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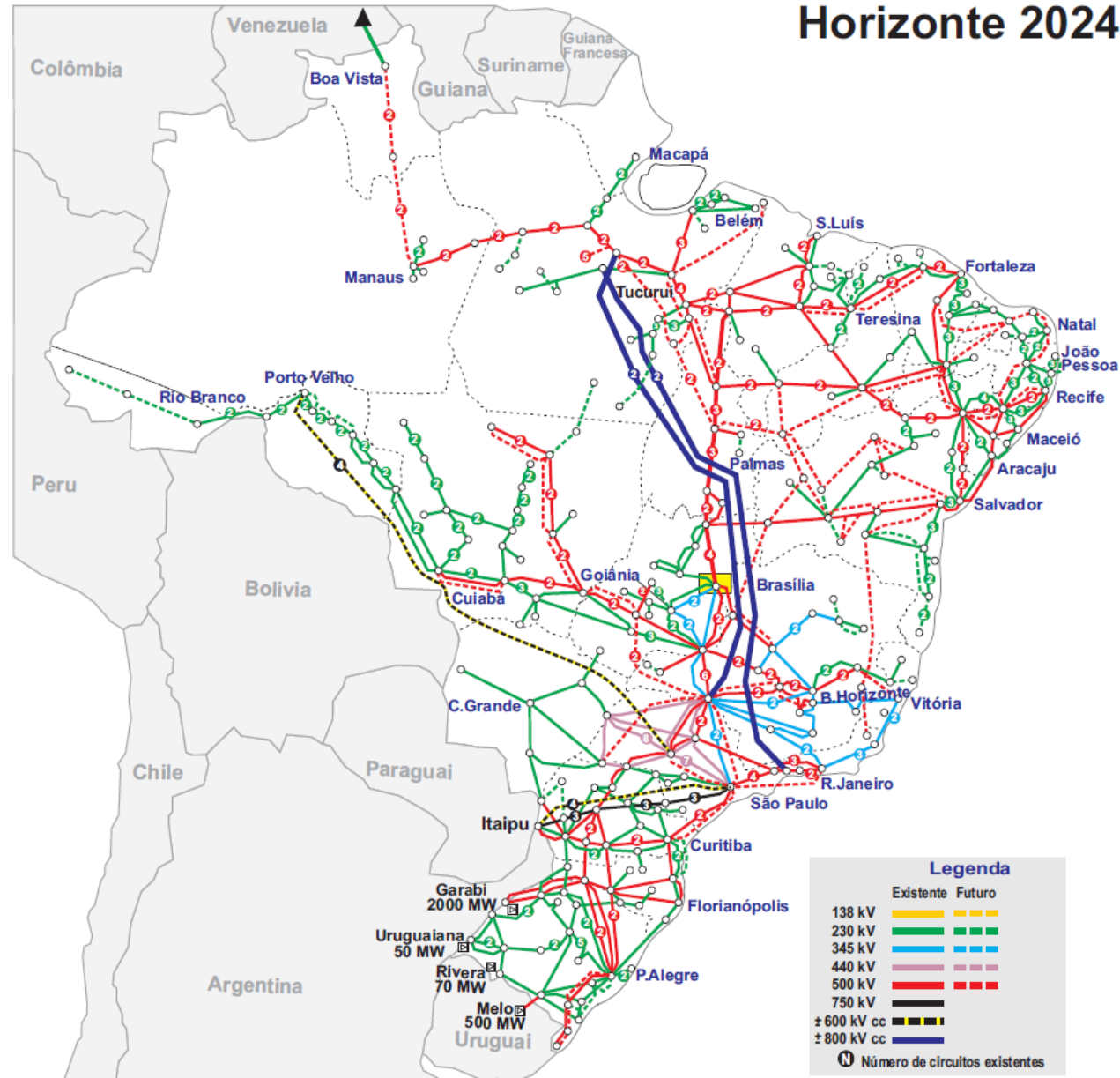
**Operación e impacto de Sistemas HVDC en redes existentes**

# HVDC Experience in Brazil – Challenges to HVDC Operation



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# The Brazilian Interconnected Power System (BIPS)



- BIPS is one of the world's largest synchronous network
- Complex Hydro-Thermal-Renewable source operated grid
- One ISO only → ONS
- North-South oscillation mode (0.40-0.45 Hz)



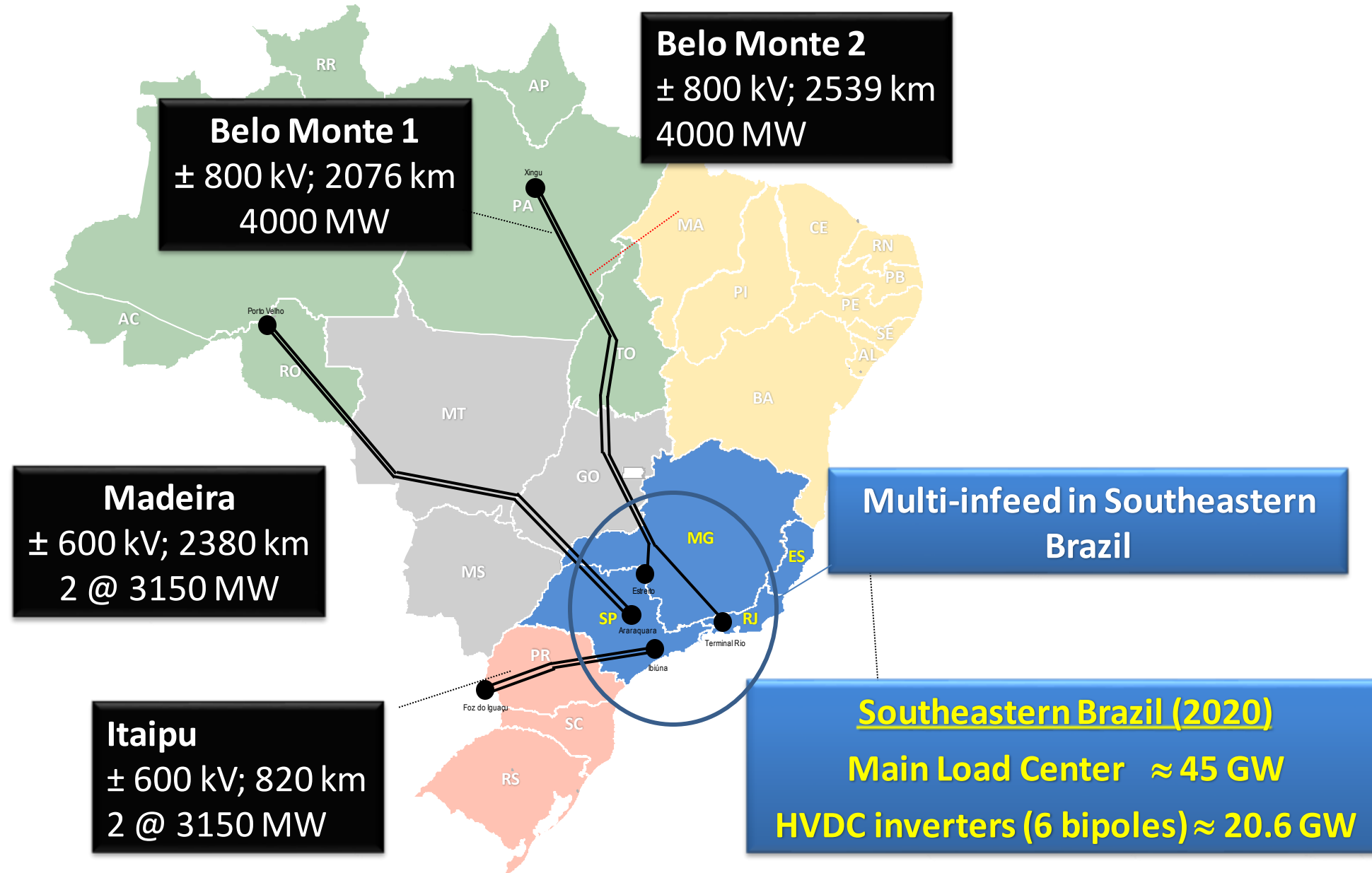
## HVDC (LCC) Main Advantages

- Bulk power transmission over long distance (point-to-point)
- Asynchronous connection between systems with different frequencies
- Control of DC Power
- No stability issues related to large electrical distances
- Either no skin effect or Ferranti effect

## HVDC in Brazil – Main challenges

- Continental Country
- Tap power from large hydropower plants to load centers, e.g. Itaipu, Madeira & Belo Monte HPPs to Southeastern Brazil
- Mismatch between transmission and generation schedules (Madeira HVDC Project)
- Tap surplus of renewable energy into load centers, e.g. Bipole B (Graça Aranha to Sylvania, close to Brasilia)
- Multi-infeed in Southeastern Brazil

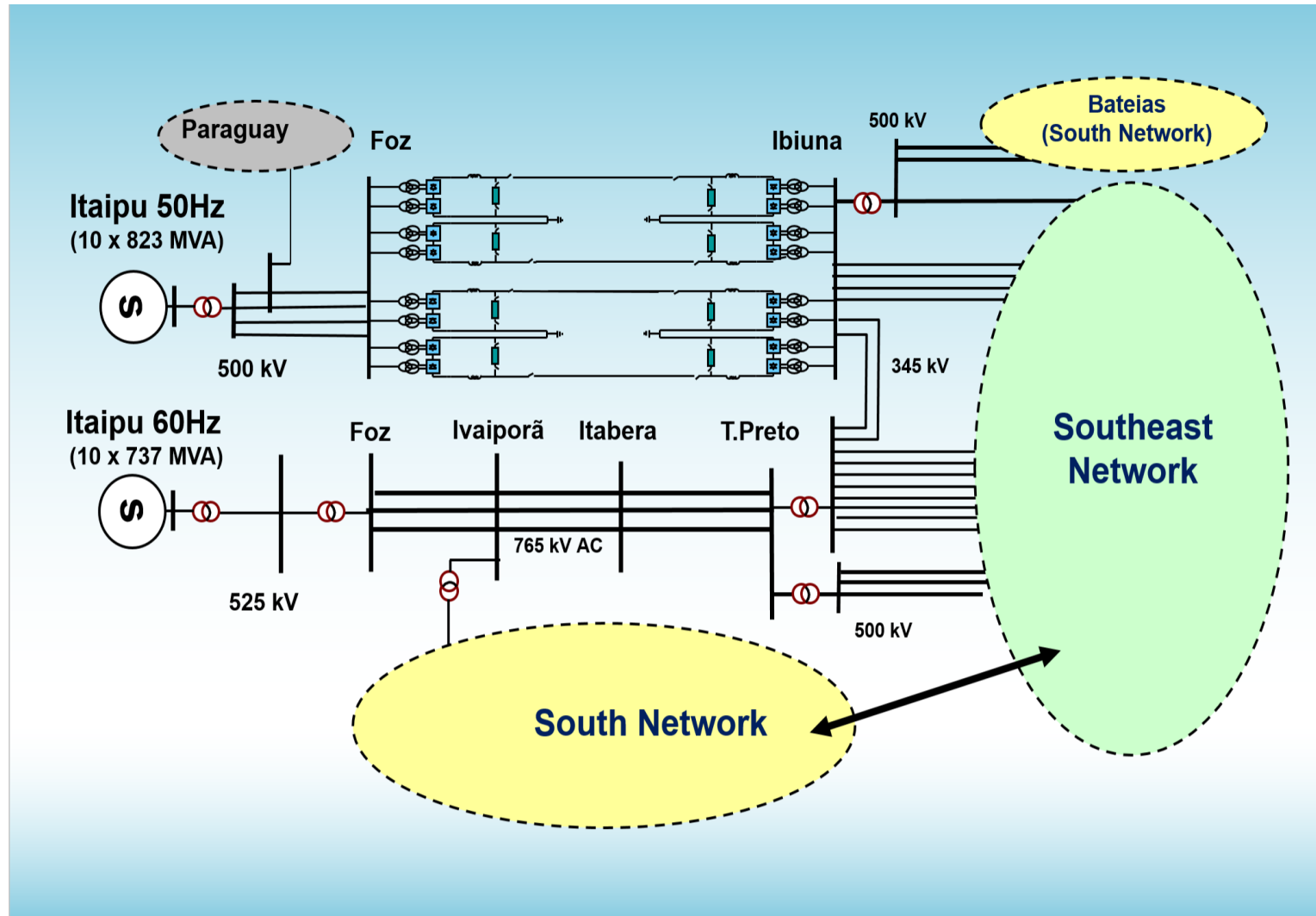
# HVDC Transmission in Brazil





## Experience and Challenges of the Itaipu Project

# Itaipu Project – Challenges to the first Brazilian HVDC Link



- Binational Generation Project (Brazil & Paraguay)
- The largest hydropower plant at that time (1980s)
- The largest DC voltage level at that time ( $\pm 600$  kV)
- Two Bipoles rated at 3,150 MW each
- 750 kV AC system in parallel, which was uncommon at that time
- Itaipu used an analogue-digital technology very advanced for that time
- Refurbishment to be accomplished soon

Source: Workshop on performance & design requirements of HVDC links, CE-B4 Cigre-Brasil, 2011 (Furnas' presentation)



# Itaipu Project – Challenges to the first Brazilian HVDC Link



Foz do Iguaçu Converter Station



Ibiúna Converter Station

Source: Workshop on performance & design requirements of HVDC links, CE-B4 Cigre-Brasil, 2011 (Furnas' presentation)



# Experience and Challenges of the Madeira River Project



# Madeira River HVDC Project – Main challenges

## Generation Auction:

Santo Antonio  
Hydropower plant →  
 $50 * @82.25 = 4141$  MVA  
Jirau Hydropower plant  
→  $50 * @83.33 = 4166$   
MVA

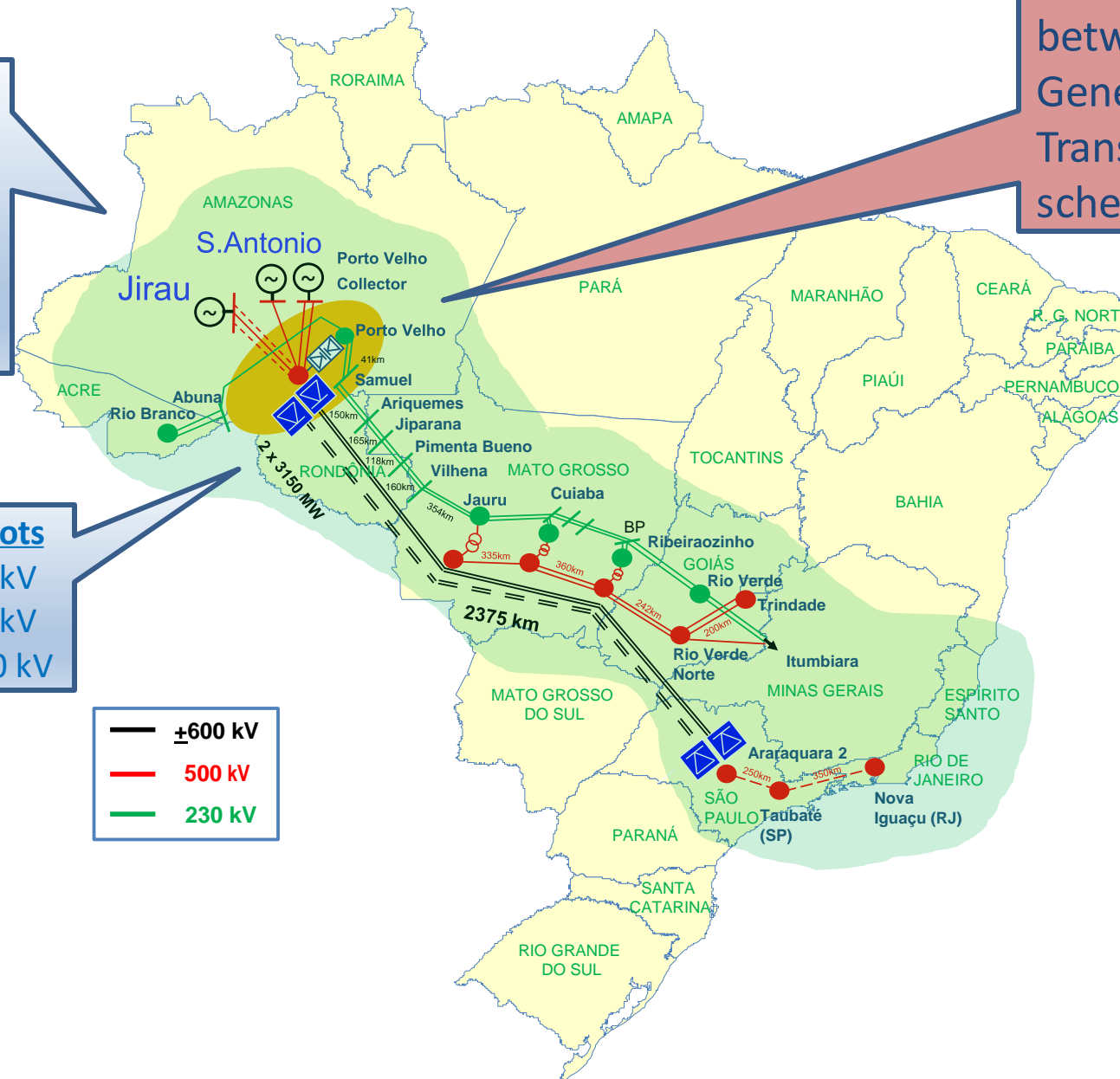
## Transmission auction – 7 lots

Bipole 1: 3150 MW, ±600 kV  
Bipole 2: 3150 MW, ±600 kV  
BtB : 2@400 MW, 500/230 kV

— ±600 kV  
— 500 kV  
— 230 kV

Mismatch  
between  
Generation and  
Transmission  
schedules

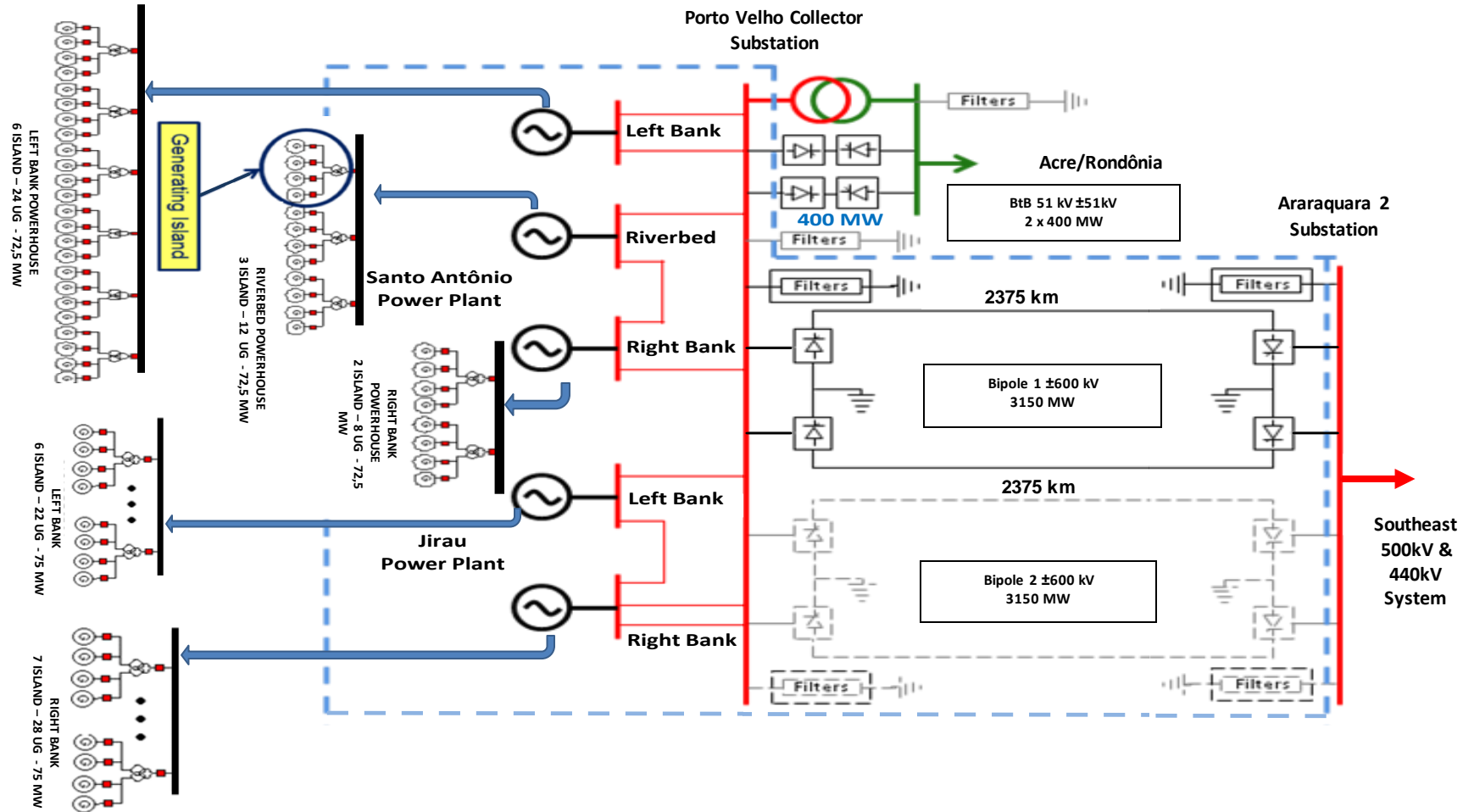
Operation  
BtB – 2012  
Bipole #1 – 2013  
Bipole #2 – 2015



Remark: \*originally 44  
generating units

# Brief Overview

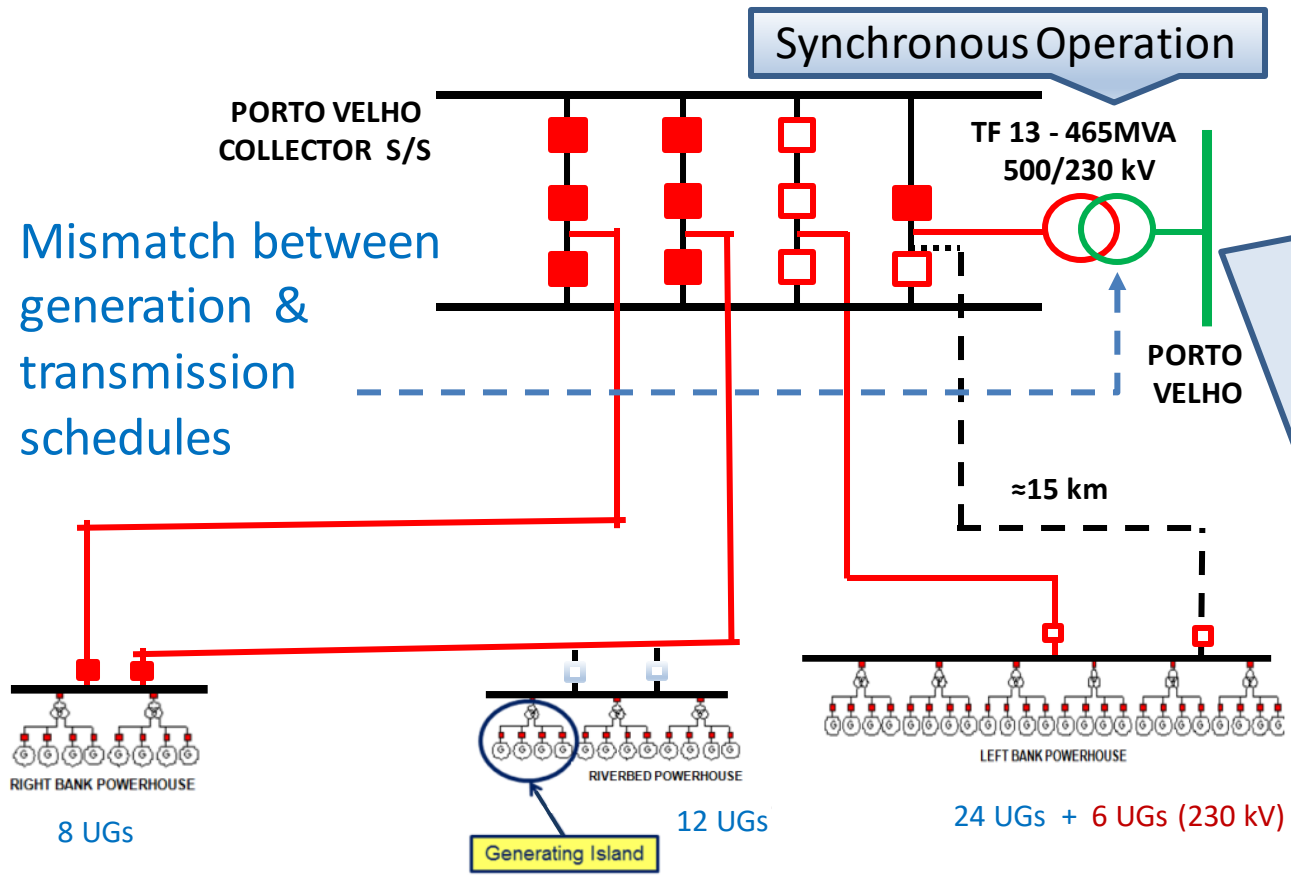
6300 MW (SE) + 800 MW (ACRO)





# Operational Challenges of Madeira River HVDC Transmission

# ONSET STAGE – COMMERCIAL OPERATION OF FIRST SAPP GENERATING UNITS



Final configuration →

**Parallel 500/230 kV - 465 MVA Transformer in PVC Substation**

**Why to connect this transformer?**

- To commission SAPP generating units;

**Where to connect this transformer?**

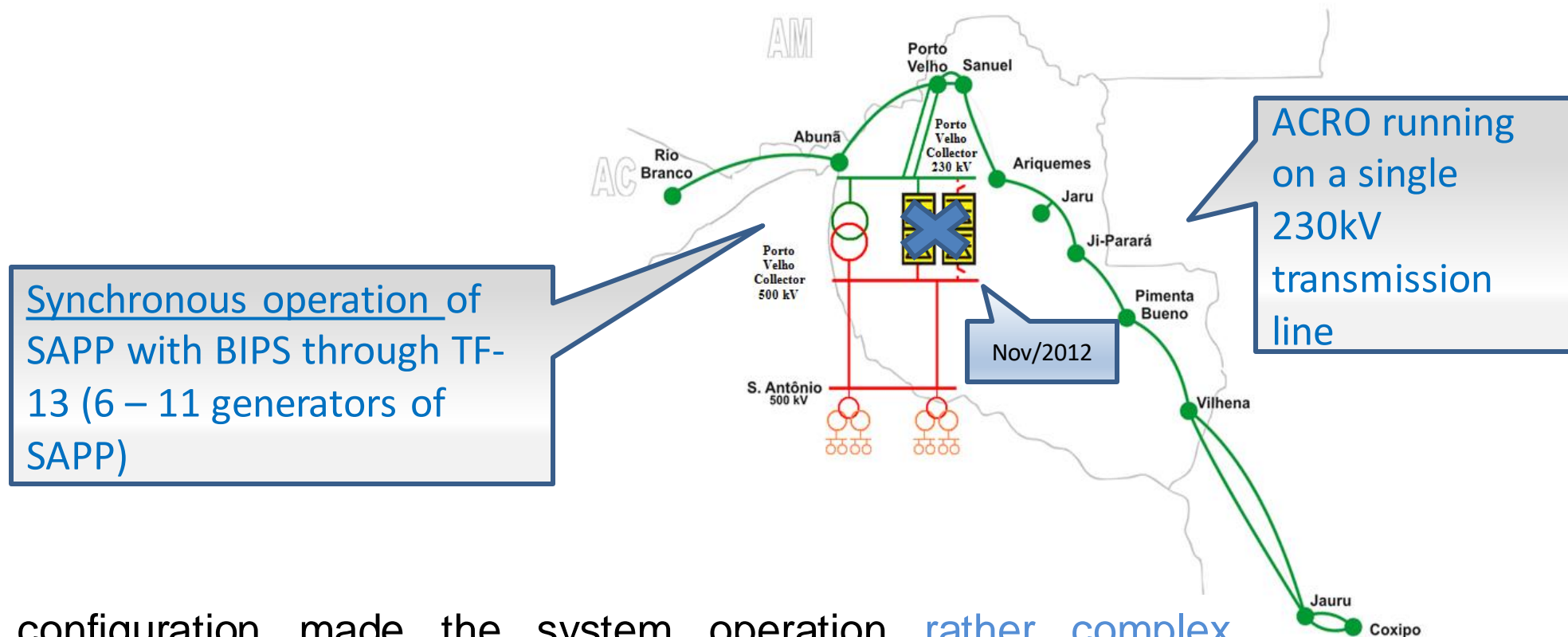
- To the PVC 500 kV bay originally designed for the fourth 500kV tie circuit meant to intertie the left bank powerhouse of SAPP.
- Problems:
  - ✓ Initially not relevant since the left bank powerhouse had a few generating units in operation and only eight generating units from the right bank powerhouse are connected by one 500kV tie circuit.
- This Figure also depicts the eight generating units on the right bank powerhouse already in operation connected to PVC substation through two 500kV tie circuits.
- The Tables show the Santo Antonio Power Plant generating units schedule for years 2012 and 2013.

Right Bank Powerhouse	2012							
Generator Number	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08
Commercial Operation	March 30	May 15	July 3	March 30	Sept 22	Oct 15	Nov 27	Dec 18

Left Bank Powerhouse	2012	2013						
Generator Number	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	17
Commercial Operation	Dec 29	Jan 18	March 12	April 10	June 5	June 28	Aug 13	Aug 2

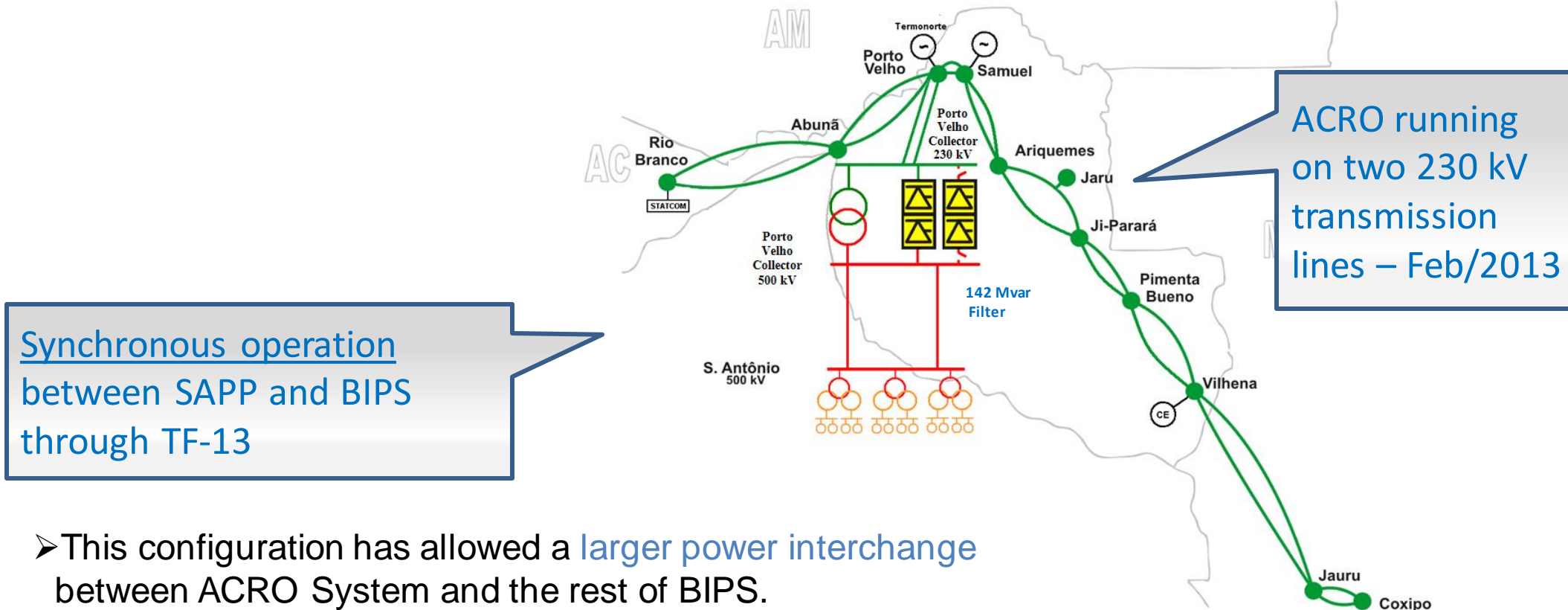
# 1<sup>st</sup> STAGE – COMMERCIAL OPERATION OF FIRST SAPP GENERATING UNITS



- This configuration made the system operation **rather complex**, especially from dynamic point of view.
- Each 230 kV circuit opening causes the ACRO interconnection to be broken resulting in the isolated operation of ACRO System from BIPS. This fact led to the need for installation of **Special Protective Schemes (SPS)** in order to make the whole operation of SAPP and BIPS as safe as possible.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> STAGE – COMMERCIAL OPERATION OF BACK-TO-BACK BLOCKS ON PVC SUBSTATION

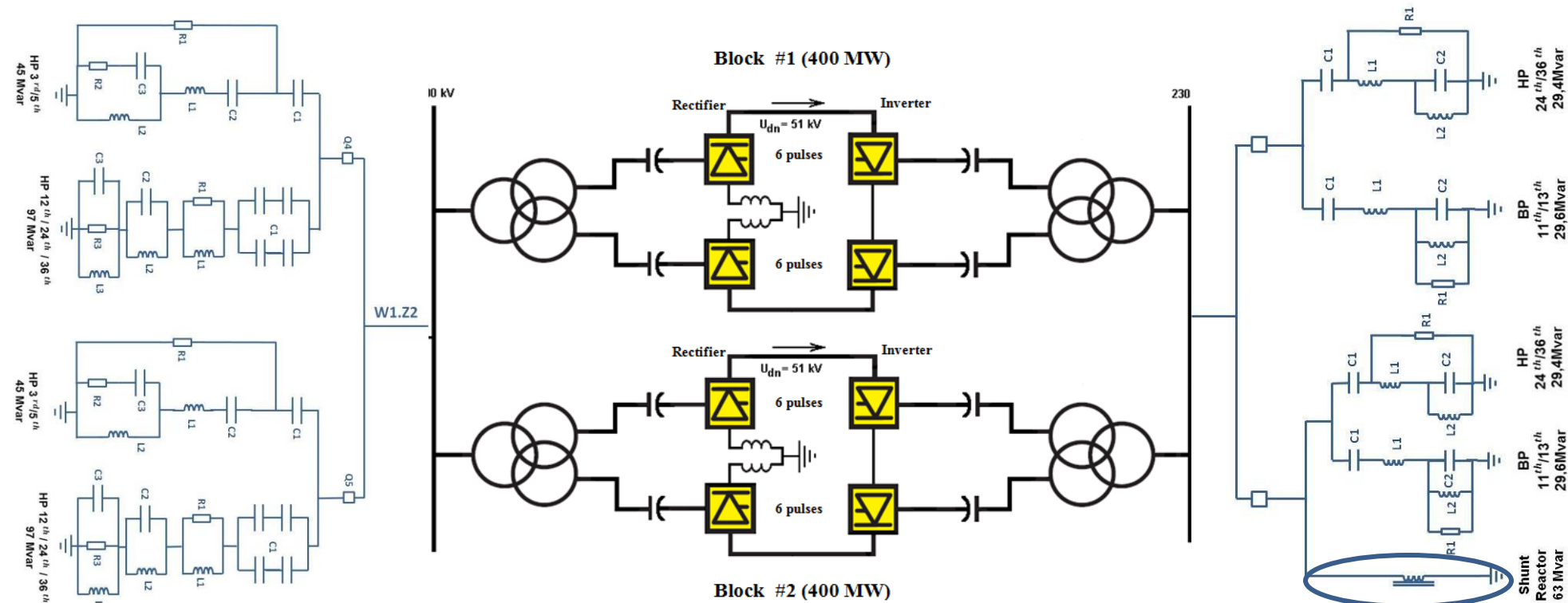


Synchronous operation  
between SAPP and BIPS  
through TF-13

ACRO running  
on two 230 kV  
transmission  
lines – Feb/2013

- This configuration has allowed a **larger power interchange** between ACRO System and the rest of BIPS.
- **With the delay in Bipole #1 commissioning schedule**, the only way to drain the SAPP energy towards BIPS it was running **the BtB converter together with the parallel transformer**.
- **System studies have shown that the asynchronous operation, i.e. no parallel transformer in service**, can only be done in a safe way when the ACRO System was in operation **with three 230 kV lines between Vilhena and Porto Velho substations**.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> STAGE – COMMERCIAL OPERATION OF BACK-TO-BACK BLOCKS ON PVC SUBSTATION



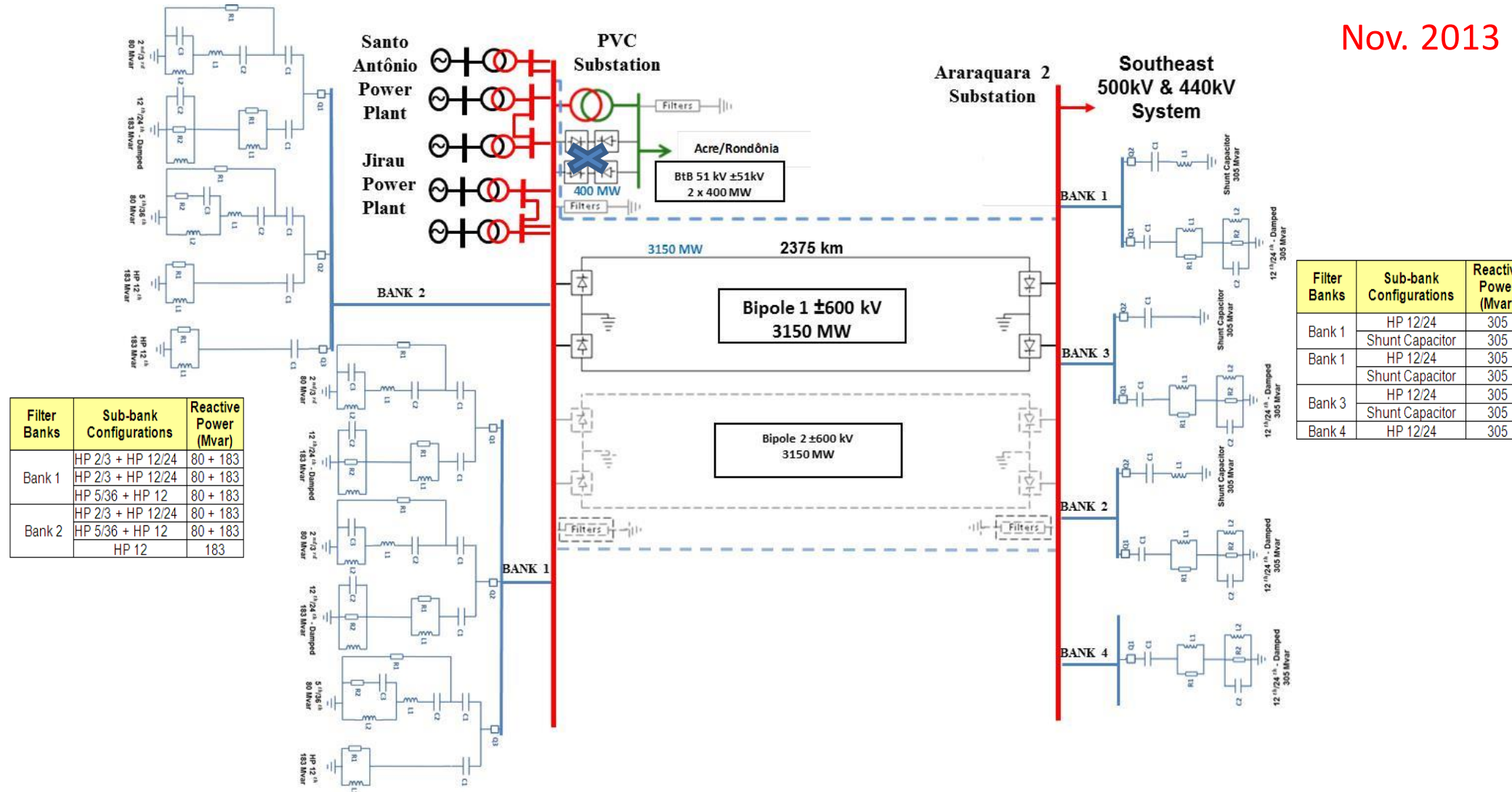
BtB Operation Mode	Minimum Number of Generating Units (SAPP)	Power Order (MW)	500kV Side - Minimum Number of Sub-banks (Mvar) to Fulfill AC Filter Performance and Rating
1 Block	4	20 - 400	1 sub-bank HP 3/5 (45Mvar) + HP 12/24/36 (97Mvar) (142 Mvar)
2 Blocks	8	80 - 800	2 sub-banks (2 x 142 Mvar)

BtB Operation Mode	Power Order (MW)	230 kV Side - Minimum Number of filter Sub-banks / Reactor to Fulfill the AC filter Performance and Rating	
		Filter Banks	Shunt Reactor
1 Block	20 – 80	HP11/13 + HP24/36 (59 Mvar)	63 Mvar
	81 – 400	(HP11/13 + HP24/36) + (HP11/13) + HP3 (2x59 Mvar)	63 Mvar
2 Blocks	40 – 200	(HP11/13 + HP24/36) + (HP11/13) + HP3 (2x59 Mvar)	63 Mvar
	201 – 800	2(HP11/13 + HP24/36) + (HP11/13) + HP3 (3x59 Mvar)	63 Mvar

# 3<sup>rd</sup> STAGE – COMMERCIAL OPERATION OF HVDC BIPOLE #1 (monopolar MR)

## AC Filter and Reactive Power Compensation of Bipole #1 on the 500 kV side of PVC

Nov. 2013

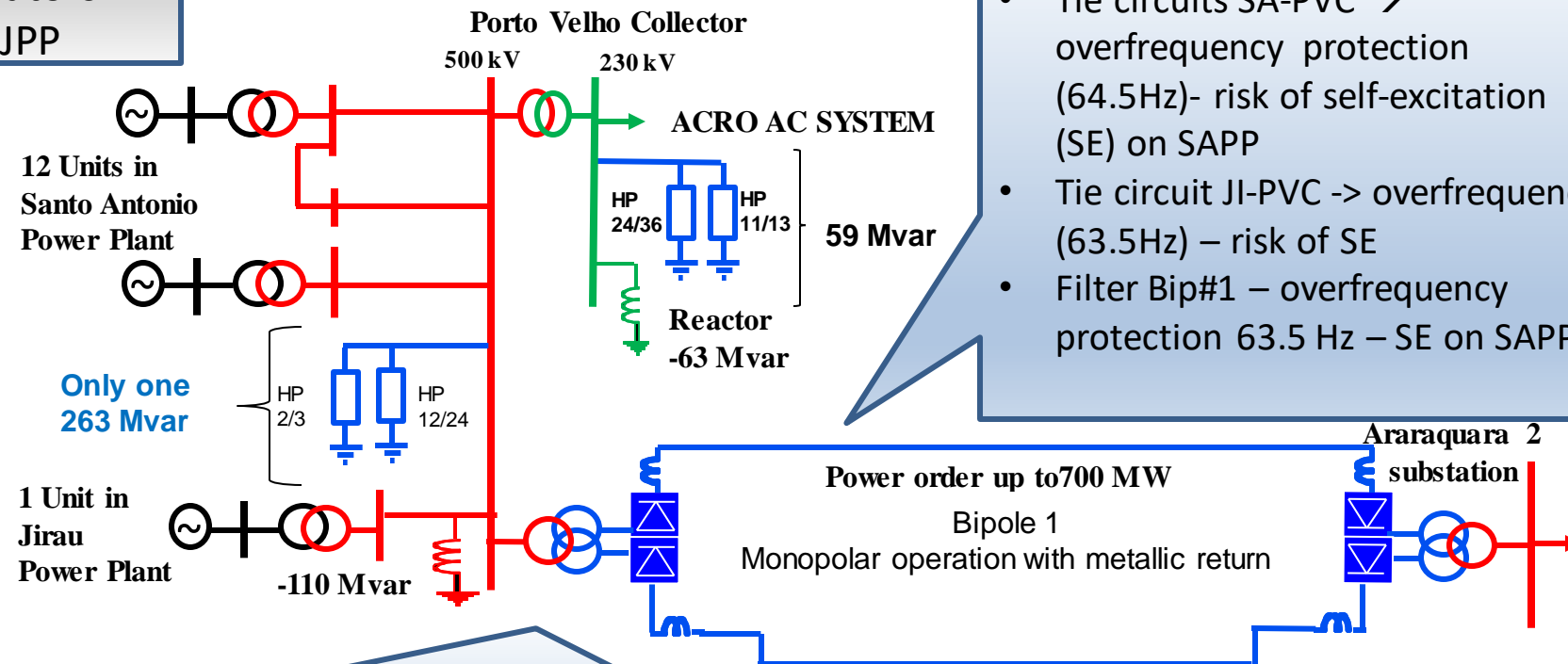


### 3<sup>rd</sup> STAGE – COMMERCIAL OPERATION OF HVDC BIPOLE #1

#### Bipole #1 in Monopolar Mode with Metallic Return Operation (Nov/2013) – up to 700 MW

- 1x263 Mvar filter sub-banks (harmonic rating only)
- Operation BtB was not allowed due to impossibility of running harmonic filters & reduced number of generators

11-15 generators – SAPP & JPP



- Block of Bip#1 → TF-13 trips
- Tie circuits SA-PVC → overfrequency protection (64.5Hz)- risk of self-excitation (SE) on SAPP
- Tie circuit JI-PVC -> overfrequency (63.5Hz) – risk of SE
- Filter Bip#1 – overfrequency protection 63.5 Hz – SE on SAPP

#### Energization of Bipole #1 Converter Transformers

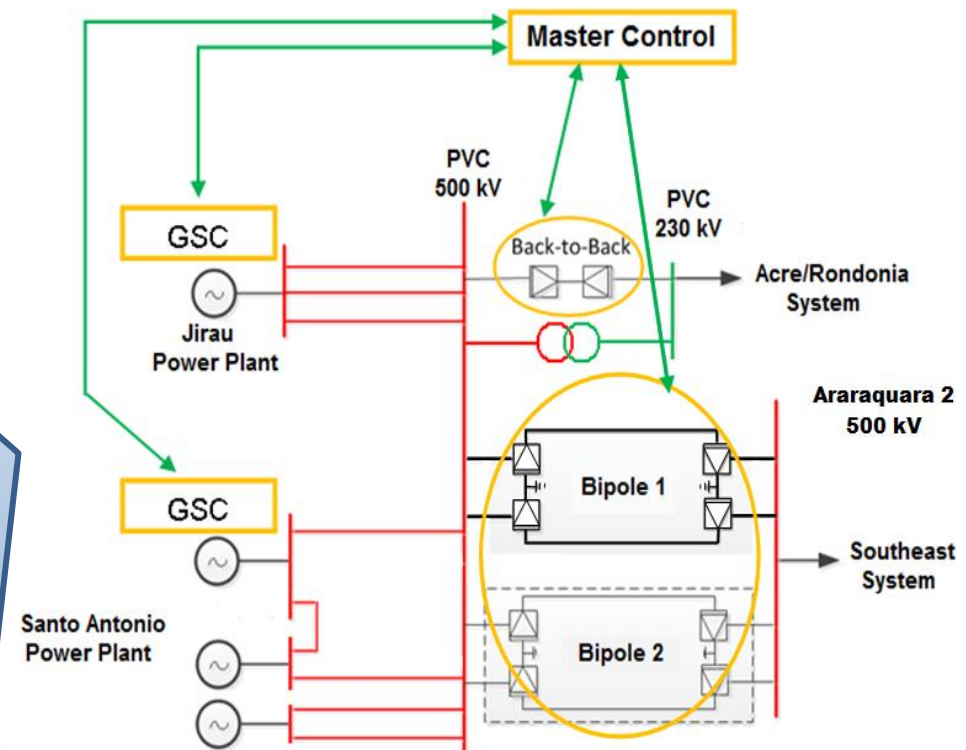
- At least 11 generating units in SAPP
- TF-13 pushes ≥ 240 MW to ACRO system

# MC & GSCs – COMMERCIAL OPERATION OF HVDC BIPOLE #1

## HVDC Master Control and Generation Station Coordinators (GSC)

### With GSCs in Operation in SAPP and JPP:

- ✓ The control functions that demand coordination among HVDC bipoles, BtB blocks, SAPP, and JPP is accomplished by a Master Control and the needed information exchanged is performed by GSC.
- ✓ When the generation loss in any of the power plants, either SAPP or JPP, their respective GSCs inform the Master Control the number of remaining generating units in operation. With this information the Master Control, through the Max Filter function, shuts down the filters needed to match the reactive power generated by them with the total number of remaining generating units due to the risk of self-excitation of the Madeira River power plants.





# MC & GSCs – COMMERCIAL OPERATION OF HVDC BIPOLE #1

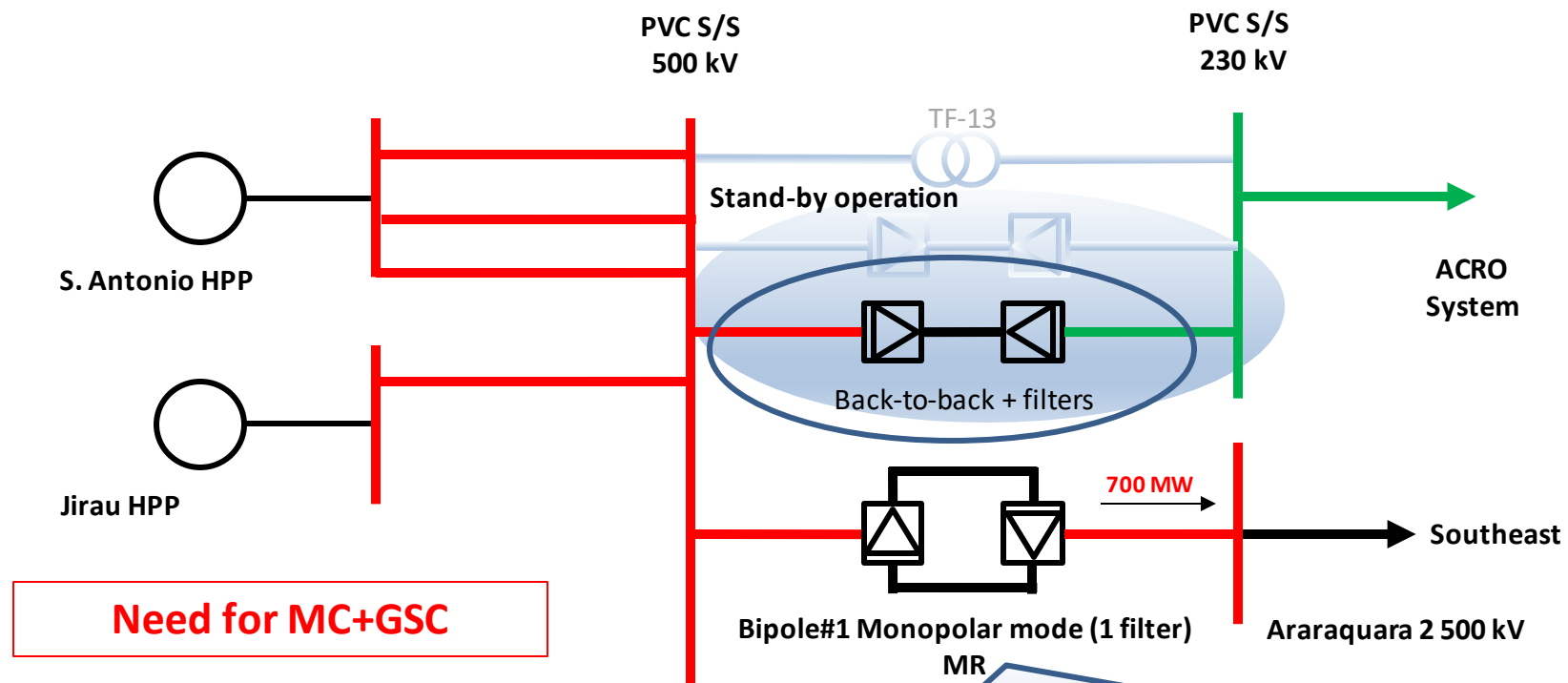
## HVDC Master Control and Bipole/Bi-Block control

Function	Goal	Action	Location
<b>Max Filter</b> (PVC S/S only )	Avoid self-excitation managing the number of filters, generators and lines in operation.	Disconnect filters (automatic)	<b>Master Control (MRPC)</b>
<b>Abs min filter</b>	Avoid harmonic overload in filters (rating) as a function of the number of converters in operation	Connect filters (automatic)	Bipole/Bi-block control (RPC)
<b>Umax</b>	Limit overvoltages above a threshold value	- PVC Disconnect filters if $V > 555$ kV Avoid connecting filters if $V > 535$ kV - ARA 2 Disconnect filters if $V > 550$ kV Avoid connecting filters if $V > 539$ kV Automatic	<b>Master Control (MRPC)</b>
<b>Min filter</b>	Fullfil criterion on harmonic filtering performance	Connect Filters Automatic/Manual	Bipole/Bi-block control (RPC)
<b>Q-Control</b>	Control the reactive power interchange with AC network depending upon DC power.	Connect/disconnect filters in ARA 2 Disconnect filters in PVC Automatic/Manual	<b>Master Control (MRPC)</b>

# 4<sup>th</sup> STAGE – COMMERCIAL OPERATION OF HVDC BIPOLE #1 (MR)

+ BtB IN OPERATION → asynchronous operation (w/o TF13)

Above 16 generating units

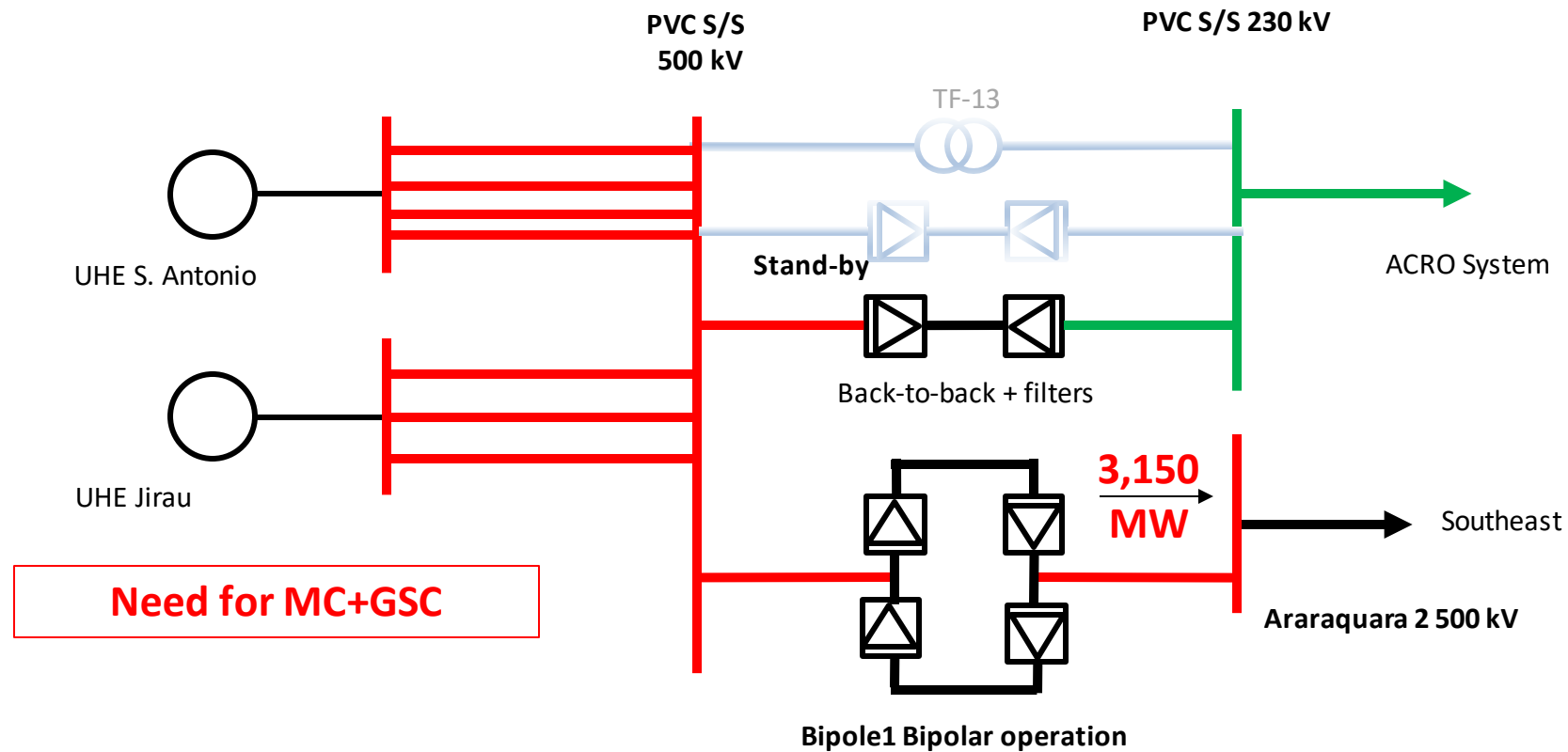


Asynchronous operation BtB/Bipole#1 (metallic return) and BIPS TF-13 in hot stand-by → black-start of SAPP/JPP generators and energization of converter transformer (Bip#1 under restoration/switching)

# 5<sup>th</sup> STAGE – COMMERCIAL OPERATION OF HVDC BIPOLE #1

## BIPOLE #1 (BIPOLAR MODE) AND BTB IN OPERATION

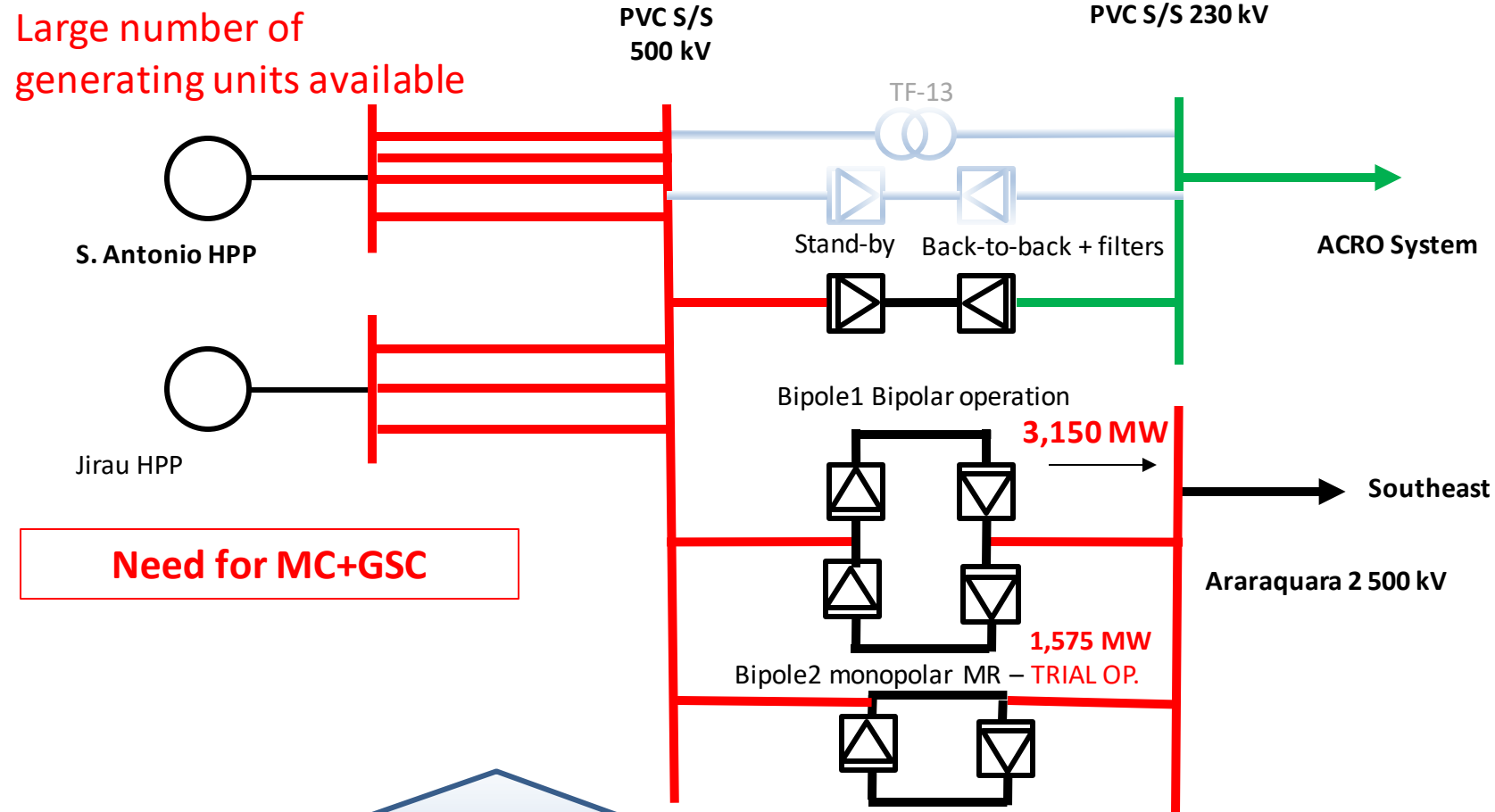
Above 18 generating units



- Asynchronous operation BtB/Bipole#1 (bipolar mode) and BIPS
- TF-13 in hot stand-by → SAPP/JPP generators have black-start capability and energization of converter transformer only if CSD fails

## 6<sup>th</sup> STAGE – TRIAL OPERATION OF HVDC BIPOLE #2

### BIPOLE #1 (BIPOLAR), BIPOLE#2 (MONOPOLAR MR TRIAL) AND BTB IN OPERATION

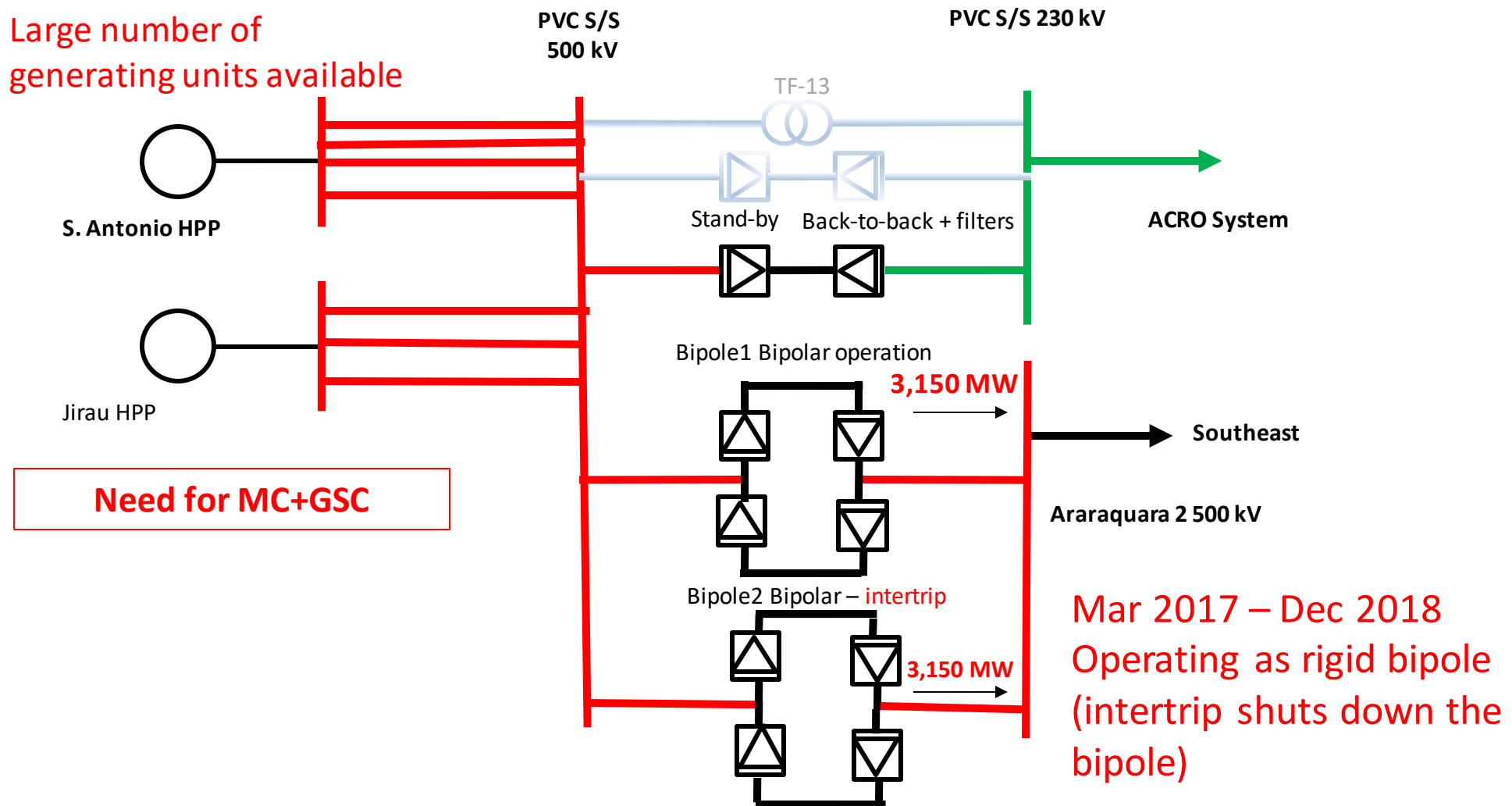


- Asynchronous operation BtB/Bipole#1 (bipolar mode) and BIPS
- TF-13 in hot stand-by → SAPP/JPP generators have black-start capability and energization of converter transformer only if CSD fails for Bip#1. Bip#2 depends on TF13 operation (ACRO).

# 7<sup>th</sup> STAGE – COMMERCIAL OPERATION OF HVDC BIPOLE #2

## BIPOLE #1 (BIPOLAR), BIPOLE#2 (RIGID BIPOLE MODE) AND BTB IN OPERATION

Large number of  
generating units available

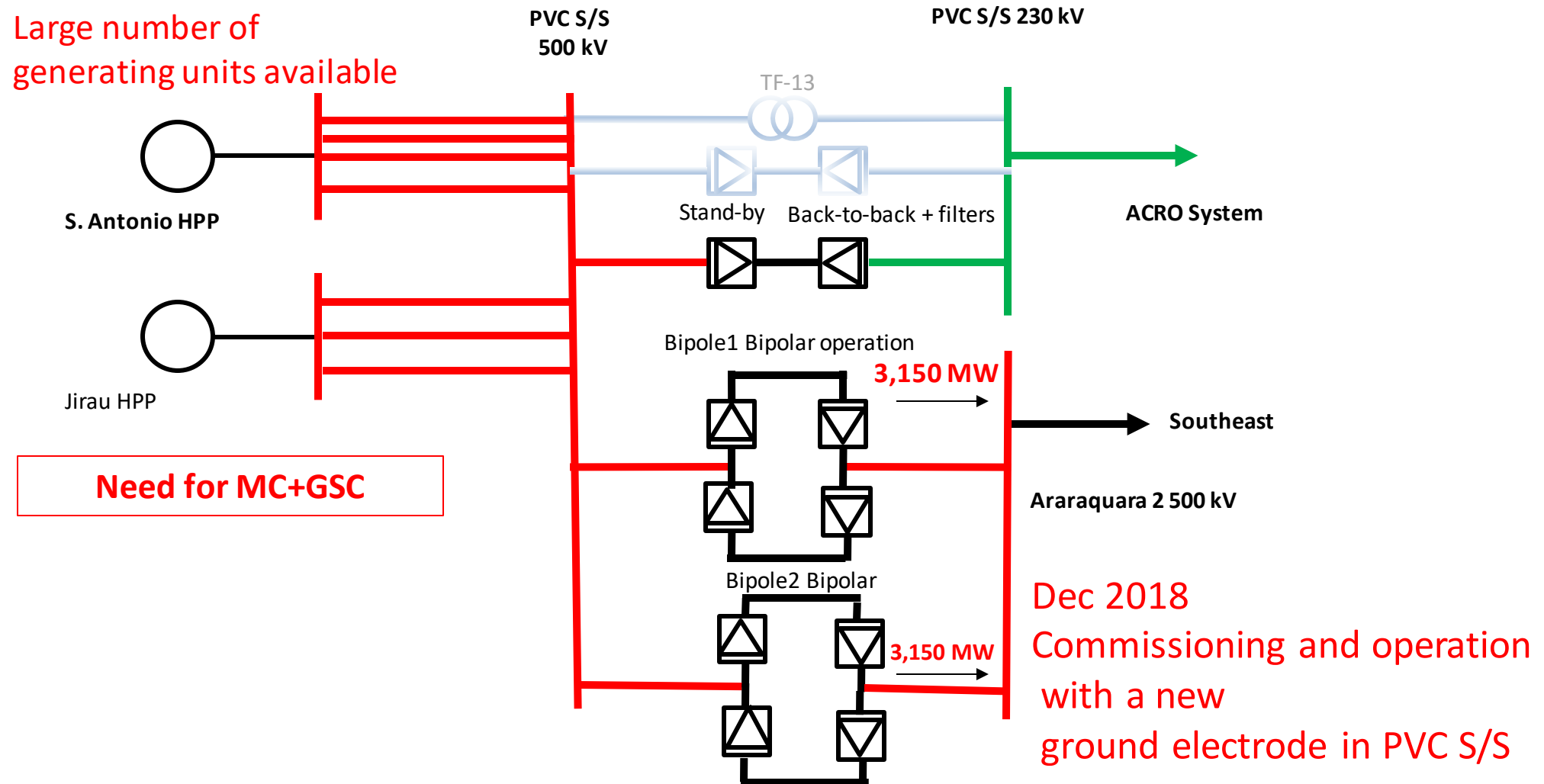




# PRESENT STAGE – COMMERCIAL OPERATION OF HVDC BIPOLE #1,#2,BtB

## BIPOLE #1 (BIPOLAR), BIPOLE#2 (BIPOLAR & MONOPOLAR) AND BTB IN OPERATION

Large number of  
generating units available





## Challenges of the first 800 kV HVDC link in Brazil

## Belo Monte Hydro Power Plant – main features

- Installed capacity – 18 generators @ 611 MW  $\cong$  11,000 MW (18 generators in operation since 2019). First generator was put in operation in Apr 2016.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> largest in the world (capacity). The 1<sup>st</sup> largest HPP totally located in Brazil
- Auctioned in 2010, accomplished in 2019 (18<sup>th</sup> generator).
- Tapping power through Xingu-Estreito Bipole to Southeastern Brazil



Run-of-river  
Power Plant

Illustration of final stage of Belo Monte Hydro power plant (final stage)

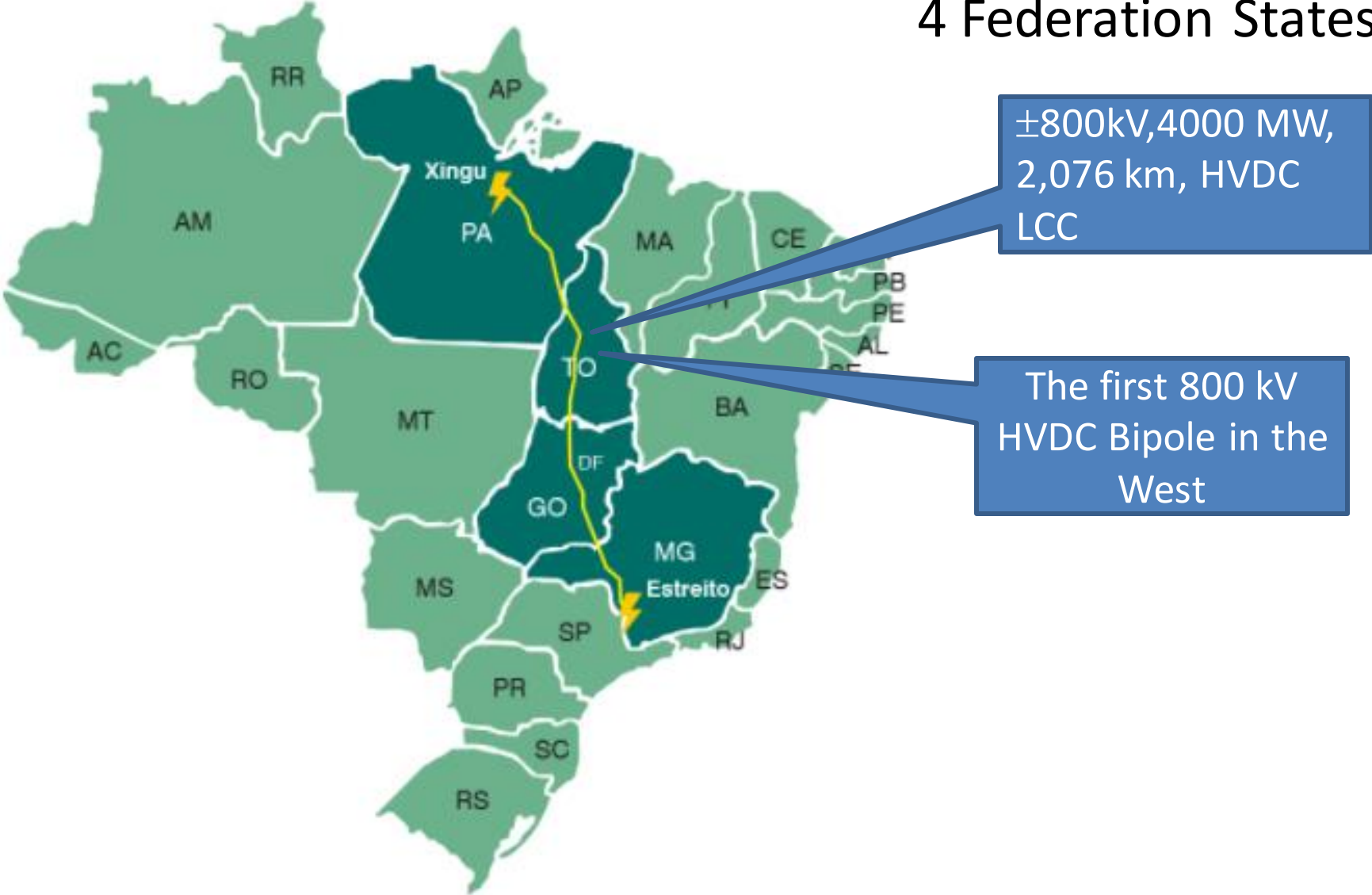


## Belo Monte Hydro Power Plant



Photo of early construction work - Belo Monte Hydro Power Plant

# The First Brazilian, $\pm 800$ kV HVDC Link - DC Line passing through 4 Federation States



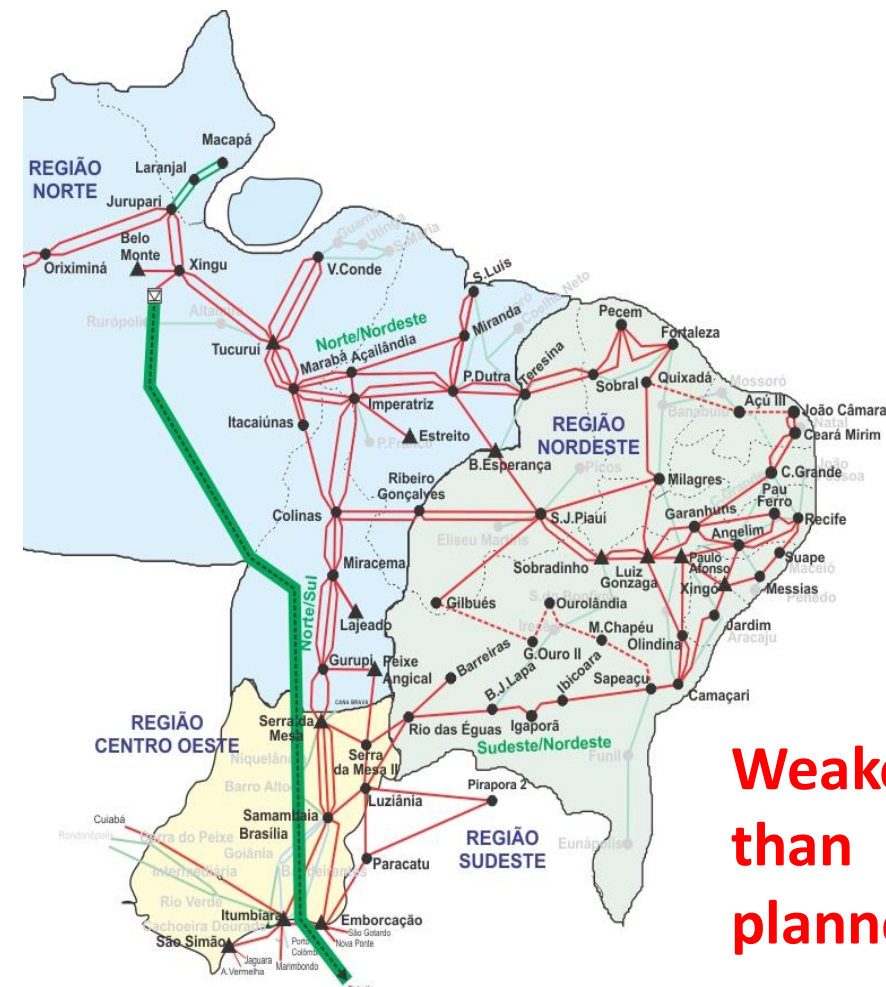
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# Planned vs Existing BIPS



**System Planned for Dec, 2017**



**Existing System in Dec, 2017**

**Weaker than planned!**

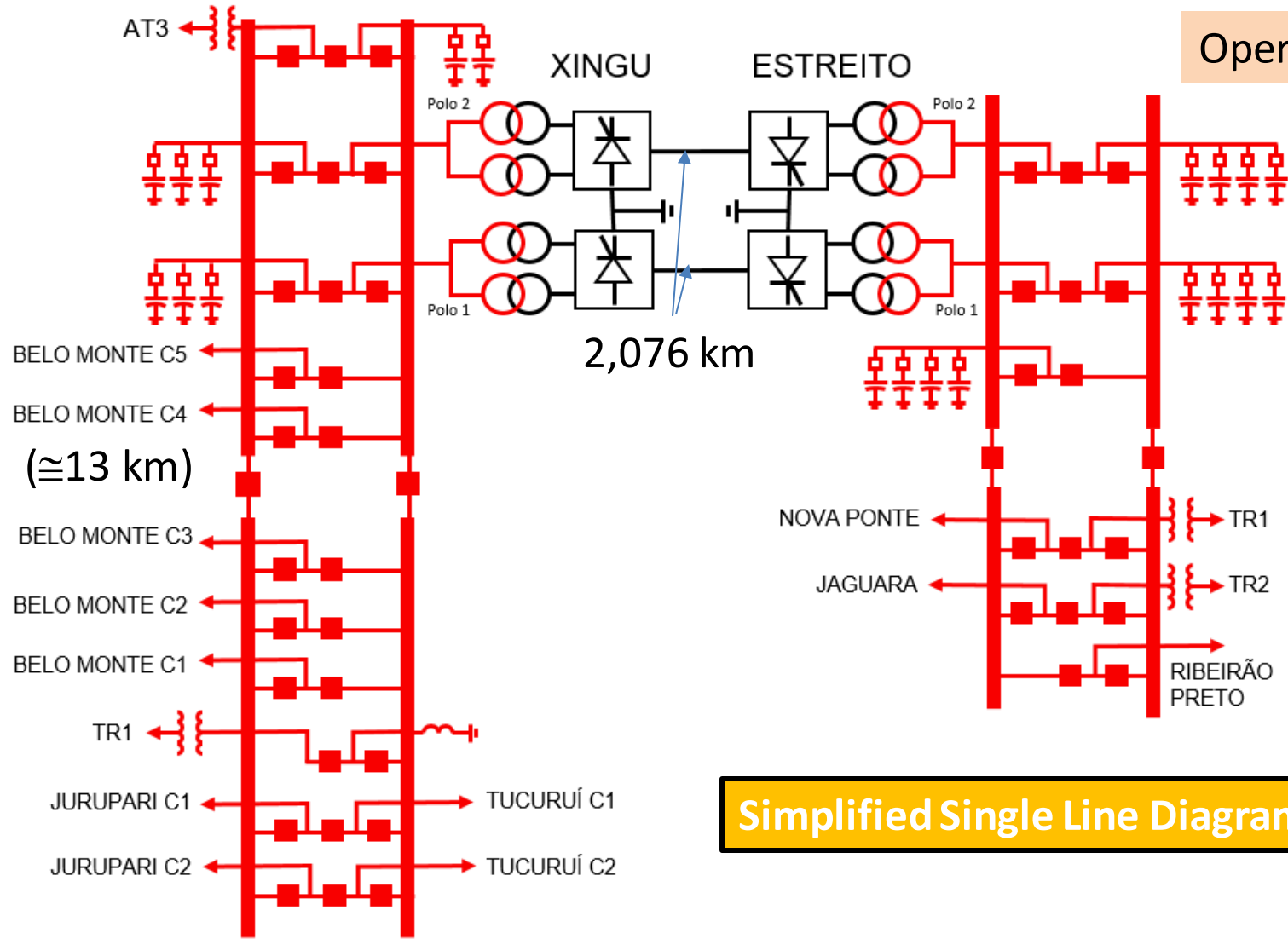
# ±800 kV, 4000 MW Xingu-Estreiro Bipole

## XINGU C/S

## ESTREITO C/S

Operation – Dec 2017

**BM**  
**18 Gen.**



**MW/SE**

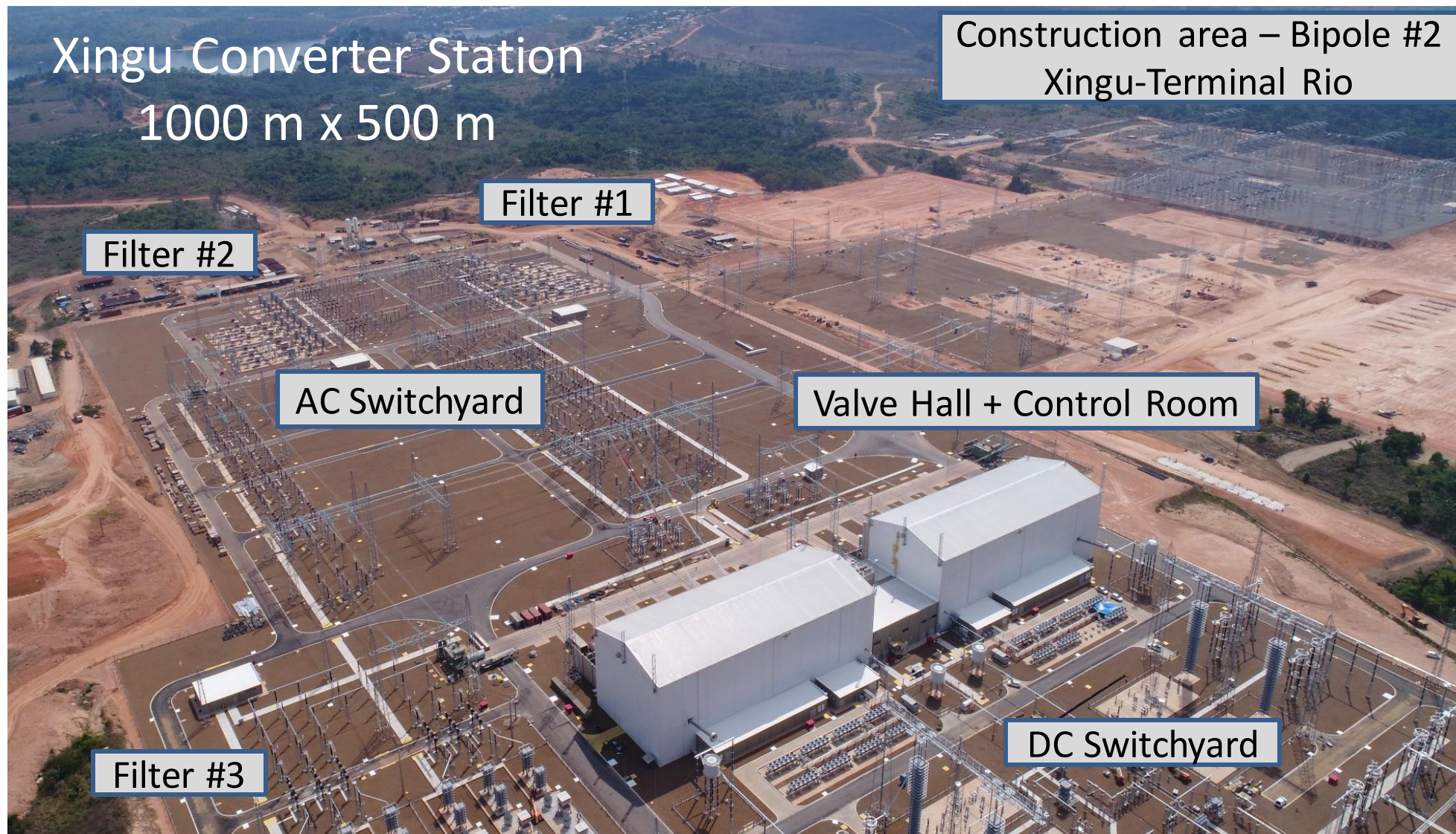
**Simplified Single Line Diagram**



±800 kV, 4000 MW Xingu-Estreiro Bipole – Xingu C/S

Xingu Converter Station  
1000 m x 500 m

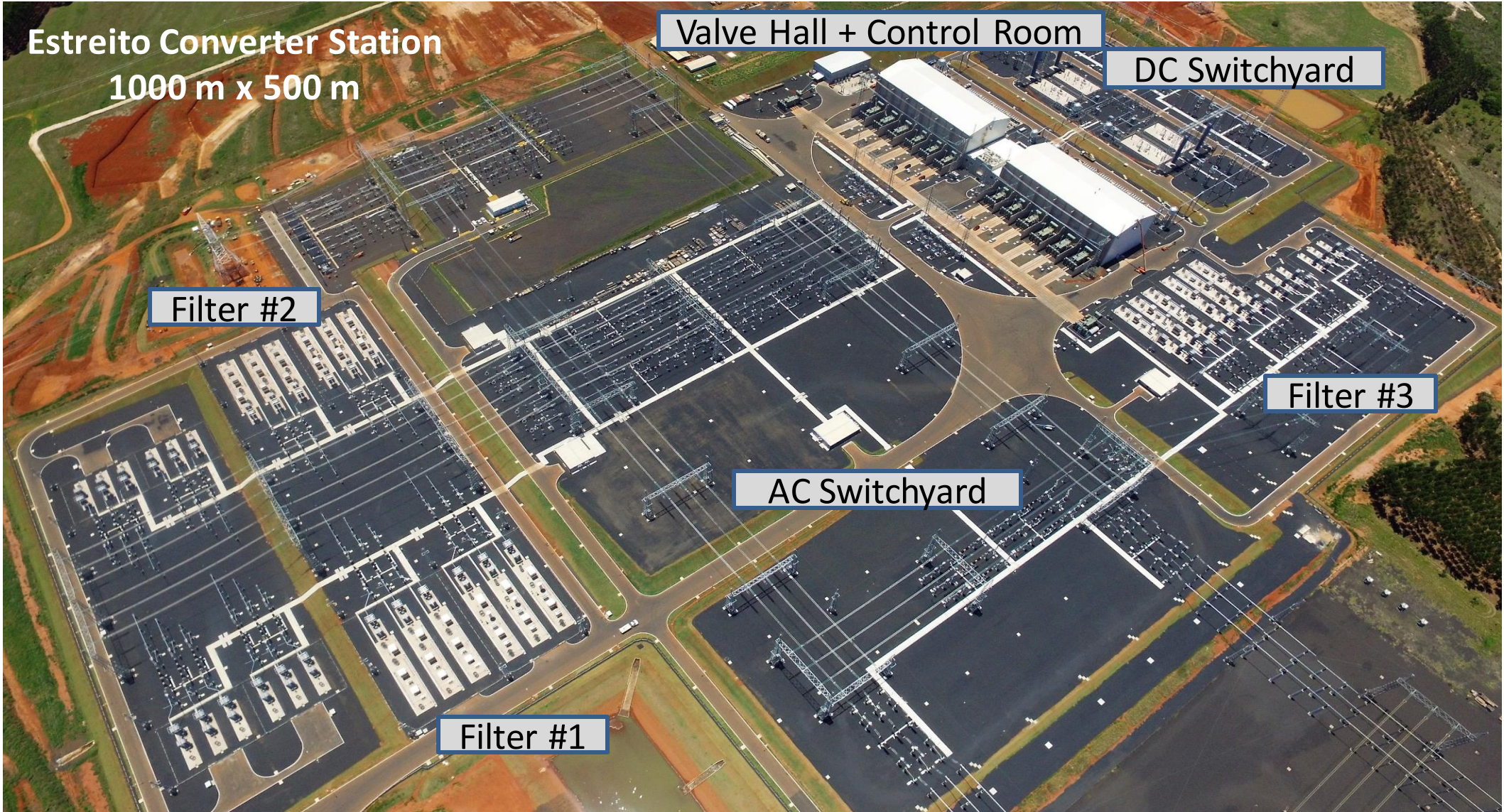
Construction area – Bipole #2  
Xingu-Terminal Rio



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±800 kV, 4000 MW Xingu-Estreiro Bipole – Estreiro C/S



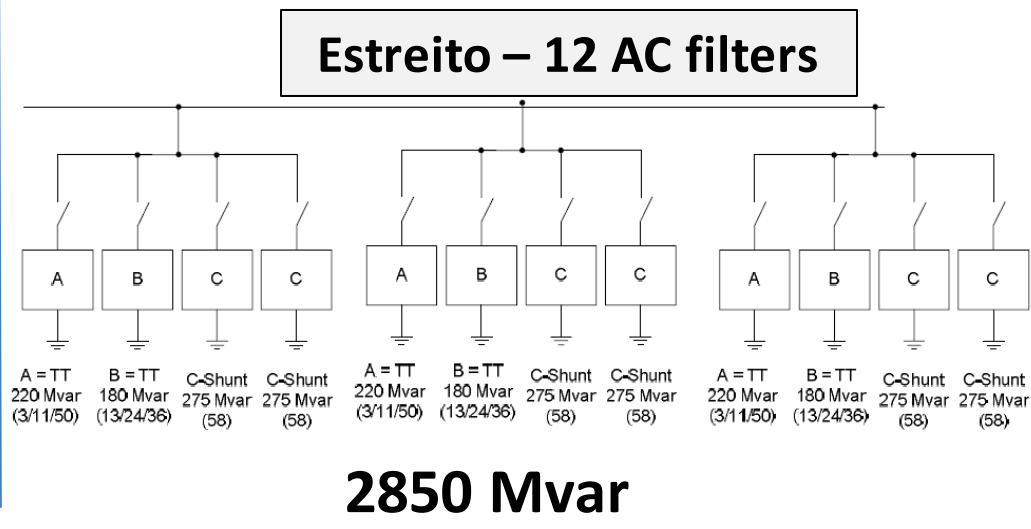
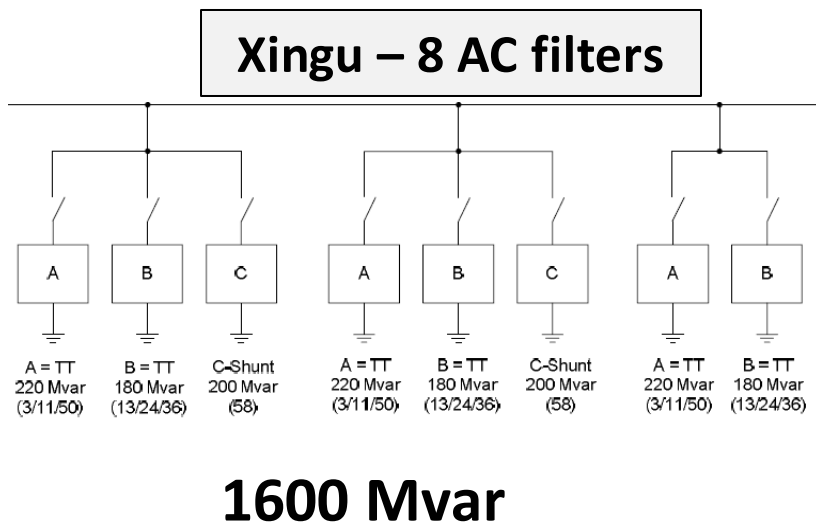
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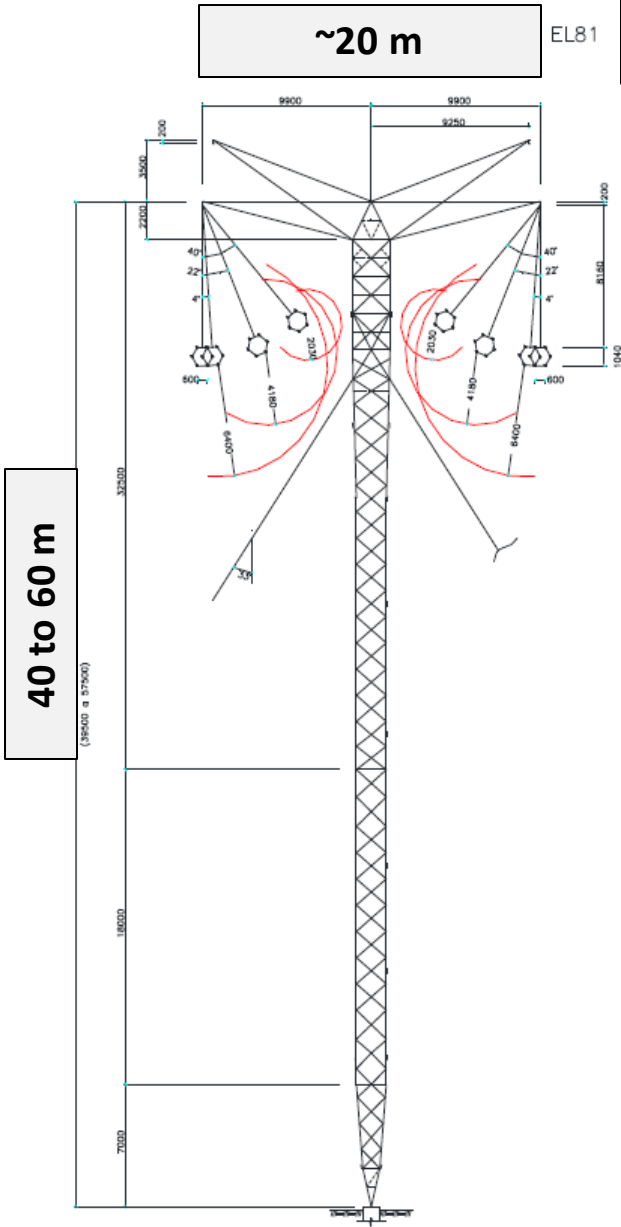
# ±800 kV, 4000 MW Xingu-Estreito Bipole

## AC Filters

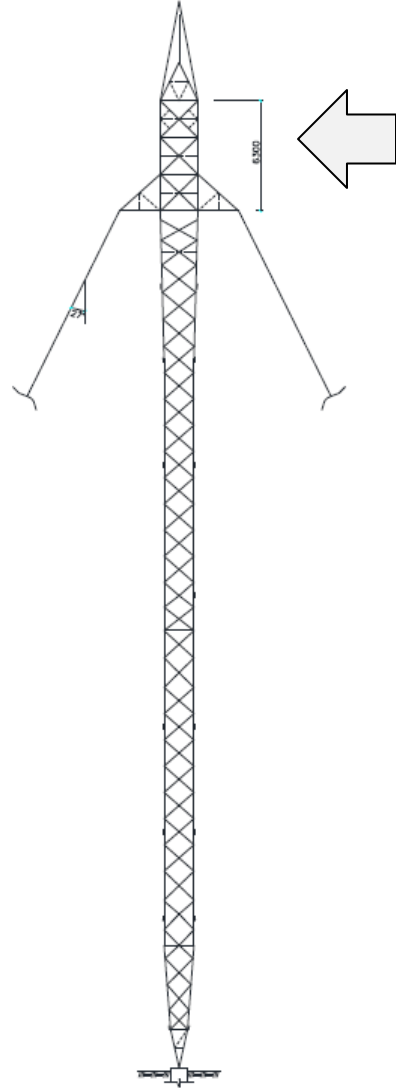
Terminal	Filter	number of filters	Tuning	Rated Power
Xingu	Type A	3	3rd°/11th°/50th°	220 Mvar
	Type B	3	13th°/24th°/36th°	180 Mvar
	Type C	2	Capacitor Bank (58th°)	200 Mvar
Estreito	Type A	3	3rd°/11th°/50th°	220 Mvar
	Type B	3	13th°/24th°/36th°	180 Mvar
	Type C	6	Capacitor Bank (58th°)	275 Mvar



# ±800 kV, 4000 MW Xingu-Estreito Bipole



## DC transmission line



**Typical DC line tower silhouette (71%)**

- ± 800 kV DC
- 6 conductors per pole
- 2,076 km



Cotas em milímetro



## GROUND ELECTRODES

**ESTREITO**

1 km x 1 km  
Vertical Configuration



75 km away from Estreito conv. station

**XINGU**

1 km x 1 km  
Horizontal Ring Configuration



35 km away from Xingu conv. station

Source: BMTE

## ±800 kV, 4000 MW Xingu-Estreito Bipole

Equipment	Equipment Rating and Overload – Xingu Conv. Station ( <b>rectifier</b> )			
	Continuously	30-minute (33%)	5-s (50%)	Minimum (10%)
Pole (Converter)	2000MW	2660MW	3000MW	200MW
Bipole	4000MW	5320MW	6000MW	400MW

Equipment	Equipment Rating and Overload - Estreito Conv. Station ( <b>rectifier</b> )				
	Continuously	30-minute (33%)	5-s (50%)	10% for 4h	Minimum
Pole (Converter)	1635MW	2174.55	2452.5	1798.5	200MW
Bipole	3270MW	4391.1	4905.0	3597.0	400MW

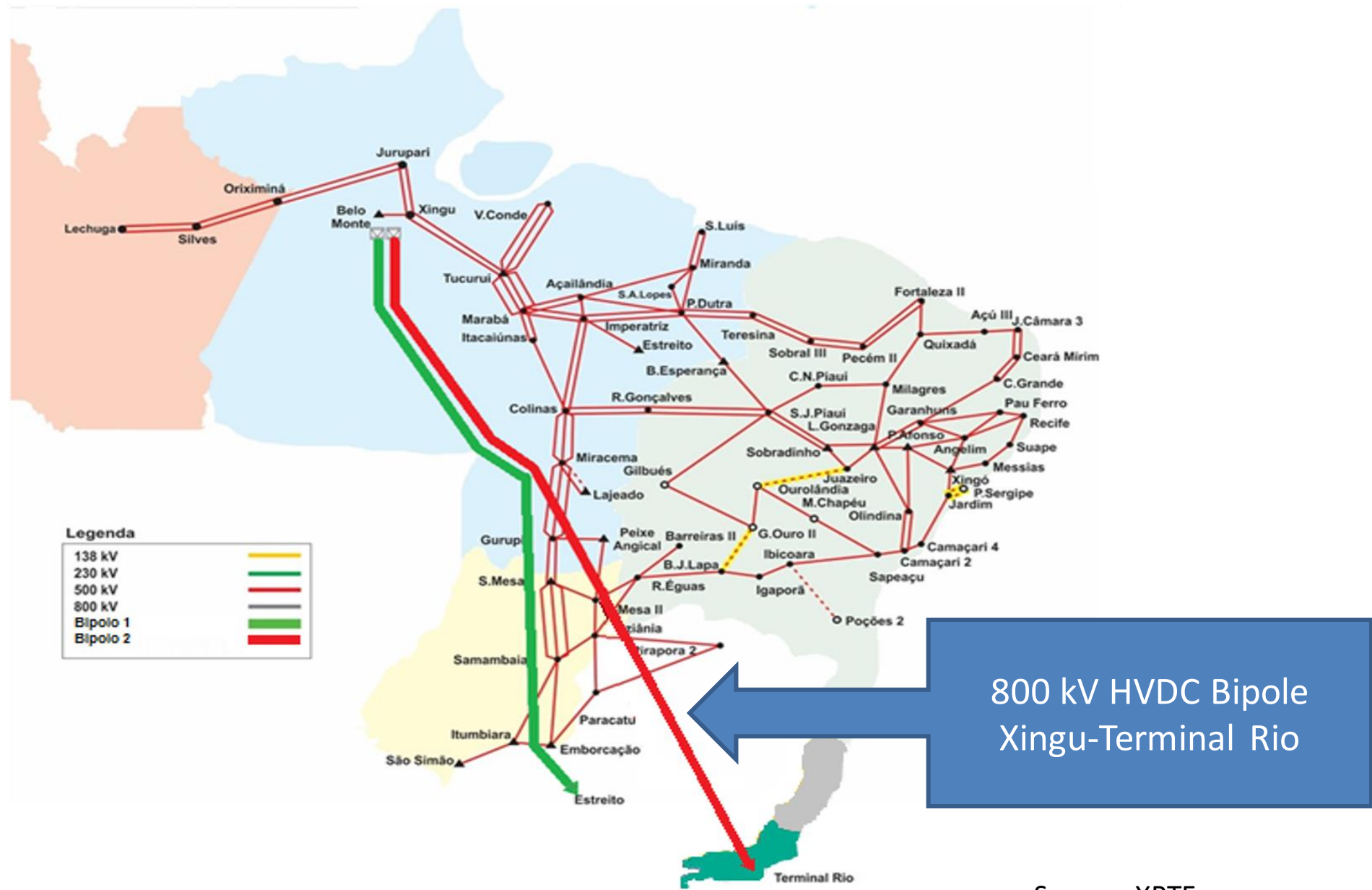
Equipment	Equipment Rating and Overload	
	Continuously	30-minute (33%)
Ground Electrodes	2500A	3325A
800 kV DC Line	4000MW	5320MW





The second 800 kV HVDC link in Brazil

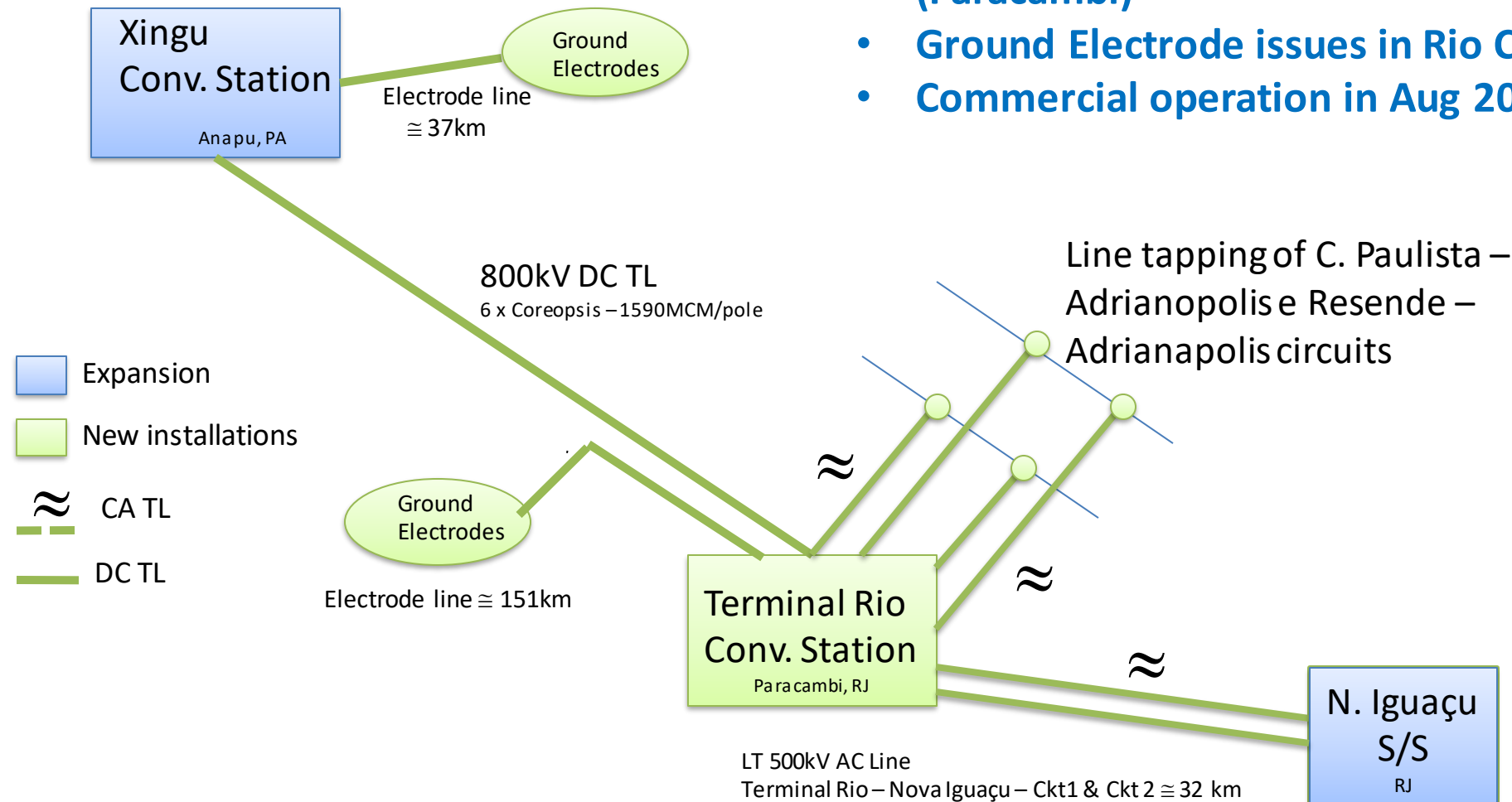
# ±800 kV, 4000 MW Xingu-Terminal Rio Bipole



Source: XRTE

## ±800 kV, 4000 MW Xingu-Terminal Rio Bipole

- The Longest Brazilian HVDC line (2,539 km)
- Deployment of the Master Control and integration with Bipolo #1 (Xingu-Estreito)
- Inverter at Greater Rio de Janeiro City (Paracambi)
- Ground Electrode issues in Rio C/S
- Commercial operation in Aug 2019



Source: XRTE

## ±800 kV, 4000 MW Xingu-Terminal Rio Bipole

<b>Overload</b>	<b>Short-Term (5 s – 50%)</b>	<b>Long-term (30 min – 33%)</b>	<b>Emergency long-term (4 h – 10%)</b>
<b>Xingu → Rio (Inv.)</b>	3978 A (1.59 pu)	3452 A (1.38 pu)	-
<b>Rio → Xingu (Inv.)</b>	3208 A (1.57 pu)	2798 A (1.37 pu)	2267 A (1.10 pu)
<b>Overload cycle</b>	Once each 2 hours 20 times / year	Once each 9 hours 20 times / year	Once each 30 min 20 times / year



# ±800 kV, 4000 MW Xingu-Terminal Rio Bipole



Source: XRTE



# ±800 kV, 4000 MW Xingu-Terminal Rio Bipole

## Xingu C/S – Aerial Overview



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# ±800 kV, 4000 MW Xingu-Terminal Rio Bipole



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**±800 kV, 4000 MW Xingu-Estreito /Xingu-Terminal Rio Bipoles**

**Special Protective Scheme (SPS)**



**Master Control  
Bipole #2 Xingu-Terminal Rio**



**Logic 1: Single outage at Xingu – Tucuruí 500 kV transmission line**

**Logic 2: Double outage at Xingu – Tucuruí 500 kV transmission line**

**Logic 3: Bipole (1 or 2) trip/block (or last pole trip/block)**

**Logic 4: Bipole (1 or 2) external contingencies**

**Logic 5: Outage of Generating Units at Belo Monte HPP**

**Logic 6: Split-bus configuration**

# Gracias

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