## Solid-state AC-Breaker

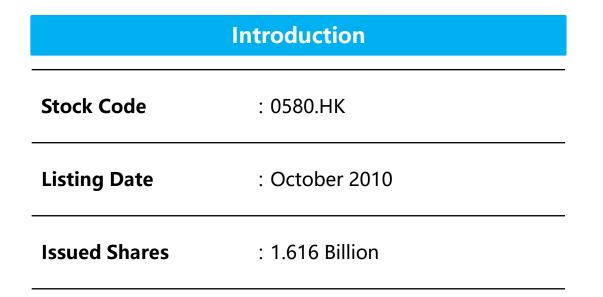


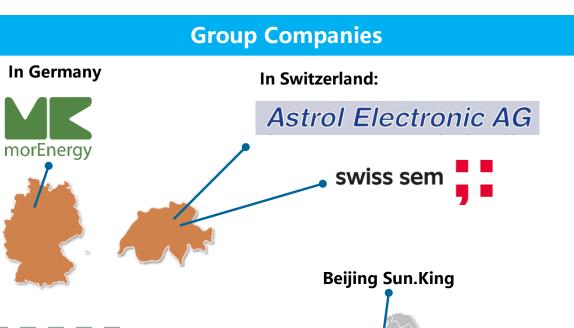
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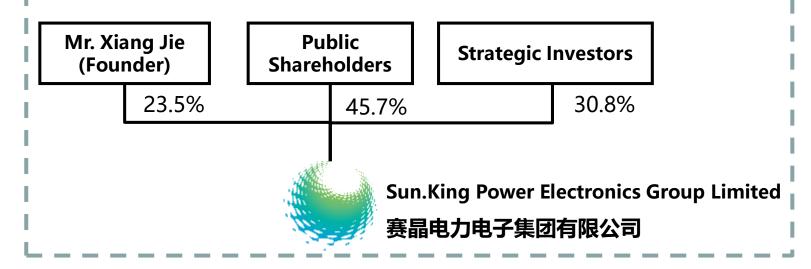
## Astrol Electronic AG



## Corporate Snapshot









Milestones

## **Expansion of distribution** business to drive growth

### 2002 - 2009

- 2002 , Sun.King is established and become ABB power semiconductors exclusive agent in China
- · 2004, Jiashan Sun.King was established
- 2008, Wuxi Sun.King was established
- 2009 , Sun.King has become the exclusive supplier of IGBT power module in China for China North Railway 9600KW electric locomotive
- 2009, anode saturable reactor was launched and Sun.King became the sole provider in China.

## Remarkable R&D achievements to establish market leadership

### 2010 - 2015

- 2010 , the Company was listed on the main board of HKEx
- 2011 , its 4 subsidiaries (including Jiujiang Sun.King) were established.
- 2012, it became exclusive IGBT power module supplier for Zhoushan flexible DC transmission project
- 2013 , it won the first laminated busbar contract for flexible DC project, the first power reactor contract from the centralized tender program of the State Grid
- 2014, it won the first power reactor contract for UHVDC transmission project
- 2014 , it completed the first aluminum electrolytic isolated operation project in China
- 2014 , it became the exclusive IGBT supplier for Xiamen flexible DC transmission project

## Globally leading technology to continue rapid growth

### 2016 - now

- 2016, the Company acquired Astrol and established its R&D center in Europe
- 2016, it launched digital IGBT driver, solid-state DC circuit breaker, pulse power and other products with cutting-edge technology
- 2017, CHTC and CVCFCL became its strategic shareholders
- 2018, it successfully developed the first prototype of power electronic capacitor for flexible DC transmission in China
- 2018, it started R&D of digital IGBT driver for electric vehicles
- 2018, it started R&D of new type of traction rectifier for railway transportation
- 2019, it acquired MorEnergy and launched impedance measurement products
- 2019 , SwissSEM was established to leverage highcaliber European R&D team to carry out IGBT development



### **Wuxi Astrol Power Electronics Limited**

Wuxi Astrol Power Electronics Limited is responsible for introducing products and technologies into chinese market, including Digital IGBT Gate Unit, solid state DC circuit breaker, solid state AC switch and pulse power technology, which are developed by Astrol Electronic AG, and widely used in the field of high voltage and high power transmission. Wuxi Astrol is also responsible for the application and service of related products and the industrialization work in China.



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Sun.King Power Electronics Group Limited 赛晶电力电子集团有限公司

Astrol established in Baden, Switzerland

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Sun.King IPO in Hong Kong

Astrol becomes part of Sun.King Group



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## **Customized Electronic Solutions**



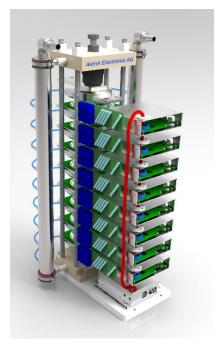
## Gate Drive Units and Power Supplies



**Trigger Controllers and Optical Interfaces** 



#### **Power Switches**



#### AC- and DC-Breakers





### **Solid-State Breaker Technology**

What is the difference between Astrol Solid-State Power Switches and Astrol Solid-state Breakers?

#### **Solid-State Power Switch**

- Typically based on thyristors
- Current interruption needs zero-crossing of the current.
  - AC-Switches
  - Pulsed-power applications with capacitor discharge
- Not suitable for DC applications

#### **Solid-State Breaker**

- IGBT based
- Immediate current interruption at anytime no zero-crossing required
- Ultra-fast reaction time ( within microseconds)
- Suitable for DC applications



### **Solid-State Breaker Technology**

What is the difference between a mechanical breaker and the Astrol solid-state breaker?

#### **Mechanical Breaker**

- Moving parts to create an air-gap
- Standard Current interruption within milliseconds (ms)
- High maintenance cost
- Arcing
- Efficiency close to 100% (only conduction losses of copper)

#### **Astrol Solid-State Breaker**

- No moving parts, no air-gap
- Ultra-fast current interruption within microseconds (μs)
- Low maintenance cost
- No arcing
- Efficiency >99% (conduction losses of IGBT)



### **Application Areas**

Under the following conditions, Astrol Solid-State Breakers are typically the most favorable solution:

#### **Fast** Switching

In applications where fast interruption of fault currents is required, the solid-state breaker offers the highest level of protection.

A typical example are low-inductive grids, where fault currents can reach dangerous levels before a mechanical breaker reacts. The solid-state breaker is able to interrupt such currents before dangerous current levels are reached.

### **Frequent** Switching

The arcing during switch-off in a mechanical breaker causes wear of the electrodes. In applications with frequent switching actions, the electrodes and other mechanical parts wear off quickly and need to be replaced after short time in operation, which leads to high maintenance cost.

The solid-state breaker has no moving parts and no arcing. In contrast to a mechanical switch, it can be considered maintenancefree.

### Save Switching

In hazardous environments such as chemical plants, the breaker is not allowed to cause arcing. Explosive gases in combination with mechanical breaker are a potential danger for equipment and working personell.

With it's arc-free operation, the solid-state breaker is the solution of choice for hazardous environments.



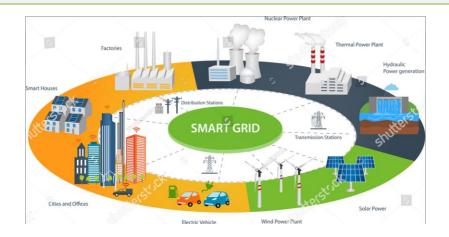
### **Application Areas**

#### Power Distribution - Smart Grid

New smart grid concepts focus on distributed power generation, energy storage and coordinated consumption and generation. In comparison to a traditional power grid, the much more complex smart grids require new solutions to protect healthy system parts and equipment from system faults.

#### The ultra-fast breaker

- protects grid connected equipment such as batteries, power electronics etc. from short circuits and over currents.
- Disconnects faulty parts from the grid and limits the propagation of fault currents to other parts of the system



#### **Marine On-Board DC-Grids**

The ultra-fast DC breaker protects the onboard DC grids against short circuit currents in any part of the grid, enabling much more efficient topologies.

Electric systems on-board of ships are typically very low-inductive, which leads to extremly high di/dt in case of a short circuit. Ultra-fast switching and communication between several breakers can separate the faulty section from the healthy parts of the grid.





### **Switching Modes**

#### **Autonomous operation**

ASTROL solid-state breakers are autonomous protection devices.

Fault currents are detected and switched-off automatically by the breaker.

This function can be extended to multi-breaker protection: If several breakers are installed in an electric grid, they communicate over a direct optical link without protocol overhead, which allowed ultra-fast coordinated swithing of several breakers to allow reliable separation of faulty system parts.

#### Customization

The switching behaviour and other important parameters are customized according to the requirements of the system designer. Certain values can be set via customer interface.

#### **Controlled Switching / Balancing Switch**

The breaker can be switched-on and -off by the overall controller at any time.

When the bus tie breaker is open, the capacitors on each side of the breaker can be charged to different voltage levels. The closing of the bus tie will cause an inrush current, which will immediately trigger the short circuit detection of the DC-Breaker. To solve this problem, the Balancing Switch option is available in connection with every Astrol DC-Breaker. The Balancing Switch is an IGBT controlled pre-charge device, which assures voltage balancing of inside the circuit and smooth closing of the DC-Breaker.

#### **Short-circuit Protection**

In case of a short circuit, the current increases and reached the triggering level of the breaker. The breaker opens automatically.

#### **Overload Protection**

Overload means a current increase which is allowed for a limited period of time. If the pre-defined overload limits are exceeded, the breaker opens automatically



### **Our Solid-State Breaker Offering**

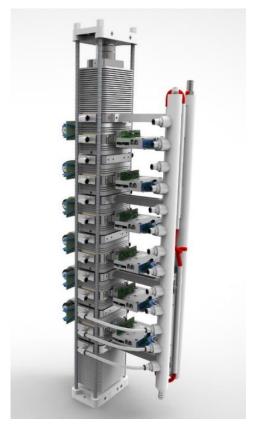
Model	3-Phase AC-Breaker	Marine DC-Breaker	Universial Solid-State Breaker		
Voltage rating	11kV nominal 27kV peak	1kV	1kV		
Current rating	300A nominal 600A peak	200A air-cooled 500A - 5kA water-cooled	2kA		
Phase / Pole design	3-phase AC	Bi-directional DC - one pole	Bi-directional DC - one pole		
switching speed	Ultra-fast (<10μs)	Ultra-fast (<10μs)	Ultra-fast (<10μs)		
IGBT type	Stakpak IGBTs	Hipak IGBTs	Hipak IGBTs		
Cooling	Deionized water cooling	Air cooling / water cooling / optional ambient air cooling	Water cooling		
Product Certification	-	DNV, Lloyd's	-		
Typical application	Power Distribution, Smart Grid, Industry	On-board DC distribution	Industry, Research		
First delivery	2019	2018	2020		
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# 3-Phase AC-Breaker for Smart Grid Application AA-10755-001



3-Phase 11kV AC-Breaker



12-level IGBT assembly with series connected StakPak modules



### **Smart Node Application (Soft power processing)**

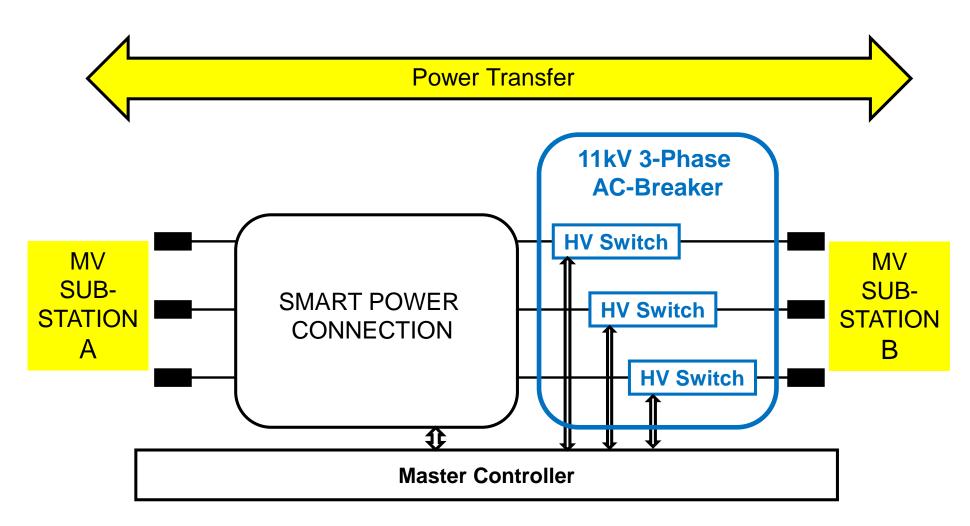
## Primary objective of the project

To strenghten the power grid and improve flexibility to cope with changing power demand (for EV-charging etc)

#### System scope

Connection of two Medium Voltage Substations

The main purpose of the system is to act as a soft power processing unit between two neighbouring electrically connected MV substations. The system will facilitate a controlled transfer of power between the sub-stations bringing flexibility to the MV network and improving the utilisation of the existing infrastructure.





### 3-Phase AC-Breaker - Electrical and Timing Specifications

Parameter	Symbol	Remark	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
Rated Voltage	$V_{nom}$	RMS Voltage betwen phases	_	11	_	kV
Rated Current	$I_{nom}$	Phase Current	_	262	300	Arms
Mains Frequency	$f_{mains}$		48	50	62	Hz
Breaking Current	$I_{break}$	Threshold, when exceeded the Breaker trips	10	320	500	A
Breaking Time	$t_{break}$	Time after threshold exceed until current starts decreasing	_	_	10	$\mu s$
Breaking Voltage	$V_{break}$	Voltage applied between the ACB terminals of one phase until current is zero again	_	_	25	kV
Loop Inductance	$L_{loop}$	Inductance in the short circuit loop	1	_	5	mH
Total Power Losses	$P_{vmax}$		_	_	30	kW
Power Losses into Air	$P_{vair}$	Losses dissipated into ambient air	_	_	2.5	kW
Leakage Current	$I_{Lmax}$	Leakage Current at nominal Voltage	_	_	10	mA
Auxiliary Voltage	$V_{aux}$	Auxiliary Voltage to drive controller, fans, GU etc.	200	230	250	V
Auxiliary Power	$P_{aux}$	Auxiliary power consumption	_	_	500	W
Over Voltage Class	$P_{aux}$	According IEC60664	_	2		W
Operating Hours	$t_{op}$		_	_	24	h/day
Maintenance Period	$t_{maint}$	System has to be un-powered for the maintenance	-	TBD		h/year



## 3-Phase AC-Breaker - Environmental Specifications

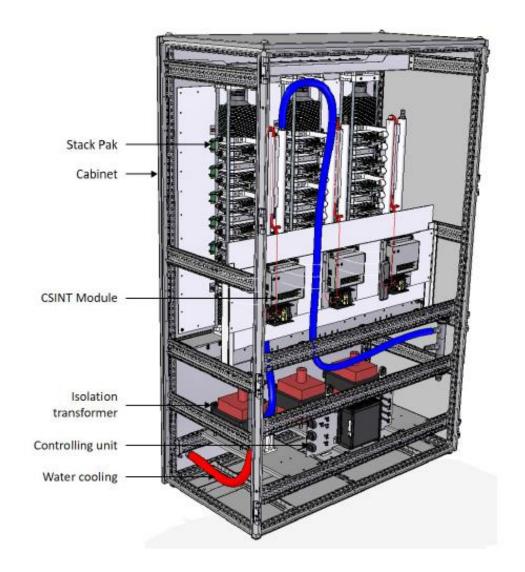
Parameter	Symbol	Remark	Min	Тур	Max	Unit
Ambient temperature	$T_{amb}$		10	_	40	$^{\circ}C$
Operating Humidity	$Hum_{op}$		30	_	80	%RH
Operating Air Preassure	$AP_{op}$		800	_	1100	mBar
Storage temperature	$T_{store}$		-25	_	70	$^{\circ}C$
Storage Humidity	$Hum_{store}$		20	_	95	%RH
Storage Air Preassure	$AP_{store}$		500	_	1100	mBar
Protection level	PL	According EN60529	IP41	_	_	
Pollution Degree	PD	According IEC60664	_	2	_	

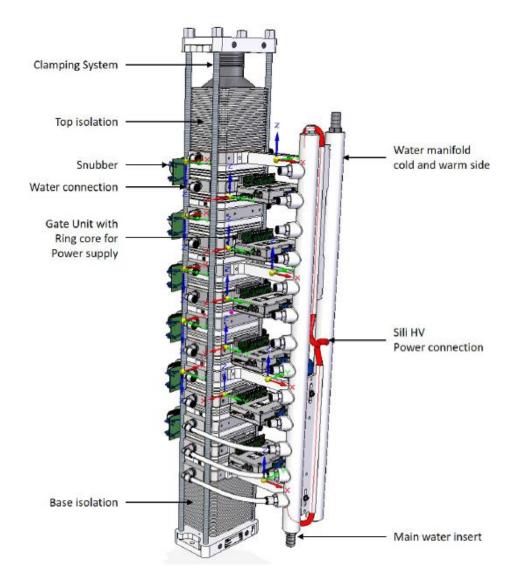
### 3-Phase AC-Breaker - Cooling Water Specifications

Parameter	Symbol	Comment	Value	Unit
Maximum Water Inlet Temperature	$Tw_{inmax}$	Water Flow per cooler	50	$^{\circ}C$
Maximum Water Temperature Difference	$\Delta Tw$	Temperature Difference oc Cooling Water between Inlet and Outlet	5	$^{\circ}C$
Min Water Flow	$q_{tot}$	For complete three phase system	156	l/min
Maximum Water Conductivity	$S_{wmax}$	-	10	$\mu S/cm$
Maximum Water Input Pressure	$ ho_{in}$	-	6	bar
Maximum Pressure Drop	$\Delta  ho_{in}$	Between inlet and outlet	1.5	bar



### **Mechanical Design**







### **Marine DC-Breaker**

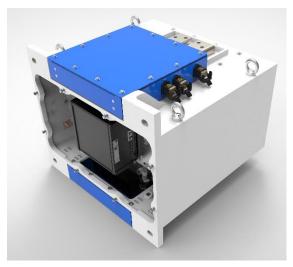
1kV - 200A, 500A, 1250A Now available!

3kA version coming soon

3kV versions upon request



1kV - 200A Air cooled



1kV − 500A Liquid cooled







1kV – 3kA Liquid cooled



### **Universial DC-Breaker**

1kV - 2kA DC-Breaker Redundant protection with pyrofuse Design optimized for reduced conduction losses



- Modular Design 19-inch rack mounted 1kV- DC-Breaker module
- Compact Design
  Housing Dimensions
  600 x 800 x 1700mm
- ➤ 1700V Hipak IGBT Modules

### **Compact HV-Switch**

Rated Voltage up to 18kV - Modular Design for different voltage levels Up to 10kHz operating frequency Design optimized for reduced conduction losses

#### **Features**

- Rated voltage up to 18kV
- · PD-free isolated power supply
- Up to 10kHz operating frequency
- Modular design for different voltage levels
- Compact design
- Air-cooled
- Integrated power moduls with IGBTs mounted on PCB
- Convection or forced-air cooling
- Programmable turn-on / turnoff behaviour
- di/dt limiting inductors





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