

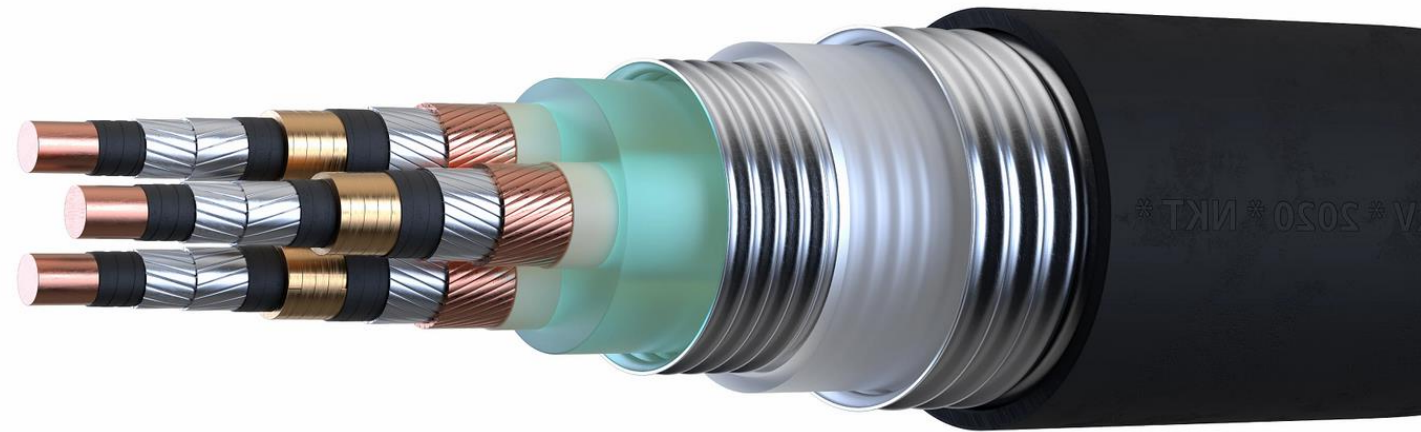
## SuperLink

# Deployment of Superconducting Power Cables for Power Grid Enhancement

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# Background

- The conversion to electrical energy use, especially in the commercial, building and transport sector leads to a significant increase in the demand for electrical energy
  - Huge impact on distribution network
  - On its majority, **old** and no longer suitable for the upcoming **load flow**



# SuperLink - The longest HTS Cable in the World

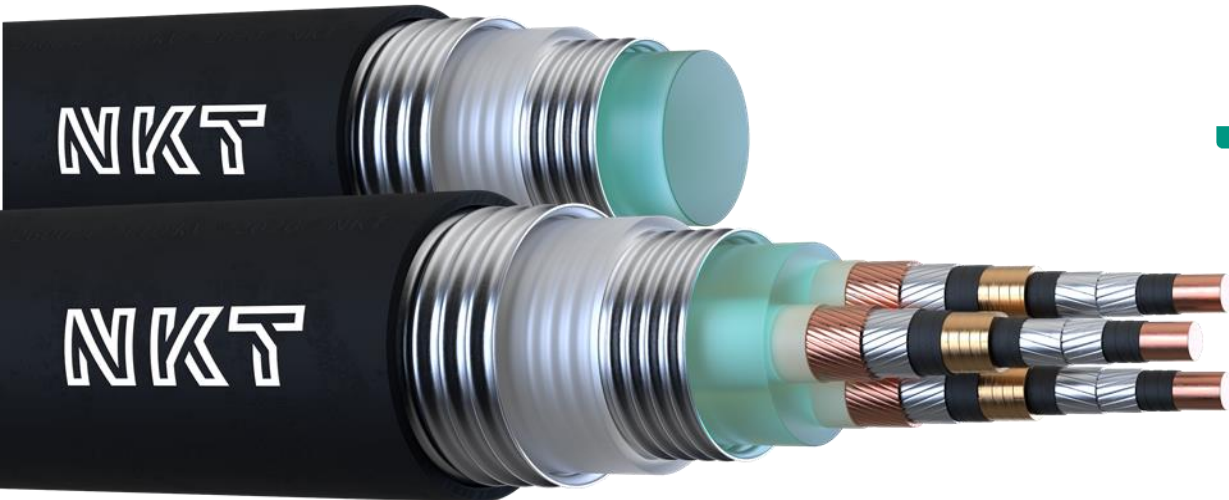


## ■ Cable Design

- 15 km long high-power HTS cable
- 3 Phases in one Cryostat
- Superconducting phases and screens
- 110 kV, 500 MVA, 2.6 kA
- Low AC- Losses (lower than 0.5 W/m per phase)
- Fault Current Resilient (40 kA, 1 s)

## ■ Closed cooling system

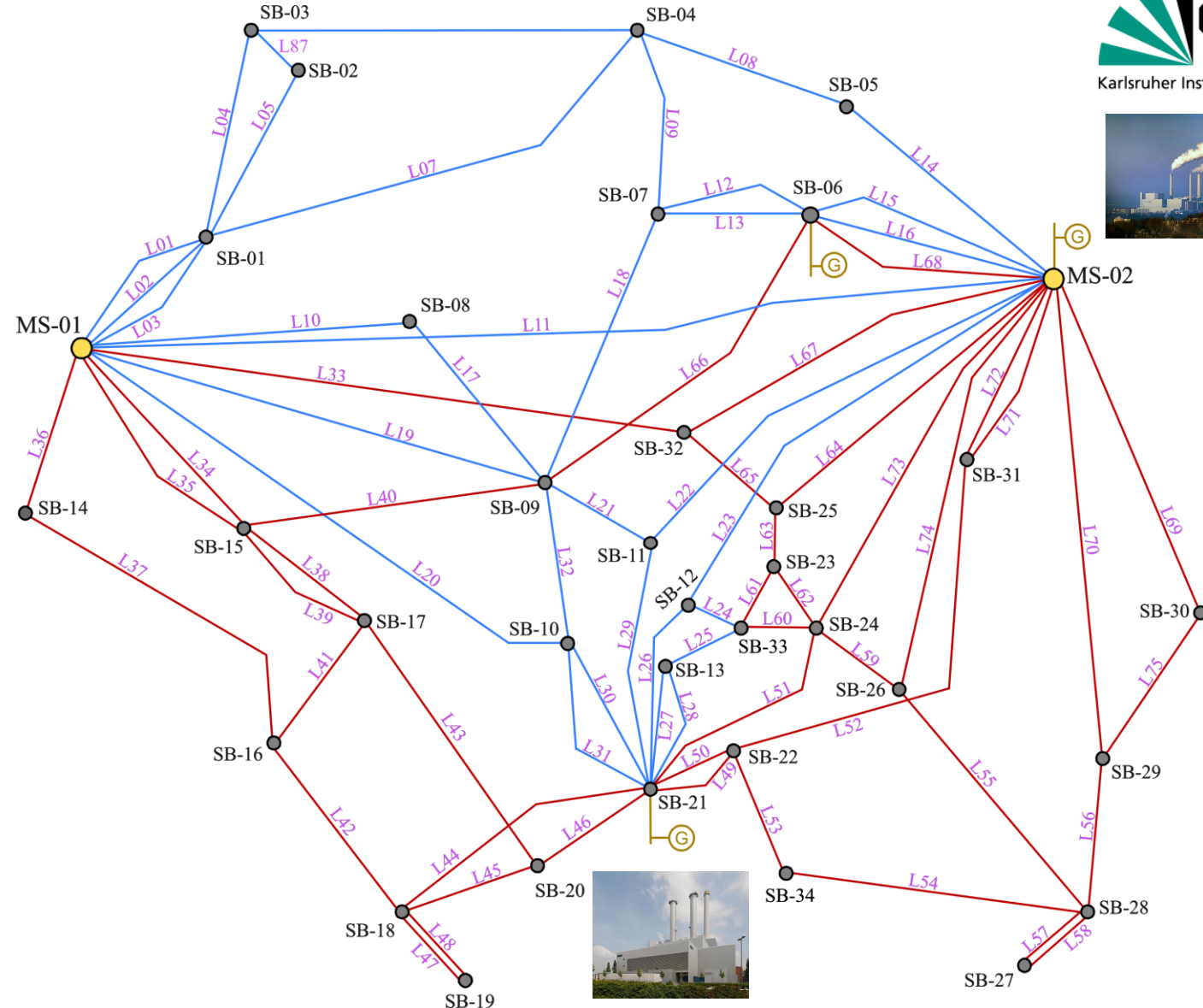
- Separate LN<sub>2</sub> return pipe (single, one-way cable)
- Low temperature and high pressure of LN<sub>2</sub> can be maintained in the main cryostat



# Munich 110 kV Network

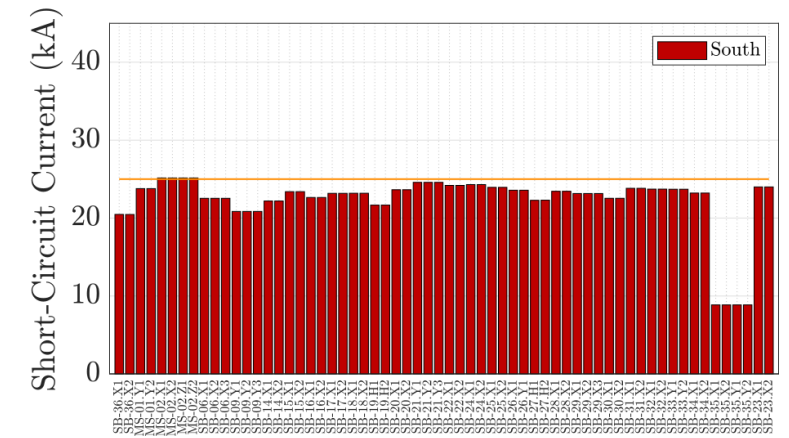
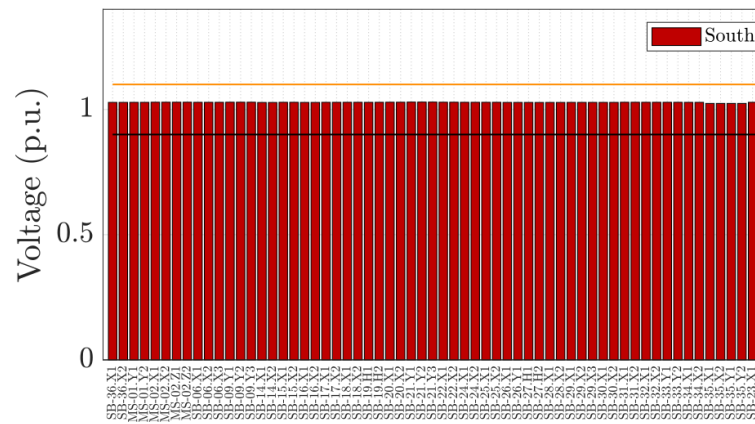
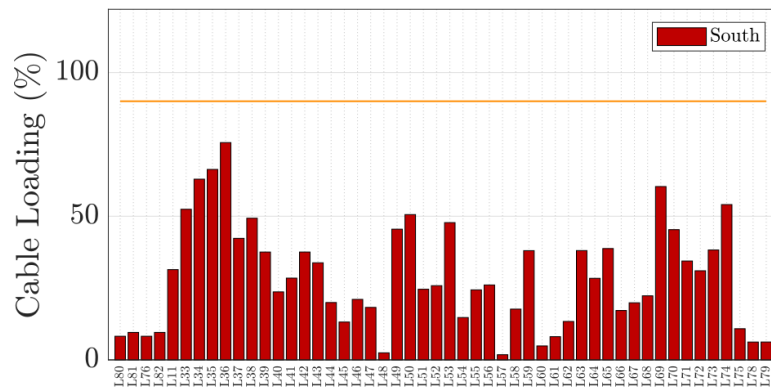
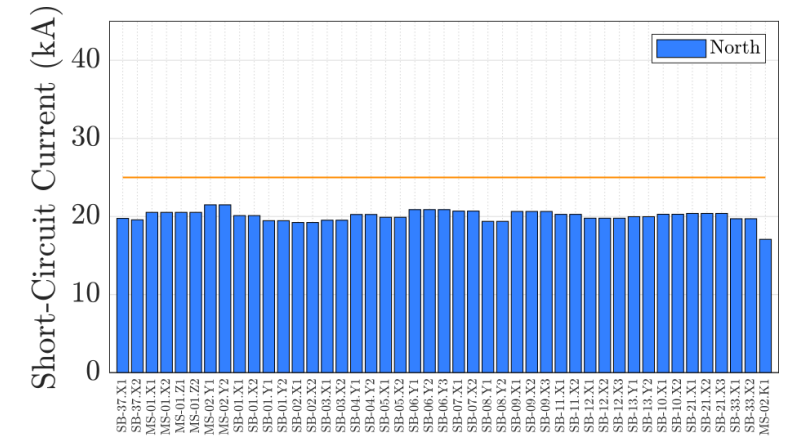
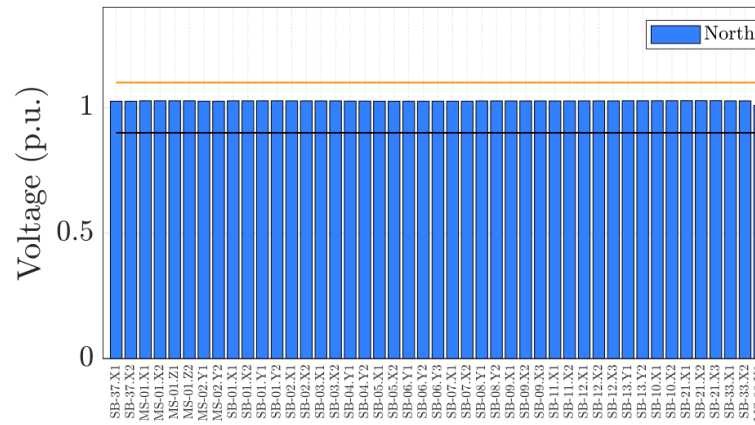
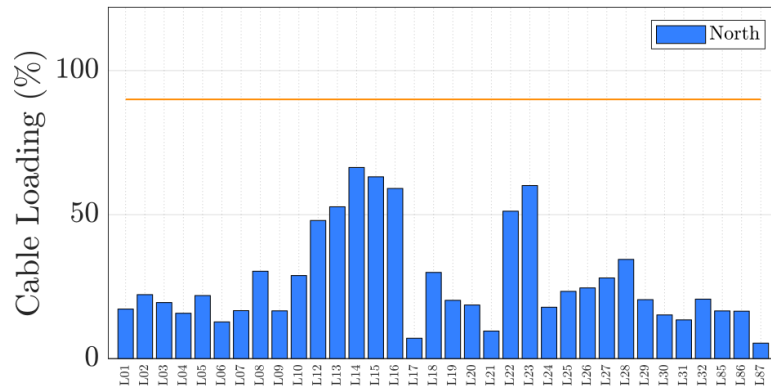
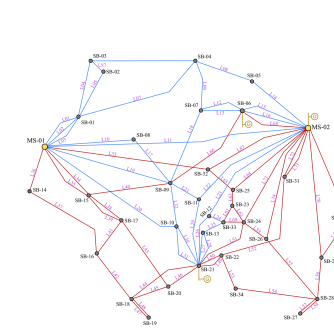
SWM 110 kV-Network	
Cable Connections	87 Lines
Total Cable Length	383 km
Busbars	158

SWM 110 kV-Network Thermal Power Station	
SB-21	638 MVA
MS-02	276 MVA
SB-06	100 MVA



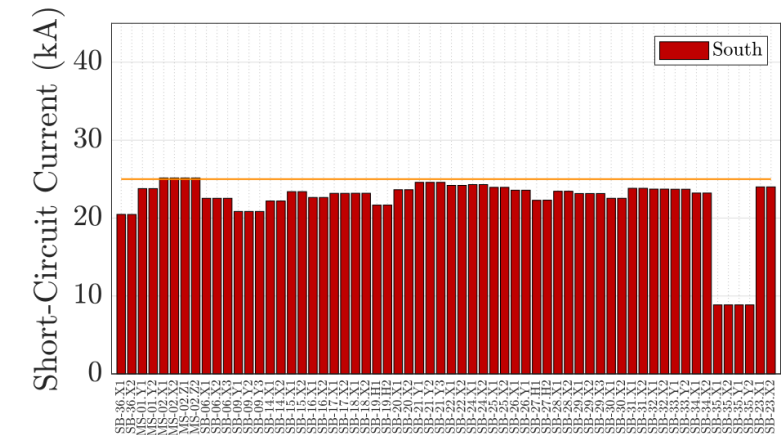
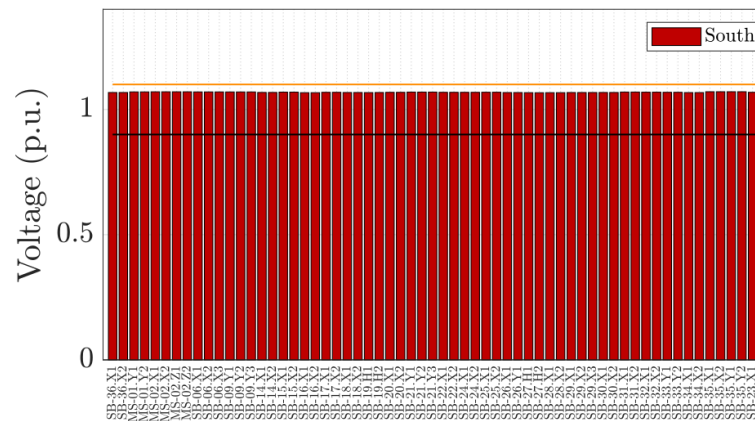
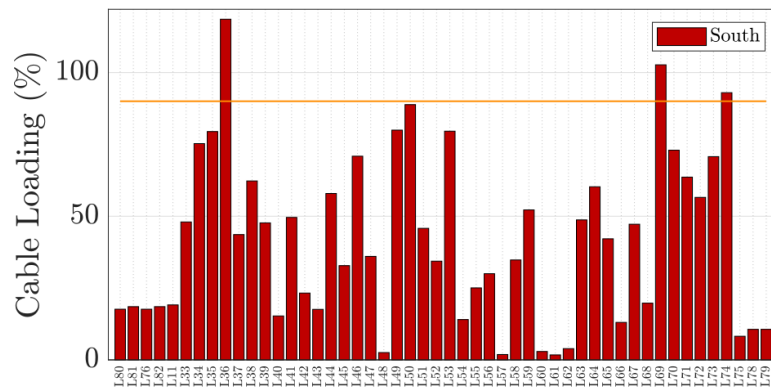
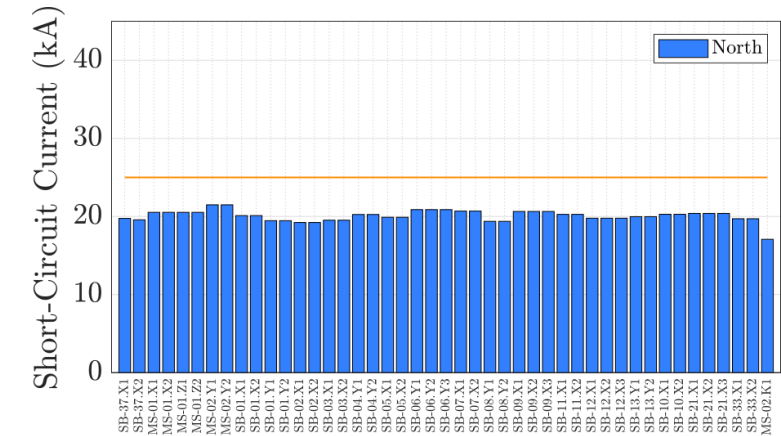
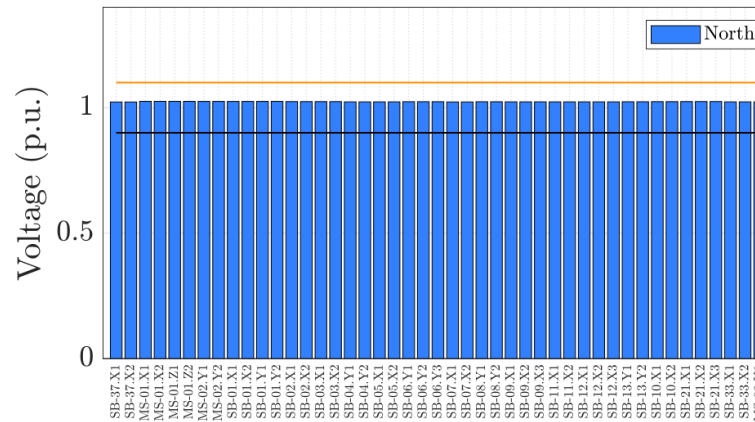
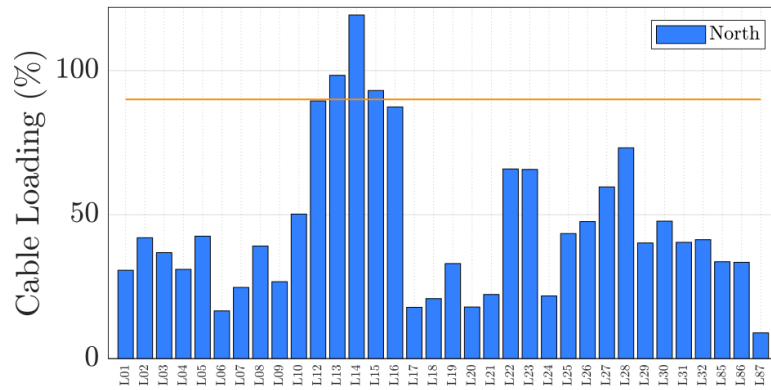
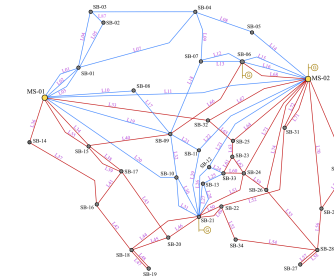
# Munich 110 kV Network – Load Flow Analysis

- 2019 – Peak Load = 1210 MVA
- Network running fine



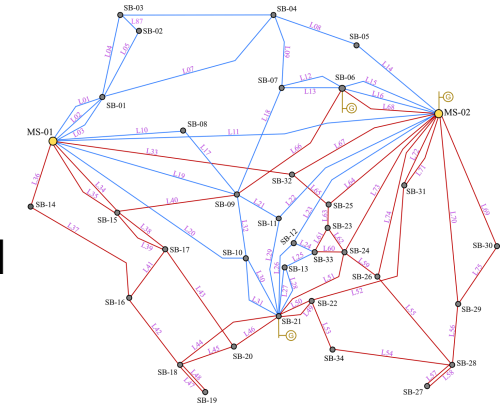
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- Projection of the Peak Load for the next years  $\approx 2500$  MVA
- Critical situation – not only overloaded cables, but also.....



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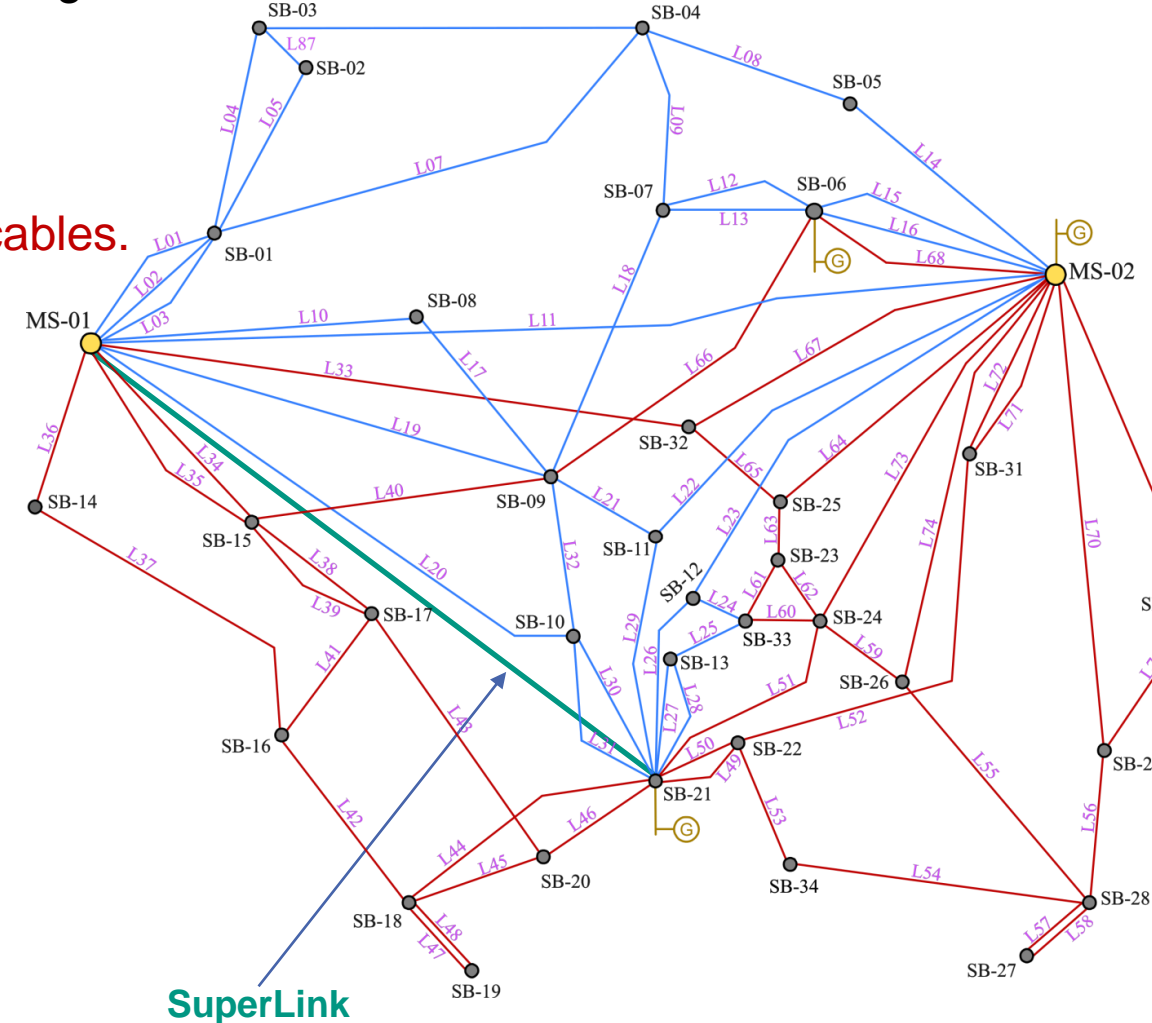
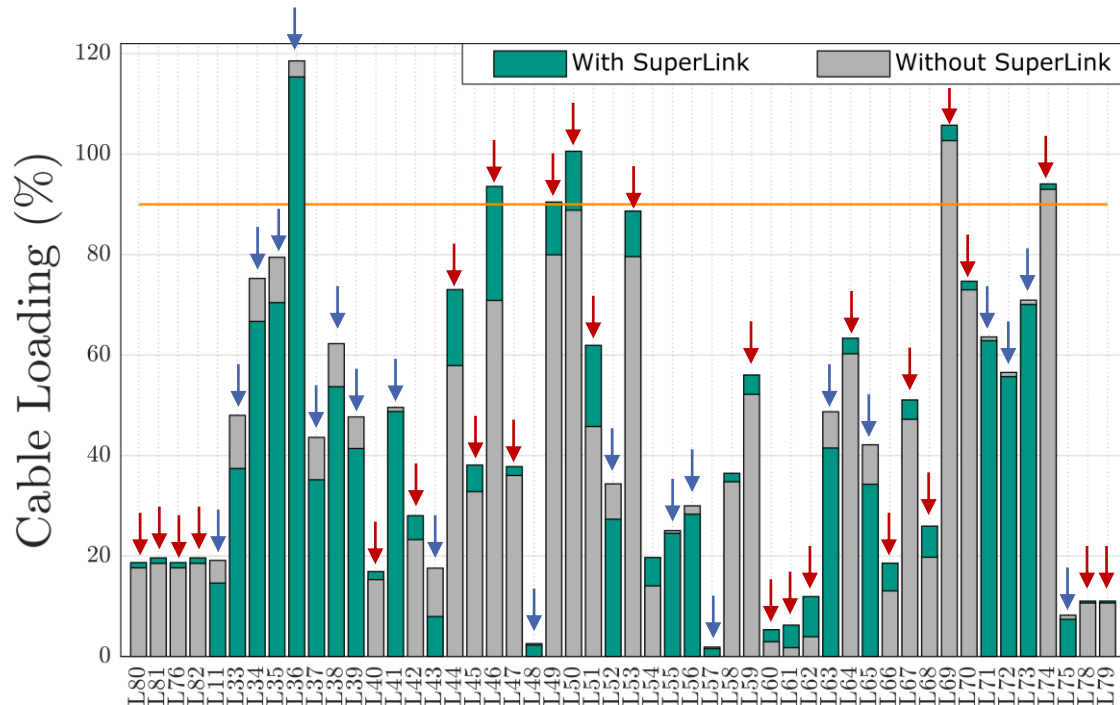
- Projection of the Peak Load for the next years  $\approx 2500$  MVA
- Besides the overloading of cables...
  - To supply such a high load, all the thermal power stations must be dispatched
    - Not good from the economical point of view...
    - Not good from the ecological point of view...
- Network must be changed!



# Munich 110 kV Network - Restructuring

■ Adding a superconducting connection to the high loaded grid will...

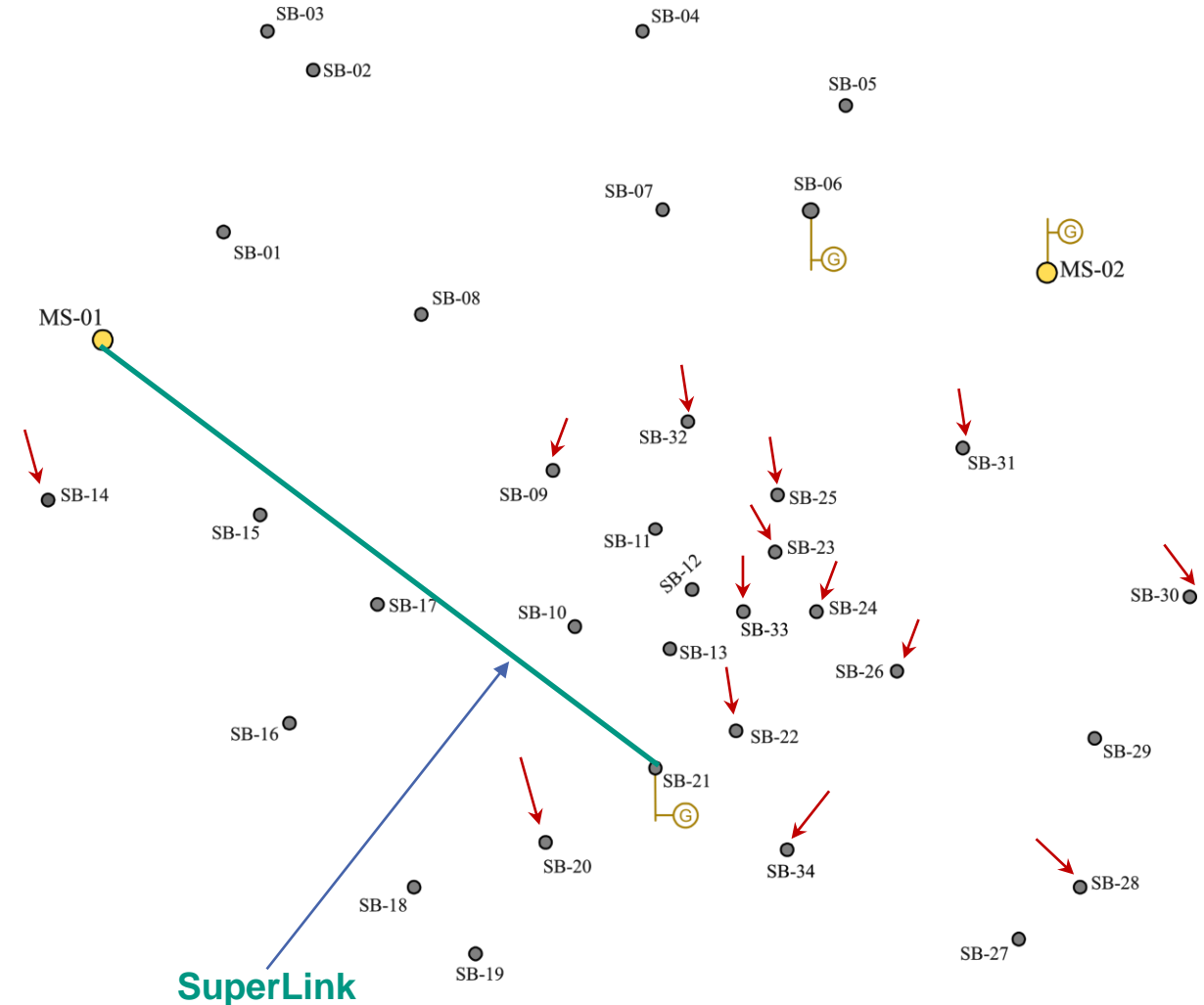
- result on the relief of some overloaded cables.
- But it will also result on the overloading of others cables.



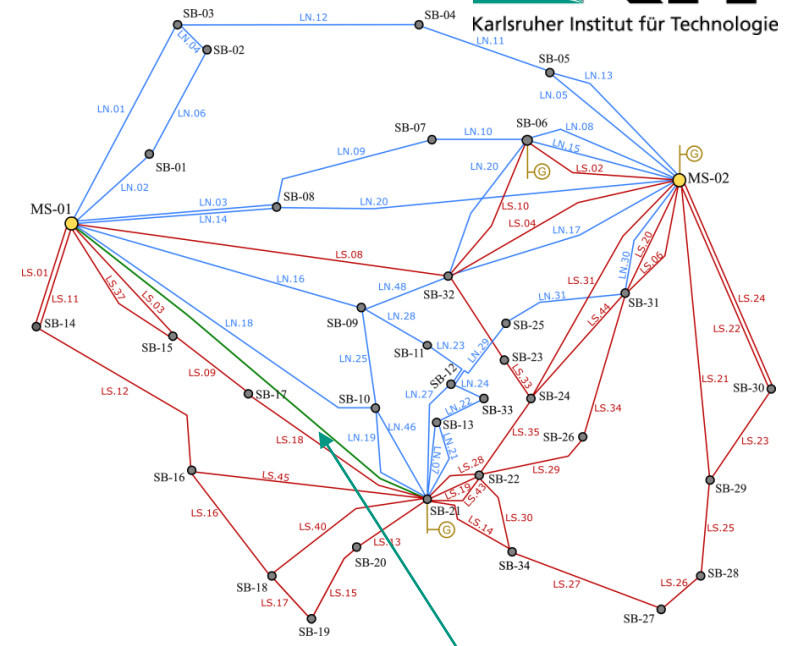
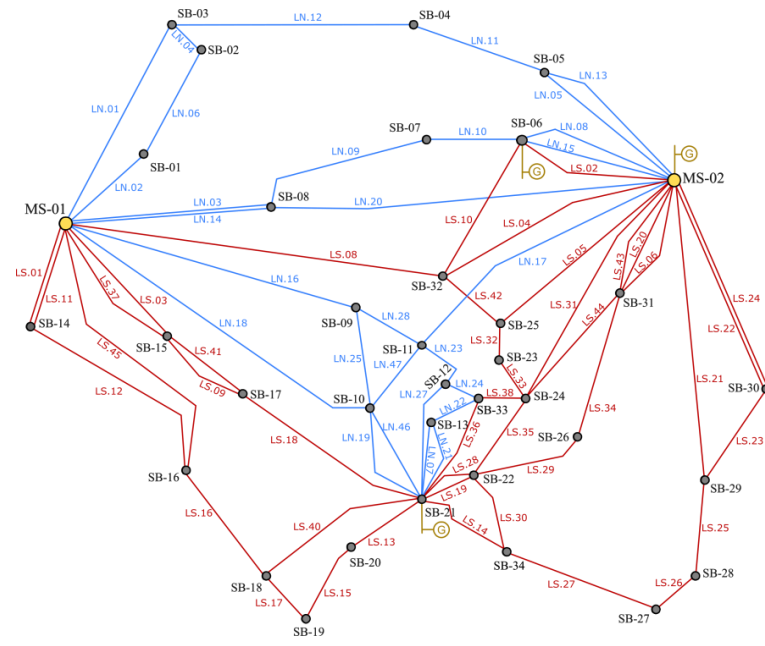
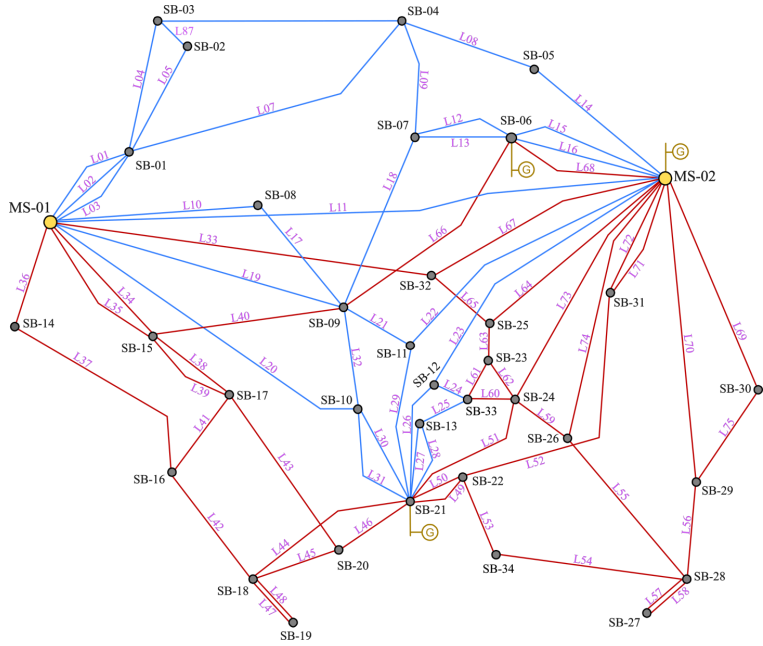


# Munich 110 kV Network - Restructuring

- Starting from scratch!
- **Boundary Conditions:**
  - Short-Circuit must remain  $< 25$  kA
  - Minimize total length of cables
    - Try to use already available ducts
  - Cable cross section equal  $500 \text{ mm}^2$  - (108 MVA, 0.565 kA)
  - **Efficient power supply to dense loads (15 km)**



# Munich 110 kV Network – Possible Designs



**Net.00**

- Current Network
- 383 km
- No** HTS Cables

**Net.01**

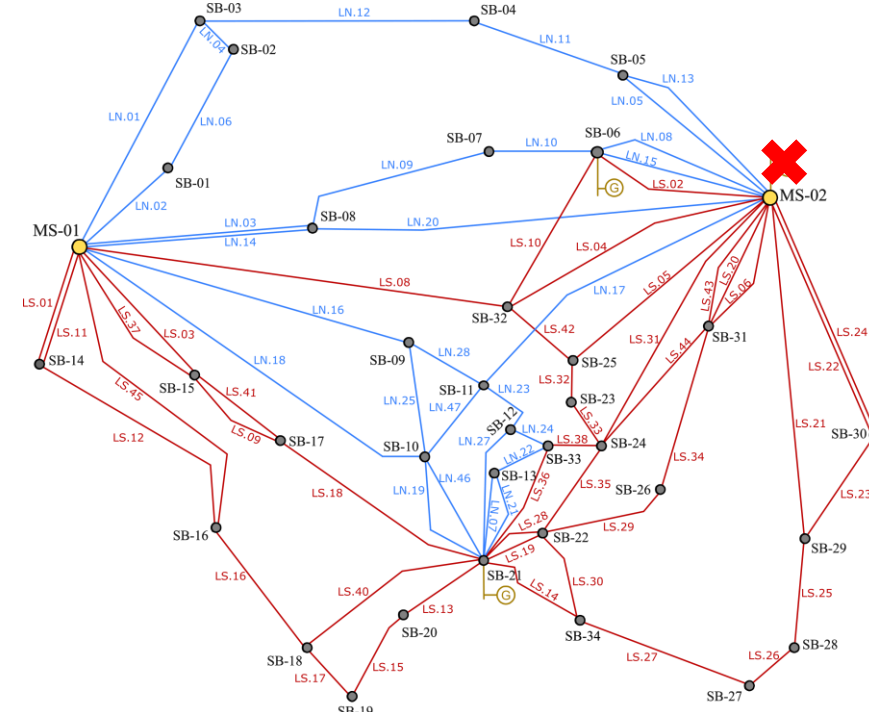
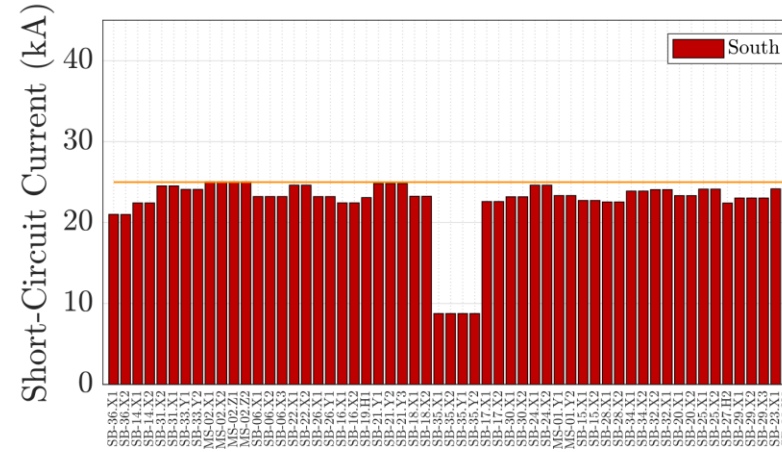
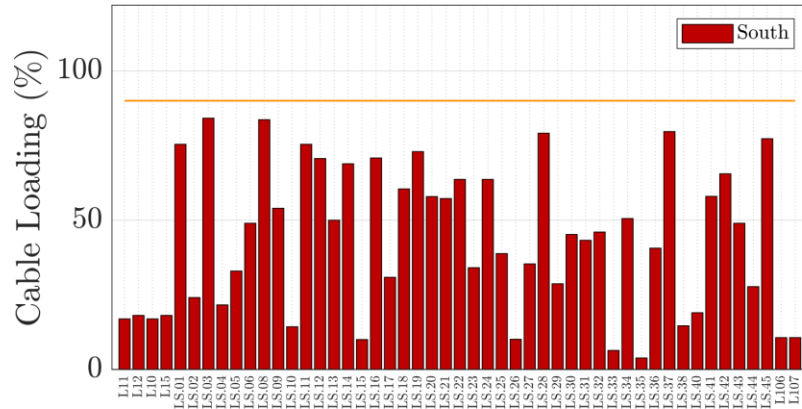
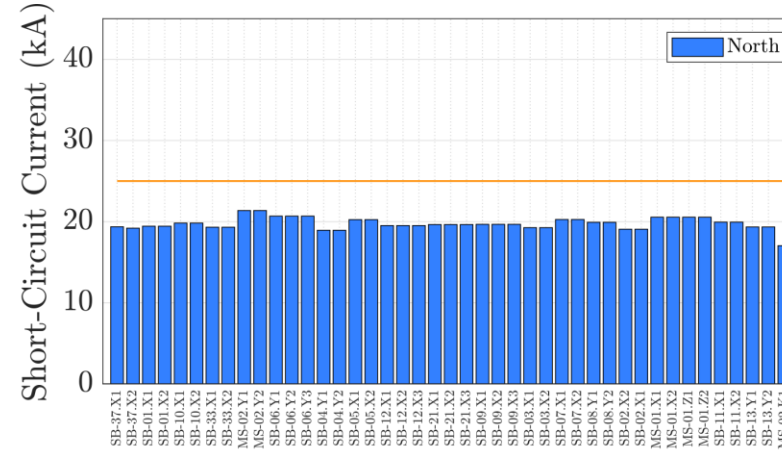
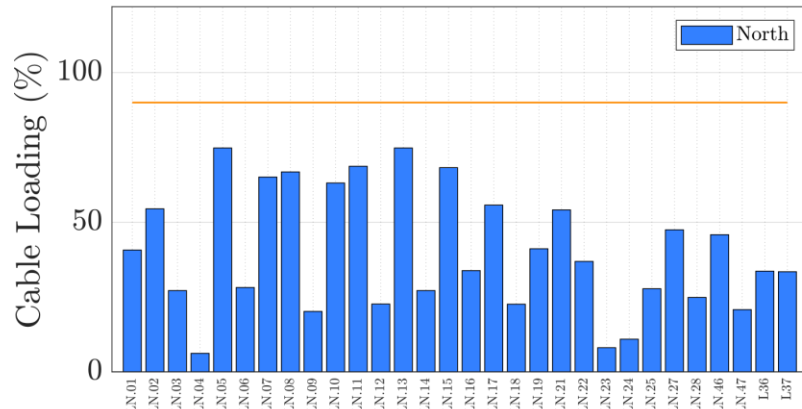
- Optimized Grid
- 339 km normal cables
- No** HTS Cables

**Net.02**

- Optimized Grid with HTS
- 316 km normal cables
- 15 km HTS Cable (**SuperLink**)

# Munich 110 kV Network – Load Flow (2500 MVA)

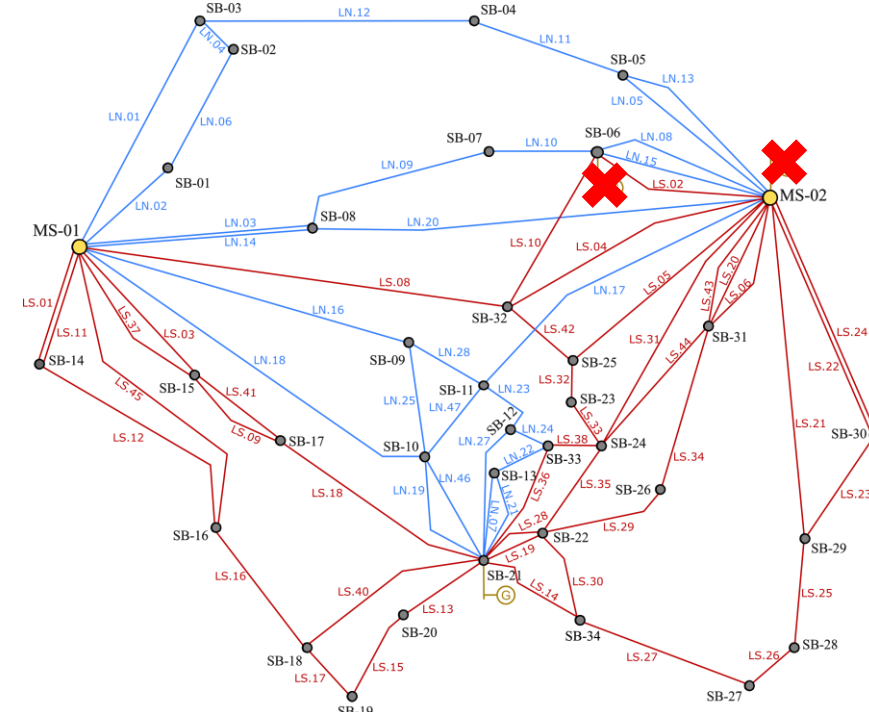
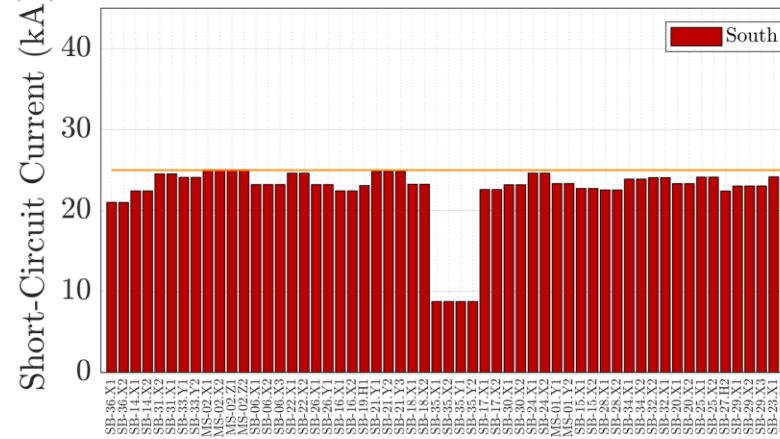
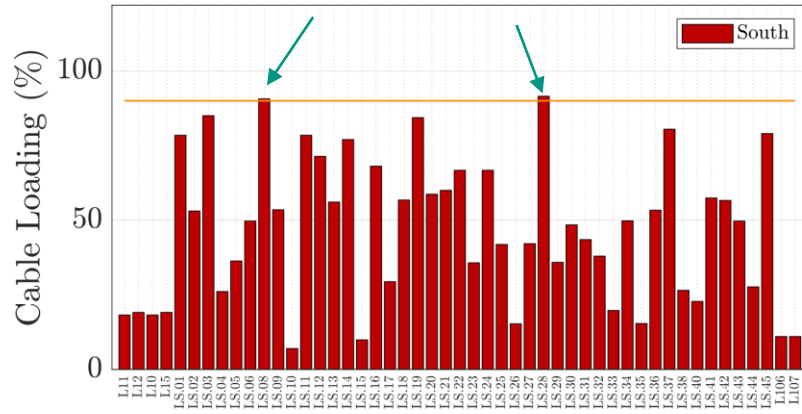
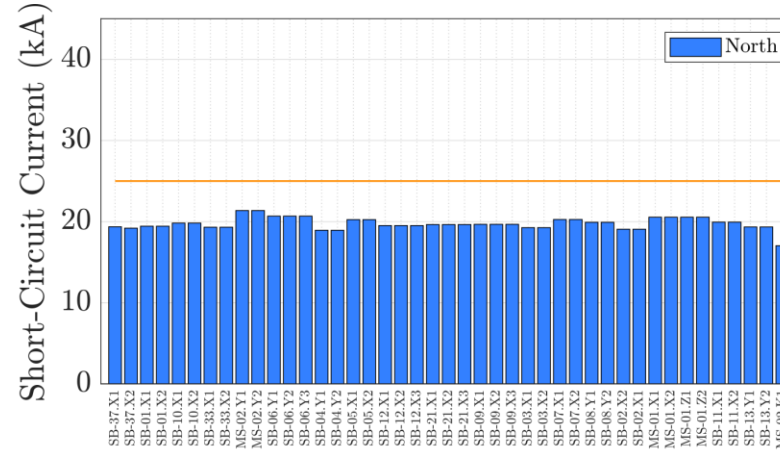
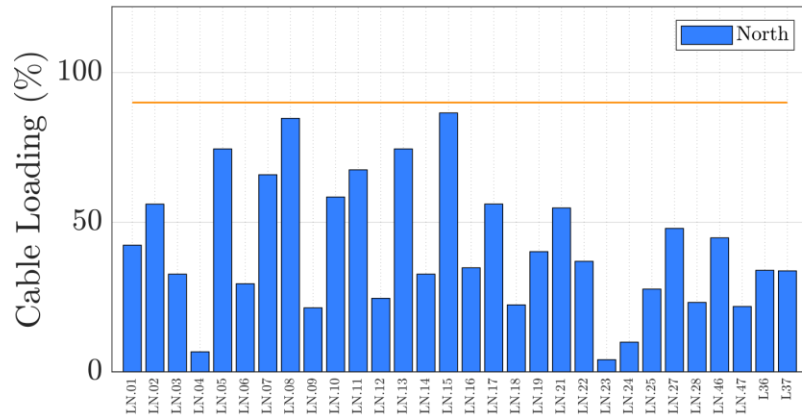
■ **Net.01** – Optimized network **without** SuperLink ( $L_T = 339$  km)



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- Generators in SB-06 - **online**
- Generators in SB-21 - **online**

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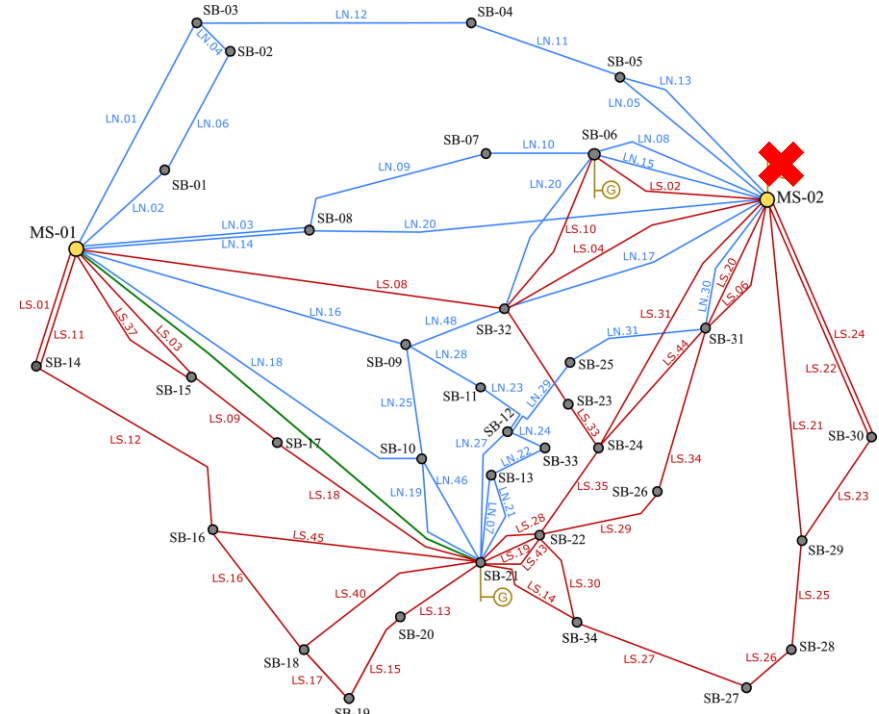
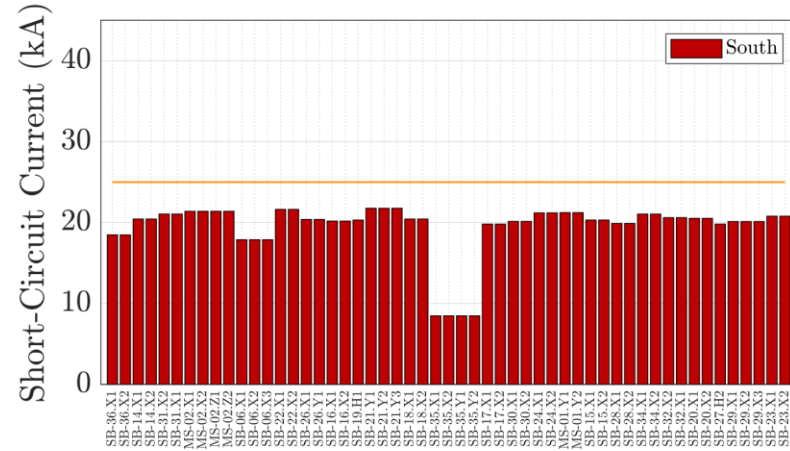
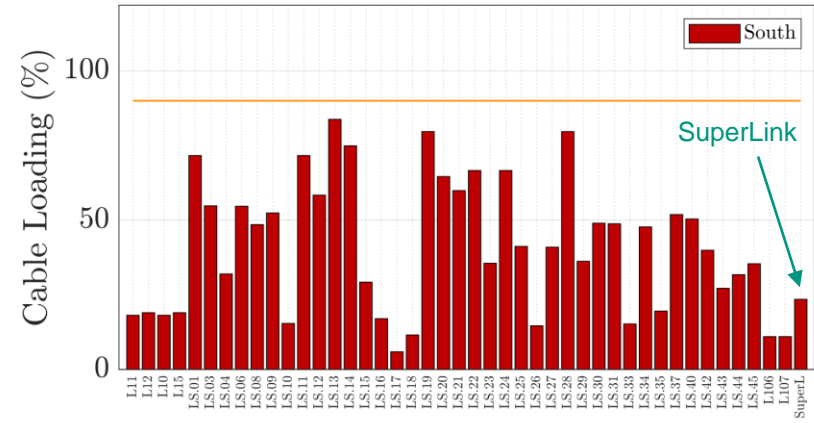
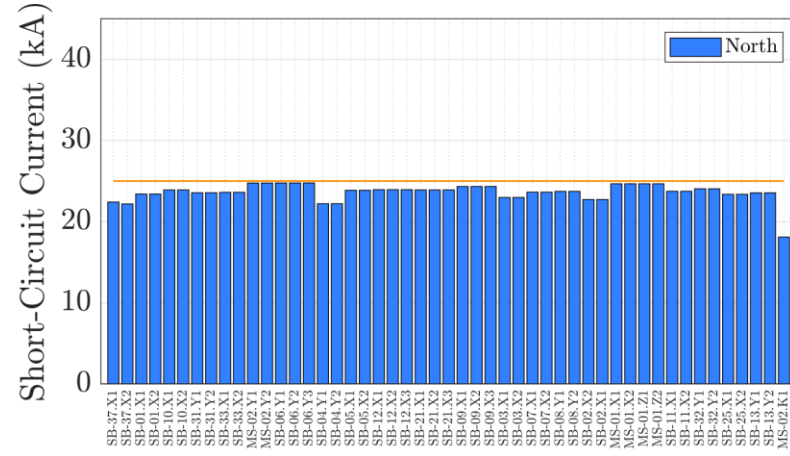
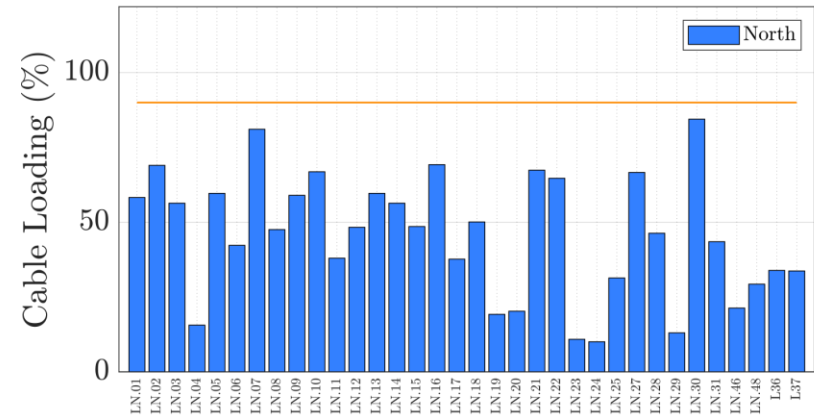
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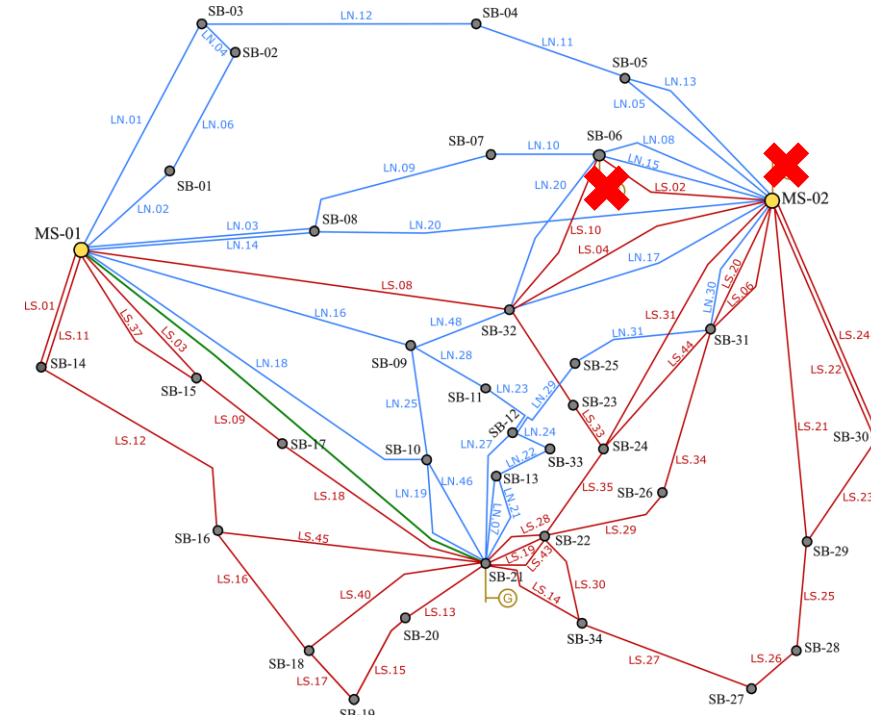
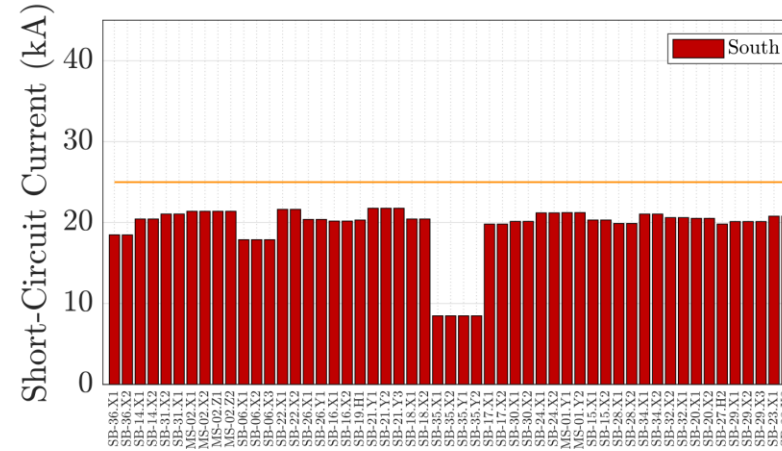
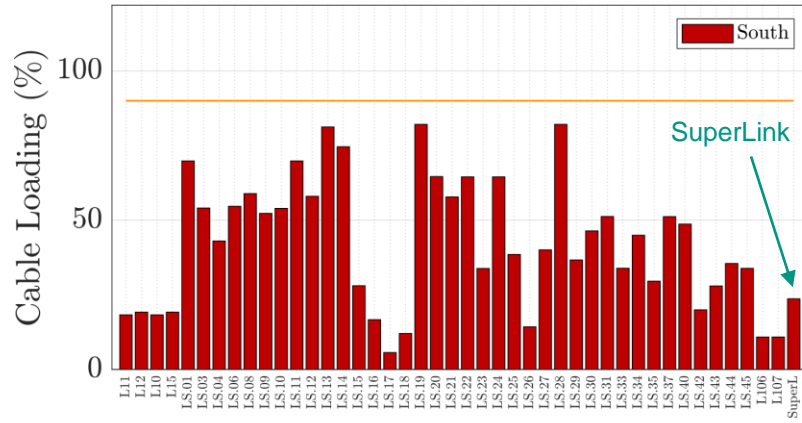
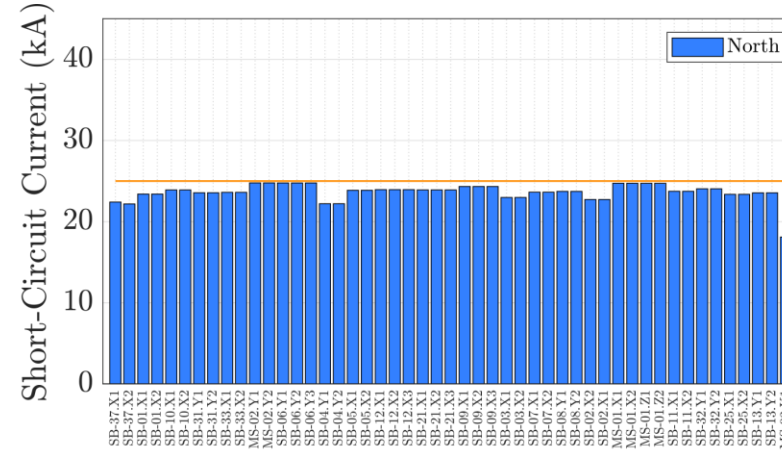
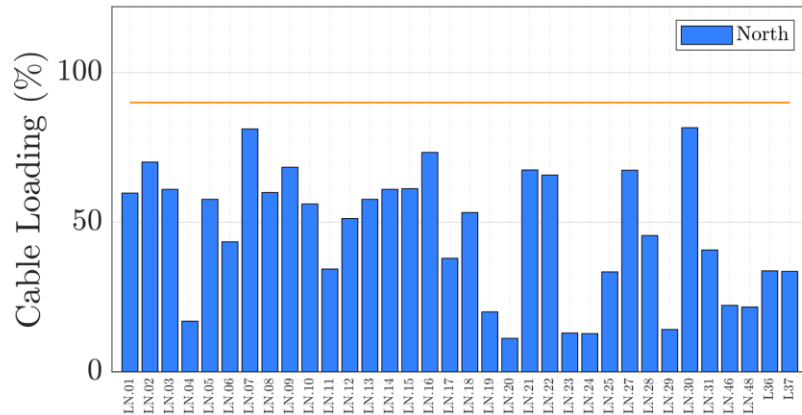
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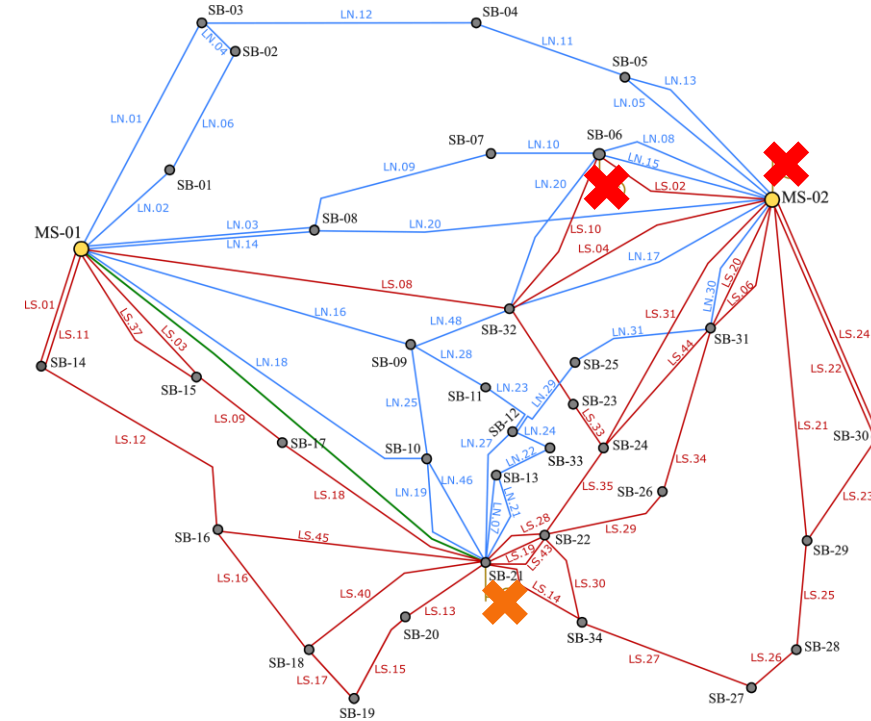
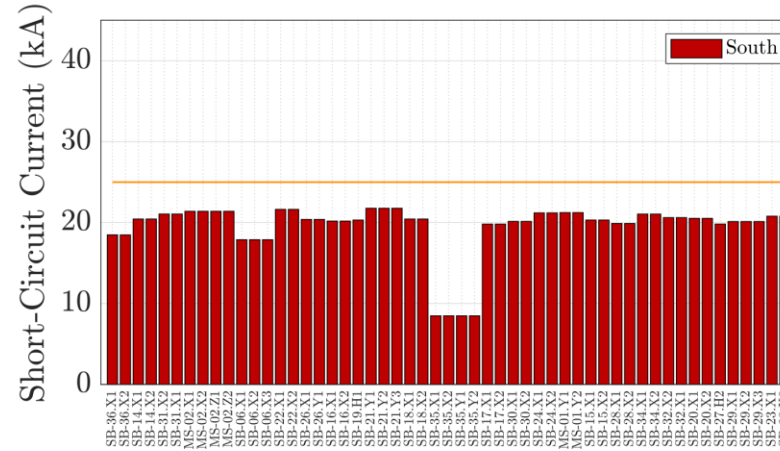
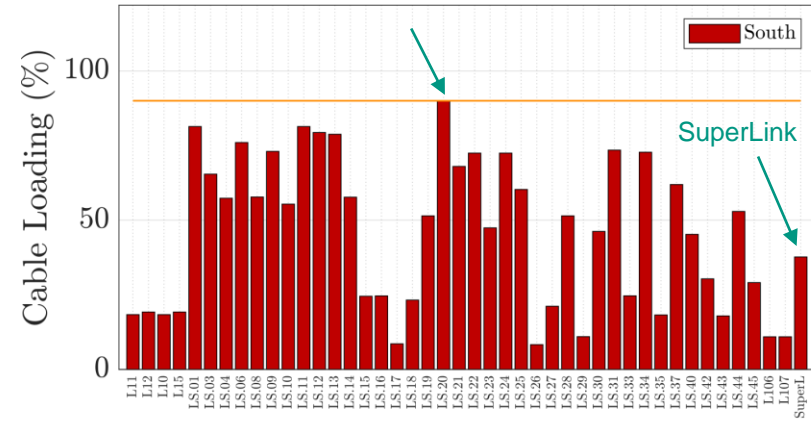
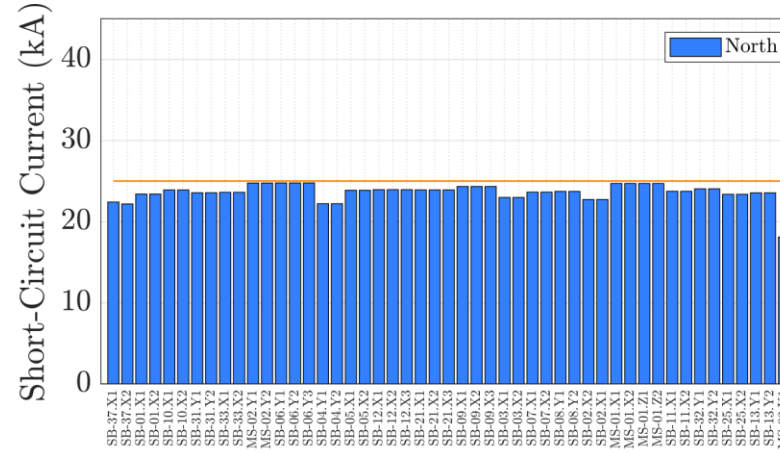
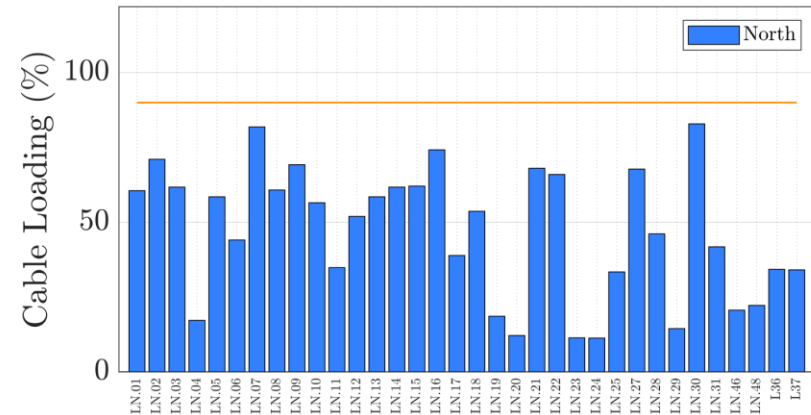
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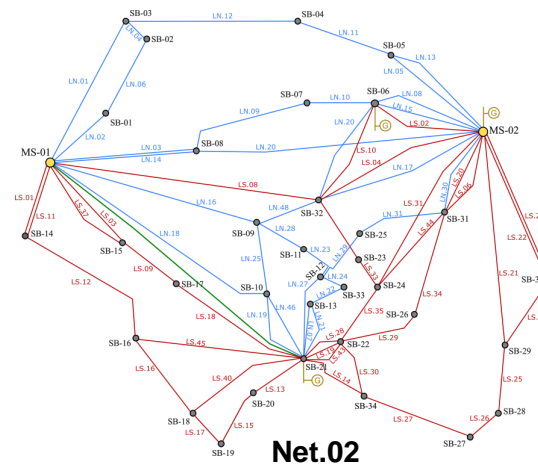
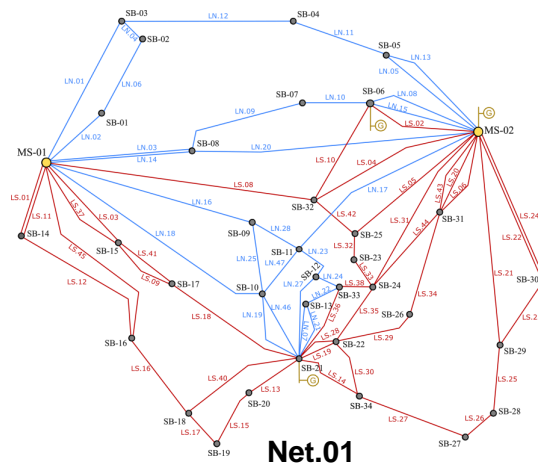
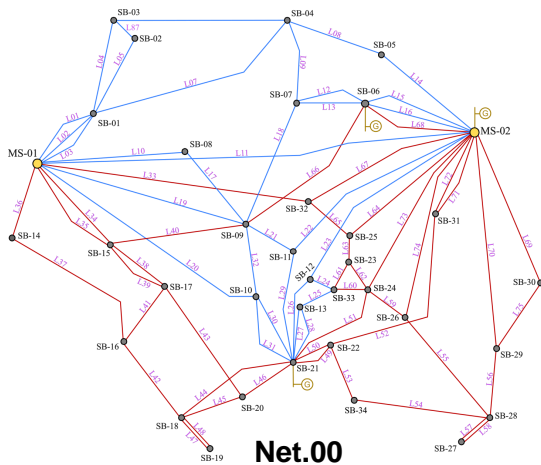


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- Generators in SB-21 – **at 65%**

# Munich 110 kV Network – Load Flow Outcome

■ Main Outcomes for the load scenario 2500 MVA

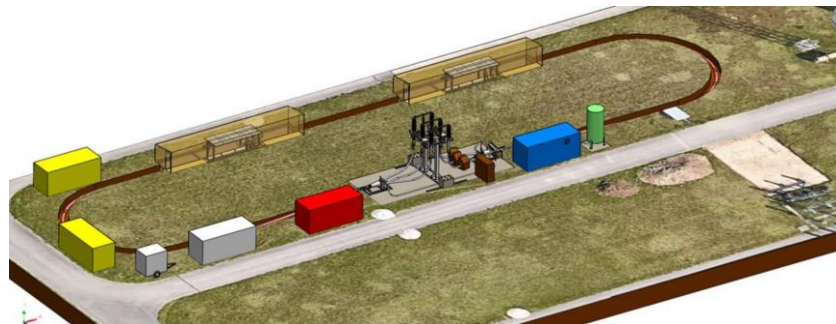
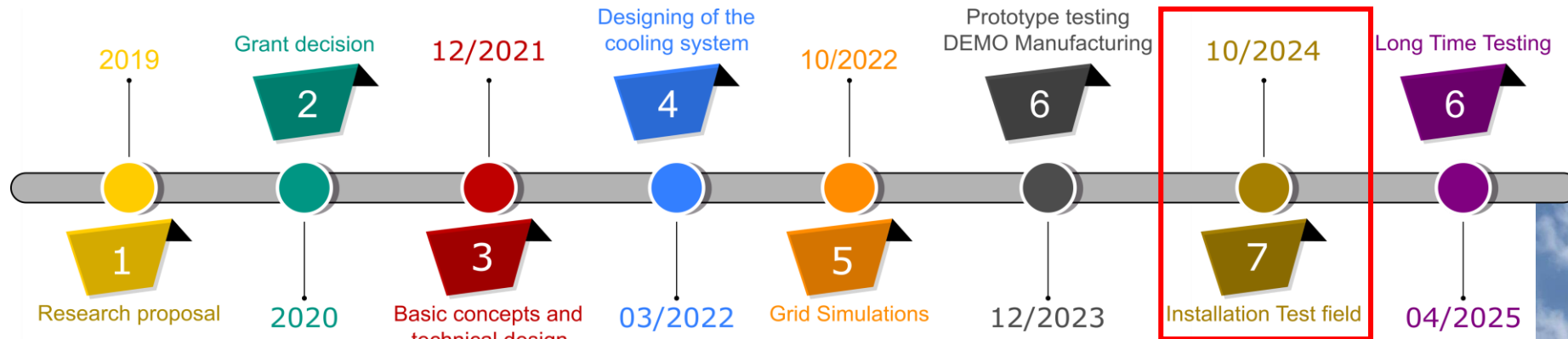
Grid	Description	Out of service			$L_N$	$L_{HTS}$	$L_T$
		MS-02	SB-06	SB-21 at 65%			
Net.00	Current 110 KV Network	☹️	☹️	☹️	373 km	0 km	373 km
Net.01	Optimized grid <b>without</b> SuperLink	☺️	☹️	☹️	339 km	0 km	339 km
Net.02	Optimized grid <b>with</b> SuperLink	☺️	☺️	☺️	316 km	15 km	331 km



- ▶  $L_N$  = length of normal cables
- ▶  $L_{HTS}$  = length of the HTS cable
- ▶  $L_T$  = Total length

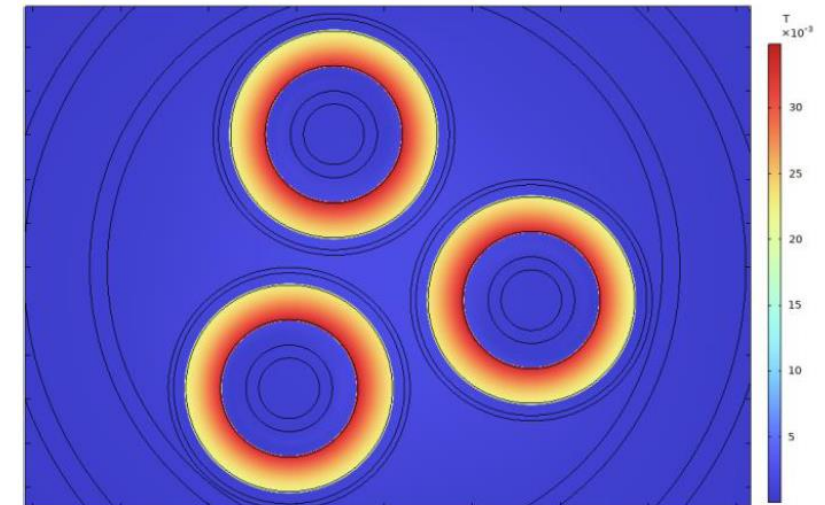


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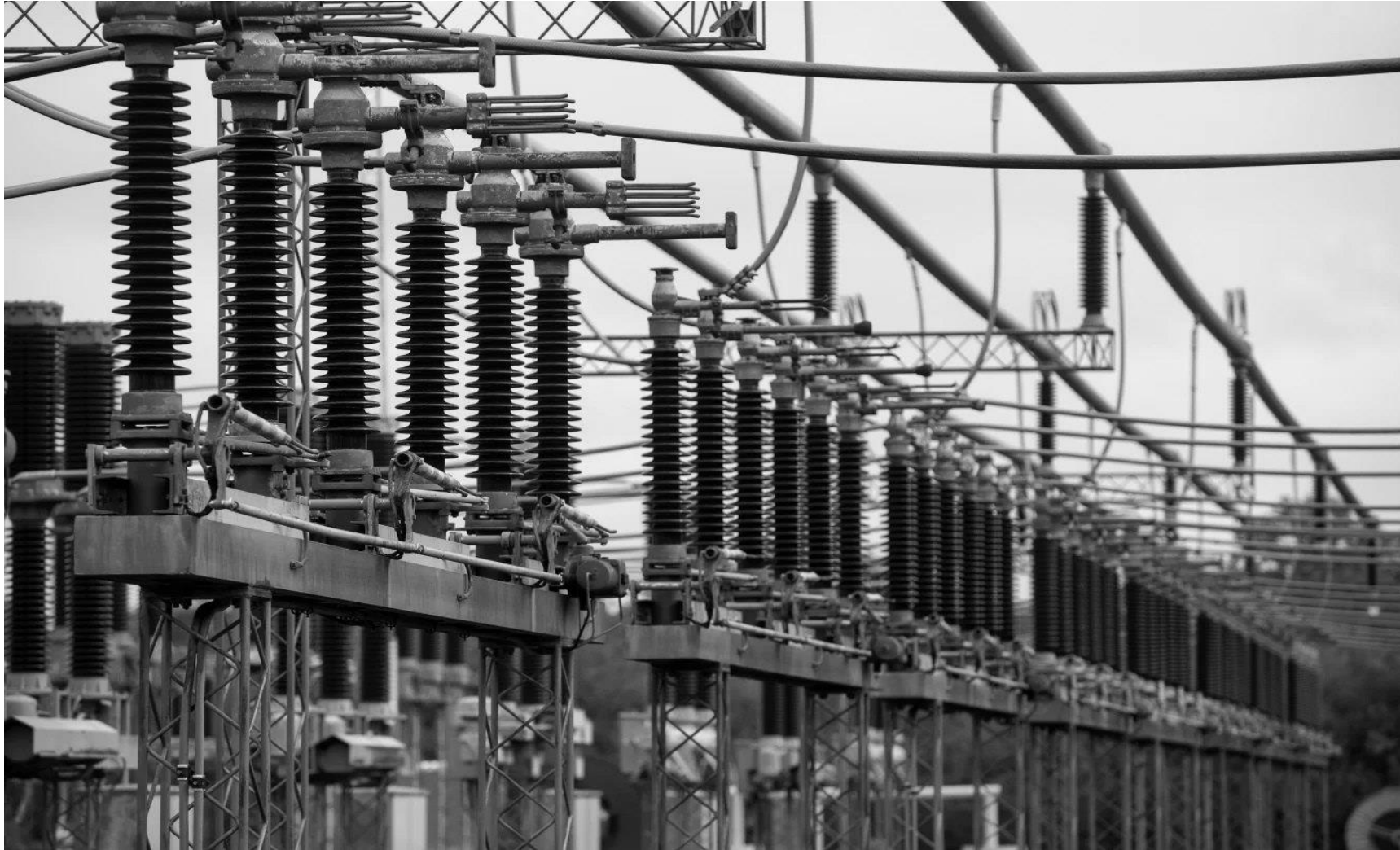


# Summary

- The integration of the SuperLink cable combined with a network optimization appears as an attractive solution for future high loaded grids
- Without SuperLink, the grid still remains very dependent on the thermal power plants
- Grid optimization and total cable length reduction can be further investigated if more superconducting cables comes into consideration
- Network remains stable
  - No increase on fault current levels



# Thank you very much for your attention!



Questions?

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