

# High-megawatt Electric Drive Applications in Oil & Gas

Workshop on Future Large CO<sub>2</sub> Compression Systems

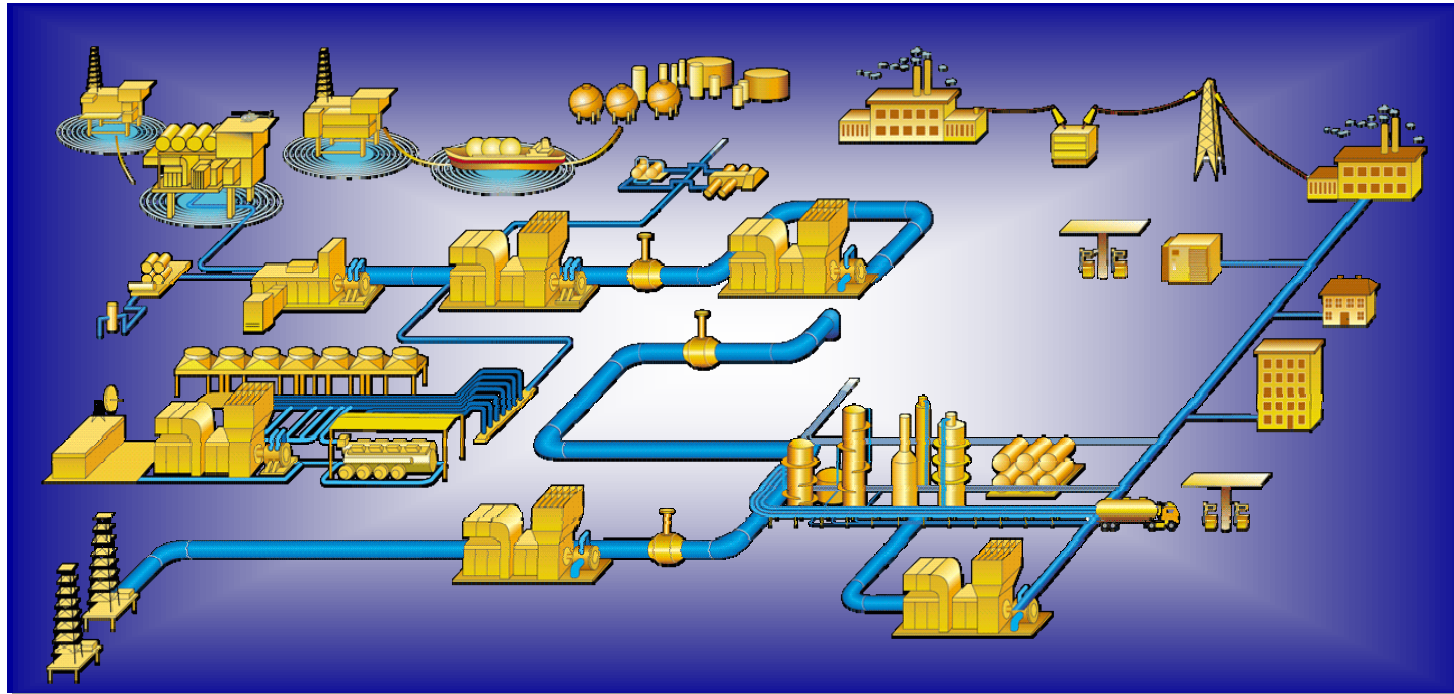
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# Oil & Gas Applications for Turbo Machinery



**Exploration  
Production**



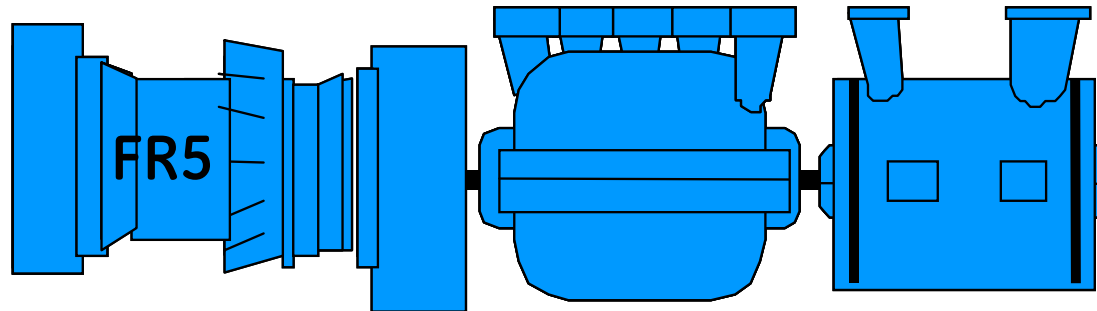
**Transport**



**Processing**



# A Typical Conventional Compression Train



- **Gas Turbine + Compressor**
- **Fixed low speed operation**
- **Efficiency/emission limit**
- **Maintenance cycle**

# A Changing World ...

## Scenario

## Challenges



Demographics & industrialization

Limited resources



Supply / demand disconnects

Spare capacity



Elevated cost of energy

Unconventional energy sources



Increasing environmental regulations

Reduced emissions

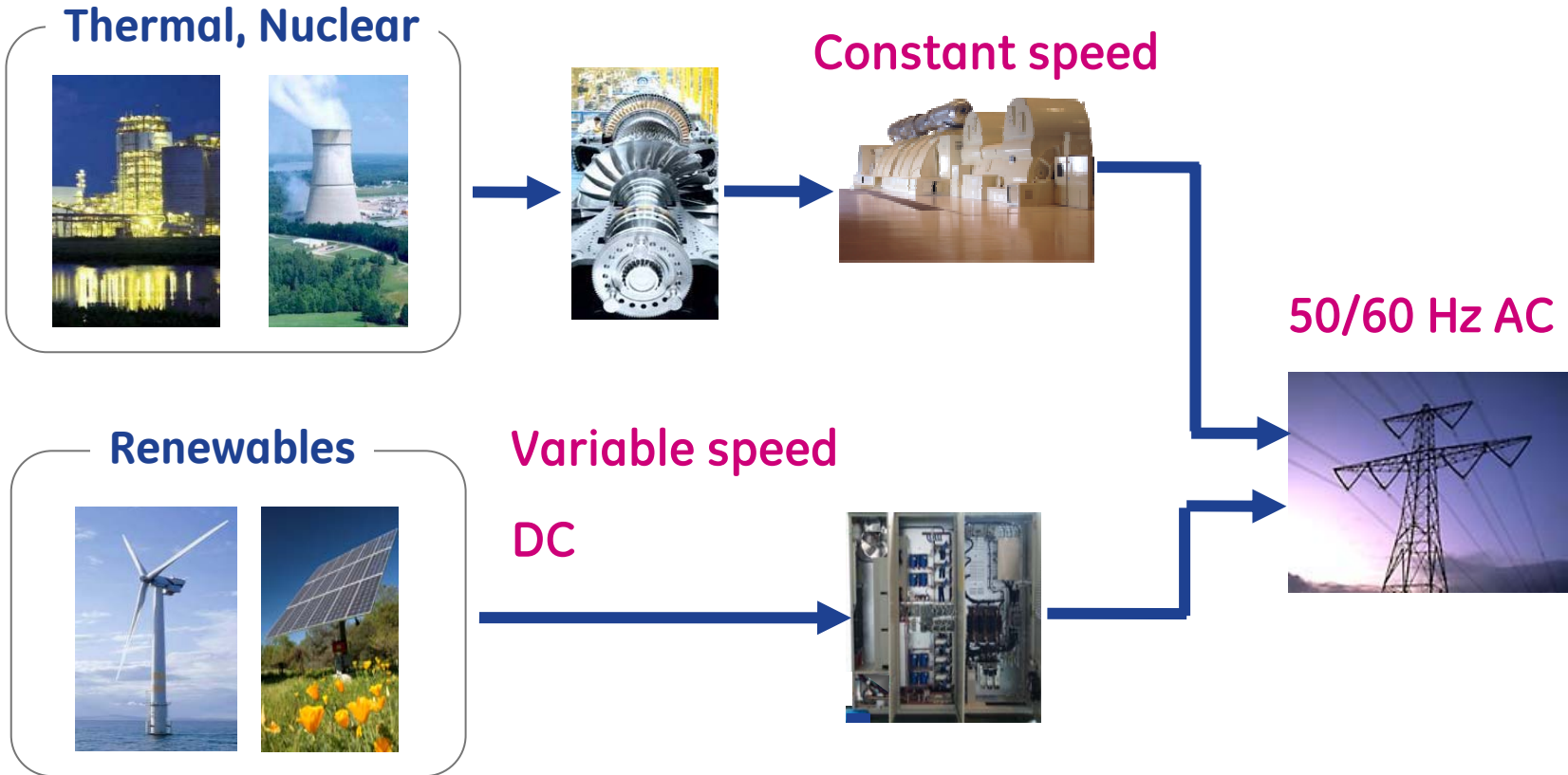


Higher investor / stakeholder expectations

Cost control

# World Is Going More Electric

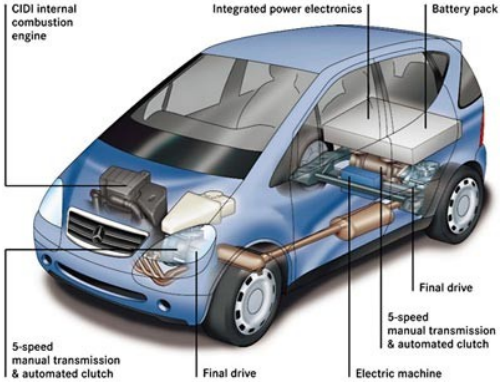
## Power Generation & Distribution



- Synchronous
- Mechanical/Electromagnetic Conversion
- Centralized grid

- Asynchronous
- Electronic Energy Conversion
- Mini and distributed grid

# World is Going More Electric – Prime Mover



## More Electric or All Electric Prime Movers

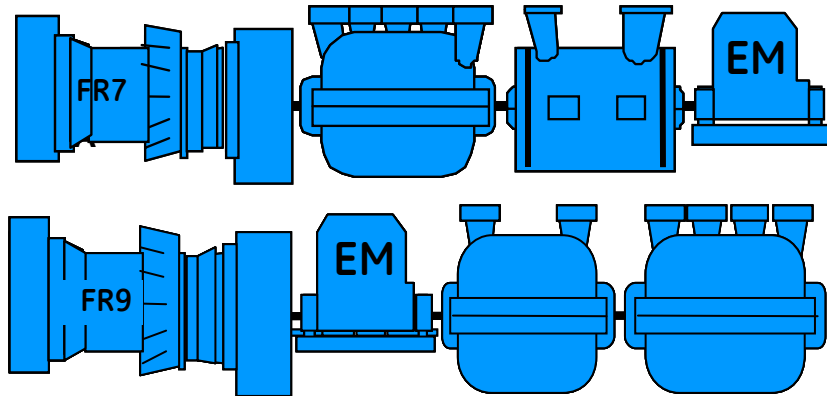




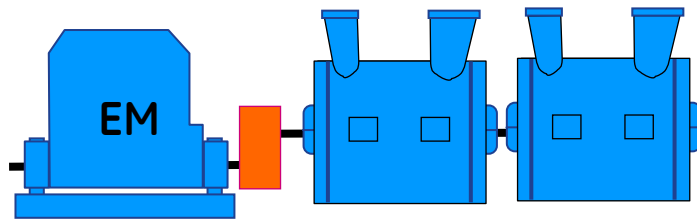
**World Largest LNG Train from GE (8 MTPY)  
tested in Massa, Italy**

# **Oil & Gas Electrification**

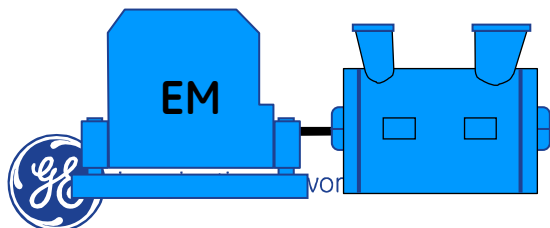
# Electric Drives in High Power Compressor Trains



Full electric Trains



HS Electric-driven Trains



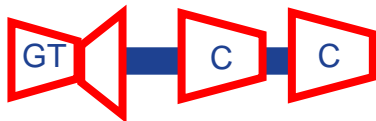
## Needs & Challenges

- High power > 10 MW
- High reliability
- High performance
  - low torque ripple
  - low grid harmonics



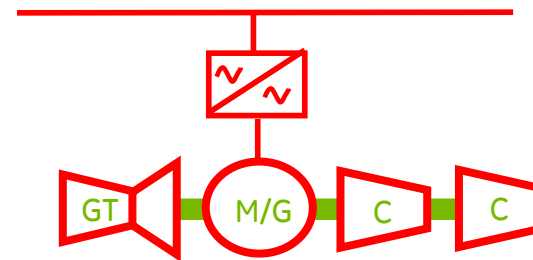
# Very High Power to Ultra-High Power Drives: LNG/e-LNG example

**LNG**  
(Gas Turbine Driven )



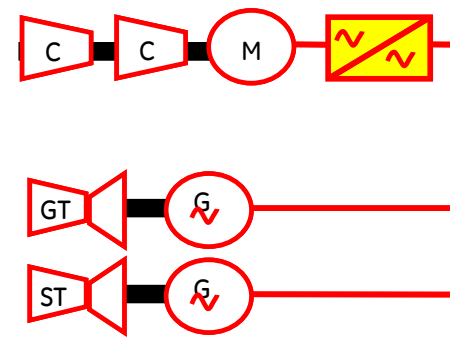
**LNG Super Train**

(Gas turbine driven w/ electric drive)



**e-LNG**

(Electric driven)



- Higher Availability
- Higher Power
- High Power Quality
- Lower Emission
- Higher Efficiency



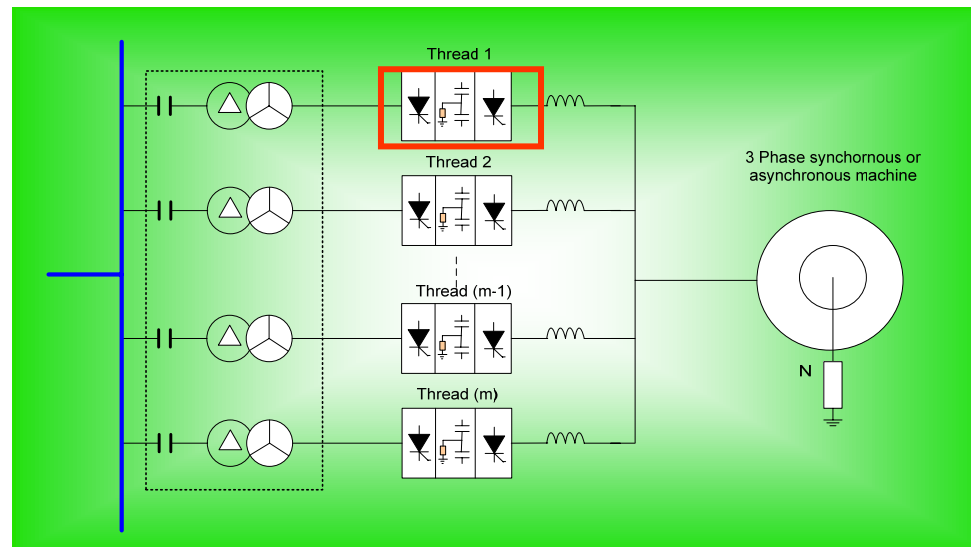
# High Power High Performance Drive Example

## Challenges

- High power 35MW @ 100Hz
- Low torque ripple
- High reliability

## Solutions

- > Multi-thread parallel
- > Interleaving control
- > Less parts-count & proven building block



High Reliability - High Quality Waveform

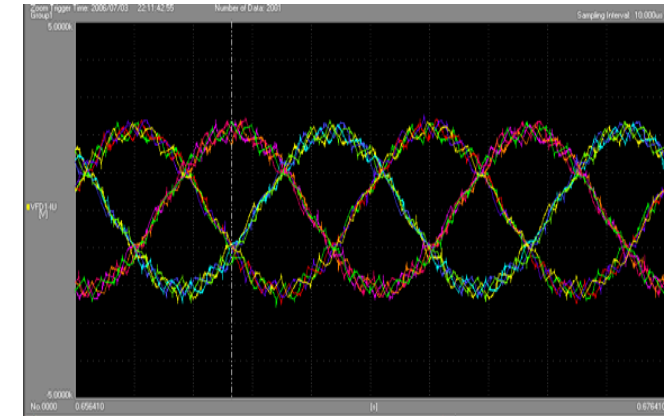
# 35 MW Drive System Test Results at GE Oil & Gas

Massa Testbed, Italy

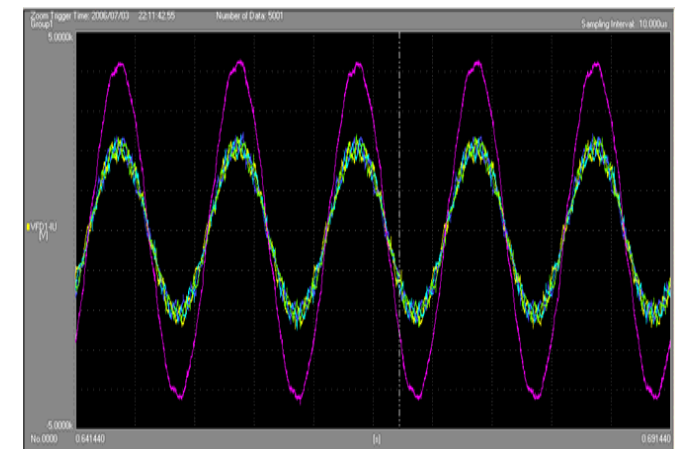


35 MW, 110 Hz capability

## Inverter Currents



## Motor Current



High waveform quality and less complexity

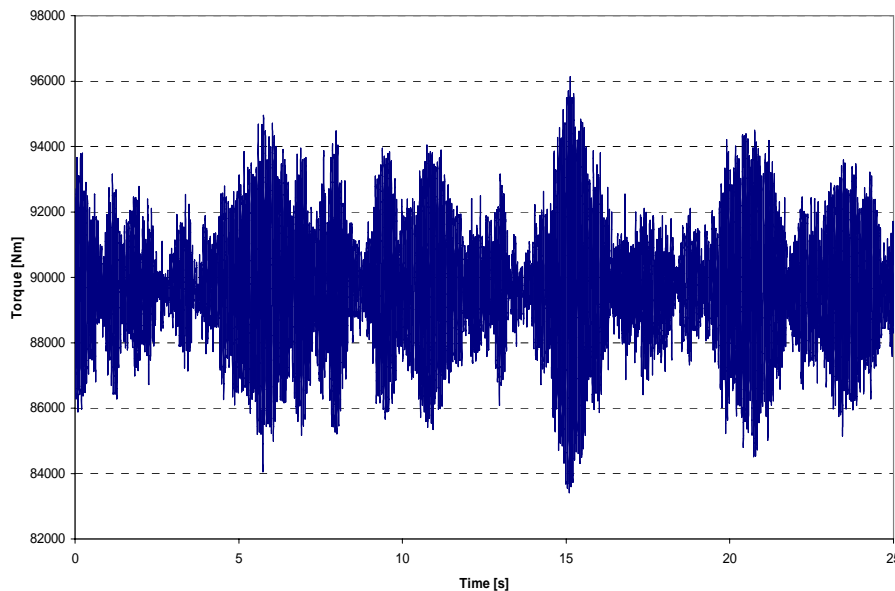


# Performance Comparison with LCI

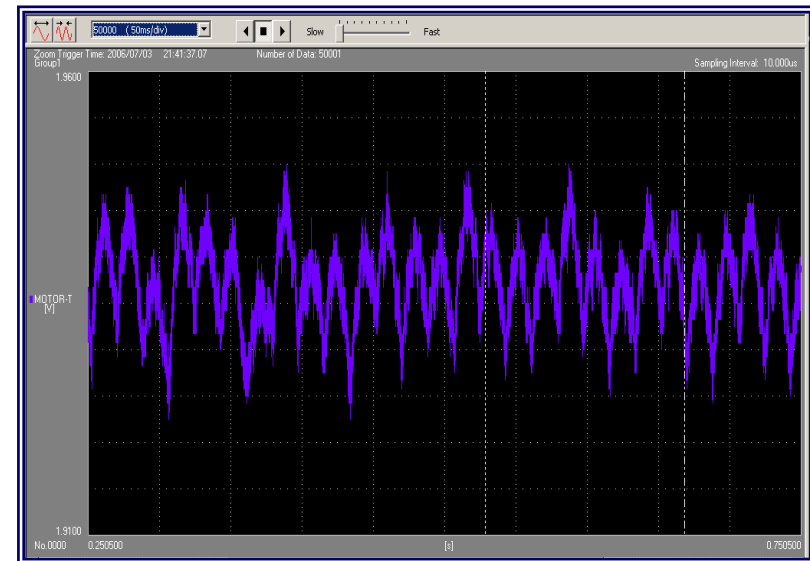
## Motor Mechanical Torque Ripple (steady state)

LCI

IGCT Drive System



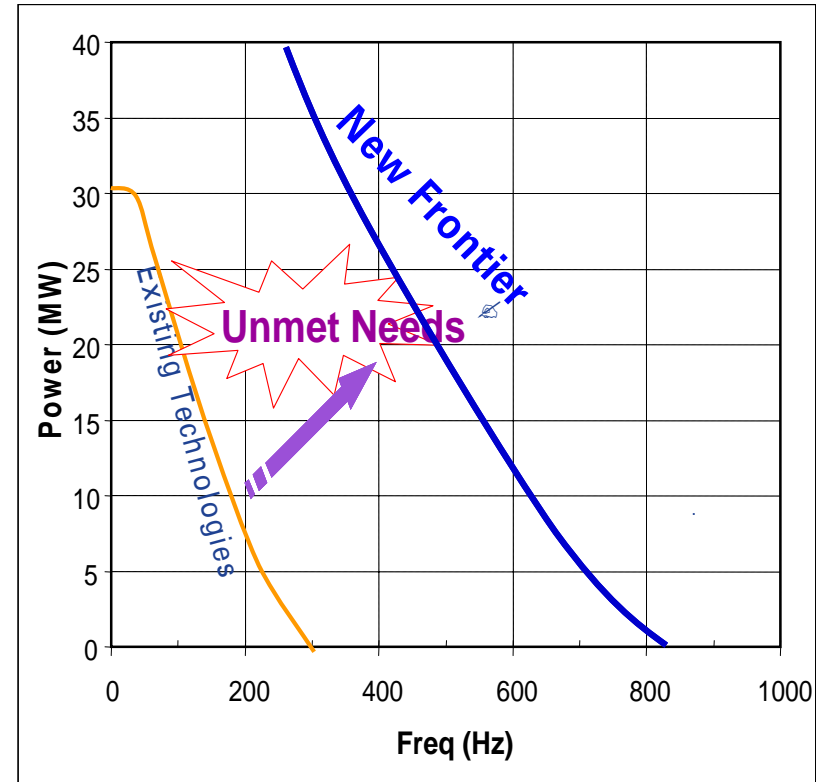
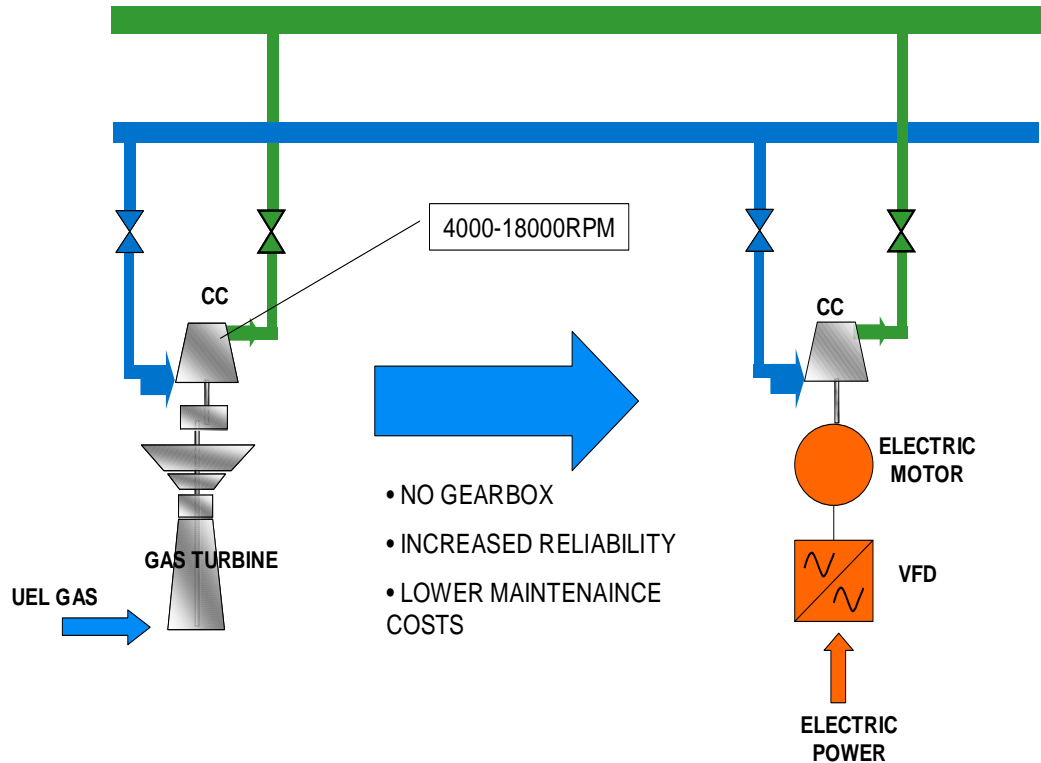
Torque Ripple: 14.8% @  
31MW 3400rpm



Torque Ripple: 3,7% @  
30MW 3300rpm

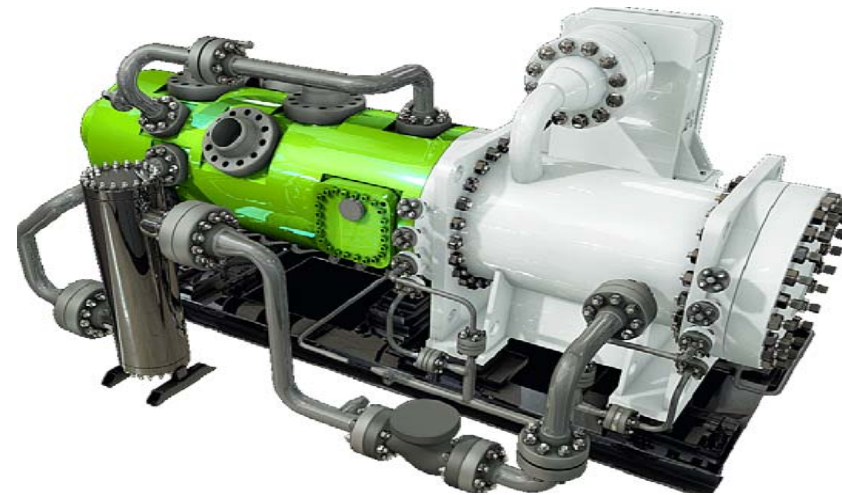
Torque Ripple reduced by more than 3x

# High Speed High Power Direct Drive Compression



# Applications

- **Transportation**
  - Pipeliners
  - Storage
- **Natural Gas**
  - Sales Gas
  - Export
  - Dry Clean Gas Services
- **Downstream**
  - Feed Gas
  - Fuel Gas Boosters
- **Integrated high speed motor-compressor**
- **Serve the O&G segments up to 15 MW**



## Integrated Compressor Line :

Simple to install

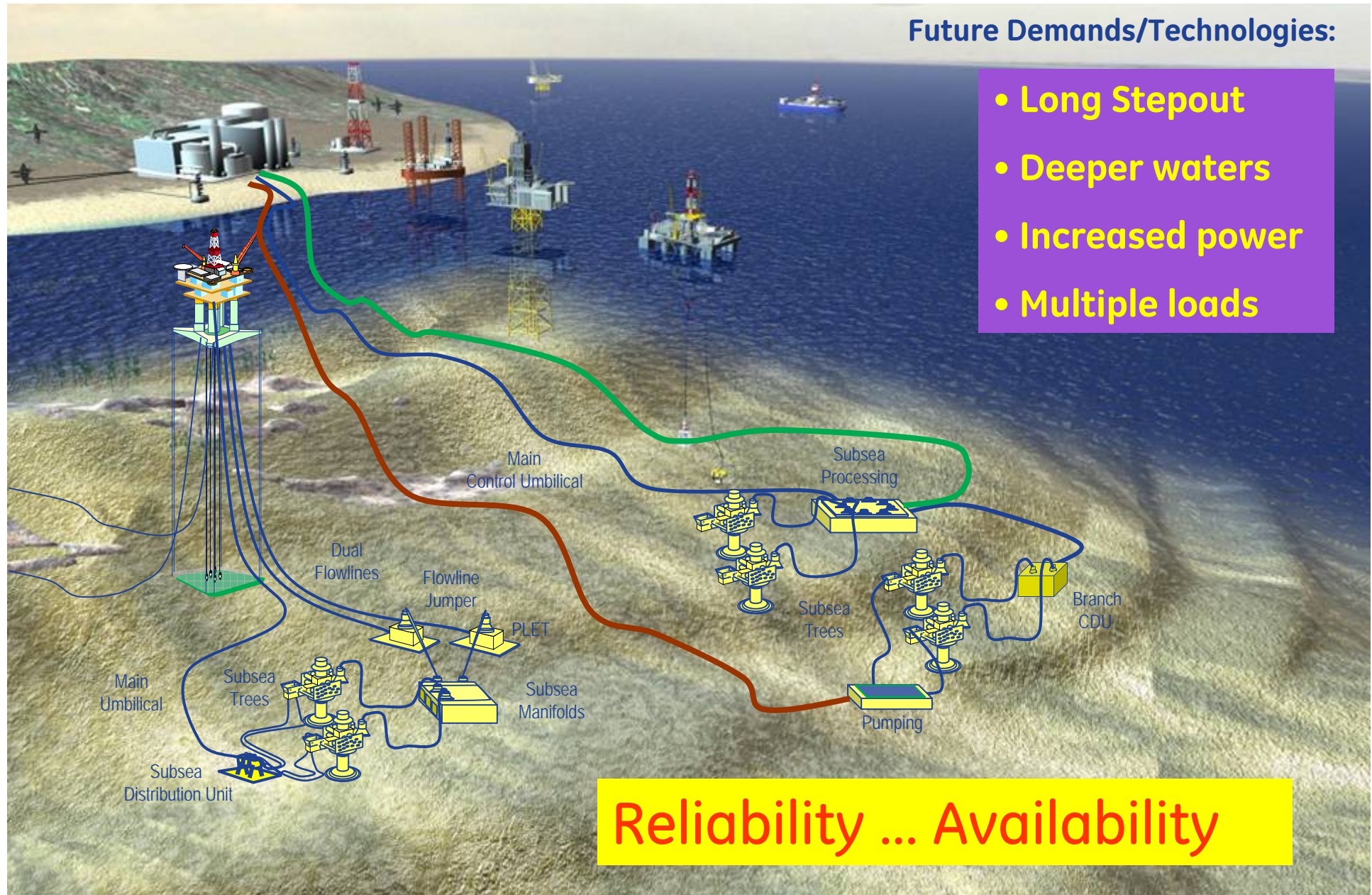
Easy to operate

Environmentally friendly

# Subsea ... Next Frontier

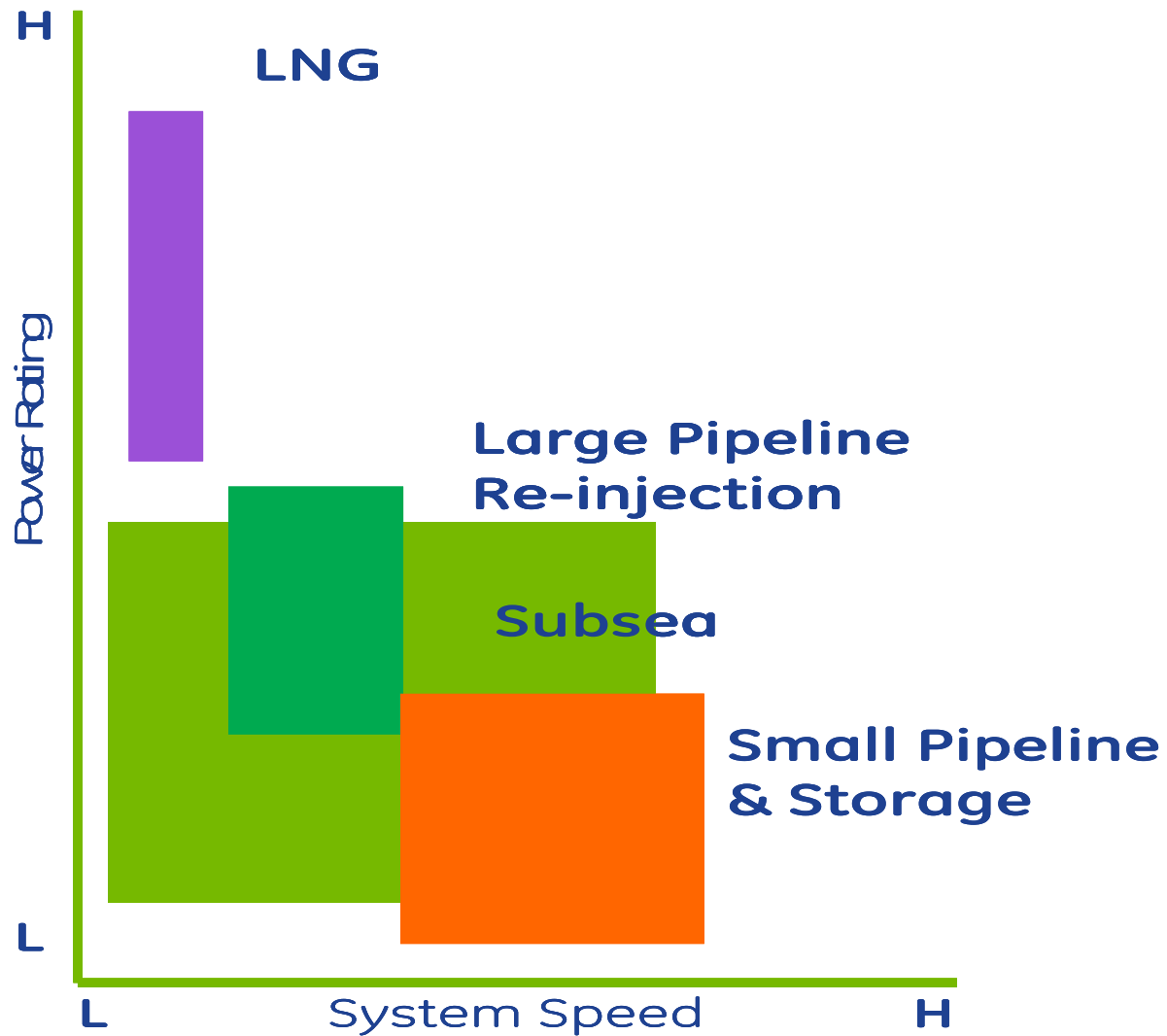
## Future Demands/Technologies:

- Long Stepout
- Deeper waters
- Increased power
- Multiple loads



Reliability ... Availability

# High Power Electric Drives for Oil & Gas Applications





# Conclusions

- World is going More Electric ... happening in Oil & Gas industry too
- Diverse range of applications for high power electric drives started to emerge
- Many new applications call for new technologies
  - High reliability/availability/maintainability
  - High power
  - High voltage
  - High speed
  - Harsh environment
  - ...



imagination at work

**Questions?**