



# Current views on future HV infrastructure for Horizon 2030

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# WHAT IS CIGRE?

## Conseil International des Grands Réseaux Électriques (International Council On Large Electric Systems)

- Founded in Paris in 1921 as a **worldwide non-profit** association.
- CIGRE addresses issues related to the development, operation and management of electric power systems as well as design, construction, maintenance and disposal of equipment and plant
- CIGRE aims to promote and organize collaboration with experts from all around the world, by sharing knowledge and joining forces to improve the electric power systems of today and tomorrow
- Unbiased, trusted, collaborative, open, breadth and depth of expertise



# 7729 individual members from 90 countries in 2013



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# Worldwide Network of Experts

Ministries

Academics

Transmission  
Companies  
& System  
Operators

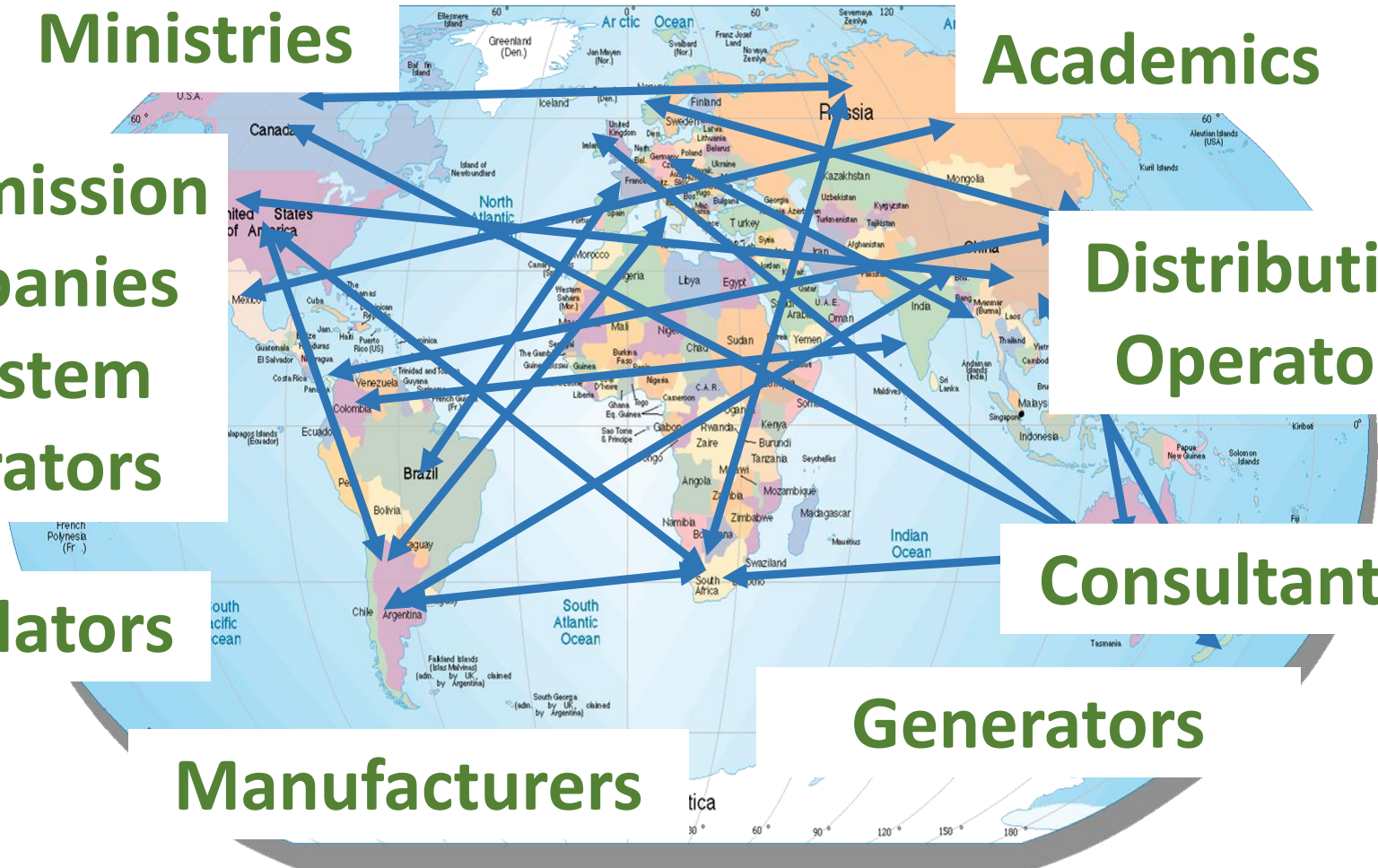
Distribution  
Operators

Regulators

Consultants

Manufacturers

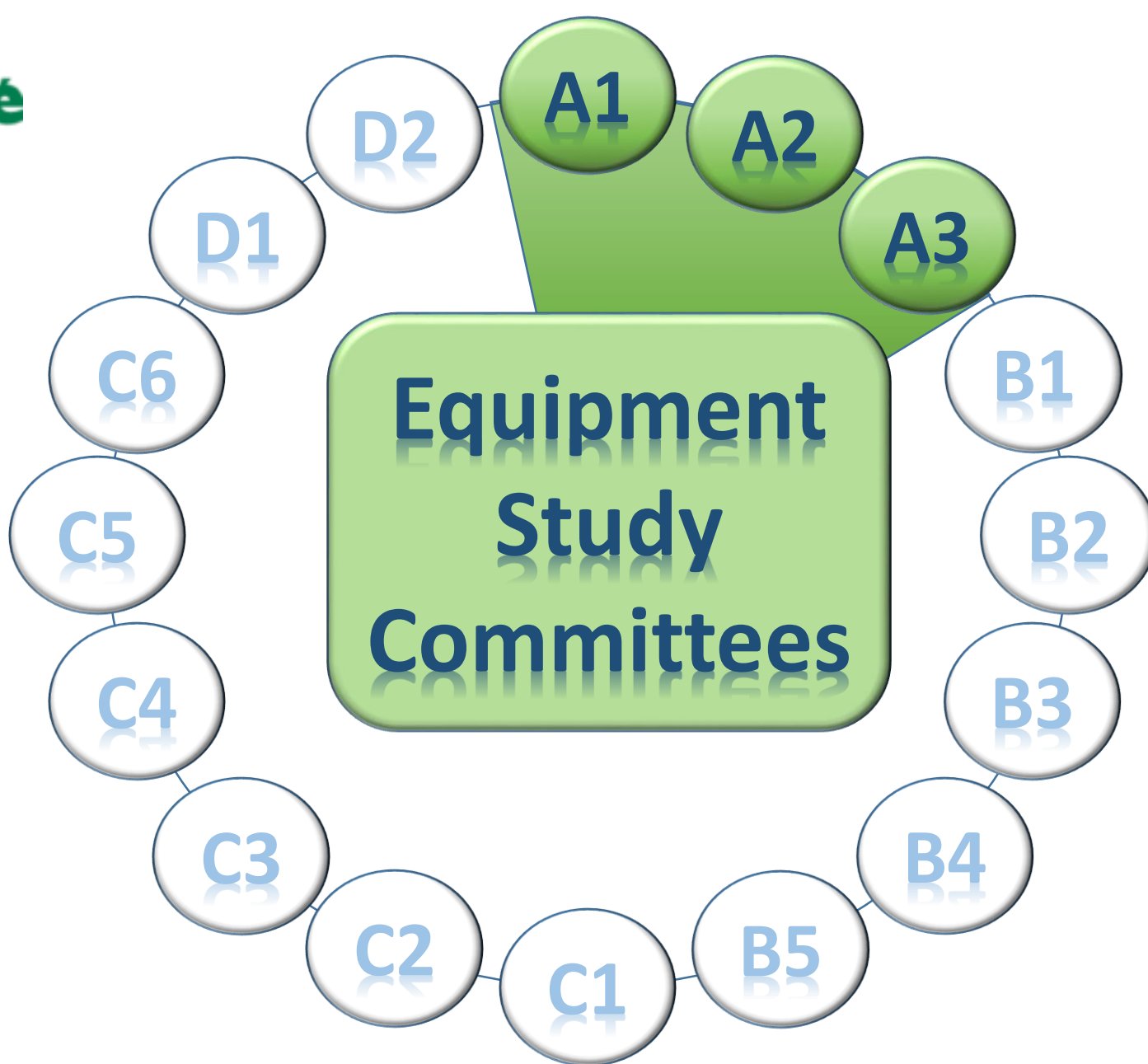
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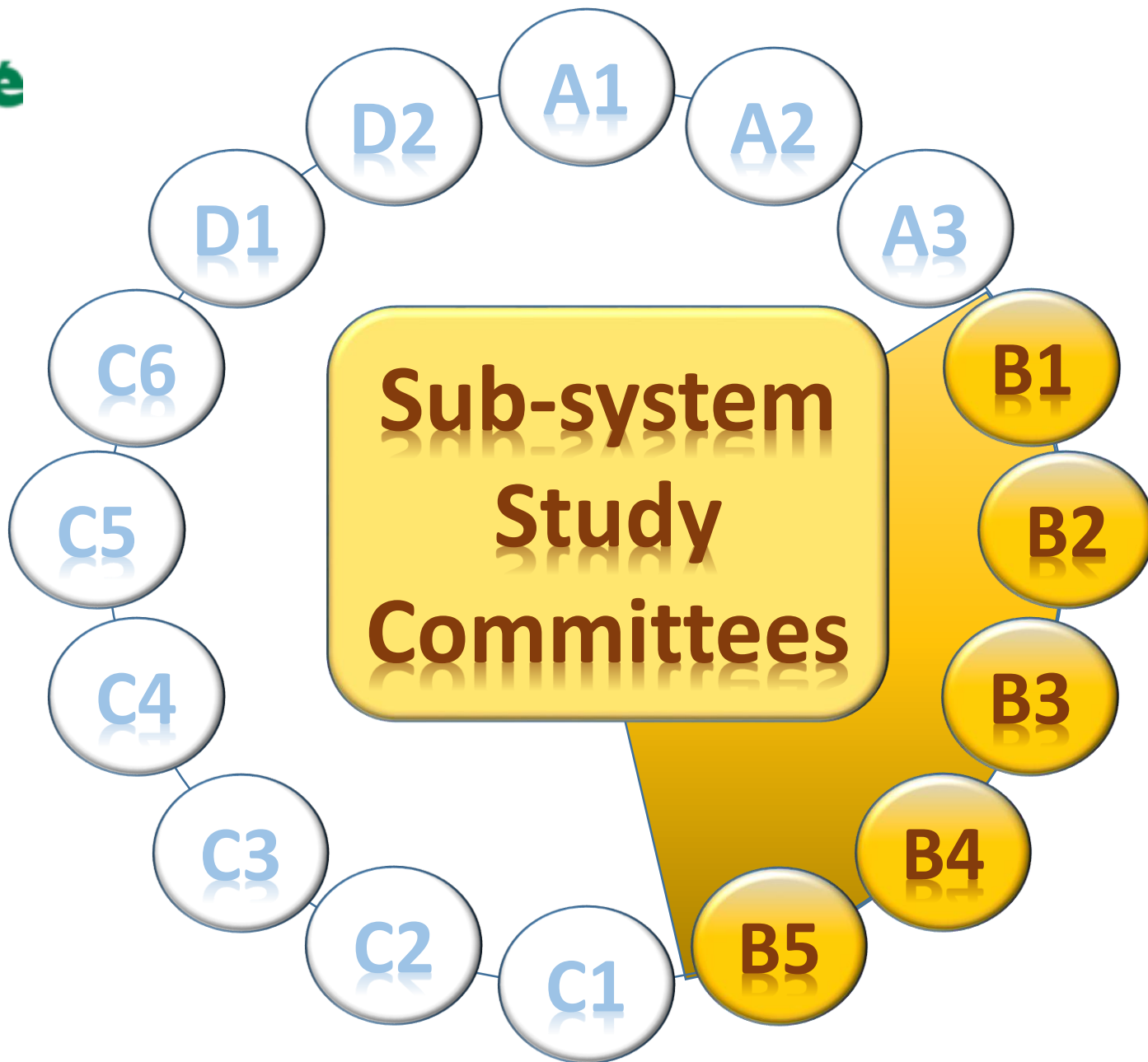


# Key Assets of CIGRE

- Study Committees
- Working Groups
- Events
- Publications
- Young Members Activities
- Student Membership

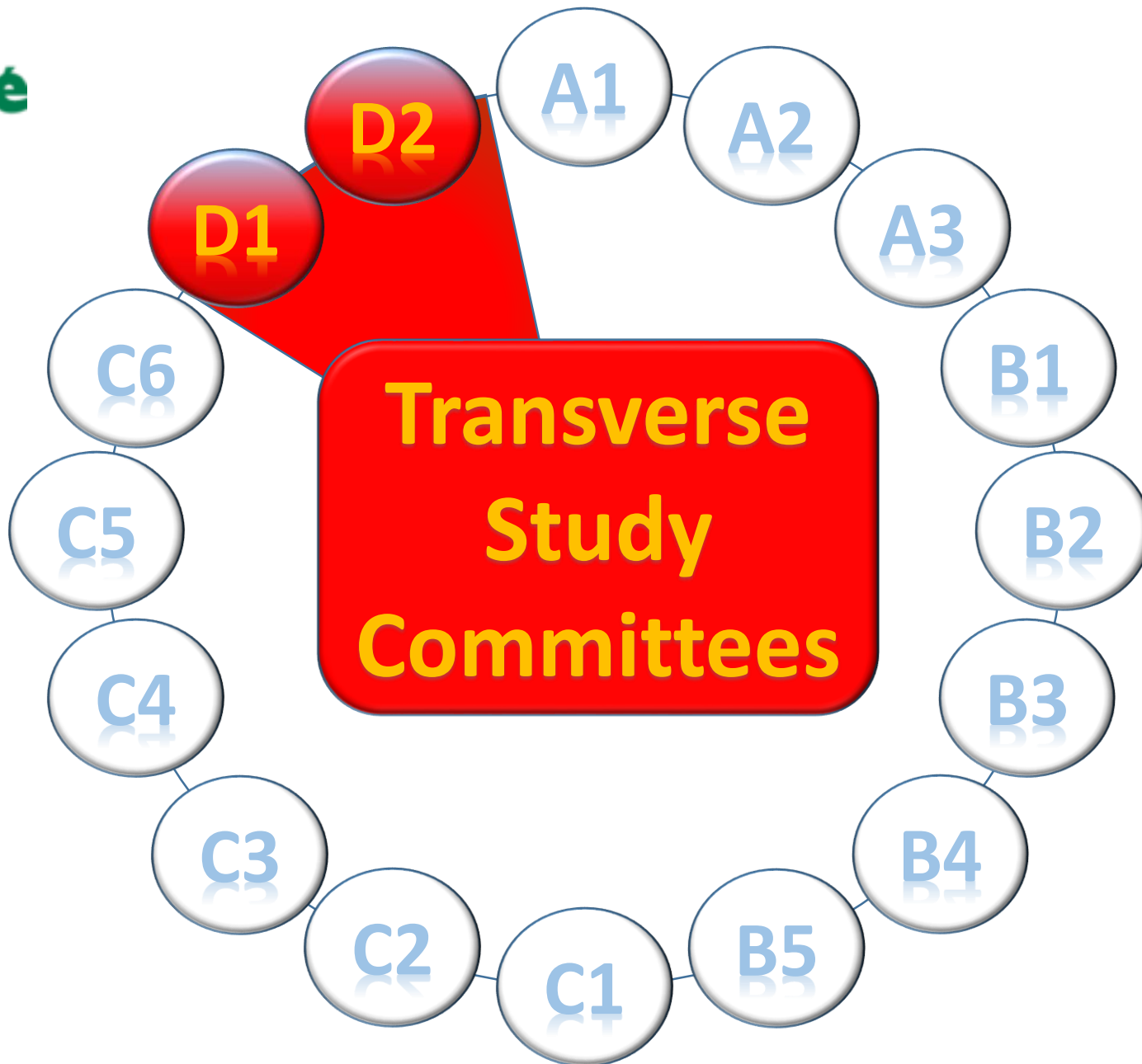














# WORKING GROUPS



Technical Brochures



**230 Working Groups produce between  
40 and 50 Technical Brochures per year**

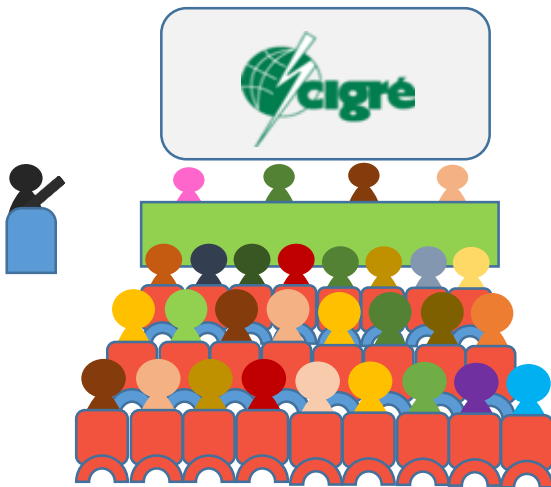


# CIGRE EVENTS

- Paris Sessions



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2009  
**2010**  
2011  
**2012**  
2013  
**2014**



- Symposia



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2014

- Colloquia & Regional events

# Transition and the Energy Trilemma

# Balancing the 'Energy Trilemma'

## Energy Security

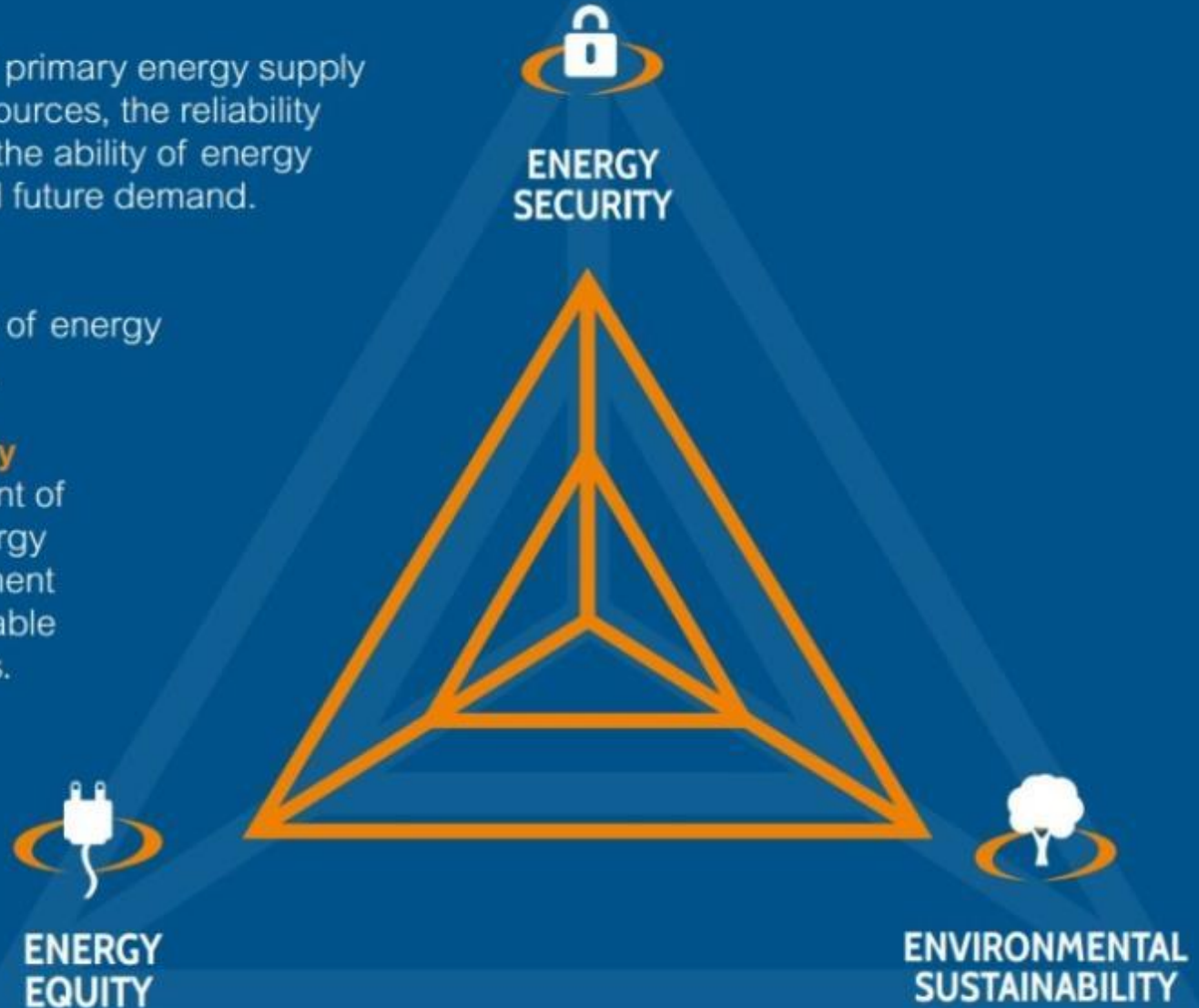
The effective management of primary energy supply from domestic and external sources, the reliability of energy infrastructure, and the ability of energy providers to meet current and future demand.

## Energy Equity

Accessibility and affordability of energy supply across the population.

## Environmental Sustainability

Encompasses the achievement of supply and demand side energy efficiencies and the development of energy supply from renewable and other low carbon sources.



# Growth and Transition

## Demographic dynamics



- ▶ **Population growth**  
7.5b, in 2020
- ▶ **Megacities (>10m people)**  
27 megacities by 2025

Source: JNO

Rising energy  
consumption

## Abundant but unevenly distributed resources



- ▶ **Geopolitics**  
70% of global oil and gas  
reserves are located in just  
a few countries
- ▶ **Oil price fluctuations**

Growing demand for  
energy efficiency

## Climate change



- ▶ **Climate goals**  
Political programmes aimed  
at long term reduction in  
CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

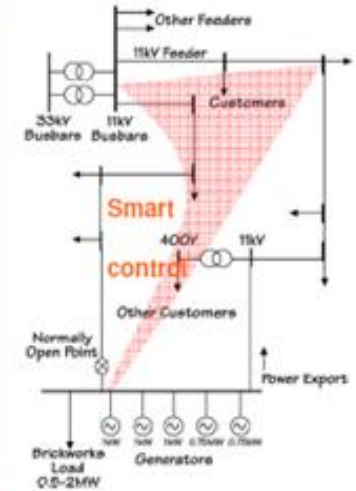
Growing demand for  
“clean” electricity

# Energy Challenge...

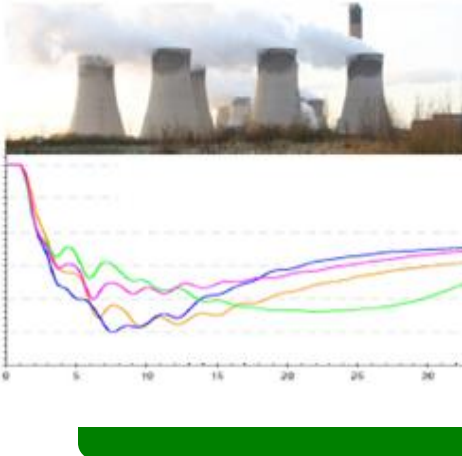
**Variable Generation**



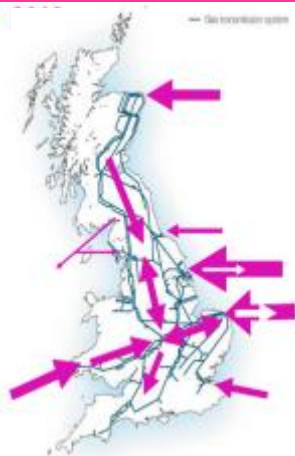
**Active Distribution**



**Large Generation**



**Network Flexibility**



**Greater Interconnection**



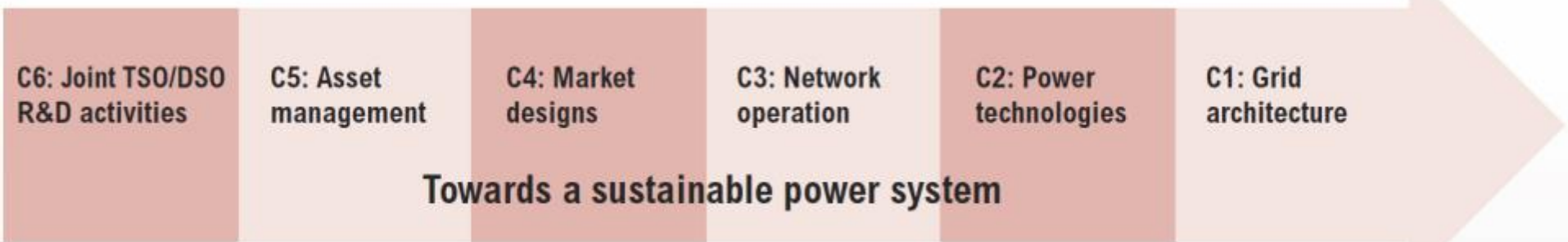
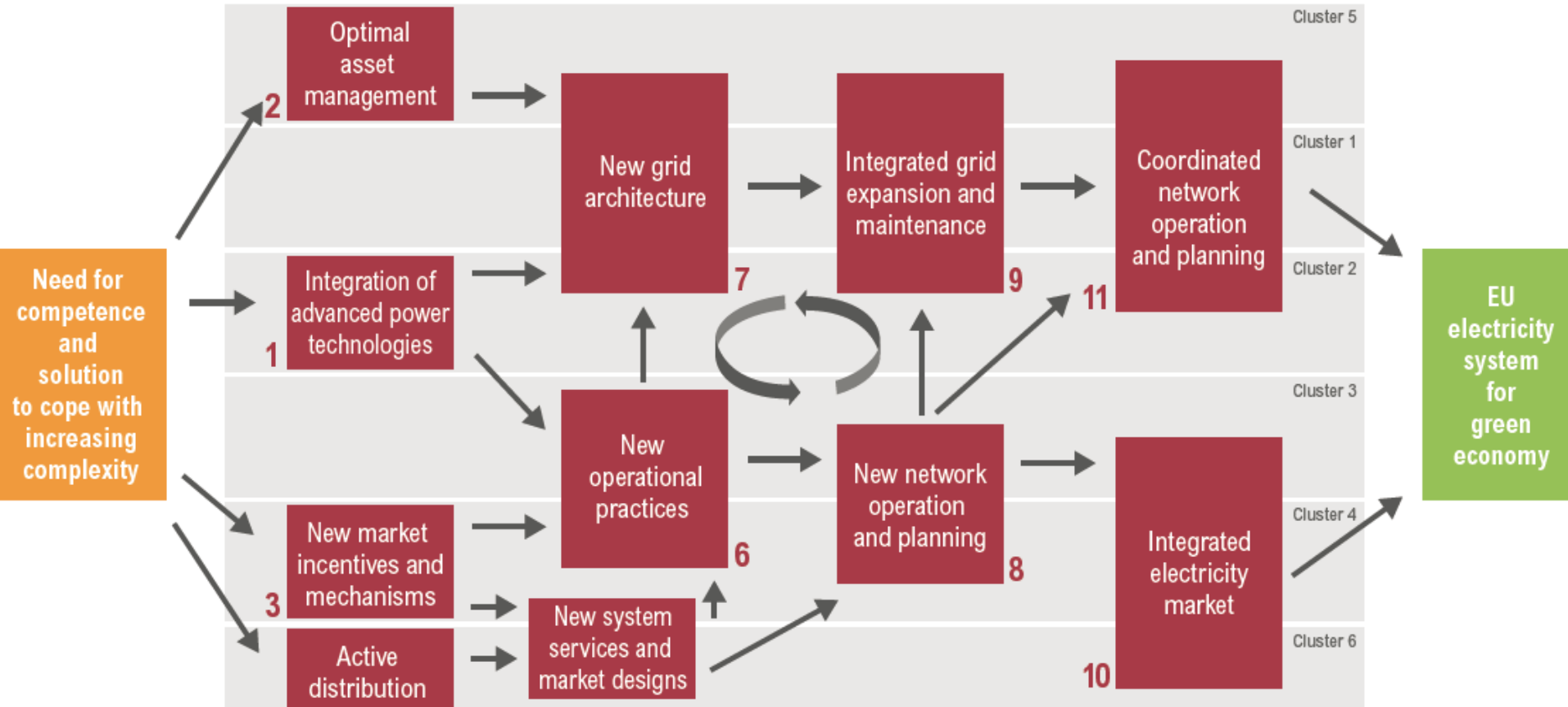
**Active Demand**





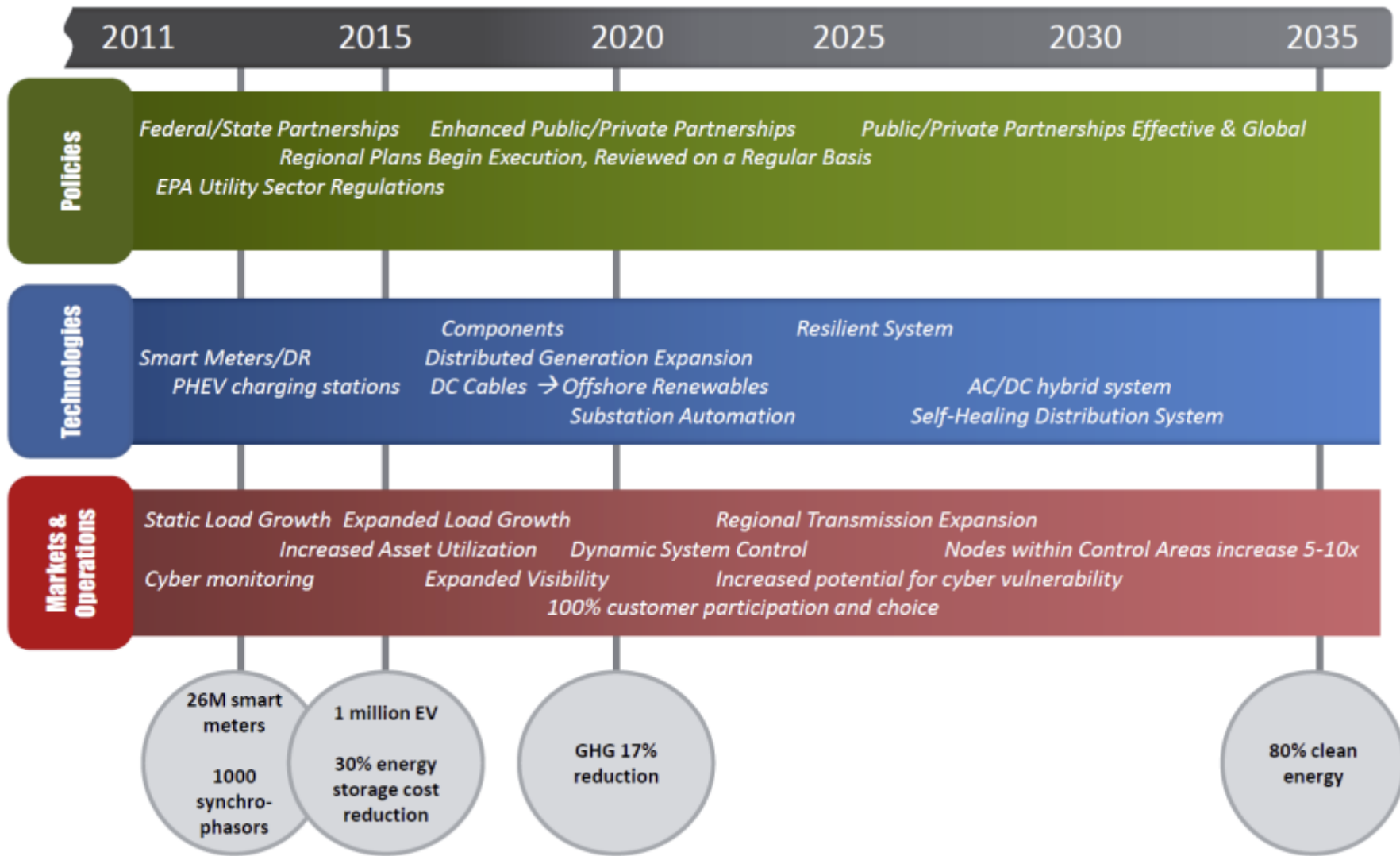


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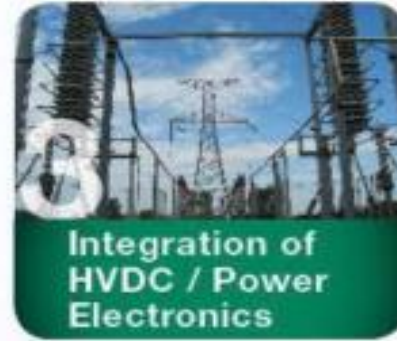
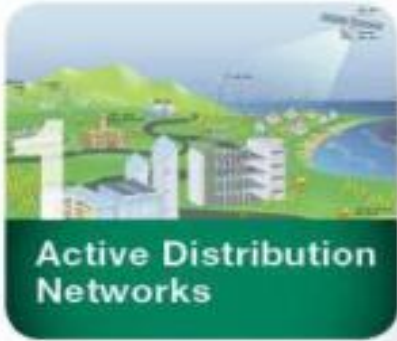




# U.S. View



# Power system of the future



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Technical Issues

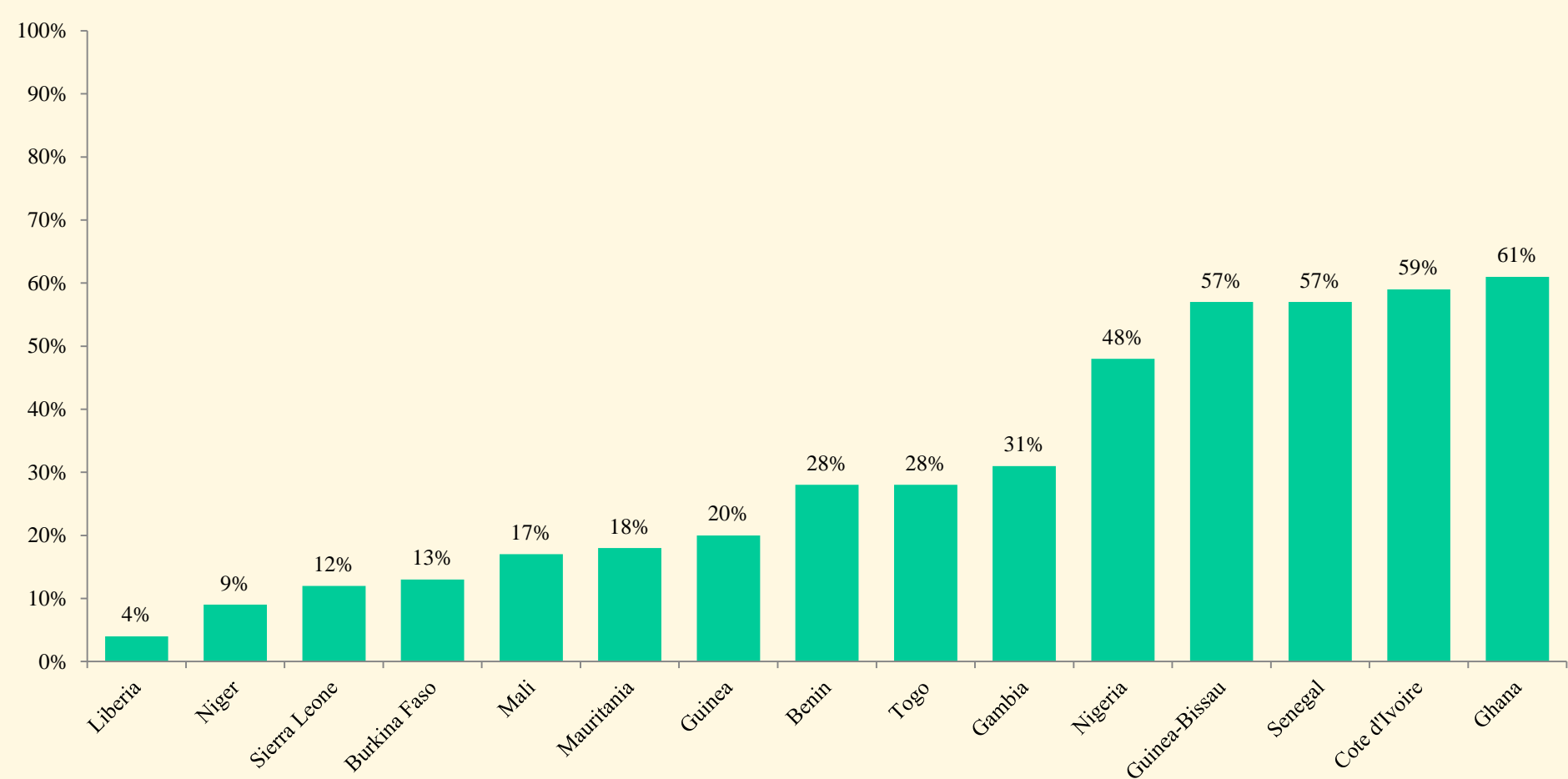
Region	Population without electricity millions	Electrification rate %	Urban rate %	Rural rate %
<b>Developing countries</b>	<b>1,257</b>	<b>76.5</b>	<b>90.6</b>	<b>65.1</b>
Africa	600	43	65	28
<i>North Africa</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>99</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>99</i>
<i>Sub-Saharan Africa</i>	<i>599</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>18</i>
Developing Asia	615	83	95	75
<i>India</i>	<i>306</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>94</i>	<i>67</i>
<i>Rest of developing Asia</i>	<i>309</i>	<i>87</i>	<i>95</i>	<i>80</i>
Latin America	24	95	99	81
Middle East	19	91	99	76
<b>Transition economies &amp; OECD</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>99.7</b>
<b>World</b>	<b>1,258</b>	<b>81.9</b>	<b>93.7</b>	<b>69.0</b>



# A long way to go

## Access to electricity (2010)

Source: SE4ALL Global Tracking Framework (2013)





# Key Themes

- Uncertainty
- Renewable Integration
- Interconnection & Bulk Transportation
- Storage
- “SMART” T&D
- Sustainability & Environment
- Sophisticated Asset Management
- Standardisation; view to 2030

# Uncertainty

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# Electricity Ten Year Statement

UK electricity transmission

NOVEMBER 2012

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# UK Future Energy Scenarios

UK gas and electricity transmission

JULY 2013





# UK scenarios

- ❑ **Consumer Power** is a world of relative wealth, fast paced research and development and spending. Innovation is focused on meeting the needs of consumers, who focus on improving their quality of life.
- ❑ **Gone Green** is a world where green ambition is not restrained by financial limitations. New technologies are introduced and embraced by society, enabling all carbon and renewable targets to be met on time.
- ❑ **Slow Progression** is a world where slower economic growth restricts market conditions. Money that is available is spent focusing on low cost long-term solutions to achieve decarbonisation, albeit later than the target dates.
- ❑ **No Progression** is a world focused on achieving security of supply at the lowest possible cost. With low economic growth, traditional sources of gas and electricity dominate, and little innovation affecting how we use energy.



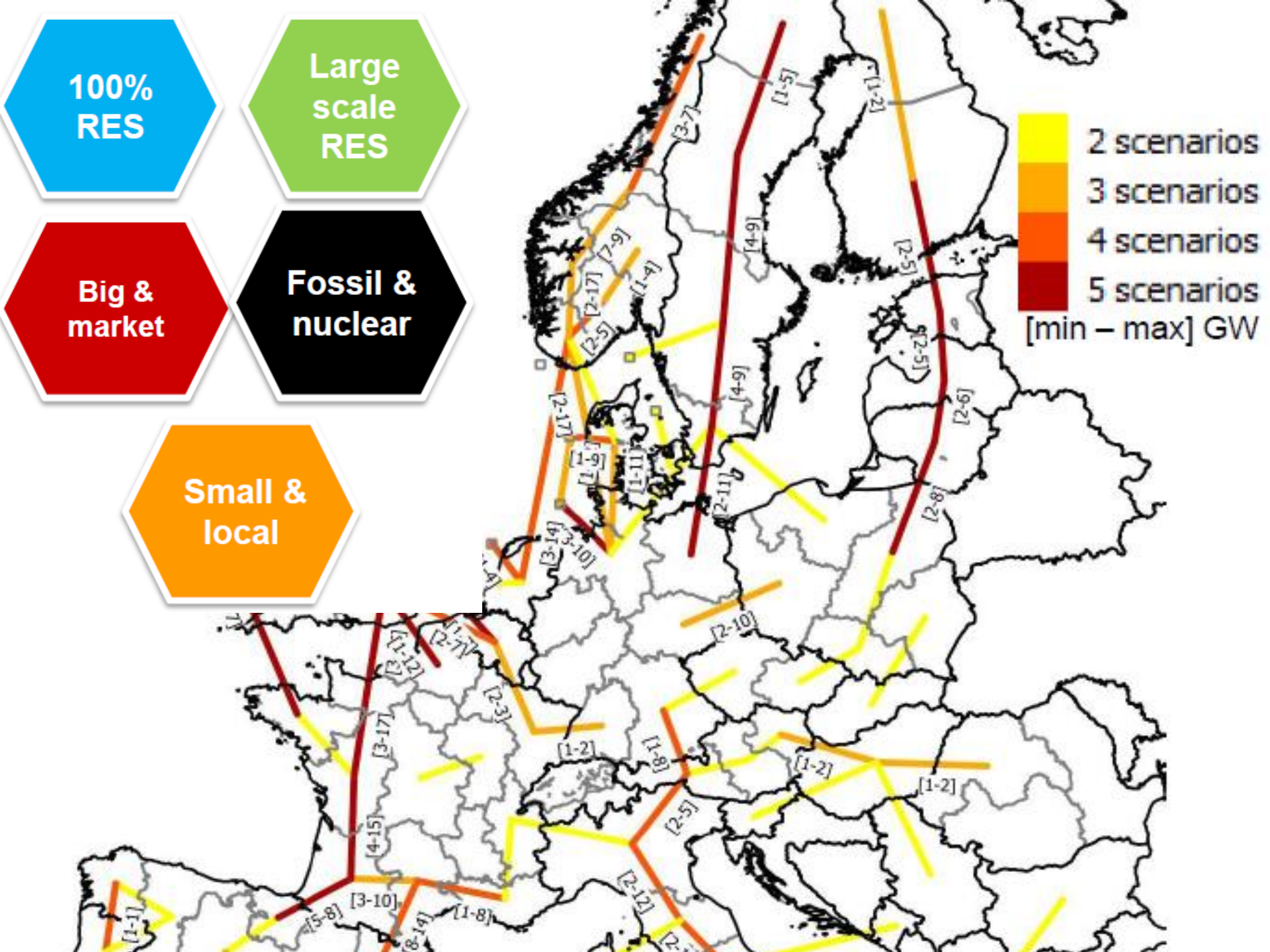
# Transmission system demand

## 19GW

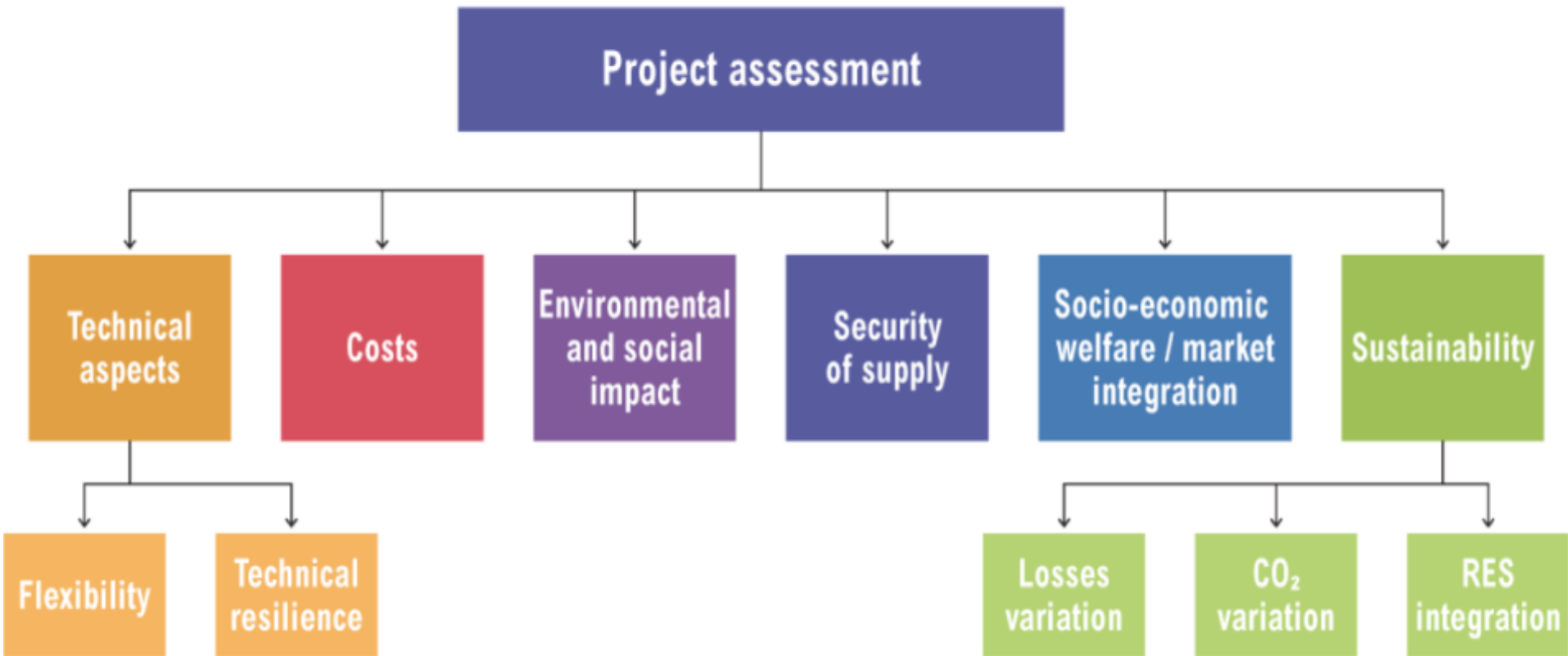
11 August 2014, minimum demand fell to 19GW, which led to 13 consecutive ½ hour periods of negative generation prices.

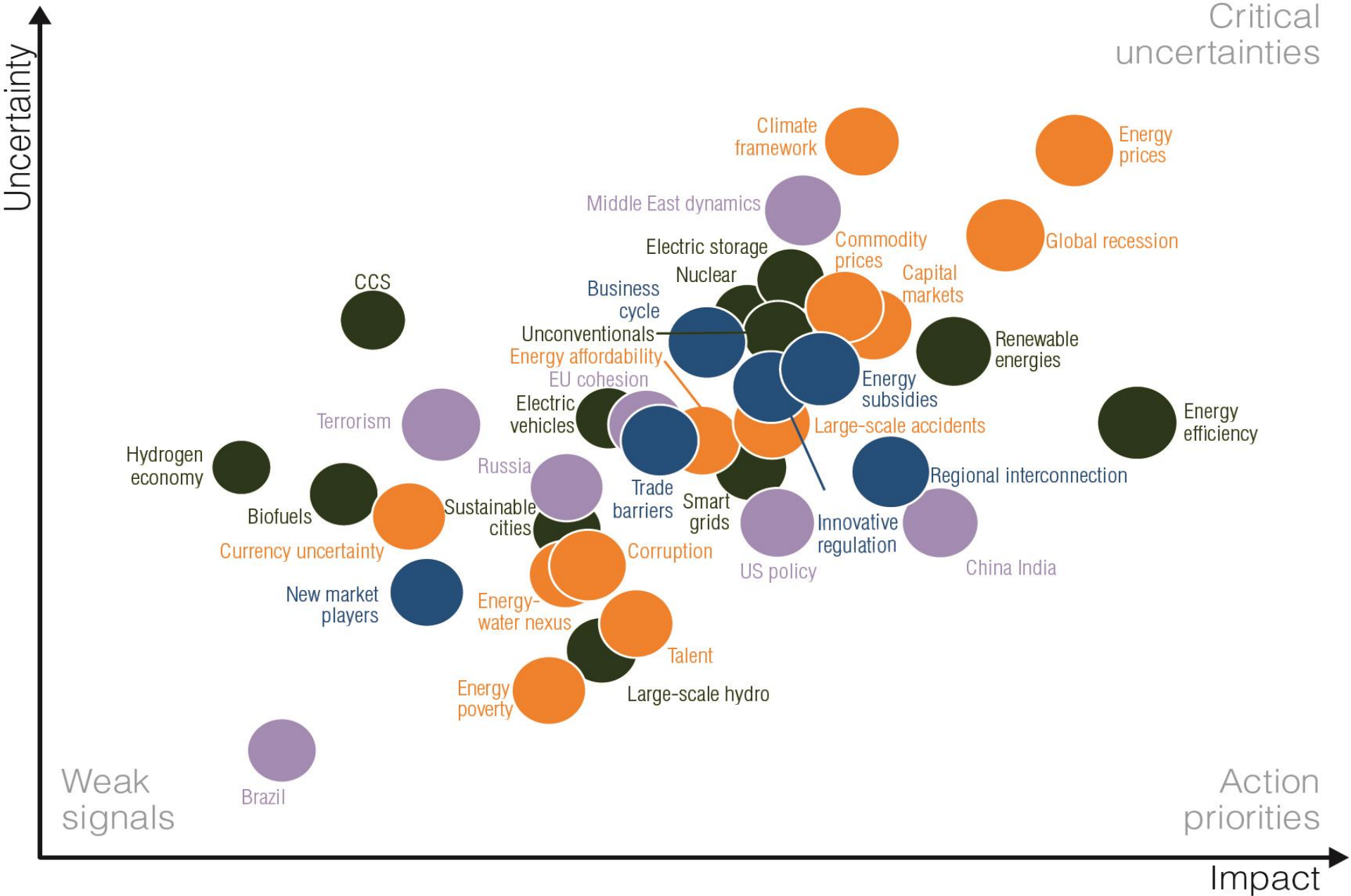
	Gone Green	Slow Progression	No Progression	Consumer Power
<b>Power</b>				
Annual demand, TWh	362	332	333	342
Peak demand, GW	66.1	59.4	60.8	62.6
Total installed capacity, GW	136	117	101	125
Low carbon capacity, GW	98	74	48	76
Interconnector capacity, GW	17.7	14.2	9.8	10.8

Critical Schemes	Network Area	No Progression	Slow Progression	Low Carbon Life	Gone Green	Local Contracted	Decision
Western HVDC Link	Scotland to England border	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	Complete construction
Series and Shunt Compensation	Scotland to England border	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	Complete construction
Wylfa–Pentir	North Wales	N/A	N/A	2027	2028	2025	Complete pre-construction consenting
Pentir–Trawsfynndd	North Wales	N/A	2022	2027	2021	2021	Delay
Wymondley Turn-in	South East	N/A	2019	2019	2019	2019	Complete pre-construction
Wymondley QBs	South East	N/A	2019	2019	2019	2019	Complete pre-construction
South Coast Reactive Compensation	South Coast	N/A	2021	2021	2020	2020	Delay
Bramford–Twinstead New Overhead Lines	East Anglia	N/A	2025	2023	2023	2023	Delay
Hinkley–Seabank	South West	2029	2027	2025	2026	2021	Complete pre-construction
Integrated Offshore Transmission Project (East)	Offshore	N/A	N/A	2026	2027	2025	



# What Makes a Good Project?













# Renewable Integration

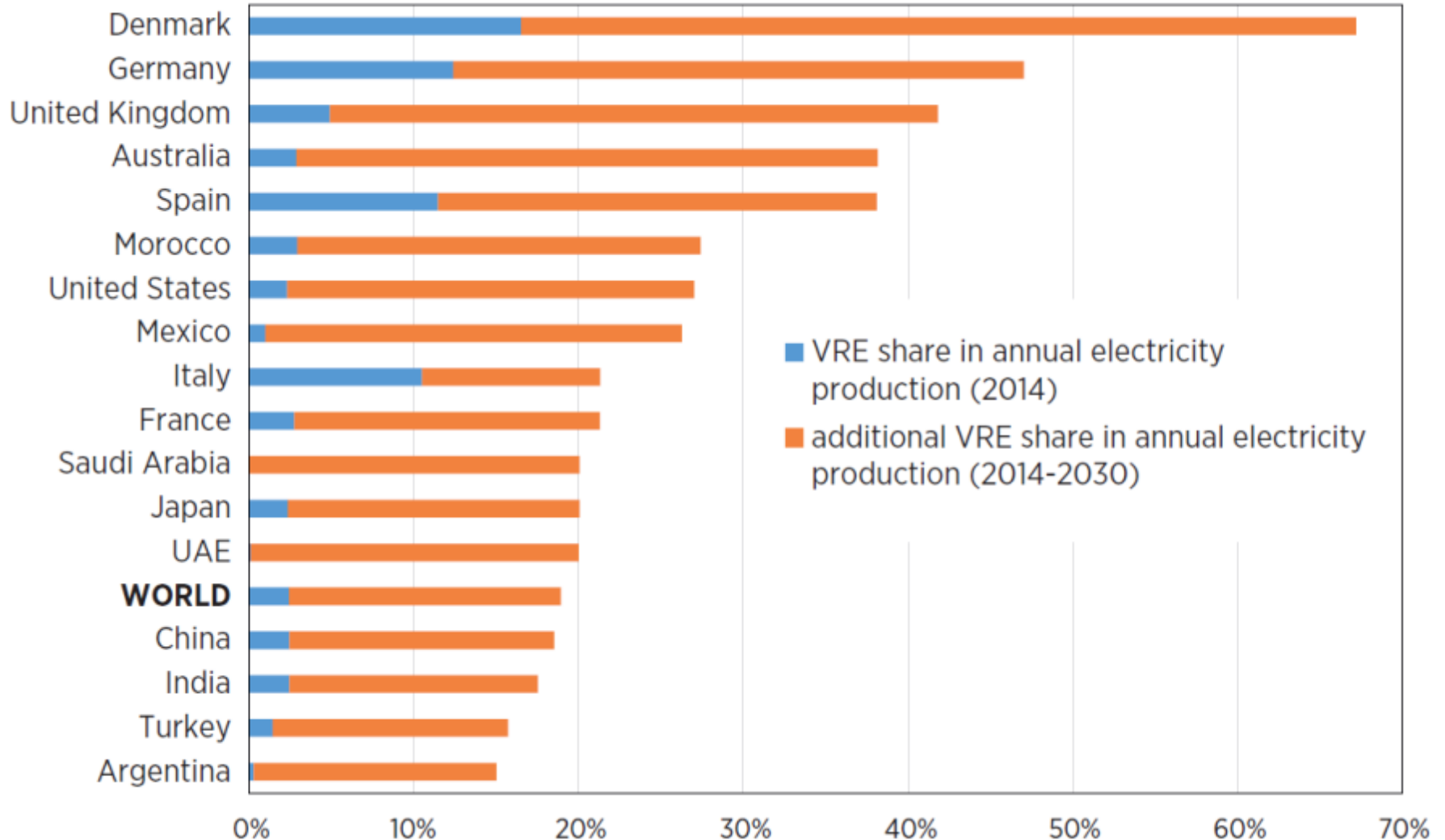


# Integration of renewables

- Coping with intermittency
- Changing power flows, congestion . . . .
- Market models
  - Incentives for holding conventional reserve
- Wide(r) area protection, monitoring & control
  - Cross border coordination to balance resources
- Offshore technologies
- Interconnections & storage

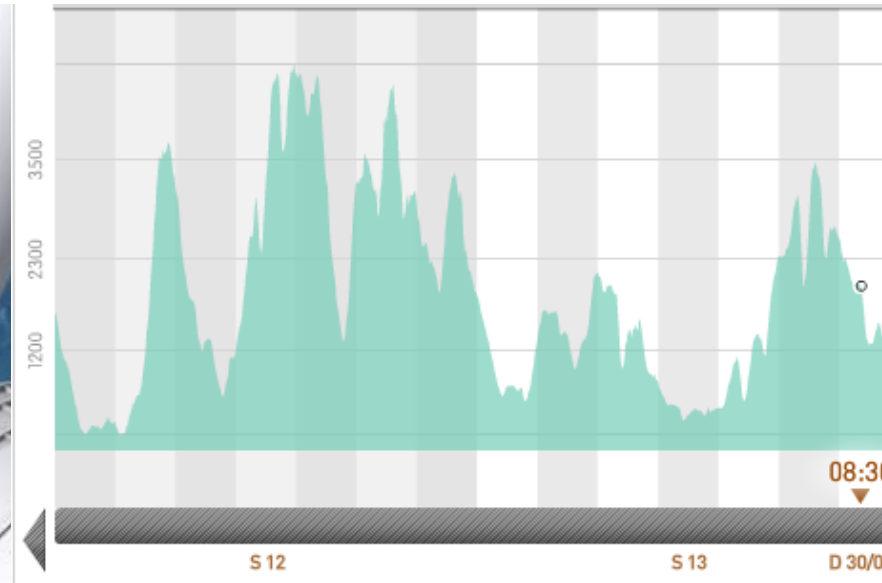


# Predicted Growth in Variable Renewable Energy



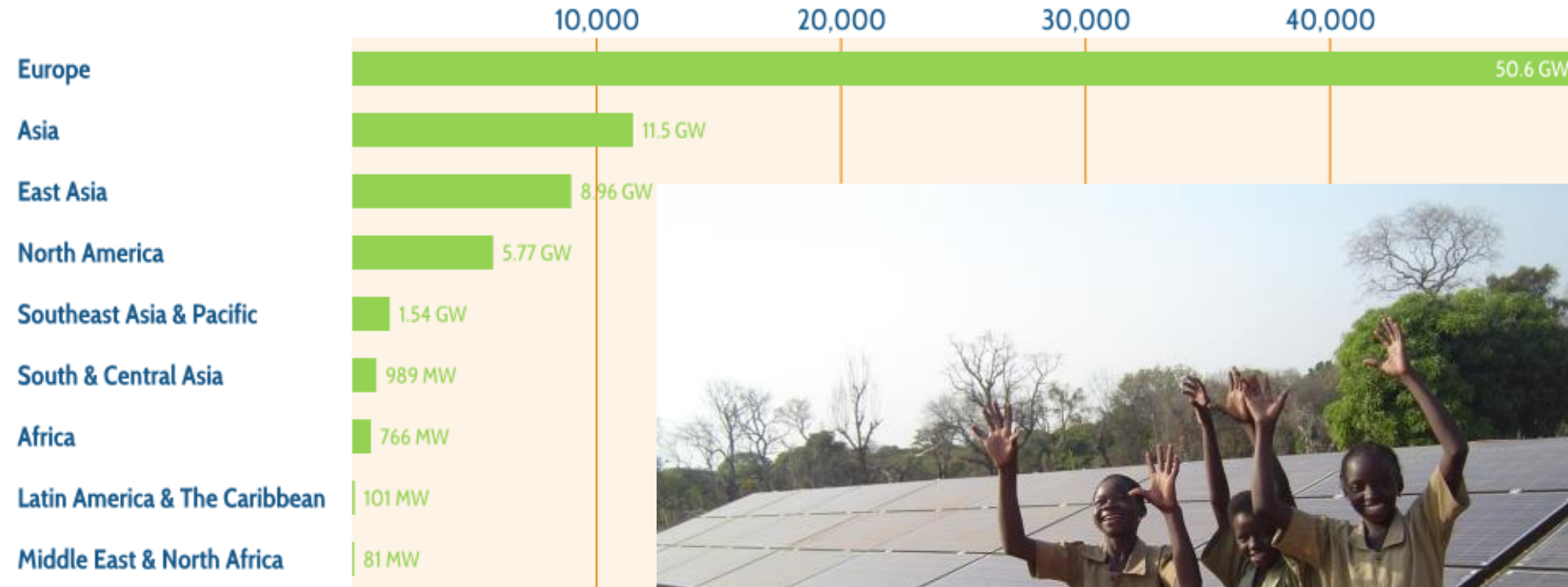


# The problem and the solution



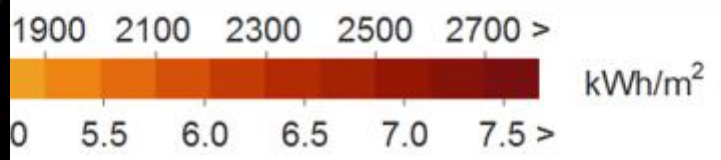
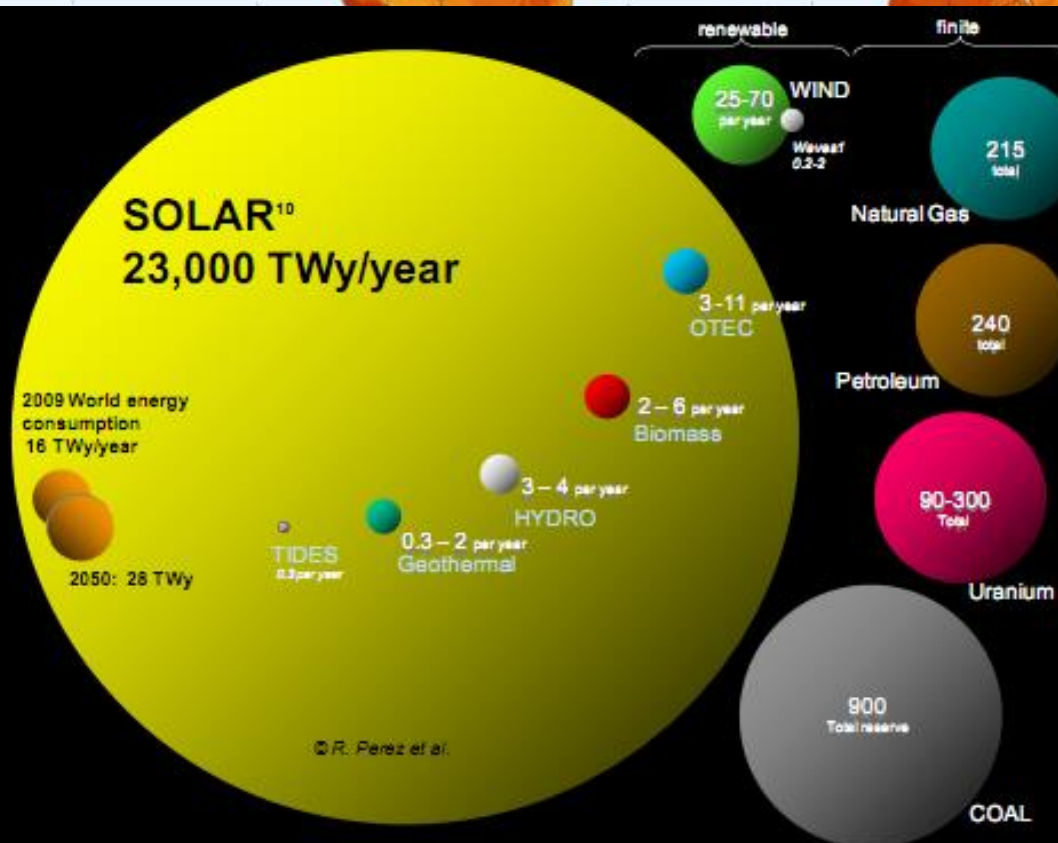
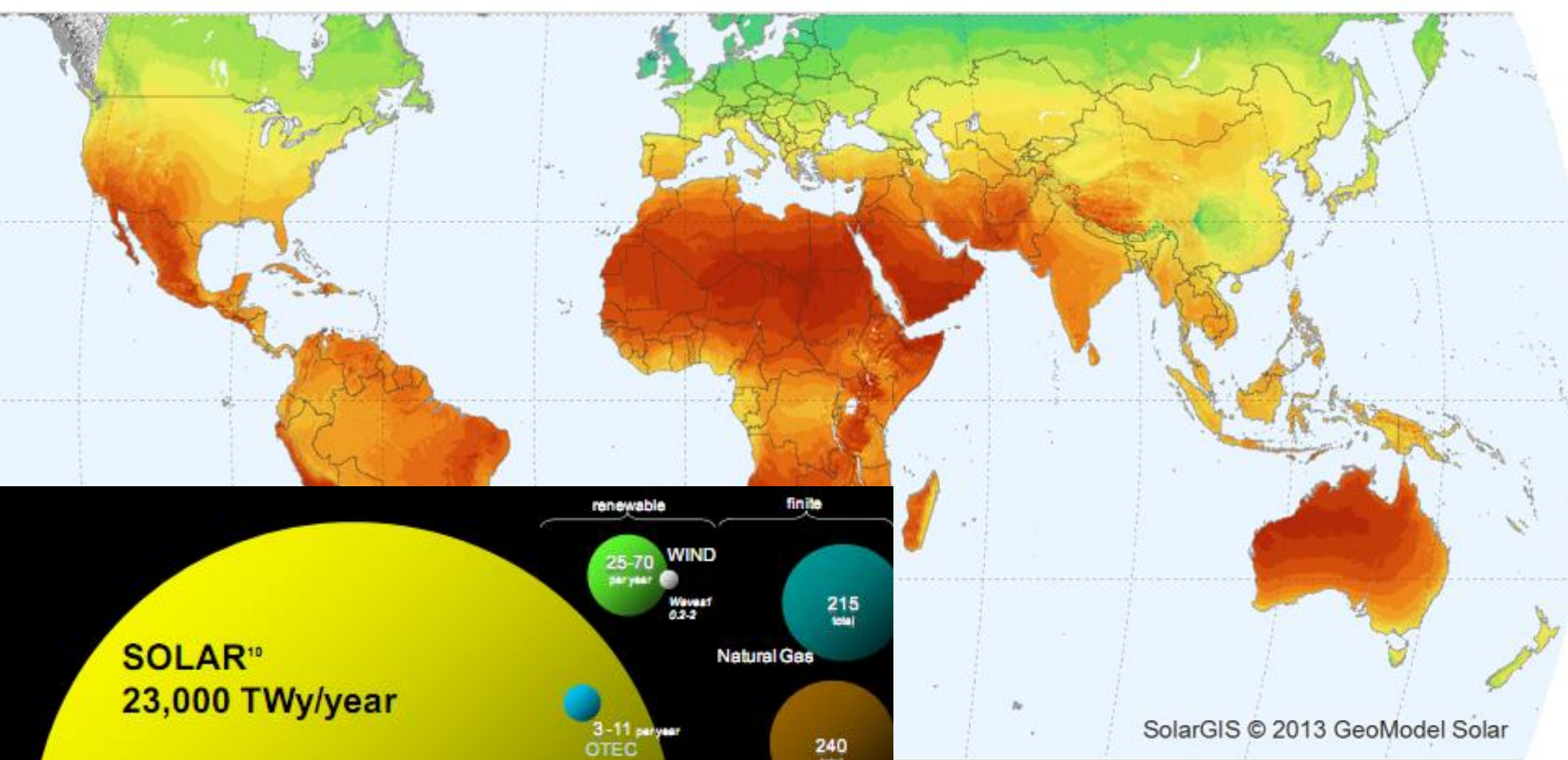
# Solar exploitation

## Solar installed capacity by region



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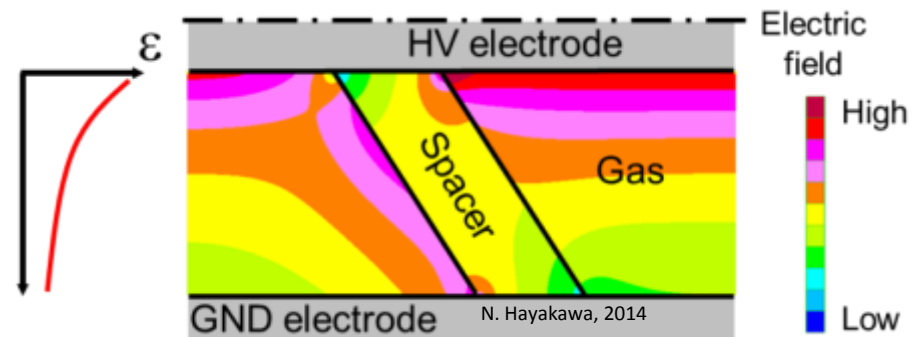




# Interconnections & Bulk Transportation

# Bulk transportation & Interconnection

- Connect remote generation to load
- HV technological advancements
  - Higher voltages
  - Corridor usage
- Materials
  - Field grading
- Testing techniques
- Greater integration
- System resilience to loss of connections
- Standardisation





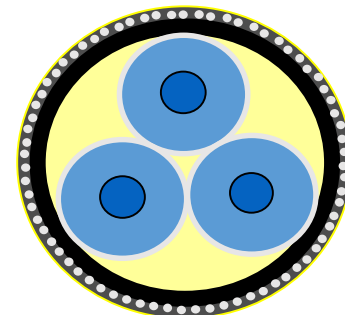
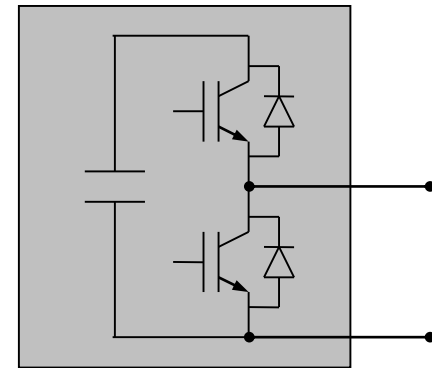


# HVAC for 1100/1200kV



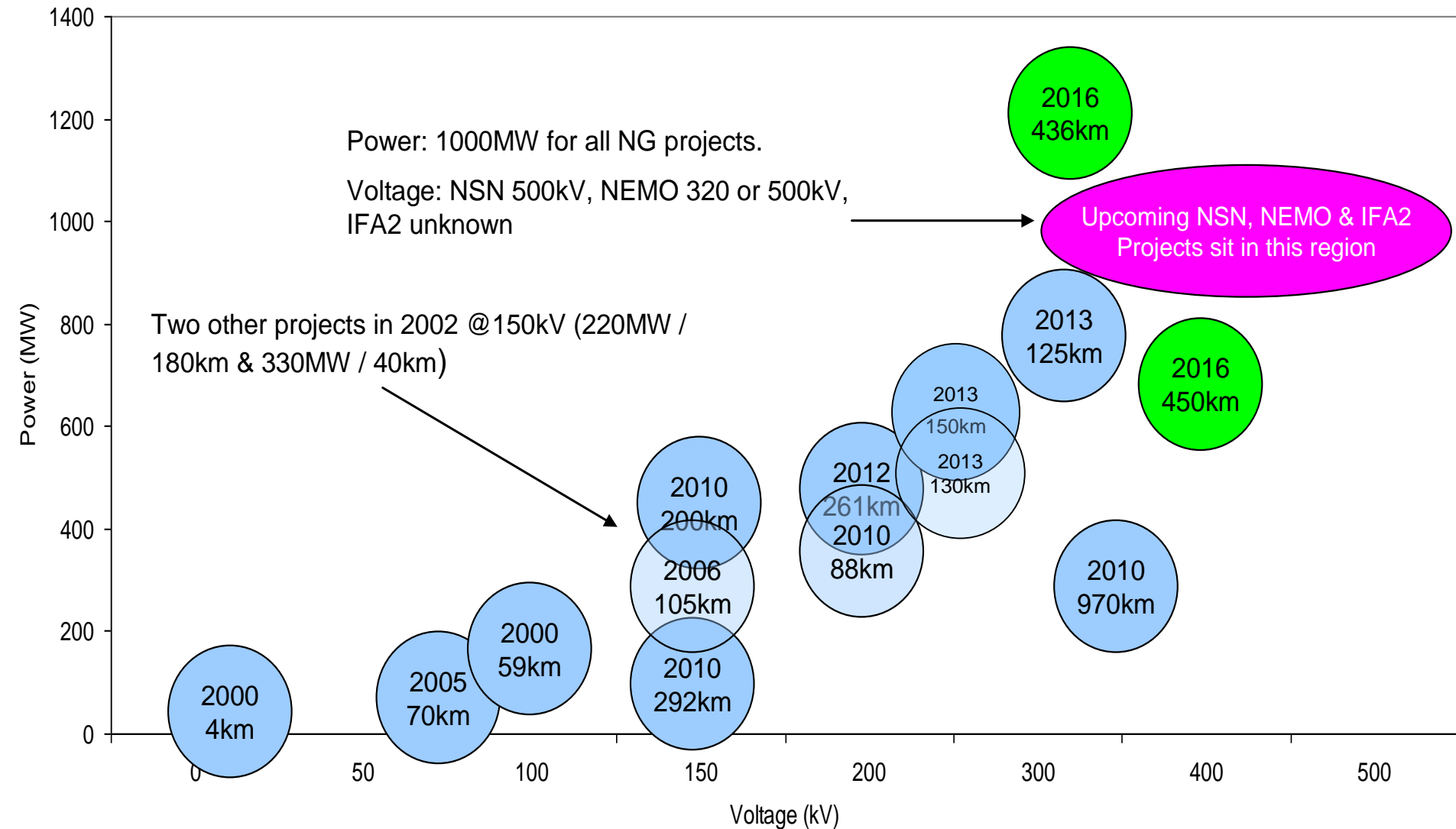
# HVDC, DC Grids & Power Electronics

- ❑ HVDC converters of larger capacity
  - Increasing voltages; 800kV to 1100kV
  - Higher power ratings; 6000MW to 10,000MW
  - Increasing capability of VSC
- ❑ Multi-terminal HVDC
- ❑ DC switching: circuit breakers, VSC blocking . . .
- ❑ Materials for & design of DC GIS & GIL
- ❑ Polymer (XLPE) cables for higher voltages
- ❑ Fast, discriminating protection schemes for multi-terminal
- ❑ Control of HVDC embedded in parallel with AC network
- ❑ Standardisation & interoperability
- ❑ Offshore installation vessels and techniques

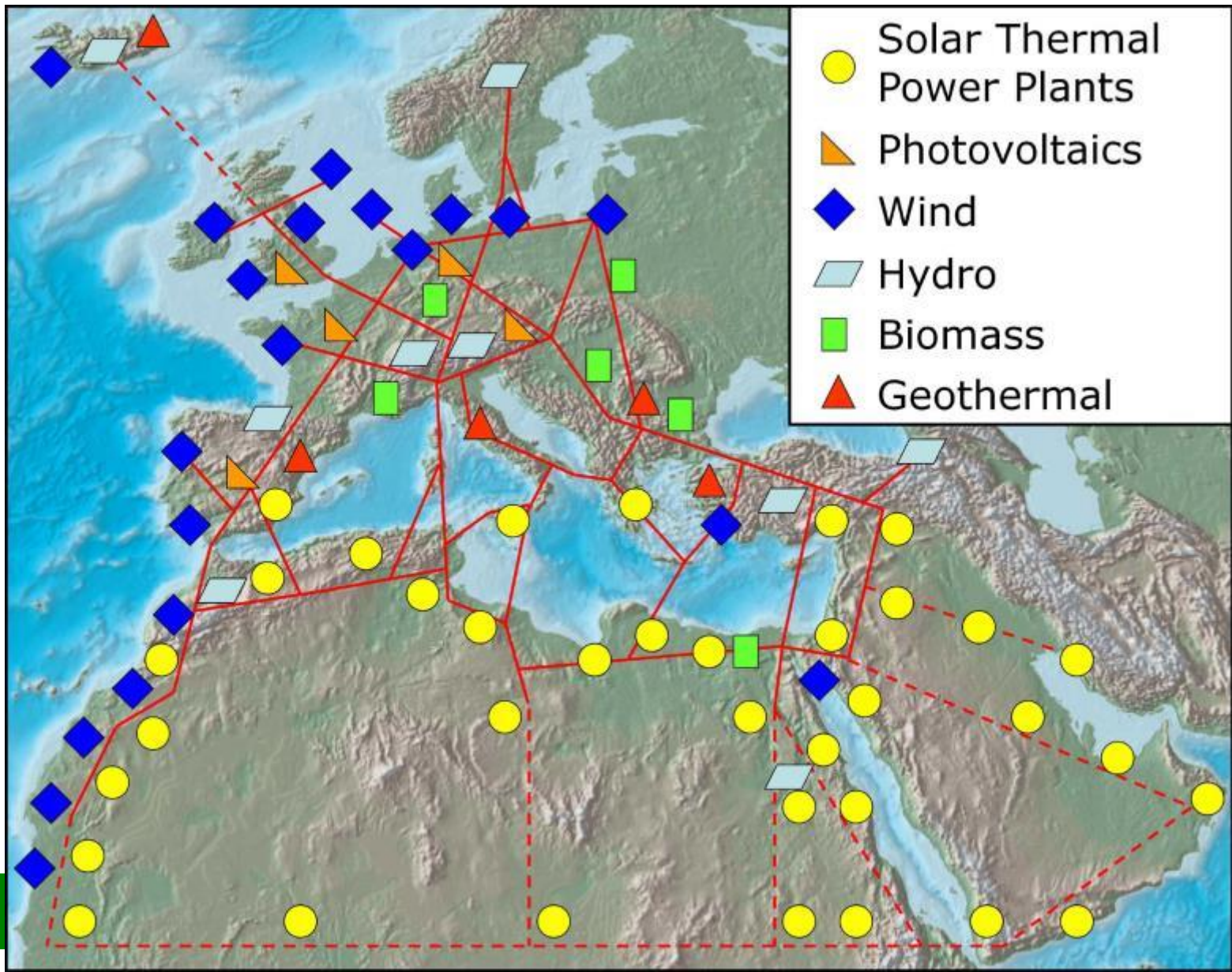




# VSC advances



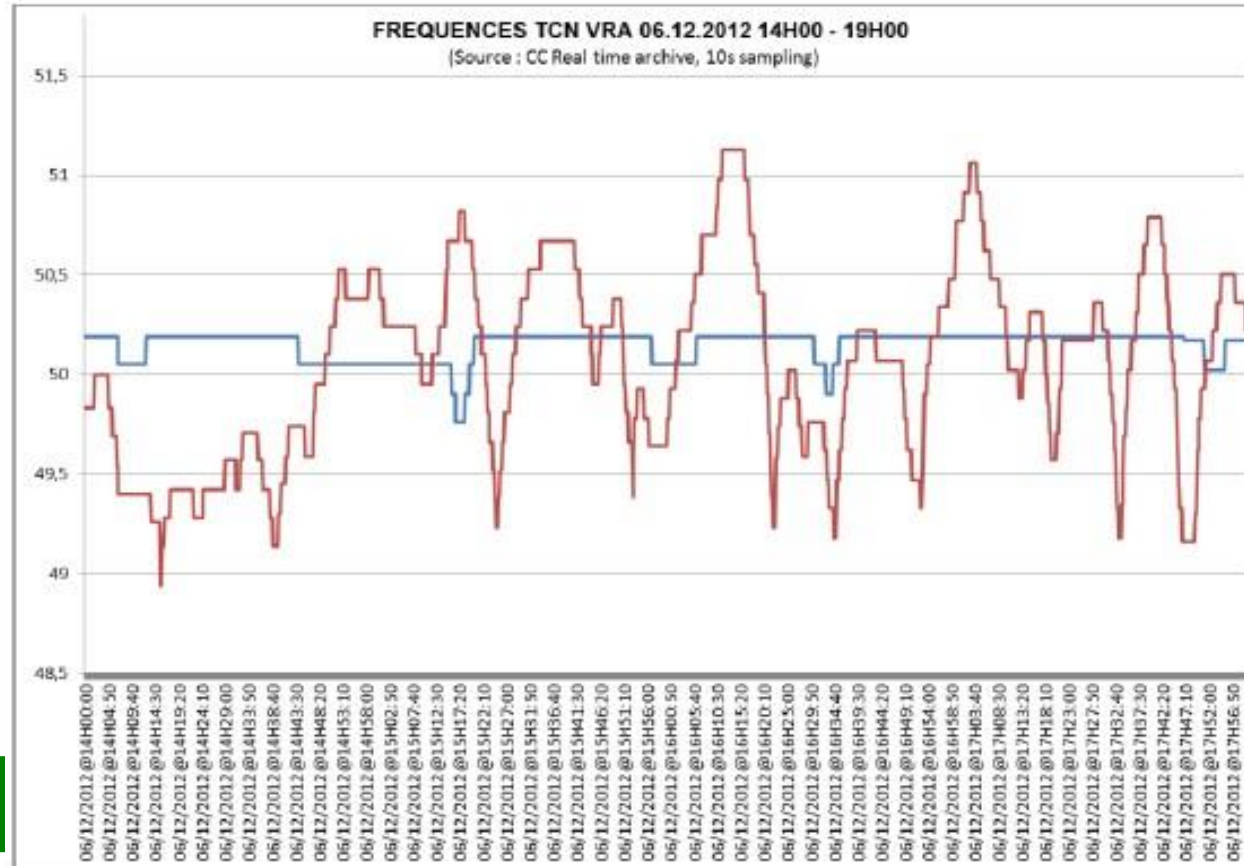
# European interconnected grid



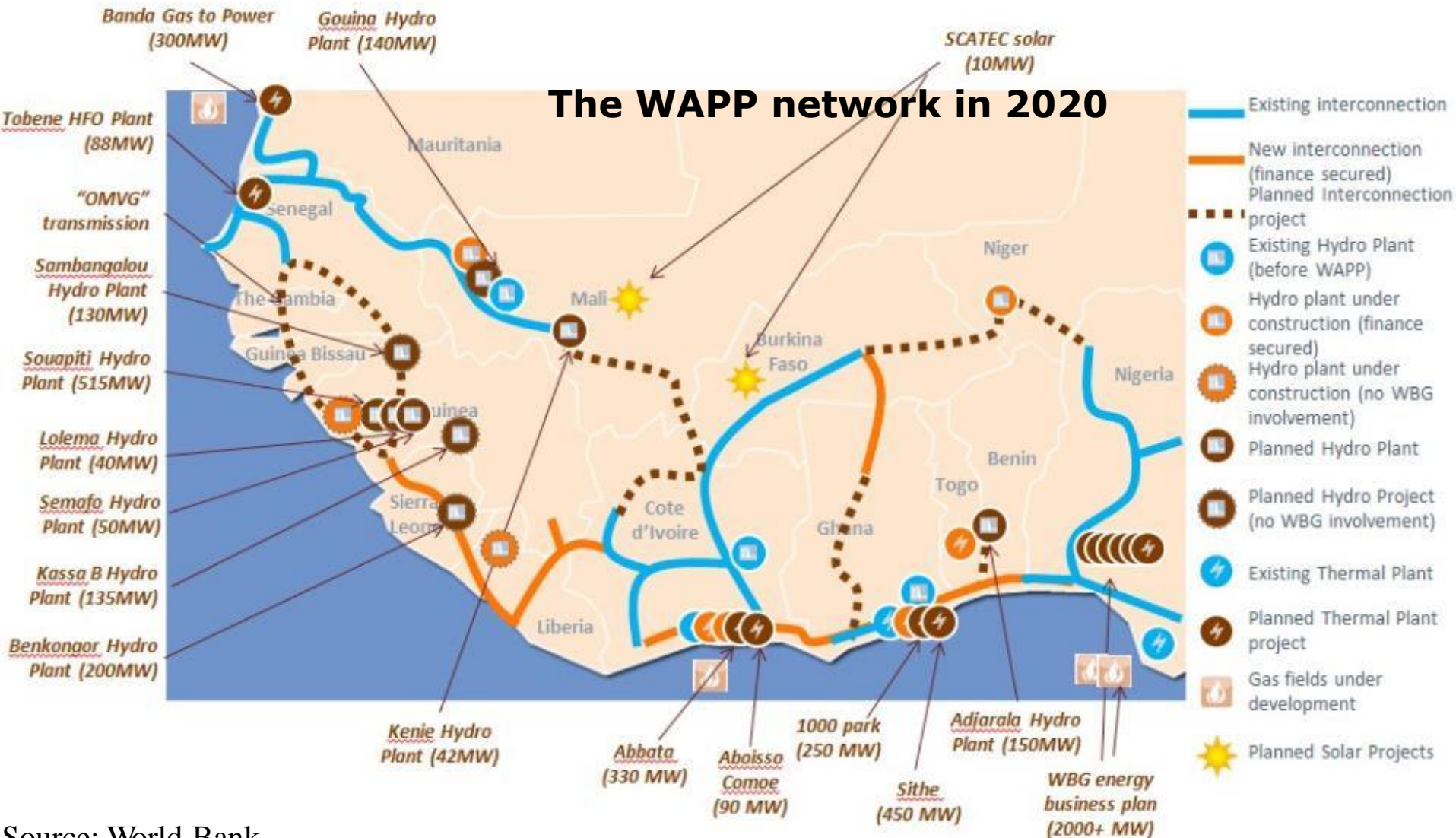
# Africa

- Vast potential
- Interconnection required
- Rural remote areas need solutions

Western Grid vs  
Nigeria



# WAPP 2020





# Limitless Ambition





# Storage



# ENERGY STORAGE

## Mechanical

Pumped Hydro (PHS)

Compressed Air Energy Storage (CAES)

Flywheel

## Electrical

Capacitors

Superconductors

## Chemical

Hydrogen

Methane

## Electrochemical

Conventional Batteries  
(Lead acid / NiCd / NiMh / Li)

High Temperature  
(NaS / NaNiCl)

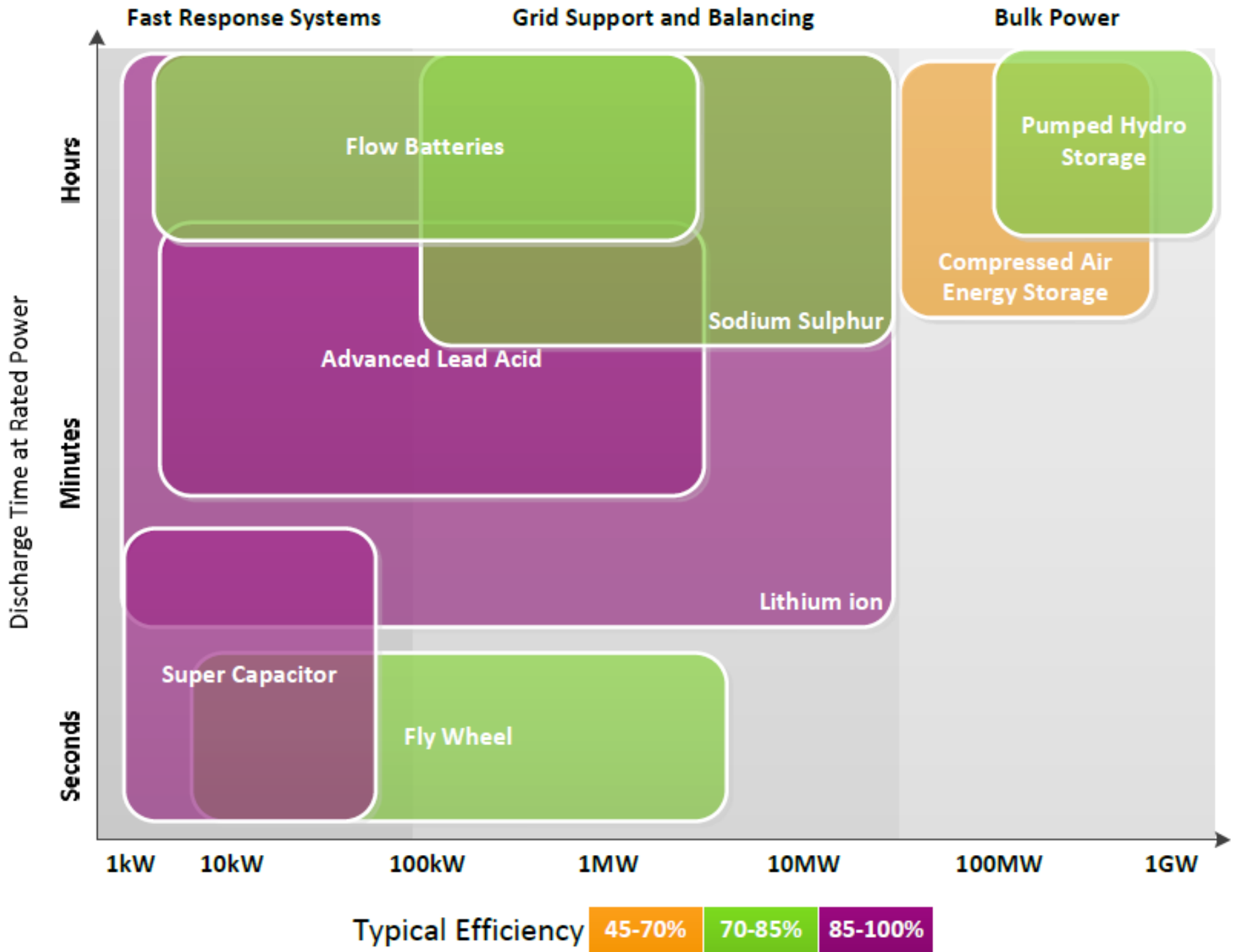
Flow Batteries  
(Redox flow / Hybrid flow)

## Thermal

Molten Salts

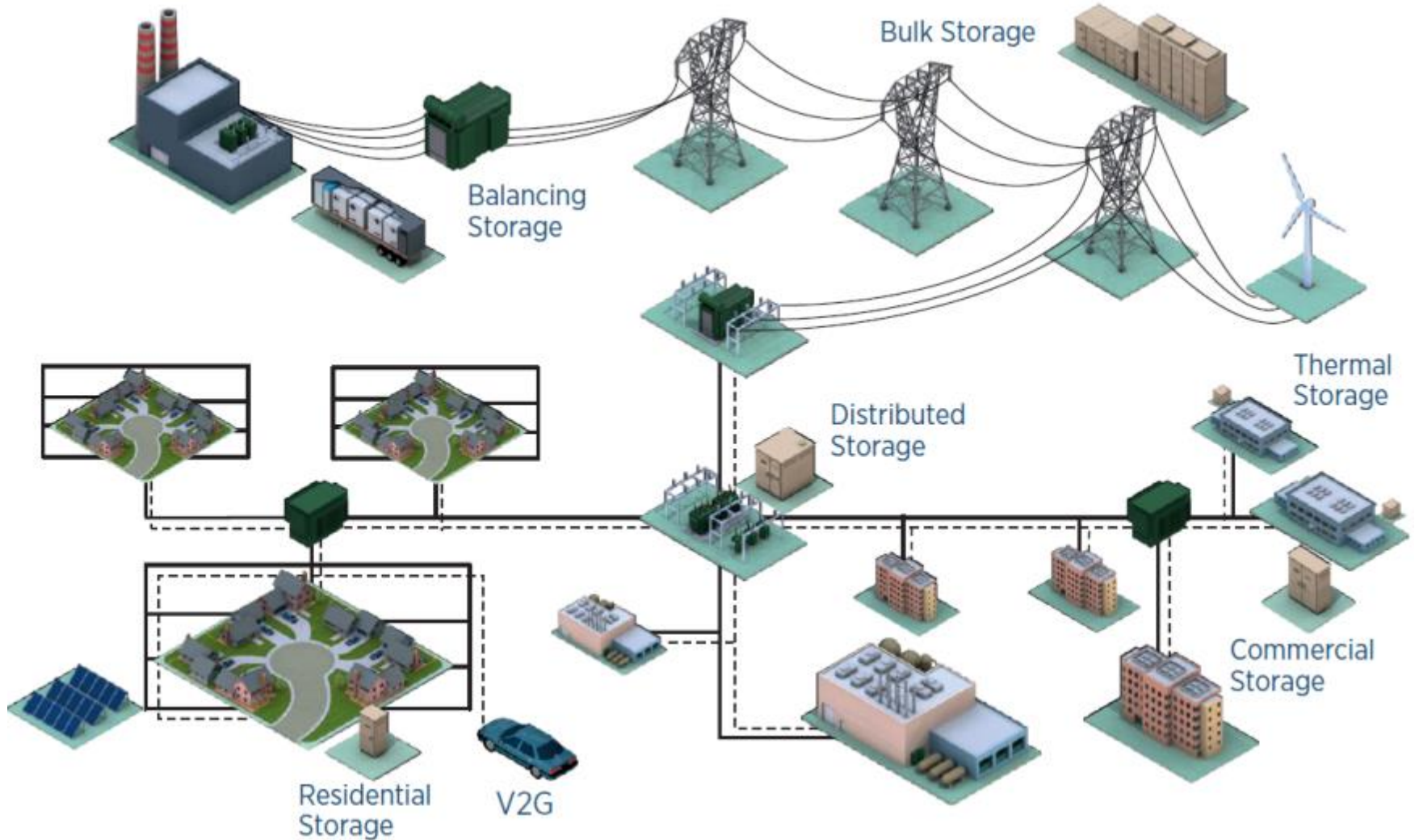
Chillers





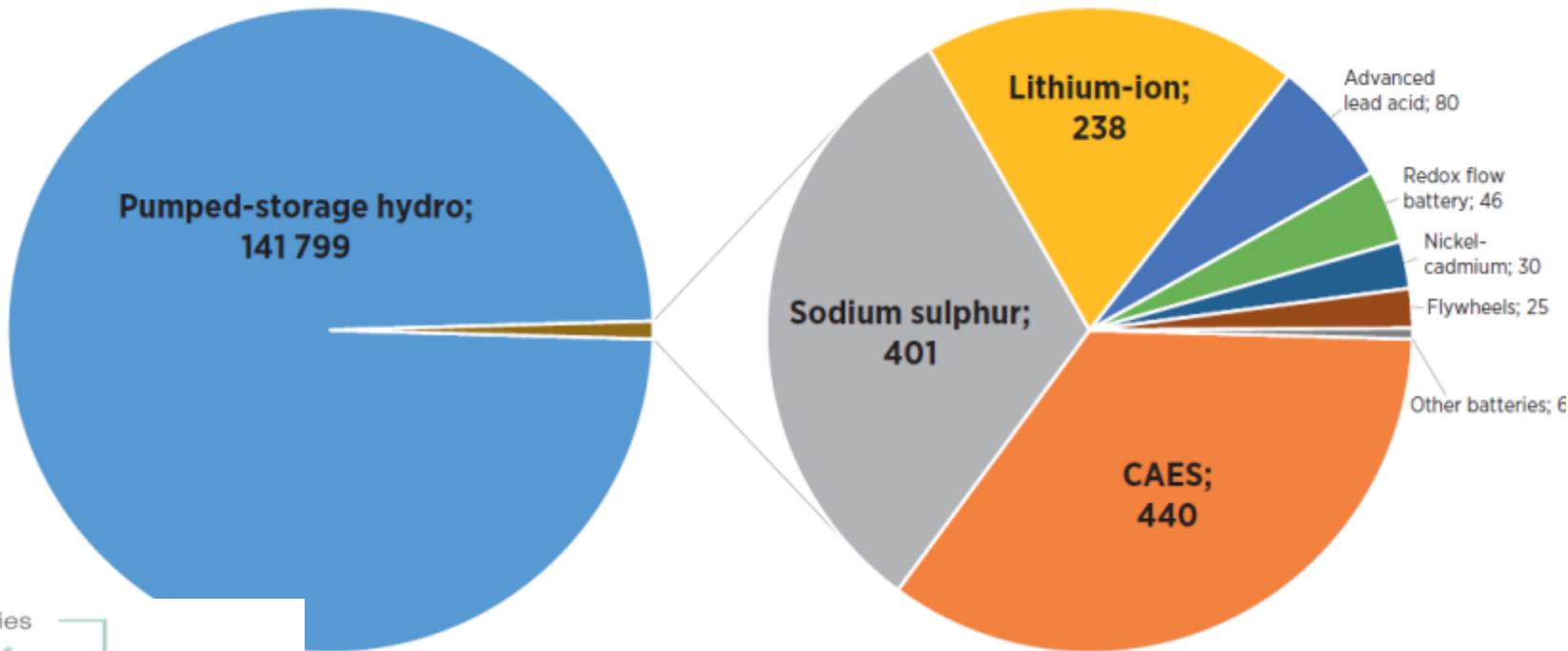


# The Vision





# Present day reality



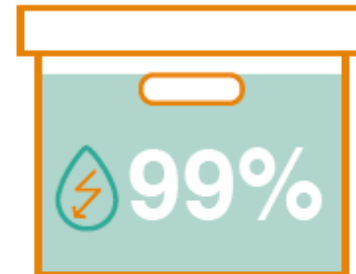
Hydropower supplies  
**16.4%**  
of global  
power supply



Hydropower  
supplies  
**76%**  
of all renewable energy

Hydropower reached  
**1000GW**  
of total installed capacity,  
presenting about **half** of  
undeveloped potential  
capacity

Storage hydropower  
(including pumped  
storage) represents  
99% of the world's  
operational  
electricity storage





# SMART T&D

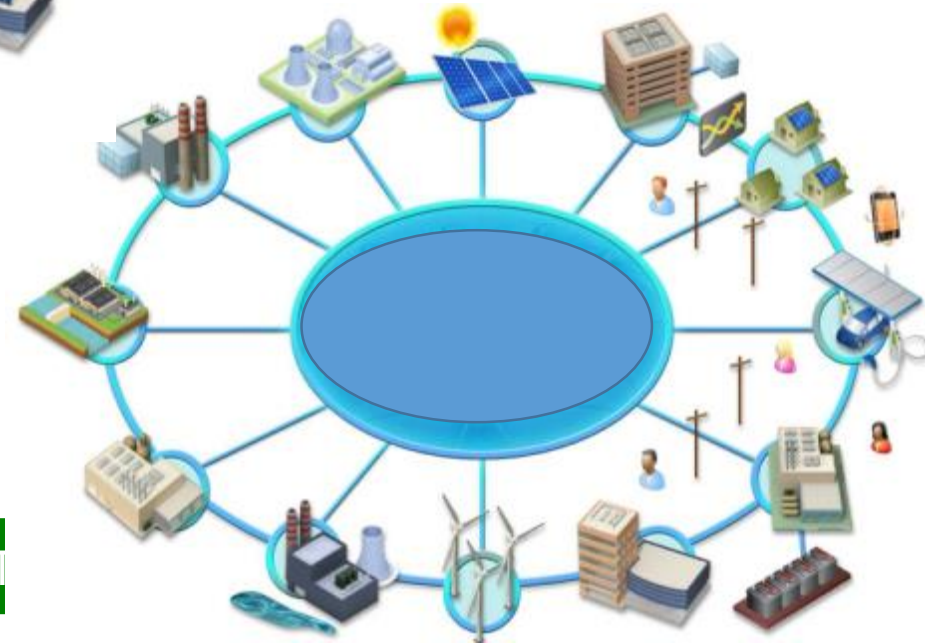
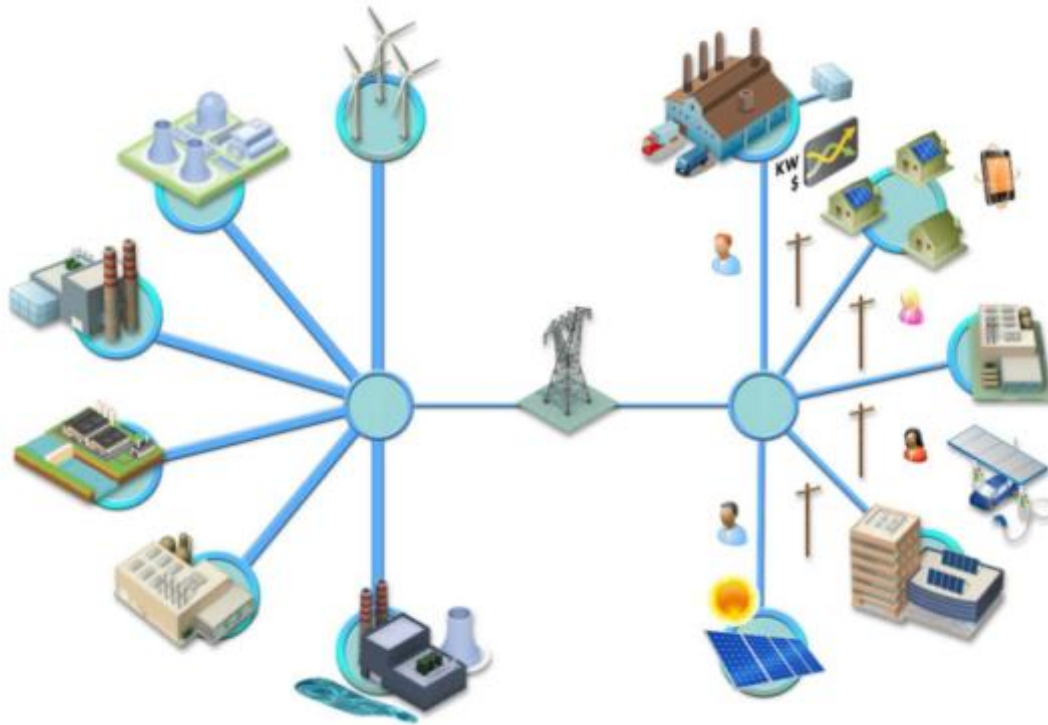
# SMART & Microgrids

- Migration from passive to active distribution, two way power-flows
- Merging of transmission, distribution & customer
- Smart meters & associated communication
- Wide area control, supervision, protection
- Network & control centre architecture
- Data security, cyber security
- Customer engagement & choices
- Many, many participants
- Off-grid systems (rural electrification)
- LVDC networks



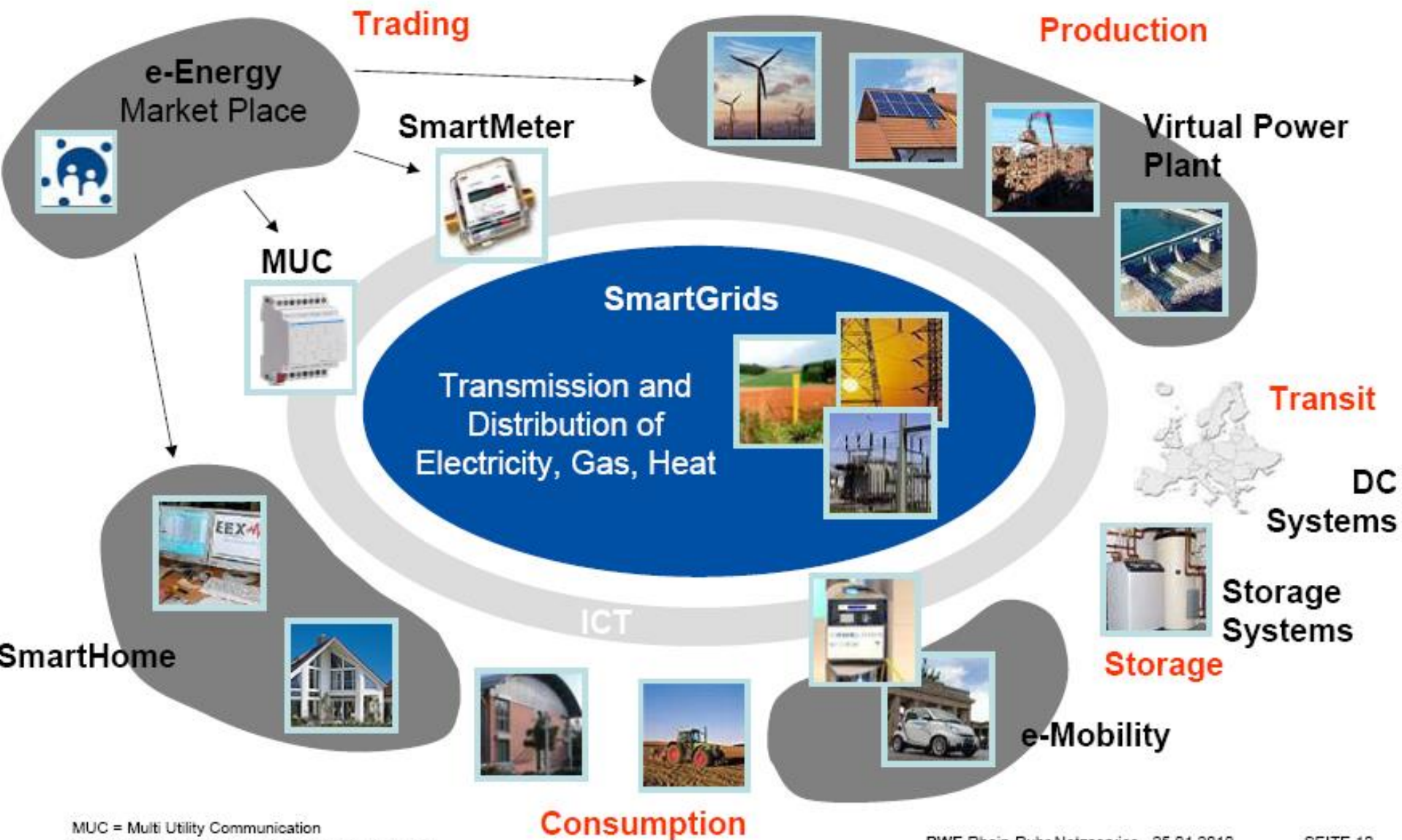


From this . . . . . to this



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# Smartgrid vision







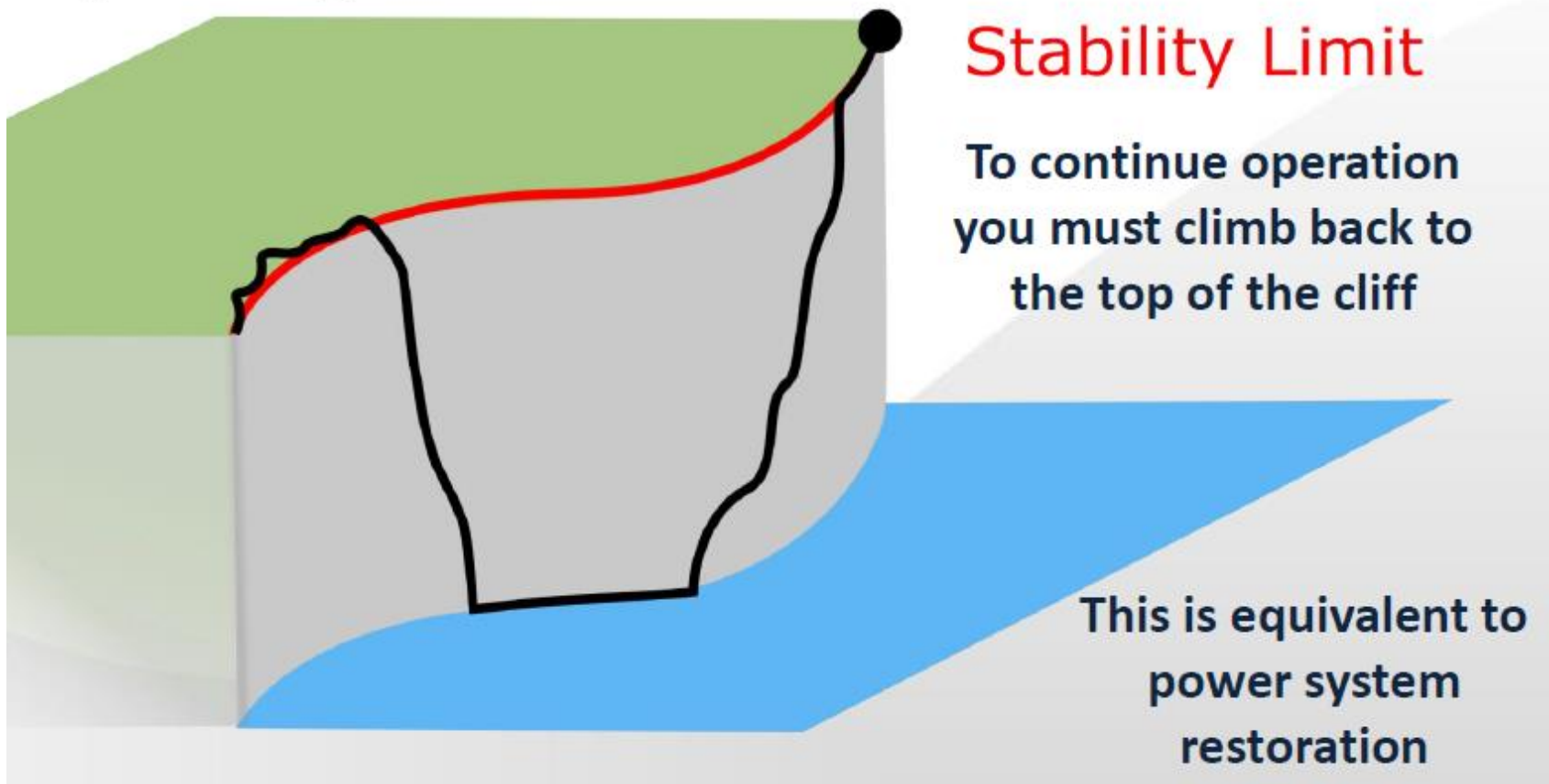
# Gasado Island Microgrid





# Operating uncertainty (1)

Operating Point

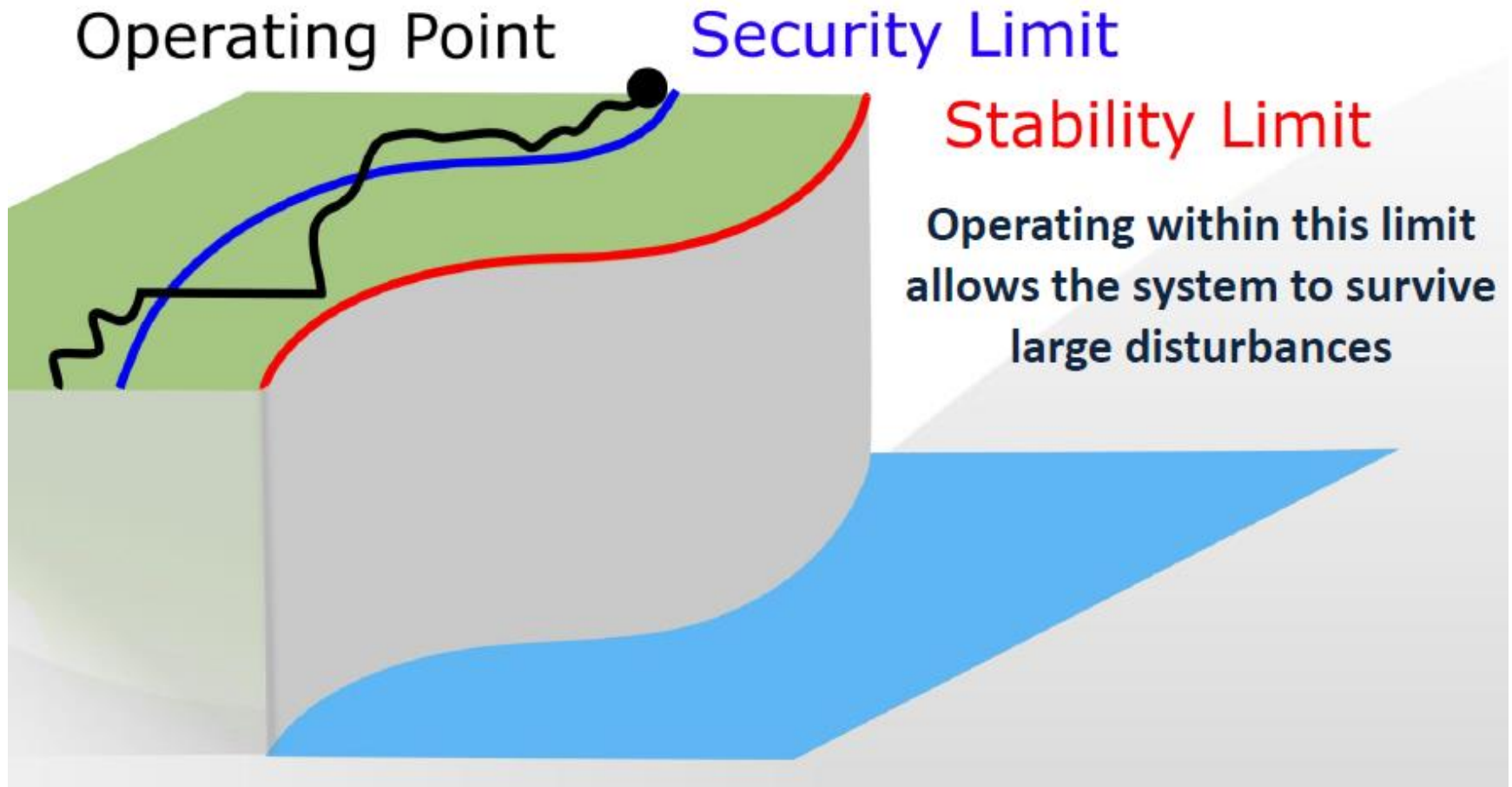


**Stability Limit**

To continue operation  
you must climb back to  
the top of the cliff

This is equivalent to  
power system  
restoration

# Operating uncertainty (2)



# Operating uncertainty (3)

Operating Point

Security Limit

Stability Limit

Uncertainty increases the cost of operation but with no guarantee of an improvement in security

# Operating uncertainty (4)

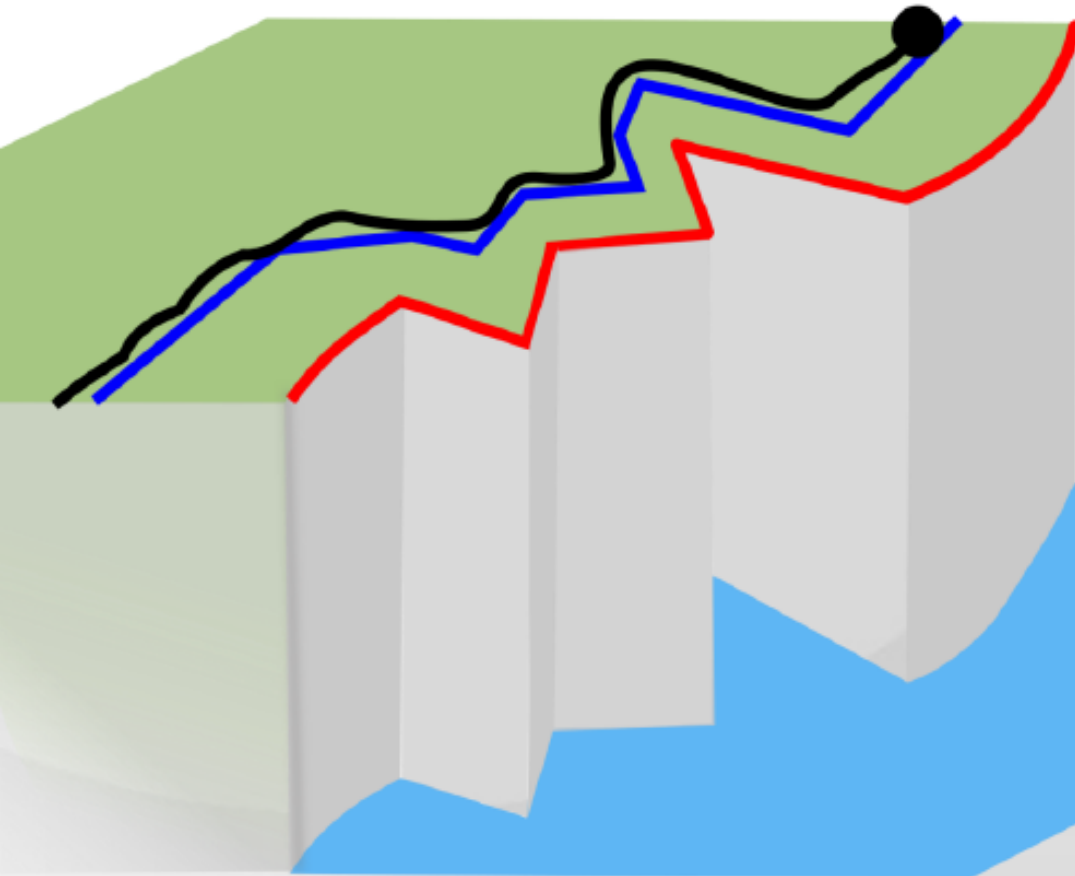
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Security Limit

Stability Limit

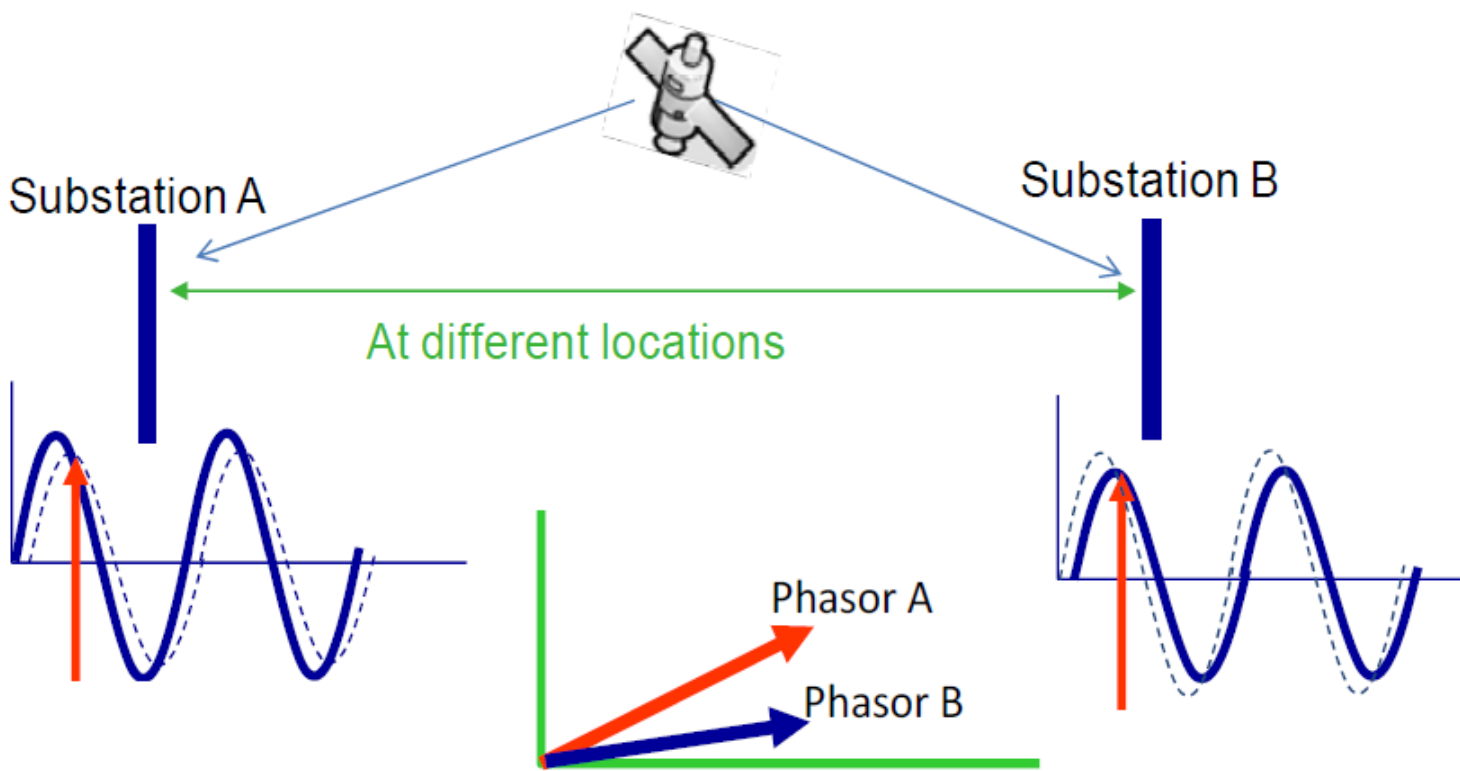
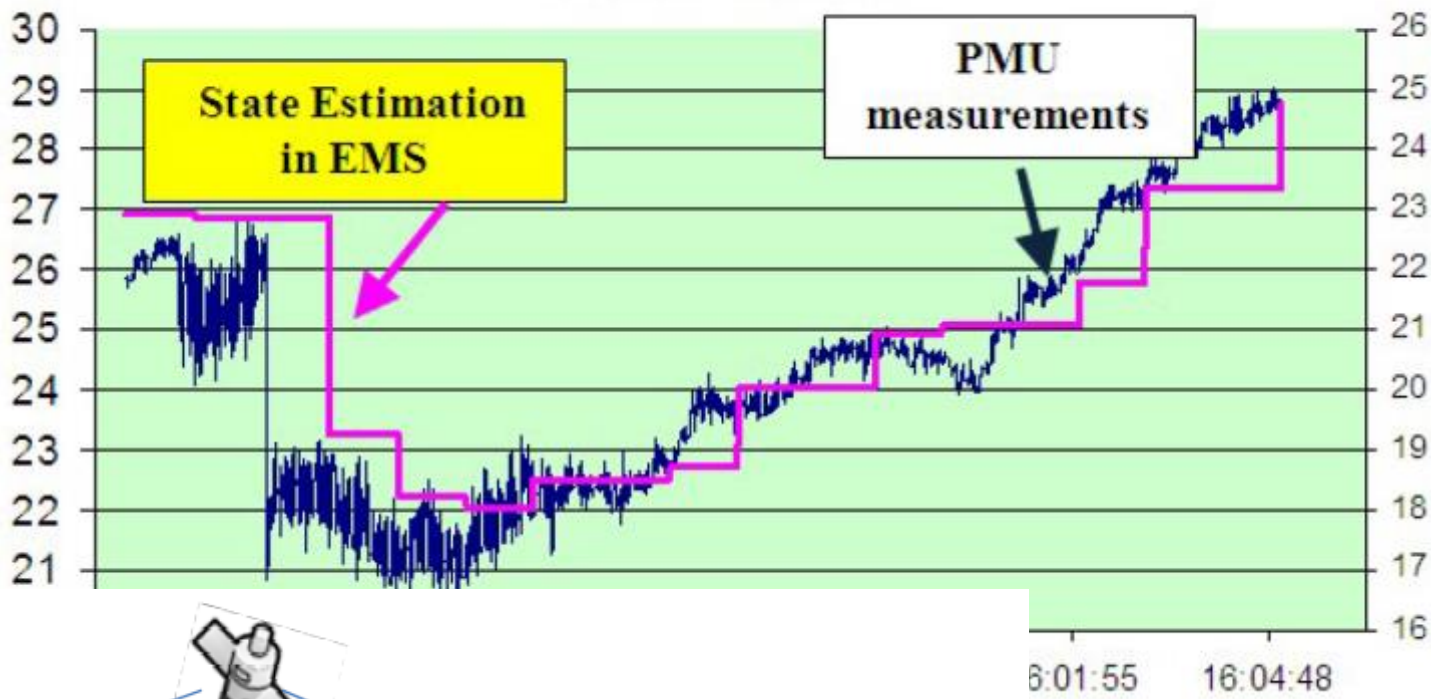
Enhanced control tools are necessary to allow operators exploit these enhanced limits and use the true capacity

Without these tools to complement the new limits the benefit may be limited



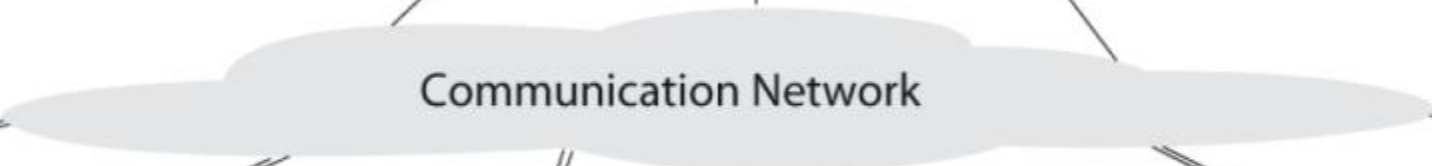
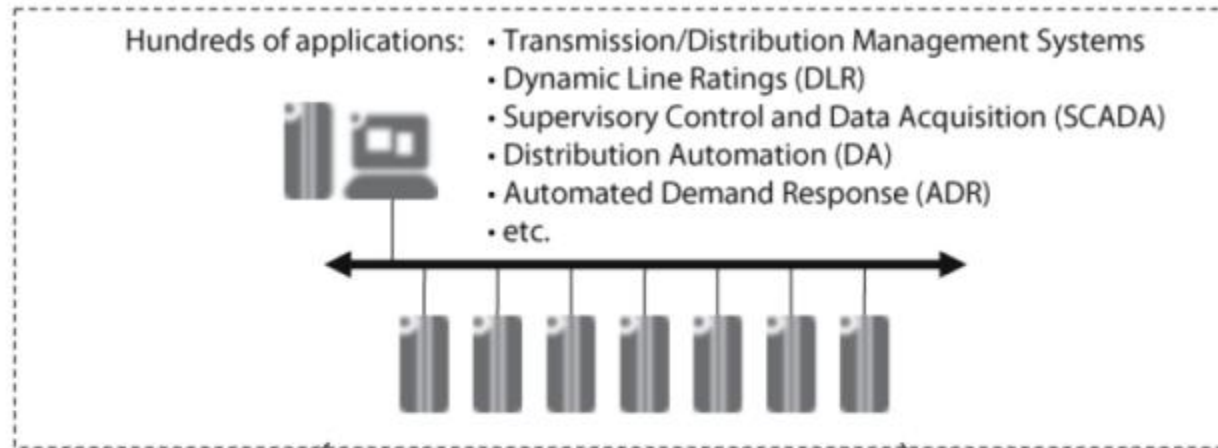


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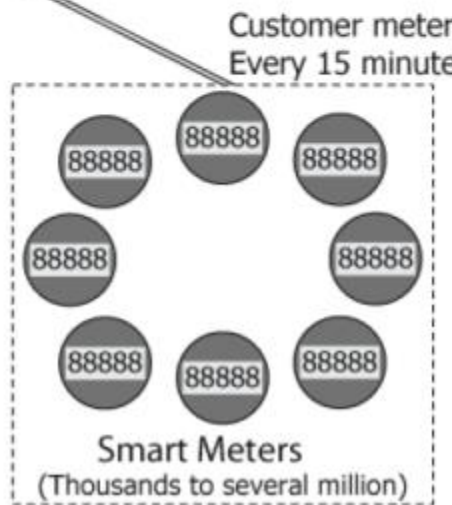
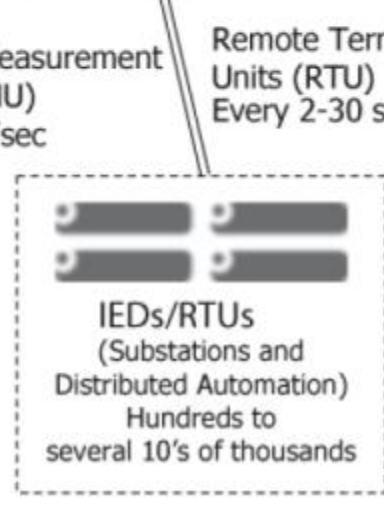
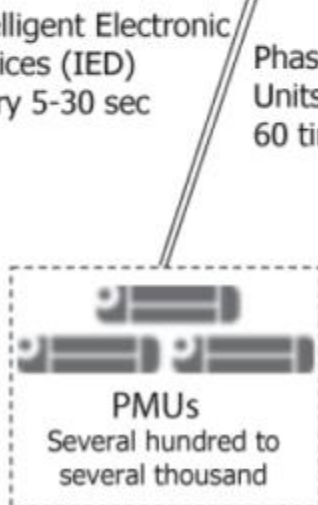
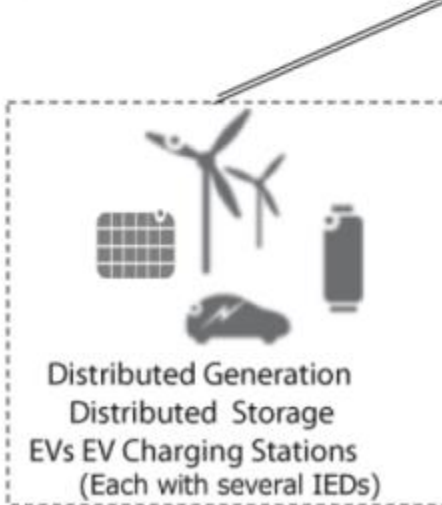


# Wide area architecture



etc.

etc.





# Evolution of wide area technology

1 Post-disturbance analysis

3 Wide area angular monitoring and alarming

4 Wide area Frequency monitoring

5 Wide area voltage monitoring

6 Inter-area oscillation monitoring

7 Real time dynamic rating of transmission lines

2 Benchmarking, Validation and Fine-tuning of System Models

8 Adaptive system restoration

9 Improved state estimation

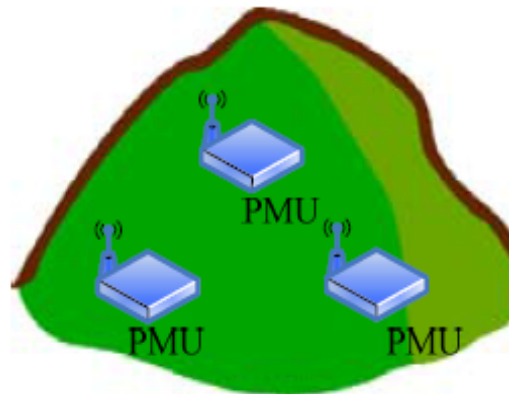
10 Linear state estimation

11 Real time wide area protection

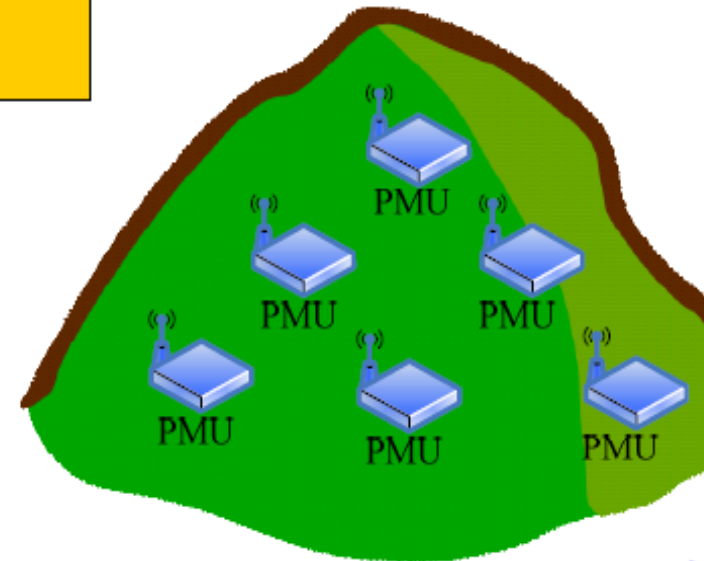
12 Real time wide area control



1-3 years



3-5 years



5-10 years

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# Sustainability and Environment



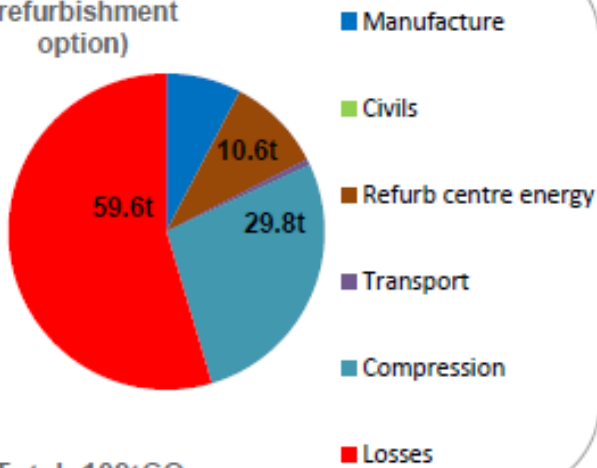
# Sustainability

- Global environmental trends
- Renewable sources (hydro, wind, PV, wave)
- Ongoing role of fossil fuels – efficient/clean
- Reduced wastage & energy efficiency
- Transport energy rather than fuels
- Material choices
- Biodegradable, fire retardant, field grading
- Managing public impacts & perceptions
- Climate change/Climatic extremes
- Assessment methodologies
- SF6 management & targeted elimination
  - SF6 free equipment
  - Best practice management of inventory



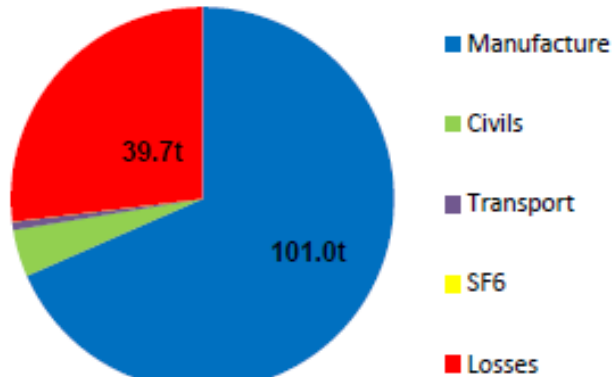
# Lifetime impact of SF<sub>6</sub> leakage

Air-blast (400kv)  
(refurbishment option)



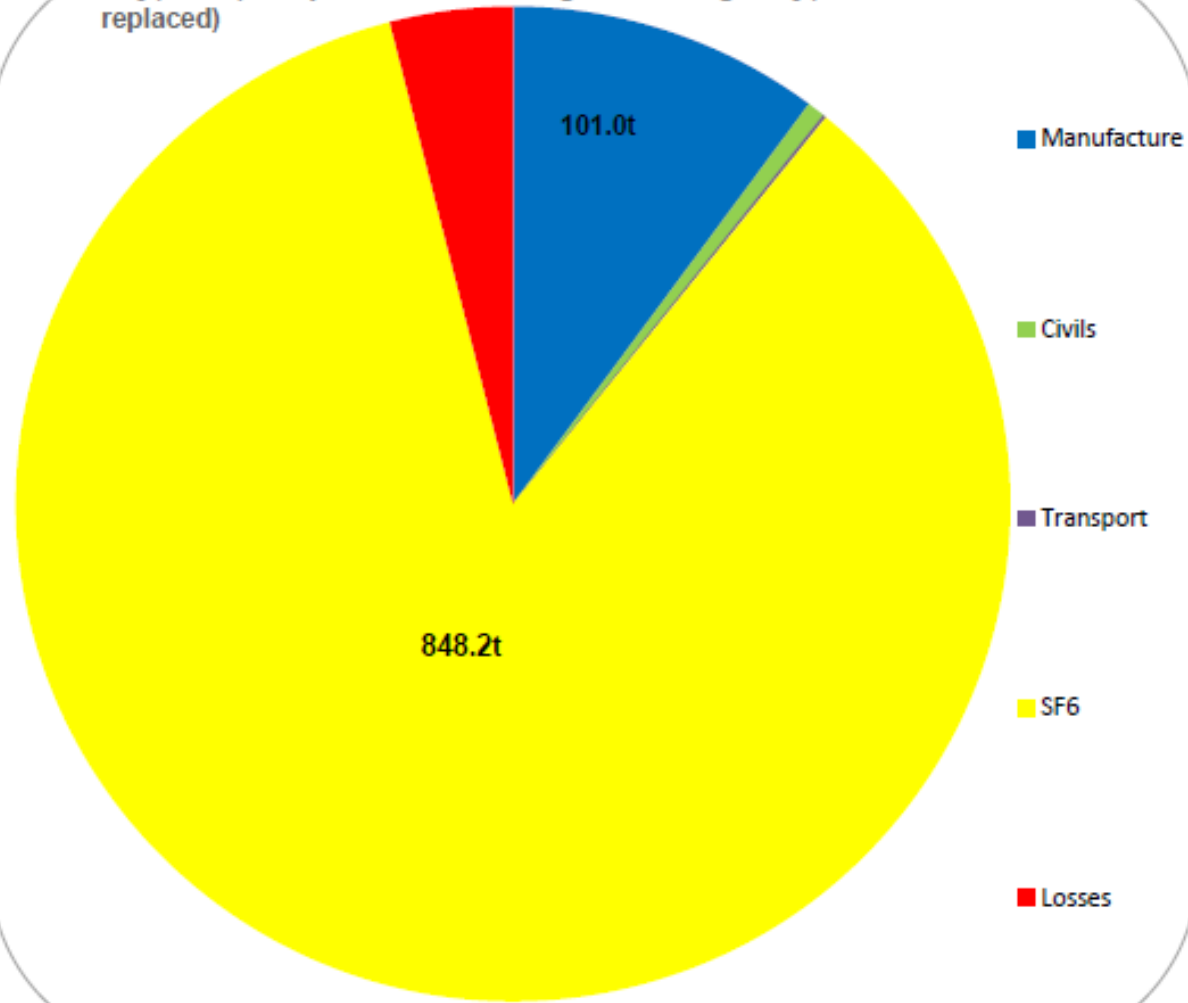
Total: 109tCO<sub>2</sub>e

SF<sub>6</sub> (400kv) – Replacement assuming 0% SF<sub>6</sub> leakage (foundations are replaced)



Total: 147tCO<sub>2</sub>e

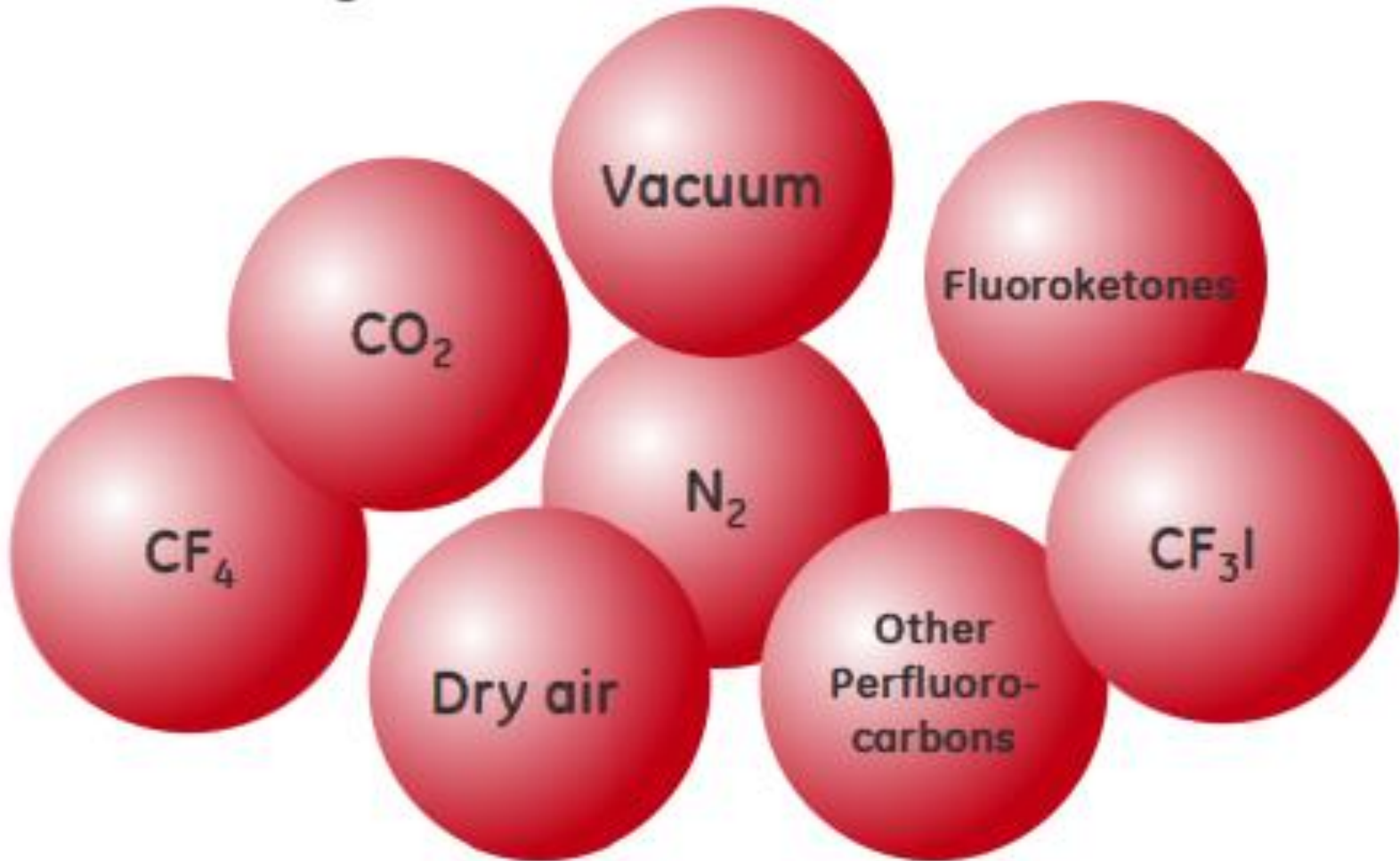
SF<sub>6</sub> (400kv) – Replacement assuming 0.5% leakage SF<sub>6</sub> (foundations are replaced)



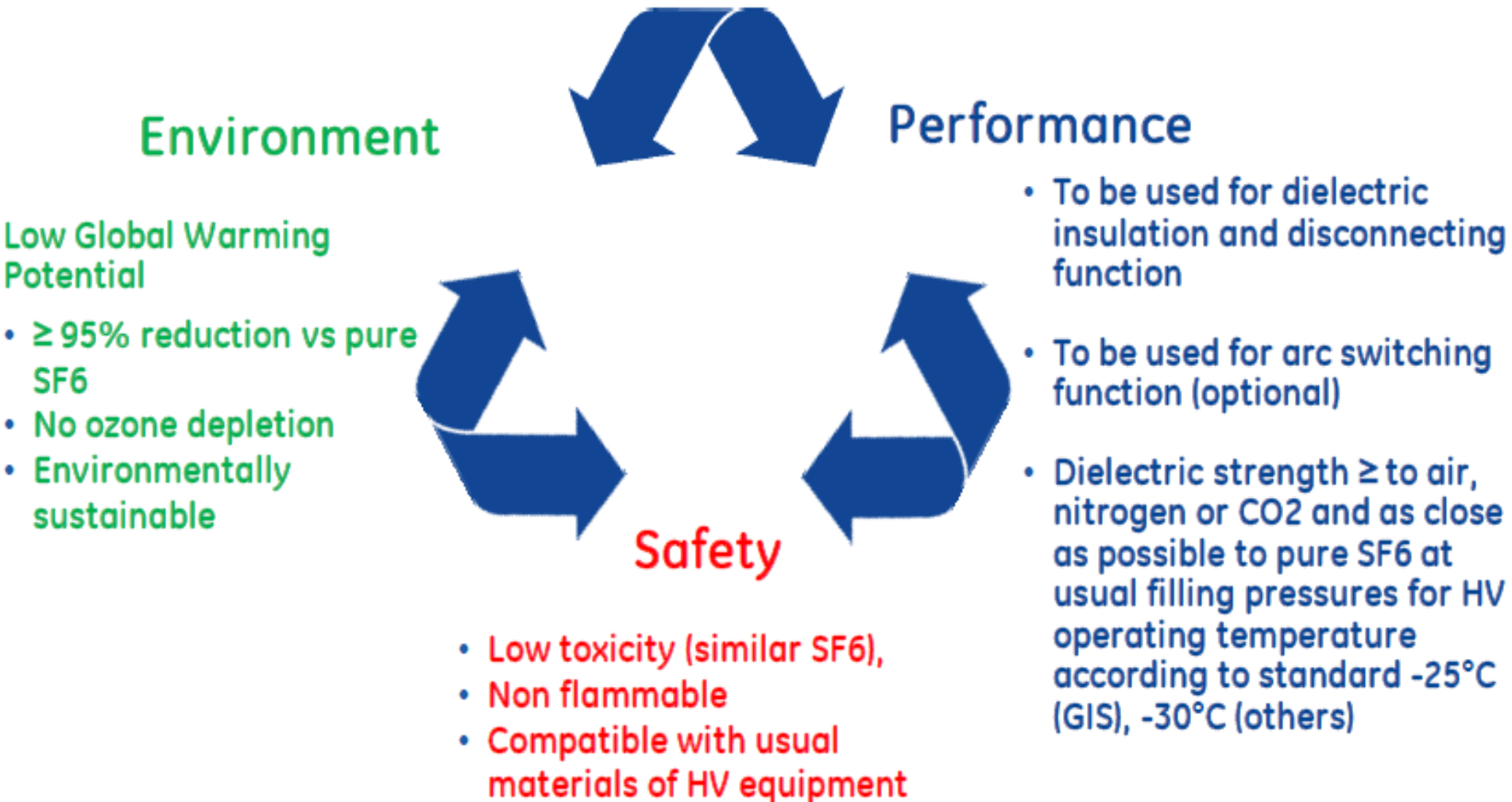
Total: 996tCO<sub>2</sub>e

\* Slow progression scenario used

# Things that are not SF6



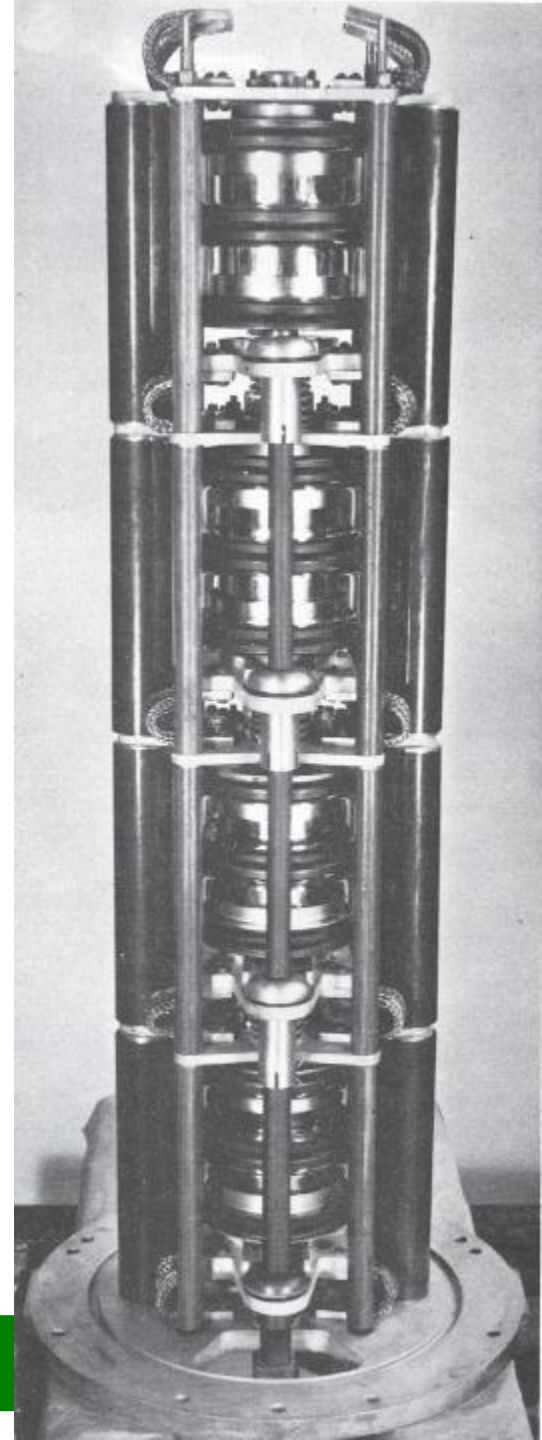
# Requirements for non-SF6 solution





# SF6 alternatives

**Financial  
incentive of  
~£550 per kg  
lost or  
retained  
against target**








# Amenity



# OHL design

- ❑ Compact and high capacity overhead lines in the existing corridors.
- ❑ Hybrid AC & DC lines
- ❑ AC to DC conversion
- ❑ New conductors, insulators etc



	765 kV AC	500 kV DC	800 kV DC
Number of lines:			
Right of way (meter)	~ 240	~ 110	~ 90

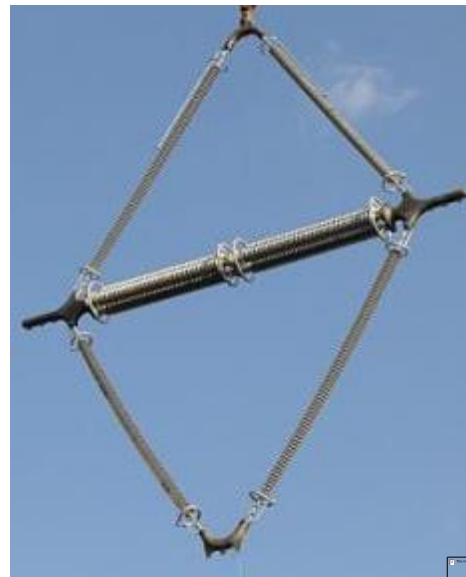




# Pylon design competition

- Winning entry: T-pylon
- We want to offer choice of tower types (including T-pylon) to local communities
- Working with designers on challenges:
  - Construction and safety
  - Reliability and maintenance
  - Need for angle tower

# T-pylon design & development





# Just put it underground.....



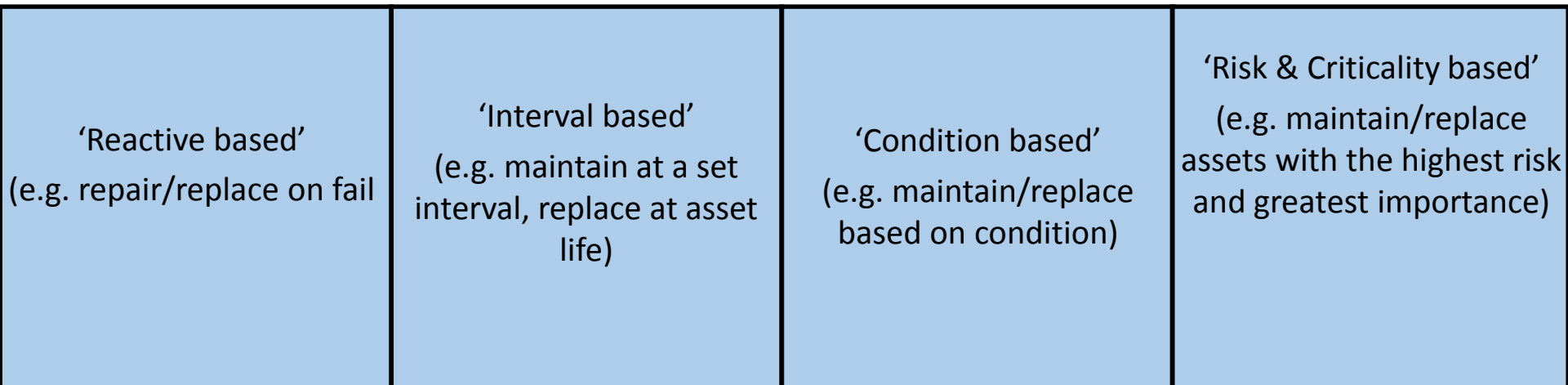
# Sophisticated Asset Management



# Asset Management

- ❑ **Asset management** is the coordinated activity of an organization to realize value from assets
- ❑ Right action, right place, right time

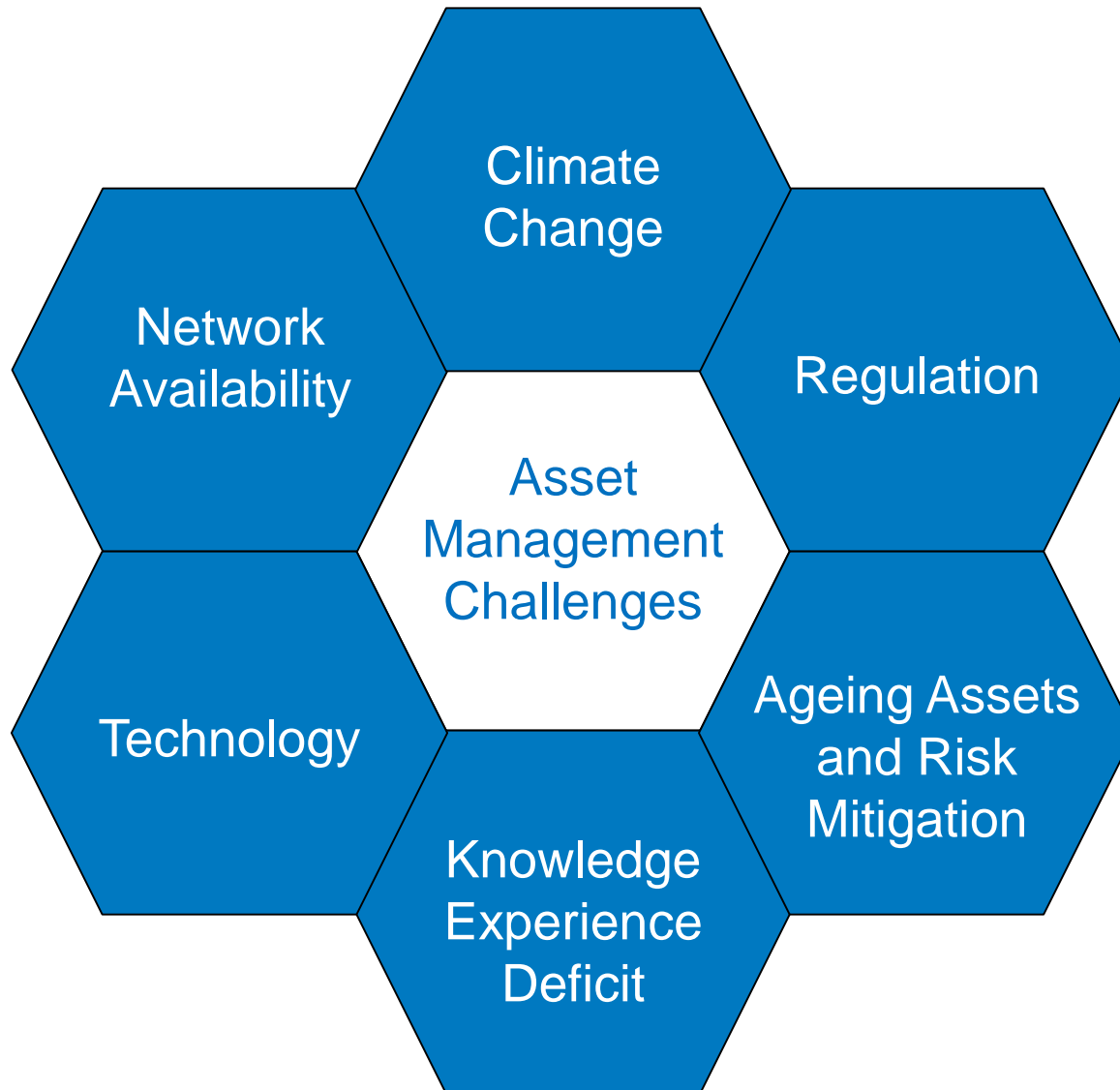
# Asset Management Maturity Model



Increasing maturity of asset management



# Some Challenges





# My Holidays



# Traditional solutions

## Engineering Flowchart

DOES IT MOVE?

NO

YES

SHOULD IT?

SHOULD IT?

NO

YES

NO

YES

NO  
PROBLEM!



NO  
PROBLEM!

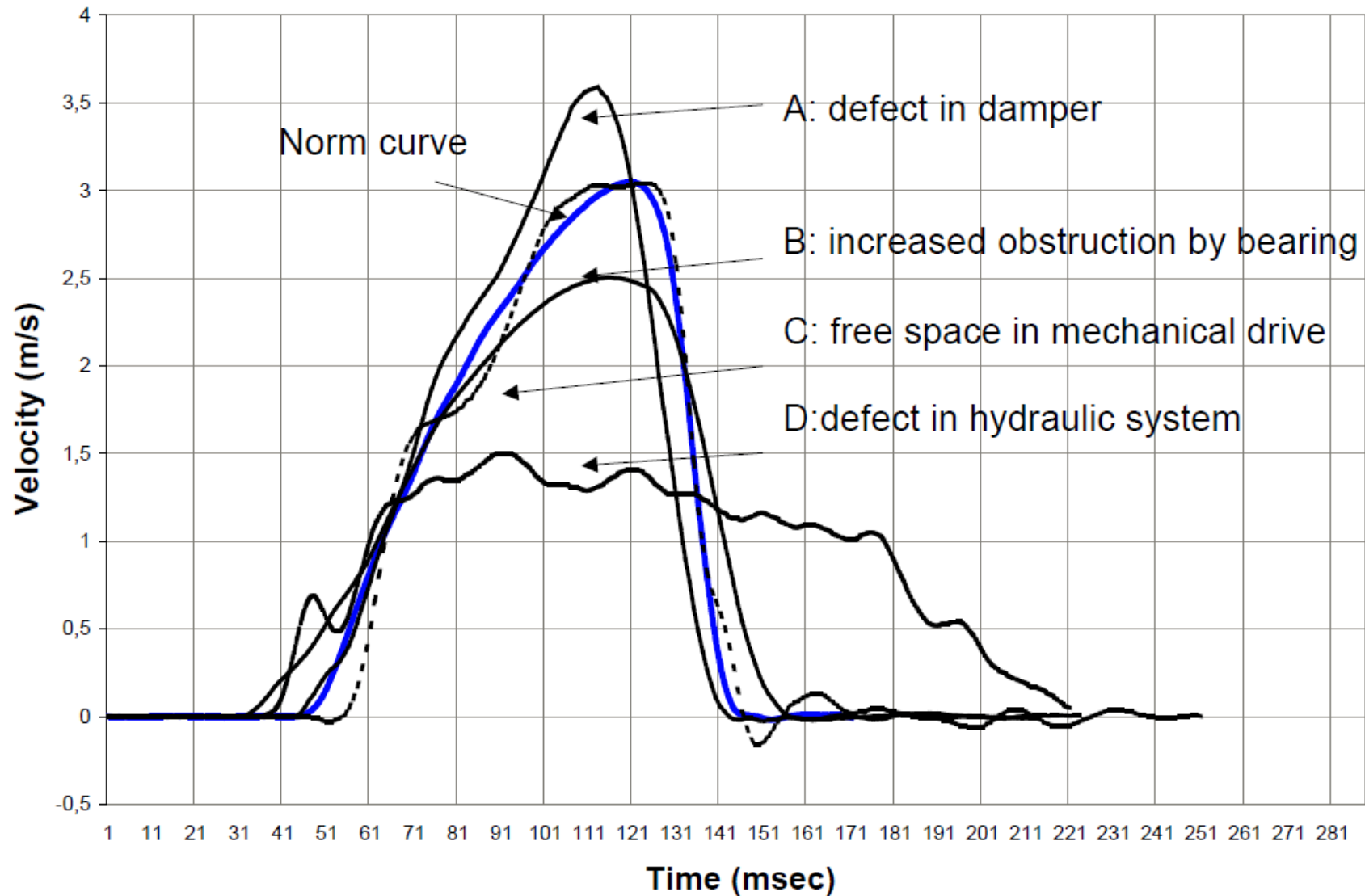


# Diagnostics, monitoring, assessment

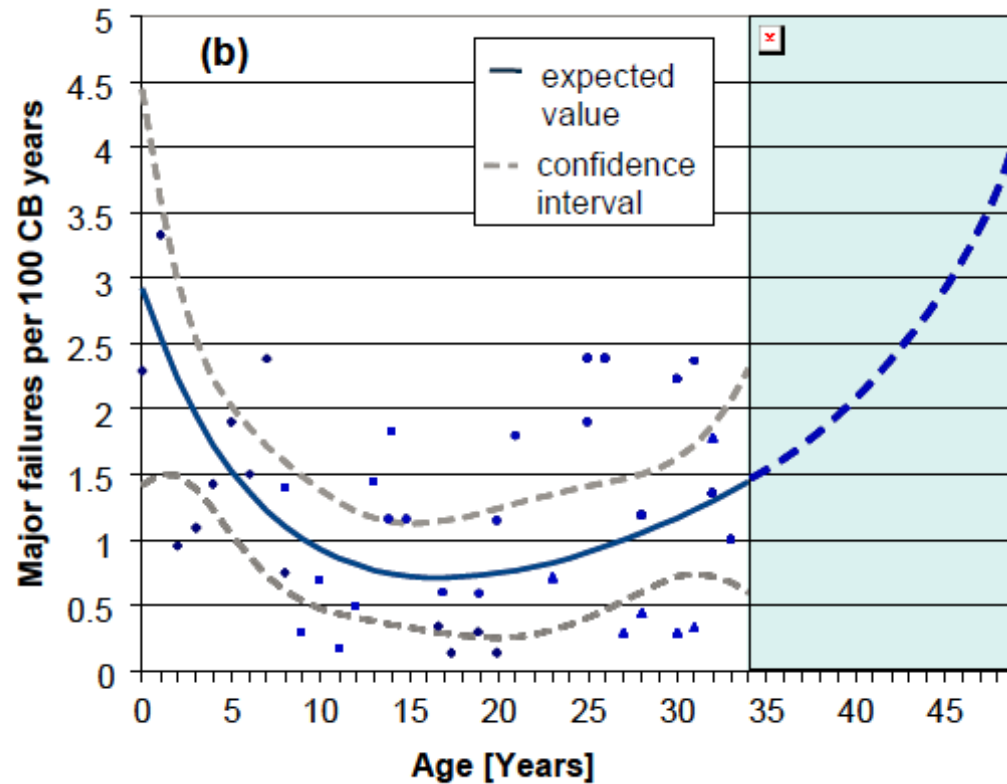
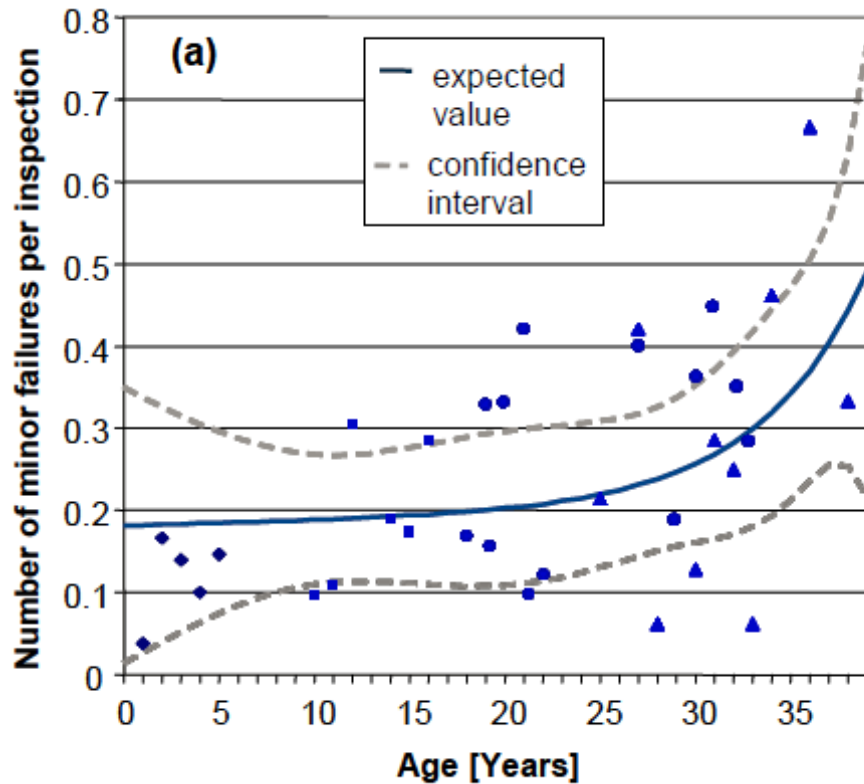
- Enable prediction of the time to intervene and give guidance on intervention required
- Tailored to the asset, material or application
- Useful & usable information
- Timely indications to permit planning
- Integration into business processes
- Cost effective for both small & large fleets
- Informed by historical data, live operational state, R&D, known design issues . . . . .etc



# Interpretation & application



# Predictive techniques





Test No: 060303-5029

Voltage: 237 kV peak

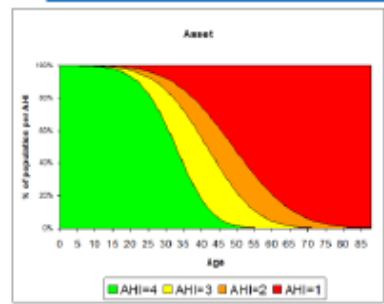
Current: 41,5 kA rms

Arc duration: 19,6 ms.

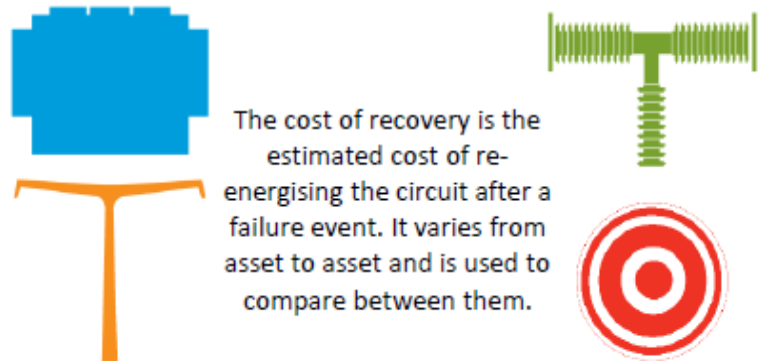
Camera speed: 25/1000 fr/sec.



# Asset Risk



The Asset Health Index (AHI) is a representation of the relative health of an asset.

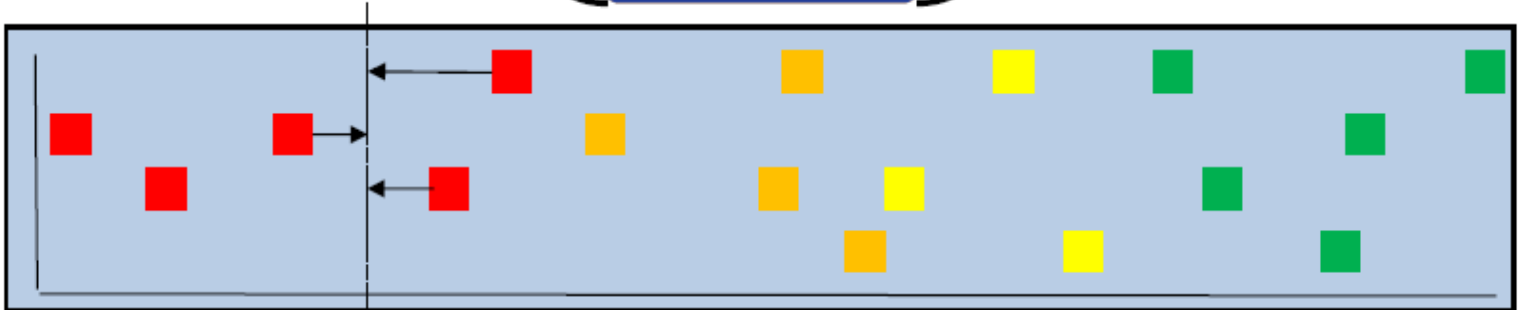


AHI

Criticality

Cost of Recovery

$$\text{AHI} \times \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Criticality} \\ + \\ \text{Cost of Recovery} \end{array} \right\} = \text{Risk (£)}$$



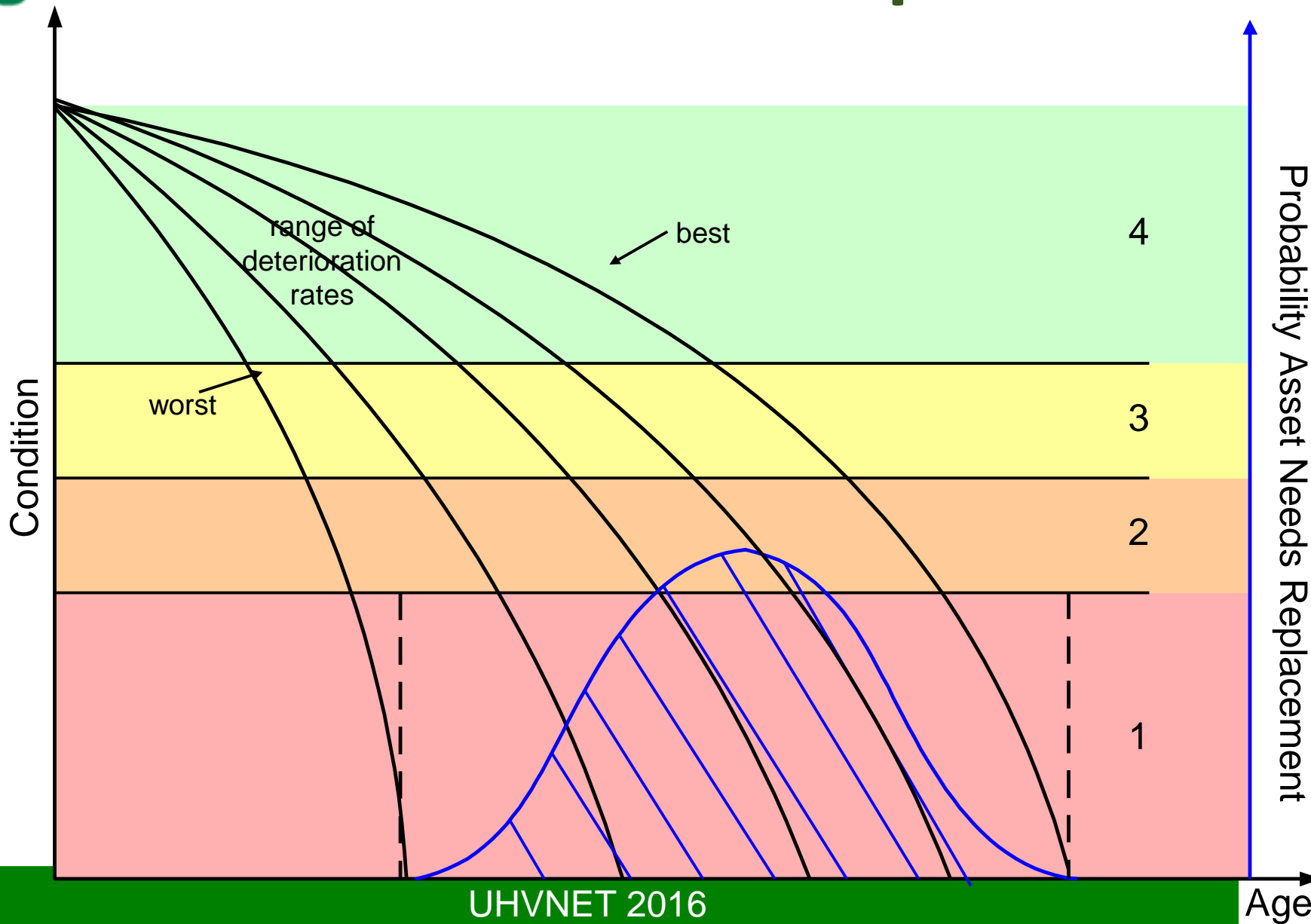


# Asset Health Index

- ❑ Lead assets: OHL (conductor & fittings), transformers, cables, circuit breakers, reactors
- ❑ Generic life limiting factors for asset replacement
  - Condition – based on latest view given condition assessment/other data for individual unit or family
  - Family design weaknesses
  - Compliance with Legislation
  - Health and Safety performance
  - Equipment performance identified as inadequate in a system incident or formal investigation
  - Reduced equipment capability (condition affects capability)
  - Obsolescence
  - Refurbishment isn't an option or has not been undertaken



# Asset Health of a Population





# Criticality

- **System Criticality**
  - Impact of transmission system not delivering services
  - Developed in conjunction with GB System Operator
- **Safety and Environmental Criticality**
  - Consequence of failure or unreliability
  - Risk of direct harm to public/personnel as a result of failure
  - Environmental impact of asset unreliability or failure taking into account the sensitivity of the geographical area local to the asset.
  - Asset (location) specific
  - Derived where there is considered to be a material impact of asset failure/unreliability



# Prioritisation

Higher Criticality



Worse  
Condition



	Criticality			
AHI	Very High	High	Medium	Low
1	0-2	0-2	2-5	2-5
High category 2	0-2	2-5	5-10	5-10
Medium/Low category 2	5-10	5-10	5-10	10+
3	10+	10+	10+	10+
4	10+	10+	10+	10+



# Getting it wrong





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# Standardisation

# Standardisation

- Value to Utilities and Manufacturers
- UHV AC
  - Good co-operation between IEC & CIGRE
- HVDC
- Testing (confidence in performance, electrical mechanical, environmental . . . . .)
- Compatibility
- Interoperability
- Risk of limiting innovation

IEC Technical Committee (HVAC/HVDC)		2014	> 2020	> 2030
TC8 (Systems aspects for electrical energy supply)	AC	The adoption of long distance and large capacity transmission system	UHV transmission system expands Development of UHV system standards	Widespread UHV transmission systems (cross-country) Intersection for DC-Grids
	DC	LCC-HVDC => High power capability VSC-HVDC=>Lower power capability	VSC-HVDC Cap Increase (80% HVDC:VSC), Standard Voltage HVDC Transmission => DC Grid + DC breaker	Integration of DC grids & AC grids Interoperability of DC grids Increase of Multi-terminal HVDC and DC grids->E-highway
TC13 (Electrical energy measurement, tariff- and load control)	AC	IEC 62056 DLMS/COSEM suite => New smart metering applications and security requirements	IEC 62052/62053 => Adaptation to new electronic metering technologies; adapting to changing EMC environment. IEC 62056 DLMS/COSEM suite => harmonizing application model and communication profiles for smart electricity, gas, water, heat and consider advanced end-to-end data security	Voltage and current transformer operated meters using new measuring instrument transformer technologies.  Integration of smart meters into M2M and "Internet of Things" environment.
	DC	Extension of scope for DC metering. NWIP on DC metering accepted (13/1510/RVN)	Modeling of DC metering related applications	-
TC14 (Power transformers)	AC	On-site assemble EHV & UHV transformers Environmental & fire safety transformers	Wide spread of on-site assemble EHV & UHV transformers Wide spread of Environmental & fire safety transformers	Operation transformer equipped semi-conductor type OLTC Operation Superconductivity Current Limiter & TR
	DC	UHV converter TR	On-shore /off on-site assemble UHV converter TR	Wide spread of On-shore /off on-site assemble UHV converter TR
SC17A/SC17C (SWITCHGEAR & CONTROLGEAR)	AC	Medium voltage switchgear: compactness and withstand to harsh climatic conditions including flooding are more and more required in public distribution., Short Circuit current increase up to 80kA	Medium voltage : VCB share increase High voltage: SF6 GCB continues	-
	DC	R&D of DC-circuit breaker started	Application of DC-grid circuit breaker in multi-terminal HVDC grid or DC grid	Wide spread of DC-breaker in DC grid and multi-terminal HVDC system
TC20 (Electric cables)	AC	Up to 500kV cable	Up to 800kV cable	Up to 1200kV cable
	DC	HVDC system (On shore off shore )MI cable mainly applied ±320kV -> ±400kV	HVDC system (On shore off shore )MI cable -> XLPE Cable Max rating : ±500kV-2000A Cable	Wide spread of XLPE Cable Max rating : ±800kV-2000A Cable
TC22,SC22F (Power electronic systems and equipment)	DC		Hybrid DC-CB and other fault current interrupting means Interface of a.c. systems and energy storage systems	VSC HVDC based city in feed systems
TC28	AC			
	DC	HVDC insulation coordination	Preparing the standardization of DC equipment rated voltage and current , testing LI, SW, DC voltage	Standardization of DC equipment rated voltage and current , testing LI, SW, DC voltage
TC36 (Insulators)	AC	Composite Insulator application Pollution criteria review	Wide spread of Composite Insulator application	
	DC			
TC37 (Surge arresters)	AC		Integration of MOSA with distribution equipment	Field grading with micro varistors Composite varistors
	DC	Preparing for DC Arrester standard	High field MO resistors for bridge arresters	Wide spread of LSA for DC transmission lines Charge release from insulators with micro varistors



IEC Technical Committee (HVAC/HVDC)		2014	—————>2020	—————>2030
TC38 (Instrument transformers)	AC	Digital VT/CT Fiber optics VT/CT	Wide spread Digital VT/CT	Wide spread Digital VT/CT
	DC	Optical DC CT Kraemer type CT	Wide spread of Optical DC CT	
TC57 (Power Systems Management and Associated Information Exchange)	AC & DC	Overall architecture for information exchanges for electricity grids, and related standards (control, protection, asset management, DA, EMS, market, cyber security, etc.)	Architecture exchange extension to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cross cutting applications (Demand / response; Voltage control...)</li> <li>• Mesh grids (HVDC &amp; AC)</li> <li>• Interfaces with Home &amp; Buildings information and control systems</li> <li>• 62351 for cyber security end to end solutions to TC57 standards.</li> </ul>	-
	DC specific	CIM (common information model) for HVDC links	CIM for HVDC multi-links (asset management, operation, control) 61850 for HVDC station control, operation & protection	-
TC90 (Superconductivity)	AC		66kV-275kV cable, current limiter? Transformer?	Expand of AC transmission system, 500kV cable?
	DC	DC-transmission system	Expand of DC-transmission system	
TC95 (Measuring relays and protection equipment)	AC	IEC 61850, Local Area Protection ->Wide Area Monitoring System	Wide spread of Wide Area Monitoring System / Wide Area Monitoring Protection and control / New functions for loss of mains detection	Wide spread of Wide Area Monitoring Protection and control
	DC		Specific protection for DC lines	
TC115 (High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) transmission for DC voltages above 100 kV)	DC	VSC-HVDC increase Max rating $\pm 320\text{kV}$ $\pm 800\text{kV}$ 7,200MW LCC HVDC power transmission systems $\pm 320\text{kV}$ 800MW VSC HVDC power transmission systems	HVDC transmission system expands Max rating $\pm 800\text{kV}$ Preparation for the HVDC system standards $\pm 1100\text{kV}$ LCC HVDC power transmission systems DC power tapping	HVDC transmission system expands Max rating : $\pm 1200\text{kV}$ Preparation for the HVDC system standards incl. DC-CB, DC grids