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Call for Papers

Theme: Most of the recent research work propose and analyze different solutions for the Voltage source inverters. Its success is due to its wide availability, high efficiency, and simplicity. Low efficiency is one of the main aspects that pushed the Current source inverters in backseat in the power conversion world. However, now thanks to easy availability of wide band gap devices, the current source topologies are again in the spotlight. With respect to the past (High power motor Drive and PV applications), other possible applications can be taken into consideration for that topologies: aerospace, automotive, naval, etc. This Special Issues intend to collect papers dealing with control design, common mode current reduction, reliability consideration and comparison with Voltage source in different applications. Original research, State of art analysis and surveys are welcome.

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Design, modeling, and analysis a methodology for Ground leakage current reduction
- Modeling and analysis of control strategy for High-Speed Motor Drive Application
- Wide-bandgap powered Current Source Inverters for magnetic component optimization
- Design, modeling, and analysis of alternative topologies scheme
- Renewable energy applications of current source inverters

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