



# Applied Superconductivity Conference

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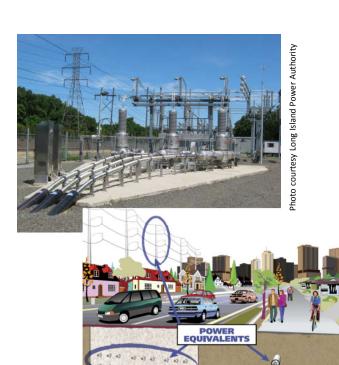




# Superconductor AC Power Cables Unique Electrical Characteristics



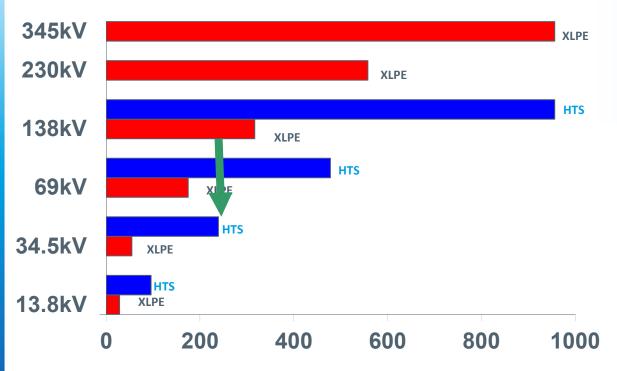
- Very high power transfer capability compared to conventional cables solves many siting problems
- Thermal isolation eliminates
   de-rating, simplifies placement
   concerns, and minimizes right-of-way
- Optional fault current management capabilities eliminate need to upgrade existing equipment
- Minimal magnetic field



Superconductor cables offer unique capabilities

# Power Transfer Equivalency of Superconductor Cables





Same Voltage, More Power
Greatly increased power transfer
capacity at any voltage level

Same Power, Lower Voltage

**New MV versus HV Siting Opportunity** 

- "MV Transmission"
- Ideal for NIMBY & ROW sparse environments

Power Transfer Capability: 3-phase MVA

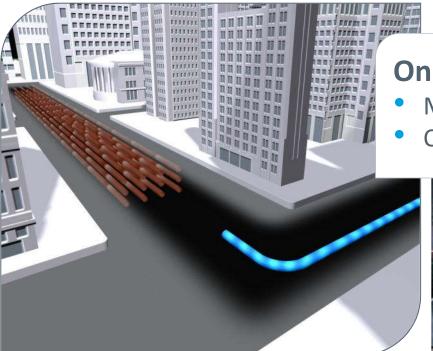
HTS Cables provide transmission-level power at distribution voltages

<sup>\*</sup> No XLPE cable de-rating factors applied.

Superconductor rating based on conventional 4000A breaker rating

# **Simplifying Transmission Siting**





#### One MV HTS Cable can replace:

- Many conventional underground circuits
- Overhead transmission line



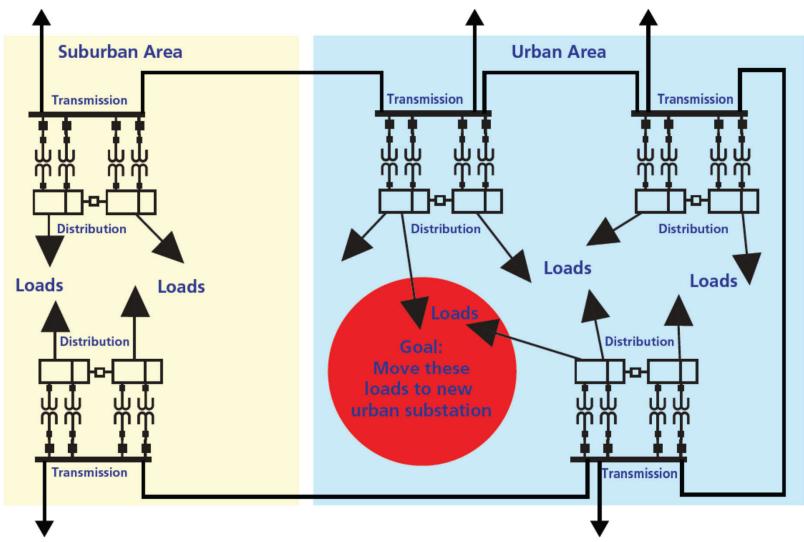
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HTS Cables Offer New Options to Siting Power Lines

#### **New Urban Substation Scenario**

How to serve growing Urban Loads

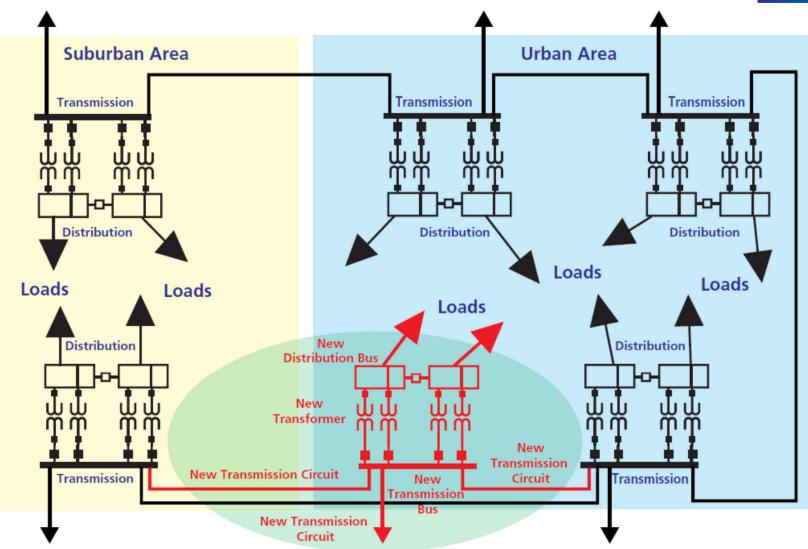




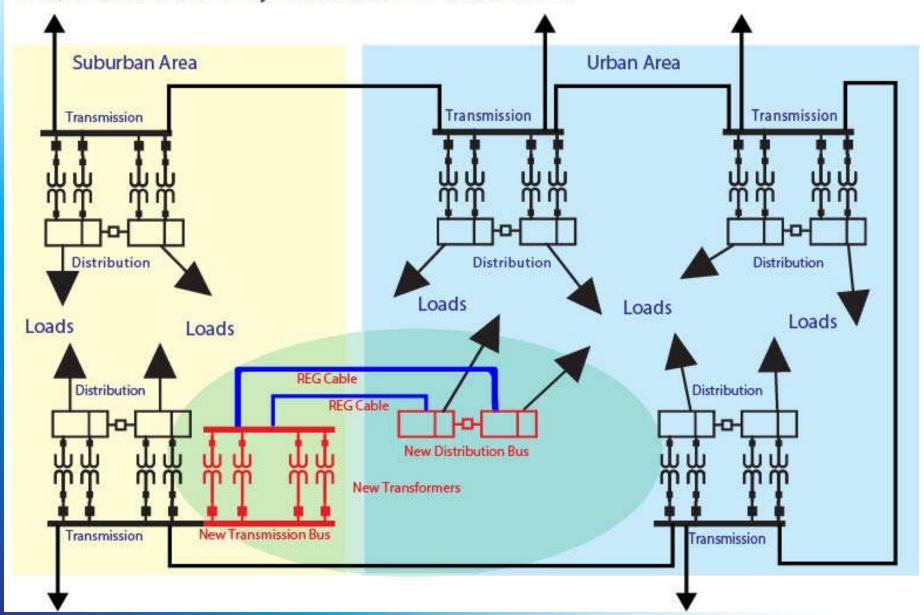
### **Traditional Solution:**

New Full Transmission/Distribution Urban Substation with Similar Transmission Connections





#### REG Solution: Transmission & Transformation in Suburban Area, Distribution Only Substation in Urban Area



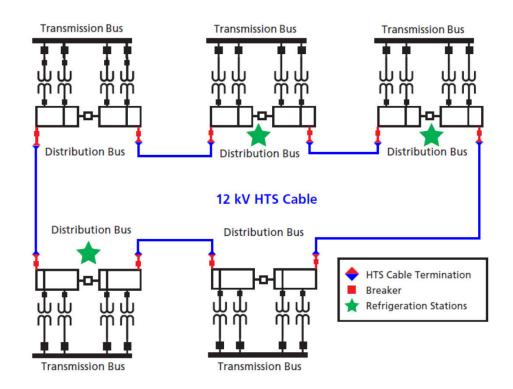
### MV "Resilient Electric Grid" (REG) System

Interconnecting Distribution Substations



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- Increased load serving capacity without installing new power transformers
- Increased reliability from N-2 to N-4
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Interconnect Distribution as a back-up to the Transmission Network

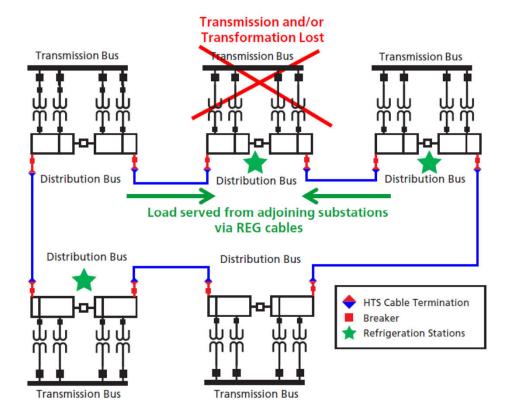
# **Increase Reliability**

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REG System provides network resilience to major events

# DHS REG Commercialization Project



- July 16<sup>th</sup> 2014
  - AMSC, ComEd and DHS announce an agreement to develop a deployment plan for a Resilient Electric Grid system based on superconductor cables
    - Multi-mile, Multi-phase project
    - Estimated \$60M in total funding from DHS
    - \$1.5 Million Approved for First Phase
    - Indicated that two additional utilities were also investigating REG technology

# DHS REG Commercialization Project



- April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015
  - Eversource Energy announced their interest in REG technology following their detailed study of AMSC's Resilient Electric Grid System
- July 9th, 2015
  - PEPCO in Washington, DC announced that they are undertaking a deployment study of AMSC's Resilient Electric Grid systems.

# DHS REG Commercialization Project



- November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015
  - AMSC and DHS announce that the REG program is moving forward with additional funding of up to \$3.7M through May 2017
- February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016
  - AMSC and Nexans announce that Nexans has been selected to design and fabricate a HTS cable for qualification and performance evaluation.
  - This represents an important step toward the construction phase of DHS and AMSC's REG Program



Thank you!