

# Solid-State Modulators for the International Linear Collider

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# ***Diversified Technologies, Inc.***

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- **Founded 1987 by Dr. Marcel Gaudreau (MIT)**
  - 50 Full Time Employees
  - 11 PhDs (EE, Physics, Aero)
  - Diverse Technical Background
- **Primary Business Areas:**
  - High Power Electronic Systems
  - System Design and Integration
  - Manufacturing/Process Automation Systems
  - Consulting Engineering
- **PowerMod™ Series**
  - Solid State Modulators, Power Supplies
  - 1997 & 1999 R&D 100 Award Winner



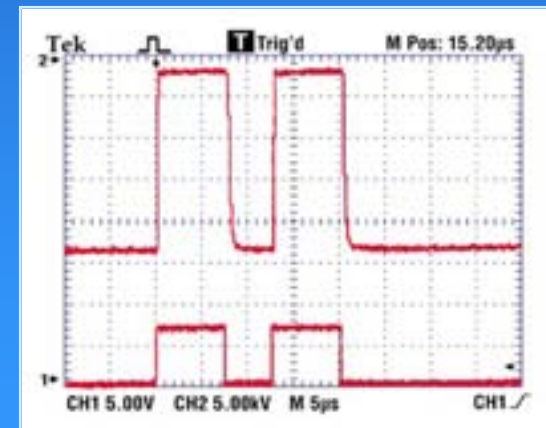
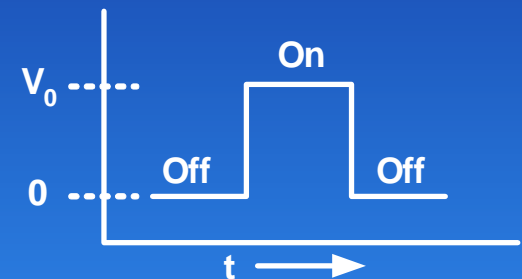
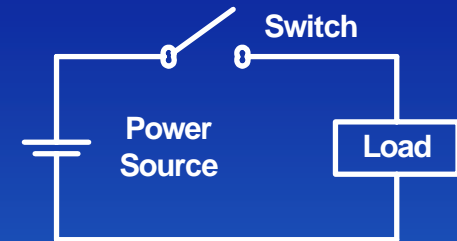
***1999 Award Winner***



***1997 Award Winner***

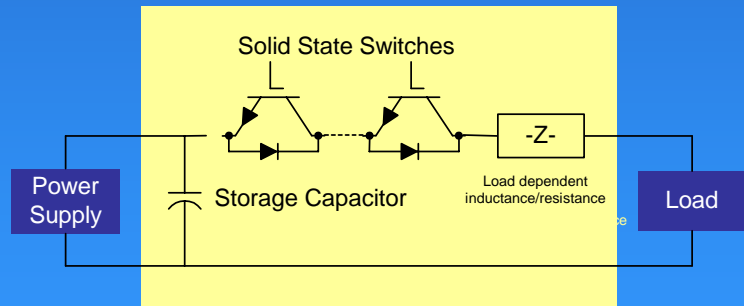
# *Solid State Switching*

- **Series String of Transistors**
  - All Operate Synchronously
  - Patented Design
- **Very High Voltage and Current Demonstrated**
  - Up to 200 kV (200,000 Volts)
  - Up to 5 kA (5000 Amperes)
- **Extremely Uniform & Reliable Pulses**
  - Sub-Microsecond Switching
  - Arbitrary Pulsewidth & Frequency
  - 50 nS – CW; > 100 kHz Continuous

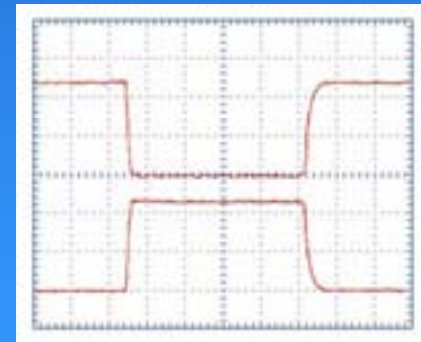
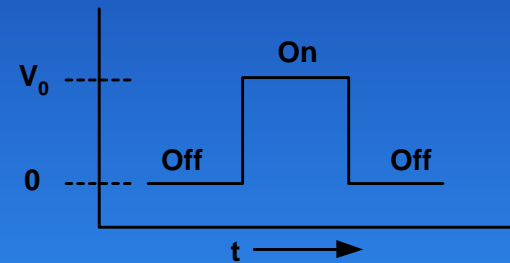
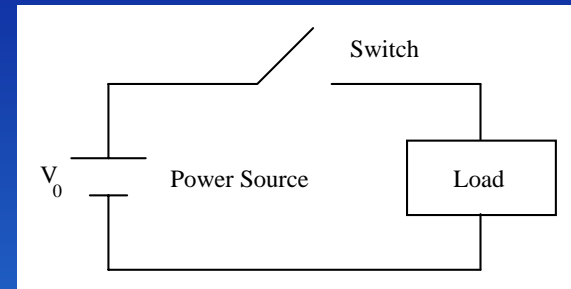


# *DTI Switches Use Series IGBTs*

- Lower-voltage IGBTs in series give high voltages
- Fast ( $\ll 1 \mu\text{s}$ ), open and close
- Nearly ideal pulses
- > 200 systems fielded over 10 years



DTI's PowerMod™ Model



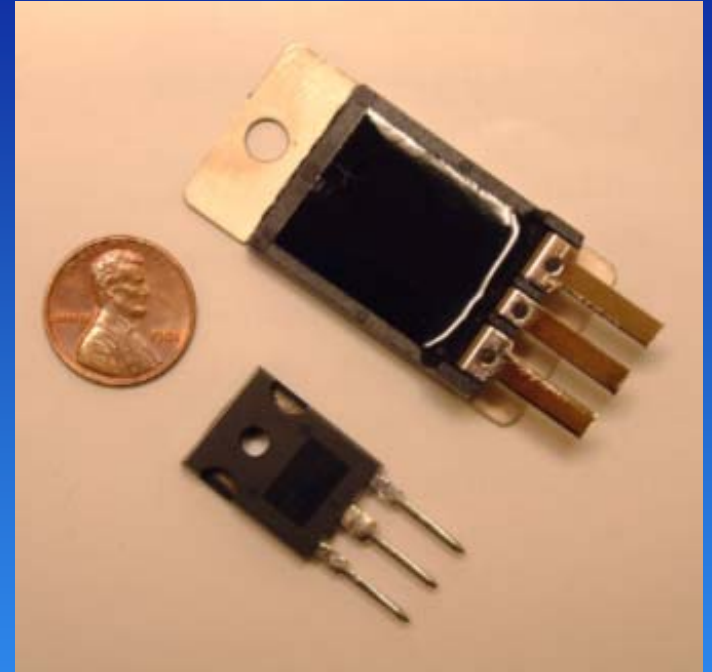
20 kV, 100 A 1 s/div

# Smorgasbord of IGBTs & Switch Modules



# *Development of Pulsed Power Devices*

- DTI is now completing a DOE SBIR for development of pulsed-power optimized packaging.
- One early result in this program was the design of the PPT (Pulse Power Transistor, at right), jointly with Powerex, Inc.
- This device eliminates problems with in-package inductance imbalances and gate resistance limitations.
- Shipped on several commercial systems to date, now in use by many other pulsed power designers.



# *High Power Solid State Systems*

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- **Very Fast High Current, High Voltage Switches**
- **Built From Solid State Components**
- **Simplified Transmitter Designs**
  - Increased Reliability
  - Inherent Fault Tolerance
  - High Efficiency
  - Much Less Stress on RF VEDs
- **Increased Flexibility**



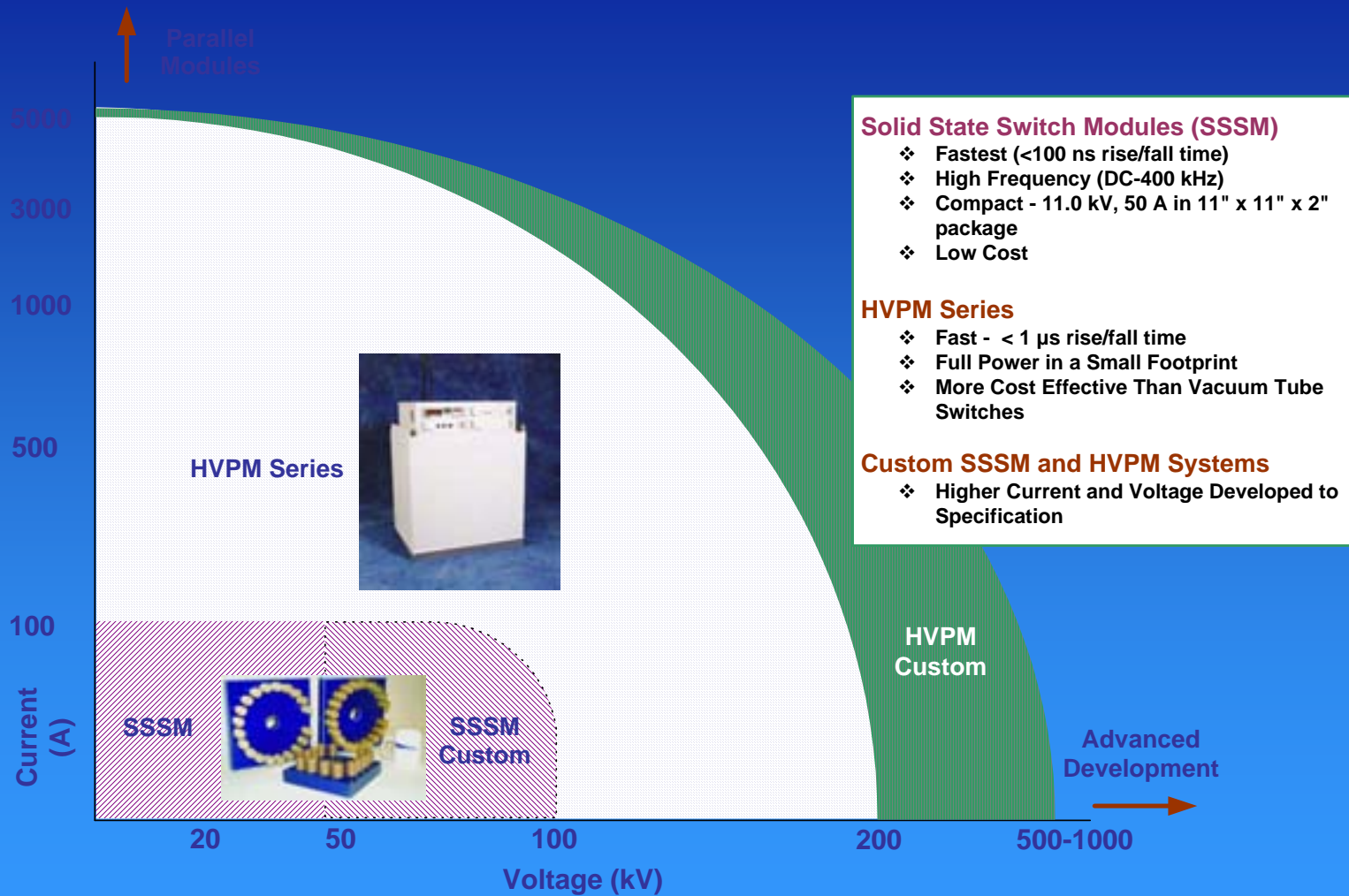
**Solid State Switch Modules**



**HVPS 20-30 Power Supply**



# DTI Modulator Product Map





# *Major Market Applications*

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- PEF / Food Processing
- Medical / Industrial Accelerators
- Large Physics Projects (SNS, ILC, ITER)
- Radar Systems

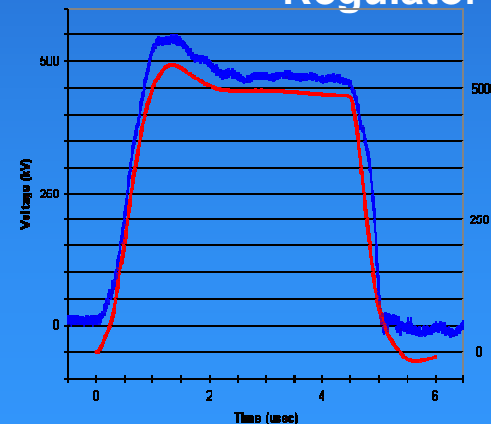
# Applications - High Energy Physics

- Klystron Conditioning & Test
- International Linear Collider
- Sandia/UCF Lithography



NLC 500 kV, 500 A Modulator

140kV Buck  
Regulator



500 kV Pulse vs Prediction

# ***Applications - Food Sterilization***

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- **Ohio State University Consortium**
  - Tetrapak, Kraft, Ameriquial, US Army, others
  - PEF process is promising non-thermal technology
- **Bulk food sterilization (Surebeam)**



**OSU 65kV bipolar pulser**

# *Applications - Medical / Industrial Accelerators*

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- **Solid State Modulator Upgrades**
  - Replace Vacuum Switch Tubes
  - Extend Life
  - Much Higher Reliability
  - Flexibility
- **Oncology Treatment**
- **Irradiation of Food / Mail**
- **High Power X-Ray Inspection Systems**



15 kV, 2500 A Solid State  
Switch

# Applications - PSII

- Plasma Source  
Ion  
Implantation  
(PSII)
- DTI Switches  
Power a Run  
of 1000 GM  
Pistons at  
LANL



# ***Applications - Radar***

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- **Transmitter Upgrades**
  - AN/SPG-60 Fire Control Radar
  - Haystack Deep View Radar (DVR)
  - AN/SPS-49 Radar
  - MIR Phased Array
  - Cobra Judy X-Band
  - Gray Star
  - AN/SPQ-9A
  - Sondrestrom Ionospheric Radar
  - W-Band Warloc Transmitter
- **Replace Obsolescent Components**
- **Increase Reliability & Performance**



**AN/SPG-60  
Transmitter  
Upgrade**

# *Gray Star / Cobra Judy*

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- **High Power Data Collection Radars**
- **Ship Based S & X Band Radars**
  - **Cobra Judy: 16-TWT S-Band Phased Array (CJ-S); 2-TWT X-Band Dish (CJ-X)**
  - **Gray Star: S and X-Band Transmitters Drive a Single Dish Antenna**



**USNS Observation Island (top), and USNS Invincible**



# *CJ-X Transmitter Subsystems*



**RF Head Modulator**



**Capacitor Bank**



**HVPSSs & Combiner**



**Power Distribution Unit  
Transmitter Control & Interface Unit**



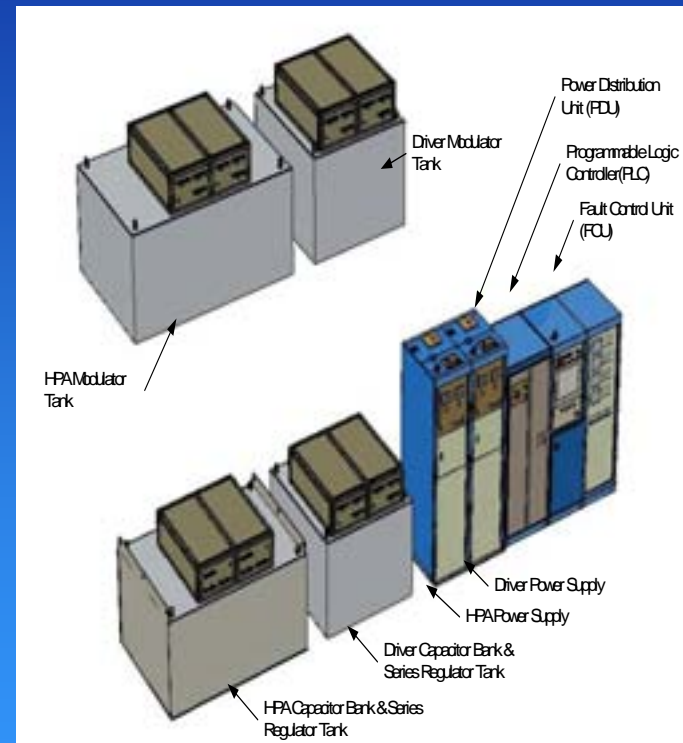
**Solenoid Supply Rack  
(Current Monitor & Power Supplies)**



**Mod Anode PS  
Fault Logic Control**

# Haystack Upgrade (Deep View Radar)

- **W-Band (94 GHz)  
Gyroklystron Transmitter**
- **DTI Awarded Transmitter  
Construction Contract 7/04**
- **Supports Two HPAs Plus  
Driver**
- **Installation 12/05**
- **Expandable to 16 HPAs**



# ***Experience Counts !***

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- **DTI is the World Leader in HV Solid State Pulsed Power**
- **DTI has patented solid state switch technology, over 15 years of experience, and hundreds of installed systems**
- **DTI has been developing advanced modulators for next generation collider applications for >six years**
  - **hybrid: 90 kV, 5 kA switch w/ 6:1 pulse transformer for 2 NLC klystrons (delivered to SLAC for klystron testing)**
  - **hard switch: 500 kV direct hard switch (studied)**
  - **Marx switch: 500 kV 500 A Marx modulator (in progress)**
  - **pulse-line cable: for NLC grid pulsed SBK (terminated for ILC)**

# *Challenges for ILC High Voltage Modulators*

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- ILC klystrons
  - Design TBD – Assumed Similar to Tesla Klystrons
  - 110 - 150 kV, 120 – 166 A,  $\pm 0.5\%$  flattop, 1.5 ms, 5 Hz (higher?)
  - ~25 kJ Required Per Pulse
- Goal - Low Life Cycle Costs
  - Minimal Acquisition Cost
  - Very High Reliability
  - Provide High level of klystron protection

# ***Major ILC Challenge – Pulse Energy***

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- **1.5 MJ Capacitors Required to Meet Flattop Requirements Directly**
  - Capacitor Cost Overwhelms Switch Costs, Dominates Acquisition Costs
  - Very Large Modulator Footprint
  - Very High Stored Energy Levels
- **Optimal Energy Storage Assessed at ~ 100 kJ**
  - Balances Switch and Capacitor Costs
  - Achieves Minimal Total Cost
    - Lower Capacitance Requires More Compensation Electronics
    - Higher Capacitance Increases Capacitor Costs

# *Major ILC Challenge – Long Cable?*

- Depending on tunnel architecture chosen, long cables may be needed between modulator and klystron
  - adds to arc energy deposited in klystron
  - requires additional matching efforts to drive cable without ringing

# *DTI redirected from NLC to ILC fall '04*

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- In Fall '04, DOE requested that we evaluate options for redirection of existing NLC relevant SBIR contracts for ILC relevance.
- We performed preliminary modeling of many topologies for ILC:
  - hybrid (ss switch w/ pulse xf) -- hard switch
  - PFN -- Marx
  - multi-phase array of series boost regulators
  - stored energy reduction: bouncers, linear regulators, switching regulators
- SBK cable work redirected to hard switch / bouncer
- New phase 1 proposed (Dec 04) for Marx switch



# *Transformerless Modulators*

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- **FermiLab / DESY Have Demonstrated Pulse Transformer Design**
  - Large Transformer Required (V-S Rating)
  - Transformer Losses
  - Stored Energy Downstream of Switch
- **Two Transformerless Designs Identified**
  - Solid State Marx Bank
  - Hard Switch

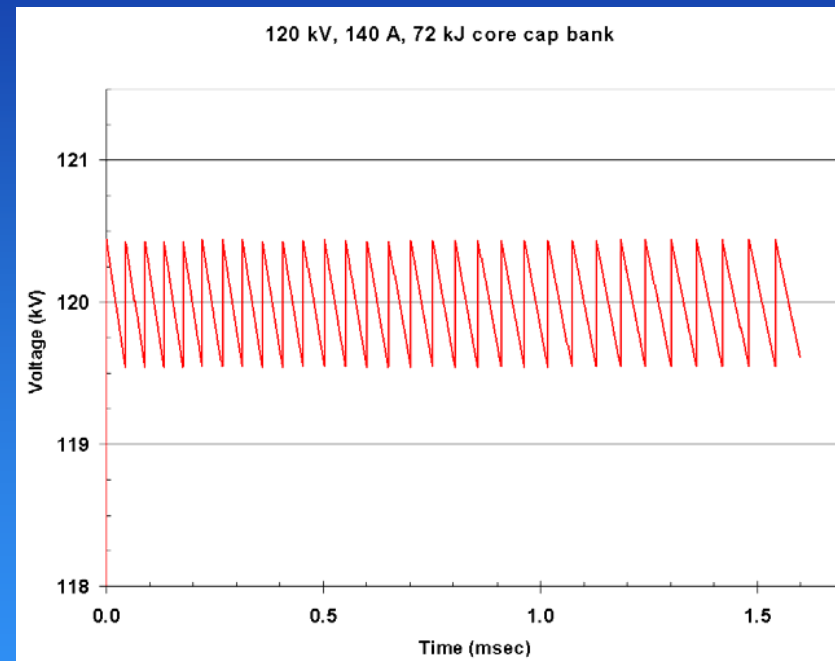
# *Droop Compensation Possibilities*

- L - charged C (chosen; quickest to build)
- Marx Bank (chosen; may be cheapest)
- Pulse forming line (sensitive to component tolerances)
- Passive L R (too much capacitance)
- Charged C - L - C (too much capacitance)
- Boost (high switched currents)

# *Marx Has Low Stored Energy*

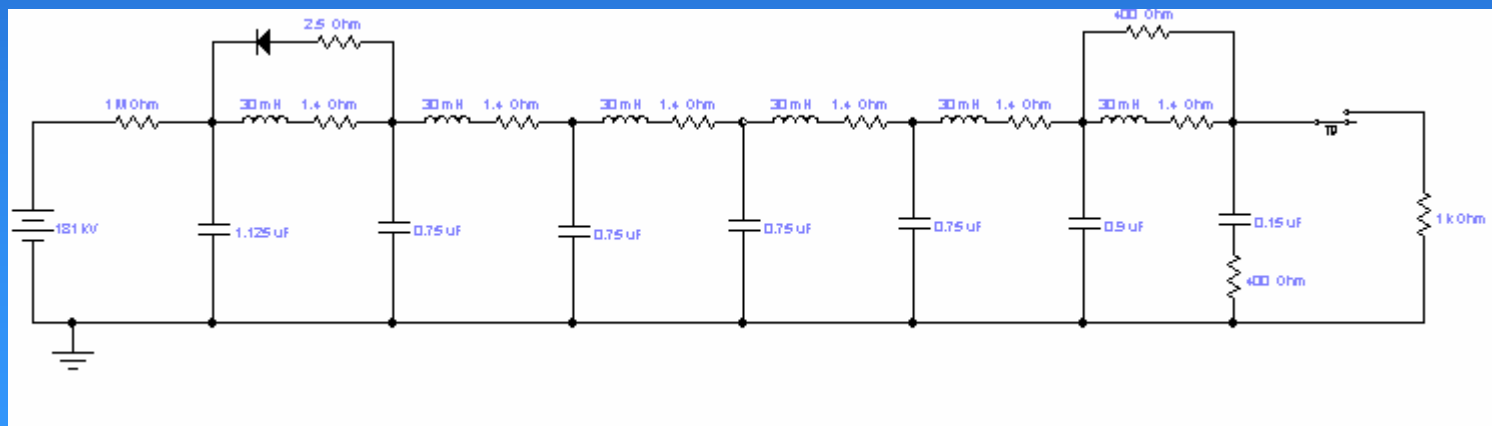
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- + Only 65 kJ stored
- + Only one power supply
- - ~30 switches individually controlled for trimming
- Submitted as 2005 Phase I SBIR proposal



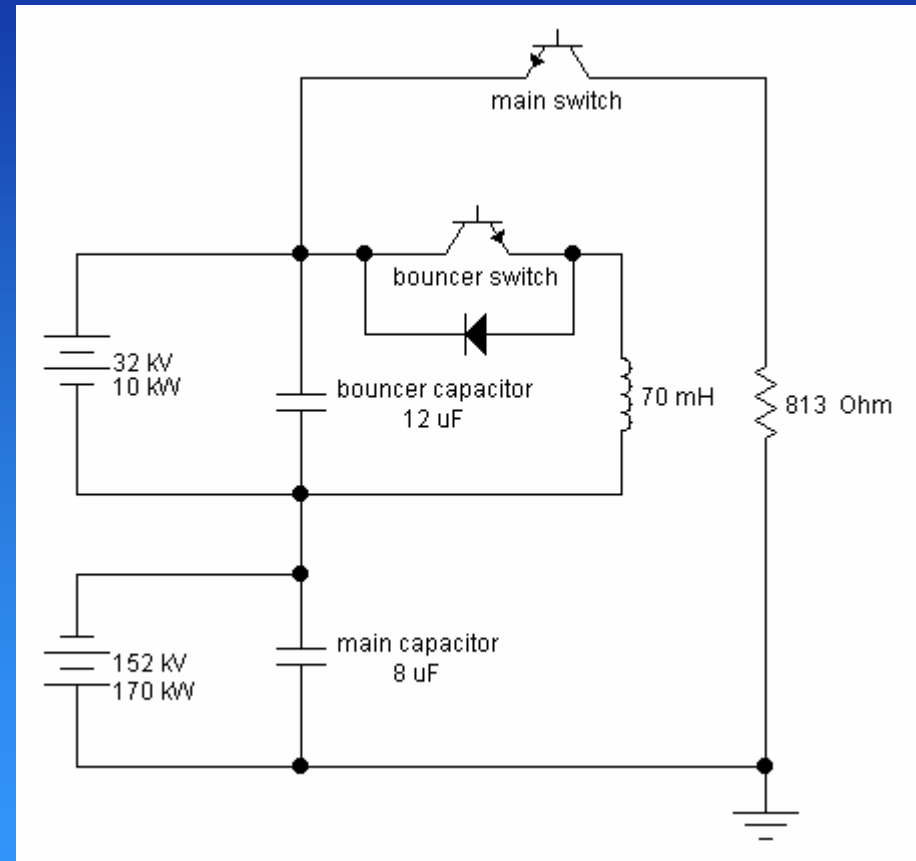
# *PFN Simple, But Sensitive to Tolerances*

- + Single switch
- + Low stored energy
- - 10% variation in one capacitor puts flatness out of spec



# *Selected LC Bouncer*

- 8  $\mu\text{F}$  at 152 kV; 12  $\mu\text{F}$  at 32 kV
- 99 kJ stored, 15 x 6.6-kJ caps
- - Two switches, power supplies
- - Large inductor
- + Insensitive to tolerances
- + No transformer
- + Low risk



# *IGBT Packaging Makes Smaller System*

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- Use single-die 4500-V IGBT instead of dual 1700-V IGBT module
- 5x reduction in switch volume (higher voltage, smaller size)
- Developed under DOE SBIR



# ***Solid State Marx Bank***

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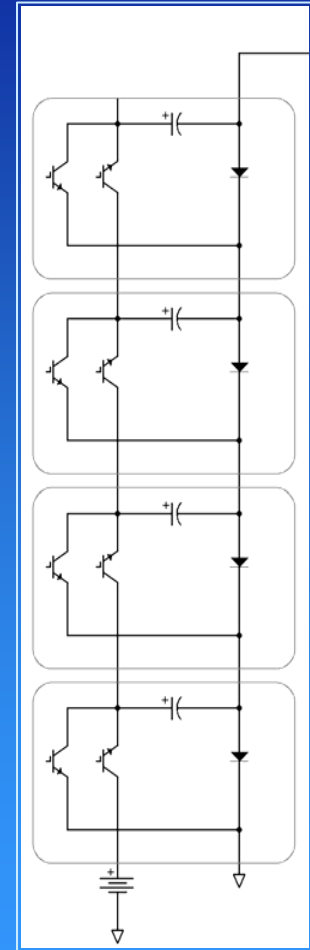
- **Demonstrated by DTI, SLAC\*, others**
- **Allows Pulsewidth Control (Switches Can Open Under Load)**
- **Capacitors Do Not Fully Discharge Each Pulse – No PFN Required In Each Stage**
- **Stage Voltage is Critical Parameter**
  - **Low Voltage Stages – Many Required, High Charging Currents**
  - **High Voltage Stages – Fewer Required, Low Charging Currents**

\* Collaboration w/ Anatoly Krasnykh, SLAC



# *Marx Charging Alternatives*

- **Resistor Chain**
  - Simplest
  - High Losses
- **Diode-Inductor Network**
  - Limited to Low Duty, Short Pulses
- **Common Mode Choke**
  - Selected For NLC Marx (1.5  $\mu$ s Pulses)
  - Limited To Short Pulses
- **Charging Switch (Selected)**
  - Higher Cost (2 Switches Per Module)
  - Supports Long Pulses



# *What is the Best Module Size?*

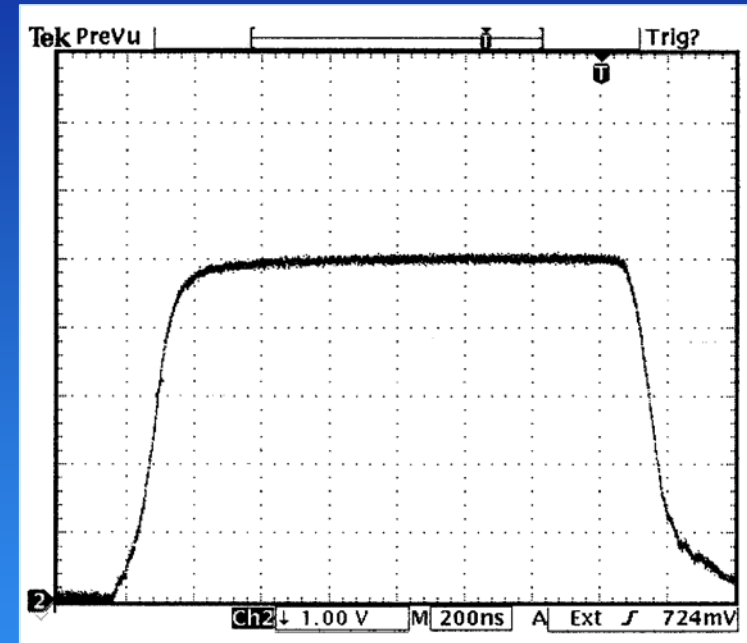
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- **Smaller (1 - 3 kV module)**
  - Single IGBT, directly coupled gate drive *good*
  - Fine Voltage Control Over Flattop *good*
  - Large Infrastructure (drive, control, power circuits) *bad*
  - Recharge supply high current *bad*
- **Larger (~10 kV module)**
  - Series IGBT, needs high side drives *bad*
  - Fewer modules needed (about 15) *good*
  - Recharge supply low current *good*
- **Optimal - Combination of Both Types of Modules**
  - Few, High Voltage Modules For Main Pulse Voltage
  - Many, Low Voltage Modules For Droop Correction

# Prototype Marx Bank – 13 kV modules

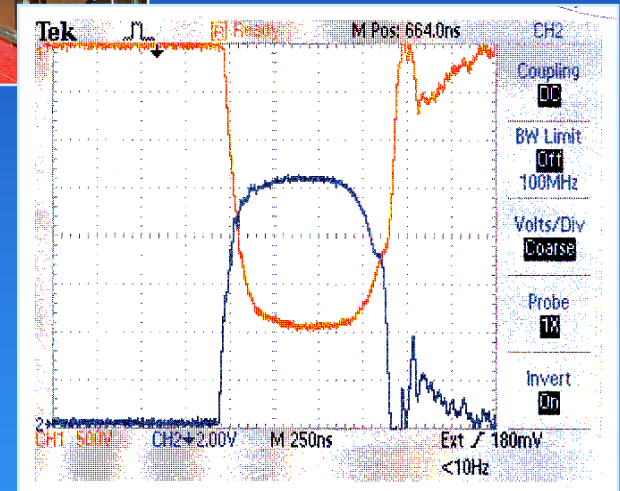
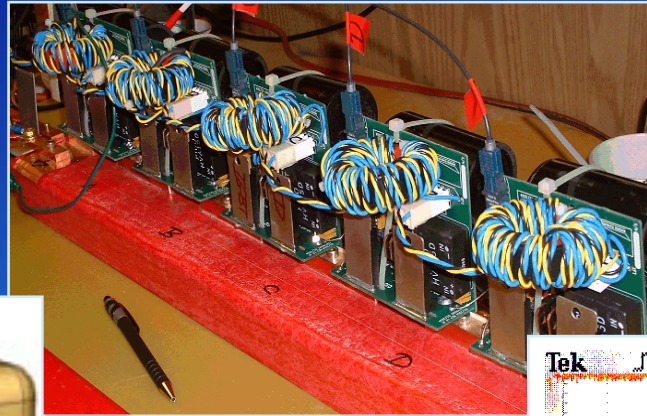
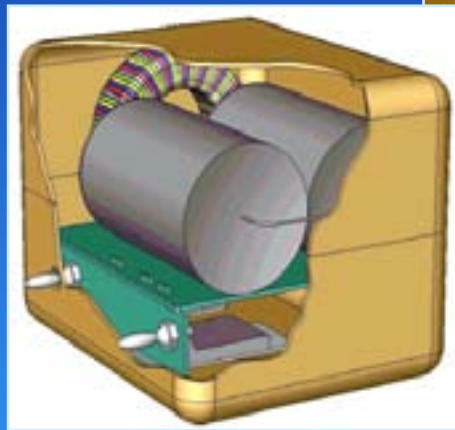


- Risetime
  - 150-200 ns (10-90%)
  - 250-300 ns (0-97%)



10 kV precharge, 120  $\Omega$  load...plot @  
80 A/div

# Prototype Marx Bank – 2.5 kV modules

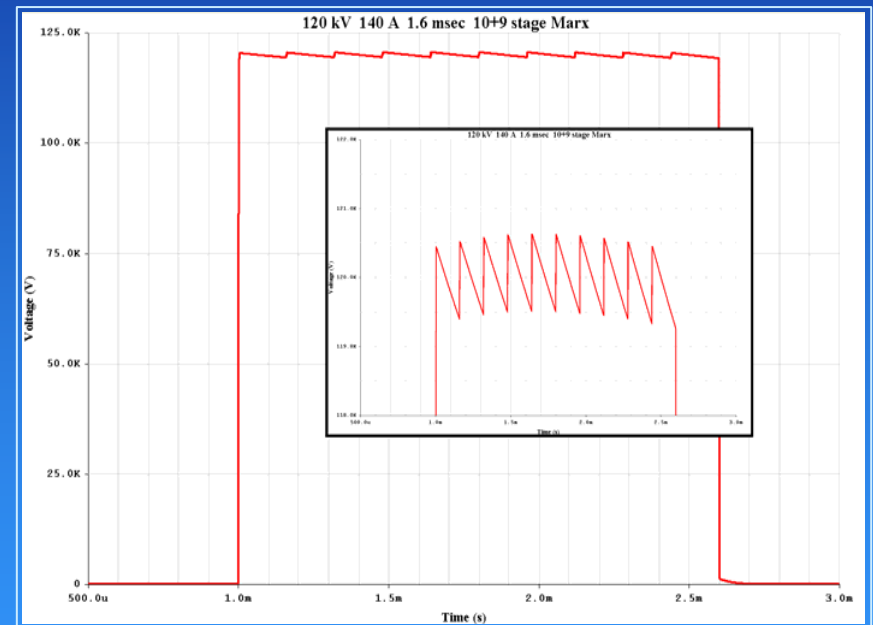


- **Risetime:**
  - ~300 ns (0-97%)
  - ~100-150 ns (10-90%)

1.6 kV pre-charge, 100  $\Omega$  load...red  
@ 1 kV/div, blue @ 14 A/div

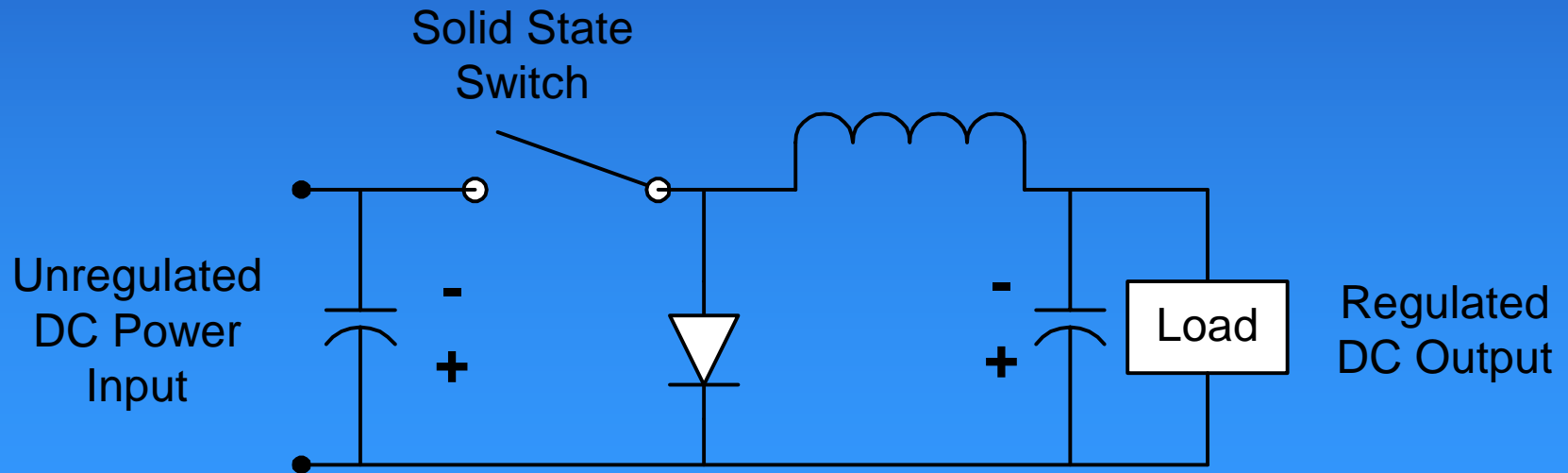
# Reduced Capacitor Size – Staggered Switching

- All High Voltage (7.5 kV) Modules Turned On at Beginning of Pulse
- Low Voltage (1 kV) Modules Turned On in Staggered Timing To Compensate for Droop
- <0.5% Flattop Maintained



# *Marx Bank Power Supply*

- 7.5 kV Modules Powered By Buck Regulator From Unregulated 13.8 kVAC Feeds
- 1 kV Modules Powered By Individual Supplies
- Simple, Highly Efficient Design
- Most economical supply per watt (for this regime)
- Charging Rate Controlled to Prevent Flicker



# *Marx Bank Summary*

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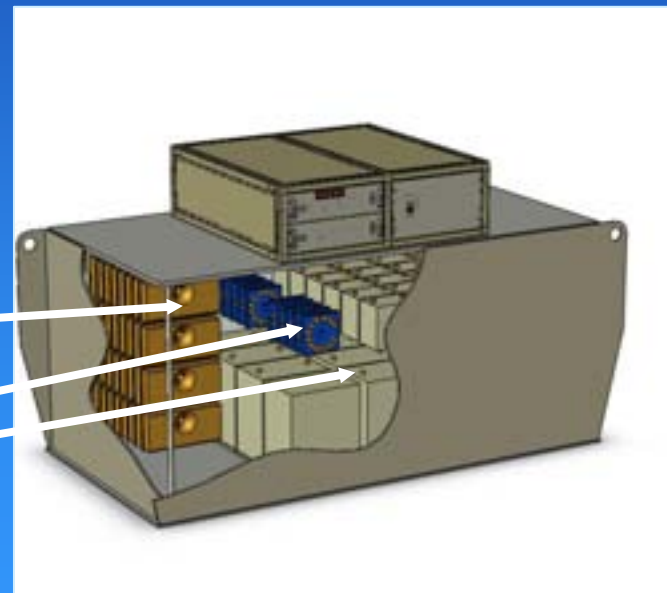
- # Core Modules - 16
- Core Module Voltage - 7.5 kV nominal, 9.0 kV max, 10.5 kV rating
- Core Capacitor - 110  $\mu$ F (6 kJ) each
- # Corrector Modules~ 30
- Corrector Module Voltage - 900 V nominal, 2.0 kV max
- Phase 1 proposed Dec 04, on contract next week?



# *ILC Marx Layout*

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- **Standard DTI HV Design**
  - HV Systems In Oil Tank
  - Controls In “Doghouse” On Lid
  - Entire Assembly Lifts From Tank
- **High Voltage Switches**
- **Low Voltage Switches**
- **Capacitors**



# *ILC Hard Switch*

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- 150 kV, 150 A is COTS technology for a DTI hard switch
- Program has three goals:
  - reduce cost, demonstrate robust operation of minimized switch
  - aggressively reduce stored energy with large bouncer correction
  - deliver fast-track full specification modulator to ILC community for evaluation and to assist klystron development
- Retasking of existing SBIRs approved this summer, work is in progress.

# *ILC Hard Switch*

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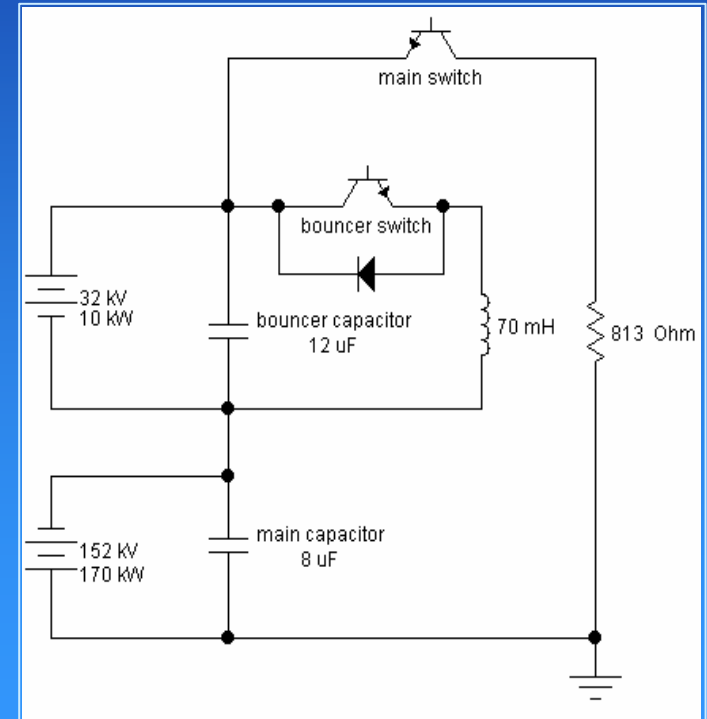
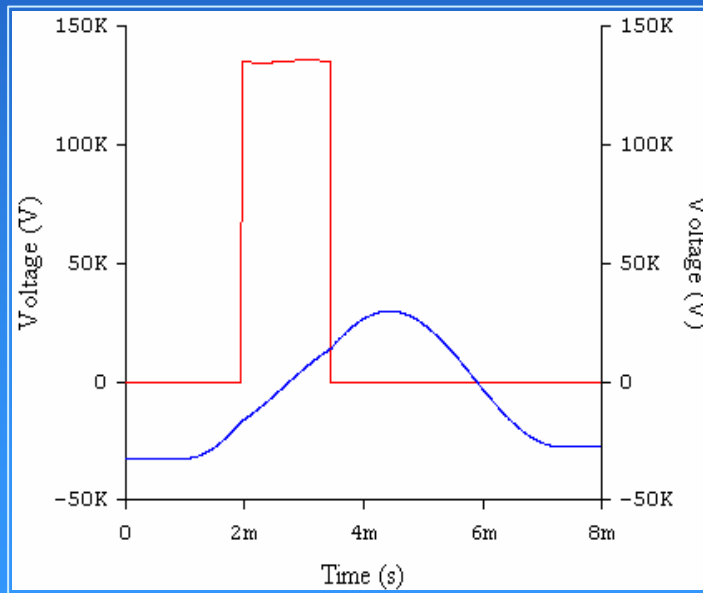
- Solid State Hard Switch
- Up to 200 kV, 5,000 A
  - Series IGBT Switch
  - Opens Under Load ( $< 1 \mu\text{s}$ ) For Arc Protection
- ILC Requirements Well Within Commercial Capabilities



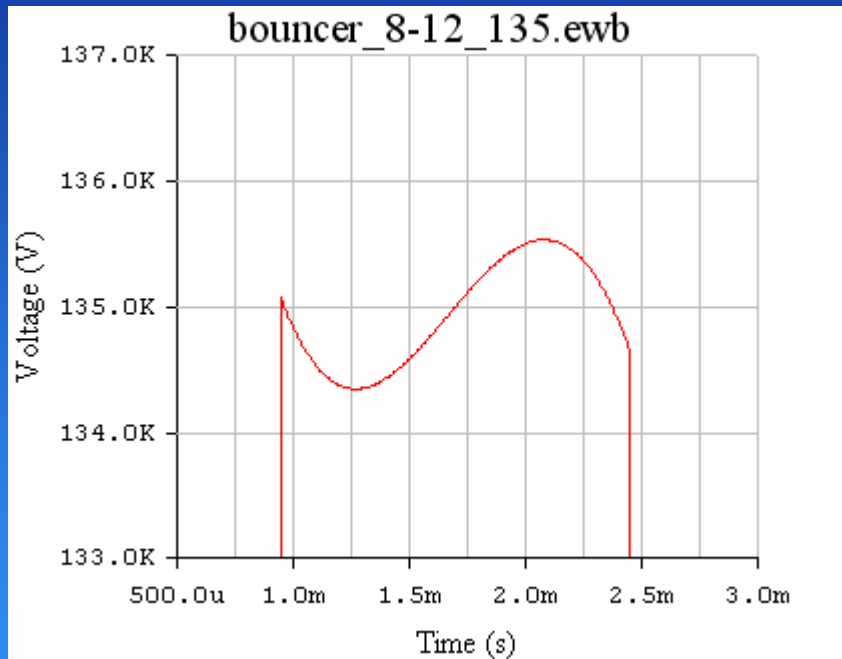
150 kV, 500 A Solid State Switch  
Installed In Sondestrom AB Greenland

# ***Droop Control***

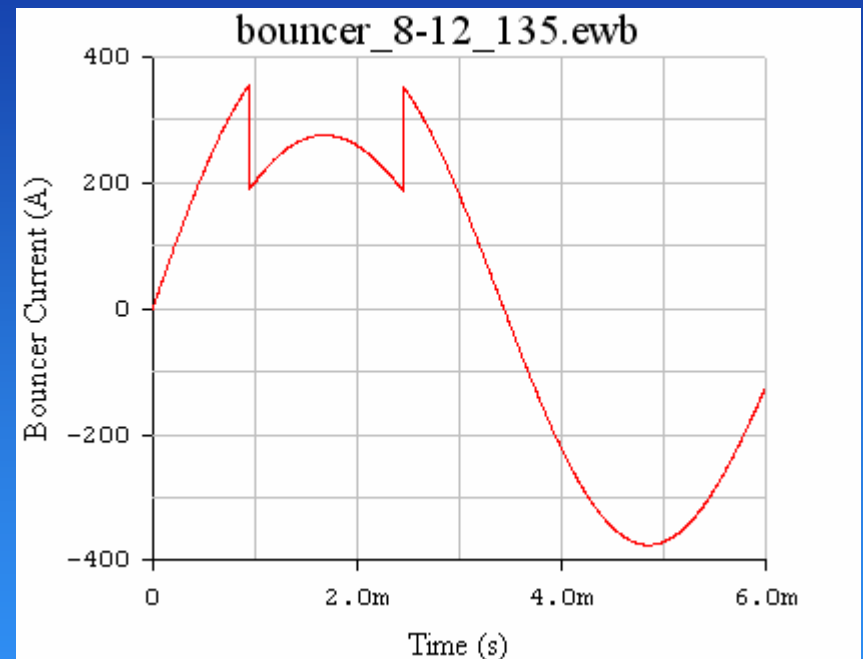
- **100 kJ Stored Energy Gives ~ 12 kV Droop (10%)**
- **Bouncer Circuit Selected For Compensation**



# *Circuit Simulation Shows Flatness*

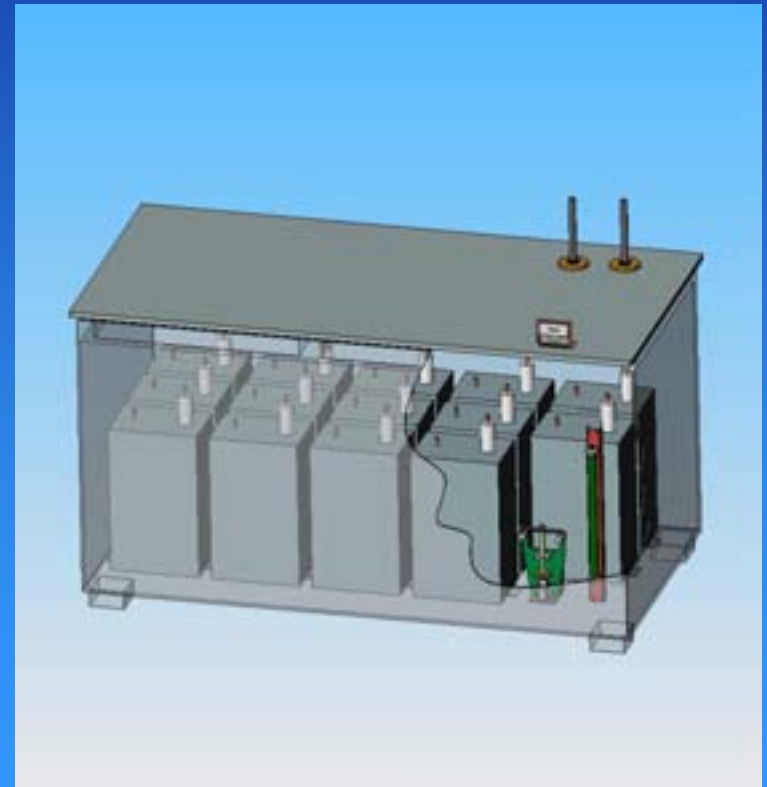
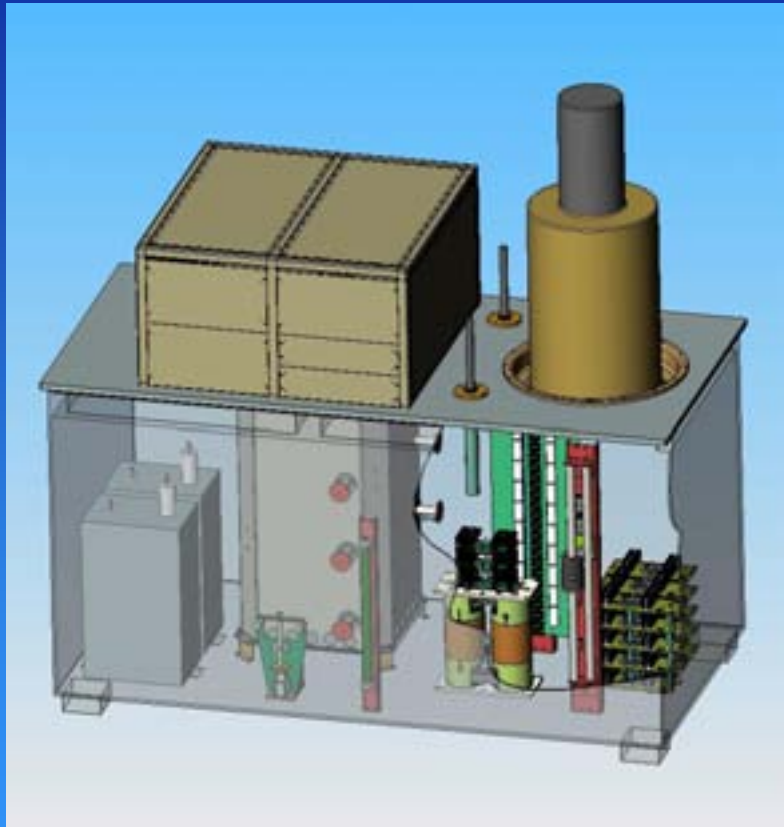


output voltage



bouncer current

# *Two 4'x8' tanks (switches, caps)*



# Summary

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- **Two Transformerless ILC Modulators In Development at DTI**
  - Both Require ~100 kJ of Capacitance
  - Similar Acquisition Costs For Both *Switches*, but Marx optimized to minimize cost of power supply
- **Marx Bank**
  - Uses Staggered Switching To Achieve Flattop
  - Buck Regulator Power Supply From 13.8 kV
- **Hard Switch**
  - Uses a Solid State Bouncer
  - Commercial Switching Power Supply (480 V)
- **Both Designs Planned To Be Demonstrated At Full Power Under DOE SBIR Efforts**

# *Thank You*

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