



Energy Highways Large-scale DC Grid deployments



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Energy Highways - Large-scale DC Grid deployments

- **Design Development Issues**

- AC / DC Design Aspects
- Applying Technologies - limitations & selection
- DC Configurations P2P, B2B, MTDC (technical and commercial factors)
- Worldwide (U)HVDC Footprint
- System integration “Germany Energy Transition Plan, based on Large-scale DC Networks”

- **Project Implementation Issues**

- From Theory to Reality - Challenges during Execution
- PM Excellence “Suedlink Project – The DC Energy Highway in Germany”

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Specialized in:

- Energy, Utilities, Smart Grids, Renewables, Infrastructure, Sustainability

25+ years Professional Experience:

- Regional Director GCC: Siemens Power Transmission and Distribution – Turnkey Solutions
- CEO Middle East: GOPA-Consulting Group (Intec)
- Managing Director: ILF Consulting Engineers KSA

Highlights:

- Dubai EXPO 2020 smart grid and renewable energy
- UAE: Largest Energy Storage System Program (BESS)
- Siemens: R&D and pilots in multi-functional power links

Education, Certifications and Awards:

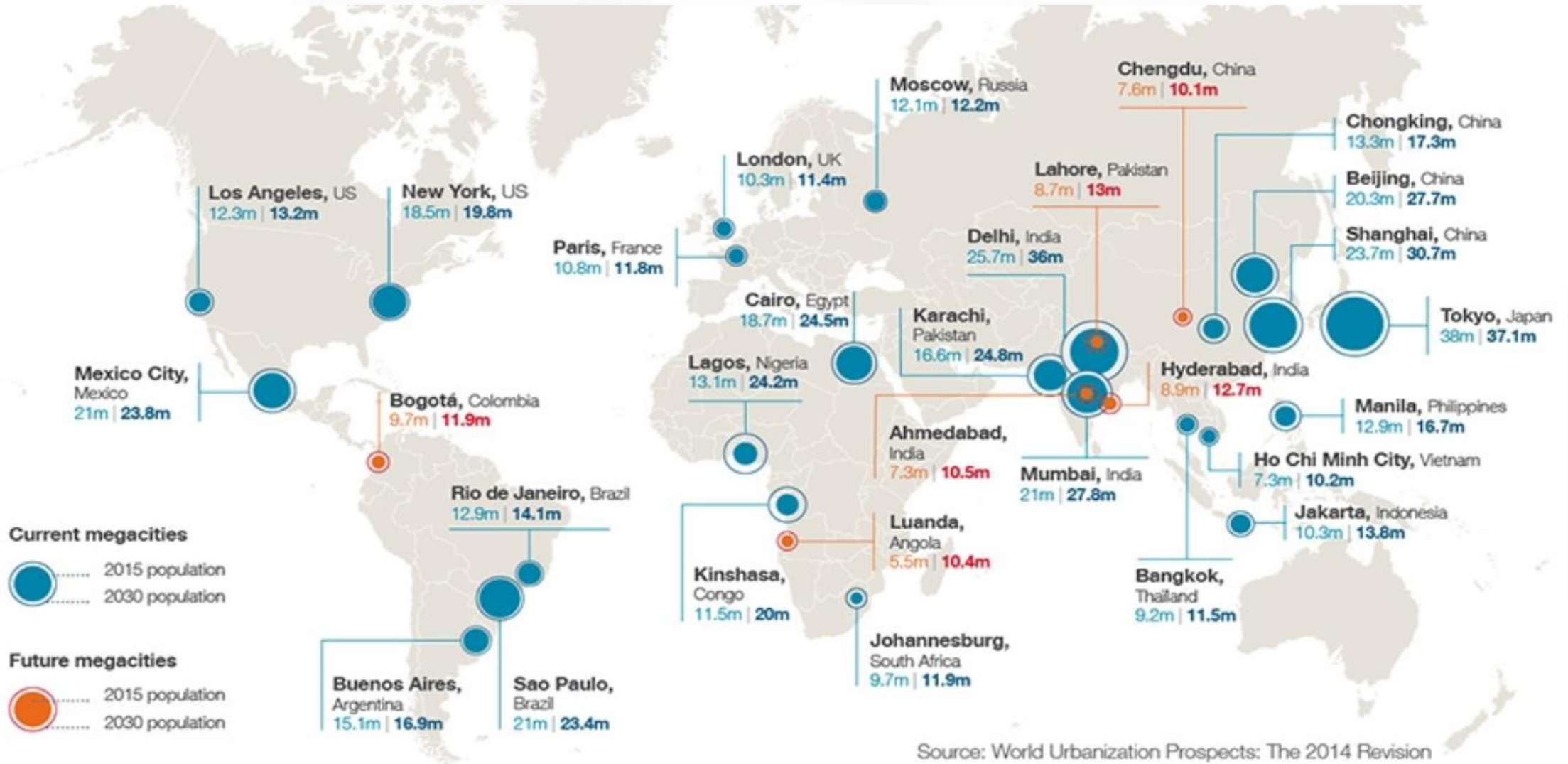
- Master in Electrical Engineering/MBA Finance
- World Sustainability Congress 2017: Awarded 100 Most Sustainable CEOs



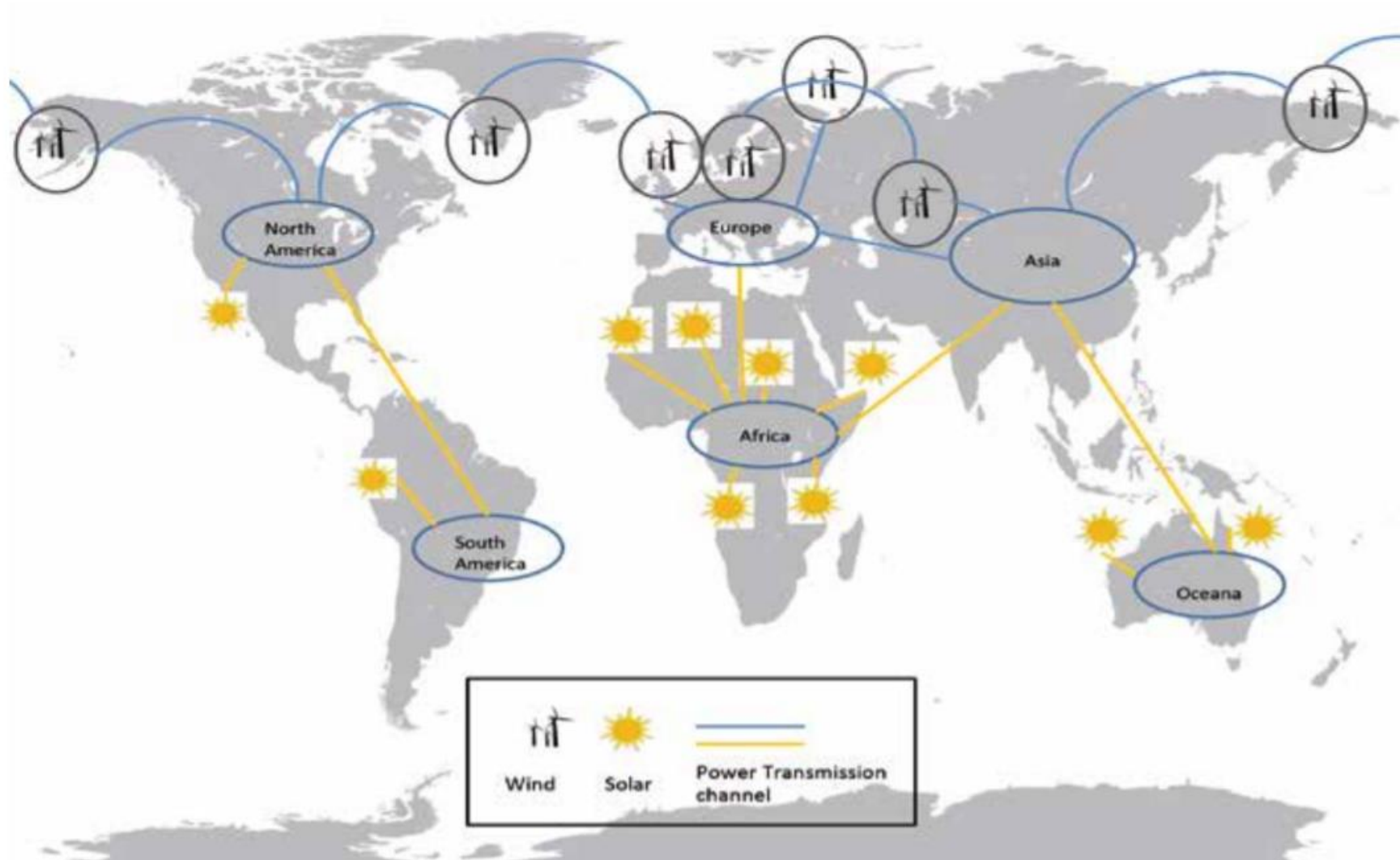
Why Energy Highways ?

by Martin Erath

Megacities Development – Enlarging load centers



Global resources and Economics drive opportunities



Geographical Trends and Drivers for DC Energy Highways

- **In Europe, main drivers are:**

- Integration of renewable energies
- Interconnection between different grids
- Submarine cables

USA and Canada both renewables' integration and power transfers between regions are boosting the HVDC projects.

Lines capacities on the range of **0.5-1GW** for the coming projects **3.5 GW** (even 7.2 GW).

Brazil has constructed the longest HVDC line in the world with 2375 km
• 2013: **7.1 GW**

India also builds HVDC lines with large power capacities, due to their incremental needs in power & transfer between regions.

LCC technology
2 - 3 GW

China is constructing HVDC lines with huge power capacities

- Due to their incremental needs in power on their actual networks.
- From the north-west to the south-east

LCC technology
6 - 8 GW

UHVDC: 800kV - 1100kV

VSC / LCC technology
0.5 - 1GW

Coal

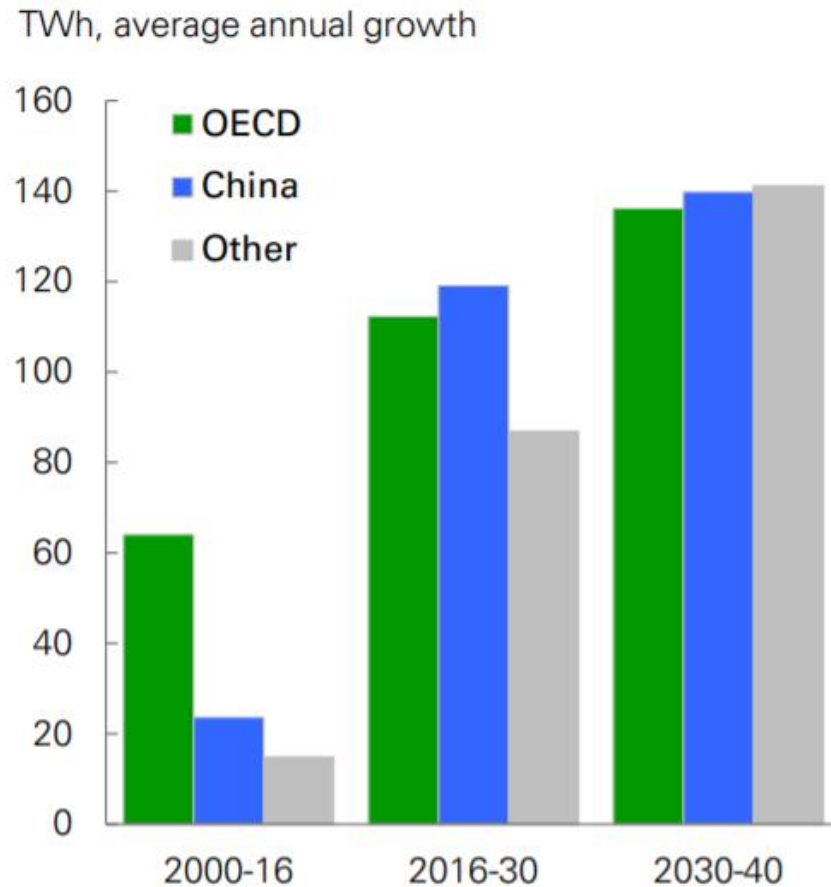
Wind power



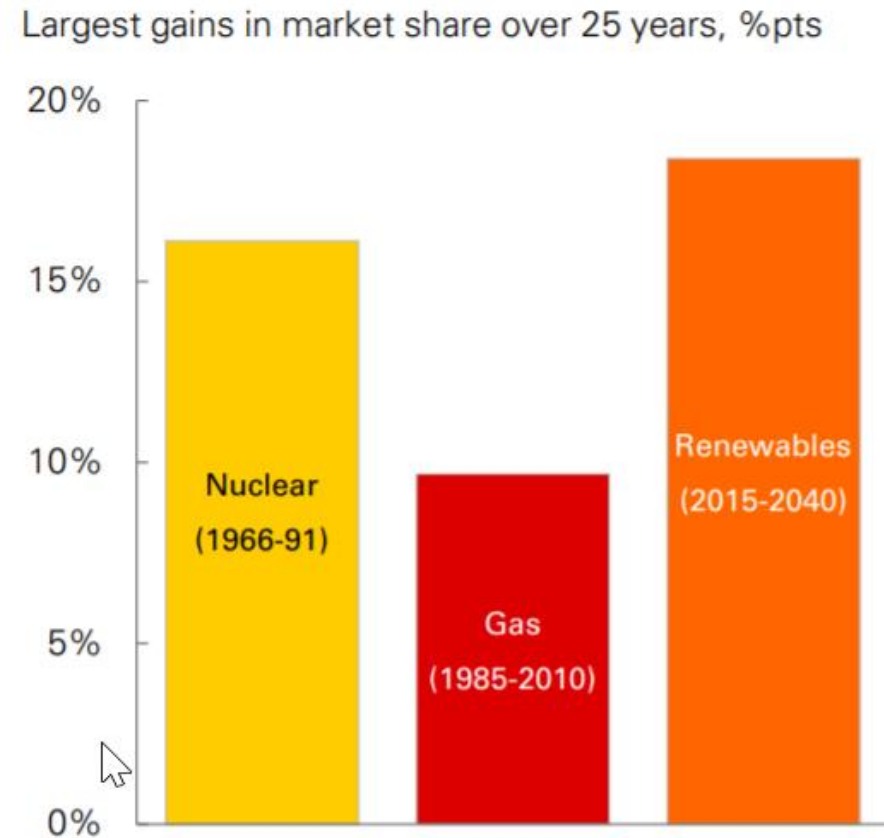
Hydropower

Energy Outlook - Renewable Energy taking the lead

Growth of renewable power

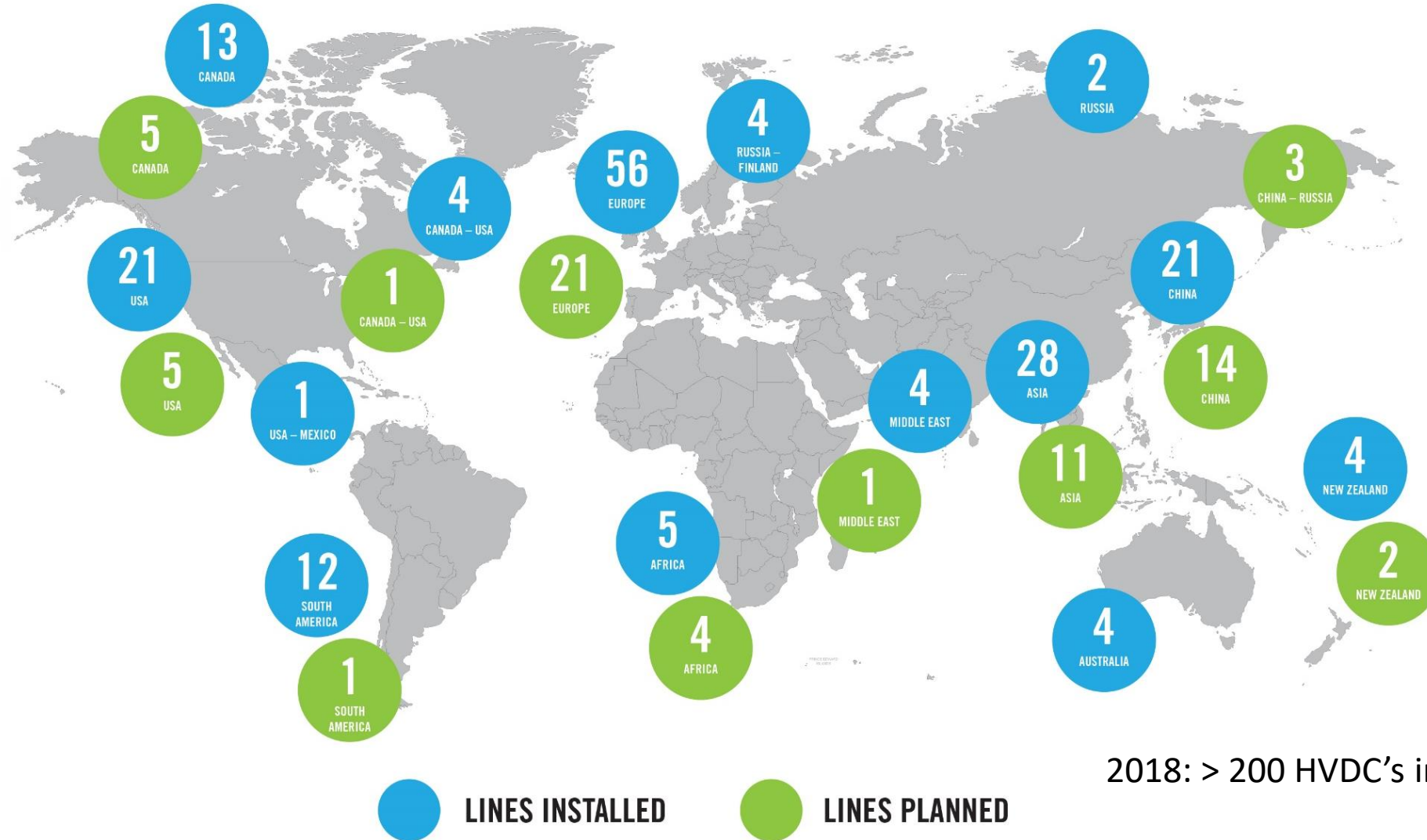


Pace of power market penetration



Source: BP Energy Outlook

Energy Highways – HVDC projects since 1951



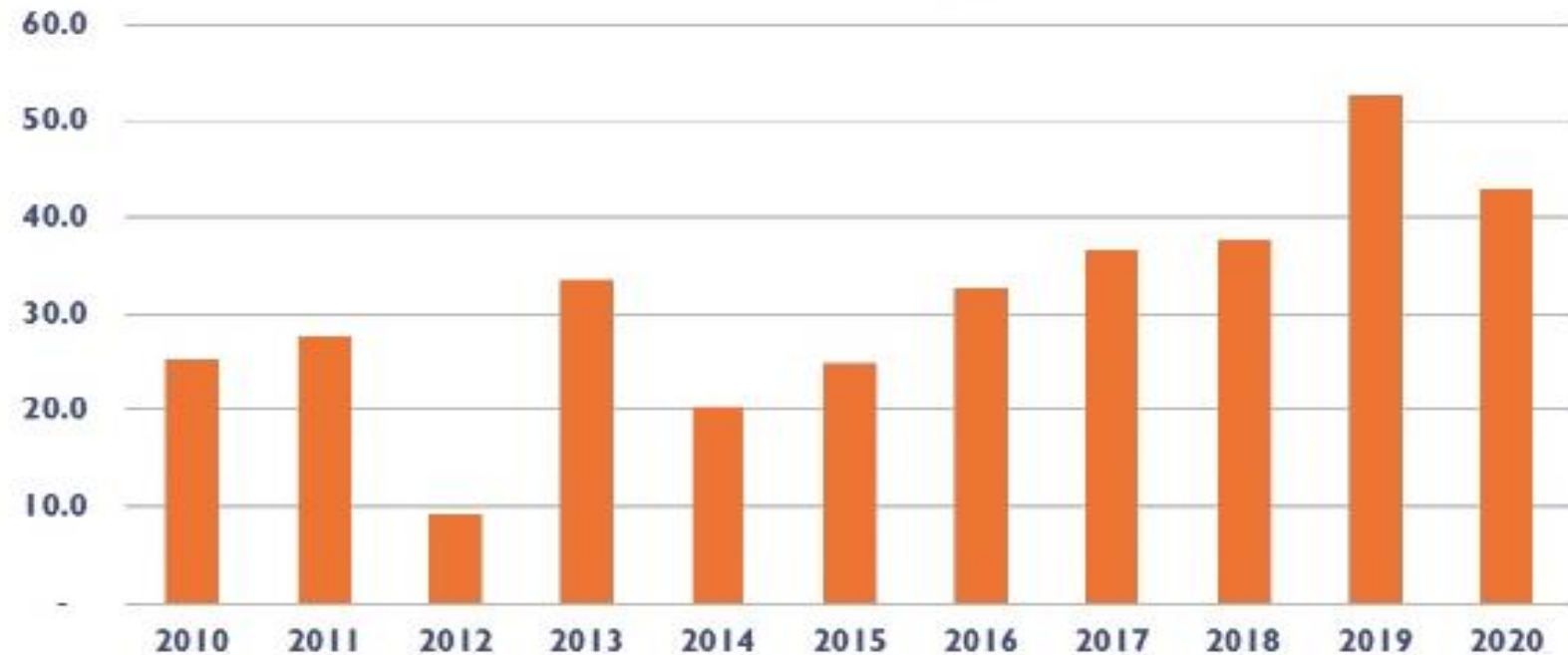
2018: > 200 HVDC's installed worldwide

DC Energy Highways – Global Growth

During the next 5 years almost **200 GW HVDC capacity** will be installed worldwide.

- Estimation of **40 GW – 50 GW transmission capacity** per year.

Annual installed HVDC capacity in GW



Source: Yole



**Energy Highways
AC or DC?
Feature
Benefits**

Energy Highways – Why DC ?

Long distance bulk power transmissions: As the world's energy resources are normally decentralized from the ever increasing energy consumption, long HVDC transmissions are a particularly interesting area for the future.

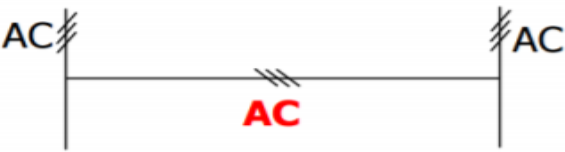

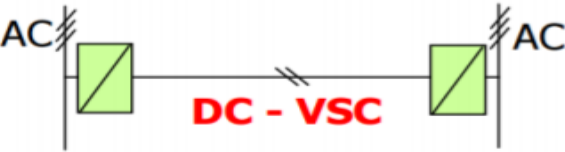
Long cable transmissions: The charging current in cables being fed with high voltage AC (HVAC) makes transmissions over long distances impractical.

Asynchronous interconnection: The HVDC technology can connect two asynchronous power systems with the same or different frequency. The interconnection is often beneficial for both of the systems and acts as a buffer between them. In case of cascading failures in one of the systems, the interconnection can serve as a "firewall" between the systems, preventing the propagation of disturbances from continuing into the connected system

Stabilization in power systems: HVDC links can be used within synchronous AC systems to improve the control of power flow from one part of the system to another and thereby prevent large cascading failures or even blackouts in the grid. The stability can be improved, since the link provides a damping torque

Ability to connect to weak AC grids, adding less short-circuit power into existing network – no upgrade required

Energy Highway AC vs. DC Design considerations

Transmission solution	Advantages	Drawbacks/Limitations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - simple (no conversion) - no maintenance - high availability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - heavy cable - limited to 50-150 km - rigid power control - require reactive compensation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - less no. of cables, lighter - no limits in length - low losses - good power control - very high transmission power 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - needs strong AC networks - cannot feed isolated loads - polarity reversal for reverse flow - large space occupied - special equipment (trafo, filters)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - can feed isolated loads (oil platforms, wind parks, small islands, etc.) of medium power - modularity, short delivery time - small space and environmental impact - no polarity reversal for reverse flow - standard equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - higher conversion losses - limited experience - limited power

AC versus DC in Energy Highways

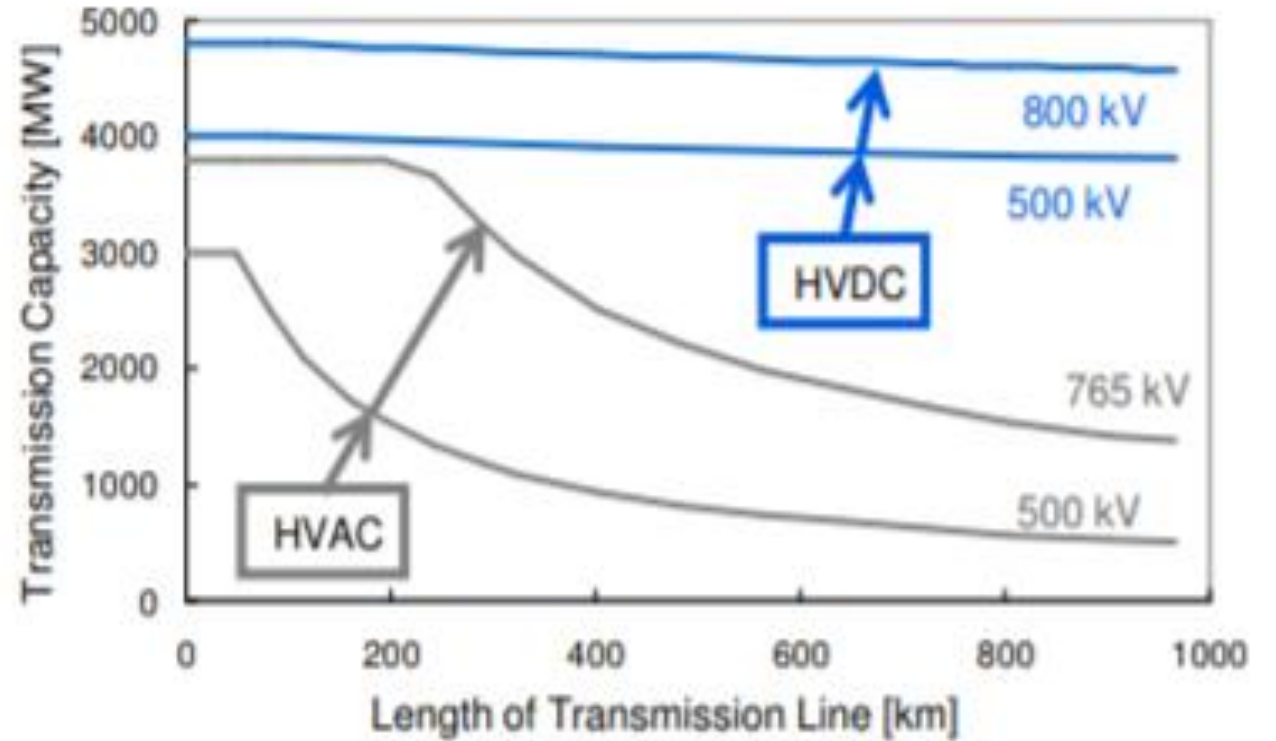
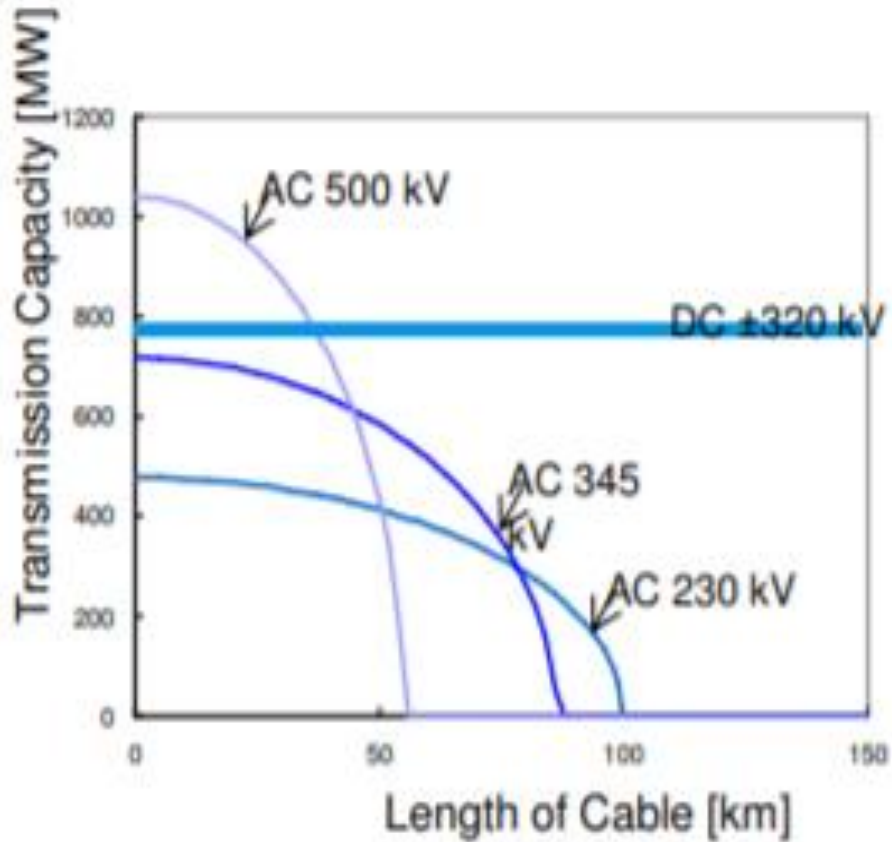
500 kV AC (Double-circuit)		1000 kV AC (Double-circuit)
2~2.4	Transmission capacity (GW)	8~9
250~800	Economical transmission distance (km)	500~2000
0.46~0.69	Line loss rate (%/100 km)	0.17~0.21
0.029~0.035	Footprint - overhead line (m/MW)	0.008~0.009
39	Footprint - substation (m ² /MVA)	29
1938	Costs (RMB/MW·km)	1346

±500 kV DC		UHV DC (±800 kV/±1100 kV)
3	Transmission capacity (GW)	8~12
<800	Economical transmission distance (km)	1100~2500/2300~5000
0.28	Line loss rate (%/100 km)	0.16/0.09
0.013	Footprint - overhead line (m/MW)	0.01/0.007
60	Footprint - converter station (m ² /MW)	20/25*
952	Costs (RMB/MW·km)	660/626

* The convertor station is connected to the AC system in two voltage levels.

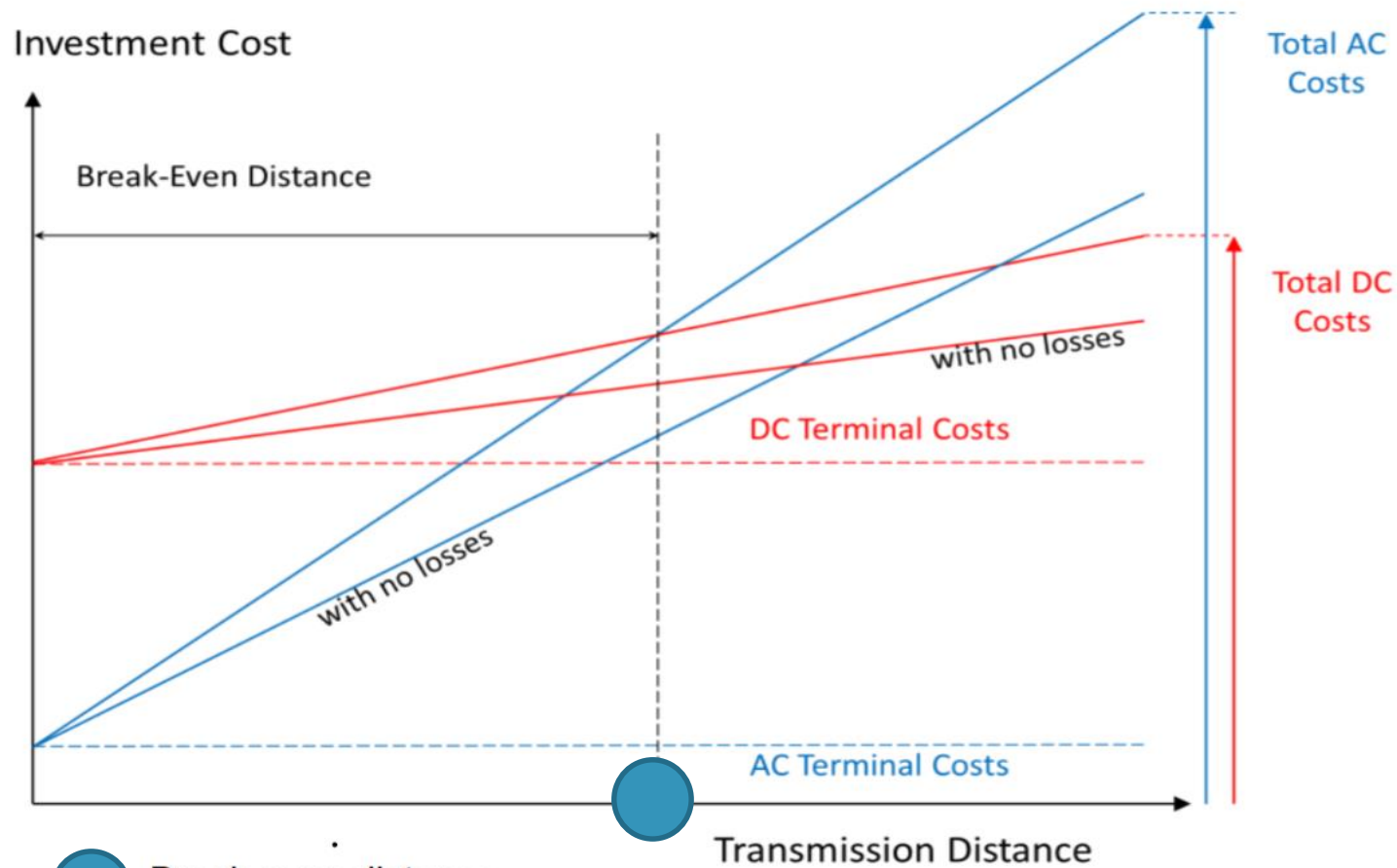
Source: SGCC

AC versus DC in Energy Highways



Source: ABB

Energy Highways – AC vs. DC Economics



● Break-even distance
 Overhead lines: 400 – 700 km
 Cables: 25 – 50 km

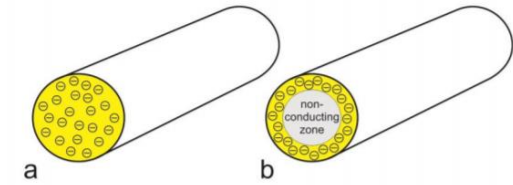


Fig. 2- DC (a) and AC (b) flow in a conductor; the skin effect

Two examples of HVAC and HVDC cable losses for comparable lengths and voltages are given in Table 1.

Table 1 – Two examples of losses in HVAC and HVDC power transmission cables

	Length (km)	Power (MW)	Voltage (kV)	Losses (%)
AC	1000/2000	3000	800	6.7/10
DC	1000/2000	6400	800	3.5/5

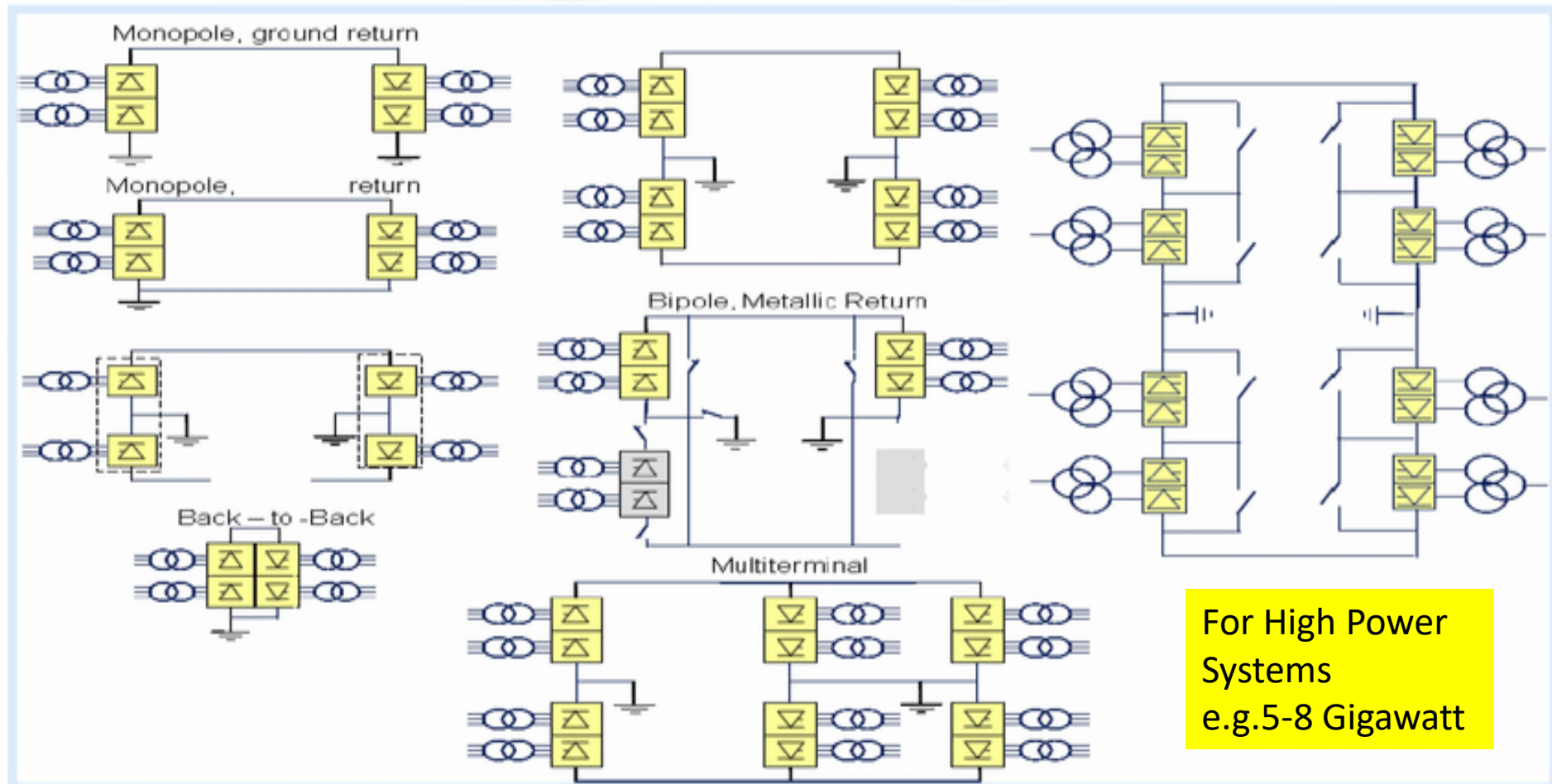


The break-even distance greatly depends on the land conditions and project specifications.

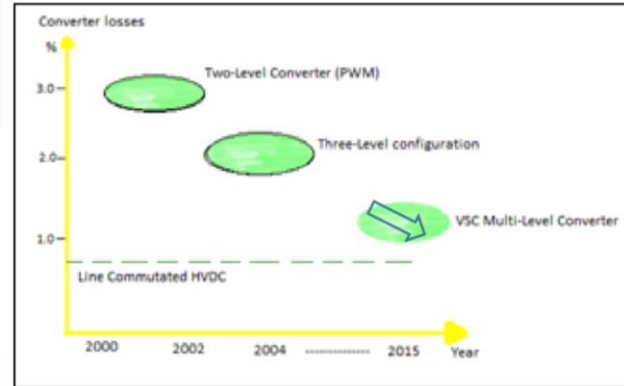
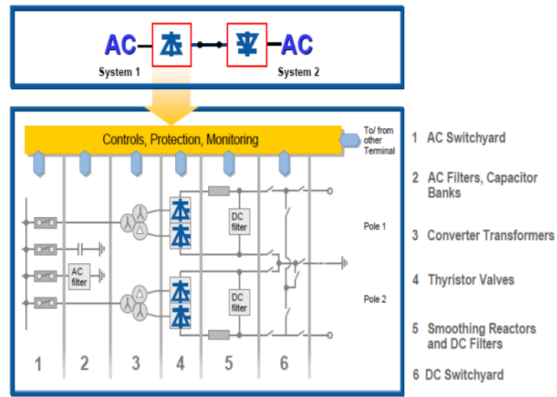


**DC Energy Highways
Design
Development**

Energy Highways HVDC Configurations

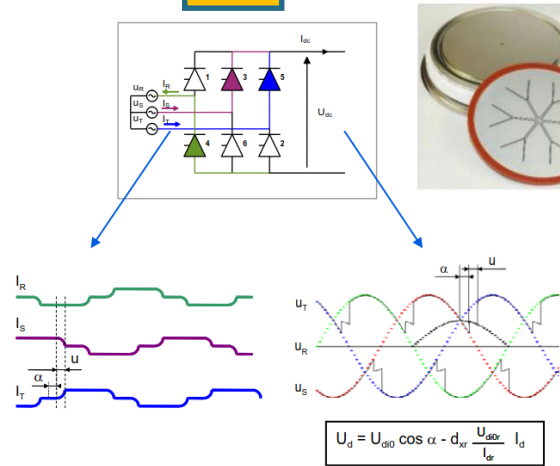
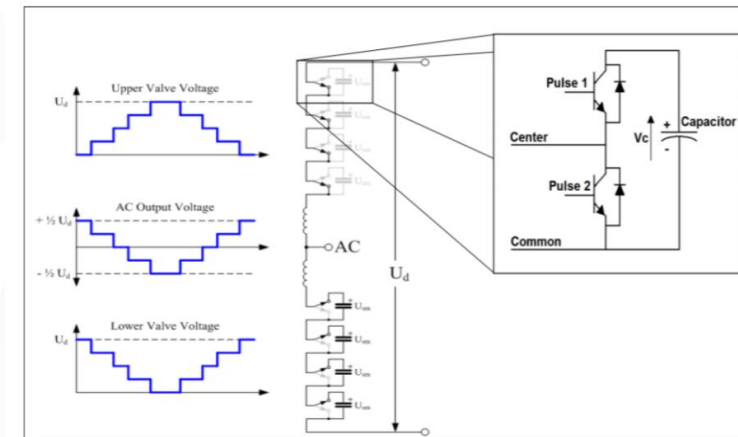
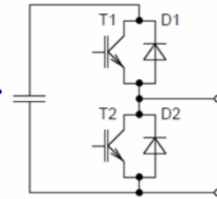
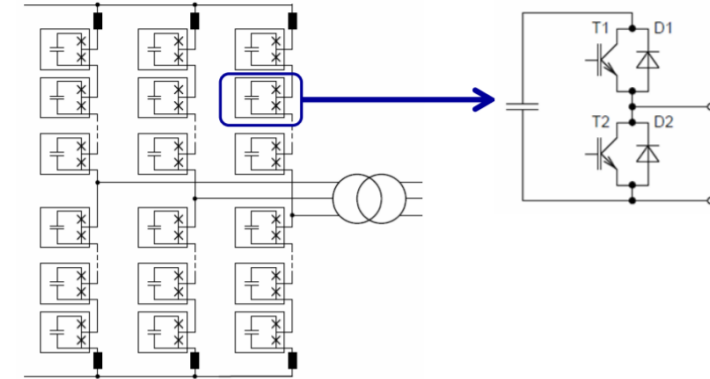


HVDC Converter Design Development



High Voltage MMC for HVDC

Submodule

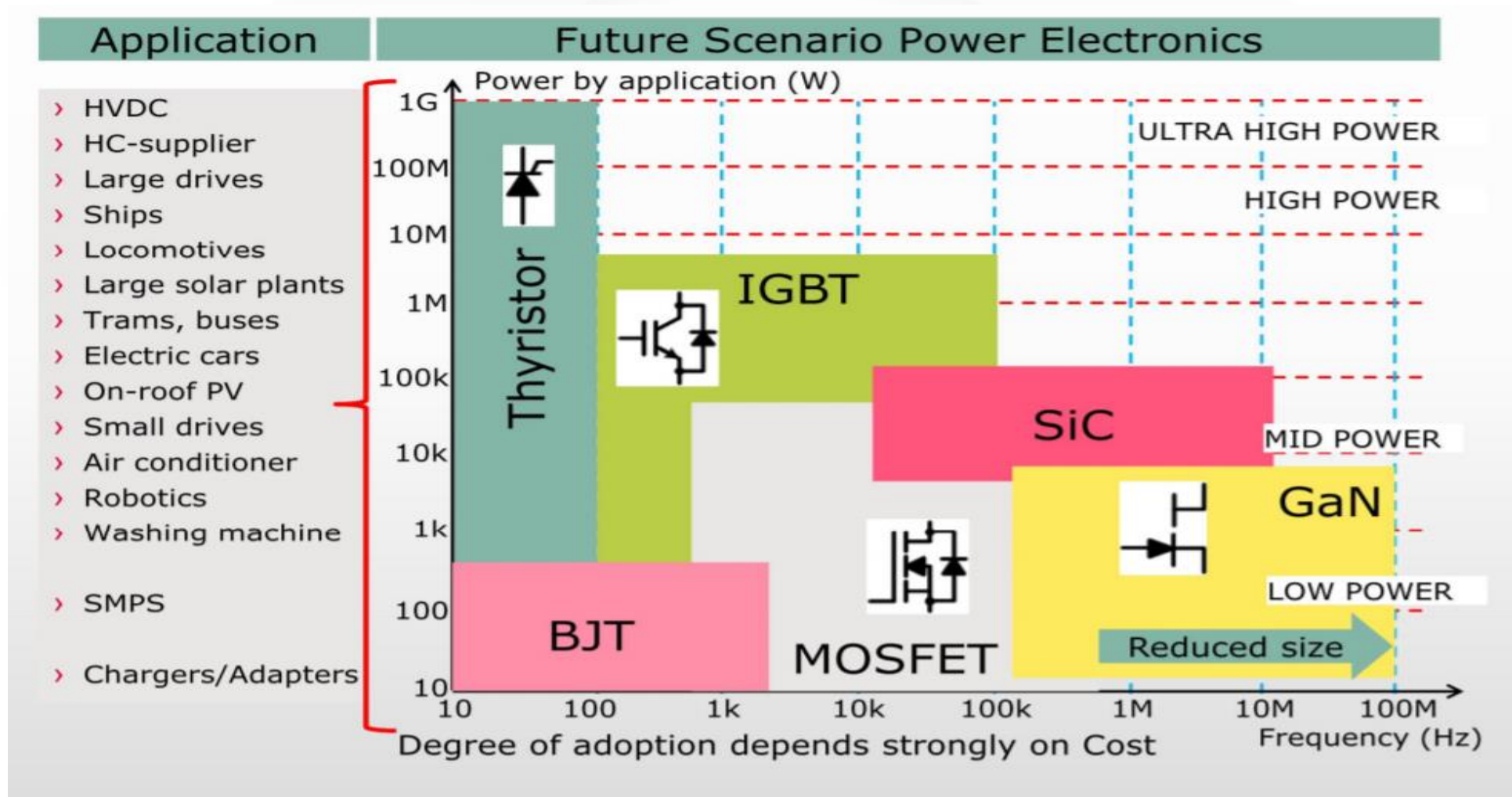


LCC (Thyristor)

VSC with IGBT

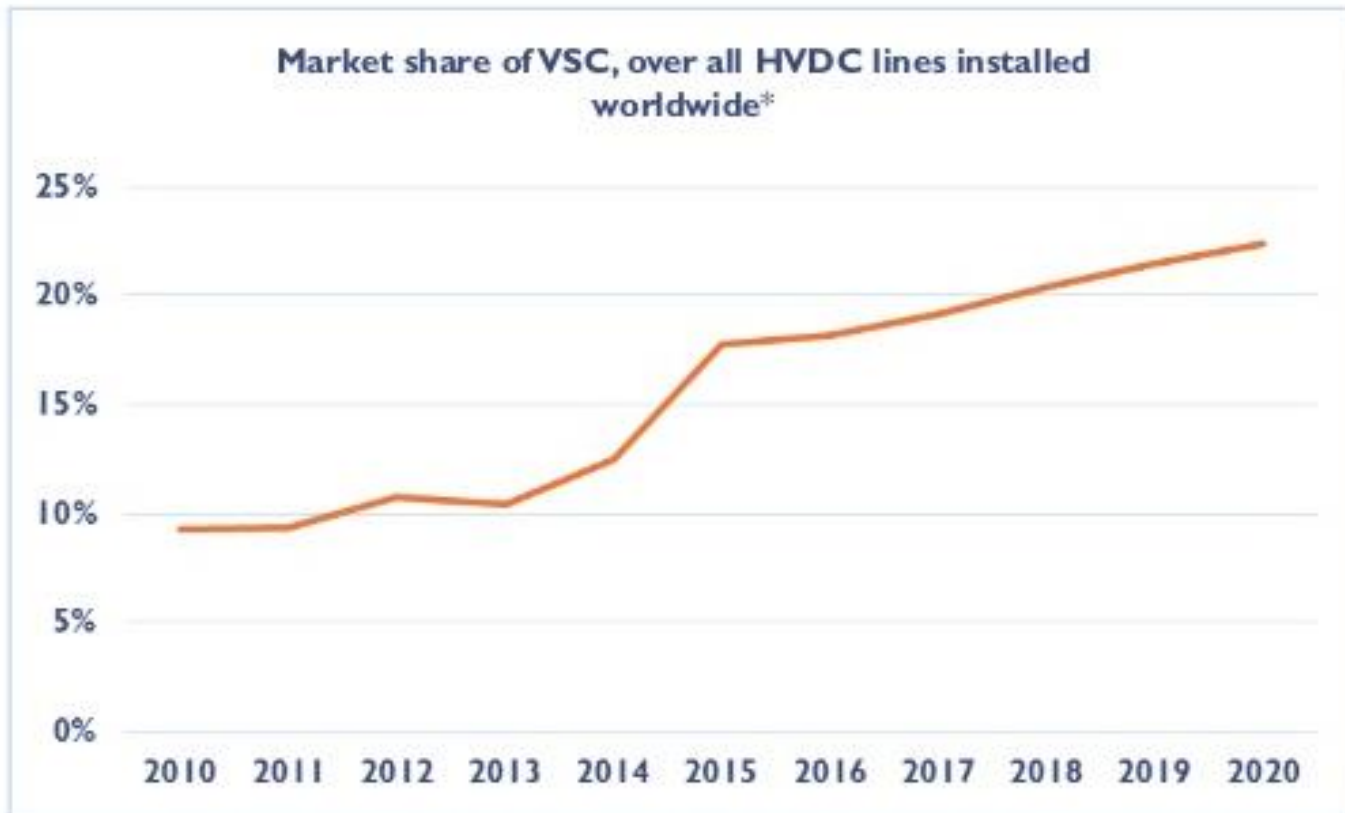
VSC with MMC

Major Power Devices Technology and Applications



Source: Empowering the Electronics Industry
Power Technology Roadmap 2016

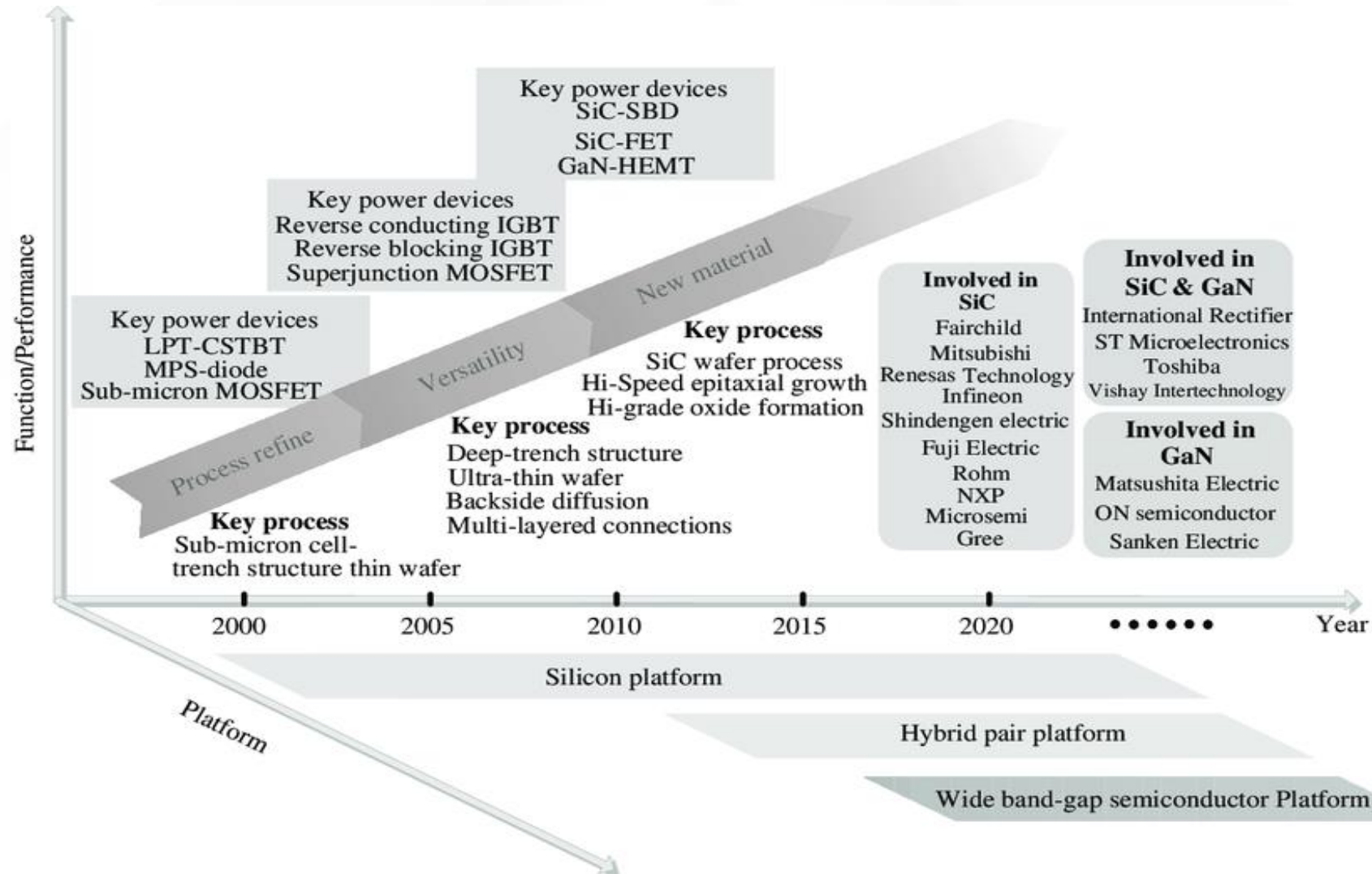
Technical Trends in HVDC



The use of this technology is **mostly driving by the European market** and their off-shore renewables connection to the grid.

Source: Yole 2016

Power Devices – R&D Platforms and Outlook





DC Energy Highways Applications

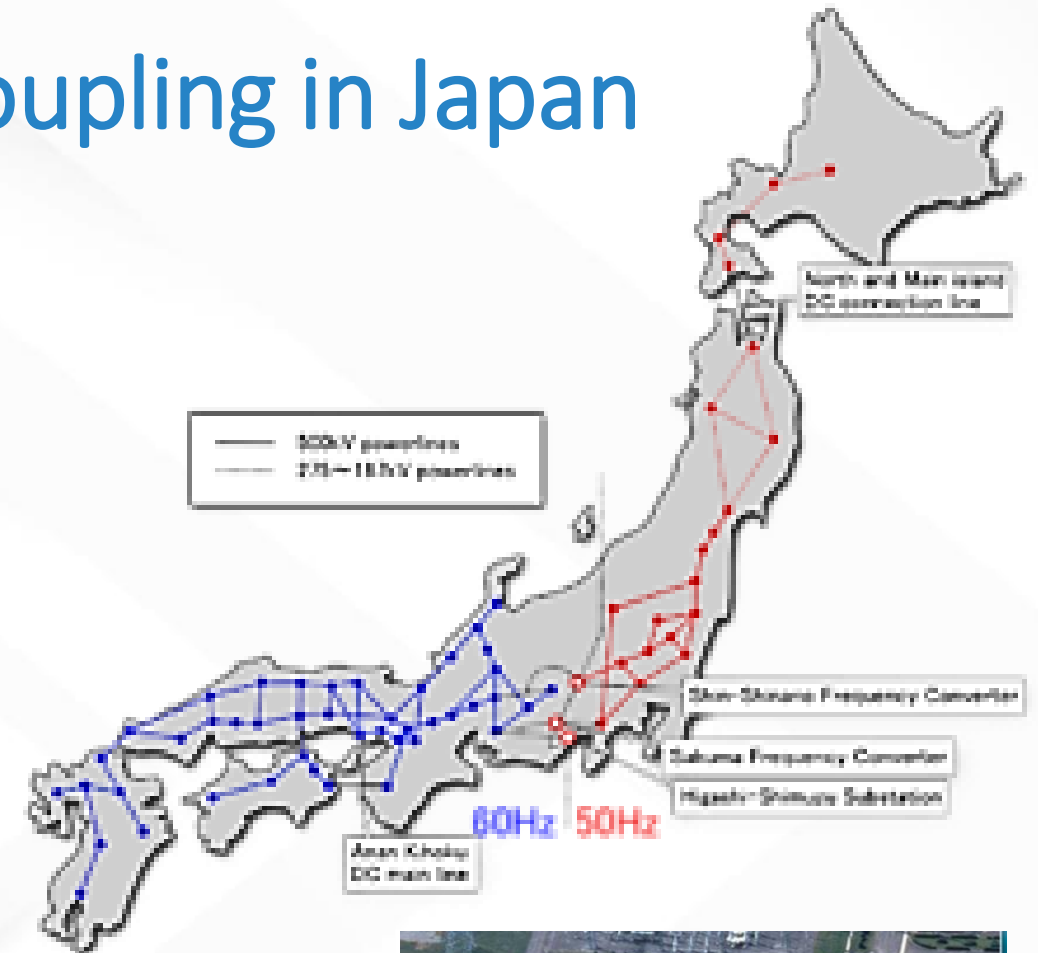
B2B Energy Highway Coupling in Japan

- Shin Shinano Hendersho

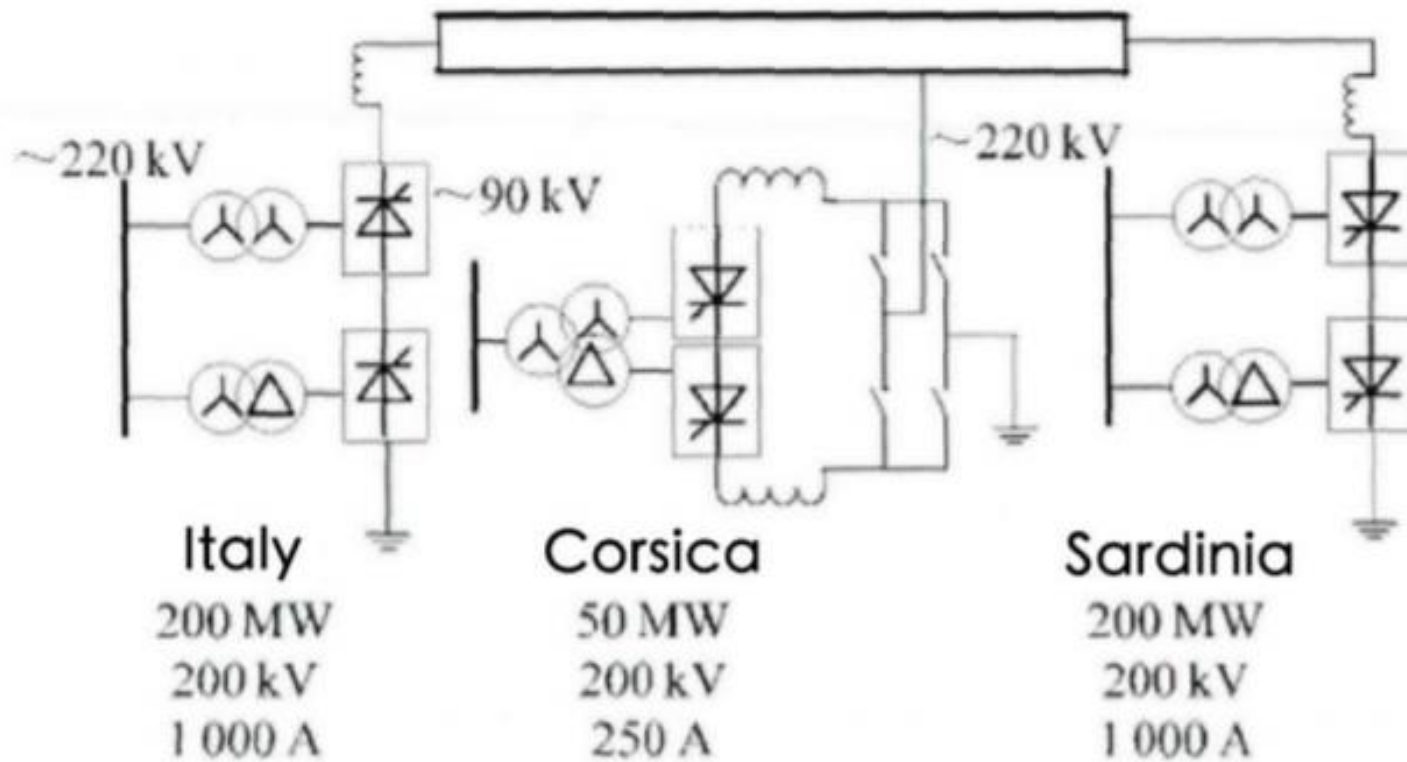
(HVDC – B2B) facility with four frequency Converter stations linking Japan's western and eastern power grids. The other three stations are at [Higashi-Shimizu](#), [Minami-Fukumitsu](#) and [Sakuma Dam](#).

Converter equipment

The HVDC back-to-back facility Shin Shinano uses line-commutated [thyristor](#) converters. The station houses two converters, one of which opened in December 1977,[1] the other in 1992. The original 1977 converter was one of the first thyristor-based HVDC schemes to be put into operation in the world and used oil-insulated, oil-cooled outdoor [thyristor valves](#) supplied by [Hitachi](#) (60 Hz end) and [Toshiba](#) (50 Hz end).



Islands Remote End – Energy Highway - Italy



SACOI – Sardinia – Corsica – Italy Connection

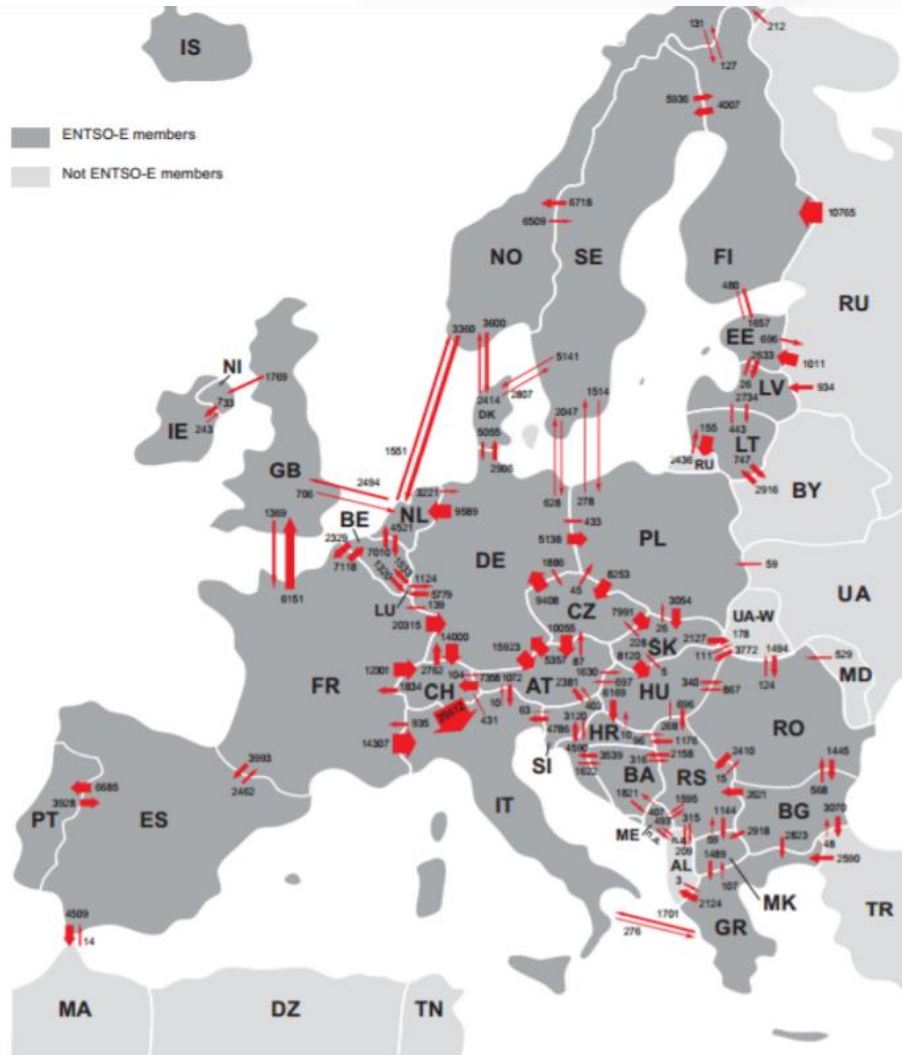
Energy Highway – Island connection in New Zealand

The **HVDC Inter-Island** link is a 610 km (380 mi) long, 1200 **MW** bipolar high-voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission system connecting the electricity networks of the North Island and South Island of New Zealand

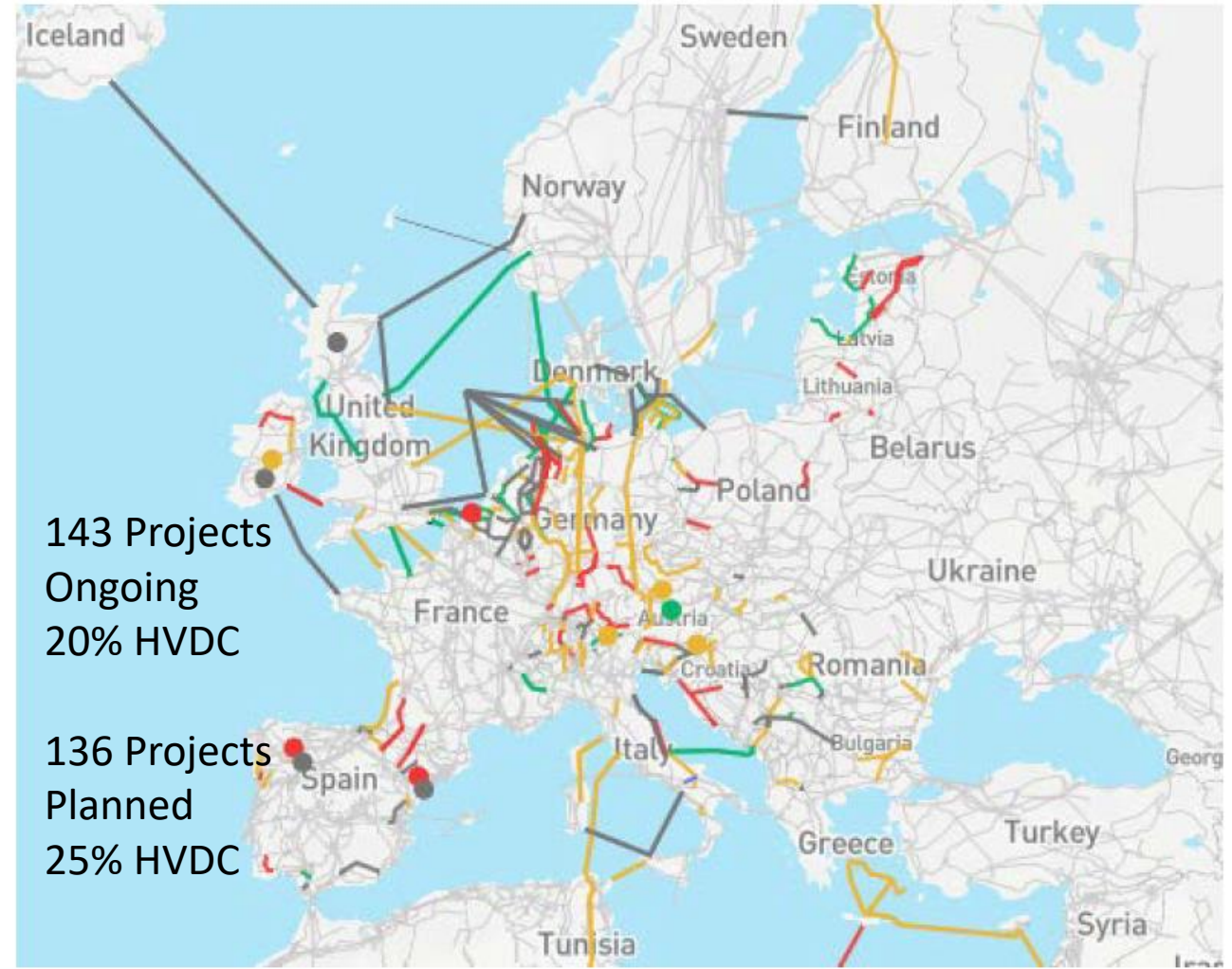
Much of New Zealand's electricity generation is hydro-electric. The majority of this generation is from stations established on lakes and rivers in the lower half of the South Island, while most of the electricity demand is in the North Island,



Energy Highways in EU countries and Neighbors



Energy flow today between European Countries

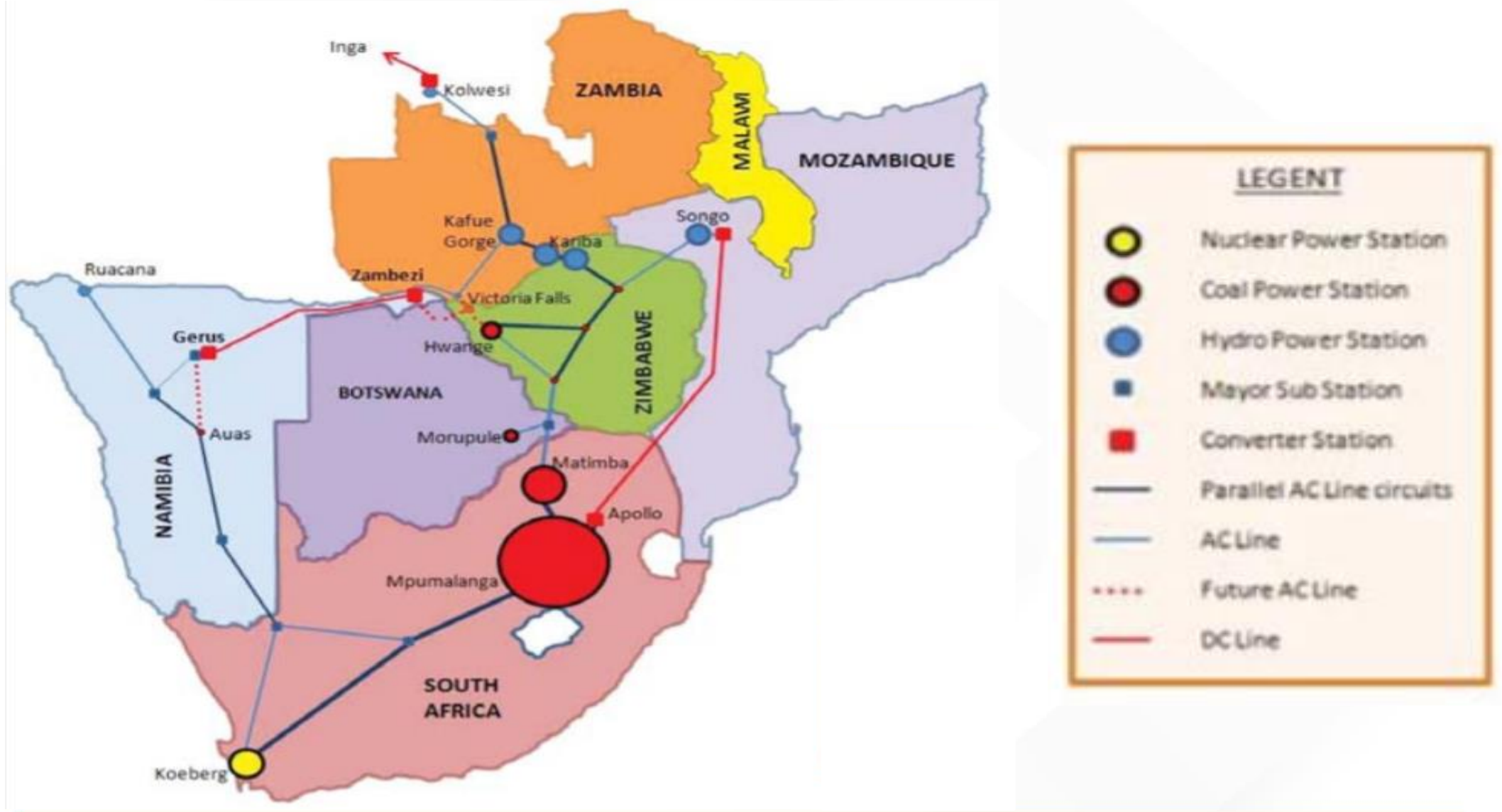


143 Projects
Ongoing
20% HVDC

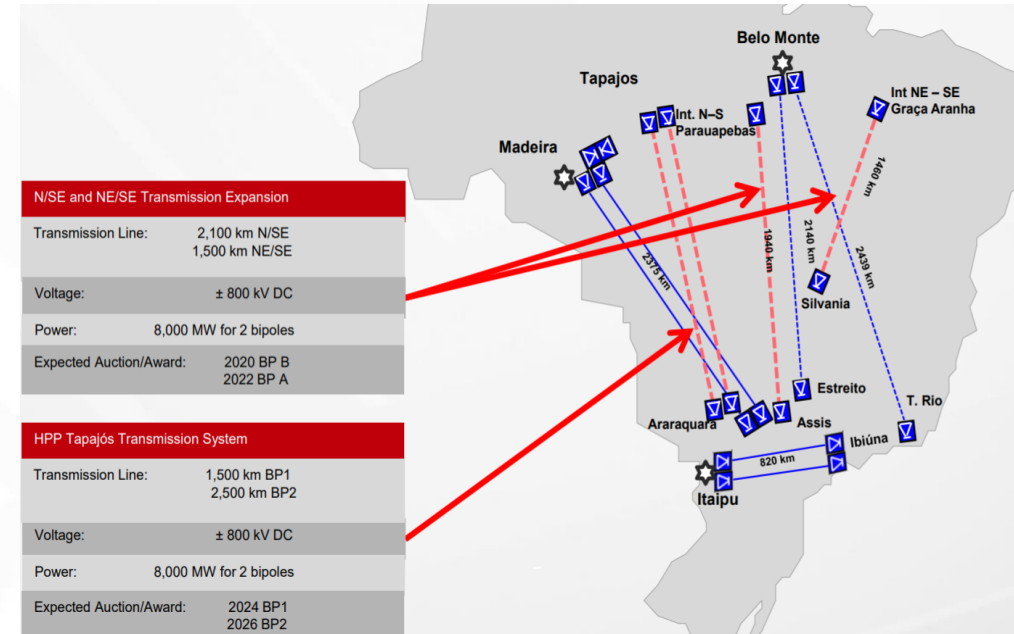
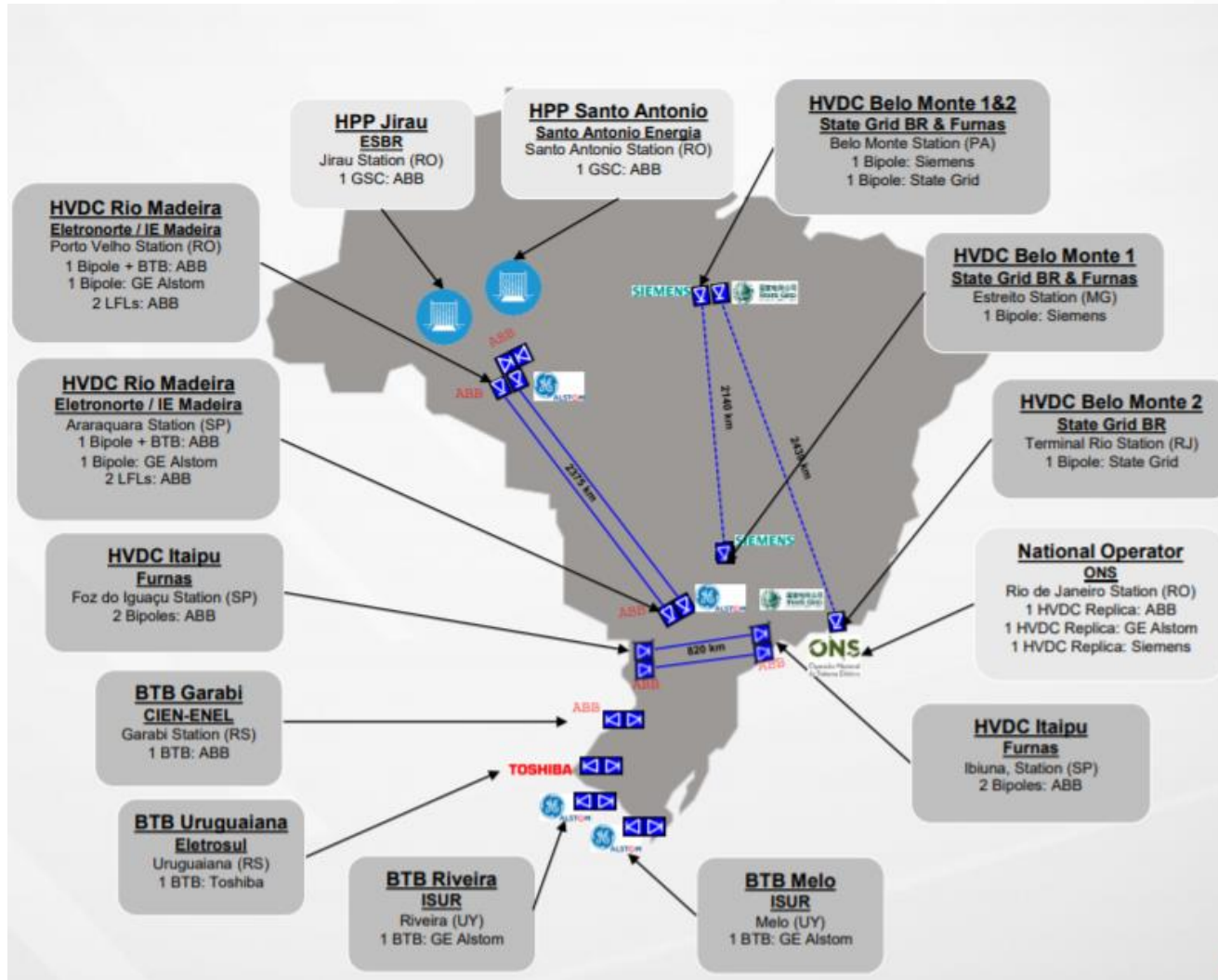
136 Projects
Planned
25% HVDC

Source: Entso-e 10 years development plan 2018

African Power Pool - DC Energy Highways

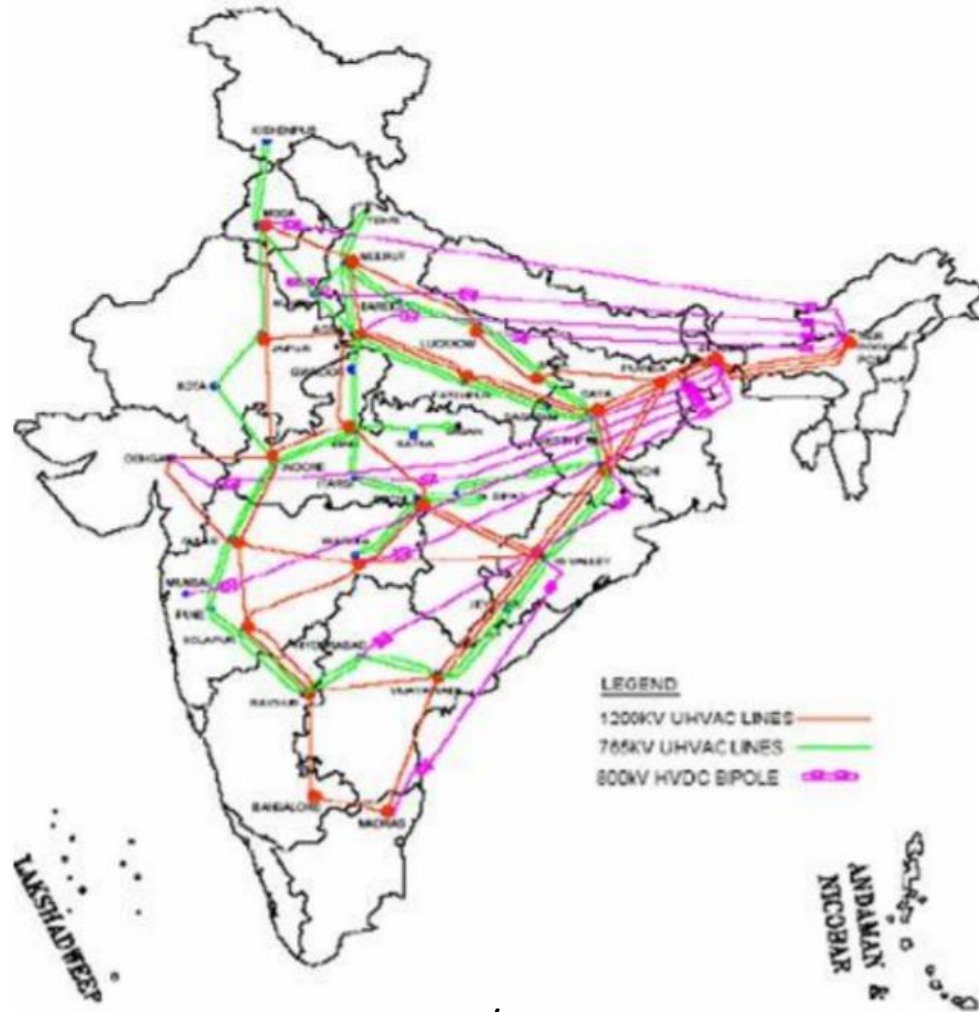


DC Energy Highways in Brazil



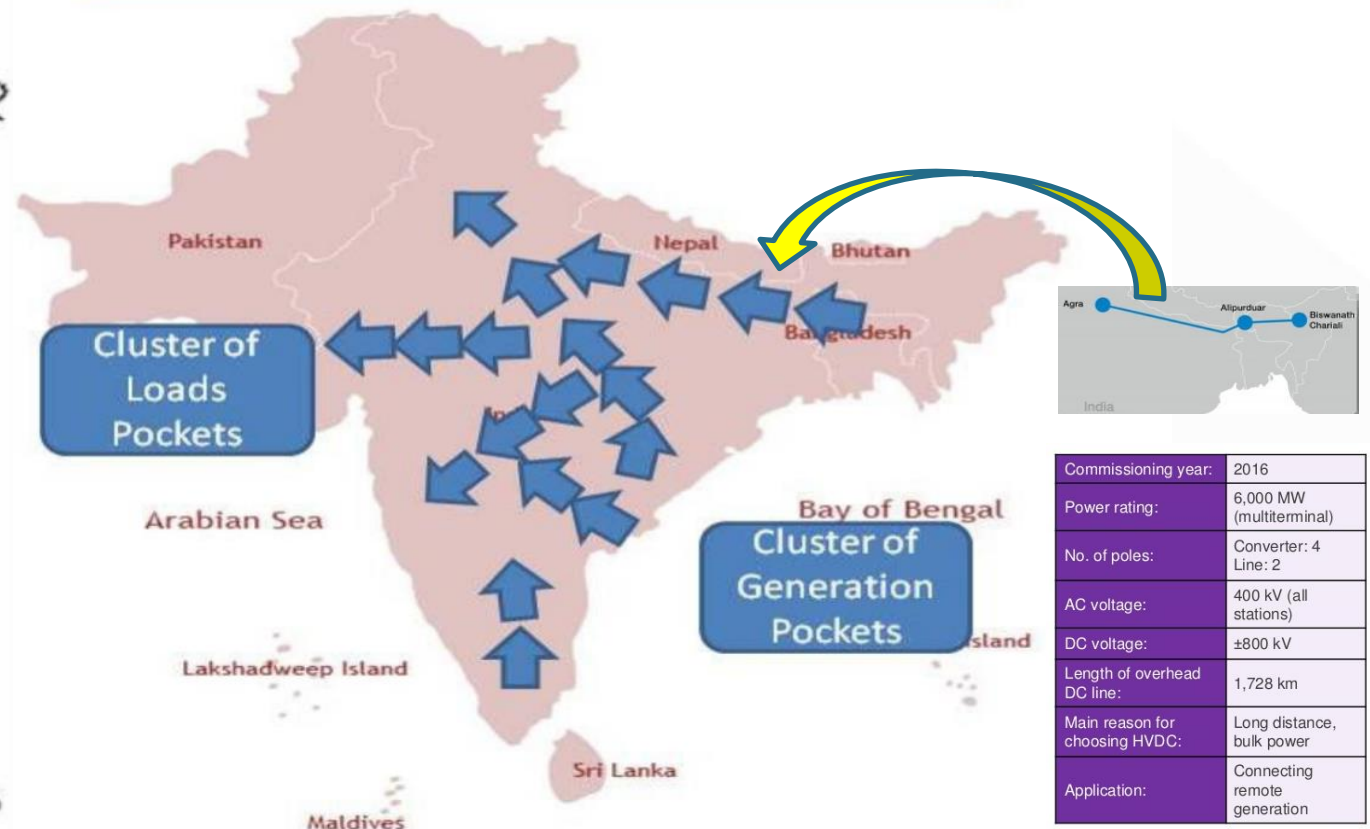
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Mega Energy Highways in India (UHVDC)



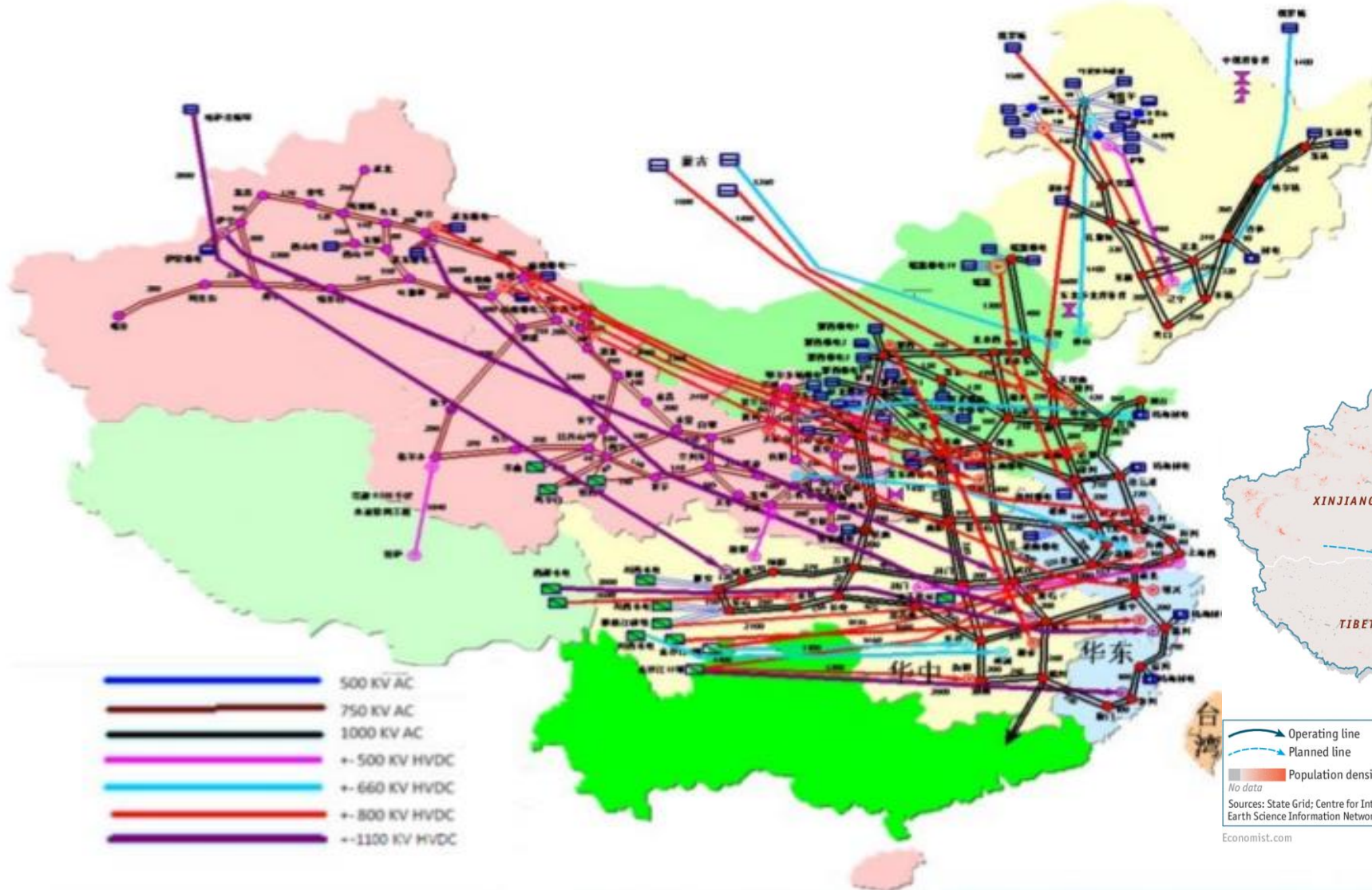
Source: CEA / Siemens
IRENA Energy Week 2016

Creation of transmission highways from generation pockets to load pockets in India



Source: WASET

Mega Energy Highways Roadmap – CHINA 2020



50 HVDC Systems

30,000 km of HVDC



The Energy Super Highways (UHVDC > 1 Megavolt)



One “Super Energy Highway” UHVDC transmission link could provide for about **26.5 million Chinese people**.



Energy Transition
in Germany
enabled by
DC Energy Highways
“a special Project”

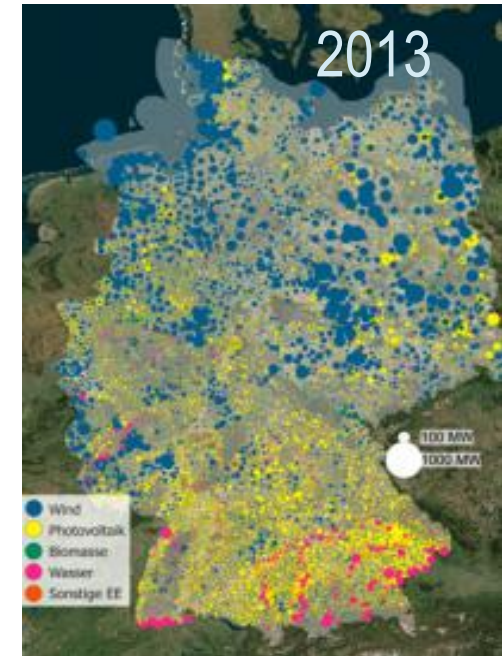
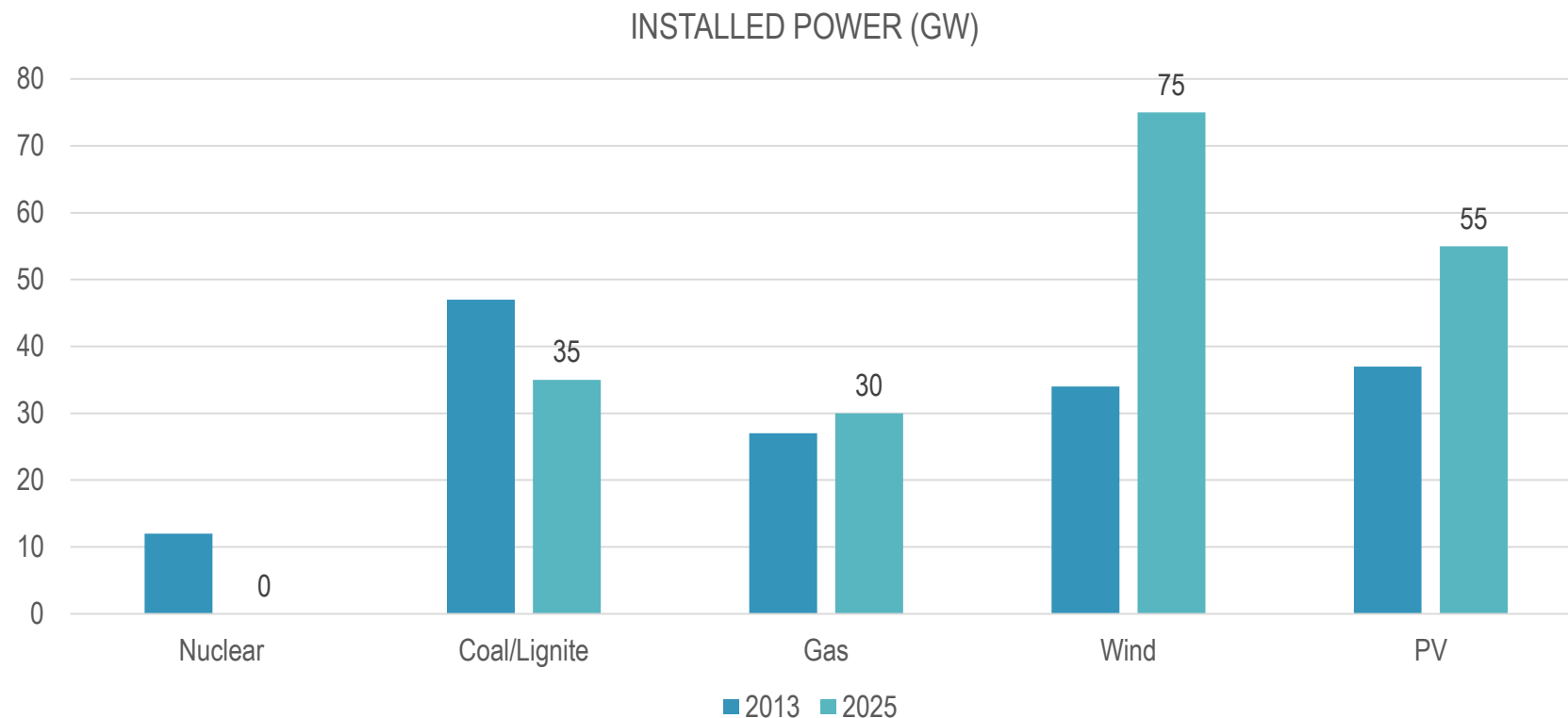
GERMAN HVDC OFFSHORE CABLE CONNECTIONS

Project	On-/Offshore	Power	Year
BorWin1	75 km / 125 km	400 MW	2010
BorWin2	75 km / 125 km	800 MW	2015
BorWin3	30 km / 130 km	900 MW	2019
DolWin1	90 km / 75 km	800 MW	2015
DolWin2	90 km / 45 km	916 MW	2016
DolWin3	80 km / 80 km	900 MW	2017
HelWin1/2	2x 45 km / 85 km	1.266 MW	2015
SylWin1	45 km / 160 km	864 MW	2015
Total	575 km / 825 km		



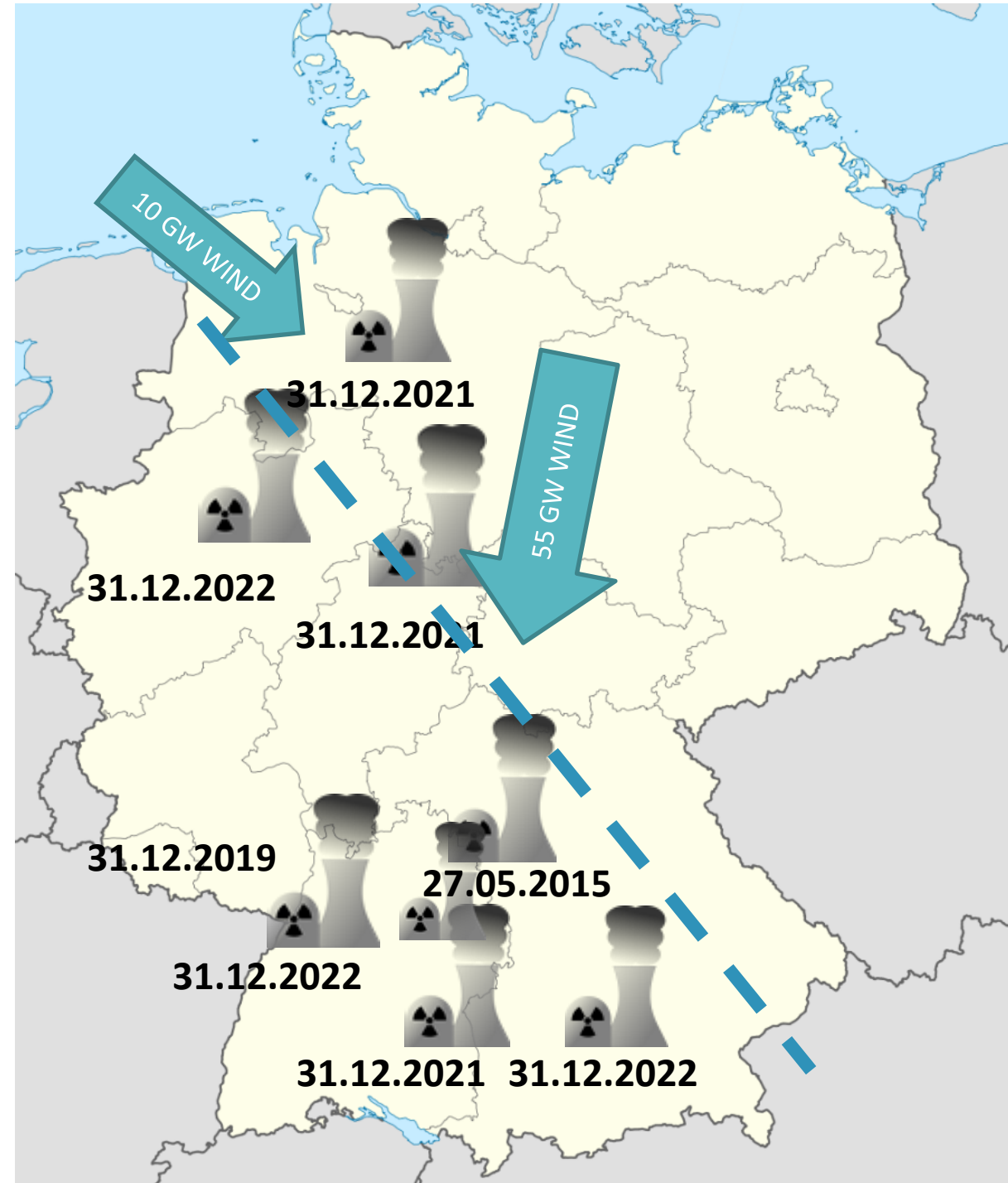
GERMANY'S ENERGY TRANSITION PLAN

- Shift towards renewable energies
- **Wind Energy in the North** and **Solar Power (PV)** in the South



SHUTDOWN OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS

- Shutdown of 8 nuclear power plants until 2022
- Increase of wind power
- Power transmission North-South / East-West



PLANNED HVDC CONNECTIONS

No.	Project Name	TSO	Length
DC1*	Ultranet	Amprion	320 km
DC2	Ultranet		340 km*
DC3*	SuedLink	TenneT / TransnetBW	770 km
DC4*	SuedLink	TenneT / TransnetBW	620 km
DC5*	SuedOstLink	50Hertz / TenneT	580 km
			2.630 km

- 2GW Capacity each connection
- * Priority for underground cables according to decision by Federal Government in June 2015
- Definition of projects: www.netzausbau.de (BNetzA)



PROJECT MANAGEMENT DRIVING GERMANY'S ENERGY TRANSITION

VDE ETG Taskforce
Infrastructure



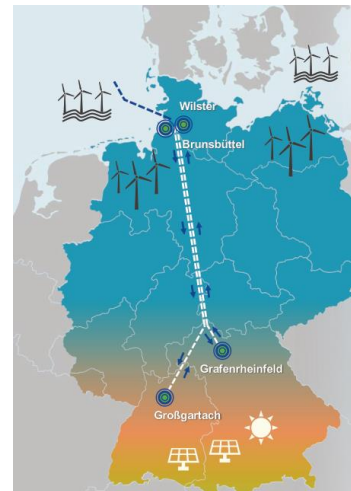
2011

OVANET Study



2014

SuedLink
Feasibility Study

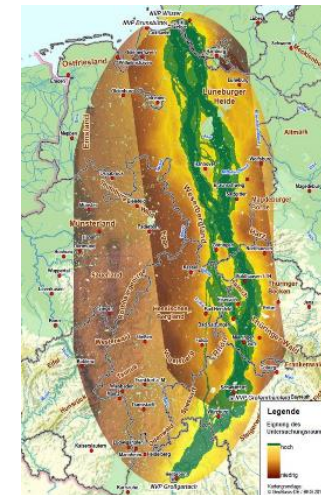


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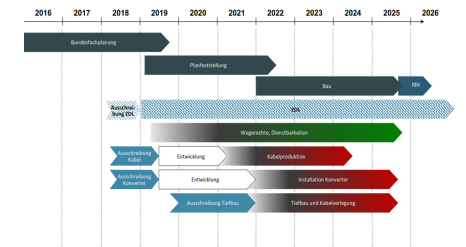
German decision for underground cable

SuedLink
Regional planning
Corridors 1,000m



2016-2020

ZDL SuedLink



2019-2026

Time

HVDC NETWORK AND PM EXCELLENCE



HVDC Project „Suedlink“ In Germany

DC Grid

Capacity 2 x 2 Gigawatt

Length: 500 and 700km

System Voltage: 525kV

Largest underground Cable Project

Network Planning

EIA – Environmental Impact Assessment

1 Km wide Corridor Engineering

Permitting Process Management

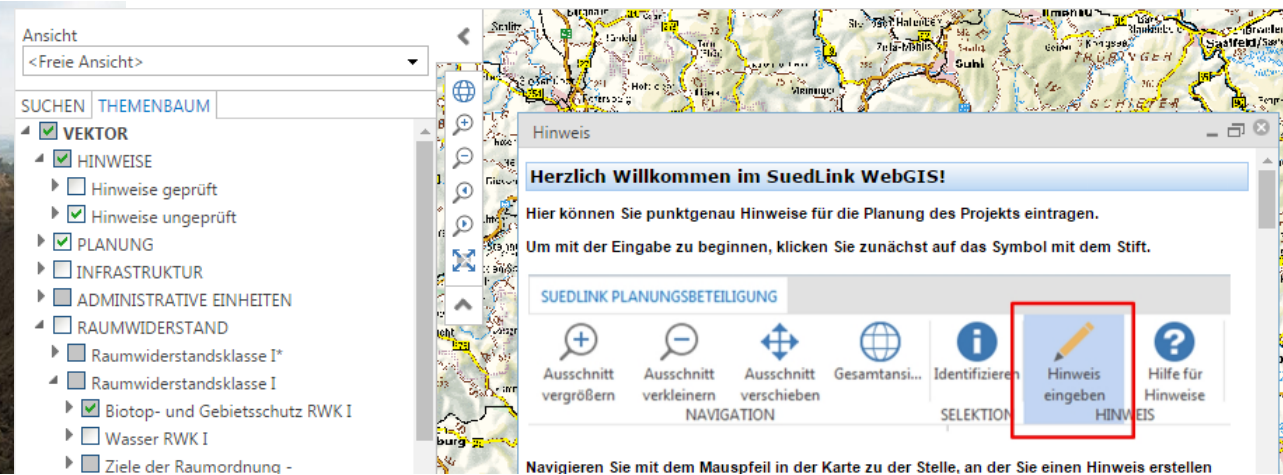
Public Participation Coordination

PARTICULARITIES OF HVDC UNDERGROUND CABLE

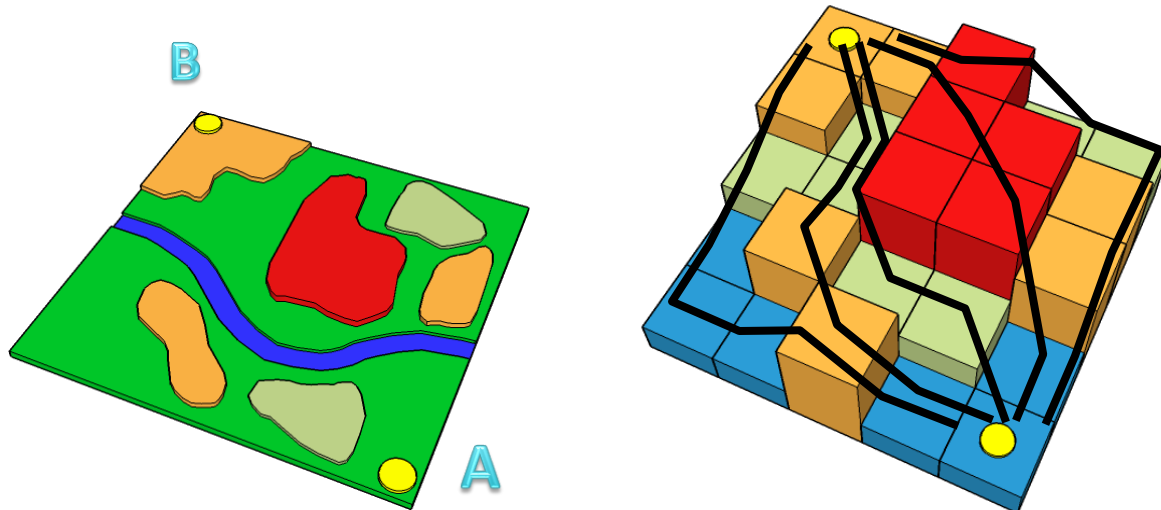
▶ ANALOGY OF PIPELINE AND CABLE CONSTRUCTION



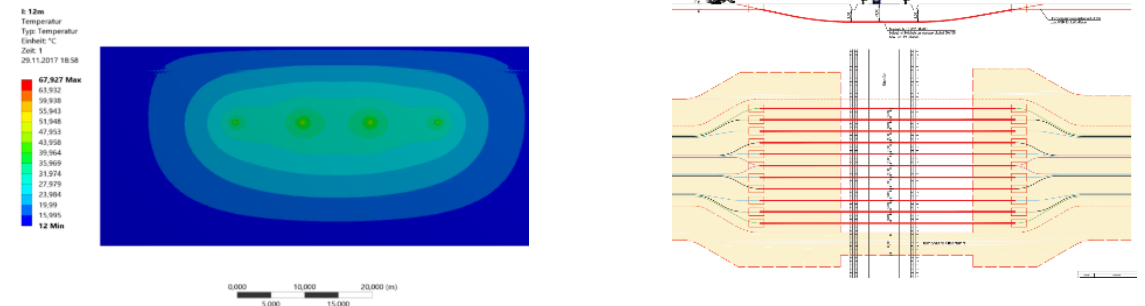
▶ EXTENSIVE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REQUIRED (WEBGIS)



▶ CONSTRAINT MAPPING & PREFERRED CORRIDOR CALCS



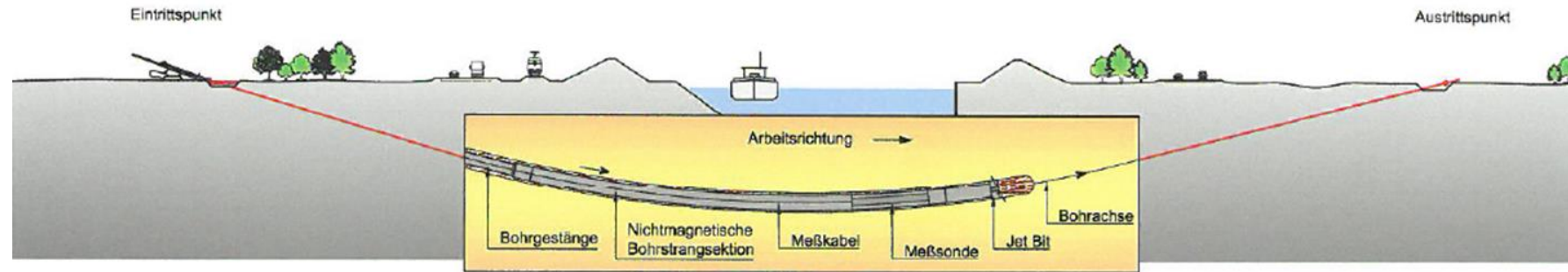
▶ THERMAL CABLE CALCULATIONS



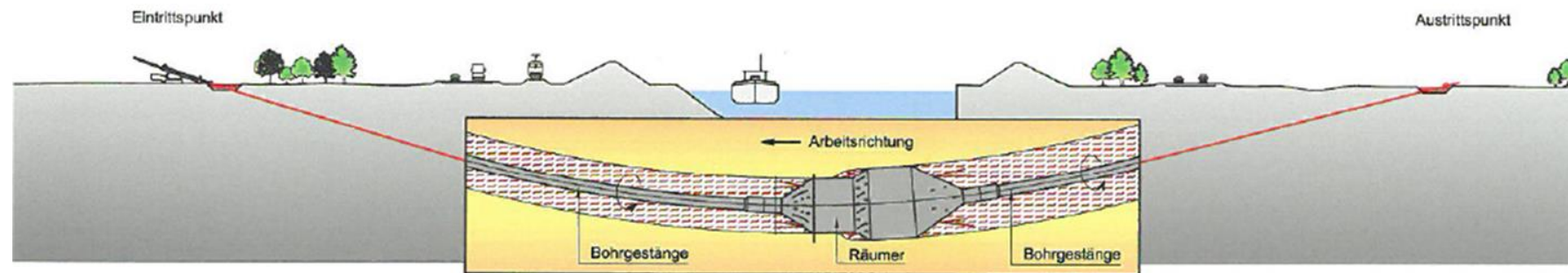
HORIZONTAL DIRECTIONAL DRILLING AND CABLE CONDUITS

- trenchless technique
- one separate cable conduit per cable
- pilot drill with steerable drill head
- bentonite as drilling liquid
- reaming and widening of drilling channel
- pulling in of cable conduit

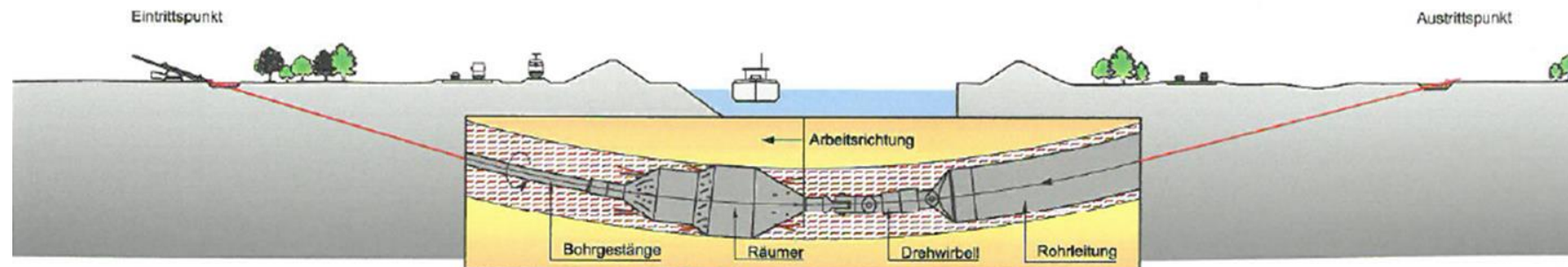
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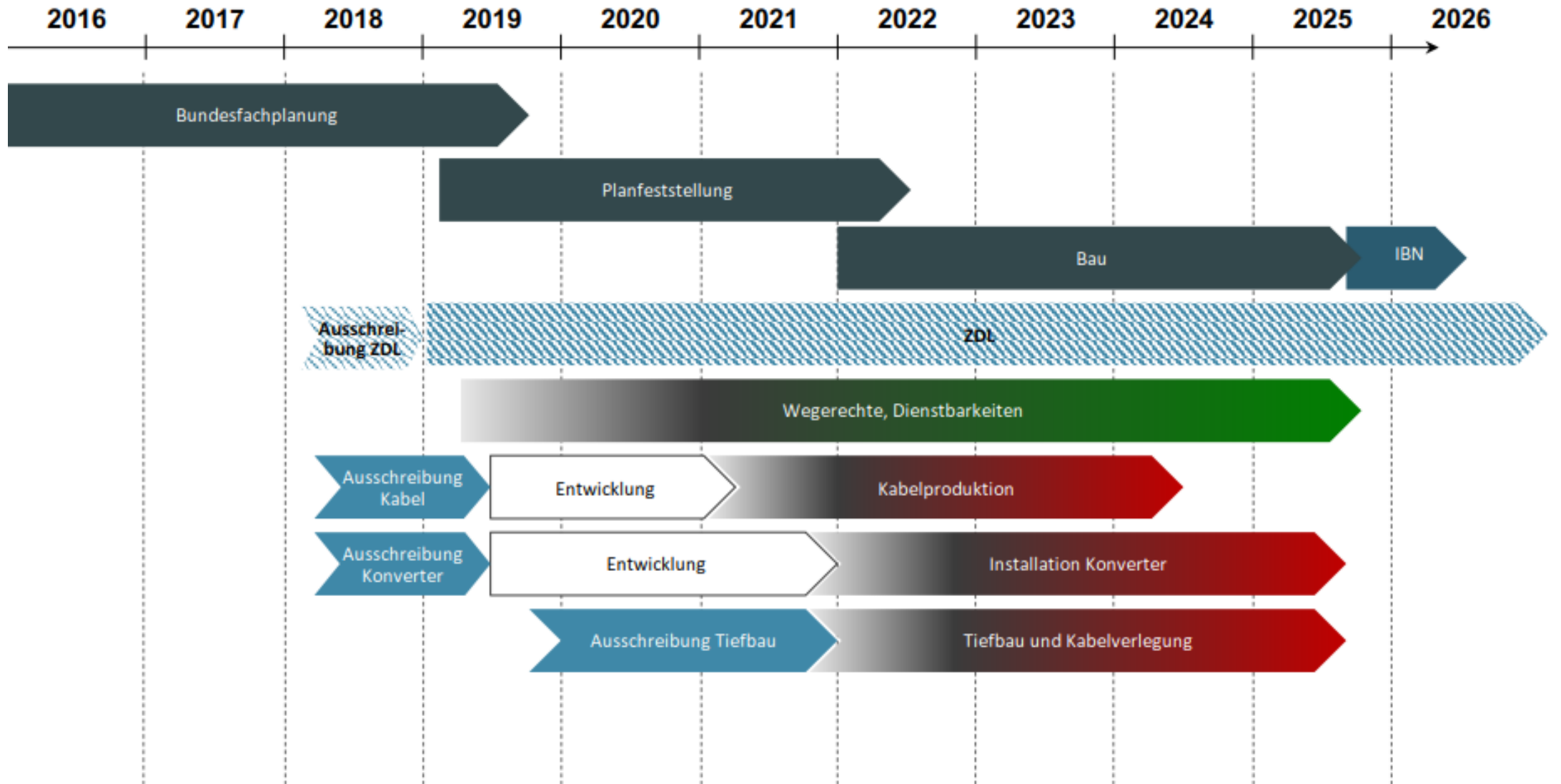
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SCHRITT 3: Einziehen



HVDC PM EXCELLENCE





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