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# On the role of energy storage and grid-forming control in the future HVDC systems

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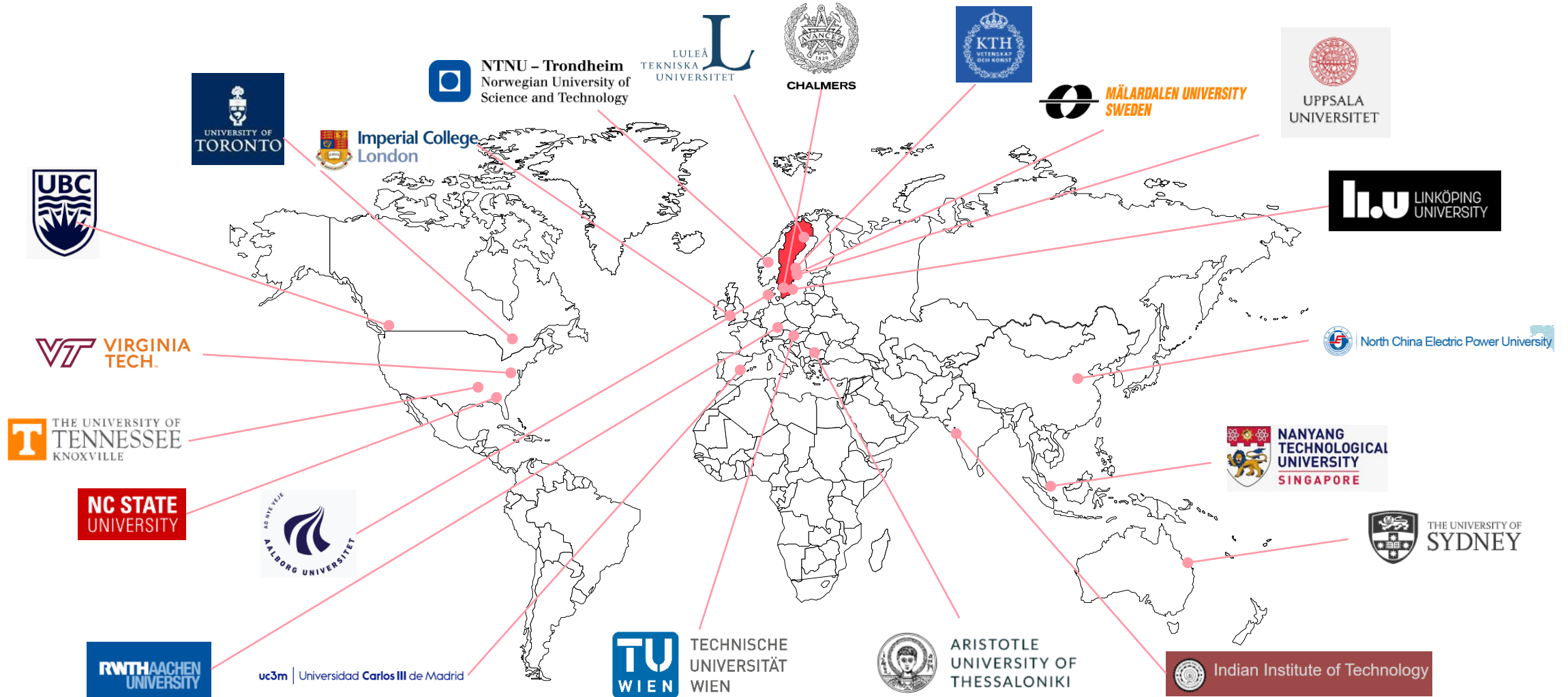
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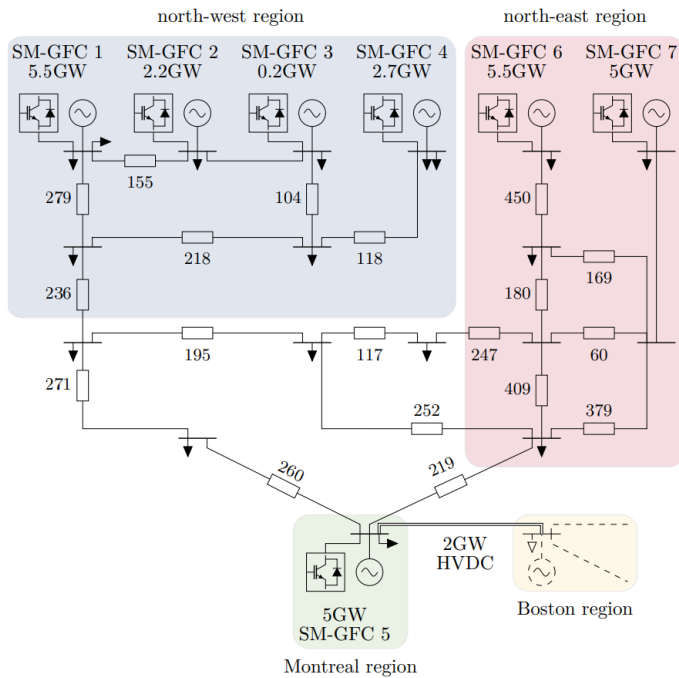
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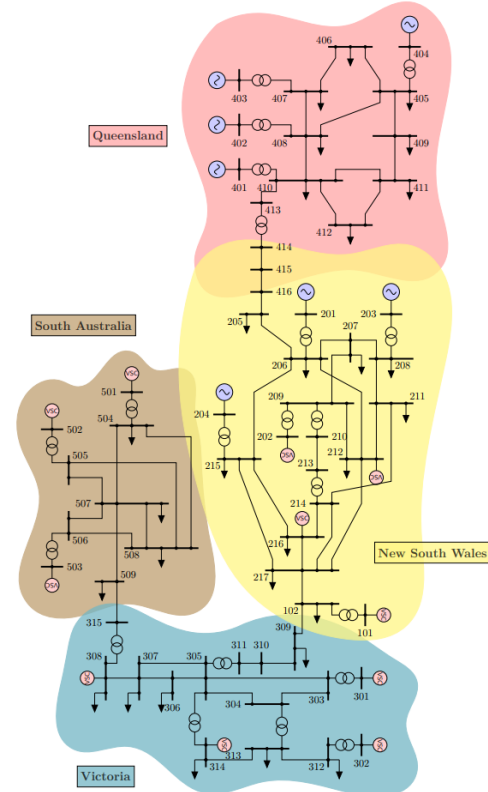
# The need for grid-forming (GFM) control

## ETH study on Hydro-Quebec grid



**Key message:**  
GFM control enables maximizing RES integration, i.e., beyond 80%

## ETH study on South-East Australian grid

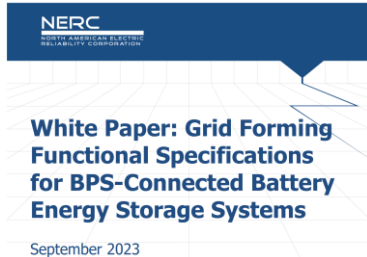


**Key message:**  
GFM significantly enhances the system stability

## Large-scale collaboration projects



## System operators



## GRID FORMING CAPABILITY OF POWER PARK MODULES

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Still evolving and a clear consensus has not been reached to this date...

## Academia

### Definition and Classification of Power System Stability – Revisited & Extended

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### Frequency Stability of Synchronous Machines and Grid-Forming Power Converters

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### Foundations and Challenges of Low-Inertia Systems (Invited Paper)

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The GFM control definition mostly revolves around the synchronization mechanism and control design methodology.

## Industry

### Grid Forming Control for HVDC Systems: Opportunities and Challenges

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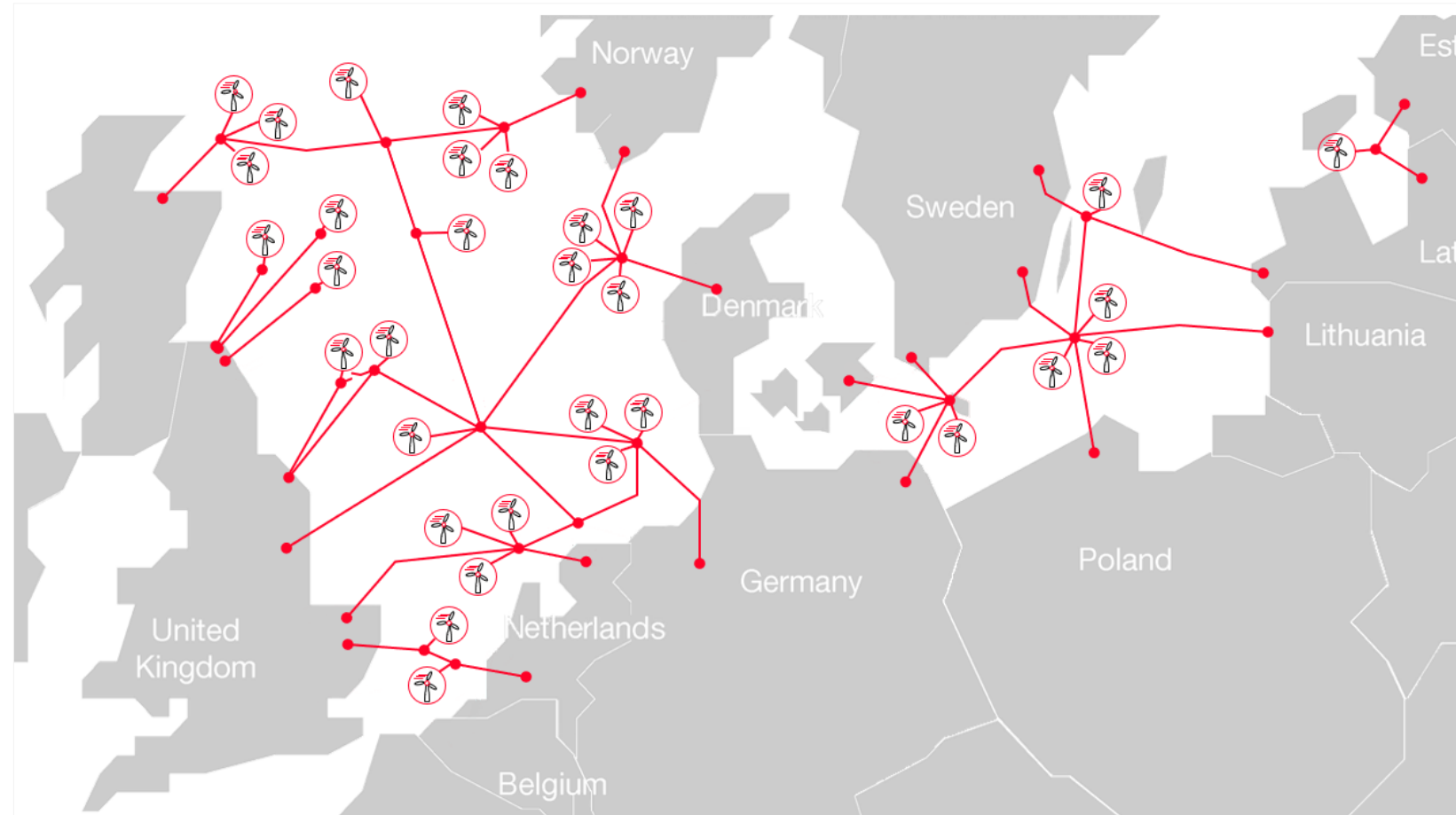
### Promises and Challenges of Grid Forming: Transmission System Operator, Manufacturer and Academic View Points


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- ❑ The GFM control shall address the operational and stability challenges perceived by the system operators while considering the technological capabilities and limitations.
- ❑ Consistent definitions are critically required.

## Future HVDC systems

- ❑ May incorporate complex configurations such as multi-terminal and energy/power hubs,
- ❑ In addition to the surprising increase in classic concepts, such as point-to-point, interconnector, and offshore wind farm (OWF) integration.



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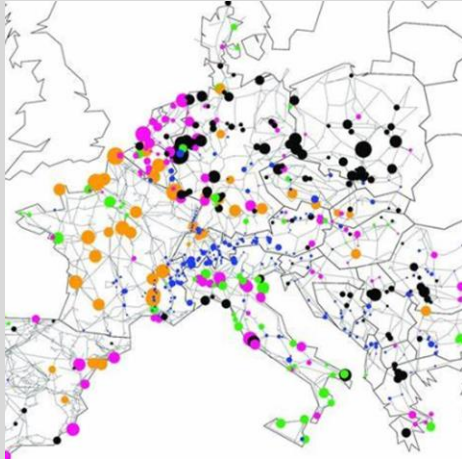
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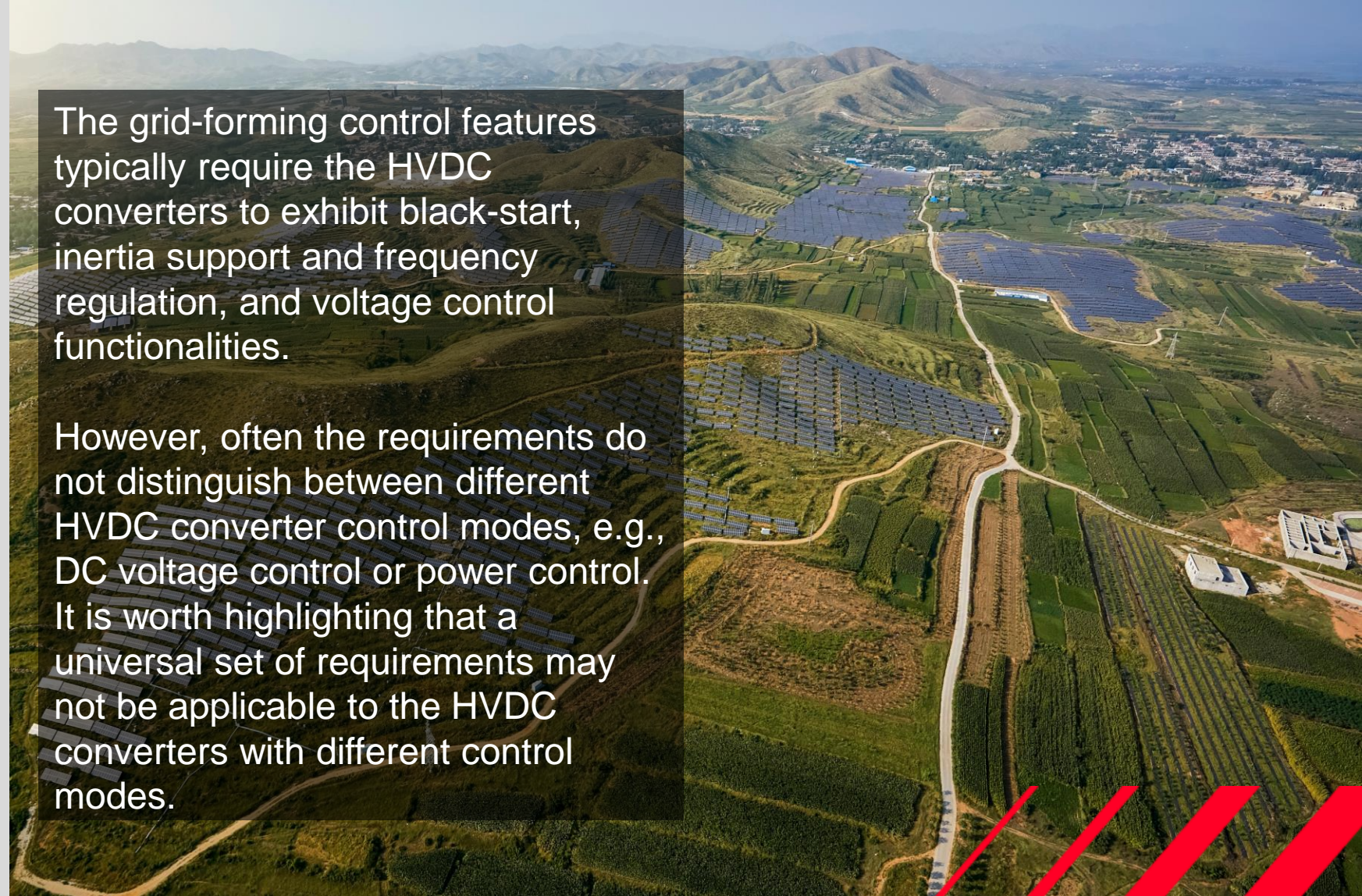
Significant reduction of  
inertia

## Fundamental HVDC concept:

- ❑ Predominantly a transmission medium.
- ❑ By design it does not store a significant amount of energy.
- ❑ The energy stored in the HVDC converters, and the interconnecting cables is typically small.
- ❑ Most of the total energy must be contained in the system to ensure a robust and reliable operation.

The grid-forming control features typically require the HVDC converters to exhibit black-start, inertia support and frequency regulation, and voltage control functionalities.

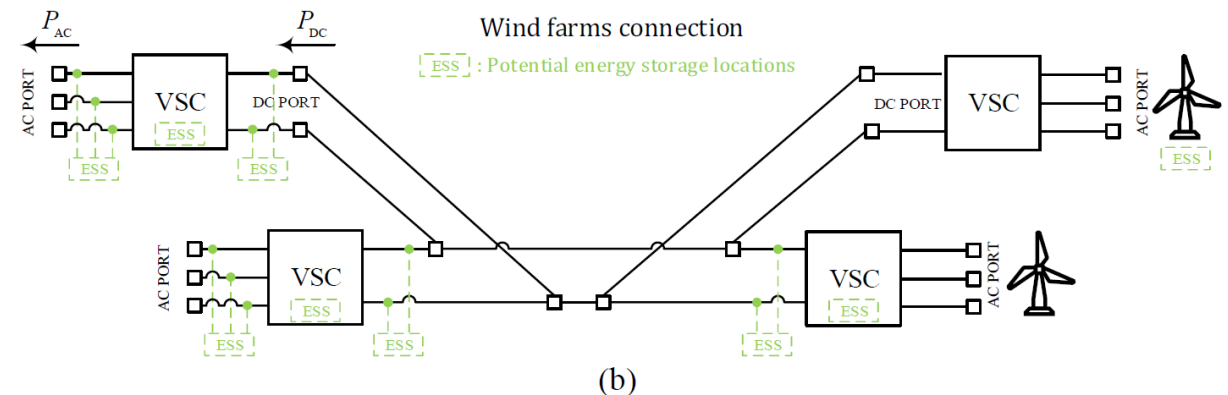
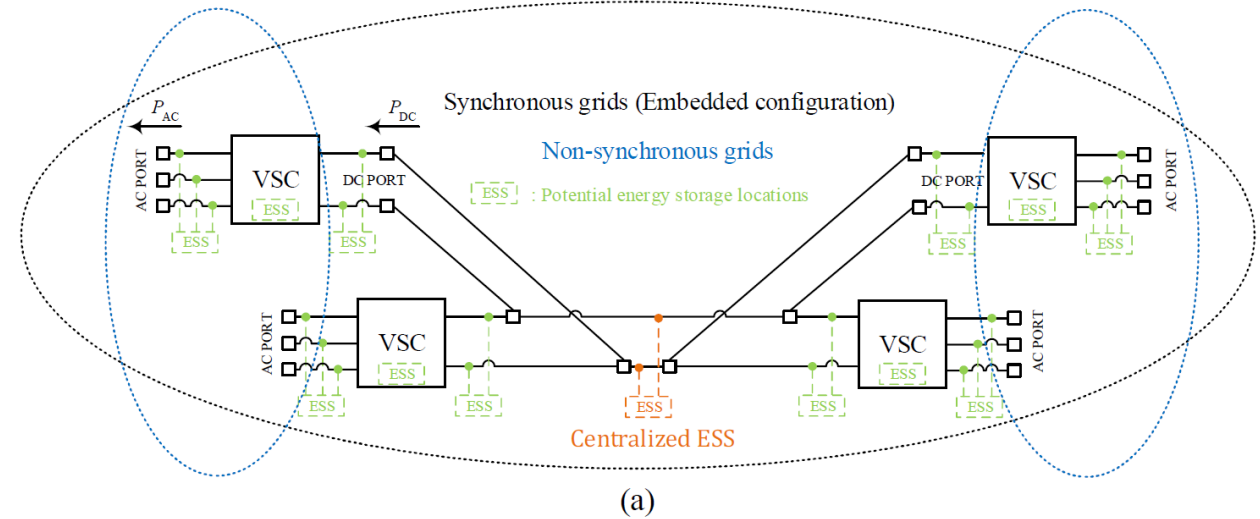
However, often the requirements do not distinguish between different HVDC converter control modes, e.g., DC voltage control or power control. It is worth highlighting that a universal set of requirements may not be applicable to the HVDC converters with different control modes.

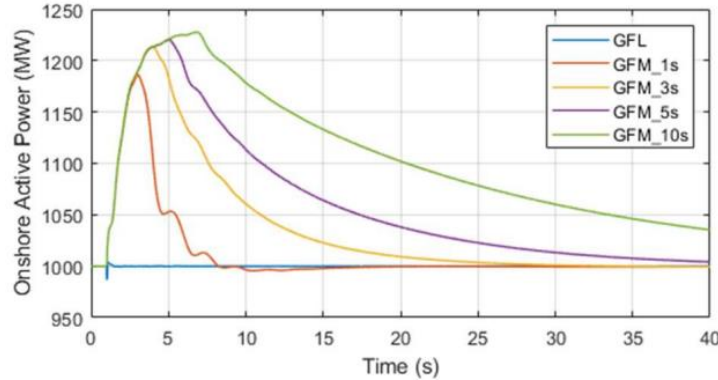
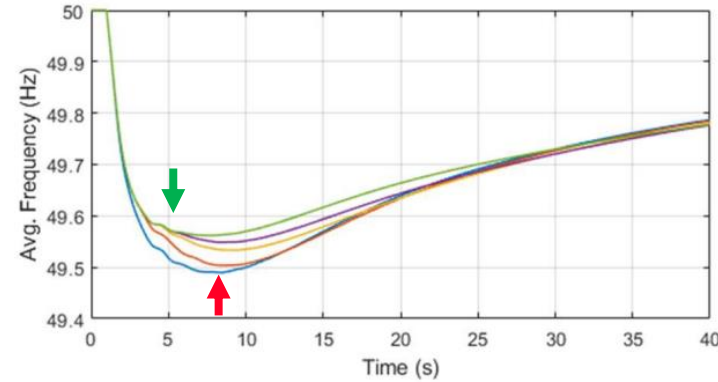
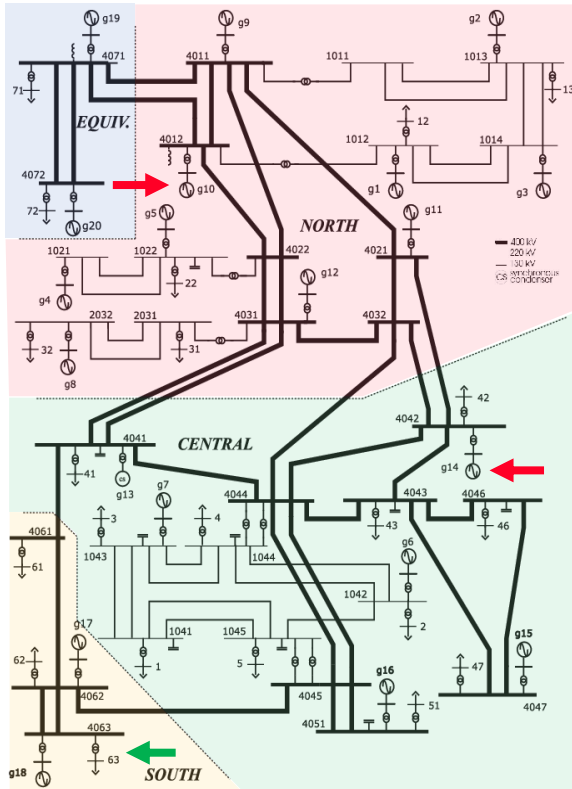




## The role of ESS in HVDC

- ❑ ESS integration may allow to operate both stations under a grid-forming control strategy given that the ESS sufficiently contributes to the DC voltage stability.
- ❑ ESS is appropriately sized; it can support or enable the black-start capability for the HVDC converters.
- ❑ To meet the emerging challenging targets, e.g., angle jump and inertia support, as well as, withstanding large ROCOF events.
- ❑ Ensure the stability of the HVDC systems in such scenarios and events of grid splits.
- ❑ ESS can enable disturbance decoupling between interconnected areas.





## Further observations

- ❑ First observation from this paper is that the available kinetic energy of online synchronous assets (dedicated to the inertial response) is fractional compared to the total energy available.
- ❑ ESS has a wider range of energy and power variation, for a significant regional effect, and fully controllable, though constrained by economical trade-offs.
- ❑ It has been shown that ESS integration leads to significant improvement in nadir frequency in the studied Nordic-32 test system following a 2 GW generation outage.

❑ Generator outage at two different buses

❑ Integrated ESS for the onshore station

❑ GFL converter is not capable of contributing to the inertia support

❑ Combination of GFM and ESS integration can improve the nadir performance

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A generalized time-domain framework for modeling and analysis of the unbalanced three-phase systems ☆

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