# Switched Doubly-Fed Machine Drive For High Power Applications



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# High-power motors are 1% of motor population but consume 45% of total motor energy



### Wide range of applications for high power motors



High MW Converters, ABB, 2014

## 87% of high-power motors are directly connected to ac grid



#### Drawbacks:

- 30% 80% loss in control mechanism
- Reactive power sink from Ac grid perspective

## Variable speed drives are advantageous for process control



#### Estimated annual benefits just in U.S.

- Energy savings **\$2.7B**
- Carbon emission reduction 27 million tons

The Office of EERE, DOE , 2015

## Anatomy of a variable speed drive



## State-of-the-art: High-power variable speed drive topologies



- Series/parallel switches
- Multi-level converters
- Thyristor based
  Cyclo-converters

18 feet



Volume: ~ 318 cubic meters Weight: ~ 6 metric tons



#### Multiple Switches & Low Switching Frequency



**Bulky Filter** 



Significant Cooling

## **Doctoral Thesis objective**



# Reduce the size of the variable speed drive &

## provide reactive power support to the grid

## **Thesis approach: Doubly-fed machines**



Pena et al., IEE Proceedings, 1996



Morel et al., IEE Proceedings, 1998 Leeb et al., Naval Engineers Journal, 2010 Banerjee et al., IEEE IAS, 2015 **15** 



Switch is turned "Low" during low-speed, low-power mode

#### Rotor port provides all the mechanical power





#### Rotor port processes only the differential power



### Size of variable speed drive reduces by two-thirds





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## **Drive Design: Minimize variable speed drive rating** subject to:

- 1. Machine operating within its rated condition
- 2. Matches drive torque-speed requirement
- 3. Available ac source



#### **Choice of stator flux drives the entire VSD design space**

Low-speed mode stator flux = High-speed mode stator flux



$$V = \frac{d}{dt}$$
 flux

= relative speed X flux

#### VSD "current rating" is driven by high-speed mode torque

Low-speed mode stator flux = High-speed mode stator flux



#### VSD "voltage rating" is driven by low-speed mode torque

Low-speed mode stator flux = 0.75 X High-speed mode stator flux



# Non-idealities in DFM lead to design challenges for remaining within constraints



A. Banerjee, M. S. Tomovich, S. B. Leeb and J. L. Kirtley, "Power Converter Sizing for a Switched Doubly Fed Machine Propulsion Drive," in *IEEE Transactions on Industry Applications*, vol. 51, no. 1, pp. 248-258, Jan.-Feb. 2015.



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## Switch realization critical for smooth performance



### **Example: Dc-to-ac mode transition**



#### DC AC

#### Initially :

stator connected to dc source **Finally :** 

stator connected to ac source

Goal :

Natural commutation of all dc side SCRs simultaneously



## Condition for natural commutation of A phase SCR



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### Condition for natural commutation of **B** phase SCR



### Condition for natural commutation of C phase SCR



### Natural commutation of ABC phase SCRs simultaneously

DC

AC

VAC

 $\omega_{AC}$ 

ommutatior

- Natura

B



### Transfer scheme: dc to ac

- ✓ S1 and S2 should not be *ON* simultaneously
- ✓ S1 and S2 should not be OFF simultaneously
- ✓ All phases switch together
- ✓ Minimal "supporting" circuitry
- Minimal perturbation on shaft behavior

### **Prototype SCR-based Transfer Switch**



### **Experimental Result: Dc to Ac Source Transition**



### Alternative transfer switch topology







Banerjee et. al. "Solid-State Transfer Switch Topologies for a Switched Doubly Fed Machine Drive," in *IEEE Transactions on Power Electronics*, Aug. 2016.

Banerjee et. al., "Bumpless Automatic Transfer for a Switched-Doubly-Fed-Machine Propulsion Drive," in IEEE Transactions on Industry Applications, July-Aug. 2015.



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**Challenge: Seamless performance across entire speed range** 



### **Common framework for control and transition analysis**



### Stator flux transition model



Phase plane captures machine dynamics in low speed mode



Banerjee et al., IEEE Trans. Industry Applications, 2015 -- , ITEC, 2015 47

### Phase plane captures machine dynamics in high speed mode



### **Example: Low-to-high speed mode transition**



### Switch timing is critical for smoother transition



# Autonomous behavior during mode transition using the switch timing



# Maximum damping enables smooth transition from AC grid perspective



### Mode Transition: Mapping of Operating Point on the Stateplane



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### Laboratory-scaled power system as experimental setup

### Generators (AC Grid)

Switch



### Designed and built entire power system as laboratory setup

#### Generators (1.4 kW)



- 6 Machines
- 5 Control platforms (TI, NI, Matlab RTW, PSoC)
- 3 Data acquisition systems
- 2 Converters + Filters









### **Experimental result: Seamless mechanical port**



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### **Experimental result: Seamless electrical ports**





### **Experimental Results: Speed Reference Oscillation**



### **Experimental Results: Load Torque Oscillation**



## Conclusion

AC Grid

# Switched Doubly fed machine drive

Load

- Two-thirds size reduction
- Grid-friendly
- Better efficiency
- Reduced cost
- Better reliability

### **Publications**

Power converter sizing

**Control architecture** 

12-SCR Based transfer switch

8-SCR Based transfer switch

Fault tolerant capability

Comparison of topology

**Grid-friendly operation** 

#### Conference



**APEC** 2013

**APEC.** 2014

**APEC.** 2016







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#### Journal









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# It's about the journey not the destination

Thank you!

### Back up
### **Experimental Results: Full Torque/Speed Range Operation**



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## **Future Work**

- DFM electromagnetic design optimization
- Evaluation in a MW-scale application
- Brushless operation



Transportation



**Industrial Drives** 



**Energy Harvesting** 

# Contributions

• Design methodology of a switched-DFM drive based on a required drive torque capability

• Solid-state transfer switch architectures for on-the-fly reconfiguration of the DFM

• Control platform for a seamless operation of the drive at the mechanical and electrical ports

 Enabling reactive power support to the grid without adding extra power electronics

• Performance comparison of different switched-DFM drive topology leading to machine design guidelines

# **Additional Publications**

Single sided induction heating

Uniform heating + optimized winding

#### **IECON'2013**





#### MIT Cheetah robotic actuator design







## **Comparison of induction motor technology**

Specification: 1250 HP, 4160 V, 900 rpm, Air-cooled



TECO Westinghouse JH12508 Induction Motor

GE 8411S Slip-ring Induction Motor

# Comparison: PMSG + full converter relative to DFM + partial converter for wind power generation

Specification: 3 MW, 90 rpm



Polinder et al., IEEE Transactions on Energy Conversion, Sept. 2006.

# \$4.5 B Worldwide Market in MV Motors

#### The World Market for Medium Voltage Motors

Market Breakdown in 2012 - Industry Sector by Revenues (\$M) and Growth (%)



Source: IHS Market breakdown in 2012. Industry Sector by Revenues (\$M) and Growth (%)



#### Agarwal et al., NIST/DOE Workshop NGEM, 2014

#### **Research theme**



Physical World

#### **Motors + Energy Storage**





## Medium voltage motors market: \$4.5 B Worldwide



**Industrial sectors** 

# **Electromechanical Actuators 101**



## **Torque production mechanism and control**



#### **Stator flux**

- aided by the dc source
- controlled by the rotor d-axis current

#### **Torque current**

controlled by the rotor q-axis current



Low speed induction

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# Example 1 : 3.3 kV, 20 MW Induction Motor Drive (Propulsion application)



Source: ACS6000, MV7000 Medium Voltage Drive Brochure; Lewis et.al, Advanced Induction Motor

## Example 2 : 3.7 kV, 20 MW Induction Motor Drive



Source: Hebner et.al, Design and analysis of a 20 MW Propulsion power train, 2004

## Ship efficiency improvement due to electrification



# Enabling technology drives what is possible with electromechanical energy systems



#### Seamless dynamic performance across entire speed range



#### Severe Test: Mimics a ship in a turbulent weather



### Stable AC generator under severe mode swinging



#### **Proposed power flow architecture: Prior Art**



#### **Power Electronic Devices**



#### **Experimental results: Stator flux transition**



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### Stable AC generator under severe mode swinging



Transition trajectory causes massive power swing at the grid and torque bump at the shaft



# Sizing comparison: High-power motors and variable speed drive



Medium voltage High Efficiency Induction Motors, TECO Westinghouse price bookABB ACS1000 Industrial Drive99

## Machine design: 30 MW, 200 rpm, 4160 V, 60 Hz



## **Rotodrive: Induction/grid connected mode**



a, b: Mechanical Switch

Fig. 1 Principle of Rotodrive and operating modes



Fig.2 Experimental rotor RMS voltage and current against speed, constant torque

#### L. Morel IAS Transaction, Jul 1998

## Used as discrete operation regimes



Fig.2. DFIM electric configuration

#### Hydro-electric power station

François BONNET, ECPE, Sept 2007



Fig. 1. Configuration of a DFIM system.

#### Starting method for drives

Xibo Yuan, IAS Transaction, June 2011

# Ship Propulsion: Synchronous/grid connected mode



Figure 5: Doubly-fed machine (DFM) for propulsion



Figure 6: Normalized DFM rotor power – unity on the vertical and horizontal axes correspond to maximum power  $P_o$  and speed  $\Omega_o$ .

Steven Leeb & James Kirtley et al., Naval Eng. Journal, June 2010

### Seamless grid interaction to ensure stability of the ac grid



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# Solution: No intermittent energy storage in the variable speed drive

## **Coordinated Front-end converter control**



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