

ES4D4-15 Power Electronic Converters & Devices

20/21

Department

School of Engineering

Level

Undergraduate Level 4

Module leader

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Credit value

15

Module duration

10 weeks

Assessment

30% coursework, 70% exam

Study location

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

Description

Introductory description

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Module aims

Practically all electronic equipment, whether domestic or industrial, requires power conditioning to deliver the energy for it to operate correctly. This is using electronics for power processing, not information processing. The applications vary widely from power supplies for laptops and mobile phone chargers, through industrial motor drives, hybrid and electric vehicle drives, electric rail transport, to solar and wind energy systems and power transmission and distribution systems.

The module aims are:

- To introduce the concept of power electronics as power processing and control, and to present the range of applications of power electronics in today's society.
- To introduce power semiconductor devices as basic switching elements used in power electronic converters, and describe the theory of their operation.

- To introduce power electronic converters, explain their operation and give examples of applications.
- To develop an understanding of the issues present in converter and device design, including the impact of physical layout and fabrication techniques

Outline syllabus

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

- Introduction to power electronics, devices and applications.
- Semiconductor theory: revision and in depth discussion. Band theory, doping, p-n junctions. Avalanche breakdown and punchthrough. Carrier lifetime and the effect on resistance and switching speeds.
- Power semiconductor device physics: PiN and Schottky diodes, thyristors, bipolar transistors, MOSFETs, IGBTs.
- An introduction to wide bandgap semiconductors and devices. An insight into silicon carbide; specifically, its advantages and potential (high voltage, high frequency and high temperature devices) and its problems (cost, immaturity, processing issues).
- Power semiconductor device fabrication.
- An introduction to active on-going research topics in power semiconductor devices.
- Power converters: AC-DC converters, DC-DC converters, isolated converters, bridges and 3-phase inverters, resonant converters.
- Non-ideal cases, commutation and overlap, introduction of power quality and filters.
- Drives: DC motor control.
- Design, modelling and simulation of converters and devices.
- Applications: solar power, distributed generation, wind power, hybrid & electric vehicles.

Learning outcomes

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- Acquire comprehensive knowledge of the operation of power semiconductor devices.
- Apply the concepts of device physics in the context of device switching in a power converter.
- Design a power converter, including an AC-DC converter, a DC-DC converter and a DC-AC inverter.
- Analyse the power quality and harmonics. Design the basic filters to smooth the converter output and to improve the power quality.
- Consolidate knowledge on the practical issues in converter design.
- Demonstrate a systematic knowledge in DC motor drives and control analysis.
- Demonstrate an advanced understanding of the applications of power electronics and the development of new devices.
- Design and analyse the closed-loop control for power converters.

Indicative reading list

1. Power Electronics: a first course, Ned Mohan, ISBN : 978-1-118-07480-0, Wiley 2012.

2. Fundamentals of silicon carbide technology, T. Kimoto and J.A. Cooper, ISBN 9781118313527, Wiley, 2014.
3. S.M. Sze and K.K. Ng, Physics of semiconductor devices, ISBN 9780471143239 Wiley, 2007.
4. Advanced electric drives : analysis, control, and modelling using MATLAB/Simulink, Ned Mohan, ISBN 978111891113, Wiley , 2014.
5. Electric machines and drives : a first course, Ned Mohan, ISBN 9781118074817, Wiley, 2012.
6. Advanced Power Electronics Converters: PWM Converters Processing AC Voltages, Euzeli Cipriano dos Santos Jr. and Edison Roberto Cabral da Silva, ISBN 978111888695, Wiley, 2015.
7. Electromagnetic compatibility in power electronics, Laszlo Tihanyi, Butterworth-Heinemann, ISBN 9781118863183, Wiley, 2014.

Research element

The recent development and research topic in the area will be introduced to the students. Research project and outcome are used as examples in delivering the lectures.

Subject specific skills

TBC

Transferable skills

Computer simulation and CAD
 Lab report writing and experimental data analysis
 Electronic equipment operation.

Study

Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	30 sessions of 1 hour (20%)
Practical classes	12 sessions of 1 hour (8%)
Other activity	6 hours (4%)
Private study	102 hours (68%)
Total	150 hours

Private study description

Guided Independent Learning 102 hours

Other activity description

4 X 1 hour Example Classes
2 X 1 hour Revision Classes

Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

Assessment

You must pass all assessment components to pass the module.

Students can register for this module without taking any assessment.

Assessment group DB

	Weighting	Study time
Laboratory Based Assignment 2 (Practical/simulation) lab based assignments (4 pages each)	15%	
Laboratory Based Assignment 1 (Practical/simulation) lab based assignments (4 pages each)	15%	
Online Examination QMP 2 x 1hr ~Platforms - QMP	70%	

- Online examination: No Answerbook required
- Engineering Data Book 8th Edition
- Students may use a calculator

Feedback on assessment

Solutions to questions in problem sheets and discussion of the solutions during example classes.
Marked assignments.
Cohort level feedback on examinations

[Past exam papers for ES4D4](#)

Availability

Pre-requisites

To take this module, you must have passed:

- All of
 - [ES191-15 Electrical and Electronic Circuits](#)
 - [ES2C0-15 Analogue Electronic Design](#)

Post-requisite modules

If you pass this module, you can take:

- ES4E8-15 Advanced Power Electronic Converters and Devices

Courses

This module is Core optional for:

- RESA-H6P9 Postgraduate Research Wide Bandgap Power Electronics
 - Year 1 of H6P9 Wide Bandgap Power Electronics (EngD)
 - Year 2 of H6P9 Wide Bandgap Power Electronics (EngD)
- Year 1 of TESA-H643 Postgraduate Taught Electrical Power Engineering
- Year 1 of TESA-H642 Postgraduate Taught Energy and Power Engineering

This module is Optional for:

- TESA-H1A0 Postgraduate Taught Sustainable Energy Technologies
 - Year 1 of H1A0 Sustainable Energy Technologies
 - Year 2 of H1A0 Sustainable Energy Technologies

This module is Option list A for:

- Year 4 of UESA-H114 MEng Engineering
- Year 4 of UESA-H311 MEng Mechanical Engineering

This module is Option list B for:

- Year 4 of UESA-HH31 MEng Systems Engineering
- Year 4 of UCSA-G408 Undergraduate Computer Systems Engineering