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# Reactive Power Compensation



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## Main Topics



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- Reactive power
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- Reactive power compensation
- Implementing compensation in network
- Benefits of reactive power compensation
- Compensation solutions

#### ■ Capacitors: Main components & Building blocks

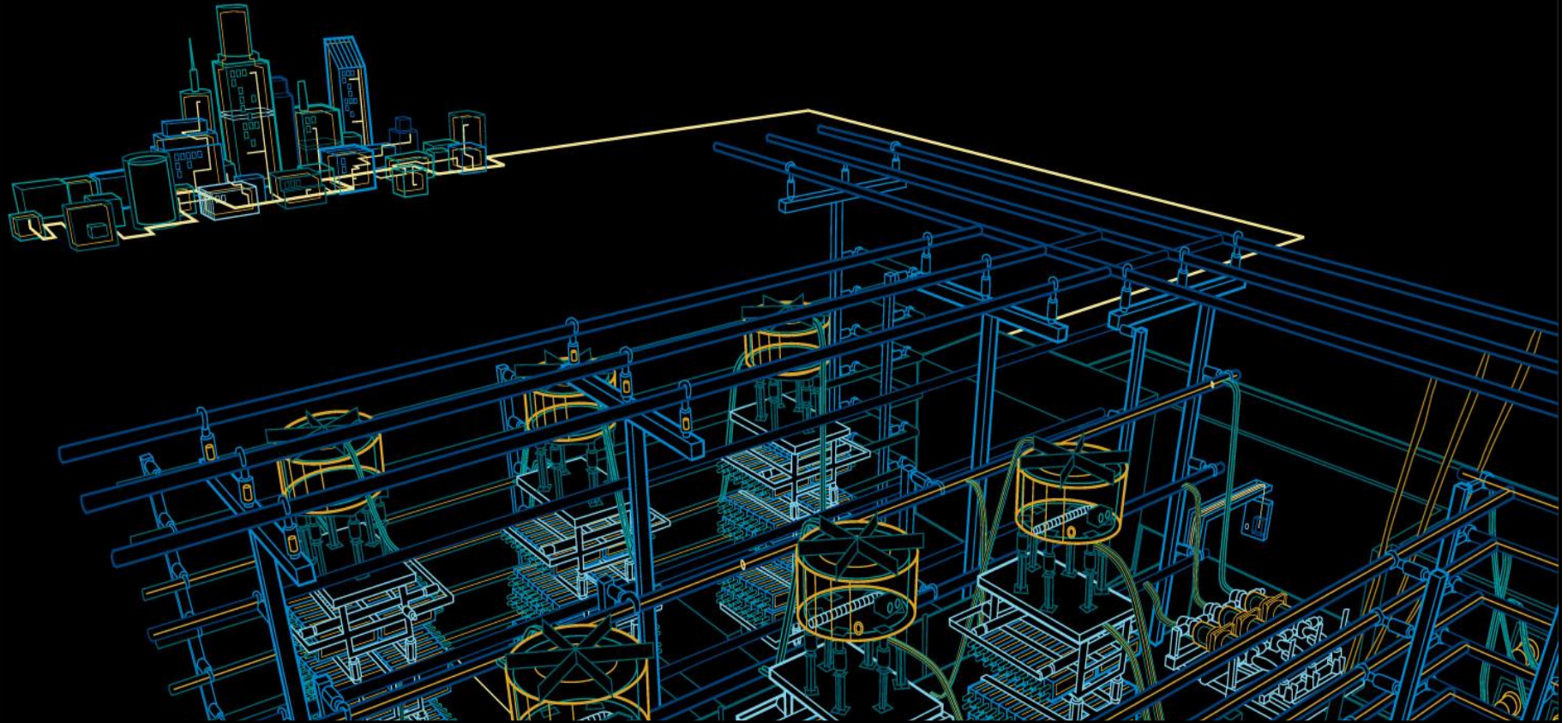


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# Reactive Power Compensation Introduction



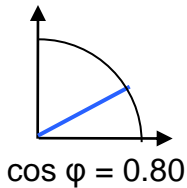
# Power factor Displacement factor ( $\cos \varphi$ )

Generation

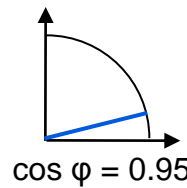
Load

Active Power

Reactive Power



Before compensation



After compensation

Reactive power compensation implies compensating the reactive power consumed by electrical motors, transformers etc.

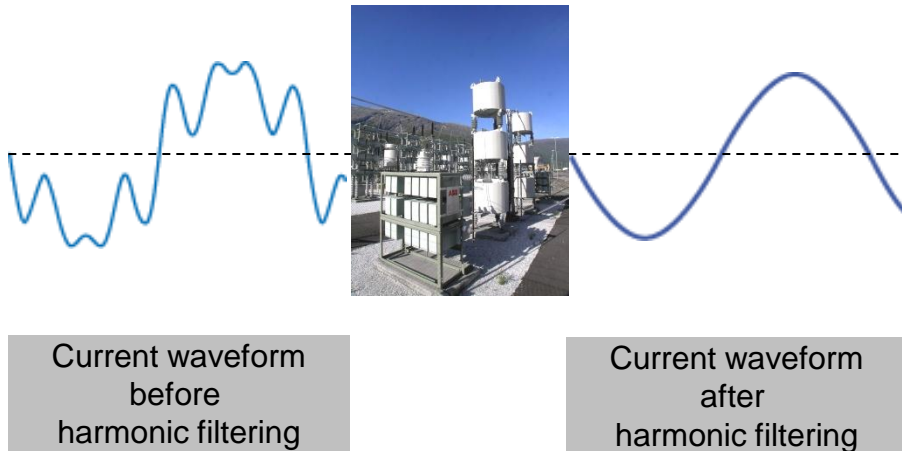
## Benefits

- Improves system power factor
- Reduces network losses
- Avoid penalty charges from utilities for excessive consumption of reactive power
- Reduces cost and generates higher revenue for the customer
- Increases system capacity and saves cost on new installations
- Improves voltage regulation in the network
- Increases power availability



# Power factor

## Harmonic distortion



Harmonic filtering implies mitigating harmonic currents generated by the non-linear loads like rectifiers, drives, furnaces, welding machines, converters, HF lamps, electronic equipments etc in the network.

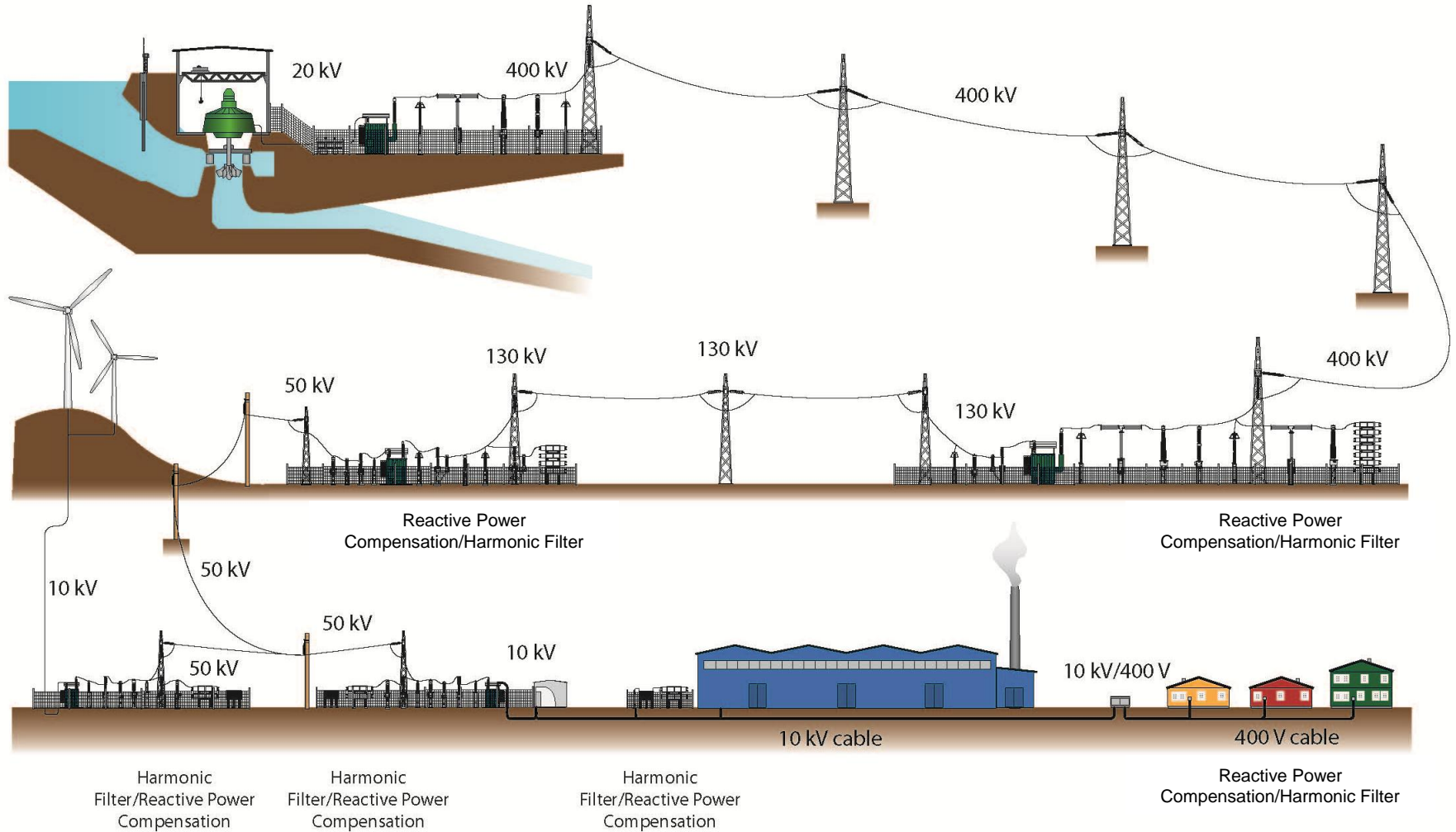
### Benefits

- Reduces harmonic content in the network which further reduces disturbances in telecommunication network, misbehavior in control equipments and relay protections, measuring errors in metering system
- Reduces network losses
- Reduces equipment overloading & stress on insulation
- Reduces cost and generates higher revenue for the customer
- Reduces unplanned outages and increases power availability



# The need for capacitors

## We operate on all voltages in the network





# Reactive power

## Definitions

### Active power (**P**)

It is the useful power that is doing the actual work. It is measured in W, kW, MW & calculated as,  $P = S \times \cos \varphi$

### Reactive power (**Q**)

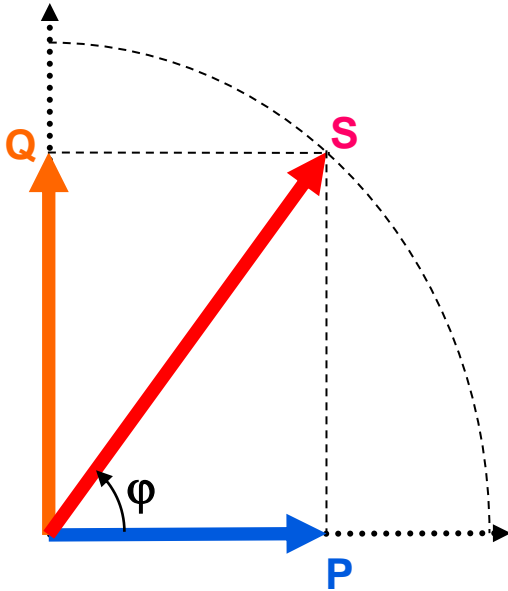
It is a consequence of an AC system. Reactive power are used to build up magnetic fields. It is measured in var, kvar, Mvar & calculated as,  $Q = S \times \sin \varphi$  or  $P \times \tan \varphi$

### Apparent power (**S**)

Or total power (S) is the combination of active and reactive power. Apparent power is measured in VA, kVA, MVA

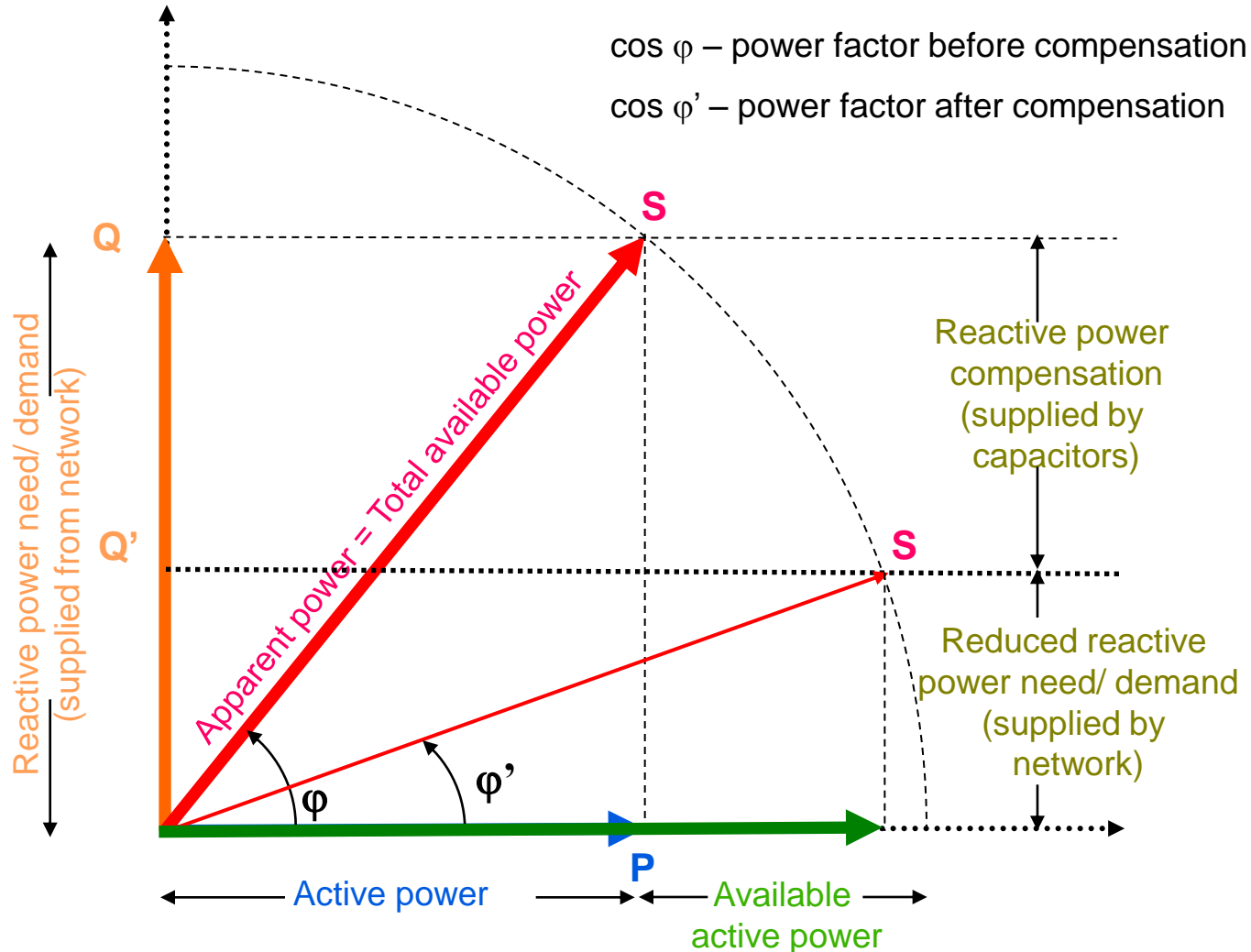
### Power factor ( **$\cos \varphi$** )

It is a measurement of the efficiency in a system. Power factor describes the relationship between active (P) and apparent Power (S)





# Reactive power Compensation





# Reactive power

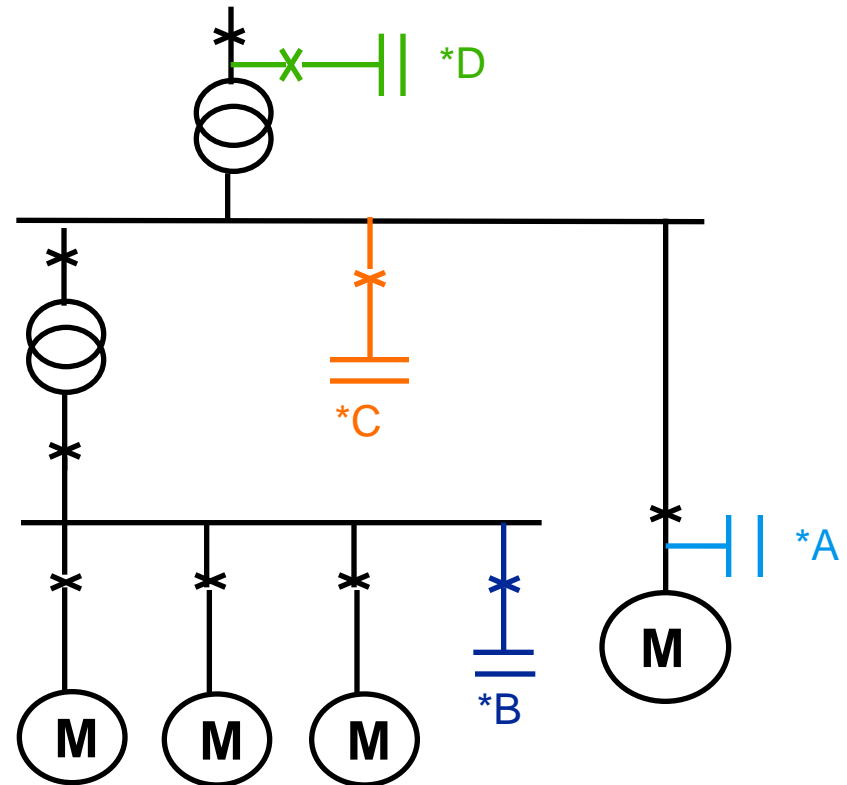
## Implementing the compensation in the network

Shunt compensation of reactive power can be employed either at load level, substation level or at transmission level.

Compensation should be provided as close as possible to the consumption point to avoid having to distribute this power in the other part of network.

Location is primarily determined by the reason for compensation.

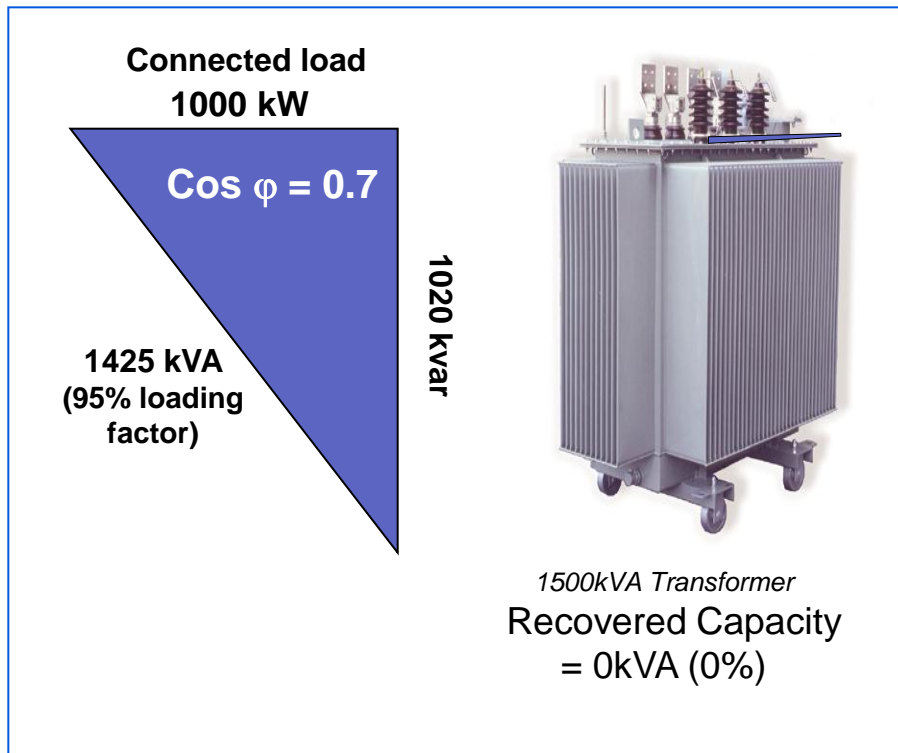
- \*A : Direct Compensation
- \*B : Group Compensation
- \*C : Central Compensation at LV side
- \*D : Central Compensation at HV side



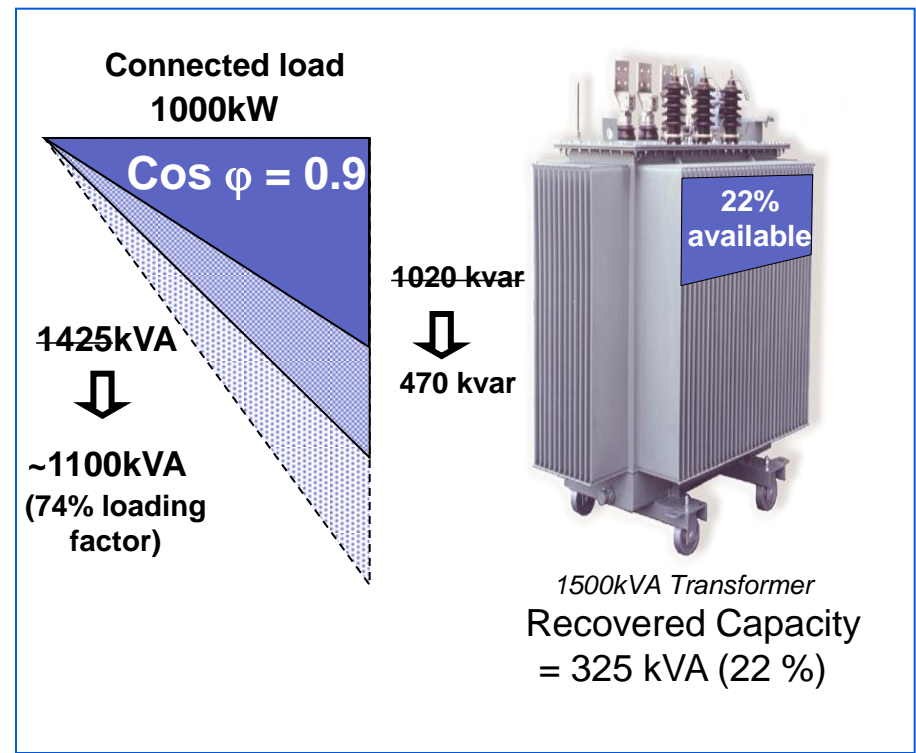


# Example of power factor correction

## Relief in transformer loading



Power triangle of an installation running at low  $\cos \phi$  and for which the transformer is close to full load

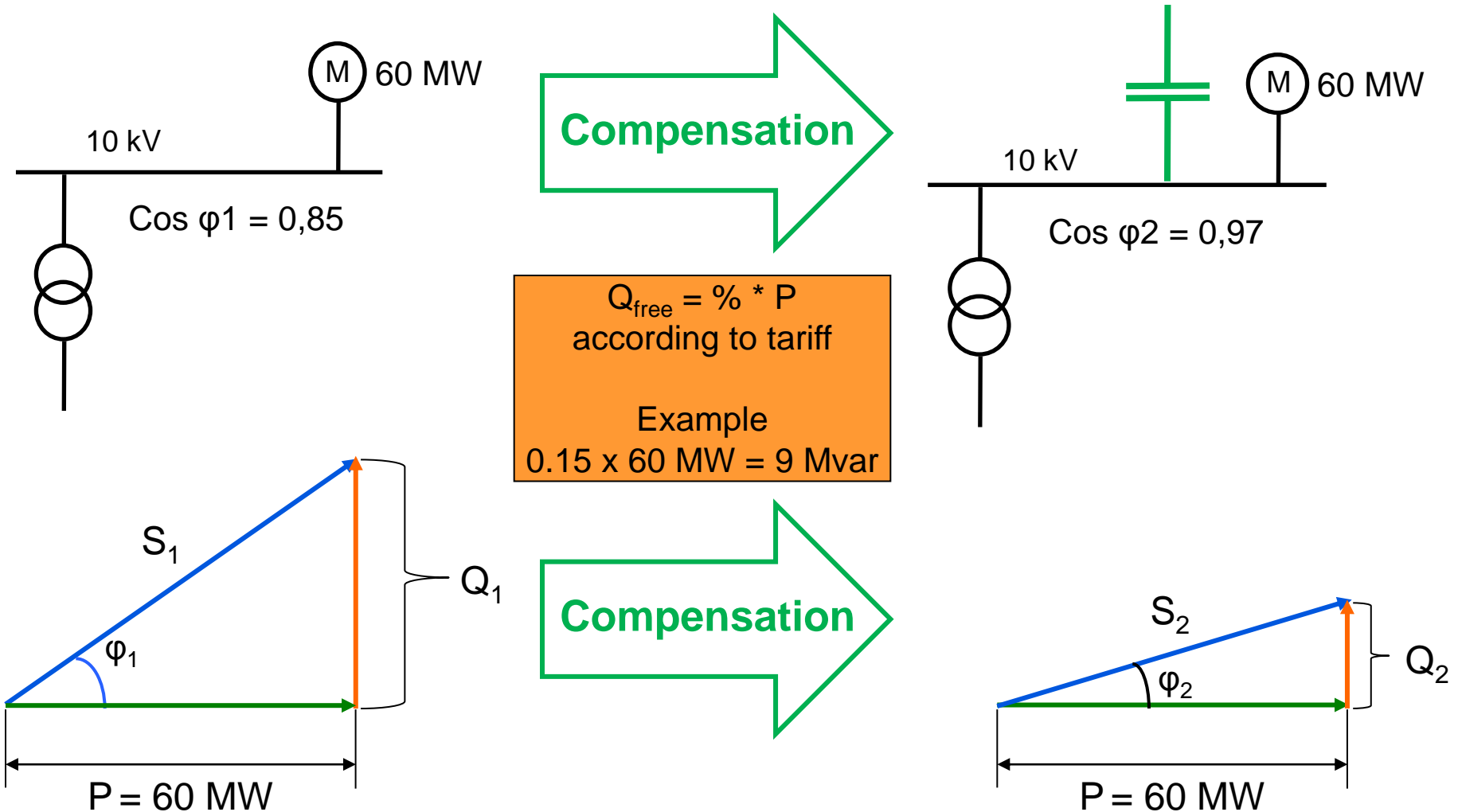


Power triangle of the same installation where power factor correction has been applied reduces load on the transformer / releases capacity for additional loads



# Reactive Power Compensation

## Added value: optimizing power availability





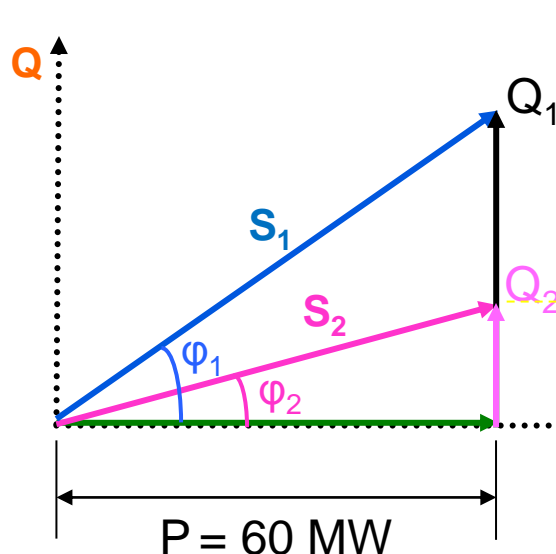
# Reactive Power Compensation

## Advantages: Summary/Conclusion

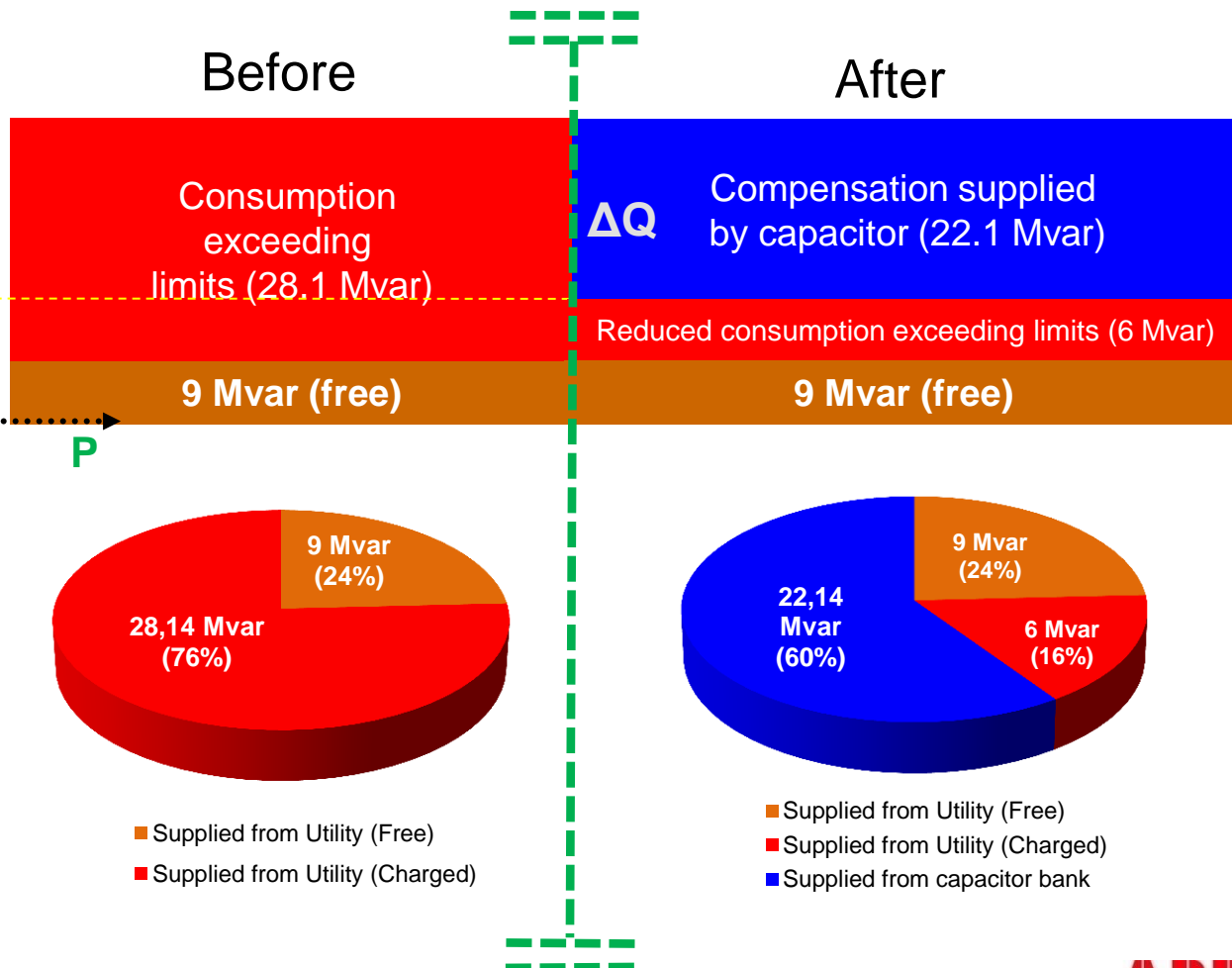
$Q_{\text{free}} = X \% \times P$  according to tariff/utility regulation



Max.  $Q_{\text{free}}$  allowed from utility =  $0,15 \times 60 = 9 \text{ Mvar}$



Before	After
$\cos \varphi_1 = 0,85$	$\cos \varphi_2 = 0,97$
$P = 60 \text{ MW}$	
$S_1 = 70,59 \text{ MVA}$	$S_2 = 61,86 \text{ MVA}$
$Q_1 = 37,19 \text{ Mvar}$	$Q_2 = 15,04 \text{ Mvar}$
$\Delta Q = 22,1 \text{ Mvar}$ (cap. Bank power)	





# Reactive Power Compensation Purpose

Solution depends on aim:

Reactive Power need and no harmonics

Capacitor Banks

Reactive Power need and no distortion even if Harmonics are present

Detuned Filters

Reactive Power need and distortion problems

Tuned Filters

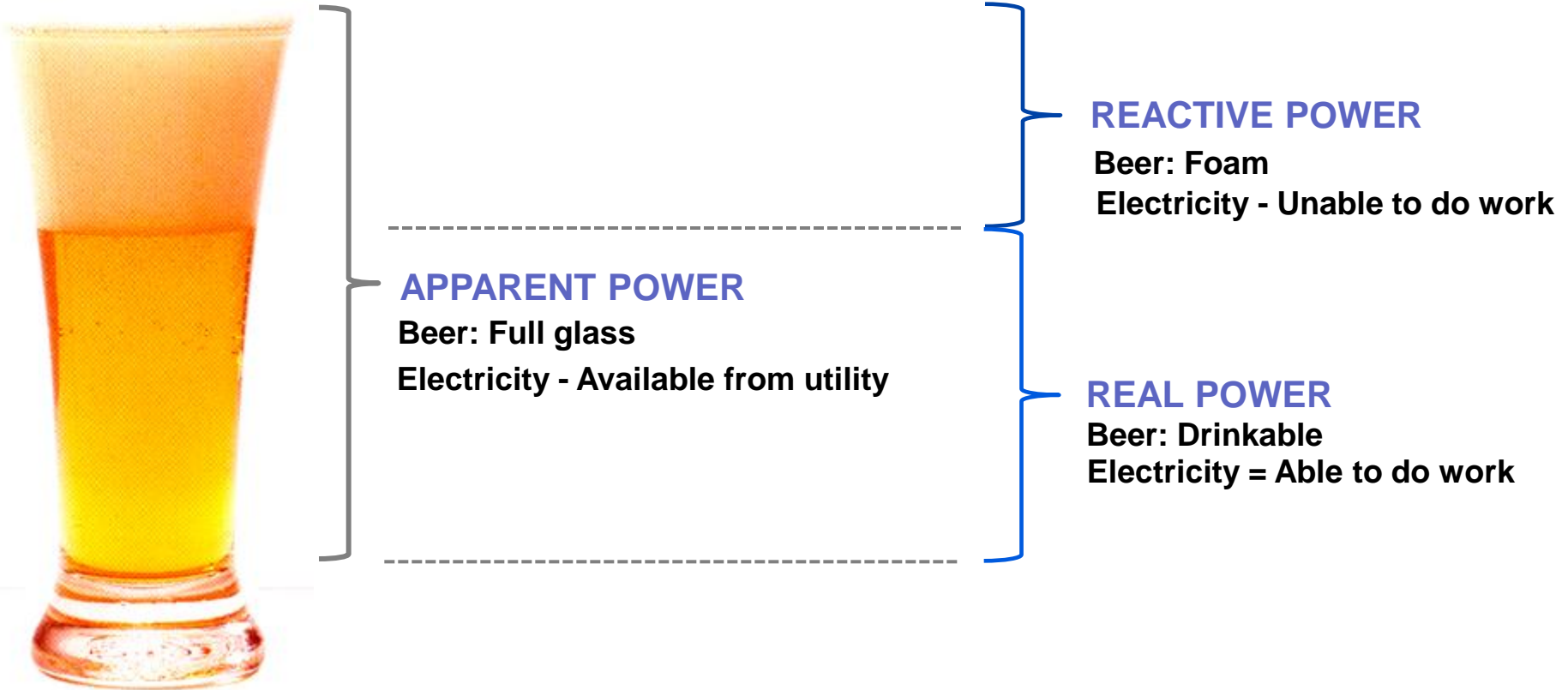
Reactive Power need and strong distortion problems such as fast voltage fluctuations and/or phase asymmetry

Dynamic / SVC's

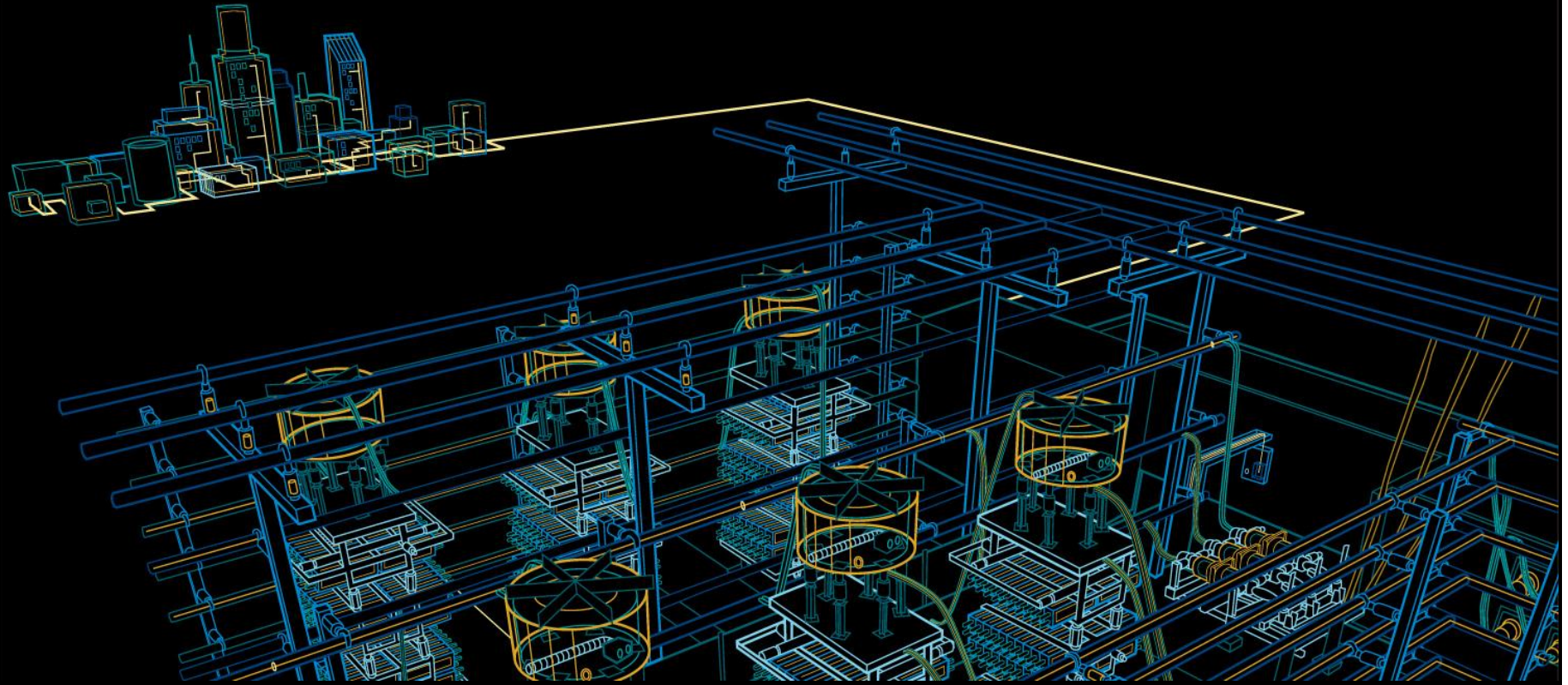


# Reactive power

## Apparent, Active & Reactive Power



It is the Active Power that contributes to the energy consumed, or transmitted. Reactive Power does not contribute to the energy. It is an inherent part of the “total power” which is often referred as “Useless Power”.



# ABB Capacitors

## Main components & Building Blocks

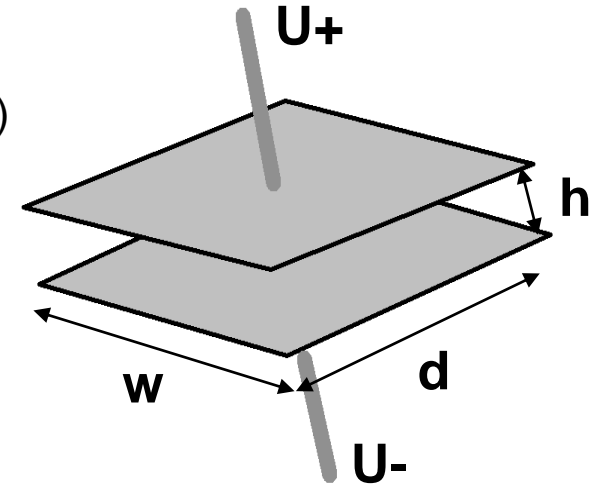


# Main components and building blocks

## Basic definitions: Capacitor & Capacitance

### Capacitor

Two conductor layers separated by a insulating layer (dielectric)



### Capacitance

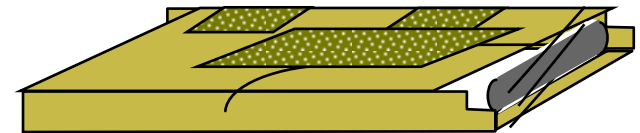
$$C = \varepsilon * \frac{A}{h}$$

- Area of the plates =  $w \times d$
- Distance between the plates (thickness of the dielectric)
- Permittivity of the insulating material (dielectric) or Dielectric constant

### Reactive Power

$$Q = 2\pi f \times U^2 \times C$$

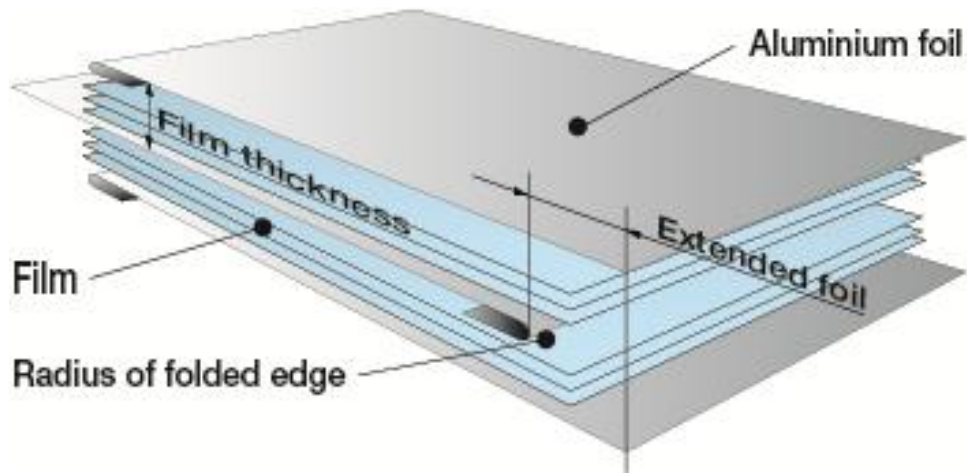
- Capacitance
- Voltage
- Frequency



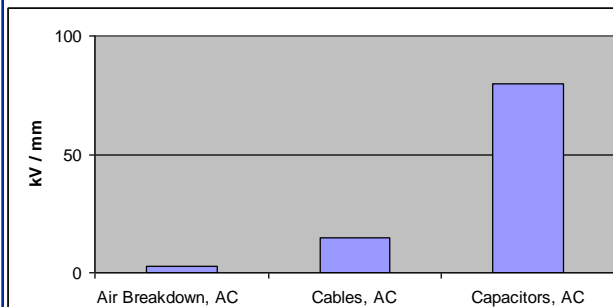


# ABB's unique features

## Reliable and well utilized capacitor elements



Optimal electric field strength, well utilized insulation:



Design with safety margins:

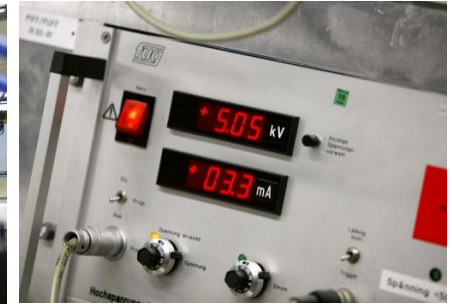
- Several film layers (normally three)
  - High electrical withstand
- Folded foils at electrode edges
  - Low electric stress amplification
  - Minimized PD generation



# Reliability

## ABB Capacitors: well proven experience

We know that world-class products, requires top of the line personnel, careful selection of materials and most modern machinery.



Our workshop has the most modern machinery and processes. These are often tailor made in order to satisfy the high demands of our customers.



# Reliability

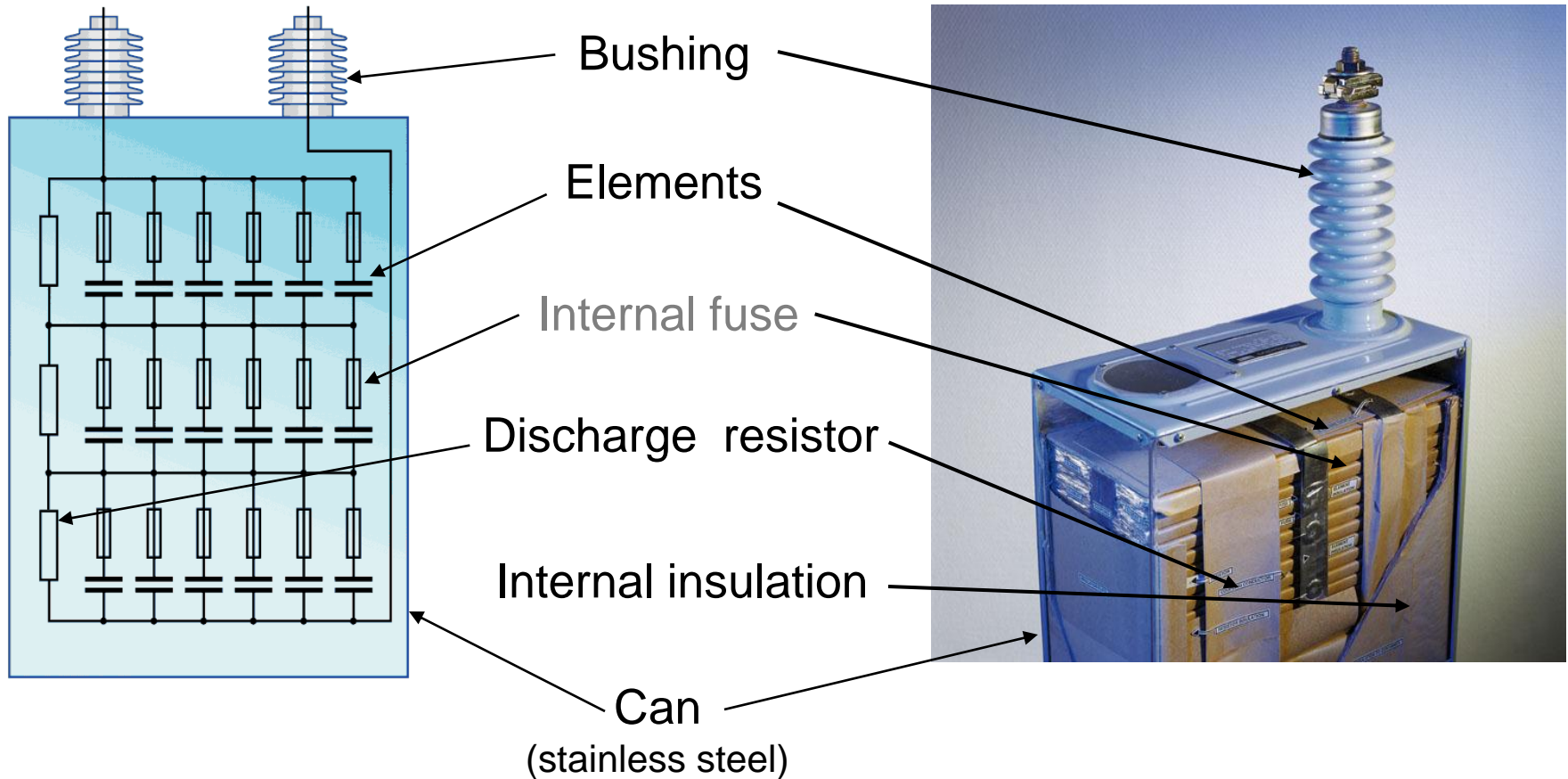
## ABB Capacitors: Failure rates examples

Project (Installed)	Application	No. of units	Failure (%/year)
Itaipu (1985-93)	HVDC	15224	0.03
IPP (1986-91)	HVDC	13786	0.05
Pacific (1987-94)	Filter	1008	0.15
Itaipu (1990-94)	SC	5040	0.04
Rihand-Delhi	HVDC	6103	0.004



# Power Factor Compensation & Filter Solutions

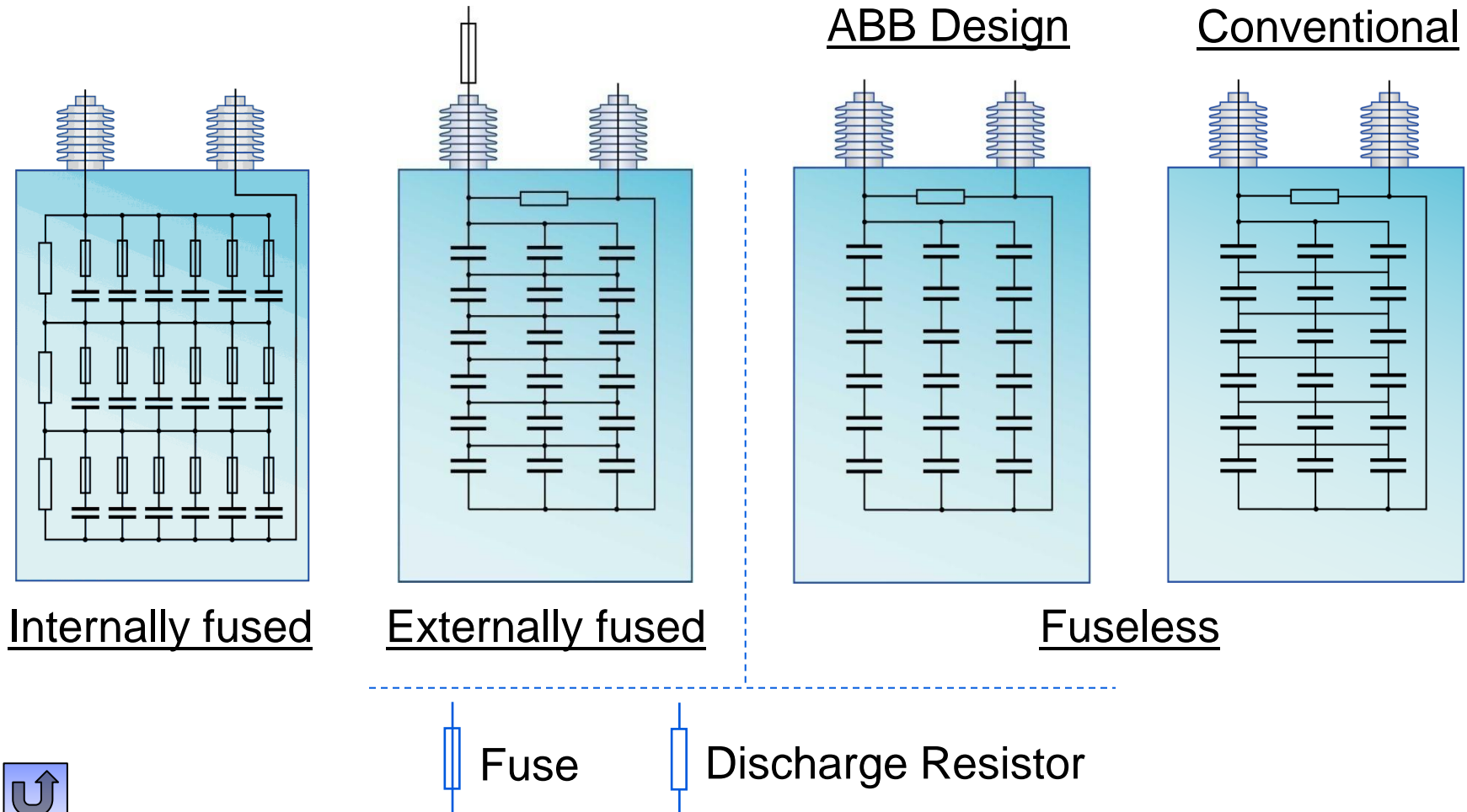
## Basic definitions: Capacitor unit components





# ABB's unique features

## HiQ units available in all type of fusing technologies





# ABB's unique features

## Expertise in all type of fusing technologies

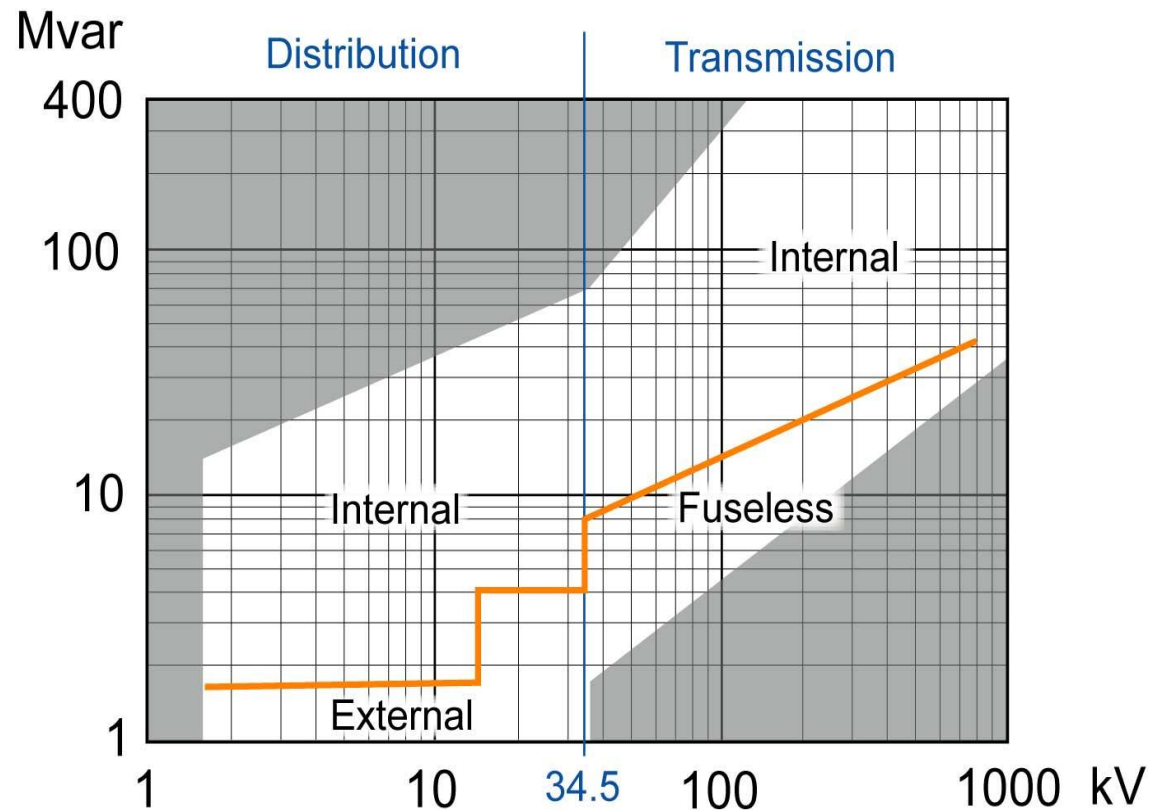


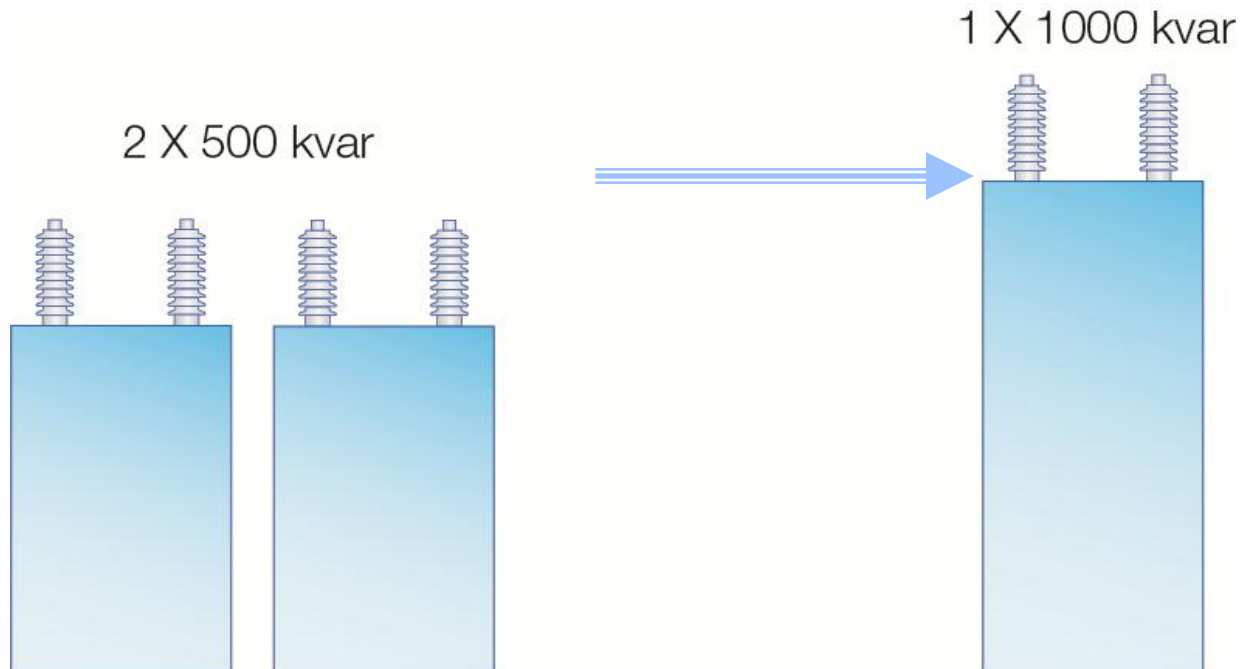
ABB is the only manufacturer supplying all types of fusing technologies



# ABB's unique features

## Large units - gives lower cost for the customer

- Same dielectric stress
- Same number of elements
- Same active material
- Less passive material (bushings, insulation etc.)
- Less ground area implies
- Less foundation
- Less fence

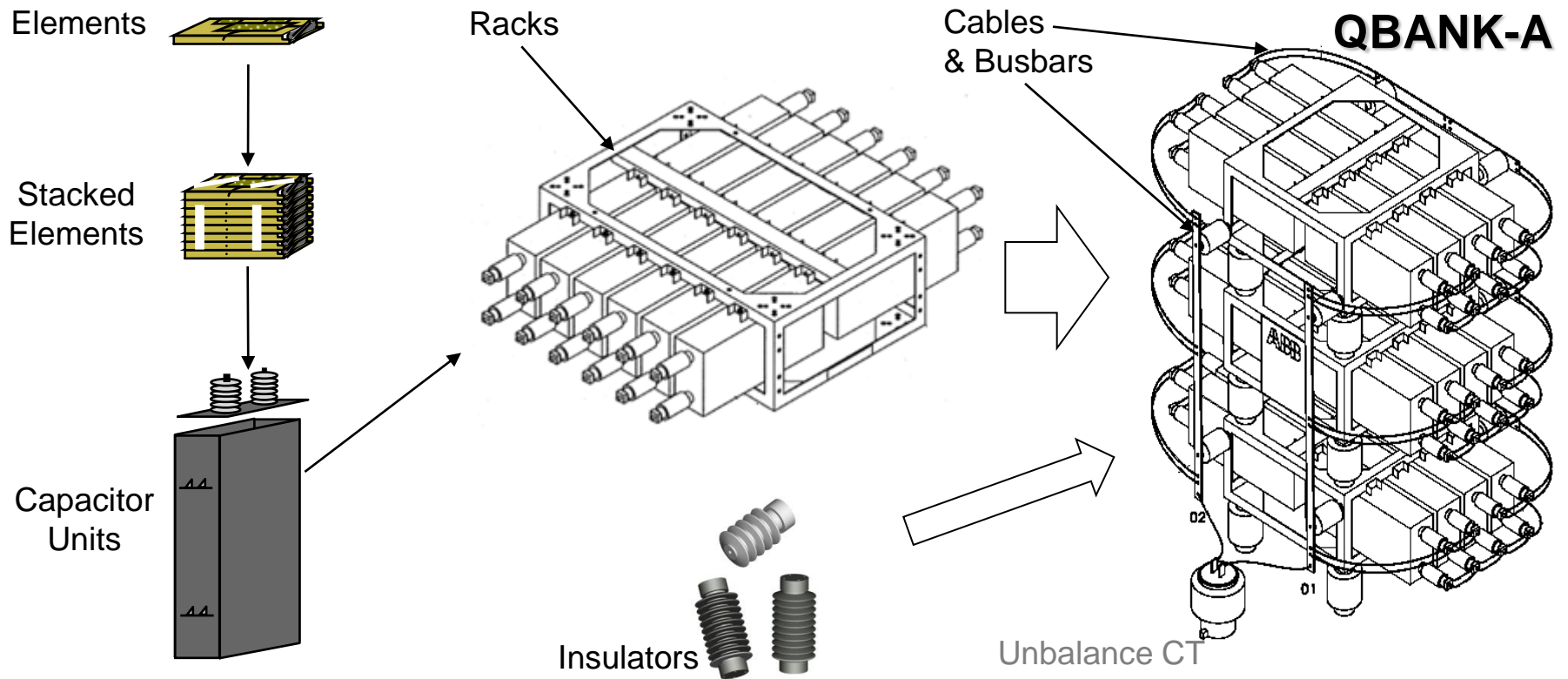




# Power Factor Compensation & Filter Solutions

## Capacitor Banks: Core components

Bank design means transforming the requested reactive power into a physical structure with all environmental aspects and customer requirements taken into account.



# Power Factor Compensation & Filter Solutions

## Harmonic Filters: Core components

Capacitors

$C$  [ $\mu\text{F}$ ]

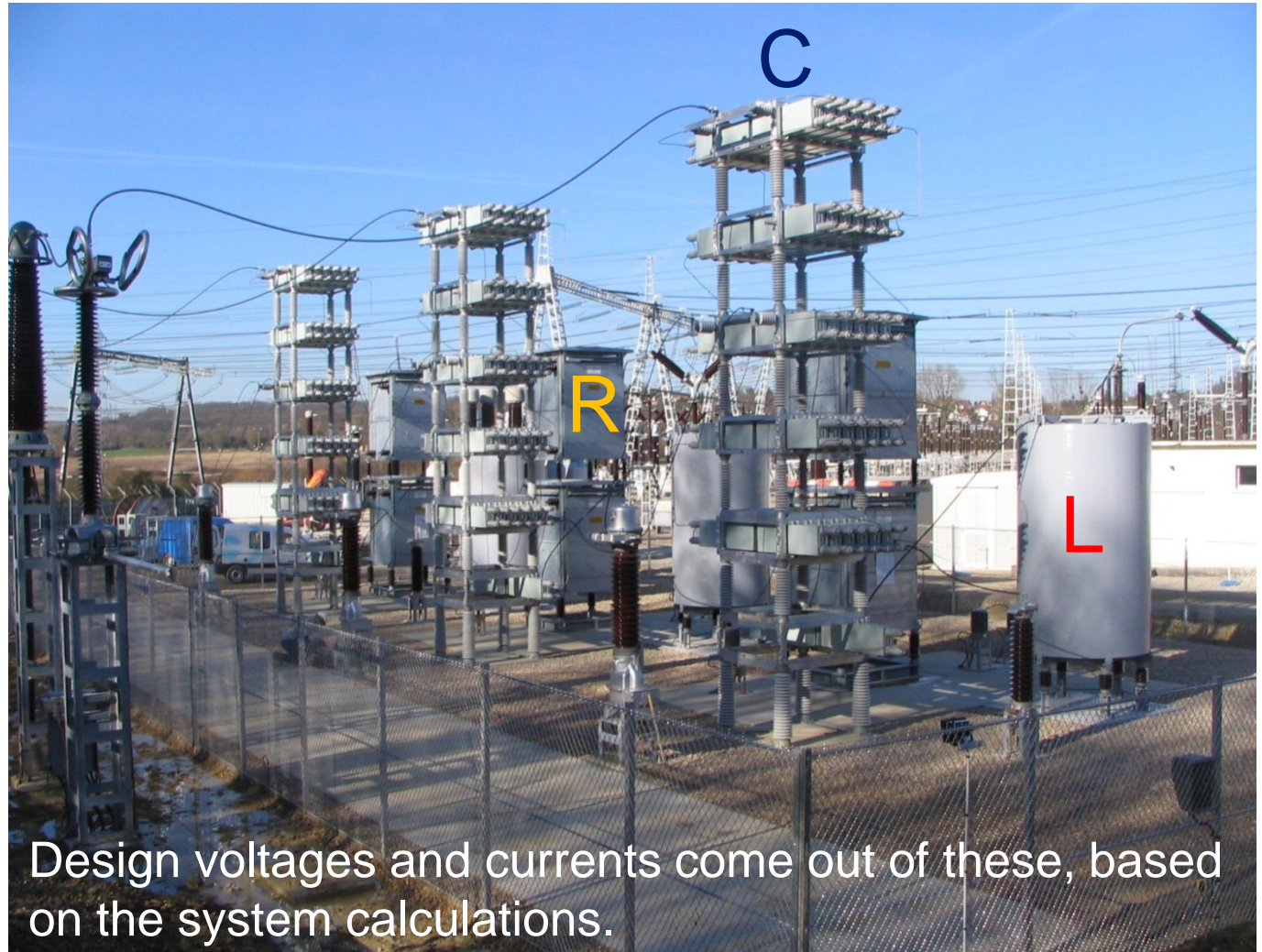
Reactors

$L$  [ $\text{mH}$ ]

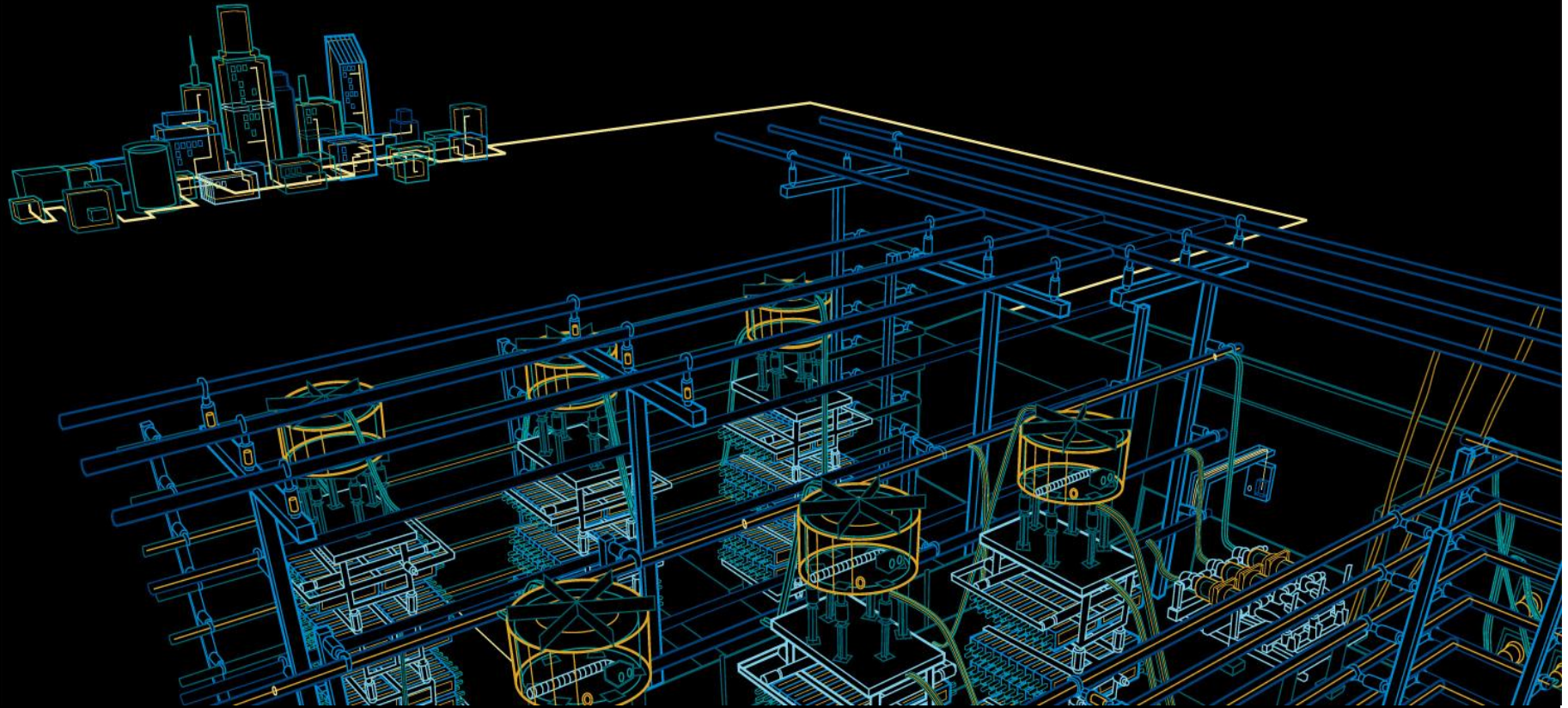
Resistance

$R$  [ $\Omega$ ]

*For filter  
performance these  
values are the  
important*



Design voltages and currents come out of these, based on the system calculations.



# Power Factor Compensation ABB Capacitors History and background



# ABB Capacitors

## ABB Production Facilities & Technical Centers



# ABB in Ludvika

## A world center of high voltage



**Surge  
Arresters**



**Instrument  
Transformers**



**Capacitor  
Banks**



**Live Tank  
Circuit Breakers**



**Disconnecting  
Circuit Breakers**

**One-Stop source for air-insulated HV equipment**

# ABB in Ludvika

## “The High Voltage Valley”





# Capacitors in ABB

## Technical Lead Center in Ludvika



- Technical lead center for ABB medium and high voltage capacitors
- One of the worlds largest factories for capacitors.
- Most modern factory in the world
- Export: >95%
- Employees: app. 150
- Volume: 30 000 Mvar/year

Capacitor  
plant area





# Capacitors in ABB

## High quality production facility



One of the most modern production lines with:

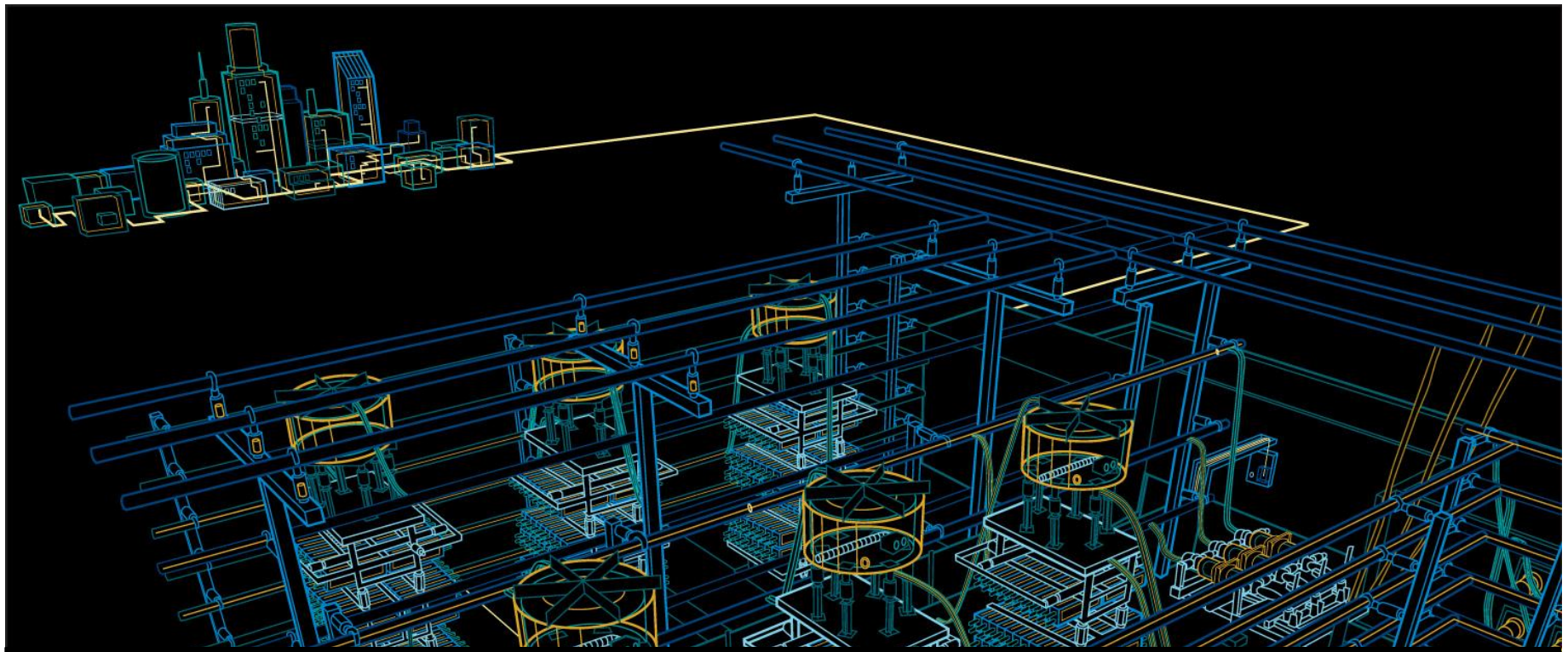
- Continuous optimization and improvement programs
- Certified personnel

Traceability through Electronic control cards

- Order no., part no., batch no., operator's name etc. stored at each workstation through barcode system

Extremely low failure rate for capacitor units

Quality ensured by most modern optimized production process



# Power Factor Compensation ABB MV & HV Product Portfolio

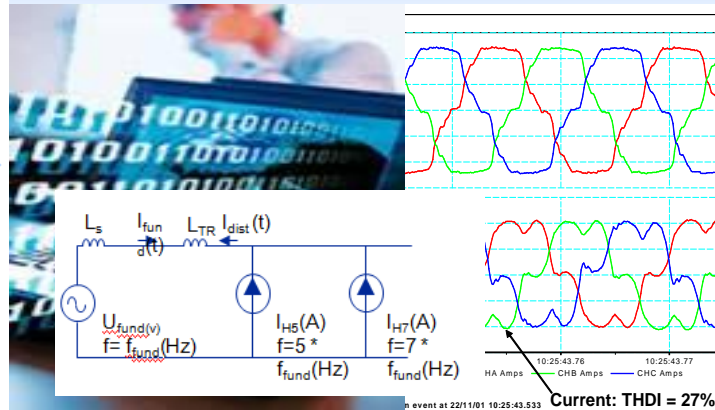


# ABB Capacitors Product Scope

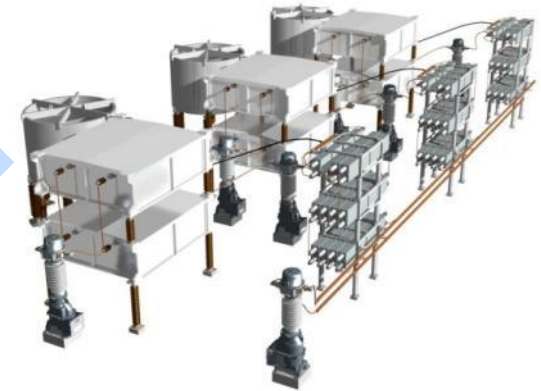
Measuring



Harmonic Analyses / Calculations



Solution



Product delivery



Measuring



Education



We can meet all customer needs

# ABB MV & HV Capacitors Portfolio

## Capacitor units: HiQ capacitors for all applications



### Capacitor unit types



#### Internally fused units

- Unit voltage range: 1-15 kV
- Reactive power range: 300-1200 kvar (50 Hz)

#### Externally fused units

- Unit voltage range: 2.4 – 25 kV
- Reactive power range: 100 – 500 kvar (50 Hz)

#### ABB fuseless units

- Unit voltage range: 12 – 25 kV
- Reactive power range: 300 – 1200 kvar (50 Hz)



# ABB MV & HV Capacitors Portfolio

## Medium voltage enclosed capacitor banks

**ABBACUS**



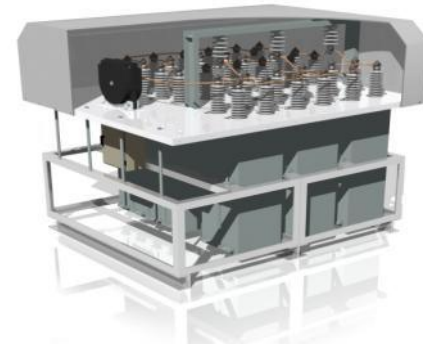
**1-36 kV**

**EMPAC**



**1-36 kV**

**SIKAP**



**1-24 kV**



Complete with switchgear or only capacitor bank



# ABB MV & HV Capacitors Portfolio

## MV enclosed capacitor bank type ABBACUS



Type:	<b>ABBACUS</b> Enclosed mult-step switched cap. bank
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One enclosure = Several steps

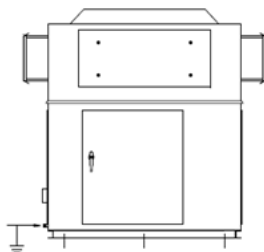
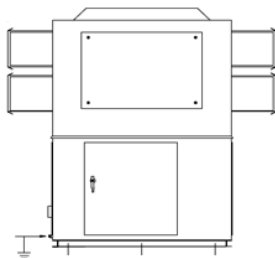
Voltage Range:	Max. 36 kV
Power Range:	Up to 20 Mvar
Switching:	Yes
Protection degree:	IP65
Capacitor units:	Capacitors units equipped with internal fuse and discharging resistor.
Connection	Single or Double Star
Installation:	Indoor/Outdoor
Temperature range:	-50 to +55 °C (up to 24 kV) -10 to +55 °C (36 kV)

Delivered with all internal electrical wiring between capacitors; CT and reactors (if included) pre connected / factory assembled



# ABB MV & HV Capacitors Portfolio

## MV enclosed capacitor bank type EMPAC

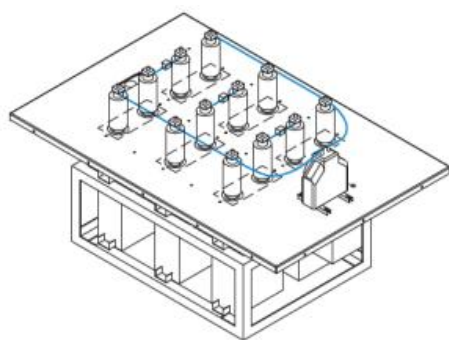
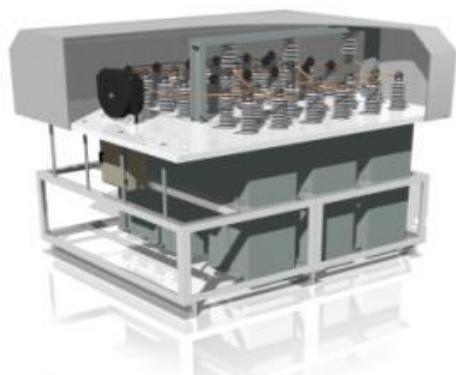


Type:	EMPAC Enclosed switched MV Capacitor Bank
<u>One enclosure = One step</u>	
Voltage range:	Max. 36 kV
Power & Voltage range in <u>one single step</u> :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up-to 24 kV – 1 level: 7.2 Mvar</li> <li>Up-to 24 kV – 2 levels: 10.8 Mvar</li> <li>24 to 36 kV – 2 levels: 14.4 Mvar</li> </ul>
Switching:	Yes (Optional)
Protection degree	IP 44
Capacitor units:	Capacitors units equipped with internal fuse and discharging resistor.
Connection:	Double star
Installation	Indoor or Outdoor
Temperature range:	-25 to +40 °C
Delivered with all internal electrical wiring between capacitors; CT and reactors (if included) are pre-connected/factory assembled	



# ABB MV & HV Capacitors Portfolio

## MV enclosed capacitor bank type SIKAP



Type:	SIKAP Enclosed MV non-switched capacitor bank
<u>One enclosure = One step</u>	
Voltage Range:	4.5 - 24 kV
Power Range:	Up to 18 Mvar
Switching:	No
Protection degree:	IP44
Capacitor units:	Capacitors units equipped with internal fuse and discharging resistor.
Connection	Single or Double Star
Installation:	Indoor/Outdoor
Temperature range:	-40 to +40 °C
Origin:	Sweden
Delivered with all internal electrical wiring between capacitors, CT and reactors (if included) pre-connected/factory assembled	



# ABB MV & HV Capacitors Portfolio

## MV & HV Product Range: Main ratings



	ABBACUS	EMPAC	SIKAP	Q-POLE	Q-BANK
	MV Metal enclosed capacitor banks Control equipment and switchgear			Pole-mounted MV bank	MV & HV open-rack capacitor banks
<b>Application:</b> var compensation Harmonic filtering Installation	Yes Yes (1) Indoor & outdoor	Yes Yes (2) Indoor & outdoor	Yes Yes (2) Indoor & outdoor	Yes No Outdoor	Yes Yes Indoor & outdoor
<b>Frequency</b>	50 and 60 Hz	50 and 60 Hz	50 and 60 Hz	50 and 60 Hz	50 and 60 Hz
<b>Voltage</b>	Up to 36 kV	Up to 36 kV	Up to 24 kV	Up to 36 kV	Up to 800 kV
<b>Max. total reactive power @50 Hz</b>	20 Mvar	14.4 Mvar	18 Mvar	3.6 Mvar	Undefined (limited by design)
<b>Multi-step Max. power per step</b>	Yes (Up to 8) Up to 5 Mvar	No -	No -	No -	No -
<b>IP</b>	65	44	44	00	00
<b>Temperature range</b>	-50 to +55 °C	-25 to +40 °C	-40 to +40 °C	-50 to +55 °C	-50 to +55 °C
<b>Applicable standards</b>	IEC 60871-1, IEC 60871-4, IEEE 18, Others on request				

- 1) Mostly for detuned filtering, in order to prevent resonance issues. Small tuned filters can also be used, mostly with filter building blocks (reactors and resistors) installed separated and not in the enclosure.
- 2) Can be used for tuned filters with filter building blocks (reactors and resistors) installed separated and not in the enclosure.

# ABB MV & HV Capacitors Portfolio

## MV & HV Product Range: Main features & accessories



		ABBACUS	EMPAC	SIKAP	Q-POLE	Q-BANK
		MV Metal enclosed capacitor banks Control equipment and switchgear			Pole-mounted MV bank	MV & HV open-rack capacitor banks
Switched multi-step bank		●				
Relays	var	●	●		●	
	Protection	●	●		●	
	Unbalance	●	●	● (1)	● (1)	● (1)
Switching	Contactors & switches	● (1 per step)	● (1 per bank)		● (1 per bank)	● For HV only
	Circuit breaker & accessories	● (1 per step)	● (1 per bank)			
MV fuse-link protection		●			●	
Earthing switch		●	●			
Reactors	Inrush	●	●	●	●	●
	Detuned	●				●
	Filter	● (1)	● (1)	● (1)		●
Instrument Transformers	Unbalance CT	●	●	●	●	●
	Protection CTs	●	●			
	Protection VTs	●				
	Rapid-discharge VT's	●	●	●		●

(1) Supplied loose and installed separately



# ABB MV & HV Capacitors Portfolio

## Pole-mounted MV capacitor bank



Type:	<b>Q-POLE</b> Pole mounted capacitor bank
Voltage Range:	Up to 36 kV
Power Range:	Up to 3.6 Mvar
Switching:	Yes
Protection degree:	IP00
Capacitor units:	Capacitors units equipped with discharging resistor.
Connection:	Designed from voltage and system grounding
Installation:	Outdoor
Temperature range:	-50 to +55 °C
Delivered with all electrical wiring between capacitors; Controller, CS, PT and reactors (if included) are pre-connected/factory assembled	



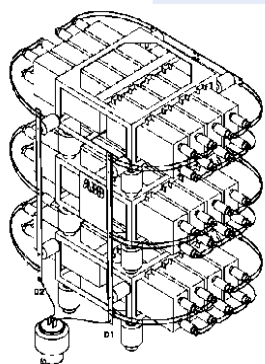
# ABB MV & HV Capacitors Portfolio

## MV & HV open-rack capacitor bank type QBANK

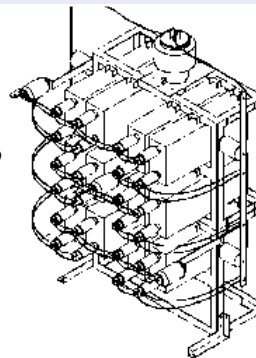


Type:	<b>QBANK</b> Open-rack capacitor bank
Voltage Range:	1 - 800 kV
Power Range:	0.5 - 300 Mvar
Structures	Hot-dip galvanized steel, copper bars and wires, porcelain support insulators
Mechanics	Designed for wind, snow, seismic requirements, etc.
Connection:	Designed from voltage and system grounding
Temperature range:	-50 to +55 °C
Installation:	Indoor or outdoor, side-by-side or stacked
Delivered mounted and connected as far as possible in the factory (excluding support insulators)	

QBANK-A



QBANK-B

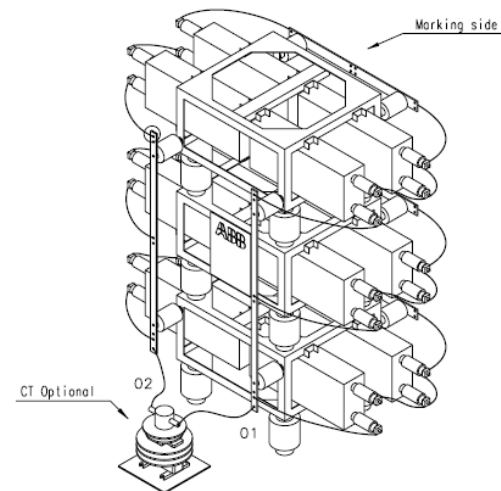
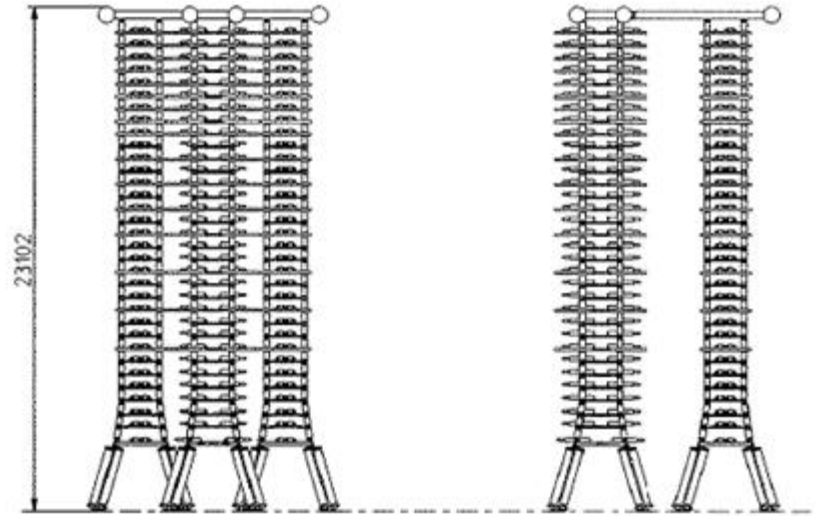
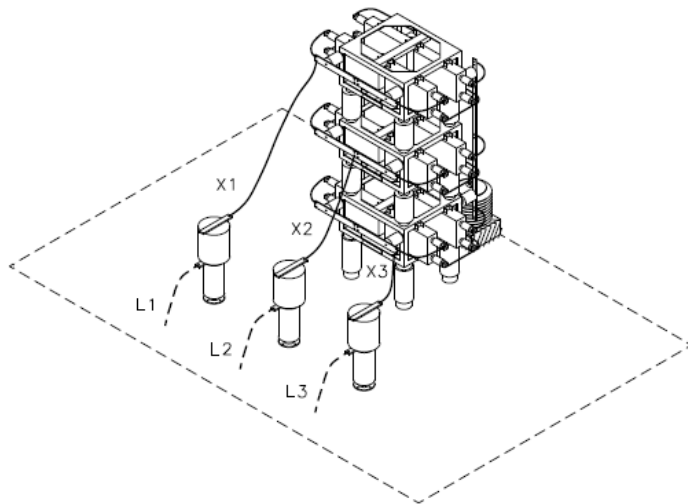
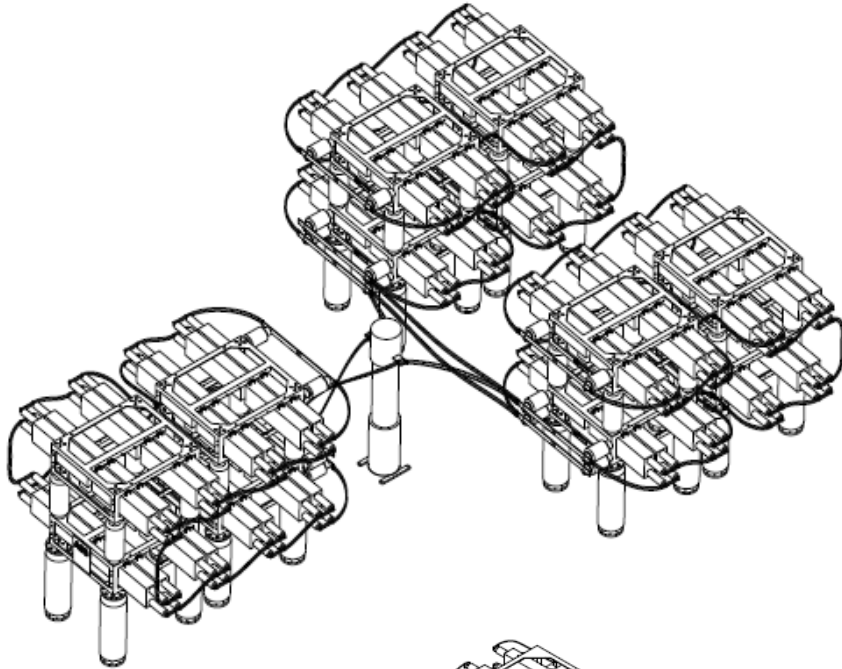


QBANK-C



# ABB MV & HV Capacitors Portfolio

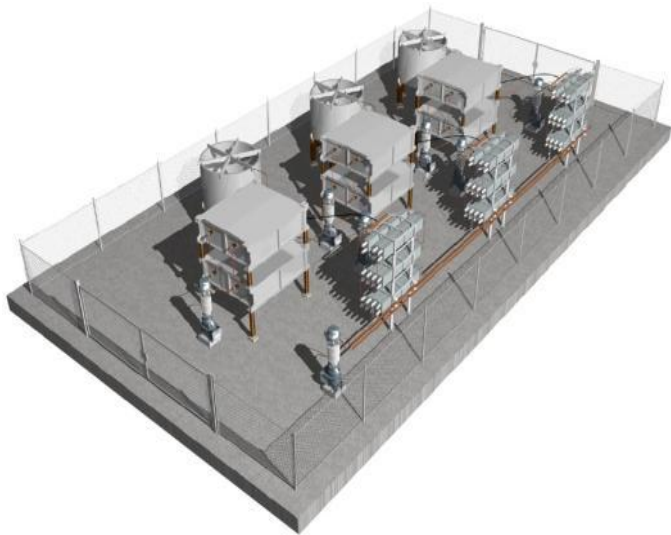
## MV & HV open-rack capacitor bank type QBANK





# ABB MV & HV Capacitors Portfolio

## Harmonic filters type CHARM



### Type: CHARM

Tuned or detuned design:

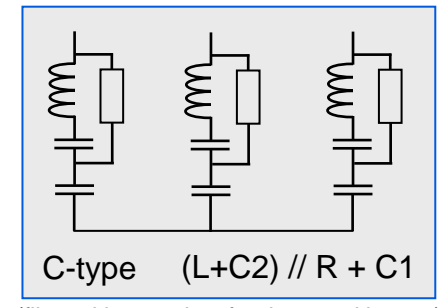
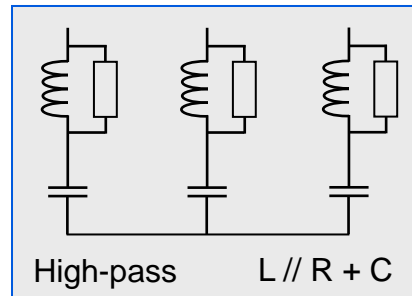
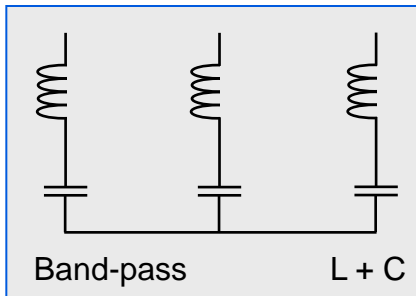
- **Tuned filters:** Suitable when source of harmonics, and harmonic content is well defined
- **De-tuned filters:** Suitable when harmonics originate from many sources, and many harmonic frequencies are present

Band-pass, High-pass or C-type filters

Voltage Range: 1 - 800 kV

Power Range: Defined by needs

Temperature range: -50 to + 55 °C

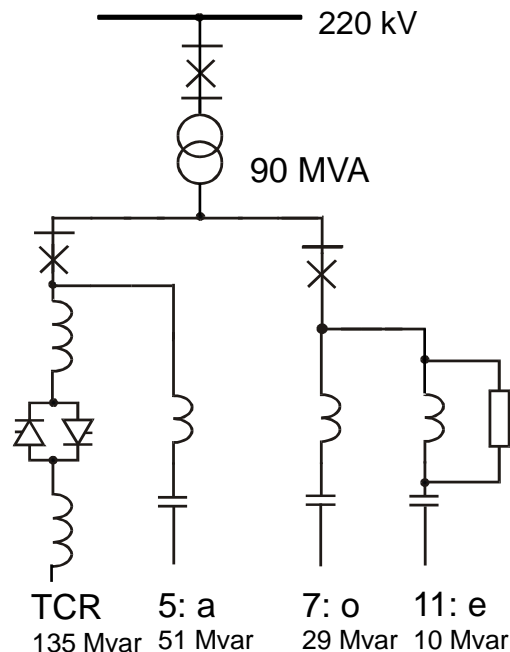


(filter with extra low fundamental losses)



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## Dynamic compensation: SVC



### SVC

With dynamic compensation following additional features will be achieved:

- Fast voltage fluctuation (Flicker)
- Phase asymmetric loads
- Continuous power factor control

Typical application is fast changing loads

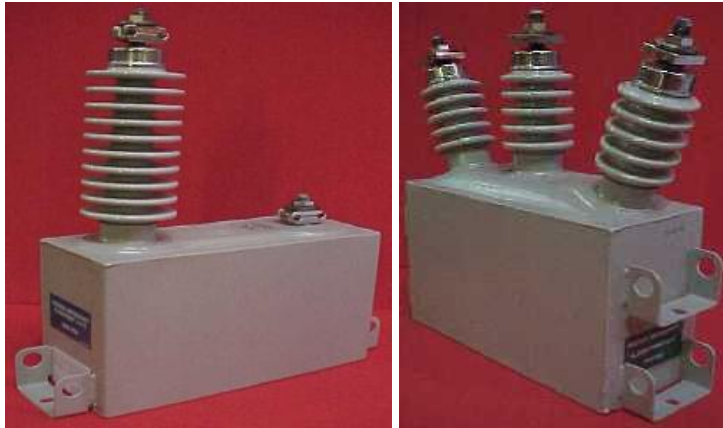
**These applications need SVC**

Power Range: Defined by needs



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## Surge capacitors and motor surge protection



**Surge capacitor**  
1 phase or 3 phases



**Motor Surge Protector (MSP)**  
Includes surge capacitor and surge arrester

### Surge Capacitors & MSP

Protection against power surges, switching transients, faults, and lightning strikes mainly for critical industrial loads:

- Large Motors and generators;
- Large transformers;
- MV switchgear and motor control centers

The primary function of the Type MSP motor surge protector is to guard the winding insulation of the device being protected.

Voltage Range:	2.4 - 24 kV
Availability:	Standard units kept in stock



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## Switching: Capacitor switch PS range



### PS15 (15 kV) → PS36 (36 kV)

Up to 400 A

ABB vacuum interrupter technology

Magnetic actuator

Mechanical or electrical latching

NO oil, gas or foam

Maintenance free

Hydrophobic 'cycloaliphatic' epoxy (HCEP) resin insulator



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## Capacitor Switch: CQ900 range



### CQ900 Range

User friendly interface

Extensive range of control modes

Measurement & monitoring

Data logging

Protection

Communication: DNP3, IEC 61850

Easy programming & commissioning

Durable IP54 power coated stainless steel enclosure



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## Synchronized switching: Switchsync™ relays



### Switchsync Range

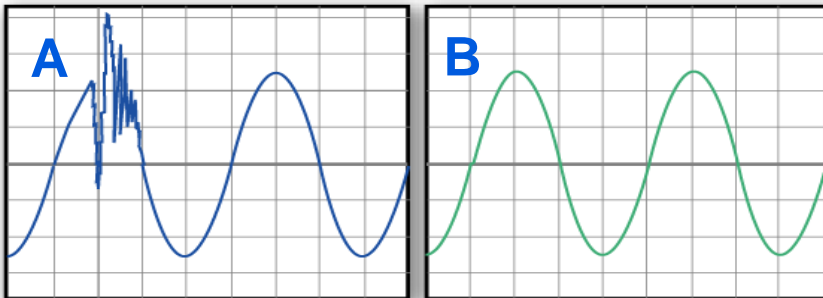
Controlled switching of the capacitor bank breaker gives efficient reduction of the switching transients

Well proven Switchsync™ controllers

ABB's circuit breakers are well suited

Damping reactors are normally superfluous

Voltage transients when energizing one phase of a 72 kV capacitor bank



**A:** Energizing close to the power frequency voltage peak. A high voltage transient is generated

**B:** With Switchsync™ relay. Energizing close to voltage zero. The transient is considerably reduced

Energizing of capacitor banks and harmonic filters may cause severe inrush currents and voltage oscillations



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## Metering & Maintenance: CB2000



### Capacitance Bridge Type CB2000

Developed for capacitor measurements in HV capacitor banks

Easy to use and handle

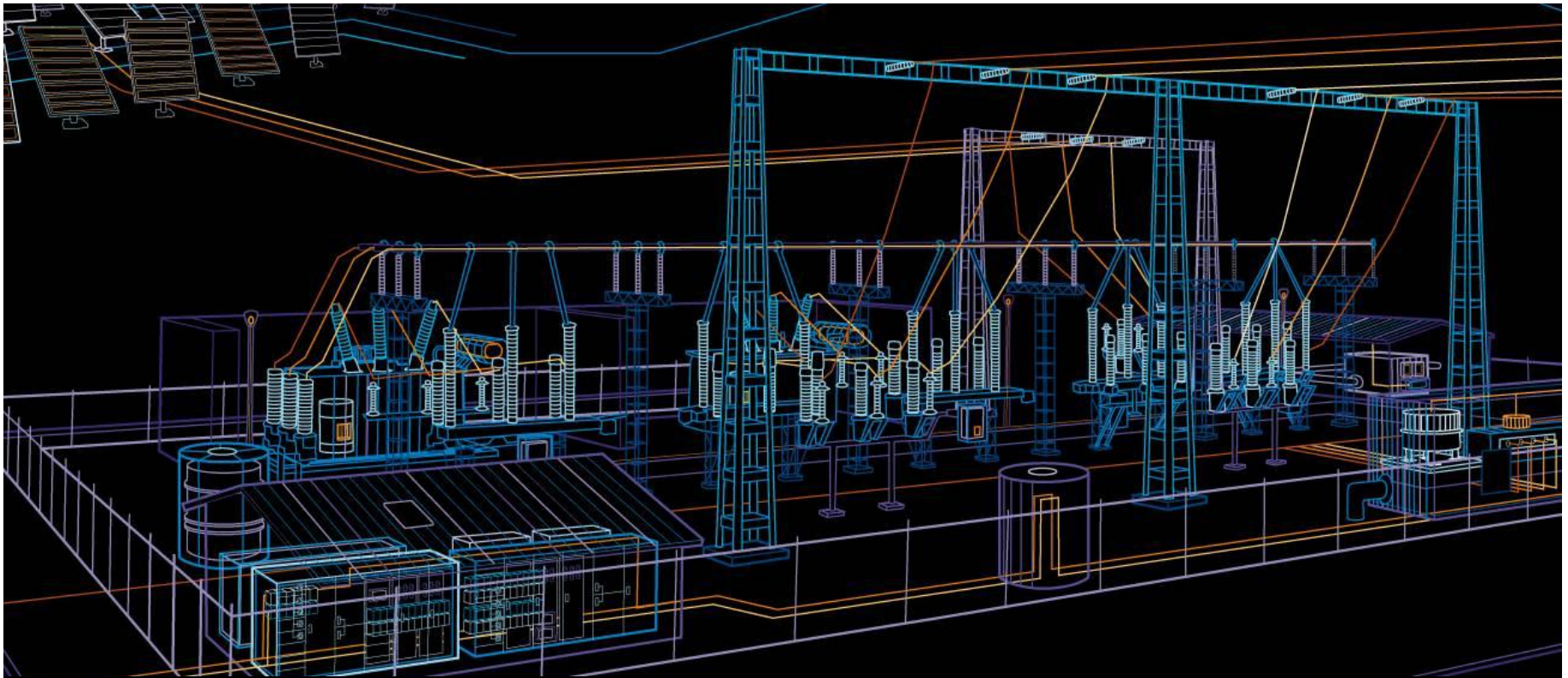
Data collection & storage

No disconnections in the bank

Shorter service operations

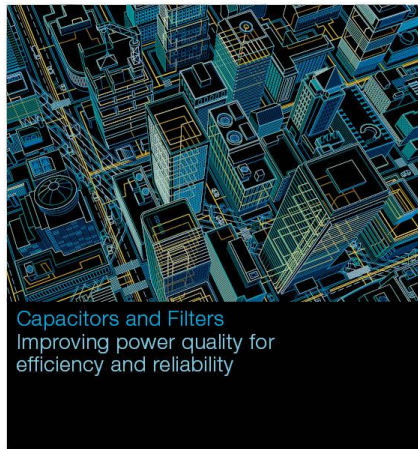
No disconnections required in the capacitor bank during measurement





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