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## *Grid Systems*

# ABB's unique position in HVDC

## In-house converters, semiconductors, and cables

### Key components for HVDC transmission systems

#### Converters



Conversion of AC to DC and vice versa

#### High power semiconductors



Silicon based devices for power switching

#### HV Cables



Transmit large amounts of power- u/ground & subsea



# ABB pioneer new grounds in HVDC

## HVDC interconnect energy systems and integrate renewables

First: Gotland 1. 20 MW, 100 kV



First: Gotland Light 50 MW, 80 kV



Largest: Hami-Zhengzhou  
8 GW, 800 kV(2210 km OHL)



Largest: VSC HVDC Light EWIC  
500 MW / 200 kV 262 km



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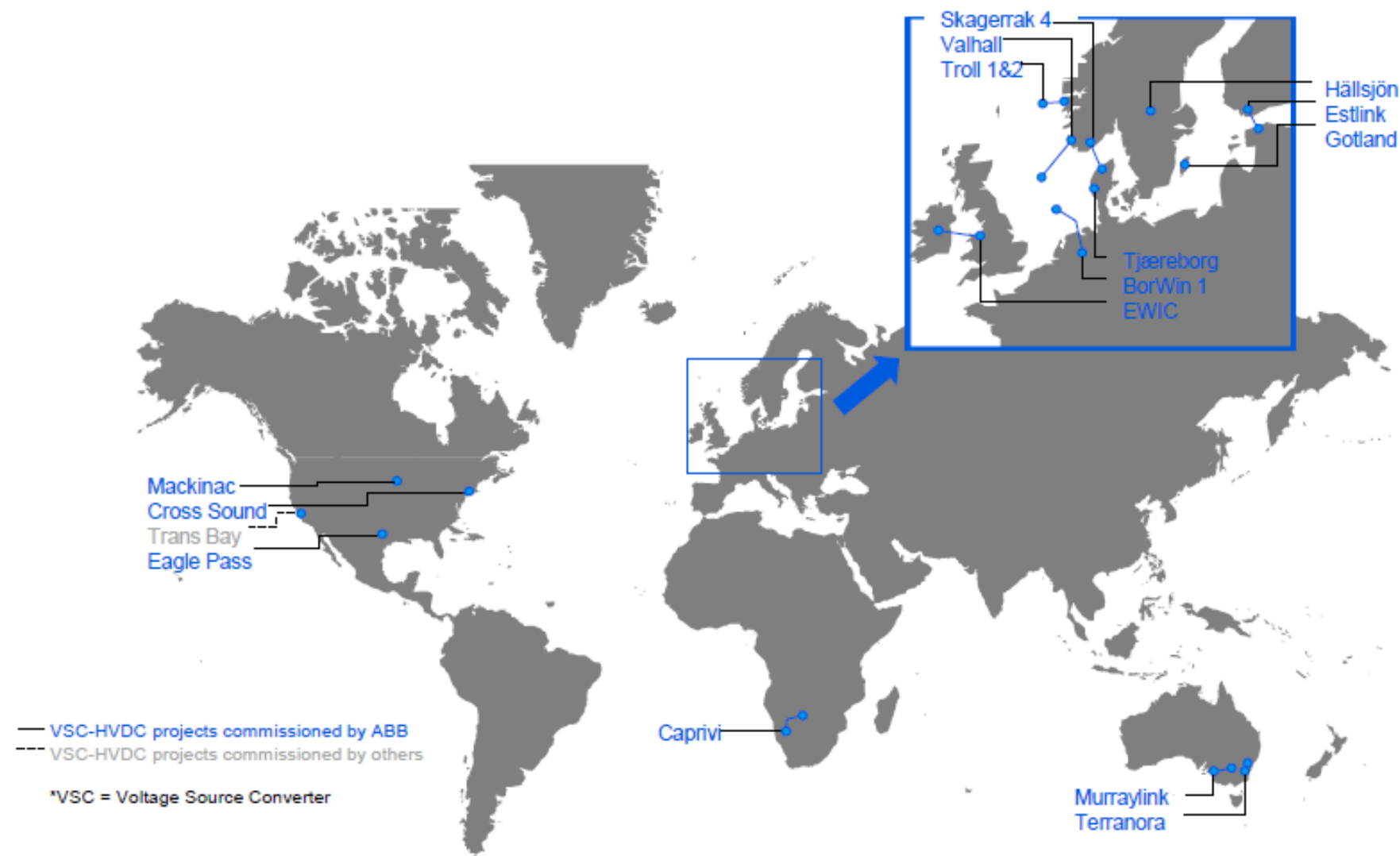
**HVDC Classic for bulk transmission since 1954**

**HVDC Light for self-controlling transmission since 1999**

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# ABB's HVDC Light® leads the way in VSC\* technology

With Skagerrak 4, ABB has delivered 15 of the VSC projects commissioned around the world



# New extruded HVDC cable system takes underground & subsea transmission to the next level

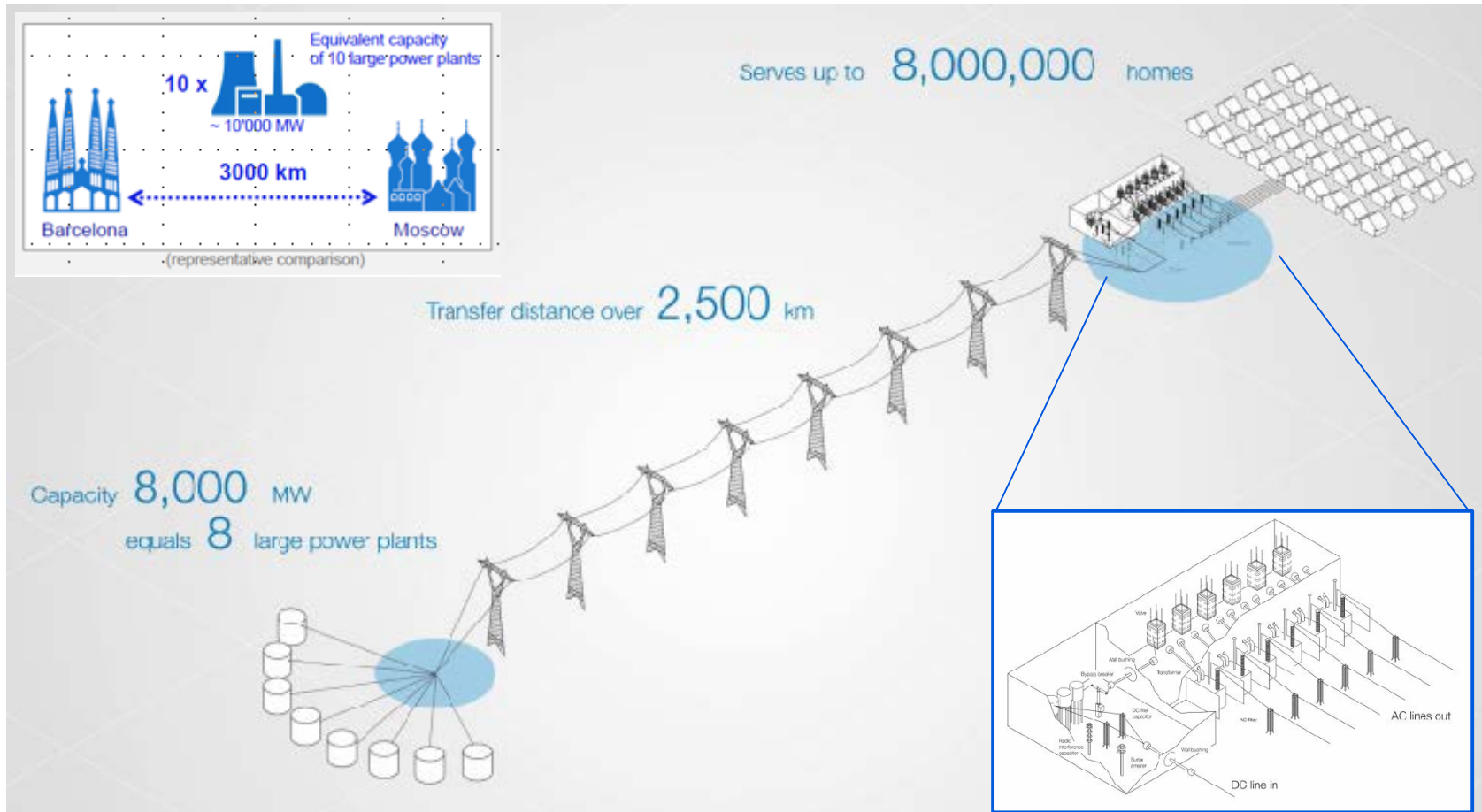


- 2<sup>nd</sup> generation of high power transmission system for HVDC underground and subsea transmission launched in 2014 after type testing at 1.9 times rated voltage of 525 kV
- Cable, joints and terminations
- From 80 to 525 kV in 15 years



1 <sup>st</sup> generation XPLE extruded HVDC Light Cables			
Installed	Voltage	Power	Example
2014	320 kV	900 MW	Dolwin 1
2014	320 kV	700 MW	Southwestlink
2012	200 kV	500MW	EWIC
2009	150 kV	400MW	Borwin 1
2005	150 kV	350MW	Estlink 1
2002	150 kV	220 MW	Murray Link
1999	80 kV	50 MW	Gotland Light

# Ultra-high voltage direct current (UHVDC) systems for transmission up to 11 GW in one tower line



UHVDC 1100 kV increases capacity by up to 25%  
- a significant leap from the present level of 800 kV.





*900 MW Dolwin 2 HVDC Light Converter station  
for offshore wind connections. At the yard in Norway*



# Recently commissioned Skagerrak 4. World record HVDC Light 500 kV, 700 MW



- The subsea links balance hydro power from Norway and wind power from Denmark while stabilizing the grid in both countries
- A bipole with one Classic and Light in parallel at new record 500 kV



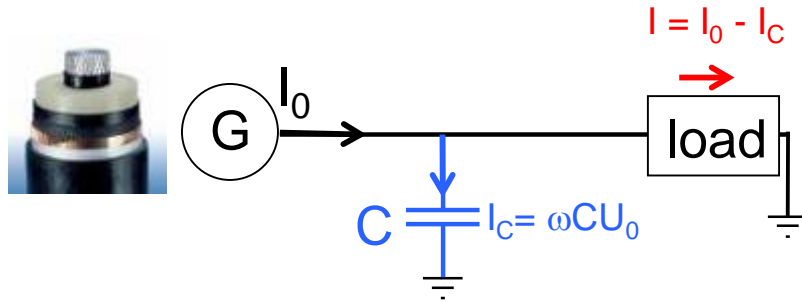
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# WHY HVDC? It is ideal for long distance transmission

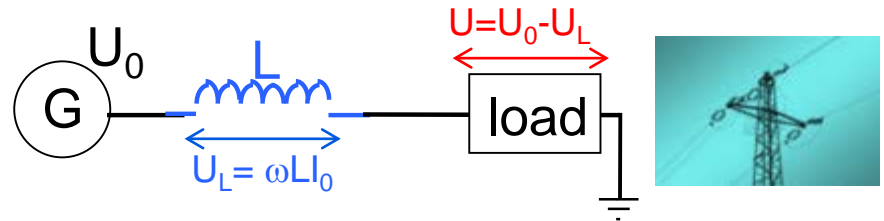
Capacitance of high power cables. Inductance of power lines

## Cable



In cable > 50 km, most of AC current is needed to charge and discharge the “C” (capacitance) of the cable

## Overhead Line



In overhead lines > 200 km, most of AC voltage is needed to overcome the “L” (inductance) of the line

⇒ C & L can be compensated by reactors/capacitors or FACTS  
or by use of DC, which means  $\omega = 2\pi f = 0$

