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# Demonstration of Partially and Fully Selective Protection for Multiterminal HVDC Systems

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### • EXPERIENCE

- Postdoctoral researcher at KU Leuven since 2017.
- PhD in HVDC protection: ‘The impact of fault blocking converters on HVDC protection’ (Imperial College London, UK).
- Research interests in HVDC protection systems, functional testing of protection systems (towards industrialisation of HVDC protection).
- Active in Cigré, IEEE, IEC.

### • PROJECT ROLE

- Design of protection systems
  - Developing functional tests for HVDC protection IEDs
  - Protection system design, including case studies on South West Link and Hansa Power Bridge DC connection and the Caithness Moray Shetland system
- **Demonstration of protection systems**
  - Design, specification, modelling and testing for device level and system level testing in partially and fully selective protection strategies
- Harmonisation towards standardisation
  - Towards harmonisation in HVDC protection topics
  - Reporting of protection system harmonisation activity

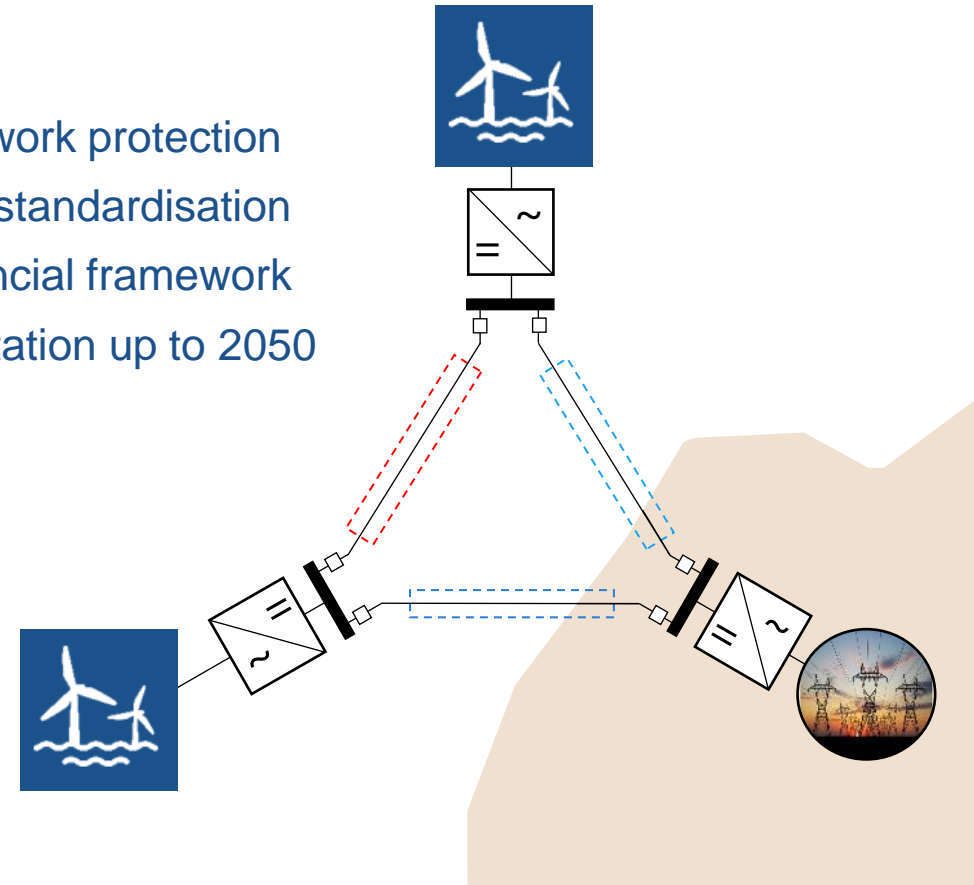


# The PROMOTioN Project

## Progress on Meshed Offshore HVDC Transmission Networks

### Enabling the North Sea power house

- Develop interoperable & reliable HVDC network protection
- Work towards technology interoperability & standardisation
- Recommendations for EU regulatory & financial framework
- Deployment plan & Roadmap for implementation up to 2050
- Full scale technology demonstrations of:
  - HVDC control & protection systems
  - Converter harmonic model validation
  - HVDC gas insulated switchgear
  - HVDC circuit breakers



# The PROMOTioN Project - Consortium

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## Vendors



## Wind Developers & Consultants



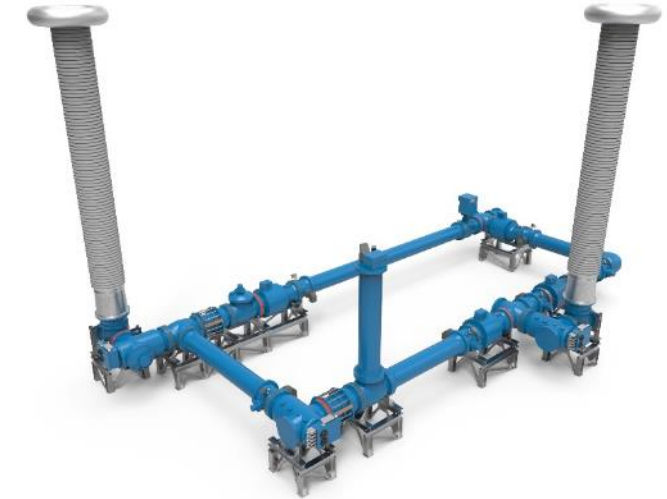
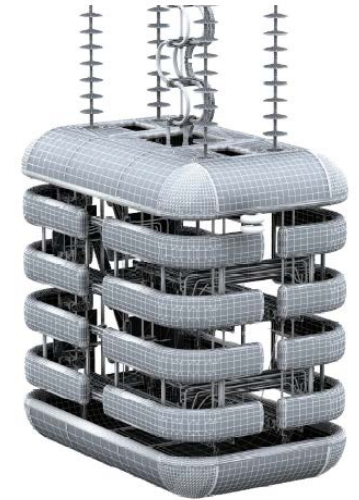
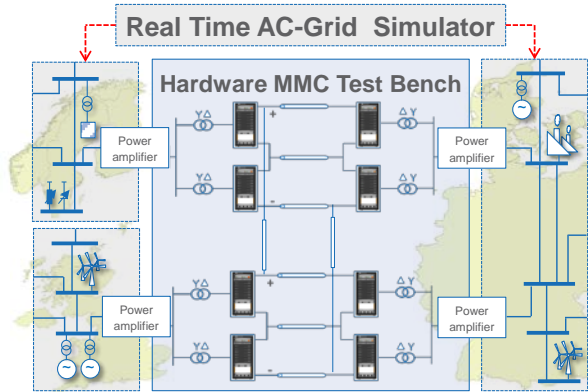
## Academia



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# The PROMOTioN Project – Technology Demonstrators



## HVDC network control

MMC test bench  
RWTH Aachen  
Aachen, Germany

## HVDC network protection

Multi-terminal test centre  
SHE Transmission  
Glasgow, UK

## HVDC circuit breakers

KEMA High Power Lab  
DNV GL  
Arnhem, Netherlands

## HVDC gas insulated system

KEMA High Voltage Lab  
DNV GL  
Arnhem, Netherlands

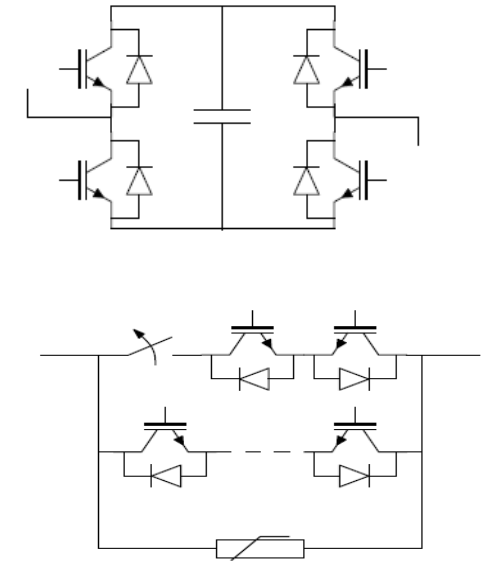
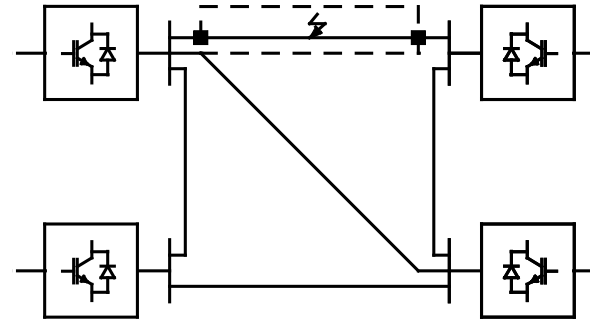


# Protection of HVDC networks

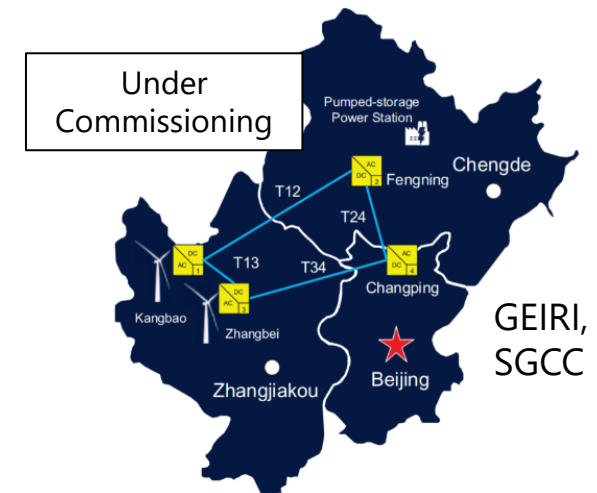
Research and industry moving towards MTDC with DC-side protection

Wide range of recent protection developments:

- Protection system design
  - Protection strategies (and trade-offs)
  - Protection devices
- DC CB development and test
- HVDC protection algorithms and IEDs
- Some industrial systems already near reality (e.g. Zhangbei).



Mitsubishi Electric / DNV-GL / PROMOTioN DCCB testing 2017



# HVDC Protection IEDs

## Protection IEDs (sometimes known as a protection relay):

- Execute protection algorithms
- Order protection/control action (typical: trip circuit breaker)

## Two prototypes:

- PROMOTioN/KTH
  - Open source design for research and education
  - 6 functional units with flexible design (algorithms may be written by user)
- Mitsubishi Electric
  - Industrial prototype on industrial control hardware
  - 6 functional units (2 poles x 3 locations)

**Overall aim of work: Demonstrate HVDC protection system in industrial case study network**





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- MSc Sustainable Electrical Power @ The Brunel University

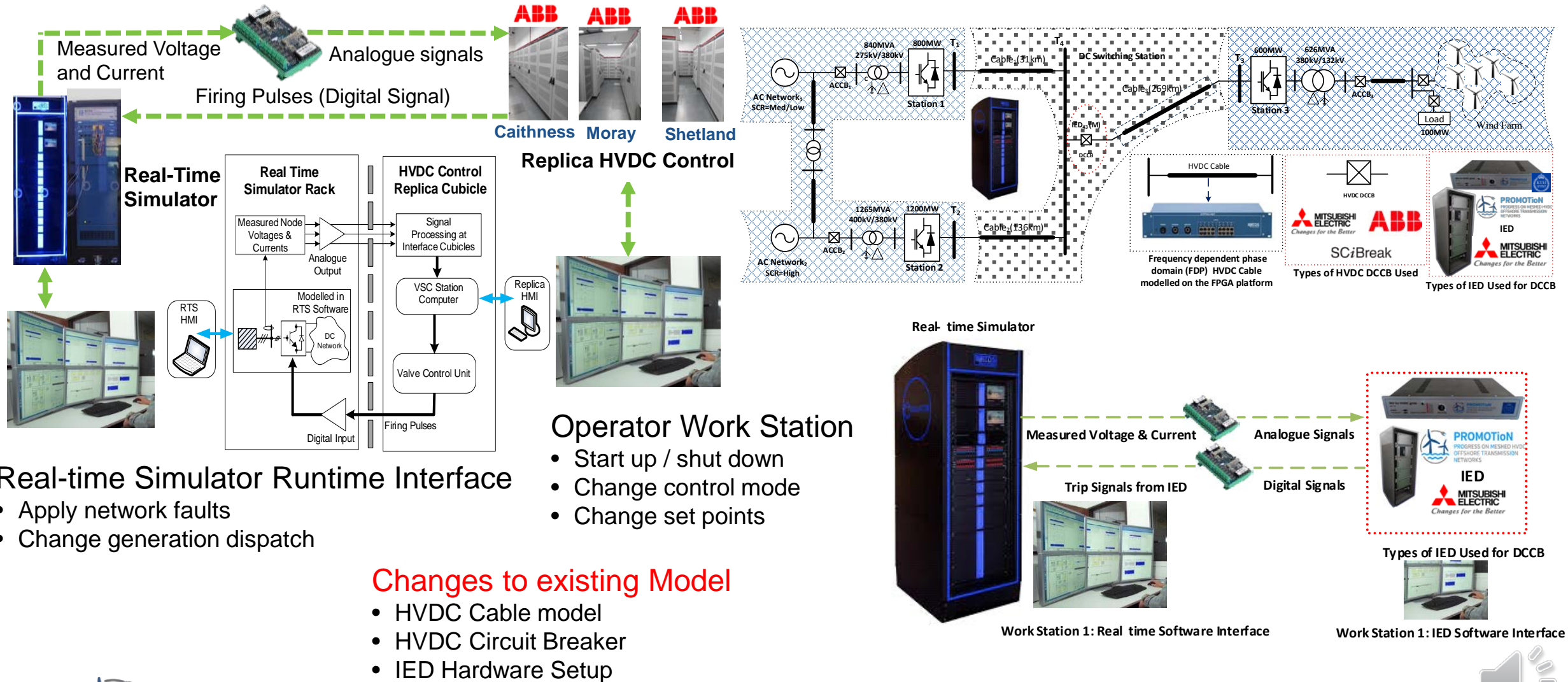
### • PROJECT ROLE

- Contribution to Work package WP9 (Demonstration of DC Grid Protection): Task 9.2, 9.4, 9.5 and 9.6 since 2019

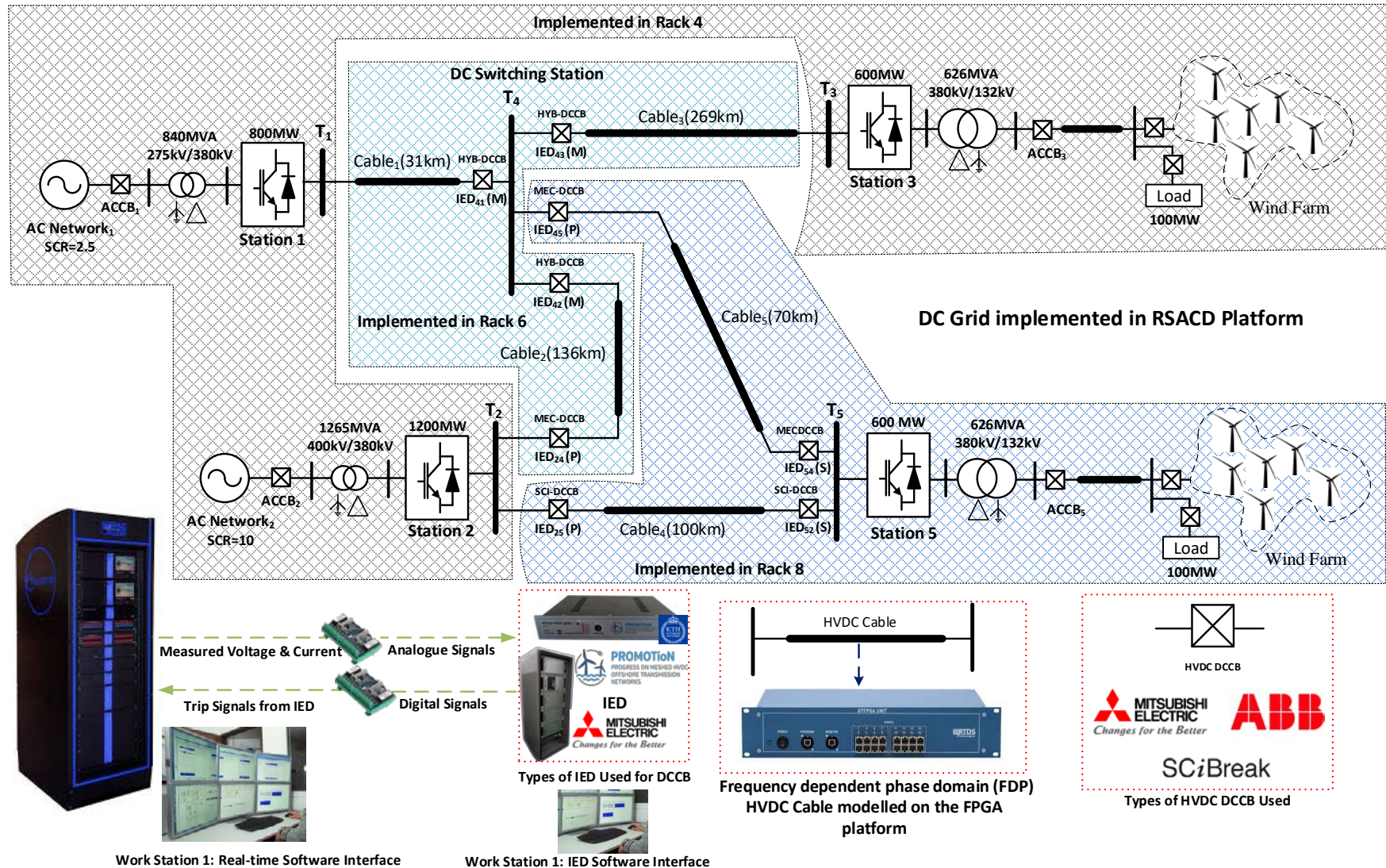




# Hardware Setup: Replica(C&P) based CMS Network Model



# Hardware Setup: PROMOTiON 4T Model Hardware Setup



# Implementation of Model: PROMOTioN 4T Model

- System Modelling

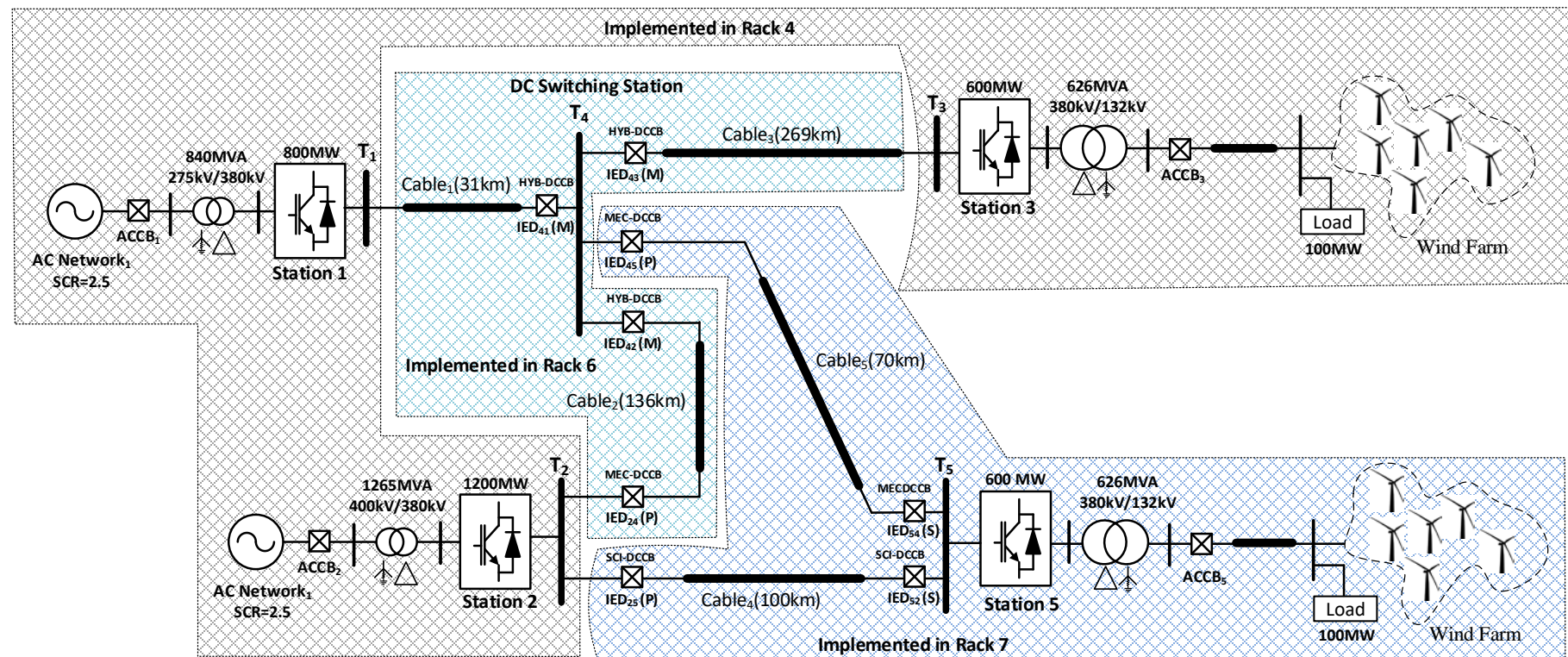
- Converter Modelling
- Converter Control
- DC Circuit Breaker (DCCB)
- Others

- DC Grid Configuration

- AC and DC Network Model
- HVDC Cable Model
- IED Configuration

- DC Grid: Overview in run-time window

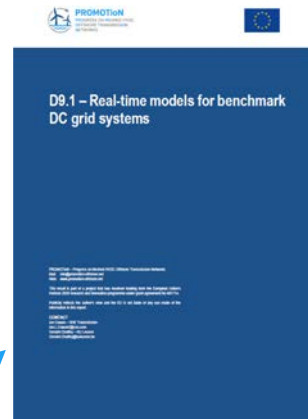
- Key Challenges



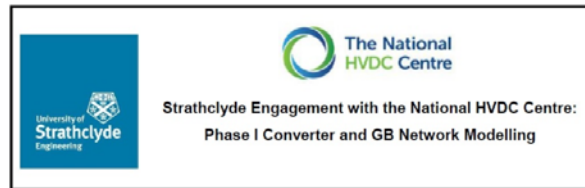
# Implementation of Model: Converter Modelling

Open-source converter model: developed through a research project in collaboration with the University of Strathclyde, UK.

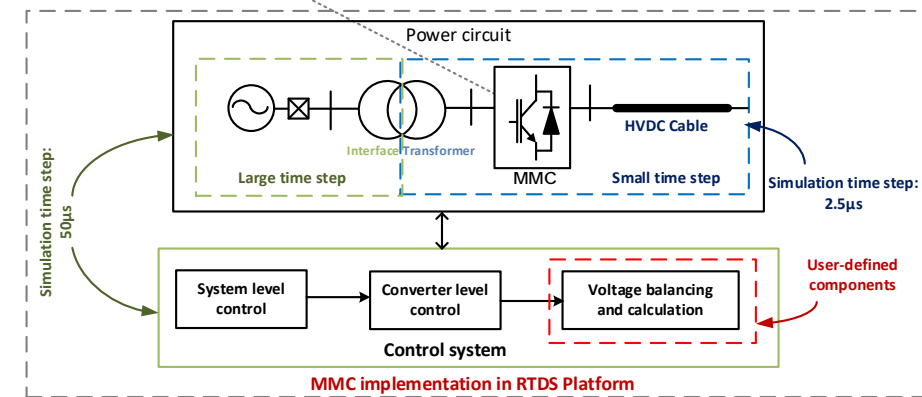
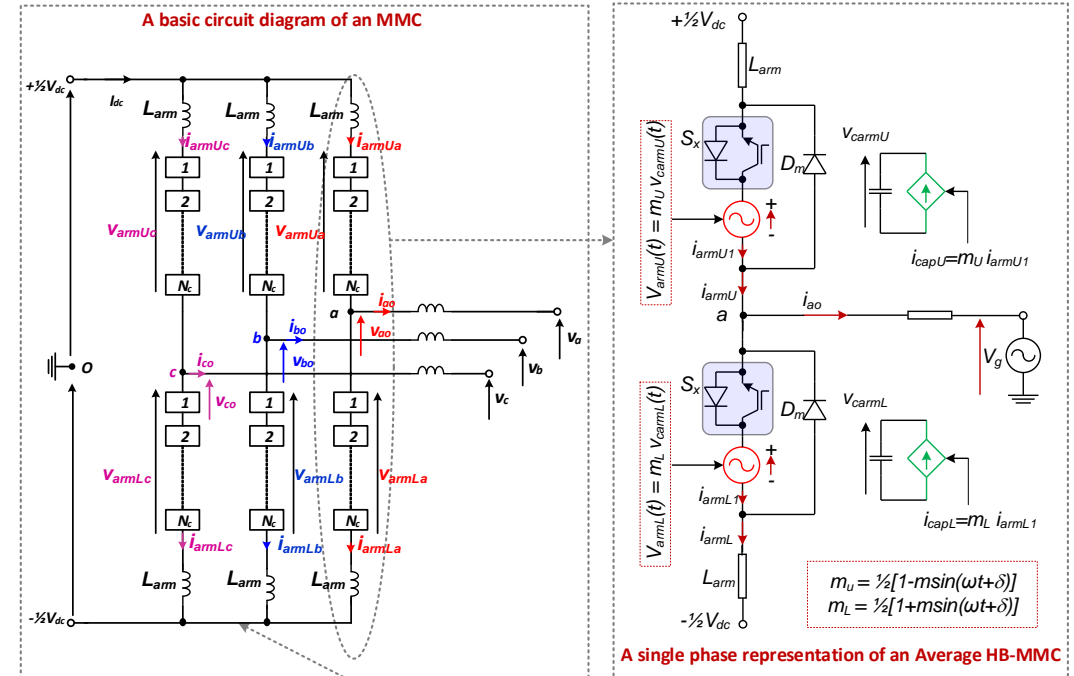
- Converter Modelling
  - ✓ Open source Converter Model
  - ✓ Converter topology-HB MMC
  - ✓ Average HB-MMC
- Converter Control Design
  - ✓ High level Control
  - ✓ Low level control
- Real-time Implementation
  - ✓ Small-time step
  - ✓ Large-time step
  - ✓ Interface



Model details available in D9.1



<https://www.hvdccentre.com/open-source-converters/>



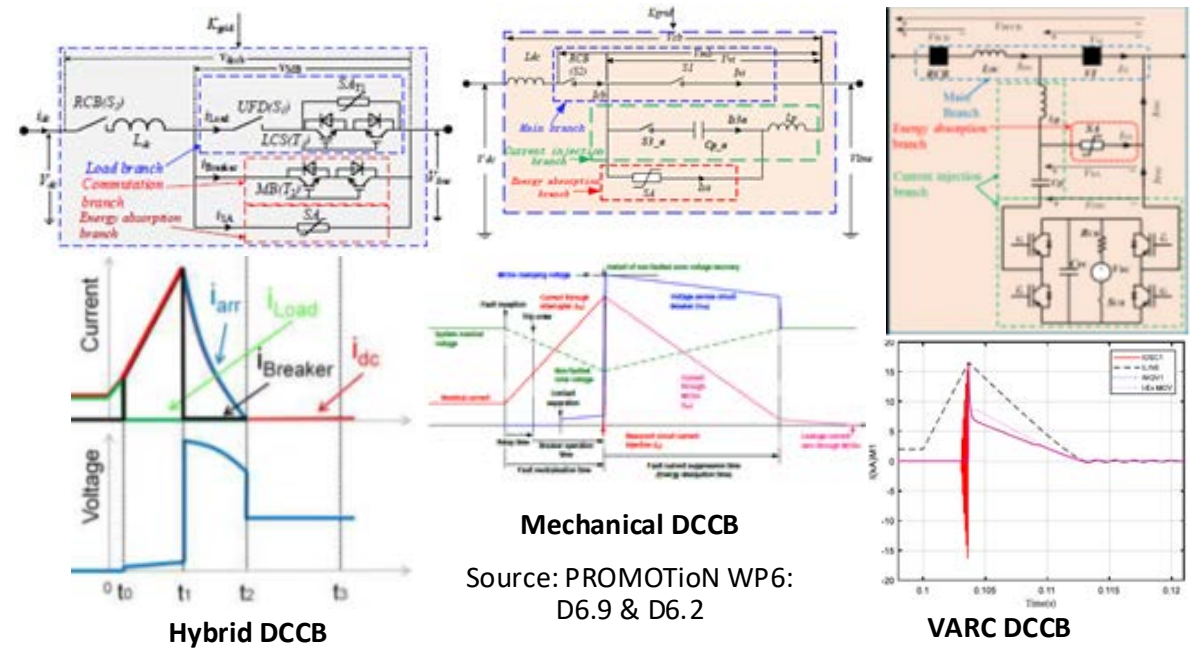
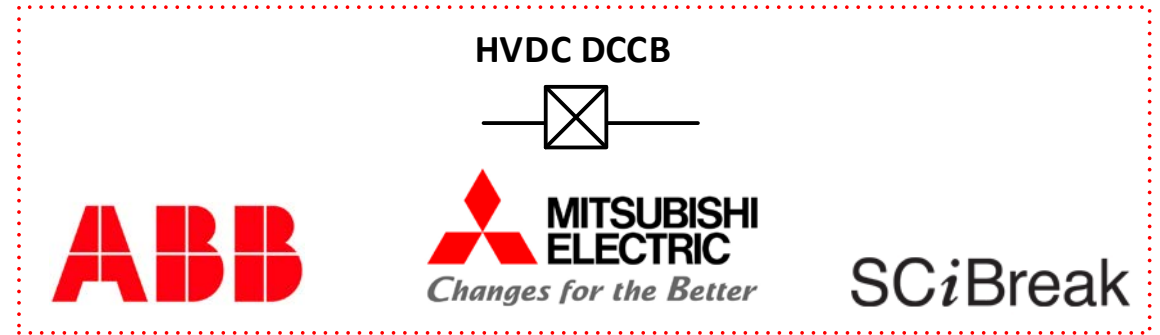
# Implementation of Model: HVDC Circuit Breaker

Developed by PROMOTiON WP6 in collaboration with industrial partners. To be used for WP9 demonstration:

- ✓ Partially-selective DC protections strategies
- ✓ Fully-selective DC protections strategies

- ABB Hybrid DCCB
  - ✓ A rated current of 16 kA
  - ✓ 2ms operation time
- Mitsubishi Electric Mechanical DCCB
  - ✓ A rated current of 16 kA
  - ✓ 8ms operation time
- VSC Assisted Resonant Current (VARC) DCCB
  - ✓ A rated current of 16 kA
  - ✓ ~3ms operation time

All developed DCCB models are validated against PSCAD model



Source: PROMOTiON WP6: D6.9

Source: PROMOTiON WP6: D6.9 & D6.2

Source: PROMOTiON WP6: D6.8



## Implementation of Model: Cable Modelling and Others

- HVDC Cable

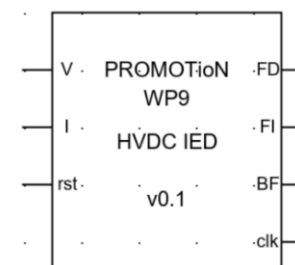
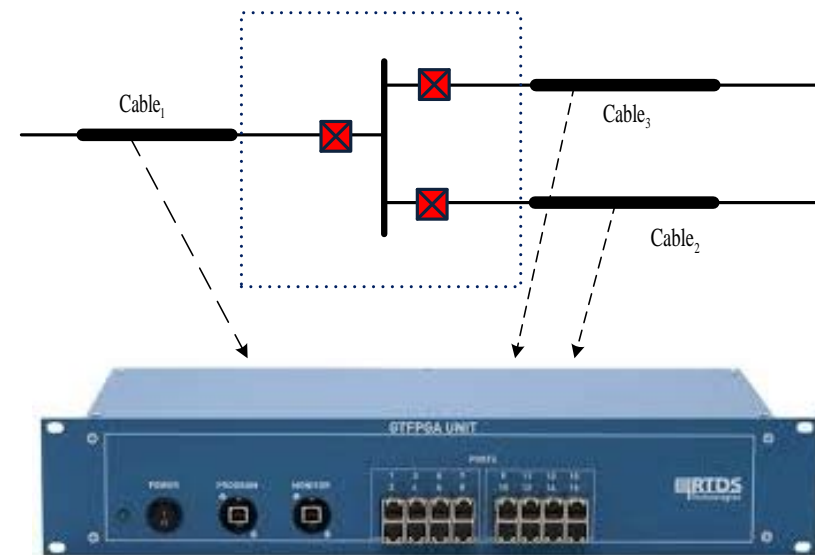
- ✓ Cable parameters are representative of the CMS HVDC project
- ✓ Travelling wave frequency-dependent phase cable model is used
- ✓ Avoid the use of long interface Bergeron lines
- ✓ Modelled in small-time step
- ✓ More accurate representation of electrical network resulting in more representative results from IED tests

- Simulated IED

- ✓ Avoid complexity when testing a large network
- ✓ Used when physical IED number is limited

- Other Components

- ✓ Converter Transformer
- ✓ AC breaker
- ✓ High Speed DC Switch(HSS)
- ✓ Surge Arrestor (Type 3 Arrestor-similar arrestor model in PSCAD)



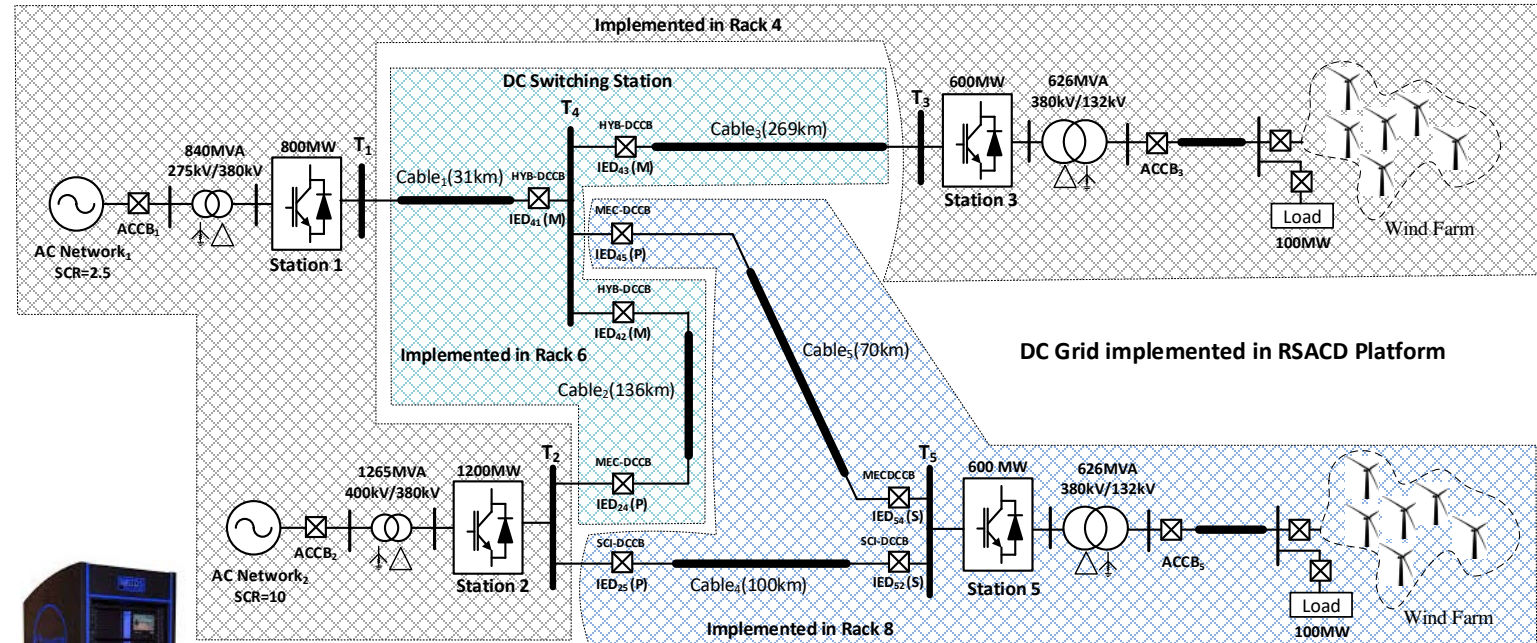
Simulated IED



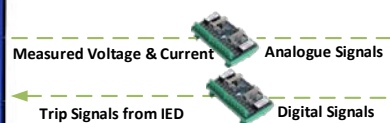
# Implementation of Model: DC Grid Configuration

- Converters and DC-side electrical elements are modelled in the small-time step ( $\sim 4\mu\text{s}$ )
- Small-time Step: 9 VSC Bridge Boxes are used
- AC-side circuits and converter control are modelled in the main time step ( $50\mu\text{s}$ )
- AC networks are modelled as a source and equivalent impedance
- Cables are modelled in the small-time step on GTFPGA units
- Hardware requirement for four-terminal network implementation:

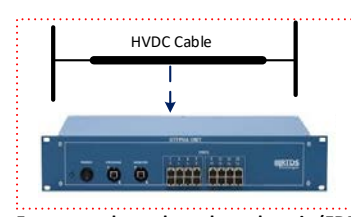
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| ✓ 3x NovaCor chassis | ✓ 1x IRC Switch |
| ✓ 5x GTFPGA Units    | ✓ 6x GTA0 card  |
| ✓ 1x Global Bus Hub  | ✓ 2x GTDI card  |
| ✓ 1x Global Bus Hub  | ✓ 1x GTDO card  |



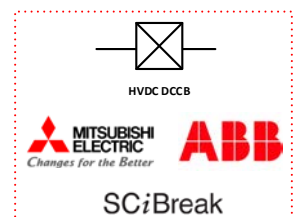
Work Station 1: Real-time Software Interface



Work Station 1: IED Software Interface



Frequency dependent phase domain (FDP) HVDC Cable modelled on the FPGA platform

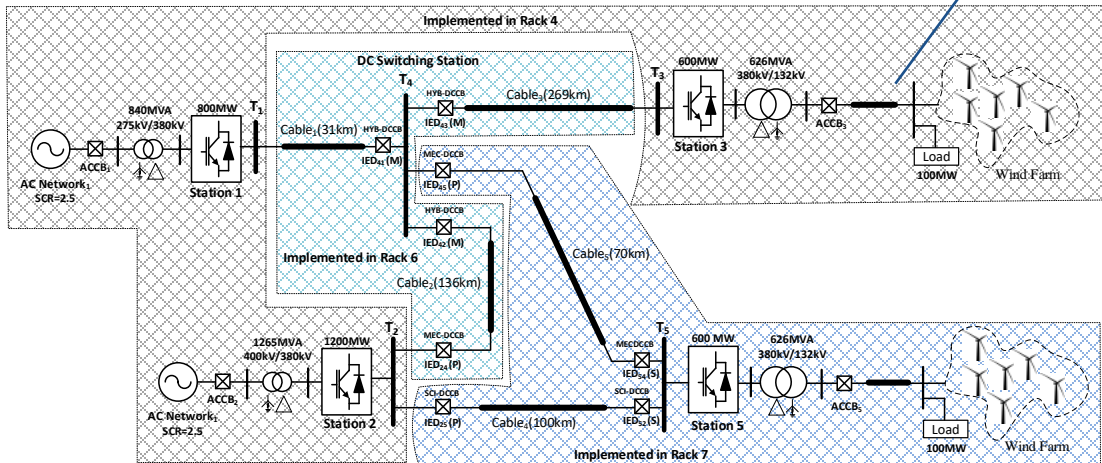
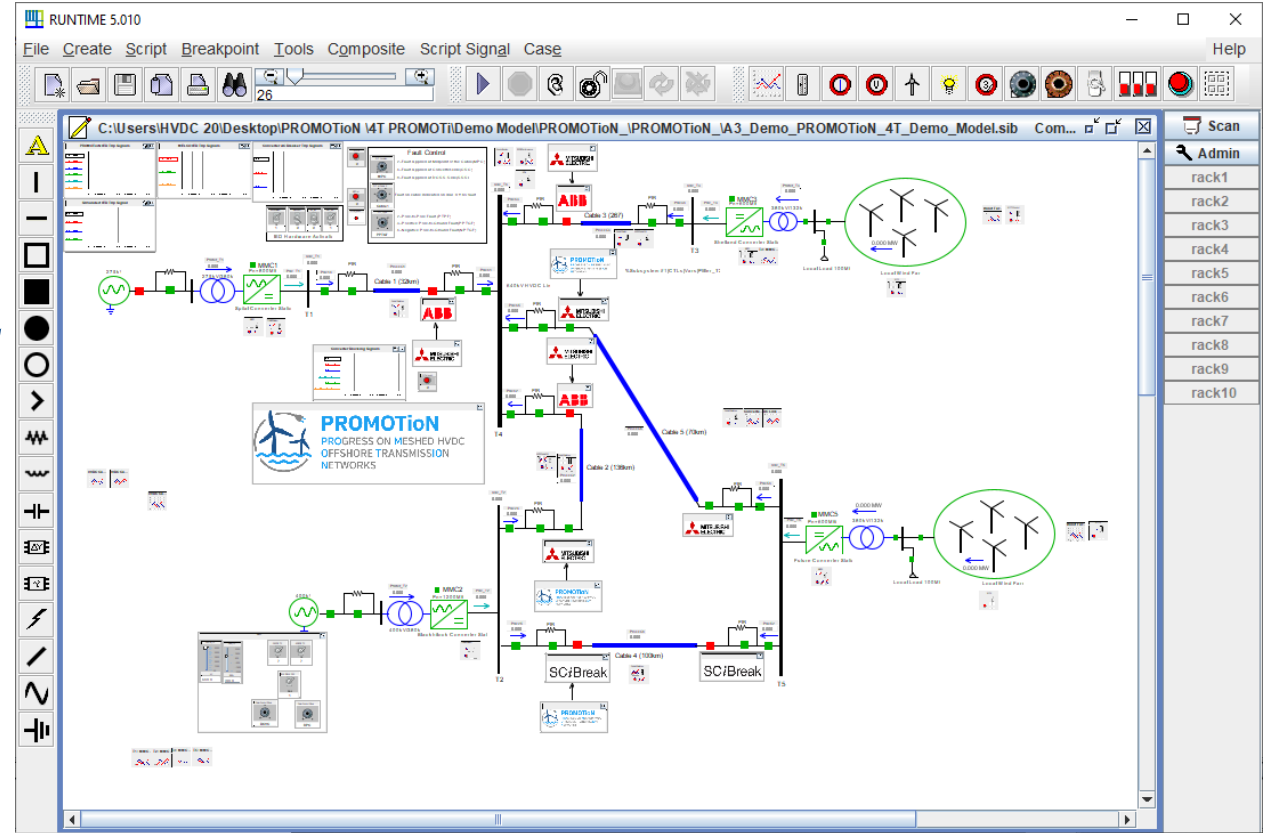


Types of HVDC DCCB Used



# Real-time Simulation Test Setup: RSCAD Simulation run-time window

- Converter BLK-DBLK
- Automated repetitive scripts
- Fault Control
  - ✓ Cable selection
  - ✓ Fault location selection
  - ✓ Fault type selection
- Transition between SW and HW IED





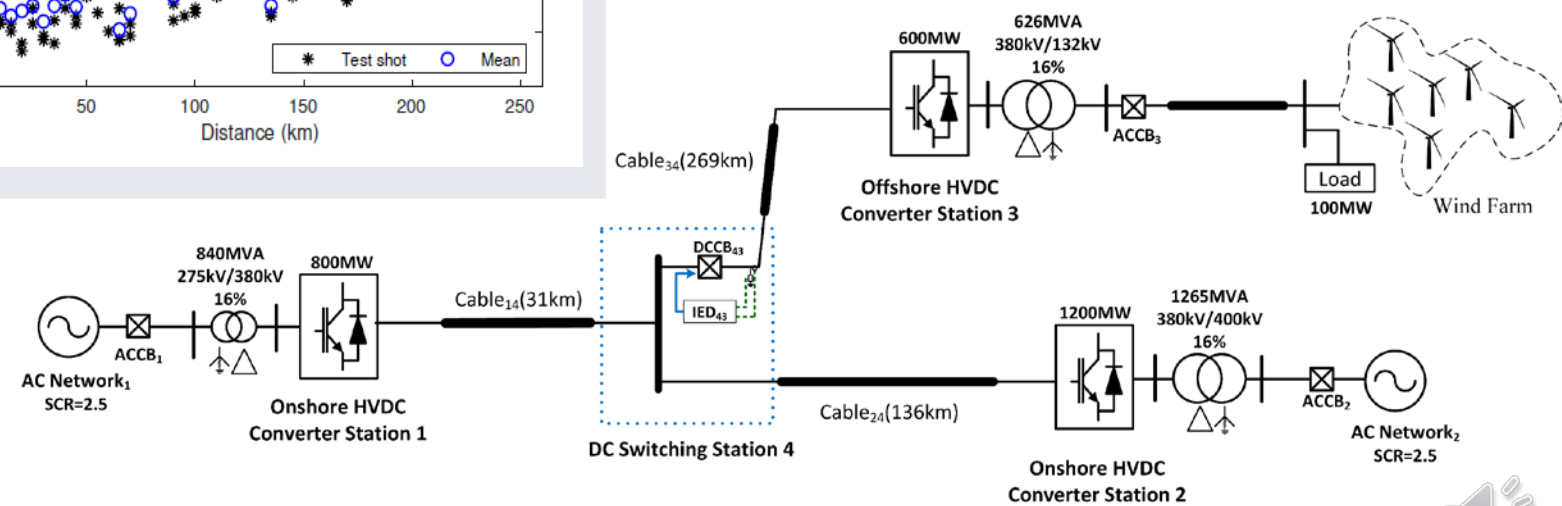
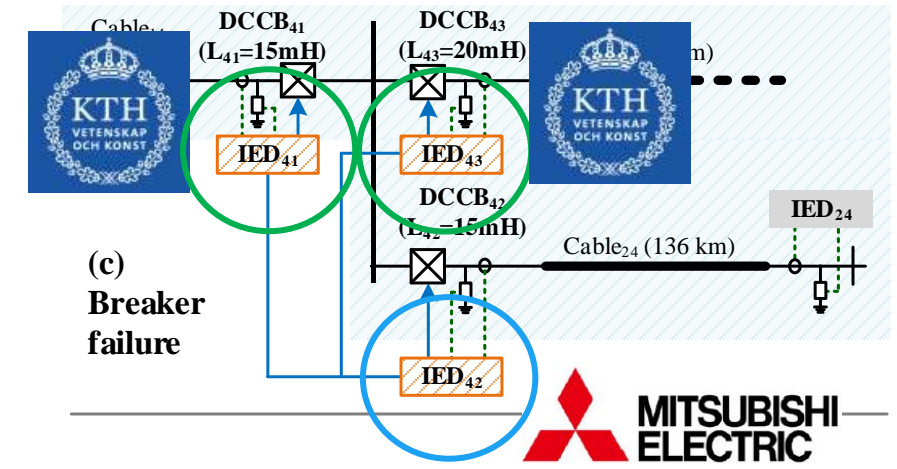
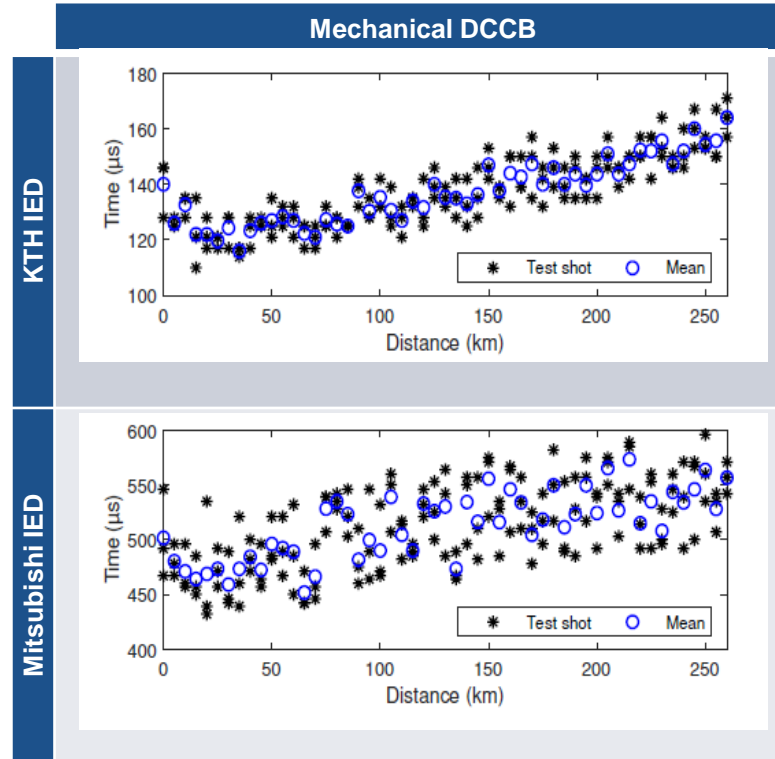
# Implementation of Model: key Challenges

- Cable modelling-additional hardware requirement
- Avoiding interfaces between large time-step and small time-step
- Small time-step interface between different:
  - ✓ bridge boxes
  - ✓ GTFPGA Unit
  - ✓ MOV model
- Impedance of the interface t-line ( $Z_o = \sqrt{L/C}$ ) has to be compensate with other network elements:
  - ✓ DCCB
  - ✓ HVDC Cable
- Developed model structure varies depending on particular test cases:
  - ✓ Multi-vendor
  - ✓ different DCCB topologies
  - ✓ different IED configurations



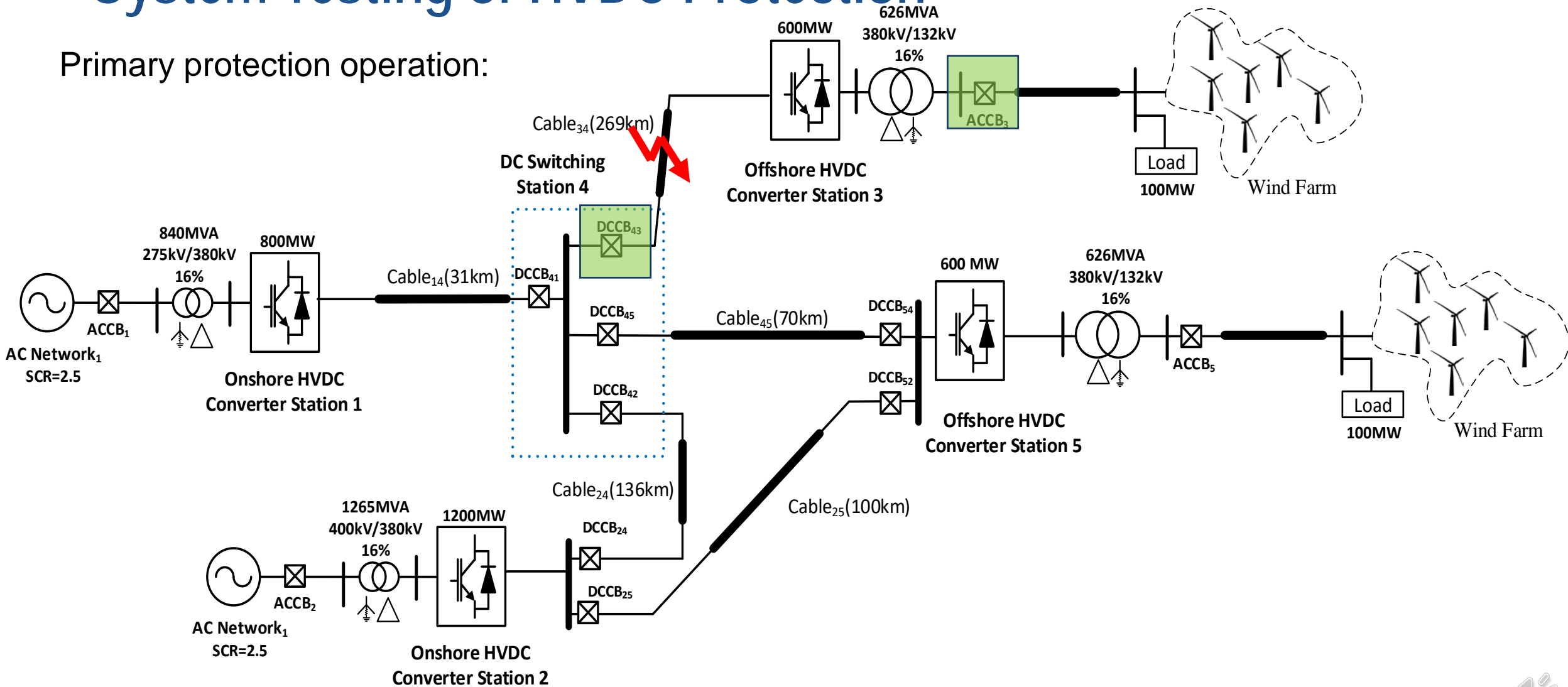
# Single and Multivendor Testing of HVDC Protection IEDs

- Aim: testing to demonstrate performance of IEDs
- Several cases already studied on 3T CMS system
- Single vendor cases:
  - Partially selective
  - Fully selective
- Multivendor cases:
  - Fully selective
- IEDs perform in 100us to 600us depending on case study and IED



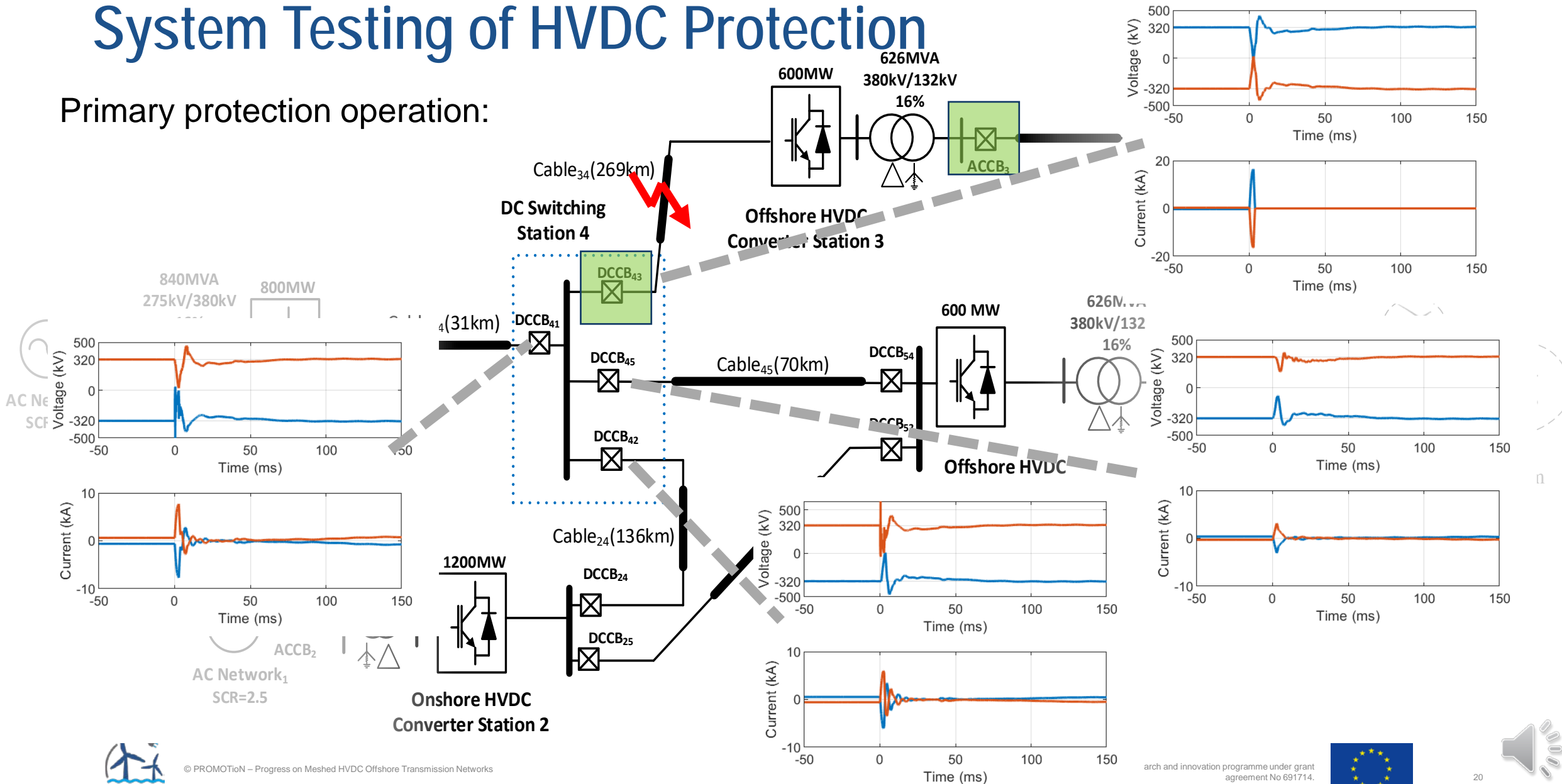
# System Testing of HVDC Protection

Primary protection operation:



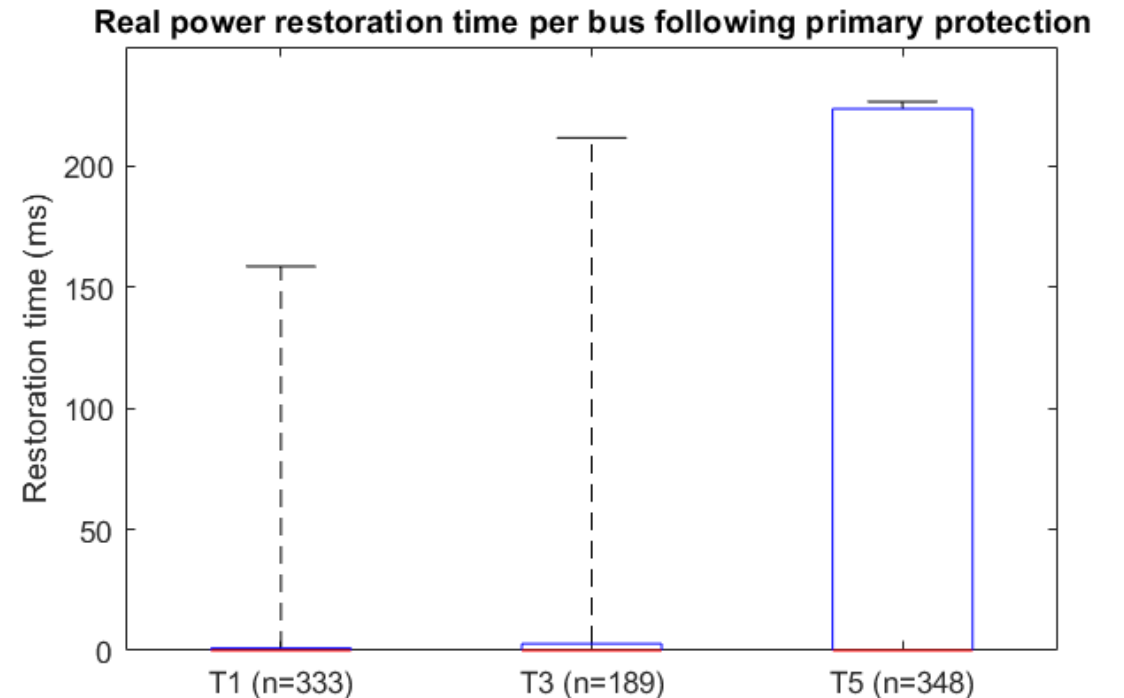
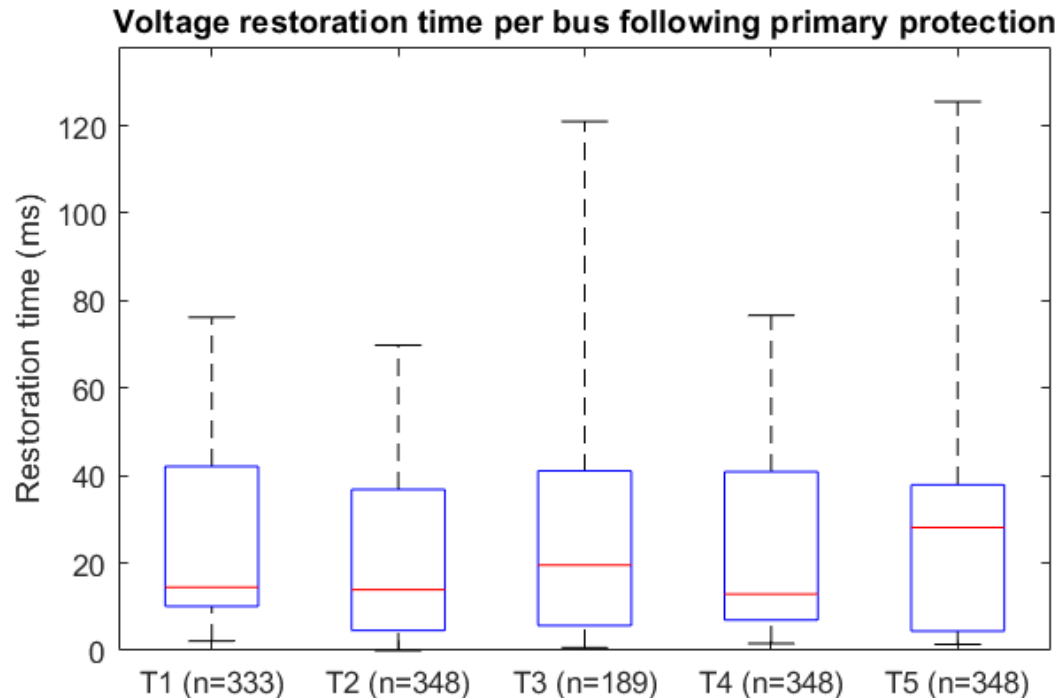
# System Testing of HVDC Protection

Primary protection operation:

























# System Testing of HVDC Protection

Repetitive testing evaluated with generic Key Performance Indicators (KPIs):



# Testing with Converter Control Replicas

Control Replica	Protection IED	DC CB	Successful operation
		SCiBreak	
			
			
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# Conclusions

We have demonstrated:

- Successful operation of HVDC protection IED prototypes
- Successful operation of HVDC CB models
- Overall protection system performance:
  - Fully selective protection
  - Primary protection
  - Backup protection (not shown in this presentation)
- Exhaustive testing of overall protection system and resulting system response
- Several example cases of high level multivendor interoperability



# Public Demonstration – Partially and Fully Selective HVDC Protection

- For more information on the topic presented today, please join our (virtual) demonstration:
- Demonstration of HVDC grid protection system - **September 9th, 2020**, 13:00 – 15:30 (BST)
- Registration:

<https://speakeasy.eventsair.com/ssen-event/ssenpromotion/Site/Register>



13:00	Event begins
	<i>Presentation: Welcome on behalf of PROMOTioN</i> Cornelis Plet, DNV GL, PROMOTioN Project Coordinator
	<i>Presentation: How to protect a DC grid?</i> Dirk van Hertem, KU Leuven, PROMOTioN Work Package 4 Leader
	<i>Presentation: What are DCCBs?</i> Dragan Jovicic, University of Aberdeen, PROMOTioN Work Package 6 Leader
	<i>Presentation: Why is this demonstration important?</i> Ian Cowan, The National HVDC Centre, PROMOTioN Work Package 9 Leader
	<i>Presentation: What is the test setup?</i> Habib Rahman, The National HVDC Centre
	<i>Presentation: What is the PROMOTioN IED?</i> Ilka Jahn, KTH
	<i>Presentation: What is the MELCO IED?</i> Frederick Page, Mitsubishi Electric Corporation

14.15	<i>Presentation: What will the results be?</i> Geraint Chaffey, KU Leuven
	<i>Demonstration: Operation primary protection using test IEDs with test system</i>
	<i>Demonstration: Operation of backup protection using test IEDs with test system</i>
	<i>Demonstration: Operation of primary protection using test IEDS with replica HVDC control and protection cubicles from real project</i>
	<i>Presentation: Overview of complete results</i> Geraint Chaffey, KU Leuven
	Summary and Q&A
15.30	End of Event





# Final PROMOTioN Conference

- For more details on the outcomes of PROMOTioN, please follow the final conference:  
[https://www.promotion-offshore.net/news\\_events/final\\_conference\\_2020/](https://www.promotion-offshore.net/news_events/final_conference_2020/)

## North Sea Grid for the European Green Deal

*How to unlock Europe's Offshore Wind potential – a deployment plan for a meshed HVDC grid*



### Pre-Conference Sessions

08/24/20 – 09/18/20

**24 AUG**      PROMOTioN @ CIGRE  
**2:00 – 5:30 PM**      Join the PROMOTioN Team on Channel 4 at the CIGRE 2020

### Breakout Sessions

Pre-recorded presentations available Mondays each week, live Q&As with our experts every Friday

**31 AUG –**      Offshore HVDC Grid Technology  
**04 SEP**      Live Q&A: Friday, 09/04/20, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**07 SEP –**      HVDC Technology qualification  
**11 SEP**      Live Q&A: Friday, 09/11/20, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Legal, Regulatory & Economic Aspects  
Live Q&A: Friday, 09/11/20, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

**14 SEP –**      Meshed Offshore Grid Planning  
**18 SEP**      Live Q&A: Friday, 09/18/20, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

### Virtual Conference Agenda

Live Event, 09/21/20

**10:00 - 10:20 AM**      Keynotes & Welcome Address

**10:20 - 10:45 AM**      Introduction to PROMOTioN: How to approach the creation of a European offshore grid

**10:45 - 11:00 AM**      Feedback Round

**11:00 AM –**      Reports from the Breakout Sessions  
**12:00 PM**

**12:00 - 12:30 PM**      Lessons from PROMOTioN: Key steps towards a meshed HVDC offshore grid

**12:30 - 1:00 PM**      Lunch Break

**1:00 - 2:30 PM**      **Live Panel Discussion: Fitting the puzzle pieces**

**2:30 – 2:45 PM**      Feedback round

**2:45 – 3:00 PM**      Wrap up & Concluding remarks



# Demonstration of Partially and Fully Selective Protection for Multiterminal HVDC Systems

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## Thank you for your attention.

Protection System  
Demonstration  
9<sup>th</sup> September ->



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21<sup>st</sup> September ->



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