

# FRENCH HVDC LINKS IN SERVICE... ...AND TO COME



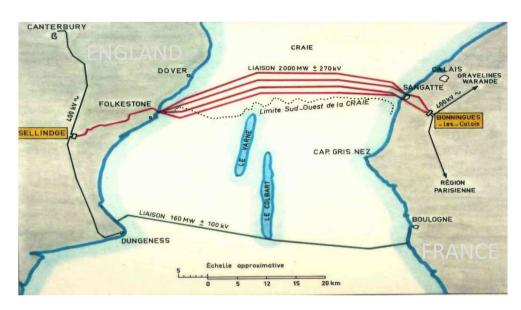


THE FRENCH 400kV GRID AND HVDC LINKS

- 400 kV substation
- \_\_\_\_ 1 circuit line
- 2 circuits 400 kV per line or more with at least 1 circuit in 400 kV
- \_ \_ \_ HVDC link in service
- ..... Decided and ongoing HVDC link
- ─ · · · HVDC link under study



### France to England, Underwater HVDC link – In service



- O Commissioning: 1986
- O 2 000 MW : 2 bipole of 1 000 MW 4 cables / bipole
- O +/- 270 kV
- O LCC converter station
- O 73 km including 46 km of submarine route

- O Submarine cables:

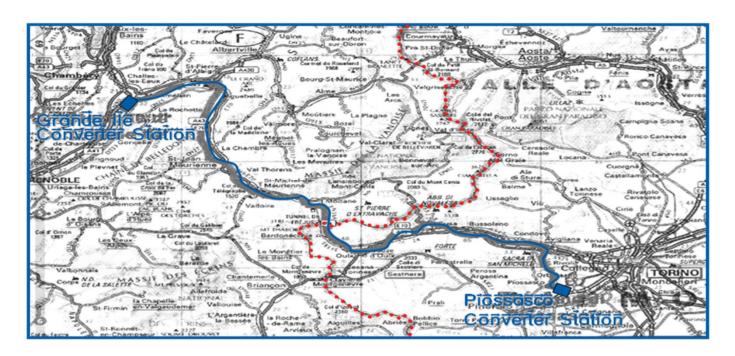
  Copper conductor, MI insulation
- O Underground cables:
  Copper conductor, OF insulation
- O Cable manufacturer: Nexans
- O Maximal water depth: 55 m

### **Underground** HVDC link – Ongoing



- O Expected commissioning: 2014
- O 2 000 MW : 2 bipole of 1 000 MW 2 cables / bipole
- O +/- 320 kV
- VSC converter station
- 65 km including 40 km in France
- O 2 500 mm<sup>2</sup> Copper conductor and XLPE insulated cables
- O Cable manufacturer : Prysmian

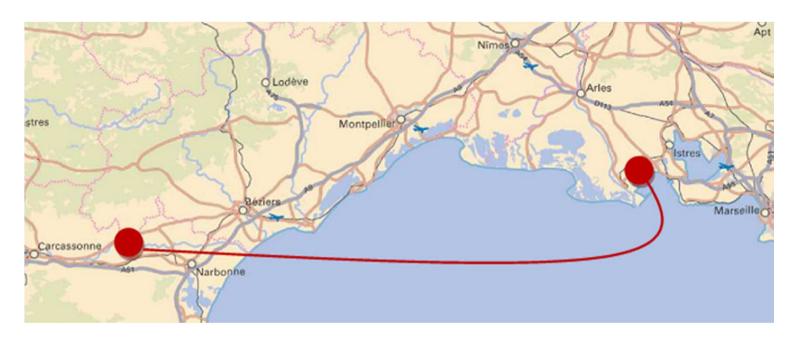
# France to Italie, **Underground** HVDC link – Ongoing



- O Expected commissioning: 2019
- O 1 200 MW : 2 bipole of 600 MW 2 cables / bipole
- O +/- 320 kV

- VSC converter station
- O 190 km including 95 km in France
- O Cables: Aluminum conductor, XLPE insulation

# Midi region to Provence region, **Underwater** HVDC link – Ongoing

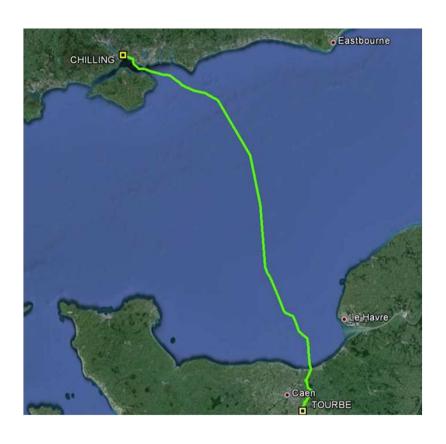


- O Expected commissioning: 2020
- O 1 000 MW : 1 bipole of 2 cables
- O +/- 320 kV

- O VSC converter station
- O 190 km including 160 km of submarine route
- Maximal water depth: 100 m



# France to England, **Underwater** HVDC link – Ongoing



- O Expected commissioning: 2020
- O 1 000 MW : 1 bipole of 2 cables
- O +/- 320 kV
- O VSC converter station
- O 280 km including 220 km of submarine route
- O Maximal water depth: 100 m