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800 VDC is coming… are you ready?

145 kW	**Gen 1: NVIDIA GB300 NVL72 · today** 415 / 480 VAC + 48–54 V DC
230-330 kW	**Gen 2: NVIDIA Vera Rubin NVL72 · ramping into full production** 800 VDC pilots
570 kW	**Gen 3** 800 VDC required
1 MW	**Gen 4** 800 VDC required

The question is:

Are you building for future loads today, i.e., future-ready?

OR

Are you building for today's load and hoping you can retrofit later?

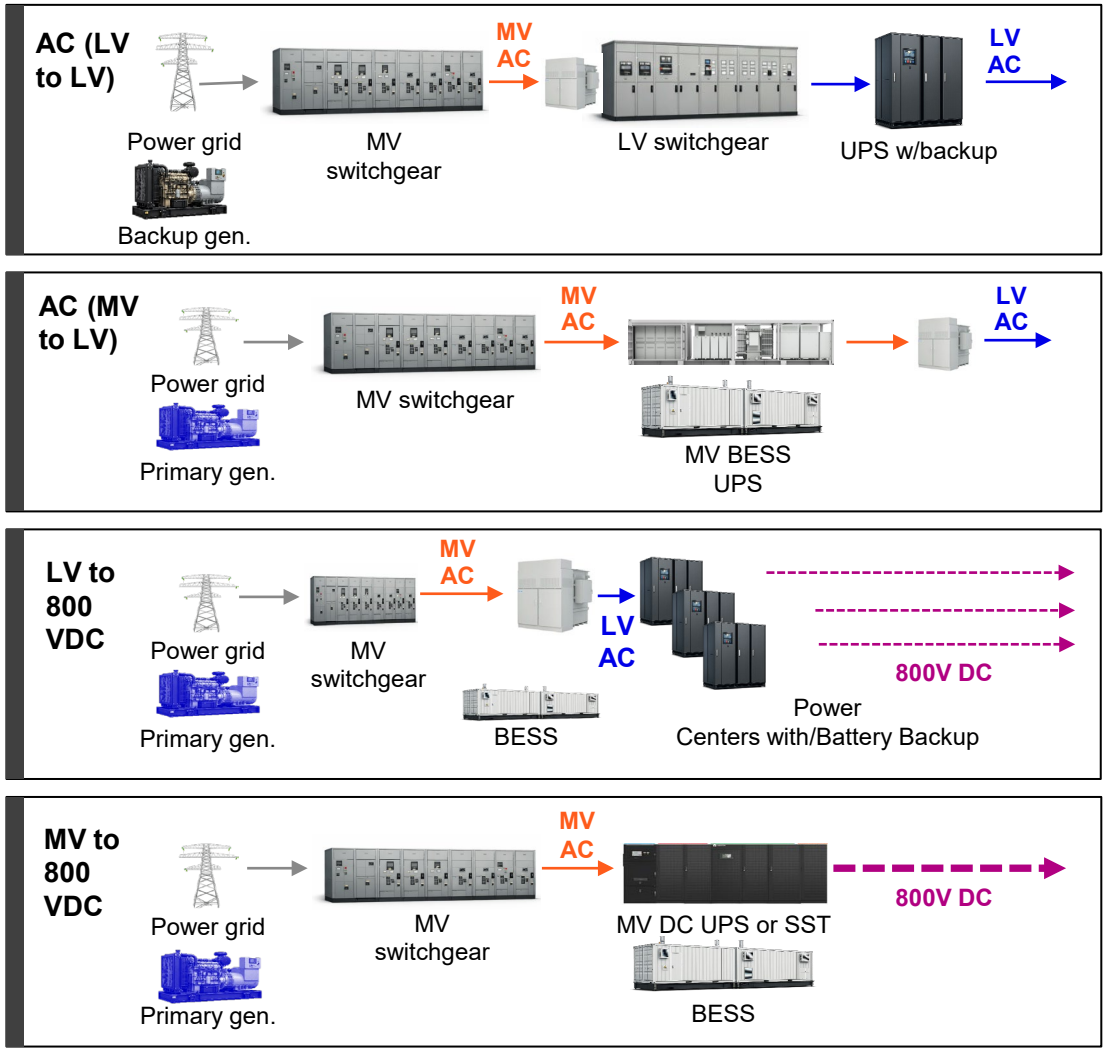
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Scaling AI Factories: 800 VDC Architecture, Development, and Deployment for High-Density Computing
NVIDIA Vera Rubin Ramps Into Full Production to Power Agentic AI Factories Worldwide

The aim should be to avoid disruptive rip and replace…while retaining flexibility.

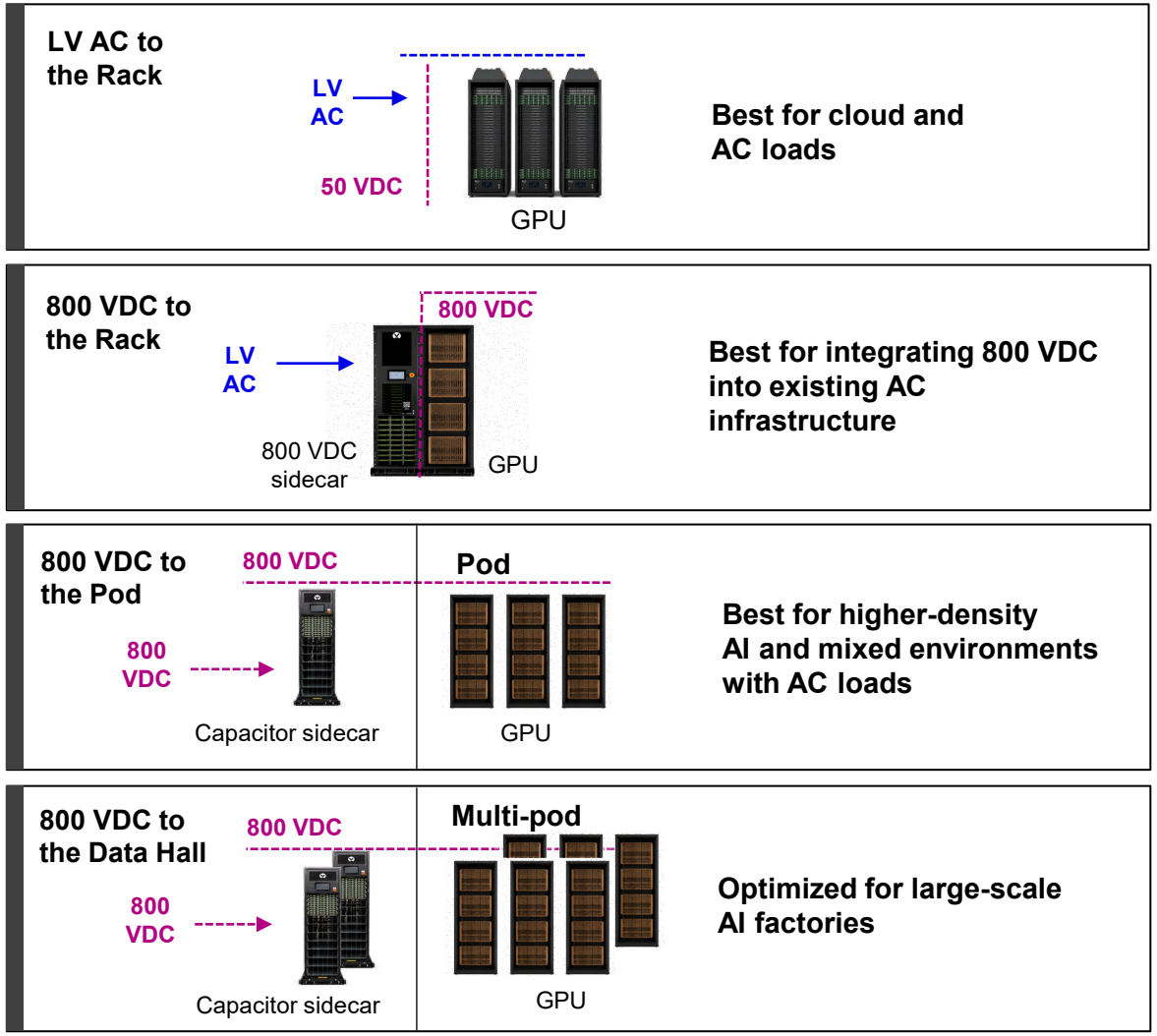
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Optionality versus future-readiness

Sources



Loads



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Two interfaces to focus on…

Fixed interfaces

Day-one design. Size for future densities on day one. Nearly irreversible. Change requires major retrofit.

1. Bulk power capacity, floor weight ratings
2. Feeder pathways to busway
3. Busway amps: Sized to support maximum pod or row capacity
4. Busway: Sized to support largest ampacity tap-cans needed for future loads

Flexible interfaces

Change devices or equipment without rip-and-replace. Future-ready by changing what connects at these points.

1. Add rectifier to a busway (AC to DC conversion)
2. Swap out a rack liquid manifold
3. Swap out a tap-can (circuit breaker)
4. Swap out rack input

Size your hard-to-change, fixed interfaces for the future load, and design in flexible interfaces

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How do you go about it?

1

First establish a credible planning envelope

- Rack densities
- Total pod power
- Cooling demand
- Growth plan

2

For existing building, assess capacities

- Transformers, UPSs, switchgear, feeders, busway
- Cooling
- Floor loading
- Pathways

3

For new builds, reserve space for future systems & their connection routes

- Power centers
- Distribution pathways
- Service clearances, etc

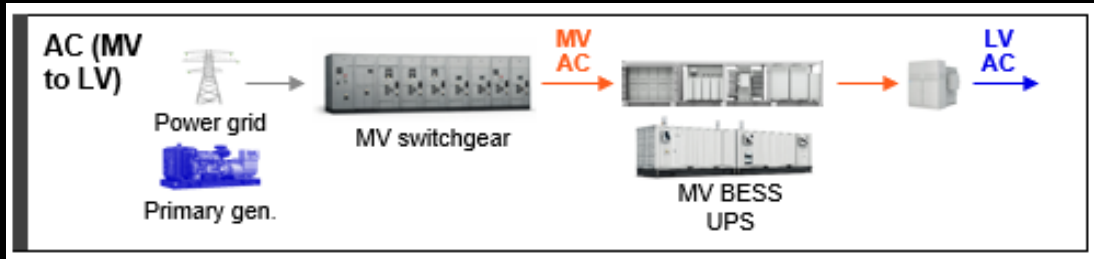
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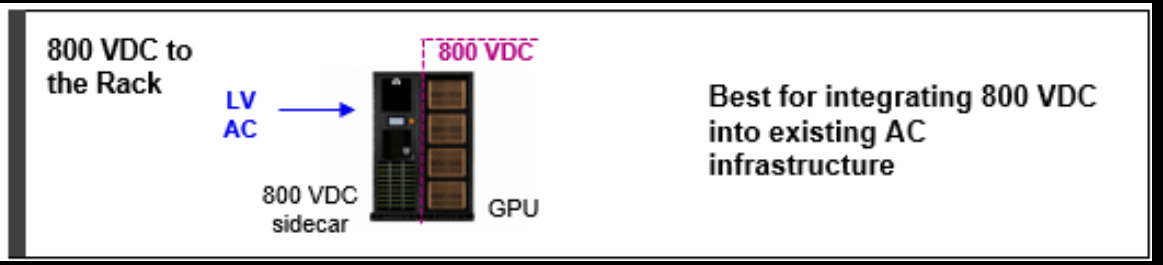
Define interfaces that will change, favor flexible options (e.g., AC and DC)

- AC to DC conversion point
- Busway, tap can choices
- Rack input

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A few DC racks in a mostly AC pod





Pros

1. Minimal deviation from day-one design
2. Reuse of existing upstream AC infrastructure

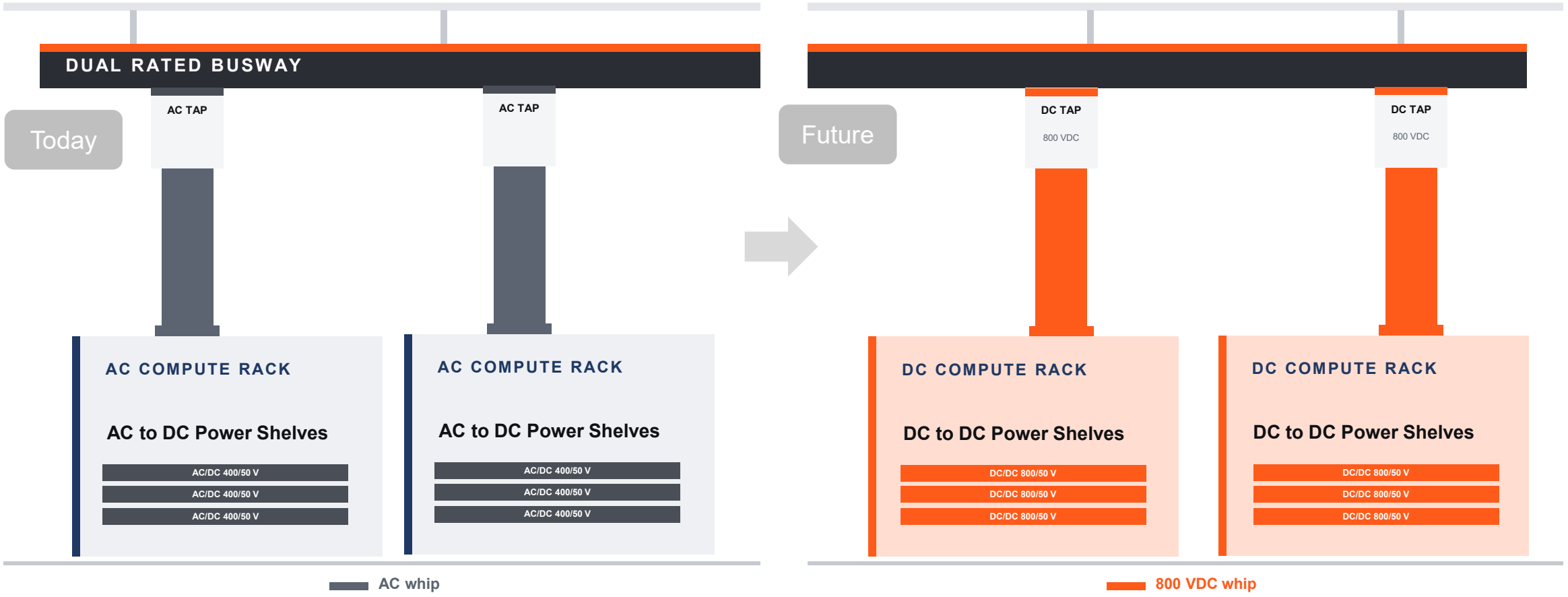
Cons

1. Rack space used up for a power converter
2. Networking and communication between high density racks

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DC compute becomes the predominant load

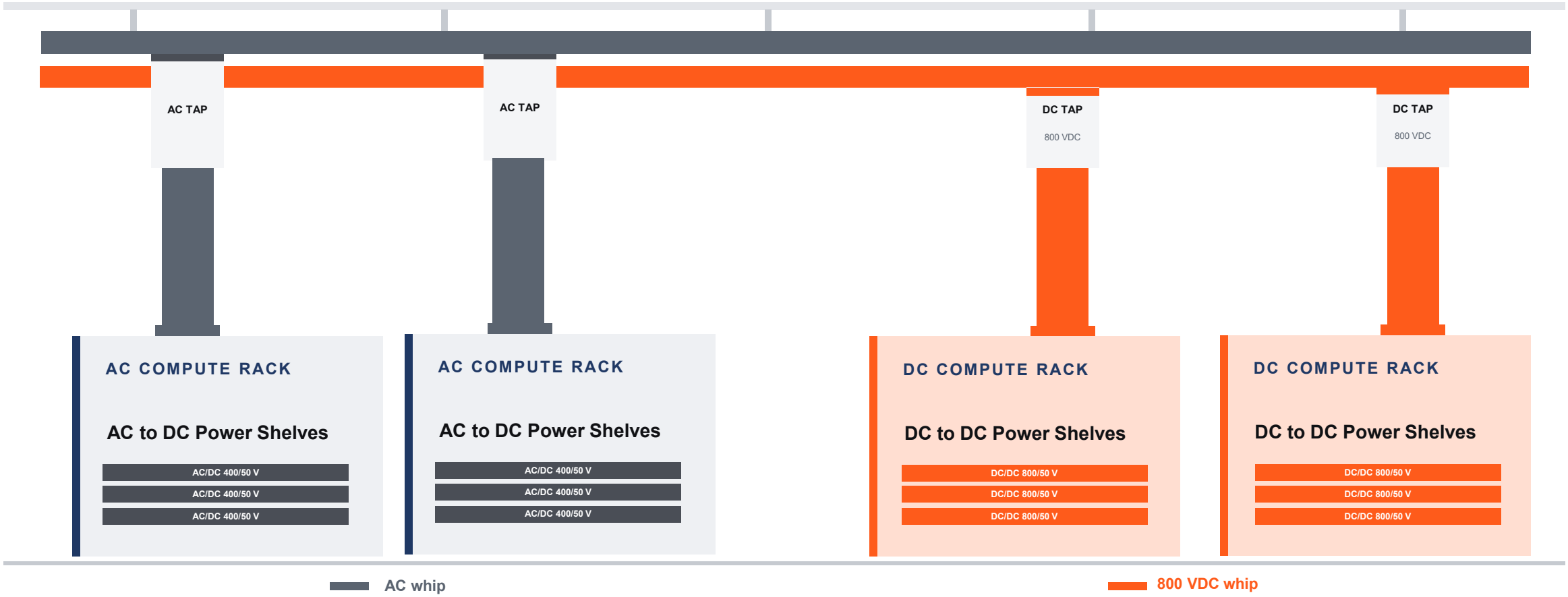
Dual-rated busway (AC or DC, not both simultaneously)



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Serve mixed DC and AC loads

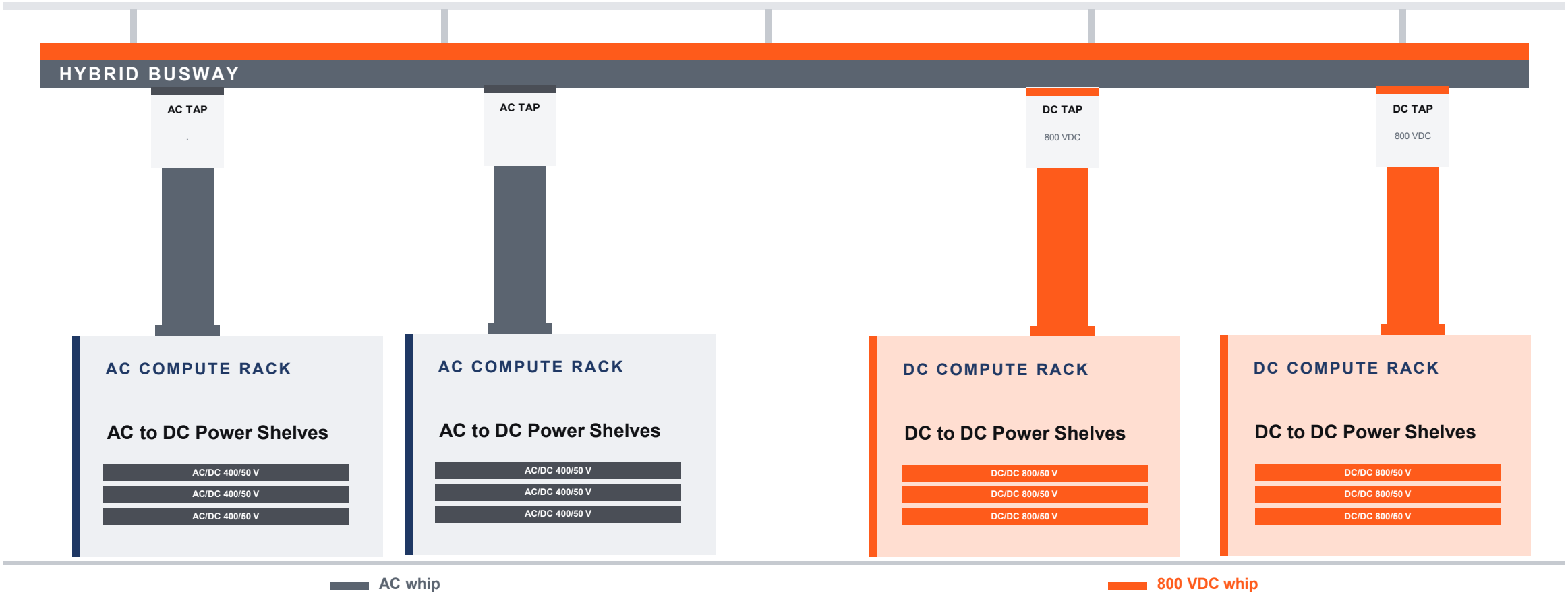
Separate AC and DC busways



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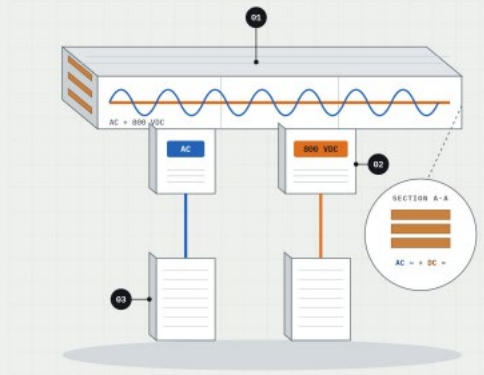
Hybrid AC and DC busway (one busway, two sets of busbars)



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What if?

What if you could send AC and DC on the same conductor?

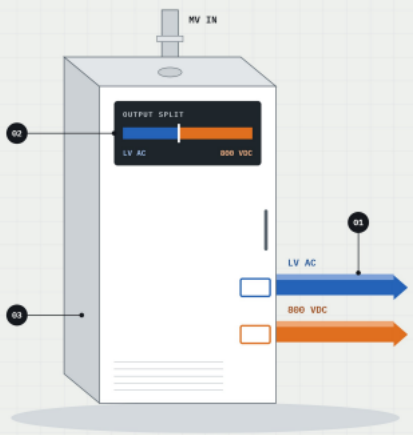


01 **One path, two power forms**
AC and 800 VDC share a single conductor run across the white space.

02 **Tap-offs that read the rack**
Each tap-off unit delivers the native input its rack expects.

03 **Migrate without re-cabling**
Install the backbone once, then convert the hall rack by rack.

What if you could generate LV AC and 800 VDC from the same power source?

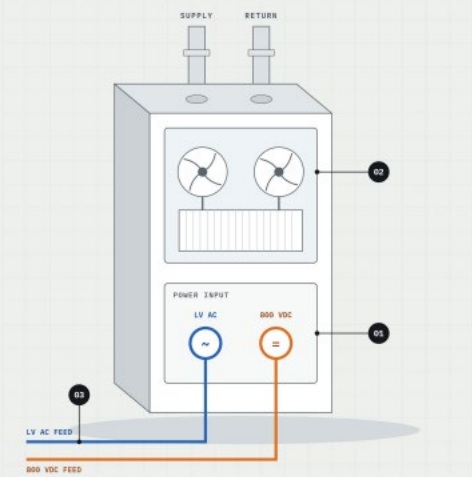


01 **Two outputs, one source**
A single MV input feeds both an LV AC bus and an 800 VDC bus.

02 **A software-defined split**
Shift capacity between AC and DC as the IT load mix changes.

03 **One footprint to own**
One unit, one controls layer, both power trains.

What if you could power your CDU with LV AC and 800 VDC?



01 **A dual-input power module**
Accepts LV AC, 800 VDC, or both at once.

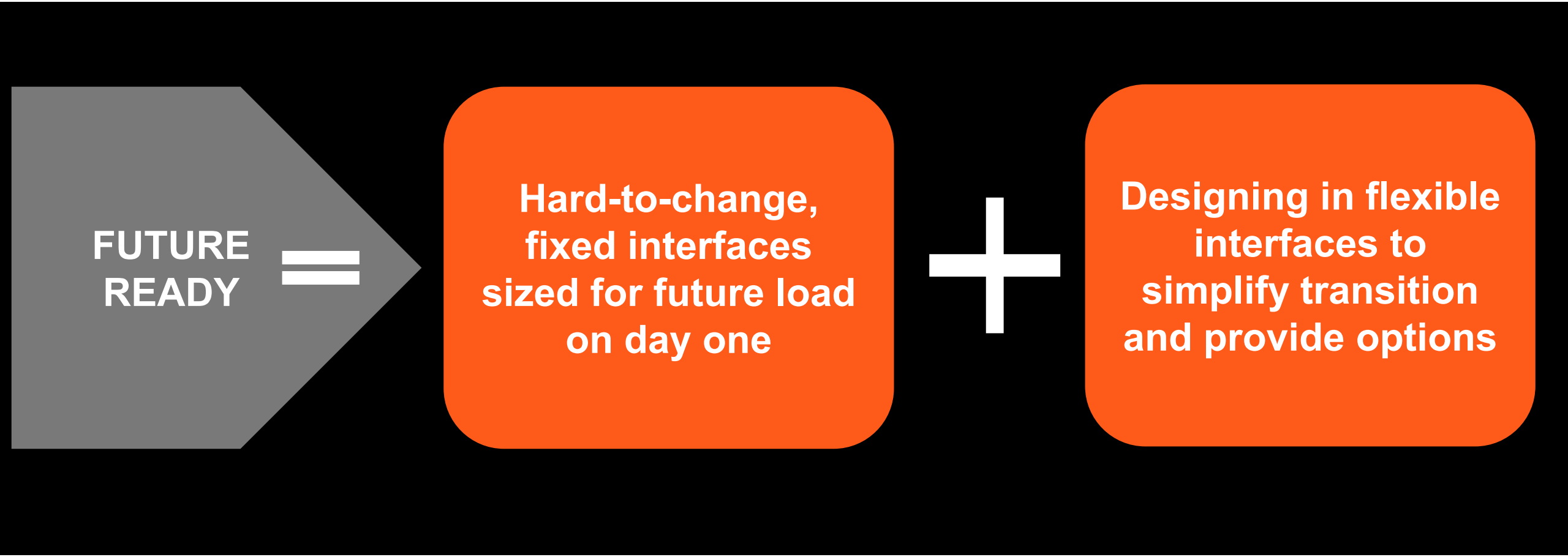
02 **Cooling that follows compute**
Deploy in an AC hall today and a DC hall tomorrow, with no swap.

03 **Either feed carries the pumps**
If one input drops, the other keeps coolant moving.

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The formula for future readiness



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