



Frequency control and stability requirements on hydro power plants

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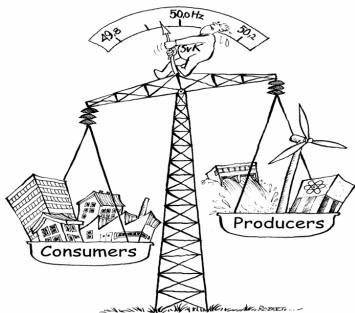


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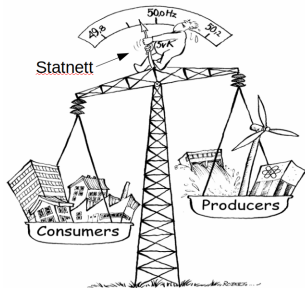
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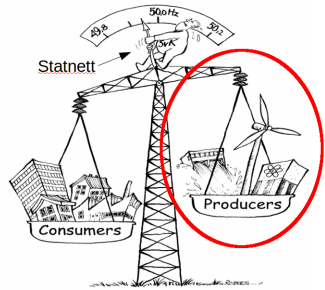
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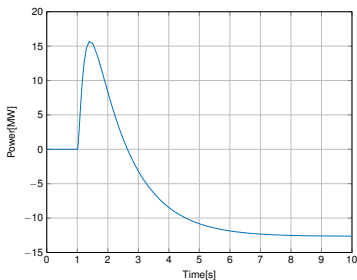


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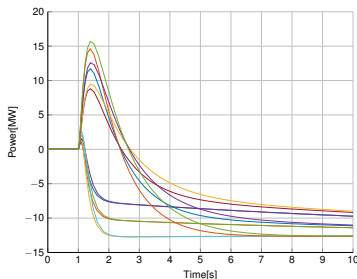


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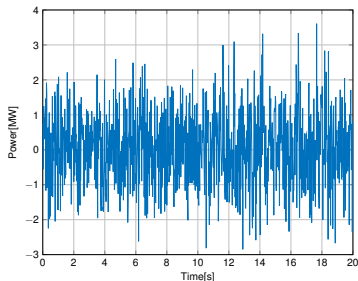


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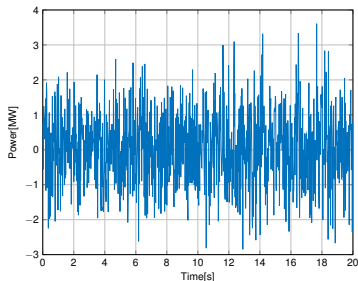


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Future of frequency control



- Power plants have to pass tests to get paid to provide frequency control.
- Only those who pass the tests get paid for the service.

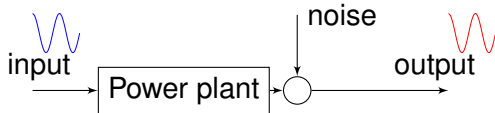


Figure: Test of power plant

Tests proposed by the industry

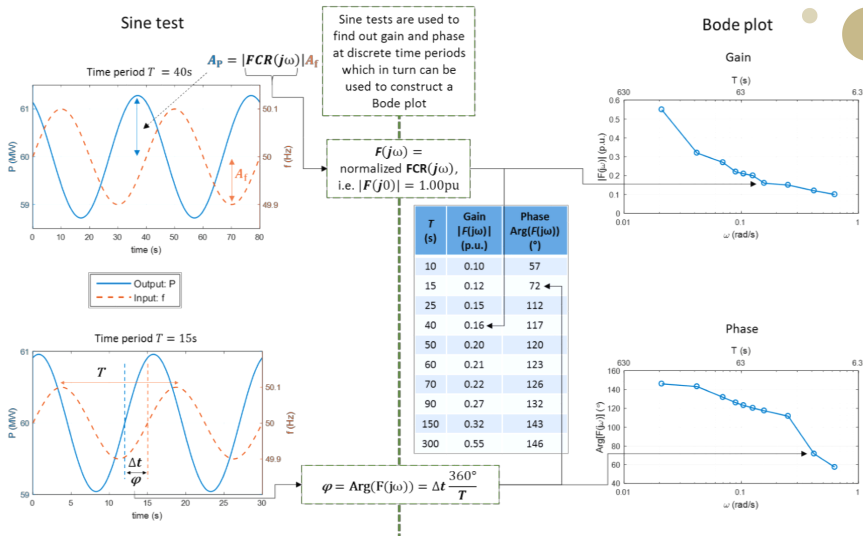
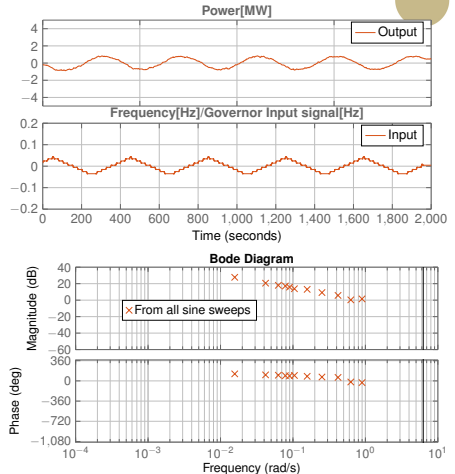


Figure: Testing procedure [source:ENTSO-E]

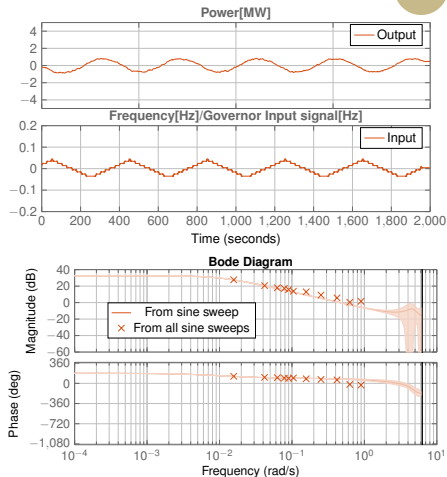
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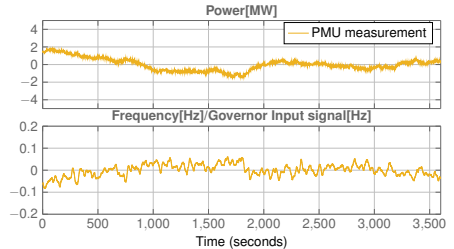
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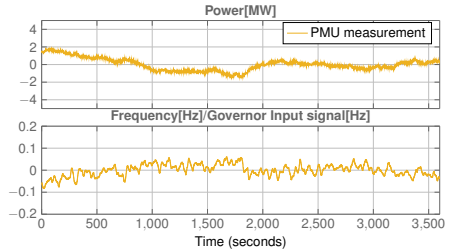
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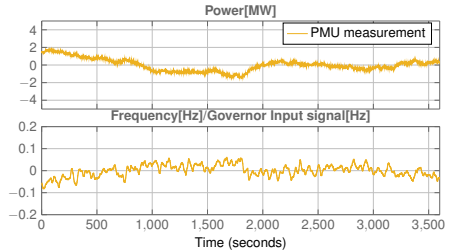
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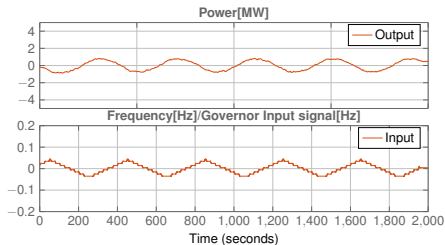
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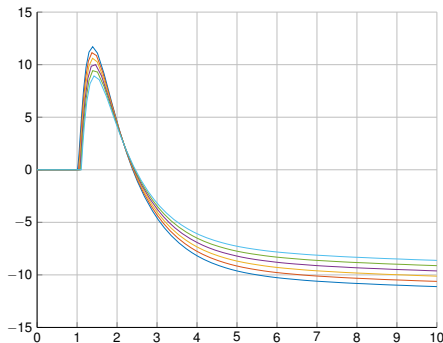
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- What is the effect of nonlinearities on the identification?



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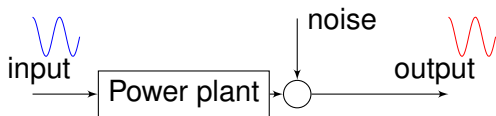


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Background

- Follow up on paper¹ that was inspired by the new requirements.
- Uses the same input and output measurements as in the requirements:
 - Input: Power system frequency.
 - Output: Electric power.



¹Dinh Thuc Duong et al. "Estimation of Hydro Turbine-Governor's Transfer Function from PMU Measurements". In: [IEEE PES General Meeting. Boston: IEEE, July 2016](#)

Methodology



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