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MULTI-TERMINAL DC GRID FOR OFFSHORE WIND

Building the Grid for the Future

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Agenda

- ***What is MEDOW?***
- ***Why DC Grids***
- ***How DC Grids Operate***
- ***Challenges and Remaining Issues***
- ***Q&A***

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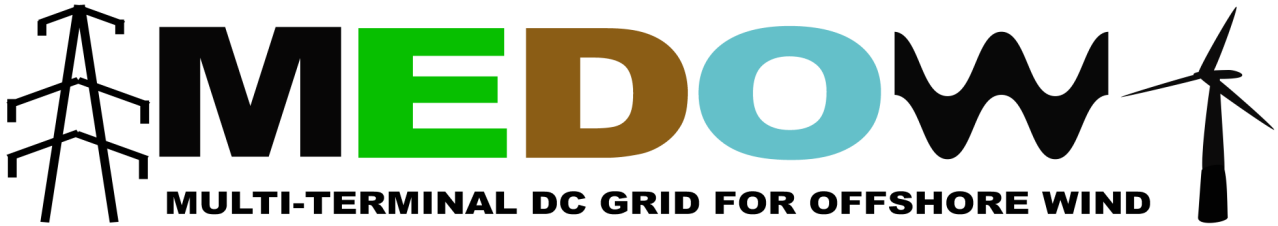

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MEDOW is a €3.9 million Marie Curie Initial Training Network (ITN) consisting of 11 partners (5 universities and 6 industrial organisations) with collective expertise on the manufacturing, design, operation, and control of multi-terminal DC grids.

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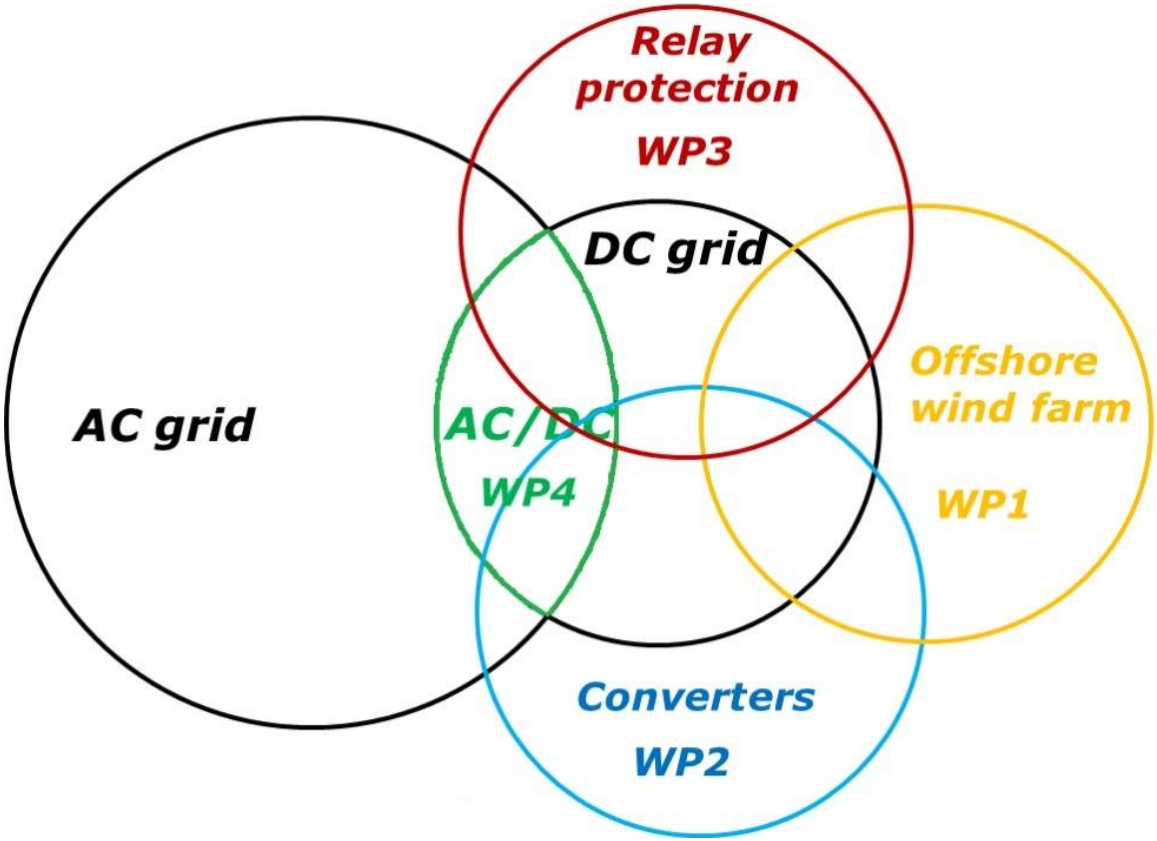


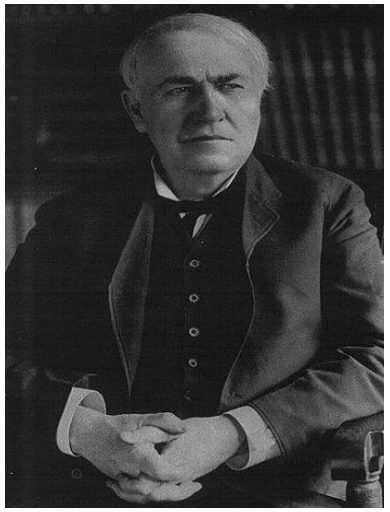
WP1: Connection of offshore wind power to DC grids

WP2: Investigation of voltage source converters for DC grids

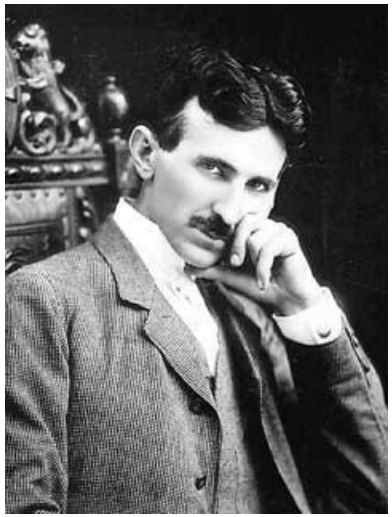
WP3: Relaying protection

✓ ***WP4*: Interactive AC/DC grids**

Why DC grids



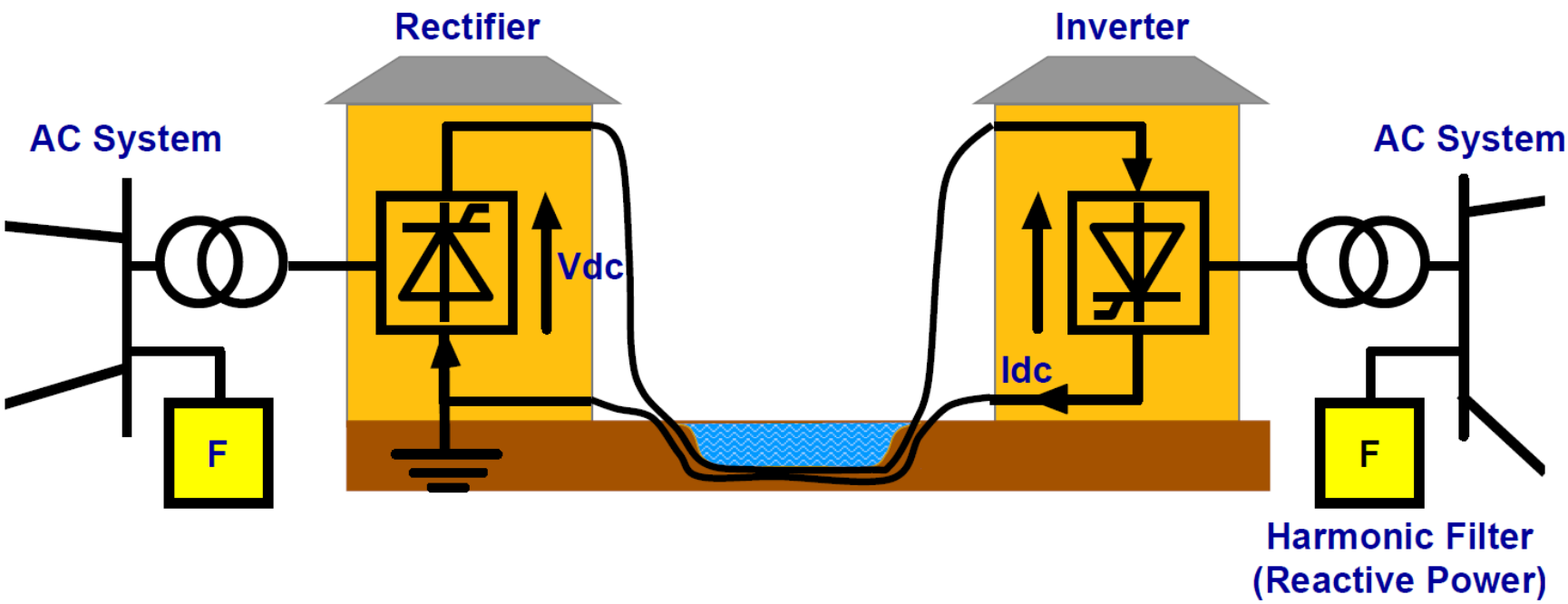
Thomas Edison
1847 –1931

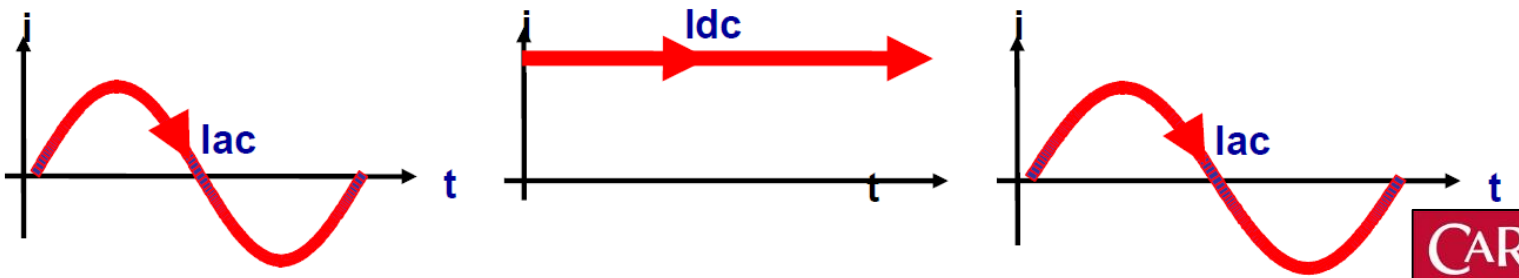


Nikola Tesla
1856 –1943

Why DC grids

From alternating current to direct current and back

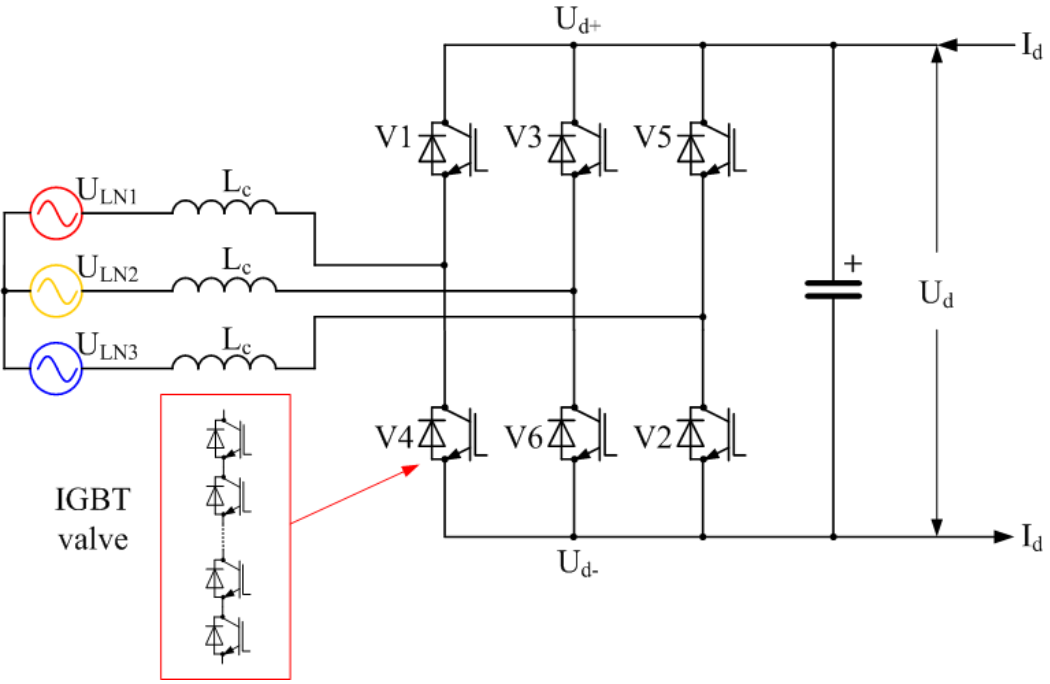


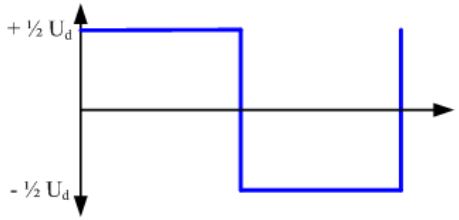


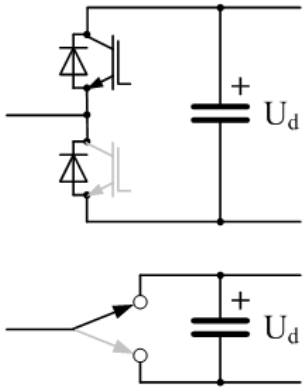
Principles of HVDC

Why DC grids

- ***Technical progress***







Two-level VSC

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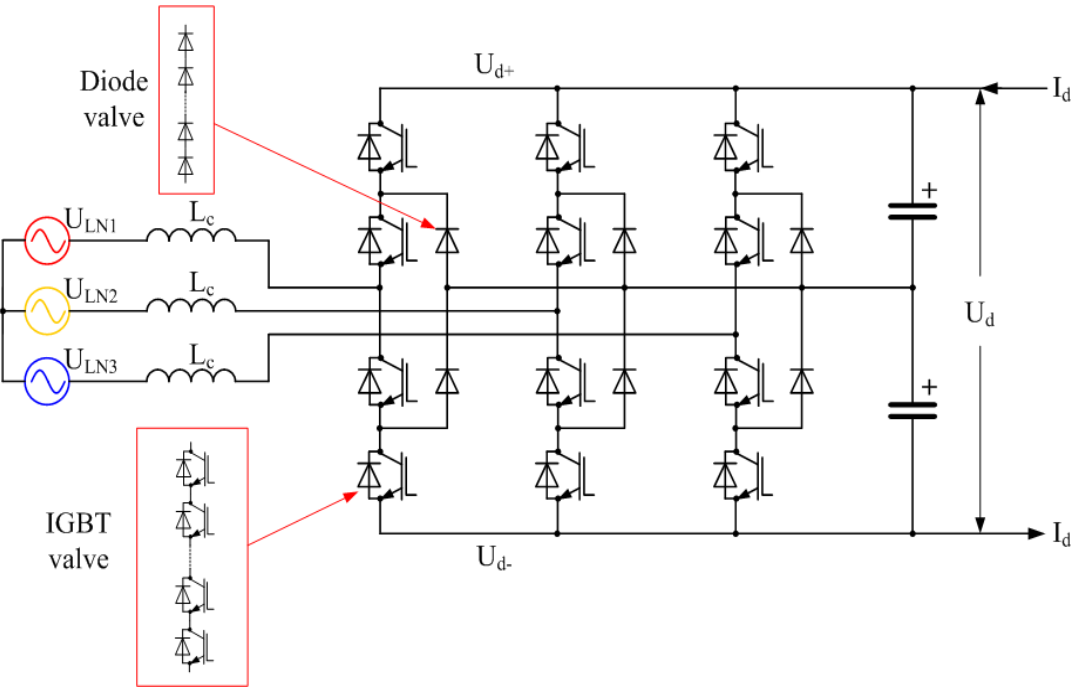

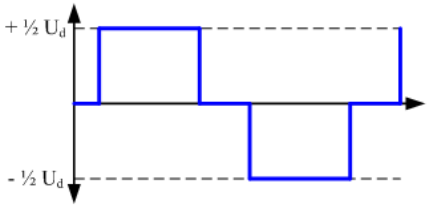

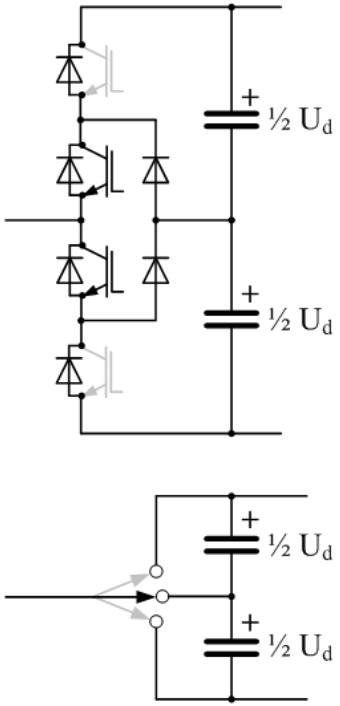

Three-level VSC

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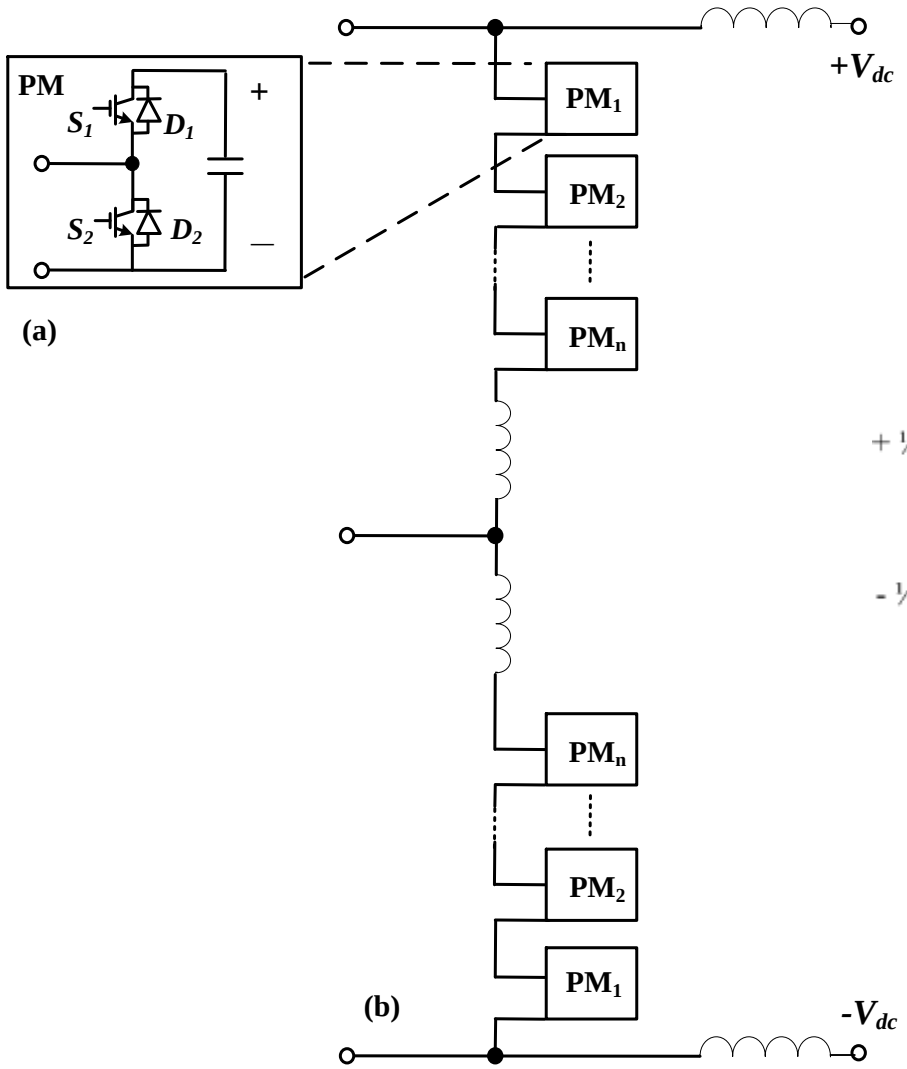

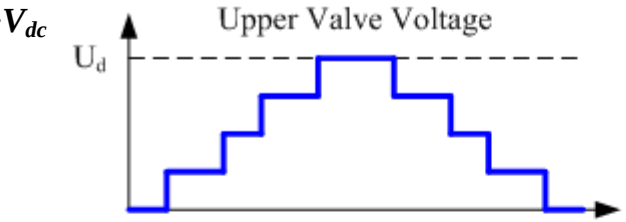

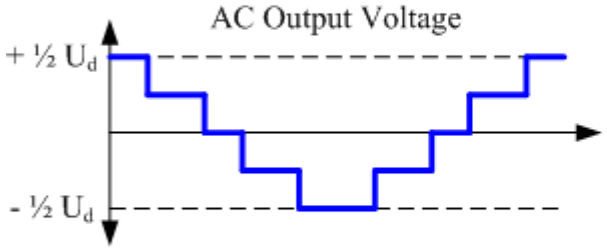

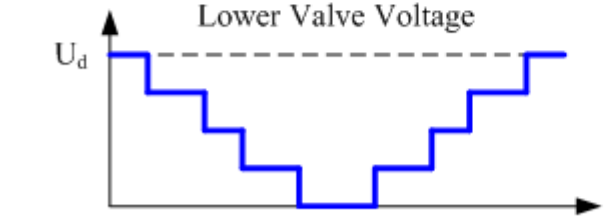

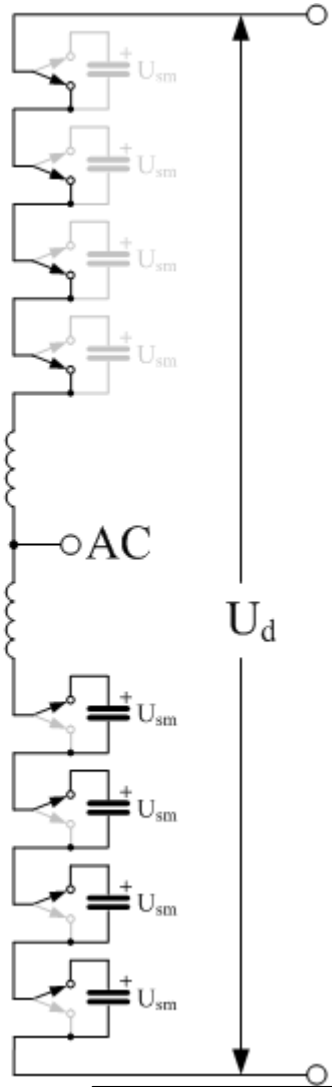

Modular Multilevel Converter

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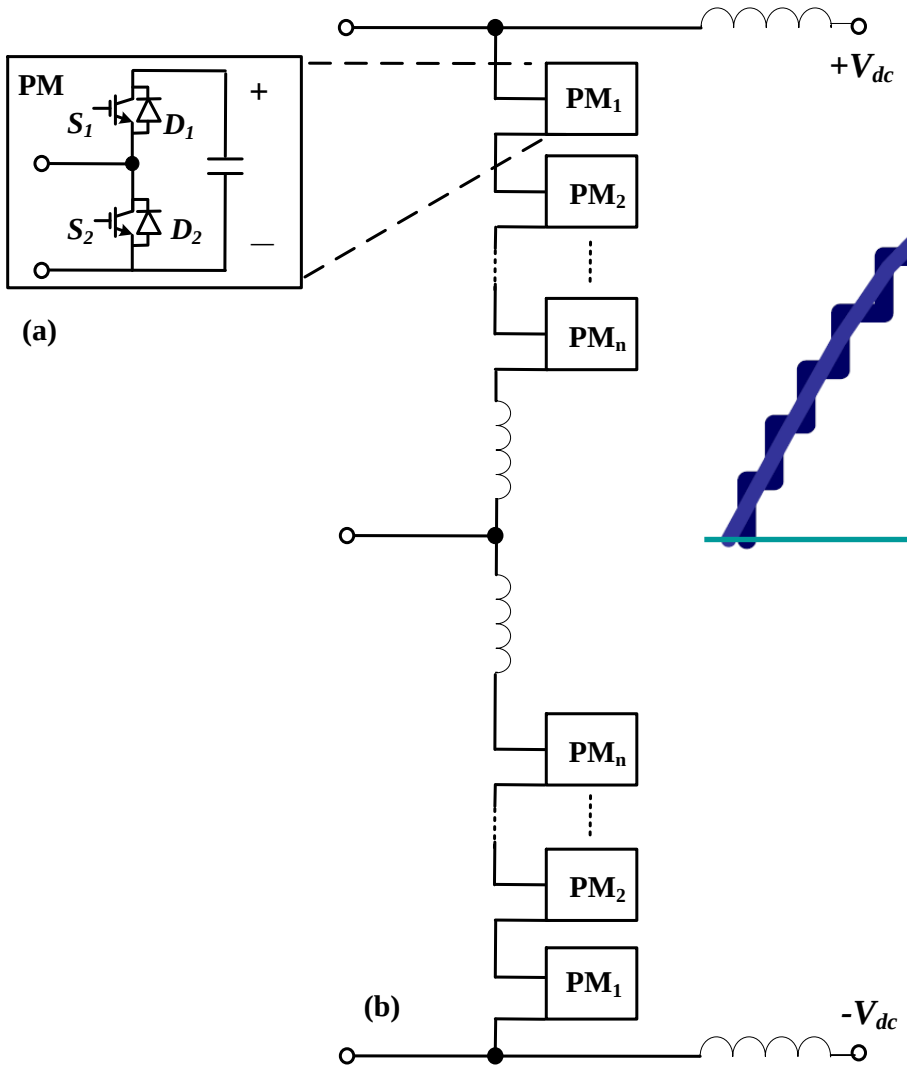

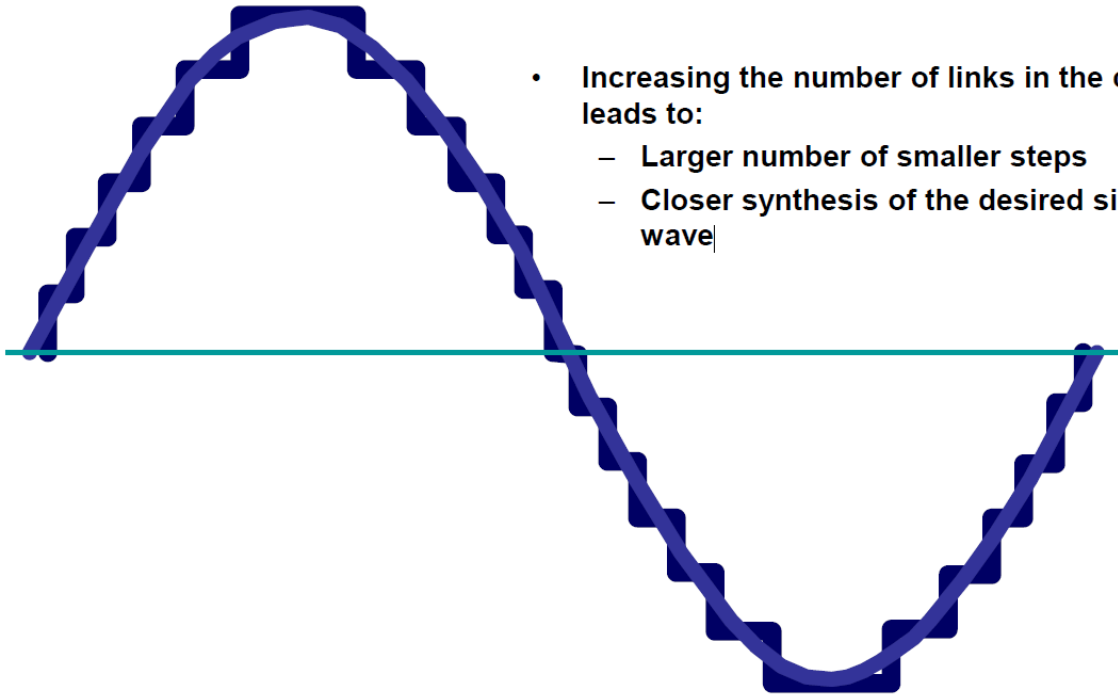

- Increasing the number of links in the chain leads to:
  - Larger number of smaller steps
  - Closer synthesis of the desired sine wave

Modular Multilevel Converter

Why DC grids

- ***Policy that drives grid development***

  Environmental: EU has initiated 20/20/20 goals for 2020

  - 20 % of energy consumption by Renewable Energy Sources (RES)
  - 20 % GHG/CO_2 reduction
  - 20 % efficiency increase

- ***Policy makers, environmental organizations, technology providers and energy companies strive for "more grid"***

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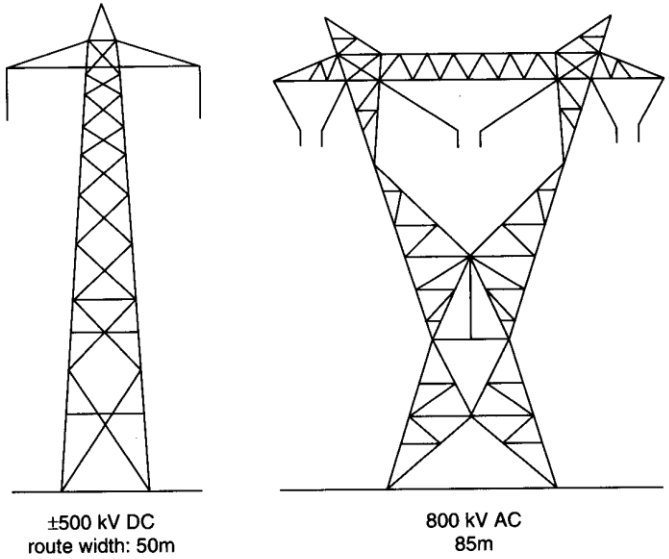

Right-of-Way

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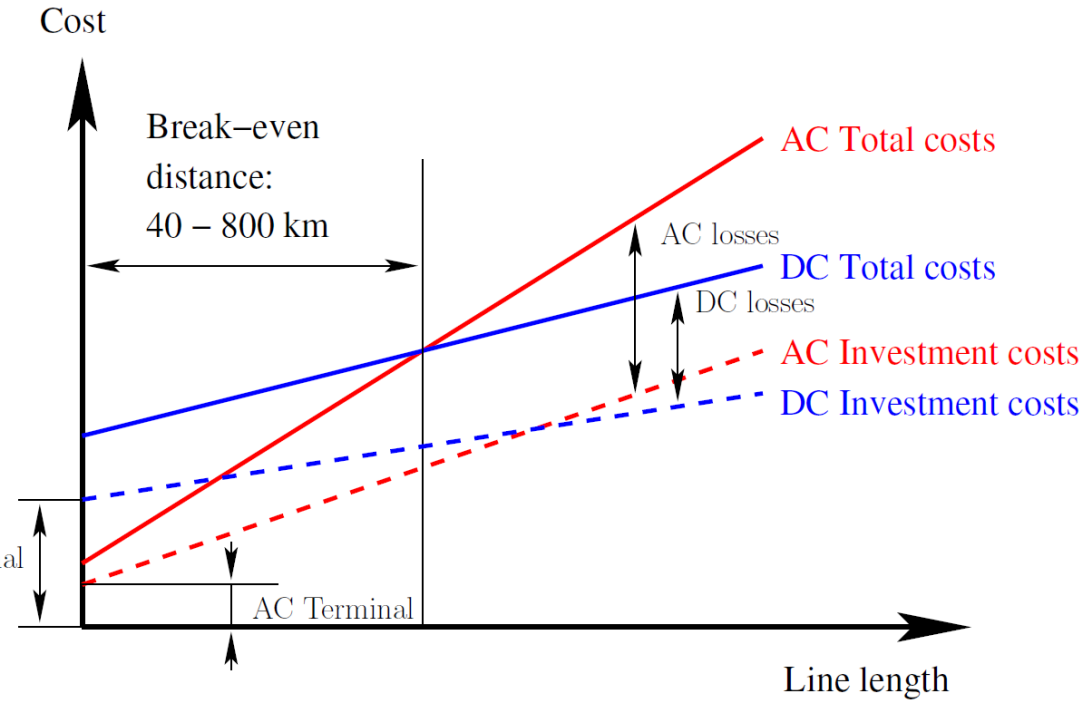
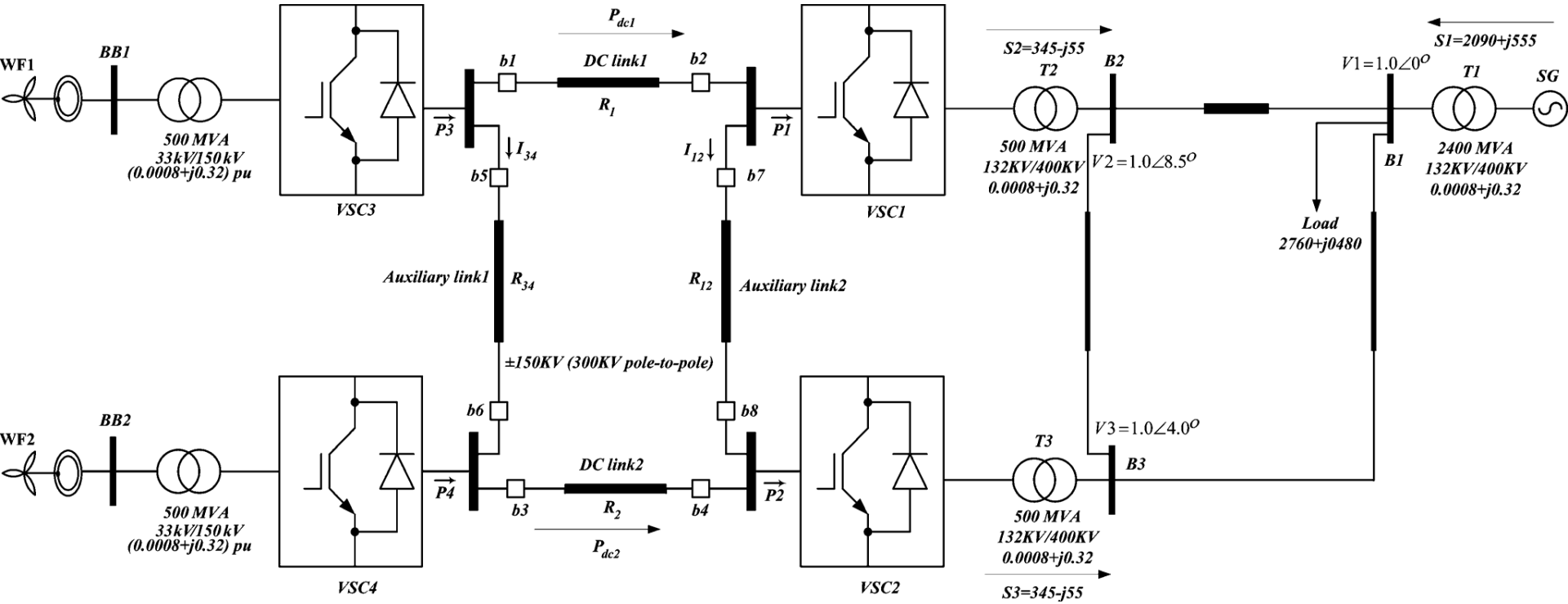


Comparison between AC and DC investment costs

How DC grids operate



4-terminal HVDC grid with wind farm penetration

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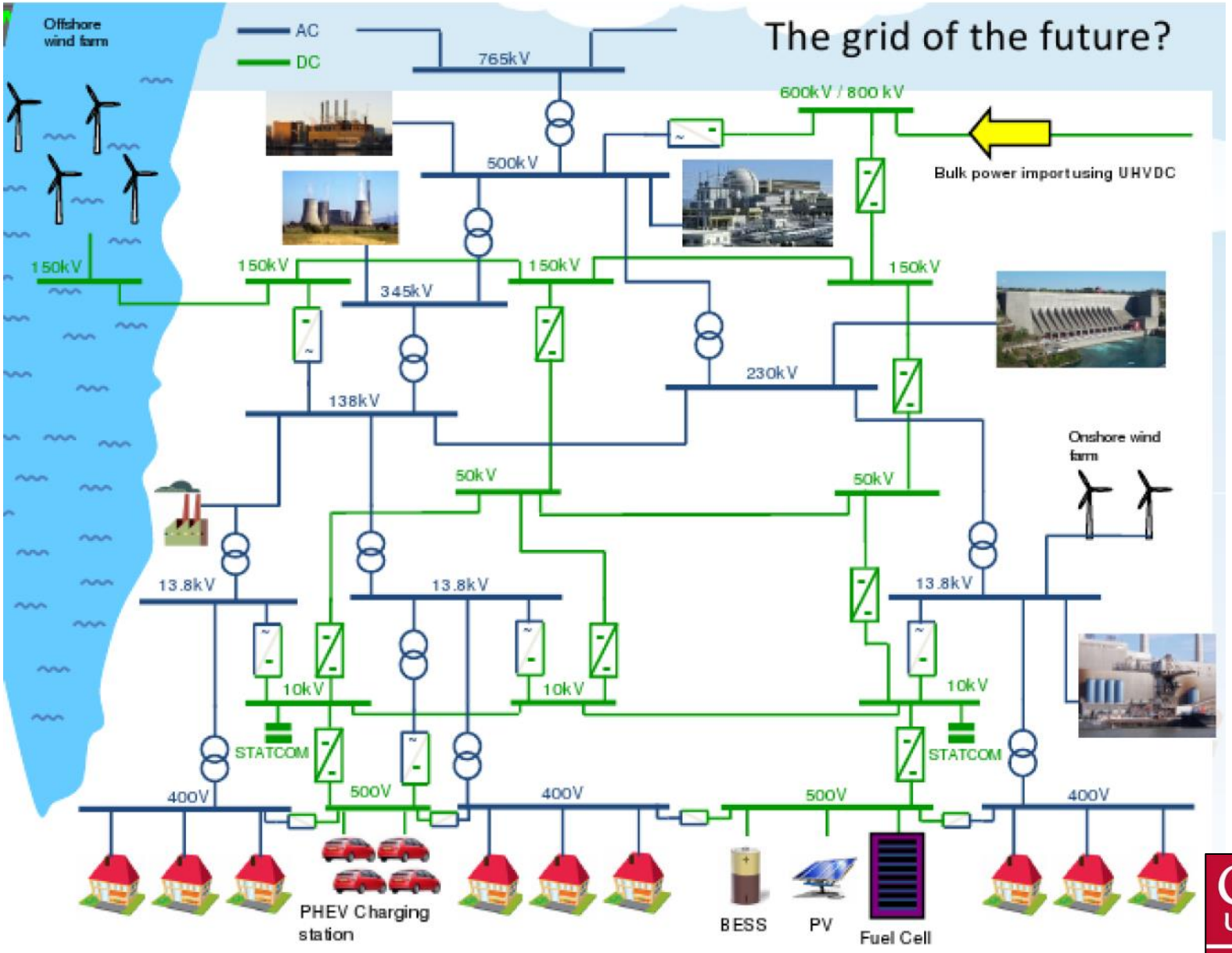

Vision of a future grid

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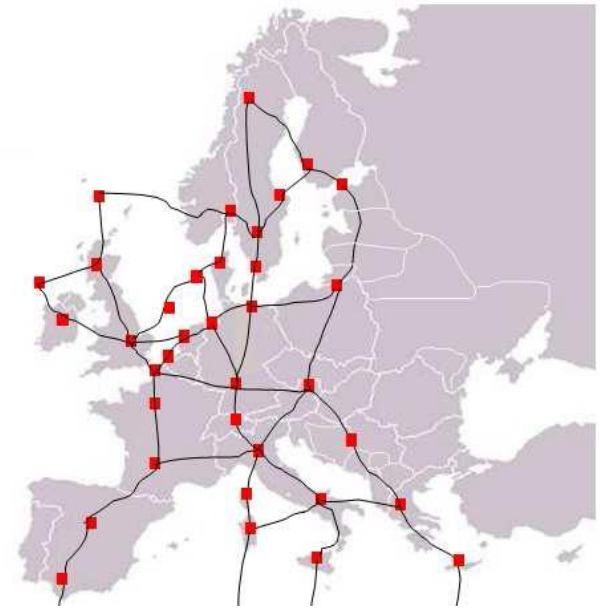
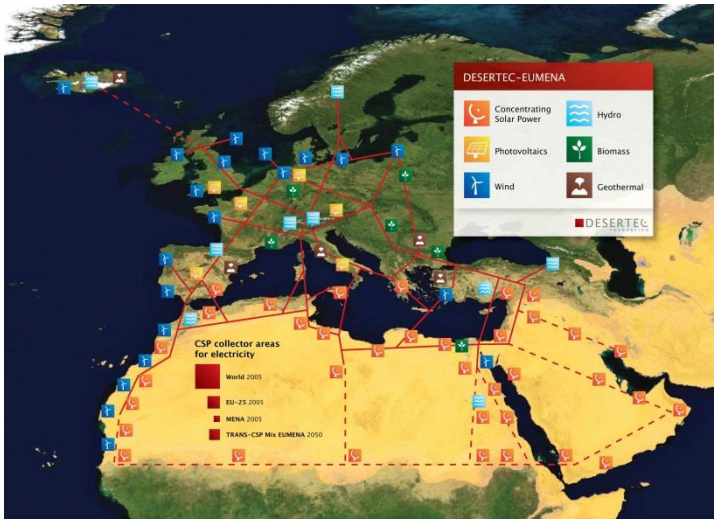
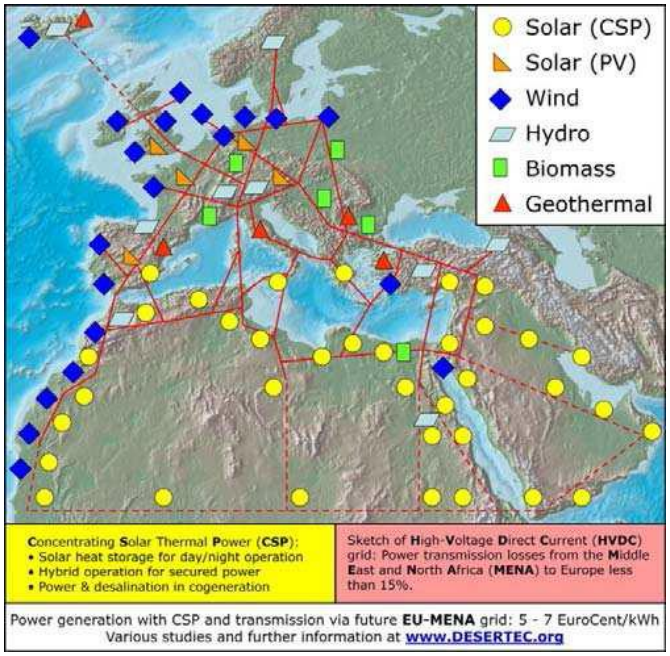
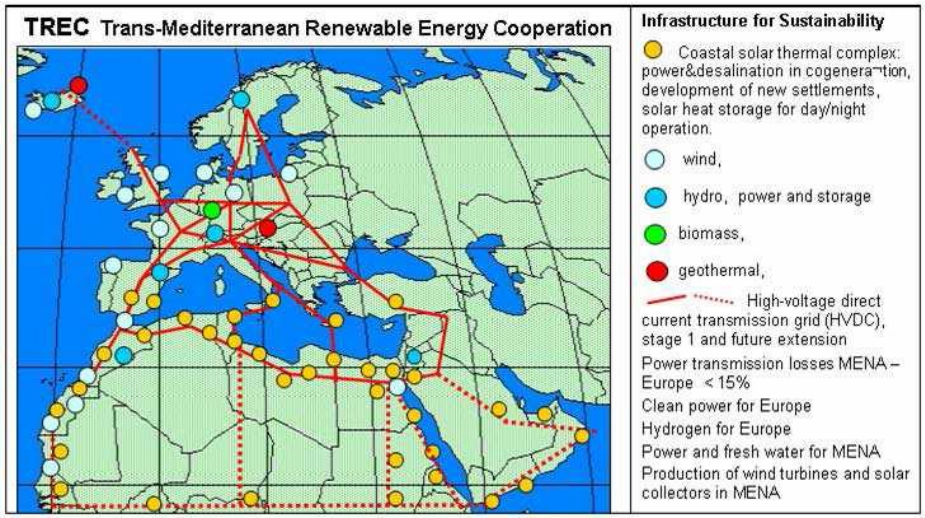




Concept of Supergrid





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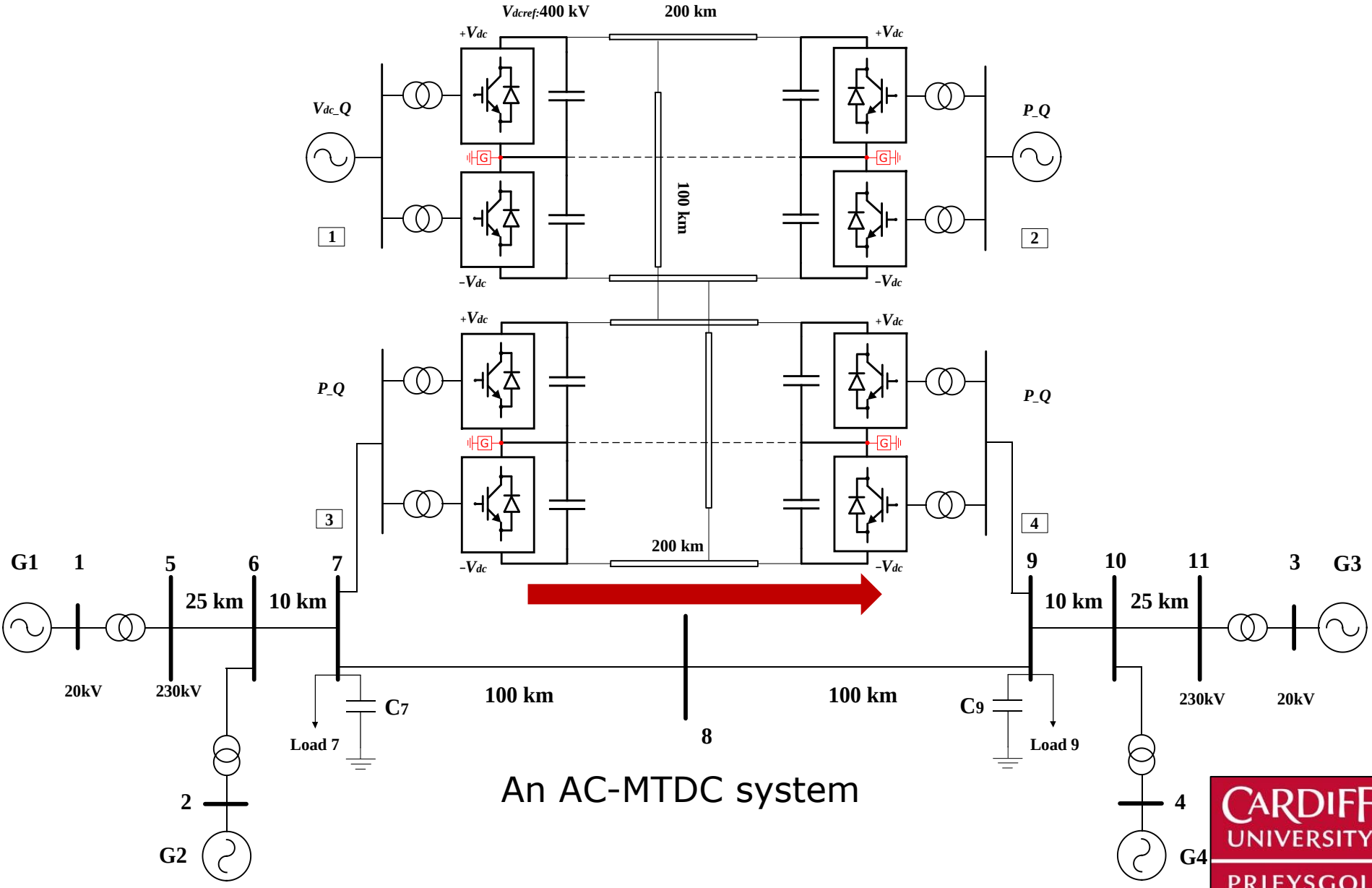

An AC-MTDC system

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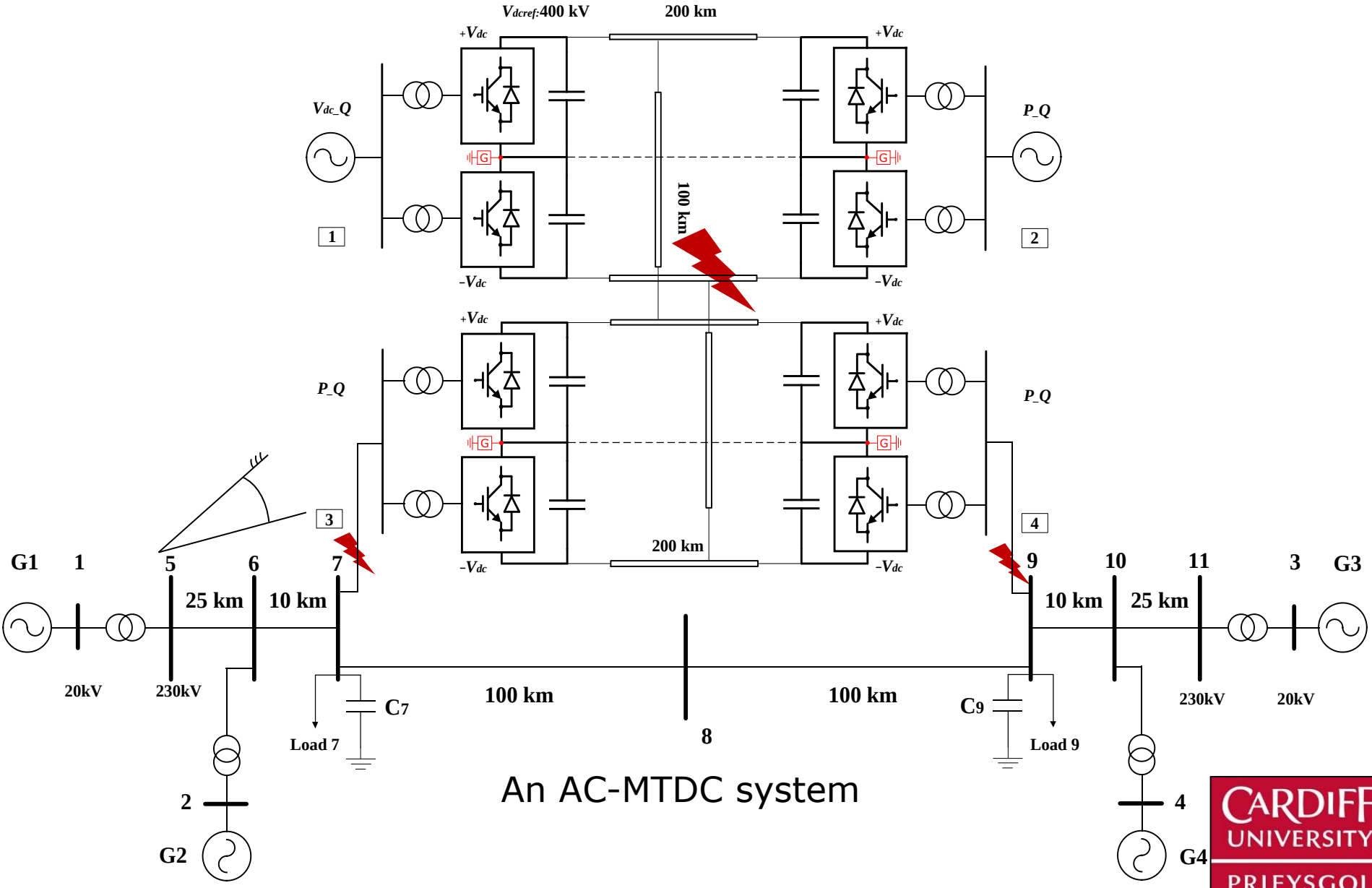

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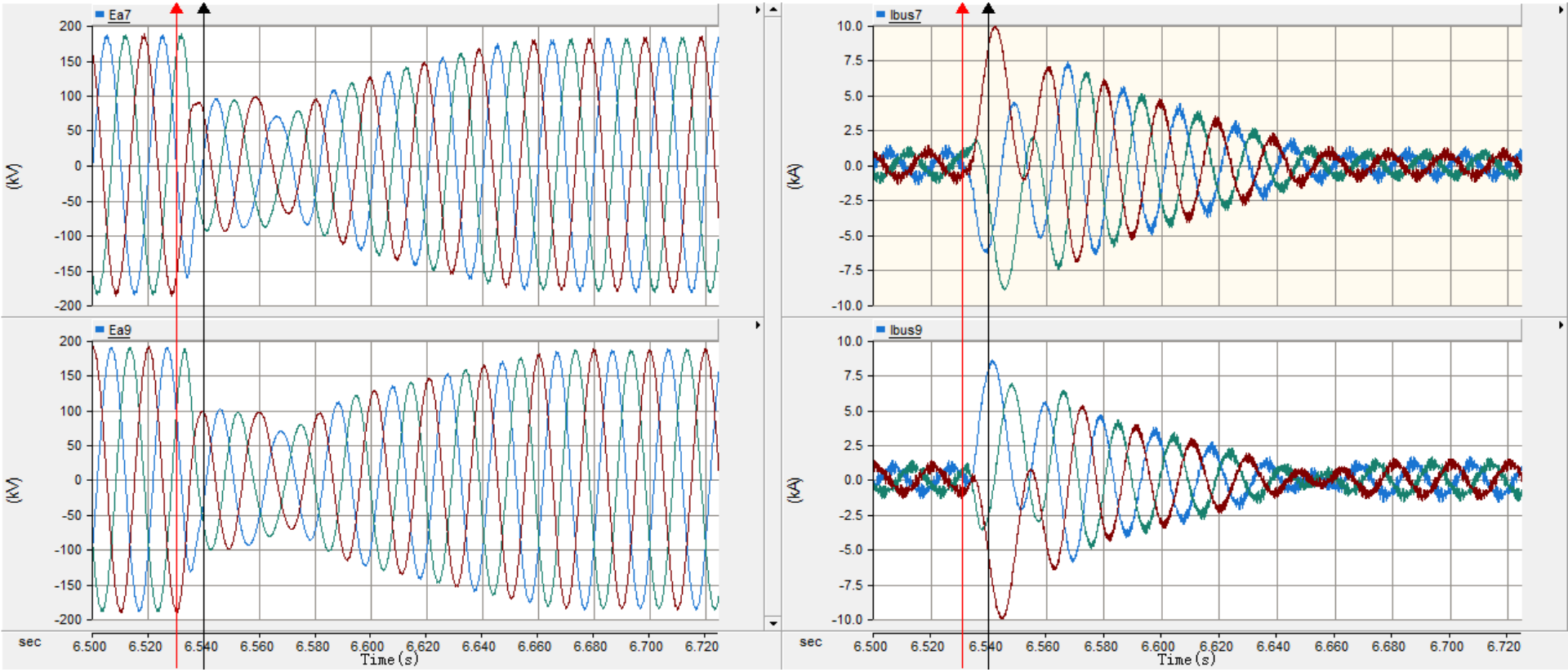

AC voltage at PCCs (bus 7 & 9)

A *line-to-ground* fault occurs in the middle of the negative pole between converter 1 and 2 at *6.53s* and cleared after *10ms*.

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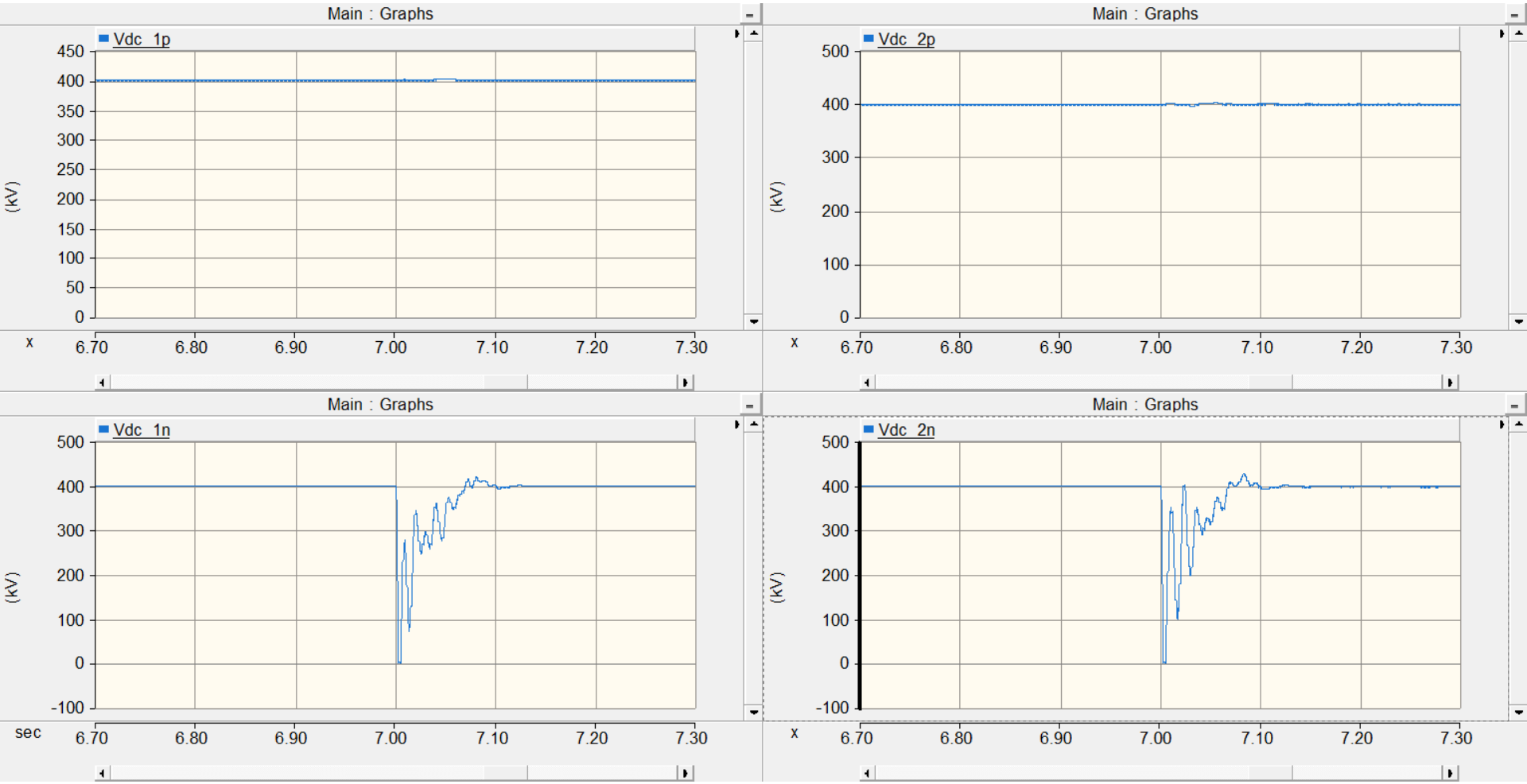

DC voltage of converter 1 & 2

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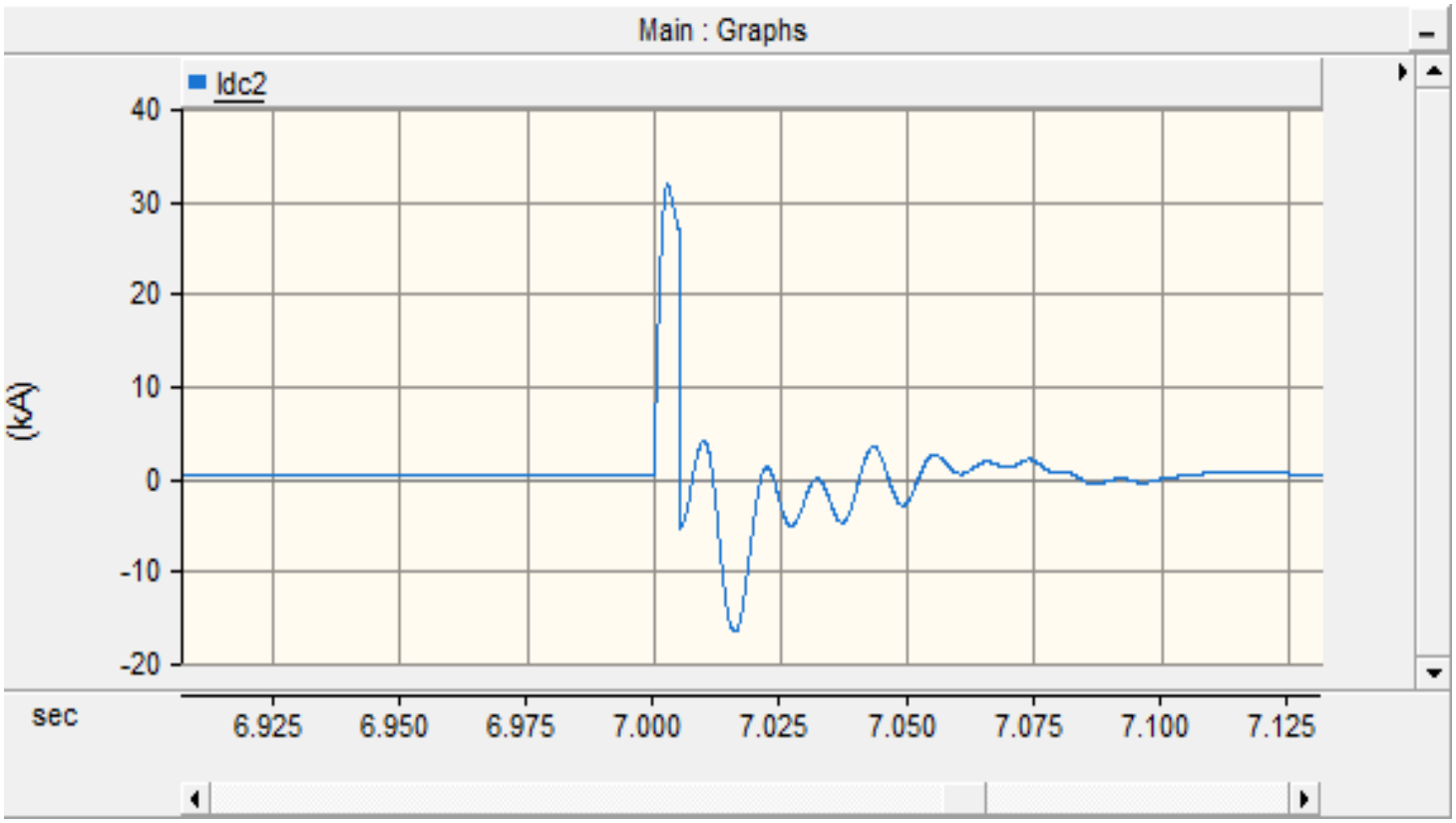

DC fault current

Challenges and Remaining issues

- ***Technical barriers***
- ***Policy, technology providers, energy companies***
- ***Economics***
- ***Nothing is perfect***

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Q & A

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