

SuperGrid-2 Workshop

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Superconducting Network

System:

Low voltage high current DC superconducting network
(generation>DC>distribution)

Issues

- Complexity of System control (100s of sources and 100,000s loads)
- Current control

References:

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DC Transmission Systems

Traditional:

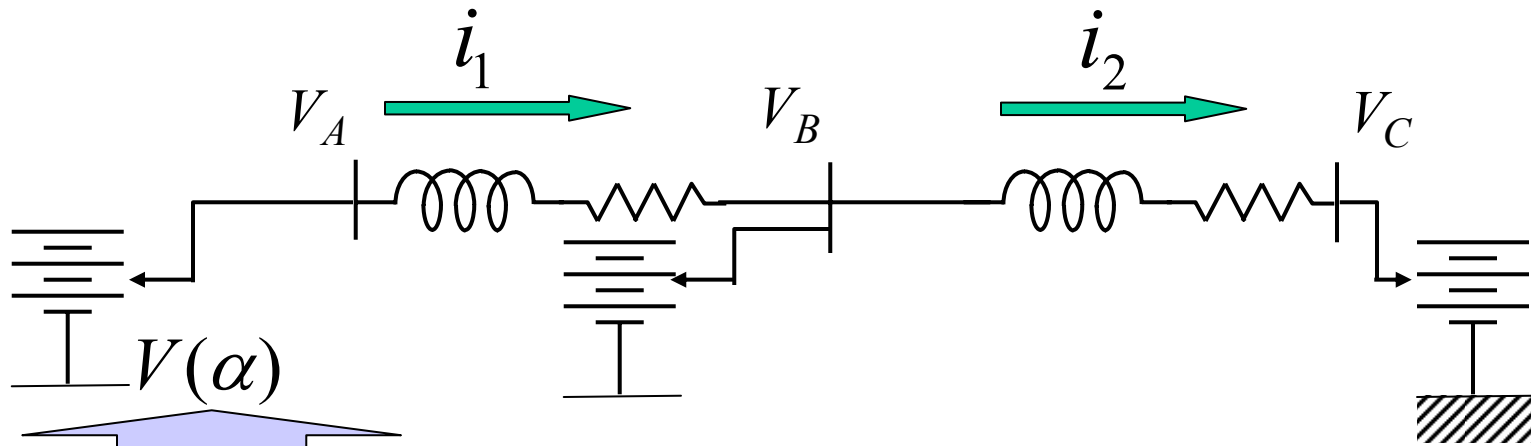
- Multi Terminal HVDC

Superconducting

- Networking issues
- Current control



Traditional Mult-terminal HVDC



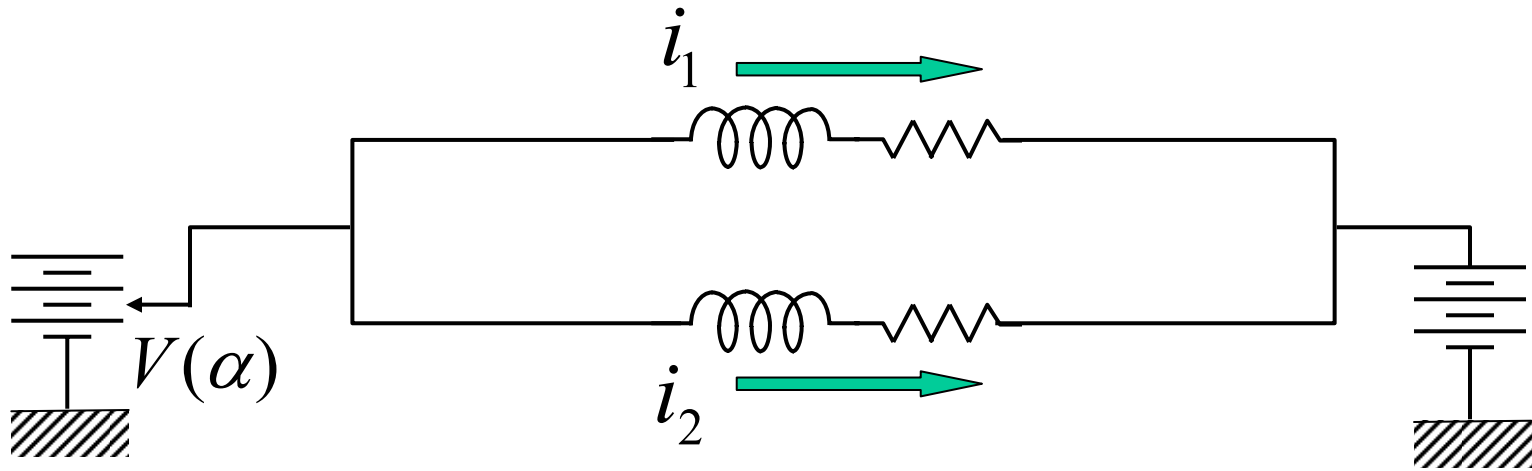
Thyristor Controlled Rectifier

$$\langle V_{dc} \rangle = V(\alpha) - \frac{3}{\pi} X_{ac} I_{dc}$$

$V_A, V_B, \& V_C$ Control currents



Traditional HVDC “Net”

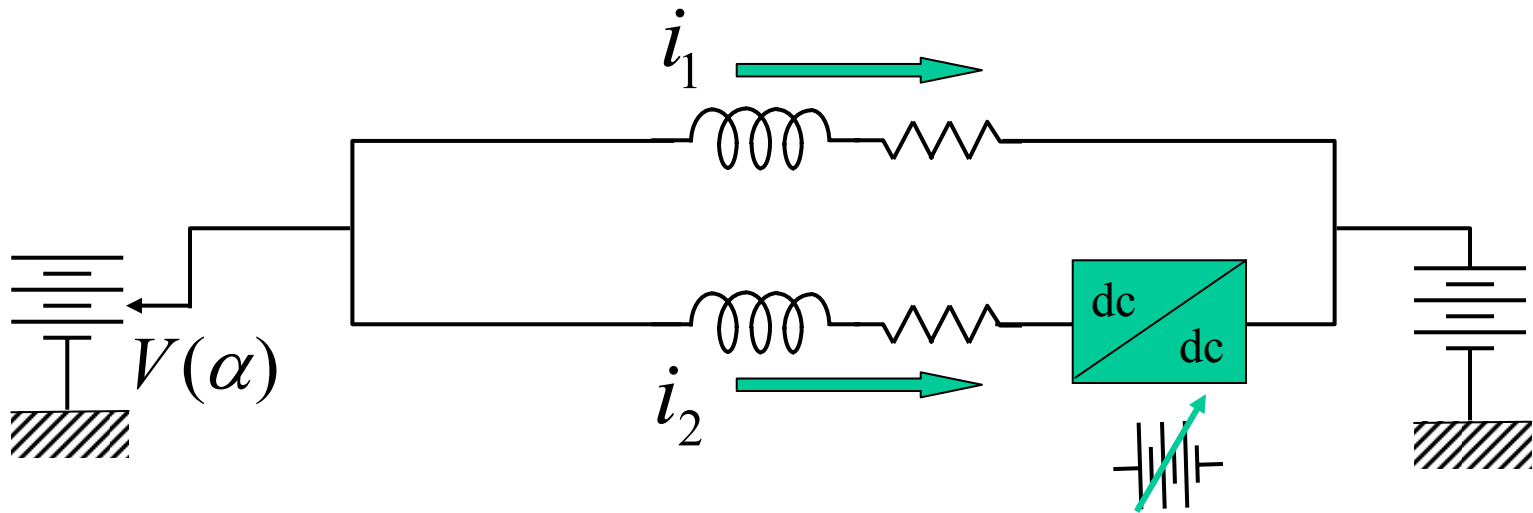


i_1 & i_2 are a function of R_1 & R_2

Can not independently control currents



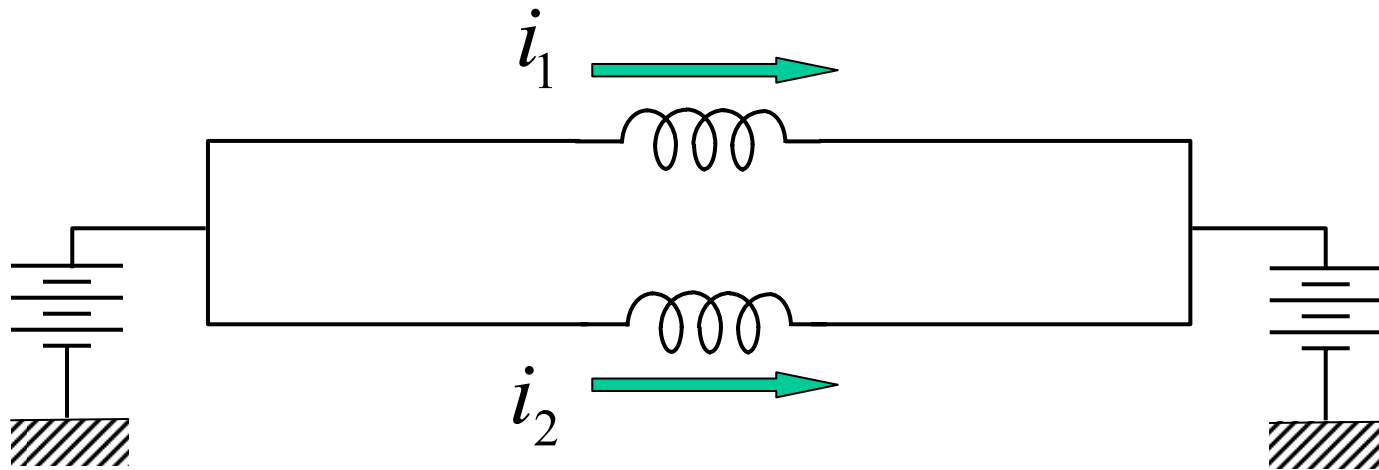
Control of Current: dc/dc converter



- High current in the dc/dc converter



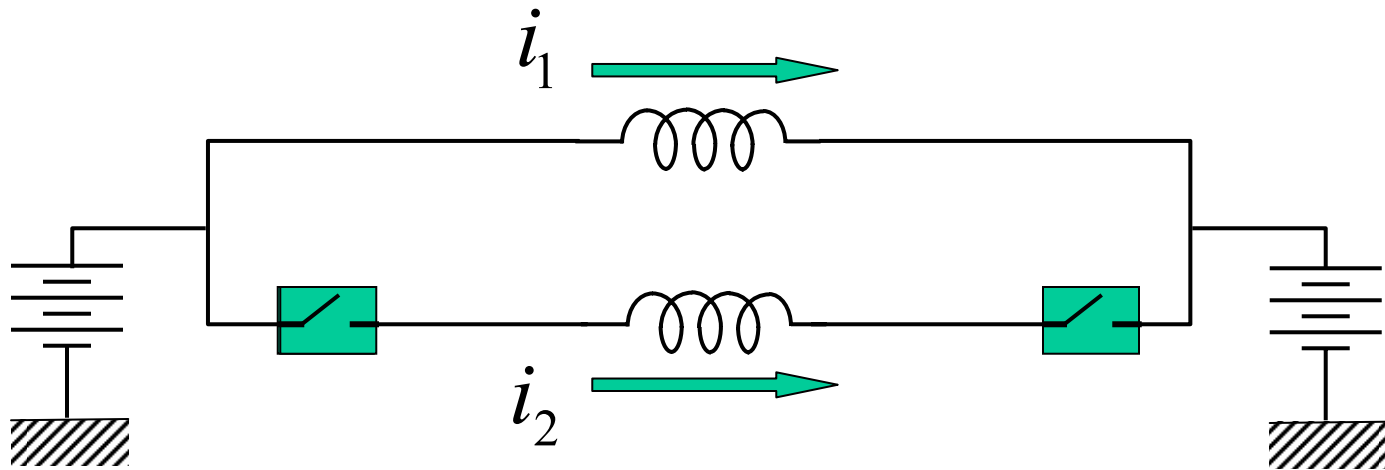
Current levels in superconductors



- In steady state there is a single dc voltage across the system
- Current flow is a function of ΔV over time and the line inductance.



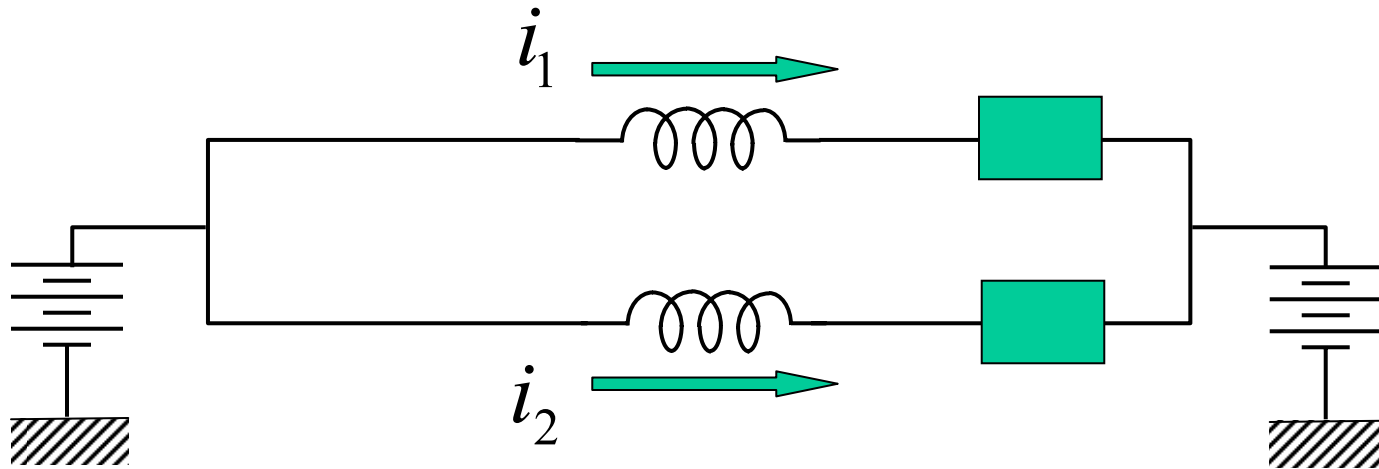
Current levels in superconductors



When line 2 is inserted no current will flow



Current levels in superconductors



DC/DC Converter: High current and zero ΔV in SS

Superconductor Current steering*: Slow to recover

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Superconducting Cable

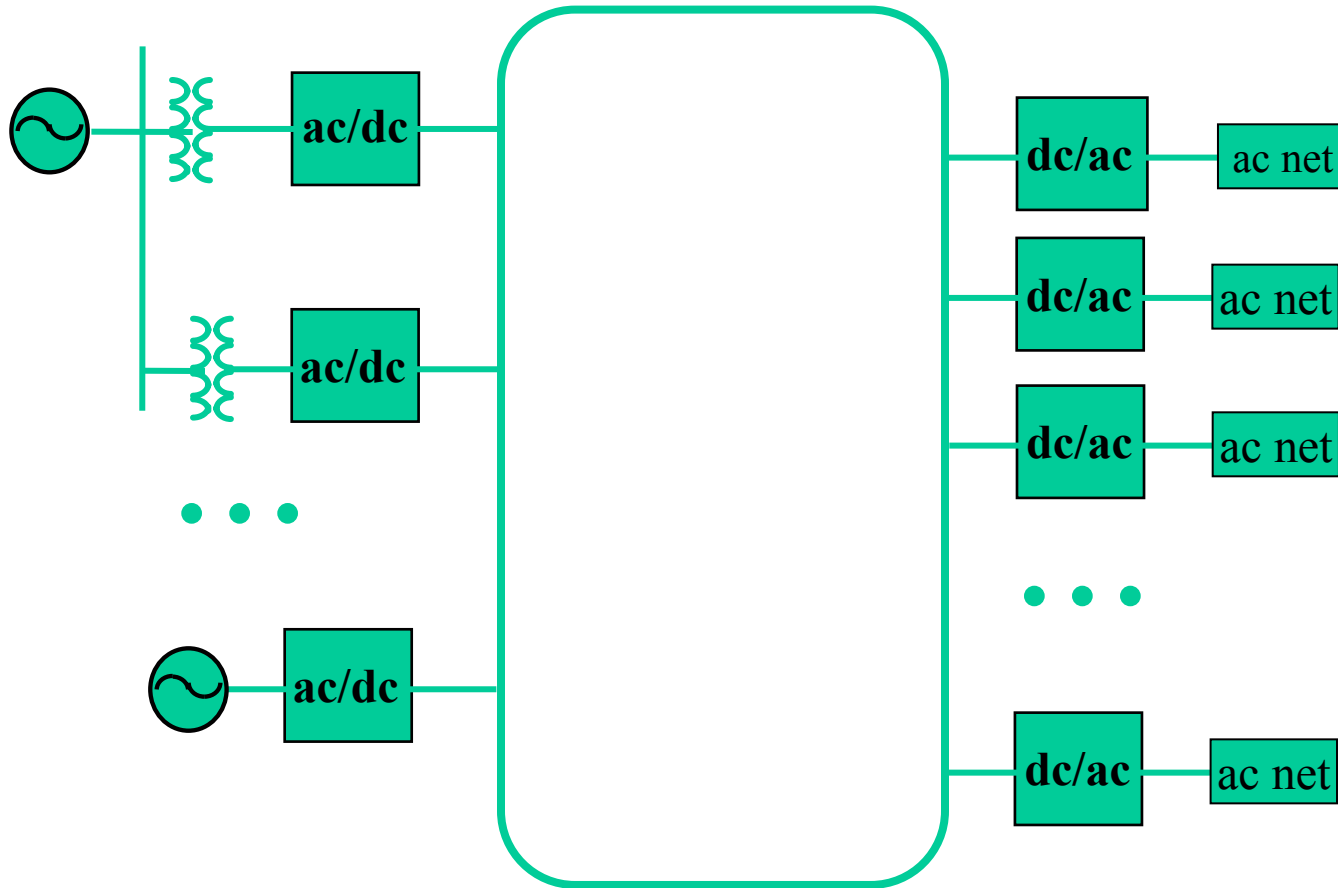
System Issues

- Difficult to create networks
- + No load dependent voltage drop

Can create a superconductor ring and use the voltage for control.



Ring SuperGrid



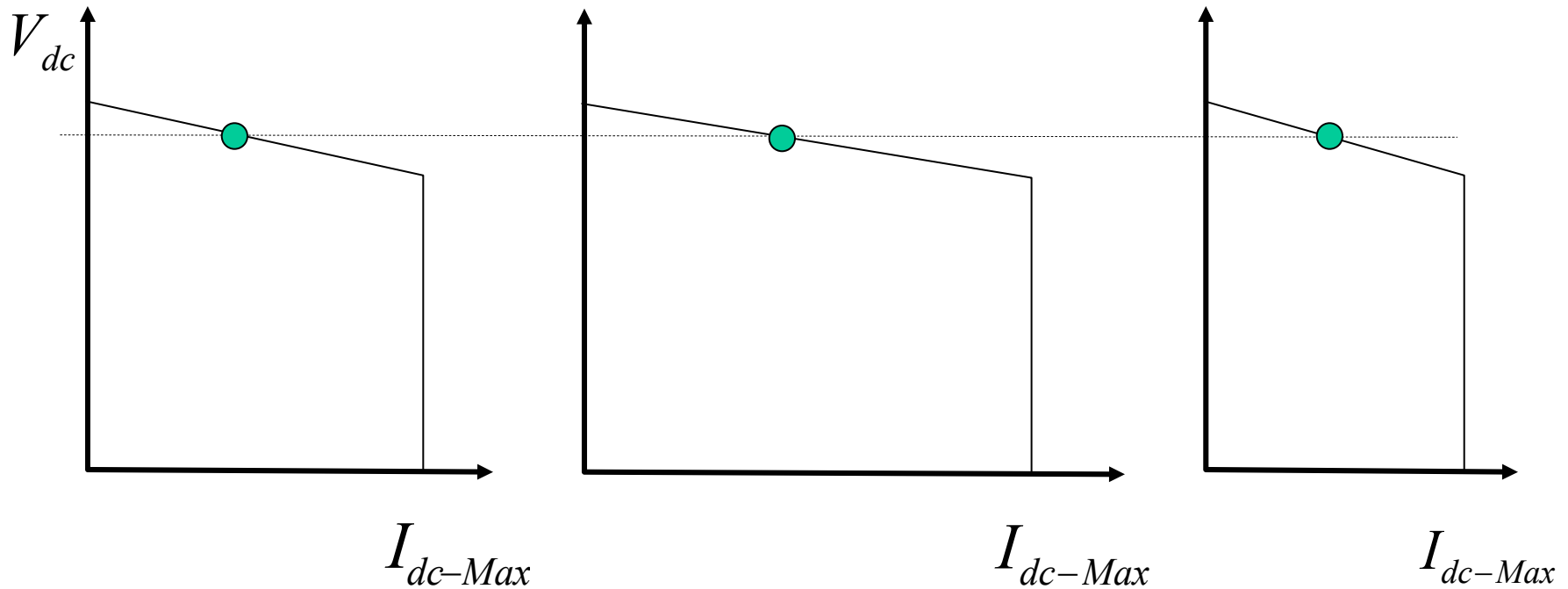
Rectifiers control
DC voltages based on current

Inverters control DC currents
through control of ac voltage



Power Dispatch on dc voltage

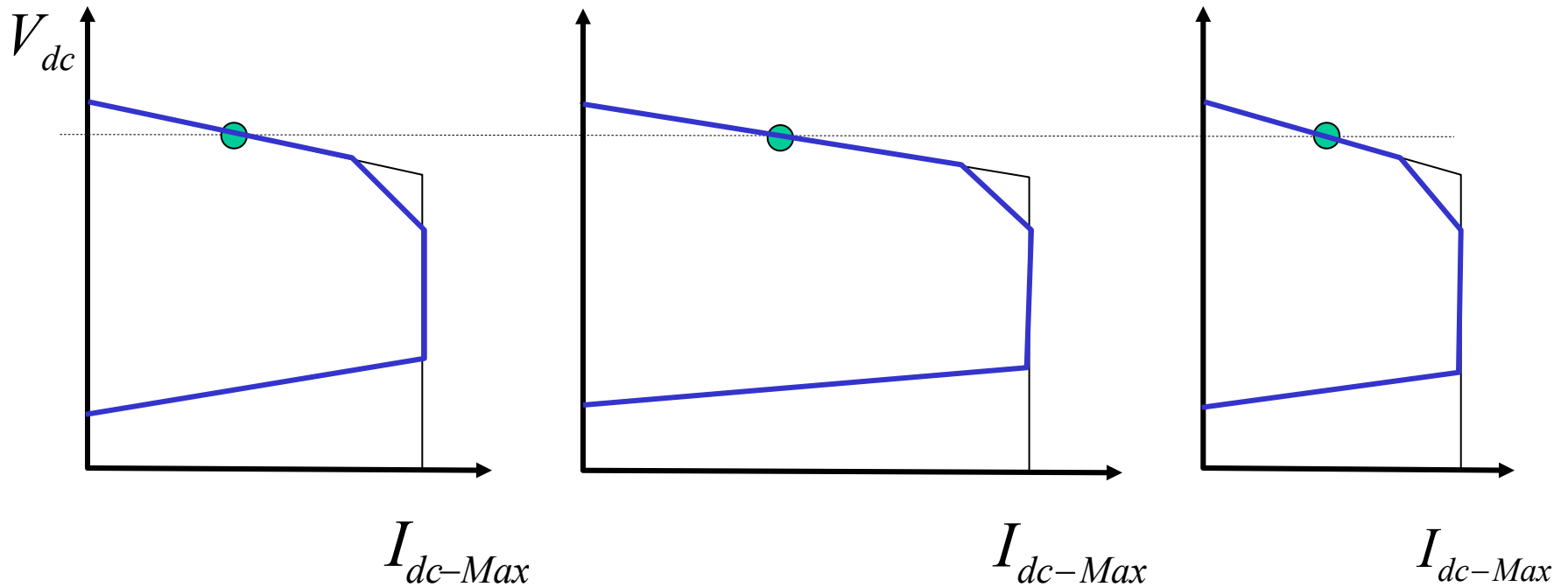
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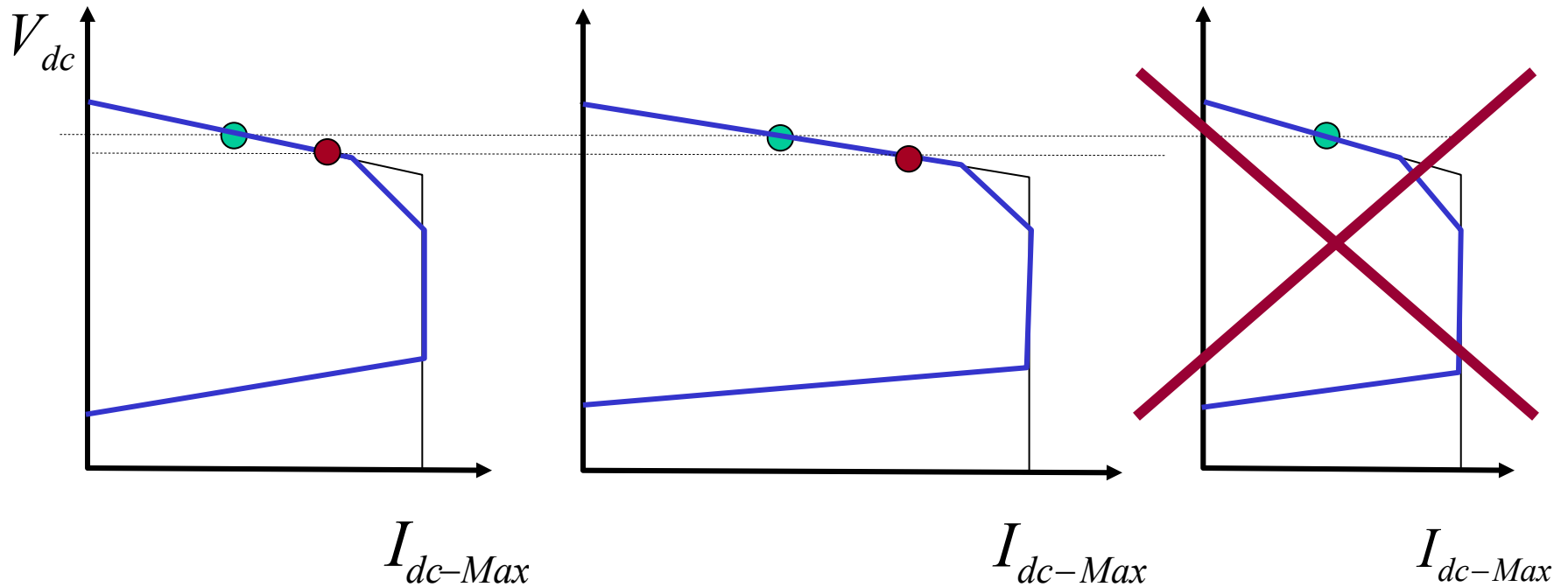
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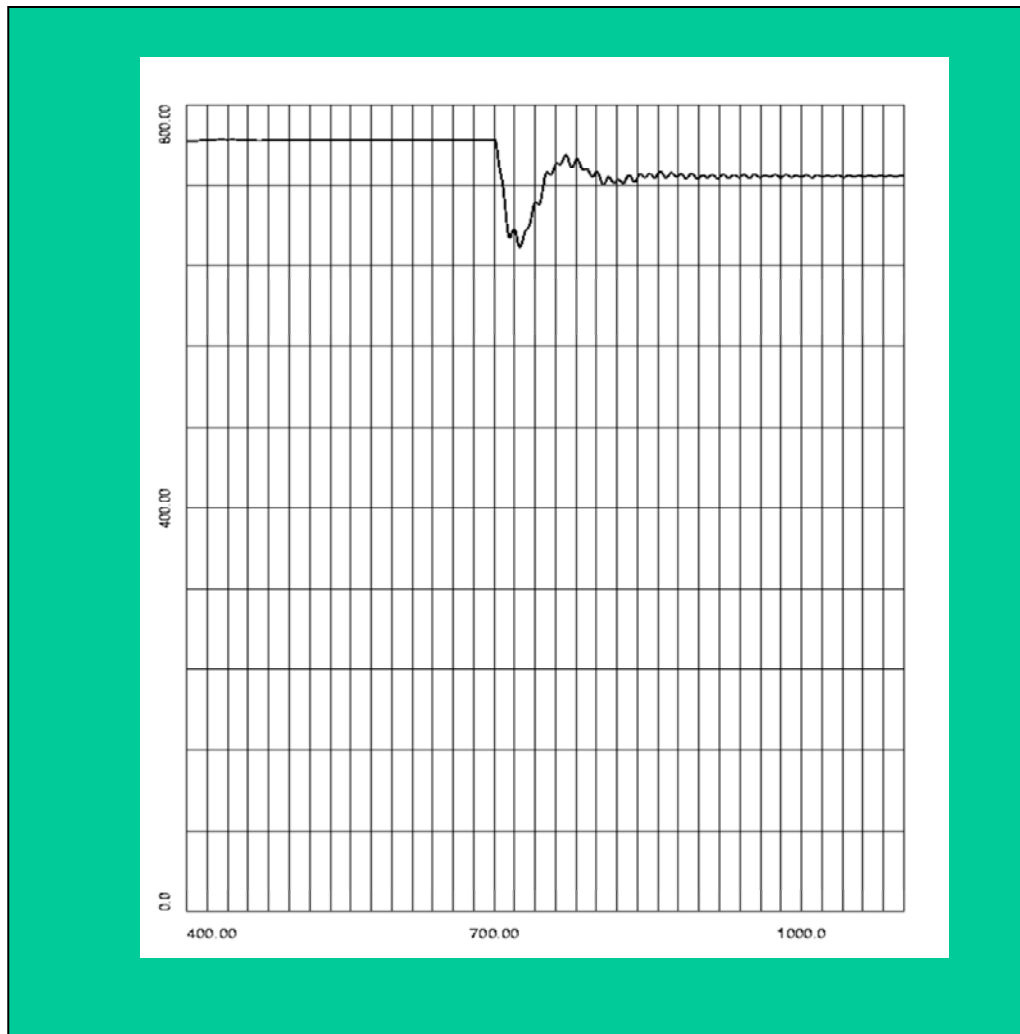
Power Dispatch on dc voltage



Power Dispatch on dc voltage



DC voltage with loss of one Rectifier



Distributed Control

Rectifiers

- Share load
- Independent of number

Inverters

- Provides stable ac voltage to the load
- Automatic load shedding

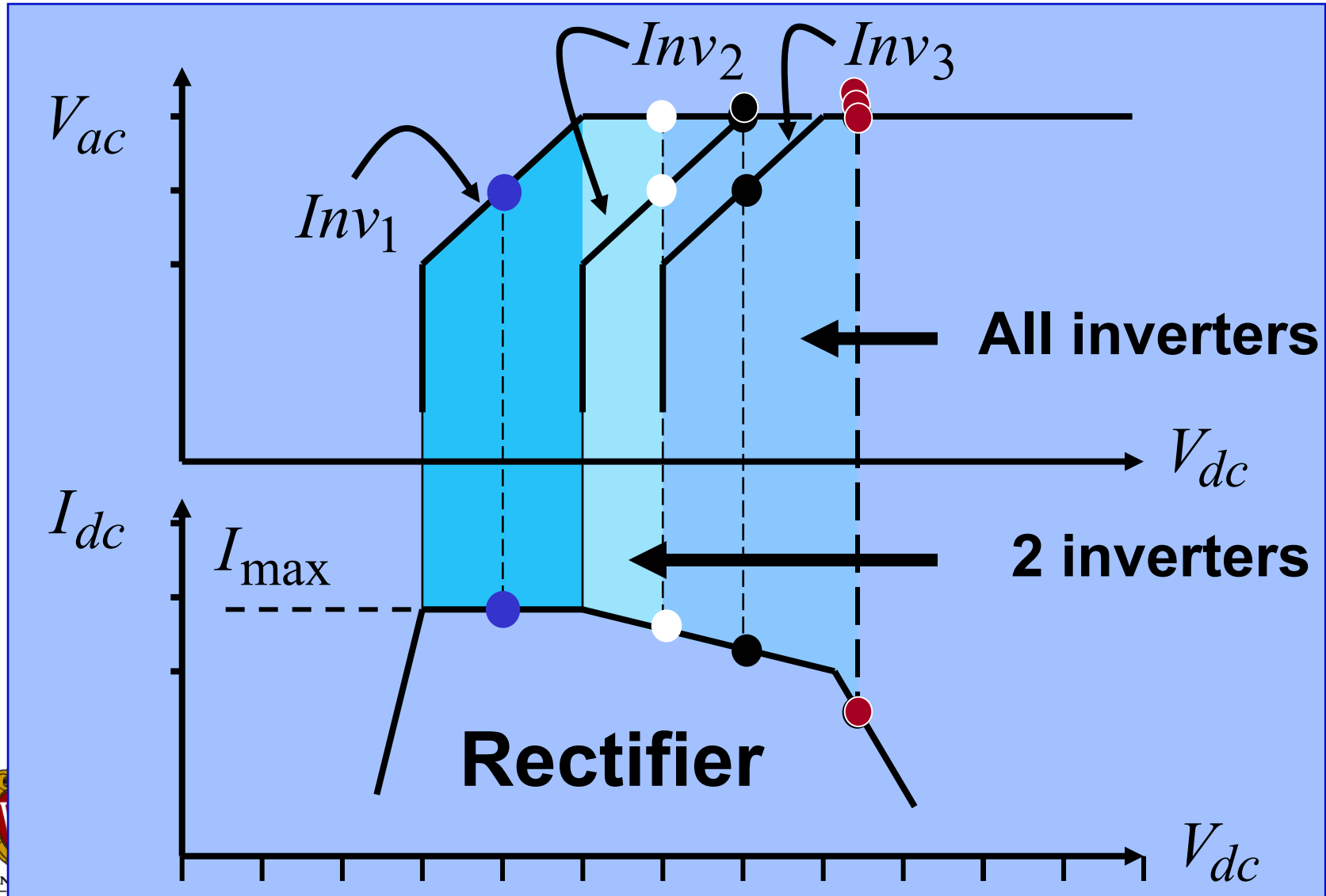
Coordination is achieved through dc voltage

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Single system voltage used for load tracking control



Research Issues

- Proof of principle of the “ring concept” with voltage control
- Current steering methods
- Fault clearing
- Hydrogen only grid- Local DER for generation.

