

Fault Tolerant MPC Design for Reliable Microgrid Energy Management

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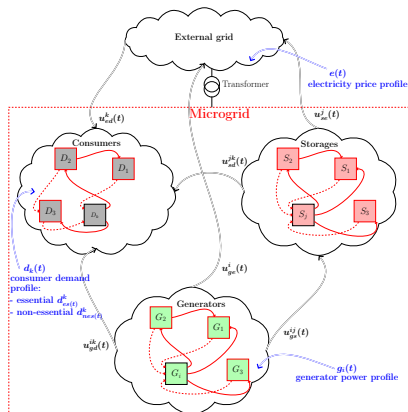
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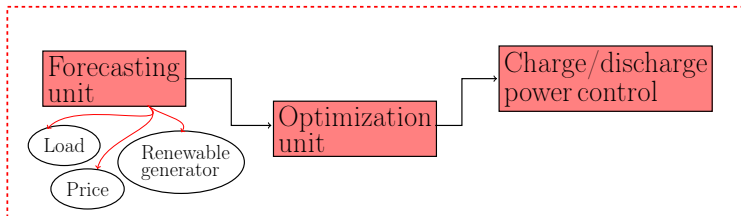
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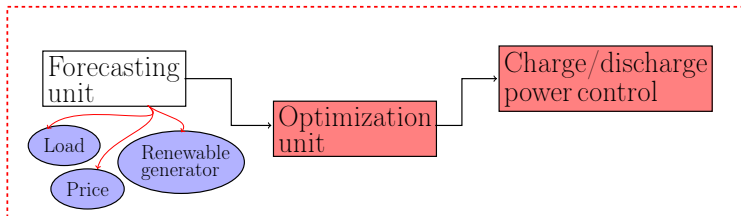
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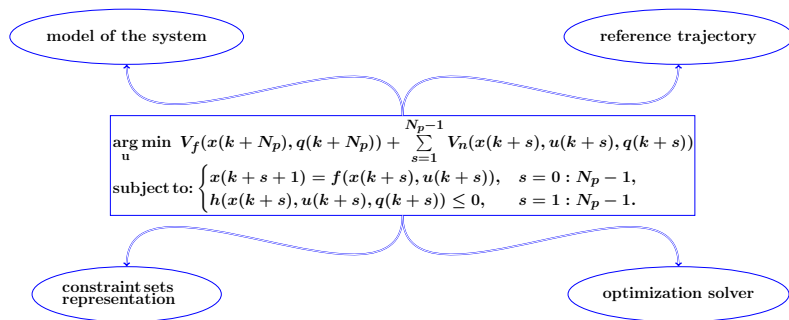
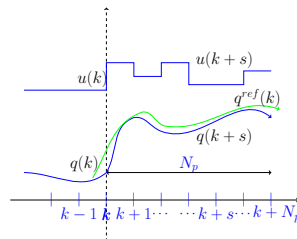
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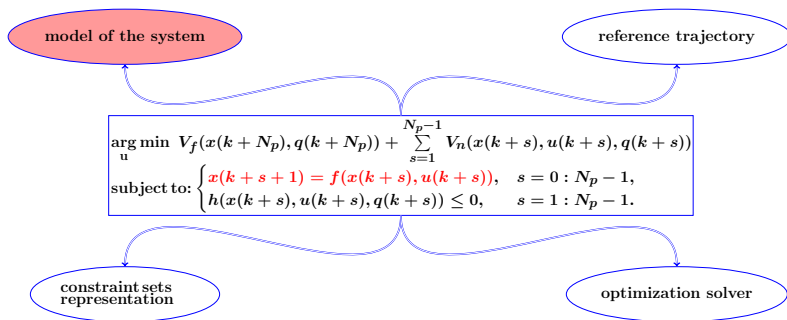
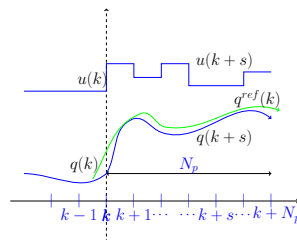
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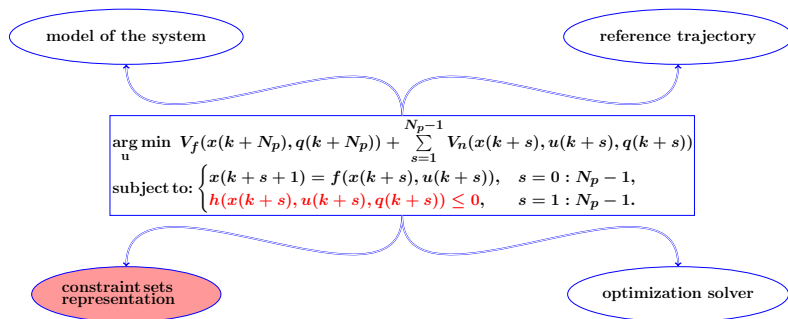
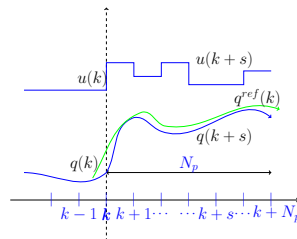
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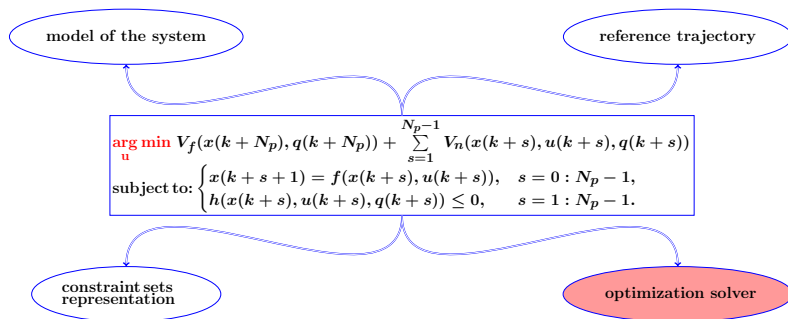
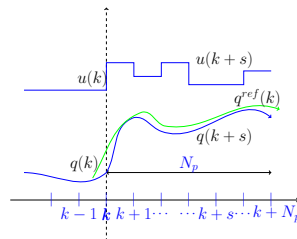
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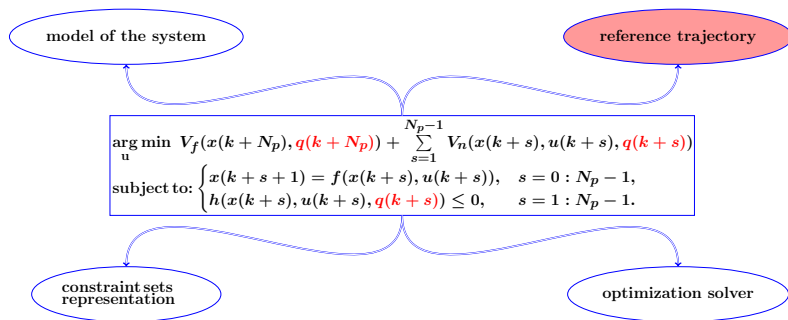
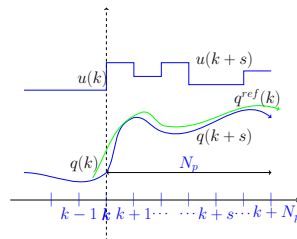
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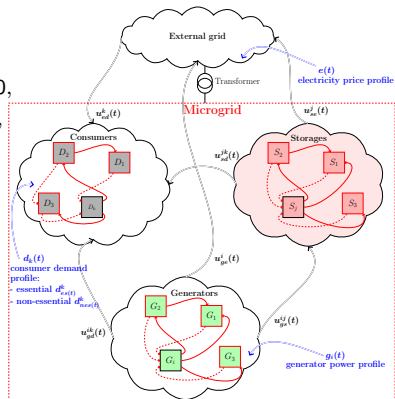
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with the *mixed-integer conditions*:

$$\begin{cases} 0 \leq u_{gs}^{ij}(t) \leq M\alpha_j(t), & \forall i \text{ with } M_{gs}(i,j) \neq 0, \\ 0 \leq u_{sd}^{jk}(t) \leq M(1 - \alpha_j(t)), & \forall k \text{ with } M_{sd}(j,k) \neq 0, \\ 0 \leq u_{se}^j(t) \leq M(1 - \alpha_j(t)), & \text{if } \exists j \text{ with } M_{se}(j) \neq 0, \end{cases}$$

- $x_j(t) \in \mathbb{R}$ represents the amount of energy stored in S_j at time step t ;
- $\sigma_j \in \mathbb{R}^+$ is the hourly self-discharge decay;
- $w_j(t) \in \mathbb{W} \subset \mathbb{R}$ are additive disturbances affecting the level of battery charge;
- $\alpha_j(t) \in \{0, 1\}$ are the auxiliary binary variables which govern the mode switching;
- $M \in \mathbb{R}$ is an appropriately chosen constant;
- $M_{ab} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_a \times N_b}$ adjacency matrix describing the links among components.



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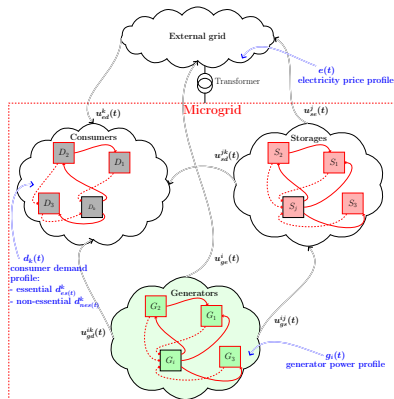
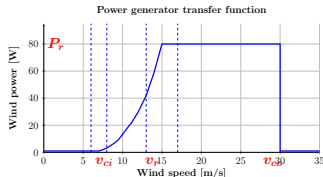
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Consider the dynamic model of the power generators G_i :

$$g_i(t+1) = f(g_i(t), v_i(t)),$$

which can be approximated with the power curve transformation [Justus et al. \(1976\)](#):



Constraints description within the microgrid system

At least the essential demand has to be supplied to the users:

$$d_{es}^k(t) < \sum_{M_{gd}(i,k) \neq 0} u_{gd}^{ik}(t) + \sum_{M_{sd}(j,k) \neq 0} u_{sd}^{jk}(t) + \sum_{M_{ed}(k) \neq 0} u_{ed}^k(t) \leq d_{es}^k(t) + d_{nes}^k(t).$$

Magnitude and variation bounds on the quantity of stored energy:

$$B_{min}^j \leq x_j(t) \leq B_{max}^j,$$

$$V_{min}^j \leq \Delta x_j(t) \leq V_{max}^j.$$

Physical limits on the energy transfer:

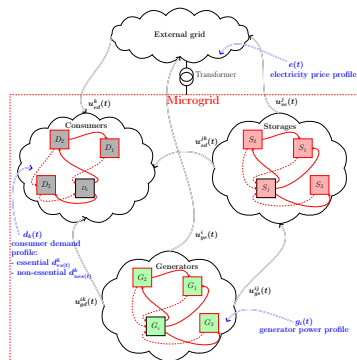
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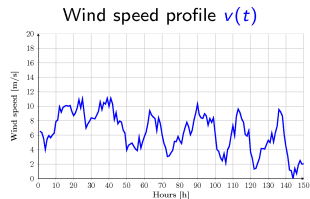
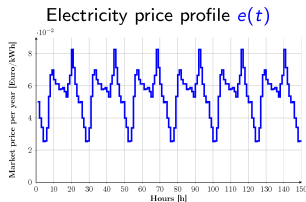
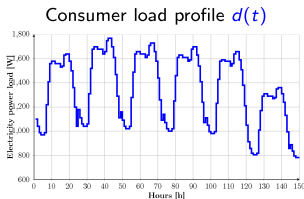
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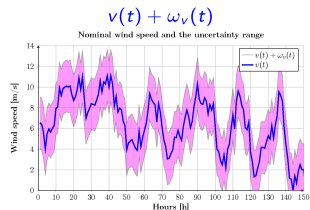
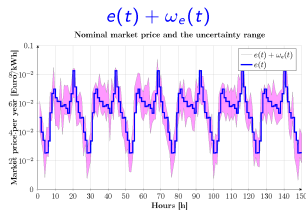
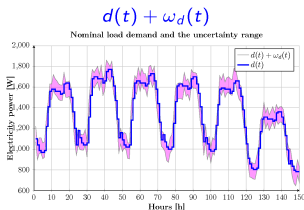
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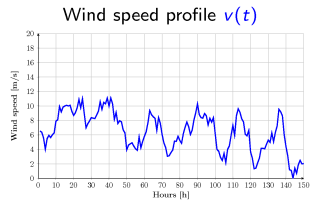
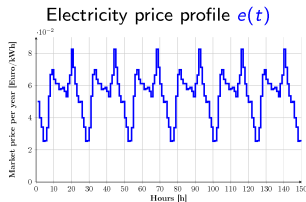
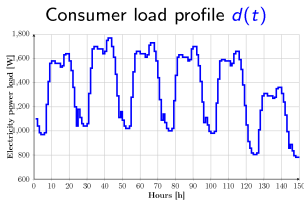
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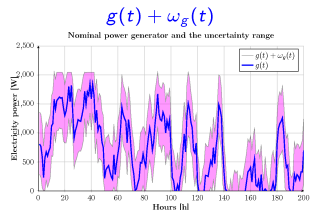
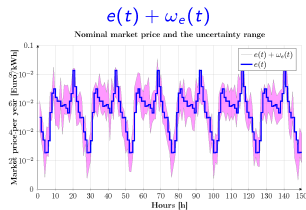
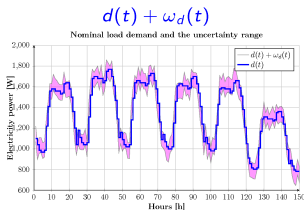
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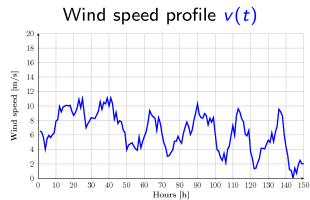
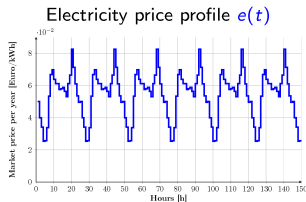
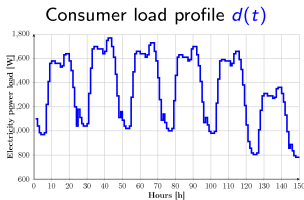
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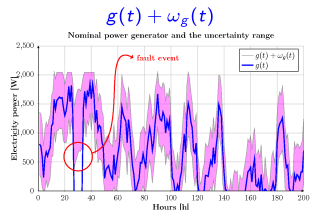
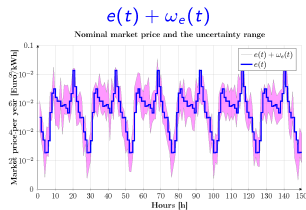
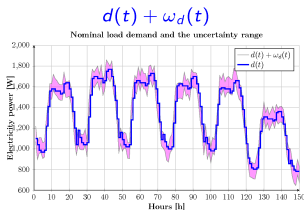
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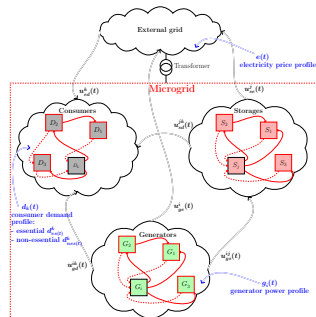
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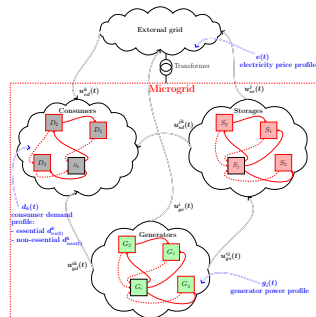
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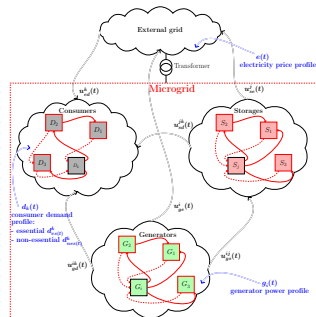
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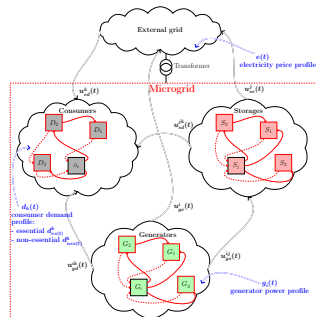
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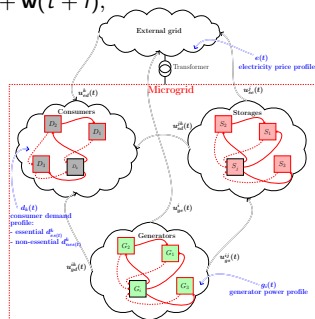
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$$\mathbf{u}^* = \arg \min_{u(t), u(t+1), \dots, u(t+N_p-1), \alpha} \sum_{l=0}^{N_p-1} \gamma_e C_e(t+l) + \gamma_d C_d(t+l) + \gamma_b C_s(t+l),$$

subject to the set of constraints:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{x}(t+l+1) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t+l) + \mathbf{B}_{ch}\mathbf{u}(t+l) + \mathbf{B}_{disch}\mathbf{u}(t+l) + \mathbf{w}(t+l), \\ 0 \leq \mathbf{B}_{ch}\mathbf{u}(t+l) \leq M\alpha(t+l), \\ 0 \leq \mathbf{B}_{disch}\mathbf{u}(t+l) \leq M(1-\alpha(t+l)), \\ \mathbf{B}_{min} \leq \mathbf{x}(t+l) \leq \mathbf{B}_{max}, \\ \mathbf{V}_{min} \leq \Delta\mathbf{x}(t+l) \leq \mathbf{V}_{max}, \\ 0 \leq \mathbf{G}\mathbf{u}(t+l) \leq \mathbf{g}(t+l), \\ \mathbf{d}_{es}(t+l) \leq \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(t+l) \leq \mathbf{d}_{es}(t+l) + \mathbf{d}_{nes}(t+l), \\ 0 \leq \mathbf{u}(t+l) \leq \bar{\mathbf{u}}. \end{array} \right.$$

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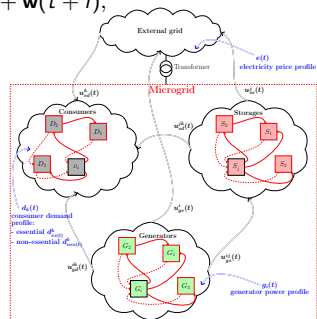
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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{x}(t+l+1) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t+l) + \mathbf{B}_{ch}\mathbf{u}(t+l) + \mathbf{B}_{disch}\mathbf{u}(t+l) + \mathbf{w}(t+l), \\ 0 \leq \mathbf{B}_{ch}\mathbf{u}(t+l) \leq M\alpha(t+l), \\ 0 \leq \mathbf{B}_{disch}\mathbf{u}(t+l) \leq M(1-\alpha(t+l)), \\ \mathbf{B}_{min} \leq \mathbf{x}(t+l) \leq \mathbf{B}_{max}, \\ \mathbf{V}_{min} \leq \Delta\mathbf{x}(t+l) \leq \mathbf{V}_{max}, \\ 0 \leq \mathbf{G}\mathbf{u}(t+l) \leq \mathbf{g}(t+l), \\ \mathbf{d}_{es}(t+l) \leq \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(t+l) \leq \mathbf{d}_{es}(t+l) + \mathbf{d}_{nes}(t+l), \\ 0 \leq \mathbf{u}(t+l) \leq \bar{\mathbf{u}}. \end{array} \right.$$

for $l = 0, \dots, N_p - 1$.

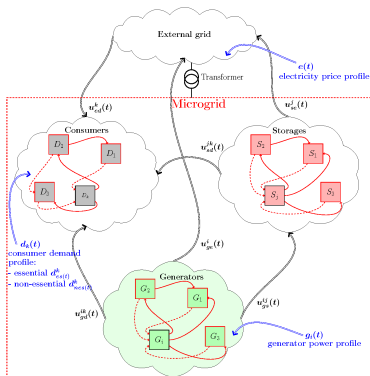
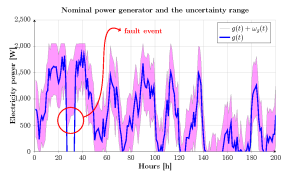


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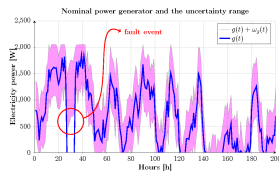


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Consider the following restrictive assumptions:

- the microgrid fulfills only the essential demands;
- the remaining healthy generators do not sell power to the external grid ($u_{ge}^i(t) = 0$);
- the external grid gives the maximum amount of power to the user ($u_{ed}^k(t) = \bar{u}_{ed}^k$).

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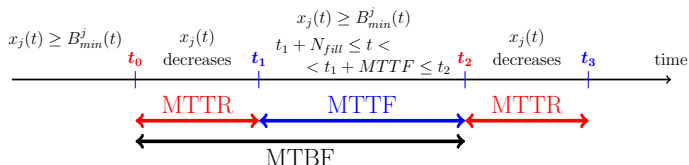
Fault tolerant control strategies - electrical storage capacity bounds

The FTC scheme implements an adaptive control which modifies minimal storage bounds B_{min} w.r.t. the fault events:

- **healthy functioning** (fault tolerance and cost minimization ensured):

$$\mathbf{B}_{h,min} = \min_{\mathbf{B}_{h,min}} \mathbf{B}_{min} \mathbf{1}^T,$$

$$\text{s.t.} \begin{cases} \sum_{M_{sd}(j,k) \neq 0} B_{min}^j(t) \geq \sum_{\tau=t}^{t+MTTR_i-1} \max \left[0, d_{es}^k(\tau) - \bar{u}_{ed}^k - \sum_{M_{gd}(i,k) \neq 0, \mathbf{B}_f(i,i) \neq 0} u_{gd}^{ik}(\tau) \right], \\ \sum_{k=1}^{N_d} u_{gd}^{ik}(\tau) = g_i(\tau), \quad \mathbf{B}_f(i,i) \neq 0, \quad \tau = t \dots t + MTTR_i - 1, \\ 0 \leq \mathbf{B}_{min} \leq \mathbf{B}_{max}, \quad \text{where } \mathbf{B}_{h,min} = [B_{h,min}^1 \dots B_{h,min}^{N_s}]. \end{cases}$$



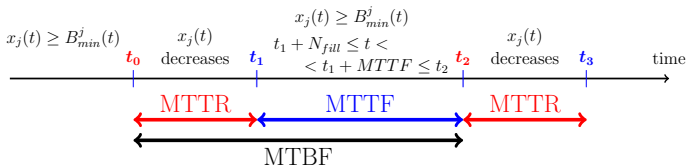
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$$\mathbf{B}_{f,min} = 0.$$

Enforce only $\mathbf{B}_{min} = (1 - DoD)\mathbf{B}_{max}$ for the interval $MTTR$.



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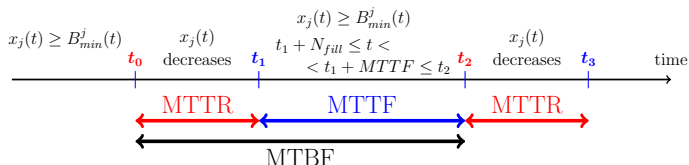
- “nominal after fault” functioning (gradual increase of storage bounds towards the safe values):

$$\mathbf{B}_{r,min}(\tau) = \mathbf{B}_{min}(t_1) + \frac{\tau - t_1}{N_{fill}} (\mathbf{B}_{h,min}(t_1 + N_{fill}) - \mathbf{B}_{min}(t_1)),$$

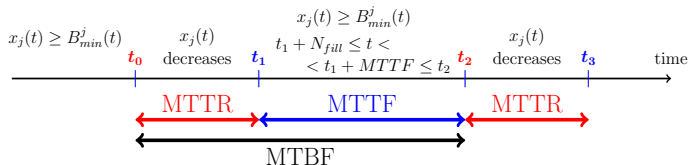
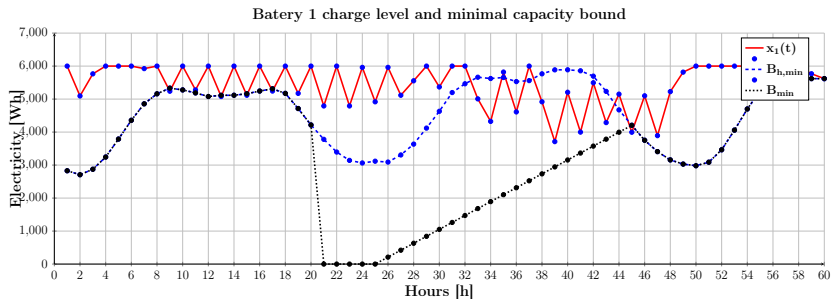
where N_{fill} represents a feasible recharging interval obtained by solving a minimal time problem:

$$N_{fill} = \min \tau$$

$$\text{s.t.} \begin{cases} \mathbf{x}(t_1 + \tau) \geq \mathbf{B}_{h,min}(t_1 + \tau), \forall j = 1, \dots, N_s, \\ \text{dynamical model of the microgrid system and} \\ \text{physical constraints are verified for } t = t_1, \dots, t_1 + \tau. \end{cases}$$



Fault tolerant control strategies - example

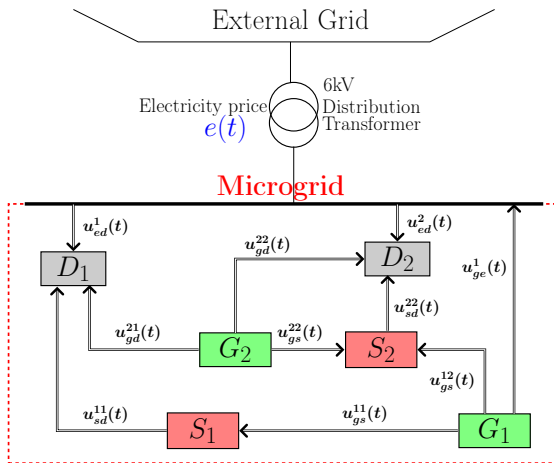


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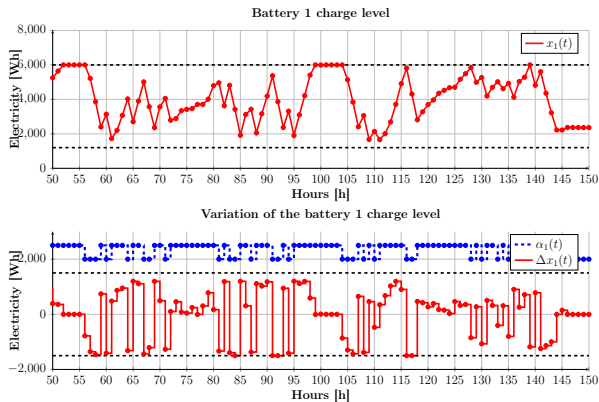
Simulation results

Consider the microgrid system with numerical data of a test system (IEEE RTS–96) developed for bulk power system reliability evaluation studies [Grigg et al. \(1999\)](#).



Simulation results

Battery load and power signals are shown along the simulation horizon (i.e., 100 hours) for pre-known consumer, electricity price, generator power profiles and $N_p = 5$:



- Battery load and charge constraints are verified.

$$\sigma = 13 \cdot 10^{-4},$$

$$B_{min}^1 = 12 \cdot 10^2 [Wh],$$

$$V_{min}^1 = -1.5 \cdot 10^3 [Wh],$$

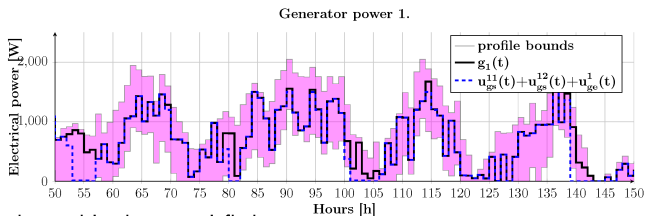
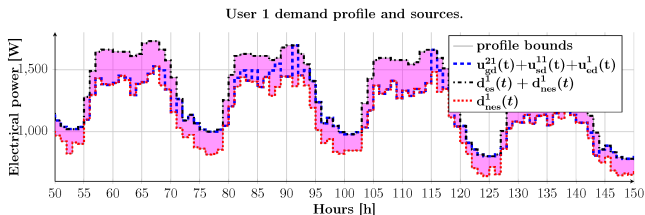
$$M = 9 \cdot 10^3,$$

$$B_{max}^1 = 6 \cdot 10^3 [Wh],$$

$$V_{max}^1 = 1.5 \cdot 10^3 [Wh].$$

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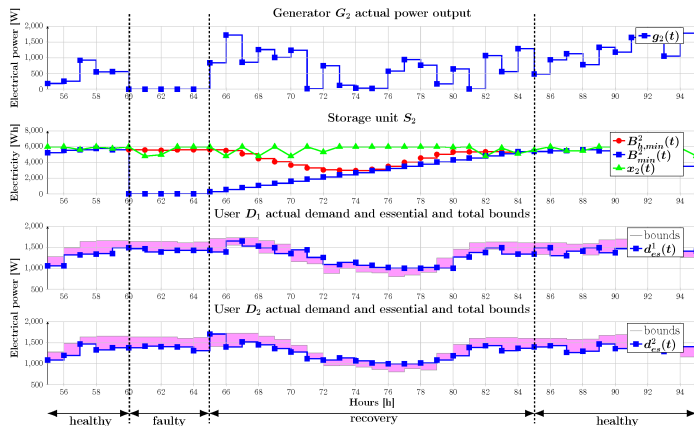
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- Consumer demand is always satisfied.
- Generator power stays within a tube around the nominal curve.

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- Storage values and minimal bound for the first storage unit under a fault event affecting the second generator, G_2 during the interval [60, 65] hours.

$MTTF = 5$ hours, $N_{fill} = MTTR = 20$ hours.

Comparison results

Compare the proposed **MPC algorithm** with a **reinforcement learning algorithm** on medium-term (2 steps-ahead) scenarios as in [Kuznetsova et al. \(2013\)](#):

$$V_0 = \frac{\sum_{t=0}^{s_{\max}} b_c(t)}{\sum_{t=0}^{s_{\max}} d(t)}$$

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$$E = \left(\sum_{t=0}^{s_{\max}} d(t) - \sum_{t=0}^{s_{\max}} b_c(t) \right) e(t)$$

Values of the performance indicators over a year long simulation

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V_0		V_1		E	
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$V_0 \rightarrow$ ratio of the cumulative power taken from the battery to the yearly cumulative load.

$V_1 \rightarrow$ ratio of the yearly cumulative power taken from the wind generator to the yearly cumulative available wind power output.

$E \rightarrow$ cumulative annual expenses for power purchases from the external grid.

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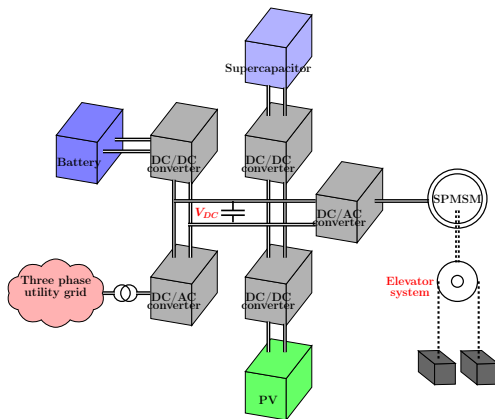
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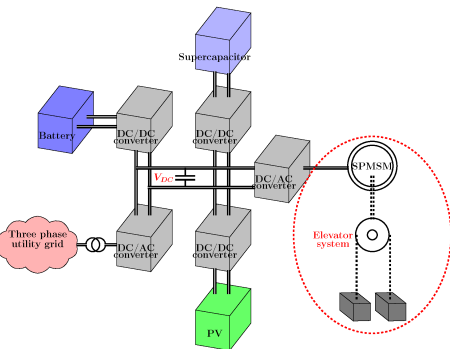
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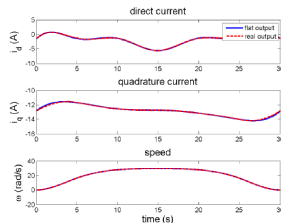
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- provide a speed profile for the elevator system so that the dissipated energy is minimized.

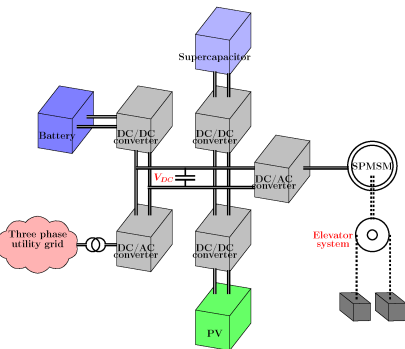


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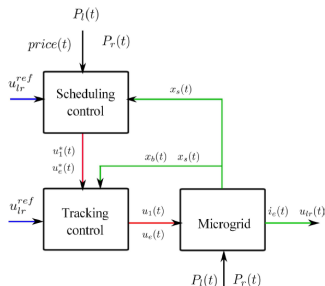
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- provide a multi-layer control procedure for nominal profiles generation for the low level dynamics.

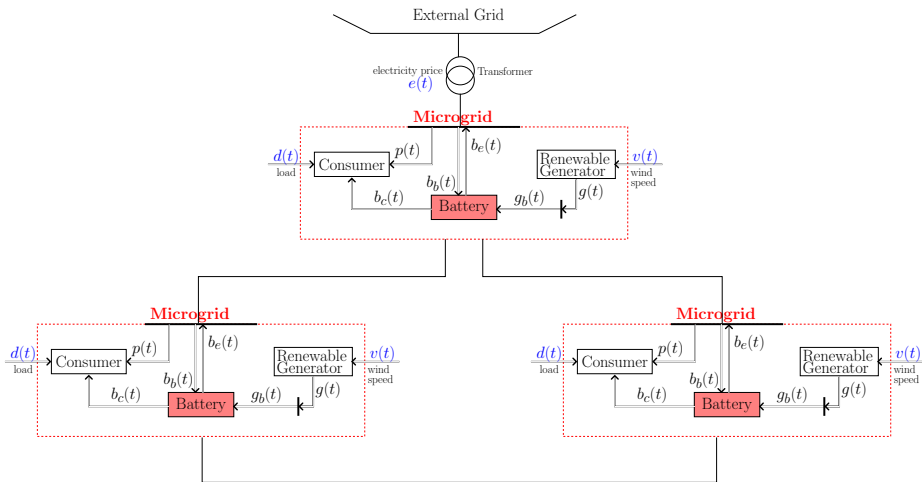


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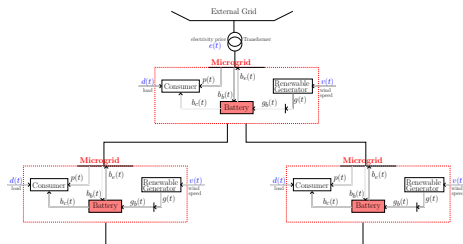
Undergoing work

What are the challenges in the design, control and management of **interconnected microgrid** energy systems?



Interconnected microgrid systems

Goal: Ensure load balancing within the global energy system.



Open issues

- take into account transmission costs;
- analyze the importance of the dependency links between the systems;
- consider, for example that all the microgrids are connected to a “failsafe” external grid which give electricity only in the case that the local demand is not satisfied;
- integrate mixed-integer techniques to efficiently describe on/off states and operating modes of different components added to the grid;
- develop efficient decentralized, distributed and/or hierarchical strategies which will establish optimal operation of electrical storage units;
- account for slow and fast time scale behavior when formulating the dynamic scheduling problem;
- study and design fault tolerant control strategies which take into account the topology of the system within a set-theoretic framework.

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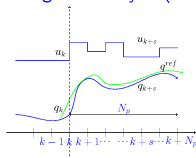
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Summary

- Model Predictive Control and fault tolerant design for reliable microgrid energy management.
- Mixed-integer Linear Programming for electrical storage scheduling.
- Essential and non-essential user demand satisfaction.
- Constraint and control reconfiguration for fault mitigation.

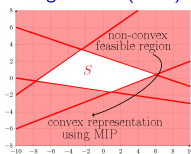
Model Predictive Control (MPC)

Rawlings and Mayne (2011)



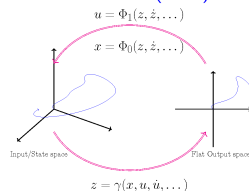
Mixed-Integer Programming (MIP)

Jünger et al. (2009)



Flatness for profile generation

Fliess et al. (1995)



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