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Throughout the last decades we've seen thousands of customer applications. The more complex the applications the more important the conceptual work and everything starts with a philosophy - in this article the electrical control philosophy.

The following slides were created because a customer project team questioned the control concept on a very high level. Therefore we provided our point of view, based on customer feedback, which we gathered throughout the last years. I hope you'll find this helpful as well... (the following considerations are independent of selected suppliers)

control system layers[×]

Woodward's controllers the system:



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It is possible to cover a lot of functionality in Layer 3. What are the advantages and disadvantages of such an approach?

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Generic & typical differences between the different Layers[▼]

Typical functionality in Layer 2, which Woodward covers in it's controls

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For very complex applications, it makes sense / one could consider to move the breaker logic and sequencing to Layer 3. If there are too many different factors, which would influence these scenarios.

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This is how it could work with a simple PLC on layer 3, which drives actions on layer 2.

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