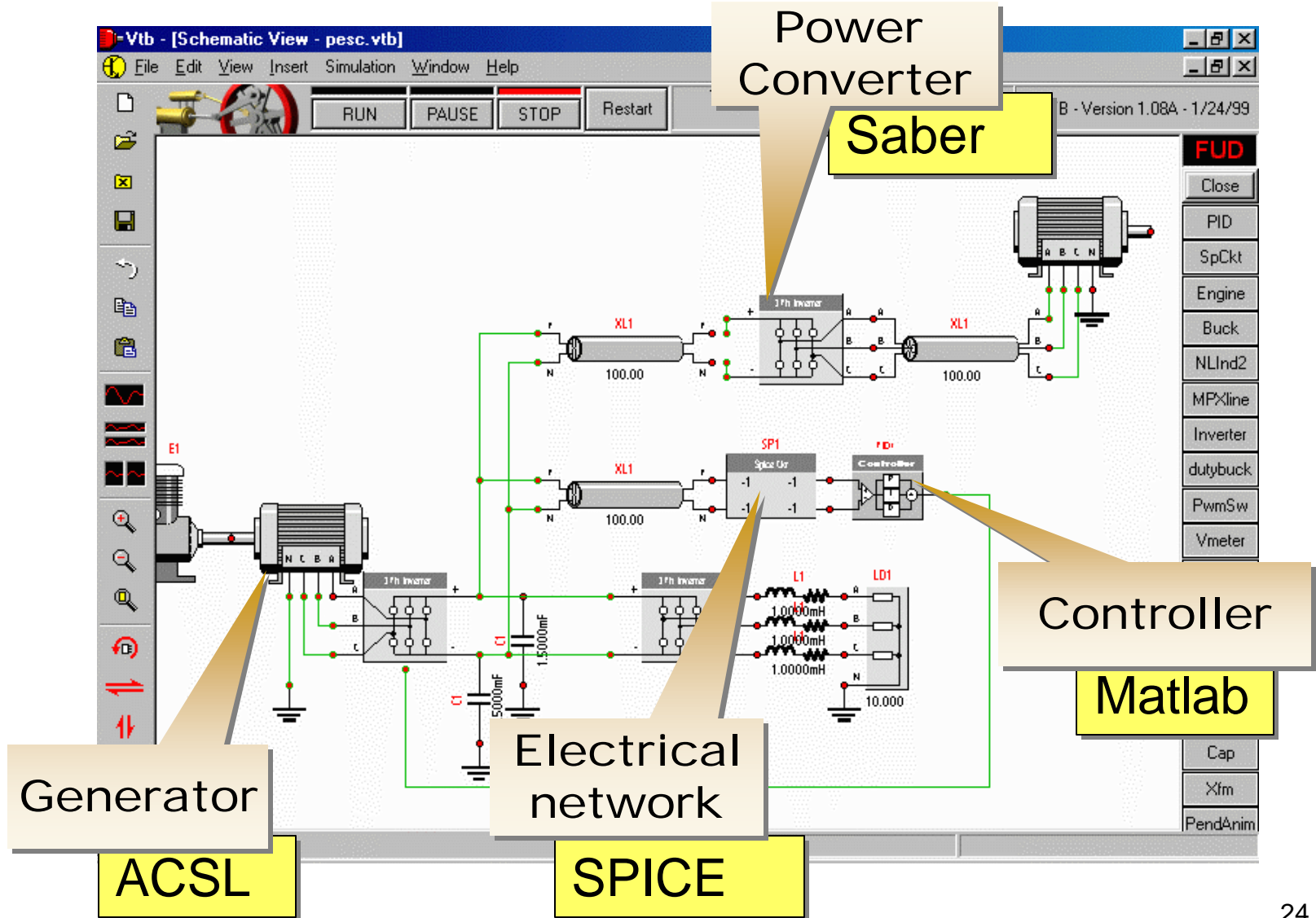
# Focus on Critical Components for High Power Converters





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# The VTB is an environment for collaborative design and virtual prototyping of advanced power systems

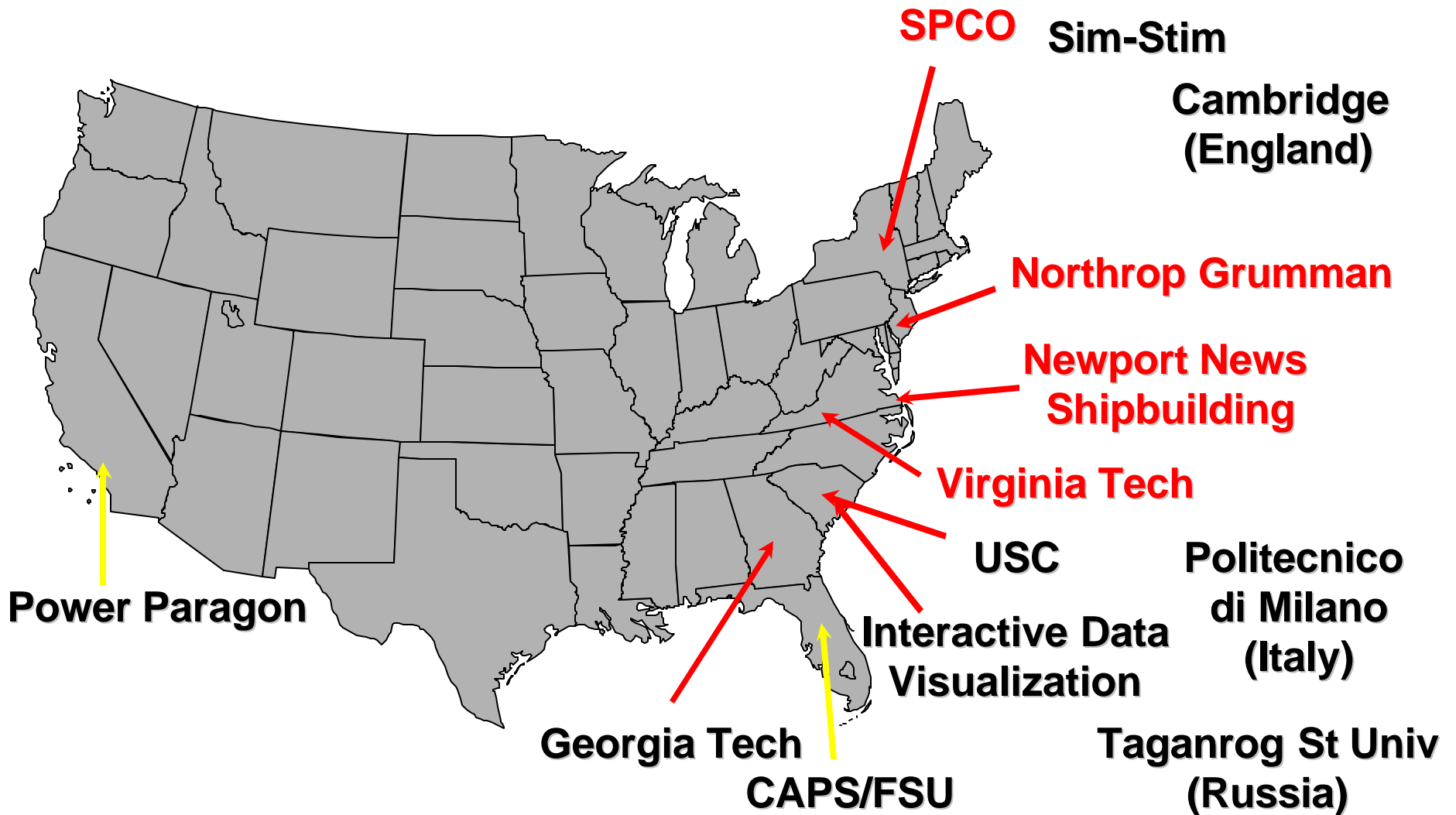






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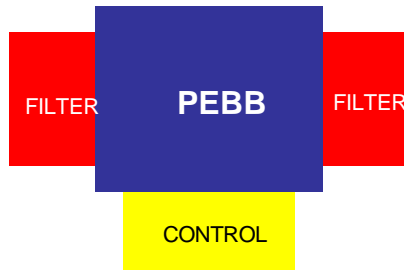
# VTB -- Modeling and Simulation Interactions



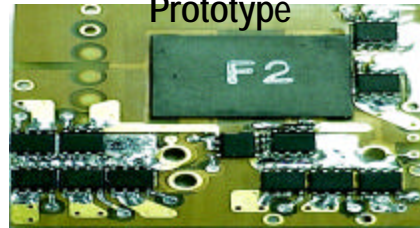


# Products

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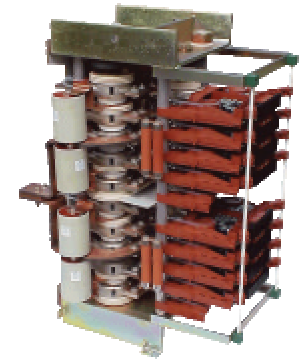


1.5V / 100W Rockwell  
Prototype

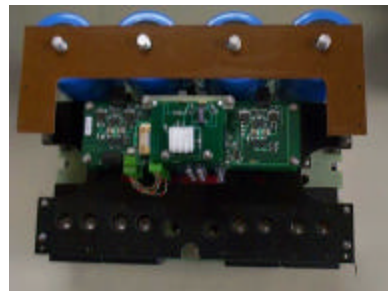
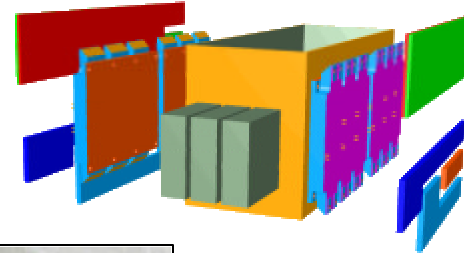


1.81" x 1.73" x 0.32"

ABB 9MVA PEBB



Rockwell R-PEBB



Silicon Power PEBB

DoE, Automotive  
Inverter Power Module,  
AIPM, by Silicon Power



Only as big as your Shoe!

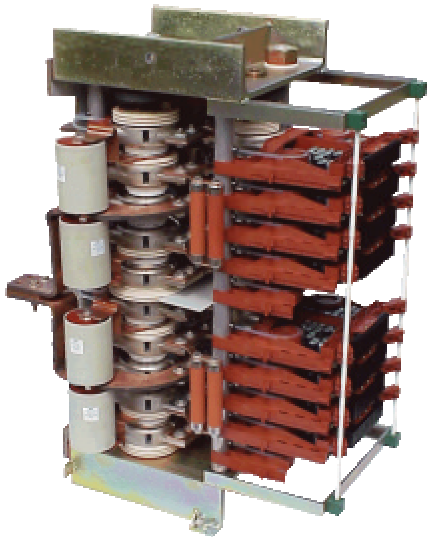
Tested at **30kW**  
steady state, **55kW pk**  
and **300A peak**  
operation

**Major Performers: ABB, Rockwell, Silicon Power, Northrop-Grumman, NSWC, GDDS, Va Tech, NRL, DoE**

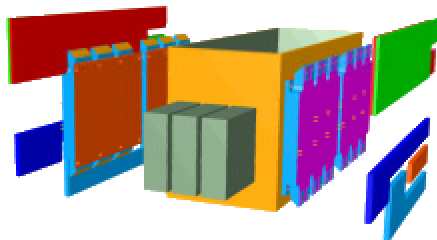
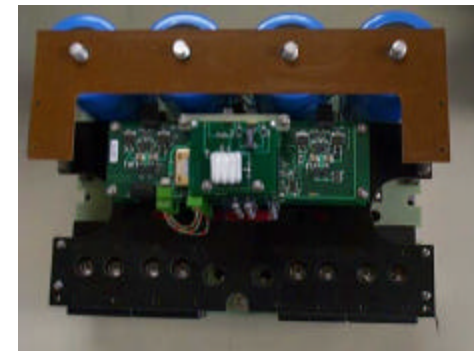


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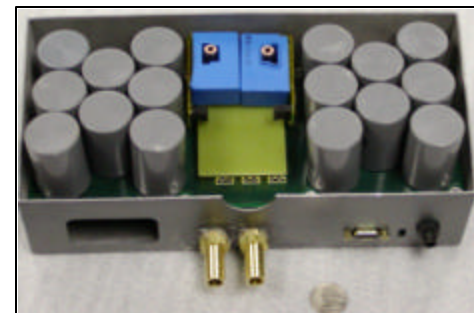
# PEBB Types Transitioned to Engineering



3-Terminal PEBB



5-Terminal PEBB

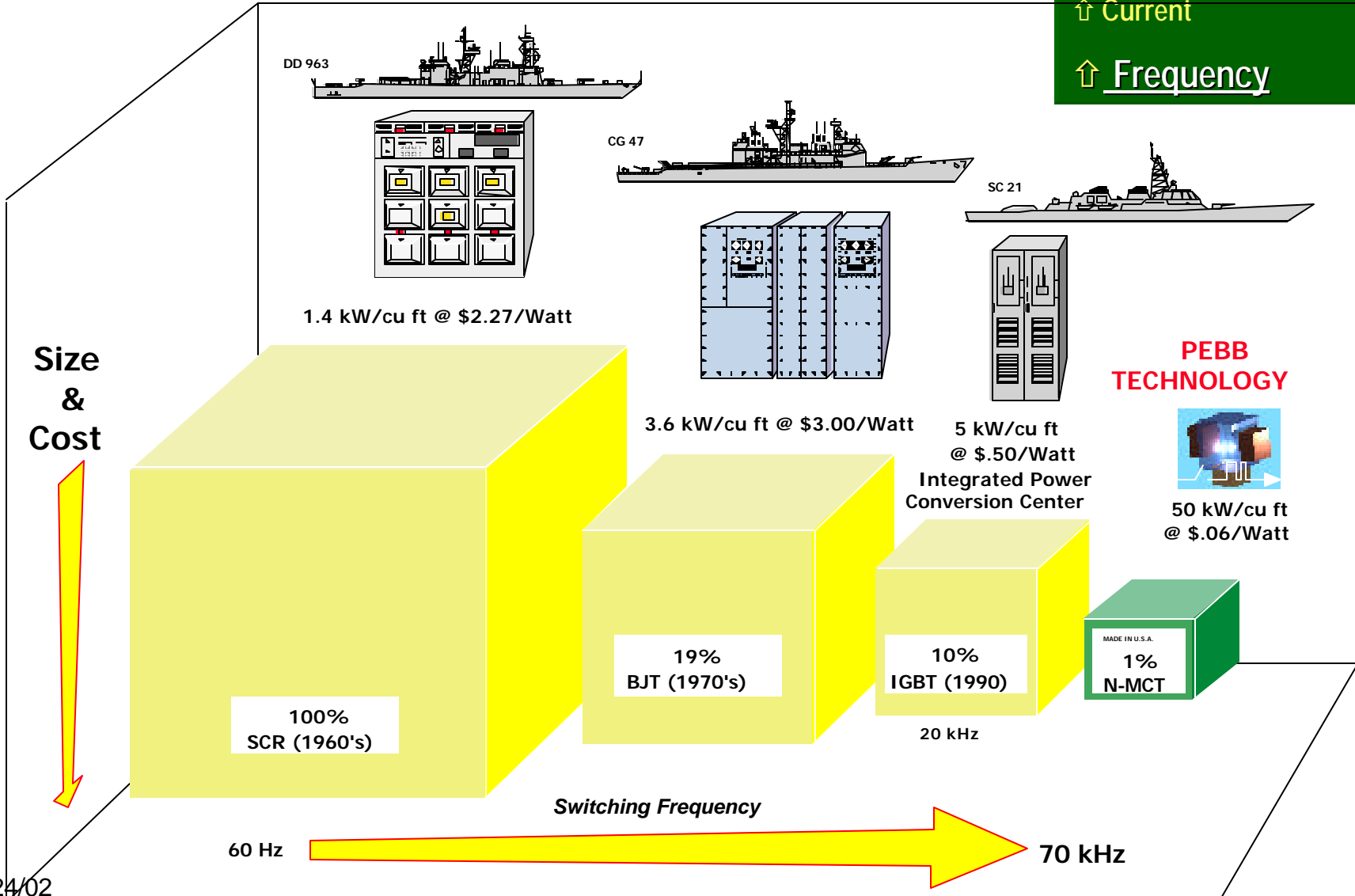




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# Shipboard Power Supplies & Controllers

- ↓ Conversion Steps
- ↓ Number of Phase Legs
- ↑ Voltage
- ↑ Current
- ↑ Frequency





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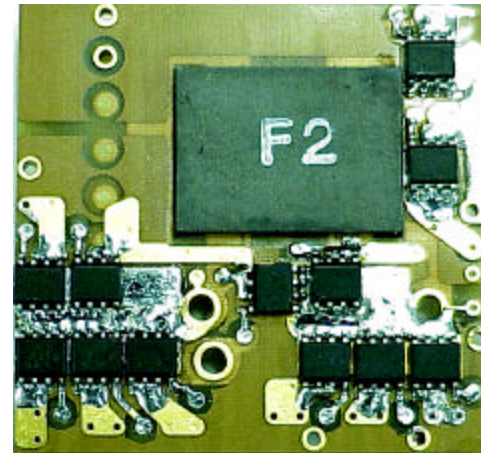
# High Density & High Efficiency GaAs Point of Use Power Supply

## *Purpose*

Develop 3.3V & 1.5V 100W output dc-dc power converters

- efficiency 90-95%
- power density > 100 W/in<sup>3</sup>
- reliability > 50,000 h MTTF
- cost < \$50
- status: complete

1.5V / 100W  
Rockwell Prototype



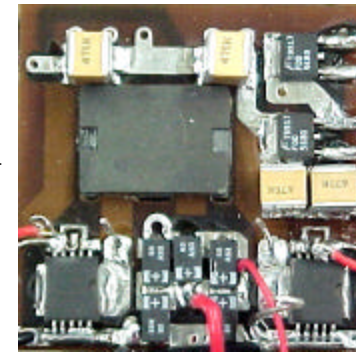
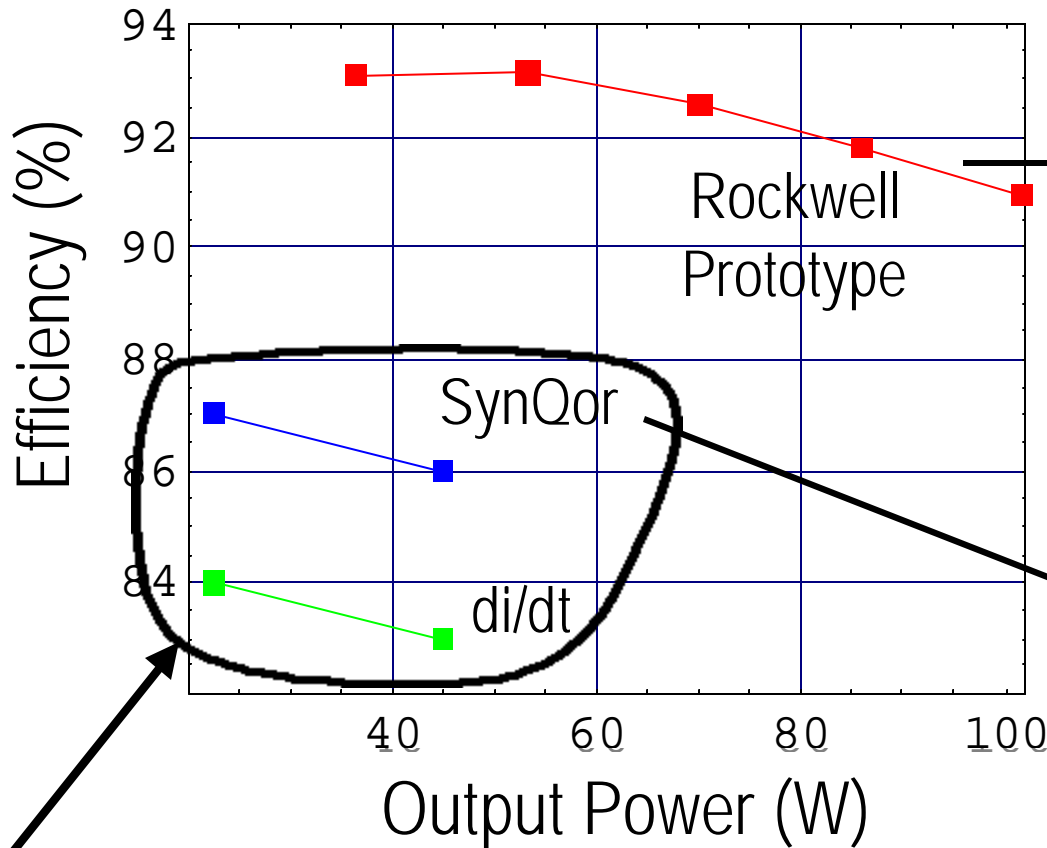
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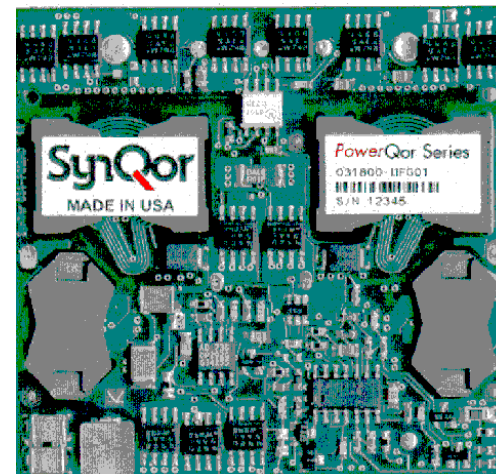
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# Accomplishment Summary

## Point of Use Power Supplies



88-100 W/in<sup>3</sup>

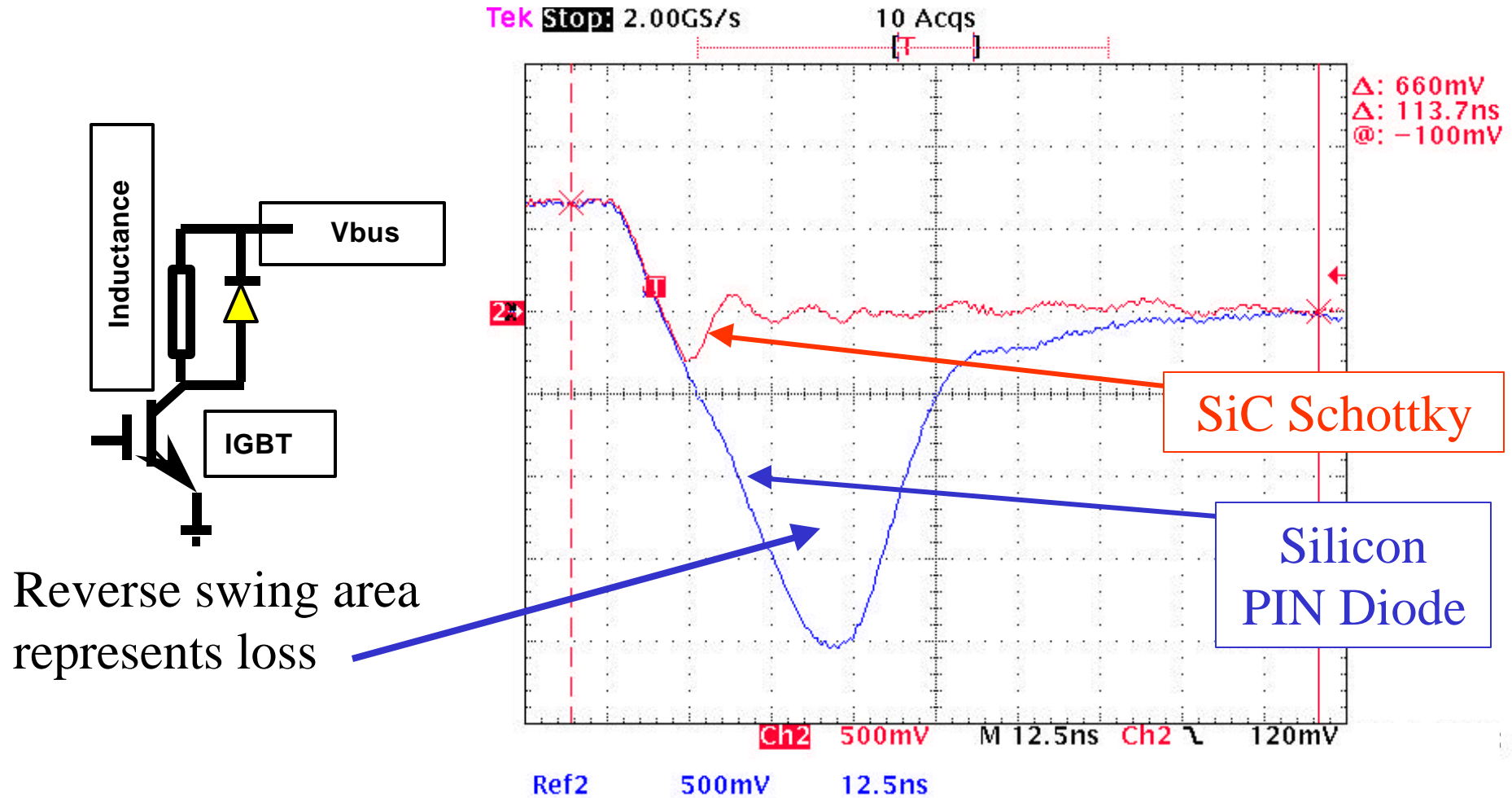


20-45 W/in<sup>3</sup>

**Previous State of the Art**

Generally not applicable to large  
(Megawatt) Power Supplies.

# Advantages of SiC in Hybrid Circuit Composed of a Si Switch and SiC Commutator Diode



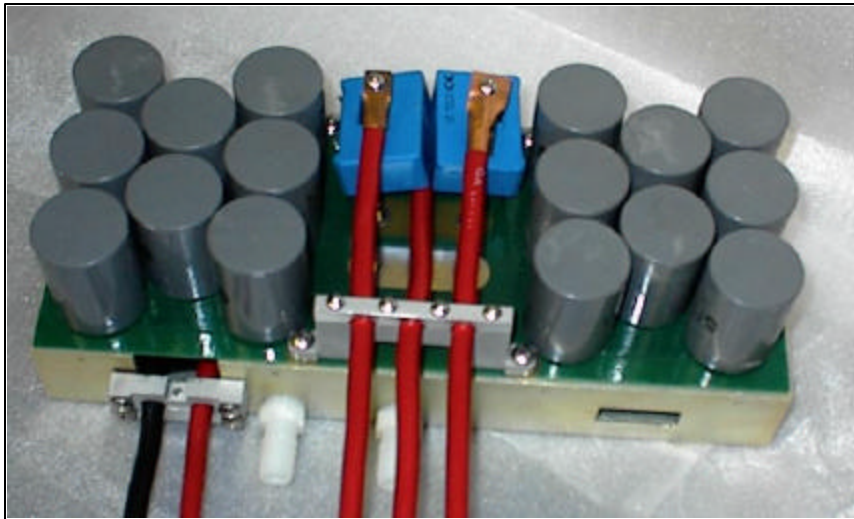
- 4x lower recovery time
- 7x lower reverse peak current
- ⇒ reduced switching loss

**600 V fly back diode**  
**24 -fold FOM Improvement**



# Mid-Program ThinPak-based AIPM Pre-Alpha Unit

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## Overall Characteristics

Length: 11.375" x Depth: 4.75" x height: 4.0"

Volume: 216.125 inch<sup>3</sup> (3.43 liters)

Weight: 7.25 Lbs (3.3 Kg)

Only as big as your Shoe!

Tested at **30kW**  
**steady state, 55kW pk**  
and **300A peak**  
operation

**SILICON**  **POWER<sub>2</sub>**



# Pre-Alpha Unit Meets 55 kW Power Level at 70C Coolant with Test Load



## Pre-Alpha Unit 1 test conditions

(applies to all the data presented in the following slides)

Coolant type : Distilled Water

Coolant temp : 25°C

Coolant Flow rate : 1.5 gpm

DC Bus = 260 V

Switching frequency = 12 kHz

Output frequency = 200 Hz

**100 uH 3-phase Inductive load at 55kW (300A peak phase current)**



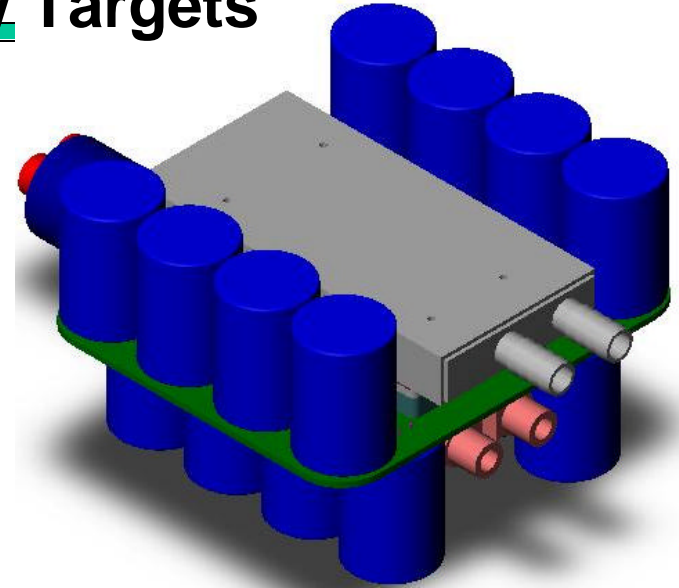
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# Final Year Brings Volume, Weight and Cost Well Below Targets



~ 250 cubic inch  
Cast Aluminum  
Case Pre-Alpha  
Unit



~150 cubic inch  
Alpha Design



Volume reduction to ~ 150 cubic inches  
Cost reduction (100K units/year at < \$7/kW  
Weight to < 10 pounds



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# Rockwell PowerFlex Product Family

# PowerFlex

Powerful Performance. Flexible Control.

# PowerFlex

Powerful Performance. Flexible Control.

## 7000

# PowerFlex

## 70

# PowerFlex

## 700



# R-PEBB



# Rockwell Science Center

# Rockwell Automation

New R-PEBB Product 1Q 2001, built on PEBB design, 2x improved

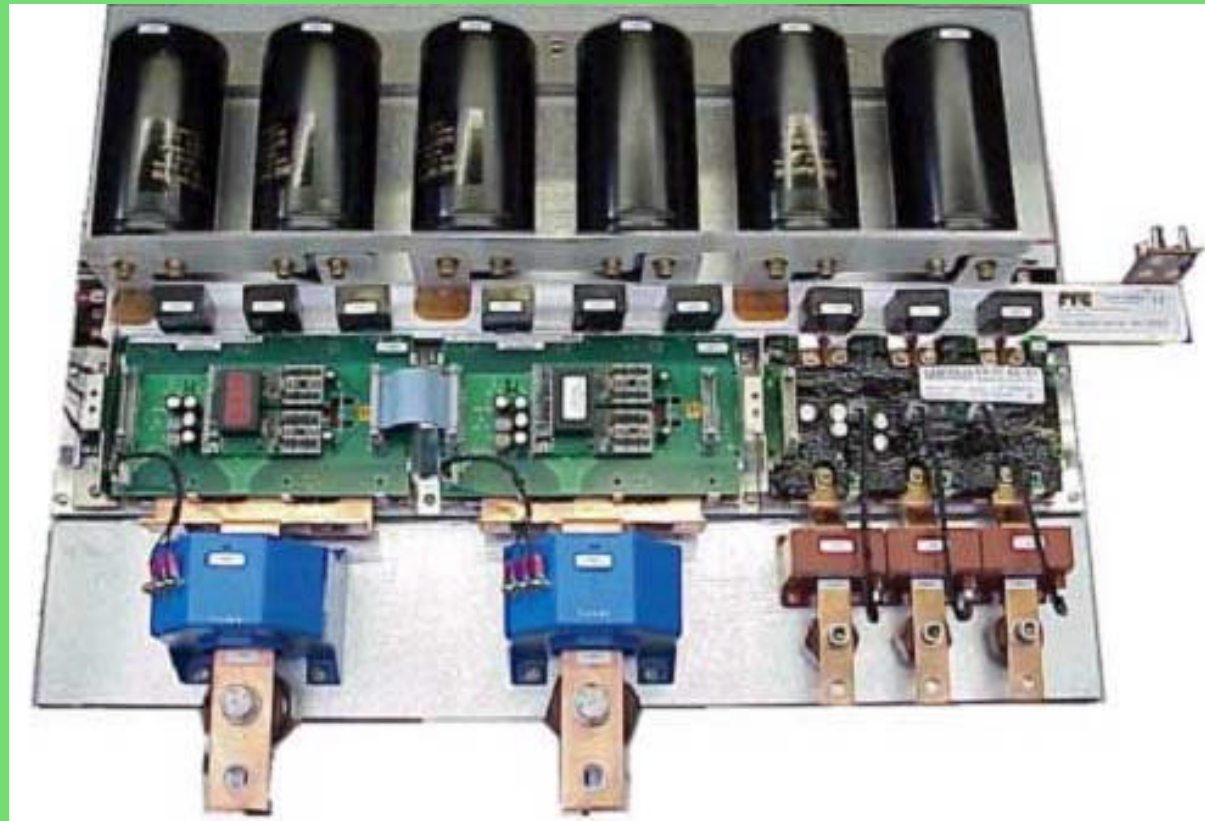


# ABB IGBT PEBB

IGBT PEBB

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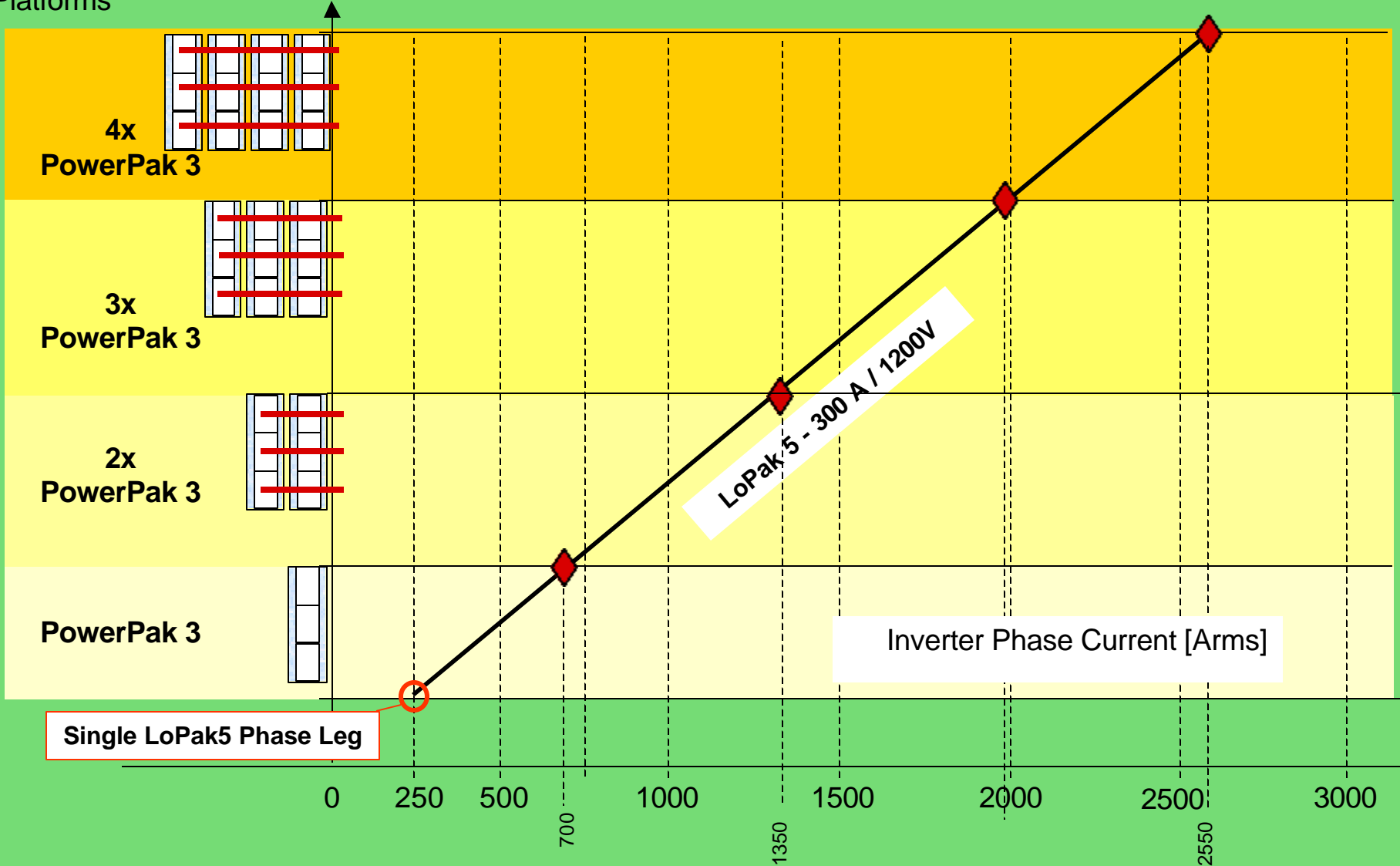
- A new low-voltage PEBB developed with the US Office of Naval Research



PowerPak3



# ABB IGBT PEBB - Scalability





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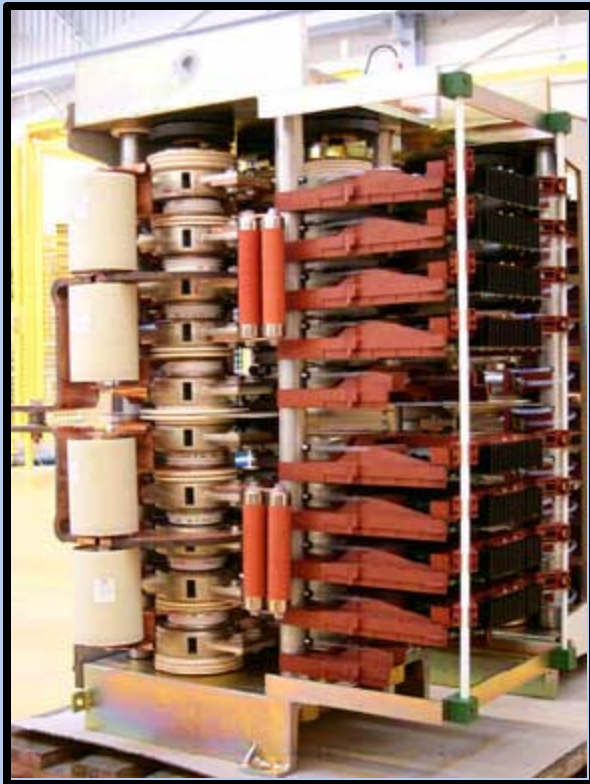
# ABB IGBT PEBB - Flexibility

IGBT PEBB

- Uses 3 IGBT modules with 3 phase-legs each
- Positive temperature coefficient permits easier paralleling
- PowerPak3 can provide various configurations, e.g.
  - 1 x 3-phase converter (3 phases)
  - 1 x 1-phase H-bridge + 1 x 3-phase converter (5 phase legs)
  - 3 x 3-phase converters (9 phases)

# ABB IGCT PEBB

- Power Electronic Building Block (PEBBs)
- Developed with the US Office of Naval Research
- IGCT Technology



**The PEBB is a standardized module that allows rapid configuration of power converters to meet specific customer needs, including:**

- AC - DC conversion
- DC - AC conversion (1 or 3 phase )
- Frequency changers
- DC - DC voltage changes

# Frequency Changers (FC)

- Railway systems are the most common applications
  - Many rail systems operate on frequencies lower than 60 Hz.
  - Railway is actually a large single-phase load
  - Three-phase to single-phase frequency converter provides required frequency for the load and balances the load for the utility



- DB Energie (Germany)
  - 50Hz 3-phase to 16.67Hz 1-phase
  - New 175mph high-speed line
  - Inauguration Spring 2002
  - 11 units ordered to date





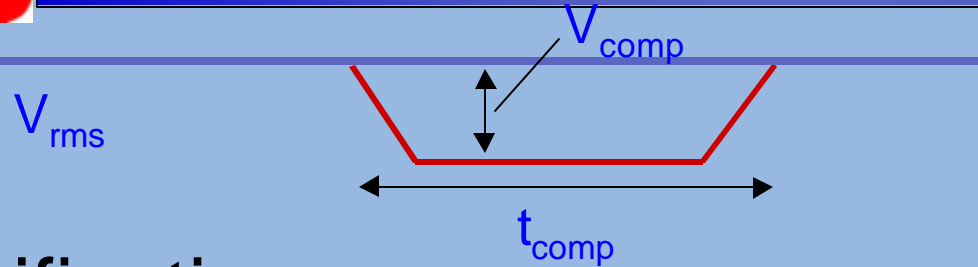
Surface  
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# Dynamic Voltage Restorer (DVR)

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- Medium voltage (e.g. 13.8 kV)
- In series between source and protected load.
- Protects loads from momentary voltages sags (not outages) by replacing “missing” voltage
- Facility level protection
- Potential customers:
  - Semiconductor plants
  - Automotive manufacturing
  - Plastic extrusion process
  - Paper mills
  - Petro-chemicals
  - Pharmaceuticals
  - Glass Manufacturing
  - Textiles Industry

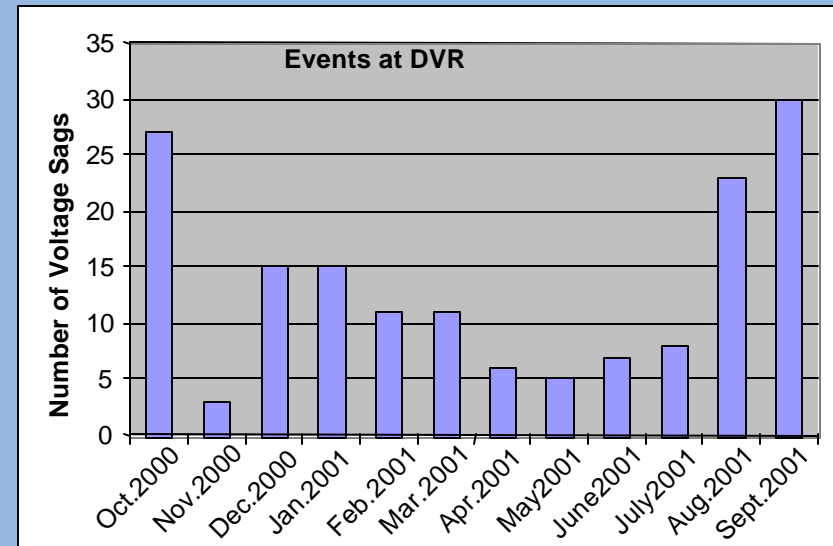


## Specifications

- 3-phase sag compensation ( $V_{comp}$ )      35%
- 1-phase sag compensation ( $V_{comp}$ )      50%
- Compensation duration ( $t_{comp}$ )      0.5s
- Protection level      facility
- Connection voltage (typical)      13.8kV
- Protected load power      10-25 MVA

# Dynamic Voltage Restorer (DVR)

## Chip Manufacturing Plant



DVRs installed:

2 units, 22 MVA each

Events per year:

~150

Estimated costs per disturbance:

up to \$1 million

Total saved outage costs per year:

**~\$20 million**

Turnkey cost:

**< \$12 million**



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# Regenerative Fuel Cell (RFC)

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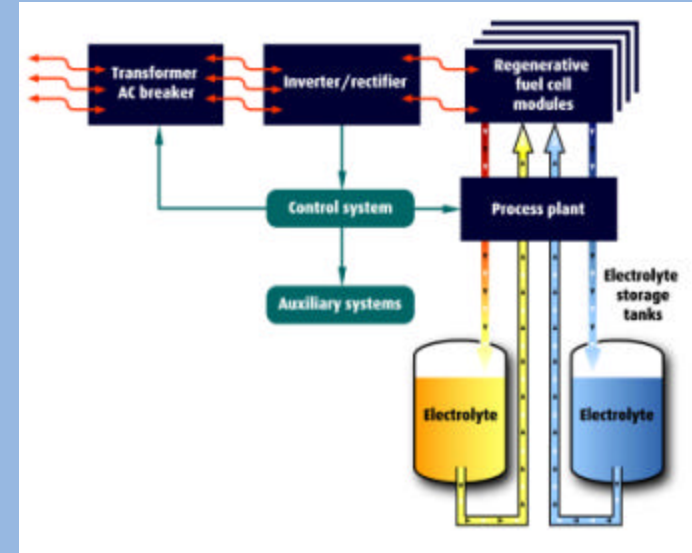


- Regenerative Fuel Cell (RFC)

- Used as a base load continuous energy source.
- “Pumped storage” capability without physical constraints (hydro/air).
- Stores energy to take advantage of daily load cycles.
- Ability to provide real & reactive power.
- Environmentally benign, low noise, small footprint (100 MWh on 2 acres).

- Potential Customers:

- Large industrial or commercial loads.
- Campus-like loads, i.e. air force base.
- Utilities looking for solutions for their customers - i.e. TVA buying for air force base.





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# Regenerative Fuel Cell - TVA

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## TVA to Build Innovative Power Storage Plant in Mississippi

October 15 , 2001

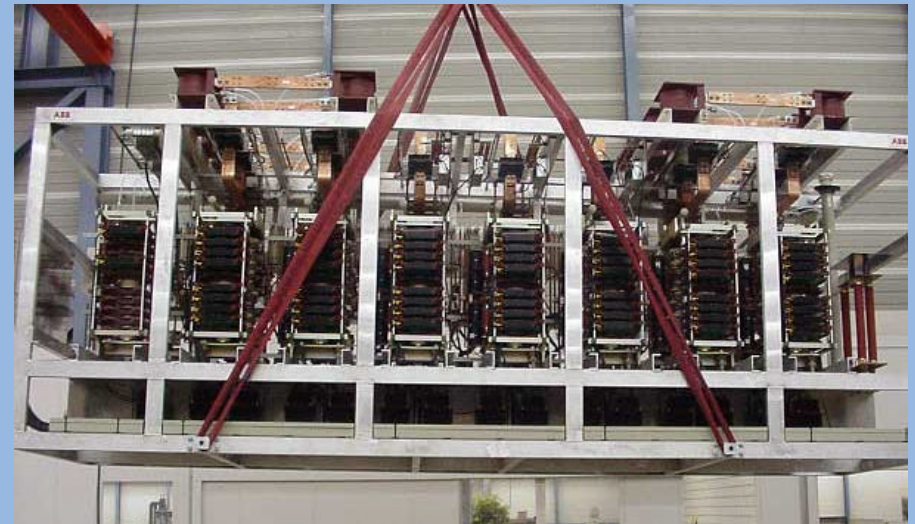
COLUMBUS, Miss. — TVA today officially launched construction of the nation's first large-scale, battery-like power storage facility that will store electricity during off-peak periods and retrieve it for use when the need for power increases.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held in Columbus, where TVA is planning to introduce the new technology in the United States on a site near Columbus Air Force Base. The energy storage project will cost in excess of \$25 million and is expected to begin operation in 2003. ...

"This project will generate value for our customers by reducing the need for high-cost generation during times of peak use," said TVA Director Skila Harris. "It also helps us make more efficient use of available resources, demonstrating TVA's commitment to excellence in business performance and public service." ...

[www.tva.gov/news/releases/1001storageplant.htm](http://www.tva.gov/news/releases/1001storageplant.htm)

## Combined chopper & inverter 2 x 15 MW / MVA



## Power Quality for Columbus AFB Mississippi

Delivery  
2002

## Problem

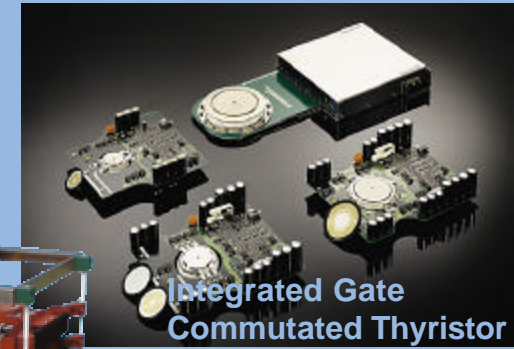
- System disturbances caused customer interruptions

## Solution

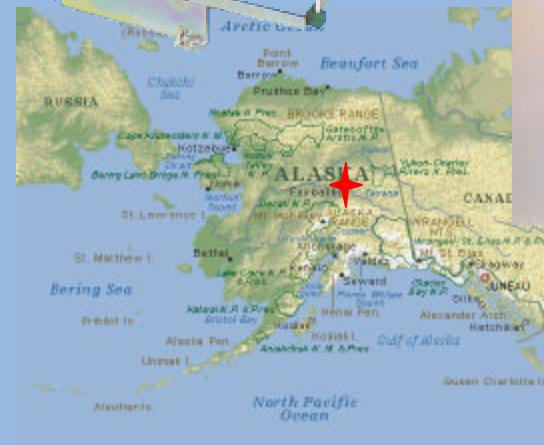
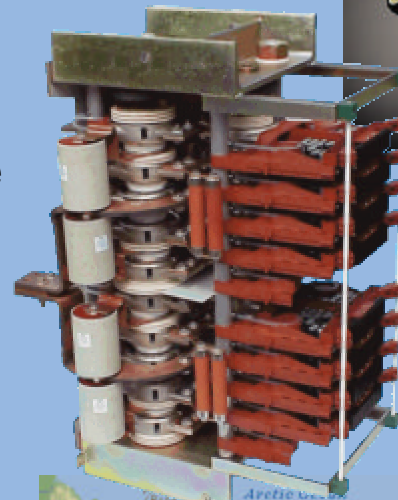
- Turnkey 40 MW battery energy storage system to provide rapid response to system disturbances
- Global consortium led by ABB with batteries from Saft AB

## Benefits

- Avoids need for spinning reserve or expensive system enhancements
- Provides voltage support during normal operations and back-up energy during system disturbances



Integrated Gate Commutated Thyristor





[www.gvea.com/Projects/bess.htm](http://www.gvea.com/Projects/bess.htm)



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## Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)

On October 10, Golden Valley Electric signed a \$30 million contract with ABB Power Systems to construct the co-op's Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). The BESS will be housed at GVEA's North Star Terminal building on Bidwell Avenue, and when operational, will provide 26 megawatts of backup power to GVEA's system for 15 minutes.

"The BESS is one part of the Northern Intertie Project and will be the largest battery project in the world. We estimate that our members will see a 70% reduction in power supply outages - outages due to generation and transmission problems." says GVEA president & CEO Steve Haagenson.

The BESS will be composed of 13,760 high performance nickel-cadmium battery cells and when complete, will increase reliability on the cooperative's system. Construction is expected to begin before the end of this year and the BESS is scheduled to be operational during the summer of 2003.

Construction of the BESS is one of GVEA's initiatives to improve the reliability of service to Golden Valley members. When online, the BESS will automatically pick up 26 megawatts of load in the event of power plant or transmission line equipment failure. Fifteen minutes is long enough for the co-op to start up and bring local generation online. The switch from power line to battery and back to power line should be seamless and go unnoticed by members.

BESS benefits include:

- Capacity deferral
- Spinning reserves
- Reduced air emissions
- Improved reliability Power quality
- Reduced losses
- Lower risks from fuel price changes



**World's Largest Battery Energy Storage System awarded to ABB / SAFT by GVEA, Fairbanks, Alaska**





# - Advanced Electrical Power Systems - **Summary**

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## Overall Health of the Thrust

- People are excellent; not enough
  - Critical shortage of power experts worldwide -- even more so, US citizens.
- Facilities marginal; emerging new approaches require new facilities
- Applied research scope is severely limited by available funding and people
- Technical opportunities/Under supported S&T areas:
  - Thermal management
  - Stimulation/Simulation (hardware in the loop) analysis
  - Energy Storage
  - Superconducting and cryogenic systems -- reduce resistance
  - Soft-switching topologies & power dense motors (low speed high torque)
  - Thermal management materials
  - Insulating materials >13.8kV bus and high dV/dt
  - Superconducting and cryogenic materials and components
  - Pulsed power weapons -- devices and materials
  - Permanent magnet materials
  - Capacitors and Inductors

## (Key Issues) Changes Required

- Funding, Education and a National Plan