

SEMINAR: System Frequency Response considering Integration of Wind Power

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Seminar Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Frequency control in classical power systems
3. System Frequency Response
4. Synthetic or Artificial Inertia
5. Frequency Response of Wind Turbines/Farms
6. Conclusions

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1. INTRODUCTION

Power System Dynamic
Electromechanical Processes
Stability
Frequency Stability

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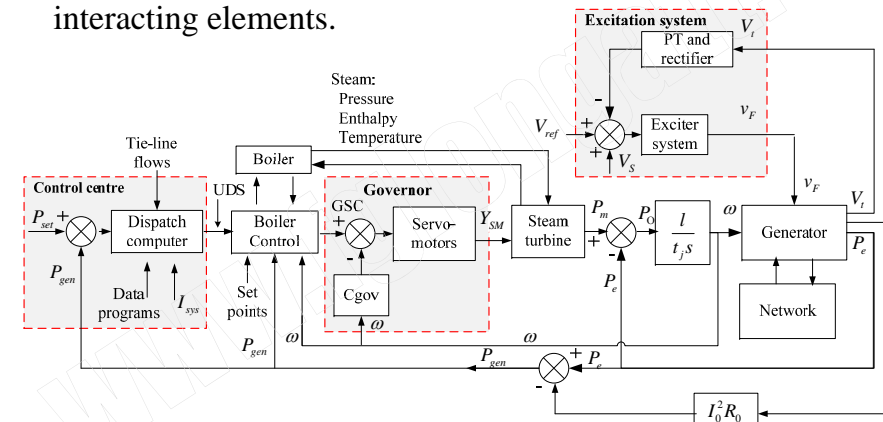
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Power System Dynamic: Complexity & Dimension

- Process dynamic in electric utility system cover a very wide **spectrum of phenomena** and a **wide range of disciplines**.
- The **dimensions and complexity** of power system dynamics can well be appreciated when one realize that there are hundreds of interacting elements.



Block Diagram of a Synchronous generator control system

Source: P.M. Anderson "Power System and control"

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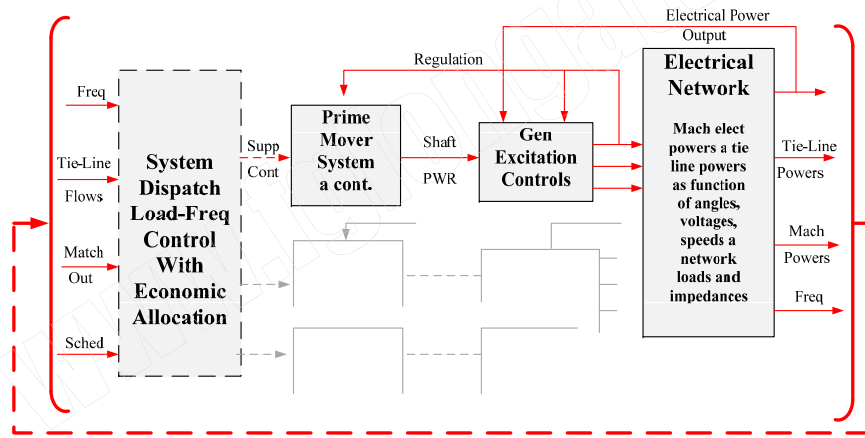
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Power System Dynamic: Complexity & Dimension

- There are **hundreds of interacting elements** such as generator with their controls, energy supply system and controls, and that the **mathematical representation** of each element generally involves many independent variables described by set of **high order, non linear differential equations**.



Power System Dynamic: Classification

- Because of the interconnection of various elements a large variety of dynamic interactions are possible.
- System **dynamic effects** can be divided based on:
 - Cause
 - Consequence
 - Time scales**
 - Physical character**
- Place in the system that they occur
- The prime concern: **System response to change in power demand and to various types of disturbances.**

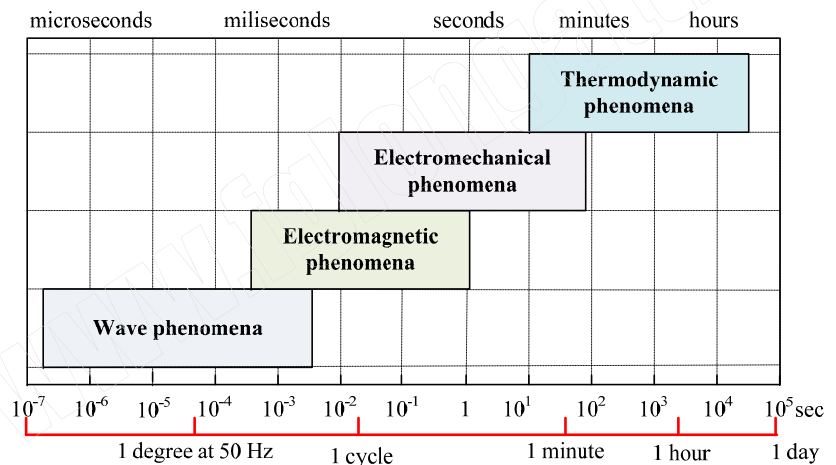
Dynamic Effects: Change in Power

- Dynamic processes have effect over different time-scales.
 - The fastest:** Associated with the transfer of energy between the rotating masses in the generators and the loads. (**ms-seconds**)
 - Slower:** Due to voltage and frequency control actions needed to maintain system operating conditions. (**seconds - minutes**)
 - Very slow:** Corresponding to the way in which the generation is adjusted to meet the slow daily demand variations. (**seconds - hours**)



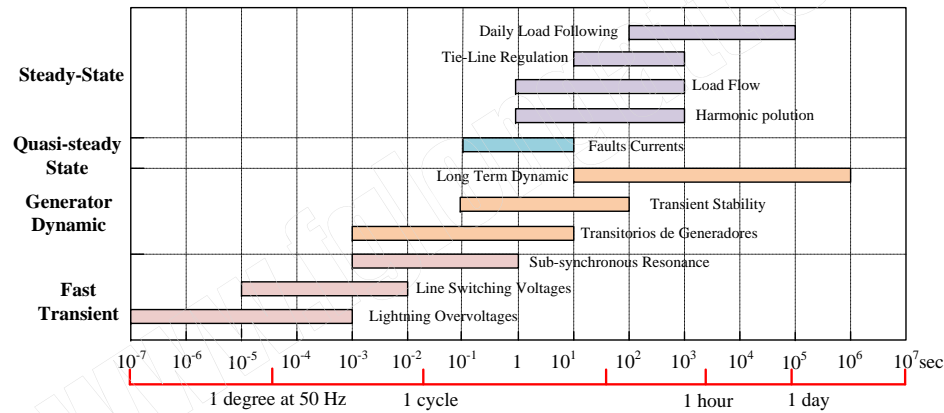
Physical Character

- Wave ($\mu\text{s} - \text{ms}$)
- Electromagnetic (**ms - 1s**)
- Electromechanical (**1s - several seconds**)
- Thermodynamic (**several seconds - hours**)



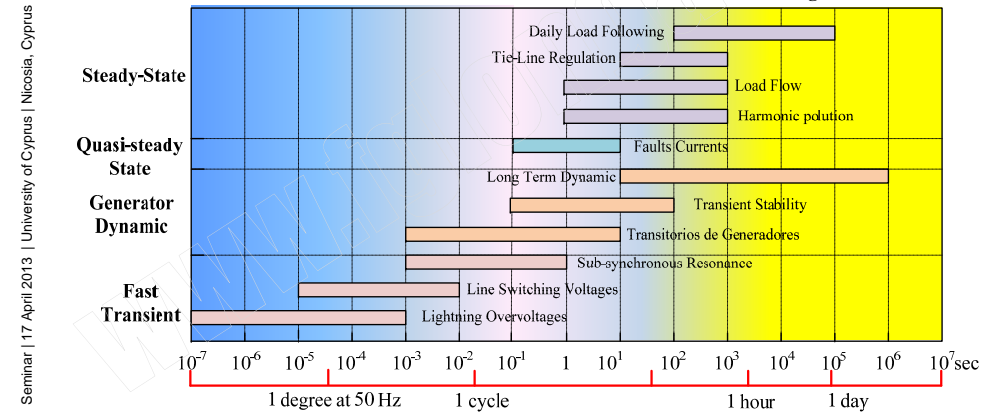
Time Scales

- Dynamic process in electrical power system can be characterized by various areas of consideration and their characteristic **time scales or frequency bands**.



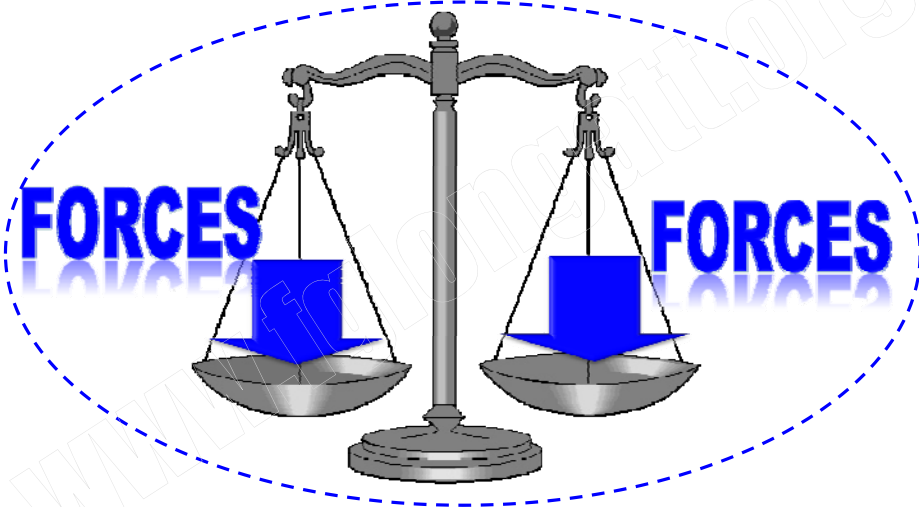
Time Scales

- In general way, the transients in electrical power systems are classified according to three possible timeframes:
 - Short-term**, or electromagnetic transients;
 - Mid-term**, or electromechanical transients;
 - Long-term** transients.



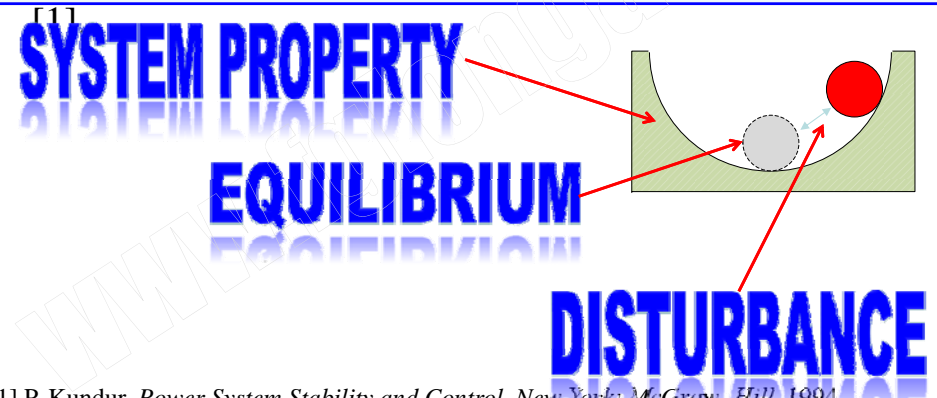
Fundamentals of PS Stability

- Stability is a problem of balance**



Stability: Definition

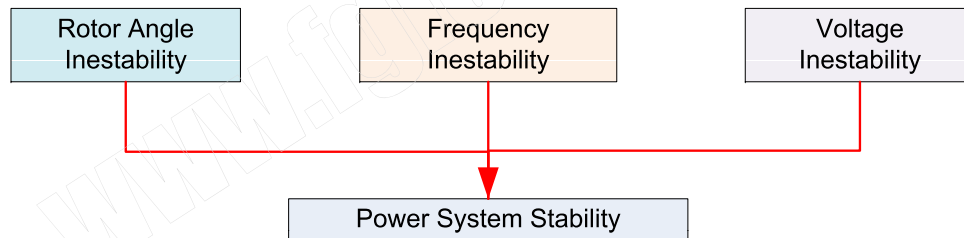
- Power system stability may be broadly defined as that **property of a power system that enables it to remain in a state of operating equilibrium under normal operating conditions and to regain an acceptable state of equilibrium after being subjected to a disturbance**



Instability Phenomena

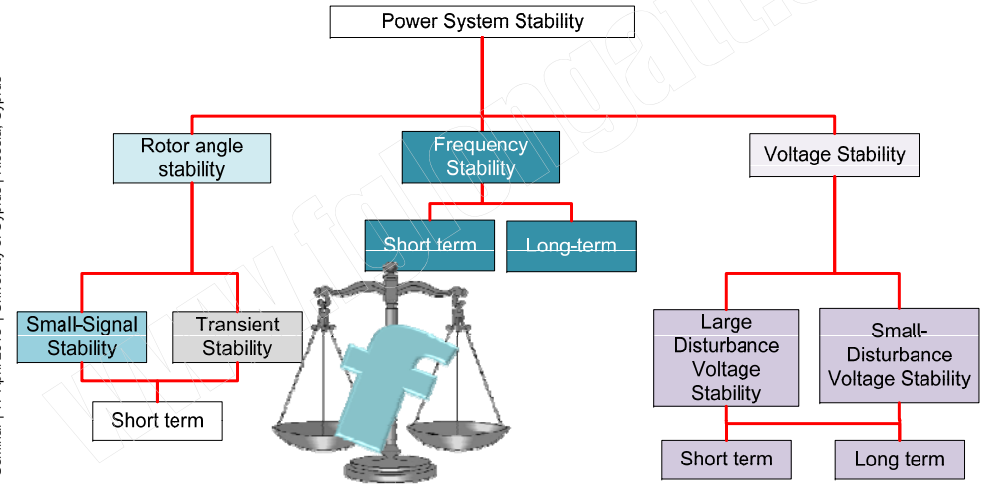
Cause → Effect

Different phenomena that lead to power system instability



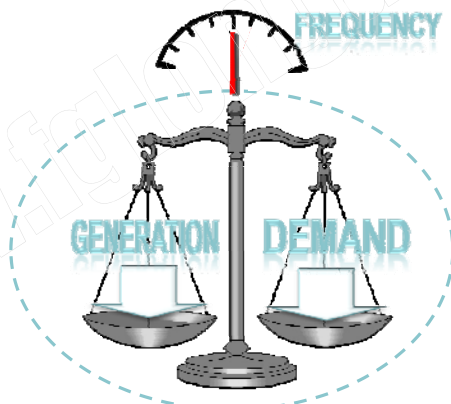
Frequency Stability

- IEEE-CIGRE classification (IEEE/CIGRE Joint Task Force on Stability Terms and Definitions, “Definition and Classification of Power System Stability”, *IEEE Trans. Power Systems and CIGRE Technical Brochure 231*, 2003):

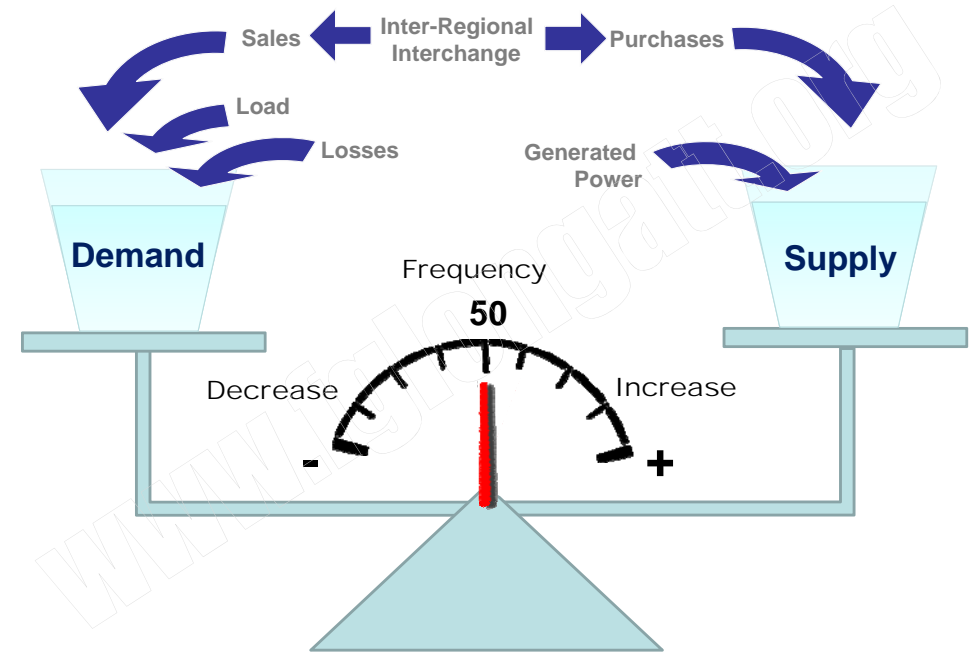


Frequency Stability

- “Frequency stability refers to the ability of a power system to maintain steady frequency following a severe system upset resulting in a significant imbalance between generation and load.”
- Frequency stability analysis concentrates on studying the overall system stability for sudden changes in the generation-load balance.



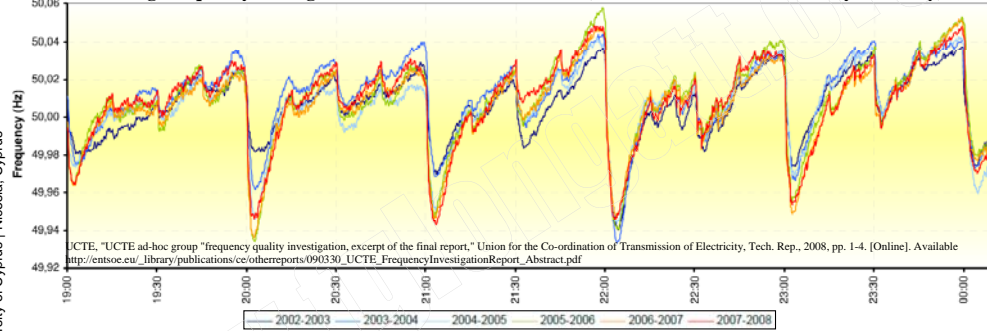
General Picture of Frequency Stability



Quality of Frequency Stability

- Gradually declining in many locations around the world – but not due to wind power!!!

Evening Frequency Average Profile –Winters 2003 to 2008 (November to March – Monday to Friday)



- Market imperfections around full hour shift (*frequency erosion*)
- Systems operated closer to their limits
- Decreased damping of oscillations
- Looking forward – e.g. UK - nuclear units increasing - 1300 to 1800 MW

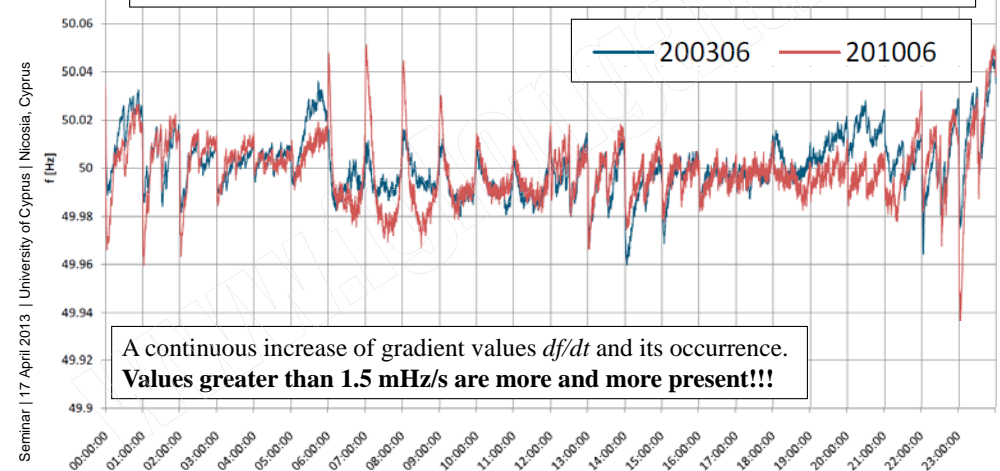
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Quality of Frequency Stability

- Example - Europe (frequency erosion)

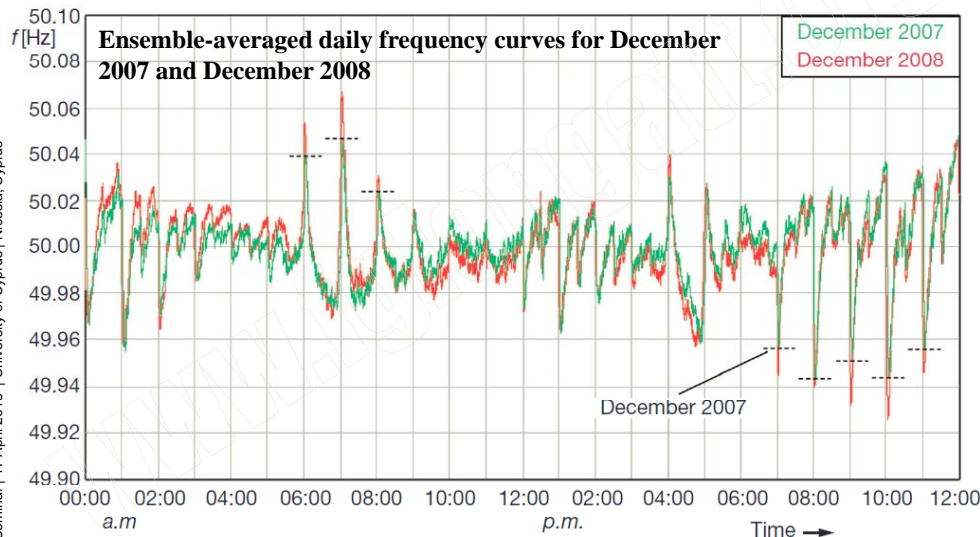
June 2003 - June 2010

Average frequency values in Continental Europe, June 2003 and June 2010
Source: Swiss-grid



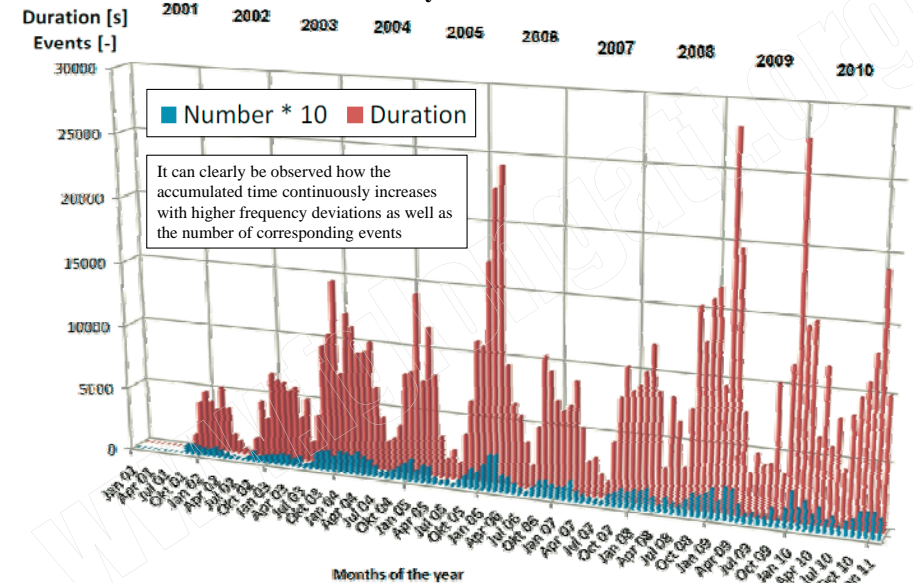
Quality of Frequency Stability

- A remarkable increase of the ensemble-averaged magnitude of the frequency deviations during the winter



Quality of Frequency Stability

75 mHz Criterion Summary - Short View - Year 2001-2011

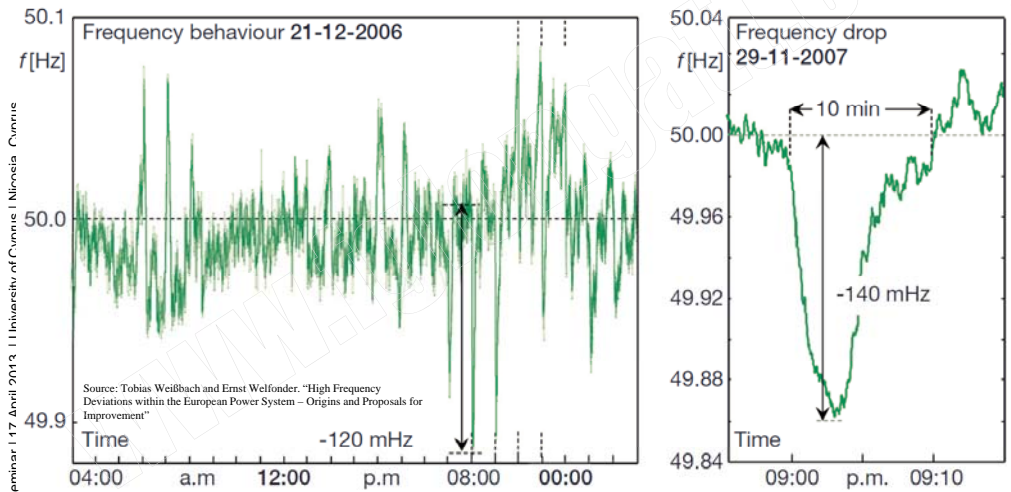


Quality of frequency stability

- Example - Europe (frequency erosion)

Current operational frequency behaviour, almost similar every day

An increase both of their occurrence and their durations in the long-run



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2. Frequency Control in Power Systems

What is Inertia?

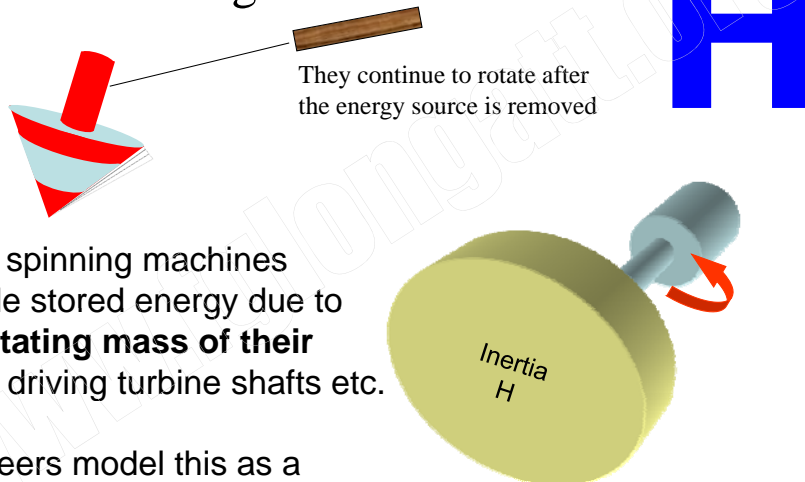
Definition of H

Swing Equation

Total System Inertia (HT)

What is Inertia?

- It is the energy stored in generators because they are rotating....



Large spinning machines provide stored energy due to the **rotating mass of their rotor**, driving turbine shafts etc.

Engineers model this as a number of rotating masses.

Definition of H

- The inertia constant of a rotating system (H), or individual generator, is used to **define the energy stored in its rotating mass** (E_{co}).
- It can be understood as the **time, in seconds, that it would take to replace this stored energy when operating at rated mechanical speed** (ω_{sm}) and **rated apparent power output** (S_{base})

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \frac{J \omega_{sm}^2}{S_{base}}$$

where: J is the **total moment of inertia** in kg.m^2 , ω_{sm} is the **rated mechanical speed** in rad/s , and S_{base} is the **selected base apparent power** in MVA.

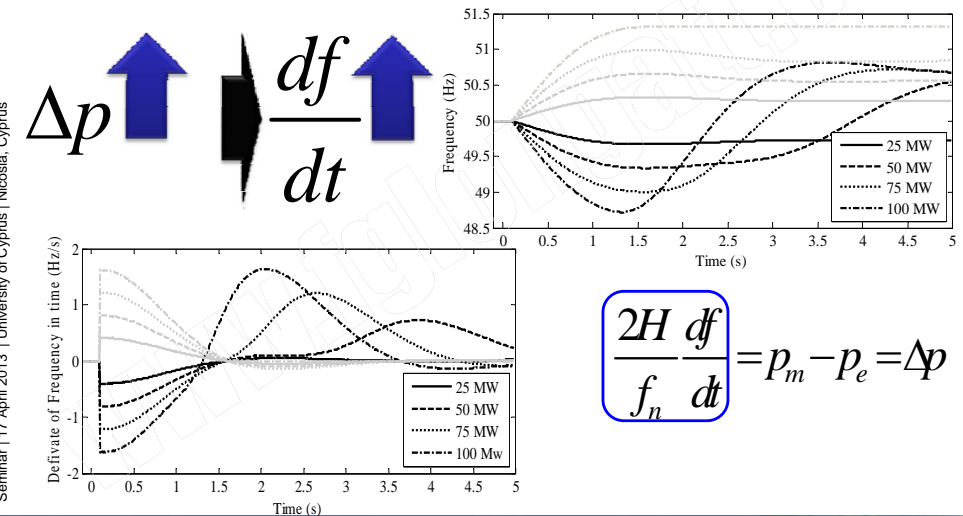
Swing Equation

- The relationship between the power imbalance at the terminals of the i -th generator in p.u. (Δp_i) and its frequency (f_i), can be expressed as:

$$\frac{2H}{f_n} \frac{df}{dt} = p_m - p_e = \Delta p$$

where: $p_{m,i}$ is the mechanical turbine power in p.u., $p_{e,i}$ is the electrical power in p.u., Δp_i is the load generation imbalance in p.u., H_i is the inertia constant in s, f_i is the frequency in Hz, f_n is the nominal system frequency in Hz and df_i/dt is the rate of change of frequency in Hz/s.

- If the balance between generation and demand is not reached, the system frequency will change at a rate initially determinate by the total system inertia (H).



$$\frac{2H}{f_n} \frac{df}{dt} = p_m - p_e = \Delta p$$

Total System Inertia (HT)

- The **total system inertia** (H_T) comprises the combined inertia of most of spinning generation and load connected to the power system.

$$H_T = \sum_{i=1}^N H_i$$

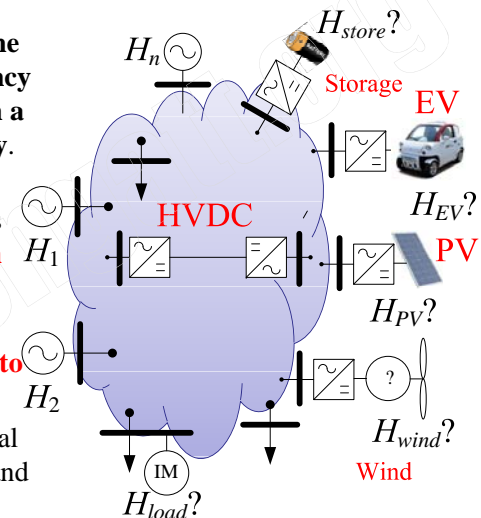
$$H_i = \frac{1}{2} \frac{J_i \omega_{sm}^2}{S_{base}}$$

- The contribution of the system inertia of one load or generator depend if the system frequency causes change in its rotational speed and, then, its kinetic energy

$$H_T = H_1 + H_2 + \dots H_n$$

Total System Inertia (HT)

- Inertia is the stored **rotating energy** in the system
- Following a System loss, the **higher the System Inertia** (assuming no frequency response) the longer it takes to reach a new steady state operating frequency.
- Modern Generation Technologies** employing power electronic converters currently **do not contribute to System Inertia**.
- Further growth is expected in **HVDC** which **currently does not contribute to System Inertia**
- The implications of this are a substantial erosion in *System Frequency Control* and **consequent required increases in additional reserve and response**.



3. System Frequency Response

Frequency Response Frequency Control Processes System Frequency Model Example I

Frequency Response

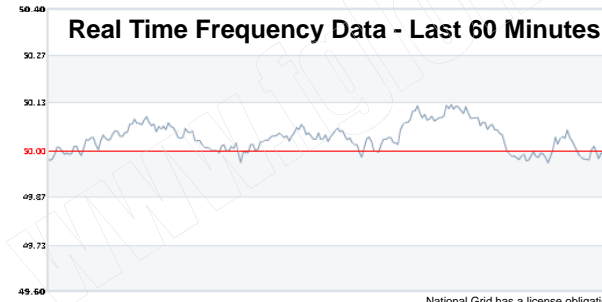
What is it?

- an automatic change in active power output or demand in response to a frequency change

Why we need it?

- to maintain system frequency within statutory and operational limits

Real Time Frequency Data - Last 60 Minutes



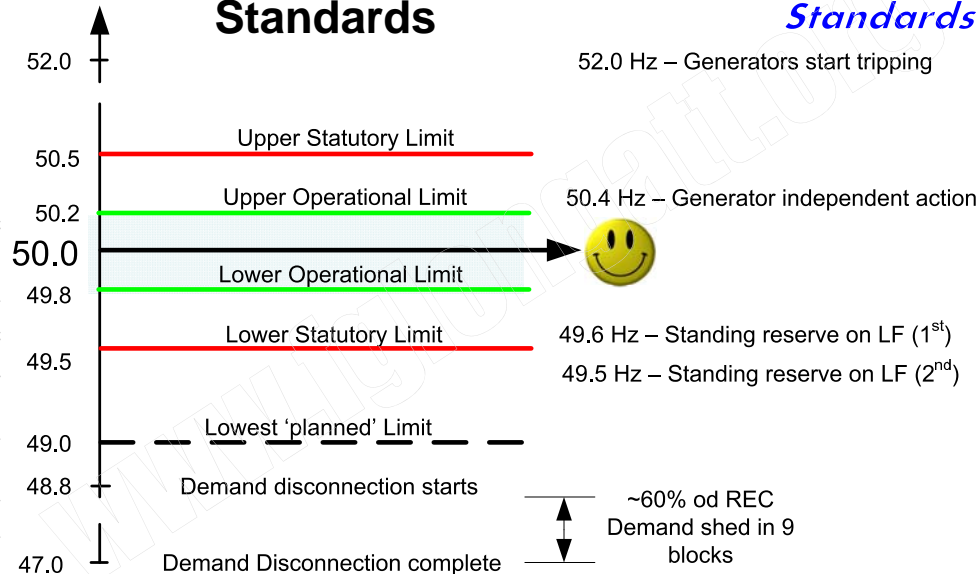
Demand: 47318MW
17:05:00 GMT
Frequency: 49.996Hz
17:07:45 GMT
System Transfers
N.Ireland to Great Britain: -444MW
France to Great Britain: -310MW
Netherlands to GB: 0MW
07/03/2011 17:00:00 GMT

North-South: 7567MW
Scot - Eng: 215MW
07/03/2011 17:10:00 GMT

National Grid has a license obligation to control frequency within the limits specified in the 'Electricity Supply Regulations', i.e. $\pm 1\%$ of nominal system frequency (50.00Hz) save in abnormal or exceptional circumstances.

Steady-State Frequency

Obligations, Statutory, Code and Operational Standards



Frequency Response

Who can provide it?

- All licensed generators in accordance with Grid Code mandatory requirements generators offering enhanced commercial services
- Demand tripping by low frequency relay
- Unlicensed generators with a commercial agreement.



licensed generators



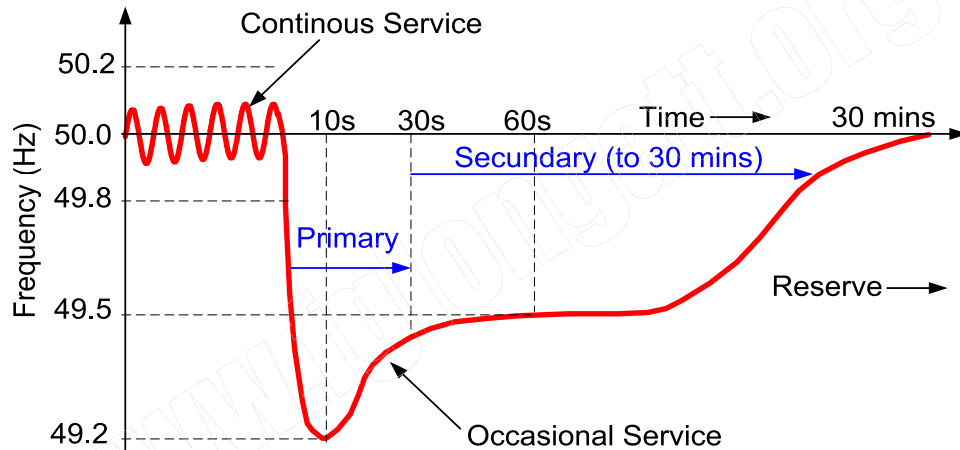
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licensed generators

Frequency Control

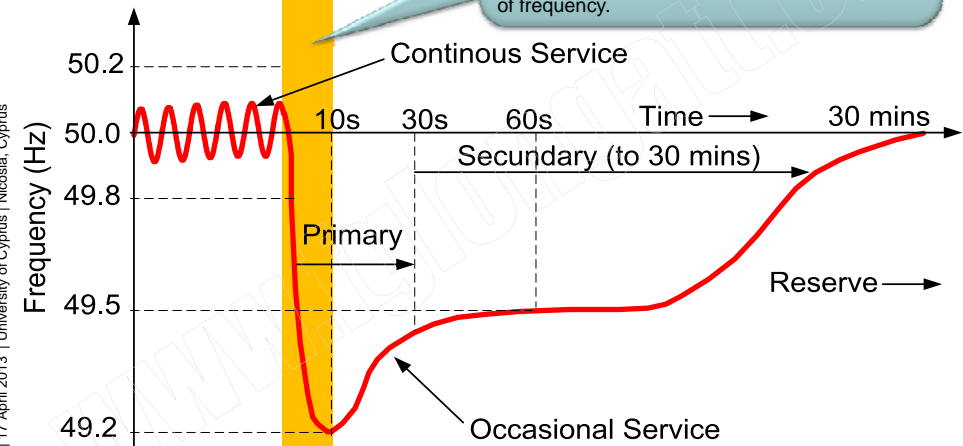
- Frequency Control processes



Frequency Control Processes

Frequency Control Phases

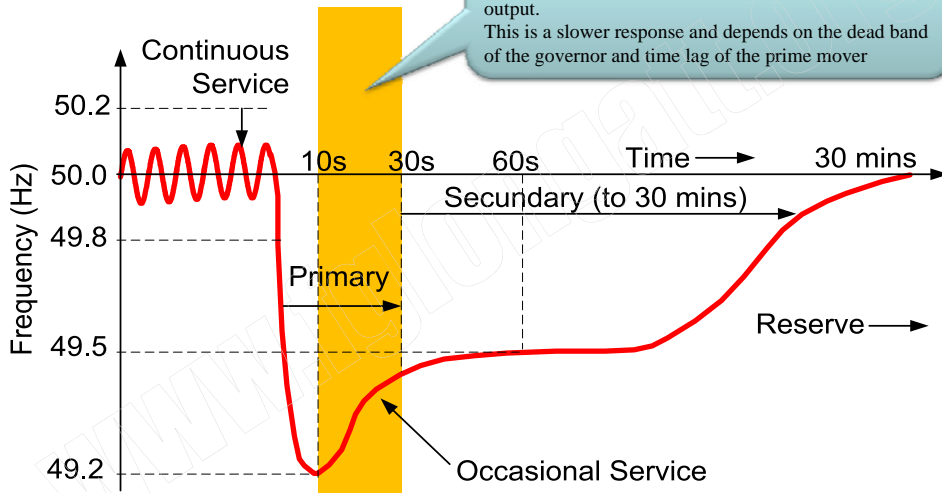
INERTIAL RESPONSE: The speed of the synchronous generators also reduces and some of the kinetic energy stored in the rotating mass is released as electrical energy. This is a fast response and proportional to the rate of change of frequency.



Frequency Control Processes

Frequency Control Phases

GOVERNOR ACTION: The automatic droop control loop of the governor acts on the change in frequency and opens the governor valve to increase the turbine's output. This is a slower response and depends on the dead band of the governor and time lag of the prime mover

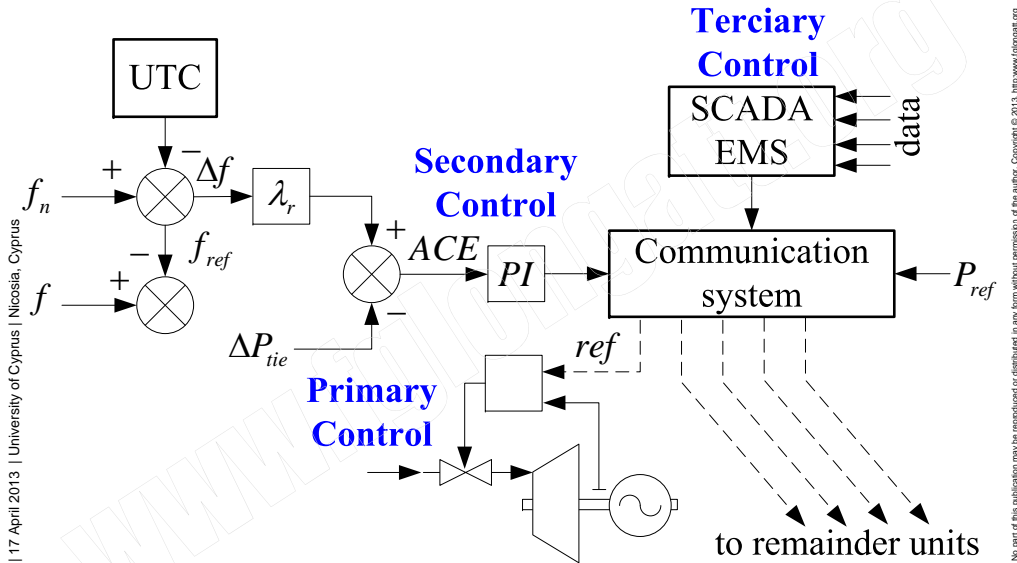


Frequency Control Processes

Summary of Frequency Controllers

- Primary Control:** The action of turbine governors due to frequency changes when reference values of regulators are kept constant.
- Secondary Control:** The restoration of the rated frequency followed to the primary control action, but now at the required increased value of power demand.
- Tertiary control:** Objective depends on the organizational structure of a given power system and the role that power plants play in this structure

Frequency Control Processes

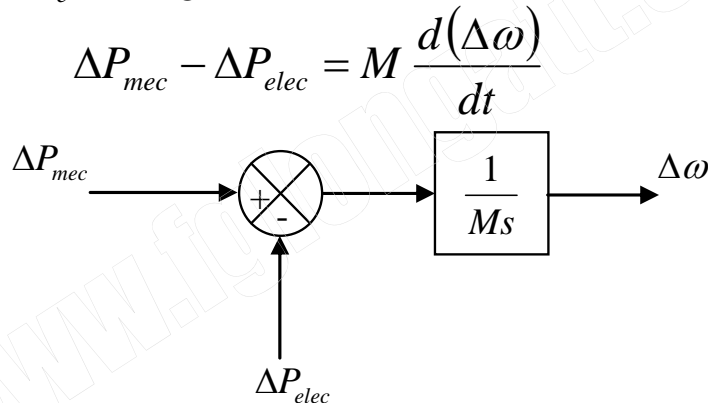


System Frequency Response Model

- Low order System Frequency Response (SFR) model that can be used for **estimating the frequency behavior of a large power system**, or islanded portion thereof, to sudden load disturbances.
- The SFR model is a **simplification** of other models used for this purpose, but it is believed to include the **essential system dynamics**.

System Frequency Response Model

- When there is a demand change (ΔP_{mec}), it is reflected instantaneously as a change in the electrical Power Output P_e of the generator.



Transfer function relating speed and power

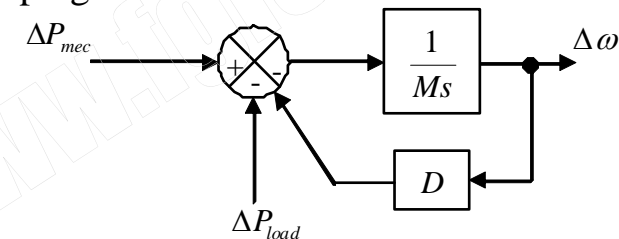
System Frequency Response Model

Load response to frequency deviation

- The overall frequency-dependent characteristic of a composite load may be expressed as:

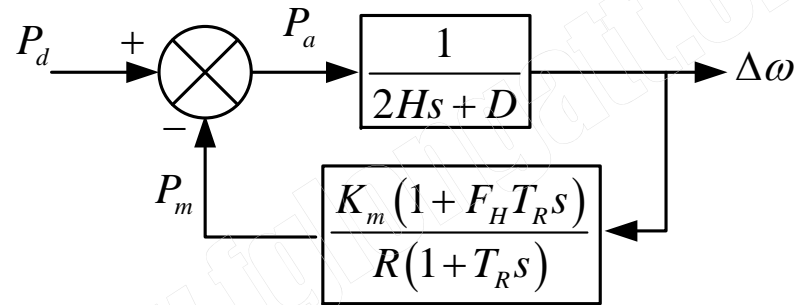
$$D = \frac{\Delta P_{load}(\omega)}{\Delta \omega}$$

- The system block diagram including the effect of the load damping is:



System Frequency Response Model

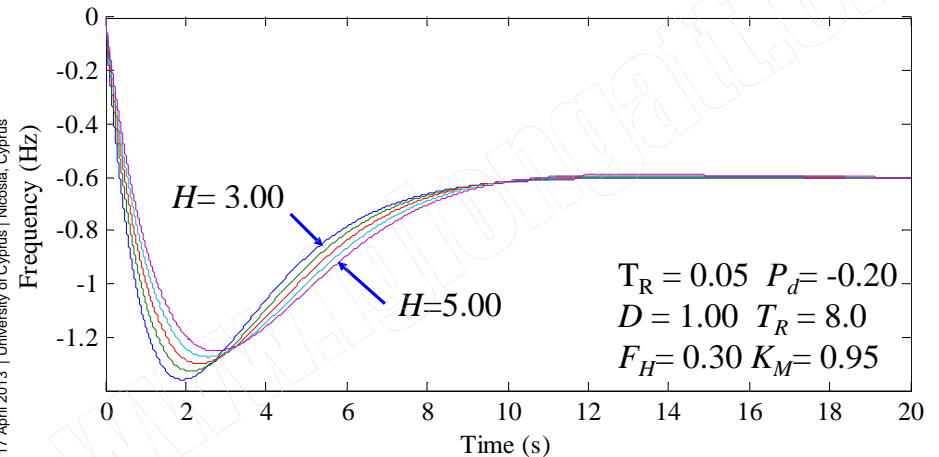
- System Frequency Model of the Typical Reheat Turbine Governor Model.



F_H = Fraction of total power generated by the HP turbine
 T_R = Reheat time constant, seconds
 H = Inertia constant, seconds
 D = Damping Factor
 K_m = Mechanical Power Gain Factor

SRF Model: Example I

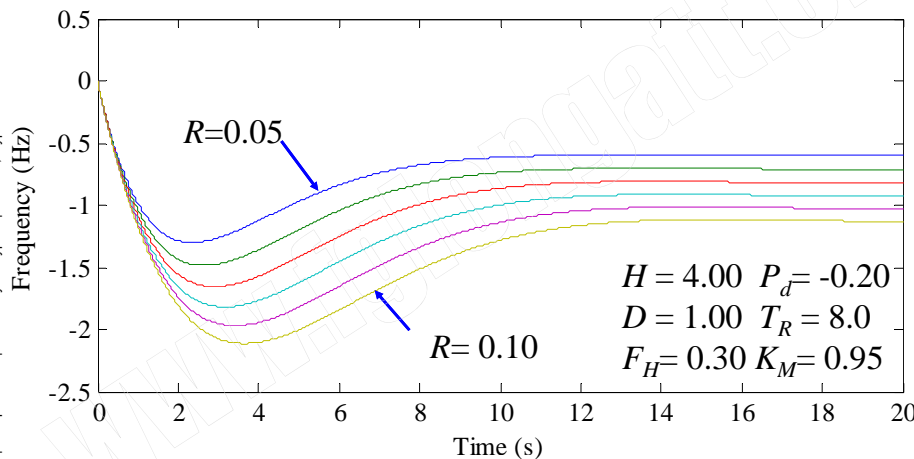
- System frequency response variation of H increments of 0.5



Frequency Response for Varying Values of H

SRF Model: Example I

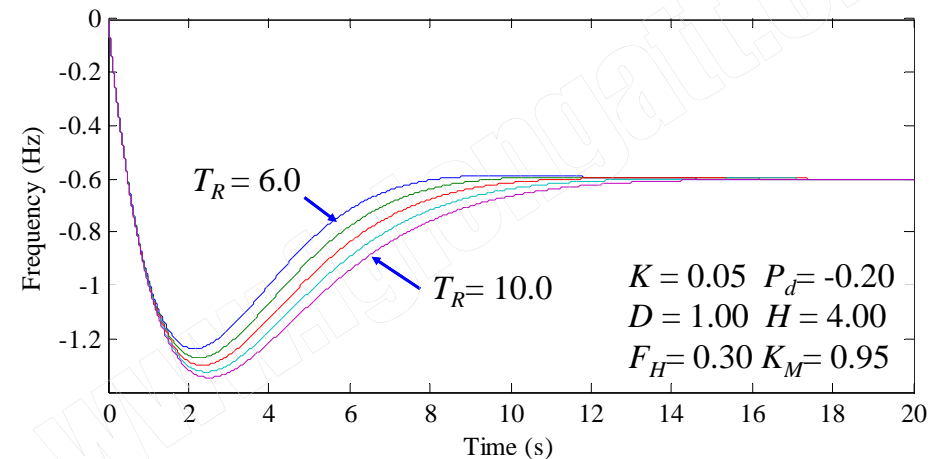
- System frequency response variations of R with increments of 0.01.



Frequency Response for Varying Values of R

SRF Model: Example I

- System frequency response variations of T_R with increments of 1.0



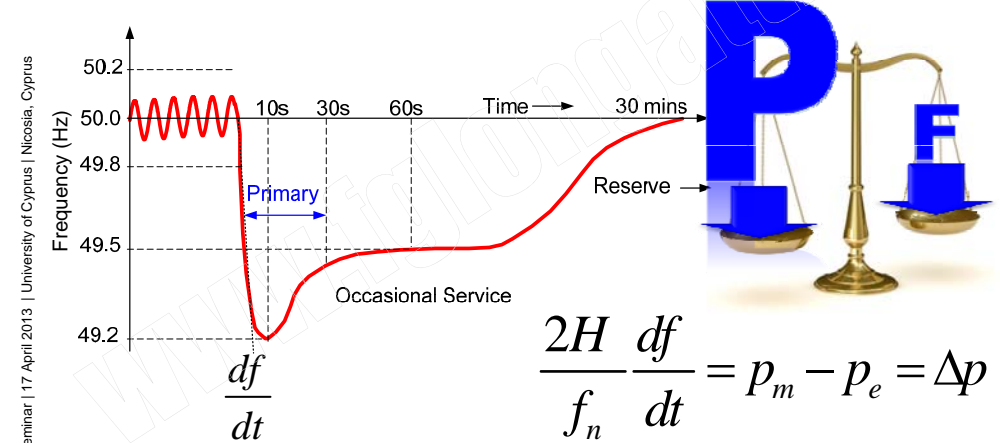
Frequency Response for Varying Values of T_R

4. Synthetic Inertia

System Frequency Dynamic Releasing Kinetic Energy Inertial Response Synthetic Inertia: Objective Commercial Implementations

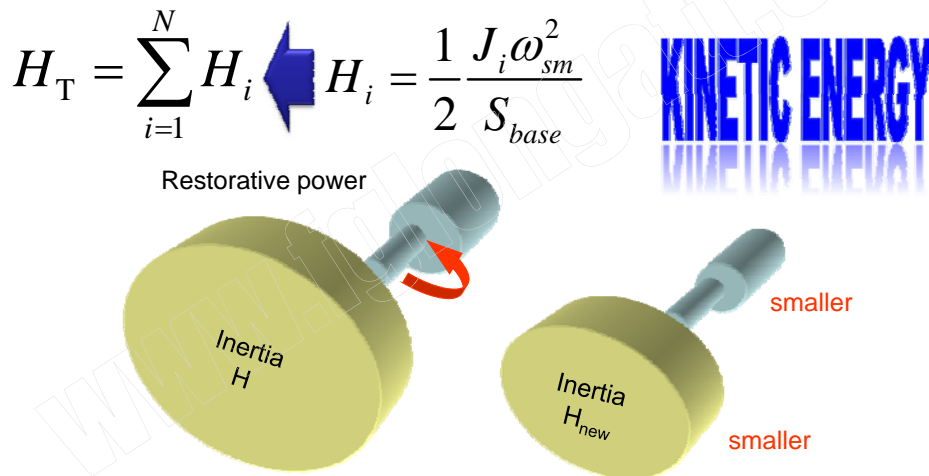
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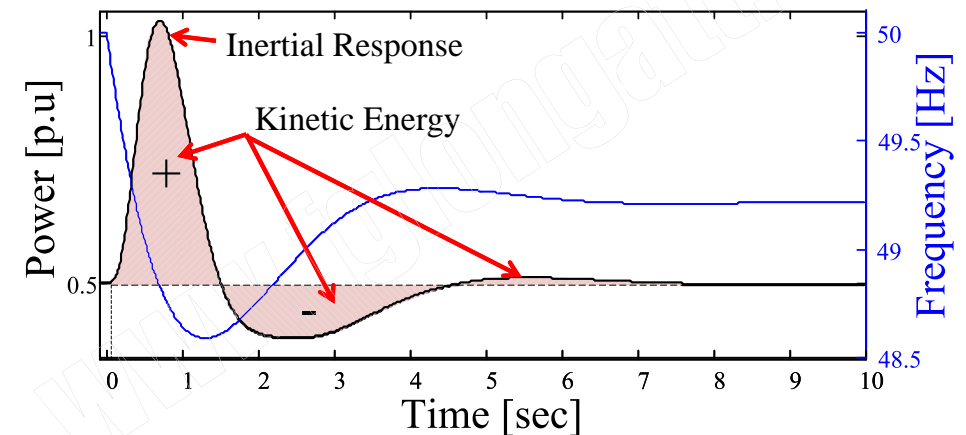
Releasing Kinetic Energy

- The contribution of the system inertia of one load or generator depend if the system frequency causes change in its rotational speed and, then, its **kinetic energy**.



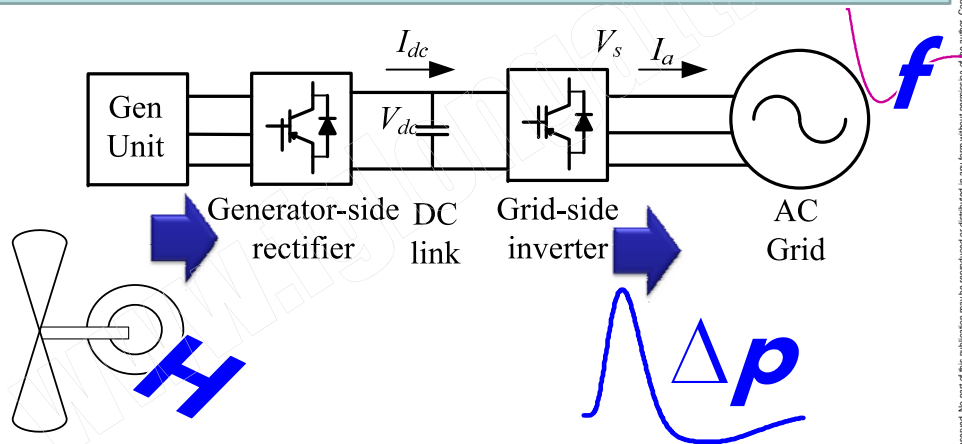
Inertial Response

- The **power associated with this change in kinetic energy** is fed or taken from the power system and is known as the **inertial response**.



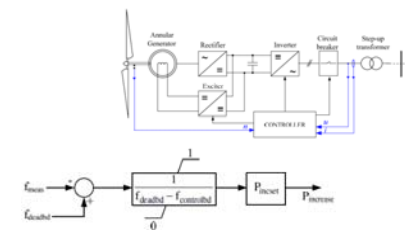
Synthetic Inertia: Objective

- The objective of the synthetic inertia control is extracting the stored inertial energy from the moving part on WTGs.



Commercial Implementations

- There are several names for this control system that enable inertial responses on a WTG: **Artificial, Emulated, Simulated, or Synthetic Inertial.**
- Examples of synthetic inertia controlled commercially available for WTG are: **General Electric WindINERTIA™, ENERCON Inertia Emulation.**



4. Frequency Control of Wind Power

Controllers

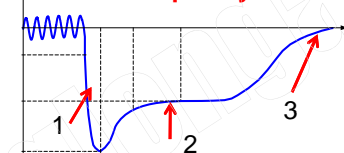
Overview

Problems

Increasing wind power Penetration
Wind turbines provide small or even no response to frequency changes

Methods

3-level frequency control

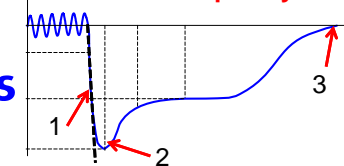


1. Primary Control: <30s, automatic, local
2. Secondary Control: 30s-30min, artificially or by AGC, global
3. Tertiary Control: economic dispatch

- A. Wind Turbine
- B. Wind Farm Level
- C. Power System Level

Objectives

Maintain 3 frequency indices



1. ROCOF
2. Transient Frequency Nadir
3. Steady state Frequency deviator

Possible Solutions

Traditional Solutions

- Reduce wind penetration during low system load
- Modify reserve policy
- More static reserve at times of high wind and low system inertia

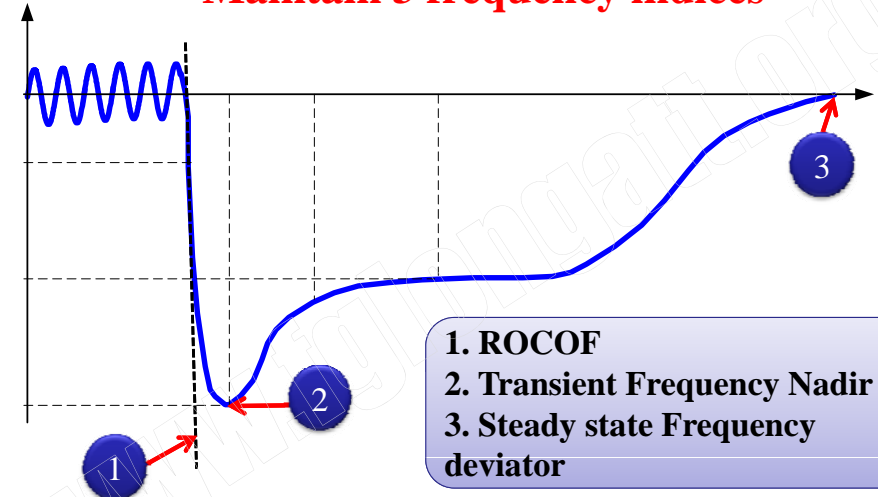
Modern Solutions

- Modify existing technology
- **Inclusion of supplementary control loop in the Wind Turbine Generators.**

Controllers to Provide Frequency Response!!!

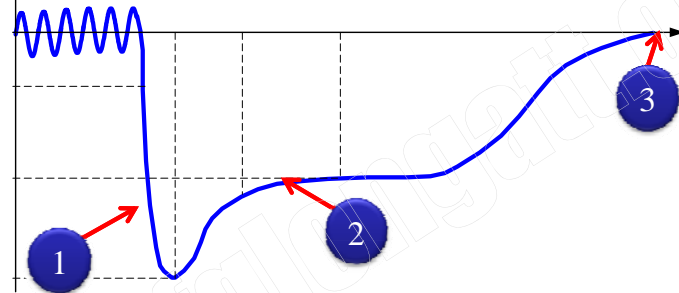
Objective of Control

Maintain 3 frequency indices



Control Layers

3-level frequency control

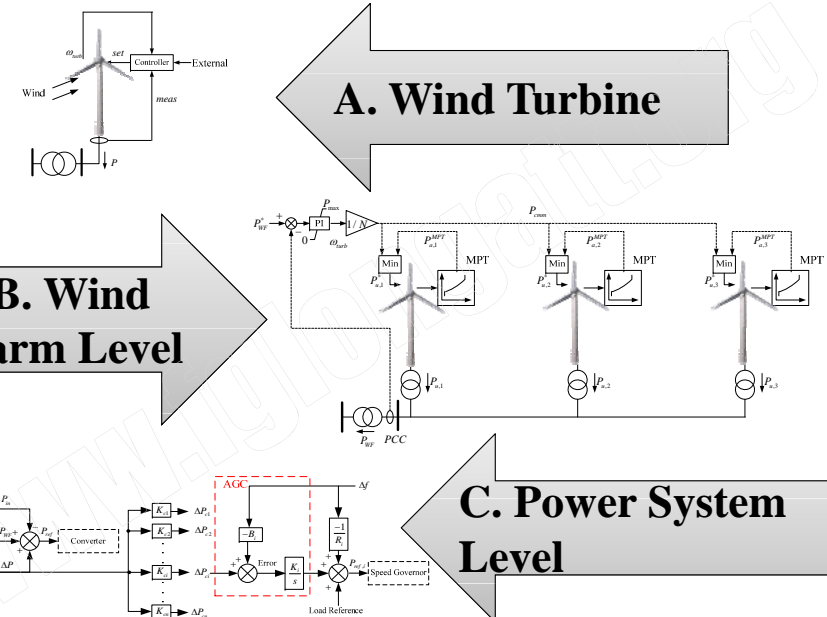


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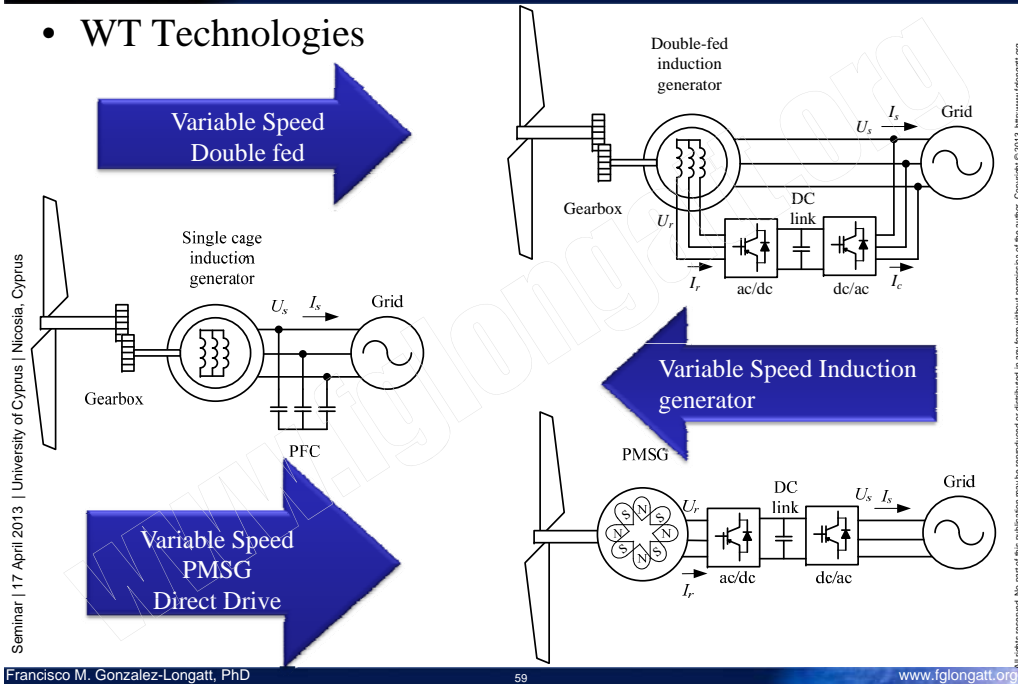
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Control Layers



WT Technologies

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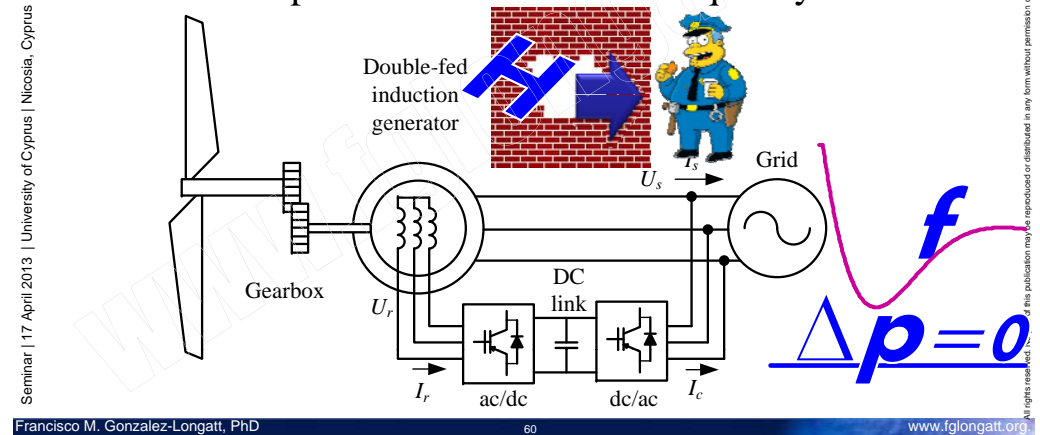
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Frequency Response: DFIG

- Wind turbines provide small or no response to frequency changes
- DFIG(doubly fed induction generator):** the rotor is connected to the grid through an AC/DC/AC converter which decouples the rotor from the frequency.



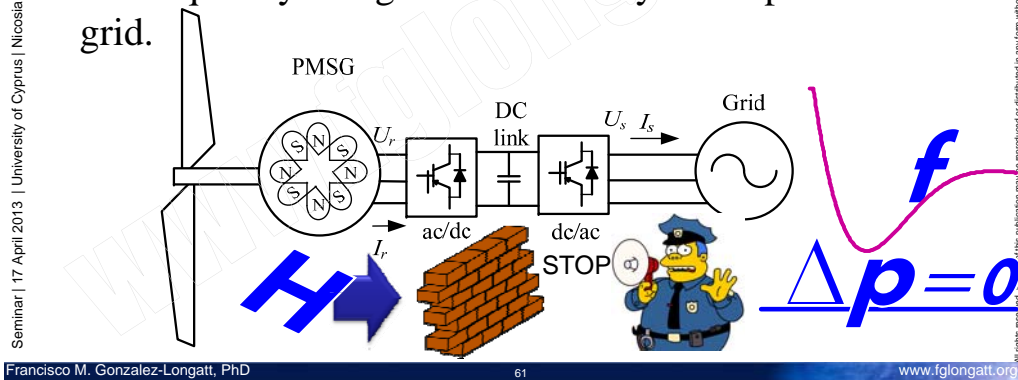
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Frequency Response: PMSG

- Wind turbines provide small or no response to frequency changes
- PMSG (permanent magnet synchronous generator):** contains a multi-pole magnet rotor and an AC/DC/AC converter attached to the stator.
- Consequently the generator is fully decoupled from the grid.



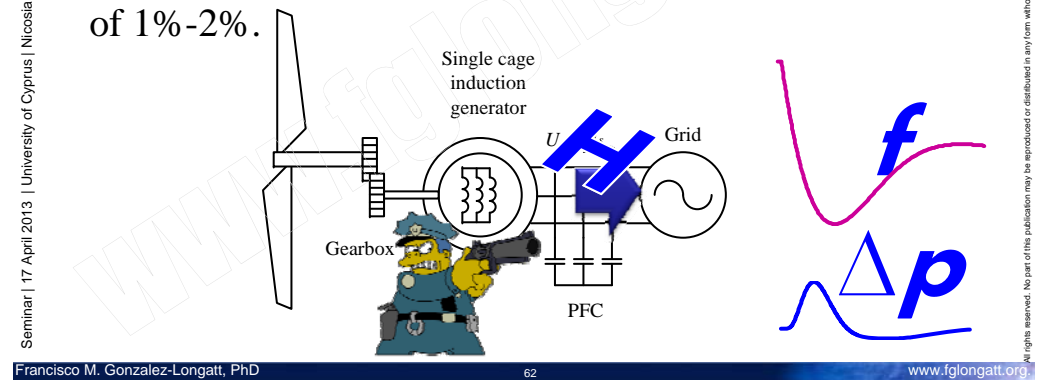
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Frequency Response: FSWT

- Wind turbines provide small or no response to frequency changes
- Fixed speed wind turbine:** can provide inertial response to the frequency fluctuation, however, the inertial response is generally smaller and slower than that of synchronous generators due to allow normal slip of 1%-2%.



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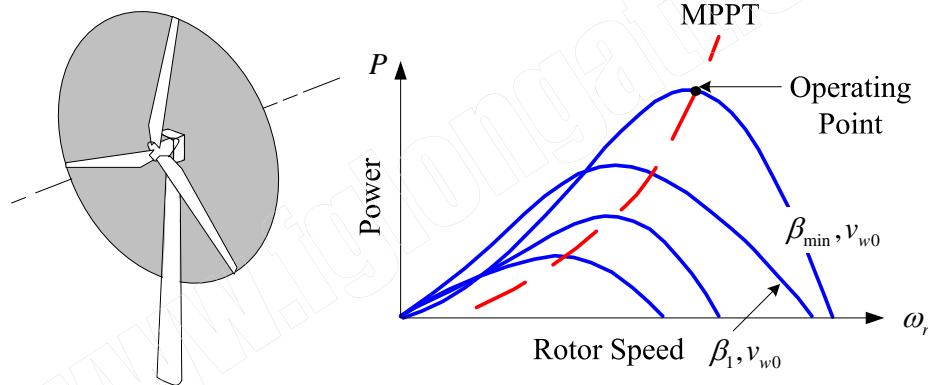
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Frequency Response

- Traditional wind turbines **store no power reserves**.
- They always **operate at the maximum power point tracking(MPPT)**.

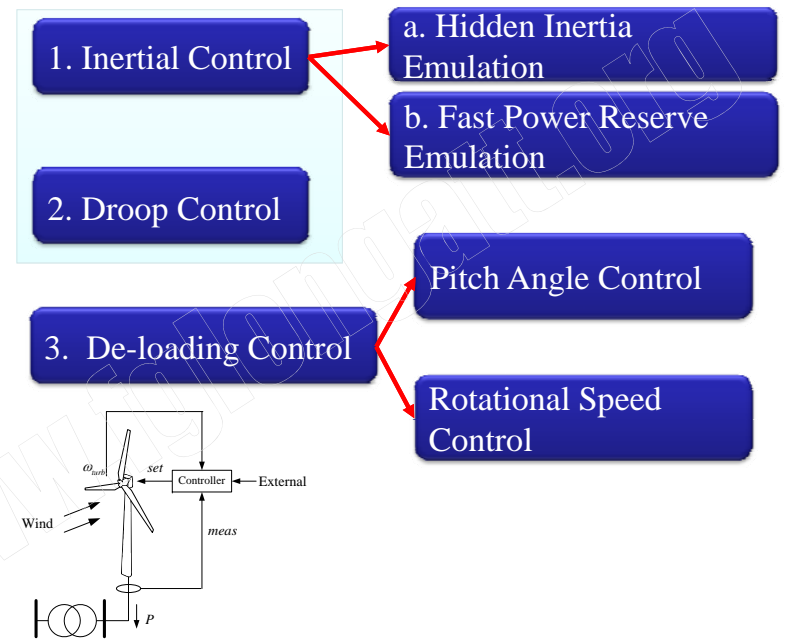


Additional controllers are needed!



Wind Turbine Level Control

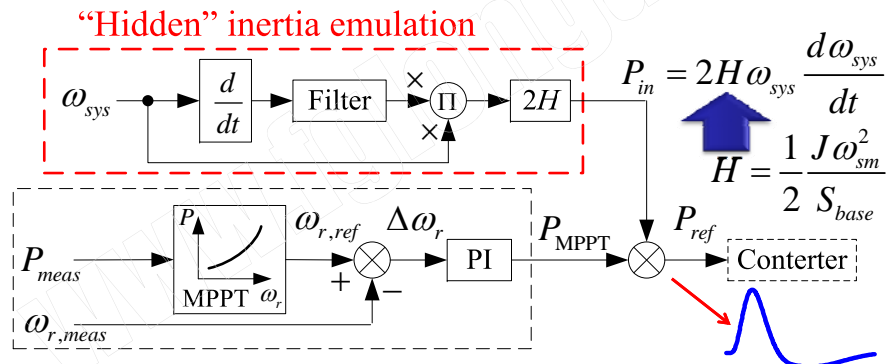
Wind Turbine Level Control



1. Inertial Control

a. "Hidden" Inertia Emulation

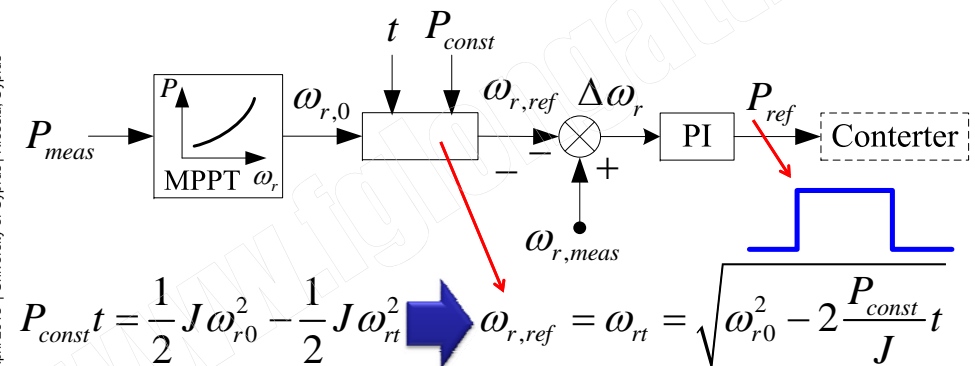
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1. Inertial Control

b. Fast Power Reserve Emulation

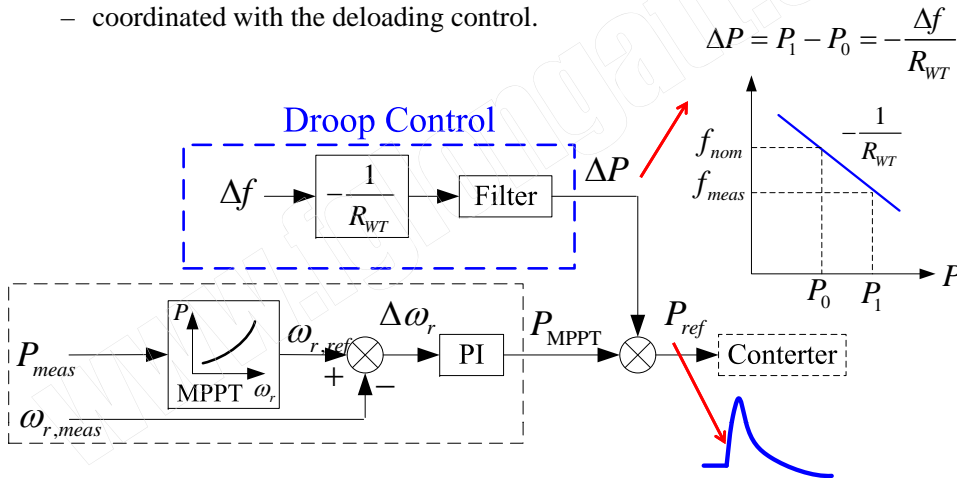
- Similar functions to “hidden” inertia emulation
 - To compensate the power loss for a short period and save time for other slower generators to participate in the frequency control



2. Droop Controller

• Functions:

- For variable speed wind turbines.
- To increase the transient frequency nadir.
- The droop controller should be ended on time to avoid the stalling or
- coordinated with the deloading control.



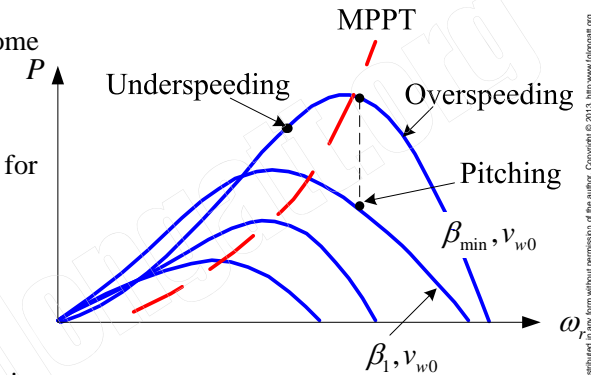
3. Deloading Controller

• Deloading definition:

- not MPPT, i.e., abandon some wind energy.

• Advantages:

- Provide sufficient reserves for systems.
- Save investment of the reserves and storages although the wind energy may be partially lost.
- The wind power regulation is faster than the thermal power regulation due to the PWM control technology.
- The system will be more stable than MPPT condition.



• Deloading possibilities:

- Overspeeding:** increasing the rotor rotational speed over the MPPT speed.
- Pitching:** controlling the pitch angle.

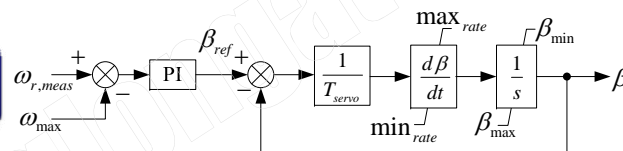
3. Deloading Control

a. Pitch angle controller

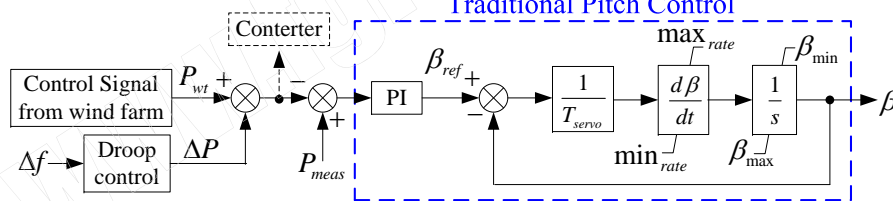
• Functions:

- For both fixed and variable speed wind turbines.
- Providing power reserves.
- Slower than the convertor control due to the mechanical time constant.

Traditional Pitch Angle Controller



Traditional Pitch Control



Modified Pitch control

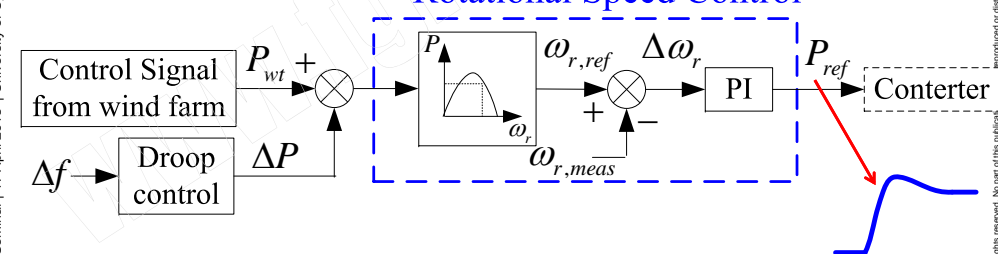
3. Deloading Control

b. Rotational Speed Control

• Functions:

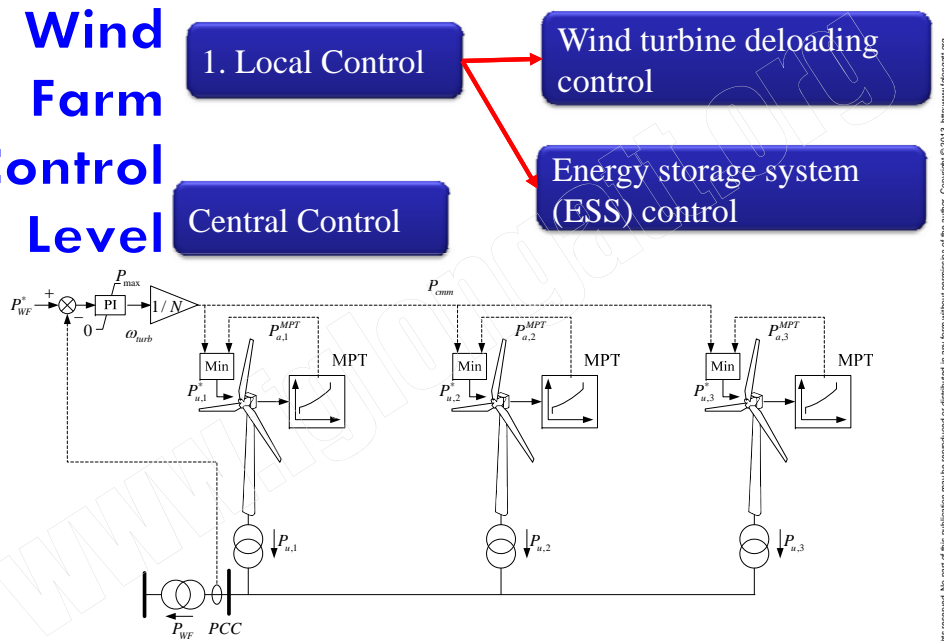
- For variable speed wind turbines.
- Providing power reserves.
- Faster than the pitch control due to the PWM technology.
- Storing more kinetic energy, like a big flywheel energy storage.
- Pitching increases wear and tear, overspeeding does not.
- Some research showed that overspeeding can improve the small signal stability.

Rotational Speed Control



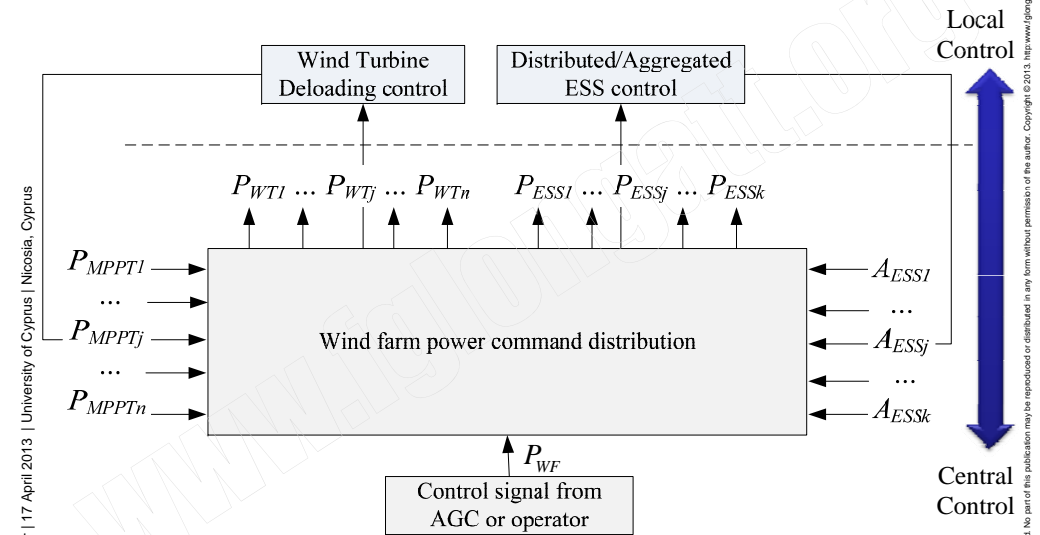
Wind Farm Control Level

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a. Central Control

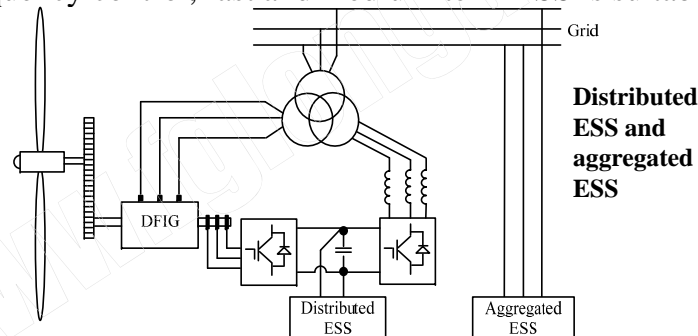


Wind Farm Control Level

b. Local Control

ESS technologies:

- **Aggregated ESS:** battery, compressed-air, pumped hydro.
- **Distributed ESS:** battery, flywheel, supercapacitor
- For frequency control, fast and medium-term ESS is suitable.



5. Conclusions

Summary and Conclusions



Any Question?

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