The Problem

- > Current hogging at certain capacitor sections
- Catastrophic field failures
- Expensive vs. power



Half cut away - 2600μF 1500Vdc



Capacitor - full view external

Current Hogging

- What's good can be bad!
 - > The evidence of "surprisingly low" overshoot is not good fortune.
 - It is usually evidence that one cap is dominating the low impedance path providing an abnormal ESL vs. expected but also filtering more current than planned.
 - > The "current hogging" cap is almost always the first to fail and the weak link.
- SBE can find this by simulating, doing passive "ring out" and overshoot tests and comparing the results. Wide discrepancies in your existing system are predicting failure points in the field.
- Power Ring assemblies show very little current hogging in typical examples with balanced IGBT connection points

SBE Basic Solution

- ➤ Match terminal structure
- > Improved but "compromise" ESL
- > Current distribution significantly better than original cap
- > Current hogging issue resolved but not optimized



SBE Optimized Solution

- > Two windings with crown terminals for uniform current distribution 2600μF 1500Vdc, 50% more power
- ➤ Best-in-class ESL
- > Eliminated current hogging
- Not terminal-to-terminal match but bus structure and volume "drop in"

Outcomes:

- ➤ SBE successfully replaced a 10 section traditional film capacitor system with a 2 Power Ring solution
- Customer opted for the basic solution for quick drop-in adoption with existing terminal connections
- ➤ Customer has known optimized solution for performance upgrades during future design cycle with SBE unique terminal system

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