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# WPS-141-1B

## Static var compensator (SVC) applications for improving transmission system performance

# WCS-120-1

## Static Var Compensator Applications



### Agenda

- Introduction & FACTS (Flexible AC Transmission Systems) Overview
- System Study Consideration – Steady State vs Dynamic
- SVC Technology Overview & Applications
- Brian Scott
- Sales Mgr FACTS US, ABB Inc.
- Raleigh, NC

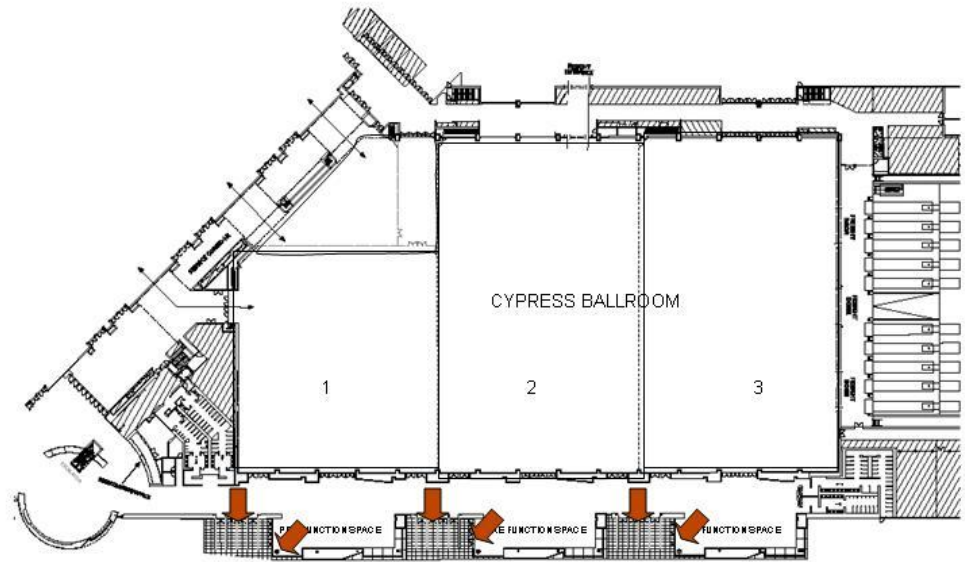
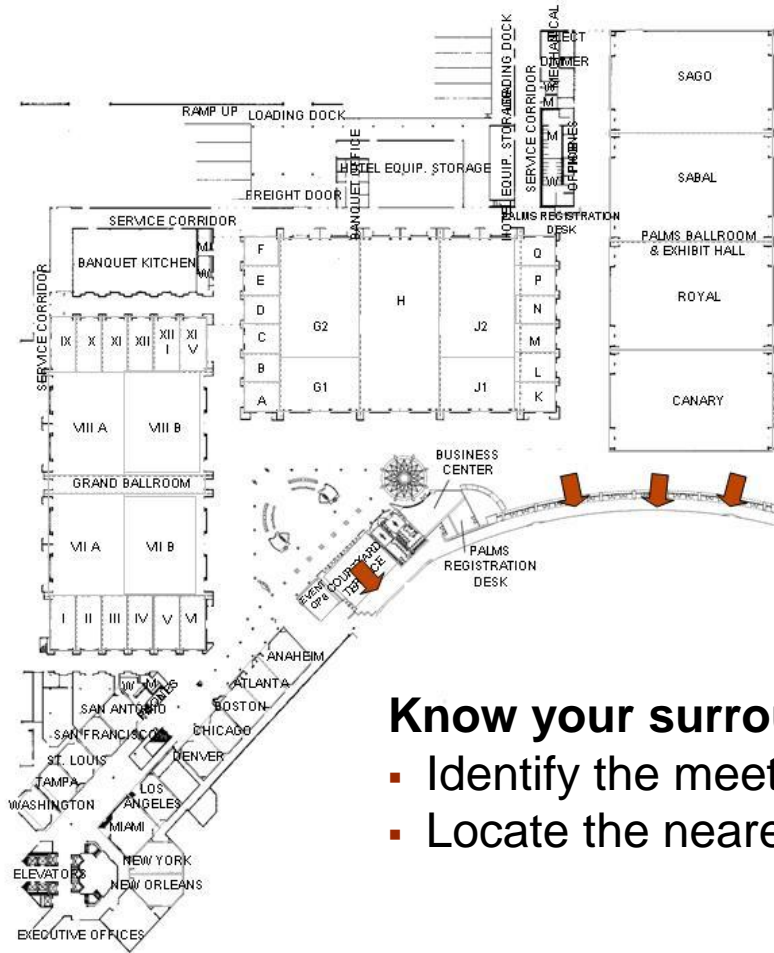
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# FACTS Portfolio – Two main areas

## Flexible AC Transmission Systems

### Shunt Compensation

- SVC
- STATCOM (SVC Light)
- Battery Energy Storage

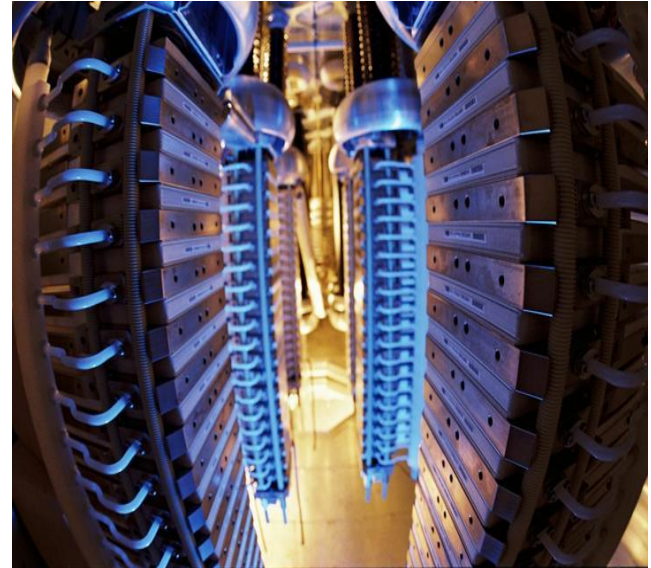


### Series Compensation

- Fixed
- Controllable

# Typical Drivers for Dynamic Reactive Support (FACTS)

- **Support Load Centers Importing Remote Generation**
- **Provides Stability During Dynamic Events**
- **Retire RMR or High Emission Generation**
- Improve Power Quality & Mitigate Flicker
- Replace Synchronous Condensers
- Increase Transmission Capacity
- Power Oscillation Damping
- Phase Unbalance Control
- Improve Grid Reliability
- Voltage Recovery
- Voltage Profile



**FACTS Offers a Toolbox of Solutions  
for Transmission Challenges**

# FACTS in Brief



## ***Static Var Compensator (SVC)***

- **First units installed:** Mid 1970's
- **ABB Installations:** More than 400 globally
- **Simplified:** Variable Shunt Impedance
- **Technology:** Fixed Capacitors (Filters), TCR/TSR, TSC

## ***Static Compensator (STATCOM) / SVC Light***

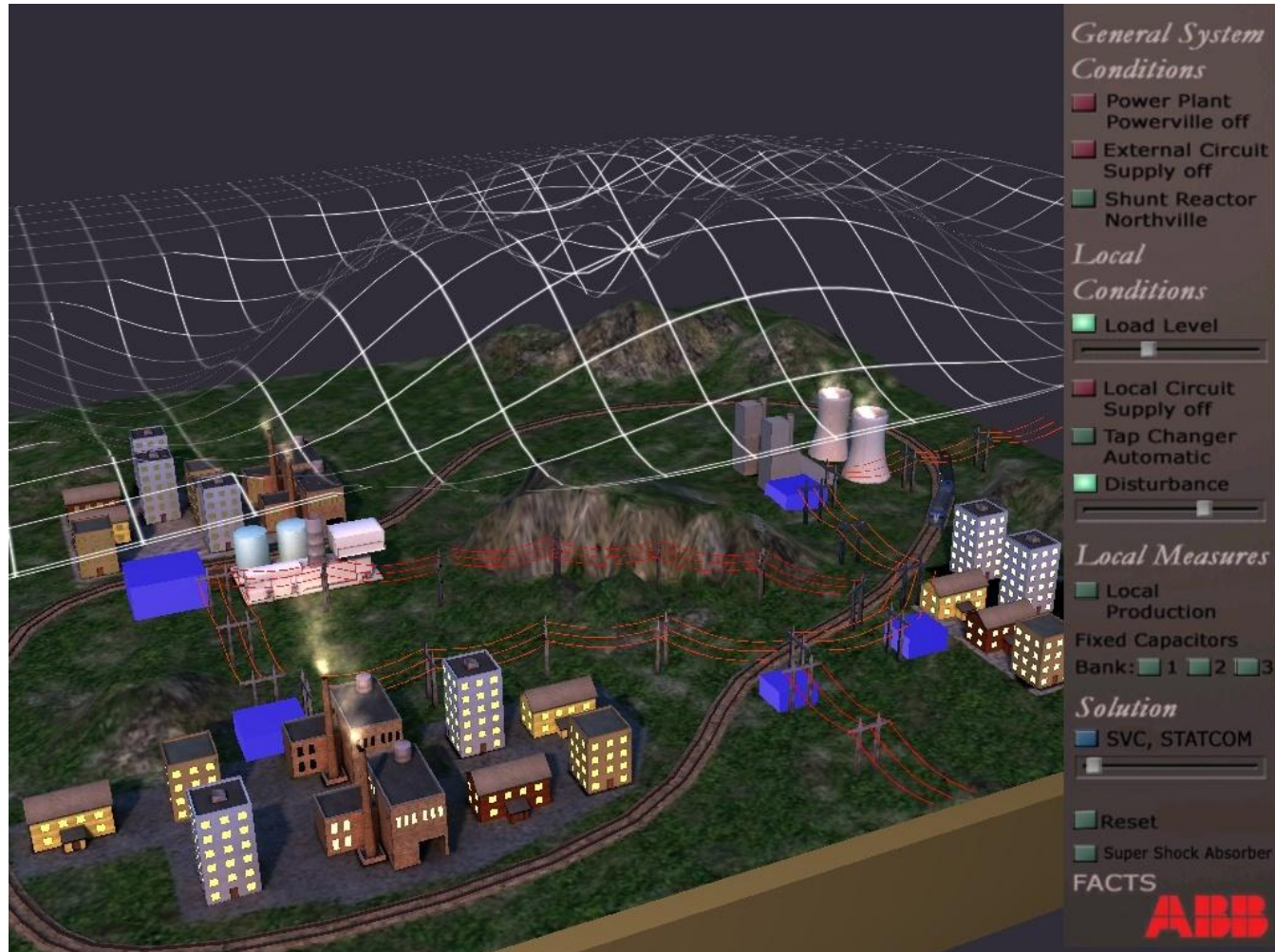
- **First units installed:** 1990's
- **Simplified:** Variable Voltage Source
- **Technology:** VSC (Voltage Source Converter)

## ***Series Capacitor (SC)***

- **First units installed:** 1950
- **ABB Installations:** More than 400 globally
- **Simplified:** Offset's inductance of line to "appear" shorter
- **Technology:** Fixed, Staged/Stepped, Thyristor Controlled



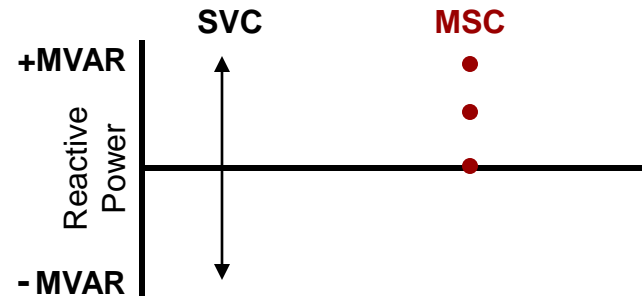
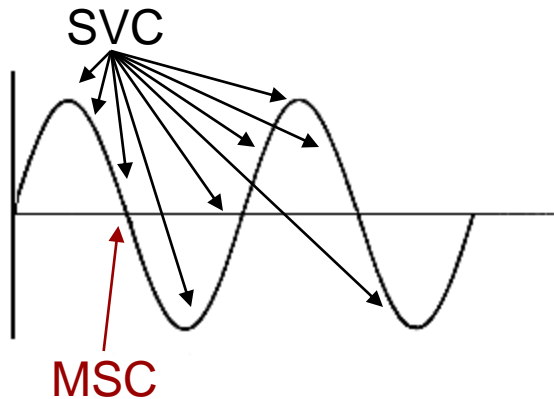
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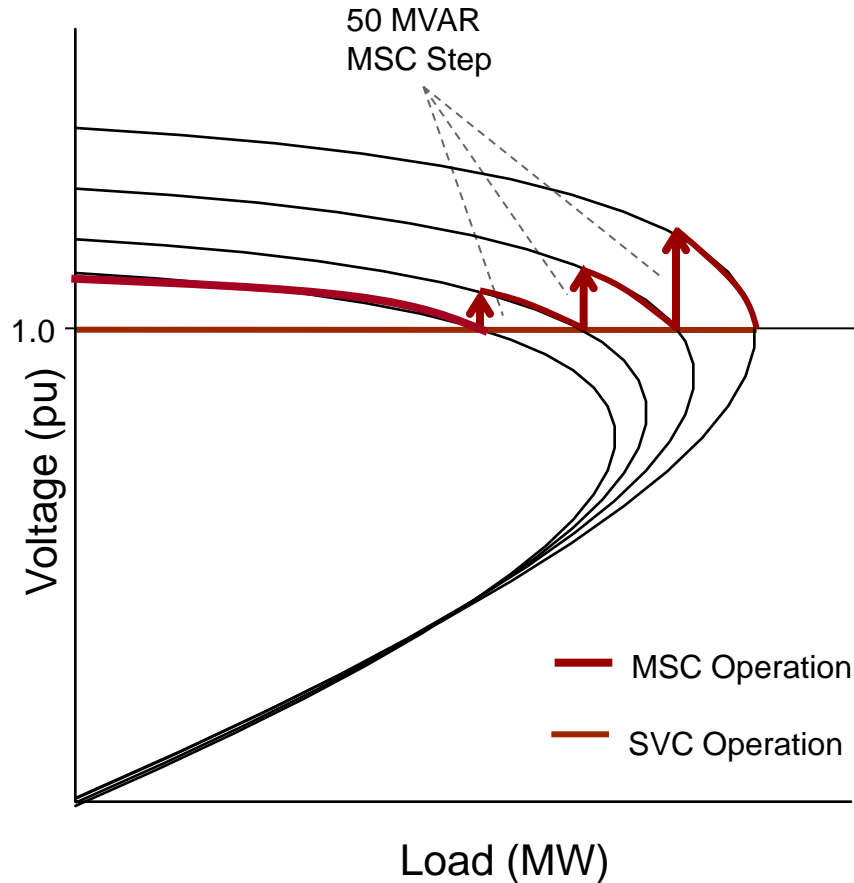
# SVC vs. Shunt Capacitors

OPERATION	SVC	MSC
Switch-in Time	At most 3 ms	~50 - 200 ms
Discharge Time	None needed	5 – 15 min
Point of Wave	Any	zero crossing desired
Control Type	Continuous	Stepwise



# SVC Vs. MSC

## Practical Operation



- Systems heavily compensated with shunt capacitor banks are more sensitive to changes in reactive power
- SVC's can provide continuous range, therefore limiting the effects of capacitor bank switching
- For this reason, using an SVC to automatically control MSC banks can be very effective.

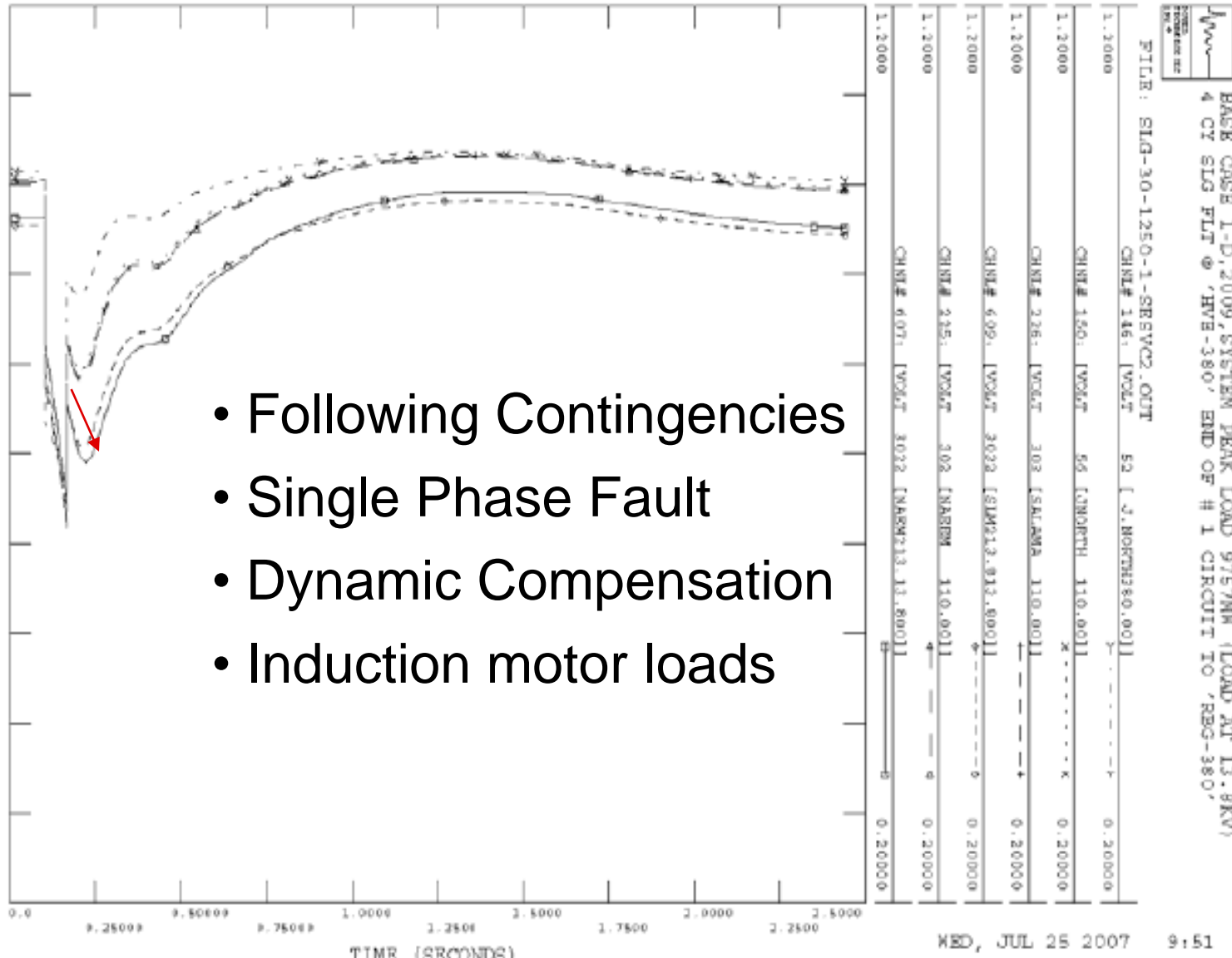
# SVC Design Studies

## Specification Development

- SVC sizing studies
  - Steady state load flow studies
    - Different load levels and generation scenarios, voltage profiles
    - Short circuit levels
  - Dynamic Studies
    - Post contingency behavior
    - Load modeling important, ie fraction of motor load
    - Requirements on SVC control response
- Harmonic impedance study
- Background harmonics (measurement)
- Power oscillation damping requirements

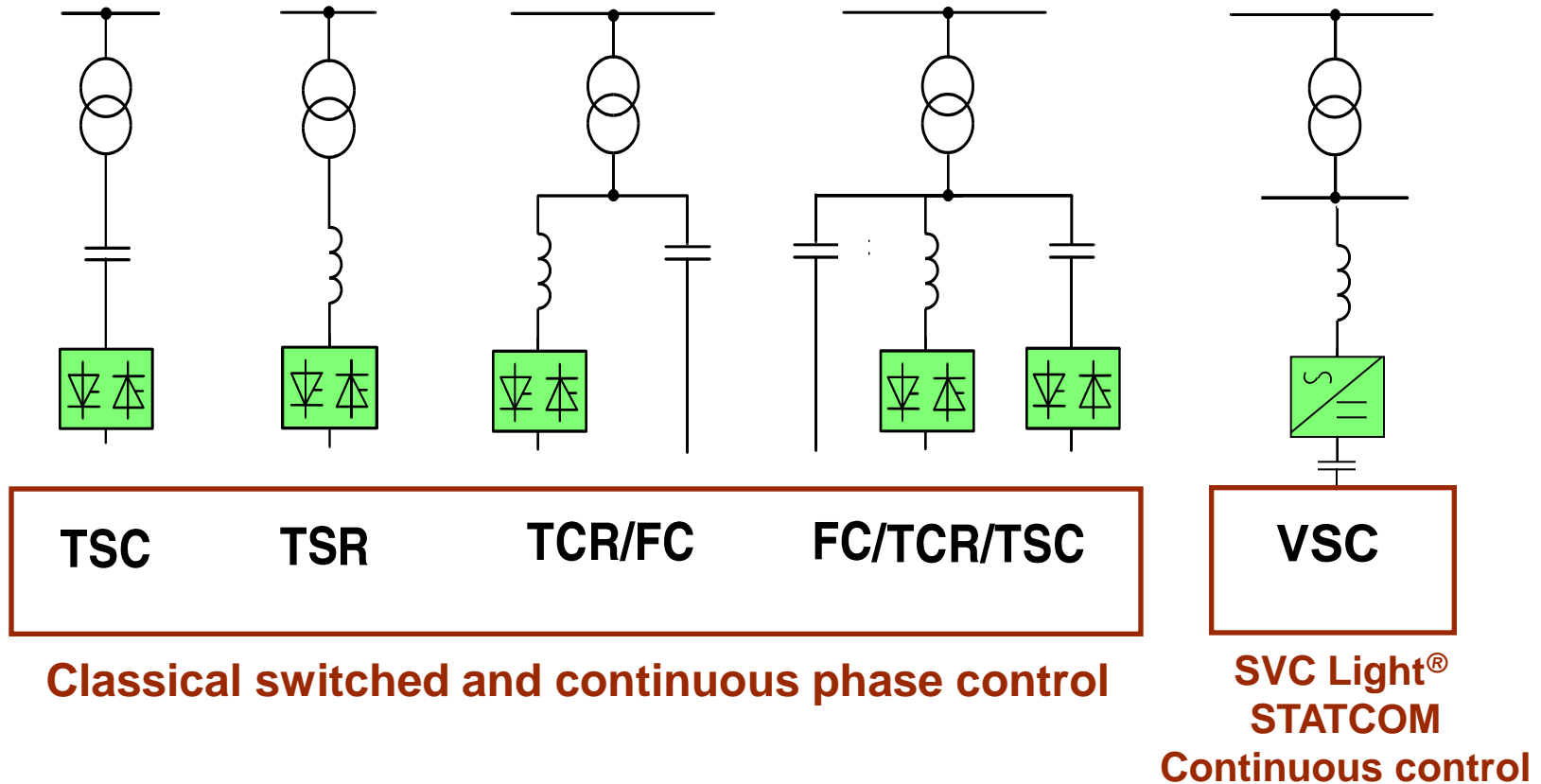
# Example Simulation

## Dynamic vs. Steady State Vars





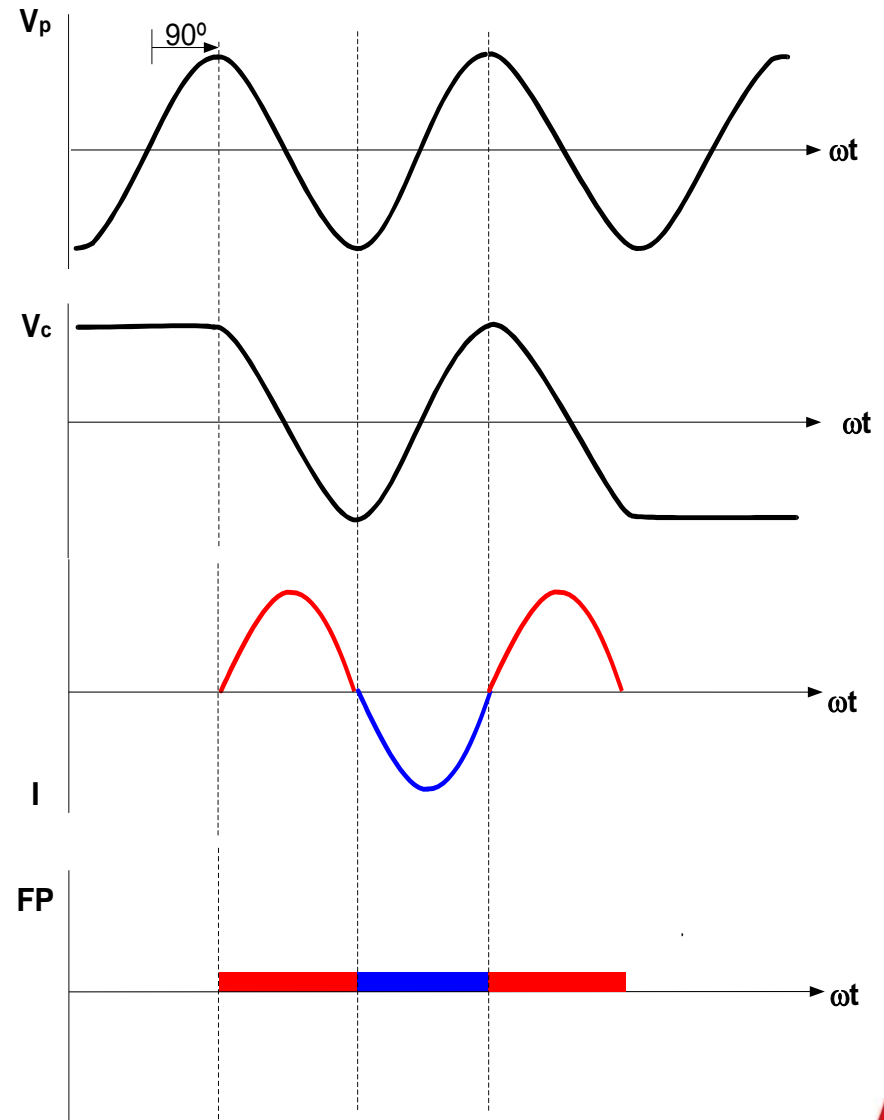
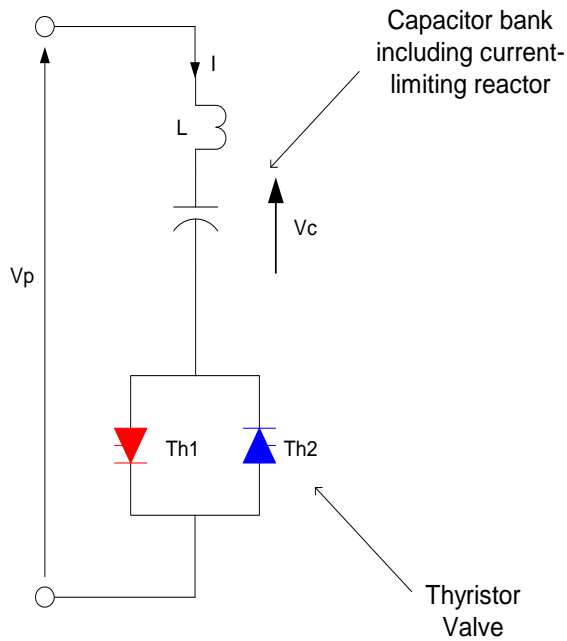
# SVC & SVC Light Building Blocks



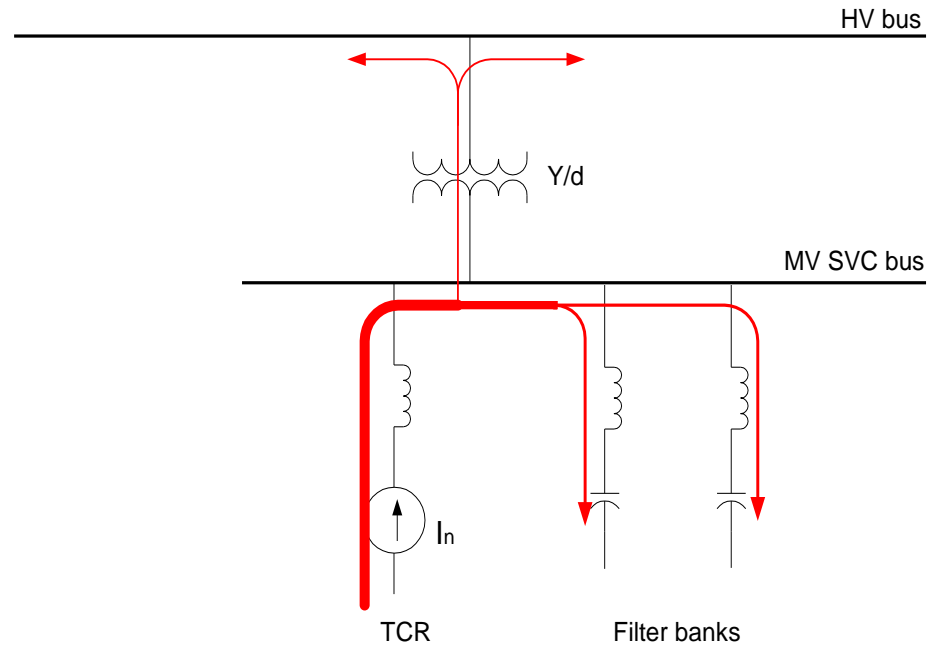
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**TSC:** Thyristor Switched Capacitor

**FC:** Fixed/Filter Capacitor  
**VSC:** Voltage Source Converter

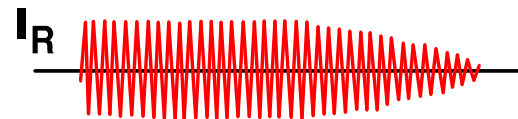
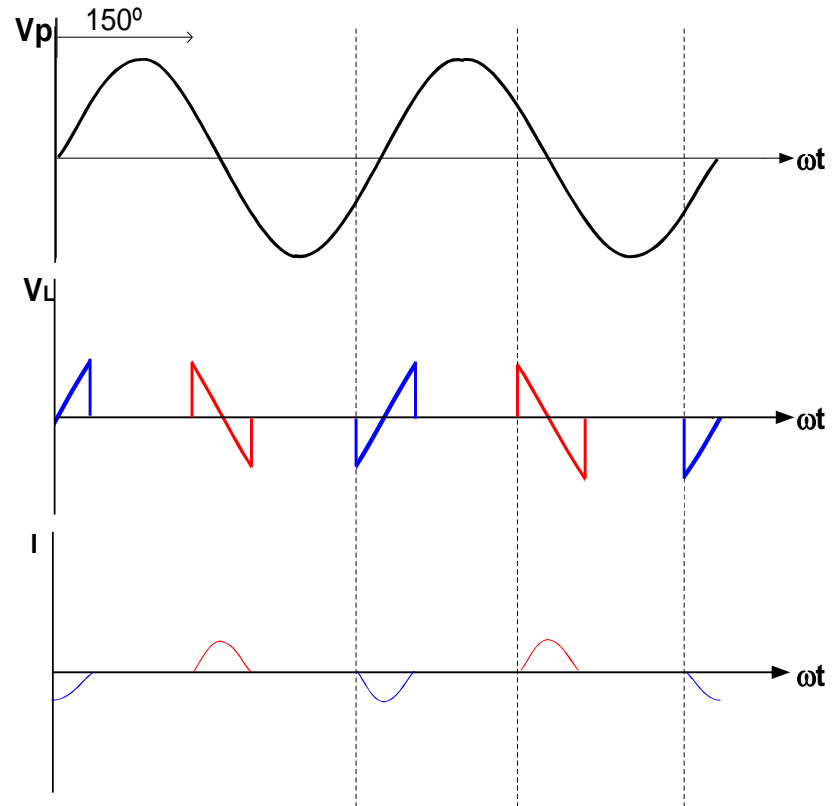
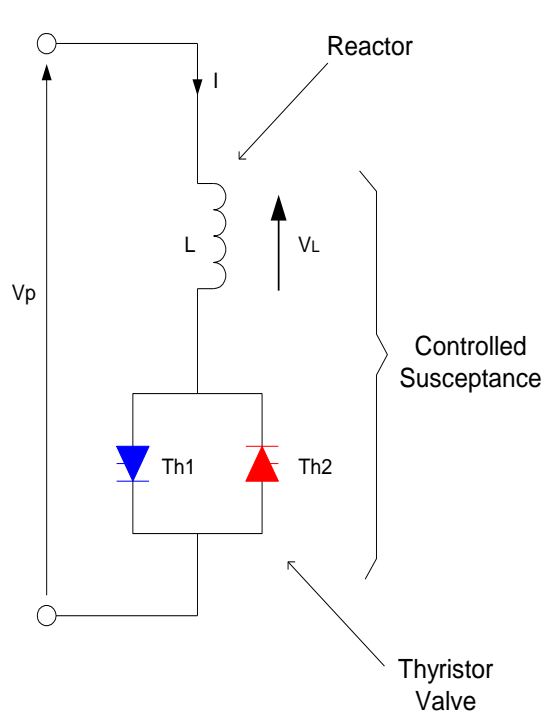
# Thyristor Switched Capacitor



# TCR Harmonics & Filters



# Thyristor Controlled Reactor





# Drivers for the Tucson Electric Power SVC

## Problem:

- Potential for voltage collapse, especially during warm summer months

## Causes:

- High concentration of air conditioning motor loads
- Heavy loading conditions
- Minimal local generation
- Outages of critical EHV infrastructure

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- 138 kV, -75 / +200 Mvar Static Var Compensator (SVC)
- Commissioned Summer of 2008

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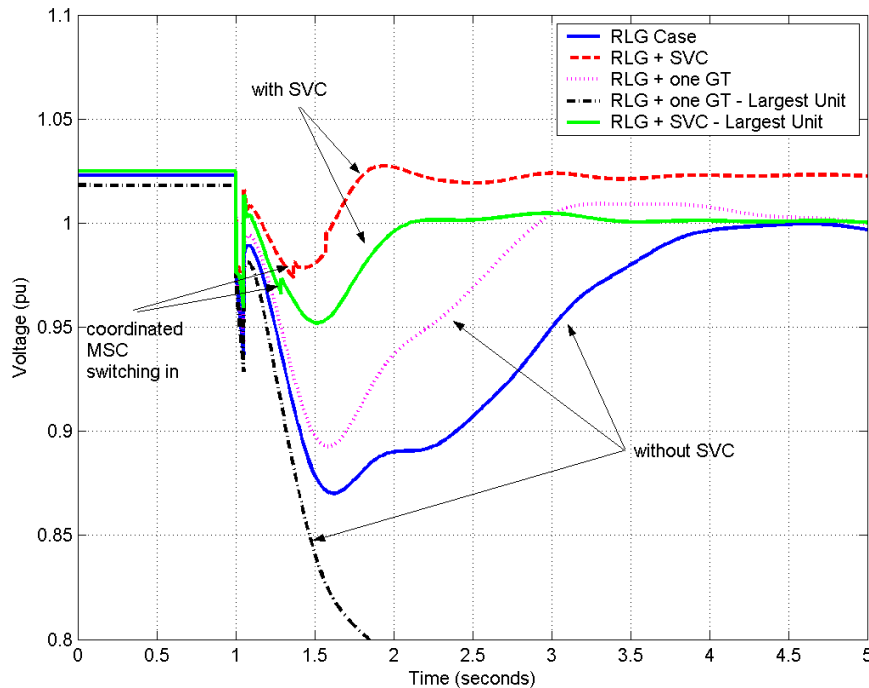
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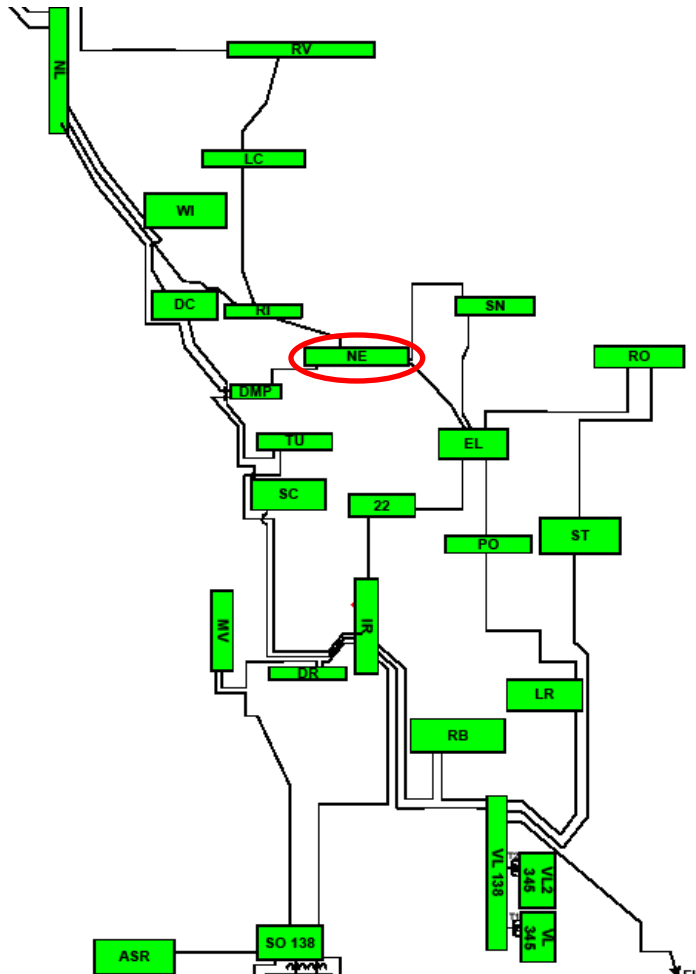
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# Local TEP 138 kV System

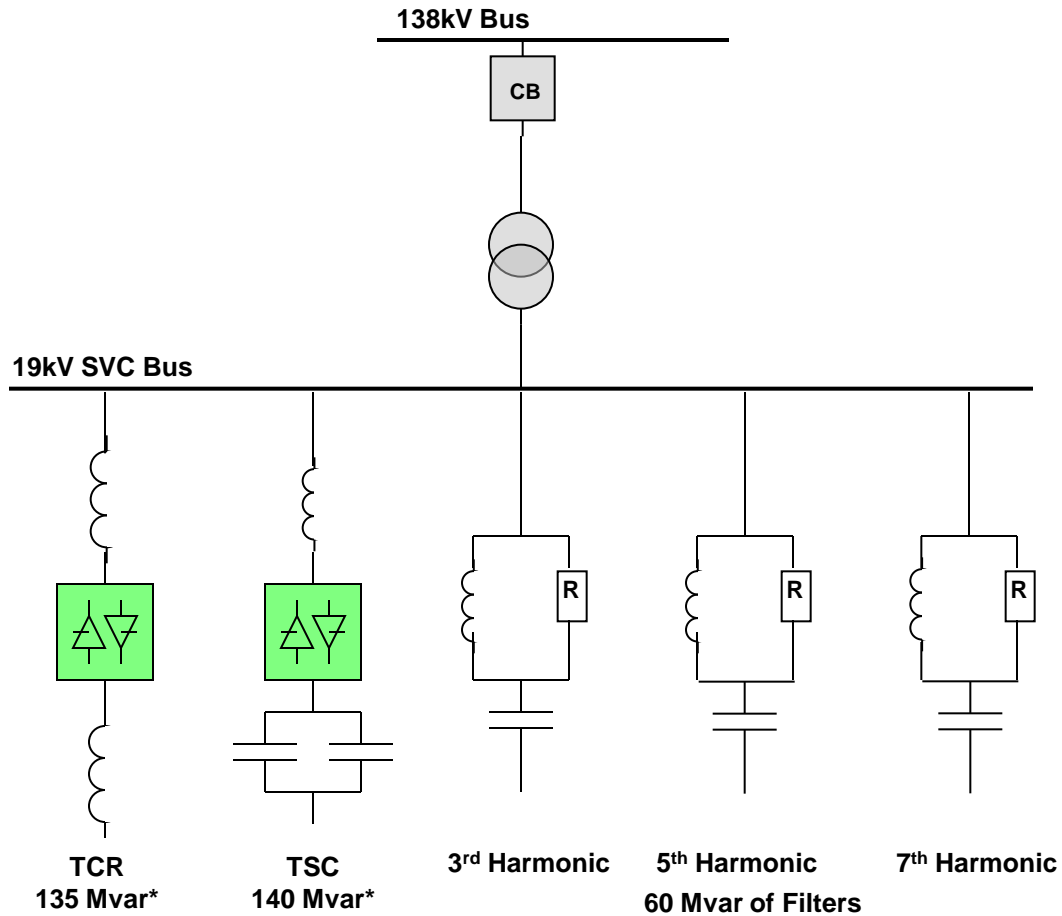


## Reason For Chosen Location:

- Proximity to city of Tucson
- Multiple lines converge
- Cost optimal location considering...
  - Required SVC size
  - Available footprint
  - Available connection points

# TEP SVC

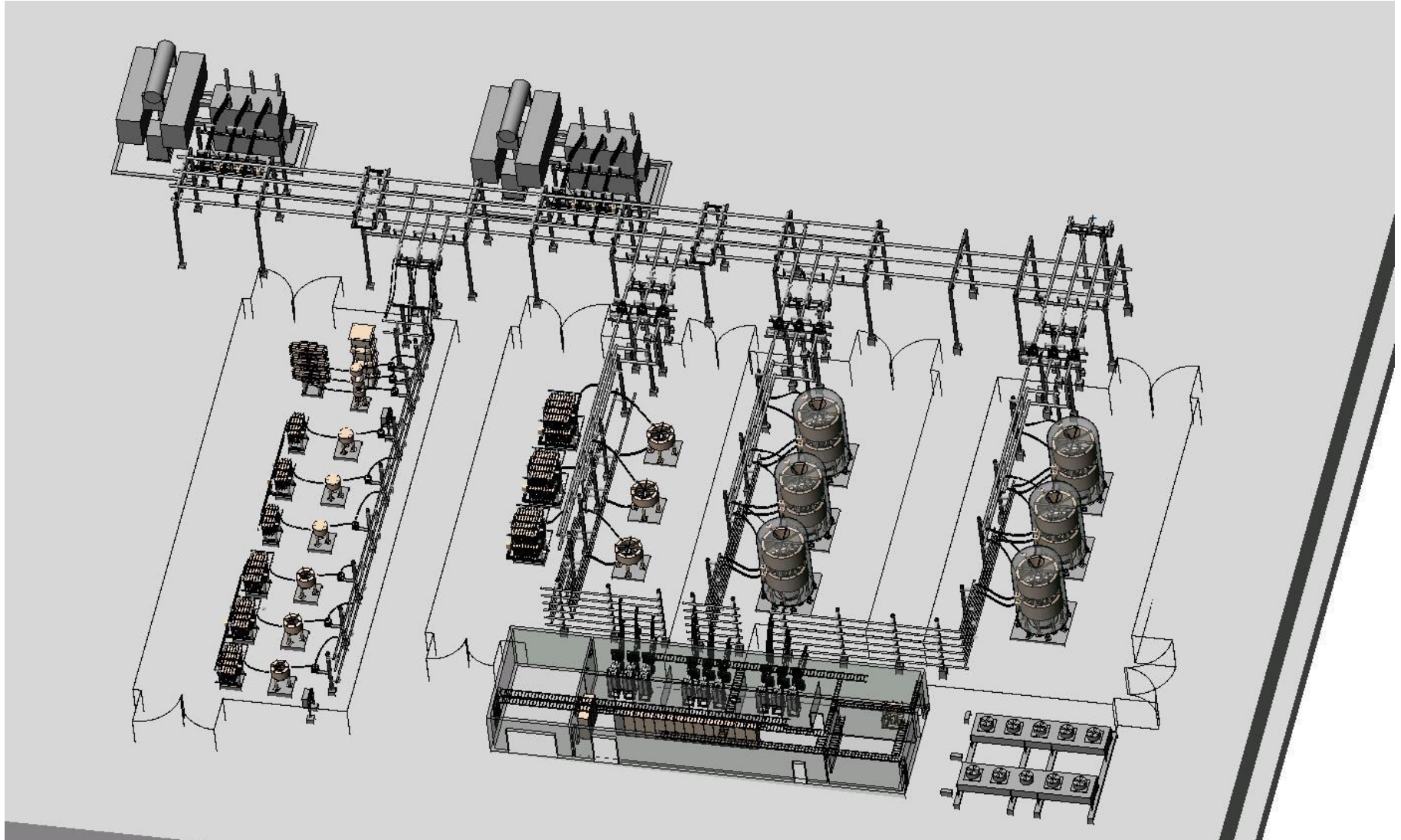
## Single Line Diagram



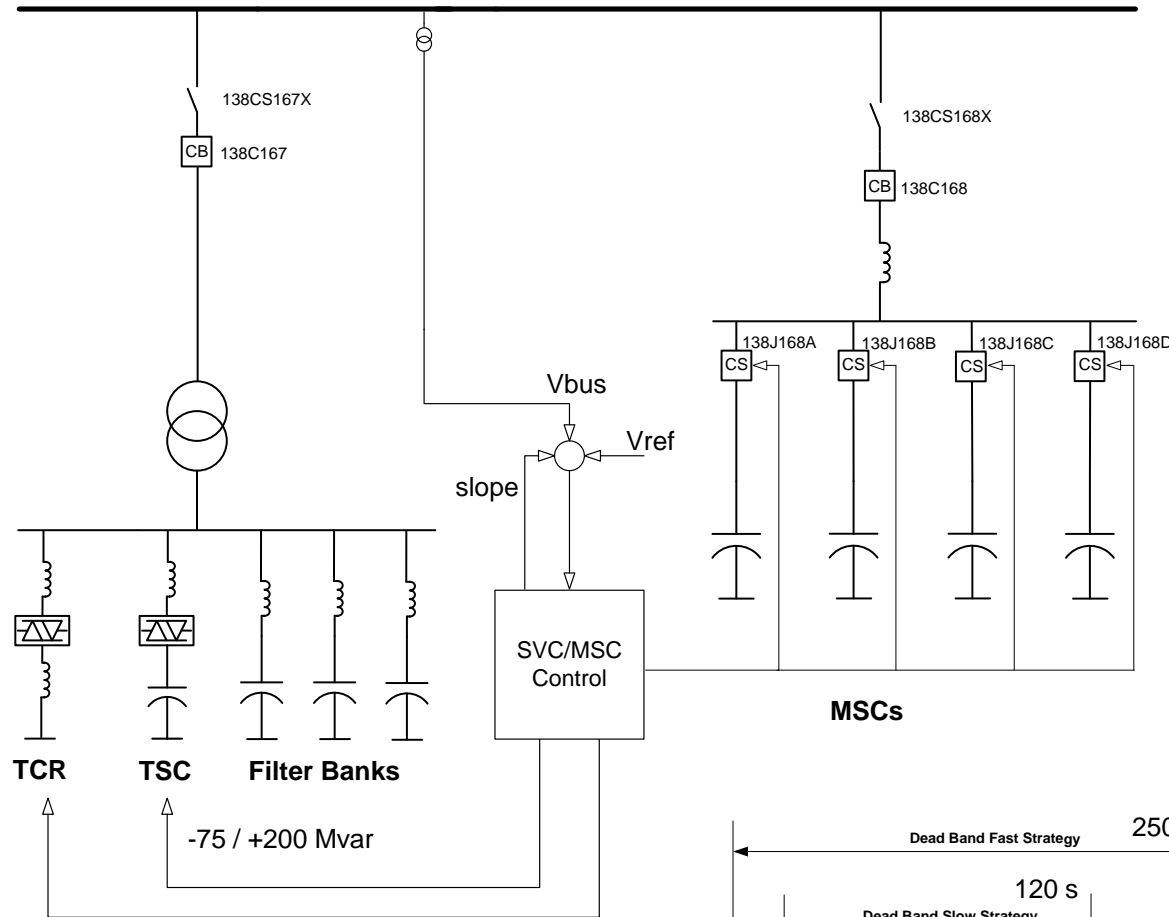
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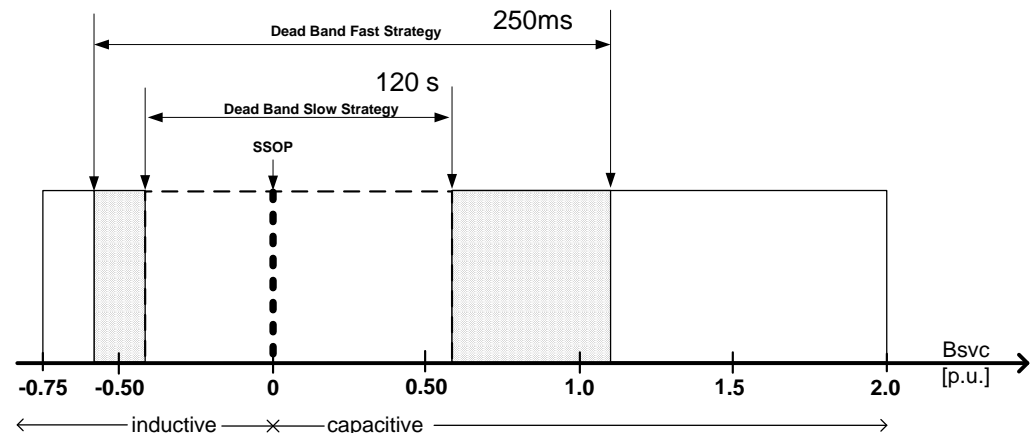
# SVC Layout



# Control of Mechanically Switched Capacitor Banks



- MSC's ~50 Mvar each
- 2 MSC's always reserved for contingency operation
- If the wide dead band is exceeded for a short time, an MSC will be switched
- If the narrow dead band is exceeded for a longer time, an MSC will be switched

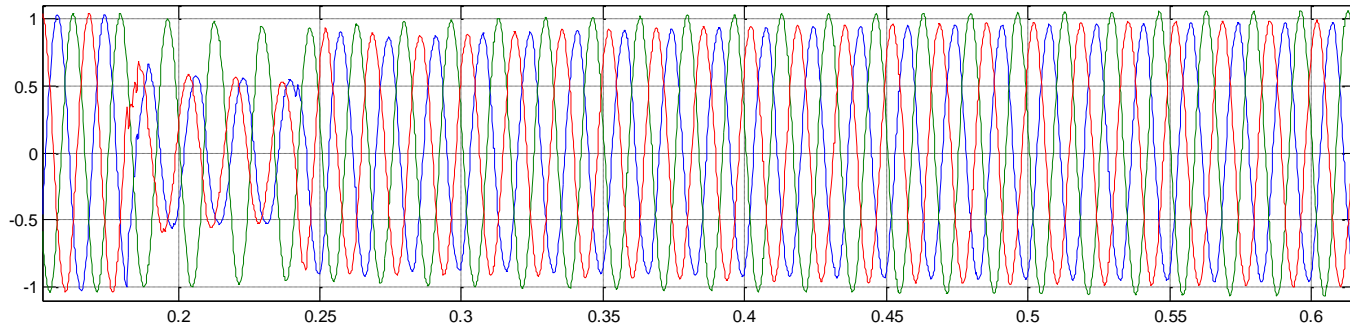


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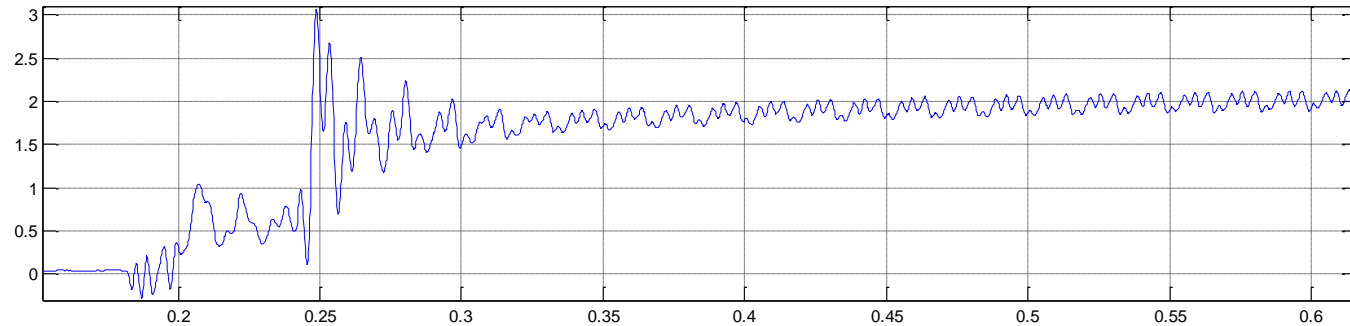
**System  
Voltage**

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UP1\_A [pu]



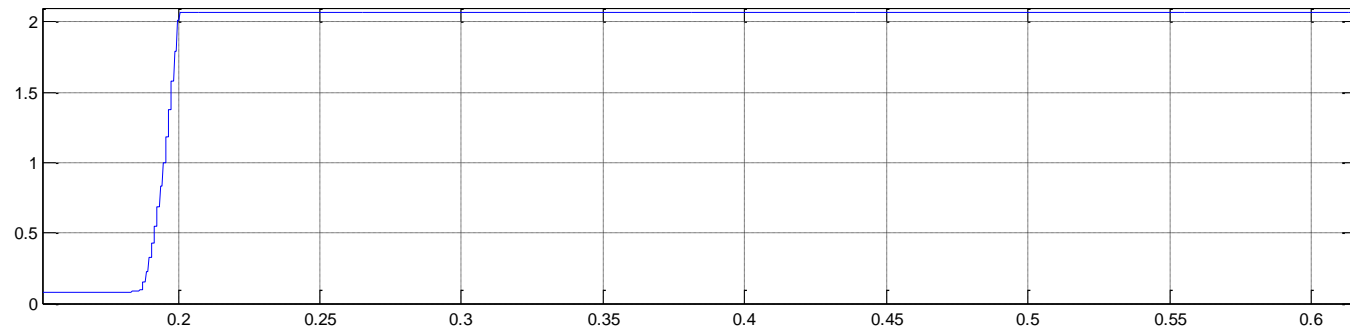
**SVC Mvar  
Output**

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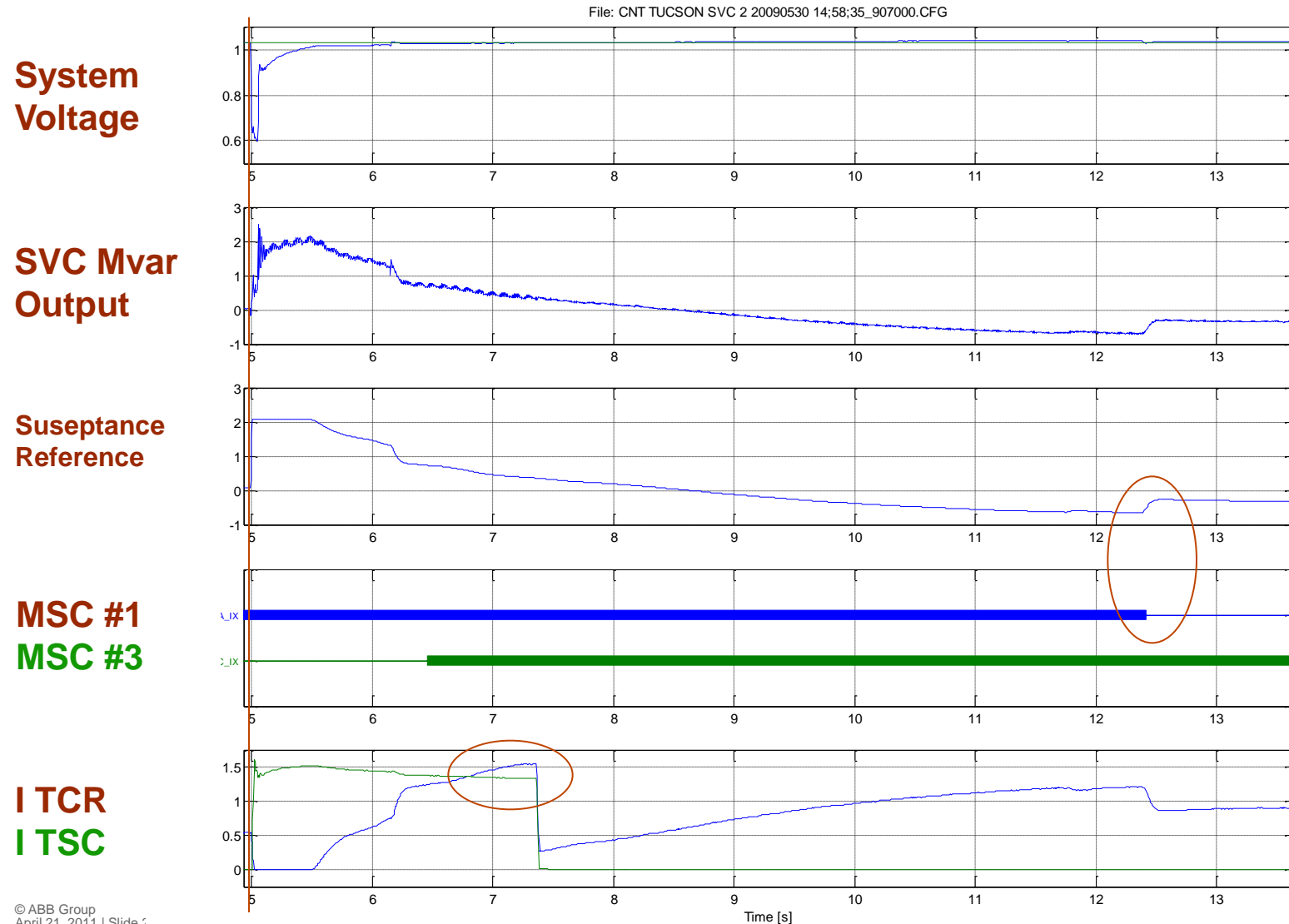


**Suseptance  
Reference**

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685-1880

**WARNING**  
DO NOT  
ENTER  
WITHOUT A  
CLEARANCE  
FROM SYSTEMS  
SUPERVISORS  
OFFICE

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**DANGER**  
HIGH VOLTAGE



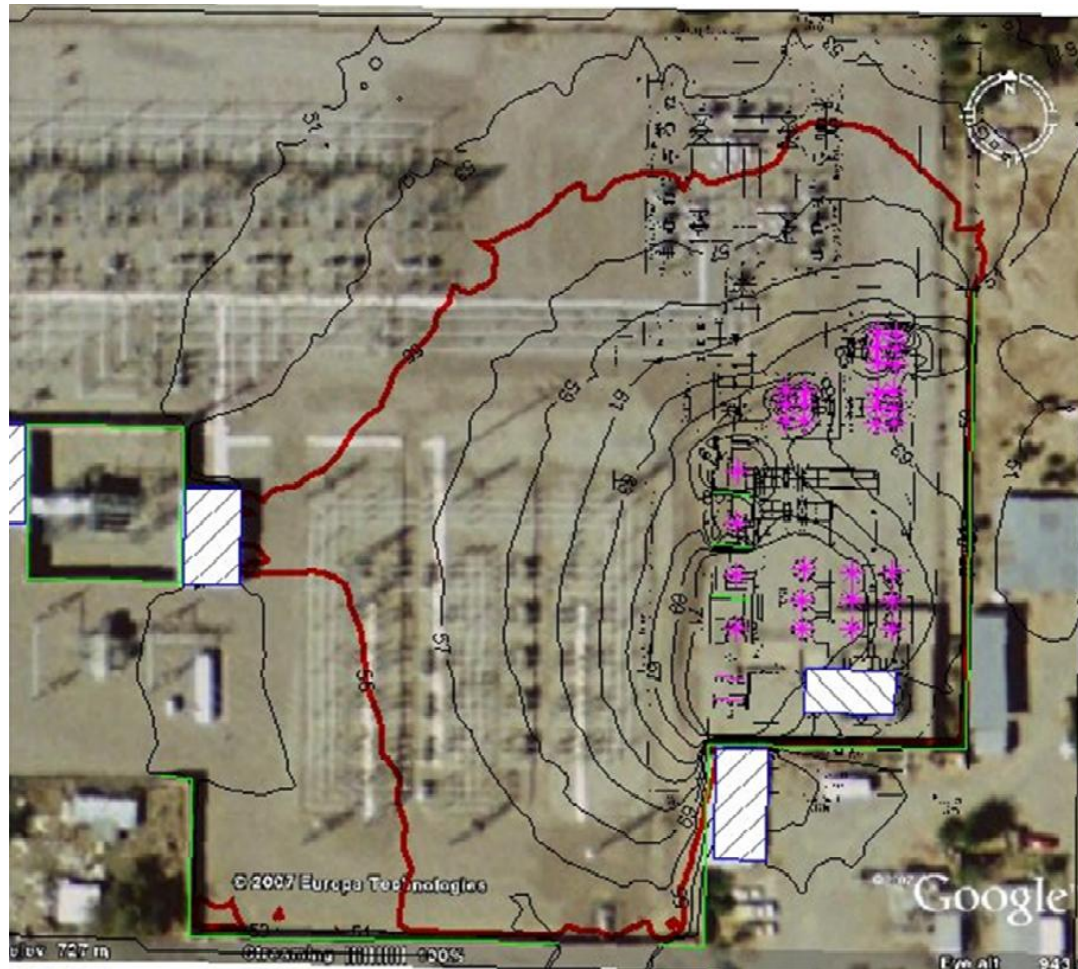




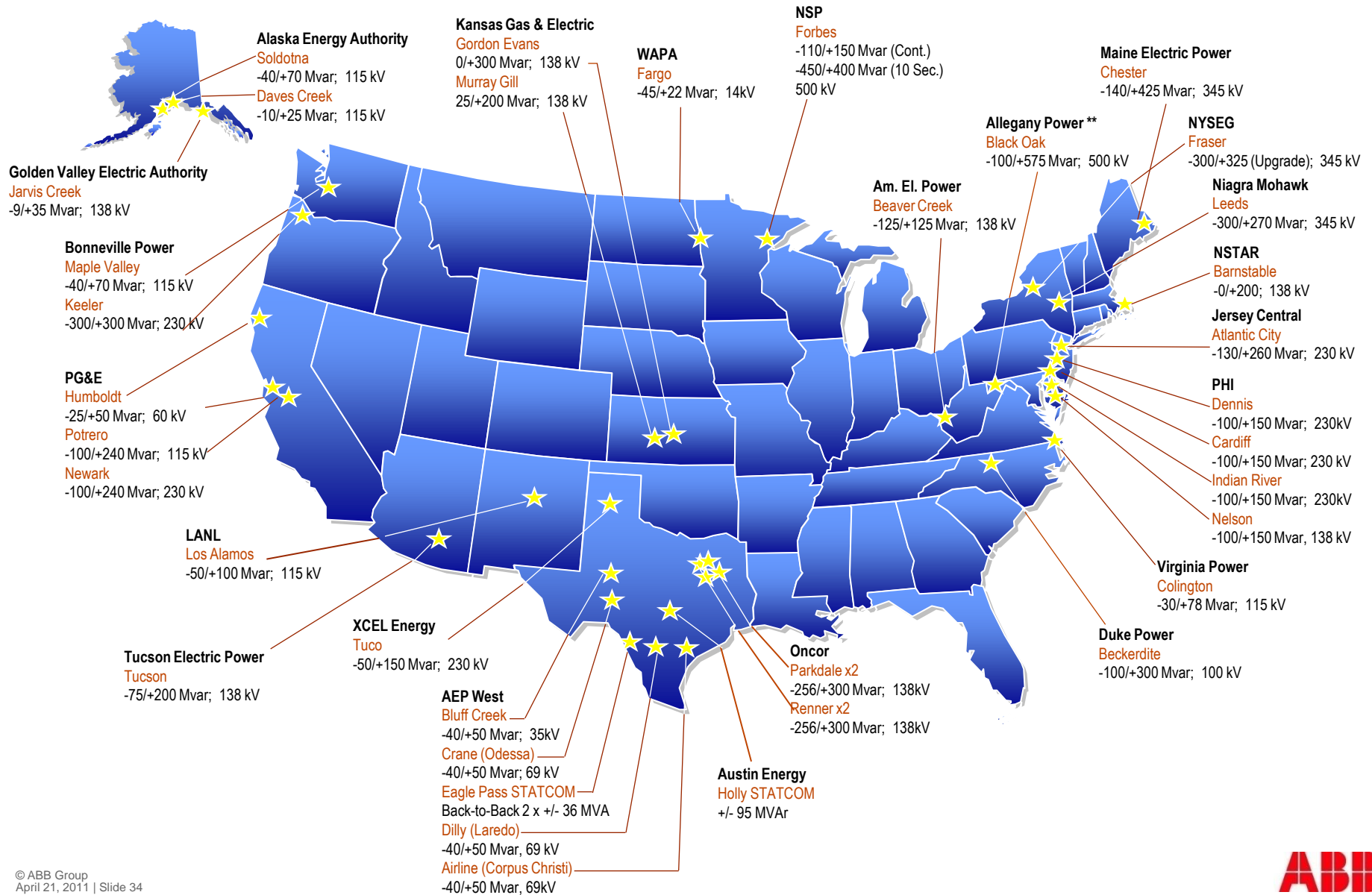




# Predicted SVC Sound Propagation



# ABB SVC & STATCOM Utility Installations in the US

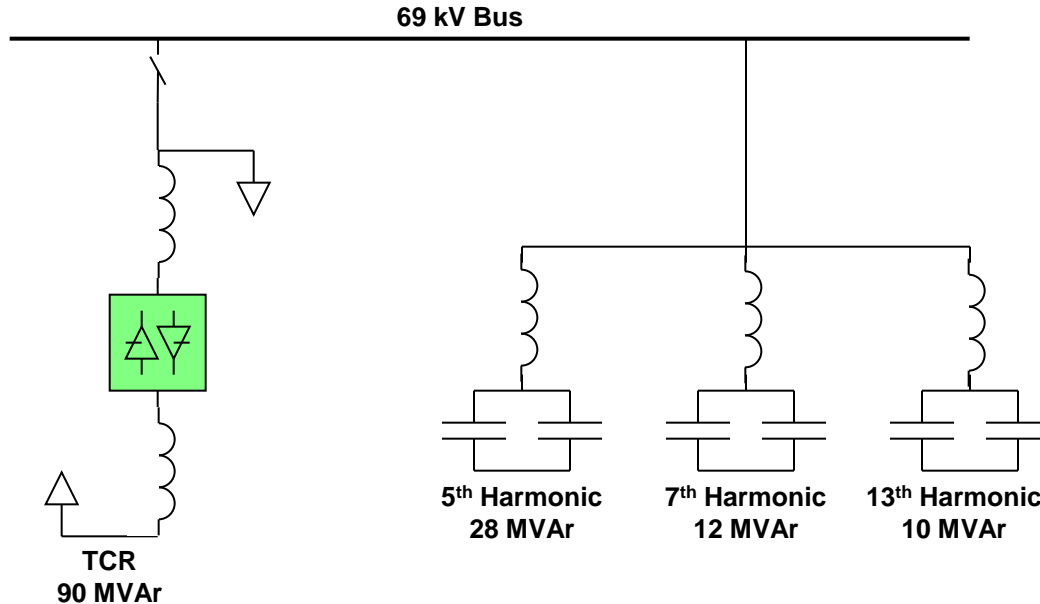




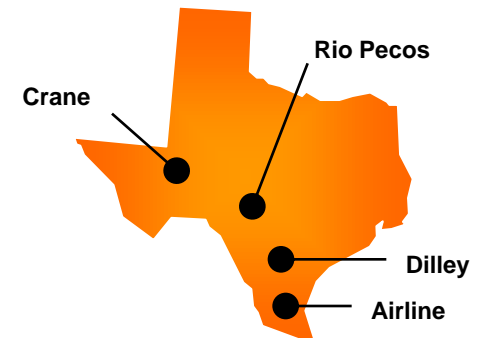
# AEP Direct Connect - Single Line Diagram



- **Benefits**
- Reduced Losses
- Smaller Footprint
- Reduced Delivery Time
- Reduced Maintenance Costs
- Reduced Equipment Delivery Risk
- Higher availability/reliability (w/o spare transformer)



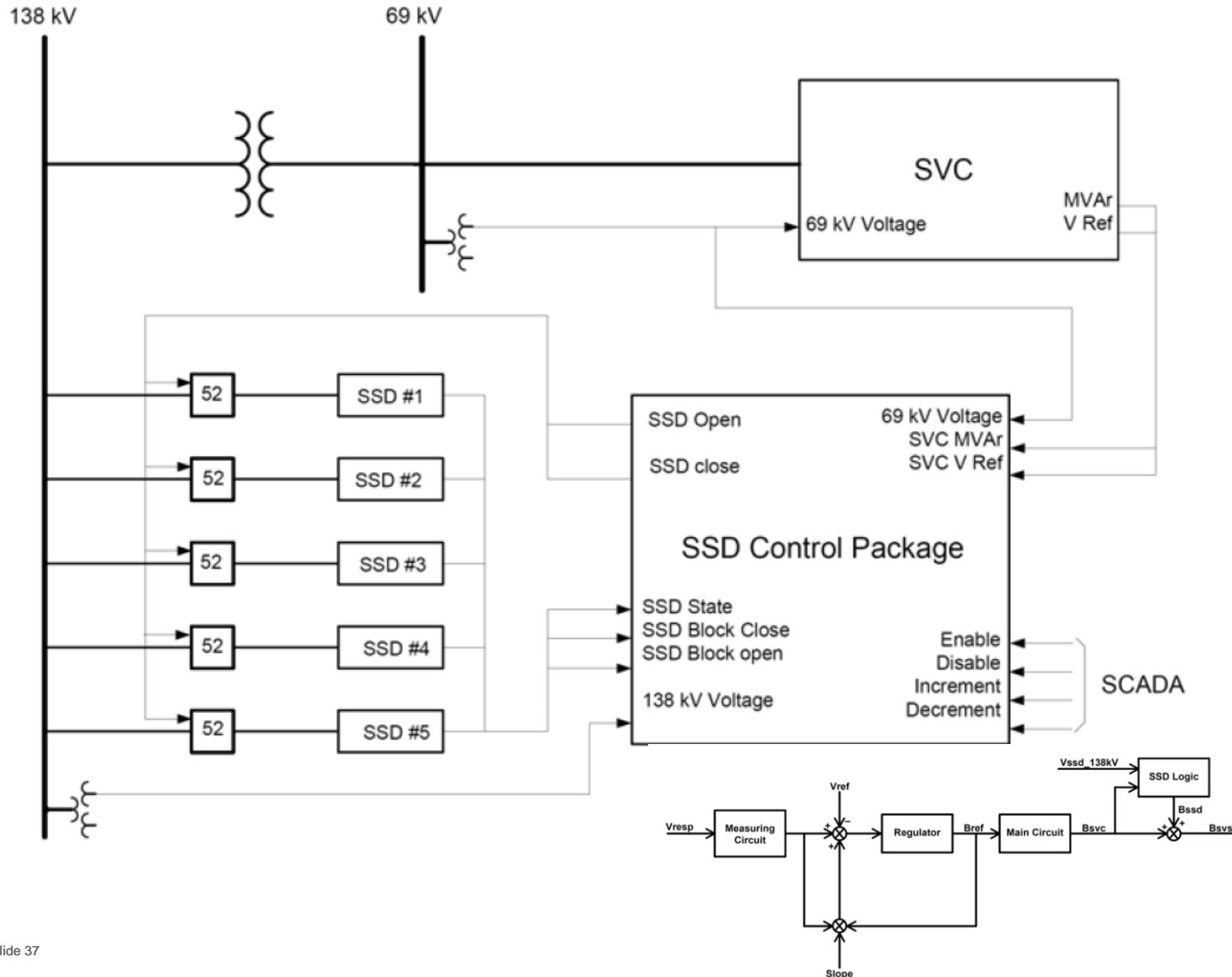
Rating: -40/+ 50 MVar @ 69 kV



# AEP Direct Connect SVC & Static Shunt Device Locations



# AEP Direct Connect SVC & Static Shunt Device Control Logic





# AEP Direct Connect Site Photos, Texas



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