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DC Microgrids Modeling and Control

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Introduction (1/2)

- **The classical paradigm** generation-transmission-distribution-utilization **must evolve**
- **Distributed Energy Resources + Storage Systems + Flexible Loads + Control = μ G**
- More controllability, less power losses, more flexibility, better power quality, better use of energy
→ **PROS**
- Latest advancements in power electronics are forcing **DC technology** as a key **enabling** solution for **newest microgrids** (→ also on ships)
- In DC μ G, **loads are supplied by power converters** directly connected to the **DC bus**
- Depending on **control bandwidth**, load converters may exhibit the **Constant Power Load** (CPL) behavior (→ **load power constant under fast current/voltage variations**)

Introduction (2/2)

- By linearizing the CPL load in an equilibrium point → **negative incremental resistance** (→ **poles in the right half-plane system instability**)
- **Instability solution?** → DC/DC interface converters as **sources of stabilizing power** (→ **voltage actuator approach**)
- **Single converter case** → design of voltage control techniques
- Integration of several generating systems and controlled loads → **multi-converter control!**
- Wrong control in presence of **parameters mismatch!** → how **to estimate** the parameters?
- High bandwidth controlled converter → **CPL** model is effective? → **new models**
- **Weighted Bandwidth Method + Digital Twin**

Microgrids (1/3)

Microgrids comprise **LV distribution systems** with distributed energy resources (**DER**) (microturbines, fuel cells, PV, etc.) together with **storage devices** (flywheels, energy capacitors and batteries) and **flexible loads**. Such systems can be operated in **a non-autonomous way**, if interconnected to the grid, or in **an autonomous way**, if disconnected from the main grid. The operation of microsources in the network can provide distinct **benefits to the overall system performance**, if **managed and coordinated efficiently**

EU research projects



<http://ieeetv.ieee.org/mobile/video/the-intergrid-safe-dependable-sustainable-iecon-2018?rf=events%7C157>

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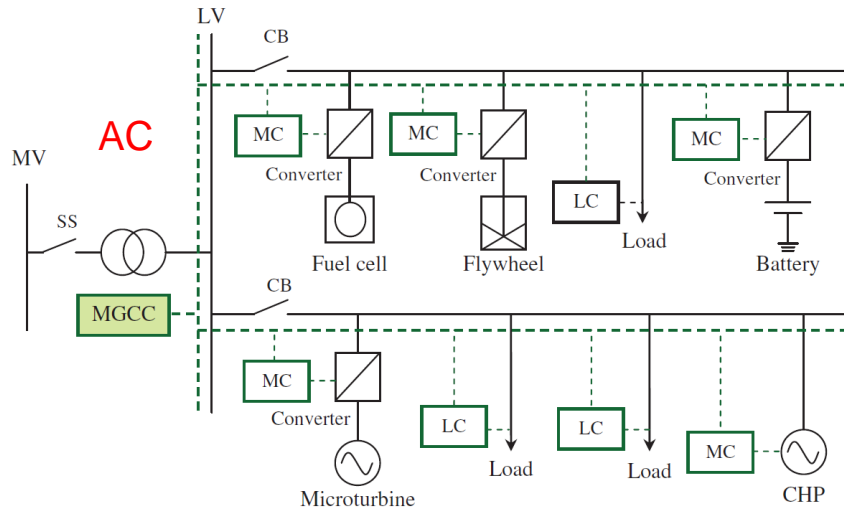
DER, storage, flexible loads, smart control and communication

Nikos Hatziargyriou, "Microgrids: Architectures and Control", Wiley

Hassan Bevrani, Bruno Francois, Toshifumi Ise, "Microgrid Dynamics band Control", Wiley

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Microgrids (2/3)



What can we get with a totally controlled power system?

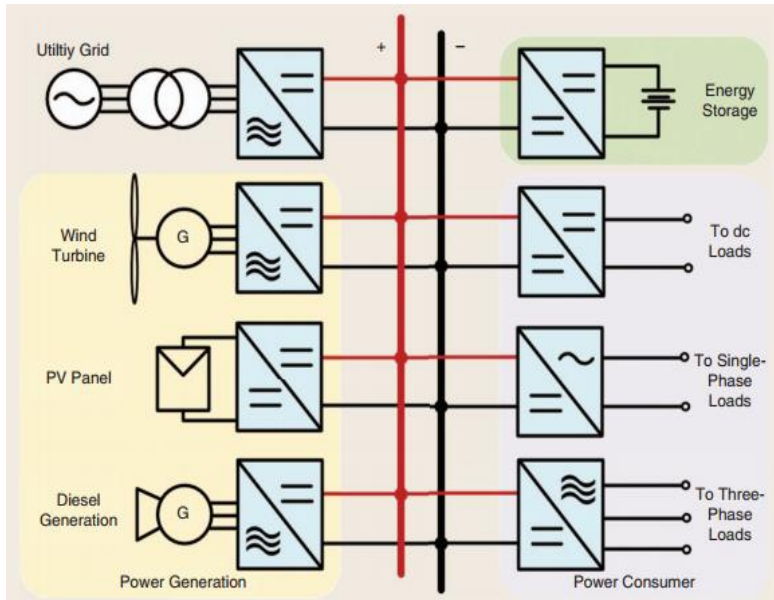
→ reliability UP, losses DOWN, V control UP, efficiency UP, voltage sags/drops DOWN, interruptibility, and so on and so forth.....

Better use of energy

- **Microgrid for system energy optimization**
- **Static switch** → connection to distribution VS islanded mode
- Power converters AC-DC, DC-AC → **interfaces between subsystems**
- **MGCC** → central controller for setting the low level controls + general MG management
- **Set-point** → Microsource Controller and Load Controller
- **Communication infrastructure** → monitoring and control
- **Exchanged information** from MGCC to MC/LC

control references, switch commands, V/I measurements

Microgrids (3/3)



Z. Jin, G. Sulligoi, R. Cuzner, L. Meng, J. C. Vasquez and J. M. Guerrero, "Next-Generation Shipboard DC Power System: Introduction Smart Grid and dc Microgrid Technologies into Maritime Electrical Networks," in IEEE Electrification Magazine, vol. 4, no. 2, pp. 45-57, June 2016.

Why DC Microgrids?

- ❑ **Smart integration of Energy Storage Systems**
- ❑ **Feasible islanded operation**
- ❑ **System fully resistant to main grid blackouts**
- ❑ **No reactive power and synchronization**
- ❑ **High overall efficiency**

Shipboard DC microgrids (1/10)

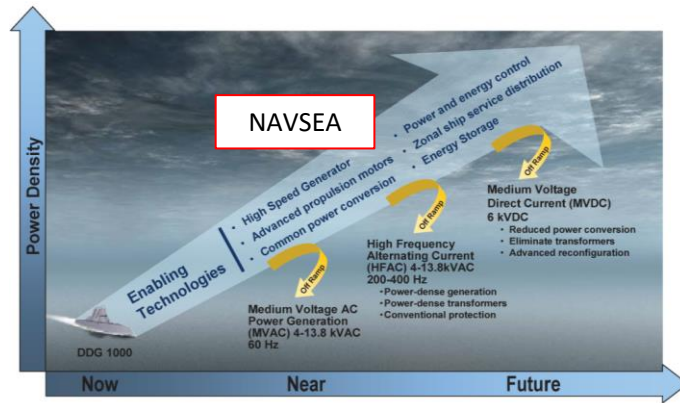
- Is the shipboard power system a microgrid?
 - Is it possible to have the same advantages also onboard?
 - Why don't exploit DC technology also in shipboard microgrids?
- **Medium Voltage DC Integrated Power System → MVDC IPS**
- **MVDC shipboard power system is an islanded DC microgrid!**
- **MVDC Large Ship project www.mvdc.it**

DC
onboard!

D. Bosich, A. Vicenzutti, R. Pelaschiar, R. Menis and G. Sulligoi, "Toward the future: The MVDC large ship research program," 2015 AEIT International Annual Conference (AEIT), Naples, Italy, October 14-16, 2015.

Shipboard DC microgrids (2/10)

- **High power density and enhanced quality of service** represent two main goals for a naval shipboard power system
- MVDC may constitute the **future technology** to guarantee these aims
- A **roadmap** (from U.S. Naval Sea Systems Command) and a standard (IEEE Std. 1709) have pushed the research in the MVDC direction



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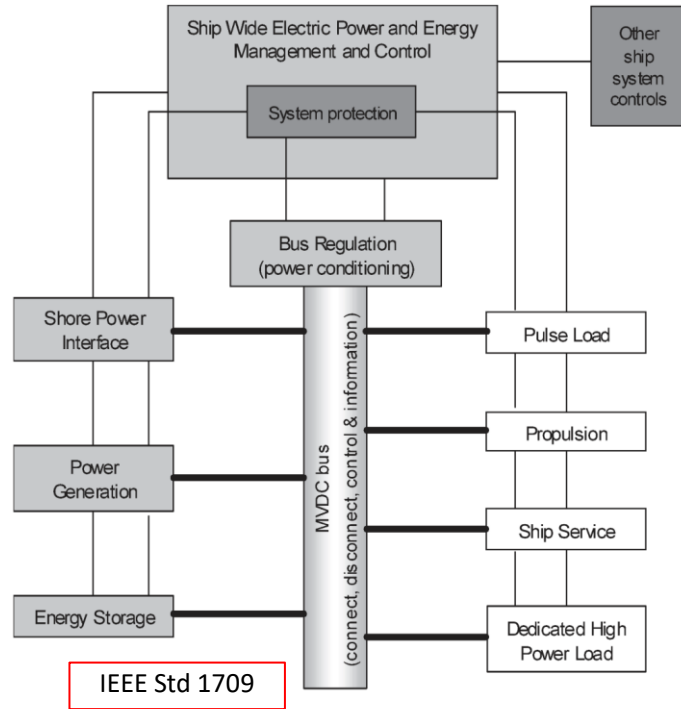


IEEE Recommended Practice for 1 kV to 35 kV Medium-Voltage DC Power Systems on Ships

IEEE Industry Applications Society

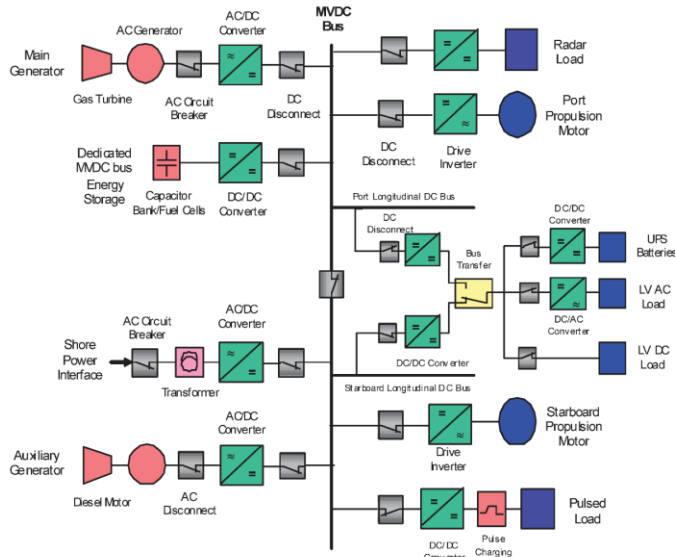
IEEE Std 1709

Shipboard DC microgrids (3/10)



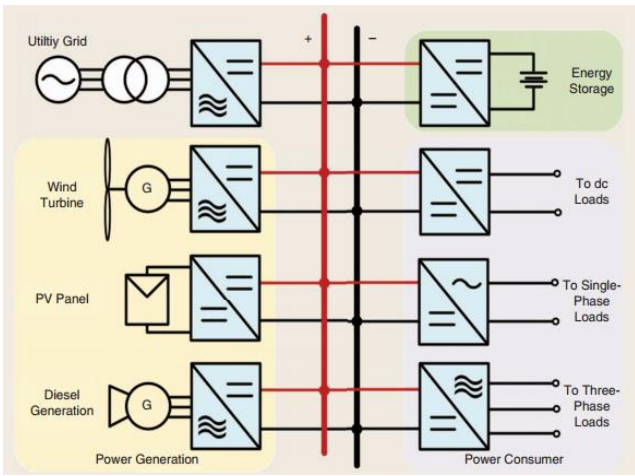
- Power generation to convert energy from **fuel into electric energy** (e.g. prime mover + generator + AC/DC interface converter)
- **Energy storage** to face voltage oscillations in MVDC bus caused by step-loads (e.g. relevant load devices or the loss of a generator set)
- **Pulsed load** (e.g. electromagnetic aircraft launch system, rail gun and free electron laser)
- **Propulsion** constituted by electric motors, supplied from the DC distribution bus through **variable speed drive inverters**
- Ship service (e.g. **hotel load**)
- Dedicated **High Power Load** (e.g. military radar, large thruster, compressor)
- **Shore power interface** from the utility system on shore to MVDC power system (e.g. transformer + AC/DC interface converter)
- Ship-wide power and energy management control: to maximize the **continuity-of-service** of vital loads
- **System Protection** (e.g. circuit breakers in AC section, combination of converter control and solid state DC breakers in DC section)

Shipboard DC microgrids (4/10)



IEEE Std 1709 Radial distribution

MVDC Integrated Power System
VS
MVDC microgrid

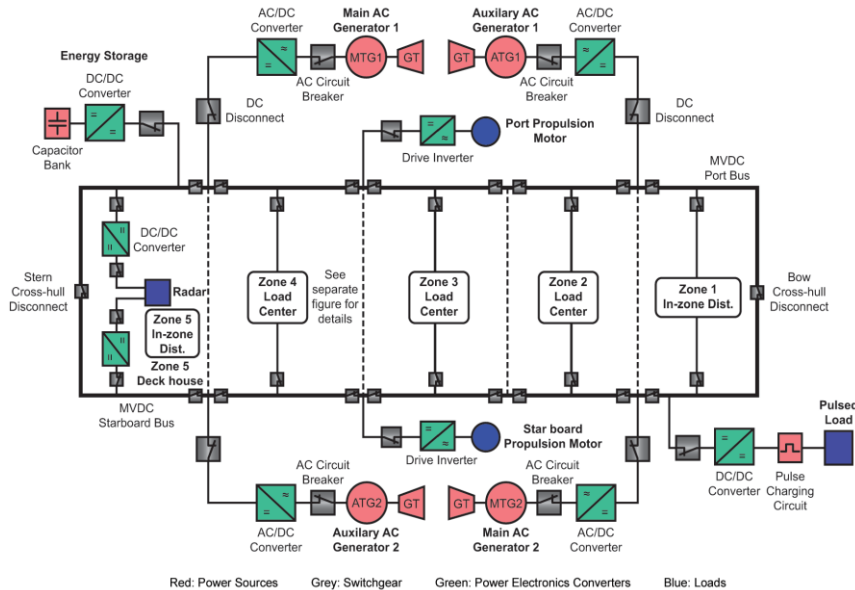


A Ship Is a Microgrid and a Microgrid Is a Ship: Commonalities and Synergies

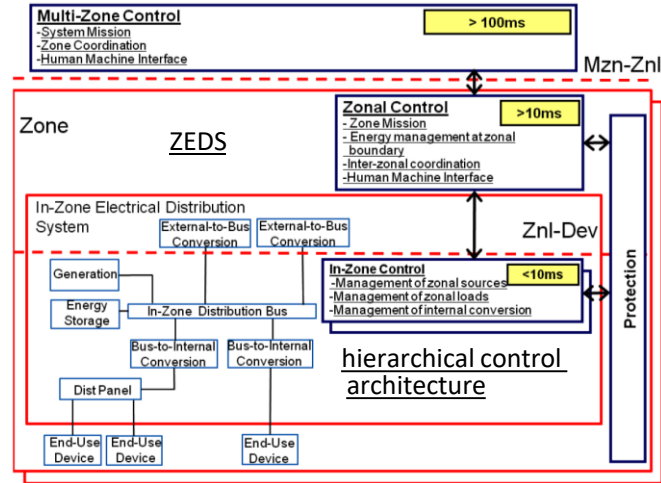
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Shipboard DC microgrids (5/10)

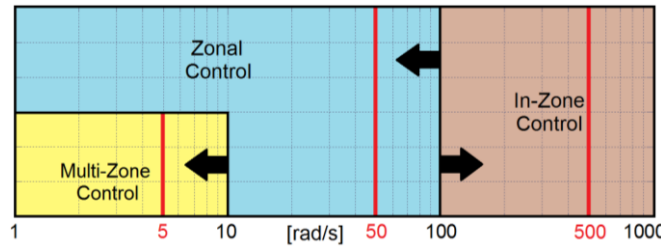


IEEE Std 1709 Zonal Electrical Distribution System



IEEE Std 1826

G. Sulligoi, D. Bosich, A. Vicenzutti and Y. Khersonsky, "Design of Zonal Electrical Distribution Systems for Ships and Oil Platforms: Control Systems and Protections," in IEEE Transactions on Industry Applications, vol. 56, no. 5, pp. 5656-5669, Sept.-Oct. 2020.



Shipboard DC microgrids (6/10)

DC technology → onboard benefits

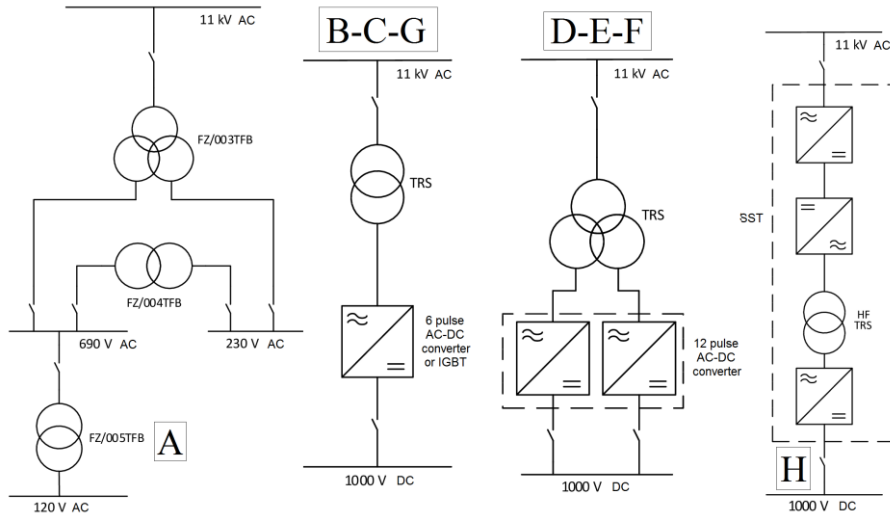
- The DC distribution guarantees several benefits. **Two fundamentals:**
 - Eliminating large low-frequency (50 Hz or 60 Hz) transformers
 - Reducing power system weight by using **high-speed generators/converters/SST**
- The wide presence of power converters is requested to realize an onboard MVDC distribution. Converters ensure other advantages:
 - **Improving control of power flows**, especially in transient and emergency conditions
 - Limiting and managing fault currents and enabling reconfiguration

Shipboard DC microgrids (7/10)

DC technology → onboard benefits

- The discussed benefits are mandatory for **navies**, but their importance is evident also in case of **merchant ships**
- **New advanced products** to compete with rising economics!
- Smaller power system → **more space for payload (cabins)**
- **Smart redesign** of electrical distribution thanks to MVDC technology
- Transformers → **bulky components to be replaced!**

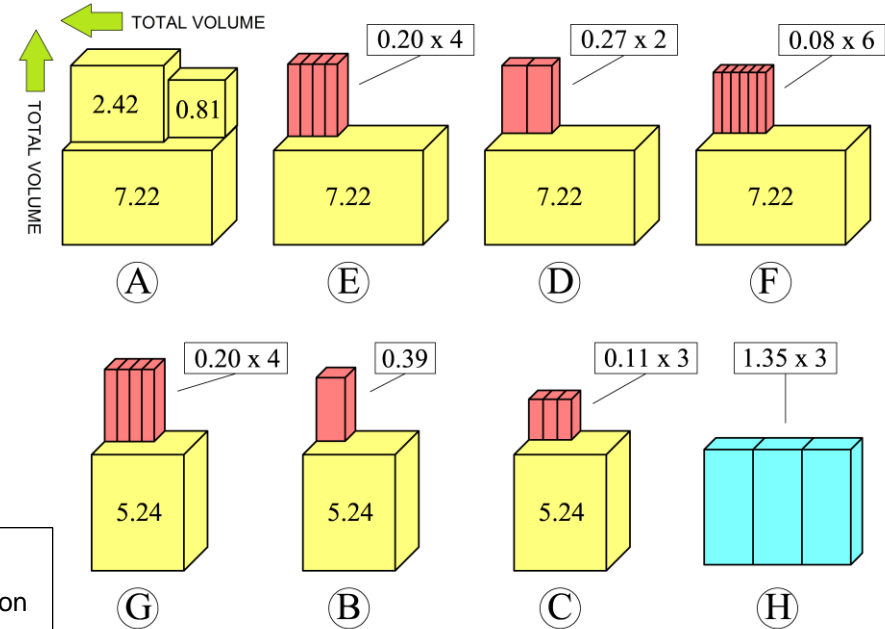
Shipboard DC microgrids (8/10)



DC distribution **redesign** from the main substation

V. Bucci, U. La Monaca, D. Bosich, G. Sulligoi, A. Pietra, "Integrated ship design and CSI modeling: A new methodology for comparing onboard electrical distributions in the early-stage design", International Conference on Ship and Shipping Research, NAV 2018, Trieste, Italy, 20-22 June 2018.

DC technology → onboard benefits



Shipboard DC microgrids (9/10)

S	Component	P [MW]	N _C [-]	N _{FC} [-]	N _F [-]	L _F [m]	W _F [m]	H _F [m]	V _F [m ³]	WE _F [ton]
A	Tr. 11/0.69/0.23 kV	2.35	1	1	1	2.90	1.36	1.83	7.22	5.24
	Tr. 690/230 V	0.60	1	1	1	1.80	0.91	1.48	2.42	1.97
	Tr. 690/120 V	0.16	1	1	1	1.11	0.65	1.12	0.81	0.62
B	Tr. 12/1.1 kV	2.50	1	1	1	1.79	1.30	2.25	5.24	4.70
	6 p. AC-DC conv.	2.50	1	1	1	0.56	0.56	1.23	0.39	0.15
C	Tr. 12/1.1 kV	2.50	1	1	1	1.79	1.30	2.25	5.24	4.70
	6 p. AC-DC conv.	0.80	3	1	3	0.28	0.49	0.78	0.11	0.07
D	Tr. 11/0.69/0.40 kV	2.35	1	1	1	2.90	1.36	1.83	7.22	5.24
	12 p. AC-DC conv.	1.50	2	1	2	0.49	0.42	1.31	0.27	0.1
E	Tr. 11/0.69/0.40 kV	2.35	1	1	1	2.90	1.36	1.83	7.22	5.24
	12 p. AC-DC conv.	2.52	1	4	4	0.24	0.58	1.40	0.20	0.18
F	Tr. 11/0.69/0.40 kV	2.35	1	1	1	2.90	1.36	1.83	7.22	5.24
	AC-DC conv. 12 p.	0.90	3	2	6	0.17	0.42	1.17	0.08	0.08
G	Tr. 12/1.1 kV	2.50	1	1	1	1.79	1.30	2.25	5.24	4.70
	AC-DC conv. IGBT	2.50	1	4	4	0.24	0.58	1.40	0.20	0.12
H	SST	2.20	1	3	3	0.95	0.64	2.22	1.35	1.03

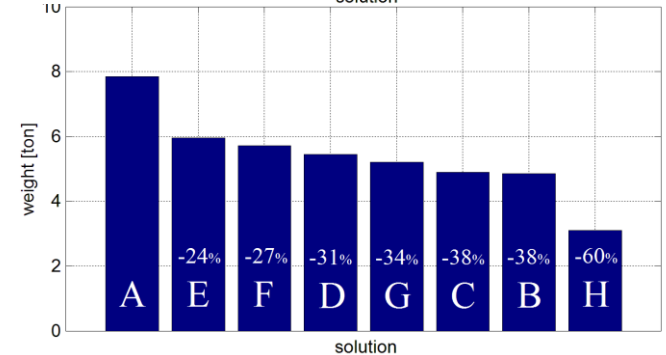
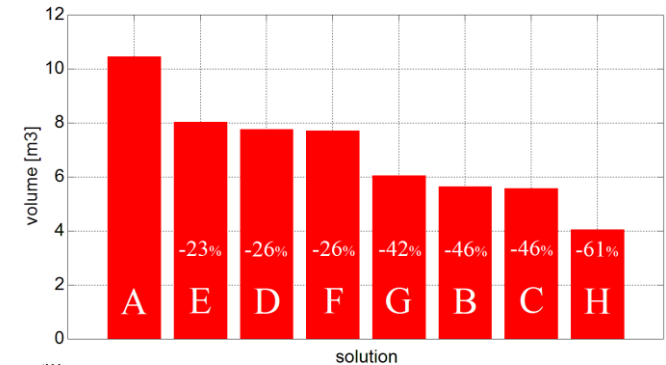
P: single frame power
 NC: components number
 NFC: num. frame x comp.
 NF: frames number
 LF: frame length

WF: frame width
 HF: frame height
 VF: frame volume
 WEF: total frame weight

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Shipboard DC microgrids (10/10)

DC technology → challenges

- Conversely, the main technical challenges to face are:
 - Difficulty in **interrupting DC current**
 - An effective grounding strategy to provide galvanic **isolation**

➤ **Constant Power Loads stability issue**

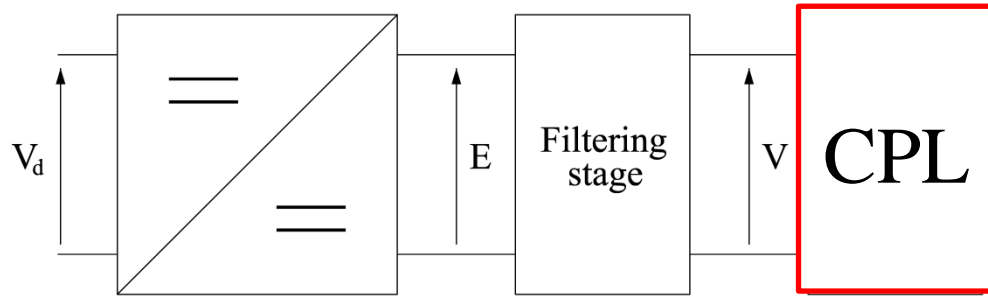
- In particular the last point is the main topic of this **seminar**

**Pros
VS
Cons**

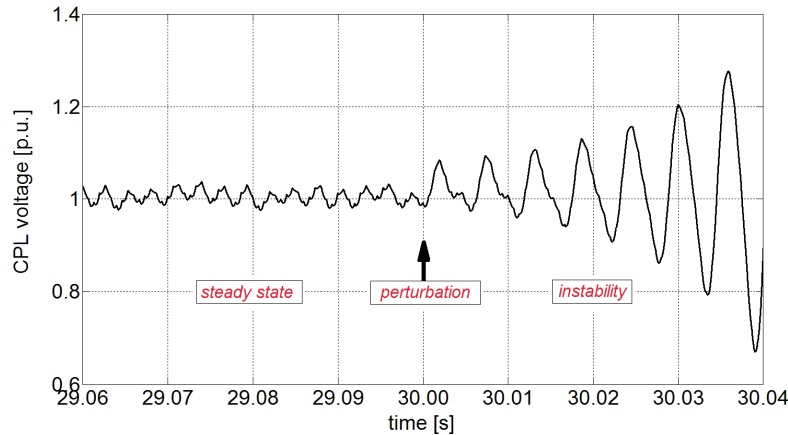
CPL issue (1/7)

- MVDC power systems are to be based on a **widespread use of power converters**, in order to interface generating systems and loads to MVDC bus
- Their **tight control**, although desirable, tends to keep the **load power constant** even under perturbations
- Such an aspect reflects at the converter input terminals as a **Constant Power Load (CPL) behavior**
- The instability problem arises due to the **interaction between CPL and the DC filtering stage (2nd order RLC)**
- This filter is indispensable to guarantee acceptable ripples in DC voltage and current (i.e. power quality)

CPL issue (2/7)



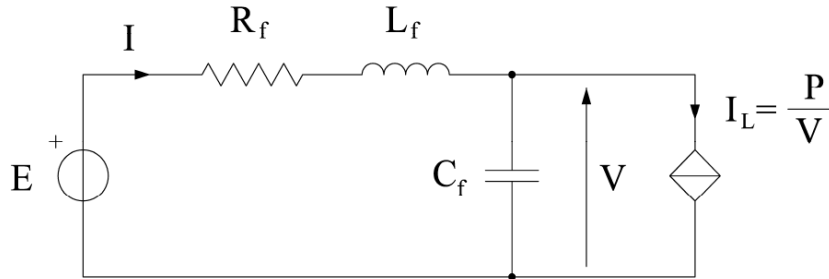
High performance drive
Infinite bandwidth
controlled converter



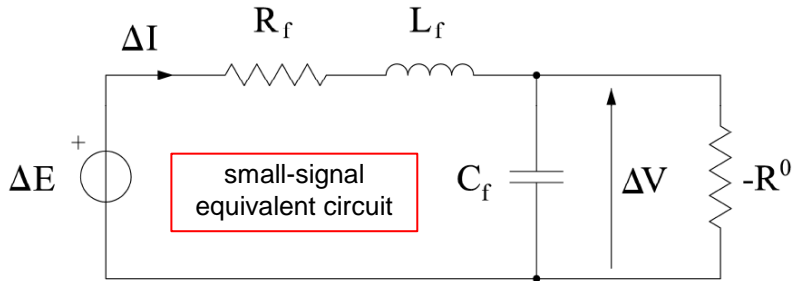
After a **perturbation (small or large)**, the CPL combined with the DC filter determines **oscillations**, thus the **voltage instability**

WHY?

CPL issue (3/7)



1. perturbation $V \downarrow$ $I_L \uparrow$
2. voltage drop $\uparrow V \downarrow$
3. system instability



$$\begin{cases} L_f \frac{d(\Delta I)}{dt} = \Delta E - R_f \Delta I - \Delta V \\ C_f \frac{d(\Delta V)}{dt} = \Delta I - \left(\frac{\partial I_L}{\partial V} \right)_0 = \Delta I - \left(-\frac{P}{V^2} \right)_0 \Delta V = \Delta I - \frac{\Delta V}{-R^0} \end{cases}$$

linearization in the equilibrium point

$$s^2 + \frac{1}{L_f C_f} \left(C_f R_f - \frac{L_f}{R^0} \right) s + \frac{1}{L_f C_f} \left(1 - \frac{R_f}{R^0} \right) = 0$$

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In presence of a small perturbation, the **validity** of the two conditions assures a **stable damped** voltage behavior

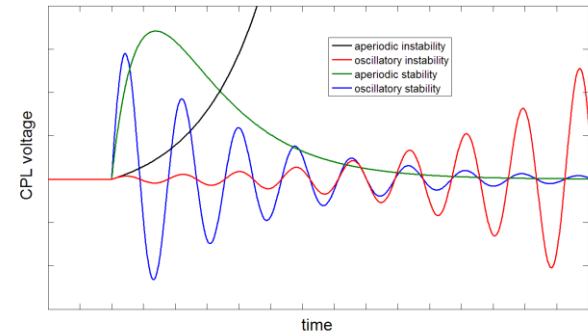
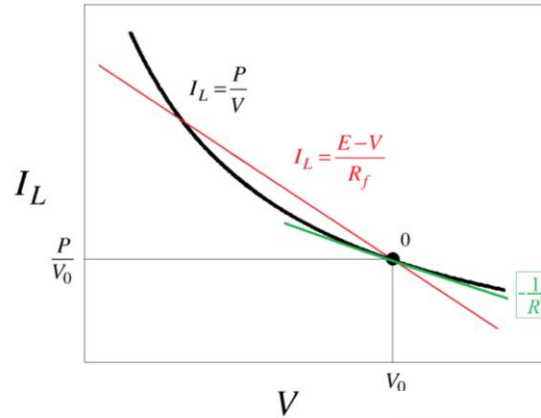
CPL issue (4/7)

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CPL issue (5/7)

- Filter parameters (**R, L and C**) are to be determined by using standard equations, imposing the **percentage of losses, the current ripple and the voltage one**

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} D_{nk} = \frac{V_{nk}}{U_{nk}} \\ I_{nk} = \frac{P_{nk} - \Delta P_{\%k} \cdot P_{nk}}{V_{nk}} \end{array} \right. \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} R_k = \frac{\Delta P_{\%k} \cdot P_{nk}}{I_{nk}^2} \\ L_k = \frac{(U_{nk} - V_{nk}) \cdot D_{nk}}{f_{sk} \cdot I_{nk} \cdot \Delta I_{\%k}} \\ C_k = \frac{1 - D_{nk}}{8 \cdot L_k \cdot f_{sk}^2 \cdot \Delta V_{\%k}} \end{array} \right.$$

$\Delta I\% \rightarrow L$

$\Delta V\% \rightarrow C$

$\Delta P\% \rightarrow R$

CPL issue (6/7)

- It is important to analyze the CPL stability of each filtered DC/DC converter, calculating the **damping factor of the linearized system**:

$$\omega_{0fk} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{L_{fk} \cdot C_{fk}} \left(1 - \frac{R_{fk}}{R_k^0}\right)}$$
$$\xi_{fk} = \frac{1}{2\omega_{0fk} \cdot L_{fk} \cdot C_{fk}} \left(C_{fk} \cdot R_{fk} - \frac{L_{fk}}{R_k^0}\right)$$

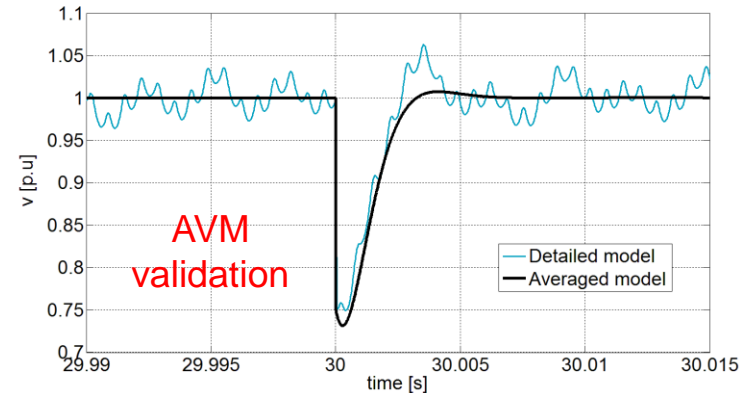
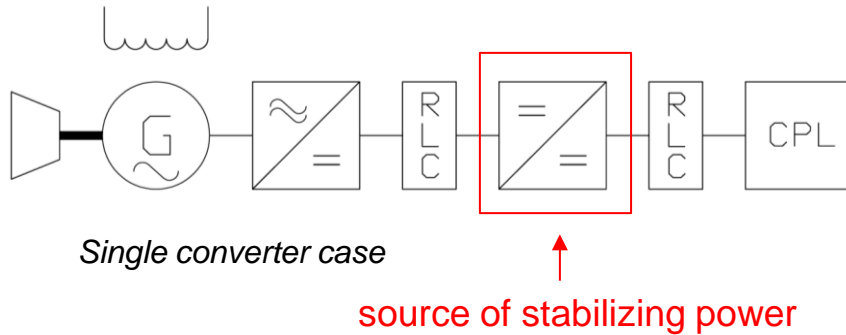
- The filter may be designed to maintain a **positive damping factor**
- A positive damping factor is given by a **large C (small voltage ripple) and a small L (large current ripple)**
- On the other hand, **voltage actuator approach** makes possible an independent and feasible selection of filter

CPL issue (7/7)

- Islanded shipboard power systems are characterized by **loads power comparable to the generators one**
- **System perturbations are usually large**, caused by the connections and disconnections of high power loads
- **Small-signal analysis** (\rightarrow linearization) could be the **first step** to determine the system stability
- Conversely, **nonlinear studies** (\rightarrow Lyapunov theory) can be useful to determine the **system behavior in presence of large perturbation**

Voltage actuator approach (1/5)

- Voltage control techniques for **regulating the operation of DC/DC converter**
- DC/DC converter → **compensation of voltage instability!**
- Two models : detailed model (**generator dynamics and switching**) or Average Value Model AVM (**no generator dynamics or switching**) → cross test



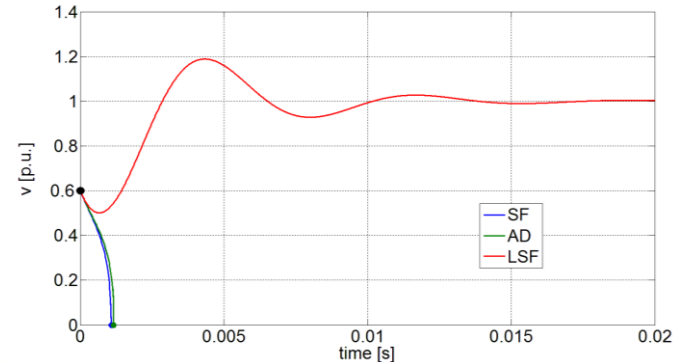
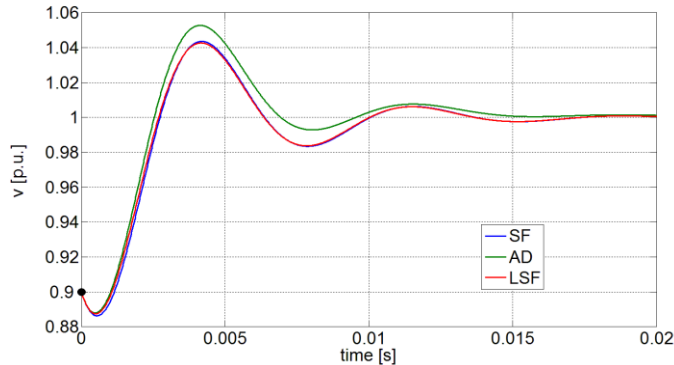
Voltage actuator approach (2/5)

- Three techniques are developed to solve the instability: **SF(State Feedback)**, **AD (Active Damping)** and **LSF (Linearization via State Feedback)**
- **SF** is a basic technique: the aim is to **validate the small-signal stability conditions** by introducing two control constant
- **AD** is a non-dissipative method to **transiently increase the system damping factor** by adding a virtual filter resistance
- **LSF** is a complex technique based on the introduction of a **suitable non-linear feedback to compensate the nonlinearity**. The controlled system is made **linear**
- A series of simulations is realized to verify the **effectiveness** of the techniques and to understand **pros and cons** → same voltage dynamics : $\text{csi}=0.3$, $\text{OM}=895$ rad/s

Voltage actuator approach (3/5)

- ✓ **Small perturbation: SF, AD and LSF** are able to keep the **bus stable**
- ✓ **Large perturbation: small-signal hypothesis is violated and SF-AD are not capable** to maintain stability. **LSF technique is able to restore** the rated voltage in accordance with the desired dynamics

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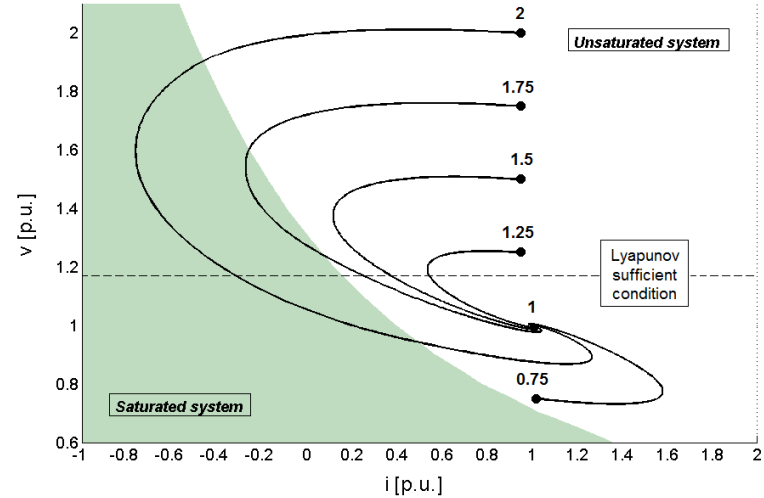
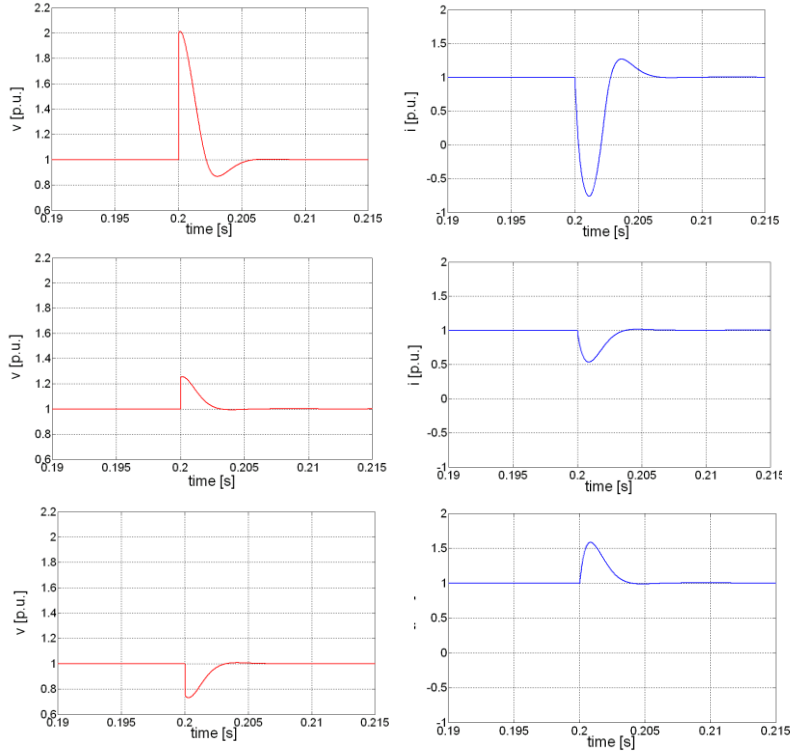
Voltage actuator approach (4/5)

	PROS	CONS
SF - AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> basic technique feedback of standard real-time measurements simple implementation on digital controllers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> stability ensured in presence of limited CPLs non-linear damped system stability guaranteed only for non critical system stability ensured in presence of limited disturbance system dynamics set considering stability issue
LSF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> any CPL non-linearity cancelled standard linear system obtained stability guaranteed even for critical system stability ensured in presence of whichever disturbance system dynamics set independently from stability issue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> complex technique derivative variable calculus partial non-linearity cancellation in presence of measurements errors partial non-linearity cancellation in presence of system parameters uncertainty voltage actuator saturation due to the derivative action of control signal

- **Basic controls (SF-AD) are not able to compensate for the CPL destabilizing effect in critical conditions (large CPL or large perturbation or small capacitance)**
- **LSF is a complex effective control capable of solving instability also in critical scenario, but it may force the voltage actuator saturation**

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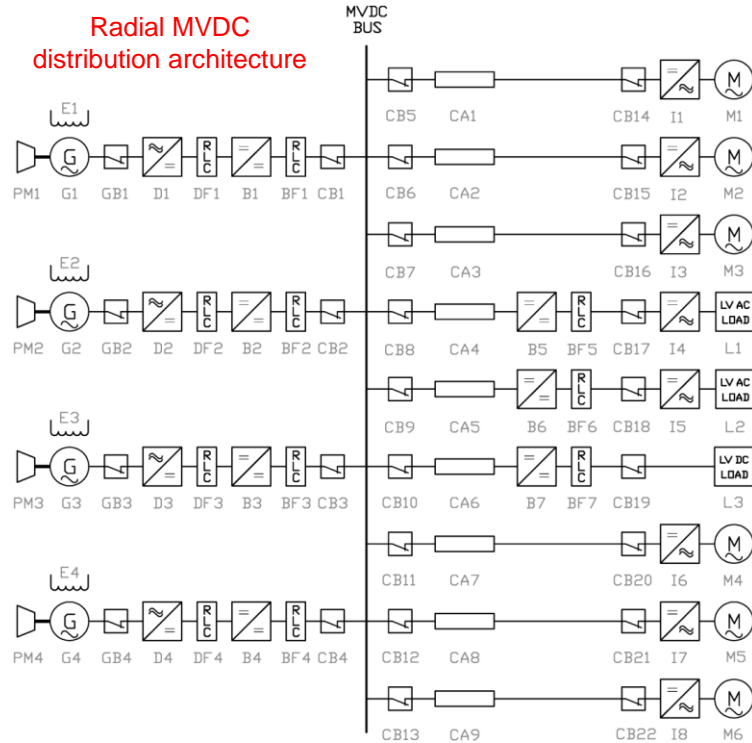
Voltage actuator approach (5/5)



behavior during the
saturation
of DC/DC converter
→ **nonlinear system**
....again!

G. Sulligoi, D. Bosich and G. Giadrossi,
"Linearizing voltage control of MVDC power
systems feeding constant power loads: Stability
analysis under saturation," *2013 IEEE Power &
Energy Society General Meeting*, Vancouver,
BC, 2013, pp. 1-5.

Voltage control solutions in multiconverter MVDC system (1/14)



- The plant layout rearranges the MVAC distribution of a **large all-electric ship** into MVDC using IEEE Std 1709 proposal
- **Four generating systems:**
 - Alternators (G1-G4)
 - Diode rectifiers (D1-D4)
 - DC-DC interface converters (B1-B4)
- **Six CPLs** directly connected to the MVDC bus (I1-I3, I6-I8)
→ **critical scenario**
- **Three load lines** (L1-L3), fed by dedicated buck converters, modeling in an equivalent way the remaining **low voltage shipboard users**
- **Second order RLC filtering stages** (DF1-DF4, BF1-BF7)

Voltage control solutions in multiconverter MVDC system (2/14)

- The proposed power system is characterized by lots of **CPLs**
- **Supply of CPLs → worst case scenario** → the related instability must be solved!
- **Which solution?**
- To assure voltage stability, **two control strategies (global and local)** may be developed
- The **global strategy** is used to stabilize the **MVDC bus** voltage by controlling the **power station** (→ power converters at the left)
- The **local strategy** is useful to **locally solve** the instability of **highly impacting loads** (right)

Voltage control solutions in multiconverter MVDC system (3/14)

- Two different voltage controls are designed to **stabilize the multi-converter MVDC power system**
- **1st** → combination of a **global AD** and of a **local LSF**
- **2nd** → **global LSF**
- Each control solution is analyzed by means of **numerical simulations**
- **Weak points** of each solution: **dynamics interactions (1st solution)** and instability due to system **parameters mismatching (2nd solution)**

Voltage control solutions in multiconverter MVDC system (4/14)

- **AD** on **generating** DC/DC converters, **LSF** on **load** DC/DC converters
- **Limited AD action** → generating system **filters** are designed for **ensuring a low voltage ripple (1%)** → damping factor greater than **-0.2** (not very critical case)
- **AD virtual resistances** → positive damping factor ξ_{ADk} **(0.18)**
- **Local LSF technique** → control of **highly impacting CPLs** (about 1/4 of the total power)
- **LSF method** → CPL cancellation by feeding back a proper **nonlinear control function F_c**
- Control function = **nonlinear term + state feedback** (for imposing the dynamics)

Global AD+Local LSF

$$\text{LSF } F_c = f_l + f_d$$

$$\begin{cases} f_l = R_f \frac{P}{V} - L_f \frac{P}{V^2} \frac{dV}{dt} \\ f_d = k_1 \cdot V + k_2 \cdot I_c \end{cases}$$

Voltage control solutions in multiconverter MVDC system (5/14)

Global AD+Local LSF

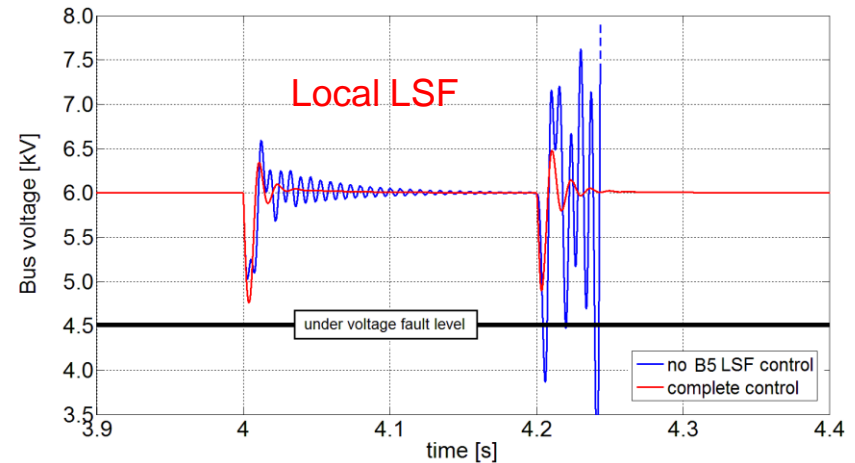
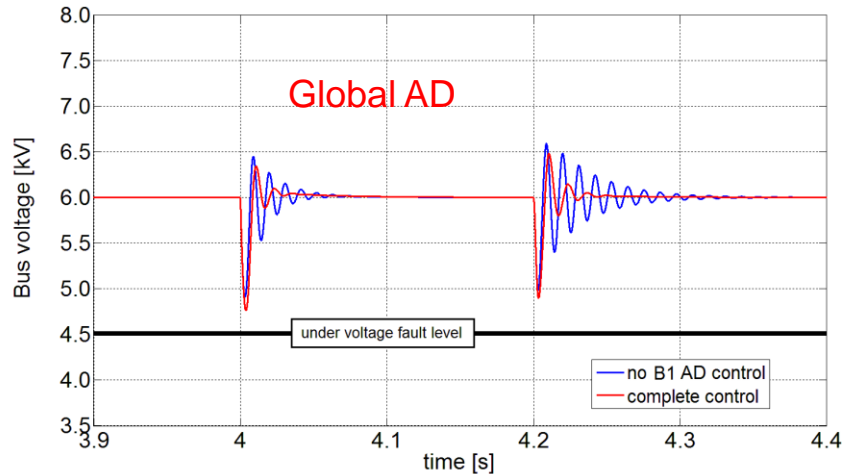
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- **Matlab/Simulink simulations tests** are carried out in order to verify the effectiveness of the comprehensive control, assuming **AVMs** and two possible **perturbations (i.e. load variations)**
- **First perturbation**
Contemporaneous step insertion (in $t=4$ s, **25%** of generating rated power) of CPLs **I1** and **I8** (directly connected to the bus) is used to **check external control AD loops**
- **Second Perturbation**
Later, **I4** highly impacting CPL is connected (in $t=4.2$ s, **15%** of generating rated power) to **test the Local LSF voltage control**

Voltage control solutions in multiconverter MVDC system (6/14)

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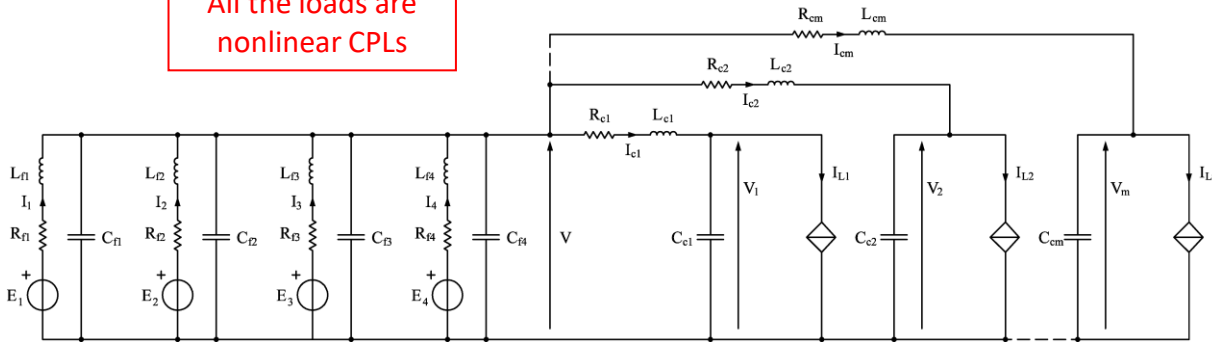
- **In absence of AD control**, perturbations determine **limited bus voltage oscillations**
- **Local Instability** (dashed lines) due to the **LSF lack** burdens the MVDC bus by the B5 DC/DC converter → **ship black-out or under-voltage protection intervention**



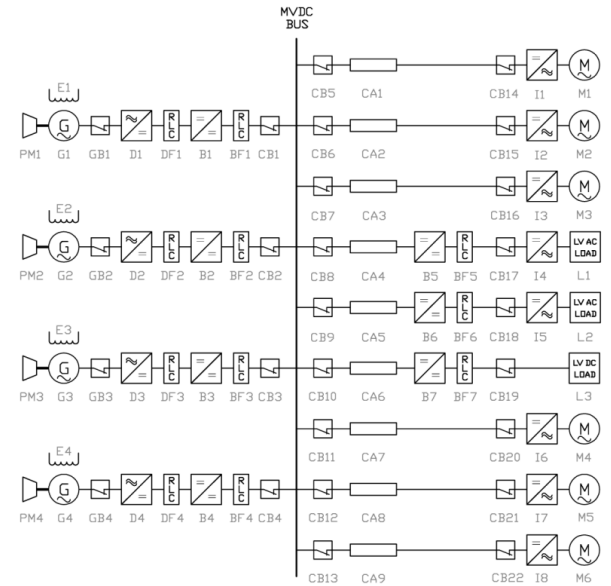
Voltage control solutions in multiconverter MVDC system (7/14)

- Common practice for size-limited DC power systems
→ to **neglect cable longitudinal parameters R_{ch} and L_{ch}** with respect to other longitudinal elements

All the loads are nonlinear CPLs



Global LSF

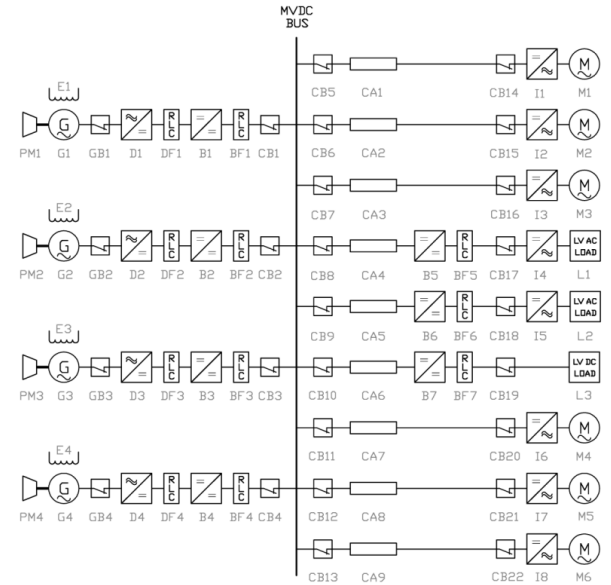
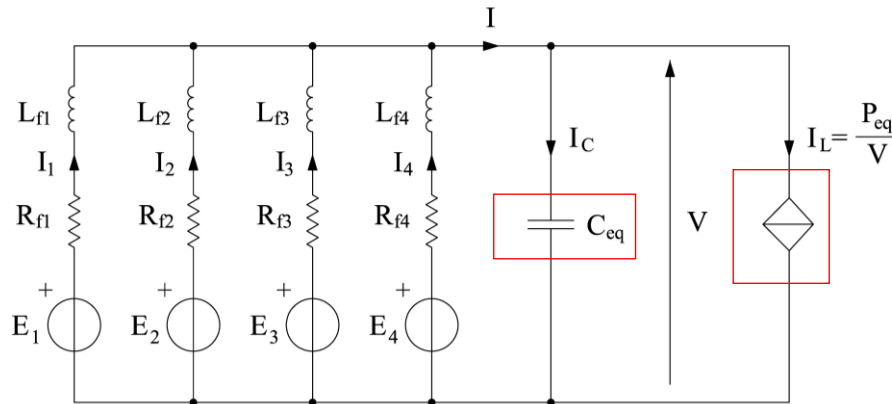


Voltage control solutions in multiconverter MVDC system (8/14)

All the loads are nonlinear CPLs

Global LSF

- All capacitors and nonlinear loads become parallel connected \rightarrow equivalent capacitor C_{eq} and equivalent load current generator $I_L = P_{eq}/V$



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Voltage control solutions in multiconverter MVDC system (9/14)

Global LSF

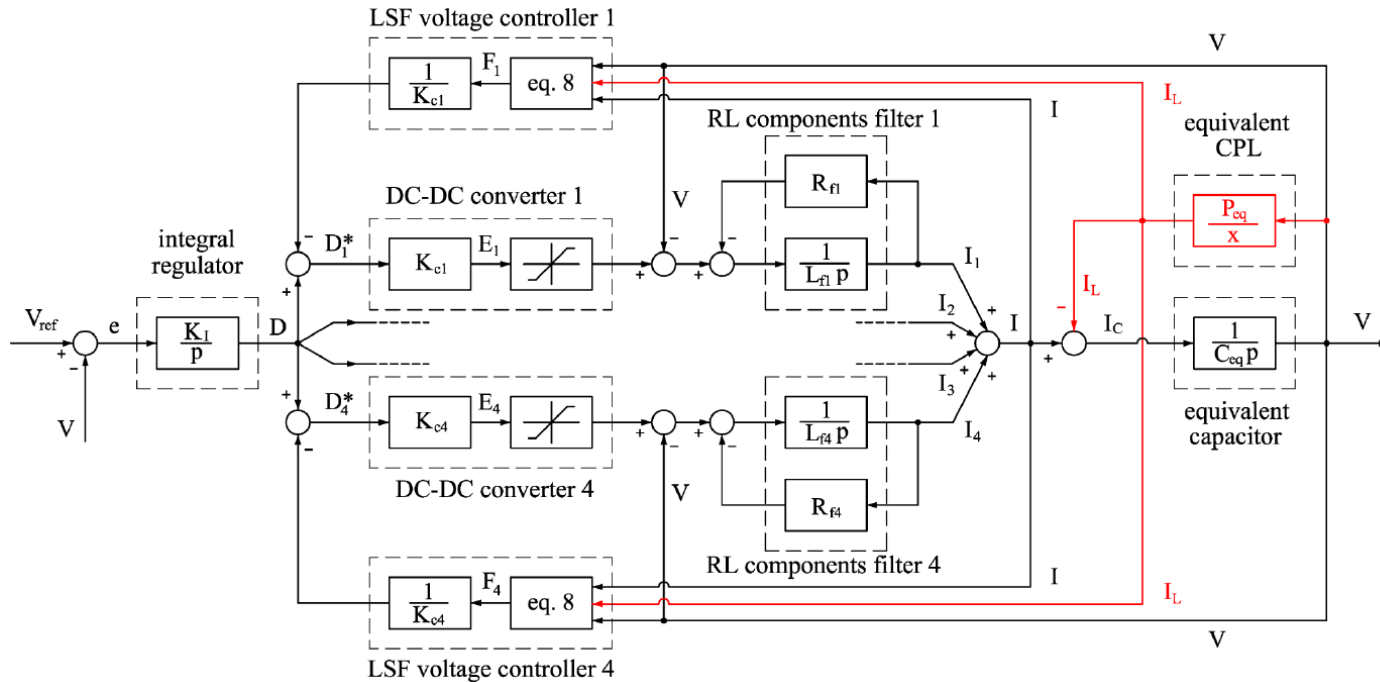
- DC/DC generating converters controlled (**F_k**) for “cancelling” the **total CPL (power P_{eq})**

$$\begin{cases} f_l = -\frac{P_{eq}}{C_{eq} \cdot T_f \cdot V} + \frac{P_{eq}}{C_{eq} \cdot V^2} \frac{dV}{dt} = -\frac{I_L}{C_{eq} \cdot T_f} + \frac{I_L}{C_{eq} \cdot V} \frac{I - I_L}{C_{eq}} \\ f_c = K_1 \cdot (V - V_0) + K_2 \frac{dV}{dt} = K_1 \cdot (V - V_0) + K_2 \frac{I - I_L}{C_{eq}} \end{cases} \quad F_k = S_k \cdot (f_l + f_c) \cdot C_{eq} \cdot L_{fk}$$

Equation 8

- The combined control action of functions **f_l** and **f_c** can be split in **four contributions F_k** over the four generators, using the **load sharing coefficients S_k (ΣS_k=1)**
- **LSF is designed to be a well-performing control technique also in critical situation**
- Thus generating system filters (BF1/BF3, BF2/BF4) can be **designed** assuming **quite large voltage ripple (3%) and tiny current ripple (30%)**, determining a **very low (and then dangerous!) damping factor (-0.48)**

Voltage control solutions in multiconverter MVDC system (10/14)



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Voltage control solutions in multiconverter MVDC system (11/14)

- Using **AVM** assumption, it is possible to model the MVDC power system in a simple way. **Matlab/Simulink** simulations tests are used to **test the control action**
- A sudden **generating system disconnection** actually represents one of the most **dangerous events** in shipboard power systems

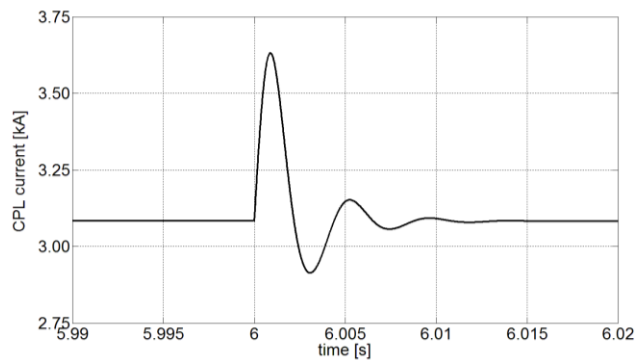
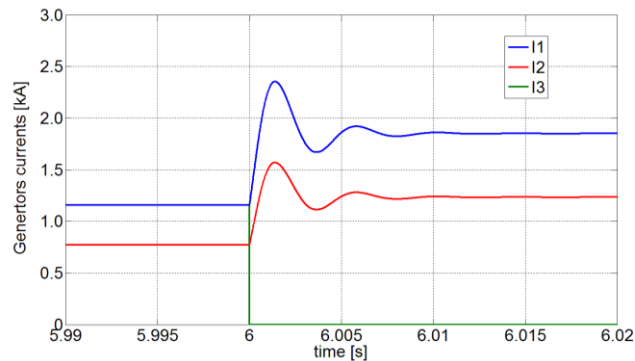
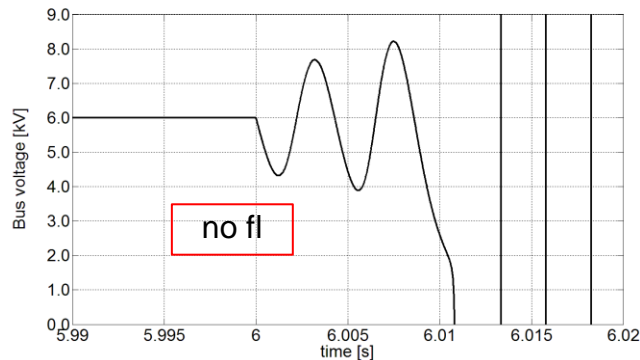
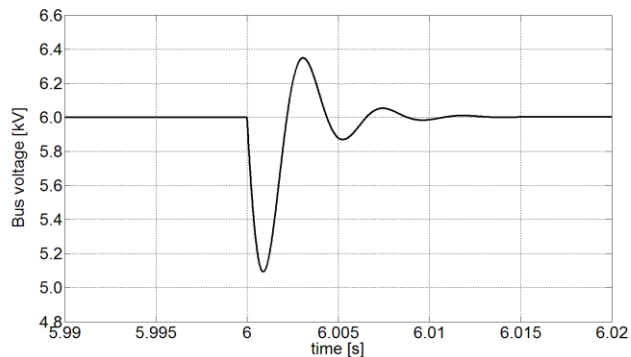
Global LSF

Perturbation

- At the **beginning** the **MVDC shipboard microgrid** supplies a **CPL load ($P_{eq}=18.5$ MW)**, by using **3 DC generating systems (total rated power $P_n=42$ MW)**
- **At $t=6$ s**, the sudden commutation of **CB3** is used to simulate **the disconnection of B3**, therefore the total rated power becomes **$P_n=26.25$ MW**
- **After the disconnection**, load sharing coefficients **S_k** are **automatically calculated and adapted** to guarantee a **proper sharing** over each remaining DC generating system

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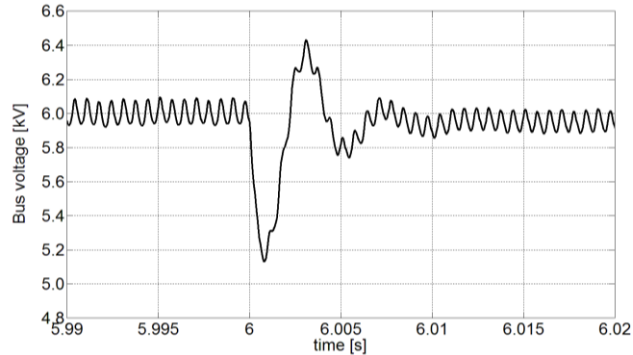


Global LSF

AVM

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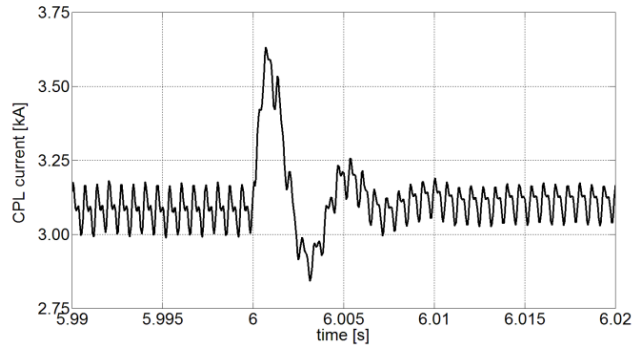
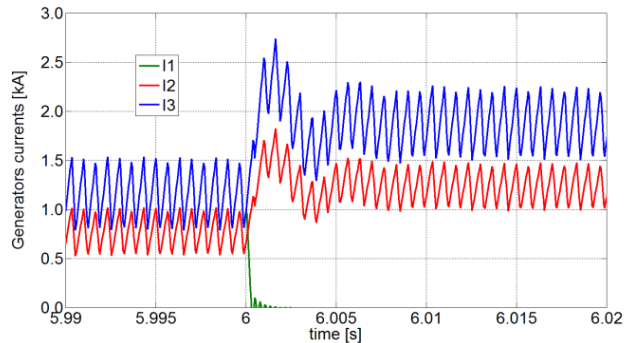
Voltage control solutions in multiconverter MVDC system (13/14)



- **Good matching** of the simulation results in Simulink (AVM) and RTDS (detailed model)

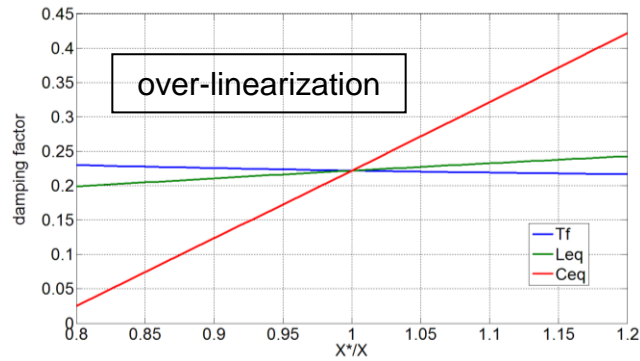
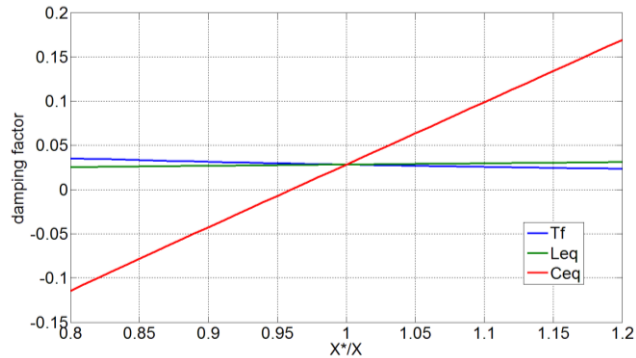
Detailed model simulations – RTDS

Global LSF



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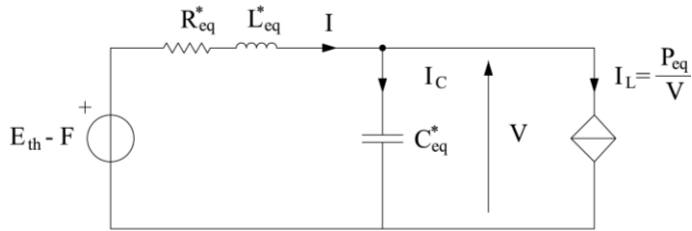


- **Worst case scenario (deactivation of f_c)**
Sensitivity analysis to verify how the **system parameters mismatching** impacts on the **stability**
- The **control** assumes a **parameter X** lower or upper the **actual system parameter X^***
- The stability issue is strictly linked to **system capacitor mismatch**, while others mismatch are irrelevant
- **Global LSF control technique is unable** to guarantee stability (so $\xi_t < 0$) if the power system presents a real equivalent capacitor C_{eq}^* smaller than 0.95 the designed one C_{eq}
- An **over-linearization strategy** can be applied, determining the f_i function on a reduced equivalent capacitor (e.g. 0.8 C_{eq}): the system stability is **ensured**

Global
LSF

Model parameters estimation (1/6)

- Thanks to a **linearizing (nonlinear!) function perfectly calibrated** on the system, **LSF** can establish an **input-output linear relationship**
- Then, a **control function** for performing the desired **pole placement**
- **Parameter mismatch** → **partial linearization** → **insufficient?** → **instability**



Evidently, the complete compensation is achievable only when the nonlinear feedback F is perfectly tuned to the function Λ . That means on one hand the perfect correspondence among control parameters (R_{eq}^c , L_{eq}^c and C_{eq}^c) and the parameters of the installed filters (R_{eq}^* , L_{eq}^* and C_{eq}^*), and on the other one precise knowledge about the time-varying functions (P_{eq} , V , dV/dt).

$$\begin{cases} \dot{V} = \frac{1}{C_{eq}^*} \left(I - \frac{P_{eq}}{V} \right) \\ \dot{I} = \frac{1}{L_{eq}^*} (E_{th} - F - V - R_{eq}^* I) \end{cases} \quad \text{Second-order reduced model}$$

$$\ddot{V} = \frac{1}{C_{eq}^*} \left(\dot{I} + \frac{P_{eq}}{V^2} \dot{V} \right)$$

$$\ddot{V} + \left(\frac{R_{eq}^*}{L_{eq}^*} \right) \cdot \dot{V} + \left(\frac{1}{L_{eq}^* C_{eq}^*} \right) \cdot V + \Lambda = \frac{1}{L_{eq}^* C_{eq}^*} (E_{th} - F)$$

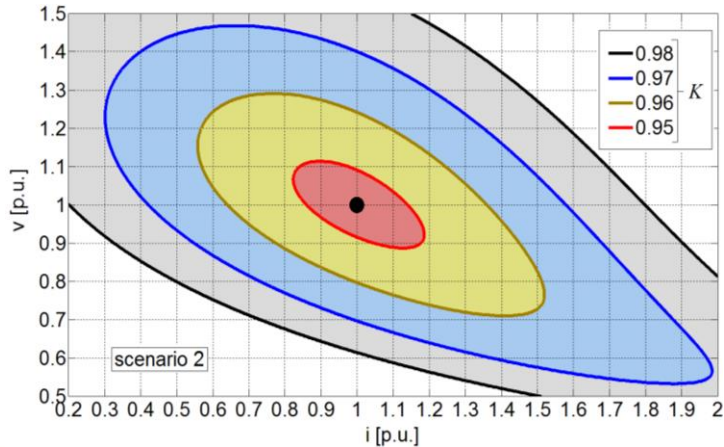
$$\Lambda = - \left(\frac{1}{C_{eq}^*} \frac{P_{eq}}{V^2} \right) \cdot \dot{V} + \left(\frac{R_{eq}^*}{L_{eq}^* C_{eq}^*} \right) \cdot \frac{P_{eq}}{V}$$

$$\frac{F}{L_{eq}^* C_{eq}^*} = \left(\frac{1}{C_{eq}^*} \frac{P_{eq}}{V^2} \right) \cdot \dot{V} - \left(\frac{R_{eq}^*}{L_{eq}^* C_{eq}^*} \right) \cdot \frac{P_{eq}}{V} \cong -\Lambda$$

Model parameters estimation (2/6)

$$\ddot{V} + \left(\frac{R_{eq}^*}{L_{eq}^*}\right) \cdot \dot{V} + \left(\frac{1}{L_{eq}^* C_{eq}^*}\right) \cdot V + \left(\frac{1}{C_{eq}^c} - \frac{1}{C_{eq}^*}\right) \frac{P_{eq}}{V^2} \dot{V} + \left(\frac{R_{eq}^*}{L_{eq}^* C_{eq}^*} - \frac{R_{eq}^c}{L_{eq}^c C_{eq}^c}\right) \cdot \frac{P_{eq}}{V} = \frac{E_{th}}{L_{eq}^* C_{eq}^*}$$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\Psi} = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \dot{V} + \int_{V_0}^V h(\vartheta) d\vartheta \right\}^2 + \int_{V_0}^V g(\vartheta) d\vartheta \\ \dot{\Psi} = -g(V) \int_{V_0}^V h(\vartheta) d\vartheta \end{cases}$$



$$\Psi(V, I) = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{I}{C_{eq}^*} - \frac{P_{eq}}{C_{eq}^* V} + \frac{R_{eq}^*}{L_{eq}^*} (V - V_0) + \frac{P_{eq}}{C_F V} - \frac{P_{eq}}{C_F V_0} \right\}^2 + \frac{1}{L_{eq}^* C_{eq}^*} \left\{ \frac{V^2 - V_0^2}{2} + R_F P_{eq} \log_e \left| \frac{V}{V_0} \right| - E_{th} (V - V_0) \right\}$$

$$\dot{\Psi}(V, I) = \frac{1}{L_{eq}^* C_{eq}^*} \left[V + R_F \frac{P_{eq}}{V} - E_{th} \right] \cdot \left[-\frac{R_{eq}^*}{L_{eq}^*} (V - V_0) - \frac{P_{eq}}{C_F V} + \frac{P_{eq}}{C_F V_0} \right]$$

Lyapunov analysis
for nonlinear
systems

$$K = C_{eq}^* / C_{eq}^c$$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\Psi}(V) \leq 0 \\ V \geq \frac{P_{eq}}{V_0 \cdot \left(\frac{R_{eq}^* C_F}{L_{eq}^*}\right)} := V_{\min} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \Omega(I) = \Psi(V_{\min}, I) \\ \frac{d\Omega(I)}{dI} = 0 \Rightarrow I_t = \frac{R_{eq}^* C_F}{L_{eq}^*} V_0 \end{cases}$$

$$k = \Psi(V_{\min}, I_t)$$

$$RAS = \{(V, I) : \Psi(V, I) \leq k\}$$

Model parameters estimation (3/6)

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- One possibility to solve the inaccurate linearization is offered by the **off-line parameter estimation**.
- Once obtained a **snapshot (voltage transient)** of the system, **deterministic and stochastic methods** may be exploited for **calibrating the parameters of a reduced system model**.
- Then, LSF technique can be **perfectly tuned** to successfully linearize the DC power system → **stability!**

perfect convergence

reference voltage transient

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model output

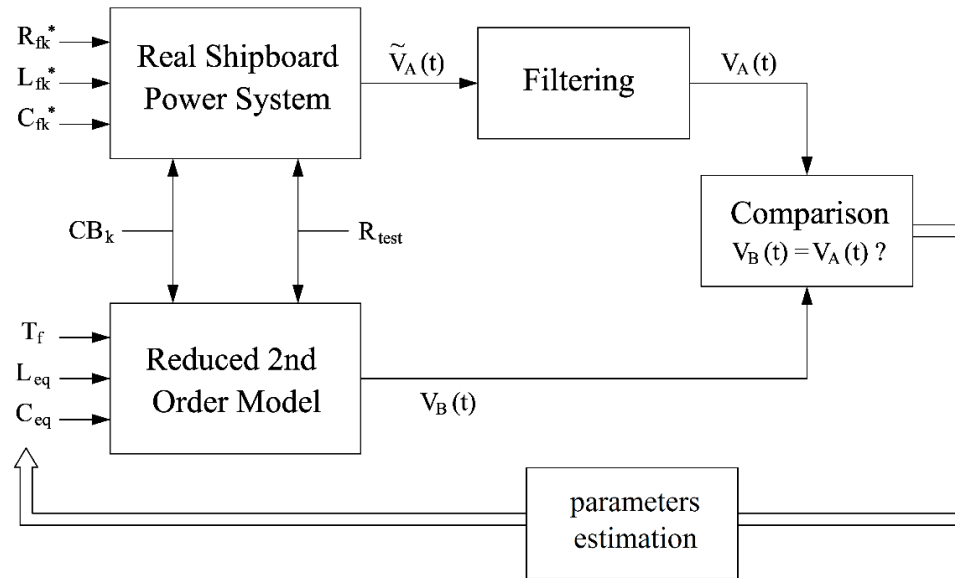
estimated parameters

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real parameters

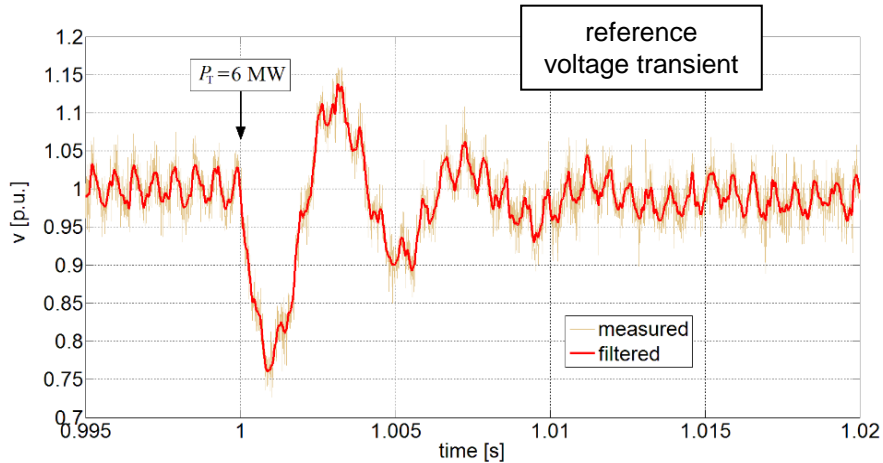
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Estimation based on comparison among transients

Model parameters estimation (5/6)

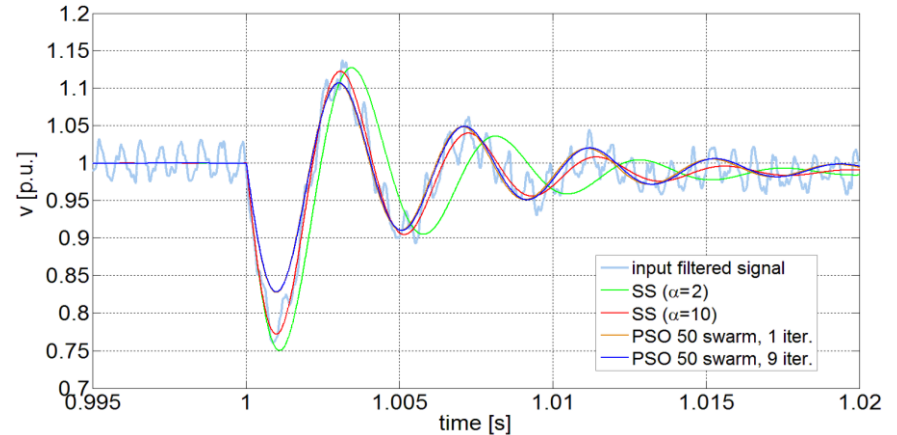


SS (10 iterations α)
perfect correspondance
reference vs. model output

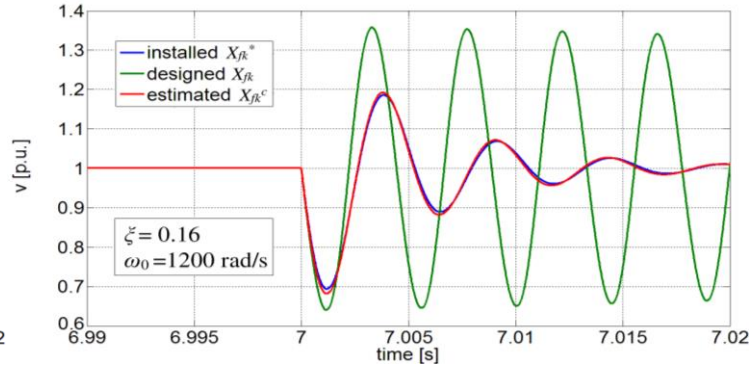
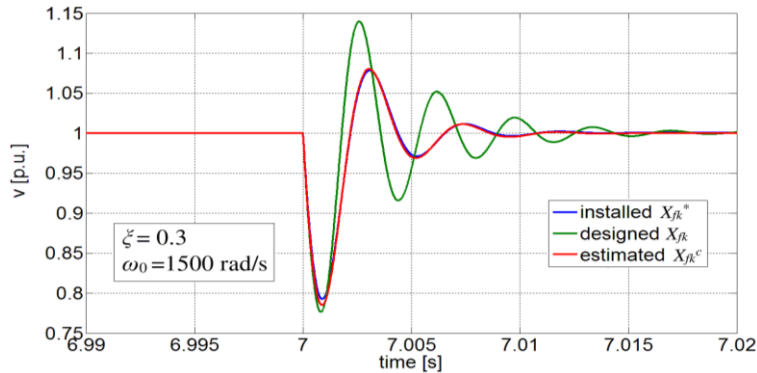
Control parameters may be tuned on
the estimated ones!

Methods for parameter estimation on
reduced order model

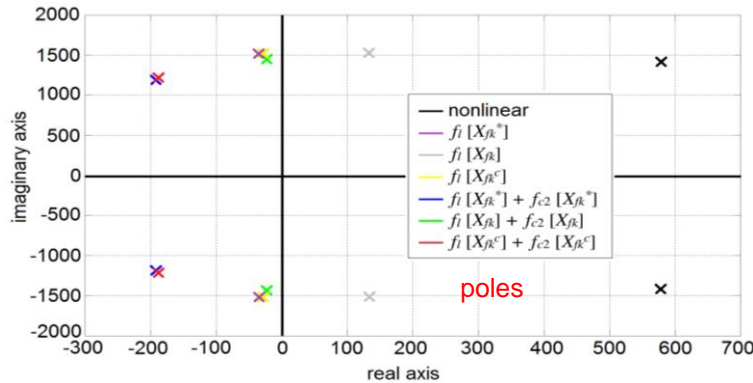
Selective Search (SS)
Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO)



Model parameters estimation (6/6)



Estimation solves **stability issues** even in case of low performance controlled systems



- 1a) **Partial linearization** (X_{fk} designed parameters)
 - from black to grey → **system instability**
- 2a) **Control function**
 - from grey to green → **NO control specifications**
- 1b) **Linearization** (X_{fk}^c estimated parameters)
 - from black to yellow → **system stability**
- 2b) **Control function**
 - from yellow to red (near blue) → **control specification**
 - $\xi=0.16$ and $\omega_0=1200$ rad/s

Last studies → Weighted Bandwidth Method (1/2)

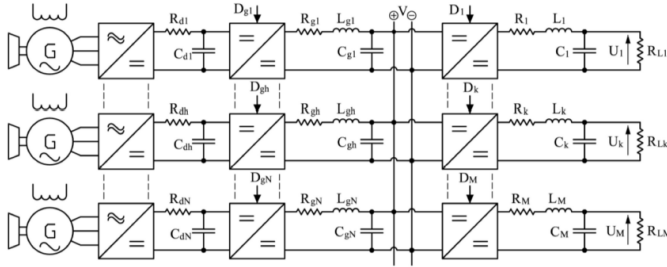


Article Weighted Bandwidth Method for Stability Assessment of Complex DC Power Systems on Ships

Daniele Bosich ^{*}, Giovanni Giadrossi, Stefano Pastore and Giorgio Sulligoi

$$\begin{cases} \dot{I} = \frac{1}{L}(E - V) \\ \dot{V} = \frac{1}{C}(I - I_L) \\ \dot{D}_k = \omega_k D_{k0} - \frac{\omega_k}{V_0} D_k V \\ I_L = \sum_{k=1}^M \left[\frac{1}{R_{Lk}} D_k^2 V \right] \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\Delta I} = \frac{1}{L}(\Delta E - \Delta V) \\ \dot{\Delta V} = \frac{1}{C}(\Delta I - \Delta I_L) \\ \dot{\Delta D}_k = -\omega_k \Delta D_k - \frac{\omega_k D_{k0}}{V_0} \Delta V \\ \Delta I_L = \sum_{k=1}^M \left[\frac{2D_{k0}V_0}{R_{Lk}} \Delta D_k + \frac{D_{k0}^2}{R_{Lk}} \Delta V \right] \end{cases}$$



$$D_k(s) = -\frac{\omega_k D_k(s)}{s} - \frac{\omega_k D_{k0}}{sV_0} V(s) \Rightarrow D_k(s) = -\frac{\omega_k}{s + \omega_k} \frac{D_{k0}}{V_0} V(s)$$

$$I_L(s) = \sum_{k=1}^M \left[\frac{2D_{k0}V_0}{R_{Lk}} D_k(s) + \frac{D_{k0}^2}{R_{Lk}} V(s) \right] = \sum_{k=1}^M \left[\frac{D_{k0}^2}{R_{Lk}} \frac{s - \omega_k}{s + \omega_k} \right] V(s)$$

$$Z_0(s) = \frac{V(s)}{-I_L(s)} = \frac{sL}{1 + s^2LC} = \frac{1}{C} \frac{s}{\omega_0^2 + s^2}$$

$$Y_i(s) = \frac{I_L(s)}{V(s)} = \sum_{k=1}^M \left[\frac{D_{k0}^2}{R_{Lk}} \cdot \frac{s - \omega_k}{s + \omega_k} \right]$$

$$\Im(\bar{Z}_0 \cdot Y_i) = -\frac{\omega_{cr}}{C(\omega_0^2 - \omega_{cr}^2)} \cdot \left[G_S \frac{\omega_S^2 - \omega_{cr}^2}{\omega_S^2 + \omega_{cr}^2} + G_D \frac{\omega_D^2 - \omega_{cr}^2}{\omega_D^2 + \omega_{cr}^2} \right] = 0$$

$$\Re(\bar{Z}_0 \cdot Y_i) = -\frac{2\omega_{cr}^2}{C(\omega_0^2 - \omega_{cr}^2)} \cdot \left[G_S \frac{\omega_S}{\omega_S^2 + \omega_{cr}^2} + G_D \frac{\omega_D}{\omega_D^2 + \omega_{cr}^2} \right] = -\Psi$$

$$Y_i(j\omega) = \sum_{k=1}^{Ms} \left[G_k \frac{j\omega - \omega_k}{j\omega + \omega_k} \right] = \sum_{k=1}^{Ms} \left[G_k \frac{-2\omega_k}{j\omega + \omega_k} \right] + G_S$$

$$Y_S(j\omega) = G_S \frac{j\omega - \omega_S}{j\omega + \omega_S} = G_S \frac{-2\omega_S}{j\omega + \omega_S} + G_S$$

$$\omega_S = \sum_{k=1}^{Ms} m_k \omega_k$$

$$\omega_D = \sum_{k=Ms+1}^M m_k \omega_k$$

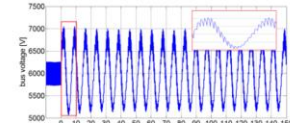


Figure 9. Bus voltage transient in Case 1 (each Y-division is 500 V in zoomed gr)

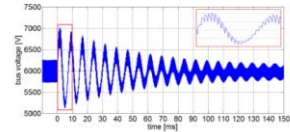


Figure 10. Bus voltage transient in Case 3 (each Y-division is 500 V in zoomed gr)

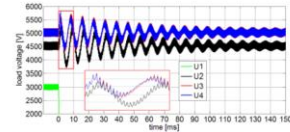


Figure 11. Load voltages transient in Case 3 (each Y-division is 500 V in zoomed graph).

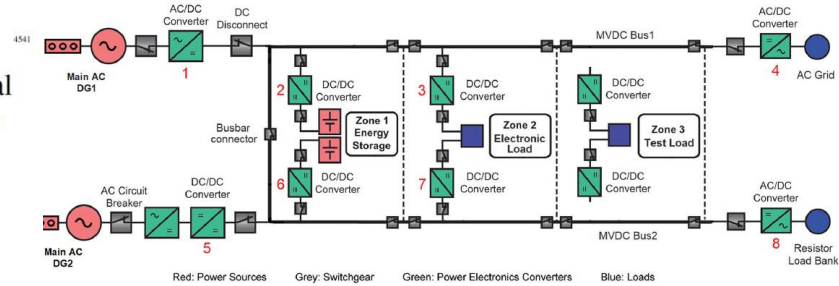


Last studies → Digital Twin of Zonal DC System (2/2)

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High-Performance Megawatt-Scale MVDC Zonal Electrical Distribution System Based on Power Electronics Open System Interfaces

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$$\begin{cases} pV_{bus1} = \frac{1}{C_{bus1}} \left[\sum_{k=1}^4 I_k' + I_{Bc} \right] \\ C_{bus1} = \sum_{k=1}^4 C_k \\ pV_{bus2} = \frac{1}{C_{bus2}} \left[\sum_{k=5}^8 I_k' - I_{Bc} \right] \\ C_{bus2} = \sum_{k=5}^8 C_k \\ pI_{Bc} = \frac{1}{L_{Bc}} [V_{bus1} - V_{Bc} - R_{Bc} I_{Bc}] \\ V_k = V_{OCk} (SOC_k) - R_{Bk} I_k \\ pSOC_k = -\frac{1}{k_p C_{Bk}} I_k \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} pV_{bus1} = \frac{1}{C_{bus1}} [I_2(1-D_2) - I_3 D_3] \\ pI_2 = \frac{1}{L_2} [V_2 - (1-D_2)V_{bus1} - R_2 I_2] \\ D_2 = \left(K_{PI2} + \frac{K_{II2}}{p} \right) [I_{2ref} - I_2] \\ I_{2ref} = \left(K_{PI2} + \frac{K_{II2}}{p} \right) [V_{Bc}^* - V_{bus1} - R_{drop} I_2] \\ pV_3 = \frac{1}{C_{in3}} \left[I_3 - \frac{V_3}{R_{L3}} \right] \\ pI_3 = \frac{1}{L_3} [V_{bus1} D_3 - V_3 - R_3 I_3] \\ D_3 = \left(K_{PI3} + \frac{K_{II3}}{p} \right) [I_{3ref} - I_3] \\ I_{3ref} = \left(K_{PI3} + \frac{K_{II3}}{p} \right) [V_3^* - V_3] \end{cases}$$

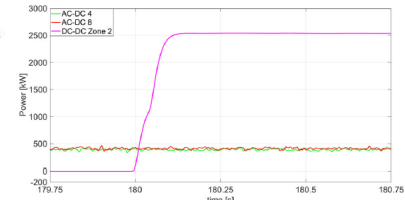
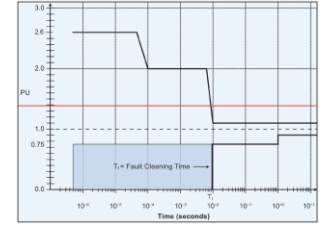
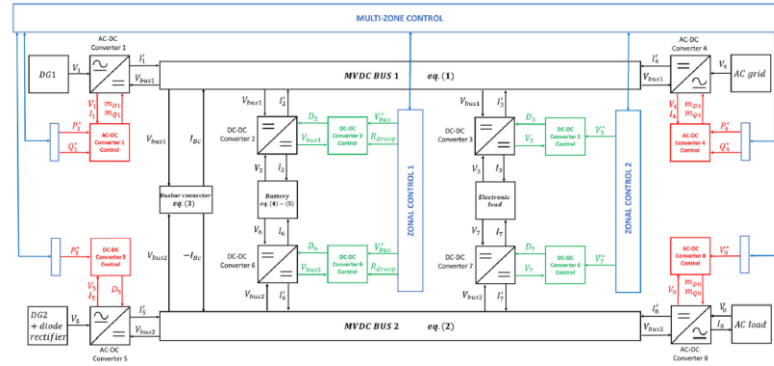


Fig. 17. Power transients of load converters and magnification (exp.).

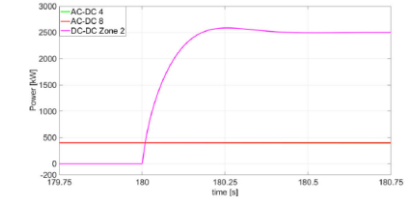


Fig. 12. Power transients of load converters and magnification (sim.).

Conclusions (1/3)

- **Microgrids** are the **future** for electrical distribution → **system energy optimization!**
- Not only AC microgrids, **DC technology** opens new scenarios
- In the **shipboard context**, the new Medium Voltage DC distribution represents an opportunity to re-design the IPS (**higher power density, enhanced quality of service, optimization of distribution size**)
- **Radial VS Zonal** distribution
- Widespread use of **filtered power converters** → **possible CPL instability!**
- **Instability = blackout** → **not good!**
- The **voltage actuator approach** is a reliable possibility **to compensate for the destabilizing effect**

Conclusions (2/3)

- **Several control techniques** are tested on a single converter case
- A shipboard **multiconverter MVDC** power system as case of study for the **voltage control design**
- **The voltage control must compensate for the CPL system instability**
- Different tests have demonstrated the **AD-LSF capability** is solving the **system instability**
- **Global AD + Local LSF** is suggested in case of **few CPLs**, where the **LSF (load side)** is exploitable to locally solve the instability of a **high CPLs** (→ thrusters in future MVDC cruise liners)
- Conversely, **Global LSF** (generator side) is recommended to guarantee global stability in presence of a **large amount of CPLs** (→ future MVDC naval vessels with high performance radars)

Conclusions (3/3)

- What about **parameters uncertainty**? → **insufficient** (instability) **OR extreme** (saturation) → DILEMMA
- The **model parameters estimation** based on **SS** represents a valuable approach for **calibrating the control parameters in case of mismatching**
- In such a way, a **proper linearization** is guaranteed by means the well-estimated LSF, while **avoiding the over-linearization strategy**
- **Is the CPL model realistic?** → very conservative scenario when the load is nonlinear
- **First order control** has been finally proposed for modeling **high-bandwidth controlled converters**
- **Weighted Bandwidth Method + Digital Twin**

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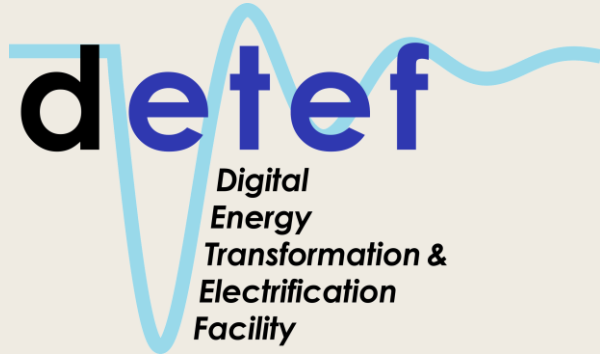
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