

More than 120 ago, Thomas Edison's DC lost "the war of the currents" against George Westinghouse's AC. But DC is far from dead. ABB's predecessor company, ASEA, debuted HVDC technology with the Gotland link in 1954 (photo on this page). Today ABB is the world's leading provider of HVDC systems (a modern yard is shown on the front

cover). HVDC's advantages include low losses over long distances as well as the possibility of underground or even undersea cables. But the absence of suitable breakers meant that, until now, only single lines were achievable rather than DC networks. In what is possibly the greatest innovation in decades, ABB has filled the gap.



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