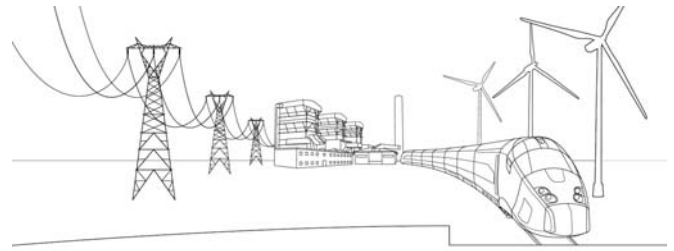


Annex II



Comparing Technology

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Line-Commutated versus Self-Commutated converters

Line-Commutated Converters

- Use semiconductors which can turn on by control action
- Turn-off and "commutation" rely on the external circuit
- Require an AC system with rotating machines at all times
- Cannot feed into a "dead load" (eg a resistor)

Self-Commutated Converters

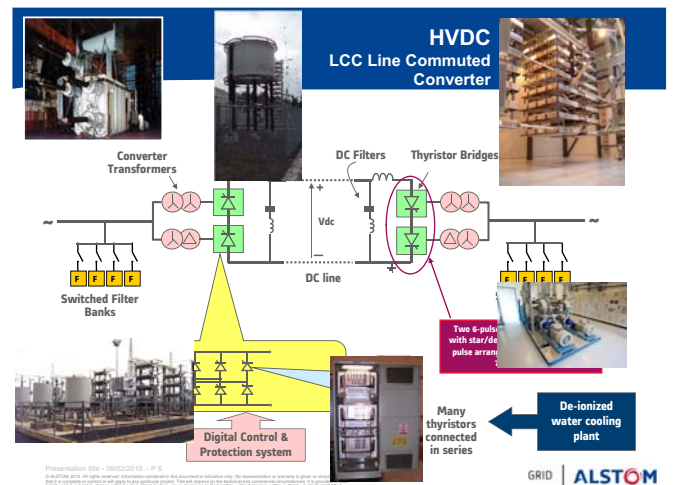
- Use semiconductors which can turn on or off by control action
- Turn-off can be whenever you want
- Can feed into any type of AC system or load

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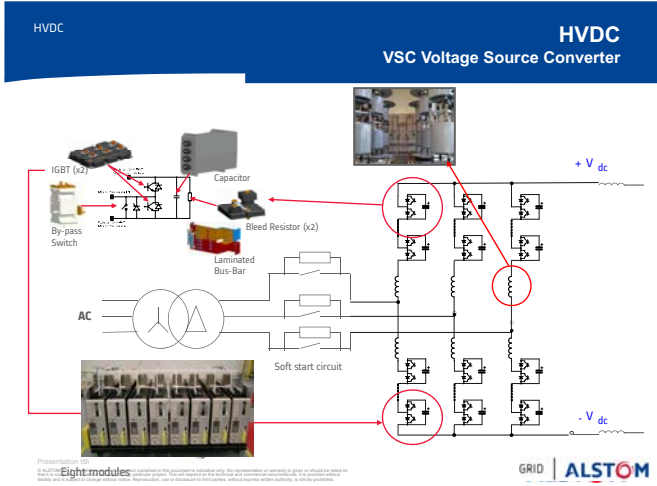
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Why VSC HVDC? Key Benefits Compared to LCC HVDC - 1

- Can use ordinary transformers
 - Any ALSTOM T&D power transformer factory could build
- Both active and reactive power control in one equipment
 - Eliminates need for separate compensation equipment
- No reactive power switching
 - Significantly reduces application engineering
- Operation down to very low short-circuit ratios
 - Connect into any network without complex studies and system reinforcement
- Multi-terminal configuration are simpler to engineer
 - Ideal for offshore wind farm grids

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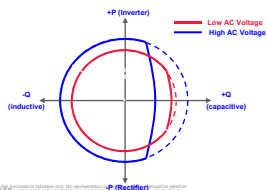
- Inherent Black Start capability
 - Always a requirement for offshore wind and island feeding applications
 - Compact dimensions and lower weight
 - Ideal for inner cities, reduced visual impact
 - Power reversal by adjusting the DC voltage at both converter stations
 - Enables the use of low cost polymeric cables
- Rapidly growing interest in VSC HVDC + underground cables as an alternative to overhead AC lines, particularly for inner city feeding**
- Significantly easier route permitting procedures**
- Easier building planning applications**
- Much simpler system studies to create the RFQ**

Disadvantages of VSC HVDC

- Higher capital equipment cost
 - 15-20%, but falling
- Higher converter station power losses
 - For LCC around 0.7 – 0.8 % per station
 - VSC 1.0 – 1.1 % per station
- EMC issues much more important
- Limited voltage/power ranges
 - Unlikely to ever replace LCC HVDC at very high powers (3000MW+)
- Lack of understanding of the technology in the marketplace
 - **But this is rapidly changing!**

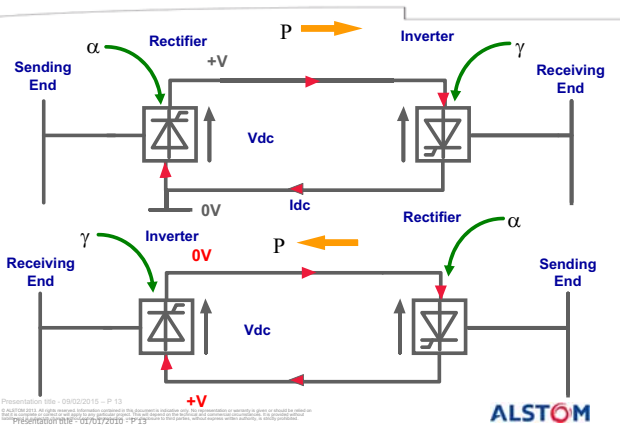
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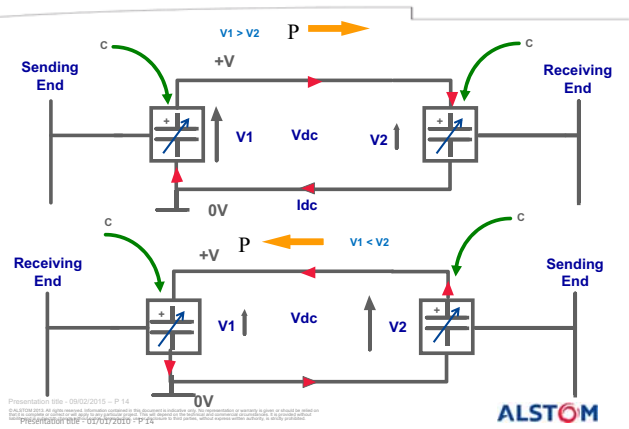


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LCC HVDC Transmission : Bi directional



VSC HVDC Transmission : Bi directional



Mass Impregnated Non-Draining (MIND) cables

- ▶ Uses oil impregnated paper insulation
- ▶ Rated up to 600 kV DC
- ▶ Low operating temperature tolerance reduces power capacity
- ▶ Expensive and heavy compared to polymeric extruded cables
- ▶ New developments include Paper Polypropylene Laminate (PPL)



Cross Linked Polymeric Cables - XLPE

- Widespread use in AC transmission up to 500-kV
- Free from oil or grease
 - more environment-friendly
- Lighter in weight compared to MIND cables
 - Reduces the number of cable joints
- Version developed for VSC HVDC
 - In service voltage today limited to 320kV
 - 500kV being tested



Cables for VSC HVDC

- As DC voltage never reverses, it is possible to use extruded polymeric insulated cables such as XLPE
 - Cross linked polyethylene
 - No danger of trapped charges in the x-linked voids
- Compared to MIND cables, XLPE and similar cables have the following characteristics:
 - Lighter weight & more flexible, smaller cable drums
 - Smaller bending radius, Lower manufacturing cost
- Faster and lower cost installations
 - Both bipolar cables buried close to each other in one trench
 - No oil present, lower operation temperature
 - BUT similar to MIND for subsea applications due to extra lead and armouring required to prevent compression of the x-linked voids at high pressure
- These characteristics, for a cable scheme, can make VSC HVDC competitive with classical HVDC



Submarine & Underground power cable types



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Voltage (kV)	500 (DC)	320 (DC) *
Installed Power Rating(MW)/cable	660	200
Planned Power Rating(MW)/cable	800	500
Diameter (mm)	110 to 140	90 to 120
Weight (kg/m)	30 to 60	20 to 35
Converter	LCC/VSC	VSC/LCC in near future
Application	Prof. Long Dist (>100km)	Prof. Short Dist (<100km)

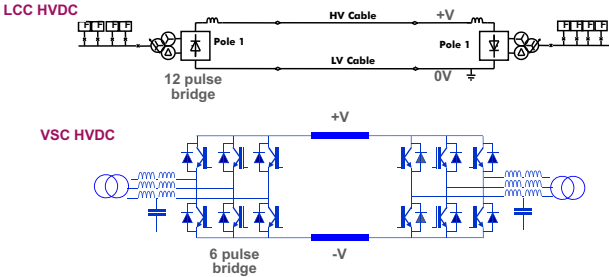
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Monopole

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- Loss of link if one cable or one leg of converter goes out of service



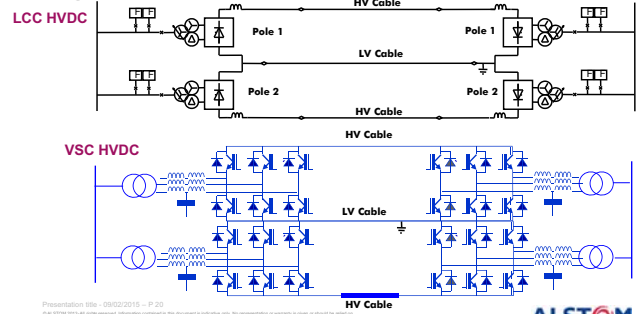
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Bipole and "Bipolar"

• Bipole

- Loss of only 50% power if one cable or one leg of converter goes out of service



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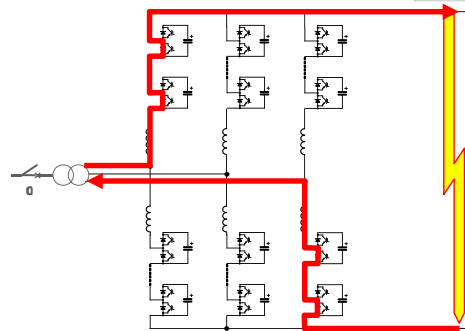
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Half-bridge MMC: Response to faults on DC side



- Cannot electronically suppress faults on the DC side (unlike LCC-HVDC)
- Must open AC circuit breaker to clear fault
- Two-level VSC circuit is the same

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LCC : Gnd Fault on a BP OHL

- Fault is Detected in P1
- Rectifier changes to Inverter mode (Force Retard), removing energy & discharging the Line quicker
- Rectifier AC Busbar experiences a temporary over frequency & transient voltage disturbance
- P2 if possible operated in Overload mode to compensate.

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VSC HB : Gnd Fault on a BP OHL

- Fault detected in P1
- Rectifier AC Bus effectively sees a 3 phase S/C which is also seen by Healthy P2 until Breakers Open (80 ms) **leading to Load rejection of 1 pu**
- Trip AC Breakers both end
- DC Line takes longer to Discharge (seconds?: dependant on time constant of DC Circuit)
- **P2 Blocks when fault detected for at least 60 ms until fault cleared**
- Now P2 can increase Power & go to O/L if available

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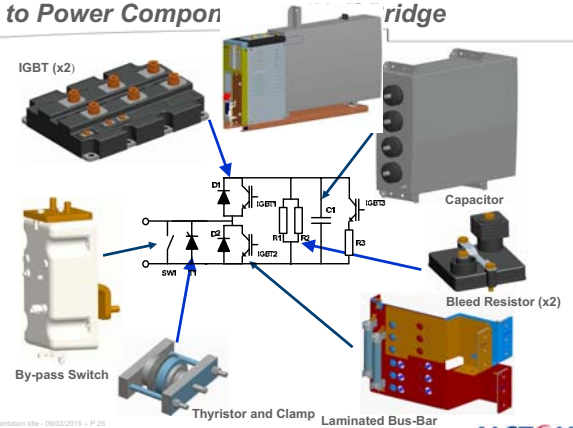
VSC FB : Gnd Fault on a BP OHL

- Fault detected in P1
- Converters change operation mode to starve the fault of energy.
- When Voltage near zero then P1 Block
- Rectifier AC Bus at worse same as in LCC eg temp over frequency & Overvoltage Transient.
- P2 can increase Power & go to O/L if available

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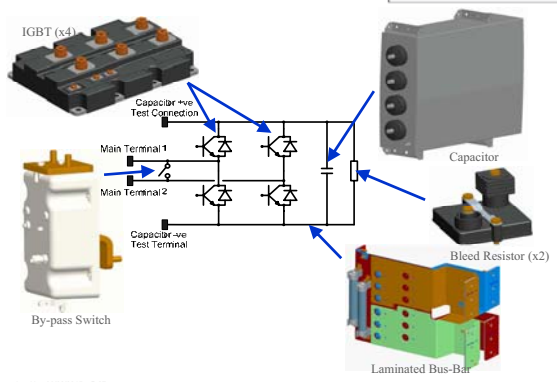
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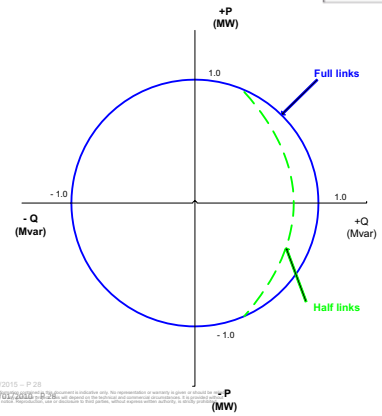
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P/Q Diagram



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Comparison of Bridge Types

Half-bridge circuit	Full-bridge circuit
Low component count 2 IGBTs + protective thyristor	Higher component count 4 IGBTs, but no thyristor required
Low losses from 2 switching devices	Higher losses from 4 switching devices
Sub-modules dimensions 1500mm x 650mm x 300mm	Sub-module dimensions 1500mm x 650mm x 300mm
DC fault cleared by AC breakers	DC fault suppressed by converter
Not suitable for operation with LCC converters	Suitable for operation with LCC converters, as polarity reverses
Not ideal for multi-terminal operation	Suitable for use on multi-terminal schemes
Ideal for point – point cable schemes	Ideal for OHL or mixed OHL/cable schemes

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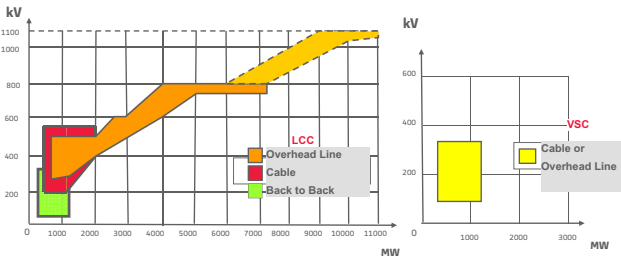


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Which Technology : LCC or VSC

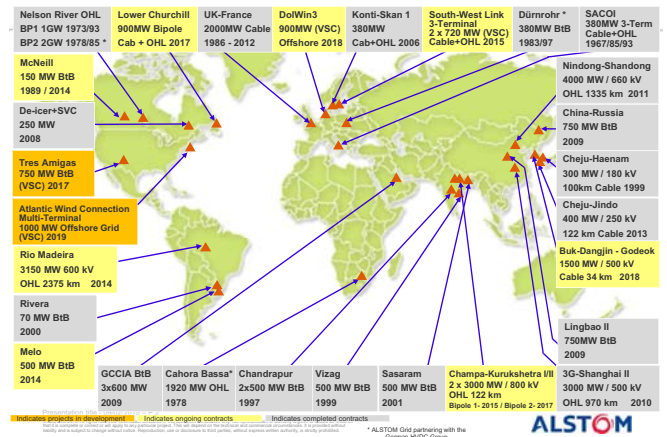


Classical Thyristor LCC HVDC

IGBT VSC HVDC



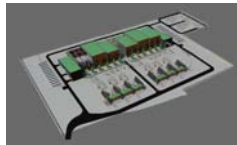
Installed and Ongoing ALSTOM HVDC Projects



Sweden/ South West Link – HVDC MaxSine



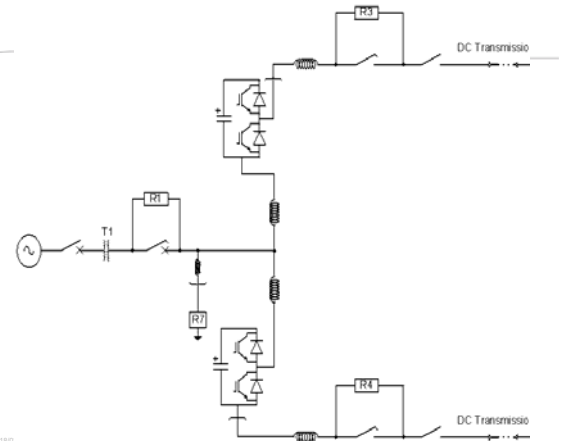
★ Site Location



- Phase 1: South West Link**
- 4 x VSC Converter Stations
 - 2 x 720 MV links, +/- 300 kV DC, OHL & Cables (by others)
- Phase 2:**
- 2 x VSC Converter Station towards other Swedish cities



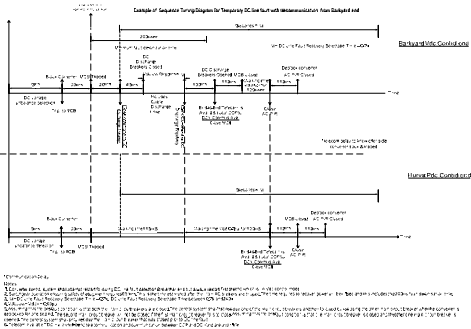
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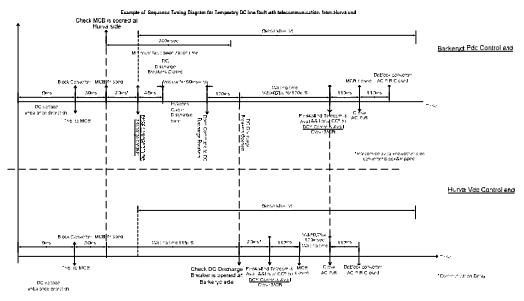
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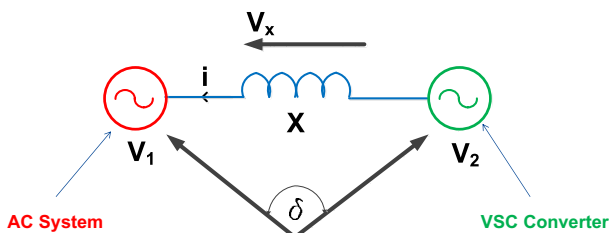


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Basic HVDC Building Blocks



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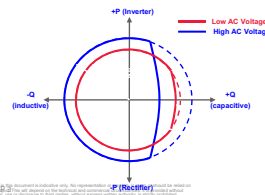
How to assess the power flow in this circuit?

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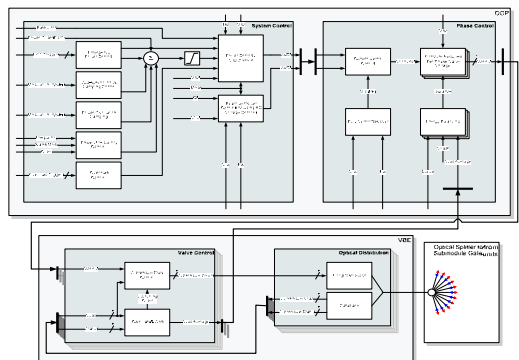
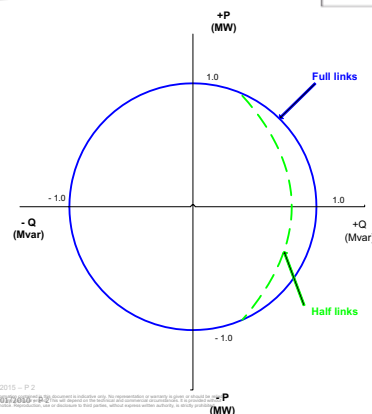


Figure 2 – Converter Control System Block Diagram

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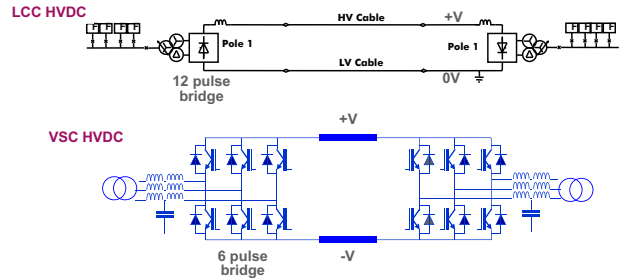
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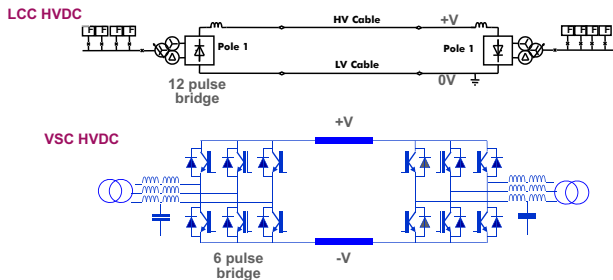
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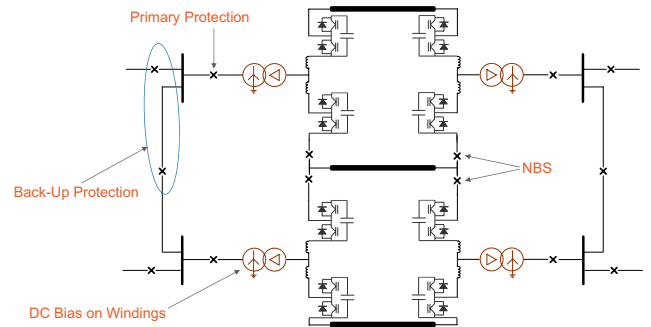
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Half-Bridge Bipole



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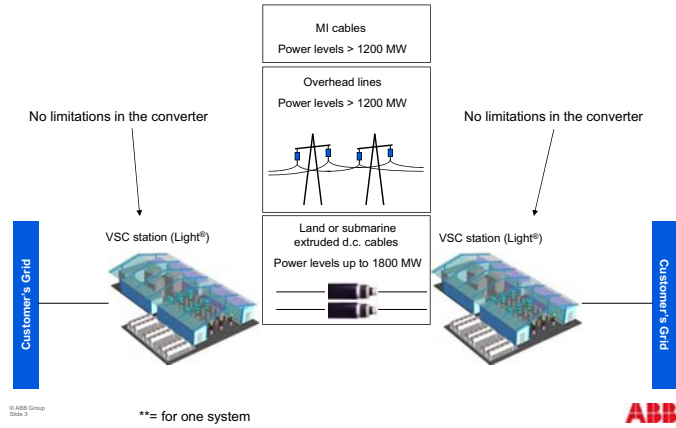
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Overview of VSC offerings Transmission capacities**



VSC compared to CSC Light compared to Classic



HVDC Classic - Current Source Converters (CSC)

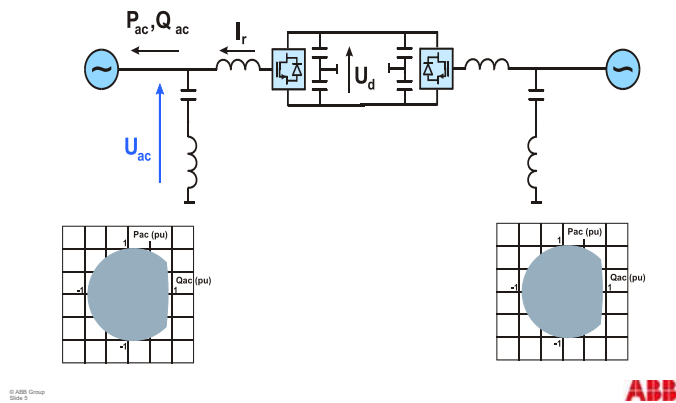
- Line-commutated thyristor valves
- Requires 50% reactive compensation (35% HF)
- Converter transformers exposed to DC
- Minimum short circuit capacity ~2x converter rating
- Telecommunication between stations for best performance
- Significant inherent short term overload capability
- Reversal of power requires polarity reversal of the DC voltage (takes time)

HVDC Light - Voltage Source Converters (VSC)

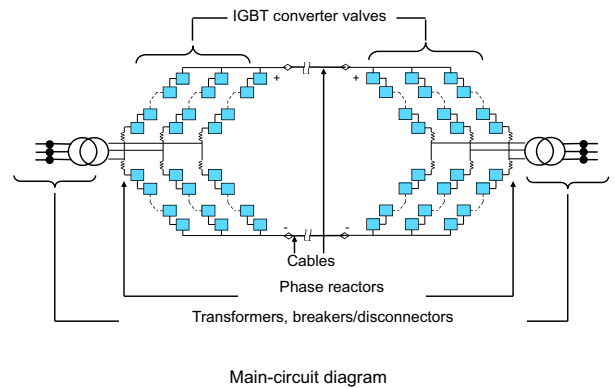
- Self-commutated IGBT valves allows for independent control of P and Q
- Compact design due to a minimum of filters and reactive compensation
- Standard transformers
- No limitation in short circuit capacity (black start possibility)
- No telecommunication required for normal operation
- No inherent overload capability
- Reversal of power can be made instantaneously by current reversal

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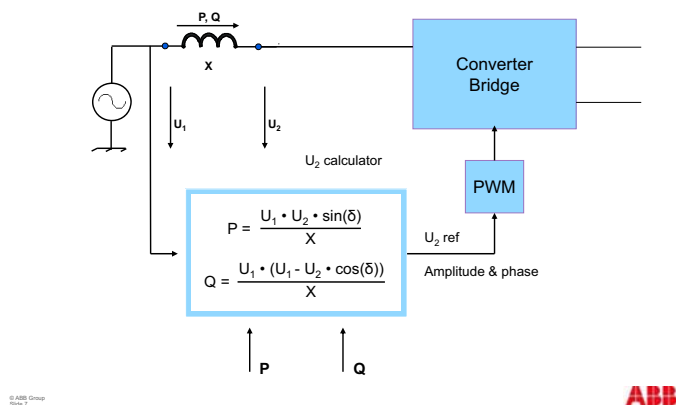
Control of active and reactive power



HVDC Light – Building blocks



Active and reactive power control



Control functions

Basic controls

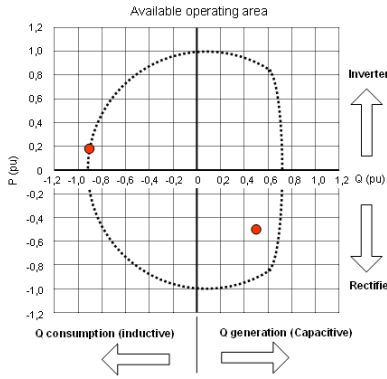
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- DC voltage control
- Reactive power control
- AC voltage control

High level controls

- Frequency control
- Damping control
- Emergency power control

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PQ-diagram



PQ limiting conditions

- Valve current
- Modulation index
- AC and DC voltage
- DC cable rating
- Cell voltage

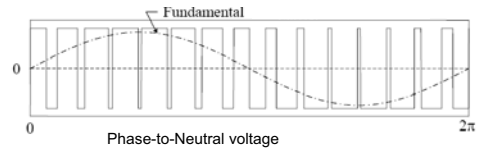
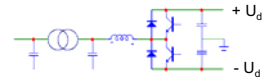
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Converter bridge technology - Historical review 1997 - 2001

Two-level converter

- Converter losses 3 %
- High switching frequency
- Filters required



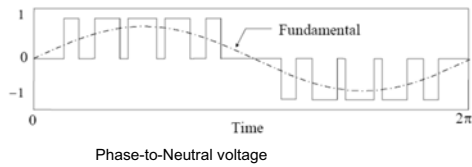
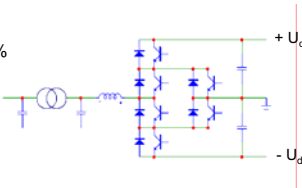
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Converter bridge technology - Historical review 2002 - 2004

Three-level converter

- Converter losses 1.7 %
- Reduced switching frequency
- Less harmonics



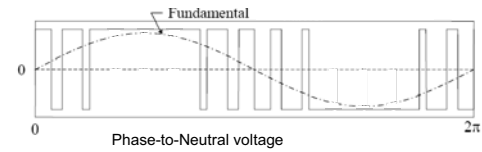
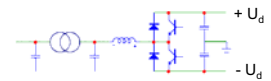
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Converter bridge technology - Historical review 2005 - 2009

Two-level converter

- Converter losses 1.7 %
- Optimized switching pattern
- Maintained harmonic generation

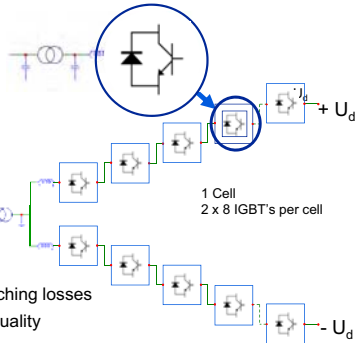
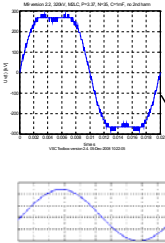


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Converter bridge technology - Historical review Cascaded Two-Level Converters, 2009 -

Third harmonic modulation

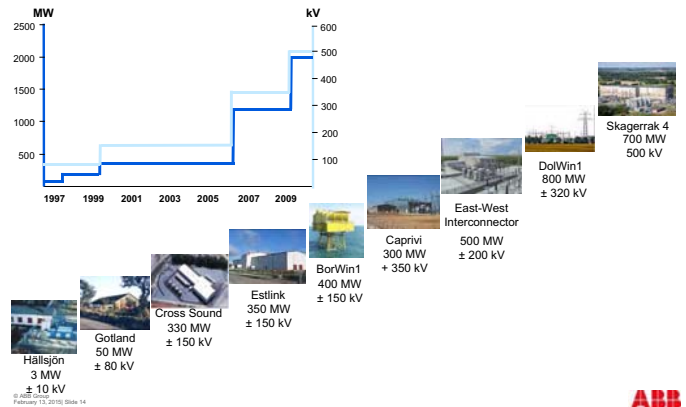


- Significantly reduced switching losses
- Excellent output voltage quality
- Scalable to high voltages

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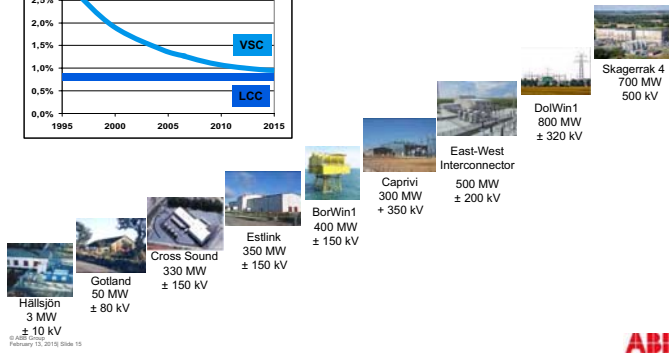
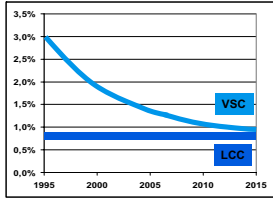
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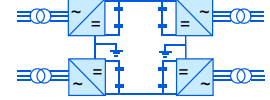
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HVDC system configuration System layout

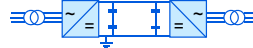
Symmetric monopole



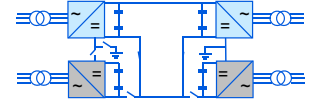
Bipole



Asymmetric monopole, metallic return



Bipole, metallic return



Asymmetric monopole, ground return

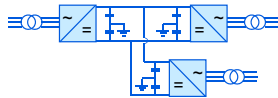


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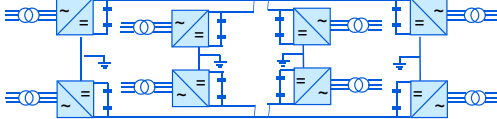
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HVDC system configuration System layout

Multiterminal Symmetric monopole



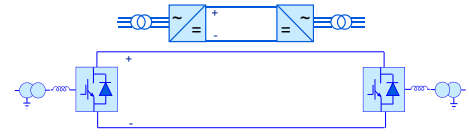
Bipole with parallel converters (doubling current)



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Two-terminal configurations Symmetric monopole



	580 A _{AC}	1140 A _{AC}	1740 A _{AC}
+/- 80 kV _{DC}	100 MVA	200 MVA	300 MVA
+/- 150 kV _{DC}	190 MVA	370 MVA	540 MVA
+/- 320 kV _{DC}	400 MVA	790 MVA	1210 MVA
+/- 500 kV _{DC}	625 MVA	1220 MVA	1850 MVA

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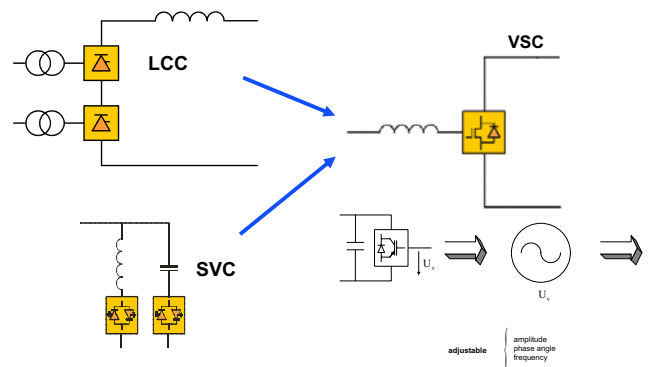
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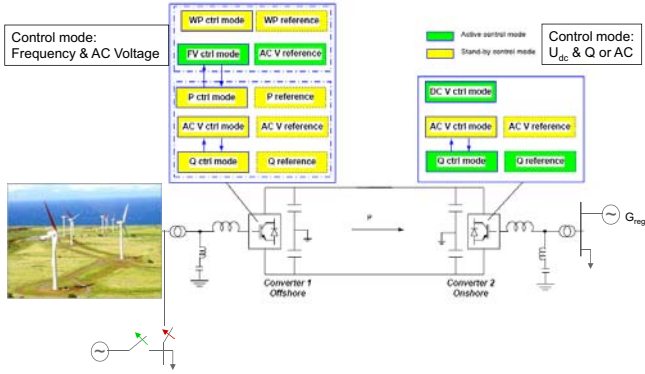
Merge of two technologies LCC + SVC = VSC



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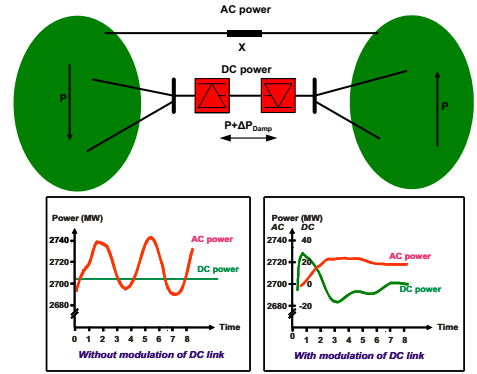
VSC control for isolated wind plant Wind connected converter acts like an infinite source



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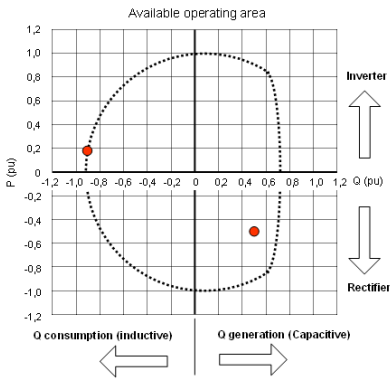
Performance and stability aspects Damping control



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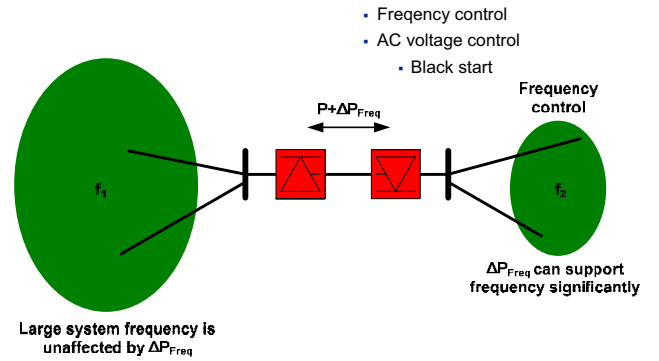
PQ-diagram



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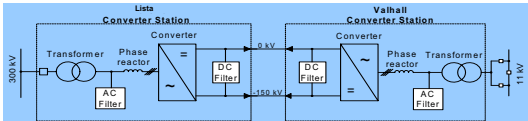
Performance and stability aspects Frequency control



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Valhall



Description

- One HVDC Light station offshore and one station onshore
- 292 km HVDC cable

Main data

- $P = 78 \text{ MW}$
- $U_{DC} = 150 \text{ kV}$

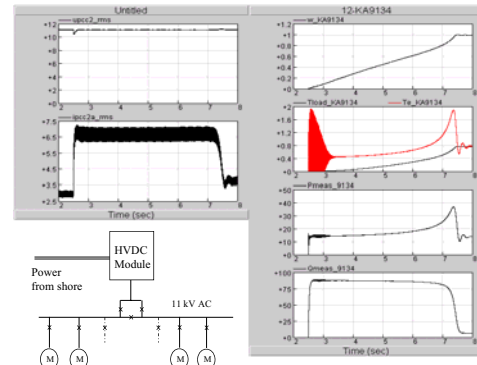
Status

- Onshore station in operation as SVC to support AC grid with reactive power
- Offshore module built in UK
- Commercial operation 2010

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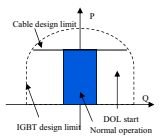
Valhall Re-Development Project - Power from shore Direct-on-line start of motor, 15 MW



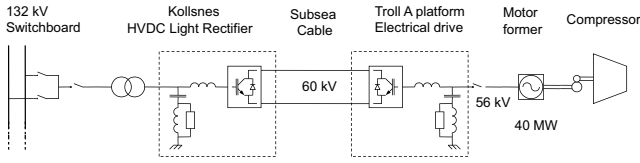
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HVDC Light enables

- Control of Valhall AC voltage & frequency
- Direct On Line start of large asynchronous machines
- Ride Through mainland AC system disturbances
- Onshore AC voltage support



Troll A EDS, System overview



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Grid code compliance

Windfarm

- P/Q capability
- AC voltage support
- Droop characteristic
- Fault ride through
- Fault current contribution
- Harmonics / Flicker

HVDC

- P/Q capability
- Frequency control
- AC voltage control
- Fault ride through
- Fault current contribution
- Harmonics / Flicker

Windfarm

- P capability
- P control
- Active power support
 - Emergency power
 - Runback
 - Power modulation

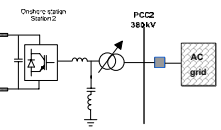
HVDC

- Q capability
- AC voltage support
- Droop characteristic
- Fault ride through
- DC chopper action
- Fault current contribution
- Harmonics / Flicker
- Active power support
- Frequency variation

Offshore



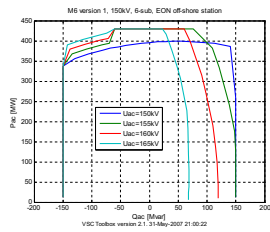
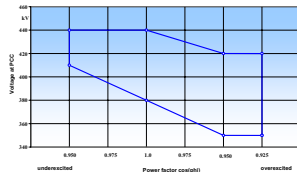
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Main Circuit – PQ capability charts Requirement

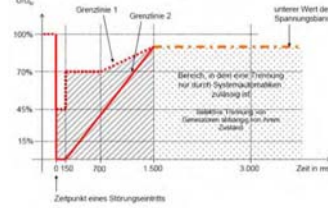


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Dynamic behavior

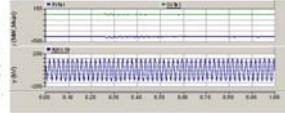
Requirement



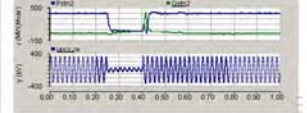
- Symmetrical and unsymmetrical faults at PCC
- Remaining voltage (highest phase)

~ 15%	150 ms
~ 50%	150 ms
~ 50%	350 ms
~ 75%	150 ms
~ 80%	700 ms
~ 85%	5 s
- Power ramp: 10% / 20% of nominal power

Offshore



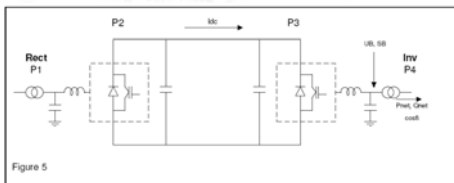
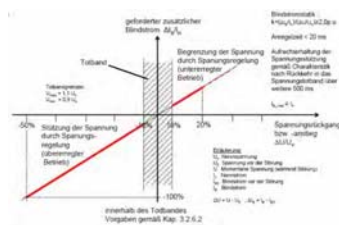
Onshore



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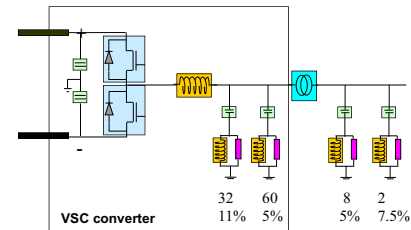
Reactive current / AC voltage support Requirement



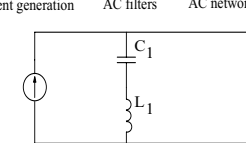
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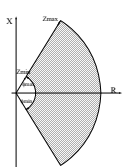
Background harmonic filters



Converter harmonic current generation



AC filters



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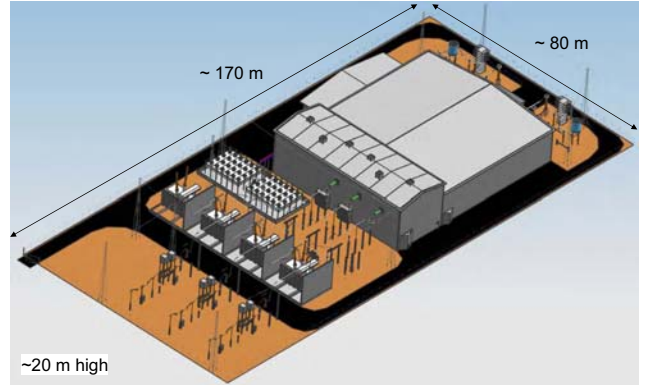
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Typical converter layout 1000 MW



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Power transformer



- Conventional single or three phase transformer
- Tap changer location: optimized according to the project
- Y/y/d winding configuration
- Tertiary D for black-start
- No DC component
- Practically no harmonic currents
- Arrester on neutral valve side for voltage limitation at converter bus fault
- Some low order zero sequence harmonic voltage (3rd harmonic) in the arrester (less than 0.2 p.u.)

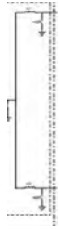
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Converter reactor



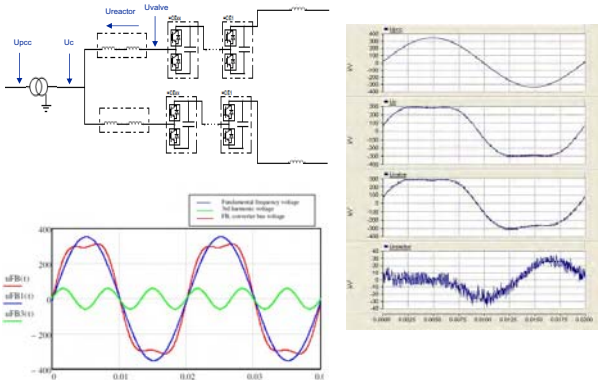
- Conventional air-insulated AC reactors in each valve arm
- Inductance 10-90mH
- Low losses



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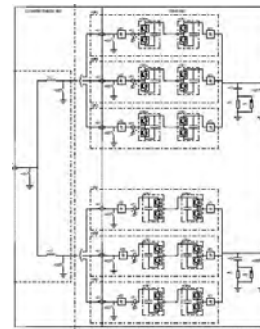
Voltages from AC side to converter reactor



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Wall bushings



- Gas insulated bushings
- AC yard - converter reactor hall
- Converter reactor hall - valve hall



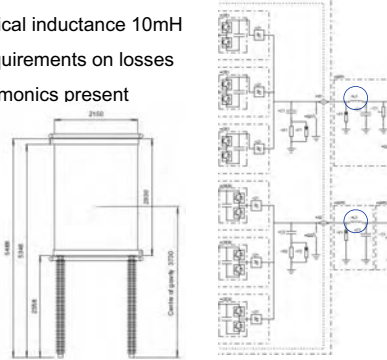
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Smoothing reactor DC side



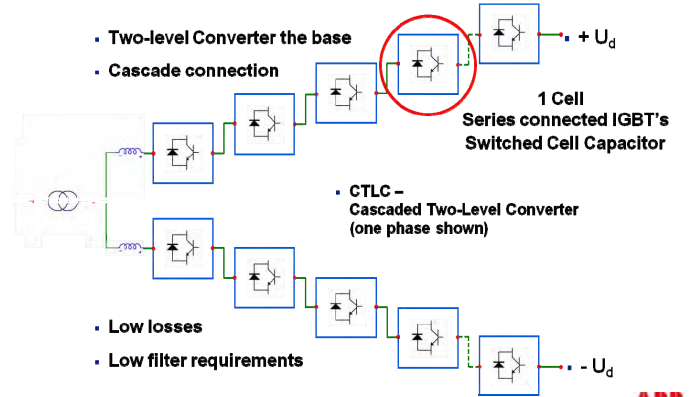
- Typical inductance 10mH
- Requirements on losses
- Harmonics present



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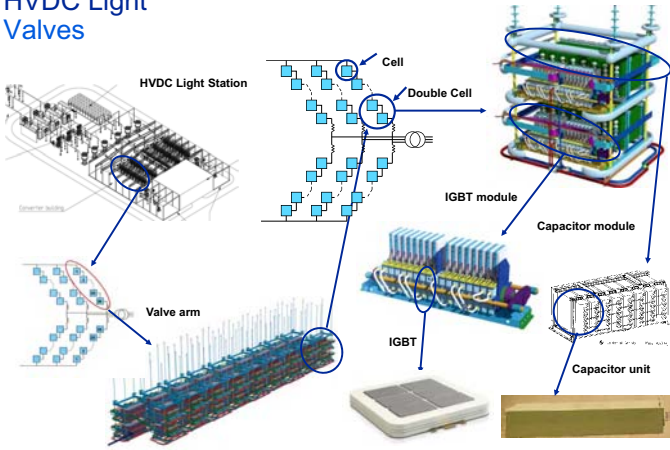
Valves for Light



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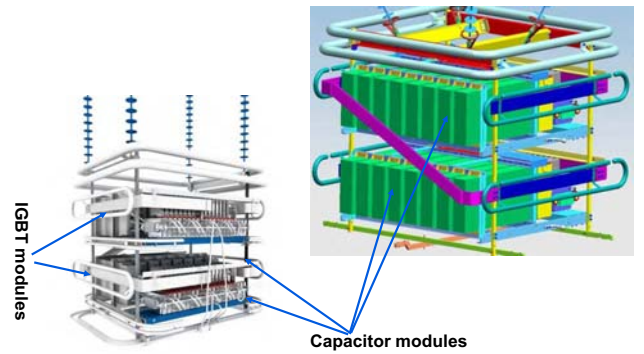
HVDC Light Valves



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Valves for Light Double cell



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Cell capacitor Capacitor module



- Dry capacitor
- Metallized polypropylene
- Self healing
- Mechanical size optimized to the IGBT module
- Minimize of weight
- Design, rated and tested in accordance with IEC 61071
- Several possible suppliers

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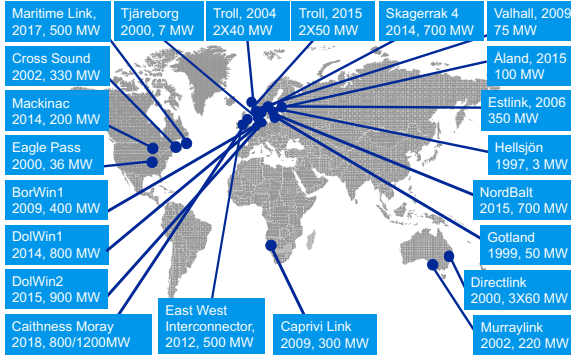
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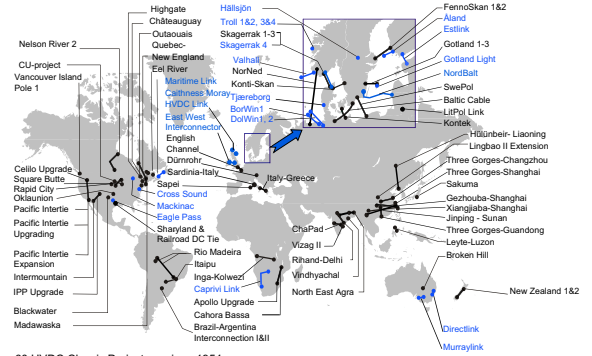
Project references HVDC Light technology



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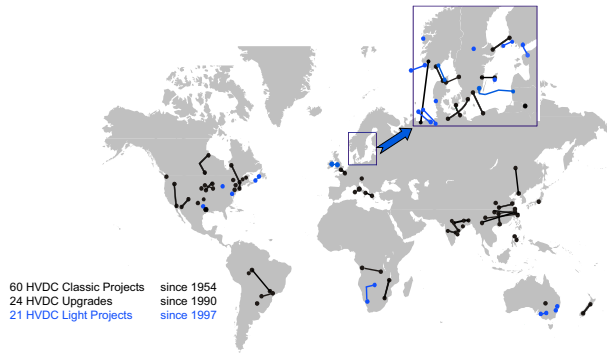
ABB has supplied to more than half of the 190 HVDC projects The track record of a global leader



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Skagerrak 4 Norway - Denmark

Customer:
Energinet.dk & Ståtnett
Year of commissioning:
2014



Customer's need

- Boost transmission capacity with 700 MW
- Use electricity more efficiently
- Enable networks to add more renewable energy

ABB's response

- Two 700 MW HVDC Light stations
- 500 kV – new voltage record for the HVDC Light technology

Customer's benefits

- Network stability
- Low losses and high reliability
- Quick grid restoration with black-start capability

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Skagerrak 4 - An excellent example Benefits that can be achieved through interconnections



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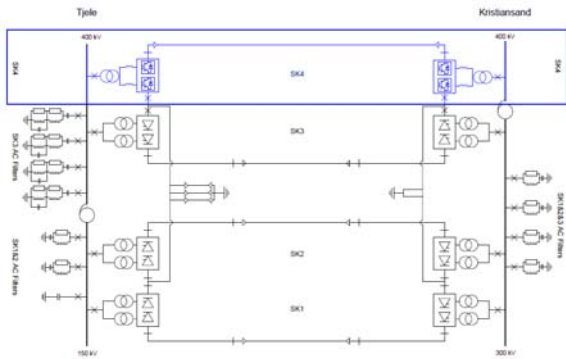
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Skagerrak 1, 2, 3 & 4



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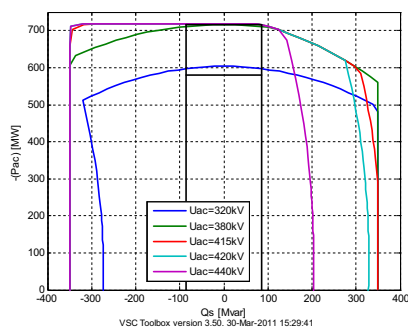
Skagerrak 4 – Technical Parameters

- Solution: Monopole, HVDC Light G 4
- Rated Power: 715 MW
- Rated voltage: 500 kV
- AC voltage: 420 kV, both sides
- Bipolar operation with Skagerrak 3
- Black start capability
- SVC operation
- Power reversal – 1000 times/year



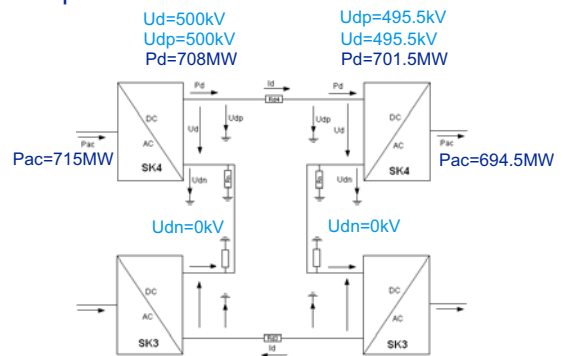
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Skagerrak 4 – PQ curve



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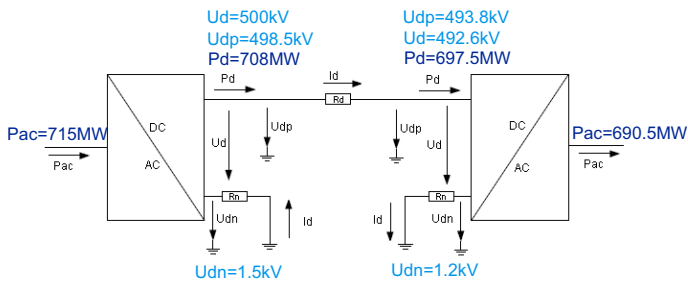
Bipolar Operation with SK3



Regulated $U_{dn}=0kV$ in both stations:
Highest inverter power
No neutral losses, only SK4 cable losses

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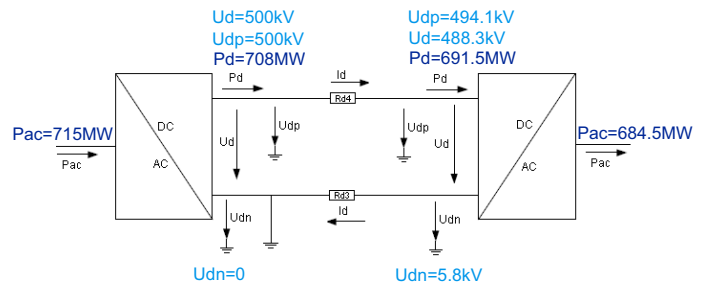
Ground Return



2nd highest inverter power
Low neutral losses

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Metallic Return with SK3 cable



Lowest inverter power due to highest cable losses
High neutral voltage drop in ungrounded station

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Technical solution IGBT Valves



- Quadruple cell structure
- 6-sub IGBT, 4.5 kV

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Skagerrak 4 - Transformer solution



- Design: Single phase, Y/Δ, solidly earthed neutral
- Rated Power 243 MVA
- Tap changer on the primary side

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Skagerrak 4 – Converter Building



- Tjele Station

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Skagerrak 4 – Transmission test

- Energization converter and cables
- Transmission test – both power directions
 - Active Power Control
 - Reactive Power Control
- Heat Run test
- Black Start
- Joint Reactive Power Control
- Joint Active Power Reversal Sequence
- Frequency Control Test



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Skagerrak 4 Achievements

- World's first 500 kV HVDC Light in operation
- World's first combined HVDC Light and HVDC Classic



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Caprivi Link Interconnector Namibia

Customer: NamPower
Year of commissioning: 2010



Customer's need

- Connect the grid in the north west with the grid in the central parts of the country

ABB's response

- Turnkey 350 kV 300 MW HVDC Light®
- Option for another 300 MW
- First HVDC Light® with overhead lines

Customer's benefits

- Stability in two very weak AC networks

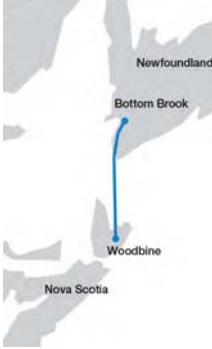


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Maritime Link Canada

Customer: NSP Maritime Link (Emera)
Commissioning year: 2017



Customer's need

- Integrate renewable generation into the the North American grid

ABB's response

- Bipole HVDC Light solution
- Two 500 MW HVDC Light stations
- Two AC substations at 230 kV
- One AC substation at 345 kV

Customer's benefits

- Improved grid stability
- Power sharing enabled

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Caithness Moray HVDC link Scotland

Customer: Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission Ltd (SHE)
Commissioning year: 2015



Customer's need

- Strengthening power network

ABB's response

- Two HVDC Light converter stations, 1,200 MW and 800 MW
- Submarine and underground cable transmission of nearly 160 kilometers

Customer's benefits

- Enable integration of renewable energy

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Mackinac USA

Customer: ATC
Year of commissioning: 2014



Mackinac back-to-back station



Customer's need

- Power flow control and allow for integration of additional renewable energy in the State of Michigan

ABB's response

- Turnkey 200 MW HVDC Light® back-to-back station

Customer's benefits

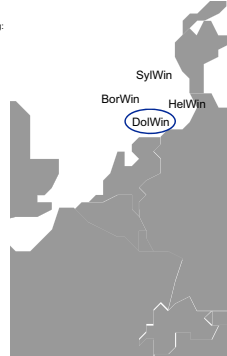
- Enhanced network stability
- Islanded operation possible
- Black-start – restarting the grid after a black-out
- Automatic power reduction at disturbances

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DolWin2 Germany

Customer: TenneT
Year of commissioning: 2015



Customer's need

- 135 km long subsea and underground power connection
- Robust grid connection

ABB's response

- Turnkey 900 MW HVDC Light system
- ± 320 kV extruded cable delivery

Customer's benefits

- Environmentally sound power transport
- Low losses and high reliability
- Reduce CO₂-emissions by 3 million tons per year by replacing fossil-fuel generation
- Grid connection 90 km inland

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NordBalt Lithuania - Sweden

Customers: Svenska Kraftnät and LITGRID turtas

Year of commissioning: 2015



Customer's need

- Strengthen security of supply in Baltic region and southern Sweden
- Integrate electricity markets of the Baltic and Nordic countries

ABB's response

- Turnkey 700 MW HVDC Light system
- Designed for integration into a future pan-European DC grid

Customer's benefits

- Low losses and high reliability
- Network stability through active AC voltage support
- Quick grid restoration with black-start capability

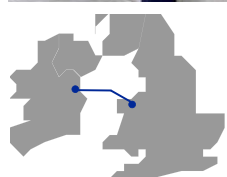
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East West Interconnector Ireland – Wales, UK

Customer: EirGrid

Year of commissioning: 2012



Customer's need

- Connect the grids of Ireland and Wales to enable power trade

ABB's response

- Turnkey 500 MW HVDC Light®
- 186 km sea cable + 70 km land cable
- First HVDC Light® with ±200 kV cables

Customer's benefits

- Security of supply
- "Black start"
- Active AC voltage support

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Troll A 3&4 Norway

Customer: Statoil
Year of commissioning: 2015



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Customer's need

- Enable power supply from mainland to platform to minimize emission of large amounts of CO₂ and unnecessarily high fuel consumption

ABB's response

- Turnkey 2x50 MW ±66 kV HVDC Light® offshore transmission system
- DC sea cables
- VHF (Very high frequency) motors

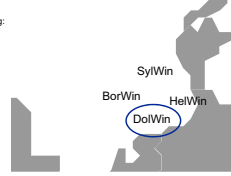
Customer's benefits

- Lower CO₂ emissions
- Better and safer work environment on platform

ABB

DoWin1 Germany

Customer: TenneT
Year of commissioning: 2013



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Customer's need

- 165 km long subsea and underground power connection
- Robust grid connection

ABB's response

- Turnkey 800 MW HVDC Light system
- First ± 320 kV extruded cable delivery

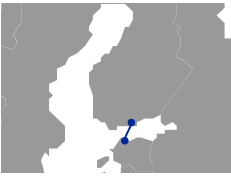
Customer's benefits

- Environmentally sound power transport
- Low losses and high reliability
- Reduce CO₂ emissions by 3 million tons per year by replacing fossil-fuel generation
- Supports wind power development in Germany

ABB

Estlink HVDC Light® Finland - Estonia

Customer: Nordic Energy Link AS
Year of commissioning: 2006



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Customer's need

- Create a common open electricity market in the enlarged European Union

ABB's response

- Turnkey 350 MW HVDC Light® transmission system

Customer's benefits

- Environmentally adapted to sensitive coastal region by compact converters and totally under sea/ground system
- Increased security of supply and loss reduction in existing network through voltage and VAR control
- Delivery time: 19 months!

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Transmission Solutions

HVDC – Technology, Benefits, Applications

Workshop Powergrid of India, January 23, 2015

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Project Requirements: Raigarh-Pugalur

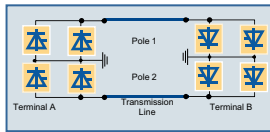
- Nominal Voltage: ± 800 kV
- Nominal Power Rating 6000MW
- Overload Requirement: 33% at 50° C ambient temperature
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Decision Criteria for Converter Arrangements

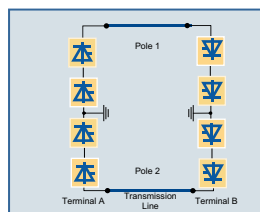
- Transport restrictions of large equipment: Profile, weight (e.g. transformers)
-> possible mitigation measures available
- Available electrical equipment, e.g. power ratings
-> cost aspect, need of additional R&D
- Demand of footprint
- RAM: Reliability, Availability and Maintainability
- Installation & commissioning time
- Costs (invest + operation)

Principle of HVDC Bipolar Converter Arrangements

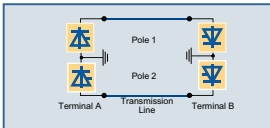
■ Parallel 12-Pulse Bridges



■ Series Connected 12-Pulse Bridges

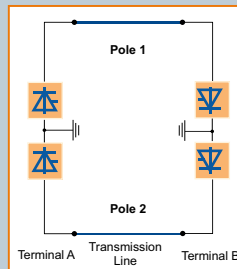


■ Single 12-Pulse Bridge



UHV DC Topologies

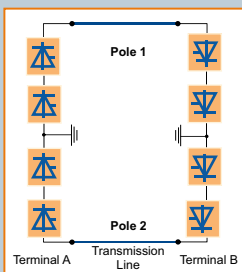
One 12-Pulse Groups per pole



- Suitable for bulk power transmission, up to around 6 000 MW at ± 800 kV (limited by transformer transportation weight). Preferred solution for all lower transmission voltage levels
- Lowest cost, lowest complexity and lowest space requirements, fastest installation&commissioning
- Proven design from most Long-Distance HVDC Systems

UHV DC Topologies

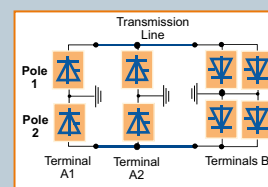
Two 12-Pulse Groups per pole



- Suitable for bulk power transmission in case of transport limitations
- Transport limitations may make it necessary to divide the total transformer rating on four six-pulse groups per pole
- Bypass switchgear allows flexible configuration and increases power availability
- Additional valve group level controls

UHV DC Topologies

Parallel 12-Pulse Groups per pole



- Multi-terminal configuration
- Bulk power transmission suitable for geographically distributed generation / load centers
- Paralleling switches allow to connect&disconnect poles
- Additional control & protection requirements for multi-terminal operation

Comparison of Alternatives

	2 x 12p series	2 x 12p parallel	single 12p
Possible transport limitations	0	0	-
Availability	(+)	(+)	0
Reliability	0	0	+
Footprint Demand	-	--	+
Line Losses	(0)	+	+
Operation Complexity	-	-	+
Maintenance Flexibility	+	+	0
Costs	-	--	+
Installation&commissioning	-	-	+

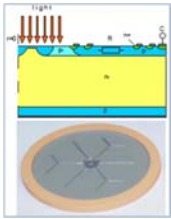
- disadvantage
0 neutral
+ advantage

Parallel Converters increase scope & complexity

Impacts:

- Valves: doubled number (depending on available thyristor power ratings)
- Transformers: same installed power but higher number of tanks
- Buildings : double number of valve halls, larger control building, DC yard (if applicable)
- C&P: double number of dc control cubicles plus modified master control (station)
- Auxilliary equipment: double number

6" Direct Light-Triggered Thyristor

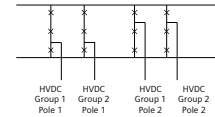


Combines high power rating of 6" ETT with advantages of LTT technology:
Blocking Voltage 8.5 kV
Improved current ratings up to 6.25 kA possible
Current of 5 kA at 50 ° C ambient temperature feasible

6000MW Bipole: Single Bipole Design

Draft Design 800kV, 6000 MW:

- Transformer ratings: 1ph 2winding, approx. 598 MVA (nominal)
dimensions: approx. 13 m x 5 m x 5 m
- DC Current 3.75 kA (5 kA overload)
-> DC equipment available as thyristor valves, disconnectors, MRTB, DC bushings
- AC Busbar arrangement for 1 ½ breaker scheme allows equipment with 4kA rating



Questions on Raigarh-Pugalur

- Location of sites? Altitude?
- Transport limitations?

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Comparison HVDC Classic – HVDC PLUS

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HVDC Classic

Line-commutated current-sourced Converter

Thyristor with turn-on Capability only



- Direct-light-triggered Thyristor (LTT)
- Up to 10000 MW
- Oil Cable up to 600 kV
- Oil up to 800 kV

Western Link 2,200 MW
China projects 8,000 MW

HVDC PLUS

Self-commutated voltage-sourced Converter (VSC)

Semiconductor Switches with turn-on only and turn-off Capability, e.g. IGBTs



- XPLE Cable up to 320 kV DC
- Half bridge up to 1,56 kA
- Full bridge up to 2 kA

Trans Bay Cable 400 MW
5 x TenneT Offshore 576 – 900 MW
INELFE 2 x 1,000 MW

Basics of HVDC PLUS

Siemens, a Leader in VSC Technology since its early Beginning

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History - FACTS & Voltage-Sourced Converters

1974	1st SVCs, Nebraska, USA, GE & 1975, Minnesota, Westinghouse 1)
1985	1st EHV FACTS (500 kV NGH, SSR-Damping), California, Siemens
1992	1st TCSC (for Load-Flow Control), Kayenta, Siemens
1995	1st STATCOM, Sullivan, USA, Westinghouse 1)
1998	1st UPFC, Inez, USA, Westinghouse 1)
2001	Worlds largest SFC (Static Frequency Converter), Richmond, USA, Siemens
2001/03	1st CSC (Convertible Static Compensator), Marcy, USA, Siemens

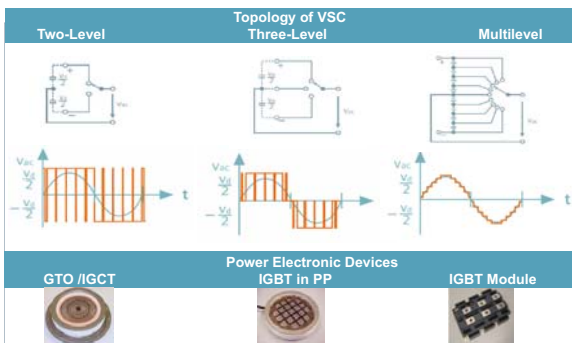
SVC PLUS & HVDC PLUS – Modular Multilevel Converters (MMC)

2009	SVC PLUS @ Thanet, UK, Siemens
2010	HVDC PLUS @ Trans Bay Cable, San Francisco, USA, Siemens

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The Evolution of HVDC PLUS and VSC Technology

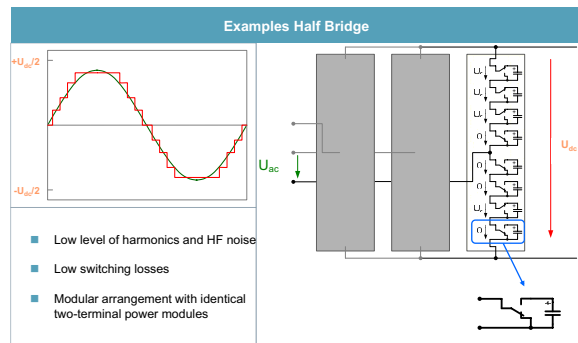
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Modular Multilevel Converter - MMC

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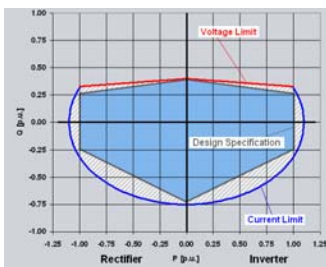
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General Features of VSC Technology

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Features and Benefits

- Grid Access of weak AC Networks
- Independent Control of Active and Reactive power
- Supply of passive Networks and Black Start Capability
- High dynamic Performance
- Low Space Requirements



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Features and Benefits of MMC Topology

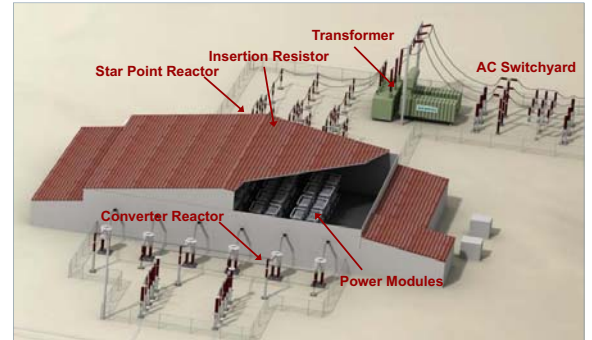
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Features	Benefits
High Modularity in Hardware and Software	High Flexibility, economical from low to high Power Ratings
Low Generation of Harmonics	Only small or even no Filters required
Low Switching Frequency of Semiconductors	Low Converter Losses
Use of well-proven Standard Components	High Availability of State-of-the-Art Components
Sinus shaped AC Voltage Waveforms	Use of standard AC Transformers
Easy Scalability	Low Engineering Efforts, Power Range up to 1000 MW
Reduced Number of Primary Components	High Reliability, low Maintenance Requirements
Low Rate of Rise of Currents even during Faults	Robust System

Comparison of Features of HVDC Technologies

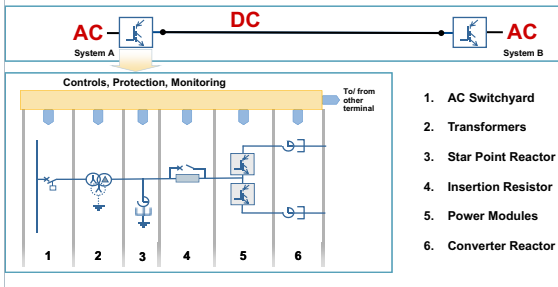
Characteristics	HVDC Classic (LCC Technology)	HVDC PLUS (VSC Technology)
Rating	up to 10 GW per bipole at $\pm 800\text{kV}$	up to 2 GW per bipole at $\pm 500\text{kV}$
Overload Capacity	Thyristor - very high	IGBT strictly limited
Total Converter & Station Losses	$\leq 1.5\%$	close to 2% (half-bridge)
Voltage, POD & Frequency Control	Available	Available
Dynamic Performance	High	Very High
Filter Requirements	Typically, 50% (in MVAR) of rated power transmission capability	None
Independent Control of Reactive Power	Stepwise linear	Fully linear
Space Requirements	High	Less and flexible
Grid Access for weak AC Networks	Limited – Improvement possible with additional installation of STATCOMs or Synchronous Condensers (SCO)	Yes
Supply of passive Networks and Black-Start Capability	No	Yes
Reversion of Current Polarity for Multiterminal Schemes	complex DC-SWY in LCC-Multiterminal Stations required	inherent converter function

Basics of HVDC PLUS Station Design



Basics of HVDC PLUS Key Components

Example: Symmetrical Monopole



Basics of HVDC PLUS Key Components of a Bipolar HVDC Converter Station

Tasks of Equipment

- **AC Switchyard (1)**
 - Connect the terminal to the AC system
- **Transformers (2)**
 - Obtain the AC voltage needed for the required DC voltage
 - Optional 3rd winding for auxiliary system in feed
- **Star Point Reactor (3)**
 - Ensuring symmetrical voltages during steady static conditions
- **Insertion Resistor (4)**
 - Charging of DC circuit decoupled from converter deblocking
- **Power Modules (5)**
 - Modular Multilevel Conversion

Basics of HVDC PLUS Key Components of a Bipolar HVDC Converter Station

Tasks of Equipment

- **Converter Reactor (6)**
 - Damp balancing currents between different phases
 - Limit current gradients during severe faults
- **Control and Protection System (7)**
 - Controlling the system and ensuring stable operation
 - Protecting main equipment
- **Auxiliary Systems (8)**
 - Valve Cooling
 - HVAC Systems
 - Station Service Supply
- **HVDC Transmission Line (9)**
 - DC Overhead Transmission Line
 - DC Cable System

Basics of HVDC PLUS AC Switchyard (1)



Basics of HVDC PLUS
Transformers (2) - Conventional Transformers

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Star Point Reactor (3)

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Insertion Resistor (4)

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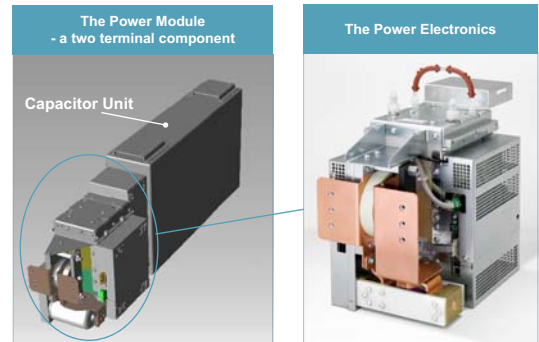


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Power Module (5) - Modular Design

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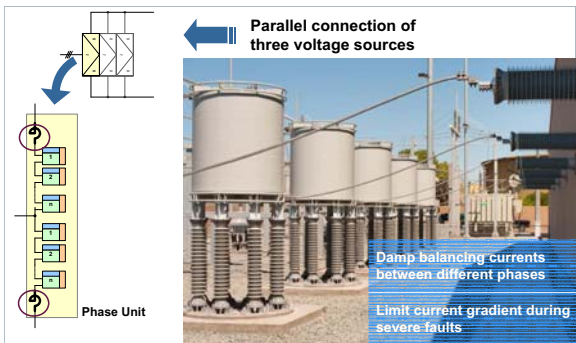


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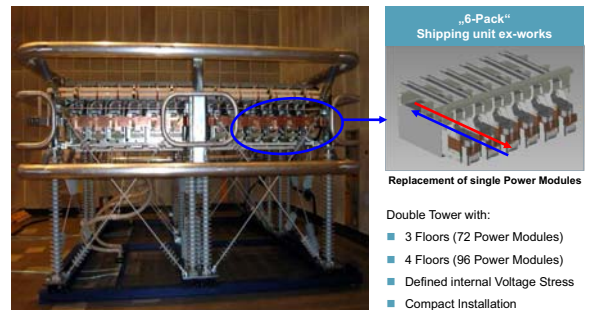


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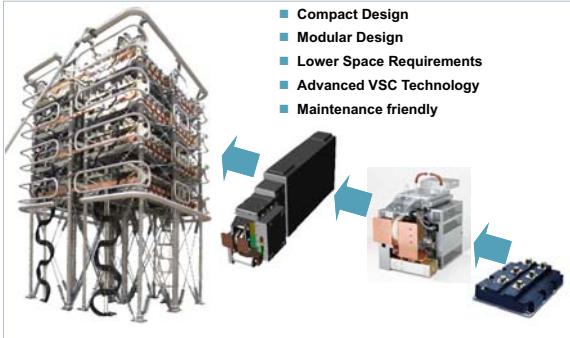


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Basics of HVDC PLUS Power Module (5)

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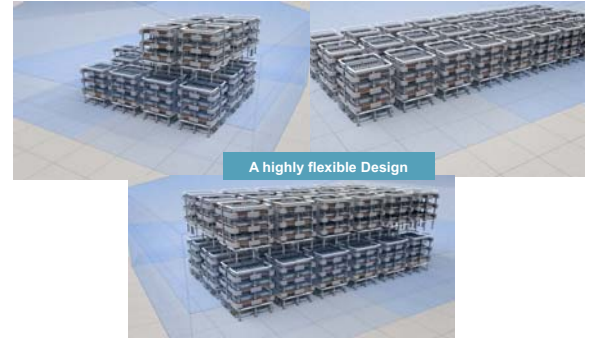


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Basics of HVDC PLUS Options for Converter Modules and Building Arrangements

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Basics of HVDC PLUS Power Module (5) - Converter Hall: Example

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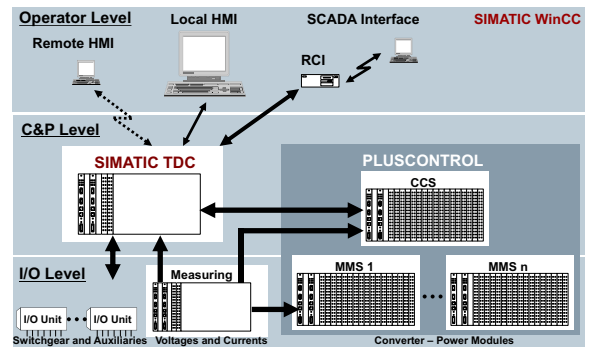


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Basics of HVDC PLUS Control and Protection (7)

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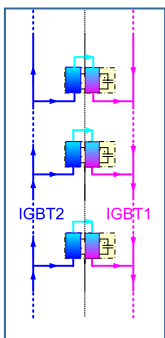


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Basics of HVDC PLUS Auxiliary System (8)

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Cooling Concept:

Parallel Cooling of ALL Power modules:

- ➔ Identical operating Conditions for all Power modules (Aging of IGBTs)
- ➔ Long term proven concept of HVDC classic Stricter requirements of IGBTs compared to Thyristors (Heat Capacitance Chips, Wire Bonds)

Within each Power Module:

- ➔ Best cooling of IGBT2 with ~25K higher thermal stress
- ➔ Cooling plates designed for single IGBT (water flow)

Cooling at IGBT with pure deionized water:

- ➔ High heat capacitance, thus lower flow (typ. 20% reduction by Glykol)

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VSC Converter Operation

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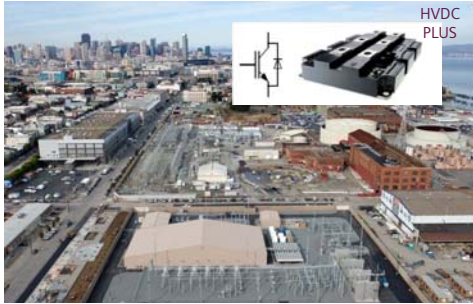
- Converter Operation Principles

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Advantages and Benefits of Siemens HVDC PLUS Technology

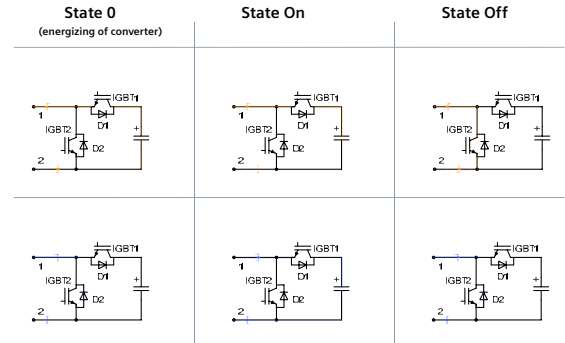
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States of Submodules

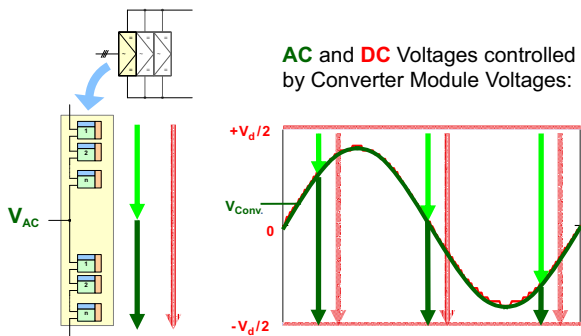
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MMC – perfect Voltage Generation

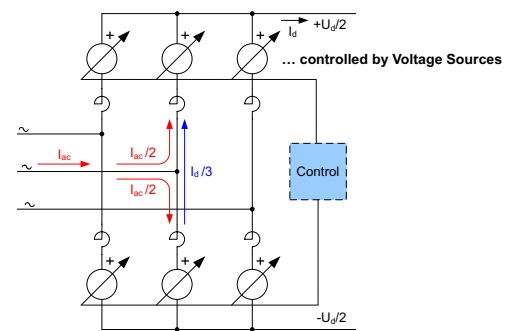
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MMC – AC & DC Converter Currents ...

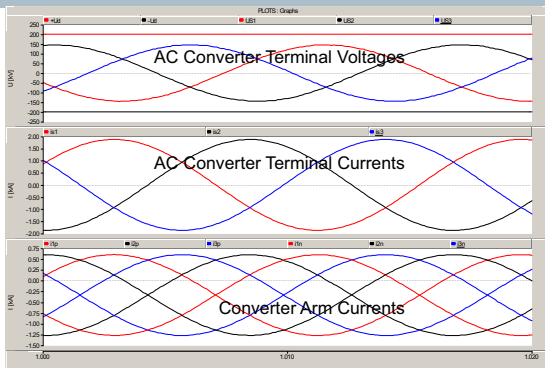
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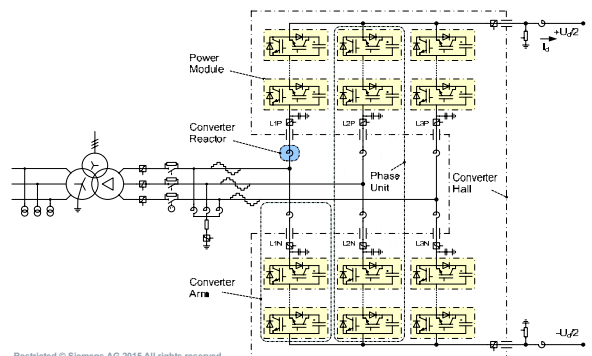
Simulation Results: 400 MW with about 200 Submodules per Converter Leg

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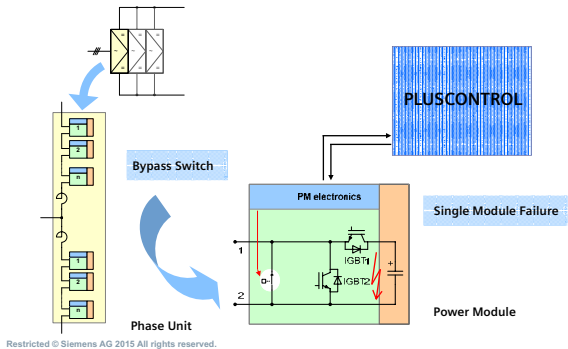
Complete Converter

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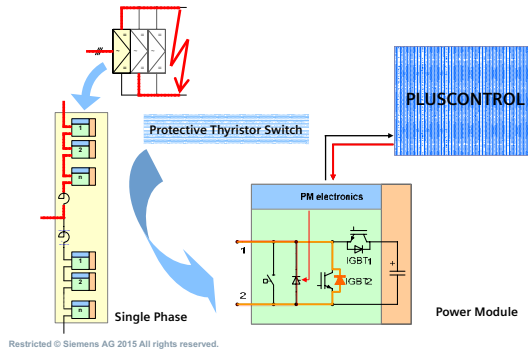
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Power Electronics Module - Redundancy



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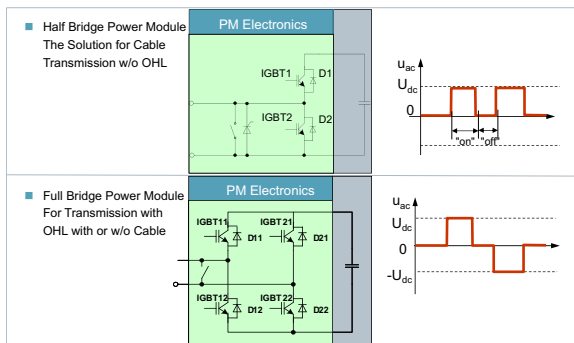
Line-to-Line DC Fault



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New Applications

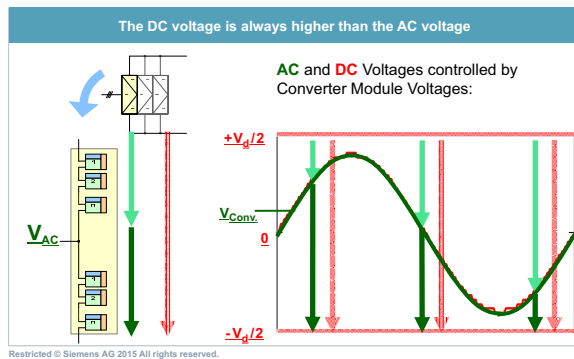
Comparison of Half and Full Bridge Power Modules



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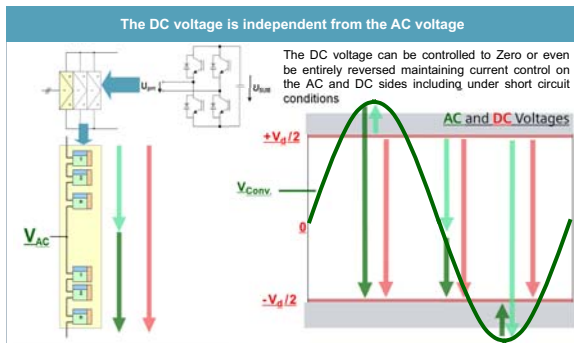
MMC Half Bridge



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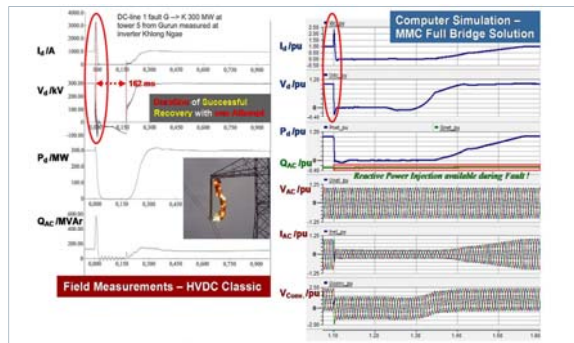
MMC Full Bridge



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New Applications

Fast DC Line Fault Clearing – the key for System Stability



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New Applications Full Bridge

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Full Bridge Converters - Most Powerful and Flexible Solutions for Transmission

Main Features

Inherent DC turn-off capability

Independent DC Voltage control for

- Load flow control in extended DC Grids
- DC fault current control
- Unlimited number of fast and smooth DC Voltage recoveries after faults

Broad experience in
85 Industrial and Energy applications in operation or
in project execution (April 2013)
(static frequency conversion for traction power supply
and reactive power compensation)



Full Bridge MMC as used for power frequency
conversion and reactive power compensation in
Industry and Energy applications

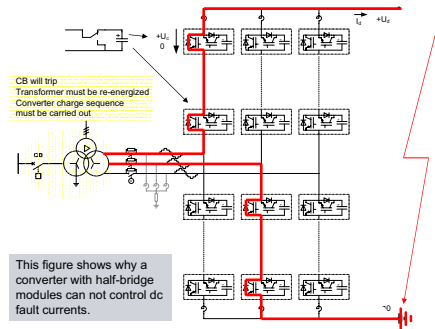
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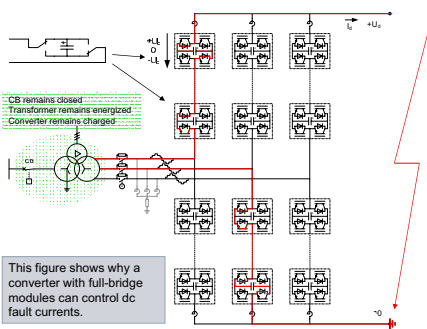
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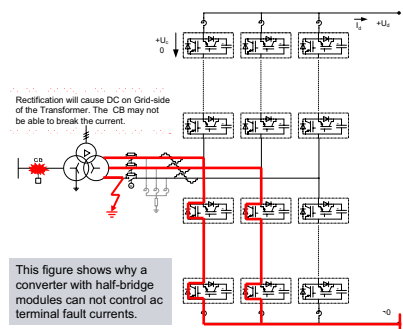
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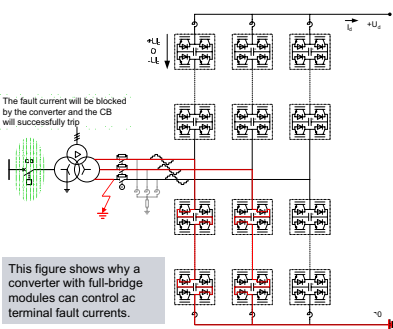
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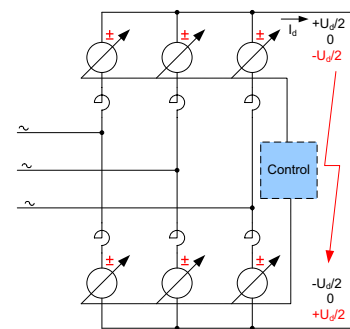
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MMC – Full-Bridge Equivalent Circuit

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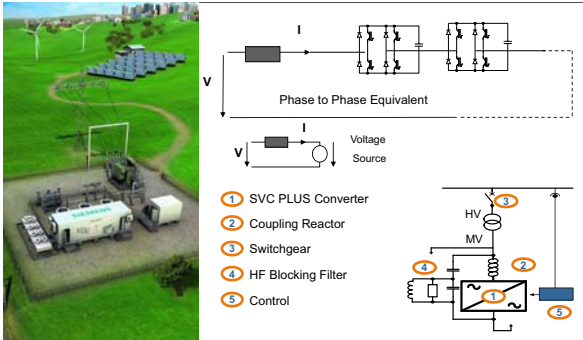


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Existing Application with Full-Bridge SVC PLUS

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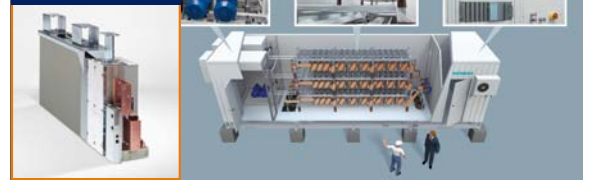
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SVC PLUS in Detail Insight view

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Container solution
Cooling system Converter Control & Protection

Power Module



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Existing Application with Full-Bridge Sitras® SFC plus Static Frequency Converter

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Real Multilevel:

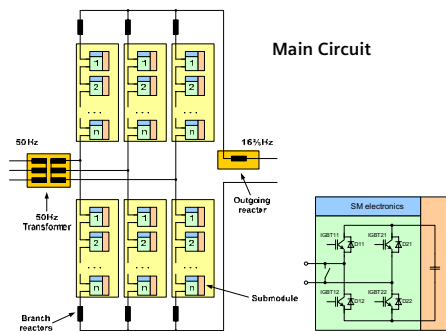
Modular system
Power 12 ... 120 MW

Versatile Application:

HVDC (HGÜ)
Reactive power compensation
SFC Static Frequency Converter

Main Components:

Standard transformers
Modular power circuit
Air core reactors



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Existing Application of Full-Bridge - Sitras® SFC plus

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E.ON – Converter @ Power Station Franken, Nuremberg



Technical Data:

- 2 Systems with 37.5 MVA, each
- AC Voltages @ 50 Hz
110 - 123 kV
AC Voltages @ 16.7 Hz
110 - 123 kV
- Noise Level
< 90 dB (A)
- Ground Area 27 x 34 m

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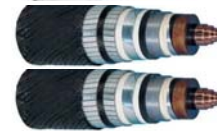
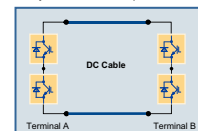
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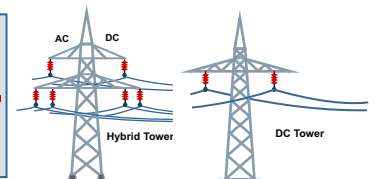
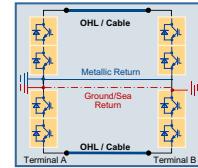
Basics of HVDC PLUS Topologies

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Symmetrical Monopole



Bipole



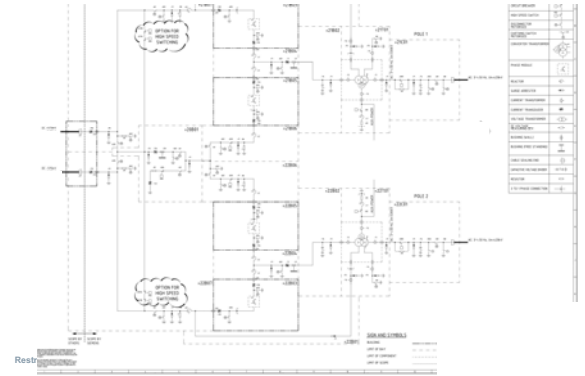
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Converter Arrangements

- i. Symmetrical Monopole
 - Only for pure cable projects due to voltage balancing
 - Half Bridge Design
- ii. Full Bipole
 - Maximum flexible operation, 2 x 50% power, highly independent
 - Half Bridge: if dc fault current clearing is not required (5 sec. fault clearance time)
 - Full Bridge: if significant overhead line sections are included or if reduced dc voltage is required
- iii. Rigid Bipole
 - Cost optimized option with some operation restriction (re-configuration time)
 - Half Bridge: same as for full bipole
 - Full Bridge: same as for full bipole

Rigid Bipole: Typical Single Line Diagram



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Cable Design Criteria

- i. Project Requirements
 - Land cable / sea cable
 - Installation condition: Number of trenches (1 or 2?); diameter, spacing of cables
 - Ground condition (normal soil, soft or hard rock, etc.), temperature, humidity of ground
- ii. Costs
 - Installation / no. of joints
 - Material costs (copper ...)

DC Voltage Selection Criteria I

Symmetrical Monopole

- Restricted to short sections with overhead lines
- fully independent on dc side

Alternatives for 2000 MW (extruded cables):

- 2 x 1000 MW, ± 320 kV, 1.56 kA -> 4 HV cables total, approx. 2500 mm²
- 2 x 1000 MW, ± 400 kV, 1.25 kA -> 4 HV cables total, approx. 1600-1700 mm²
reduces also required trench diameter
but increased converter size / submodule levels

DC Voltage Selection Criteria II

Bipole

- Allows operation with overhead lines
- optional w/o DMR (Dedicated Metallic Return conductor): Rigid configuration

Alternatives for 2000 MW:

- ± 320 kV, 3.125 kA
-> 4 HV cables total, approx. 2500 mm² + 2 MV cables, approx 2500 mm²
- ± 500 kV, 2.0 kA
-> 2 HV cables total, approx. 3250 mm² + 1 MV cable, approx 3250 mm²
- ± 600 kV, 1.67 kA
-> 2 HV cables total, approx. 2200 mm² + 1 MV cable, approx 2200 mm²

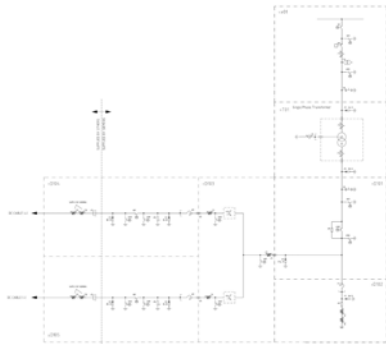
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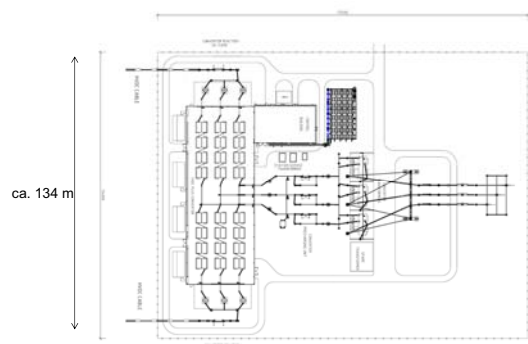
Station Layout: Example Transbay Cable Project



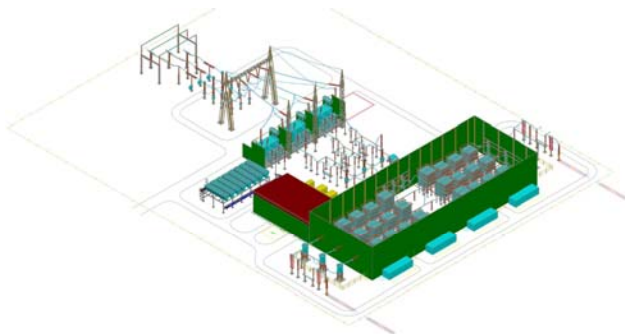
Symmetrical Monopole: Single Line Diagram



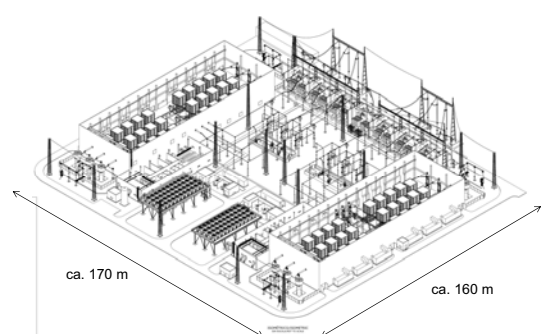
Symmetrical Monopole: Typical Layout



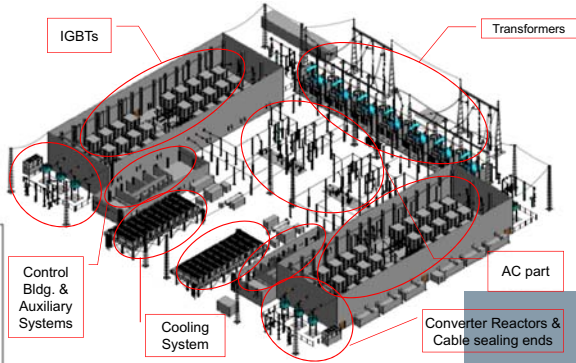
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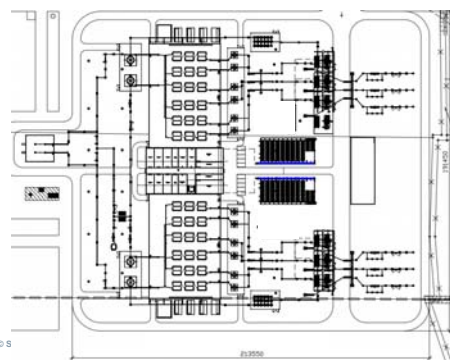
Duo Monopole: Example for Layout



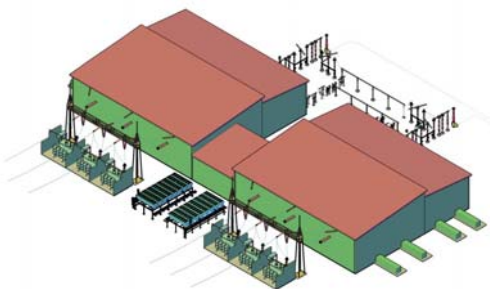
HVDC PLUS – Duo Monopole
Typical Converter Station Layout



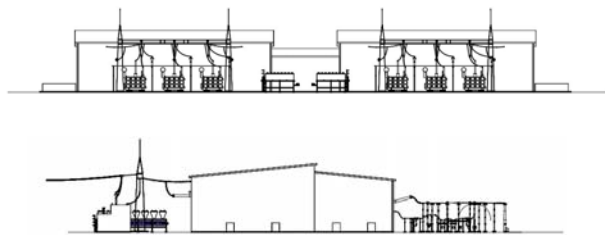
Rigid Bipole 500 kV: Typical Layout



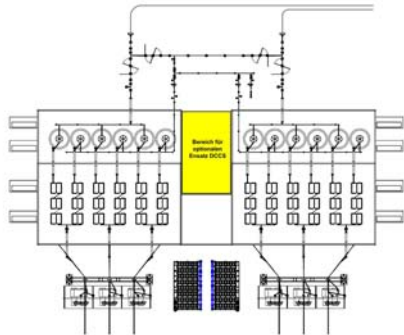
Conceptual Design: HVDC PLUS Bipole



Conceptual Design: HVDC PLUS Bipole

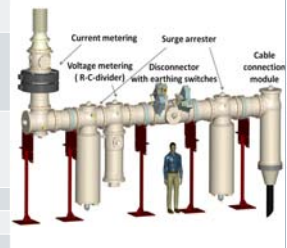


Optional:
DC Compact Switchgear for Reduced Footprint



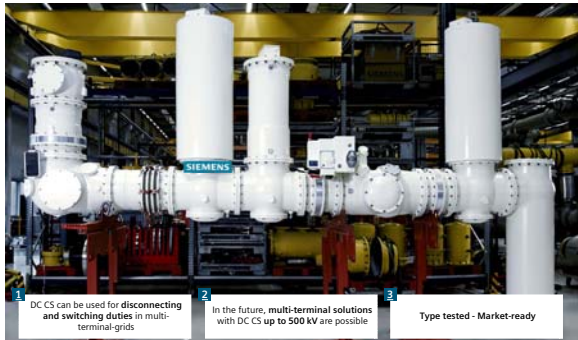
New Applications
320 kV DC Compact Switchgear (DC CS)

Technical Data	
U_{dc} nominal voltage	±320 kV
U_{max} maximum continuous operation voltage	±336 kV
Rated lightning impulse withstand voltage (1,2 / 50 μ s) - to earth - across the insulating distance at the power frequency voltage	1175 kV
	1175+336 kV
Rated switching impulse withstand voltage (250 / 2500 μ s) - to earth - across the insulating distance at the power frequency voltage	950 kV
	950+336 kV
Rated nominal current	4000 A
Rated short-time withstand current	50 kA (1 s)
Ambient temperature range	-30 to +50 °C



New Applications

320 kV DC Compact Switchgear (DC CS)



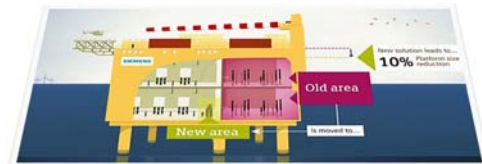
1 DC CS can be used for disconnecting and switching duties in multi-terminal grids
 2 In the future, multi-terminal solutions with DC CS up to 500 kV are possible
 3 Type tested - Market-ready

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New Applications

DC Compact Switchgear (DC CS)

DC CS - A new dimension in compactness



- space-saving design
- reduction of DC switchyard in converter stations up to 95 %
- suitable for onshore and offshore application
- safe encapsulation
- reliable operation even under extreme environmental conditions
- high degree of gas-tightness
- high availability and reliability
- low life cycle and maintenance costs

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Cables for HVDC Transmission

- MI/PPL: Insulated with special paper, impregnated with high viscosity compound
- SCFF: Insulated with special paper, impregnated with low viscosity oil
- Extruded: Insulated with extruded polyethylene-based compound

Mass Impregnated / PPL Self-Contained Fluid Filled Extruded



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DC Cable Technology: Cross-linked Polyethylene (XLPE)



Example: Prysmian (Inelfe Project)

Udc = +-320 kV dc
 Idc approx. 1600 Amps
 2500 mm²
 4 cables, 64.5 km total section length: approx. 2 km totally 144 junctions

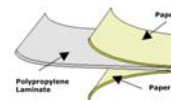
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DC Cable Technology: Paper Polypropylene Laminate (PPL)



Example: Prysmian (Western Link Project)

Udc = 600 kV dc
 Idc = 2200 Amps
 2500 mm²
 Features: operation at higher temperatures possible (e.g. 85° C)

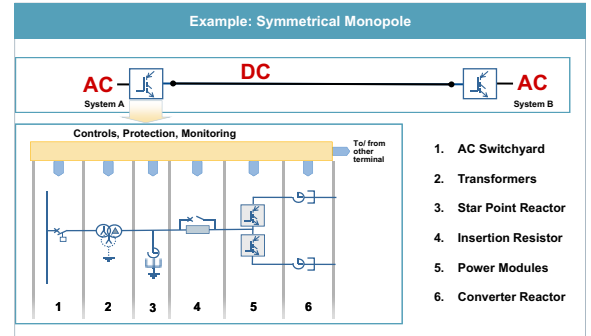


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Basics of HVDC PLUS Key Components



Symmetrical Monopole Scheme Conventional Transformers



Transformers/Phase Reactors in VSC Systems

Tasks

- Providing reactance between ac system and VSC unit (interface impedance)
 - > enables control of the ac output voltage
- Adapt ac system voltage level to output level of converter and optimize utilisation of VSC unit
- Prevent zero-sequence currents flowing between ac system and VSC unit
- Size of required reactance influences dynamic behaviour and transients

Design Criteria

- Current stresses (fundamental and harmonics – if applicable)
- Dielectric stresses (dc components for unsymmetrical systems, e.g. bipolar)
- Saturation characteristics (dc flux components)
- Installation of tap changer depending on project specific conditions (e.g. reduction of power losses, ac system voltage range, required operating conditions (low ac voltage))

Reactors in VSC Systems

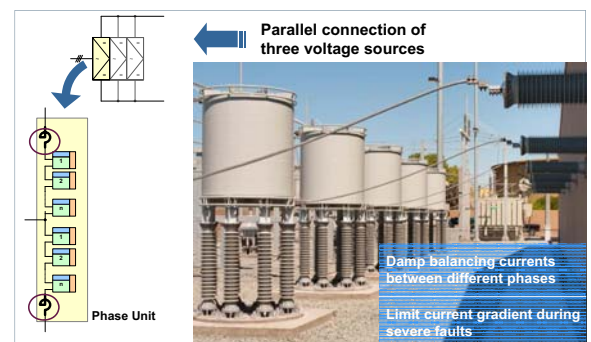
Valve Reactor (Converter Reactor)

- Limit circulating currents between phase units
- Limitation of transient currents during faults
- Contribution to interface reactance between ac system and converter

DC Reactor

- Applied in long distance transmission schemes, in series to line
- Limitation of transient currents during faults
- (Limits harmonic content on the line)

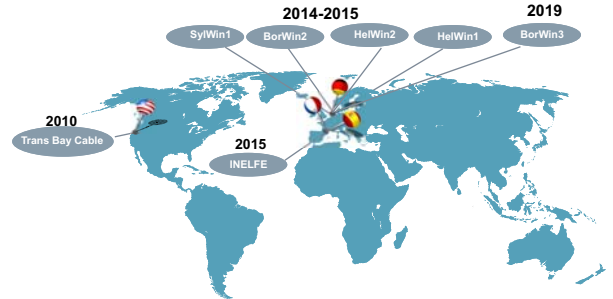
HVDC PLUS Converter Reactors



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HVDC PLUS – Made by Siemens
The Siemens Experience / Our References



Trans Bay Cable Project, USA
World's first MMC-VSC Technology in Commercial Operation



Trans Bay Cable Project, USA
Overview

Customer	Tans Bay Cable LLC
Project Name	Trans Bay Cable Project
Location	Pittsburg, CA/San Francisco, CA
Power Rating	400 MW
Type of Plant	HV DC PLUS
Voltage Levels	± 200 kV DC 230 kV / 138 kV AC, 60 Hz
Semiconductors	IGBT
Cable Supplier	Prismian
Cable Voltage	± 200 kV
Cable Type	XLPE
Max. Depth	50 m
Cable Distance	85 km Submarine Cable

Elimination of Transmission Bottlenecks
Dynamic Voltage Support

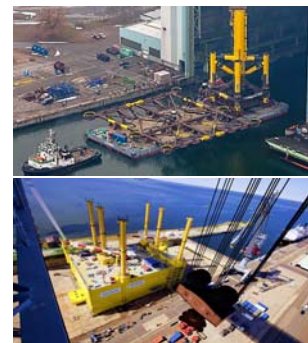
BorWin2, Germany



Customer	Tennet
Project Name	BorWin2
Location	Diele, Germany
Power Rating	800MW
Type of Plant	200km HVDC PLUS On-Offshore Cable
Voltage Levels	± 300 kV DC AC 400 kV/155 kV, 50 Hz
Semiconductors	IGBT



BorWin3, Germany



Customer	Tennet
Project Name	BorWin3
Location	Diele, Germany
Power Rating	900 MW
Type of Plant	160 km HVDC PLUS On-Offshore Cable
Voltage Levels	± 320 kV DC AC 400 kV/150 kV, 50 Hz
Semiconductors	IGBT



SylWin1, Germany



Customer	Tennet
Project Name	SylWin1
Location	Büttel, Germany
Power Rating	864 MW
Type of Plant	205 km HVDC PLUS On-Offshore Cable
Voltage Levels	± 320 kV DC 155 kV / 300 kV / 380 kV AC, 50 Hz
Semiconductors	IGBT



HelWin2, Germany



Customer	Tennet
Project Name	HelWin2
Location	Büttel, Germany
Power Rating	690 MW
Type of Plant	130 km HVDC PLUS On-Offshore Cable
Voltage Levels	± 320 kV DC AC 155 kV/300kV/380kV, 50 Hz
Semiconductors	IGBT



HelWin1, Germany



Customer	Tennet
Project Name	HelWin1
Location	Büttel, Germany
Power Rating	576 MW
Type of Plant	130 km HVDC PLUS On-Offshore Cable
Voltage Levels	± 250 kV DC AC 400 kV / 155 kV, 50 Hz
Semiconductors	IGBT



INELFE, France-Spain
Worldwide biggest VSC HVDC System with 2000 MW capacity



INELFE, France-Spain
Overview



Customer	INELFE (RTE and REE)
Project Name	INELFE
Location	Baixas, France – Santa Llogalga, Spain
Power Rating	2 x 1000 MW
Type of Plant	HVDC PLUS
Voltage Levels	± 320 kV DC AC 400 kV, 50 Hz
Distance	65 km underground cable
Semiconductors	IGBT



International Standards on VSC HVDC

- IEC/TR 62543-2013: HVDC Power Transmission using VSC
- IEC/IS 62747-2014: Terminology for VSC for HVDC Systems
- IEC/IS 62751-1-2014: Power losses in VSC valves for HVDC Systems, Part 1: General Requirements
- IEC/IS 62751-2-2014: Power losses in VSC valves for HVDC Systems, Part 2: Modular Multilevel Converters

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