

WEBINAR

ABB MOTORS AND GENERATORS, 2020 CHRISTIAN PAYERL

# Introduction to ABB Synchronous Condenser offering

A solution to improve grid strength



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# Topics

Synchronous Condenser wwwww (What/Why/When/Where/Who)

ABB' s Synchronous condenser options and references (Phoenix UK, Australian projects,...)

High Inertia Solution

Summary

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# Synchronous condenser – What

## What is a synchronous condenser?

A rotating electrical machine

A motor or a generator?

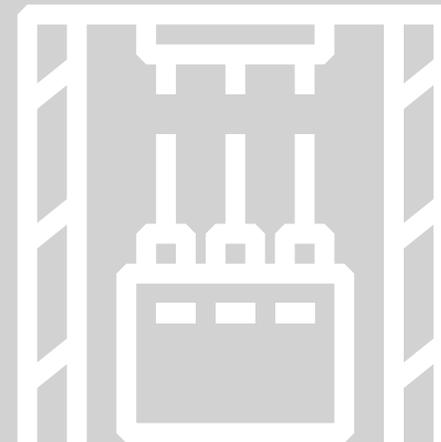
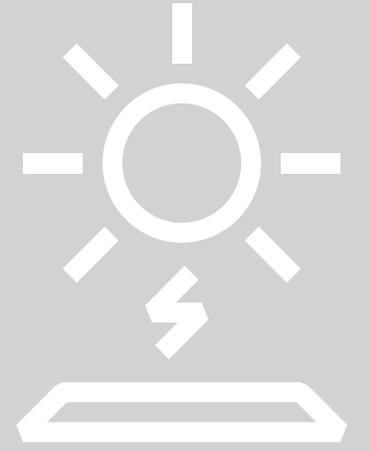
A motor driving no load or a generator without a driver?

Regulated like a synchronous generator through excitation control

- To produce
- or to consume reactive power (MVar)

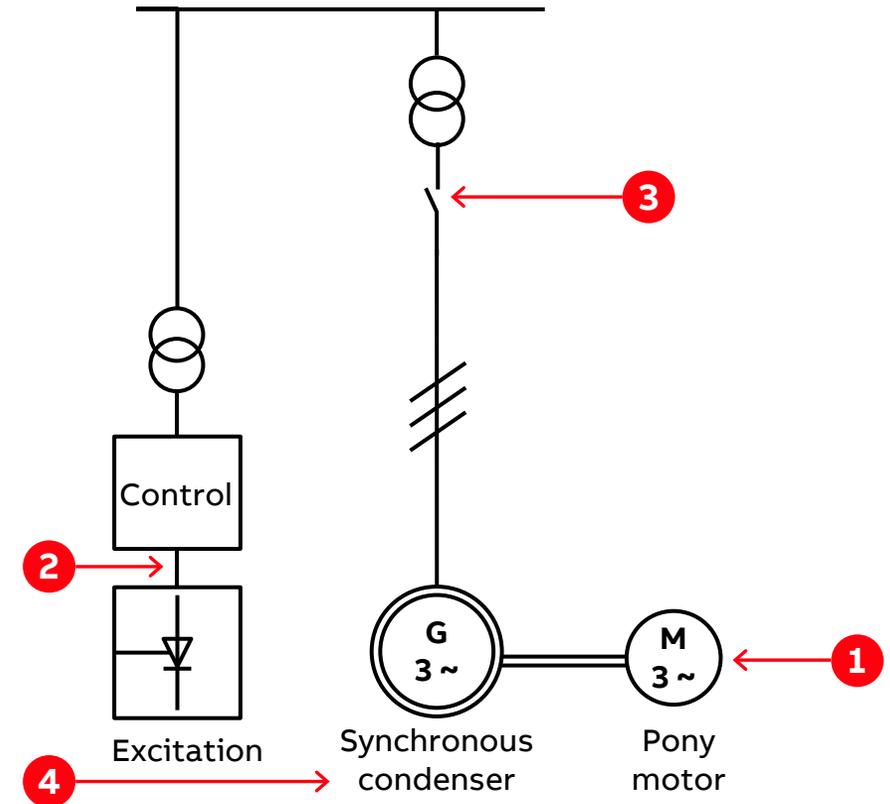
Re-born technology

- Necessary due to changes in electric power generation
  - **SynCon' s provide Inertia, Short Circuit Power & MVar' s**



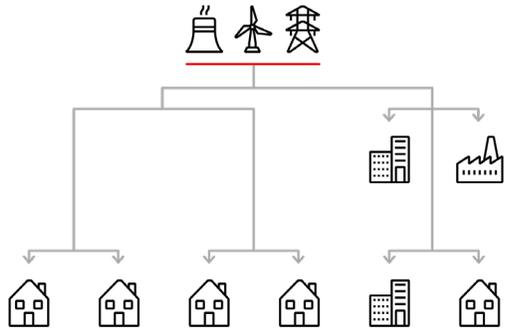
# Synchronous condenser – What

- 1 A small pony motor is speeding up the synchronous condenser to the network synchronous speed with the help of a speed drive
- 2 Excitation will be fully connected, the voltage and the power factor regulator will start to operate, based on the voltage and power factor reference
- 3 When synchronization is reached between the network and the synchronous condenser, the breaker to the network will be closed. The SC is running on-line
- 4 After successful synchronization, the pony motor will be de-energized, and runs idling with the SC



# Synchronous condenser – Why

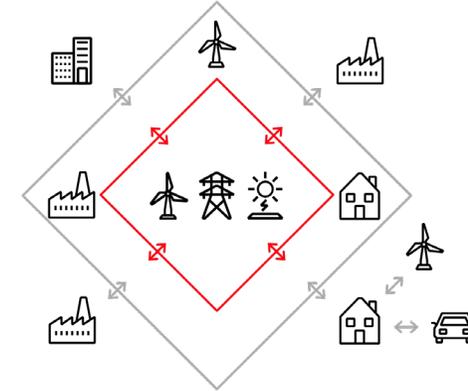
Traditional grid



- Centralized generation
- Generation with spinning mass
- Few power electronics-based generators
- Strong grid (high fault level and higher SCR)

**Strong**

Future grid



- Distributed generation
- Less generation with spinning mass
- Increased amount of power electronics-based generators
- Weaker grid (low fault level and lower SCR)

**Weak**

**Very weak** →

**Different implications**



Generation



Transmission



Distribution



Industrial C.

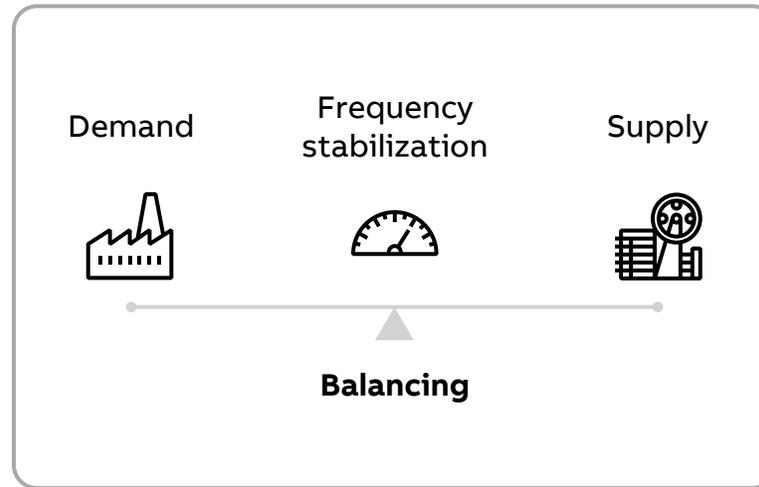
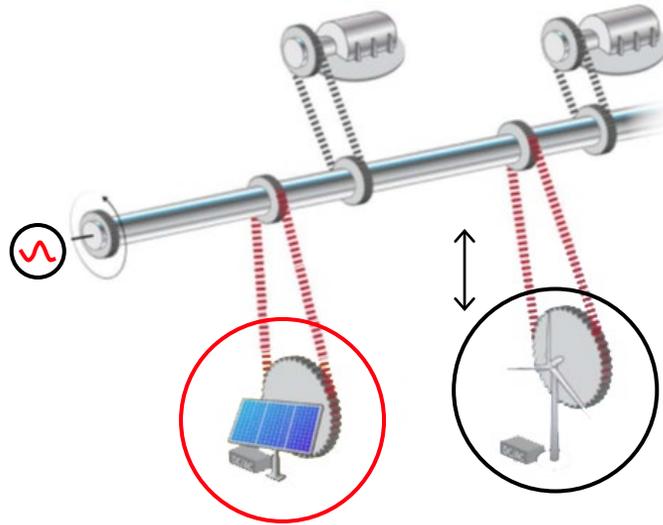


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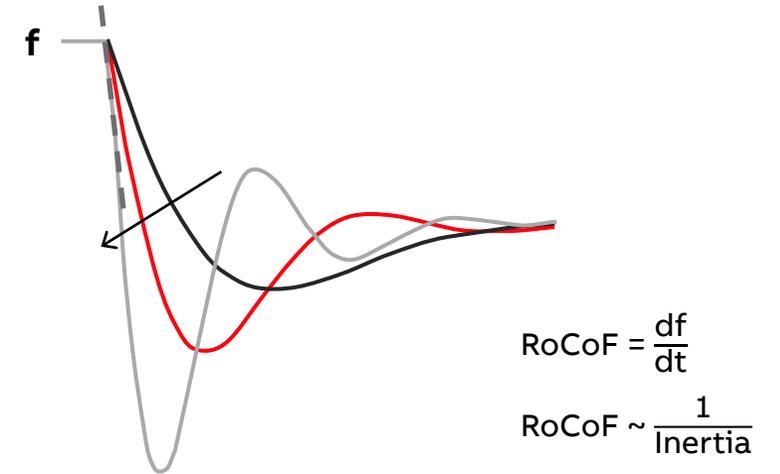
# Synchronous Condenser – Why

Inertia support (frequency stability)

Synchronous Condenser supports the grid with **instantaneous inertia** (rotating mass):



**None-synchronous generation:**  
Wind, Solar, Tidal, Energy Storage (BESS)



Increasing % of non-synchronous generation

# Synchronous Condenser – Why

## Fault level contribution

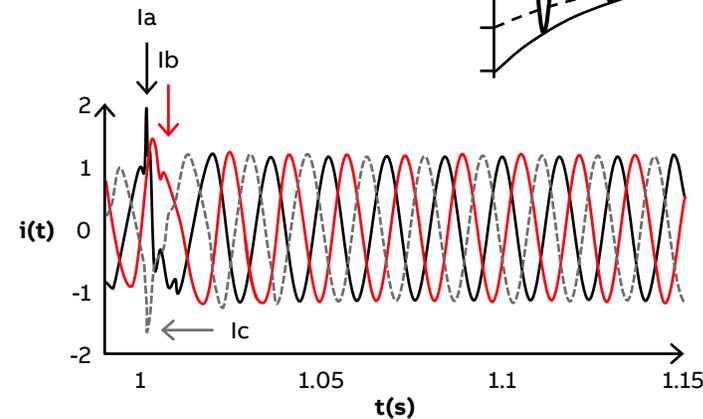
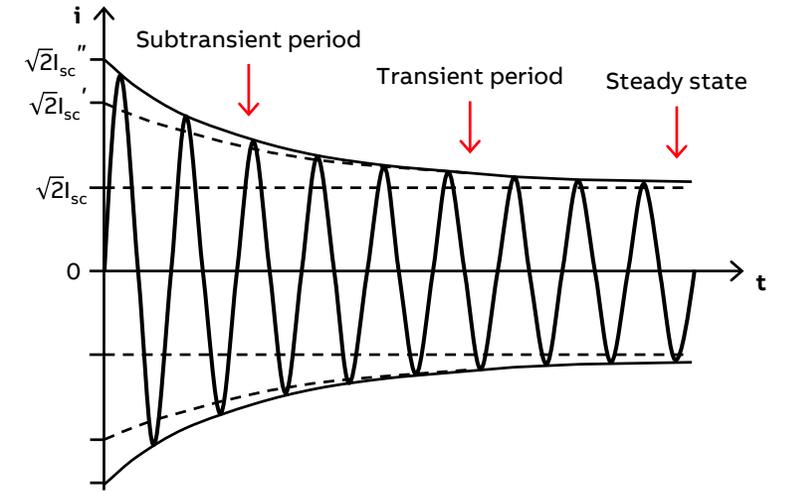
**Synchronous Condenser** is strengthening the grid network (seen by other equipment)

**Fault current is uncontrolled & defined by the electrical parameters of the synchronous condenser**

- High amplitude fault current
- Predominantly inductive fault current
- Significant negative sequence fault current component
- Represented by sub-transient, transient and steady-state time frames ( $X_d''$ ,  $X_d'$ ,  $X_d$  reactance)
- Large rotational inertia

Inverter Based Resource:

Fault current is tightly controlled by IBR control scheme

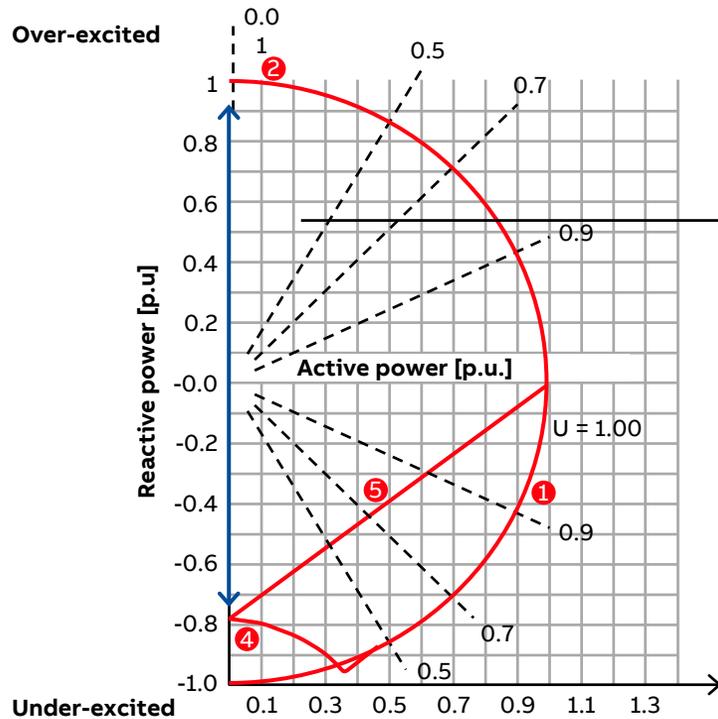


# Synchronous Condenser – Why

MVAr support (voltage regulation)

## Capability diagram

Capability diagram at cooling water temperature of 48 .0° C  
AMS 900 LH 14000 kVa 50 Hz 0.01 PF 13800 V 586 A 1500 rpm



Over-excited  
**Produces reactive power**  
**Absorbs reactive power**  
Under-excited

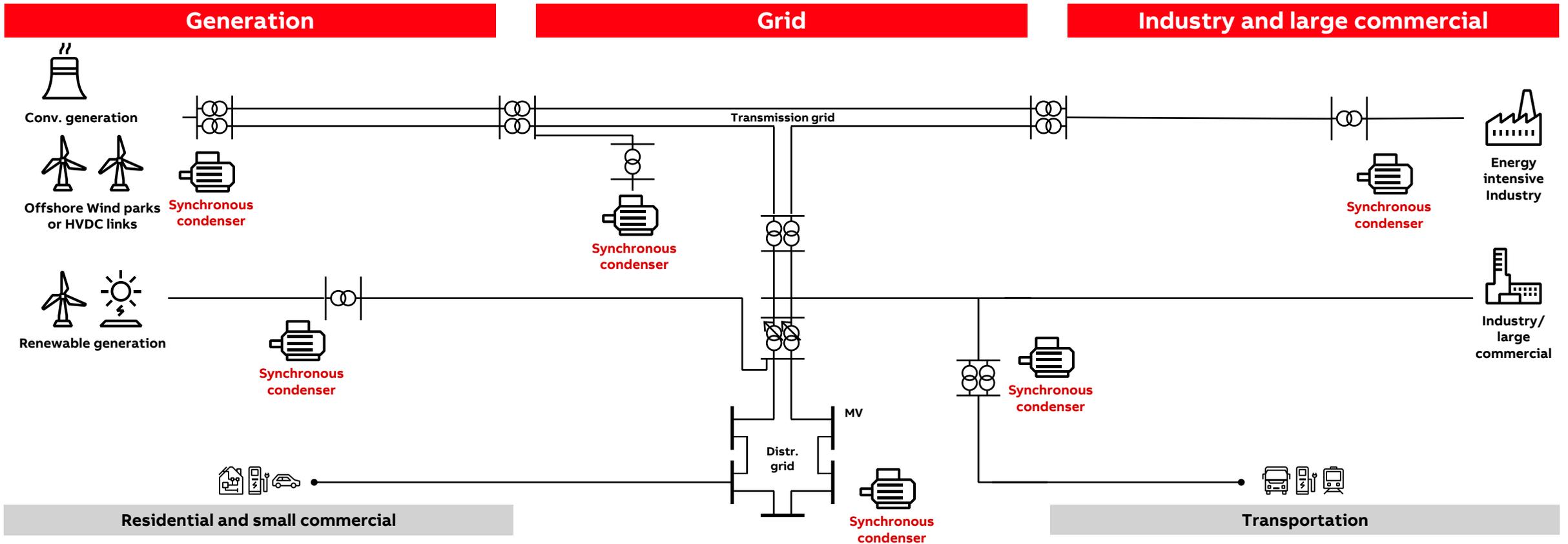
→ Synchronous condenser operating region

- Base apparent power 1 p.u. = 14000 kVa
- ① Stator heating limit
  - ② Rotor heating limit
  - ③ Practical stability limit
  - ④ Zero field-current limit
  - ⑤ Core end heating limit

# Synchronous condenser – Why

Customers	 <b>Conv. Generation</b>	 <b>Renewables &amp; HVDC links</b>	 <b>Transmission</b>	 <b>Distribution &amp; Microgrids</b>	 <b>Industry</b>
Implications	Increased RoCoF, Duck curve	PLL instability, limitations in power infeed (low SCL)	Decreased SCL (protection problems), PLL instability, inertia planning problems, rapid changes in power flow, system stability, power system split (different inertia)	Big variation of SCL (day/night), deeper voltage dips (reduced SCL), power quality problems	Production problems caused by weak grid (dips – process interruptions), PQ emission issues
What can SynCon do	Provide Inertia, Off-load MVAR's	Increase SCL, comply to SCR requirements, Off-load MVAR's	Increase SCL, Additional available inertia, MVAR for voltage support, decentralized system strength (inertia/SCL - multi-units)	Provide controllable SCL, reduce depth of voltage dips, sink for unbalance, MVAR support	Less impacts from dips from the grid, stronger industry network, Improved pf
Result	Less interruptions, increased profit	More stable grid, reduced limitations in power transfer, increased profit	Stability improvements, less black-outs, decentralized grid support (SCL & inertia & voltage regulation)	More stable distribution grid, less PQ problems	Reduced dip impact (Less VSD trips), easier to start big loads, Increased profit

# Synchronous condensers – Where



# Synchronous condensers – When & Who

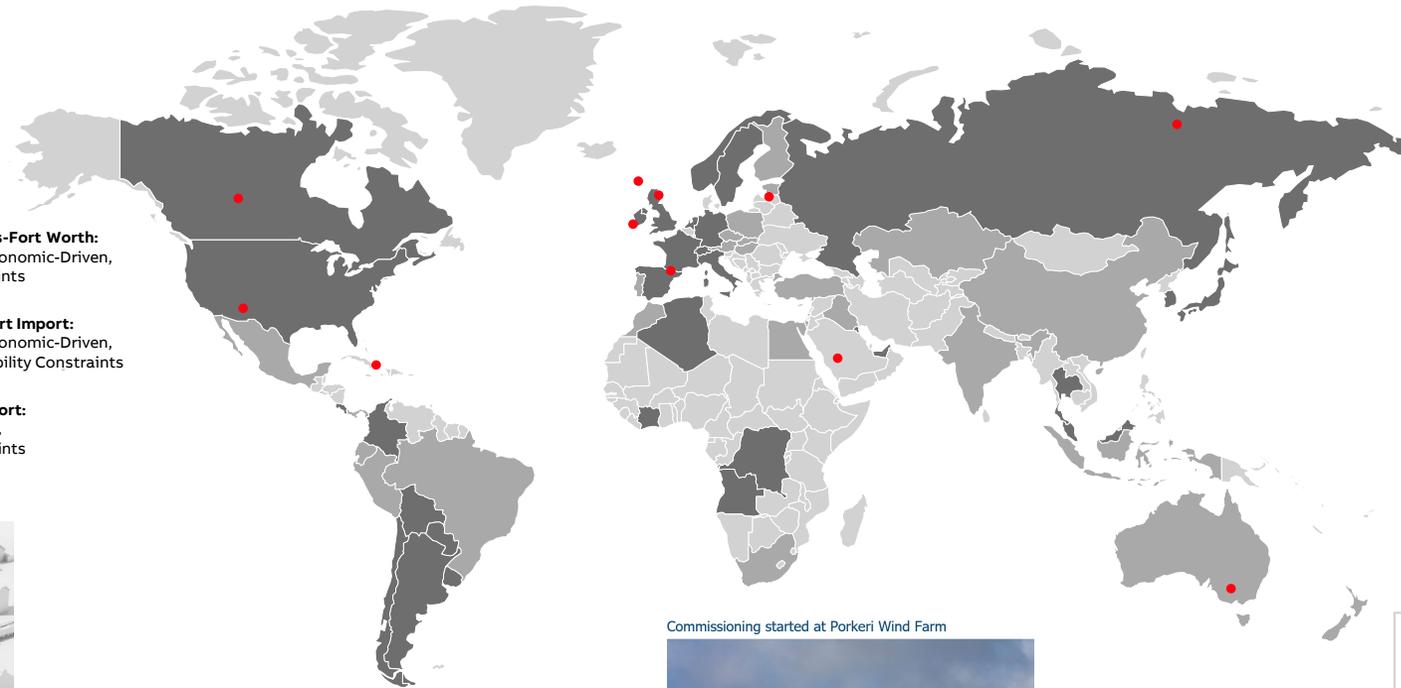


Maps showing some Generic Transmission Constraints in ERCOT

Remedial Action Schemes:  
New Generation Interconnection

- Delaware Basin:**  
Reliability-Driven,  
Stability Constraints
- West Texas Export:**  
Economic-Driven,  
Stability Constraints
- South Texas Export:**  
Economic-Driven,  
Stability Constraints
- Northwest Dallas-Fort Worth:**  
Reliability and Economic-Driven,  
Thermal Constraints
- Houston/Freepport Import:**  
Reliability and Economic-Driven,  
Thermal and Stability Constraints
- South Texas Import:**  
Reliability-Driven,  
Stability Constraints

Mining industry



Commissioning started at Porkeri Wind Farm



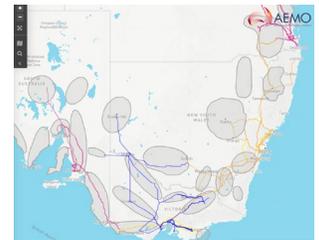
**nationalgridESO**  
Network Development Roadmap  
Progress Update  
31<sup>st</sup> January 2020



About The Grid How the Grid Works

## DS3 Programme

Our Delivering a Secure Sustainable Electricity System (DS3) programme seeks to address the challenge of integrating world-leading levels of renewable generation onto our power system.



European Commission - Fact Sheet

**Questions and answers on the synchronisation of the Baltic States' electricity networks with the continental European network (CEN)**

Brussels, 28 June 2018  
[IP/18/4284](#)

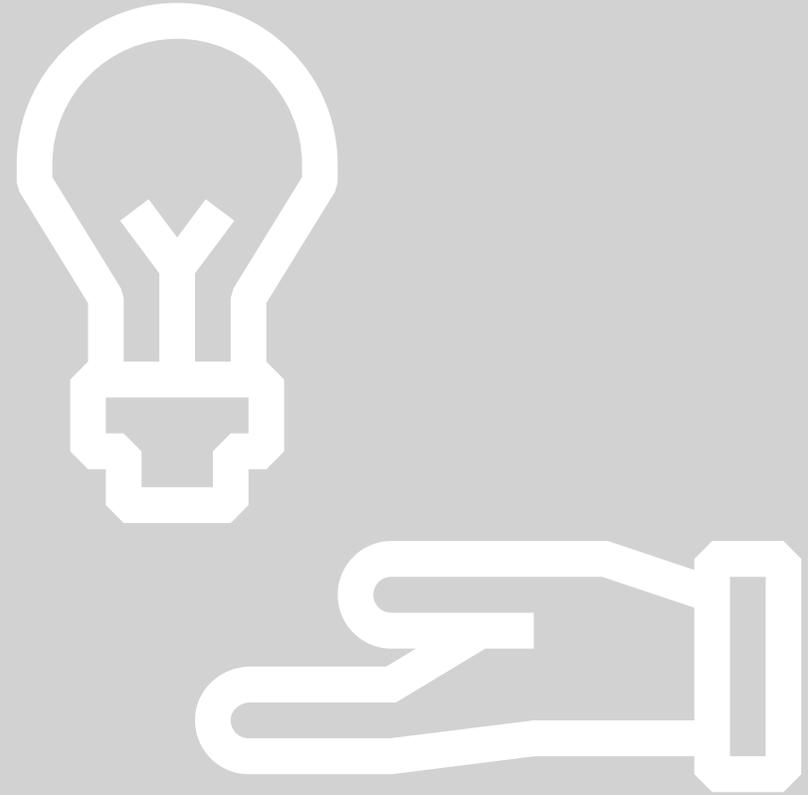
Today the President of the European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker has signed, jointly with Dalia Grybauskaitė, President of Lithuania, Māris Kučinskis, Prime Minister of Latvia, Jüri Ratas, Prime Minister of Estonia and Mateusz Morawiecki, Prime Minister of Poland Political Roadmap for synchronising the Baltic States' electricity grid with continental Europe.



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## **Conclusion – centralized or decentralized inertia/ short circuit contribution?**

**Decentralized power generation requires  
Decentralized system support**  
(inertia & short circuit contribution & voltage)

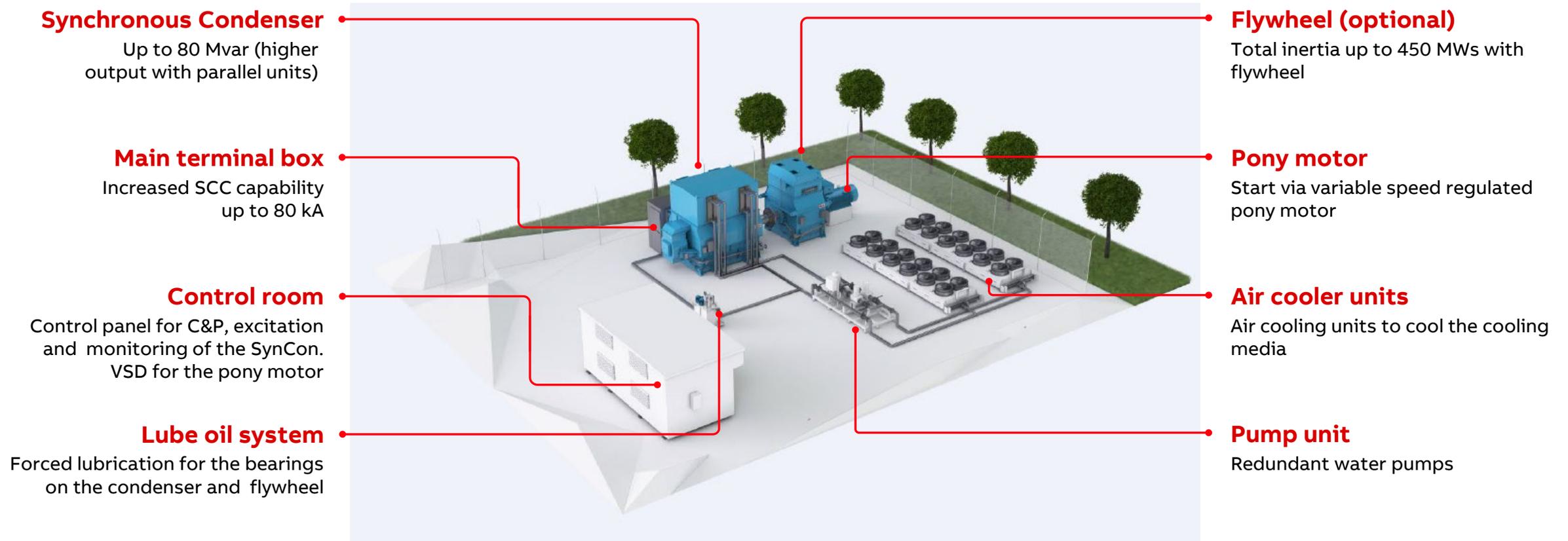


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# Package solution offering from ABB

# ABB Synchronous Condenser Package

## Overview



# ABB Synchronous Condenser Package

ABB Motion Scope of Supply

Installation from site Musselroe, Tasmania with two synchronous condensers 14000 kVAR



Synchronous condenser unit



Fin fan cooler



Main terminal box



Pony motor Lube oil tank unit



# References

# Synchronous condenser engineered package – Energy Park Australia

REFERENCE #1

Installation from an Energy Park, Queensland first synchronous condenser with CAWA cooling

## Hybrid Energy Park

15MW Solar

43MW Wind

2MW Energy Storage

5MVAr SynCon

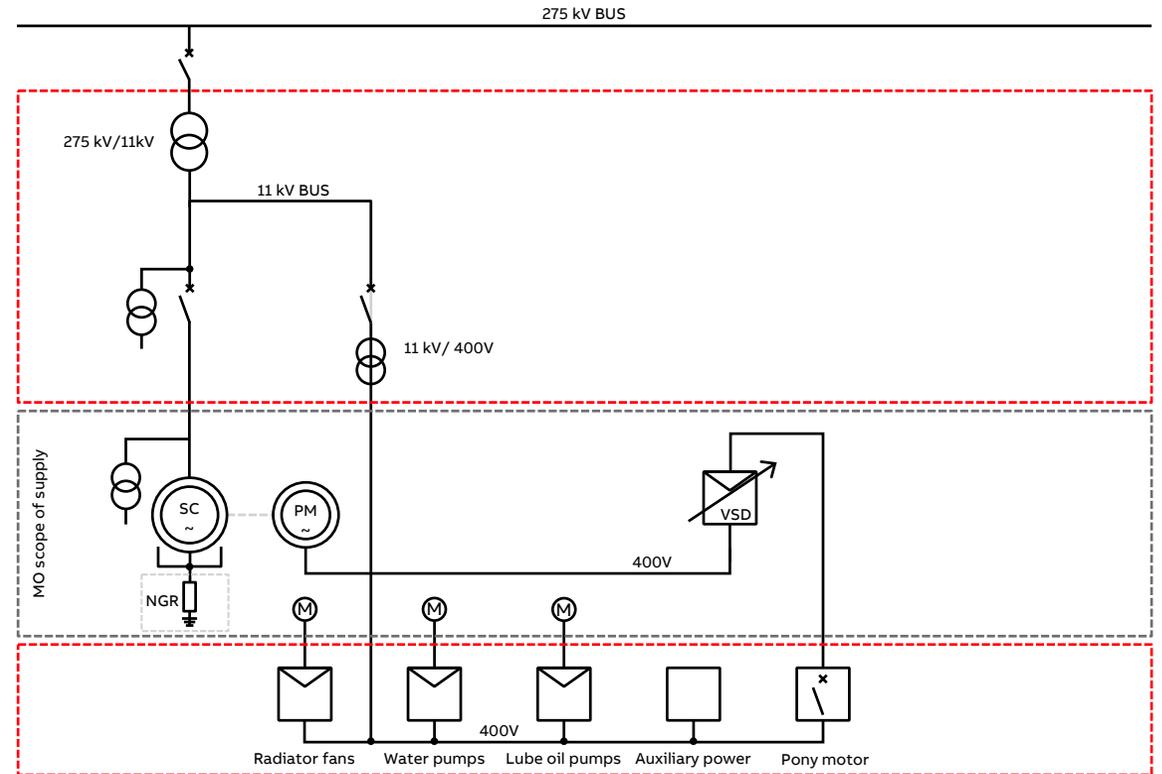


# Synchronous condenser engineered package – Solar Park Australia

REFERENCE #2

Installation from site Borunga S/S, North South Wales, synchronous condensers with water cooling

**AMS 1400**, 60 MVAR, 11 kV, IP 55, 50kA 3sec



# Synchronous condenser package – Darlington Point Australia

REFERENCE #3

Installation from site Darlington Point, North South Wales, synchronous condensers with CACA cooling



# Synchronous condenser engineered package – Canada Copper Mountain

REFERENCE #4

## 2 pcs AMS 1250A,

25 MVAR/-12.5MVA (45 MVAR / -25MVAR for 30 min), 13.8 kV 60Hz



## Synchronous Condenser Electrical Data

Output	+25/-12.5 MV Ar
Short-term output (30 min)	+45/-25 MV Ar
Voltage	13.8 kV
Frequency	60 Hz
Speed	1800 rpm
Inertia constant	2.9 Ws/VA

# Synchronous condenser engineered package – Canada – Rainbow Lake

REFERECE #5

## 1 pcs AMS 1250,

55 MVAR, 13.8 kV 60Hz – Cooling Duct IN / Duct OUT



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# Special applications

Synch Condensers

# High inertia solution

## Synchronous condenser systems high inertia setup

To combine a mid size SC with a flywheel (FW) will increase the inertia several times and the losses will be much lower comparing to install the whole inertia as SC

- Unit data: 70 MVA base
  - $H = 1.3 \text{ s}$  & Inertia  $7500 \text{ kgm}^2$  (only SC)
  - 91 MWs stored energy
- SC + Flywheel
  - $H > 6 \text{ s}$  & 450 MWs stored energy, Inertia  $7500+30000 \text{ kgm}^2$
  - Losses 130% compared with only 70 MVA SC
- One large unit 300 MVA gives approximate same stored energy as SC + flywheel above
  - Losses (98,4% eff) 4800 kW compared to 1300  $\rightarrow >3,5$  times higher losses than 70 MVA SC + FW



Preliminary data

# ABB – Multiple Synchronous Condenser

Modular to fit changing requirements

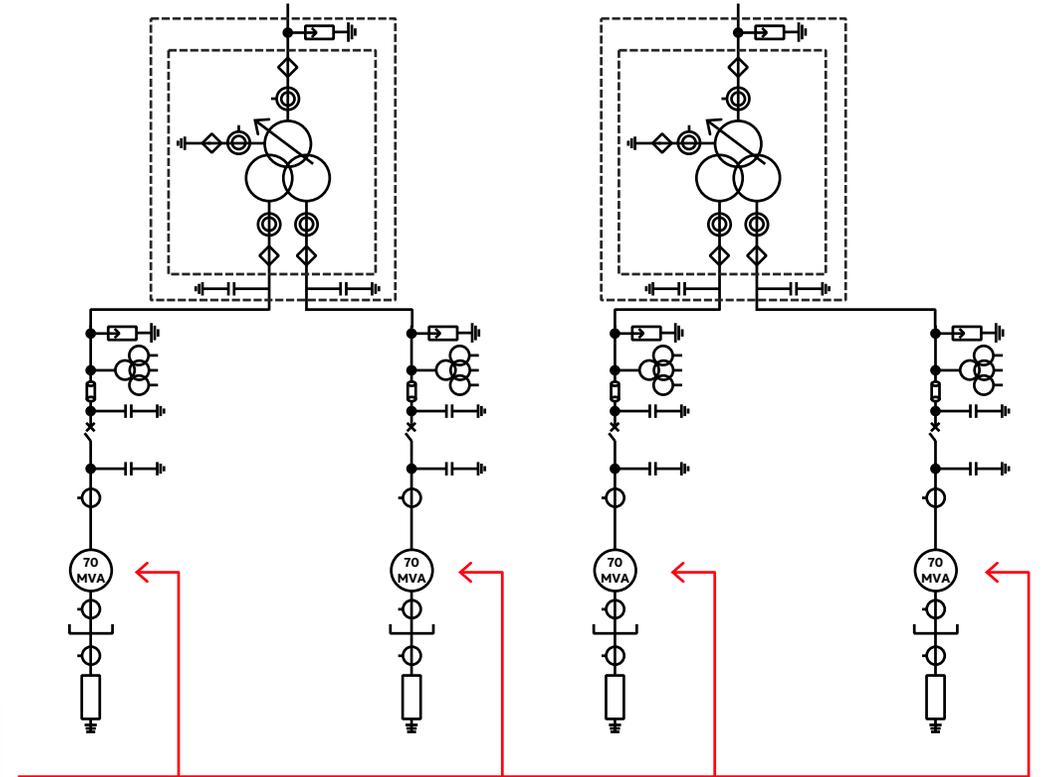
## Key benefits:

- Redundancy
- Higher inertia
- Control

No need for big 2-POL syncon's to get high inertia or SCL support

## One example on a system solution:

- Four Synchronous Condensers with integrated fly-wheels
- 140 Mvar inductive reactive power to 280 Mvar capacitive reactive power
- Provides a contribution to the short circuit power in the range of 900 MVA
- Provides a contribution to the inertia in the range of 1 800 MWs

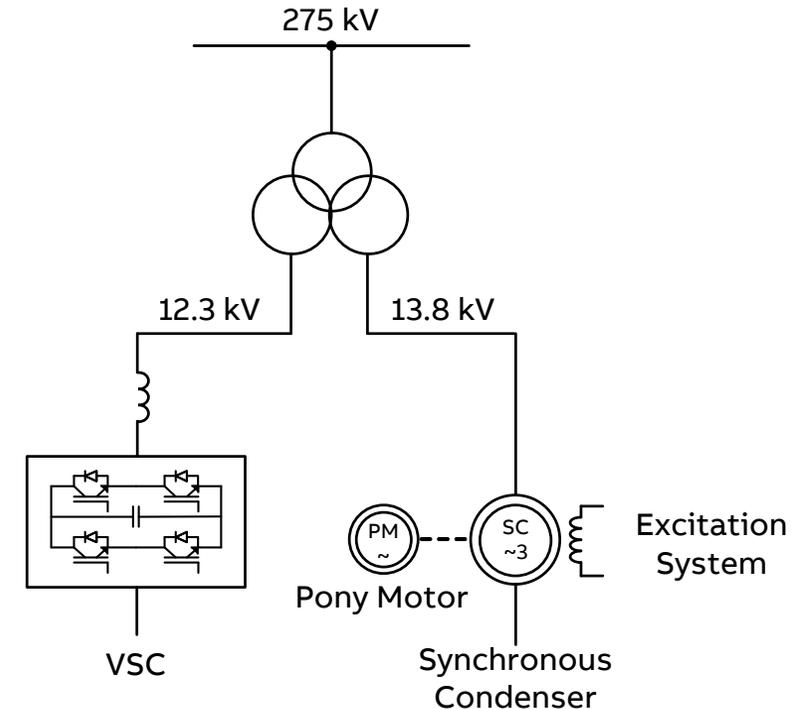


# Phoenix – Hybrid Synchronous Condenser System

Innovation combining two technologies

## Hybrid Synchronous Condenser – Project Data

- SVC Light HP:  $\pm 70$  Mvar
- Synchronous Condenser:  $-35/+70$  Mvar
- Transformer: Three winding, separate windings for SVC Light and Synchronous Condenser
- Control and Protection: MACH<sup>®</sup>
- Simulation Models and System Studies
- Civil Works
- Installation, Testing and Commissioning
- In service: November 2019



Hybrid Synchronous Condenser – Best of both technologies, STATCOM and Synchronous Condenser

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# Phoenix – Hybrid Synchronous Condenser System

Innovation combining two technologies

## Hybrid Synchronous Condenser – Installation at Neilston



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# Summary

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# Synchronous condensers

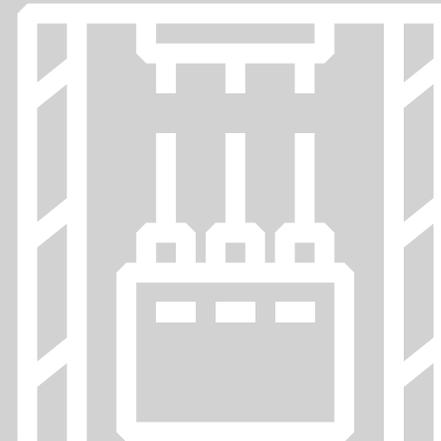
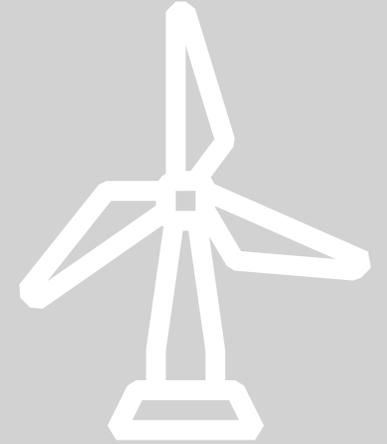
## Summary

### Synchronous condenser features

- Strengthens the network by adding short circuit capacity
- Rotating inertia provides stability to the network
- Dynamic MVAR's support voltage control
- High thermal over-load capacity
- Very good ride-through capability

### Market view

- Reborn interest due to more renewables
- Market increase
  - Network studies can be required (PSCAD, PSS/E, Powerfactory models available)
- Sometimes turn-key solution requested
- Refurbishment of decommissioned generators to SynCon's



# ABB Ability™ LEAP for HV generators – refurbishment to SynCon’s

Accurate analysis of the stator winding insulation

## Offering description

- Advanced service for analyzing the condition and expected lifetime of the stator winding insulation – the most uptime critical component in high voltage motors and generators
- Our service includes **condition assessment, expected lifetime** and **recommendations** for operation and maintenance actions



## Benefit

- Early warning – provides adequate time for maintenance planning
- Optimize maintenance planning – enables you to move from time-based to condition-based maintenance
- Reduced cost of ownership (COO) – supports efforts to extend lifetime and thereby increase return on investment (ROI)
- Better decision-making – facilitates decision-making on short and long term maintenance and run / repair / retrofit / replace options
- Improved risk mitigation – minimizes unplanned downtime by reducing risk levels

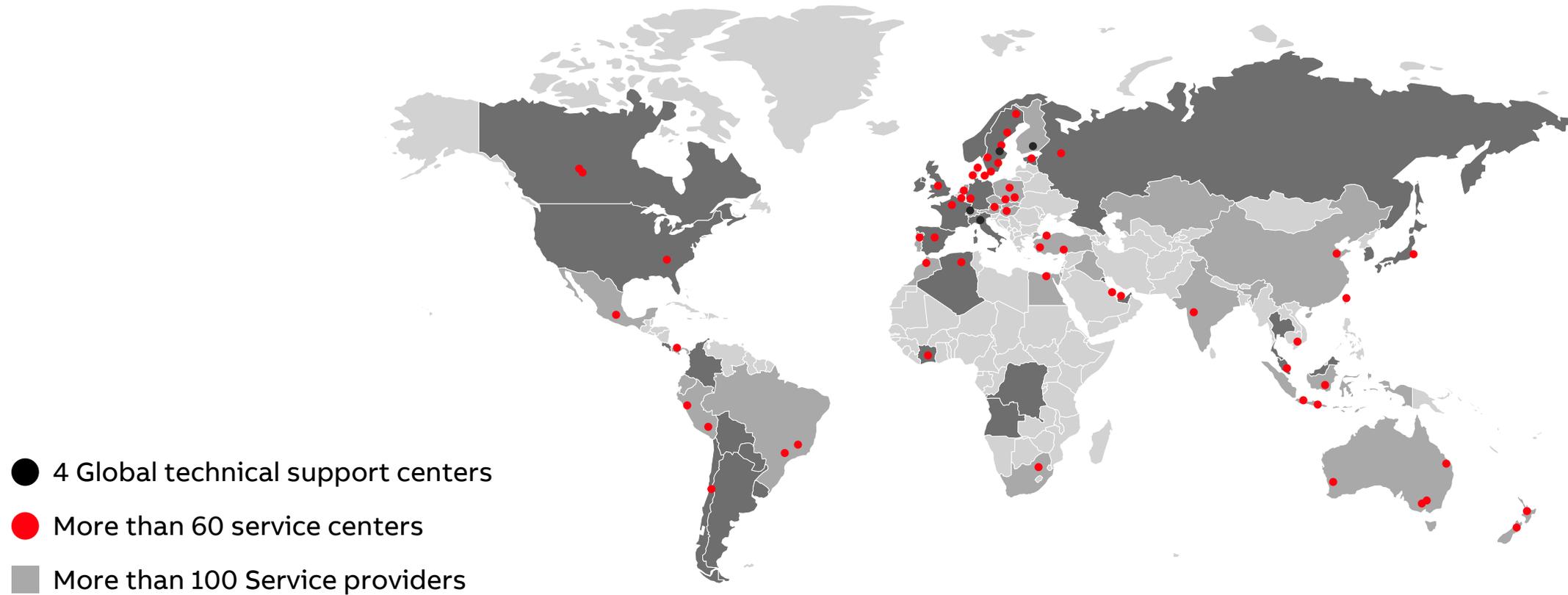
## More information

[abb.com-ABB Ability™ LEAP](http://abb.com-ABB Ability™ LEAP)

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# Where we are available

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# Thank you for listening! Any questions?



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