

# Control Strategies for Hybrid AC/DC Grids

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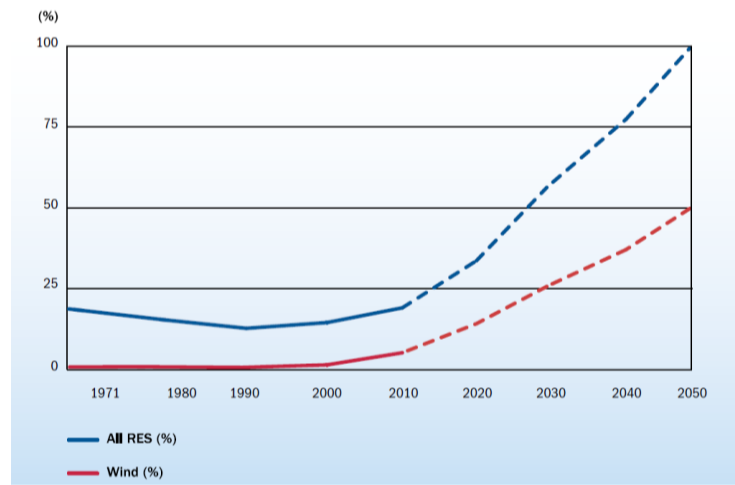
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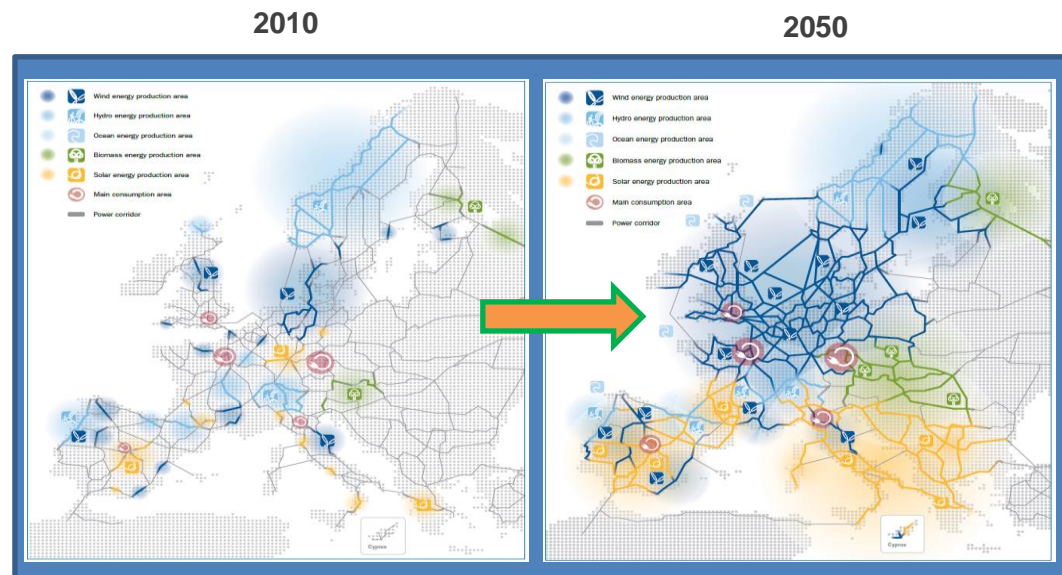
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# Motivations



**Fig. 1** Contribution of Renewable energy to electricity consumption and expected contribution up till 2050  
 Source: EWEA EU Energy Policy to 2050



**Fig. 2** New Interconnections expected to be HVdc and for technical reasons Meshed HVdc will be the end goal

## Challenge

- System dynamics is changing and will continue to change for the worse.
- There is need to identify new phenomena and put control in place to mitigate undesirable responses.

# Focus of the work

- Voltage source converter (VSC) dominated hybrid ac/dc grids.
- System-level approach:
  - High voltage level,
  - Meshed grids.
- Identify and understand new phenomena as regards to converter penetration for different case studies.
  - **Dynamic studies.**
- Control strategies for mitigation of undesirable responses, which includes:
  - Improvement of dynamic responses,
  - Control under harsh conditions, such as weak grids,
  - Coordinated control.
- Advanced control for ancillary services

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# Methodology

## 1 Impedance modelling paradigm:

- Each subsystem is modelled with its impedance equivalent,
- all input devices are modelled with their equivalent impedance+control,
- that is, converters, controlled devices, synchronous generators, etc.

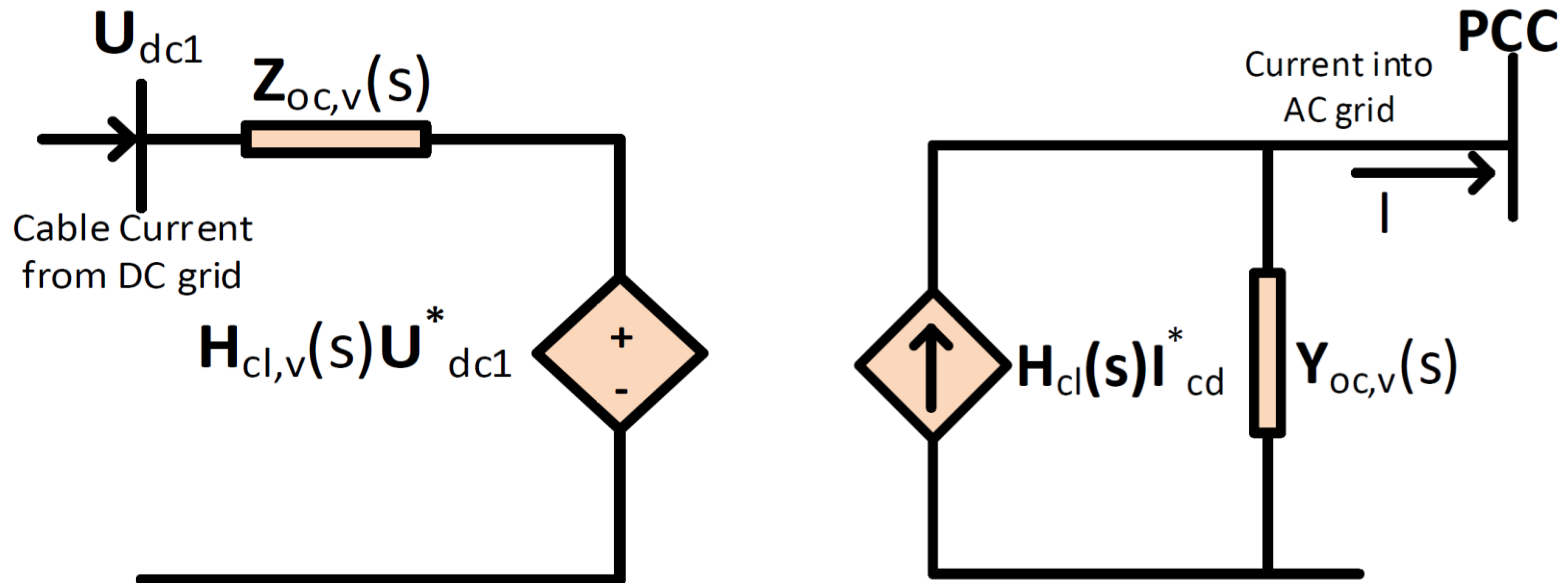


Fig. 3 Subsystem Approach to impedance modelling of hybrid grids

# Methodology

## 2 System level aggregation:

- Thevenin equivalents,
- Norton equivalents.
- Multivariable Systems theory.

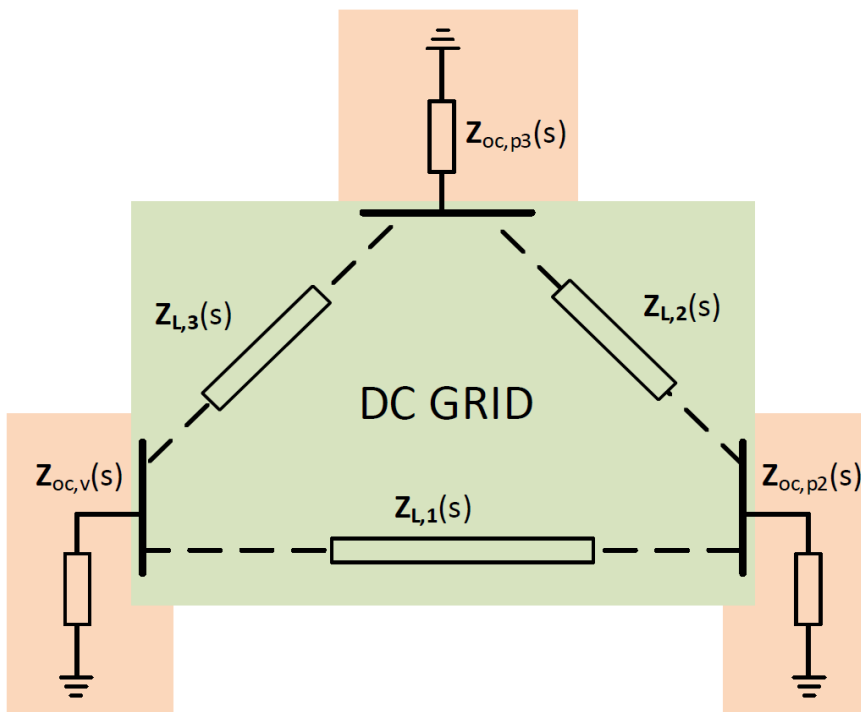


Fig. 4 System aggregation

$$\begin{bmatrix} Z_{11}^{dc} & Z_{12}^{dc} & \dots & Z_{1n}^{dc} \\ Z_{21}^{dc} & Z_{22}^{dc} & \dots & Z_{2n}^{dc} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ Z_{n1}^{dc} & Z_{n2}^{dc} & \dots & Z_{nn}^{dc} \end{bmatrix}$$



# Methodology

## 3 Analysis (Frequency, time domains):

- Nyquist,
- Root locus,
- Bode for SISO, SVD for MIMO, amongst others,
- **Multivariable system analysis.**

## 4 Controller design:

- $H_\infty$ ,  $H_2$  robust controllers for resonance mitigation and improving dynamic responses,
- Diagonal controller for decoupling,
- SVD analysis.

# Next Steps

- Robust control formulation,
- $H_\infty$ ,  $H_2$  robust controllers for resonance mitigation and improving dynamic responses.
- Multivariable system approach, output channel damping,
- Controller strategies and design,
- Active damping design,
- **Detailed modelling (EMT)**

# Future Case Studies

**Influence of Power Direction on Grid Stability of (Hybrid AC/DC Grids) Considering Fixed Control Architectures**

**Impact of SCR on Hybrid AC/DC Grid Stability: An Impedance Approach**

**Interactions between Synchronous Generation and Embedded MTdc Grids**

**Understanding the Influence of Operating point on the Stability and Resonances in VSC-HVdc Systems**

**Influence of different DC Capacitance Values on resonances in AC systems Connected via MTdc Grid**

# Thank you!

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