

Microgrids; what they are and the value they bring

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Outline:

- *Definition of microgrids*
- *What types of applications*
- *Microgrid use cases*
- *Microgrid control issues*
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Definition of microgrids

- Interconnected loads and DER sources
- Acts as a single controllable entity
- Provide high reliability to critical loads inside the microgrid
- Automatically connects and disconnects to/from the grid
- Can operate autonomously in island mode

Type of applications

- Hospitals
- Universities
- Small communities
- Military bases
- Commercial buildings
- Government buildings

Typical sizes

- Large
 - 40 MW University campus
- Medium
 - 10 MW small community with critical loads
- Small
 - 1 MW commercial building

Standards governing microgrid

- IEEE 1547.4
 - Interconnection specifications
 - Internal behavior of the microgrid
- IEEE 2030.7
 - Microgrid control system
 - Multi-level control system

Benefits from microgrids

- 20 percent reduction in carbon emissions
- 20 percent increase in efficiency of delivering power to critical services in the microgrid
- 98 percent reduction in power outages to critical facilities in the microgrid
- Reduce energy purchased from connected grid
- Sell ancillary services to grid
 - Fast regulation market (result of FERC Order 755)
 - Demand response
 - Curtailment
 - Spinning reserve
 - Black start
 - Voltage regulation



FERC Order 755

- Pay for Performance
- Why was this rule passed
 - Providers of ancillary services were unable to get paid a fair price for services offered
 - eg. Beacon Power (flywheels)

Fast regulation markets

- California ISO (Mileage Market)
- PJM
- MISO
- ERCOT

Size of Markets (storage)*

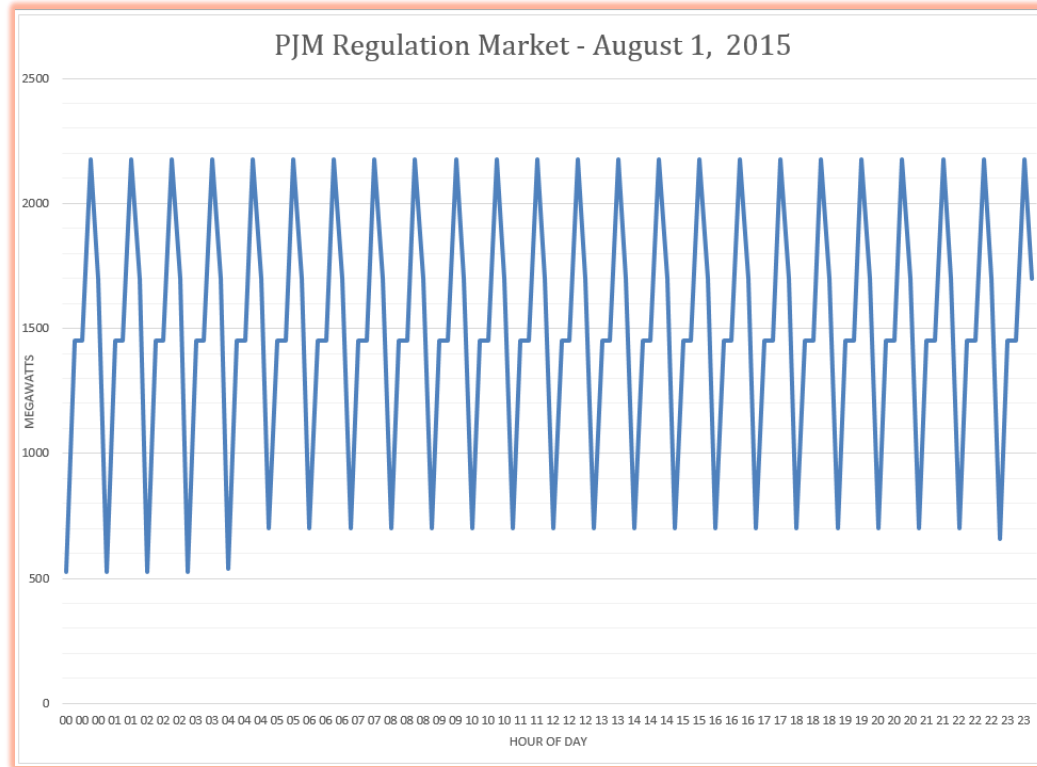
[storage should be inside microgrids]

- 100 MW PJM (now)
- 1300 MW CAISO (required by 2020)
- 3000 MW ERCOT(required by 2020)
- 400 MW MISO (now)

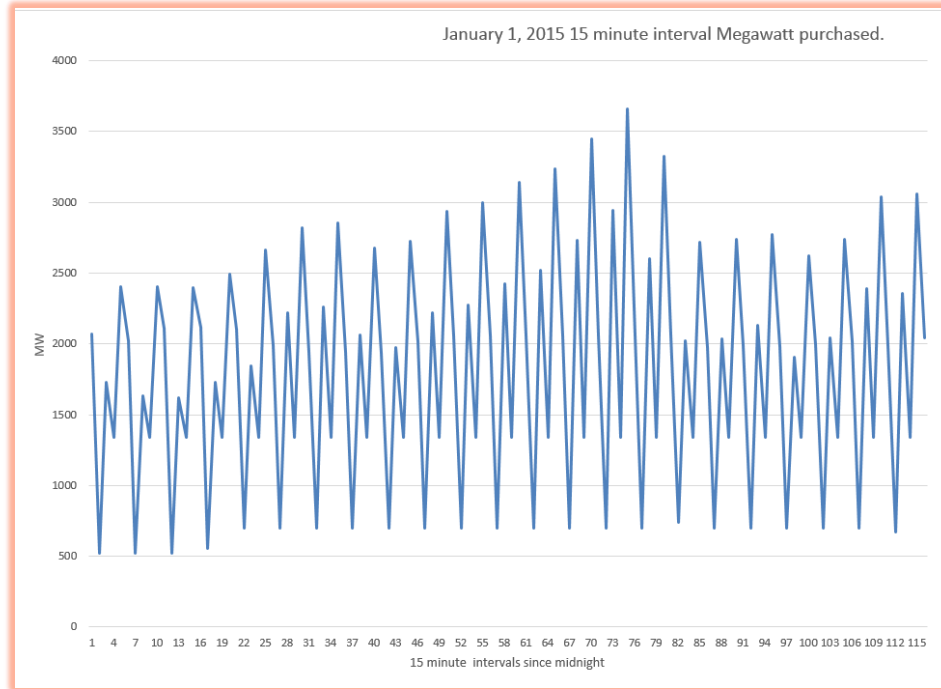
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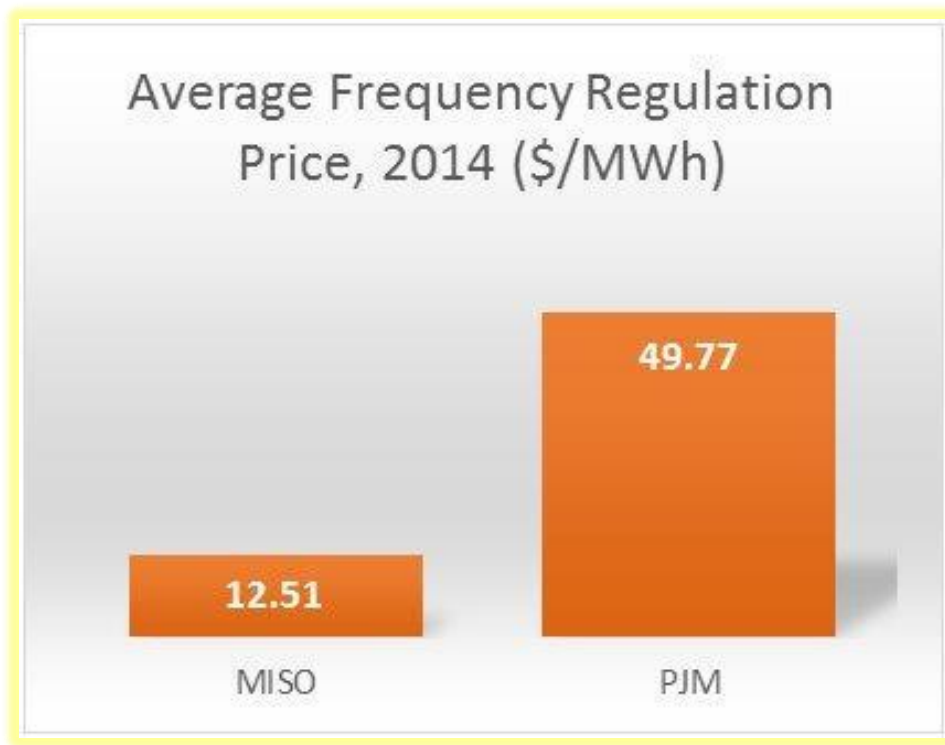
Example of PJM Regulation market



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Comparison of Clearing Prices



Microgrid control issues

- IEEE standards
- Observations of dynamic behavior of microgrid

Microgrid control issues (IEEE 1547.4)

- Voltage stability
- Phase imbalance
- Small signal stability
- Fault current compensation
- Reconnection rules
 - Angle difference tolerances at reconnection

IEEE 2030.7 specifications

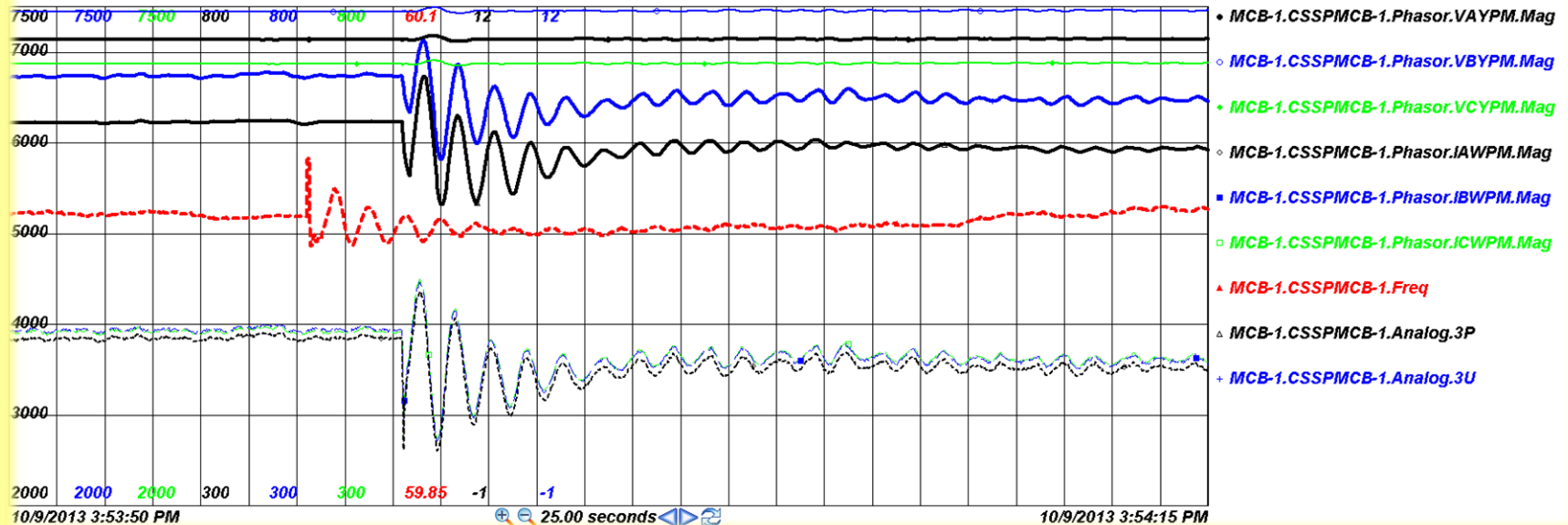
- Control of multiple DERs
- Control of the PCC
- Control of voltage and frequency in island mode
- Optimization of microgrid in island mode

Actual control issues

- Low inertia microgrids
 - Examples from UCSD (a large microgrid)
 - 42 MW peak
 - 30 MW internal CHP
 - 2 MW solar
 - 2.8 MW fuel cell
 - 2.5MW/5MWh battery
 - Three ~100 kW battery systems
 - 4 major internal substations and 17 12 kV feeders
 - 125 buildings

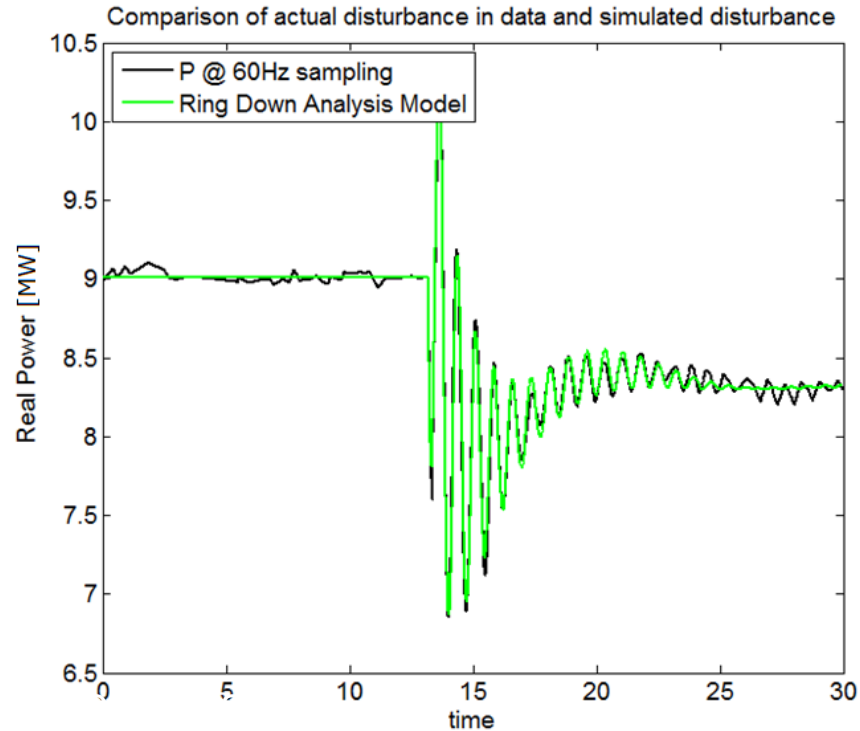
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MCB-1 Voltage Current and frequency



Oct. 9 UCSD microgrid event

Realization Algorithm

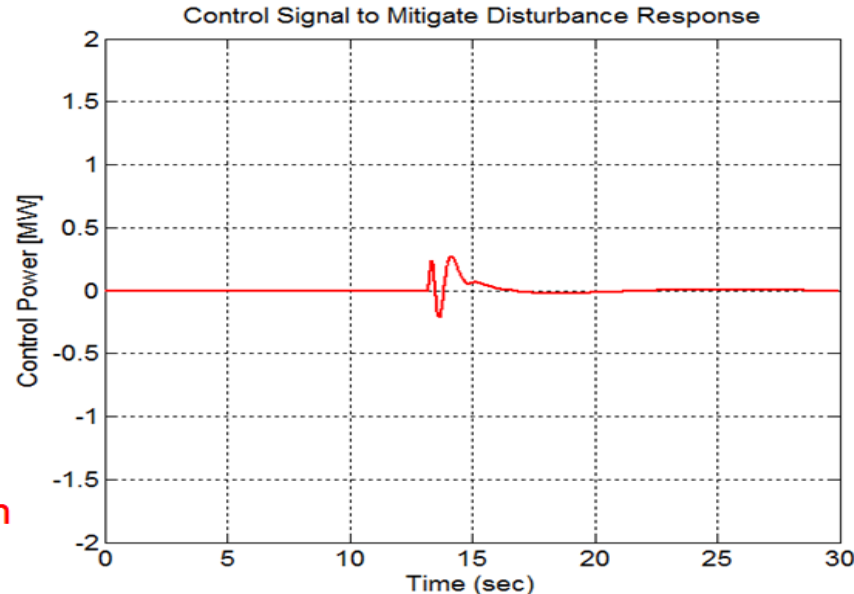


$F_n = 0.094653$ Hz, $D = 0.450955$, $P = 3.208795\%$
 $F_n = 1.353568$ Hz, $D = 0.044507$, $P = 85.795740\%$
 $F_n = 1.461354$ Hz, $D = 0.026519$, $P = 10.995465\%$

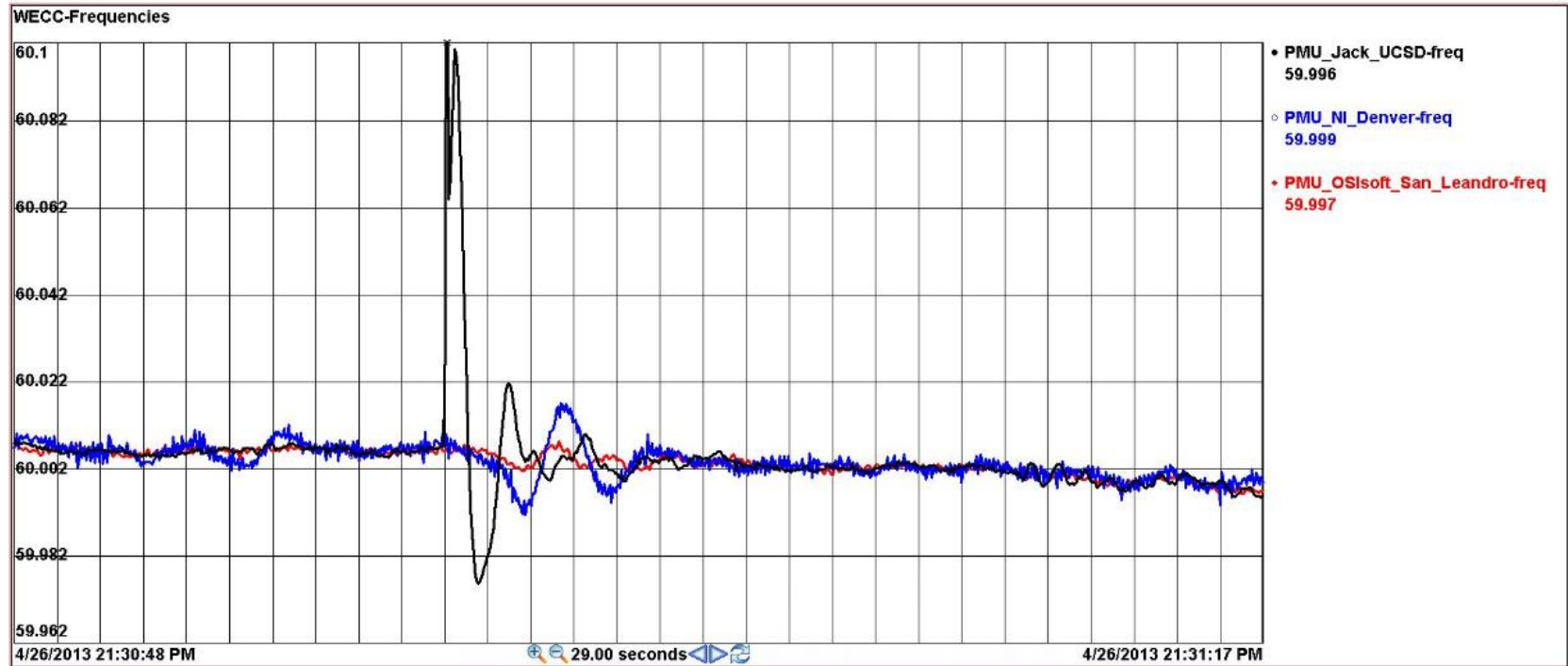


Effect of Control Algorithm:

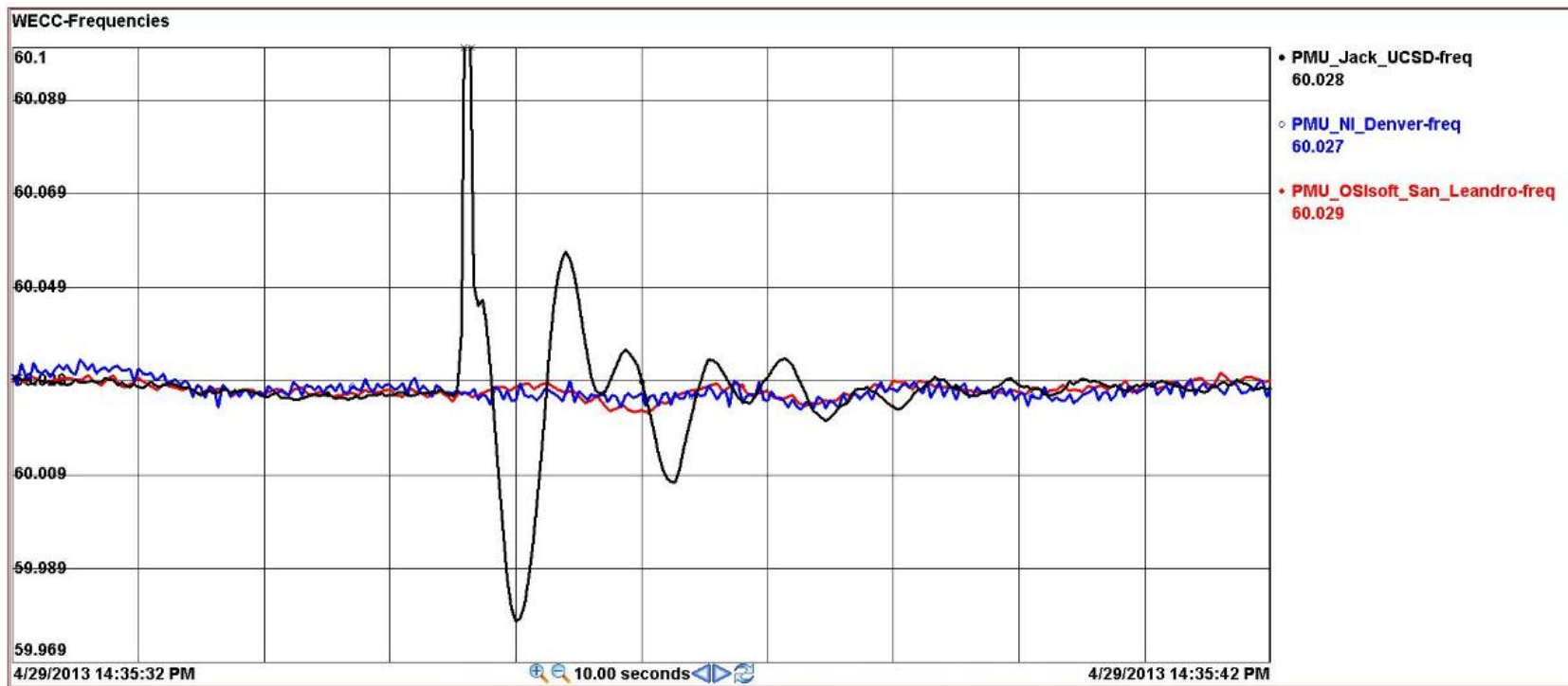
- For comparison, control power plotted at same scale a disturbance in real power
- Disturbance almost $\pm 2\text{MW}$
- Control power only $\pm 0.25\text{MW}$ for mitigation
- Results scale with size of disturbance and increase of damping



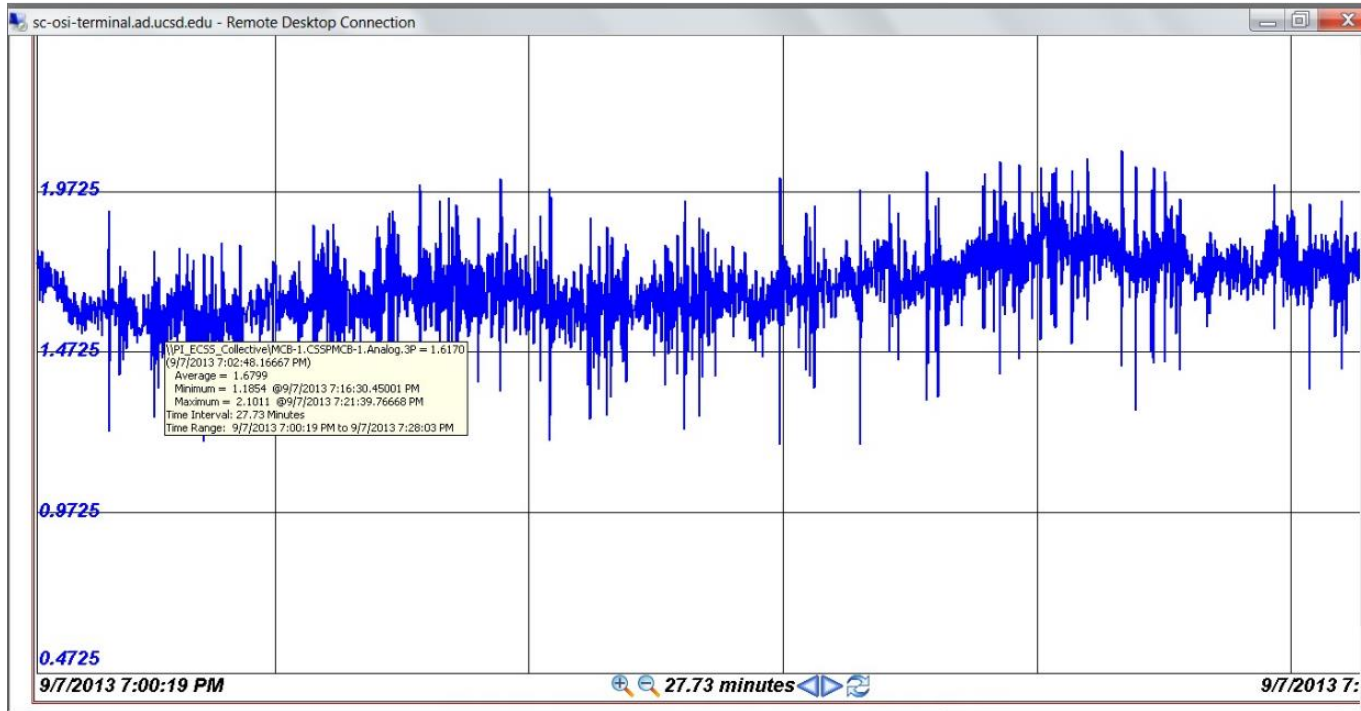
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Swarms of Power Oscillations



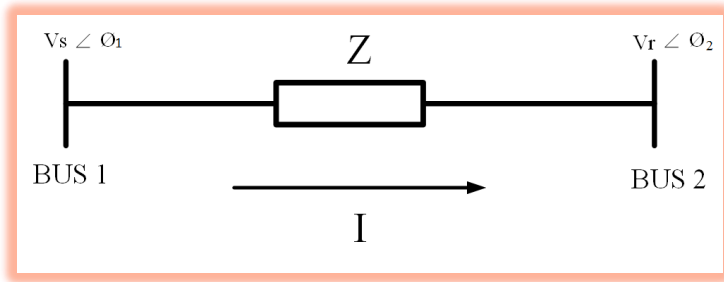
Conclusions

- Large microgrids have low inertia
- Fast disturbance mitigation might be required
- Voltage and frequency control should have fast dynamic response
- Distributed controls are required

Approaches to control

- Three levels of control
 - Decoupled control of DERs
 - Decoupled control of P and Q for the Microgrid
 - Optimizing control for ancillary services

Decoupling principle

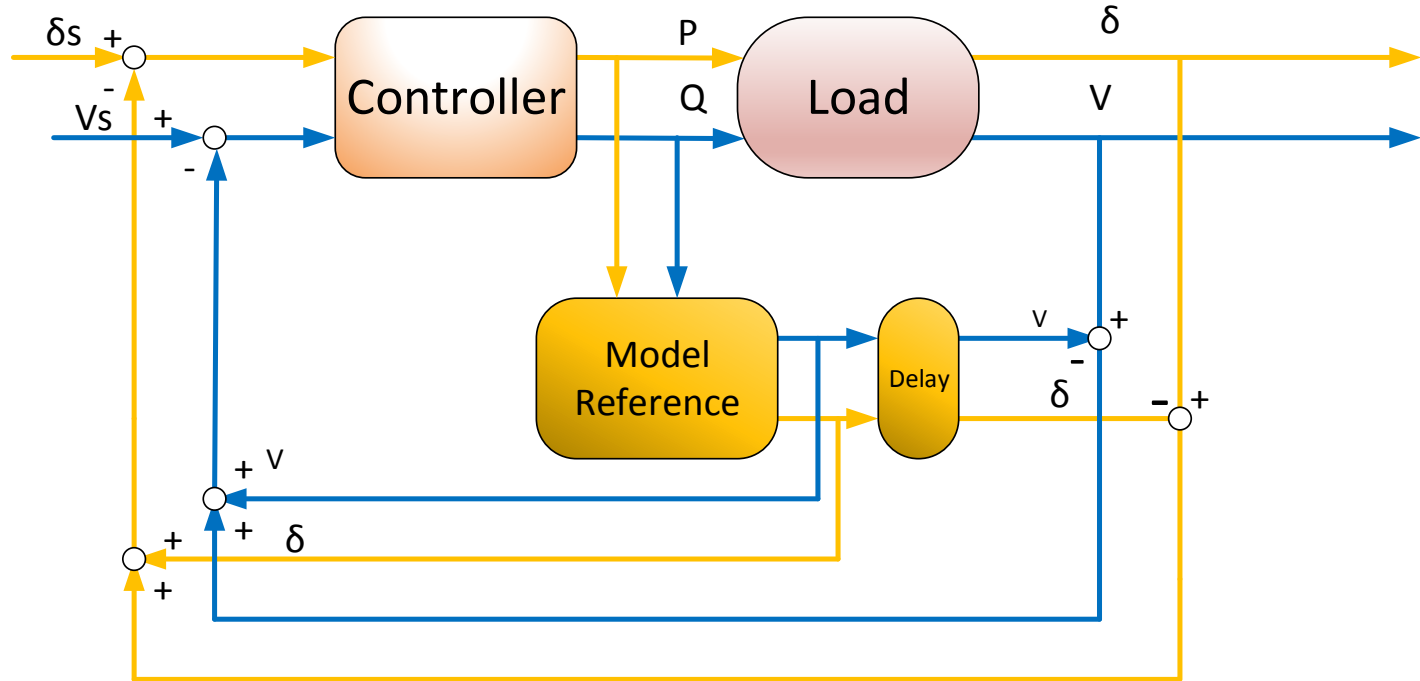


$$\bar{S} = \bar{V}_r I^*$$

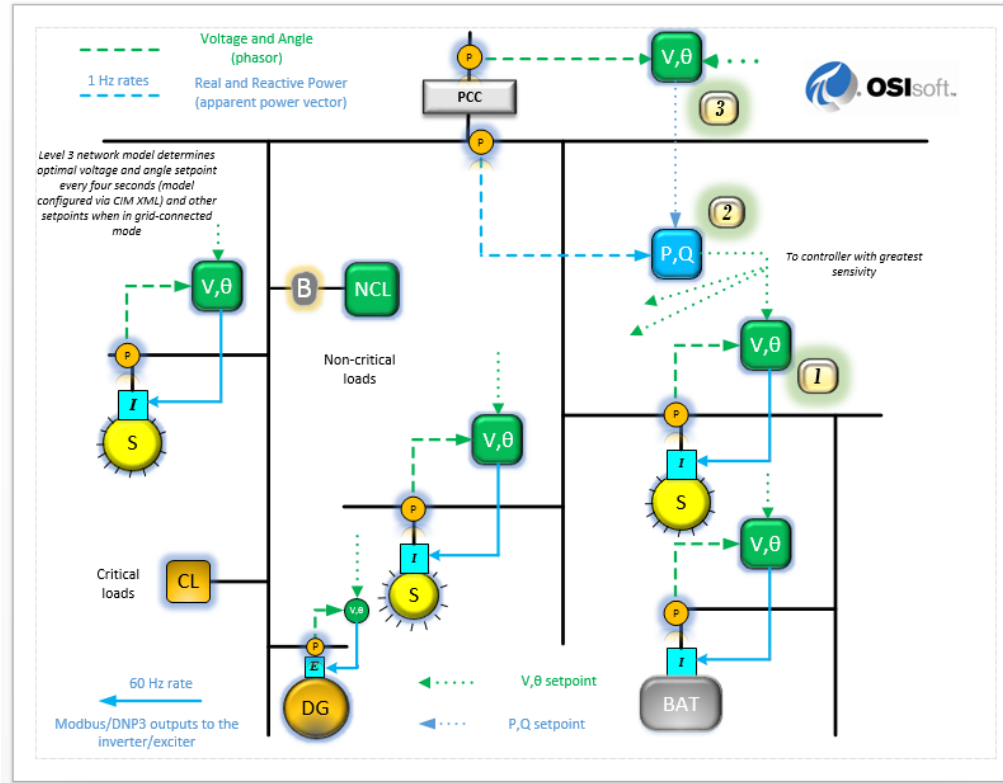
$$P = \frac{V_r V_s}{Z} \cos(\delta - \theta) + \frac{V_r^2}{Z} \cos(\theta) \quad (1)$$

$$Q = \frac{V_r V_s}{Z} \sin(\delta - \theta) + \frac{V_r^2}{Z} \sin(\theta), \quad (2)$$

One approach to decoupled control



Microgrid control system



Projects underway

- DOE-IIT-Bronzeville, ComEd
- CEC-Borrego Springs, SDGE
- CEC-Chemehuevi Reservation, UCR
- CEC-RM Winery, UCD
- CEC-John Muir Hospital, ChargeBliss
- CEC-Inverter testing Lab, SunSpec/UCSD
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