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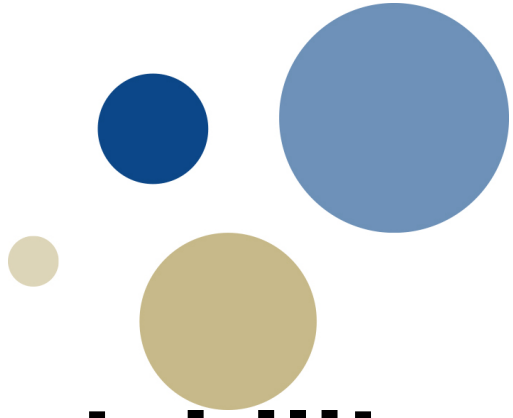

Frequency control and stability requirements on hydro power plants

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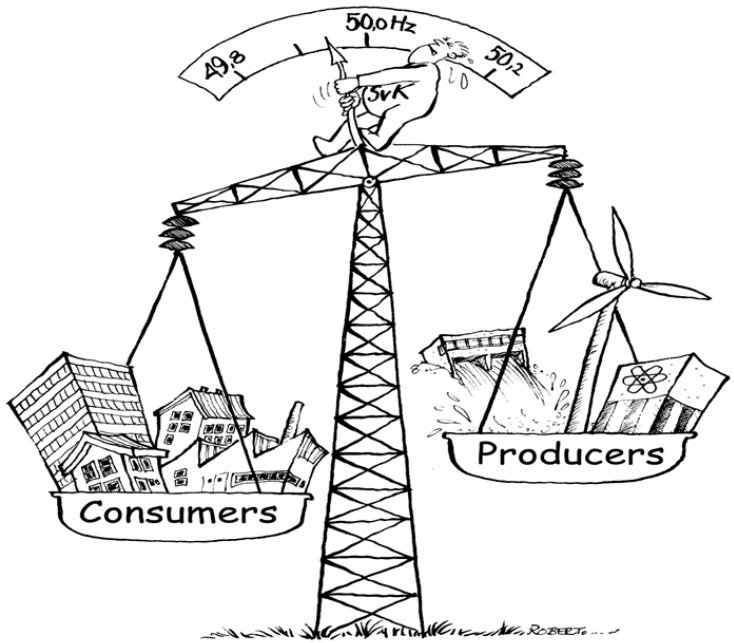

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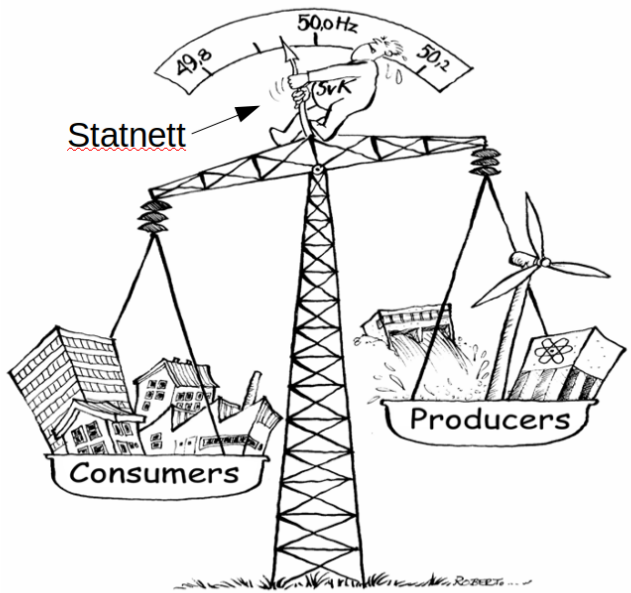

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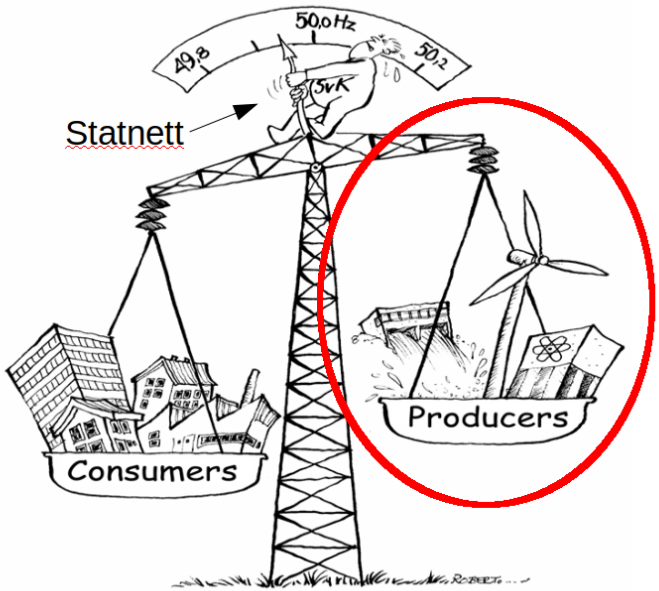

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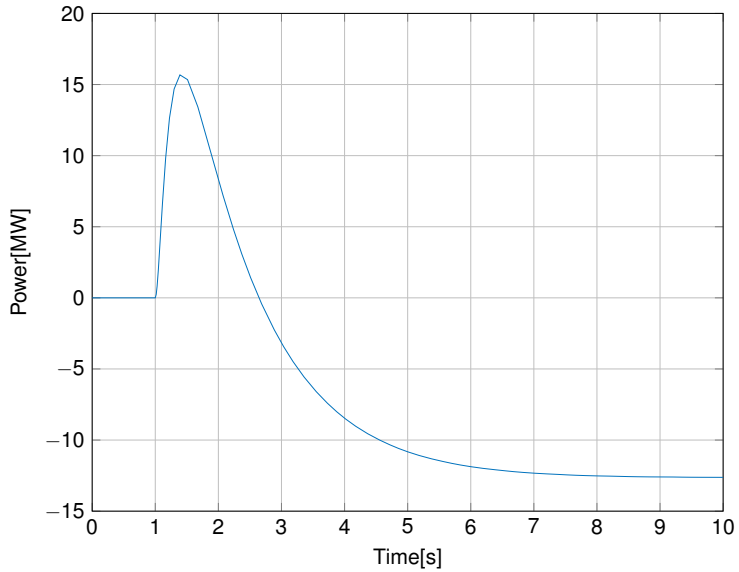

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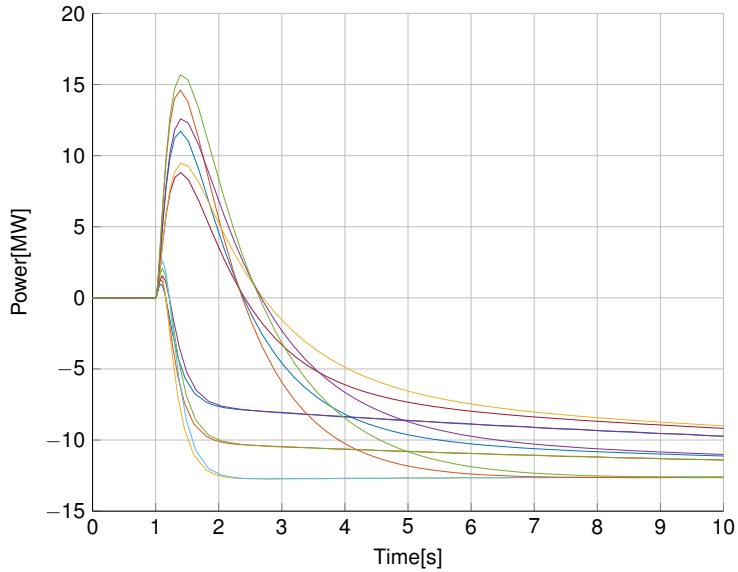

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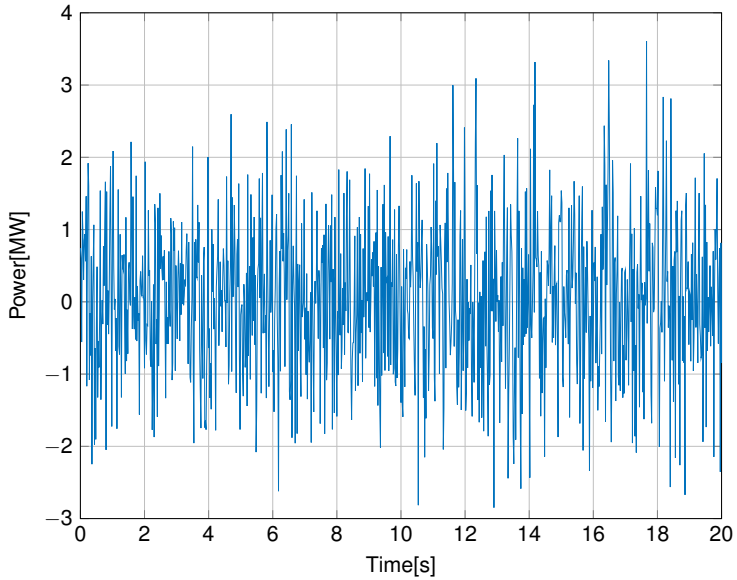

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Future of frequency control

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

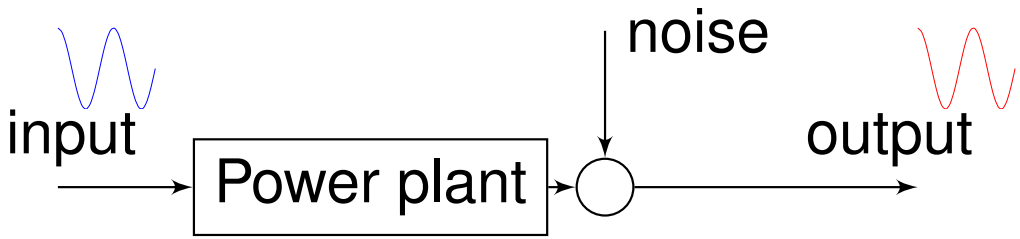
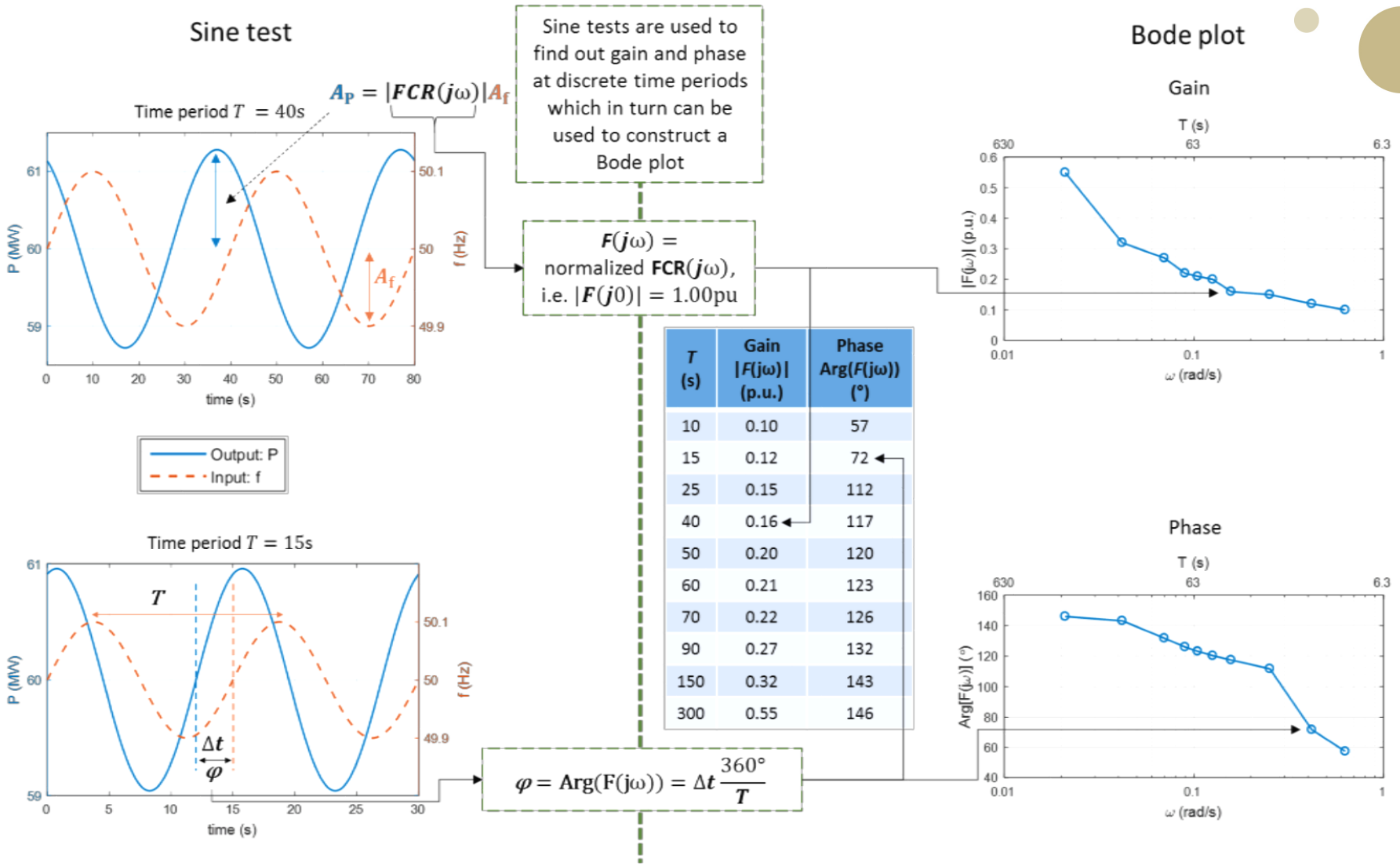


Figure: Test of power plant

Tests proposed by the industry



T (s)	Gain $\lvert F(j\omega)\rvert$ (p.u.)	Phase Arg($F(j\omega)$) (°)
10	0.10	57
15	0.12	72
25	0.15	112
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Figure: Testing procedure [source:ENTSO-E]

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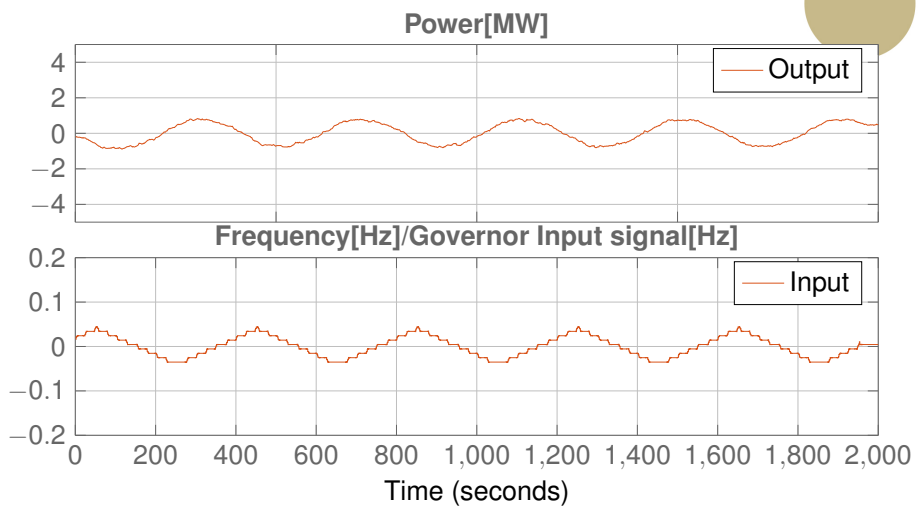

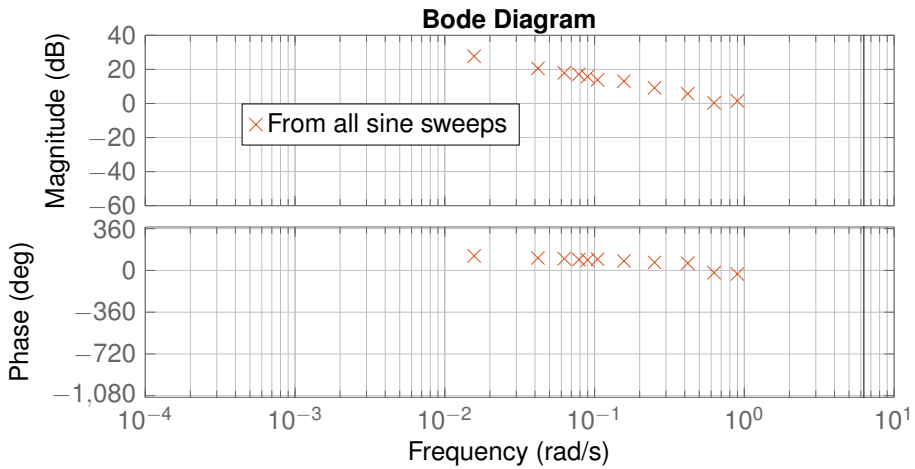

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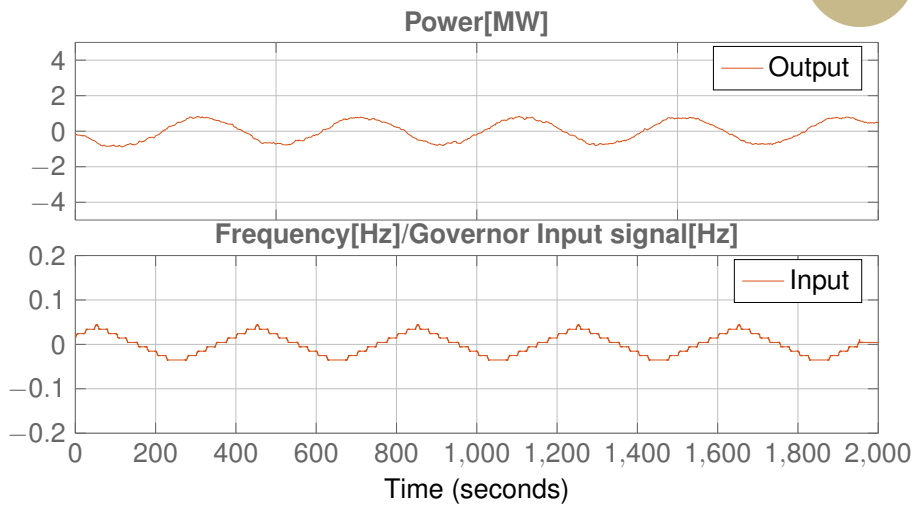

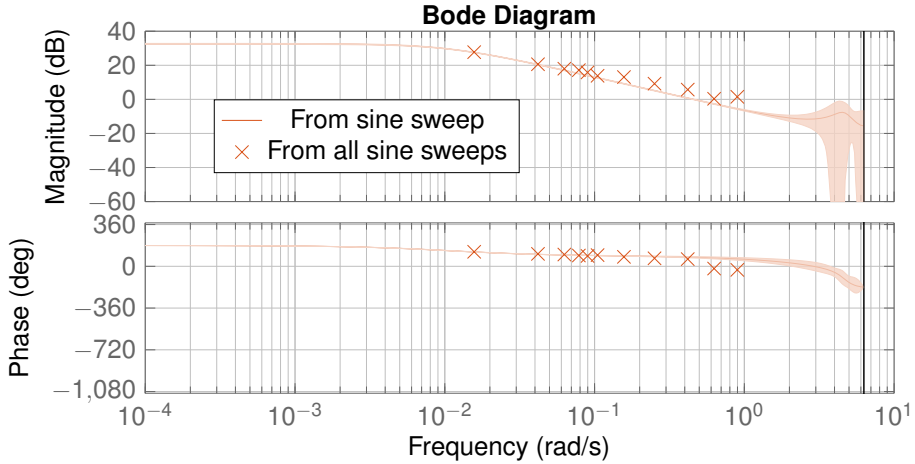

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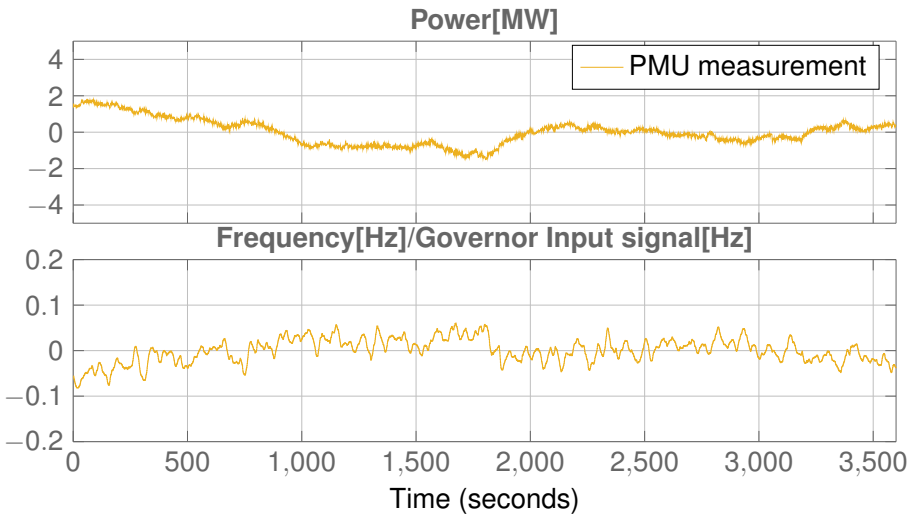

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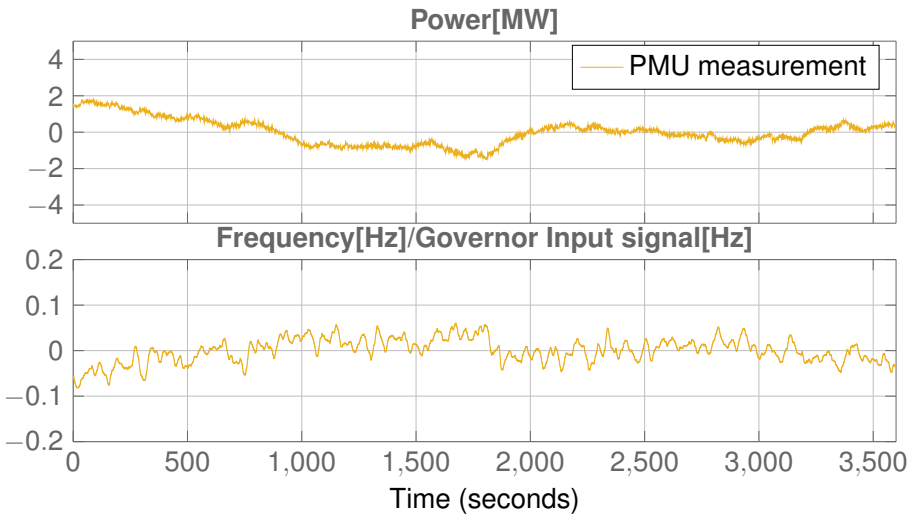

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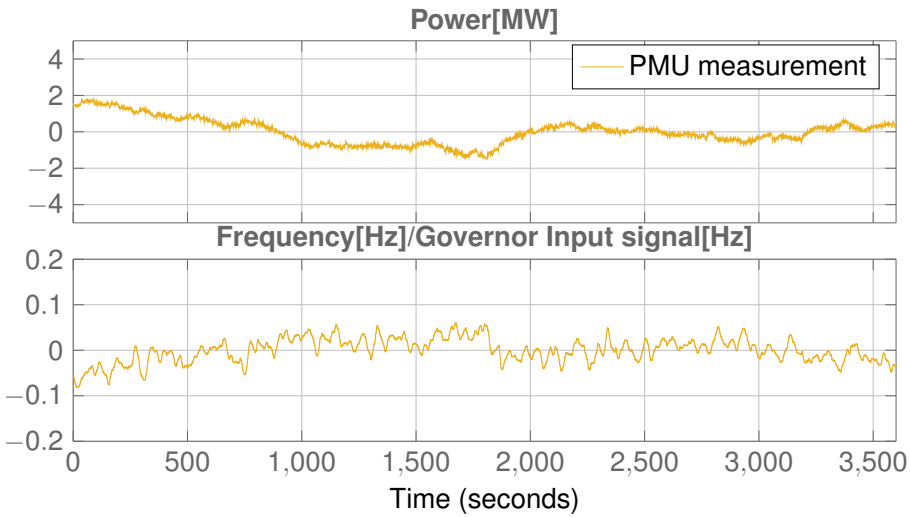

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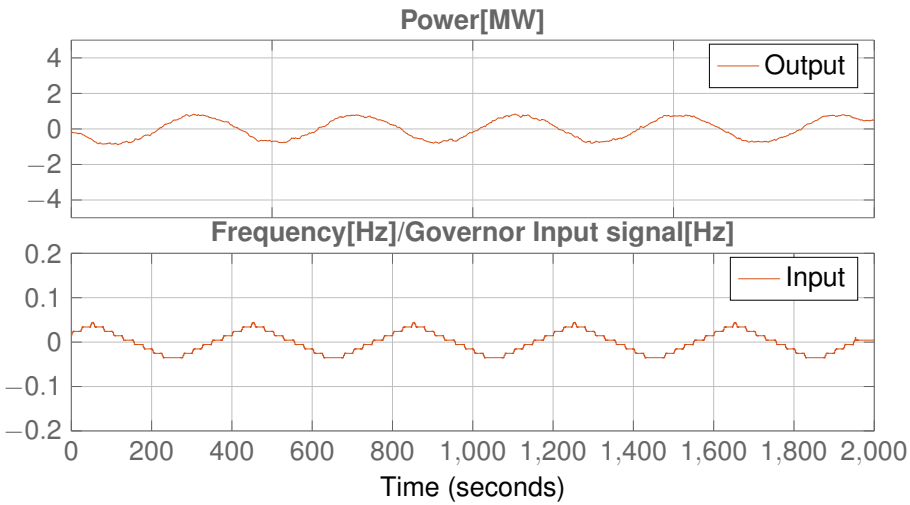

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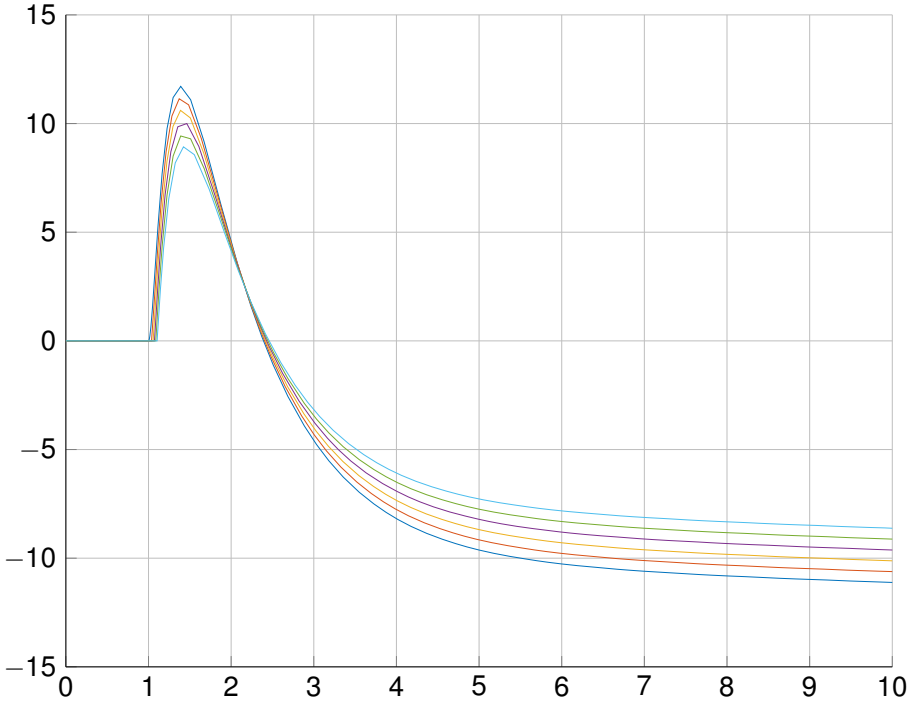

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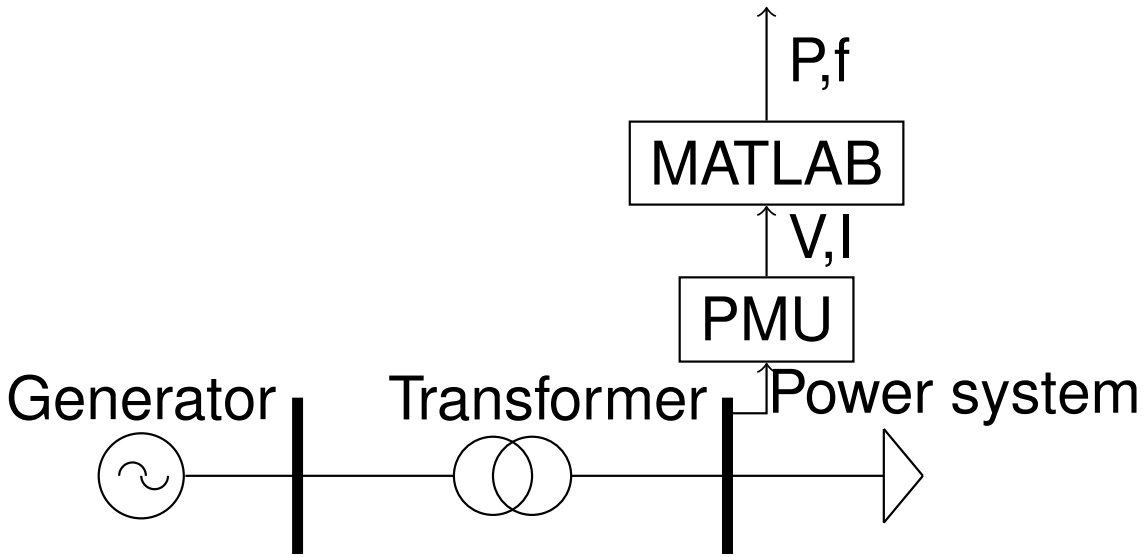

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— Uses the same input and output measurements as in the requirements:

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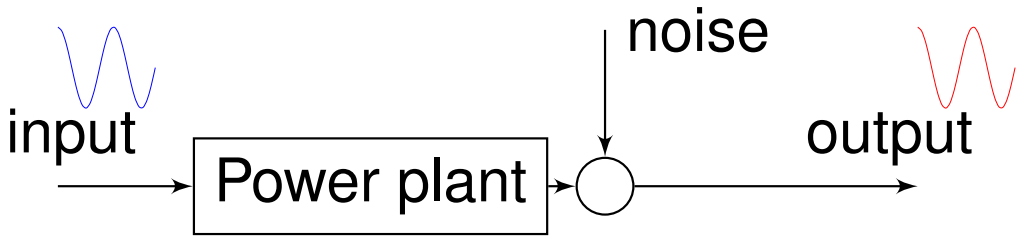

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Methodology

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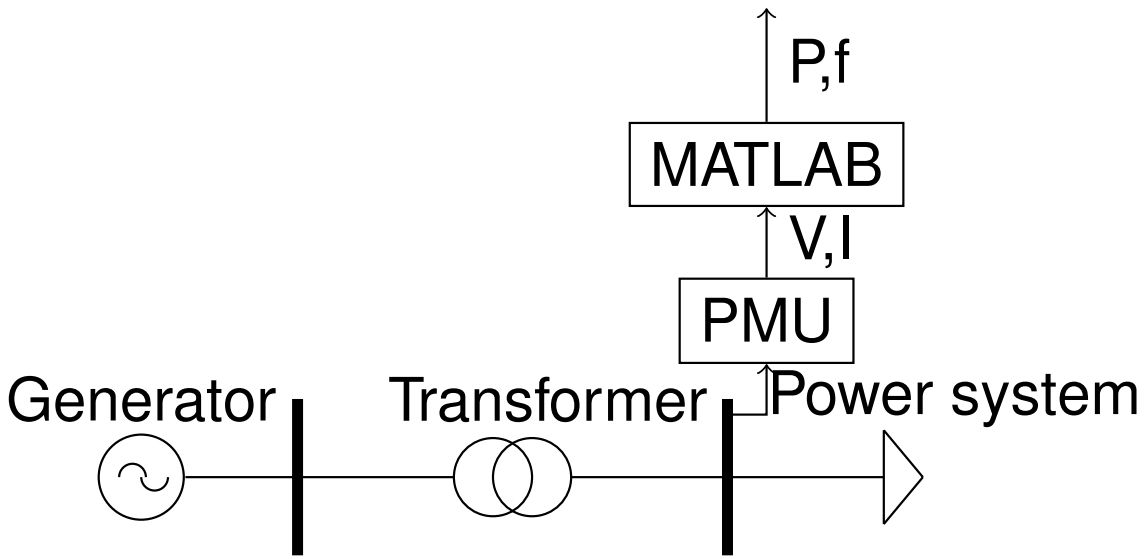
- Calculate power and frequency from the measurements.
- Identify dynamics using vector fitting.
- Compare models.



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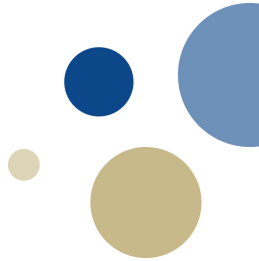

— Find $\tilde{d}$, $\tilde{r}_i$ and $\tilde{k}_i$ to minimize:

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

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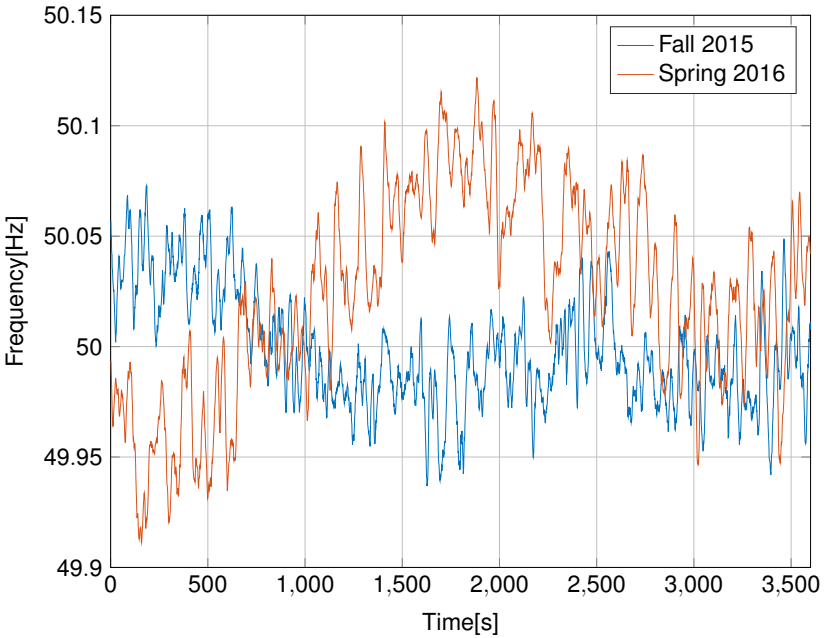

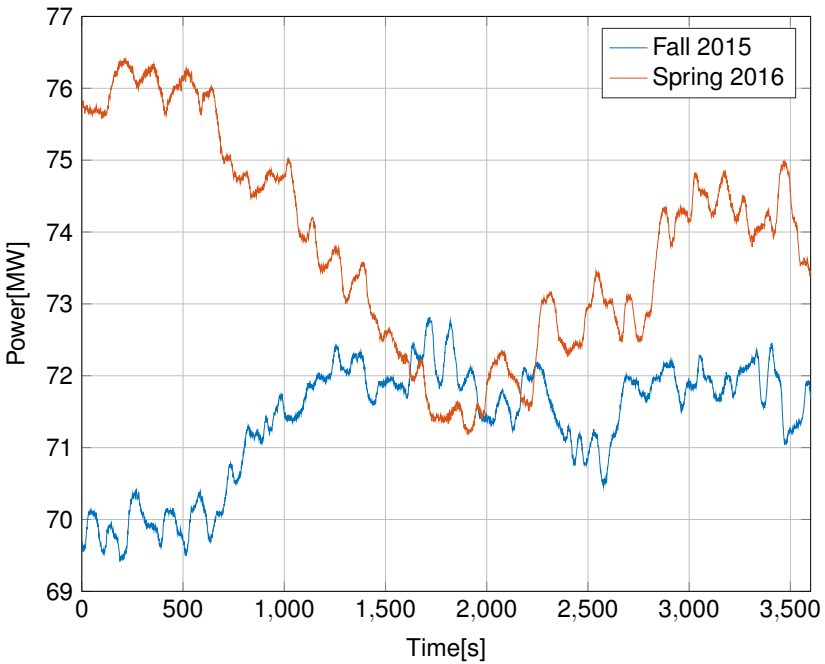

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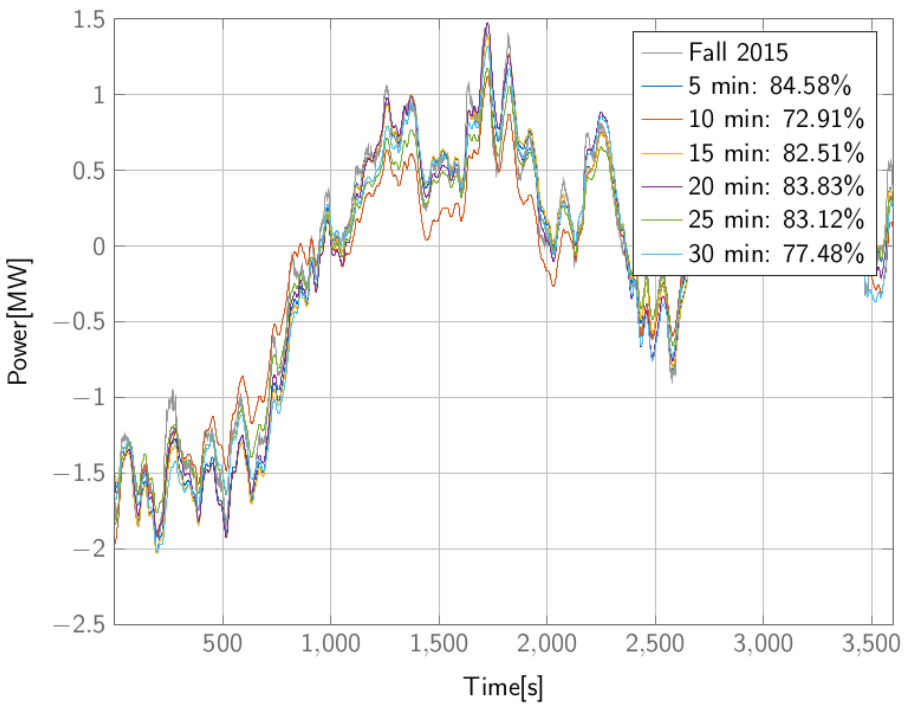

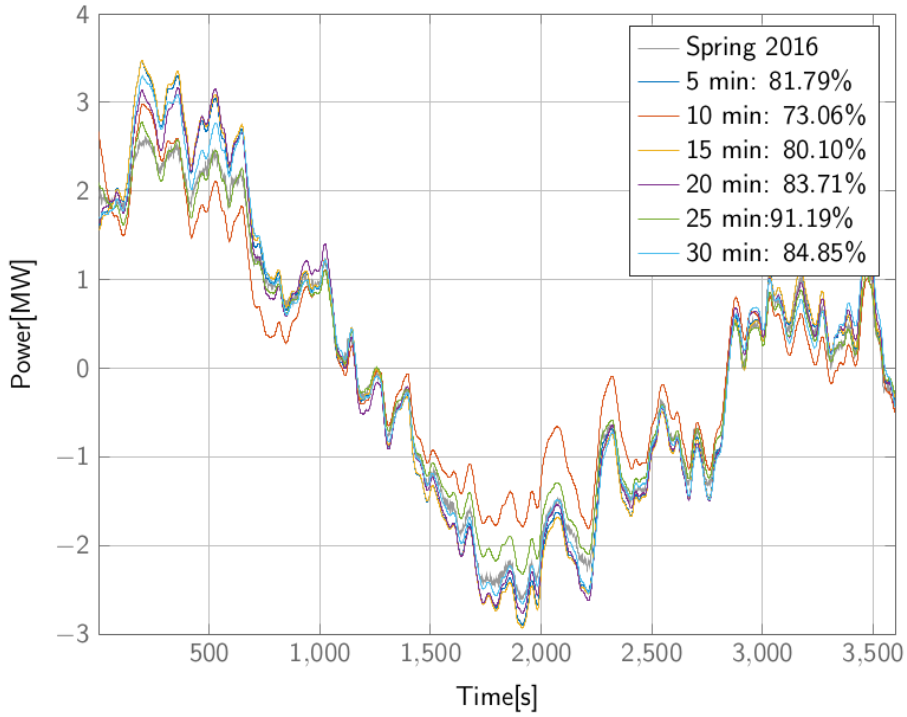

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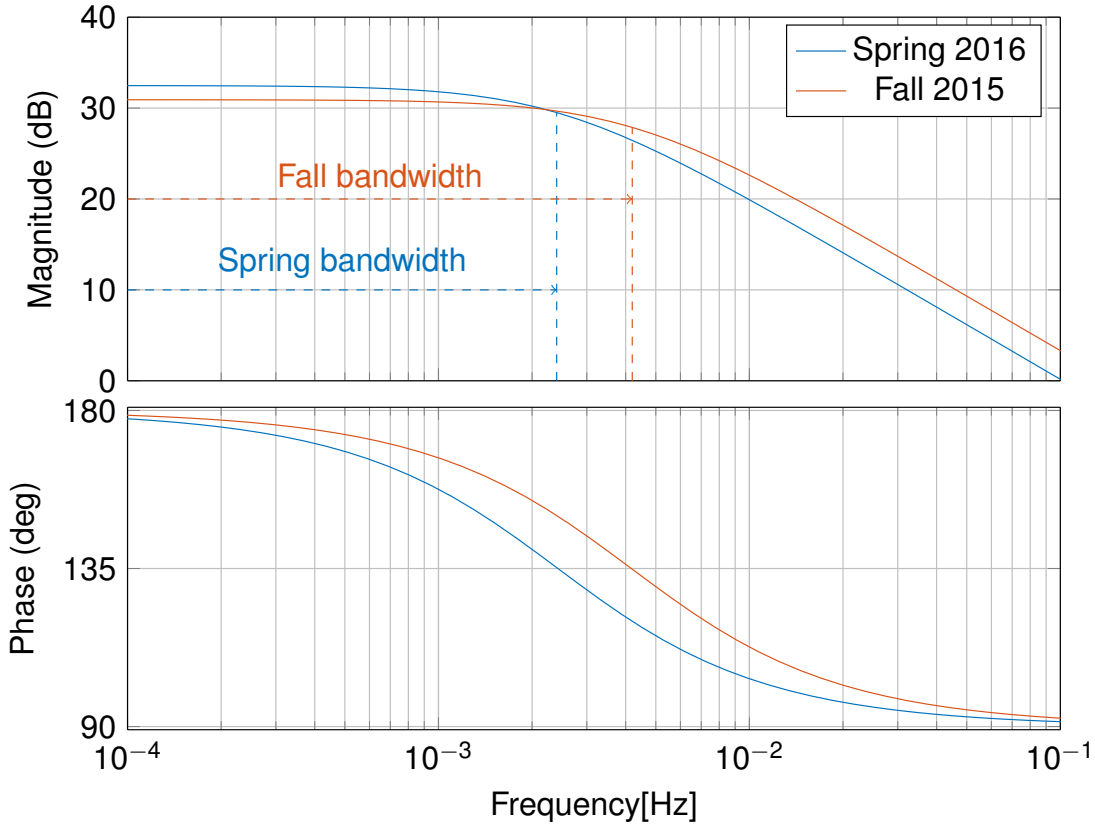
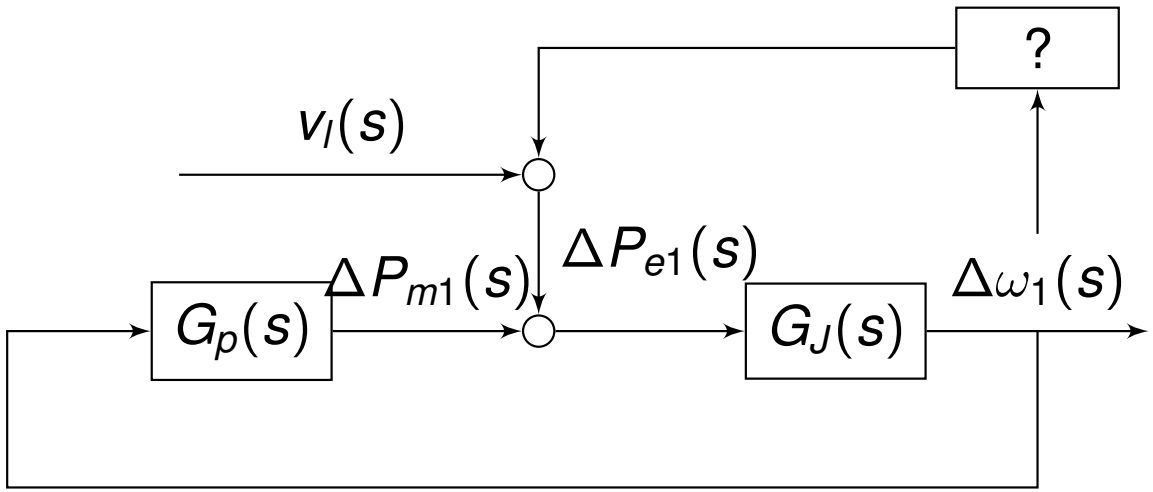


Dataset	Droop[%]	Bandwidth[mHz]
Fall 2015	10	4.16
Spring 2016	8	2.41

Shortcoming with the paper

- No theoretical validation of the results.
- No simulation validation of the results.



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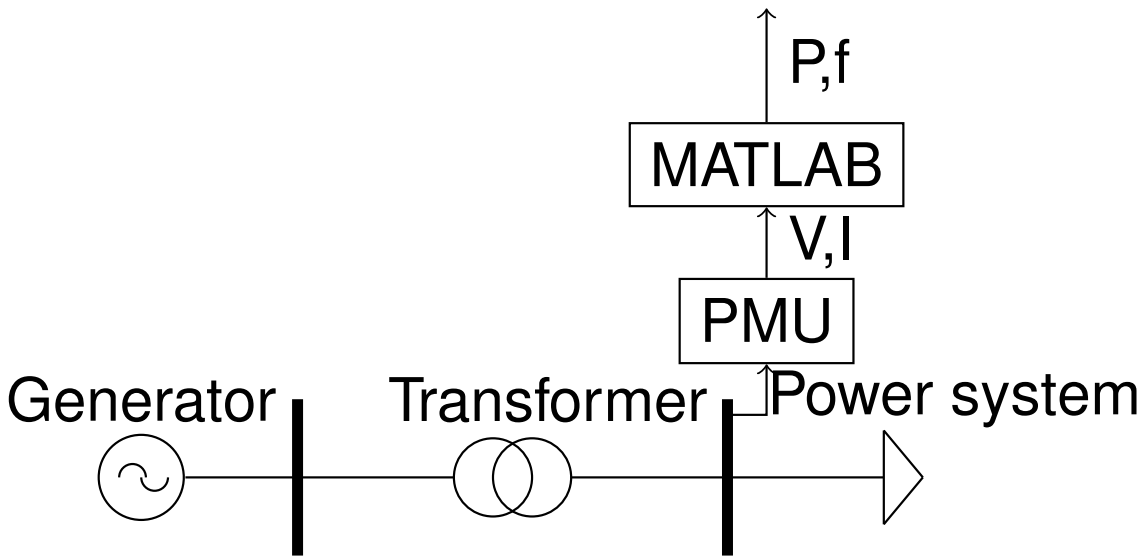

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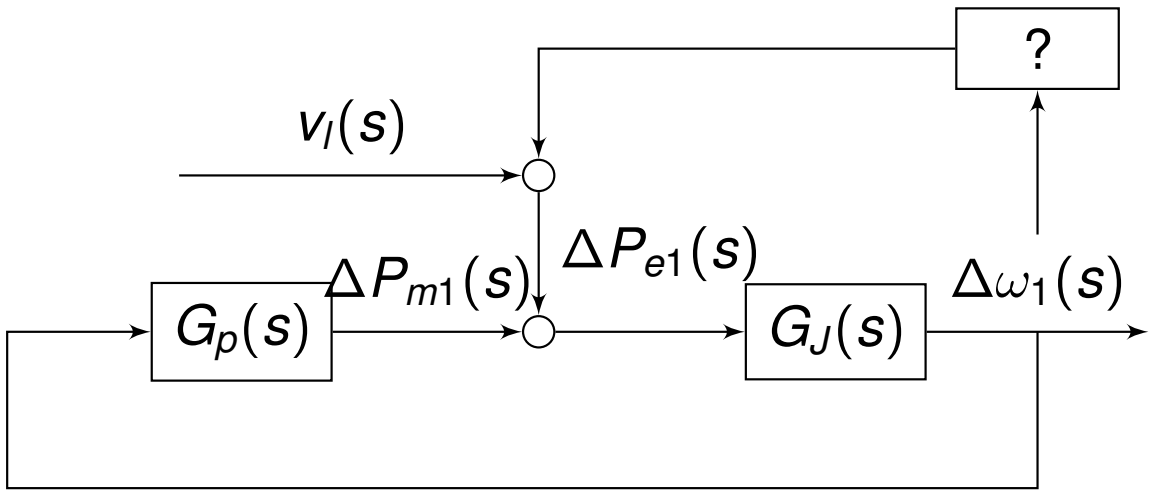
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