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## Fuel Cell Stack Control and Interface Converter

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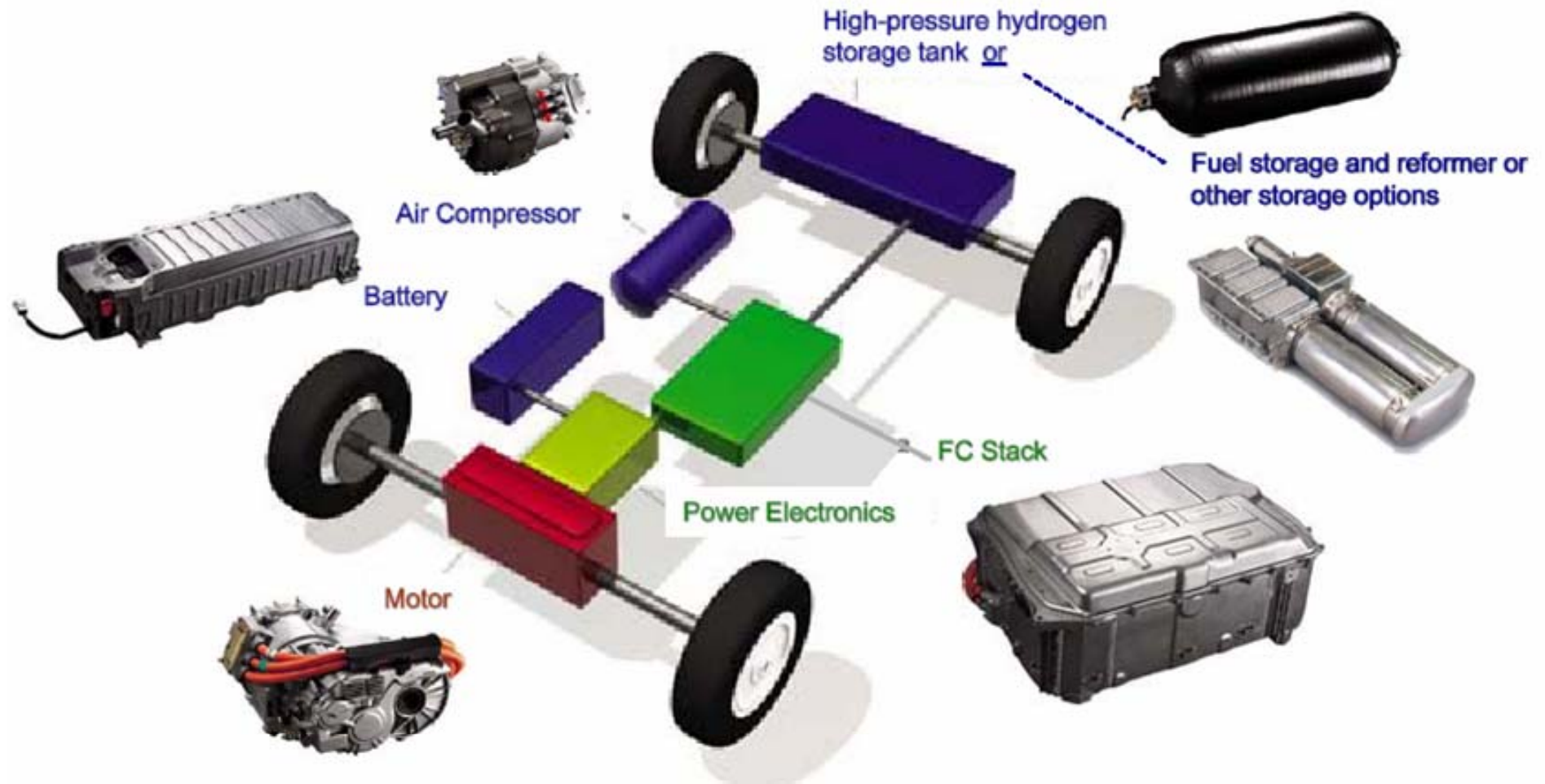
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# Fuel Cell Vehicle Component



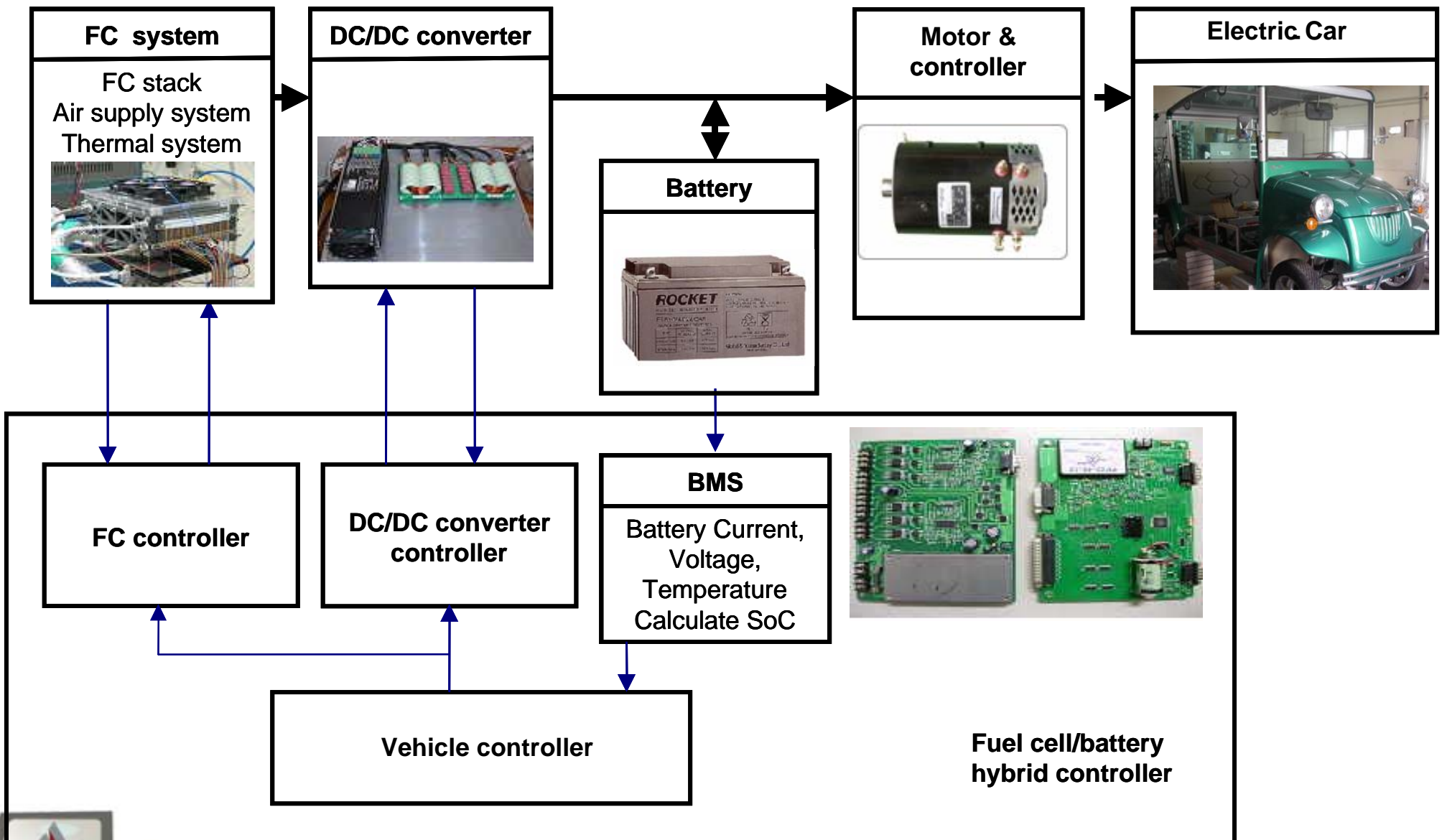
# Energy Device of FC Vehicle

- **Energy Device**
  - Fuel Cell
  - Battery
  - Super-capacitor (Ultra-capacitor)
- **Comparison of Energy Storage**

<b>Power/kg</b>	<b>SuperCap.&gt; Battery</b>
<b>Energy/kg</b>	<b>Battery &gt; SuperCap.</b>
<b>Efficiency</b>	<b>SuperCap. &gt; Battery</b>
<b>Cost</b>	<b>Battery &gt; SuperCap</b>
<b>Life Cycle</b>	<b>SuperCap. &gt; Battery</b>

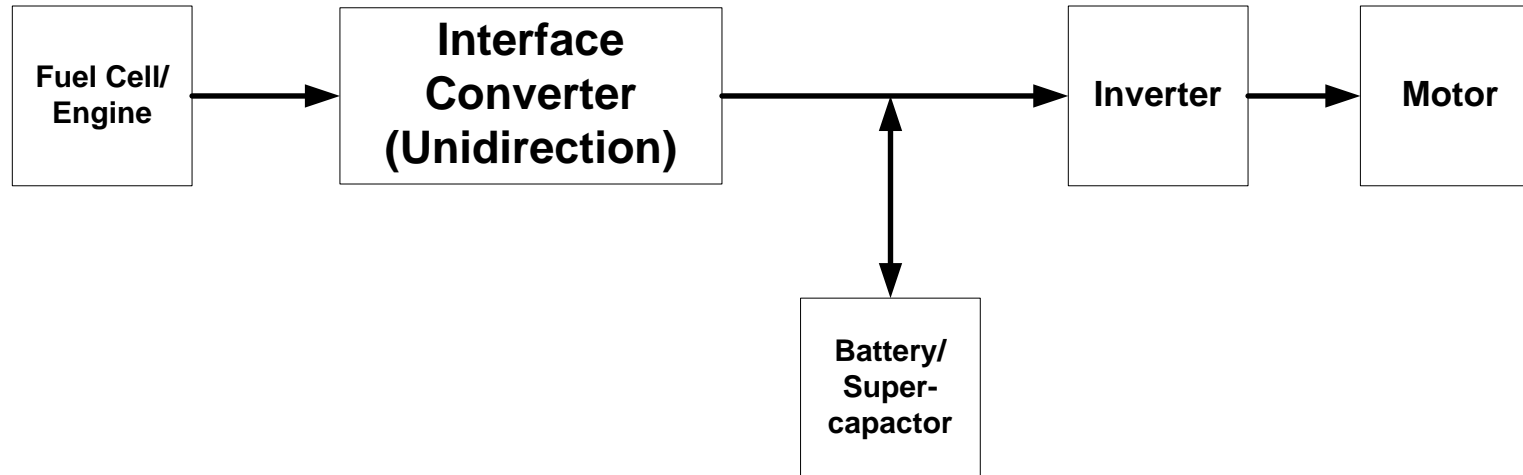


# Fuel Cell Vehicle Structure

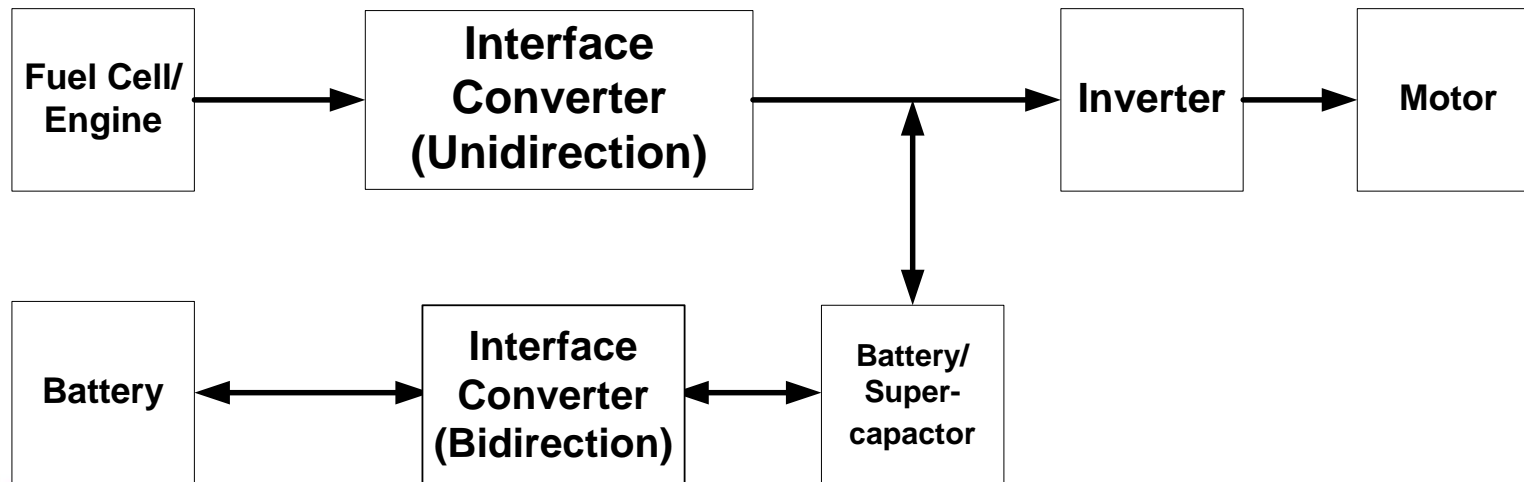


# Interface Converter Usage

- 1 converter but more battery/SC

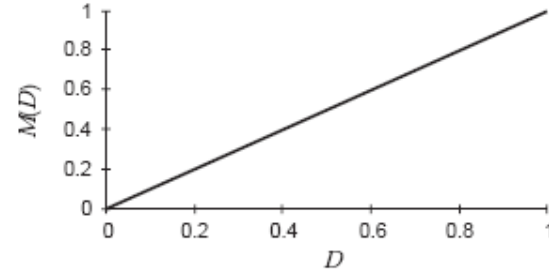
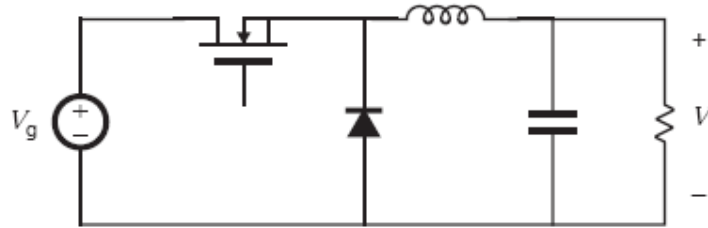


- 2 converter but less battery, high efficiency

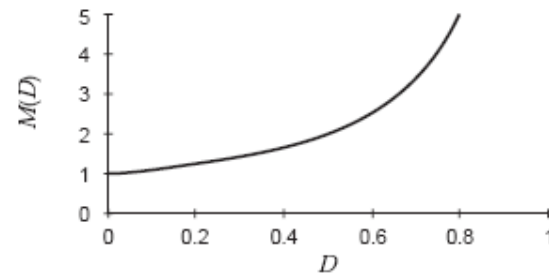
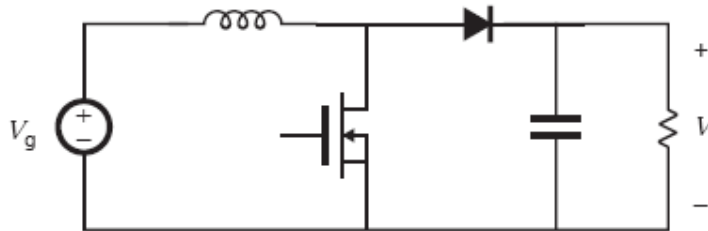


# Non-isolation Type Interface

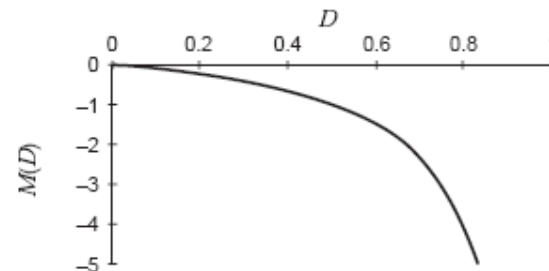
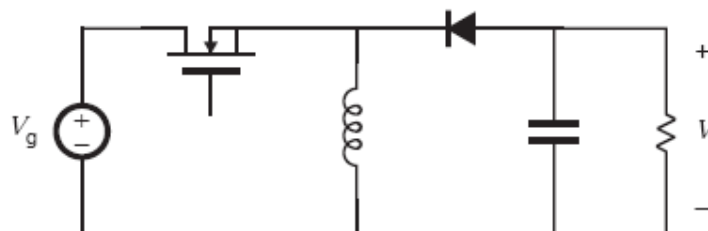
## Buck Converter



## Boost Converter

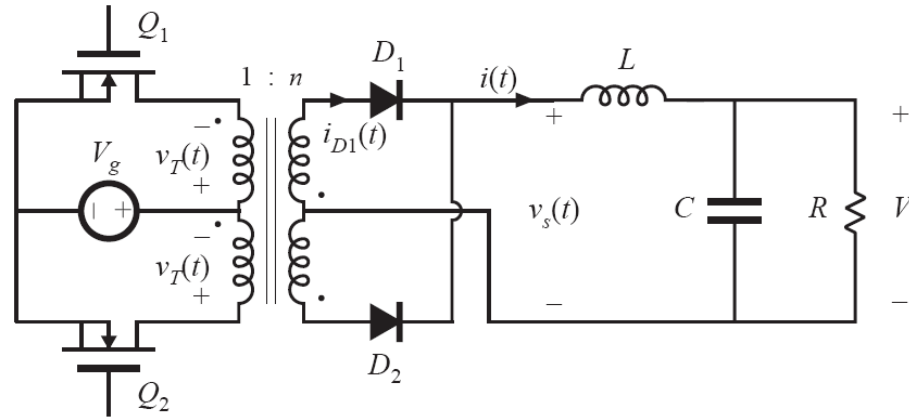


## Buck-Boost Converter

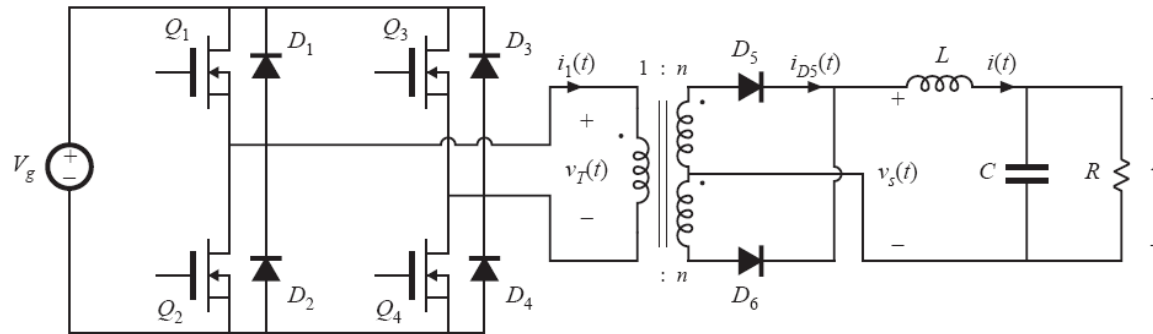


# Isolation Type Interface

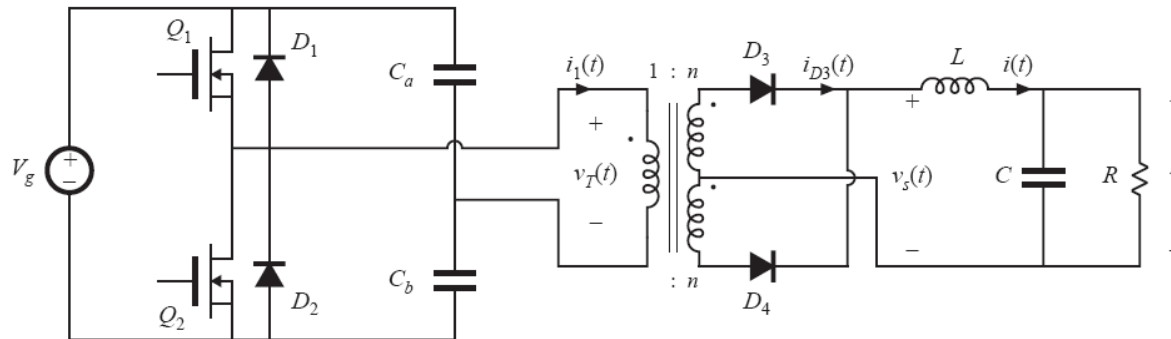
Push-pull Converter



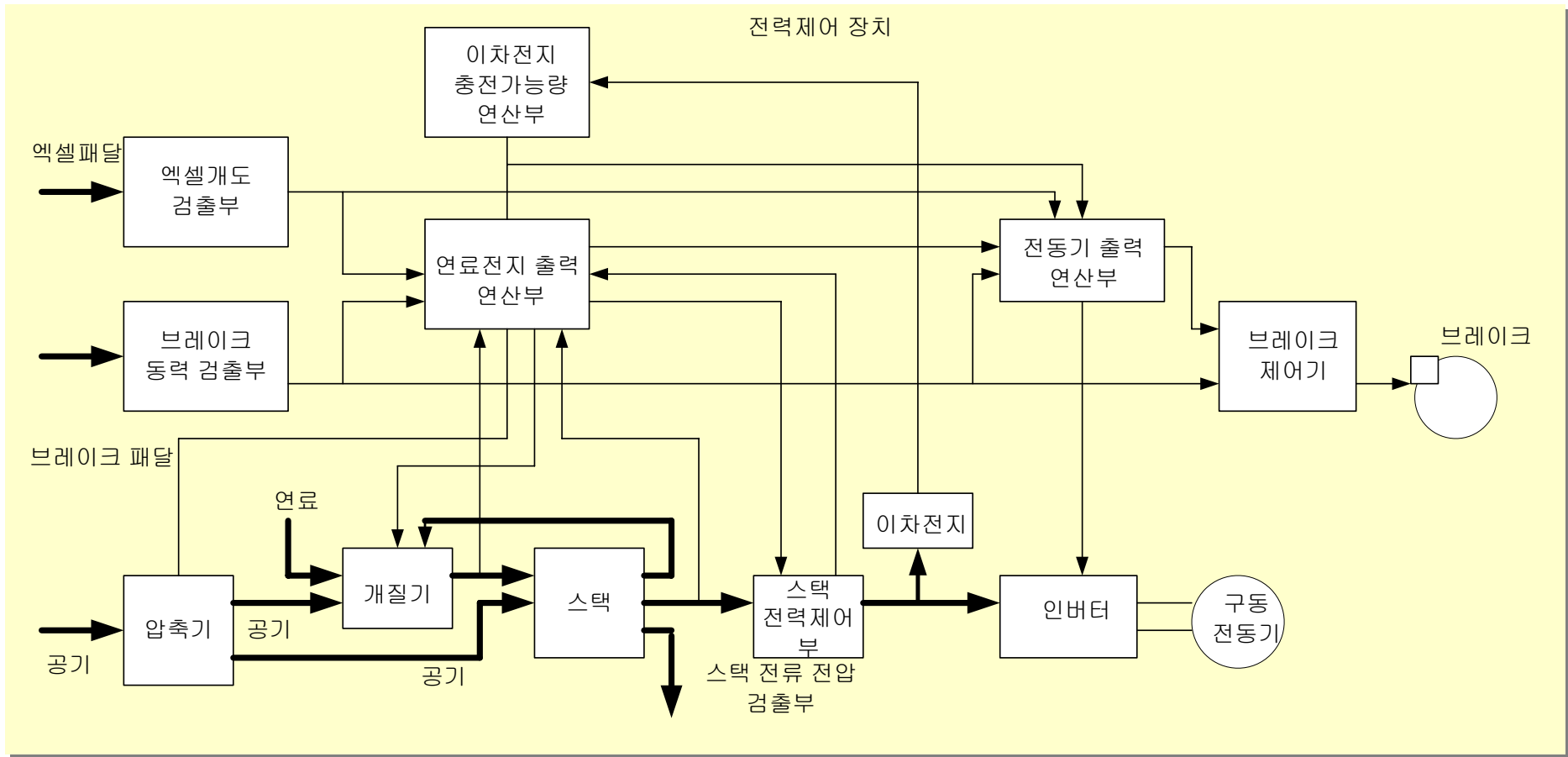
Full-bridge Converter



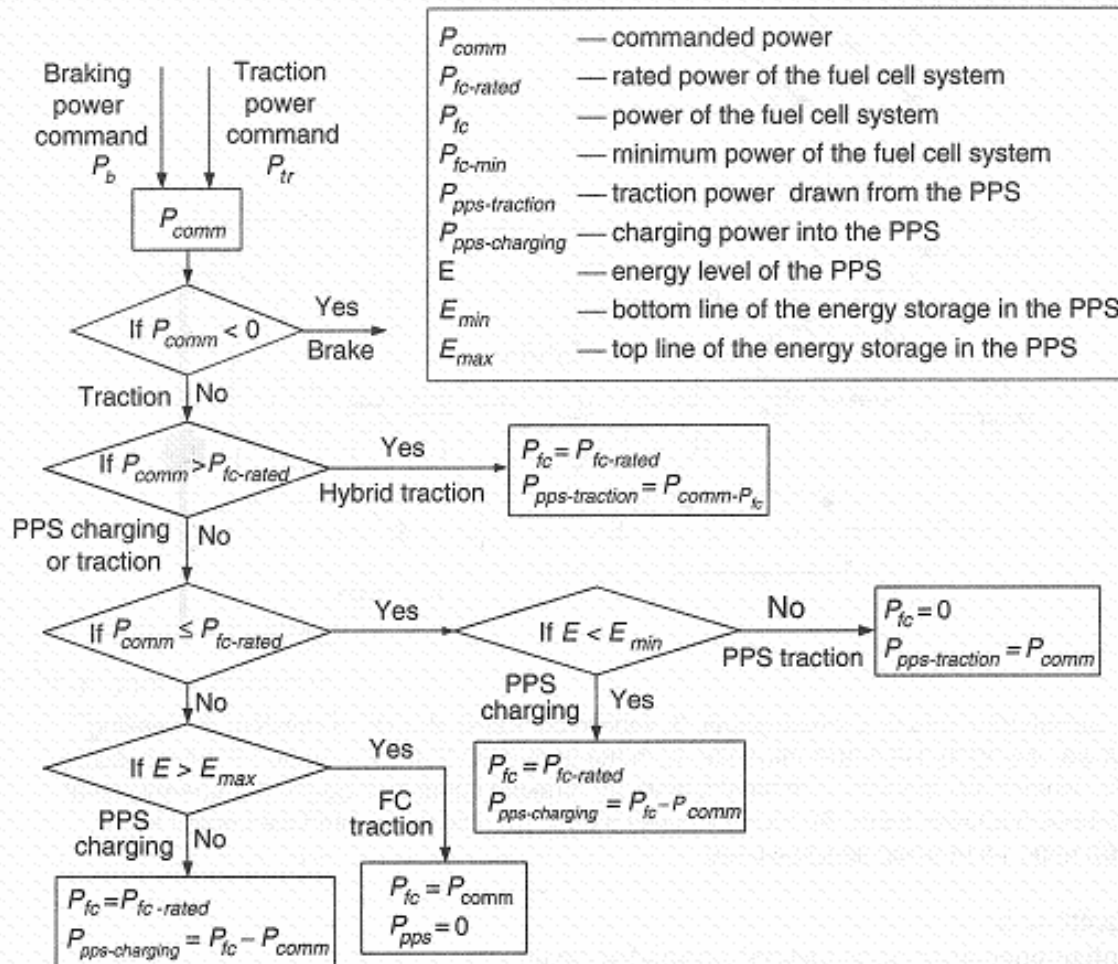
Half-bridge Converter



# Control Cofiguration



# Possible Control Strategy



-Fuel Cell (FC)

-Peaking Power System (PPS): Battery or SC

IF  $P_{comm} > P_{fc-rated}$   
 Then  $P_{fc} = P_{fc-rated}$   
 $P_{pps} = P_{fc} - P_{comm}$

ELSE ( $P_{comm} \leq P_{fc-rated}$ )  
 If  $E < E_{min}$   
 Then  $P_{fc} = P_{fc-rated}$   
 $P_{pps} = P_{fc} - P_{comm}$ : Charge

Else if  $E > E_{max}$   
 Then  $P_{fc} = 0$   
 $P_{pps} = P_{comm}$ : Battery only

Else  
 $P_{fc} = P_{comm}$   
 $P_{pps} = 0$ : Fuel Cell Alone

End

END

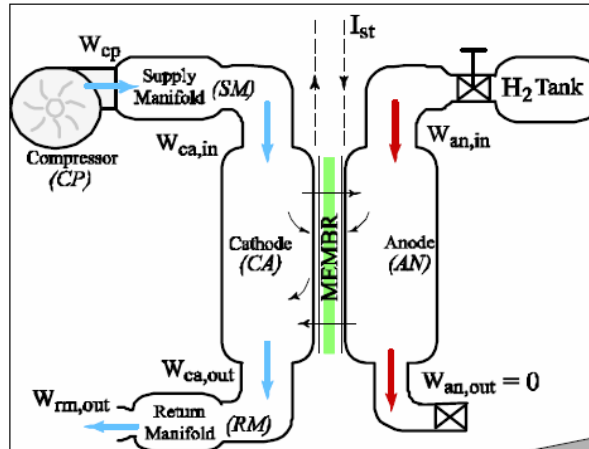
Ref.: Modern electric, Hybrid Electric, and Fuel Cell Vehicles: chap. 13



# Fuel Cell / Battery Modeling Methods

- Equational Models

(Ex.: *Huei Peng and Anna Stefanopoulou of Univ. of Michigan*)

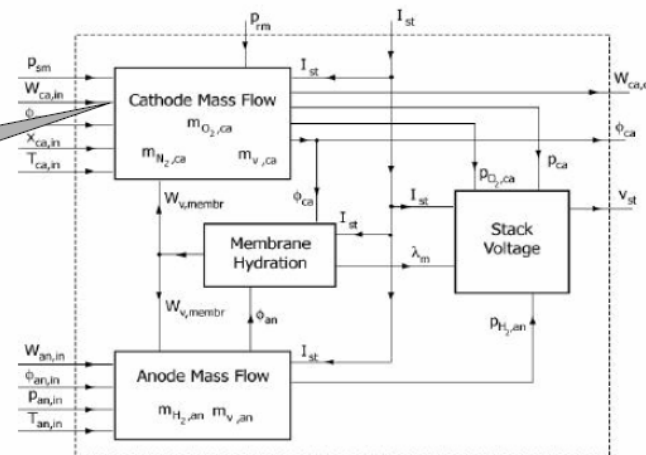


$$\frac{dm_{O_2}}{dt} = W_{O_2,in} - W_{O_2,out} - W_{O_2,react}$$

$$\frac{dm_{N_2}}{dt} = W_{N_2,in} - W_{N_2,out}$$

$$\frac{dm_{w,ca}}{dt} = W_{v,ca,in} - W_{v,ca,out} + W_{v,gen} + W_{v,membr}$$

- Cathode Mass Flow Model
- Anode Mass Flow Model
- Membrane Hydration Model
- Stack Voltage Model

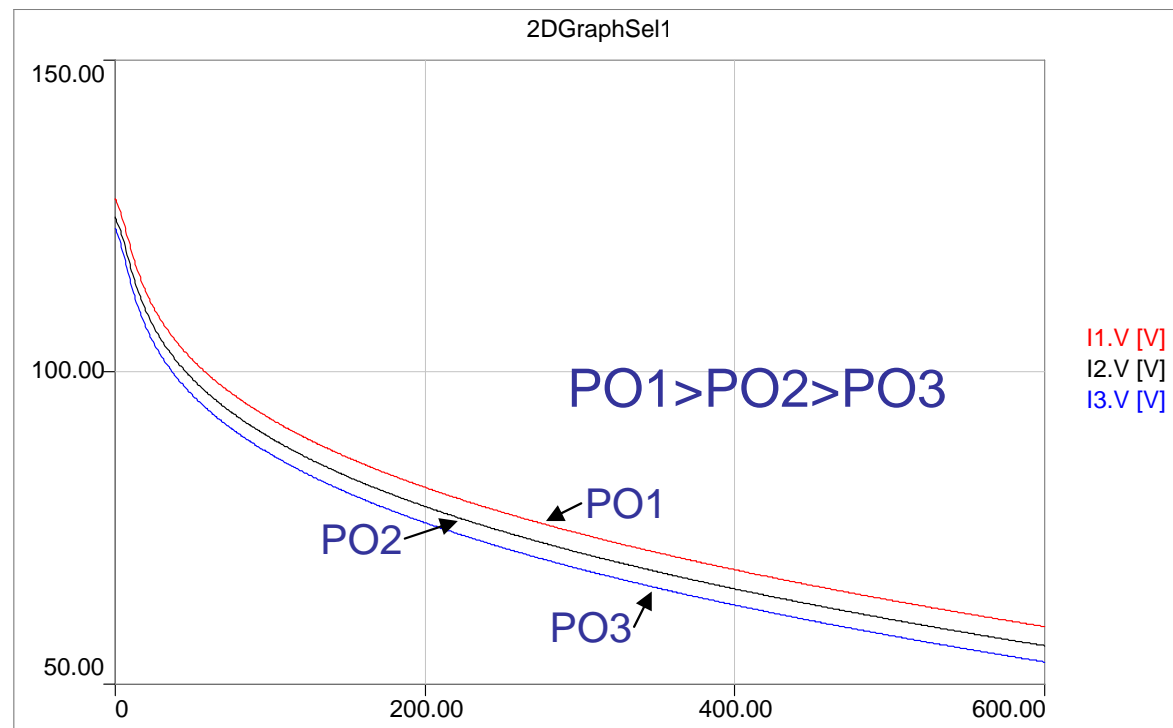
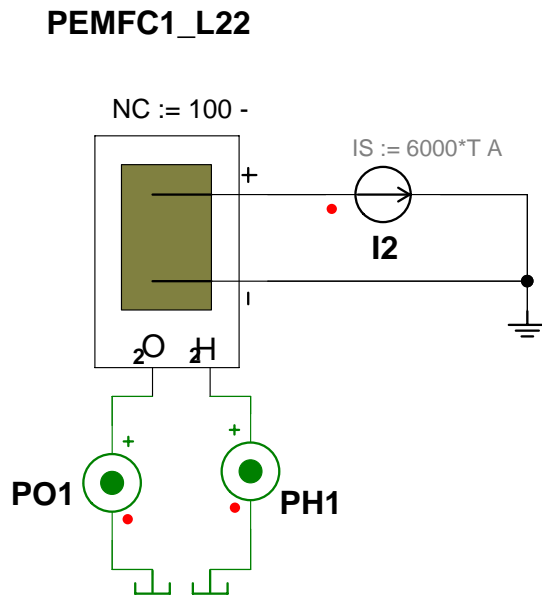


- Equivalent Circuit Model
- Look Up Table



# Simplorer Supplied Model

- Equation based model :
  - many parameters should be defined.

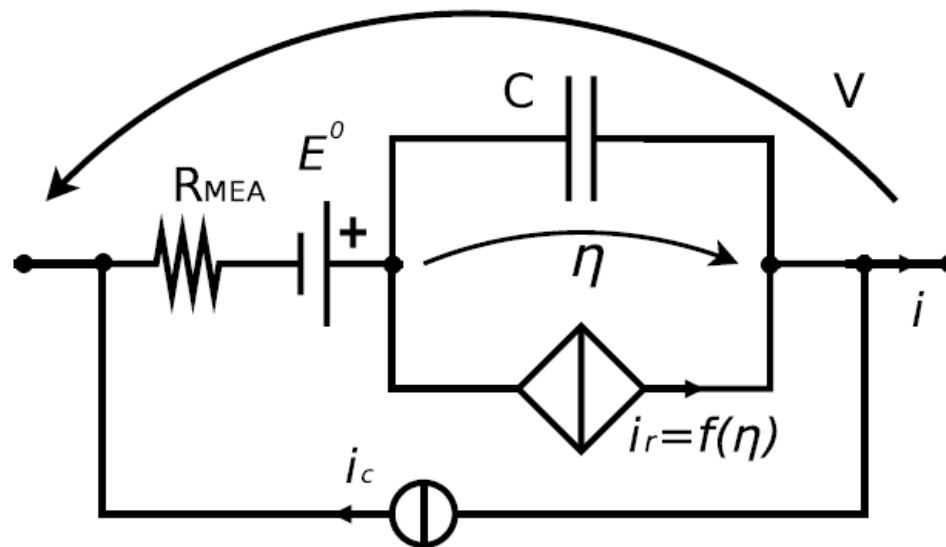


I-V curve of fuel cell stack(n=100)



# FC Equivalent Circuit Model

- Parameters are dependent
  - $T$ ,  $I$  and other conditions



Cell voltage

$$V = E^0 - \eta - R_{\text{MEA}}(i + i_c)$$

Overvoltage differential equation

$$\frac{d\eta}{dt} = \frac{i + i_c - i_r}{C}$$

Butler–Volmer equation

$$i_r = i_r(\eta, \dots)$$

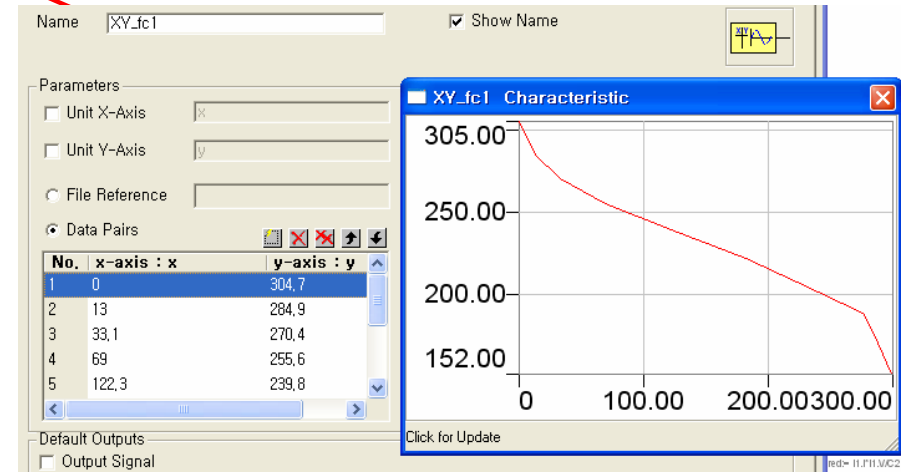
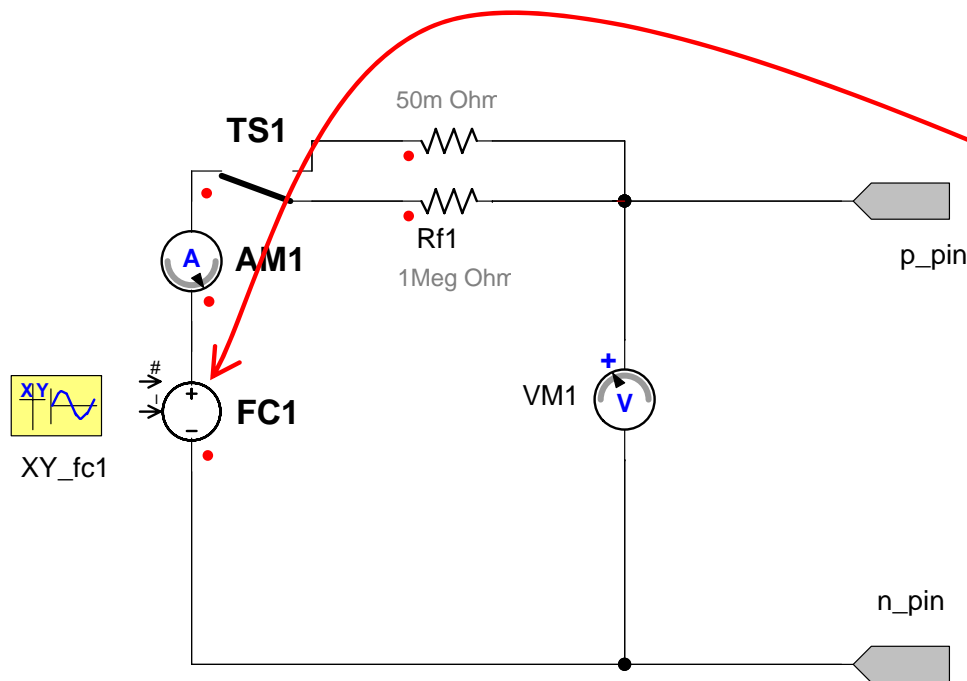
External load's characteristic

$$f(i, V, t) = 0$$



# FC LUT Based Model

- Current controlled voltage source
- Sufficient for steady state



# Battery Energy Related Parameter

- SOC (State of Charge)

$$\frac{\text{Ah Capacity remained}}{\text{rated Ah capacity}}$$

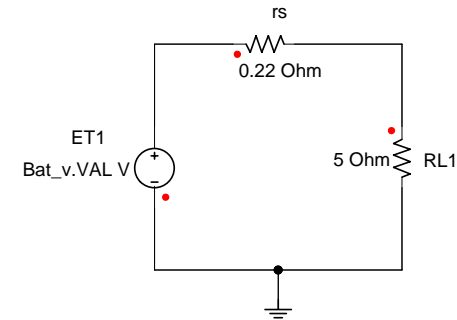
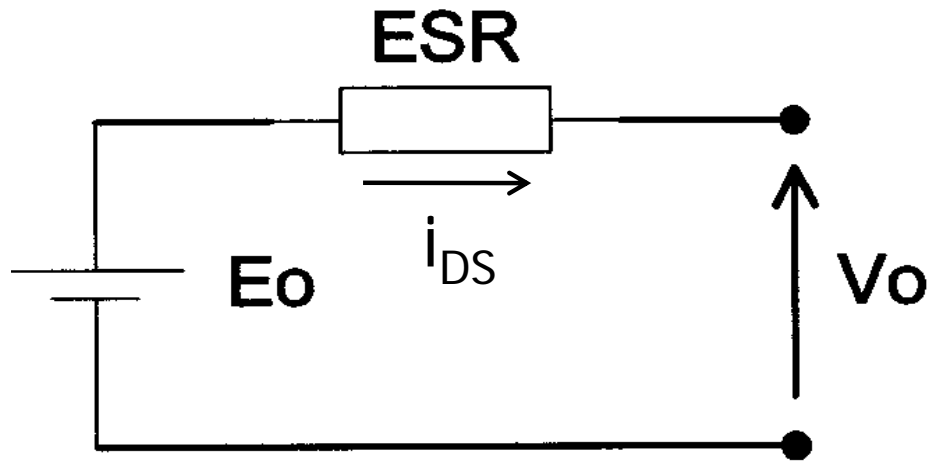
- DOD (Depth of Discharge) = 1-SOC

$$\frac{\text{Ah Capacity drained}}{\text{rated Ah capacity}}$$

- Specific energy(WWh/kg), Specific power(W/kg), Energy density(WWh/L)



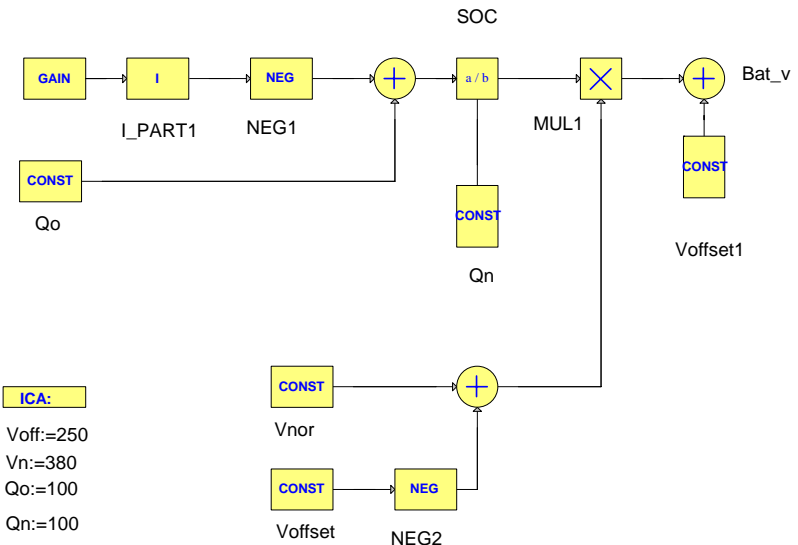
# Battery Model Implementation (1)



$$SOC = SOC_0 - \int \frac{i_{DS}}{Q_n(C)} dt = 1 - \int \frac{i_{DS}}{Q_n(C)} dt \quad \text{if } Q_0 = Q_n$$

$$E_o = V_{off} + (V_n - V_{off}) \times SOC$$

$$V_o = E_o - ESR \times i_{DS}$$



Popular but much error  
 (C is dependent on I and T)



# Battery Model Implementation (2)

$$C_p = I^k T$$

$$CR_{n+1} = CR_n + \frac{\delta t \times I^k}{3600} [Ah]$$

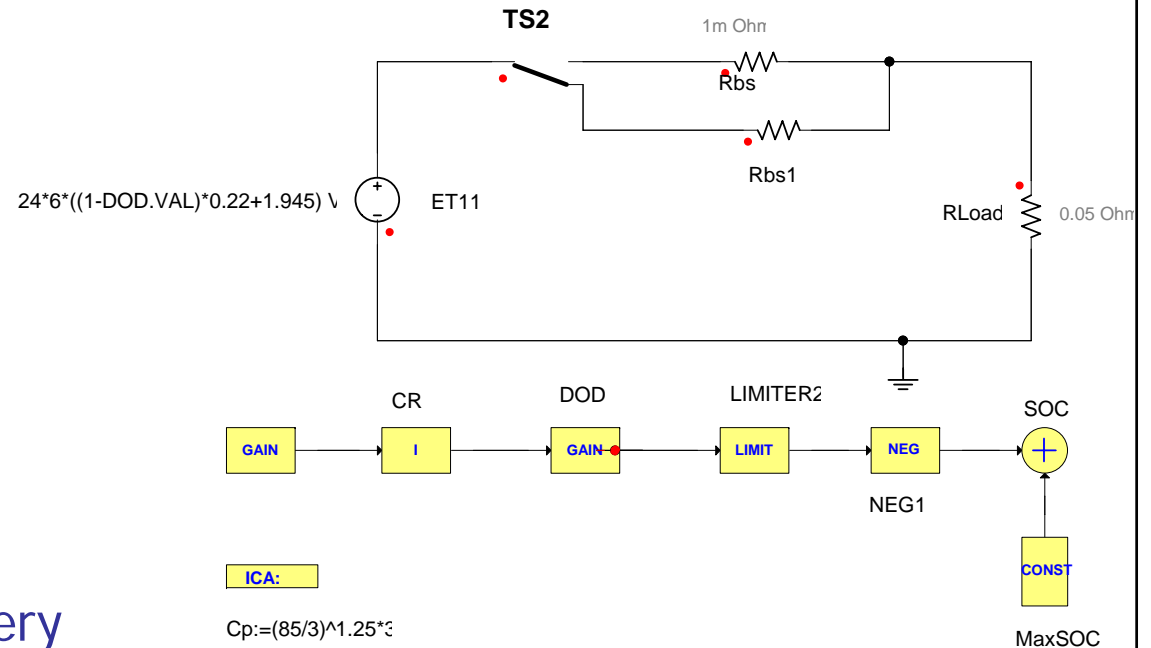
$$DOD_n = \frac{CR_n}{C_p}$$

$$SOC = 1 - DOD$$

k : Peukert Coefficient

CR: Energy removed from battery

DOD: Depth of Discharge

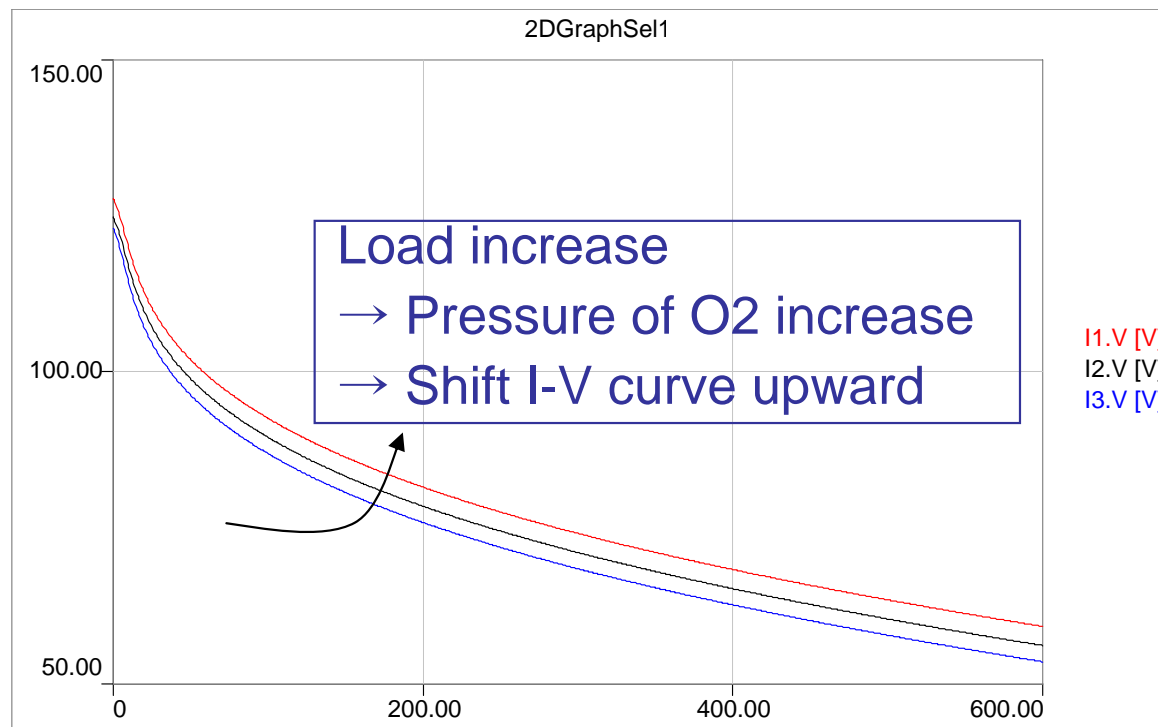


Better accuracy but  
more parameters  
(OCV must be defined)

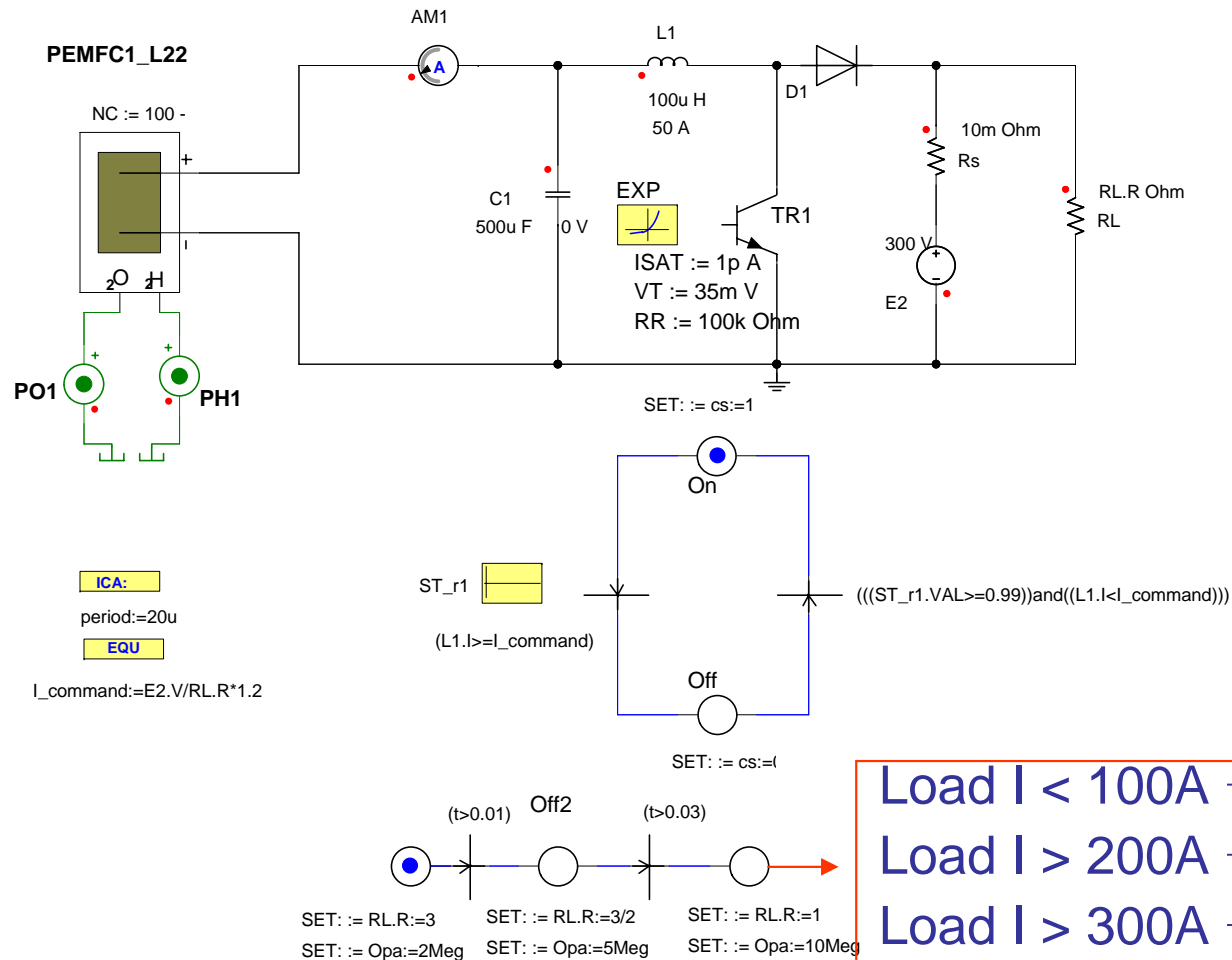


# Stack Control Concept

- A lot of stack control method
  - Optimization for whole system is complex.
- A concept for stack control
  - Control the air flow/pressure relating to the load



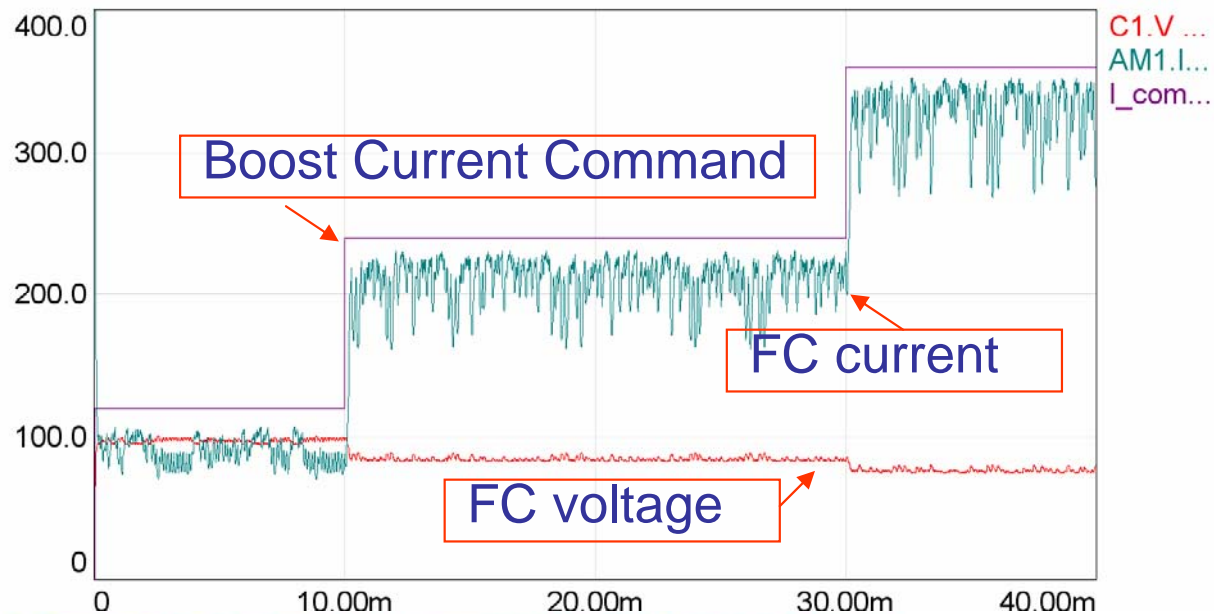
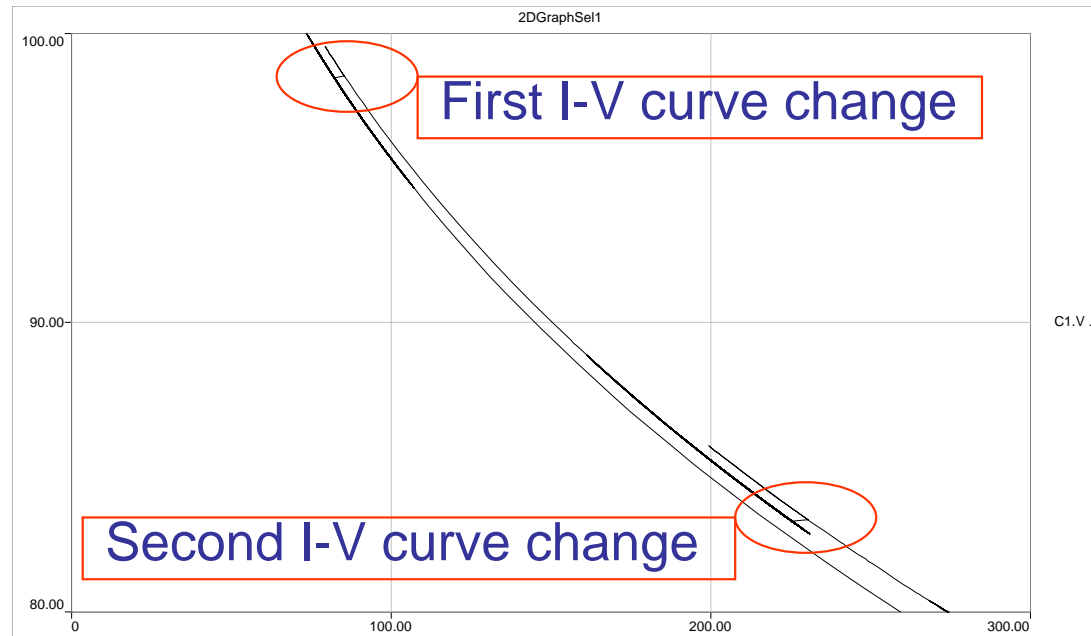
# Stack Control Example



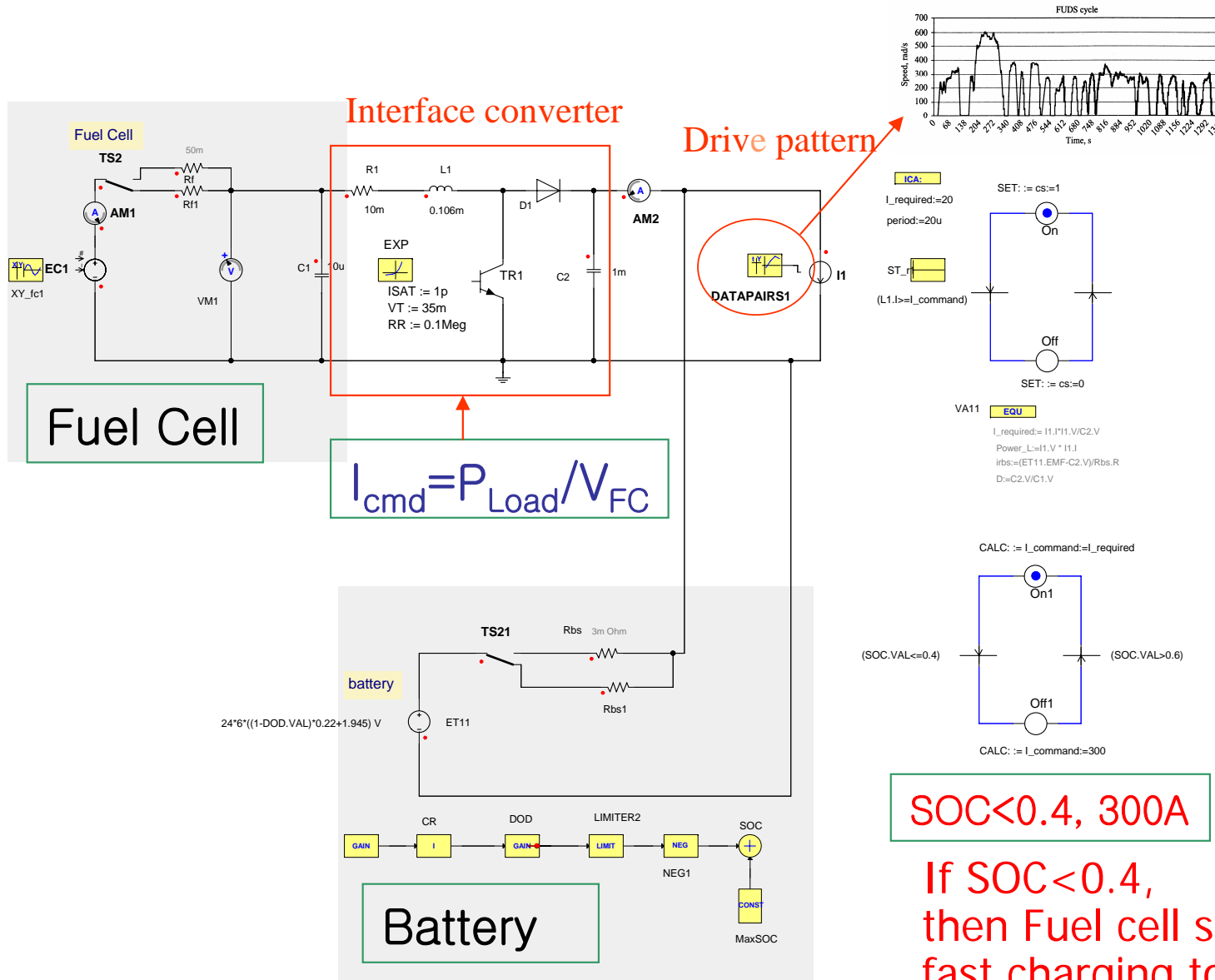
Load I < 100A → PO<sub>2</sub> = 2M Pa  
 Load I > 200A → PO<sub>2</sub> = 5M Pa  
 Load I > 300A → PO<sub>2</sub> = 10M Pa



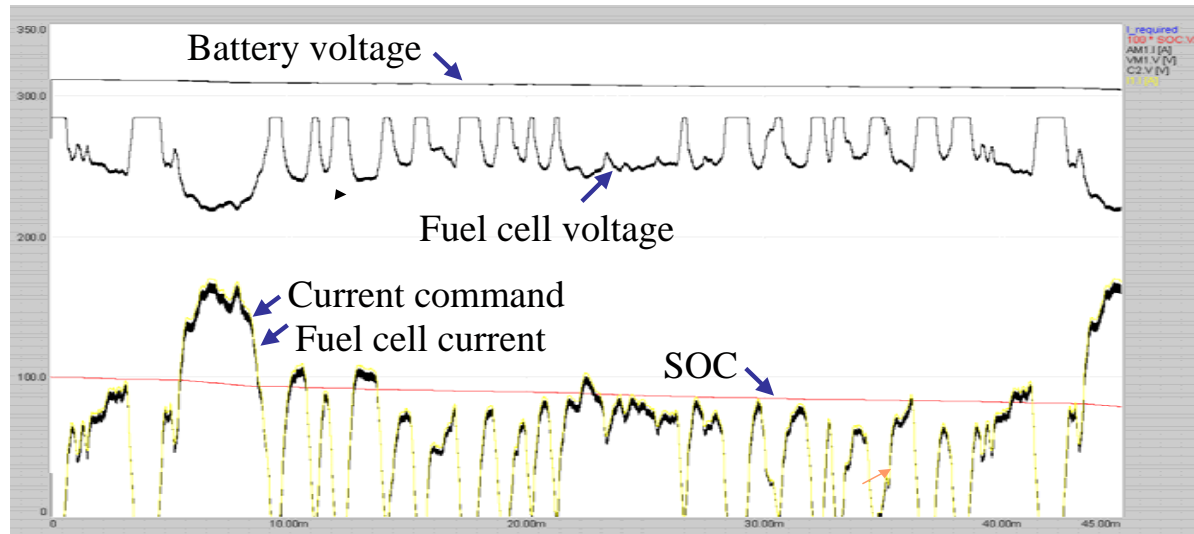
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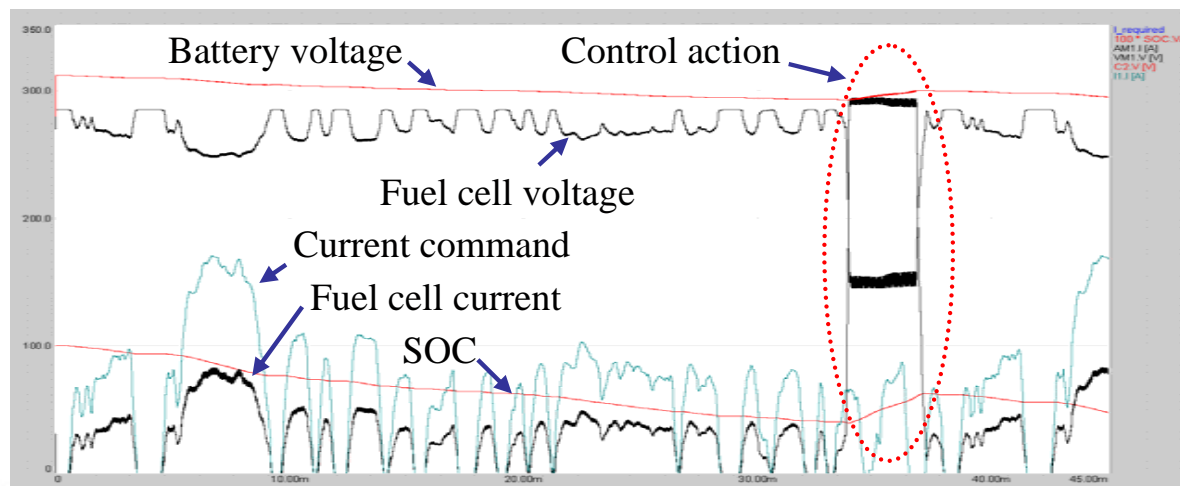
# Energy Flow Control During Driving Cycle



# Drive Cycle Simulation Result



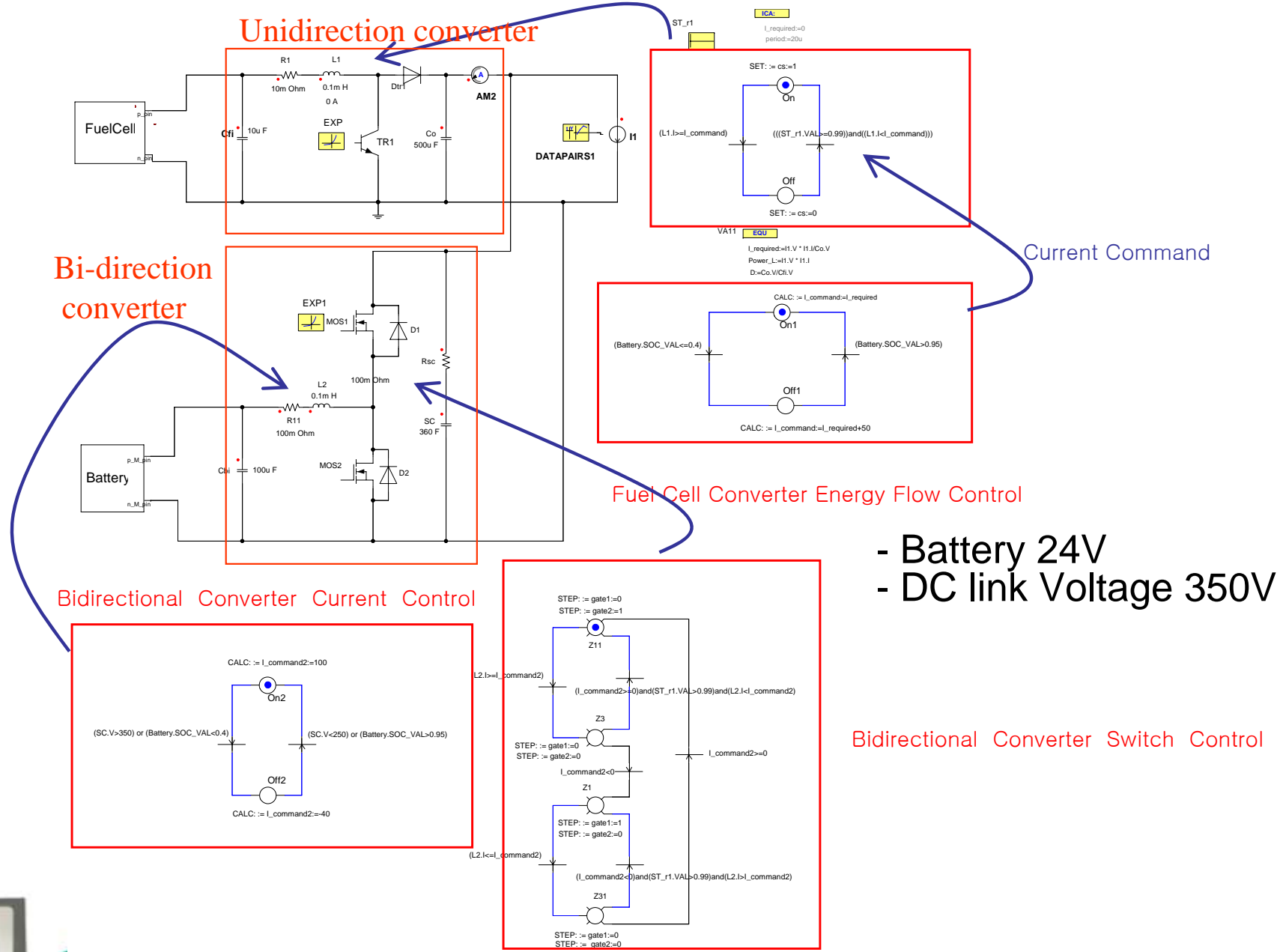
Sufficient rating battery or  
FC dominant operation  
→ SOC stable  
but battery over-capacity



Small rating battery  
or small FC capacity  
→ Wide SOC  
variation, control  
requirement



# Complex Hybrid System



# Energy Flow Control Strategy

IF  $SOC < 0.4$

Then  $P_{fc} = P_{load} + P_{charge}$  until  $SOC > 0.95$   
Battery charge mode

IF  $SOC > 0.95$

Then  $P_{fc} = P_{load}$  until  $SOC < 0.4$

IF  $V_{sc} > 350V$

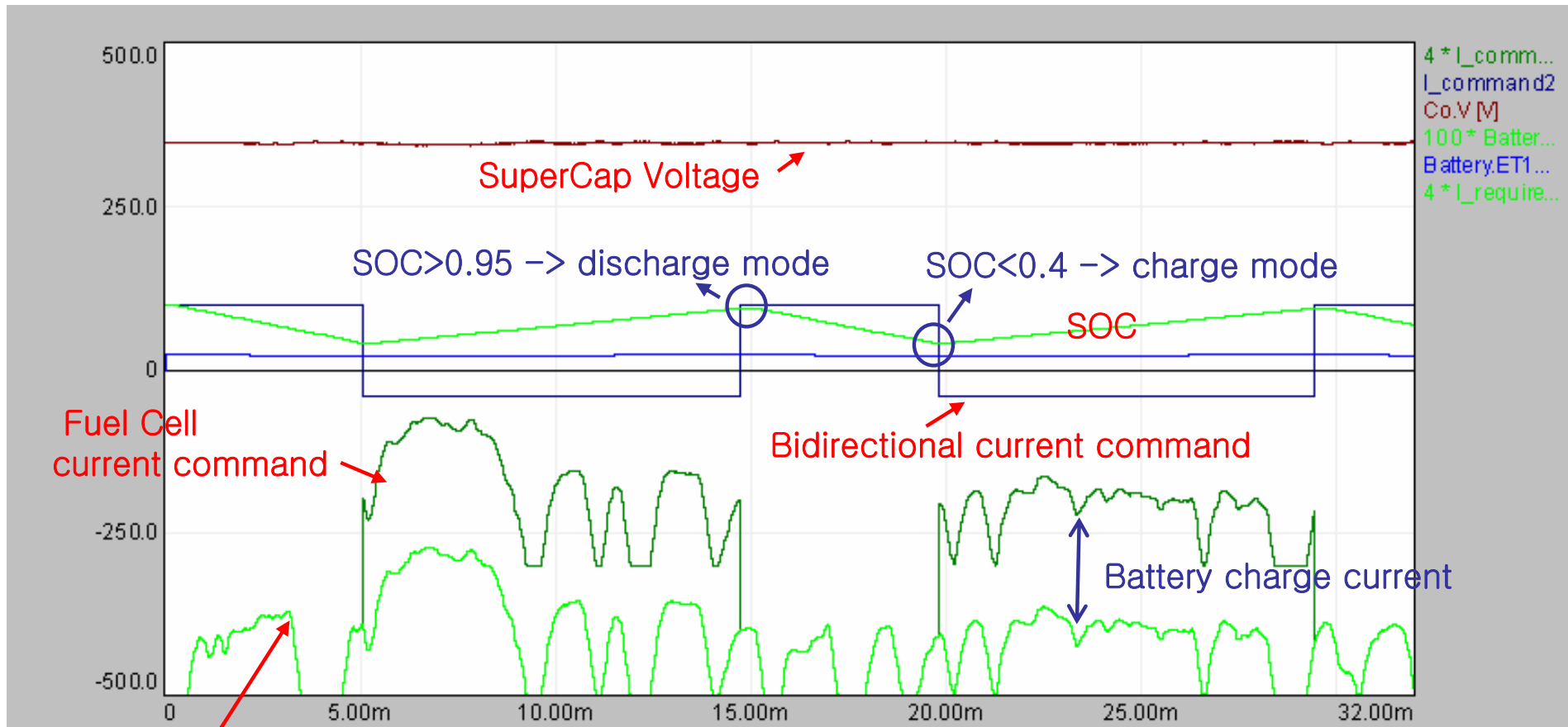
Then Battery charge mode

IF  $V_{sc} < 250V$

Then Battery discharge mode



# Simulation Result



Load Current

