

# Cooling Requirements of Superconducting Power Cables

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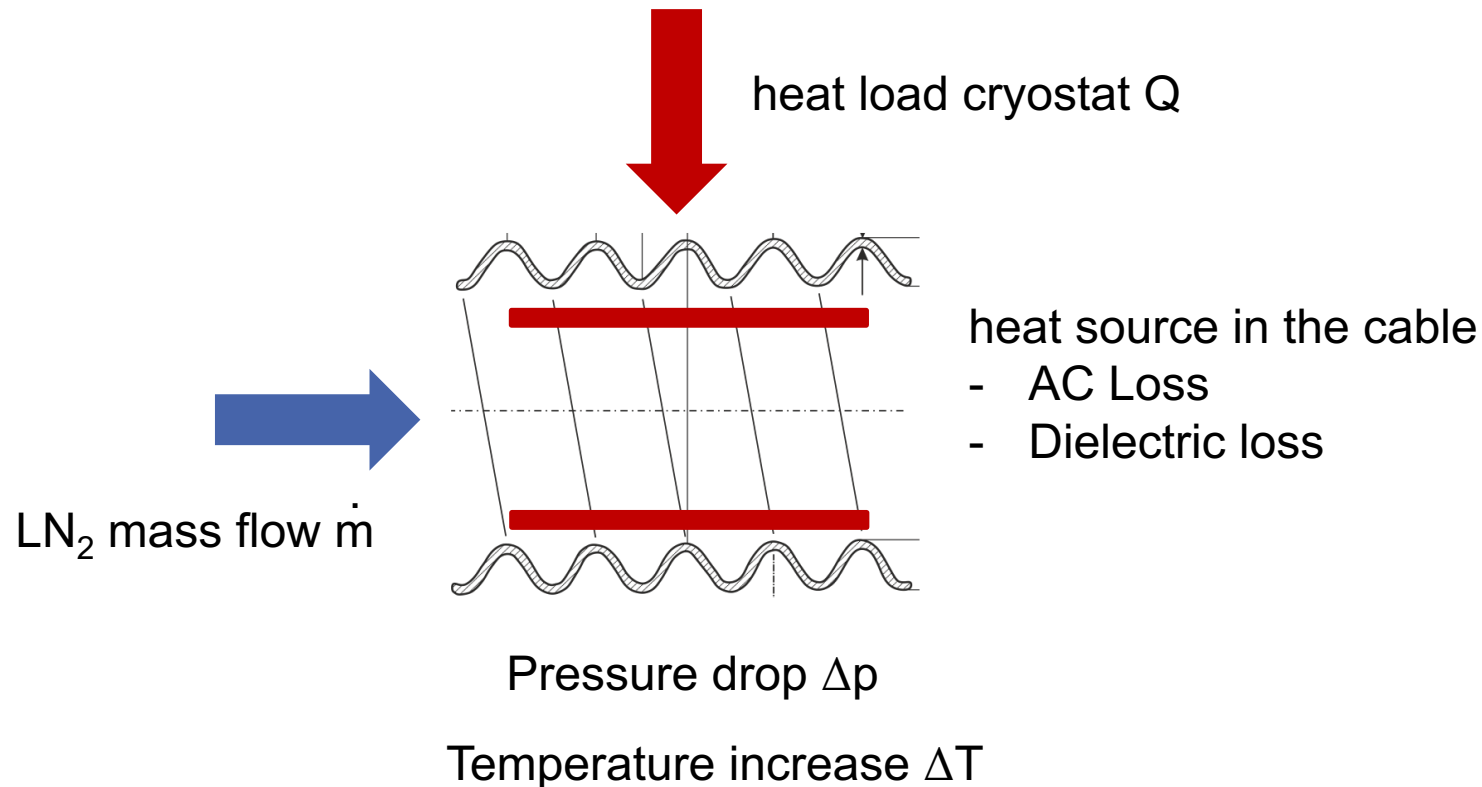


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# Introduction

- Pressure drop and temperature increase in a cable



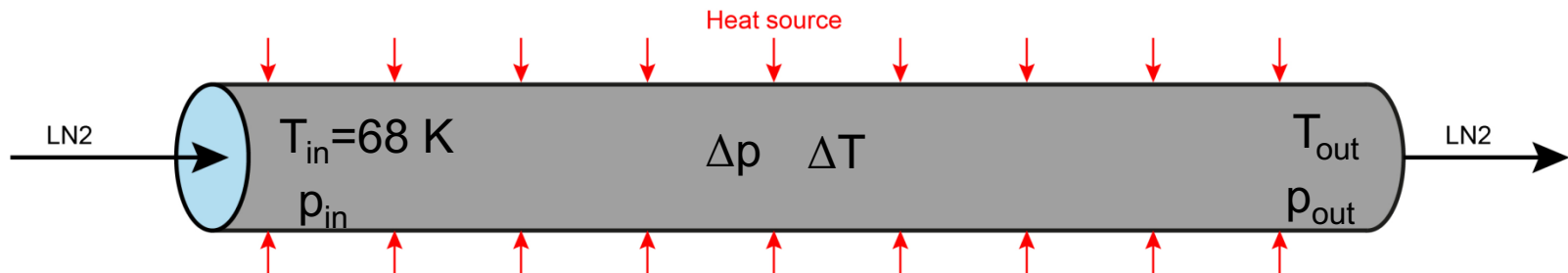
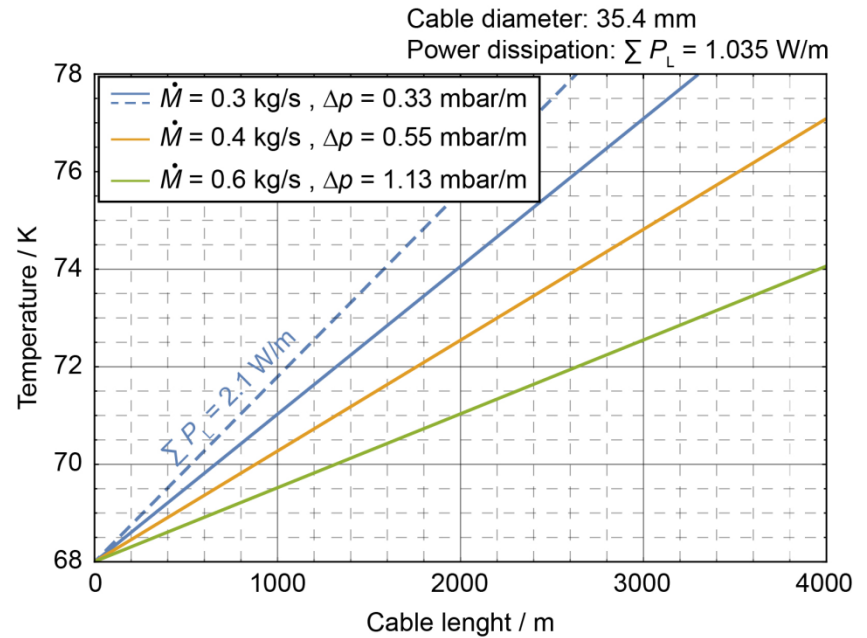
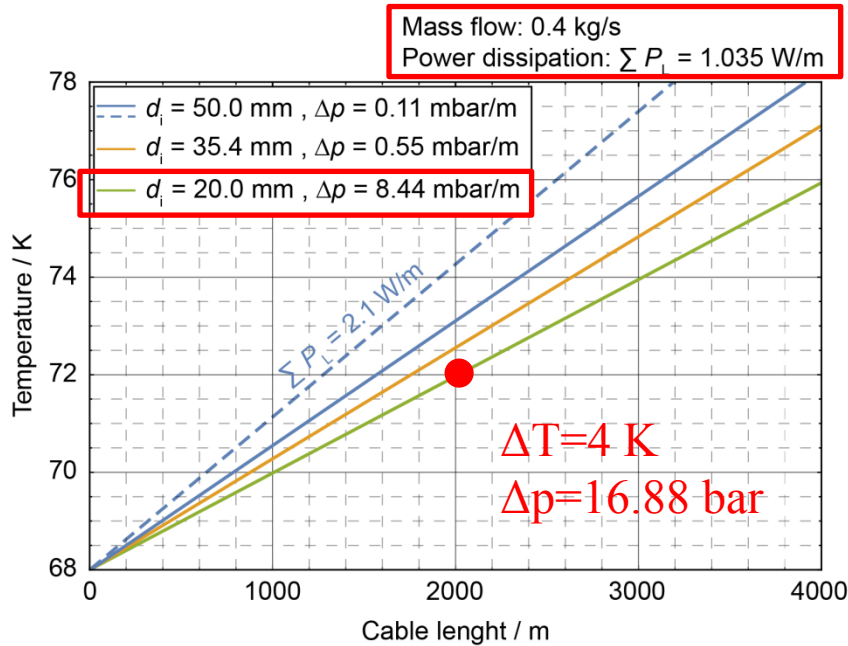
In comparison to conventional cables the cable length has a major influence on the cable design.

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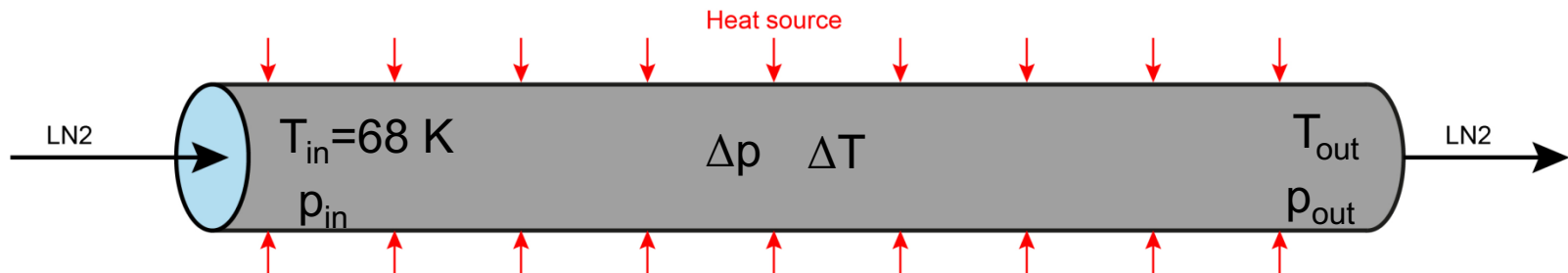
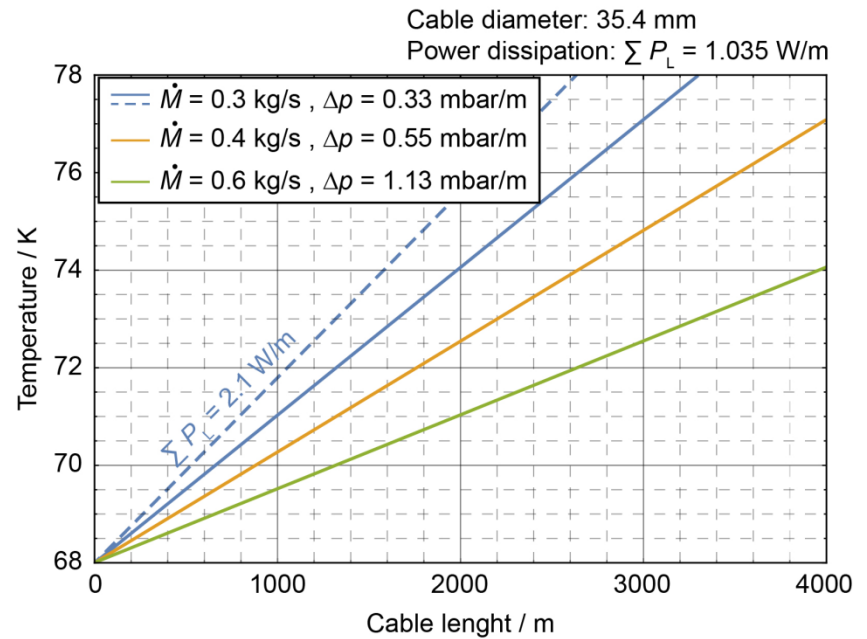
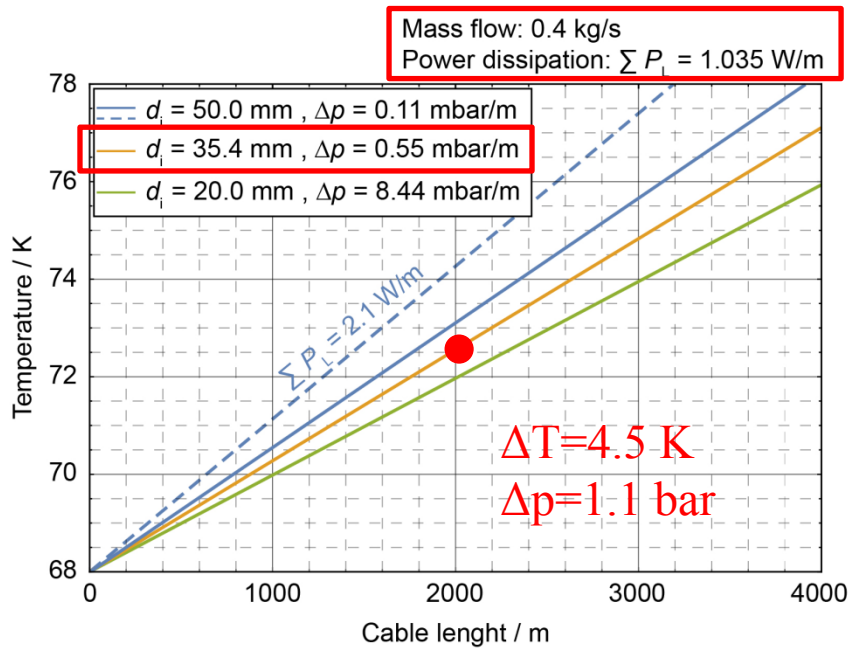


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# Major Requirements

## Rated Voltage

It is the maximum rms value of voltage that the equipment can withstand permanently. IEC 60071-1, e.g. 12, 24 kV in medium voltage level in Germany.

## Rated Power

The power rating of equipment is the highest continuous power input allowed to flow through the equipment.

## Overcurrents

In an electric power system, overcurrent is a situation where a larger than rated electric current exists for a certain time. For example short-circuit.

## Utility Load Factor

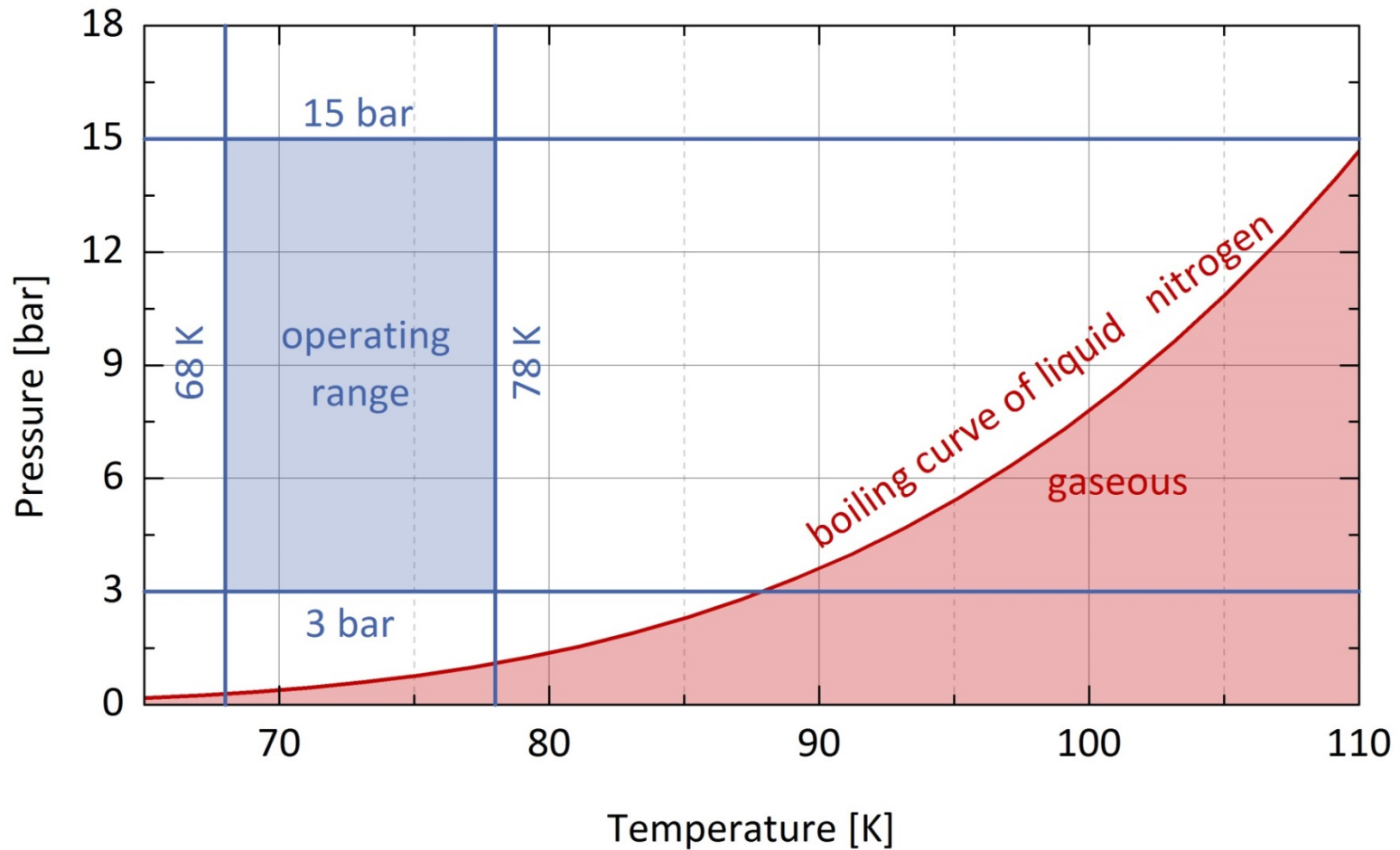
The load factor is defined as the average load divided by the peak load in a specified time period. It can be derived from the load profile.

**Maximum outer diameter of the cable** – self explaining

**Length of the cable** – self explaining

This data is provided by the utility

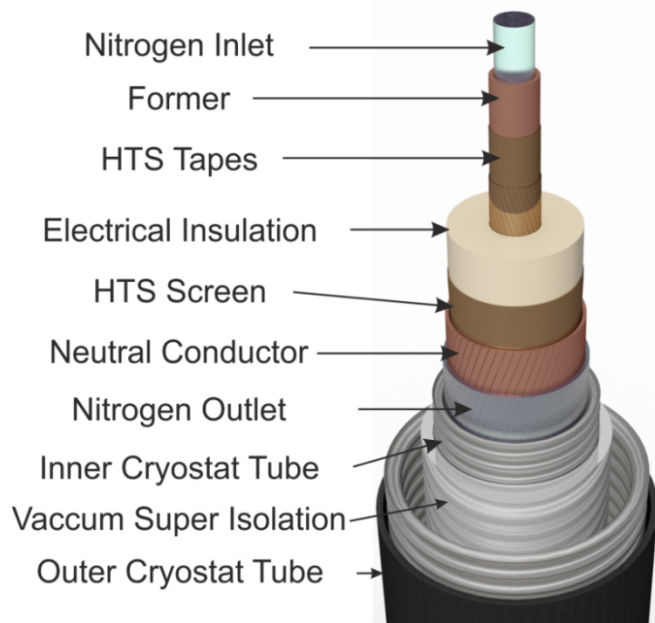
# Temperature and Pressure Requirements



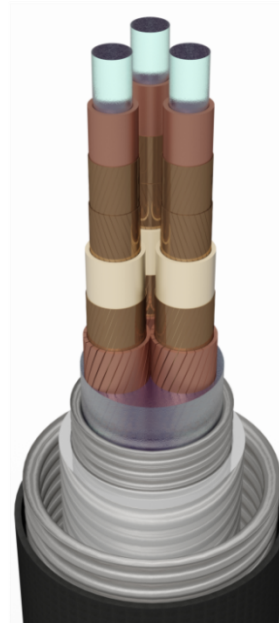
Define operating range for pressure and temperature.

# Cable Types

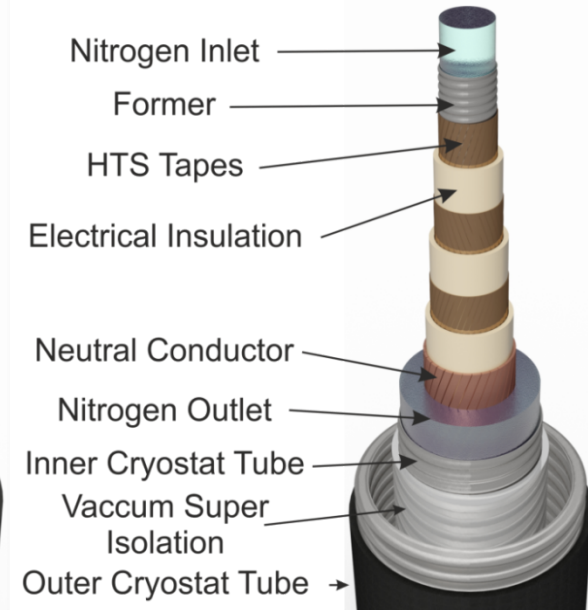
Single Core Cable



Three Core Cable



Three-Phase Concentric Cable



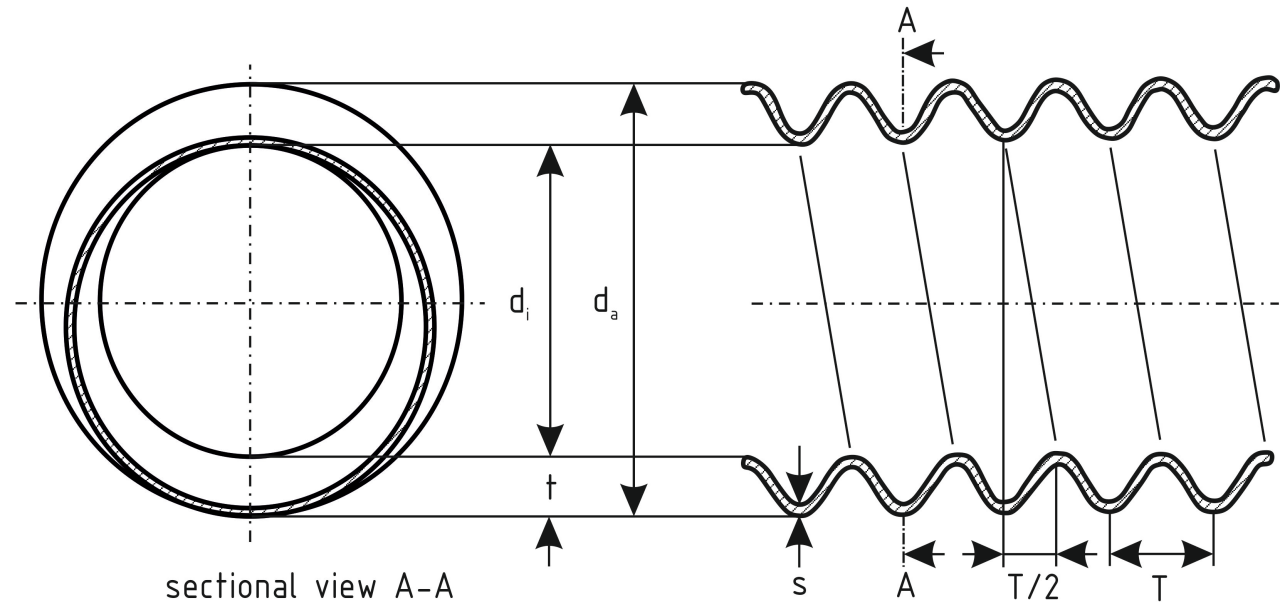
	Three single phases	Three phase in one cryostat	Three phase concentric
<b>Voltage level</b>	High voltage > 110 kV	30-110 kV	10-50 kV
<b>Amount of superconductor</b>	higher	higher	smaller
<b>Cryostat loss</b>	higher	smaller	smaller

Select cable type.



# Standard Dimensions for Flexible Tubes

	$d_i$	$d_a$
	mm	mm
<b>20</b>	20,2	22,2
<b>25</b>	25,2	27,4
<b>32</b>	33,7	35,9
<b>40</b>	40,0	42,8
<b>50</b>	50,0	52,8
<b>65</b>	65,0	68,4
<b>80</b>	79,8	83,8
<b>100</b>	99,8	104,4
<b>125</b>	125,6	130,8
<b>150</b>	151,9	157,9



Standard dimensions in Germany according to DIN EN 10380.

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# Design Example – Medium Voltage Cable

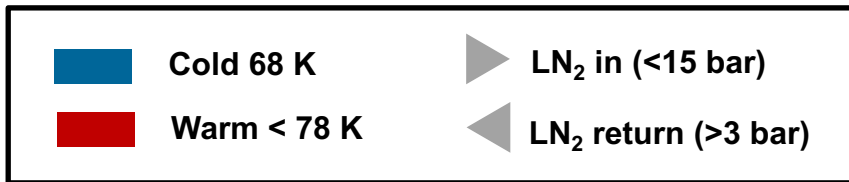
Rated Voltage	12 kV
Rated Power	30 MVA
Overcurrents	20 kA for 1 s 50 kA for 30 ms
Utility Load Factor	0.7 continuous load
Max. Outer Diameter	105 mm
Length	2.6 km

Typical data for urban area power system in Germany.

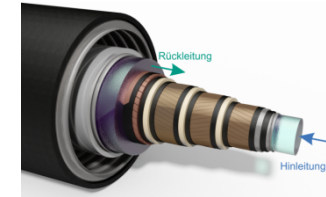
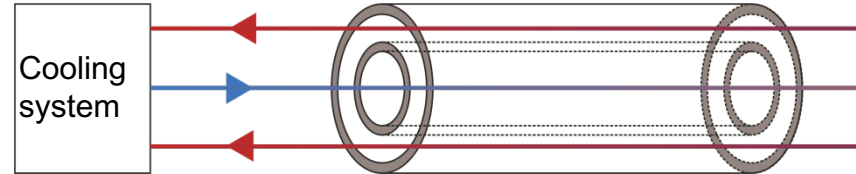
## Next steps

- Start with diameter of LN<sub>2</sub> inner tube.
- Put enough HTS tapes to carry the current.
- Calculate max. electrical field.
- Calculate the AC losses and cryogenic losses.

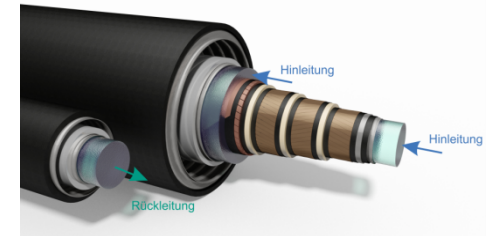
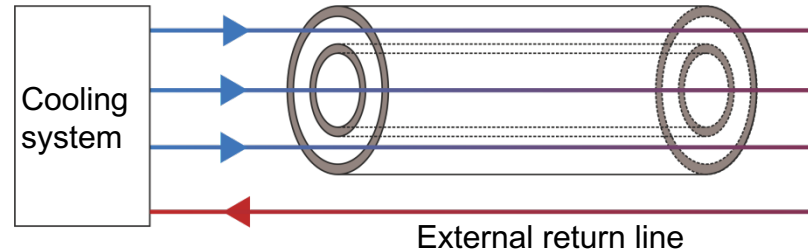
# Cooling Options



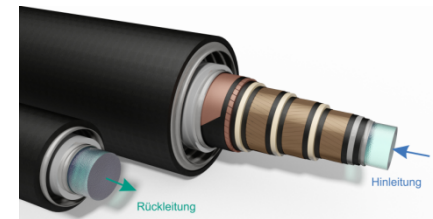
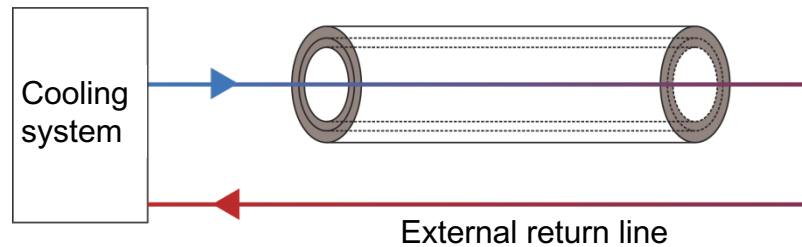
**Option 1:**  
+ no external feedback line



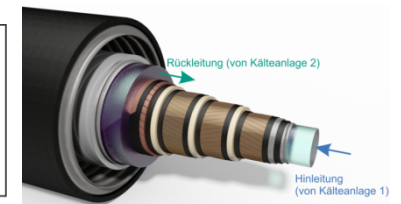
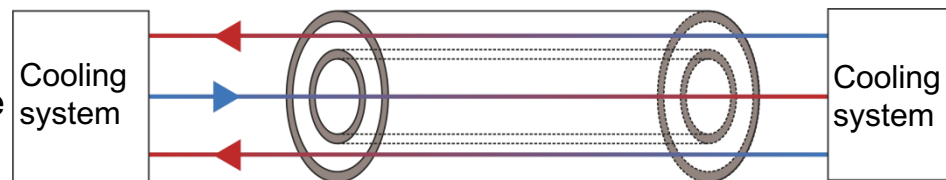
**Option 2:**  
+ longer cable length



**Option 3:**  
+ smallest cable diameter



**Option 4:**  
+ longer cable length  
+ no external feedback line



# Cable Loss Option 3 (inner LN<sub>2</sub> diameter 25 mm)

Loss component	Loss	Loss	Loss
	$0,1 \cdot I_N$	$0,5 \cdot I_N$	$1 \cdot I_N$
<b>Cooling Power</b>	<b>9037 W</b>	<b>9061 W</b>	<b>9379 W</b>
<b>AC Loss</b>	0,0 W	12 W	290 W
<b>Cryostat<sup>1)</sup></b>	8840 W	8840 W	8840 W
<b>Current leads</b>	117 W	130 W	169 W
<b>Terminal cryostat</b>	80 W	80 W	80 W
<b>Loss at RT</b>	<b>143,4 kW</b>	<b>143,8 kW</b>	<b>148,9 kW</b>

1) For option 3 with 1,6 W/m for return line 1,9 W/m for cable cryostat.

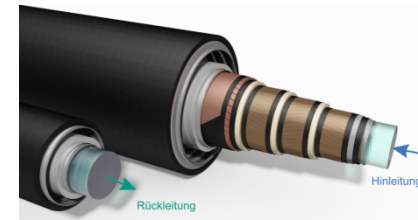
# Loss Energy per Year\* Option 3 (inner LN<sub>2</sub> diameter 25mm)

Loss component	Load factor 0.7	Load factor 1
AC loss	15 MWh	40 MWh
Current lead thermal	16 MWh	16 MWh
Current lead electrical	5 MWh	7 MWh
Cable cryostat	1229 MWh	1229 MWh
Terminal cryostat	11 MWh	11 MWh
<b>Total loss energy per year</b>	<b>1276 MWh</b>	<b>1304 MWh</b>

\*without pumps and auxiliary systems

For calculation of loss energy per year see: Kottonau et. al, IEEE Transactions on Applied Superconductivity, Vol. 27., Issue 4, 2017, DOI: 10.1109/TASC.2017.2652856

# Maximum Cable Length for Option 3



		Radius inner LN <sub>2</sub> tube			
Radius inner cryostat	Mass flow	20 mm	25 mm	32 mm	40 mm
65 mm	$\dot{M} = 0,25 \text{ kg/s}$	X	X	X	X
	$\dot{M} = 0,5 \text{ kg/s}$	X	3420 m	X	X
	$\dot{M} = 0,75 \text{ kg/s}$	X	X	X	X
	$\dot{M} = 1 \text{ kg/s}$	X	X	X	X
80 mm	$\dot{M} = 0,25 \text{ kg/s}$	X	X	X	X
	$\dot{M} = 0,5 \text{ kg/s}$	X	3920 m	4210 m	X
	$\dot{M} = 0,75 \text{ kg/s}$	X	X	6210 m	X
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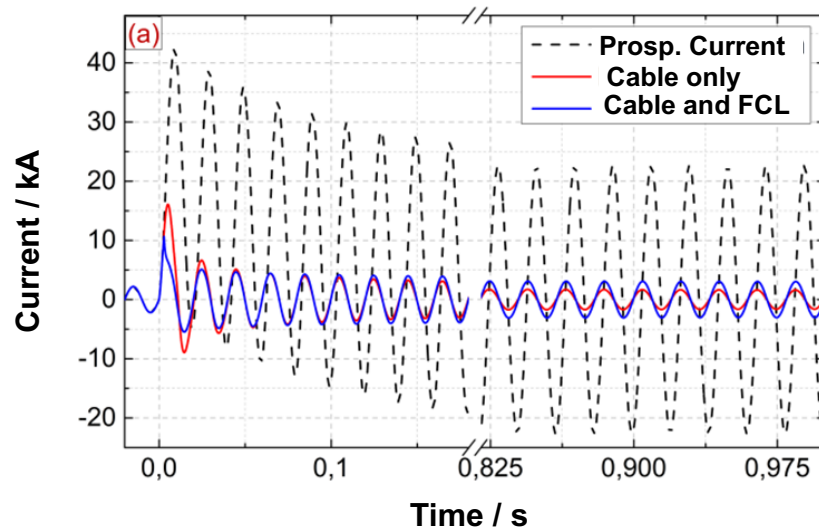
**X** Temperature increase higher than 78 K or pressure drop larger than 12 bar

With an inner LN<sub>2</sub> tube of 25 mm and an inner cryostat tube of 65 mm all requirements are fulfilled.

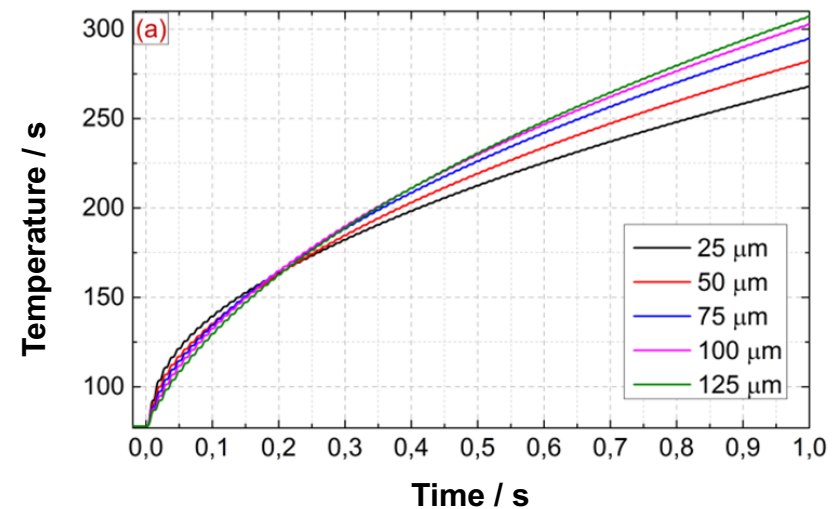


# Short-Circuit Behaviour (20 kA, 1 s)

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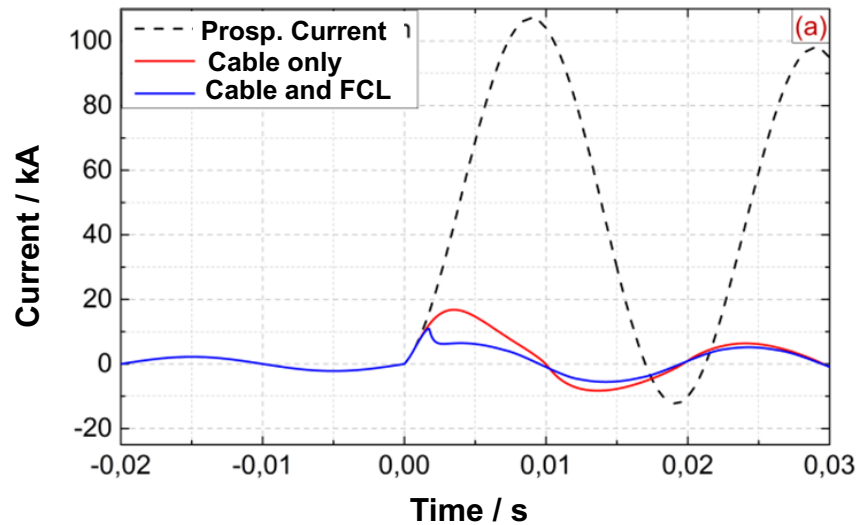
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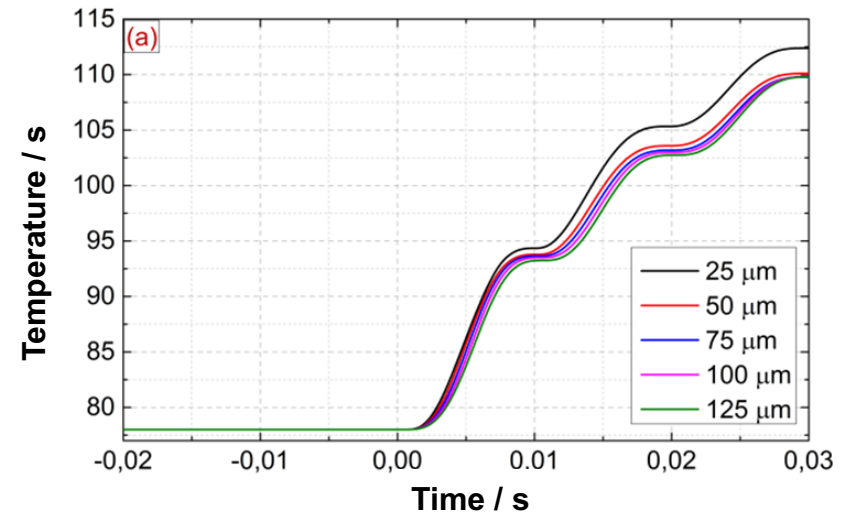
In case the temperature would be too high an SFCL can be considered.

# Short-Circuit Behaviour (50 kA, 30 ms)

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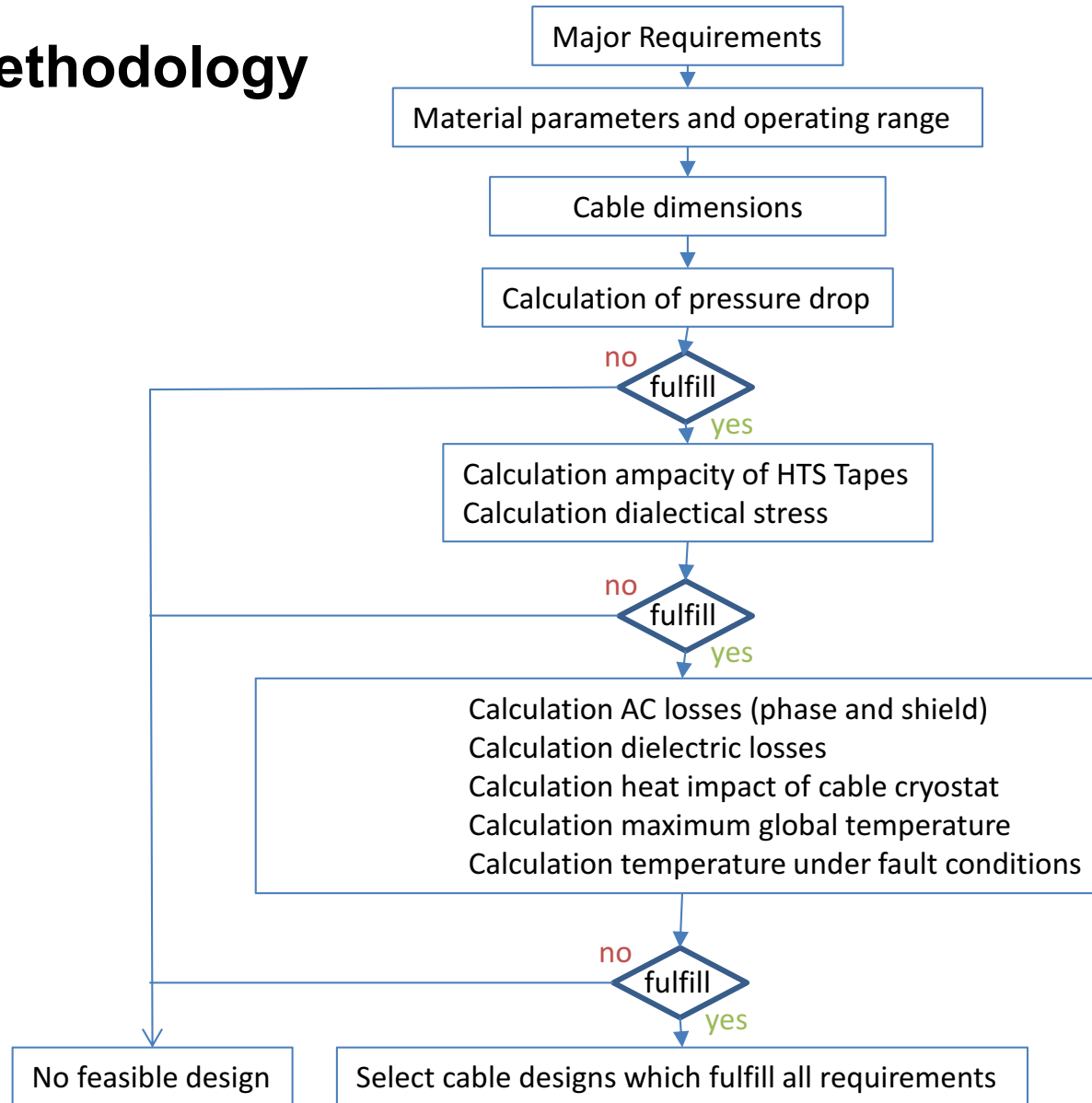


## HTS Temperature Increase



Short-circuit with 20 kA, 1 s leads to higher temperature increase.

# Design Methodology



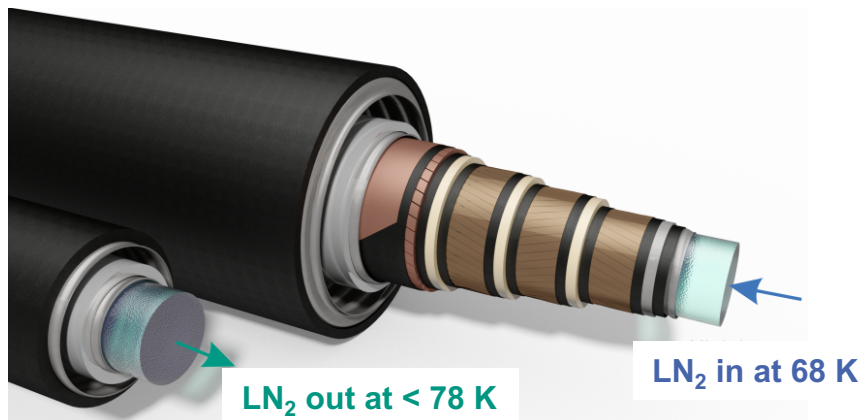
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## Main data

Capacitance	1.47 $\mu\text{F}/\text{km}$
Inductance	0.029 mH/km
Inner LN <sub>2</sub> tube diameter	25 mm
Inner Cryostat diameter	65 mm
Smallest cable diameter	104.6 mm

## Option 3



# Motivation of Superconducting High Voltage Cables



We have to build several 1000 km of new high voltage transmission lines in Germany due to the Energy Transition and some parts need an underground cable.

# Design Example – High Voltage Cable

Rated Voltage	380 kV
Rated Power	3600 A
Overcurrents	Not yet defined
Utility Load Factor	0.7
Max. Outer Diameter	< 200 mm
Length	5 km

Typical data for  
German High  
Voltage System

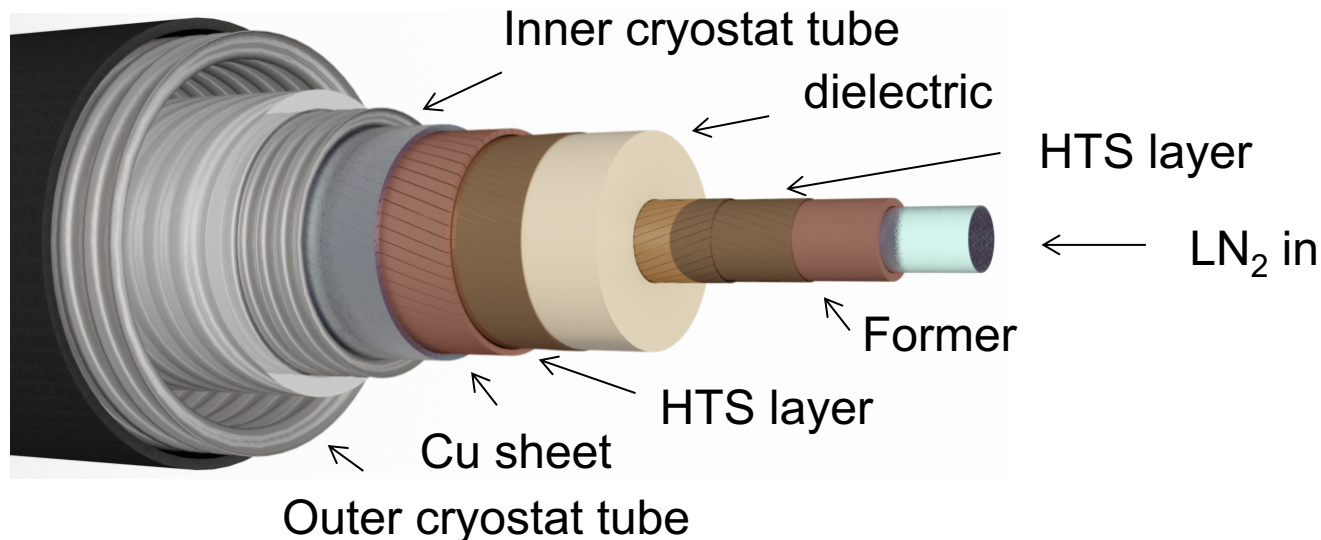


380 kV 2 three phase  
cable systems in  
Raesfeld  
Picture: Amprion

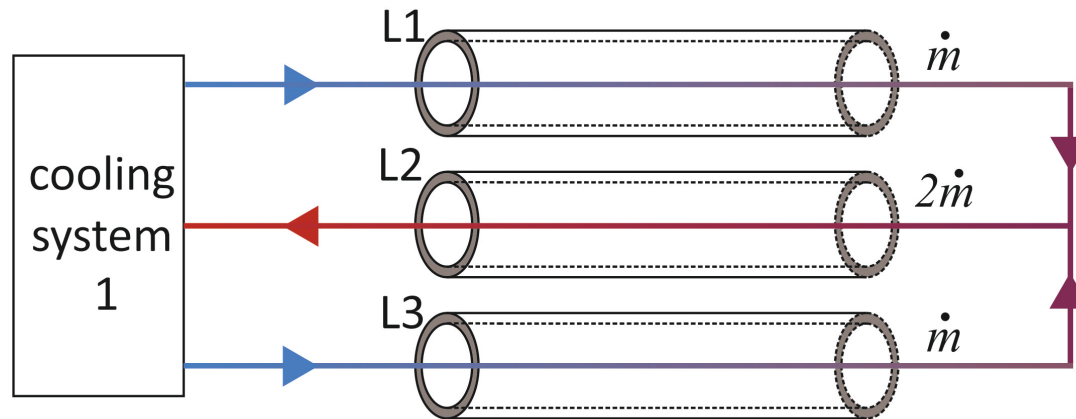
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

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# Cooling System

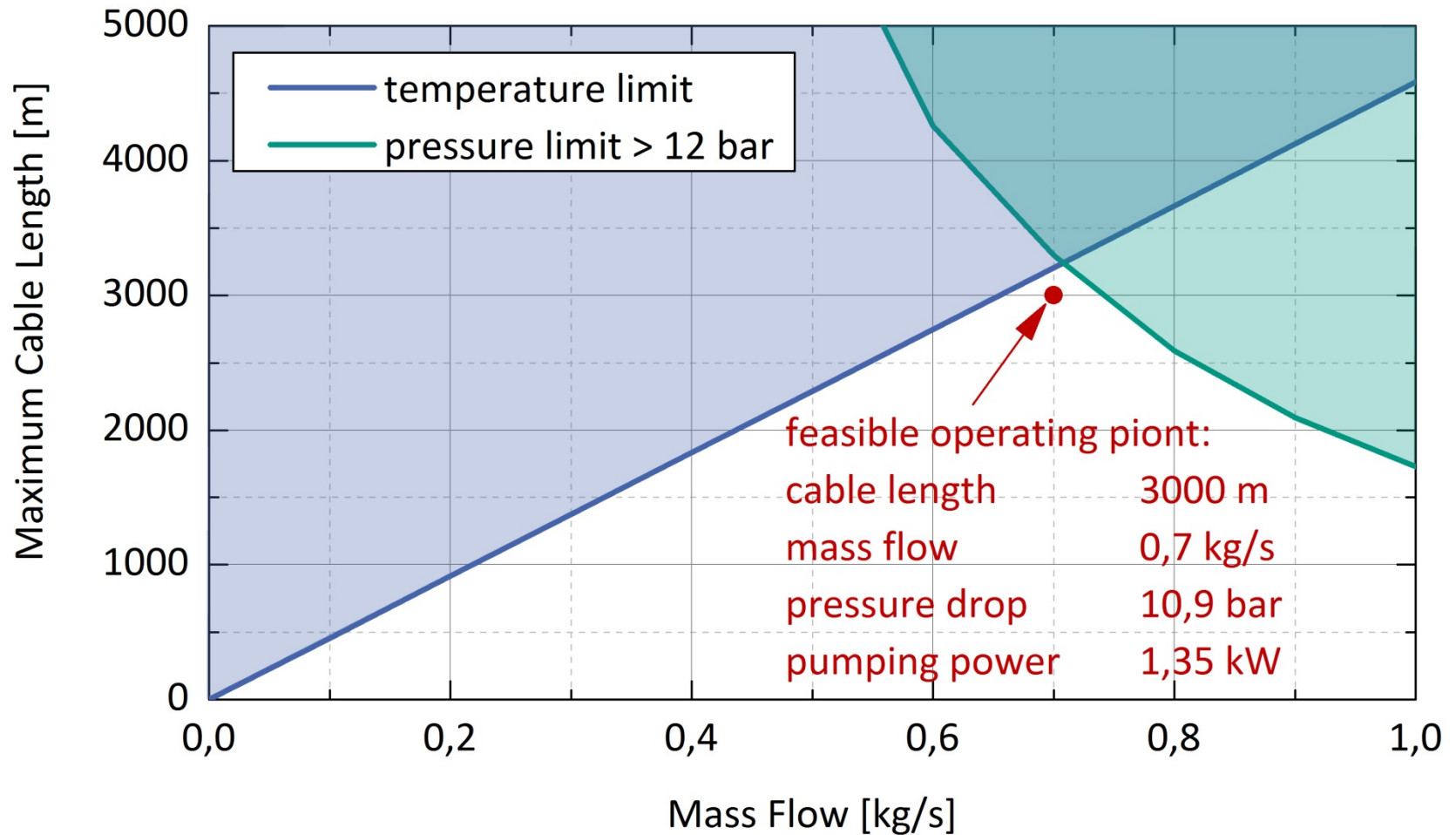


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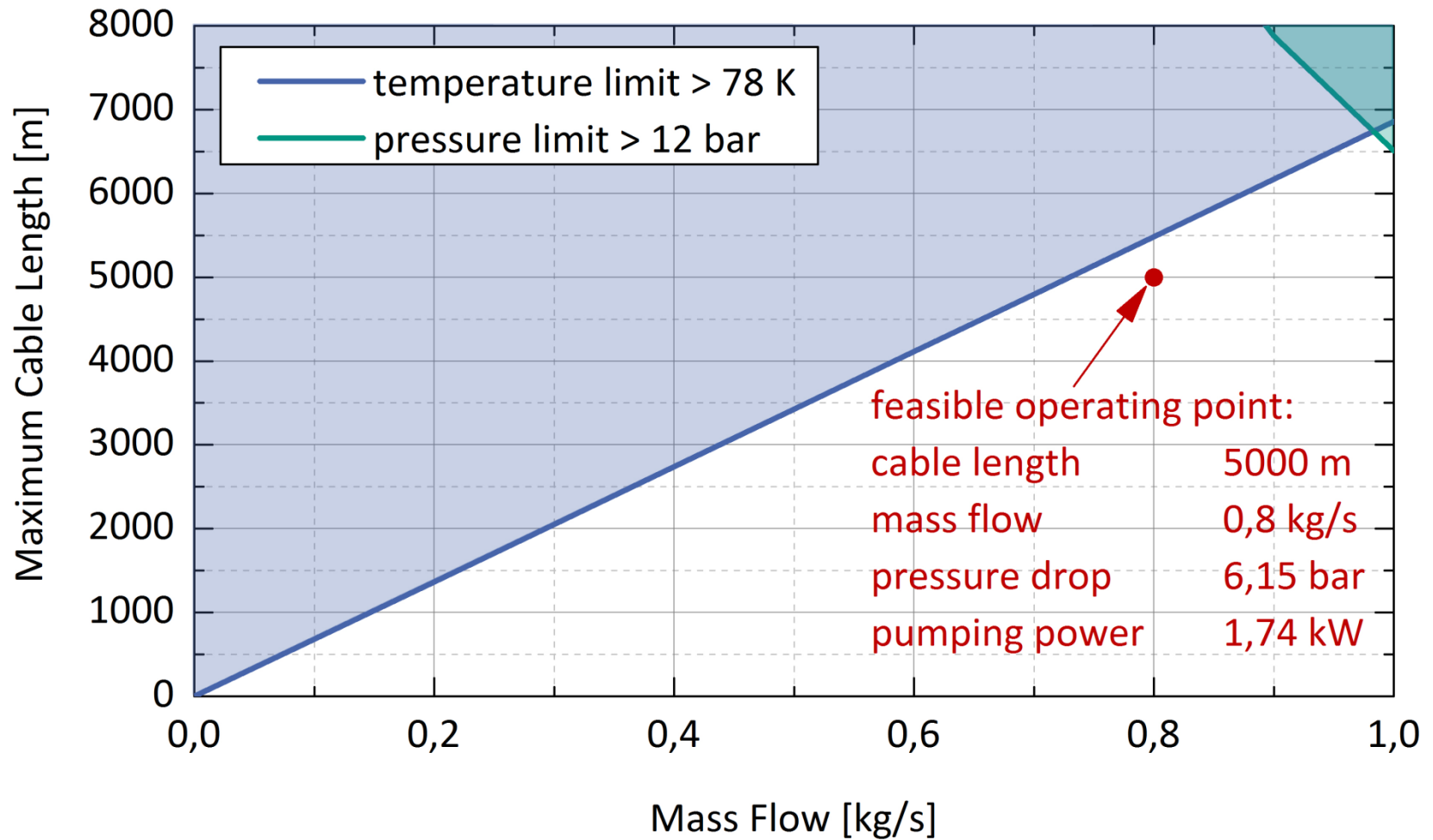
-  cold (68 K)
-  warm (< 78 K)
-  inlet (< 15 bar)
-  outlet (> 3 bar)
- $\dot{m}$  Massenstrom



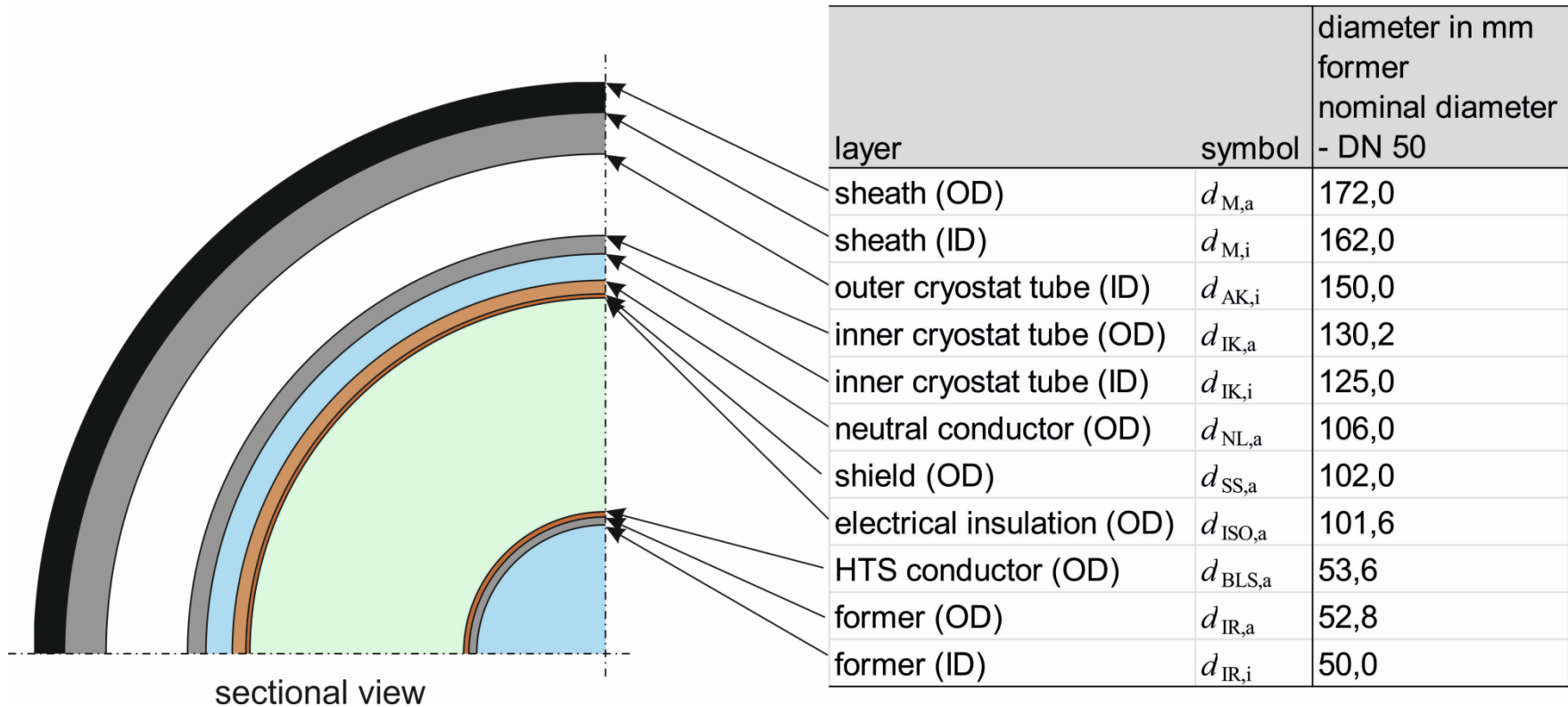
# Temperature and Pressure Limits (I.D. 40 mm)



# Temperature and Pressure Limits (I.D. 50 mm)



# Cable Design 380 kV, 3600 A

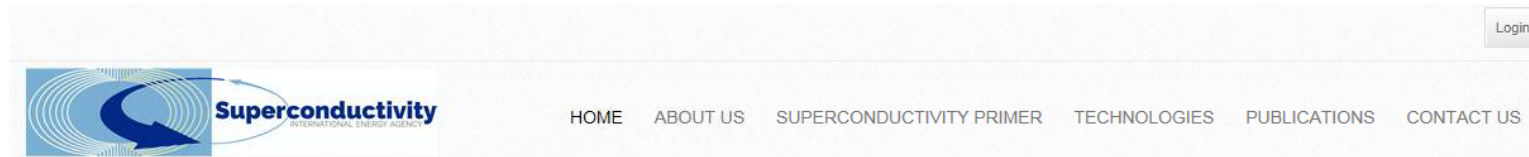


Conventional 380 kV cable in ground has similar diameter and current of 1.1-1.5 kA.

## Summary

- We have developed and validated a tool to calculate pressure drop and temperature increase in single phase and three phase coaxial superconducting cables.
- As a pre-requisite only a few input parameters from the utility are needed.
- This allows calculation of losses and maximum cable length without intermediate cooling.
- You are welcome to ask us for design studies.

**Thank you very much for your attention!**



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