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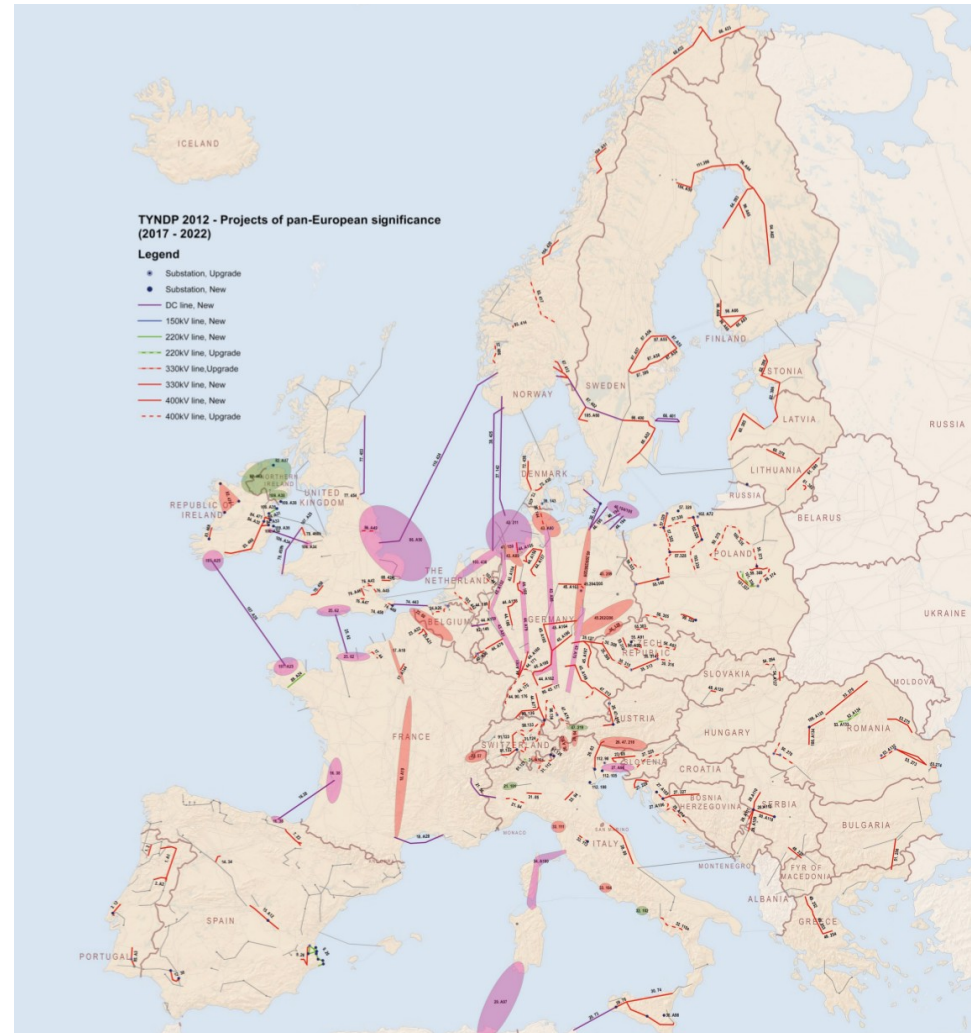


Operation of HVDC Power Systems

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Reference: ENTSOE 10-Year Network Development Plan 2012



Development plan for 2022

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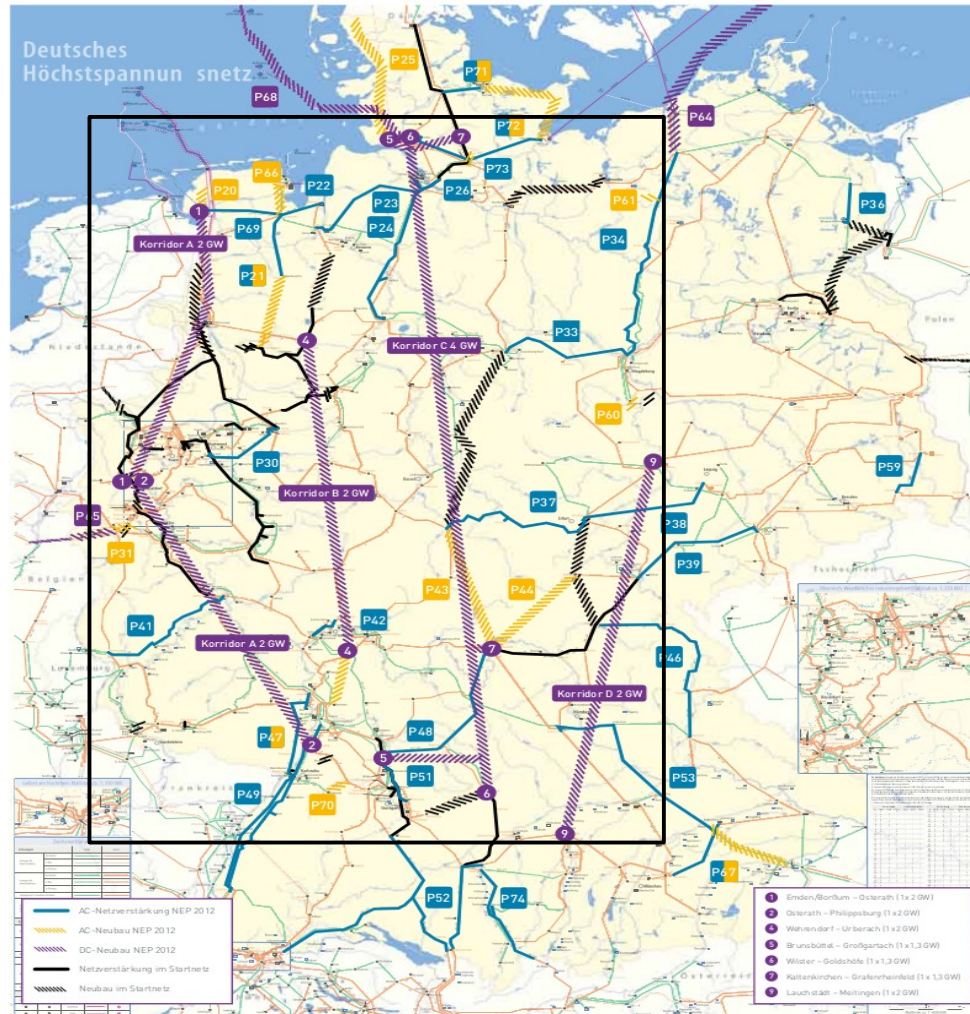
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Introduction

Development from 2022 to 2050

1-4 ~160 km

2-4 ~100 km

2-A ~60 km

2-5 ~100 km

6-9 ~100 km

4-6 ~250 km

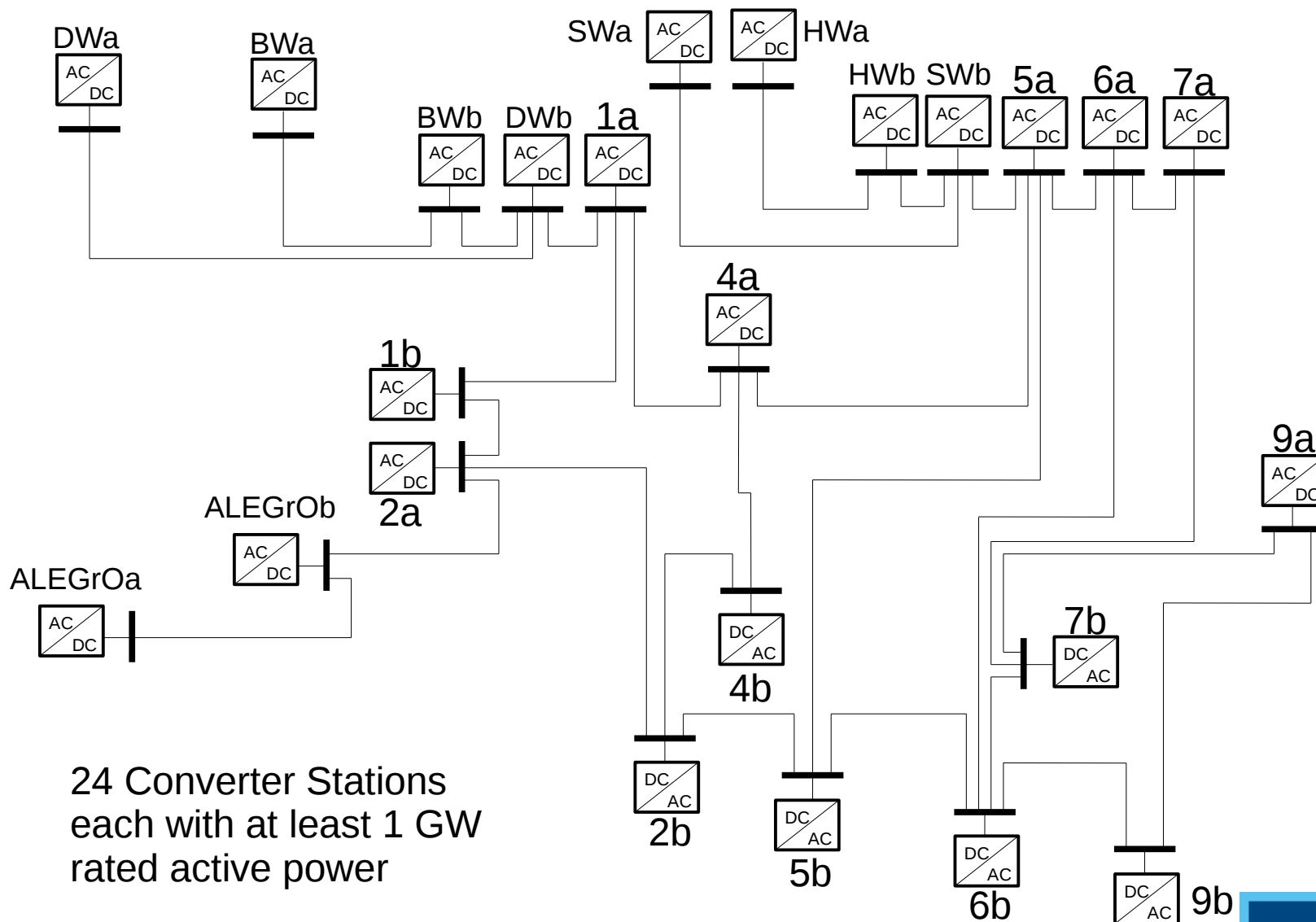
7-9 ~250 km



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Introduction



24 Converter Stations
each with at least 1 GW
rated active power

Transmission system operators are responsible for the security of supply in a certain geographical area (in AC systems mostly a country)

Operation

- Monitoring and Control of actual grid states (Voltage, Power, Topology, etc.)
- Ensuring security level (e.g. N-1)
- Congestion management
- Loss optimization
- Contingency registration and clearance
- Grid restoration
- Etc.

System balancing

- Schedule verification
- Reserve management
- Wind forecast
- Etc.

Development, Maintenance and Protection

- Planning
- Coordinating
- Supervising

- AC systems
 - Generation = Load
 - Imbalance is buffered by the energy stored in the rotating mass, thus change in frequency = power imbalance
- Three step reserve
 - Frequency Containment Reserve (FCR) or Primary Reserve
 - Frequency Restoration Reserve (FRR) or Secondary Reserve
 - Replacement Reserve (RR) or Tertiary Reserve

- DC systems
 - In-feed = withdraw
 - Imbalance is buffered by the energy stored in the capacitance, thus change in voltage = power imbalance
- Multi step reserve ?

Secondary Reserve

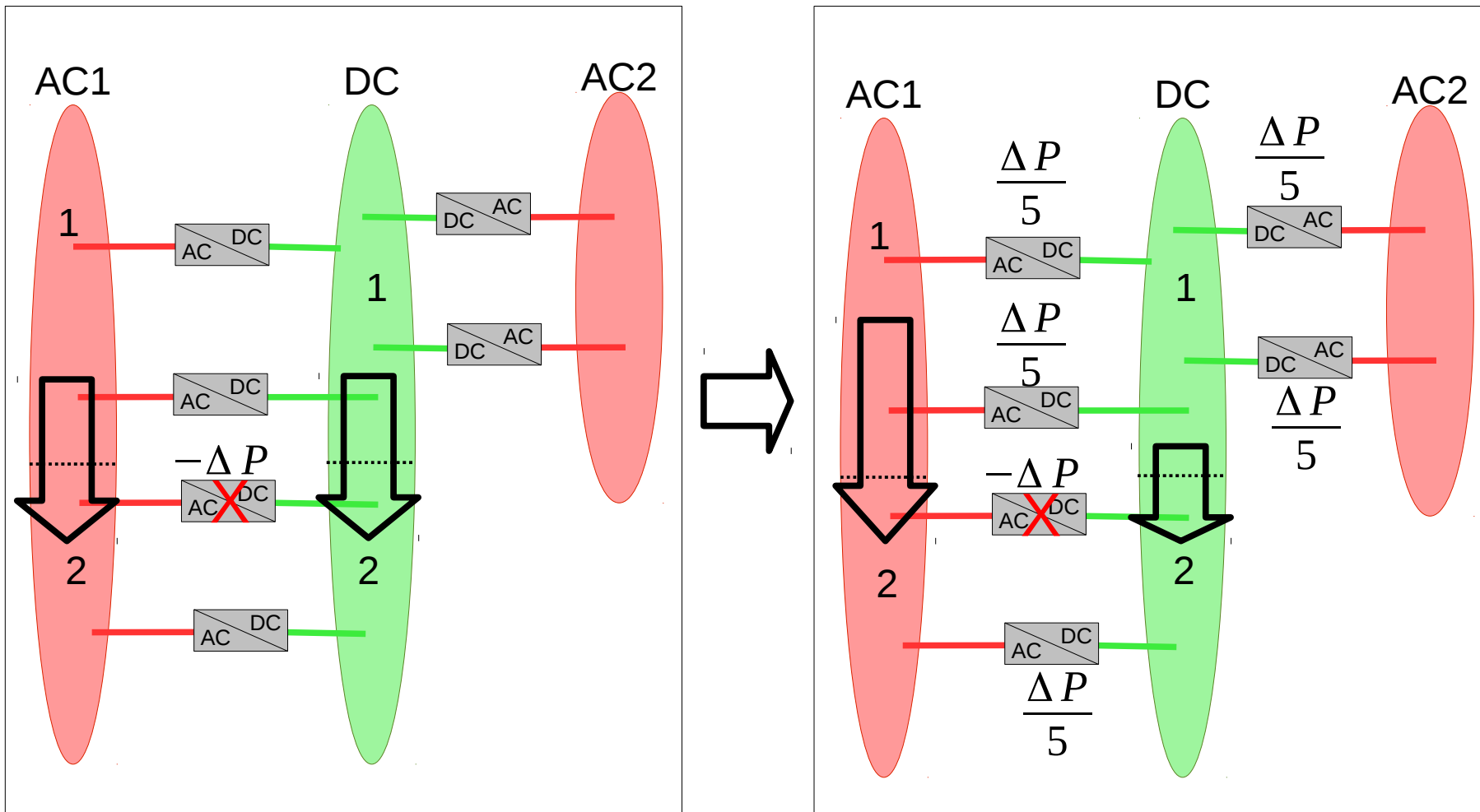
Outage of a Converter

- Replacement of primary reserve
- Re-establish scheduled power exchange

While normal operation, compensate deviations from power set-points

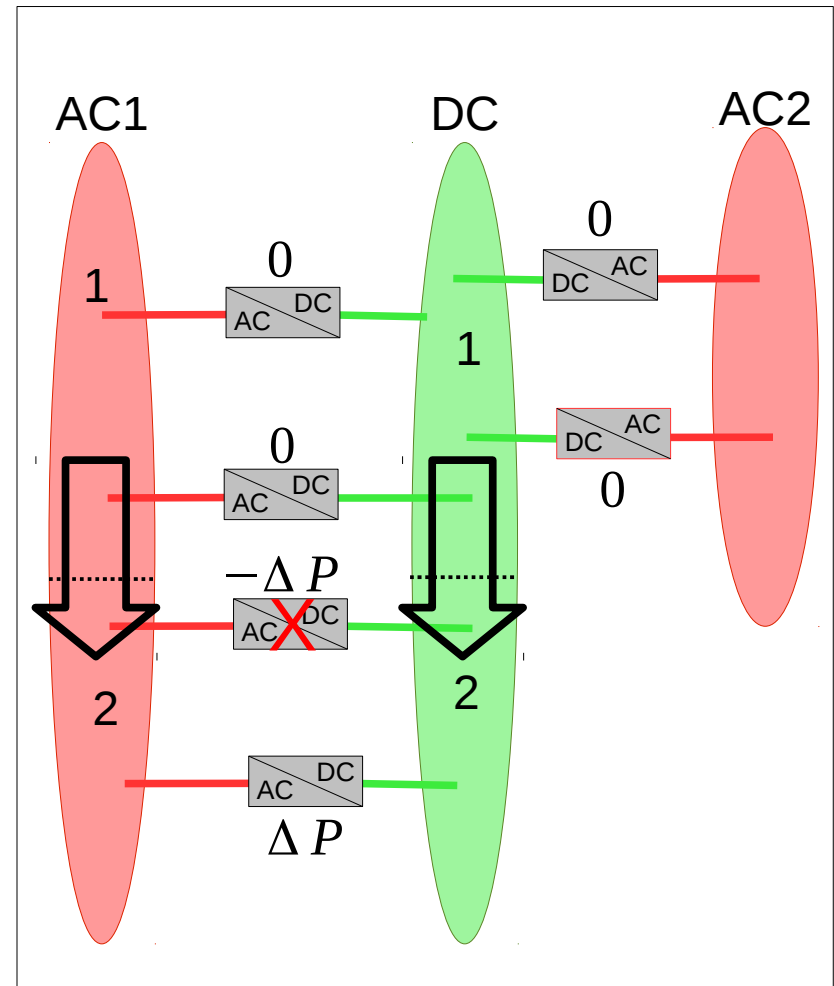
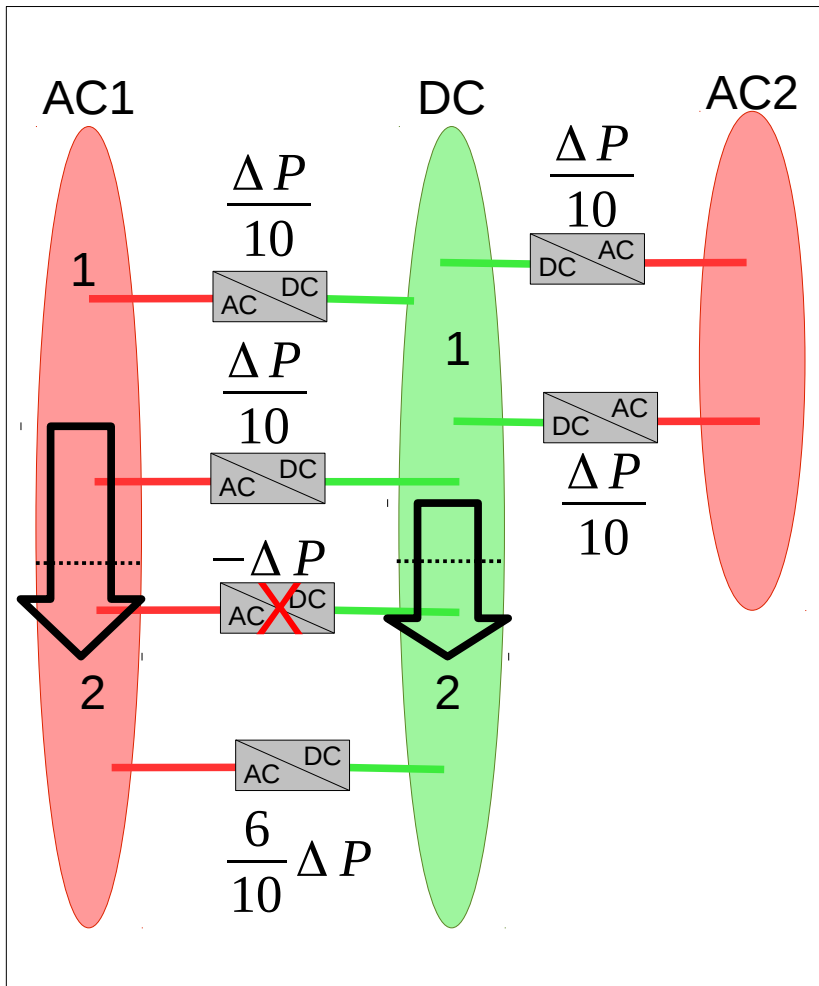
- Measurement errors
- Forecast errors
- Unsynchronised set-point change
- Etc.

System balancing



First reserve step guarantee the stability of the whole power system after a major disturbance

System balancing



Second reserve step brings the system back to the scheduled power exchanges

Thus, a three step reserve for DC power systems is beneficial

DC Voltage Droop Control

DC Voltage Containment Reserve (DCVCR)
or Primary Reserve (automatic activation)
Decentralised P-controller

DC Power-Voltage control

DC Voltage Restoration Reserve (DCVRR)
or DC Secondary Reserve (automatic activation)
Centralised PI-controller

Manual set-point change

DC Replacement Reserve (DCRR)
or DC Tertiary Reserve (manual activation)

- Secondary Control
 - Central Control, Power Sum + Energy Deviation
 - Loss Optimisation
 - Defined Power Change speed (Ramps)
 - Defined Power exchange between control areas

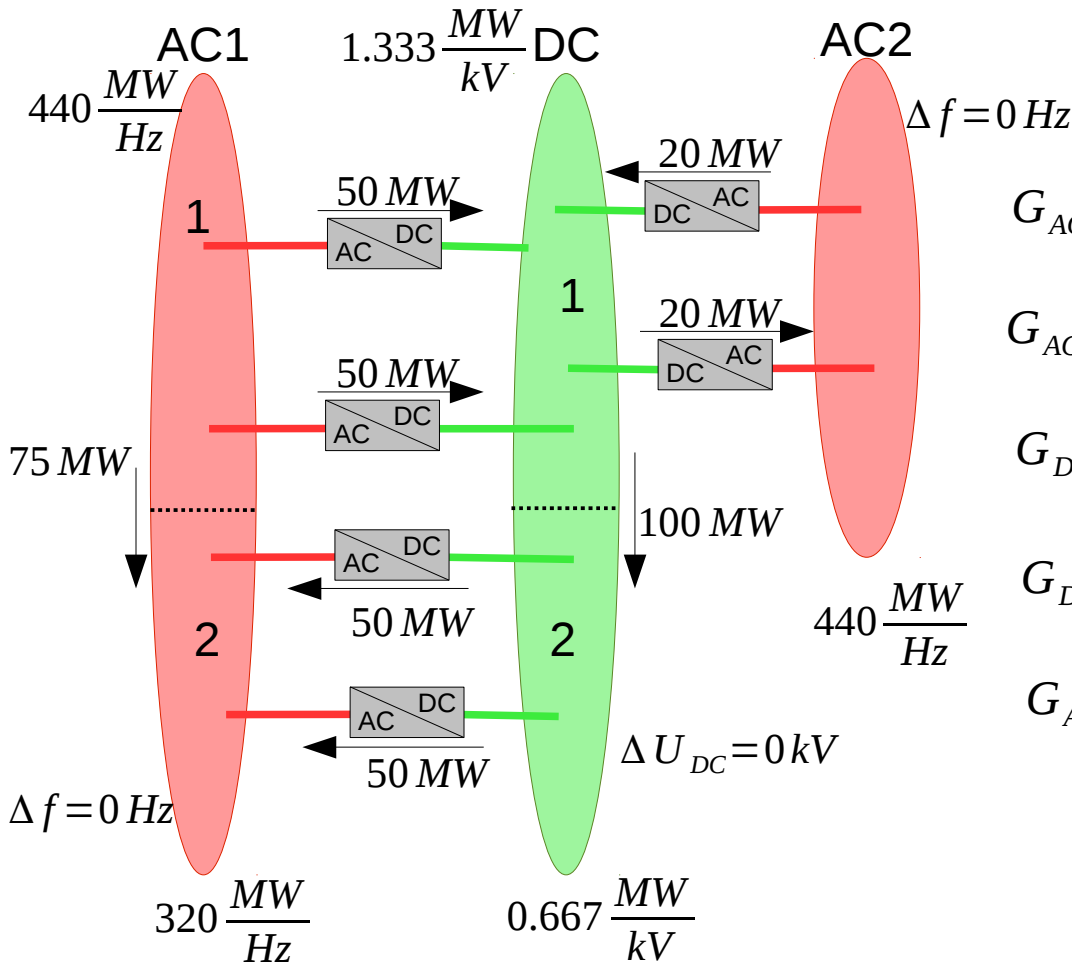
$$G = \Delta X \cdot k_{System} + \sum_{i=1}^n P_{iSet} - \sum_{i=1}^n P_{iMeas}$$

with $X = \text{Energy balance indicator}$

Secondary Reserve

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$$G_{AC1.1} = \Delta f_{AC1} \cdot k_{AC1} + \sum_{i=1}^n P_{iSetTie} - \sum_{i=1}^n P_{iMeasTie}$$

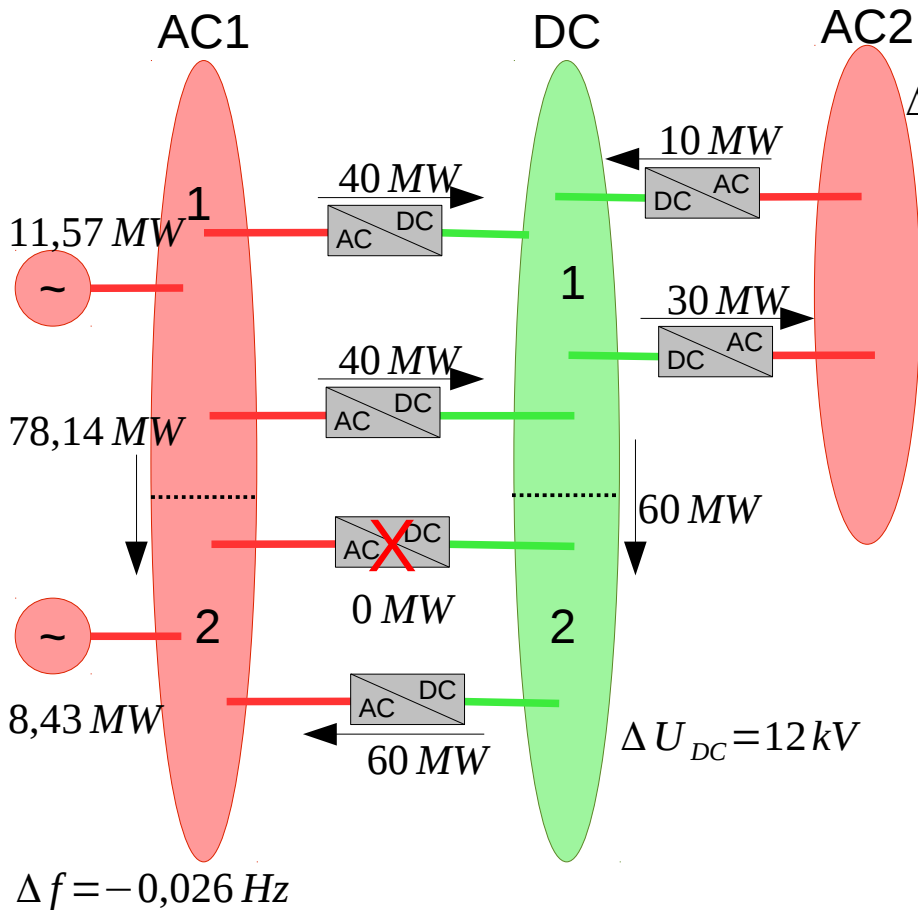
$$G_{AC1.2} = \Delta f_{AC1} \cdot k_{AC2} + \sum_{i=1}^n P_{iSetTie} - \sum_{i=1}^n P_{iMeasTie}$$

$$G_{DC1} = \Delta U_{DC} \cdot k_{DC1} + \sum_{i=1}^n P_{iSetTie} - \sum_{i=1}^n P_{iMeasTie}$$

$$G_{DC2} = \Delta U_{DC} \cdot k_{DC2} + \sum_{i=1}^n P_{iSetTie} - \sum_{i=1}^n P_{iMeasTie}$$

$$G_{AC2} = \Delta f_{AC2} \cdot k_{AC2} + \sum_{i=1}^n P_{iSetCon} - \sum_{i=1}^n P_{iMeasCon}$$

First reserve step guarantee the stability of the whole power system after a major disturbance



$$\Delta f = 0,045 \text{ Hz}$$

$$G_{AC1.1} = 0,026 \text{ Hz} \cdot 440 \frac{\text{MW}}{\text{Hz}} + 75 \text{ MW} - 78,14 \text{ MW} = \underline{\underline{!8,43 \text{ MW}!}}$$

$$G_{AC1.2} = 0,026 \text{ Hz} \cdot 320 \frac{\text{MW}}{\text{Hz}} - 75 \text{ MW} + 78,14 \text{ MW} = \underline{\underline{!11,57 \text{ MW}!}}$$

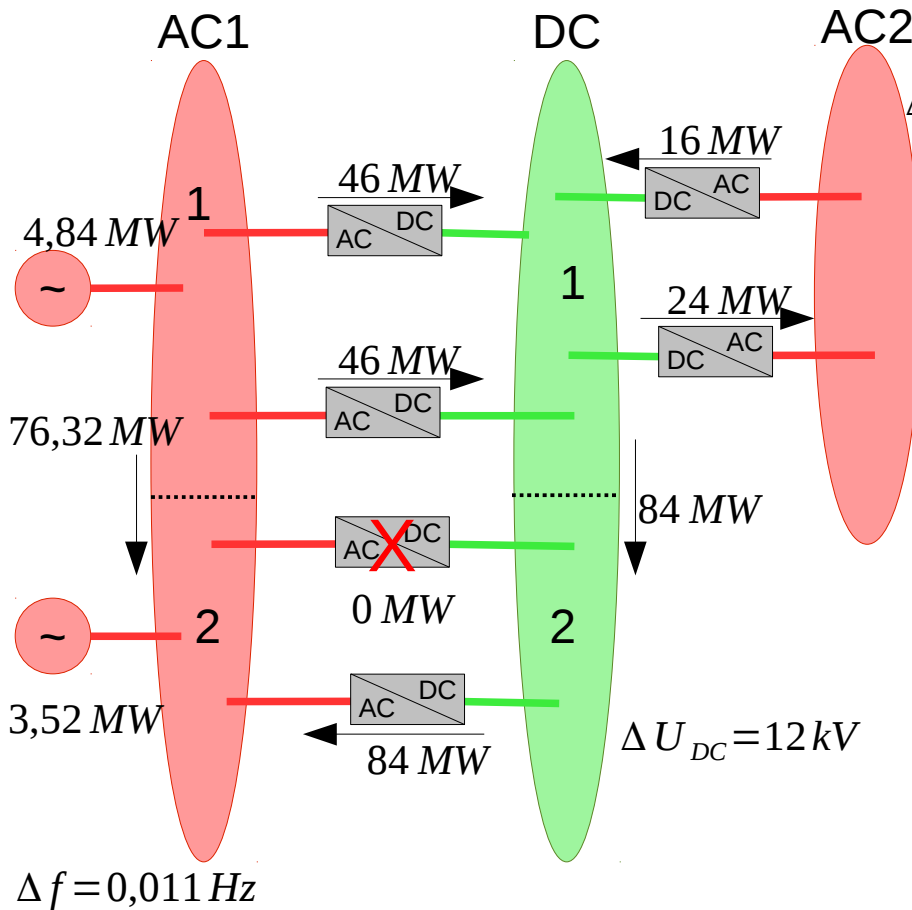
$$G_{DC1} = -30 \text{ kV} \cdot 1,333 \frac{\text{MW}}{\text{kV}} + 100 \text{ MW} - 60 \text{ MW} = 0 \text{ MW}$$

$$G_{DC2} = -30 \text{ kV} \cdot 0,333 \frac{\text{MW}}{\text{kV}} - 100 \text{ MW} + 60 \text{ MW} = -50 \text{ MW}$$

$$G_{AC2} = -0,045 \text{ Hz} \cdot 440 \frac{\text{MW}}{\text{Hz}} + 20 \text{ MW} - 20 \text{ MW} - 10 \text{ MW} + 30 \text{ MW} = 0 \text{ MW}$$

Second reserve step brings the system back to the scheduled power exchanges





$$\Delta f = 0,018 \text{ Hz}$$

$$G_{AC1.1} = 0,011 \text{ Hz} \cdot 440 \frac{\text{MW}}{\text{Hz}} + 75 \text{ MW} - 76,32 \text{ MW} = \underline{\underline{! 3,52 \text{ MW} !}}$$

$$G_{AC1.2} = 0,011 \text{ Hz} \cdot 320 \frac{\text{MW}}{\text{Hz}} - 75 \text{ MW} + 76,32 \text{ MW} = \underline{\underline{! 4,84 \text{ MW} !}}$$

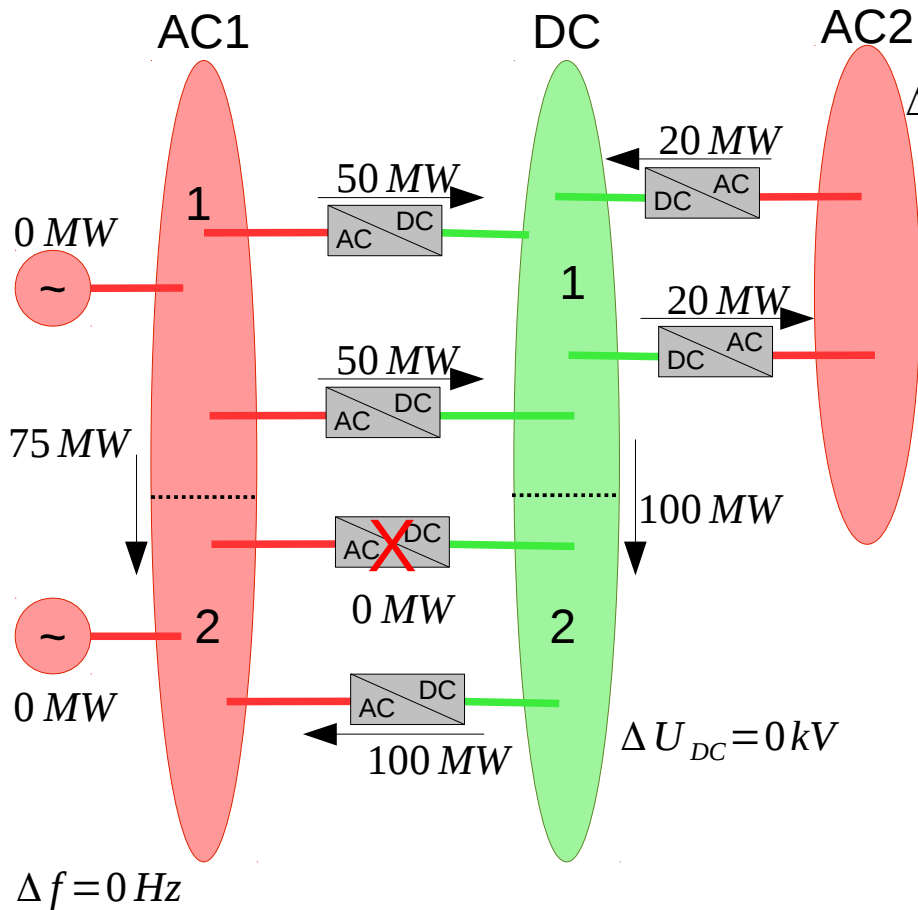
$$G_{DC1} = -12 \text{ kV} \cdot 1,333 \frac{\text{MW}}{\text{kV}} + 100 \text{ MW} - 84 \text{ MW} = 0 \text{ MW}$$

$$G_{DC2} = -12 \text{ kV} \cdot 0,333 \frac{\text{MW}}{\text{kV}} - 100 \text{ MW} + 84 \text{ MW} = -20 \text{ MW}$$

$$G_{AC2} = -0,018 \text{ Hz} \cdot 440 \frac{\text{MW}}{\text{Hz}} + 20 \text{ MW} - 20 \text{ MW} - 16 \text{ MW} + 24 \text{ MW} = 0 \text{ MW}$$

Second reserve step brings the system back to the scheduled power exchanges





$$\Delta f = 0 \text{ Hz}$$

$$G_{AC1.1} = 0 \text{ Hz} \cdot 440 \frac{\text{MW}}{\text{Hz}} + 75 \text{ MW} - 75 \text{ MW} = 0 \text{ MW}$$

$$G_{AC1.2} = 0 \text{ Hz} \cdot 320 \frac{\text{MW}}{\text{Hz}} - 75 \text{ MW} + 75 \text{ MW} = 0$$

$$G_{DC1} = 0 \text{ kV} \cdot 1,333 \frac{\text{MW}}{\text{kV}} + 100 \text{ MW} - 100 \text{ MW} = 0 \text{ MW}$$

$$G_{DC2} = 0 \text{ kV} \cdot 0,333 \frac{\text{MW}}{\text{kV}} - 100 \text{ MW} + 100 \text{ MW} = 0 \text{ MW}$$

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Second reserve step brings the system back to the scheduled power exchanges



Secondary Reserve

While normal operation, compensate deviations from power set-points

- Measurement errors
- Forecast errors
- Unsynchronised set-point change
- Etc.

Energy equations

$$P(t)_{Cap} = i(t) \cdot v(t) = \left(C \cdot \frac{dv(t)}{dt} \right) \cdot v(t)$$

$$P(t)_{Rot} = M(t) \cdot \omega(t) = \left(J \cdot \frac{d\omega(t)}{dt} \right) \cdot \omega(t)$$

$$\text{with } E = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} P(t) dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{t_1}^{t_2} P(t)_{Cap} dt = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \left(C \cdot \frac{dv(t)}{dt} \right) v(t) dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{t_1}^{t_2} P(t)_{Rot} dt = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \left(J \cdot \frac{d\omega(t)}{dt} \right) \cdot \omega(t) dt$$

$$P = \text{const.}$$

$$P_{Cap} \cdot t_2 - P_{Cap} \cdot t_1 = C \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot (v(t_2)^2 - v(t_1)^2)$$

$$P_{Rot} \cdot t_2 - P_{Rot} \cdot t_1 = J \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot (\omega(t_2)^2 - \omega(t_1)^2)$$

$$t_1 = 0$$

$$P_{Cap} \cdot t = C \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot (v(t)^2 - v(0)^2)$$

$$P_{Rot} \cdot t = J \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot (\omega(t)^2 - \omega(0)^2)$$

Buffer energy related to τ respectively H

$$P_{Cap} \cdot t = C \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot (v(t)^2 - v(0)^2)$$

$$\text{with } v(0) = V_N \wedge t = \tau \wedge P = P_r$$

$$\Rightarrow P_r \cdot \tau = C \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot ((V_N \cdot e^{(-1)})^2 - V_N^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow C = \frac{2 \cdot P_r \cdot \tau}{((V_N \cdot e^{(-1)})^2 - V_N^2)} = \frac{2 \cdot P_r \cdot \tau}{V_N^2 (e^{(-2)} - 1)}$$

$$\Delta E_{Cap} = \frac{P_r \cdot \tau}{V_N^2 (e^{(-2)} - 1)} \cdot (v(t_2)^2 - v(t_1)^2)$$

$$P_{Rot} \cdot t = J \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot (\omega(t)^2 - \omega(0)^2)$$

$$\text{with } \omega(0) = \omega_N \wedge t = H \wedge P = S_r$$

$$\Rightarrow S_r \cdot H = J \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \omega_N^2$$

$$\Rightarrow J = \frac{2 \cdot S_r \cdot H}{\omega_N^2}$$

$$\Delta E_{Rot} = \frac{H \cdot S_r}{\omega_N^2} \cdot (\omega(t_2)^2 - \omega(t_1)^2)$$

Total energy in rotating mass compared with energy in capacitors

$$\omega_N = 2 \cdot \pi \cdot 50 \text{ Hz}$$

$$P_r = 800 \text{ MW}$$

$$S_r = 800 \text{ MVA}$$

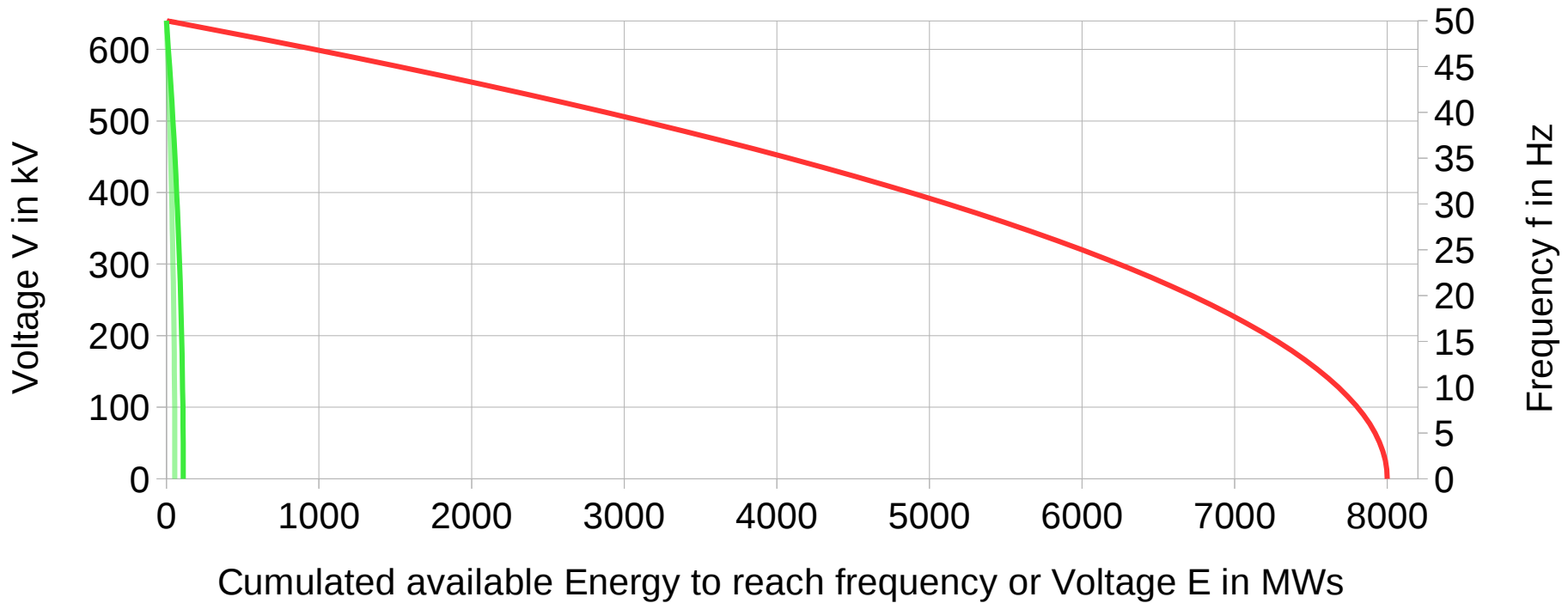
$$V_N = \pm 320 \text{ kV}$$

$$H = 10 \frac{\text{MWs}}{\text{MVA}}$$

Accepted variations normal operation

— One AC/DC Converter — Two AC/DC Converter — AC power plant

$$\tau = 60 \text{ ms}$$



DC Secondary Control

Used energy from rotating mass after a disturbance compared with total energy in capacitors

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$$P_r = 800 \text{ MW}$$

$$S_r = 800 \text{ MVA}$$

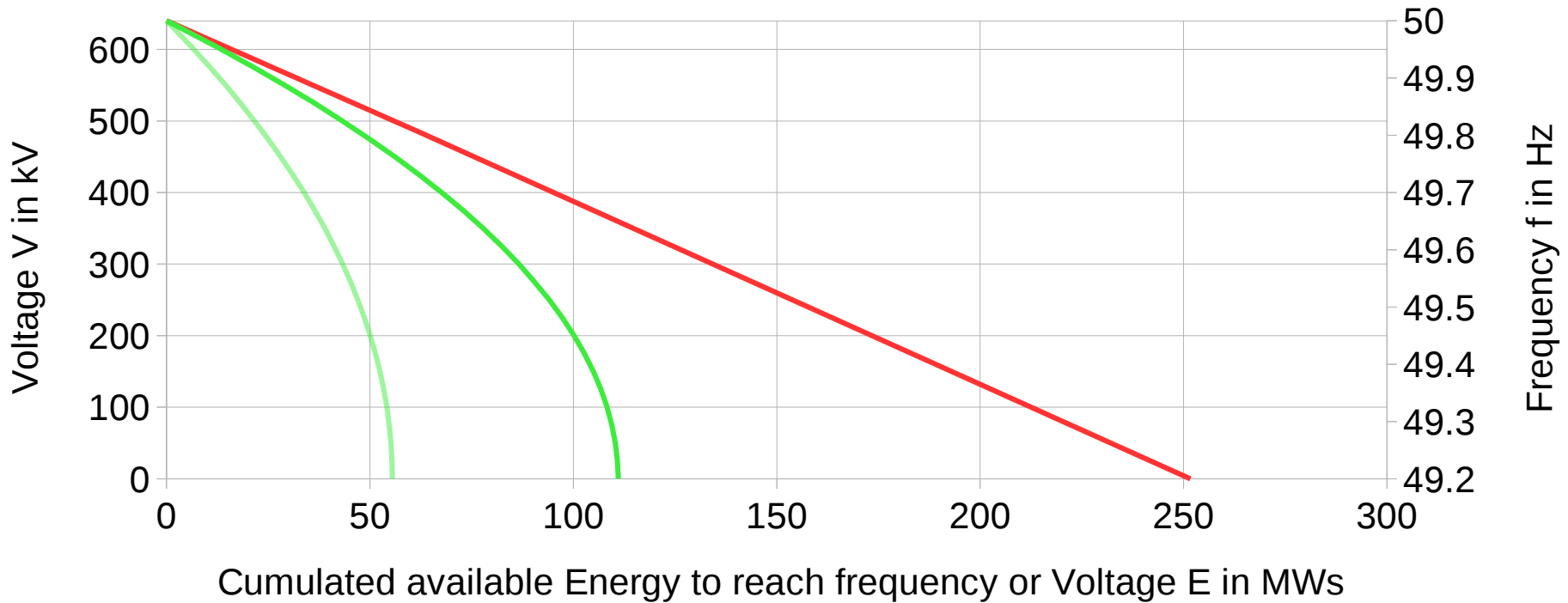
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DC Secondary Control

Energy used as buffer while normal operation in rotating mass compared with capacitors

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$$S_r = 800 \text{ MVA}$$

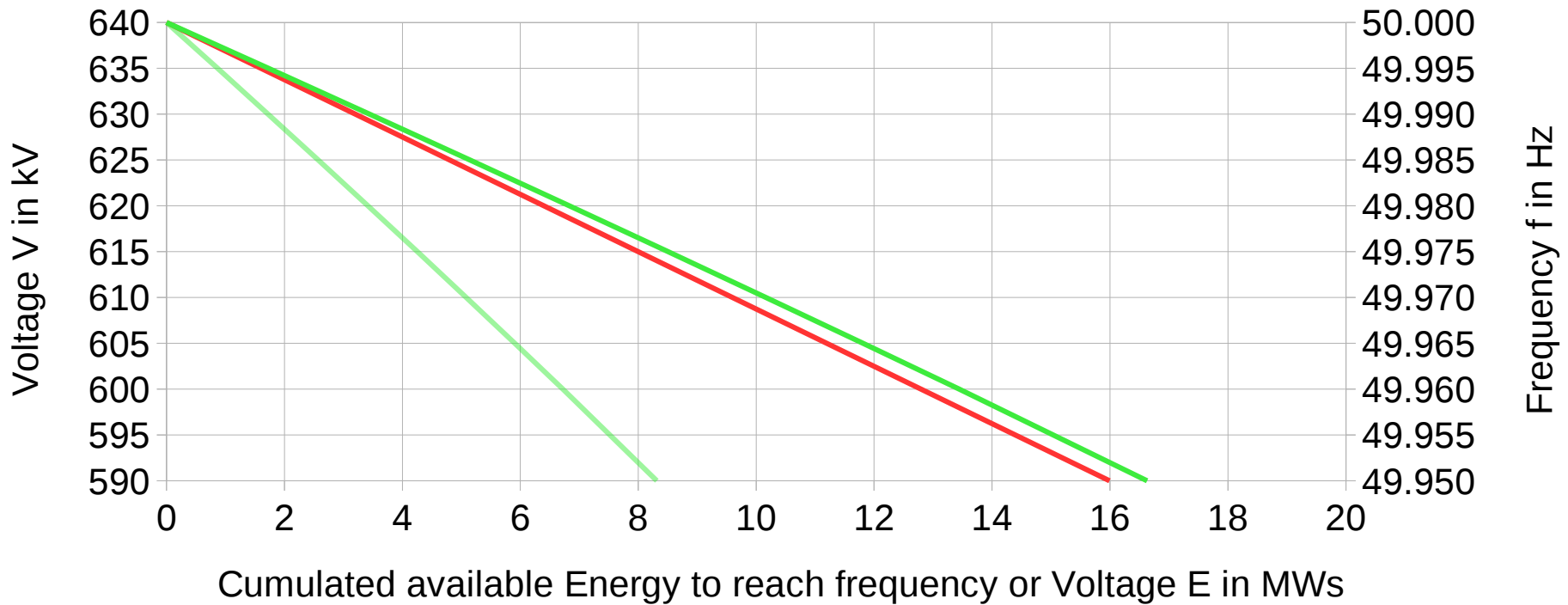
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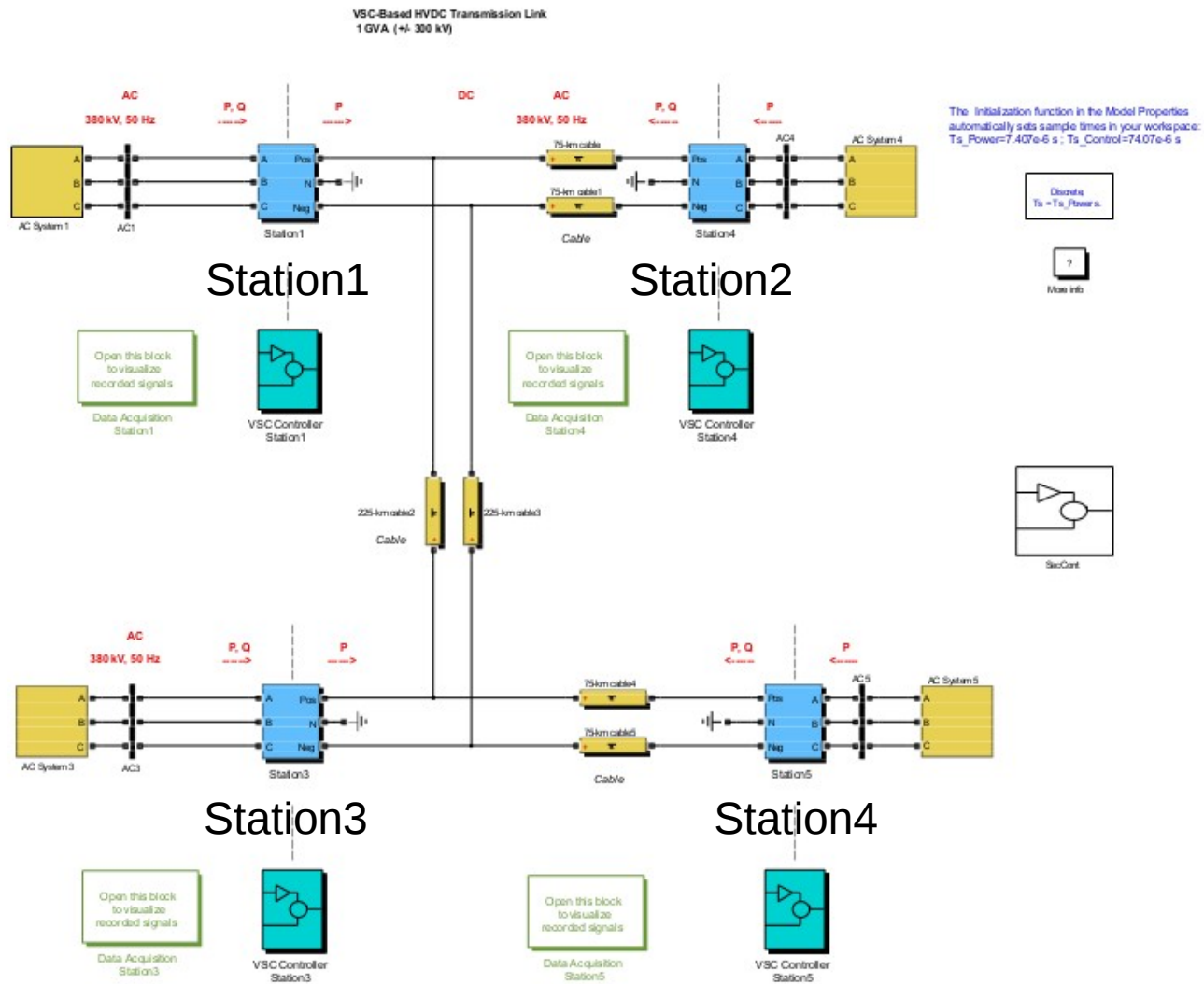
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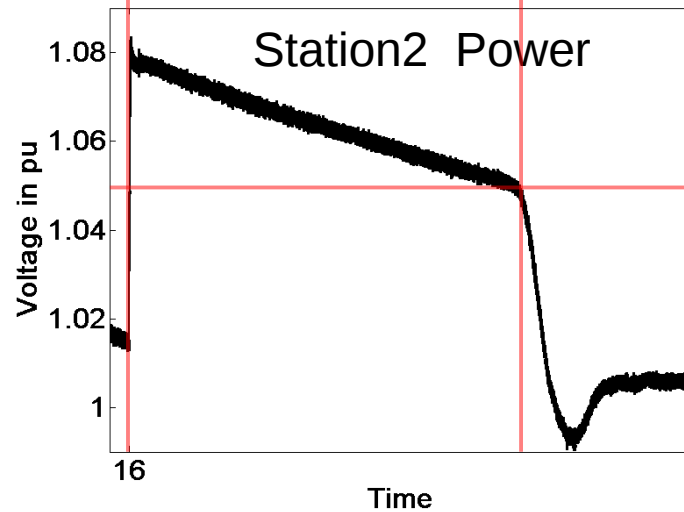
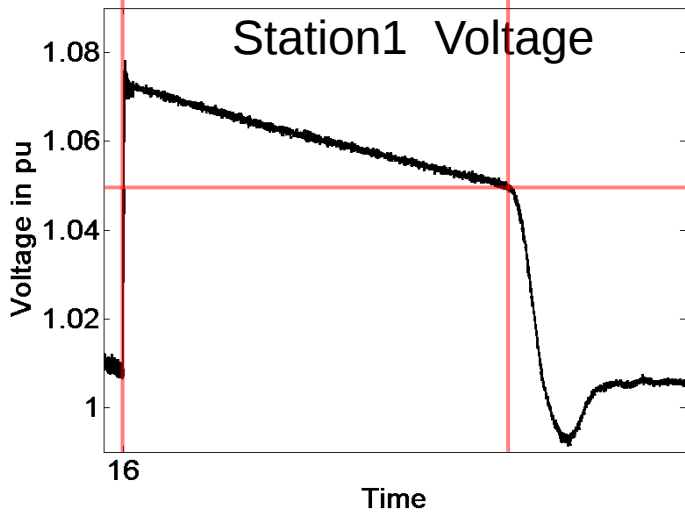
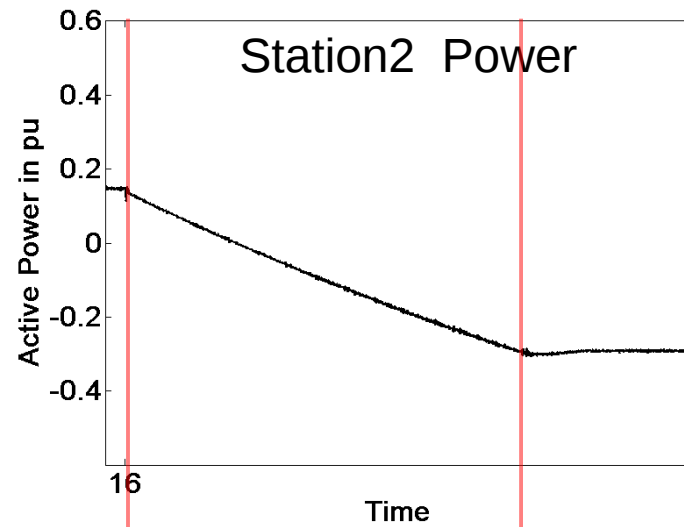
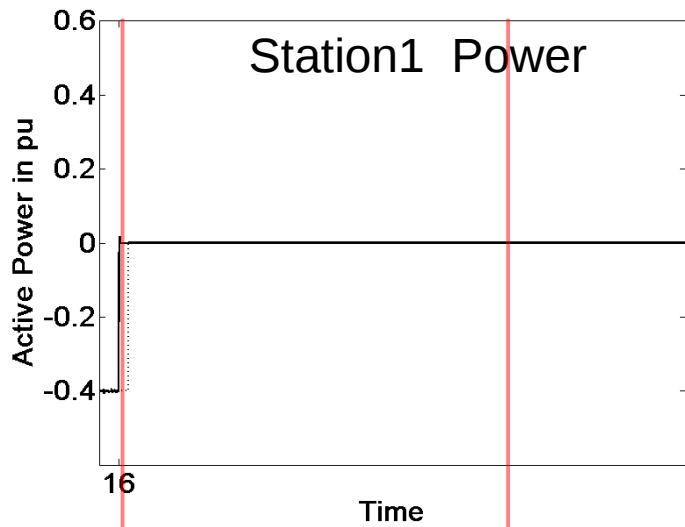
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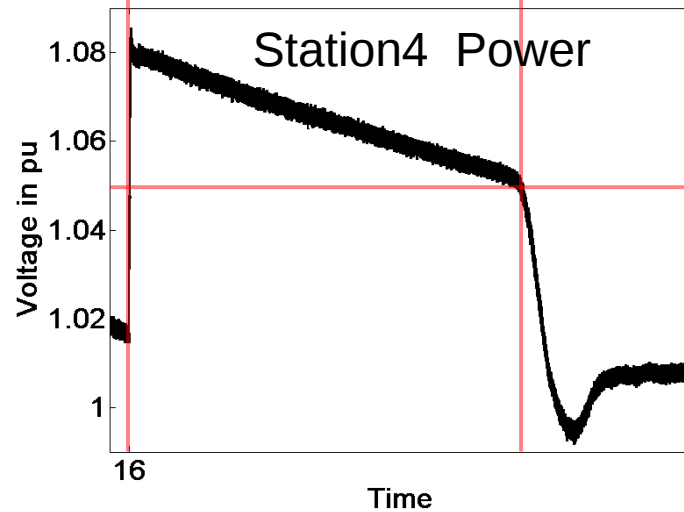
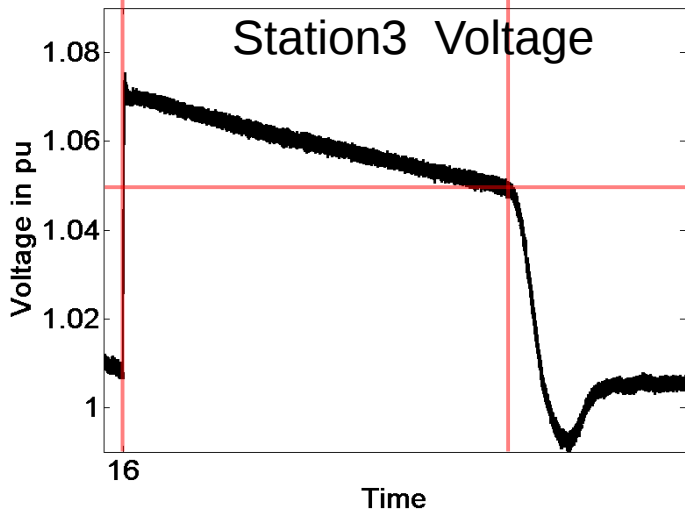
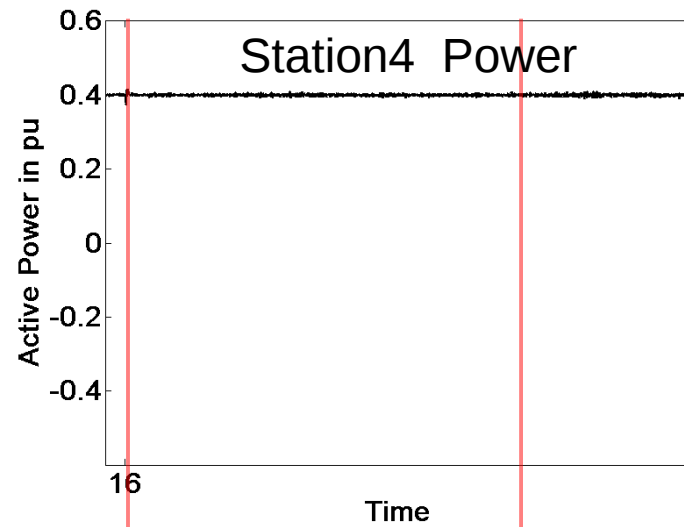
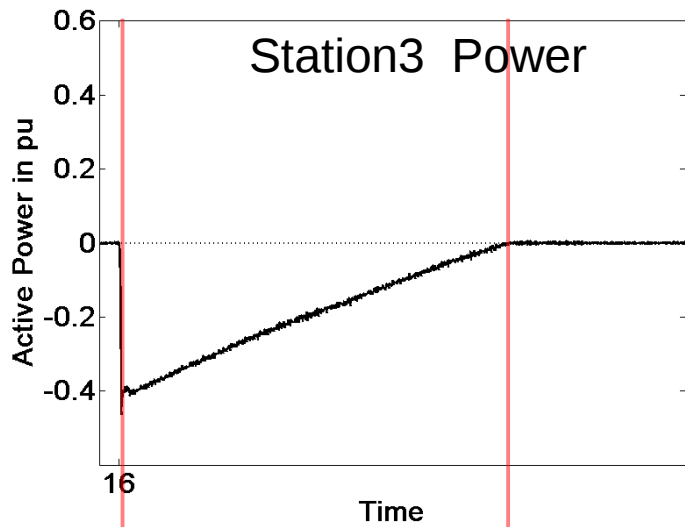
Example System



Simulation Results



Simulation Results



- Conclusion
 - If DC power systems will arise by connecting point to point connections, they have to be operated similar to AC power systems
 - Problems with the area control error if several AC systems are connected
 - A DC secondary reserve similar to AC secondary reserve will be possible if the DC voltage band is accepted to be $\pm 5\%$ to $\pm 10\%$
 - Then, is the available buffer energy for two converter stations similar to the buffer energy in the rotating mass of a power plant with the same rated power

Thank you for your Attention!

- Size of the DC power system to use AC power system pre qualification for secondary reserve providing power plants
 - Ireland peak load around 5 GW with 2.5 GW installed wind generation
 - UK peak load around 57 GW with 10 GW installed wind generation
 - If DC power systems arise, the behaviour without crucial disturbances will be similar to Ireland and UK transmission systems if the accepted DC voltage band is in the range of $\pm 5\%$ to $\pm 10\%$
 - With an increase of the system, the dynamic of voltage change will decrease as the total capacitance will increase
 - If the voltage band is not expectable, the DC system could use the AC system as a buffer, this could be a new ancillary service