

Navy Drive Systems Requirements, Issues & Solutions

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OVERVIEW

Shipboard Variable Speed Drive (VSD) System Requirements

High HP VSD Solution Drivers:

Gaps and Dilemmas

Previous and Future VSD Solutions

SHIPBOARD INTERFACE REQUIREMENTS



HIGH HP VSD SOLUTION DRIVERS

- Power Density
 - For retro-fit solutions, must fit into the existing space
 - For new platforms space is limited
- Motor Load
 - Permanent Magnet Motor is more power dense
 - Low leakage inductance
 - Good from a power density perspective
 - Bad from the perspective that it drives high power quality requirements into the motor
 - Voltage level
 - High voltage drives significant risk and qualification costs
 - Insulation system needs to be over-designed for the rating
 - Lower voltage through >3 phase or multi-level VSD strategies puts cost and reliability burden on the VSD

HIGH HP VSD SOLUTION DRIVERS (CONT.)

Ship Service Power Interface

- Must meet high input power quality (IHD<3%)
- Must withstand large input voltage fluctuations without impacting down-stream processes
- Multi-Pulse Transformer-Rectifier solution impacts power density
- Active front-end solution adds significantly to VSD cost and increases the conducted and radiated EMI (which must be mitigated)

Environment

- Shock/Vibration mitigation requires mil-hardened design or "cocooning" of commercial solutions
- Temperature usually drives the VSD design more than the motor design
- Availability of Water cooling
 - Drives need for "cocooning" to provide self-contained controllable environment
 - A water-cooled motor is a costly, custom design
 - Imposes requirement on shipboard auxiliaries that impacts every aspect of shipboard system design and CONOPS

HIGH HP VSD SOLUTION DRIVERS (CONT.)

- Serviceability
 - Obsolescence of replacement parts
 - Identification of the Lowest Replaceable Unit (LRU)
 - Modular multi-phase VSD designs are desirable but impose significant cost and reduce power density
 - Fault tolerant VSD and motor combination a plus
 - VSD MTBF becomes an unexpected cost
 - Often missed in the proposal stage
 - Must be verifiable in terms of existing norms
 - The Navy should adopt new paradigms that allow for technology advancements in how reliability is managed

Cost

- External pressures to reduce spending favor COTS solutions and overshadows compliance during procurement phase
- COTS solutions generally fall short in meeting shipboard requirements
- VSDs often "get a black eye" because of high integration costs:
 - Lack of system integration experience by the VSD supplier
 - Lack of Navy shipboard experience with power conversion
 - Unexpected and missed requirements

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VSD VS. NEXT GENERATION INTEGRATED POWER SYSTEMS

MVAC Fed Architecture

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MVDC Fed Architecture





SHIPBOARD DRIVES DEVELOPMENT GOALS

- Development of MIL compliance, platform based drives family to provide solutions which are cost effective and address the obsolescence issues for the Navy and DRS-PCT.
 - Utilizing the latest power electronics/control technologies
 - Utilizing next generation power semiconductor modules
 - Extend the technology to SiC
- Develop a technology platform in hardware and software for a high level of modularity and use common parts for cost reduction.

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NEXT GENERATION VSD SOLUTIONS: WHICH TOPOLOGY YIELDS LOWEST SIZE/WEIGHT/COST?



NEXT GENERATION SHIPBOARD IPS CHALLENGES

- MVDC (10-20kVDC) Platform:
 - High voltage motor vs. cost of Solid State Transformer to reduce motor voltage
 - Multi-Level VSD topologies
 - Maximize device voltage rating vs. allowable switching frequency (>5kHz is desirable)
- MVAC (13.8kVAC) Platform:
 - Focus technology on transformer-rectifier front end design
 - With appropriate focus on AC interfaces, risks in VSD topology can be reduced
- Legacy (450VAC, 4160VAC) Platforms:
 - Ship service feed compatibility
 - Cost vs. compliance vs. performance