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Power electronics 780 (EED 780)

Qualification Postgraduate

Faculty Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology

Module credits 32.00

Programmes BEngHons Electrical Engineering

Prerequisites Undergraduate level Power electronics

Contact time 32 contact hours per semester

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Electrical, Electronic and Computer Engineering

Period of presentation Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

Power semiconductors - basic structure, I-V characteristic physics of device operation, switching characteristics, SOA; passive components; converter topologies - AC-DC rectifiers, DC-DC converters, DC-AC inverters, AC-AC converters and resonant converters; Dynamics and control - state space models, feedback control design; Ancillary issues - gate and base drives, snubber circuits and clamps, thermal modelling and heatsinking; Applications - electric utility applications, isolated switch-mode power supplies, optimising of the utility interface with power electronic systems.

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