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# 800 kV HVDC Projects in India

NEA800 and RP800 – by ABB

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# North-East Agra (NEA800)

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# NEA800: Over-view

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## Customer/Project

- POWERGRID Corporation of India Ltd, India
- Development of renewable hydro power  
1730 km from load centre
- Low Losses (~6%)
- Compact – Minimum Right of Way
- To serve more than 90 Million people

## Scope

- 6000 MW  $\pm$ 800 kV HVDC Bulk power transmission from NE into Agra - TURNKEY
- 33% Continuous overload i.e. 8000 MW dc power
- Three station Multi-terminal (4 parallel terminals)

## Status

- In Commercial Operation (2016/2017)



# NEA800: What was/is special?

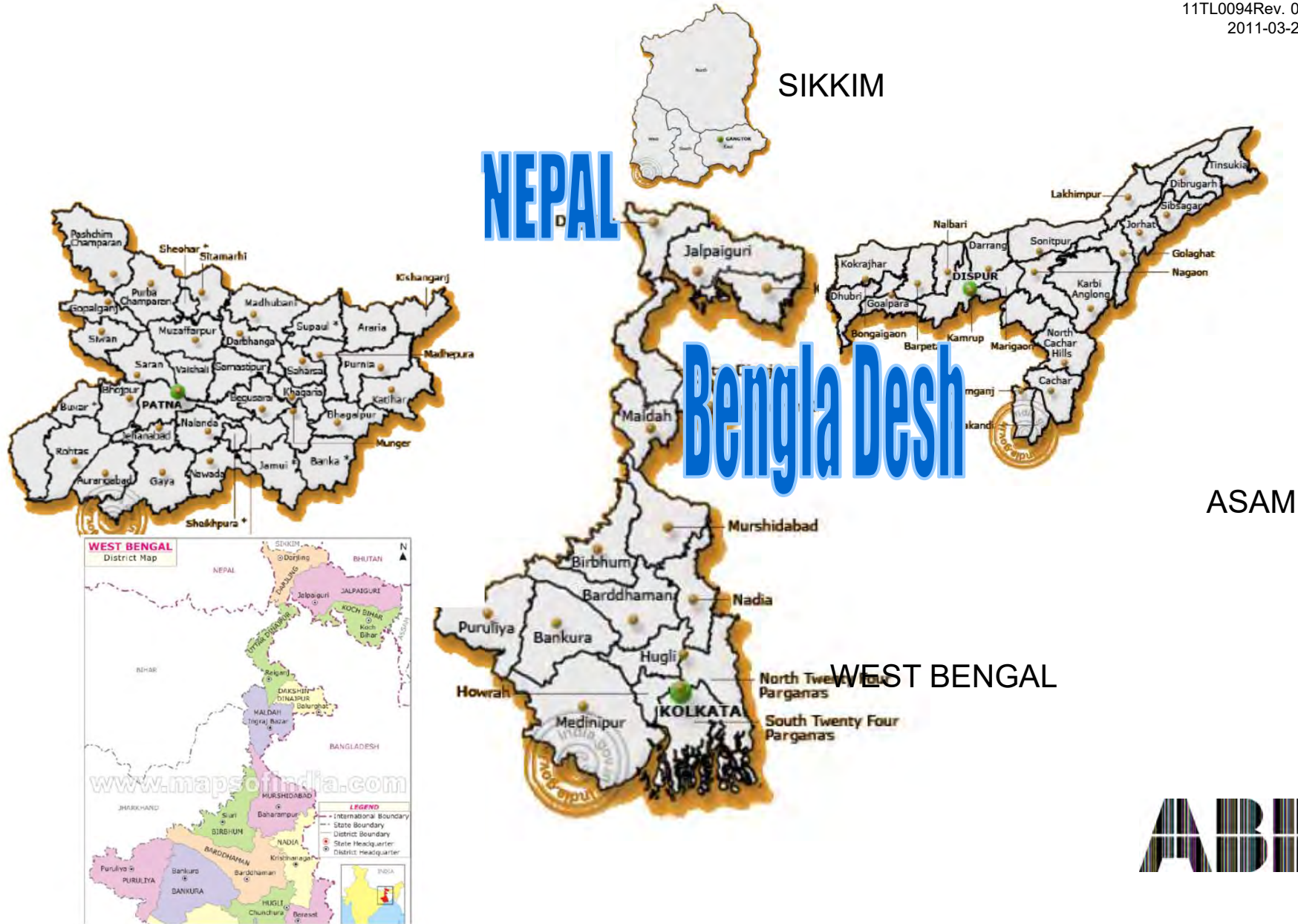
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- Largest rating ever of a Converter, 2000 MW (x4 = 8000 MW)
- Highest voltage over a converter, 800 kV
- India's first 800 kVdc Transmission link
- Multi terminal operation first with 800 kV
- First 800 kV indoor dc yard 77x77x38m, largest ever
- Longest transmission in India, 1775 km
- Three electrodes rated 5000 A
- River transport of Transformers
- 800 kV Converter transformers made in two Indian units
- Direct communication between Stations (OPGW on DC Line)



# Around Chicken Neck

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# QUIZ

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- Highest rainfall area in the world?

# Answer

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- Cherapunji - Situated at a distance of 55 km from Shillong in Meghalaya, the height of Cherapunji is 4456 ft. (1358 m).
- The total rainfall of the region is around 500 inches (**around 13 meters**);
- Previously, Cherapunji was the highest rainfall area in the world, now it has shifted to Mousingram, 12 kms from Cherapunji.



# Cherapunji





# Close to Middle Station

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**Darjeeling Toy Train (July 1881) is one of the most famous narrow (2 feet) gauge trains.**

Ghoom (7407 ft/2260 m) the highest point of the journey



# Taj Mahal, ~ 15 km away from Agra site

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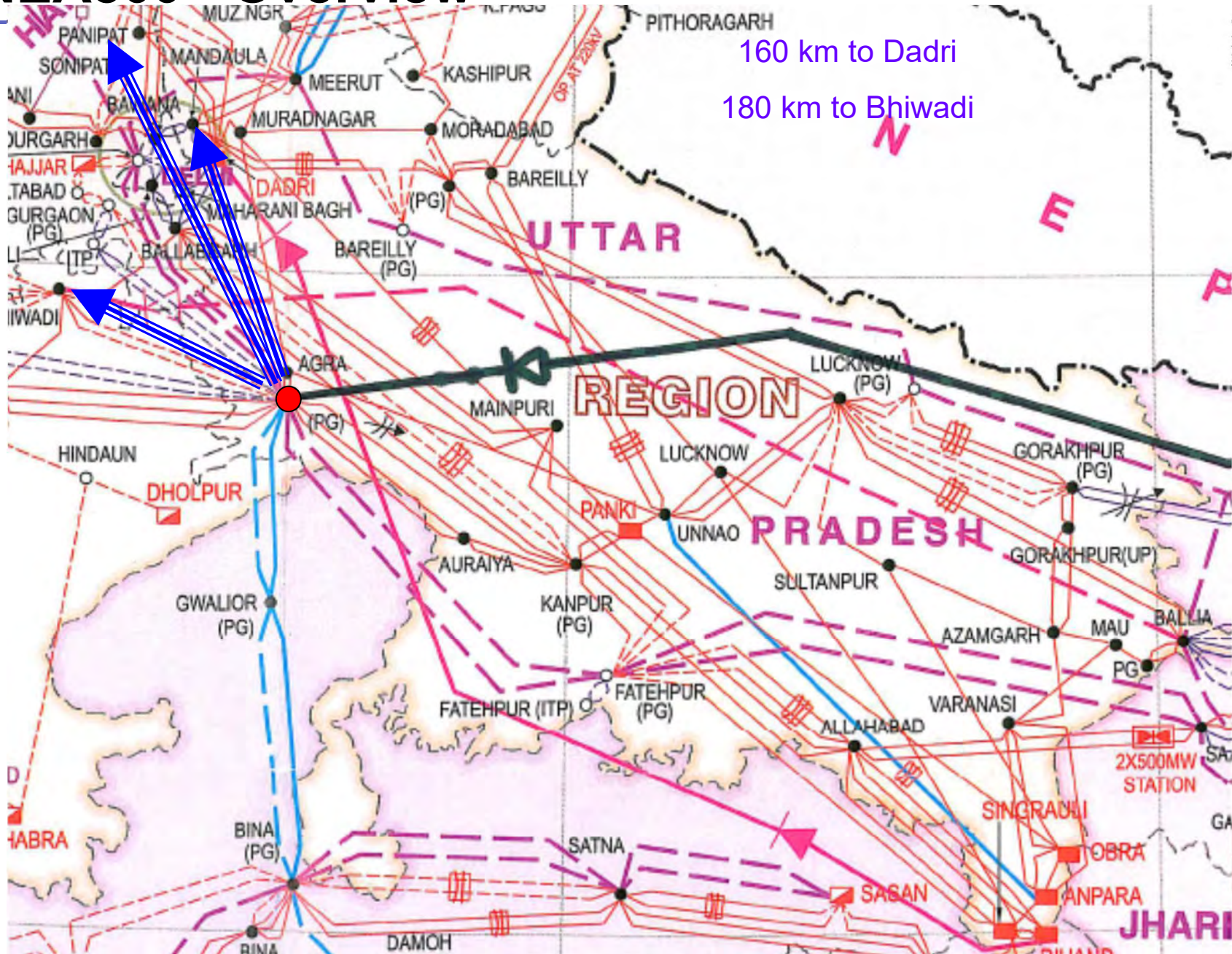


# NEA800 - Overview



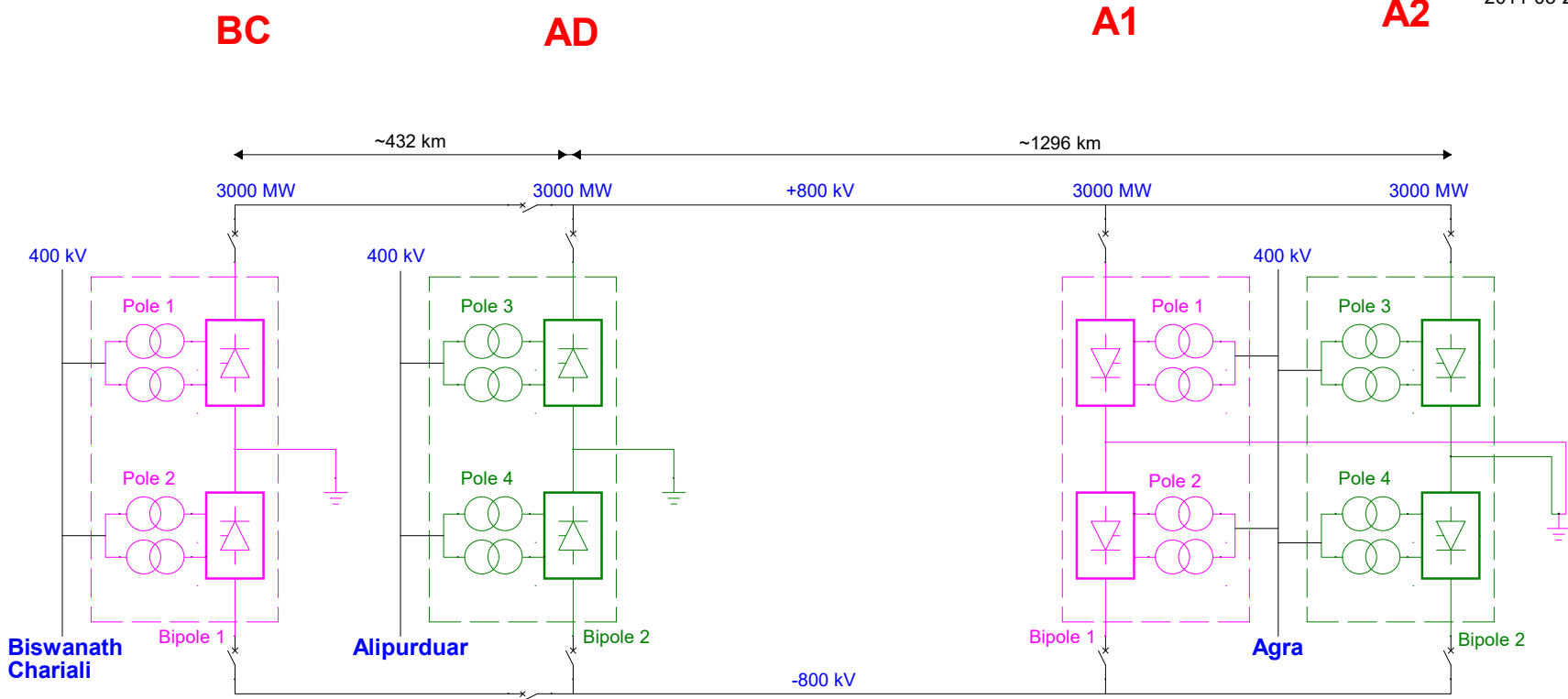


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**FIRST MULTI-TERMINAL AT 800 kV**

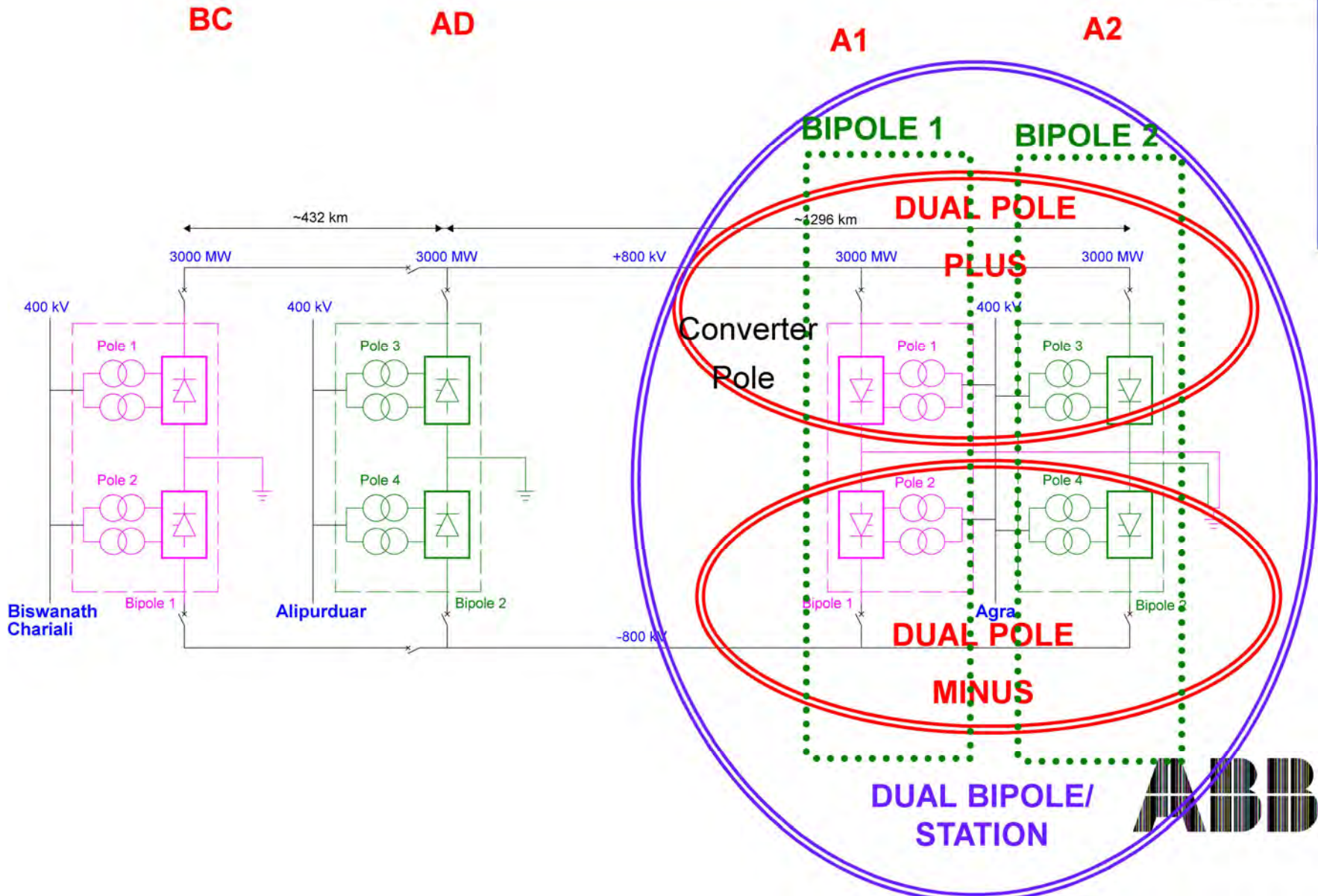
Station BC & AD are in a synchronous network. Agra may OR may NOT be in same network.





# NEA800 – Overview/Naming

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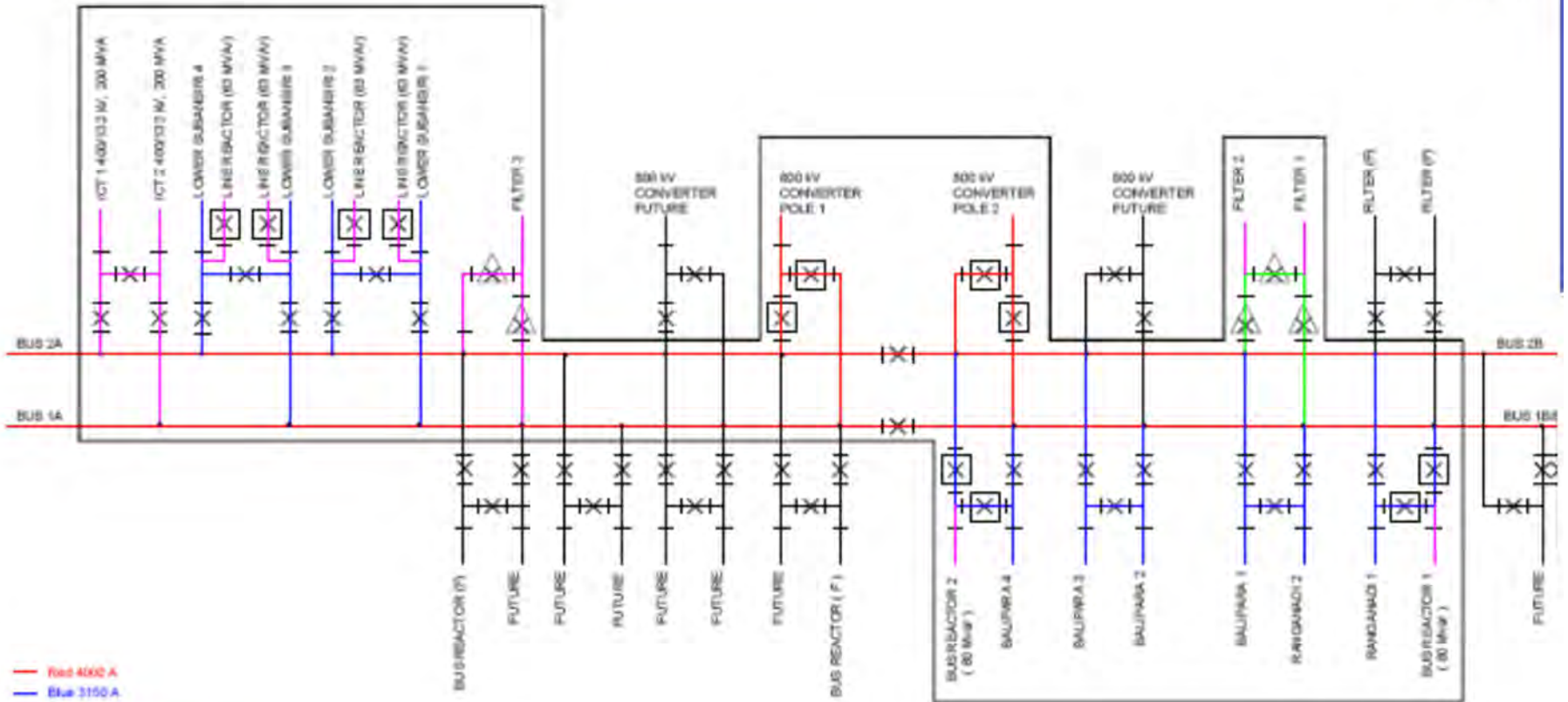
# NE to Agra Technical summary

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- 800 kVdc technology
- multi-terminal
- 4 terminals at Three Stations
  - Two 3000 MW Stations in the North-East 432 km apart
  - Two 3000 MW Terminals in parallel at Agra
- Multi-infeed into Agra
- Embedded HVDC (Parallel AC Lines)
- Total line length ~~~1728 km (432 + 1296 km)~~ **Now 1775 km**
- 33% continuous overload i.e. 8000 MW in total (largest rating ever)
- Transformers
  - 300 MVA, 800 kV, 24 plus 6 spares (2 of each type at each station)
  - 300 MVA, 400 kV, 24 plus 6 spares
- AC substation included in package (plus HVDC Bays)

# Biswanath Chariali

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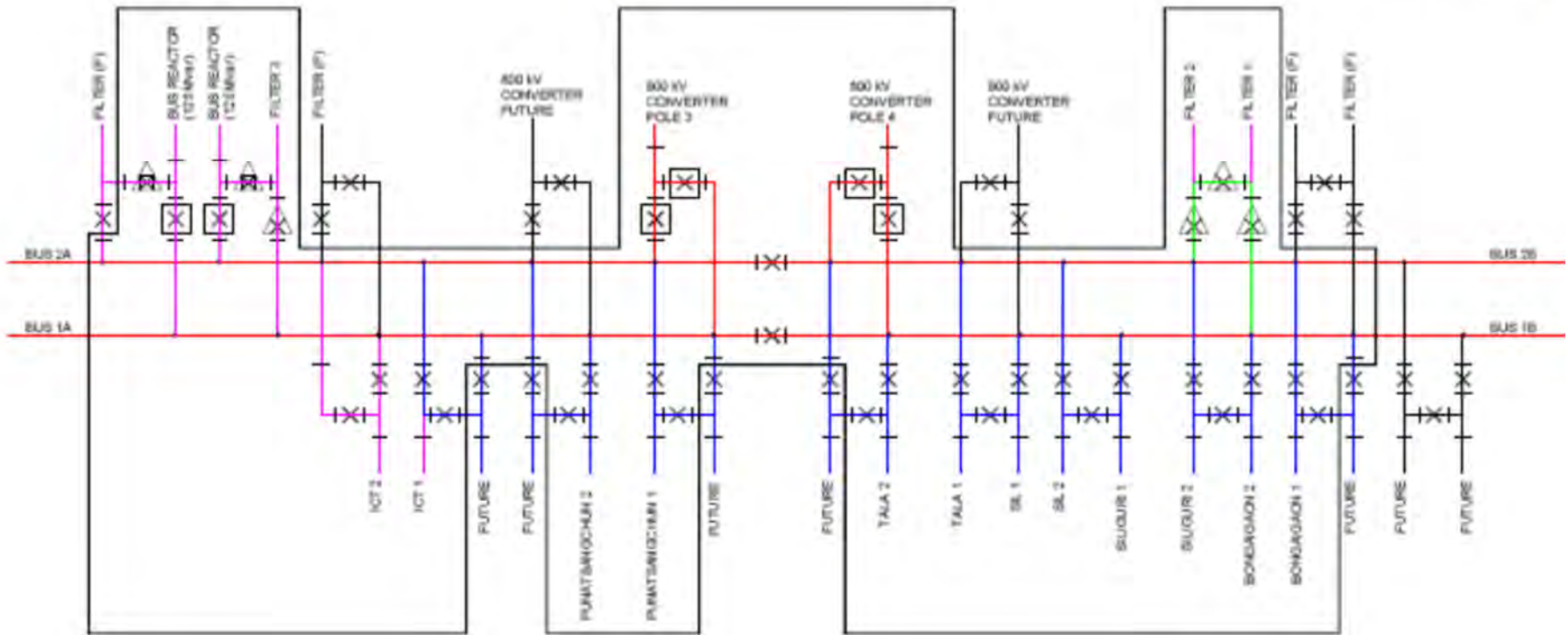
- Red 4000 A
- Blue 3150 A
- Green 2500 A
- Pink 2000 A (Line Reactor + Filter)
- Breaker with pre-insertion resistors
- Breaker with synchronizing
- Filter bank Breaker

Note: Only items shown within boxes are under scope of Specification C-61901R-2055-3



# Alipurduar

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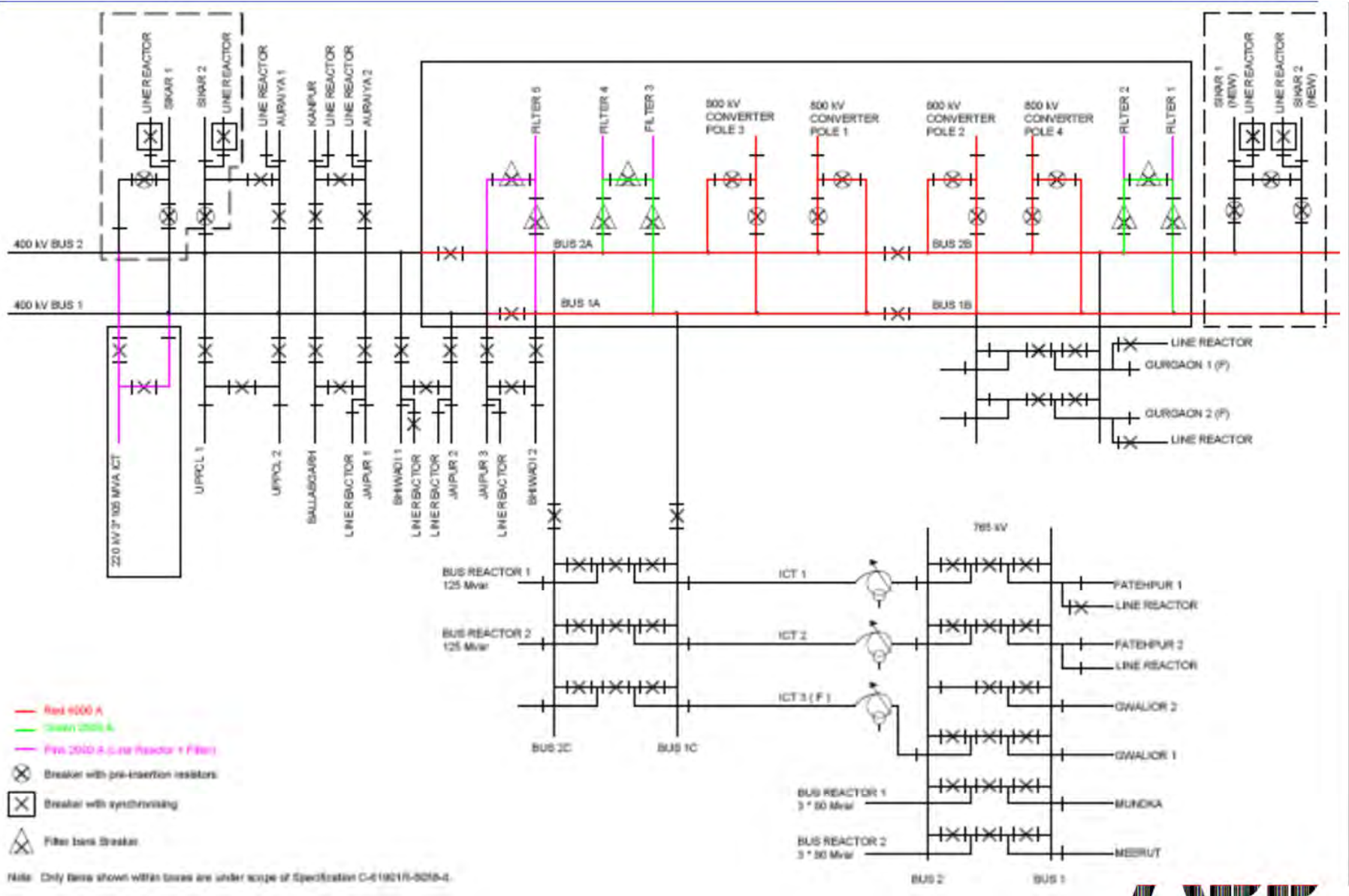
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- Blue 3150 A
- Green 2500 A
- Pink 2000 A (Line Reactor + Filter)
- Breaker with pre-insertion resistors.
- Breaker with synchronizing
- Fiber bank Breaker

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All other items are to be provided by the customer.

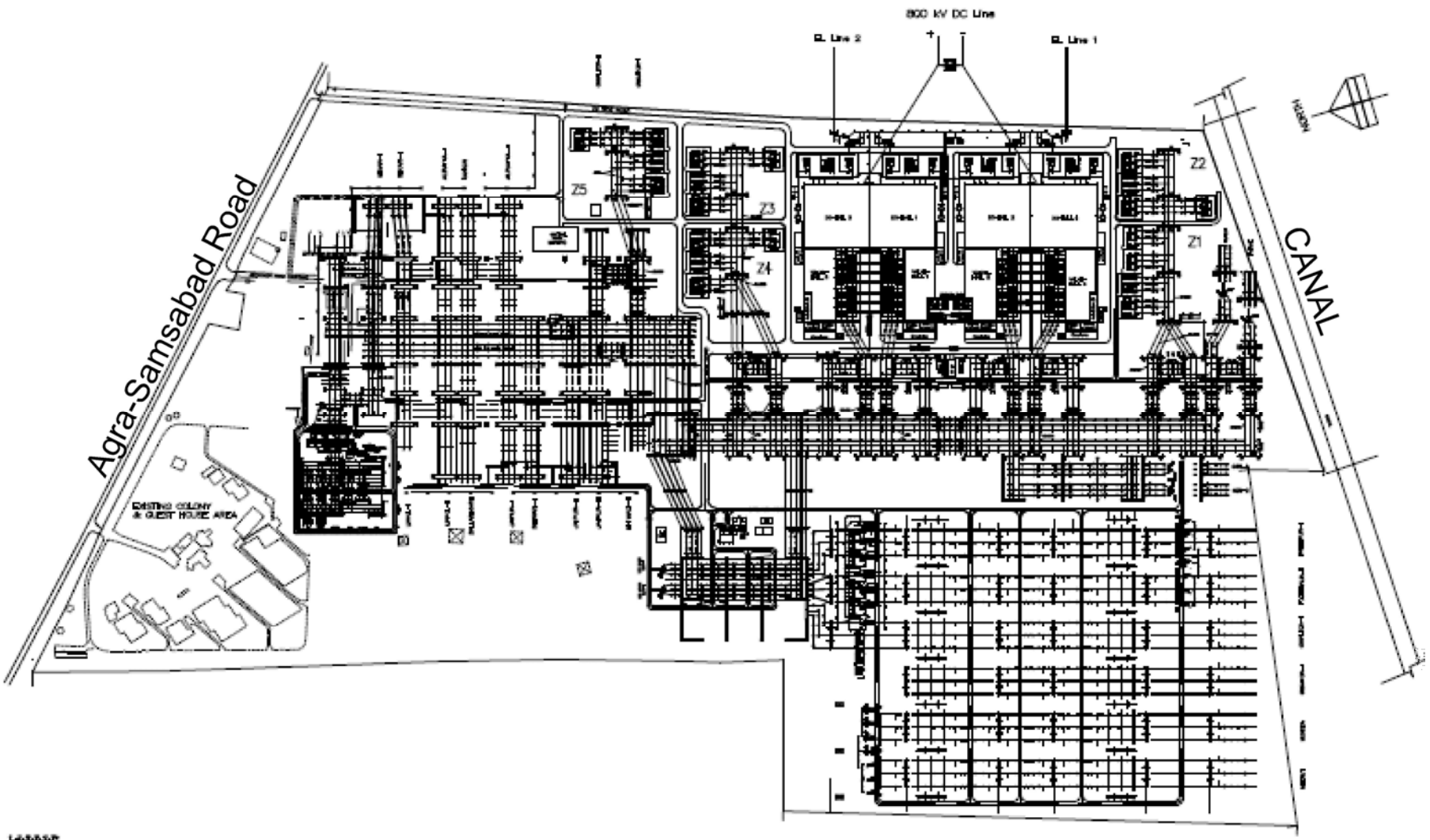




# Agra

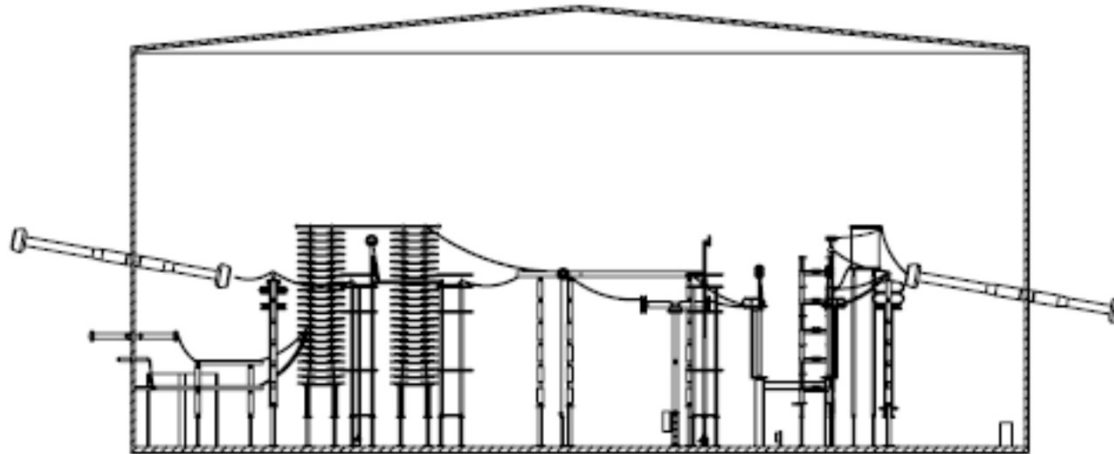
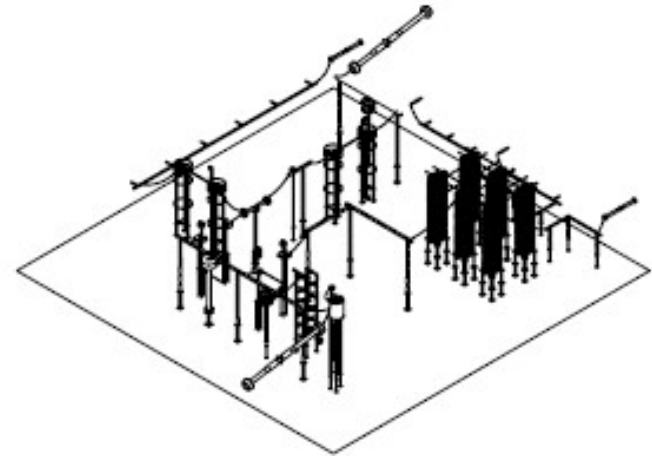
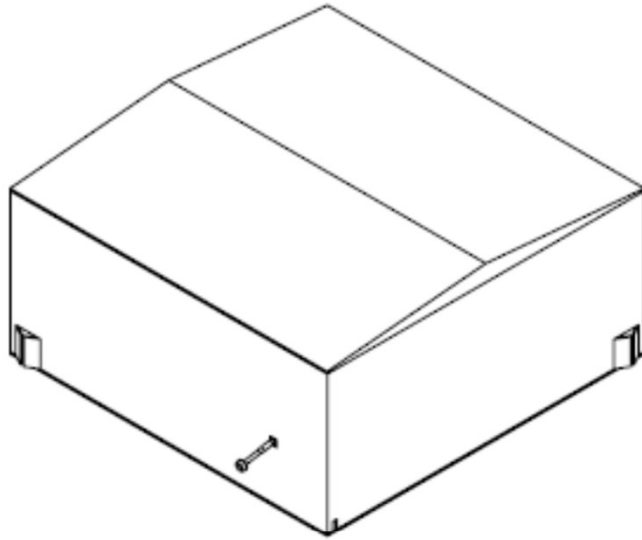


# NEA800 - Agra



# NEA800 – Indoor DC Hall at Agra

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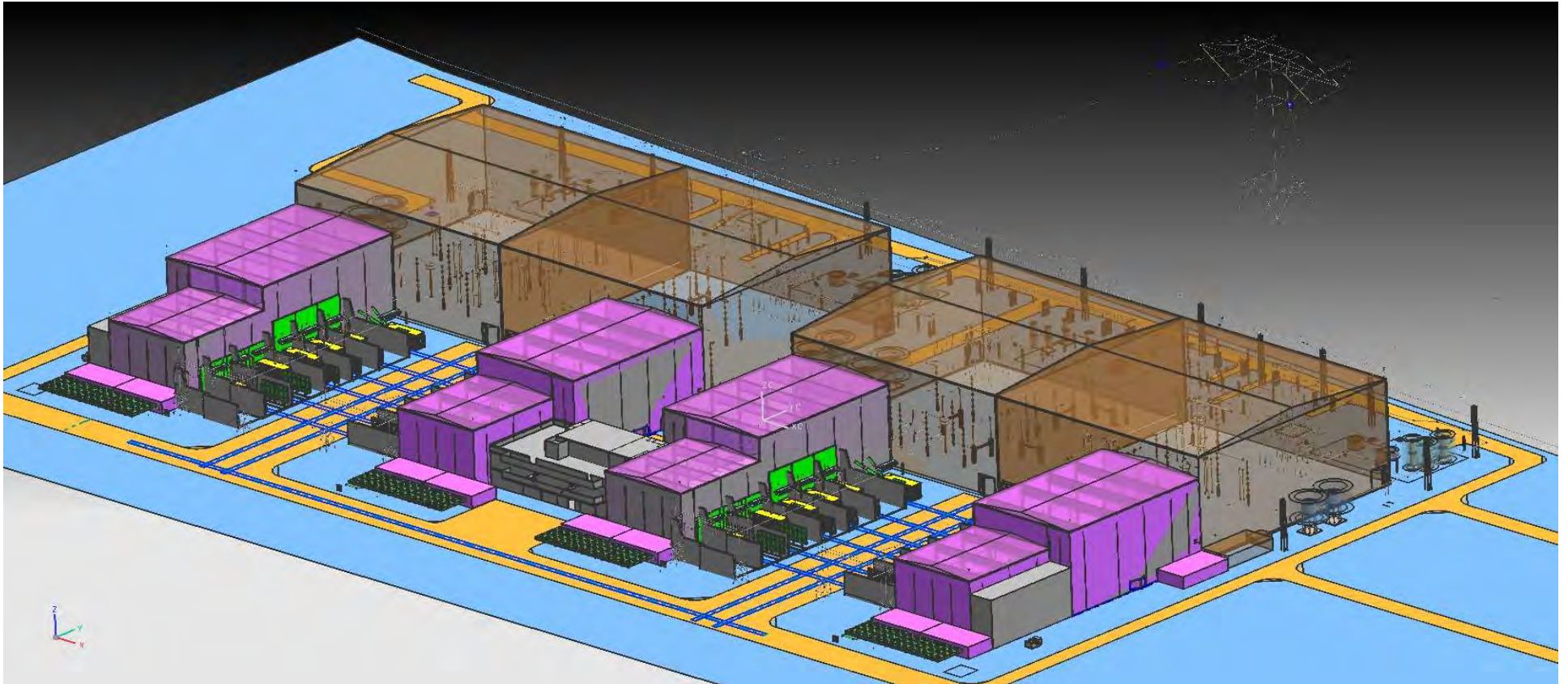


Uven is too small !





# North East to Agra, Agra 3D Layout



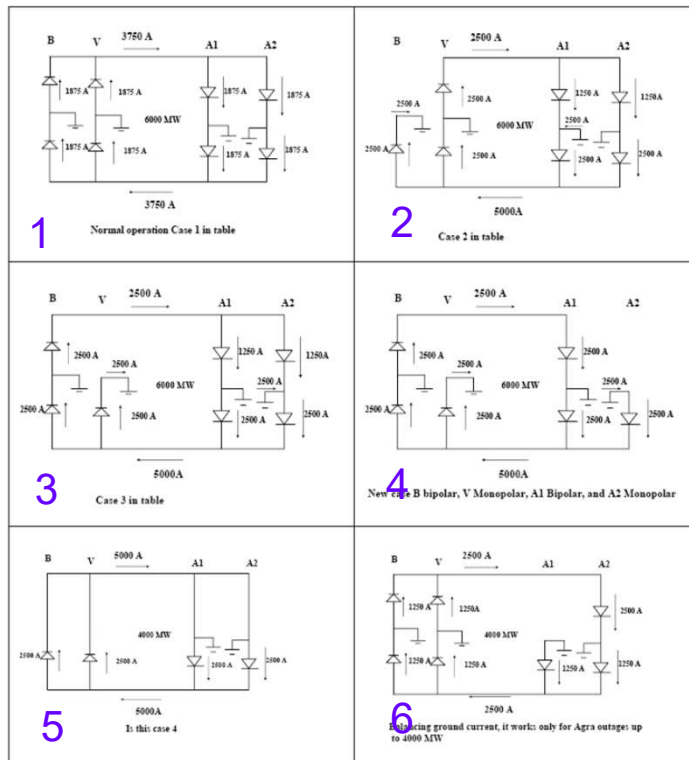
- Each Valve hall 80 x 35 x 25 m (Height)
- Each Indoor DC Hall 77 x 77 x 38 m (Height)

# Technical Prespective – Different than China

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- One 800 kV Converter
- Multi-terminal
- Many operating Modes
- Indoor & Outdoor DC yards

Some of the operating conditions are mentioned below:

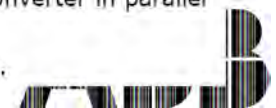


B: Biswanath Chariali V: Bidhan Nagar A1 A2: Agra Bipole 1 & 2

| S.No | Multi-terminal Configuration | Biswanath Chariali Rectifier | Bidhan Nagar Rectifier  | Agra Inverter             | Power Transmission Capacity MW | Max Ground Current Amp |
|------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1.   | Bipolar                      | Bipolar                      | Bipolar                 | Bipolar                   | 6000                           | Nil                    |
| 2.   | Bipolar-Hybrid               | Monopolar Ground Return      | Bipolar                 | Bipolar                   | 6000                           | 2500                   |
| 3.   | Bipolar-Hybrid               | Bipolar                      | Monopolar Ground Return | Bipolar                   | 6000                           | 2500                   |
| 4.   | Monopolar-Metallic           | Monopolar-Metallic           | Monopolar-Metallic      | Monopolar-Metallic        | 4000                           | Nil                    |
| 5.   | Monopolar-Ground             | Monopolar-Ground             | Monopolar-Ground        | Monopolar-Ground          | 4000                           | 5000                   |
| 6.   | -                            | Bipolar                      | -                       | Bipolar                   | 3000/4000 *                    | Nil                    |
| 7.   | -                            | -                            | Bipolar                 | Bipolar                   | 3000/4000 *                    | Nil                    |
| 8.   | -                            | Monopolar Ground Return      | -                       | Monopolar Ground Return # | 2000                           | 2500                   |
| 9.   | -                            | -                            | Monopolar Ground Return | Monopolar Ground Return # | 2000                           | 2500                   |
| 10.  | -                            | Monopolar Metallic           | -                       | Monopolar Metallic #      | 2000                           | Nil                    |
| 11.  | -                            | -                            | Monopolar Metallic      | Monopolar Metallic #      | 2000                           | Nil                    |

# Either one converter in 1.33 pu (Continuous) or two converter in parallel shall share 1000 MW each.

- Converters operating at 1.33 pu ( Continuous) rating.



# Technical Prespective – Configurations ~32

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| No. | S.No | Fig. No. | Multi-terminal Configuration | Biswanath Chariali Rectifier | Siliguri (New) Rectifier | Agra 1(2) Inverter | Agra 2(1) Inverter | Link Capacity MW | Ground Current Amp |
|-----|------|----------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 1.  | 1    | 1        | Bipolar                      | Bipolar                      | Bipolar                  | Bipolar            | Bipolar            | 6000<br>(8000)   | Nil                |
| 2.  | 1A   | 6        | Bipolar-Hybrid               | Bipolar                      | Bipolar                  | Bipolar            | Monopolar Ground   | 4000             | Nil                |
| 3.  | 2    | 2        | Bipolar-Hybrid               | Monopolar Ground             | Bipolar                  | Bipolar            | Bipolar            | 6000             | 2500               |
| 4.  | 2A   | 4type    | Bipolar-Hybrid               | Monopolar Ground             | Bipolar                  | Bipolar            | Monopolar Ground   | 6000             | 2500               |
| 5.  | 3    | 3        | Bipolar-Hybrid               | Bipolar                      | Monopolar Ground         | Bipolar            | Bipolar            | 6000             | 2500               |
| 6.  | 3A   | 4        | Bipolar-Hybrid               | Bipolar                      | Monopolar Ground         | Bipolar            | Monopolar Ground   | 6000             | 2500               |
| 7.  | 4    | 5        | Monopolar Metallic           | Monopolar Metallic           | Monopolar-Metallic       | Monopolar-Metallic | Monopolar Metallic | 4000             | Nil                |
| 8.  | 5    |          | Monopolar Ground             | Monopolar Ground             | Monopolar- Ground        | Monopolar Ground   | Monopolar Ground   | 4000             | 5000               |
| 9.  | 6    |          | -                            | Bipolar                      | -                        | Bipolar            | -                  | 4000             | Nil                |
| 10. | 6A   |          |                              | Bipolar                      | -                        | Bipolar            | Bipolar            | 4000             | Nil                |
| 11. | 6B   | 6type    |                              | Bipolar                      | -                        | Bipolar            | Monopolar Ground   | 4000             | Nil                |
| 12. | 7    |          | -                            | -                            | Bipolar                  | Bipolar            | -                  | 4000             | Nil                |
| 13. | 7A   |          |                              | -                            | Bipolar                  | Bipolar            | Bipolar            | 4000             | Nil                |
| 14. | 7B   | 6type    |                              | -                            | Bipolar                  | Bipolar            | Monopolar Ground   | 4000             | Nil                |
| 15. | 8    |          | -                            | Monopolar Ground             | -                        | Monopolar Ground   | -                  | 2000             | 2500               |
| 16. | 8A   |          | -                            | Monopolar Ground             | -                        | Monopolar- Ground  | Monopolar Ground   | 2000             | 2500               |
| 17. | 9    |          | -                            | -                            | Monopolar Ground         | Monopolar Ground   | -                  | 2000             | 2500               |
| 18. | 9A   |          | -                            | -                            | Monopolar Ground         | Monopolar Ground   | Monopolar Ground   | 2000             | 2500               |
| 19. | 10   |          | -                            | Monopolar Metallic           | -                        | Monopolar Metallic | -                  | 2000             | Nil                |
| 20. | 10A  |          | -                            | Monopolar Metallic           | -                        | Monopolar Metallic | Monopolar Metallic | 2000             | Nil                |
| 21. | 11   |          | -                            | -                            | Monopolar Metallic       | Monopolar Metallic | -                  | 2000             | Nil                |
| 22. | 11A  |          | -                            | -                            | Monopolar Metallic       | Monopolar Metallic | Monopolar Metallic | 2000             | Nil                |





# Designed for

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- Plan to include for another 6000 MW!



# NEA800

## Double Valves - Valve type testing



- 48 Double Valves each 9 m, 13 tonnes
- Valve hall 80 x 35 meters and 25 meters high



# NEA800

## Converter transformer



### Numbers

- 30 pc 400 kV DC
- 30 pc 800 kV DC

### Dimensions:

- Length 13 m
- Width 4 m
- Height 5.0 m
- Weight 510 tonnes



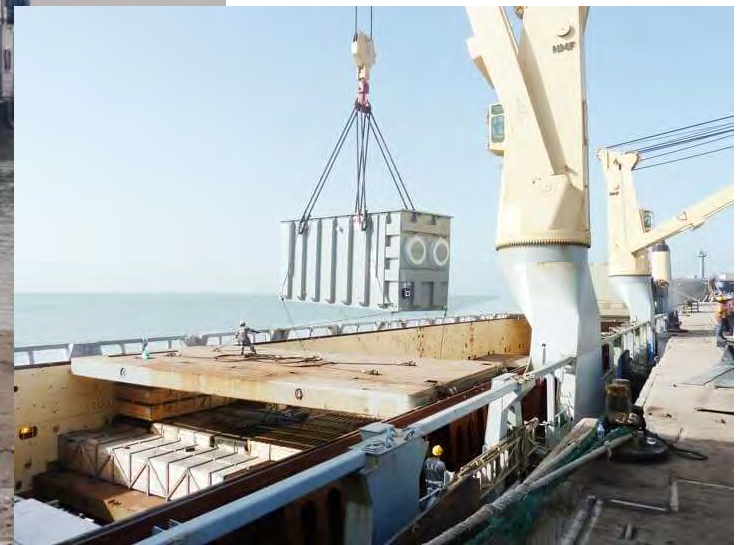
# NEA800 Smoothing Reactors (Agra), DC Capacitors (BNC)



# NEA800 River Transport



▪Transformer under unloading at the jetty



▪Transformer under loading at the port



# NEA800 Road Transport



Transport to APD of 800 kV transformer on girder bridge over a by pass (temporary bridge)

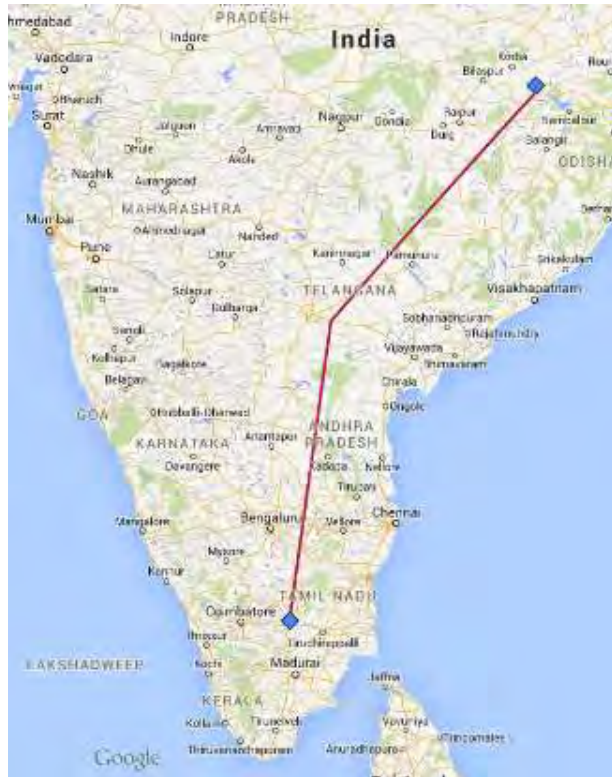




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# Project Overview

## Raigarh-Pugalur (RP800)



Project Name

Project description

Customer

Timing

Strategic Rationale

- Increased demand Power in southern India

- ± 800 KV,6000 MW HVDC terminals associated with HVDC Bipole link between Western region (Raigarh, Chattisgarh) and Southern region (Pugalur, Tamil Nadu)- North Trichur (Kerala)

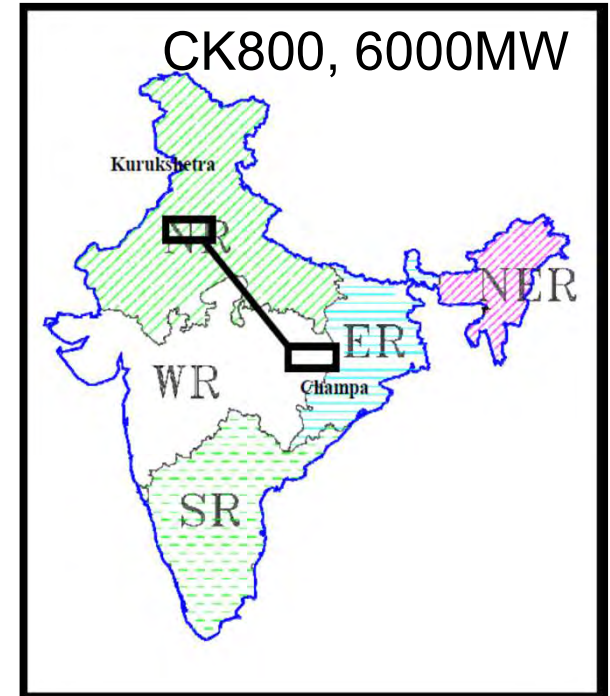
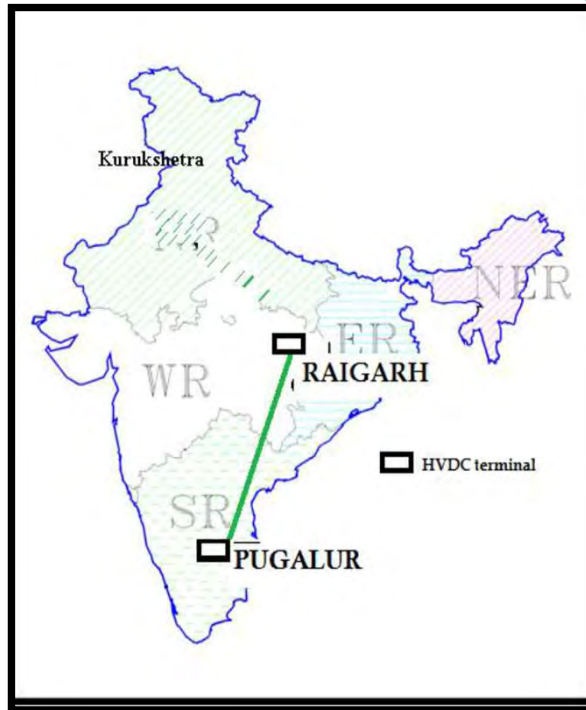
- HVDC Classic Double bipole 800 kV, 6 000 MW

- POWERGRID Corporation of India Ltd

- 2019/2020

# RP800

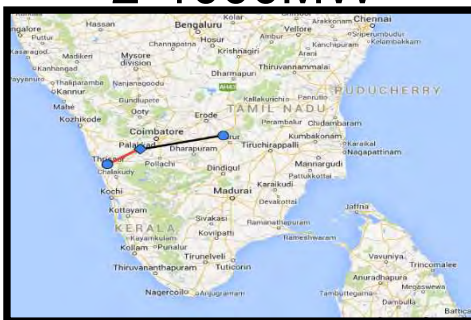
## Other HVDC links in the surroundings



Talcher-Kolar, 2500MW



PT300 or PK2000, 2\*1000MW



Vizag, BtB 2\*500MW





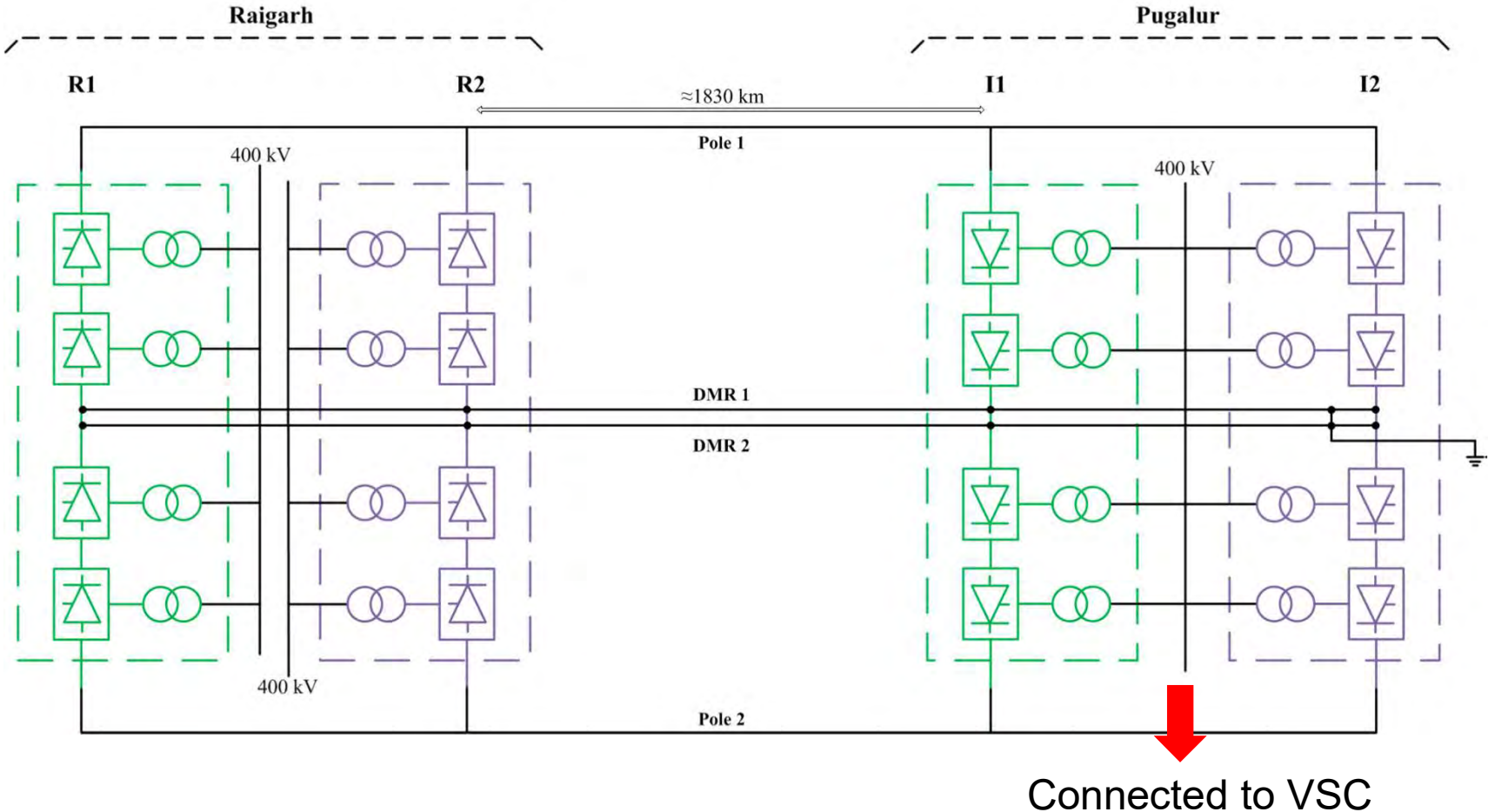
# RP800

## Main Data

±800, 6000MW Raigarh – Pugalur HVDC Terminals  
(**RP800**)

- Double Bipole, Classic 6000 MW, ±800kV
- Overhead Lines ~1830 km, **Dedicated Metallic Return**
- Scope - Turn Key delivery
  - Two bipoles in parallel at Raigarh and at Pugalur
  - 400 kV GIS Switchyard equipment
  - 400 kV AIS filter sub bank equipment
  - Repeater Stations and Fiber Telecom Equipment

# RP800 Overview



# RP800

## Salient Features

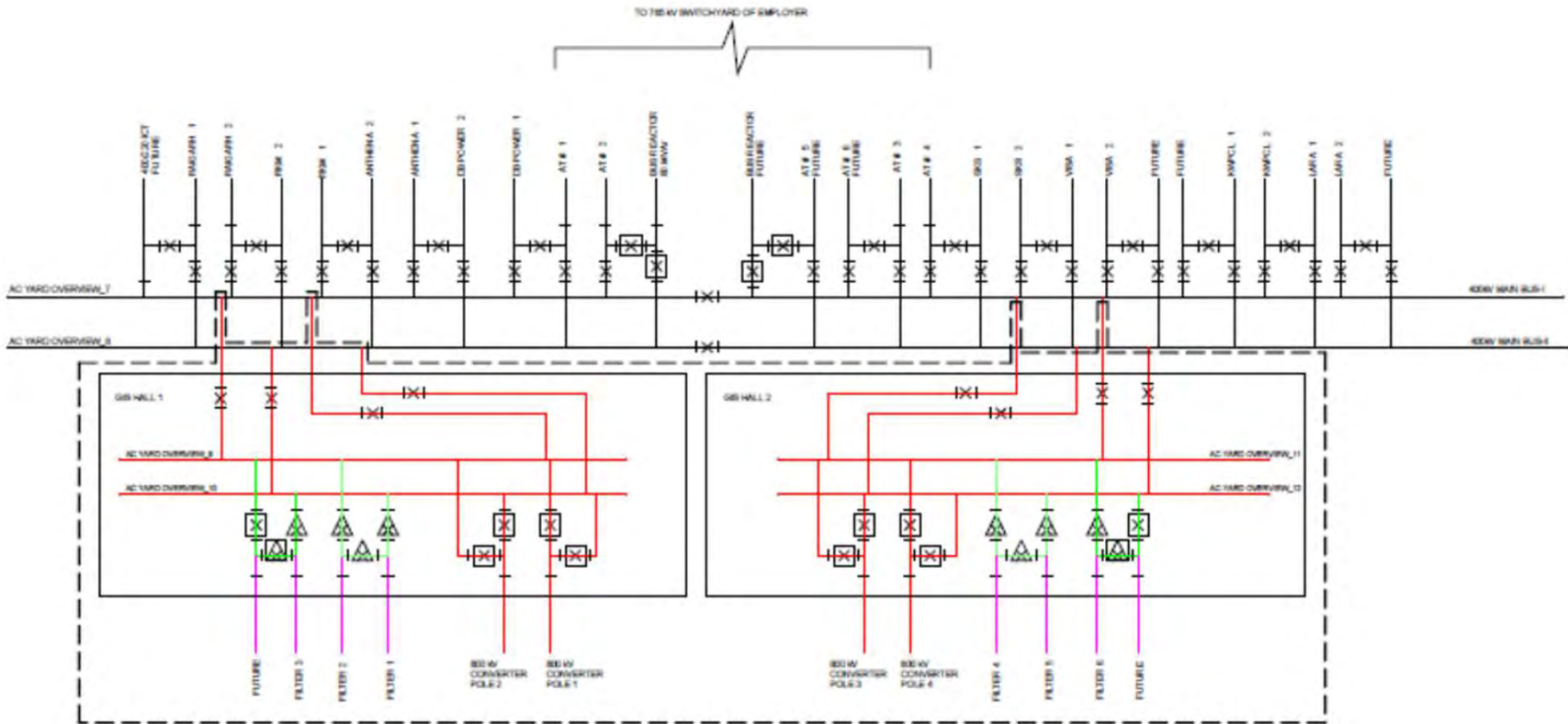
- Line is rated for 1.1 \* 6000 MW at low ambient temperature
- The converters have 20% overload - 30 min, 10% overload – 2h, at maximum ambient temperature (and 10% continuous overload at low ambient temperature). 33% overload – 5 sec.
- 800 kV, Single 12 pulse converters
- Two 3000 MW rectifiers, in Raigarh station but with split ac network.
- Two parallel inverters at receiving station, Pugalur
- **Dedicated metallic return (DMR), no electrodes**
- Reduced voltage operation capability at 640 kV
- **(Connection to VSC converters, Pugalur Trichur, 2\*1000MW, in Pugalur station)**
- Innovative layout - Five ground levels in Pugalur, 16 m height difference
- May be synchronous or asynchronous
- Reverse power possible

Paper on RP800 in B4 Colloquium/Johannesburg –  
Design considerations for  $\pm 800$ kV, 6000MW Raigarh-Pugalur HVDC



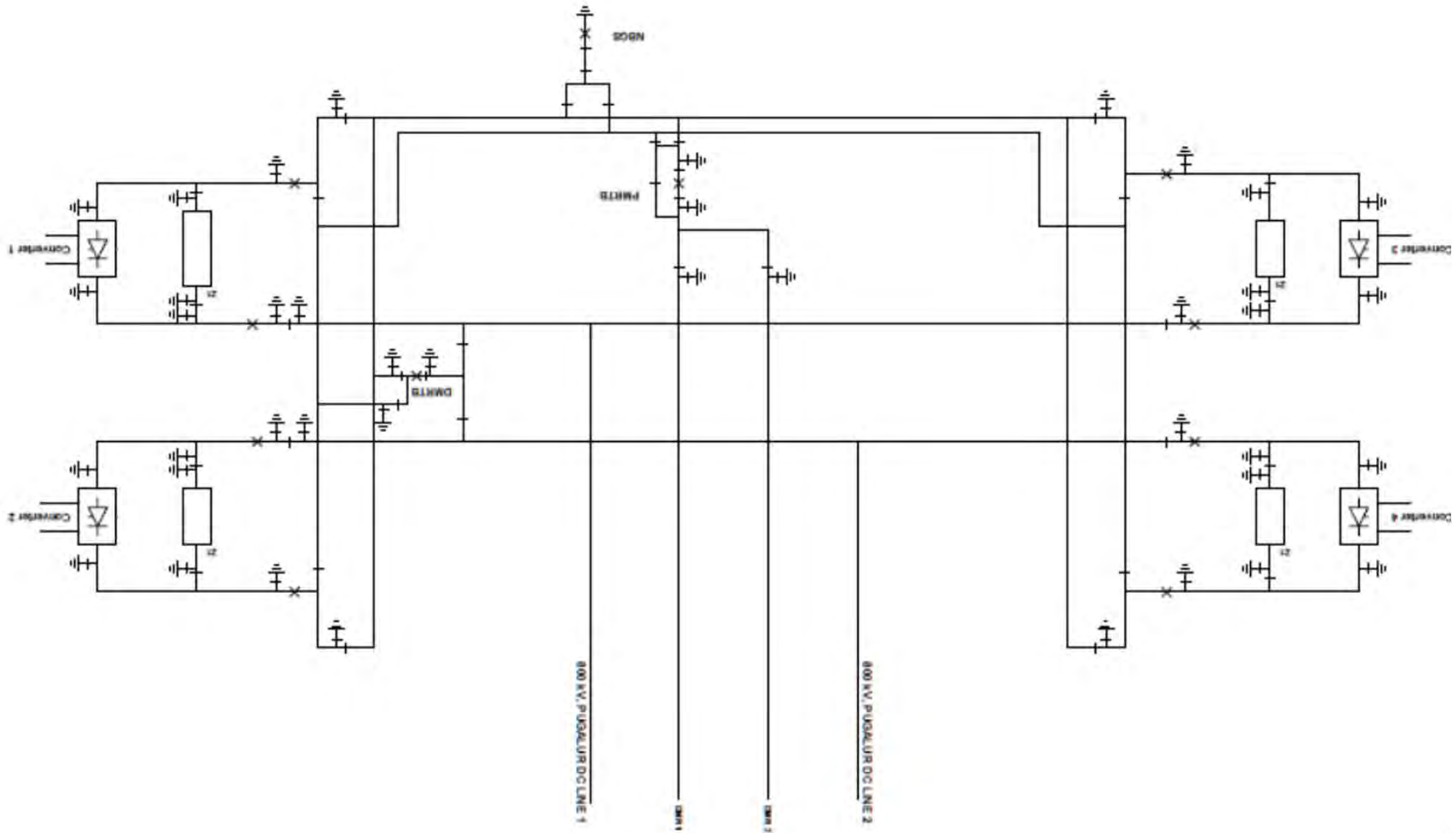
# RP800 Raigarh SLD

- Split ac networks in Raigarh
  - Separate RPC's
  - Different ac voltages

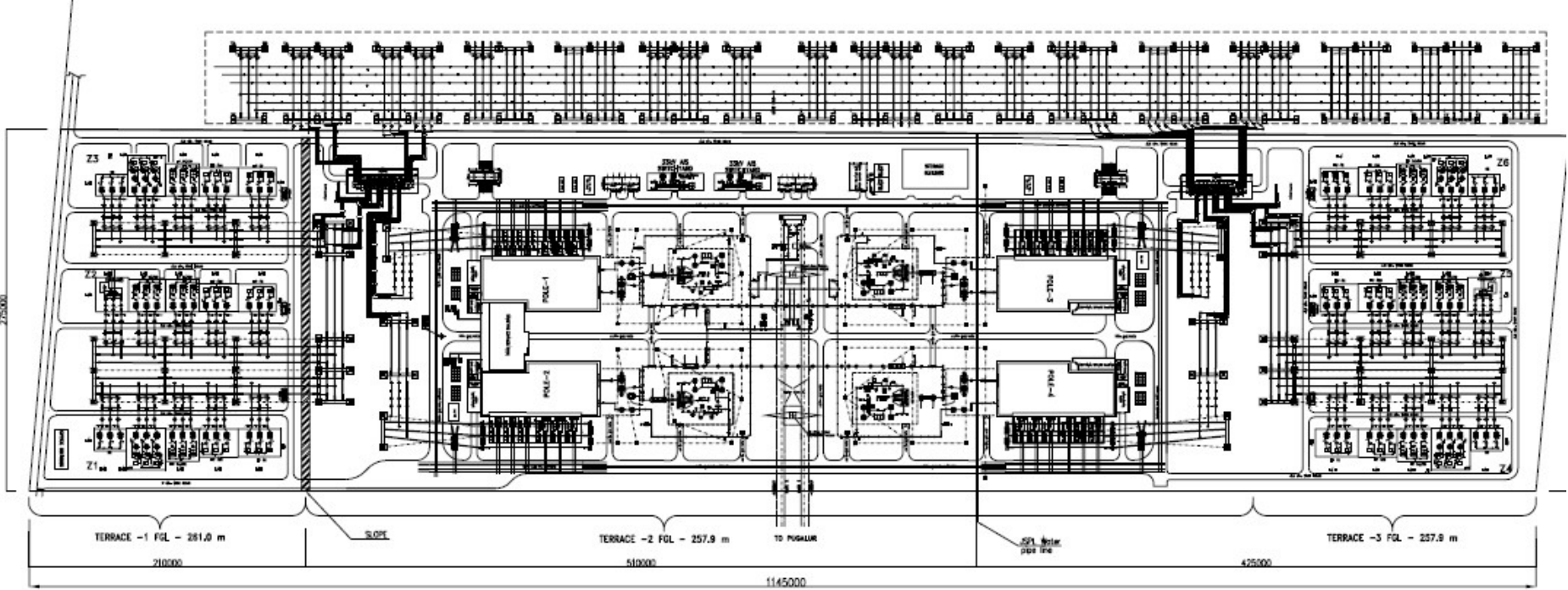


# RP800 Raigarh

- Two DMR's in parallel, can only be separated when DMR carries no current (disconnectors)
- In monopolar operation DMR and PMR shall normally be connected in parallel



# Raigarh

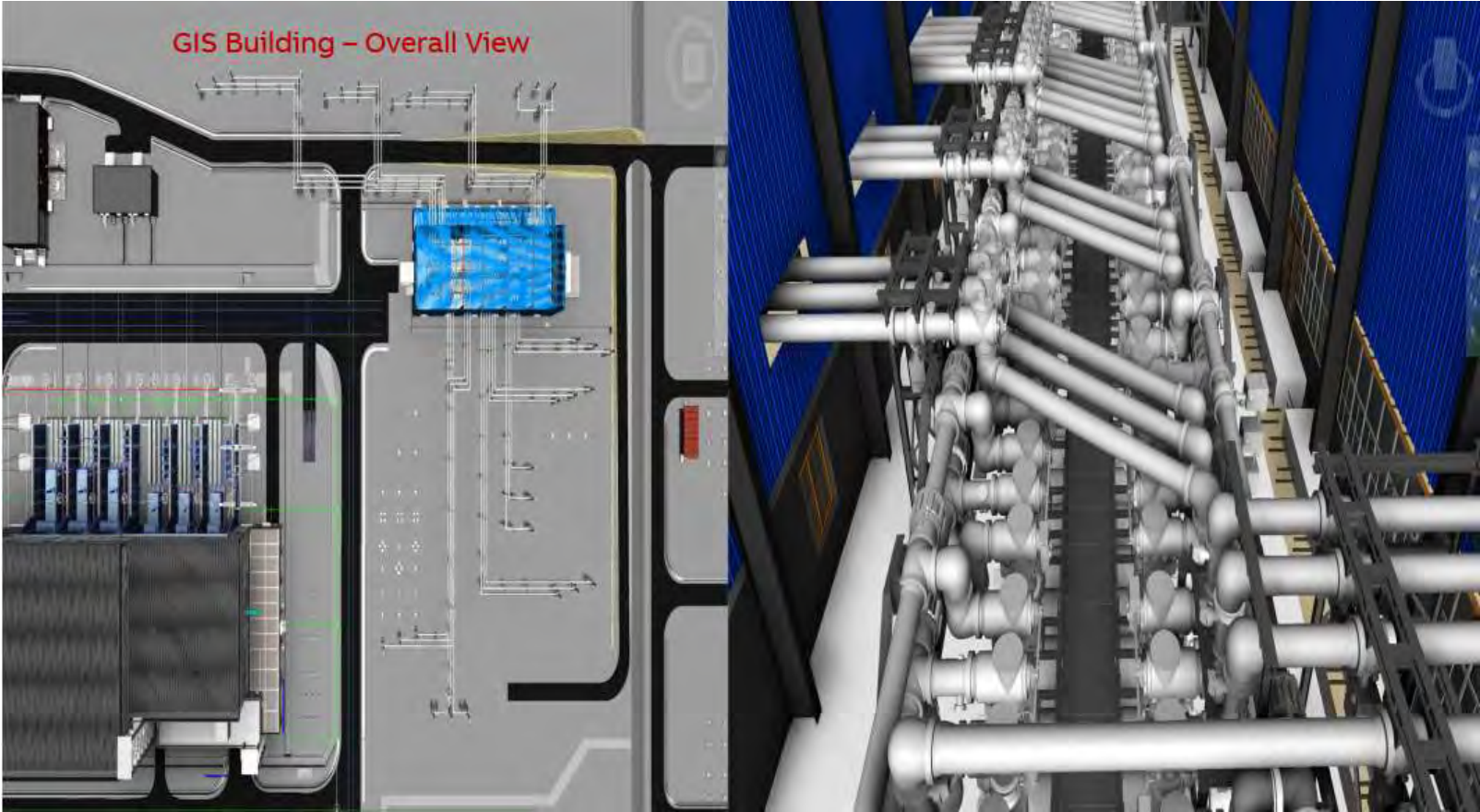


Brown Field Station (Existing 765/400 kV Sub station)

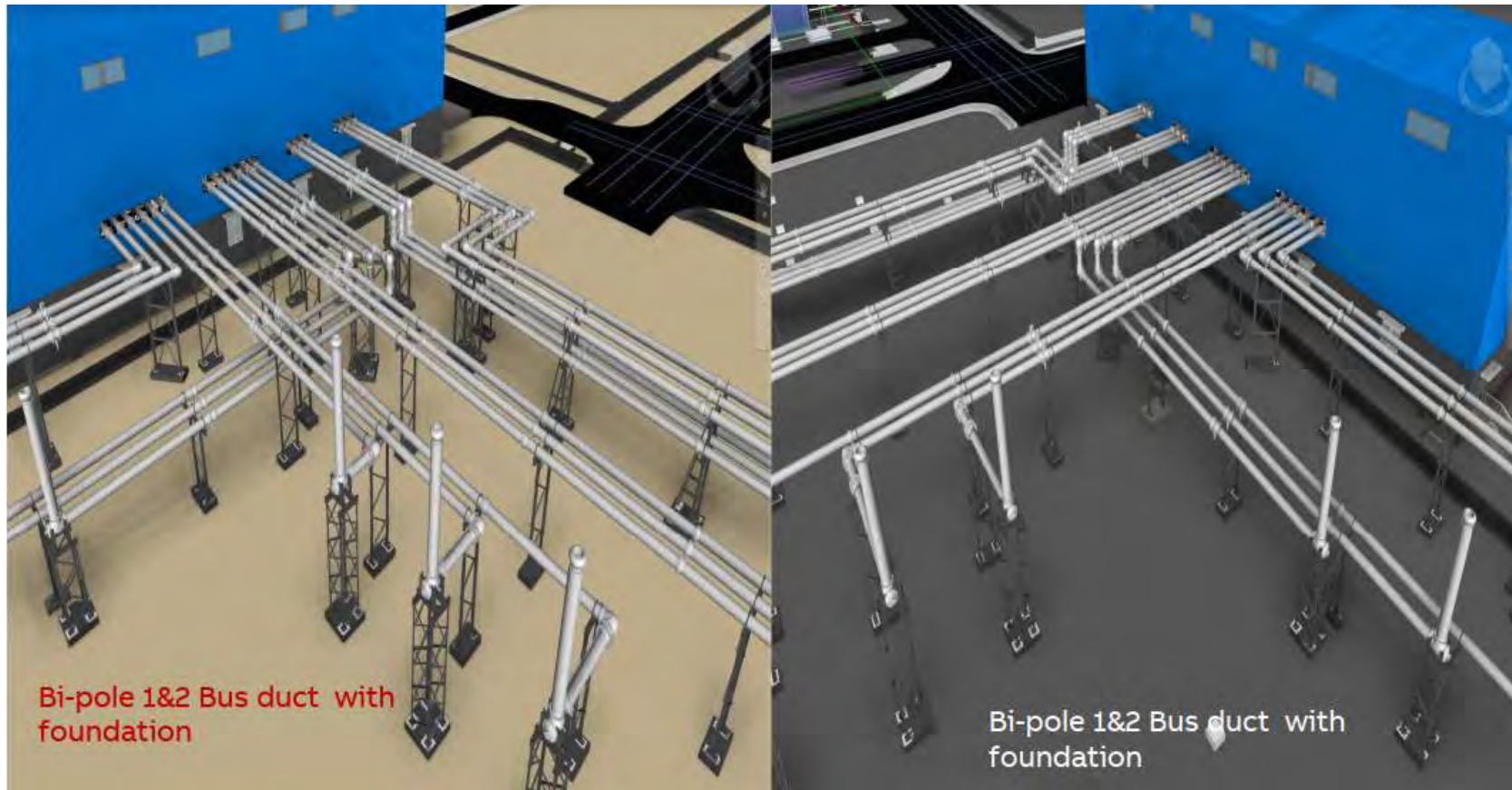




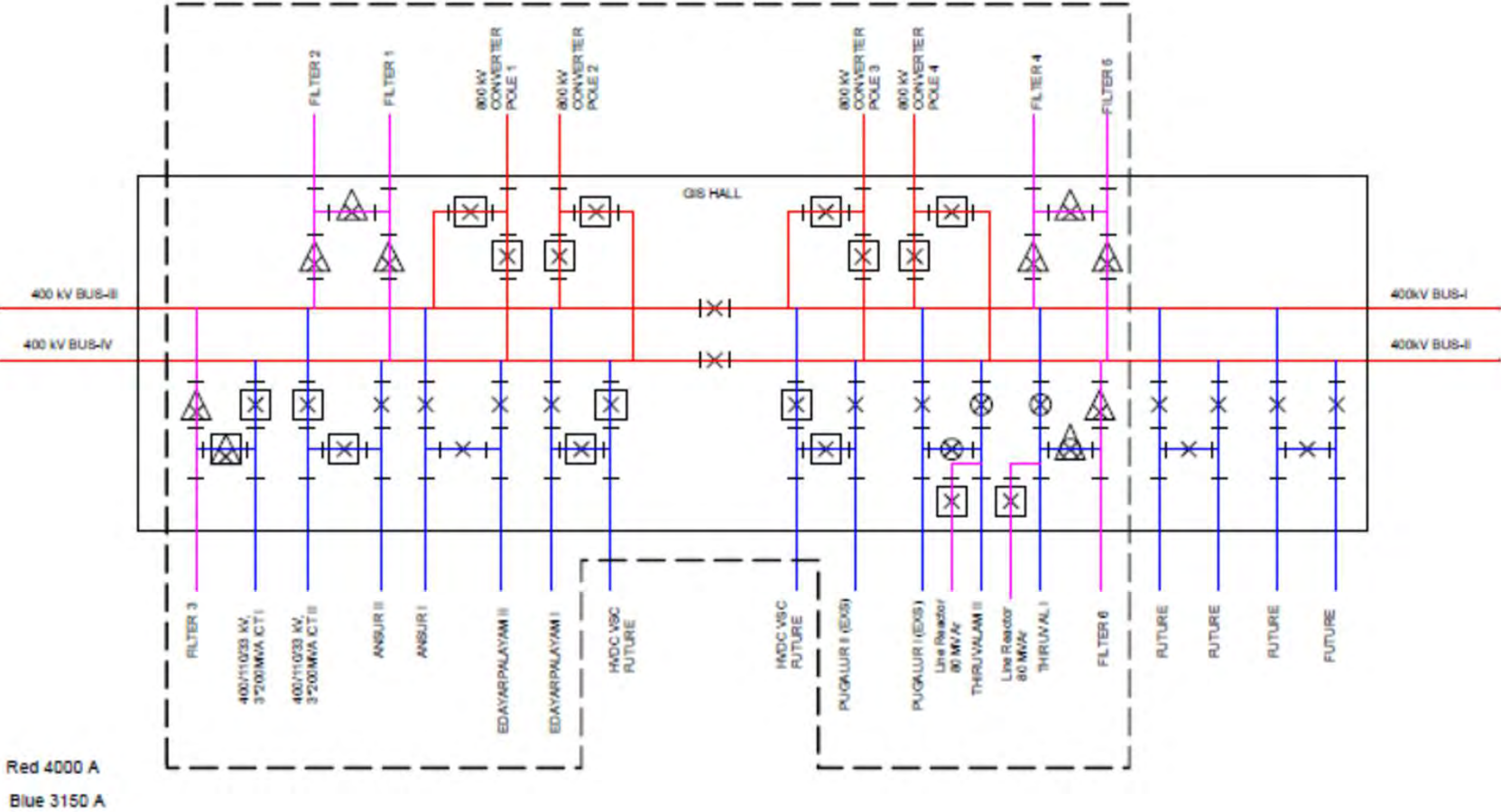
# Raigarh GIS



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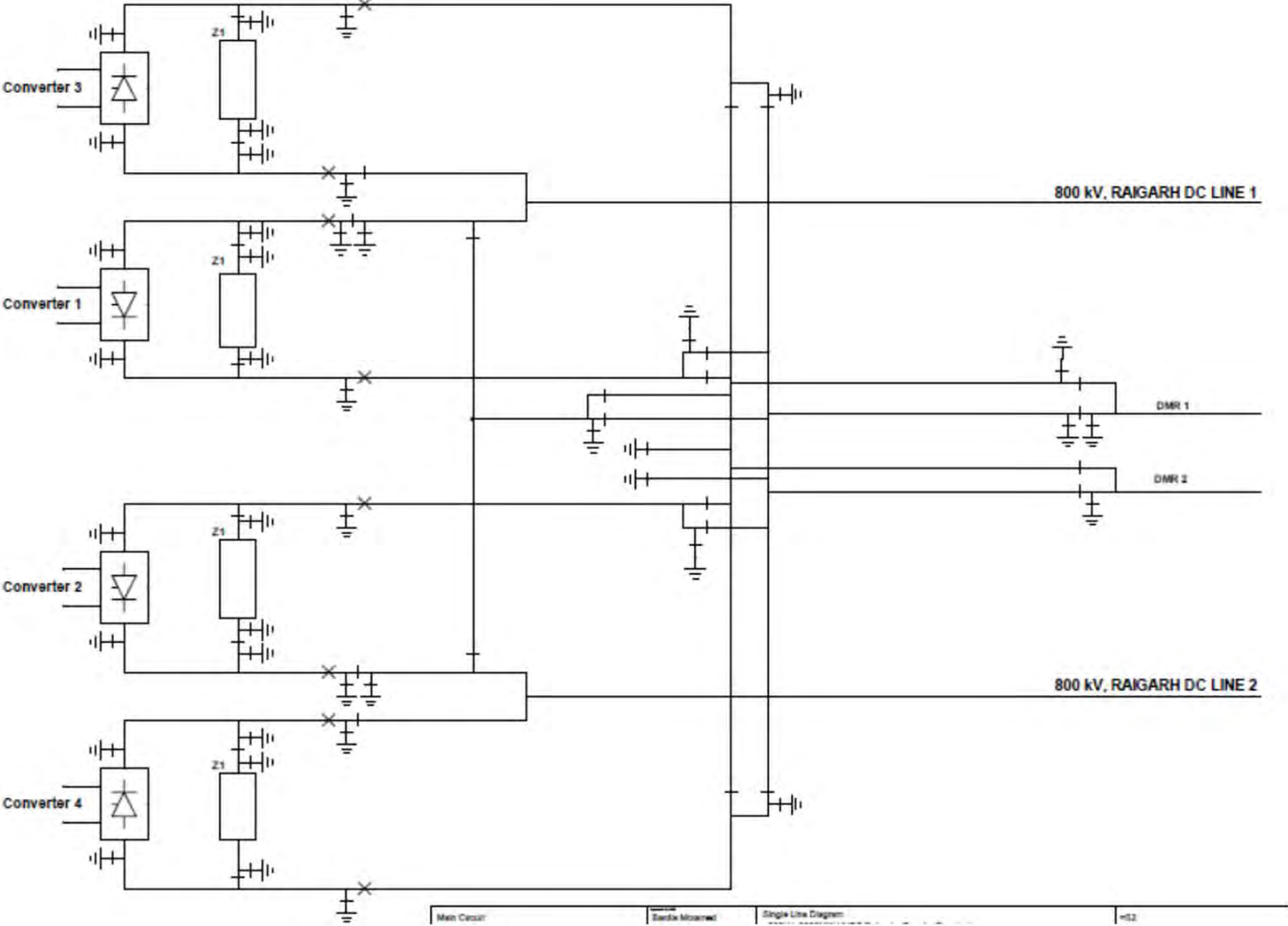


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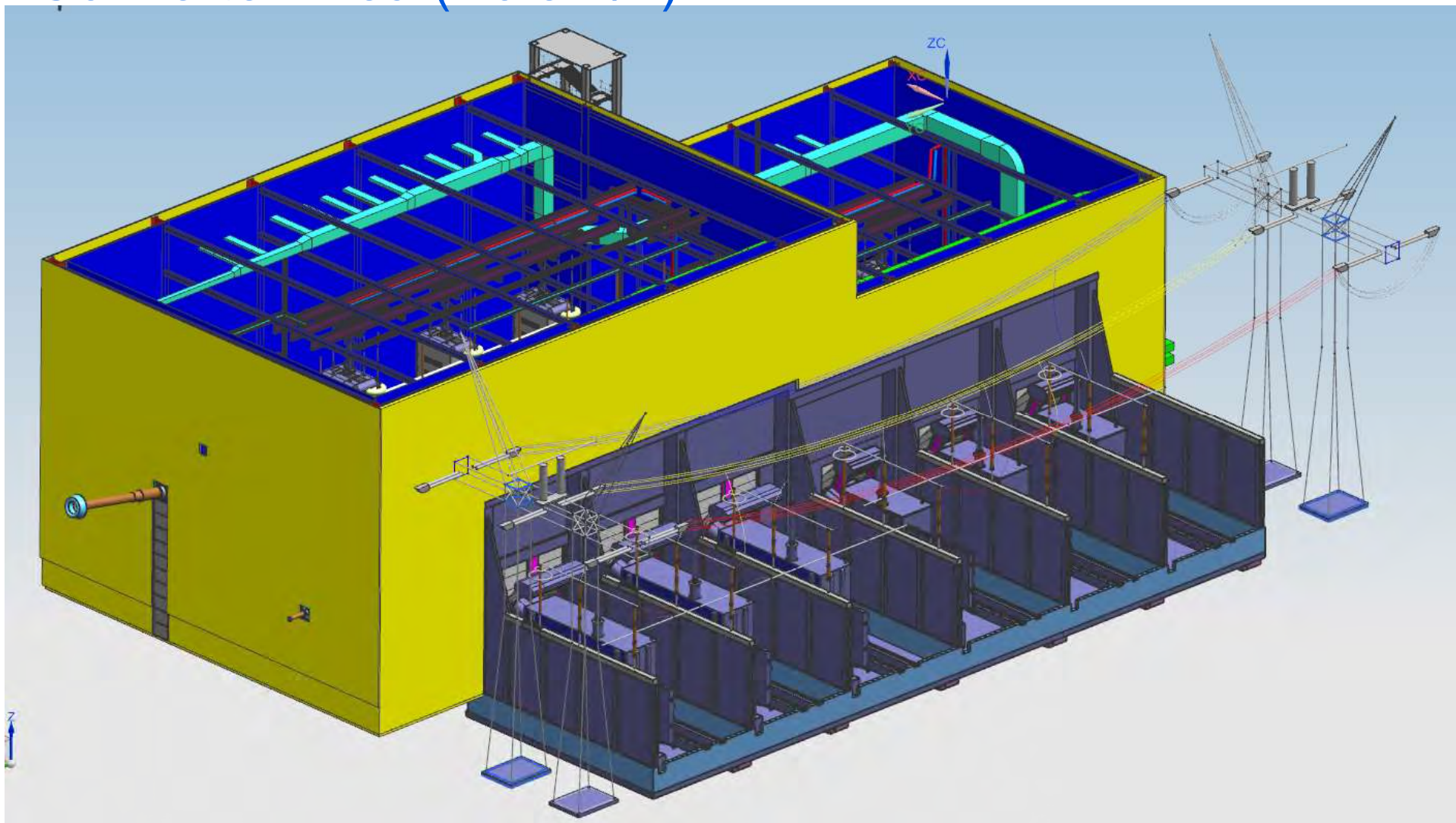


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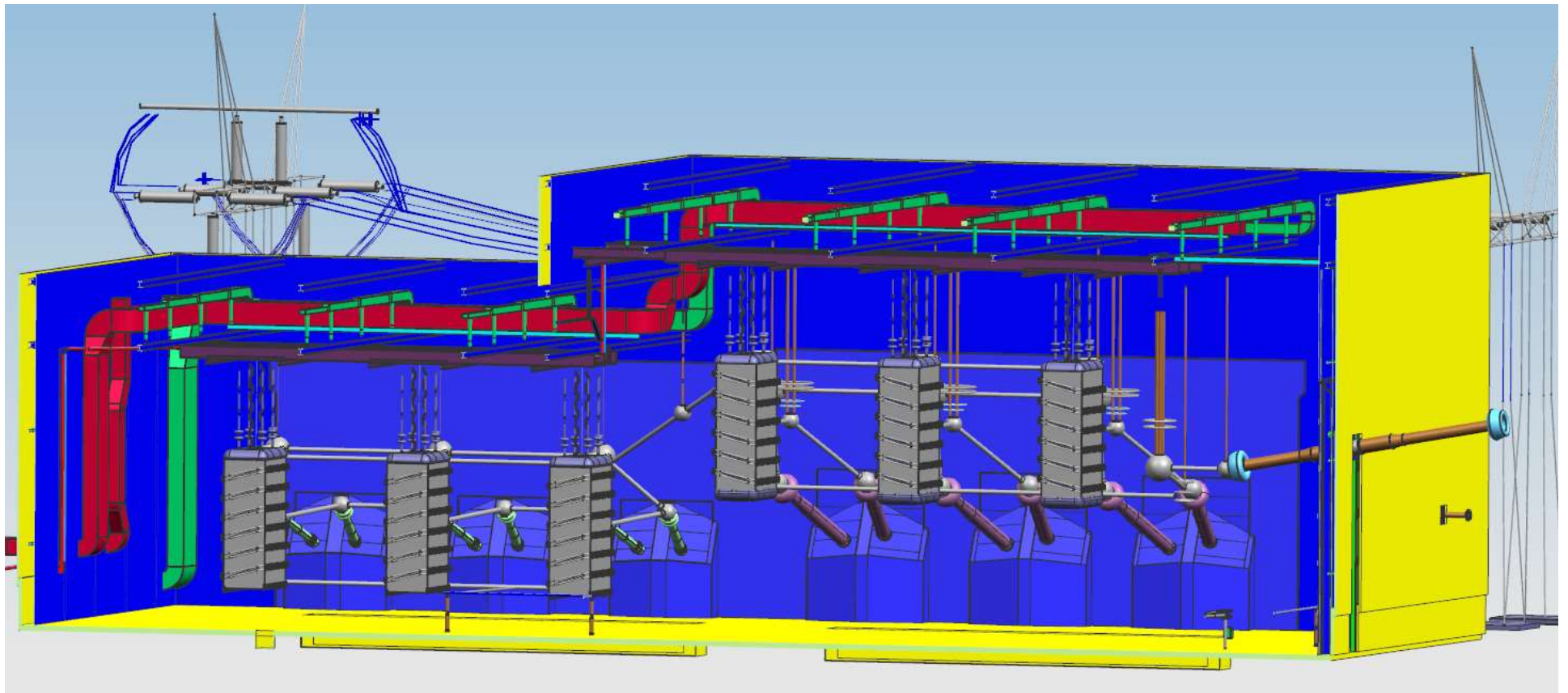


# RP800 Converter Area (Pole 1/4)

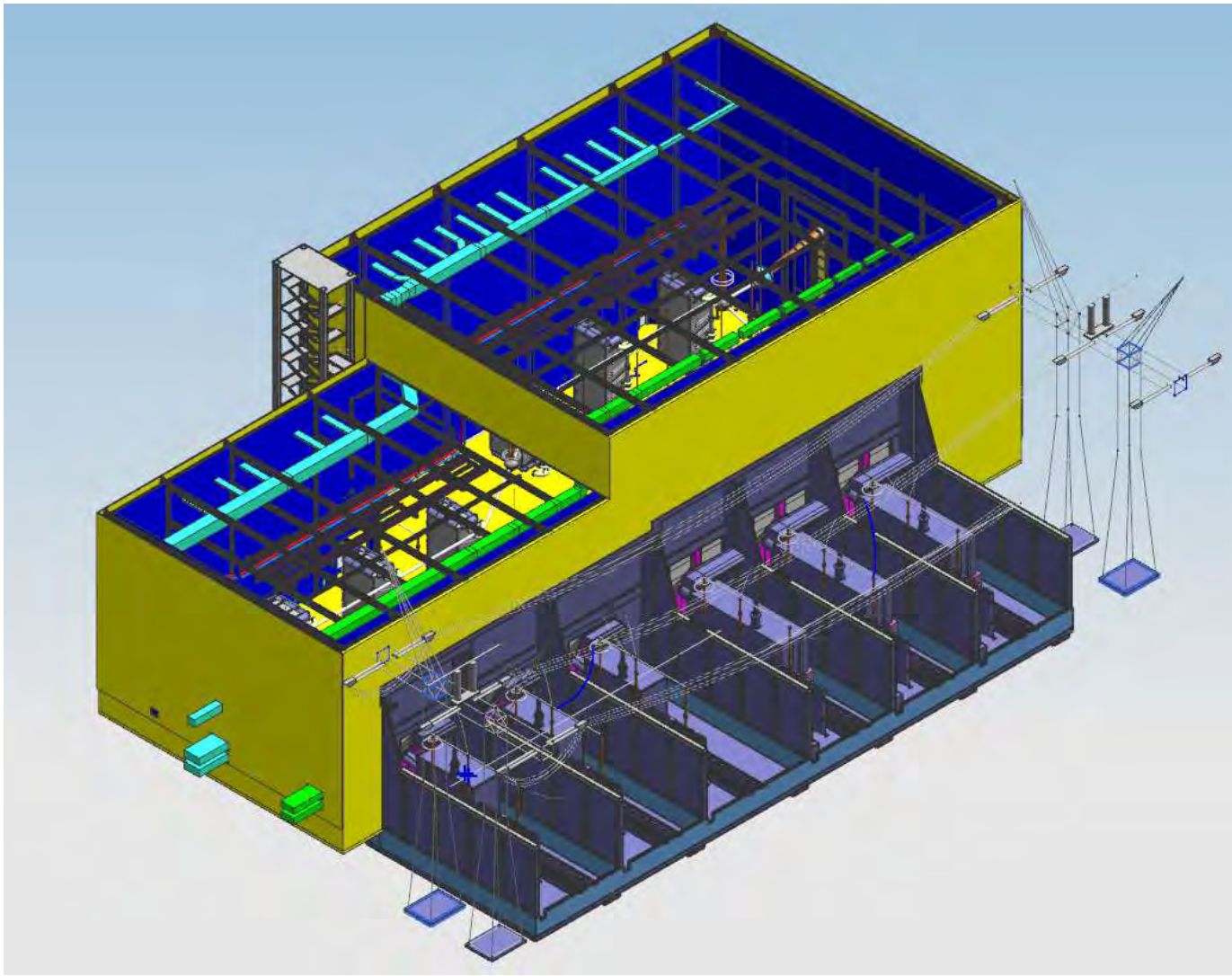




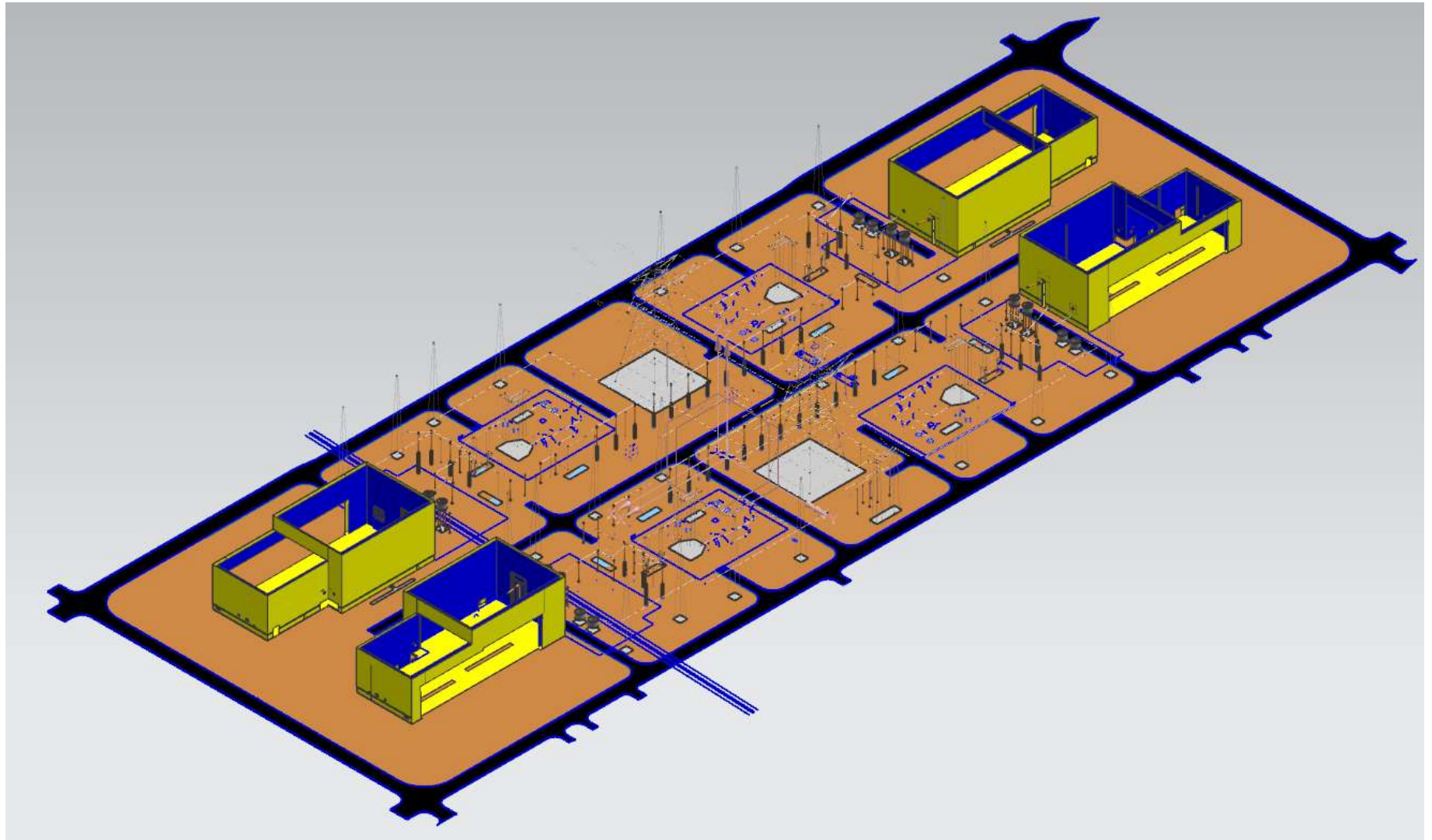
# RP800 Valve Hall Area (Pole 1/4)



# RP800 Valve Hall Area (Pole 2/3)

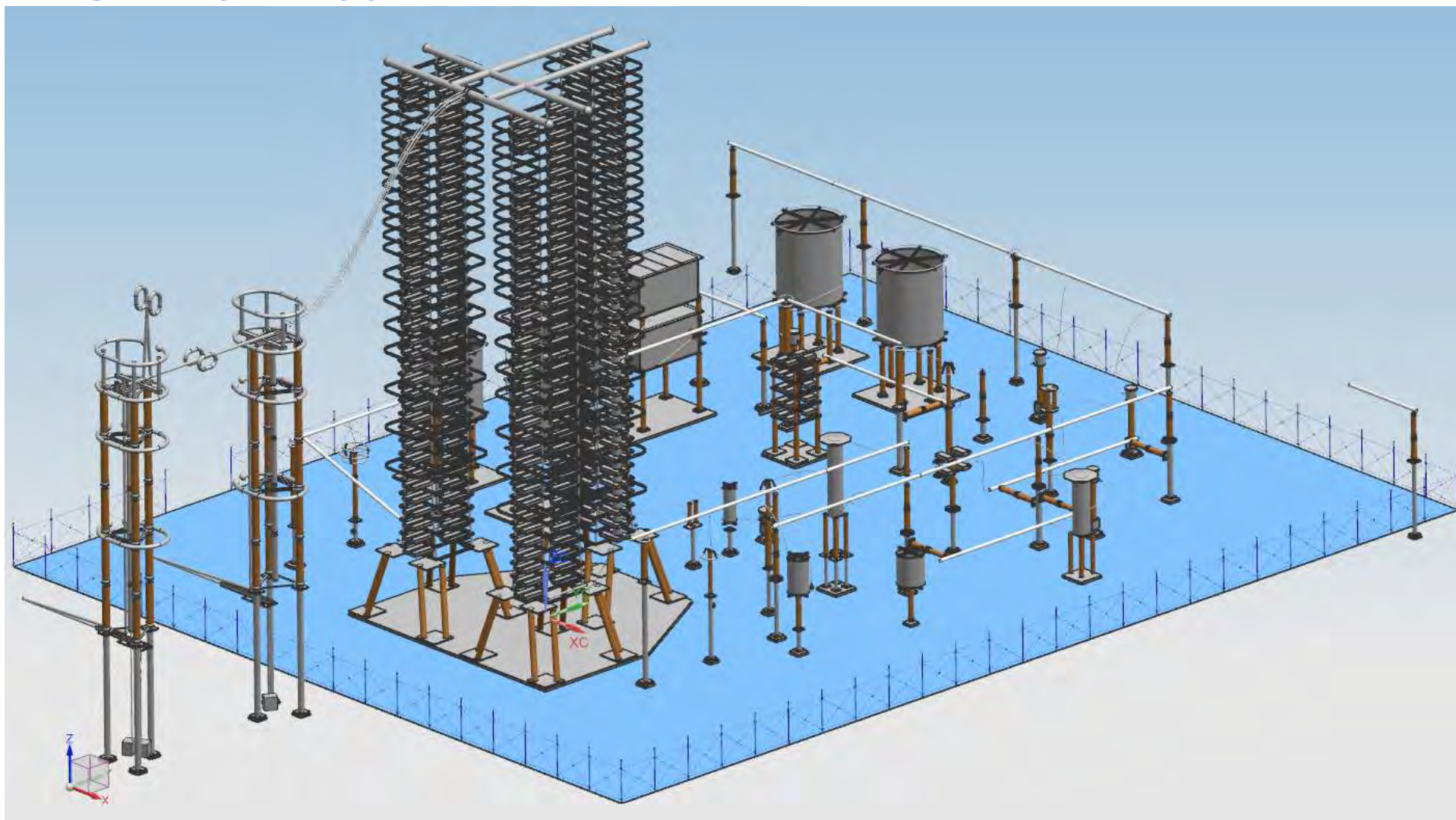


# RP800 - Raigarh Layout

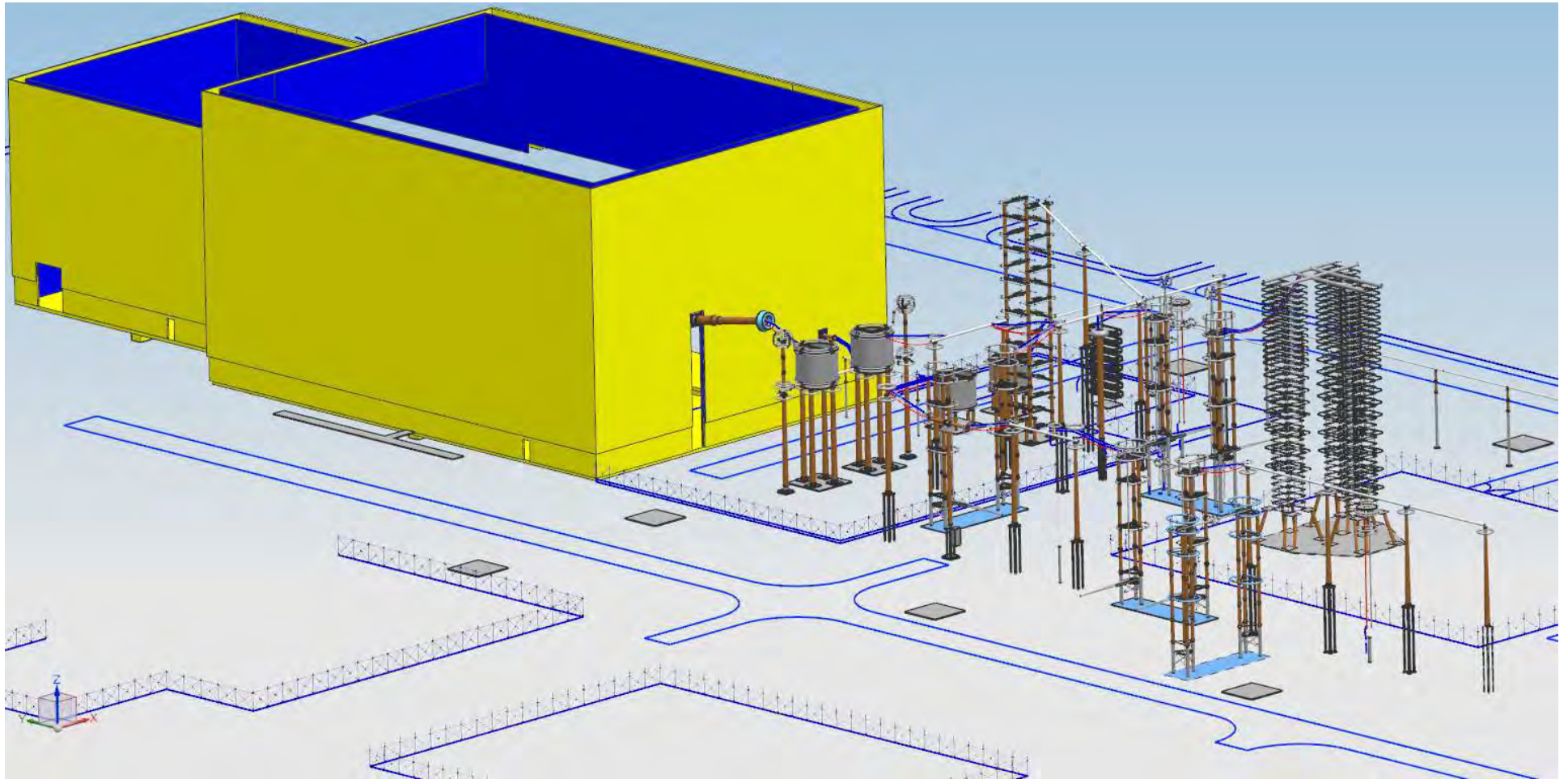




# RP800 DC Filter Area



# RP800 DC Yard (Pole 1, Raigarh)



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