



Robust Primary Frequency Control in Stand-alone Microgrids with High Penetration of Renewable Energy : Synthesis and Robustness Analysis

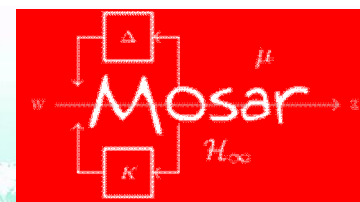
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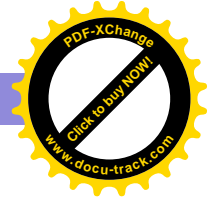
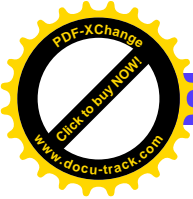
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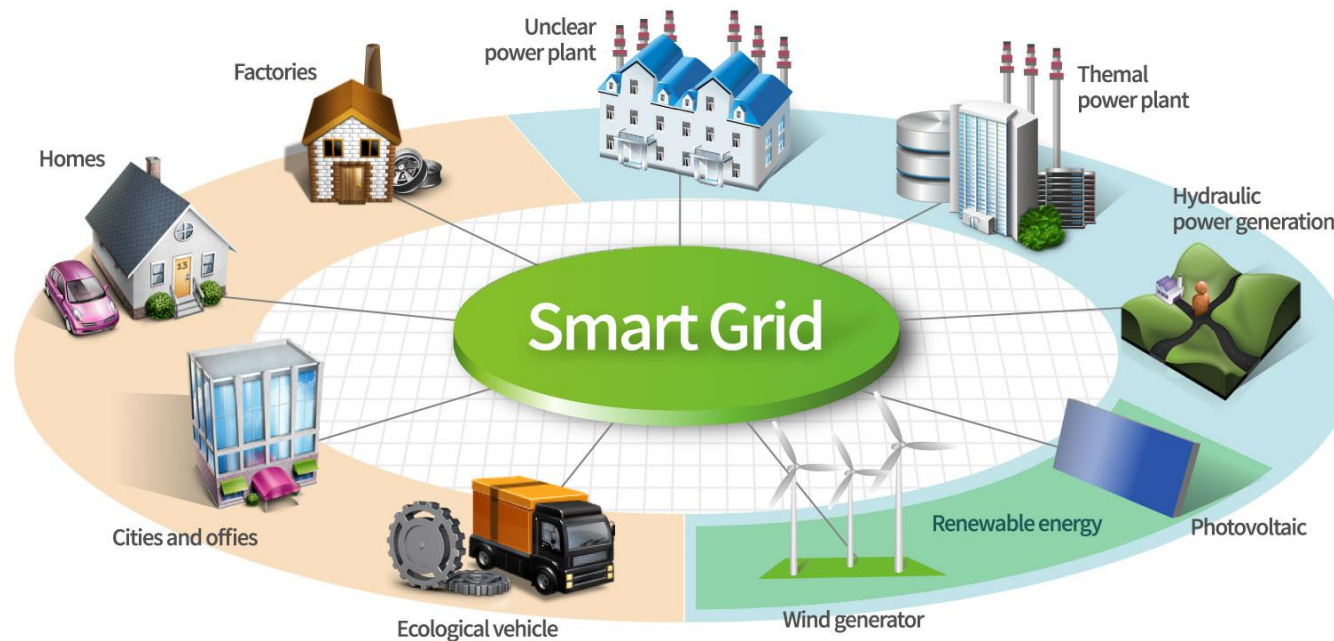
Outline

- Context of the study
- Microgrid description, coordinated strategy & choice of energy storage technology
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Concept of microgrids

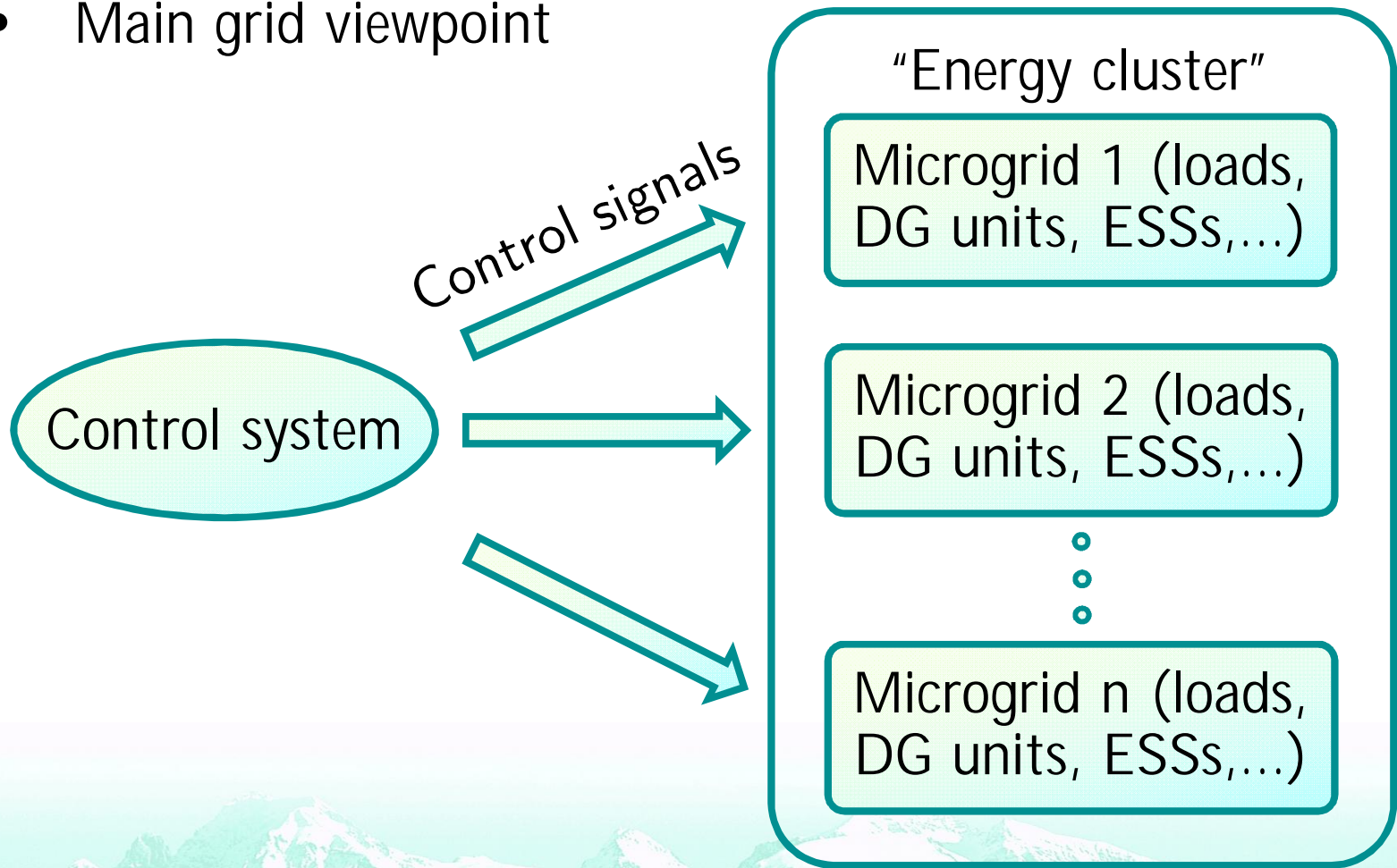
- Integrating distributed energy resources into power systems
- Global reliability to be enhanced, reduction of carbon footprint, all with smaller investment costs



An example of microgrids. Source : <http://www.naonworks.com>

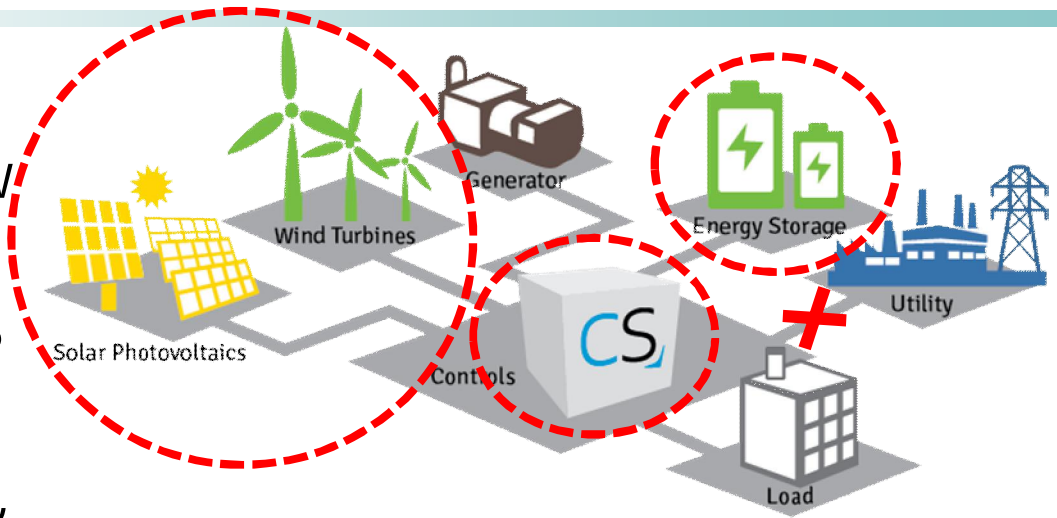
Reliable operation of microgrids

- Design of special protection schemes & control systems
- Main grid viewpoint



Main control challenges

- Stability issues
- Problems related to low inertia & uncertainties due to presence of RES
- Stand-alone mode of operation : frequency & voltage deviations within a small range are required



Microgrid. Source : <http://www.cleanspark.com>

High-speed storage systems (batteries, supercapacitors,...)



New grid configurations, not longer operate well with conventional control laws



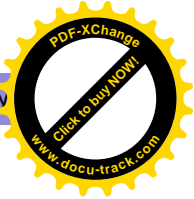
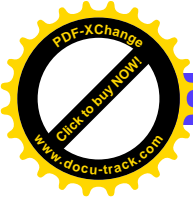
More complex robust control structures



Control methods

- Proportional-integral-derivative (PID) control : limited possibility to ensure satisfactory trade-off among dynamic performances
- Fuzzy logic control : difficult to obtain a model serving for a systematic control design
- H_{∞} control : able to handle multiple requirements in a systematic manner

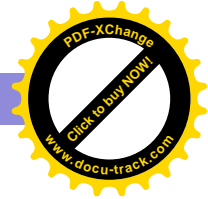
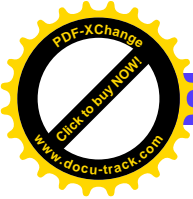




Frequency stability problem of microgrids

- Frequency stability problem of microgrids with a high rate of decentralized, renewable and intermittent production
- Role of storage units
 - Fast dynamics, capacity to provide power peaks
 - Reducing frequency deviation
- **Research work**
 - Systematic design procedure for computing a multi-variable H_∞ robust controller for primary frequency regulation
 - How closed-loop operation demands must at their turn be taken into account in the initial microgrid setup & sizing





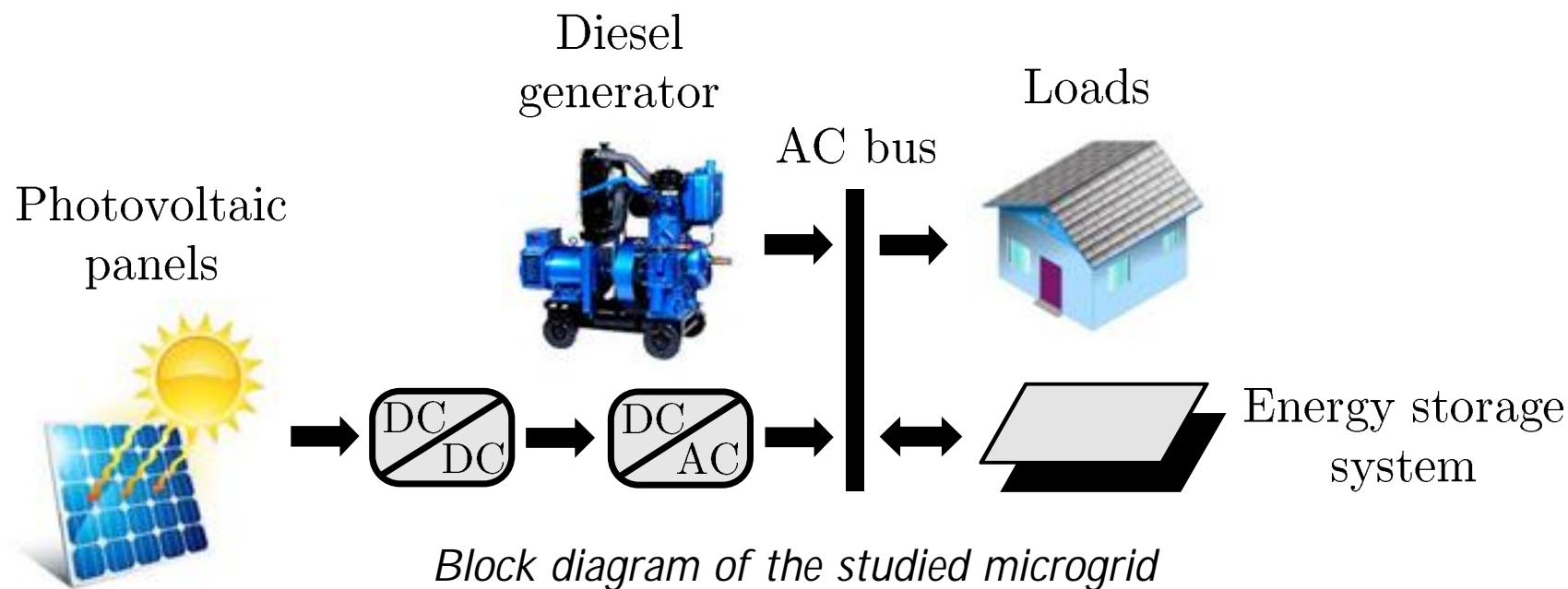
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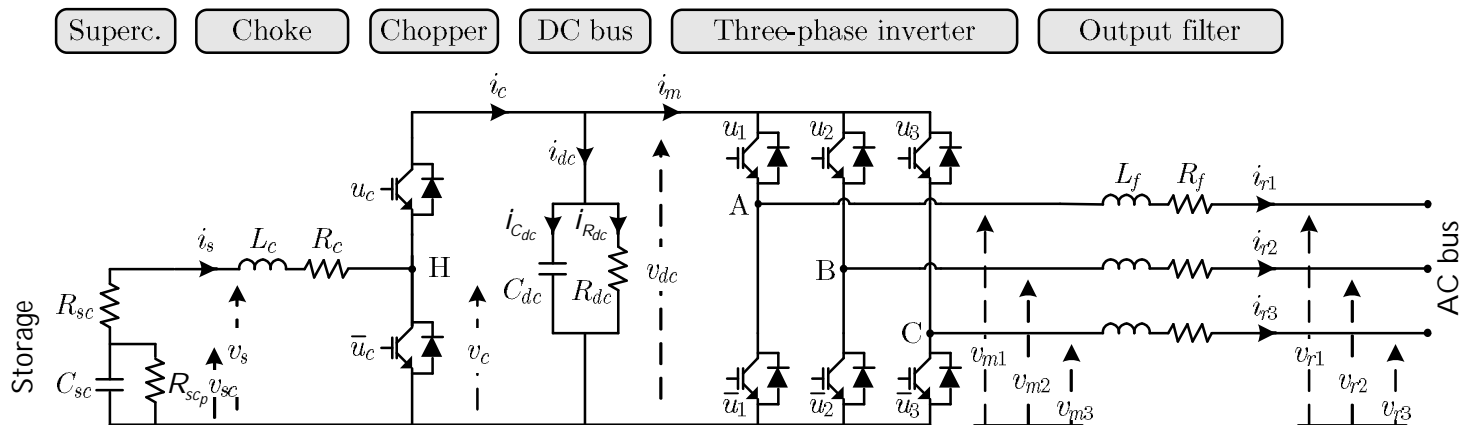
Microgrid description

- Operating in stand-alone mode



Microgrid description

- Energy storage system



Full electrical scheme of the energy storage system

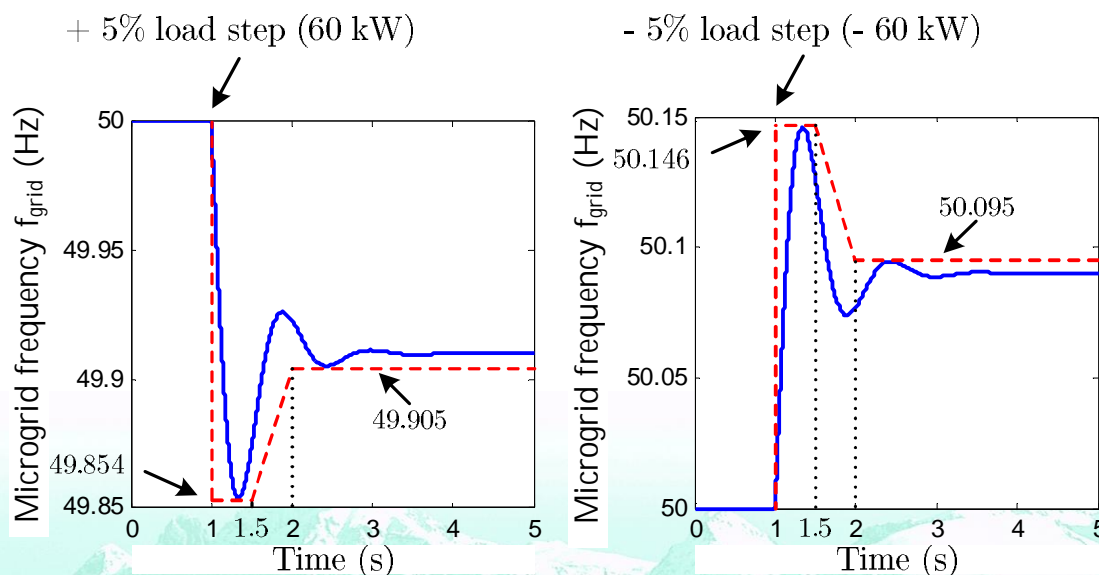
- Equation expressing the microgrid frequency deviation

$$\frac{d\Delta f_{grid}}{dt} = \frac{1}{2H} \left[\underline{i_{se}} \Delta v_{sc} + \left(\underline{v_{sc_e}} - 2\underline{R_{sc}} \underline{i_{se}} \right) \underline{\Delta i_s} + \underline{\Delta P_{diesel}} - \underline{\Delta P_{load}} \right] - \frac{D_{load}}{2H} \underline{\Delta f_{grid}} \quad (\Delta P_{PV} = 0)$$



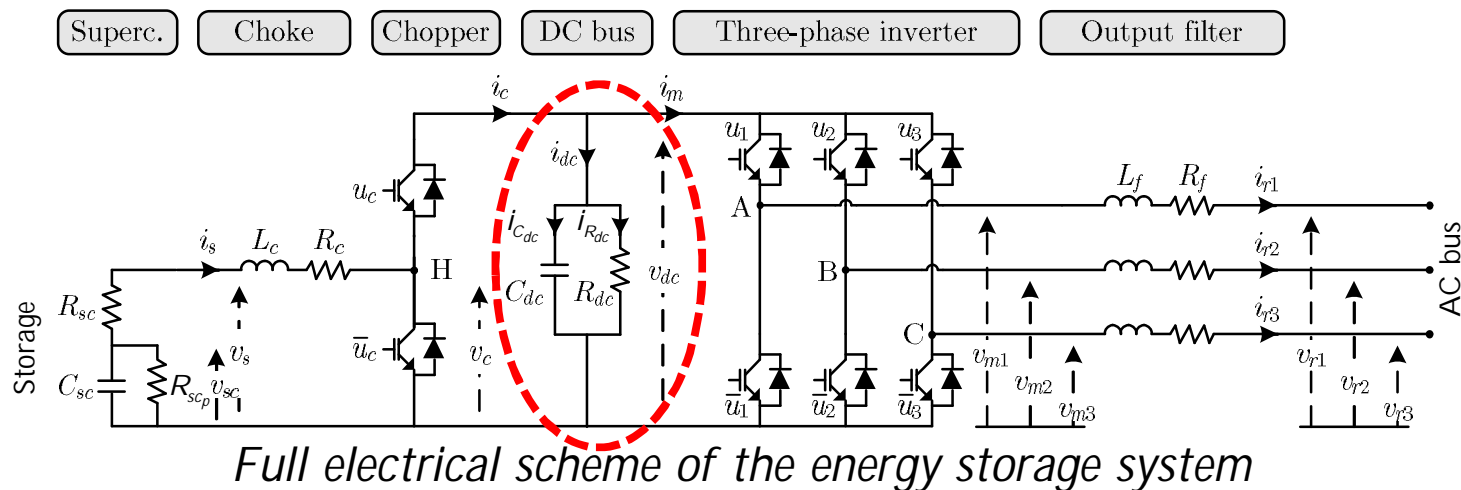
Coordinated strategy

- Proposed coordinated strategy : participation of both the storage system & the diesel generator in primary frequency control
- Role of the storage system : to improve dynamic performances in case of disturbances
- Template for the frequency variation



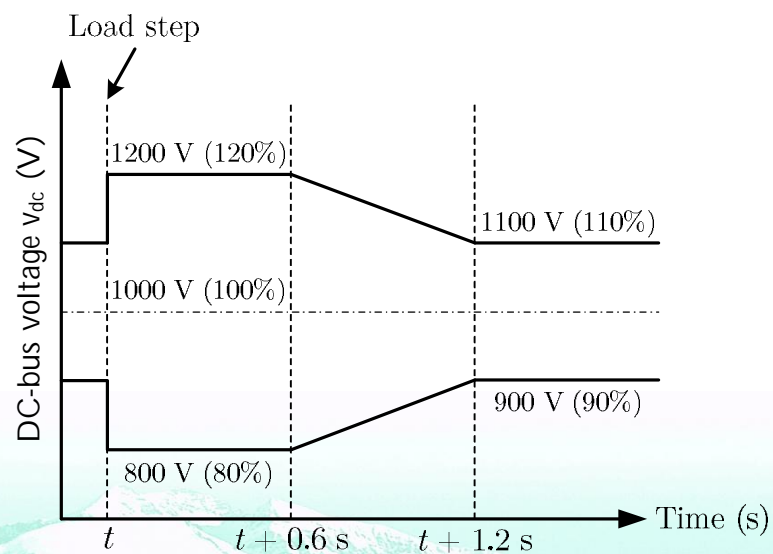
Performance specification on the microgrid frequency variation in response to a load step of $\pm 5\%$ of the rated load power (± 60 kW) in the time domain

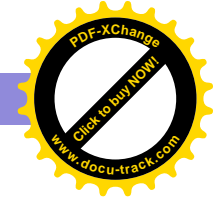
Coordinated strategy



- Another control objective : to regulate the DC-bus voltage v_{dc} at the desired value of 1000 V

Performance specification on the DC-bus voltage variation in response to a load step in the time domain





Choice of energy storage technology

- Diesel power variation in the frequency domain

$$\underline{\Delta P_{diesel}}(s) = - \underbrace{\frac{1}{T_{diesel}s + 1}}_{\text{Simplified dynamic modeling}} \underbrace{\left(\underline{K_p} + \frac{\underline{K_i}}{s} \right)}_{\text{PI controller for frequency control}} \underline{\Delta f_{grid}}(s), \quad \underline{K_p} = \frac{1}{\underline{S_{diesel}}}$$

- Frequency deviation in the frequency domain without storage device

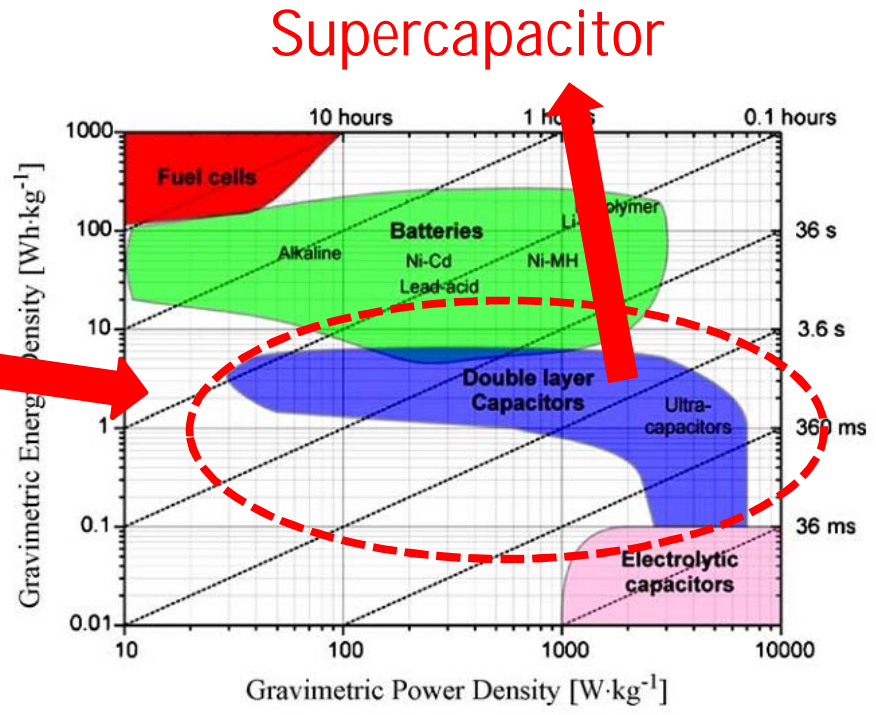
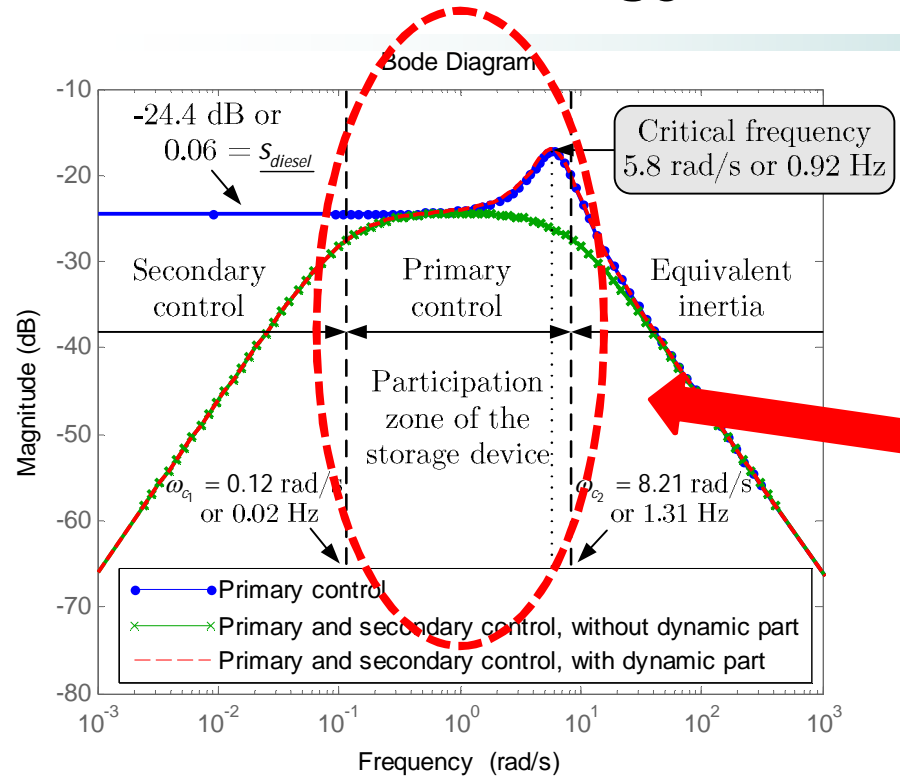
$$\underline{\Delta f_{grid}}(s) = \frac{1}{2\underline{H}s + \underline{D_{load}}} \left[\underline{\Delta P_{diesel}}(s) + \underline{\Delta P_{PV}}(s) - \underline{\Delta P_{load}}(s) \right]$$

$$\underline{\Delta P_{diff}}(s) = \underline{\Delta P_{PV}}(s) - \underline{\Delta P_{load}}(s)$$

- Transfer function between frequency deviation & power variation

$$\frac{\underline{\Delta f_{grid}}(s)}{\underline{\Delta P_{diff}}(s)} = \frac{(T_{diesel}s + 1)s}{(2\underline{H}T_{diesel})s^3 + (2\underline{H} + T_{diesel}\underline{D_{load}})s^2 + (\underline{D_{load}} + \underline{K_p})s + \underline{K_i}}$$

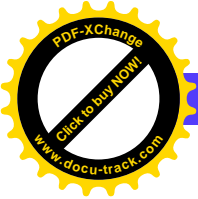
Choice of energy storage technology



Bode diagram of the transfer function of the system

Ragone plot

- Selected frequency interval $f_c \in [0.02, 1.31]$ Hz for primary control participation of the storage device. **Supercapacitor storage technology** with its own frequency $f_p \in [0.00278, 27.78]$ Hz is the most appropriate



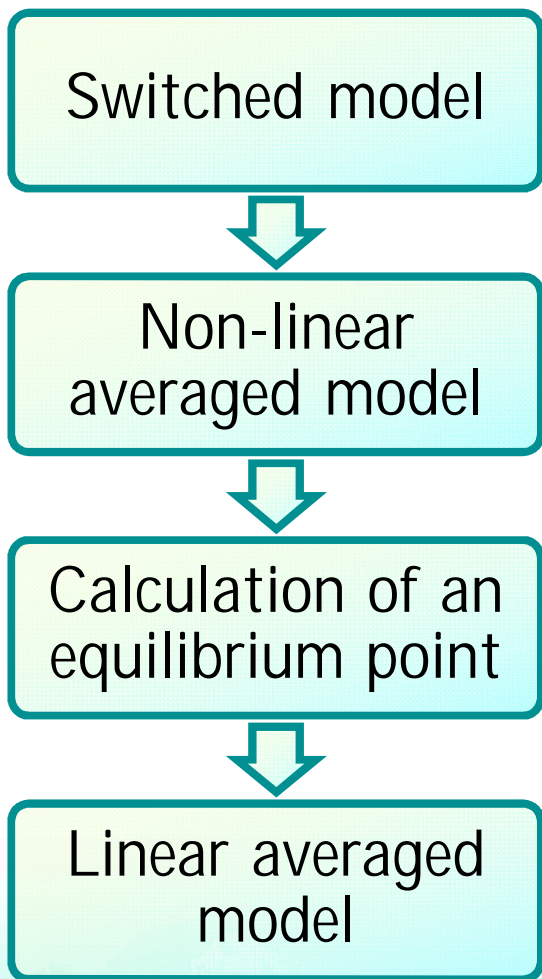
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Modeling for H_∞ control

- Modeling methodology



- Per-unitization system

➤ Base values for AC-side quantities

$$v_{d,b} = v_{q,b} = v_b = \sqrt{3}v_r = v_{rd}$$

$$i_{d,b} = i_{q,b} = i_b = \frac{S_b}{v_b}$$

$$Z_b = \frac{v_b}{i_b}, C_b = \frac{1}{Z_b \omega_b}, L_b = \frac{Z_b}{\omega_b}$$

$$\omega_b = \omega_0 = \omega_{grid_e}, f_b = f_0 = f_{grid_e}$$

➤ Base values for DC-side quantities

$$v_{b-dc} = v_b, i_{b-dc} = \frac{S_b}{v_{b-dc}} = i_b$$

$$Z_{b-dc} = \frac{v_{b-dc}}{i_{b-dc}} = Z_b, C_{b-dc} = \frac{1}{Z_{b-dc} \omega_b} = C_b$$

$$L_{b-dc} = \frac{Z_{b-dc}}{\omega_b} = L_b$$

Modeling for H_∞ control

- Linear averaged model of the storage system in a per-unit term

$$\frac{1}{\omega_b} \frac{d\Delta v_{sc}}{dt} = \frac{1}{C_{sc}} \Delta i_s - \frac{1}{R_{scp} C_{sc}} \Delta v_{sc}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\omega_b} \frac{d\Delta v_{dc}}{dt} = & \frac{1}{C_{dc}} \alpha_{ce} \Delta i_s + \frac{1}{C_{dc}} i_{se} \Delta \alpha_c \\ & - \frac{1}{C_{dc}} \left(\beta_{de} \Delta i_{rd} + i_{rde} \Delta \beta_d + \beta_{qe} \Delta i_{rq} + i_{rqe} \Delta \beta_q \right) - \frac{1}{R_{dc} C_{dc}} \Delta v_{dc} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1}{\omega_b} \frac{d\Delta i_s}{dt} = \frac{1}{L_c} \Delta v_{sc} - \frac{R_{sc} + R_c}{L_c} \Delta i_s - \frac{1}{L_c} \alpha_{ce} \Delta v_{dc} - \frac{1}{L_c} v_{dce} \Delta \alpha_c$$

$$\frac{1}{\omega_b} \frac{d\Delta i_{rd}}{dt} = \frac{1}{L_f} \beta_{de} \Delta v_{dc} + \frac{1}{L_f} v_{dce} \Delta \beta_d - \frac{R_f}{L_f} \Delta i_{rd} + \omega_{grid_e} \Delta i_{rq} + i_{rqe} \Delta \omega_{grid}$$

$$\frac{1}{\omega_b} \frac{d\Delta i_{rq}}{dt} = \frac{1}{L_f} \beta_{qe} \Delta v_{dc} + \frac{1}{L_f} v_{dce} \Delta \beta_q - \frac{R_f}{L_f} \Delta i_{rq} - \omega_{grid_e} \Delta i_{rd} - i_{rde} \Delta \omega_{grid}$$

Modeling for H_∞ control

- Power variation of diesel generation in the time domain for only primary control participation

$$\frac{d\Delta P_{diesel}}{dt} = -\frac{1}{T_{diesel}} \Delta P_{diesel} - \frac{1}{T_{diesel} S_{diesel}} \Delta f_{grid}$$

- Linear averaged model in the state-space form for H_∞ control

$$\begin{cases} \underline{\Delta \dot{\mathbf{x}}} = \mathbf{A} \underline{\Delta \mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{B}_1 \underline{\Delta \mathbf{u}} + \mathbf{B}_2 \underline{\Delta \mathbf{w}} \\ \underline{\Delta \mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{C} \underline{\Delta \mathbf{x}} + \mathbf{D}_1 \underline{\Delta \mathbf{u}} + \mathbf{D}_2 \underline{\Delta \mathbf{w}} \end{cases}$$

$$\underline{\Delta \mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} \cancel{\Delta v_{dc}} & \Delta v_{dc} & \Delta P_{diesel} & \Delta f_{grid} \end{bmatrix}^T : \text{state vector}$$

$$\underline{\Delta \mathbf{u}} = \begin{bmatrix} \Delta i_s^{ref} & \Delta i_{rd}^{ref} \end{bmatrix}^T : \text{control input vector } (\Delta i_{rq}^{ref} = 0)$$

$$\underline{\Delta \mathbf{w}} = \Delta P_{load} : \text{disturbance input}$$

$$\underline{\Delta \mathbf{y}} = \begin{bmatrix} \cancel{\Delta v_{dc}} & \Delta v_{dc} & \Delta f_{grid} \end{bmatrix}^T : \text{measured output vector}$$

Modeling for H_∞ control

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix}
 \omega_b & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 \frac{R_{sp} C_{sc}}{C_{sc}} & -\frac{\omega_b}{R_{dc} C_{dc}} & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{T_{diesel}} & -\frac{1}{T_{diesel} S_{diesel}} \\
 \frac{1}{2H} i_{se} & 0 & \frac{1}{2H} & -\frac{D_{load}}{2H}
 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{B}_1 = \begin{bmatrix}
 \omega_b & 0 \\
 \frac{\omega_b}{C_{sc}} & -\frac{\omega_b}{C_{dc}} \beta_{de} \\
 \frac{\omega_b}{C_{dc}} \alpha_{ce} & 0 \\
 0 & 0 \\
 \frac{1}{2H} (v_{sce} - 2R_{sc} i_{se}) & 0
 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{B}_2 = \begin{bmatrix}
 0 \\
 0 \\
 0 \\
 1 \\
 -\frac{1}{2H}
 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix}
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 1
 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{D}_1 = \begin{bmatrix}
 0 & 0 \\
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 \end{bmatrix}$$

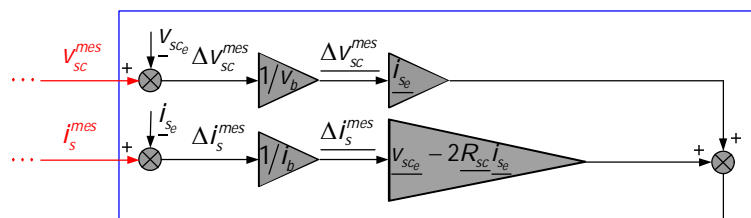
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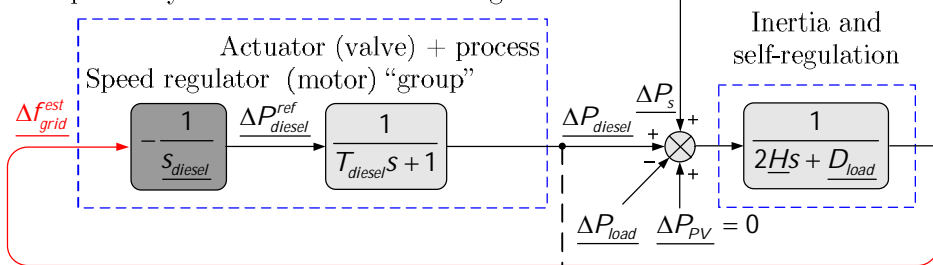
H_∞ control design

- Proposed global control structure

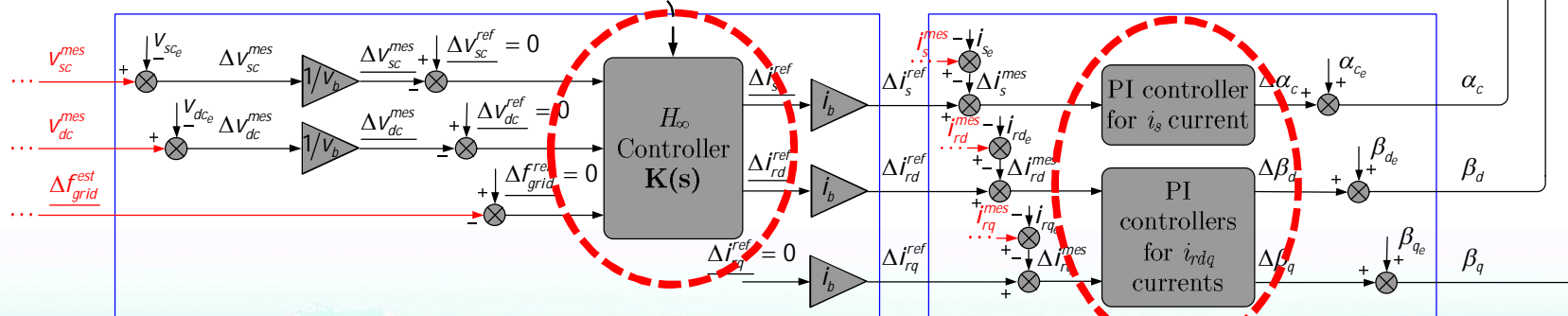
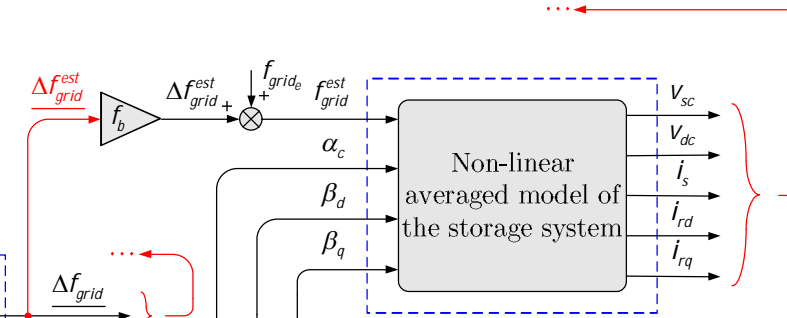
Active power variation calculation of the storage system



Simplified dynamic model of the diesel generator



Measured signals

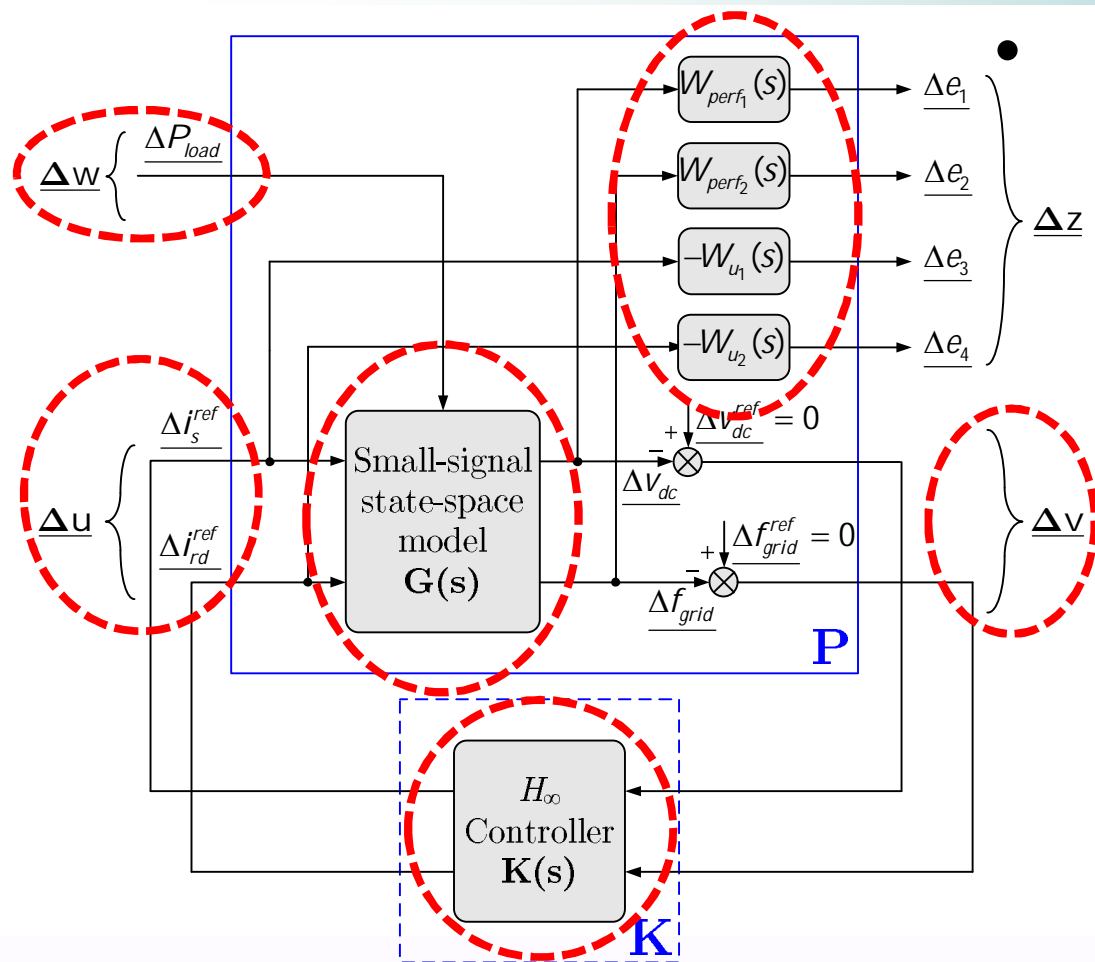


Moderate-dynamic control loop used to generate current reference variations

Fast-dynamic control loops used for tracking current variations

Block diagram of the proposed global control structure

H_∞ control design



H_∞ control level

➤ Model associated with H_∞ control

- ✓ Plant "P"
Linear state-space model $\mathbf{G}(s)$
Weighting functions
- ✓ H_∞ controller $\mathbf{K}(s)$
- ✓ Control inputs

$$\underline{\Delta \mathbf{u}} = \begin{bmatrix} \Delta i_s^{ref} & \Delta i_{rd}^{ref} \end{bmatrix}^T$$

✓ Disturbance input

$$\underline{\Delta \mathbf{w}} = \Delta P_{load}$$

✓ Measured outputs

$$\underline{\Delta \mathbf{y}} = \begin{bmatrix} \Delta v_{dc} & \Delta f_{grid} \end{bmatrix}^T$$

Control configuration in the so-called $\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{K}$ form

H_∞ control design

- Weighting function selection
 - ✓ DC-bus voltage variation Δv_{dc} & frequency variation Δf_{grid} are bounded by first-order weighting functions

$$\frac{1}{W_{perf}(s)} = \frac{s + \omega_b A_\varepsilon}{s/M_s + \omega_b}$$

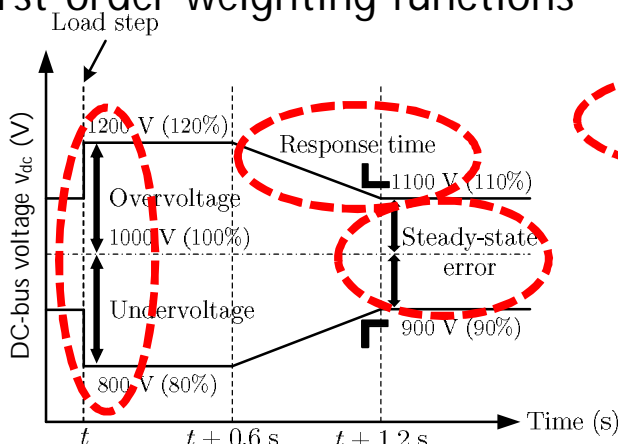
M_s : limitation of the overshoot
 ω_b : the desired response time
 A_ε : limitation of the steady-state error

$$M_{s1} = \frac{\Delta v_{dcmax}}{\Delta P_{load}}, A_{\varepsilon1} = \frac{\Delta v_{dcmin}}{\Delta P_{load}}$$

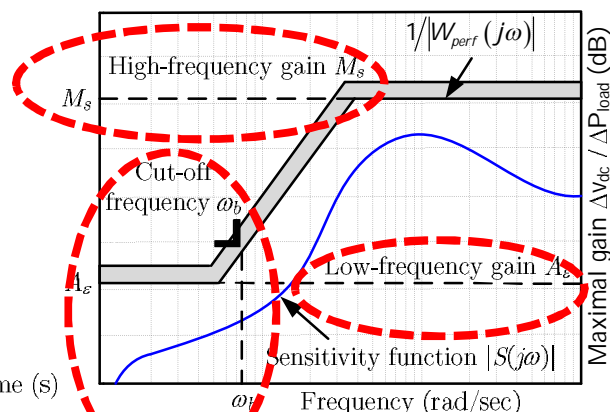
$$\omega_{b1} = 1/(40T_{0rdq}) (t_{r1} \approx 1.2 \text{ s})$$

$$M_{s2} = \frac{\Delta f_{gridmax}}{\Delta P_{load}}, A_{\varepsilon2} = \frac{\Delta f_{gridmin}}{\Delta P_{load}}$$

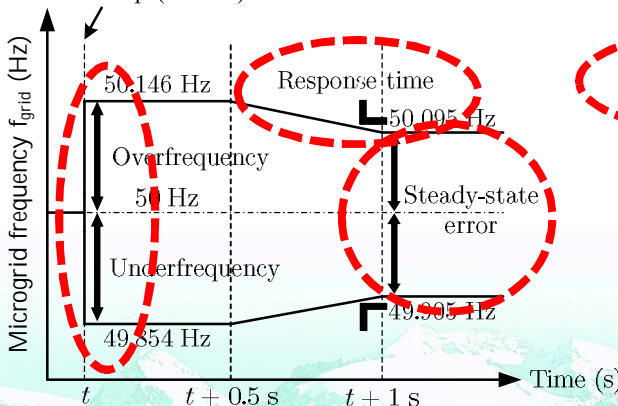
$$\omega_{b2} = 1/(20T_{0rdq}) (t_{r2} \approx 0.6 \text{ s})$$



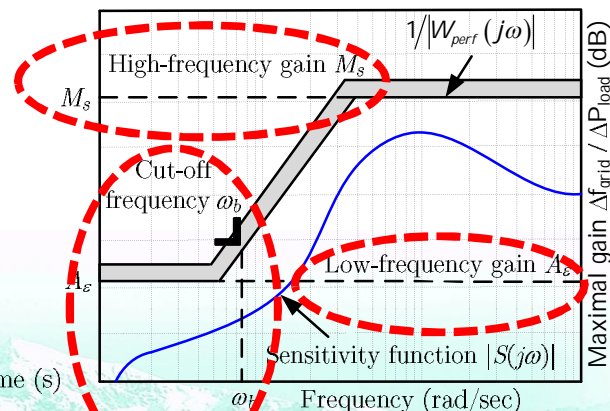
Performance specification on the DC-bus voltage variation
5% load step (60 kW)



Performance template $1/W_{perf}(s)$



Performance specification on the microgrid frequency variation



Performance template $1/W_{perf}(s)$

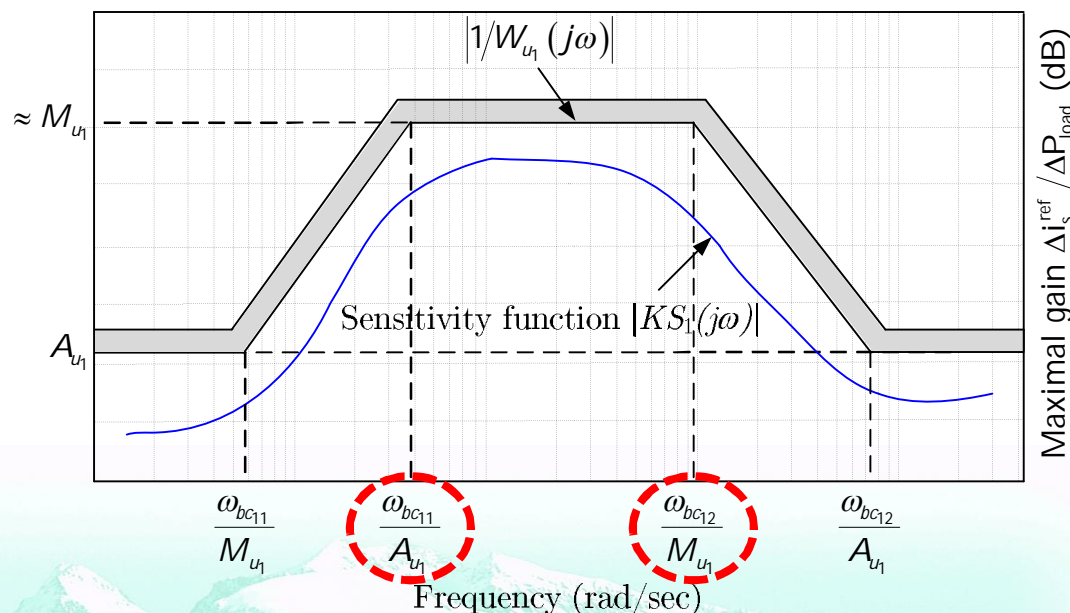
H_∞ control design

- ✓ Active power injection or absorption of the storage system is controlled via i_s . Storage device current reference variation Δi_s^{ref} is bounded by a band-pass weighting function

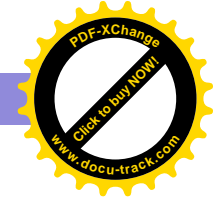
$$\frac{1}{W_{u_1}(s)} = A_{u_1} \frac{\left(\frac{M_{u_1}}{\omega_{bc11}}s + 1\right) \left(\frac{A_{u_1}}{\omega_{bc12}}s + 1\right)}{\left(\frac{A_{u_1}}{\omega_{bc11}}s + 1\right) \left(\frac{M_{u_1}}{\omega_{bc12}}s + 1\right)}, \frac{\omega_{bc11}}{A_{u_1}} < \frac{\omega_{bc12}}{M_{u_1}}$$

$$M_{u_1} = \frac{\Delta i_{smax}}{\Delta P_{load}} = \frac{i_{smax} - i_{se}}{\Delta P_{load}}, A_{u_1} = 0.1 M_{u_1}$$

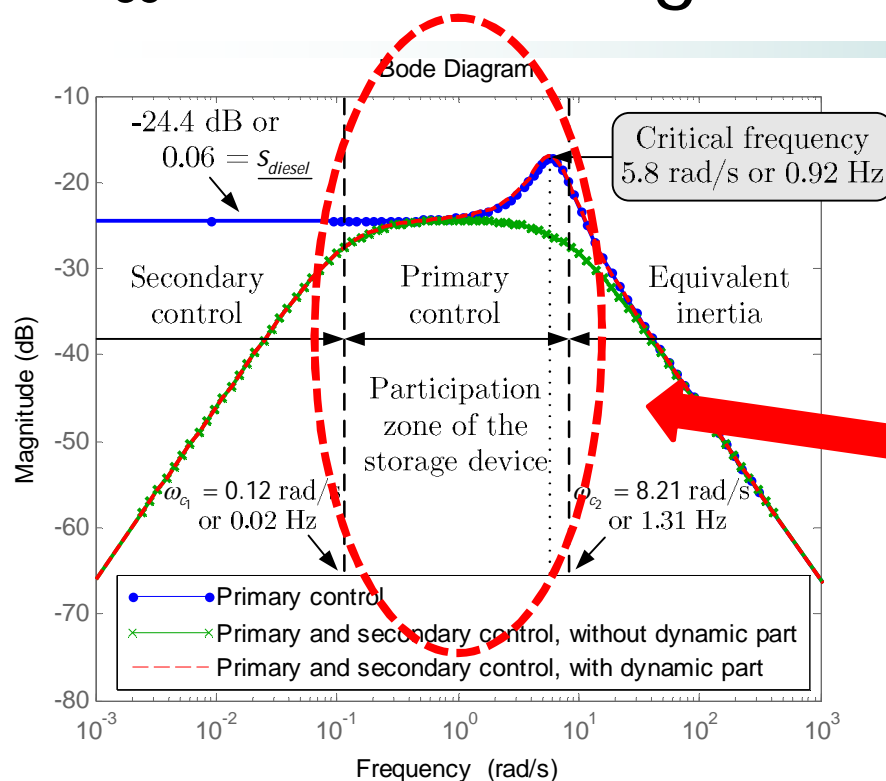
Choice of $\frac{\omega_{bc11}}{A_{u_1}}$ & $\frac{\omega_{bc12}}{M_{u_1}}$: based on **the own frequency** of the selected supercapacitor technology & **participation zone** of the storage device in primary frequency control



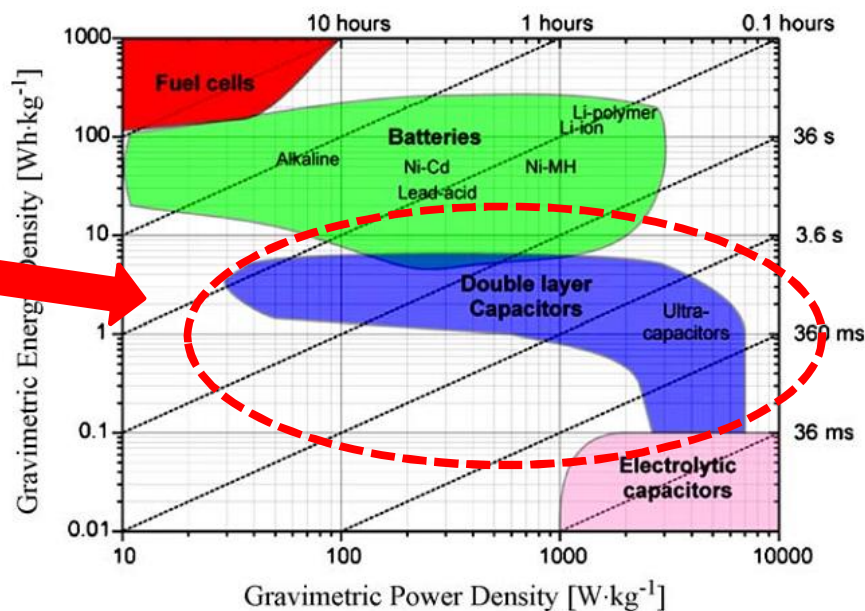
Performance template $1/W_{u_1}(s)$



H_∞ control design



Bode diagram of the transfer function of the system



Ragone plot

Selected frequency interval for primary control participation : $f_c \in [0.02, 1.31]$ Hz (or $\omega_c \in [0.12, 8.21]$ rad/s)

$$\frac{\omega_{bc11}}{A_{u1}} = 0.12 \div 174.55, \quad \frac{\omega_{bc12}}{M_{u1}} = 0.12 \div 174.55$$

Own frequency of supercapacitor technology : $f_p \in [0.00278, 27.78]$ Hz (or $\omega_p \in [0.0175, 174.55]$ rad/s)

Own frequency of the selected supercapacitor technology : $f_p = 0.48$ Hz (or $\omega_p = 3.04$ rad/s)

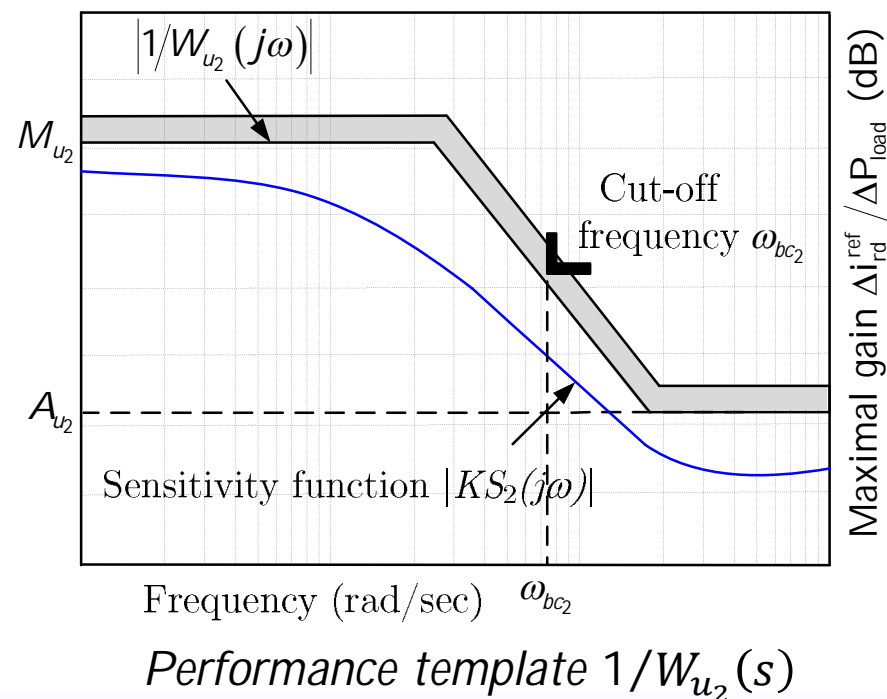
H_∞ control design

- ✓ DC-bus voltage is regulated via i_{rd} . The inverter output current reference variation in d -axis Δi_{rd}^{ref} is bounded by the first-order weighting function

$$\frac{1}{W_{u_2}(s)} = \frac{A_{u_2}s + \omega_{bc_2}}{s + \omega_{bc_2}/M_{u_2}}$$

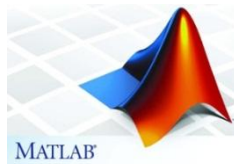
$$M_{u_2} = \frac{\Delta i_{rd_{max}}}{\Delta P_{load}} = \frac{i_{rd_{max}} - i_{rd_e}}{\Delta P_{load}}, A_{u_2} = 0.1M_{u_2}$$

$\omega_{bc_2} = 1/(100T_{s_i})$, where $T_{s_i} = 1/f_{s_i}$, f_{s_i} is the inverter switching frequency



H_∞ control design

- H_∞ controller synthesis
- ✓ "hifsyn" function



- ✓ Minimization of the norm

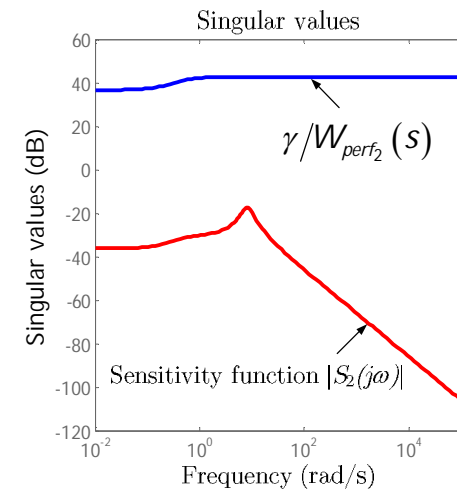
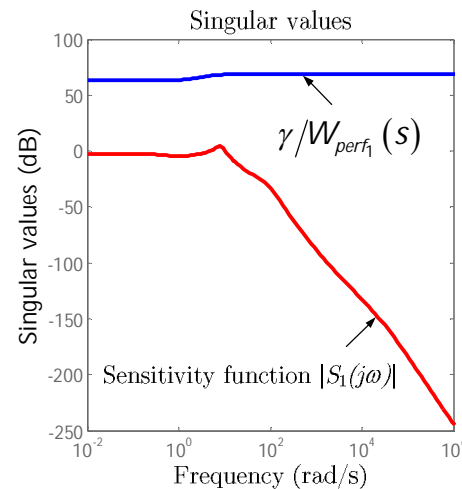
$$\left\| \begin{matrix} W_{perf} S \\ W_u K S \end{matrix} \right\|_\infty < \gamma$$

S/KS mixed-sensitivity optimization must typically be solved

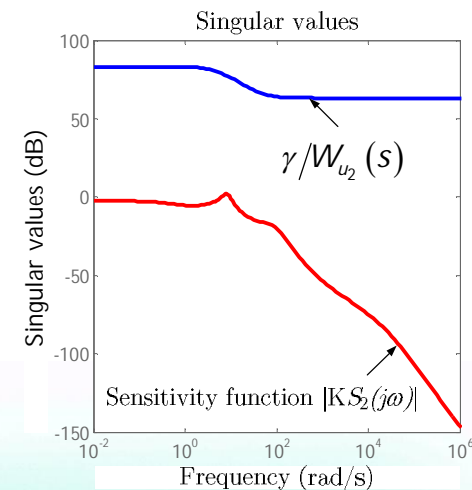
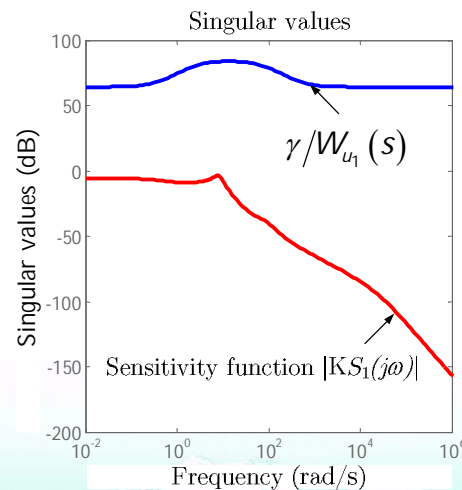
- ✓ Sensitivity functions

$$S_1 = \frac{\Delta v_{dc}}{\Delta P_{load}}, S_2 = \frac{\Delta f_{grid}}{\Delta P_{load}}$$

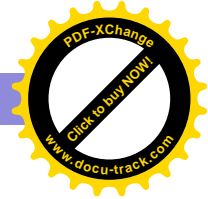
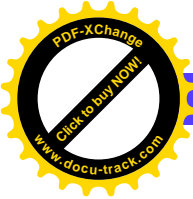
$$KS_1 = \frac{\Delta i_s^{ref}}{\Delta P_{load}}, KS_2 = \frac{\Delta i_{rd}^{ref}}{\Delta P_{load}}$$



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Configuration for robustness analysis

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix}
 \omega_b & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 \frac{R_{scp} C_{sc}}{2H} & -\frac{\omega_b}{R_{dc} C_{dc}} & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\
 \frac{1}{2H} i_{se} & 0 & -\frac{1}{T_{diesel}} & -\frac{1}{T_{diesel} S_{diesel}} \\
 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2H} & -\frac{D_{load}}{2H}
 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{B}_1 = \begin{bmatrix}
 \omega_b & 0 \\
 C_{sc} & -\frac{\omega_b}{C_{dc}} \beta_{de} \\
 \frac{\omega_b}{C_{dc}} \alpha_{ce} & 0 \\
 0 & 0 \\
 \frac{1}{2H} (v_{sc_e} - 2R_{sc} i_{se}) & 0
 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{B}_2 = \begin{bmatrix}
 0 \\
 0 \\
 0 \\
 1 \\
 -\frac{1}{2H}
 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix}
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 1
 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{D}_1 = \begin{bmatrix}
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 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{D}_2 = \begin{bmatrix}
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 0
 \end{bmatrix}$$

Parametric uncertainty

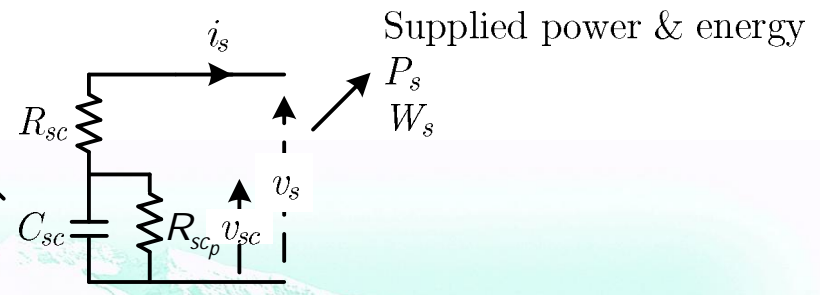
Supplied power & energy

$$W_{sc}^* = \frac{1}{2} C_{sc} v_{sc}^2, W_{sc_{max}}^* = \frac{1}{2} C_{sc} v_{sc_{max}}^2$$

Stocked energy

$$SoC = \frac{W_{sc}^*}{W_{sc_{max}}^*} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} C_{sc} v_{sc}^2}{\frac{1}{2} C_{sc} v_{sc_{max}}^2} = \frac{1}{v_{sc_{max}}^2} v_{sc}^2$$

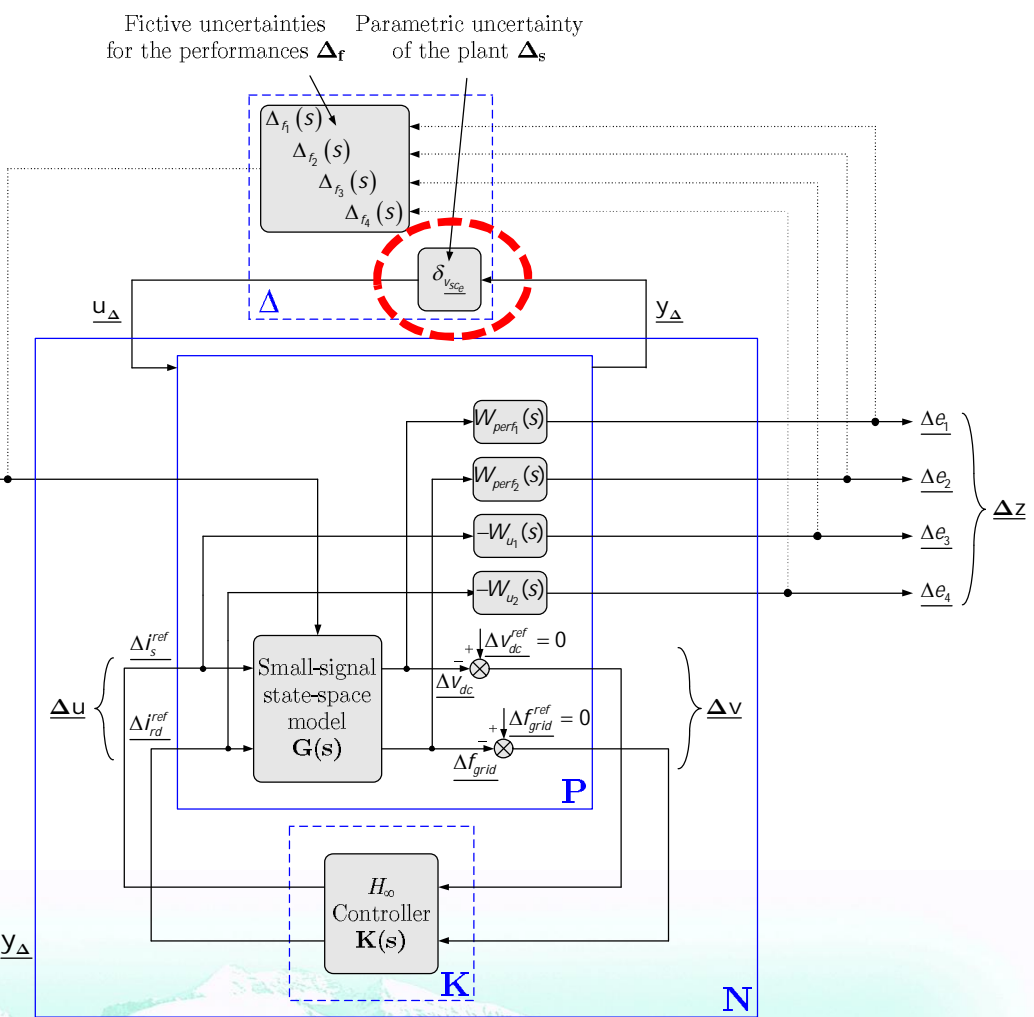
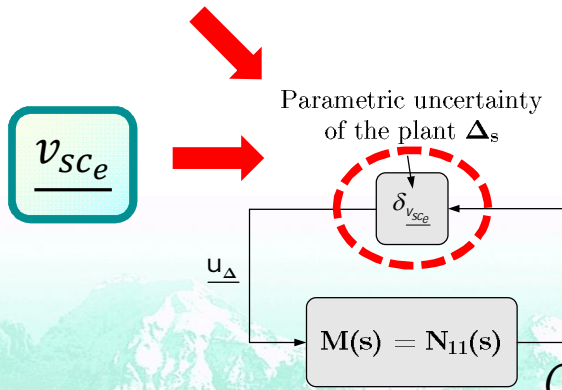
Stocked energy W_{sc}^*



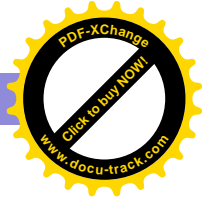
Schematic diagram of the supercapacitor

Configuration for robustness analysis

- Structured singular value (μ -analysis)
- RS & RP : the closed-loop system remains stable and well-performing for a given uncertainty level ? $\Delta_w \left\{ \frac{\Delta P_{load}}{\dots} \right\}$
- Parametric uncertainties taken into account



Configuration for robustness analysis



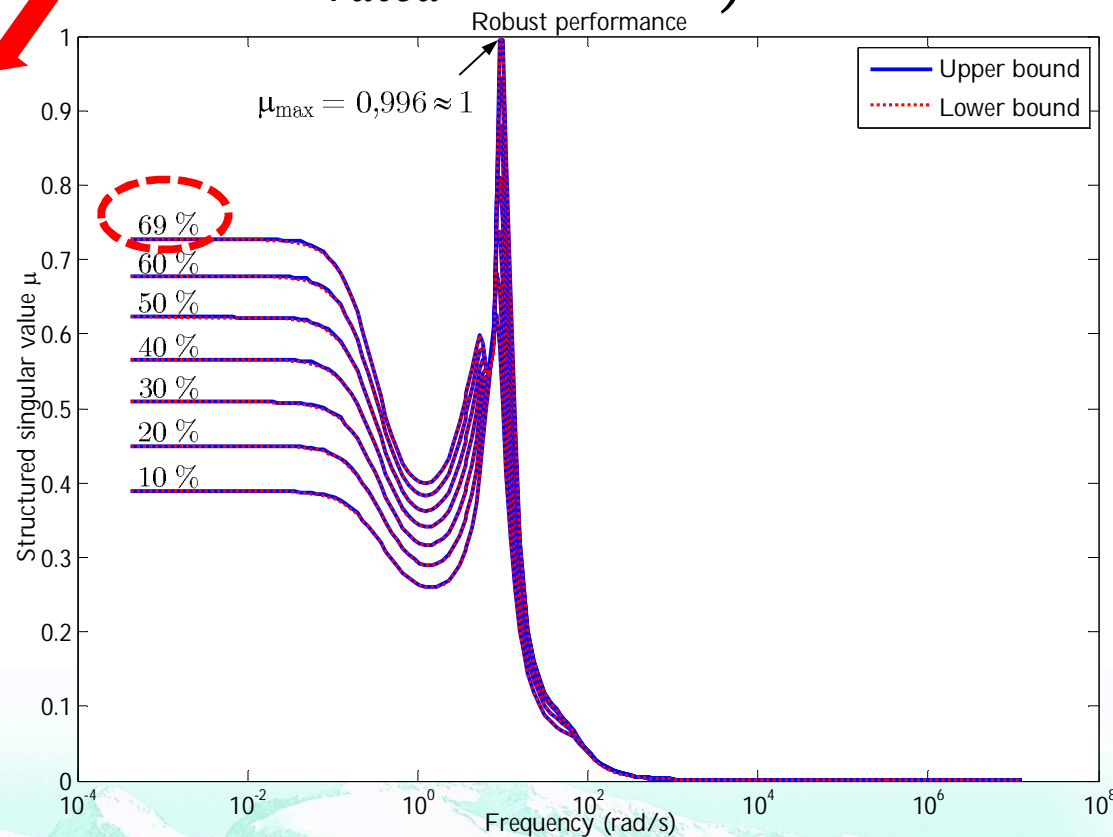
μ -analysis results

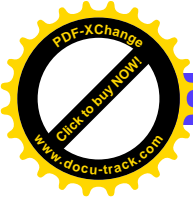
- Condition for robust performance $\mu \leq 1$ is verified for the uncertainty of up to $\pm 69\%$ of the rated value of

$$v_{sc_e} \left(v_{sc_{e_{rated}}} = 585 \text{ V}, \text{ or } SoC_{e_{rated}} = 0.5625 \right)$$

$$v_{sc_e} \in [181.35 \text{ V}, 988.65 \text{ V}]$$

$$(SoC_e \in [0.0541, 1.6066])$$





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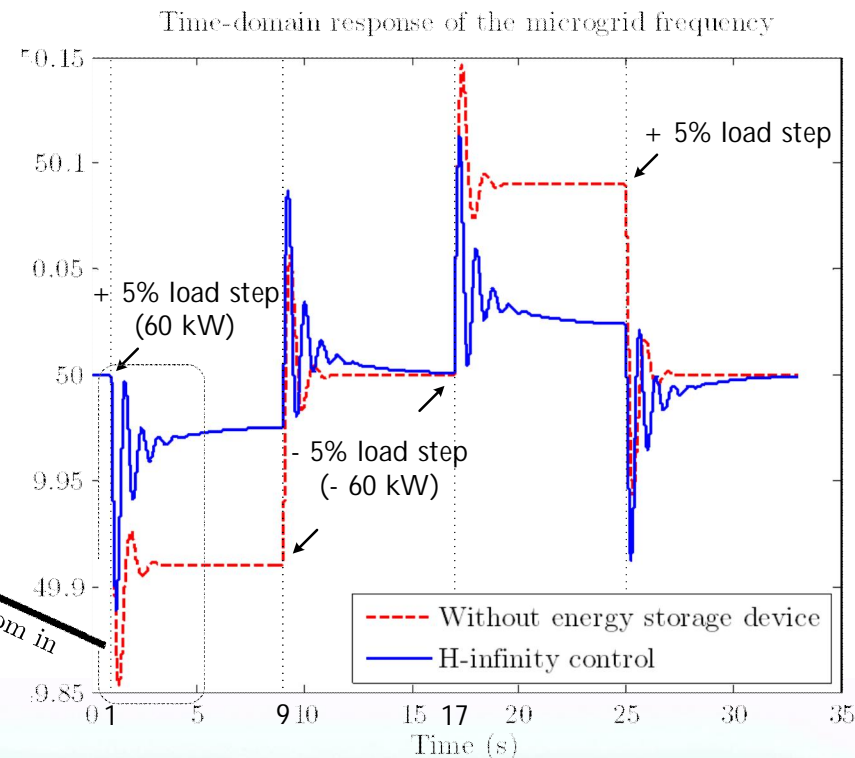
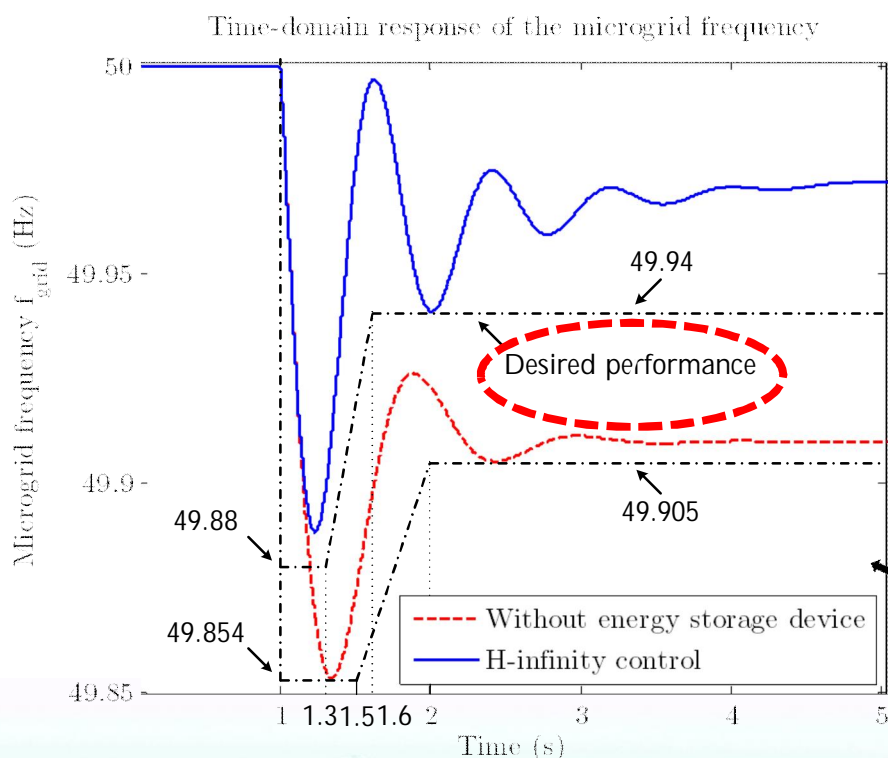
Numerical simulation results

- **Non-linear averaged model** is used for the time-domain simulations
- **Taking into account SoC** of the supercapacitor (v_{sc} is considered as a state variable) in simulation
- Load profile is varied in step of + 5% of the rated load power (60 kW) at $t = 1$ s, - 5% at $t = 9$ s, - 5% at $t = 17$ s and + 5% at $t = 25$ s



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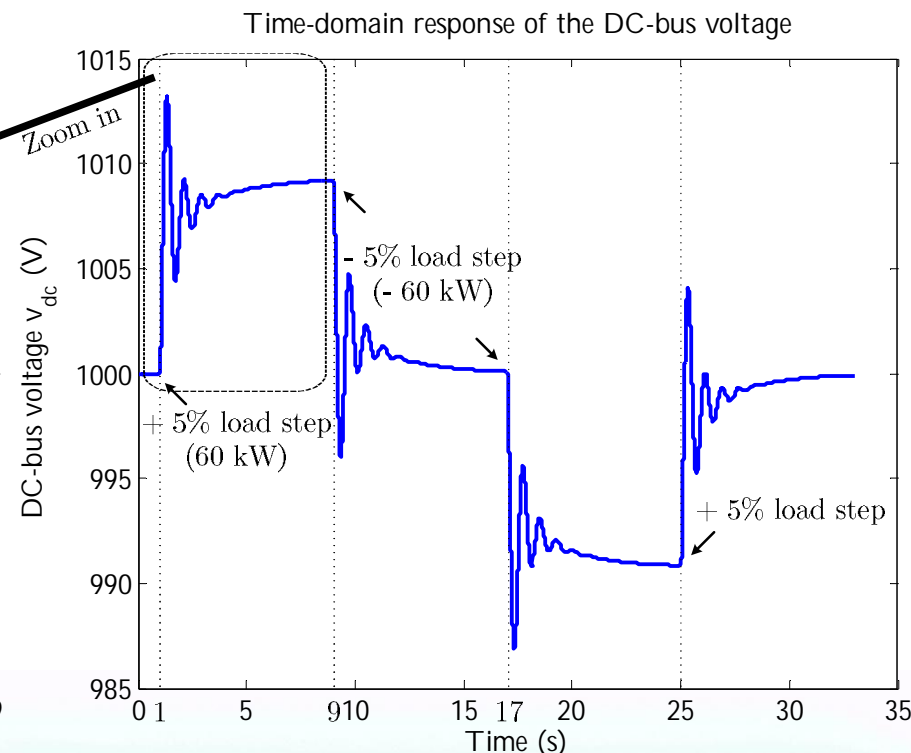
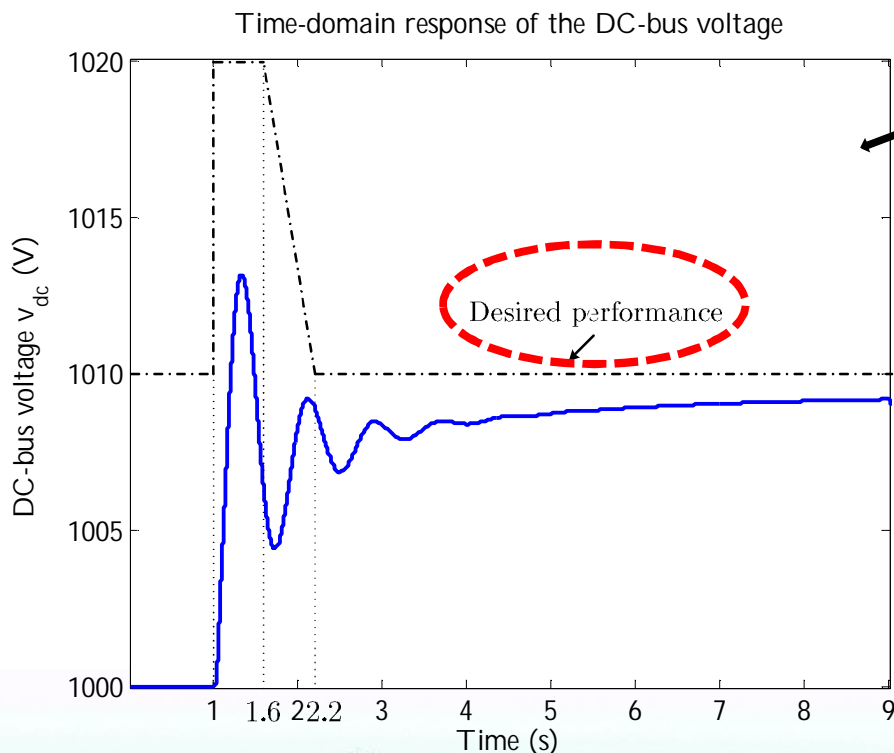
- Desired time-domain performance corresponding to the parameter choice of the weighting function $W_{perf_2}(s)$ is well-respected



Time-domain response of the microgrid frequency f_{grid} under small step load disturbances of $\pm 5\%$ of the rated load power (± 60 kW) from the rated parameters

Numerical simulation results

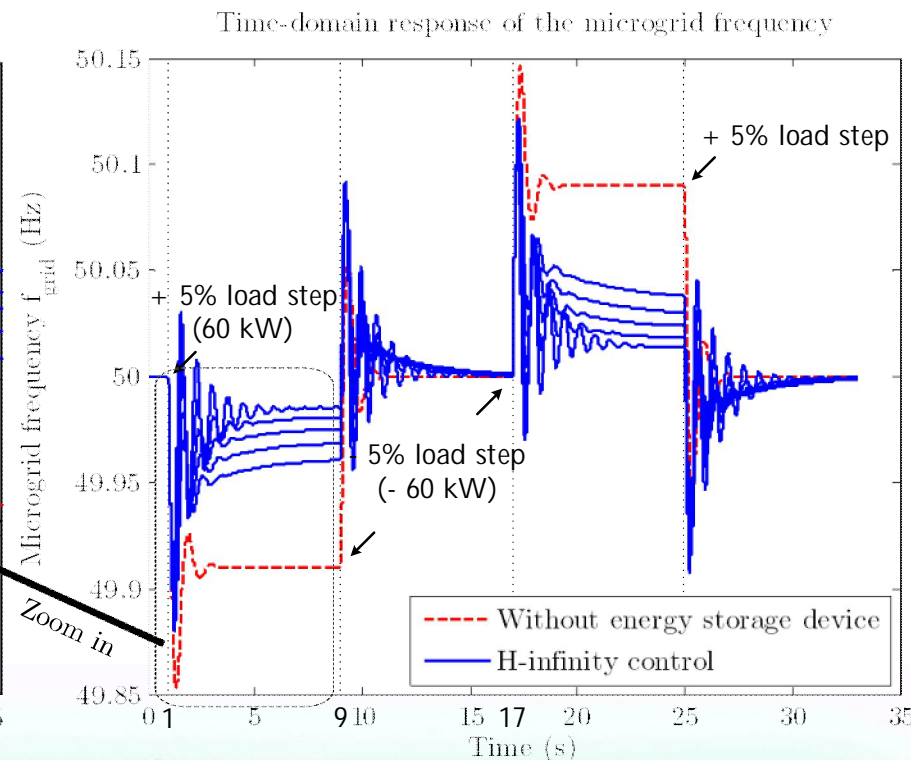
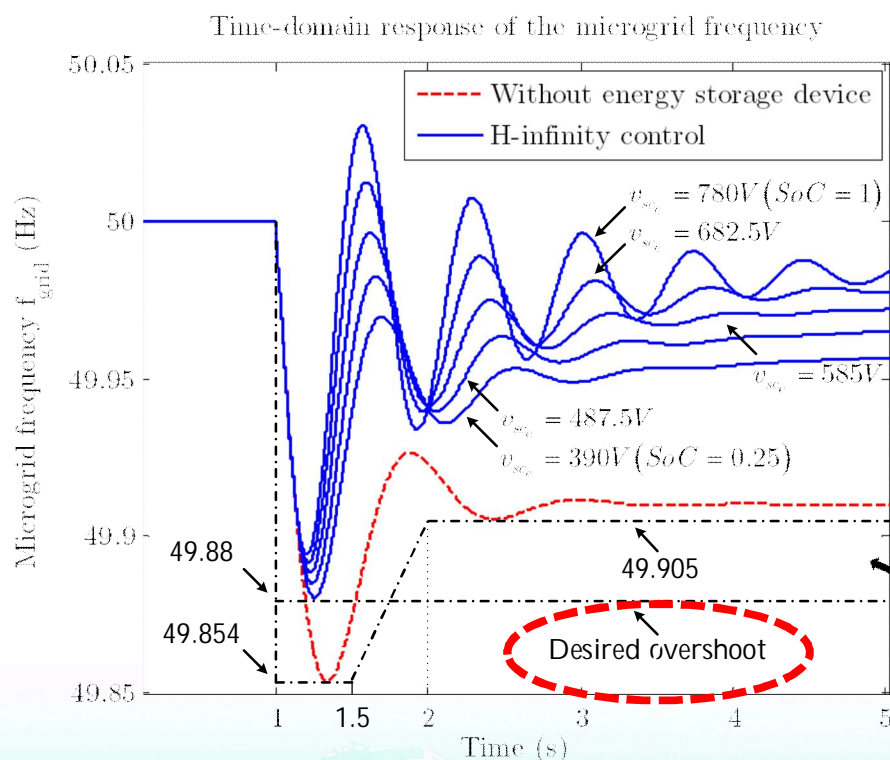
- DC-bus voltage control objective is satisfied with respect to the parameter selection of the weighting function $W_{perf_1}(s) \rightarrow H_\infty$ controller ensures desired performances



Time-domain response of the DC-bus voltage v_{dc} under small step load disturbances of $\pm 5\%$ of the rated load power (± 60 kW) from the rated parameters

Numerical simulation results

- $SoC_e \in [0.25, 1] (v_{sc_e} \in [390 V, 780 V])$
- Desired overshoot is well-respected irrespective of the initial value of SoC

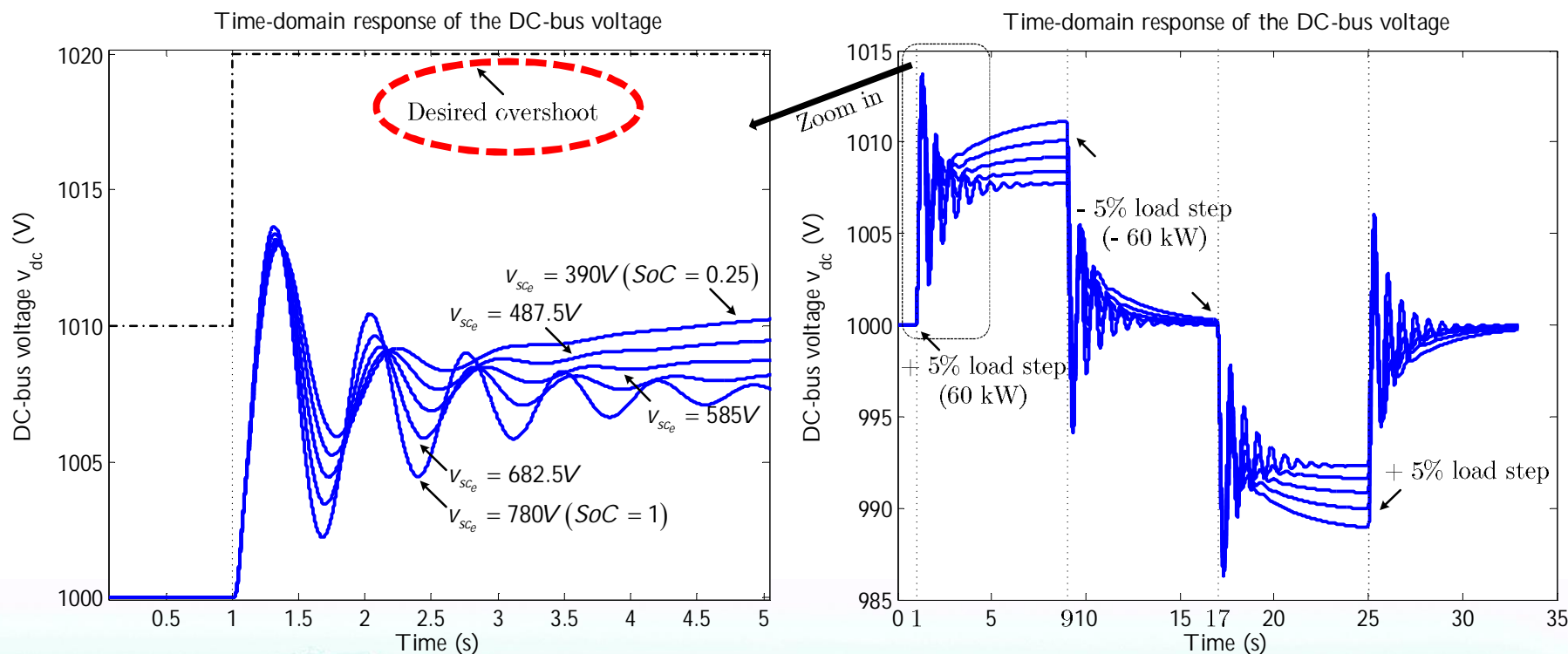


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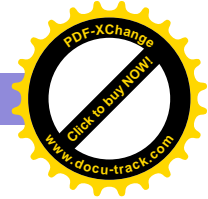
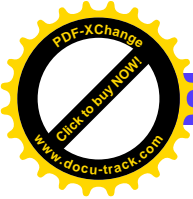
Numerical simulation results

- Overshoot of the DC-bus voltage is satisfied irrespective of the initial value of SoC

➔ H_∞ controller is robust in performance to $SoC_e \in [0.25, 1]$



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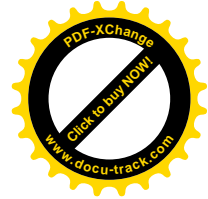
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 - Effectiveness of the proposed H_∞ robust control strategy has been validated via numerical simulation results
 - Robustness analysis of the synthesized H_∞ controller taking into account the uncertainty on SoC_e of the supercapacitor
- Future work
 - Design of a robust control strategy for PCC voltage regulation
 - Practical implementation of the proposed control algorithms on a real-time test bench





Thank you ! Questions ???



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