### Motor Drives for Oil and Gas Applications

#### - potential application areas and benefits of SiC devices

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# **US Energy Map**

Production and Distribution Infrastructure: Renewables, O& G



Source: US Energy Information Administration - US Energy Mapping System

Electric drives play a major role in the O&G production and distribution infrastructure

pumping systems for oil; compression drive trains for gas infrastructure 



# US Shale Gas boom

### U.S. Natural Gas Production 1990-2035

trillion cubic feet per year History Projections 2010 30 25 49% 20 Shale gas 15 26% Tight gas 22% 10 7% Alaska 5 6% Associated with oil 6% 21% Non-associated onshore 9% 0 1990 1995 2000 2005 2010 2015 2020 2025 2030 2035

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Annual Energy Outlook 2012 (June 2012).



Source: Steve Holditch, Texas A&M

**Un-Conventional Reservoirs** Large volumes, difficult to develop

### Technology as driver for US O&G production



### Electrical Submersible Pumps Challenges & Opportunities

#### **Conventional Oil**

#### VFD-driven pump motors

**Challenges:** 

- High-temperature harsh environment for down-hole motor
- High power quality for top-side drive

#### **Opportunities:**

- high temperature
- reliability
- size & power





#### **Unconventional Oil**

Enabler: horizontal drilling

Challenges:

- Tight angles
- multi-phase flow

#### **Opportunities:**

- Power density
- Strong dynamic load changes



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### **Mechanical & Electrical Compression Trains**

#### Mechanical Driven



Gas: Gas Turbine Compressor Oil: Recip Engine Pump **Electrical Driven** 

"Super Train" ... mechanical/electrical hybrid



Full electric Trains

### "more electric" trend





- Electrical solution +50% more energy efficient than gas fired solution
- 45% saving on CO2 emission



### **Integrated Electrical-Mechanical Systems**

**Full Electric Trains** 



**High Speed Direct Drive Trains** 



Integrated Compression Train





Power Density, Reliability, Efficiency

Technology progression: Geared electric -> direct drive electric -> fully integrated electric compressor



## **Evolution of Subsea Production**

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• Long Stepout ... 100-600 km

- Deeper waters ... 3 km depth
- Increased power ... 100 MW class
- Multiple loads

### Reliability ... Availability



Subsea Pumps & Compressors



### World's first motor-compressor & subsea VSDs



10.5 m (h) x 3 m (d)

5.6 m (h) x 2 m (d)

High frequency drive ... 100 bar pressure, 10 yrs maintenance •



# **Typical Drive for High Speed Motors**



- Multi-level drive with series connected devices
- Selective harmonic elimination
  - optimized to reduce losses in drive plus motor
- Output filter to reduce dv/dt and harmonics
- ✓ 10kV+ SiC devices will allow compact, efficient two-level high speed drives



## Typical high speed motor vs drive



**Power Density challenge:** 

State-of-the-art Drives are 3-5x Motor size



# **Typical Drive for ESP**



- LV drives are typically used instead of MV drives
  - > lower cost
  - > better waveform quality due to faster switching speeds
- Sine wave filter plus transformer for step-up
- ✓ SiC MV drive with high power quality can provide a compact alternative

imagination at work

# **Opportunities for Silicon Carbide**

Wide range of demanding motor drive applications for O&G

Some high-power compressor motors are high speed Most high-power motors are VFD-driven, AND they will benefit from SiC advantages of

- compactness
- high-temperature capability
- fast switching (reduced filters, cleaner motor currents)
- high efficiency



# Thank you

