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## Chance-Constrained AC Optimal Power Flow Integrating HVDC Lines and Controllability

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# Motivation

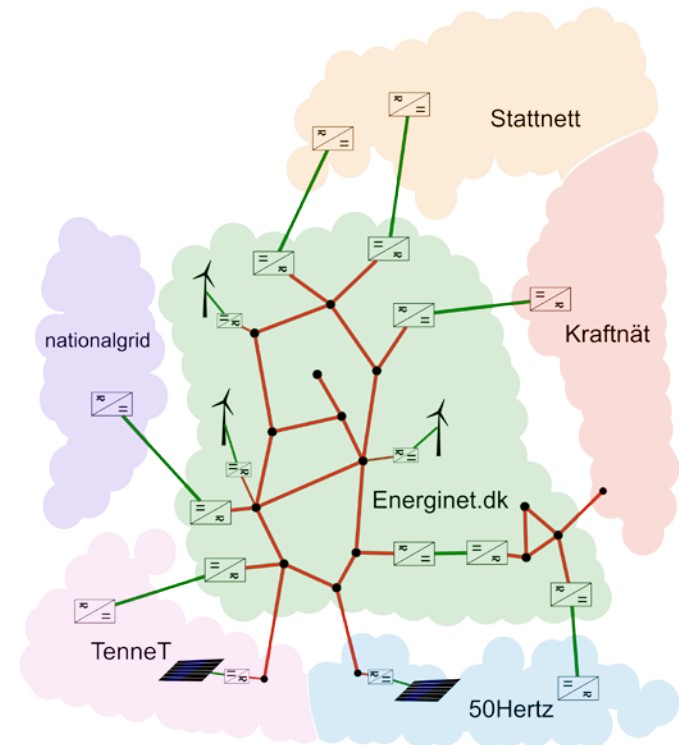
- High RES penetration increases uncertainty in power system operation
- North Sea Wind Shore Power Hub
- Goal of this work
  - chance constraints to address uncertainty
  - incorporate HVDC lines and controllability
  - maintain computational tractability



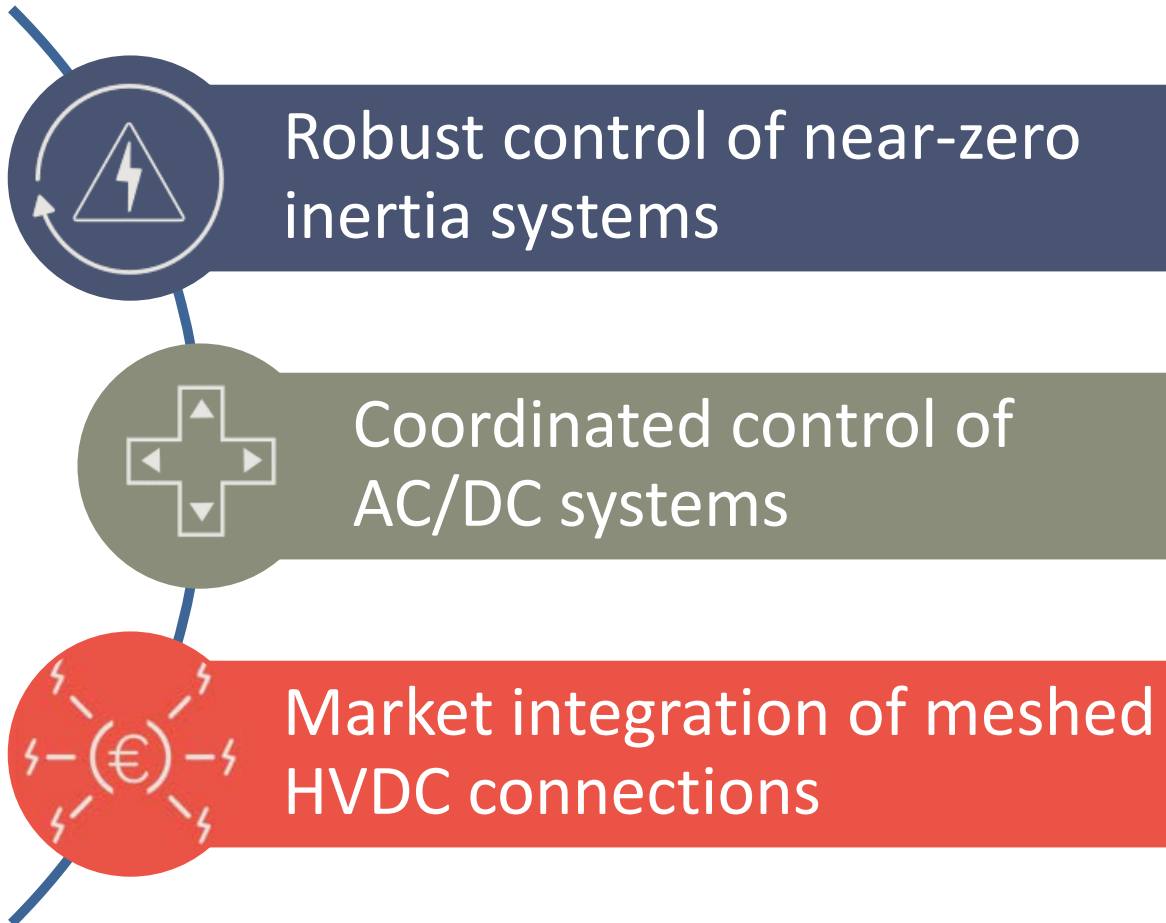
Source: northseawindpowerhub.eu

## Innovative Methods for Optimal Operation of Multiple HVDC Connections and Grids

- Innovation Fund Denmark Grand Solutions
- Partners:
  - **Two neighboring TSOs:**  
Energinet, Svenska kraftnät
  - **Three universities:**  
DTU, KTH, Univ. of Liege
  - **One major manufacturer:** ABB
  - **Advisory Board:** RTE, Nordic RSCI
- **4.2 million USD**
- **4 years;** Start May 1, 2017



# The three pillars of multiDC

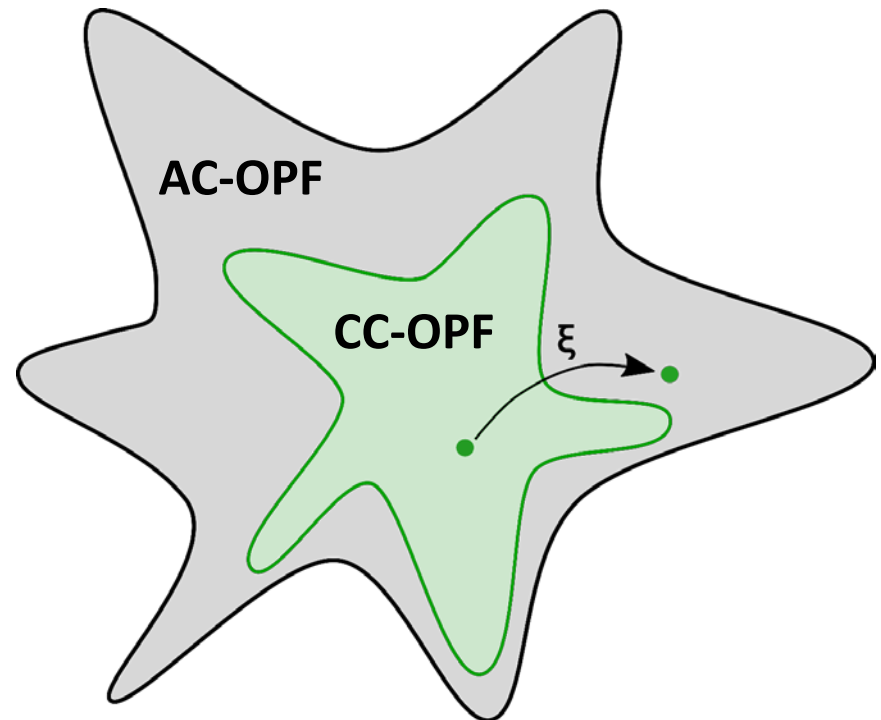
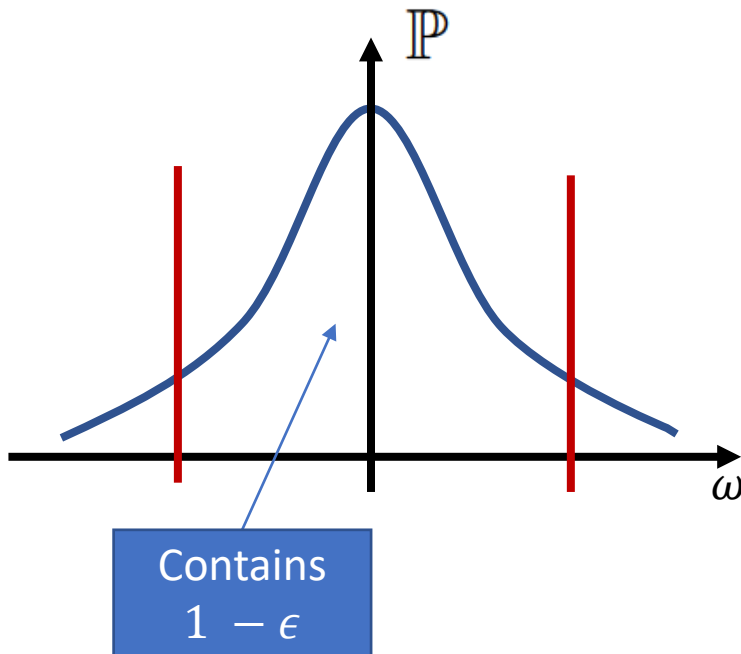


Implementation  
at PowerlabDK



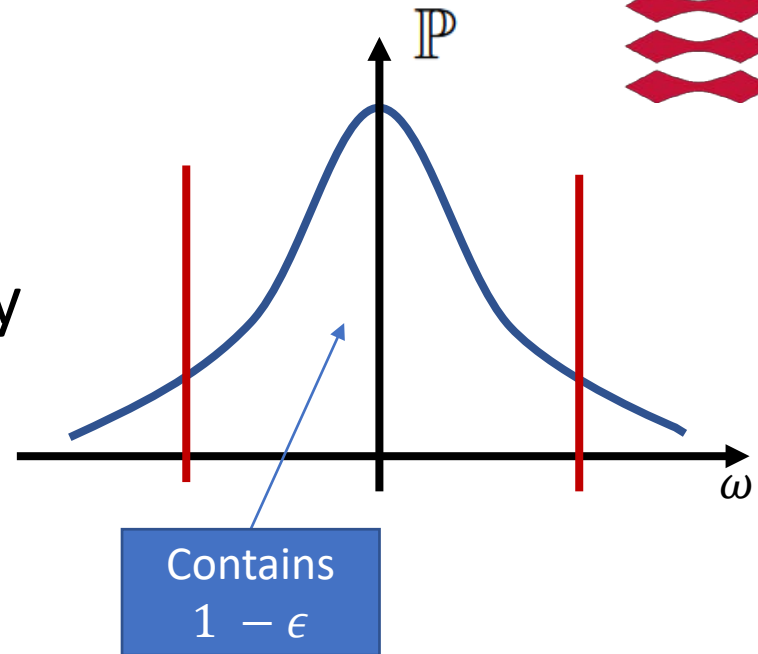
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- AC-OPF with chance constraints for state variables  $\mathbf{x} = \{P, Q, V, \theta\}$



$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} \quad \mathbf{c}_2^T \mathbf{P}_G^2 + \mathbf{c}_1^T \mathbf{P}_G + \mathbf{c}_0$$

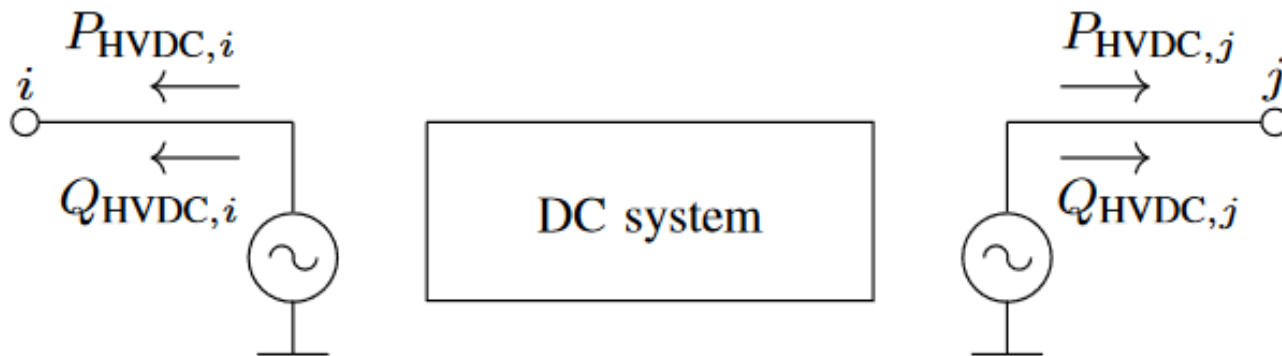
$$\text{s.t.} \quad f_i(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n$$

$$\mathbb{P}(g_i(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}(\omega)) \leq 0) \geq 1 - \epsilon, \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, m.$$



# Including HVDC Lines and Controllability

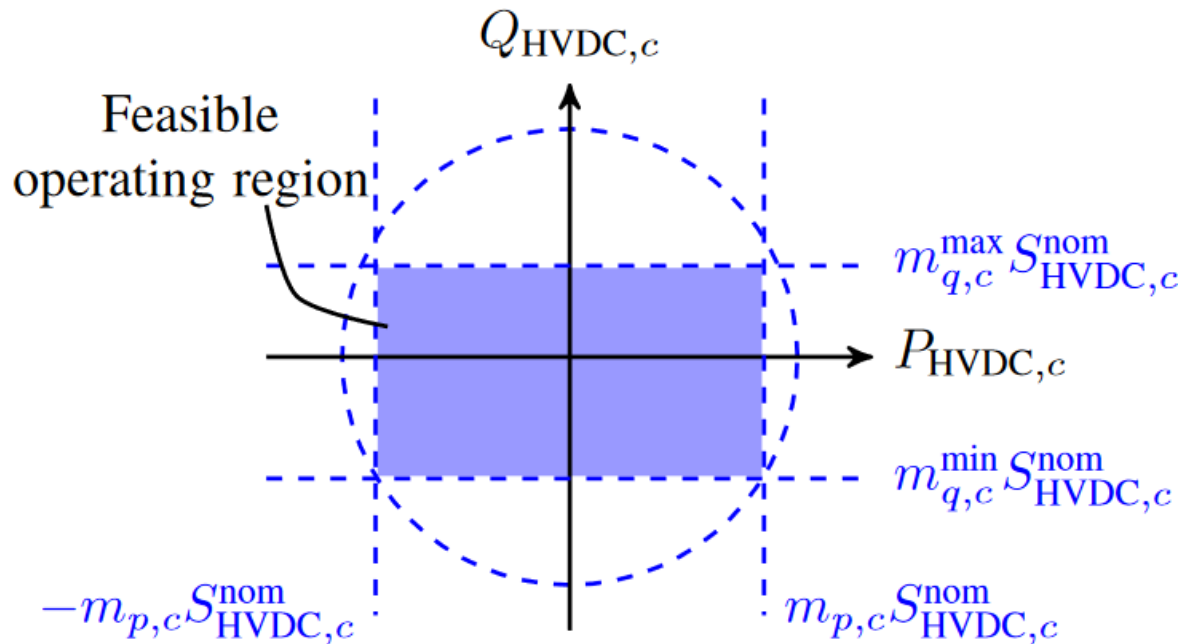
- HVDC model includes
  - active and reactive power capability
  - constant loss term





# Including HVDC Lines and Controllability

- HVDC corrective control of active power set-point to react to forecast errors with HVDC participation factors  $\beta$



# Iterative Solution Algorithm – 1



- Chance constrained AC-OPF includes for both AC and DC systems

- Equality constraints
- Inequality constraints with uncertainty margins

- Uncertainty margins  $\lambda$  depend on

- Optimized system state  $\mathbf{x}$
- Generator and HVDC participation factors  $\alpha, \beta$
- Distribution of forecast errors  $\omega$

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{x}} \quad & \mathbf{c}_2^T \mathbf{P}_G^2 + \mathbf{c}_1^T \mathbf{P}_G + \mathbf{c}_0 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{f}^{\text{ac}}(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \\ & \mathbf{f}^{\text{dc}}(\mathbf{P}_{\text{HVDC}}) = 0 \\ & \mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{x}^{\text{max}} - \lambda^{\mathbf{x}}(\alpha, \beta) \\ & \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{x}^{\text{min}} + \lambda^{\mathbf{x}}(\alpha, \beta) \end{aligned}$$

# Iterative Solution Algorithm – 1



- The resulting optimization problem is highly non-convex  
→ To achieve tractability, we make some assumptions!

(1) To model the effect of forecast errors on the operating system state  $x_0$ , we use the **first order Taylor expansion**  $\Gamma$

$$x(\omega) = x_0 + \omega \Gamma_{x_0}$$

(2) We assume control policies are **affine** in the uncertainty  $\omega$  for both generator and HVDC active power

(3) We assume forecast errors  $\omega$  follow a **Gaussian** distribution

→ Due to (1) – (3), **analytical reformulation** of chance constraints possible

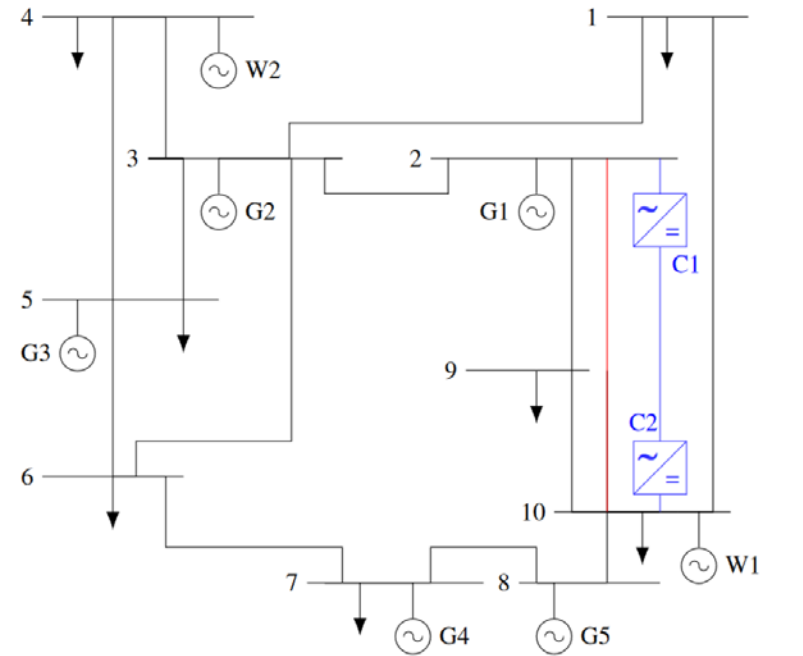
# Iterative Solution Algorithm – 3



- We extend an existing computationally efficient **iterative** solution algorithm (Schmidli et al., PES GM 2016, Roald et al., TPRWS, 2018):
  - Step 0: Initialize  $\lambda^1 := 0, k = 0$ .
  - Step 1: Set  $k = k + 1$ : Solve CC-AC-OPF for  $\lambda^k$ .
  - Step 2: Based on  $\alpha^k, \beta^k, x^k$ , compute  $\Gamma_{x^k}$ . Then include  $\lambda^{k+1}$  as function of  $\alpha, \beta$  in CC-AC-OPF.
  - Step 3: If  $|\lambda^{k+1} - \lambda^k|_{\infty} \leq \rho$ , terminate. Otherwise, go to Step 1.
- Optimizing over generator, HVDC participation factors  $\alpha, \beta$  under assumptions (1)–(3) with iterative solution algorithm lead to **tractable** second-order cone chance constraints

# Simulation Setup

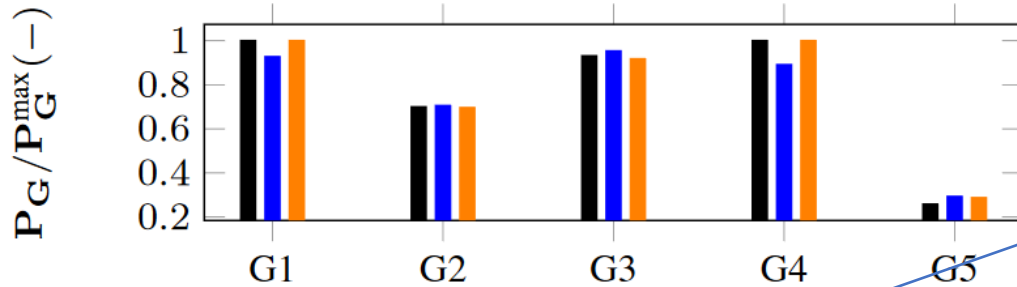
- 10 bus system
  - with 2 wind farms
  - realistic wind forecast data
  - Line from 2 to bus 10 is congested
  - $\epsilon = 5\%$
- Case A: no HVDC line
- Case B: congested line is replaced with HVDC line



→ Comparison of AC-OPF without considering uncertainty, CC-AC-OPF with fixed and optimized  $\alpha, \beta$

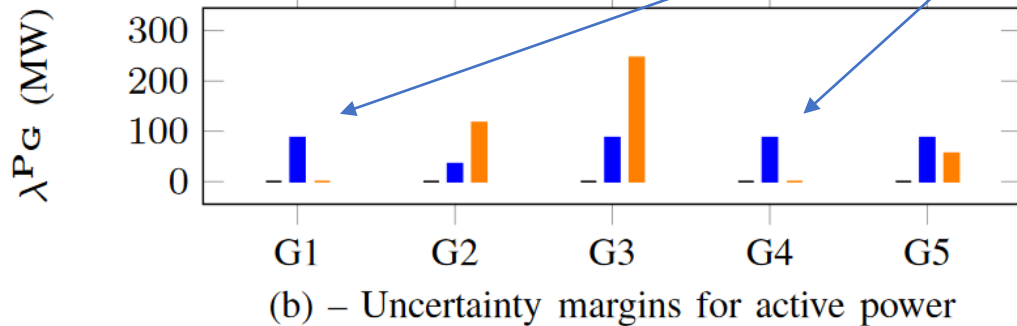
# no HVDC: optimizing generator participation factors reduces cost of uncertainty

Generation dispatch ( $P_G/P_{max}$ )



G1 and G4 are cheap generators

Tightening generation limits ( $\lambda^{PG}$ )



■ AC-OPF ■ CC-AC-OPF (fixed  $\alpha$ ) ■ CC-AC-OPF (opt.  $\alpha$ )

- Optimizing  $\alpha$  does not tighten cheap generators limits
- Cost of uncertainty reduced from **2.03%** to **0.79%**

# HVDC eliminates cost of uncertainty



TABLE II  
EMPIRICAL CONSTRAINT VIOLATION PROBABILITY FOR 10 BUS TEST  
CASE WITH HVDC LINE

| Constraint limits on                           | P    | Q   | V    | P <sub>line</sub> | P <sub>HVDC</sub> |
|--|------|-----|------|-------------------|-------------------|
| In-sample analysis with 10'000 samples (%)     |      |     |      |                   |                   |
| AC-OPF (w/o uncertainty)                       | 50.5 | 0.0 | 45.3 | 12.4              | 0.0               |
| CC-AC-OPF (fixed $\alpha$ and $\beta$ )        | 5.1  | 0.0 | 3.8  | 3.8               | 0.0               |
| CC-AC-OPF (opt. $\alpha$ and $\beta$ )         | 0.9  | 0.0 | 3.9  | 3.5               | 0.0               |
| Out-of-sample analysis with 10'000 samples (%) |      |     |      |                   |                   |
| AC-OPF (w/o uncertainty)                       | 43.2 | 0.0 | 47.8 | 11.5              | 0.0               |
| CC-AC-OPF (fixed $\alpha$ and $\beta$ )        | 5.8  | 0.0 | 3.4  | 3.9               | 0.0               |
| CC-AC-OPF (opt. $\alpha$ and $\beta$ )         | 0.4  | 0.0 | 3.2  | 3.8               | 0.0               |

Not considering uncertainty can lead to large violations!

- By optimizing the generator and HVDC participation factors  $\alpha, \beta$  cost of uncertainty is reduced from **2.2%** to **0.0%**
- CC-AC-OPF (opt.  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ ) complies with the violation probability of 5% in- and out-of-sample



# Conclusion



- We extended an iterative chance-constrained AC-OPF to include
  - a) HVDC lines and HVDC corrective control policies
  - b) optimization of both generator and HVDC participation factors
- Simulation results using realistic forecast data show
  - a) the cost reduction by utilizing HVDC and generator controllability
  - b) compliance in- and out-of-sample with target constraint violation probability
- Future work includes data-driven approaches

# Questions?



MULTI-DC - controlling the power flows

<http://www.multi-dc.eu/>

[www.chatziva.com](http://www.chatziva.com)

For further reference:

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# Simulation Results – Case A

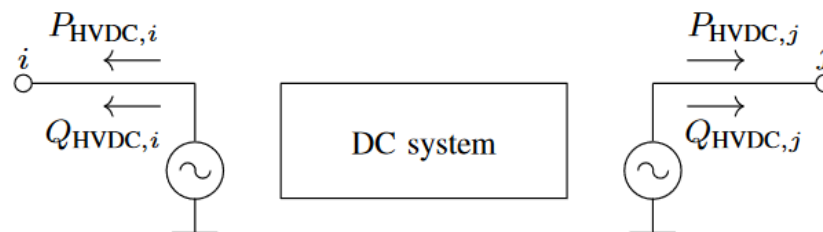
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|--|------|-----|-----|-------------------|
| In-sample analysis with 10'000 samples (%)     |      |     |     |                   |
| AC-OPF (w/o uncertainty)                       | 49.0 | 0.0 | 6.7 | 49.7              |
| CC-AC-OPF (fixed $\alpha$ )                    | 5.3  | 0.0 | 2.8 | 5.3               |
| CC-AC-OPF (opt. $\alpha$ )                     | 4.9  | 0.0 | 2.9 | 4.9               |
| Out-of-sample analysis with 10'000 samples (%) |      |     |     |                   |
| AC-OPF (w/o uncertainty)                       | 43.2 | 0.0 | 4.6 | 49.2              |
| CC-AC-OPF (fixed $\alpha$ )                    | 5.8  | 0.0 | 3.4 | 6.1               |
| CC-AC-OPF (opt. $\alpha$ )                     | 5.8  | 0.0 | 3.4 | 5.6               |

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