UNC Charlotte

Introduction of WBG devices for Solid-State Circuit Breaking at the Medium Voltage Level

Objectives:

Demonstrate a medium voltage (3.3kV) SiC Solid State Circuit breaker.

Major Milestones:

Test a functioning prototype.

Significant Equipment Acquisition:

Medium Voltage SiC Mosfets and packaging from CREE.

Deliverables:

Validated design with a precommercial prototype.

WBG Technology Impact

- 1. Fast turn off capability in the microsecond range or better, and superior efficiency compared to silicon.
- 2. Market segments impacted: Utility operators of the distribution Network.
- 3. Timeframe for commercialization: One year after end of project
- 4. Project competes against traditional mechanical breakers and reclosers

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Additional impacts

1. Value added through device intelligence compared to traditional protection devices.

2. Transformational technology for the current grid infrastructure.

3. Foster ties between UNCC as a Power Engineering educational center and the power industry.

4. US will be the first in demonstrating this technology , starting from the grid-edge and upwards.

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