

Office of Electricity Delivery & Energy Reliability



#### **2023 SNL Power Electronics & Energy Conversion Workshop**

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# **Increasing role and Opportunities for power electronics**

• Interfacing Power conditioning and grid integration: DER and energy storage

• **Delivery** Long distance power transfer: Off-shore wind, utility-scale solar

• Management and conversion Megawatt-scale charging infrastructure, industrial processes and equipment





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## **PES Design Space for various applications**







# TRAC Program Strategy Enabling Research to Application



# **Transformers**



#### **Distribution Transformer Landscape**

#### **Distribution transformer lead times**



Source: U.S. Department of Commerce – Bureau of Industry and Security, Electrical Steel and Transformer-Related Products; ESCC Tiger Team Survey; Goulden; Industry Expert interviews; DOE/Labs Expert interviews



## **Supply chain segments for Transformers**





#### **DOE TRAC Initiatives: Transformers**

**Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)**: FY18 \$7.5M FOA focused on the development of LPT prototypes that are more flexible and adaptable

**RFI Issued – April 2023:** A Request for Information (RFI) for Innovative Advanced Transformers to obtain public input regarding a potential future Funding Opportunity Announcement seeking the research, development, and demonstration of innovative advanced transformers that can be readily utilized across a range of distribution to transmission scale applications

**OE Transformer Technologies Workshop – May 2023:** The goal of the workshop was to identify research, development, and demonstration (RD&D) opportunities for both distribution and power transformers







# High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) Transmission



## **High Potential Areas for Wind and Solar Generation**



Source: NREL



#### 80% or 250 million Americans live east of the line.





#### DOE TRAC Initiatives: HVDC

#### National Labs R&D, Annual Operating Funds



Models and methods for HVDC Technologies 2016-2019

Scalable Hybrid Large-Scale dc-ac Grid Analysis Methods: 2021-2024

#### Activities

- HVDC Workshop (2022 : TRAC+WETO)
  - ORNL, PNNL, NREL, EPRI
- HVDC Technology Roadmap
  - ORNL, PNNL, NREL, EPRI
  - Anticipated Release December 2023
- HVDC Prize Competition
  - Winner Announcement August 26th
- HVDC Moonshot (TRAC+WETO)
  - Focus : HVDC Stations, HVDC Systems
  - ORNL, PNNL, NREL, EPRI
  - Currently working on drafting metrics
    - Cost: BOS \$/MVA
    - System reliability
    - System Ratings
    - Standardization



DOE TRAC Initiatives: Advanced Power Electronics and SSPS

## Solid State Power Substation Technology Roadmap

U.S. DOE Office of Electricity Transformer Resilience and Advanced Components (TRAC) Program June 2020





Workshop 2018

Roadmap 2020

#### National Labs R&D, Annual Operating Funds

SSPS 1.0 Architecture Development-2020-2021

SSPS 1.0 Hardware Prototype Development – 2021-2023

Total. no. of publications ~ 20 Total. No. of. Patents – 5





#### DOE Initiatives: GMLC

PACE Lab Call: Medium Voltage subsystem development Supporting Offices: EERE, OE Funding: \$13.75 M

The focus is on addressing gaps in 'smart' medium-voltage (MV, 4.16kV-34.5kV) electrical interfaces critical to a modernized grid through development of a medium voltage power and control electronics sub-system approach that is modular, scalable, and cost effective.

National Labs R&D Partners: Industry and Academia









#### DOE Initiatives: GETs

- GETs FOA: Increasing Utilization and Reliability of Electric Infrastructure with Grid-enhancing technologies (GETs) (Feb 2023)

Supporting Offices: EERE, OE. Funding: \$6.5 M

The FOA aims to fill gaps in information on the real-world benefits and usage of GETs through at-scale field demonstrations. The FOA is focused on Power Flow Controllers (PFCs) and Dynamic Line Rating (DLR)

- Grid-Enhancing Technologies: A Case Study in Ratepayer Impact (March 2022)
- Transmission Optimization with Grid
  Enhancing Technologies (TOGETs) Project
- Advanced Transmission Technologies Report (December 2020)







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# TRAC's Success is founded in its diverse, strategic Domestic Partnerships



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#### **Questions?**

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