



# Transient Stability Analysis of the Two-Area With AC/DC Paralleled Interconnected Power System in Different Operation

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In order to deeply explore the transient stability mechanism of the AC/DC hybrid system, this paper analyzes the rotor angle stability of the two-area AC/DC hybrid system. The system is analyzed after subjecting it to large disturbances in the AC system and for different operating conditions, qualitatively and quantitatively. The influence of factors, such as the AC operating point of the system and the proportion of DC transmission power, have been considered for improving the rotor motion equation. Subsequently, the transient characteristics of the hybrid system are analyzed after being subjected to disturbances. The power angle stability margin index is obtained, based on which the transient characteristics after DC blocking are analyzed, and the coordinated control strategy with the least control cost is proposed. The results are verified using the two-area AC/DC parallel transmission system network model. The study provides the reference for ensuring the security and stability of the hybrid AC/DC power grid.

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## INTRODUCTION

High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) has become the first choice for long-distance power transmission due to its advantages of low line loss, large transmission capacity, and adjustable power (Huang et al., 2009). China has formed a multi-area interconnected AC/DC transmission system. With the continuous development of AC/DC hybrid power grid, the grid pattern, its operational characteristics and the power supply structure are undergoing major changes (Barnes et al., 2017; Wang et al., 2021). However, the cross-regional coupling characteristics of the AC and the DC systems, enhance the mutual influence and thus, results in complex transient stability characteristics of the hybrid system (Mao et al., 2021).

Commutation failure (CF) is the abnormal behavior of a semi-controlled DC converter valve composed of thyristors. CFs at the DC inverter side threaten the stable operation of the power system (Wang et al., 2019; Hong et al., 2021). If the fault is not cleared in time, it may cause a power outage of the AC system on the inverter side (Xue et al., 2018). The instability of the system rotor angle caused by the CF is one of the main stability problems faced by the AC/DC hybrid system (Geeganage et al., 2015; Gonzalez-Torres et al., 2021). Most of the current researches on rotor angle stability aims at the transient rotor angle stability of the system. The characteristics of the DC power dip caused by the sending-side fault has been studied by (Tu et al., 2016), who also analyzed the rotor angle instability mode of the sending-side system

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caused by the DC fault dip from the mechanism. The problem of insufficient moment of inertia of the system after the accident has been studied by (Tina et al., 2018), who also proposed a method for evaluating the moment of inertia of the system using an independent system, to ensure the transient stability of the system. Siddiqui et al. (2016) used the data provided by the phasor measurement units to predict the system's risk of instability, after a large disturbance. They also proposed an online emergency control strategy for possible situations. A new method for identifying the rotor angle stability of the power system has been proposed by establishing a multi-condition discrete Markov power system model with cascading failures and by using linear matrix inequality (LMI) tools (Ma et al., 2016). Some researchers have used advanced machine learning technology to warn and prevent the potential emergency of power system (Hiraiwa et al., 2015; Yang Shaobo et al., 2020; Zhou et al., 2021). To quickly quell the impact of large disturbances during faults and keep the system safe and stable, it is difficult for a single type of control measure to meet the control requirements (Haleem et al., 2019; Watson and Lestas, 2021). So it is necessary to formulate corresponding coordinated control strategies (Renedo et al., 2016; Gan et al., 2018; Wang et al., 2019).

The main contributions of the paper can be summarized as follows: Taking a two-area AC/DC parallel transmission system as the example, to study the influence of AC operating point on the transient rotor angle stability of AC/DC hybrid system. This paper reflects the change of AC operating point of the system through two different operating conditions of the hybrid system. Based on the equivalent rotor motion equation, the key factors affecting the stability of the hybrid system are quantitatively analyzed through the corresponding power characteristic curves of the hybrid system under two working conditions. It was proved that in a certain range, the increase of DC power transmission ratio has the opposite effect on the transient rotor angle stability of hybrid system under different working conditions. Then, based on the power characteristic curve of the system have adopted DC blocking and load cutting, the coordinated control strategy is determined quantitatively. These research results provide a basis for the distribution of DC transmission power and the adoption of system control strategy under different operation modes of AC/DC hybrid system.

The article is arranged as follows: The Power Characteristic Curve of System section determines the power characteristic curves of the system under different operating conditions. The Stability Margin Index and Transient Stability Analysis of System section analyzed main influencing factor of the transient rotor angle stability by the stability margin index. The Control strategy of Hybrid System section determines the coordinated control strategy with a minimum control cost. Simulation analysis section demonstrates the effectiveness of the theoretical results by the simulation of the two-area IEEE-39 network model using an advanced digital power system simulator (ADPSS).



# THE POWER CHARACTERISTIC CURVE OF SYSTEM

### The Traditional AC System

The schematic diagram of the equivalent model of the two-area AC system is shown in **Figure 1**.

In the simplified model,  $E_1 \angle \delta_1$ ,  $E_2 \angle \delta_2$  denote the internal potential and rotor angle,  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are the equivalent line reactance,  $x_{12}$  is the tie line reactance between area 1 and 2,  $P_{G1}$  and  $P_{G2}$  are the mechanical power of the equivalent generators,  $U_1 \angle \theta_1$  and  $U_2 \angle \theta_2$  denote the respective bus voltage and phase angle,  $P_{L1}$  and  $P_{L2}$  are the load powers.  $P_{A12}$  is the AC transmission power between area 1 and area 2.

For the convenience of analysis, the following assumptions are made for the system:

- 1) Ignoring the mechanical power change of equivalent generators G1 and G2, it is assumed that the values of PG1 and PG2 are constant
- 2) The equivalent load of transmission network and receiving terminal is represented by constant power load model.
- It is assumed that there is weak interconnection between area 1 and area 2, that is, when the reactance x12 of the tie line is much greater than the internal impedance of the power grid at the sending and receiving end x1,x2, it can be approximated that x<sub>1</sub> ≈ 0, x<sub>2</sub> ≈ 0, E<sub>1</sub> ≈ U<sub>1</sub>,E<sub>2</sub> ≈ U<sub>2</sub>, θ<sub>1</sub> ≈ δ<sub>1</sub>, θ<sub>2</sub> ≈ δ<sub>2</sub>.

Under this assumption, and the rotor motion of the equivalent generator in area 1 and area 2 of the hybrid power system is :

$$\frac{2H_1}{\omega_0} \cdot \frac{d^2 \delta_1}{dt^2} = P_{G1} - P_{A12} - P_{L1}$$
(1)

$$\frac{2H_2}{\omega_0} \cdot \frac{d^2 \delta_2}{dt^2} = P_{G2} - P_{A12} - P_{L2}$$
(2)

Where,  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  are the inertia of the equivalent generators in area 1 and area 2, respectively;  $\omega_0$  is the synchronous angular frequency.

The Eq. 1, 2 is further simplified, and the results are as follows:

$$\frac{d^2\delta}{dt^2} = P_m - P_e \tag{3}$$

In the formula, the equivalent rotor angle is  $\delta = \delta_1 - \delta_2$ ; the equivalent mechanical power of the two-area AC system is  $P_m = \left(\frac{P_{G1}}{M_1} - \frac{P_{G2}}{M_2}\right) - \left(\frac{P_{L1}}{M_1} - \frac{P_{L2}}{M_2}\right)$ , the equivalent electromagnetic power is  $P_e = \left(\frac{1}{M_1} + \frac{1}{M_2}\right) \frac{U_1 U_2}{x_{12}} \sin \delta M_1 = \frac{2H_1}{\omega_0}, M_2 = \frac{2H_2}{\omega_0}$ .







According to Eq. 3, the power characteristic curve of AC system is shown in Figure 4A.

### The AC/DC hybrid system.

The two-area network model for AC/DC parallel transmission model was shown in Figure 2, and its schematic diagram of the equivalent model is shown in Figure 3.

In the simplified model, the sending and the receiving power grids are interconnected synchronously through the AC/DC transmission channels.  $P_{D12}$  is the DC transmission power between area 1 and area 2.  $G_1$  is the equivalent machine of 13 generator sets at the sending end, and G<sub>2</sub>is the equivalent machine of 10 generator sets at the receiving end. The meanings of other parameters are the same as those in Figure 1.

Under this same assumption in previous section, the rotor motion equation of the equivalent generator in area 1 and area 2 of the hybrid power system is:

$$\frac{2H_1}{\omega_0} \cdot \frac{d^2 \delta_1}{dt^2} = P_{G1} - P_{A12} - P_{DC} - P_{L1}$$

$$\frac{2H_2}{\omega_0} \cdot \frac{d^2 \delta_2}{dt^2} = P_{G2} - P_{L2} + P_{A12} + P_{DC}$$
(4)

the two-machine system shown in Eq. 4 is further simplified, and the results are as follows:



FIGURE 4 | The power characteristic curve of systems. (A) Power characteristic curve of AC system (B) Power characteristic curve of AC/DC system under operation condition 1 (C) Power characteristic curve of AC/DC system under operation condition 2



$$\frac{d^2\delta'}{dt^2} = P'_m - P'_e$$
(5)

In the formula, the equivalent rotor angle is; the equivalent mechanical power of the two-area AC/DC hybrid system is  $P'_m = (\frac{P_{G1}}{M_1} - \frac{P_{G2}}{M_2}) - (\frac{P_{L1}}{M_1} - \frac{P_{L2}}{M_2}), P'_m = \frac{P_{DC}}{\alpha}, \alpha$  is the proportion of the DC transmitted power; the equivalent electromagnetic power is  $P'_e = MP_{DC} + M\frac{U_1U_2}{x_{12}}\sin\delta', M = \frac{1}{M_1} + \frac{1}{M_2}, M_1 = \frac{2H_1}{\omega_0}, M_2 = \frac{2H_2}{\omega_0}.$ 

## Operating Condition 1: The Communication Operating Point Remains Unchanged

According to **Eqs 3**, **5**, when the DC line is connected to the system, the equivalent mechanical power of the system remains unchanged,  $P'_m = P_m$ . Compared with the traditional AC system, the equivalent electromagnetic power of the hybrid system has increased,  $P'_e = P_e + MP_{DC}$ , Therefore, the electromagnetic power in the power characteristic curve of the hybrid system has moved up by MPDC.

Point a is the stable operation point of the traditional AC system, in order to meet the operation conditions of the constant AC operation point, the stable operation point of the hybrid system shall be moved from point a to point A. After the DC line is connected to the traditional AC grid, the power characteristic curve in this operation state is shown in **Figure 4B**.

### Operating Condition 2: The Total Transmission Power Remains Unchanged

After the DC system is connected to the traditional AC system, equivalent mechanical power remains unchanged and the operating point of the system has changed. The equivalent power characteristic curve of the total transmission power remains unchanged operating condition is shown in **Figure 4C**.

## THE STABILITY MARGIN INDEX AND TRANSIENT STABILITY ANALYSIS OF SYSTEM

### The Stability Margin Index of System.

From the perspective of energy, the problem of the power system transient stability is whether the impact energy of the system can be essentially absorbed by itself (Bhui and Senroy, 2017). For the traditional two area AC system, when the three-phase grounding short-circuit fault occurs in the receiving AC system, the impact energy accumulated in the transient process of the system after the fault can be approximately expressed by the acceleration area  $S_{\delta_0 ab\delta_c}$  on the power angle characteristic curve, as shown in **Figure 5A**, the braking energy of the system can be approximately expressed by the deceleration area  $S_{bcd}$ . The system maintains stable operation when  $S_{bcd} > S_{\delta_0 ac\delta_c}$ , after the

fault is removed. When  $S_{bcd} < S_{\delta_0 ab\delta_c}$  after the fault is removed, and the system loses rotor angle stability. When,  $S_{bcd} = S_{\delta_0 ab\delta_c}$  after the fault is removed, the system can maintain a critical stable state.

It can be concluded that the criterion of power system transient power angle stability is the difference  $\eta$  between the maximum deceleration area and the acceleration area of the system after a fault occurs. When  $\eta \ge 0$ , the system can maintain transient stability after the fault is removed, otherwise the system is unstable.

Similarly, when the acceleration and deceleration areas of AC/ DC hybrid system under different working conditions are determined, the transient rotor angle stability criterion of hybrid system under different working conditions can be obtained.

The power characteristic curve of constant AC operating point operation state is shown in **Figure 5B**. At  $\delta_0$ , CF occurs, and the system's stable operation point moves from A to the stable critical point D along the corresponding power curve, and  $\delta_c$  is the limiting excision angle. The system stability margin index  $\eta_1 = S_{BCD} - S_{\delta_0 AB\delta_c}$ , which is shown in **Eq. 6**.

$$\eta_{1} = \boldsymbol{\alpha} \cdot \boldsymbol{M} \cdot \boldsymbol{P}_{m}^{'} \cdot \boldsymbol{\delta}_{0} - \boldsymbol{\alpha} \cdot \boldsymbol{M} \cdot \boldsymbol{P}_{m}^{'} \cdot \boldsymbol{\delta}_{c} + \boldsymbol{P}_{m}^{'} \cdot \boldsymbol{\delta}_{0} + \boldsymbol{M} \frac{\boldsymbol{U}_{1} \boldsymbol{U}_{2}}{\boldsymbol{x}_{12}} \cos \boldsymbol{\delta}_{c} - \boldsymbol{M} \frac{\boldsymbol{U}_{1} \boldsymbol{U}_{2}}{\boldsymbol{x}_{12}} \cos \boldsymbol{\delta}_{h} - \boldsymbol{P}_{m}^{'} \cdot \boldsymbol{\delta}_{h}$$
(6)

The power characteristic curve of constant total transmission power operation state is shown in **Figure 5C**. The system stability margin index  $\eta_2 = S_{FGH} - S_{\delta'_{e}EF\delta''_{e'}}$ , which is shown in **Eq. 7**.

$$\eta_{2} = -\alpha M P'_{m} + \alpha M P' \delta_{h'} + P'_{m} \delta_{0} + M \frac{U_{1} U_{2}}{x_{12}} \cos \delta_{c'} - M \frac{U_{1} U_{2}}{x_{12}} \cos \delta'_{h} + P'_{m} \delta_{h'}$$
(7)

### Factors Affecting the Stability of the AC/DC Hybrid System

According to **Eqs 6**, 7, the main factors affecting the stability of AC/DC hybrid system are DC power transmission ratio  $\alpha$  and fault duration *t*. The longer the fault duration, the worse the transient stability of the hybrid system after the fault is removed, and the relationship between DC transmission power and transient stability needs to be further explored.

For **Eqs 6**, **7**, the sensitivity of DC transmission power ratio  $\alpha$  is analyzed:

$$\frac{d\eta_1}{d\alpha} = MP'_m \delta_0 - MP'_m \delta_c < 0 \tag{8}$$

$$\frac{d\eta_2}{d\alpha} = -MP'_m \delta_{c'} + MP'_m \delta_{h'} > 0$$
<sup>(9)</sup>

From the Eq. (8), when the AC operating point does not change, the system stability margin index  $\eta_1$  is a decreasing function of  $\alpha$ , i.e., when the DC transmission power increases, the system stability margin is decreased, and the stability of the hybrid system is decreased.



**FIGURE 6** |  $\Delta I_d$  is the difference between the setting value of the DC current and the actual value on the inverter side;  $\Delta \gamma$  is the difference between the setting value of the extinction angle and the actual value. For the rectifier side,  $\Delta I_d$  is the difference between the setting value of the DC current and the actual value on the rectifier side. It can be seen that the extinction angle control in this control strategy is a measured control mode, which is a closed-loop control.

From the **Eq. (9)**, when the total transmitted power remains unchanged, the system stability margin index  $\eta_2$  is an increasing function of  $\alpha$ , i.e., when the DC transmission power increases, the stability margin of the system increases, and the stability of the hybrid system also increases.

# THE CONTROL STRATEGY OF HYBRID SYSTEM

# The Basic control topology of hybrid system.

In the basic control strategy of the AC/DC hybrid system, the PI regulator on the rectifier side corresponds to the constant current control mode, and when its output reaches the lower limit (5°), it switches to the minimum firing angle control mode. Two different PI regulators on the inverter side correspond to two control modes of constant current and constant extinction angle respectively, and take the minimum output of the two regulators as the firing angle command on the inverter side (Faruque et al., 2005). The basic control strategy diagram of the inverter side is shown in **Figure 6**.

In order to improve the commutation failure immunity performance of the inverter side, the commutation failure prevention control (CFPREV) is added into the control strategy of the hybrid system, and is shown in **Figure 7**.

The upper part is the asymmetric fault detection, when the zero-sequence component of AC voltage exceeds the threshold  $V_{\text{diff}}$  during the fault, a certain trigger offset angle will be output. The lower part is the three-phase fault detection, when the AC voltage drop exceeds the threshold  $V_{\text{abz}}$ , a certain trigger offset angle will also be output. The two trigger offset angles will take the maximum value as the output of CFPREV.

### DC Blocking

In order to avoid more serious damage to the system, the blocking strategy is usually adopted after three commutation failures in the DC system.





In **Eqs 6**, 7, set  $\eta_1 = 0$  and  $\eta_2 = 0$ , respectively, the limit cut-off angle and the maximum fault duration t' of the AC/DC hybrid system corresponding to different DC ratios can be determined. When the duration of fault exceeds the maximum allowed duration, DC blocking strategy is adopted.

The power characteristic curves of AC/DC hybrid system after two working conditions when the DC blocking strategy is adopted, are shown in **Figure 8**.

During the HVDC single-pole blocking, the transmission power of the DC line is reduced to half of the original transmission power. When the AC operating point of the system remains unchanged, equivalent electromagnetic power and the curve of the equivalent mechanical power move down. When the total transmission power of the system does not change, only the equivalent electromagnetic power curve moves down.

To maintain the stability of the system, when the HVDC single-pole blocking strategy is only used the acceleration energy increases, the deceleration energy accumulated during two working conditions of the transient process decreases, the stability margin index  $\eta$  and the system stability reduces. Therefore, when the system cannot recover its stability by its

inertia, then other emergency control measures should be adopted after DC blocking.

## The Coordinated Control Strategy

After the HVDC blocking, the sending side system has a large surplus of active power, and the difference in rotor angle between two-area equivalent units is further widened, it is necessary to combine the conventional stability control measures of the power grid to maintain the stability of the system rotor angle. Machine-cutting and load-cutting measures can reduce the transient accumulated energy during the process of system failure. In two area equivalent units, the increase in the difference between the generator's speed and the rotor angle difference, is restrained, which is helpful to keep the rotor angle stable.

From the above analysis, when the system is unstable, only using DC blocking as an emergency control measure will worsen the rotor angle stability of the system. To maintain transient stability of AC/DC hybrid system, it is necessary to adopt coordinated control measures for DC blocking and for the generator and load cutting. The flow chart for coordinated control strategy of AC/DC hybrid system is shown in **Figure 9**.



## The Coordinated Control Strategy with Minimum Cutting Quantity

After the coordinated control strategy is adopted for the AC/DC hybrid system, the equivalent power characteristic curve for two operating condition is shown in **Figure 10**.

When using coordinated control, to minimize the impact on the stable operation of the AC/DC hybrid system, to maximize the reliability of the power supply, re-draw the stability margin index  $\eta'_1$  and  $\eta'_2$  for the two operating conditions, and to determine the minimum control cost. According to **Figure 10**, after the coordinated control strategy is adopted, the stability margin index of two operation condition is  $\eta'_1 = S_{eqiu} + S_{kih} - S_{\delta'_0AQ\delta'_c}$ ,  $\eta'_2 = S_{fmsv} + S_{osz} - S_{\delta'_0'Ef\delta'_c}$ , which are shown in **Eqs 10, 11**.

$$\eta_{1}^{'} = \beta P_{m}^{'} \delta_{m} - \beta P_{m}^{'} \delta_{h}^{'} - P_{m}^{'} \delta_{0} - M P_{m}^{'} \cdot \alpha \cdot \delta_{m} + \frac{3}{2} \alpha M P_{m}^{'} \delta_{c}^{'} - M \frac{U_{1} U_{2}}{x_{12}} \cos \delta_{c}^{'} - \frac{1}{2} \alpha M P_{m}^{'} \delta_{h}^{'} + P_{m}^{'} \delta_{h}^{'} + M \frac{U_{1} U_{2}}{x_{12}} \cos \delta_{h}^{'}$$
(10)  
$$\eta_{2}^{'} = -P_{m}^{'} \delta_{0'}^{'} + \alpha M P_{m}^{'} \delta_{c}^{'} - M \frac{U_{1} U_{2}}{x_{12}} \cos \delta_{c}^{'} + \beta^{'} P_{m}^{'} \delta_{m}^{''} - \alpha M P_{m}^{'} \delta_{h}^{'} - \beta^{'} P_{m}^{'} \delta_{h}^{'} + M \frac{U_{1} U_{2}}{x_{12}} \cos \delta_{h}^{'}$$
(11)

Let  $\eta'_1 = 0$ ,  $\eta'_2 = 0$  for determining the relationship between the minimum amount of machine cut-off and load cut-off  $\beta$  corresponding to the different DC ratios under the two working conditions with coordinated control.

### SIMULATION ANALYSIS

To verify the influence of DC connection on the rotor angle stability under two different conditions, the relationship between the proportion of DC transmission power and the transient stability of the system, and the effectiveness of the cooperative control strategy, the two-area network model for AC/DC parallel transmission model was built in advanced digital power system simulator (ADPSS), which was developed by China electric power research institute. The extended IEEE39 bus system and the standard IEEE39 nod system are interconnected by AC and DC lines respectively as the sending and receiving sides (Sun et al., 2020), which were shown in **Figure 2**. The total output of 13 generator sets at the sending end is 5,612.8 MW, the total output of 10 generator sets at the receiving end is 5,632.8 MW, and the total load at the sending and receiving end is 10,595.7 MW. The sending and receiving end units are interconnected with AC transmission lines through a rated 500 kV DC transmission line.

# Simulation Analysis of Rotor angle stability of AC/DC Hybrid System.

## The Operating Condition of the System Remains AC Operating Point Unchanged

Under different DC transmission ratios, the AC line transmission power is kept unchanged by changing the generator output and the load size to maintain the AC operating point of the AC/DC hybrid system. Setting a three-phase grounding short-circuit fault at the NOD\_50 bus in the receiving side of the AC grid at 5s, the fault is removed after 0.15s, the relative rotor angle curves of the GEN\_33-SOR\_39 and GEN\_35-SOR\_39 units are shown in **Figures 11**, **12**.

When  $\alpha = 59\%$ , after removing the fault in 5.15 s, the relative rotor angle curve of the two sets of units has a small swing, when the system runs under this DC transmission ratio, it can absorb the impact energy of the fault in the hybrid system to a large extent, which can basically maintain the stable operation. With



unchanged.



**FIGURE 11** The relative angle curve of constant AC operating point (A) Relative angle curve of GEN33-SOR-39 and GEN35-SOR39 at  $\alpha = 59\%$  (B) Relative angle curve of GEN33-SOR-39 and GEN35-SOR39 at  $\alpha = 67\%$  (D) Relative angle curve of GEN33-SOR-39 and GEN35-SOR39 at  $\alpha = 67\%$  (D) Relative angle curve of GEN33-SOR-39 and GEN35-SOR39 at  $\alpha = 70.7\%$ .





**FIGURE 13** | The relative angle curve of constant total transmission power (A) Relative angle curve of GEN33-SOR-39 and GEN35-SOR39 at  $\alpha = 60\%$  (B) Relative angle curve of GEN33-SOR-39 and GEN35-SOR39 at  $\alpha = 71\%$  (D) Relative angle curve of GEN33-SOR-39 and GEN35-SOR39 at  $\alpha = 71\%$  (D) Relative angle curve of GEN33-SOR-39 and GEN35-SOR39 at  $\alpha = 71\%$  (D) Relative angle curve of GEN33-SOR-39 and GEN35-SOR39 at  $\alpha = 71\%$  (D) Relative angle curve of GEN33-SOR-39 and GEN35-SOR39 at  $\alpha = 71\%$  (D) Relative angle curve of GEN33-SOR-39 and GEN35-SOR39 at  $\alpha = 71\%$  (D) Relative angle curve of GEN33-SOR-39 and GEN35-SOR39 at  $\alpha = 71\%$  (D) Relative angle curve of GEN33-SOR-39 and GEN35-SOR39 at  $\alpha = 71\%$  (D) Relative angle curve of GEN33-SOR-39 and GEN35-SOR39 at  $\alpha = 71\%$  (D) Relative angle curve of GEN33-SOR-39 and GEN35-SOR39 at  $\alpha = 71\%$  (D) Relative angle curve of GEN33-SOR-39 and GEN35-SOR39 at  $\alpha = 71\%$  (D) Relative angle curve of GEN33-SOR-39 and GEN35-SOR39 at  $\alpha = 71\%$  (D) Relative angle curve of GEN33-SOR-39 and GEN35-SOR39 at  $\alpha = 71\%$  (D) Relative angle curve of GEN33-SOR-39 and GEN35-SOR39 at  $\alpha = 71\%$  (D) Relative angle curve of GEN33-SOR-39 and GEN35-SOR39 at  $\alpha = 71\%$  (D) Relative angle curve of GEN33-SOR-39 and GEN35-SOR39 at  $\alpha = 71\%$  (D) Relative angle curve of GEN33-SOR-39 and GEN35-SOR39 at  $\alpha = 71\%$  (D) Relative angle curve of GEN33-SOR-39 and GEN35-SOR39 at  $\alpha = 71\%$  (D) Relative angle curve of GEN33-SOR-39 and GEN35-SOR39 at  $\alpha = 71\%$  (D) Relative angle curve of GEN33-SOR-39 and GEN35-SOR39 at  $\alpha = 71\%$  (D) Relative angle curve of GEN33-SOR-39 and GEN35-SOR39 at  $\alpha = 71\%$  (D) Relative angle curve of GEN33-SOR-39 and GEN35-SOR39 at  $\alpha = 71\%$  (D) Relative angle curve of GEN33-SOR-39 and GEN35-SOR39 at  $\alpha = 71\%$  (D) Relative angle curve of GEN33-SOR-39 and GEN35-SOR39 at  $\alpha = 71\%$  (D) Relative angle curve of GEN33-SOR-39 and GEN35-SOR39 at  $\alpha = 71\%$  (D) Relative angle curve of GEN33-SOR-39 and GEN35-SOR39 at  $\alpha = 71\%$  (D) Relative angle curve angle curve at  $\alpha = 71\%$  (D) Relative angle curve at



FIGURE 14 | Relative angle curve under different DC power transmission ratio (A) The relative angle curve of GEN\_33-SOR\_39 (B) The relative angle curve of GEN\_35-SOR\_39.

TABLE 1 | Calculation and simulation results of limit cutting angle and maximum fault duration of hybrid system under different operating states.

System operating condition	Serial number	Proportion of DC transmission power	Initial operating point	Calculated fault clearance angle	Actual simulated limiting cutting angle	Calculated maximum fault duration (s)	Actual simulated maximum fault duration (s)
Condition1	1	$\alpha = 60\%$	53.07°	74.13°	73.62°	0.34	0.40
	2	a = 70%	53.07°	66.25°	65.12°	0.27	0.33
	3	α = 80%	53.07°	57.34°	55.89°	0.19	0.23
Condition2	1	α = 60%	53.07°	74.13°	73.62°	0.34	0.40
	2	a = 70%	44.19°	80.12°	78.81°	0.40	0.48
	3	α = 80%	36.28°	84.62°	82.13°	0.46	0.56

the gradual increase in the DC transmission ratio, the relative rotor angle swing amplitude gradually increases. When the DC ratio is the highest  $\alpha$  = 70.7%, the swing amplitude of the relative rotor angle curve is the largest, the rotor angle instability of the AC/DC hybrid system is most obvious. In contrast, when  $\alpha$  = 59%, the swing amplitude of the curve is the smallest, the hybrid system can basically maintain stability for the same failure.

# Operating Conditions of the System With the Total Transmission Power Unchanged

Ensuring that the total transmission power of the system remains unchanged, with the above fault, the relative rotor angle curve of the above two groups is shown in **Figures 13**, **14**.

When  $\alpha = 60\%$ , after the fault is removed, the corresponding relative rotor angle curve has the largest swing amplitude. When the





system is running under this DC power transmission ratio, the ability to absorb the impact energy is weak, and after the failure, the instability is most obvious. With the gradual increase in the proportion of transmitted DC power, the relative rotor angle curve fluctuation amplitude gradually decreases. When  $\alpha = 78\%$ , the AC/DC hybrid system can basically maintain the stable operation of the rotor angle.

Under different DC ratios, the theoretical and simulation values of the maximum fault duration and limit cutting angle of the system corresponding to the two operating conditions are shown in **Table 1**.

From the simulation results and the theoretical analysis, the following conclusions can be drawn

When the system is in the operating condition the AC operating point remains unchanged, the higher the proportion of DC transmission power, the lower the stability margin of the system, and weaker the rotor angle stability of the system.

When the total transmission power of the system is unchanged and for the same fault, higher the proportion of DC power transmission, higher the stability margin of the system, and the stronger the rotor angle stability of the system.

Simulation Analysis of AC/DC Hybrid System Adopting Emergency Control Strategy.

To be close to the actual operating conditions, the transmission power of the DC line was changed to transmit 932 MW power, 267 MW power was transmitted by AC line, and so  $\alpha = 71.75\%$ . After the system operates stably for 5 s, a three-phase grounding fault is set at the NOD\_50 bus at the receiving side in AC power grid, the fault is removed after 0.5s, the fault duration exceeds the maximum value that the system can sustain to maintain a stable operation. **Figure 15** shows the relative rotor angle curves of the unit GEN\_35-SOR\_39 after the failure occurs.

Serial number	Initial operating point	Transmission power of AC line	Maximum fault duration (s)	Calculated stable operating point	Calculated limiting cutting angle	Calculated cutting quantity	Actual simulated cutting quantity	Actual simulated stable operation point
1	44.19°	6.0p.u.	0.28	39.7°	59.67°	0.29	0.292	40.04°
2	48.79°	6.5p.u.	0.24	34.8°	65.55°	0.37	0.372	35.24°
3	51.75°	7.0p.u.	0.20	29.4°	71.80°	0.45	0.45	29.69°

TABLE 2 | Calculation and simulation results of generator tripping and load shedding of sending and receiving AC power systems with different operation points.

From **Figure 15**, it can be observed that if emergency control measures are not taken, the AC/DC hybrid system cannot absorb the impact energy by itself, the rotor angle of the system loses stability. Using the other two emergency control measures can make the relative rotor angle of the unit return to a stable value, and they significantly improve the stability of the system's rotor angle. When the coordinated control method with the minimum machine and the load cut-off is adopted, the difference between the relative rotor angle of the unit after the AC/DC hybrid system is restored to stability and the relative rotor angle during stable operation is small, which further improves the rotor angle stability of the system.

In **Figure 16**, when the emergency control measures are not taken, the bus voltage is obviously unstable and it fluctuates sharply. Although the bus voltage has increased, the degree of fluctuation has been reduced after adopting rough machine and load cutting control measures, but it is still unable to restore stability. After adopting the coordinated control measure with the minimum machine and load cut-off, the bus voltage can almost return to the steady-state value, and the trend of the voltage recovery process is relatively gentle and the voltage reaches stability.

When the AC operation point of the hybrid system is changed, the comparison of theoretical calculation and simulation verification results of parameters such as minimum generator tripping and load shedding are shown in **Table 2**.

The simulation results show that the emergency control strategy is conducive to restoring the rotor angle stability of the system. Moreover, the coordinated control method with the minimum amount of machine and load cutting is an effective means to further ensure the safe and stable operation of the system.

## CONCLUSION

This paper addresses the transient stability of the two-area system, considering two operating conditions. Based on the perspective of

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energy, the transient rotor angle stability margin index of the hybrid system is determined, and the key influencing factors are quantitatively analyzed. It can be concluded that when the AC operating point of the system does not change after DC is connected, the system rotor angle stability decreases with the increase in the DC power transmission ratio. When the total transmission power does not change, the opposite was observed. The influence of the control strategies on the rotor angle stability of the system was analyzed. After DC blocking, the stability of the system under the two working conditions further declines. To restore the stability of the system, the stability margin index was redefined, and the coordinated control strategy with a minimum control cost was determined. A two-area network model for the AC/DC parallel transmission was built with the ADPSS software, and the effectiveness of the theoretical results were demonstrated.

## DATA AVAILABILITY STATEMENT

The raw data supporting the conclusions of this article will be made available by the authors, without undue reservation.

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