

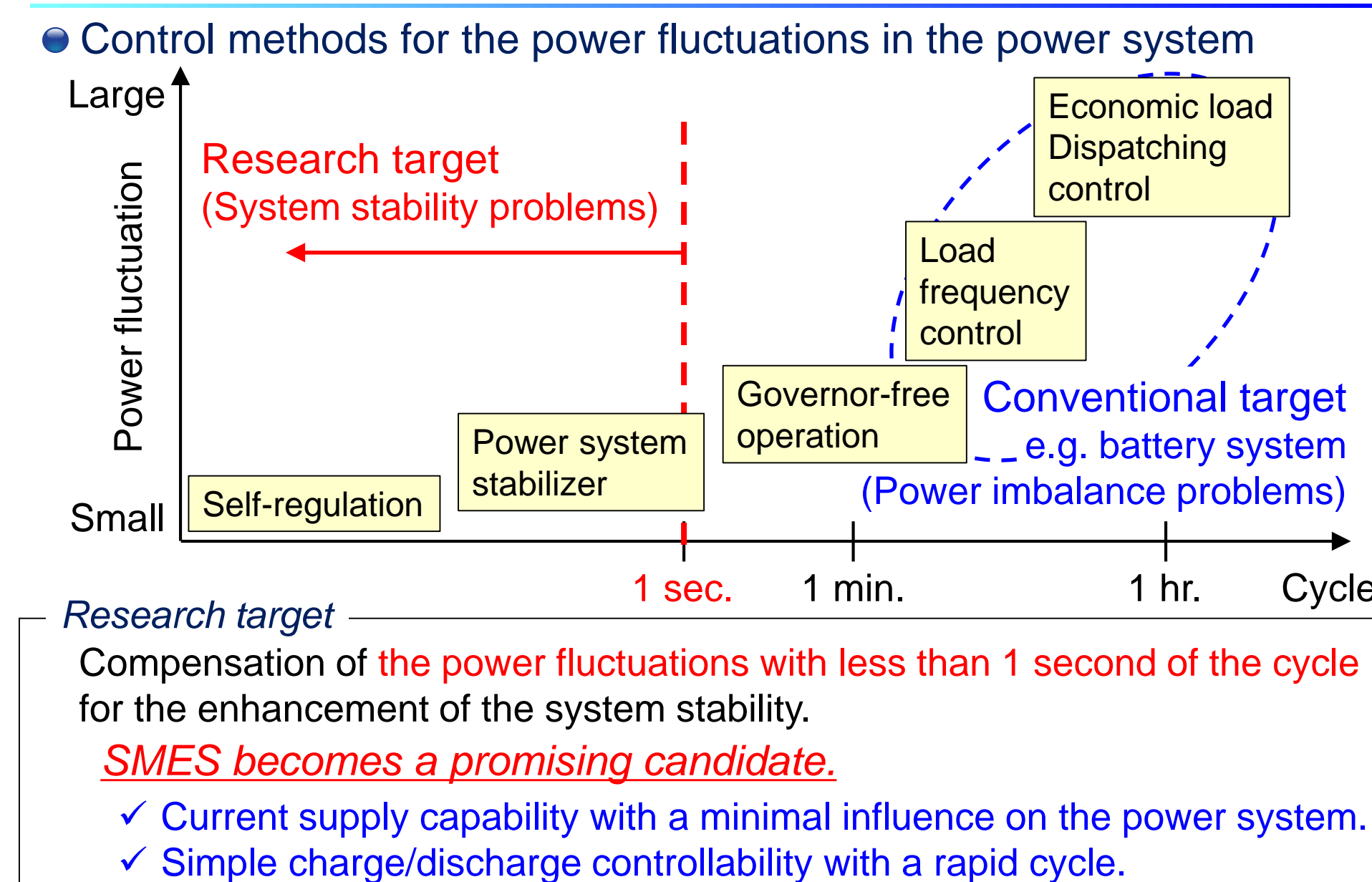
Mobile Superconducting Magnetic Energy Storage for On-site Estimations of the Electric Power System Stability

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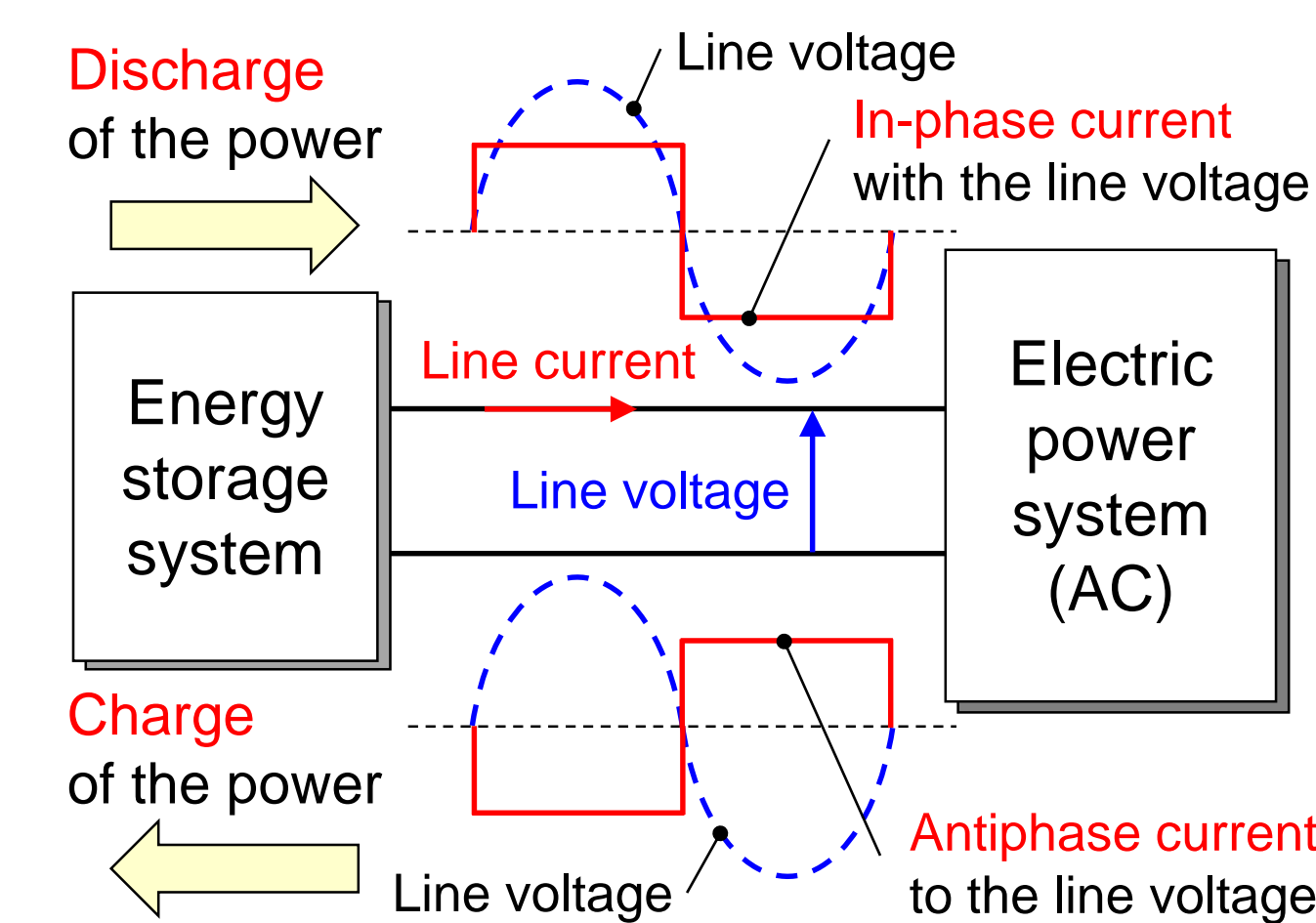
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Introduction



Fundamental Operation of the Storage System

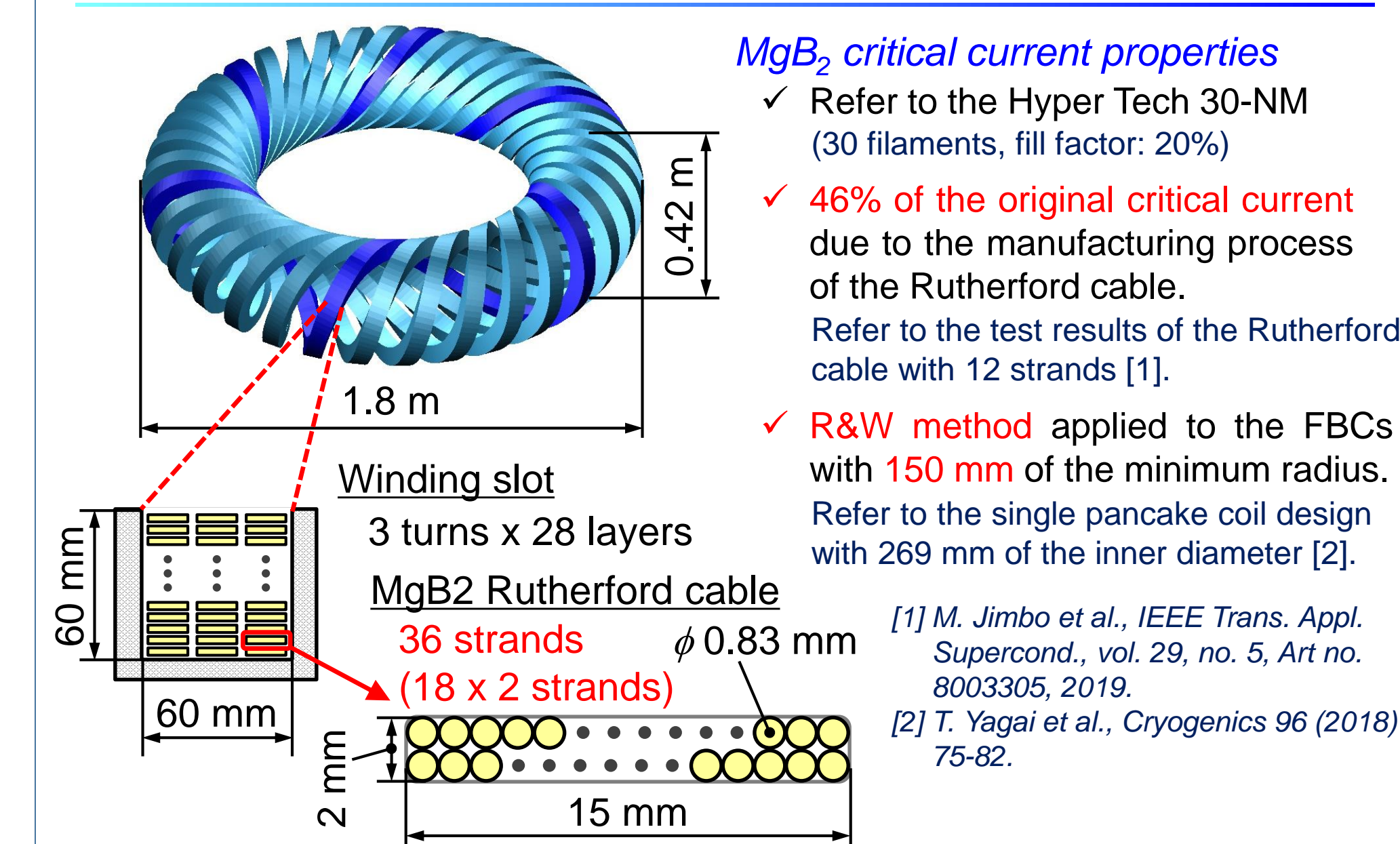
The grid-connected **energy storage system** requires the same capability of a **current supply to the power system**.



Required Specifications of the SMES System

- Output power and stored energy of SMES
 - Output power of SMES P_{sm}
 - 1% of the capacity of the target system
 - Charge/discharge cycle f_{sm}
 - Around the natural frequency: 1~2 Hz
 - Stored energy $E_{sm} = P_{sm}/\pi f_{sm}$
 - Ex) 0.32 MJ in the 1-MW and 1-Hz case
 - 0.95 MJ in the 3-MW and 1-Hz case
 - Mobility of the SMES system
 - Real time variations of the oscillation modes
 - Complex distributions of the power oscillation
- Example**
- | Node | A | B | C | D | E |
|------|------|-------|---|-------|---|
| Mode | none | 1 & 2 | ? | 1, 2? | 2 |
- Node C: The generator is not oscillated, but the power oscillations occur.
Node D: The oscillation mode 1 mainly occurs. The mode 2 may be difficult to be identified.

1-MJ Class SMES Coil Windings



Conditions of the Heat Load Estimation

- Radiative heat transfer
 - The surface area of the torus is 6.0 m².
 - The effective emissivity between 300 K and 80 K is 0.020.
 - The effective emissivity between 80 K and the cooling temperature is 0.016.
 - The superinsulation effect is 1/10 of the heat load without superinsulation.
- Heat leakage from coil supports
 - The supports are made of GFRP.
 - The outer and inner diameters of the supports are 100 mm and 90 mm.
 - The support length is 300 mm.
 - The number of the supports is 6 (less than 1/200 of the withstand load).
- AC losses
 - The hysteresis loss is only estimated.
 - The hysteresis loss is evaluated by the center toroidal magnetic field.
 - The magnetization variation in 20 K is assumed to be 0.0002 to 0.0006 T in the magnetic field range of 2.3 to 1.2 T.
 - The critical current density in 10 K is assumed to be 2.5 times higher than that in 20 K.

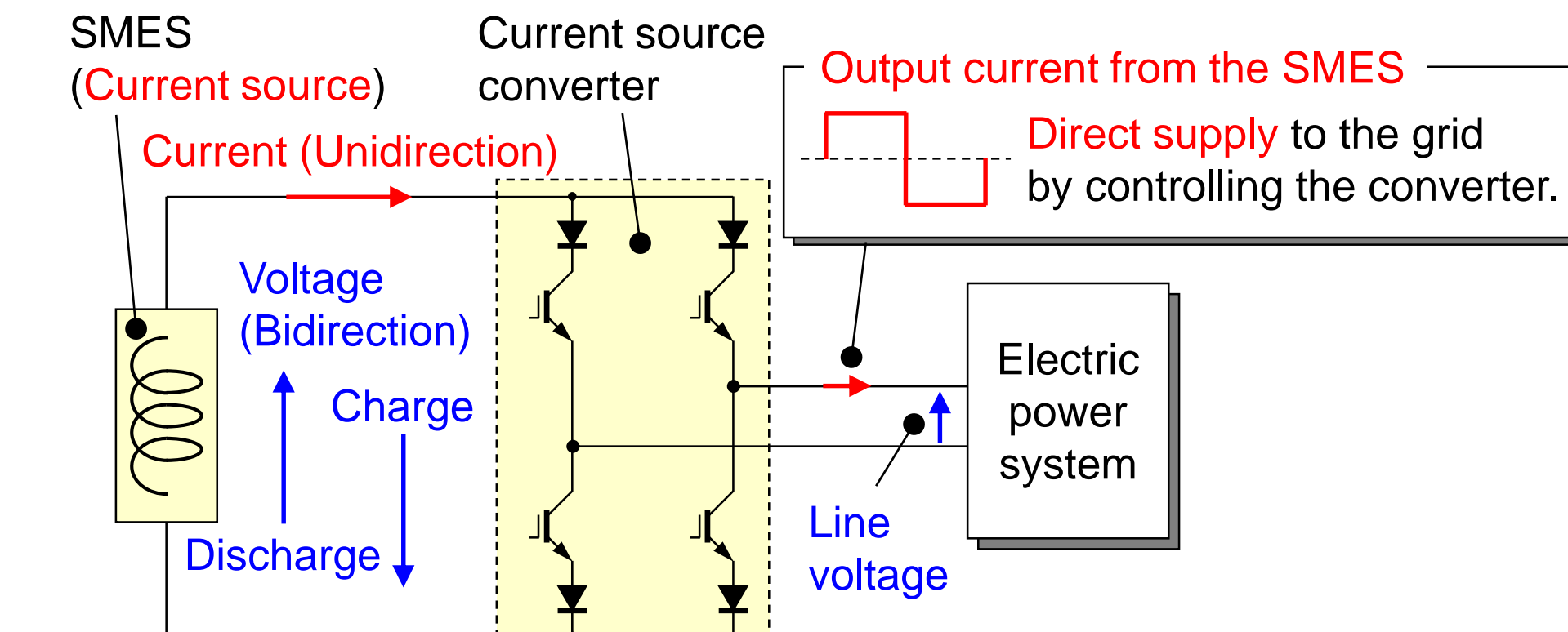
Electric Power System Stability Problems

- Lack of the inertial energy of the generators (Hardware problem)
 - Conventional power system
 - Power fluctuations (less than 1 sec.) can be absorbed by the inertial energy of the synchronous generators in the hydro or thermal power plants.
- Renewable energy system (e.g. PV system, wind power)
 - Increase in the interconnection through the power converters.
- Limitation of the high-precision stability calculation (Software problem)
 - Conventional power system
 - Economical power system operation is achieved in accordance with the calculation results of the system stability with a suitable margin.
- Electric power liberalization
 - Difficulty of understanding the properties of the entire power equipment. (Excessive margin is required for the stable power system operation.)
- Renewable energy system
 - Modeling of the power system becomes an important research theme. (The validity of the modeling should be confirmed in the actual system.)

Superconducting Magnetic Energy Storage


SMES is a promising candidate for the system stability problems.

- Development results as a high-response energy storage system.
 - 5-MVA and 10-MVA SMES systems for bridging instantaneous voltage dips (less than 1 second of the discharging time)
 - S. Nagaya et al., Cryogenics 52 (2012) 708-712.
- Load factor improvement of SMES used as a power system stabilizer.

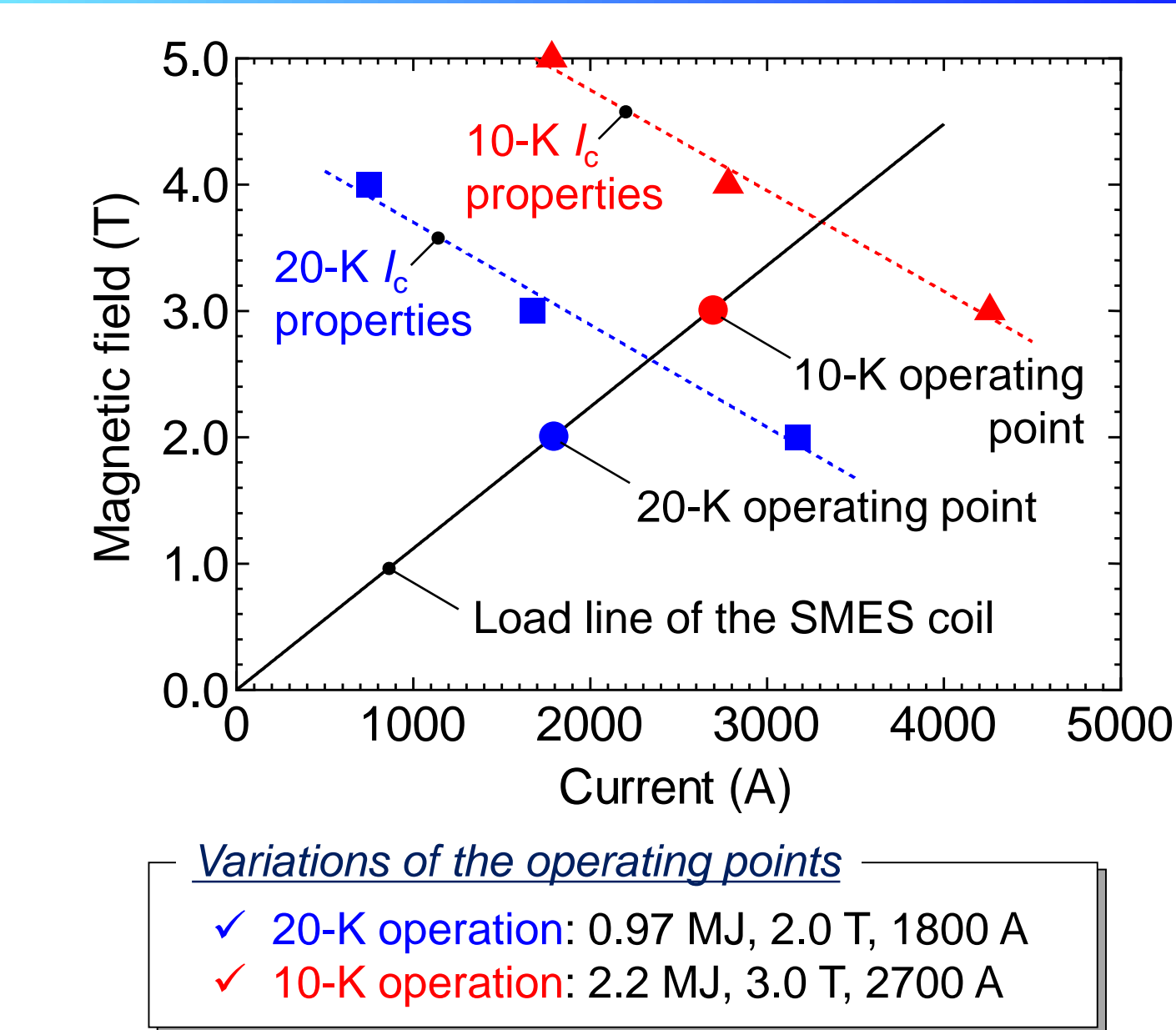


Optimization of the SMES Coil Configuration

Development target: 1-MJ class mobile SMES system

- Use of MgB₂ Rutherford cable
 - Reduction of the cooling power requirement.
 - Manufacturability of high current conductors by the effect of round strands.
 - Design flexibility of the stored energy of SMES depending on the power system conditions by selecting an optimal cooling temperature.
 - Mobility and weight saving of the SMES coils
 - Feasibility of the Force-Balanced Coils (FBCs) -
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- Manually wound Force-Balanced Coils with 0.53 of the outer diameter. This coil was successfully excited up to 6.3 T without reinforcements for the NbTi strands.

Critical Current Properties



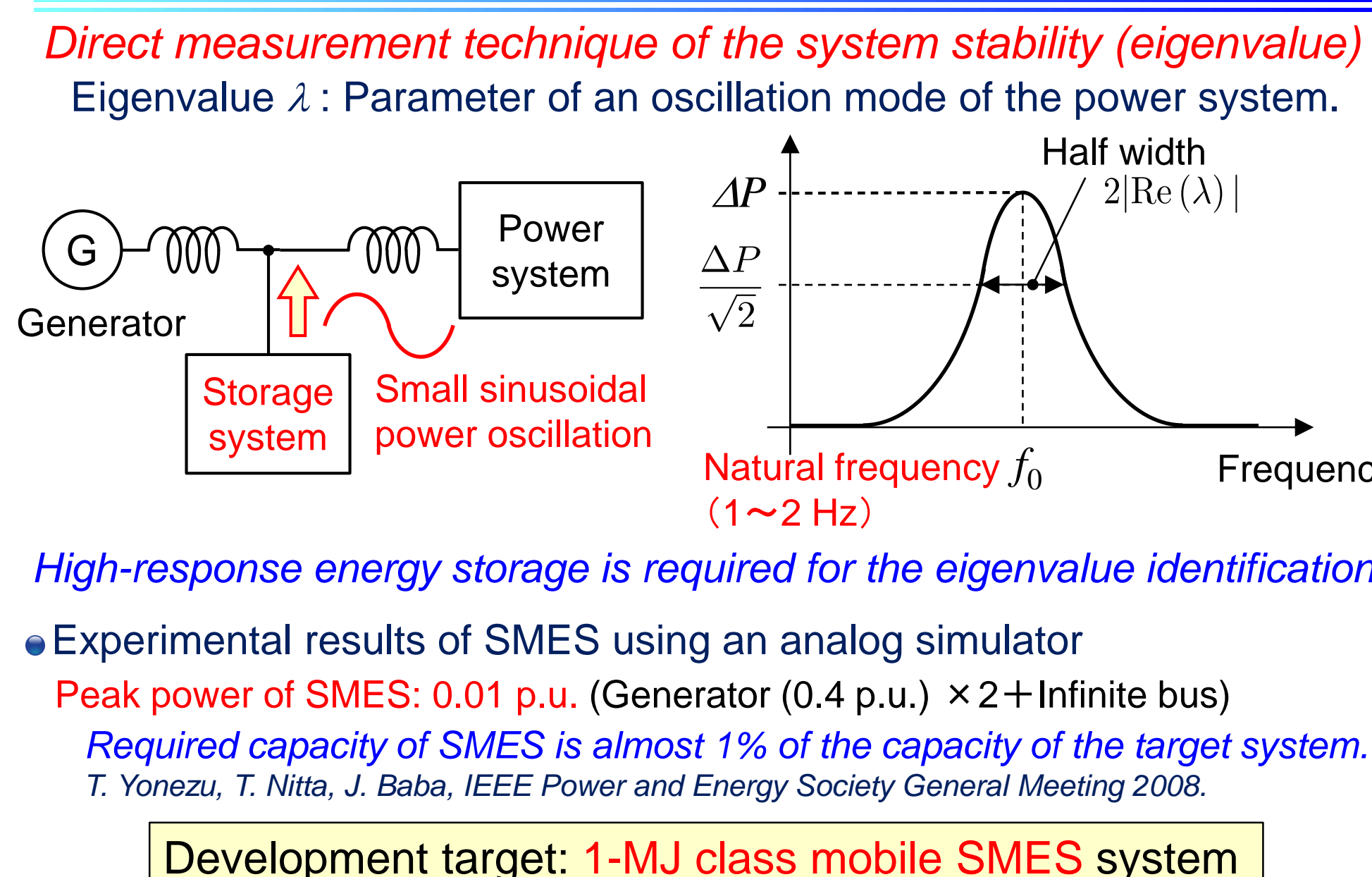
Heat Loads and Cooling System

	Case 1	Case 2	Case 3	Case 4
Output power P_{sm} (MW)	1.0	1.0	3.0	3.0
Frequency f_{sm} (Hz)	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0
Available energy E_{sm} (MJ)	0.32	0.32	0.95	0.48
Max. / Min. magnetic field ¹ (T)	1.5 / 1.2	1.5 / 1.2	2.3 / 1.7	2.3 / 2.0
Cooling temperature (K)	20	20	10	10
80-K thermal shield	w/o	w/	w/	w/
Radiative heat transfer (W)	5.6	0.23	0.23	0.23
Heat leakage from supports (W)	3.0	0.25	0.28	0.28
AC loss (Hysteresis loss) (W)	1.7	1.7	5.4	3.4
Total heat load (W)	10	2.2	5.9	3.9
Number of cryocoolers ²	1 set (none)	1 set (1 set)	2 sets (1 set)	1 set (1 set)

¹ The center toroidal magnetic field variation during the discharge/charge operation.

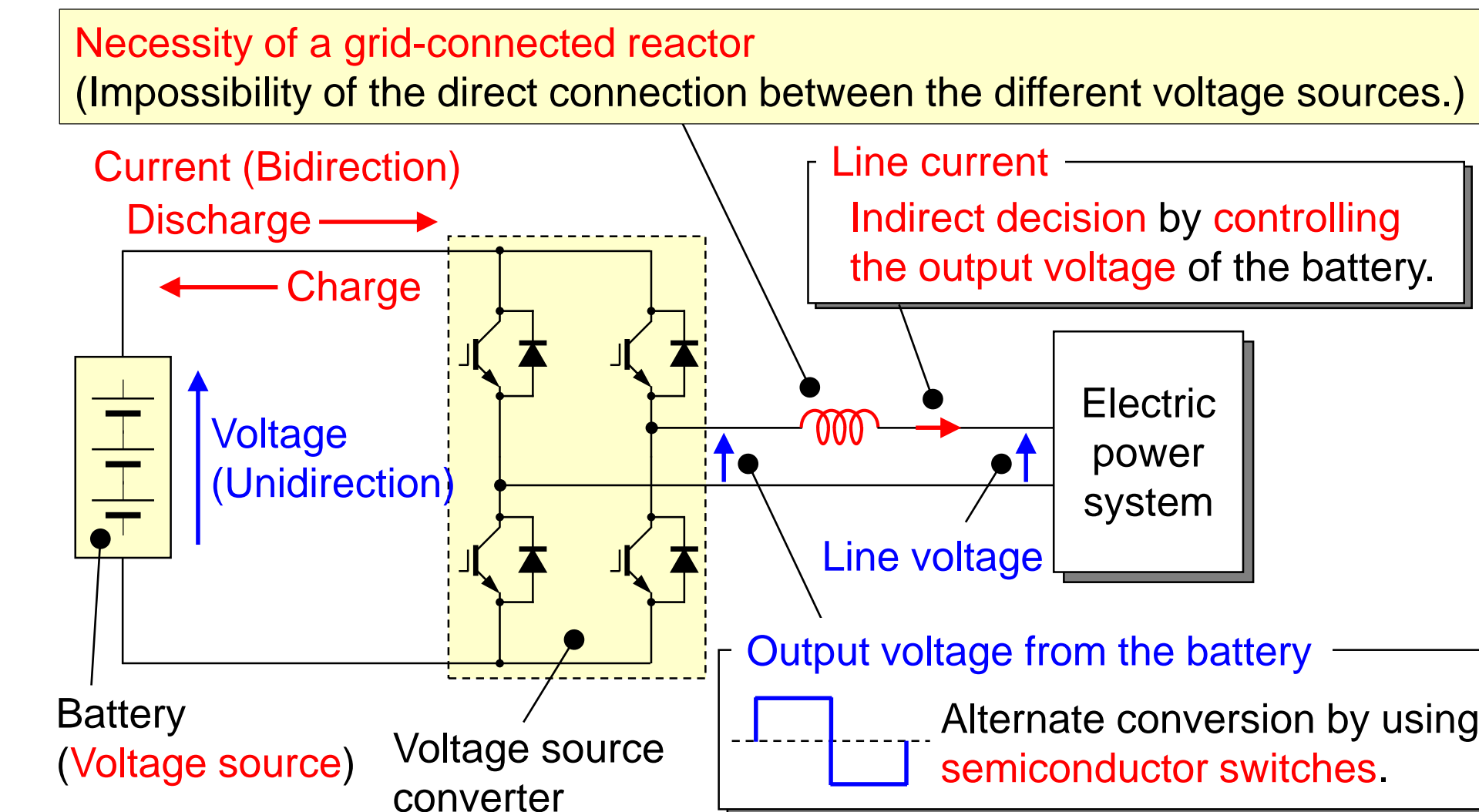
² The heat capacity at 50 Hz: 40 W in the 20-K case, 5.4 W in the 10-K case.

On-site Estimation of the System Stability

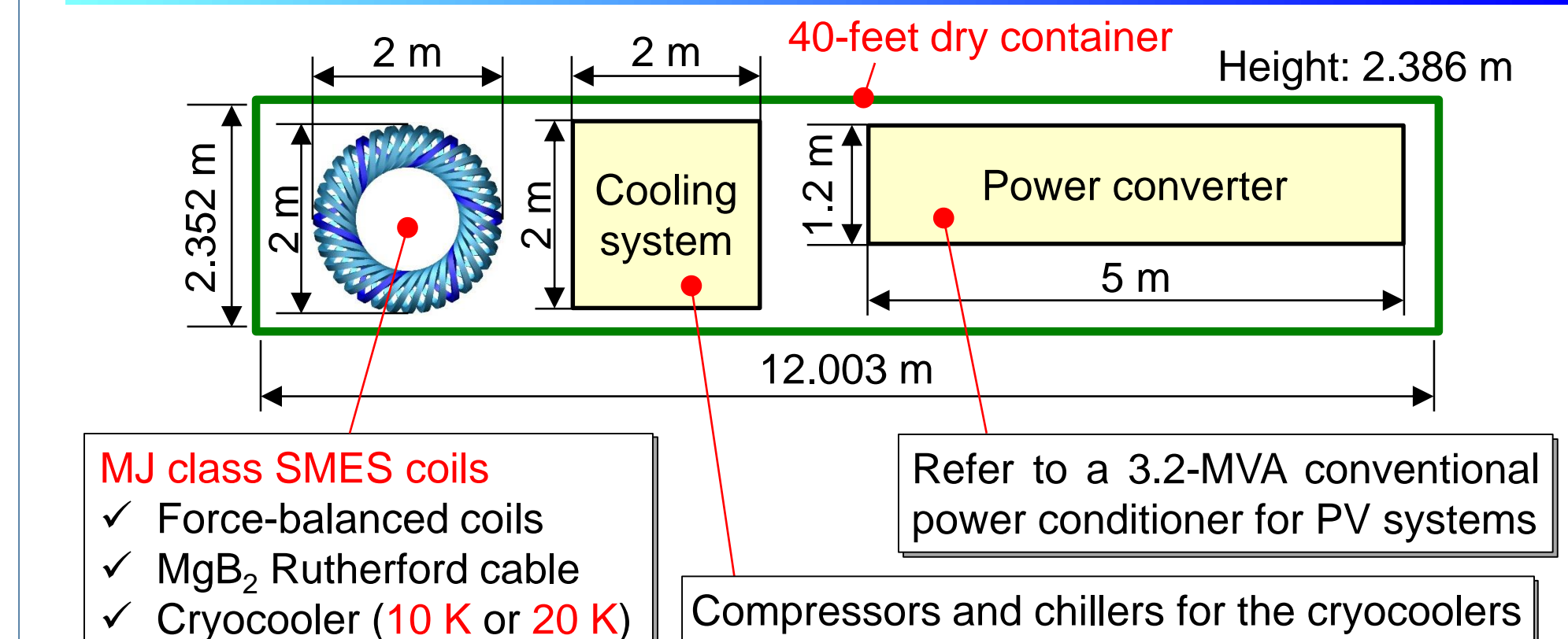


Comparison to the Battery Energy Storage

The battery system will be more suitable for the power imbalance problems between supply and demand in the renewable energy system.



Schematic Layout of the Mobile SMES System



Examples of the installation sites

- Substations (100 MVA class): Eigenvalue measuring device use (Power system stabilizer use will be realized by increasing the SMES units.)
- Solar power plants (1 MW class):
 - Eigenvalue measuring device use with 1% of the rated power of SMES.
 - Power system stabilizer use with the rated power operation.

Key Parameters of the 1-MJ Class SMES Coil

Major radius / Minor radius	0.72 m / 0.18 m	
FBC helical windings	6 x 6 x 84 turns	
MgB ₂ Rutherford cable length	4.1 km	
Mass of the MgB ₂ Rutherford cable	6.2 x 10 ² kg	
Mass of the winding form (GFRP)	4.2 x 10 ² kg	
Total mass of the SMES coil	1.0 x 10 ³ kg	
Cooling temperature	20 K	10 K
Maximum magnetic energy	0.97 MJ	2.2 MJ
Maximum magnetic field	2.0 T	3.0 T
Coil current	1800 A	2700 A
Max. stress in the MgB ₂ Rutherford cable*	6.1 MPa	14 MPa
cf. single solenoid case	28 MPa	64 MPa

*Maximum stress is estimated from virial theorem.

By the effect of the FBC winding configuration, the electromagnetic forces can be supported by the tensile stresses in the MgB₂ Rutherford cable.

Conclusions

- SMES becomes a promising candidate for the system stability problem in the power system. For the on-site identification of the eigenvalue, the 1-MJ class SMES components can be installed in a 40-foot dry container.
 - Design study on the 1-MJ class SMES using MgB₂ Rutherford cables was carried out. By the effect of the FBC design, the SMES coil can be excited up to 2.0 or 3.0 T without reinforcements for the MgB₂ Rutherford cables.
 - The 1-MJ class SMES coil can be cooled by 1 or 2 sets of the conventional cryocoolers even when the cooling temperature is 10 K. Especially, in the case of 20 K, the SMES system can be operated without a 80-K thermal shield.
- Future works**
- Investigation of the effective installation sites for the eigenvalue identification through the power system analysis.
 - Experimental verifications of the design study results by developing a laboratory prototype using MgB₂ Rutherford cables.
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