

Welcome to the best practice workshop



RENEWABLE ENERGY INTEGRATION IN RAILWAYS

Proposed by
the UIC Energy efficiency and CO₂ Emissions Sector

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12h 30 *Lunch*

13h 45 Photovoltaics on stations program

Jorien Maltha

ProRail

14h 05 Solar panels deployment on stations

Laurent Mahuteau

SNCF Stations

14h 25 Insights from Innovation in Traction Energy in the UK

Colin McNaught

Ricardo Rail

14h 50 RaccorD – Smart DC for green traction energy

**Tony Letrouvé
Hervé Caron**

SNCF (IM)

15h 15 NEWRAIL: Solar panels on existing noise barriers

**Gerald Olde Monnikhof
Robert Bezemer**

**ProRail
TNO**

15h 35 *Break*

16h 00 *Technical visit or presentation
Hyperloop test field*

TU Delft

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Energy strategy - Vision and lessons learned

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Maarten Plasschaert

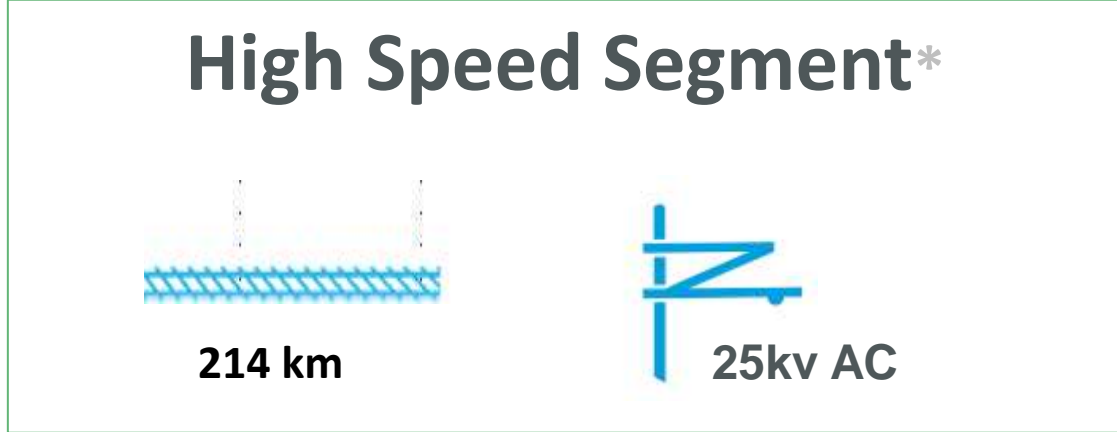
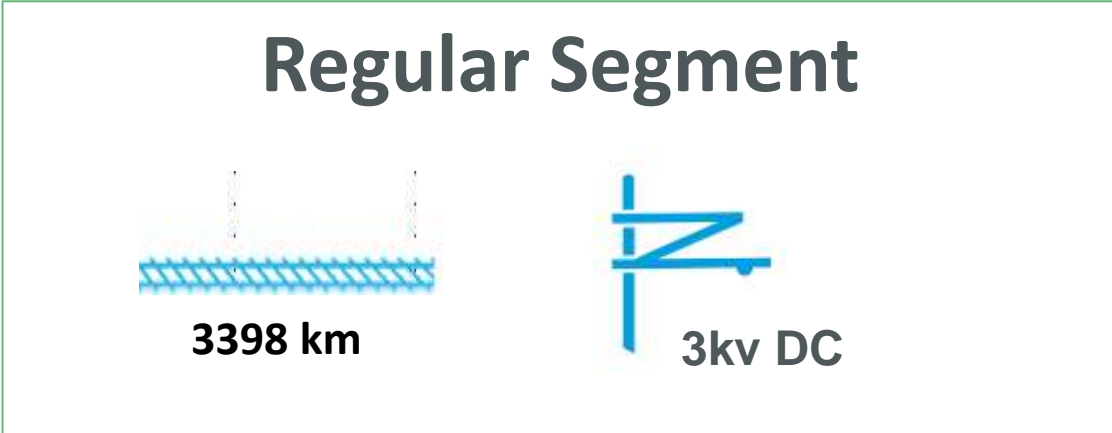
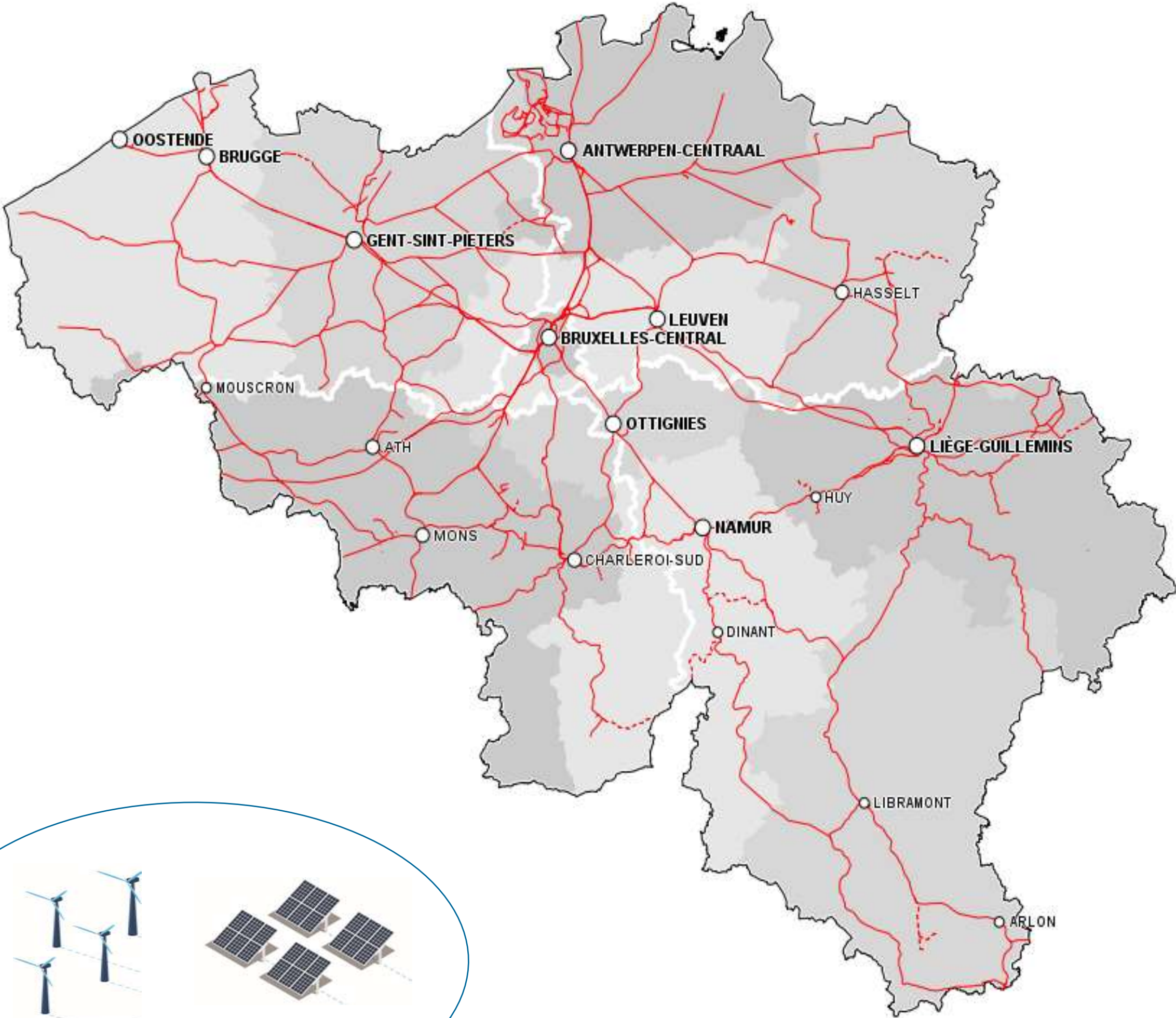
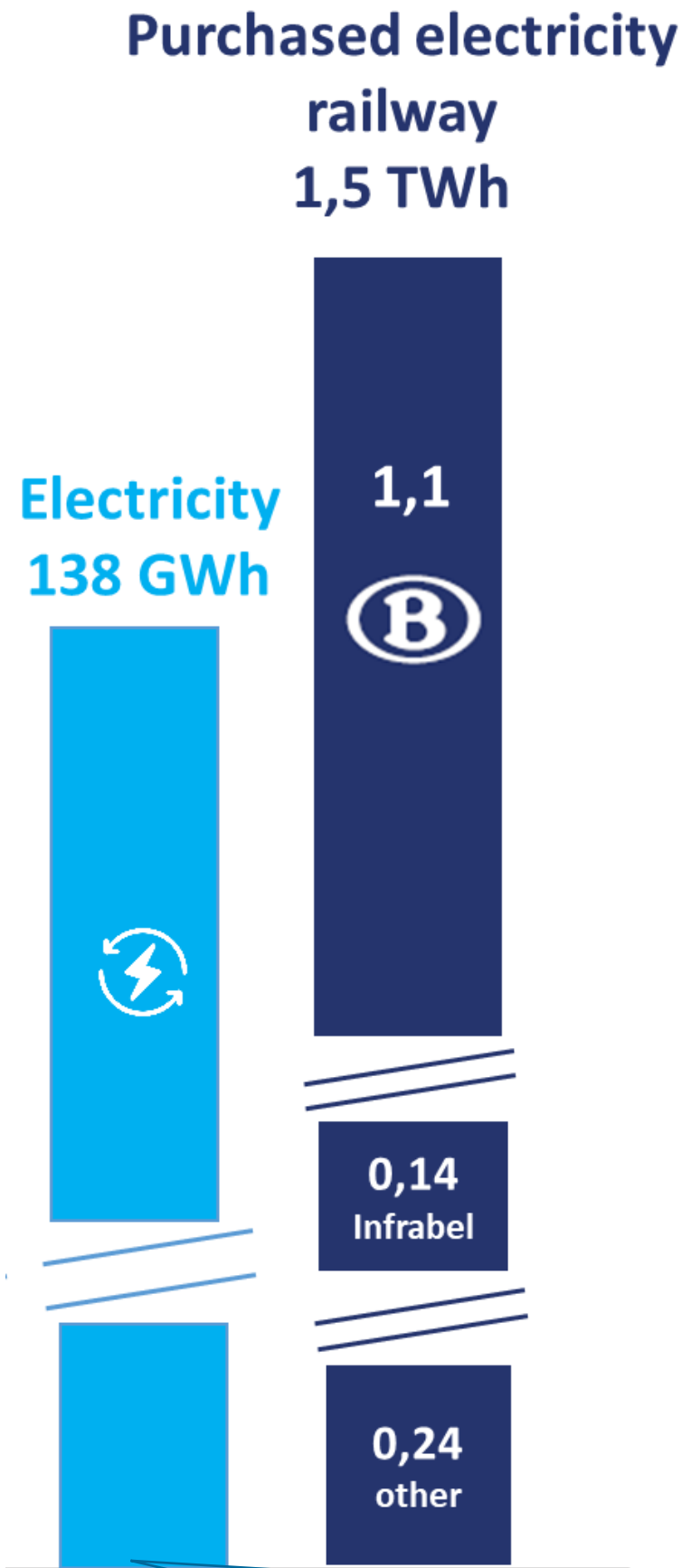
INFR/ABEL

ENERGY STRATEGY

Vision and lessons learned

Maarten Plasschaert
CEO Advisory

Basics about Infrabel- Belgian Infrastruct Mgr



* Some lines in Ardennes

Energy Transition & Savings projects



Bi-mode Measurement trains



Reduce nr of buildings



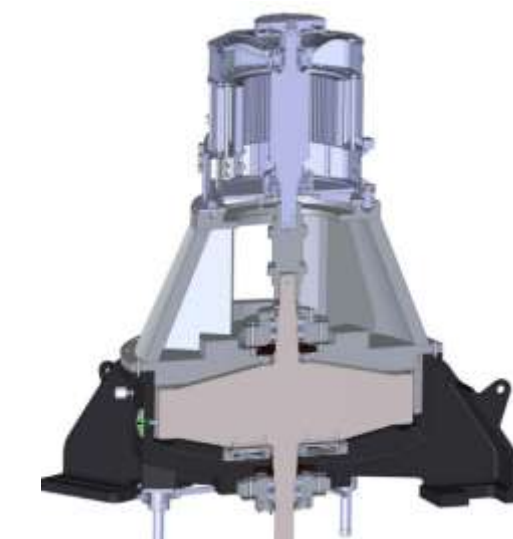
Transition & reduction car park



Reevaluate energy scans



Roll-out automated steering switch heating

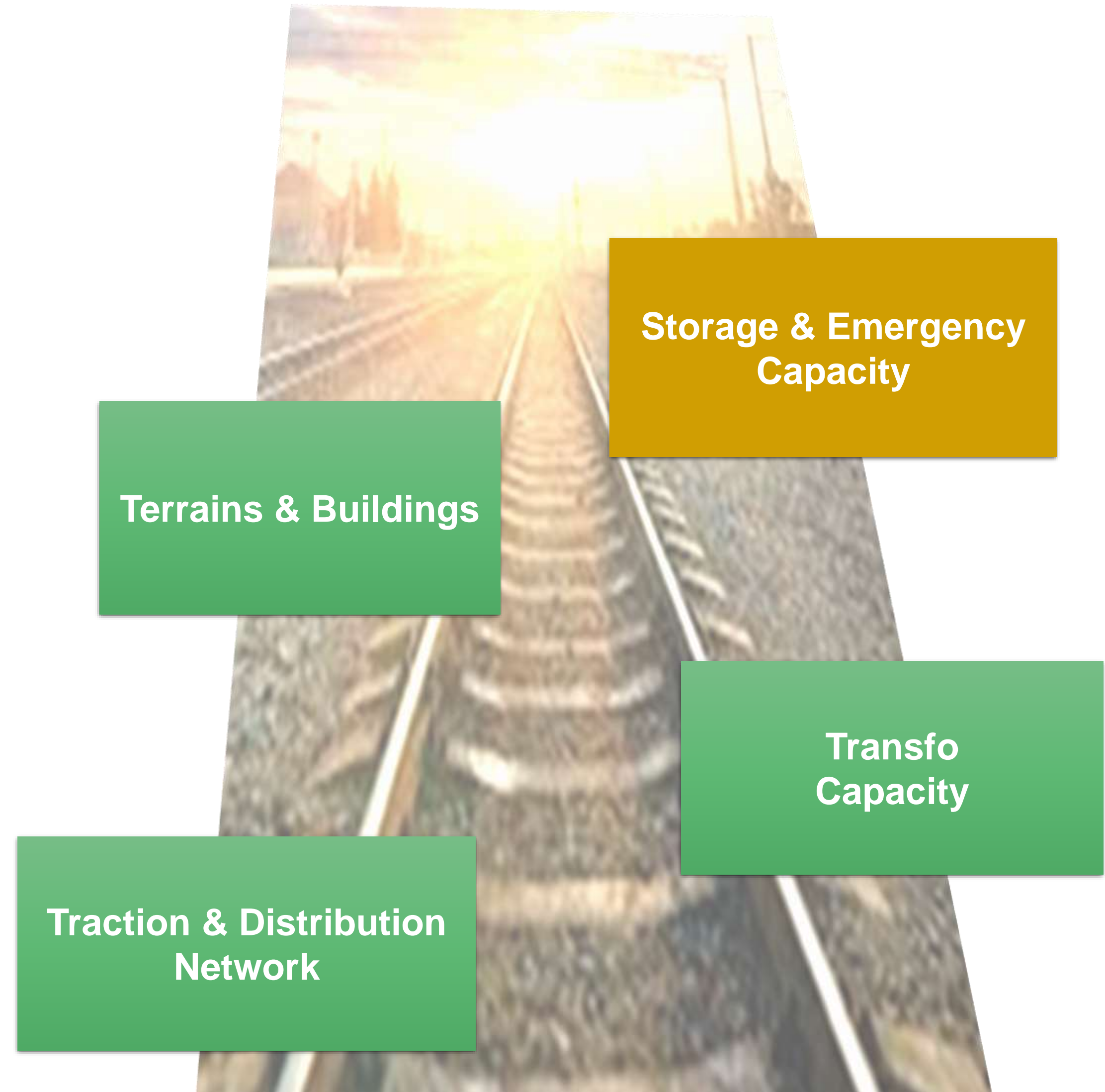
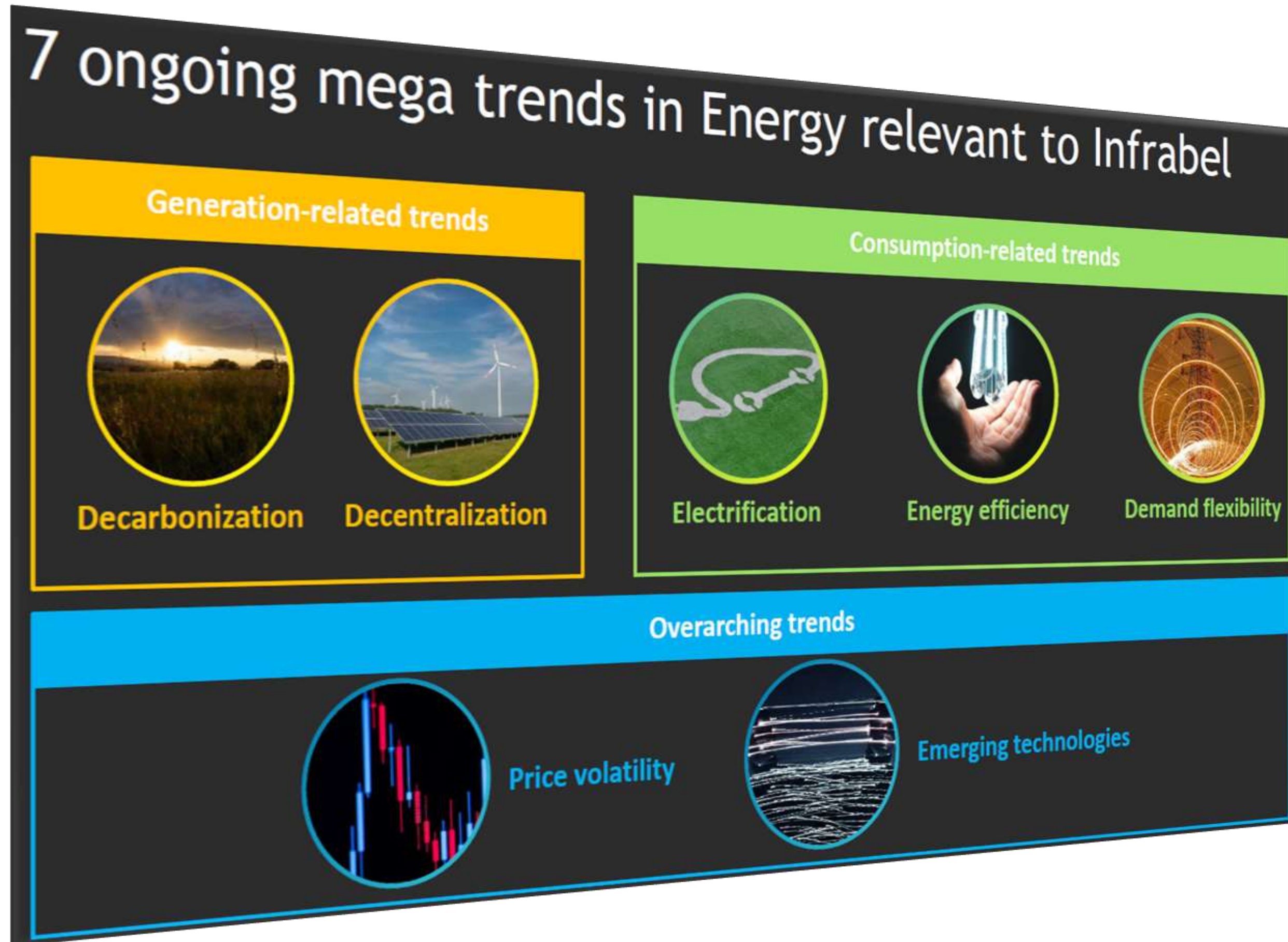


Temporary storage traction energy

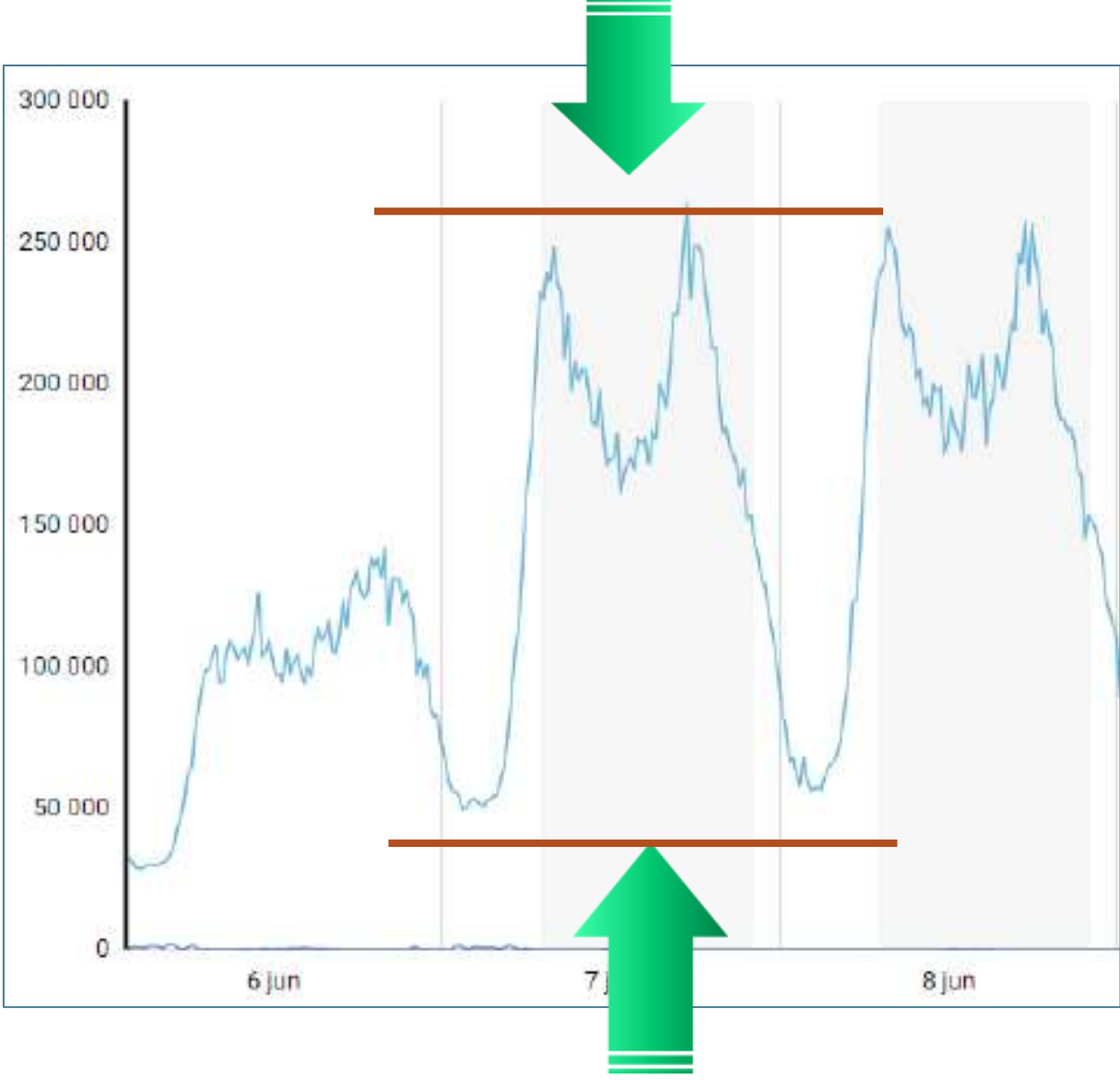
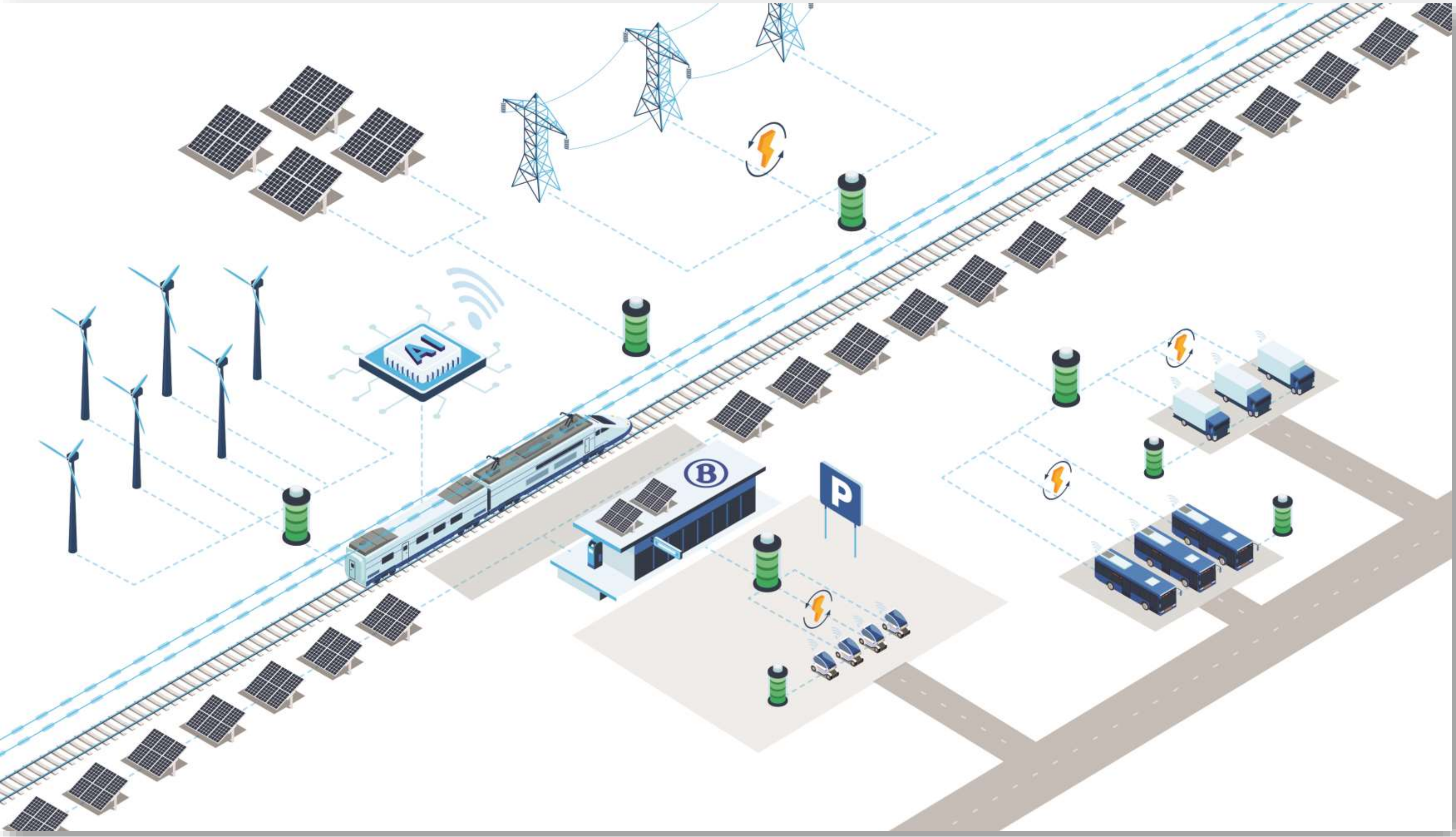
Ambition for Climate Neutrality

Energy Strategy Assessment

SWOT Analysis



Infrabel Energy vision



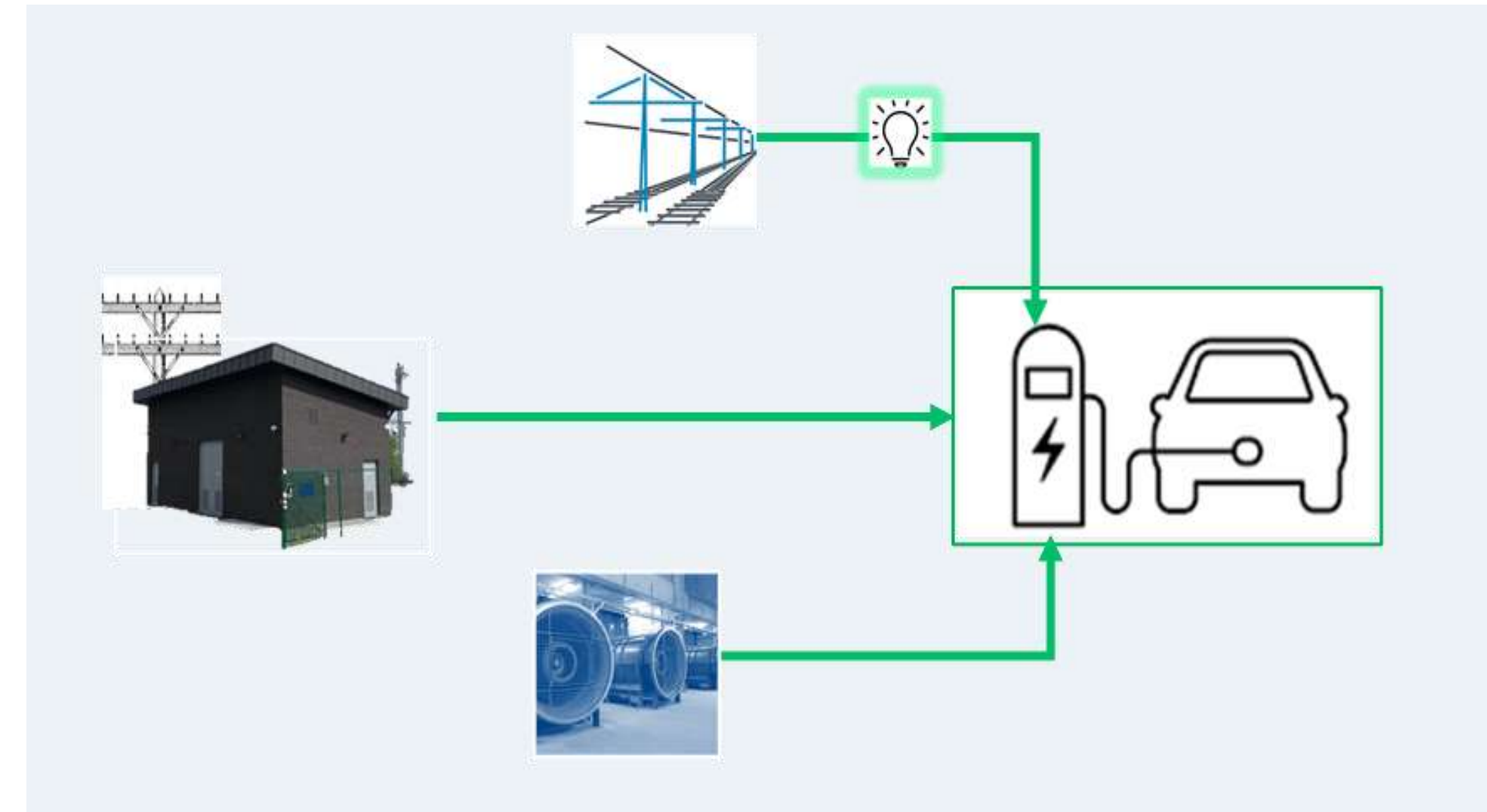
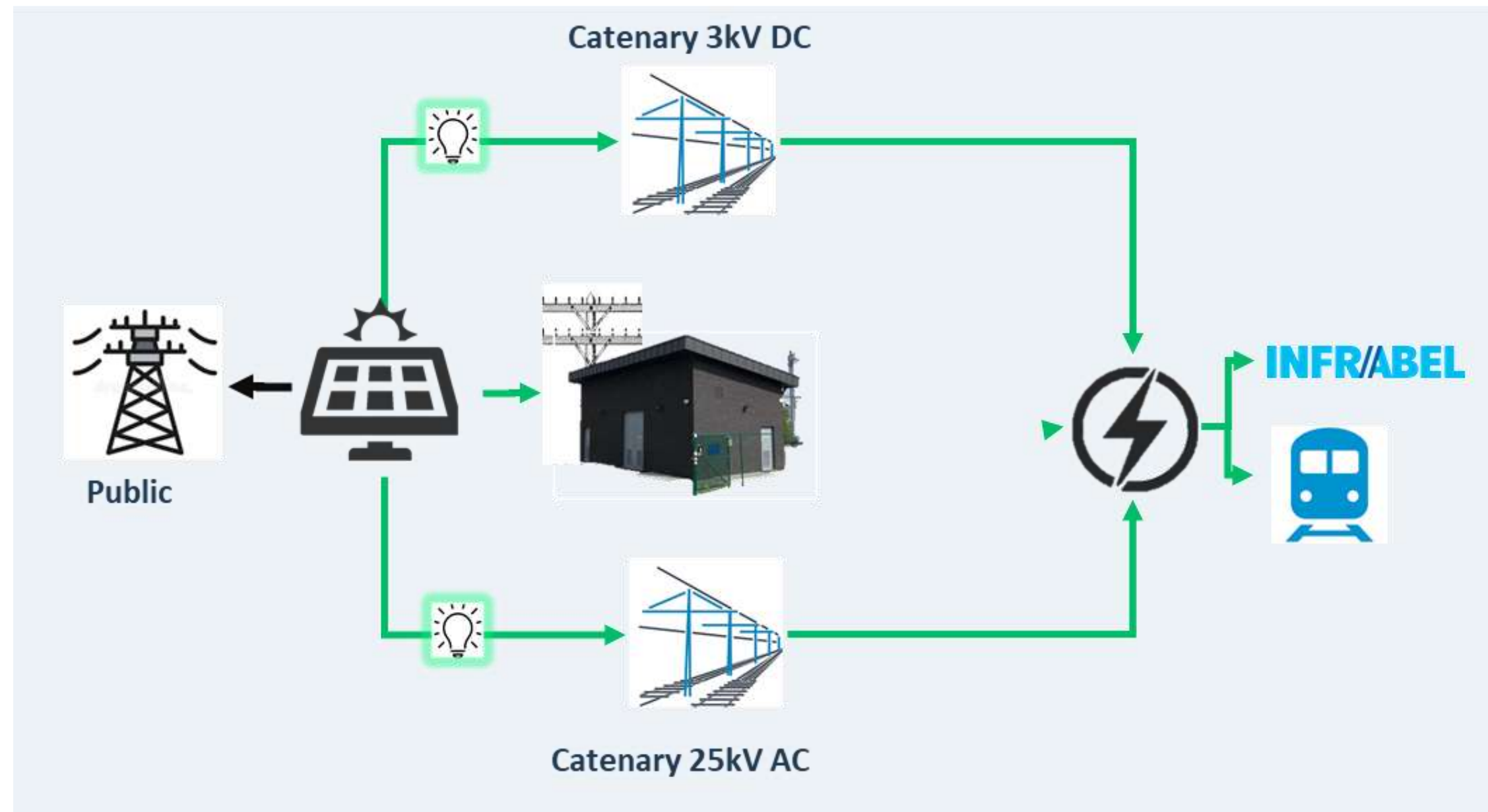
Energy Strategy 1.0



Solar Panel installation



Electric feed for EV charging



Challenges & Lessons learned

Challenges

- Regulations limit Infrabel's opportunities
- Negotiations with railway undertaking
- Uncertainty price EV panels & electricity
↔ LT commitment
- Funding projects

Lessons Learned

- The Infrabel ⚡ net is not known publicly
- New opportunities allow for innovation
- There is a strong demand for transfo capacity

The train is leaving the station.....but you can still hop on...

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SBB

Photovoltaics installation – Strategy, Challenges



SBB CFF FFS

Delia Harder

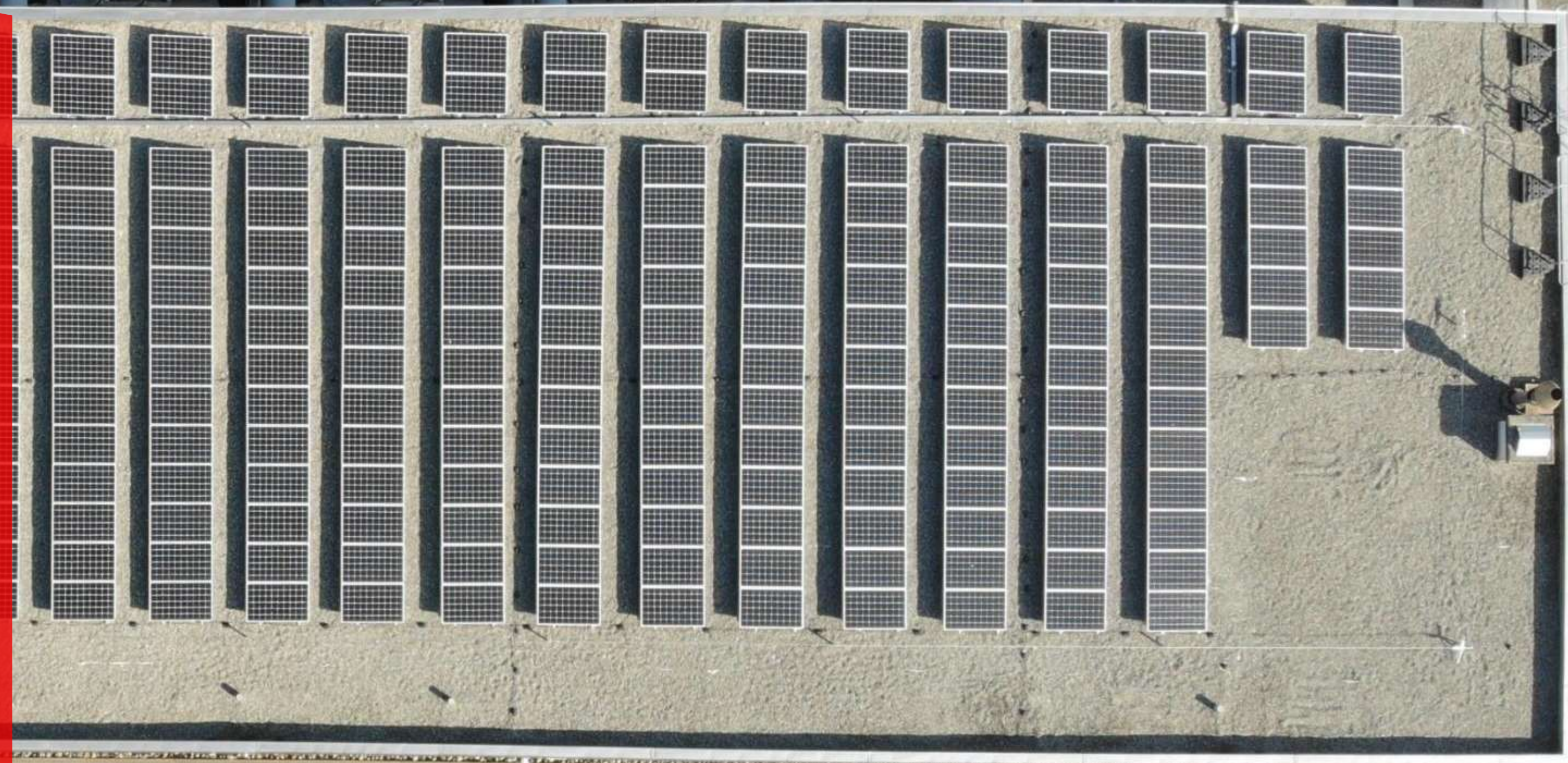
Marcel Reinhard

PV strategy, projects and challenges.

UIC Meeting «Renewable energy integration in railways»

Delft, November 17th, 2022

Delia Harder, Marcel Reinhard



PV strategy



Photovoltaics 50Hz (household electricity)

Roof-mounted and roof-integrated PV systems for the generation of electricity for self-consumption on SBB buildings such as railway stations, industrial plants or office buildings. Financing through PV contracting or commercial/governmental financing.

 30 MWp by 2030

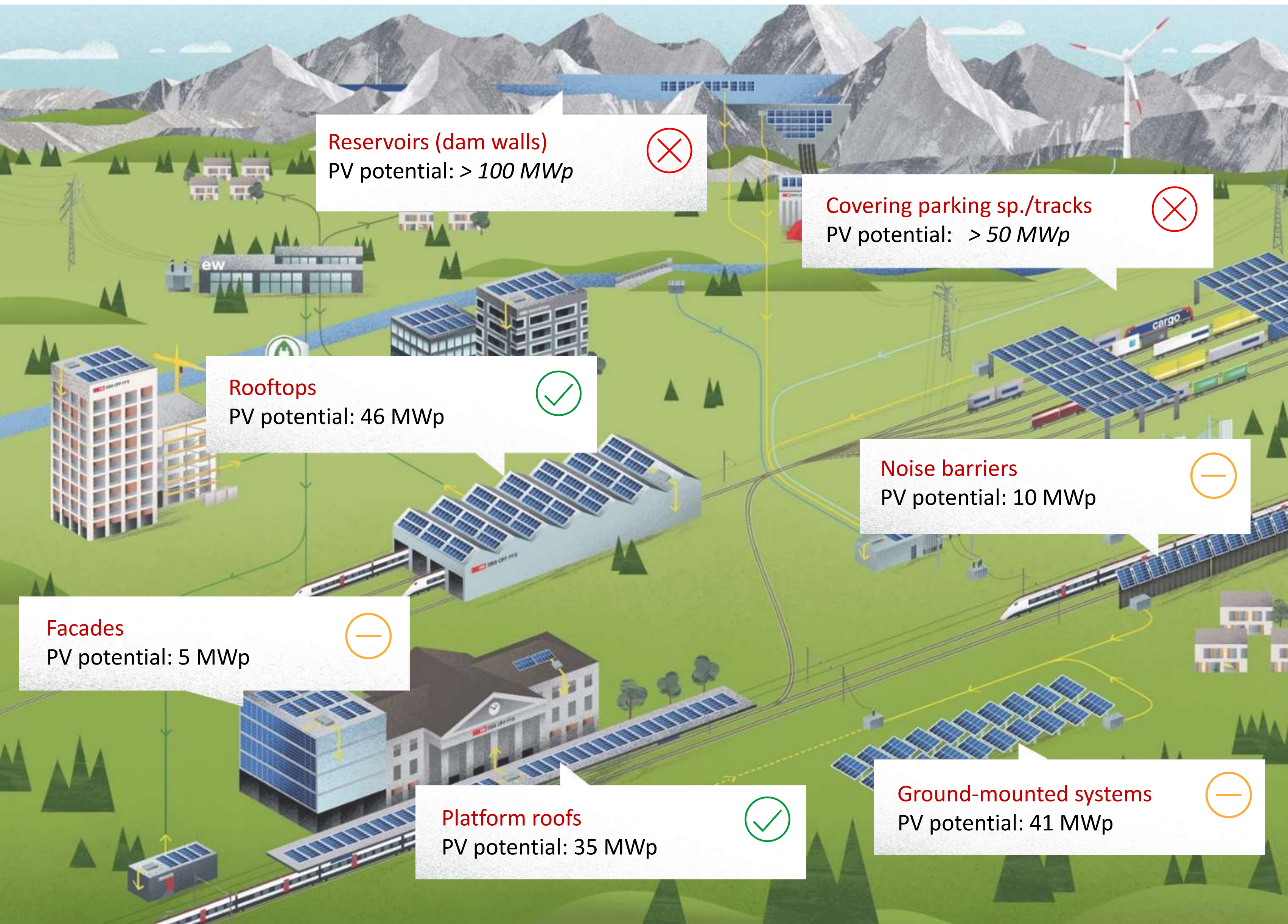


Photovoltaics 16.7Hz (traction current)

Direct feed-in of PV power into the 16.7Hz traction power grid to supply trains and railway facilities, with a focus on large-scale systems from approx. 0.5 MWp (rooftop or ground-mounted systems). Implementation via PV contracting or electricity supply contracts.

 120 MWp - expected economic potential





PV potential 50 and 16.7 Hz






PV potential of the SBB

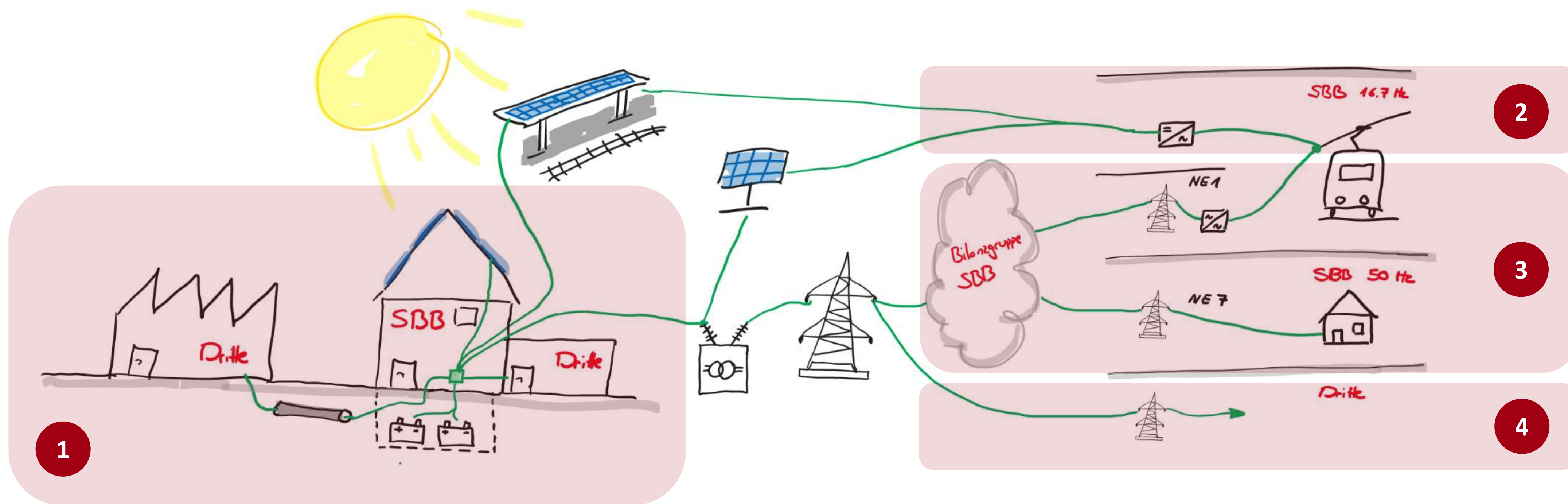
Technical-economic PV potential of SBB of around 150 MWp.

Implementation status

-  48 PV plants in operation
→ 6.0 MWp
-  153 technically and economically feasible
→ 18.4 MWp
-  51 Feasibility proven through studies
→ 12.9 MWp
-  27 First-cleared properties
→ 8.6 MWp

-  In implementation
-  Piloting underway, rollout pending
-  In-depth analysis necessary, piloting pending

Own consumption and marketing of electricity



1

1 Optimisation of own consumption (Inter-connection for own consumption, DSM,...)

2

2 Direct feed-in into the overhead contact line network

3

3 Balance group

4

4 Electricity marketing

PV on noise barriers (NB) – facts and restrictions

SBB owns 400 km noise barriers.

→ Biggest PV Potential is on existing barriers.

→ New NB projects only 1.6 km per year till 2030 (average).



- PV only allowed on the side facing away of the tracks (reasons: wind load & blinding & noise protection)
- PV not protruding the wall (static reason – wind load)
- NB must remain inspectable, see construction example.
- PV on NB is more expansive than on roofs. Rentability depends on feeding point and self-consumption which is mostly not the case.



Next steps: Building PV prototypes for a) existing walls and b) new wall in an infrastructure expansion

a) Challenges: Get money for a not existing process! PV installation time 2 years.

1. pre-study with examination of 2 possible site
2. Pre-project with exact feeding point, static examinations, cabling..., approval process (6-9 month through federal office of transportation)
3. Building-project
4. Install a new process: “Building PV on existing NBs”

b) Challenges: PV will be built in 5-10 years, but financing is easier. Less potential.

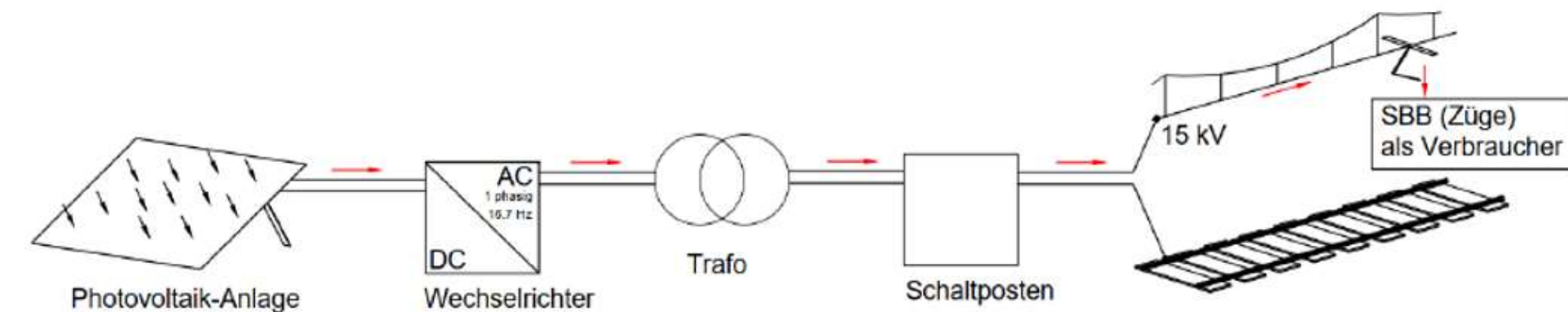
1. Implement a PV check in the regular building process infrastructure.
If a new infrastructure project contains a NB, then check the possibility of PV according the delivered documents (as SBB does on buildings).
2. Follow the project phases and install PV, if rentable (financing through the project).



PV UW Pollegio

Pilot project ground-mounted PV system with direct feed into the overhead line network

- Power: 1'163 kWp / 1'000 kVA
- Grid connection via substation busbar
- Inverter: 4 x Vensys Vencon 250 kVA
- Phase number, frequency and voltage:
 - 16.7Hz, 15 kV, 1 phase
- Expected price of electricity ~ 9.5 Rp./kWh
- In operation end of 2023 / beginning of 2024



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SNCF GARE & CONNEXIONS (STATIONS)

Energy and decarbonisation of stations



Laurent Mahuteau

SNCF Group



SNCF Gares & Connexions is the specialist of the station, from its design to its operation, through the marketing of its spaces. It serves carriers of all modes, communities and the 10 million travelers, visitors and residents it welcomes every day. It is **renovating and developing the 3,000 railway stations in the French network**. These missions call for a strong commitment from its teams to improve the quality of operations, imagine new services and modernize the heritage.

Group S.A.

Subsidiary

Key figures

ACTIFS



10 MILLIONS OF M²
INCLUDING 8 MILLIONS OF
M² OF PLATFORM



180 000 M²
OF RETAIL



+ de 3 000
STATIONS (OF VARYING
SIZES)



4 700
EMPLOYEES
AND 15 000
PEOPLE WORKING IN
STATIONS



10 MILLIONS OF
VISITORS PER DAY

RESULTS 2020



1,5 BILLION €
IN SALES



322 MILLIONS €
OF INVESTEMENTS

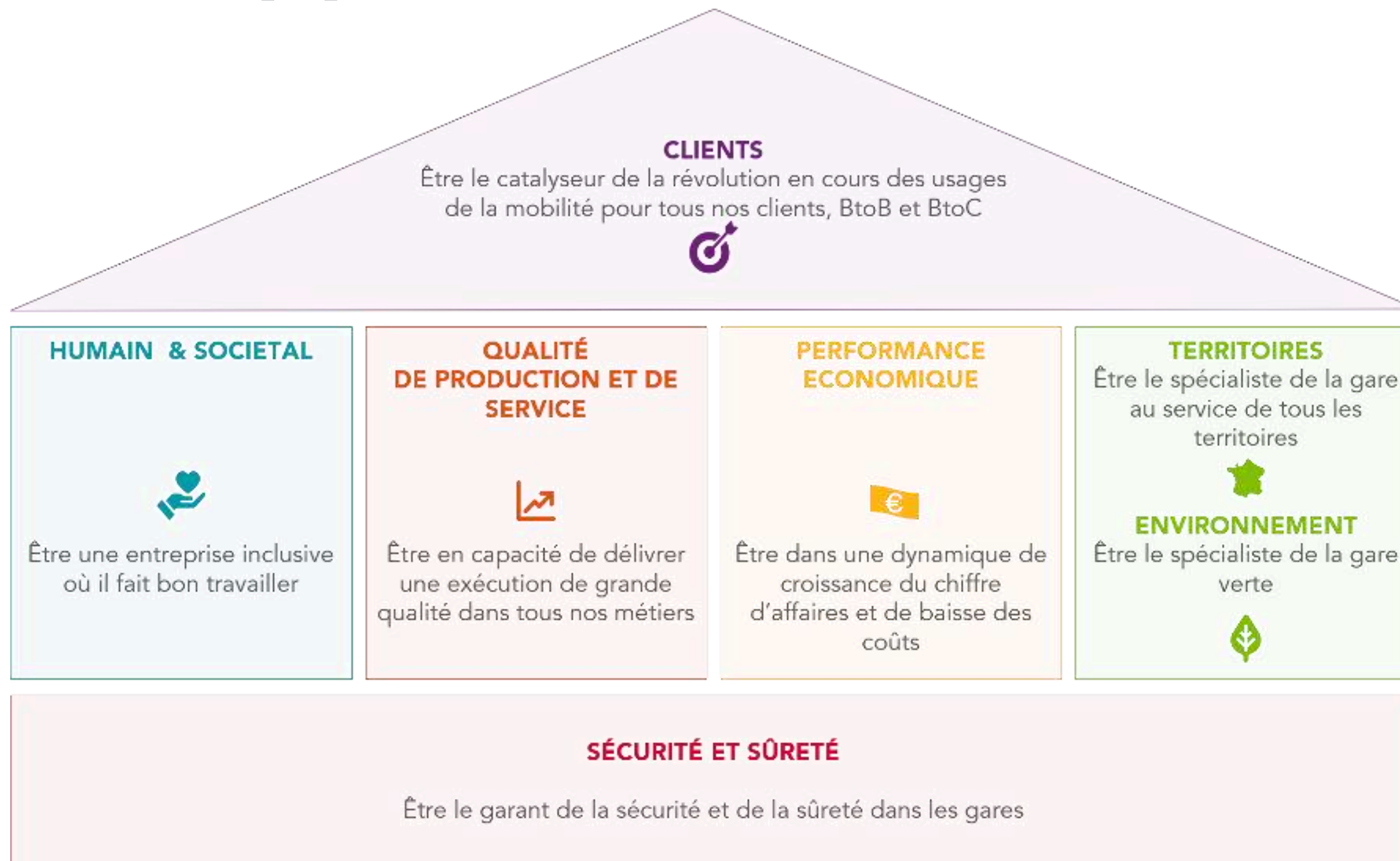


157 MILLIONS €
OF RETAIL SALES IN
STATIONS



878 MILLIONS €
OF TRAIN TOLLS

Our roadmap pillars to 2025



ENERGY & CARBON

SNCF Gares & Connexions

Violaine JACOLIN

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Energy consumption & carbon footprint of the SNCF Group

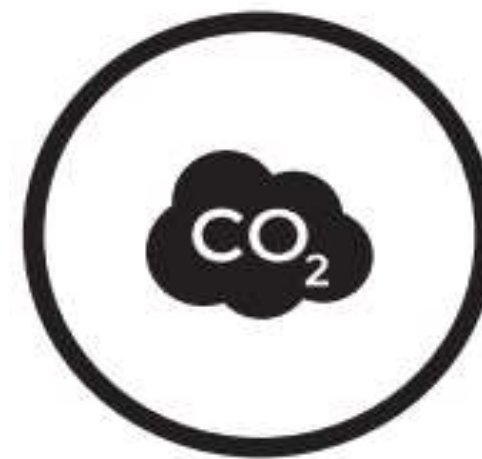
Legal context imposes a reduction in the energy consumption, buildings > 1 000 m², 336 stations
- 40% by 2030, - 50% by 2040 and - 60% by 2050, compared to a year selected between 2010-2021 (baseline).

Energy : Commitment of the group SNCF to decrease -25% through 2030 (vs 2019)

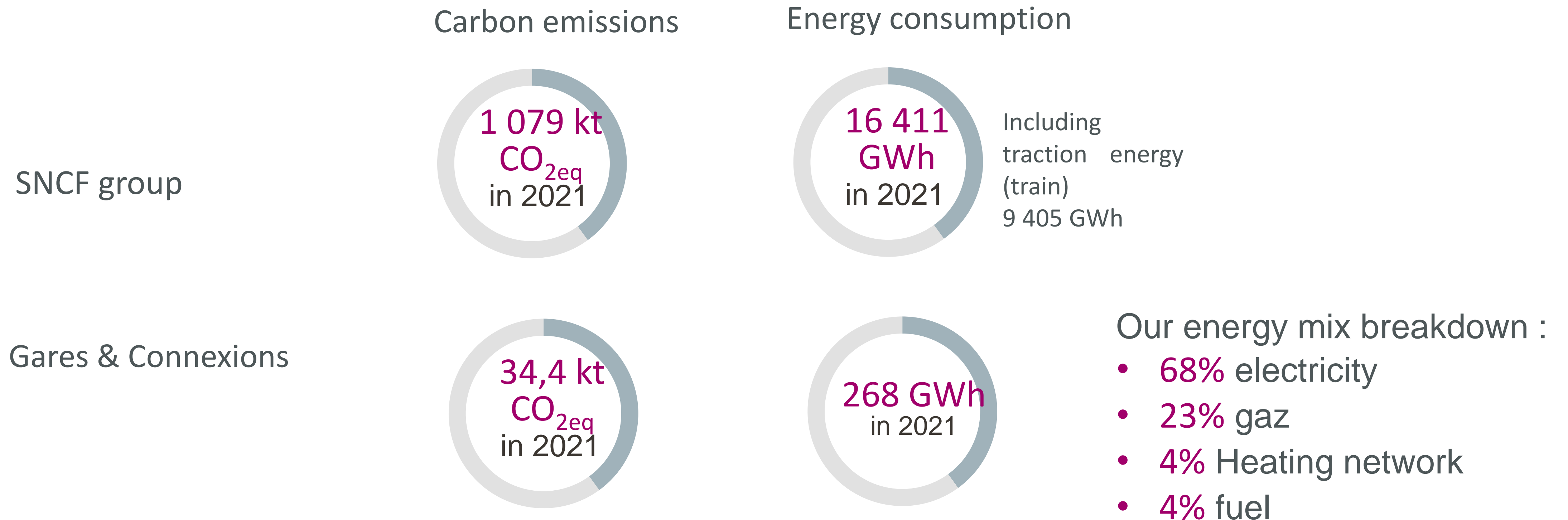
Energie & carbon Performance

Get out of the fuel (2022 : in remain 96 stations) à 2025

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Energy consumption & carbon footprint of the SNCF Group



SNCF has the aim of been “carbon neutral” in 2050.

2 guides lines :

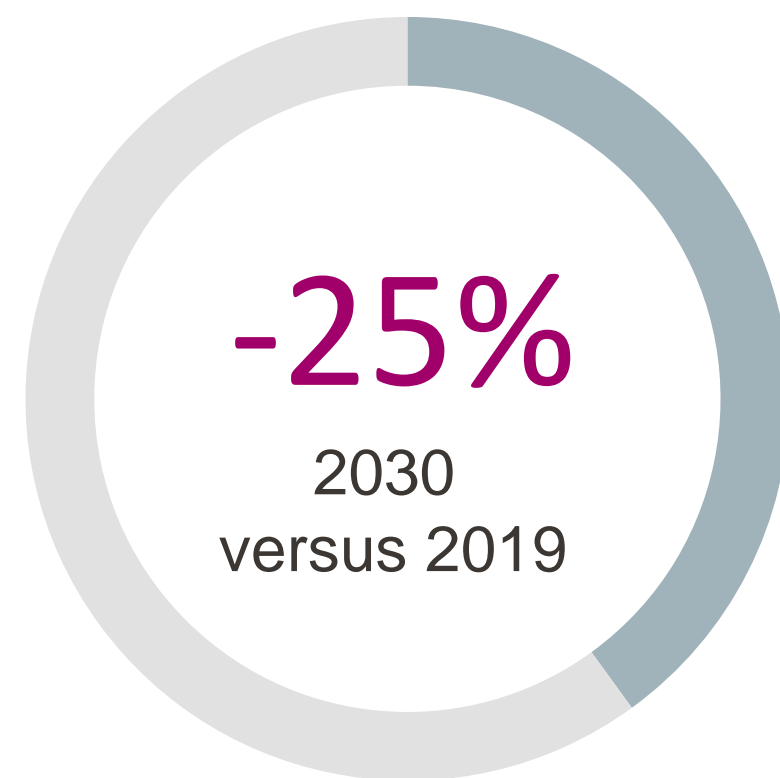
- Get out of the fossil energy
- Decrease strongly the energy consumption

The carbon neutrality is the aim of the French Government which has voted a Low Carbon National Strategy (SNBC : Stratégie National Bas Carbone) in 2015.

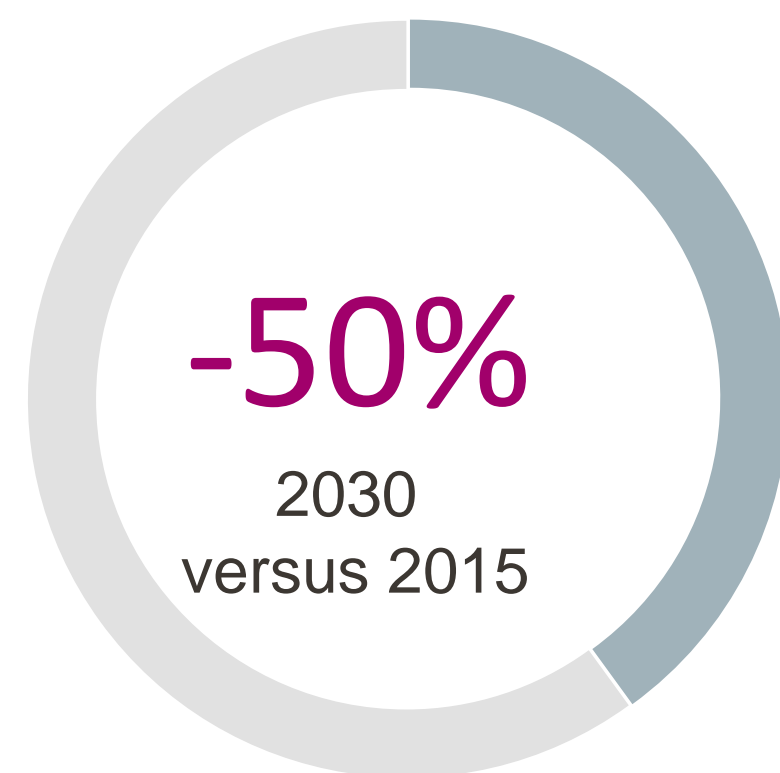
Energy consumption & carbon footprint of SNCF Gares & Connexions

Objectives in 2030

ENERGY CONSUMPTIONS



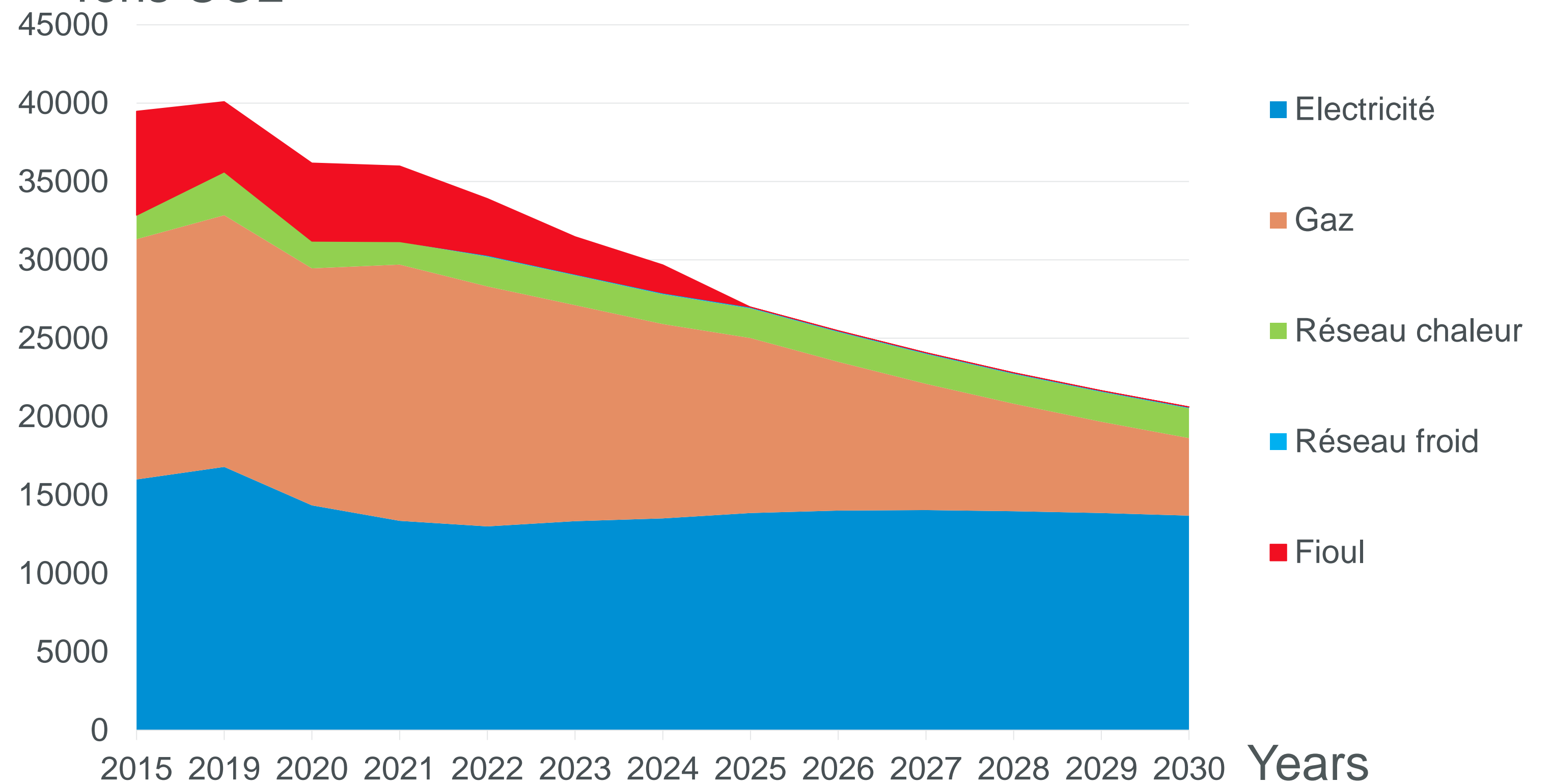
CARBON EMISSIONS



Carbon emissions evolution 2015 - 2030



Tons CO2



Strategy for the decrease of Energy & carbon

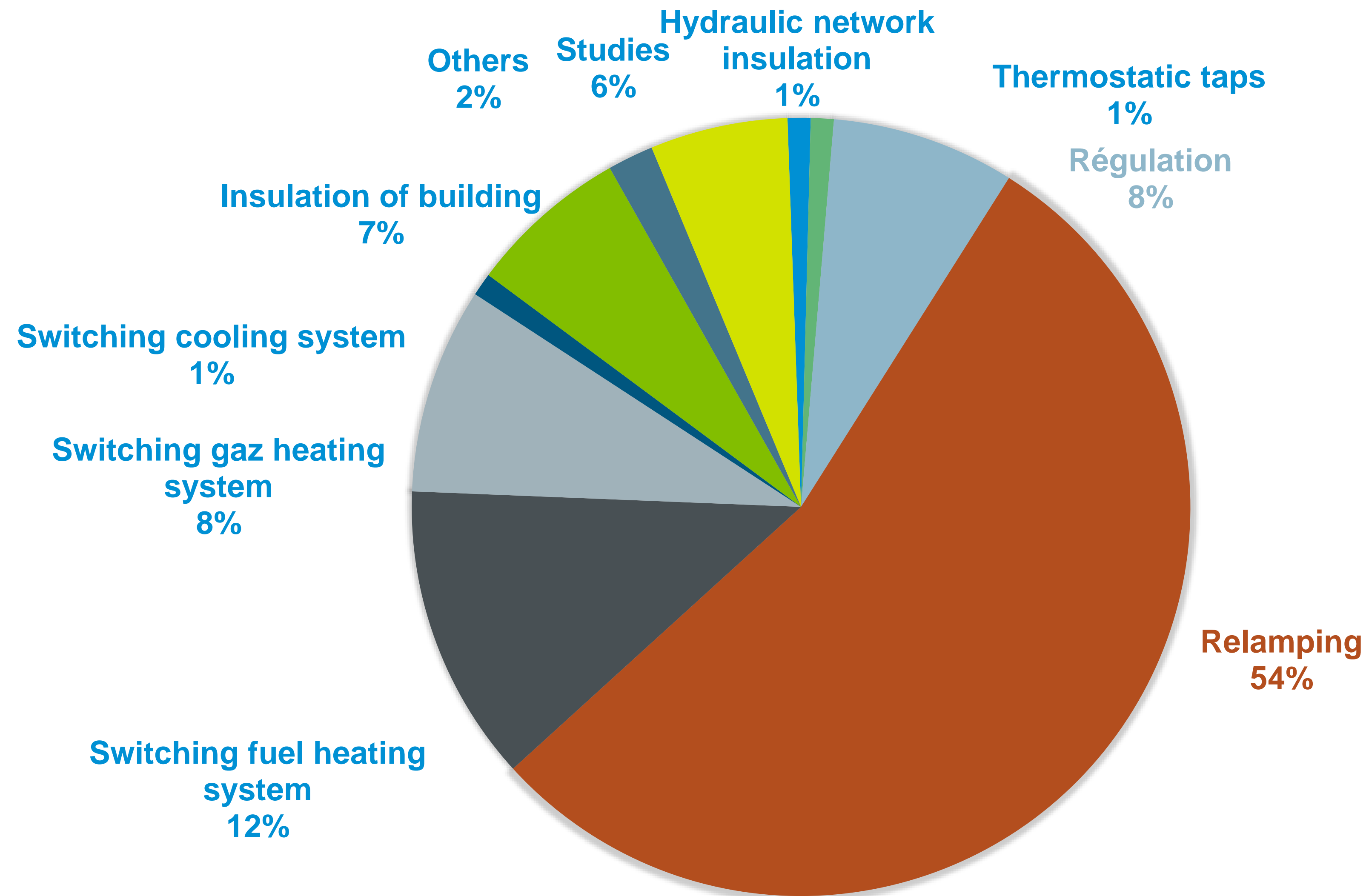
SNCF Gares & Connexions aims to invest **120 Millions € through 2030**

- We've already identified this kind of projects :
 - Relamping
 - Switching the heating system
 - Tools to control the equipments
 - Building renovation (insulation, new windows...)
 - Sensibilisation & formation of the employees

We also work with Retail & Connexions in order to reduce impact of our shops.

Strategy for the decrease of Energy & carbon

In 2022, we have already decided to invest 10 Millions € on 120 projects.

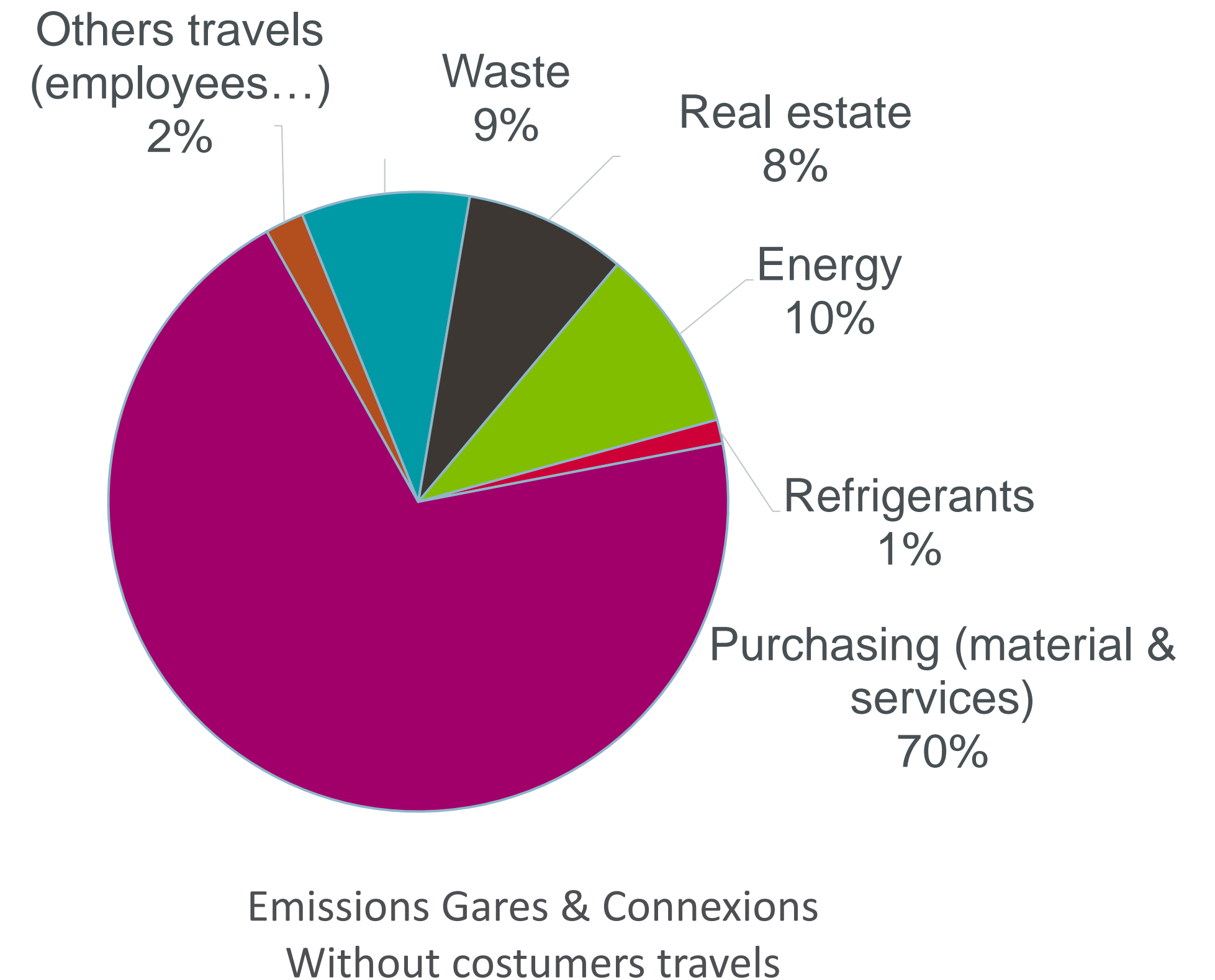
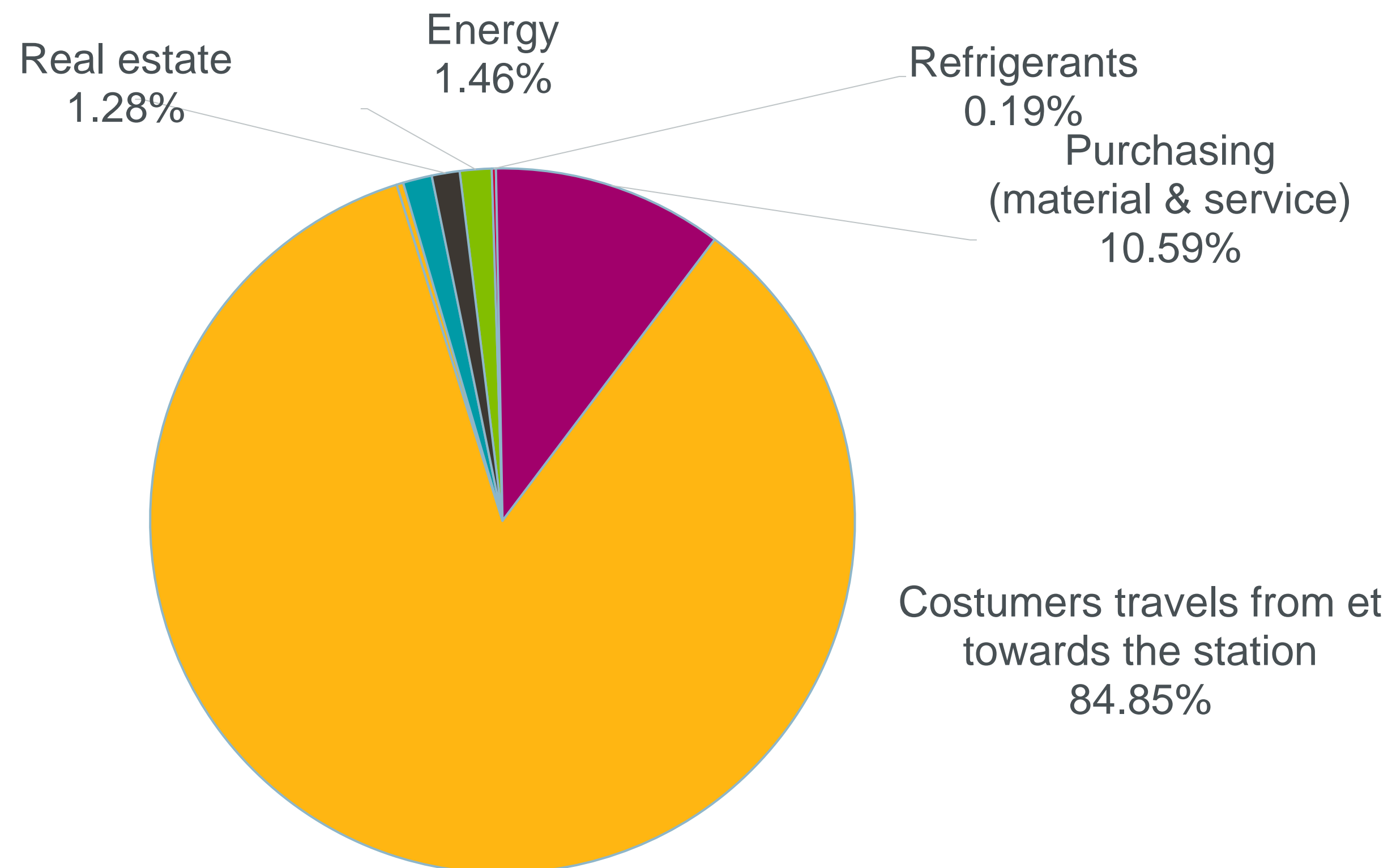


Carbon emissions for Gares & Connexions

Carbon evaluation

We need to work on :

- The way the costumers go to and from stations
- The way we build our buildings



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Break

until 11h05

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NETWORK RAIL

Photovoltaics partnership with EDF Renewables



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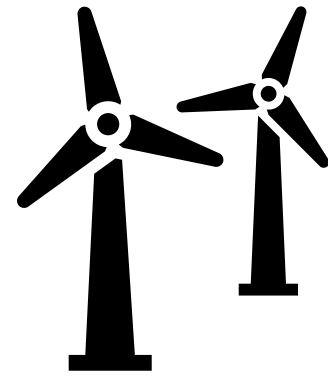
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Solar PV Partnership with EDF Renewables

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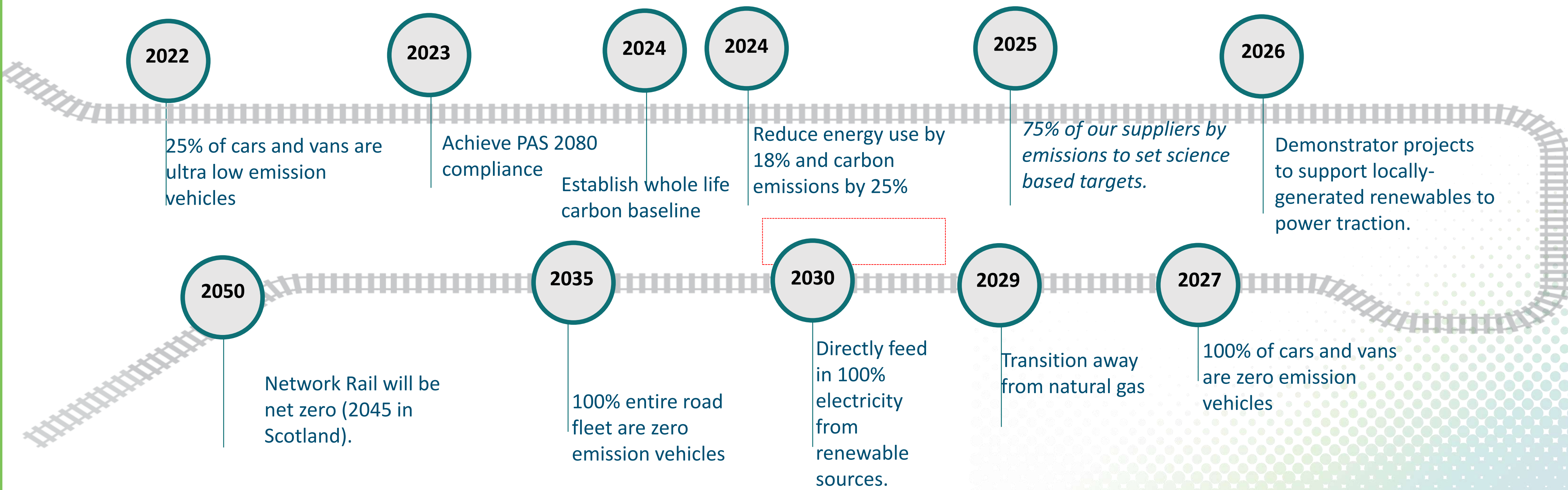
17th November 2022





Low Emission Strategy Milestones

Serving the nation with the cleanest, greenest mass transport (Environmental Sustainability Strategy, 2020).





Network Rail's Renewable Energy Strategy

- Strategy sets out a plan to transition from purchasing renewable energy to directly feeding electricity from renewable sources by 2030.
- A large majority of our energy needs will be backed by Corporate PPAs with the remainder covered by private-wire PPAs or self-funded schemes.
- First Corporate PPA to provide up to 20% of our non-traction energy and demonstrate carbon savings (additionality) at an affordable unit price.

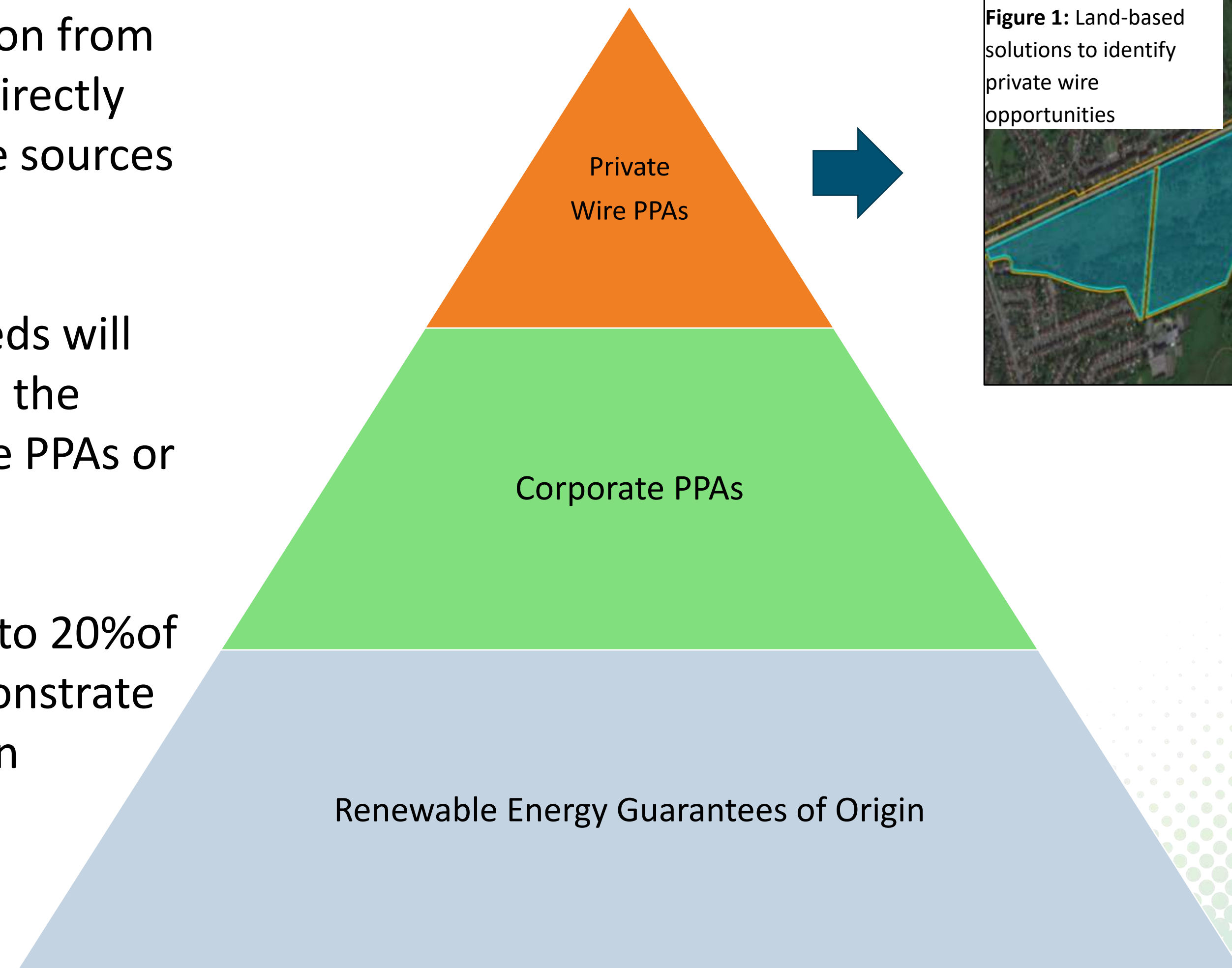
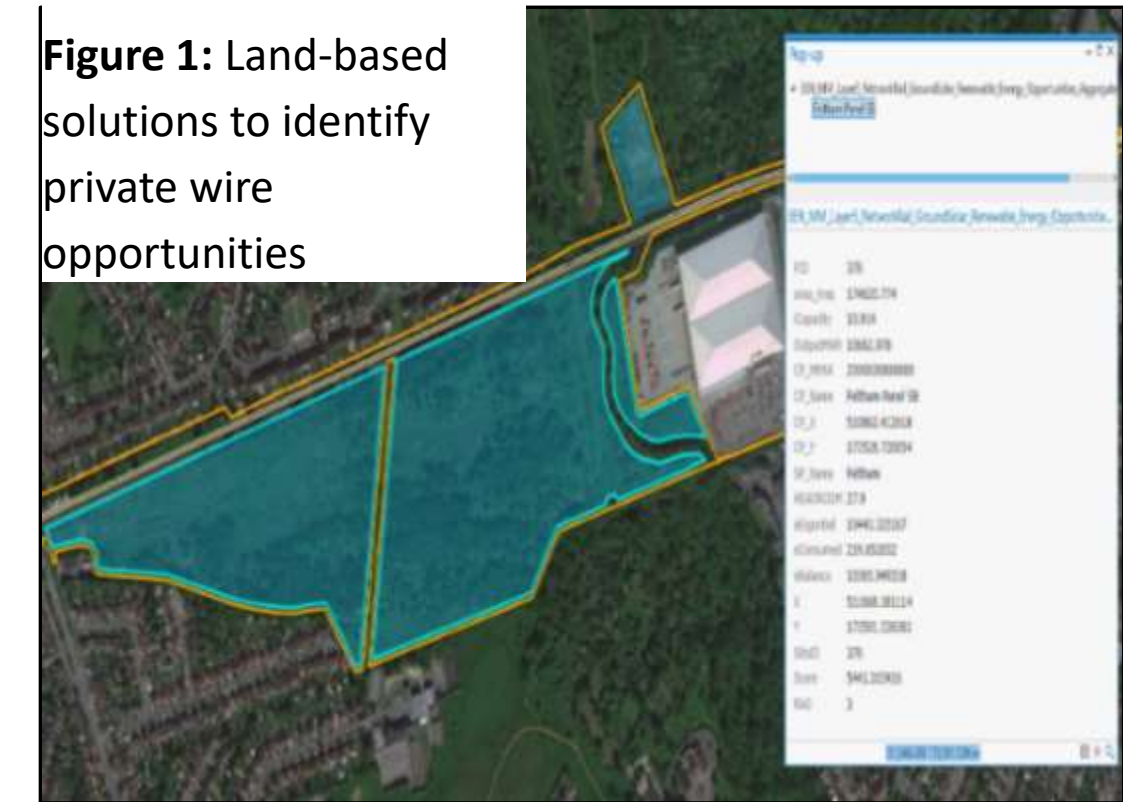


Figure 1: Land-based solutions to identify private wire opportunities



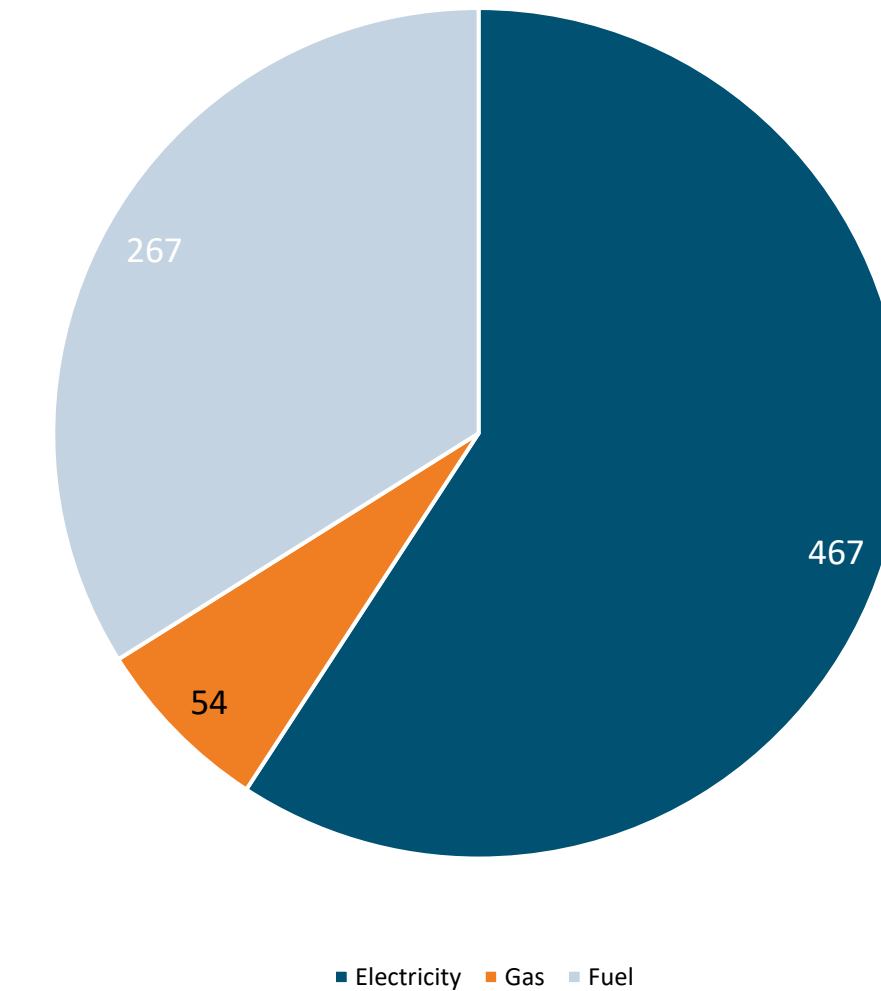


Solar PV Partnership with EDF Renewables

Network Rail

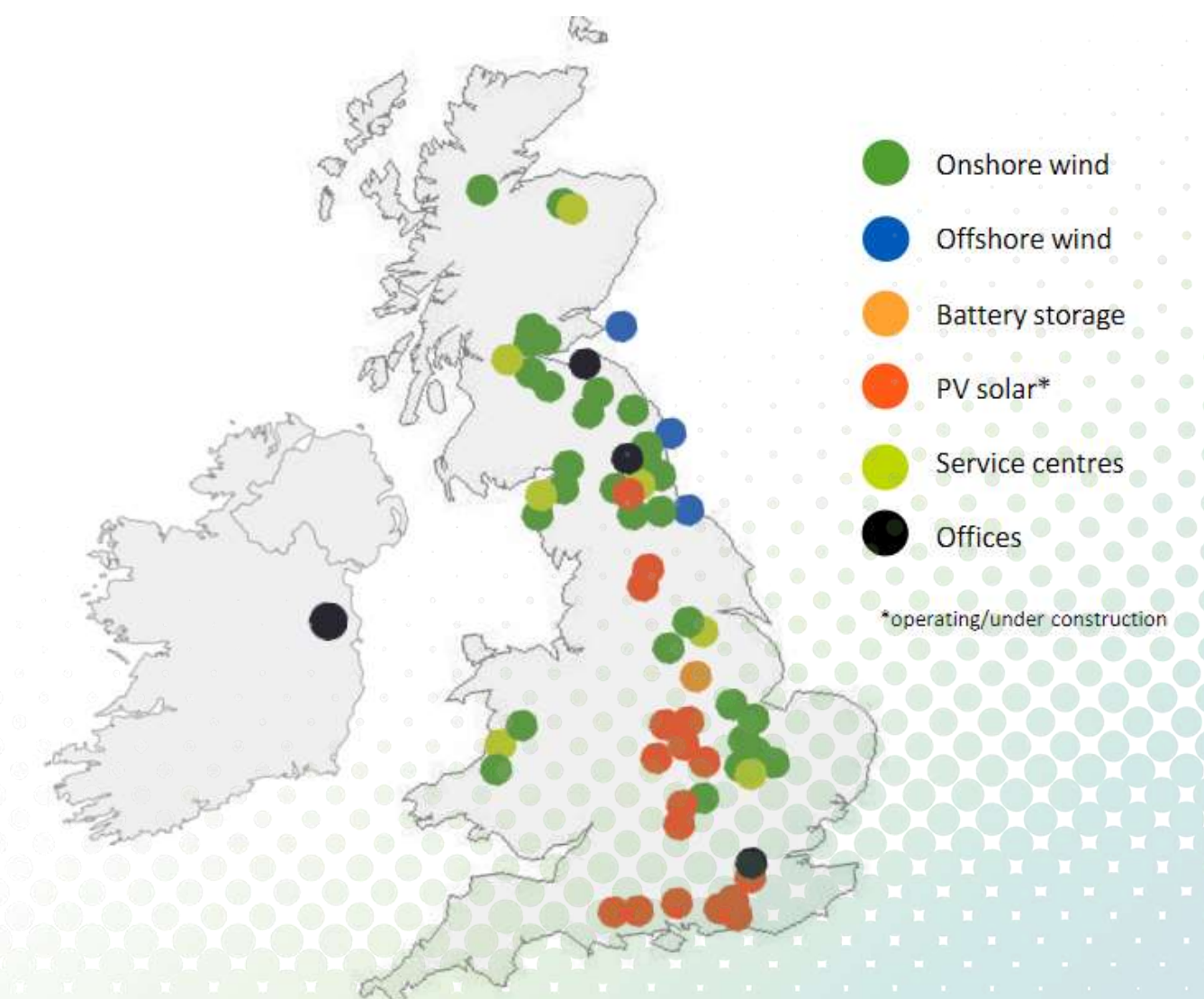
1. Biggest single user of electricity representing 1% of the UK's entire demand.
2. Ambitious Environmental Sustainability Strategy launched in 2020 which supports Network Rail becoming net zero by 2050.

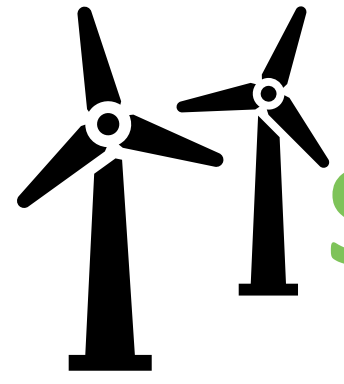
Network Rail electricity, gas and fuel consumption (GWh)



EDF Renewables

1. Large operational portfolio in UK and Ireland
2. Signed PPAs with other major demand users to deploying solar and wind technologies
3. Network Rail has an existing traction energy supply partnership between the wider EDF Group in Britain.



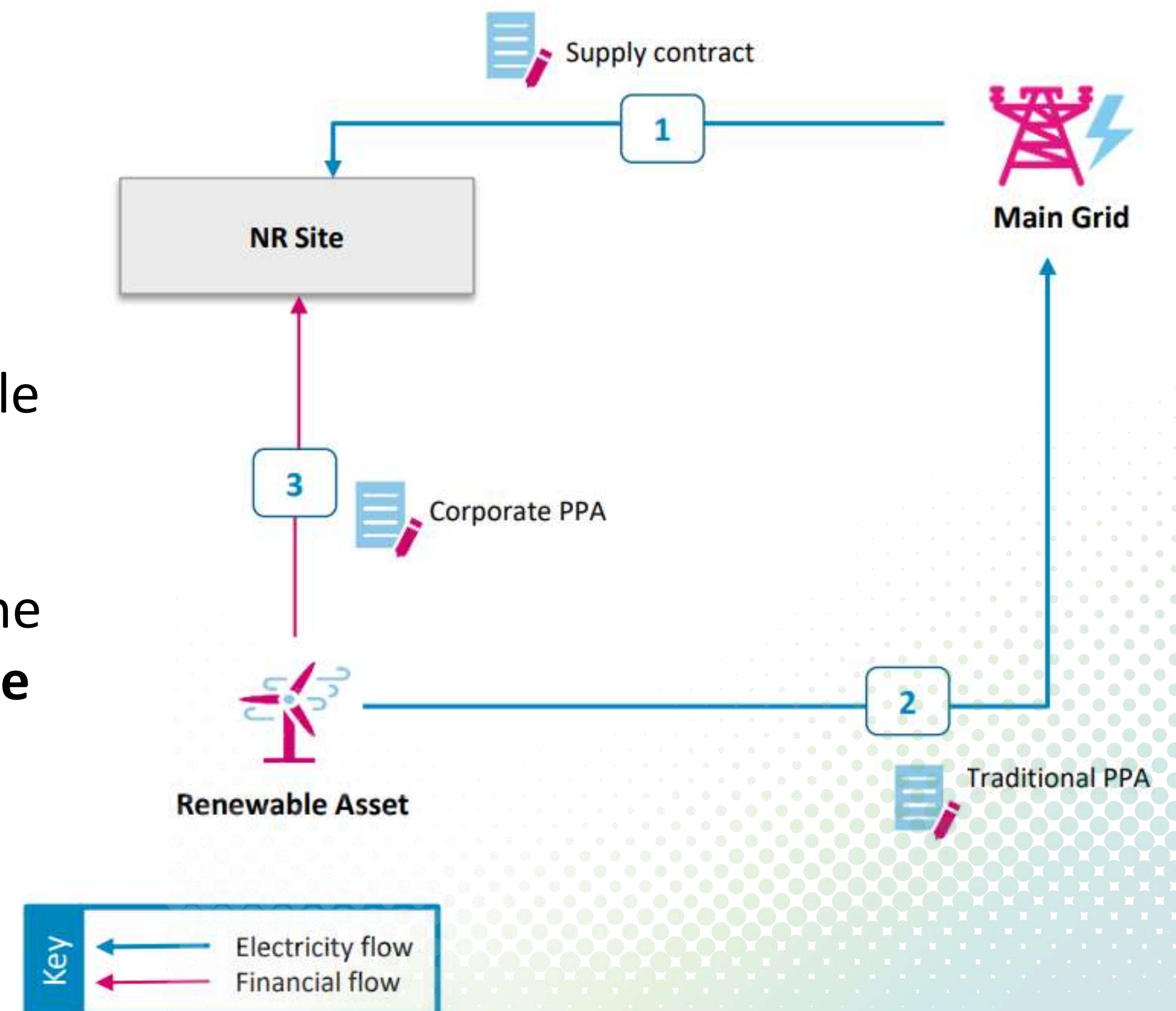


Solar PV Partnership with EDF Renewables

EDF Renewables (EDFR) and Network Rail have signed a corporate power purchase agreement to build, install and operate a solar farm that will deliver renewable power to the railway estate in 2024.

What is the corporate power purchase agreement?

- A contractual agreement between Network Rail (corporate offtaker) and EDF Renewables (renewable generator).
- Renewable power will be delivered to the site via the grid for a given **volume** of generation at a fixed **price** over the length of **contract** (typically 15-20 years).



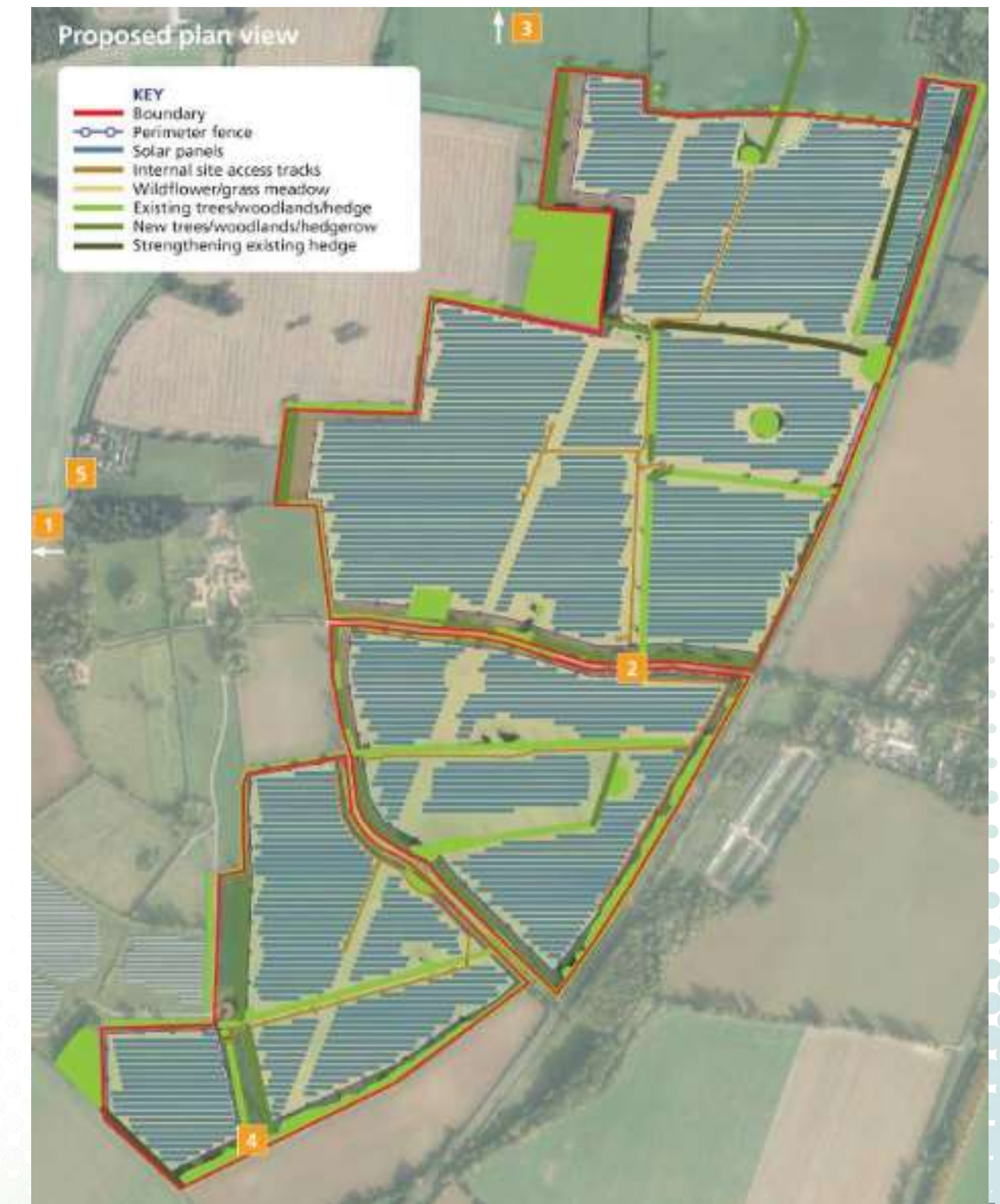


Solar PV Partnership with EDF Renewables

The energy will be provided from EDF Renewables UK's Bloy's Grove new solar farm between Swainsthorpe and Mulbarton in Norfolk.

Project Information

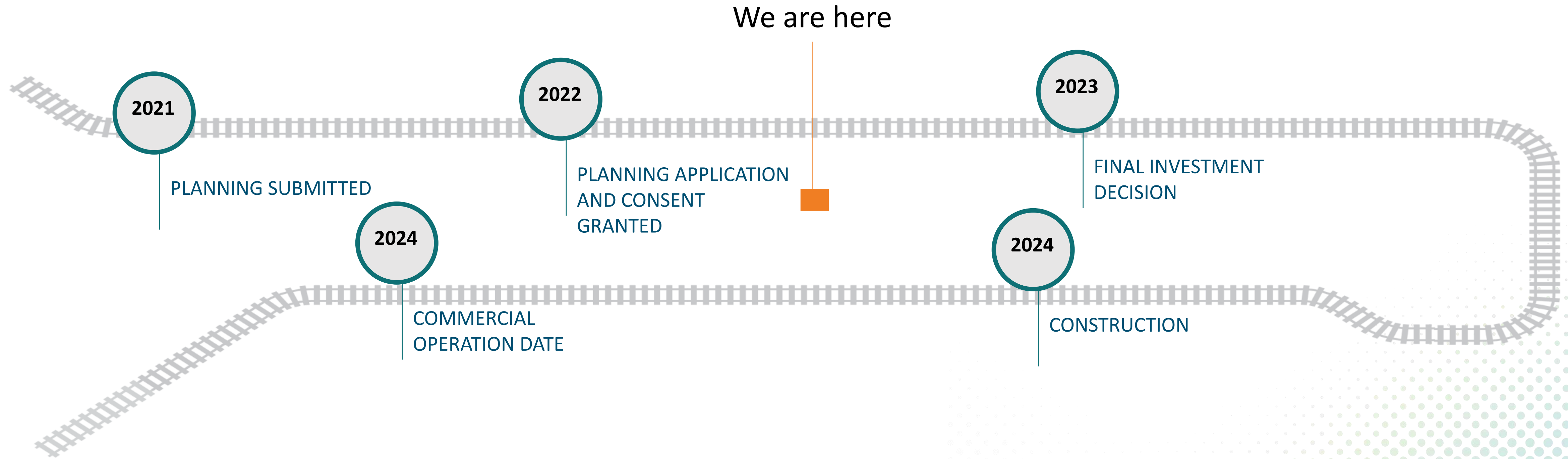
Technology	Solar PV
Installed Capacity	49.9 MW
Forecast Generation Volume	64 GWh per annum





Solar PV Partnership with EDF Renewables

Timeline



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LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY

Renewable power management into the rail grid and storage



Zhongbei Tian



Renewable power management into rail grid and storage

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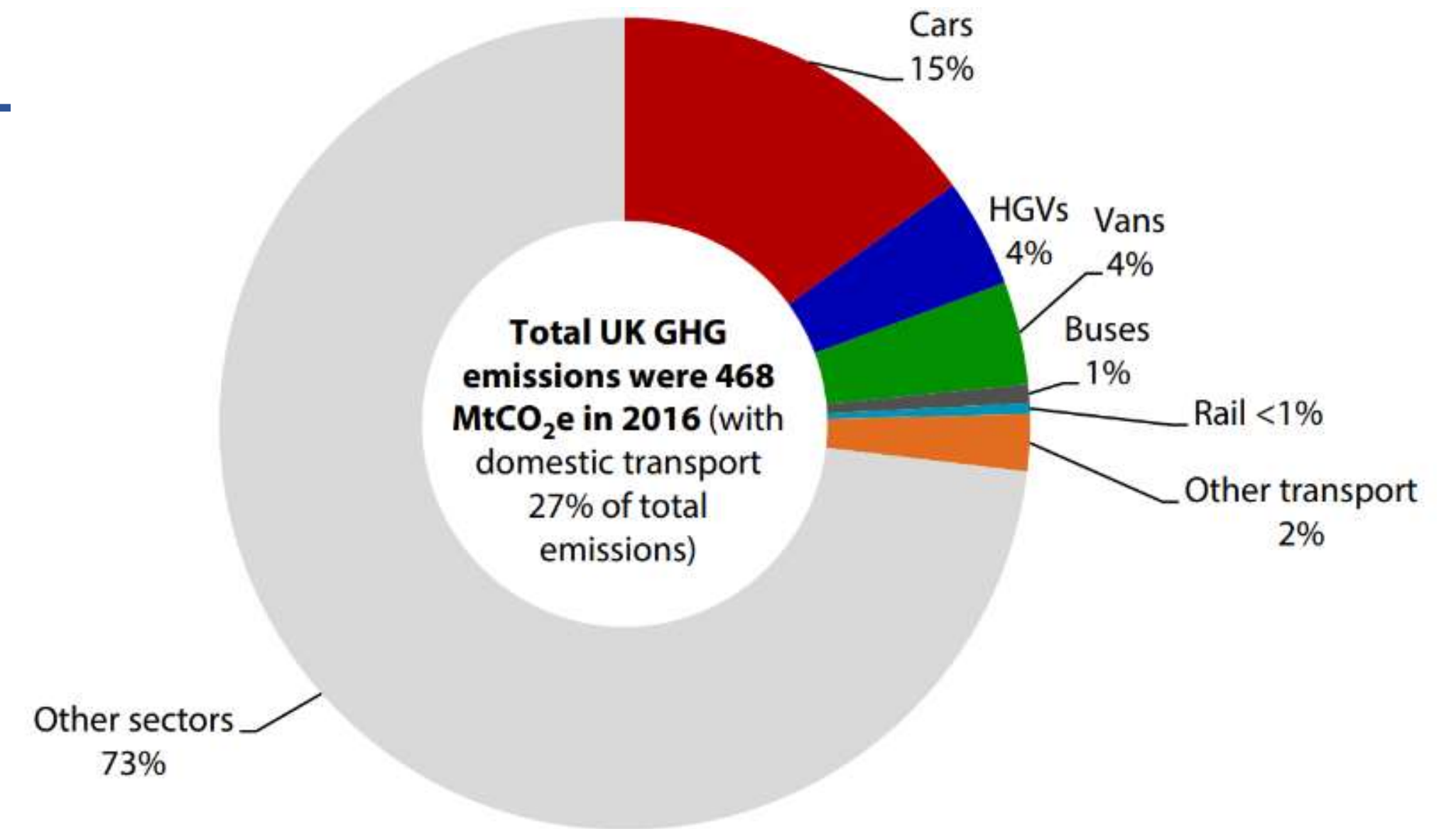
Honorary Researcher at Birmingham Railway Group,
University of Birmingham

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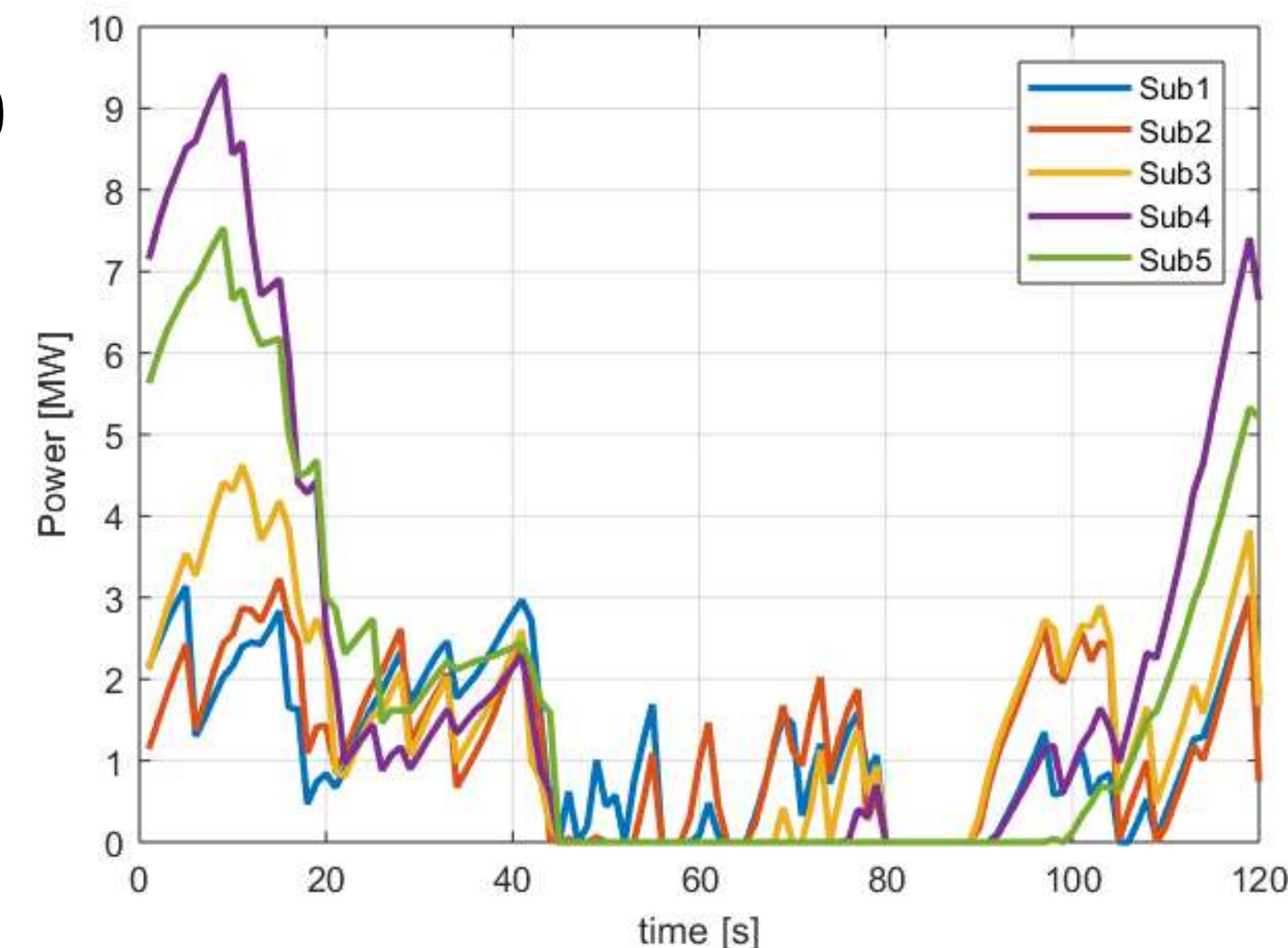
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- Recent projects in renewable railway
- Renewable railway integration topologies
- Energy management methodology
 - Modelling
 - Operation mode
 - Coordinate control strategy
 - Performance index and Optimization
- Case studies
 - Simplified route case study
 - Merseyrail in Liverpool case study
- Conclusions

Background and challenges

- ❑ Transport = **27%** of greenhouse gas
- ❑ Zero emission for all new cars and vans by 2040.
- ❑ The rapid change of transportation system
- ❑ Railway challenges
 - UK railway electrification rate is **38%** in 2020
 - Reduce railway CO2 by **50%** in 2030
 - Peak power demand
 - High electricity bills
 - Energy efficiency



CCC Progress Report 2018

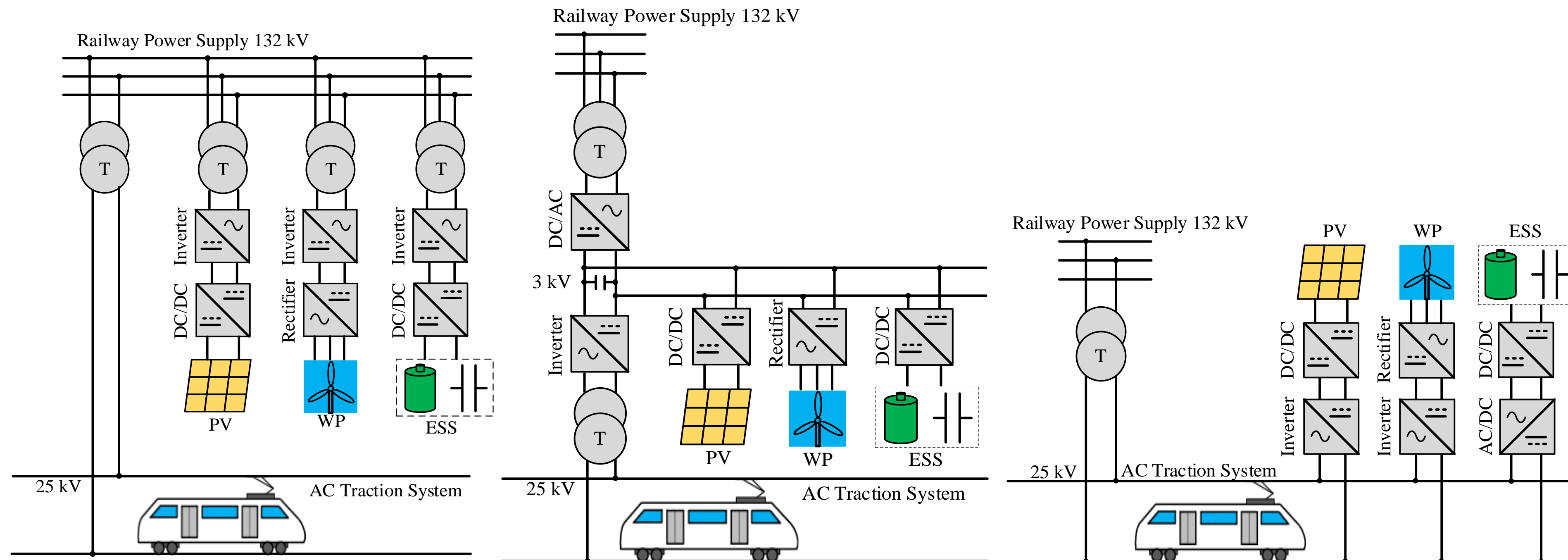


Recent renewable railway projects

- ❑ The Renewable Powered Railway: Renewable Railway Power Network Design with Optimal Energy Management
 - Funded by EPSRC
 - Merseyrail case studies
- ❑ Alternative energy sources for electrified rail and energy storage technologies for regenerative braking
 - Funded by Network Rail
 - With University of Birmingham, Capgemini, Enerail
- ❑ E-Lobster: Electric LOsses Balancing through integrated SStorage and power Electronics towards increased synergy between Railways and electricity distribution networks
 - Funded by EU Horizon 2020
 - Madrid Metro case study and demonstration

Renewable railway topologies

AC railway connections



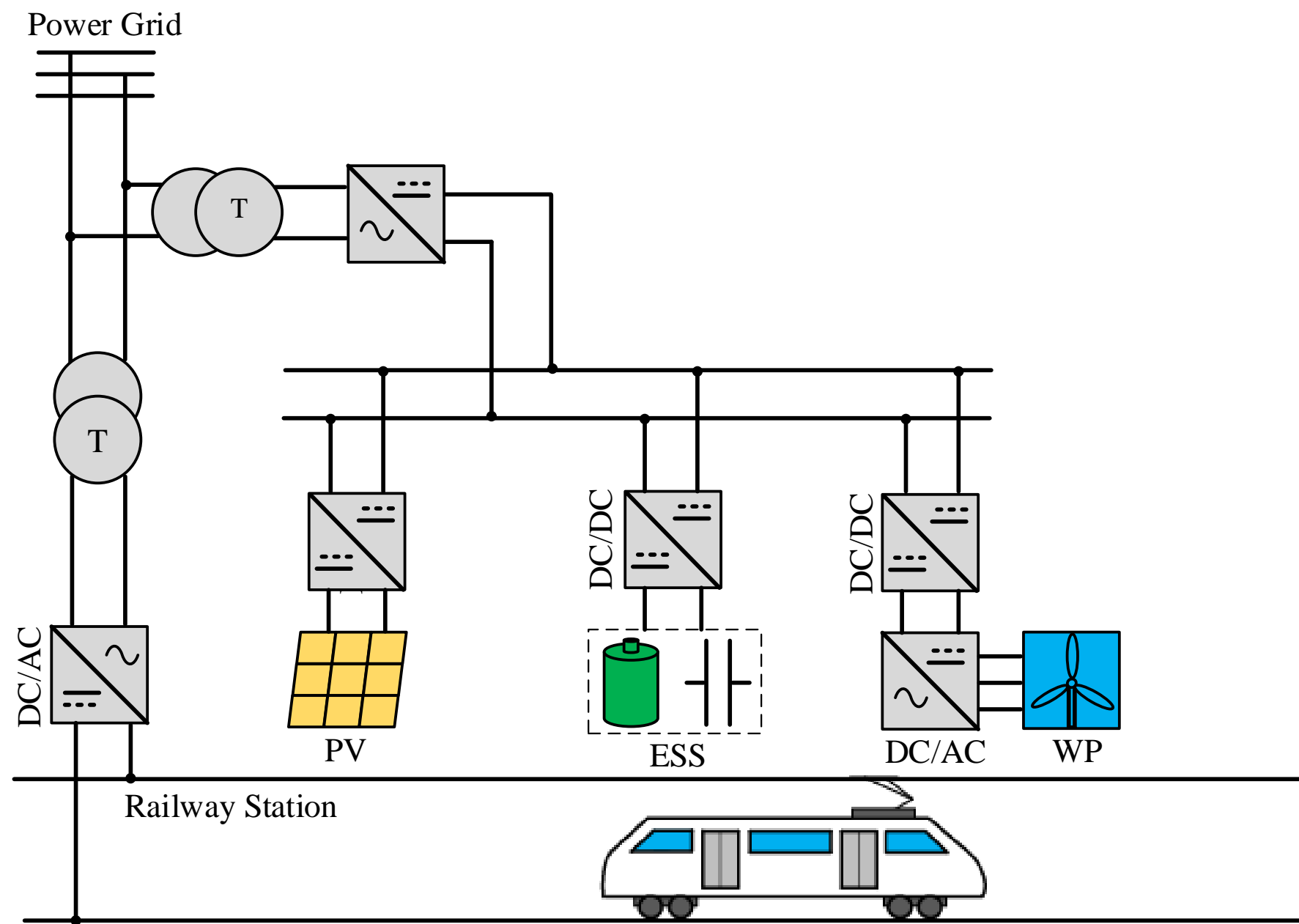
3-phase utility grid/railway

Substation connection with the DC bus of power converters

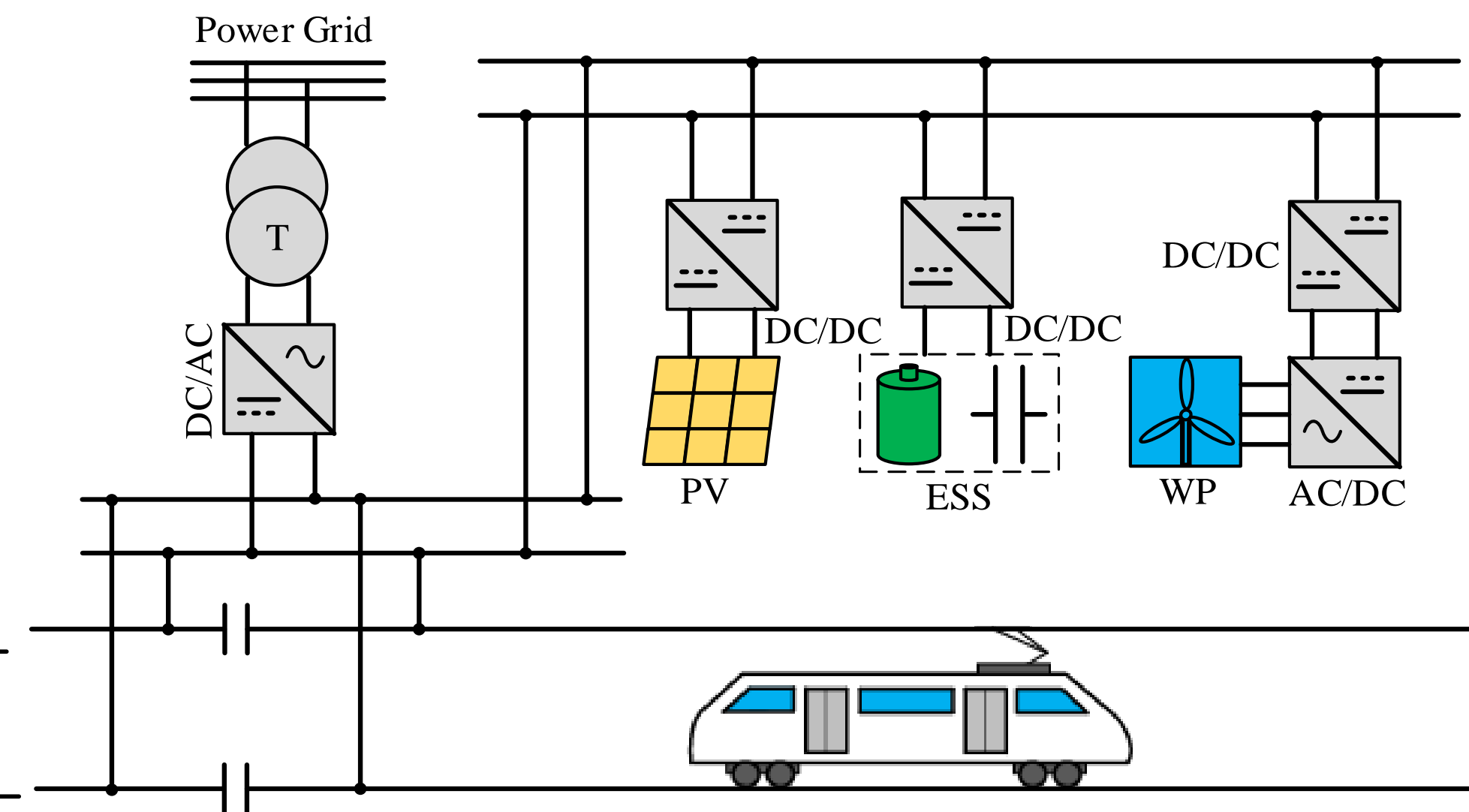
Single-phase directly

Renewable railway topologies

□ DC railway connections



3-phase connection at substation

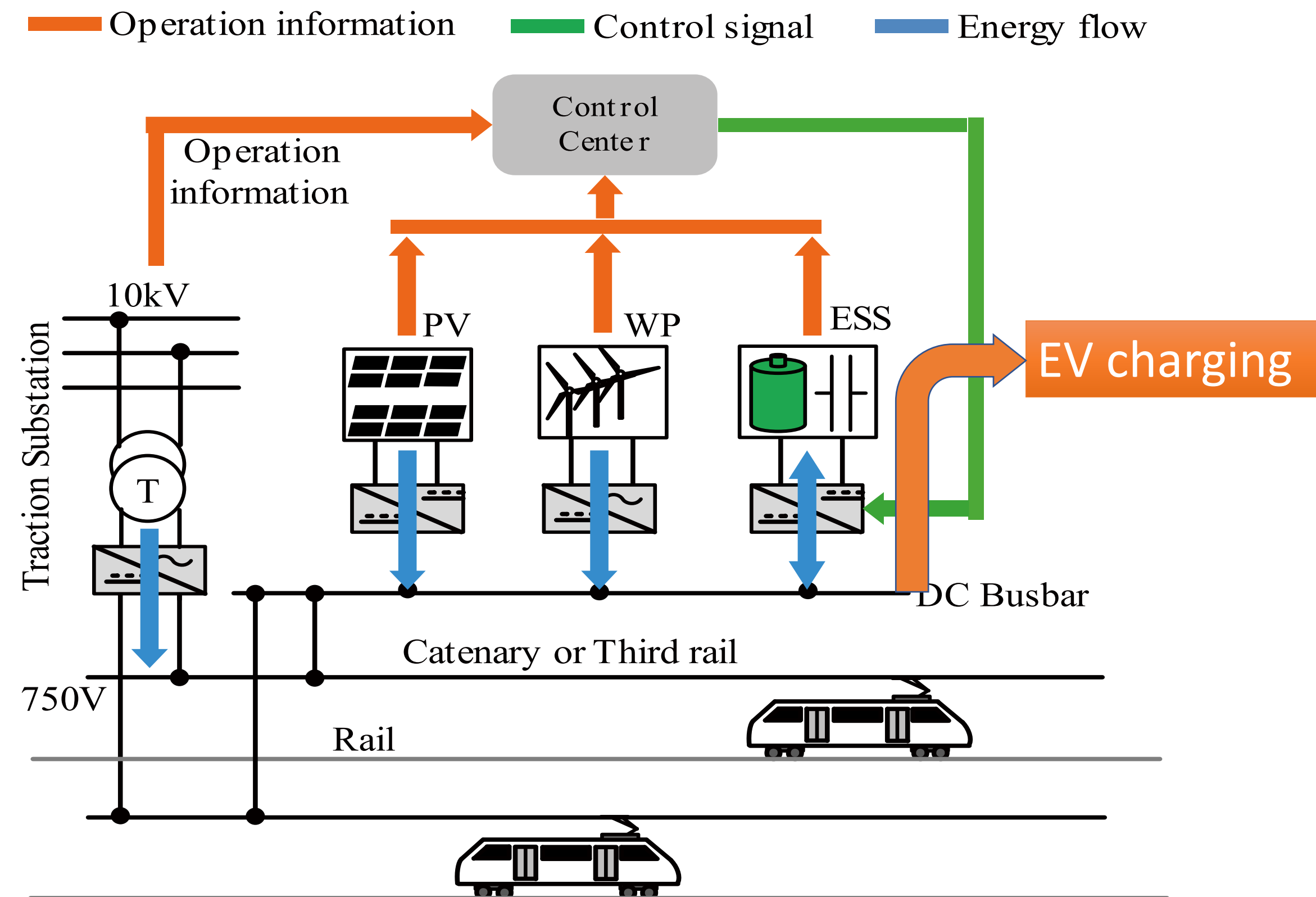


DC bus connection

Energy management methodology

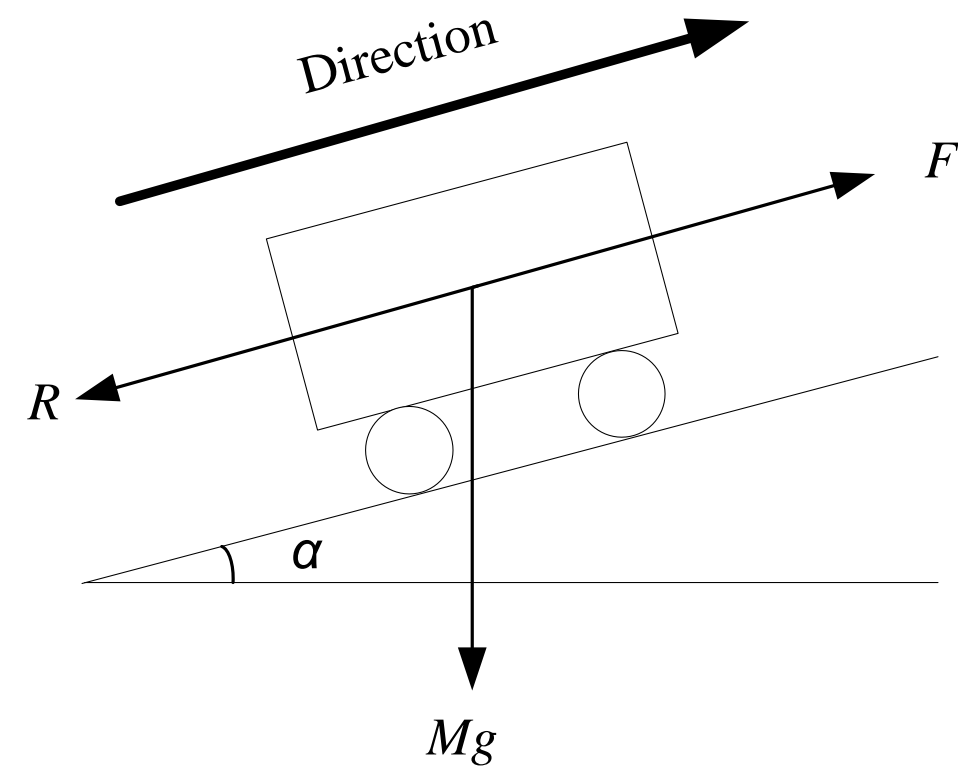
- EPSRC funded: Renewable Railway Power Network Design with Optimal Energy Management
- Smart train operation + power network management

Multi-source traction system (MSTS) structure

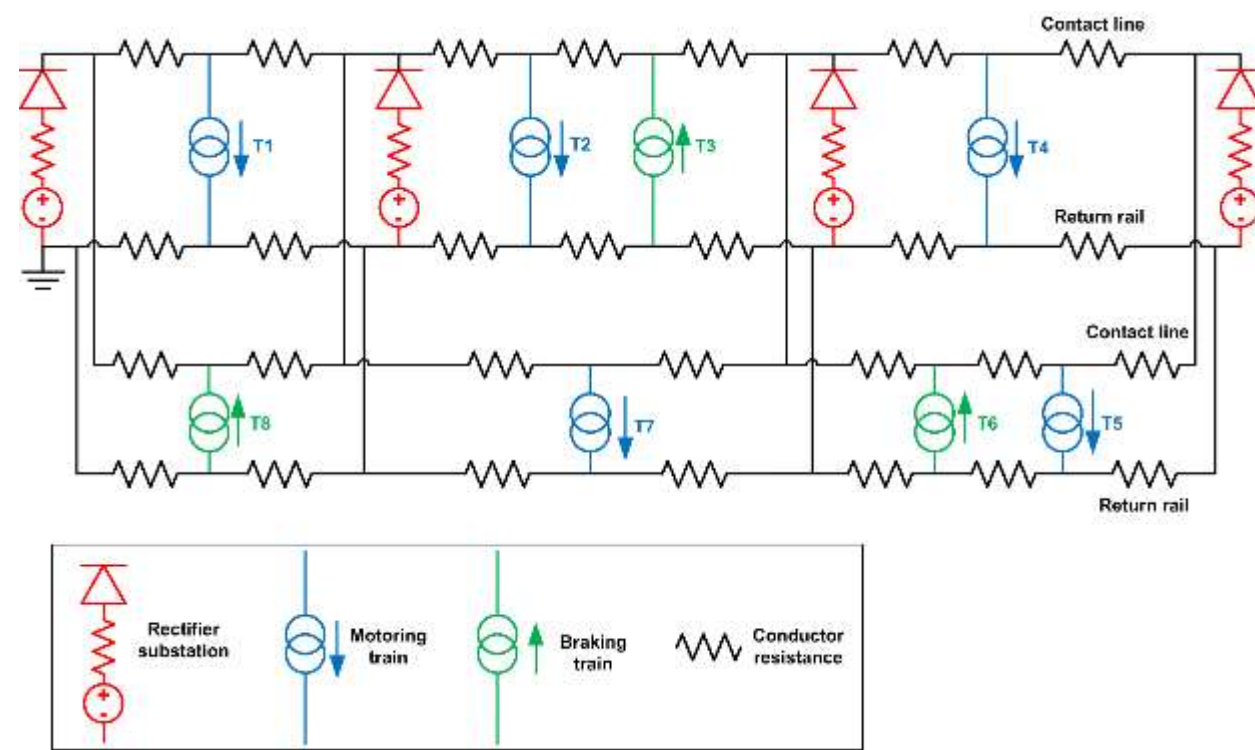


Methodology

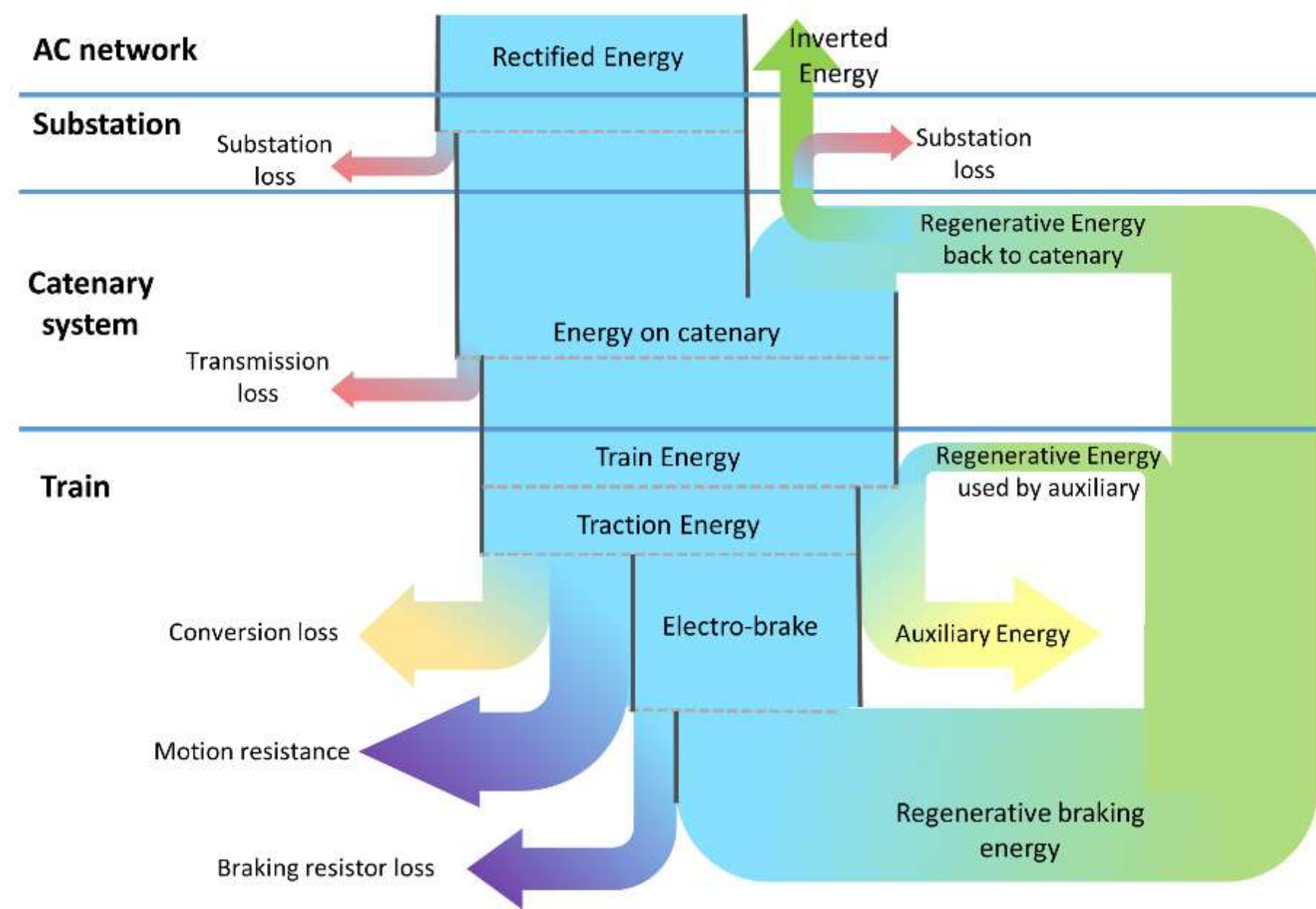
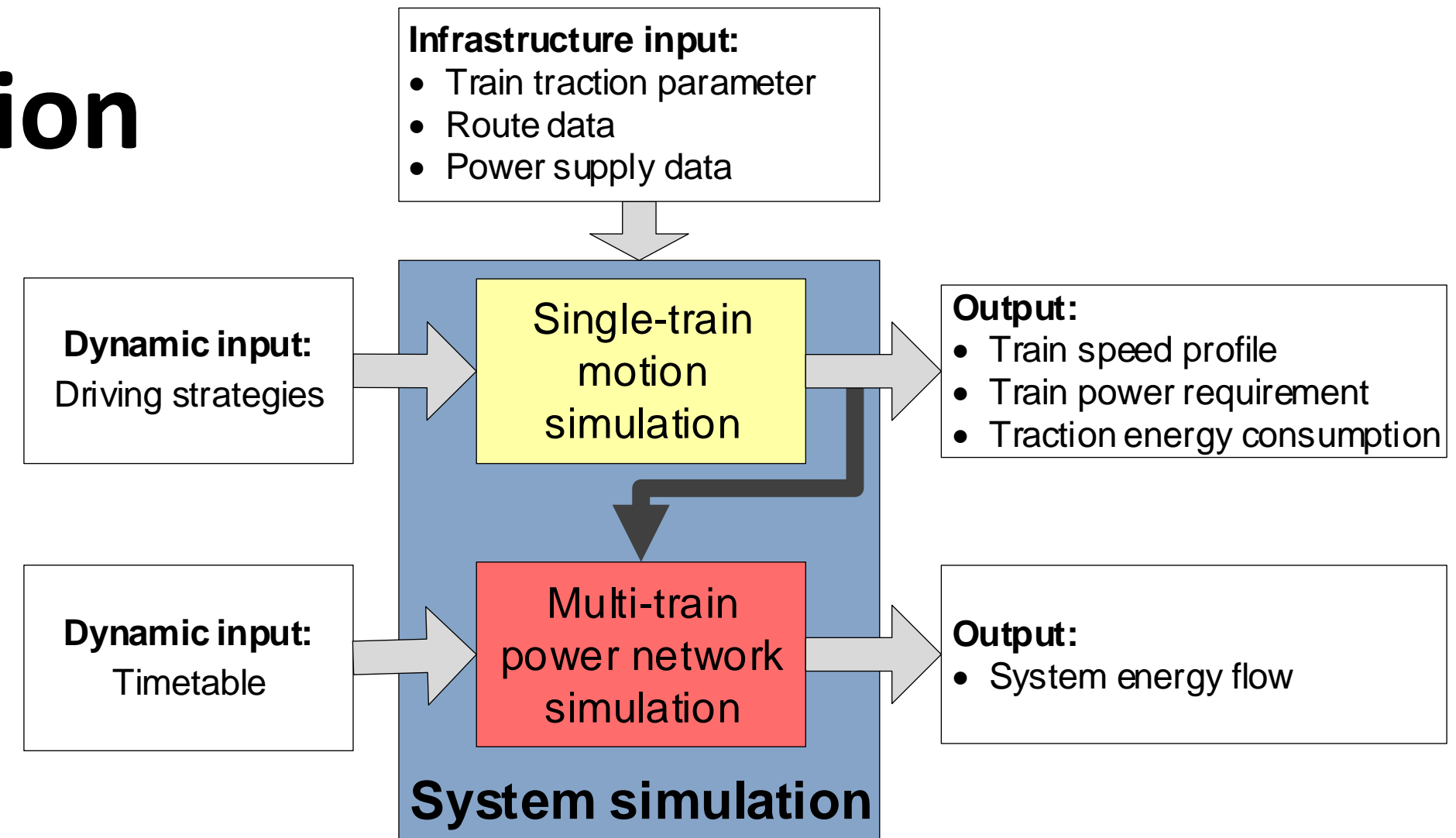
□ Railway system simulation



Train traction system



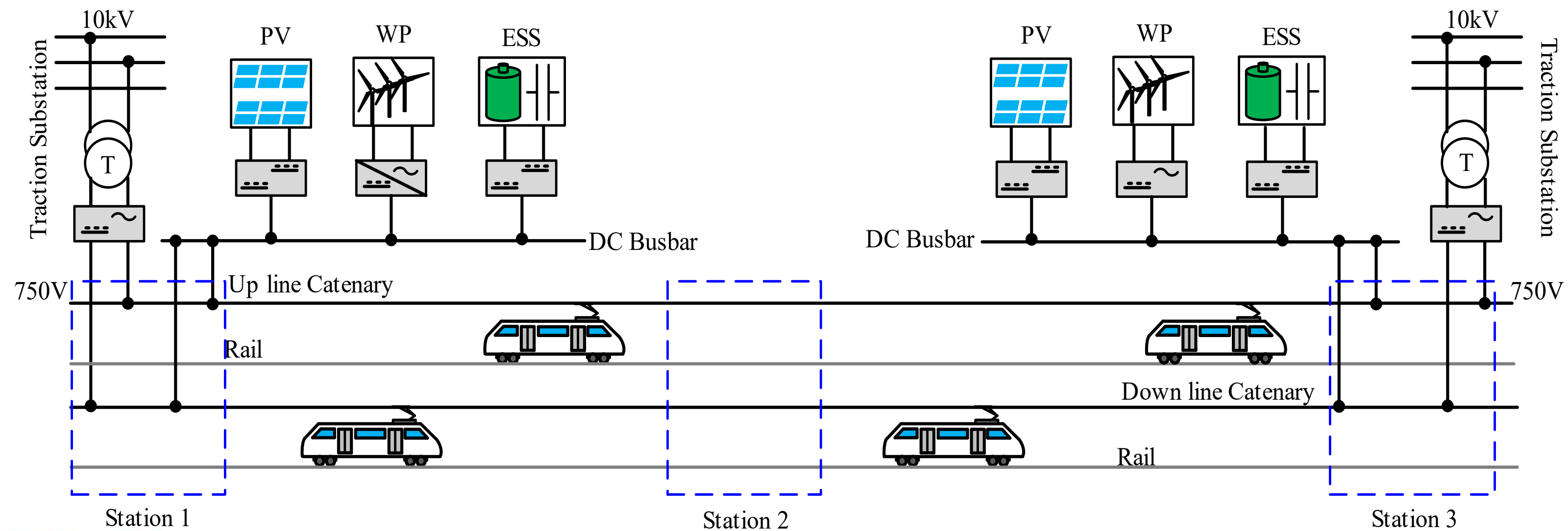
Electrical infrastructure



Methodology

□ Railway + Energy storage + Renewable energy

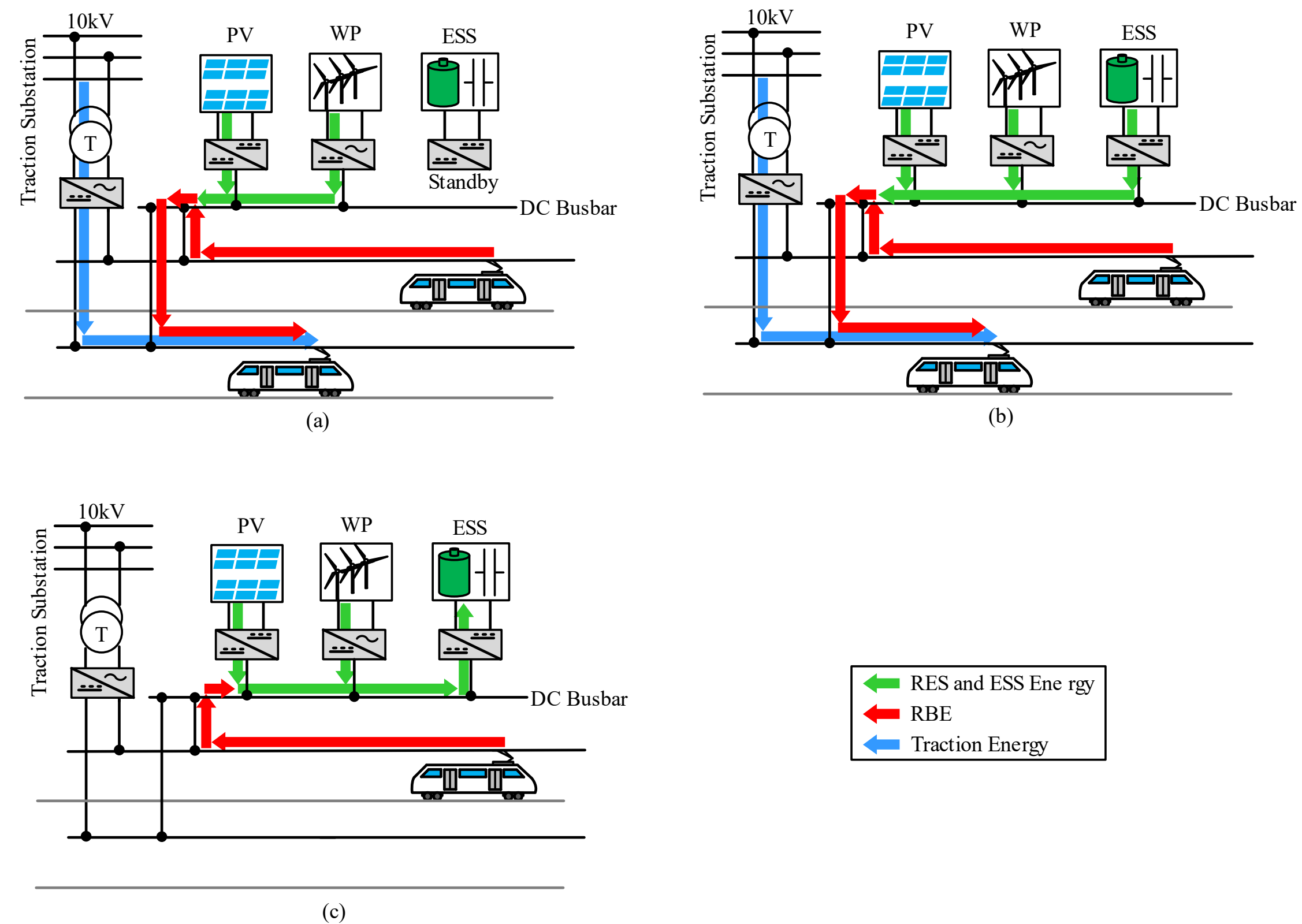
- Railway traction substation.
- Train vehicle.
- Energy storage system.
- Renewable energy: wind power and photovoltaic power.



Methodology

□ Operation modes

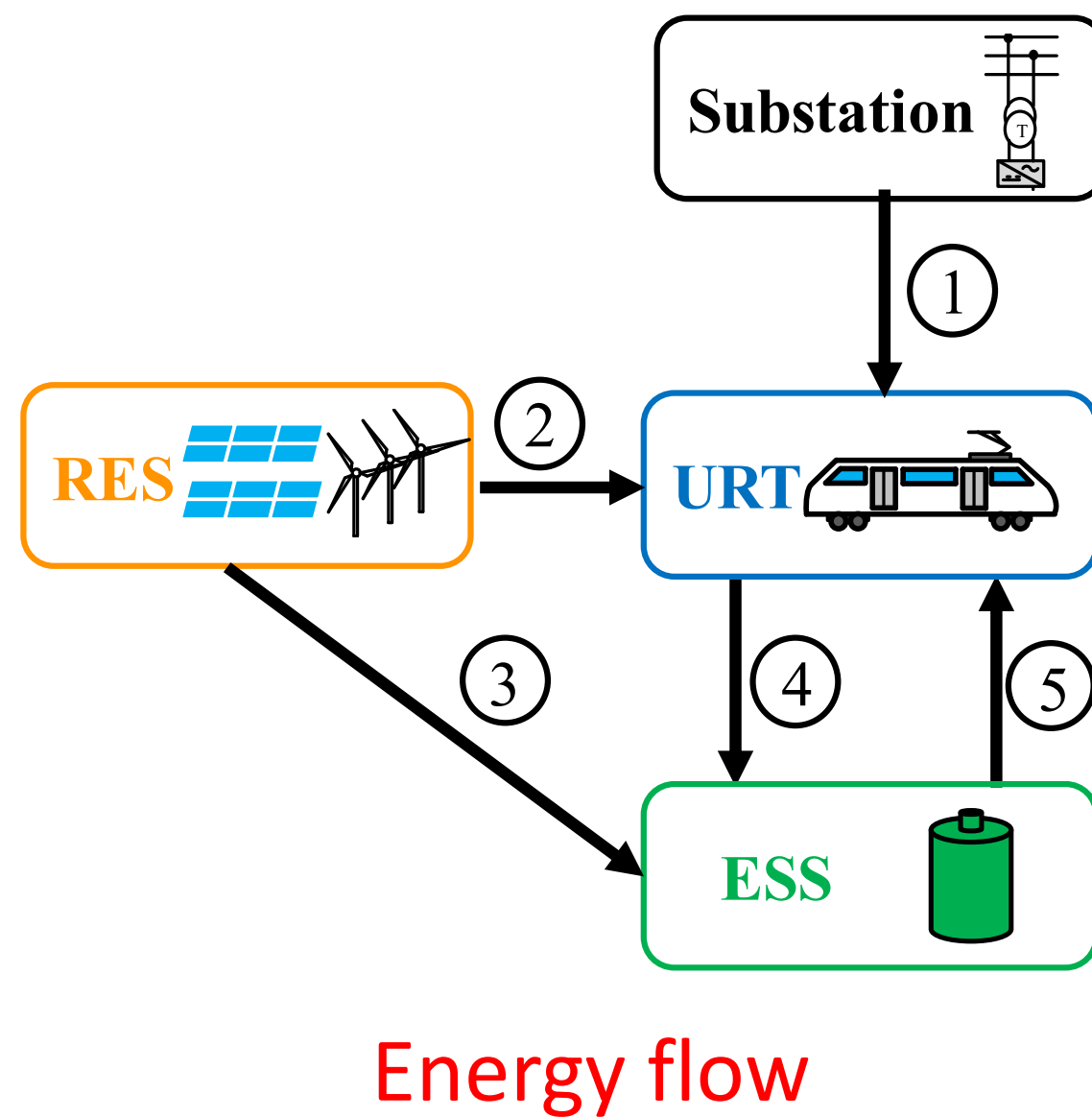
- Under different active power demands, the proposed MSTS has three main operation modes
- Standby, discharging and charging



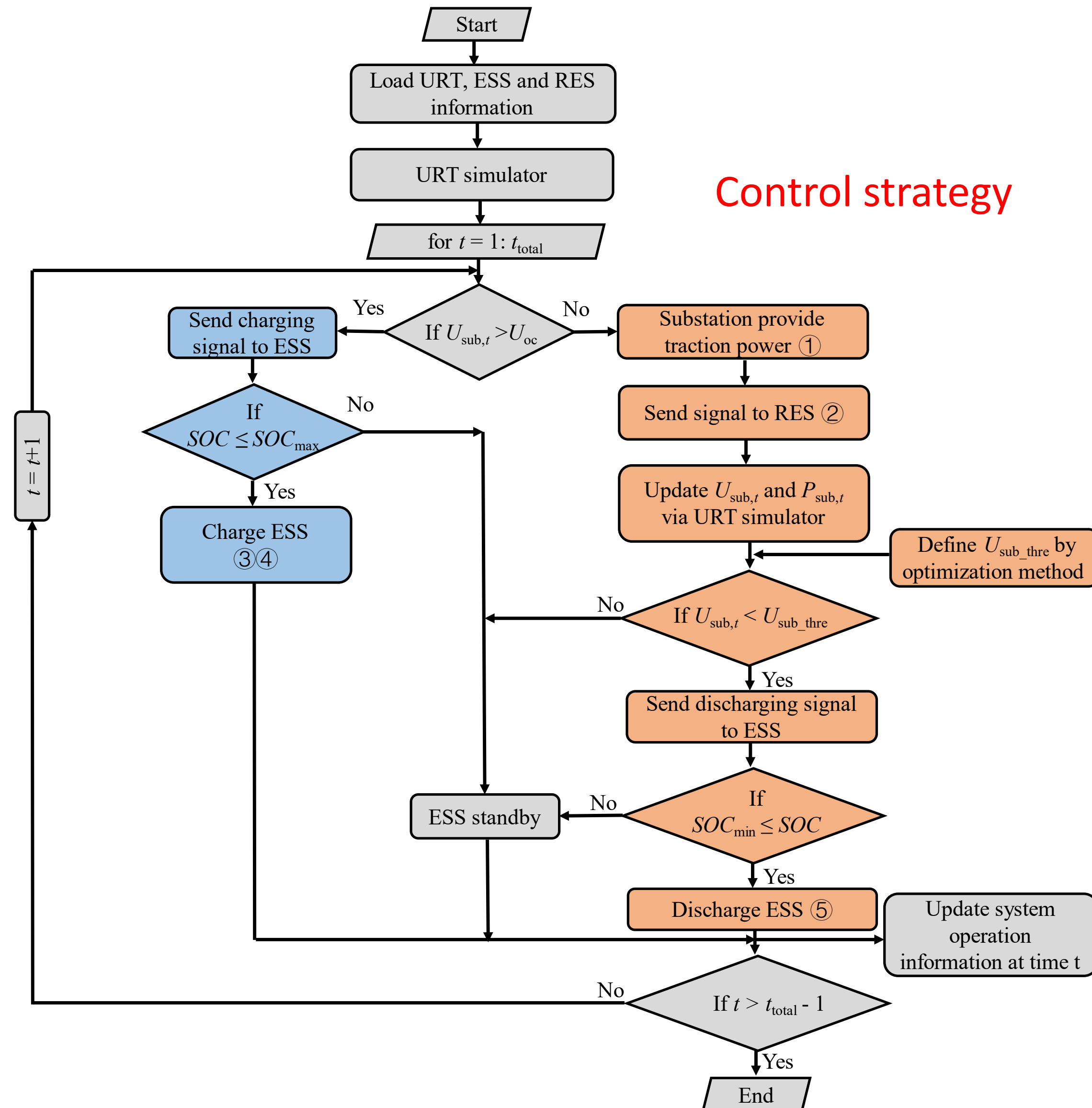
Methodology

Coordinated control strategy

➤ Control flow chart



Energy flow



Control strategy

Methodology

ESS control Optimization

➤ Performance index

Define a performance index J_1 , J_2 , and J_3 , α and β are the weight of performance index, and $\alpha + \beta = 1$

$$J = \alpha J_1 + \beta(J_2 + J_3) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} J_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\int_0^T (P_{\text{sub_os},i}(t) - P_{\text{sub_up}}) dt}{TP_{\text{sub_up}}} \quad \text{Power overshoot index} \\ J_2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\int_0^T (U_{\text{sub_os},i}(t) - U_{\text{sub_up}}) dt}{TU_{\text{sub_up}}} \quad \text{Voltage overshoot index} \\ J_3 = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\int_0^T (U_{\text{sub_down}} - U_{\text{sub_us},i}(t)) dt}{TU_{\text{sub_down}}} \quad \text{Voltage undershoot index} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\text{Minimize } J = \alpha J_1 + \beta(J_2 + J_3)$$

Case study – Verification by simplified model

□ System infrastructure

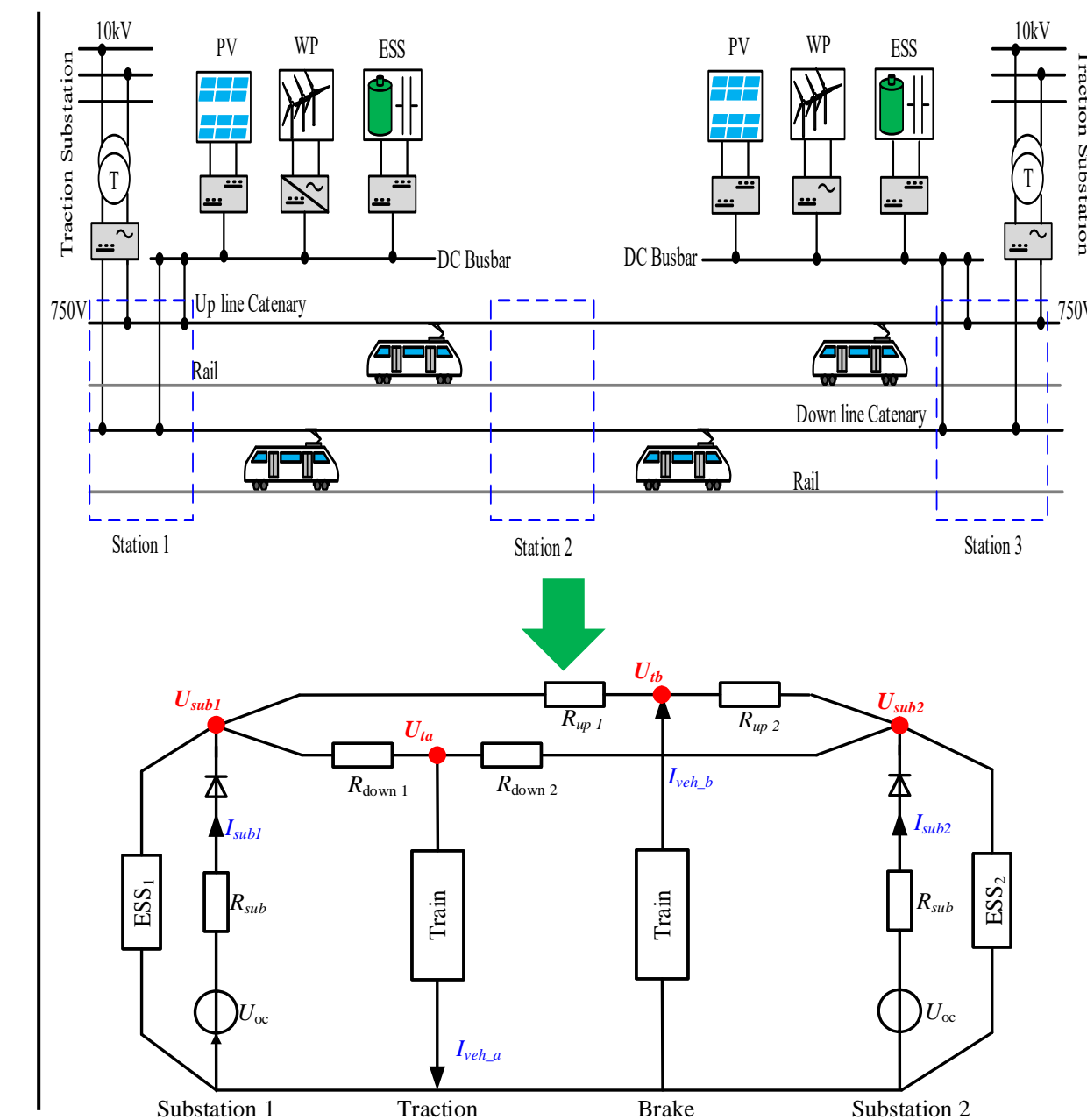
- The simulation is based **on two substations** including three stations. The detailed parameter of the urban railway system below. Each substation is equipped with an ESS (supercapacitor), and the parameter of the supercapacitor is shown in Table.

Parameters of the railway system

Length	1750 m	Headway	120 s / 300 s
Line resistance	0.016 Ω /km		
Train type	3M3T	Tran mass	210 t
Train resistance	0.015 Ω	Pt_rate	750 V
Pb_rate	825 V	Pau	90 kW
Substation resistance	0.0161 Ω	Uoc	860 V

Parameters of the ESS

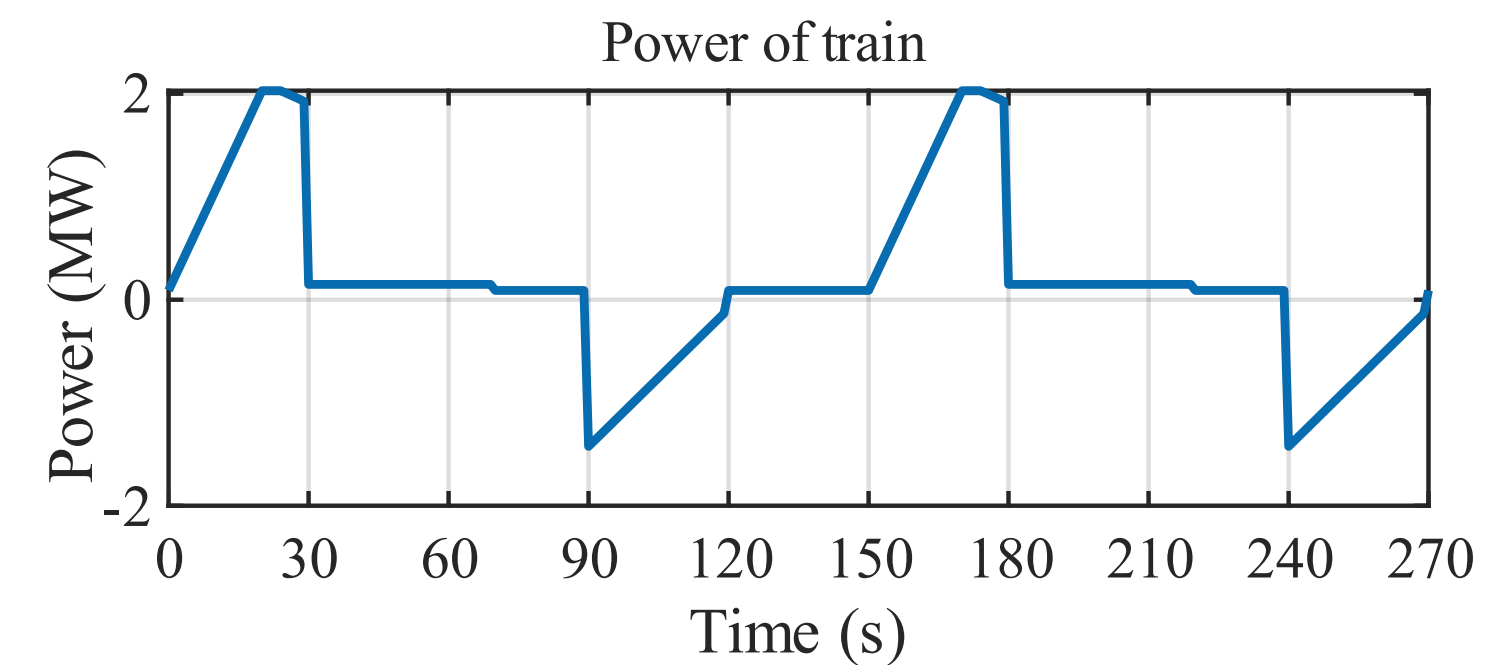
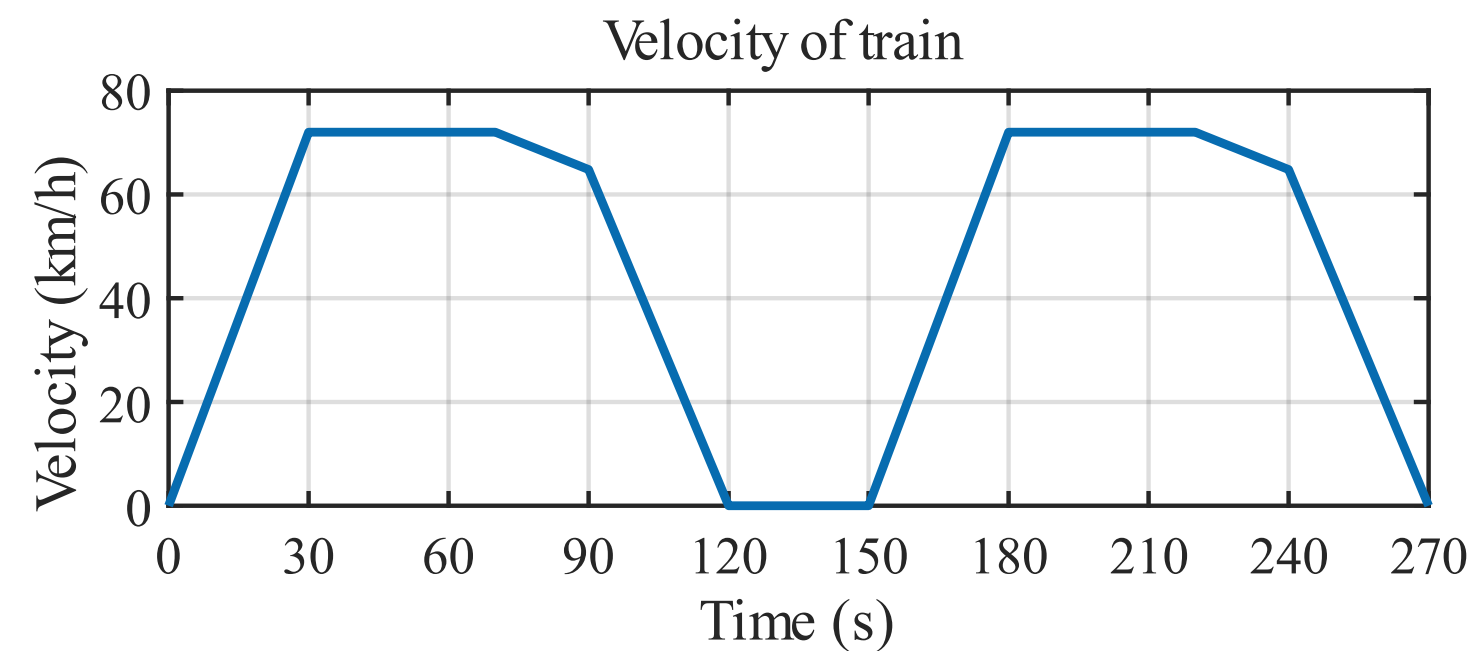
Capacity	294F	Rated voltage	750V
Rated power	1.3MW	Total stored energy	8.4kWh
SOC _{max} /SOC _{min}	0.9/0.2	Initial SOC	0.8/0.7
U1/U2/U3	850/840/800V	U4/U5/U6	870/880/920



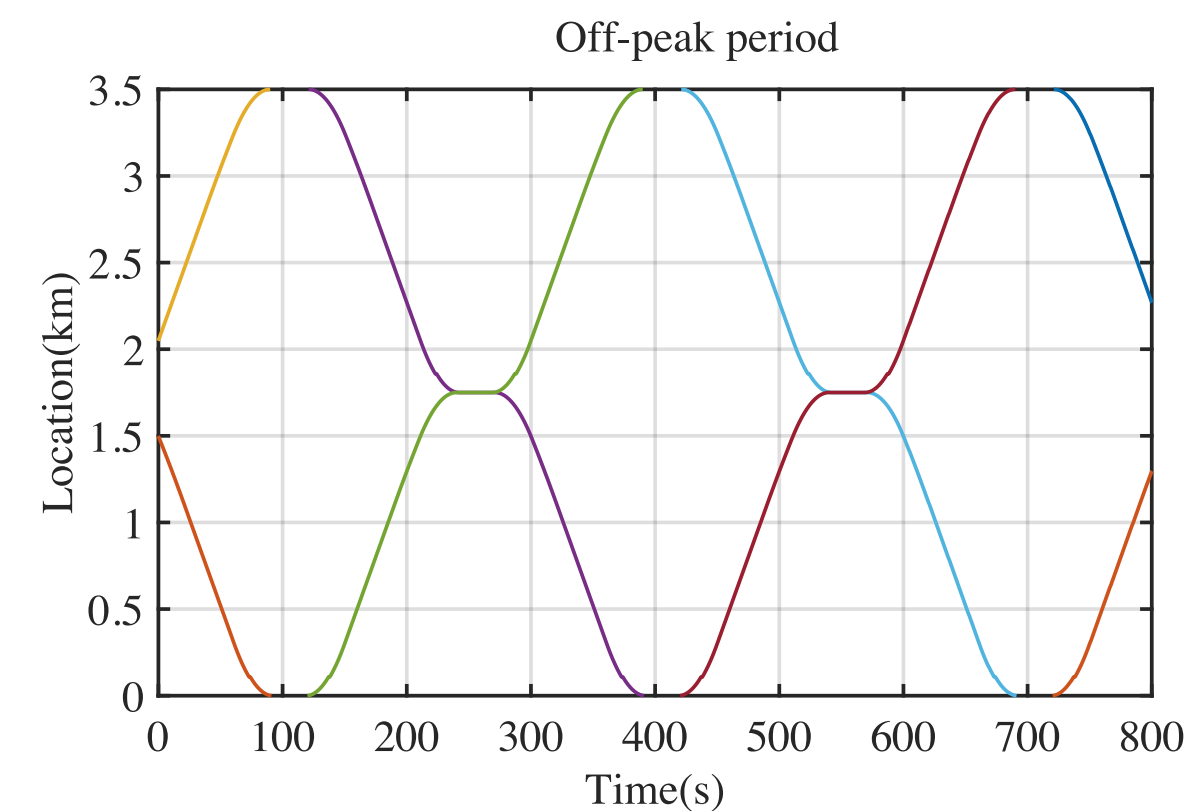
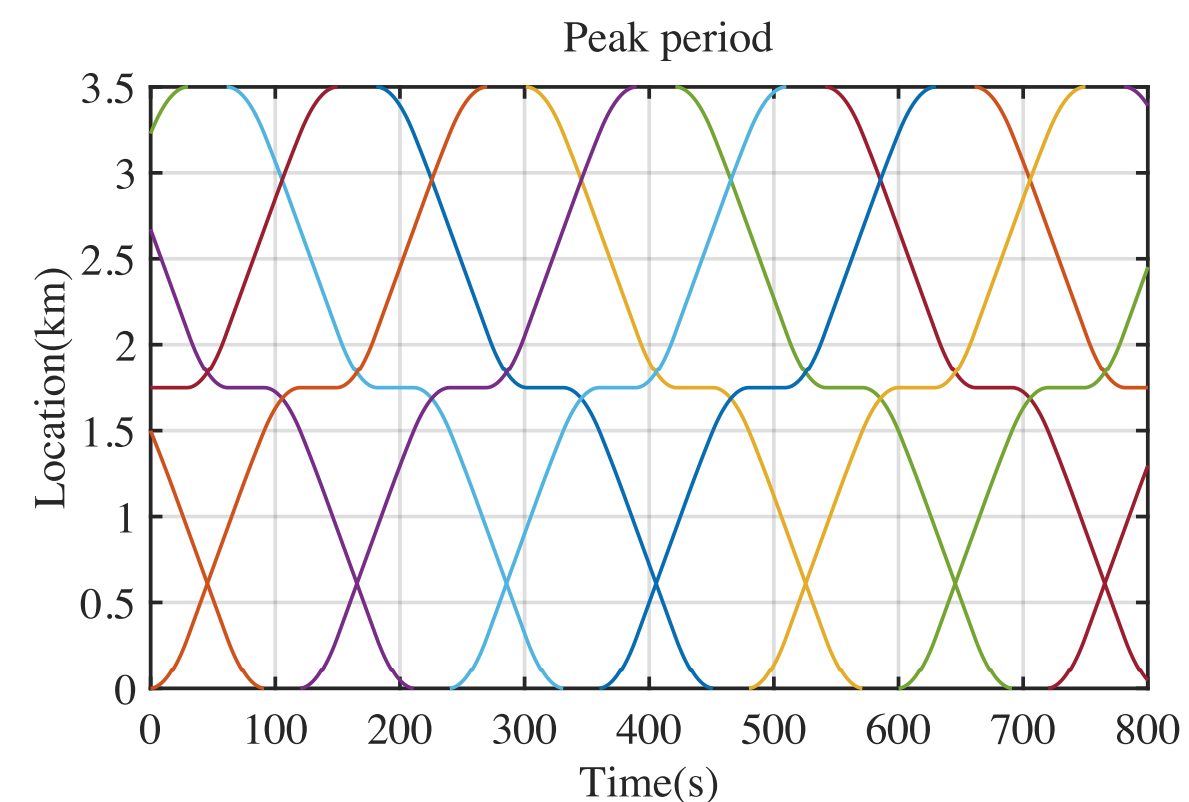
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□ Driving profile and timetable

➤ Single train simulator

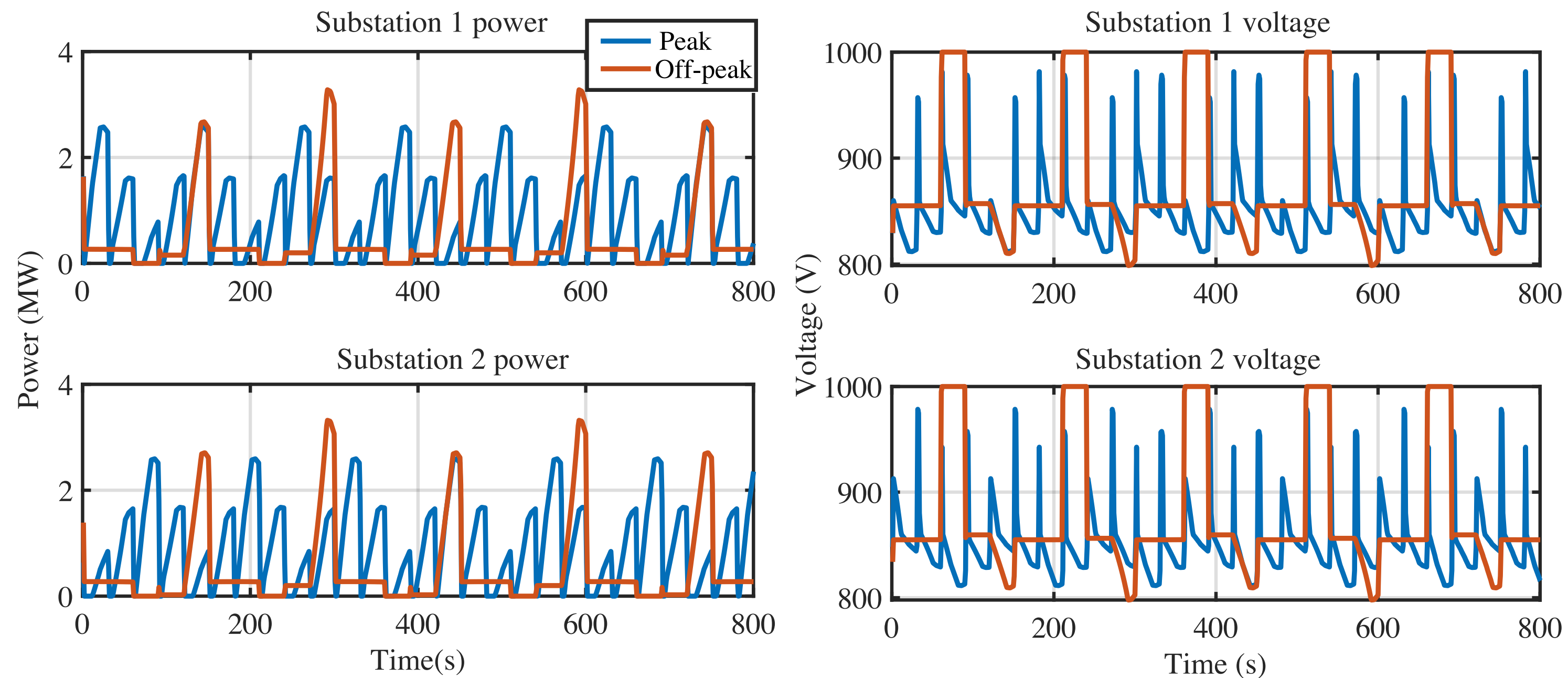


➤ Timetable (headway=120 s or 300 s)



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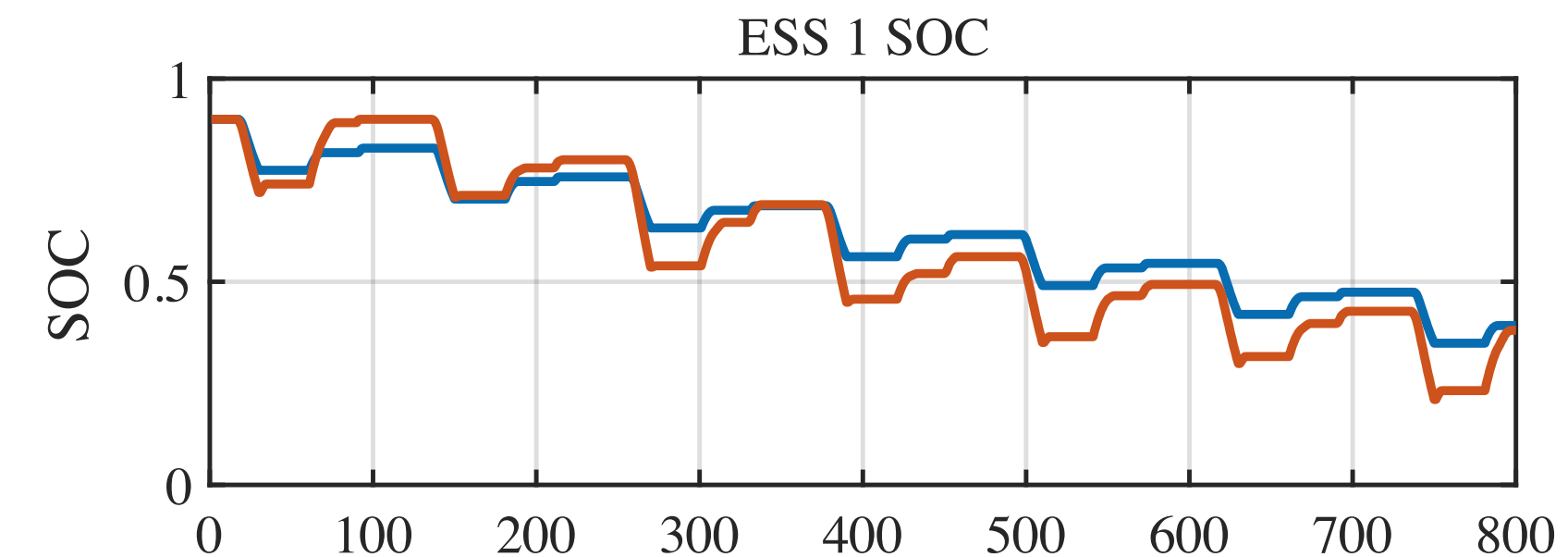
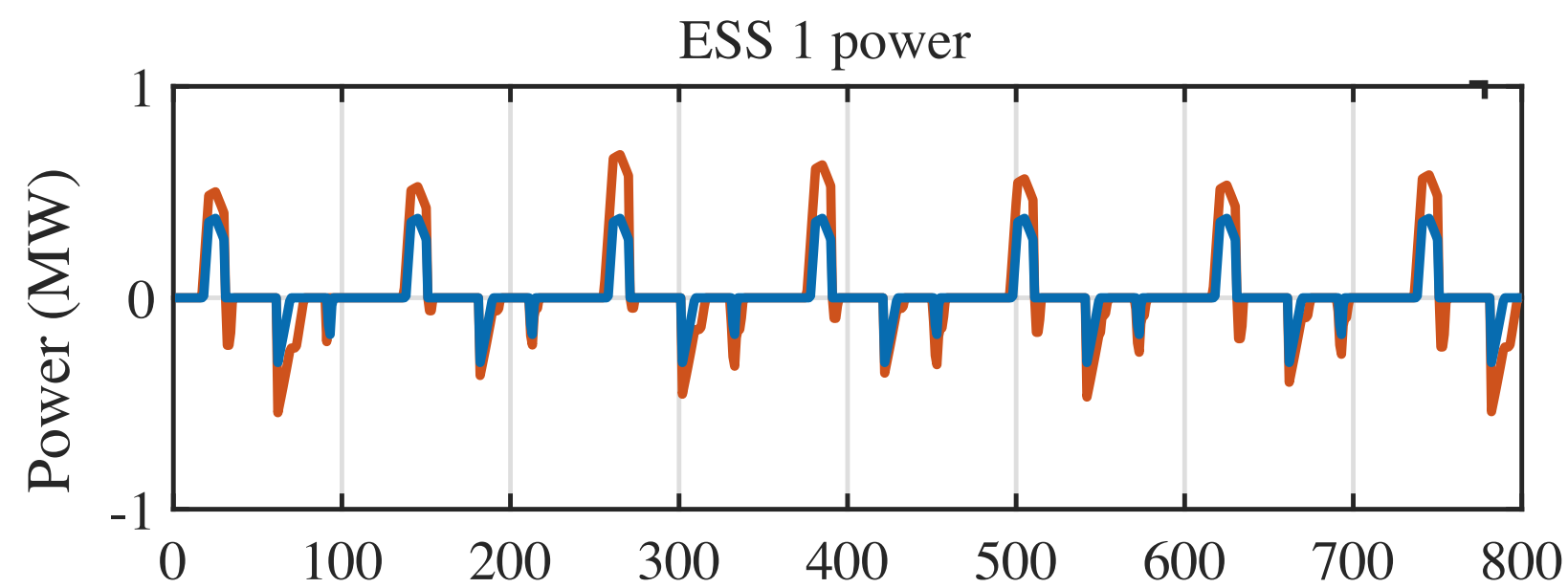
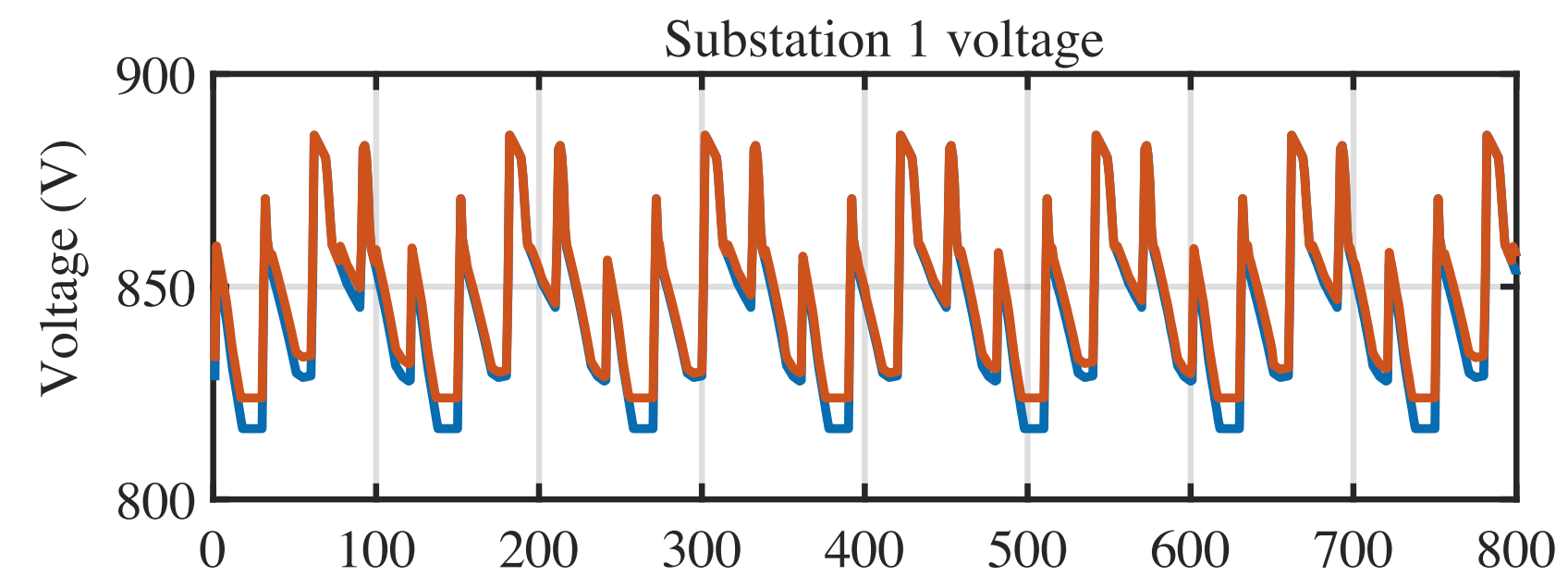
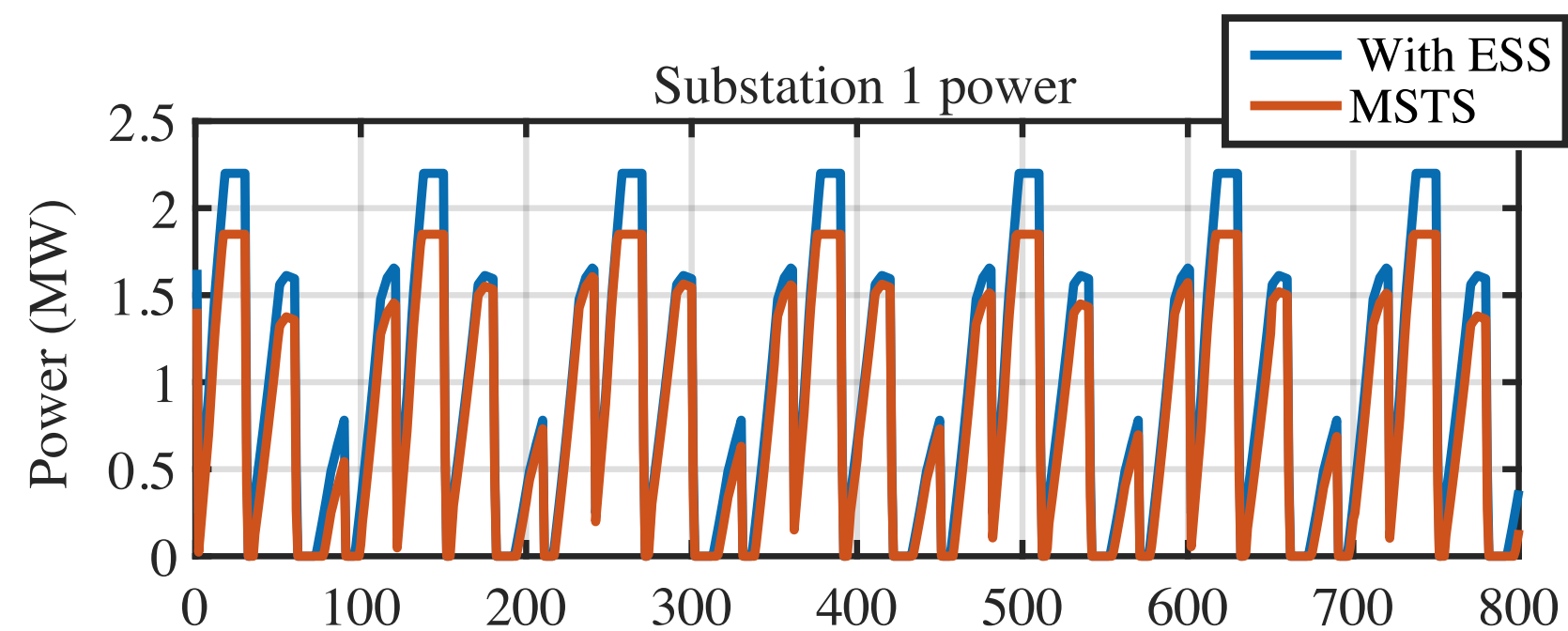
□ Conventional traction system (CTS)



- Peak power: 2.59 MW at peak time; 3.32 MW at off-peak time
- Voltage: 811-981V at peak time; 798-1000V at peak time

Case study – Verification by simplified model

□ CTS with ESS and Multi-source traction system (MSTS)

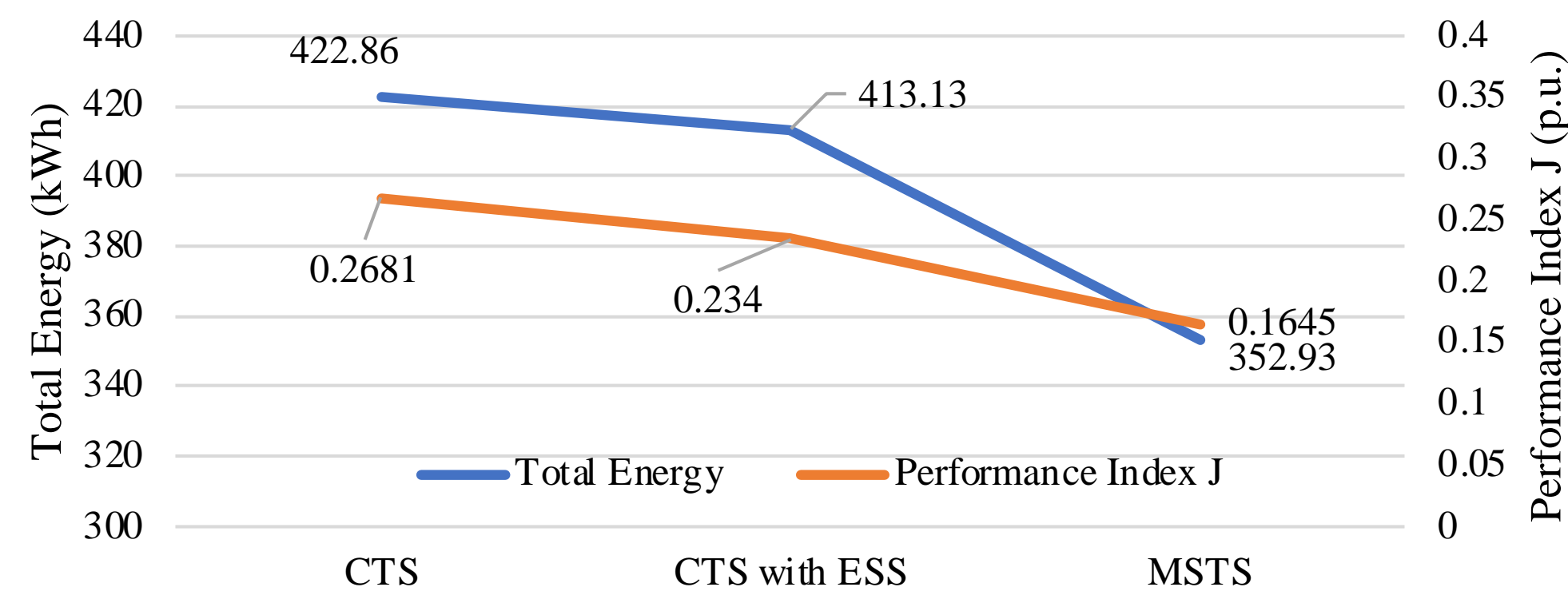


□ Peak power: **2.20MW** in CTS with ESS; **1.85MW** in MSTS

□ Voltage: **816-885V** in CTS with ESS; **824-885V** in MSTS

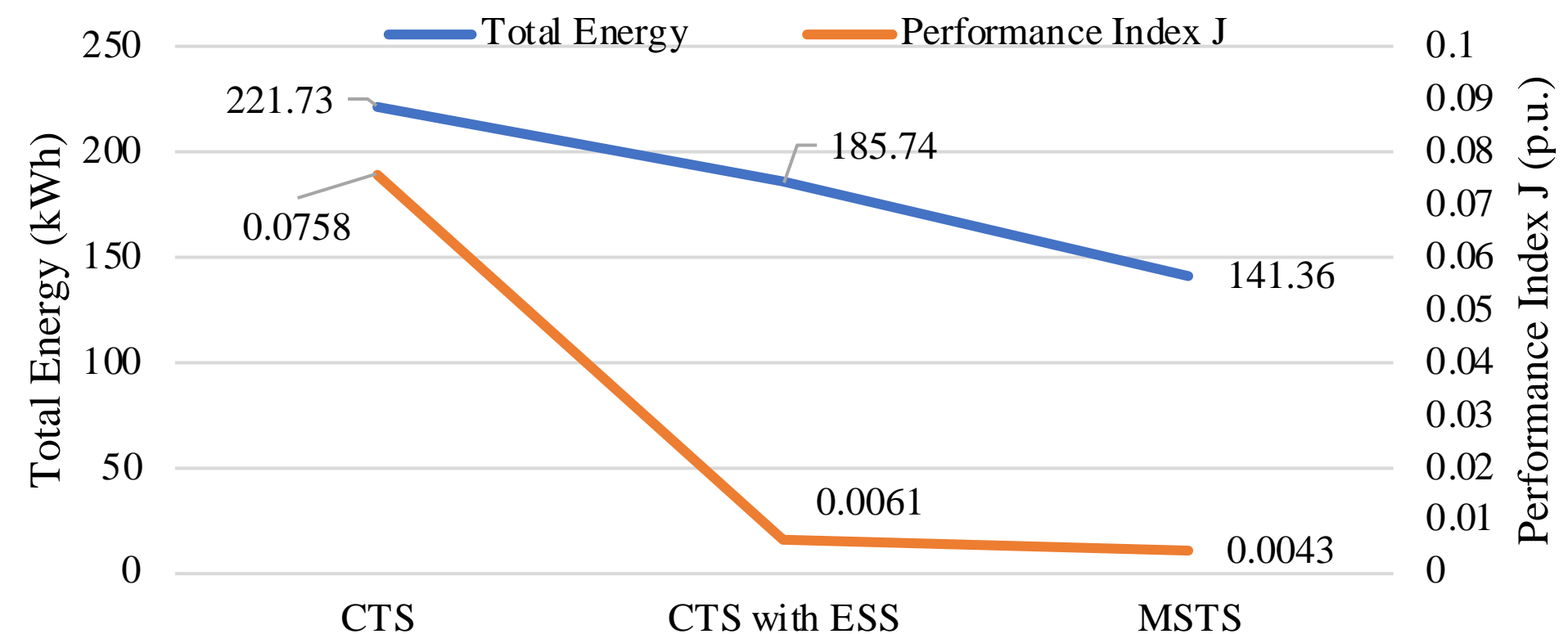
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Performance compare



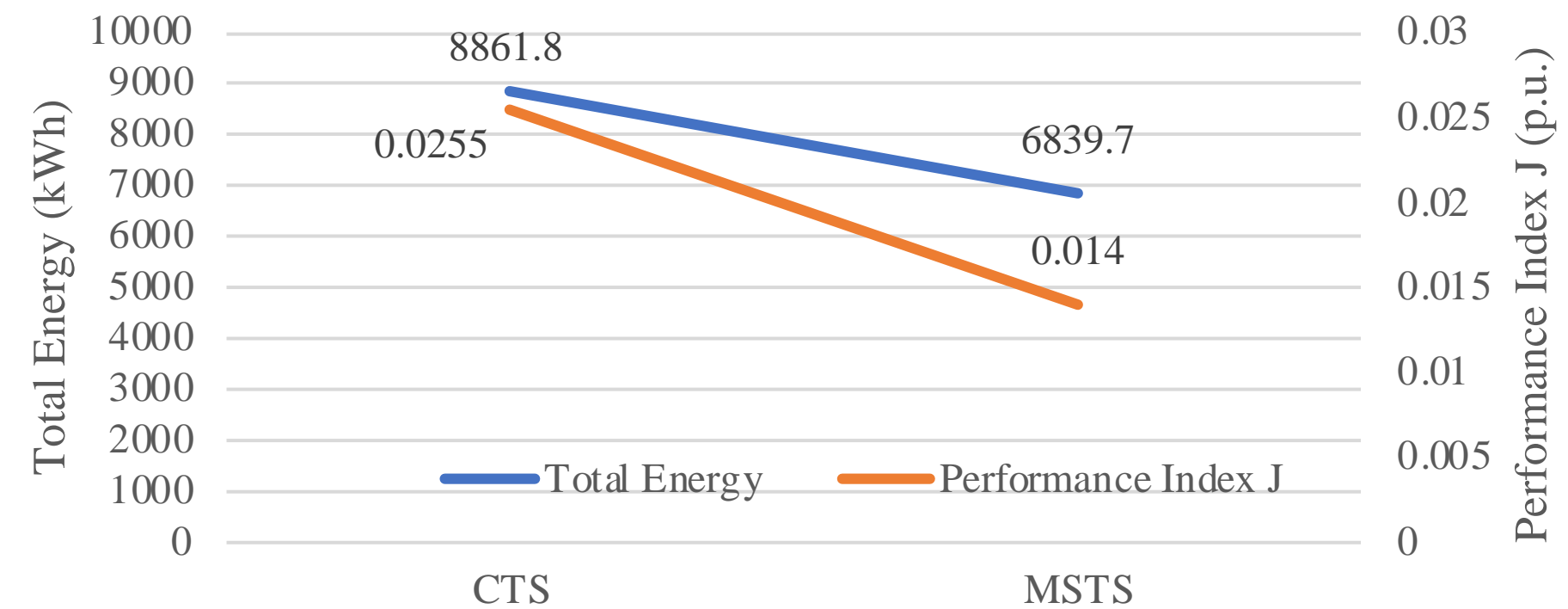
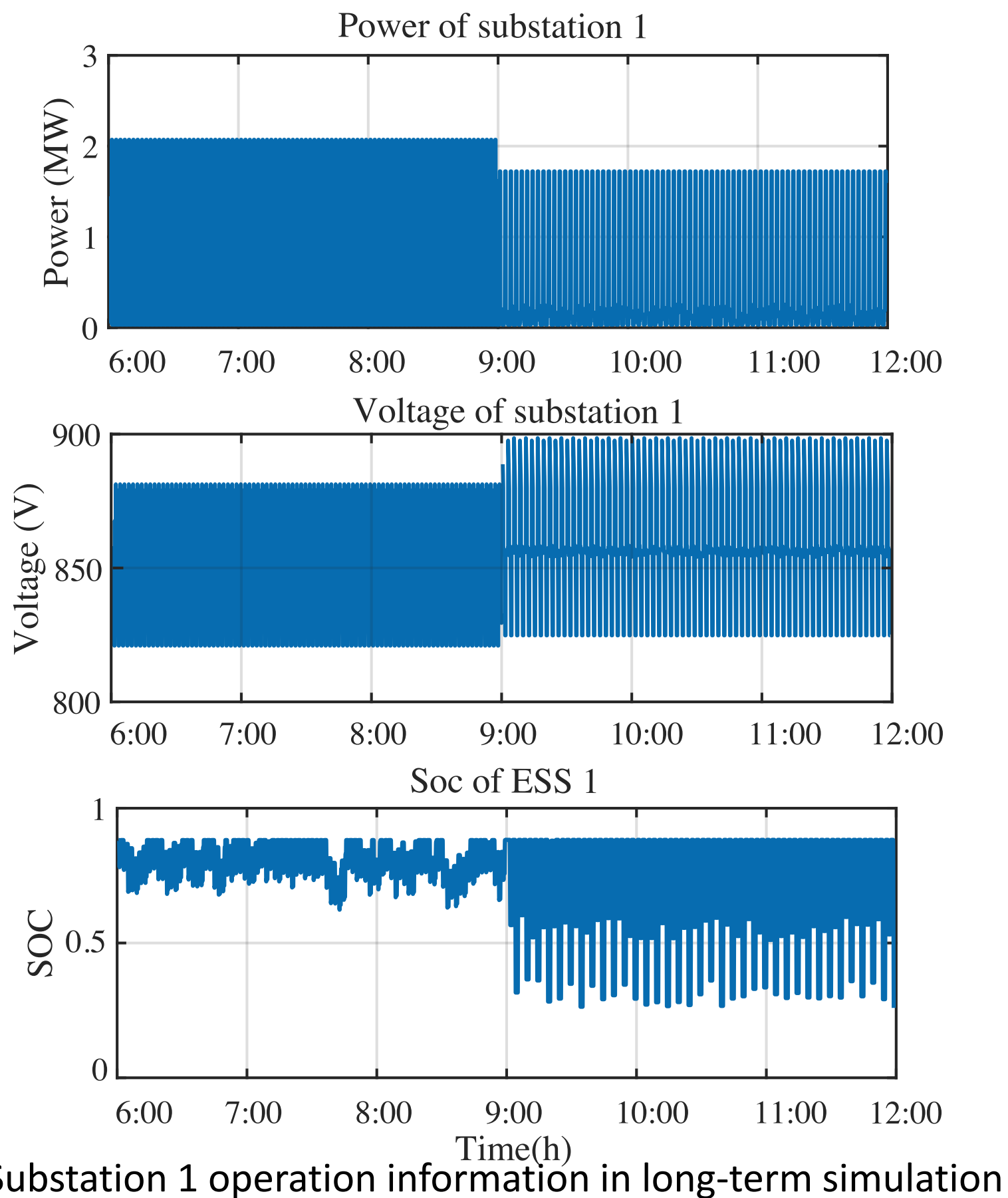
- Energy consumption:
- MSTS vs CTS: **16%** energy reduction in peak time
- Performance index:
- MSTS vs CTS: **39%** performance improvement in peak time

- Energy consumption:
- MSTS vs CTS: **32%** energy reduction in off-peak time
- Performance index :
- MSTS vs CTS: **94%** performance improvement in off-peak time



Case study – Verification by simplified model

□ Long-term simulation



Comparison between CTS and MSTs

- The peak power of substation 1 is kept below **2.05 MW** and **1.70 MW** in peak and off-peak period, respectively.
- ESS is used more frequently in off-peak period

Case study – Merseyrail data

□ Data collection

□ Class 507

➤ Traction power 656 kW

➤ Top speed 120 km/h

□ Substation

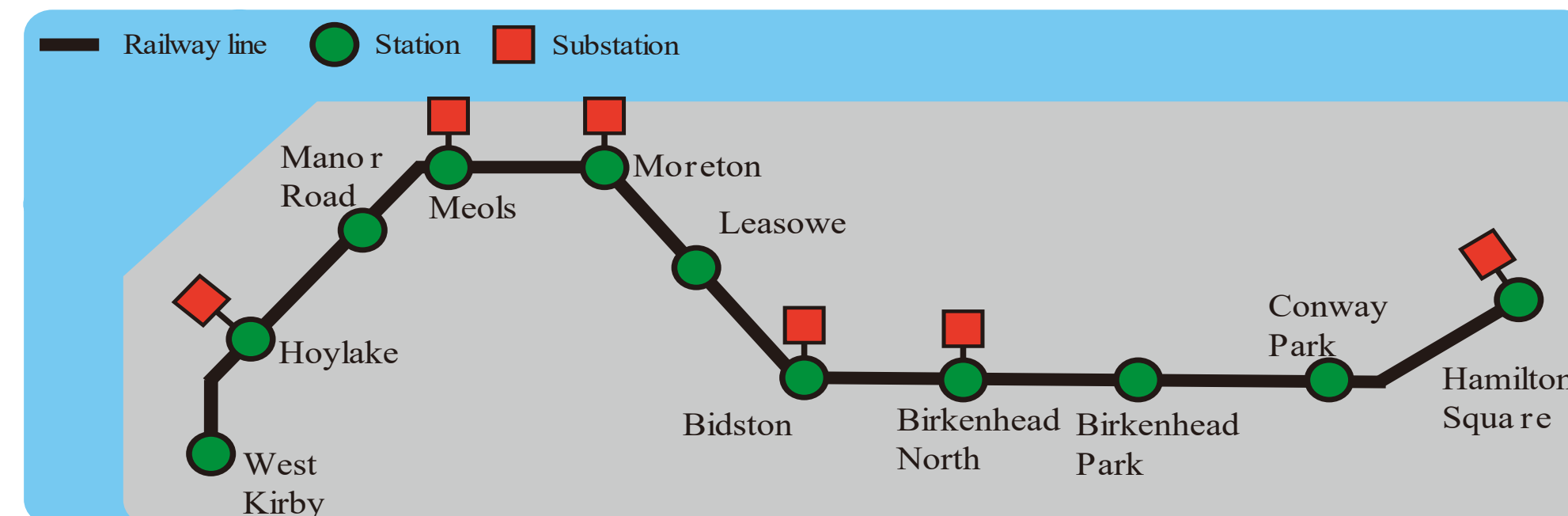
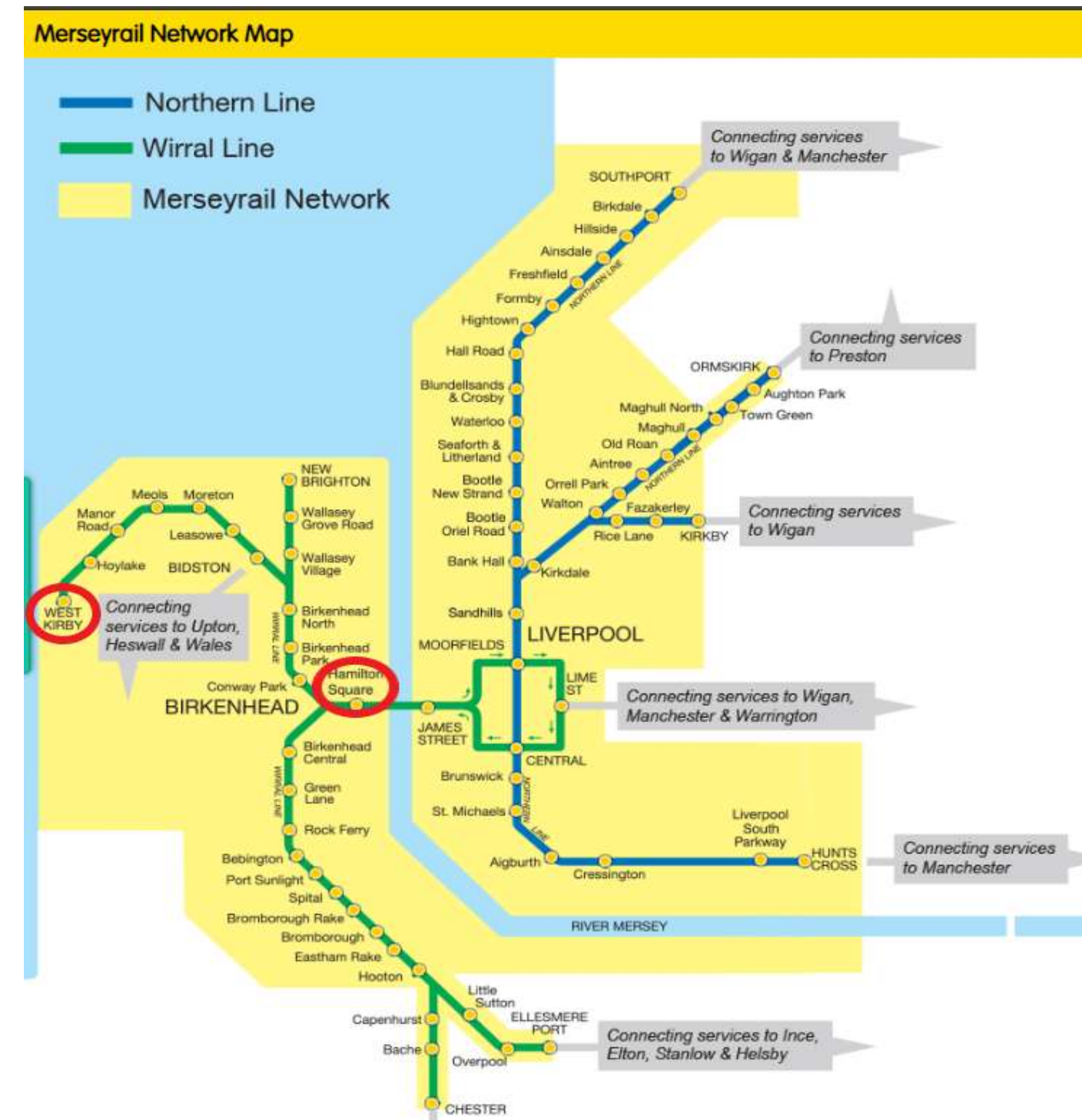
➤ DC 750 V nominal

➤ No load voltage 800 V

➤ Rated power 2 MW

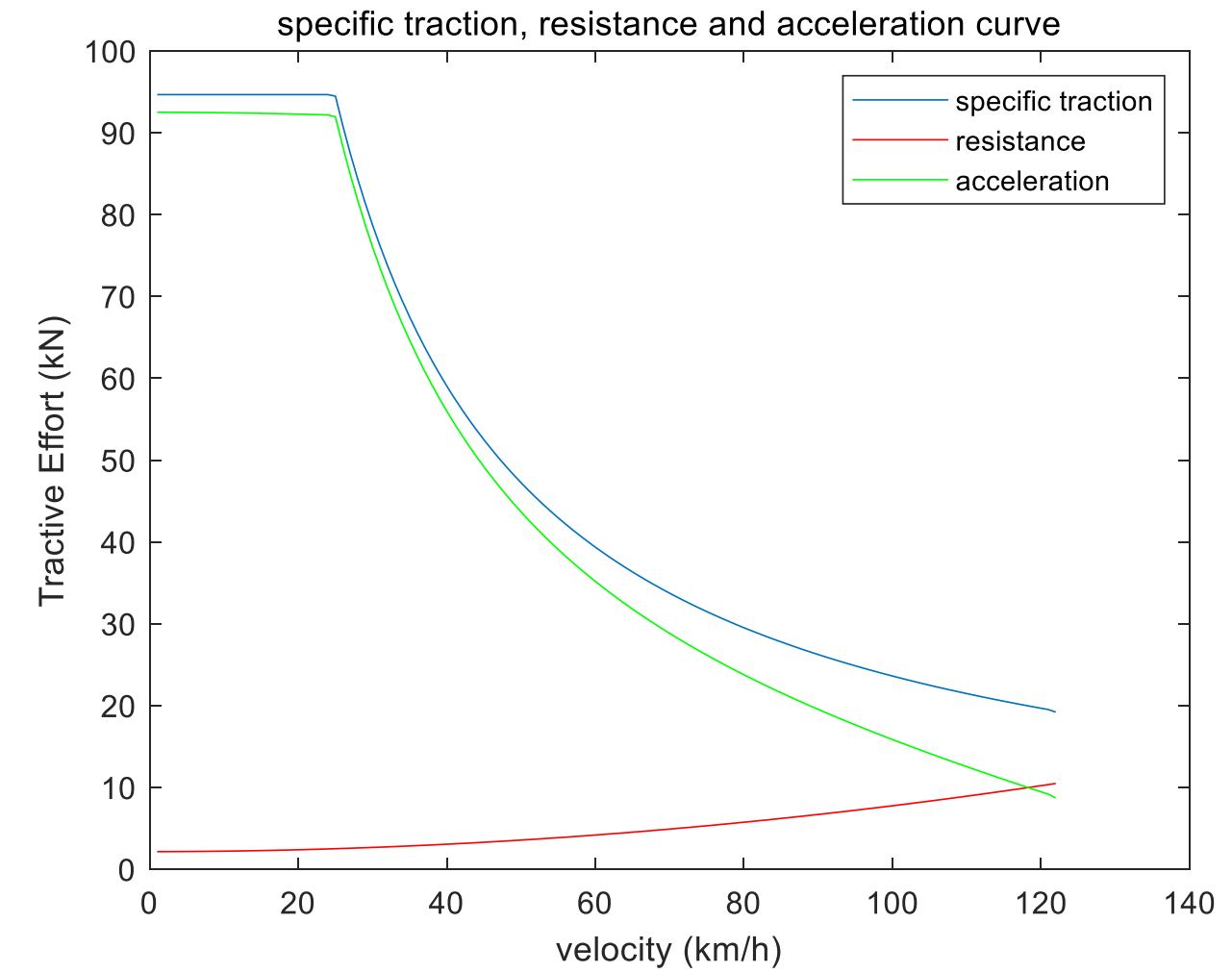
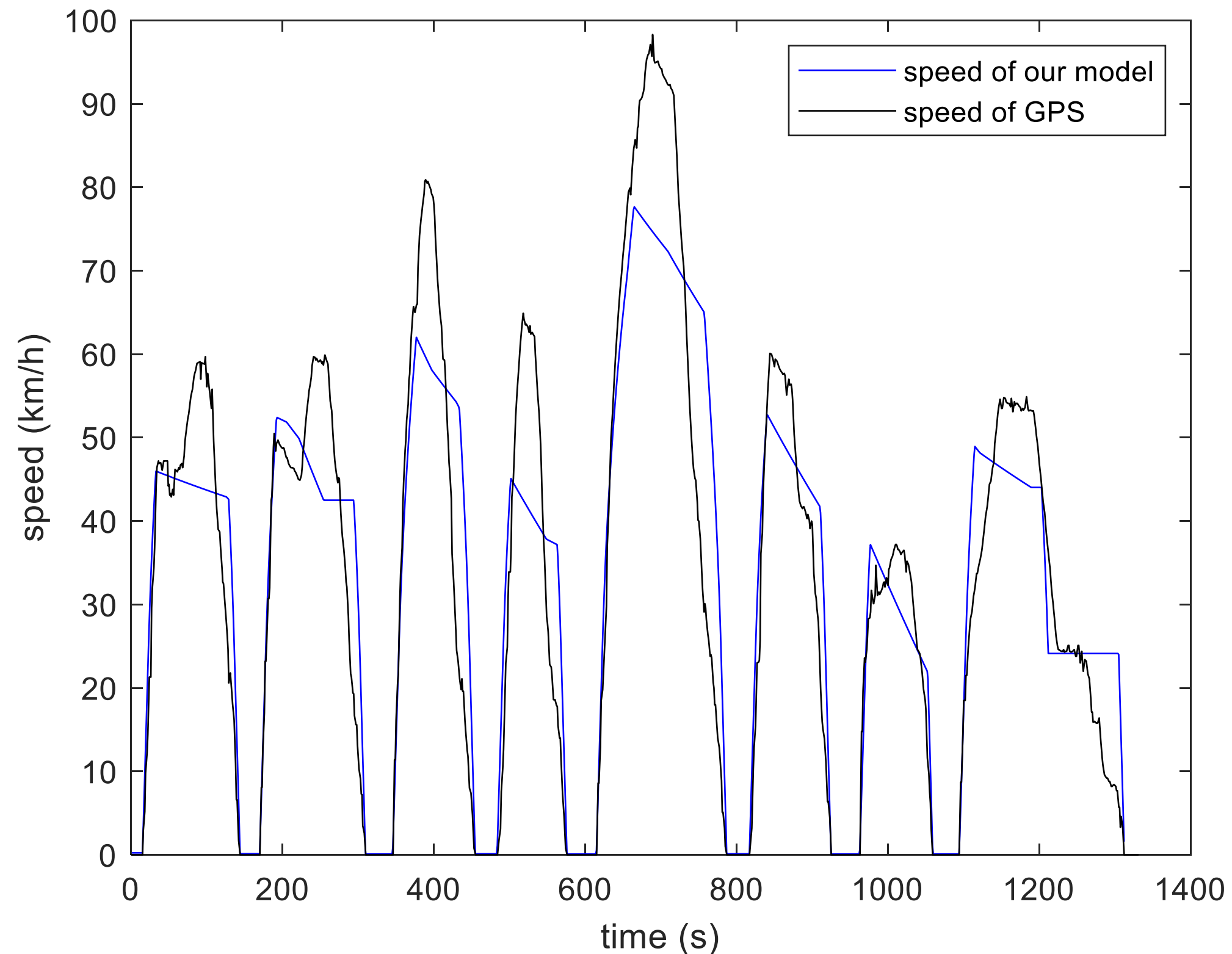
□ Current timetable

➤ 20 min



Energy-efficient driving: simulation vs GPS

Speed-time

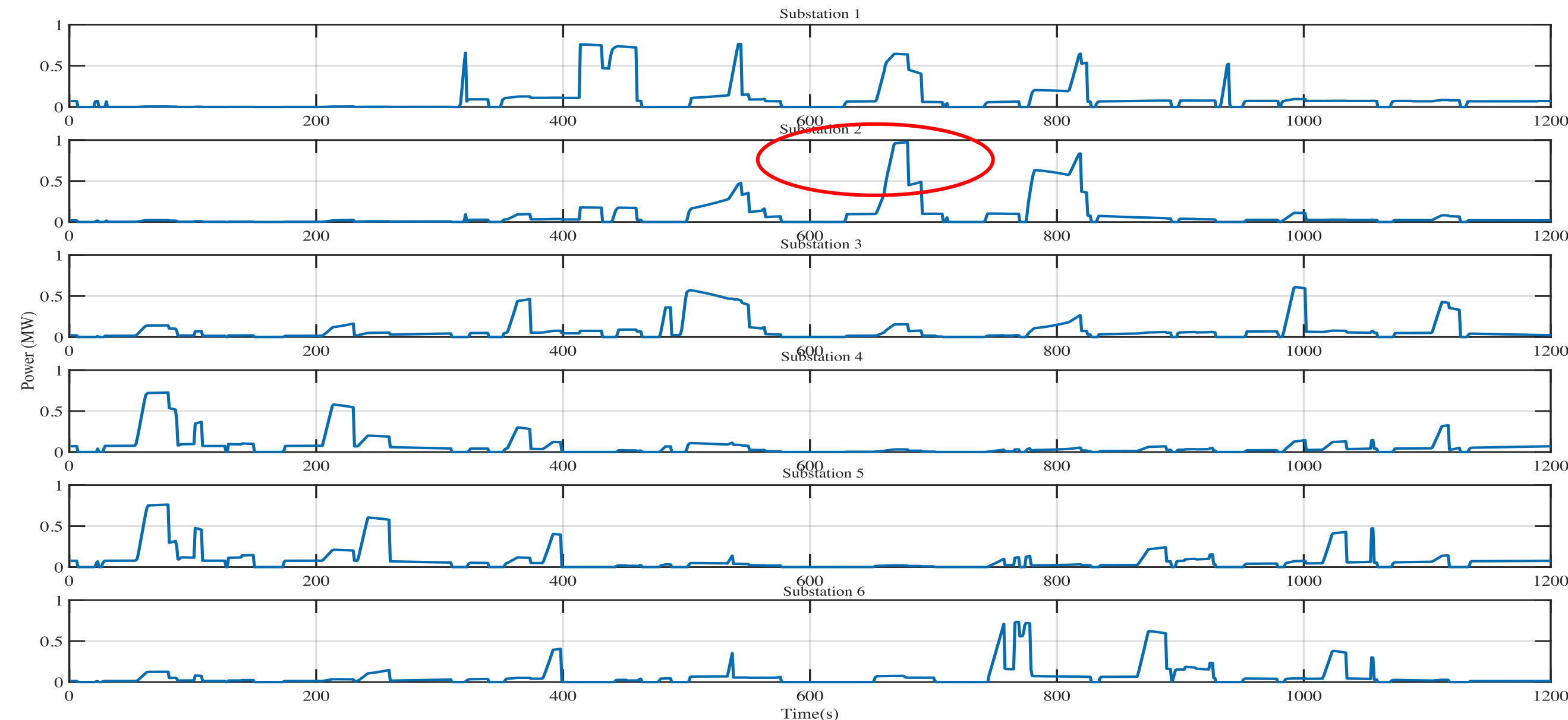


- The **maximum speed** of the simulator is **no higher** than the recorded speed.
- The **deceleration rate** of the simulator is **higher** than the recorded data.

Inter-station No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Running time (s)	129	140	109	92	172	108	96	218	1064
GPS calculated energy (kWh)	5.9	5.8	8.4	5.3	14.1	5.0	2.5	5	52.0
Simulation energy (kWh)	2.5	3.3	5.0	2.5	8.3	3.6	1.7	3.1	30 (-42%)

Power network modelling

- ❑ Current traction system simulation (headway time 20 min)
- ❑ **Peak power** exceeds 0.5 MW, especially substation 2
- ❑ **Utilization rate of RBE** is 61.51%
- ❑ Total energy consumption is 162.42 kWh per headway



Power of substations

Result summary

□ Result summary

System	CTS	CTS with ESS	CTS with ESS and RES
ESS discharging threshold	/	792.4 V	797.5 V
Total substation energy (kWh)	162.42	157.61	135.20
Total Rectified energy (kWh)	162.42	157.61	135.20
Total Rectified loss energy (kWh)	4.87	4.72	4.06
Total substation loss (kWh)	4.87	4.72	4.06
Total Traction demand (kWh)	101.34	101.34	101.34
Total braking energy (kWh)	48.56	48.56	48.56
Transferred braking energy (kWh)	29.87	36.75	32.22
Regeneration energy efficiency	61.51%	75.68%	66.35%
RES generation total (kWh)	0	0	59.79
RES generation utilization (kWh)	0	0	21.07
RES utilization rate (kWh)	0	0	35.24%
Substation 3 minimal voltage (V)	784.75	792.42	797.49
Substation 3 peak power (MW)	0.61	0.30	0.10

Conclusions

□ Conclusion

- The results show the proposed MSTS with the coordinated control strategy can reduce the peak power and voltage sag.
- In long-term simulation, the MSTS **save 22.8 % energy consumption** compared with CTS.
- Besides, the **robustness** of the MSTS is verified by simulating extreme situations like RES fault.

□ Future research challenges:

- Multiple optimisation objectives (substation power, voltage, RES utilisation, ESS SoC and life time)
- Coordinated control strategy and configuration design of ESS, RES with trains
- Various operation scenarios in Merseyrail and mainline railway case studies
- Multimodal transportation integration

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Welcome to Liverpool and Birmingham

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Thank you!



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Connecting a solar plant to ProRail's 1.5kV DC network



Robert Heuckelbach

ASSESSMENT RENEWABLES IN TRACTION POWER SUPPLY

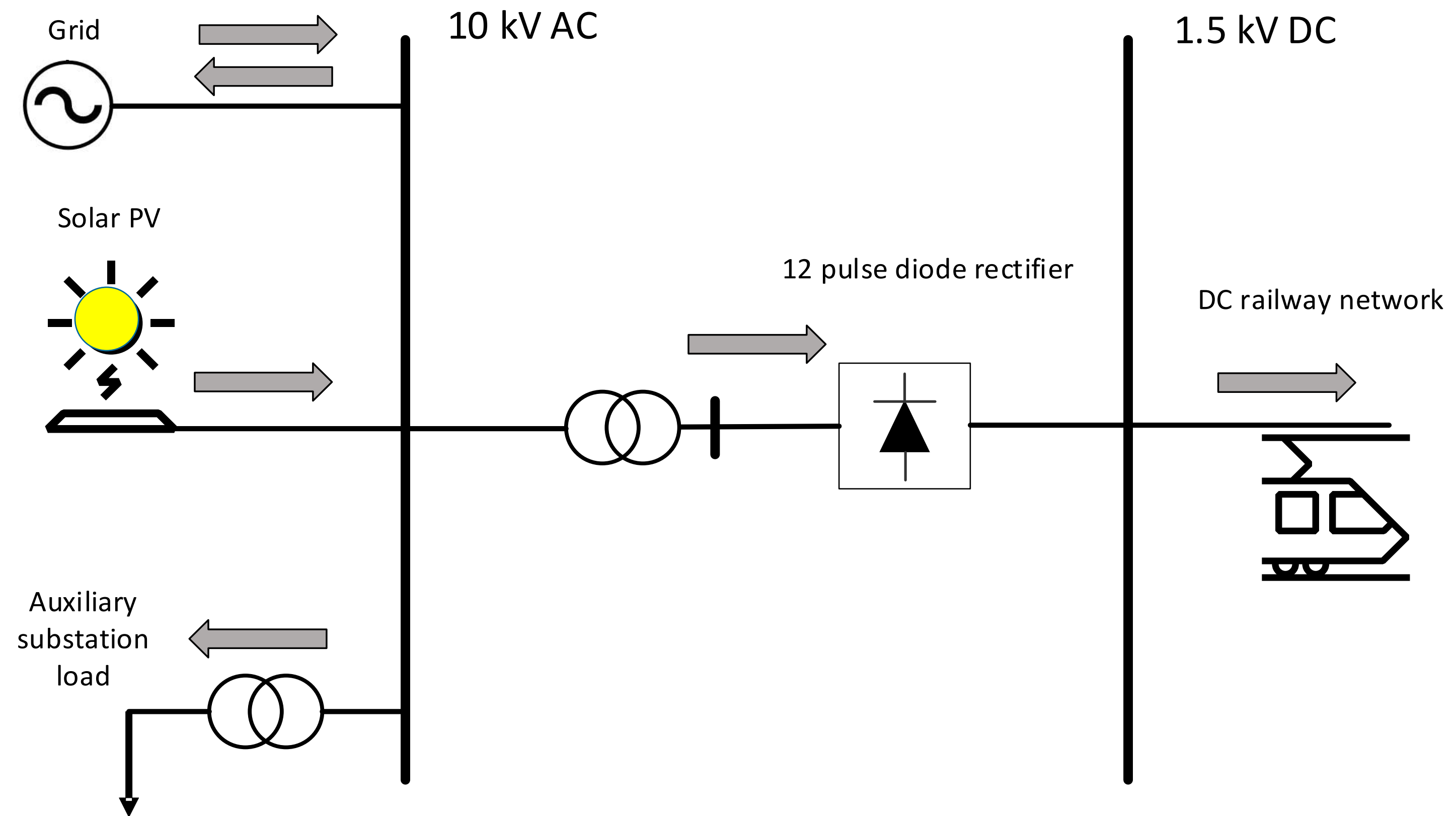
Integration of a PV plant into the 1500 VDC traction
power supply



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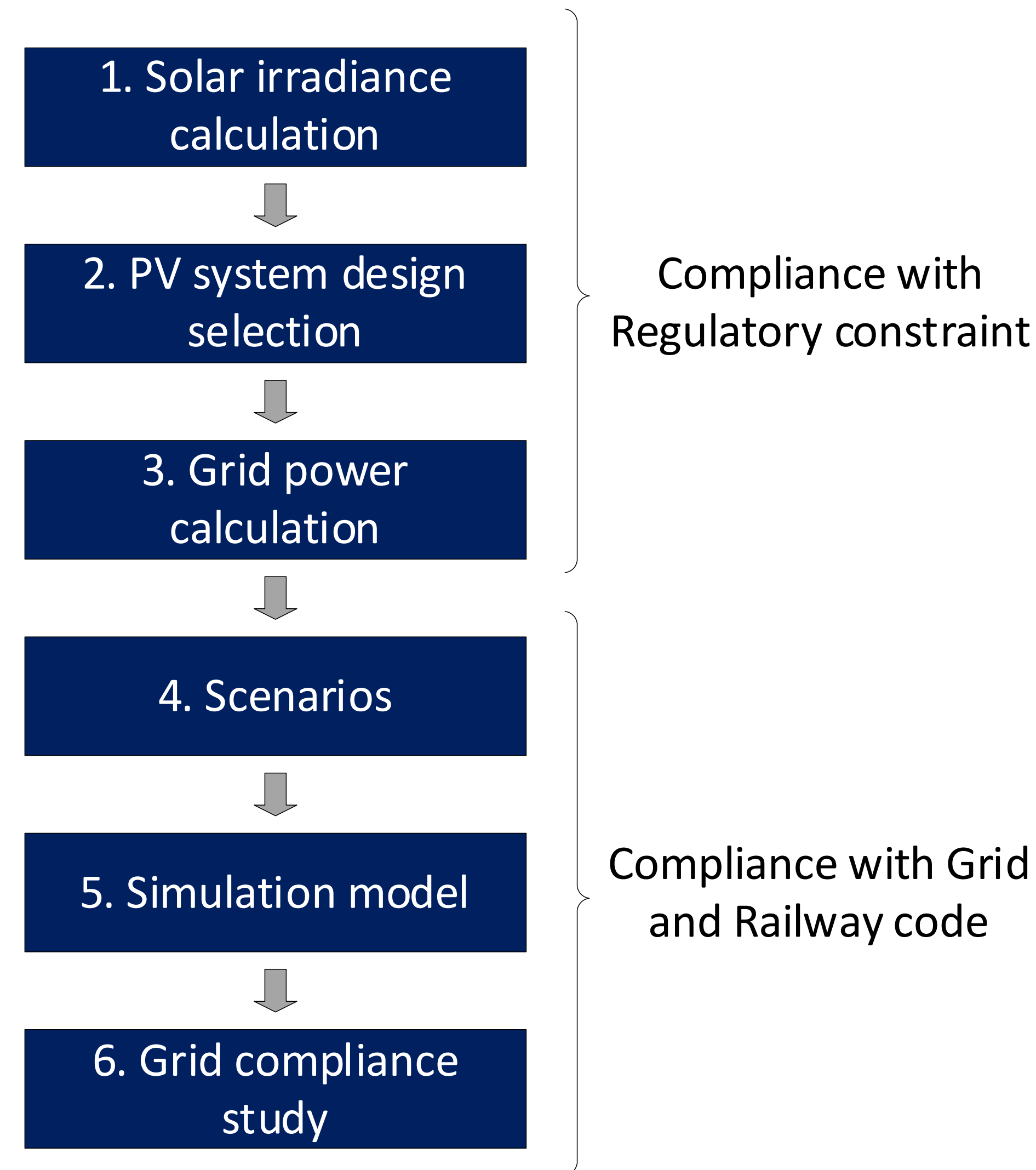
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Design overview, introduction DC traction



Assessment methodology

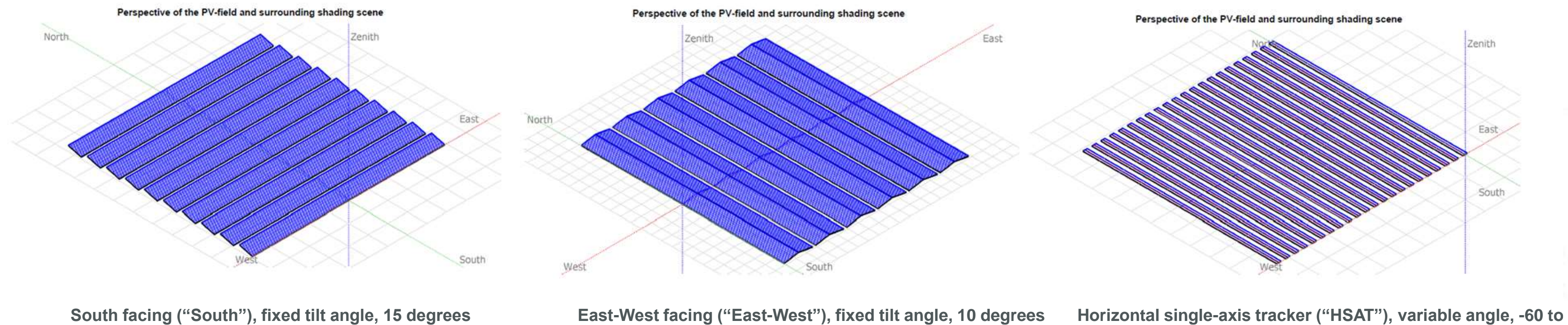
- To assess the compliance, a PV plant has been designed and integrated in a substation for this case.
- The railway operator is constrained by the regulator to transfer the whole PV generation to the railway network. No power should flow towards the distribution grid to avoid congestions in the DSO grid. The compliance with this regulatory constraint was evaluated.
- The compliance with the grid code (DSO) requirements, but also with the railway network requirements was assessed.



PV plant, design

Step 1: Solar irradiance calculation

- The global horizontal irradiance (GHI), diffuse horizontal irradiance (DHI) and the ambient temperature were derived in monthly resolution.



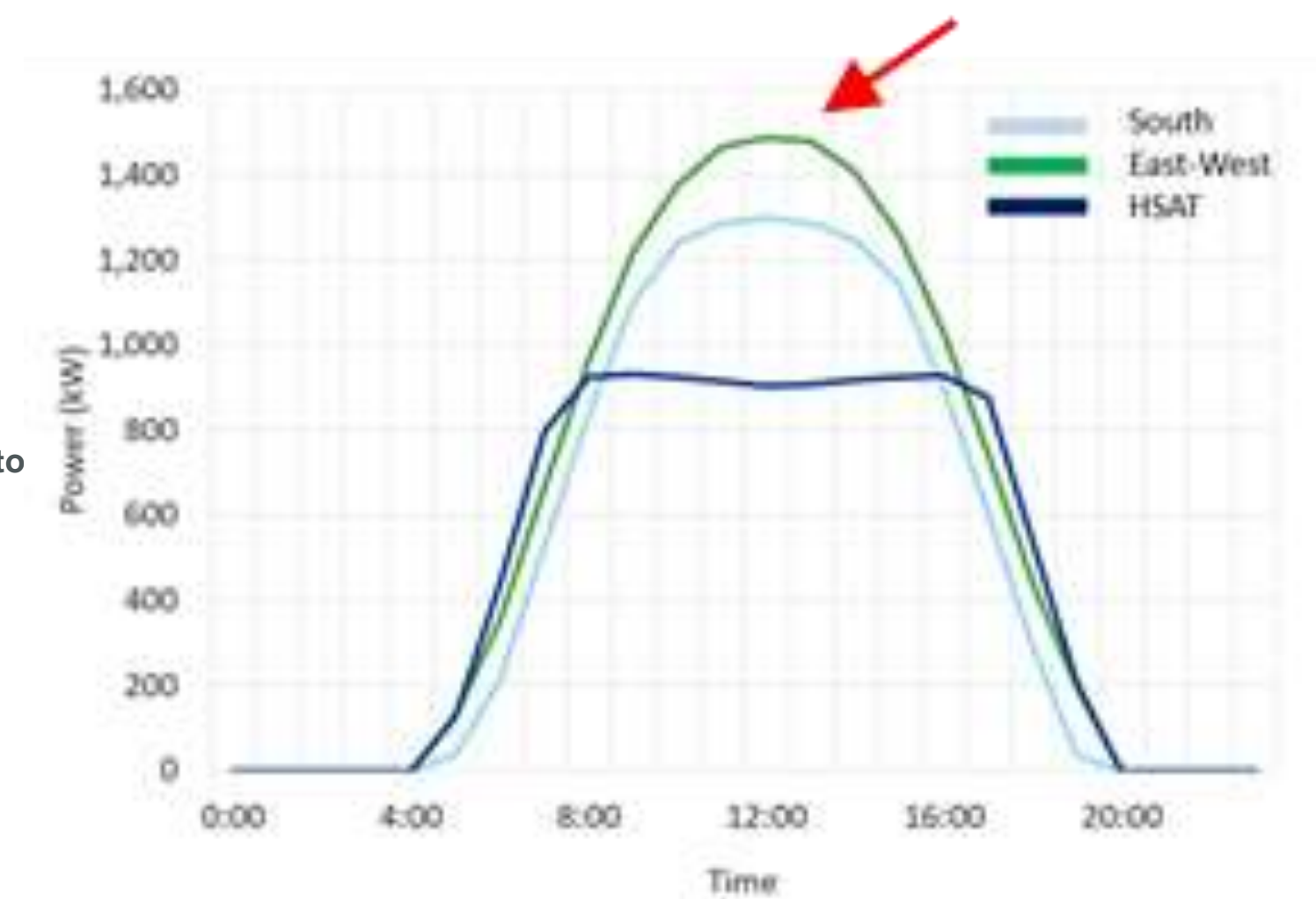
Step 2: PV system design and selection

- The potential energy yield and hourly production profiles of three hypothetical solar PV systems at the specific location were generated.

All 3 types have the same surface area of 1 hectare (100 m x 100 m).

- An East-West orientation was selected due to highest energy production.
- Based on the available ground space a 1,5 MWp PV plant was possible.

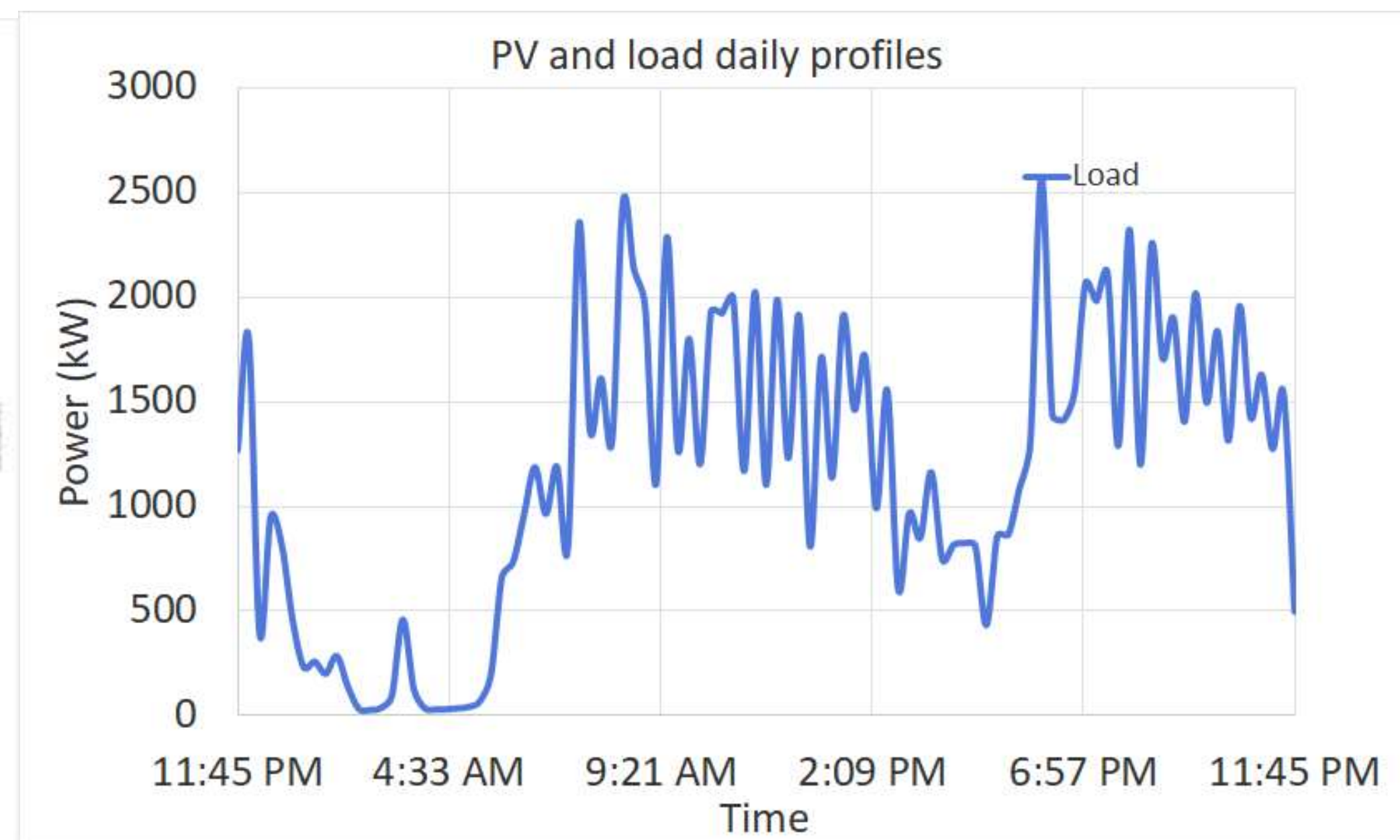
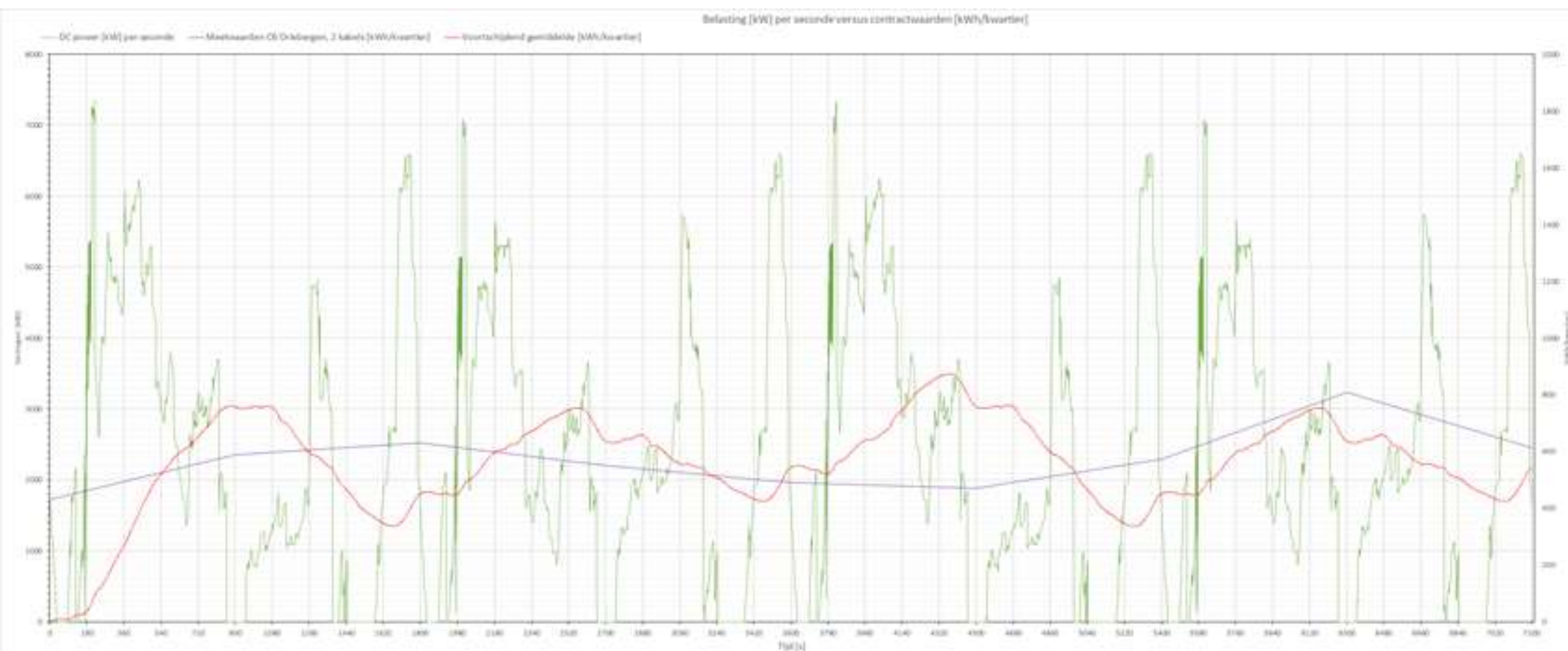
Daily power generation



Parameter	South	East-West	HSAT
Total system capacity	1393 kWp	1672 kWp	1010 kWp
Net energy production	1255 MWh	1390 MWh	987 MWh

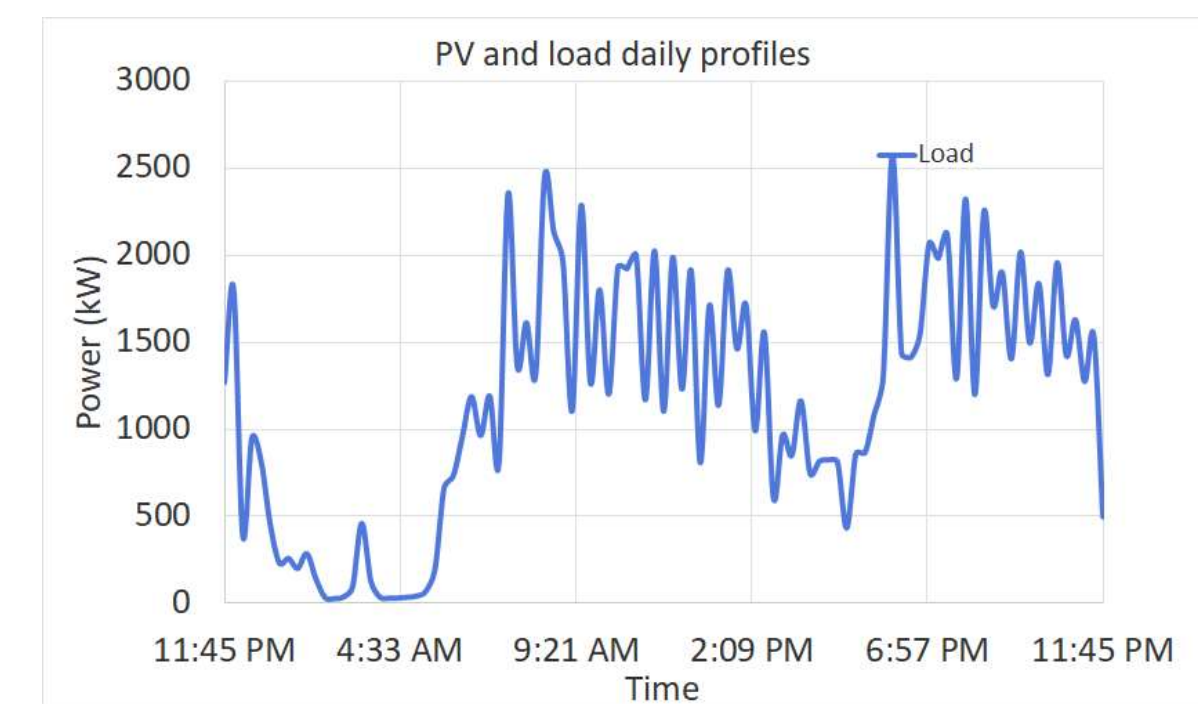
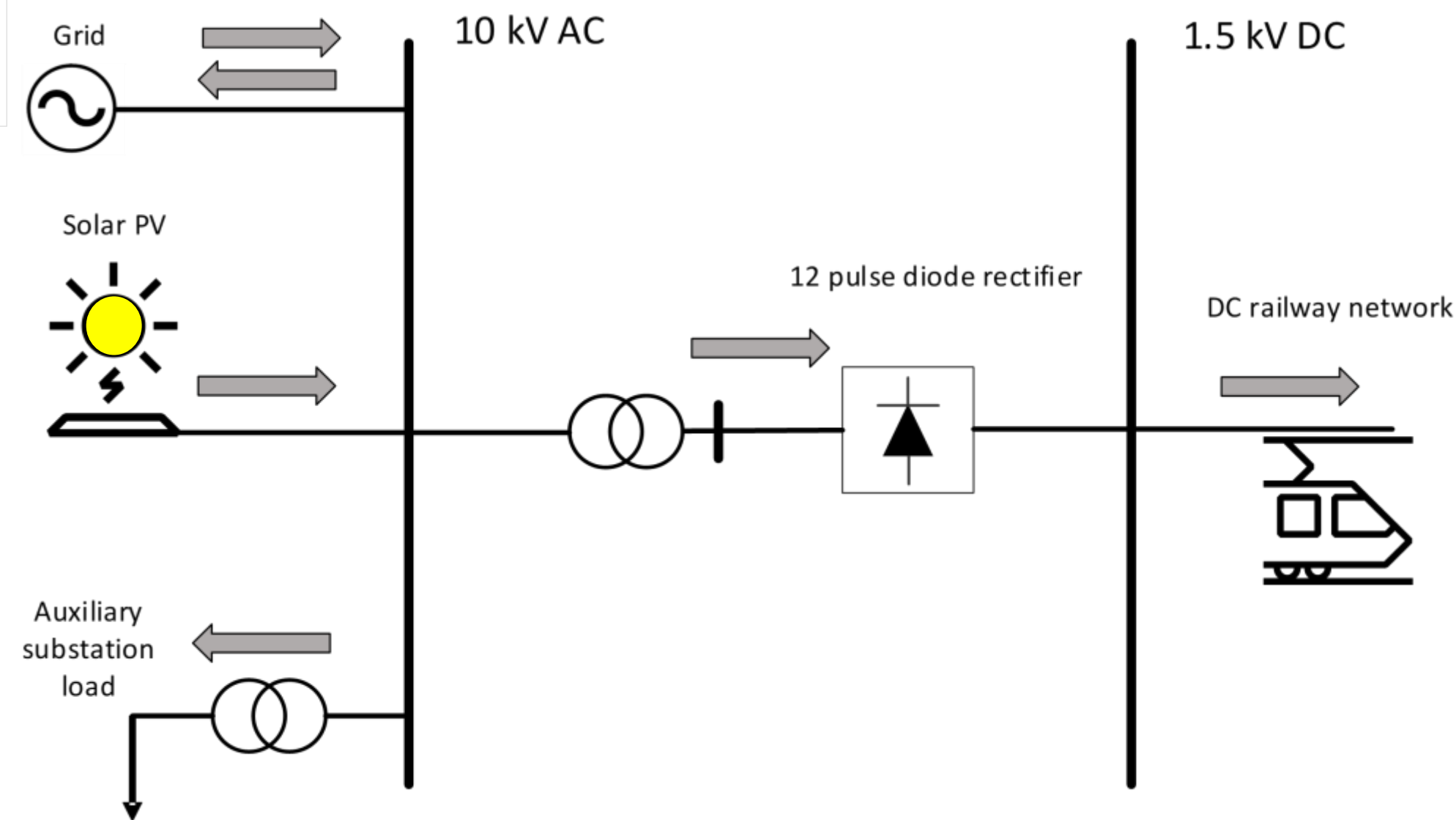
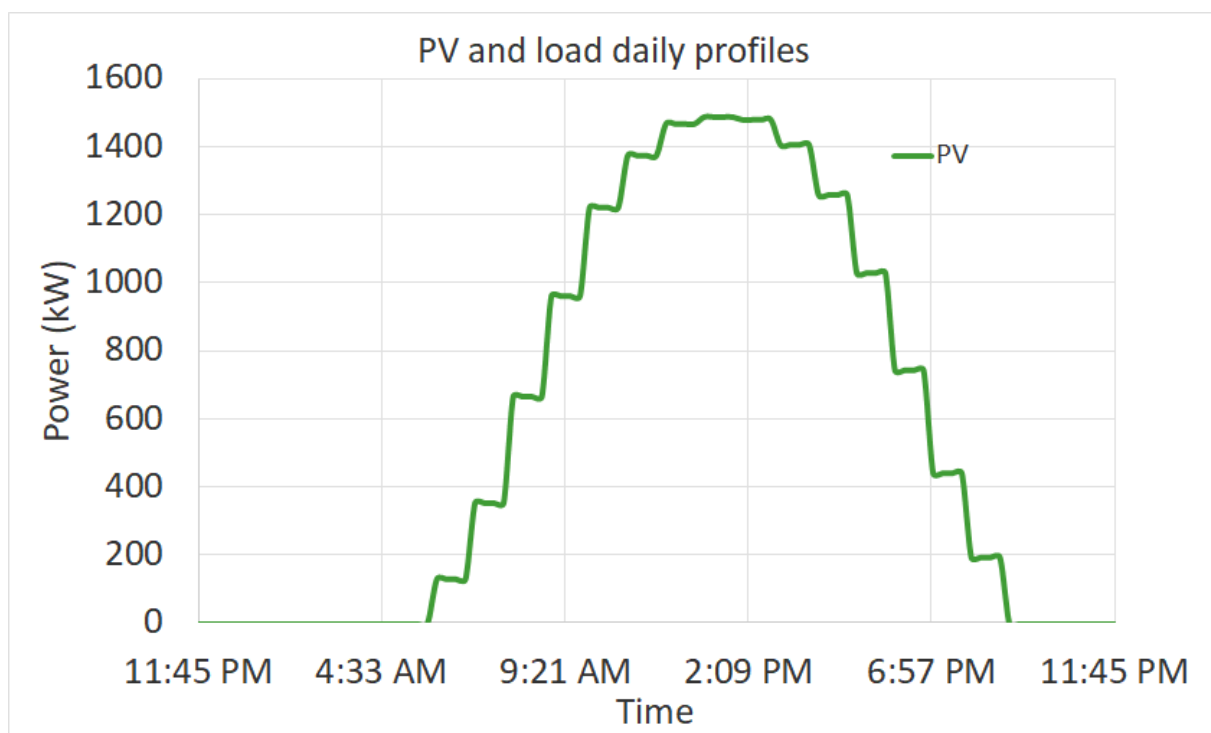
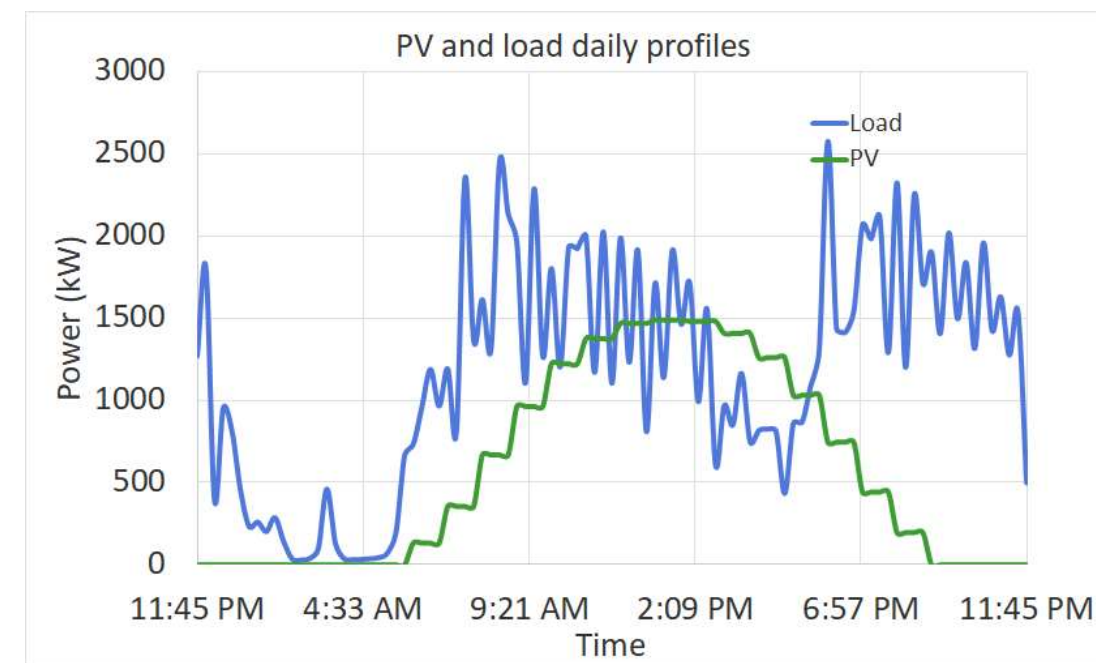
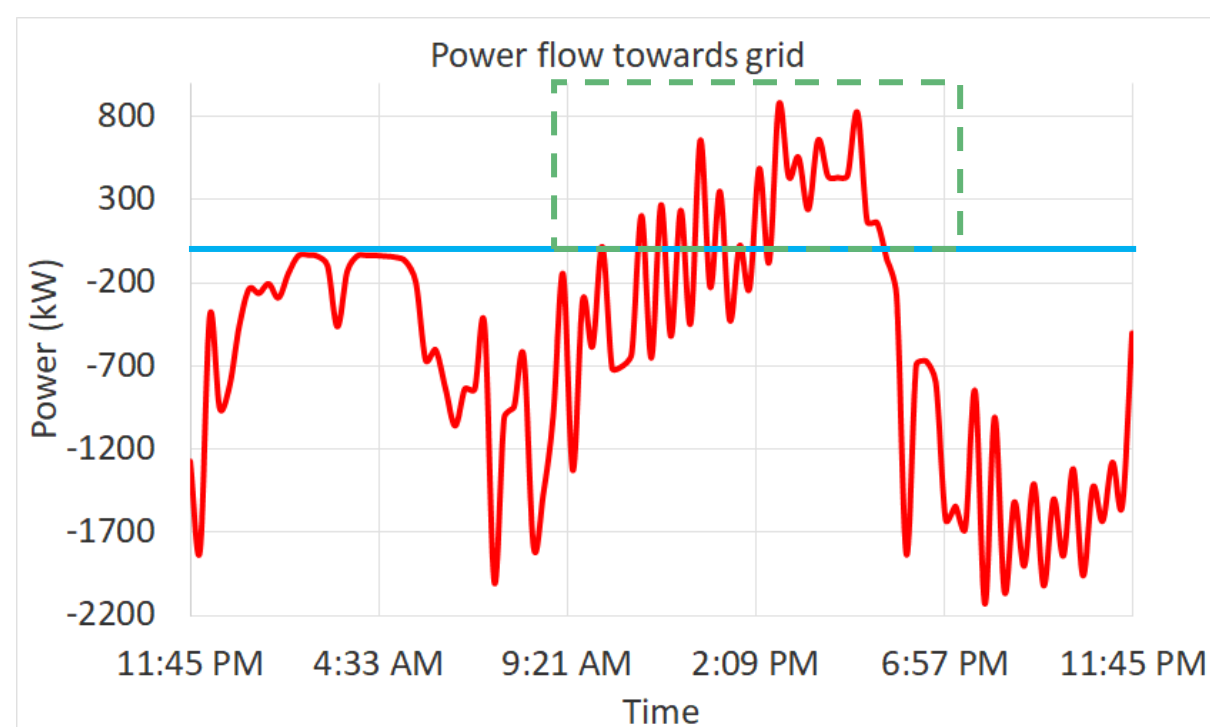
Load due to traction

- The load on the traction power supply depends on the timetable and rolling stock.
- The traction load pattern is erratic.
- kWh quarter-hour values measurement data of the energy consumption is available from the substation.

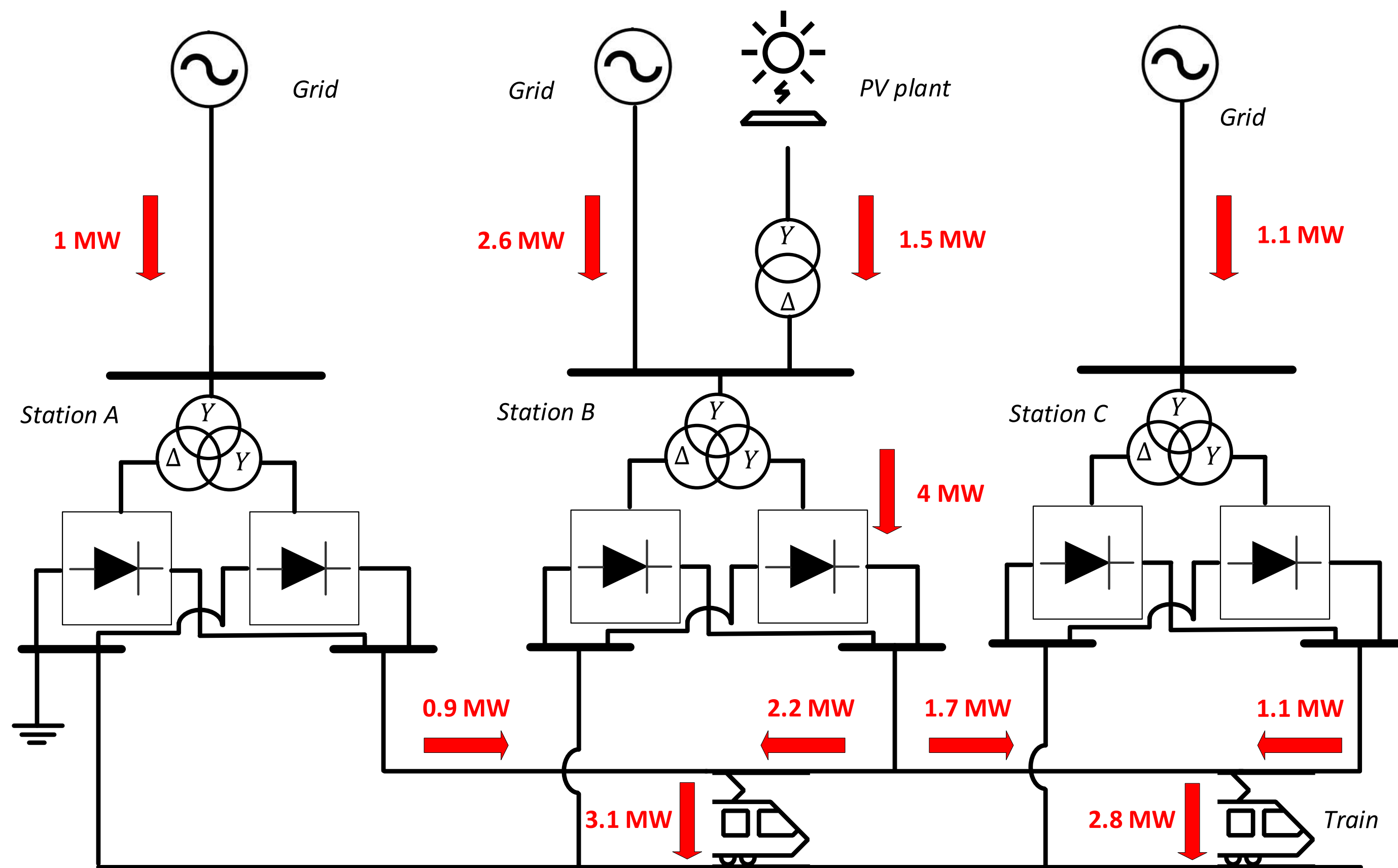


Overview, energy balance substation

Energy balance (1st Kirchhoff's law)



Grid compliance, traction side

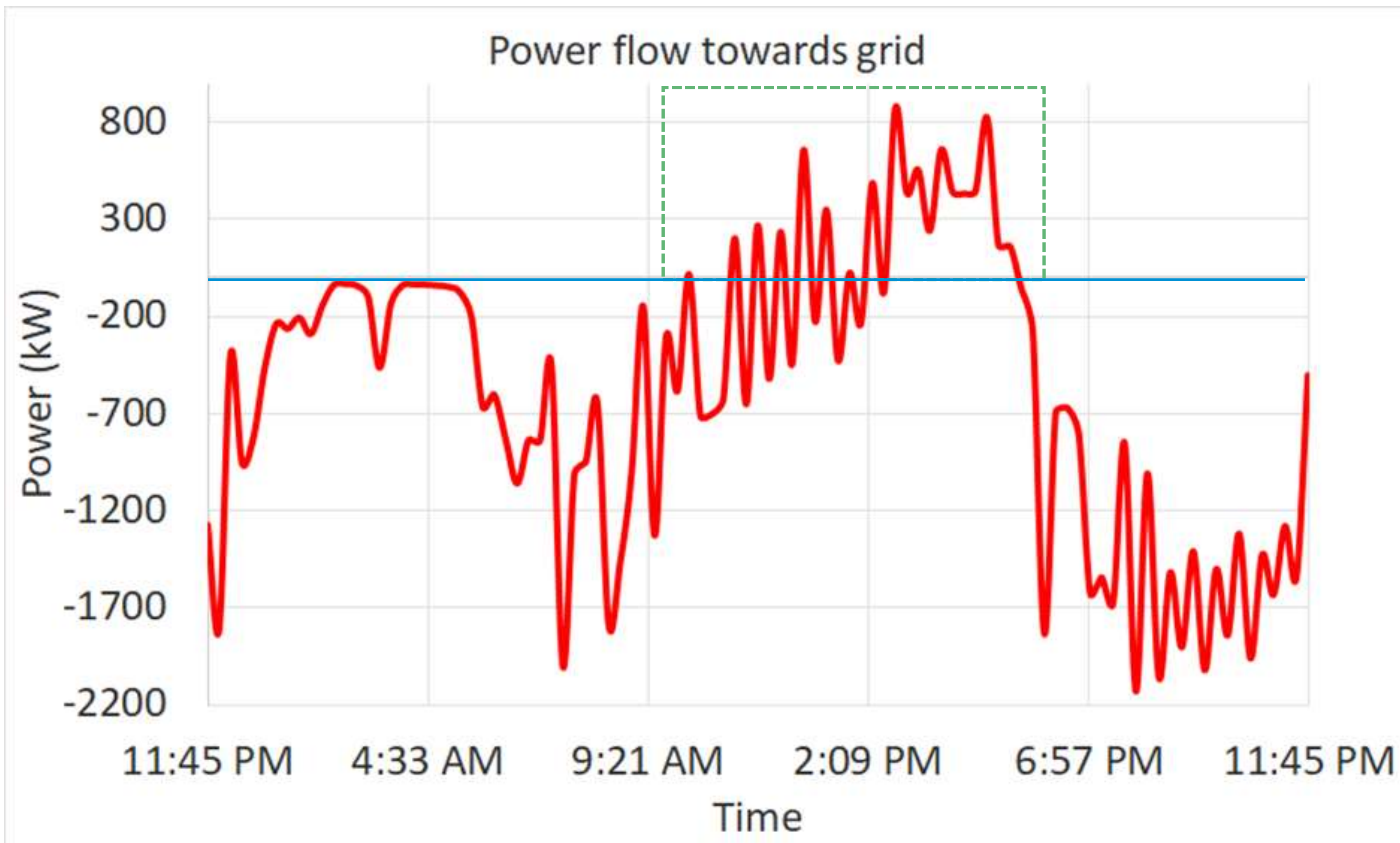


Scenarios	PV power	Load of substation B
Scenario 1	PV_{max}	0
Scenario 2	0	$Load_{max}$
Scenario 3	PV_{max}	$Load_{max}$

Network Compliance Criteria

1. Network components should not be overloaded.
2. DC load voltage variation should be maintained within the acceptable range: 1350 – 1810 V. (Maximum DC voltage on the catenary 1950 V).
3. Short circuit current should not exceed the rated equipment values.
4. Maximum load of substation: 4000 kW.
5. Maximum continue load of catenary per track: 1800 A

Grid compliance, grid side

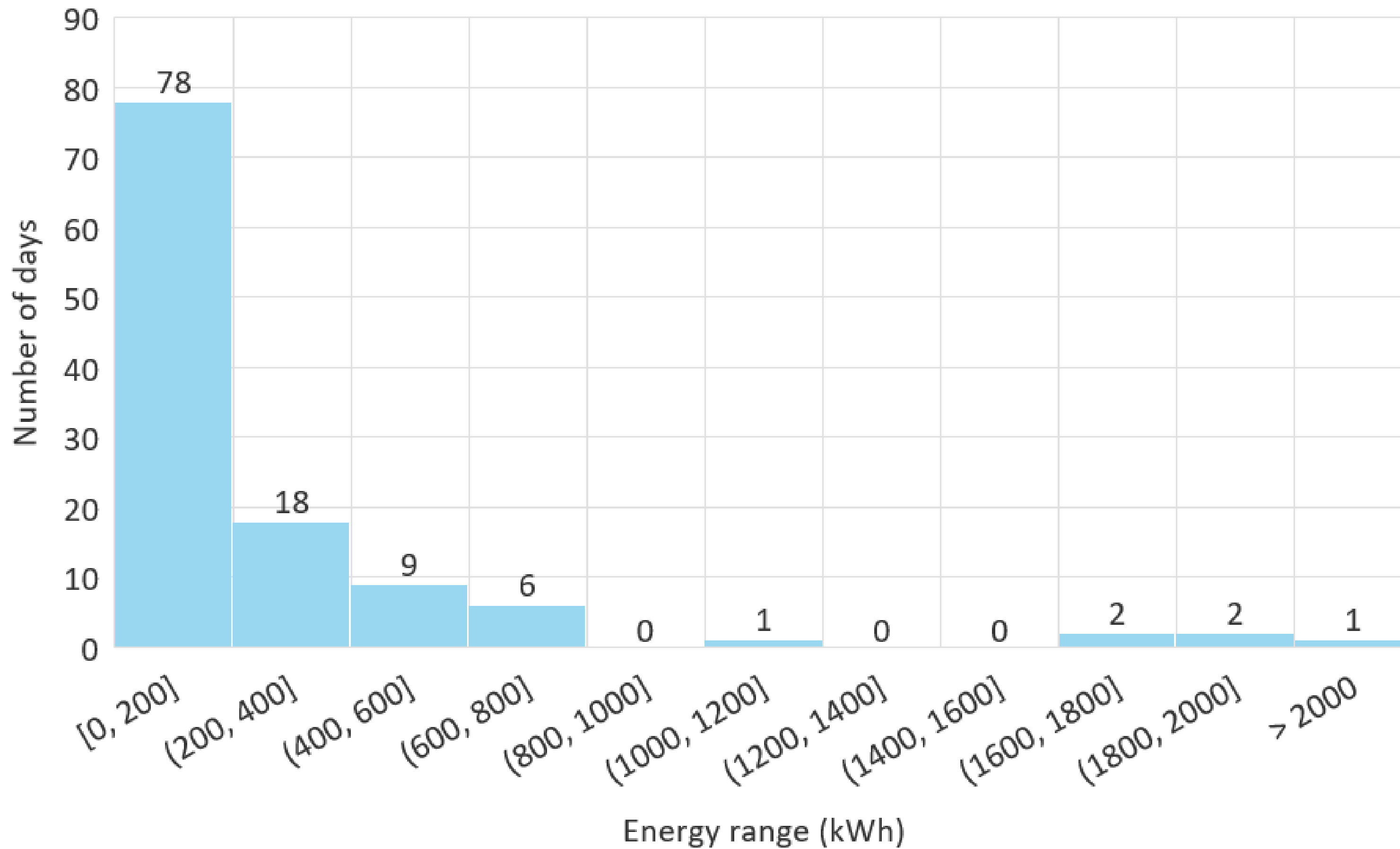


Network Compliance Criteria

- ✓ Network components should not be overloaded.
- ✓ Energy to the grid can cause overloads in the DSO grid.
- ✓ Voltage distortion at PoC should be acceptable (IEC, IEEE harmonic limits and THD < 5%).
- ✓ Voltage magnitude variation at PoC within $\pm 5\%$ of nominal value.
- ✓ Short circuit current should not exceed the rated equipment values.

Additional energy analyse regarding the constrains

Number of days when power flows to grid



Energy balance:

- Because the generation and consumption are determined per quarter of an hour, more energy can be returned to the grid.
- If instantaneous power is considered, then only the OS's own consumption can be generated.
- It is shown that PV power can flow towards the grid throughout the year.
- For 117 days over a year, energy flows towards the grid.
- **Therefore, the regulatory constraint cannot be respected at all times!**
- **So, the PV power (plant controller) or the size of the PV plant need to be reduced or the constraint at the DSO side need to be upgraded due to respect the congestion for delivering the energy to the grid.**

Thank you for your attention

Any question?



ProRail

Assessment Renewables in traction power supply

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TUC RAIL

Study, technical and economic analysis for a large scale solar plant connection



Paul Tobback

LARGE-SCALE SOLAR PLANT CONNECTION TO AN OVERHEAD CONTACT LINE

Technical and economical analysis

Paul TOBBACK

Lead Design Engineer & OCL expert



ENERGY TRANSITION

Does anyone has some space left ?
Railway lines have !

Summary

The installation of **elongated** strings of PV modules on the embankments of Belgium's high-speed line 2 (HSL2) **differs significantly from industrial projects.**

The panels are connected **directly** to the 2x25 kV AC 50 Hz “catenary” (better Overhead Contact Line or OCL), which requires **special single-phase DC/AC inverters.**

A feasibility study is presented with:

- simulations to determine the influence on short-circuit detection,
- maximum ampacity of the catenary and
- an optimal connection scheme with variants.

Energy strategy 1.0 Infrabel

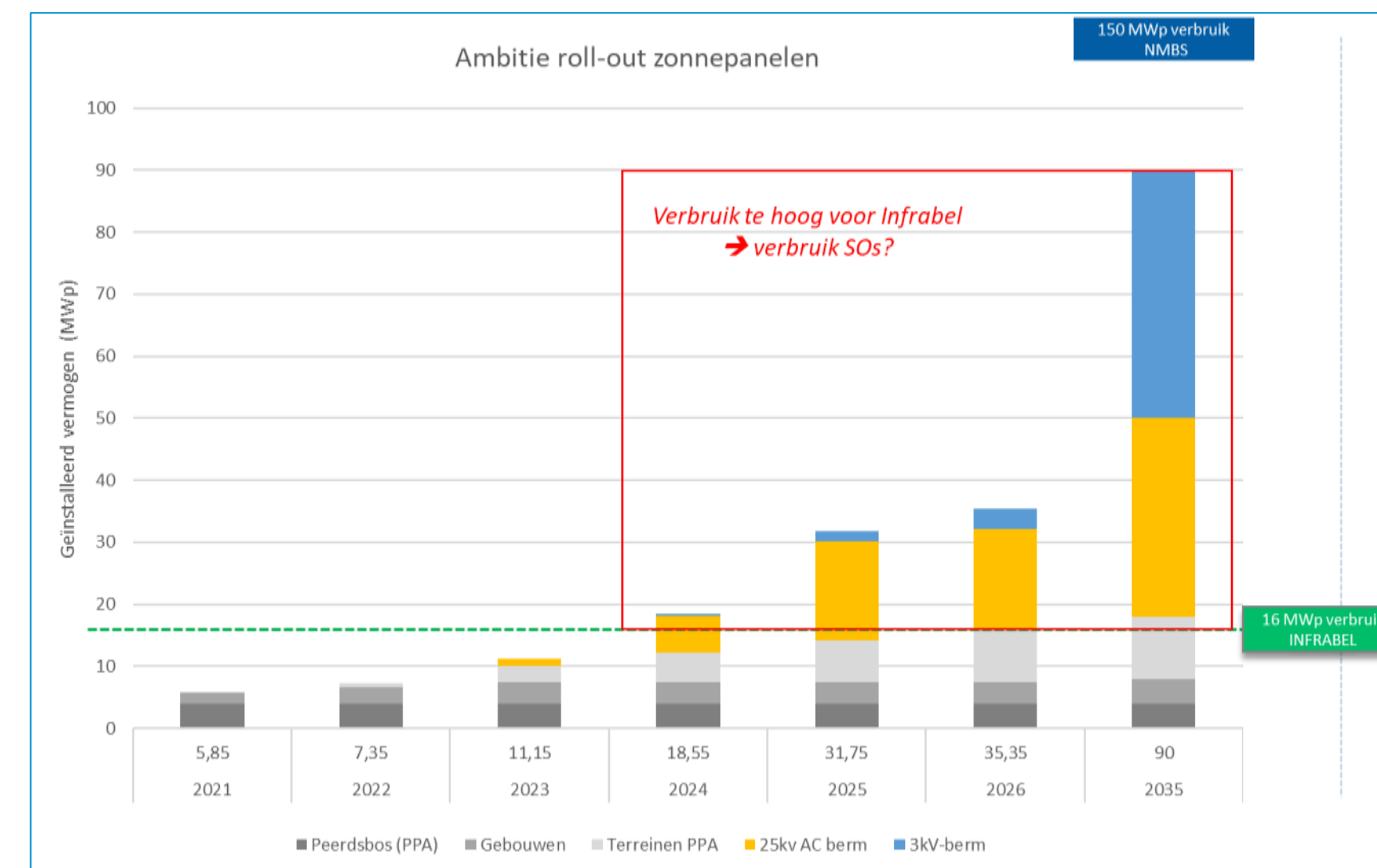
Solar panels for Infrabel consumption (max 16 MWp):

- 7,35 MWp on Buildings / tunnel Peerdsbos

	Production capacity
Buildings	2.2 MWp (but 600kWp not yet operational)
Peerdsbos tunnel	4 MWp
Deinze	45 kWp
Antwerp-N. Building	1 MWp (50% Infrabel)

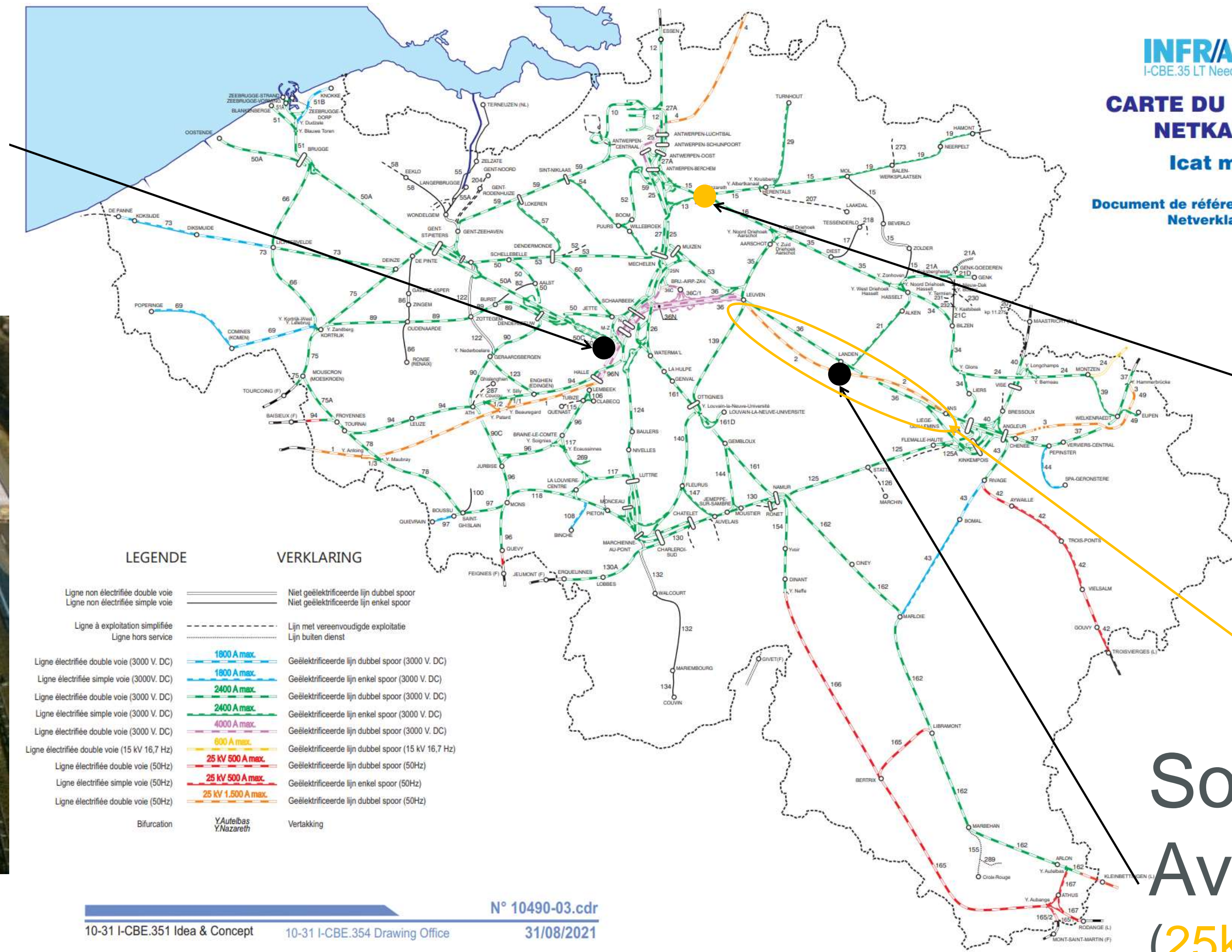
- 8,65 MWp** still to be installed

Avernas 2 MWp (traction substation) + Boutersem 2 MWp (25 kV catenary) = **4 MWp**



Renewable energy within the Belgian railways

Solar panels
Itterbeek &
Anderlecht
(3 kV DC substations)



Solar panels
+ energy
storage

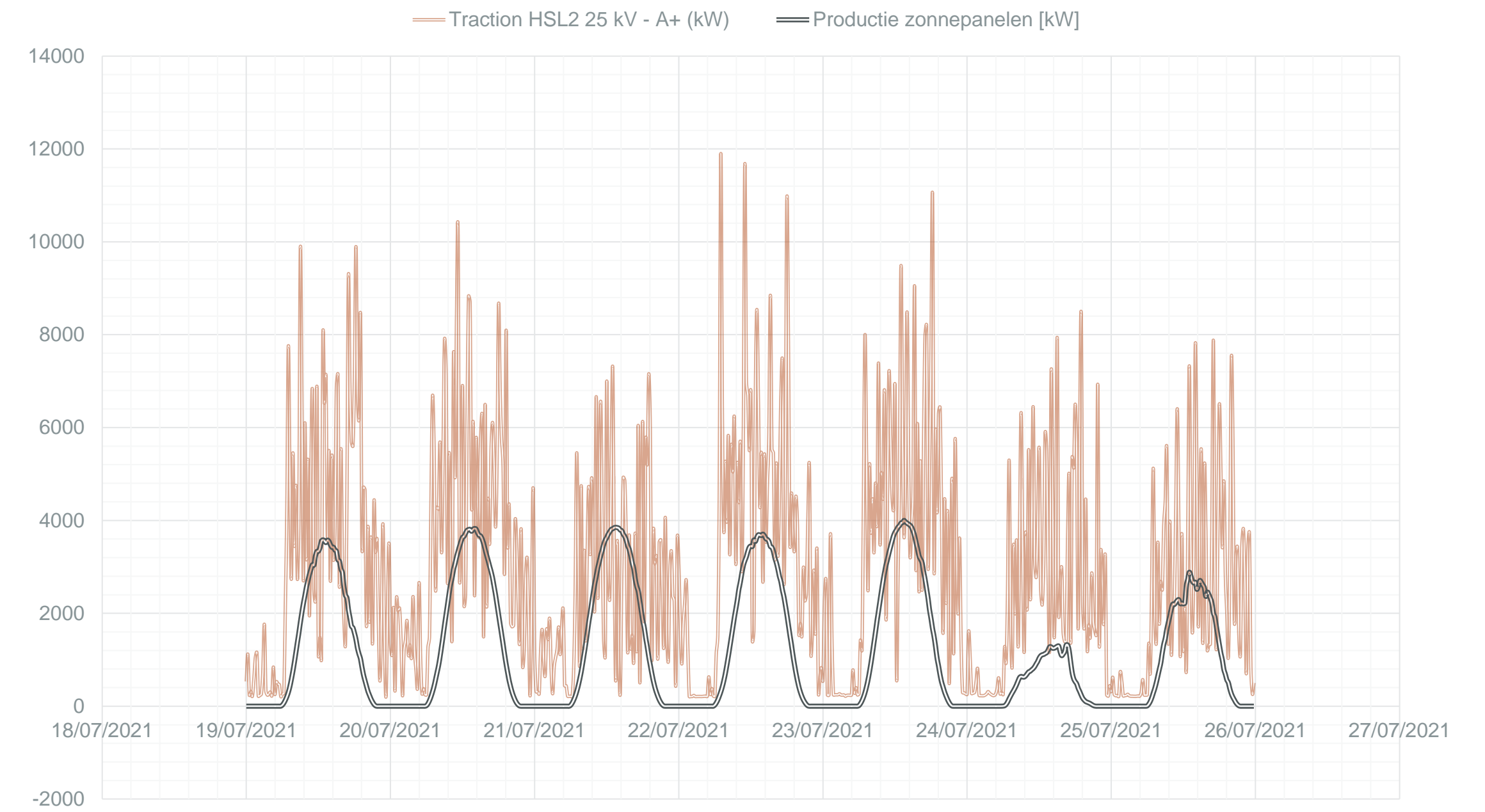
Solar panels
along HSL2

Solar panels
Avernas
(25kV AC traction
substation HSL2)

Why 2x 2 MWp on HSL2 ?



Estimated production 4 MWp - consumption traction L2 (19 until 25/07/2021)



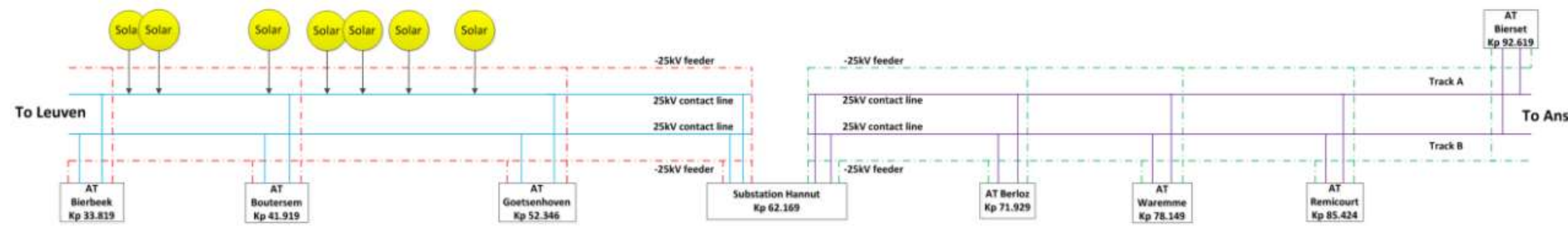
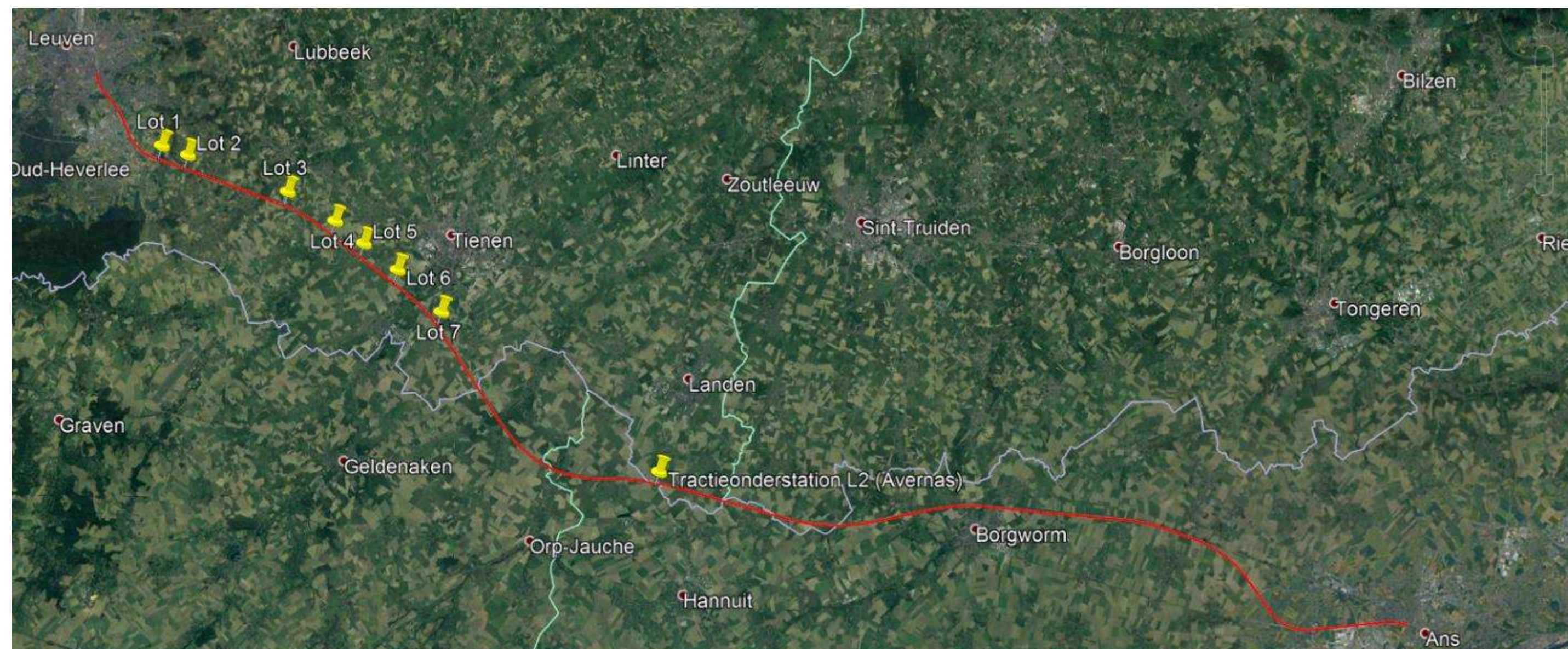
Where to connect solar panels ?

In 2016 there were 7 lots identified in Flemish Region only (substation area excluded)

In total 87820 m² → +- 16 MWp

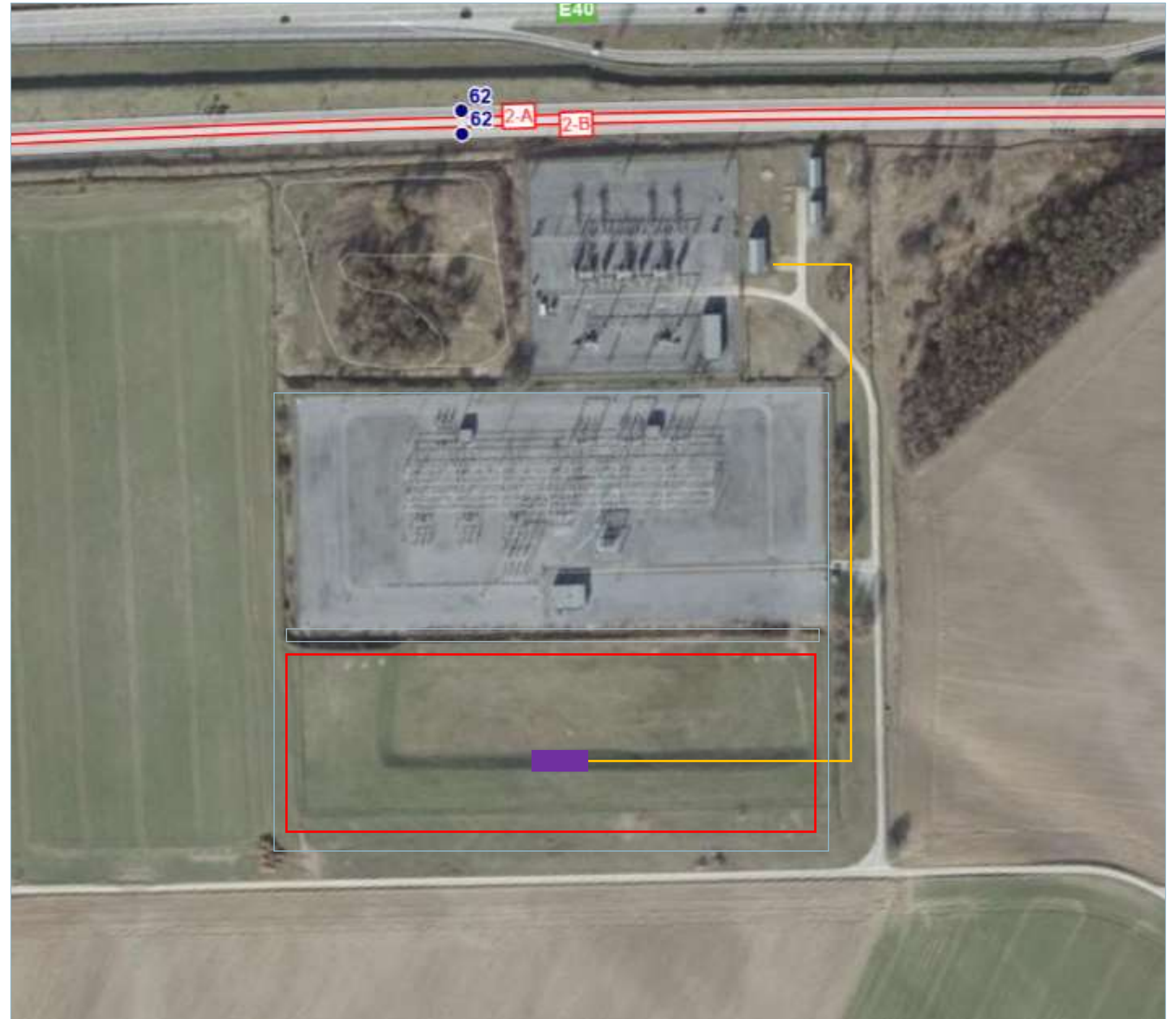
No tenderers: connection via distribution system operator (DSO) economically not feasible ?

Connection to the catenary ?

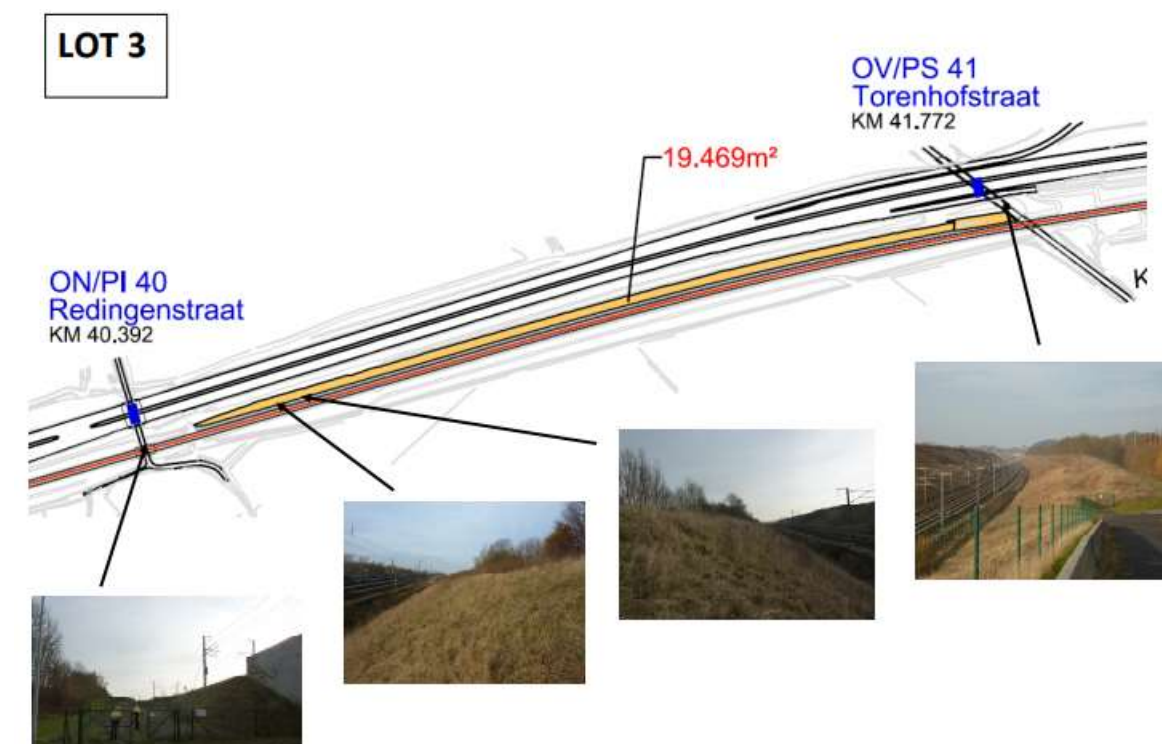


Avernas layout

Red: solar park
Yellow: cables



Lot 3 (Boutersem) layout



Red: solar park
Yellow: access road

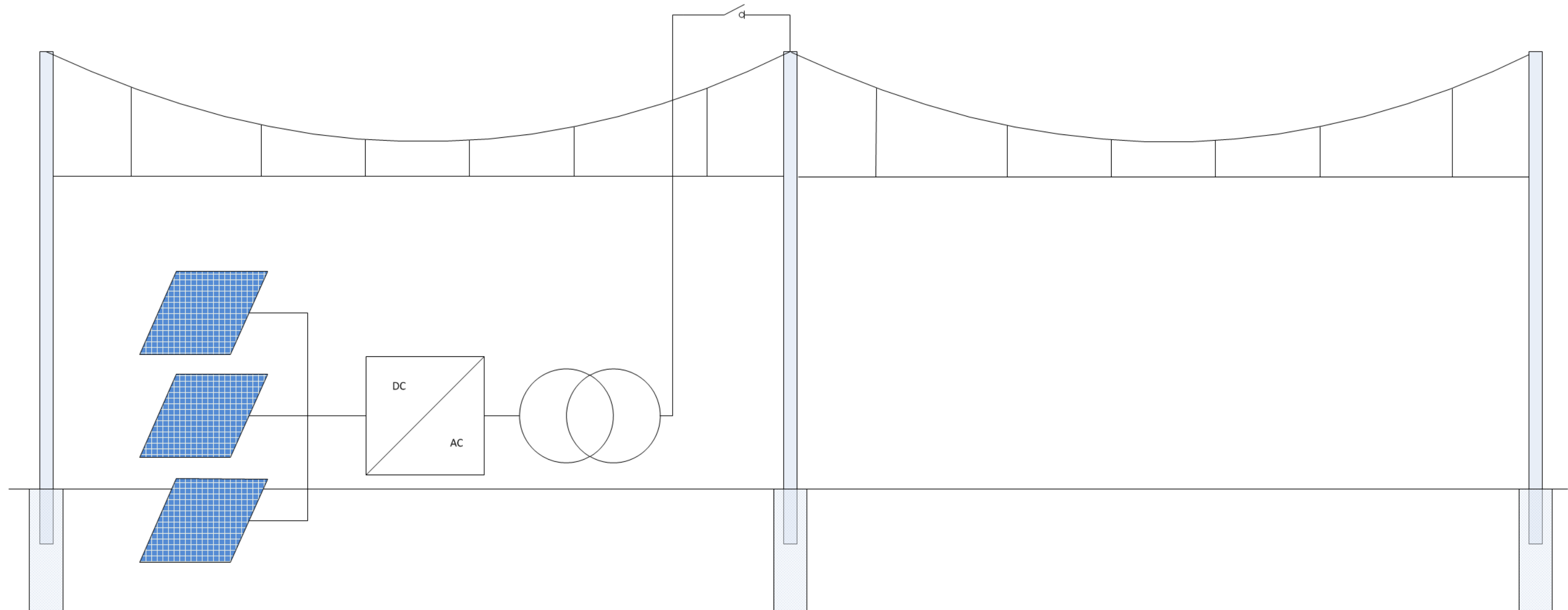


Connection scheme solar park

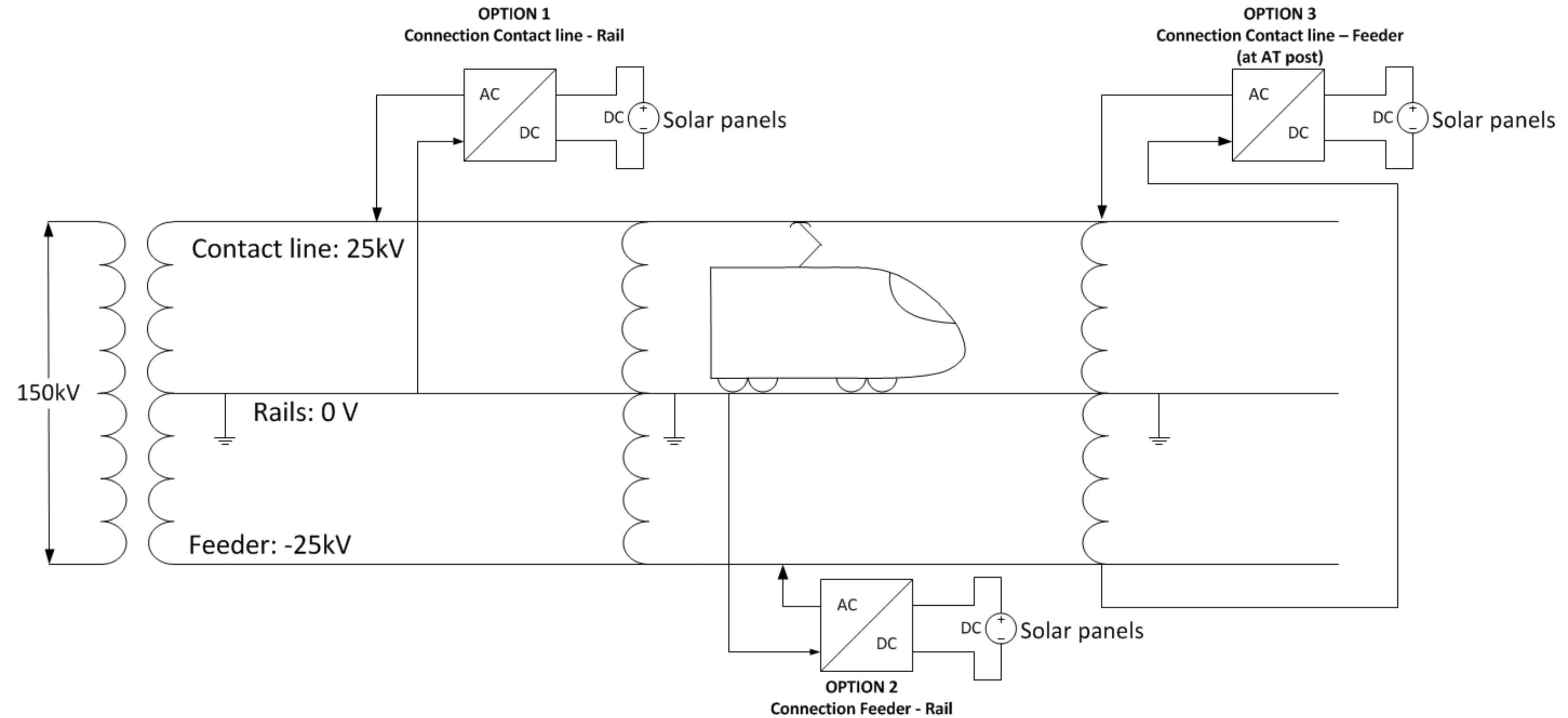
Solar panels: DC voltage (low)

Inverter: conversion from DC to AC (low voltage)

Transformer: transform up to 25 kV (high voltage)



Traction power supply system 2 x 25 kV catenary



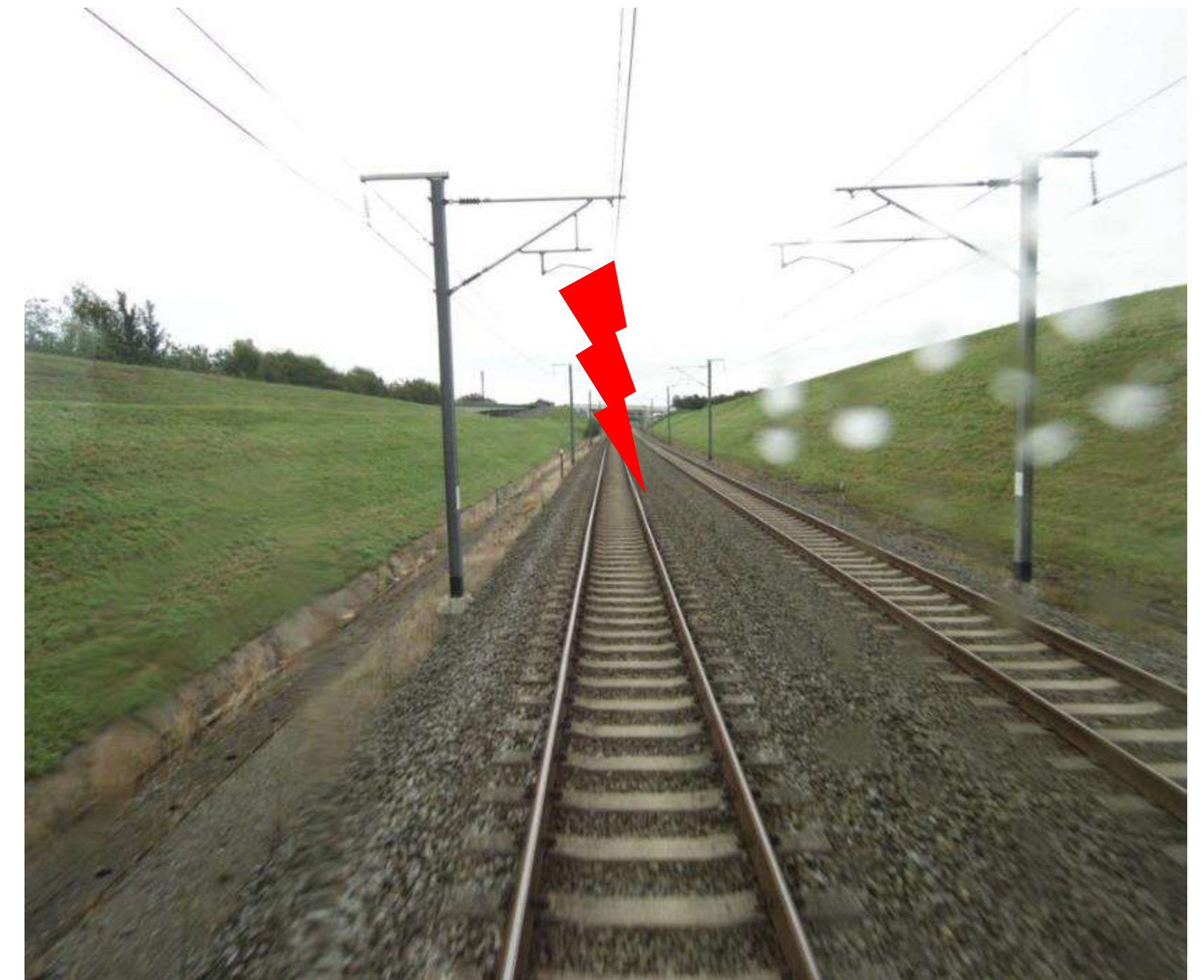
Traction substation & auto-transformer substations

Feasibility Study

Preliminary analysis by TUC RAIL for Infrabel (1)

Feasibility of the connection on the OCL system:

1. Fault detection: Matlab-simulations to determine the influence on short-circuit detection
2. Maximum allowable wire temperature: maximum current carrying capacity or ampacity of the catenary



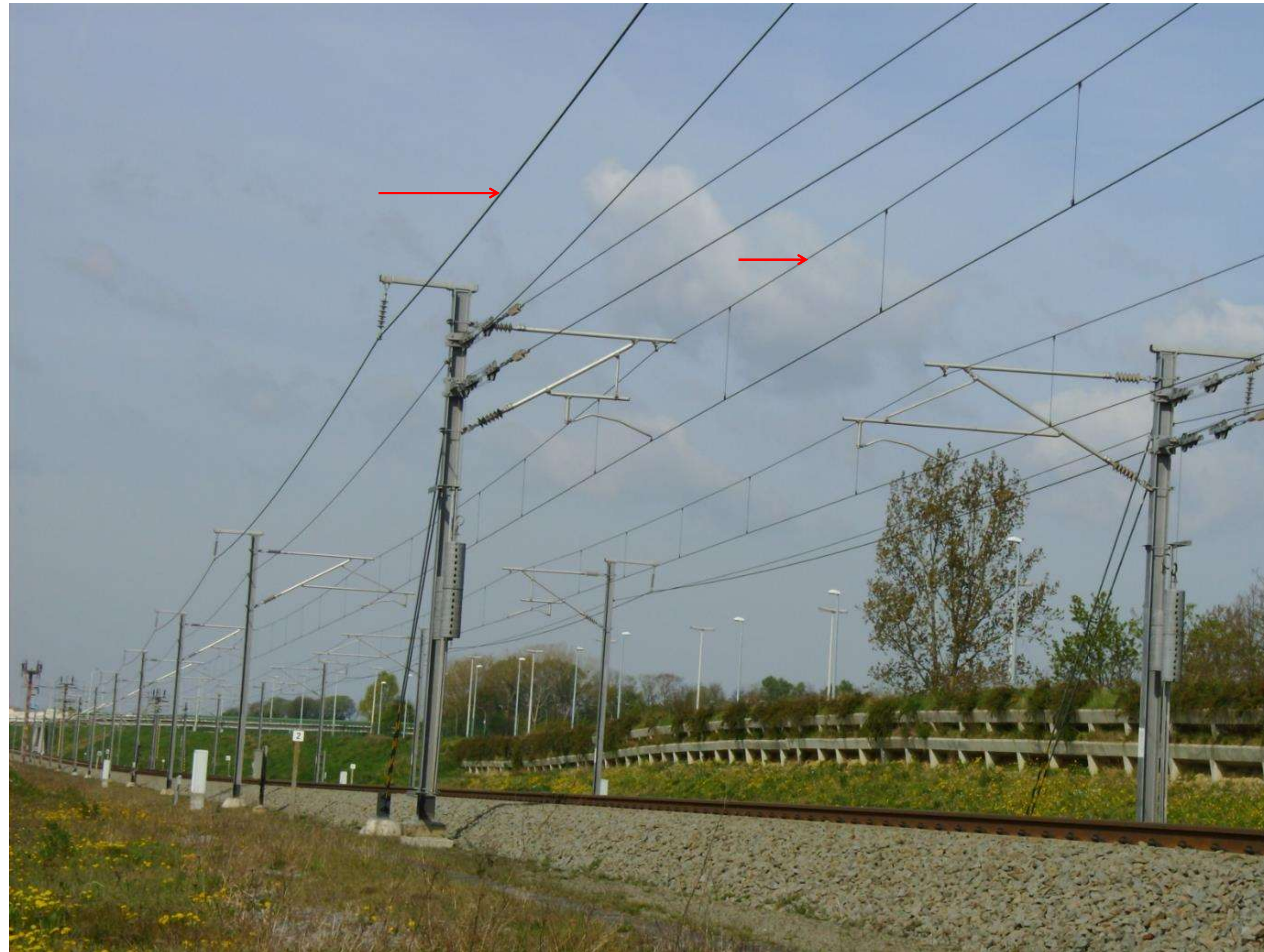
Fault detection : connection to the traction substation



Fault detection : connection to an auto-transformer substation (AT substation)



Fault detection : connection to an OCL or feeder



Fault detection: principle

Short circuit current or normal current ?

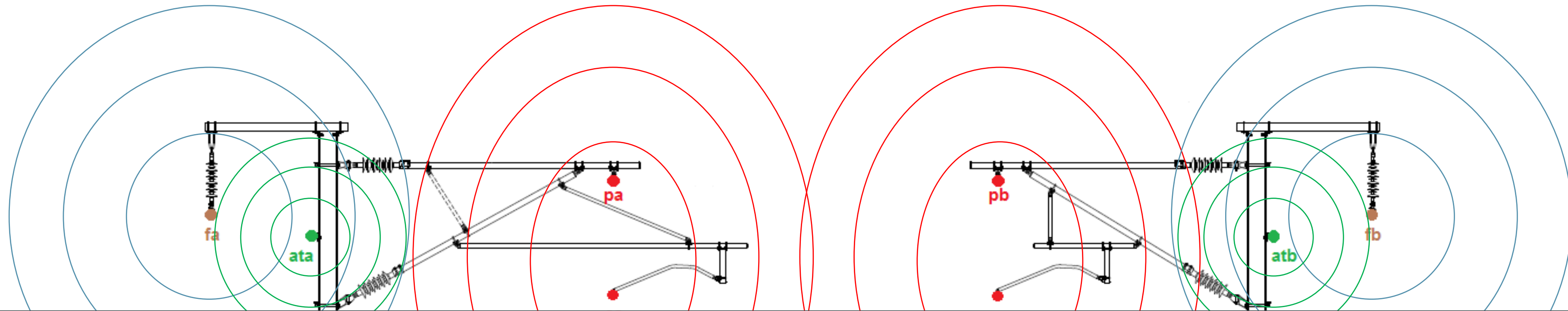
Minimum impedance instead of current intensity

Current from substation is being recalculated towards an impedance

$$\rightarrow Z = U_{\text{substation}} / I_{\text{substation}} = R + jX > Z_{\text{min}}$$



Fault detection : calculations (1)



$$Z = \begin{pmatrix} Z_{11} & \dots & Z_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ Z_{n1} & \dots & Z_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Z_{ii} = r_i + 9,86 \cdot 10^{-7} f + j2\pi f \cdot 2 \cdot 10^{-7} \ln \left(\frac{D_e}{GMR_i} \right) \Omega/m$$

$$Z_{ij} = 9,86 \cdot 10^{-7} f + j2\pi f \cdot 2 \cdot 10^{-7} \ln \left(\frac{D_e}{D_{ij}} \right) \Omega/m$$

Fault detection : calculations (1)

Draft of the admittance matrix ($Y = Z^{-1}$)

- Model traction substation (Norton model)
- Model AT substation
- Model line (mutual interaction between different conductors)

$$Y \cdot V = I \rightarrow Y^{-1} \cdot I = V$$

$$Y^{-1} \cdot I = \begin{pmatrix} Y_{11} & \dots & \dots & Y_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots & \vdots \\ Y_{n1} & \dots & \dots & Y_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I_1 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ I_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Y is a matrix of e.g. 23000x23000

Fault detection : calculations (2)

Calculation of the impedance seen by the substation for several cases

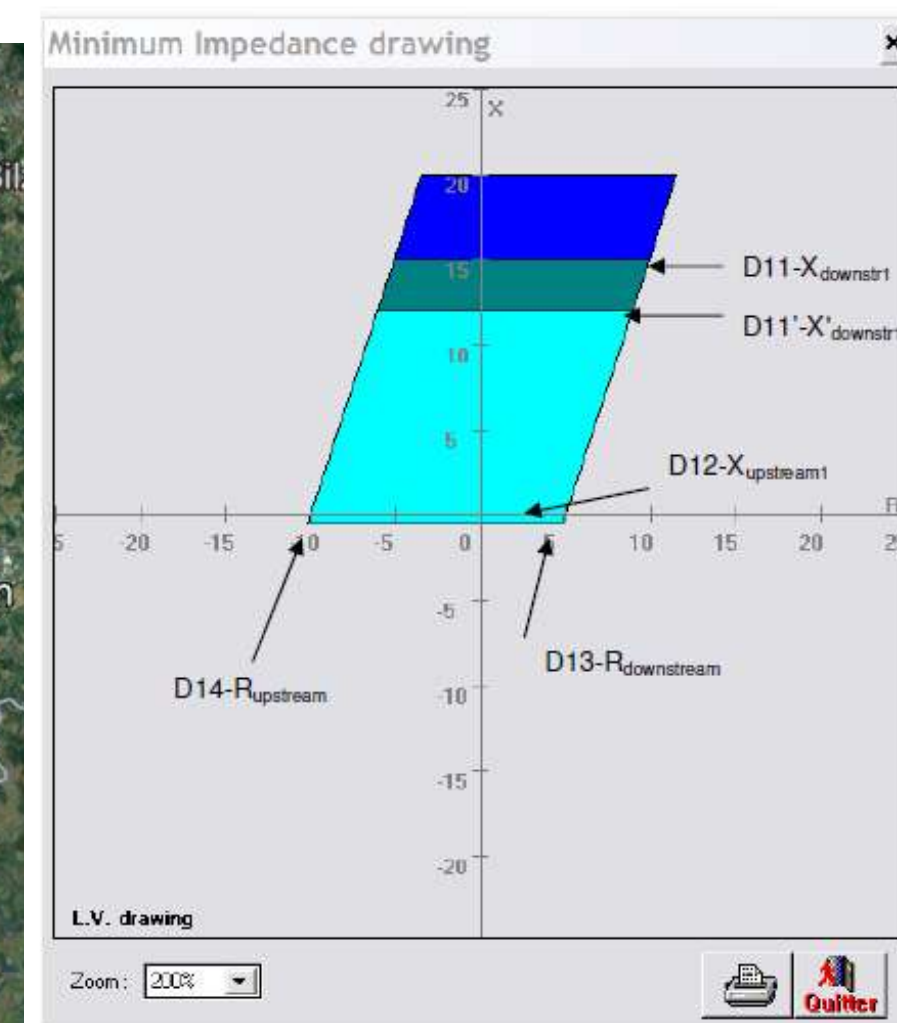
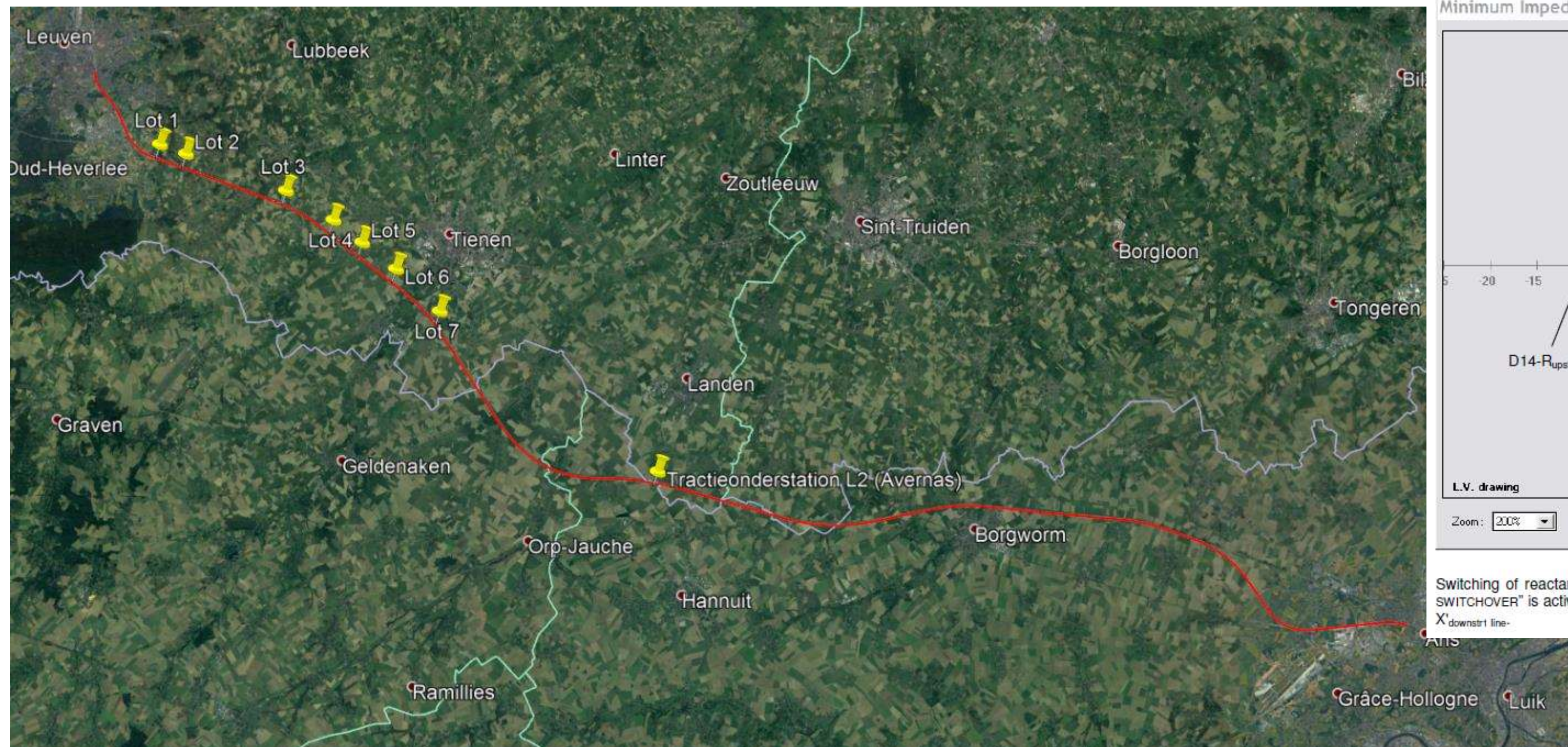
→ Will the impedance ever become bigger than Z_{\min} ?

Only in border cases there possibly is a detection problem

3.1.2 First stage parallelogram

The characteristic of the first stage is bounded:

- By two bent parallel lines $D14-R_{\text{upstream}}$ and $D13-R_{\text{downstream}}$, on both sides of the X axis
- By two parallel lines $D11-X_{\text{downstream1}}$ and $D12-X_{\text{upstream1}}$, on both sides of the R axis.

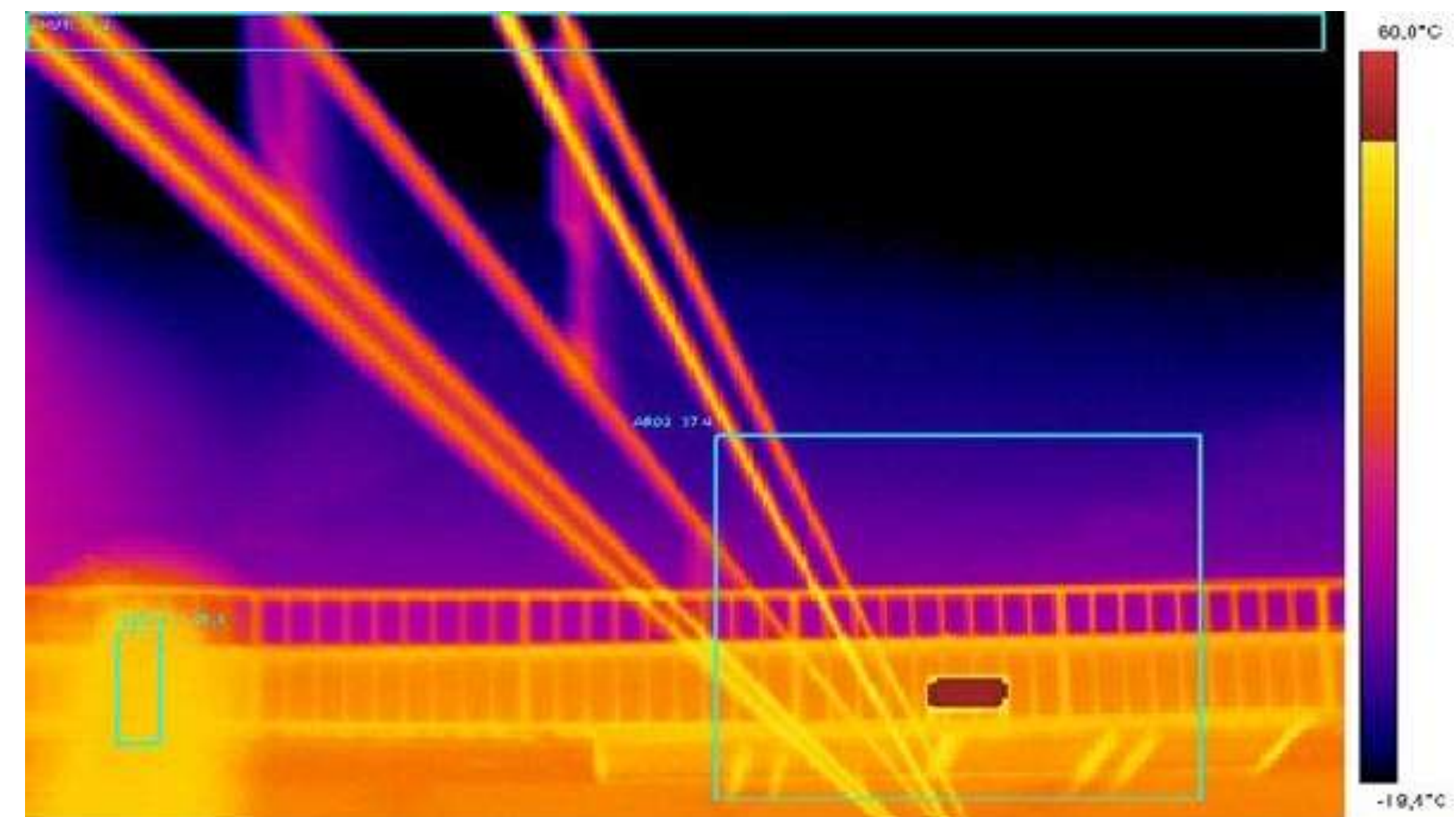


Switching of reactance threshold by external command: when the external command "MIN. Z THRESHOLD SWITCHOVER" is activated, the downstream reactance can be replaced by another value defined by the D11-X_{downstr1} line.

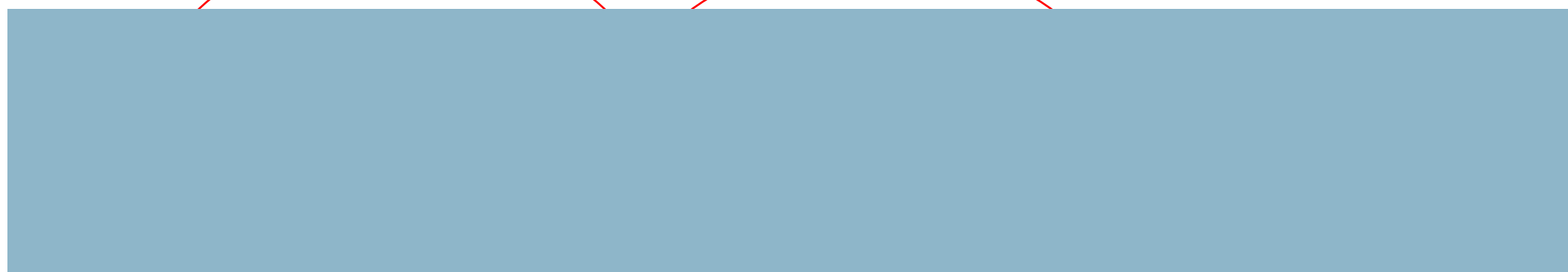
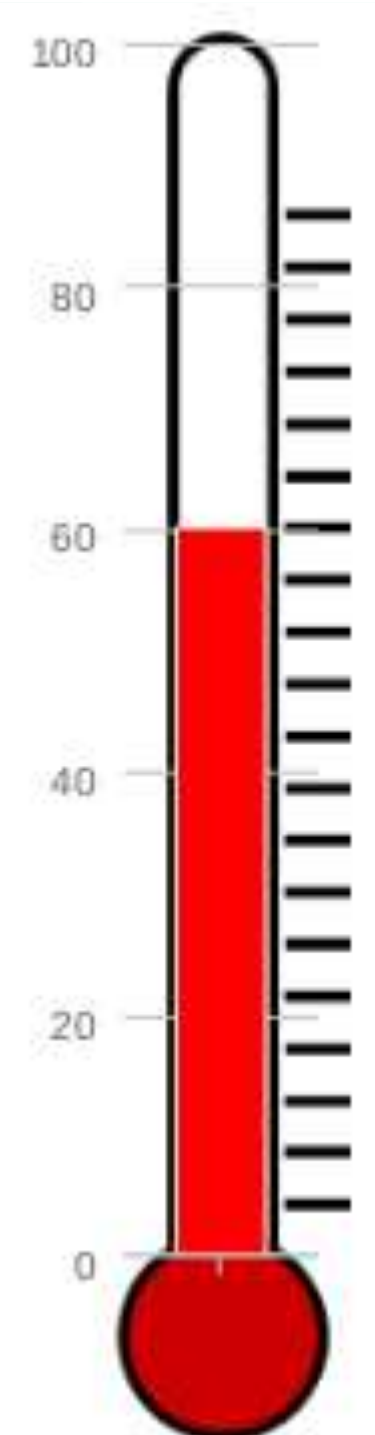
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Maximum wire temperature



$d\theta$



Results

Several configurations for power supply by solar panels

- On the along-track negative feeder
- On the catenary
- In an AT substation

Potentially a maximum of **64 MWp** for HSL2
(because of the wire temperature)

- Regenerative braking is the critical use case (with the highest ambient temperature of 40°C, maximal solar radiation on the wires and maximal solar power generation)



Optimal Connection Scheme with variants

Technical & economical analysis by Tractebel

different connection options to the bi-phase 2x25kV AC catenary system and a technical and economic analysis of the solar panel park:

- Calculation of the expected energy yield of the solar panels
- Determination of the optimum tilt angle of the solar panels
- Proposal of the optimal electrical connection configuration or topology

PV-production

Large PV-farms are typically rectangular shaped whilst in the case of PV-farms installed along the railways the shape is more like a strip or a string. Therefore, longer cabling will be necessary to collect all the energy.

An interesting figure is the average peak power accumulation of 1,8 kWp per meter along the railway.

From this we can deduct this thumb rule: a set of PV-arrays along the railway induces 1 MW peak power for each 500 to 600 m.

PV-production calculations have been realized for tilt angles 15° and 40° . The difference in yearly energy yield between tilt angle 15° and the optimal tilt angle 40° is about 4%.

Given the tilt angle has only little impact on the energy production, the PV-panels can be installed in a parallel plane to the existing slope of the embankments.

5 CONNECTION ALTERNATIVES

Solution 1 - DC/DC conversion and DC/AC 1-ph conversion

Solution 2 - Photovoltaic DC/AC 1-ph conversion

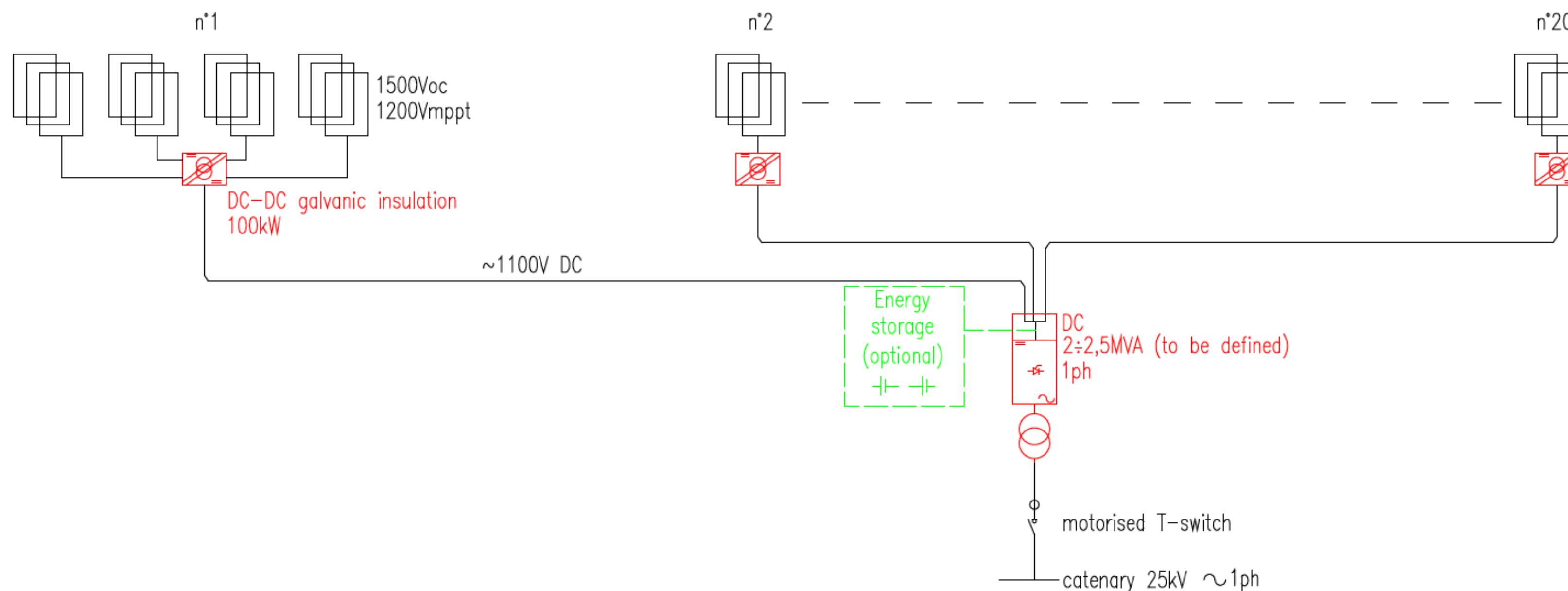
Solution 3 - Photovoltaic DC/AC 3-ph conversion and AC 3-ph/AC 1-ph conversion

Solution 4 - Multiple 1-ph invertors and distribution transformers

Solution 5 (as a reference) - 3-phase 36 kV Connection to Avernas substation

1 - DC/DC conversion and DC/AC 1-ph conversion

DC-solar panel power is converted into DC/DC-convertors assuring a galvanic insulation. The $\pm 1100V_{dc}$ outputs are collected and converted through one DC/AC single-phase convertor 2MVA.

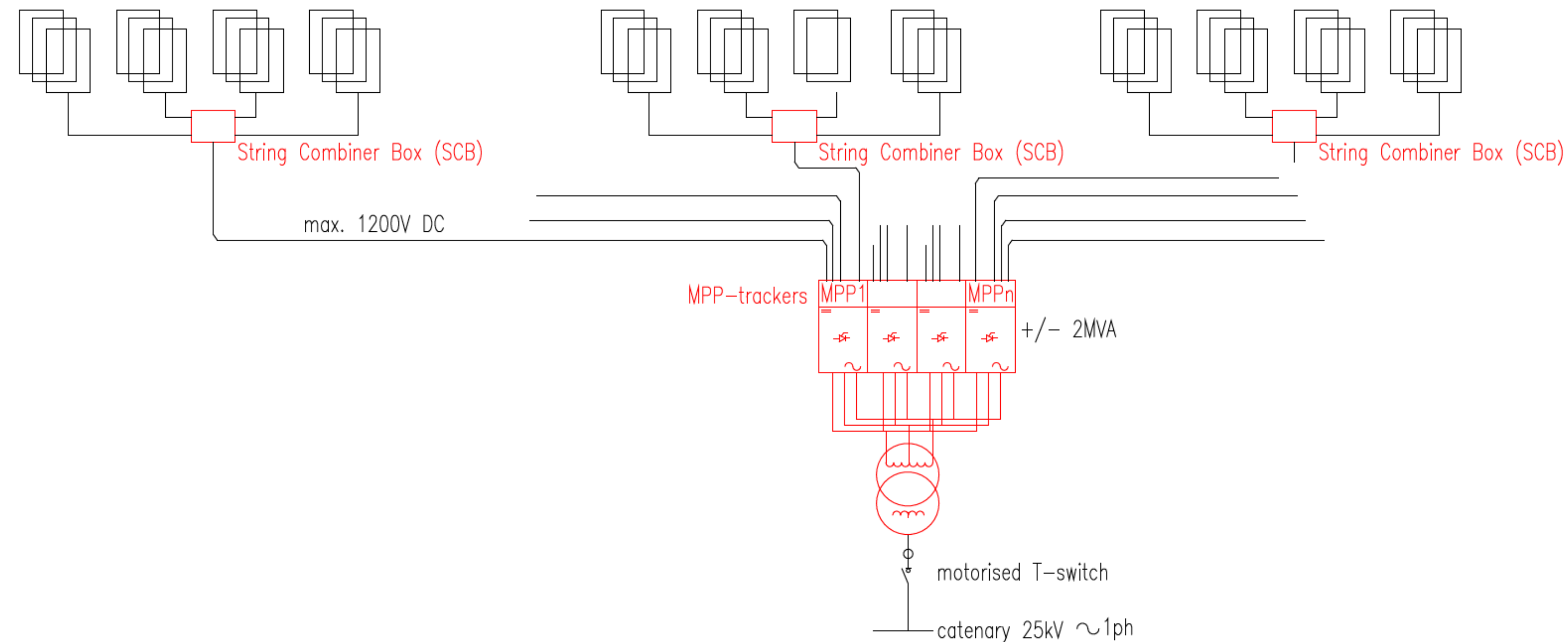


2 - Photovoltaic DC/AC 1-ph conversion

DC-solar panel power is collected through so called string combiner boxes.

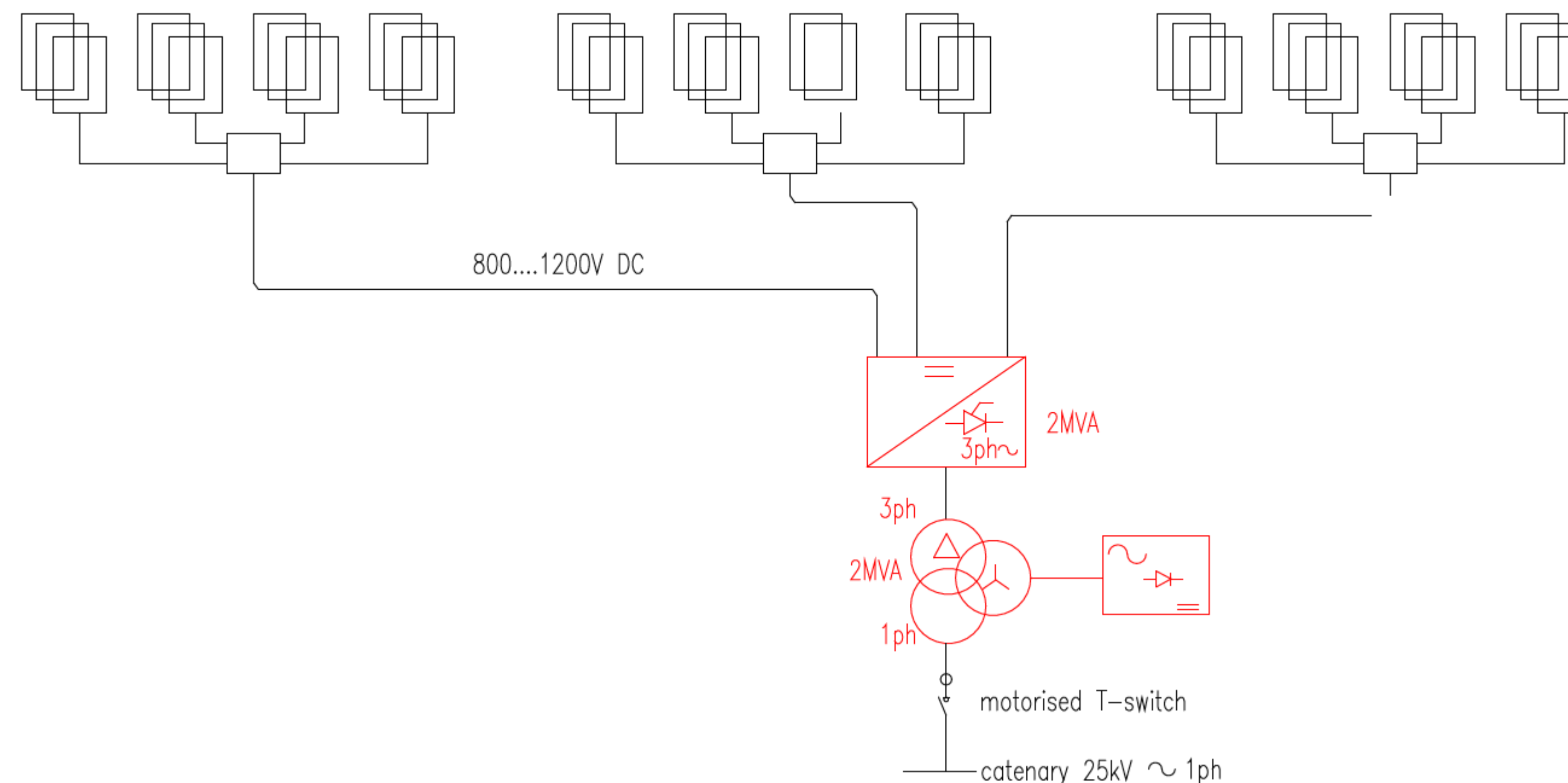
Modular single-phase photo-voltaic inverter concept special engineered for railway applications. PV system is realised by multiple independent Maximum Power Point Trackers (MPPT).

A step-up transformer with center-tap on the convertor side is required.



3 - Photovoltaic DC/AC 3-ph conversion and AC 3-ph/AC 1-ph conversion

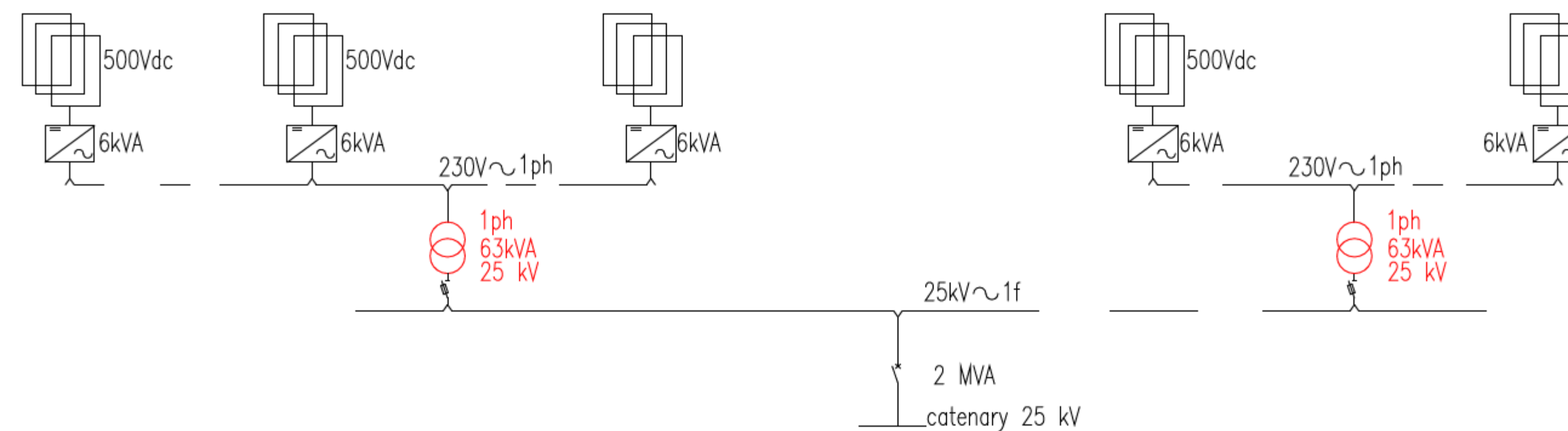
In this solution standard 3-phase photo-voltaic inverters are used. 3-phase solar power invertors are installed world-wide and is a well known and mature technology. Many suppliers and invertor sizes are available on the market. The 3-phase power is then converted to single phase by means of a **special 3-winding transformer**. The unbalance induced by the single-phase load is compensated by voltage source converter connected on the 3rd winding.



4 - Multiple 1-ph invertors and distribution transformers

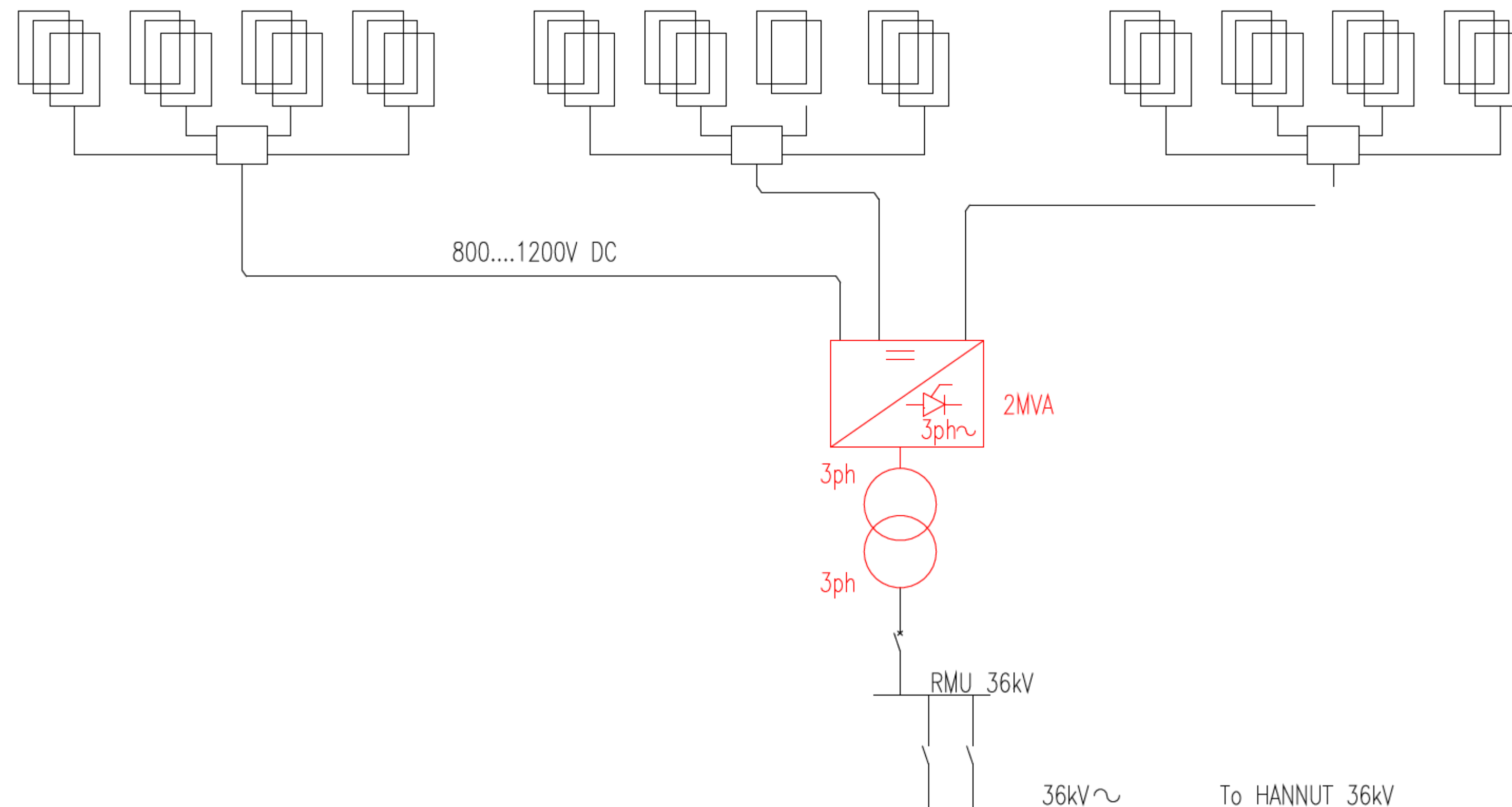
Solar single-phase invertors are products used for residential housing and are limited in AC-power (<10kW), DC-input voltage (<600Vdc) and AC-output voltage (230Vac).

This solution **requires a large amount of the main components** such as invertors, LV-cabling and distribution transformers.



5 - 3-phase Connection 36 kV to Avernas substation

This solution makes only use of conventional solar three-phase power convertors combined with step-up transformers LV/36 kV. Each transformer has its own circuit-breaker as part of a 36 kV Ring Main Unit. 36 kV Cabling along the solar power plant (13,7 km) up to the 36 kV substation in Avernas (12 km).



Qualitative and quantitative comparison

	Solution 1 - DC/DC conversion and DC/AC 1- ph conversion	Solution 2 - Photovoltaic DC/AC 1-ph conversion	Solution 3 - Photovoltaic DC/AC 3-ph conversion and AC 3- ph/AC 1-ph conversion	Solution 4 - Multiple 1-ph convertors and distribution transformers	Solution 5 - Connection 36kV 3-phase to Hannut 36kV
CAPEX E-connexion (for total 15,7MWp installed power)	28,2 MEUR	5,0 MEUR	5,7 MEUR	9,2 MEUR	7,5 MEUR
CAPEX E-connexion (Unit cost)	1,80 kEUR/kW	0,32 kEUR/kW	0,36 kEUR/kW	0,59 kEUR/kW	0,48 kEUR/kW
Complexity Operations & Maintenance	OK	OK	OK	NOT OK (Large amount of small components)	OK
Concept already realized	NO	YES **	NO	NO	YES
Technical feasibility confirmed by at least 1 supplier	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
Electrical losses	+	++ (only 1 conversion)	+	-- (Small convertors less efficient)	-- (multiple transformations 36/150kV and 150/25kV)

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Solar energy at Dutch railway stations

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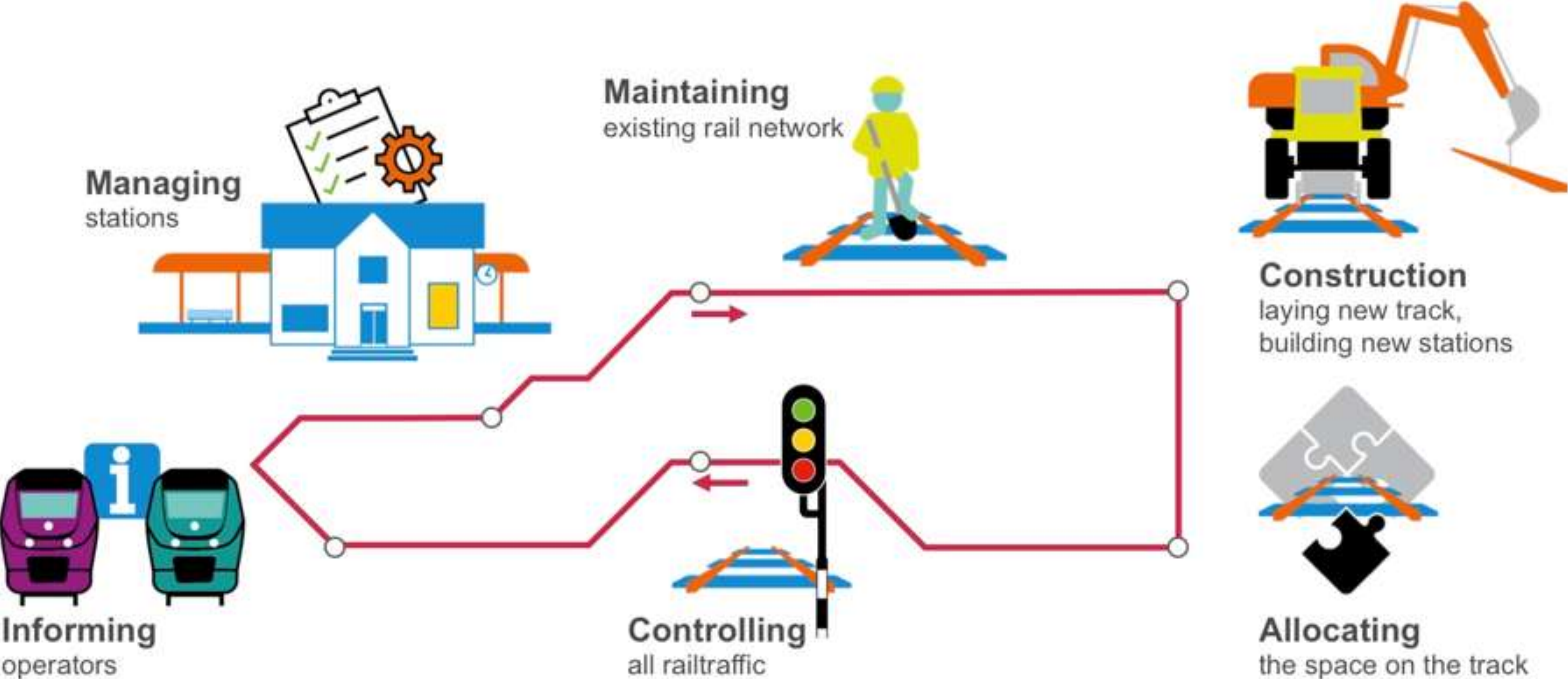
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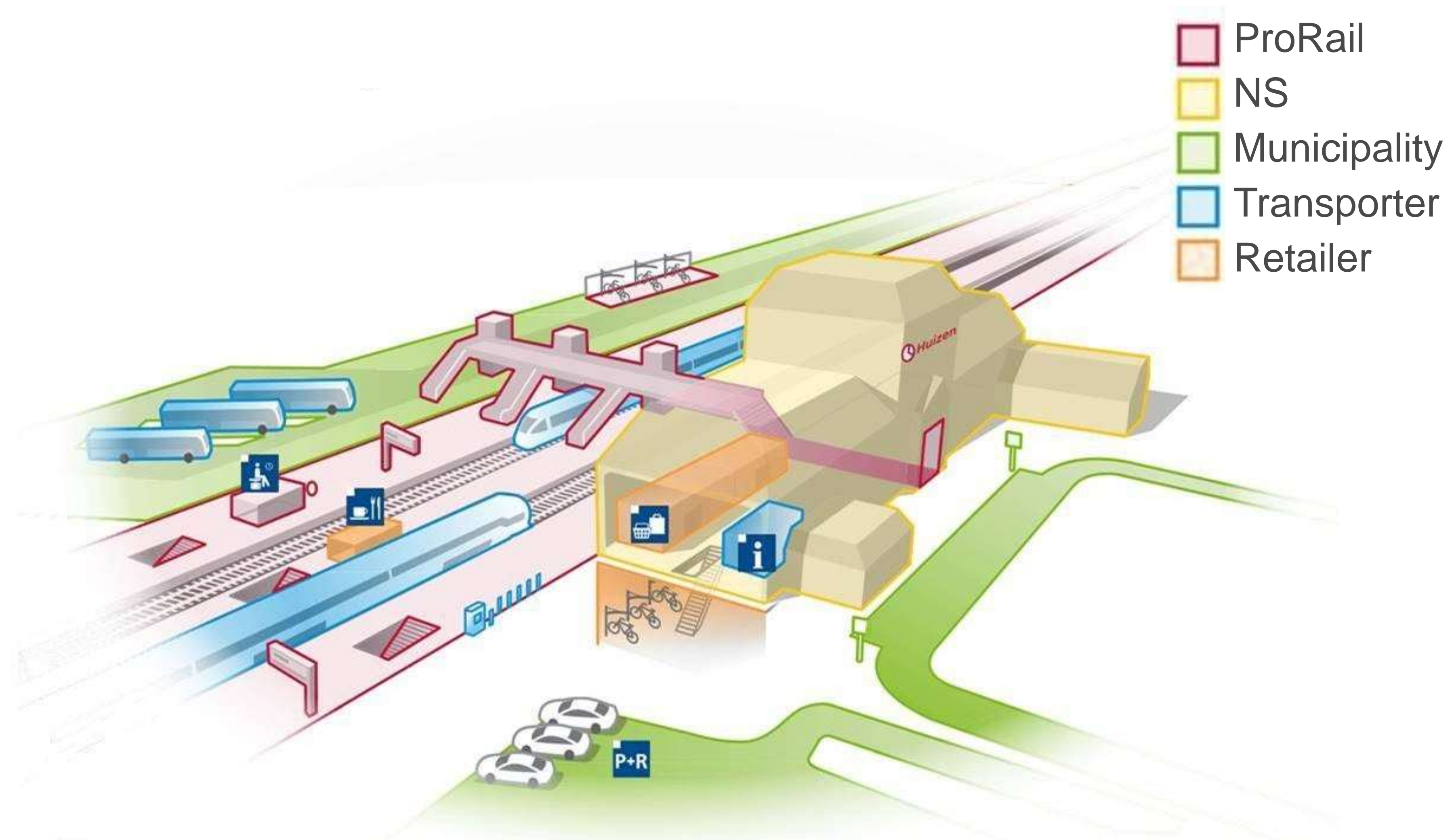
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ProRail



Stations



Our sustainability ambitions

Mobility

More (inter)national trains instead of trucks, cars and planes is our largest Co2 reduction.

Energy

A sustainable rail sector generates its own renewable electricity and improves its energy efficiency.

Materials

A circular rail sector preserves (scarce) resources for future use and manages to replace polluting materials.

Nature

Our land as link between nature conservation areas, as breeding ground and safe haven for new nature.



Existing renewable energy installations

Eindhoven



Zwolle



Utrecht Central



Harderwijk (bike parking)



Amersfoort



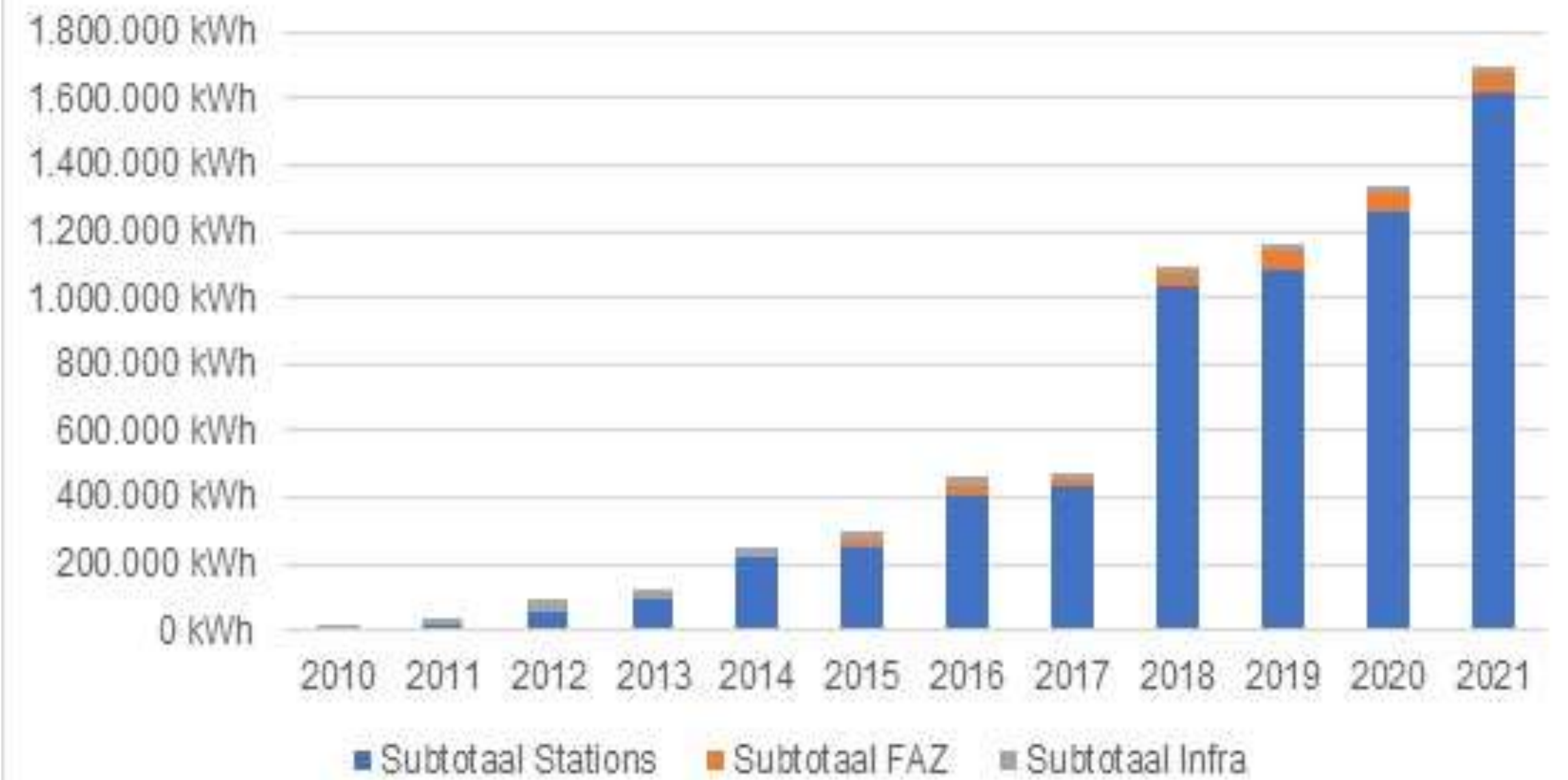
Helmond (noise barrier)

Current energy generation



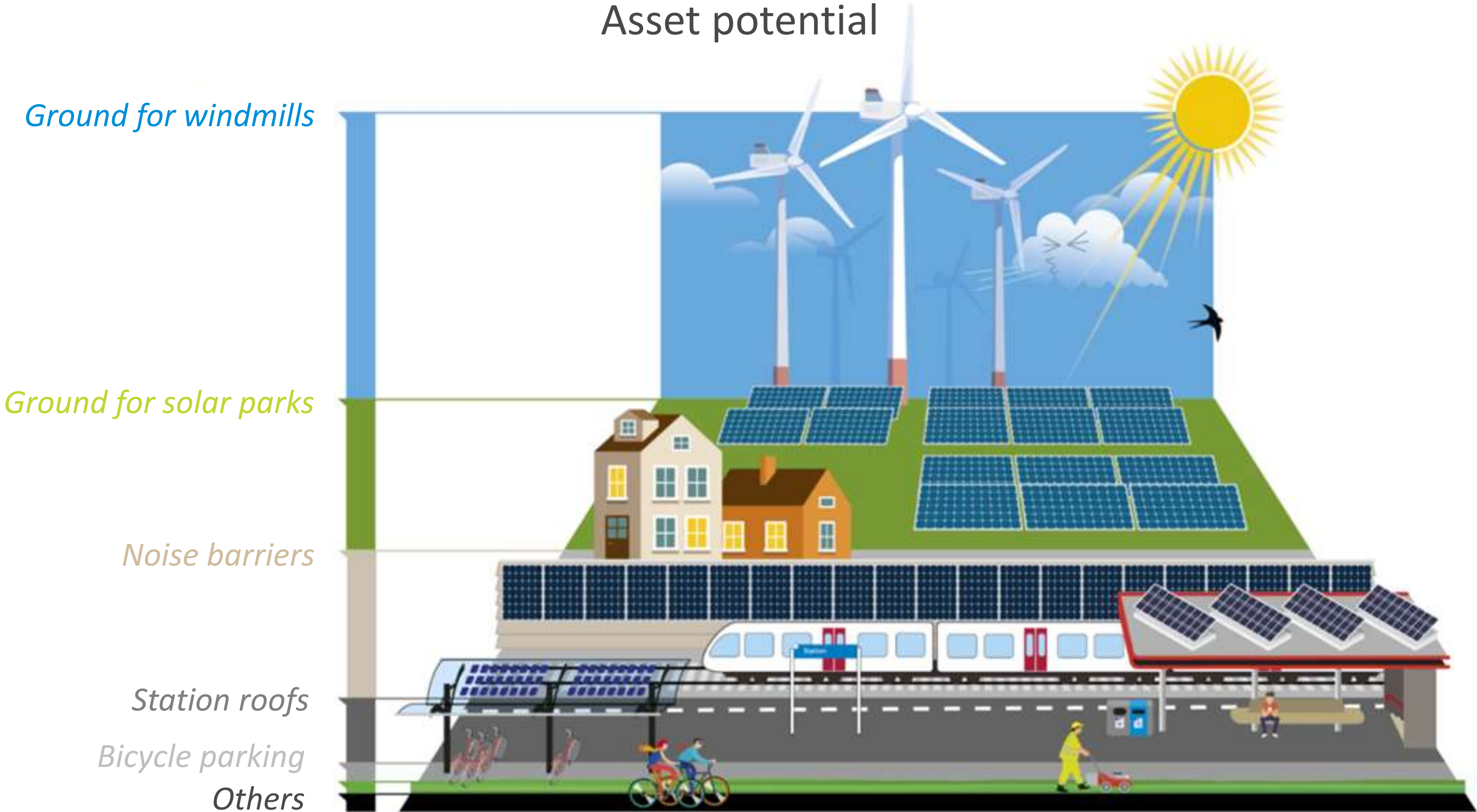
● Stations ○ Other assets

Renewable energy yield



= 1% of our energy consumption

Renewable energy program



Solar energy at Dutch stations

200 platform roofs

18 pedestrian bridges

50 bicycle parkings

Potential = 30%

Station assignment

Scope: +/- 70 stations

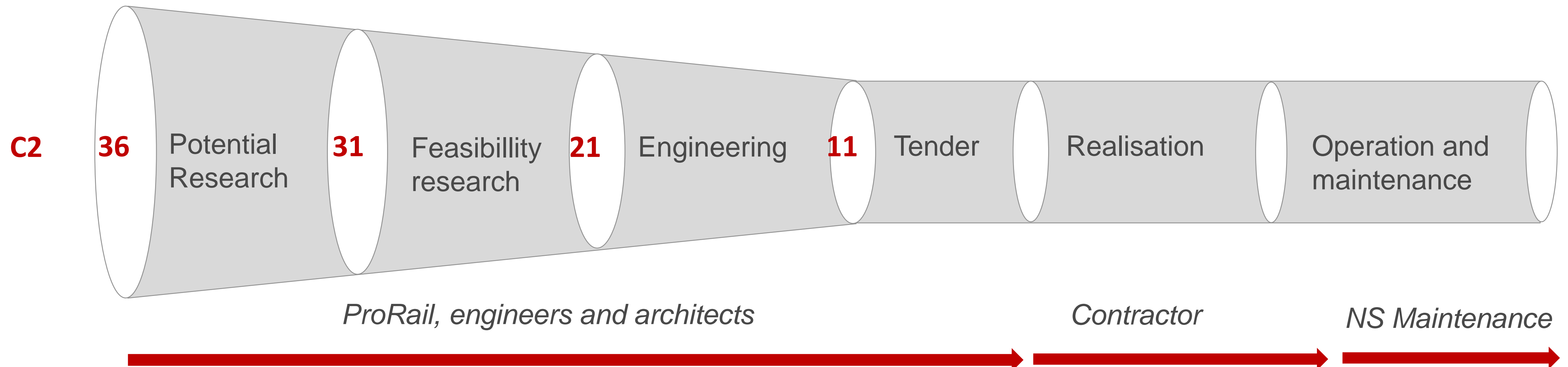
Impact: 20 GWh renewable energie

Costs: investment 23,5 million, maintenance 10 million (until 2050)

Benefits: net present value 34 million

Solar energy at Dutch stations - approach

- 2 types of realisation, in:
 - station projects (renovation, new build and maintenance)
 - station programme (locations without project)
- Programme locations divided in clusters (example cluster 2)
- Proces with several stages



Station roofs in development

Eindhoven (bicycle parking)



Barendrecht



Almere Centrum



Uitgeest



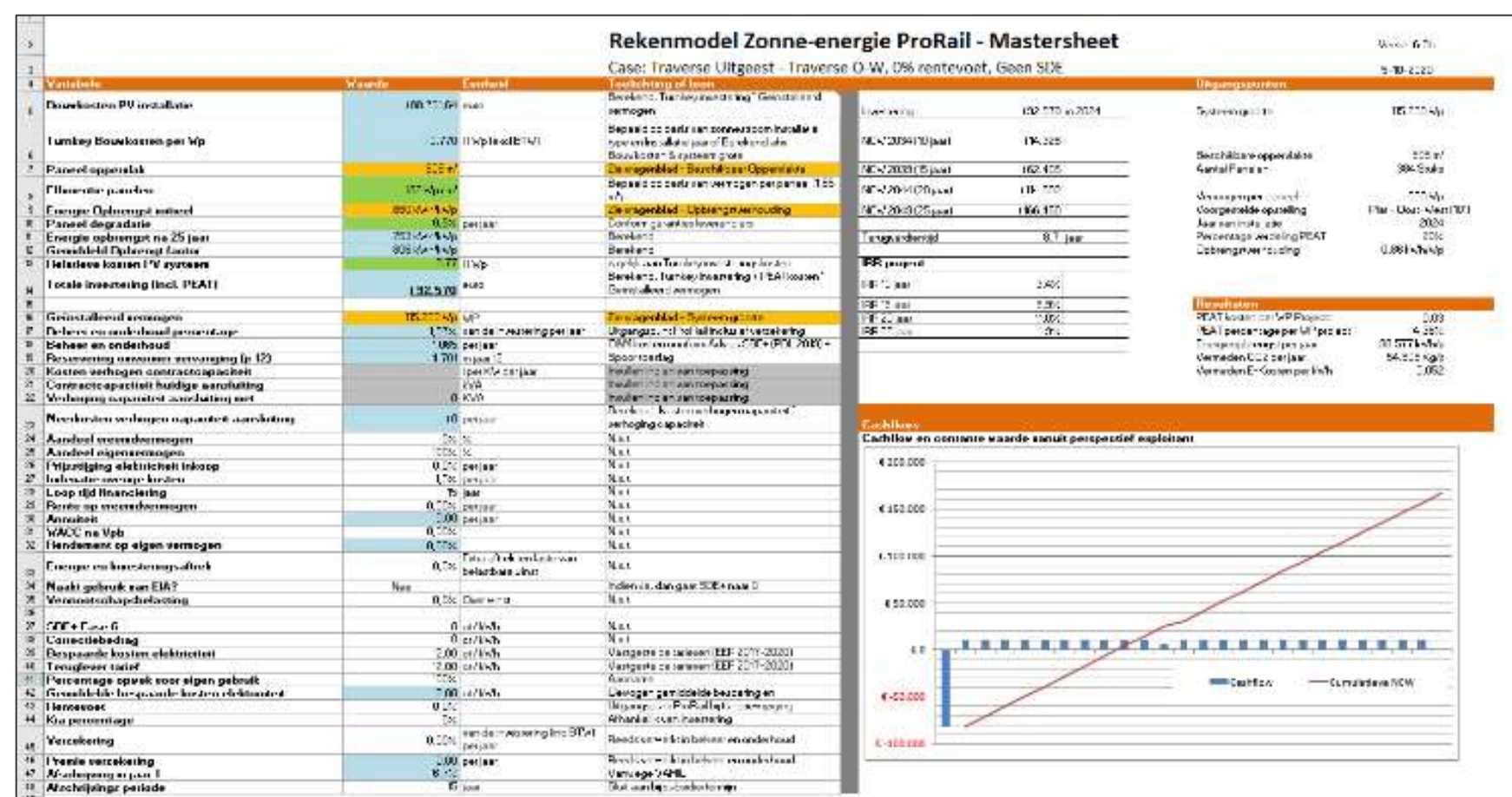
Tilburg Reeshof

Policy and tools

Every suitable station should get solar panels if the pay back time is <16 years.

WP 5.4b – Verdiepingsstudie zonne-energielocatie

Werkpakket: Verdiepingsstudie zonne-energielocatie	Nummer Werkpakket: 5.4b versie 2.3 dd. 15-09-2020
Doelstelling Het uitvoeren van een verdiepende verkenning naar de mogelijkheden voor een zonne-energie-installatie op één of meerdere locaties met als resultaat een eindrapport met daarin een (voorkeurs-) ontwerp, een financiële berekening, aanbevelingen voor aanvullende onderzoeken en uitgebreide situatiebeschrijving inclusief foto's en tekeningen.	



Work Package and calculation model

Algemene- en technische eisen zonnestroom systemen

Inhoudsopgave

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Set of requirements



Manuel for the esthetic integration ¹⁴⁹

Progress and forecast

Progress

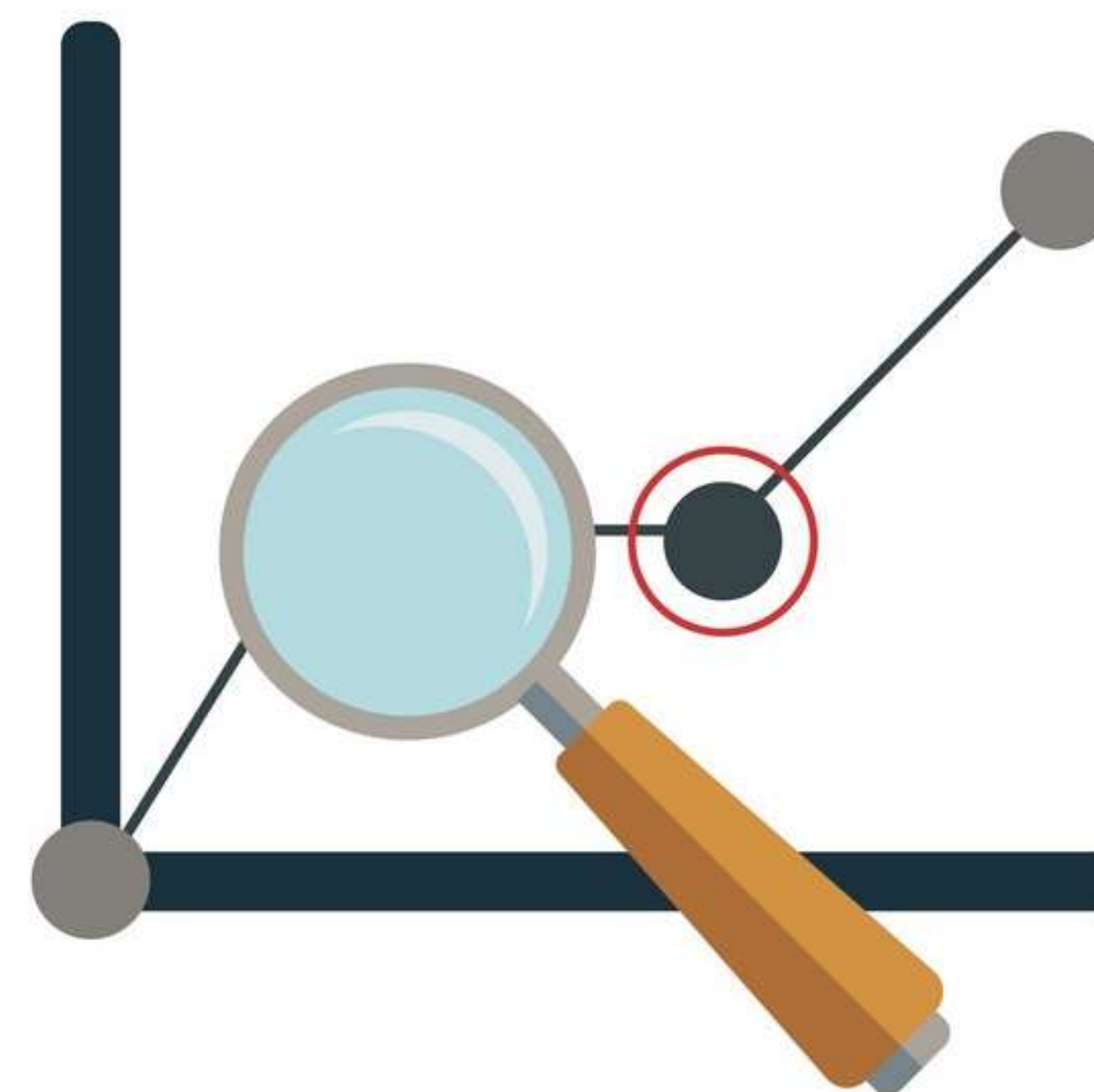
Station programme

- Cluster 1: in realization
- Cluster 2: preparing for tender
- Cluster 3: start feasibility study
- Cluster 4/5/6: haven't started

Stations projects: at different stages

Forecast

Between 11 and 17 GWh



Lessons learned

1. Integrate PV systems in the design
2. Consider the interfaces with other assets
3. Examine the construction, integration and energy connection
4. Work together and combine the knowledge



Developments and research

Energy wall (tech. build.)



Bicycle shelter



Lamppost



Floor tiles



Environmental en social impact



Policy for monuments



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SNCF GARE & CONNEXIONS (STATIONS)

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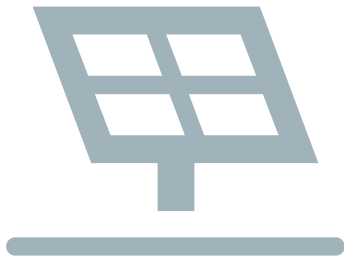


Laurent Mahuteau

SOLARIZATION OF TRAIN STATIONS

SNCF Gares & Connexions

Laurent Mahuteau



Objectives

Objectives of the solarization plan of SNCF Gares & Connexions, specialist in green stations:

- Production of as much electricity as it is consumed by the stations in 2030*
- The installation of about **1.1 million m²** of photovoltaic panels in stations by 2030 (10% of our total land area).
- A solar capacity of **47MWp** installed by 2025

2022 objectives: implementation of pilot solar PV projects in the regions and implementation and rapid realization of the first projects. Accuracy of the census and the deployment trajectory in each region.

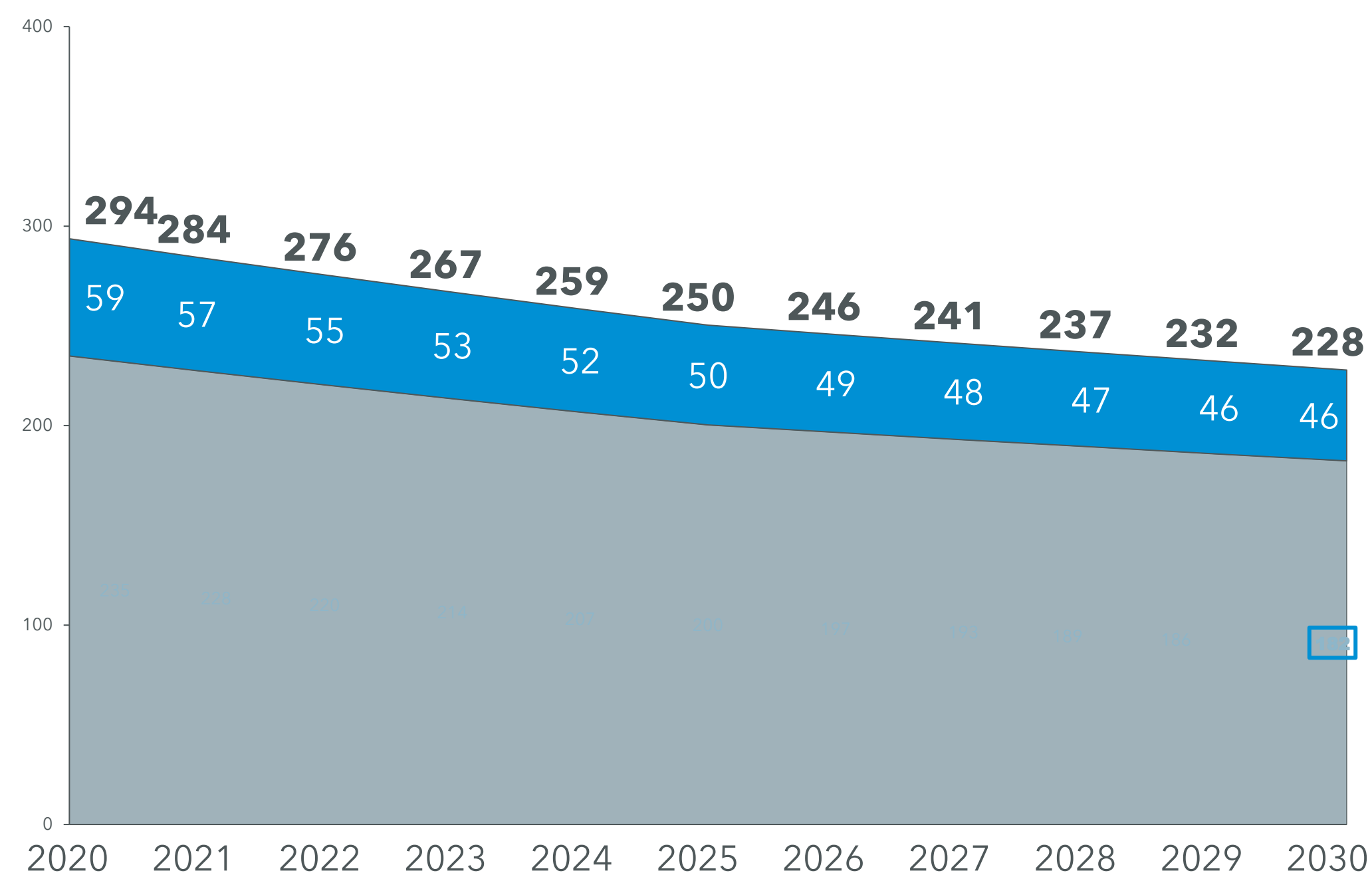
* i.e. approximately 180 GWh EF of electricity annually

Ambition to enable the electricity production on our land equal to SNCF G&C electric consumption in 2030



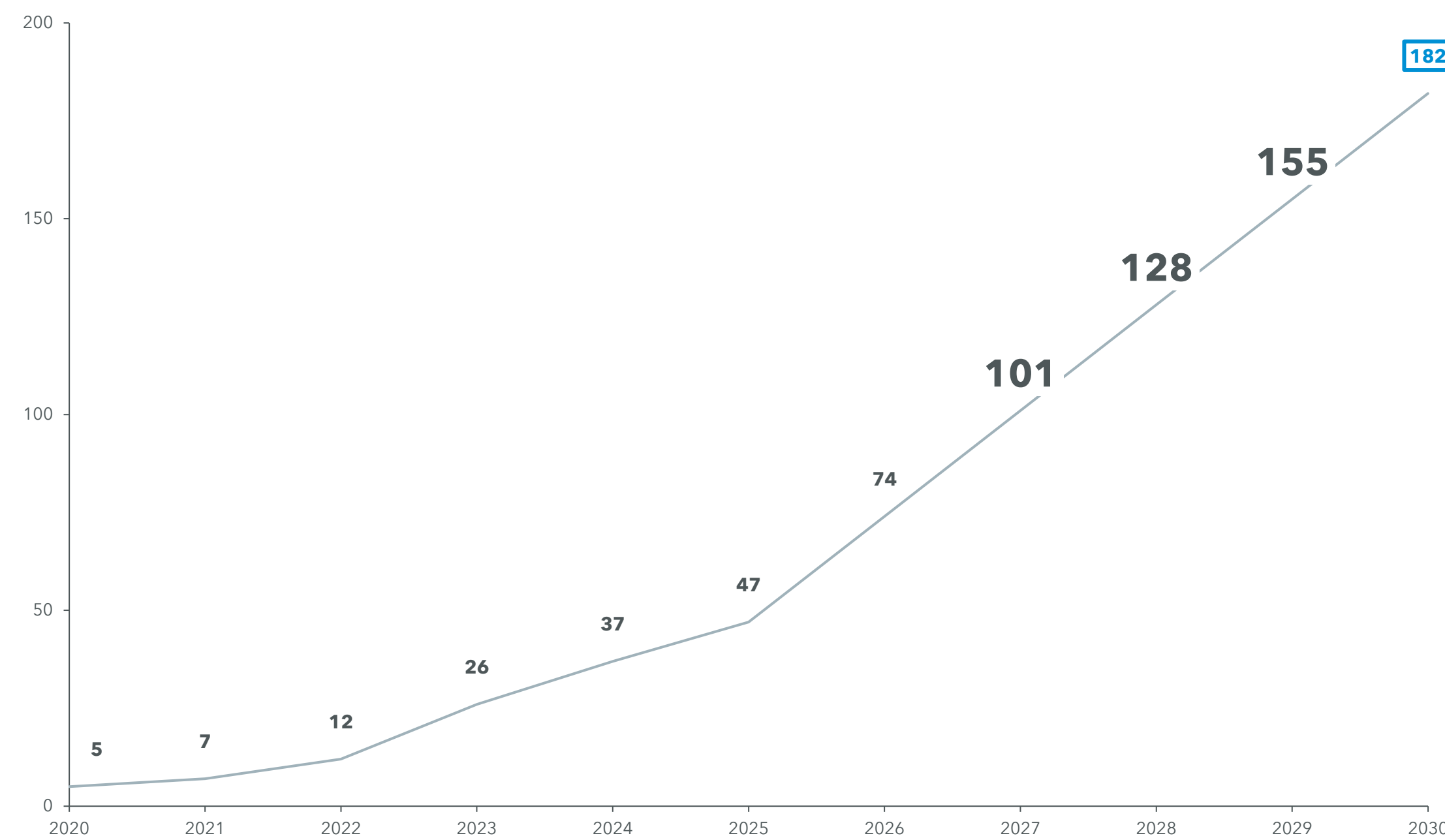
SNCF G&C 2030 Objectif : 180 GWh generated on land and utilized by the stations

Evolution of the energy consumption of the stations 2020-2030 [GWh ef]



Electrical energy consumption
 Energy consumption (welectrical excluded)

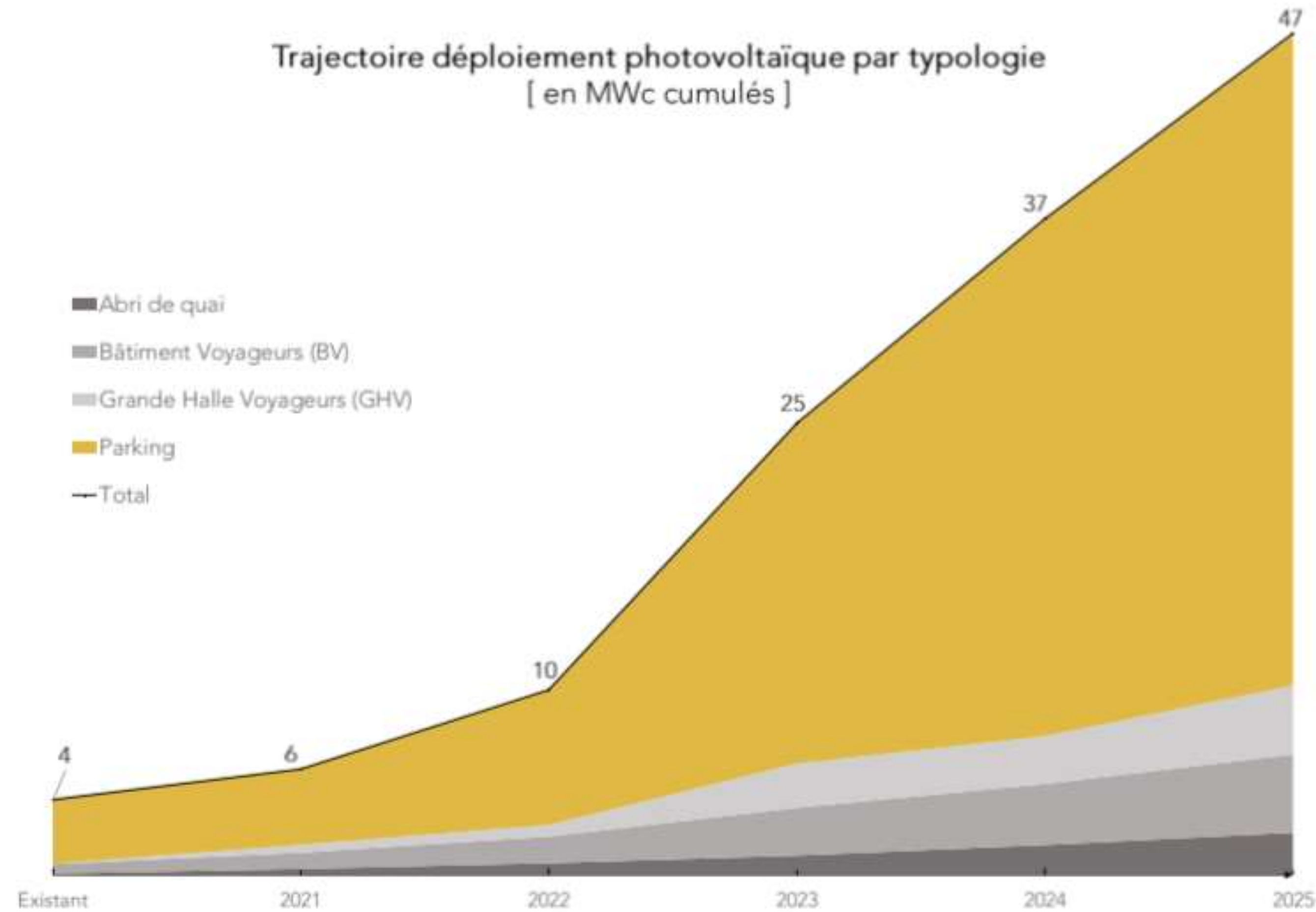
Objectives of total annual electricity production on the stations 2020-2030 [GWh ef]



— Capacité cumulée installée

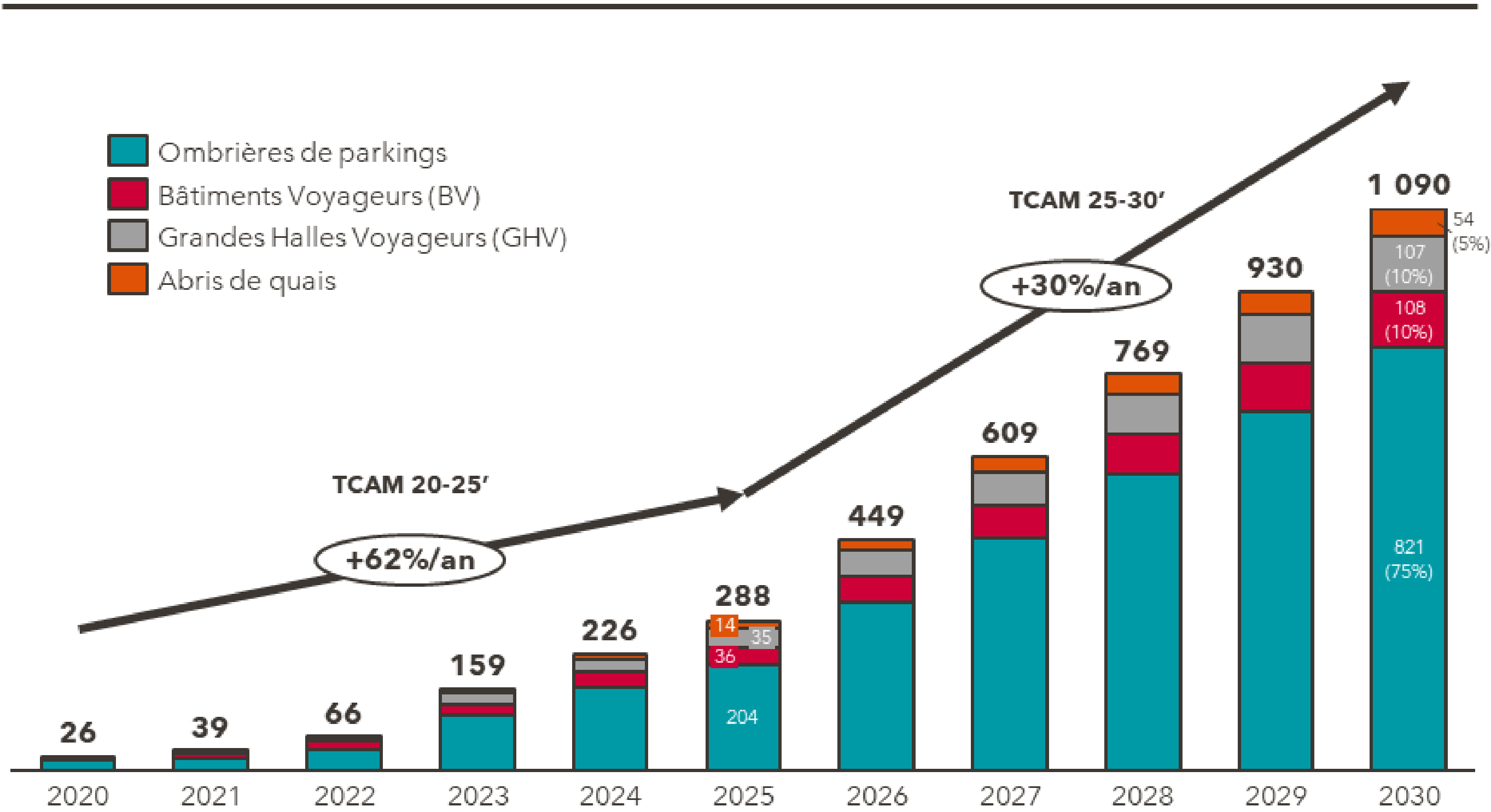
* La part d'énergie électrique correspond à environ 80% des consommations de SNCF Gares & Connexions
 GWh ef : GigaWatt Heure d'énergie finale

Solar photovoltaic strategy – equivalence in MWp



The installation of ~1 million m² of PV panels in stations, mainly on parking shades but not only

Objectifs par support d'installation des panneaux solaires photovoltaïques 2020-2030 [milliers de m²]



	Surface totale existante [milliers de m ²]	Couverture PV en 2025	Couverture PV en 2030
Ombrières de parking¹	912	22%	90%
Bâtiments Voyageurs²	1 730	2%	6%
Grandes Halles Voyageurs²	370	9%	29%
Abris de quais²	915	2%	6%



Solar photovoltaic strategy

Four project typologies:

- Parking lots
- Buildings
- Station halls
- Platform shelters

Two ways to monetize the energy:

- Purchase agreement
- Self-consumption (with possible sale back of surplus energy)

Two project approaches (management and financing):

- by solar developer
- by SNCF G&C
- co-investment

⇒ Many variables and combination of solutions but only two retained at this stage by SNCF G&C:

1. Third party project owner
 - Project type: parking lots only
 - Valuation of electricity: purchase agreement
 - Financing: by third party
2. SNCF G&C project owner
 - Project type: Mostly buildings station halls, sometimes parking lots and platform shelters for the longer term
 - Valuation of electricity: self consumption (electricity bill savings)
 - Projects in the context of renovation of the stations or their roof tops
 - Financing: by SNCF G&C (through its pluriannual investment plan)

Solar PV project examples (in service)

In Service | SNCF Gares & Connexions



Nîmes Pont du Gard

- **Site** : Parking lot
- **Area**: 8000 m² of PV modules
- **Power**: ~ 1,400 kWc
- **Business model** : Sale of electricity
- **Financing** : 2 M€ Effia/Reservoir Sun

Rosa Parks Paris

- **Site** : Train station platform
- **Area** : 565 m² of PV modules
- **Power** : ~ 34,4 kWc
- **Business model** : Sale of electricity
- **Financing** : 100 k€ by SNCF G&C

La Valbonne

- **Site** : Train station rooftop
- **Area** : 45 m² of PV modules
- **Power** : ~ 7,5 kWc
- **Business model** : Sale of electricity
- **Financing** : 20 k€ by SNCF G&C

Solar PV project examples (to be in service)

Being permitted or to be constructed / to be deployed | SNCF Gares & Connexions



Paris Nord

- **Site** : New bicycle hall
- **Area** : 1000 m² of PV modules
- **Power** : ~ 200 kWc
- **Business model** : Self-consumption
- **Financing** : SNCF G&C

Angers

- **Site** : Train station rooftop
- **Area** : 860 m² of PV modules
- **Power** : ~ 180 kWc
- **Business model** : Self-consumption
- **Financing** : SNCF G&C

Mouchard

- **Site** : Parking
- **Area** : 700 m² of PV modules
- **Power** : ~ 100 kWc
- **Business model** : Self-consumption
- **Financing** : SNCF G&C

How to scale up



Launch of the Call for Expression of Interest (AMI) on February 21, 2022.
Candidates have until April 15, 2022 to send their applications and offers.



APPROACH

- Sampling of the portfolio for the provision of land as part of the first consultation "**Consultation #1 - 20 to 30MWp - Parking lots**" (without waiting for a complete national census).
- Standard third-party investor model (in total resale) with land of a certain size **to target the shortest project deadlines (100-500kWp)**, outside the world / preferably rail risks (car parks) and **owned by SNCF G&C**
- Very precise definition and description of the land in the consultation to ensure the best possible results



Call for Tender

Car park shades only, projects relating to car parks with 40 to 200 spaces

➤ 500 – 2500 m² of PV panels i.e. 100 to 500 kWp

Other main features:

- ✓ EDF purchase obligations, project deadlines: 18-24 months
- ✓ Parking operator: G&C or communities

Excluded:

- ✗ Car parks with more than 500 spaces
- ✗ Car parks operated and commercialized by our partner
- ✗ Car parks not owned by SNCF G&C
- ✗ Car parks for which shade structures are compatible with a long-term vision (25/30 years)



Partner Selected







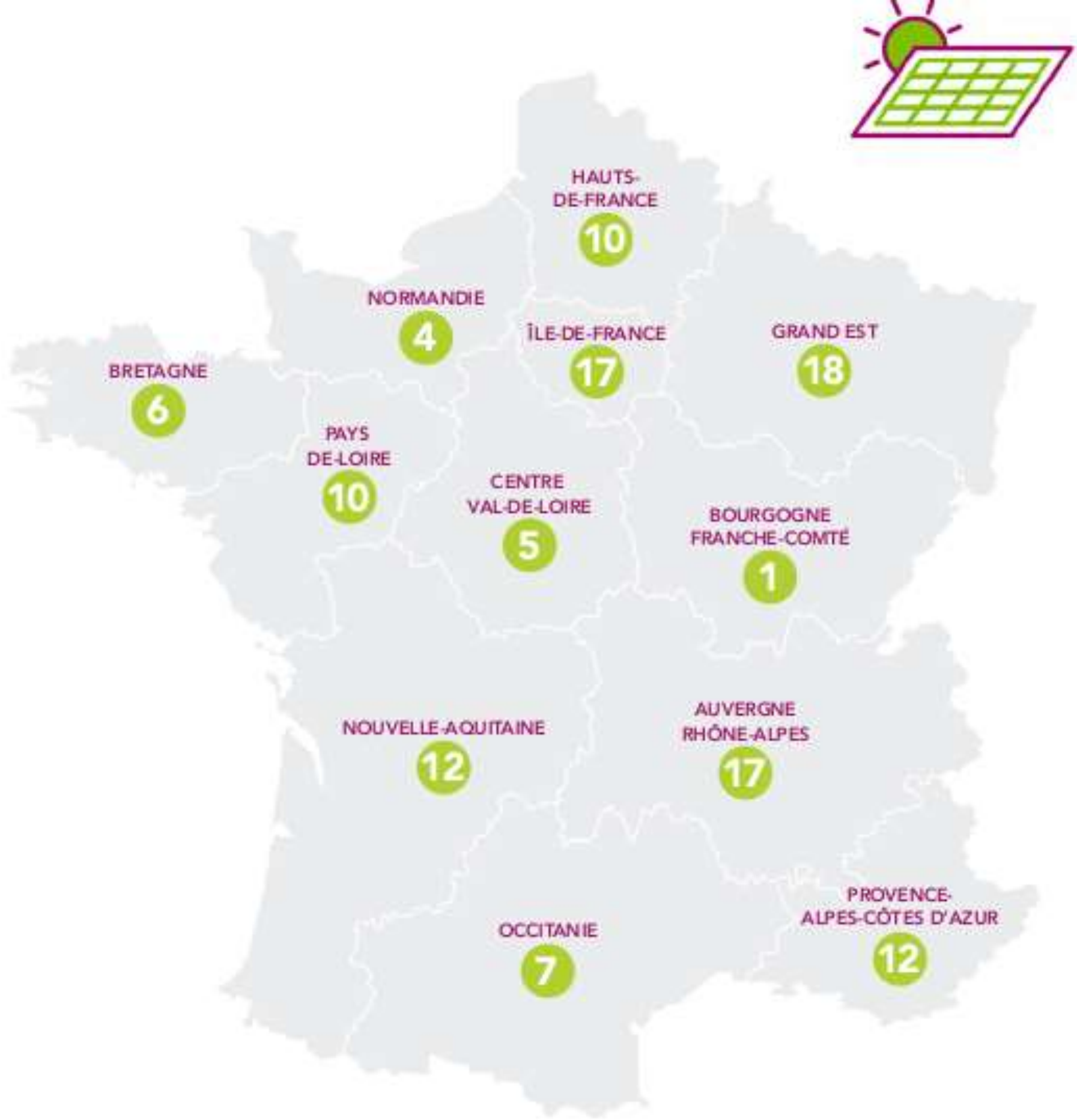
AN INDEPENDENT AND EXPERIENCED PLAYER

Created in 2008, Tenergie is a French independent renewable energy producer that develops, integrates and operates solar and wind power plants throughout France. For more than ten years, the company has provided long-term support to all regional players.

Their activities are dedicated to renewables and specifically solar PV:

- Parking shade
- Photovoltaic roof
- Photovoltaic on agricultural building
- Photovoltaic greenhouse
- Ground-mounted photovoltaic plant

 1 400 Renewable energy plants	 208 M€ CA At the end of 2021
 170 Number of employees	 650 MW Installed power



What's next?



- Make the photovoltaic production an inherent and integrated element of the train stations and the buildings through our renovations
- Continue our efforts to solarize the parking lots (land that is already artificialized) and the paid parking lots managed by our operators
- Go further and beyond and consider areas in railway technical constraints (platform shelters)
- Create a systematic approach to solarize buildings and station halls that are renovated.

Do it while learning from our European colleagues !

PORTA SUSA – TORINO



ROTTERDAM CENTRAL



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RICARDO RAIL

Insights from Innovation in Traction Energy in the UK



**Ricardo
Rail**
Formerly
Lloyd's Register Rail

Colin McNaught
Technical Director

GB Rail & Energy Context

Physical Context

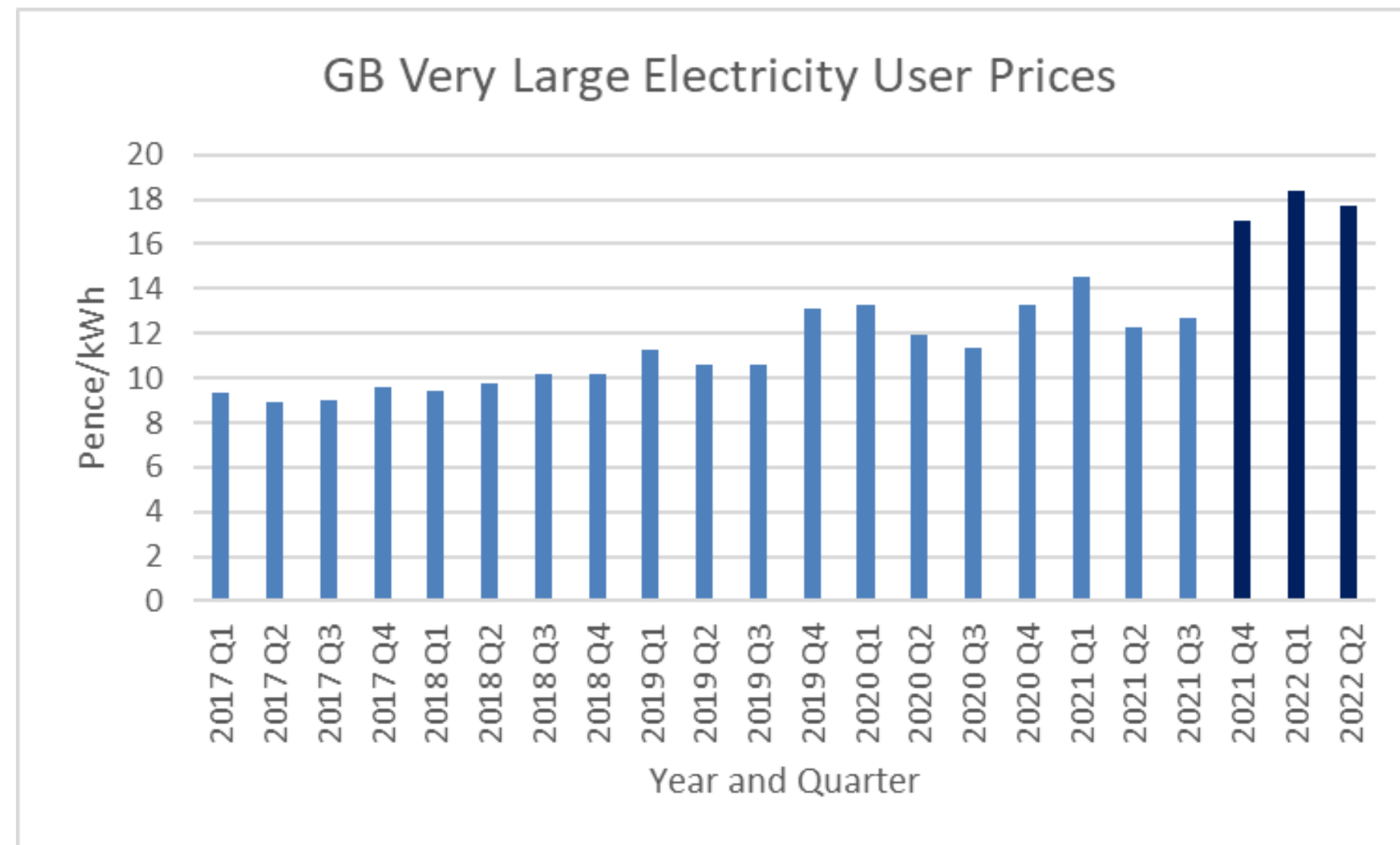
- 38% of route electrified
 - 2/3rd AC 25kV
 - 1/3rd DC 750V
- Rail infrastructure
 - Public ownership: Network Rail, build and own electrical infrastructure and charge for power and track access
- Rolling Stock: Mostly private:
 - Train Operating Companies (TOCs) – run services pay for power & track
 - Rolling stock company (ROSCO), lease trains to TOCs

Policy Context

- Remove diesel-only passenger services by 2040
- Traction Decarbonisation Network Strategy (2020) in Single Track km (STK)
 - Electrification: 13,000 STKs
 - Hydrogen train: 1,300 STK
 - Battery: 800 STKs
- Would increase traction electricity to around 3% of UK demand

GB Electricity

Price Movements to Q2 2022:



- Increase in traction electricity costs expected from 2022/23 to 2023/24
 - £595 to £885 million (150%)

Business Electricity Price:

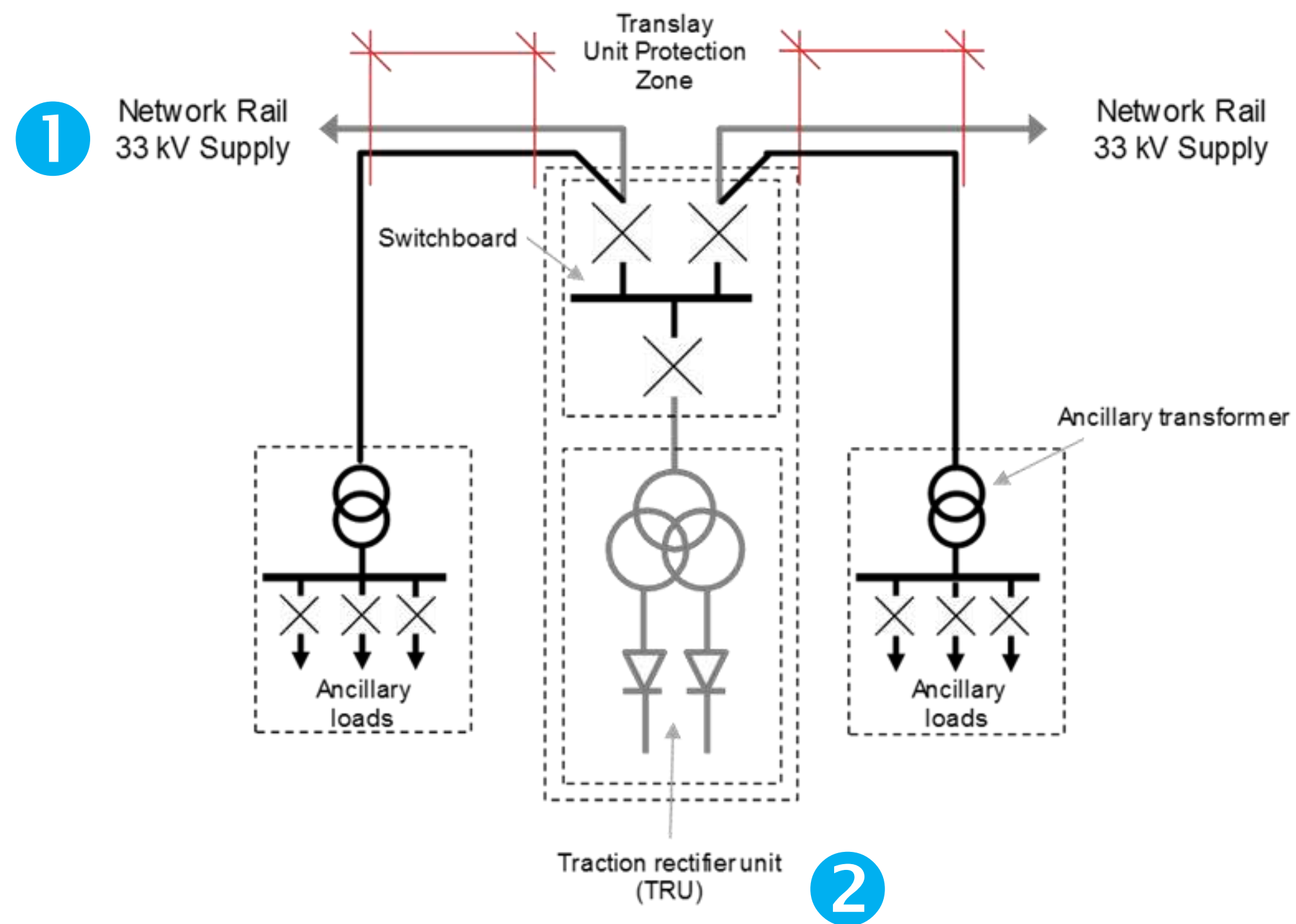
- $\frac{1}{3}$ Electricity Generation
- $\frac{1}{3}$ Electricity Transmission
- $\frac{1}{3}$ Other (Environmental)

- Private wire renewables avoids:
 - Market price fluctuations
 - Electricity Transmission – as private wire direct from generator
 - Other (Environmental) – as direct contract with generator

Connection to 750V DC Traction

Two Options

1. 33kV AC side
2. 750V DC side



	33kV AC	750V DC
Pros	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feed multiple DC sections = larger PV • Established PV connection solution • Wide range of PV connection points 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can recover regenerative braking but need a battery
Cons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cant recover regenerative braking • Risk of export to grid 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited trains on each DC section = smaller PV

Pilot Solar PV Installation – DC Third Rail

30kW pilot scale system at Aldershot station

- 3 different inverters used:
 - Connected to AC system on the secondary side of an ancillary transformer
 - Installation outside railway boundary
 - No certification of PV equipment for simpler installation

Measurement of power & harmonics:

- Voltage regulation – inverter loss of main detection
- Harmonics (to 50th) - sourced from NR and the solar PV inverters
- Rapid changes in load – how will the inverter optimise solar PV output



PV Modules in plastic “buckets” – no ground disturbance

4.4 MW PV Installation – DC Third Rail

4.4MW PV feeding 33kV AC to third rail

- Busy line from Eastbourne to London
- PV site already under development
- Electrical cable ca 4km to railway

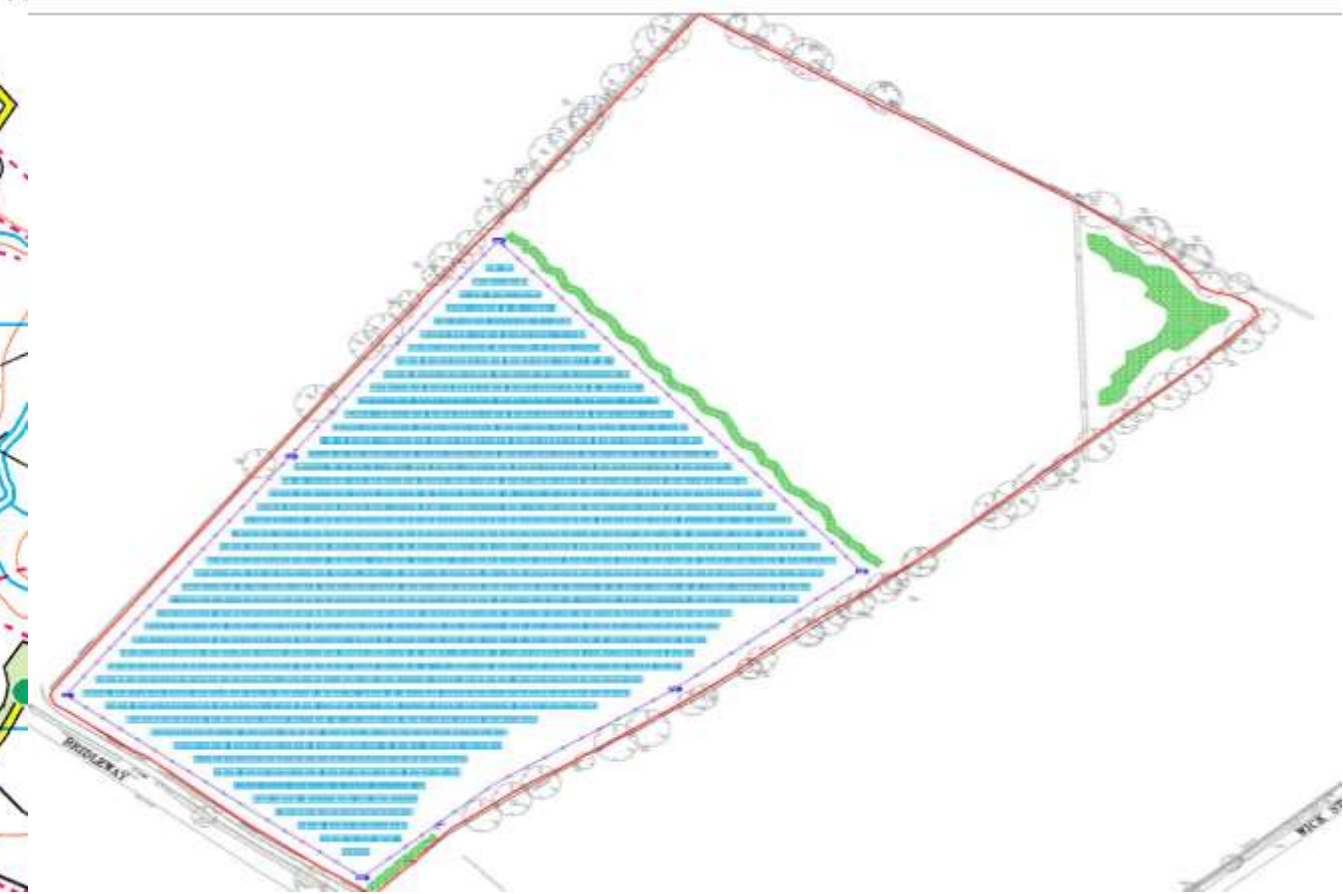
Challenges:

- Costs of sub-station upgrades
- Risk of electricity export

Project halted but many lessons learnt for future projects



Initial PV layout



Connection to 25kV AC

Conventional rail traction feeder stations:

- Transmission: 132kV, 275kV, 400kV
- Acceptable phase imbalance limits
- No power electronics
- Costs can be high: £10 to £40million

Solar PV (or wind) connection:

- From 2MW to 20MW
- 33kV or 132kV connections
- 3 phase
- Conventional feeder solution not affordable
- Co-locate with battery systems

	25kV AC
Pros	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large track section so significant traction load • Larger PV/better generation match • Potential 33kV AC connection • Wide range of PV connection points
Cons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single phase connection • Imbalance • Need affordable convertor

25kV AC Test Site

Main Elements:

- Solar PV array ca 1MWp
- Daybreak converter: DC to LV AC
 - Small scale
 - Modular
 - Lower cost
- Step up transformer
- Connection to 25kV single phase

Key challenges

1. EMC
2. Funding



Empty bay with two 25 kV circuit breakers and the +25 kV & -25 kV busbar in the background.

Trackside Battery Systems

Assessment on rural lines in Wales
Solar PV and Wind

Developed optimisation model for
trackside battery system

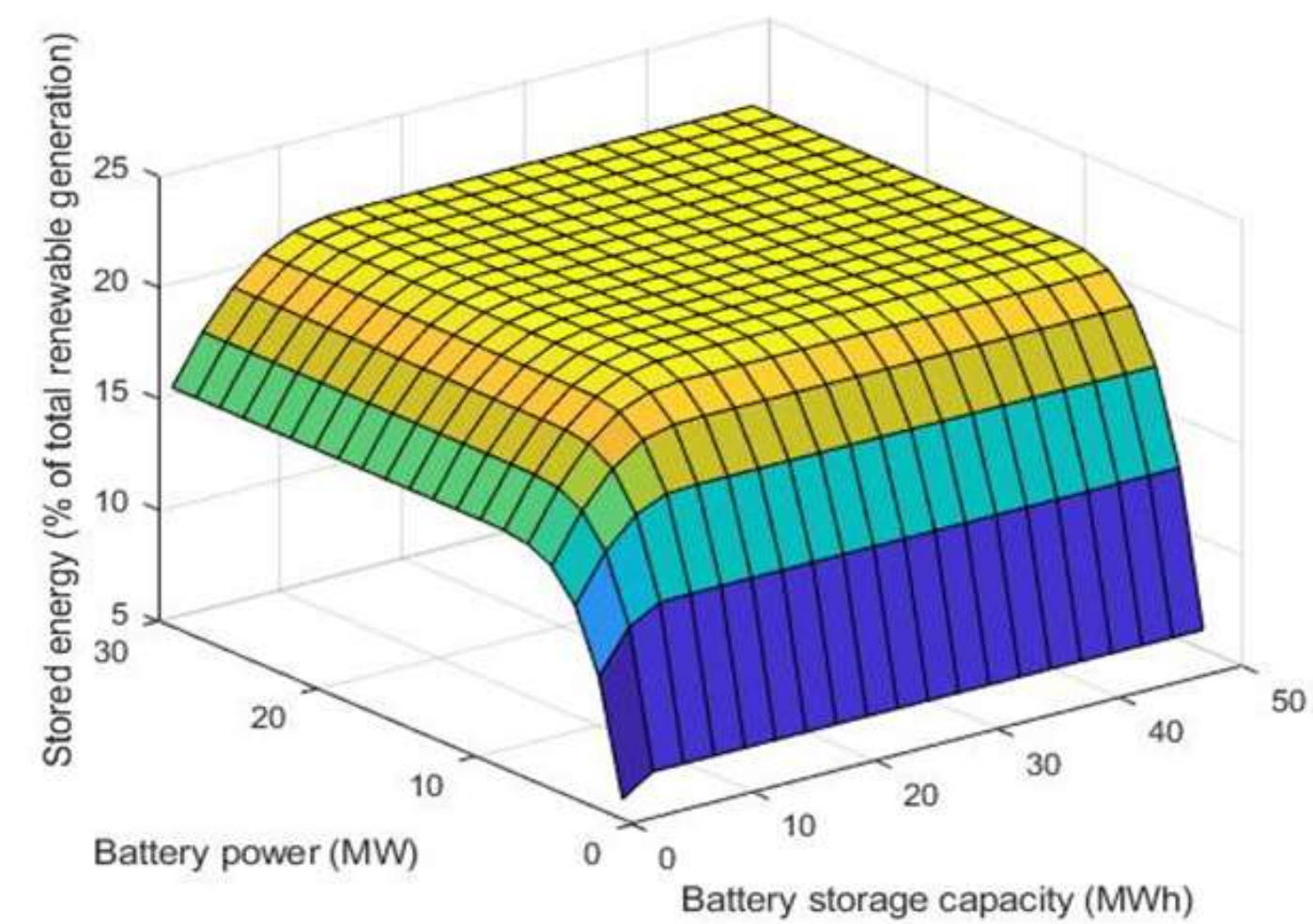
Sizes Solar PV
13.2MWp

18% of traction
from solar



8.5MW/10MWh
battery

24% of traction
from solar



Holistic Assessment (H2H)

Holistic assessment covers:

- Electricity costs & benefits
 - Feeder stations
 - Grid flexibility
- Rail costs & benefits
 - Infrastructure & rolling stock

Rail context in Scotland

- Remove diesel passenger fleet by 2035
- Rail fully in public ownership

Far North Line



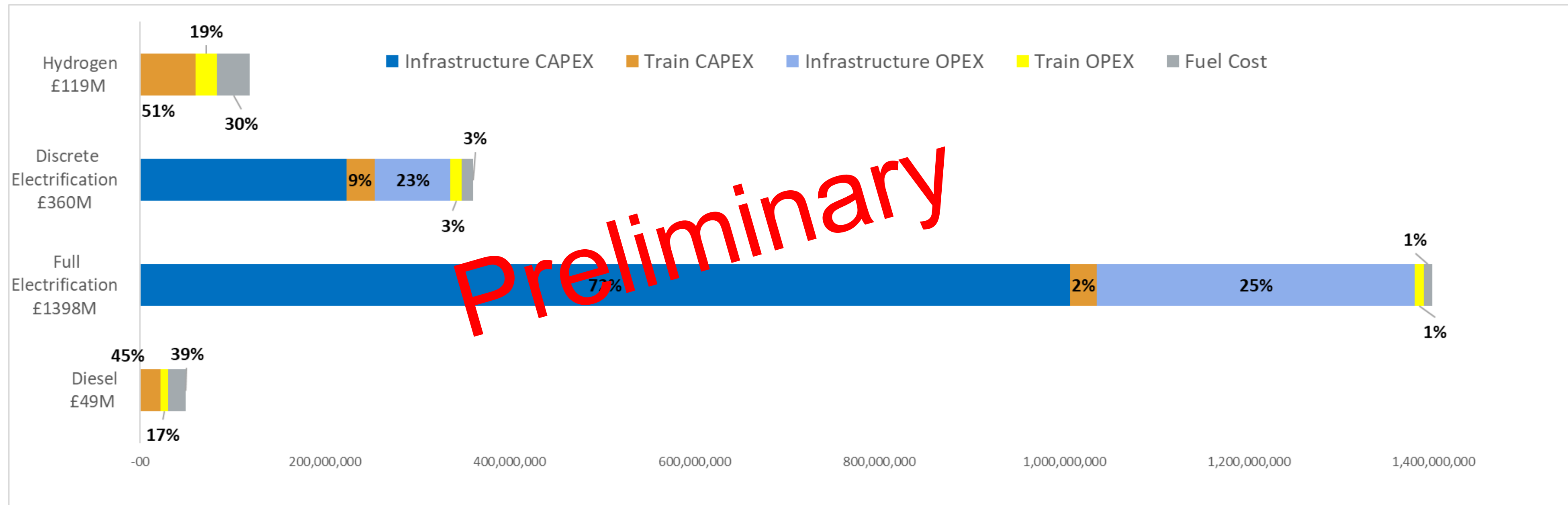
Holistic Assessment (H2H)

Preliminary Cost Benefit Assessment (CBA) – Far North Line

- 280 STK, 4 trains per day in each direction
- 30 year 3.5% NPV
- Avoids: 27 ktCO_{2e} embodied carbon + 2.9ktCO_{2e}/yr from diesel

Two forces: Distance → Infrastructure vs. Timetable → Train and fuel

Next steps: Improved data & CBA for 4 lines



Holistic Assessment (H2H)

Demonstration phase

Application March 2023

Start Late 2023 up to 5 years and £10million

Elements:

- Demonstrate the energy system benefits from hydrogen
 - Reducing constrained renewables
 - Flexibility income streams
 - Avoided rail feeder stations
- Test hydrogen trains
- Potential trial hydrogen passenger service

Questions Discussion

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SNCF RÉSEAU (INFRASTRUCTURE)

RaccorD project



Tony Letrouvé Hervé Caron

RACCOR-ED

RÉSEAU FERROVIAIRE A COURANT CONTINU INTELLIGENT
POUR LE VERDISSEMENT DE L'ÉNERGIE ÉLECTRIQUE

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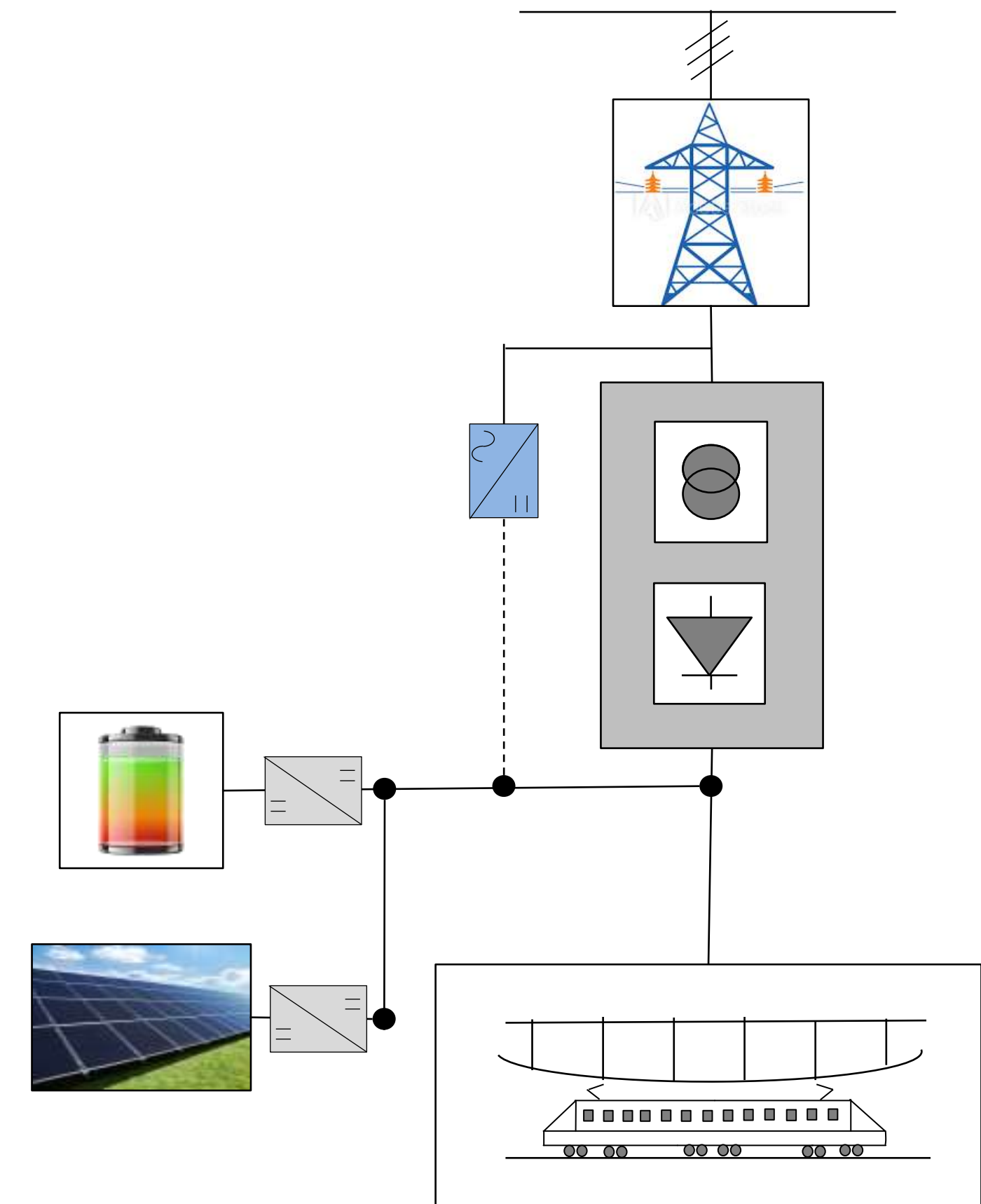
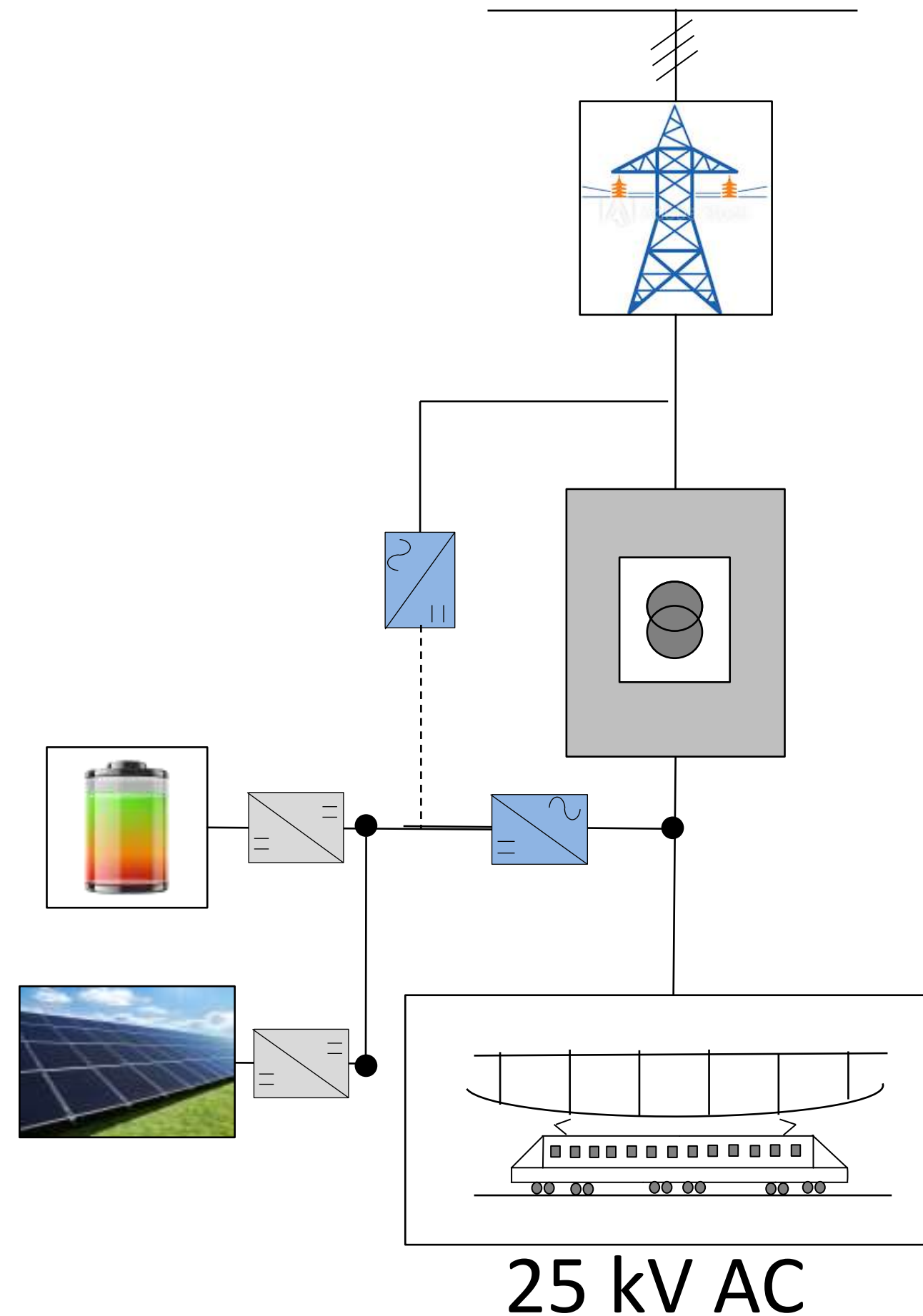
UIC "Renewable energy integration in railways" Workshop - 17 November 2022

**SMART DIRECT CURRENT RAILWAY NETWORK FOR A GREENER ELECTRICAL ENERGY*

INTRODUCTION

HOW TO INTEGRATE AND HOW TO POSITION A RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGER IN THIS TOPIC?

- ✓ Possibility to **exploit the railway area next to a substation** by installing a photovoltaic field and **what is the connexion** point with French railway system?
- ✓ The photovoltaic field will be sized to **favor self-consumption and minimize the energy injected into the public grid**
- ✓ A **storage system could be associated with solar panels** to optimize energy efficiency.



PROJECT PRESENTATION

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CONSORTIUM

Network Operators



Industrial- EQUANS



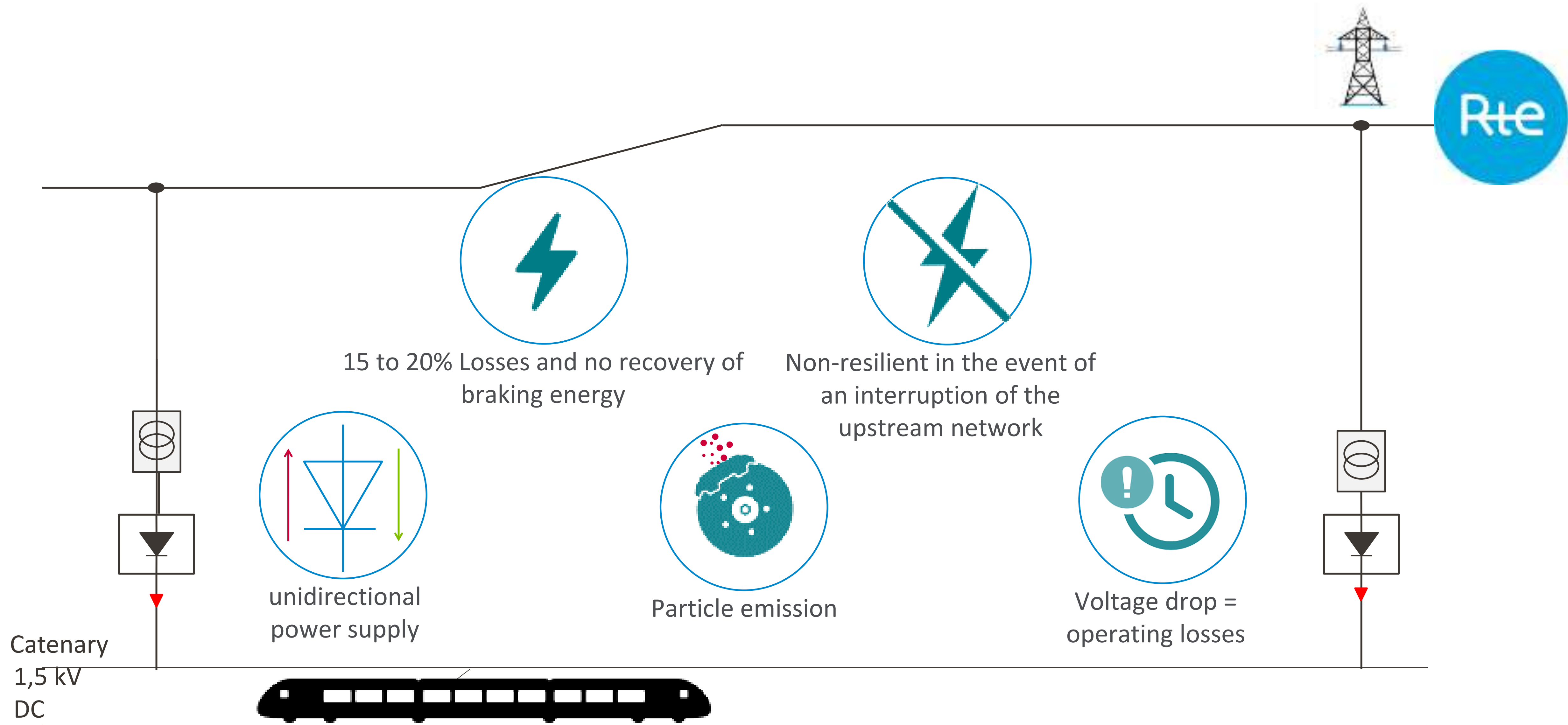
Railway Technological Research Institutes



Scientific laboratories and research organisations

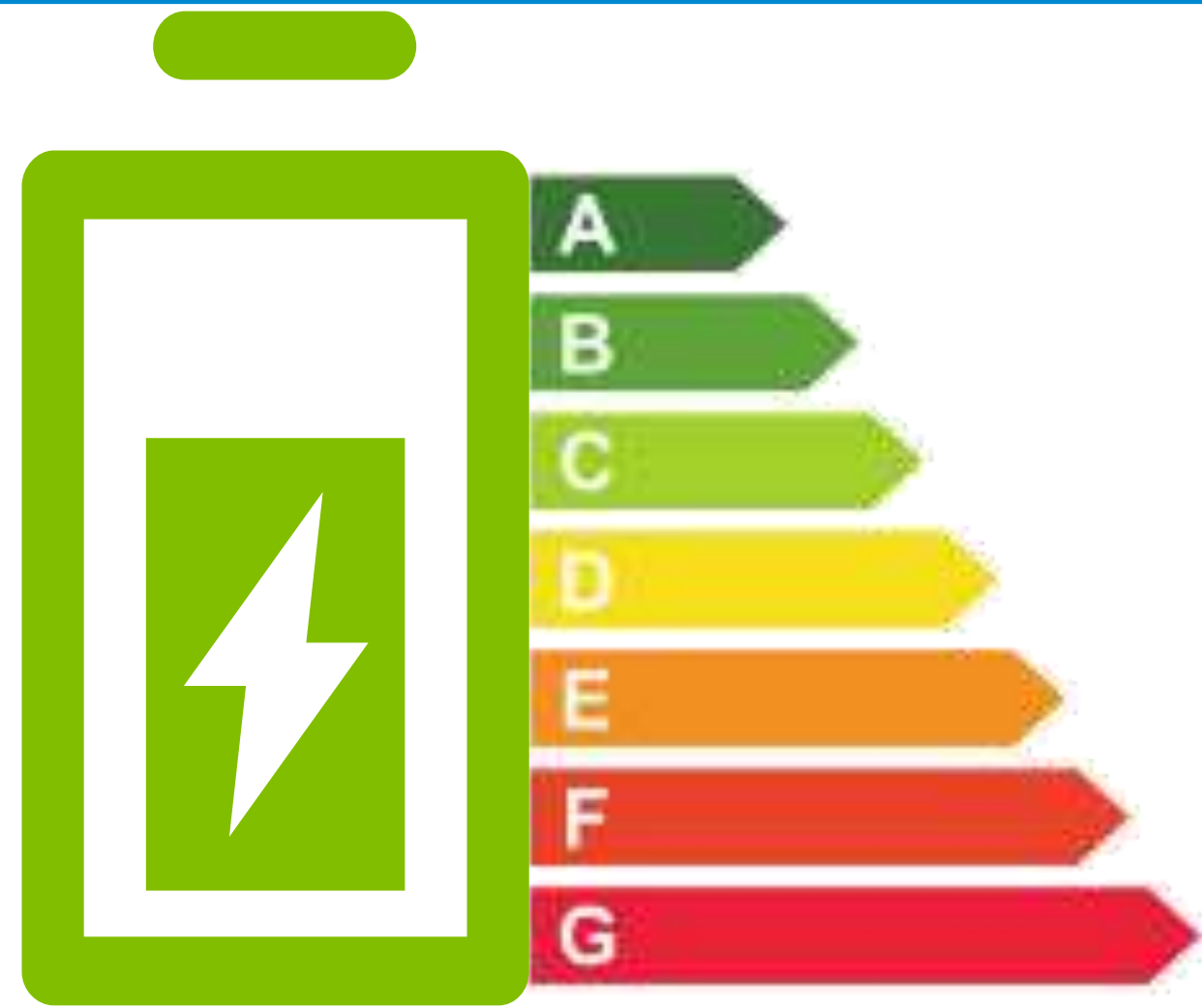


THE CONSTRAINTS OF THE DIRECT CURRENT NETWORK

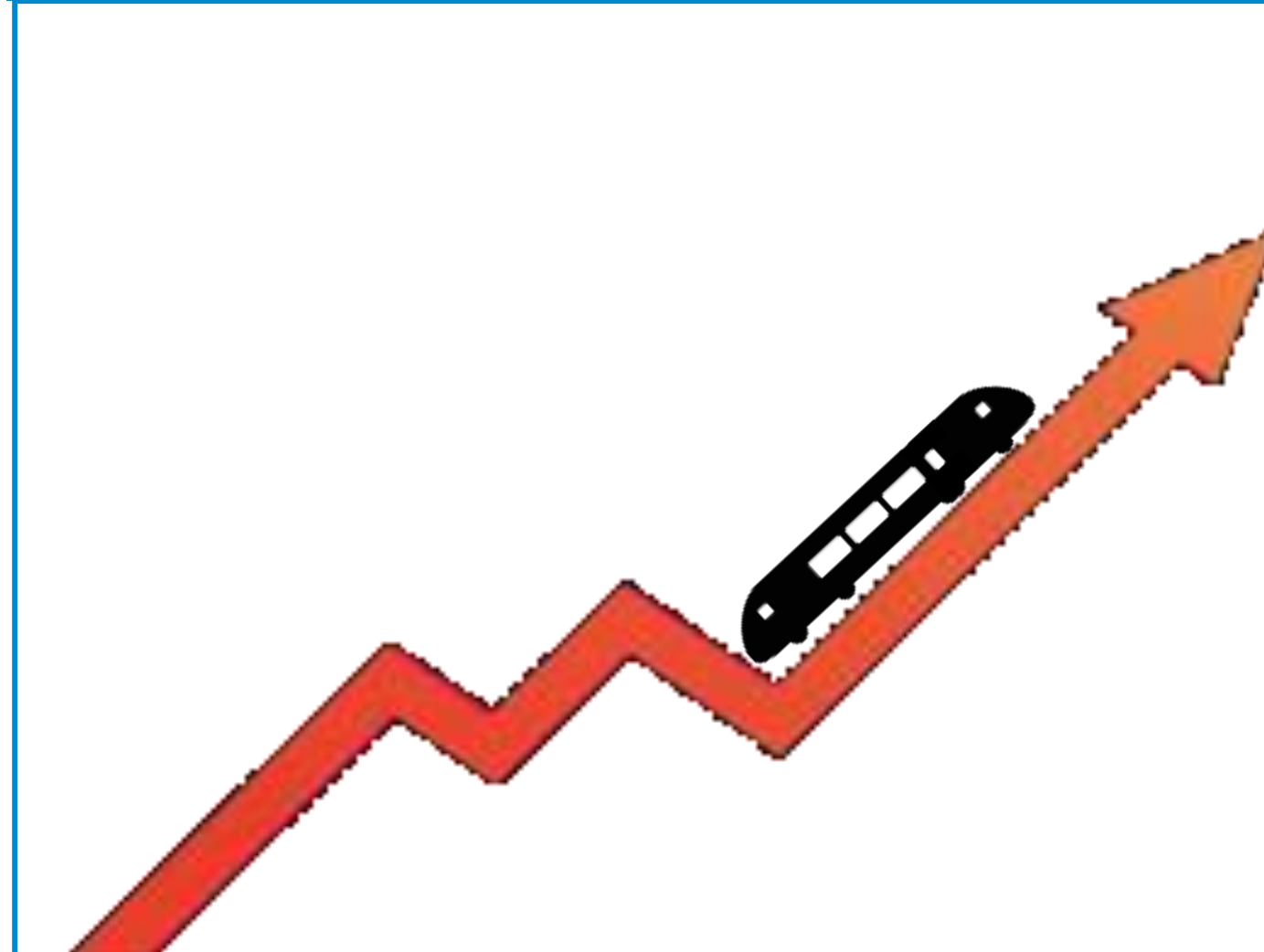


PROJECT'S OBJECTIVES

INCREASING THE ENERGY
EFFICIENCY AND
ROBUSTNESS OF THE
RAILWAY SYSTEM



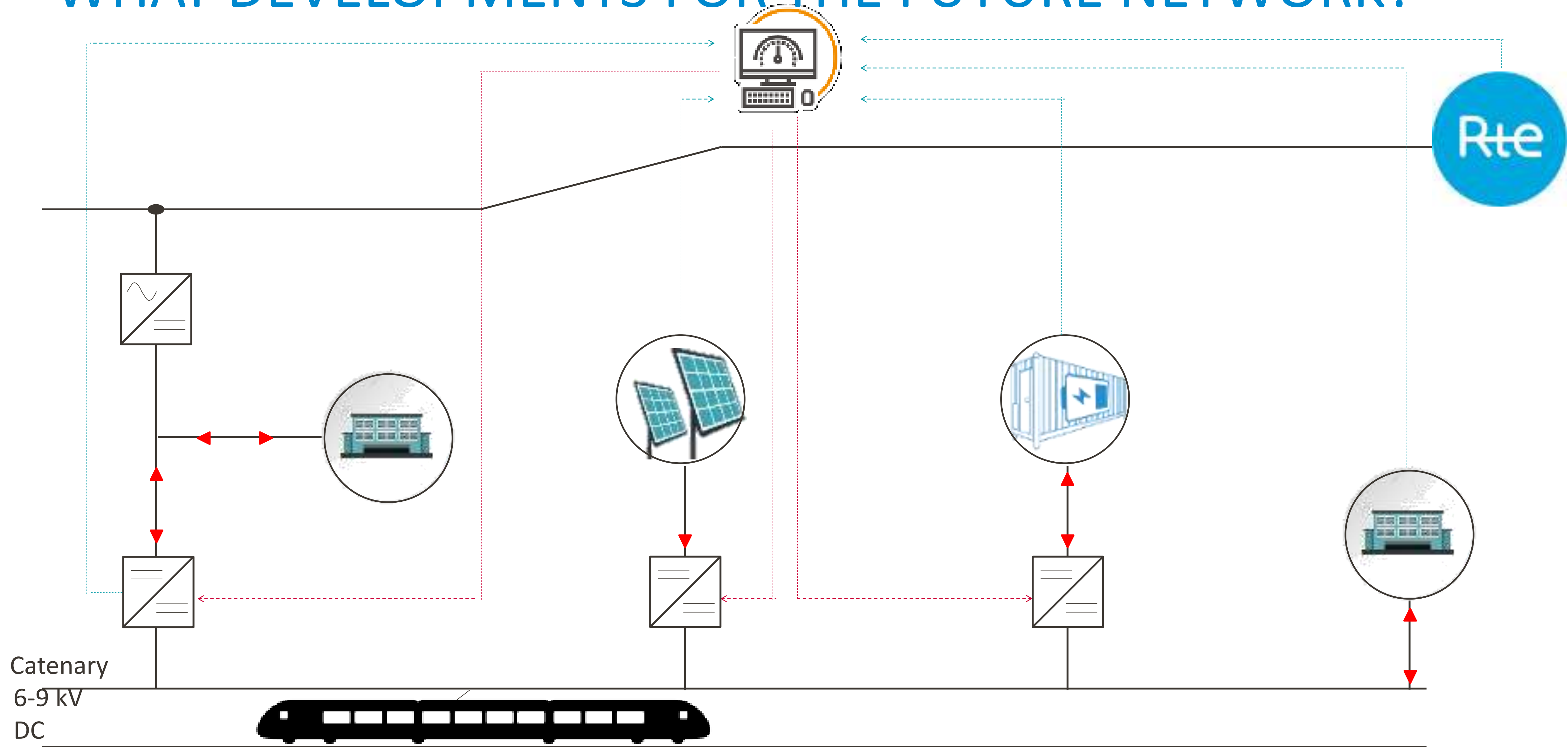
COPING WITH INCREASED
TRAFFIC AND EVER MORE
POWERFUL TRAINS



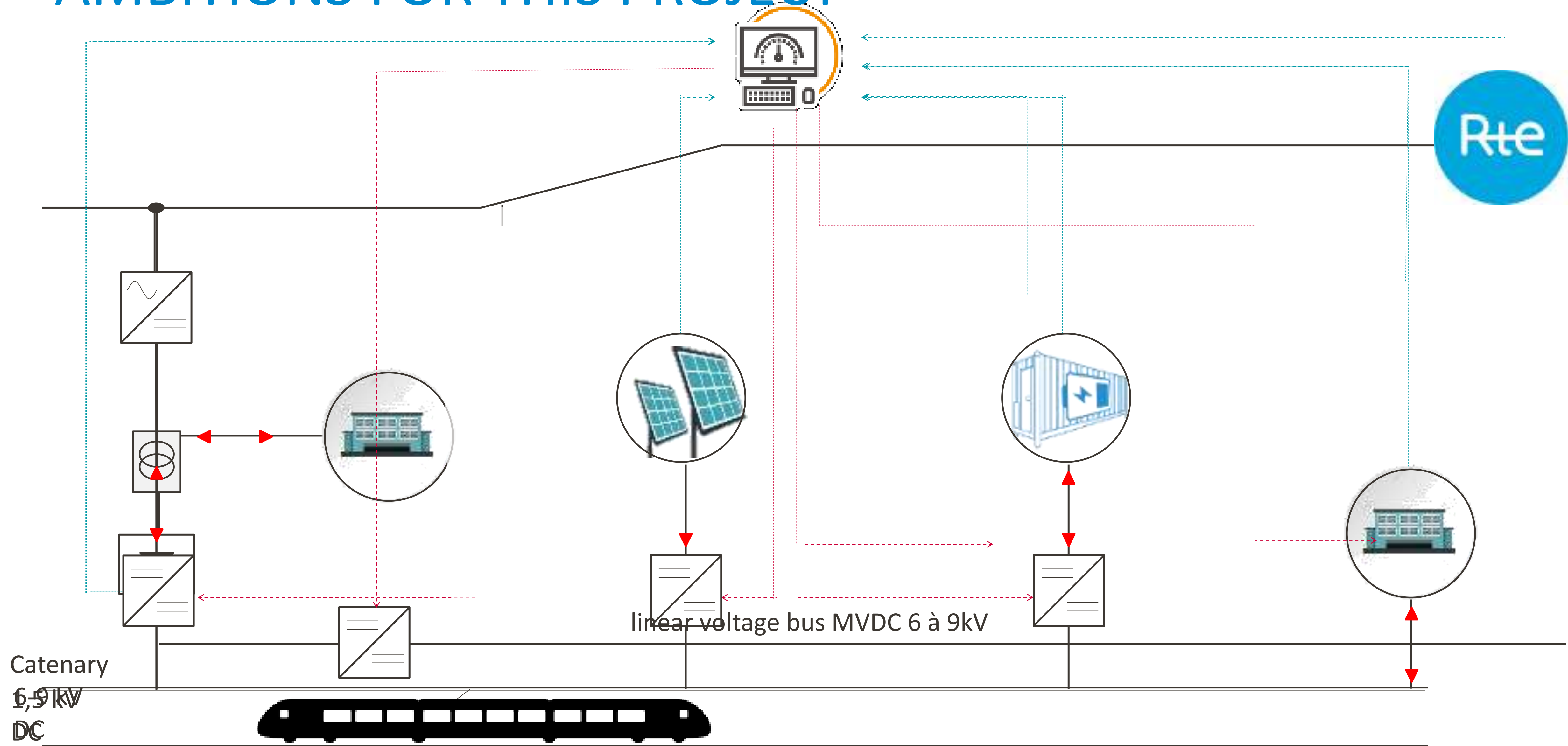
DECARBONISING THE GRID
AND RATIONALISING THE
USE OF PRIMARY
RESOURCES



WHAT DEVELOPMENTS FOR THE FUTURE NETWORK?



AMBITIONS FOR THIS PROJECT



RACCOR-D EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

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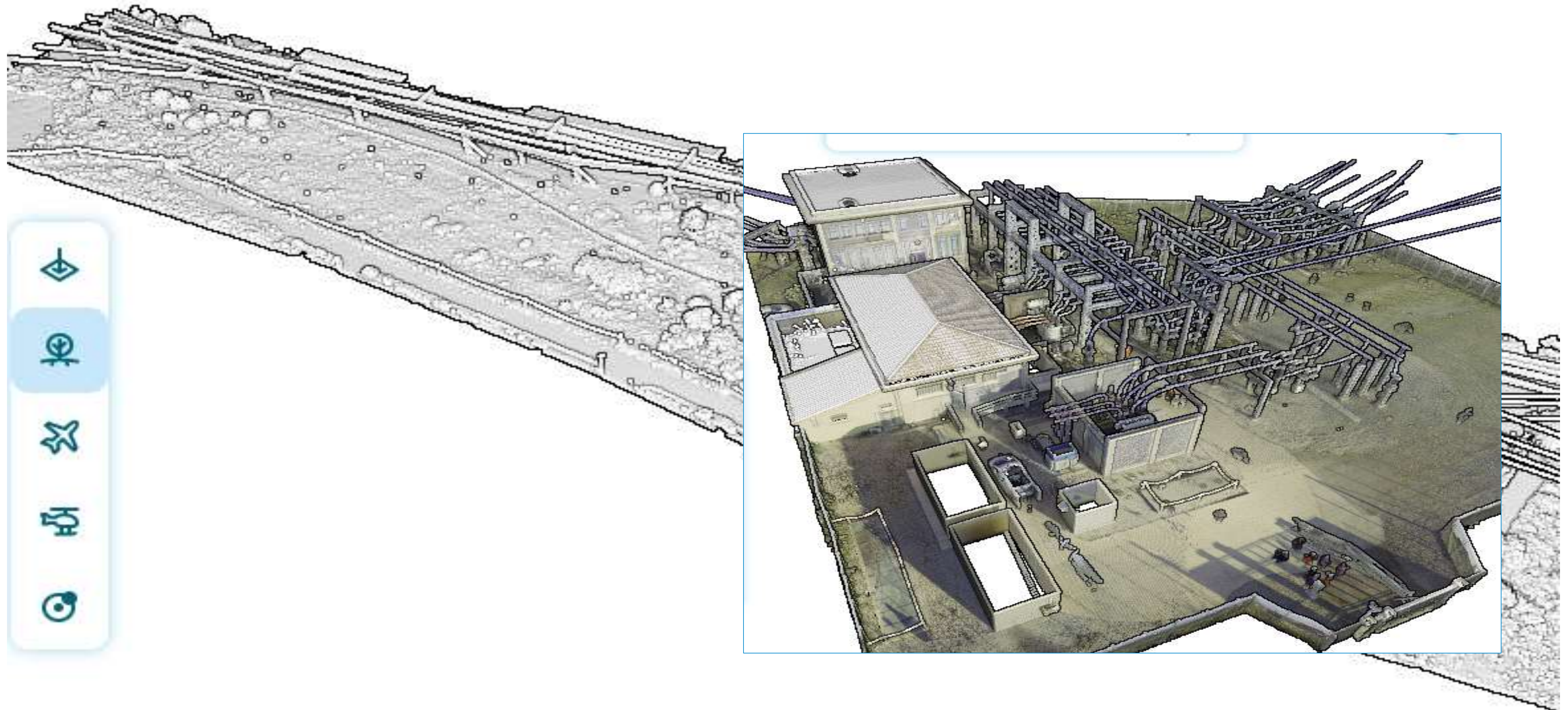
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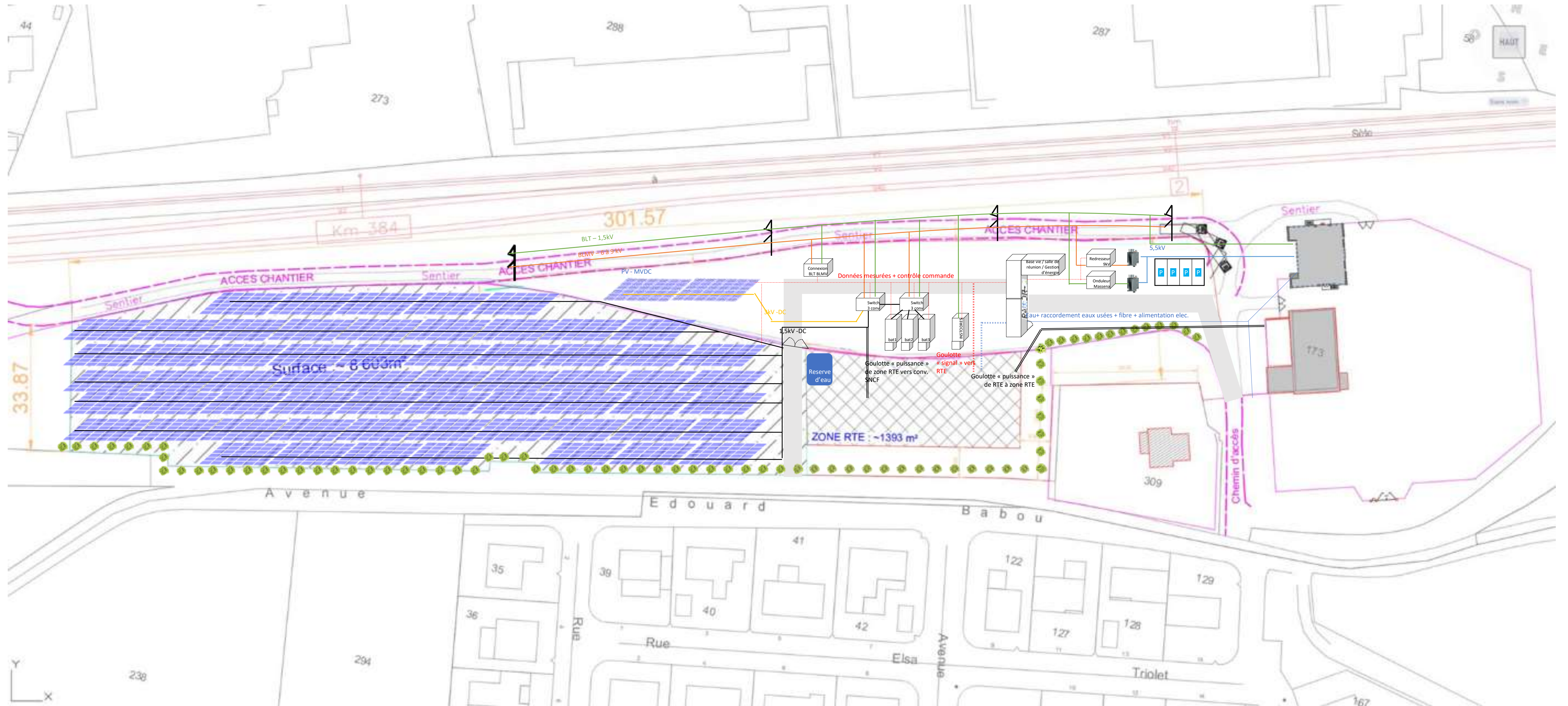
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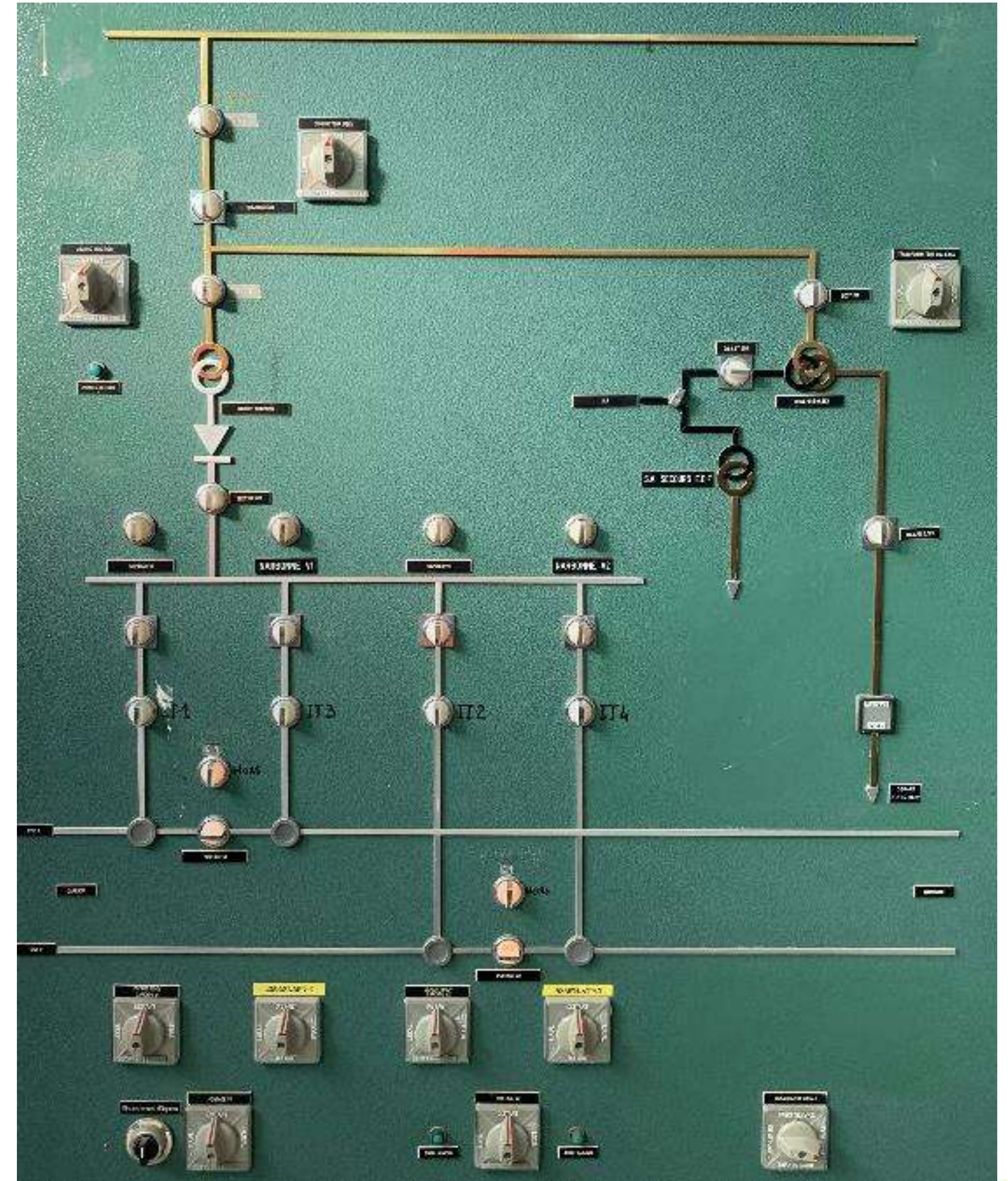
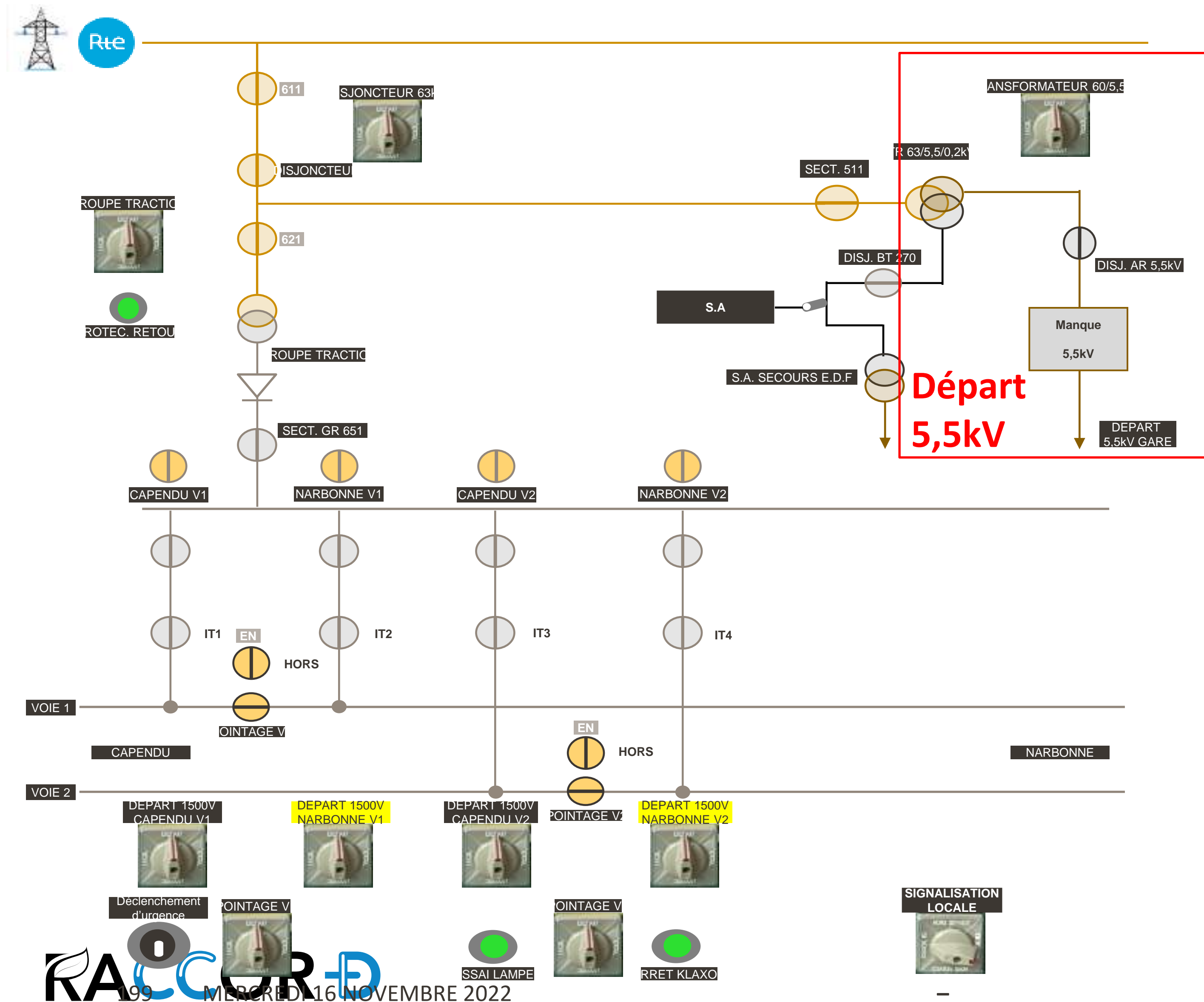
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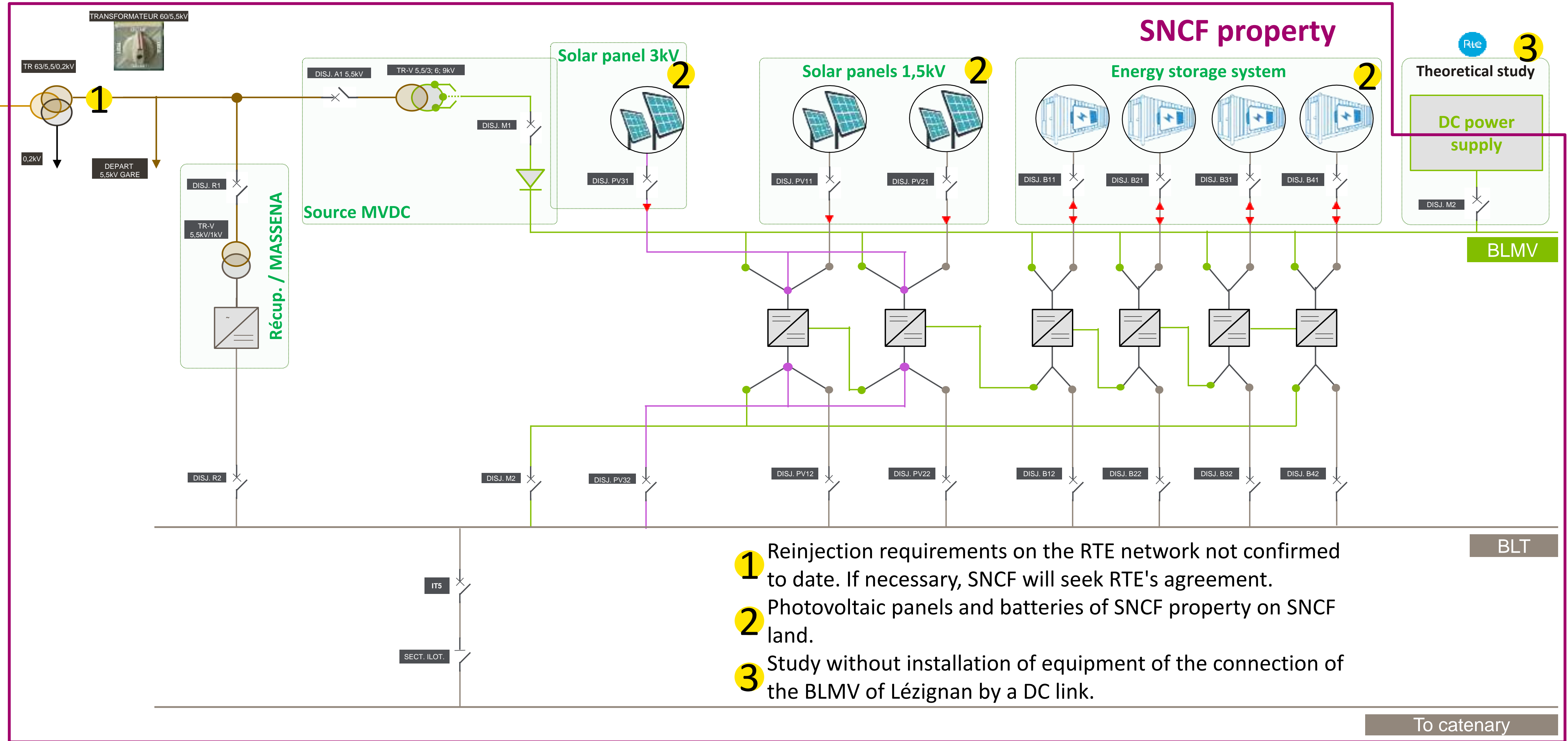
CONNECTION ARCHITECTURES | SYNOPTIC OF THE LÉZIGNAN-CORBIÈRES SUBSTATION



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CONNECTION ARCHITECTURES | PROJECTED CHANGES BY RACCOR-D

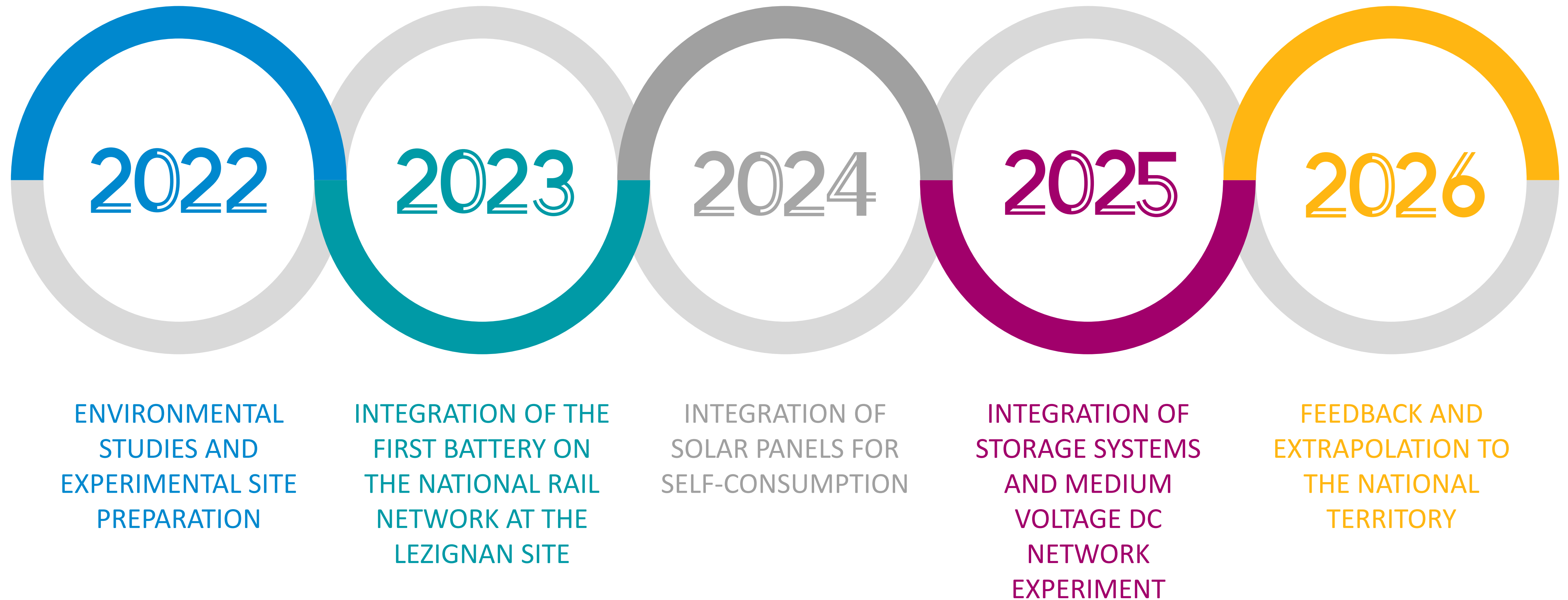
- BLT : Longitudinal Traction Bus (1,5 – 3kV)
- BLMV : Longitudinal Medium Voltage Bus (6 – 9kV)



- 1 Reinjection requirements on the RTE network not confirmed to date. If necessary, SNCF will seek RTE's agreement.
- 2 Photovoltaic panels and batteries of SNCF property on SNCF land.
- 3 Study without installation of equipment of the connection of the BLMV of Lézignan by a DC link.

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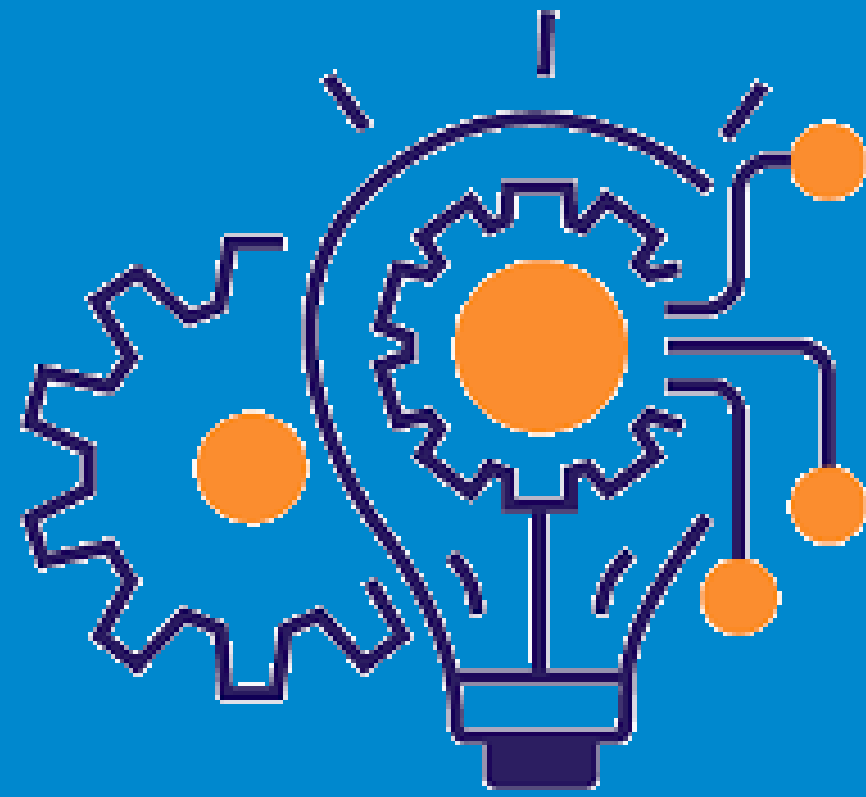
RACCOR-D STEP BY STEP



RACCOR-D PERSPECTIVES

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INNOVATIVE CONTENTS & TECHNOLOGICAL BARRIERS

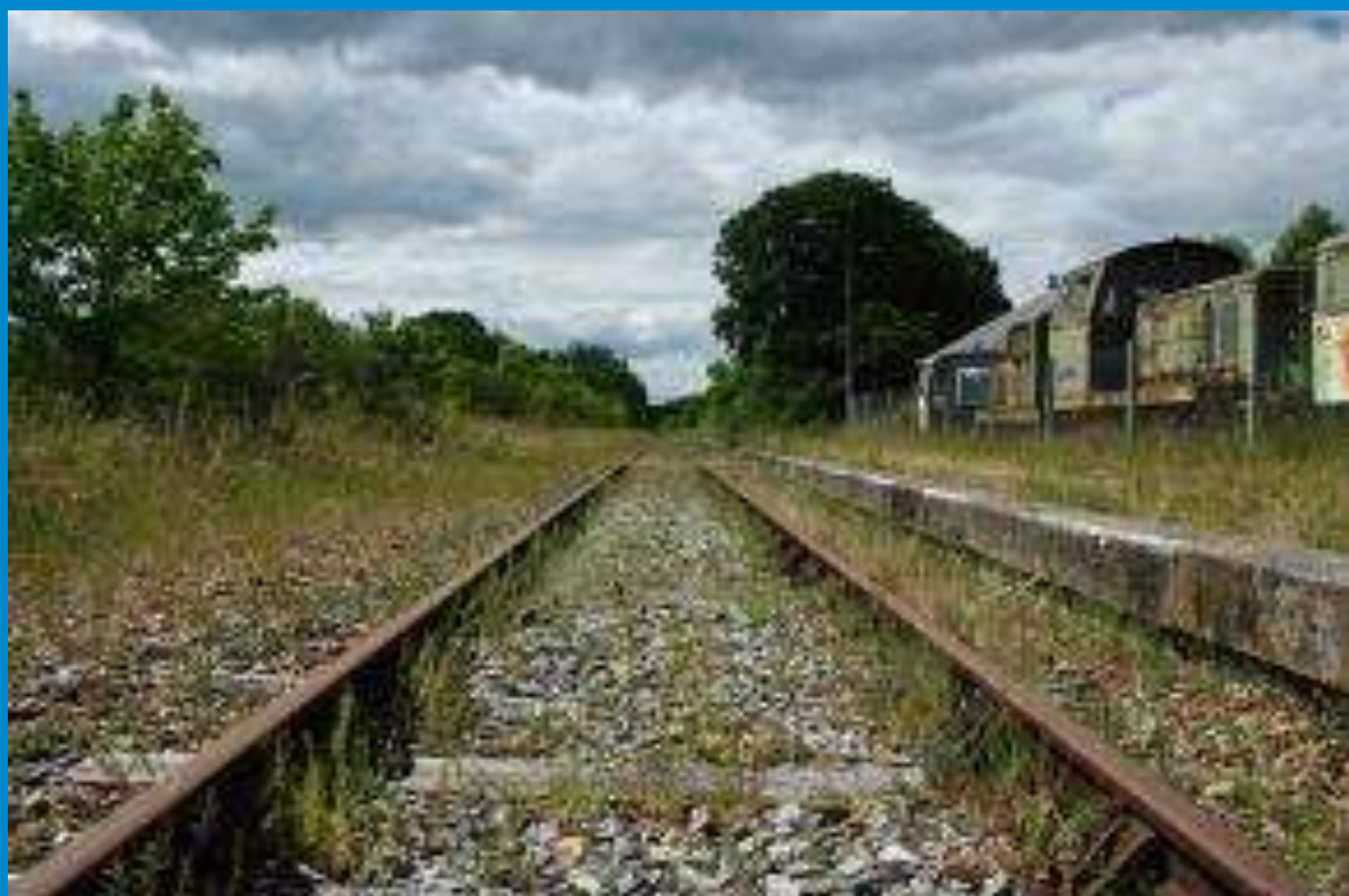


- ✓ Smartgrid architecture
- ✓ Industrial production of high power isolated DC / DC converters
- ✓ High voltage isolated PV
- ✓ Artificial Intelligence



- ✓ Very few component suppliers
- ✓ Multi-service, multi-actor management

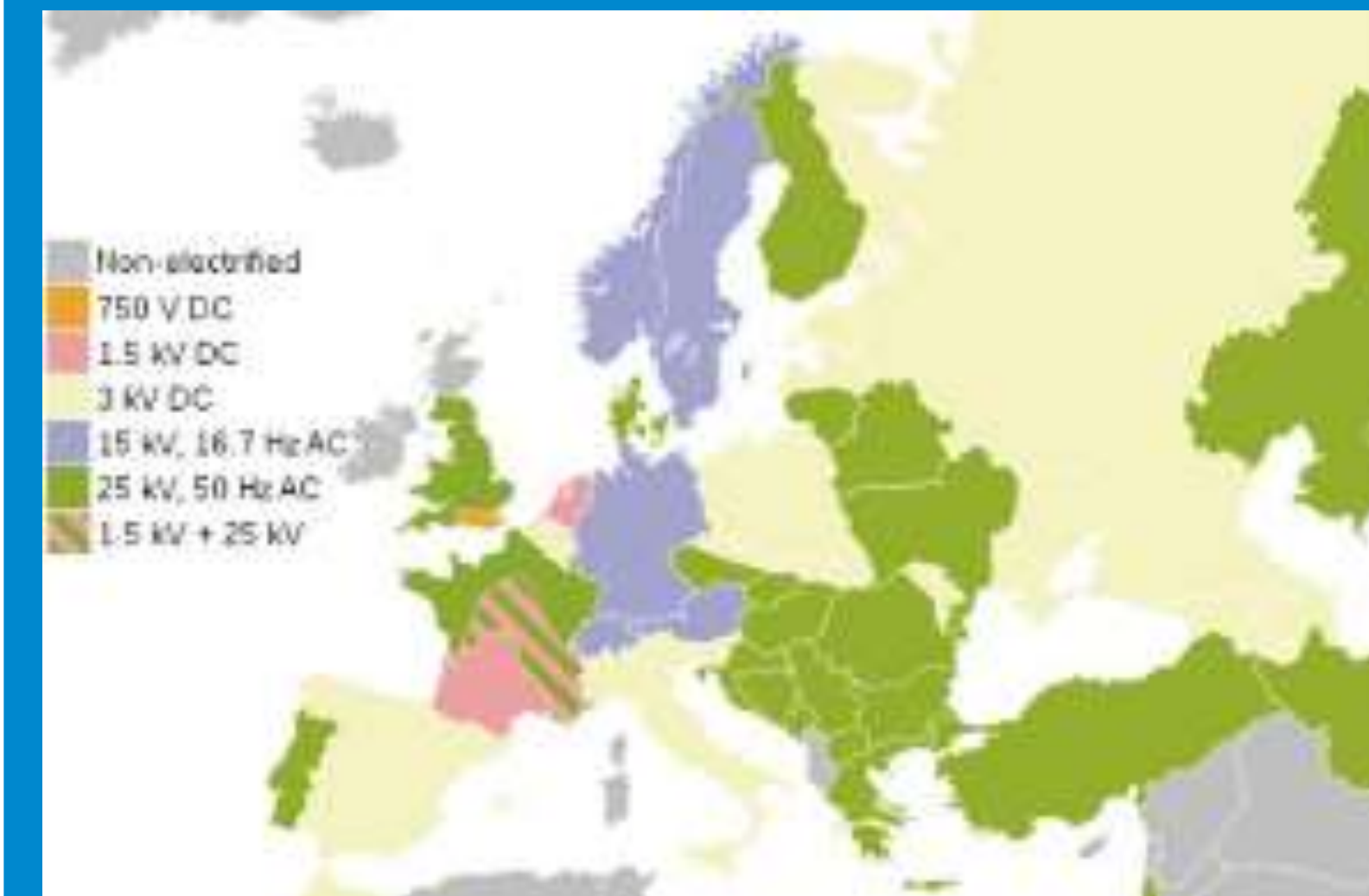
TARGETED MARKETS



Development of unused railway and other sites



Complementarity and Frugality of use of networks



Modular and Duplicable on other DC networks

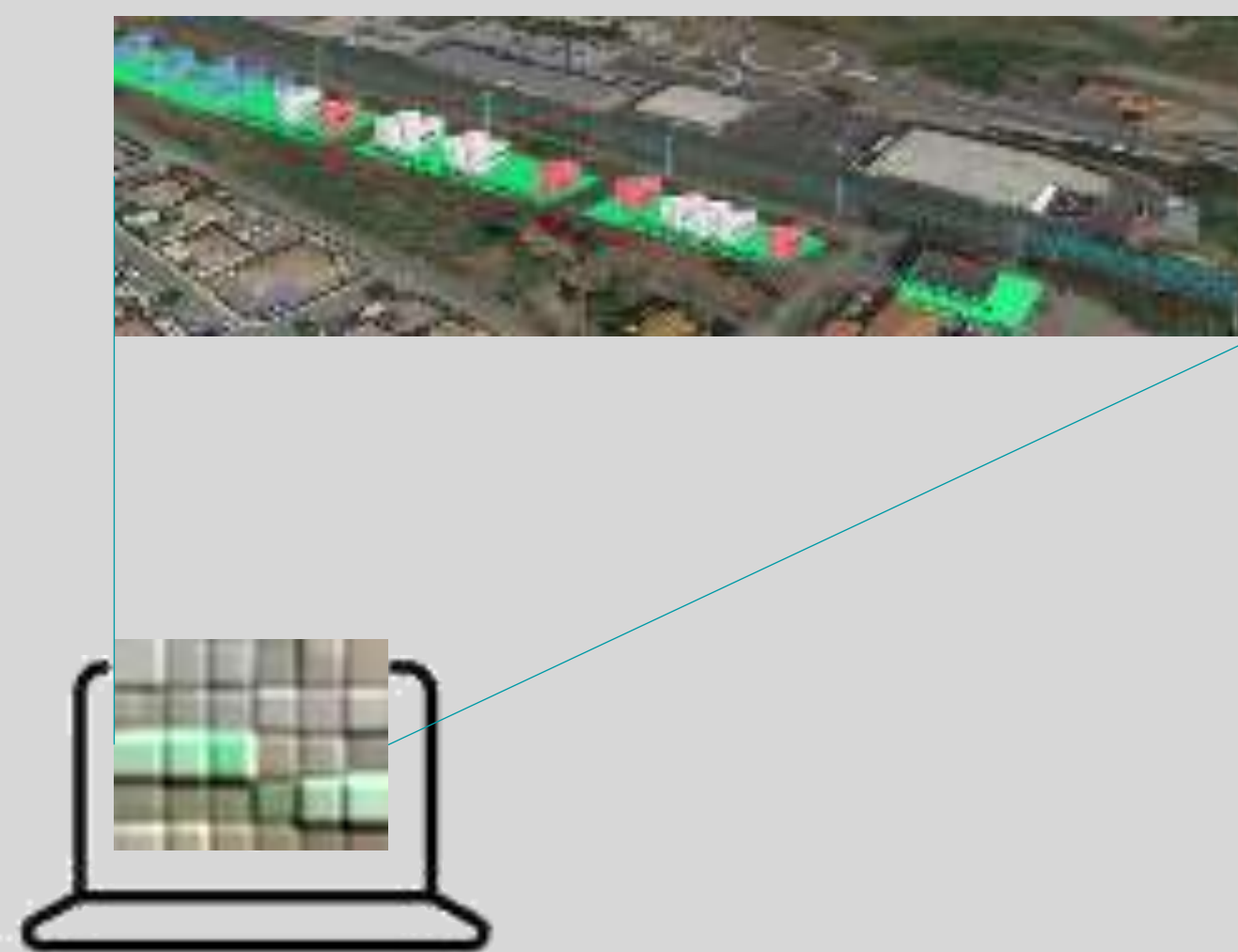
SCIENTIFIC BENEFITS

3 PhDs :

International conferences
publications



Development of a test
site for railway
innovations



AI

Robust and trustworthy
algorithms, smart metering and
opening a new field of research

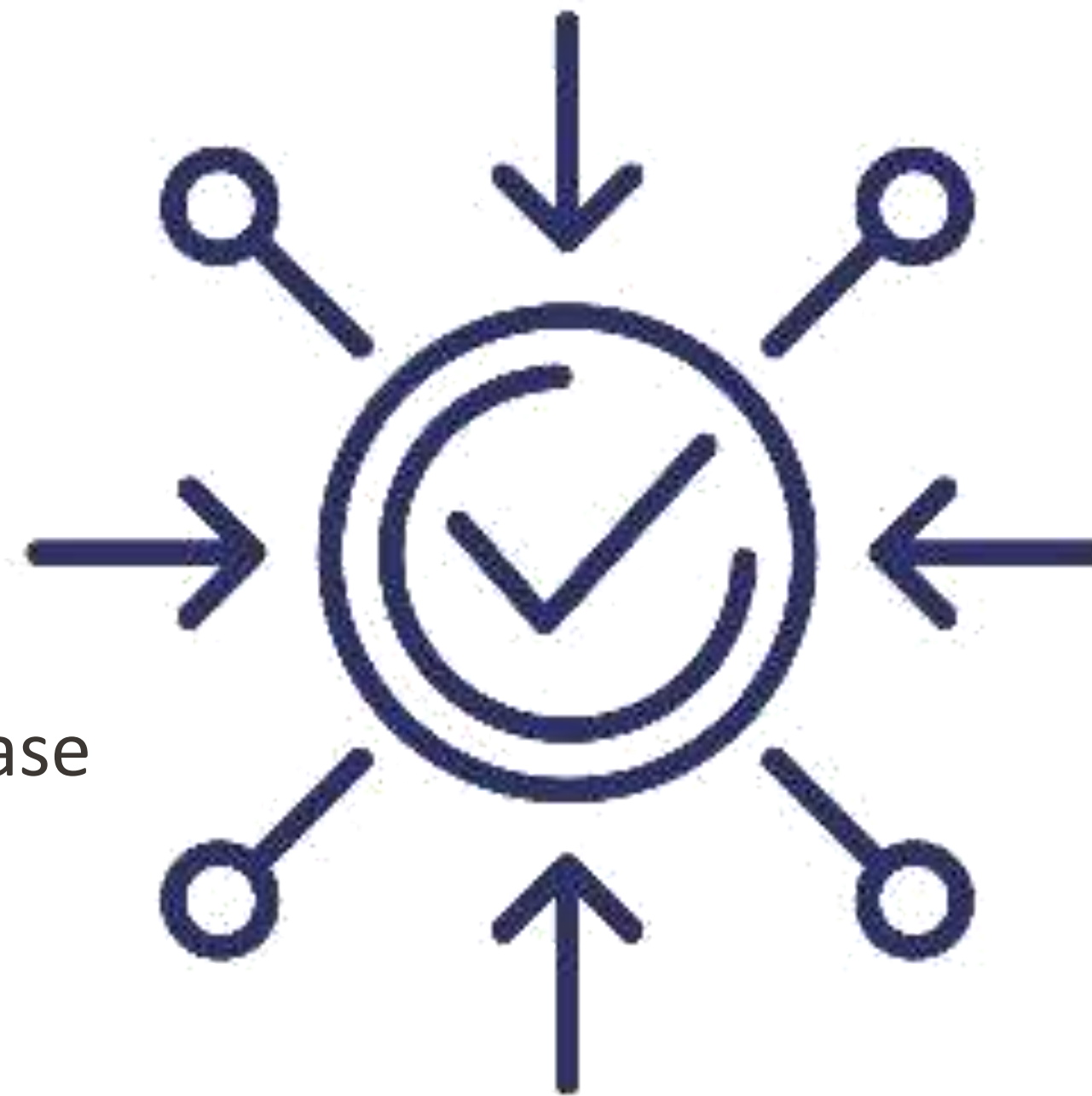


IMPACTS

- **Preparing a French world first:** direct current connection of railways from the Public Transport Network!

- **Promote the integration of renewable energies and meet an emerging need on the electrical system for multiple users** (fast charging of electric vehicles, data centres, H2 electrolysers, etc.)

- Allow the **DC voltage to rise** (Emergence phase for the LGV Bordeaux-Toulouse or LNPCA projects)



- To have a **unique experimental site in France** that will contribute to scientific and cultural influence.

- Enhance further research in the fields of **smartgrids, associated power electronics** and the integration of **artificial intelligence**.

- **First step towards European standards**

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PRORAIL & TNO

NEWRAIL project

ProRail

TNO innovation
for life

Laurent Mahuteau

NEWRAIL

Solar panels on existing noise barriers

Robert Bezemer (TNO),
Gerald Olde Monnikhof (ProRail)

An innovation and demonstration project

A cooperation of:



Subsidized by:



A demonstration project to develop and test a modular PV system for fixation to existing and newly built noise barriers. Subsidized by ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate.

After the development of a concept, tendering and engineering stage we are now going to build this on existing barriers.



Content

1. Motivation and location project
2. Concept and development
3. Participation
4. Tendering
5. Engineering & building
6. Monitoring
7. Lessons learned

Motivation

- ProRail has a potential of 20 – 30 GWh/year with solar on existing noise barriers. This is significant in relation to the total energy consumption of ProRail (160 GWh).
- There are also many noise barriers alongside national and provincial roads. Rijkswaterstaat is supporting this project.
- Integration of PV on existing objects is desirable (efficient use of space). In their search for suitable locations to install PV, municipalities are asking ProRail if the use of noise barriers is possible (horizontal roof).
- All known recent demonstration projects with PV on noise barriers were aiming on integration on new noise barriers. The innovation is about how to mount these on existing barriers and to make it easy to (dis)assemble.



Location

Originally the project would be realized on new 3 m high noise barriers on both sides of the track in America (village in province Limburg). Participation of the inhabitants was part of the project. Due to local resistance the project moved to Dronten.

The project is now being engineered and will be built begin 2023 at existing noise barriers near the Drontermeertunnel. The generated electricity will feed the tunnel.

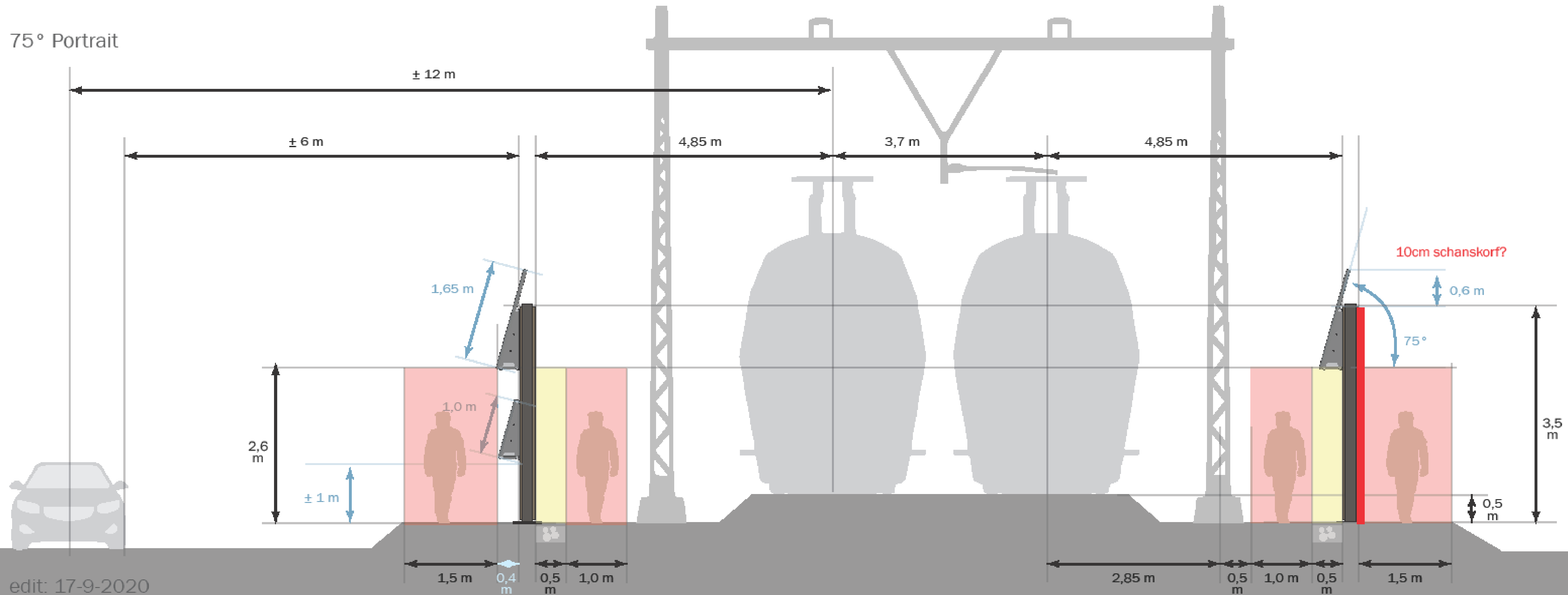


Concept & development: Variants

Panel 1m x 1,65m / 1m x 2m
Landscape / Portrait

Angle 60° / 75°
North / South

75° Portrait



Concept & development: Criteria & solutions

Yield: optimum angle, maximum area → 60° / 75° give about equal yield

View: panels above the noise barrier → Higher 'wall' → No problem relative to barrier

Safety: ability to walk under the panels (inside of barrier) → Inside: one row, angle 75°

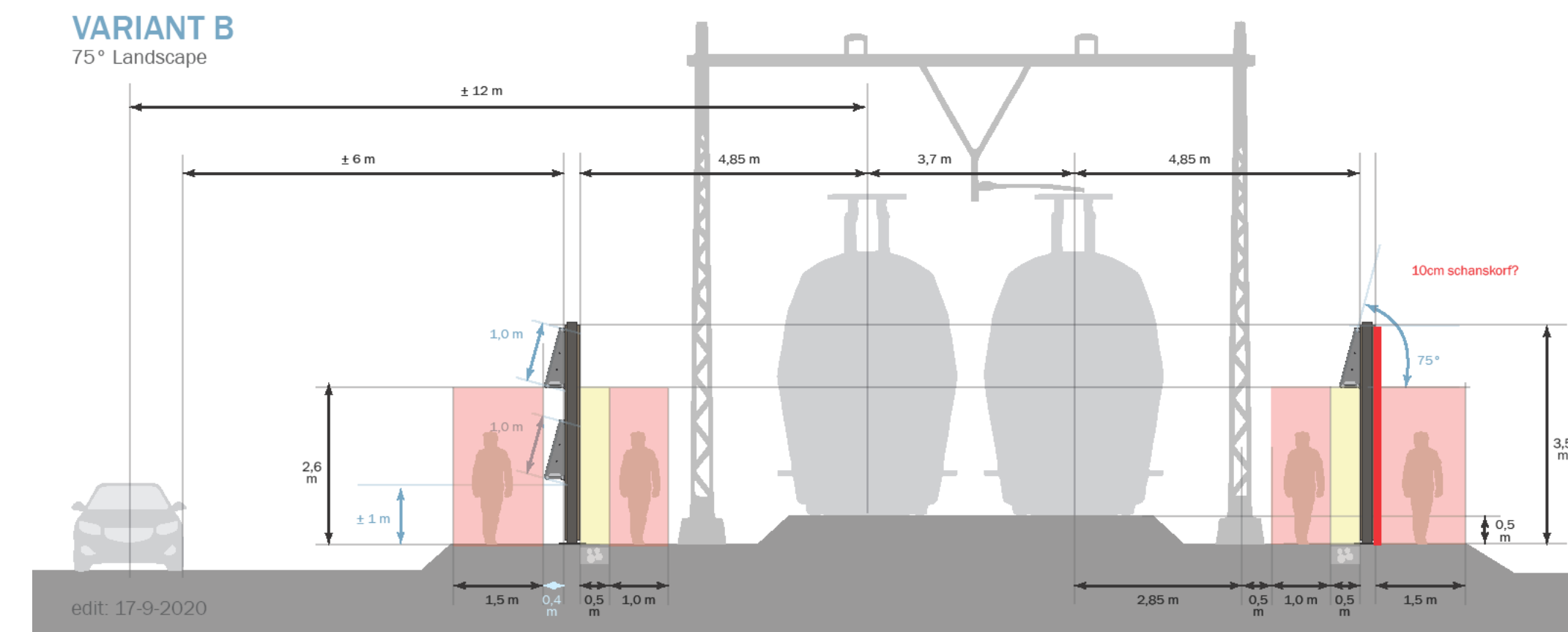
Safety: no hindrance from sun reflections on panels → No problem for east-west railway

Robustness: wind force and train shockwave resistant → Some room between panels

Environment: primary function (noise barrier) remains intact → Noise is 'reflected away'

Environment: not attractive for vandalism

- ⇒ south wall, outside: 2 rows landscape, 75°
or with 1,65m panels: 1 landscape, 1 portrait, 75°
 north wall, inside: 1 row landscape, 75°



Concept & development: Construction

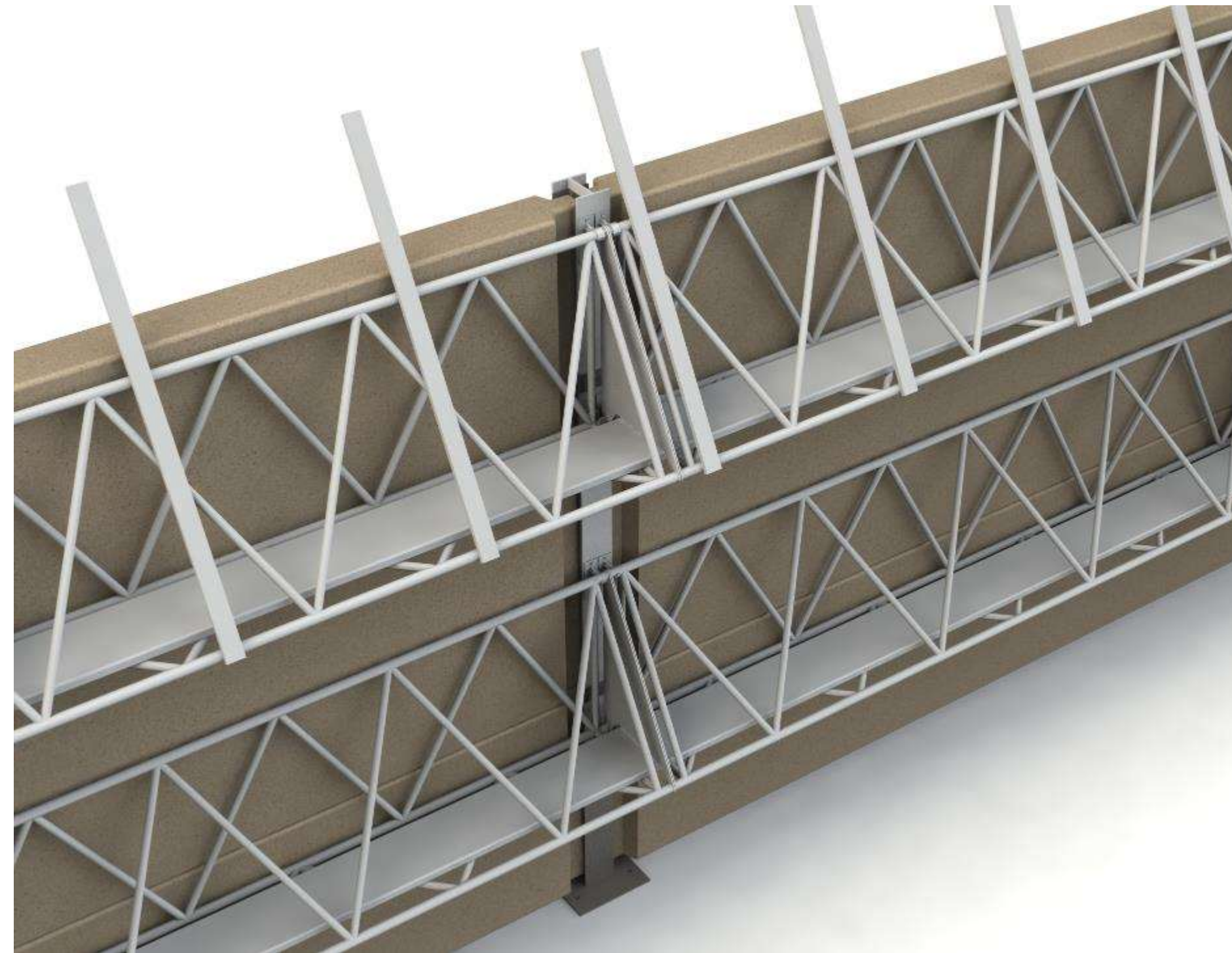
TNO engineered the concept and did the calculations (wind shear, construction, light reflection, sound).

New noise barrier:
H-profile can be prepared on which to attach the solar panel frame



Existing noise barrier:
A clamp can be applied to the H-profile on which to attach the solar panel frame.

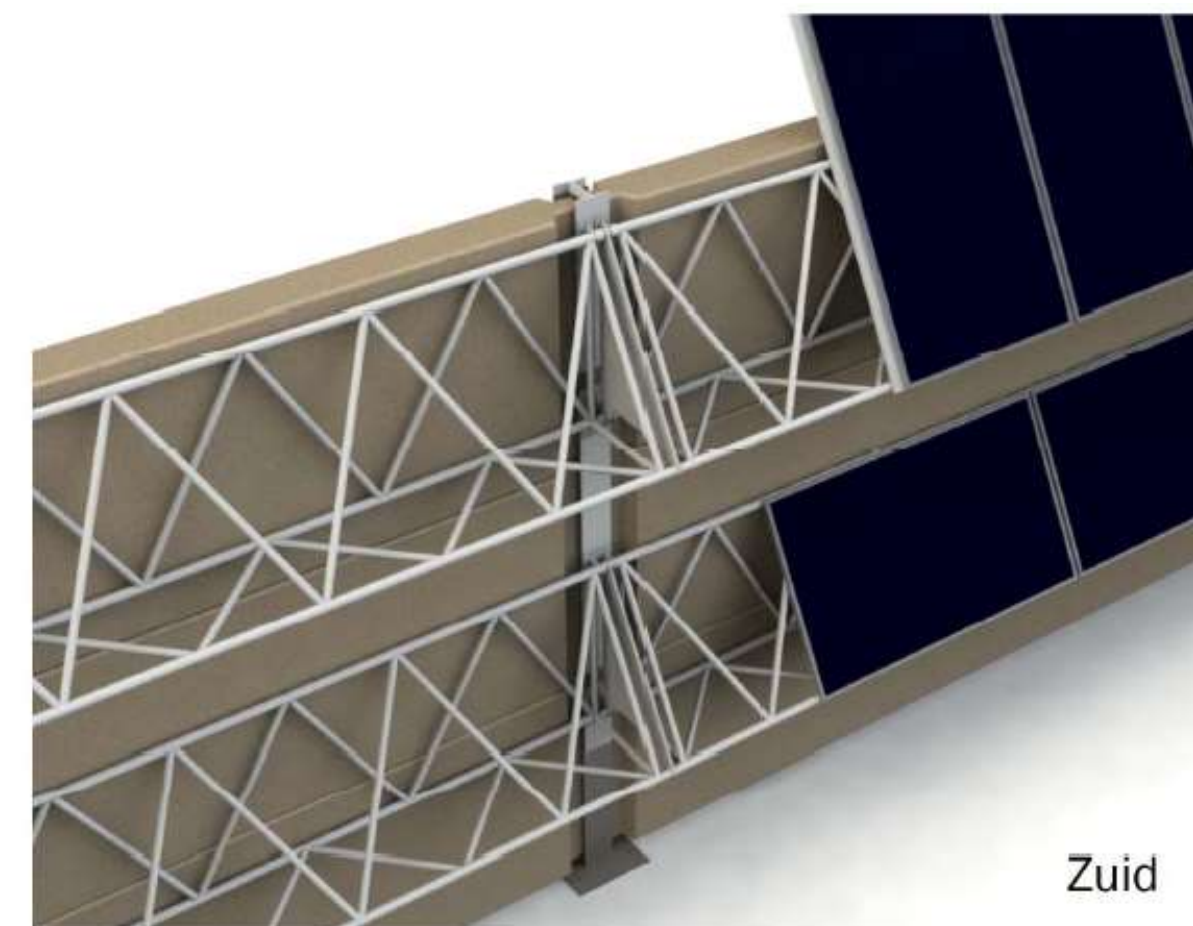
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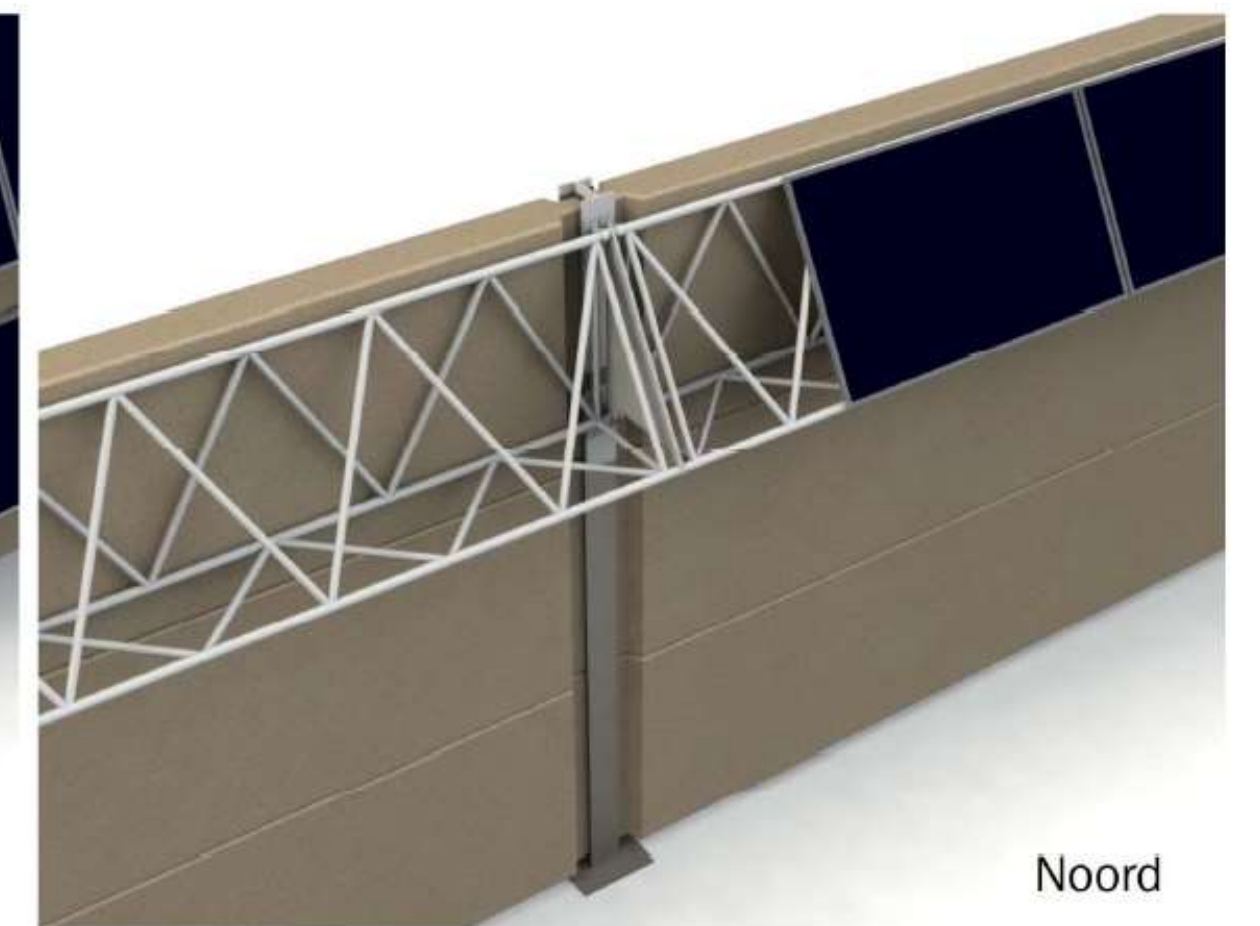
3D space frame
with cable tray
and panel fixation frame

south wall, outside

north wall, inside



Zuid



Noord

Concept & development: Construction requirements

Robustness: wind force and train shockwave (<160 km/h) resistant

→ wind force is normative

→ prevent air inlet at the ends; aperture between panels 10 – 25 mm

Robustness: resistant to vibrations (wind, train)

Strength: barrier should be able to carry the weight of the panels

Deformation: appears due to temperature variation; should be accommodated

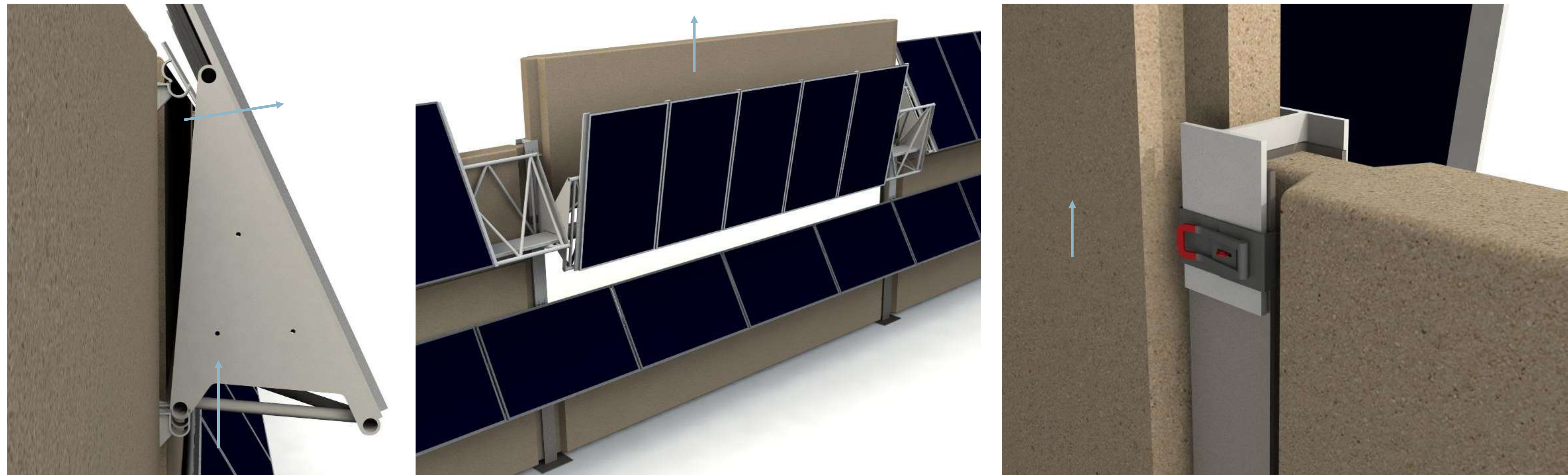
Possibility to approach/replace solar panels and cables from outside

Installation should be done with no/minimal disturbance to train service

Before tender stage: full requirements list has >200 lines about performance, product & materials, product & system, realisation, use, environment, safety, maintenance, monitoring

Concept & development: Maintenance

Possibility to 'click away' the frame, remove a barrier module and approach cables and solar panels for maintenance or replacement.



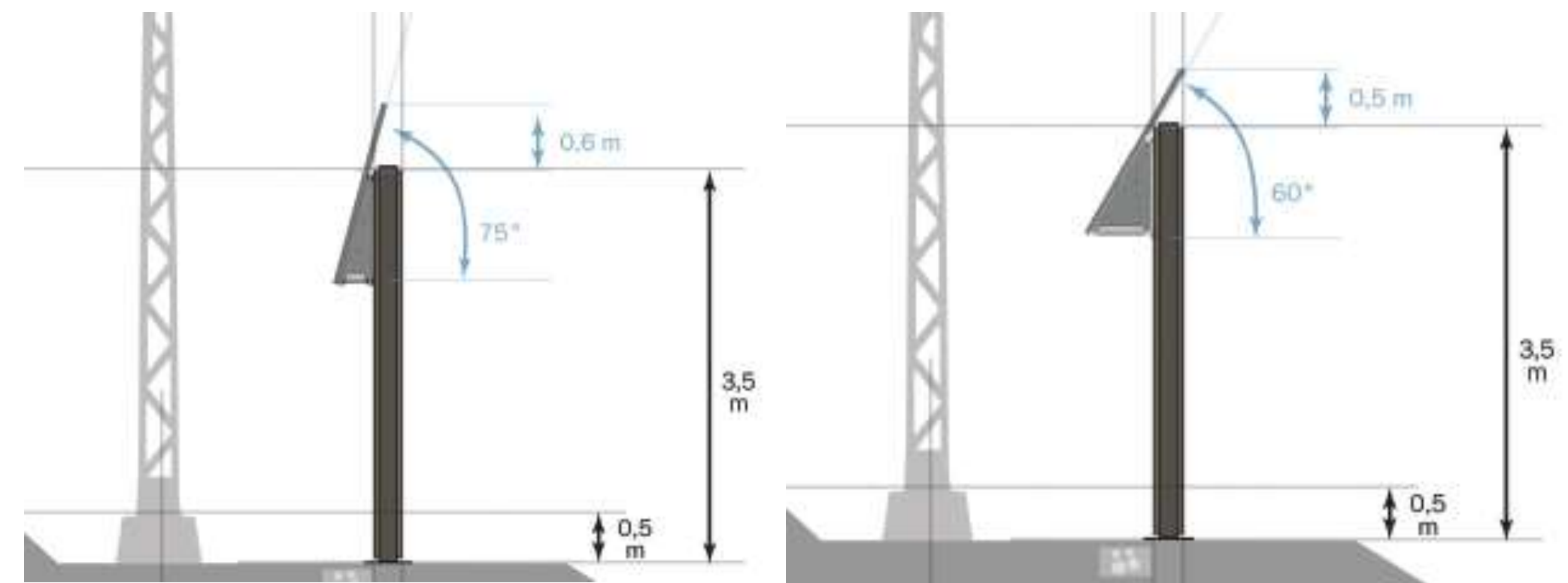
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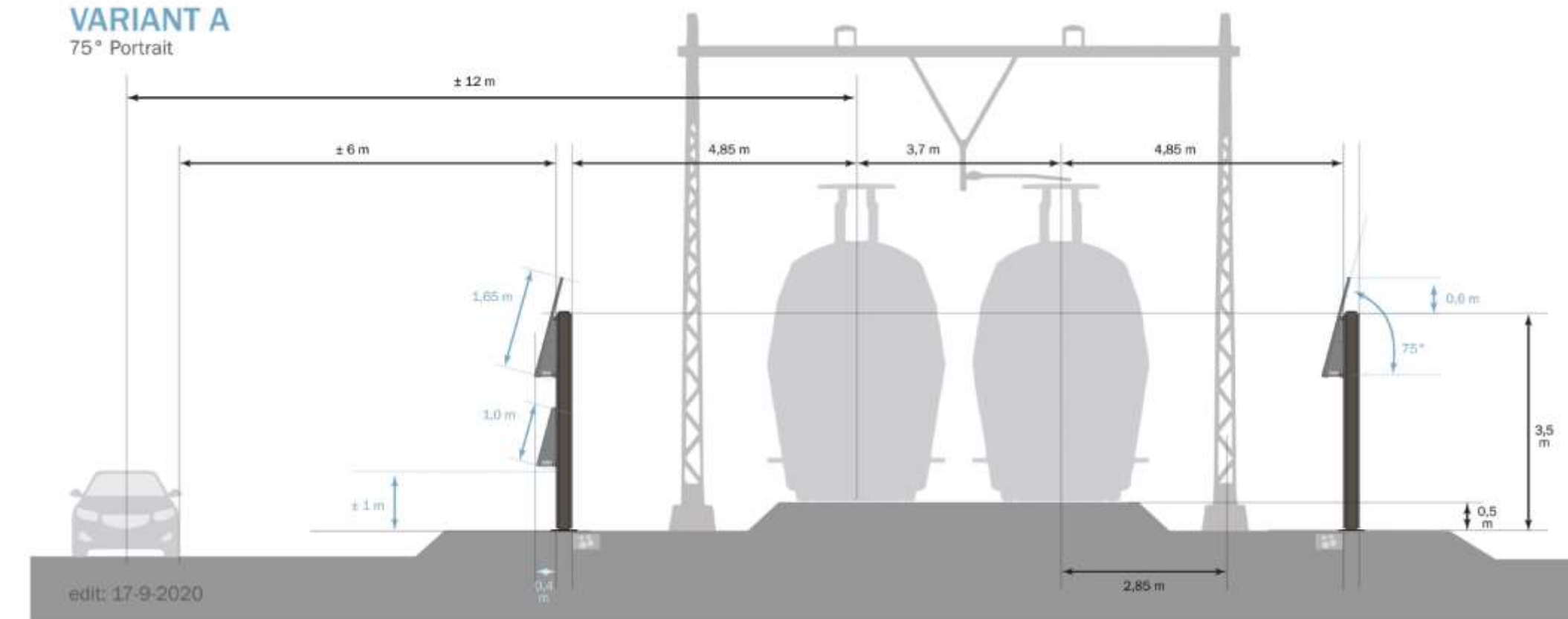
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The project aimed to investigate which configuration would be the best. Several options were considered:

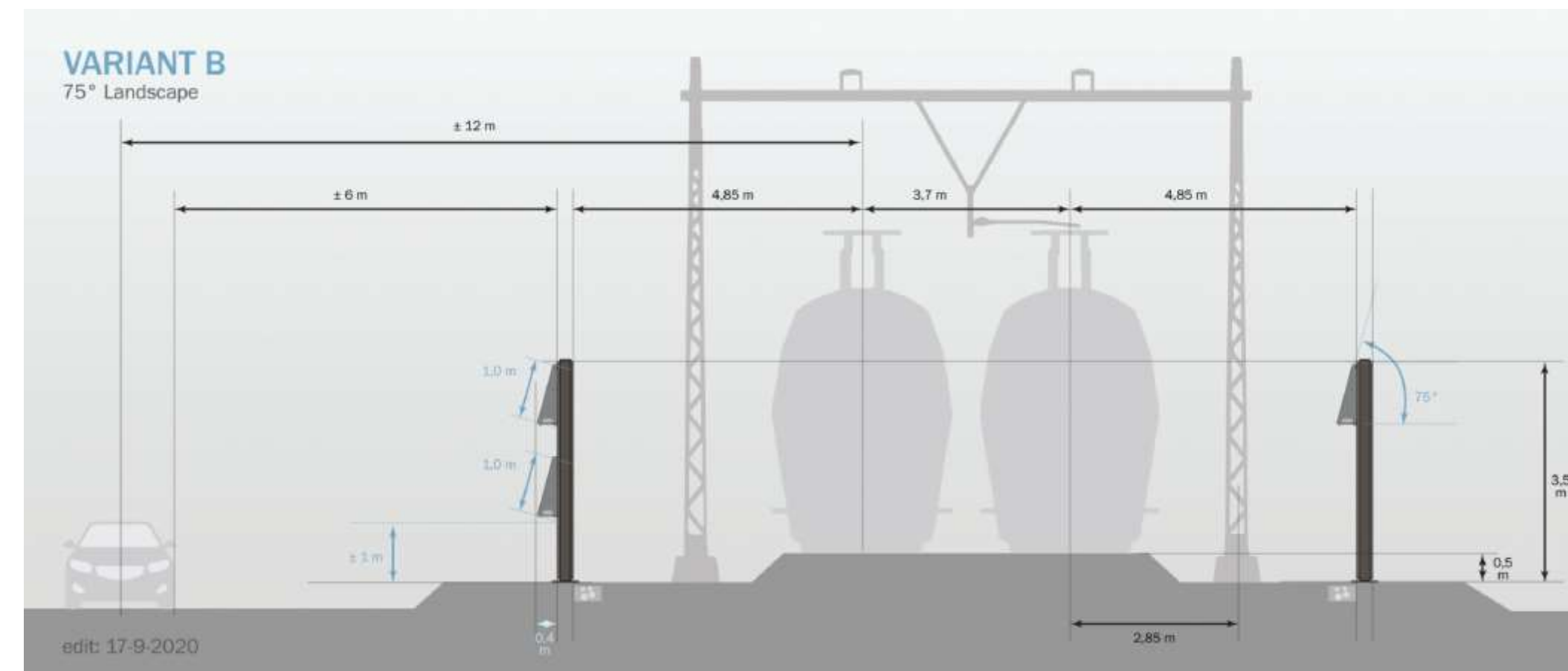
- Solar pane size
- 75° or 60°
- Landscape (not above barrier) or portrait (0,5 m above barrier)
- Two rows above each other or not



VARIANT A
75° Portrait



VARIANT B
75° Landscape



Participation (2)

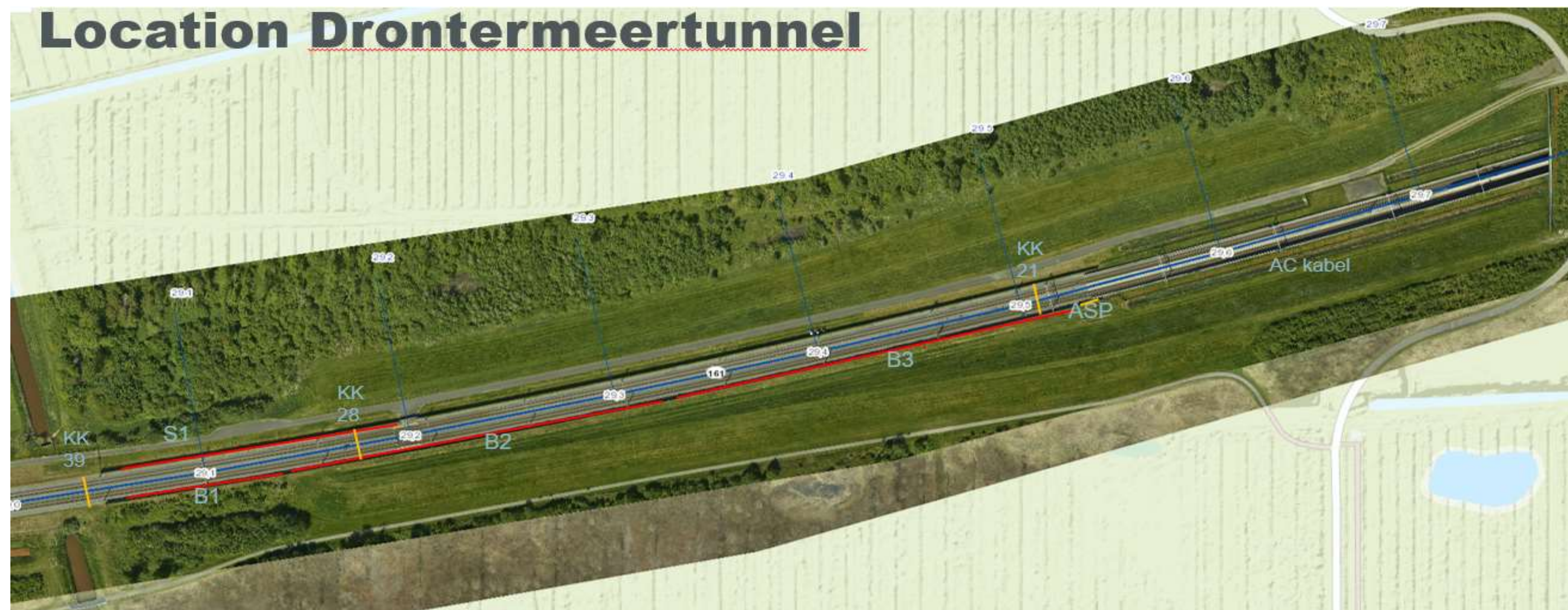
Results of the participation process in America:

- An open planning process is essential for successful participation.
- Application of solar panels on the noise barriers on both sides of the track is not enough reason to compensate for the loss of view and the severe impact of high noise barriers. People prefer low barriers in combination with additional measures if this is sufficient. Only if high barriers are necessary, there is added value in applying solar panels.
- At the meeting in the village hall there was:
 - a slight preference for portrait (no impact on the view of the noise barrier);
 - no preference for 75° or 60°.
- There was a modest interest in participation in the energy cooperation.

The resistance at the foreseen 3 m high barriers in America resulted in a new design of the barriers, with 1,5 m high barriers at the south side of the track. This meant that NEWRAIL could not be built in America.

Tendering

- Design, construction and maintenance contract;
- Based on concept developed by TNO;
- 75 m inside of noise barrier (single row PV-panels);
- 445 m outside noise barrier (double row PV-panels; 3 different settings);
- In total 200 kWp panels; 150 kWp inverters.
- Delivery was planned in July 2022.



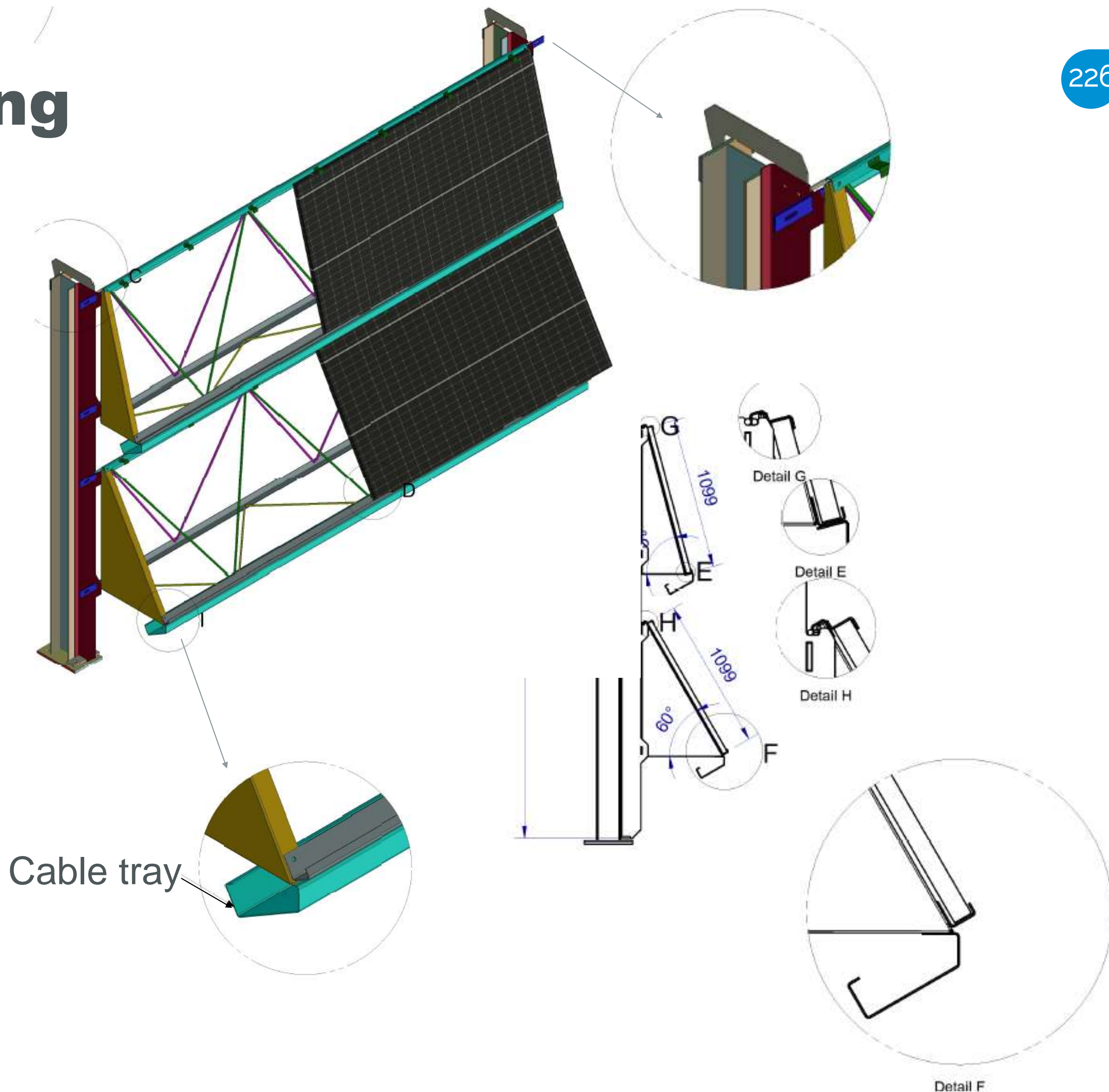
Legend:

- S1: Segment rail side; 1 row 75 m; 75°
- B1: Segment non-rail side; 2 rows 65 m. Upper row 75°, lower 60°.
- B2: Segment non-rail side; 2 rows 190 m. Upper and lower row 60°.
- B3: Segment non-rail side; 190 m. Upper and lower row 75°
- ASP: AC cable towards tunnel

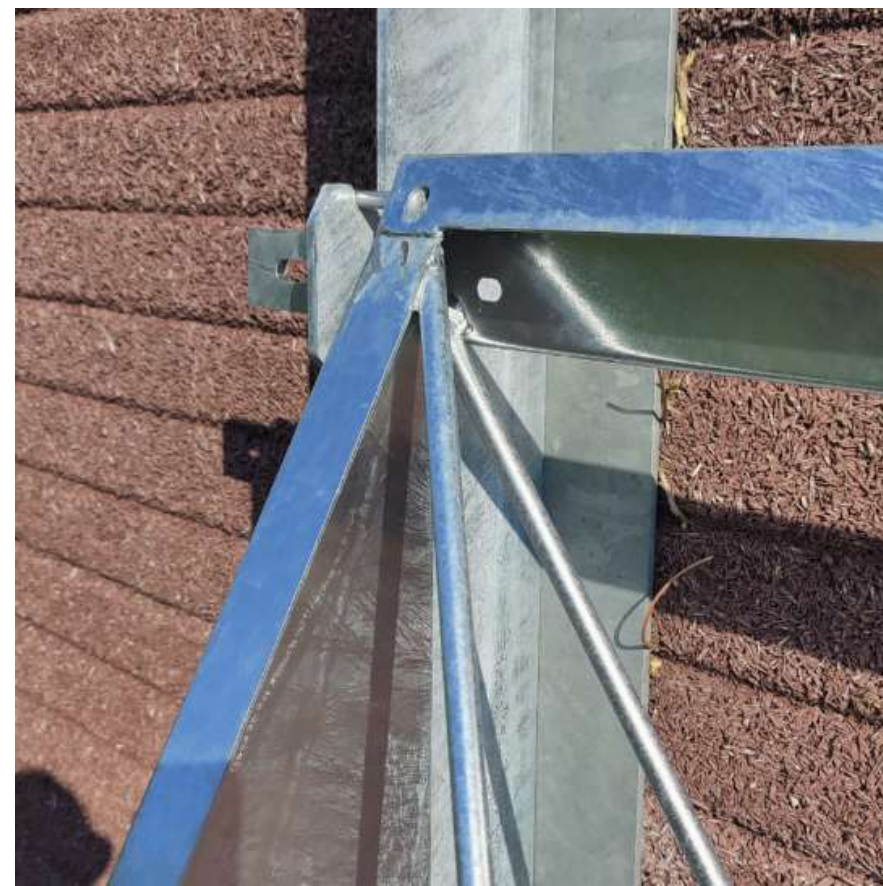
Engineering & building

Sunprojects won the contract.
Some findings:

- Bid was more expensive than ProRail expected.
- Sunprojects proposed some optimisations to the original design of TNO. The design is modular and easy to assemble and disassemble.
- Meeting all requirements for a company that's not used to work in a rail environment proved to be hard, which resulted in a considerable delay.



Test prototype by Sunprojects



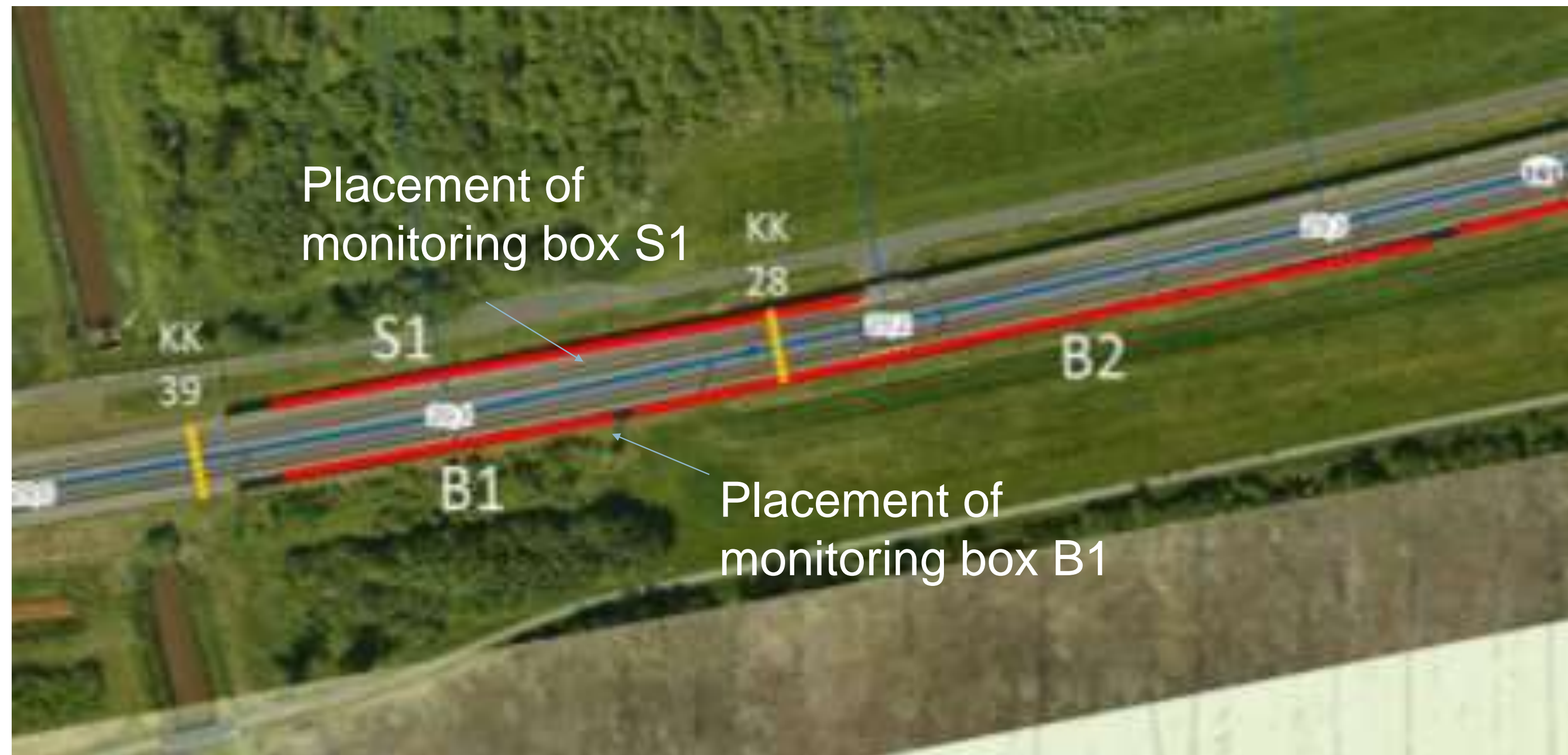
Monitoring (1)

Monitoring in 2023 and 2024:

- Instantaneous and cumulative energy yield of solar panels
(sampling rate 1 Hz = determined by train length & speed → shadow)
- Effect of passing trains on yield, electrical interference, physical damage
- Micro cracks (due to vibrations) through electroluminescence photos
- Impact of PV-panels at the inside of the barrier on noise reduction (modelling)
- Visual effect of different mountings and perception of the public
- Confirmation that reflection of solar panels do not hinder the train drivers
- Measuring the impact of the panels at the inside of the barrier at the way it's transferring noise
(the model suggests no significant effect).

Monitoring (2)

Monitoring boxes for voltage, power and irradiance, north and south strings



Which lessons we've already learned

- It's expensive compared to solar parks and solar on roof → we need to find out if a positive business case is possible if it's being procured at a larger scale and at current energy prices.
- A lightweight spaceframe can be mounted on a noise barrier, offering a very simple and modular system.
- The weight of the panels and spaceframes are not a problem for the construction of the barriers. Wind pressure is the limiting factor. This must be taken into consideration.
- Wind shear of passing trains at this location is not problem (not a high speed line), compared to the high potential natural wind pressure.
- There is not a standard to calculate the construction, since it is not a normal building.
- Designing and working in a rail environment is a challenge for companies in solar business, since most of these companies are not familiar with the regulations and culture of rail infra managers.
- Participation of neighbours in the solar installation does not increase the acceptance of (high) noise barriers.

NEWRAIL

Thank you for your attention

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***until Technical visit /
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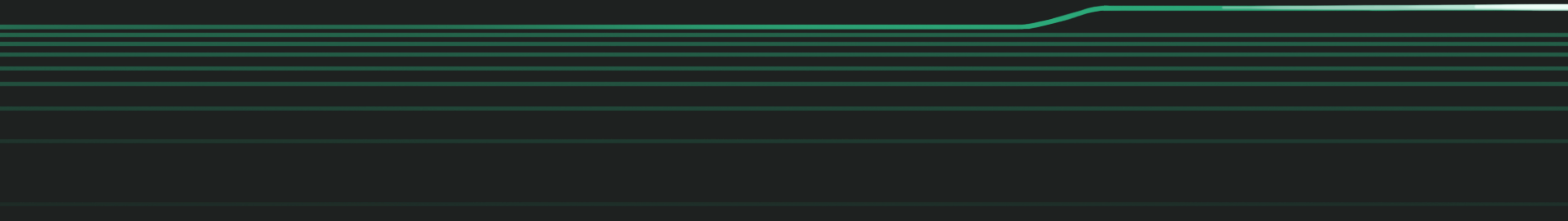
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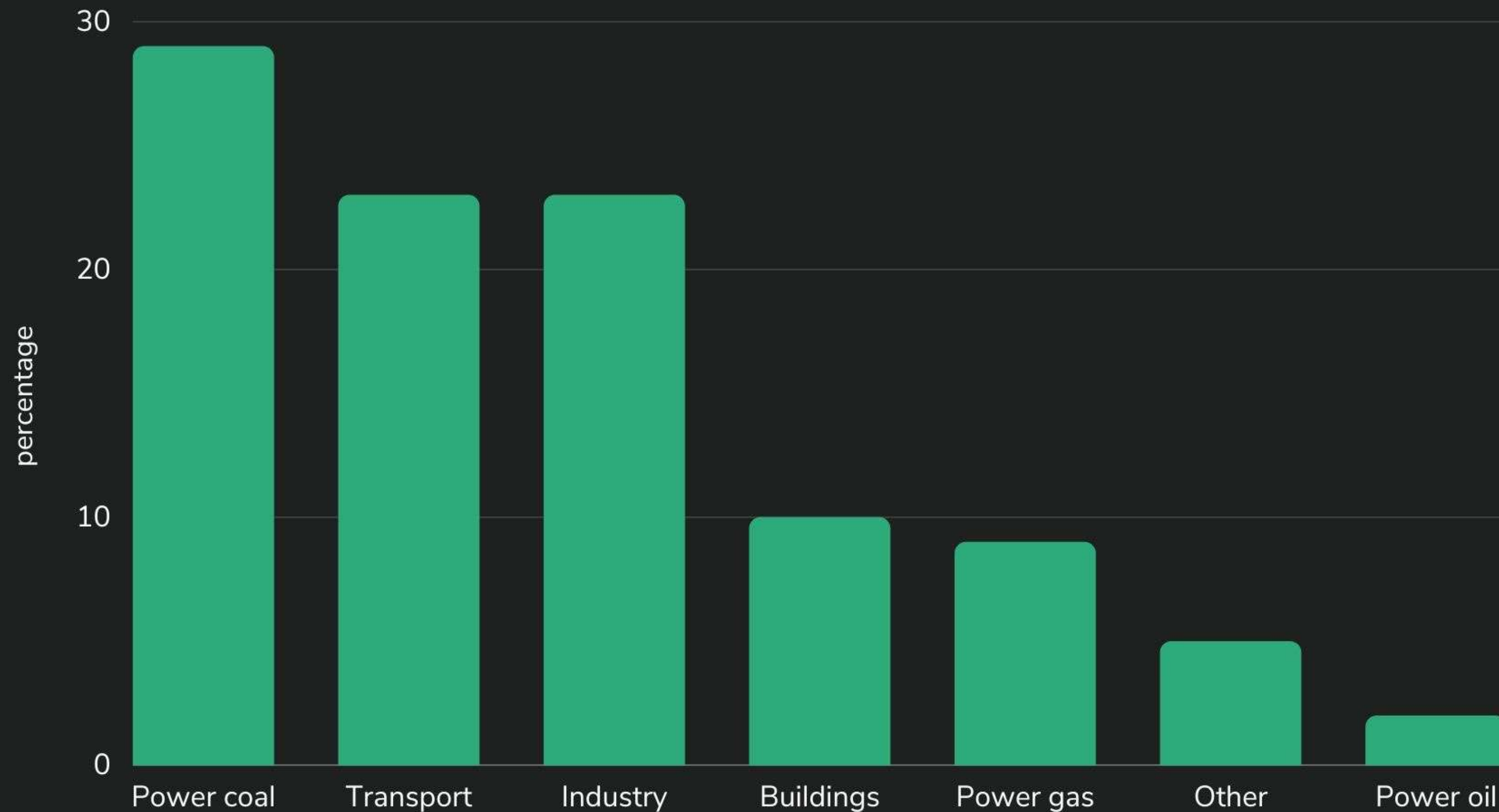
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WHY HYPERLOOP?

CLIMATE CHANGE

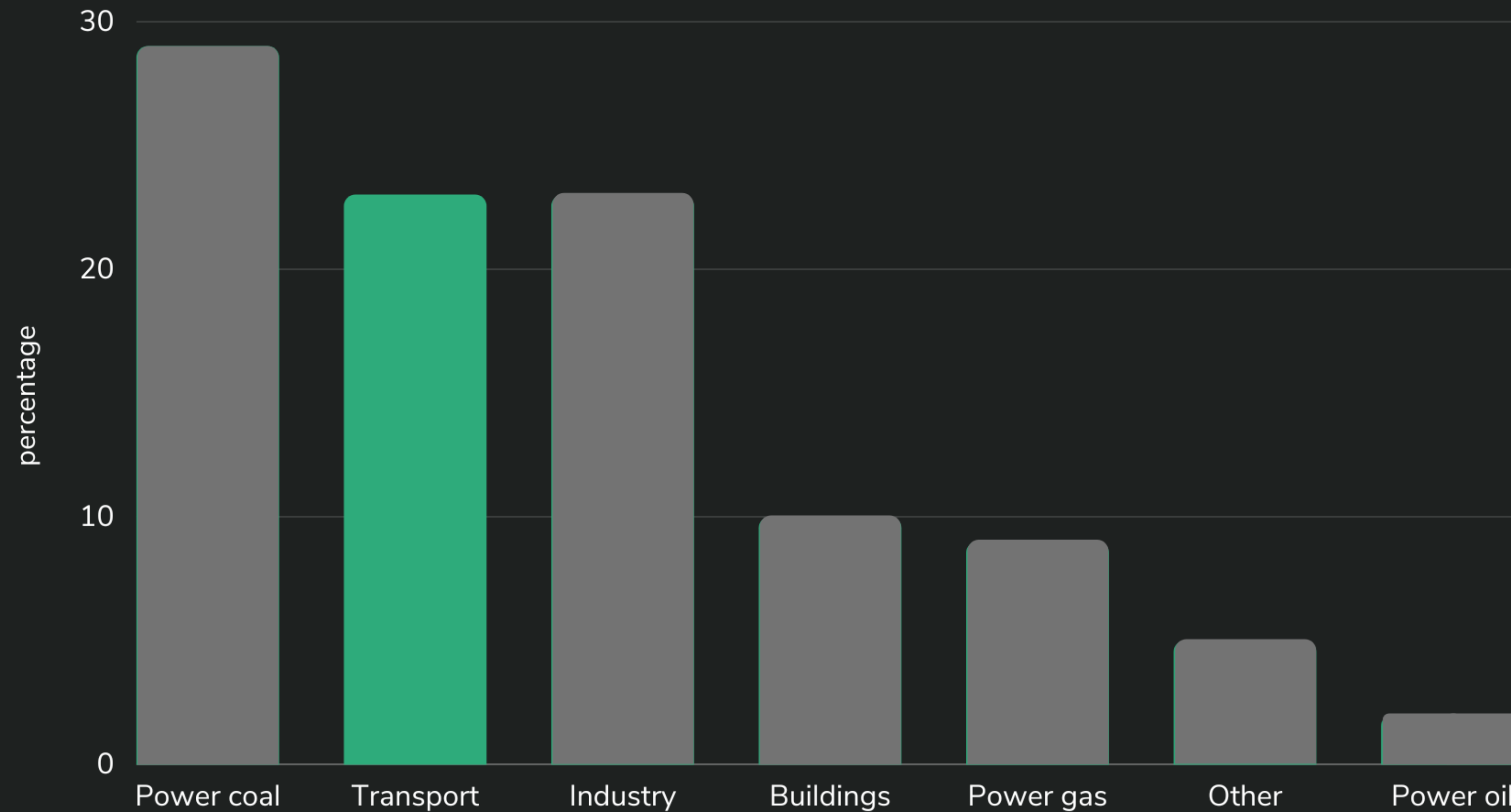


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CURRENT TRANSPORT SECTOR



1950 – 2:13



2022 – 2:14

AIR RESISTANCE



ROLLING RESISTANCE



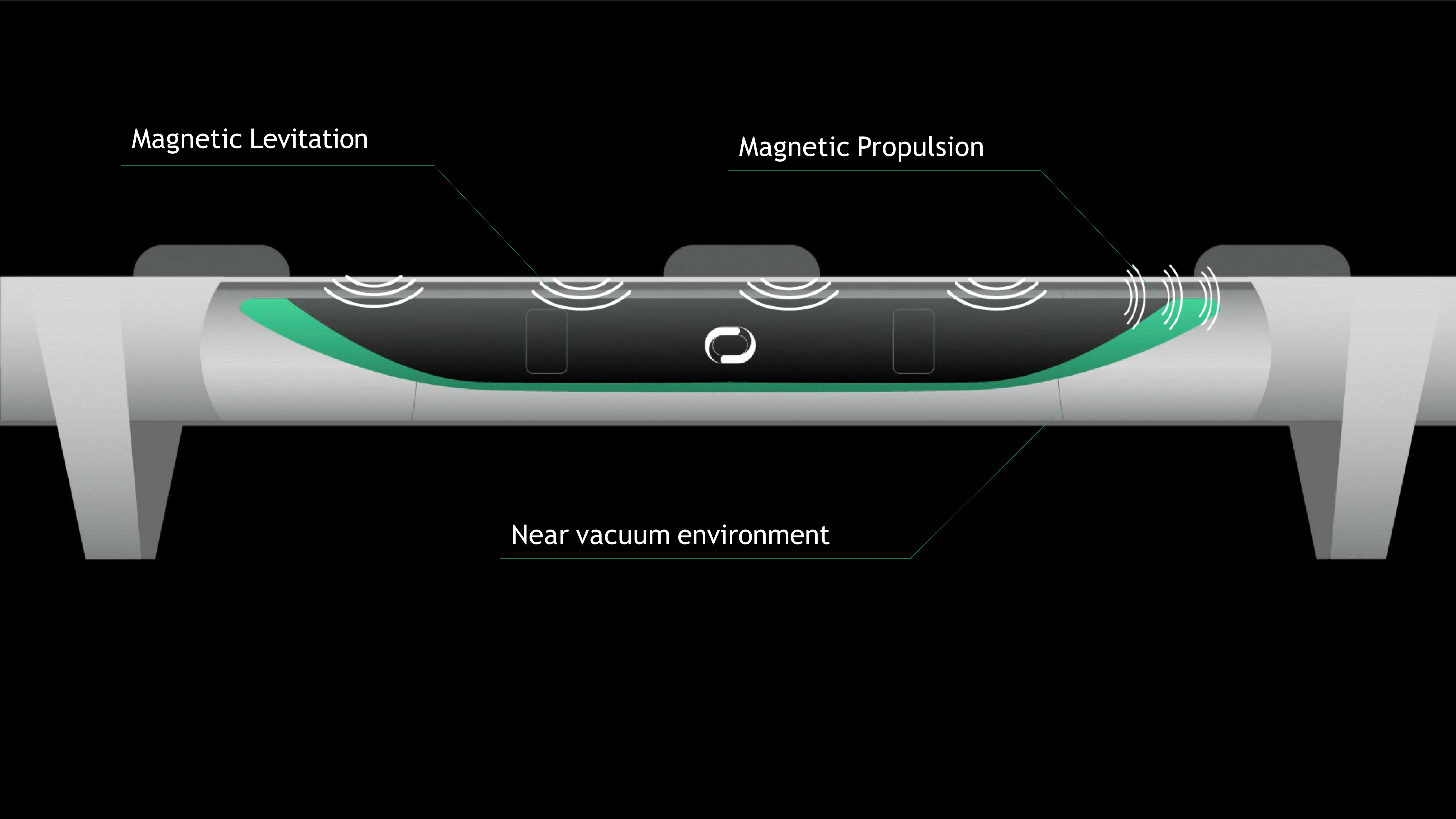


TIME FOR INNOVATION

Magnetic Levitation

Magnetic Propulsion

Near vacuum environment



Speed

kilometers / hour

50

Boat

130

Car

250

HS train

850

Airplane

Energy use

Wh / kilometer / passenger

250

450

116

515

Speed

kilometers / hour

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Hyperloop

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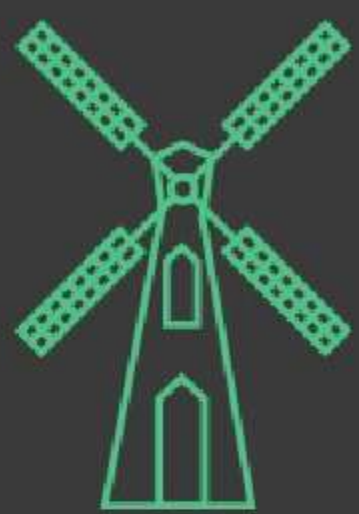
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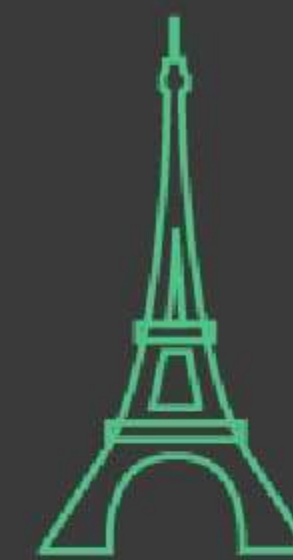
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Hyperloop



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km/h



PARIS



0
min

DH01- DH06



DH05: founders
EHW

DH01: winner Space
X competition

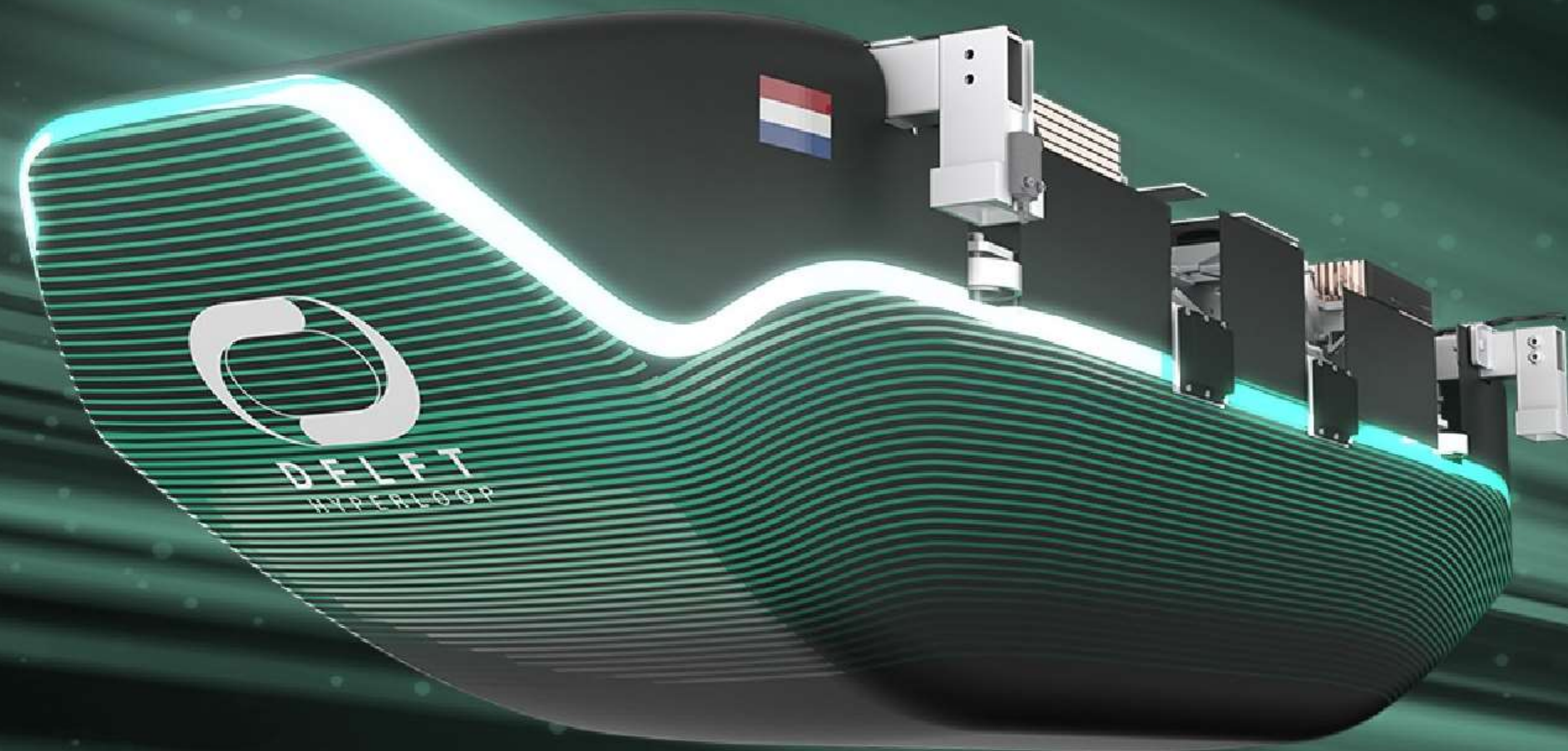


DH04: speedrecord
attempt 360 km/h



DH06

- First step levitating:
Vertical levitation
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HELIOS I

DH01 - DH07



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Questions Discussion

Thank you for your attention.

Tour de table

Questions

Wrap up

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