



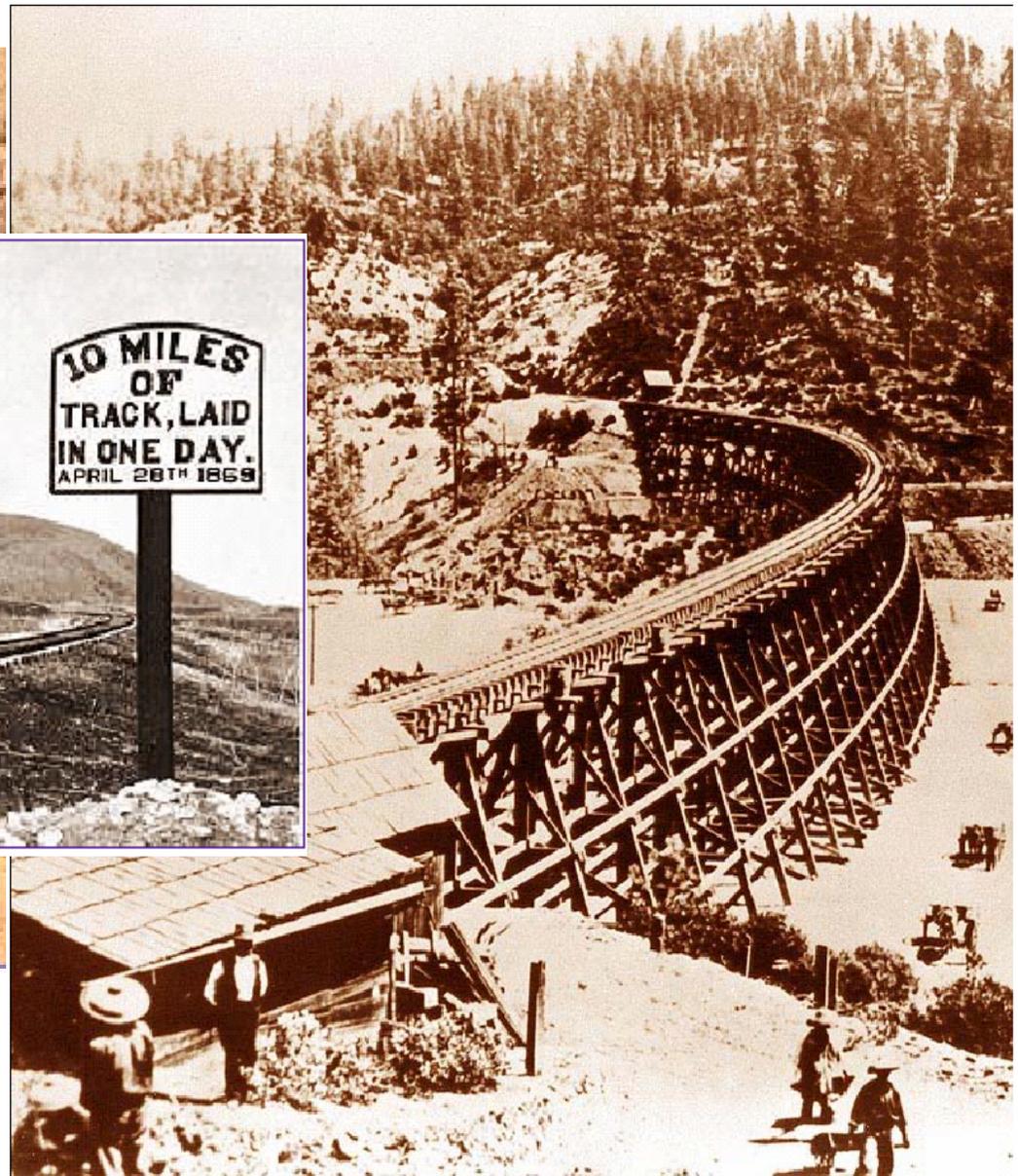
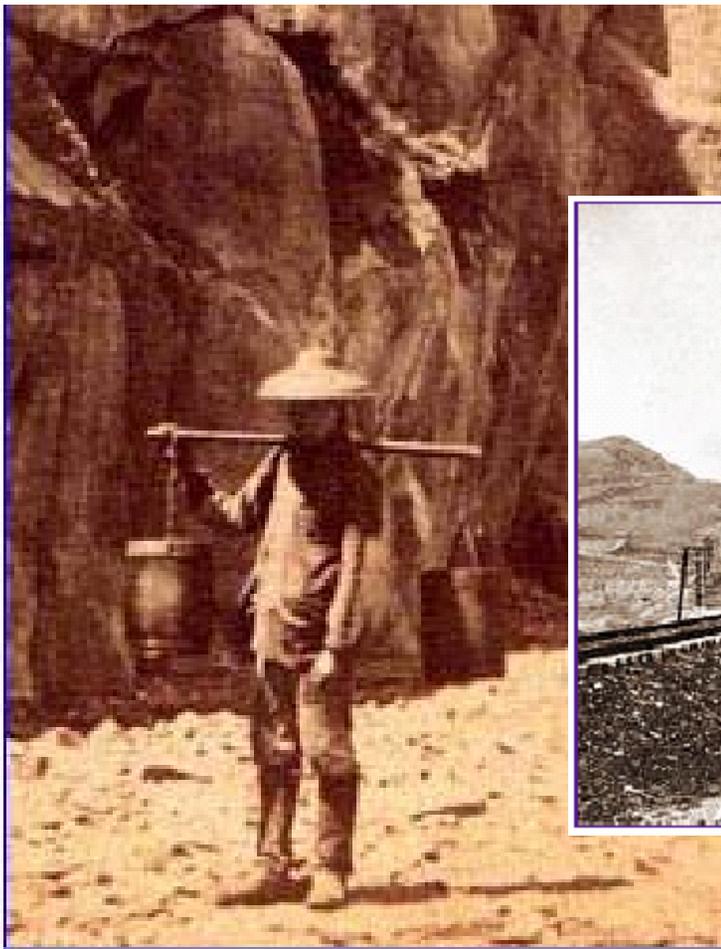
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# Overview of HTS Power Cable Projects in the United States

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# It's Crowded Down There



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# “The Present Grid”



Wired Magazine, June 2001

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# “White House Conference on Superconductivity”

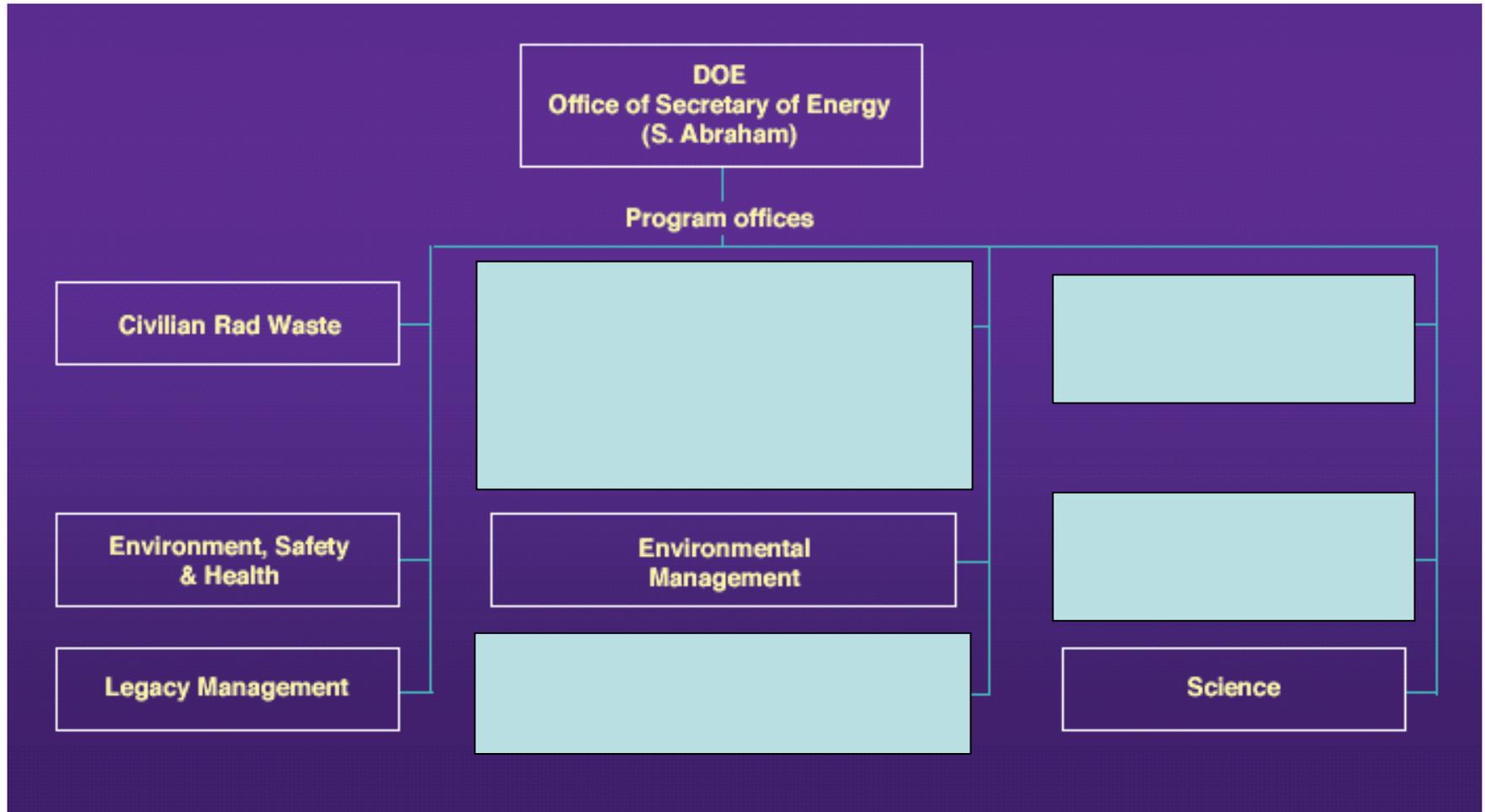


*Alan Schriesheim, Director of Argonne National Laboratory, demonstrates superconductivity to the President, Chief of Staff Howard Baker, Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, Secretary of State George Shultz and Secretary Herrington.*

# Thanks to...

- Jim Daley USDOE/OETD
- Alan Wolsky ANL (“Purple”)
- Bob Hawsey ORNL
- Balu Balachandran ANL
- Dean Peterson LANL
- Alex Malozemoff AMSC
- Steve Eckroad EPRI

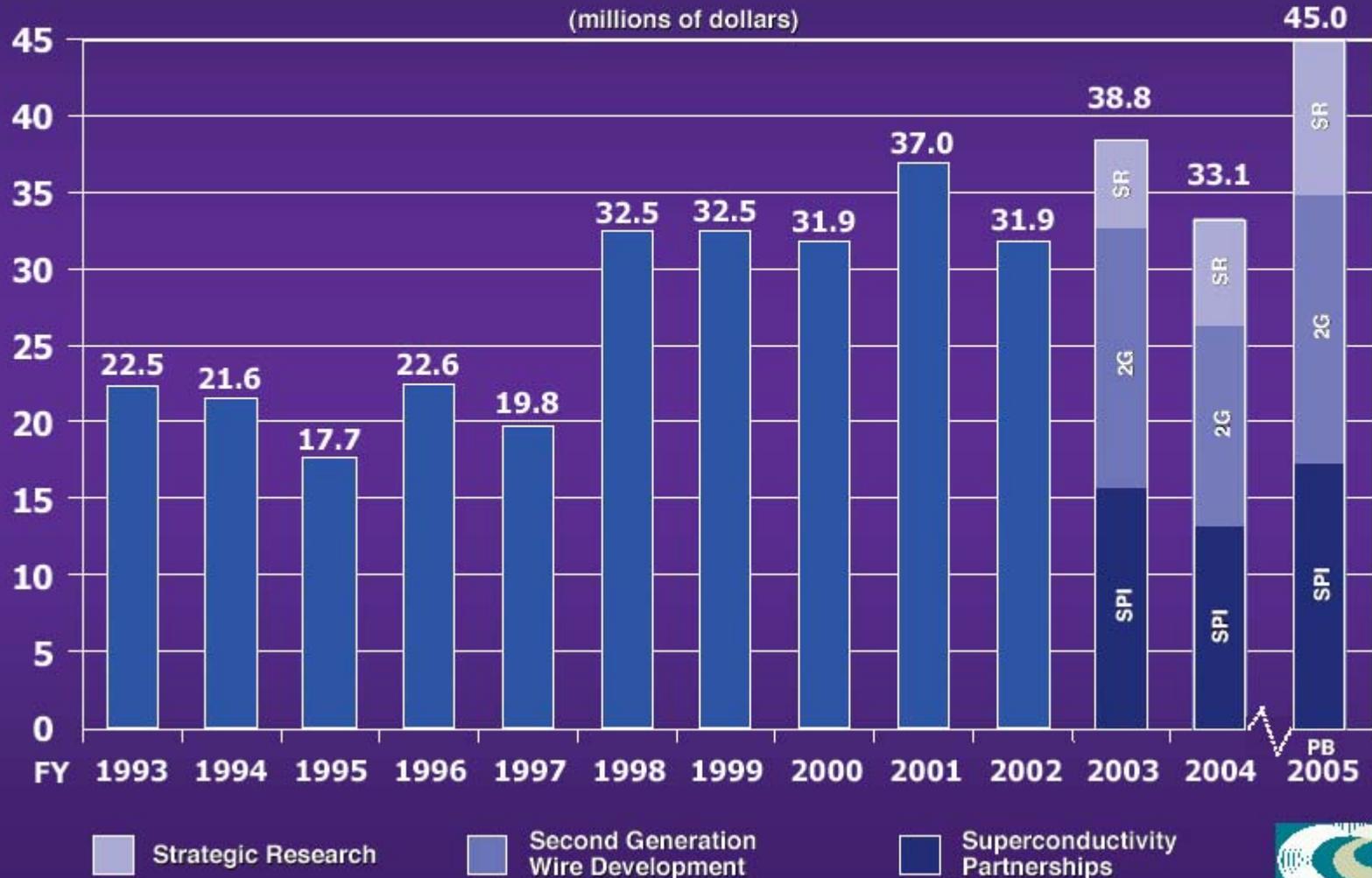
# United States Department of Energy



# OETD Budget



## DOE OETD's *Superconductivity Program's* annual appropriation shows trend and fluctuation



# OETD Wire and SPI Strategic Plan

Year	Metric	HTS Motors		HTS Generators		HTS Transformers	
		Voltage	Power	Voltage	Power	Voltage	Power
Fall 03		4kV	1.2 MW (2001)	4.16 kV	1.8 MW testing	13.8 kV	1.7 MW (2001)
2004						24.9 kV	10 MW
2005				13.8 kV	100 MW		
2006							
2007		4 kV	5 MW				
2008				13.8 kV	340 MW	138 kV	50 MW
2009							
2010							
2012		6kV	5 MW	13.8kV	850 MW	345kV	340 MW
2017							

# EPRI/Pirelli Cable (1993 – 1998)

- Warm Dielectric (CD Design Study)
- 30 meters (eventually 50)
- 115 V, 1000 A (eventually 3000 A)
- Terminations + Joint + 90 Degree Bend
- Final test in Pirelli lab in Columbia, SC
- During final test, “blister/balloon”  
uncovered as an issue in Gen I HTSC  
tape manufacturing

# Southwire/Carrolton 30-m Cable

- 12.4 kV, 1.25 kA, 3 phase
- Cold dielectric
- IGC, NST Gen I tape
- $n \sim 2-3$

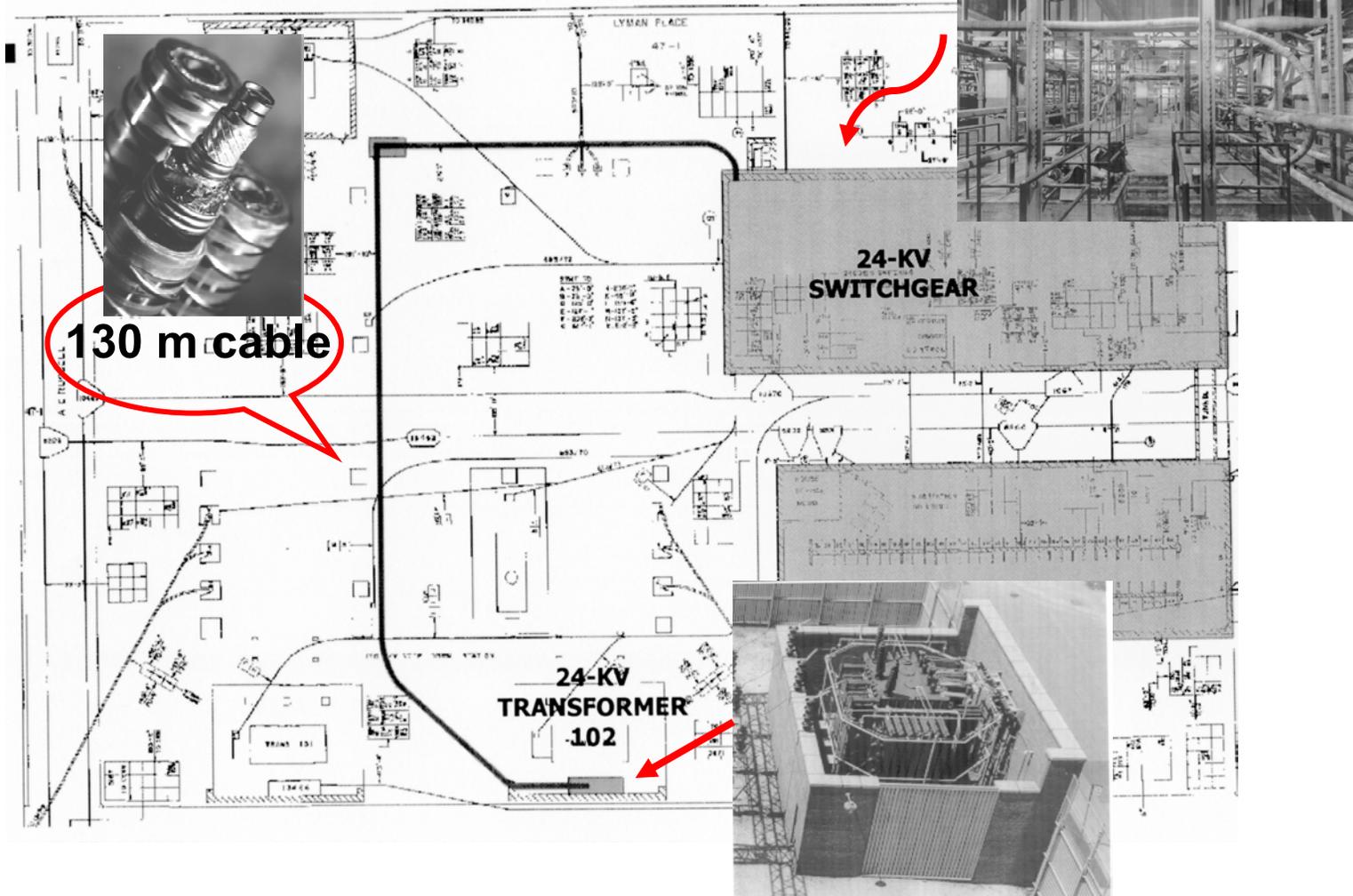
hrs at 100% load



# Detroit Edison Frisbee Project

- Cable Specs
  - 130 m, 24 kV, 3  $\phi$ , 3000  $A_{\text{rms}}$ ,  $\text{LN}_2$
  - Substation Location, 4" Dia. Surface Ducts
- Advantage to Utility
  - 1:1 Overhead to Underground
  - Elimination of 120 kV Subtransmission System Due to Lower  $I^2R$  and  $CV^2$  Losses
  - Utilize Existing 4" Conduit Infrastructure

# Frisbie Layout



# Detroit Edison Frisbie Cable

## Why did it fail?

- Design based on proven warm temperature dielectric 50-m EPRI/Pirelli prototype
- Cable passed laboratory qualification test
- Tensile stress under pull < 30 % design
- Best evidence is stainless steel used for cryostat underwent hydrogen embrittlement when welded exacerbated by strain during pull.
- Resulting cracks degraded vacuum preventing HV operation
- LV ac operation at full current inferred hysteretic losses less than 1 W/m

# HTS Cable Support Centers in the US



# Current US Cable Projects

## THREE NEW PROJECTS TO DEMONSTRATE HTS CABLE ARE UNDERWAY IN THE US

*location*

*team leader*

• Albany, N.Y.

IGC-SuperPower

• Bixby Substation, Ohio

Southwire

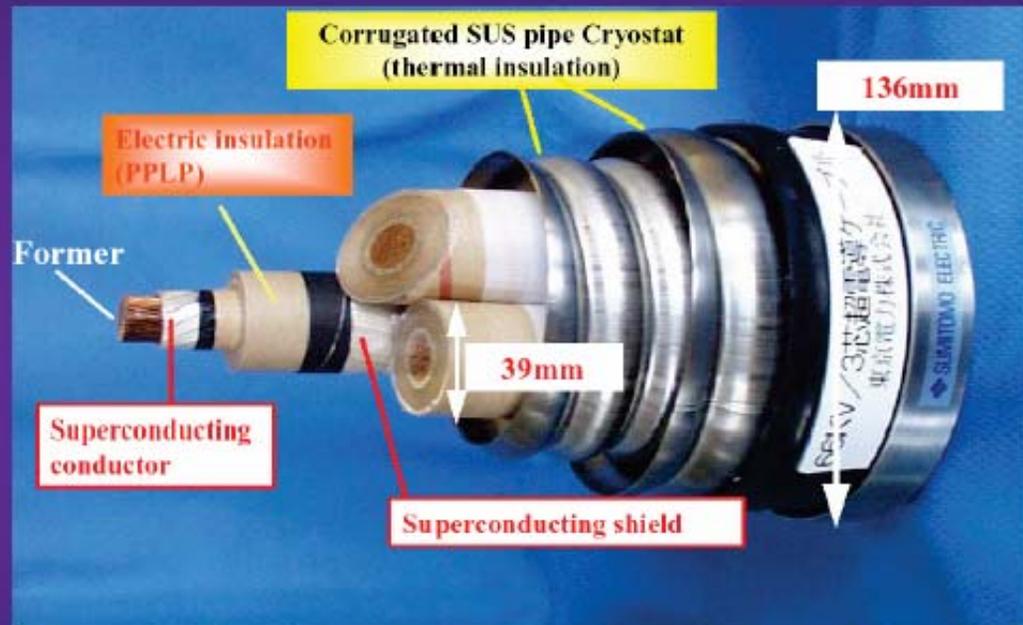
• Garden City-Newbridge,  
Long Island, N.Y.

AMSC

# “Albany”

## ALBANY TEAM\* PLANS TO BUILD AND DEMONSTRATE “3 CORE IN ONE CRYOSTAT” CABLE

- 3 phase AC
- each phase coaxial
- 0.8 kA
- 34.5 kV
- 48 MW
- 350 meter
- Bi-2223
- 1 splice

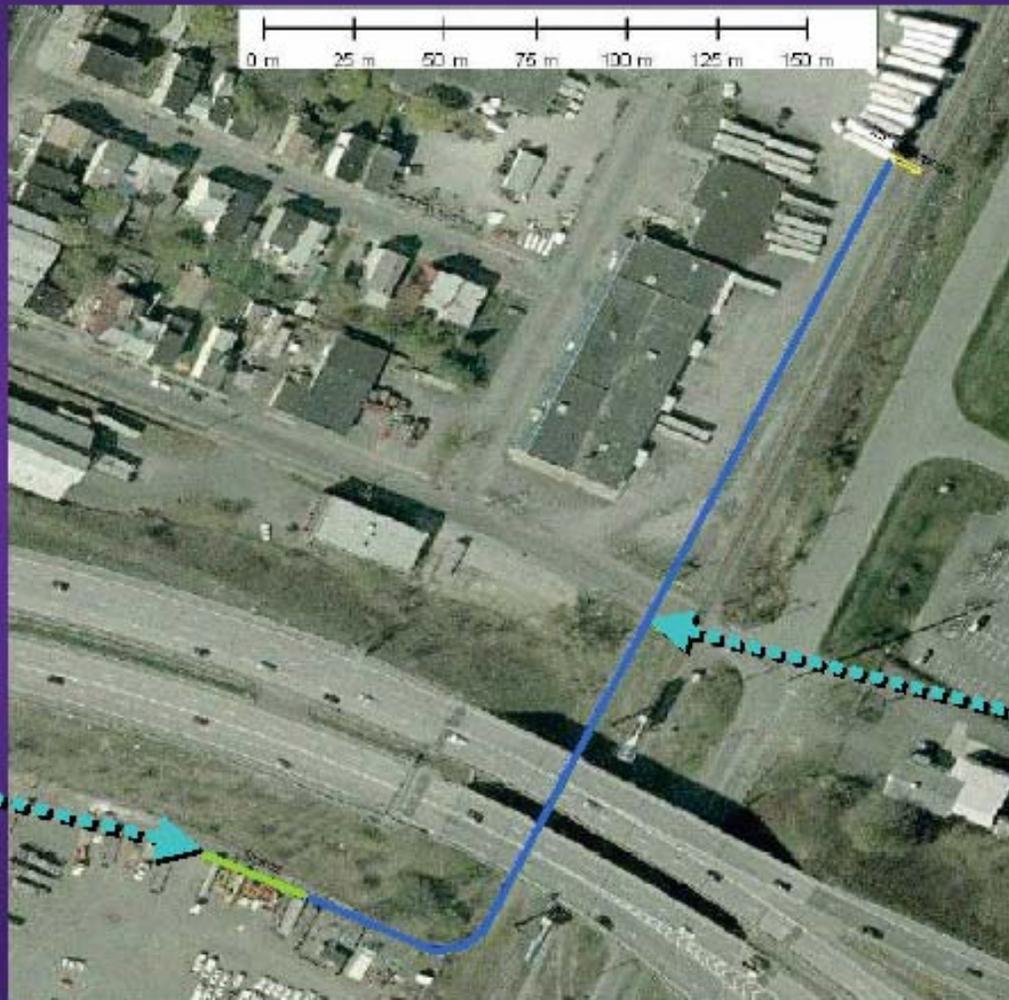


benefits from SEI's experience with TEPCO cable

\* IGC-SuperPower, Sumitomo Electric, BOC, Niagara-Mohawk



# “Albany”



- installation
- maintenance
- reliability
  - fault durations
    - 8 cycles
    - 28 cycles
    - 80 cycles
- compatibility with rest of grid

future 30 m  
cable section,  
having  
2G conductor  
(8 km tape  
planned for  
delivery in '05)

route of project's  
350 m  
Bi-2223 cable



# “Albany”

## TEAM:

SuperPower (Project Lead and 2G HTS Wire)

BOC (Cryogenic System)

Sumitomo Electric (Cable Production)

New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (Additional Funding)

Niagara Mohawk (Host Utility)

## PERIOD OF

## PERFORMANCE:

7/2003 - 5/2007

## CUMULATIVE PROJECT

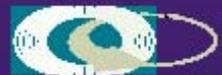
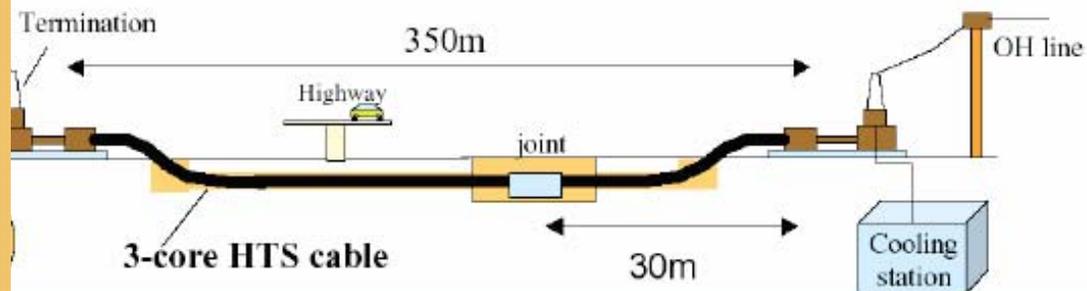
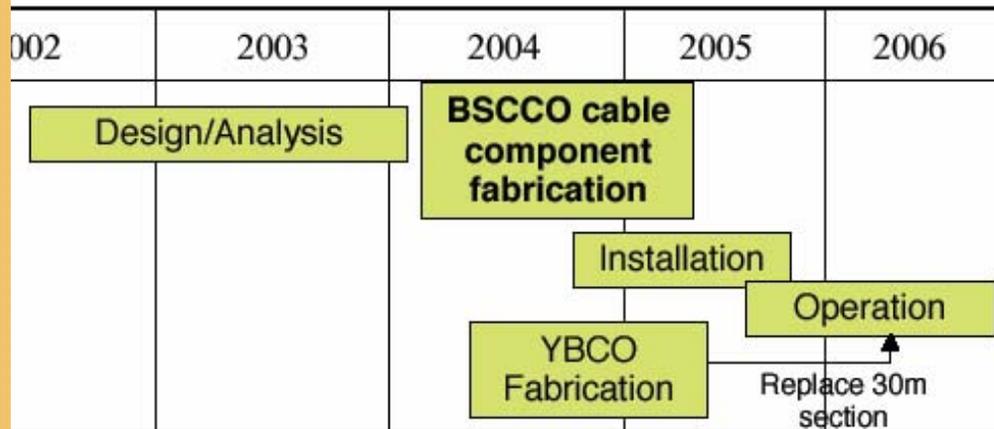
## FUNDING:

Private \$12.86 Million (50%)

DOE \$12.86 Million (50%)

Total: \$25.71 Million

## TEAM PLANS TO OPERATE CABLE IN 2006



# “Long Island”

## LONG ISLAND TEAM\* PLANS TO BUILD AND DEMONSTRATE 3 COAXIAL PHASES

- 3 phase AC
- each phase coaxial
- 2.4 kA
- 69 kA during 15 cycle fault
- 138 kV
- 600 MW
- 610 meter
- Bi-2223
- 1 splice
- each phase has Cu shunt to increase Z during fault
- conventional cooling and pulse tube



AMSC design promises very low (& variable) impedance

\* AMSC, Nexans, Air Liquide, Long Island Power Authority (LIPA)



# “Long Island”

## TEAM:

American Superconductor (HTS wire and project lead)

Nexans (cable manufacturing)

Air Liquide (Refrigeration system)

Long Island Power Authority (Host utility)

## PERIOD OF

## PERFORMANCE:

3/2003-12/2006

## CUMULATIVE PROJECT

## FUNDING:

Private \$15.20 Million (50%)

DOE \$15.20 Million (50%)

Total: \$30.39 Million

## TEAM PLANS TO OPERATE CABLE IN 2005



- locate in corridor now home to three conventional 138 kV cables one conventional 69 kV cable connecting two substations
- commission in 2005
- operate into 2006
- submit final report 2006

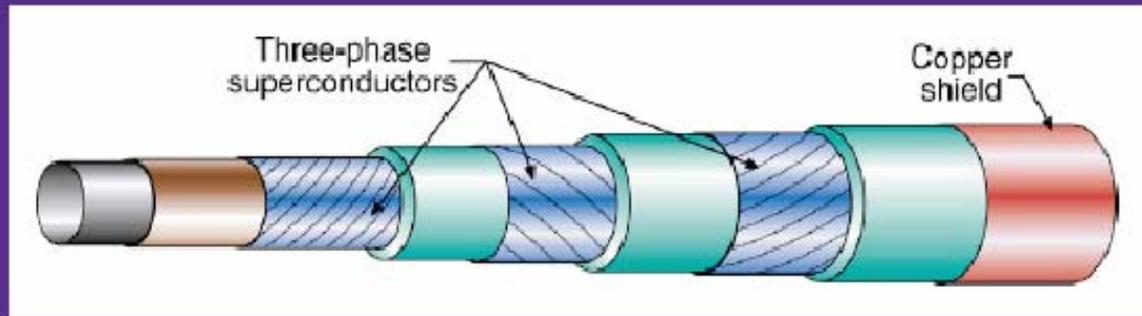
*EST: by 2020, Long Island's Load Will Grow by 1.2 GW*



# “Bixby”

## BIXBY, OHIO TEAM\* PLANS TO BUILD AND DEMONSTRATE A TRIAXIAL CABLE

- 3 phase AC
- all in one cryostat
- 3 kA
- 13 kV
- 69 MW
- 300 meter
- Bi-2223



when compared to 3 coaxial phases,  
tri-axial design promises reduced heat invasion  
tri-axial design promises reduced need for HTS tape  
unbalanced impedance no problem for lengths  
less than 10 km

\* Ultera (Southwire&NKT), AMSC, ORNL, PHPK, American Electric Power



# “Bixby”

## ULTERA and ORNL HAVE BUILT PROTOTYPE TRI-AXIAL TERMINATIONS and a 5 meter TRIAXIAL CABLE



# “Bixby”

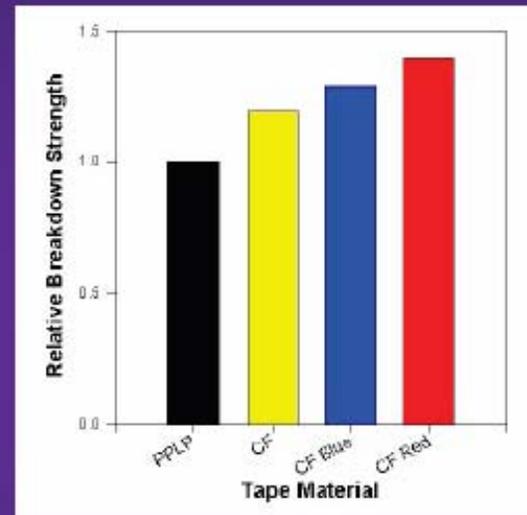
## ULTERA and ORNL ARE EXPLORING DIELECTRICS FOR CABLE

### DIELECTRICS ARE REQUIRED

- within cable
- in terminations



attention has been given to solid dielectrics



Cryoflex™ dielectric tape has been improved now can handle 35 kV (200 kV BIL)



# “Bixby”

## TEAM PLANS TO OPERATE CABLE IN 2005

### TEAM:

ULTERA (team leader)  
American Electric Power  
(host utility)  
Oak Ridge National  
Laboratory  
(supporting technology  
and research)  
Integrations Concepts  
Enterprises  
(power controls)

### PERIOD OF

### PERFORMANCE:

4/2002-7/2006

### CUMULATIVE PROJECT

### FUNDING:

Private \$4.32 million  
(50%)  
DOE \$4.32 million (50%)  
Total: \$8.65 million

### PI-2 Bixby Substation, AEP, Columbus, OH

#### 1Q, FY2005 (Oct-Dec04)

- Complete cable construction and off-site verification testing

#### 2Q, FY2005 (Jan-Mar04)

- Begin delivery of cable system components to Bixby station

#### 3Q, FY2005 (Apr-June05)

- All civil/electrical construction work by AEP completed
- HTS cable, cryogenic, and control systems installed

#### 4Q, FY2005 (Jul-Sept05)

- On-site commission testing of all cable system components

#### 1Q, FY2006 (Oct 2005)

- Energize cable system



# US HTSC Conductor Development

## Bi-2223 conductor (“gen 1”)

- used in today’s demonstration projects
- operated up to 83 K and in low magnetic field
- in 50 km quantities, AMSC offers for 135 \$/kA-m
- price must be reduced greatly
  - to offer an economic alternative to Cu or Al
  - in most commercial applications
- DOE funding tapering off for Bi-2223

## REBaCuO conductor (“gen 2” aka “coated conductor”)

- to be used in 2006 demonstration project (30m cable)
  - but not yet available in sufficient length
- expect to operate up to 83 K and in magnetic field > 2 Tesla
- hope that production techniques can yield conductor
  - having price less than 50 \$/kA-m
- DOE funding emphasizes REBaCuO tape



# TWO US FIRMS ARE DEVELOPING HTS CONDUCTOR

## American Superconductor

Bi-2223 (gen 1)  
some  
collaborators

ANL  
LANL  
U. of Wisconsin

REBaCuO (gen 2)

ANL  
LANL  
ORNL  
SNL  
MIT  
U. of Wisconsin

## IGC-SuperPower

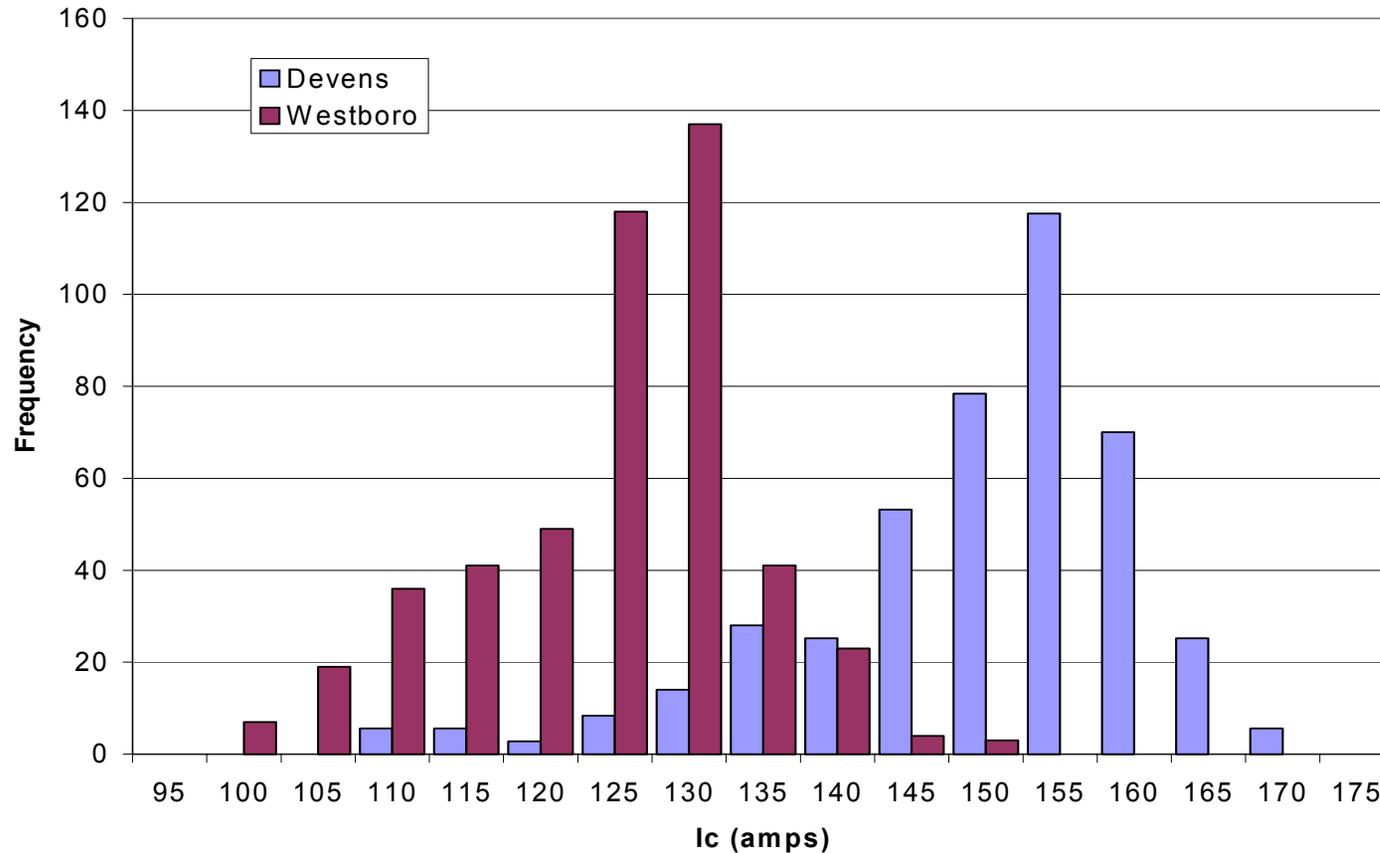
REBaCuO (gen 2)

ANL  
LANL

Stanford MgO IBAD

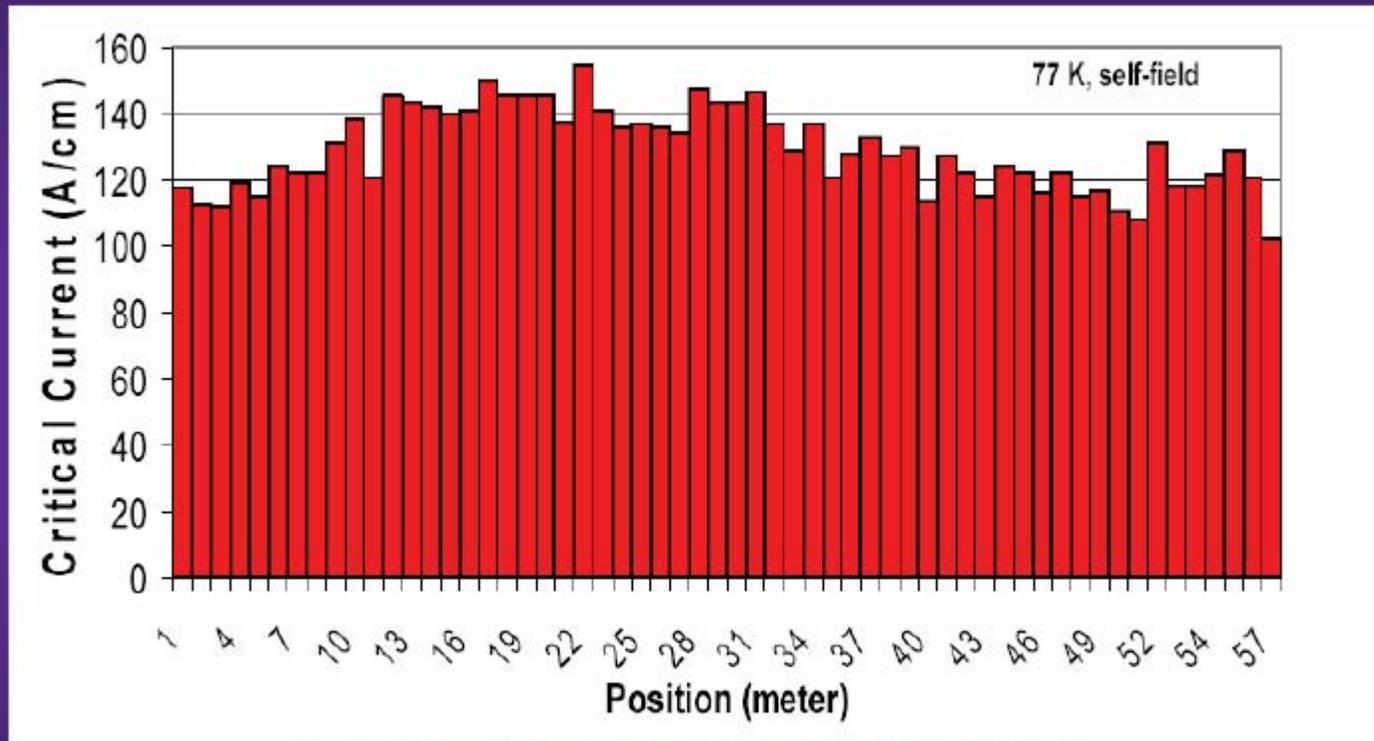


# AMSC 1G (BSCCO-2223) Production Status



# IGC-SuperPower Gen 2 MOCVD/IBAD Progress

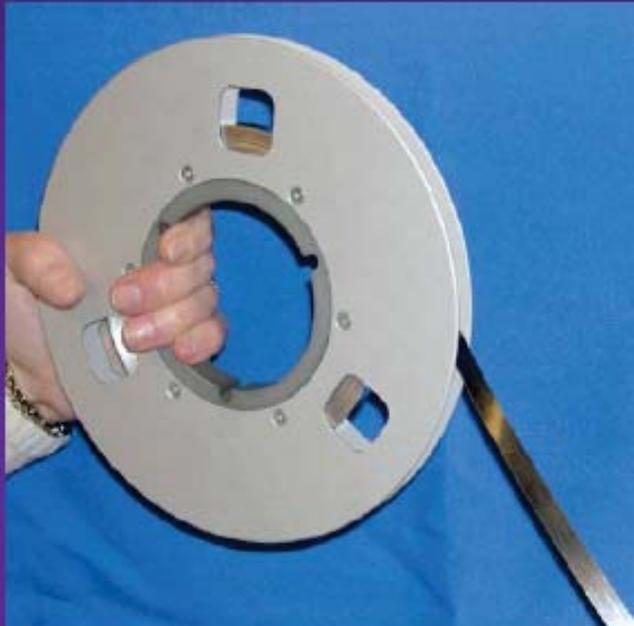
## IGC-SuperPower REPORTS CURRENT ALONG 57 m TAPE



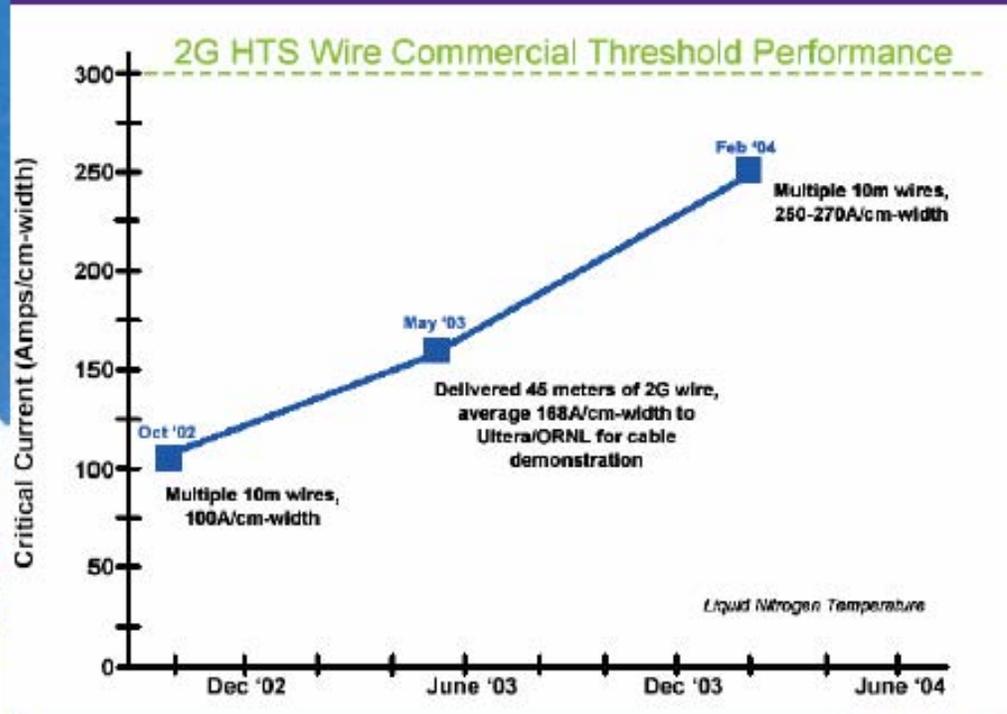
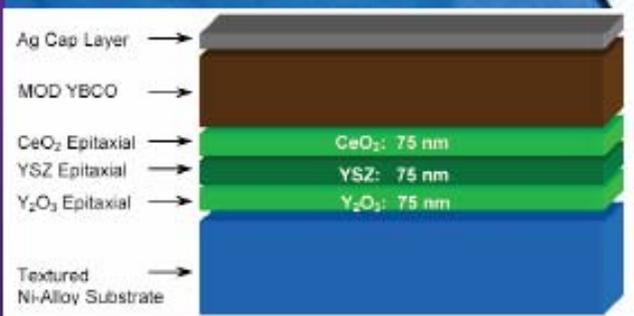
IGC-SuperPower report (March '04) of results  
105 A/cm (0.01  $\mu$ V/cm) over 57m, end-to-end, for one tape



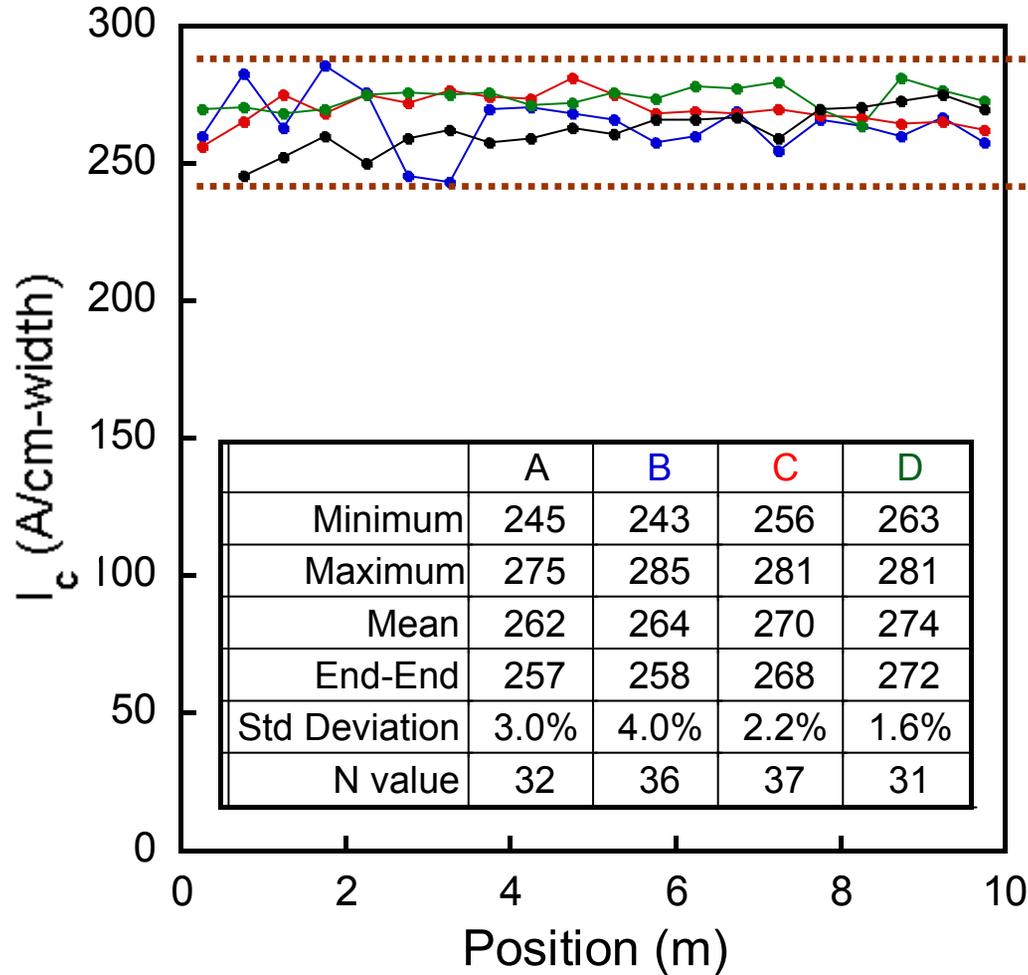
# AMSC/ORNL/MIT Gen 2 “non-vacuum” Process



- RABITS yields a textured metal substrate (Ni-W, Cu?)
- MOD adds buffer & conductor via liquid phase
- “nanodots” are added (proprietary process) to REBaCuO ( $Y_2O_3$   $Y_2Cu_2O_5$ )



# AMSC 2G RABITS/MOD Status



All wires +/- 21 Amp

**RABITS/MOD/Neutral Axis**  
All continuous processing

**Ave. 263 A**

**Standard dev. 1.6 – 4.0%**

**High n value ( $V \sim I^n$ )**

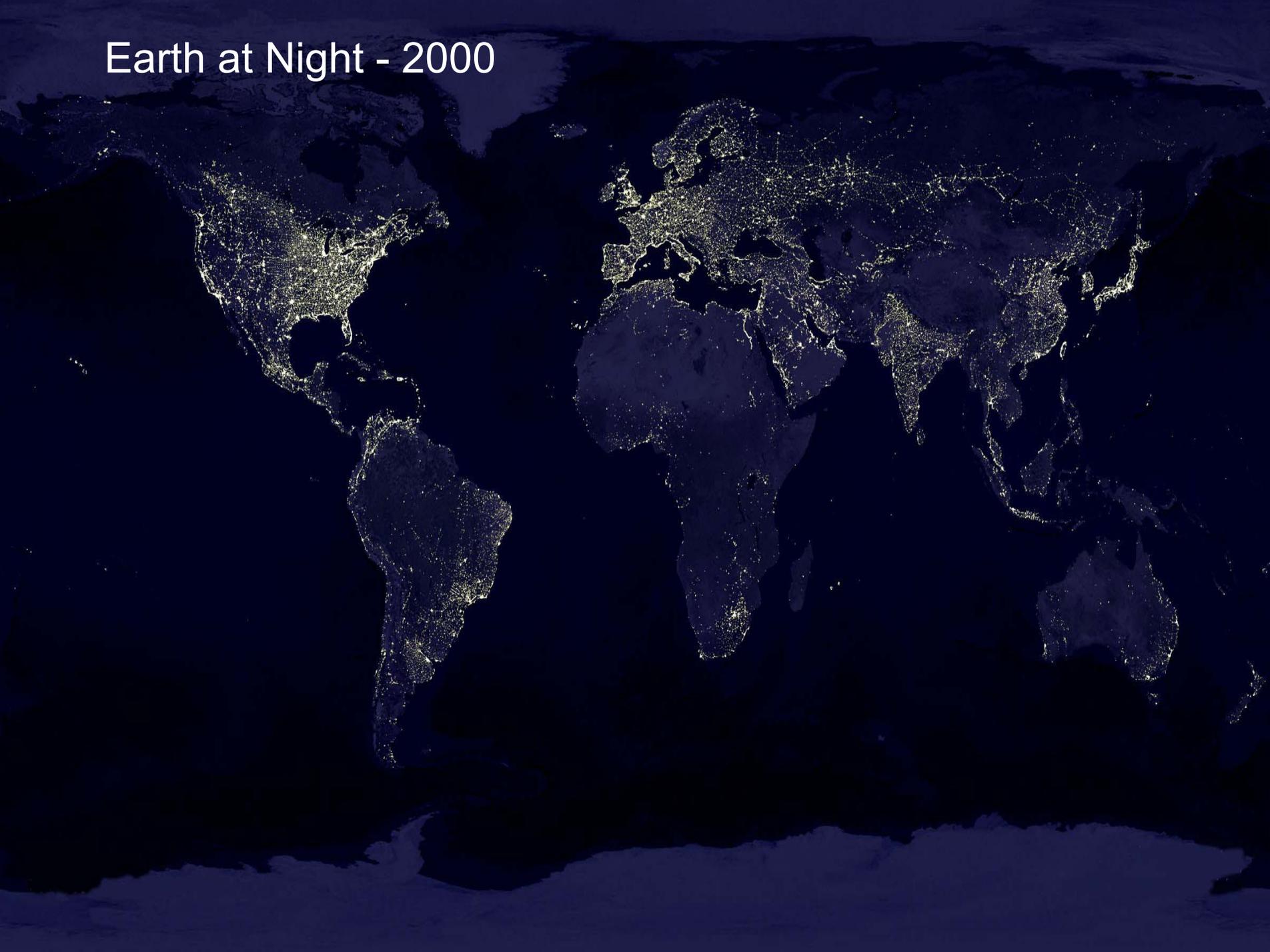
**4 sequential runs**

# The SuperGrid

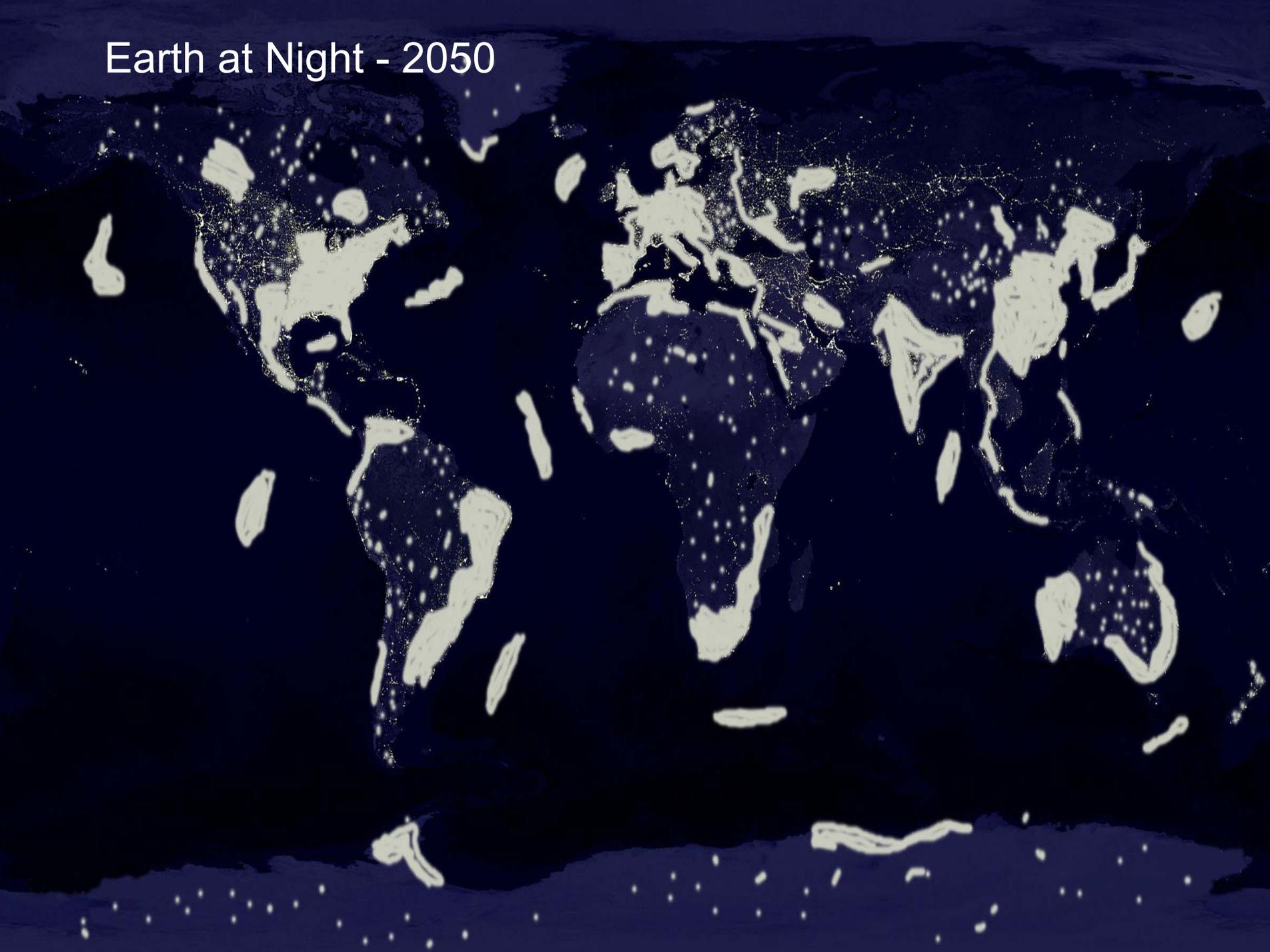
## An Energy Vision for the World of 2050

*Chauncey Starr and Paul Grant*

# Earth at Night - 2000



# Earth at Night - 2050





# The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Energy Challenge

*Design a communal energy economy to meet the needs of a densely populated industrialized world that reaches all corners of Planet Earth.*

*Accomplish this within the highest levels of environmental, esthetic, safe, reliable, efficient and secure engineering practice possible.*

*...without requiring any new scientific discoveries or breakthroughs!*

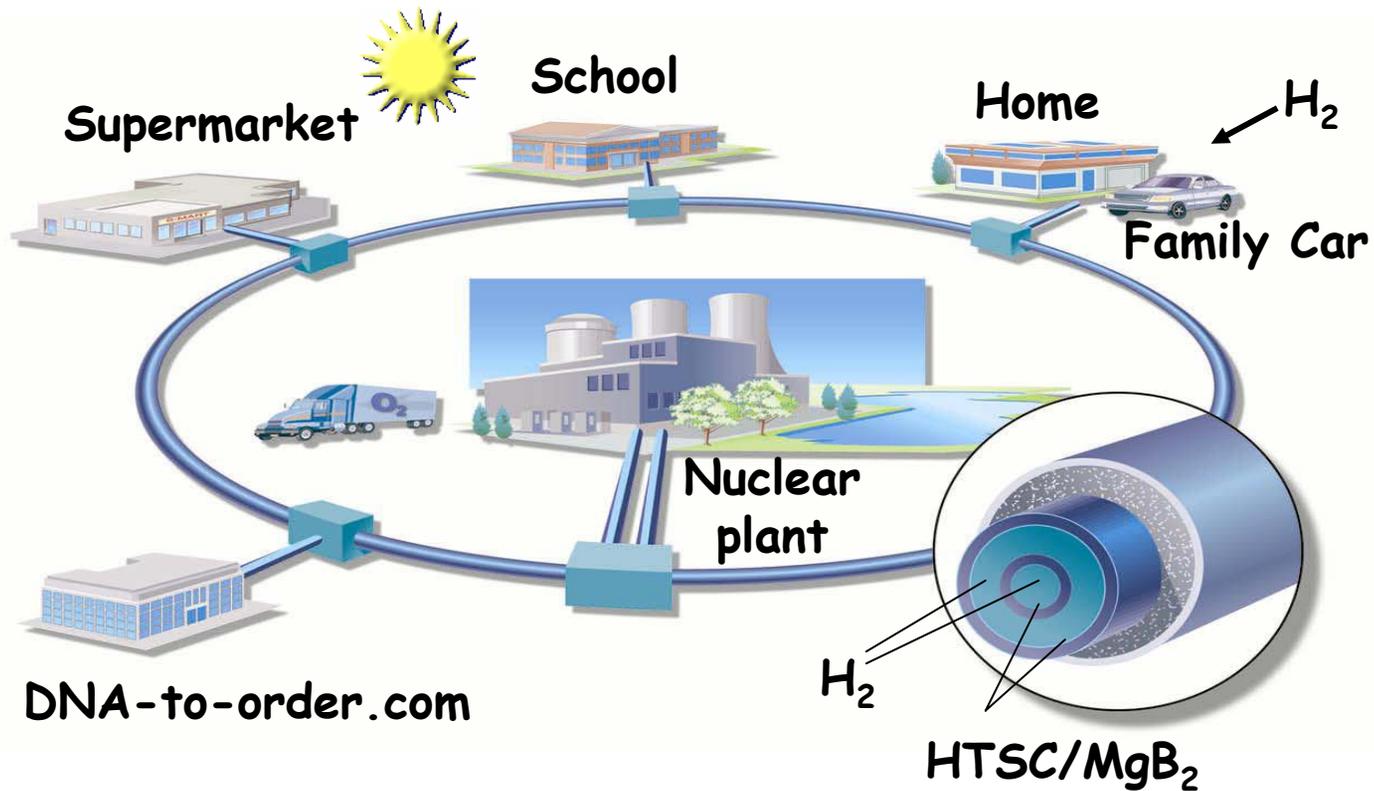
# Its Solution

***A Symbiosis of***

***Nuclear/Hydrogen/Superconductivity***

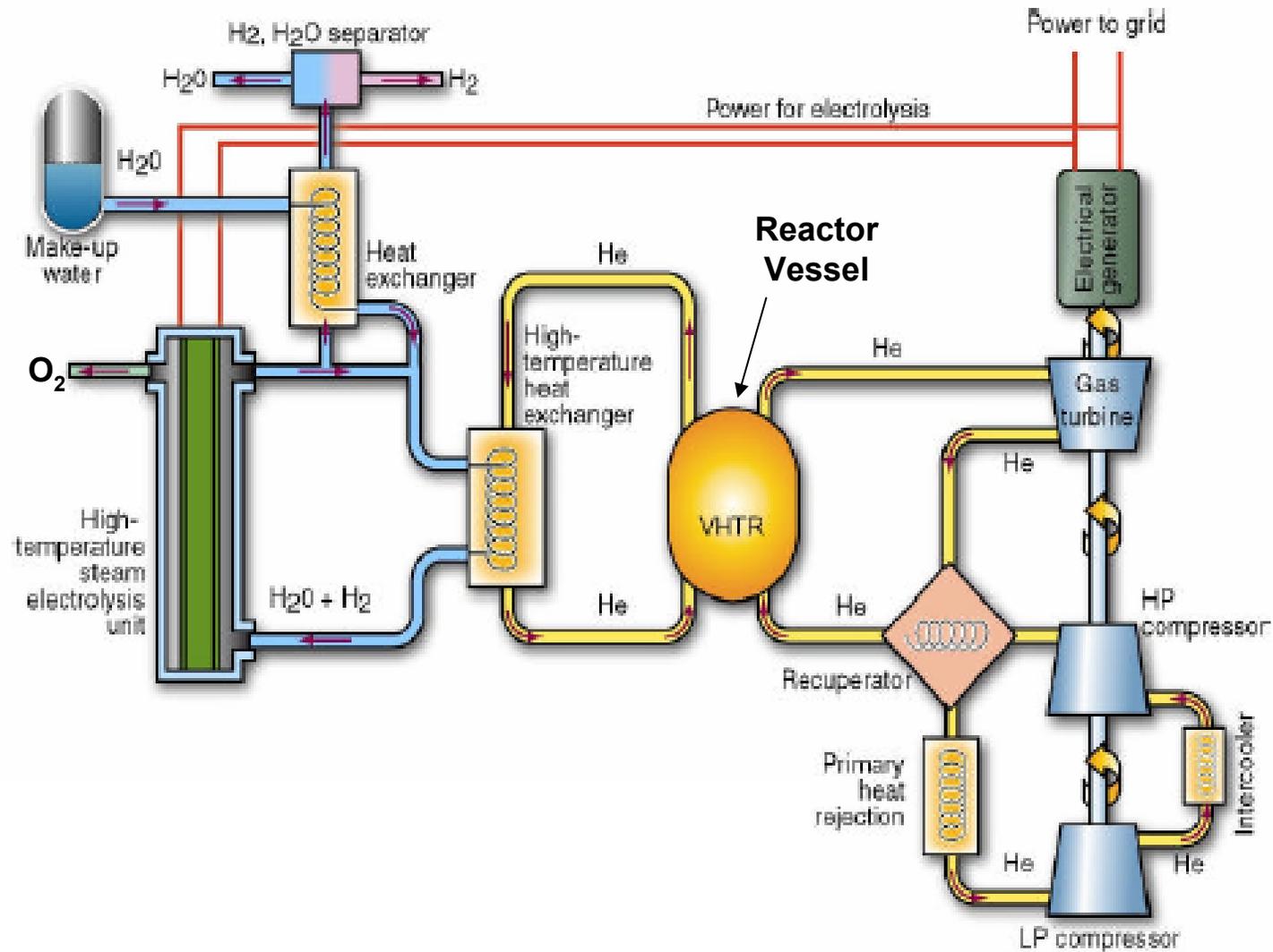
***Technologies supplying Carbon-free,  
Non-Intrusive Energy for all Inhabitants  
of Planet Earth***

# SuperCity

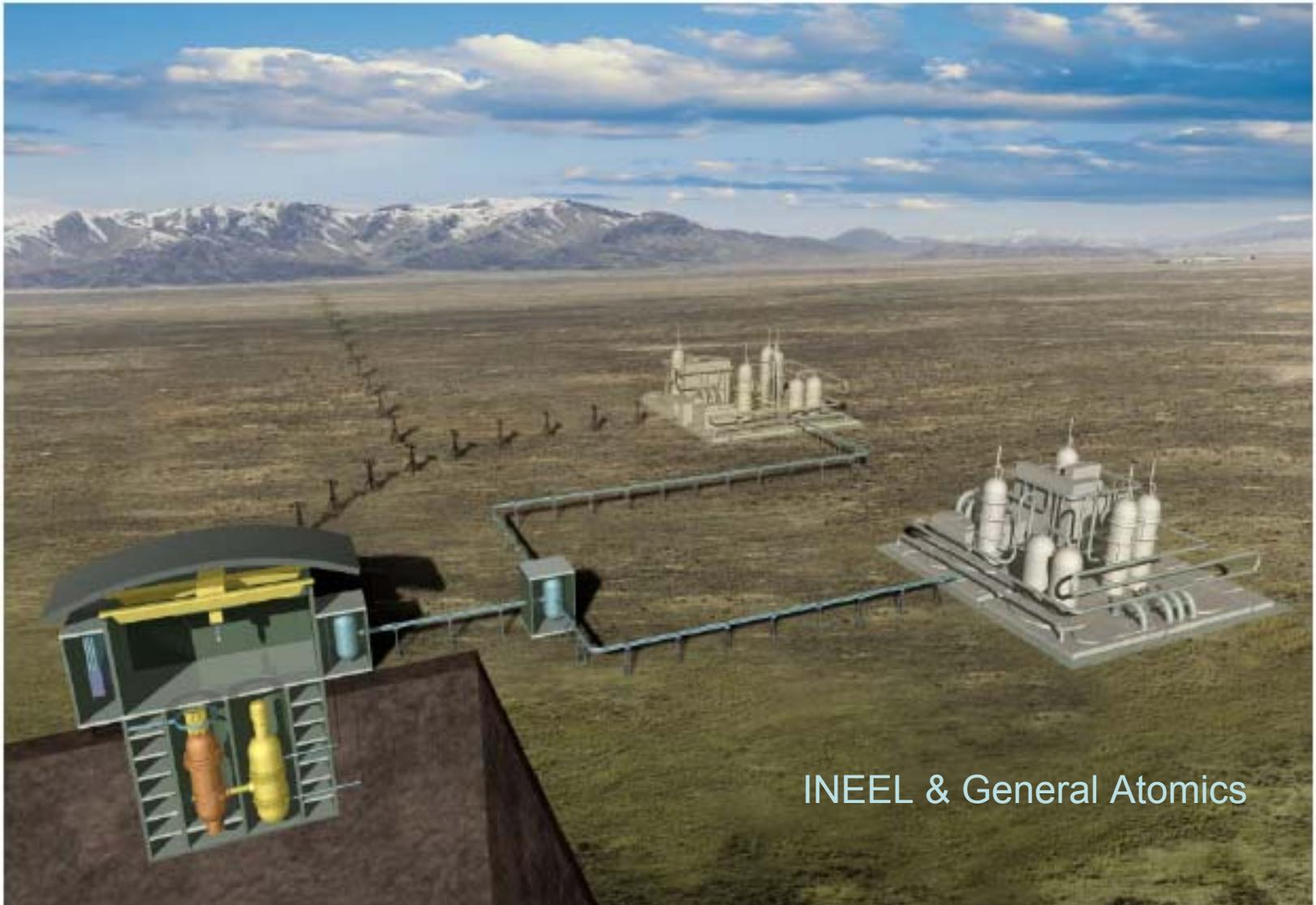


P.M. Grant, The Industrial Physicist, Feb/March Issue, 2002

# Co-Production of Hydrogen and Electricity

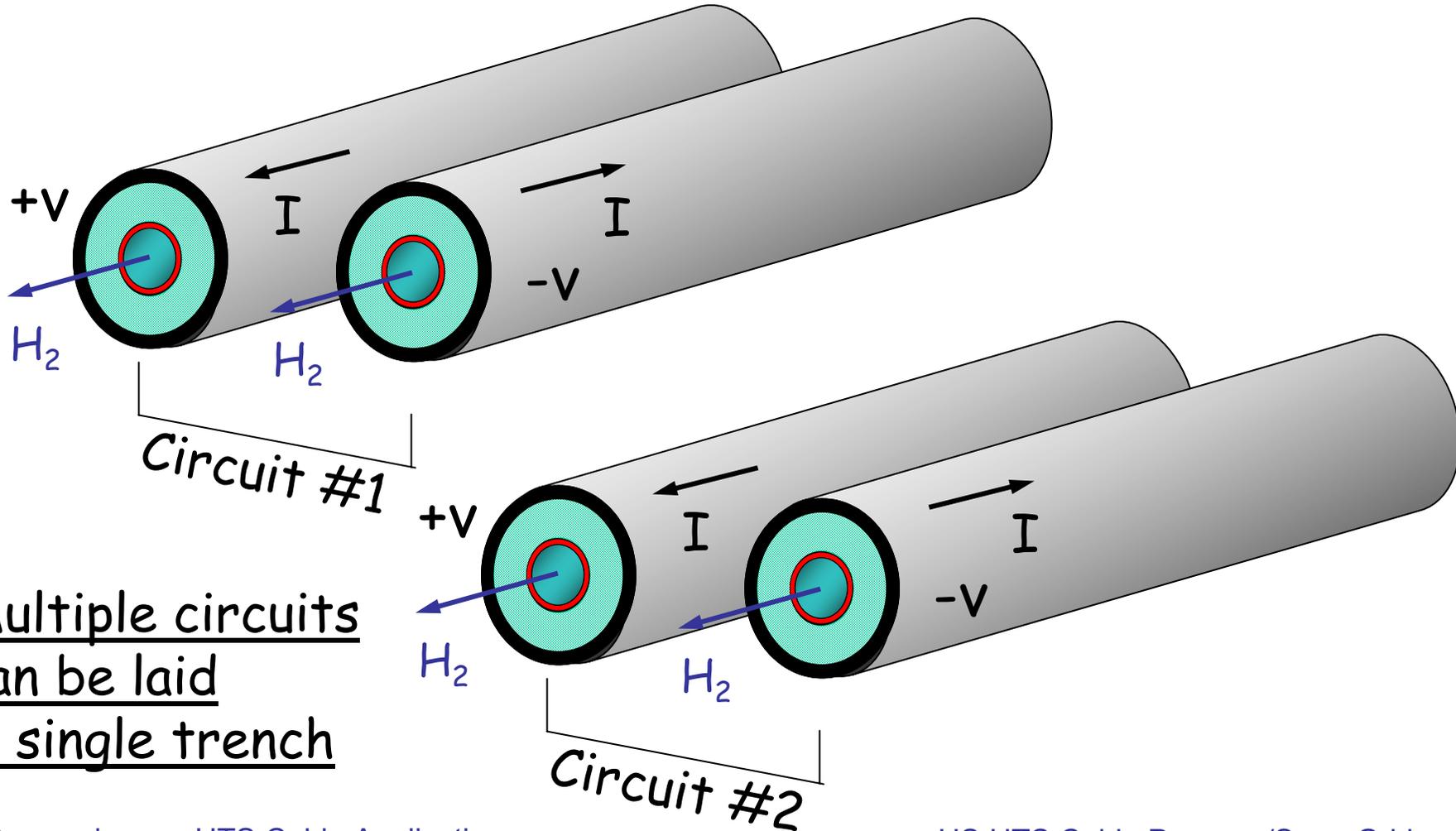


# Nuclear “Hydricity” Production Farm



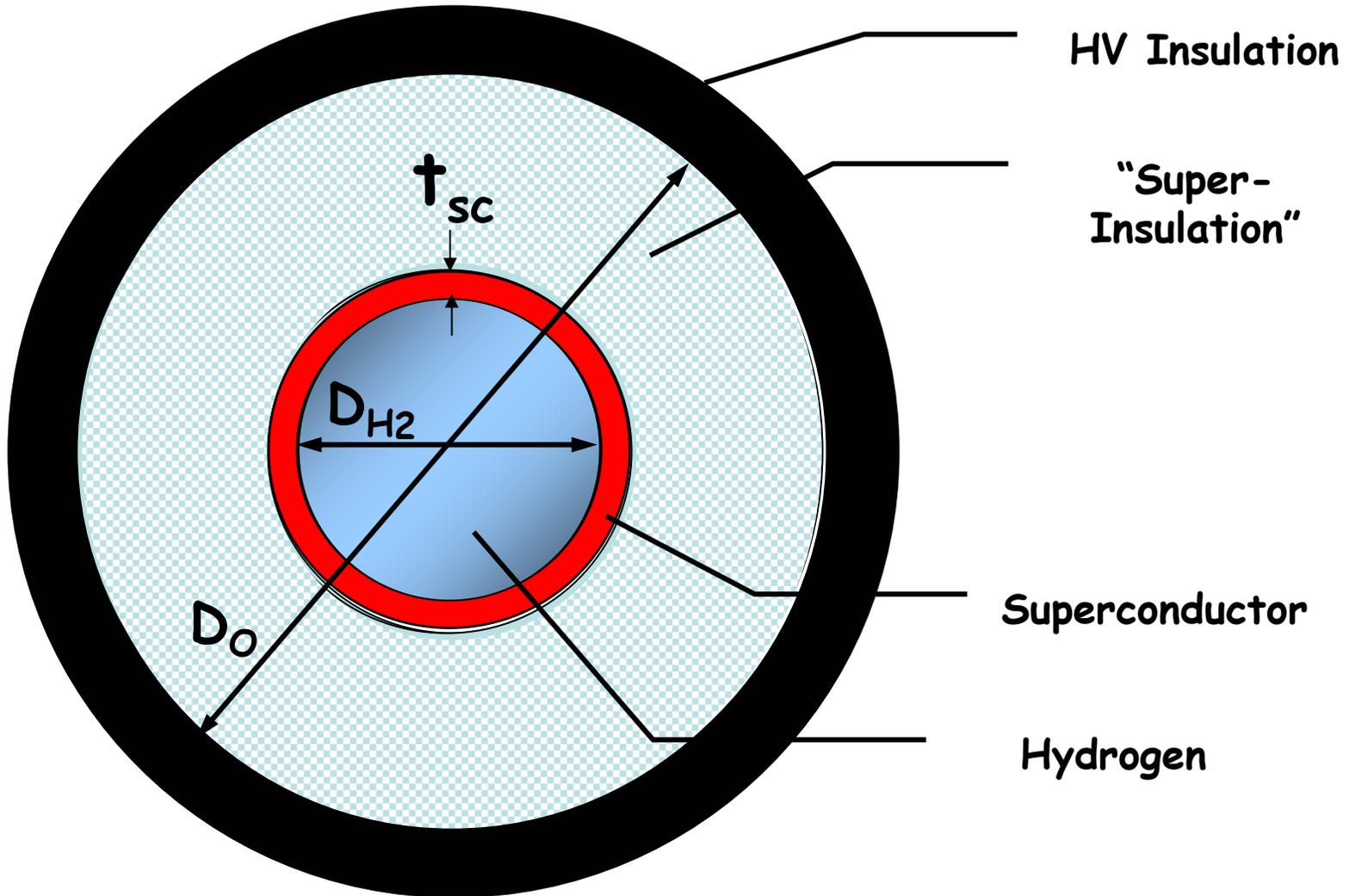
INEEL & General Atomics

# “Hydricity” SuperCables



Multiple circuits  
can be laid  
in single trench

# SuperCable Monopole



# Power Flows

$$P_{SC} = 2|V|IA_{SC}, \text{ where}$$

Electricity

$P_{SC}$  = Electric power flow

$V$  = Voltage to neutral (ground)

$I$  = Supercurrent

$A_{SC}$  = Cross-sectional area of superconducting annulus

$$P_{H_2} = 2(Q\rho vA)_{H_2}, \text{ where}$$

Hydrogen

$P_{H_2}$  = Chemical power flow

$Q$  = Gibbs  $H_2$  oxidation energy (2.46 eV per mol  $H_2$ )

$\rho$  =  $H_2$  Density

$v$  =  $H_2$  Flow Rate

$A$  = Cross-sectional area of  $H_2$  cryotube

# Electric & H<sub>2</sub> Power

## Electricity

Power (MW)	Voltage (V)	Current (A)	Critical Current Density (A/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Annular Wall Thickness (cm)
1000	+/- 5000	100,000	25,000	0.125

## Hydrogen (LH<sub>2</sub>, 20 K)

Power (MW)	Inner Pipe Diameter, D <sub>H2</sub> (cm)	H <sub>2</sub> Flow Rate (m/sec)	“Equivalent” Current Density (A/cm <sup>2</sup> )
500	10	3.81	318

# Thermal Losses

$$W_R = 0.5\varepsilon\sigma (T_{\text{amb}}^4 - T_{\text{SC}}^4), \text{ where}$$

$W_R$  = Power radiated in as watts/unit area

$$\sigma = 5.67 \times 10^{-12} \text{ W/cm}^2\text{K}^4$$

$$T_{\text{amb}} = 300 \text{ K}$$

$$T_{\text{SC}} = 20 \text{ K}$$

$\varepsilon$  = 0.05 per inner and outer tube surface

$$D_{\text{SC}} = 10 \text{ cm}$$

$$W_R = 3.6 \text{ W/m}$$

Radiation  
Losses

Superinsulation:  $W_R^f = W_R/(n-1)$ , where

$n$  = number of layers

Target:  $W_R^f = \underline{0.5 \text{ W/m}}$  requires ~10 layers

Other addenda (convection, conduction):  $W_A = \underline{0.5 \text{ W/m}}$

$$W_T = W_R^f + W_A = \underline{1.0 \text{ W/m}}$$

# Heat Removal

$$dT/dx = W_T / (\rho v C_p A)_{H_2}, \text{ where}$$

$dT/dx$  = Temp rise along cable, K/m

$W_T$  = Thermal in-leak per unit Length

$\rho$  =  $H_2$  Density

$v$  =  $H_2$  Flow Rate

$C_p$  =  $H_2$  Heat Capacity

$A$  = Cross-sectional area of  $H_2$  cryotube

Take  $W_T = 1.0 \text{ W/m}$ , then  $dT/dx = 1.89 \times 10^{-5} \text{ K/m}$ ,  
Or, 0.2 K over a 10 km distance

# Remaining Issues

## Current stabilization via voltage control

- AC interface (phases)
- Ripple suppression
- Charge/Discharge cycles

# Remaining Issues

## Power Electronic Discretes

- GTOs vs IGBTs
- 12" wafer platforms
- Cryo-Bipolars
  - Minority carrier concentration
  - Doping profiles

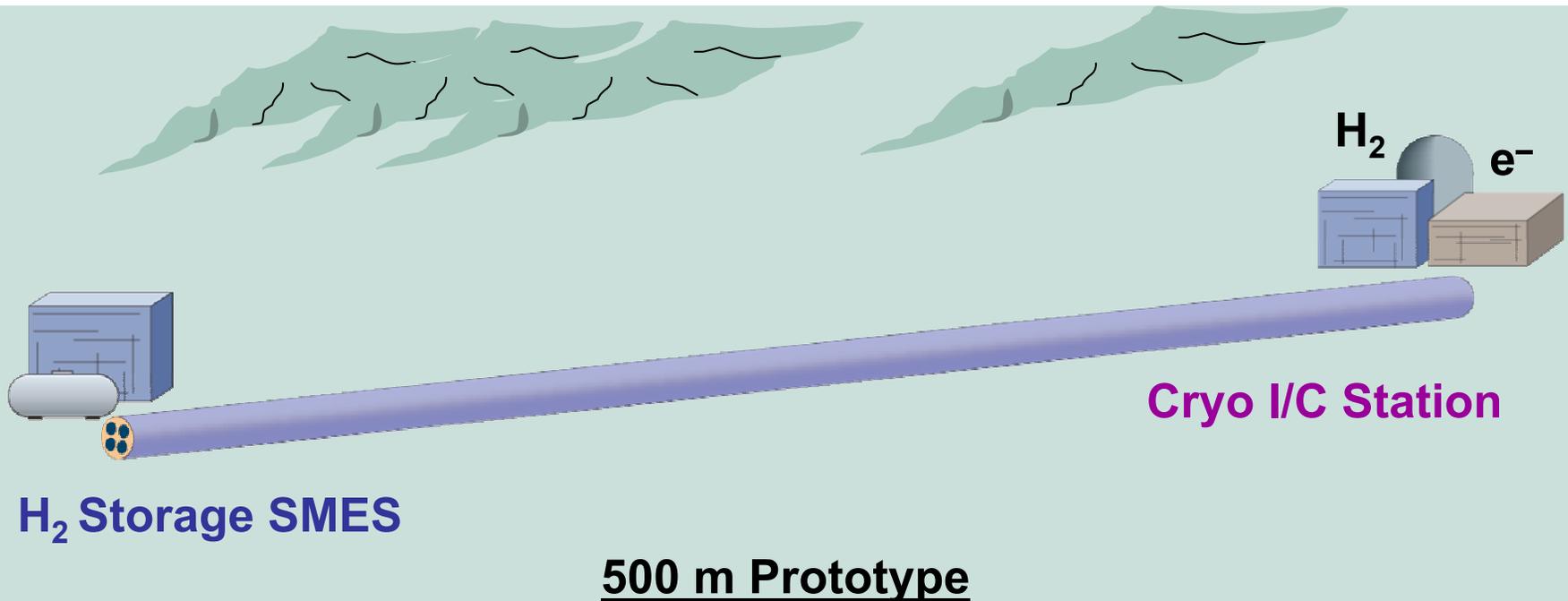
# SuperCable H<sub>2</sub> Storage

<u>Some Storage Factoids</u>	Power (GW)	Storage (hrs)	Energy (GWh)
TVA Raccoon Mountain	1.6	20	32
Alabama CAES	1	20	20
Scaled ETM SMES	1	8	8

**One Raccoon Mountain = 13,800 cubic meters of LH<sub>2</sub>**

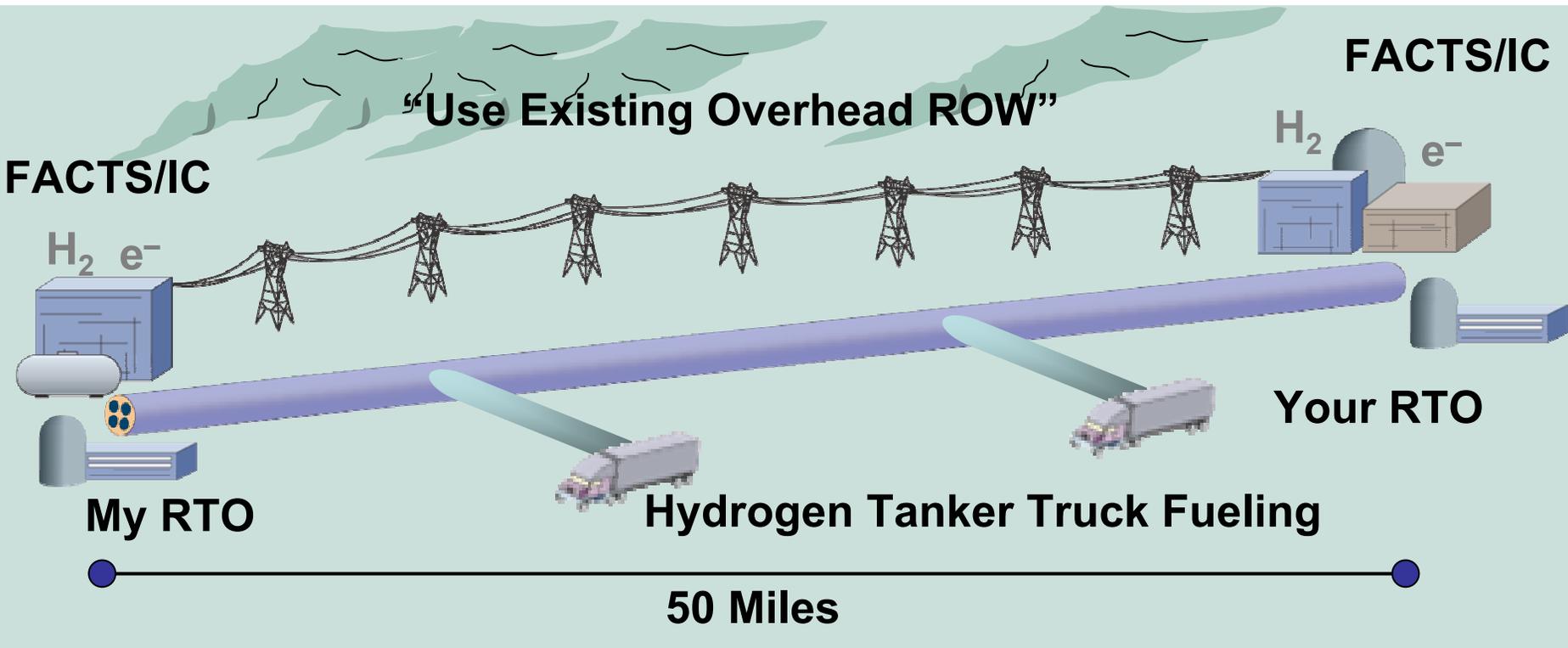
**LH<sub>2</sub> in 10 cm diameter, 250 mile bipolar SuperCable  
= Raccoon Mountain**

# SuperCable Prototype Project

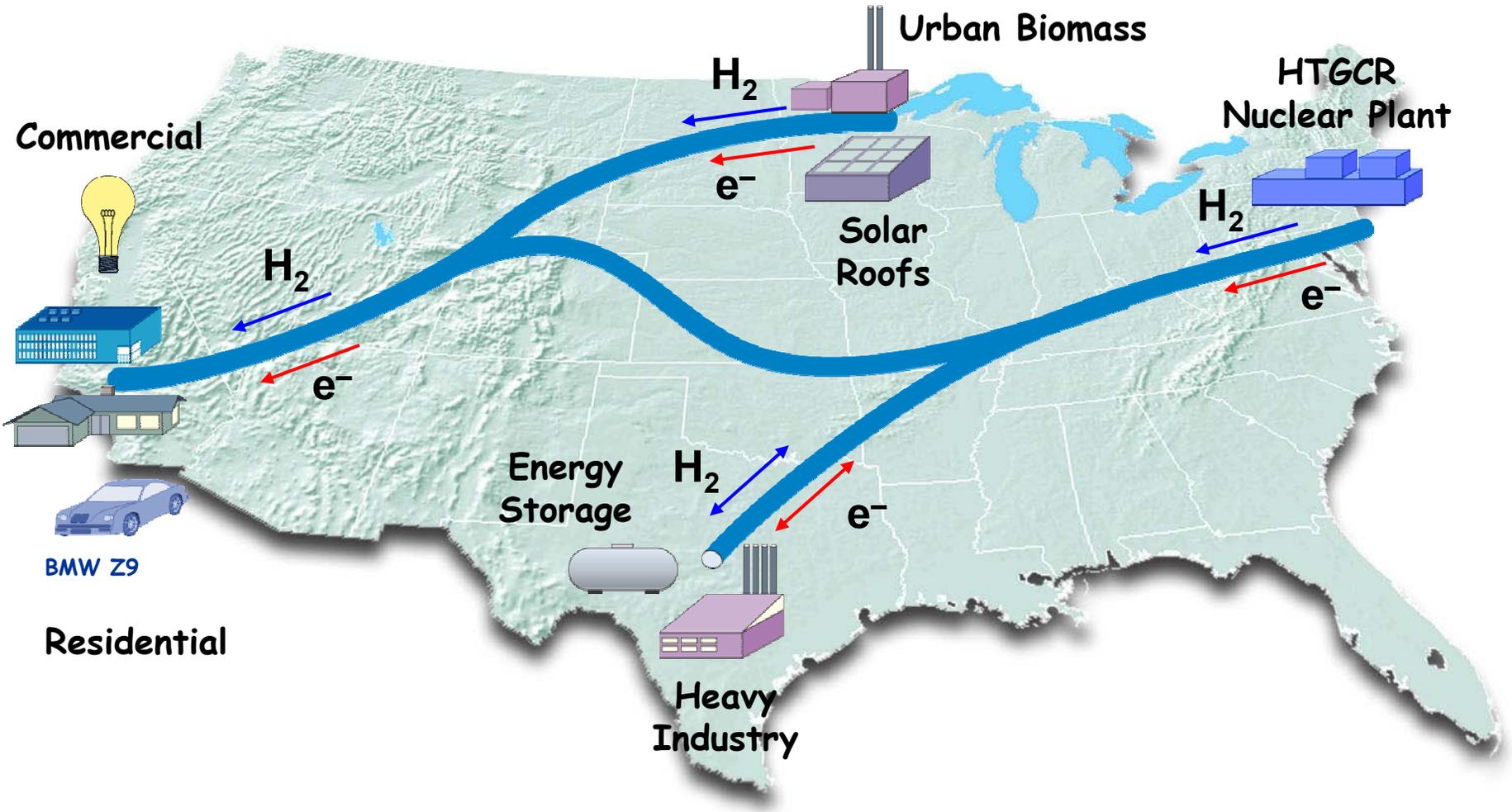


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# RegionGrid Interconnection



# North American 21st Century Energy SuperGrid



# The Energy SuperGrid

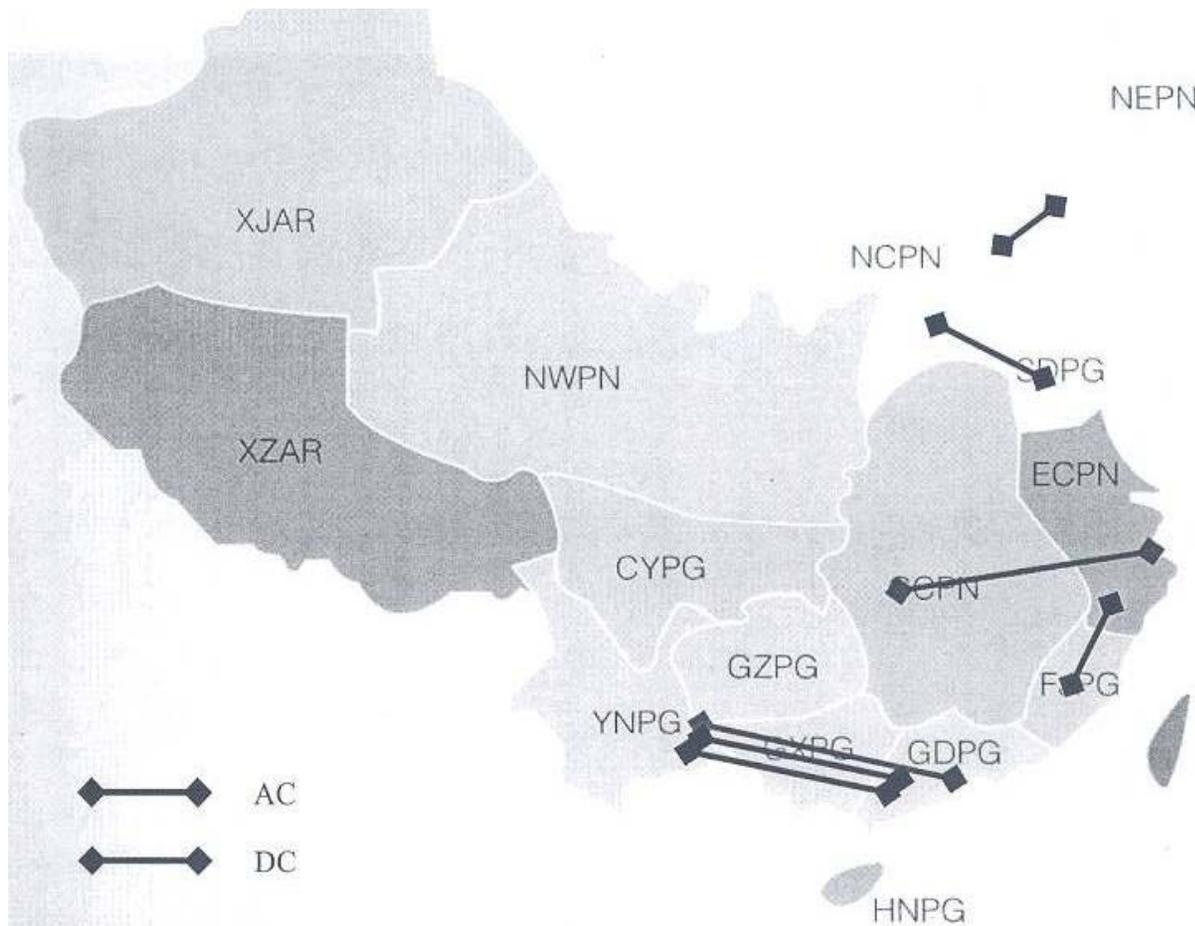
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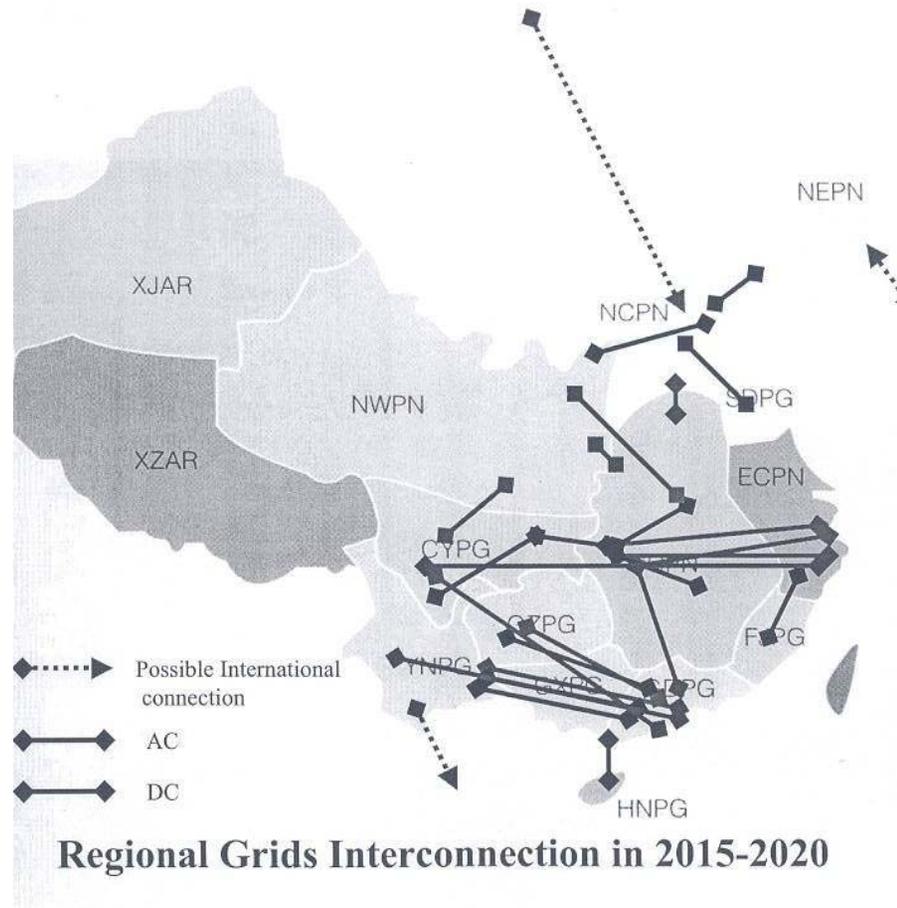
University of Illinois, Urbana – Champaign  
Contact Tom Overbye for Details

# China: Present



**Regional Grids Interconnection in 2001-2002**

# China: 2015 - 2020



# Will China Build the World's First SuperGrid?

“You can’t always get what you want...”



“...you get what you need!”



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