

Nonlinear WEC Optimized Geometric Buoy Design for Efficient Reactive Power Requirements

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Introduction

- Abundant resource of untapped energy exists in ocean
- Energy from ocean waves may provide regular source of power with intensity that can be accurately predicted several days before arriving at capture point
- Energy from waves considered more predictable (less stochastic) in nature than wind or solar energy
- Wave energy capacity in entire ocean estimated between 8K-80K TWh/yr or 1-10 TW future energy and power generation
- On average each wave crest can transmit 1—50 kW/m
- Many WEC devices are being considered by private industry to harvest energy
- Specific class for this study will focus on omni-directional point absorber/buoy

- Biggest challenges for all renewable energy generation is for variable power - reactive power or ESS will be required to deliver quality power at the grid

- Approximate hydrodynamic model known as Cummins' equation of motion

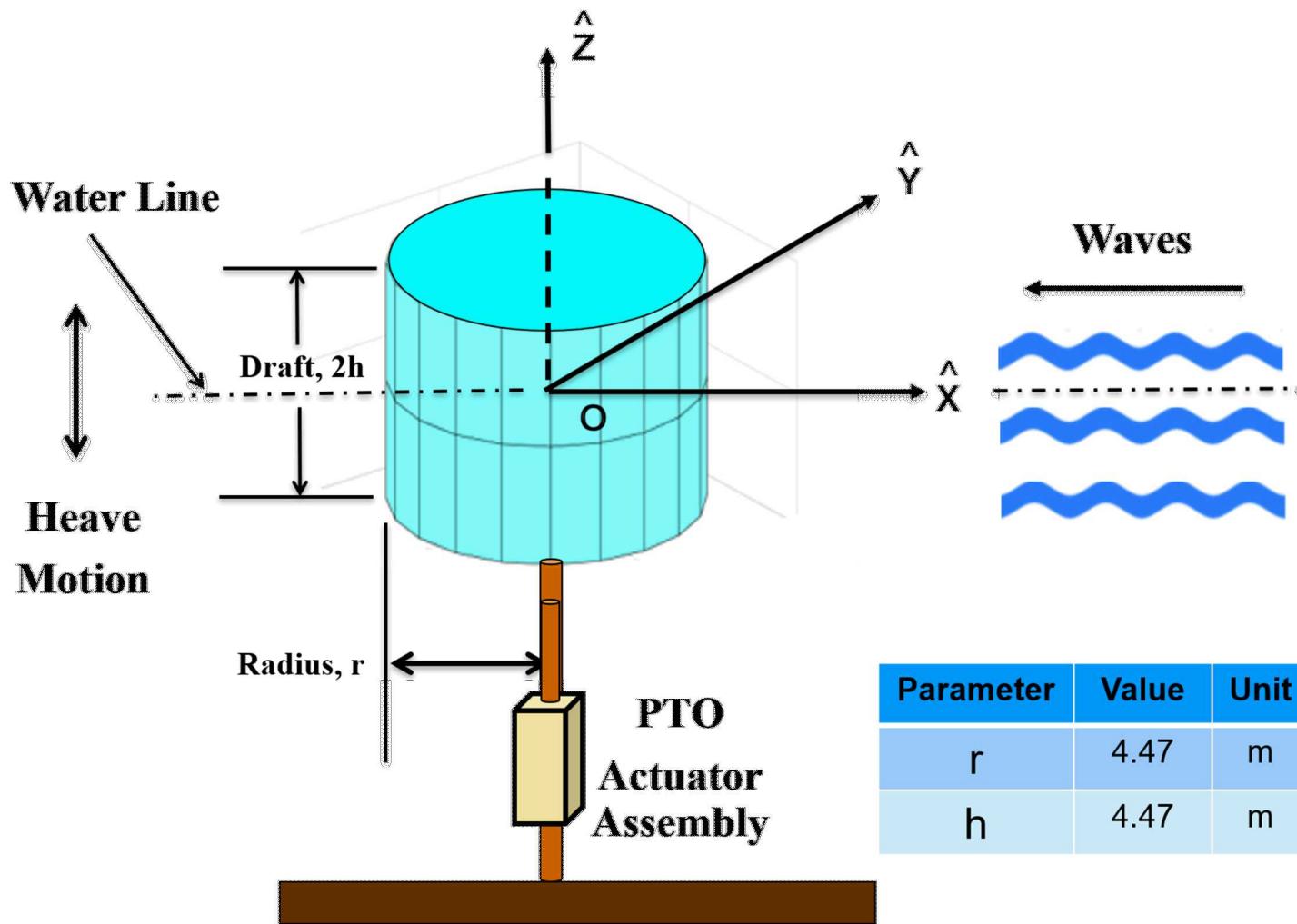
$$(\tilde{m} + \tilde{a}(\infty))\ddot{z} + \int_0^{\infty} h_r(\tau)(t - \tau)d\tau + kz = F_e + F_u$$

- Simple case defined for regular wave with single frequency excitation force

$$(\tilde{m} + \tilde{a}_1)\ddot{z}_1 + c_1\dot{z}_1 + kz_1 = f_{e1} + f_{u1}$$

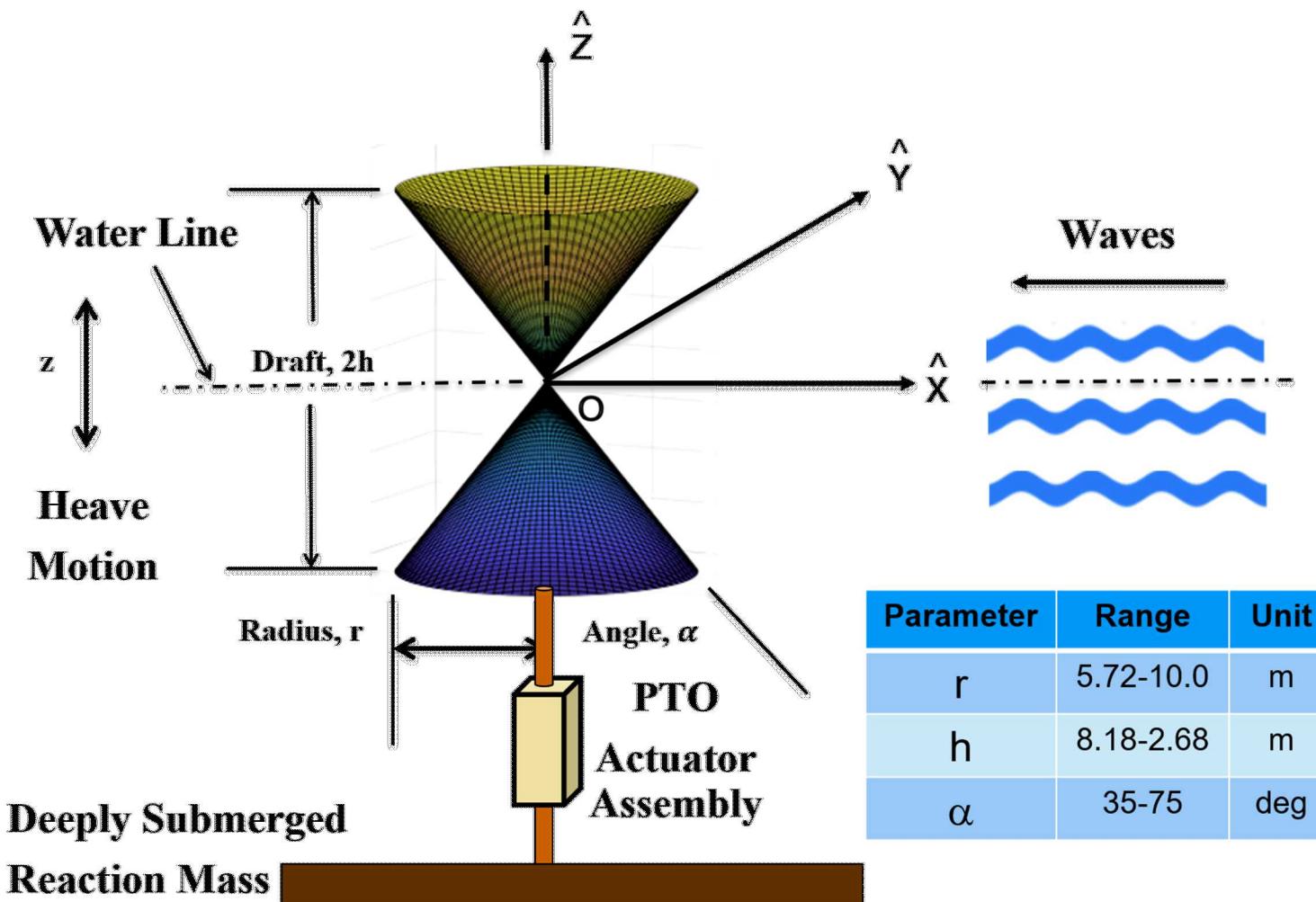
- Excitation force for a single frequency is

$$f_{e1} = A_{e1} \sin(\omega_1 t + \phi_1)$$



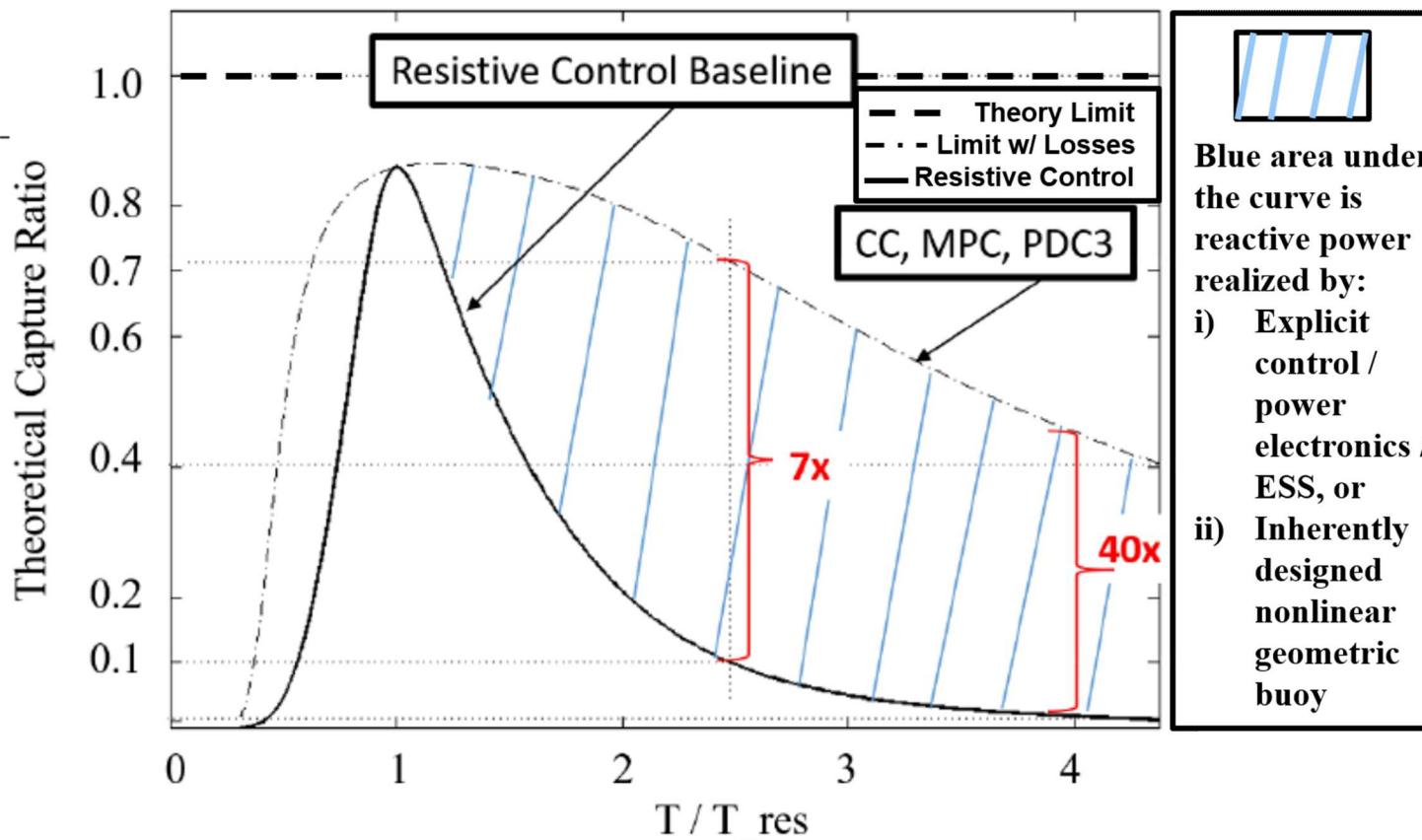
- RCC geometry WEC buoy design and corresponding parameters

- WEC modeled as linear actuator
- Part of PTO system
- Reactive mass submerged deep enough oscillations are negligible
- Baseline linear geometry defined as RCC



- HG geometry WEC buoy design and corresponding parameters

WEC Control Buoy Design



Heave
1-DOF
System

- Example capture ratios for several difference control strategies:
 - CC – complex conjugate
 - MPC – model predictive control
 - PDC3 – proportional derivative CC control

PDC3 design methodology for RCC WEC

- WEC modeled as simple MSD plant

$$m\ddot{z} + c\dot{z} + kz = F_u + \sum_{j=1}^N F_{e_j} \sin \Omega_j t \quad (\text{Fourier series})$$

- PD controller per channel j

$$F_u = \sum_{j=1}^N F_{u_j} = \sum_{j=1}^N [-K_{P_j} z_j - K_{D_j} \dot{z}_j]$$

- Results in

$$m\ddot{z}_j + (c + K_{D_j})\dot{z}_j + (k + K_{P_j})z_j = F_{e_j} \sin \Omega_j t$$

- For single frequency forcing function

$$m\ddot{z} + (c + K_D)\dot{z} + (k + K_P)z = F_0 \sin \Omega t$$

WEC Control Buoy Design

NL Control Design for RCC WEC

$$m\ddot{z} + (c + K_D)\dot{z} + K_{NL}z^3 = F_e$$

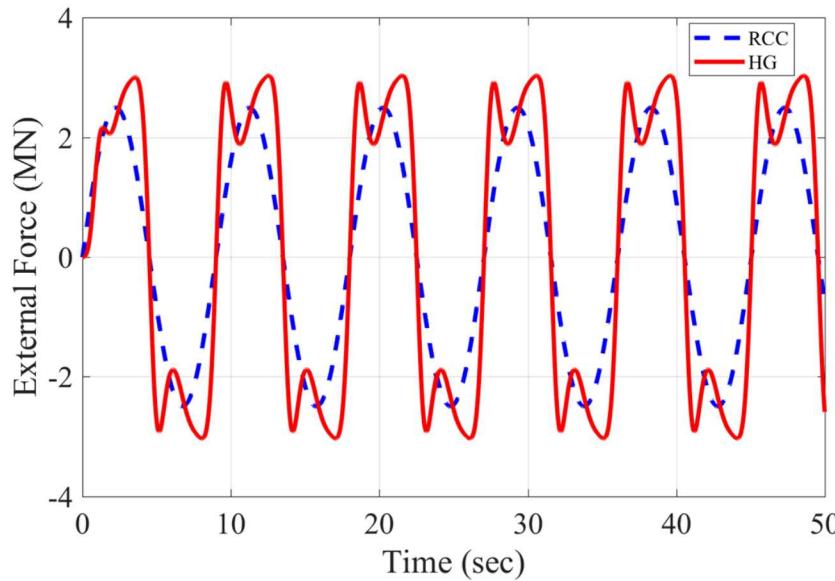
NL Control Design for NL HG Buoy Geometry WEC

- Equation of motion

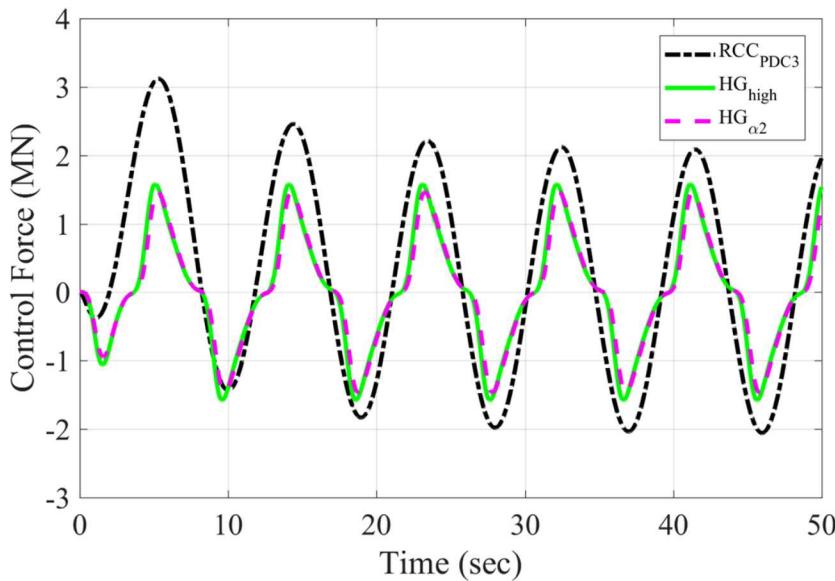
$$m\ddot{z} + c\dot{z} + K_{HG}(\alpha)\left[\frac{1}{3}z^3 - \eta z^2 + \eta^2 z\right] = \frac{1}{3}K_{HG}(\alpha)\eta^3 + F_u$$

- Wave elevation given as η
- Function of steepness angle parameter is $K_{HG}(\alpha)$
- Rate feedback term is $F_u = -K_D\dot{z}$
- Contains cubic spring “like” term $\frac{1}{3}K_{HG}(\alpha)z^3$

Numerical Simulations

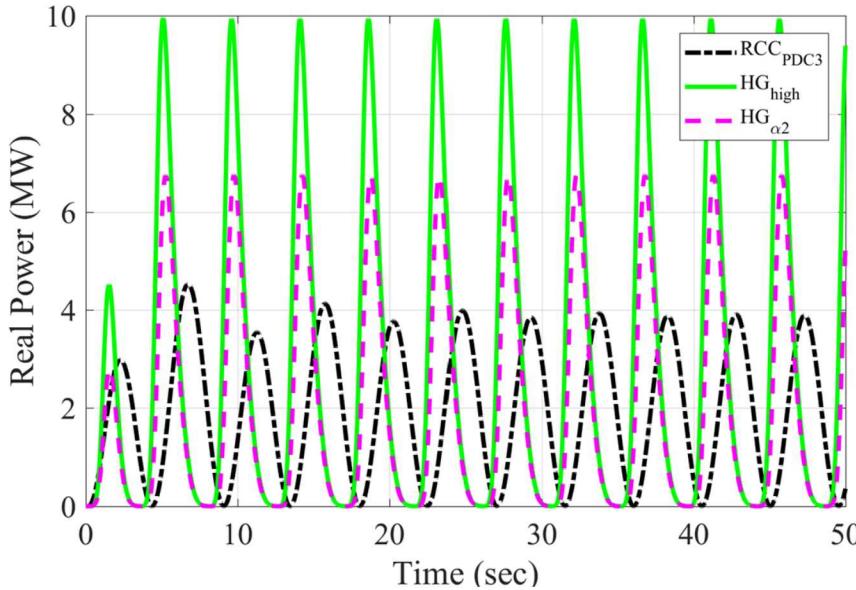


- Single frequency excitation force response

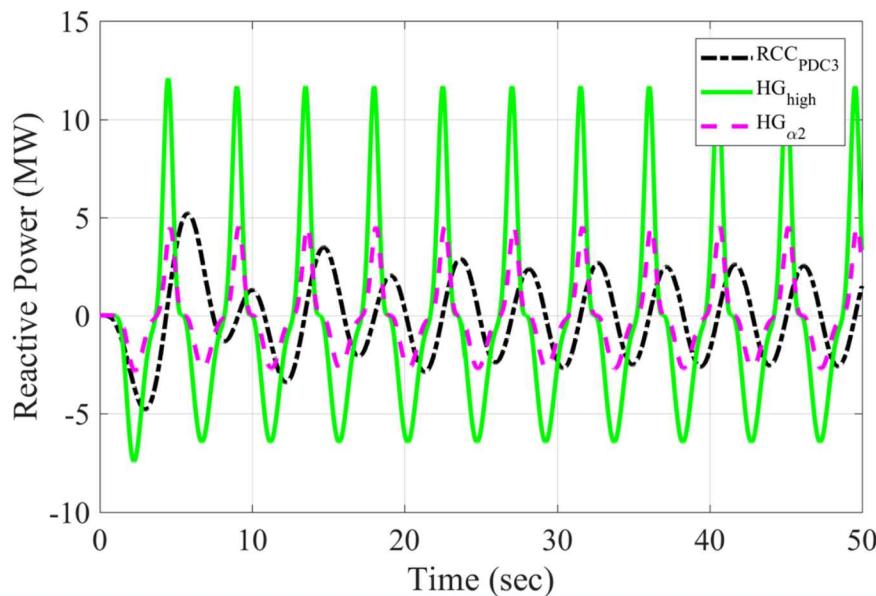


- Single frequency control force response

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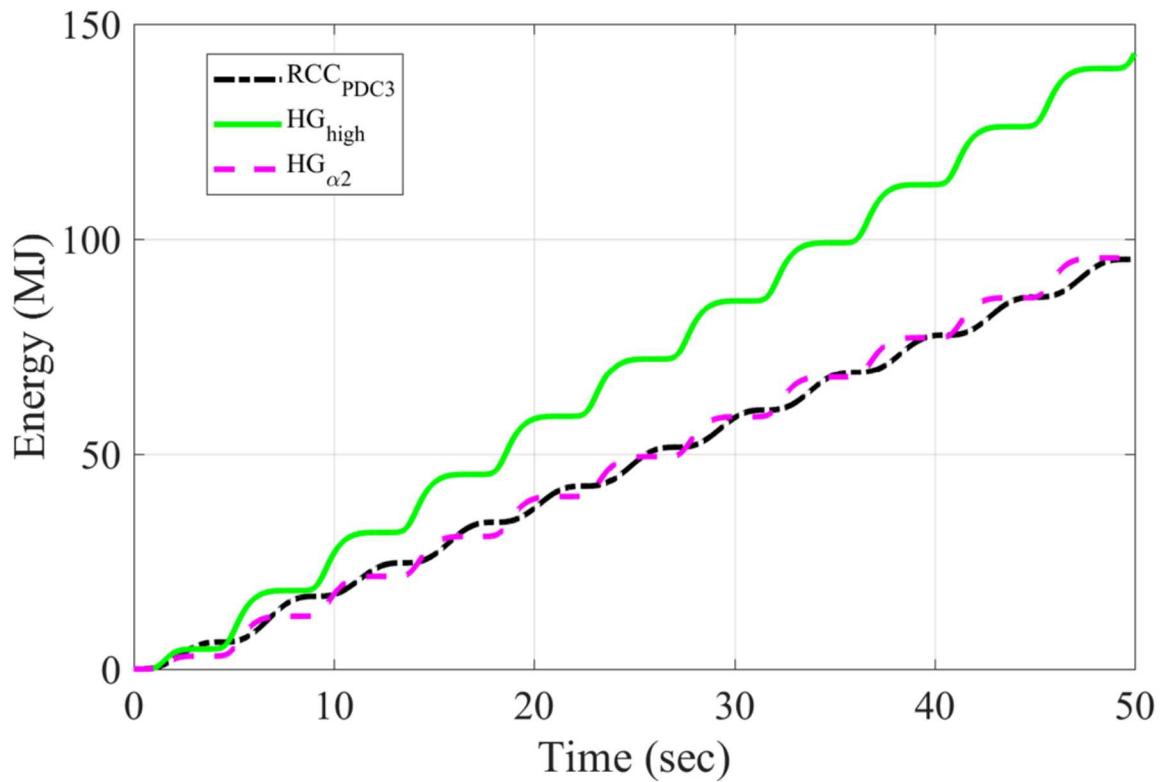


- Single frequency real power response



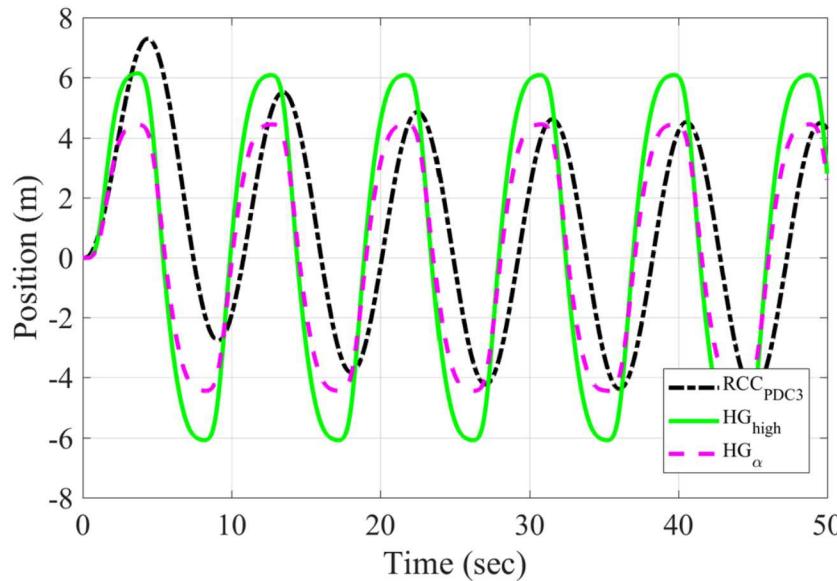
- Single frequency reactive power response

Numerical Simulations

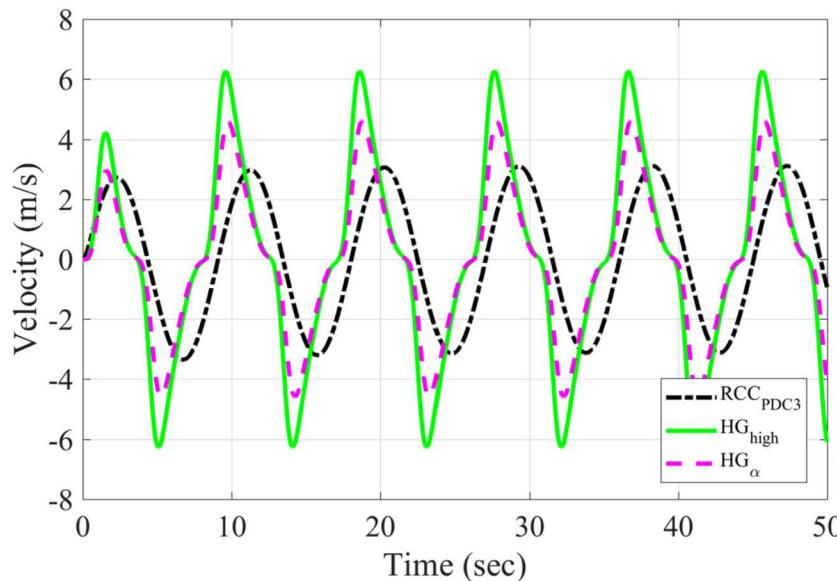


- Single frequency energy capture response

Numerical Simulations



- Single frequency position response



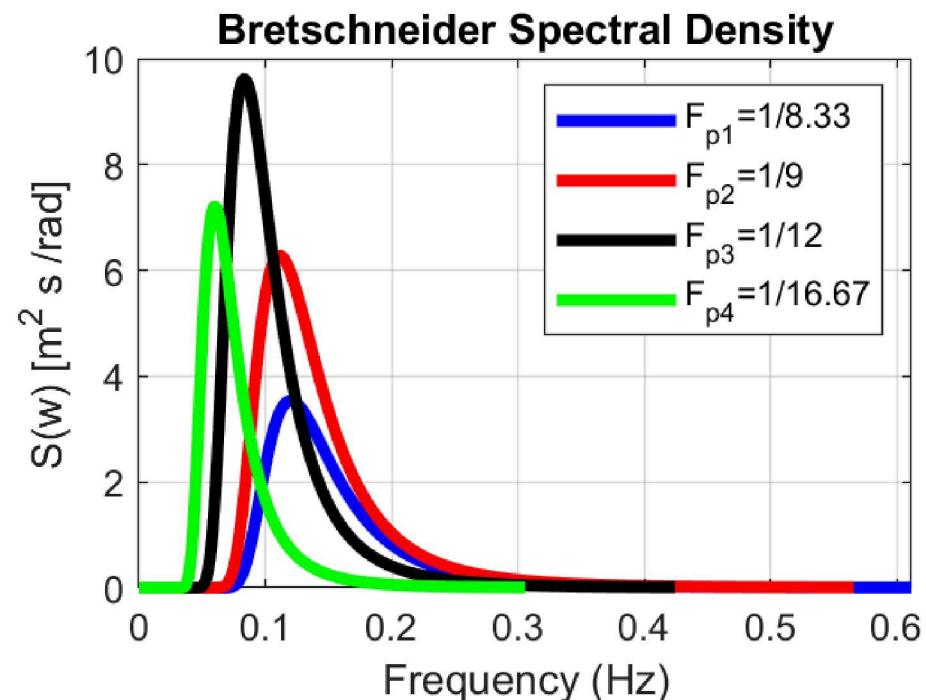
- Single frequency velocity response

4 Sea States Analyzed

These 4 Sea States with 5 min Durations will be applied to the HG buoy design to fully evaluate power/energy extraction

2 Sea States* related to Nags Head in NC

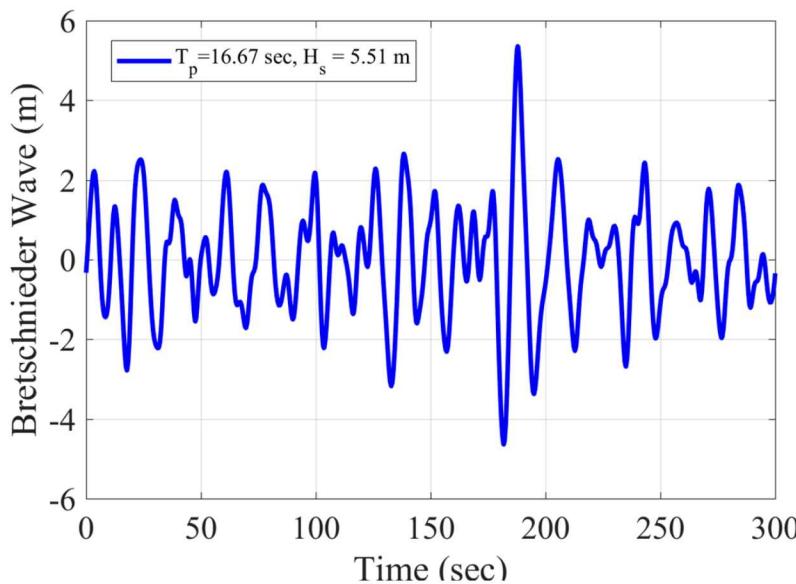
Sea State	Hs (m)	Tp (sec)	Duration (sec)
1*	5.46	8.33	300
2	7.0	9	300
3	7.5	12	300
4**	5.51	16.67	300



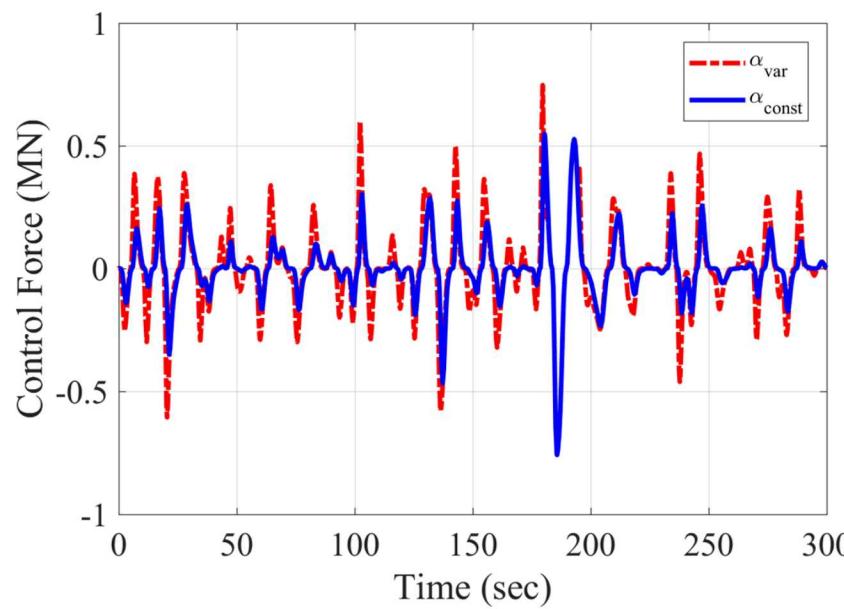
Note: Spectrum generated by *Bretschneider* and corresponding time domain data by *spec2sdat* Matlab functions from:

Perez, T.; Fossen, T. A Matlab Toolbox for Parametric Identification of Radiation-Force Models of Ships and Offshore Structures, Modeling, Identification, and Control 2009, 30, 1–15.

Numerical Simulations

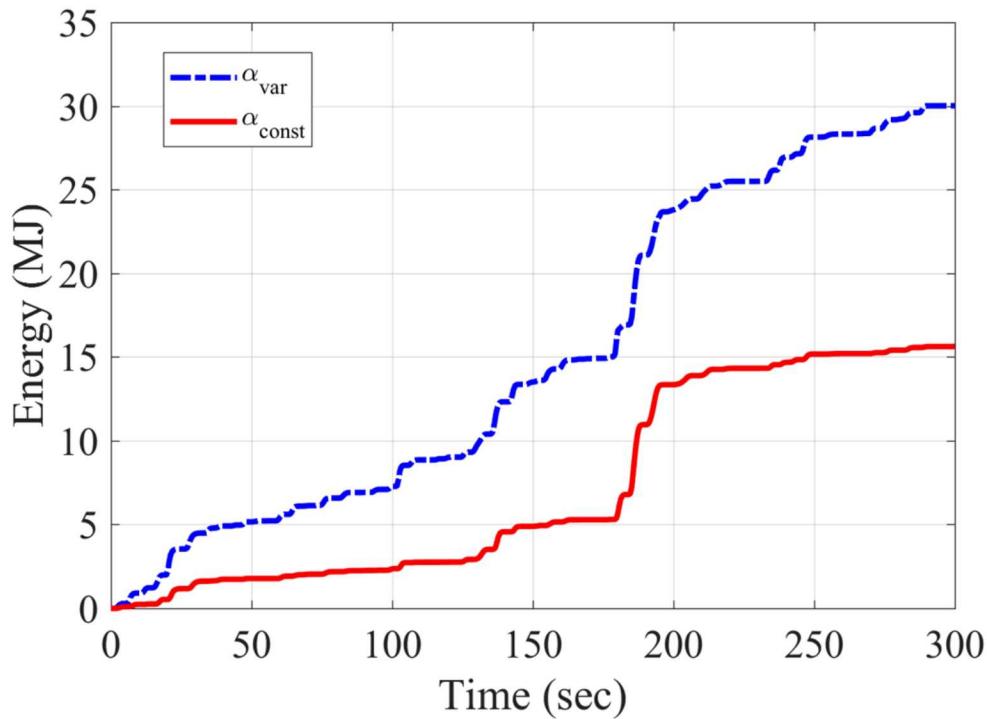


- Bretschneider spectrum wave input Sea State 4



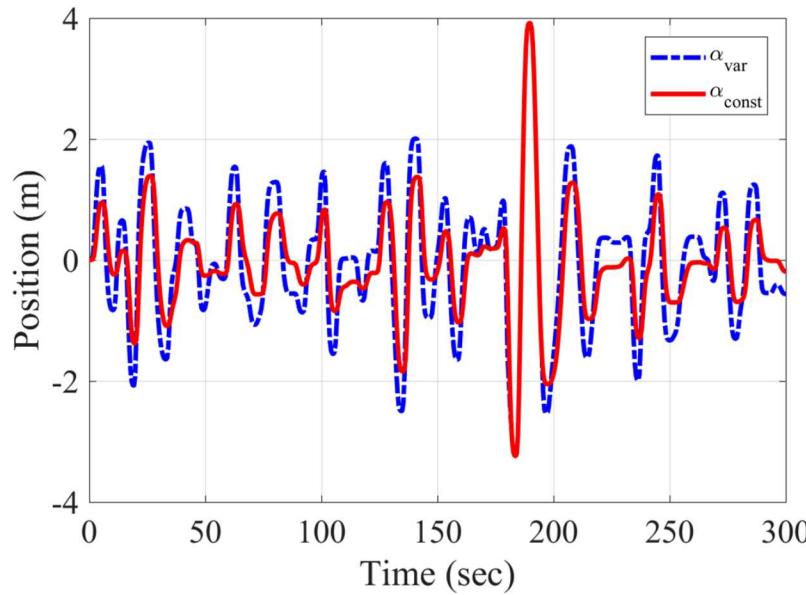
- Bretschneider spectrum control force response

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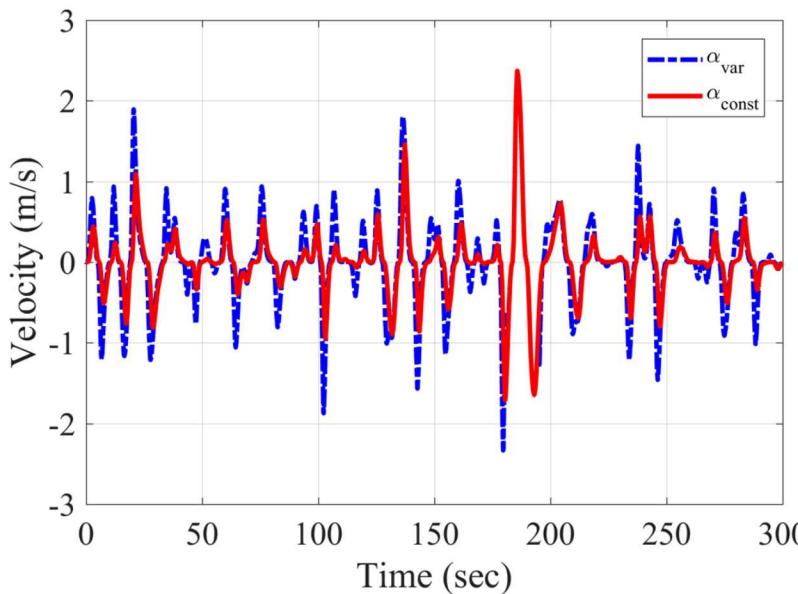


- Bretschneider spectrum energy capture response

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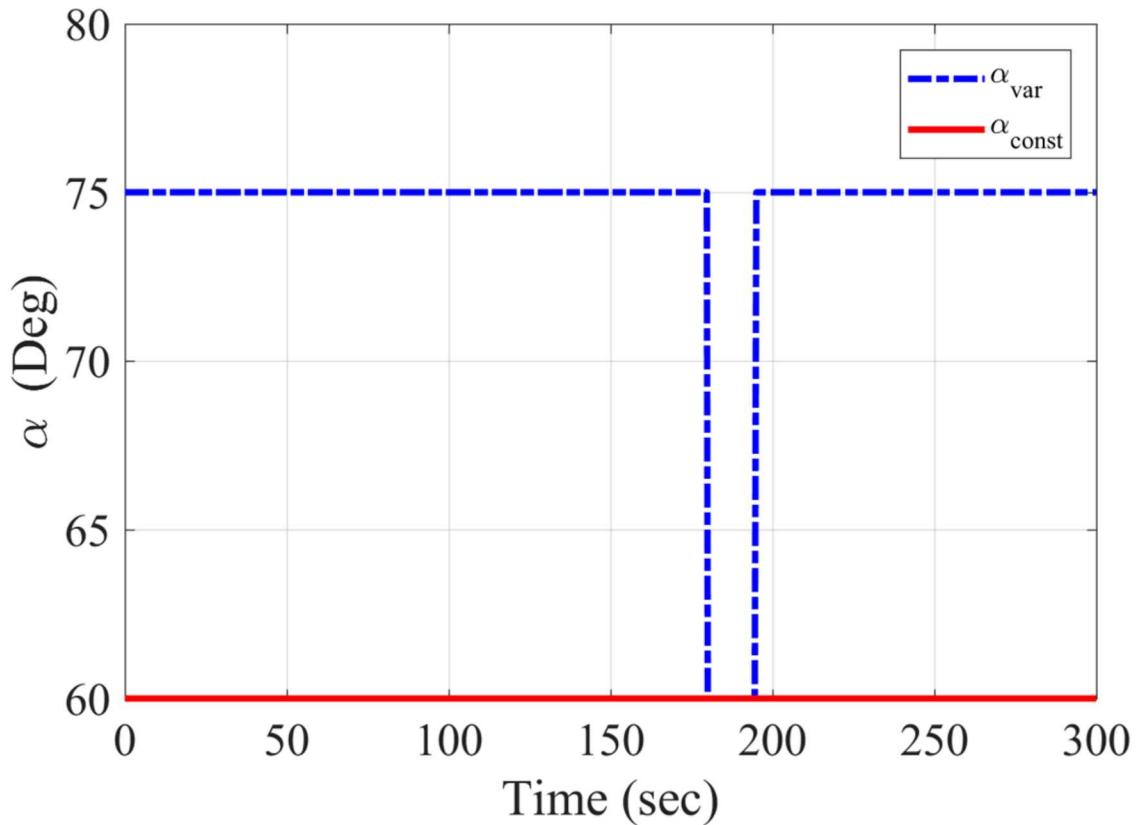


- Bretschneider spectrum position response



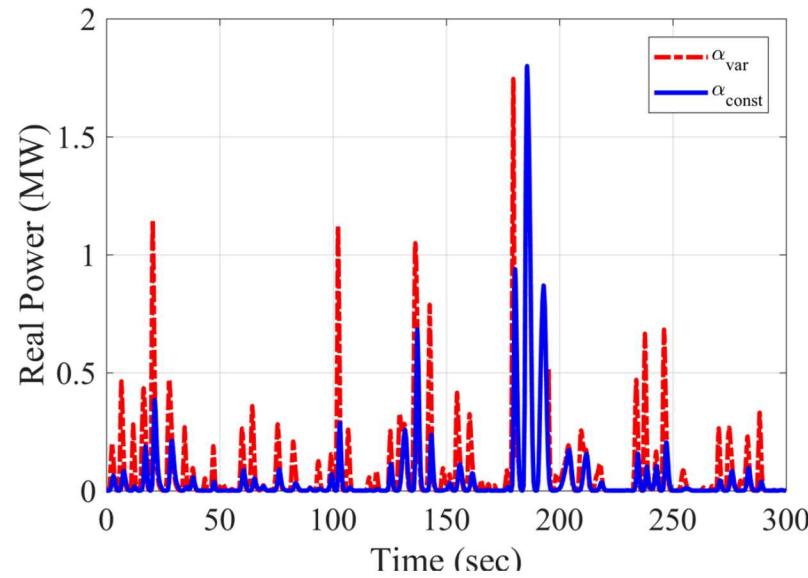
- Bretschneider spectrum velocity response

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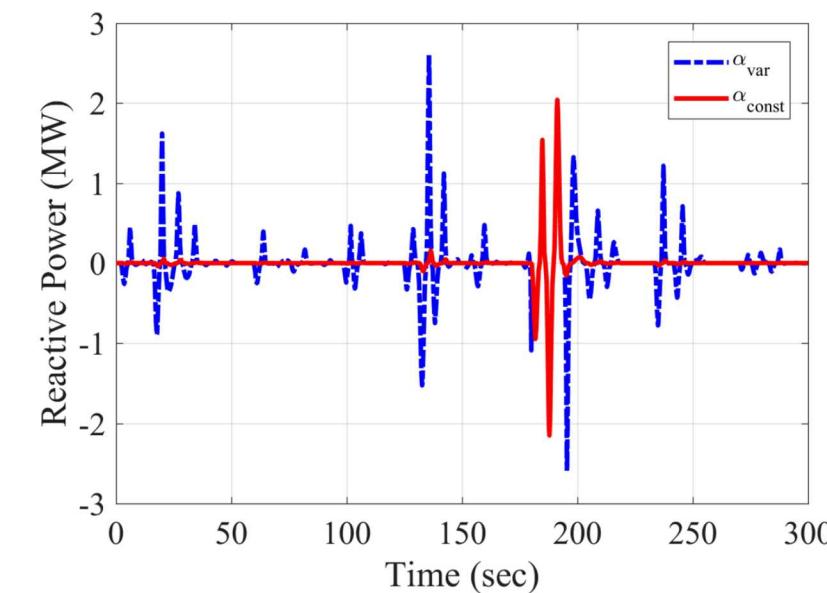


- Bretschneider spectrum wave input Sea State 4
- Vary alpha to increase energy capture

Numerical Simulations



- Bretschneider spectrum real power response



- Bretschneider spectrum reactive power response

Conclusions

- Presented nonlinear geometric buoy design for WECs
- HG geometry produced nonlinear dynamic model with inherent reactive power
- Reactive power produced from interaction with the waves and buoy
- For single frequency PDC3 RCC compared with HG buoy design
- Simulations demonstrated increase power and energy capture for the HG design
- A Bretschneider spectrum of wave excitation input conditions evaluated HG design
- Exploiting NL physics in HG design simplified operational performance compared to optimized linear RCC WEC
- HG steepness angle was varied wrt wave and an initial optimization produced double the energy capture
- Future work will include multiple sea states and more refined optimization for the steepness angle

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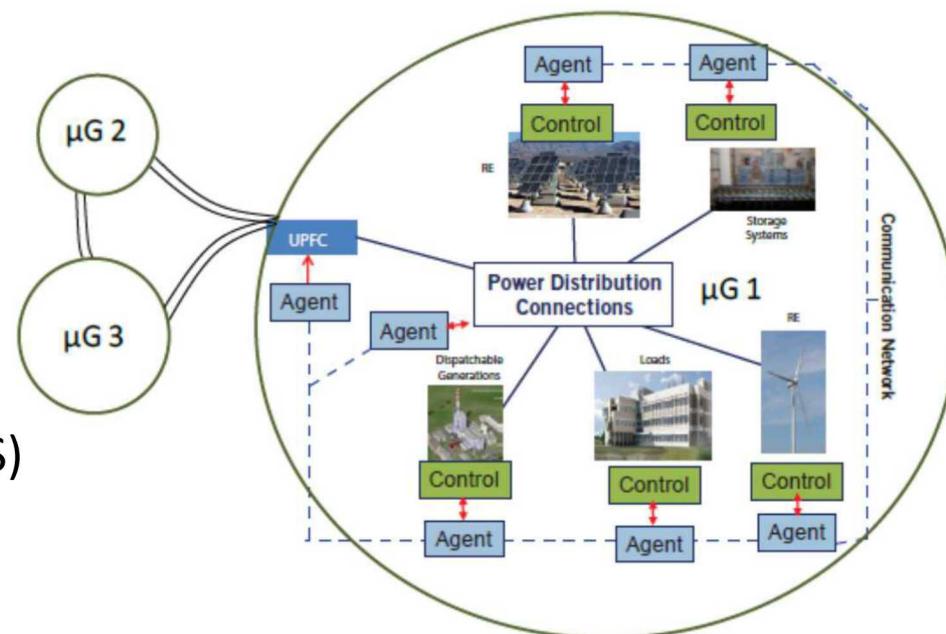
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Backup Charts

DOE and DoD Focus Energy Surety

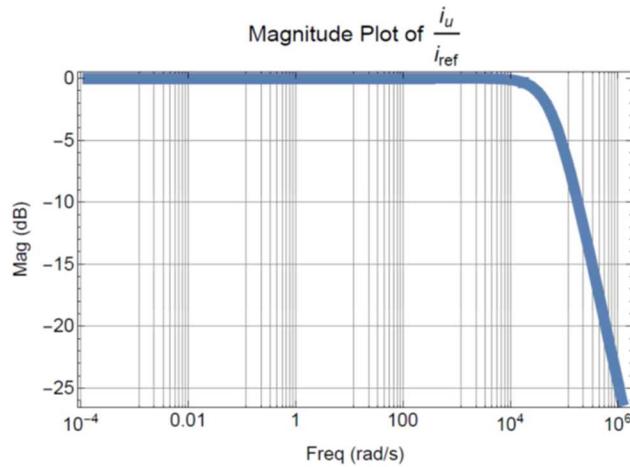
- **Energy Surety**— provides cost effective supplies of energy that are reliable, safe, secure, and sustainable.
- **Requires** - forward-looking energy surety; development of novel intelligent grid architecture in order to be robust, effective, and efficient.
- **Desirable metrics SSM:**

- Unlimited use of renewable energy power sources
- Reduced fossil fuel-based power generation
- Reduced energy storage system (ESS) requirements
- Balanced control of generation, storage, and loads in an efficient and secure paradigm



Utilized to Design and Specify ESS

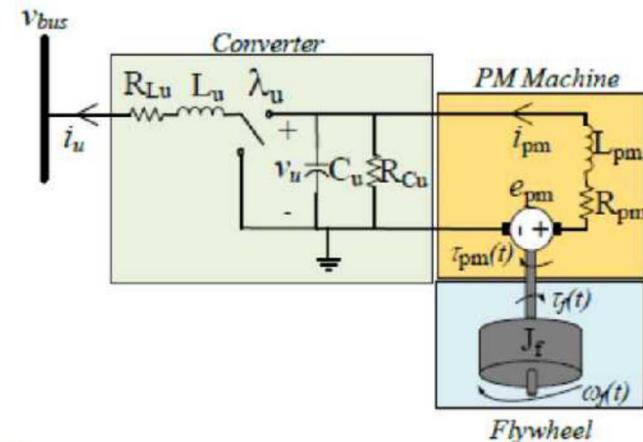
- Requirements matched to specific ESS (Device Examples)
 - Power
 - Energy
 - Frequency
 - Flywheel ESS Example:



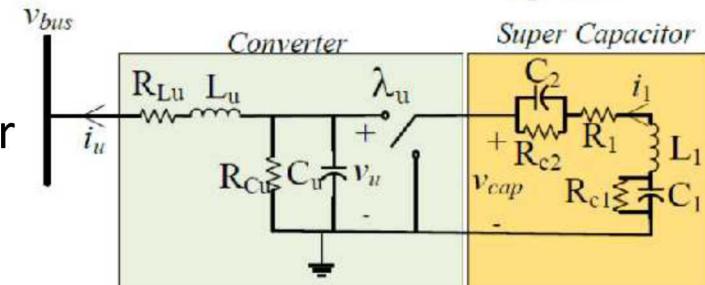
Derive:

Closed loop Bode plot – determines frequency characteristics contrast with specifications and requirements

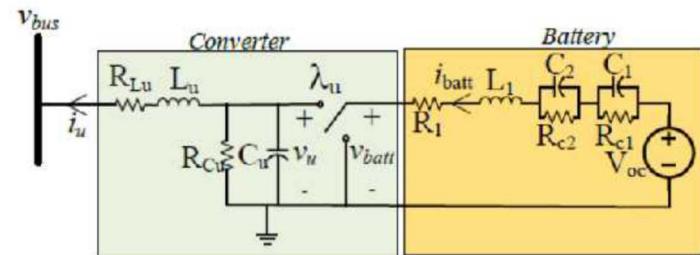
▪ Flywheel



▪ Super Capacitor



▪ Battery

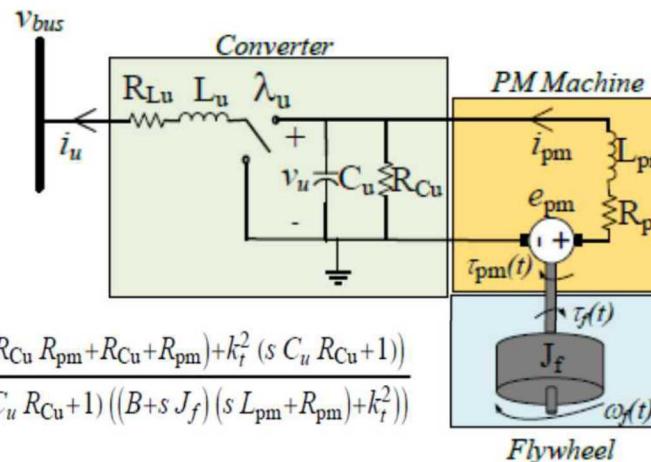
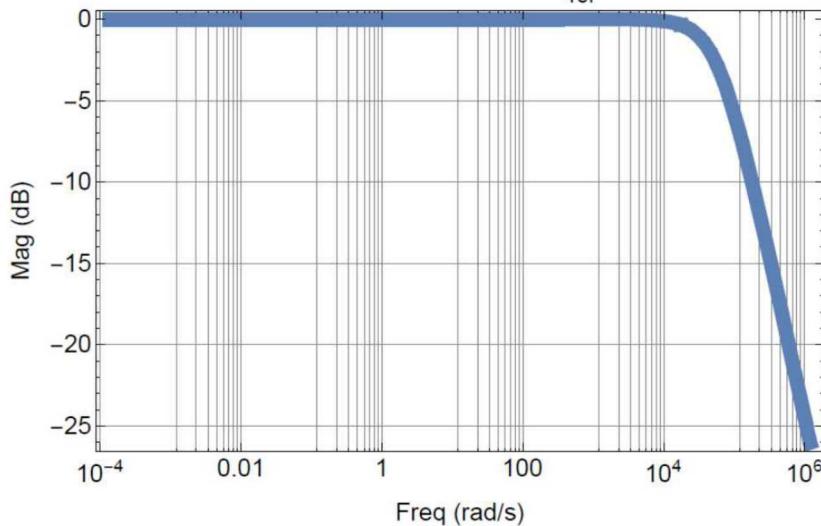


EXAMPLE: ESS Flywheel Energy Storage Transfer Function First-Order Band-Limited ESS Design

- Monolithic Flywheel ESS
- Transfer function

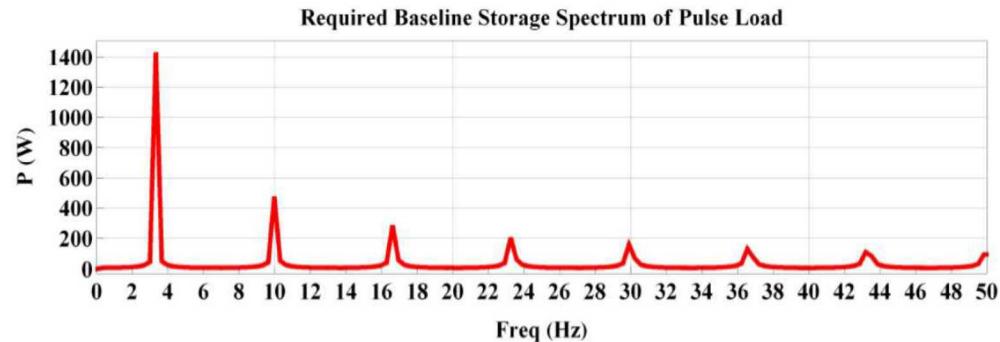
$$G(s) = \frac{i_u}{i_{\text{ref}}} = -\frac{v_{uo} (s k_p + k_i) ((B + s J_f) (s L_{\text{pm}} (s C_u R_{Cu} + 1) + s C_u R_{Cu} R_{\text{pm}} + R_{Cu} + R_{\text{pm}}) + k_t^2 (s C_u R_{Cu} + 1))}{(v_{uo} (s k_p + k_i) + s (s L_u + R_{Lu})) (R_{Cu} (-B + s J_f) - (s C_u R_{Cu} + 1) ((B + s J_f) (s L_{\text{pm}} + R_{\text{pm}}) + k_t^2))}$$

Magnitude Plot of $\frac{i_u}{i_{\text{ref}}}$



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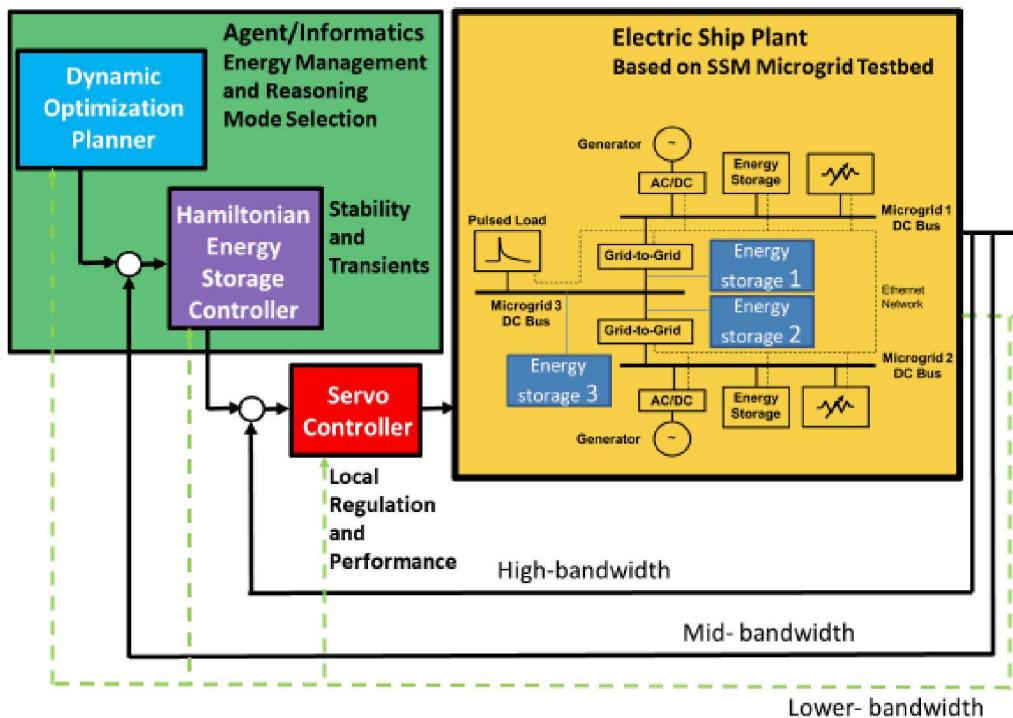
- Frequency Design Requirement



Flywheel Frequency Response Meets Design Requirement

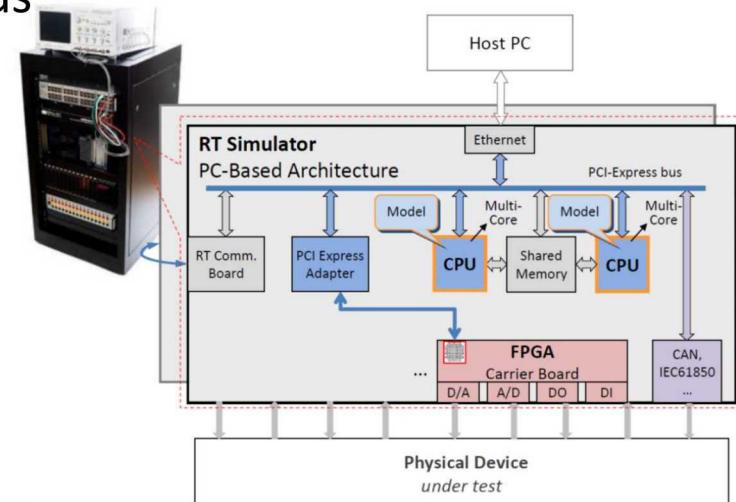
Ongoing/Future Work

- Tri-level HSSPFC architecture for Navy All-electric Ship and EPG networked Secure-Scalable Microgrid (SSM) Applications
 - Trade off and selection ESS
 - RT, HIL, PHIL integration/validation
 - Coupled generator/bus networked microgrids



Rapid Prototyping Controller:

- i) Coupled models (EMT)
- ii) Controller validation



- **OPAL-RT** System Architecture (standard configuration)
- **SNL Architecture** custom configuration (OPAL-RT)
- **Prototype control** Matlab/Simulink/RT-Lab environment