



**Le Tang, ABB Inc.**

**High MW Electronics – Industry Roadmap Meeting at NIST, Dec. 11, 2009**

# Smart Grid and Power Electronics - Why Do We Need High MW Electronics

# Smart electricity – efficient power for a sustainable world

A smart grid is the evolved system  
that manages the electricity demand  
*in a*  
sustainable, reliable and economic manner  
*built on*  
advanced infrastructure  
*and tuned to facilitate*  
the integration of behavior of all involved

# The visionary smart grid

## Summing up the major requirements

### Capacity

Upgrade/install capacity economically  
Provide additional infrastructure (e-cars)

### Reliability

Stabilize the system and avoid outages  
Provide high quality power all the time

### Efficiency

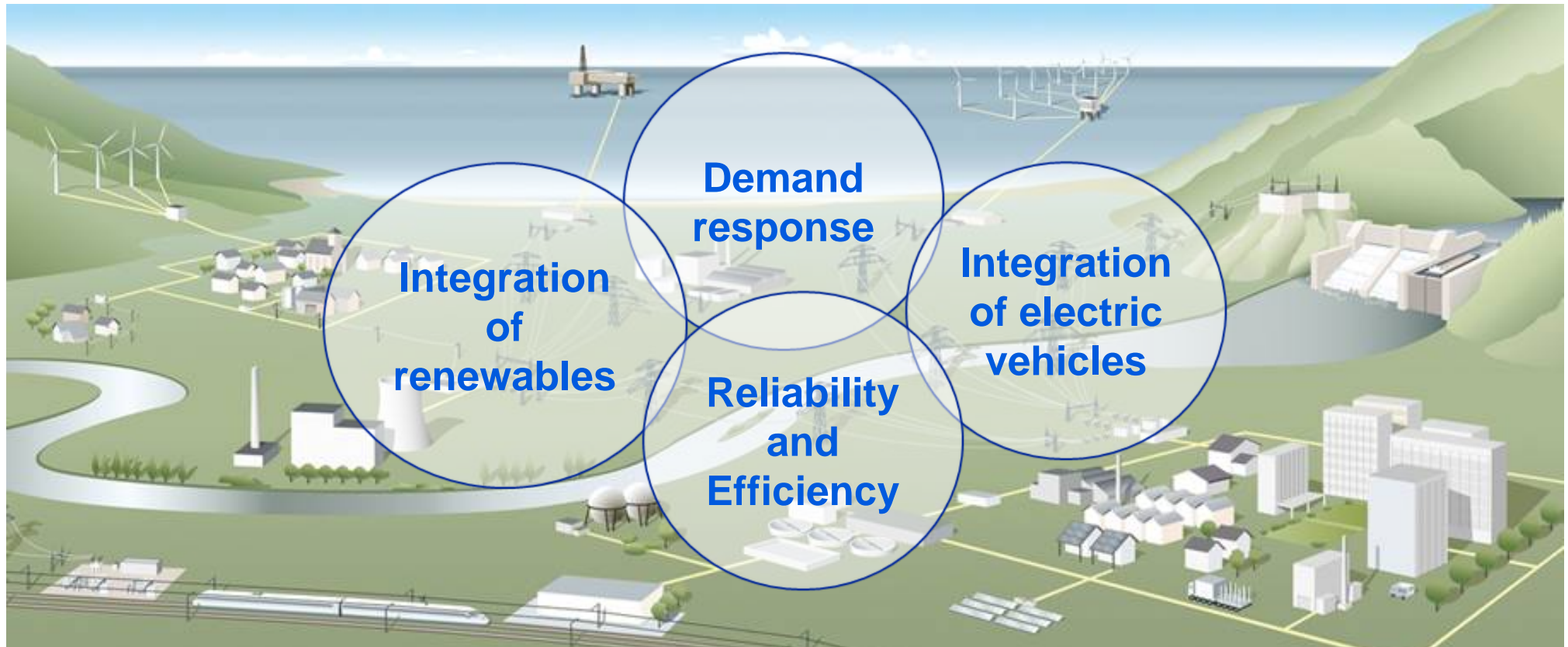
Improve efficiency of power generation  
Reduce losses in transport and consumption

### Sustainability

Connect renewable energy to the grid  
Manage intermittent generation

# Smart Grid Requirements

## Integration from supply to demand – 4 pillars

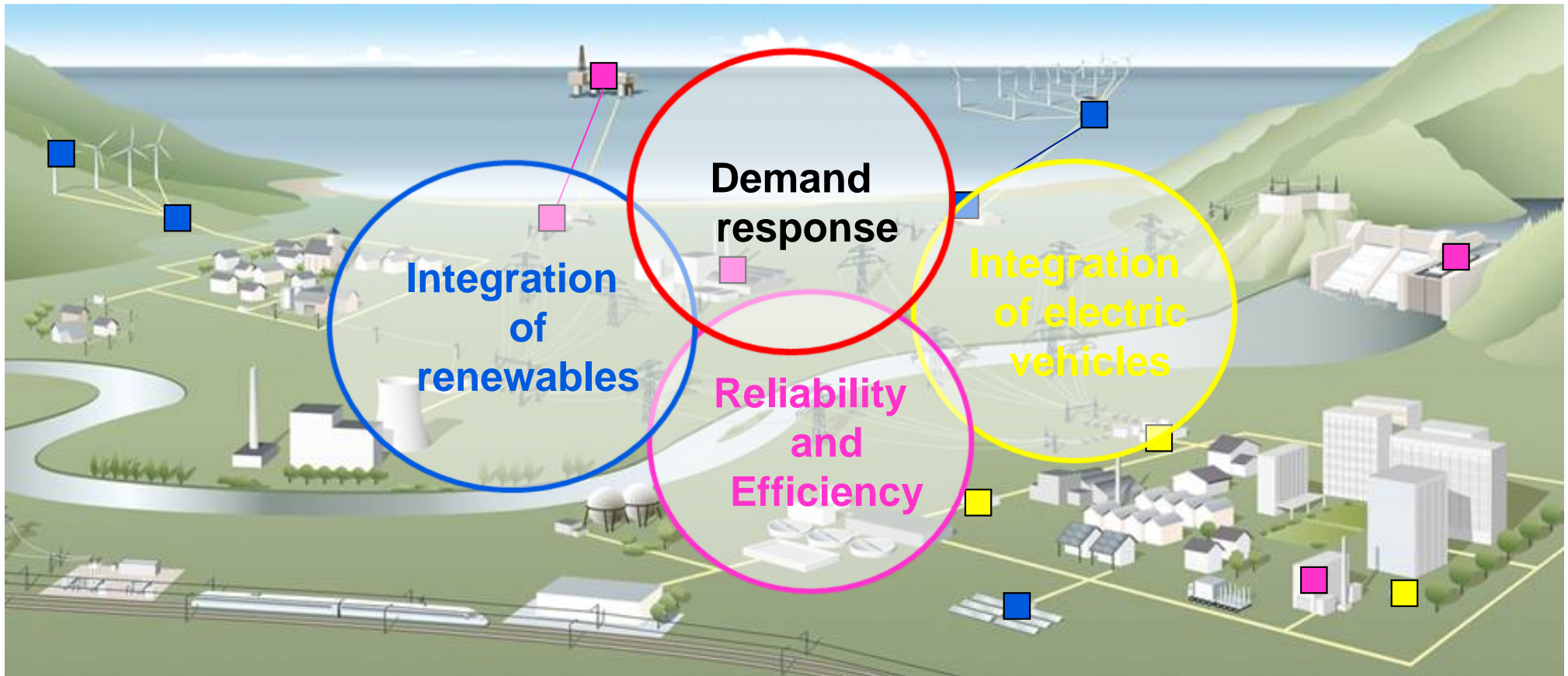


- Smart Grid is more than only smart meters.
- Smart Grid includes both transmission and distribution.
- Smart Grid includes both automation/IT and power devices.



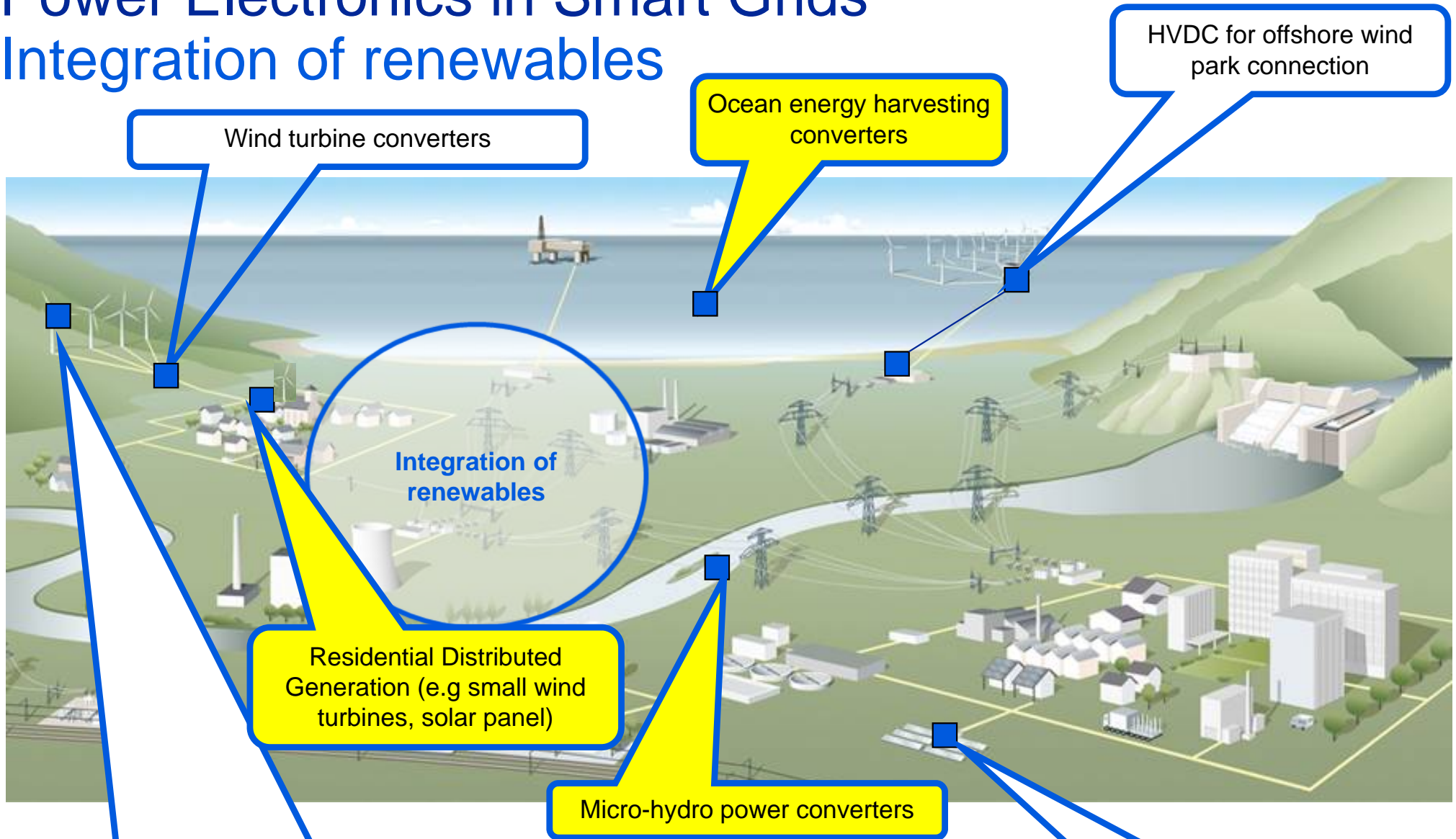
# Power Electronics in Smart Grids

## A key technology in at least 3 of the 4 pillars



# Power Electronics in Smart Grids

## Integration of renewables



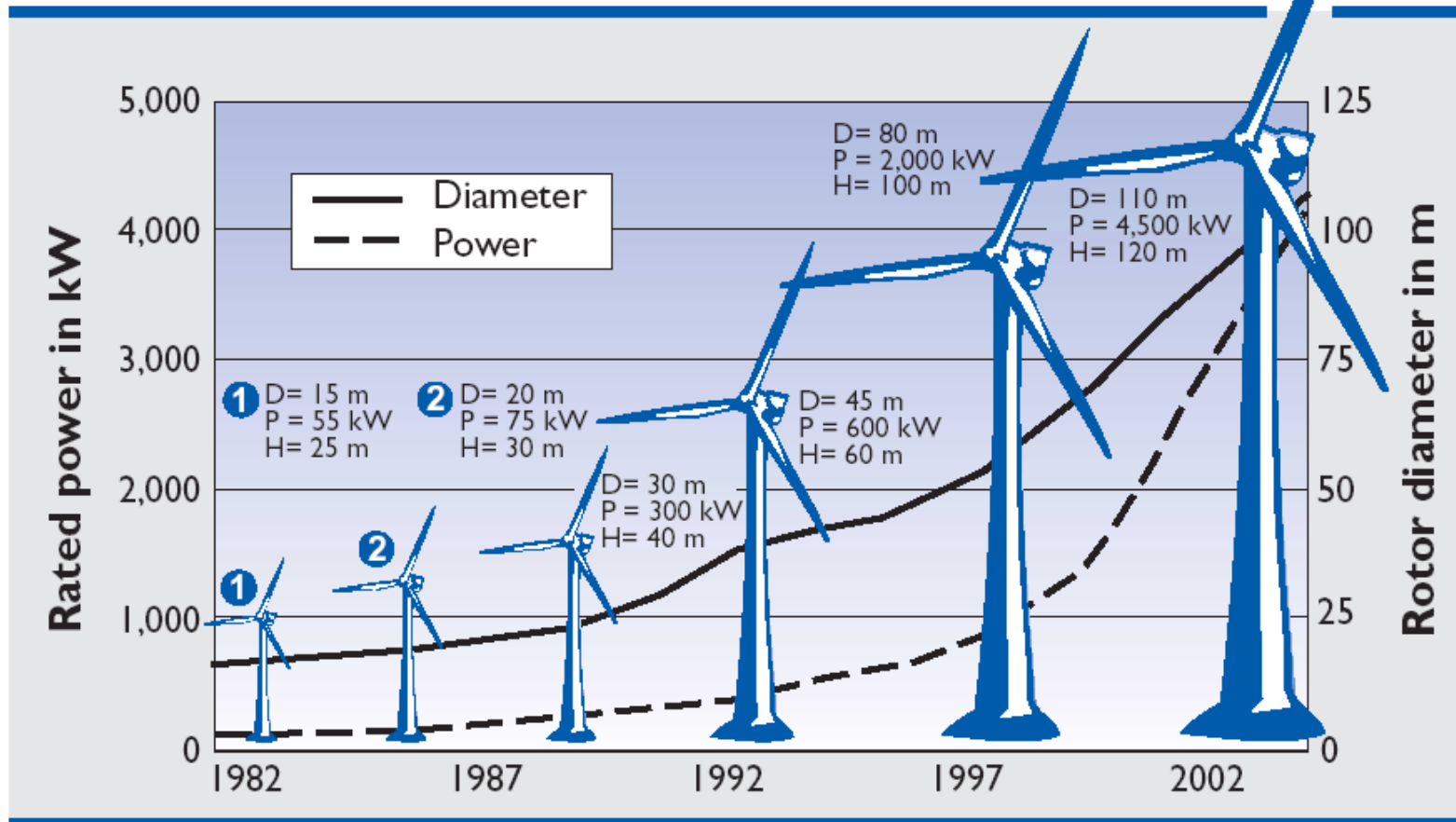
At wind farm point of connection to grid:

- SVC/STATCOM for grid code compliance
  - Synchronous condenser
- Energy storage e.g. Dynapow for improving stability and decrease power fluctuations

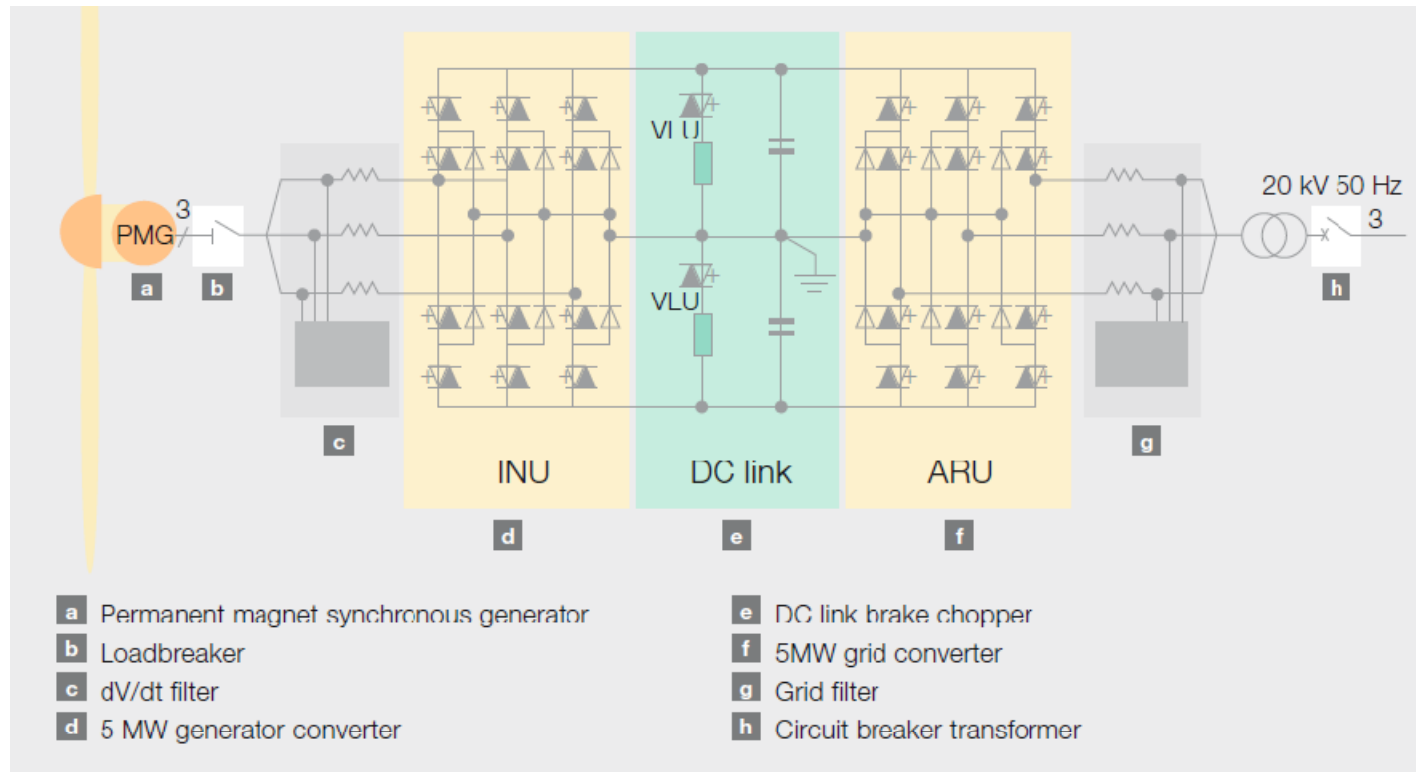
# Wind turbine trends

## Growth of rotor diameter and rated power

BWE Wind Energy 2004, page 26



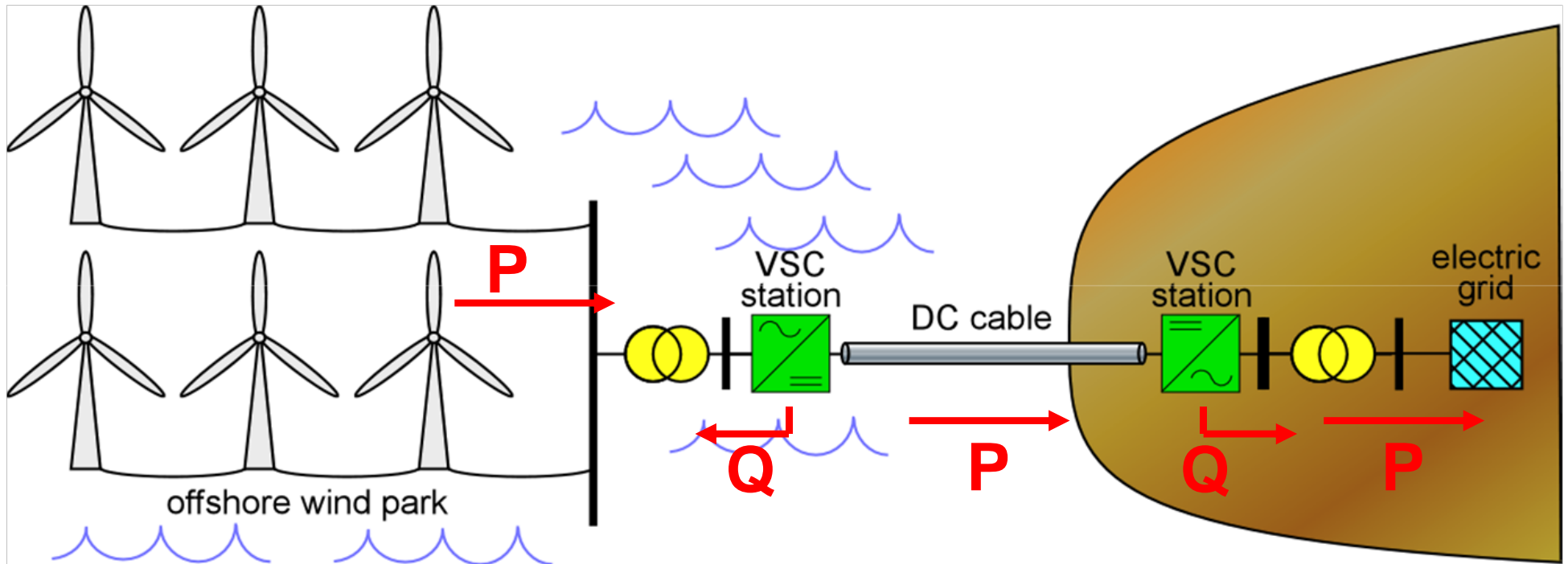
# Wind Turbine Converters



- Fit inside the mast of the turbine
- Convert the generated power to the desired frequency and voltage
- Help support weak grid by supplying or absorbing reactive power



# HVDC Light for Offshore Wind Park Connection (1)

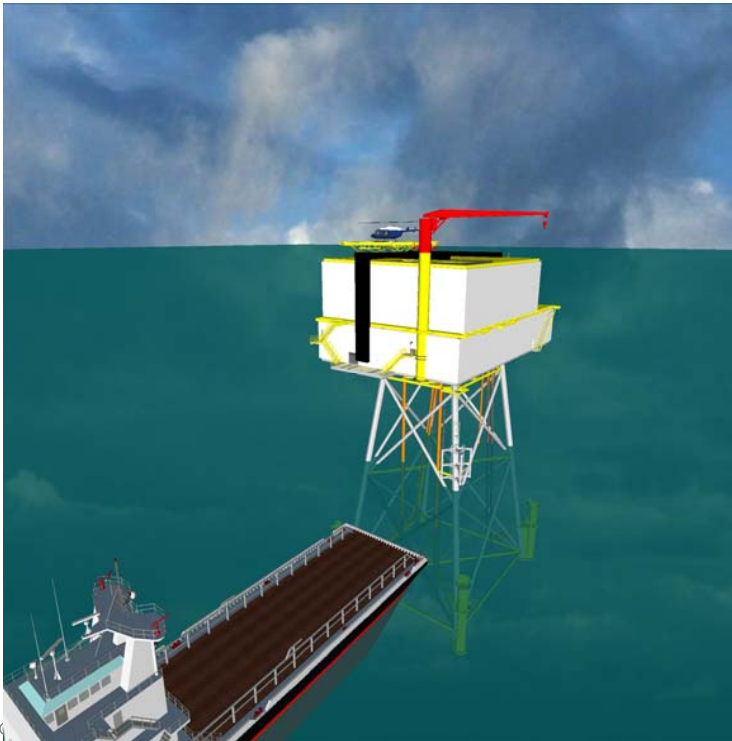


- Transistor-based HVDC
- No compensation needed as reactive power is produced by the converter stations
- Can be connected to weak grids

# NORD E.ON 1, 400MW off-shore windpark connection



# NORD E.ON 1



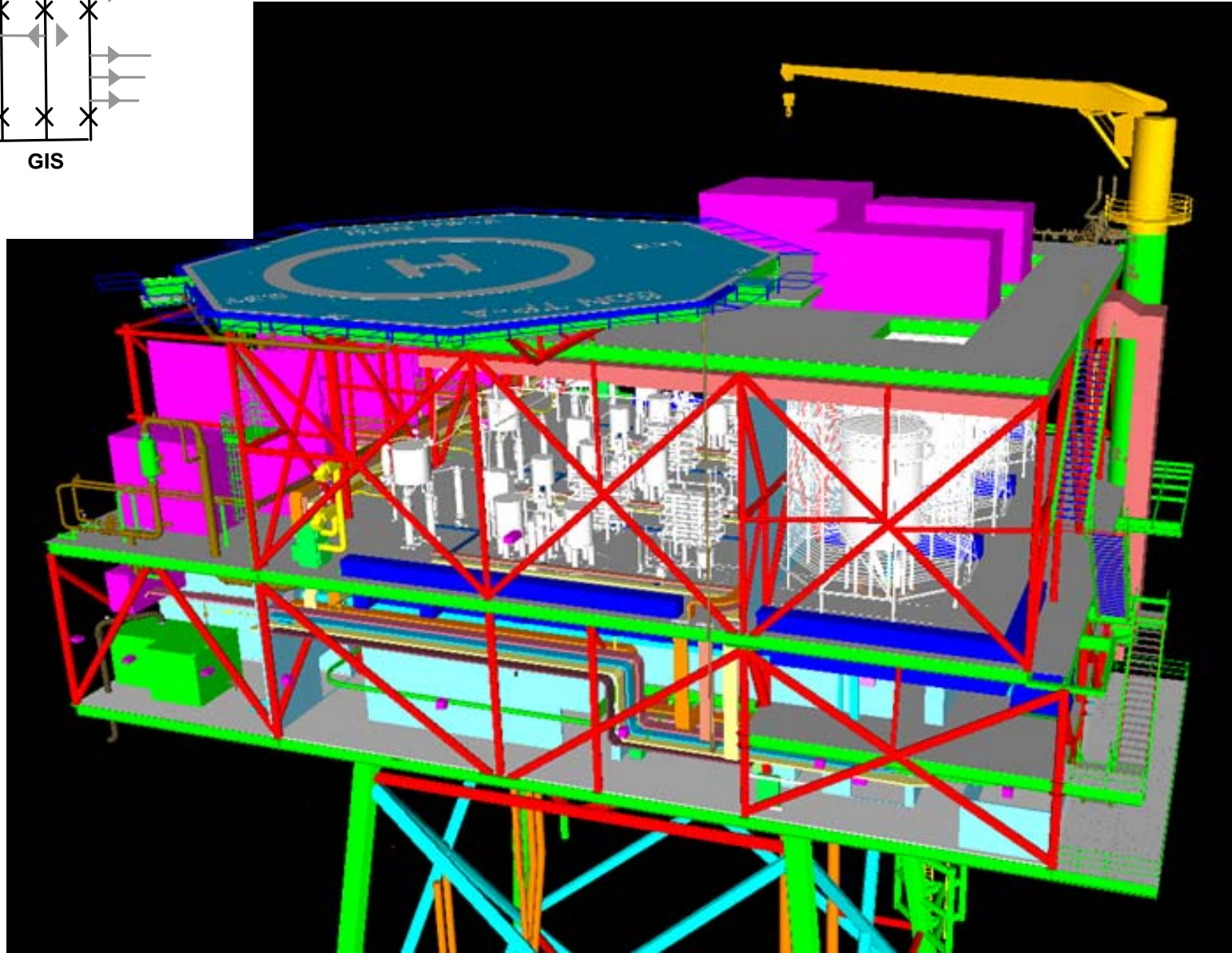
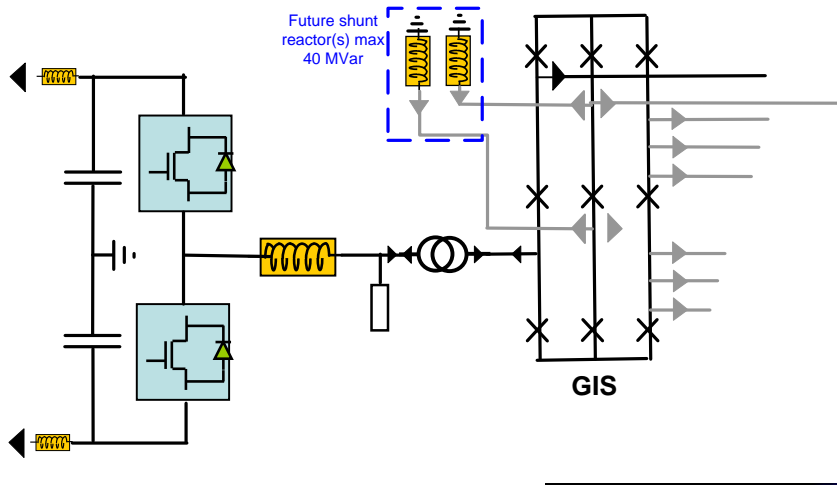
## Customer

- E.ON Netz GmbH, Germany

## Scope

- **400 MW HVDC Light System**
  - Two HVDC Light converter stations
  - DC Cable system
    - DC cable submarine to onshore connection (2x128km)
    - DC cable on land (2x75km)
  - 200 MW Submarine AC cable 170kV (1x1200 m)
  - Fiber optic cable (203 km)
- **170 kV GIS on platform**
- **Offshore platform structure** - jacket and topside
- ... **and all Auxiliary Systems** needed to operate and maintain the Offshore station.
  - Sea Water System, HVAC, Dieselgenerators, Fire Protection, etc

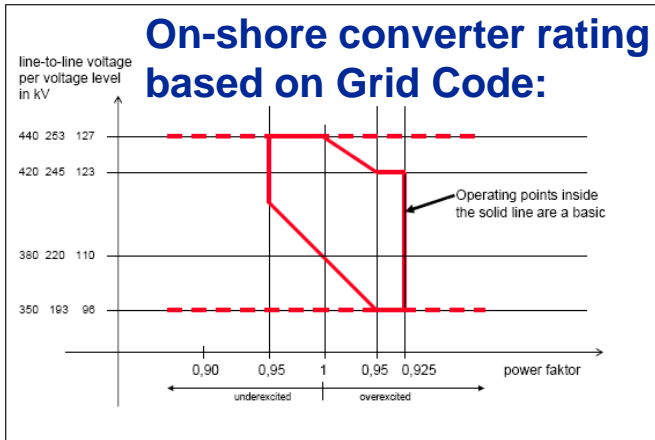
# Layout platform



# Overview, 400 MW HVDC Light System

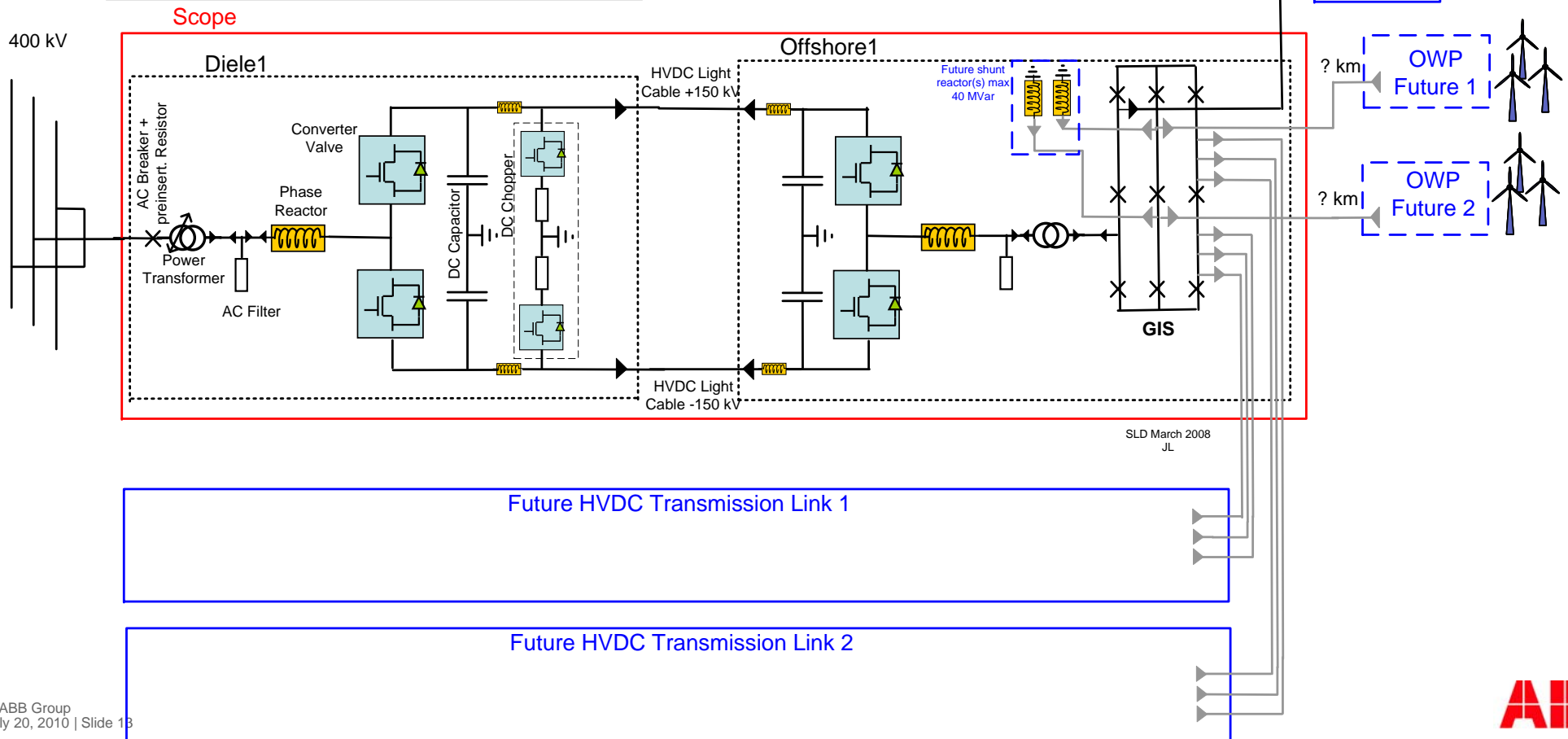
Nord

E.ON 1



### Offshore rating conditions

- No tap-changer
- Wind park Q
- Cable grid Q
- Fault ride through
- Future scenarios (Pre-Eng. ABB)





# Integrating renewable power

## Intermittent power generation

Capacity

Reliability

Efficiency

Sustainability



- Electricity from wind and solar plants is intermittent
- Spinning reserves between 5 and 18 percent of installed wind energy are required<sup>1</sup>
- Plant interconnections and a wide range of storage technologies could reduce the need for reserves



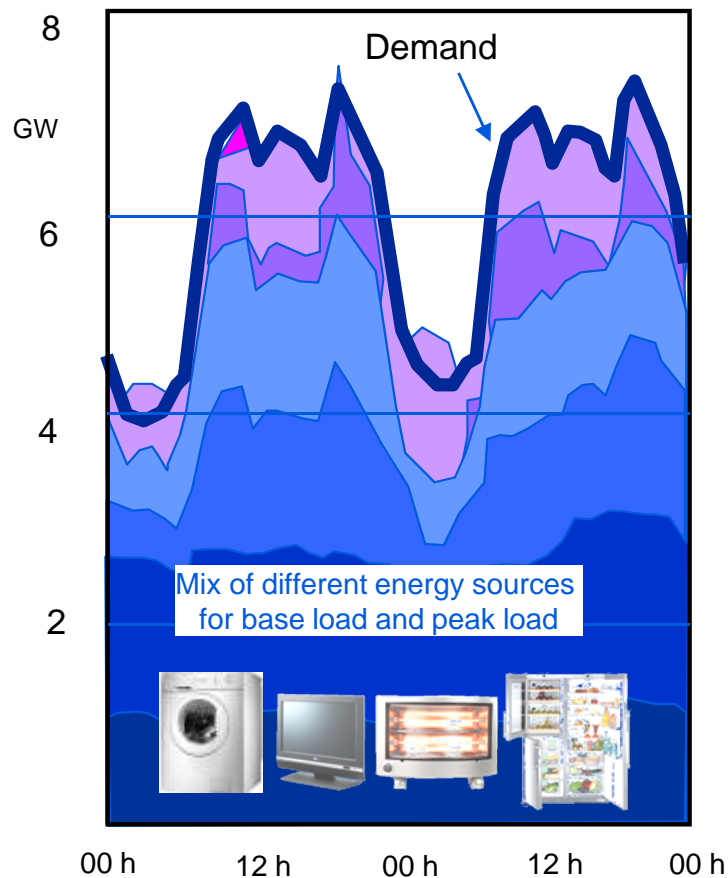
<sup>1</sup> Wind impact on power system, Bremen 2009

The future electrical system must be able to cope with these challenges

# Optimizing supply and demand

## Adjusting the energy mix

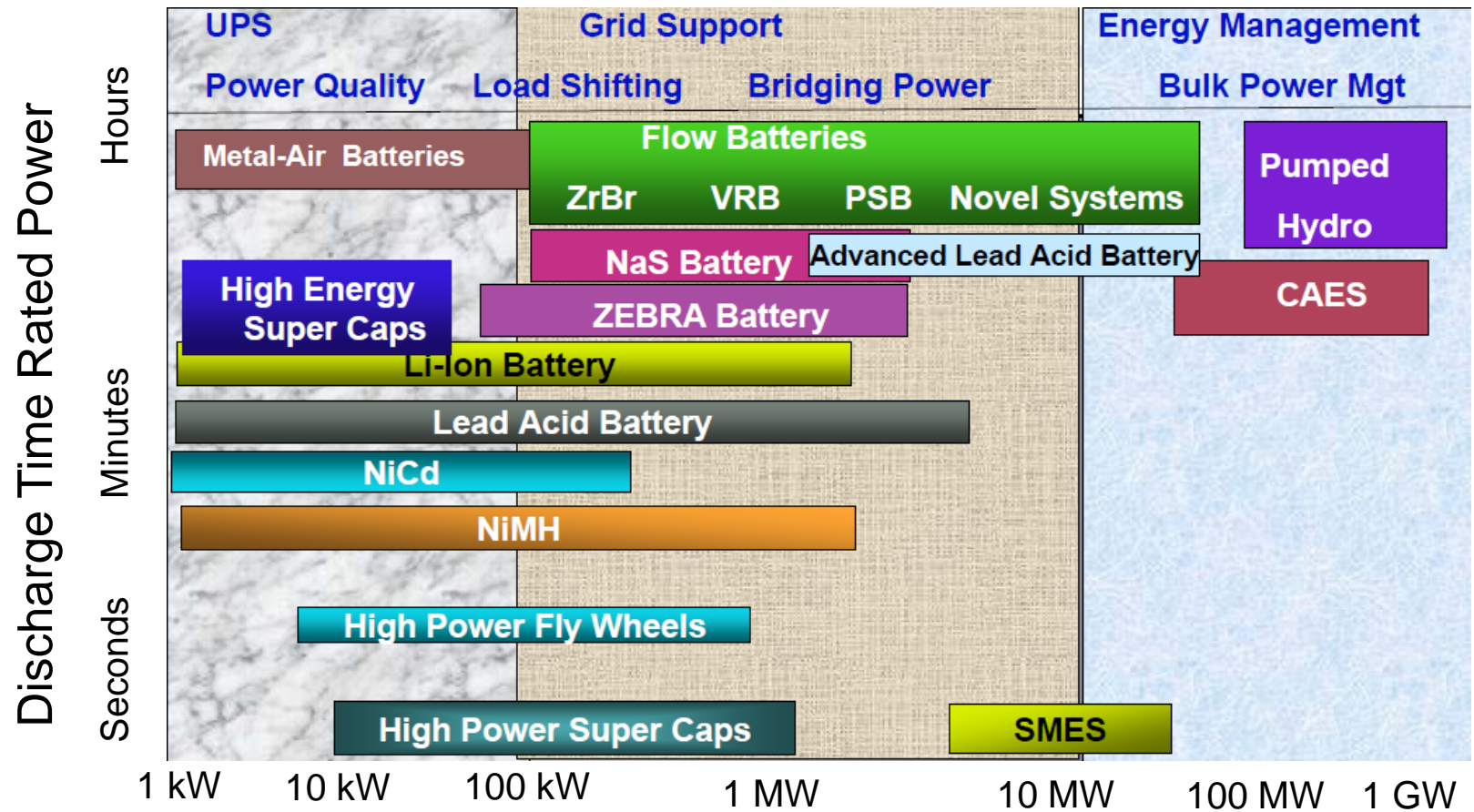
Capacity
Reliability
Efficiency
Sustainability



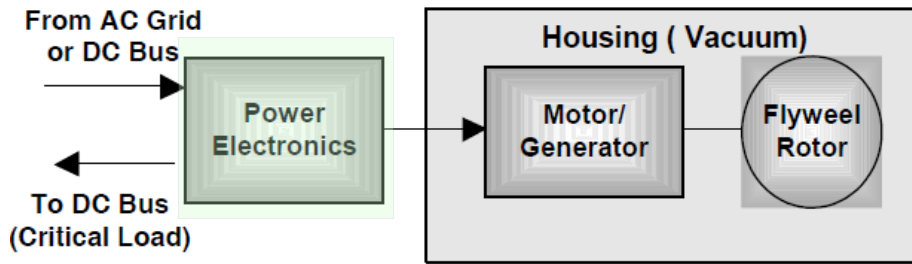
- Power consumption varies over the year and during the day and night
- To satisfy demand all the time reserve capacity is required. For environmental reasons reserves should be minimal.
- The challenge of reliability grows with more intermittent renewable energy
- A wide range of electrical storage technologies could mitigate the problem

The future electrical system must provide optimal solutions

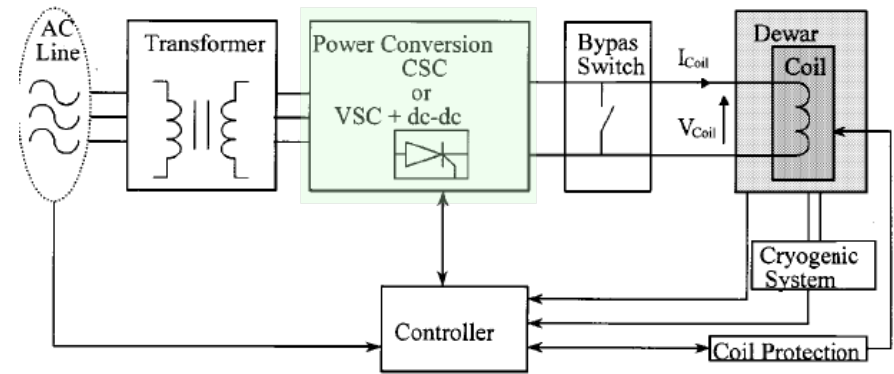
# Energy Storage - Options



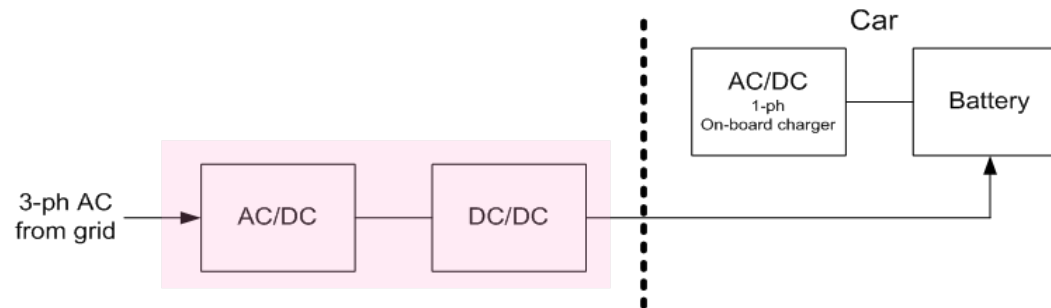
# Power Electronics in Energy Storage – Examples



Simplified view of a flywheel energy storage system



Components of a typical SMES system

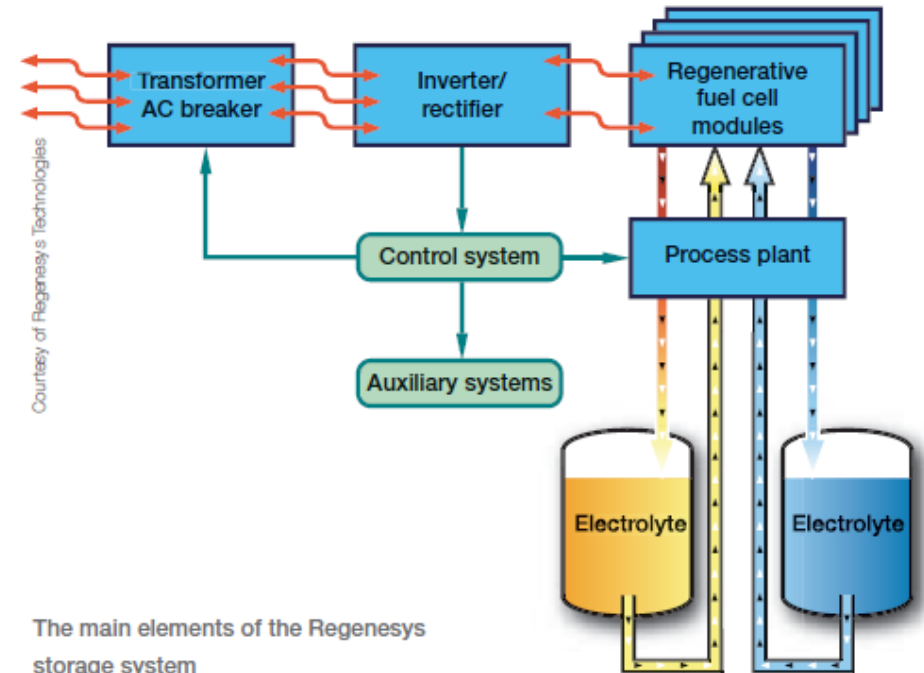


Fast charging system for a car battery

Ref:

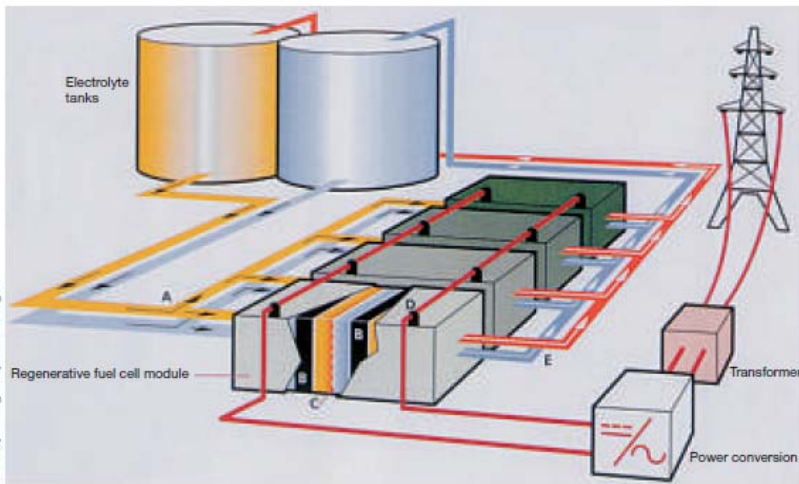
- PAULO F. RIBEIRO, BRIAN K. JOHNSON, MARIESA L. CROW, AYSAN ARSOY, "Energy Storage Systems for Advanced Power Applications"
- Edward Furlong, Marco Piemontesi, Prasad P, Sukumar De, "Advances in energy storage techniques for critical power systems".

# Power Electronics in Energy Storage – Regensys Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)



The main elements of the Regensys storage system

Main elements of the Regensys system



System view of Regensys BESS plant



# Storage

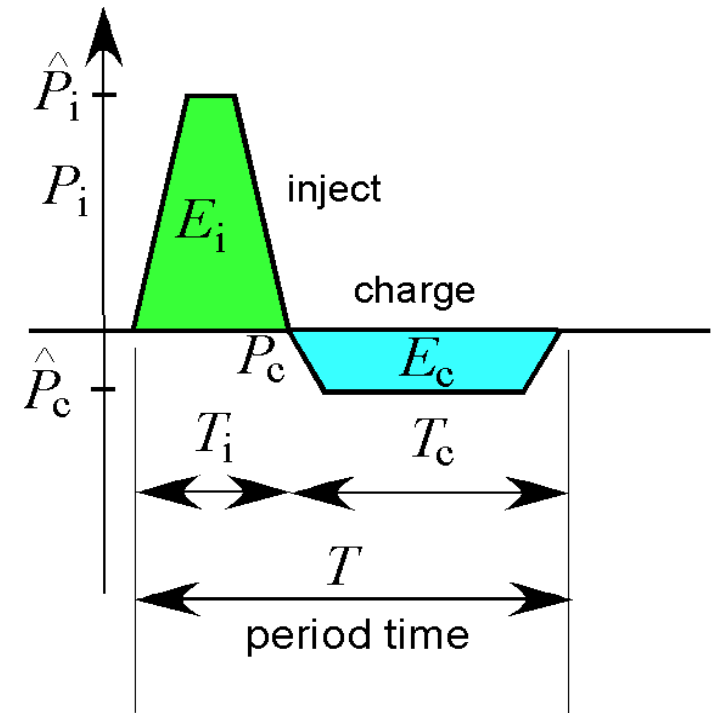
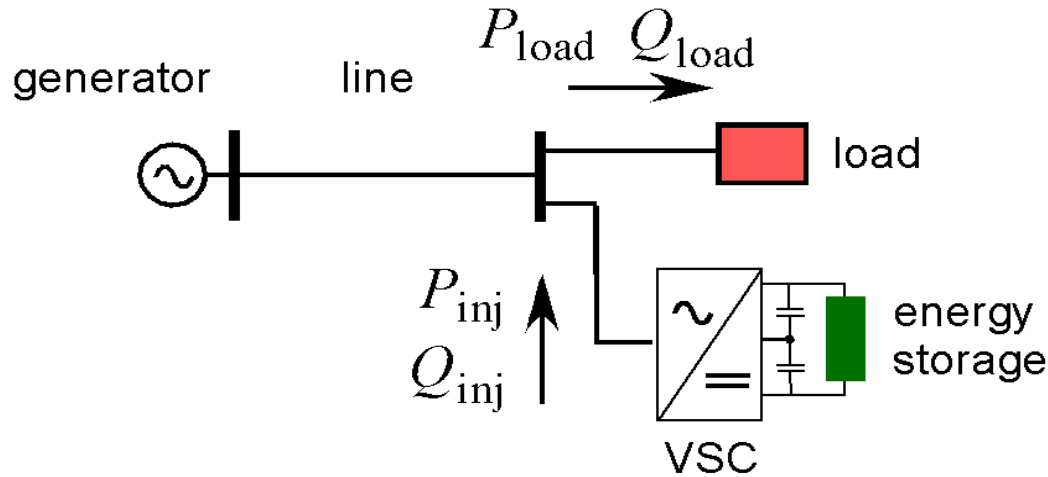
## Project example: Battery Energy Storage for GVEA

### Golden Valley Electric Association BESS Project

- 40 MW Rating
- 10 MWH Battery Capacity



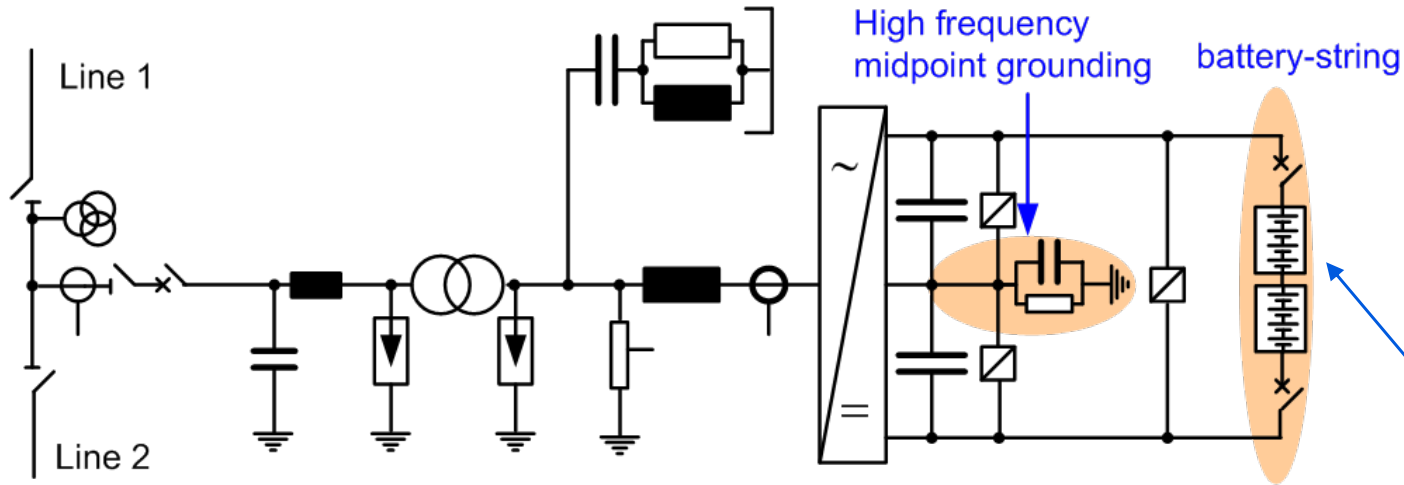
# ABB FACTS: Dynamic Energy Storage



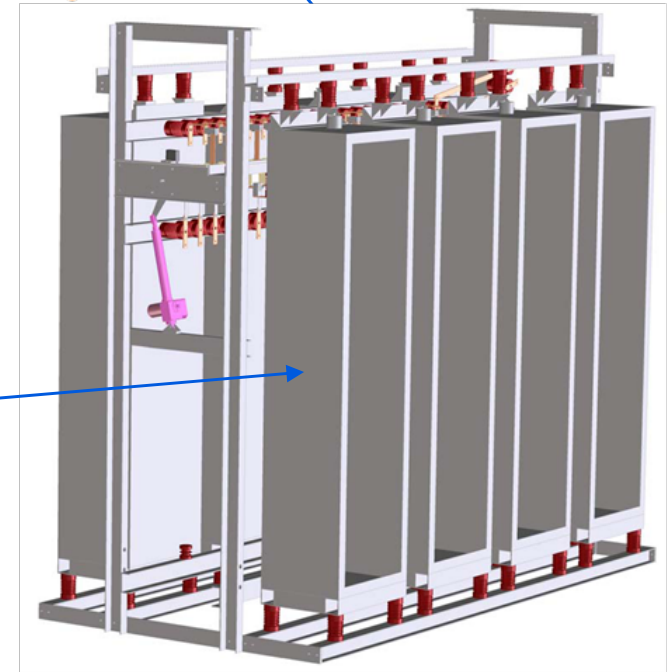
- Energy storage connected on DC-side of converter (SVC Light)
- Size depends on power level and duration
- Charge energy equal to load energy
- Focus on “dynamic”, manages:
  - High number charge and discharge cycles
  - High Power at medium duration
- Chosen high performance battery as energy storage

# Storage

## FACTS pilot project with active & reactive power comp.



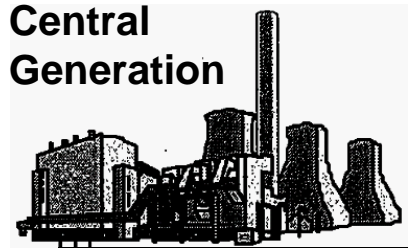
8 x



- Battery: Li-Ion (Saft)
- Pilot: 8 stacks x 13 cells
- Customer: EDF UK
- Per stack: 720 V, 400 kg
- Total: 200kW for 1h, or 600kW short time
- Factory acceptance test: 6/2009
- Target installation: Q4/2009

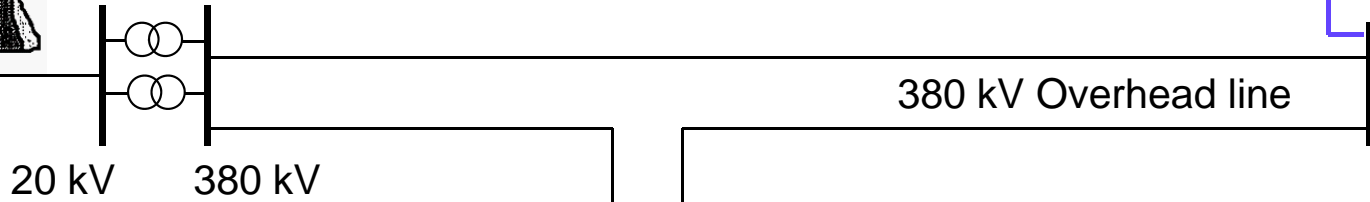


# Dynamic Power Compensation Markets



**Central Generation**

*Rapid Reserve, Security, Area Control*  
*>50 MW, 1-30 min*



20 kV 380 kV

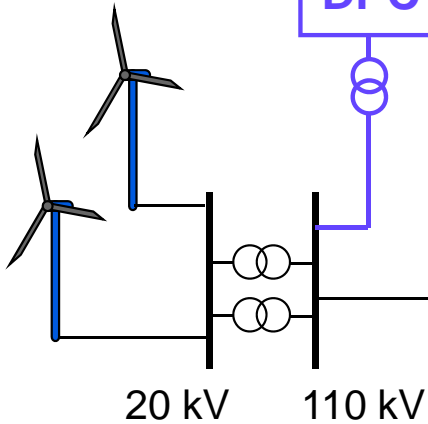
380 kV Overhead line

*Investment Deferral*  
*Peak shaving*  
*10-50 MW,*  
*0.1-1 h*

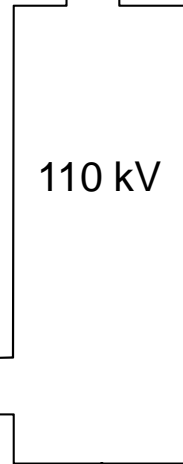
**Distributed Generation**



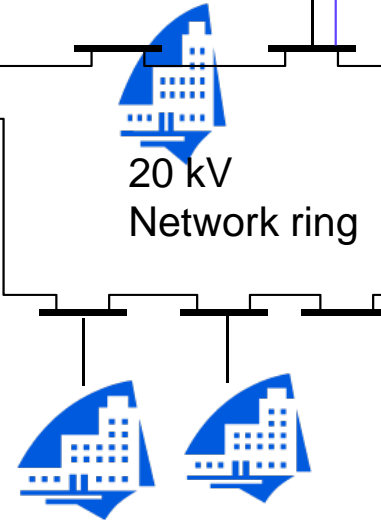
*Wind Farm Power Compensator*  
*10-30 MW,*  
*10-30 min*



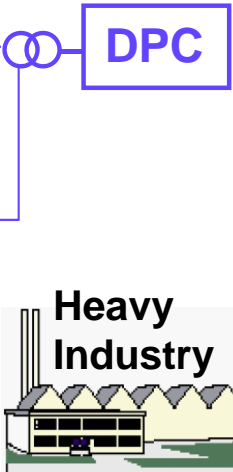
20 kV 110 kV



110 kV



**Growing Cities**



**Heavy Industry**



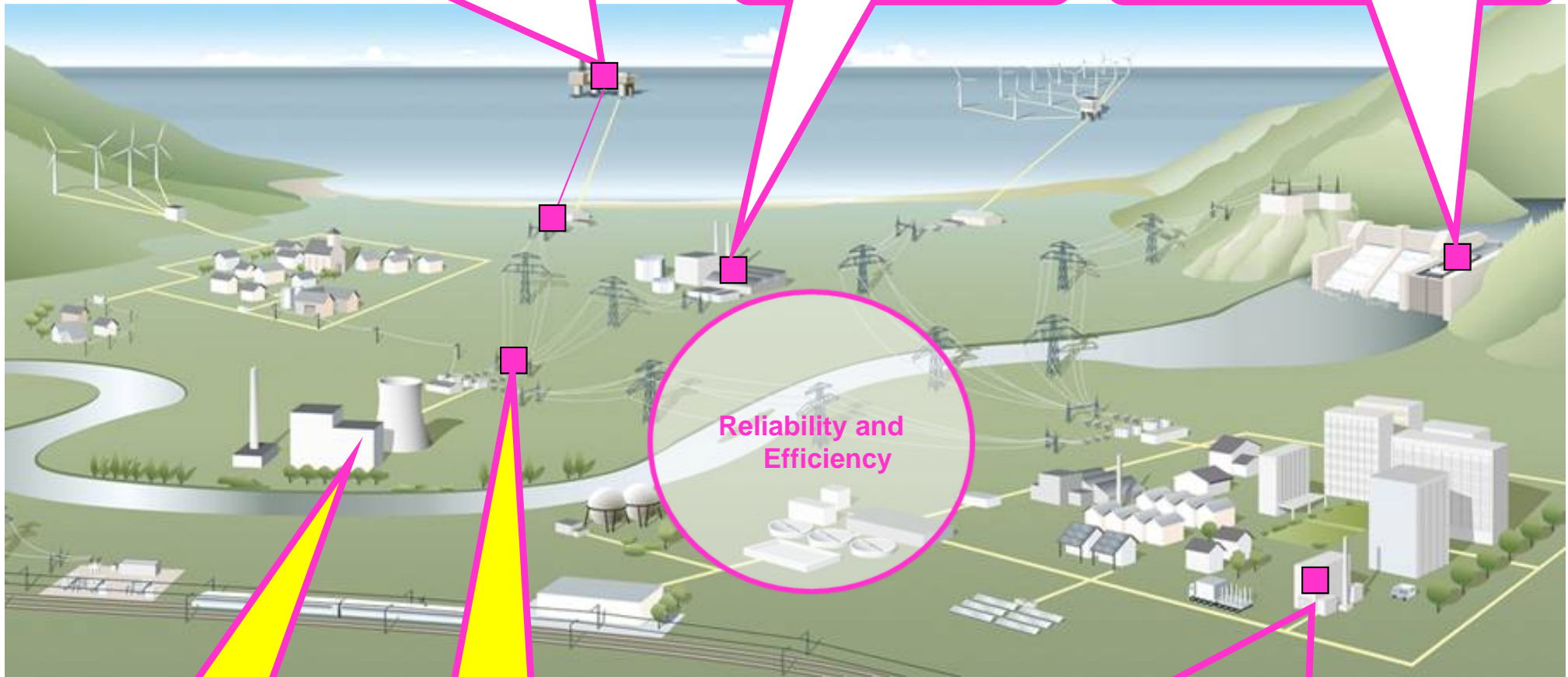
# Power Electronics in Smart Grids

## Reliability and efficiency

Efficient long-distance transmission with HVDC

Variable speed drives in industrial plants

Variable speed drives in pumped hydro stations



Reliability and Efficiency

Converter and Machine with higher efficiency

Power flow control converters for transmission

Power quality solutions for industry:

- SVC
- SVC Light
- LV & MV STATCOMs

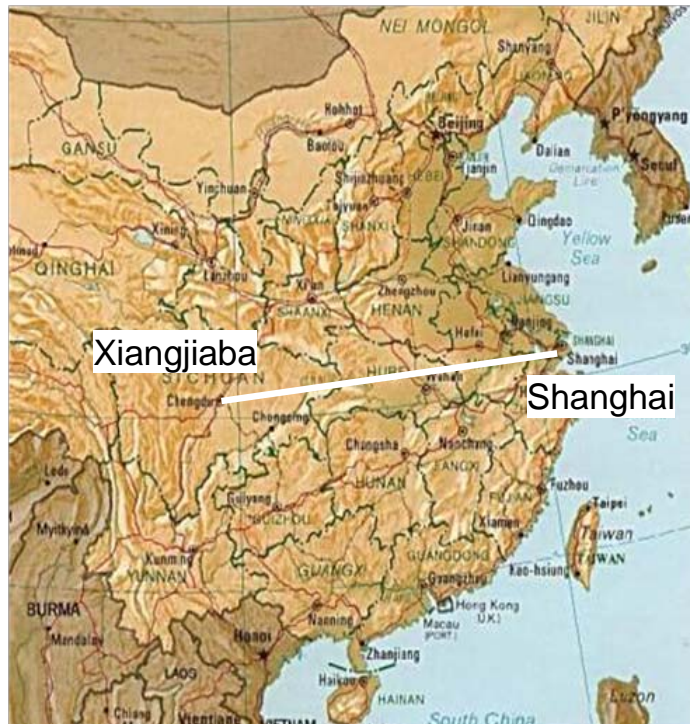
# Reduced losses with HVDC

Capacity

Reliability

Efficiency

Sustainability



- HVDC is especially beneficial for long distance transmission with low losses
- Lower cost for infrastructure (fewer and smaller pylons, fewer lines) compensate higher investment in converter stations
- ABB will save 30 percent transmission losses by installing an ultra-high voltage direct current (UHVDC) connection more than 2,000 km long in China
- One of the world's longest and powerful transmission systems from ABB operates at  $\pm 800$  kV, transporting 6,400 MW

ABB has delivered most of the world's installed HVDC systems

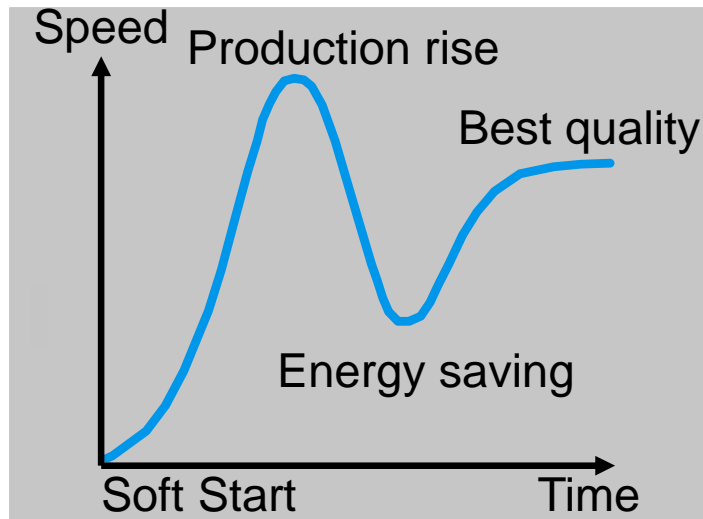
# MV Drives

## Why variable speed drives?

- 60 - 65% of industrial electrical energy is consumed by electric motors
  - For each 1 USD spent to purchase a motor, 100 USD are spent for energy cost during its lifetime
  - Today, only 5% of these motors are controlled by variable speed drives
  - 30% of existing motors can be retrofitted with variable speed drives
- The installed base of ABB drives saves more than 120 TWh of energy per year, the equivalent of 15 nuclear power plants
  - ABB drives reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by approx. 60 million tons per year

# MV Drives

## Benefits of variable speed control



- Energy savings
- Improved product quality through better process control
- Reduced process equipment wear and longer lifetime of equipment
- Soft start and stop reduce waste and save raw material
- Noise reduction
- Improved process efficiency



# MV Drives

## Medium voltage AC drives for...



**Cement, Mining & Minerals**



**Chemical, Oil & Gas**



**Marine**



**Metals**



**Power**



**Pulp & Paper**



**Water**



**Special applications,  
e.g. wind tunnels**



# MV Drives Products



## ACS 1000, ACS 1000i

- Cooling: air / water
- Power range: 315 kW – 5 MW
- Output voltage: 2.3 – 4.16 kV
- Air-cooled ACS 1000 available with integrated input transformer and input contactor (ACS 1000i)



## ACS 5000

- Cooling: air / water
- Power range: 2 – 22 MW
- Output voltage: 6.0 – 6.9 kV
- Air-cooled ACS 5000 available with integrated input transformer

# Power Electronics in Smart Grids

## Integration of electric vehicles

Residential inverters for energy storage, renewables, and PHEV/EV

Centralized energy storage (Dynapow) to absorb peaks due to simultaneous (fast) charging of multiple electric vehicles

Integration of electric vehicles

Stations for fast charging of electric vehicles

Traction drives for (hybrid) electric vehicles



# Power Electronics for Battery Fast Charging Station

- **What is 'Battery charging station'?**

A battery charging station is a place supplying electricity for the recharging of electric vehicles including plug-in hybrid electric vehicles. Charging stations can be found on the road (fast), in parking lots (slow), and in garages at home (slow).

- **What is 'Fast charging'?**

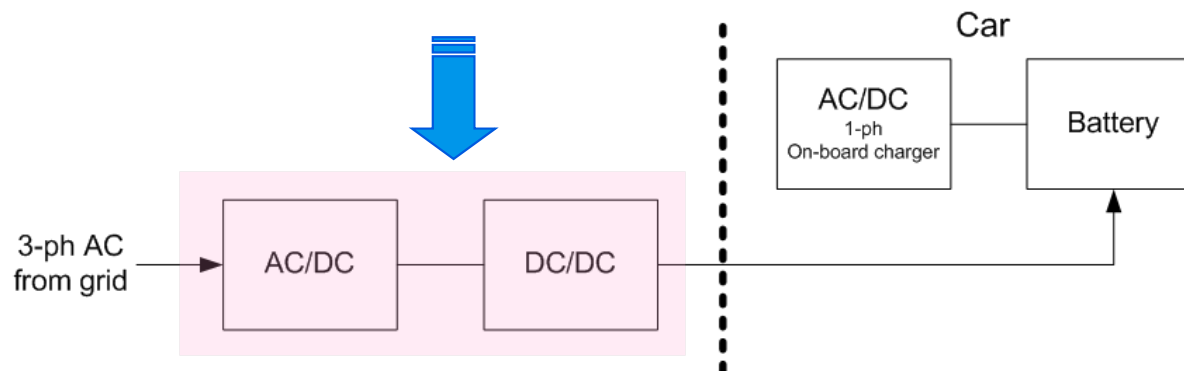
Fast charging is expected to charge batteries within 10 minutes or less for complete replenishment, which is equivalent to existing 'Fuel Stop'.

- **Why is 'Charging station and Fast charging' needed?**

- All major automobile manufacturers are actively developing alternative fuel vehicles.
- All major automobile manufacturers have PHEV & BEV on their short-mid term planning horizon.
- Substantial EV market growth worldwide by 2030.
- PHEV/BEV/EV require charging infrastructure, especially fast charging station equivalent to existing 'gas station'.

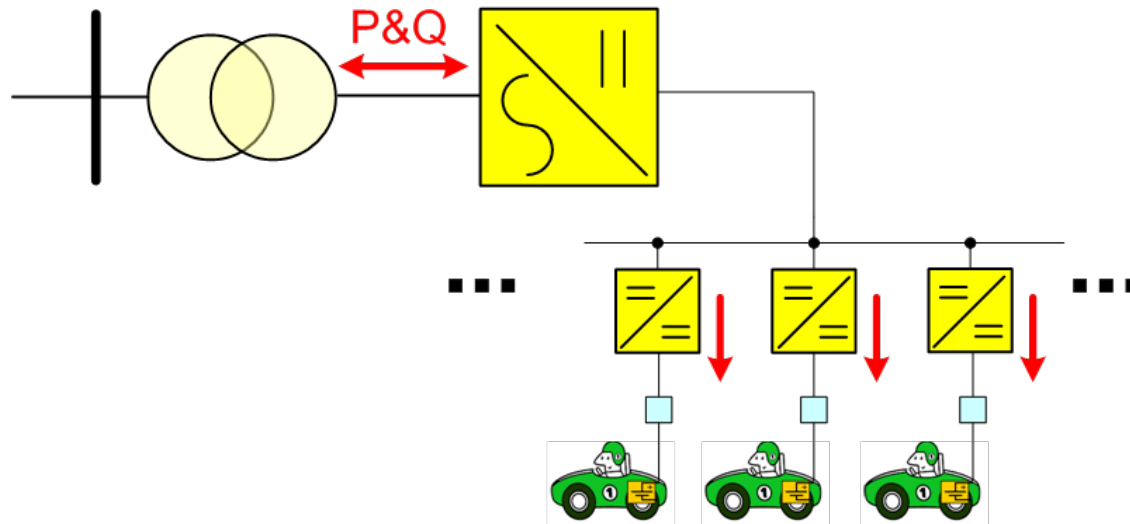
- **Power Electronics for Fast Charging**

**Fast charging requires dedicated AC/DC & DC/DC power conversion**



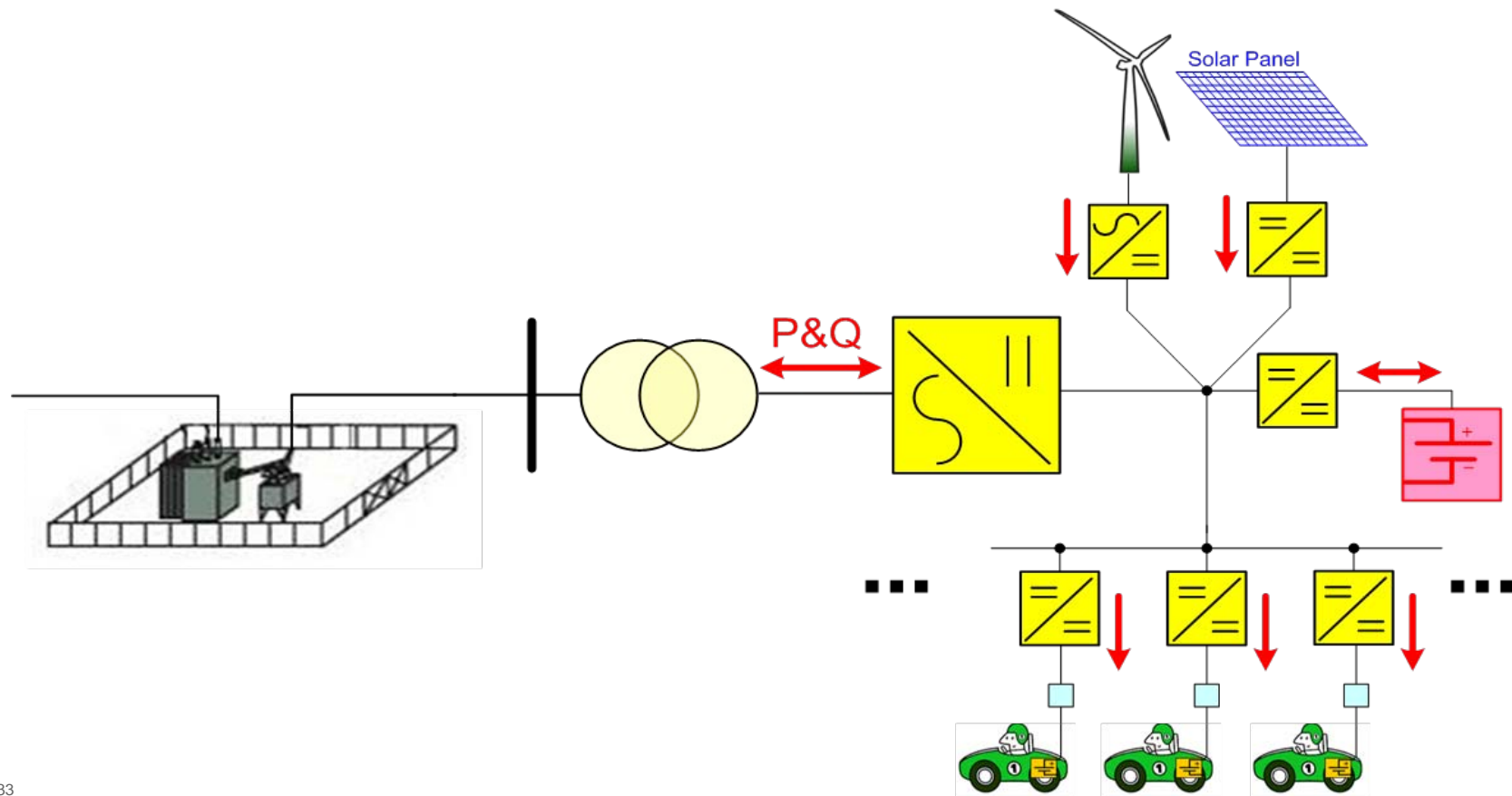
# Infrastructure of Battery Fast Charging Station

- Assumption:
  - A fleet of all electric vehicles with battery packs in the range of 25-50kWh (driving range of 100 – 200km)
- Scenario:
  - A ten-minute quick charge from 10% to 90% capacity for 25kWh battery pack would require a power draw of about 120kW from the grid.
  - If average charging station is capable of serving 10 cars simultaneously, a ten-minute quick charge for all 10 vehicles refers to 1.2MW load. Charging station load would continuously fluctuate in the range of 0-1.2MW.
  - If there are 20 fast charging stations in a city, there will be continuous load fluctuation in the range of 0-24MW from a grid perspective.



# Opportunities for Power Electronics in Charging Station

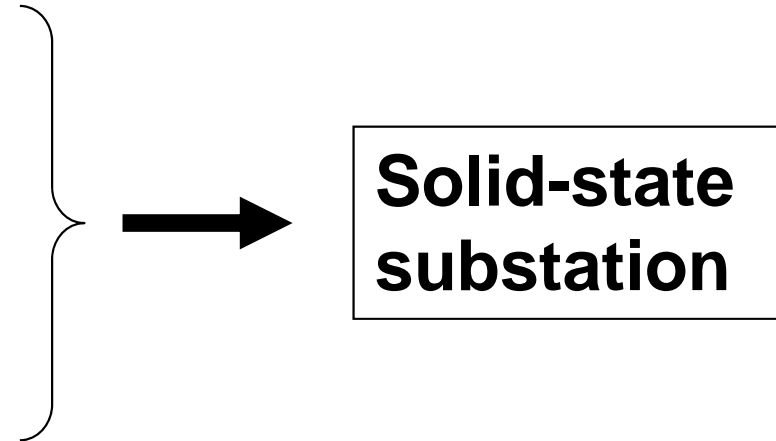
- High efficient 3-ph DC-AC and DC-DC converters
- Grid side active rectifier for large fast charging station
- Integration of renewable energy source into fast charging station with bulk electrical energy storage.
- Island mode of fast charging station with electrical energy storage + renewable energy source
- Protection from various situations such as lightning.





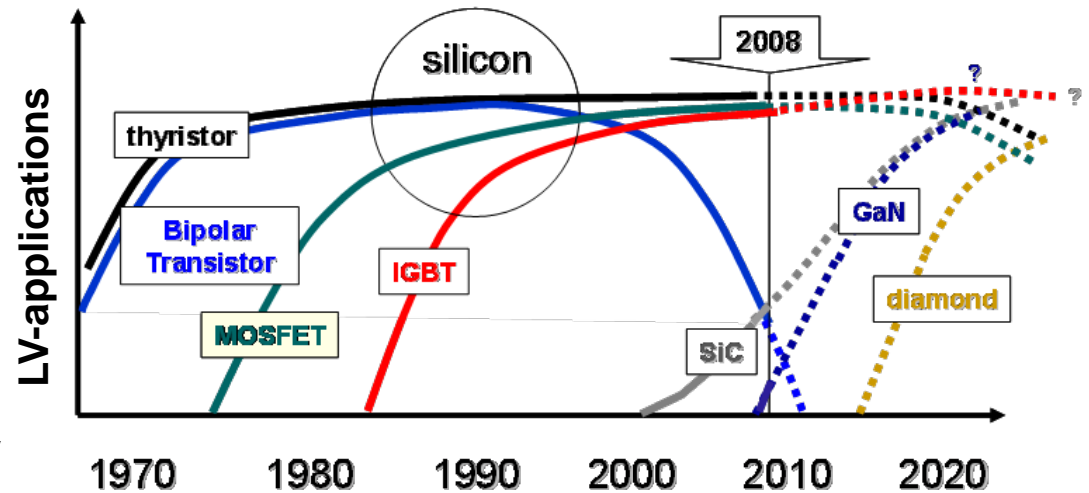
# Conclusion: Smart Grid Needs High MW Electronics

- Current switching
- Current interrupting
- Current limiting
- Transformer



## ▪ Main Challenges:

- High reliability
- Low losses
- Thermal Management/Cooling
- High switching frequency
- High blocking voltage for direct M.v. connection
- High power density/Footprint
- Low cost



Power and productivity  
for a better world™

