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“Example of Wind Energy Conversion System”

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EMR of a WECS

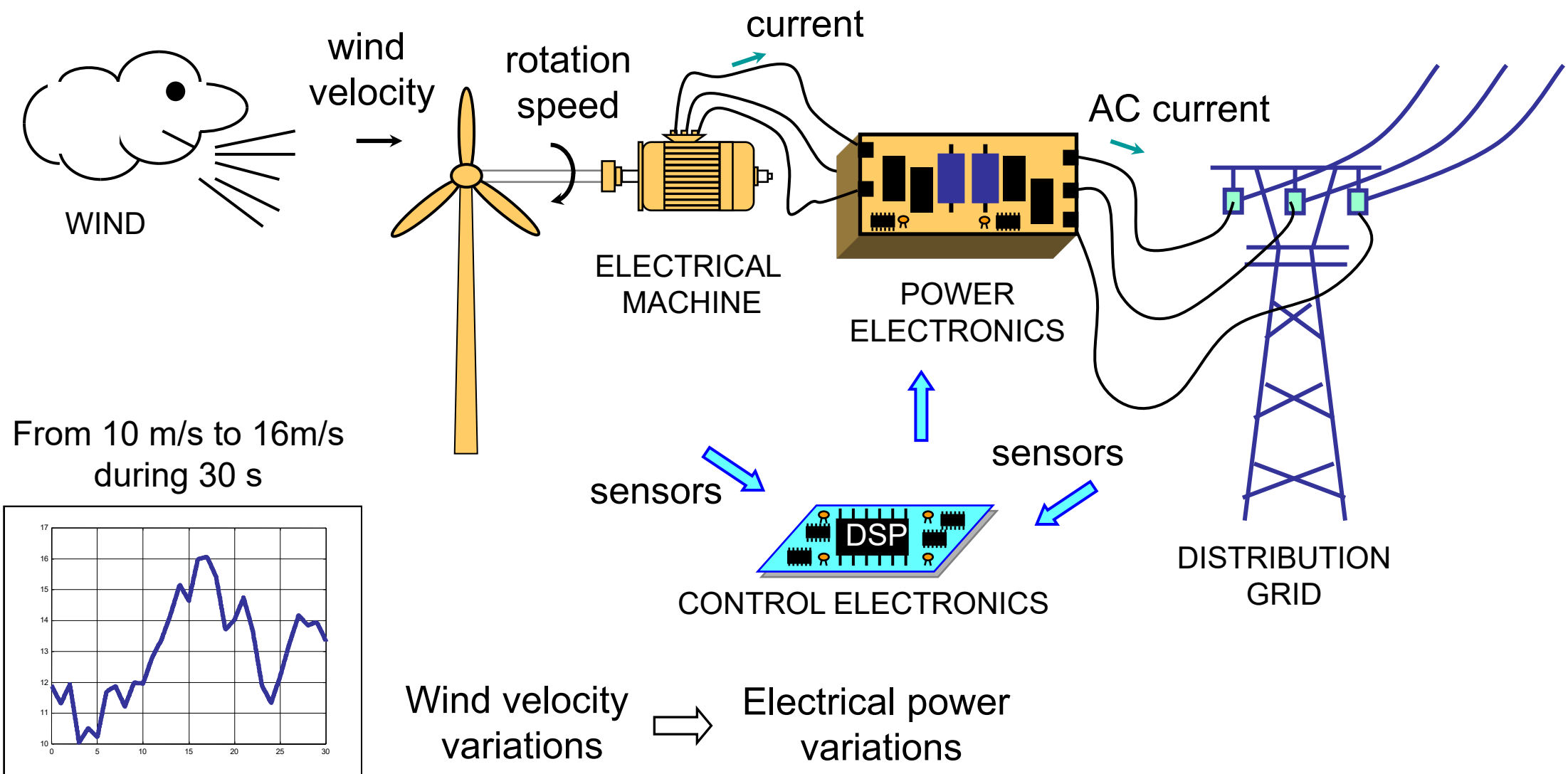
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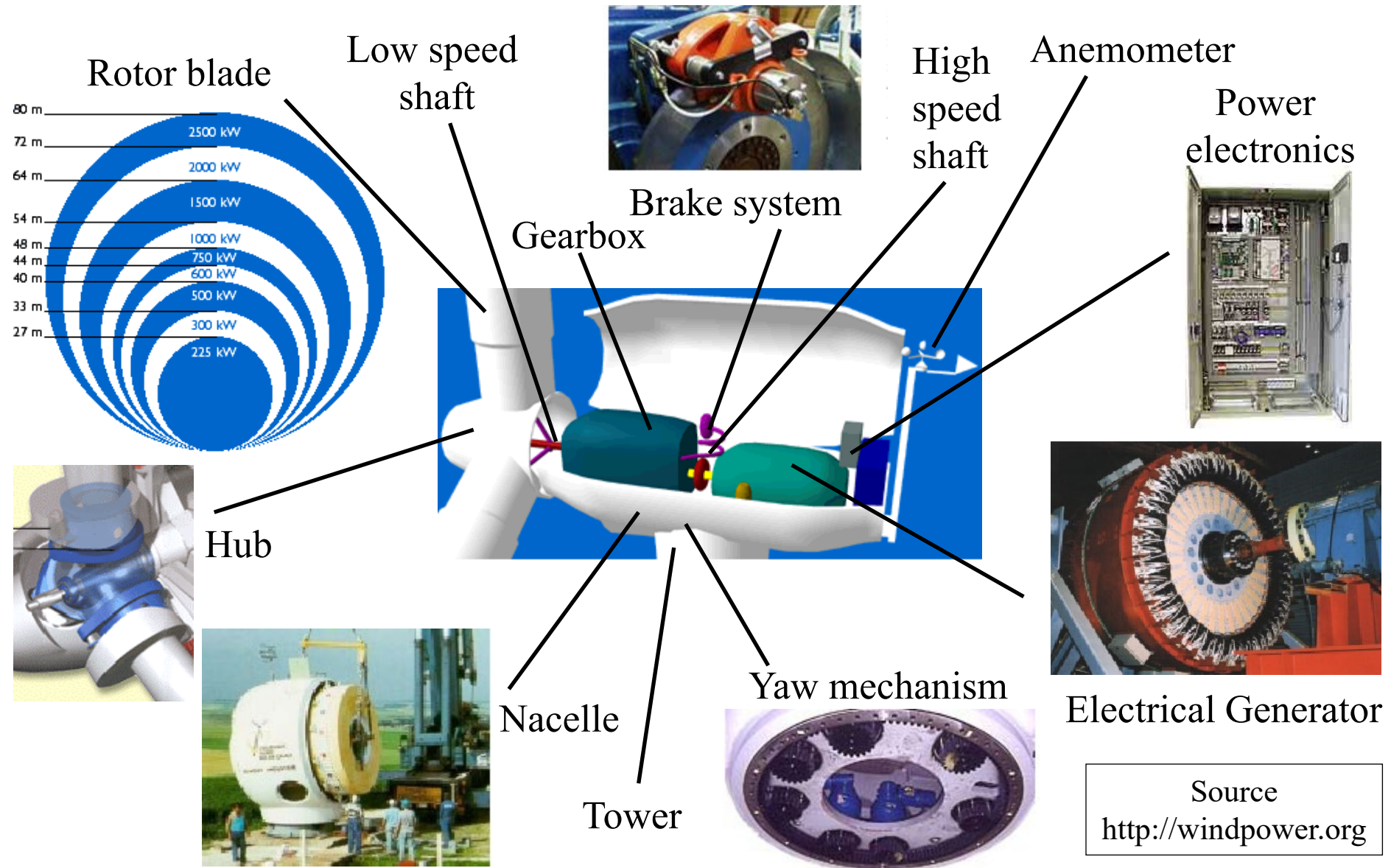
Control of a WECS

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MPPT strategy

WECS = Wind Energy Conversion System

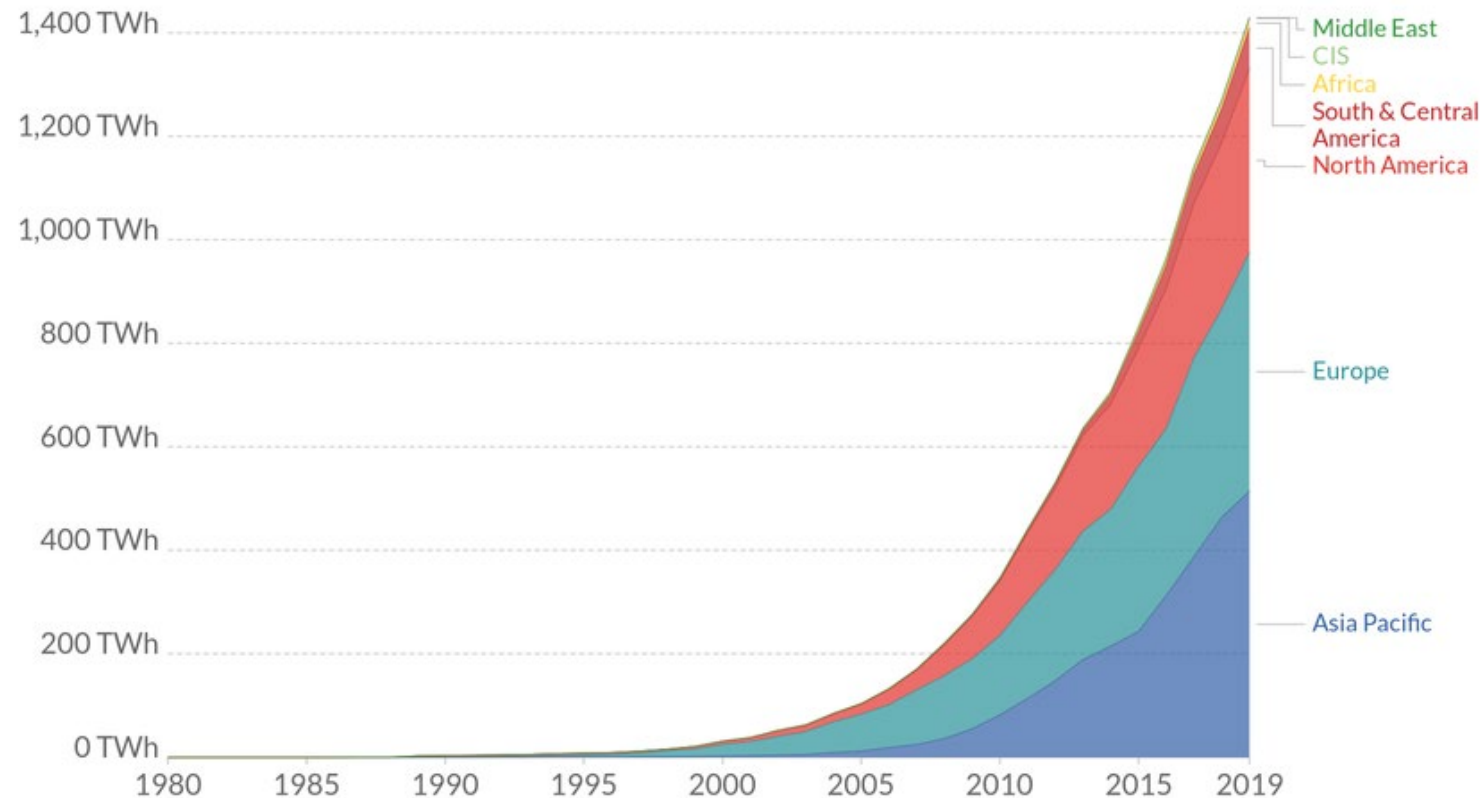




Wind energy generation by region

Wind energy generation is measured in terawatt-hours (TWh) per year. Figures include both onshore and offshore wind sources.

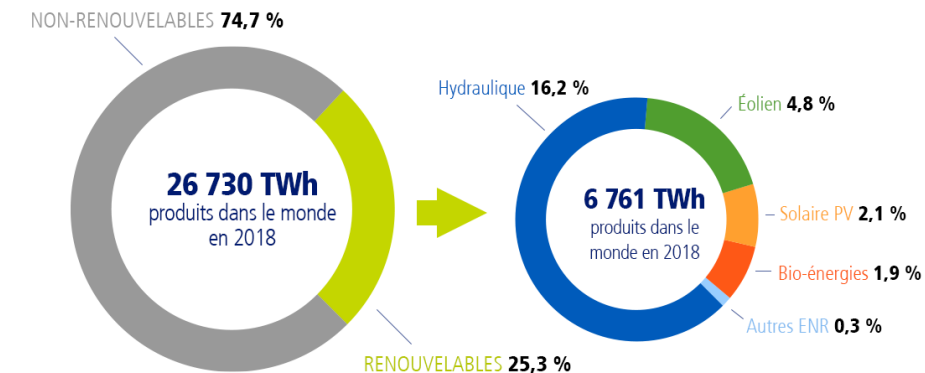
Our World
in Data



Source: BP Statistical Review of Global Energy (2020)

Note: CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States) is an organization of ten post-Soviet republics in Eurasia following break-up of the Soviet Union.

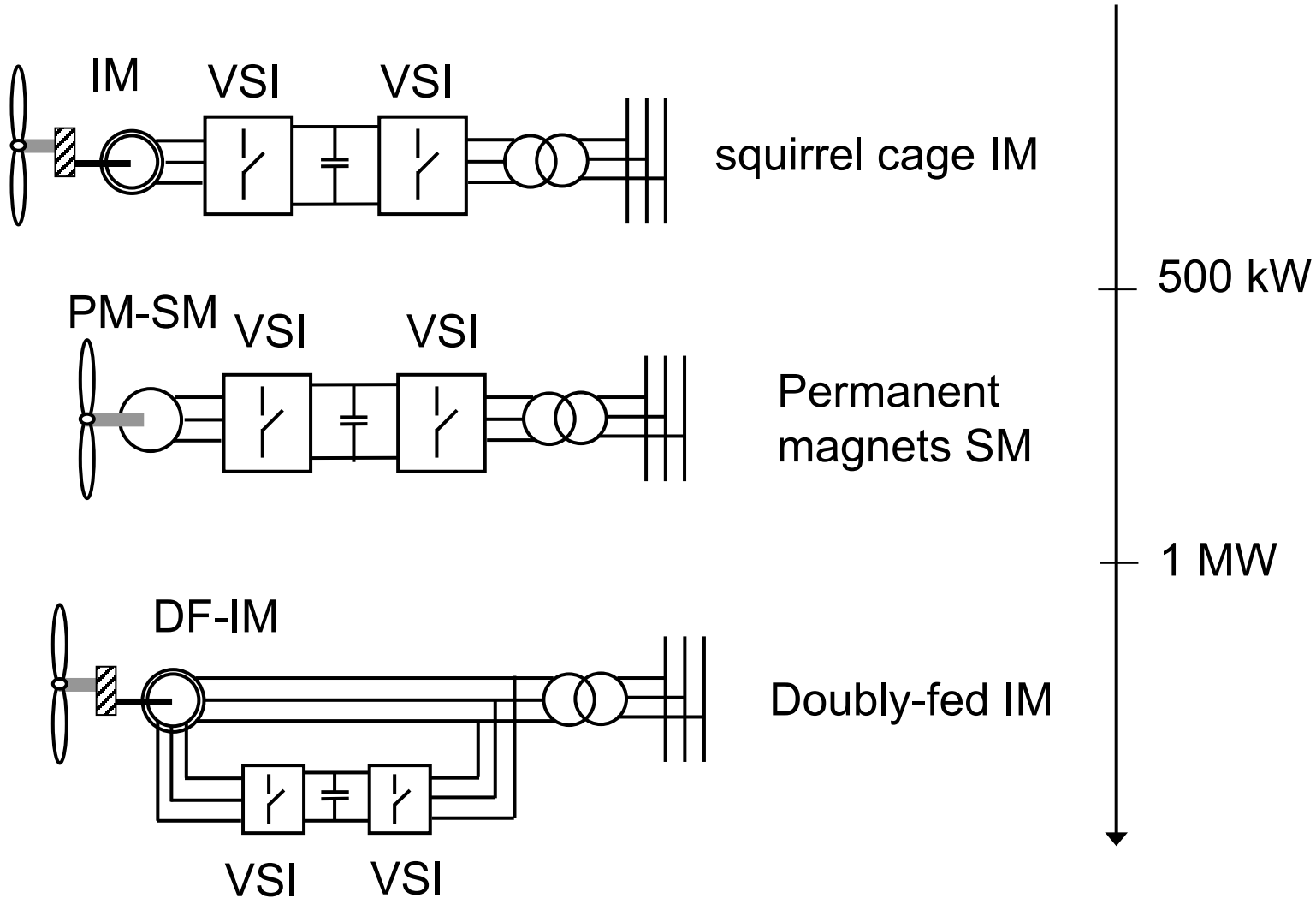
but only 5%
of the electricity
production
In the world in 2018



Part des renouvelables dans la production mondiale d'électricité en 2018

Source : International Energy Agency

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IM: induction machine
SM: synchronous machine

VSI: voltage source inverter

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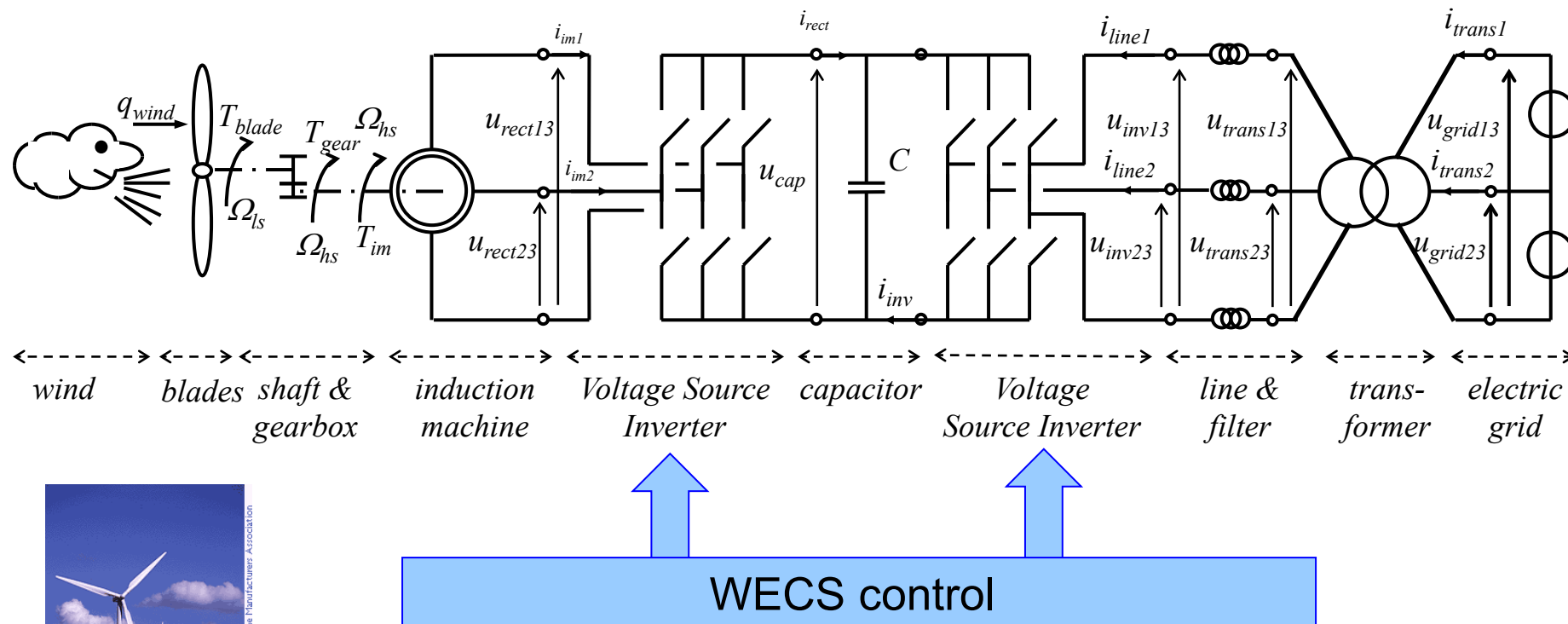
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Control of a WECS

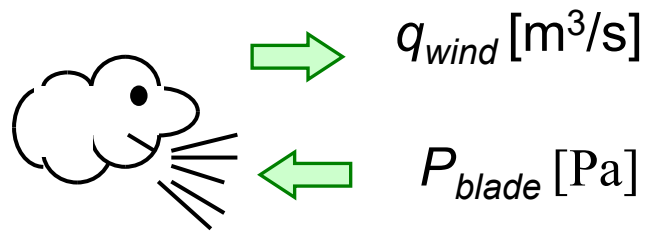
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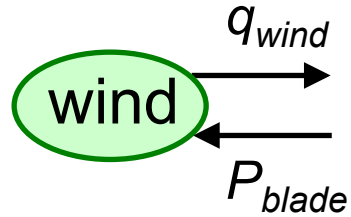
Chosen WECS for variable speed and variable frequency:
a squirrel cage IM and two VSI



Technical requirements: - provide the maximum active power P
- control the reactive power Q

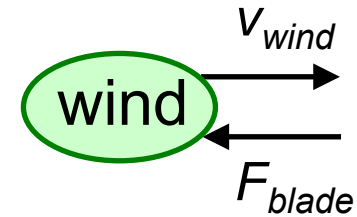


Unidirectional energy source



q_{wind} air flow
 P_{blade} pressure

or



v_{wind} wind velocity
 F_{blade} blade force



$$Power = q_{wind} \times P_{blade} = v_{wind} \times F_{blade}$$

Constraints: the air flow has great instantaneous variations

ρ $\rightarrow$ air density;
 S $\rightarrow$ area swept by blades.

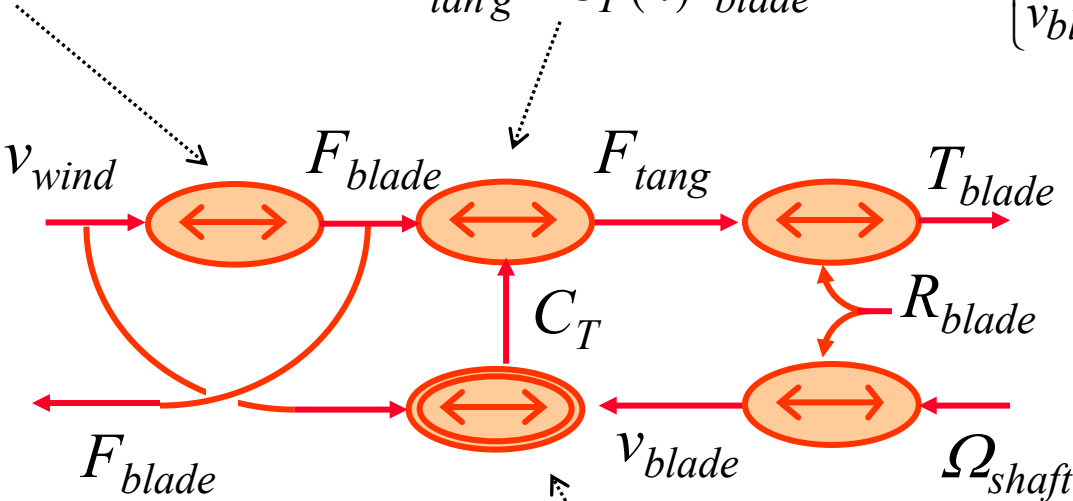
$$F_{blade} = \frac{1}{2} \rho S v_{wind}^2$$

$$F_{tan\ g} = C_T(\lambda) F_{blade}$$

$$\begin{cases} T_{blade} = R_{blade} F_{tan\ g} \\ v_{blade} = R_{blade} \Omega_{shaft} \end{cases}$$

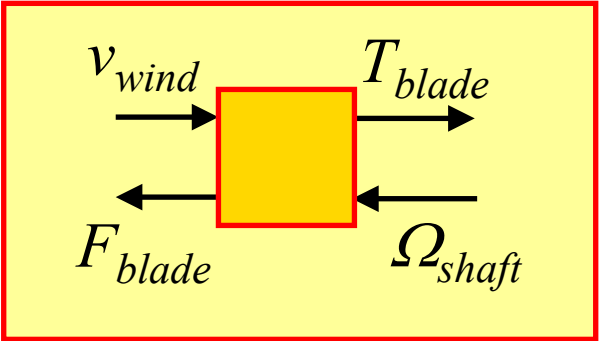
R_{blade} $\rightarrow$ blade radius;

Causal Ordering
Graph (COG)

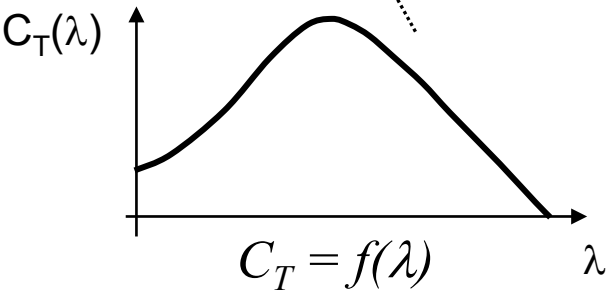


No derivative
Relation

No energy
accumulation



EMR of the blades



Non-linear curve
Related to the blade shape

$$\lambda = \frac{v_{blade}}{v_{wind}} = \frac{R_{blade} \Omega_{shaft}}{v_{wind}}$$

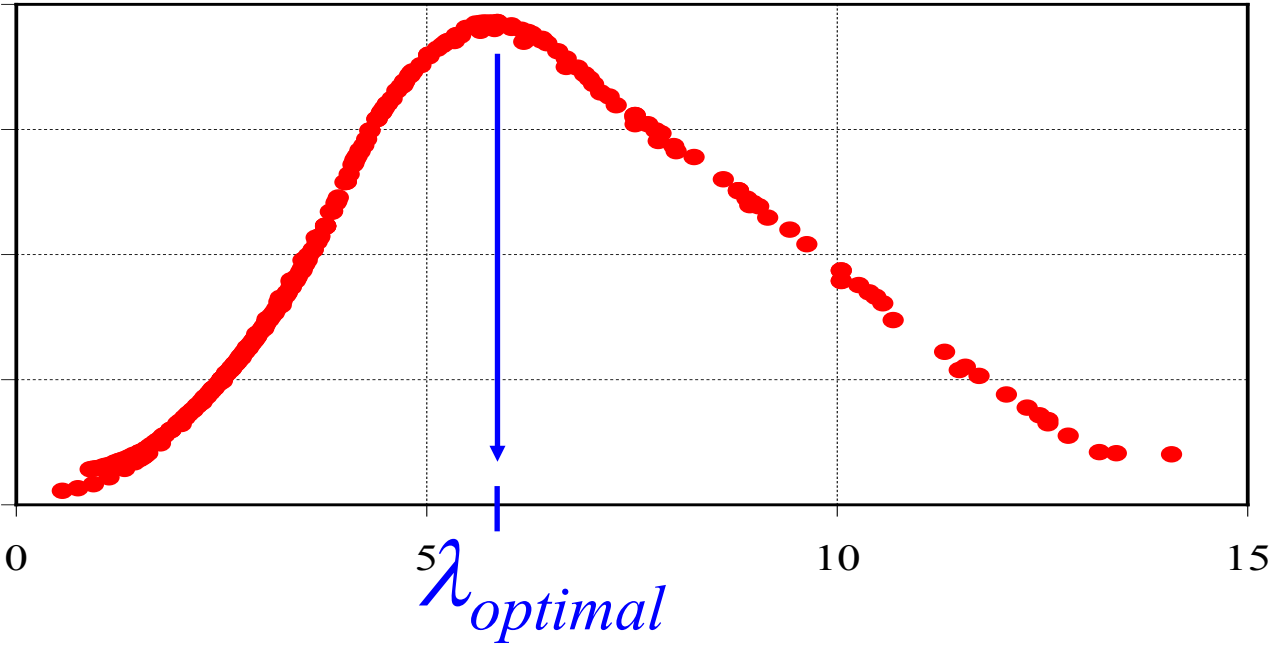
λ $\rightarrow$ tip-slip ratio;

$$P_{wind} = F_{blade} v_{wind} = \frac{1}{2} \rho S v_{wind}^3$$
$$P_{target} = C_p(\lambda) P_{wind}$$

Only a part of the power acting on the blade
Is converted in mechanical
Power depending on the blade
shape

Power
coefficient

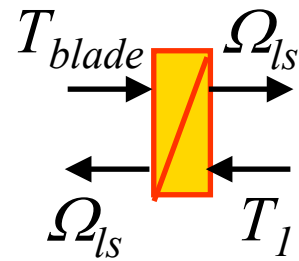
$C_P(pu)$



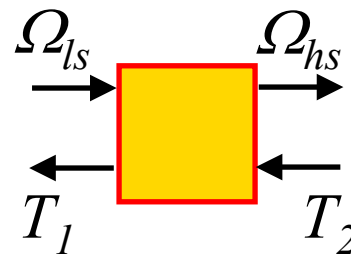
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tip slip
ratio

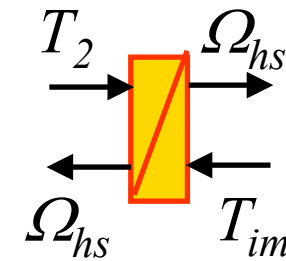
$$J_1 \frac{d}{dt} \Omega_{ls} + f_1 \Omega_{ls} = T_{blade} - T_1 \quad \begin{cases} T_1 = k_{gear} T_2 \\ \Omega_{hs} = k_{gear} \Omega_{ls} \end{cases} \quad J_2 \frac{d}{dt} \Omega_{hs} + f_2 \Omega_{hs} = T_2 - T_{im}$$



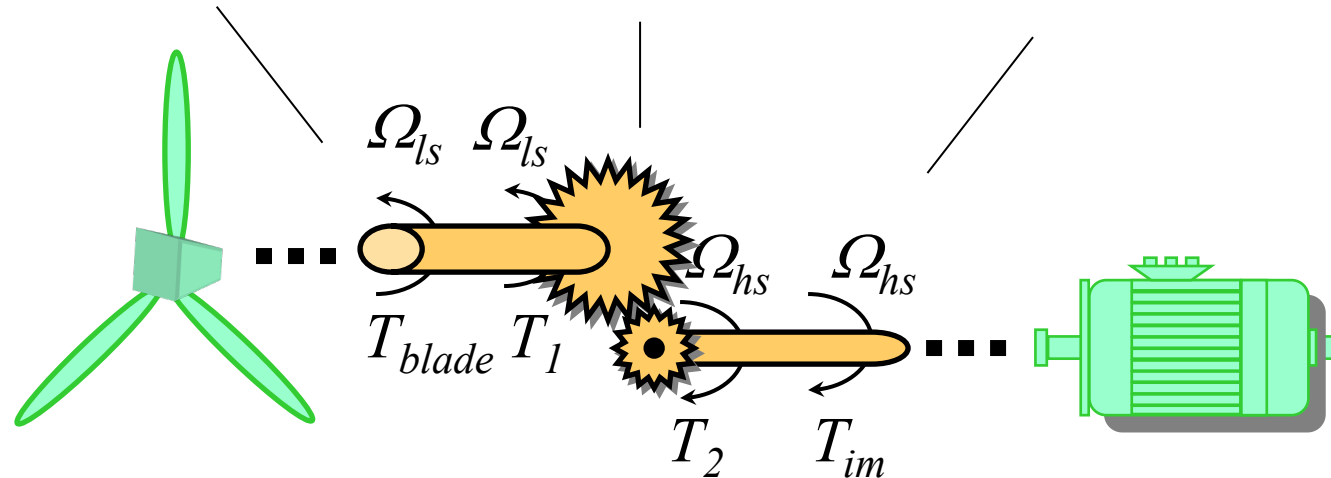
low speed shaft



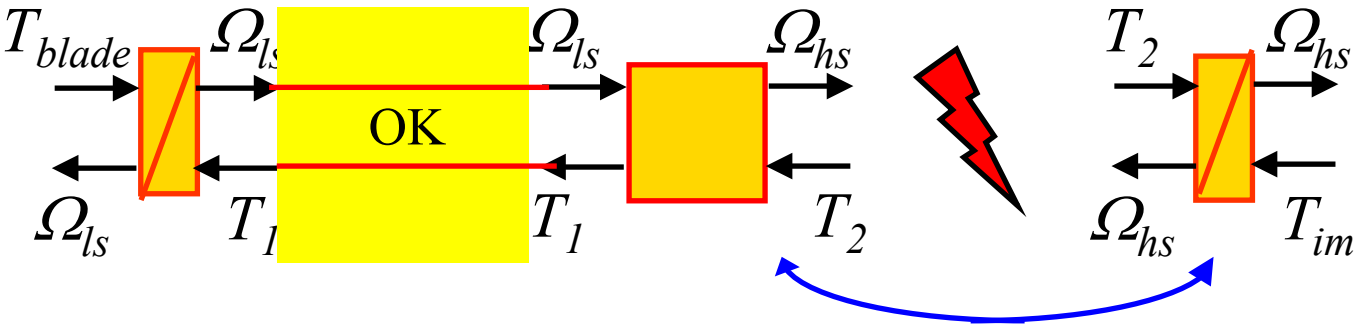
gearbox



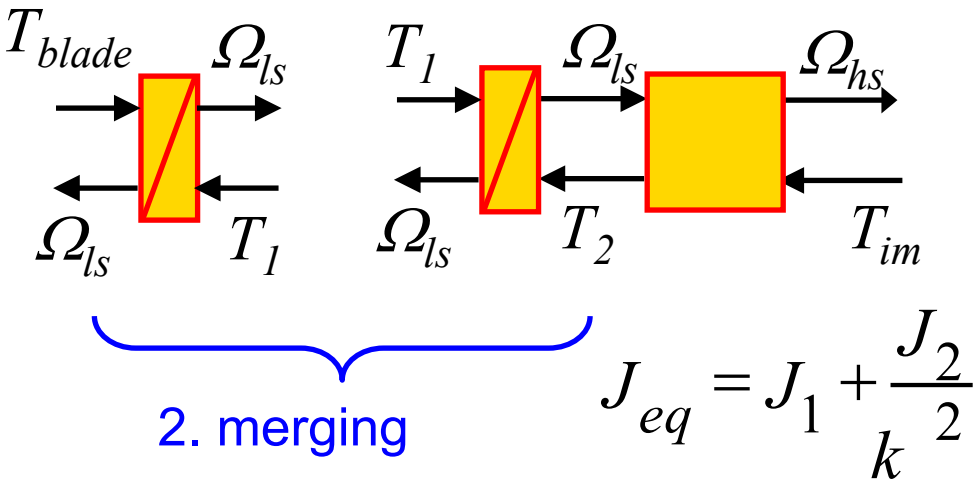
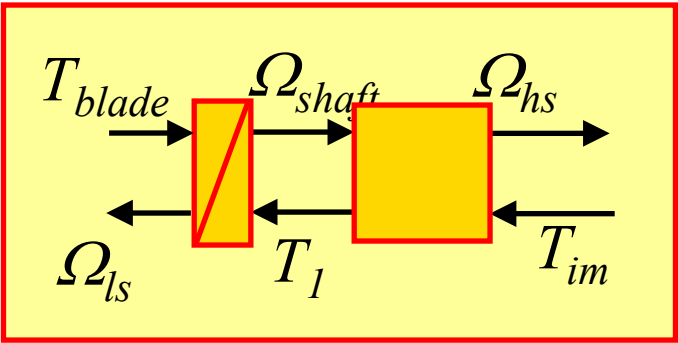
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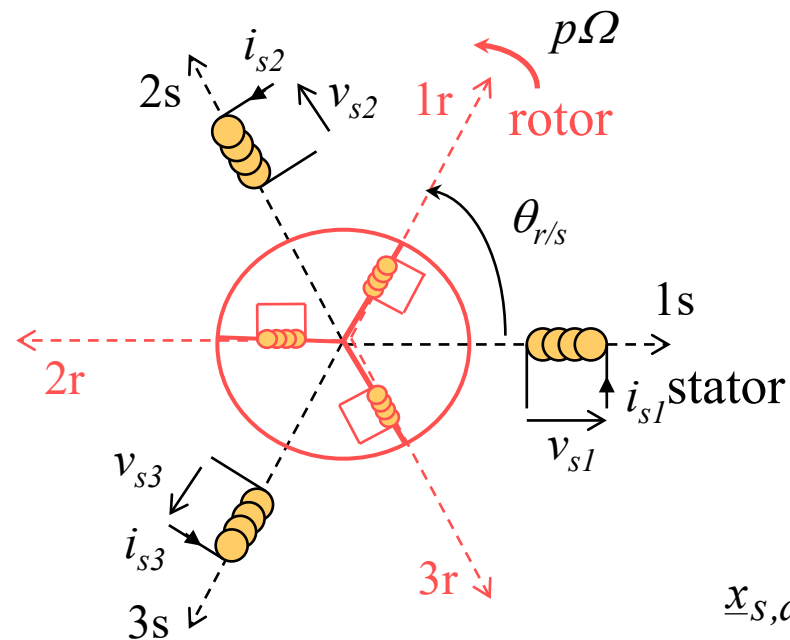
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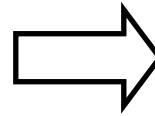
Equivalent power train



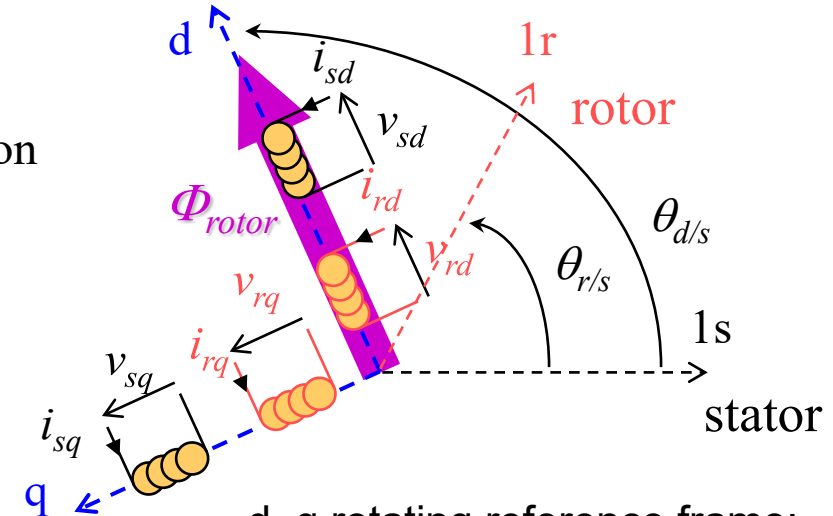
- 1 – IM: difficult to control AC currents
- 2 – strong interaction between the 3 phases



Park's transformation



New d,q frame attached to the rotor flux



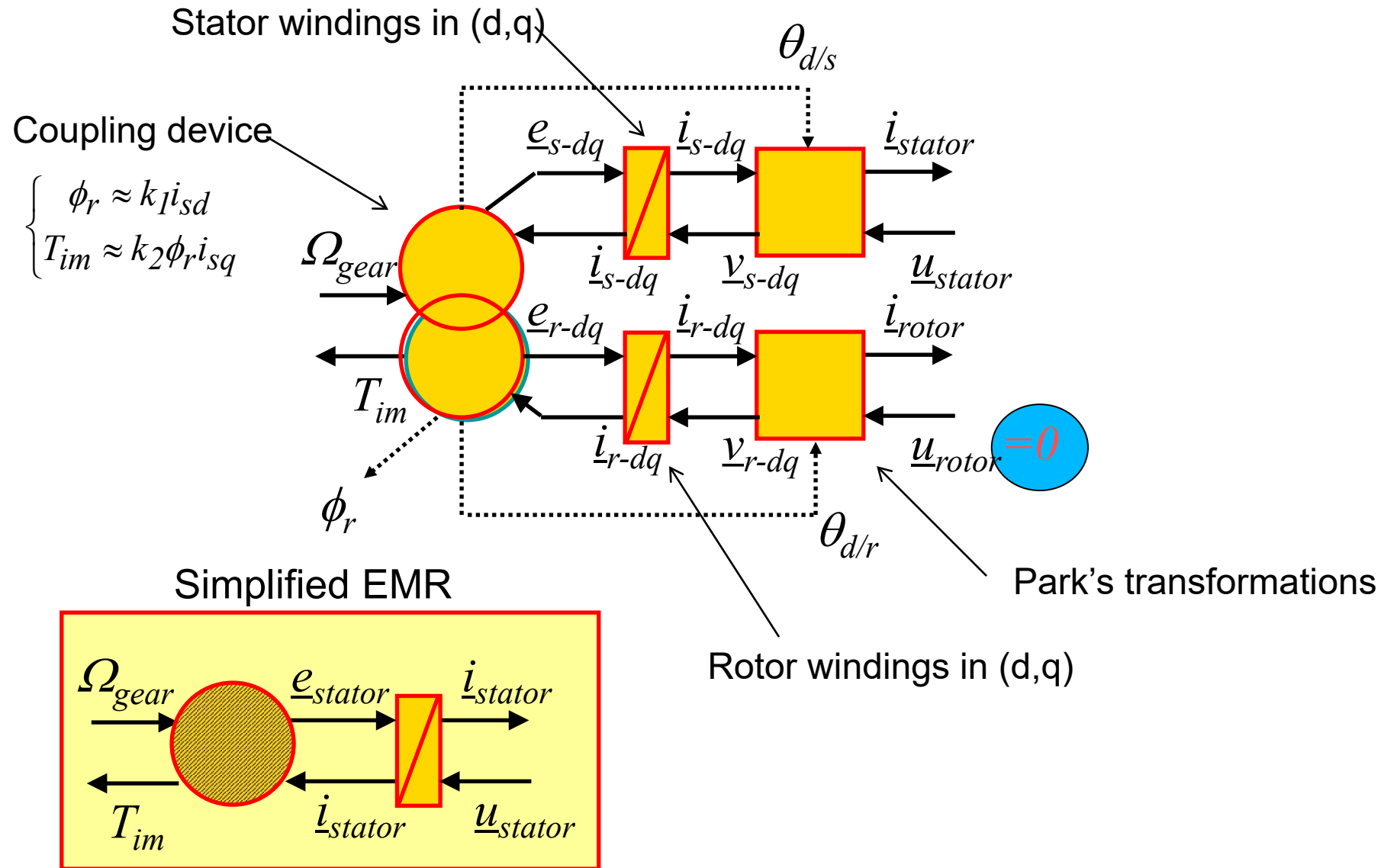
d, q rotating reference frame:
 - DC current
 - interaction simplification

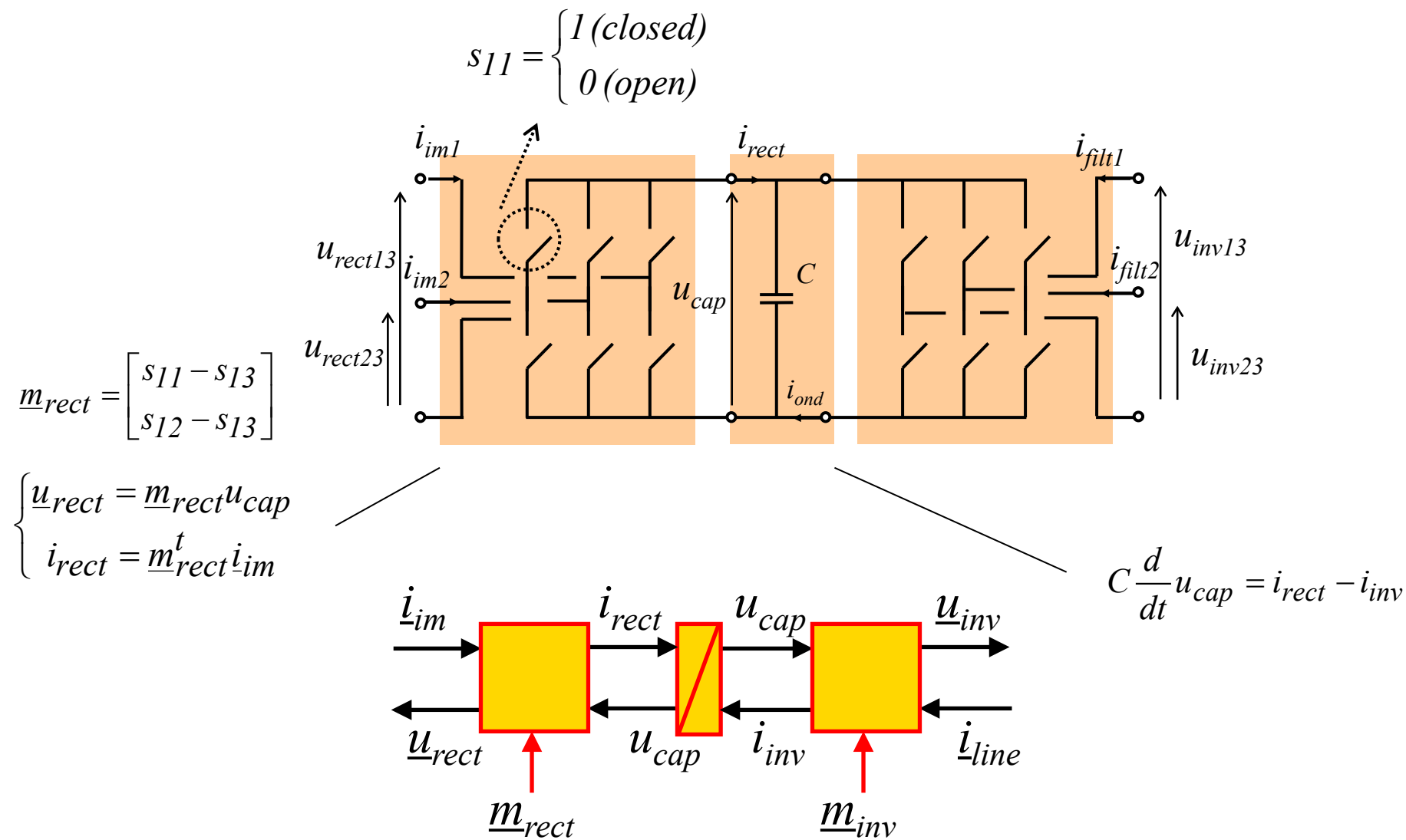
$$\underline{x}_{s,dq} = [P(\theta_{d/s})] \underline{x}_{s,123}$$

$$\underline{x}_{r,dq} = [P(\theta_{d/r})] \underline{x}_{r,123}$$

Modelling simplifications:

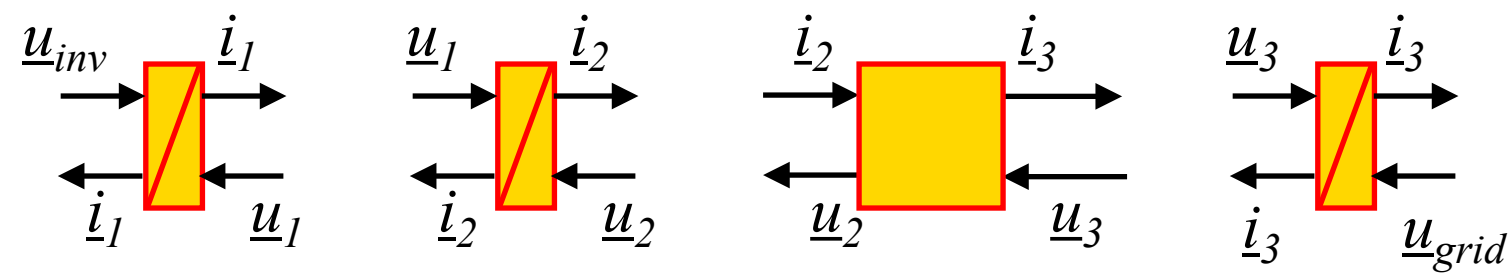
$$\begin{cases} \phi_r \approx k_1 i_{sd} \\ T_{im} \approx k_2 \phi_r i_{sq} \end{cases}$$





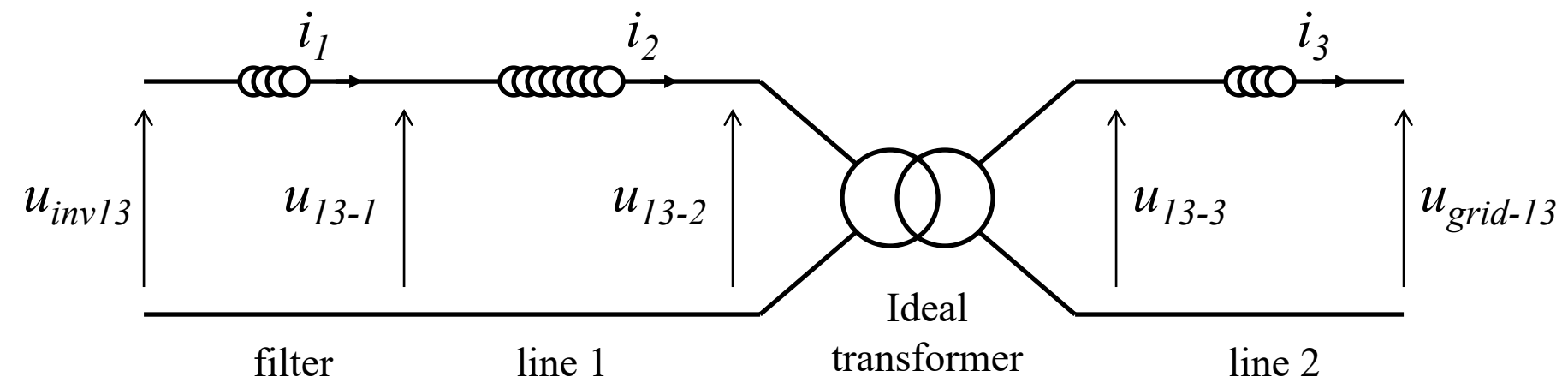
$$L_1 \frac{d}{dt} \underline{i}_1 + R_3 \underline{i}_1 = \underline{u}_{inv} - \underline{u}_1$$

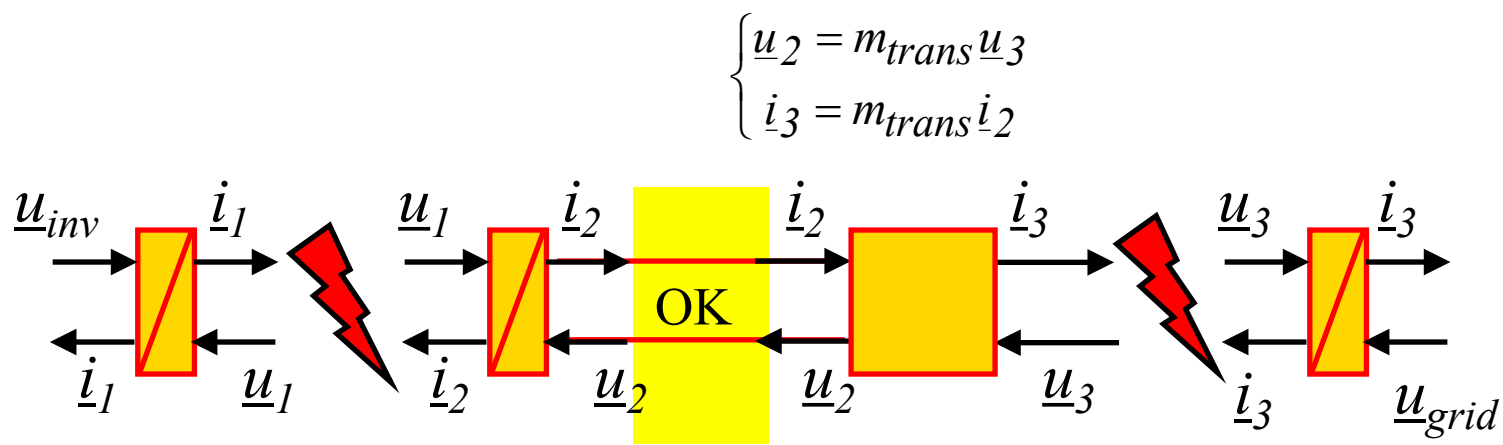
$$\begin{cases} \underline{u}_2 = m_{trans} \underline{u}_3 \\ \underline{i}_3 = m_{trans} \underline{i}_2 \end{cases}$$



$$L_2 \frac{d}{dt} \underline{i}_2 + R_3 \underline{i}_2 = \underline{u}_1 - \underline{u}_2$$

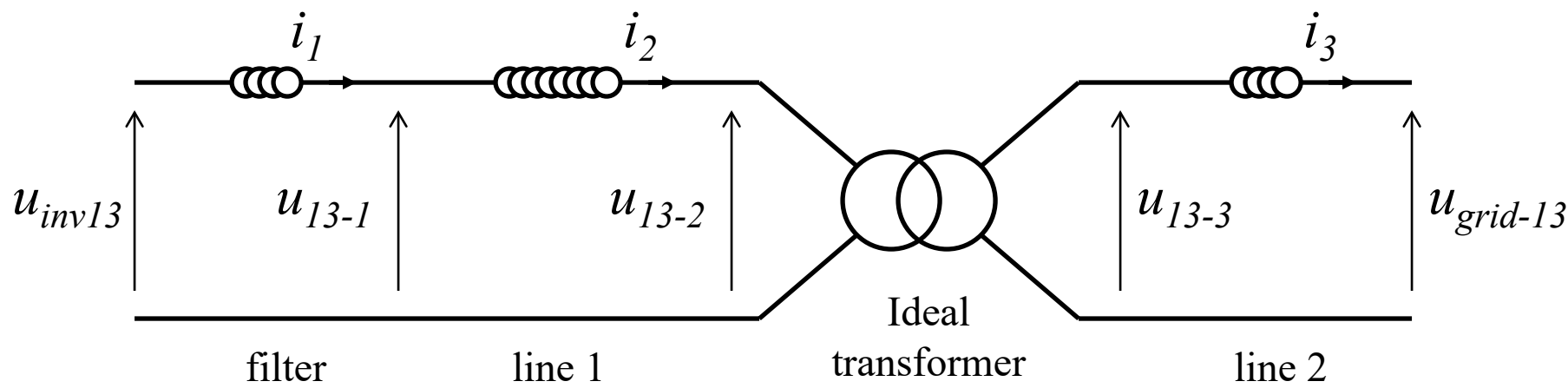
$$L_3 \frac{d}{dt} \underline{i}_3 + R_3 \underline{i}_3 = \underline{u}_3 - \underline{u}_{grid}$$

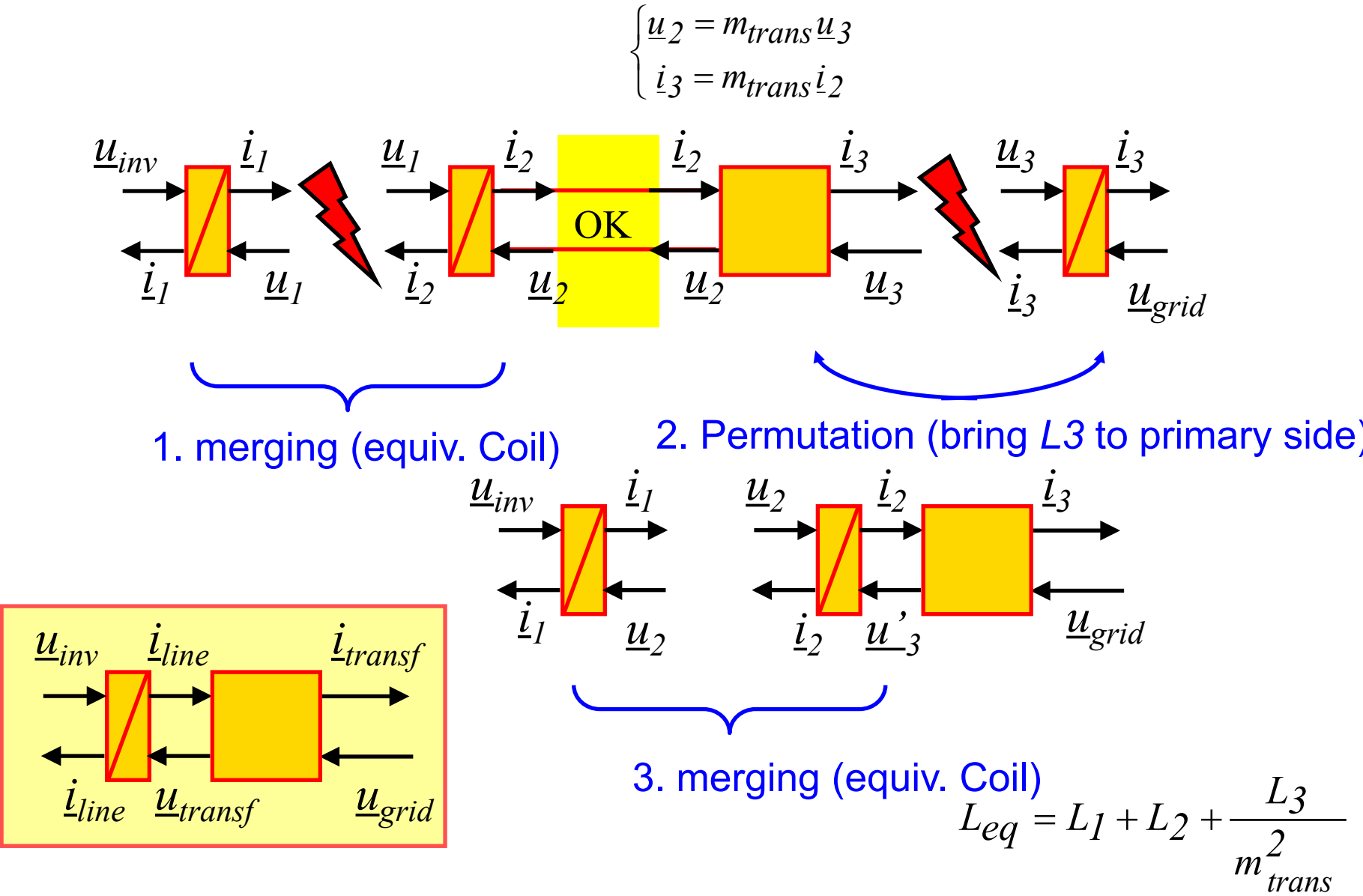


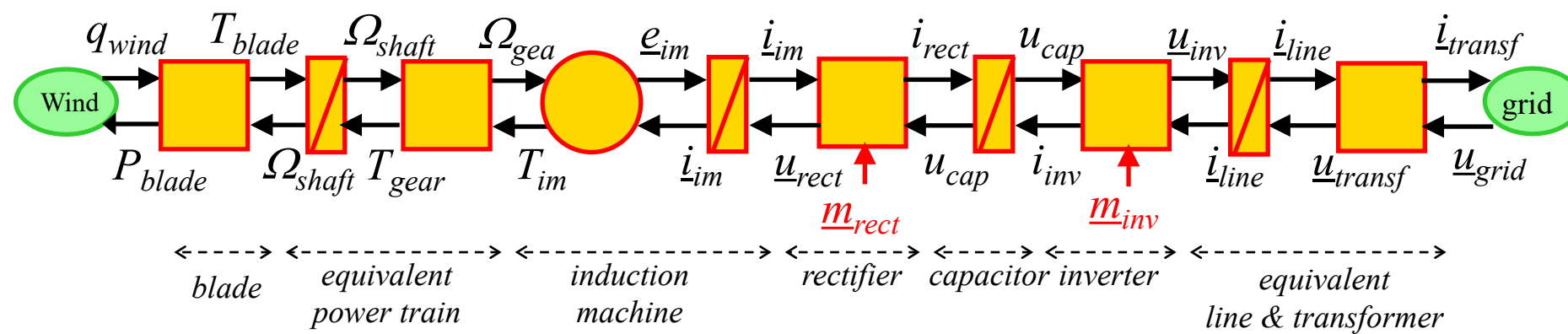
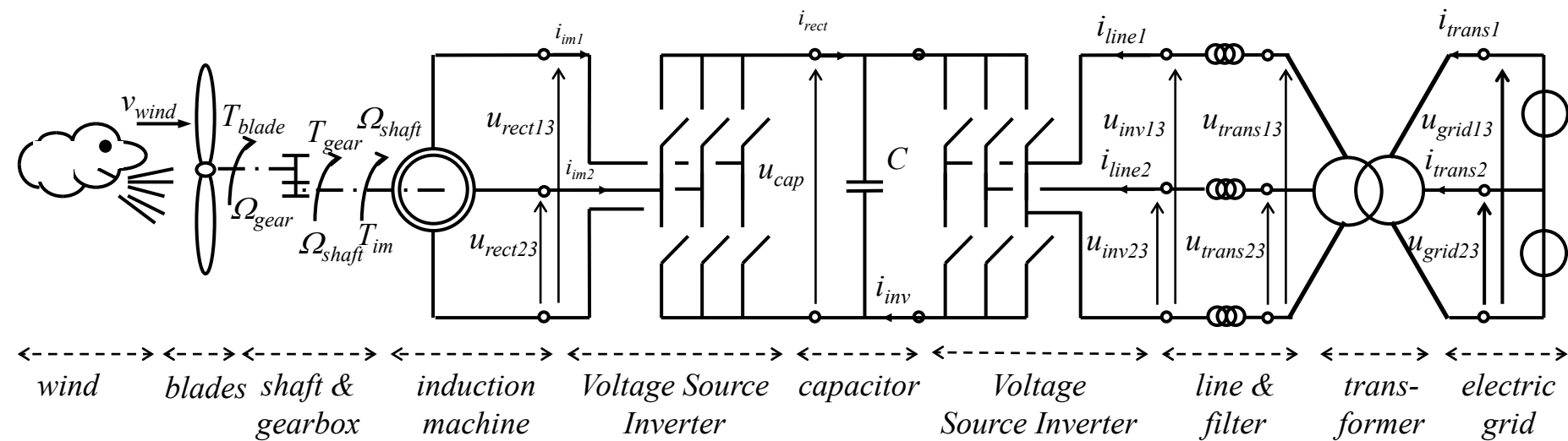


$i_1 = i_2$ series connection
 $i_3 = m i_2$ transformer ratio

currents cannot be independent







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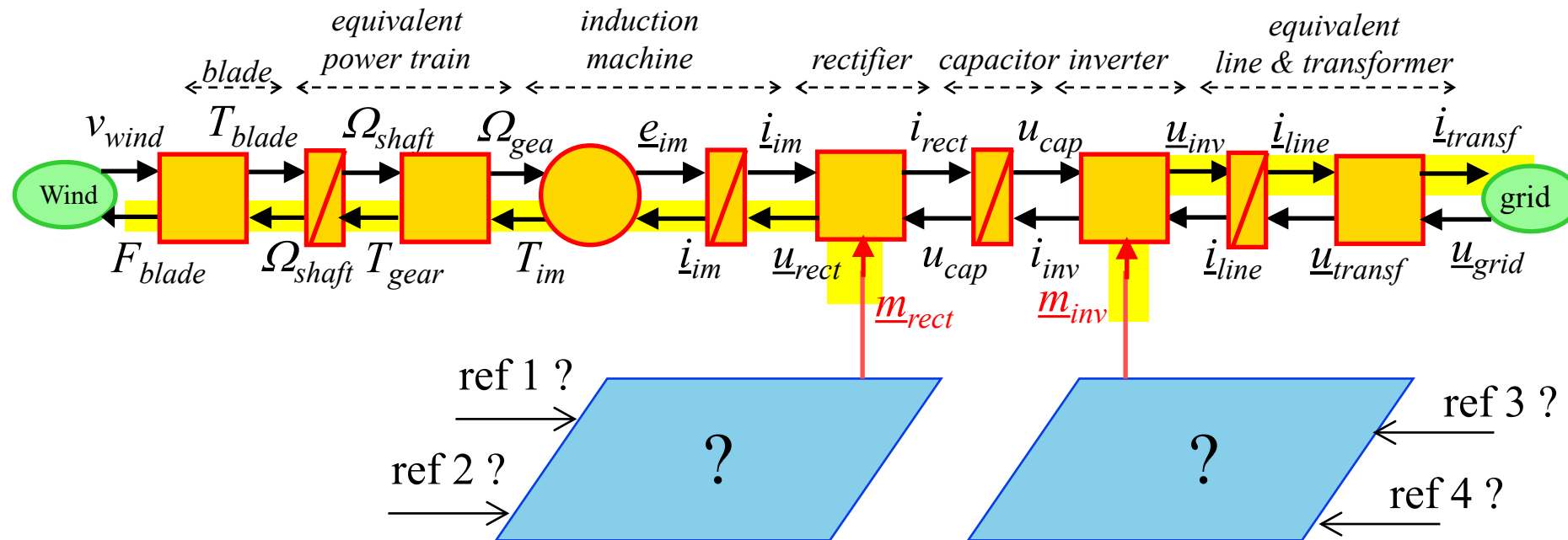
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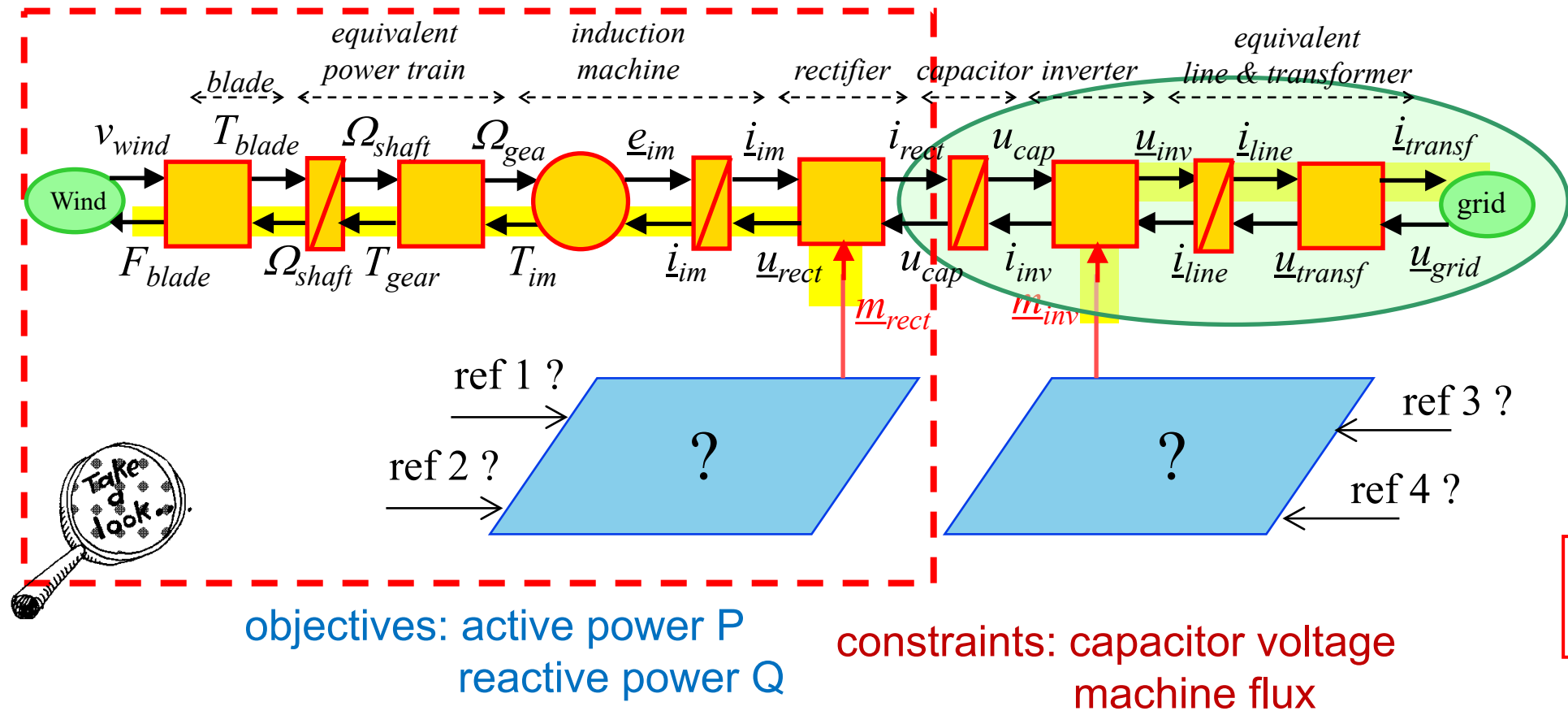


objectives: active power P
reactive power Q

constraints: capacitor voltage
machine flux

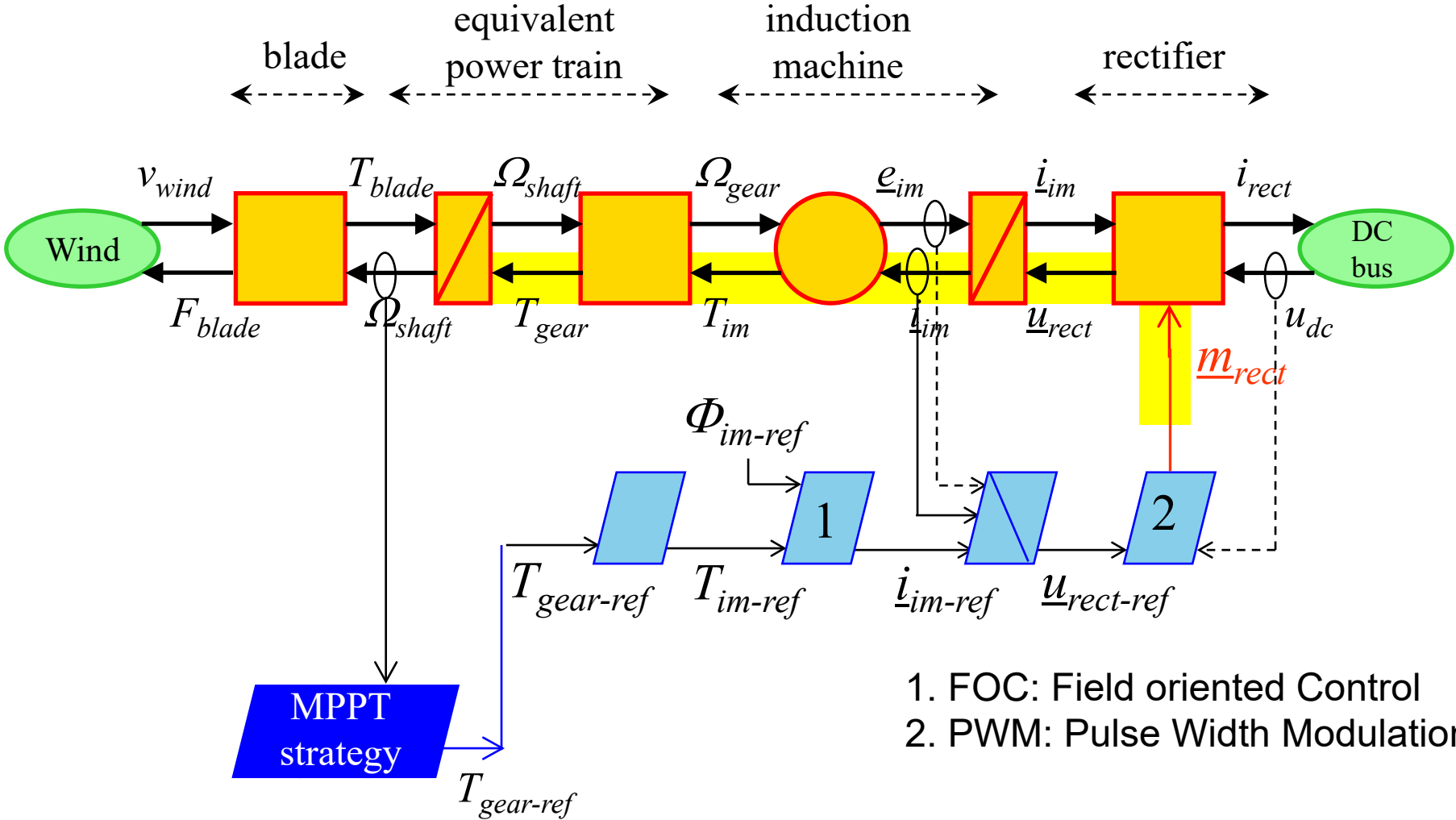
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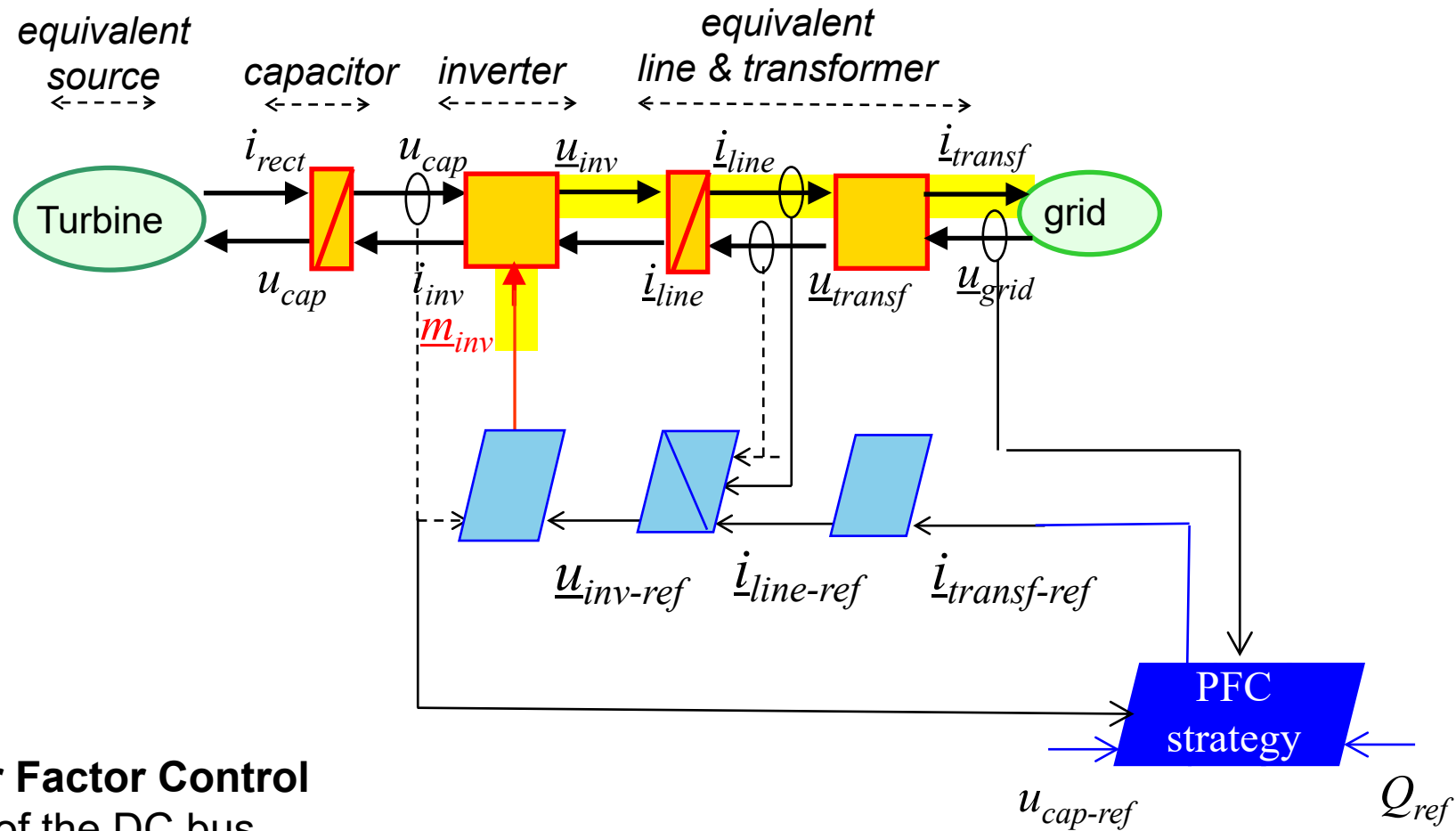


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MPPT = Maximum Power Point Tracking



PFC = Power Factor Control

- regulation of the DC bus
- Control of the reactive power (well-know in power electronics)

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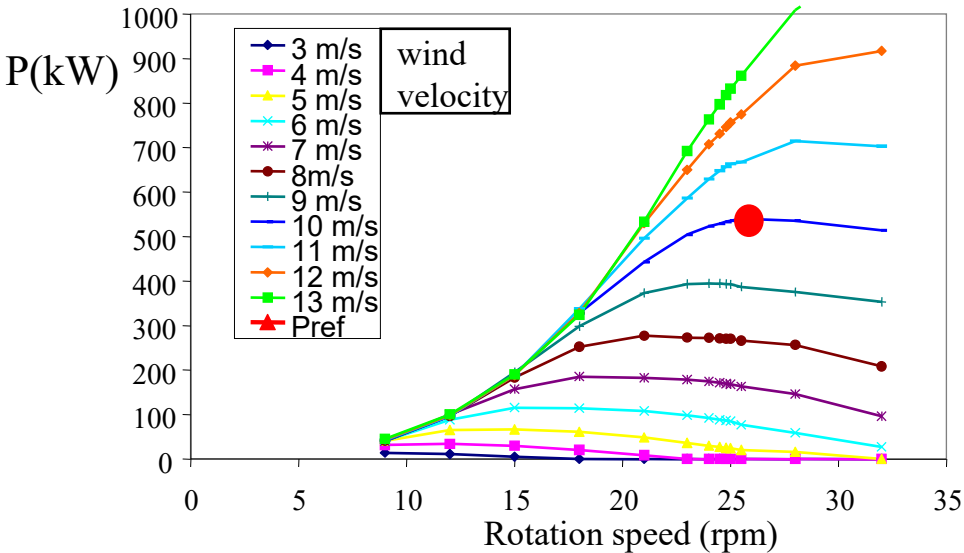
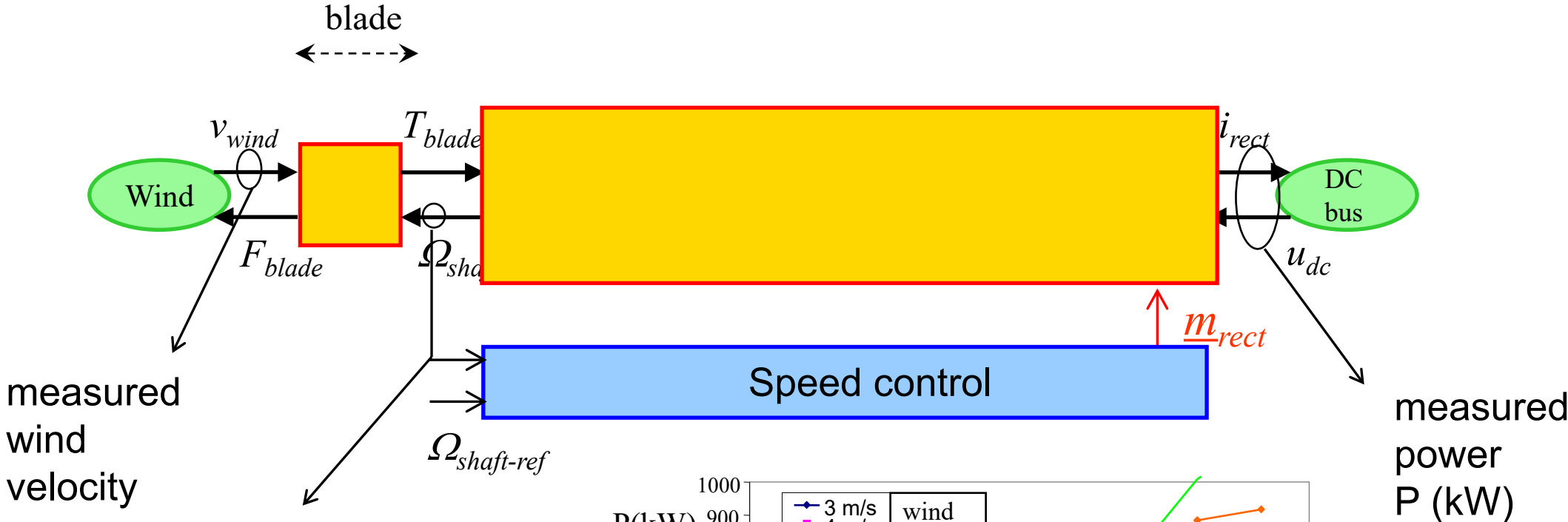
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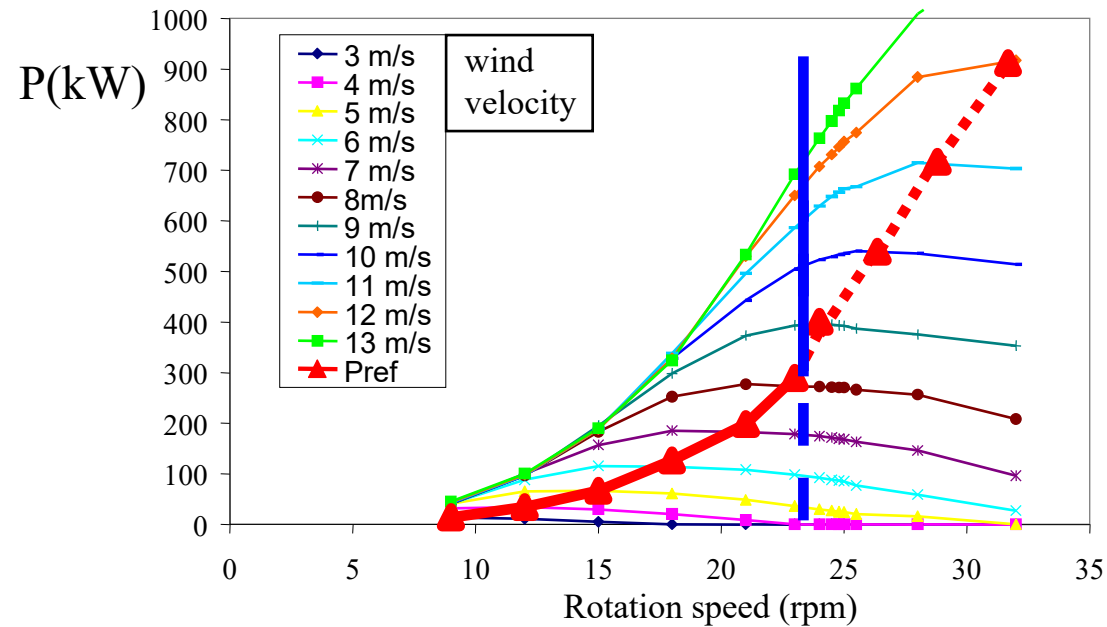
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Stress test in wind tunnel

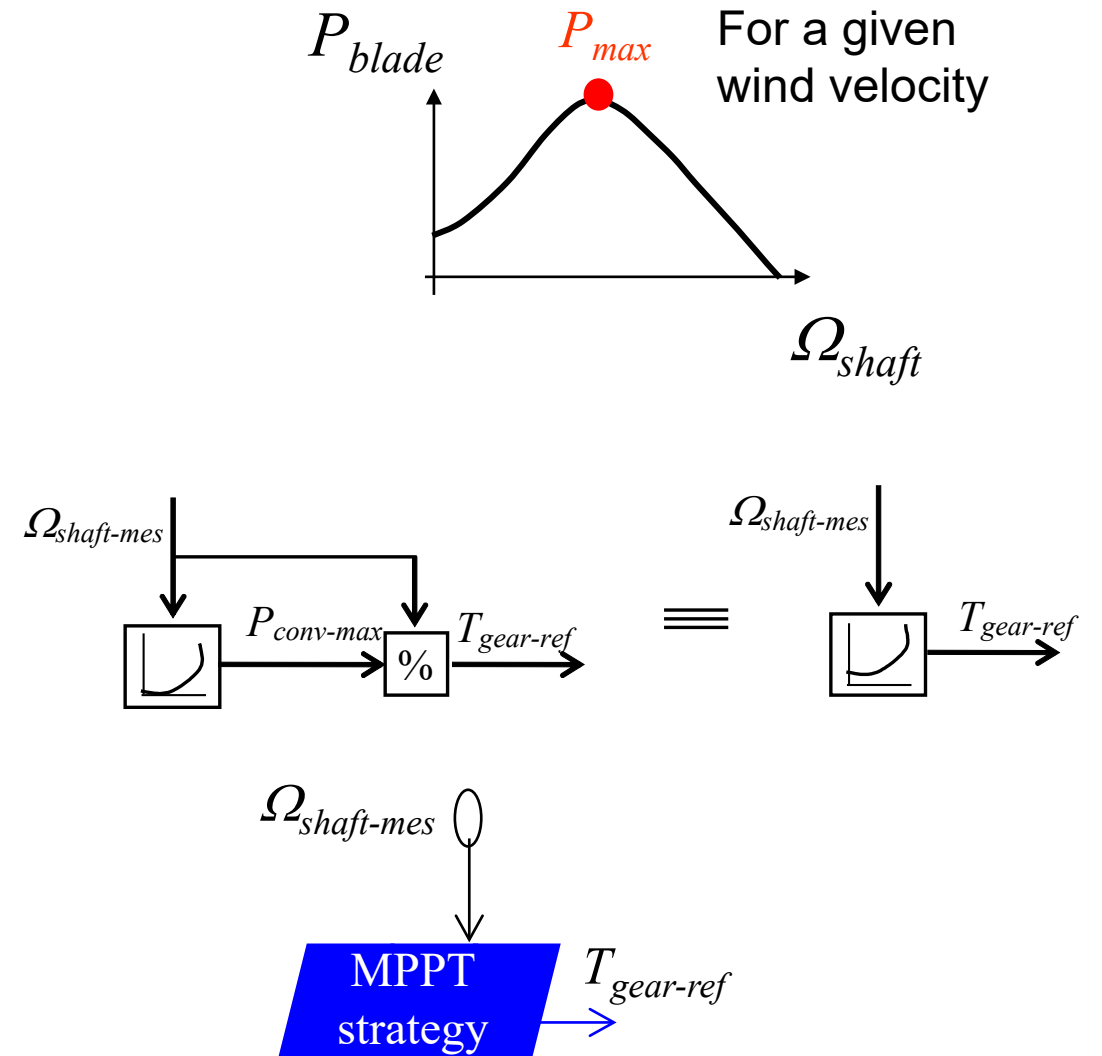


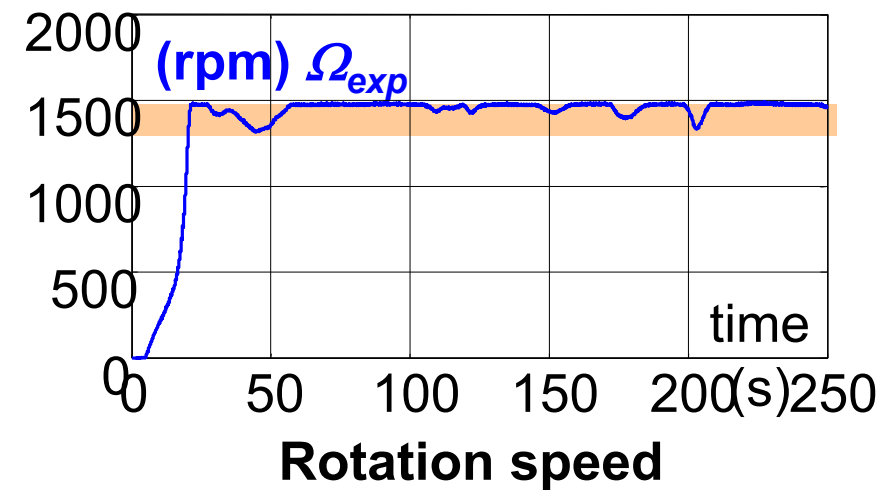
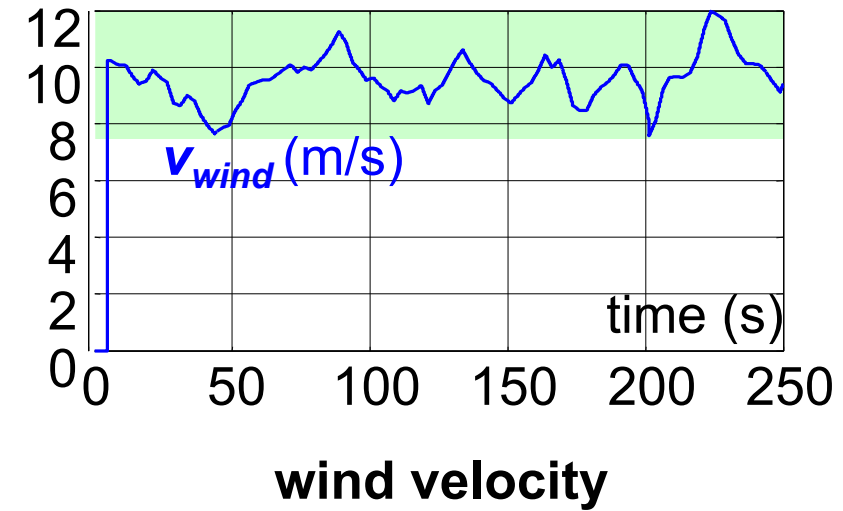
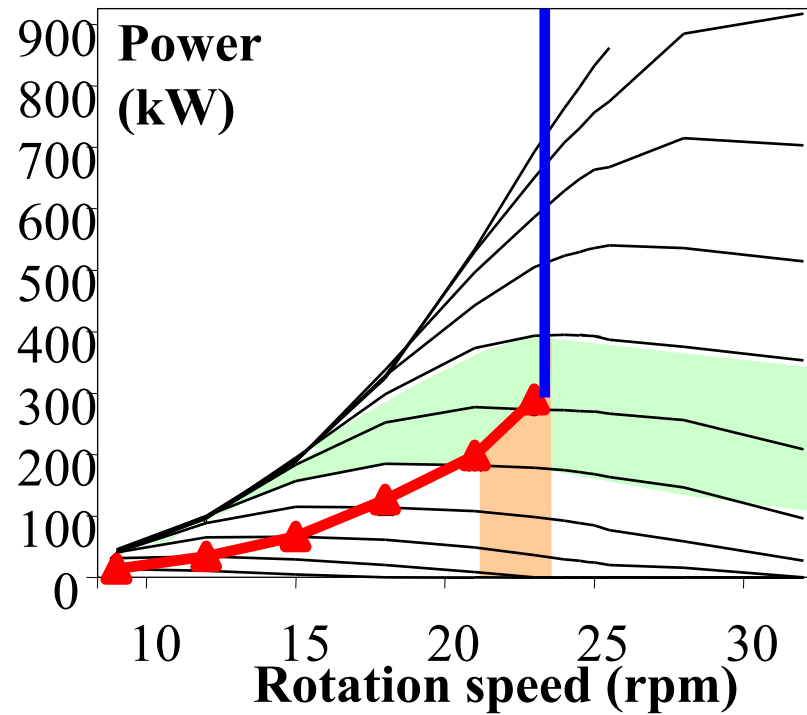


 P_{max}
 Ω_{max}

MPPT = Maximum Power Point Tracking

+ speed limitation (safety)







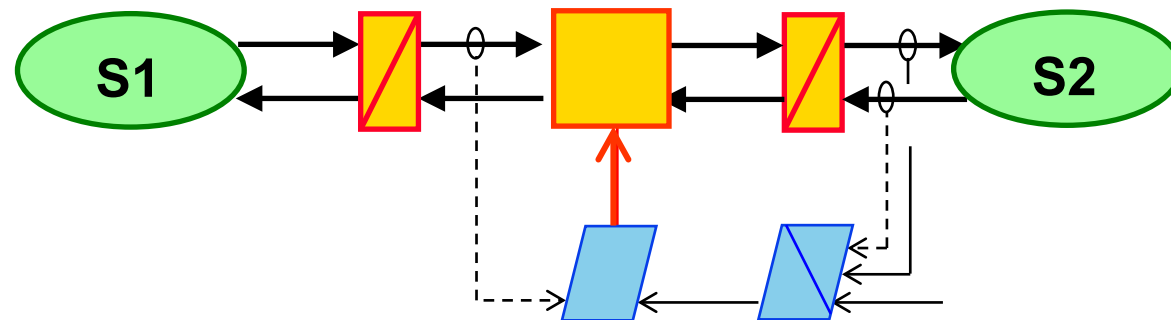
Conclusion



Wind Energy is developing more and more
for renewable energy production

WECS is a complex system
composed of different subsystems in interactions

WECS control can be deduced from EMR
local control (MCS) and strategies (MPPT and PFC)



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