Dynamic Energy Management of Hybrid Energy Storage Systems with a Hierarchical Structure

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Abstract:

In power system control unicontrol with single storage units or centralized control with multiple storage units to meet different level targets is challenging. Considering the charge and discharge characteristics of storage devices, this paper proposes a hierarchical configuration structure of a battery and supercapacitor mixed storage scenario, and develops a convenient control method for accessing various DC loads and can central manage mass batteries in one place. Aiming at the optimal management of large scale battery storage, the paper proposes a three-layer battery hierarchical control structure and the control objects and control circuits are discussed. Simulation studies are used to verify the control effect of the hierarchical storage system and the results show that the strategy can effectively decrease photovoltaic output fluctuation.

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strategy, regardless of changes in solar irradiance, the DC-link voltage can be maintained constant and the dynamic performance can be improved.

Actually in power systems, energy storage is accessed in hierarchical layers. Different types of storage are accessed at different voltage levels and the power capacities are also diverse. Large scale centralized energy storage is usually connected to a high voltage level, while the small distributed energy storage is accessed to the lower level. Energy storage needs hierarchical management. Centralized control or distributed control alone are not sufficient to meet the requirements of multiple objectives. With multiple objectives, such as tracking planned output, smoothing short-term fluctuation and restraining random fluctuation, the coordination and cooperation between different storage devices are very important. There is a lot of related research about this. Most of the research focuses on the coordination control of the energy storage and generation in a microgrid.

However, in these studies the energy storage is often regarded as a whole and the characteristics of the individual storage cells are rarely taken into account. In fact, the characteristics of the storage battery will directly affect its external behavior. For instance, the charge and discharge rate, the depth of discharge and the terminal voltage. There is often a big difference between the external characteristics and the actual internal characteristics. If we intend to optimize the operation and management of the battery storage system, the characteristics of the internal cells cannot be ignored. How to refine the control and exert the maximum capacity of the energy storage is also a problem worthy of study.

In this paper, with consideration of the internal characteristics of the storage battery and supercapacitor, a hierarchical configuration of the energy storage in a power system is proposed. The energy storage is connected to different voltage levels. Various types of energy storage form a complementary structure, through reasonable hierarchical control to achieve multiple objectives, and effectively decrease the photovoltaic output fluctuation. The hierarchical structure and the coordinated control method are the main topics of this paper.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows: in Section 2, the hierarchical configuration structure of a battery and supercapacitor mixed storage scenario is introduced. Thus, a convenient control method for accessing various DC loads is developed. In Section 3, aiming at the optimal management of large scale battery storage, a three-layer battery hierarchical control structure is proposed, and the control objects and control circuits are discussed. In Section 4, simulation studies are used to verify the control effect of the hierarchical storage system. Finally, the conclusions are summarized in Section 5.

2. Structure and Control of the Hybrid Energy Storage System

2.1. Structure of the Hybrid Energy Storage System

The complementary characteristics of different storage media are the basis of the hybrid energy storage. The battery and supercapacitor are two typical storage devices. The battery is a kind of energy storage device with a high energy density. It has a large capacity, but a low charge and discharge rate. It is relatively suitable to be used in occasions requiring a large amount of energy but not an instantaneous rapid charge and discharge. On the contrary, the supercapacitor is a kind of power storage device with a high power density. It allows a very high charge and discharge rate but with a low capacity. Thus, it is usually used as an instantaneous or short-term high power output occasion. The battery and the supercapacitor can form a complementary structure which can be used in the occasions requiring both high power and energy densities.

schemes, fast DC-link voltage, effective energy management and reduced current stress on batteries are achieved [11]. Feng proposed a HES composed of lithium-ion batteries and supercapacitors that can be incorporated in the PV-based system to complement the supply-demand mismatches by using a multimode fuzzy-logic power allocator [12]. Ciobotaru proposed a power management strategy of a hybrid energy storage system (HESS) to reduce the required power rating of the supercapacitor bank (SCB) to only one-fifth of the vanadium redox battery (VRB) rating and to avoid the operation of the VRB at low power levels [13].

Based on the aforementioned review of previous works, it can be found that most research only considers the control effect of each storage device or hybrid storage in a centralized structure, and little work has been done to study the configuration pattern of different energy storage systems. Configuring different energy storages reasonably and hierarchical control strategies still need further study.

This paper proposes an energy management strategy based on a hierarchical storage structure. Based on the equivalent circuit models of PV, battery and supercapacitor, the paper introduces a typical distribution network structure with hierarchical storage, and then analyzes the control effect of batteries and supercapacitors. An improved configuration structure is proposed and its control method when some constraint conditions are taken into account is discussed. What's more, to solve the problem brought by centralized management of mass batteries, a three-layer management structure is introduced. Finally, simulation is carried out to verify the control effect.

2. System Description and Modeling

2.1. PV System Modeling

Commonly, PV plants use silicon solar cells, which equivalent circuit is shown in Figure 1 where I_{ph} is the current of a photo-generated current source, D is a non-linear diode, R_{sh} and R_s are the internal parallel and series resistance. respectively, I_{PV} is the photovoltaic output current, V_{PV} is the photovoltaic output voltage. The volt-ampere characteristic equation is then:

$$I_{PV} = I_{ph} - I_s \left(e^{\frac{q(V_{PV}+IR_s)}{AkT_{PV}}} - 1 \right) - \frac{V_{PV} + I_{PV}R_s}{R_{sh}} \tag{1}$$

where I_s is the diode saturation current, q is a constant $(1.602 \times 10^{-19}C)$, k is the Boltzmann constant $(1.381 \times 10^{-23} J/K)$, T_{PV} is absolute temperature when the photovoltaic works, A is a diode feature fitting coefficient.
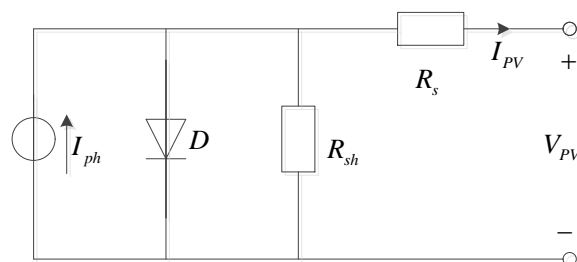

Figure 1. Equivalent circuit of a solar cell.

The photogenerated current is a function of light intensity and PV battery temperature, and it can be described as:

$$I_{ph} = \left(\frac{S}{S_{ref}} \right) \left[I_{ph,ref} + C_T \left(T - T_{ref} \right) \right] \tag{2}$$

where S is the actual irradiance, S_{ref} is the irradiance under standard conditions, T_{ref} is the absolute temperature when the photovoltaic works under standard conditions, C_T is the temperature coefficient, and $I_{ph,ref}$ is the photogenerated current under standard conditions.

2.2. Storage Battery Modeling

The storage battery introduces a non-linear model, which uses a simple controlled voltage source in series with a constant resistance, as shown in Figure 2.
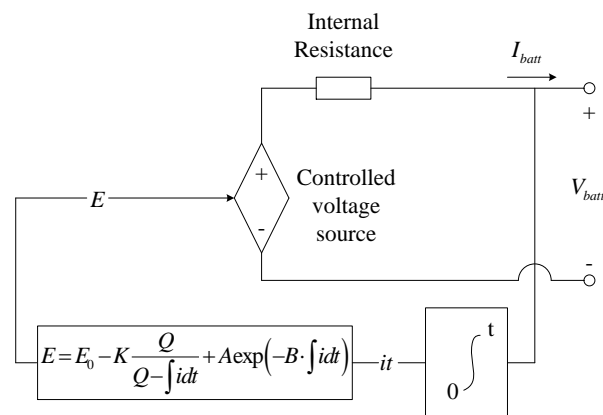

Figure 2. Non-linear battery model.

The model assumes the same characteristics for the charge and the discharge cycles. The open voltage source is calculated with a non-linear equation based on the actual SOC of the battery. The controlled voltage source is described as:

$$E = E_0 - K\frac{Q}{Q - \int idt} + A\exp\left(-B \cdot \int idt\right) \tag{3}$$

where E is the no-load voltage, E_0 is the battery constant voltage, K is the polarisation voltage, Q is the battery capacity, $\int idt$ is the actual battery charge, A is the exponential zone amplitude, B is the inverse exponential zone time constant.

This model represents a non-linear voltage which depends solely on the actual battery charge. It means that when the battery is almost completely discharged and no current is flowing, the voltage will be nearly 0. This model yields accurate results and also represents the behaviour of the battery.

2.3. Supercapacitor Modeling

The supercapacitor considered in this paper is double-layer capacitor, its equivalent model circuit is shown in Figure 3. This model provides three different time constants to model the different charge transfers, which provides sufficient accuracy to describe the terminal behaviour of the supercapacitor for the desired span of 30 min.

To reflect the voltage dependence of the capacitance, the first branch is modelled as a voltage dependent differential capacitor. The differential capacitor consists of a fixed capacitance C_{i0} and a voltage dependent capacitor $C_{i1} \times V_{ci}$. A resistor, parallel to the terminals, is added to represent the self-discharge property. The first or immediate branch, with the elements R_i, C_{i0} and the voltage dependent capacitance C_{i1} in [F/V], dominates the immediate behaviour of the supercapacitor in the time range of seconds in response to a charge action. The second or delayed branch, with parameters R_d and C_d, dominates the behaviour in the range of minutes. Finally, the third or long term branch, with parameters R_l and C_l, determines the behaviour for times longer than 10 min [14].
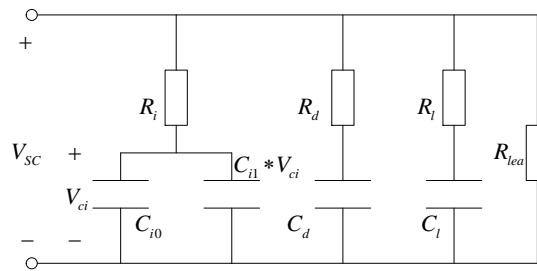
Figure 3. Equivalent model circuit for the supercapacitor.

2.4. Hierarchical Structure

At present, many different kinds of energy storage devices are known, including batteries, supercapacitors, flywheels, superconducting magnetics and so on, most of which have different charge and discharge characteristics [15,16]. The bidirectional energy adjustment ability of energy storage devices make them play an important role in photovoltaic power systems. Compared with the single-technology energy storage system (ESS), a HESS can combine the advantages of each technology used, thus being more suitable for large-scale renewable energy systems. Typical combinations may include a battery and supercapacitor.

However, most storage devices are configured in the same place or just near photovoltaic power generators, so researchers are not very concerned about the configuration method of the battery and supercapacitor. This may lead to complex control circuits and inefficient control processes. A typical distribution network structure with hierarchical storage is shown in Figure 4.
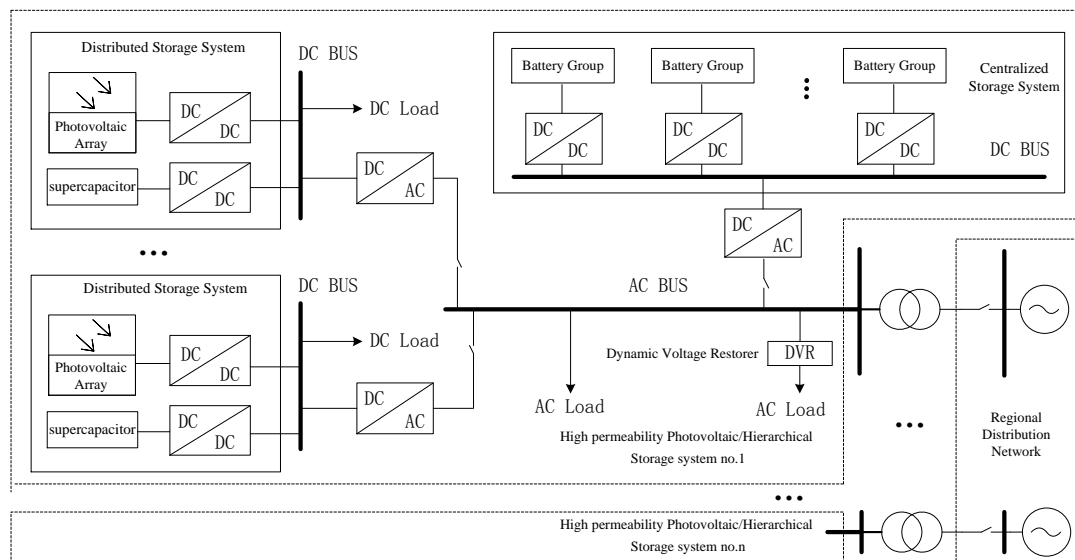

Figure 4. Construction of a distribution network with high permeability photovoltaic/ hierarchical storage.

In this typical structure, the centralized storage refers to a large-scale energy storage system consisting of mass energy storage devices connected in series or in parallel, that is generally configured in a particular area. The distributed storage refers to small-scale storage devices which are installed throughout the distribution network, and are generally configured in the same or nearby nodes of the photovoltaic system, in order to constitute a combined photovoltaic and storage power-generation system. Centralized storage is mainly used to implement overall coordinated control of distribution networks, while distributed storage takes charge of local power balancing of photovoltaics.

As the control targets of centralized storage and distributed storage are different, it's necessary to select suitable storage devices to fit each target. Storage batteries have characteristics of low self-discharge, low manufacturing cost and high energy density, which makes them suitable for mass storage for a long time, so they are configured to constitute a centralized storage system (CSS). On the other hand, supercapacitors have high charge efficiency, high power density and rapid response speed. They are mainly used to adjust power oscillations of photovoltaics and they are configured to constitute a distributed storage system (DSS).

According to the configuration scheme, the high-frequency power oscillations are assigned to supercapacitors and the low-frequency oscillations are handled by storage batteries. Although the manufacturing cost of supercapacitors is higher than that of storage batteries, the smaller high-frequency power oscillations lead to smaller required supercapacitor capacity. This also conforms to the fact that supercapacitors are difficultly to scale at high power ratings due to cell voltage unbalancing issues.

3. Control Method

3.1. Control of a Single DC Bus Voltage

Firstly, we consider a single distributed storage system with storage batteries. The system structure is shown in Figure 5.
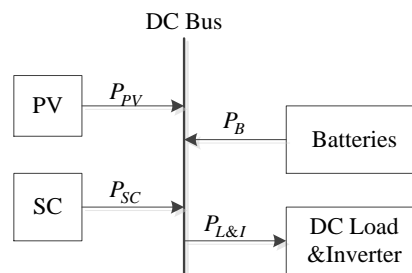

Figure 5. System structure of a single distributed storage system with storage batteries.

In the power allocation type control strategy, the voltage balance of the DC bus is controlled by both the photovoltaic and the energy storage system. The inverter power is given by the system as P_{I_ref}. The output of the photovoltaic and load can be obtained by a prediction algorithm. Thus, the relational expressions of power are:

$$P_{L\&I\_ref} = P_L + P_{I\_ref} \tag{4}$$

$$P_{PV} + P_{ESS\_ref} = P_{L\&I\_ref} \tag{5}$$

$$P_{ESS\_ref} = P_{SC\_ref} + P_{B\_ref} \tag{6}$$

According to the allocation principle of high and low frequency power oscillations, we use a low pass filter (LPF) to obtain the reference power of the supercapacitor and battery. The control block diagram is shown in Figure 6.

The transfer function of LPF is $G(s) = 1/1+Ts$, so the reference power of supercapacitor and battery are:

$$P_{B\_ref} = \frac{1}{1+Ts} \times P_{ESS\_ref} \tag{7}$$

$$P_{SC\_ref} = P_{ESS\_ref} - \frac{1}{1+Ts} \times P_{ESS\_ref} \tag{8}$$

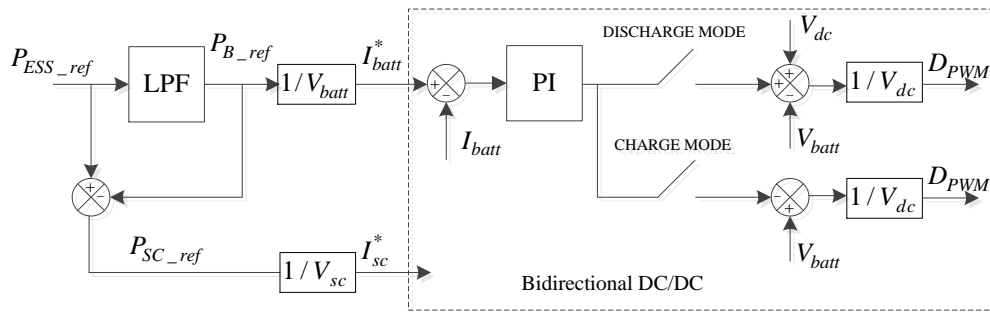where T is the time constant of LPF.

Figure 6. Control block diagram of a single distributed storage system with storage batteries.

Now, we discuss the relationship between the time constant and the necessary capacity of the storage system. Usually, we can get the forecast power curve of the photovoltaic and load. Setting the time constant *T*, we can get P_{B_ref} and P_{SC_ref} from Equations (4)–(8). Then, we calculate the integral for P_{B_ref} and P_{SC_ref} according to the control time. Finally, considering the efficiency and capacity margin, we can obtain the needed storage system capacity.

3.2. Control of System

Considering multiple distributed storage systems with a centralized storage system, the paper proposes an improved control structure upon construction of the distribution network shown in Figure 4. Taking three distributed storage systems as an example, the control structure is shown as Figure 7. Except for those installed in series with the photovoltaic array, all DC/DCs are bidirectional.
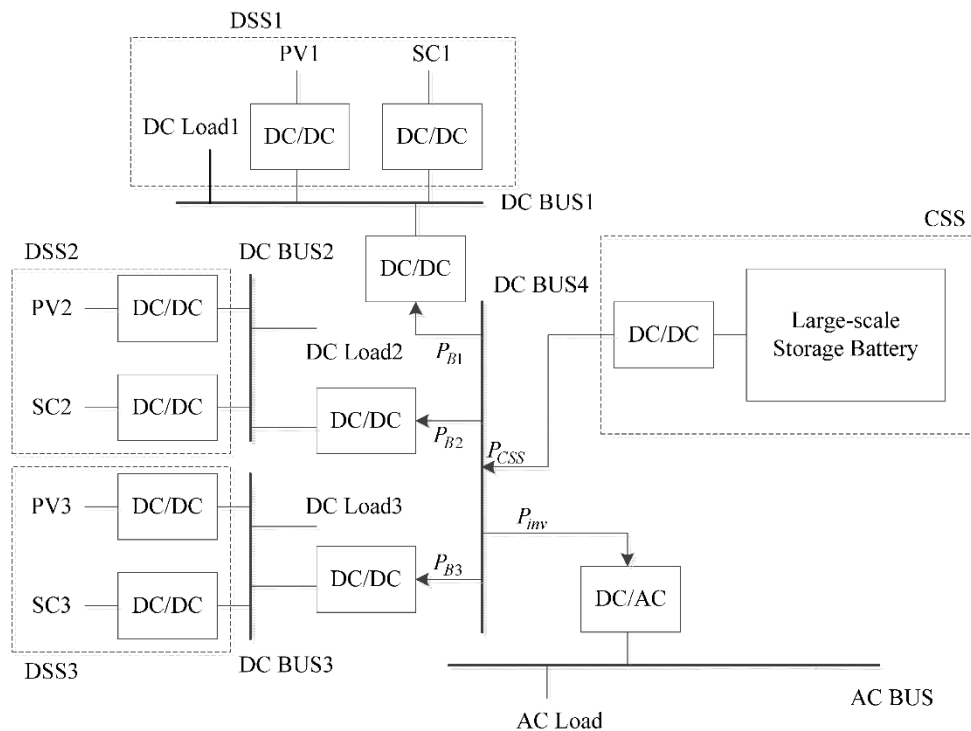

Figure 7. Control structure of a multiple distributed storage system with centralized storage system.

Focusing on DSS1, the outputs of photovoltaic, supercapacitor and battery adjust the voltage of DC bus1 together. Now P_{B1} is the required power of battery. According to the aforementioned control method, P_{B1} is:

$$P_{B1} = \frac{1}{1 + T_1 s}(P_{L1} - P_{PV1}) \tag{9}$$

Similarly, we have:

$$P_{B2} = \frac{1}{1 + T_2 s}(P_{L2} - P_{PV2}) \tag{10}$$

$$P_{B3} = \frac{1}{1 + T_3 s}(P_{L3} - P_{PV3}) \tag{11}$$

Defining P_{inv} as power vacancy from AC bus, we can obtain the energy control relationship as

$$P_{B1} + P_{B2} + P_{B3} + P_{inv} = P_{CSS} \tag{12}$$

Through the above analysis, we know that supercapacitors in the distributed storage system are only used to balance the high-frequency power oscillations of the DC bus. Batteries in a centralized storage system have two effects, one is to balance the low-frequency power oscillations of DC bus as P_{B1}, P_{B2} and P_{B3}, the other is to remain the power balance of AC bus as P_{inv}. This configuration structure can manage mass batteries in one place in a centralized way, which can reduce the control modules that need to be distributed in the distribution network. Moreover, different DC buses have different voltage grades, thus this is convenient for accessing various DC loads.

3.3. Constraint Condition

The above discussion doesn't include photovoltaic and energy storage constraints, but actually the parameters of devices are important and the system restrictions need to be taken into account when formulating control strategies.

The system power balance constraint is:

$$\sum_i^n P_{PVi} + \sum_j^l P_{ESj} + P_{SPG} = P_{L\_AC} \tag{13}$$

where P_{PV} is the photovoltaic output power, n is the total number of photovoltaics, P_{ES} is the output power of each energy storage. In this case, it's only a battery. When it's positive, energy storage is discharging, while when it's negative, energy storage is charging. l is the total number of energy storage devices. P_{SPG} is the tie-line power of other power grids. P_{L_AC} is the AC load power.

The bus-bar voltage constraint is:

$$0.95U_e \leqslant U_{BUS} \leqslant 1.05U_e \tag{14}$$

where U_e is the rated bus-bar voltage and U_{BUS} is the actual bus-bar voltage.

Photovoltaic output constraint is:

$$\overline{P}_{PVi\min} \leqslant P_{PVi} \leqslant \overline{P}_{PVi\max} \tag{15}$$

where $\overline{P}_{PVi\min}$ and $\overline{P}_{PVi\max}$ are the inferior and superior power limits for the photovoltaic, respectively.

Battery and supercapacitor power constraints are:

$$P_{B\min} \leqslant P_B \leqslant P_{B\max} \tag{16}$$

$$P_{SC\min} \leqslant P_{SC} \leqslant P_{SC\max} \tag{17}$$

where P_B is the actual battery power, P_{SC} is the actual supercapacitor power. $P_{B\min}$ and $P_{B\max}$ are the inferior and superior power limits of the batteries, respectively. $P_{SC\min}$ and $P_{SC\max}$ are the inferior and superior power limita of the supercapacitor, respectively.

The state of charge (SOC) of the battery is calculated as:

$$SOC_B(t) = SOC_{B0} - \frac{1}{\lambda C_N} \int_0^t \eta I dt \tag{18}$$

where SOC_B is the actual SOC of the battery, SOC_{B0} is the initial battery SOC, C_N is the rated capacity of the battery, λ is the influence factor of battery capacity, η is the battery efficiency.

The SOC of supercapacitor is related to its voltage, which can be expressed as:

$$SOC_{SC}(t) = \frac{U_{SC}{}^2(t)}{U_{SCmax}{}^2} \tag{19}$$

where SOC_{SC} is the actual SOC of the supercapacitor, $U_{SC}(t)$ is the actual voltage of the supercapacitor, and U_{SCmax} is the maximum allowable voltage of the supercapacitor.

Thus, the battery and supercapacitor SOC constraints are:

$$SOC_{Bmin} \leqslant SOC_B \leqslant SOC_{Bmax} \tag{20}$$

$$SOC_{SCmin} \leqslant SOC_{SC} \leqslant SOC_{SCmax} \tag{21}$$

where SOC_{Bmin} and SOC_{Bmax} are the inferior and superior SOC limits for batteries, respectively, and SOC_{SCmin} and SOC_{SCmax} are the inferior and superior SOC limits for supercapacitors, respectively.

3.4. Centralized Management of Mass Batteries

Mass batteries connected in series or parallel bring problems of current and voltage sharing. After working for a long time, the SOC of each battery cannot stay the same. Coordination control of all batteries becomes complex and difficult. Thus a hierarchical management structure of batteries is proposed, which divides battery management into battery management, battery cluster management and battery array management, as shown in Figure 8.
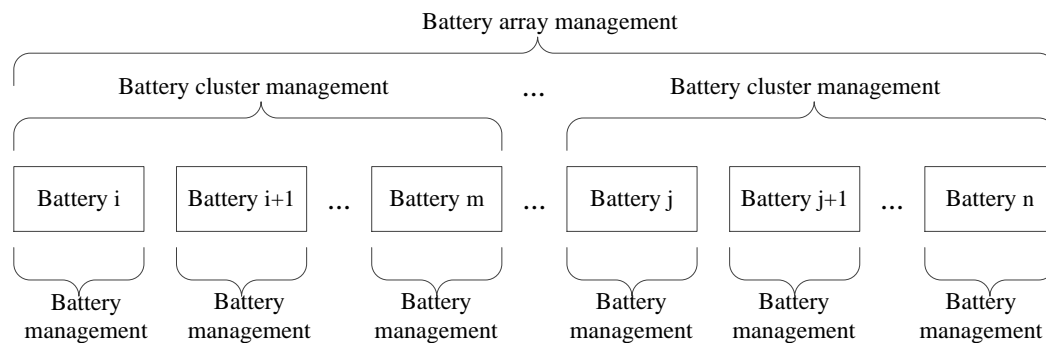

Figure 8. Hierarchical management structure of batteries.

Battery management in the bottom layer takes charge of single battery voltage sampling, multipoint temperature collection and battery equalization control. Battery cluster management in middle layer controls all the batteries of a battery cluster, taking charge of the total voltage acquisition of the battery string, charging and discharging current collection, electric leakage detection, failure warnings and SOC calculations. It realizes high-voltage management and completes the equilibrium control of the battery cluster. Battery array management in the top layer controls all battery clusters in the whole battery system. By collecting data and warning information from battery strings, it summarizes, counts, analyzes and deals with all the information of the battery system, in order to make batteries meet the requirements of centralized control [17]. The control circuits of each layer are shown in Figure 9.

The single battery management circuit includes a main control, battery monitoring, battery switching, communication interface and so on. An LTC6802 is an IC for battery monitoring which is used as the main management chip. The configuration purpose of the power input and auxiliary charge DC/DC is to balance the SOC of different batteries. Two microprocessors are applied in the battery cluster management circuit.
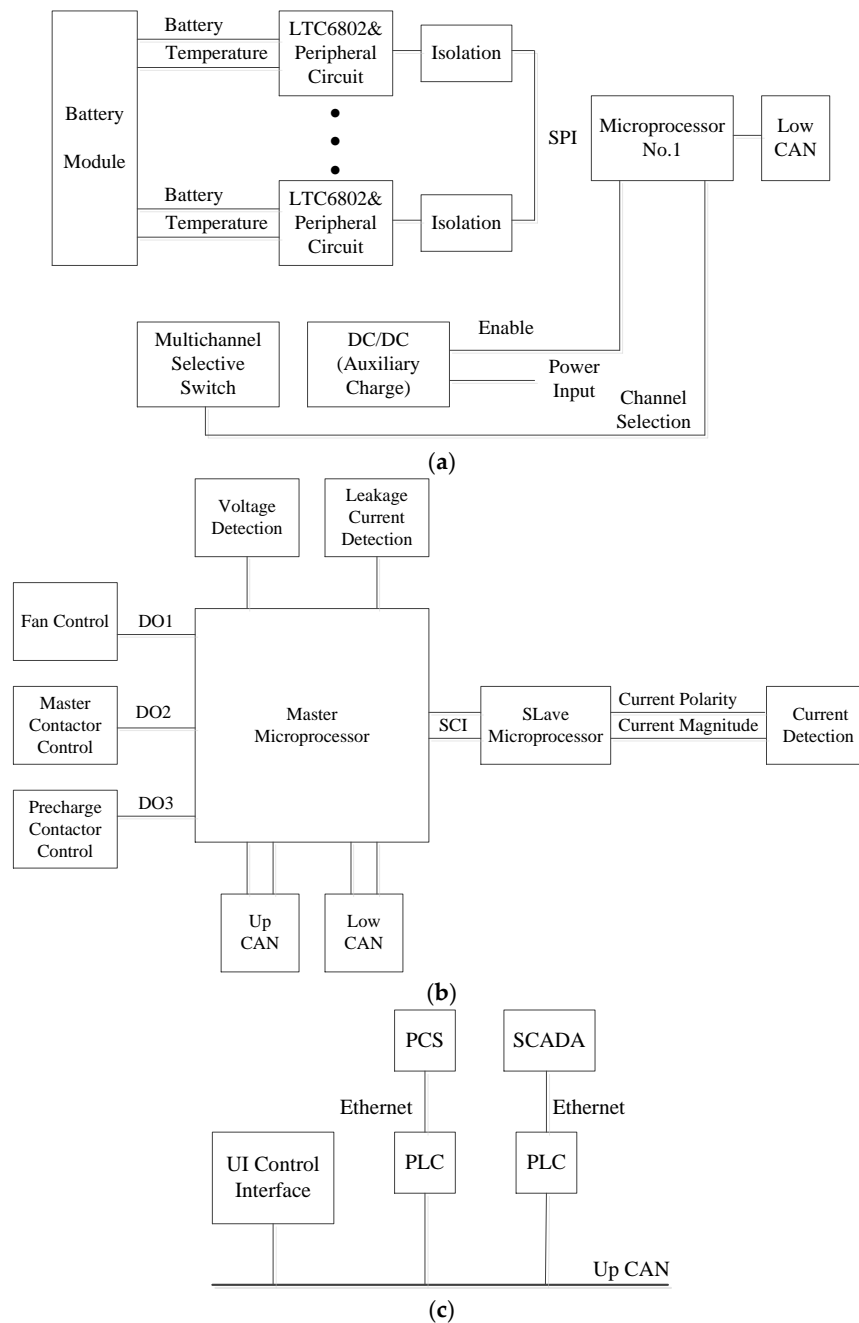
Figure 9. Battery management control circuits: (**a**) Single battery management and (**b**) Battery cluster management and (**c**) Battery array management.

The master microprocessor is responsible for operational management of the control circuit, while the slave microprocessor takes charge of current collection and relevant calculations. Up CAN and Low CAN is respectively used to communicate with the battery array and single battery management

circuits. Finally, the UI control interface and communication network are arranged in the battery array management. Through this control structure, we expect to realize coordinated control of batteries.

4. Simulation

The simulation platform is built by PSCAD to assess the performance of the energy management strategy. The simulation parameters are listed in Table 1.

**Table 1.** Battery and supercapacitor simulation parameters.

Storage Battery		Supercapacitor	
Rated Voltage	3.6 V	C_{i0}	270 F
Maximum Voltage	4.2 V	$C_{i1} \times V_{ci}$	190 F/V
Capacity	1 Ah	C_d	100 F
Control Parameters		C_l	220 F
Storage Battery	P = 35, I = 1.2 × 10^5	R_i	2.5 mΩ
Supercapacitor	P = 45, I = 1.2 × 10^5	R_d	0.9 Ω
DC Bus Voltage	700 V	R_l	5.2 Ω

We select a typical photovoltaic and energy-storage hybrid distribution network, and obtain the corresponding photovoltaic output prediction curve by some prediction technique such as a grey forecasting model or neural network [18]. To simplify the simulation process, we assume a constant DC load P_{load} = 49 kW.
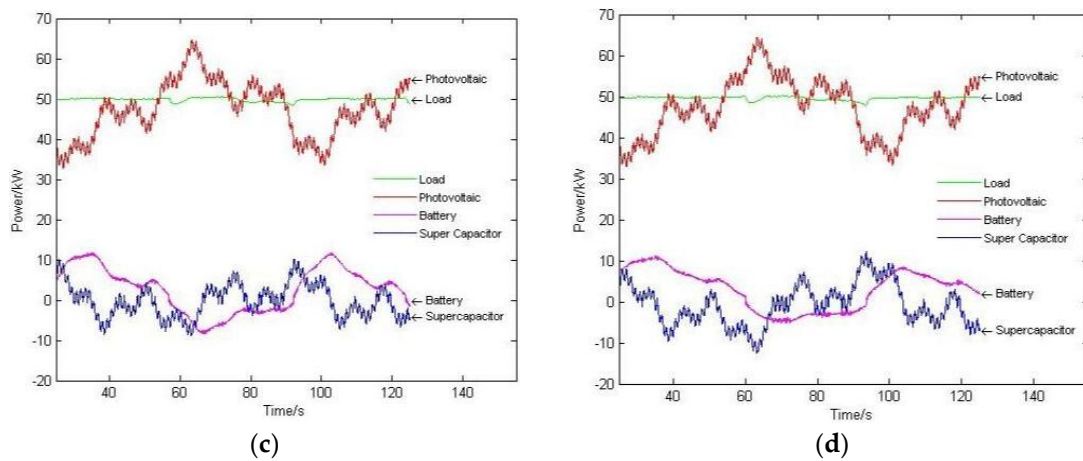
4.1. Single Control for a Short Time Scale

We take a single DC bus as an example to verify the regulating effect of battery and supercapacitor. The output waveforms for different time constants are shown in Figure 10. The numbers of batteries in series and parallel are 110 and 20, respectively, while the numbers of series and parallel supercapacitors are 150 and 2.

Figure 10a shows that when T = 0.1 s, the supercapacitor output has a fast fluctuation, but its fluctuation amplitude is small. Part of the high-frequency fluctuating power is adjusted by batteries. That makes the battery power output change frequently, which will reduce the battery's service life. Figure 10d shows that when T = 10 s, the supercapacitor amplitude fluctuation is quite large, but the supercapacitor can hardly be scaled at a high power rating. What's more, the battery outputs cannot track the photovoltaic fluctuations efficiently. Thus, a reasonable time constant can ensure a better control effect. Through the simulation waveform, we know that when 1 s < T < 5 s, the control effect is quite ideal.


(a)

(b)
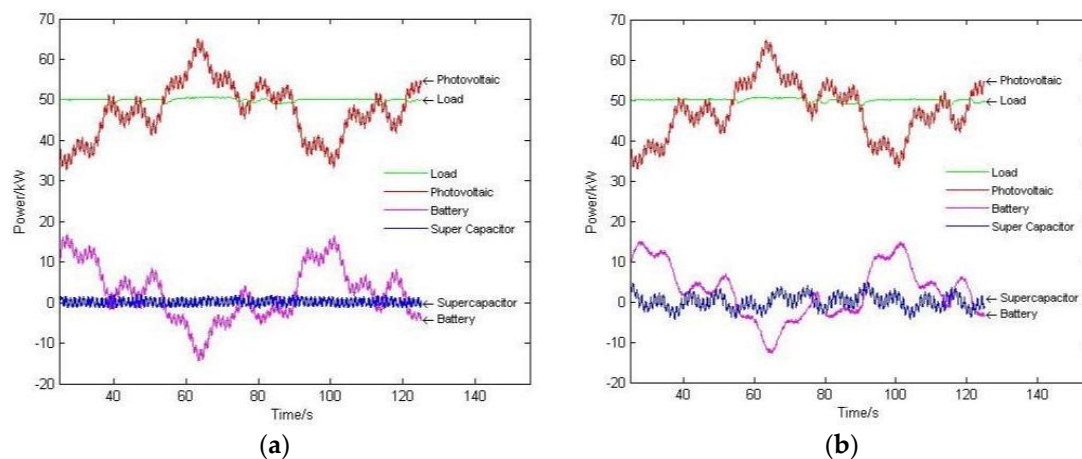
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Figure 10. Output waveforms for different time constants for short time scale. (**a**) T = 0.1 s; (**b**) T = 1 s; (**c**) T = 5 s; (**d**) T = 10 s.

4.2. Single Control for a Long Time Scale

Considering single control for a long time scale, we select the daytime output of the photovoltaic system. Due to the extended control time, larger battery and supercapacitor capacities are required. Meanwhile, the time constant will be longer than in the former simulation. Now the numbers of batteries in series and parallel are 110 and 100, respectively, while the numbers of series and parallel supercapacitors are 150 and 80. The output waveforms for different time constants are shown in Figure 11.
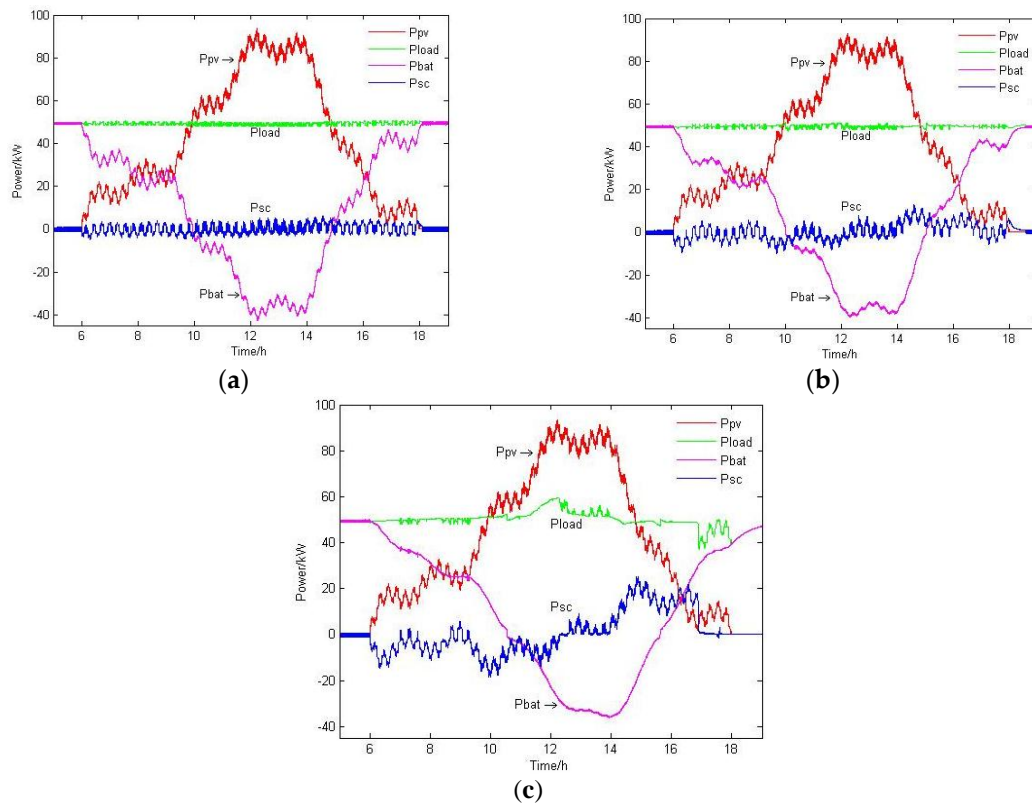
Figure 11. Output waveforms for different time constants for long time scale. (**a**) T = 150 s; (**b**) T = 600 s; (**c**) T = 2400 s.

When T = 150 s, the output waveform of the battery is unsmooth. Battery power changes acutely, which will lead to a shorter battery service life. When T = 2400 s, due to the capacity limitations, the supercapacitor voltage reaches the DC bus voltage after 12:00, which makes supercapacitor unable to charge. Thus P_{load} can't stay stable. This shows that the needed capacity of the storage system must be taken into account when determining the time constant. When T = 600 s, the output waveform is better than the other cases.

4.3. Control of Three Distributed Storage Systems

Now we carry out a simulation of the system shown in Figure 7. To simplify the simulation process, we assume that $P_{inv} = 0$, which means the hybrid system is operating under the island mode. Batteries use constant-voltage control. The simulation parameters are shown in Table 2.

Table 2. Simulation parameters of DC Bus voltage and DC load power.

DC Bus Voltage		Load Power	
DC Bus 1	220 V	P_{load1}	24.2 kW
DC Bus 2	220 V	P_{load2}	48.4 kW
DC Bus 3	220 V	P_{load3}	30.25 kW
DC Bus 4	700 V		/
Supercapacitor			
Series Number	50	Parallel Number	2

Based on the previous discussion, we set the time constant *T* = 3 s. The output waveforms are shown in Figure 12.
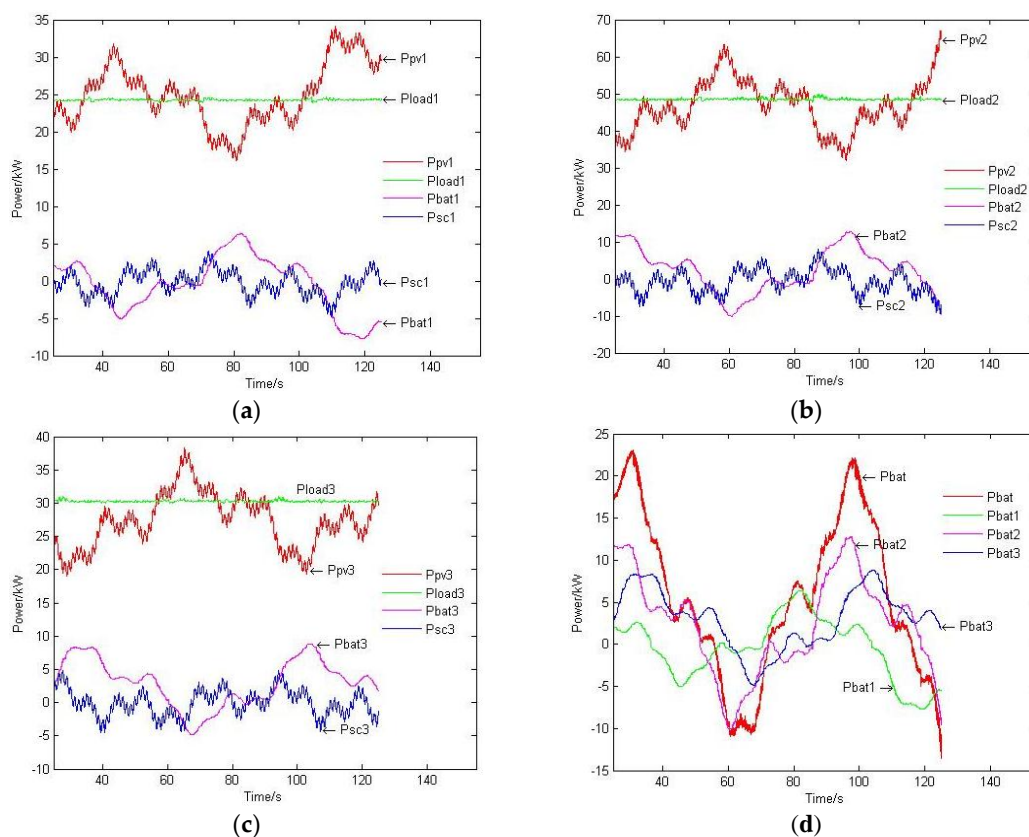
Figure 12. (**a**) Distributed storage system 1; (**b**) Distributed storage system 2; (**c**) Distributed storage system 3; (**d**) Waveforms of battery power.

The results show that supercapacitors in each distributed storage system can stabilize the high-frequency fluctuating power well. The low-frequency part can be assigned reasonably through the converging bus (DC Bus 4).

5. Conclusions and Prospects

Energy management of hybrid energy systems is significant against the background of wide application of photovoltaic generation. This paper models photovoltaics, storage batteries and supercapacitors, and then introduces a typical distribution network structure with hierarchical storage. A low pass filter is used to achieve regulation of high and low frequency photovoltaic fluctuations. The high-frequency power oscillations are assigned to supercapacitors and the low-frequency oscillations are handled by storage batteries. On this basis, the paper proposes an improved configuration structure which is convenient for accessing various DC loads and can centrally manage mass batteries in one place. Compared to traditional hybrid storage structures, this hierarchical structure can simplify the control circuit and control process, and improve control efficiency. To solve the problem caused by centralized management of mass batteries, the paper introduces a three-layer management structure. The control objects and control circuits are discussed.

The simulation results verify the control effect of battery and supercapacitor. When the time constant $1 \text{ s} < T < 5 \text{ s}$, a better output waveform can be achieved. More experiments should be done however to verify the control effectiveness of multiple distributed storage systems. Power scheduling of centralized storage systems with AC buses should also be taken into consideration. The hierarchical control structure is expected to optimize the operation of photovoltaic and energy-storage hybrid systems.

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Nomenclature

I_{ph}	current of photo-generated current source
R_{sh}	internal parallel resistance of silicon solar cells
R_s	internal series resistance of silicon solar cells
I_{PV}	output current of photovoltaic
V_{PV}	output voltage of photovoltaic
I_s	diode saturation current
q	a constant ($1.602 \times 10^{-19} C$)
k	Boltzmann constant ($1.381 \times 10^{-23} J/K$)
T_{PV}	absolute temperature when photovoltaic works
A	diode feature fitting coefficient
S	the actual irradiance
S_{ref}	irradiance at standard condition
T_{ref}	absolute temperature when photovoltaic works at standard condition
C_T	temperature coefficient
$I_{ph,ref}$	photo-generated current at standard condition
E	no-load voltage
E_0	battery constant voltage

K	polarisation voltage
Q	battery capacity
$\int i\,dt$	actual battery charge
A	exponential zone amplitude
B	exponential zone time constant inverse
V_{batt}	battery voltage
I_{batt}	battery current
P_{I_ref}	reference value of inverter power
P_{L_AC}	AC load power
$P_{L\&I\_ref}$	power of load and inverter
P_{ESS_ref}	reference power of storage system
P_{PV}	actual power of photovoltaic
P_{SC_ref}	reference power of supercapacitor
P_{B_ref}	reference power of battery
V_{sc}	supercapacitor voltage
I^*_{batt}	reference value of battery current
I^*_{sc}	reference value of supercapacitor current
V_{dc}	DC bus voltage
D_{PWM}	duty ratio of PWM control
T	time constant of low pass filter
n	the total number of photovoltaic
P_{ES}	output power of each energy storage
l	total number of energy storages
P_{SPG}	tie-line power of other power grids
U_e	rated voltage of bus-bar
U_{bus}	actual voltage of bus-bar
$\overline{P}_{PV i\min}, \overline{P}_{PV i\max}$	inferior and superior limit of power for photovoltaic
$P_{B\min}, P_{B\max}$	inferior and superior limit of power for batteries
$P_{SC\min}, P_{SC\max}$	inferior and superior limit of power for supercapacitor
SOC_{B0}	initial SOC of battery
C_N	rated capacity of battery
λ	influence factor of battery capacity
η	battery efficiency
SOC_B	actual SOC of battery
SOC_{SC}	actual SOC of supercapacitor
$U_{SC}(t)$	actual voltage of supercapacitor
$U_{SC\max}$	max allowable voltage of supercapacitor
$SOC_{B\min}, SOC_{B\max}$	inferior and superior limit of SOC for batteries
$SOC_{SC\min}, SOC_{SC\max}$	inferior and superior limit of SOC for supercapacitor
P_{load}	power of DC load
$P_{load1}, P_{load2}, P_{load3}$	power of DC load 1, 2, 3

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