



SYNCHRONOUS CONDENSERS The Grid Reinforcer



INDARCOM[™]

TODAY'S TRANSITION

Decarbonization and emission objectives are changing drastically the structure and operation of the energy sector, with an exponential increase of renewable energies, wind and solar. These changes are affecting the maintainability, conservation, and restoration of grid security. New regulations are born with the objective of the integration of renewable energies in a safe way while maintaining and improving the quality and security of the electric supply.

Closing of main system power plants (thermal, nuclear), and atomization of the system, is pushing all generators to support the grid with new requirements locally.

Present	Near Future	Near Future		
Centralized power generation	Distributed model			
Fossil based generation	Renewables			
Closed market	A liberalized electricity mark	(et		
Passive customers	> Prosumers			
Few consumer data	Big data (smart meters, com	nms)		
Bulk energy	Grid services			
High energy prices	Low energy prices			

INDARCOM SOLUTION

The Grid Reinforcer

We are the partner for supplying SYNCON solutions which serve the clients' needs with flexibility, reliability, customized, short lead time, and competitive price



INDARCOM Syncon main features (per Syncon)*				
Reactive Power	Up to 130 MVAr			
Short Circuit Power	More than 1200 MVA at 15kV			
Inertia	Up to 900 MWs with flywheel			
Excitation	Static or Brushless			
Starting	Pony-Motor & VFD			
Cooling	IC01/81W/616			

*for specific requirements please contact Ingeteam

TYPICAL APPLICATIONS & MAIN SEGMENTS

TSO/TNSP/DO

Transmission Substations HVDC interconnectors

Benefits:

Provides short circuit strength Dynamic reactive power support (voltage regulation) Reduces local harmonic



RENEWABLES (WIND/SOLAR)

Renewable Power Plant Developers & Manufacturers

Benefits:

Increases short circuit ratio (SCR) Dynamic voltage support Provides inertia to improve RoCoF* *Rate Change of Frequency



RETROFIT OLD POWER STATION

Retrofit old Power Stations Repowering of wind power plants Renewable Power Plant

Benefits:

Modern controls and excitation – improved response time Support dynamic voltage regulation and inertia as new systems





INDUSTRIES

Mining and high electric consumers

Benefits: Reduced Dip impact Stronger industry network Improved power factor

ADVANTAGES AND KEY BENEFITS OF INDARCOM™

High Short Circuit Power

Reinforcing the grid and allowing further renewable integration. Approximate SCR at HV Connection (including HV transformer impedances) is 4 times rated overexcited reactive power capacity.

Inertia

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Requirements can be adjusted by machine design and/or flywheel addition improving grid stability.

Improves Voltage Regulation with continuously adjustable reactive power.

LVRT Low Voltage Ride Through Ingeteam Synchronous Condenser remain connected to the Grid in the case of Low Voltage events, supporting with current and system inertia.

Very Low Harmonics

As a Synchronous machine, it is designed as Pure Sinus output, making it easy to integrate into existing grid environments

Short-Term Overload Capability

Compared with Power Electronics devices as STATCOMS, the Synchronous Condenser can support grid events with increased output during longer periods and higher ratings.



INGETEAM'S ADDED VALUE

Ingeteam has a long experience with more than 80 years of Indar electric rotative machine manufacturing. The solution is designed to provide the highest flexibility, reliability, and availability with low losses.



SYNCON & MAIN COMPONENTS



There is minimal maintenance over the entire life of the plant, low OPEX

EXAMPLE OF A MODULAR PACKAGE OF 2 UNITS & MAIN EQUIPMENT





The extended scope of the INDARCOM solution will be a bespoke design that will cover the available plot considering optimized space with easy and secure access, operability. Regarding the project supervision and building, there will be a dedicated skilled team working and supporting the smooth running of the project until the handover of the plant.

The solution is built-in reduced footprint and has a fast lead time

The low voltage distribution system is designed on a container basis as well as the Control & Protection system and the VFD and AVR (IndargridTM)

- One container for each Syncon
- One container for the main LV
- One container for the Control system



INDARGRIDTM

EXCITATION SYSTEM

The excitation system (AVR) for these applications is an INDARGRID[™] UF (Ultra-Fast) with PSS (Power System Stabilizer) and RM (Rotor Monitoring). This is an advanced Synchronous Generator Control System designed for improved operation of Grid Connected Synchronous Generators under new Grid Code requirements, supporting the integration of renewable energies.

INDARGRID[™] is based on the proven technology of Ingeteam's INGECON WIND & SUN Technology with more than 63 GW of grid connected generators fulfilling worldwide Grid Codes, and a track experience of more than 200 Hydropower plants using INGECON H Technology. It is valid for all brushless type synchronous generators, including the Synchronous Condenser application. The following are the main features:

This AVR includes very fast and accurate measures of grid parameters, like cycle-by-cycle Voltage, Frequency, Current and Power measurements, and cycle-by-cycle High-Resolution Frequency measures (1 mHz) that are necessary for compliance with requirements of the latest Grid Codes.

INDARGRID[™] allows precise and fast control of reactive power (Q) and can improve the operation of prime mover active power control system, with the support of the fast-measured values of power and frequency in a wide range of grid-connected applications as Internal Combustion Engines based Gensets, Hydropower plants and Synchronous Condensers.

	STATCOM	BESS+ STATCOM	SYNCON	INDARCOM
Voltage Fluctuations support	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
Variable Reactive power regulation	BIC	BIC	HIGH	HIGH
High Short Circuit Current	LOW	LOW	HIGH	BEST IN CLASS
Short Circuit Power Capacity	LOW	LOW	HIGH	BEST IN CLASS
Inertia	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	BEST IN CLASS
Fault Ride Through	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	BEST IN CLASS
Overload capacity	LOW	LOW	HIGH	BEST IN CLASS
CAPEX	LOW	MEDIUM	LOW	LOW
OPEX	LOW	MEDIUM	LOW	LOW

Main Features

- Thyristor based rectifier and crowbar
- ✓ Wide range of supply voltage
- ✓ Ultrafast and high precision measures
- Ethernet based communications with cloud storing
- ✓ Multiple rotor monitoring
- Multiprocessor control system
- ✓ IGBT exciter power stage
- ✓ Fast and accurate grid parameters



EXAMPLE OF SIMULATION BASED ON IN HOUSE DEVELOPED MODELS



Ingeteam provides computer original PSSE/ DigSIlent / PSCAD, EMT/ RMS models of the syncon and AVR to run simulations on final grid code requirements.

The solution configuration process can be defined as follows:





GRID CODE COMPLIANCE

- Most competitive solution to reduce RoCoF
- LVRT (Low Voltage Ride Through) compliant

GRID SUPPORT

- Local voltage and frequency support during contingencies and faults
- Provides short term overload capability







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