

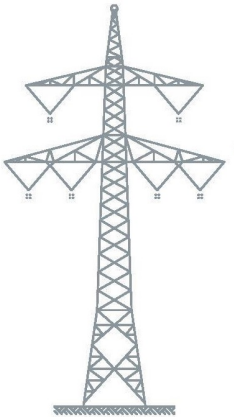
# Cable & Civil

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# SuedLink – the underground development



2013

**Start of engineering as overhead line**

2015

Bundestag & Bundesrat decide DC projects to be underground preferred

2016

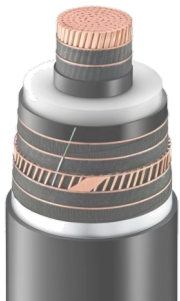
New method paper from BNetzA with renewed requirements

late  
2016

Environmental planners develop first corridors

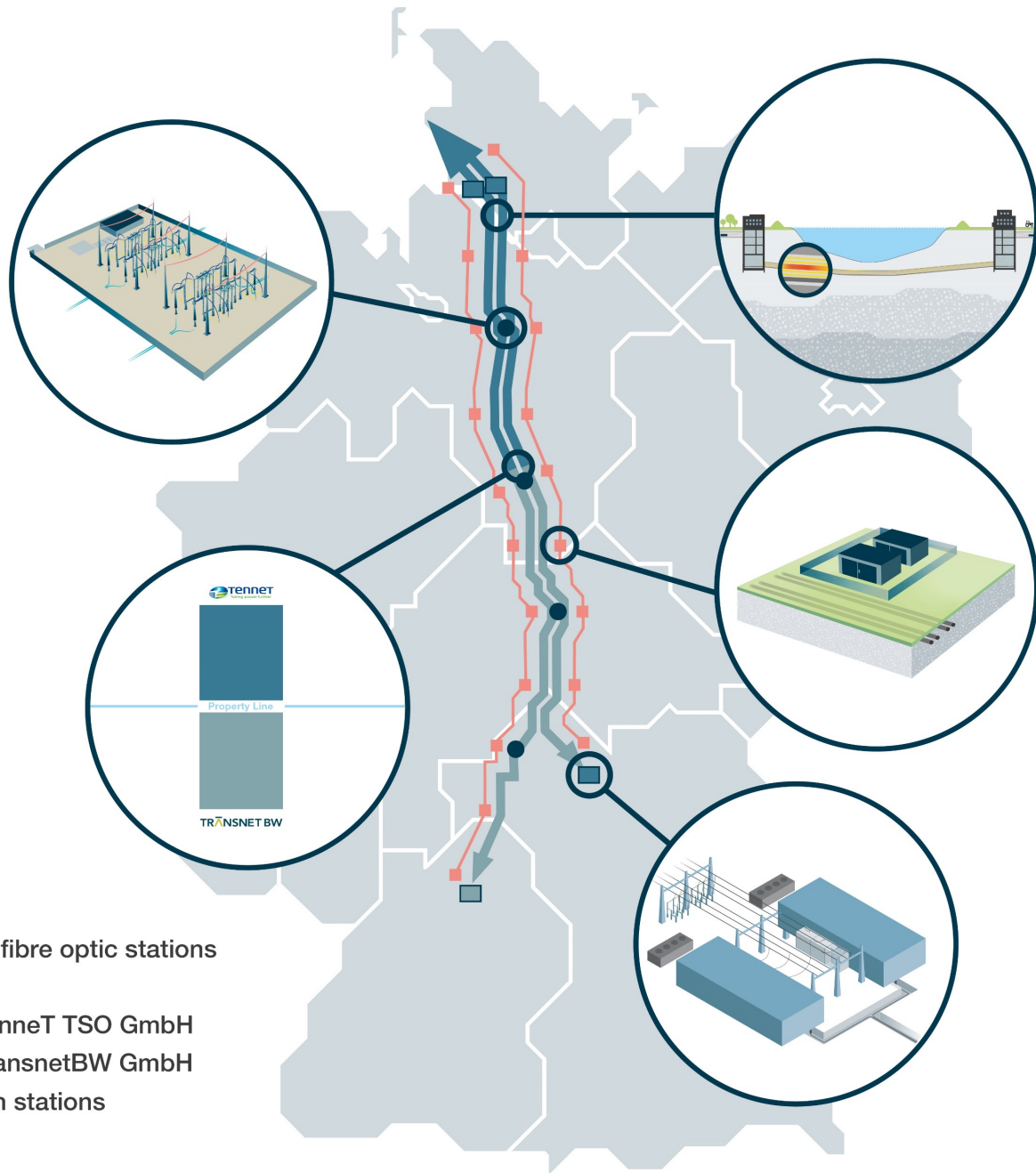
On-  
going

Engineering cable routes underground only

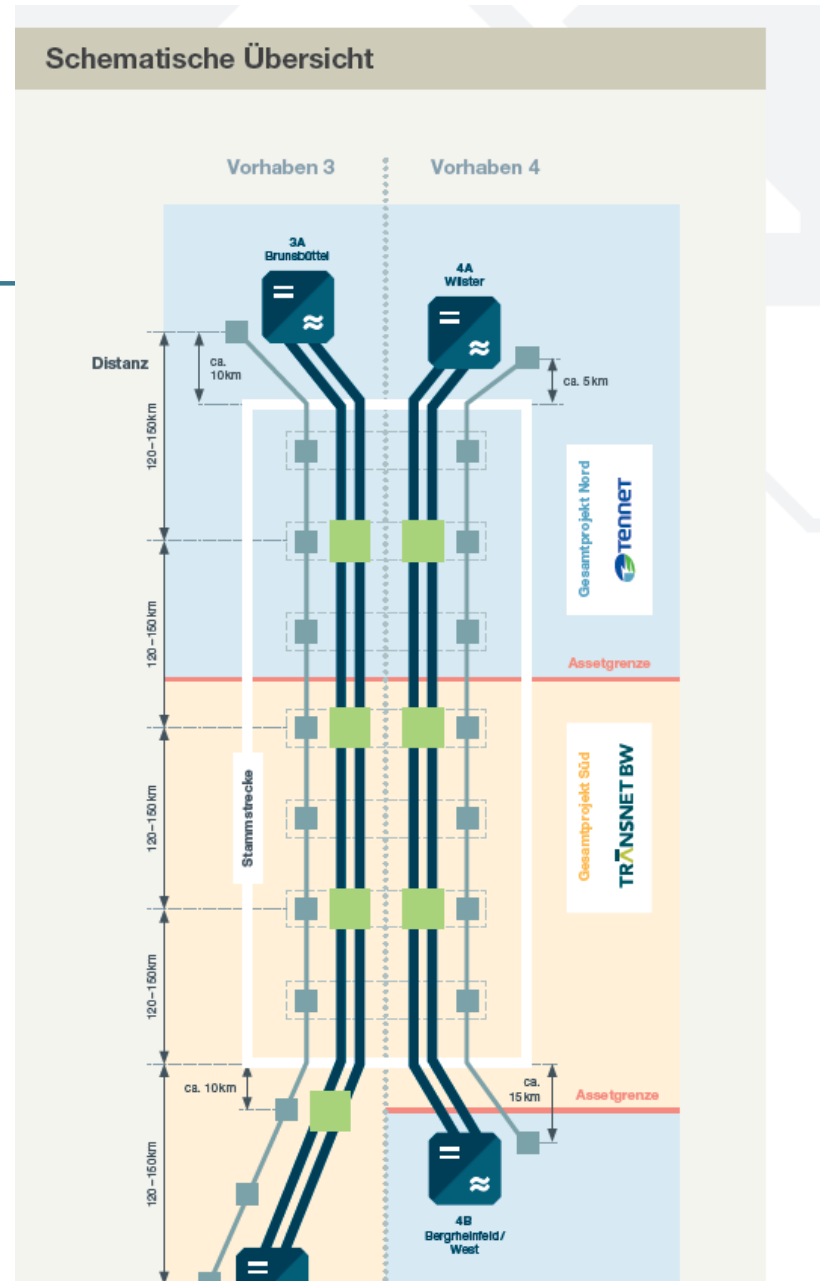


## New law

December 2015: „Gesetz zur Änderung von Bestimmungen des Rechts des Energieleitungsbaus“ preferred solution of DC projects is 100% underground.



- Intermediate fibre optic stations
- Optical fibre
- Converter TenneT TSO GmbH
- Converter TransnetBW GmbH
- Cable section stations



# Converter Station Vorhaben DC3

Picture shows station Brunsbüttel



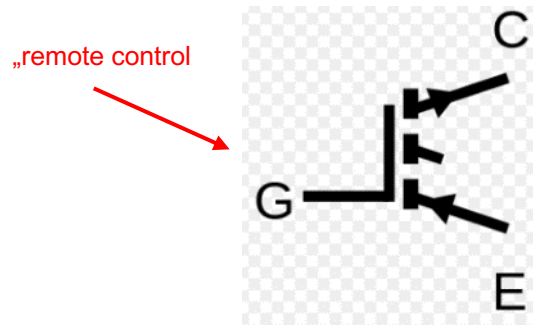
Power Output: 2GW  
 Voltage: DC  $\pm 525$ kV  
 Current: DC 2100A

## Abilities:

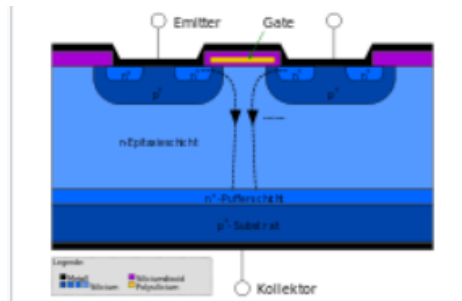
- Energy transmission in both directions
- Reactive power for grid stability (required because of switch off of conventional generators)
- Grid oscillation damping capability
- Voltage and frequency control
- Grid Forming: provision of synthetic short circuit power  
 Due to shut off of rotating generators
- Black start capability: supports grid restoration after blackout
- Unmanned operation (remote control from dispatch centers)
- Easy power flow control in comparison to AC grids
- Low loss solution for long distance energy transmission
- High availability, low maintenance

# IGBT – remote controlled breaker

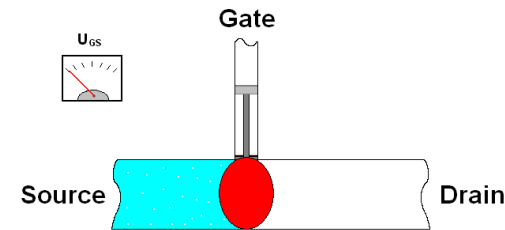
a IGBT (insulated-gate bipolar transistor) is a bipolar transistor with insulated gate electrode



Circuit symbol



Schematic structure of a PT-n-channel IGBT

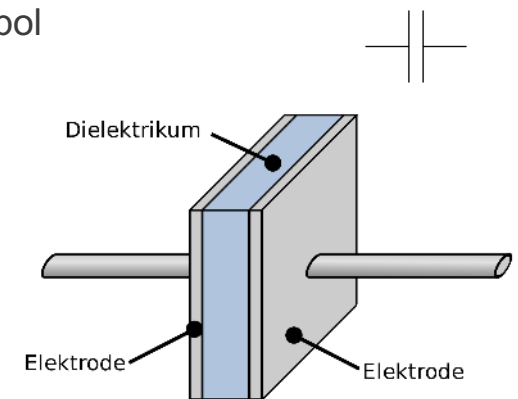


Work principle



construction of a power-IGBT

**Capacitor**  
symbol



schematic construction

# 2 projects – 2 suppliers

## NKT – Lot 3-1 and Lot 3-2



**HQ** Denmark

### **Production**

- Germany, Cologne (DC Cables)
- Sweden, Karlskrona (DC Cables)
- Sweden, Alingsås & Sunne (Accessories)
- Finland, Pikkala (DC Cables)

## Prysmian – Lot 4-1 and Lot 4-2



**HQ** Italy

### **Production**

- France, Gron and Montereau (DC Cables)
- Italy, Livorno (Accessories)
- Romania, Slatina (Accessories)
- UK, Bishopstoke (Accessories)
- Germany, Nordenham (Accessories)

# Underground cable: structure



### XLPE

- Isolierung bis **600 kV DC** für unterirdische und unterseeische Anwendungen
- Niedrigere Systemkosten und leichtere Kabel für Spannungsebenen bis **320 kV**
- Neues Material mit geringer elektrischer Leitfähigkeit
- Hohe Materialreinheit
- Gleiche thermische Leistung wie das bisher für bis zu **320 kV** verwendete DC XLPE
- Gleiche technologische Plattform für XLPE-AC- und DC-Kabel

## Bending radius:

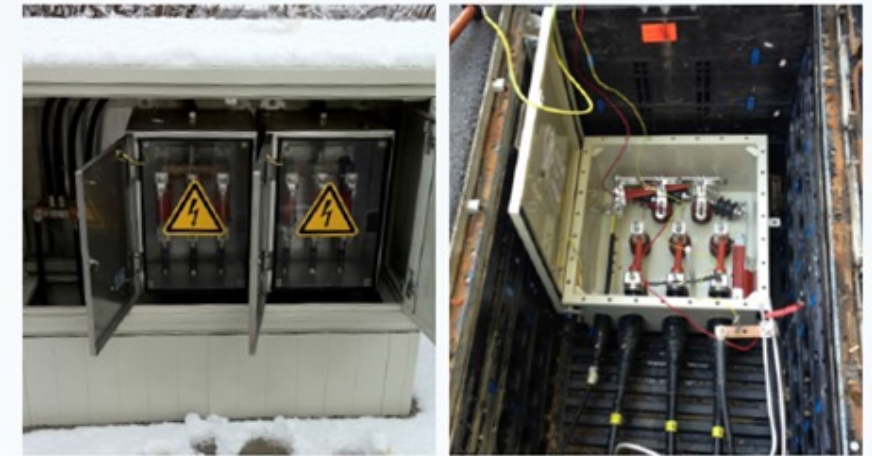
During laying procedure:

30 x 151,5 mm outer diameter (upon cable reels)

35 x 151,5 mm outer diameter (in cable trench)

After laying: 20 x 151,5 mm outer diameter

# Joints & link boxes



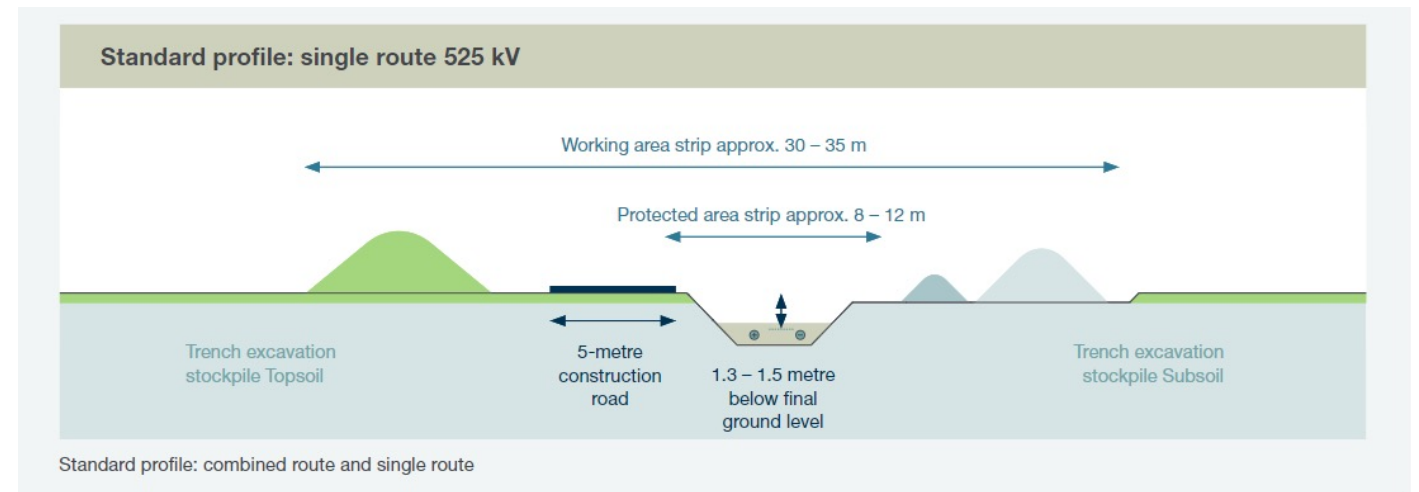
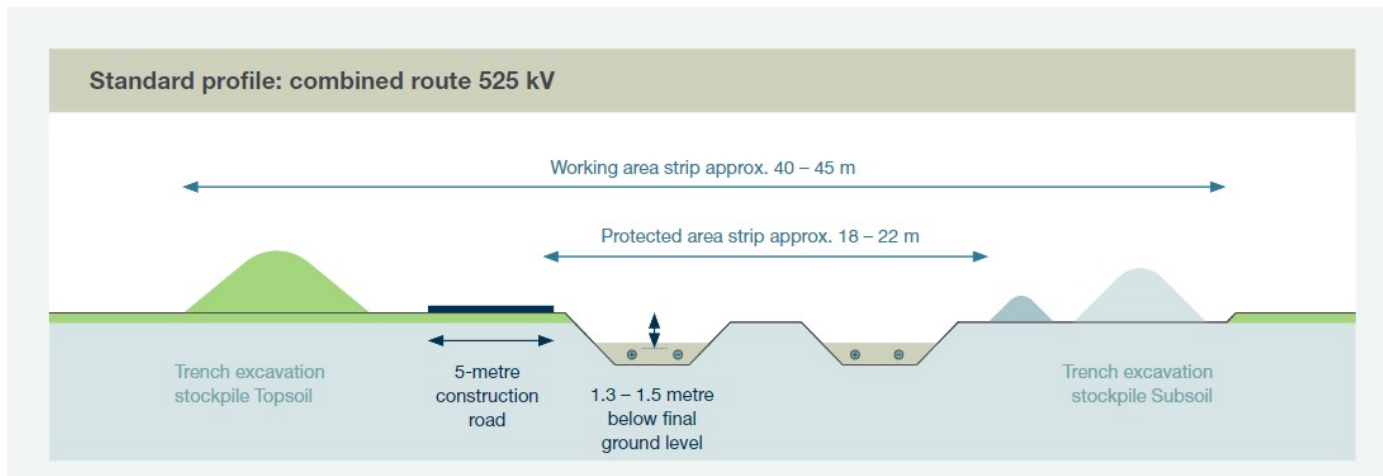
1. Overlapping cable laying into the trench (see also illustration 5)
2. Set up of special container for joint installation
3. Installed joint before backfilling the joint

## Link boxes

- Assist to locate defect cables (reduces potential downtimes)
- Grounding cable screens in link box
- Positioning on streets and paths alongside the cable route
- Completely underground possible depending on location
- Appr. Every 10 km; only a few square meters big



# SuedLink profile



# Open trench cable laying – construction process



## Removing top soil

- >> taking off mother soil
- >> temporary storage
- >> if necessary greening, protection against dehydration and drift of soil

## Building trench-profile

- >> removing sub-soil
- >> where required separate storage of soil layers
- >> installation of temporary water drainage
- >> installation cable bedding

## Pulling cable

- >> transportation of cable reels
- >> pulling cable into the trench

# Open trench cable laying – construction process



## Joints

- >> installation of joint containers
- >> mounting the joints
- >> uninstalling joint containers
- >> pouring on bedding material onto the joints

## Backfilling trench

- >> pouring on bedding material onto the cables
- >> installation of protective plates
- >> backfilling subsoil
- >> installation of warning tapes on the cable route
- >> backfilling of remaining sub- and topsoil
- >> controlling backfilling soil (proof of compaction)

## Recultivation

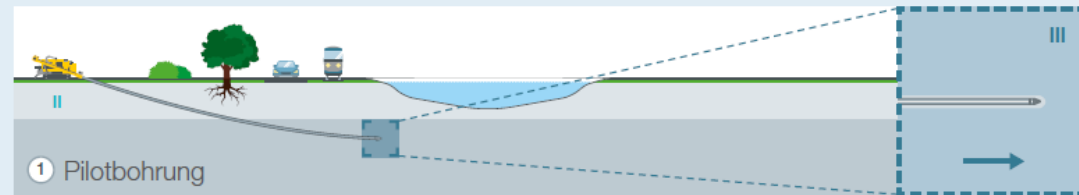
- >> restoring surface area
- >> fertilization if necessary
- >> fresh sowing if necessary

## Use of land after construction

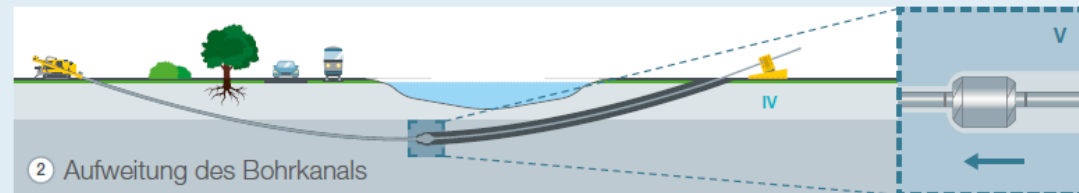
- >> agriculture and livestock farming possible
- >> no building development and deep-rooted woody plants

# Trenchless construction - HDD

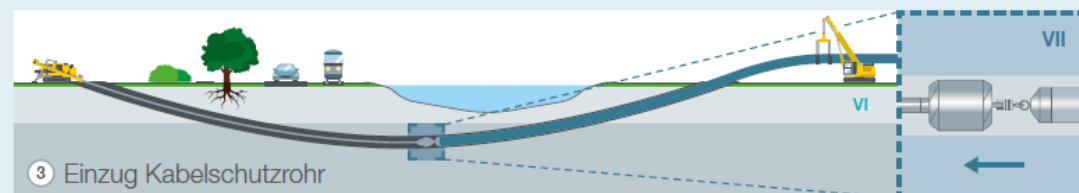
## Geschlossene Verlegeweise (HDD-Verfahren) <sup>1</sup>



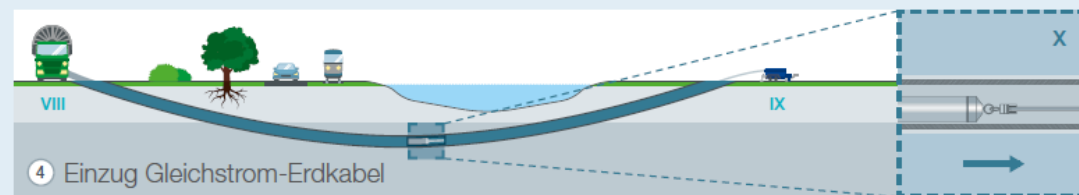
Pilot drilling



Reaming



Conduit pull-in



Cable pull-in



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