

# Effect of Large Disturbances on the Local Behavior of Nonlinear Physically Interconnected Systems



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## Motivation – Sensitivity in electric power systems: Subcritical instability & Ill-conditionedness

- [2]: In *highly loaded situations*, inherent tolerance to local small variations reduces and the power systems moves from being elastic to *brittle*.

- [3]: Increasing load leads to *increasing condition number* of power flow Jacobian. *Voltage instability* is related to singularity.

$$\Delta y = J_{PF}^{-1} \Delta x \quad y = (\Theta \quad V)' \quad \text{Voltage angle / magnitude}$$

$$x = (P \quad Q)' \quad \text{Active / reactive powers}$$

$$\kappa(J_{PF}) = \|J_{PF}\| \cdot \|J_{PF}^{-1}\| = \frac{\sigma_{\max}(J_{PF})}{\sigma_{\min}(J_{PF})}, \quad \sigma_{\min} \searrow 0, \quad \kappa \nearrow \infty$$

$$\kappa \approx 10^3$$

- [4]: *Interacting complex modes* may cause *subcritical* oscillatory instability.

→ Q1: *What is the role of ill-conditioning rather than singularity?*

→ Q2: *How are static behavior and dynamic behavior interrelated?*

## Problem Setting: Physically Interconnected systems

*System class:*

→ System of *nonlinear DAEs*

$$\dot{x} = f(x, y)$$

$$0 = g(x, y)$$

$$J_{PF} = \nabla_y g|_{z_{opt}}$$

→ has *steady state* operating point (with state  $z = (x, y)'$ )

$$z_{opt} \leftarrow \mathcal{R}(z) := \begin{bmatrix} f(x, y) \\ g(x, y) \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

→ serving as set-point for *controlled local dynamics*

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta x \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \nabla_x f|_{z_{opt}} & \nabla_y f|_{z_{opt}} \\ \nabla_x g|_{z_{opt}} & \nabla_y g|_{z_{opt}} \end{bmatrix}}_{\nabla_z \mathcal{R}(z)|_{z_{opt}} = A(z_{opt})} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta y \end{pmatrix}$$

→ *Local dynamics determined by spectral properties:*

$$A(z_{opt})v = \lambda Bv$$

Consider a steady forcing, so that  $\mathcal{R}(z_{opt}^+) = d$ , then,

$$d \xrightarrow{\mathcal{R}+d=0} \delta z = z_{opt}^+ - z_{opt} \xrightarrow{Av=\lambda Bv} \delta \lambda = \lambda^+ - \lambda$$

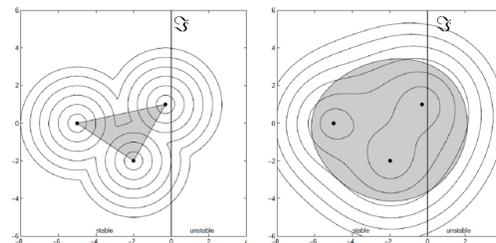
→ Q3: *How to quantify the change in eigenvalue?*

## Effect of transport mechanisms in distributed physical systems

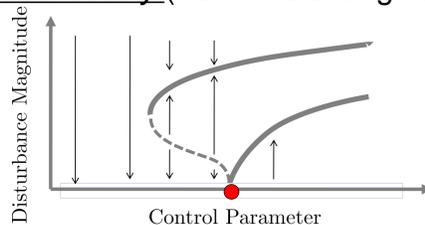
[1]:

→ *Ill-conditioned* linearized dynamics

→ Eigenvalue *sensitivity*



→ *Subcriticality* (from interacting modes)



## Approach:

### Gateaux differentials & Constrained optimization

- The first variation of a nonlinear function has an expression as *inner product* via the formalism of *Gateaux* differentials, i.e.

$$\delta \lambda = \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\lambda^+(z_{opt} + \tau \delta z_{opt}(d)) - \lambda(z_{opt})}{\tau} = \tau \langle \mathcal{S}_d, d \rangle$$

→ *Eigenvalue moves along gradient* (most sensitive dir.)

- *Gradient* determined via *constrained (Lagrangian) optimization*

→ Define the *Lagrangian*: (max spectral deviation s.t. EVP)

$$\mathcal{L}(\lambda^+, v, \mu, z_{opt}^+(d)) = \|\delta \lambda\| - \langle \mu, [\lambda^+ B - A(z_{opt}^+(d))] v \rangle$$

→ *Stationarity & Gateaux differential*

$$\delta \mathcal{L} \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \Rightarrow \mathcal{S}_d$$

= *Necessary optimality conditions & Conditional equations for the gradient*

*Differences to classical eigenvalue sensitivity*

→ Independent of chosen coordinate system! [5]

→ Disturbance input vector contains structural information

(Matrix valued perturbation of local dynamics results from (nodal) disturbance input vector)

## Main result & Implications: Power flow Jacobian & Subcriticality

→ A3: *Theorem*: Estimate for deviations

$$\delta \lambda = \tau \left\langle \left( \left[ \nabla \mathcal{R}(z)|_{z_{opt}} \right]^{-1} \right)^* \mathcal{S}_z, d \right\rangle$$

Spectral sensitivity  $\mathcal{S}_z = \left[ \nabla_z [A(z_{opt})v]|_{z_{opt}} \right]^* w$

Adjoint eigenvector  $w = \mu$

→ A2: *Inverse of steady state Jacobian acts as gain matrix on eigenvalue sensitivity!*

→ A1: *Condition number ~ worst case amplification*

In simple models  $J_{PF} = \nabla_z \mathcal{R}$

$$\|J_{PF}^{-1}\| = \frac{1}{\sigma_{\min}(J_{PF})} \xrightarrow{\text{loading} \uparrow} \infty$$

Else, relations between  $J_{PF}$  &  $\nabla_z \mathcal{R}$  can be characterized using function maps (and their gradients) as introduced in [6]

### Discussion & Outlook

→ *Power flow not considered in linear models* (for RT control) but interaction of the two has caused recent large blackouts!

→ Large amplification possible scenario for *subcritical Hopf-bifurcation*

→ New, *combined static/dynamic analysis tools*, as in [7]

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