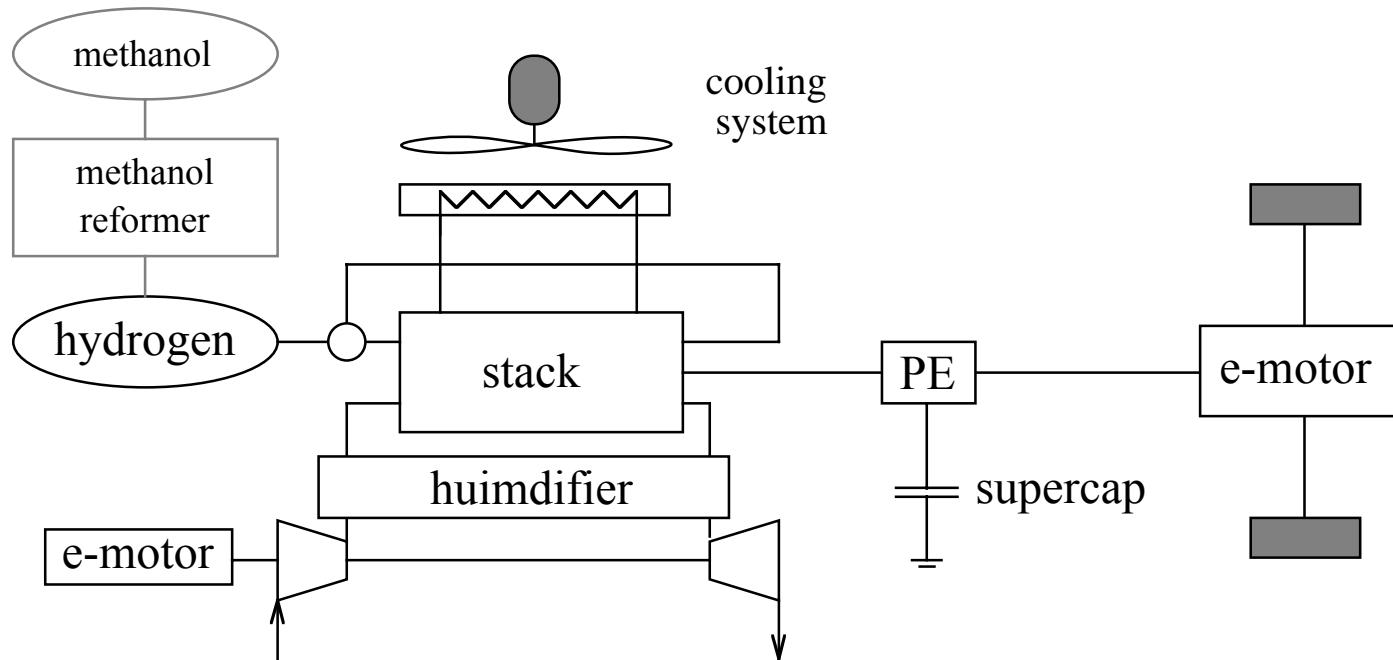


Control tasks

- Maintain desired mass-flows (load control)
- Keep absolute pressure in cell at (changing) level (power density, load control)
- Maintain desired Air/Fuel-ratios (efficiency)

- Keep pressure differences over the membrane at desired level (max limited)
- Keep pressure differences over the cell in desired range (blow-out of water)
- Keep membrane at desired humidity
- Keep membrane at desired temperature

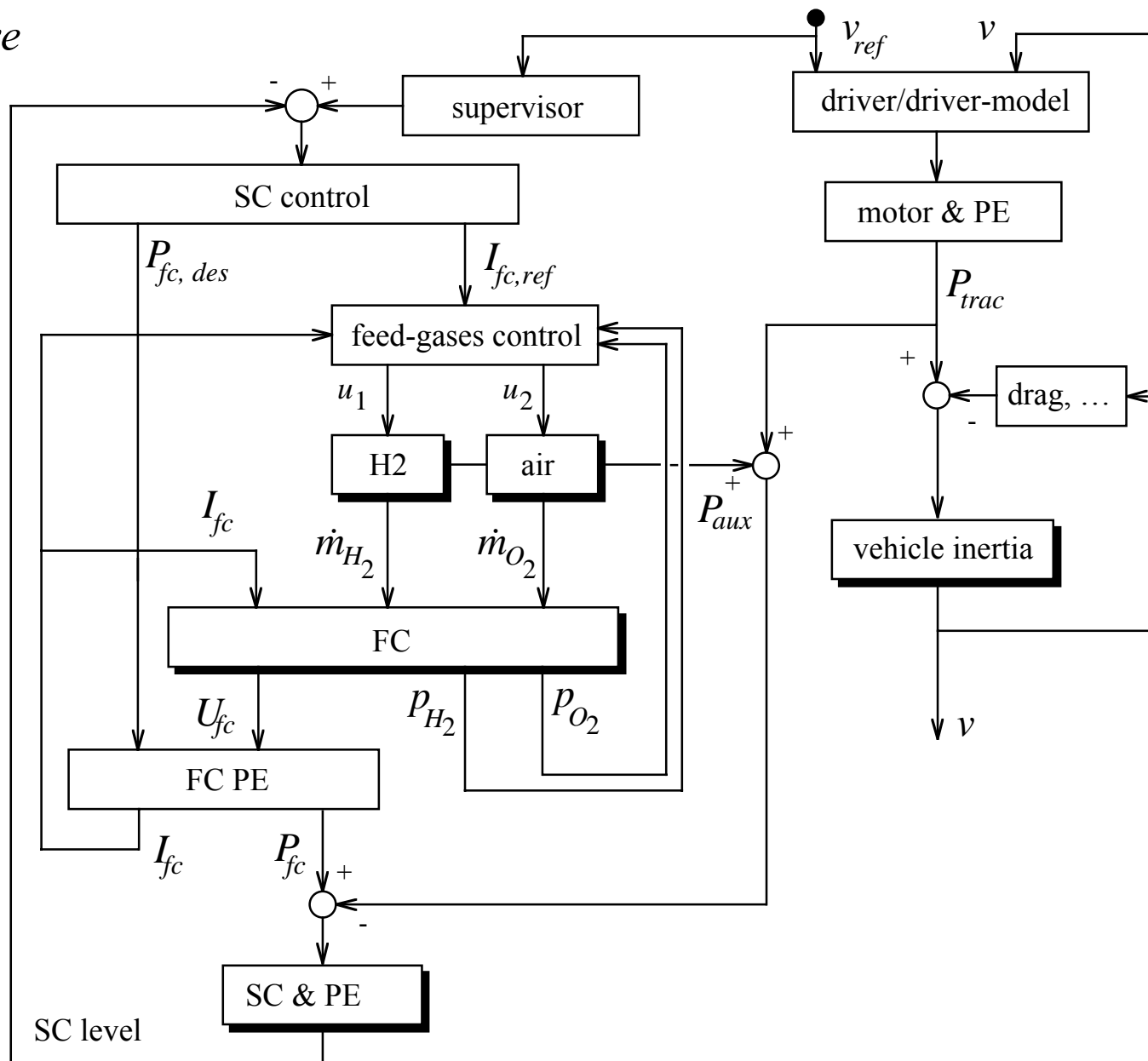
Vehicle system



Some general remarks

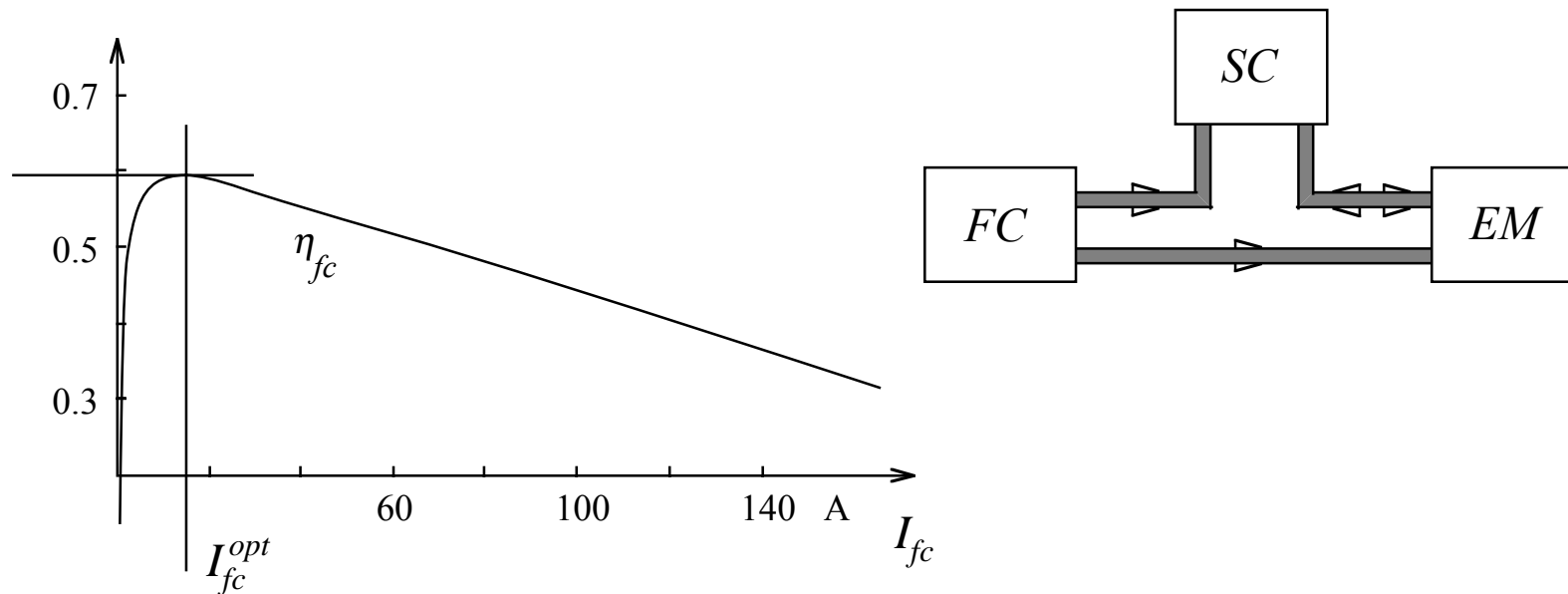
- Fuel-cell vehicles have many similarities with hybrid vehicles
- Several power sources and energy storages have to be coordinated for comfort performance, fuel-economy,
- A Super-Cap is usually needed for acceleration and braking energy recuperation; SC offer the main "degree-of-freedom" in the control algorithms
- At least two levels of control action:
 - > supervisory level (load distribution, optimal device scheduling ...)
 - > component level (driver's torque demands, fuel-cell operation, ...)
- Different optimization "horizons" possible (local or global, single or multiple vehicles, ...)

System structure



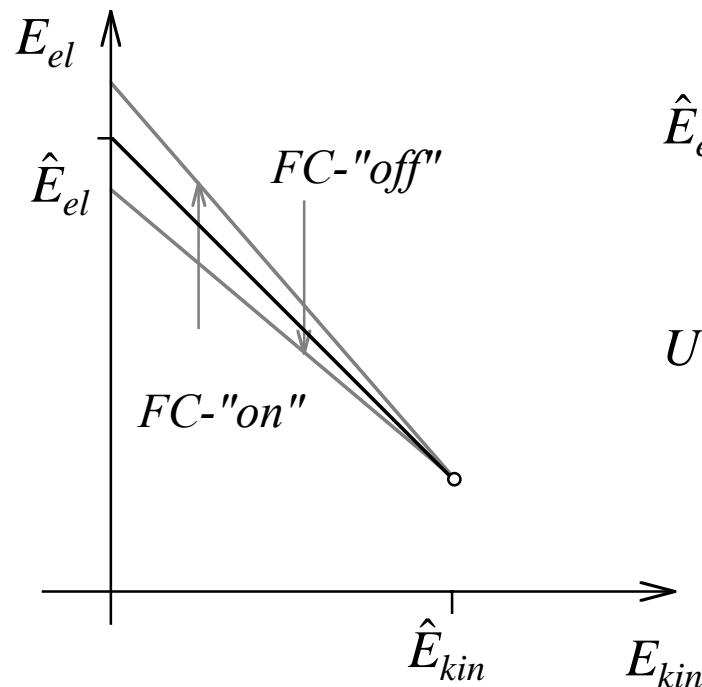
Strategy#1: "short" time-horizon

- For currents larger than I_{fc}^{opt} feed EM directly from FC as much as possible and use SC as a reserve for accelerations/decelerations, only.
- If current smaller than I_{fc}^{opt} check if gain in efficiency in FC is larger than the corresponding losses ($\approx 20\%$) when using the SC in a duty-cycle mode.



Strategy #2: "long" time-horizon

- Keep total system energy (kinetic and electric) at constant level such that there is at low speeds sufficient energy to accelerate (say 0 to 60 mph) and at high speeds sufficient capacity to store the recuperated energy when braking
- SC may not be depleted completely (e.g. 1/4th of the max. energy is the lower limit)



$$\hat{E}_{el} = \frac{4}{3} \cdot \hat{E}_{kin}$$

$$U_{SC,nom}(v) = \sqrt{\frac{m_{veh}}{C_{SC}} (\hat{v}_{veh}^2 - v_{veh}^2) + \frac{1}{4} \hat{U}_{SC}^2}$$

Summary

- FC and FC based vehicles pose many "classical" control problems
- The "electrochemistry" is fast and can be modelled as a nonlinear algebraic relation
- FC based vehicles have many similarities with hybrid vehicles, several levels of controls (torque and driveability, supervisory, path-planning, etc.) can be addressed
- A high-power density buffer is needed (usually SC) for driveability; this element offers also opportunities for fuel economy improvements