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## 1. Introduction

Figure 1. shows the main block diagram of propulsion system. The propulsion and auxiliary systems consist of three types of converter boxes, namely Auxiliary Converter and Battery Charger Box (AB box), Propulsion Converter and Auxiliary Converter box (PA box), Propulsion and High voltage box (PH box), and Active Front End Module (AFE Module).

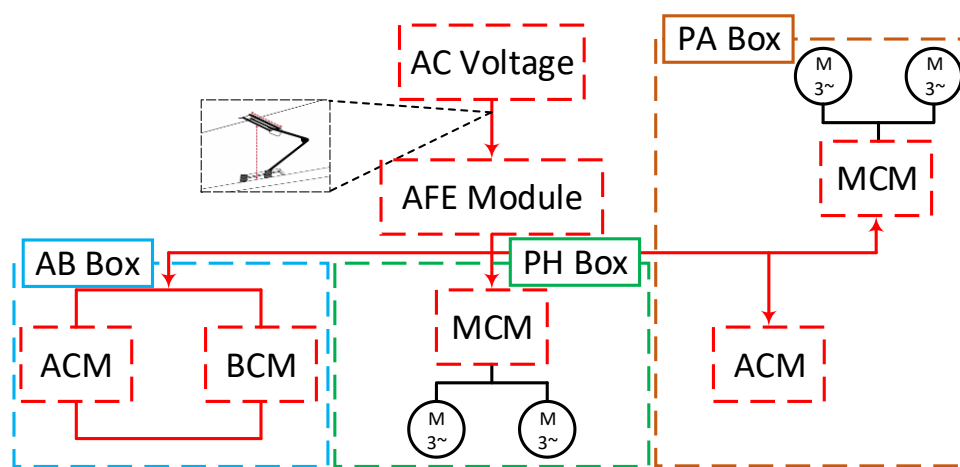


Figure 1. The main block diagram of propulsion system.

### 1.1. Purpose of this document

The purpose of this document is to give a brief description about Auxiliary Converter Module (ACM) and Battery Charger Module (BCM) placed in AB box. It should be noted that ACM is, also, placed in PA box besides Motor Converter Module (MCM). The document contains general information about the product and its components and both the function and the design of the product are described.

The document is intended to be read as an introduction to the product, by both management and maintenance personnel.

### 1.2. Acronyms and abbreviations

The acronyms and abbreviations used in this document are listed in the below table.



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Table 1. List of abbreviations and acronyms

AB	Auxiliary converter and Battery charger box
PA	Propulsion / Auxiliary box
PH	Propulsion / high voltage box
MCM	Motor converter module
BCM	Battery charger module
AFEM	Active Front End Module
ACM	Auxiliary Converter Module
CCU	Communication controller unit
DCU	Drive control unit
DSP	Digital signal processor
FPGA	Field programmable gate array
GDU	Gate drive unit
IGBT	Insulated gate bipolar transistor
I/O	Input/ Output unit LED
LED	Light emitting diode
MCU	Micro controller unit
MVB	Multifunctional vehicle bus
OVP	Overvoltage protection
PSU	Power supply unit
VCU	Vehicle control unit
PWM	Pulse width modulation
SVM	Space vector

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## 2. AB box Overview

AB box consists of two sections namely, ACM and BCM, which is shown in Figure 2. ACM converts DC voltage into three-phase voltage. The auxiliary loads in the train are supplied with 380 V and 50 Hz. Also, the battery places in AB box, which is supplied with ACM through battery charger with 110 V DC.

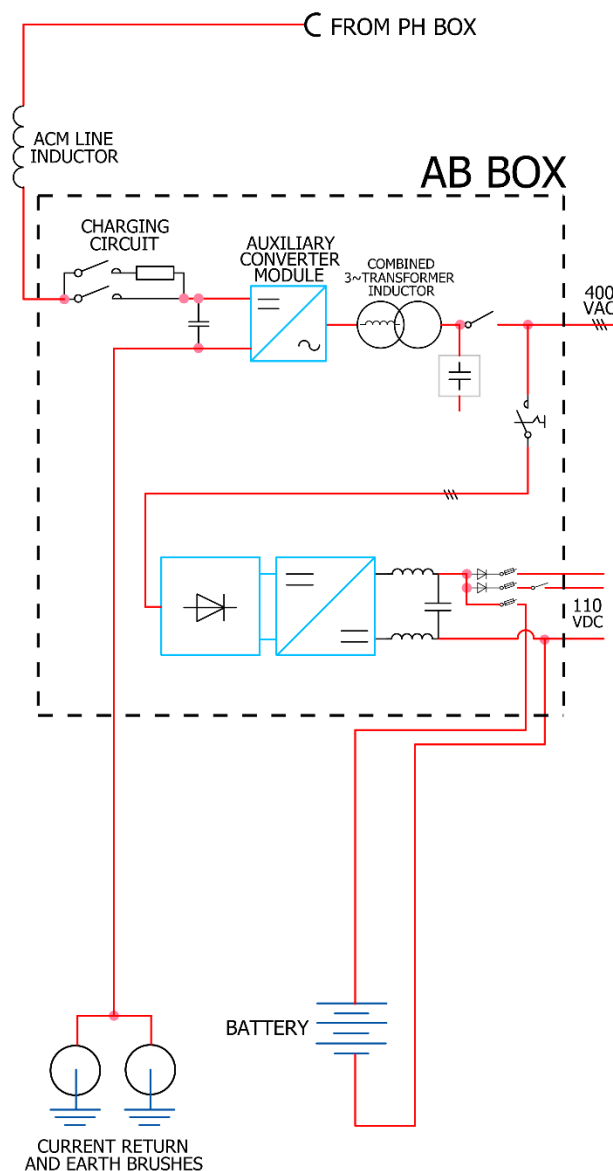



Figure 2. Single diagram of AB box.

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### **3. Auxiliary Converter Module (ACM)**

#### **3.1. General product description**

##### **3.1.1. Product introduction**

The main function of the auxiliary converter module (ACM) is to convert DC link voltage to AC voltage. The AC voltage supplies the auxiliary system of the train.

Electrically, the system consists of the following main subsystems:

- DC link capacitor. Stabilizes the input DC voltage.
  - Three-phase converter. Converts the input DC voltage into three-phase voltage.
  - Overvoltage chopper. Protects the converter module from voltage transients.
- All systems are supervised and controlled by an internal computer.

Mechanically, the system consists of following parts:

- power section and electronic unit.
- control section with the computers and power supplies.
- capacitor section.

##### **3.1.2. Software function**

This document also describes how the following functions are handled in the DCU software:

- Line trip
- Neutral sections
- Fault handling



### 3.1.3. Illustration

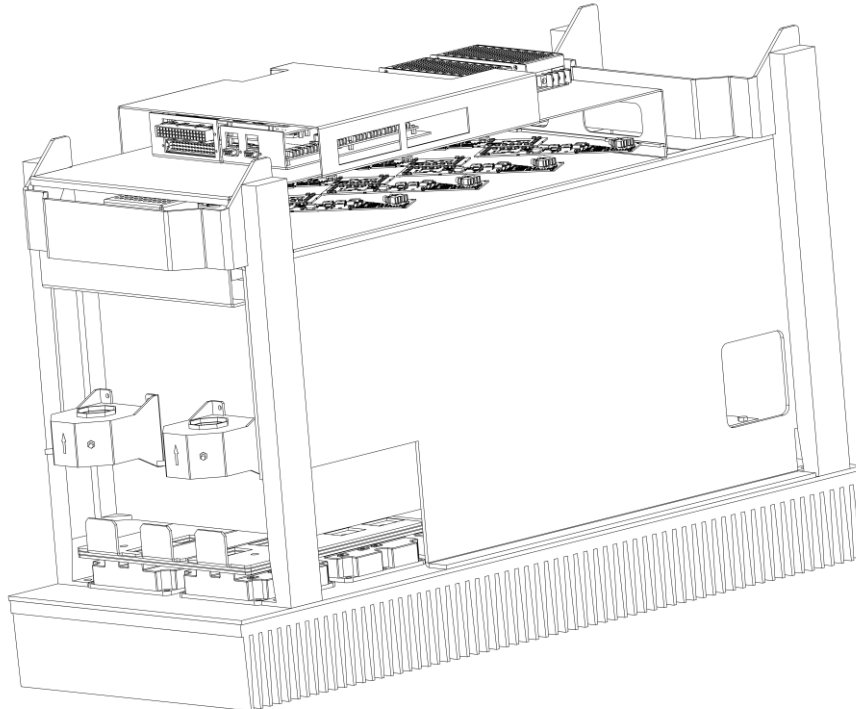


Figure 3. Auxiliary converter module

## 3.2. Functional description

### 3.2.1. Main circuit

The figure below shows an overview of the main circuit and components in the converter module.

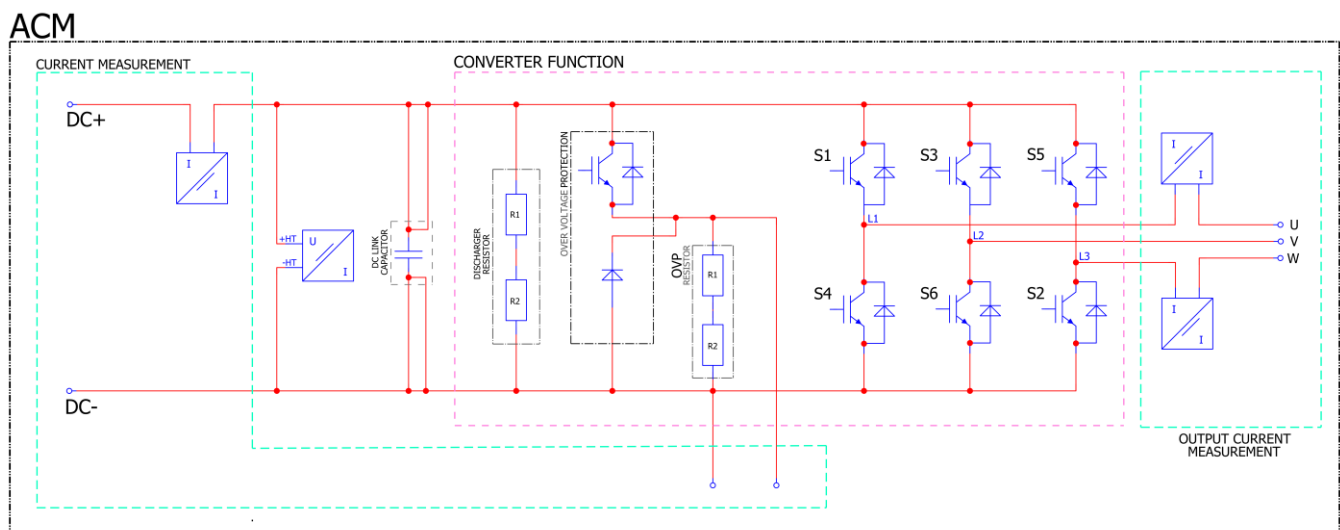



Figure 4. Block diagram of Auxiliary Convert

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The auxiliary converter module (ACM) is based on IGBT technology and employs three identical phases. Each phase is connected to the DC link in parallel. The IGBTs located in each phase convert the stabilized DC link voltage into a three phase power with variable voltage and variable frequency, by switching on and off. The produced three phase power feeds the auxiliary system of the vehicle, for example battery charger, air conditioner and air compressors.

Gate drive units (GDUs) control the switching of the IGBTs and communicate with the Drive control unit (DCU).

The DCU monitors signals from sensors for temperature, current and voltage to control the converter module. It also switches the Overvoltage protection (OVP) chopper if the DC link voltage exceeds the defined maximum value.

The DCU, GDUs and the sensors are powered by a low voltage power supply unit.

The ACM includes all necessary control electronics, which are supplied from the battery system via the power supply.

### **3.2.2. DC link filter**

#### **□ DC link capacitor**

The DC link capacitor is an energy buffer. The capacitor filters and stabilizes the DC link voltage and is sized with sufficient capacitance to keep the voltage ripple in the DC link within permitted limits and enable accurate converter control.


#### **□ Discharge resistor**

There is a discharge resistor connected in parallel with the DC link capacitor.

#### **□ Neutral section**

By using the kinetic energy of the vehicle, it is possible to maintain the voltage across the DC link capacitor during neutral sections.

When a neutral section is detected, the torque reference is momentarily replaced by gentle braking. In braking mode, the three-phase converter has a reversed power flow and power is fed back from the motors to the DC link capacitor. As soon as the supply voltage returns, the original torque is applied.

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In this way the converter module does not have to be reactivated after each neutral section.

Additionally, there is no power drop in the auxiliary electric system since the converter box will supply the power during the neutral section.

### 3.2.3. Converter function

#### □ Function overview

The main task of the auxiliary converter module is to supply the auxiliary system of the vehicle with AC voltage. This is done by converting the DC link voltage into a symmetrical, three-phase power supply with variable voltage and variable frequency, controlled by the drive control unit (DCU). The three identical phase legs in the converter; U, V and W, are shown in the following figure.

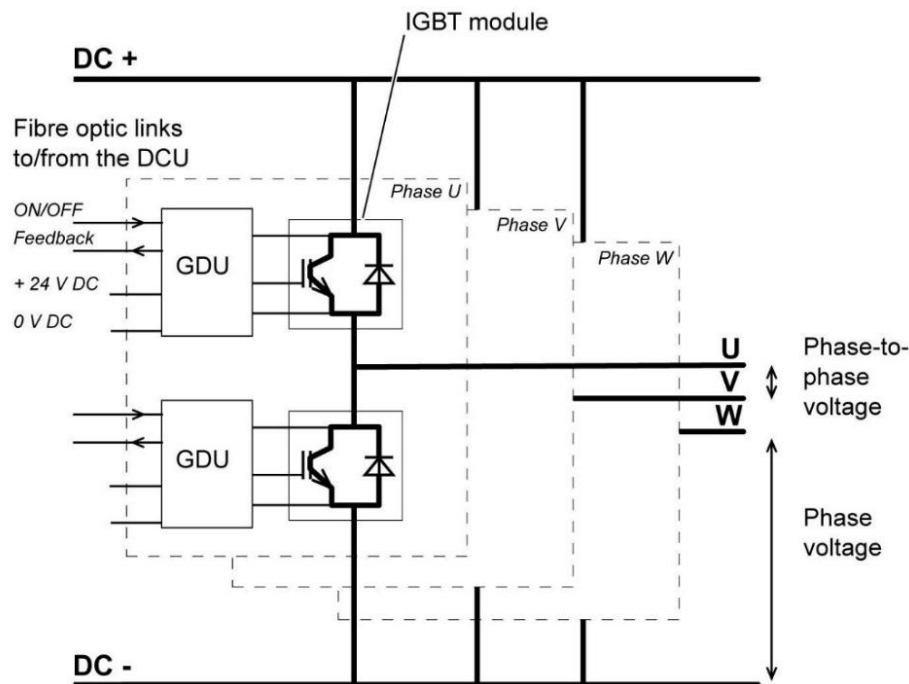



Figure 5. Three identical phase legs in the auxiliary converter

#### □ IGBT module

Each phase leg in a converter has two IGBT modules. Each module consists of one IGBT and one anti-parallel free wheel diode. The IGBT is switched on and off by the GDUs feeding a voltage signal to the gate terminal. In an auxiliary converter, the

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switching of the IGBT forces the voltage at the phase outputs to alternate between DC+ voltage and DC- voltage. This results in a controlled AC phase-to-phase voltage.

The free wheel diode provides an alternative route for the current during turn off. As a result, the current can flow through an alternative path avoiding IGBT failures due to overvoltage. During switching, the phase currents will be redirected from the upper to the lower IGBT module, or vice-versa. This is called a commutation and is further discussed in Phase commutation.

#### □ Gate drive unit

There are two GDUs per phase leg, one for each IGBT. The GDU switches the IGBT on and off, based on orders from the DCU. The GDU can also detect phase leg short circuits and send this information, via optical cables, back to the DCU. The GDUs are powered with +24V from the low voltage power supply. If the GDU detects a loss of the +24 V power, the converter is immediately blocked. The switching orders from the DCU are transmitted via optical cables which galvanically separate the high voltage system from the control system.

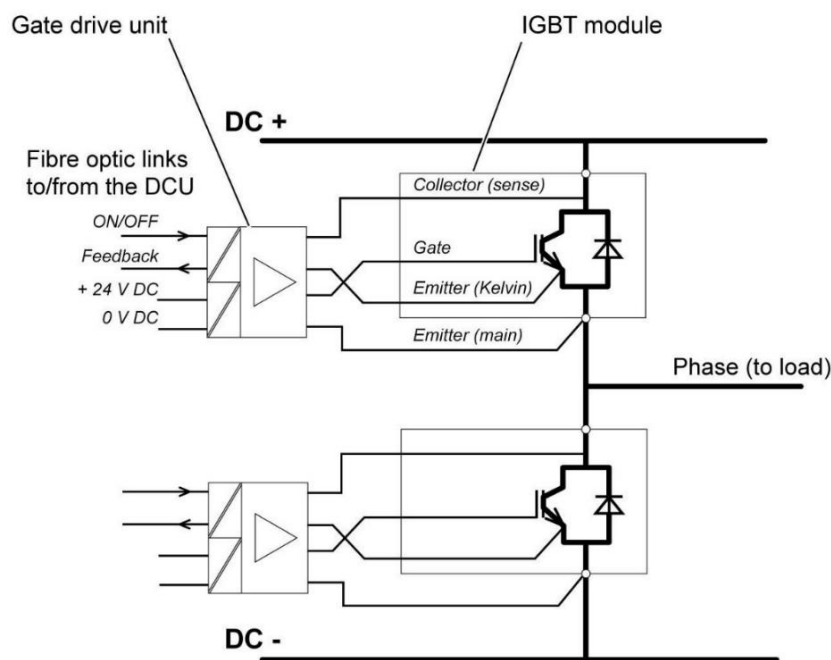



Figure 6. Gate drive unit

#### □ Phase commutation

When the upper IGBT in a phase leg is switched ON and the lower IGBT is switched OFF, voltage output in phase leg is equal to the DC link voltage (DC+), see Figure 7.

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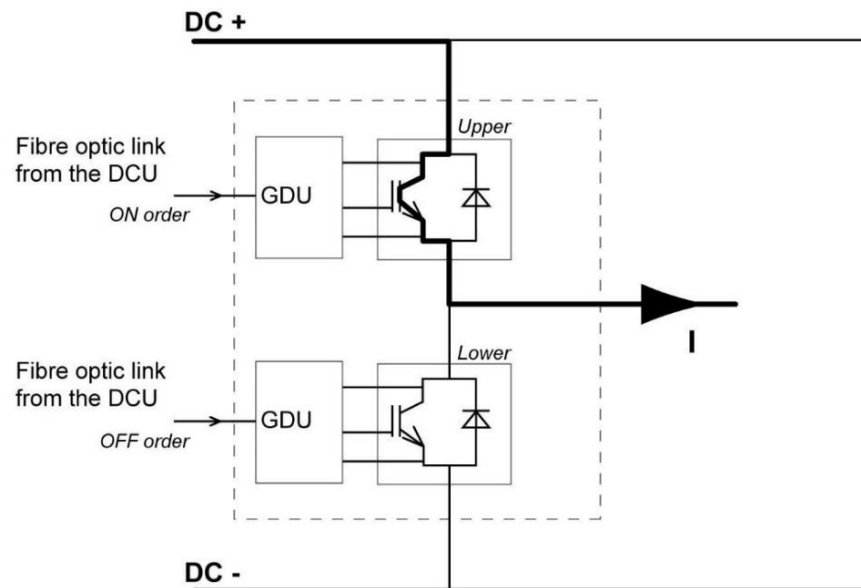


Figure 7. Phase leg conducting mode (positive phase current), a

When the phase leg output is set to low, an OFF order is sent to the upper IGBT and an ON order is sent to the lower IGBT. The phase current will then go through the freewheeling diode of the lower IGBT module, see Figure 8. The output voltage in the phase leg is now zero volts (DC-).

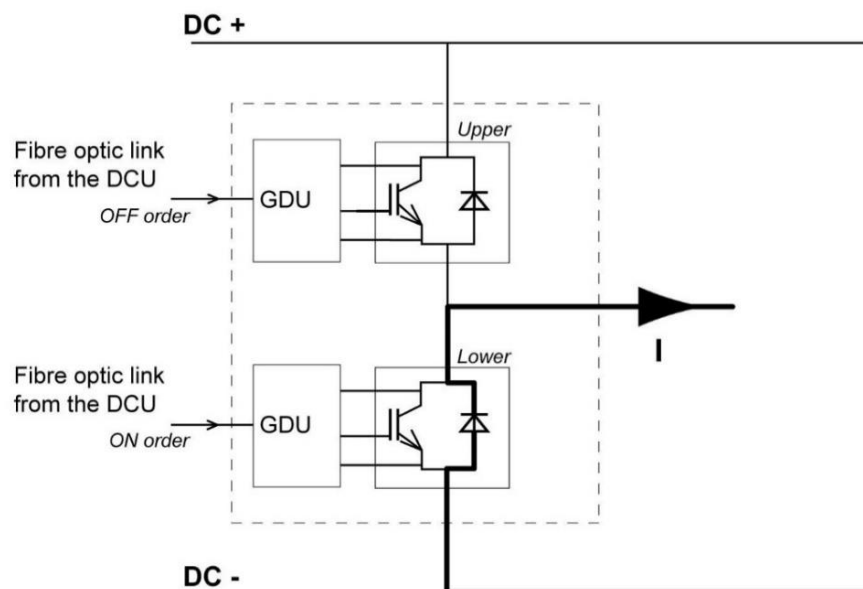


Figure 8. Phase leg conducting mode (positive phase current), b

In every commutation above base speed of the vehicle (and often below base speed), the current changes direction and commutates from the diode to the IGBT, in the lower

IGBT module, and back to the supply DC-. (The current has reversed and the definition is now that the current is negative.) See Figure 9.

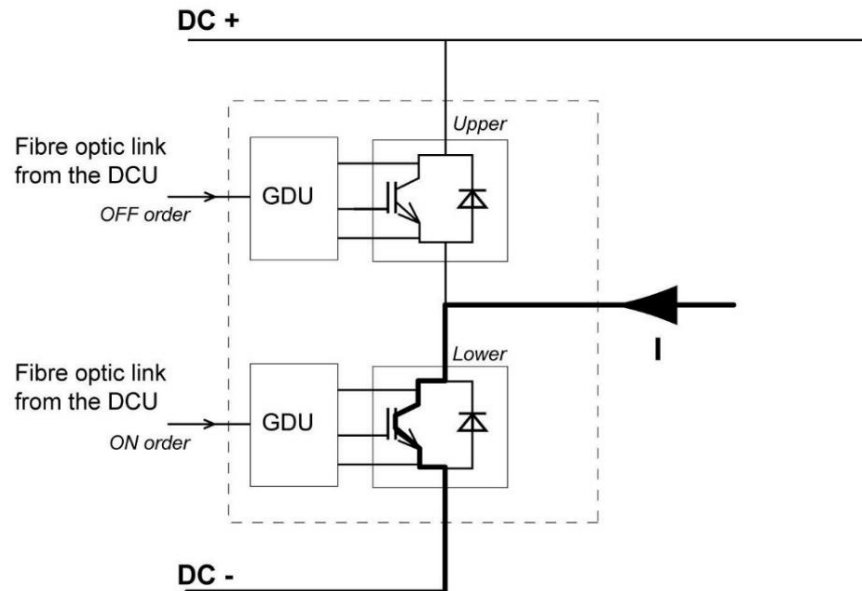


Figure 9. Phase leg conducting mode (negative phase current), c

When the phase current is negative, the current during commutation is reversed. The current commutates from the lower IGBT to the free wheel diode of the upper IGBT-module and back to the load (and is freewheeling down or forced down.) See Figure 10.

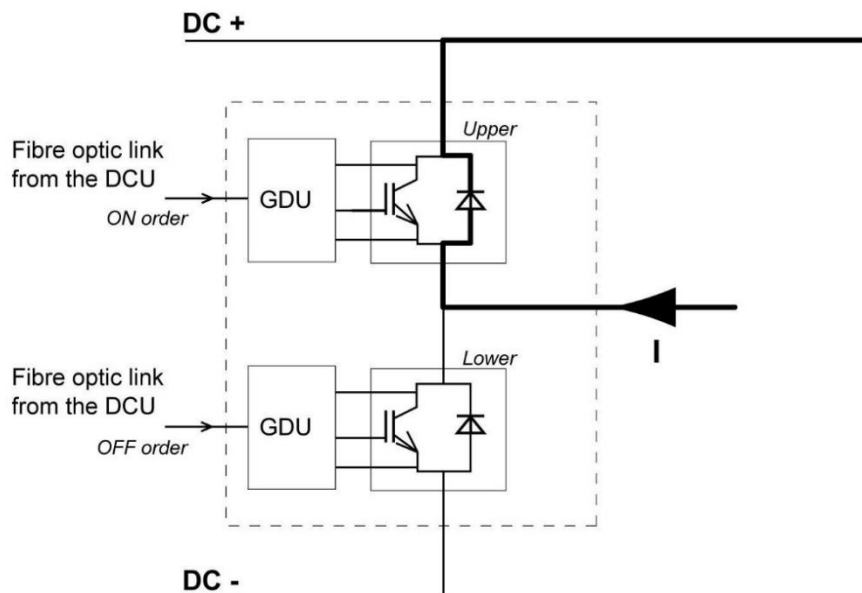



Figure 10. Phase leg conducting mode (negative phase current), d

The current is reversed from the negative direction as shown in Figure 9 and Figure 10 to the positive direction when the upper IGBT is gated on as shown in Figure 7. The commutation cycle is repeated following the same transition sequence.

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### 3.2.4. Overvoltage protection

#### □ General

The overvoltage protection (OVP) unit is connected across the DC link and consists of an overvoltage resistor in series with an IGBT, as shown in the following figure.

The overvoltage protection is dimensioned to handle the appearance of an energy pulse. An example is when the ACM is connected in parallel and is blocked at full load.

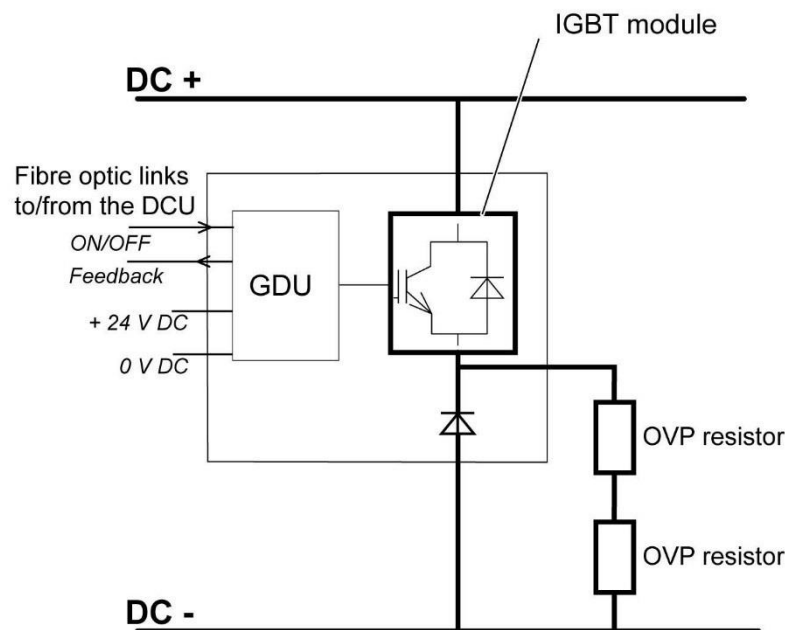


Figure 11. OVP unit block diagram


#### □ IGBT module and freewheel diode

The IGBT module includes an IGBT and two freewheel diodes, one for the IGBT and one for the resistor, which are necessary due to internal inductances.

The function of the IGBT is detailed further in section IGBT module.

#### □ Overvoltage protection

The OVP function is used for suppressing overvoltages and for active discharge of the DC link. If the DC link voltage rises above the OVP turn-on threshold, the OVP

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chopper is activated to reduce the voltage, in order to protect the converter modules and the other equipment connected to the DC link.

The OVP chopper is turned off when the DC link voltage falls below the OVP turn-off threshold.

### 3.2.5. Computer

#### □ Function

The DCU is a local computer that supervises and controls most of the functions in the converter module. The DCU is both software and hardware. Most of the system controls are programmed in a Micro controller unit (MCU) and a Digital signal processor (DSP). Some important and time critical functions are implemented in the programmable hardware called Field programmable gate array (FPGA).

The DCU in the converter module is a part of the distributed control system in the vehicle. Hence, the converter module is almost independent of external controls and operates with a minimum of input and output signals for the propulsion control.

#### □ Communications with the vehicle computer


The following is the most important information that is transmitted between the DCU of the converter module:

- Activation order (in)
- DC link voltage (out)
- Line current (out)
- Status (out)
- Fault indications (in/out)

#### □ Optical cables, inputs and outputs

There is a separate circuit board for the optical cables assembled on the DCU. The cables are used for communicating with the GDUs. The optical board converts voltage-based signals into optical signals (light pulses), transmits them through the cable and at the other end, the signals are converted back to voltage signals.



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The optical cables galvanically separate the power circuit from the DCU, thus reducing the electrical interference.

### 3.2.6. Control and supervision

#### □ Control areas

The DCU for the ACM has the following functions:

- Charging and discharging of the DC link capacitor.
- Temperature measurement.
- Overcurrent protection.
- Earth fault indication.
- Cooling system supervision.
- Test functions.

#### □ Charging and discharging of DC link capacitor


The DCU has standard functions for the control and supervision of the separation and charging contactors. The train control system initiates the converter start-up by sending a command to the DCU. Provided the converter is in normal discharged state, with no active faults and is not blocked, the DCU will start the converter using the separation and charging circuit.

The charging circuit consist of a charging contactor and a charging resistor, connected in parallel with the separation contactor in the DC-plus line.

During normal converter operation, the separation contactors are closed and the charging contactor is open.

During converter start-up the charging circuit is used to connect the DC link to the supply line in a controlled manner, using the charging resistor to limit the inrush currents into the DC link. The actual component being charged is the DC link capacitor which is connected between the DC link poles.

When starting DC link charging, the charging contactor is closed. The separation contactor remains open. Now the DC link capacitor is slowly charged, with current limiting provided by the charging resistor. When the DC link voltage approaches the supply line voltage, the charging contactor is opened and the separation contactor is closed. Now the converter is ready for normal operation.

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Normally, a fast DC link discharge is required, using the overvoltage protection chopper. The active discharge is supervised. As a back-up, if the active discharge would fail, the DC link will always be discharged automatically and passively through its discharge resistor.

Before performing any maintenance work inside converter, maintenance personnel must follow the proper instructions for checking and discharging the DC link voltage.

#### □ **Overcurrent protection**

The DCU is equipped with a protection from overcurrent in the phases. Phase overcurrent may occur during phase short circuits. The protection is based on the current measurements in two phases and the protective function is implemented in the computer hardware for quick overcurrent responses.

There is also a short circuit detection and protection in the GDUs. The protection can handle both short circuits occurring before switching IGBT ON and short circuits occurring during the IGBT ON-state. This protection is extremely fast and is activated both at short circuits in the power circuit and short circuit to earth.

The short circuit is detected on the IGBT collector-emitter supervision. When the protection is activated, the IGBT is switched OFF.

#### □ **Cooling principle**

The internal fan circulates the internal air inside the converter module, distributing the heat evenly. As a result, the internal cooling system is a closed loop system.


The internal fan starts as soon as the battery power supply is connected to the converter module.

The fan power can be disconnected manually during maintenance.

#### □ **Diagnostics**

The DCU is equipped with extensive diagnostics and fault tracing system to minimize maintenance and down time.

The system has a self-test function of the DCU and fault tracing/diagnostics of the components that can be performed during operation. There are also semi-automatic test functions to be used during maintenance.

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To prevent damage to the equipment, some faults will result in deactivation of the converter. Relevant information about the fault is being sent to the VCU.

By connecting a PC to the DCU, it is possible to download data from the internal transient recorder. The data from the recorder can be subject to extensive analysis by the maintenance crew.

### 3.2.7. Measuring sensors

#### □ Current sensors

There are two current sensors in the ACM. The U and V phase current are measured with one sensor each. The current through the third phase, W, is continuously calculated in the DCU. The sum of the three-phase current is always zero.

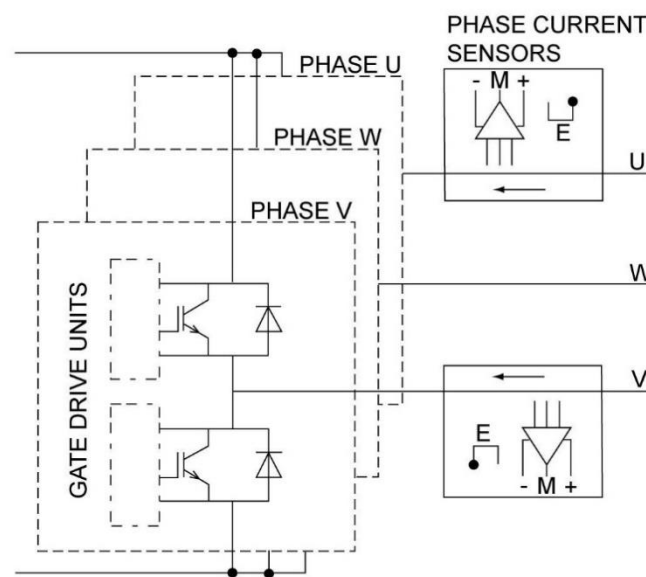



Figure 12. Phase current sensors in the ACM

All current measuring devices are powered with  $\pm 24$  V DC from the DCU. The current signals are connected to the analogue inputs on the computer.

High DC components in the phase currents will result in a deactivation of the converter box, in order to eliminate the torque ripple that will otherwise occur in the traction motors.

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#### □ **Voltage sensor**

The voltage sensor measures the voltage across the DC link capacitor. Information about the DC link voltage is continuously sent to the DCU. The information is used in the converter control algorithm, as well as for triggering protective actions.

#### □ **Temperature sensors**

There are two temperature sensors in the converter module, placed in the heat sink area (measuring heat sink temperature) and inside the module (measuring air temperature). They measure the temperature and send a signal to the DCU when they reach a predefined value.

When a certain (higher than normal) temperature is reached, the output power of the converter is limited. If the temperature remains high for a predefined time, a fault is indicated and the converter is deactivated. It will be activated again when the temperature drops.

### **3.2.8. Low voltage power supply**

The power supply has a power input from the vehicle battery voltage.

The input voltage is converted into the mentioned output voltages using a DC/DC converter (part of the PSU) with galvanically separated inputs and outputs. The battery voltage is also used to drive the external contactors.

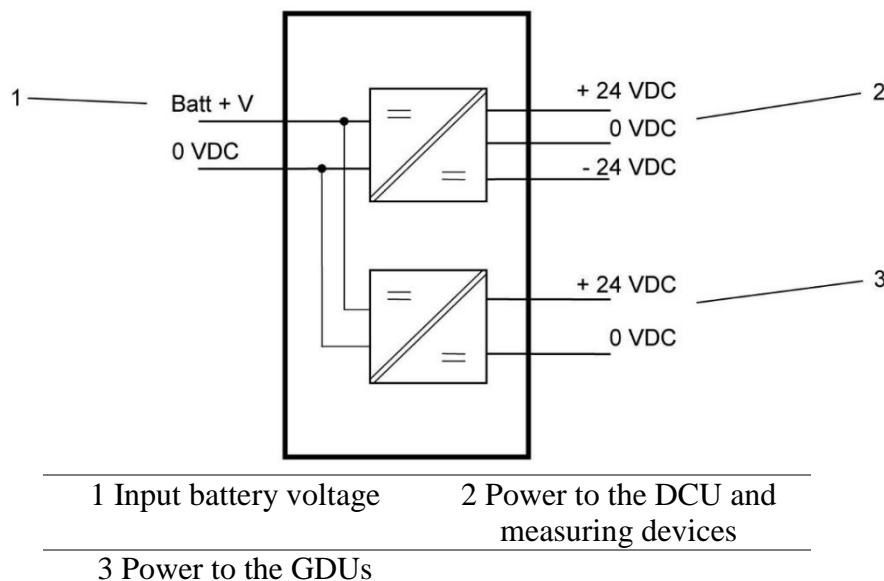



Figure 13. Low voltage power supply

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### 3.3. Product design

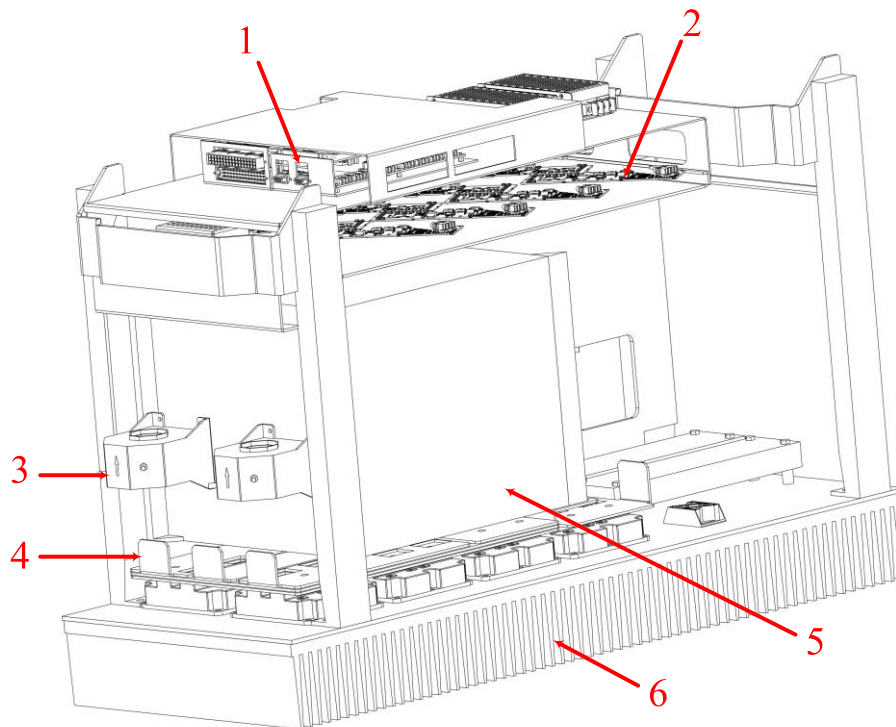
#### 3.3.1. Converter module

The converter module is air cooled and based on IGBT technology. The module is assembled in a converter box, which is located in the undercarriage of the vehicle. The control signals are connected to the module with plug-in connectors. The drive control unit is assembled on top of the module.

The converter module contains the following sub-assemblies:

- DCU assembly
- GDU assembly
- DC terminal assembly
- DC link capacitor
- Power section
- AC (three-phase) terminal assembly

#### 3.3.2. External view



1	DCU assembly	2	GDU assembly
3	Current sensors, three-phase terminal assembly	4	Power section
5	DC link capacitor	6	Heat sink

Figure 14. Auxiliary converter module

### 3.3.3. DCU assembly

#### □ Drive control unit (DCU) assembly

The DCU assembly is located on top of the module and is partly screened to prevent electromagnetic interference between the power circuit and the DCU. The assembly has a non-enclosed design to facilitate cooling.

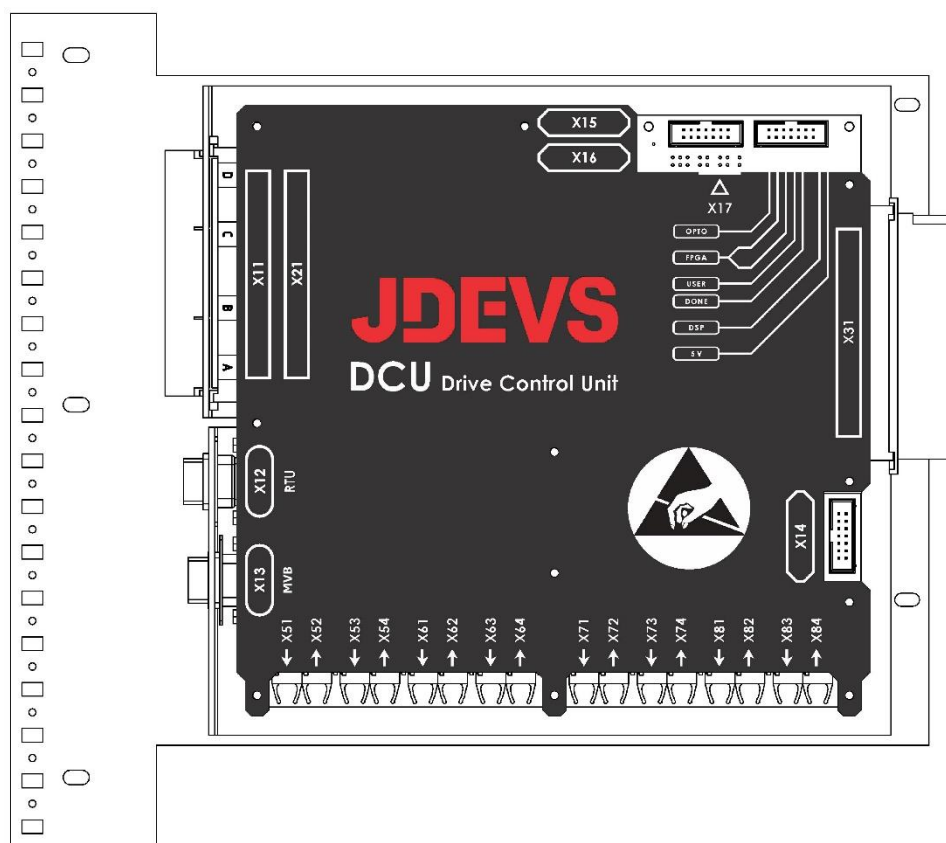



Figure 15. Drive control unit

#### □ Drive control unit (DCU)

The DCU is a part of the DCU assembly. It is designed to slide into a connection box and is easily accessible, being fixed on the top of the converter module.

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The software in the DCU consists of an operating system and application software. The DCU hardware consists of several printed circuit boards:

- A base board
- An analogue input board
- A power supply board

All optical transmitters and receivers are located on the base board. The DCU is assembled on a metallic base plate, providing both stability and multiple earthing points.

There are separate interfaces for the MVB and DCU test connections.

#### □ **Power supply unit (PSU)**

The PSU consists of a DC-DC converter.

### 3.3.4. **GDU assembly**

#### □ **Gate drive unit (GDU) assembly**



Figure 16. GDU assembly

#### □ **Gate drive unit (GDU)**

The gate drive units together with voltage transformer is assembled on a mounting plate, forming the GDU assembly.

#### □ **Voltage sensor**

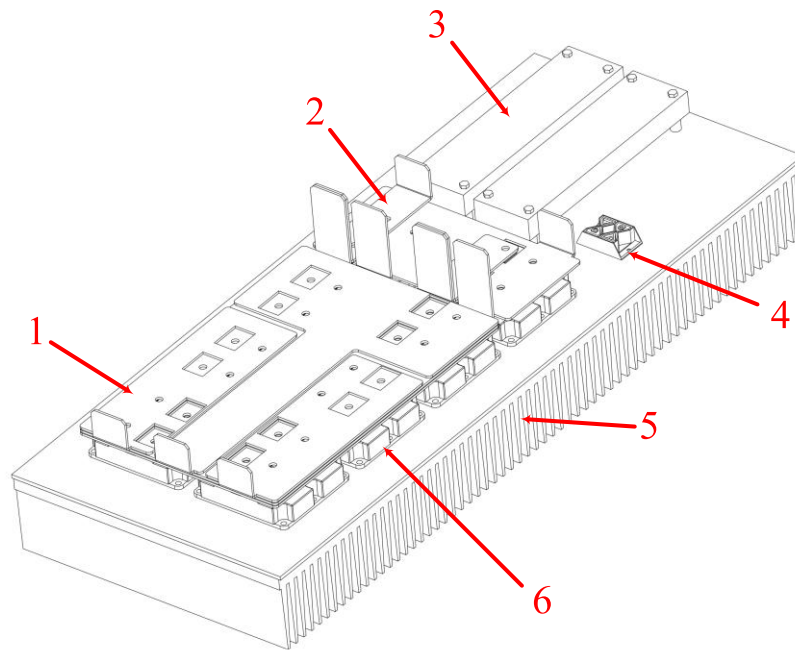
The voltage sensor is assembled in a shielding box on the apparatus plate. The sensor measures the DC link voltage on the DC-plus and DC-minus terminals.

### 3.3.5. **Power section**

#### □ **Power section**

The figure below shows the power section.





1	Three-phase laminated busbar	2	DC laminated busbar
3	OVP resistors	4	Discharge resistor
5	Heat sink	6	IGBT module (7 pcs)

Figure 17. Power section

#### □ IGBT modules

The IGBT modules are mounted with screws directly to the heat sink for optimal cooling. Cooling of the IGBTs is a very important factor for their performance. The base surface of the IGBT is covered with a thermally conductive compound before mounting on the heat sink.




Figure 18. IGBT module

#### □ OVP resistors

The two OVP resistors are mounted with screws on the heat sink.



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#### □ **Discharging resistor**

The discharging resistor is assembled with screws directly to the heat sink. The resistor is dimensioned to be able to discharge the DC link capacitor to less than 50V within 5 minutes, if the capacitor has not been discharged actively.

### **3.3.6. DC link capacitor**

The DC link capacitor consists of two capacitors connected in parallel, housed in the same enclosure.

The capacitor is of the self-healing type with segmented metallization using metallized polypropylene. The capacitor is dry (contains no electrolyte or oil) and is gas insulated (gas pressure 1 bar).

### **3.3.7. Sensors**

#### □ **Temperature sensor**

In the module there are two temperature sensors:

- One on the GDU assembly, measuring the internal air.
- One on the power section, measuring the heat sink temperature.

#### □ **Current sensor**

The (differential) current sensors measure the difference between the incoming DC+ current and the outgoing DC+ current. The sensors are provided with a test coil that could be periodically energized to ensure the sensor is working properly.

#### □ **Phase current sensor**

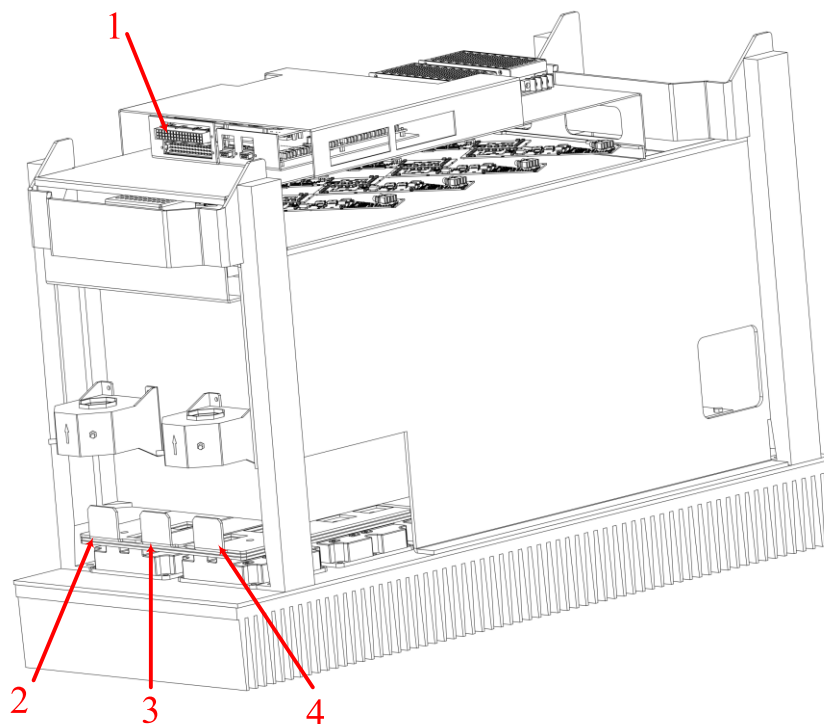
The phase current sensor detects an electrical current on a busbar and generates a signal that is proportional to the current.

### **3.3.8. Signal interface**

#### □ **Internal connections and busbars**

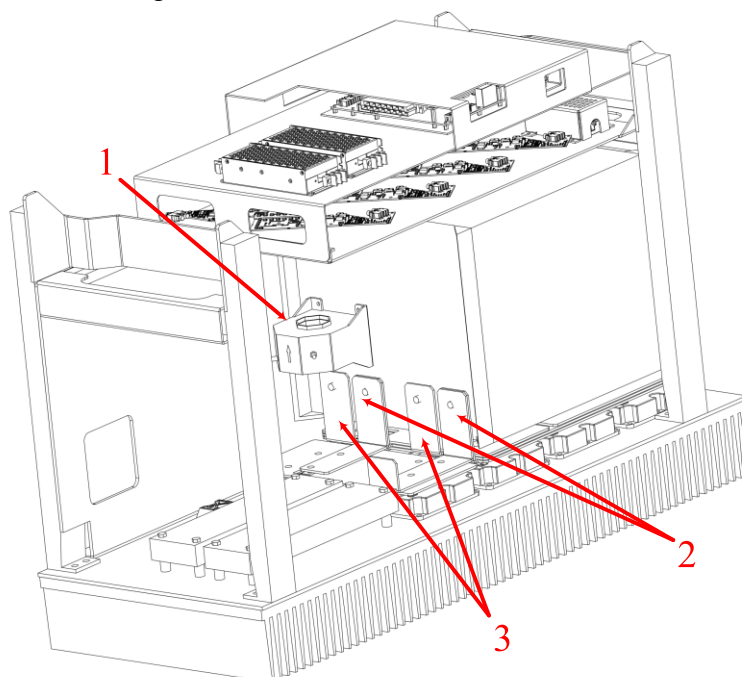
All communications between the DCU and the GDUs are made using optical cables. The optical cables galvanically separate the circuit boards and isolate the battery voltage from the power circuit. Laminated, low inductive, busbars are used between the DC link capacitors and the converter phases (IGBT modules). This minimizes the inductance, which in turn minimizes the voltage overshoots and switching losses.

Connections to equipment outside the converter module are made by copper busbars. These connections are the three-phase motor connections, chopper and the DC-plus and DC-minus connections.




1	control signals	2	Busbar, phase U
3	Busbar, phase V	4	Busbar, phase W

Figure 19. Phase connections for ACM.



1	Current sensor of DC side	2	DC +
3	DC -		

Figure 20. Power connections for ACM.

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### 3.4. Technical specification

#### 3.4.1. Electrical data

Table 2. Electrical data of Auxiliary Converter Module

Converter module	Value
Input nominal voltage	1500 V DC
Input max. voltage continuous	2000 V DC
Input min. voltage continuous	1000 V DC
Three-phase output voltage	400 V AC
Output frequency	50 Hz
Output phase current, max. continuously, fundamental frequency	400 A RMS
Trip level	2000 V DC


#### 3.4.2. Power supply unit, voltage range

The power supply units provide regulated supply voltage to the DCUs and GDUs. The units are specified for nominal 24V DC to account for the 110 V DC battery voltage available on the train.

#### 3.4.3. IGBT module, phases

Table 3. Specification of IGBT module

Type of value	Value
$V_{CEM}$	Upper than 3300 V
$I_{NOM}$	400 A

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## 4. Battery Charger Module (BCM)

### 4.1. General product description

#### 4.1.1. Product introduction

The main function of the Battery charger module (BCM) is to provide a filtered DC voltage for electronic supply and battery charging. If there is a loss of supply voltage, the BCM only support necessary systems.

Electrically, the system consists of the following main subsystems:

- Passive six pulse rectifier
- DC-DC Regulator with battery filter
- Output distribution circuit

All systems are supervised and controlled by a computer in the Auxiliary converter module (ACM).

Mechanically, the system consists of the following parts:


- Gate drive unit (GDU)
- Fuse switch disconnecter
- Battery inductor
- Electrolytic capacitor
- Diode modules

#### 4.1.2. Software function

The battery charger module is controlled via the DCU in the ACM.

The DCU controls the battery charger's DC-DC regulator via two optical fibres and processes the following measuring signals from the battery charger:

- Battery charging voltage (at the battery charger output)
- DC-DC regulator current (corresponds to the total output current to the battery loads and the battery)
- Battery charging current (only the portion of the output current that charges the battery)
- Battery charger heat sink temperature

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In addition, the battery temperature is also measured by a sensor in the battery and processed by the DCU. This sensor is not a part of the battery charger. Generally, the battery charging voltage is kept on a constant level as long as the current limit is not reached. The set value of the charging voltage depends on the battery temperature and is lower when the battery is warm (battery temperature compensation). If the total output current reaches the current limit, the output voltage is lowered by reducing the control ratio of the DC-DC voltage regulator. The battery charger cannot be switched off entirely as long as there is voltage on the three-phase bus, as it will still act as passive rectifier if the voltage regulator is not controlled. In case of short-circuit, a protection on the three-phase supply will trip.

## 4.2. General product description

### 4.2.1. Main circuit

The figure below shows an overview of the main circuit and components in the battery charger module.

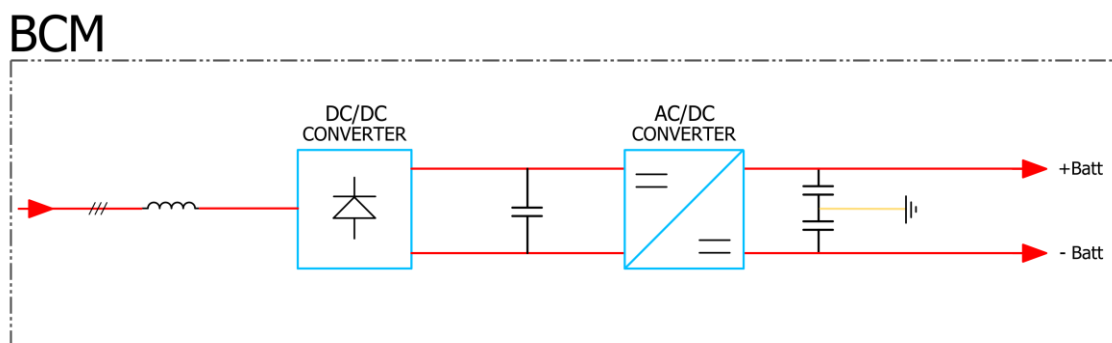



Figure 21. Block diagram of battery charger module.

The ACM controls the passive rectifier and the step-up chopper via the DCU.

### 4.2.2. General

The battery charger module is fed with three phase voltage. The voltage is rectified in the six-pulse rectifier and controlled through DC-DC voltage regulator and a battery filter. The DC-DC voltage regulator provides a filtered DC voltage used for electronic supply and battery charging.

The DC voltage is adjusted, with the DC-DC voltage regulator, according to battery temperature and limited by the maximum charging current.

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If the DCU is faulty and cannot control DC-DC voltage regulator, the battery charger acts as a passive rectifier, providing a reduced DC voltage.

#### **4.2.3. Connections**

The battery charger is connected to the ACM by optical cables and measuring cables.

#### **4.2.4. Temperature sensor**

A temperature sensor is used to supervise the heat sink temperature. The measurement signal is processed by the DCU in the ACM.

If the temperature exceeds a predefined value, the output voltage of the battery charger is lowered, so that the other battery charger on the train takes over a higher portion of the load. This way, the temperature on the hot battery charger will drop.

### **4.3. Product design**

#### **4.3.1. Battery charger module**

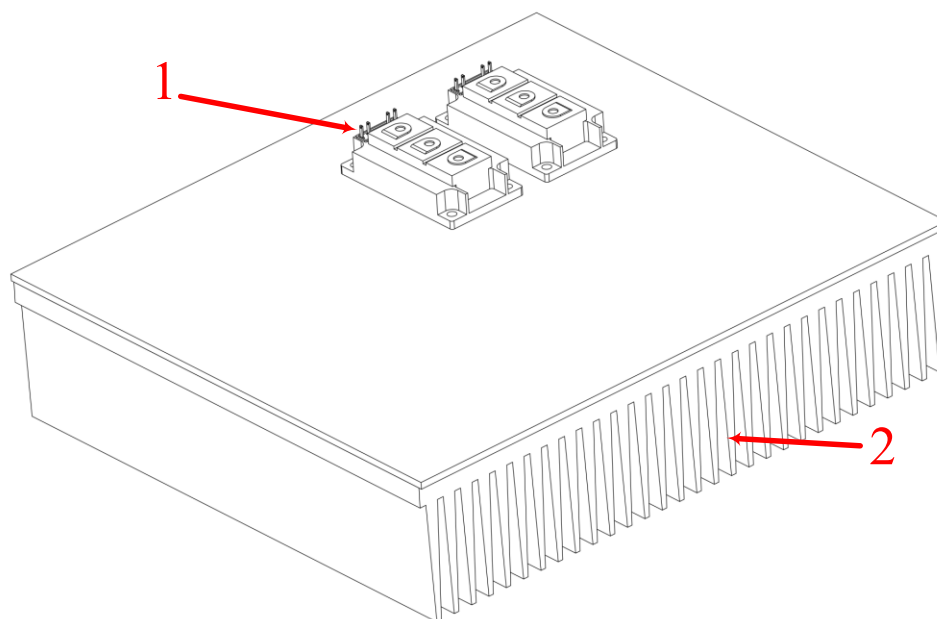
The battery charger module contains the following sub-assemblies:

- GDU assembly
- Heat sink unit

#### **4.3.2. IGBT modules**

The IGBT modules are fastened with screws directly to the heat sink for optimal cooling. Cooling of the IGBT is a very important factor for their performance.

The bottom surface of the IGBT is covered with a thermal conductive compound before mounting on the heat sink.



1	IGBT module	2	Heat sink
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Figure 22. Heat sink with IGBT module and diode module

#### 4.3.3. Temperature sensor


On the heat sink, there is a temperature sensor to supervise the heat sink temperature. The sensor is placed between DC-DC voltage regulator and the rectifier diodes, where the heat sink is expected to be warmest.

### 4.4. Technical specification

#### 4.4.1. Electrical data

Table 4. Electrical data of Auxiliary Converter Module

Charger module	Value
Type	DC-DC Regulator
Nominal input voltage	380 V AC
IGBT type	1200 V/200 A
Rectifier diodes	1600 V/350 A
Battery charging voltage range (adjusted to battery temp.)	108.5-128.4 V DC $\pm 1\%$
Output power, normal continuous	25 kW
Overload capability	20% for 3 minutes
Fused disconnecter (battery+/- low prio loads/ high prio loads)	200A/ 160A/ 160A
Under voltage relay	90 V ON/ 84 V OFF

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#### 4.4.2. IGBT module, phases

Table 5. specification of IGBT module

Type of value	Value
$V_{CEM}$	1200 V
$I_{NOM}$	200 A