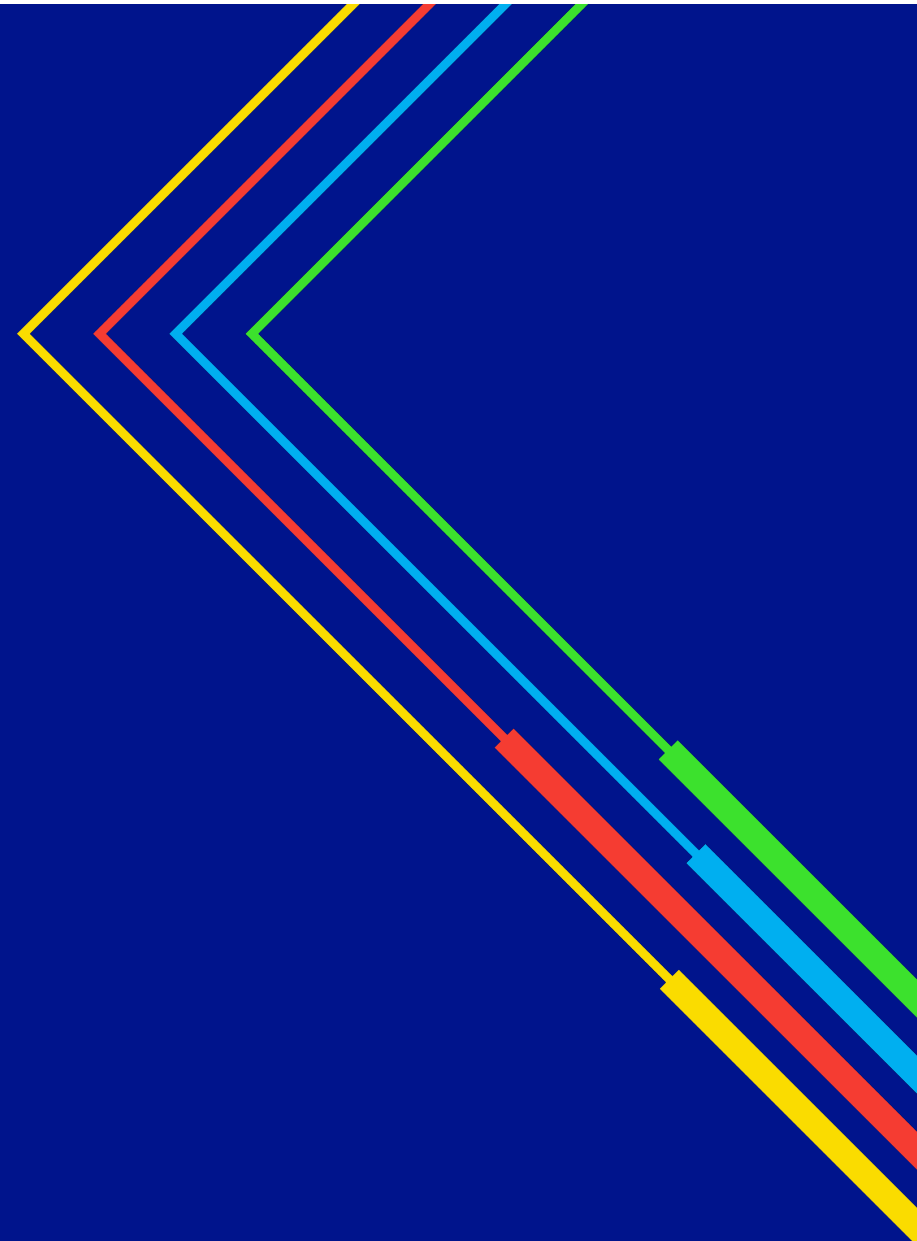


HVDC Multi-terminal Systems: Benefits and Challenges

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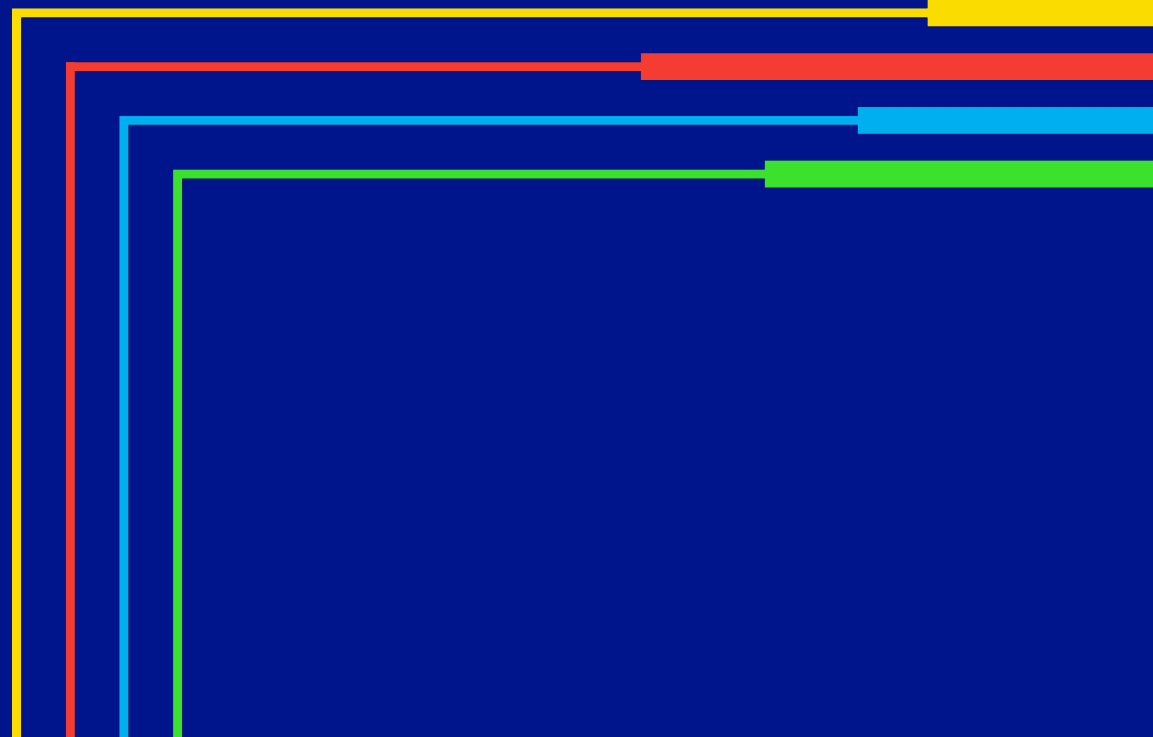
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An Introduction to HVDC Technology



Why/When do we use HVDC?

HVDC has the following fundamental advantages over conventional AC transmission;

- Ability to connect two asynchronous systems
- Ability to control power flow proportionally
- Ability to transmit power over very long distances
- Long Distances
- Asynchronous Links
- Subsea Transmission
- Islanded System

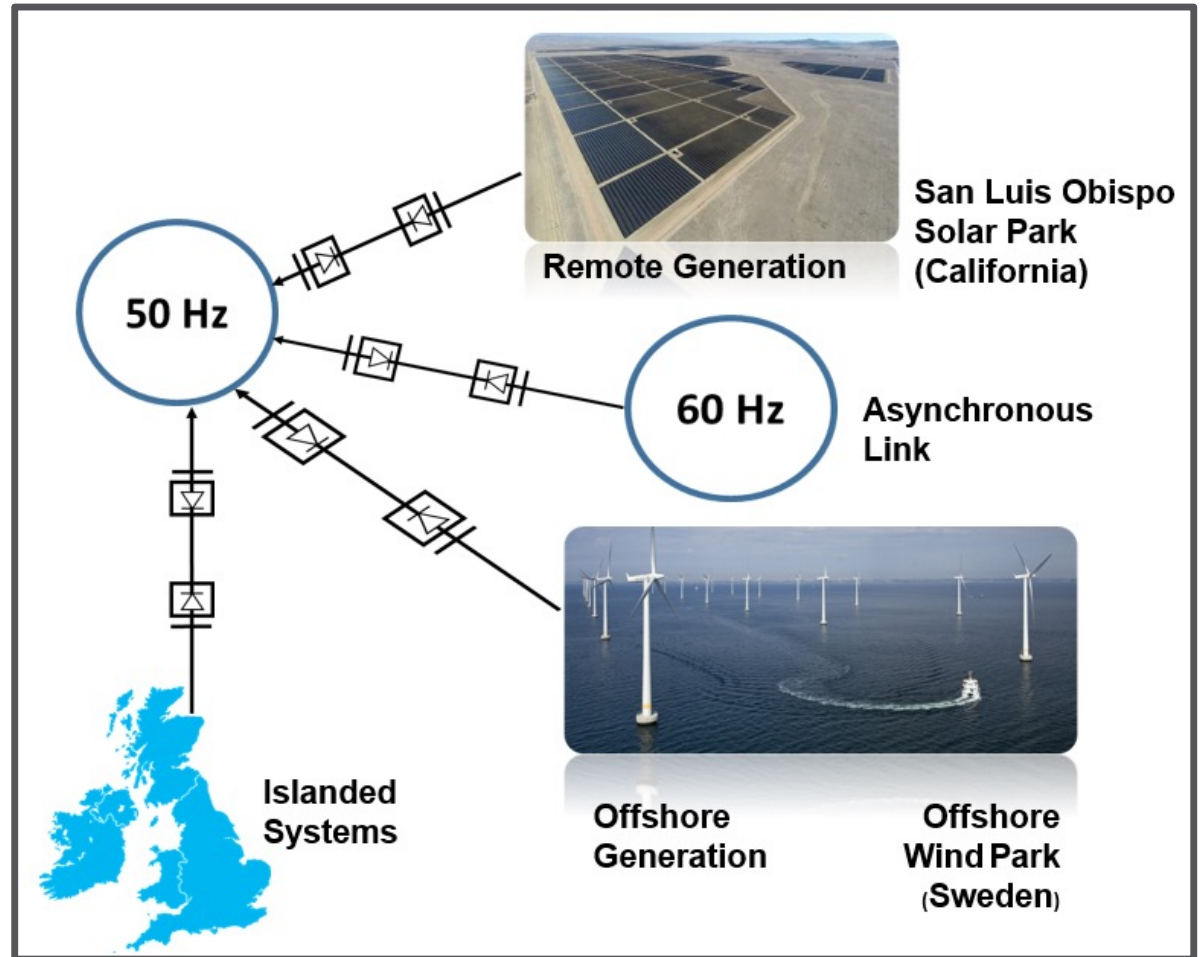


Figure 1: HVDC Application (Source DNV)

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When does it make sense to use HVDC?

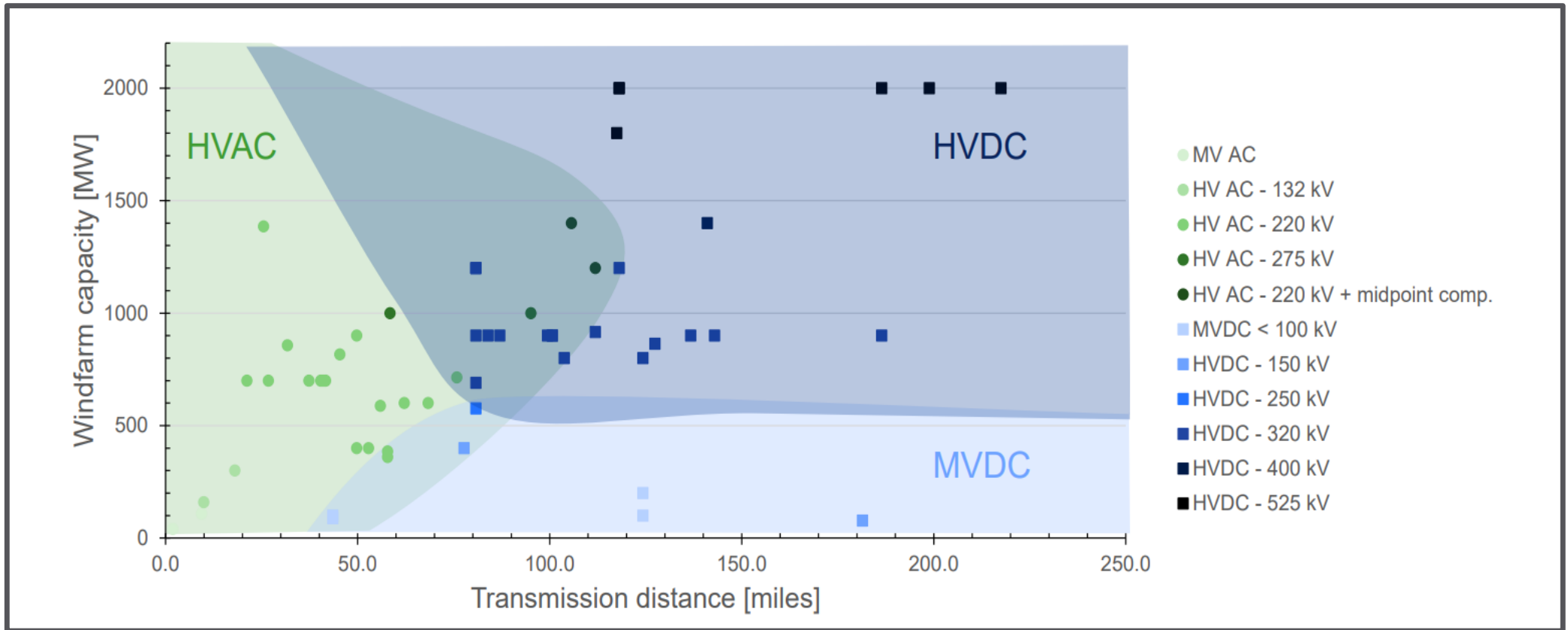
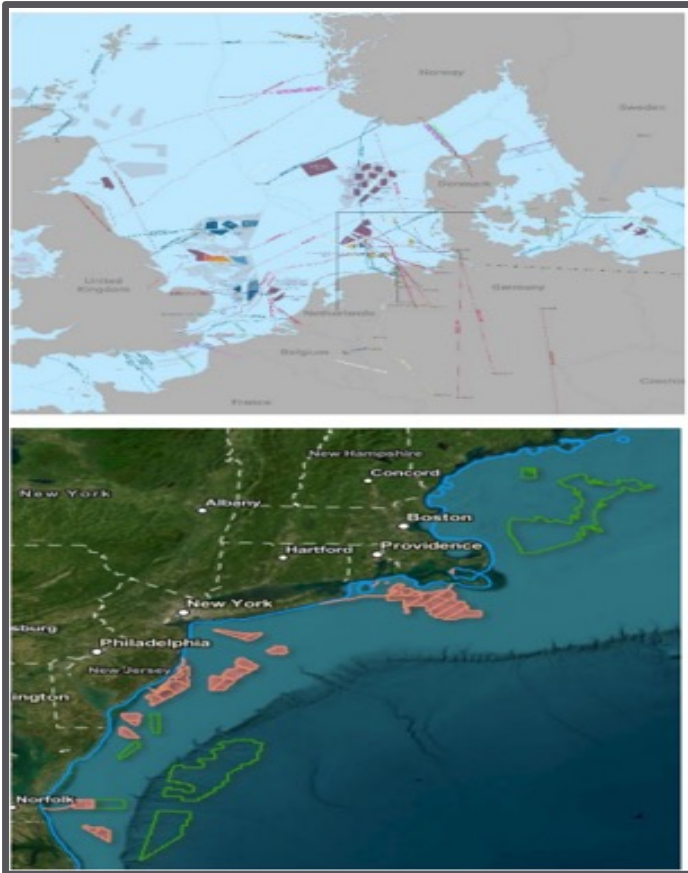


Figure 2: AC/DC Distance versus Capacity (Source DNV)

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Where are we now?



- Strong global growth expected (both onshore and offshore)
- First multi-terminal (radial) VSC-HVDC grids
- Multi-purpose HVDC infrastructure appearing
- Policy moving towards multi-terminal HVDC grids

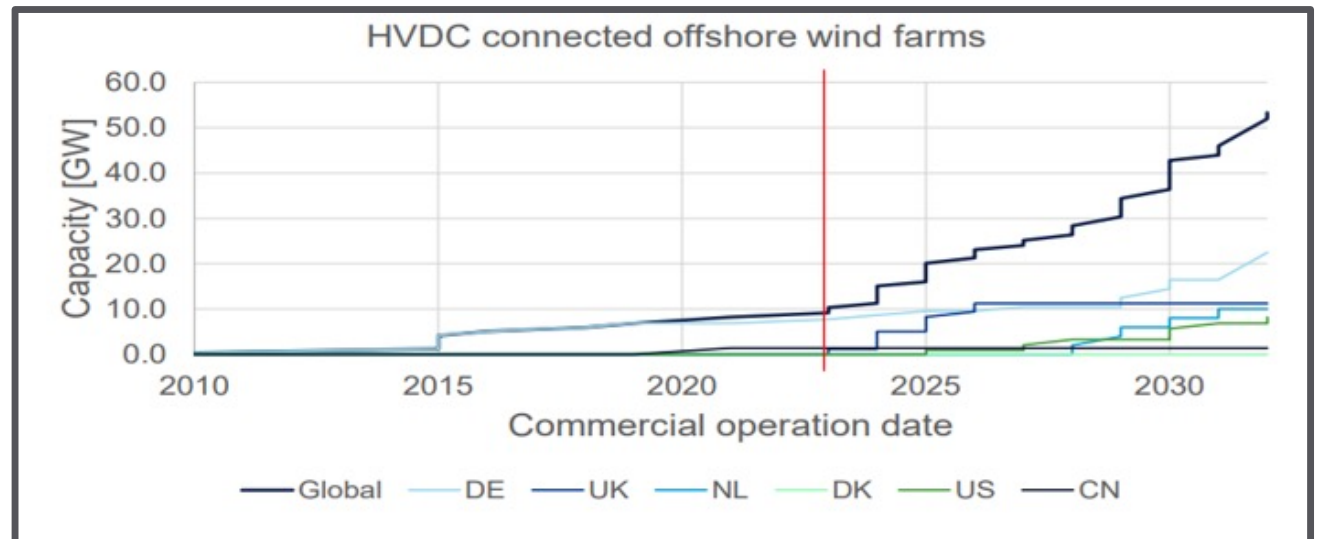
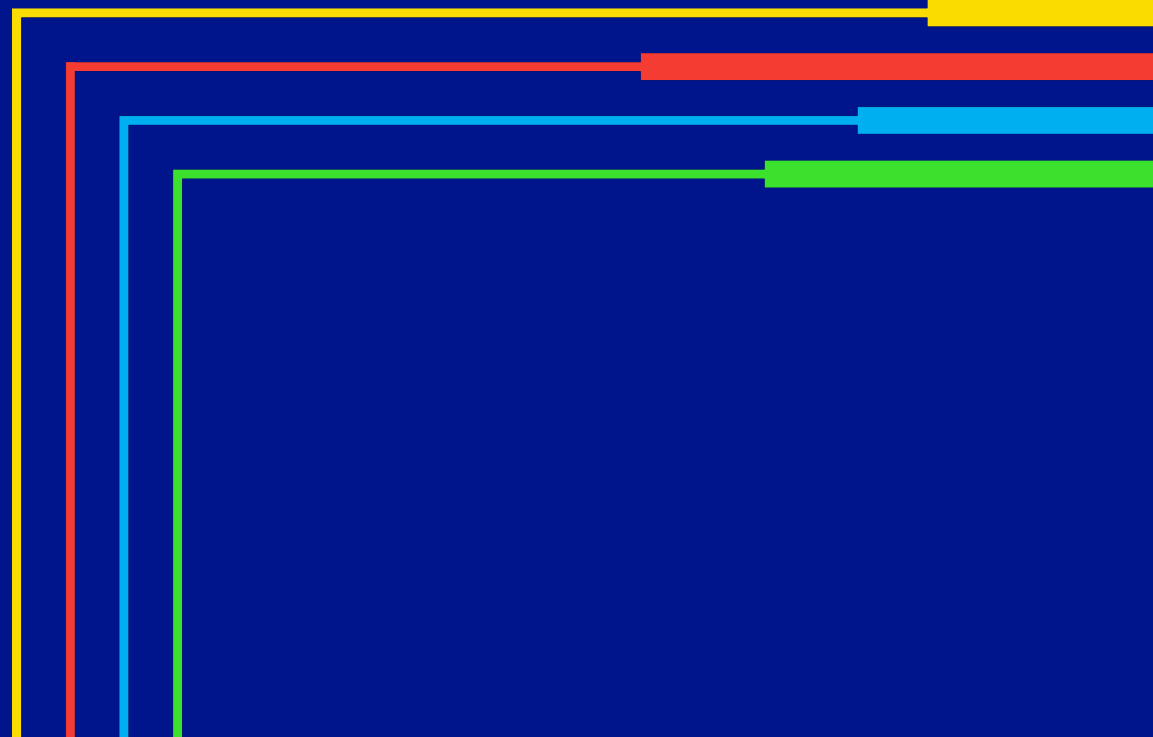


Figure 3: HVDC Connected offshore Windfarms

HVDC Multi-terminal Systems



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How can HVDC systems be used?

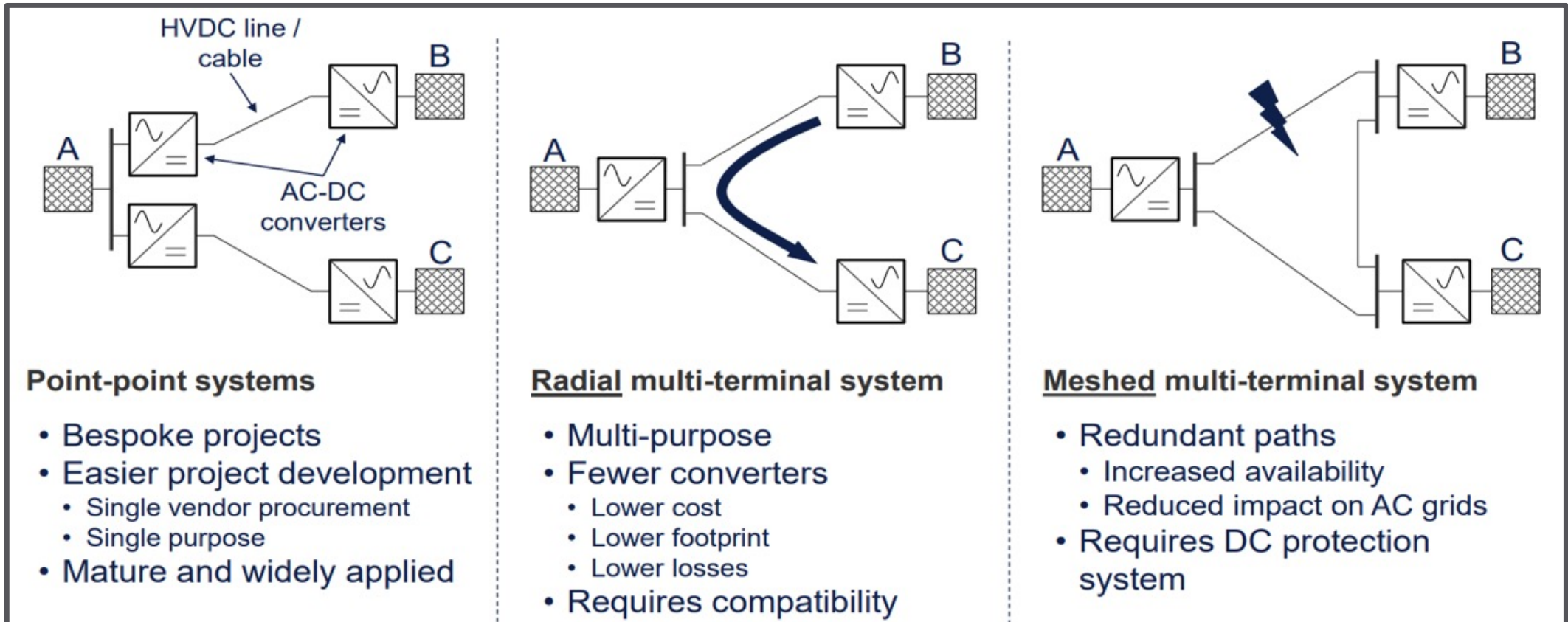


Figure 4: Multi-terminal Configurations (Source DNV)

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Deck stacking in favor of multi-terminal HVDC grids

Increasing density of HVDC transmission links creates opportunities to realize multi-terminal synergies

Offshore wind export

Onshore grid reinforcements

Onshore inter-regional links

Onshore renewable lead lines

New HVDC projects use Voltage Sourced Converter technology whose control capabilities make it naturally suitable for multi-terminal connections

Changes current polarity to change power flow direction, but keeps voltage constant

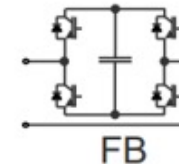
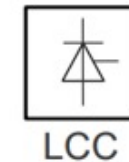
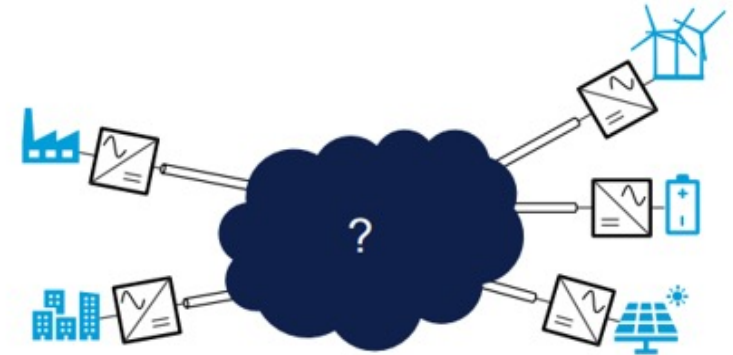
Suitable for large, complex multi-terminal HVDC networks

Development of DC fault current clearing technologies enables large HVDC grids without jeopardizing AC grid frequency stability

Full bridge converters

HVDC circuit breakers

Superconducting fault current limiters



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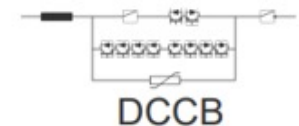


Figure 5: DC Grids (Source DNV)

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HVDC Technology Growth

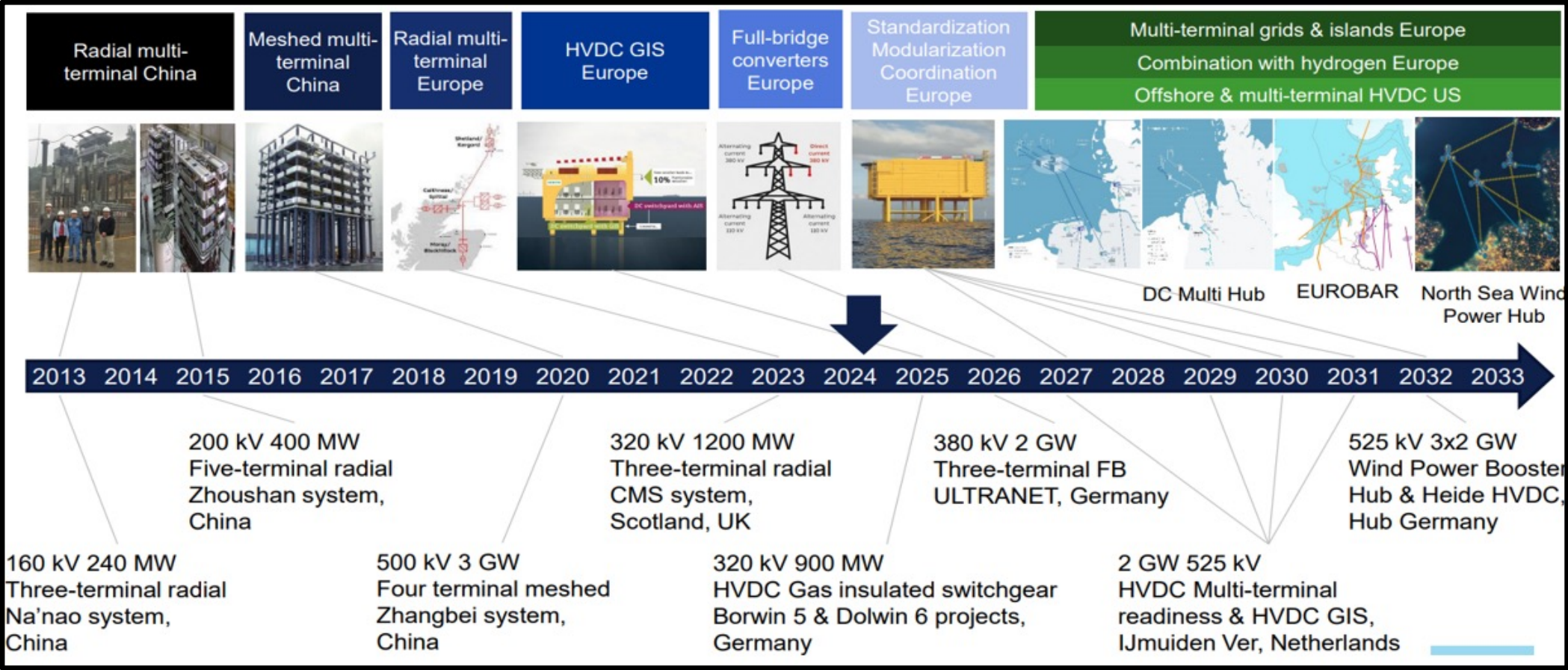


Figure 6: DC Technology/Project Growth (Source DNV)

Zhangbei HVDC 4 terminal VSC-HVDC project + DCCBs

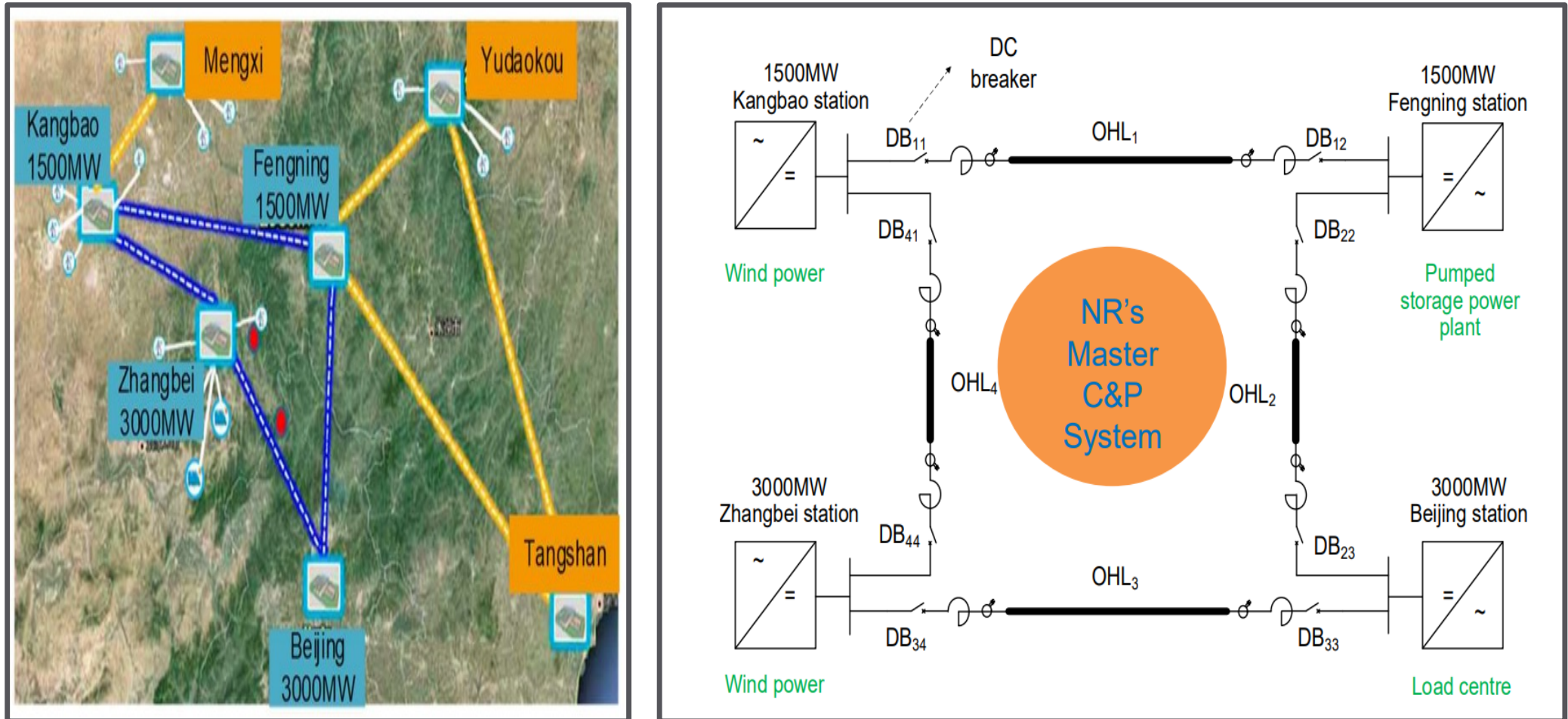


Figure 7: Zhang-Bei HVDC MTDC Project

Zhang-Bei HVDC Multi-terminal Project with future expansion

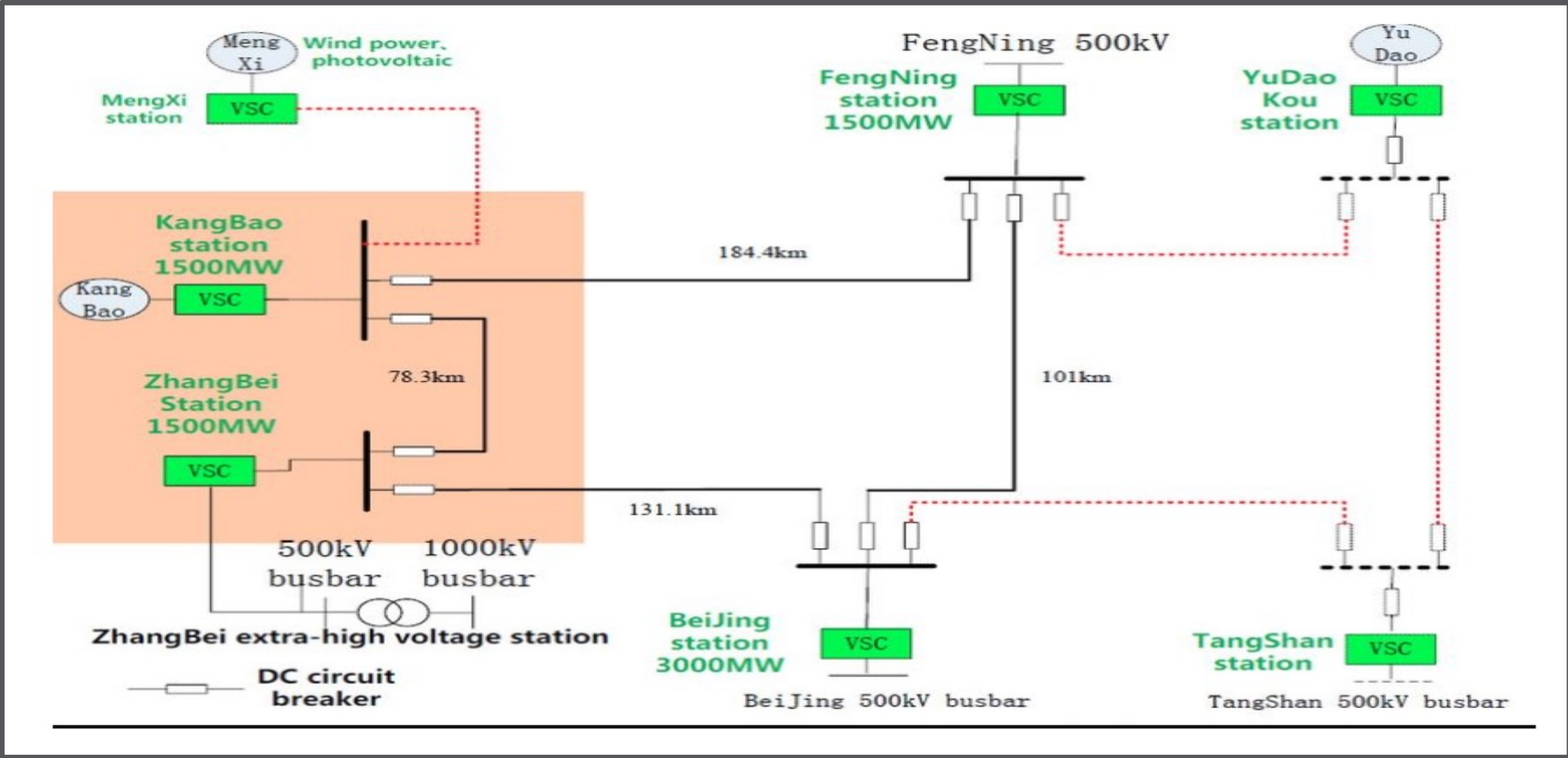
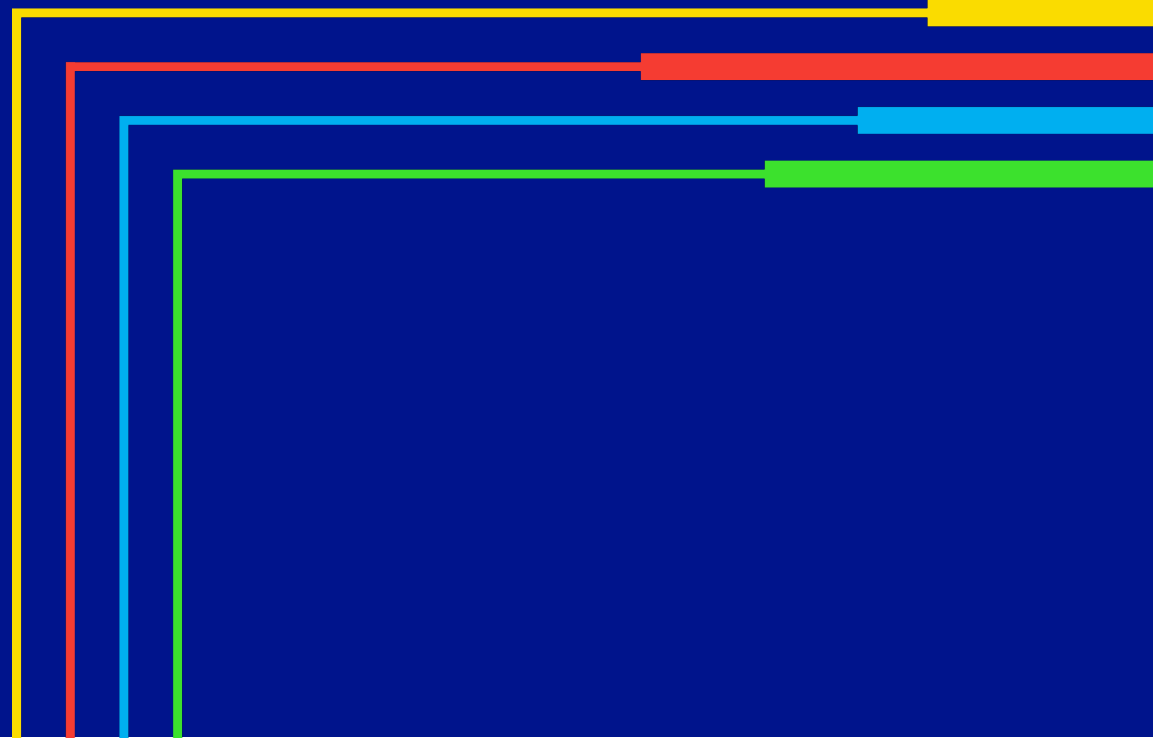


Figure 8: Zhang-Bei HVDC MTDC Project planned expansion

DC Circuit Breakers



500kV DC Breaker Type test

500kV DC Breaker Ratings & Type Test



Rated Voltage	535KV
Rated Current	3KA
Breaking Current	25KA
Breaking Time	<3ms
Fast re-closure	Yes

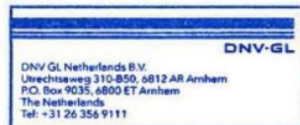
DC breaker

CONCLUSIONS:

Above witnessed and verified type tests with mentioned main test parameters passed in accordance with NR Electric 535kV HVDC Circuit Breaker product standard which is based on SGCC Zhangbei pilot ± 535 kV HVDC gird project HVDC CB technical specification and draft Chinese national standard GB. Detailed test conditions and results are described in the next part of this report.

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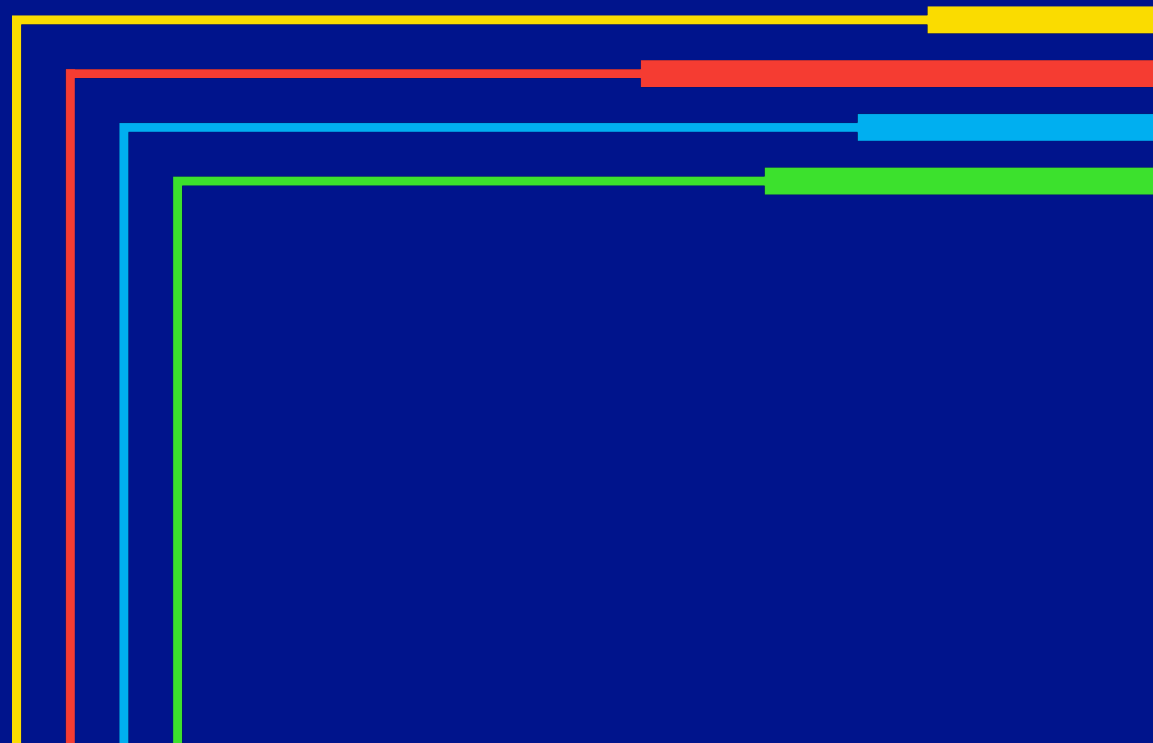
- Dielectric Type test
- Operational Type test



- Anti-seismic Test

Figure 9: 500kV HVDC Breaker Type Test

Lion-Link HVDC Project NGV



Multi-Purpose Interconnectors / OHAs

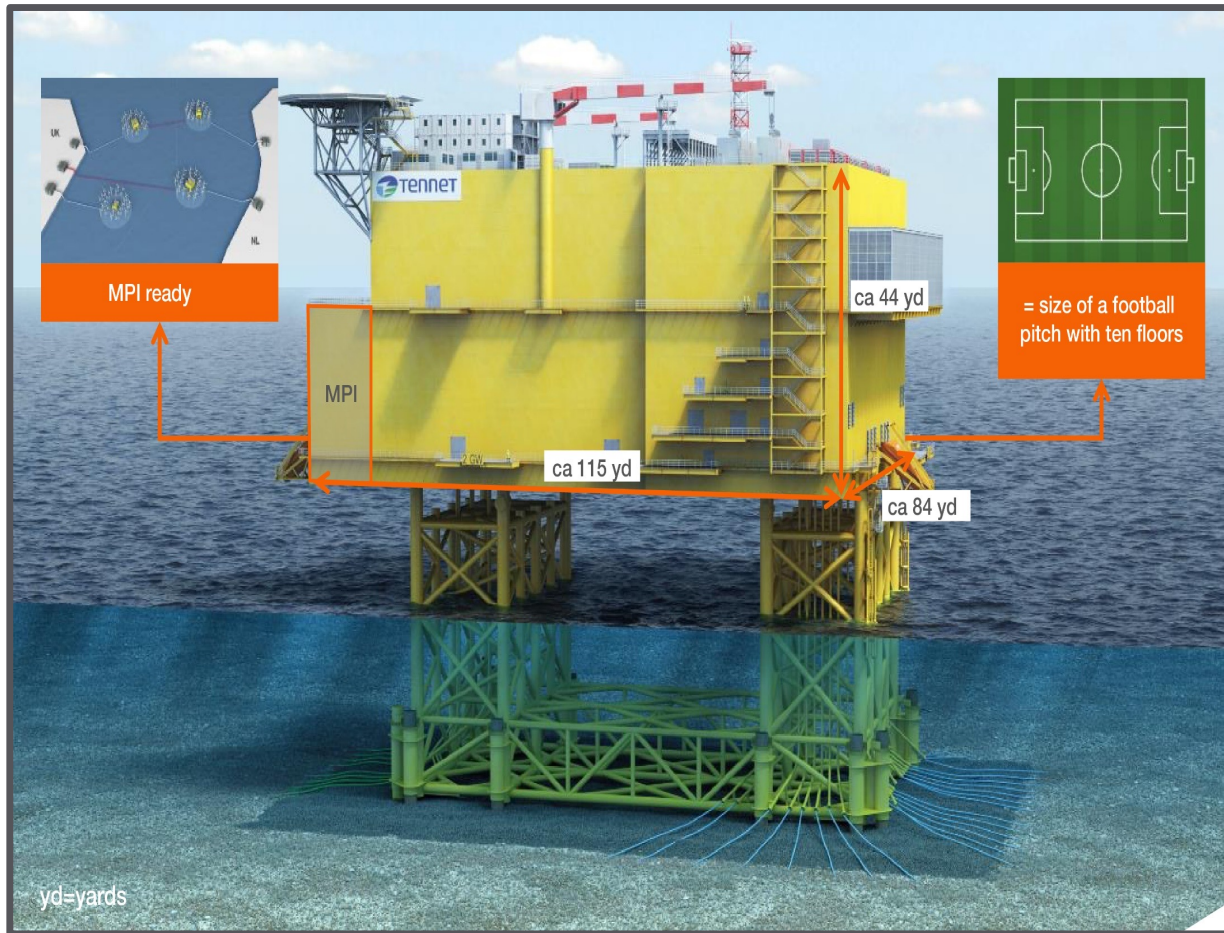


Figure 10: 500kV HVDC Breaker operating principle

- Interconnector connecting offshore wind to different countries.
- Switchgear maybe installed on a point-to-point interconnector to make it MPI ready for future connection.
- Offshore converter platform owner will provision space for third party connection later.
- Power can be exchanged in any direction between countries whether wind is available or not.

Questions?

