SiC Applications in High Power

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Our business units

Energy Management



Oil & Gas



Power & Water





Healthcare



Aviation



Transportation



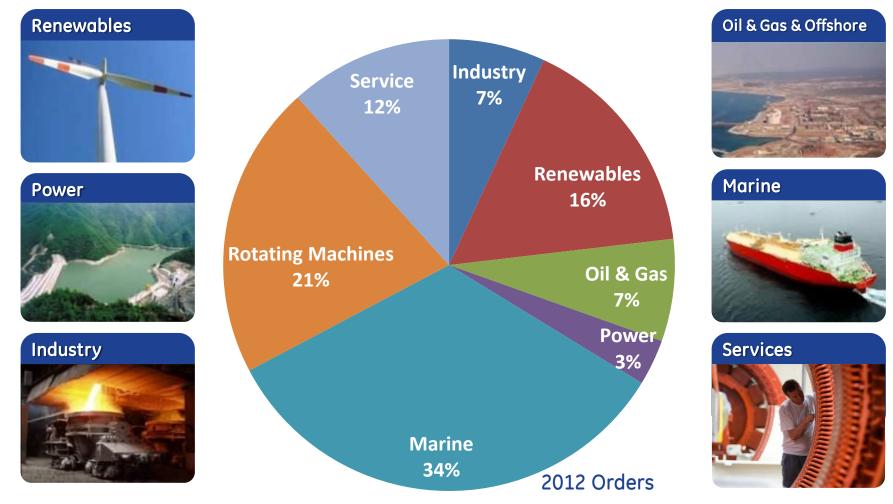
Capital



Home & Business Solutions



Broad Industries Served



Providing power conversion solutions across the world's energy infrastructure



Application Examples

Electricity into motion



- Compressors
- Propellers
- Rolling mills
- Pumps

Motion into electricity



- Wind turbines
- Turbogenerators
- Hydropower
- Wet renewables

Electricity into electricity



- Wind/solar PV
- Railway substations
- Pulse power supply
- Soft starters







Transforming energy to optimize customer process is our mission



Motor Technology Portfolio



High Torque Up to 20 MW Below 400 rpm



Explosion-Proof Up to 6 MW



Induction Conventional Speed Up to 80 MW



Synchronous Up to 100 MW



Marinized Up to 18 MW

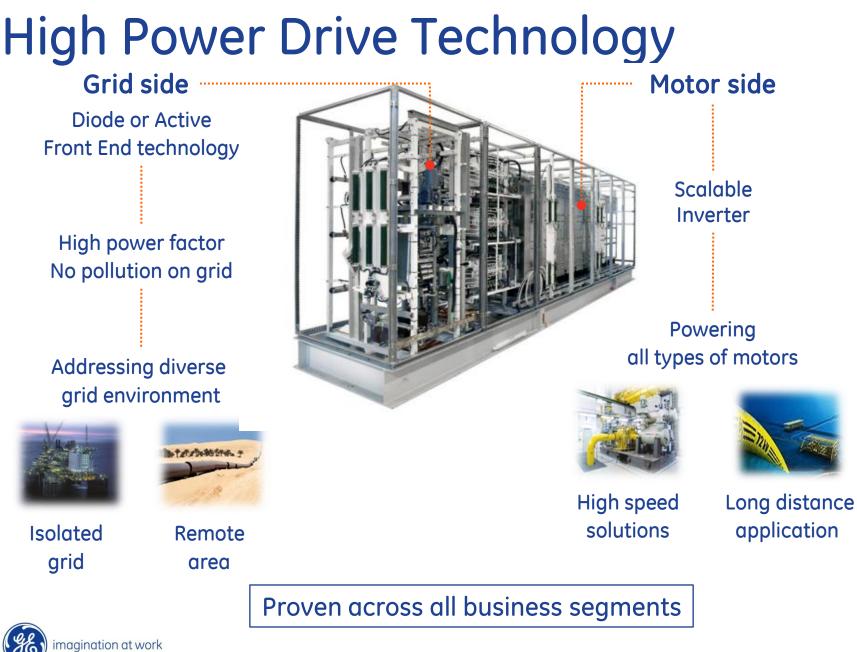


Induction High Speed Up to 18,000 rpm



Full range to meet operating needs

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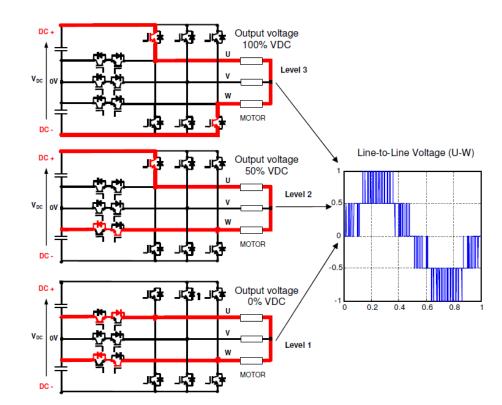
Neutral Point Piloted Converter

IGBT stack for phase U

IGBT stack for phase V

IGBT stack for phase W

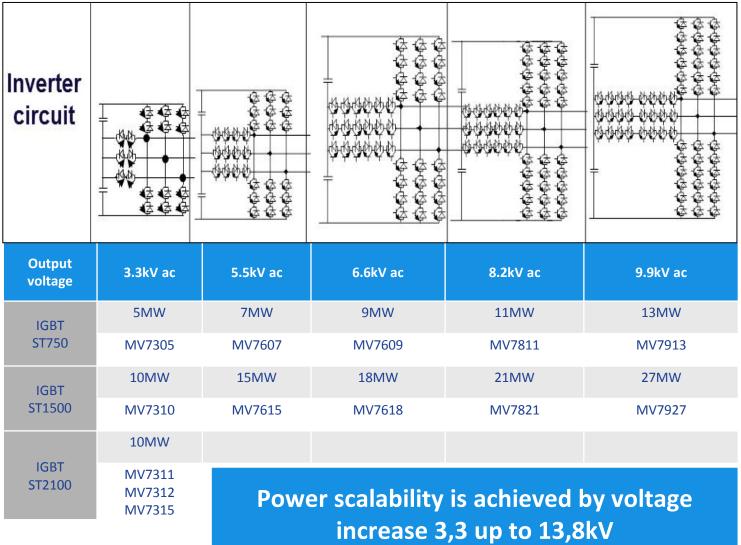




- GE's MV Experience

- Proven Technology: first medium-voltage drive installed in 1975
- Installed Base >1000 units; Accumulated Operating Time* >1,000,000 hours

MV7000 Range Scalability & Modularity





MV7618 line-up Redundant pump

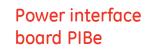
A look inside

imagination at work



Film capacitors

DC capacitor





Inverter local control

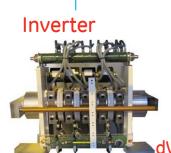
Control unit



Diode front end



Diode power stack



dV/dt filter



►dV/dt reactor_{DOE/NIST Workshop} 5/7/2014

Integrated Compressor Line (ICL)





Direct-drive high-speed Induction Motor / Permanent Magnet motor

High fundamental frequency capability of MV drive using novel multi-level converter technology

Can high switching frequency capability of SiC simplify converter topology?



Integrated drive system configuration



Enabling New Solutions with SiC

High-speed Medium Voltage Drives

Simpler 2L or 3L topologies using high switching frequency of SiC devices can provide simpler solution

"Transformer-less" Medium Voltage Drives

MV drives typically require a large transformer at the input for voltage scaling and isolation Possible to significantly reduce drive footprint and potential cost by using high frequency transformer (from 60Hz to 60 kHz)

Integrated Motor-Drive

Integration of power electronics with machines at low and medium power Substantially increase power density, particularly in mobile applications High temperature capability of SiC can be effectively used to minimize cooling loops

