



Progress on Meshed HVDC Offshore Transmission Networks

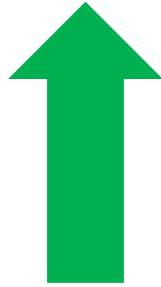
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European Commission Energy Strategy 2030



40%

Cut in
greenhouse gas
emissions
compared to
1990 levels



32%

Share of
renewable
energy
consumption



27%

Energy savings
compared with
the business-as-
usual scenario

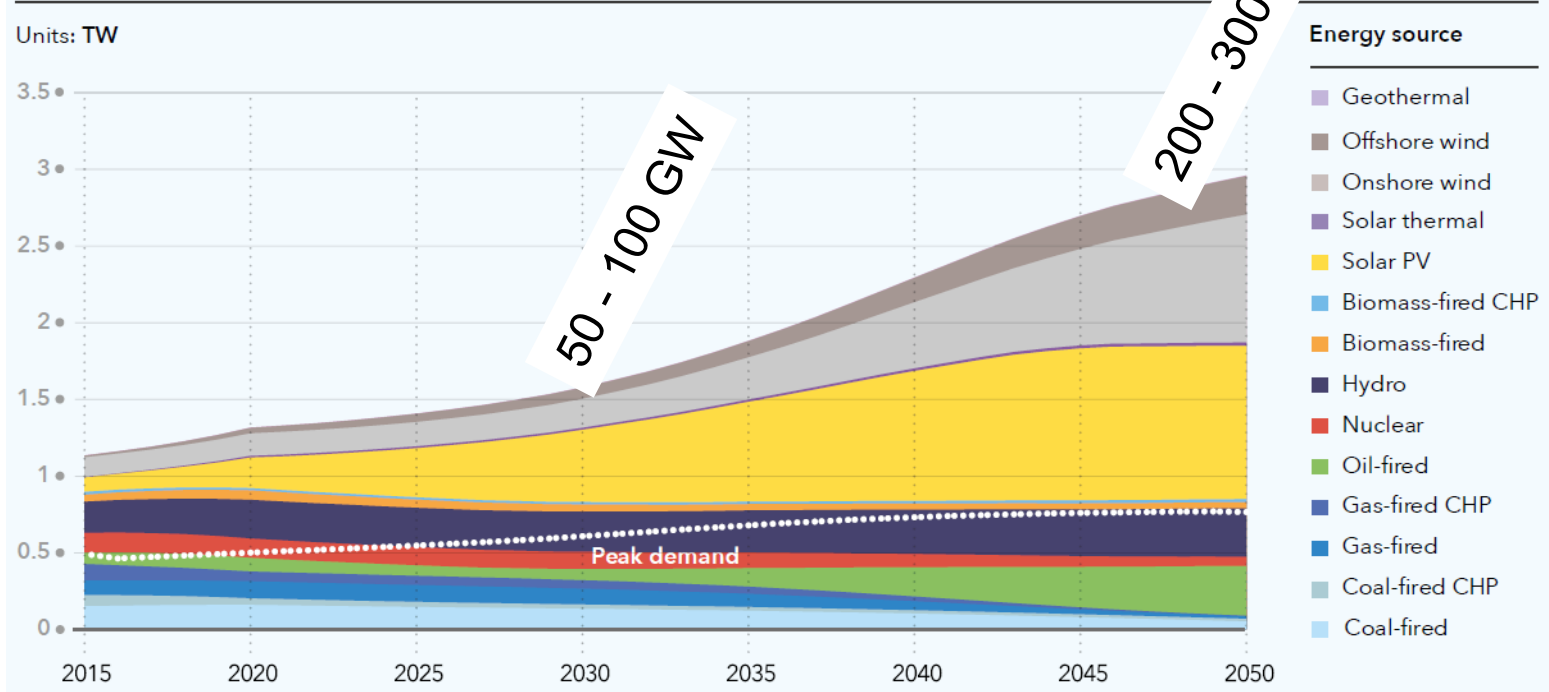


15%

Electricity
interconnection
target

Go like the wind...

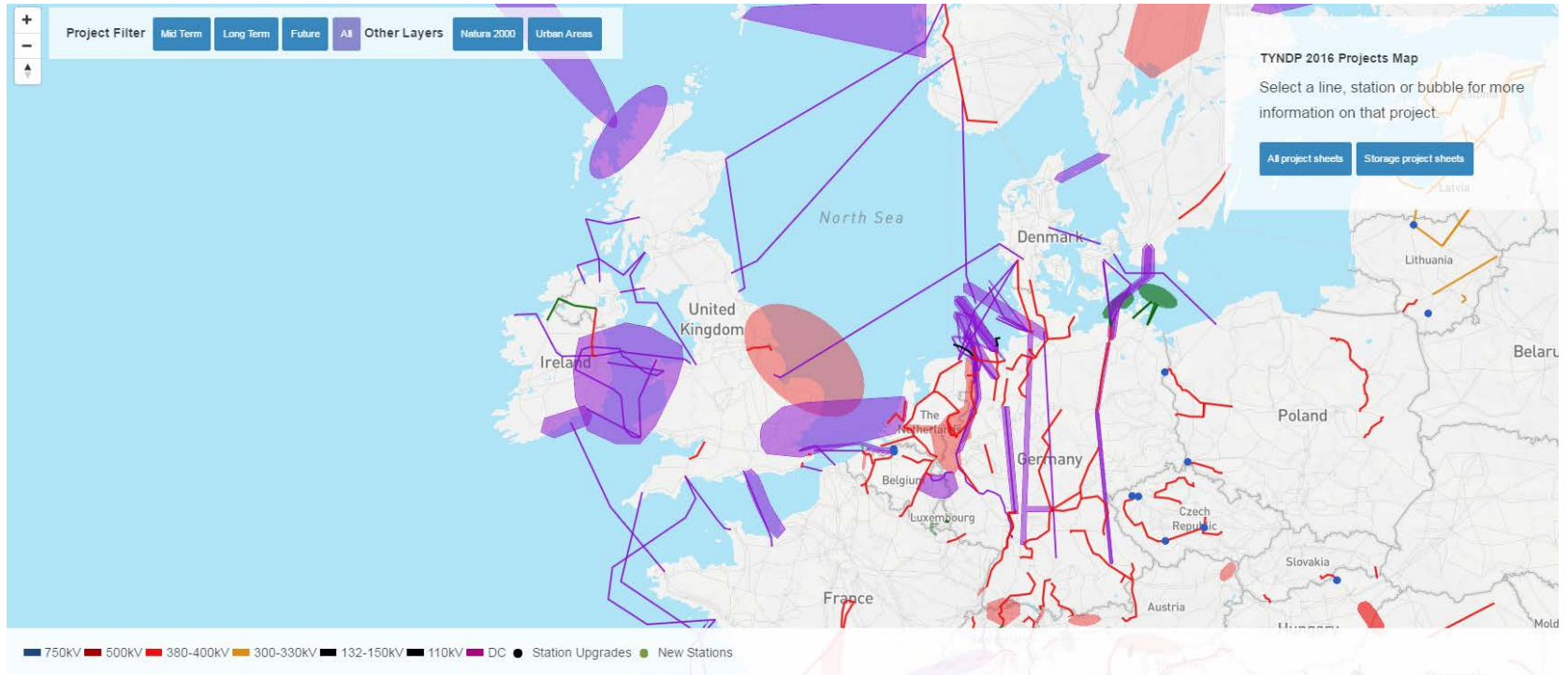
EUROPE ELECTRICITY CAPACITY (FIGURE 3-5)



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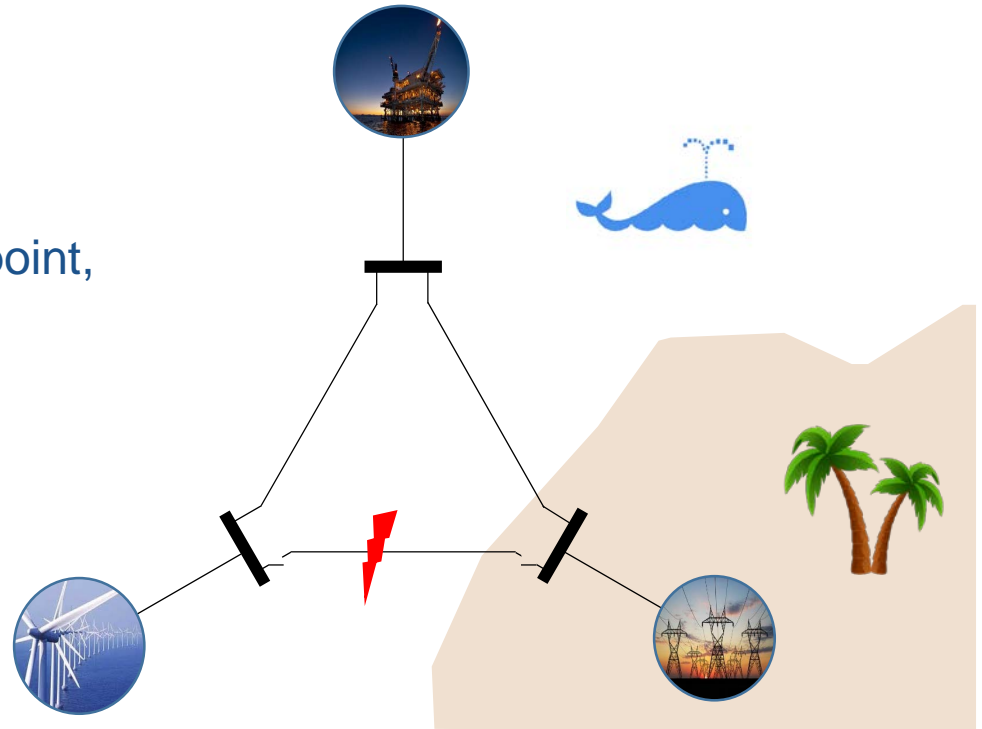


New Transmission Infrastructure



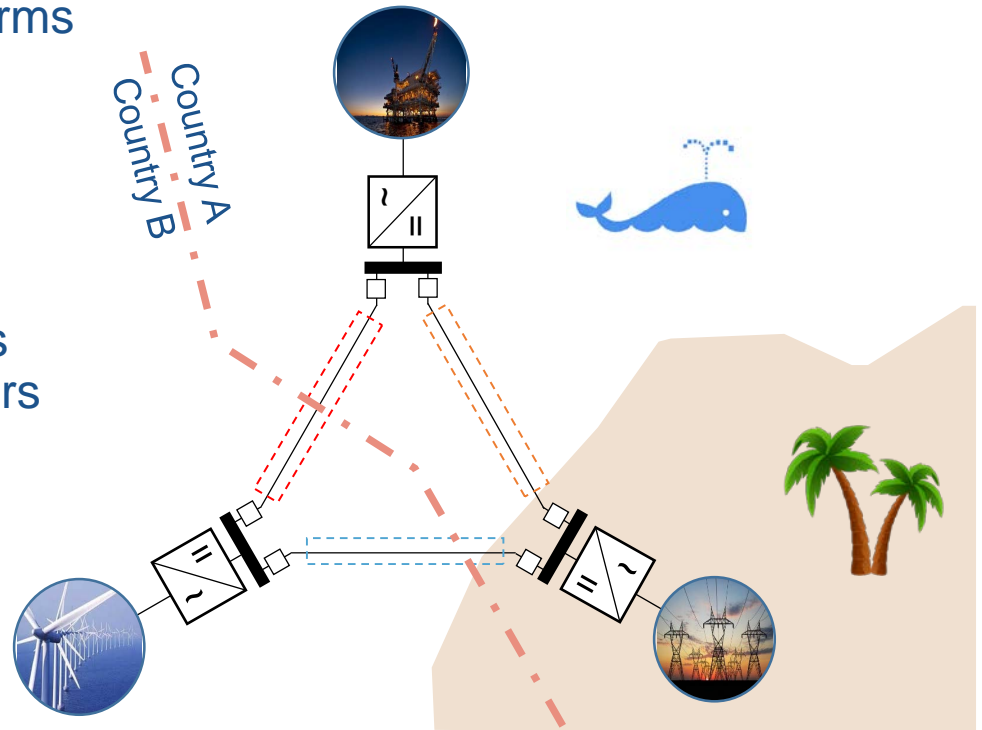
Why a meshed grid?

- Different types of offshore users
 - Consumers
 - Producers
 - Interconnectors
- Traditionally connected point-to-point, dedicated connection
 - Lower utilisation
 - Reliability offshore
- Mesh offers benefit



Challenges

- Offshore requires cables & platforms
- Long cables require HVDC
- HVDC requires converters
- HVDC network requires HVDC control & protection system
- HVDC protection system requires HVDC switchgear / circuit breakers
- Transnational network
 - Regulatory differences
 - Business models
 - Governance
 - Financing

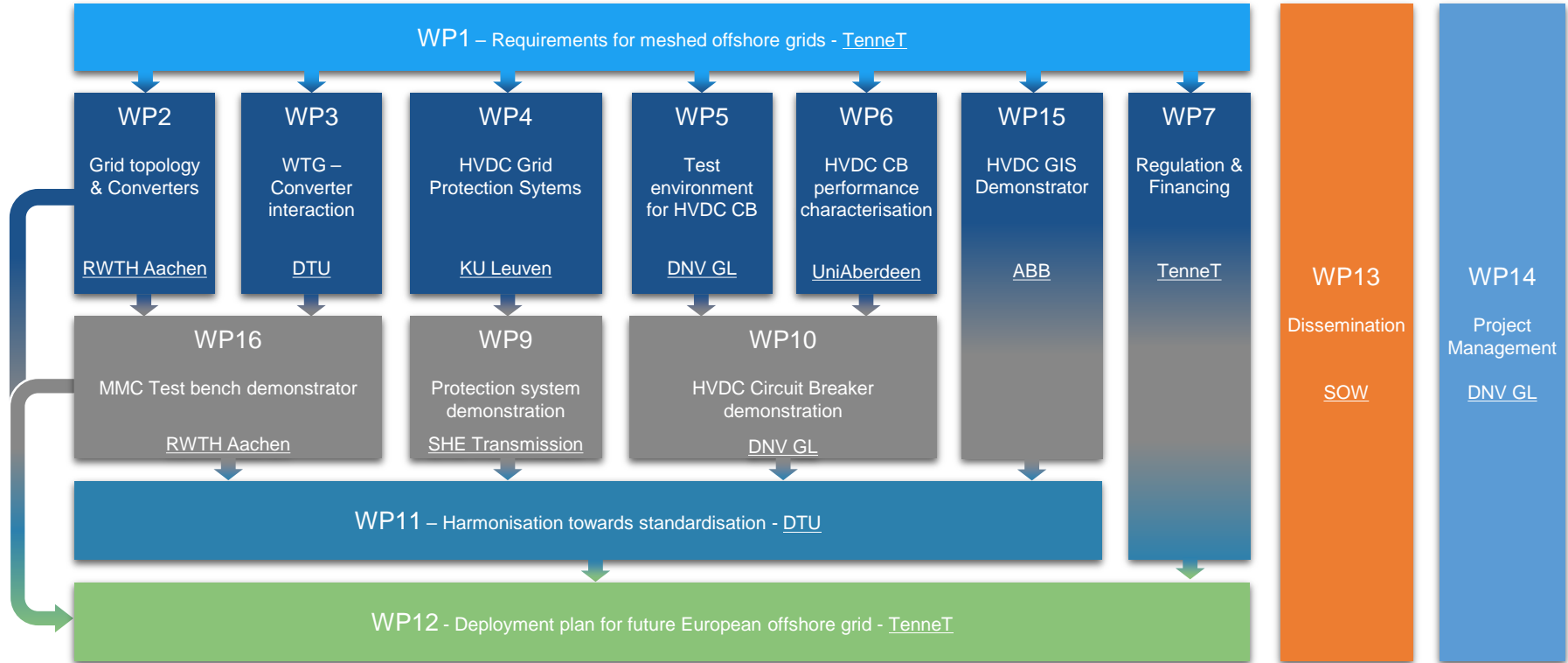


Objectives

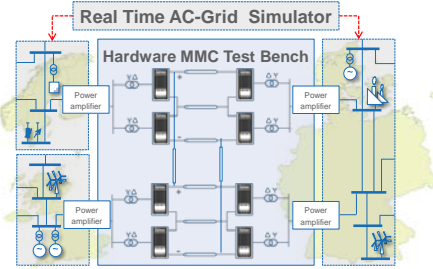
1. Identify **technical requirements** and investigate possible **topologies** for **meshed HVDC offshore grids**
2. Develop **protection schemes** and **components** for HVDC grids
3. Establish components' **interoperability and initiate standardisation**
4. **Demonstrate** cost-effective offshore HVDC equipment
5. Develop recommendations for a coherent EU and national **regulatory framework** for HVDC offshore grids
6. Develop **recommendations for financing mechanisms** for offshore grid infrastructure deployment
7. Develop a **deployment plan** for HVDC grid implementation



Work packages



Demonstrators



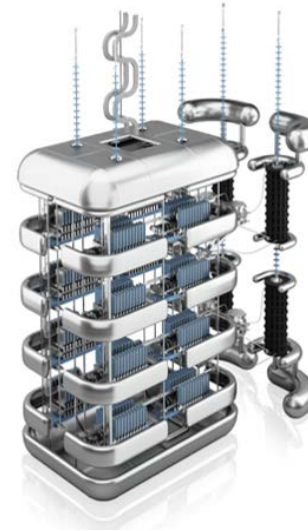
HVDC network control

MMC test bench
RWTH Aachen
Aachen, Germany



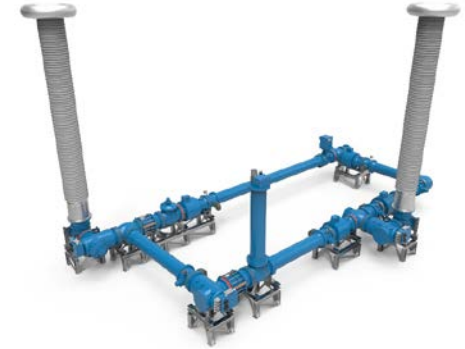
HVDC network protection

Multi-terminal test centre
SHE Transmission
Glasgow, UK



HVDC circuit breakers

KEMA High Power Lab
DNV GL
Arnhem, Netherlands



HVDC gas insulated system

KEMA High Voltage Lab
DNV GL
Arnhem, Netherlands

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Statistics



33 partners



11 countries



4 years



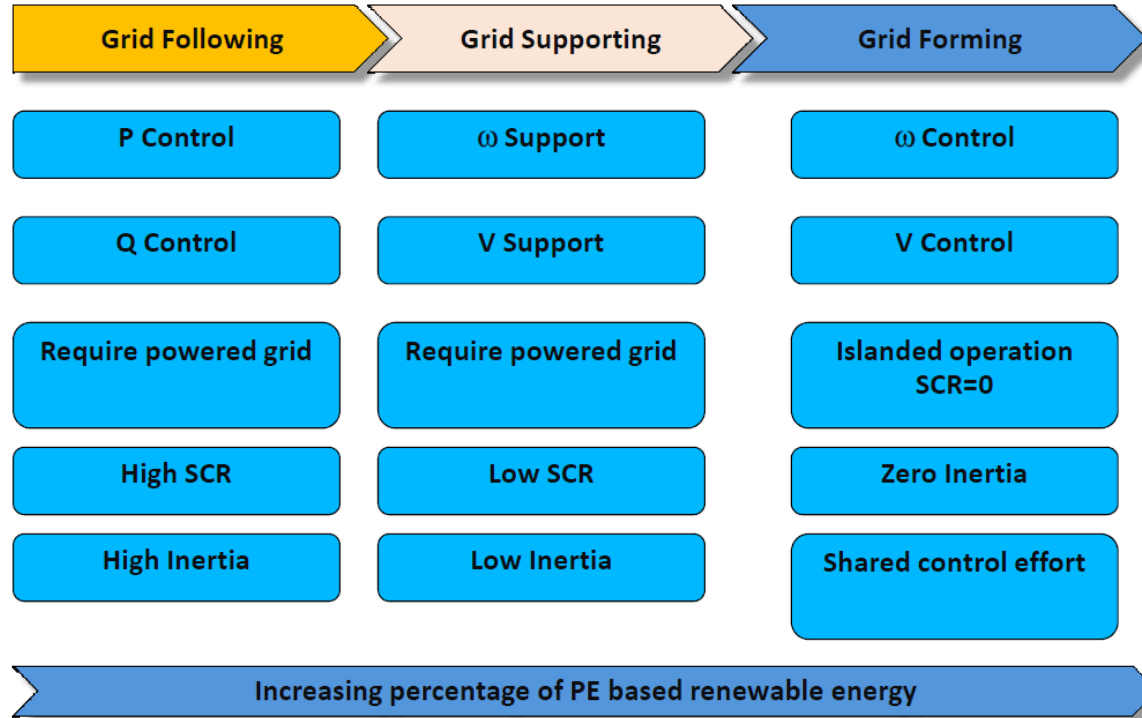
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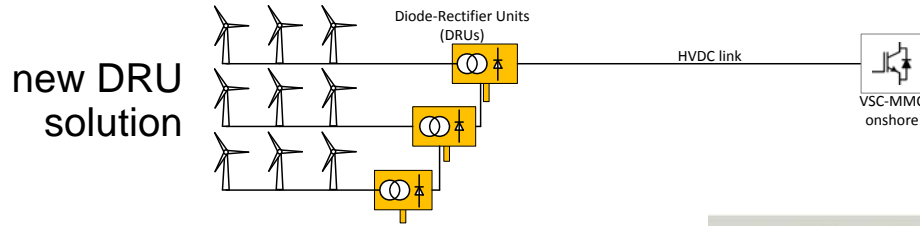
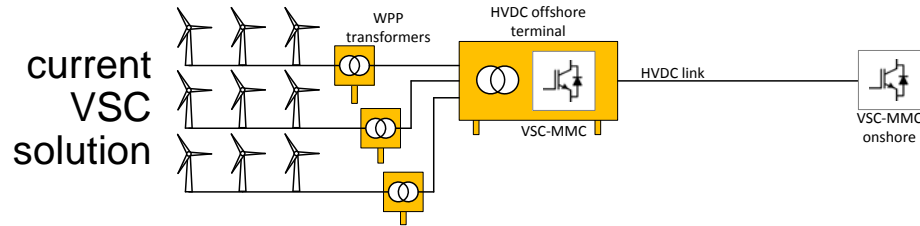
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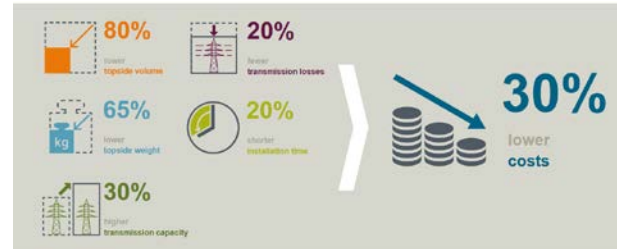
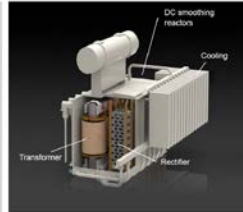
WTG Control capability evolution



Diode Rectifier Units as offshore HVDC



- Key features of the Modular Diode Rectifier Unit**
- Encapsulated, rugged equipment
 - Bio degradable and flame retardant insulation
 - Simple and robust power electronics
 - Small platform with easy transport and installation
 - High reliability, minimal maintenance
 - No offshore DC converter as single point of failure
 - Flexible offshore installation options due to modular rectifier concept

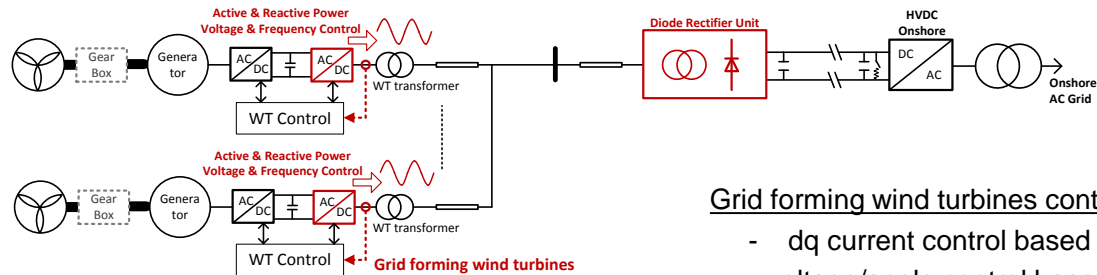
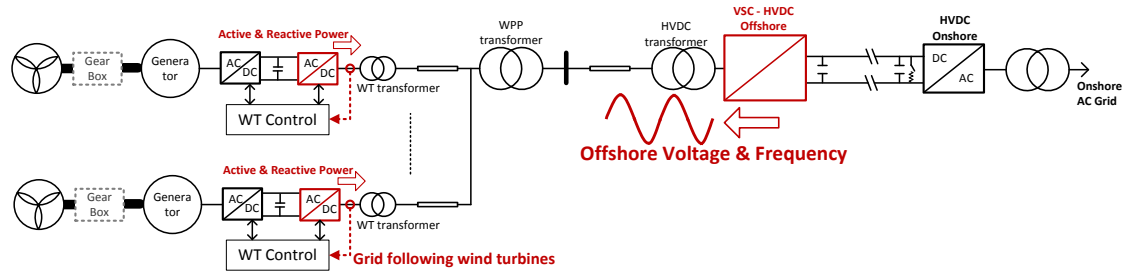


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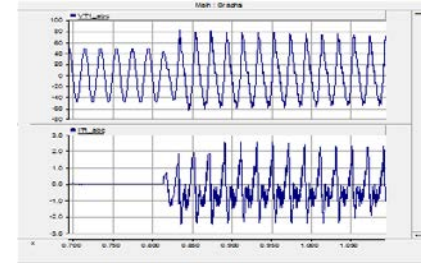
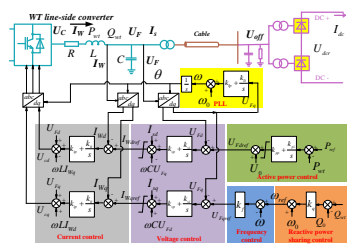
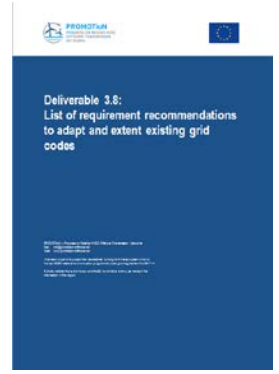
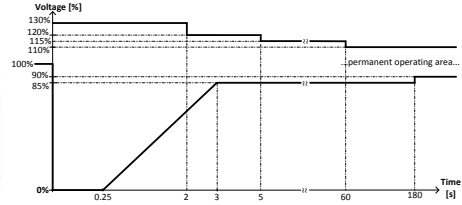
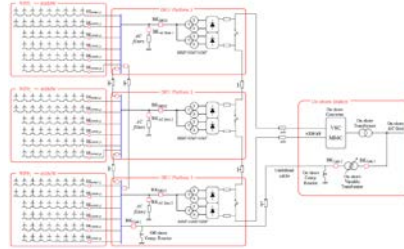
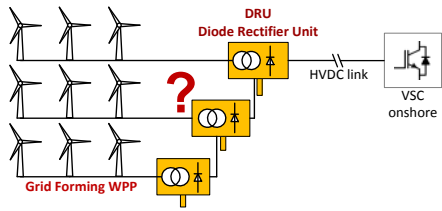
Grid Forming Wind Turbines



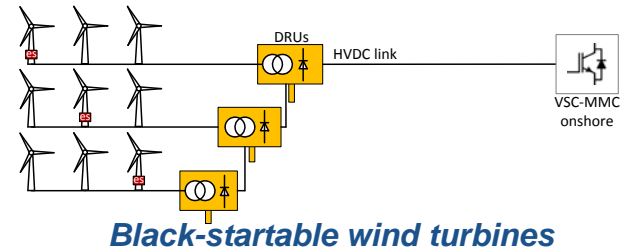
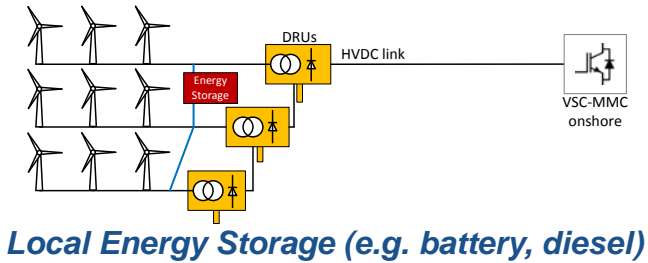
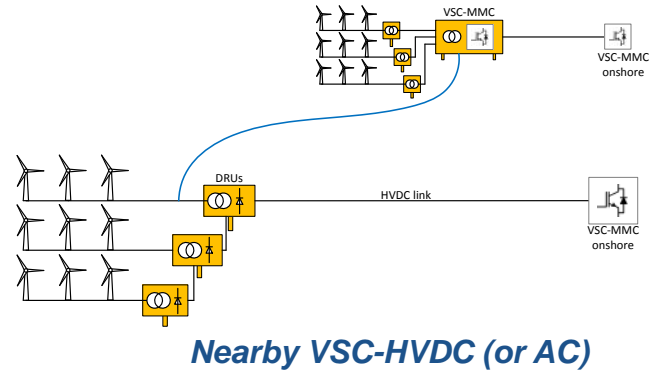
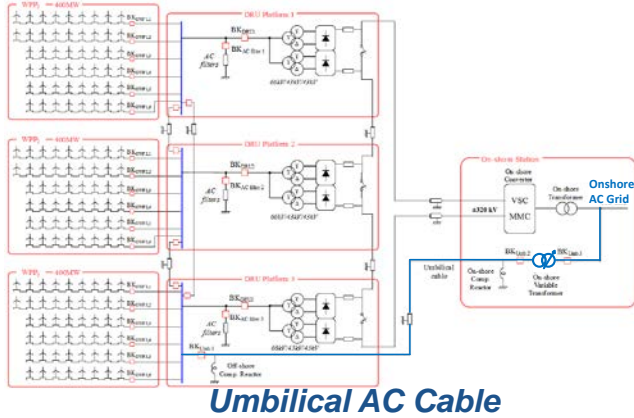
Grid forming wind turbines control

- dq current control based
- voltage/angle control based
- GPS synchronization based
- master/slave based

Objectives



Offshore AC Grid Start-up Options



Some results – AC grid start-up (string connection)

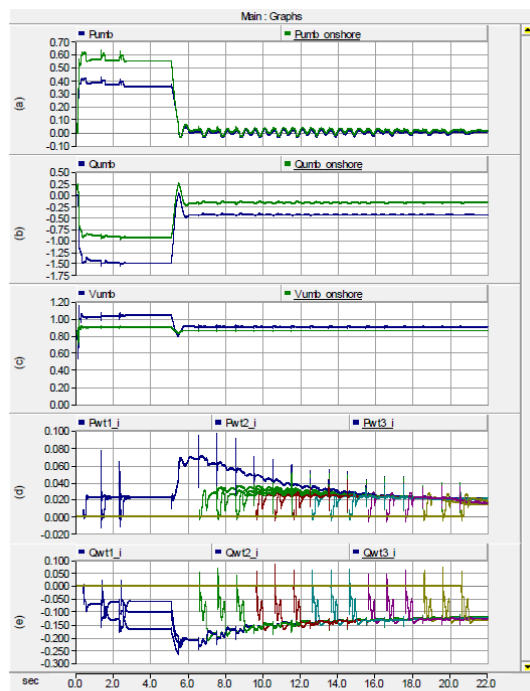


Figure 2-6: Simulation results during offshore AC grid start-up (string connection): (a) active power through umbilical cable measured at umbilical offshore and on-shore ends; (b) reactive power through umbilical cable measured at offshore and on-shore ends; (c) offshore and on-shore AC voltages; (d) WTG active power P_{WTC} ; (e) WTG reactive power Q_{WTC} .

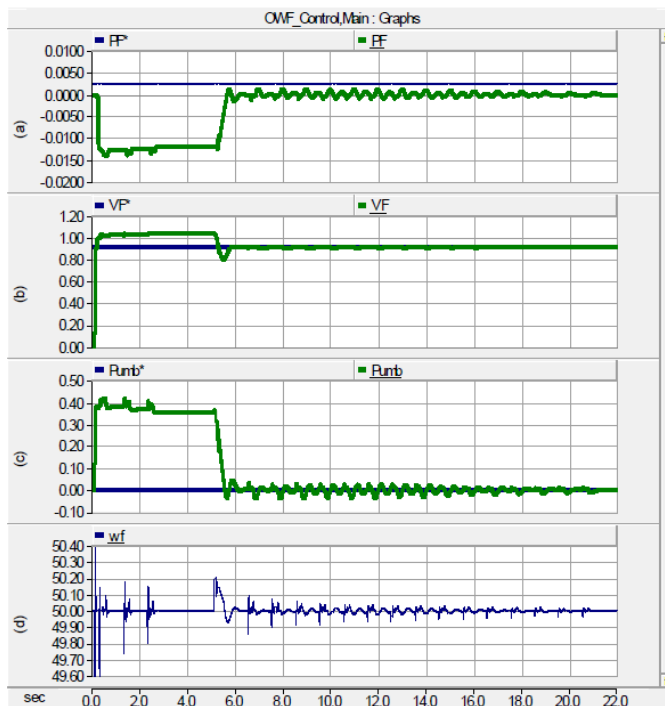


Figure 2-7: Simulation results during offshore AC grid start-up (string connection): (a) total OWF active power, (b) offshore voltage V_{F1} ; (c) active power through the umbilical cable; (d) frequency of the offshore AC grid.

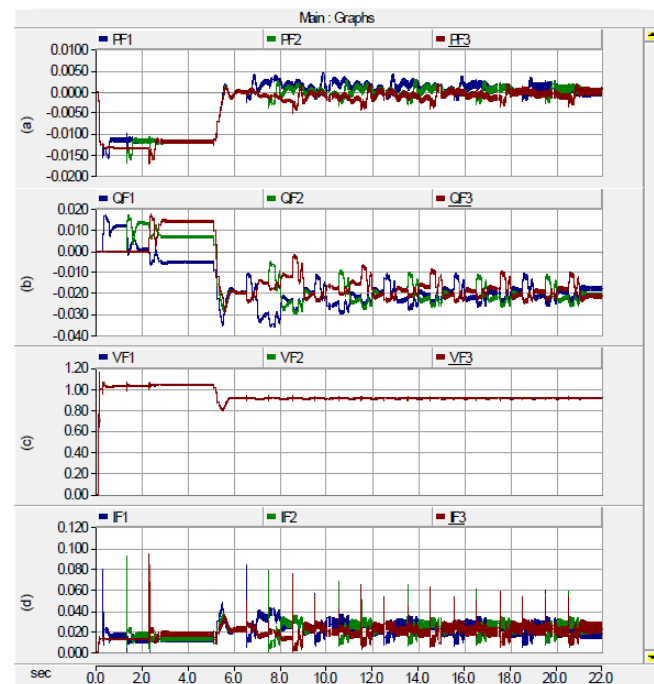
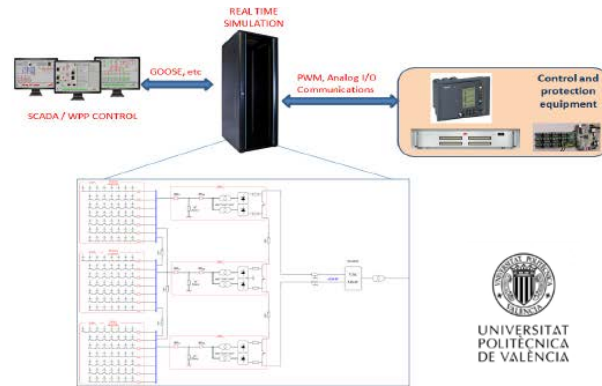


Figure 2-8: (d) Simulation results during offshore AC grid start-up (string connection): (a) active power delivered by each OWF-I; (b) reactive power generated by each OWF-I; (c) voltage at terminals of each DRU platform; (d) current through each string.

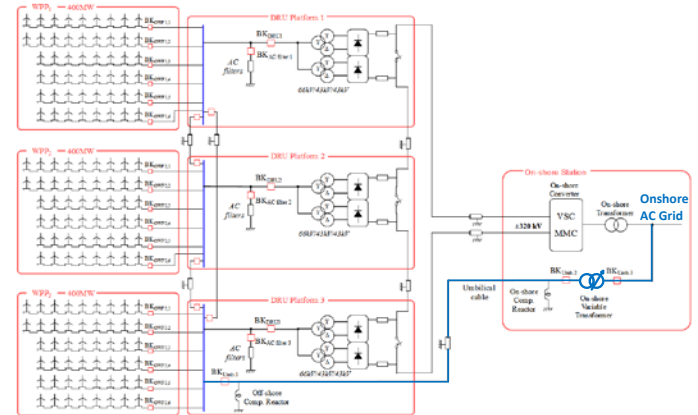
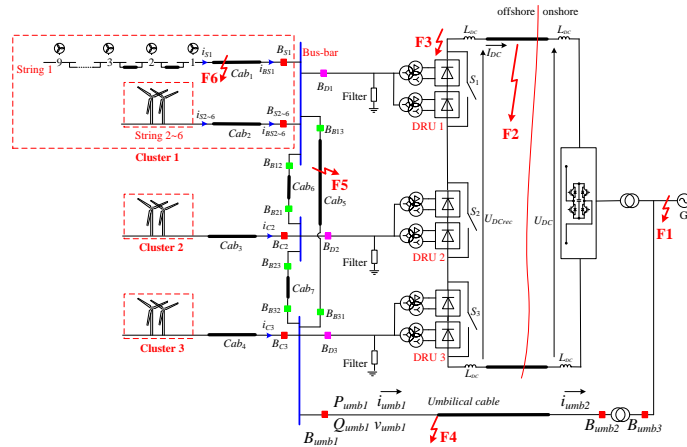
Next steps - Demonstrator

- CHIL validation (WP16 – DNV-GL, RWTH Aachen, UPV):
 - DRU connected grid forming wind power plants
 - Black start for HVAC connected wind power plants
 - Black start for HVDC connected wind power plants
 - HVDC grid connected WPPs



WP3 Preliminary list of Recommendations for Requirements DRU-HVDC connected WPPs

- **Grid forming WTs for DRU connection**
 - Energization
 - Operational ranges (e.g. V, f, df/dt)
 - Control gains (e.g. droop, reserve)
 - Onshore and offshore FRT (100% Power-Electronics)

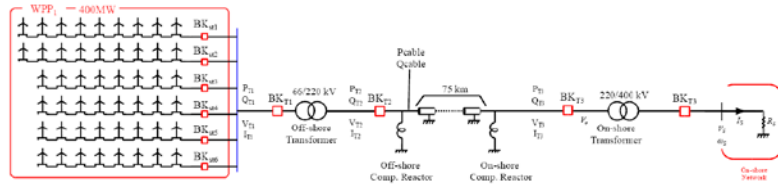


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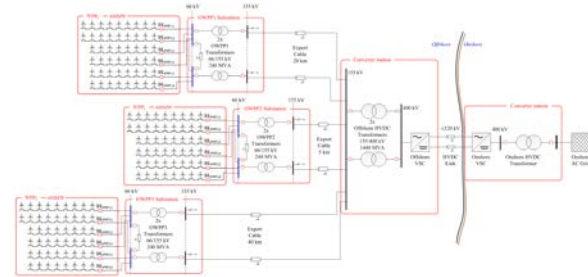


WP3 Preliminary list of Recommendations for Requirements HVAC & VSC-HVDC connected WPPs

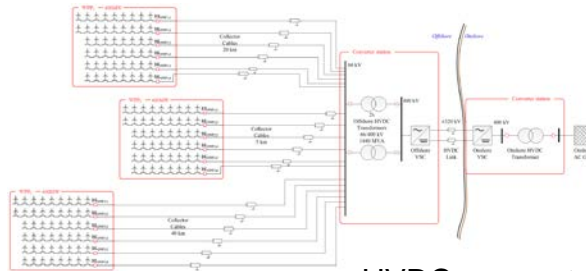
➤ Self-Energization and Black Start requirements for OWPPs



HVAC-connected OWPP



HVDC-connected OWPP(s)
with AC collector substation(s)



HVDC-connected OWPP(s)
directly (66kV) connected to the HVDC

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