Insulated Bus Pipe (IBP) for Shipboard Use

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Presenter: Dr. Patrick Lewis, Hepburn and Sons LLC
Overview

• Hepburn and Sons Capability Overview
• Introduction to Insulated Bus Pipe
  • Overview
  • Construction
  • Advantages
  • Existing Applications
  • IBP Development Roadmap

• Current Projects
  • NSRP RA 19-01 – Testing for Shipboard Introduction
  • NSRP RA 20-01 – Interface Design for Navy Equipment
  • SBIR Topic N201-055 – Coaxial IBP for Low Magnetic Signature

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OUR LEADERSHIP

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President, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

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Principal, Chief Financial Offer (CFO)

Mrs. Samantha Hepburn Hertel
Principal, Customer Relations Officer

CDR Frank Koye, USN (Ret)
Chief Information Officer

COMPANY INFO

• Founded in July 2010
• Veteran Owned Small Business
• Offices
  o HQ - Manassas, VA
  o Wallops Island - Atlantic, VA
  o Dahlgren - Colonial Beach, VA
• 50+ Employees
• Government Prime Contractor/ SeaPort NxG
• Prince William County Business of the Year 2018
• DC Council of Engineering & Architectural Societies (DCEAS) Engineers of the Year 2017 & 2019

WE ARE A COMPANY BUILT ON TRUST

We honor handshakes as rigorously as contracts. We keep trust at the forefront of every decision we make and customer we serve! We believe there is no greater principle in business than that of building a solid foundation of trust. We hold one another to the highest levels of integrity and ethics. We cherish every opportunity given to us by our clients.
Company Divisions

ADVISORY SERVICES
Tim Crone

Capabilities
• Identify opportunities in defense sector marketplace
• Connect technology companies to government needs
• Highlight opportunities, formulate marketing strategies, and develop plans of action
• Guide clients through the complexities of doing business with the Department of Defense
• Support government processes for requirements validation and budget development
• Conduct organizational analysis and long-range planning on behalf of private sector and government clients
• Provide senior-level counsel to decision makers and expert witness testimony on behalf of corporate clients

TECHNOLOGY TRANSITION
Rob Medve

Capabilities
• Project Portfolio Management
• Technology Transition Campaign Planning
• Technology Development Programs Execution
• Technology Scouting & Forecasting
• Innovation Planning
• Technical Analysis

ELECTROMAGNETIC SURVIVABILITY
Ben Ford

Capabilities
• Support commercial power grid, and Department of Defense (DoD) components, primarily; Air Force, Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA), Missile Defense Agency (MDA), and Navy
• Perform hardness analysis and assessments on systems
• Brief DoD leadership on HEMP effects, hardening status, and validation methods
• Brief DoD leadership to raise awareness of HEMP hardening and effects of HEMP on operations
• Coauthored MIL-STD-4023, HEMP Protection for Surface Ships
• Design hardening solutions for critical facilities and systems
• Oversight for testing and repair of applications

ENGINEERING SUPPORT SERVICES
Jeff Sinclair

Capabilities
• Engineering and Technical Support Services
• Systems Engineering and Integration
• Acquisition Strategy and Planning
• Program Management
• Life Cycle Support
• Strategic Communication
• Test and Evaluation
• Operations and Maintenance
• Project Coordination, Scheduling, and Development

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Stakeholders

**INDUSTRY CLIENTS & PARTNERS**
- BAE Systems
- Northrop Grumman
- Leidos
- Huntington Ingalls
- Fire Security
- GD NASSCO & BIW
- CENTRA Technology
- Gryphon Technologies
- CACI
- McKean Defense
- LSP Technologies, Inc
- Interphase Materials
- Frontier Technologies, Inc (FTI)
- Advanced Technologies International (ATI)
- Nichols Brothers Boat Builders
- TEFELEN
- Stäubli
- AeroNav Laboratories, Inc
- Rolls Royce
- ABB
- Roxtec
- RSL Advanced Lighting Technologies
- Leonardo DRS
- KATO Engineering
- VT Halter Marine
- ABS
- Booz Allen Hamilton
- American Society of Naval Engineers

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Our Process

Shepherd Innovation from Concept Definition to Capability Deployment

- No need for technology developer to become experts in DoD acquisition
- ↓ Technology development and integration risks
- ↓ Time from start of technology development to capability deployment
- ↓ Cost of development
- ↑ Likelihood of transition to acquisition & deployment to the DoD and/or industry
About IBP

• Touch-safe power distribution
• Multiple sizes available
  • AC applications up to 36 kV and 6.5 kA
  • DC applications up to 60 kV and 7 kA
• Shielding/protection options
  • High Temperature, 3 hour gas flame circuit integrity test capability
  • Stainless steel outer layer
  • Developing coaxial IBP to achieve a low magnetic (B field) radiated signature option for MVDC power distribution
• Bend radius limited by mechanical strength of conductor
  • Example: 7.2 kV AC/12 kV DC at 2 kA allows an 8” bend radius
• Designed for 40+ year life
IBP Construction

- Copper or aluminum conductor, solid or hollow for rated current above 2000 amps
- Up to 30-foot sections are currently possible
- Alternating layers of insulating/semiconducting crepe paper vacuum impregnated with resin
- Up to IP68 construction
- 3 Hour Gas Flame Test certified high temperature coatings available
- E Field Shielding options
- Multiple connecting methods to suit application
- Connecting sleeve constructed similar to IBP
IBP Construction

Insulated Bus Pipe (IBP)
- Conductor material: Copper (Cu)
  - Designed for maximum conductor temperature < 90°C
  - Maximum surface temperature < 75°C
- Insulation: Resin insulated paper
- Covered with stainless steel

Capacitive Grading

High Temperature Insulated Bus Pipe (HTIBP)
- Additional layer of epoxy resin between metal shielding and indoor Bus Bar
- Capacitive Layer Design

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IBP Advantages

• Provides SWAP-C savings for increased endurance and design margin
• Supports modular ship construction, savings cost, and schedule
• Significant labor and weight savings
  • >20% labor
  • 72% weight
• Manufactured into complex shapes, can be placed in tight spaces
• Rigid construction ensures accurate model
• High abrasion resistance, increased survivability
• Repairs easily accommodated, only the damaged section is replaced
Existing Maritime IBP Applications

- Royal Caribbean Cruise Ship *Radiance of the Seas*
  - Delivered in 2000
  - 652.8m of IBP used in construction
  - 3.6kV / 3640 A
  - IBP was determined the only low risk option to deliver high power to the Azi pod drives

Connection part inside a power engine due to small space needed contrary to cable solution

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# IBP Capability Development

| FY05 | FY06 | FY07 | FY08 | FY09 | FY10 | FY11 | FY12 | FY13 | FY14 | FY15 | FY16 | FY17 | FY18 | FY19 | FY20 | FY21 | FY22 | FY23 |
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| • Land based case study of IBP with demonstration and installation of DC and AC variants of IBP at FSU-CAPS | • Conduct qualification tests of standard IBP design and high-temperature-insulated bus pipe for shipboard introduction | • Research and develop a standard interface for IBP for connector commonality to Navy electrical equipment supporting shipbuilding integration. | NSRP 2018 IBP | NSRP 2019 IBP | NSRP 2020 IBP | Note: Industry IBP TRL 9 | Navy Shipboard IBP Use TRL: 5 6 7 | Co-Axial IBP TRL 2 3 4 5 6 |

**SBIR**

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Current Project: NSRP RA 19-01 Testing and Draft Performance Spec

- Conduct IBP qualification tests for Navy shipboard use
  - Shock & vibration
  - Electrical characterization
  - Installation compliance
- Develop a draft IBP specification working alongside NAVSEA tech authorities
  - Working with NAVSEA 05Z33
- Develop a technology development roadmap for transition of IBP to shipboard installation
- Build a proof-of-concept coaxial IBP (CIBP) for direct current power distribution to offer a low magnetic signature solution
  - Proof-of-Concept straight section coaxial IBP successfully manufactured at low voltage and current (600V @ 400A)
Current Project: NSRP RA 19-01 Test Event Progress

- Conducted IBP qualification testing for U.S. Navy shipboard introduction
  - Installation Compliance 1 – Executed 2019
  - Electrical Characterization 1 (EMI) – Executed 2019
  - Installation Compliance 2 – Executed mid-August 2020
    - Gas Flame Circuit Integrity (3 Hour)
      - 5.4mA leakage current maximum reading at 8 kV$_{LG}$ potential
      - No leaking or dripping of IBP resin
      - Little to no visible smoke produced for duration
    - Toxicity Index, Smoke Index, Halogen Content & Acid Gas Generation
  - Shock & vibration – Executed November 2020
    - Successfully utilized an in-situ modification to the connecting sleeve to prevent cantilevered motion, which caused initial failure to occur
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Current Project: NSRP RA 20-01 Common Interface with OEM Equipment

- Research and integrate common interface with Navy OEM equipment
- Minimize bolted connections in modularized IBP assembly design
- Support US Navy electrical systems integration
- Help improve their implementation and transition strategies
- Facilitated teaming of Navy stakeholders, industry, and shipbuilders

IBP to OEM Interface
Focus of NSRP 20

Maritime IBP
Ships Power
Distribution

OEM Equipment
Developing a common IBP connection interface with original equipment manufacturers (OEMs)
  • Shipboard configuration considered with interface design including deck, overhead, and bulkhead entries for both shock and hard mounted equipment

Removing bolted connection to eliminate shipboard maintenance during life cycle of installations
  • Innovative connector components and penetration seal designs manufactured with partners

Supporting modular ship construction

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Florida State University Center for Advanced Power Systems (FSU CAPS) conducted magnetic field modeling and simulation of various IBP installation configurations

- Modeled results show consistency with tested AC Baseline. Testing other configurations to come.
  - RE101-1 (Army: 60 Hz -> 174 dBpT max)
  - RE101-2 (Navy: 60 Hz -> 148 dBpT max)
- DC Baseline and Quad
- AC Baseline and Triad
- DC Coaxial

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  - Coaxial IBP: As long as the two opposing currents (i.e. current density) are equal, NO magnetic field is present outside such a design.
Objective: produce low magnetic signature solution for shipboard power distribution

Coaxial IBP (CIBP) Design Concept
- Bulkhead penetrations
- End termination
- Coupler connectors
- Shock excursion mounting capability

Investigating feasibility of ranges:
- 6kV to 12kV
- 2000A to 4000A

600V, 400A Coaxial IBP Proof-of-Concept manufactured on NSRP RA 19-01

Pursuing an effort to design, prototype, and validate MVDC CIBP system design
Questions