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#### **INDUCTION MOTOR STARTING CHARACTERISTICS**

#### **Current and Torque vs. Speed**



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#### **Induction Motor Speed-Torque Profile**





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#### AC Drives Accelerate Load

#### by Increasing Volts and Frequency





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Operational torque must be regulated to remain in the shaded near- linear zones.

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#### **Control of DC & AC motors**





AC Inverter Drive

Rectifiers and inverter power devices change with drive type



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### **Scalar vs. Vector Control**

TOTAL LINE AMPS = 
$$\sqrt{I_t^2 + I_f^2}$$



#### Scalar Control

Measures only total line amps and regulates V/Hz ratio.

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#### **Torque Vector**

[tachless] can determine and control torque producing amps.

#### **Flux Vector**

can determine and control both flux and torque producing amps



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### Pulse-Width-Modulated [PWM] Wave Form

Voltage = The Average of the time the Voltage is on Plus the time the Voltage is Off.

The Motor tends to smooth the voltage wave

Present designs use IGBT devices to produce smooth current waves.

IGBT devices switch at rates up to 20K Hz.



EXAMPLE SIMULATED SINE WAVE PRODUCED BY 2-LEVEL PWM INVERTER



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## MV Drive Development Past to present

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#### **Typical AC Inverter System**





## **AC Drive Topology:**

A map-like diagram showing the elements of an AC drive and the relationships between them.

## **Two Basic AC Drive Topologies**

- Current source drive: ENERGY STORAGE section between converter and inverter consists of an inductor.
- Voltage Source Drive: ENERGY STORAGE section between converter and inverter consists of capacitors.



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### **Time Line of Power Semiconductors & Drives**



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#### **Comparison Areas**

Comparison Areas for Drive Power Switching Devices

Gate power to turn device on & off External circuitry [firing & protection]

Switching speed, switching losses On-state forward drop and losses

Continuous current ratings Forward & reverse blocking voltage

Physical mounting & thermal characteristics

#### Impact

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Number of control devices & system reliability

> System efficiency & cooling

Number of power devices, & system reliability

Packaging & system Size



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#### **Comparing Gate Power of Devices**





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# GE GTO-IMD Example



- Liquid-cooled configuration
- Many discrete parts in firing and auxiliary parts
- Snubber network also shown
- Physically quite large



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#### GCT Gate Driver Equipment Earlier Design, Covers on





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#### Early Standard GCT & Gate Driver Boards Earlier Design, Covers off





4.5kV-4kA

#### 36 Electrolytic caps 21 FET Switches

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#### High Reliability GCT Device & Firing Control Latest TMEIC Design



Newly Developed GDU Model

**BOTTOM LINE**: fewer gate firing devices, higher reliability!



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### **Typical IGBT & IGBT Gate Driver Circuit**

IGBT 400 amp 3300 volt dual package Larger ratings have 1/package

Approximate Size: 4 inches x 4.5 inches Typical MV IGBT Dual Gate Driver Each board has 2 drivers, & fires 2 IGBT's







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- IEGT = Injection Enhanced Gate Transistor
- Ratings to 4500 volts, 4000 amps
- Press pack or single sided
- Lower forward drop than IGBT, meaning higher power density, more efficiency.



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#### **IEGT Voltage Controlled Gate Driver Equipment**







## Gate Circuit Summary

 Control of switched power devices has come a long way:

Fewer, smaller parts

Reliability improved

 Fewer parts and strict quality control have resulted in highly reliable systems.





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### **Power Device Losses** Generally

Volts across device X Current Through Device = Power Lost in Device

### **Two Categories of Device Loss:**

- 1. Losses During Turn-on & Turn-off
  - Minimized by faster switching
  - Equals area under volt-amp product curve

#### 2. Losses during conduction

- Minimized by reducing device forward drop
- Equals device <u>forward volts x amps</u>



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### **Power Switch Voltage and Current Ratings**

Continuous current ratings Forward & reverse blocking voltage Number of power devices, & potential system reliability

Device Rating	Design Impact	Consequence	Comments	3 Level VFD Line-Line Output & Reference Sine Wave
Higher Operating Voltage	Fewer Devices for given output	Fewer steps in output wave	Above 3300 volts, sine filter required for 3 step output	3-Level
Higher Operating Current	Fewer Devices / No paralleling needed	Power density requires good heat exchange	Highest power drives are liquid cooled	5-Level





## **Drive Topologies: So What?**

- For drives with lots more parts, they must be very conservatively applied if reliability is to be achieved.
- Inherent design characteristics should be carefully considered when selecting.
- In-service reliability is the best indicator of real reliability.



### **Comparing Drives with All Topologies**

- Current Source Drives
  - LCI Load Commutated Inverter
  - GTO/SGCT Current Source Induction Motor Drive
- Voltage Source Drives
  LV IGBT "Paice" Multilevel PWM
  MV IGCT PWM Diode or Active Source
  MV IGBT PWM Integrated package
  MV IEGT PWM Active or Diode Source



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### LCI: Load Commutated Inverter

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#### Earliest MV Drives [LCI and Cycloconverter] with thyristors





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#### LCI –Load Commutated Inverter [Current Source]



#### Example: GE-Innovation Series<sup>®</sup> LCI



Inverter Topology	Advantages	Limitations	Practical Power Range
Current source Load-Commutated Inverter	<ul> <li>Low Parts Count</li> <li>Full Regen is inherent</li> <li>Rugged – ultra reliable</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Requires a controlled front end</li> <li>High motor current THD</li> <li>Slow transient response</li> </ul>	Above 6 MW Synchronous
SCR = Silicon Controlled Rectifier, Thyristor	<ul> <li>Economical High HP</li> <li>N+1 SCR device redundancy possible</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Narrow motor frequency range</li> <li>Limited starting performance</li> <li>Poor PF at low motor speeds</li> <li>High harmonics unless multiple channels used; filters may be needed.</li> </ul>	Motors Only
			Currently offered by: M GE, ABB, Siemens

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#### **Alternate LCI Configurations**







#### **Current Source GTO / SGCT Induction Motor Drive**



Example: 1980 – 1995 GE-GTO Induction Motor Drive



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Inverter Topology	Advantages	Limitations	Practical Power Range
Current Source GTO or SGCT PWM Inverter GTO = Gate Turn Off Thyristor SGCT = Symmetrical Gate-Controlled	<ul> <li>Low power device (GTO/SGCT) parts count</li> <li>Low motor THD</li> <li>Low motor insulation stress when input isolation transformer is used</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Requires a controlled front end – extra complexity</li> <li>Poor input power factor, with SCR front end</li> <li>Slow transient response</li> <li>Potential resonance between motor &amp; caps</li> <li>Complex firing circuit</li> <li>Potential for self excitation on overhauling load</li> <li>PWM source filter can induce system resonance</li> </ul>	2 - 15 MW Primarily induction motor load
Thyristor			Currently offered by: Allen Bradley



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### Current Source SGCT Induction Motor Drive "Isolation" Reactor vs Isolation Transformer



Easy on Motor ground Insulation
Drive Ground faults do not affect other equipment & vice versa.

- Potentially tough on motor ground Insulation
- Drive Ground faults do affect other equipment & vice versa.
- Cheaper
- Smaller



**Diode Rectifier** 

**Converter Fed** 

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#### **Voltage Source General Drive Arrangements**





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### **PWM:** Pulse Width Modulation

A method of varying voltage by changing the average "ON" time of switches between source and load.

### Example Pulse-Width-Modulated [PWM] Waveform

**Voltage:** The Average of the time the Voltage is on Plus the time the Voltage is Off.

**Current:** The Motor tends to smooth the resulting current



#### EXAMPLE SIMULATED SINE WAVE PRODUCED BY 2-LEVEL PWM INVERTER

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#### **Example Two-Level Voltage Source Inverter**



**Motor Amps** 



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### Multi-Level Medium Voltage Inverter







#### Circuit: SC-HB 2L (Series Conn., H-Bridge, 2-Level)

- Multi-winding transformer
- Typical output AC voltage: 3kV, 6kV, 11kV
- Series connection of Low Voltage IGBT Inverters
- Connected in 3-phase star connection
- Very clean waveform


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# **Power Cell "N+1" Redundancy**

- "N+1 redundancy" originated in LCI drive design, defined as having an extra SWITCHING DEVICE per leg, with no other added parts.
- One Robicon method re-defines "N+1" as including a complete extra cell transformer secondary & SCR bypass switch:
  - Cell must be intact and control 100% functional to work
  - > Added parts work all the time and decrease drive component MTBF
- Traditionally, increased reliability comes from reducing parts count and conservative design [example: TMEIC TM-MVG has 12 year fleet MTBF]





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# Voltage Source MV Drives With MV Devices

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### **Building Block for MV PWM Drives**



- NPC: Neutral Point Clamped Configuration
- Multiple supply voltage levels allows good waveforms
- Compatible with IGBT, GCT, IEGT Devices



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# Progress of Inverter Circuits to High Capacity





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6kV~7kV, 8MVA~120MVA

High voltage, large capacity, clean waveform

460V, 690V





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## **Complete 3 Level Circuit, Neutral Point Clamped**





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### **IGCT PWM 3-Level Voltage Source Inverter**





### Example: TMEIC TMdrive XL80 IGCT Drive

#### Energy stored in dry or liquid filled caps

Inverter Topology	Major Advantages	Major Limitations	Practical Power Range
IGCT PWM Voltage Source Inverter Three Level	<ul> <li>Low power switch device count for voltage rating</li> <li>Fast transient response &amp; wide motor frequency range</li> <li>High starting torque</li> <li>High power levels with largest IGCT devices</li> <li>Water cooling for compact package</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>High parts count firing circuit – latest design and extra high quality, conservative design to achieve reliability</li> <li>Top motor speed / frequency limited by device switch rate.</li> </ul>	10- 15 MVA per inverter [3.3- 3.8 kv] 15 – 30 MVA, multiple channel Sync or Induction Motor





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### **IEGT PWM Voltage Source Inverter**



### Example: TMEIC GE 8 / 10 MW TMdrive 70



#### Energy stored in liquid filled caps

Inverter Topology	Major Advantages	Major Limitations	Power Range
Three Level Voltage Source IEGT PWM Inverter IEGT = Injection Enhanced Gate Transistor	<ul> <li>Minimum power device count – 24 for complete 8-10 mw regen system</li> <li>Very Compact</li> <li>Simple firing circuit</li> <li>Very high system MTBF.</li> <li>Low motor current THD</li> <li>Fast transient response &amp; wide motor frequency range</li> <li>High starting torque with no significant torque pulsations</li> <li>Active front end for low harmonics, regeneration, unity or leading PF</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>3300 volts is not as common as 4160 volts in North American applications.</li> </ul>	8 to 40 MW, water cooled, one to four channel At 3300 volts Sync or Induction Motor



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## **MV IGBT Drive with Integral Transformer**



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### **Example MV IGBT NPC Voltage Source Drive Details**





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500 ~ 2,760kVA @ 4160V (9/17 level) 400 ~ 4,378kVA @6/6.6kV (13/23 level) 660 ~ 7,297kVA @10/11kV (21/41 level)

Long Service Life

- Conservatively applied components
- Film type capacitors
- Long life cooling fans
- Modular Drive using Cell Inverter
- Air Cooled System
- 100% PF
- 2% THID

# **TM-MVe2 Drive**

TMdrive-MVe2 can be used with standard Induction or Synchronous Motor, for general purpose applications.

>20-Year MTBF

Unique source converter design easily **meets IEEE519** harmonic current limits, *provides line regenerative braking capability* and extended power loss ride-through protection

Simpler input transformer design allows potential to locate transformer remote from drive

Multi-Level output gives Sinusoidal Voltage & Current waveforms,



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### **Example 5 level IEGT, TMdrive-XL75**



Rated Single Unit Capacity: 20MVA

- -Maximum Capacity
- -Rated Output voltage
- -Line-side converter
- -Inverter
- -Cooling method
- -Dimensions
- -Redundancy (option)
- -Motor type
- Applications

- : 80MVA
- : 6.0kV
- : 36 pulse Diode rectifier
- : 5 level PWM IEGT inverter
- : Water cooled
- : W6.6xD1.6xH2.3m(20MVA)
- : Main and/or control circuit
- : Induction or Sync motor
- : Large capacity Compressor Fan, Blower or pump







# What Is Now Evolving in MV Drives?

- Larger and larger driven loads require larger prime movers
- Environment factors and remote sites can favor large electric drives over turbines
- Topologies we have reviewed are tested and scaled up for large power loads



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5 Level IGBT Inverter Capacity: 6kV - 8MVA



### Line up of Large Capacity Inverters 6.0 – 7 kV, 5 level output



5 Level IEGT Inverter Capacity: 7kV - 30MVA up to 30MVA x 4 = 120 MVA

5 Level IEGT Inverter Capacity: 6kV - 20MVA, up to 20MVA x 4 = 80 MVA

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## **Parallel Connection for Higher Capacity**



(d) 4 Banks, Dual windings motor x 2 parallel bridge

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# **Questions?**

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