

Power system inertia



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Does all generators pedal?

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 - i. How can we calculate it for a single generator?
 - ii. What is the system inertia
 - iii. How does it vary?
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1. What is inertia?

How can we calculate it for a **single** generator?

$$S_b = (MVA)$$

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \frac{J \omega_0^2}{S_b} \quad (s)$$

$$\omega_0 = (rad/s)$$

$$J = (kg \cdot m^2)$$

1. What is inertia?

How can we calculate the **inertia constant** for a generator?

Nuclear

- 3000 rpm @ 50Hz

Hydro

- 150 rpm @ 50 Hz

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \frac{J \omega_0^2}{S_b} \quad (\text{s})$$

Inertia constants in Swedish

production units (average values)

Nuclear

$$H = 6 \text{ s}$$

Hydro

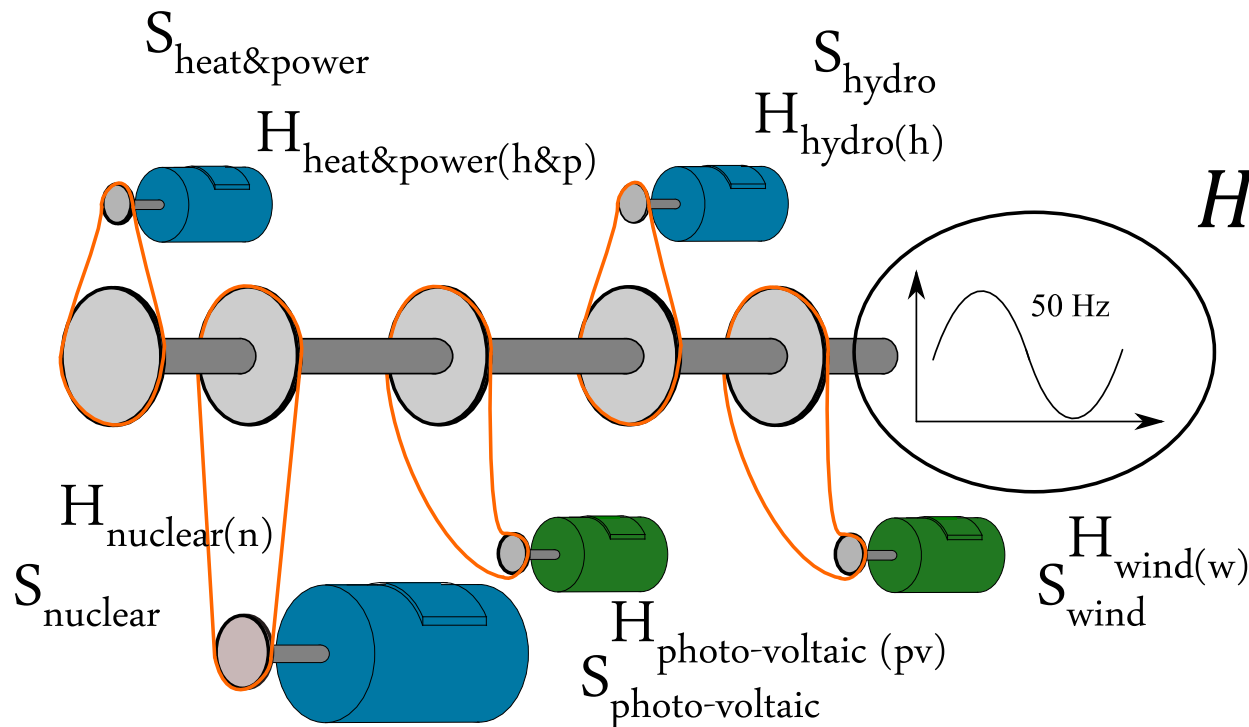
$$H = 4.5 \text{ s}$$

Heat&Power

$$H = 3 \text{ s}$$

1. What is inertia?

What is the **system** inertia?



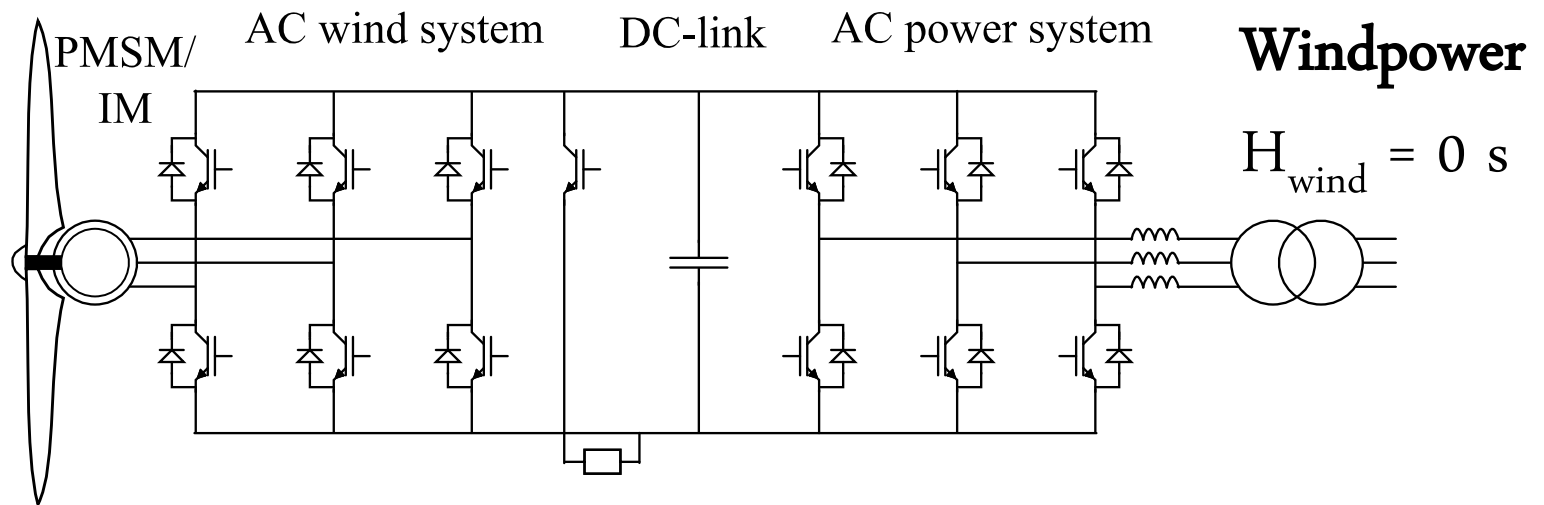
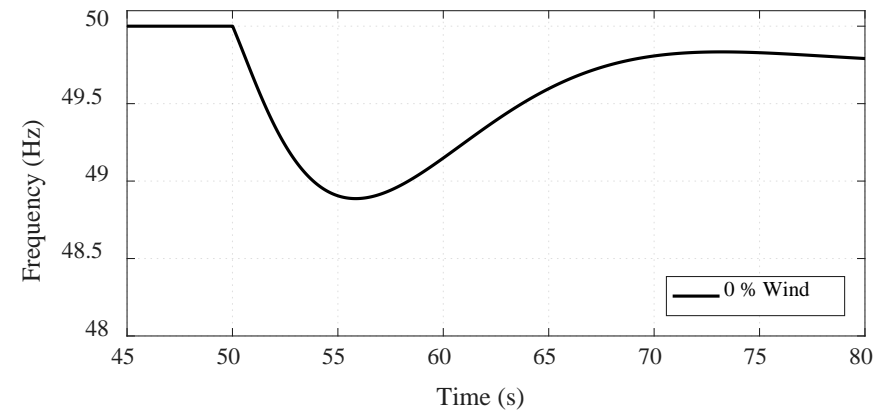
$$H_{\text{sys}} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{S_i H_i}{S_i}$$

$$H_{\text{sys}} = \frac{S_{h\&p} H_{h\&p} + S_h H_h + H_n S_n + H_w S_w + H_{pv} S_{pv}}{S_{\text{tot}}}$$

1. What is inertia?

How does **system** inertia vary?**Turbine+generator**

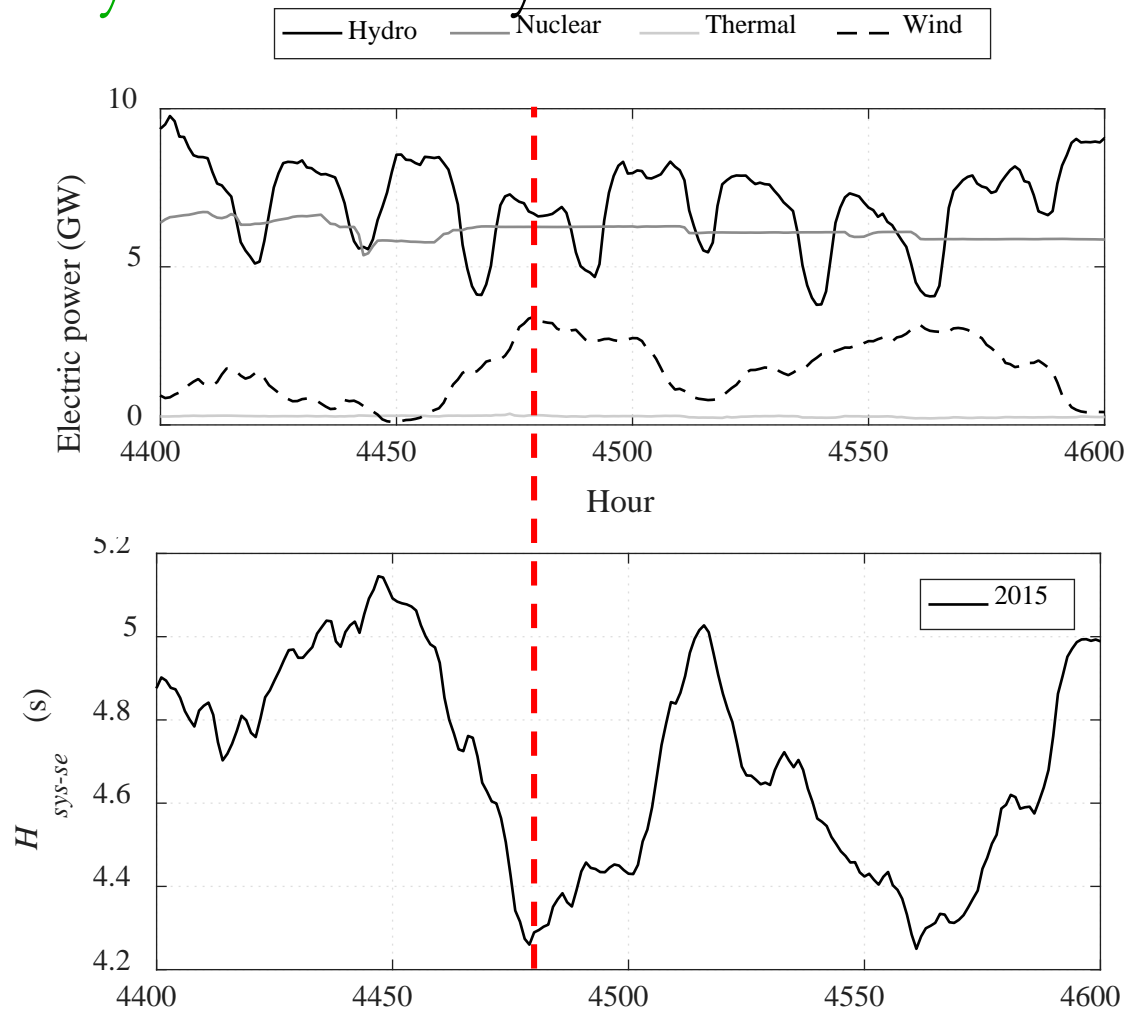
$$H_{\text{turbine}} = 2.4 - 6 \text{ s}$$



$$H_{\text{sys}} = \frac{S_{h\&p}H_{h\&p} + S_hH_h + H_nS_n + \cancel{H_wS_w} + \cancel{H_{pv}S_{pv}}}{S_{\text{tot}}}$$

1. What is inertia?

How does **system** inertia vary?



20 % Wind
(instantaneous)

1. What is inertia?

How does **system** inertia change in the future Nordic system?

- ☐ De-commissioned Swedish nuclear is balanced out by added Finnish nuclear by 2025.
- ☐ Quadroupled wind power in Sweden until 2025, from 6000 MW installed capacity.
- ☐ Quadroupled wind power in Finland until 2025.
- ☐ Norway has 1000 MW (2015) and are building 1300 MW and has 4100 MW accepted projects.
- ☐ Multiple interconnecting HVDC transmission lines.

System inertia will reduce!

1. What is inertia?

How does **system** inertia change in the future?



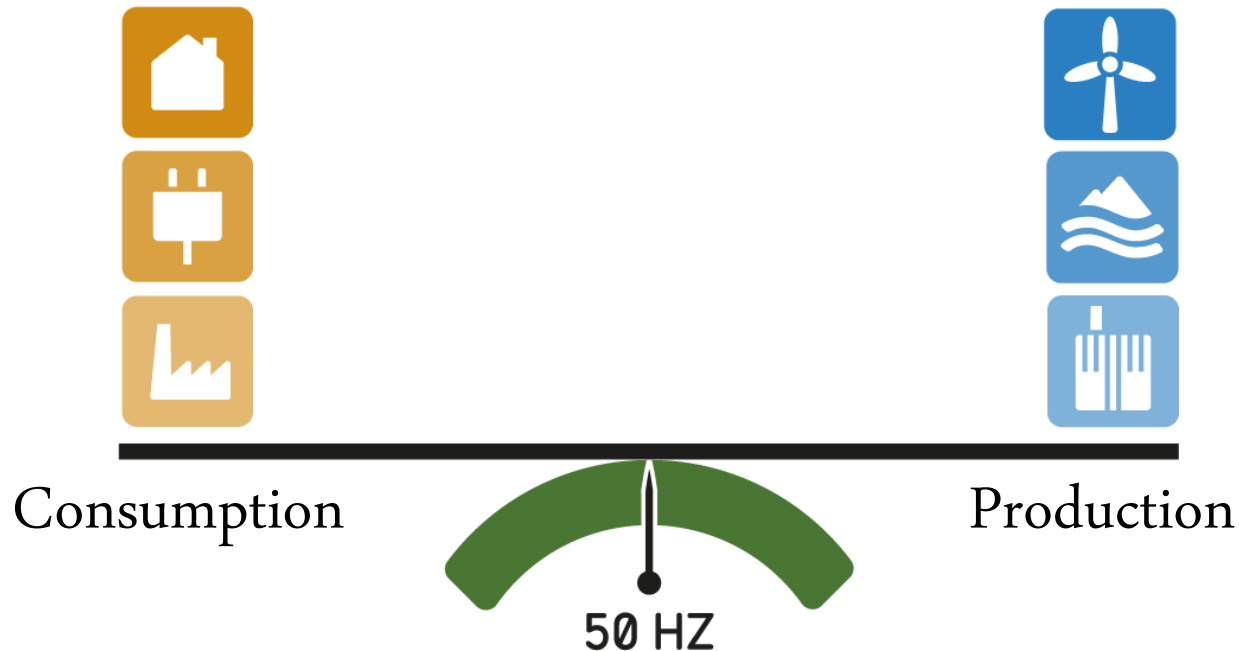
Panic?



Relax?

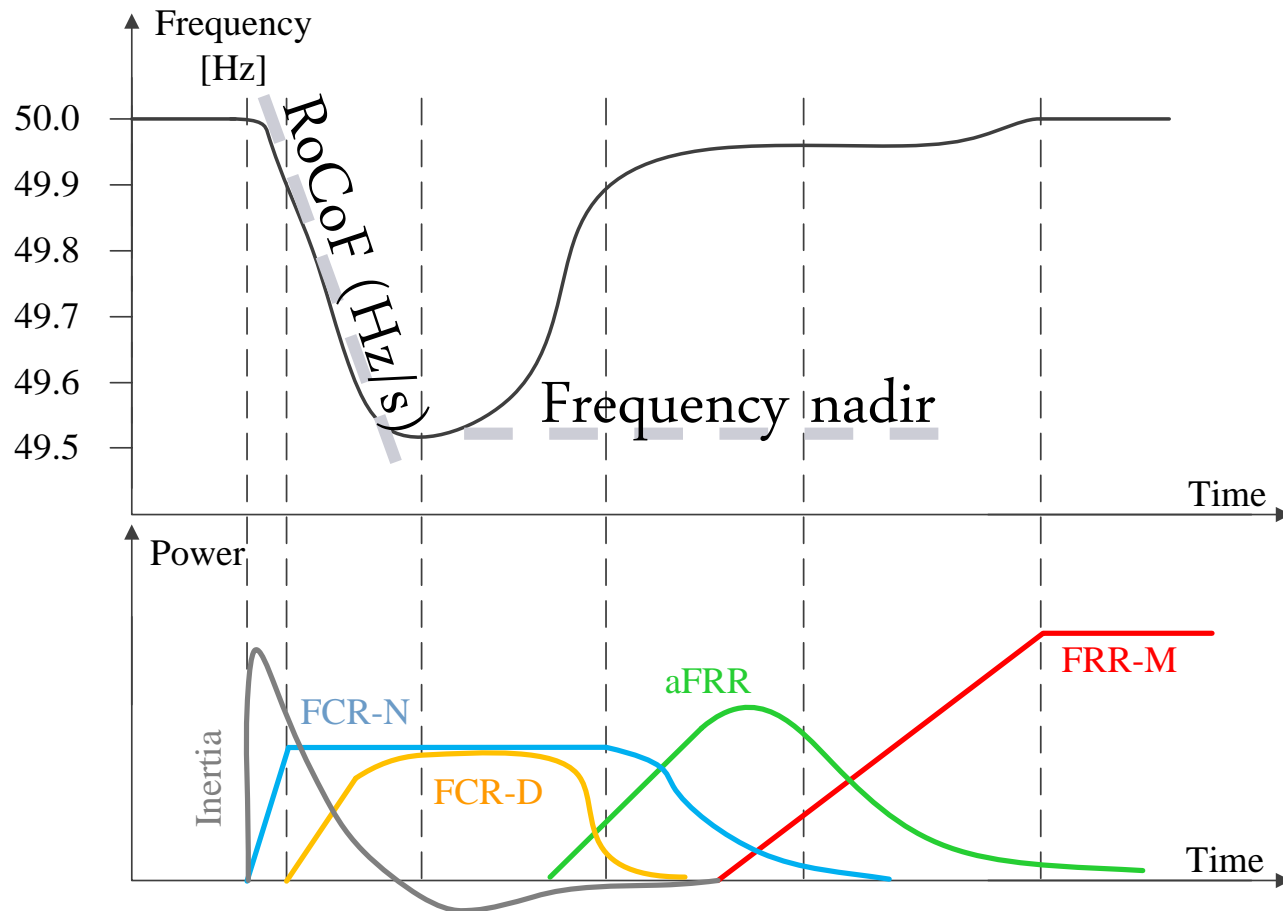
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Intro: Frequency **control**



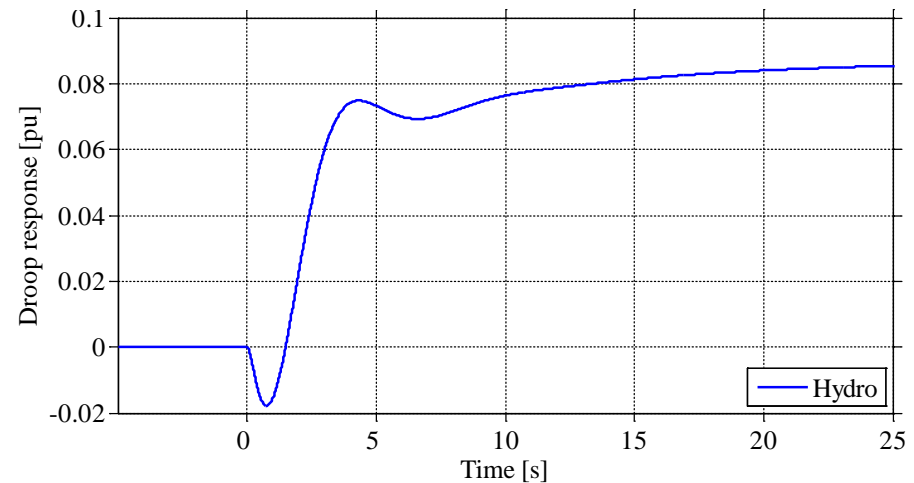
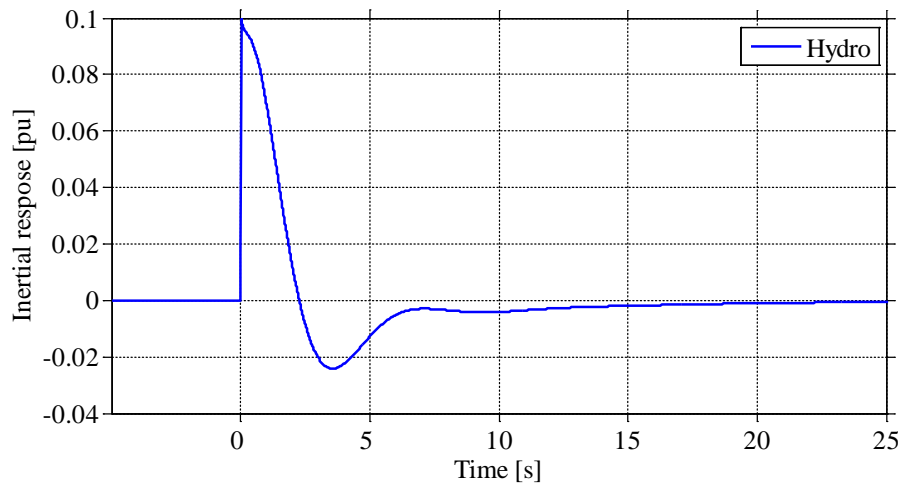
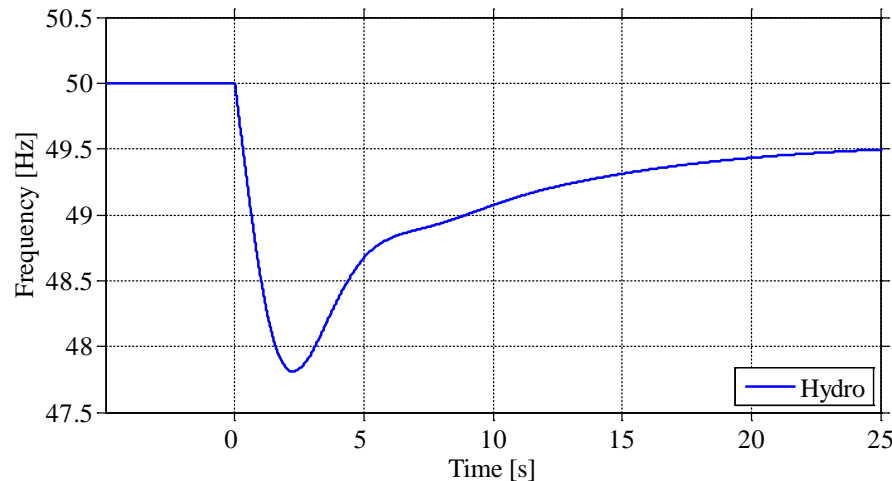
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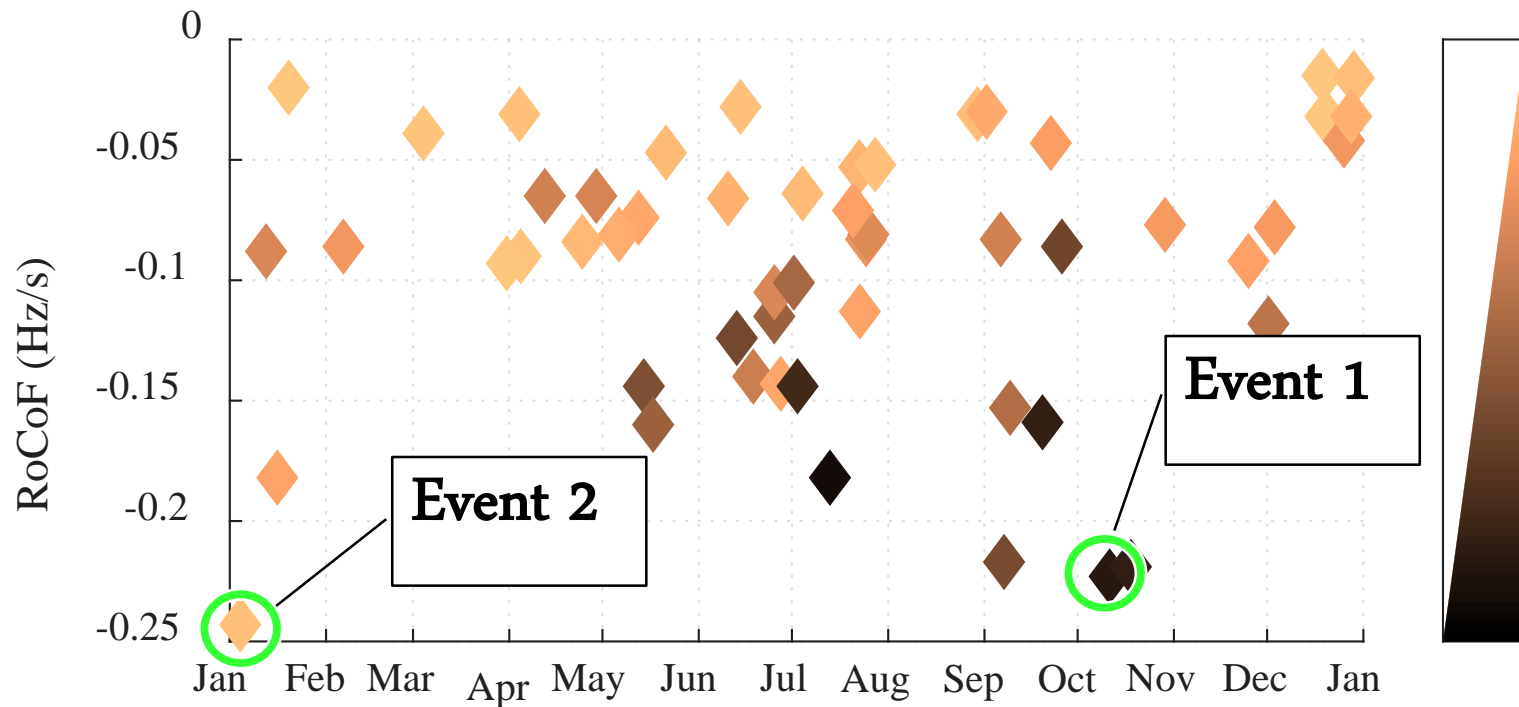
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Intro: Frequency control – A disturbance and a hydro unit



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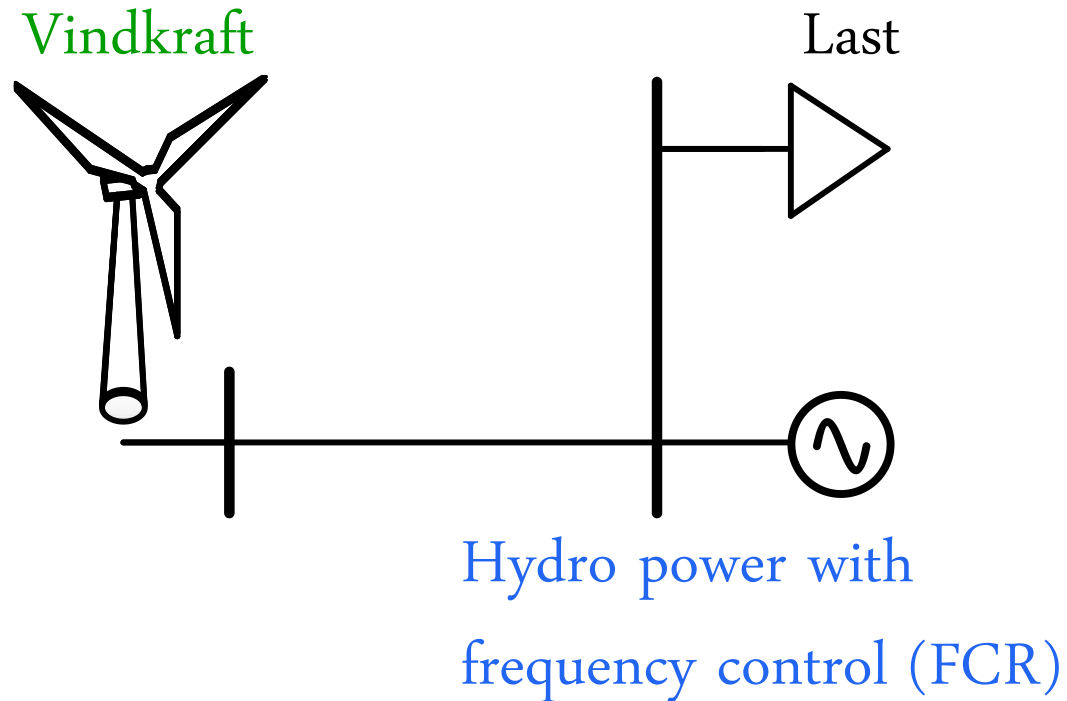
Large **disturbances**



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Future scenarios

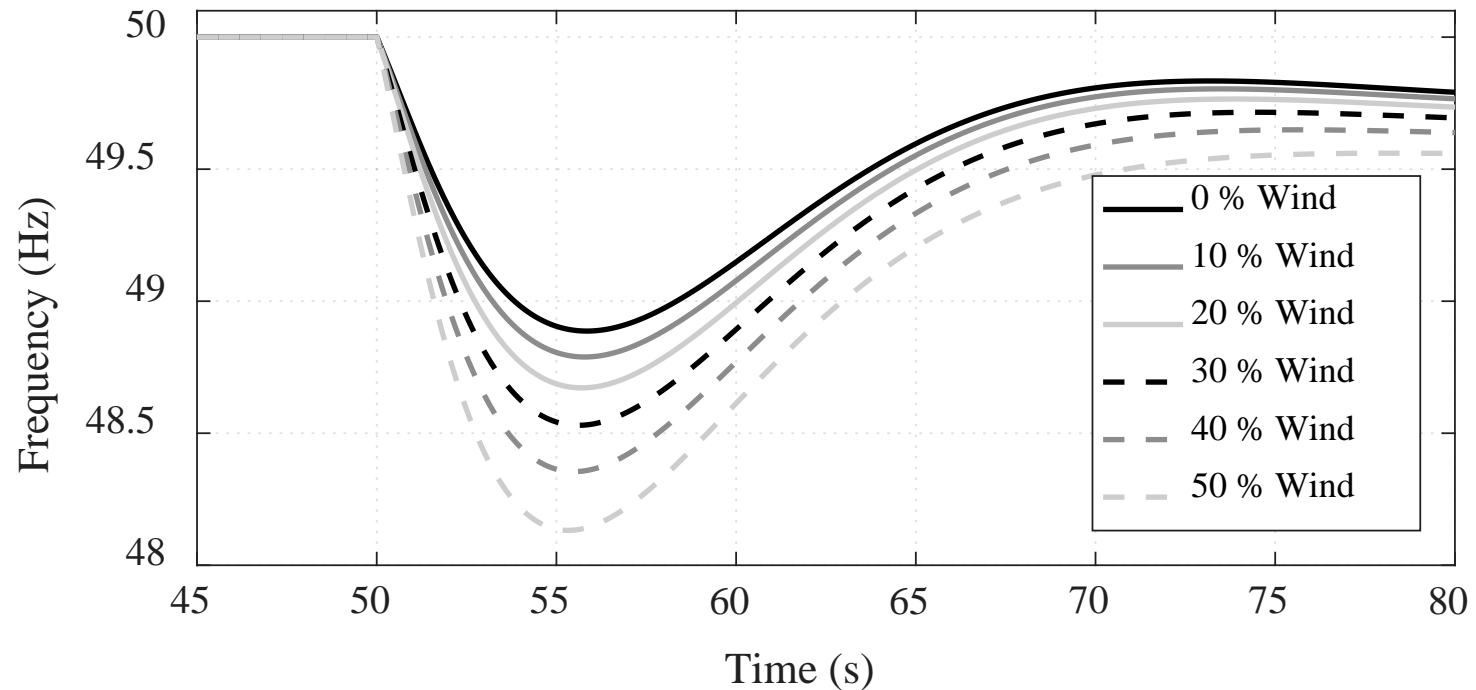
1. Increase of wind power
(by replacing hydro).
2. 10% production trip



What happens to the **frequency swing** with an **increased wind** power penetration?

2. How does the power system inertia affect the frequency stability?

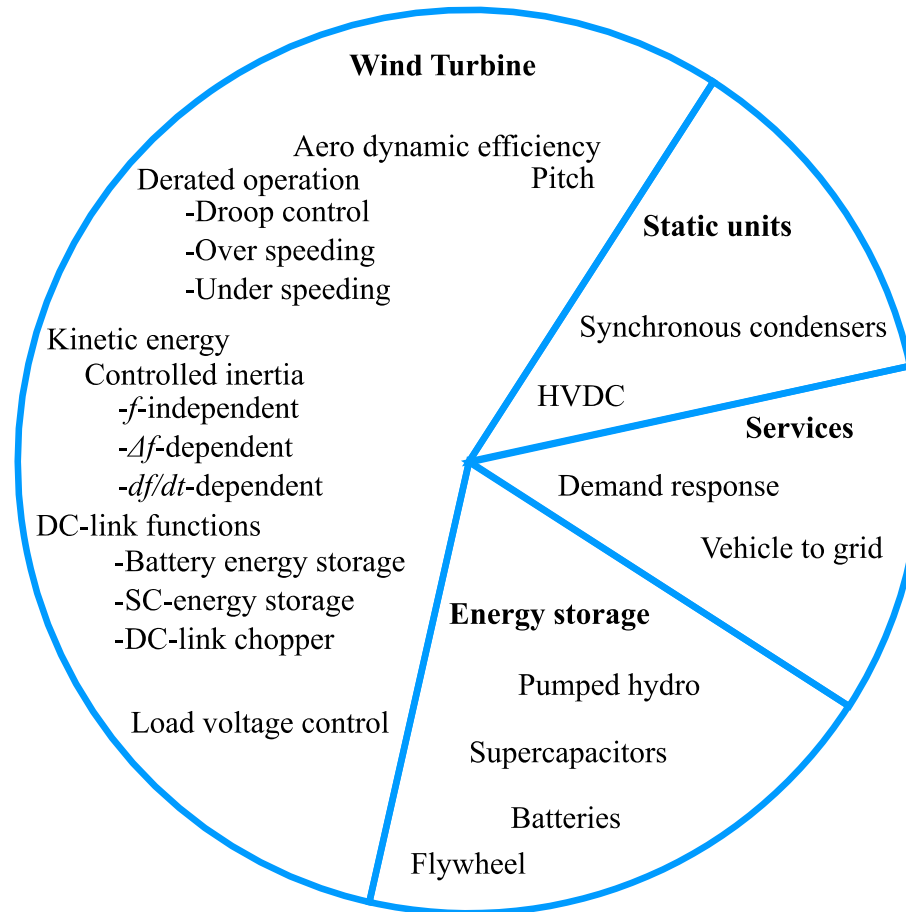
Future scenarios



A reduced system inertia (H_{sys}) cause lower frequency nadirs and steeper frequency derivatives during disturbances.

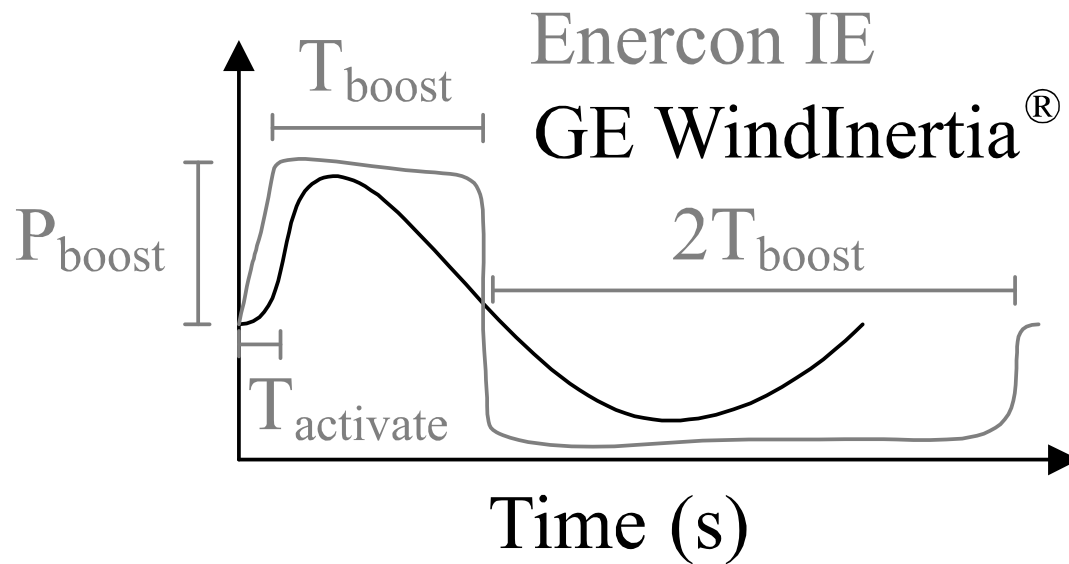
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Future solutions



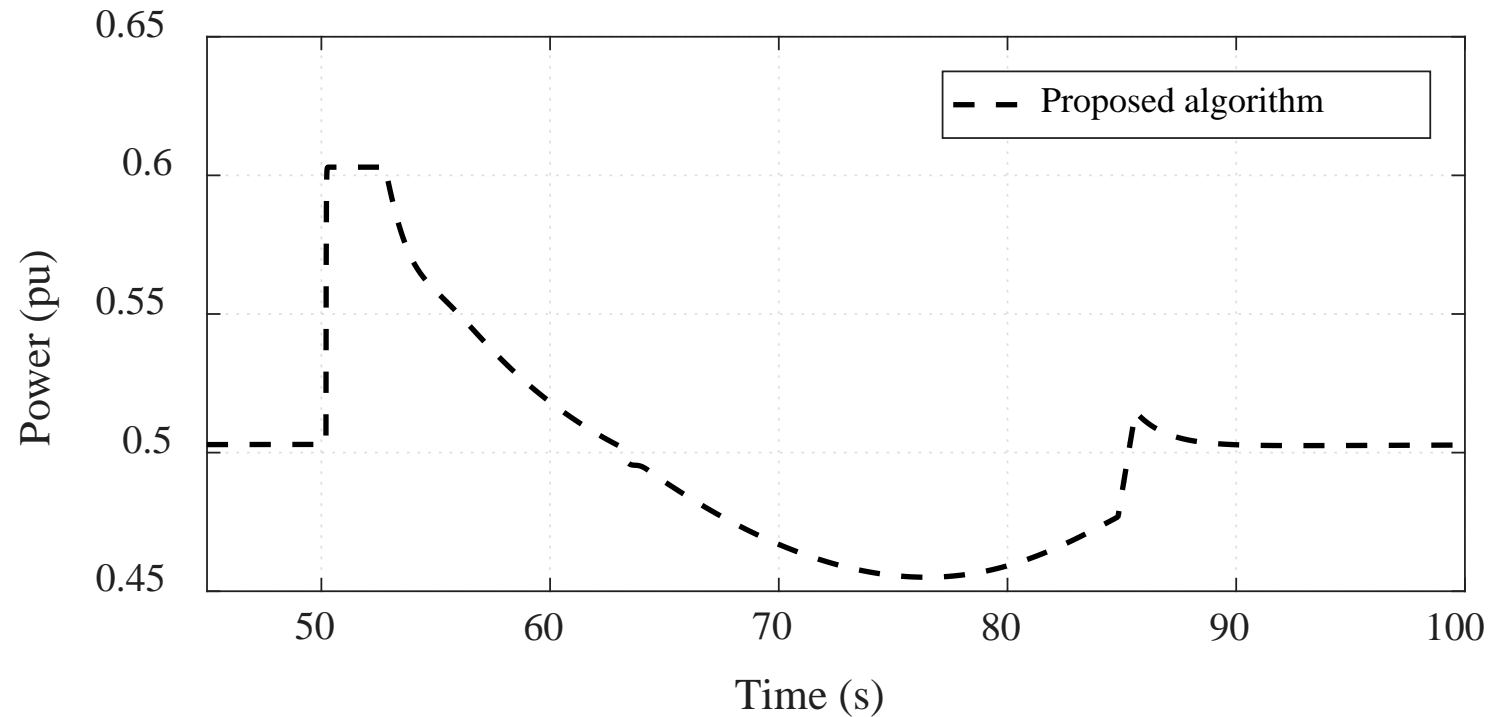
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Focus: Wind turbines contribution



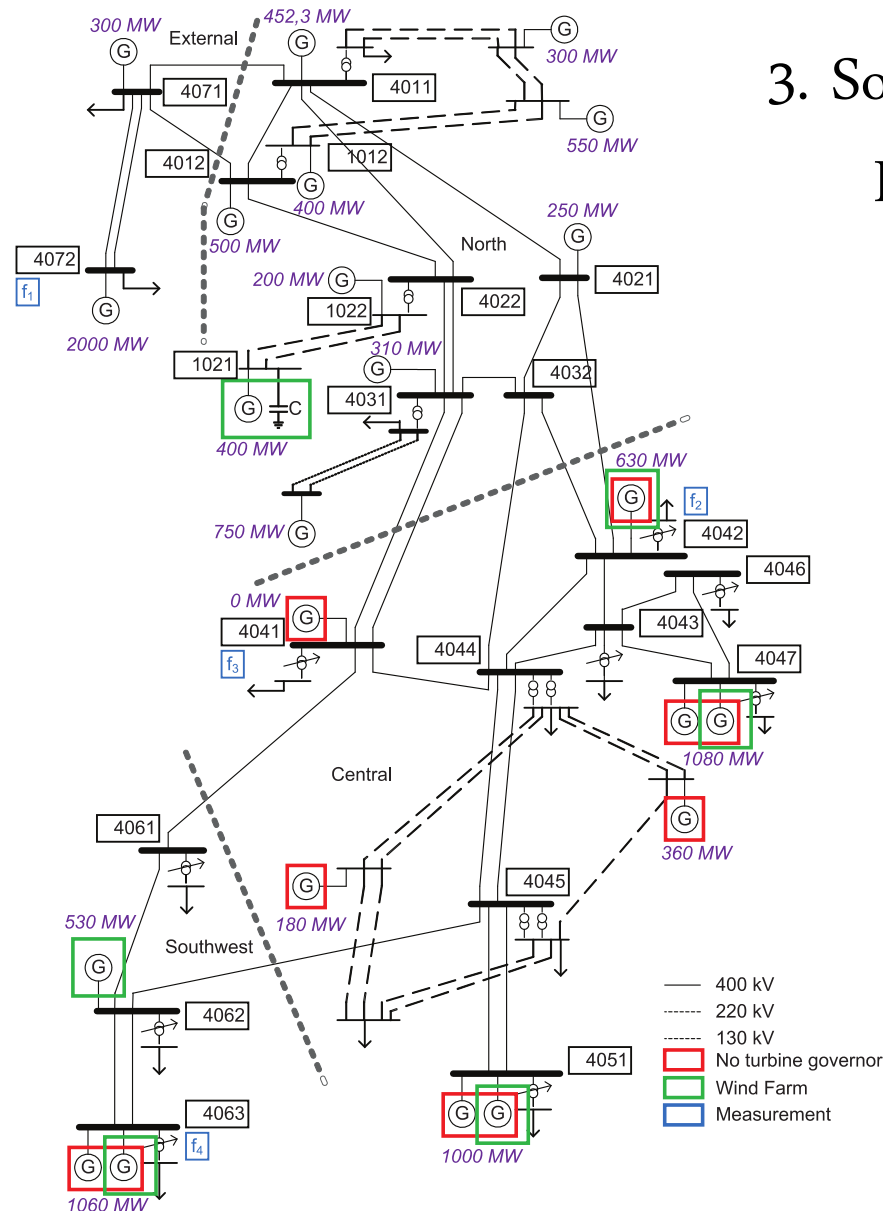
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Focus: Wind turbines contribution – An example (7.5 m/s)



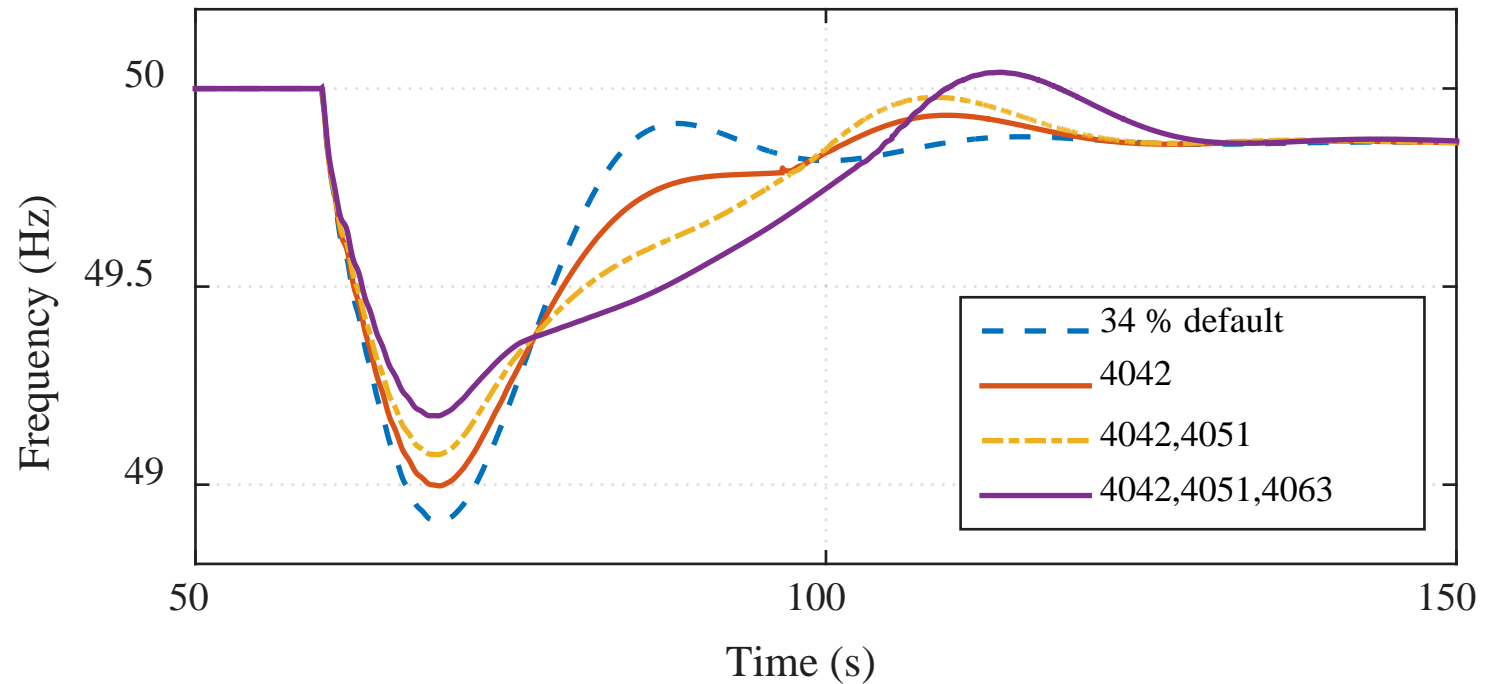
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Inertia from **wind farms**



Case

- 34% **Wind power** penetration
- $H_{sys} = 2.76$ s (prev. 3.97 s)
- Tripped generation = 400 MW (3.5%) at bus 1012



<i>Case</i>	<i>f_{min}</i> (Hz)
34 % default	48.91
4042 responding	49.00
4042,4051 responding	49.08
4042,4051,4063 responding	49.17

Slutsatser

- ❑ Power system inertia is expected to decrease in the Nordic (mainly due to wind integration)
- ❑ Solutions can be provided from a range of sources.
- ❑ The need for fast frequency reserves has been noted as a remedy for the diminishing system inertia.
- ❑ More HVDC interconnectors and dimensioning faults will probably cause more large frequency disturbances.

Future project

1 September at 13:00 – Dissertation, Elteknik, Chalmers.

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Thanks!

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