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Part 6: Power system stability fundamentals

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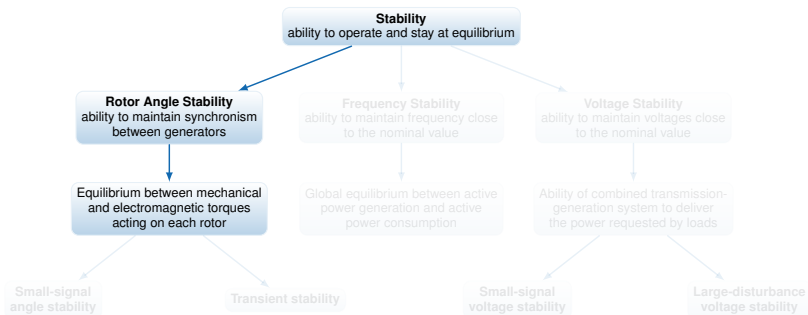
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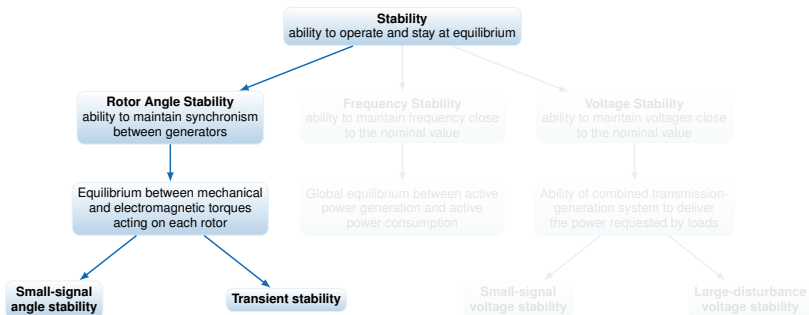


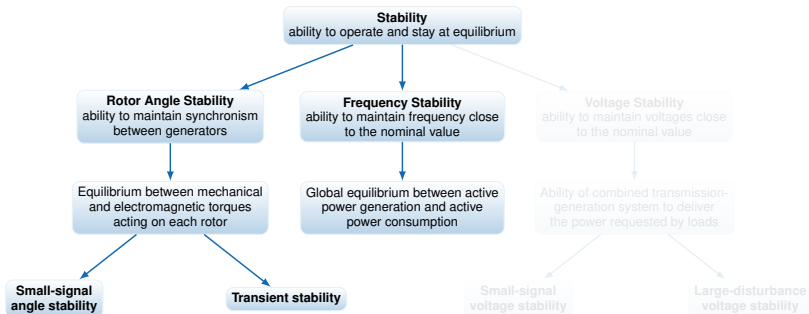
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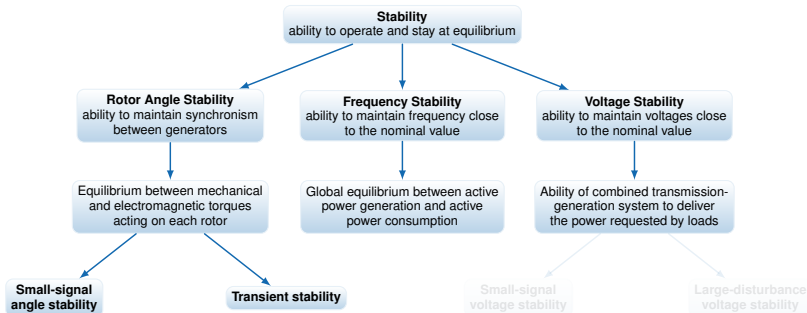
- 1 . . . understand the basic classifications of power system stability;
- 2 . . . be able to identify and perform stability analysis problems; and,
- 3 . . . propose methods for stabilizing power systems.

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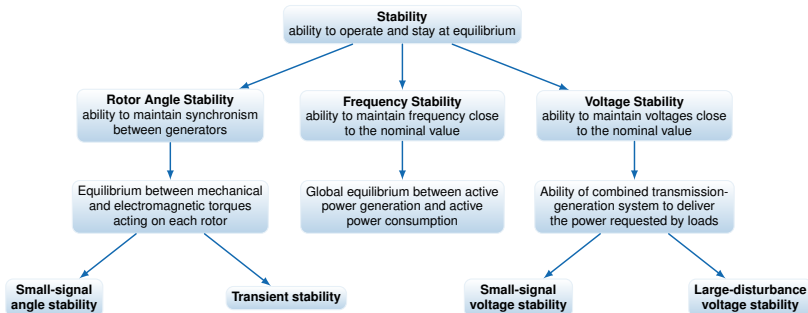


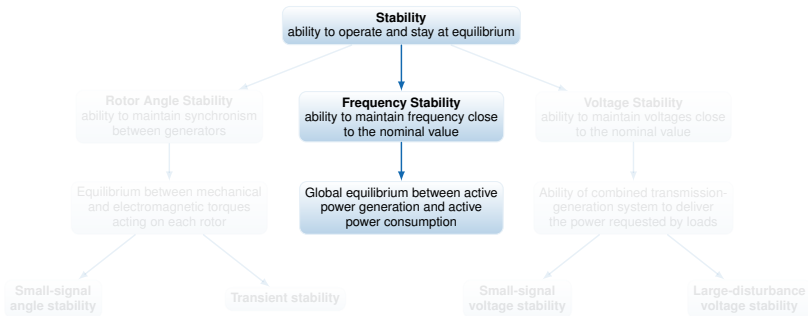


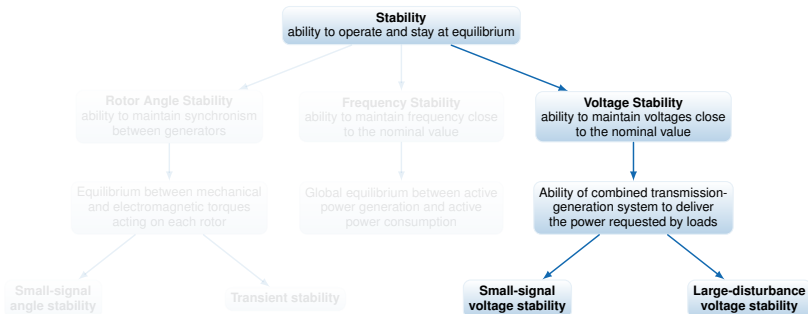






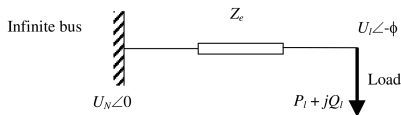






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## 2 Voltage stability fundamentals

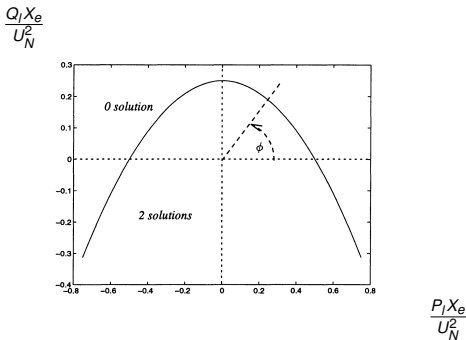


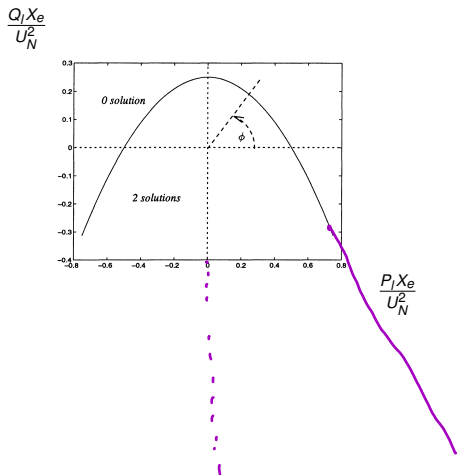
$$P_I = \frac{U_I U_N}{X_e} \sin \phi \quad Q_I = \frac{U_I U_N \cos \phi - U_I^2}{X_e}$$

$$P_I^2 + \left( Q_I + \frac{U_I^2}{X_e} \right)^2 = \left( \frac{U_I U_N}{X_e} \right)^2 \Rightarrow \left( U_I^2 \right)^2 + (2Q_I X_e - U_N^2) U_I^2 + X_e^2 (P_I^2 + Q_I^2) = 0 \quad (2.1)$$

To have (at least) one solution:

$$\left(2Q_l X_e - U_N^2\right)^2 - 4X_e^2 \left(P_l^2 + Q_l^2\right) \geq 0 \Rightarrow -\left(\frac{P_l X_e}{U_N}\right)^2 - \frac{Q_l X_e}{U_N^2} + 0.25 \geq 0$$





- any  $P_I$  can be reached provided  $Q_I$  is adjusted (but  $U_I$  may be unacceptable)
- dissymmetry between  $P_I$  and  $Q_I$  due to reactive transmission impedance
- locus symmetric w.r.t.  $Q_I$  axis; this does no longer hold when transmission resistance is included

Under a constant load power factor  $\cos \phi$  (i.e.,  $Q_l = P_l \tan \phi$ ), we get from Eq. (2.1):

$$P_l^2 + \frac{U_N^2}{X_e} \tan \phi P_l - \frac{U_N^4}{4X_e^2} = 0$$

Then, we get the maximum power:

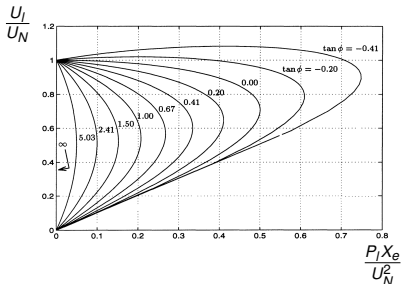
$$P_l^{max} = \frac{\cos \phi}{1 + \sin \phi} \frac{U_N^2}{2X_e} \quad Q_l^{max} = \frac{\sin \phi}{1 + \sin \phi} \frac{U_N^2}{2X_e} \quad U_l^{max} = \frac{U_N}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{1 + \sin \phi}}$$

Or, for the extreme cases:

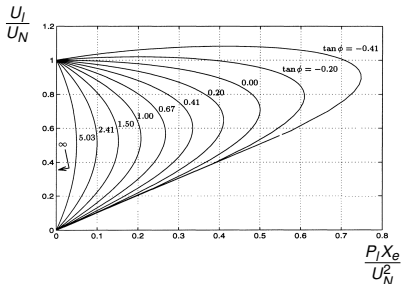
$$\cos \phi = 1 : \quad P_l^{max} = \frac{U_N^2}{2X_e} \quad Q_l^{max} = 0 \quad U_l^{max} = \frac{U_N}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\cos \phi = 0 : \quad P_l^{max} = 0 \quad Q_l^{max} = \frac{U_N^2}{4X_e} \quad U_l^{max} = \frac{U_N}{2}$$

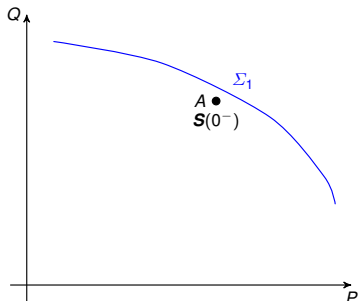




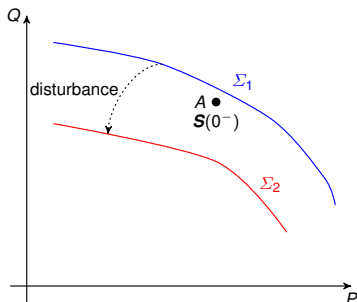
- for given power ( $P_l$ )
  - 1 solution with “high” voltage and “low” current (normal operating point)
  - 1 solution with “low” voltage and “high” current
- compensating the load increases the maximum power but the “critical” voltage approaches normal values
- curves that provide similar information:
  - $Q - V$  or  $S - V$  under constant  $\tan \phi$ ,  $Q - V$  under constant  $P$ , etc.



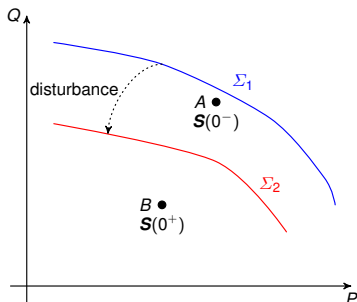
- in real systems, much more complicated
  - no infinite bus, voltage control by generators (AVR)
  - multiple loads and generators
  - complex, meshed transmission system with resistive components as well
  - voltage sensitive loads and restorative behavior
  - etc.



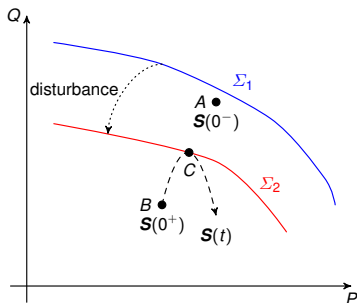
- Pre-fault loadability curve of the system ( $\Sigma_1$ )
- Fault occurs in the system
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  - ② Post-fault consumption is decreased due to depressed voltages (voltage sensitive loads).  
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- Loads try to restore consumption to pre-fault point  $A$  now outside the loadability curve
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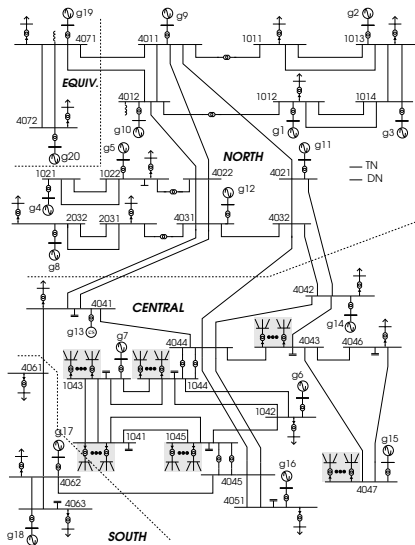


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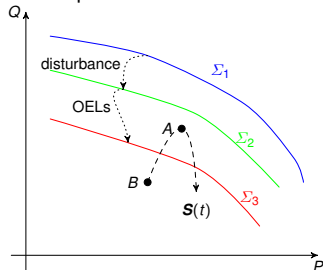
## 2 Voltage instability: example (RAMSES with Nordic system)



**Disturbance:** 5-cycle short-circuit near bus 4032, cleared by opening line 4032-4042

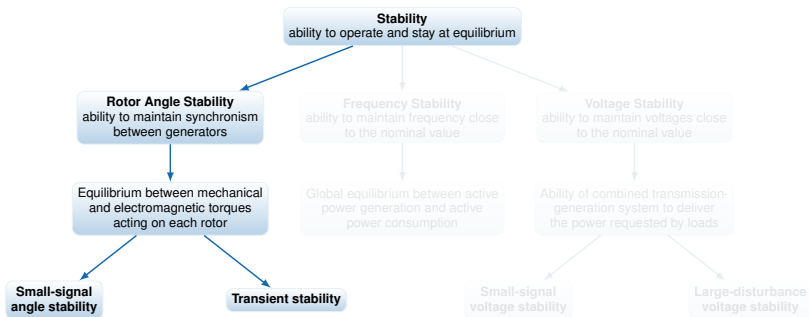
**Result:**

- the loadability curve is shrunk but the pre disturbance point A is still within the feasible region
- a series of generator OverExcitation Limiter (OEL) actions further shrink the feasible region leading to a system collapse



- Series compensation: very effective but expensive
- Shunt compensation: cheapest mechanism
- SVC and STATCOM devices
- Adjustment of generator active power productions
- Adjustment of generator voltages
- Block load restoration (e.g., through load tap changers) : effective but sometimes too slow
- Undervoltage load shedding : effective but expensive, last resort





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- Transient stability
- Small-disturbance angle stability
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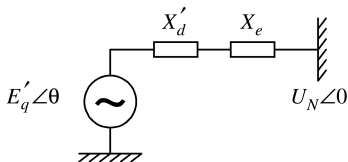
- most of the electrical energy today is generated by synchronous machines
- in normal system operation:
  - all synchronous machines rotate at the same electrical speed  $\omega_0 = 2\pi f_n$
  - the mechanical and electromagnetic torques acting on the rotating masses of each generator balance each other

$$\dot{\omega}_i = \frac{\omega_0}{2H_i} (T_{mi} - T_{ei})$$

- the phase angle differences between the internal e.m.f.'s of the various machines are constant (synchronism)
- **following a disturbance, there is an imbalance between the two torques and the rotor speed varies**
- **rotor angle stability deals with the ability to keep/regain synchronism after being subject to a disturbance**

- Transient (angle) stability deals with the ability of the system to keep synchronism after being subject to a **large** disturbance
- typical “large” disturbances:
  - short-circuit cleared by opening of circuit breakers
  - more complex sequences: backup protections, line autoreclosing, etc.
- the nonlinear behavior of the generator and its controllers must be taken into account
  - numerical integration of the differential-algebraic equations is used
- unacceptable consequences of transient instability:
  - generators tripped due to loss of synchronism (to avoid equipment damages)
  - long-lasting voltage dips created by large angle swings (disturb customers)

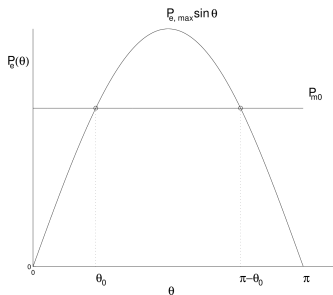
## 3.1 Transient (angle) stability



$$\frac{2H}{\omega_0} \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} = P_{m0} - P_{e,max} \sin \theta \Rightarrow$$

$$M\ddot{\theta} = P_{m0} - P(\theta) \quad (3.1)$$

where in steady-state  $P_{m0} = P_{e,max} \sin \theta_0$



Multiplying both sides of Eq. (3.1) with  $\dot{\theta}$  and integrating:

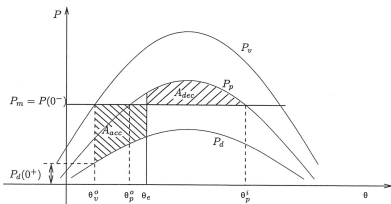
$$\frac{1}{2}M\dot{\theta}^2 - \int_0^t (P_{m0} - P(\theta)) \dot{\theta} dt = C$$

Changing the integration variable ( $x = \theta(t)$ )

$$\frac{1}{2}M\dot{\theta}^2 + \int_{\theta_0}^{\theta} (P(x) - P_{m0}) dx = C$$

"kinetic" energy + "potential" energy = Constant

## 3.1 Transient (angle) stability: equal area criterion



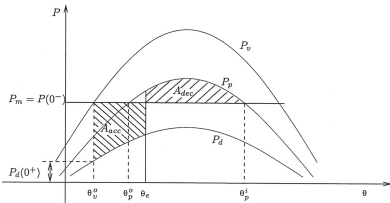
**The system is stable if there exists an angle  $\theta_p^i$  such that the areas are equal ( $A_{acc} = A_{dec}$ )**

Or, for a given  $\theta_e$ ,  $A_{acc} - A_{dec} < 0$

Type	symbol	time
pre-fault	$u$	$t < 0$
during	$d$	$0 \leq t < t_e$
post-fault	$p$	$t \geq t_e$

$$A_{acc} = \int_{\theta_u^0}^{\theta_e} (P_d(x) - P_{m0}) dx$$

$$A_{dec} = \int_{\theta_e}^{\theta_p^i} (P_p(x) - P_{m0}) dx$$



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### Curves:

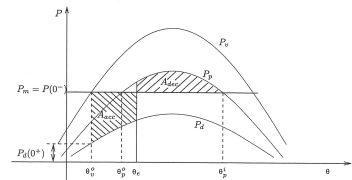
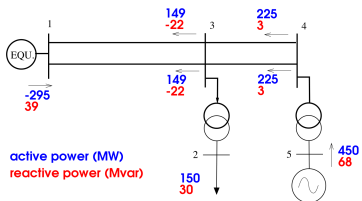
- **during fault:** capability of evacuating power on the network decreased due to low voltages
- **post-fault:** system weaker owing to the fault clearing actions (e.g., line tripping)

### Critical clearing time ( $t_e = t_c$ ):

- Maximum fault duration so that the system returns to equilibrium
- When the system is at the stability limit :  $A_{acc} - A_{dec} = 0$  and  $\theta_e = \theta_c = \theta(t_c)$



## 3.1 Transient (angle) stability: example (RAMSES with 5-bus system)



### Disturbances:

- 6-cycle (120ms) short-circuit without impedance on line “1-3”, next to bus 3, cleared by opening that line, when the generator produces 450 MW
- the same fault cleared without line opening, when the generator produces 450 MW
- the same sequence as above, but with the generator producing 400 MW

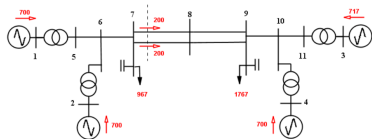
- Modifying the pre-disturbance operating point:
  - reducing the active power generation
  - operating with higher excitation
- Automatic emergency controls:
  - actions on network: line auto-reclosing, fast series capacitor reinsertion, fast fault clearing - single pole breaker operation
  - actions in generators: (turbine) fast valving, generation shedding
  - action on “load”: dynamic braking
- Other means:
  - equip generators with fast excitation system
  - control voltage at intermediate points in a long corridor: through synchronous condensers or static var compensators.

- Small-signal (or small-disturbance) angle stability deals with the ability of the system to **keep synchronism** after being subject to a “small disturbance”
- “small disturbances” are those for which the system equations can be **linearized** around an equilibrium point
  - tools from linear system theory can be used (in particular eigenvalue and eigenvector analysis)
- following a small disturbance, the variation in electromagnetic torque  $T_e$  can be decomposed into:

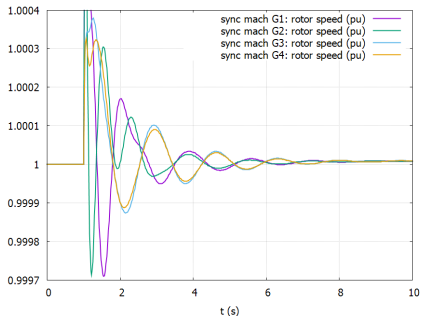
$$\Delta T_e = K_s \Delta \delta + K_d \Delta \omega$$

$K_s \Delta \delta$  : synchronizing torque       $K_d \Delta \omega$  : damping torque

- **a decrease in synchronizing torque will eventually lead to aperiodic instability (machine “going out of step”)**
- **a decrease in damping torque will eventually lead to oscillatory instability (growing oscillations)**



- A small "nudge" to the system (1 ms fault at bus 7) to excite the interarea modes.
- Oscillation of machines 1 and 2 against machines 3 and 4
- Period  $\sim 2$  s



### Local modes (involve a small part of the system)

- rotor angle oscillations of a single generator or a single plant against the rest of the system: **local plant mode**
  - can be studied using a one-machine infinite-bus system
- oscillations between rotors of a few generators close to each other: **inter-machine or inter-plant mode oscillations**
- typical range of frequencies of local plant and inter-plant modes: **0.7 to 2 Hz**
- may also be associated with inappropriate tuning of a control equipment (excitation system, HVDC converter, SVC, etc.): **control mode**

### Global modes (involve large areas of the system, widespread effects)

- oscillations of a large group of generators in one area swinging against a group of generators in another area: *interarea mode*
- usually, the larger the group of generators, the slower the oscillations
- typical range of frequencies of interarea modes: *0.1 to 0.7 Hz*
- more complex to analyze and to damp

- Let's consider an autonomous system described by the differential equations:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$$

and  $\mathbf{x}^*$  is an equilibrium point:  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}^*) = \mathbf{0}$

- If we linearize the system around the operating point and ignore higher order terms:

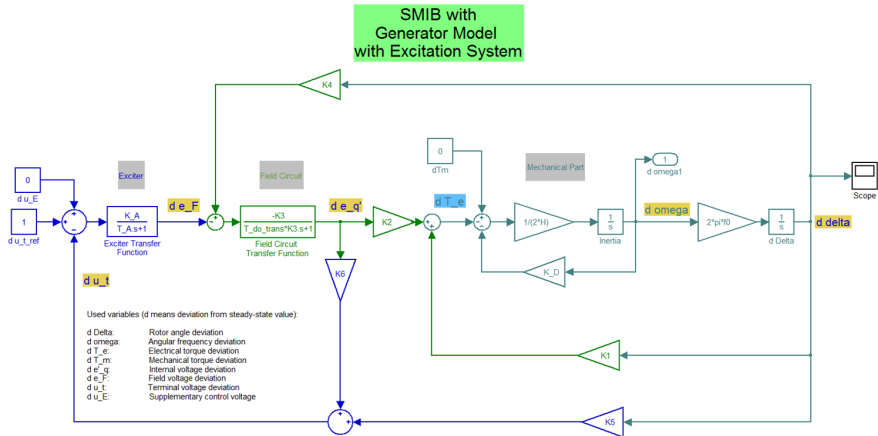
$$\Delta \dot{\mathbf{x}} = \dot{\mathbf{x}} = \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right|_{\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{x}^*} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x}$$

where  $\left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right|_{\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{x}^*}$  is the Jacobian of  $\mathbf{f}$  with respect to  $\mathbf{x}$ , and  $\mathbf{A} = \left. \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right|_{\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{x}^*}$  is the state matrix of the linearized system.

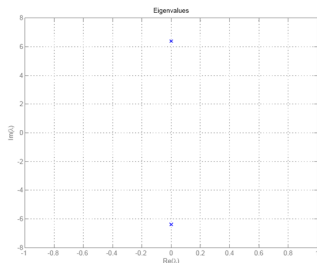
- Let  $\lambda$  be a real eigenvalue of matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  :
  - $\lambda < 0$ : The corresponding mode is stable (decaying exponential).
  - $\lambda > 0$ : The corresponding mode is unstable (growing exponential).
  - $\lambda = 0$ : The corresponding mode has integrating characteristics.
- Let  $\lambda_{1,2} = \sigma \pm j\omega$  be a complex conjugate pair of eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  :
  - $\Re(\lambda_{1,2}) < 0$ : The corresponding mode is stable (decaying oscillation).
  - $\Re(\lambda_{1,2}) > 0$ : The corresponding mode is unstable (growing oscillation).
  - $\Re(\lambda_{1,2}) = 0$ : The corresponding mode is critically stable (undamped oscillation).
  - The following dynamic properties can be established:
    - Oscillation frequency:  $f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi}$
    - Damping ratio:  $\zeta = \frac{-\sigma}{\sqrt{\sigma^2 + \omega^2}}$



## 3.2 Dynamic Analysis of the Heffron-Phillips Model



### SMIB with classical generator model (mechanical damping torque $K_D = 0$ )

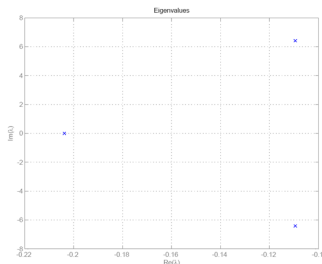


### Eigenvalues, synchronizing and damping torque coefficients

	$\sigma \pm j\omega$	$\zeta$	f [Hz]	$K_{sync}$	$K_{damp}$
$\lambda_{1,2}$	$0 \pm j6.39$	-	1.02	0.76	0

Eigenvalues on imaginary axis  $\longrightarrow$   
system is critically stable

### SMIB including field circuit dynamics

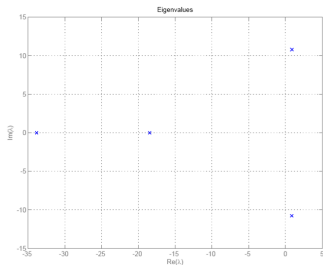


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	$\sigma \pm j\omega$	$\zeta$	f [Hz]	$K_{sync}$	$K_{damp}$
$\lambda_{1,2}$	$-0.11 \pm j6.41$	0.02	1.02	-0.0008	1.53
$\lambda_3$	$-0.20 \pm j0$	1.0	-	-0.77	0

**Eigenvalues moved to the left because field circuit adds damping torque**

### SMIB including excitation system



### Eigenvalues, synchronizing and damping torque coefficients

	$\sigma \pm j\omega$	$\zeta$	f [Hz]	$K_{sync}$	$K_{damp}$
$\lambda_{1,2}$	$0.88 \pm j10.79$	-0.08	1.72	0.27	-10.60
$\lambda_3$	$-33.83 \pm j0$	1.0	-	-19.81	0
$\lambda_4$	$-18.46 \pm j0$	1.0	-	-7.01	0

**Eigenvalues moved to the right by the excitation system → System is unstable!**

## 3.2 Left and right eigenvectors

Let's assume again the linearized system with the state matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  ( $n \times n$ ) and  $\lambda_i$  is one of its non-zero eigenvalues. Then:

- $\mathbf{v}_i$  is the right eigenvector of  $\lambda_i$ :

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v}_i = \lambda_i\mathbf{v}_i$$

- $\mathbf{w}_i$  is the left eigenvector of  $\lambda_i$ :

$$\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{w}_i = \lambda_i\mathbf{w}_i$$

- In matrix form:

$$\mathbf{V} = [\mathbf{v}_1 \dots \mathbf{v}_n] \quad \mathbf{W} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{w}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{w}_n^T \end{bmatrix}$$

- It can be shown that:  $\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{V}^{-1}$  and  $\mathbf{W}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{V} = \text{diag}(\lambda_i) = \mathbf{\Lambda}$

Now, consider a system with state vector  $\mathbf{x}$ , input vector  $\mathbf{u}$  and a scalar output  $\mathbf{z}$ :

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{Bu}$$

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{Cx} + \mathbf{Du}$$

- We change the variables ( $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{Wx}$ )

$$\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{WAVy} + \mathbf{WBu} = \Lambda\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{WBu}$$

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{CVy} + \mathbf{Du}$$

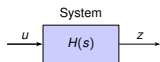
- For the  $i$ -th “mode”  $\lambda_i$  of the state matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ :
  - the larger  $(\mathbf{WB})_i = \mathbf{w}_i^T \mathbf{B}$ , the more the mode can be controlled by  $\mathbf{u}$
  - the larger  $(\mathbf{CV})_i = \mathbf{Cv}_i$ , the more the mode can be observed in  $\mathbf{z}$

We can now build the transfer function of the system:

$$\begin{aligned} H(s) &= \frac{Z(s)}{U(s)} \\ &= \mathbf{C}\mathbf{V}(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{D} \\ &= [\mathbf{C}\mathbf{v}_1 \dots \mathbf{C}\mathbf{v}_n] \text{diag}\left(\frac{1}{s - \lambda_i}\right) \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{w}_1^T \mathbf{B} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{w}_n^T \mathbf{B} \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{D} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\mathbf{C}\mathbf{v}_i \mathbf{w}_i^T \mathbf{B}}{s - \lambda_i} + \mathbf{D} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{R_i}{s - \lambda_i} + \mathbf{D} \end{aligned}$$

The residue  $R_i$  relative to the  $i$ -th mode  $\lambda_i$ :

- depends on both the observability and the controllability of the mode
- would be zero in case of exact zero-pole cancellation



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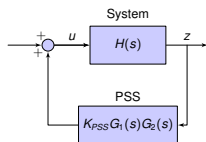
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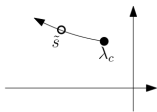
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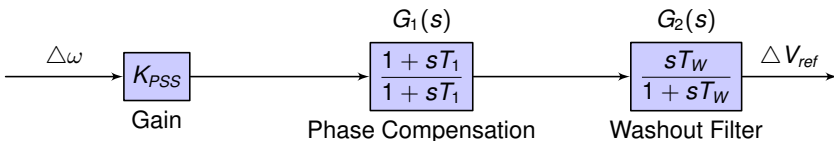
Let's consider a closed-loop pole  $\tilde{s}$  lying on the branch of the root locus which starts from the open-loop pole  $\lambda_c$ . When the compensator gain  $K_{PSS}$  tends to zero,  $\tilde{s}$  tends to  $\lambda_c$ .

- Keeping only the dominant terms:

$$1 - R_c G_1(\lambda_c) G_2(\lambda_c) \lim_{K_{PSS} \rightarrow 0} \frac{K_{PSS}}{\tilde{s} - \lambda_c} = 0 \Leftrightarrow R_c G_1(\lambda_c) G_2(\lambda_c) = \lim_{K_{PSS} \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tilde{s} - \lambda_c}{K_{PSS}}$$

- In the complex plane  $\lim_{K_{PSS} \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tilde{s} - \lambda_c}{K_{PSS}}$  is a vector tangent to the branch of the root locus starting from  $\lambda_c$ .
- In order to shift the eigenvalue to the left:
  - the branch of the root locus should leave  $\lambda_c$  at an angle of 180 degrees. Thus,  $G_1(\lambda_c) G_2(\lambda_c)$  must be such that  $\angle G_1(j\omega_c) G_2(j\omega_c) = \pm 180 - \angle R_c$
  - $R_c G_1(\lambda_c) G_2(\lambda_c)$  should be a real negative number

- **Purpose:**  
Provide additional *damping torque* component in order to prevent the system from becoming unstable.
- **Approach:**  
Insert a feedback between *angular frequency* and *voltage setpoint* to “stabilize” a critical mode  $\lambda_c$ .
- **Block diagram:**



**Figure:** Block diagram of a simple PSS

### Phase Compensation $G_1$ :

- shifts  $\lambda_c$  to the left in the complex plane by bringing a phase compensation according to the residue method :

$$\angle G_1(\lambda_c) \simeq \angle G_1(j\omega_c) = \pm 180 - \angle R_c$$

- $G_1(s)$  corresponds to one or several lead-lag filters
- the latter are “tuned” to provide their maximum phase shift  $\phi_m$  at the frequency  $\omega_c$

### Washout Filter $G_2$ :

- in steady state and for slow variations, the PSS must not affect voltage regulation
- $G_2(s)$  is a high-pass filter
- $T_w$  is taken large enough to not modify the phase angle of  $G_1(s)$  for frequencies around  $\omega_c$ . For instance:

$$\frac{10}{T_w} \simeq \frac{\omega_c}{10}$$

### Gain $K_{PSS}$ :

- adjusted until the corrected mode  $\tilde{\lambda}_c$  has a damping ratio :

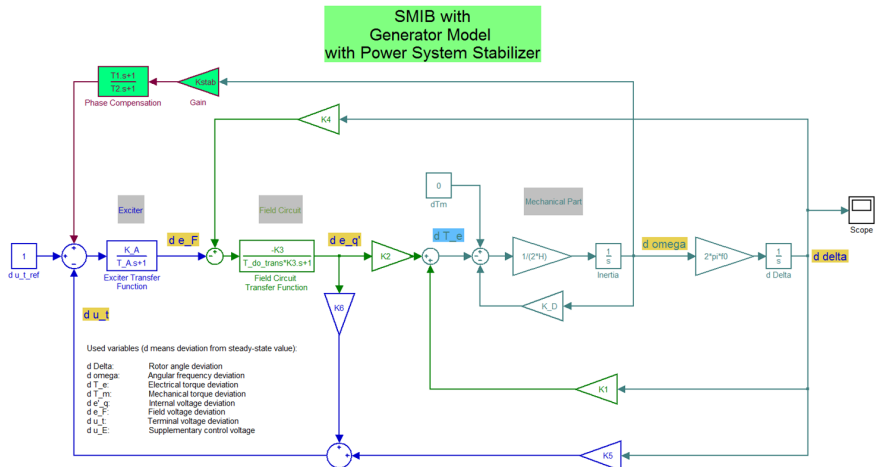
$$\zeta = \frac{-\Re(\tilde{\lambda}_c)}{\sqrt{\Re(\tilde{\lambda}_c)^2 + \Im(\tilde{\lambda}_c)^2}} \geq 0.05 - 0.10$$

- while  $K_{PSS}$  is increased, the other eigenvalues are monitored since they might move to the right (***the residue method allows controlling a single mode***)
- for excessive values of  $K_{PSS}$ , the branch of the root locus that starts from  $\lambda_c$  might “bend” to the right (***the residue method focuses on a neighborhood of the mode to correct***)

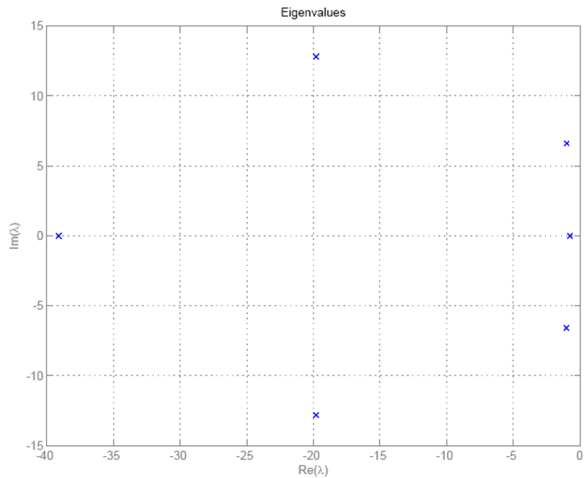
### Low-pass Filter $G_3$ (optional):

- in a thermal power plant, the turbine stages, the generator and the exciter are mounted on a relatively long shaft. The latter has torsional oscillation frequencies in the range 10 – 15 Hz and higher
- the PSS must not excite those frequencies
- the risk is higher for a PSS using the rotor speed as input signal
- in this case,  $G_3$  is a low-pass filter so that the PSS contribution is negligible at the lowest torsional frequency and above.

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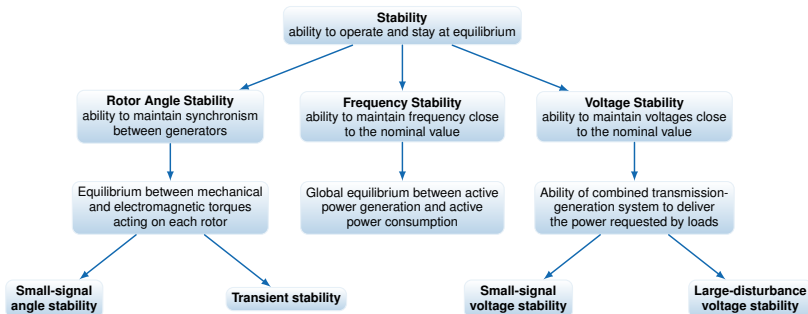


#### Transient stability:

- depends on operating point and system parameters
- depends also on the disturbance
  - the system may be stable for disturbance 1 but not disturbance 2
  - if so, the system is insecure for 2, but as long as 2 does not happen, it can operate
  - usually, an N-1 security is required

#### Small-disturbance angle stability:

- depends on operating point and system parameters
- does not depend on the disturbance (assumed infinitesimal and arbitrary)
- is a necessary condition for operating a power system (small disturbances are **always** present)



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