562 CLASSES BEGIN Tues. 25th August to Thursday, Dec 10th
5:30 to 6:45 PM T R

- Divide yourselves into Three groups on CANVAS People for:
  - 1. Thursday face to face time as set by random group assignment I made in CANVAS
  - 2. Your group to do 562 HW, 562 pop quizzes and 562 Spice simulations
  - 3. Your student groups to do Talks 1 and 2 in MS Teams

- **Class Time:** Tuesday and Thursday 5:30 – 6:45 PM in B105 (Engineering B wing)
  We will have **no class on Tuesday** which is reserved for you all to contribute to CANVAS Discussions

We will have question and answers on Thursday of course topics. **Come to class having already viewed the two weekly lectures I prerecorded on CANVAS** Modules for face to face encounters which may change to MS Teams synchronous delivery if CSU COVID increases

- 15 page syllabus will answer all your questions but is subject to in class updates.

**PROLOGUE to 562 Issues**

**Instructors teaching philosophy**

- ECE Students are the most important people at CSU.
- Not dependent on faculty.
- Faculty is dependent on them.
- Not an interruption of our work.
- They are the purpose of being at CSU.
- Students are doing us a favor when they come to our office.
- We are not doing them a favor by serving them.
- Students are part of our business, not outsiders.
- Not just a CSU ID number.
- They are flesh and blood human beings with feelings and emotions.
- Students come to us with their needs and wants.
- It is our job to address them with courteous and attentive treatment.
- Students are the life blood of this and every university.
- Without them we would close our doors.
- DON’T EVER FORGET THIS

**ECE562 Overview Grading**

**GRADING for 562 Power Electronics**

Quick Overview: ALL efforts below are with a group from 1-6 people, so form a group ASAP.

1. Pop Quizzes: 20%
2. Home Works: 5%
3. Spice labs: 15%
4. Talk # 1: 20%
5. Talk #2 40% Special choice for those registered on ECE 461 as well as 562. A talk on **DC to AC inverters** @ fixed phase but variable amplitude and frequency for transmission and gear free motor drives is accepted.

Send prerecorded by your student groups both talks 1 and 2 to CANVAS so all students can view.

TOTAL 100%

I allow extra credit in 562 such as:

1. Semester long special topic like right hand zeros effect of stability of buck-boost converters 3%

2. Class participation via CANVAS Discussions: 3%

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HW, Spice Labs and POP QUIZ submissions to the grader via CANVAS-

1) Preferably write your solutions in MS Powerpoint. Number of slides may vary depending upon the solution BUT always number your pages.
2) Only group leader will submit the final ppt of HW/POPQUIZ.

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- SEND the grader via CANVAS ASSIGNMENTS HW solutions, Spice labs, Pop Quiz solutions


- **Class website**: [http://www.engr.colostate.edu/ECE562/](http://www.engr.colostate.edu/ECE562/) and CSU calendar [http://www.calendar.colostate.edu/](http://www.calendar.colostate.edu/)


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**Introduction to 562**

**Disclaimer Notice:**

All items in this memo are subject to change by Prof. Collins in LATER class announcements and items are considered only a preliminary guide to the student. For example, the ECE562 classes can cover high frequency magnetics/transformers/inductors rather than more details of PWM circuits or basics of resonant converters, if strong class interest exists—each semester is unique in its class preferences in this diverse field. In week # 9 we will have a mid-class review of past and future topics in which you are encouraged to input your desires for the remainder of the class lectures. This course requires a lot of extra work in the beginning of the semester and a lot LESS work at the end of the semester, so you have time for other courses, finals and job interviews as well as CSU Covid level increases.

The class notes are password protected
Username: Student
Password: Power!

Because of the breath of power electronics each year 562 is different. Perhaps the course should have a “under construction, pardon our appearance” sign.. For example, the ECE562 classes can cover high frequency magnetics/transformers/inductors rather than more details of PWM circuits or basics of resonant converters, if strong class interest exists—each semester is unique in its class preferences in this diverse field.

During the semester I will talk several times about second mouse gets the cheese. Below I partially document that assertion in high tech.

“First Mouse a goner”  
“Second Mouse a Winner”
This course will adhere to Academic Integrity Policy of CSU General Catalog and Student Conduct code. It is expected in this course that all students will not give, receive or use any unauthorized or undocumented assistance in their group efforts as well as individual efforts. All appropriate sources need to be referenced and it’s best to do so in IEEE format for references/sources. For details on CSU academic integrity policy goes to: http://learning.colostate.edu/integrity/index.cfm. Problems will be solved according to CSU policies: http://tilt.colostate.edu/integrity/guides/what to do.

562 COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course will teach students how to understand, analyze, design and better employ new commercial IC power supplies on a chip or on a board in any electronic system requiring powered DC levels different from the general DC system bus. Typically this is 6-12 additional DC levels. One illustrative commercial example is a remarkable Dialog Semiconductor product which provides, on ONE IC chip: 18 LDO( low drop out regulators) for low noise voltages needed for cell phone transceivers , two Buck converters for cell phone processors and semiconductor memory power supplies and one Boost converter for both driving LEDS for LCD screen backlighting or for the flash camera. ALL on one IC chip and driven by the on board batteries only!! Texas Instruments has similar products. This kind of chip allows for low cost cell phones employing various DC voltages all from one rail voltage. Cell phone sales are two billion per year and smart phones 600 million per year. This allows you to grasp why power management, at low cost, is on an IC chip or chips.

This course will cover the two major approaches to high efficiency DC-DC conversion in detail: Pulse width modulation and resonant converters. Both employ ideal lossless “L-C” networks and ideal lossless switches. The DC-DC PWM conversion is primarily an IC solution to point of load DC power requirement and the resonant DC-DC conversion is primarily for high performance DC power applications at kW levels, usually implemented on PC boards with discrete components, often called BRICKS. However, some attention will be given to linear power supplies like low drop out regulators and switched capacitor supplies for a comparison to our two circuit types. Moreover LDO’s provide the lowest ripple rails for powering critical electronics devices, like transceivers and high speed serial interfaces to minimize the bit error rate (BER).
I hope by the end of the required talks in 562 or even sooner, all students appreciate the old saw “to read without reflecting is like eating without digesting”. Or for the simple fools like me the shorter version “knowing the facts versus knowing the truth”.

Cost “the four letter word’ plays a key role in 562. This is just an economic word for the common good. So, in a cell phone application the IC power chip has a potential market of 2 billion/year—so cost and size drives all design.

Practice makes perfect
Presentation skills too can be honed through repetition, listening to talks and critique of our own talks

In DETAIL the ECE562 grading is scored as follows in 6 parts:

1. (5 % of grade) Four HW Homework assignments @1.5 pts each will comprise 6% of the grade. See page 4 of this document for details of assignments and due dates from Chapters 2,3,4 and 5. In general HW assignments are due on Tuesdays the week after they are assigned. I will email each of you to remind you of HW problem changes and due date changes if any.

   Roughly speaking, HW due dates for the HW assignments are as follows UG is undergraduate and they do only a HW problems indicated, whereas graduate students do all assigned problems:

   HW#1: Ch 2 of Erickson Pbms. 1(UG), 2(UG),3,4, 6, DUE Friday, 18 Sept
   HW#2: Chapter 3 of Erickson Pbms. 8(UG),9,10 (UG).: Due Friday, 16 Oct
   HW#3: Chapter 4 of Erickson Pbms. 2(UG),4,5,7(UG): Due Friday, 30 Oct
   HW#4: Chapter 5 of Erickson Pbms. 1(UG),4, 5(UG),14: Due Friday, 20 Nov

   Pop Quiz's, Homework's, SPICE Lab’s to be sent to Grader via CANVAS.

2. (15% of grade) Five Spice assignments@ 2 pts each are worth 10 % of the grade and are described in detail below where I give the schedule of SPICE due dates. In general
Spice labs are due on Tuesdays too, usually when no HW is due. Use student versions of Cadence, NL5 or LT (linear technology website) SPICE ALL OF WHICH ARE FREE.

NL5 Spice Simulator vs. Cadence Virtuoso for Spice Labs of DC to DC converters

NL5 Spice Simulator and Cadence Virtuoso are programs that allow users to design circuits in a schematic view and then run various simulations on the designs. While they both have schematic capture and simulation capabilities, the extent of those capabilities are very different. Cadence Virtuoso is an industry standard software package that provides full IC design, from schematic design and simulation all the way up to physical chip layout. Cadence requires detailed parts libraries in order to simulate real components sold by different vendors, which is needed when designing real life chips. The main advantage Cadence has over NL5 is its extensive capabilities. Cadence offers every type of simulation, design check, and various tools a designer would ever need in a circuit-design package, and is regularly used in large-scale chip design in the IC industry. Some of the advanced simulations Cadence offers include simulating different design corners, Monte Carlos sweeps, and process variations. When used at its full potential, Cadence is a very powerful circuit-design program.

Cadence has two main disadvantages however, which are cost and complexity. It is a very expensive software package that typically costs companies and school thousands of dollars per license. For the most part, only large organizations can afford Cadence, so smaller companies or individuals must look elsewhere. In addition to its high cost, Cadence is also a very complicated program to master. It usually takes years just to learn to use a lot of the more common schematic simulation modes. Using layout and the more advanced simulation modes further increases the complexity of the program. In short, in order to use Cadence to its full potential and “get your money’s worth”, one must spend several years mastering the software. For students trying to use a circuits program for the purpose of learning circuit theory, Cadence is an ineffective option since it is so expensive and takes so long to learn how to use.

NL5 on the other hand is a very good candidate to use for educational purposes. To start, it is completely free to download and use. Unlike Cadence, it can be installed on Windows or Mac, and is a very small program (Cadence is typically run on Linux, and is a massive software package, memory-wise). In addition, NL5 is extremely simple to use compared to Cadence. It has a very straightforward GUI that is not overloaded with unnecessary content. The components in the somewhat limited library are all very basic and easy to assign values to. Simulations (AC, transient, and parametric sweeps) are pretty easy to master after going through a step-by-step tutorial of them. Another important point is that nearly all of NL5’s functionality is always visible and available to the user on the schematic design screen. This means that it is not necessary to search through bloated drop-down menus for different parts of the program. Because of its simplicity, NL5 is relatively easy for students to pick up and use to build basic circuits and run basic simulations for the purpose of learning how different circuits work.

While the simulation capabilities of NL5 are much lower than Cadence, it is the better choice for educational settings because of its low cost (free!) and simplicity. Using a program like NL5 allows students to spend most of their time running simulations and analyzing circuits, and not troubleshooting the program itself or trying to learn how to use basic functionality.

Personally I prefer Linear Technologies LT SPICE available free from website.

FIVE Required SPICE Assignments@ 3 points each (15 Points total).

Five SPICE LABS: Subject to change
Together the five labs will lead you through the major commercial DC to DC converter circuits: Buck, Boost, buck-boost, SEPIC and Cuk. Note that there is EXTRA CREDIT FOR THOSE who do Spice analysis for either the L-C-C or C-L-L resonant circuits, which can be found in the course website.

TALKS Procedure: 4 Group Talks on Four Separate days

Sign up your group members for desired talk date in CANVAS PEOPLE.

Sign up group members for both talks 1 and 2.

Talk 1 occurs week 6 and seven of the semester as listed in CANVAS MODULES. Talk 2 occurs week 11 and 12 as found in CANVAS MODULES.

We meet via MS Teams for the talks with a unique MS Teams link. This link is different from the link for regular Thursday Q/A.

Student’s situations are unique so that student TALKS FOR THE COURSE may employ three different modalities but they all have to be integrated into one final group talk/presentation:

1. Present live using MS Teams.

2. Prerecord your individual talk on MS Teams.

3. Prerecord your individual Talk on PPT with audio option.

The group presents the talk student by student on MS Teams and I critique ALL the presentation. Your groupmates take notes on suggested corrections. You then submit by uploading one week later the Improved PPT slides as one file for the entire group via CANVAS ASSIGNMENTS for a grade.

3. **TALK #1** 20 % of final grade. We will have four talks: **29 Sep to 8 Oct.** Sign up your group date ASAP on CANVAS.

**Talk #1 Dates (Week 6 & 7) 20% of final grade**

- Tuesday, Sept 29
- Thursday, Oct 1
- Tuesday, October 6
- Thursday, October 8

Prior to your talk # 1, I will cover
“Multiphase buck converters to power microprocessors and FPGA’s”. This is the mother of all Buck applications and summarizes all we learned about BUCK CIRCUITS that operate below or near one Volt and can follow 100 A / micro second changes. INDEED 16 PHASE Buck converters can deliver >1000 A @ 0.7 V

1. TECHNICAL ACCURACY 9/15
2. PPT Slide ORGANIZATION 3/5
3. CLARITY OF MATERIAL-SHORT LIST OF TOPICS IN DEPTH COVERAGE BETTER THAN MANY TOPICS VERY SHALLOW DOVERAGE 1/15
4. PROPER SPELLING GRAMMAR REFERENCES 1/15
5. FOLLOWING THE MEMOS ON TOPICS TO BE COVERED 1/15

Corresponding WORD PAPER GRADE OUT OF 5 AS FOLLOWS:
1. TECHNICAL ACCURACY 2/5
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After talk #1 Collins 562 LECTURES RESUME covering losses in real converters and associated heat management as outlined in Chapter 3 of our text.

4. TALK #2 (40 % of grade) has topics in power electronics chosen by the group interests: 3- 12 Nov. Student group must prepare a prerecorded MS Teams talk 2 presentation and send to CANVAS for viewing by other students.

1. Any topic in power electronics is acceptable for talk 2. Suggested below is a talk on Boost converters for ideal rectifiers. For students also in 461 variable another choice is frequency drives for motors can be used in both classes. A talk on DC to AC inverters @ fixed phase but variable amplitude and frequency for transmission and gear free motor drives is accepted.

Talk #2 40% of final grade

Thursday, November 3
Tuesday, November 5
In general to learn boost circuits well I recommend:

**Suggested TALK # 2: groups cover BOOST Converters for Ideal Rectifiers. This is in our text as two chapters!** This is the mother of all boost applications and be sure to include the role of right half plane zeros in feedback instability of boost converters.

Each group must sign up for a specific date for talk 2 on CANVAS.

I expect you to cover the following issues for the % of the talk #1/paper grade indicated below by sub-topic for either synchronous Buck or synchronous Boost converters:

a. (15 %) Compare PF of a rectifier with a C load as regards: no PF correction, with passive PF correction, and with active boost circuit inserted to achieve PF correction. Include GOVERNMENT grid harmonic regulations up to 39 harmonic.

b. (15 %) Describe the replacement of the BOOST diode with an actively driven FET (synchronous Boost) and compare to the diode version for heat losses and voltage drops.

c. (30 %) Paralleling many Boosts (multi-phase Boosts is best done with digital control) it is possible to achieve increased di/dt performance yet maintaining low ripple DC. Explain by circuit drawings and circuit equations how this is accomplished both via analog and digital means in the control loops by:
   1. Switching all FETs in unison
   2. Phasing the FET turn on’s so ripple is reduced
3. Comparing the performance of a versus b above

d. (20 %) Multi-phase boosts have increased ripple currents in each stage. To decrease this we use coupled inductors with each pair of boosts in parallel as discussed in class.

e. (20 %) Show how digital control of the proper duty cycle “D” to achieve PF = 1.0 and no harmonics is achieved both via both analog and digital means for both single and multiple boost converters.

Sign up in CANVAS for specific talk 1 and 2 dates as early as possible. Send the student created recording in MS Teams to CANVAS.

HOWEVER, in talk # 2 any other topic in power electronics is fine but I prefer the topic of DC to AC converters due to its importance to solar and wind energy as well as motor control in electric cars.

**Second recommended TALK #2 on DC to AC INVERTERS for students also in 461:** DC to Ac converters for the AC Grid at fixed output frequency of 60 Hz

1. DC to Ac converters for the variable frequency motor drives

The details of synthesizing AC wave forms from DC with both variable amplitude and variable frequency

2. Discuss power factor requirements of the EU’s 61000-3-2 which specifies acceptable levels of the first 32 harmonics of the AC mains (3%).

3. Describe in detail the electronic interface circuits for variable frequency motor drives using commercial examples

**FINAL GRADES**

YES the possible total is possibly >100 % because of possible ex credit and class participation and final grades will be determined as announced on class:

Our approach will be more traditional with both + and - letter grades to achieve a sliding curve and a distribution of grades. In an ideal statistical world we would seek in a class grade distribution as follows:

Grading will be curved with students above the median receiving an "A", students below the median and above one standard deviation below the median receiving a “B”. 1 to 2 standard deviations below the median will receive a “C”, 2 to 3 standard deviations below will receive a “D”, and anything lower will receive an “F”.

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Special Talk # 2 opportunity for students in BOTH 461 and 562 : VARIABLE FREQUENCY MOTOR DRIVES

Alternatively groups for talk # 2 may present on “Variable Frequency Motor Drives”. Moreover, if group members are in 562 Power Electronics they can use the same talk in both courses. Each week we will hear from two groups for a total of four group talks/week. Due the importance of variable frequency motor drives student groups can choose this topic for both Talk/paper # 1 and later in the semester talk/paper # 2. Moreover students enrolled in BOTH 461 and 562 can use the same talk in both classes.

Motors and motor drives are key technologies for a variety of reasons. First >60% of grid energy goes to motors. Moreover, improvements in efficiency from input AC power to Torque- RPM mechanical energy at loads is an on-going green revolution as it creates “Negawatts” of saved energy that need not be generated. Electric cars will also be more competitive with these “variable frequency” motor drive improvements.

In short the goal of the new power electronics technologies is increased efficiency motor operation, smaller size and lighter weight electric motors and eliminating the need for mechanical gear trains to meet the applications specific T\text{OUT} – N\text{OUT} mechanical load requirements by variable frequency drive electrical means alone.

So a special opportunity is offered to students in both 461 and 562 courses to do talk # 2 on motors/motor drives. An emphasis list of items to cover is given below for 461 presentations and a different list of items for 562 student presentations. Students MUST add to this according to their group’s interests.

For those students who will give the same talk in both classes both emphasis lists must be covered in the presentation that will give twice once in each class.
461/ 562 Joint INVERTER presentations: Required High Points:

1. Describe the $Z_{IN}$, $V_{IN}$ and $I_{IN}$ seen by the power electronics drives (e.g. the motor’s electrical input characteristics) versus the varying $T_{OUT} - N_{OUT}$ curves of the mechanical load for:
   a. Brushless DC Motor (BDCM)
   b. Synchronous motor
   c. Permanent magnet Synchronous motor (PMSM)
   d. Induction motors

   In short review the $T_{OUT} - N_{OUT}$ vs $V_{IN} - I_{IN}$ curves for the four most used motors.

2. Provide web links to manufacturers spec and application notes and their major arguments to justify the separate claims that “PMSM” technology is the best versus “BDCM” technology is best versus Synchronous or induction motors. This is easily resolved by distinguishing what mechanical loads each technology is best suited for. Do this for the four the chosen motors at the three mechanical load levels of:
   a. Low HP < 1 HP
   b. Medium HP < 10HP
   c. High HP > 100 HP

3. Commercial motor control systems consist of: sensors, command and control chips and power train drives.
   a. Describe in detail spatial location, type and output levels from the sensors for rotor position and other motor parameters needed for control decisions.
   b. Give three commercial motor control chips or board level hardware control systems.
   c. Compare and contrast the advantages and limitations as well as cost of high power switch hardware in the drive train employing:
      a. Thyristors
      b. IGBT’s
      c. IGCT’s and its variants of MOS control

   Go to manufacturer’s websites and get specs for the high power switches as well as application sheets for motor drive applications with these same switches and their control drive electronics.
   d. Provide two examples of commercial power train electronics from switch drives to variable 3 phase output $V(f)$ from power switches.

562 Presentations Required High Points:

1. Explain the cost and reliability considerations for the motor centric items listed in 461 point #1 as well as the best of the breed for applications at the three HP levels for the four motor varieties:
   a. Brushless DC Motor (BDCM)
   b. Synchronous motor
2. Explain in detail the differences and advantages as well as disadvantages of DSP vs FPGA vs microprocessor control methodologies and switch algorithm flexibility as well as cost.