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High Penetration in an islanded grid – How to overcome grid Instability


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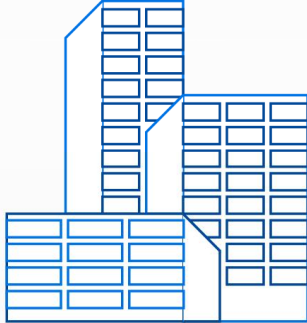
A global leader in power and automation technologies

Leading market positions in main businesses

~150,000 
employees

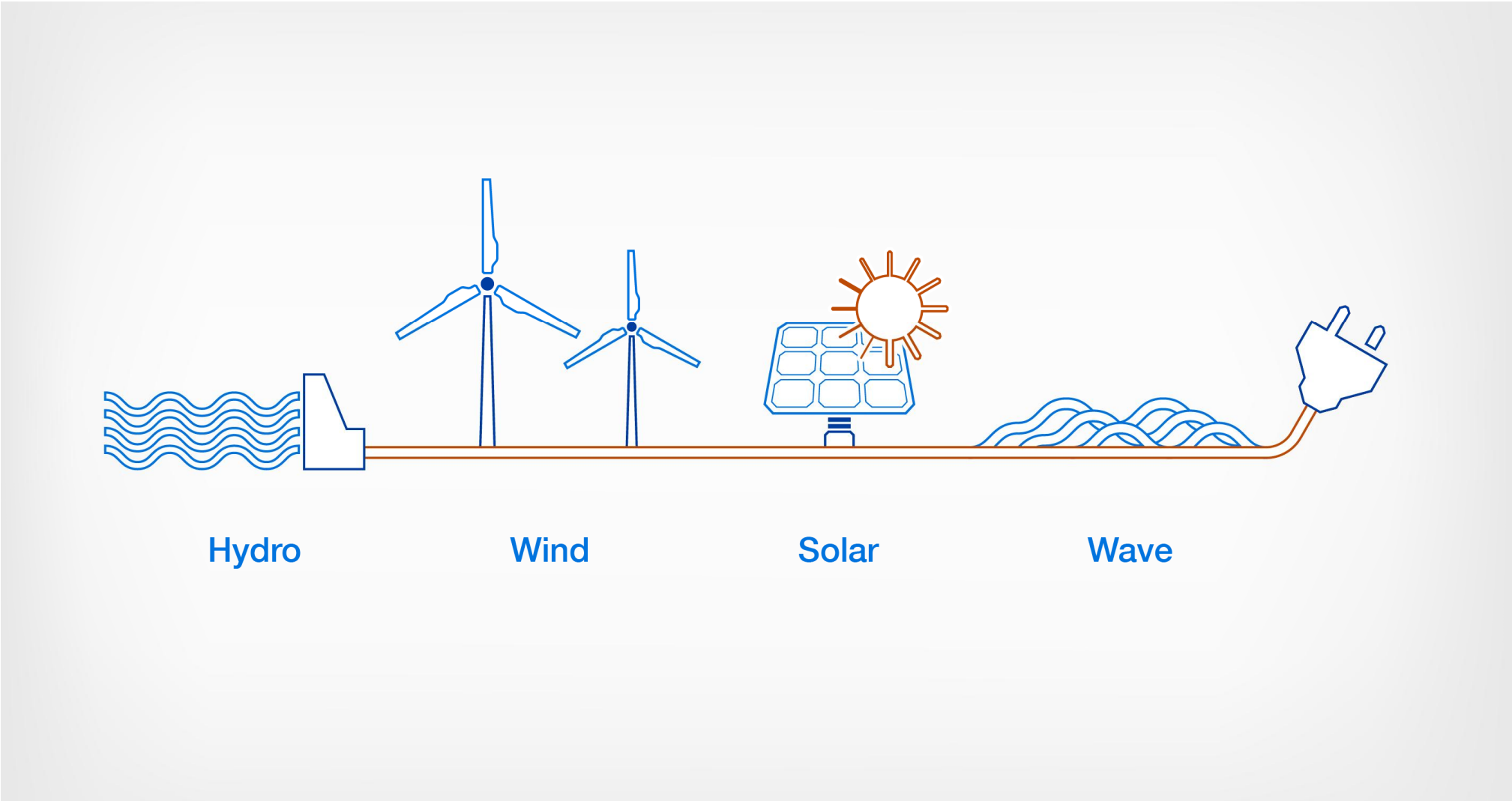
 **\$42** billion
In revenue
(2013)

Present
in
+100 
countries

Formed
in
1988 
merger of Swiss (BBC, 1891)
and Swedish (ASEA, 1883)
engineering companies

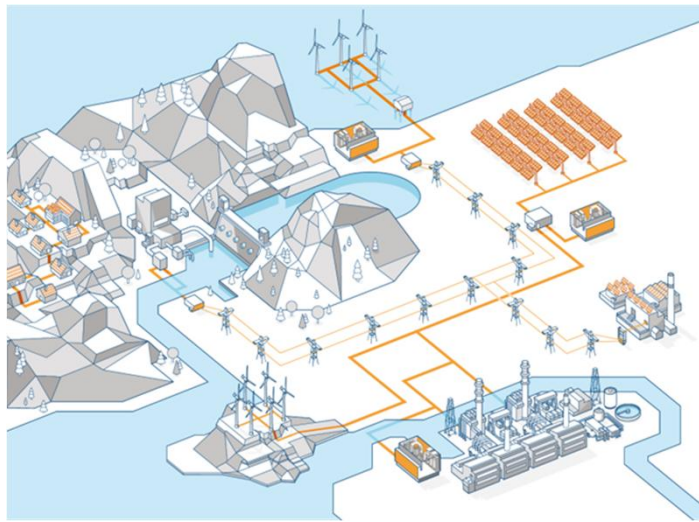
Renewable energy

Key growth driver for both power and automation



Microgrid Overview

Challenges of islanded power systems



Current Situation

- Areas with low population density
- Few Industrial consumers
- Weak grid infrastructure
- High dependency on fossil fuel and oil price
- Often good renewable sources
- Impacts of Renewable integration

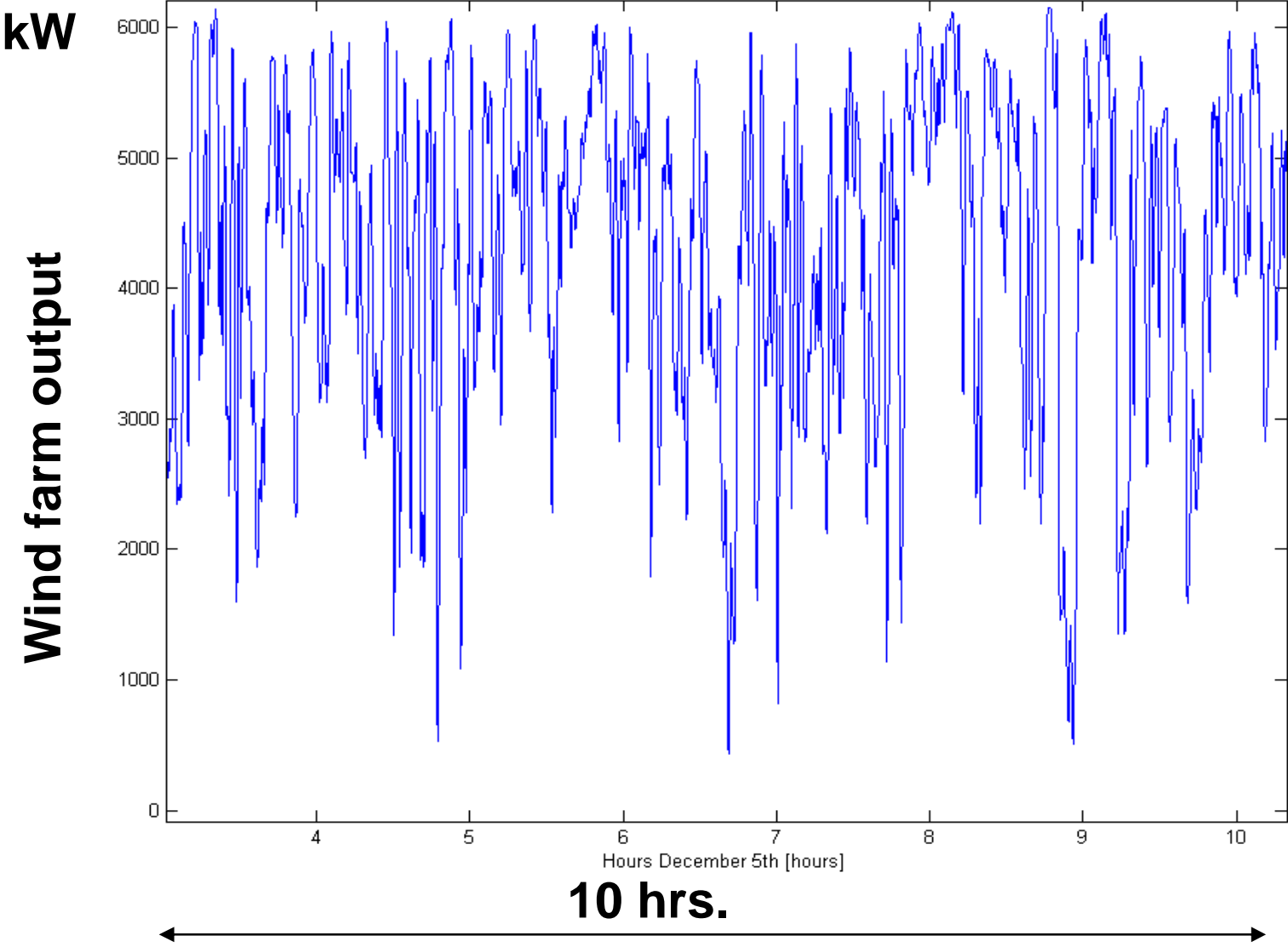
Requirements

- Stable frequency and voltage
- Sufficient active and reactive power
- Electrical power production at lowest cost
- Power access, whenever required (24/7)
- Safe operation of plant, short circuit power
- Taking care of fluctuations of renewable plants

With maximum
renewable energy
contribution

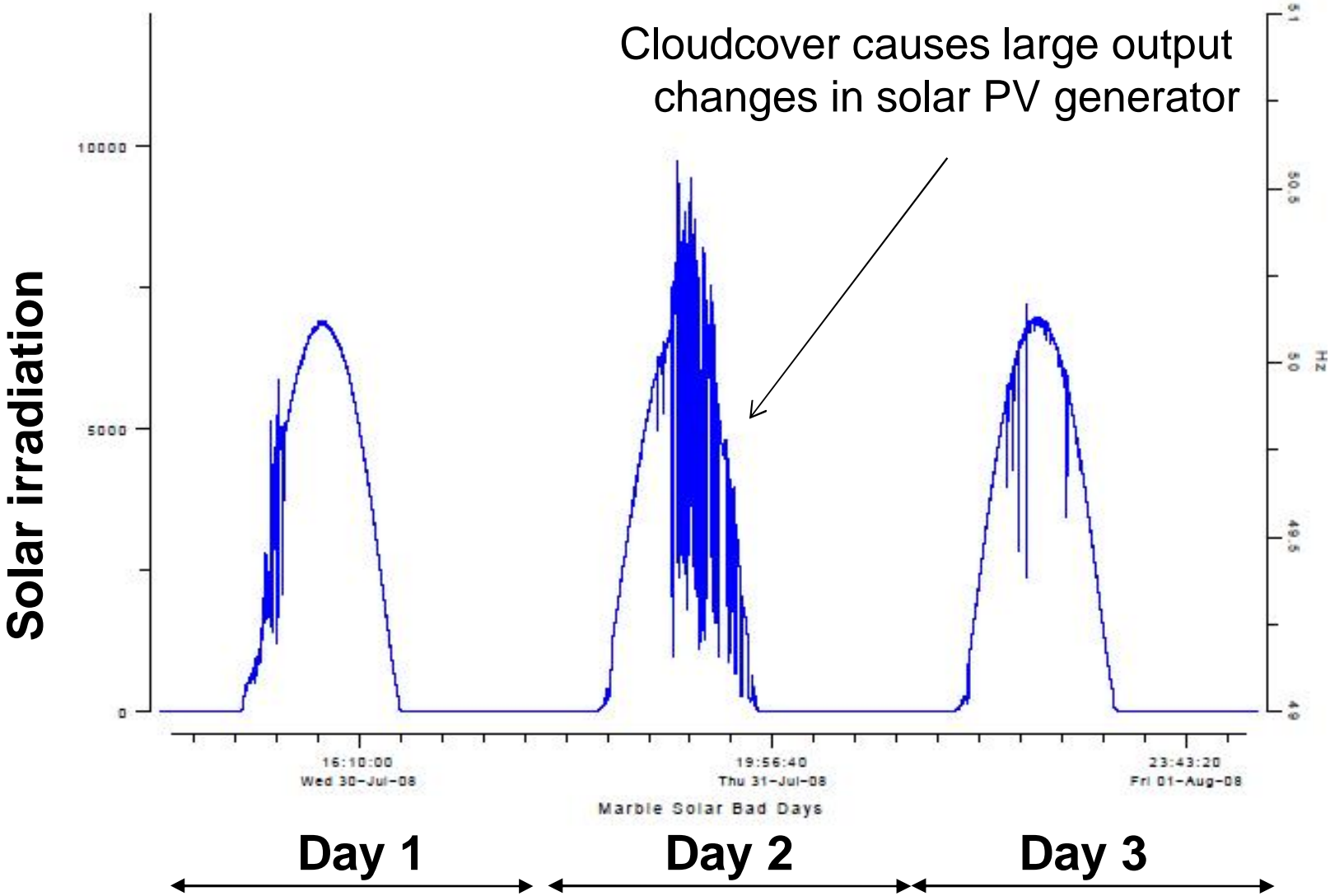
Renewable energy integration challenges

Managing power output fluctuations - wind



Renewable energy integration challenges

Managing power output fluctuations - solar



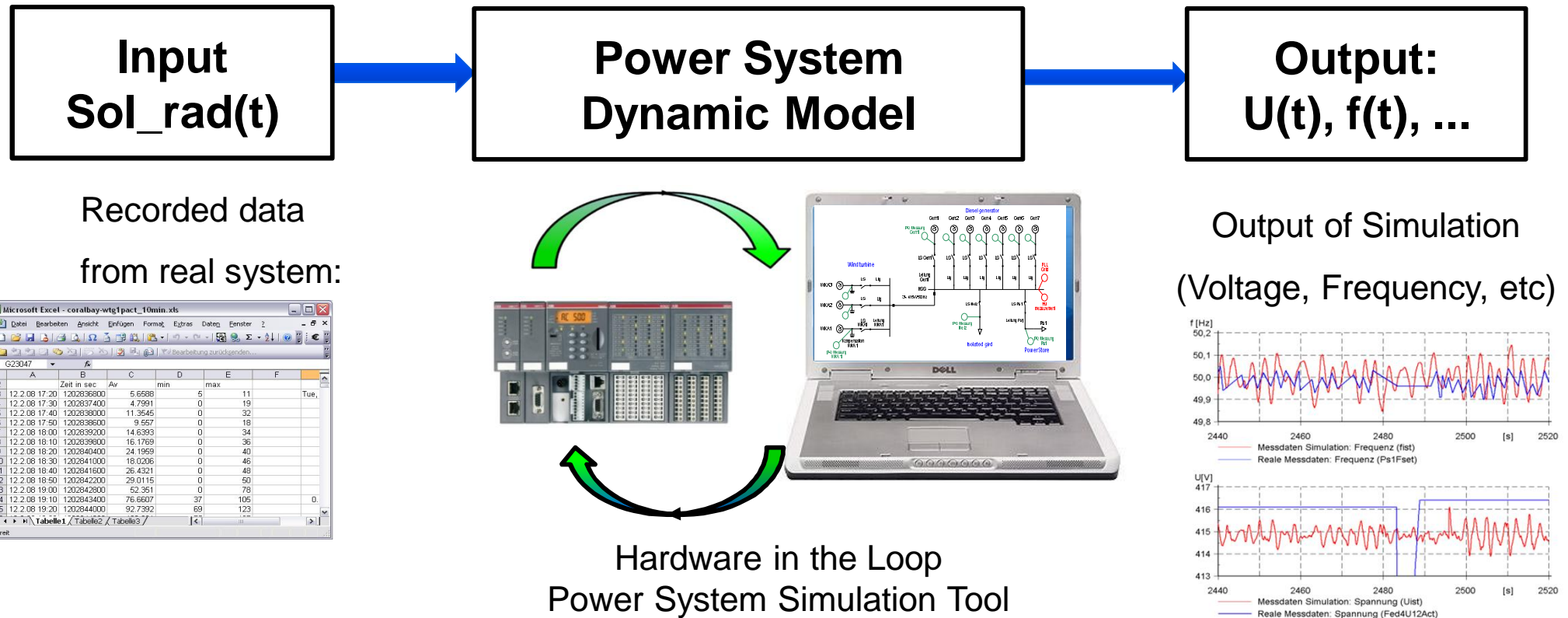
Islanded power systems key technologies

Smart islanded power systems

1. Power System Modelling
2. Automatic dispatch and control of RE & Thermal Plant
3. Grid stabilisation
4. Automated demand response
5. Long term energy storage

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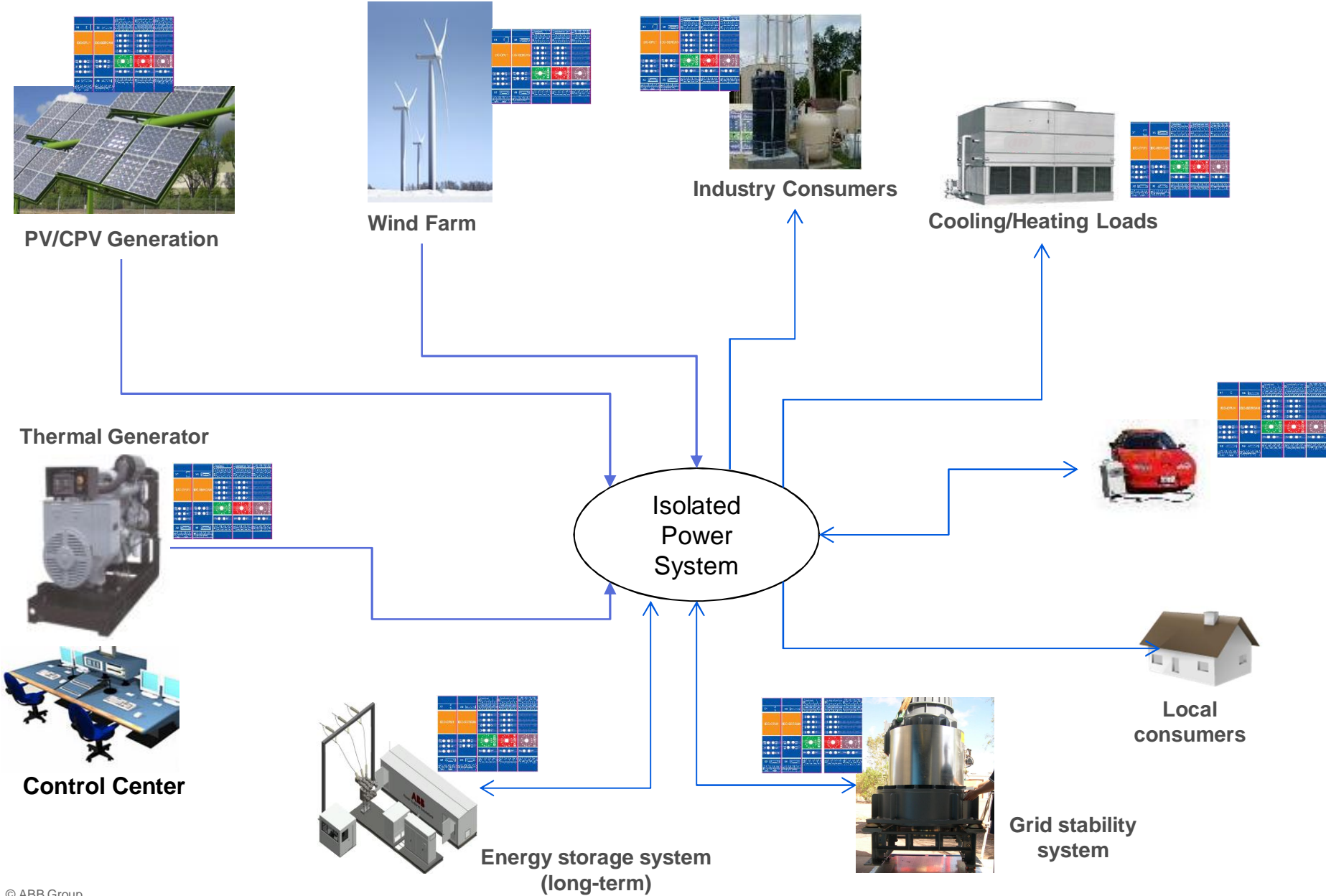
Power System Modelling



- Showing expected frequency & voltage variations
- Control algorithm verification for automated dispatch and control system

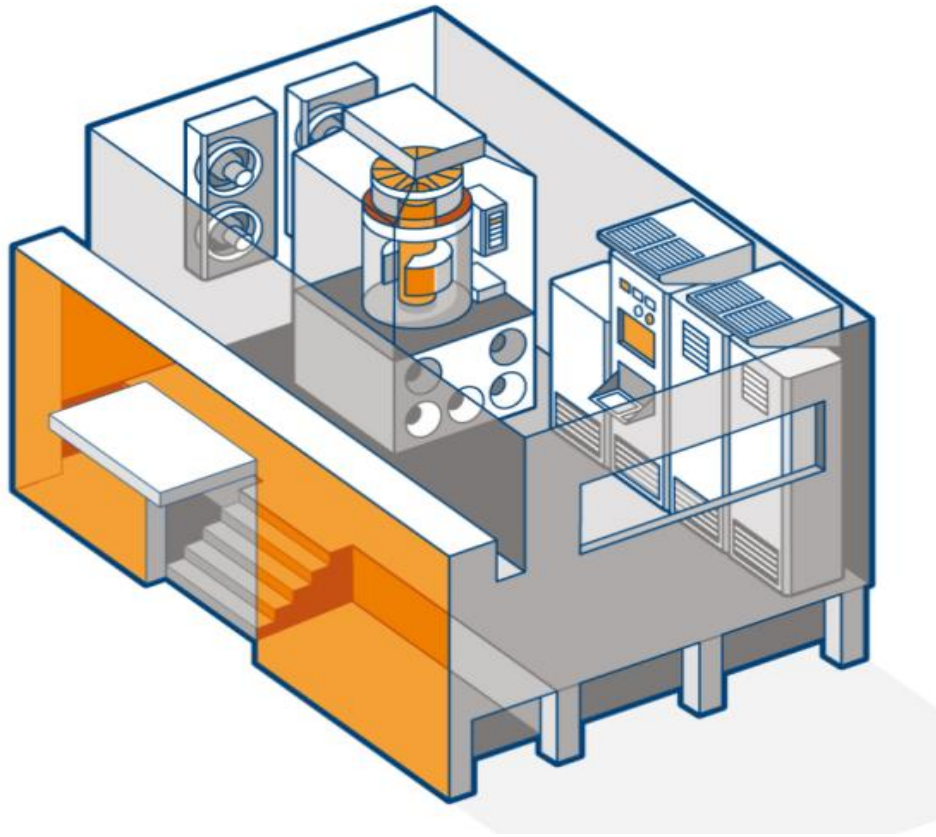
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Automated dispatch and control system



Islanded power system key technologies

PowerStore Solution: Flywheel based Grid Stabilisation



Functionality

- Parallel with conventional generators
- Frequency control, like a generator
- Voltage control, like a generator
- Active and reactive power supply
- Run stand-alone as virtual generator (Frequency and voltage reference)

Applications

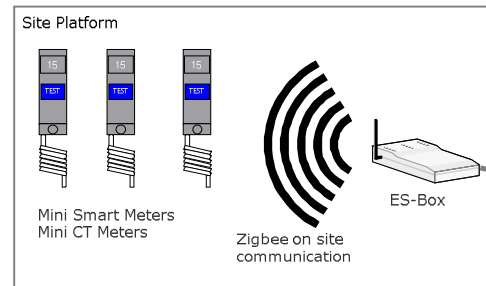
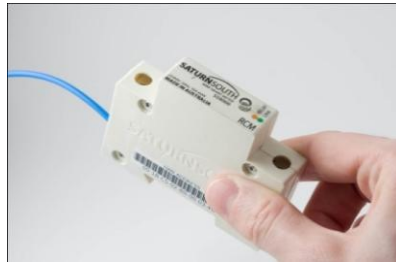
- Grid Stability
- Renewable smoothing
- Provide fault current
- Peak Lopping

Islanded power system key technologies

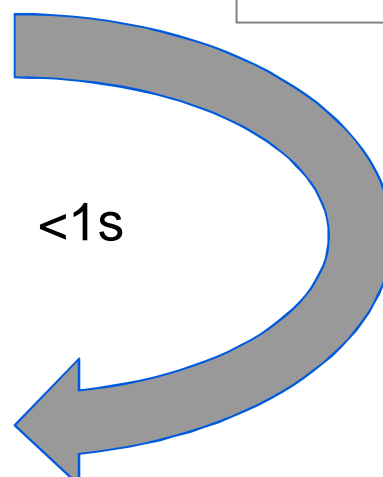
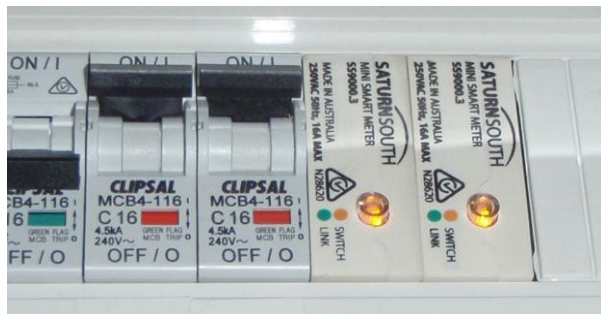
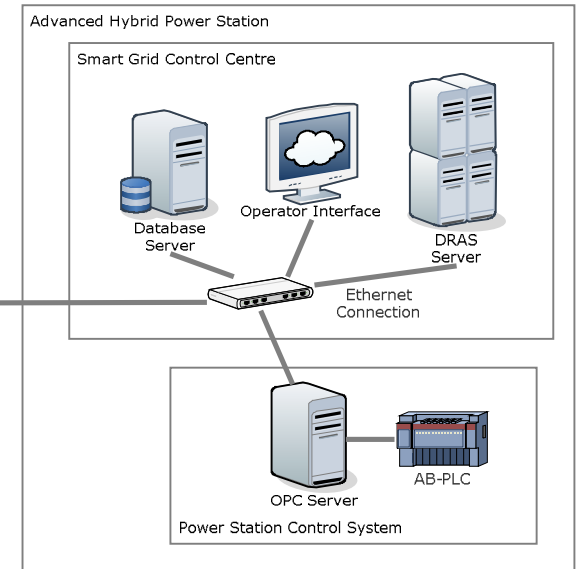
Automated demand response

Multiple Sites:

House, Industrial, Commercial

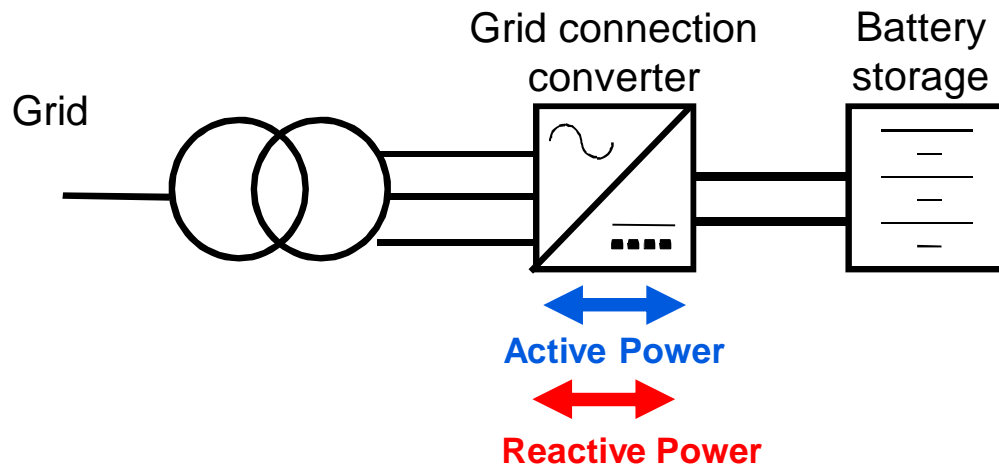


Aggregation into automated dispatch system



Islanded power system key technologies

Long term energy storage systems

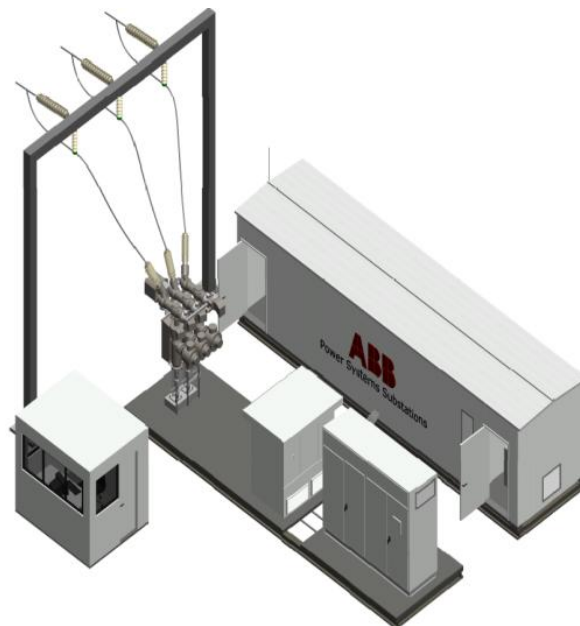


Advantages

- Medium term power contribution and consumption (from minutes to hours)






Applications

- Overnight storage
- Peak shaving and load leveling
- Active and reactive power supply



Islanded power systems

Summary of key technologies and benefits

Typical Project Phases	Annual renewable energy contribution	Peak renewable power penetration	Grid stability	Control System
Integrate renewables energy sources	7%	20%		None
Installation of automated dispatch system	10%	30%		Simple
Inclusion of grid stabilization	50%	100%		Advanced
Automated demand response	60%	100%		Sophisticated
Energy storage	100%	100%		Sophisticated

References

Flores Island, wind/hydro/diesel



Project name

Flores Island PowerStore

Country

The Azores, Portugal

Customer

Electricidade dos Acores (EDA)

Completion date

2005

ABB solution

- Supply, install and commission a Microgrid Plus System and a PowerStore-flywheel
- The system smooths out wind power fluctuations

Customer benefits

- Increased wind power penetration
- Minimized diesel consumption
- Reliable and stable power supply

About the project

100% renewable penetration – Diesel off mode

References

Ross Island, Wind/Diesel



Project name

Ross Island

Country

Ross Island, Antarctica

Customer

- New Zealand's Antarctic Division
- USA McMurdo Station

Completion date

2009

ABB solution

- Integration of wind turbines into the microgrid with PowerStore grid-stabilization and Microgrid Plus System
- Implement a frequency converter to connect a 50Hz network to a 60Hz one
- The resulting system consists of: Diesel (9 x 125kW), WTG (3 x 330kW), PowerStore-flywheel (1 x 500kW), Microgrid Plus System, frequency converter

Customer benefits

- Minimize diesel consumption
- Reduced environmental risk of transporting diesel
- 463,000 litres of diesel fuel saved annually
- 2,800 tonnes CO2 avoided annually
- Up to 70% wind power peak penetration

About the project

- Integration of the southernmost wind farm in the world into a dual 50 and 60Hz microgrid

References

Nullagine, PV/diesel



Australian Government
Department of Climate Change
and Energy Efficiency

HORIZON
POWER



Project name

Nullagine

Country

Western Australia, Australia

Customer

- Horizon Power
- Government of WA

Completion date

2010

ABB solution

- PV/diesel Microgrid with PowerStore grid-stabilizing technology and Microgrid Plus System
- The resulting system consists of:
 - Diesel (3 x 320kW)
 - PV (1 x 200kW)
 - PowerStore-flywheel (1 x 500kW)
 - Microgrid Plus System

Customer benefits*

- Minimize diesel consumption, 182,000 litres of fuel saved annually
- Minimum environmental impact, 1,100 tonnes CO2 avoided annually
- Reliable and stable power supply
- 60% of electricity consumed by the microgrid is generated by the PV plant

About the project

Marble bar and Nullagine are the world`s first high penetration, solar photovoltaic diesel power stations

References

La Gomera, grid stabilizing system



Project name

La Gomera PowerStore

Country

Canary islands, Spain

Customer

Endesa

Completion date

2014

ABB solution

- Supply, install and commission of a PowerStore-flywheel 500 kW grid stabilizing solution
- Solution upgradable to 1MW
- PowerStore adds inertia in the 22MW isolated power system of La Gomera

Customer benefits

- Reduced frequency and voltage deviations
- Reduced load shedding events

Conclusion

General Conclusions

- Smart power systems start with smart engineering
- Renewable penetration in islanded systems already reaches levels that require grid stabilisation
- All elements in a power system have to be part of a smart control system to:
 - Increase the use of renewable sources
 - Maintain stable supply of electricity
 - Allow safe operation of thermal power plants

Technology to become a smart power system is **already available** and **proven in many islanded power** systems around the globe reaching up to **100% penetration of renewable generation**

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