Challenges towards HTS cable commercialization





HTS cable commercialization

Main drivers Other drivers High currents No EMF Very narrow RoW No temperature impact 3 stages 40 cm 70 cm **Communication Acceptance Attractiveness**

Communication

Objective: Be aware of potential HTS cable projects

- Most of HTS cables only make sense if the local grid is taken into account, not just a link from A to B
- Strong effort needed to makes potential customers thinking about HTS solutions when they need to resolve a specific problem
- Need to dissociate from superconductors the image of laboratory materials or devices



Attractiveness

Objective: Demonstrate HTS system economic viability

Positive balance between







HTS system cost

- HTS tapes
- Cryogenic envelope
- Joints and terminations
- Refrigeration system
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Compensating savings

- Substation equipment (transformers, switchgears,...)
- Civil works
- Real estate
- Time and risks associated with permitting, acquisition of RoWs,...

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Acceptance

Objective: Get HTS technology acceptance from utilities

Key topics

- Technology reliability (more projects needed !)
- Reparability and time to get back in operation
- Refrigeration system
- Liquid nitrogen storage
- Maintenance
- Tests standardization





Conclusion

Joint effort needed!

- A joint effort from all stakeholders is needed to speed up the comercialization of HTS
- Drivers are high currents, very narrow RoW and environmental constraints
- Time is running: we need to transform in a reasonable time frame HTS cables into a profitable business
- Organizations like IEA can definitely help



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