Unique Wear-Free Discharging Unit for High Voltage Applications

> High Voltage Discharger HVD 450



## Agenda

- 1. What is discharging and why is it necessary?
- 2. What is the issue with discharging at high voltages?
- 3. Our solution High Voltage Discharger HVD 450
- 4. Who needs it?





AC Power Supply (Grid, Wind, Generator)

Power Electronics (Inverter, Rectifier)



DC Load (Electrolyser)

## 1500 V DC Links are coming in style





**DC Power Supply** (Battery, Solar)



AC Power Supply (Grid, Wind, Generator) C1 CY+ 16u R2 RLEAK CY-16u C2 ıŀ C3 C\_DUT 1200u

**Internal Capacities that** can be charged at 1500V ALTHOUGH the supply is disconnected -> Major Safety Risk!





DC Load (Electrolyser)

**Power Electronics** (Inverter, Rectifier)

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#### Each time you disconnect the load, the capacitors need to be discharged

- The capacities need to be discharged for handling, during production, testing or in case of emergency stops
- Conventionally, resistive loads and (for switching) mechanical contactors / switches are used to convert electrical to thermal energy
- This means:
  - High current and voltage
  - Mechanical & electrical wear and tear
  - Thermal stress



#### → In high-voltage applications mechanical contactors have a very limited lifetime!

# **Replace mechanical contactors against wear-free HVD 450**



Damaged mechanical contactor

Replace with



### Wear-Free:

 Using special semiconductors, the HVD 450 can switch high voltages without any mechanical and electrical wear-down

### Intelligent:

 The HVD 450 is equipped with internal safety routines as voltage / current monitoring and interfaces to the safety PLC to increase the reliability and safety

#### Flexible:

- HVDs with different discharging time constants available
- Up to 1500 VDC and 8A
- Multiple HVD 450 can be run in parallel, e.g. to discharge large power banks, e.g. 5 pc.\* 8A = 40A



### **Common applications:**

- Power electronics testing / manufacturing (e.g. inverters, rectifiers, motor control units, BMS)
- DC machines connected AC supply (Laser welding)
- Y or X capacitor networks, "capacitor to ground" (e.g. large EMC filters)
- etc.

## **First installations:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> installations ongoing in e-vehicle-production (Vitesco/GER, BorgWarner/FR)
- $\hfill \rightarrow$  Risks related to residual electrical charges are effectively managed
- $\rightarrow$  Significant cost-saving potential





## NEW Plug- & Play system for discharging purposes

- Many customers don't want to design discharging circuits form scratch
- Together with a partner, Mütec will provide the HVD 450 in a ready-made system with everything that's needed to safely discharge an HV application
- Depending on the application, the system can be seamlessly tuned to the customers requirements.

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