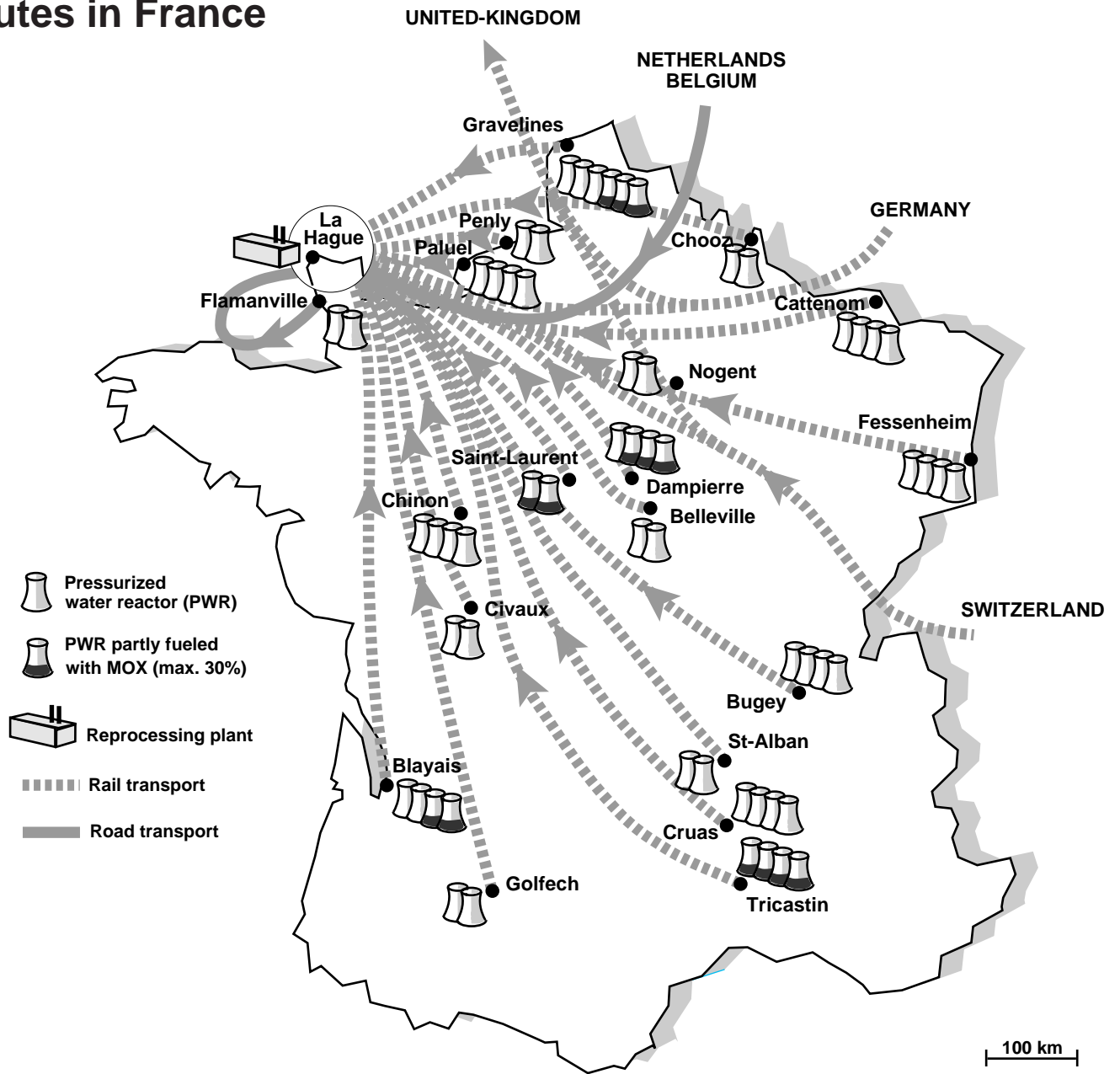


The contaminated spent nuclear fuel transport routes in France



In France, the spent fuel is transported from the nuclear power plants by rail to the terminal at Valognes. Here, it is loaded on to trucks for the last 30 kilometres to La Hague. Spent fuel from Flamanville, close to la Hague, arrives directly by truck. For five power plants which are not directly linked to the rail network (Blayais, St-Laurent, Chinon, Dampierre and Paluel), the shipments are carried out by truck for the first leg of the journey. Shipments from Germany and Switzerland are by train to Valognes, but it seems that those from Belgium and the Netherlands come directly by truck. Additional shipments from Germany and Switzerland go through France by rail on their way to the Sellafield plant in Britain. They leave France via the port of Dunkirk.