



# Progress On Meshed HVDC Offshore Transmission Networks

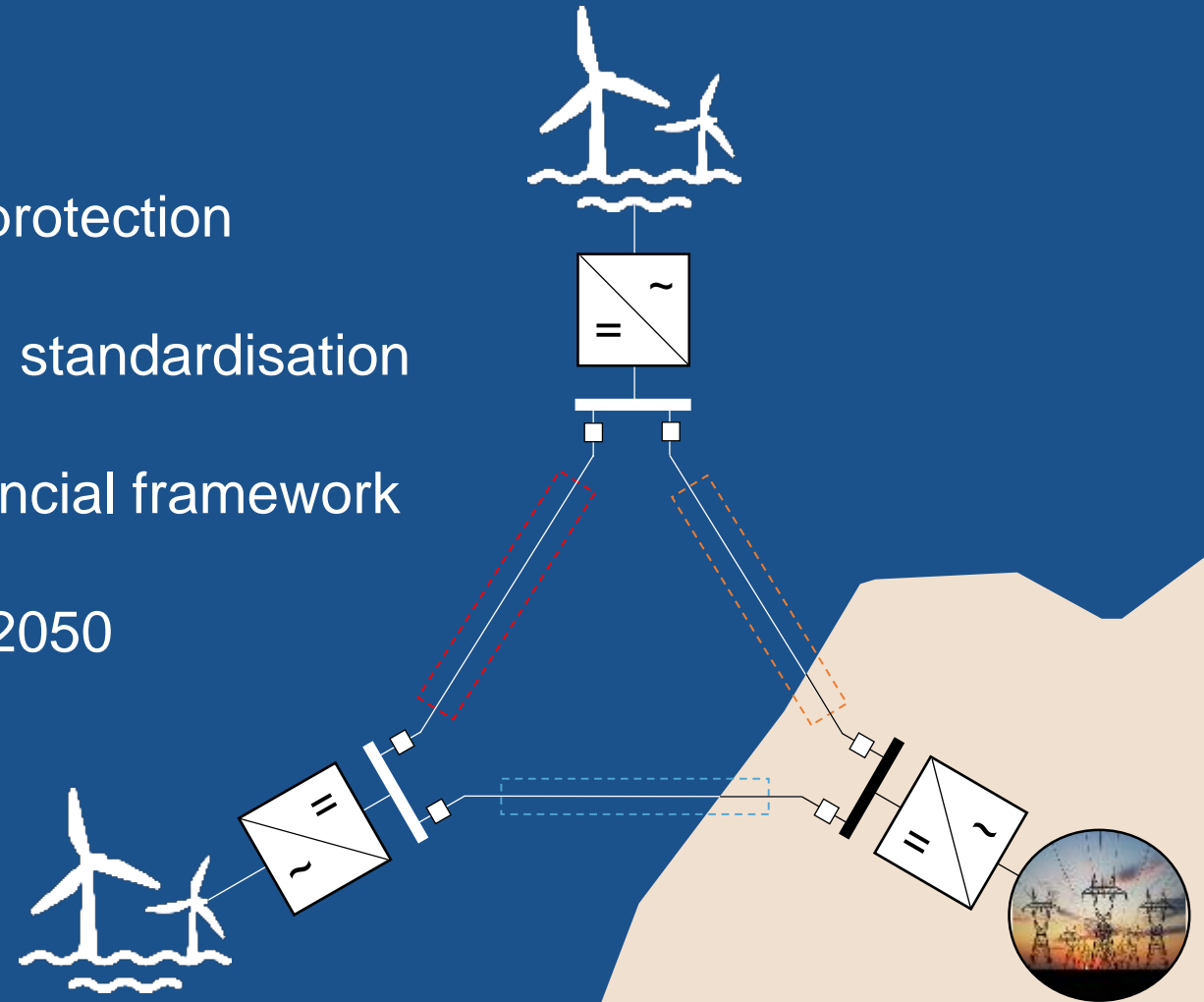
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Enabling the North Sea power house

- Develop cost effective & reliable control & protection
- Achieve technology interoperability through standardisation
- Recommendations for EU regulatory & financial framework
- Deployment plan for implementation up to 2050
- Full scale technology demonstrations

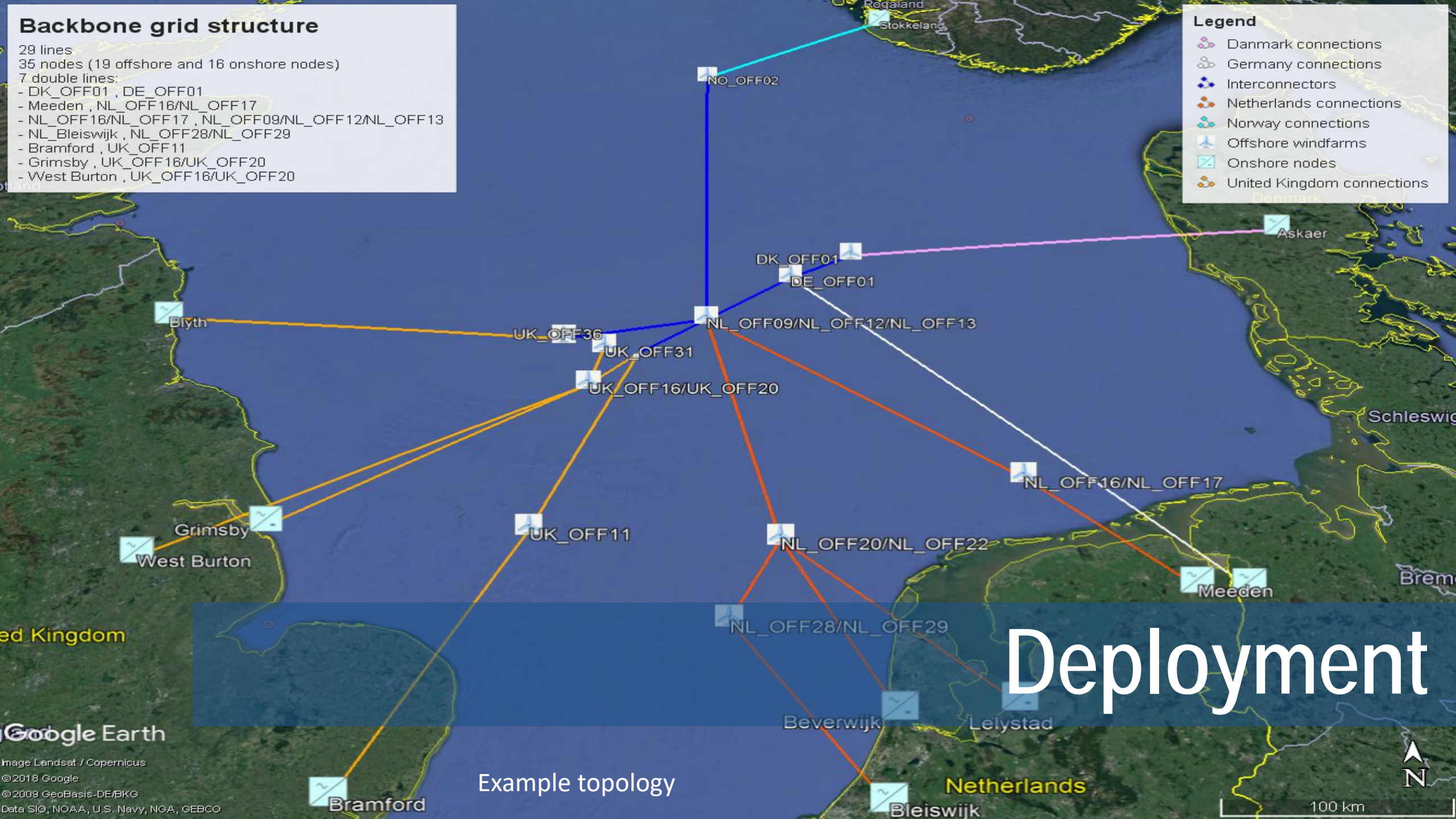


# Backbone grid structure

- 29 lines
- 35 nodes (19 offshore and 16 onshore nodes)
- 7 double lines:
  - DK\_OFF01 , DE\_OFF01
  - Meeden , NL\_OFF16/NL\_OFF17
  - NL\_OFF16/NL\_OFF17 , NL\_OFF09/NL\_OFF12/NL\_OFF13
  - NL\_Bleiswijk , NL\_OFF28/NL\_OFF29
  - Bramford , UK\_OFF11
  - Grimsby , UK\_OFF16/UK\_OFF20
  - West Burton , UK\_OFF16/UK\_OFF20

**Legend**

- Danmark connections
- Germany connections
- Interconnectors
- Netherlands connections
- Norway connections
- Offshore windfarms
- Onshore nodes
- United Kingdom connections



# Deployment

Example topology



# HVDC Grid Control

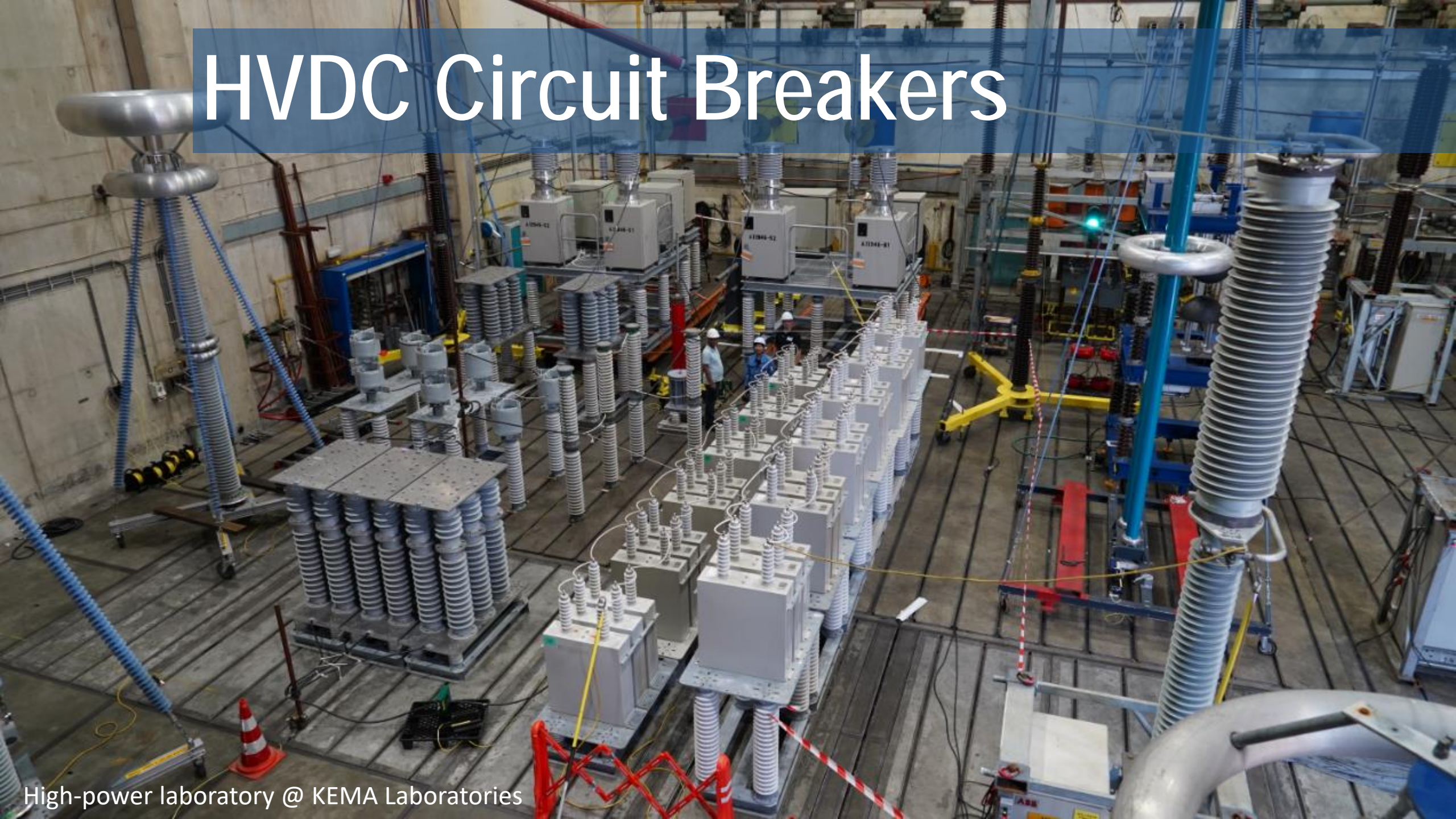
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# HVDC Grid Protection

# HVDC Circuit Breakers



# HVDC Gas Insulated Systems



High voltage DC laboratory @ KEMA Laboratories

# Technical Recommendations

- Need to agree on **common HVDC grid characteristics**
  - Standardisation of voltage classes!
  - Need to be enable TSOs and developers to procure single converter station
    - How to specify DC side behaviour?
    - How to deal with contractual requirements such as availability guarantees?
  - Avoid need for exchange of technical information between OEMs
  - Develop HVDC system grid code - Minimum requirements for future compatibility
- Need for **pilots** – intermediate steps to DC grid development
  - Full scale first of a kind technology applications
  - Short term projects
    - South-West Link - Hansa Power Bridge DC Connection
    - WindConnector DC Circuit Breaker
    - Bornholm Island DC hub – CleanStream





# Further research

- HVDC grid & **hub topology** & infrastructure
- **Interoperability** of controls and protection
- Offshore wind farm advanced capabilities – enhancement and system **integration**
- Integrated **AC/DC system** studies – Generator to consumer
  - Development of **tools** for representation of large HVDC systems and integrated system studies
  - Analysis of **interaction** between AC and DC systems for different time frames and contingencies
  - Development of **control concepts** for integrated system operation
- DC **switchgear** development (faster, lighter, cheaper)



# Demonstrations

- 27<sup>th</sup> of February 2020
- Arnhem, Netherlands
- Demonstration of:
  - 350 kV HVDC gas insulated system
  - 350 kV HVDC Hybrid circuit breaker
- To attend, please contact:
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# Save the Date!

## PROMOTioN Final Conference - 26 & 27 May 2020

- **Royal Museum of Fine Arts of Belgium, Rue de la Régence 3, Brussels**

- **Lunch-To-Lunch** event
- **High-level** panels and speakers
- Presentation of **PROMOTioN** results
- **Parallel** break-out sessions
- **Poster** Session and exhibition of hardware pieces

→ Up to **250 attendees**



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