

## Three-level——complex and powerful algorithms + circuits

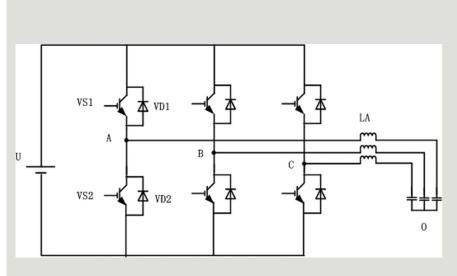
## Selection of three-level IGBTs

In a three-level inverter circuit, the DC voltage U is shared by two switch devices. In this case, the voltage shared by each switch device (such as an IGBT) on each bridge arm is a half of the input DC voltage.

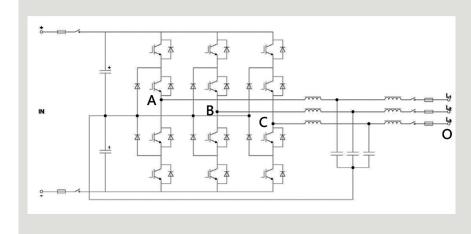
- Switching loss of low-voltage IGBTs used in a three-level inverter circuit is much less than that of high-voltage IGBTs that are of the same voltage class but used in a two-level inverter circuit.
- If the current is given, a power semiconductor device (IGBT) with lower rated voltage has better conduction and switching characteristics.



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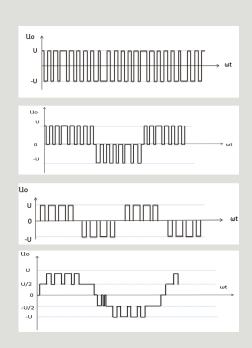


Traditional two-level inverter circuit



Innovative three-level inverter circuit

## Significance of adding zero-point clamping



Phase voltage (AO) waveforms output from a two-level inverter circuit

Values of the output voltage are two levels U and -U

Line voltage (AB) waveforms output from the two-level inverter circuit

Values of the output voltage are three levels U, 0, and -U

Phase voltage waveforms output from a three-level inverter circuit

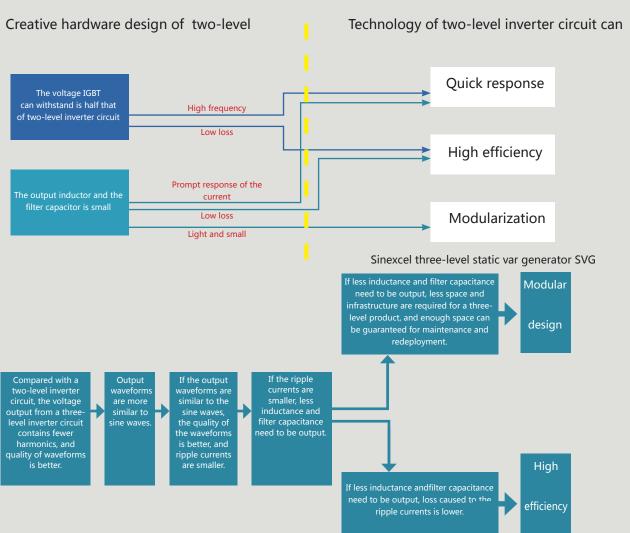
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Line voltage waveforms output from a three-level inverter circuit Values of the output voltage are five levels U, U/2, 0, -U/2, and -U

## Topology of a three-level inverter

The phase voltage has three level states, and there is one more level than a traditional two-level inverter. The line voltage has five level states, and there are two more levels than a traditional two-level inverter.







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