



# Frequency control and stability requirements on hydro power plants

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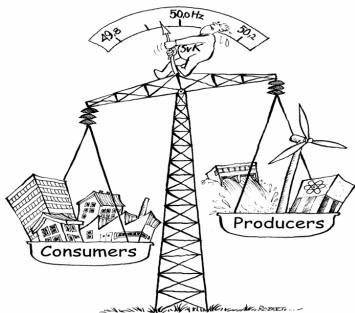


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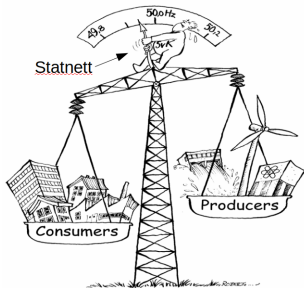
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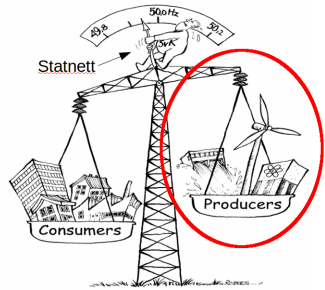
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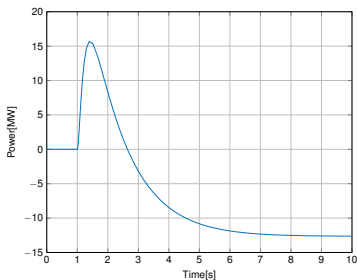
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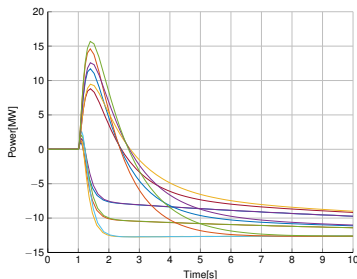
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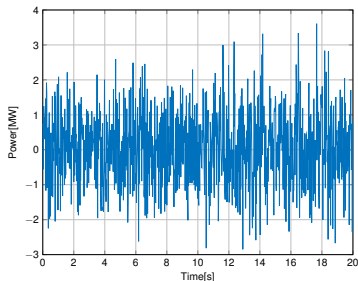


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- Renewable energy sources such as wind and solar don't contribute.



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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.

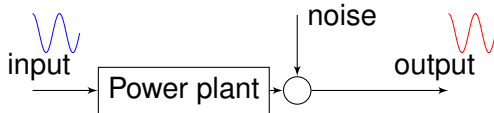


Figure: Test of power plant

# Tests proposed by the industry

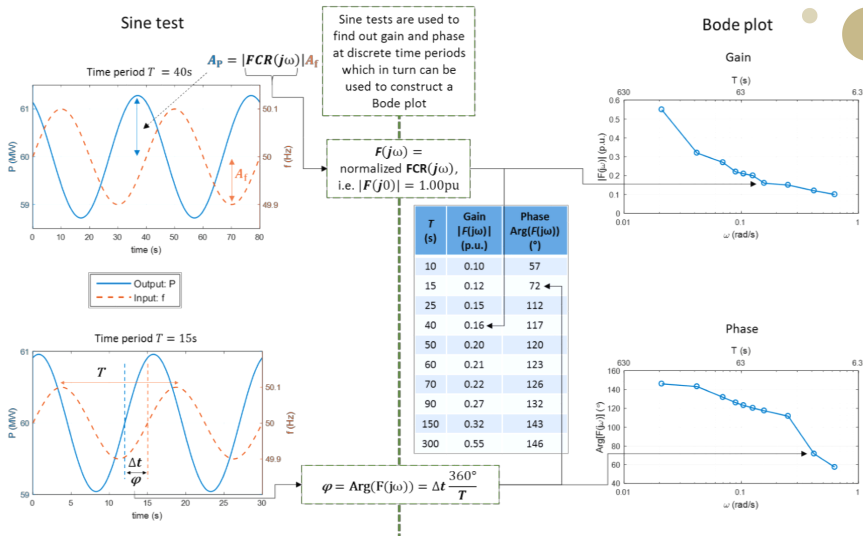
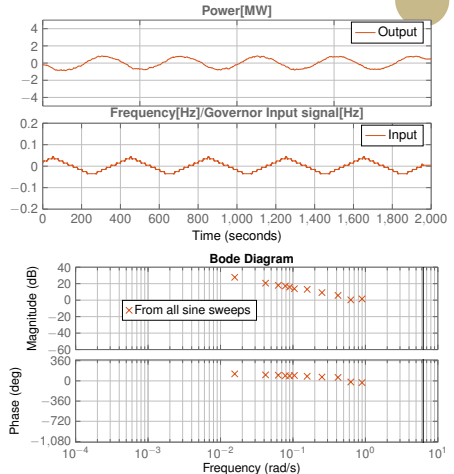


Figure: Testing procedure [source:ENTSO-E]

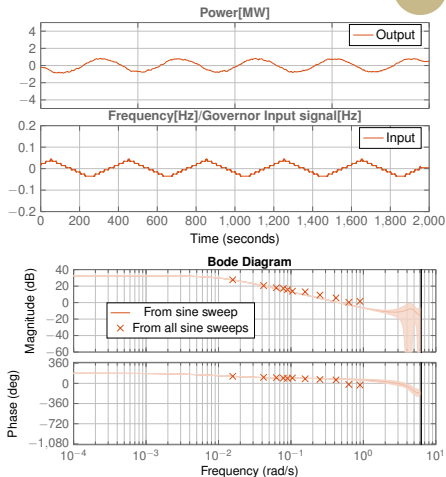
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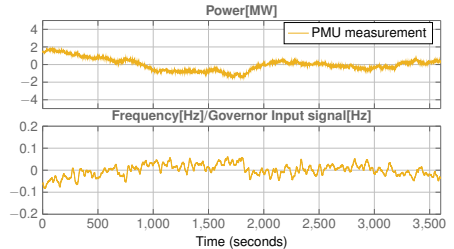
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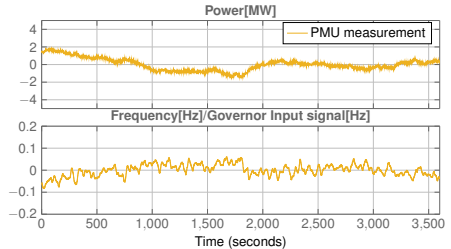
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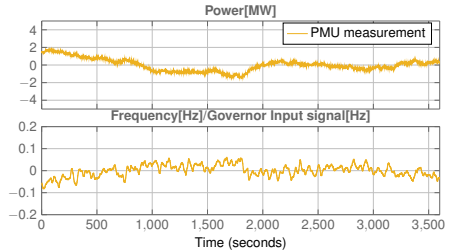
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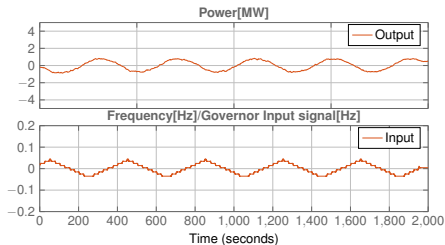
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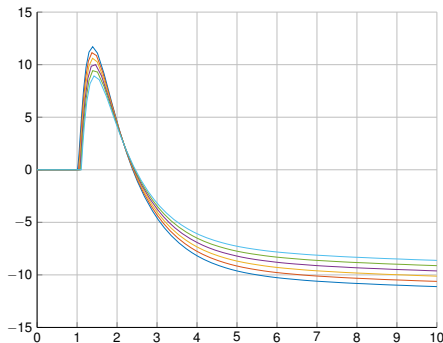
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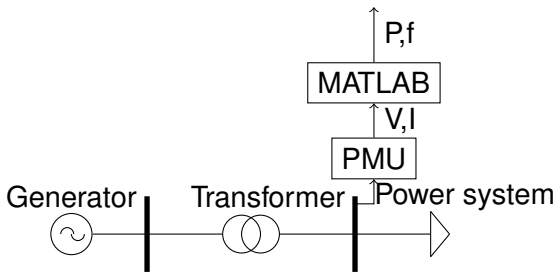


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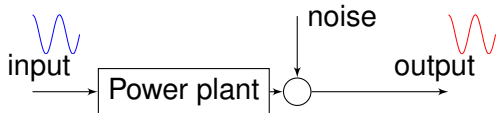
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- Uses the same input and output measurements as in the requirements:
  - Input: Power system frequency.
  - Output: Electric power.

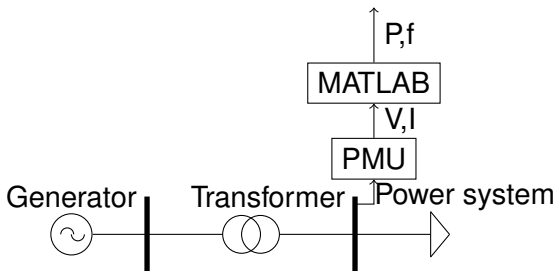


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# Methodology

- Collect several datasets from PMUs.
- Calculate power and frequency from the measurements.
- Identify dynamics using vector fitting.
- Compare models.



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$$H(s) = d + \sum_{i=1}^{n_p} \frac{r_i}{s - p_i} \quad (2)$$

$$y(t) \approx \tilde{d}x(t) + \sum_{i=1}^{n_p} \tilde{r}_i x_i - \sum_{i=1}^{n_p} \tilde{k}_i y_i \quad (3)$$

$$x_i = \int_0^t e^{\tilde{p}_i(t-\tau)} x_i(\tau) d\tau \quad (4)$$

$$y_i = \int_0^t e^{\tilde{p}_i(t-\tau)} y_i(\tau) d\tau \quad (5)$$

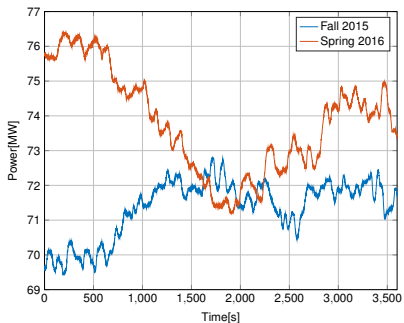
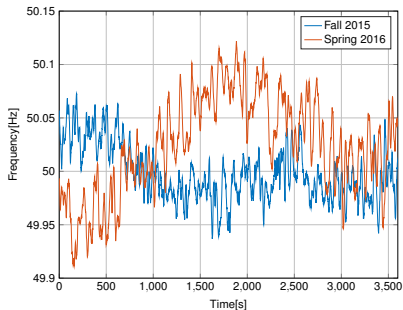
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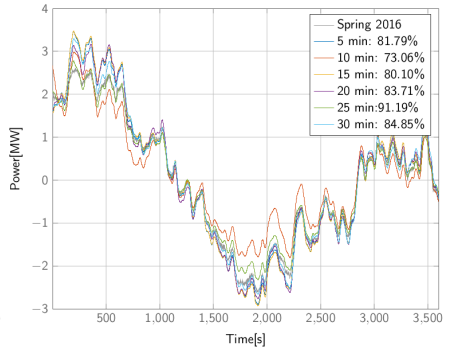
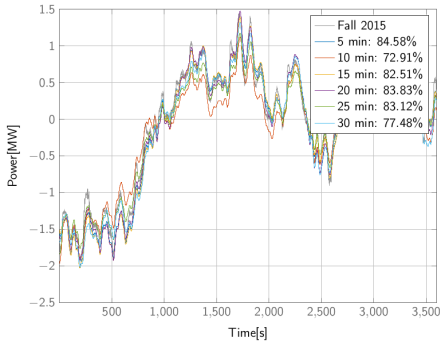
— Find  $\tilde{d}$ ,  $\tilde{r}_i$  and  $\tilde{k}_i$  to minimize:

$$y(t) - (\tilde{d}x(t) + \sum_{i=1}^{n_p} \tilde{r}_i x_i - \sum_{i=1}^{n_p} \tilde{k}_i y_i) \quad (6)$$

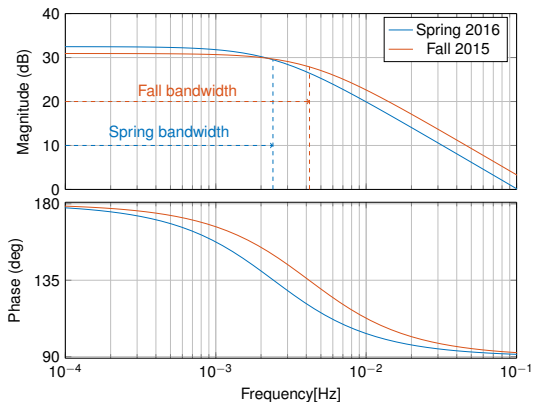
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# Estimated droop and bandwidth



| Dataset     | Droop[%] | B |
|-------------|----------|---|
| Fall 2015   | 10       |   |
| Spring 2016 | 8        |   |