ELEC-E8432 An Introduction to Hydrogen Economy Lecture 1 Power System and power transmission

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# Power system

- Power system consists of electrical networks, which connect generating units and loads, or load centers
- Because of economy of scale, power has been produced in large units
- Another reason is that often generation locations are centers are from
- To enable long distance transmission, high voltages are required.
  Power=Voltage\*Current. Current magnitude defines conductor size.
  To keep current in reasonable limits, high voltage is thus needed.
- Another reason is voltage drop in the line. This is measured in volts
- Power systems have several voltage levels connected by transformers:
- Transmission network (400 kV in Finland) several 1000's of km
- Subtransmission 110 kV feeding load centers and big industry
- Distribution networks: Medium voltage 20 kV and low voltage 0.4 kV

### Transmission And Distribution Networks

Power generating stations - generator (10,5 kV, 20 kV) - Step-up transformer (20/400 kV)

#### Transmission system

- transformers (400/220 kV)
- 400 and 220 kV lines
- Switching stations (400, 220 kV)

#### High voltage distribution system

- 110 kV lines
- Transformer stations (110/20 kV)
- Industrial loads

#### Medium voltage distribution system

- 20 kV lines
- 20/0.4 kV secondary substations
- Large customer connections

Low voltage network - 0,4 kV lines and customer connections



# Integration of power systems

- To enable cost efficient power systems, the transmission networks are connected between countries, here the power can be produced at the cheapest location at the moment
- Another reason is the reserve generation capacity, which can be shared between neighboring countries
- A bigger system also enables larger generation units to be connected in the systems. A good example is large nuclear power plants.
- An example of the system interconnection is the Nordic power system presented in the next slide.

## NORDIC TRANSMISSION SYSTEM



Nordel

# **OVERHEAD LINES**

- Let us next consider the overhead lines used in transmission networks and in medium voltage distribution systems.
- These lines have bare conductors, thus there is no insulation covering the conductors
- The conductors are attached to the power line towers of poles by insulators.
- At higher voltage levels these insulators are of suspension type. They are composed of a string of insulator discs connected in series.





OH-line insulators. a) pin insulator, b) disc insulator, c) long rod type d) multi-material type, e) and the cross-section: 1 fiber glass rod, 2 silicon plating, 3 silicon discs, 4, 5, 6 junctions, 7 terminal piece, 8 filling piece.



400 kV insulator string and its accessories: 1 insulator, 8 upper protective horn, 9 lower protective horn, 13 protective layer, 15 conductor support

## High Voltage Overhead Lines

In Finland towers with guy wires in sparsely populated areas And free standing towers in city areas. Oldest lines are built In 1920s.

110 kV - 400 kV lines are used in Fingrid transmission system. Some 110 kV lines for local HV distribution by areal Distribution companies



# 3-phase system

- In alternating current (AC) system, the voltages and currents follow sinusoidal wave form
- The power system utilizes three-phase system, where the phase shift of the power cycle between phases is 120 degrees. This means that the sum of voltages and currents in the three phases is zero. The benefit of this arrangement is that no return wire is needed for the load currents.
- The nominal voltage of the system (400 kV, 110 kV, etc) is the voltage between phases this is called line voltage
- Voltage between phase and neutral is 58% of line voltage
- In normal situation, the neutral is at zero potential

### Alternating current & phasors



### 3-phase system

Phase voltage is Between phase And neutral N Neutral is in Ground (= zero) potential S

> Phase voltage  $U_P U_R U_S U_T$ Line voltage  $U_L U_{RS} U_{ST} U_{TR}$

# Powers in a 3-phase system

- The powers in AC network are divided in real power P, reactive power Q, and apparent power S
- Only real power P provides work or useful energy to the load. Q is oscillating between the source and load, and in average does not provide work when integrated over a power cycle. S is a square sum of P and Q and defines the dimensioning of power system for power flows.
- Loads use both P and Q. Q is needed by electrical motors to create magnetic field and enable their operation. P and Q depend on voltage, current and phase angle between them.
- Q is used by inductances L and can be produced by capacitances C. Thus, reactive power flows of Q can be compensated by capacitors.

### Powers in a 3-ph system

b)







 $P/S = cos \phi$  is power factor

X  
Reactance 
$$\underline{X} = j\omega L$$
  
I = 23 A ( $\underline{U} = \underline{XI}$ )  
 $\psi = 90^{\circ}$   
 $P = 3U_p I \cos 90^{\circ} = 0$ 

$$Q = 3U_p I \sin 90^\circ = 3 * 230 * 23 \text{ var} = 15,9 \text{ kVA}$$

### Powers in a 3-ph system (continued)



# Modelling power lines

- Power lines have two series components, resistance R and reactance X, where X is the product of angular frequency  $\omega = 2\pi f$  and inductance L (f is power system frequency)
- Series resistance R causes power losses when load current flows in the line. Series X consumes reactive power.
- Power lines have two shunt components between phase and neutral (earth): Conductance G caused by resistive leakage currents and capacitive admittance Y caused by capacitances. Resistive leakage currents are very small, but capacitive currents affect the reactive power balance of the network and must be taken into account for voltage control

### **Modelling lines**



## Power transmission

- Power transmission capacity of a line can be modelled by power-angle equation (next slide). When phase angle between sending end voltage and receiving end voltage is increased, power transmission is also increased until 90 degrees, which gives the theoretical limit of maximum power transmission.
- In practice, some margin must be left for network disturbances. Hence the practical maximum of power-angle is about 45 degrees.
- The way to increase power transmission capacity is to increase U or decrease X (=line series reactance)

### **Power transmission – Power–Angle Equation**





Limit power of static stability

# **Surge Arresters**

- Surge arresters SA are used to protect power system components against short time overvoltages
- The are used for fast overvoltage transients due to lightnings and switching actions
- In normal operation SA are isolators, but turn conducting when protective voltage level of component is exceeded
- There must be enough margin between insulation level of components and protective level of SA
- SA must be located close to the protected equipment, which usually is a transformer or a cable

# **Overvoltage protection**

### Surge Arresters and Spark Gaps

- Limit the overvoltages below the withstand level of insulation
- Used at Trasformers and places where cables are connected to overhead lines
- Must be located as close to the protected device as possible



#### a) Single gap, b) Double gap with bird spike





Voltage – current characteristics of ZnO (a) and construction (b). 1: ZnO element, 2: connecting electrodes, 3: supporting cylinder, 4: outer cover, 5: metallic spacer

# HV and MV distribution networks

A network with both 110/33 kV urban system and 110/11 kV rural distribution.

In addition, own 110 kV lines for big industrial loads.



## Transmission capacity of power lines

- Power angle limits the transmission capacity of long high voltage lines
- In case of short transmission lines or distribution networks, the capacity is limited by allowed maximum load current or maximum voltage drop caused by the load current in the line series impedance

# **POWER TRANSFORMERS**

- Power transformers connect different voltage levels
- They are built around magnetic iron core, having separate windings for low voltage side and high voltage side.
- Interturn insulation is usual made by paper tape. Insulation between windings is based on mineral oil, which also works as coolant

## Power transformers

### Transformer parts:

- bushings
- Radiators for cooling
- on-load tap-changer
- Oil expansion tank
- Control and supervision equipment



110 kV / 20 kV primary transformer

## Transformer operation principle



 $\overline{U_1, I_1} \overline{U_2, I_2}$ 

### Voltage per turn is constant

 $\frac{\mathbf{U}_1}{\mathbf{U}_2} = \frac{\mathbf{N}_1}{\mathbf{N}_2}$ 

### Power is constant

$$S = \sqrt{3} U_2 I_2 = \sqrt{3} U_1 I_1$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{I_1}{I_2} = \frac{U_2}{U_1} = \frac{N_2}{N_1}$$

Secondary impedance Z<sub>2</sub> at primary side ?

 $\mathbb{Z}_2$ 

at secondary  $Z_2 = \frac{U_2}{I_2}$ 

at primary 
$$Z'_2 = \frac{U_1}{I_1} = \frac{U_2 \cdot \frac{N_1}{N_2}}{I_2 \cdot \frac{N_2}{N_1}} = \left(\frac{N_1}{N_2}\right)^2 \cdot Z_2$$
  
we may write  $\frac{N_1}{N_2} = \frac{U_{1n}}{U_{2n}}$ 

U=voltage, I=current,Z=impedance

## Equipment at switching stations





# Equipment at switching stations



## Switching station lay-out



## **Current transformers**

## **Current transformers**

- Down scales the currents in primary side to lower level suitable for measurement intrumentation and protective relays
- Measurement cores and protection cores
- Rated values according to standards



Rated primary currents: 10 - 12,5 - 15 - 20 - 25 - 30 - 40 - 50 - 60 - 75 A And their 10, 100, 1000 etc ... multiples. Secondaries: 1 A, 2 A and 5 A

## Voltage (Potential) transformers

- Isolation from grid voltage and down scaling
- Windings separately for measurement and protection
- Rated values standardized







## 20 kV overhead lines and CC lines

Bare conductor

20 kV CC line (Covered Conductor) has a thin insulation cover on phases. The spacing of phases is smaller.

CC-line tolerates short contact between phases and phase with trees without immediate outages. 20 kV overhead line is usually built with bare conductors. In a three phase system we have 3 conductor on a lateral or triangle form, attached on insulators mounted on metallic cross-arms. The towers mostly are of wood, impregnated by CCA, C or creosote.





CC conductor<sub>35</sub>

### **CC**-lines



Covered conductor lines a) SAX-line (also called PAS), b) SAMI-line (Sekko/Hendrix). 1 support, 2 spacer link, 3 spacer.

- narrower line corridors
- phases contacting  $\Rightarrow$  no disturbance
- tree contact: no immediate disurbance, but damage in a few days

- power not able to move
  - welds conductors broken ?
  - arcing horns

detection of a broken conductor difficult

After possible fault circumstance line must be patrolled !

### Medium Voltage Overhead lines (1/3)

- 3-phases, 20 kV
  - No zero or neutral wire
- Looped, but radial operated
  - Disconnecting switches, some in remote control
  - Back-up connections at least at back bone line
- Ungrounded or compensated neutral
- Protective relays + circuit breakers at primary subs.
- Typical length 20...30 km (Lapland even100 km...)
- Typical load only a few megawatts

### •MV Networks (2/3)

- Overhead lines
  - Steel/Aluminum wires 25...201 mm<sup>2</sup>
  - costs 10...20 k€/km
- CC-lines
  - Thin insulation, not full insulation strength
  - Narrow corridor, often double or triple circuit
  - 20...30 % more expensive than bare conductor OH-line





### **MV-Networks (3/3)**

- Underground cables
  - Full insulation, PEX (XLPE)
  - Cross-sections 120...240 mm<sup>2</sup>
  - price 30...50 k€/km depending on soil (excavation)
  - Trend when cutting dowm outages in rural area
- Air cable SAXKA ony little used



UG Cable



MV air cable

## Cable structures

Cable construction Conductor Conductor screen - semiconducting Insulation (PEX) Insulation screen - semiconducting Water sealing Protective screen Grounded \_ Outer jacket (PE)

Messenger/ground wire Twisted 3 phases





RAKENNE Johdin



Johdin	25 mm²: Vesitiivis yksilankainen alumiinijohdin 50 185 mm²: Vesitiivis pyöreä tiivistetty alumiinijohdin
Johdinsuoja	Puolijohtava muovi
Eristys	PEX-muovi
Hohtosuoja	Puolijohtava muovi
Vesitiivistys	Veden vaikutuksesta paisuva puolijohtava nauha
Kosketussuoja	Alumiini-muovilaminaatti, joka toimii samalla poikittaissuuntaisena
Vaihevaippa	Säänkestävä musta PE-muovi
Kannatin	Vesitiivis pyöreä muutamalankainen sinkitty
Kannattimen eristys	Säänkestävä musta PE-muovi
Kertaus	Kolme vaipattua vaihetta kerrattu kannattimen ympärille

### **Secondary substations**

- Connected to 20 kV line by a disconnecting switch
  - Surge arrester or spark gap to protect transformer
  - In OH-lines, transformers pole mounted, 1- or 2-poles
  - In UGC networks a cabin
- Low Voltage switchgear
  - In pole station just fuse boxes
  - In cabins a switchgear with fuses
- Transformer body connected to protective ground







## Secondary substations

#### **Transformers**

- Pole mounted
  - Oil insulated
  - No expansion tank
- Normal transformers
  - Oil filled
  - With expansion tank
  - Off load tap changers ± 5 %
- Dry type transformers
  - Fire safe
- Hermetically close transformers 50...1000 kVA
  - Oil and air separated, less moisture accumulation  $\Rightarrow$  slower aging

### 16...100 kVA

### 30...3150 kVA

### 315...2000 kVA







kj/pj-muuntaja

kj-syöttö

kj-syöttö



### Secondary substations

### •Small cabin (transformer 50 – 315 kVA) "dog house"



## 400/1000 V ABC-line (AMKA)

- AMKA a Air Bundle Cable, where three phase conductors are twisted around the messenger. Messenger works as a PEN-conductor. (combined neutral wire and protective earth conductor).
- AMKA is attached to wood poles and usually used in rural and suburban areas.
- The height of the line is over 4 meters and distance from roads at minimum 5.5 meters.
- Rated voltage 0.6/1 kV
- Max temperatures
  - Continuous 70 degrees
  - In short circuit 135 degrees





## Secondary substations and low voltage networks



