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High-Temperature Superconductor Technology Applications facing the challenges in Power Technology of today and tomorrow

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Introduction

The UCTE (ENTSO-E) grid (14.May.2014)



Introduction

The HV grid in germany



The smaller the grid size and the weaker the grid control, the bigger the deviations in frequency.

As long as the energy generation is dominated by rotating machines (thermal, hydro and (partly) wind power plants), the generation-load mismatch will yield a change in frequency (change in rotational energy).

An inverter dominated generation has to be actively controled in such cases.

Norwegian Pearl



21:38-21:39: opening of HV link

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Blackout on 04.Nov.2006 21:38-21:39: opening of HV link

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UCTE grid separated

Split of UCTE grid after disturbance





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Grid control – frequency and power control

Three classes of control measures:



Grid control – load shedding

In case of dramatic frequency drop, a multi-level load shedding plan will be executed, e.g.:

- 1. Selected pumps will be shut-off
- 2. Randomly selected small areas of the grid will be disconnected
- Shut-down of power plants (due to resonance risks)
 → will increase risk of black-outs in some regions
- 4. Dissolution of long-range grid connections, resulting in smaller island grids

Angle differences in UCTE

22:00



Fig. D1a: Voltage phase angle differences in the UCTE system at 22:00 /ELES/

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Frequency stability of grid 04.11.2006



04.11.2006, 22:08- 22:30 MEZ (Ruhr area) (total generation in UCTE: 274 GW)

During disturbance: split of the european grid into 3 segments (this curve from area 1=western Europe)

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Control Power in control area

24.02.2010, 18:00-00:00 MEZ (source TenneT TSO)



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Challenge of increasing share of REN

Power generation not only on HV level, but increasingly on MV level,

e.g. 30kV introduced by WindPower.

≈16 GW installed PV on MV in 2010 in Germany



Real inverters capabilities



Local Power Generation in Hong Kong

Location of local power stations in Hong Kong



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Confined Power Grids Hong Kong

An example of an extended, but (almost) confined power grid



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Tunnels for 275 kV power transmission lines:



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Scene of boundary conditions



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1(3) unique key properties of Superconductors: persistent mode capability





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1(3) unique key properties of Superconductors: persistent mode capability





passive HTS bearing (Test-Rig for 5kN-bearing)

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2(3) unique key properties of superconductors: outstanding current densities



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3(3) unique key properties of Superconductors: Iossless current transport



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Superconducting Technical Wires



Comparison of rotating machines

conventional machine



- Power rating 100%
- Loss 100%

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- Ageing rotor winding
- Limited power diagram

HTS Rotor with conventional Stator (Retrofit)



- For new apparatus or rotor retrofit
- Power uprating >115%
- ≈50% loss
- No ageing in the rotor
- extended power diagram
- Little more CAPEX

HTS Rotor with air-gap winding stator (High power density)



- Totally integrated design harvesting all benefits
- Power uprating >115%
- <50% loss
- No ageing in the rotor
- unlimited power diagram
- Improved electrical stability
- Higher CAPEX

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Power Generation -Properties of generators based on HTS

Just to recall: First approach to introduce HTS in rotating machines is using a field winding made of HTS



- Copper windings in stator and rotor
- Warm rotor iron

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- Laminated stator core without teeth
- High density Cu stator winding
- HTS rotor windings
- Round and smooth Cryostat
- Cold rotor iron design (no must)

Power Generation -Properties of generators based on HTS

Large airgap, small inductance results in small x_D-values (0.2...0.5 pu)



→ HTS generators are very good voltage sources!

HTS Transformers – improving the best...





Aspects:

- Hard to beat conventional transformers as long as no special features are requested
- 1...100 MVA transformers (offset for Cryo-technology determines smallest reasonable rating)
- Cooling by LN2, not oil, environmentally benign
 → decreased fire hazard
- reduced volume/ weight
 - → 50...70% (with efficiency ≥99% (incl. cooling))
- No aging

Challenges:

- high inrush & short current capability required \rightarrow SFCL needed?!
- Recooling considerations/ ride through

Power Transmission Lines



Aspects:

- Uprates capacity of existing ducts (≈3x)
- Might allow removal of transformers/ voltage levels
- Environmentally benign (LN₂-cooling, waste heat, stray field, loss(?))
- Lower impedance less "visible" in grids (but take care!)
- Best to combine with a SFCL

Challenges:

- Excess currents
- Risk of N₂-concentration → execute measures
- High component cost (wire, cryostat, cooling)
- Load fraction determines application/ business case
- Cool down time

SFCL - Superconducting Fault Current Limiters "the unfair competitive advantage"

Resistive Type FCL







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Aspects:

- Invisible in normal operation
- Immediate response ("speed of light")
- No trigger needed only sensing equipment
- Allows safe and full use of conventional devices
- Steady cooling needed (but power less than loss of conventional equipment)
- Loss in bushings

Challenges:

- Recooling considerations/ ride through
- Combination of cryogenics, high currents and voltages
- Consider transient current needs
- 1G HTS feasible

2G HTS

Customized & optimized architecture

SFCL – Superconducting Fault Current Limiters

"ASSiST" SFCL in Bavaria (grid of Stadtwerke Augsburg), Partners: SWA & Siemens

Project and technology background

- Integration of MTU's extended testing facility of combined heat and power unit (CHP) requires extreme reduction of short-circuit current
- Combination of SFCL with fast breaker and parallel series reactor

Project goal and customer benefit

- Design, construction and long term field text of a 15 MVA SFCL demonstrator
- Reduction of loss compared to conventional solution with series reactor
- Increased system stability

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- Abandonment of large the breaker up-grade
- Reference and market testing project of SFCL





Fault current limiters "SmartCoil" – a fair add-on advantage "introfit"



Motors

 \rightarrow Refer to the generators, dynamic benefits and insensitiveness to load

Confined Power Grids, selected section – Scenario#1: conventional equipment



Confined Power Grids, selected section – Scenario#2: SFCL+ uprated HTS-XFERs



Confined Power Grids, selected section – Scenario#3: uprated XFER and potential PTL



Confined Power Grids, selected section – Scenario#4: uprated XFER and busbar joining



Confined Power Grids Scenario#5: minimum device HTS approach



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Ampacity AmpaCity SFCL 12-2400 in the City Grid





New Installations SFCL 12-1600

FLEXDGRID

Installationsite: Chester Street 132/11 kV

SFCL 12-1600	
Nennspannung	12 kV
Nennstrom	1600 A
max. prosp. KS-Strom (peak)	20 kA
max. begrenzter Strom (peak)	9,9 kA
System-Begrenzungszeit	100 ms
Rückkühlzeit	< 30 s
Stehwechselspannung	28 kV
Blitzstoß	95 kV



Chester Street

New installations SFCL 12-1600

Installationsite: Chester Street 132/11 kV





Bournville

New installations SFCL 12-1050

FLEXDGRID

Installationsite: Bournville 132/11 kV

SFCL 12-1050	
Nennspannung	12 kV
Nennstrom	1050 A
max. prosp. KS-Strom (peak)	21 kA
max. begrenzter Strom (peak)	7,7 kA
System-Begrenzungszeit	100 ms
Rückkühlzeit	< 30 s
Stehwechselspannung	28 kV
Blitzstoß	95 kV



Bournville

New installations SFCL 12-1050

Installationsite: Bournville 132/11 kV



Joachim Bock 2014, April

Siemens Campus Site Erlangen



Siemens will build new campus site in Erlangen until 2025+ (500'€)

Furthermore: Project Campus Future Energy Systems as a part of the general Campus

Conclusions

When looking for the USP (unique selling points), confined power grids

(e.g. public, industrial, dedicated sites like hospitals,...)

offer special opportunities for first-in-field HTS power applications due to additional requirements in

- Power density
- Uprates
- Efficiency
- Environment
- Weight
- Space
- Dynamics, stability

Using tactics like "retrofit" or "introfit" will be helpful.

Policies heading for energy efficiency, increased share of REN & "green devices" will give

additional momentum to HTS devices.

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