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### Background

#### Power supply within cities predominantly with cables

- Many quite old cables and substations
- Refurbishment / replacement in upcoming years
- Adaption of substations to new load requirements

High temperature superconductor systems (HTS cables in combination with HTS fault current limiters)

- Option for replacing conventional cables
- Enabling of new grid concepts





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#### **Application Concept – HV Cables**



Capacity of one transformer equals total load in each substation







#### **Application Concept – Medium Voltage HTS Cables I**



Capacity of one transformer equals total load in each substation







**Application Concept – Medium Voltage HTS Cables II** 



Capacity of one transformer equals total load in each substation







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### Case Study – RWE, Nexans, KIT, U Hannover

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State-of-the-art of HTS cable R&D

Tests









### **Case Study – Urban grid with HV cables**



# **Case Study – Urban grid with MV-HTS cables**



# **Case Study – Overall changes in the grid**

- Dispensable devices for new grid concept
  - 12.1 km of 110 kV cable systems
  - 12 x 110 kV cable switchgear
  - 5 x 40 MVA, 110/10 kV transformers
  - 5 x 110 kV transformer switchgear
  - 5 x 10 kV transformer switchgear
- Additionally required devices for new grid concept
  - 23.4 km of 10 kV HTS cable system
  - 16 x 10 kV cable switchgear
  - 3 x 10 kV bus ties





#### **Case Study – Right of Way and Installation Space**



## **Case Study – Economic Feasibility**



### **Case Study – Economic Feasibility**

- Comparison of 3 different options based on NPV method
- Investment costs and operating costs (maintenance and losses)
- 40 years
- 2 % yearly increase
- 6.5 % interest rate
- 65 €/MWh



### **Case Study – Economic Feasibility**

- Comparison of 3 different options based on NPV method
- Investment costs and operating costs (maintenance and losses)
- 40 years 120 103.2 2 % yearly increase 100 93.7 87.7 Total NPV in M€ 80 6.5 % interest rate 60 65 €/MWh 40 20 0 110 kV 10 kV conv. 10 kV HTS Investment costs NPV operating costs Nexans EG GEHEN

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### **AmpaCity Project**

#### **Project Objectives**

Development and field test of a 1km long 40 MVA, 10 kV cable in combination with a resistive type SCFCL

Project Duration: 09/2011-08/2015

Cable and SCFCL Installation in 2013

#### **Project Partners and Roles**

- RWE Specification and Field Tests
- Nexans HTS Cable and FCL
- KIT HTS Material Tests and Characterization

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#### AmpaCity Project – Three phase 40 MVA, 10 kV cable concept



#### AmpaCity Project – Three phase 40 MVA, 10 kV cable terminal





#### **AmpaCity Project – Installation in Downtown Essen, Germany**



- Approximately 1 km cable system length with one joint
- Installation in Q4/2013, afterwards at least two year field test in grid





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## HTS systems attractive alternatives to conventional systems

- Replacing HV cable systems with MV HTS cable systems
- Reduction of inner city transformer substations

## **Concentric HTS cable systems for MV applications**

- Very good electromagnetic behavior
- Thermally independent from environment
- Small right of way and reduced installation costs

Enabling new grid concepts for urban area power supply AmpaCity project in Germany started (HTS cable and SFCL)



