



Review Paper on High Voltage DC(HVDC) Transmission

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Abstract- High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) transmission is an advanced and efficient technology used for long-distance bulk power transfer, submarine cable transmission, and interconnection of asynchronous power systems. Compared with conventional High Voltage Alternating Current (HVAC) systems, HVDC offers lower transmission losses, improved stability, better controllability, higher transmission capacity, and reduced environmental impact. Modern HVDC systems employ advanced converter technologies such as Line Commutated Converters (LCC), Voltage Source Converters (VSC), Capacitor Commutated Converters (CCC), and Modular Multilevel Converters (MMC) to enhance system performance and reliability. The technology plays a significant role in renewable energy integration, offshore wind farm connection, and smart grid development. HVDC transmission systems consist of converter stations, transformers, filters, smoothing reactors, transmission lines, and sophisticated control systems that ensure efficient power conversion and transmission. Although the initial installation cost of HVDC systems is relatively high, their long-term operational, economic, and technical advantages make them highly suitable for modern and future electrical power networks. Continuous developments in power electronics and semiconductor technologies are expected to further expand the application of HVDC systems worldwide.

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I.INTRODUCTION

The increasing demand for sustainable transportation 1. JPNR – Review on HVDC Transmission System This paper explains the development, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) transmission systems. It discusses converter stations, thyristor valves, VSC valves, transformers, filters, transmission media, and HVDC applications. The paper also highlights the advantages of HVDC such as lower losses and suitability for long-distance transmission.

HVDC transmission was the earliest form of electric power transmission. Initially, DC systems faced limitations in long-distance transmission, which led to the development of AC systems. With advances in power electronics and high-voltage valves, HVDC again became practical and efficient for bulk long-distance power transfer. Important milestones include the first commercial HVDC system in Sweden (1954) and India's first HVDC system at Rihand-Dadri (1991).

HVDC transmission is highly efficient for long-distance and bulk power transfer. Although converter stations are costly, HVDC provides lower transmission losses, better stability, controllability, and reliable interconnection between power systems. Modern VSC technology and improved converter systems are making HVDC increasingly important in modern power networks.

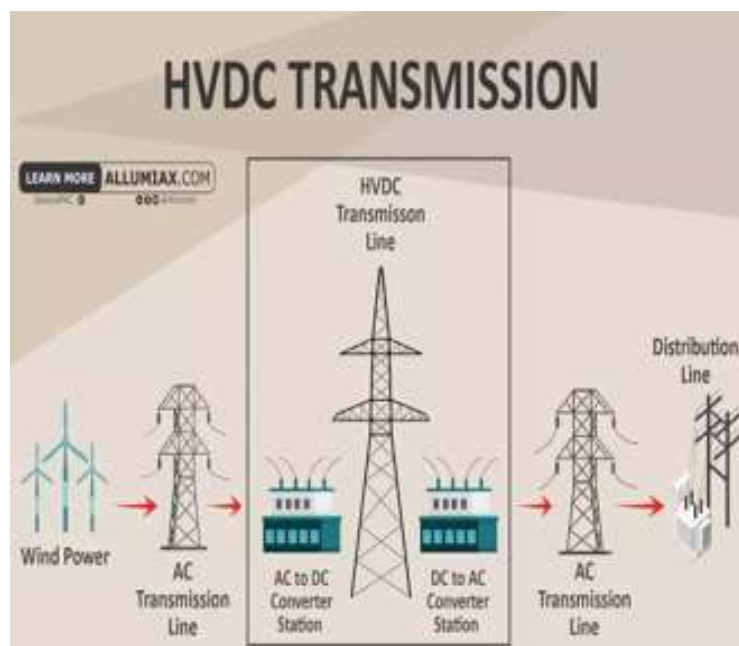
II. ENERGY WEEK 2000 – HVDC TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY

This review paper provides a complete overview of HVDC technology, including historical development, system components, converter technologies, design, economics, and practical applications worldwide. It compares HVDC with HVAC systems and discusses environmental, operational, and financial benefits.

The paper begins with the historical evolution of HVDC systems and explains why HVDC has become attractive in modern power systems. Factors such as environmental advantages, asynchronous interconnections, power flow control, lower losses, and economical long-distance transmission make HVDC preferable in many situations.

HVDC systems provide economical and technically superior solutions for long-distance and submarine power transmission. Modern technologies such as VSC and CCC improve controllability, efficiency, and renewable energy integration. HVDC is expected to play a major role in future interconnected power systems.

III. HVDC TRANSMISSION

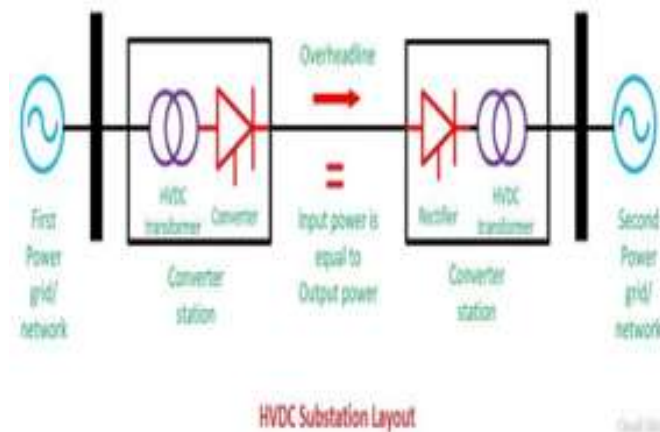


This short review paper discusses HVDC transmission principles, system components, types, advantages, disadvantages, applications, and recent developments. It compares HVAC and HVDC systems and emphasizes HVDC's role in renewable energy integration and modern grids.

HVDC technology converts AC power into DC for efficient long-distance transmission and reconverts it back to AC at the receiving end. HVDC is widely used in submarine cables, asynchronous interconnections, and renewable energy integration due to its lower losses and better control capabilities.

HVDC transmission is a reliable and efficient technology for long-distance high-capacity power transfer. Though initial installation costs are high, its operational advantages, reduced losses, and future compatibility with smart grids make it an essential technology for modern electrical systems.

IV. HVDC TRANSMISSION SYSTEM



This review paper explains HVDC transmission history, advantages over HVAC, system components, converter stations, filters, smoothing reactors, and transmission media. It also discusses India's HVDC developments and economic benefits.

The paper describes how AC systems dominated power transmission because transformers allowed easy voltage conversion. However, AC systems face limitations in long-distance transmission, skin effect, and asynchronous interconnections. HVDC overcomes these limitations with higher efficiency and lower losses.

HVDC transmission is more efficient and technically advantageous for long-distance and bulk power transmission compared to HVAC systems. Advances in converter technologies, filters, and control systems are improving performance and reliability, making HVDC suitable for future smart power systems.

V. VSC-BASED HVDC POWER TRANSMISSION

This IEEE paper presents an overview of Voltage Source Converter (VSC)-based HVDC systems. It discusses converter topologies, PWM techniques, control methods, multilevel converters, and worldwide VSC-HVDC projects. The paper highlights the role of VSC-HVDC in renewable energy integration and offshore wind farms.

The paper explains that advances in power electronics and fully controlled semiconductor devices have accelerated the development of HVDC and FACTS technologies. VSC-HVDC systems provide independent control of active and reactive power, fast response, and improved stability.

VSC-HVDC technology offers major advantages such as fast dynamic response, flexible power control, and efficient renewable energy integration. Modular multilevel converters and advanced semiconductor technologies are expected to further improve HVDC system performance and expand future applications.



VI. BASIS PRINCIPLES OF HVDC TRANSMISSION

This document explains the basic principles, configurations, converter arrangements, harmonic filtering, and applications of HVDC transmission systems. It discusses monopolar, bipolar, back-to-back, and multiterminal HVDC configurations in detail.

The document traces the development of HVDC from early DC systems to modern thyristor-based transmission systems. It explains why HVDC became practical with mercury arc valves and later solid-state thyristors. HVDC is especially beneficial for long-distance and submarine transmission.

HVDC transmission is economically and technically suitable for long-distance, submarine, and asynchronous power system interconnections. Its flexibility, controllability, and stability benefits make it a key technology in modern electric power transmission systems

VII. CONCLUSION

High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) transmission has emerged as a highly efficient and reliable technology for long-distance bulk power transfer, submarine cable transmission, and interconnection of asynchronous power systems. Compared with conventional HVAC systems, HVDC offers lower transmission losses, better stability, improved controllability, reduced right-of-way requirements, and enhanced power flow management.

The development of advanced converter technologies such as Line Commutated Converters (LCC), Voltage Source Converters (VSC), Capacitor Commutated Converters (CCC), and Modular Multilevel Converters (MMC) has significantly improved HVDC system performance, efficiency, and flexibility. Modern HVDC systems can independently control active and reactive power, support weak AC grids, and integrate renewable energy sources such as offshore wind and solar power into existing electrical networks

Although HVDC systems require high initial investment due to expensive converter stations and complex control equipment, their long-term operational benefits make them economically attractive for long-distance and high-capacity transmission projects. HVDC technology also plays a vital role in improving grid stability, reducing environmental impact, enabling asynchronous interconnections, and supporting future smart grid development

Overall, the reviewed papers conclude that HVDC transmission is a key technology for modern and future power systems. Continuous advancements in power electronics, semiconductor devices, converters, filters, and control strategies are expected to further increase the adoption of HVDC systems worldwide for efficient, sustainable, and reliable electric power transmissionake it a key technology in modern electric power transmission systems.

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