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# Utbyggingen av vindkraftressursene i Nordsjøen fra Kontinentet

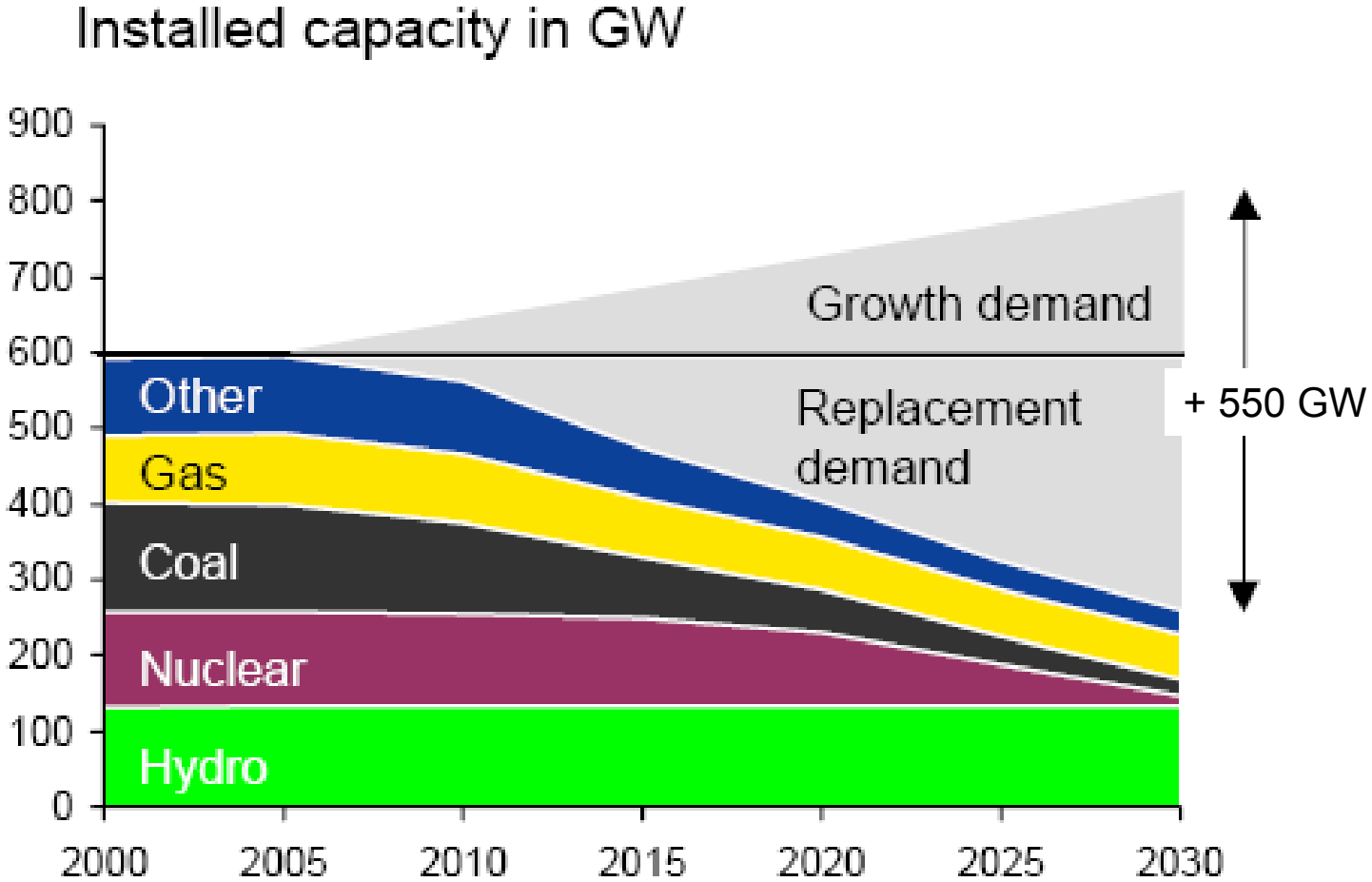


# Agenda

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- **European energy system**
- **Transmission technologies**
- **Off shore wind power grid integration**
- **Technology development**
- **Summary**

# Challenge power generation



Source: EPPSA - European Power Plant Suppliers' Association



# Challenge wind power integration

**European Commission, Report Directorate-General for Energy 2000**

**It is by now well appreciated that one of the economic factors limiting the exploitation of Europe's wind resource is the predominantly weak existing public electricity network in those areas most attractive for installation of wind turbines. The basic problem is that the distribution systems were designed to distribute power to consumers and not to collect it.**

# Transmission challenges Europe

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## ■ Needs

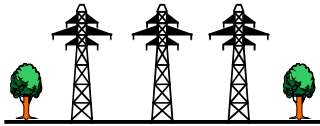
- Integration of renewable energy
- Interconnections for increased trading
- Security of supply
- Environmentally accepted solutions

## ■ Solutions

- Flexible solutions for wind power integration
- Affordable underground transmission
- Improved dynamic performance



# Transmission alternatives today

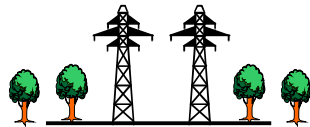


Conventional HVAC

## AC Transmission

## Flexible AC Transmission (FACTS)

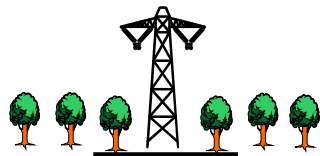
⇒ 30-50 % higher capacity



HVAC with FACTS

## DC Transmission (HVDC)

⇒ 200 – 300 % higher capacity



HVDC



## HVDC Light

⇒ New transmission alternative

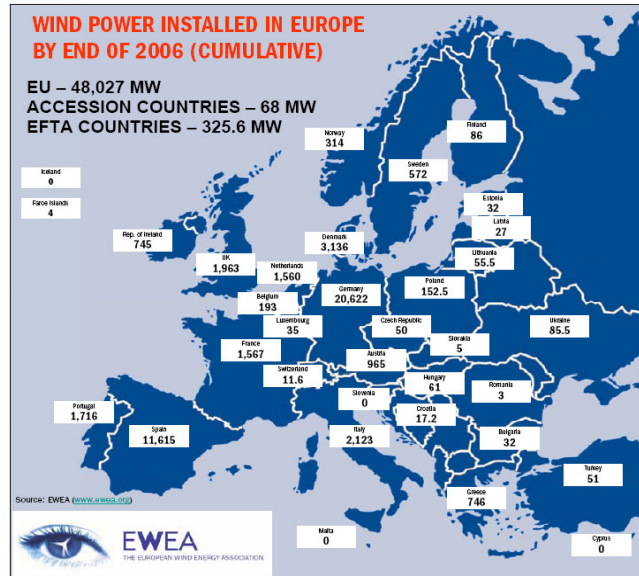


HVDC Light

# HVDC Technologies

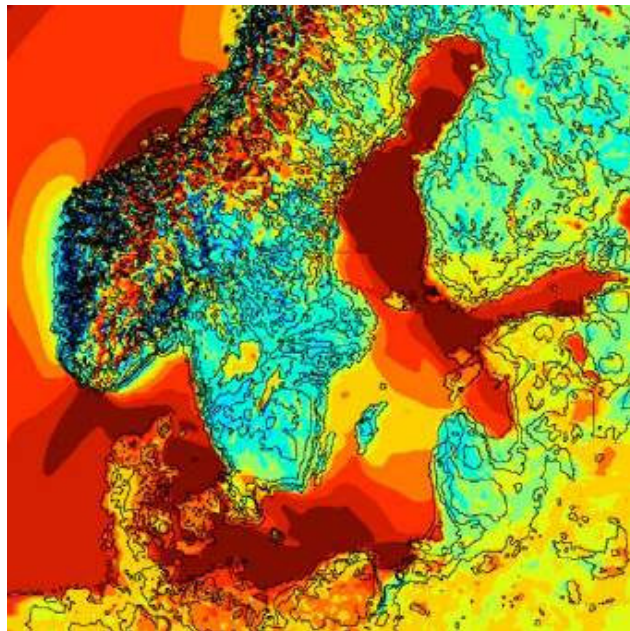
	HVDC-Classic	HVDC-Light
<b>Technology</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Thyristors, paper cable</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Transistor, plastic cable</li> </ul>
<b>Typical application</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ OHL transmission</li> <li>▪ Sub sea cable transmission</li> <li>▪ Back-to-Back</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Off shore power supply</li> <li>▪ Wind power integration</li> <li>▪ Underground transmission</li> </ul>
<b>Size</b>	 <p>600 MW, 100m x 200m, Height 22 m</p>	 <p>550 MW, 50m x 120m, Height 11 m</p>

# Wind Power in Europe



The 48,027 MW installed in the EU by the end of 2006 will produce electricity, equal to around 3% of EU electricity consumption.

Almost twice amount of energy could be produced if with the same amount of power if located at best wind sites



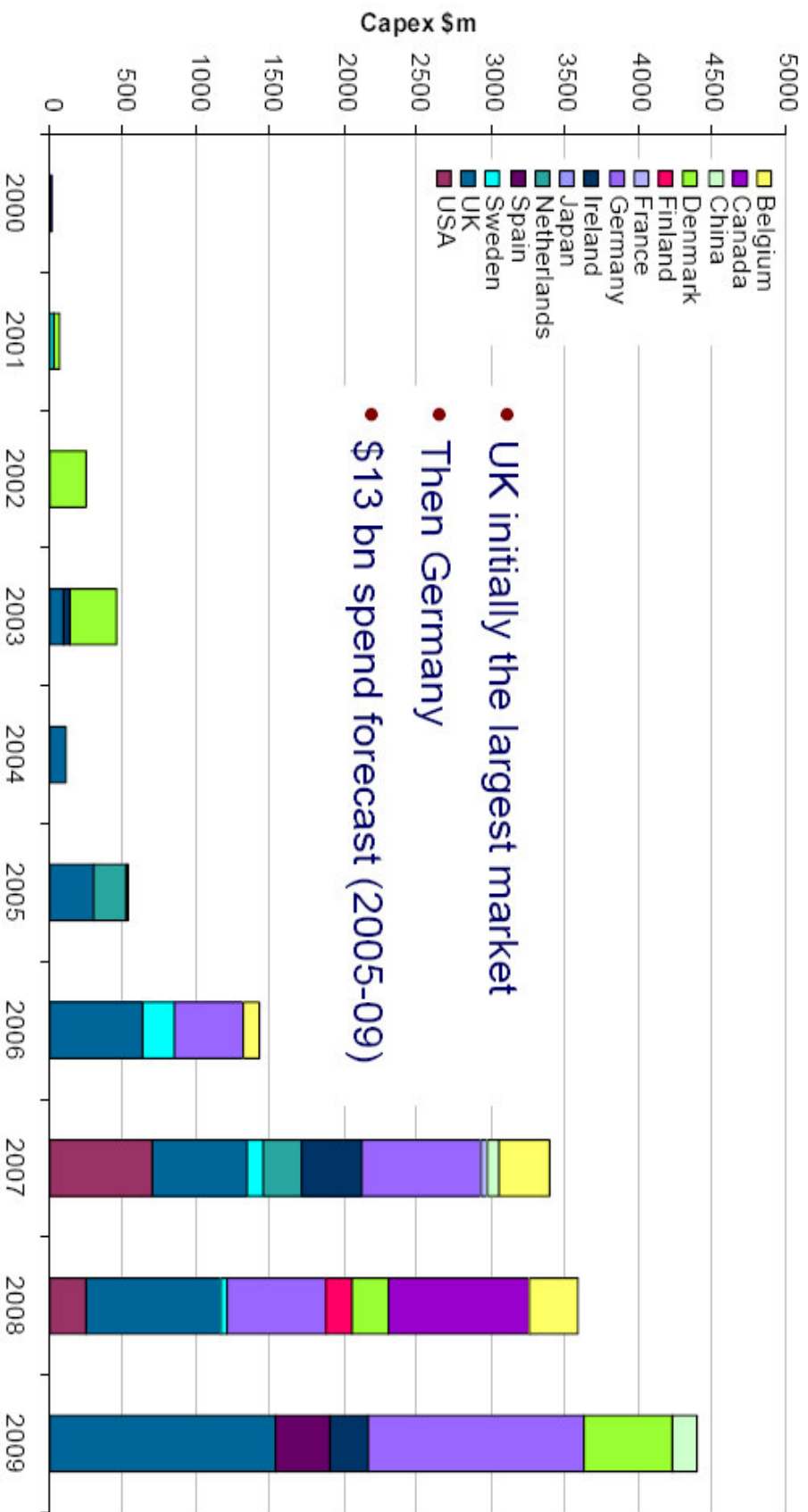


# Grid Integration of renewable energy

- New technologies for grid expansion can offer renewable energy:
  - Location on best production sites.
  - Access to the market
  - Back up power
- New technologies will also improve the grid instead of degrading the grid by improved voltage, frequency and reactive power control

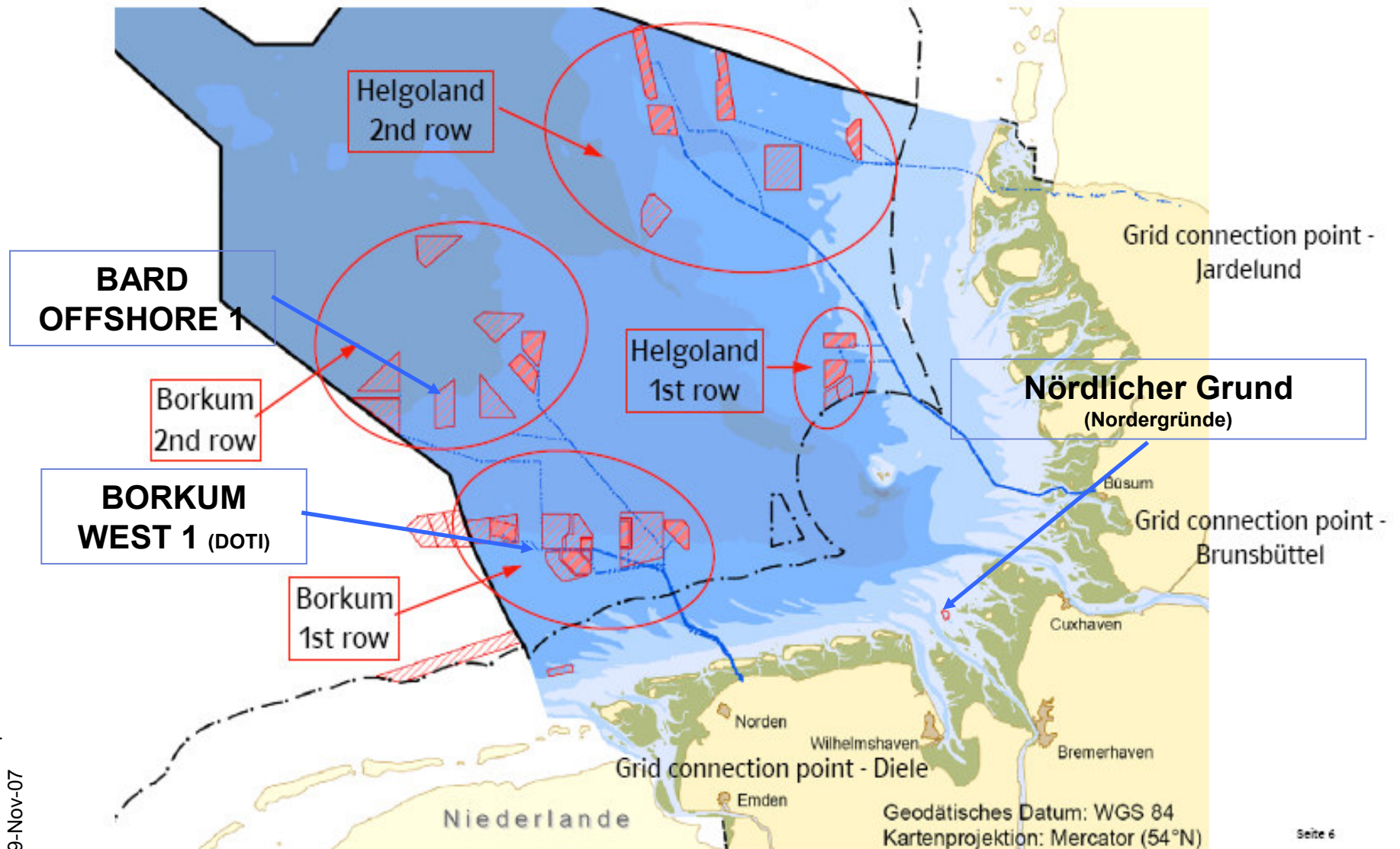
# Offshore wind market

Offshore windpower Capex to grow to \$4.5 bn



# Example Germany, North Sea

## Grid connection of offshore wind parks / Overview

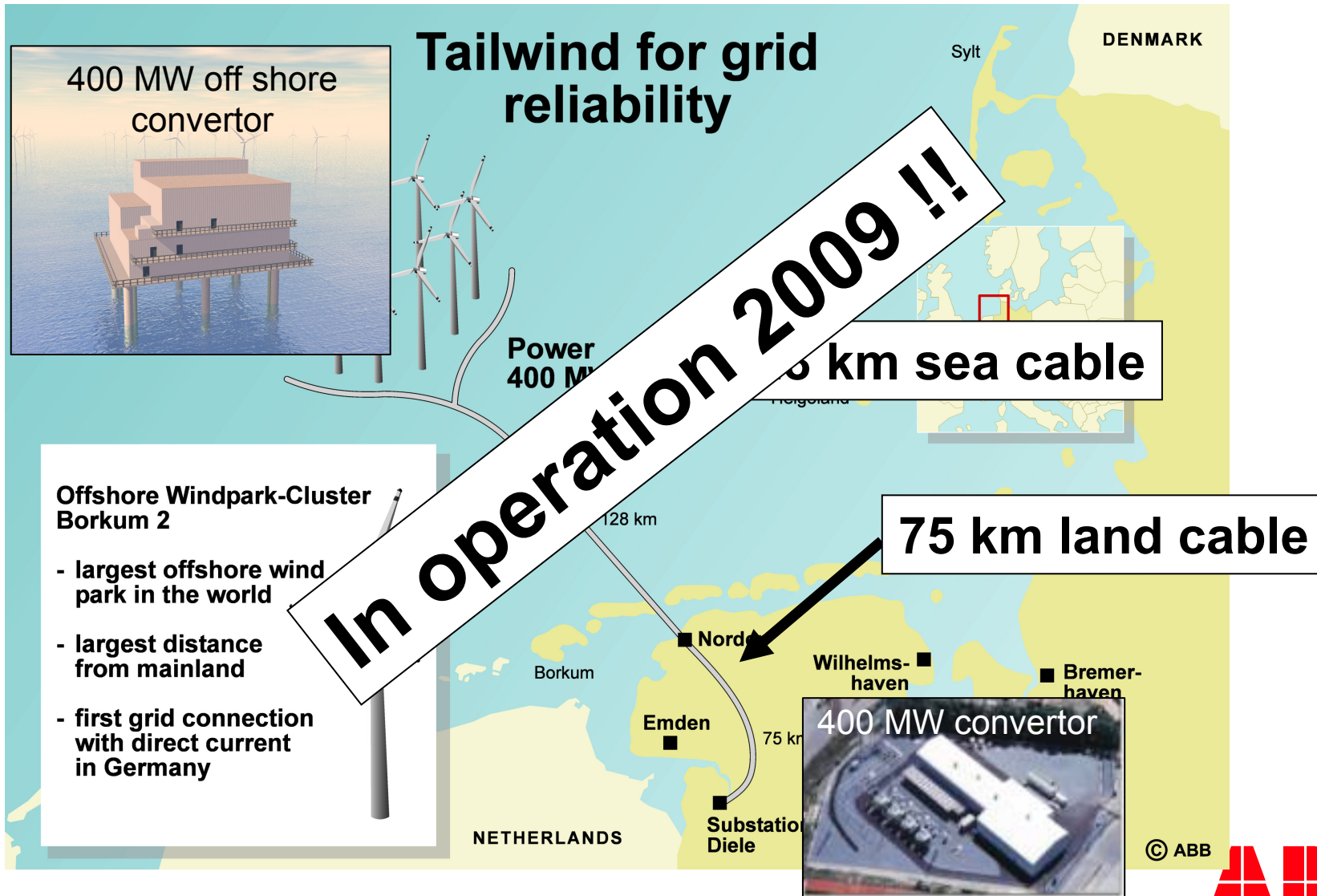


# Example Germany

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- Historically every developer planned a network-connection for each wind farm
  - More than 20 cable connections (AC&DC) through the Wattenmeer were planned
- Since 1st of January `07 the TSOs are responsible for the network connections. E.ON Netz in the North-Sea.
  - E.ON is planning 4 clusters
- Immediate reaction from TSO:s

# EON 2 off shore cluster



**In operation 2009 !!**

# Supergrid concept

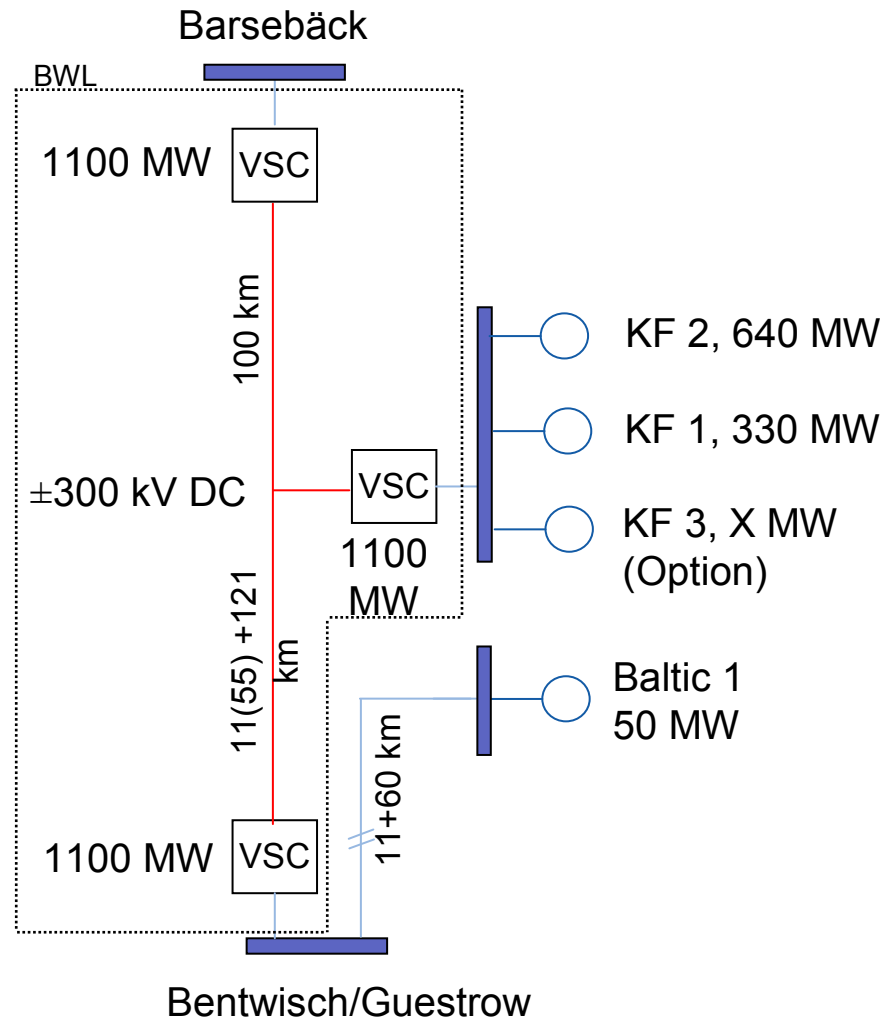
- Main concept, combine:
  - Integration of renewable energy
  - Interconnections for trading
  - Security of supply
- Benefits
  - Reduced investment
  - Increased trading capacity
  - Back-up power, e.g. hydro power can support wind power
  - Large geographic area gives more stable production



# Kriegers Flak, individual cables



# Kriegers Flak, "Supergrid" concept

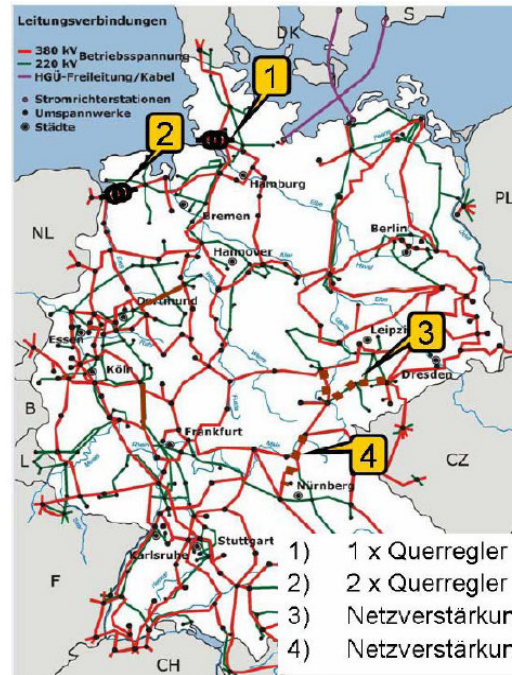




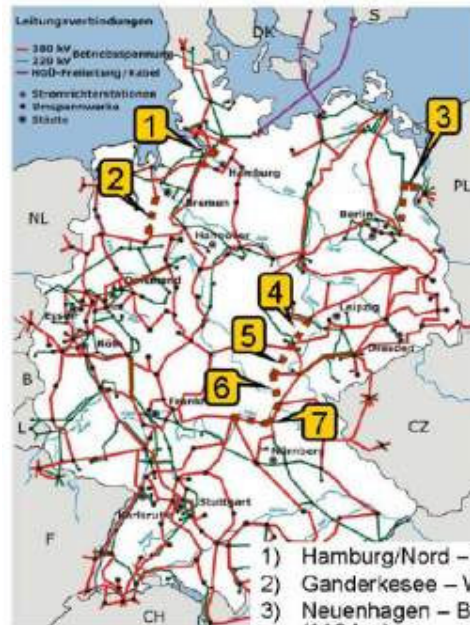
# Wind power, consequential grid upgrades



- 2007

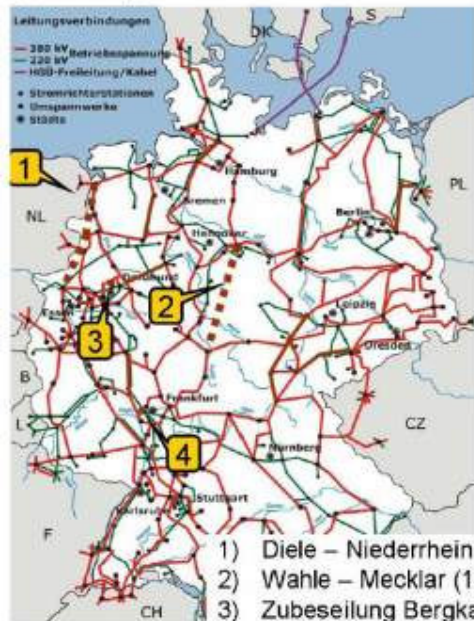


2007 - 2010



2010 - 2015

Figure 3: Grid upgrades and network extension between 2010 and 2015



- 1) Diele – Niederrhein (200)
- 2) Wahle – Mecklar (190km)
- 3) Zubeseilung Bergkamen – Gersteinwerk
- 4) Zubeseilung Kriffel – Pkt. Eschborn

- 1) Hamburg/Nord – Dollern (45 km)
- 2) Ganderkesee – Wehrendorf (80 km)
- 3) Neuenhagen – Bertikow/Vierraden (110 km)
- 4) Lauchstäd – Vieselbach (80 km)
- 5) Vieselbach – Altenfeld (80 km)
- 6) Altenfeld – Redwitz (60 km)
- 7) Netzverstärkung Franken II

- 1) 1 x Querregler in Brunsbüttel
- 2) 2 x Querregler in Diele
- 3) Netzverstärkung Thüringen
- 4) Netzverstärkung Franken I

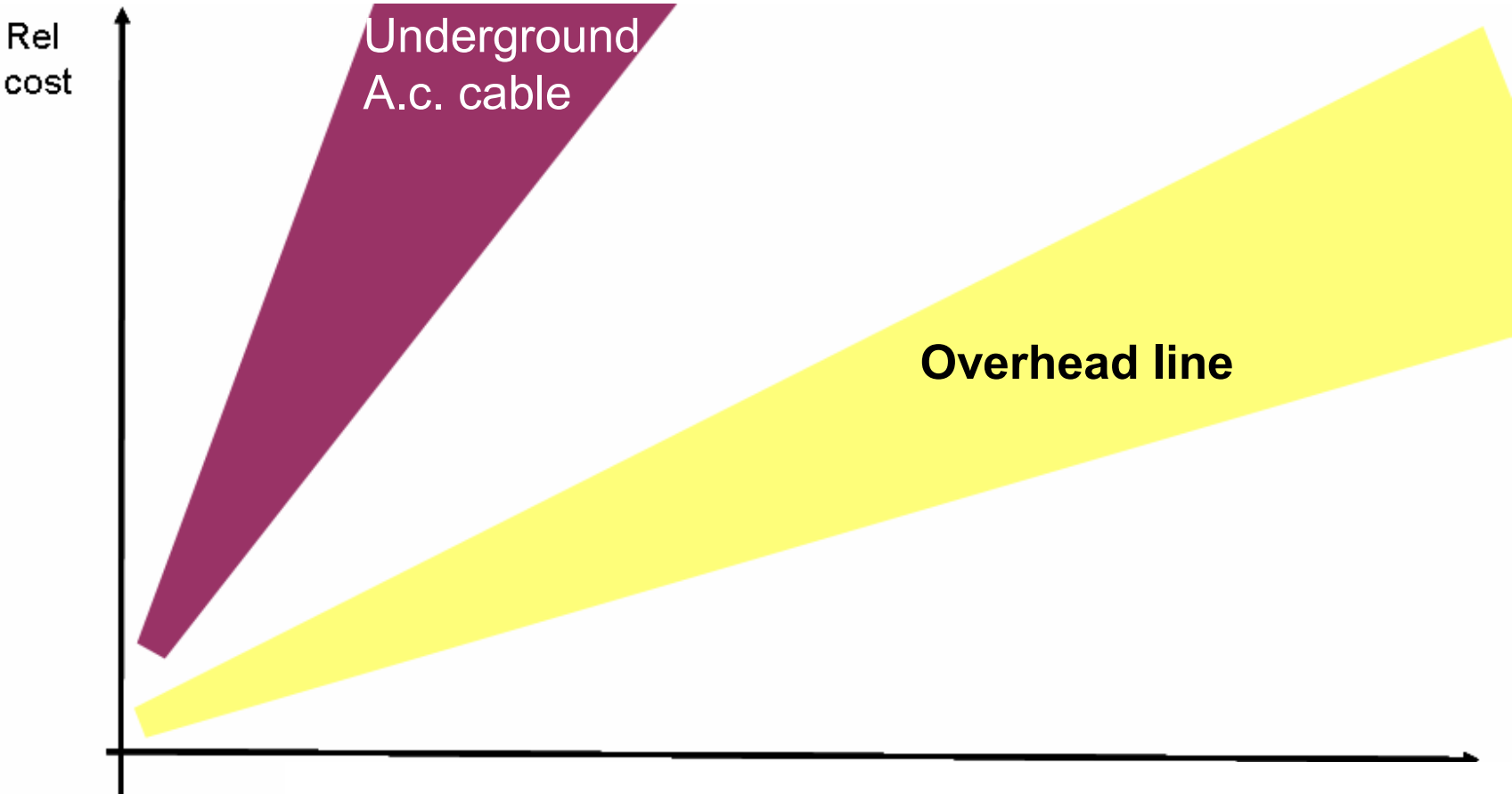


# Challenge to build new infrastructure in Europe...

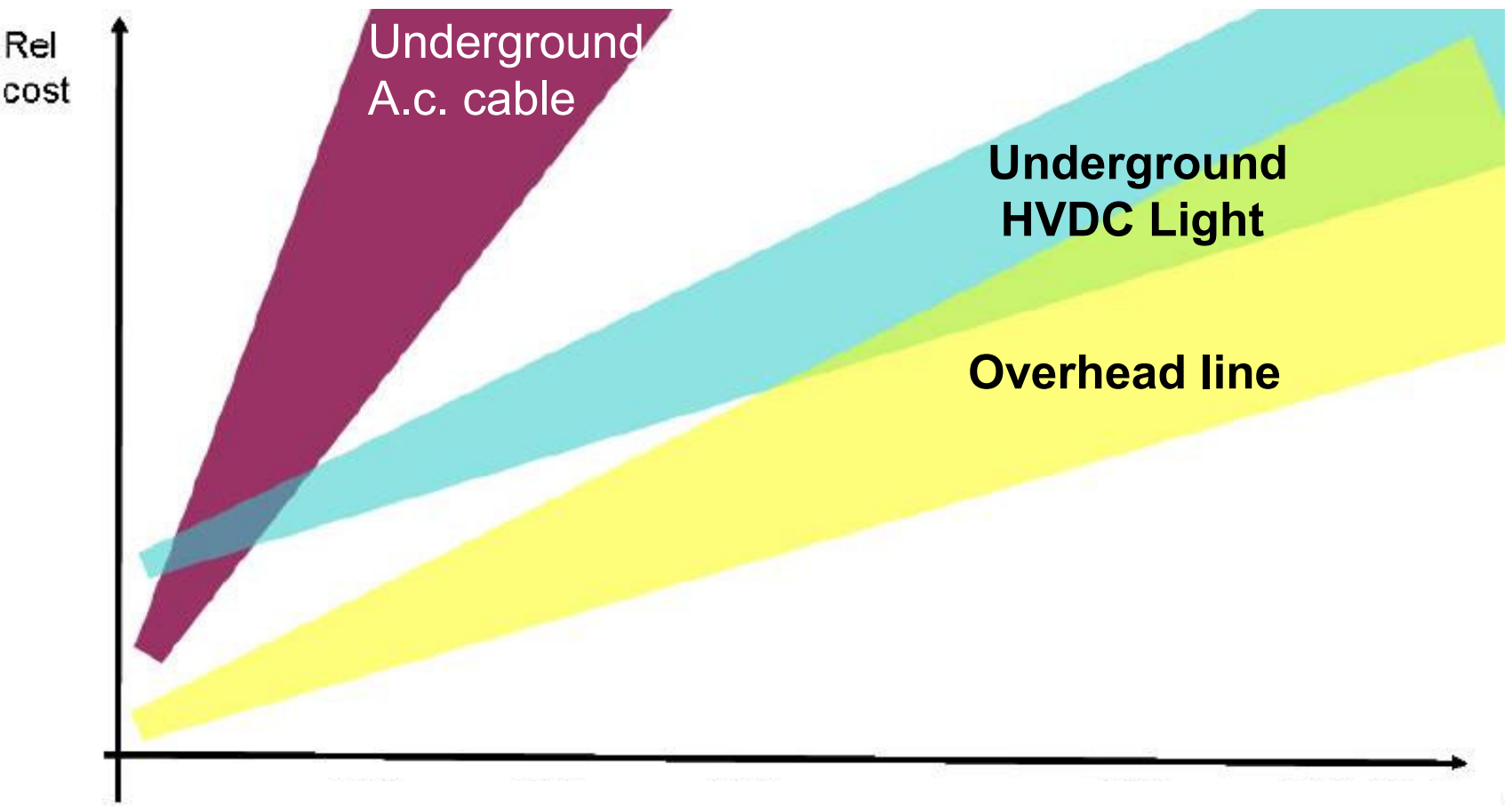
**“It takes ten to 15 years to construct a line,”** says Wolfgang Kerner, policy officer at the European Commission... **The problem is practically zero acceptance by people of new power highways in their neighborhoods.**

“Under today’s circumstances it is almost impossible to create critical infrastructure”

# Relative cost for on land transmission



# Relative cost for transmission



# New underground alternative, HVDC Light

- **Addresses today's concerns with overhead lines**
  - Low public acceptance
  - Increased EMF standards
- **Addresses today's concerns with underground transmission**
  - No limitation in distance
  - Drastic reduction in cost, fault location and repair times
- **Improves grid performance**



# Development, HVDC Light converters

1997  
Hellsjön  
+/- 10 kV



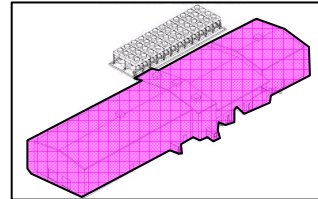
1999  
7 MW - 50 MW  
+/- 80 kV



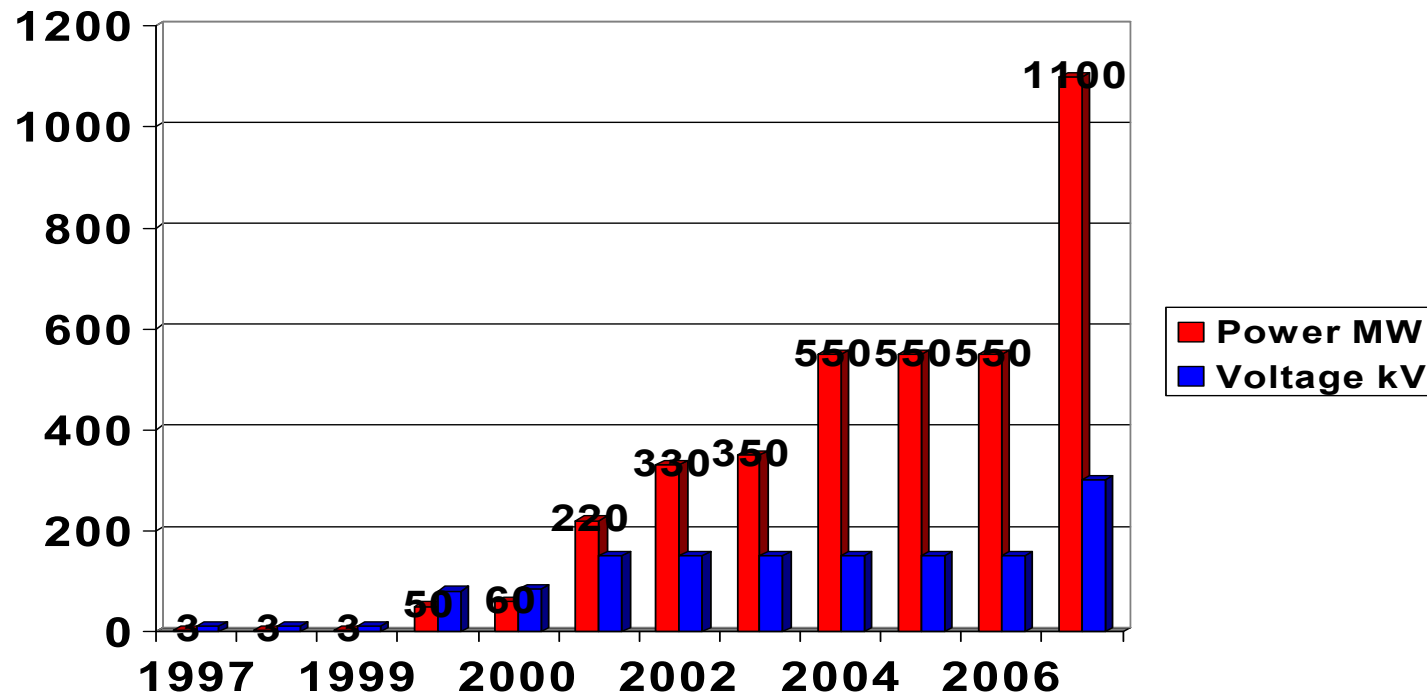
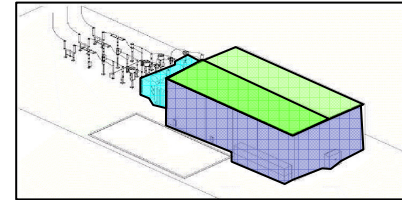
2001  
up to 330 MW  
up to +/- 150 kV



2004  
up to 550 MW  
up to +/- 150 kV

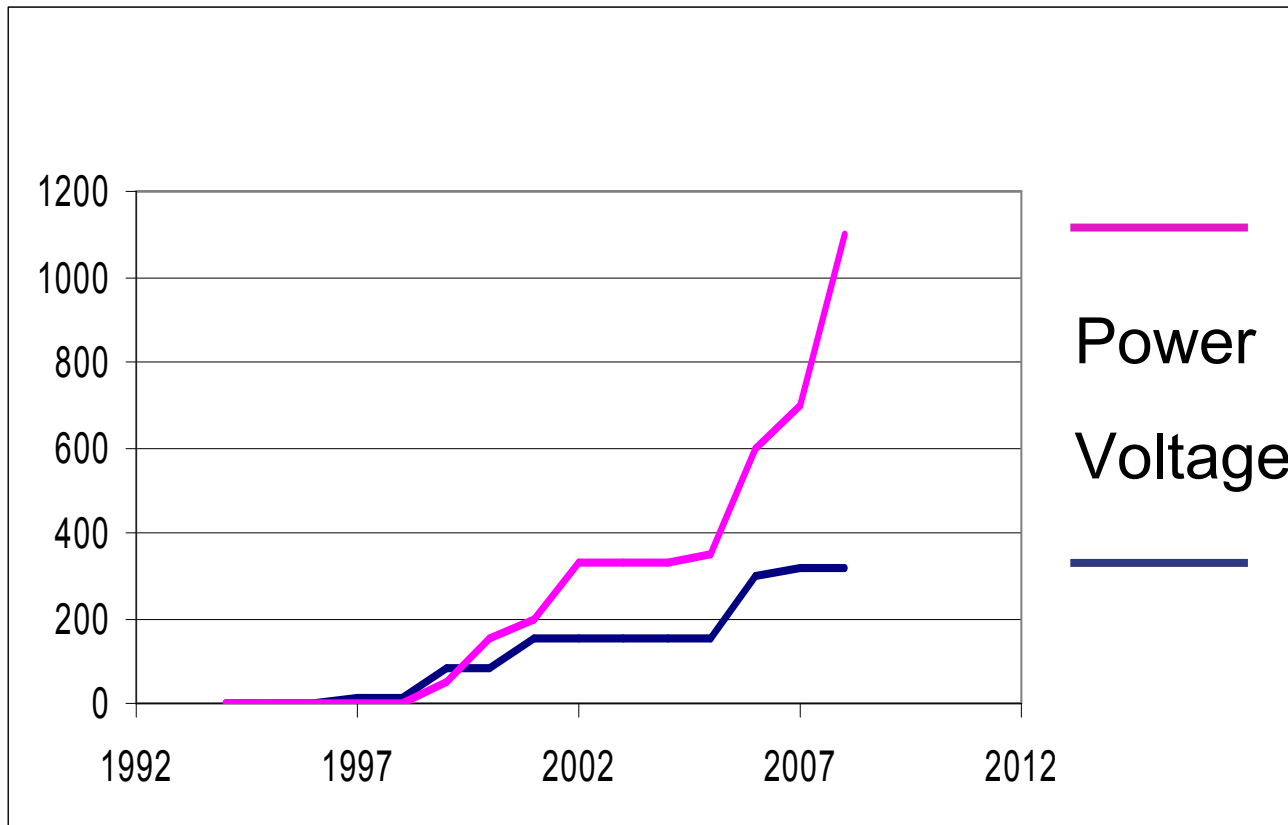


2007  
up to 1100 MW  
up to +/- 320 kV



# HVDC Light Cable Development

- Development started in the early 90's
- Commercial introduction with Gotland cable in 1998



# Offshore power supply, performance driver

- Increased reliability
  - Forced Outage Rate 5/year → 3/year → 1/year
- Increased availability
  - Maintenance intervals 1/year → 1/2years → 1/5years
- Reduced start-up time
  - Commissioning time month → weeks → days



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# Summary

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- New technologies for grid expansion can offer renewable energy:
  - Location on best production sites.
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  - Back up power
- Integrated approach for Europe will increase the value of existing and new renewable generation
- Underground transmission becoming realistic alternative



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