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Brazilian Interconnected Power System - An Overview of a Continental Synchronous Grid

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Outlook

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2. **BIPS (Brazilian Interconnected Power System) Characteristics**
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9. **Damping of the North-South Oscillation Mode (TCSC, HVDC POD)**

About ONS

Operador Nacional do Sistema Elétrico (Brazilian System Operator)

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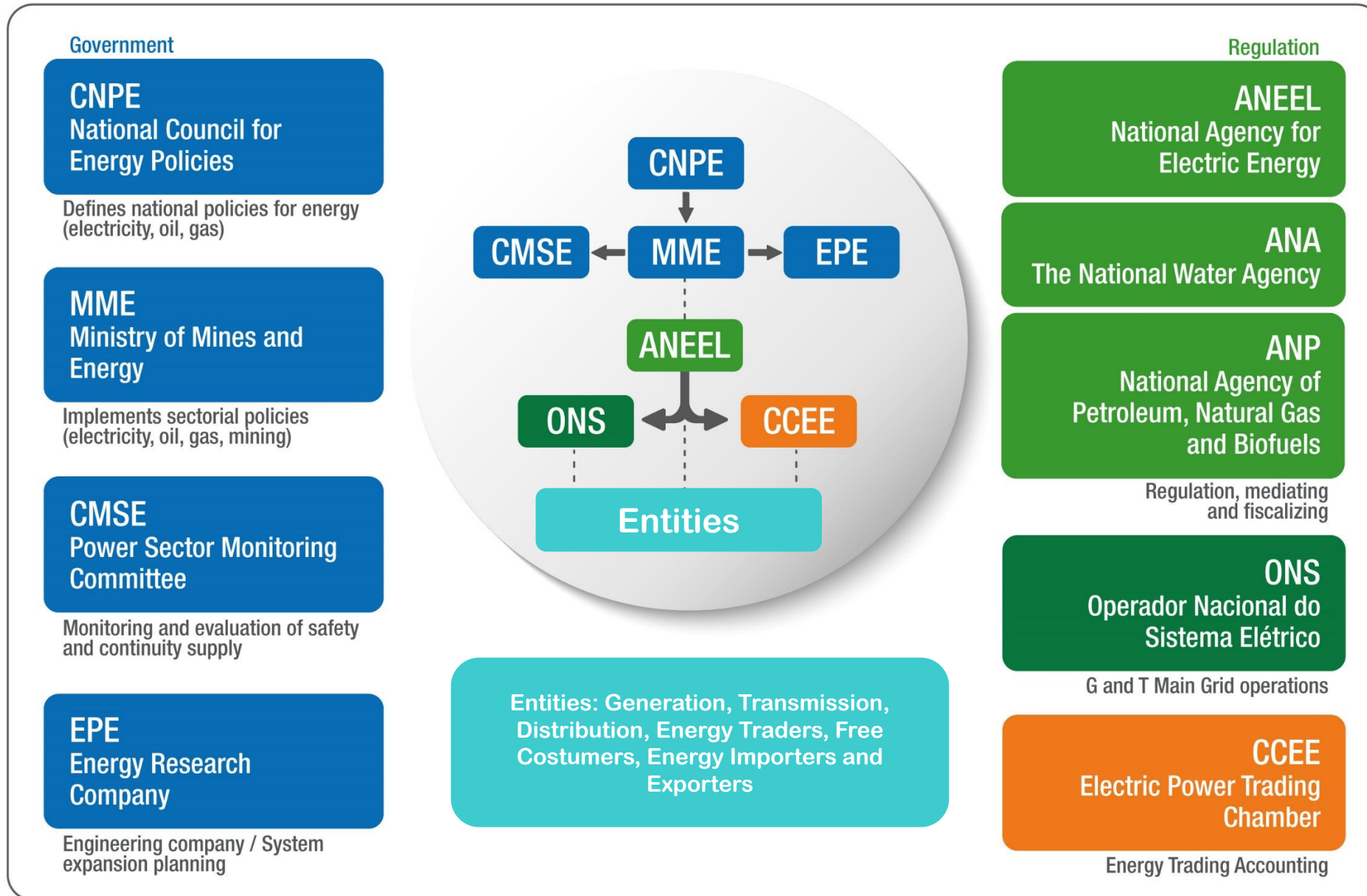
The centralized coordinated operation of BIPS guarantees the safety of supply, at minimum cost.

Mission

To guarantee the supply of electricity in the country, with quality and balance between safety and global cost of operation.

Legal Basis: Article 16 of Law 9648/98 (as reviewed by Law 10848/04), regulated by Decree nº 5081/04.

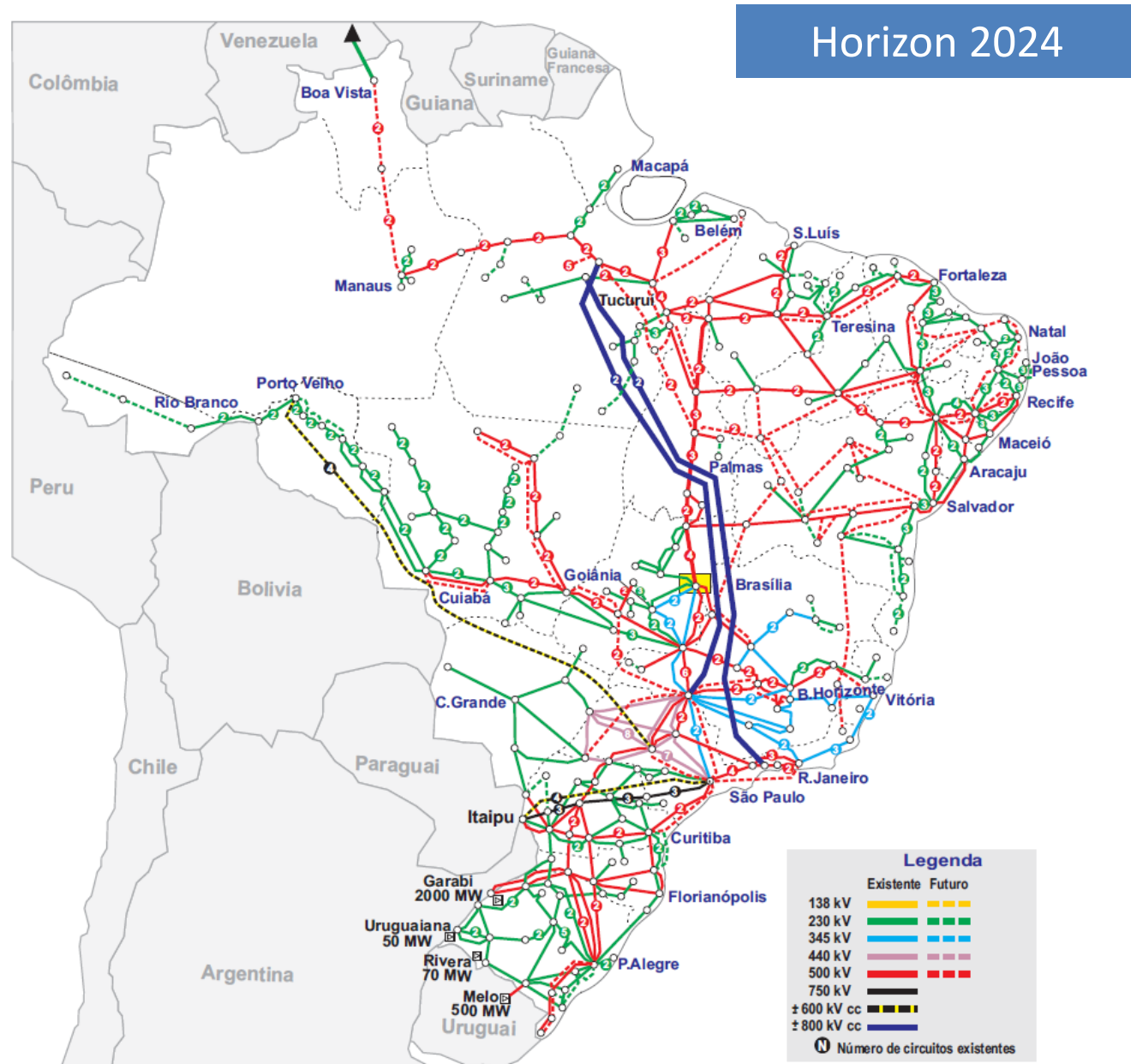
The Brazilian Electricity Sector



ONS's Resources and Installations



The Brazilian Interconnected Power System (BIPS)

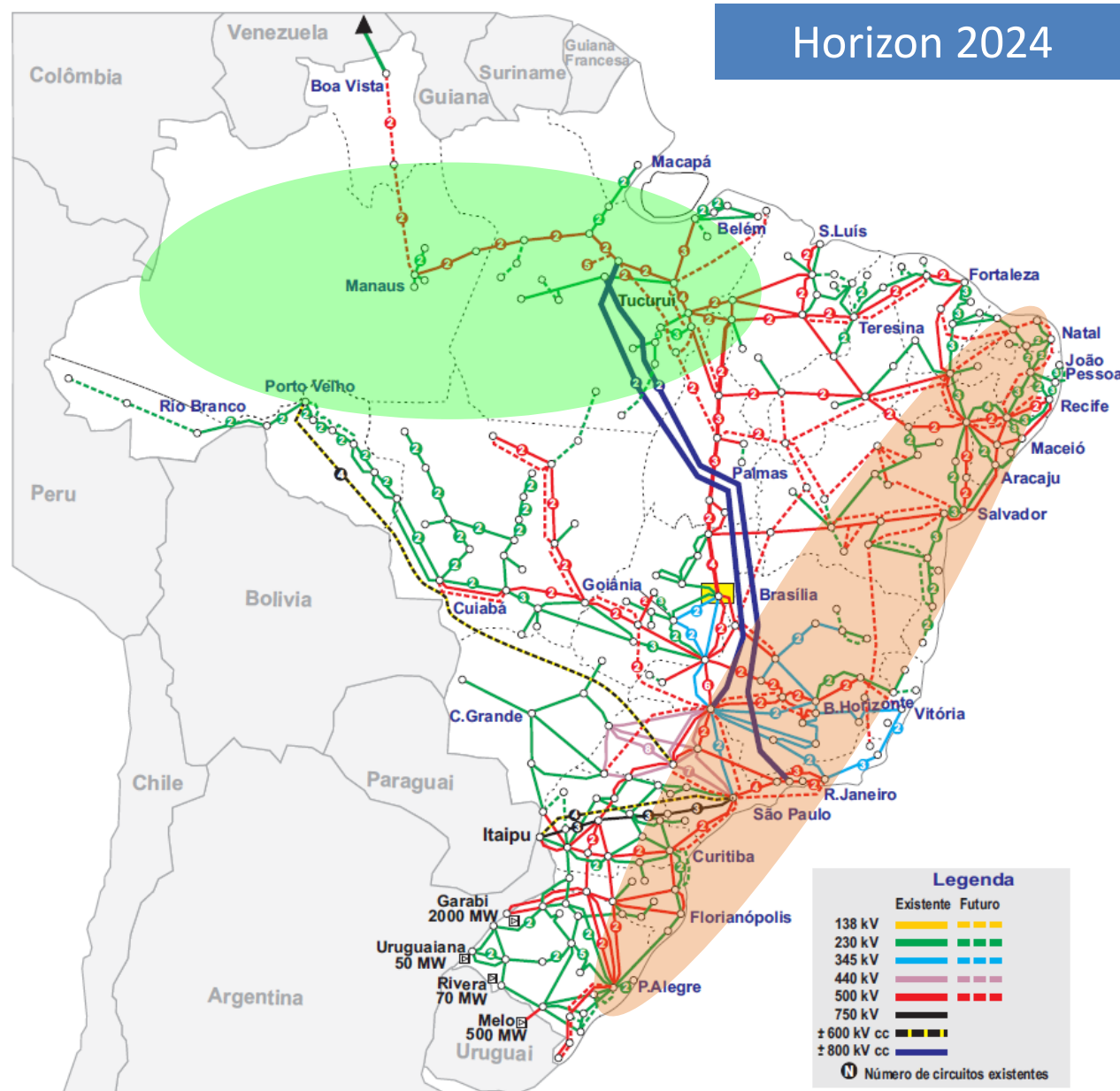


- Brazil – 26 federation states + FD
- BIPS is one of the world's largest synchronous networks
- Complex Hydro-Thermal-Renewable generation grid
- BIPS expands at voltages of 500 kVac and 800 kVdc
- One ISO only → ONS

8.5 million km²



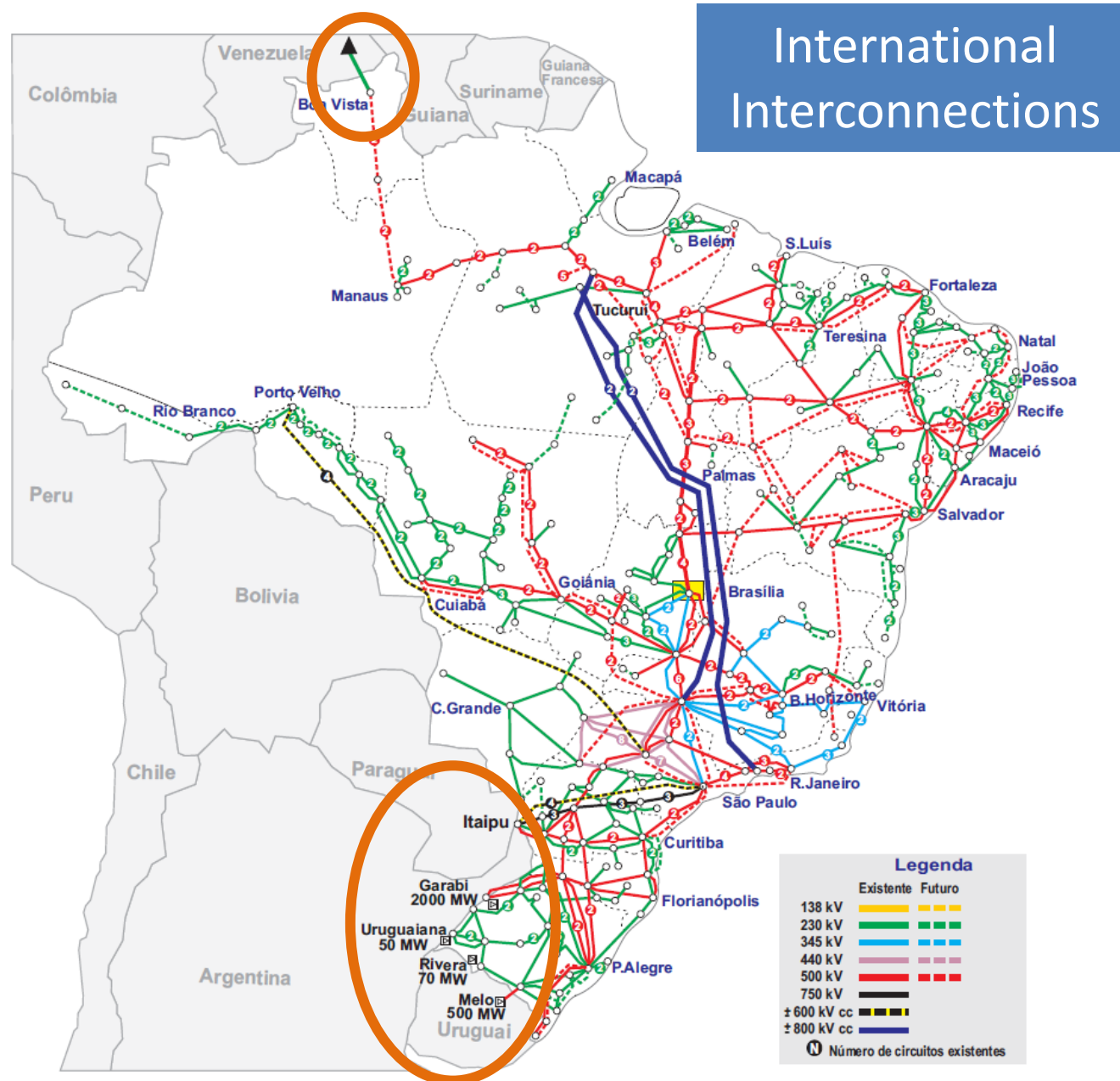
The Brazilian Interconnected Power System (BIPS) - Continued



BIPS encompasses:

- ~172.2 GW – generation installed capacity
- Multi-owned transmission system: > 133 T entities dealing with 145,600 km of lines at 230 kV and above (18,748 km of DC lines)
- Hydro power is predominant - 63.9%
- **Main load centers are on the coast**
- **New hydropower plants are far from load centers i.e., located in Northern Region**
- Operating at 60 Hz, while several southern neighboring countries at 50 Hz
- Suitable for HVDC projects & FACTS controllers
- Synchrophasor Measurement System deployed with capacity for 1000 PMUs/6000 phasors at 60 fps. It's currently running with 300 PMUs.

The Brazilian Interconnected Power System (BIPS)



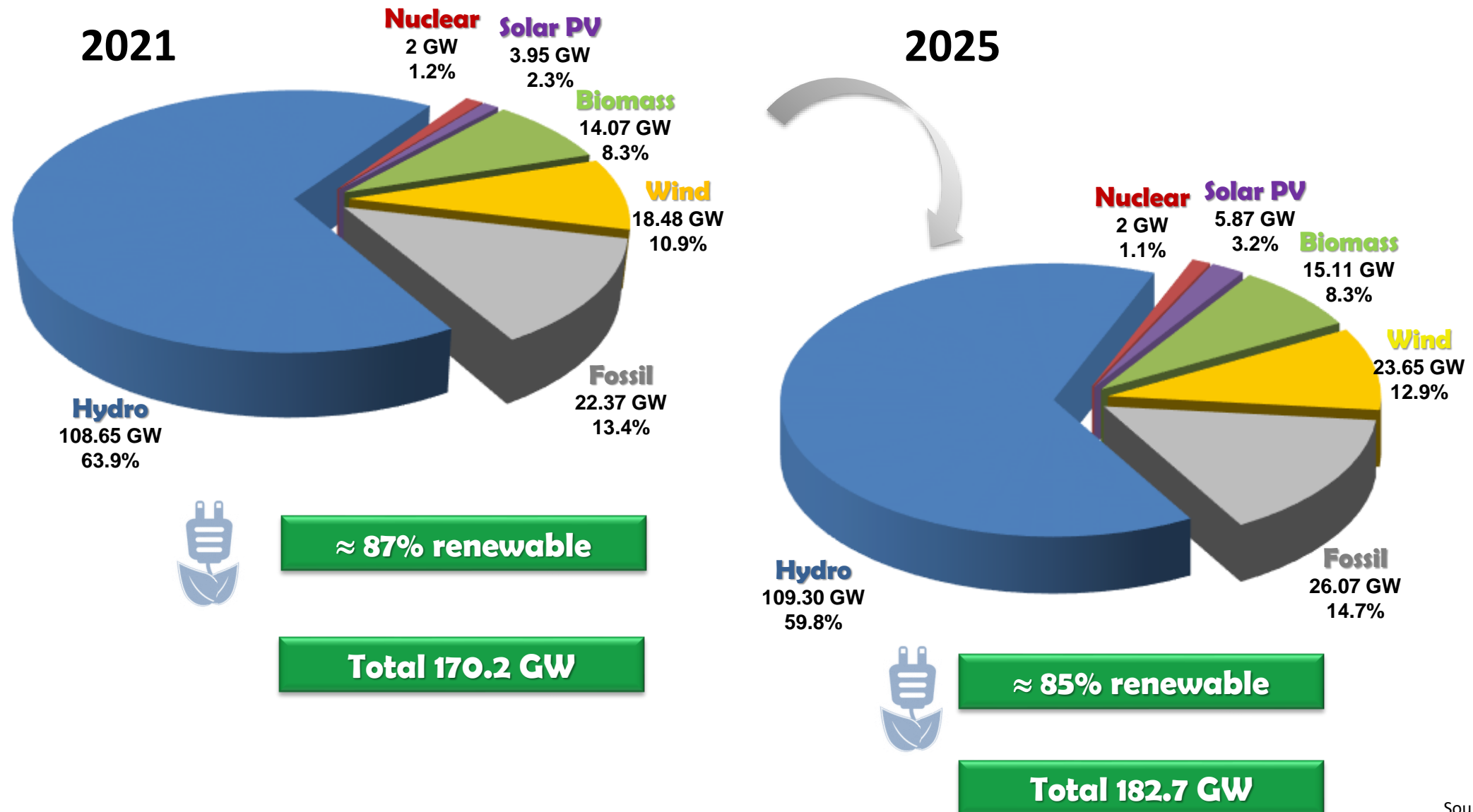
- BIPS interconnects asynchronously via HVDC systems to:
 - Paraguay – Itaipu @ 50 Hz
 - Argentina: 2 BtB-CCC – 2@1100 MW; Uruguaiana BtB @ 50 MW,
 - Uruguay - Rivera BtB @70 MW, Melo* BtB @ 500 MW
- BIPS (Boa Vista isolated system) has an AC tie with Venezuela via an asynchronous line - currently out of operation.
- Planning 800 kV from Graça Aranha to Sylvania (close to Brasilia) - 2027

The Brazilian Interconnected Power System (BIPS)



- SVCs installed on 230, 345, 440 and 500 kV networks
- A fleet of SVCs > 40 units
- 454 hydropower plants -> 1200 generators (> 30 MW)
- Many Switchable/fixed Shunt Reactors/Capacitors are in operation
- Many AC lines are series compensated by FSCs

Brazilian Generation Installed Capacity



Source: ONS

BIPS – Transmission Lines

800 kV DC	2020 9.204 km	2025 9.204 km
750 kV	2020 1.722 km	2025 1.722 km
600 kV DC	2020 9.544 km	2025 9.544 km
500 kV	2020 53.214 km	2025 76.220 km
440 kV	2020 6.911 km	2025 7.130 km
345 kV	2020 9.551 km	2025 11.131 km
230 kV	2020 55.454 km	2025 69.103 km
TOTAL	145.600 km	184.054 km

Itaipu Hydro Power Plant – Binational Generation Company (Brazil & Paraguay)



Itaipu HPP (Itaipu Binacional) is the world's second-largest operational hydroelectric **power plant** in terms of installed **power (14 GW – 10 Gen. @60Hz + 10 Gen. @50Hz generators)**.

It was put in operation in 1984

It cost US\$ 17.6 billion (2016)

1984 – 1992 → 2 to 18 generators @ 700 MW
2006-2007 → 19 to 20 generators @ 700 MW

It supplies approx. 11% of energy consumed in Brazil and 89% in Paraguay.



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Belo Monte Hydro Power Plant – main features



- The second largest HPP (1st totally located) in Brazil and the fourth largest in the world by installed capacity
- Installed capacity – 18 generators @ 611 MW = 11,000 MW
- Auctioned in 2010, started in 2016, and accomplished in 2019 (18th generator)
- It pushes power through the 800 kV HVDC Bipoles toward Southeastern Brazil
- It cost about US\$ 18.5 billion (estimate)

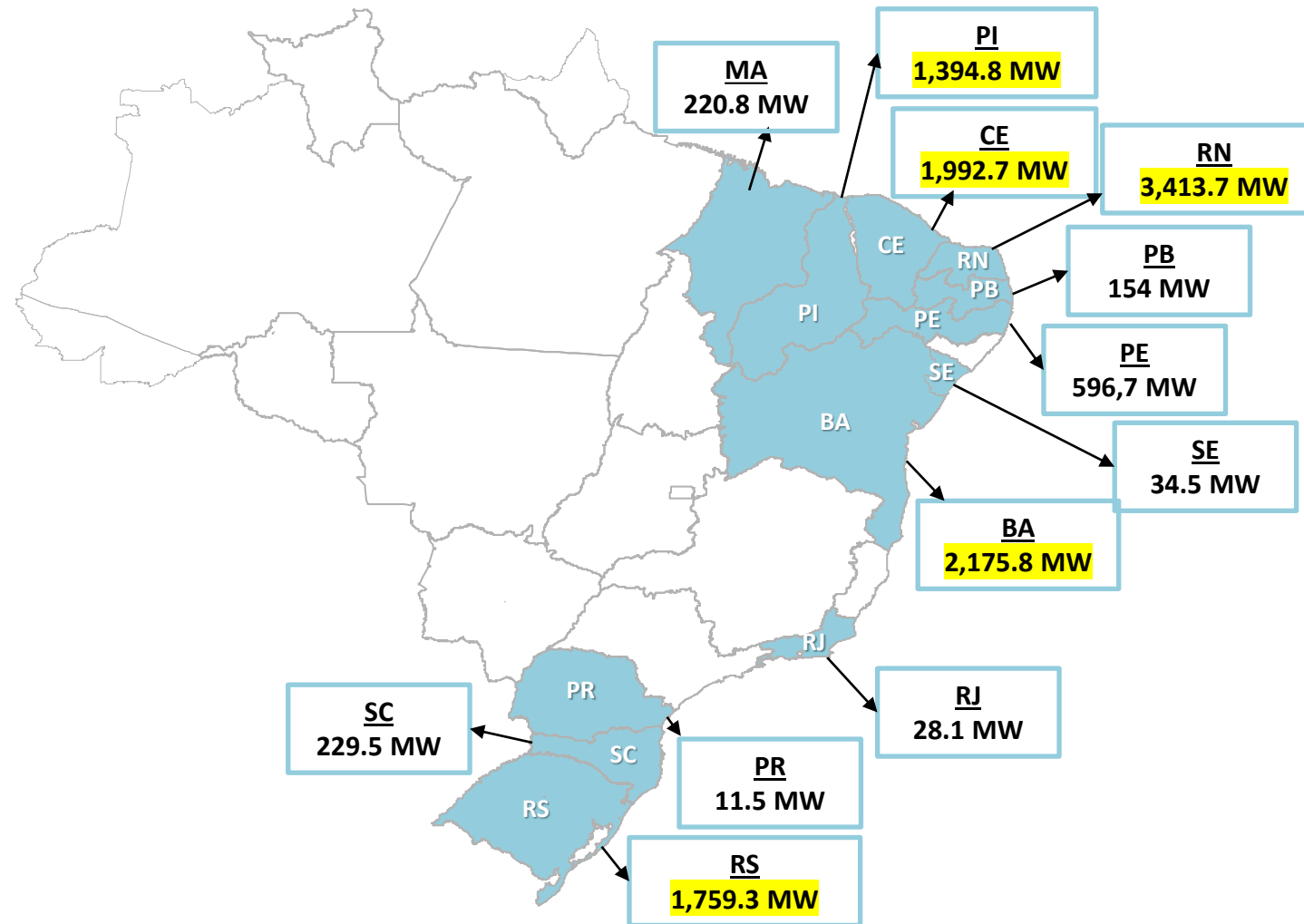


Evolution of Wind Power Capacity in Brazil – 2018 to 2023

Installed
Capacity at the
end of 2018
14 GW



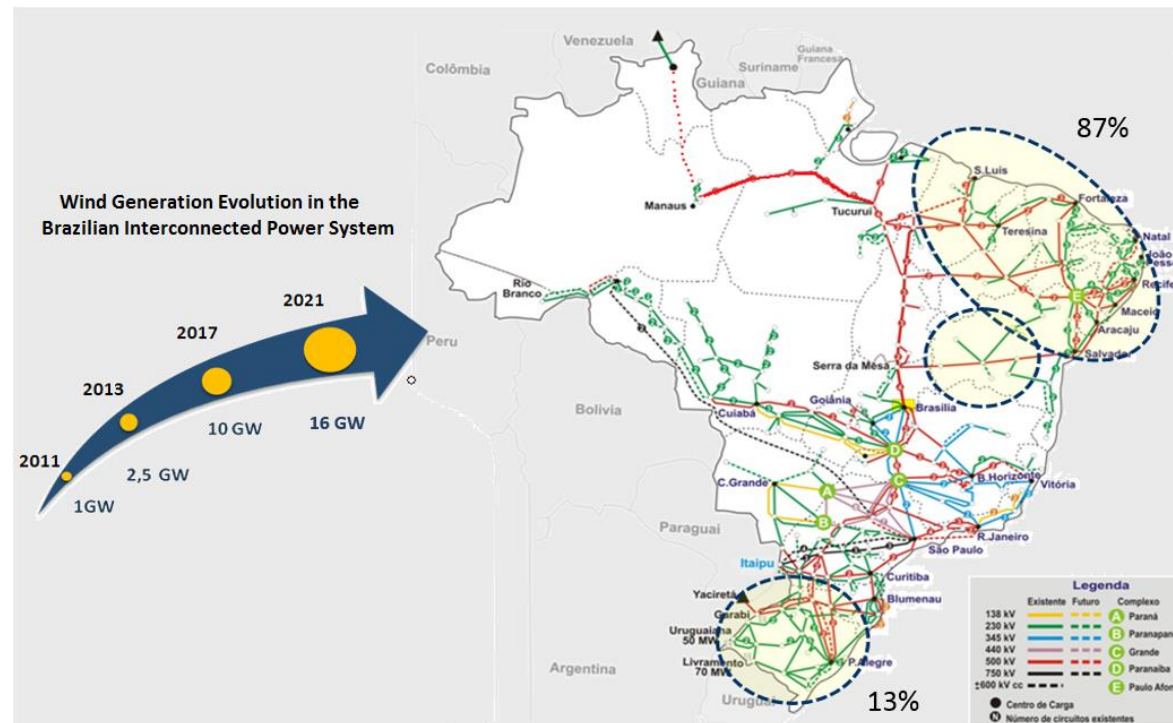
Installed
Capacity at the
end of 2023
17 GW



Source: CCEE May/19

Evolution of Wind Power Capacity in Brazil – 2018 to 2023

Brazil has been experiencing a fast growth of wind generation, mainly concentrated in its Northeastern and Southern regions, that has led the country to the 9th place in the world's ranking of Wind generation installed capacity



Country	MW	% Share
PR China*	168,690	34.7
USA	82,184	16.9
Germany	50,018	10.3
India	28,700	5.9
Spain	23,074	4.7
United Kingdom	14,543	3.0
France	12,066	2.5
Canada	11,900	2.4
Brazil**	10,740	2.2
Italy	9,257	1.9
Rest of the world	75,577	15.5
Total TOP 10	411,172	84
World Total	486,749	100

(2018)

Source: GWEC

Source: CCEE May/19

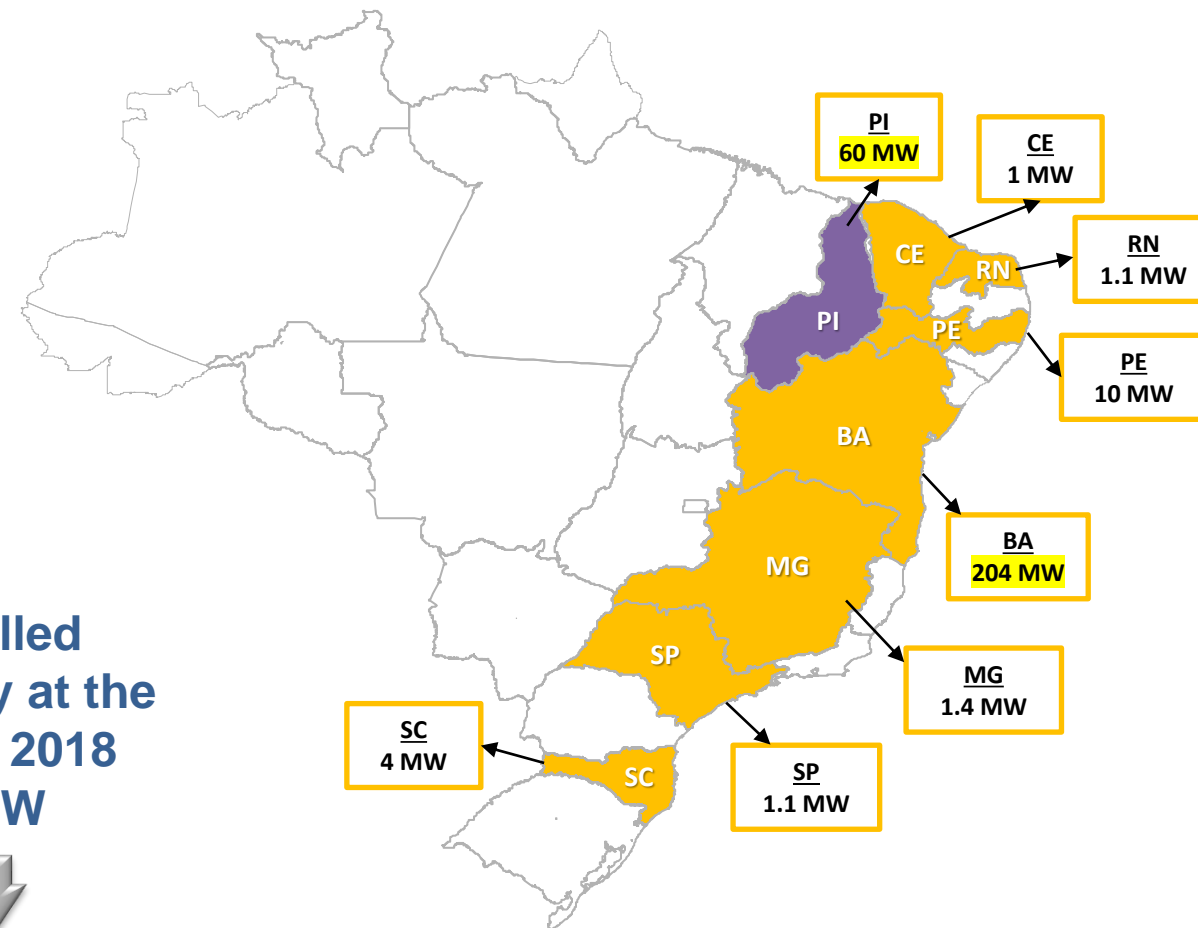
Evolution of Solar PV Capacity in Brazil – 2018 to 2023



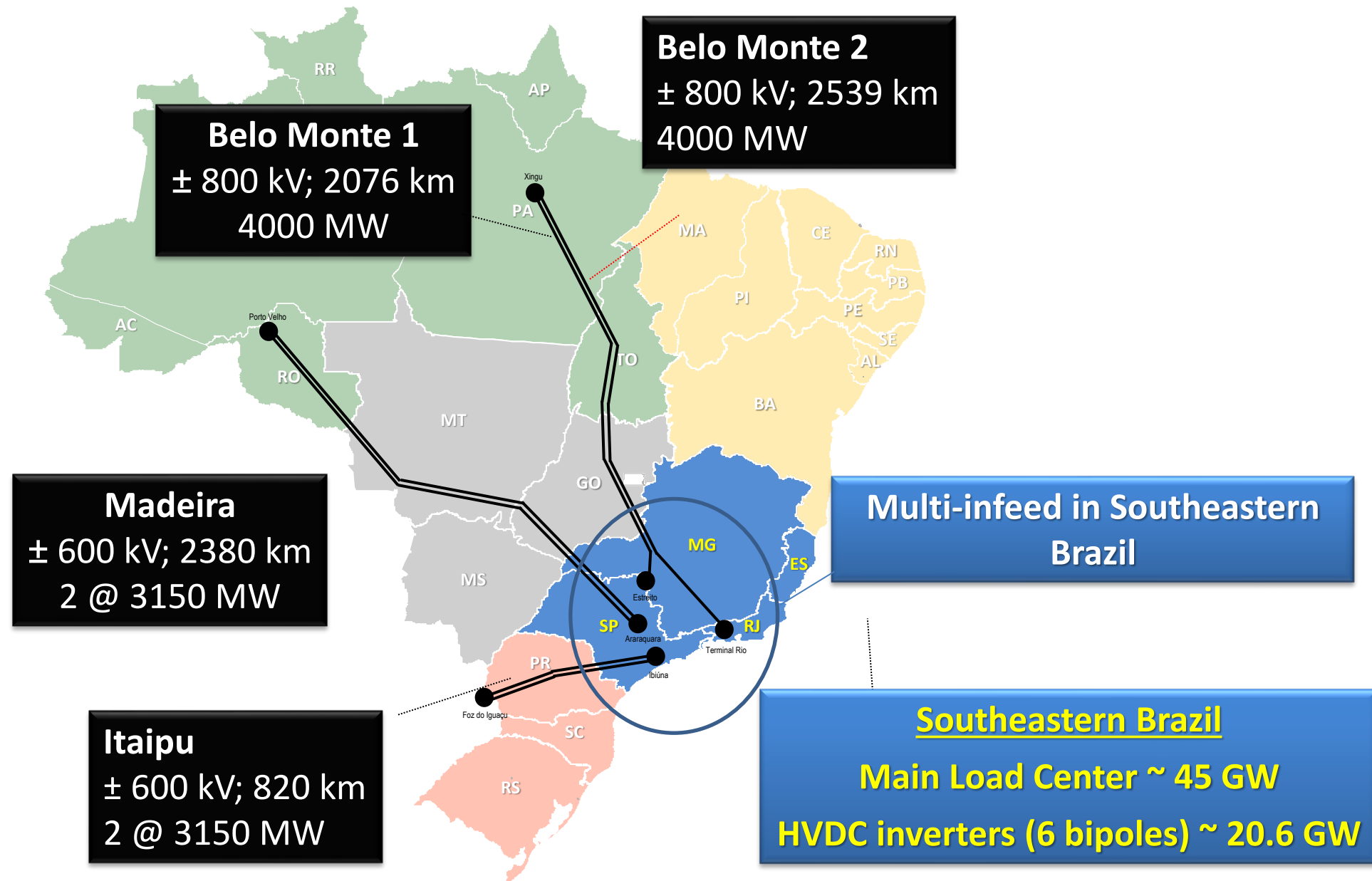
**Installed
Capacity at the
end of 2018
2 GW**



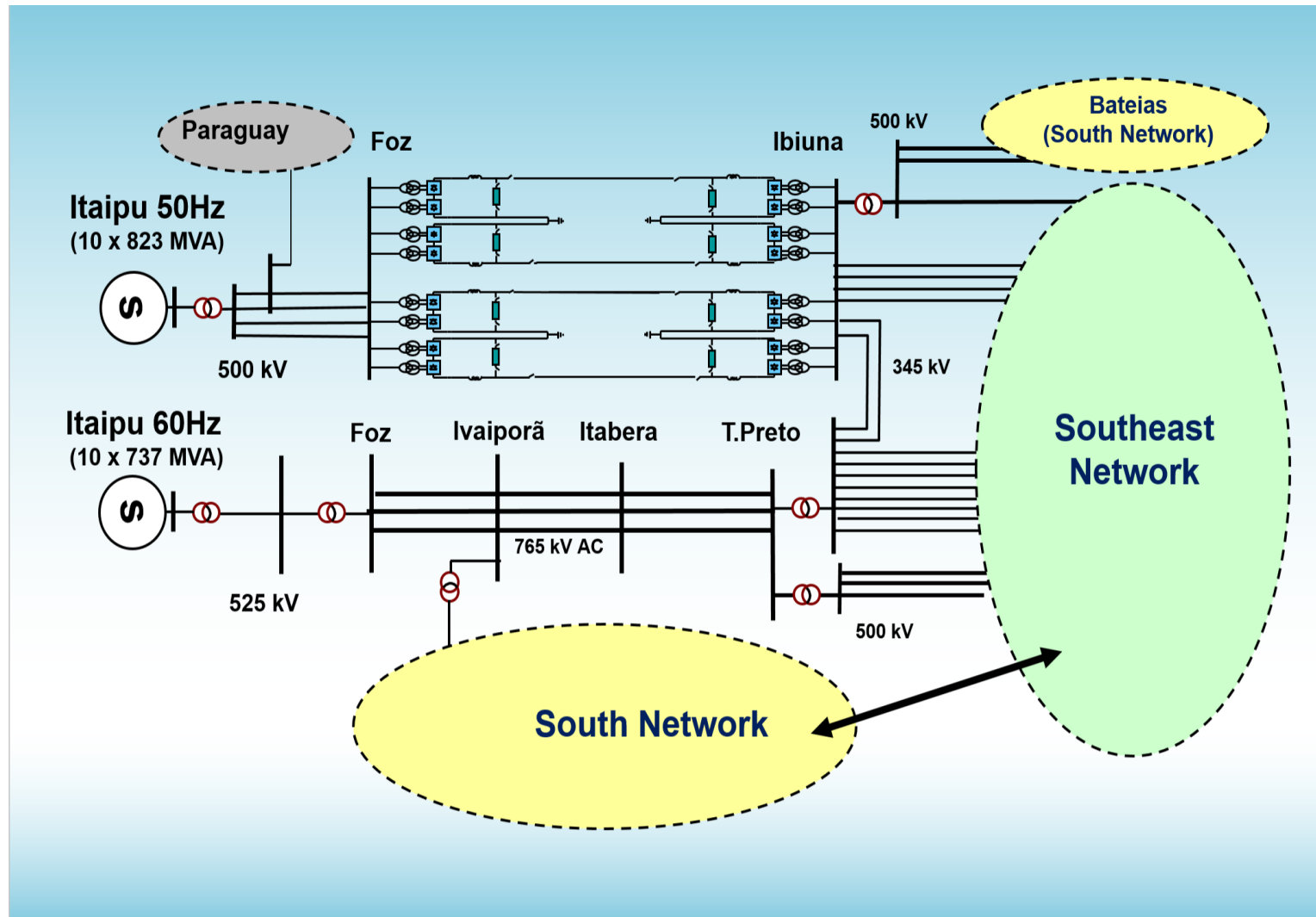
**Installed
Capacity at the
end of 2023
4 GW**



HVDC Transmission in Brazil



Itaipu Project – Challenges to the first Brazilian HVDC Link



- Binational Generation Project (Brazil & Paraguay)
- The largest hydropower plant at that time (1980s)
- The largest DC voltage level at that time (± 600 kV)
- Two Bipoles rated at 3,150 MW each
- 750 kV AC system in parallel, which was uncommon at that time
- Refurbishment to be accomplished soon

Source: Workshop on performance & design requirements of HVDC links, CE-B4 Cigre-Brasil, 2011 (Furnas' presentation)

Itaipu Project – 765 kV AC Lines vs. Two ± 600 kV HVDC Bipole Lines - Furnas



Three AC 765 kV Lines - 6300 MW
Foz do Iguaçu Substation

Two DC ± 600 kV Bipoles - 6300 MW
Foz do Iguaçu Substation



Itaipu Project – Challenges to the first Brazilian HVDC Link



Foz do Iguaçu Converter Station



Ibiúna Converter Station

Source: Workshop on performance & design requirements of HVDC links, CE-B4 Cigre-Brasil, 2011 (Furnas' presentation)

Madeira River HVDC Project

Generation Auction:

Santo Antonio Hydropower plant

→ 50@82.25MVA = 4141 MVA

Jirau Hydropower plant

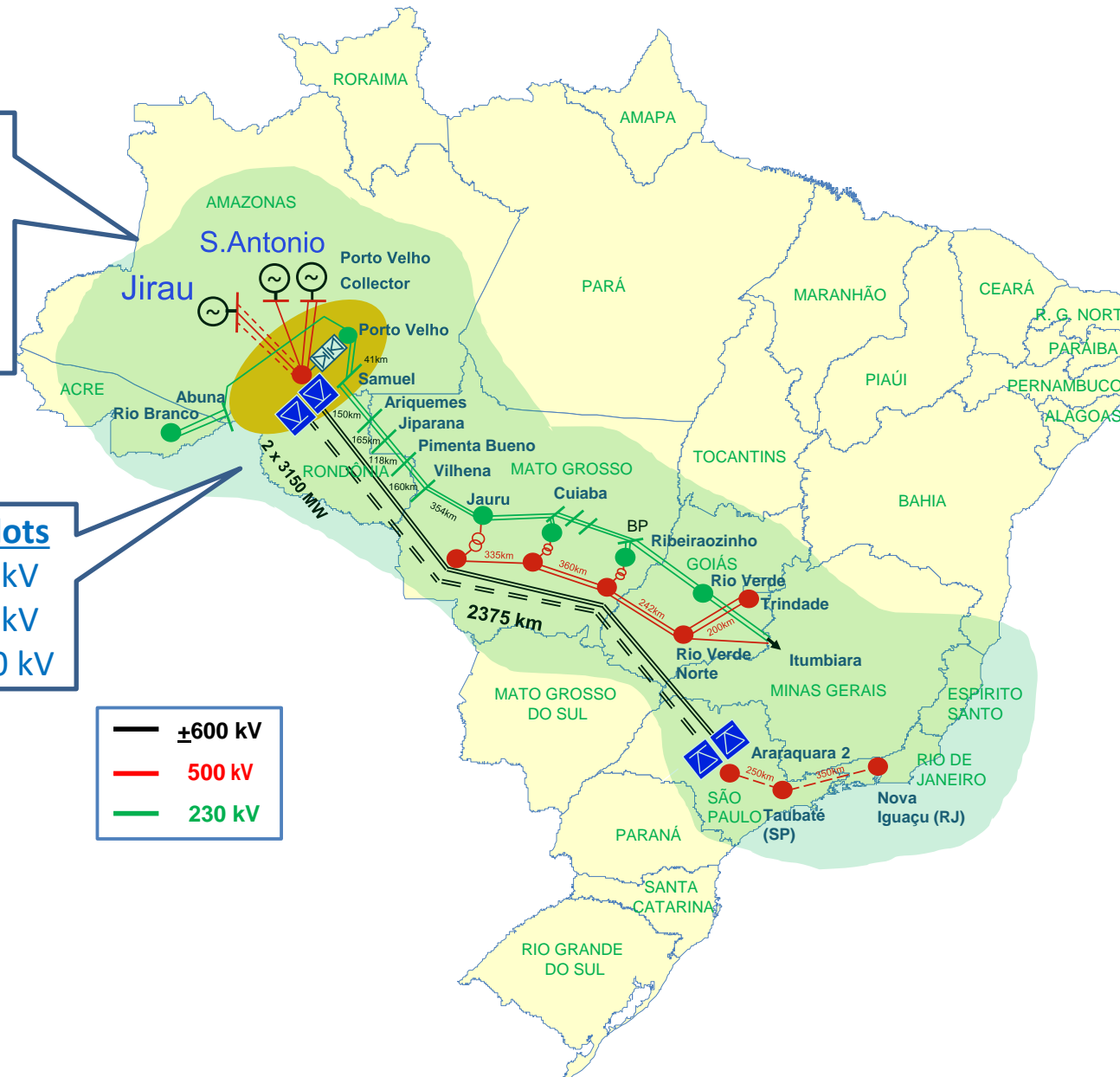
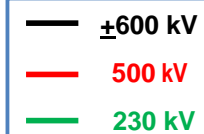
→ 50@83.33MVA = 4166 MVA

Transmission auction – 7 lots

Bipole 1: 3150 MW, ±600 kV

Bipole 2: 3150 MW, ±600 kV

BtB : 2@400 MW, 500/230 kV



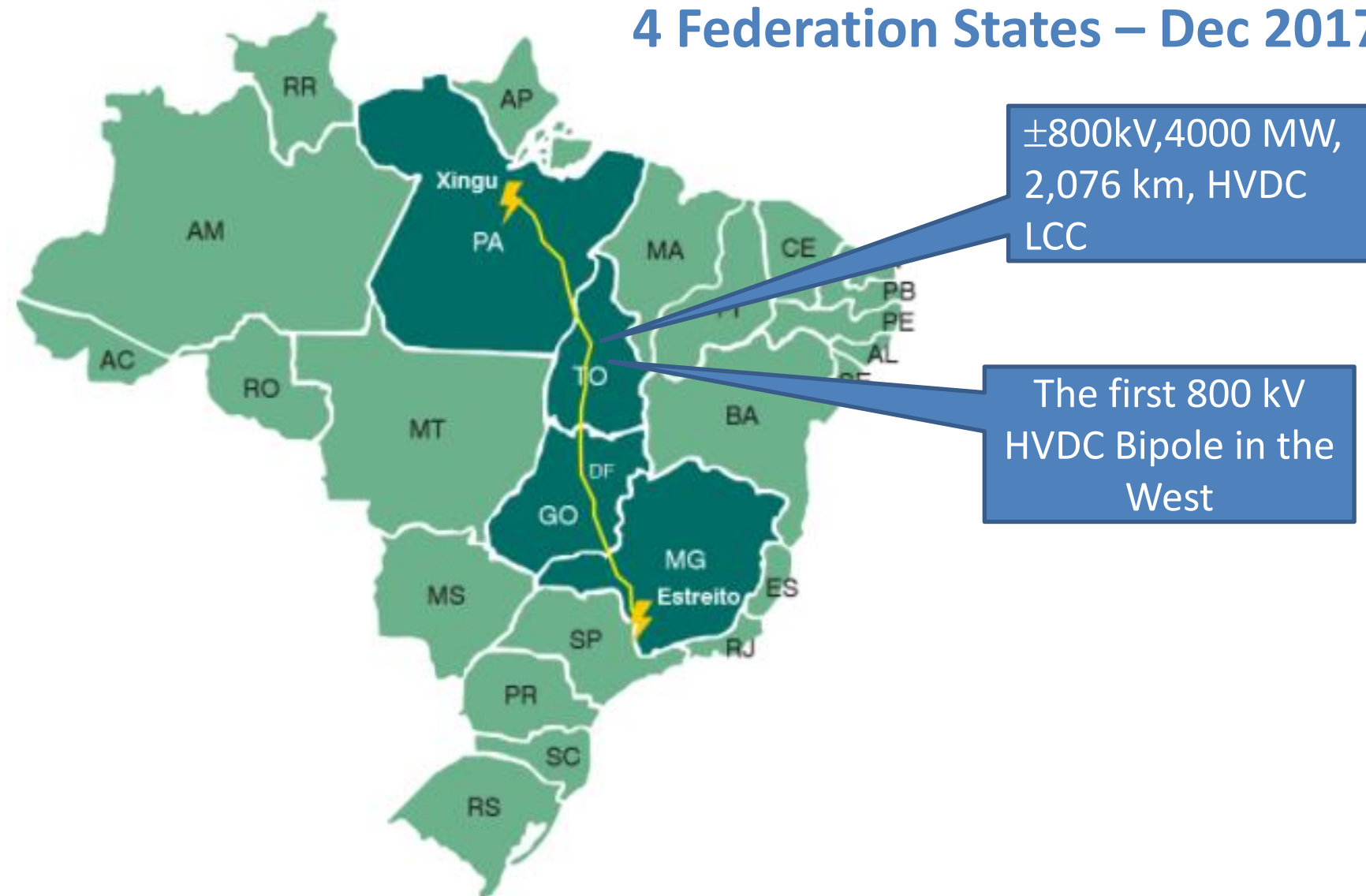
Operation

BtB – 2012

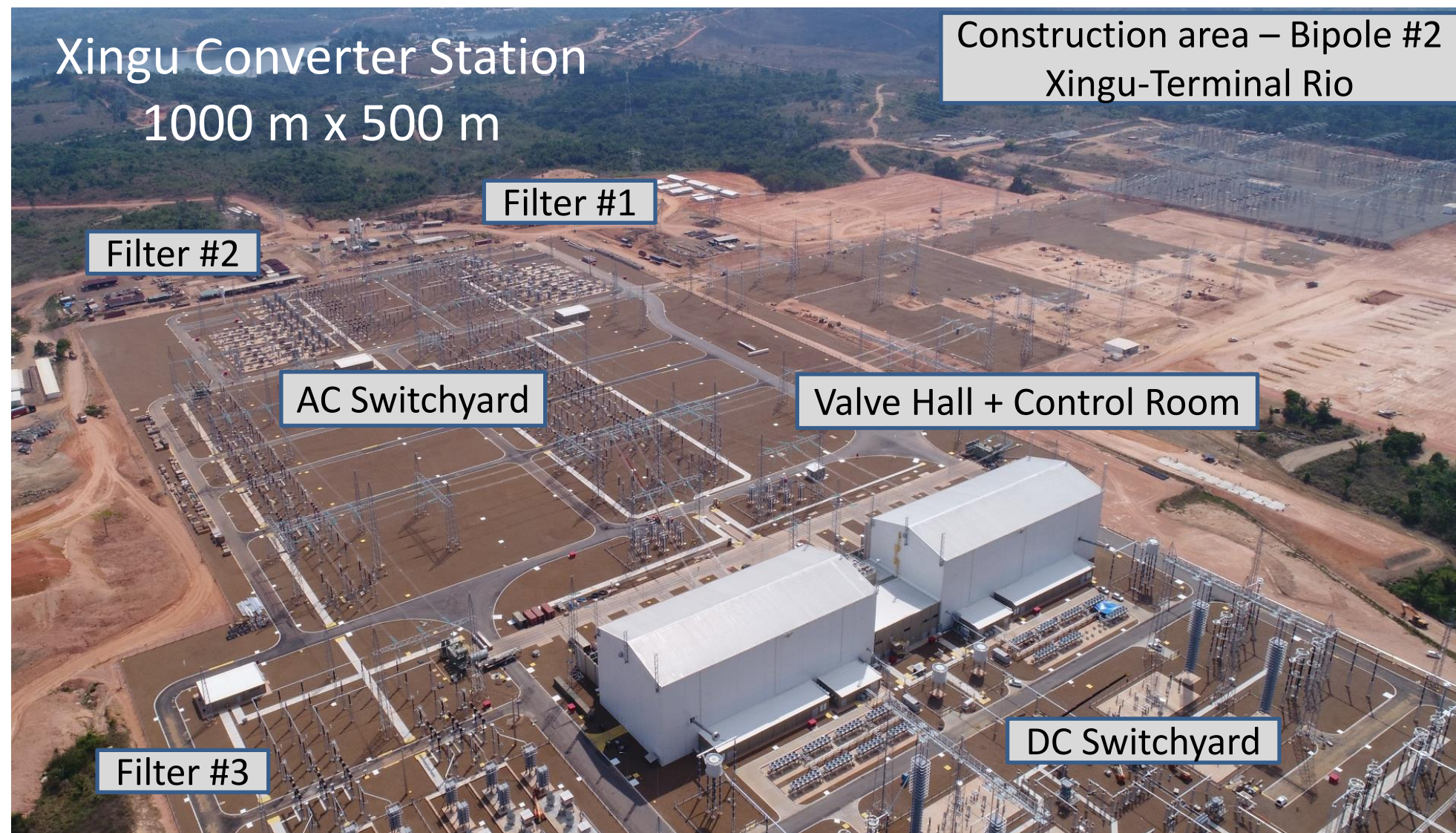
Bipole #1 – 2013

Bipole #2 – 2015

The First Brazilian, ± 800 kV HVDC Link - DC Line passing through 4 Federation States – Dec 2017

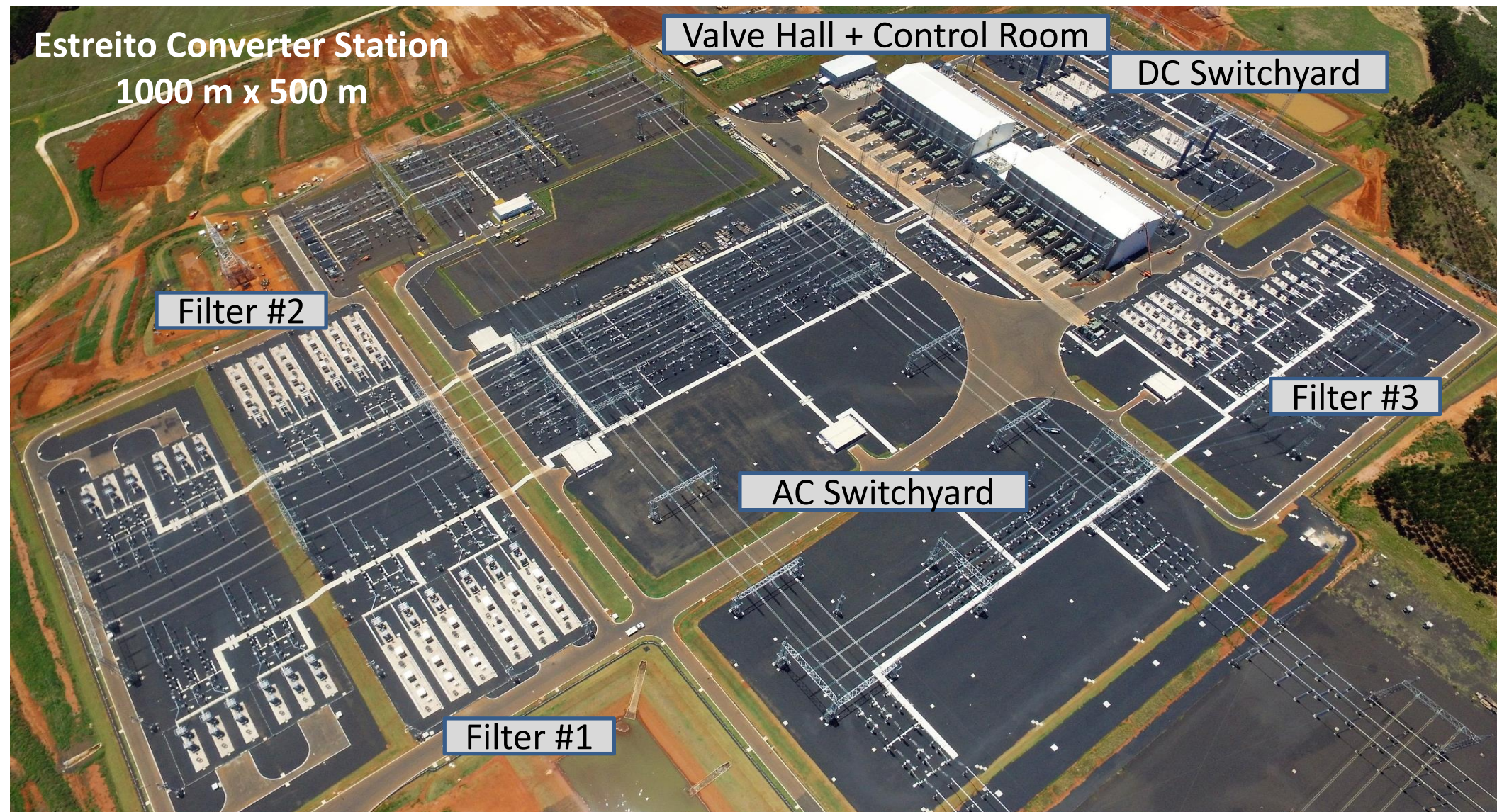


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± 800 kV, 4000 MW Xingu-Estreito Bipole – Estreito C/S



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GROUND ELECTRODES

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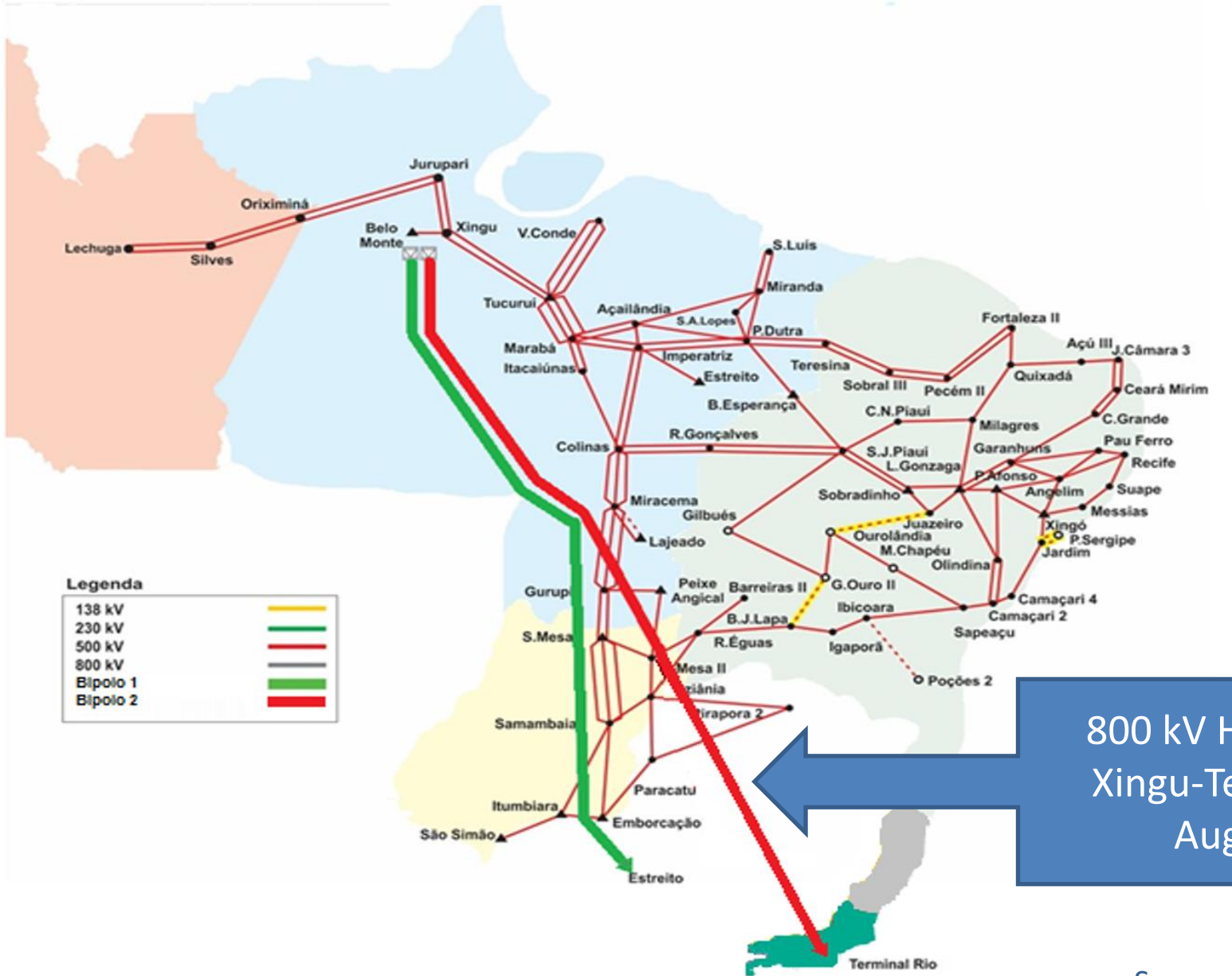


XINGU



Source: BMTE

The Second Brazilian ± 800 kV, 4000 MW Xingu-Terminal Rio Bipole



800 kV HVDC Bipole
Xingu-Terminal Rio,
Aug. 2019

Source: XRTE

± 800 kV, 4000 MW Xingu-Terminal Rio Bipole



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± 800 kV, 4000 MW Xingu-Terminal Rio Bipole

Xingu C/S – Aerial Overview



Xingu C/S

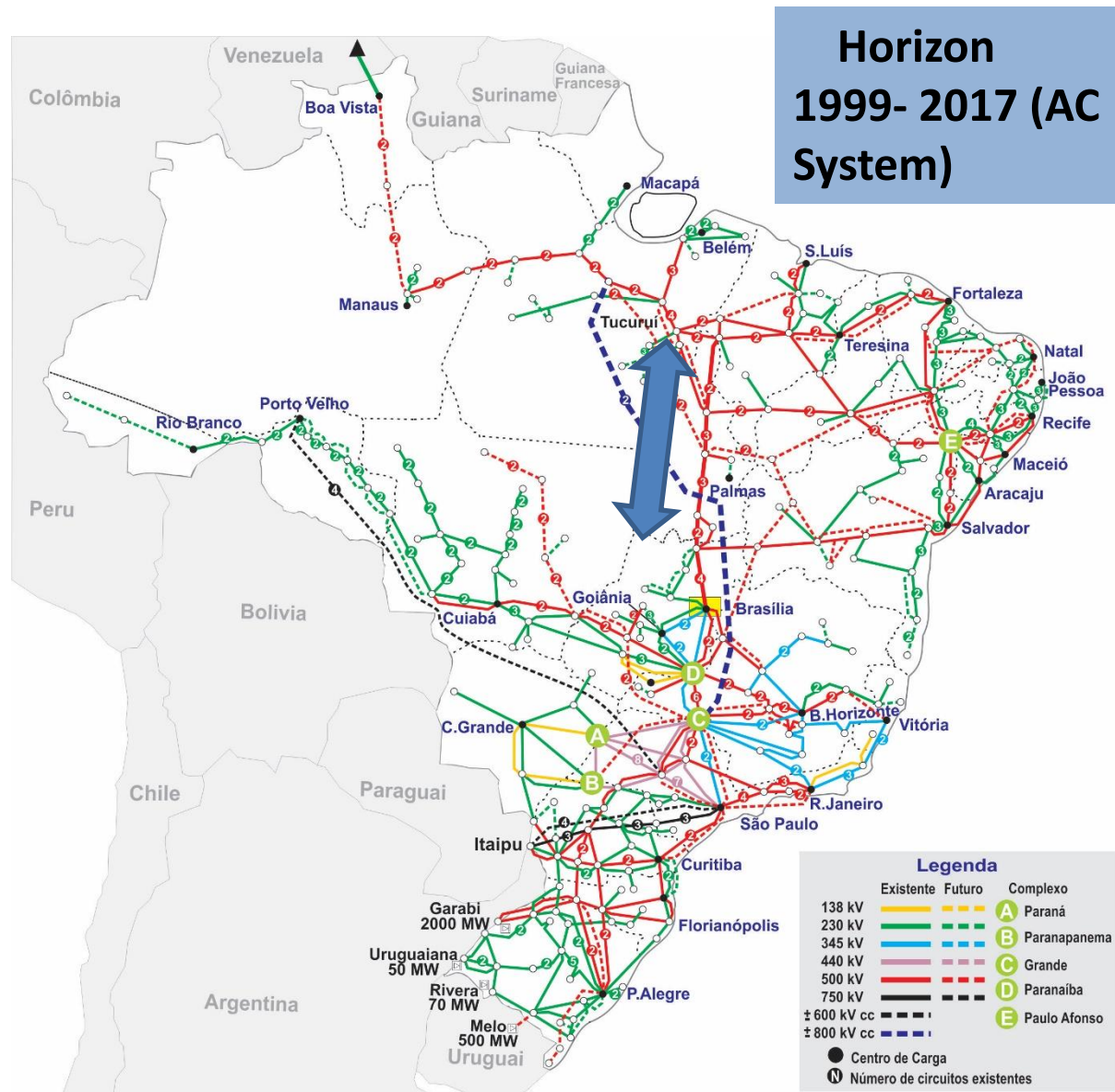
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± 800 kV, 4000 MW Xingu-Terminal Rio Bipole



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Interarea oscillation mode - BRAZILIAN NORTH-SOUTH INTERCONNECTION (BNSI) – 500kV, 1020 km

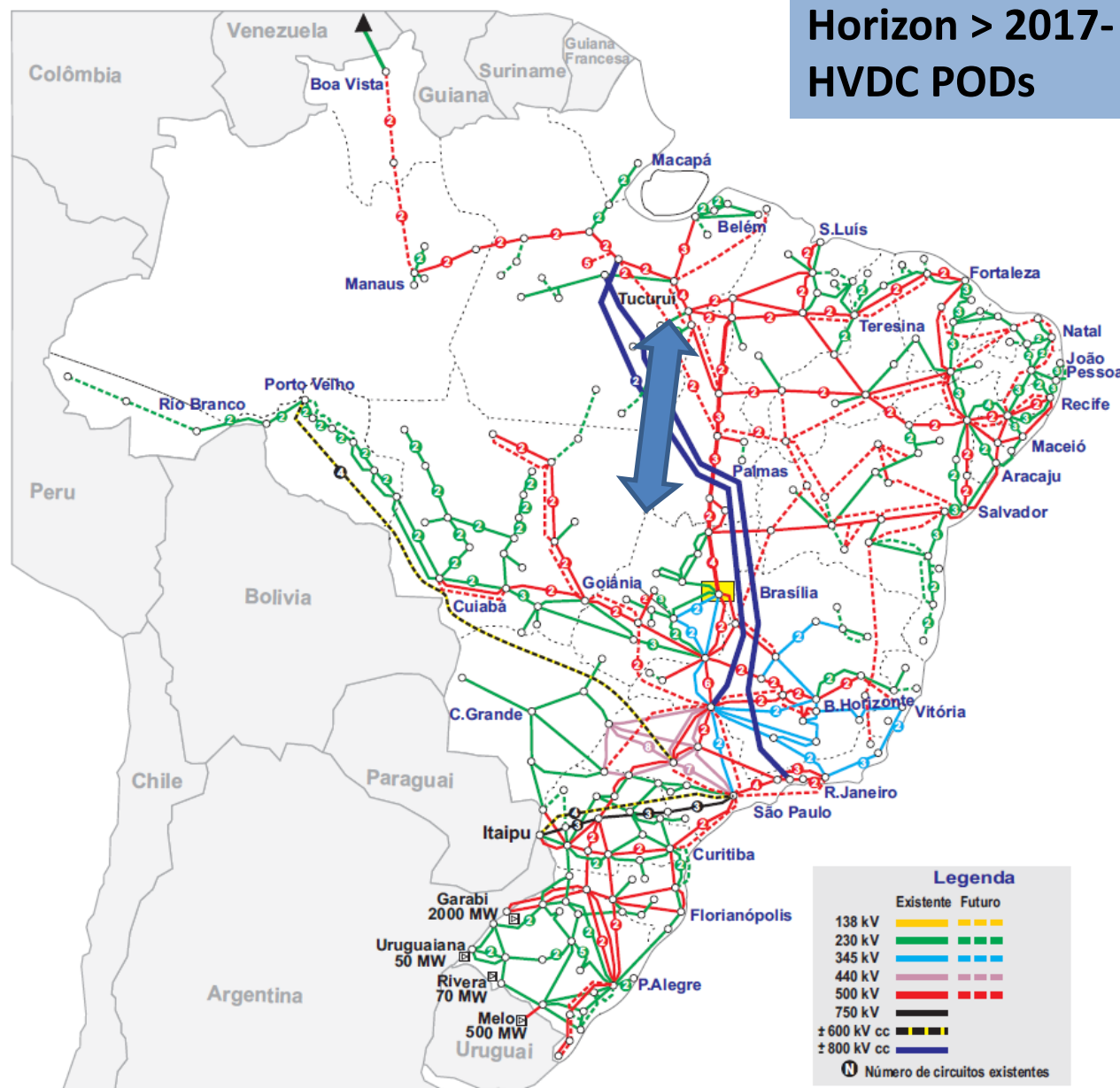


- Equipped with 2-4 TCSCs → damp interarea mode
- 1020 km long, 1-3 ckts , 500 kV
- Series compensated lines

1999	$f_{IA} = 0.17-0.22 \text{ Hz (1CKT)}$
2003	$f_{IA} = 0.3-0.35 \text{ Hz (2 CKTs)}$
2009	$f_{IA} = 0.40-0.45 \text{ Hz (3 CKTs)}$

Interarea mode - BRAZILIAN NORTH-SOUTH INTERCONNECTION (BNSI) – 500kV, 1020 km

Horizon > 2017-
HVDC PODs



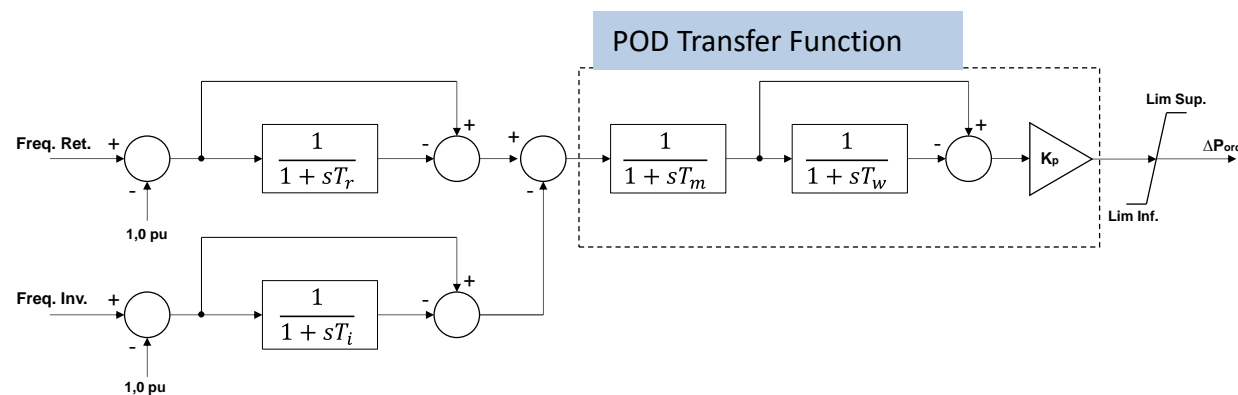
- POD on Bipole 1 (2017)
- POD on both Bipoles 1 and 2 (2019)

>2009 $f_{IA} = 0.35-0.45$ Hz (3 CKTs)

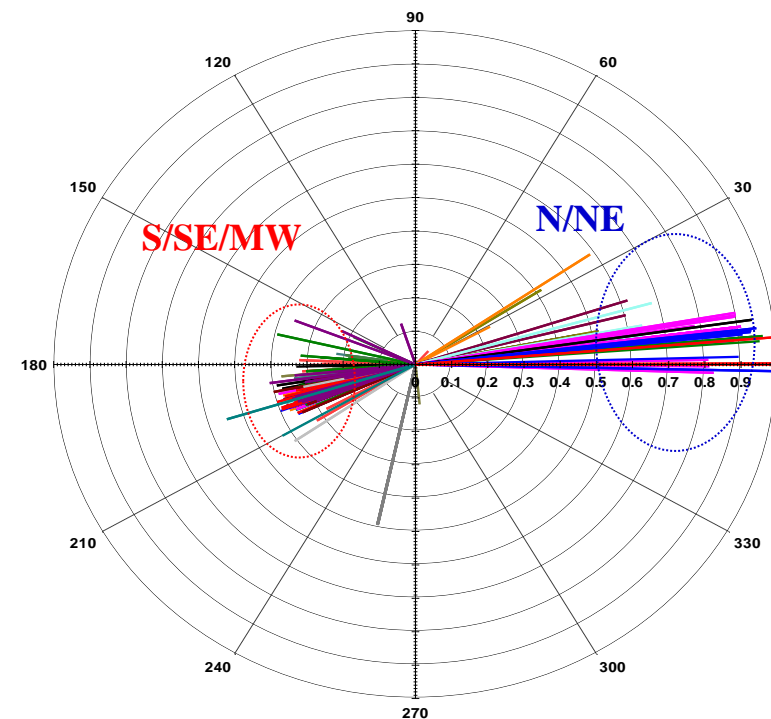
±800 kV, 4000 MW Xingu-Estreito /Xingu-Terminal Rio Bipoles

POD – Power Oscillation Damping

- **North-South:** electromechanical mode (0.4 Hz – 0.45 Hz), depending on configuration and inertia synchronized.
- **Damping:** to be ensured by PSS of generators in North and Northeast areas and **TCSCs** in North/South terminals. **TCSCs are now retired.**
- **Xingu–Estreito/Xingu-T. Rio HVDC Bipoles:** provide additional damping
- **Stabilizing Signal** utilizes the electrical frequencies measured at rectifier and inverter.



**In operation in both 800 kV
Bipoles**



**Mode-shapes @ inter-area mode
N/NE vs S/SE/MW**

Thank you for your attention!

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