



# **Transient Stability**

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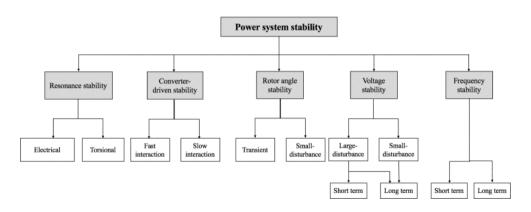
### Overview

- 1. Principle of transient stability
- 2. The Equal Area Criterion
- 3. Practical Example
- 4. Dynamic Security Assessment
- 5. Trends

# Classification power system stability (Reminder) I

Power system stability is the ability of an electric power system, for a given initial operating condition, to regain a state of operating equilibrium after being subjected to a physical disturbance, with most system variables bounded so that practically the entire system remains intact. [1]

# Classification power system stability (Reminder) II



# Principle of transient stability

# Reminder: generator model and step up transformer I

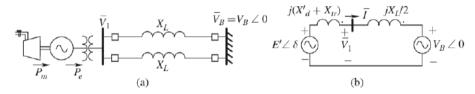


Figure 1: Generator with step-up transformer connected to infinite bus through two parallel lines.

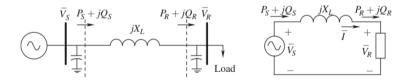
Consider a generator bus connected through a transformer to a infinite bus system  $(\bar{V}_B = V_B \text{ is an ideal voltage source}).$ 

# Reminder: generator model and step up transformer II

- ightharpoonup The mechanical power delivered through the shaft is  $P_m$ .
- ightharpoonup The electrical power delivered to the grid is denoted  $P_e$ .
- In steady-state, the synchronous machine is modelled as a constant voltage source  $E'e^{j\delta}$  behind its transient reactance  $X'_d$ .
- Finally,  $X_{tr}$  is the leackage reactance of the transformer.

# Reminder: active and reactive power flow on a line I

Consider a simple radial system.



# Reminder: active and reactive power flow on a line II

Assuming no transmission-line losses:

$$S_S = P_S + jQ_S = V_S e^{j\delta_S} \left( \frac{V_S e^{-j\delta_S} - V_R e^{-j\delta_R}}{X} \right) e^{j\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

If we define  $\delta = \delta_S - \delta_R$ , we have:

$$P_R = P_S = \frac{V_S V_R}{X_L} \sin \delta$$

$$Q_R = \frac{V_S V_R \cos \delta}{X_L} - \frac{V_R^2}{X_L}$$

$$Q_S = \frac{V_S^2}{X_L} - \frac{V_S V_R \cos \delta}{X_L}$$

# Reminder: Electrical power vs. angle

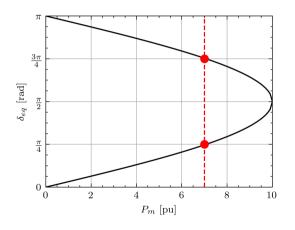
Plugging the generator and transformer models in the previous models, the electrical power  $P_e$  is expressed as follows:

$$P_{e} = \frac{E'V_{B}}{X_{tr} + X_{d}' + X_{L}/2} \sin(\delta)$$
 (1)

At equilibrium,  $P_e = P_m$ . For given reactances and voltage sources, one has:

$$\delta_{eq} = \arcsin\left(P_m \frac{X_{tr} + X_d' + X_L/2}{E'V_B}\right)$$

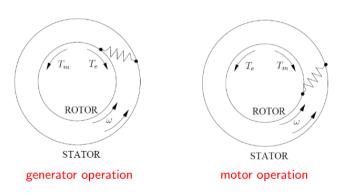
# Reminder: Electrical power vs. angle, graphically



- ▶ When we increase  $P_m$ , the electrical angle at equilibrium also increases.
- The maximum value is reached for  $\delta_{eq} = \frac{\pi}{2}$ .
- ► There exist
  - **TWO** equilibrium points for  $P_m \in [0, 10)$
  - ▶ **ONE** for  $P_m = 10$
  - NONE for  $P_m > 10$ .

# Reminder: what if $P_m$ exceeds $P_e$ ? I

(In this case,  $P_m > 10$ .)



### Reminder: what if $P_m$ exceeds $P_e$ ? II

- ► In synchronous machines, the rotor rotates at the same angular speed as the magnetic field produced by the stator.
- If we denote  $\omega_m$  the rotor angular speed and  $\omega_s=2\pi f_s$  the synchronous speed, then  $\omega_m=\omega_s$ .
- The field produced by the rotor and the stator tend to align.
- ▶ If they are not aligned, an electromechanical torque is produced.
- ► This misalignment is represented by the electrical angle: a greater angle induces a larger torque.
- ▶ BUT if the angle is too large, the machine loses synchronism and the torque becomes0.

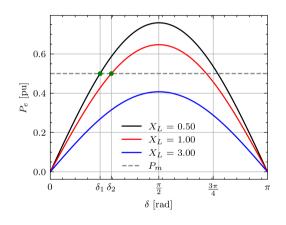
# Principle of transient stability

Consider equation (1) again:

$$P_{e} = \frac{E'V_{B}}{X_{tr} + X'_{d} + X_{L}/2} \sin(\delta)$$

with (all in per unit)

- $\triangleright$   $E' = 1.1, V_B = 1, X_{tr} = 0.8, X'_d = 0.4$
- ▶ various values of  $X_L = [0.5, 1, 3]$  (see next slide).



# Let us consider the following sequence of actions

### Refer to Figure 1:

- 1. **Pre-fault conditions**: the impedance between the generator and the infinite bus system is  $jX_L = j0.5$  pu.
- 2. **During-fault conditions**: one line is short-circuited, the impedance becomes  $jX_L = j3$  pu.
- 3. **Post-fault conditions**: the short-circuit is cleared by disconnecting a line, the impedance becomes  $jX_L = j1$  pu.

For the system to be stable, the system has to stabilize at  $\delta = \delta_2$  after the fault occured. Why?

We will now look at how the system moves from the equilibrium point  $\delta_1$  to equilibrium point  $\delta_2$ 

# The Equal Area Criterion

# The swing equation (reminder) I

Let us define the following quantities;  $J_m$  is the moment-of-inertia of the rotational system,  $T_m$  is the mechanical torque,  $T_e$  is the electrical torque,  $\omega_m$  is the rotor speed and  $\delta_m$  the rotor angle (in mechanical radians). Using Newton's Second Law, one has:

$$J_m \frac{d^2 \delta_m}{dt^2} = T_m - T_e$$

Multiplying both sides by  $\omega_m$  (the rotor speed), one has:

$$\omega_m J_m \frac{d^2 \delta_m}{dt^2} = P_m - P_e$$

# The swing equation (reminder) II

We then define

$$H_{gen} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}J_m\omega_{syn,m}^2}{S_{rated,qen}} = \left[\frac{kg \cdot m^2 \times 1/s^2}{kg \cdot m^2/s^3}\right] = [s]$$

where  $\omega_{syn,m}$  is the synchronous speed (in mechanical radians/s),  $S_{rated,gen}$  the nominal rated size of the generator.

# The swing equation (reminder) III

### About the inertia constant $H_{qen}$

The inertia constant of a machine  $H_{gen}$  is a value that quantifies how much kinetic energy is stored in the rotating mass of a machine relative to its power rating. It indicates the duration for which a machine can supply its rated power using only its stored rotational kinetic energy when the input power is suddenly removed. It takes a value in a range of

- 3 to 11s for turbo-alternators
- ▶ 1 to 2s for hydro generators.

# The swing equation (reminder) IV

One can write the swing equation by substituing  $J_m$  by  $H_{gen}$ :

$$\left(rac{\omega_m}{\omega_{syn,m}^2}
ight)$$
2 $H_{gen}rac{d^2\delta_m}{dt^2}=P_{m,gen,pu}-P_{e,gen,pu}$ 

where  $P_m$  and  $P_e$  are in per-unit of the generator MVA base. One can also write the equation in the system base  $S_{system}$ :

$$\left(\frac{\omega_m}{\omega_{syn,m}^2}\right) 2H \frac{d^2 \delta_m}{dt^2} = P_{m,pu} - P_{e,pu}$$

# The swing equation (reminder) V

with

$$H = H_{gen} \left( \frac{S_{rated,gen}}{S_{system}} \right)$$

Finally, we make the reasonable assumption that  $\omega_m \approx \omega_{syn,m}$ , and we express everything in terms of electrical radians.

$$\left(\frac{2H}{\omega_{syn}}\right)\frac{d^2\delta}{dt^2} = P_{m,pu} - P_{e,pu} \tag{2}$$

# What can we say about the swing equation?

- If the mechanical power provided at the shaft  $P_m$  is greater than the electrical power transferred to the network  $P_e$ , the machine accelerates  $\frac{d^2\delta}{dt^2} = \frac{d\Delta\omega}{dt} > 0$ , where  $\Delta\omega$  is the deviation from the synchronous speed  $\omega_{syn}$ .
- ▶ It decelerates if the electrical power is greater than the mechanical power.
- ▶ The acceleration is proportional to the machine inertia *H*

### Question

What is the inertia of PV panels?

# What is a criterion for transient stability? I

From the swing equation (2)

$$\left(\frac{2H}{\omega_{syn}}\right)\frac{d^2\delta}{dt^2} = P_{m,pu} - P_{e,pu}$$

Rearrange the terms and multiply both sides by  $d\delta/dt$ :

$$2\frac{d\delta}{dt}\frac{d^{2}\delta}{dt^{2}} = \frac{\omega_{syn}}{H} \left( P_{m,pu} - P_{e,pu} \right) \frac{d\delta}{dt}$$

Applying change of variables  $\delta = \theta$ , and integrating both sides between  $\delta_0$  and an arbitrary angle  $\delta$ :

$$\int_{\delta_0}^{\delta} \left( 2 rac{d heta}{d t} rac{d^2 heta}{d t^2} 
ight) d t = rac{\omega_{\mathsf{syn}}}{H} \int_{\delta_0}^{\delta} \left( P_{m, \mathsf{pu}} - P_{\mathsf{e}, \mathsf{pu}} 
ight) d heta$$

# What is a criterion for transient stability? II

For the left hand side, we observe that the integrand is of the form 2f(t)f'(t), which suggests a **u-substitution**. Let the function be  $u = \frac{d\theta}{dt}$ .

The differential of *u* with respect to *t* is:

$$\frac{du}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{d\theta}{dt} \right) = \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2}$$

This implies that  $du = \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2}dt$ . By substituting u and du into the original integral, we transform it into a simpler form:

$$\int 2u \, du$$

# What is a criterion for transient stability? III

The indefinite integral of this expression is:

$$\int 2u\,du = 2\left(\frac{u^2}{2}\right) + C = u^2 + C$$

Now, we substitute back the original expression for *u*:

$$u^2 = \left(\frac{d\theta}{dt}\right)^2$$

Finally, we apply the limits of integration from  $t = \delta_0$  to  $t = \delta$  for the definite integral:

$$\int_{\delta_0}^{\delta} \left( 2 \frac{d\theta}{dt} \frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} \right) dt = \left[ \left( \frac{d\theta}{dt} \right)^2 \right]_{\delta_0}^{\delta}$$

# What is a criterion for transient stability? IV

Evaluating the expression at the upper and lower limits:

$$= \left(\frac{d\theta}{dt}\right)^2 \bigg|_{t=\delta} - \left(\frac{d\theta}{dt}\right)^2 \bigg|_{t=\delta_0}$$

Assume  $\delta_0$  being an equilibrium point, *i.e.*  $d\delta/dt|_{\delta=\delta_0}=0$ , we have:

$$\left(\frac{d\delta}{dt}\right)^2 = \frac{\omega_{syn}}{H} \int_{\delta_0}^{\delta} \left(P_{m,pu} - P_{e,pu}\right) d\theta$$

The left term  $\left(\frac{d\delta}{dt}\right)^2 = \Delta\omega^2$  represents the kinetic energy of the machine at an arbitrary angle  $\delta^*$  (with respect to the synchronous speed  $\omega_{syn}$ )  $\to$  rotational kinetic energy:  $\frac{1}{2}J\omega^2$ 

# What is a criterion for transient stability? V

with J the moment-of-inertia and  $\omega$  the angular speed. As long as  $P_{m,pu} > P_{e,pu}$ , the machine gains kinetic energy and accelerates.

#### Criterion

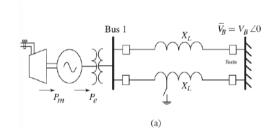
For the system to stabilize, it must exist an angle  $\delta_m$  at which the kinetic energy becomes 0, and thus:

$$\int_{\delta_0}^{\delta} \left( P_{m,pu} - P_{e,pu} \right) d\theta = 0$$

# Equal Area Criterion: the case of a fault I

Let us consider again the system of Figure 1, where

- ▶ a **short-circuit** (the fault) occurs on one of the lines at time t and angle  $\delta_0$ ,
- ▶ this short-circuit is **cleared** at time  $t + t_{cl}$  and angle  $\delta_{cl}$  by **tripping** the line.



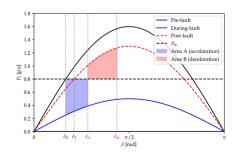
For a stable system, we highlighted that  $\int_{\delta_0}^{\delta} \left( P_{m,pu} - P_{e,pu} \right) d\theta = 0$ .

# Equal Area Criterion: the case of a fault II

For our short-circuit example, we can decompose the condition into:

$$\underbrace{\int_{\delta_{0}}^{\delta_{cl}}\left(P_{m,pu}-P_{e,fault,pu}\right)d\theta}_{\text{Area A}}-\underbrace{\int_{\delta_{cl}}^{\delta_{m}}\left(P_{e,post-fault,pu}-P_{m,pu}\right)d\theta}_{\text{Area B}}=0$$

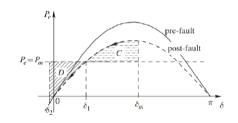
- During the first part (Area A), the machine accelerates.
- After the fault (Area B), the machine decelerates and the net acceleration becomes 0.



# Equal Area Criterion: the case of a fault III

At angle  $\delta_m$ , there is still a mismatch between the electrical power and the mechanical power.

Thus the machine swings back, from  $\delta_m$  to  $\delta_2$ .

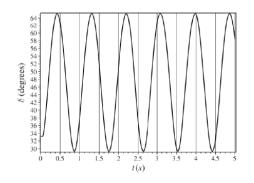


#### **Exercises**

- ightharpoonup Compute  $\delta_m$ , the angle reached just after clearing the fault.
- ▶ Compute  $\delta_2$ , the angle reached when swinging back.

## Equal Area Criterion: the case of a fault IV

Without any damping (kinetic energy losses), the system oscillates indefinitely between angle  $\delta_2$  and  $\delta_m$ .



However, in a **real system**, the **damping** would cause the machine to settle down at an angle  $\delta_1$  (new equilibrium point). Reminder:

Synchronous machines have damper windings. In perfect steady state, the magnetic fields produced by both the stator and the rotor are fixed relative to the rotor so there is no current in the dampers. On the other hand, if the rotor moves with respect to the magnetic field, the current induced in the dampers create a damping torque according to Lenz's law.

# Critical Clearing Angle

Let us come back to our definition of stability for our little system:

$$\underbrace{\int_{\delta_0}^{\delta_{\mathbf{cl}}} \left( P_{m,pu} - P_{e,fault,pu} \right) d\theta}_{\text{Area A}} - \underbrace{\int_{\delta_{\mathbf{cl}}}^{\delta_m} \left( P_{e,post-fault,pu} - P_{m,pu} \right) d\theta}_{\text{Area B}} = 0$$

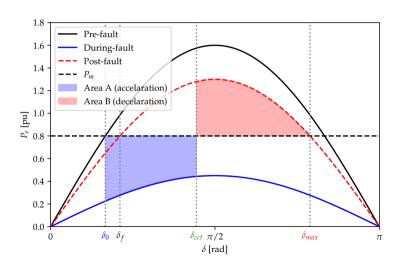
What are the conditions to ensure there exists  $\delta_{cl}$  such that Area A = Area B?

We introduce the concept of critical **clearing angle**  $\delta_{cct}$ . Past this point, Area A will always be greater than Area B, such that the system cannot stabilize. We associate the critical clearing time *CCT* to the critical clearing angle, *i.e.* the maximum time allowed to clear the fault before the system gets unstable.

# Critical Clearing Angle: Mathematical formulation

$$\underbrace{\int_{\delta_{0}}^{\delta_{cct}} \left(P_{m,pu} - P_{e,fault,pu}\right) d\theta}_{\text{Area A}} - \underbrace{\int_{\delta_{cct}}^{\delta_{max}} \left(P_{e,post-fault,pu} - P_{m,pu}\right) d\theta}_{\text{Area B}} = 0 \tag{3}$$

# Critical Clearing Angle: Visual representation



# Critical Clearing Angle: Solution procedure

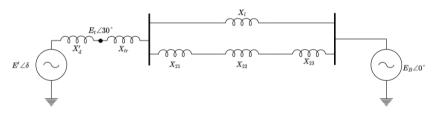
### Solution procedure for Critical Clearing Angle and Time determination

- 1. Determine
  - ▶ the angle  $\delta_0$  such that  $P_{e,pre-fault} = P_m$
  - the angle  $\delta_{max}$  such that  $P_{e,post-fault} = P_m$ .
- 2. Then solve equation (3) to get  $\delta_{cct}$ .
- 3. Finally, using the **swing equation**, one can determine the critical clearing time *CCT*, *i.e.* the time needed to reach the angle  $\delta_{cct}$ .



#### Problem statement

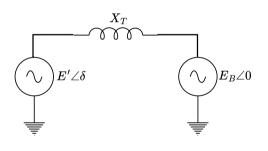
Let us consider the following system:



$$X'_d = 0.3, X_{tr} = 0.5, X_l = 1, X_{21} = 0.5, X_{22} = \frac{1}{6}, X_{23} = \frac{1}{3}$$
  
 $\bar{E}_t = 1e^{j\pi/6}, \bar{E}_B = 1e^{j0}.$ 

### Equivalent

We can derive the following equivalent:



where

$$X_T = X_{tr} + X_d' + \frac{X_l(X_{21} + X_{22} + X_{23})}{X_{21} + X_{22} + X_{23} + X_l} = 1.3pu.$$

The power transfer from the machine to the infinite-bus system takes the following form:

$$P = \frac{E'E_B}{X_T} \sin \delta$$

# Find $\bar{E}'$ , $P_e$ and $P_m$ I

1. Current from  $\bar{E}_t$  to  $\bar{E}_B$ 

$$\bar{I}_{t \to B} = \frac{\bar{E}_t - \bar{E}_B}{jX_T - jX_d'}$$

2.  $\bar{I}_{t\to B}$  is the same as the one from  $\bar{E}'$  to  $\bar{E}_t$ 

$$\bar{E}' = jX'_d\bar{I}_{t\to B} + \bar{E}_t = 1.05095e^{j38.2057/180}$$

3. Find  $P_e$ 

$$P_{\rm e} = \frac{1.05095\,1\,\sin(38.2057/180)}{1.3} = 0.5$$

## Find $\bar{E}'$ , $P_e$ and $P_m$ II

4. Initially, the system is at equilibrium.

$$P_m = P_e = 0.5$$

In the following, we will compute the maximum power outputs for three different conditions: Pre-fault, During-Fault and Post-Fault. It will allow us to determine the 3 different  $P-\delta$  curves.

#### Pre-fault condition

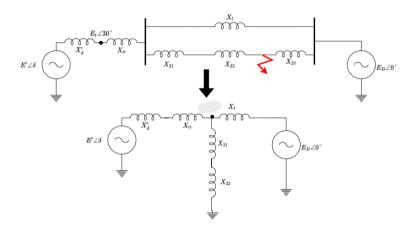
We compute the maximum power output while assuming E' does not change. If the transient stability study lasts a second or less, it is reasonable to consider, as a first-order approximation, that the exciter of the synchronous machine cannot respond in such short amount of time. Hence, E' does not change

Maximum power output:

$$\hat{P}_{e,bf} = \frac{E'E_B}{X_T} = 0.808$$

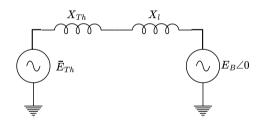
## **During-fault condition**

A short-circuit occurs between lines 22 and 23. The circuit topology changes.



## During-fault condition: Thévenin equivalent

We can derive the following Thevenin's equivalent



where

$$\bar{E}_{Th} = \bar{E}' \frac{X_{21} + X_{22}}{X_d + X_{tr} + X_{21} + X_{22}} = 0.478e^{j38.206/180}$$

and

$$X_{Th} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{X_d' + X_{tr}} + \frac{1}{X_{21} + X_{22}}} = 0.364$$

and then get the maximum power output:

$$\hat{P}_{e,df} = \frac{E_{Th}E_B}{X_{Th} + X_I} = 0.35$$

#### Post-fault condition

The line 2 is tripped to clear the short-circuit (a switch is open between the bus bar and  $X_{21}$ ).

The impedance of the path connecting the machine to the infinite-bus system becomes  $X'_d + X_{tr} + X_l = 1.8$ . The maximum power output is:

$$\hat{P}_{e,pf} = \frac{E'E_B}{X'_d + X_{tr} + X_l} = 0.584$$

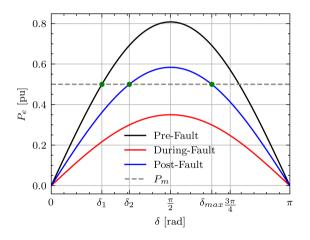
#### **Practical Example**

The final  $P-\delta$  curves are shown here under, with

$$\delta_1 = \arcsin\left(rac{P_m}{\hat{P}_{e,bf}}
ight) = 0.667$$

$$\delta_2 = \arcsin\left(rac{P_m}{\hat{P}_{e,pf}}
ight) = 1.028$$

$$\delta_{max} = \pi - \delta_2 = 2.114$$



# Critical clearing angle $\delta_{cct}$ I

$$\underbrace{\int_{\delta_{0}}^{\delta_{cct}} \left(P_{m,pu} - P_{e,fault,pu}\right) d\theta}_{\text{Area A}} = \underbrace{\int_{\delta_{cct}}^{\delta_{max}} \left(P_{e,post-fault,pu} - P_{m,pu}\right) d\theta}_{\text{Area B}}$$

#### Area A

$$\begin{split} \int_{\delta_0}^{\delta_{cct}} \left( P_{m,pu} - P_{e,fault,pu} \right) d\theta &= P_{m,pu} \left( \delta_{cct} - \delta_0 \right) - \int_{\delta_0}^{\delta_{cct}} \hat{P}_{e,df} \sin \theta d\theta \\ &= P_{m,pu} \left( \delta_{cct} - \delta_0 \right) + \hat{P}_{e,df} \left( \cos \delta_{cct} - \cos \delta_0 \right) \end{split}$$

# Critical clearing angle $\delta_{cct}$ II

#### Area B

$$\int_{\delta_{cct}}^{\delta_{max}} \left( P_{e,pf,pu} - P_{m,pu} \right) d\theta = P_{m,pu} \left( \delta_{cct} - \delta_{max} \right) - \int_{\delta_{cct}}^{\delta_{max}} \hat{P}_{e,pf} \sin \theta d\theta$$
$$= P_{m,pu} \left( \delta_{cct} - \delta_{max} \right) + \hat{P}_{e,pf} \left( \cos \delta_{cct} - \cos \delta_{max} \right)$$

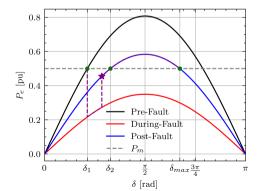
#### **Equal-area criterion**

$$\text{Area A} = \text{Area B}$$
 
$$P_{m,pu} \left( \delta_{max} - \delta_0 \right) + \hat{P}_{e,df} \left( \cos \delta_{cct} - \cos \delta_0 \right) = \hat{P}_{e,pf} \left( \cos \delta_{cct} - \cos \delta_{max} \right)$$

## Critical clearing angle $\delta_{cct}$ III

We can find out the critical clearing angle.

$$\cos \delta_{cct} = \frac{P_{m,pu} \left(\delta_0 - \delta_{max}\right) + \hat{P}_{e,df} \cos \delta_0 - \hat{P}_{e,pf} \cos \delta_{max}}{\hat{P}_{e,df} - \hat{P}_{e,pf}}$$



The purple star corresponds to  $\delta_{cct}=0.8938$ , and the dashed purple line shows the evolution of the angle  $\delta$ . Even without damping, the system stabilizes at  $\delta=\delta_{max}$  since the kinetic energy reaches 0 at that point ( $\Delta\omega^2=0$ )

#### Estimation of the critical clearing time CCT I

In order to find the critical clearing time, one would need to solve the swing equation:

$$\left(rac{2H}{\omega_{syn}}
ight)rac{d^2\delta(t)}{dt^2}=P_{m,pu}-P_{e,pu}(\delta(t))$$

where  $P_{e,pu}(\delta(t))$  is a non-linear function depending on  $\delta$ ;  $P_{e,pu}(\delta(t)) = K(t) \sin(\delta(t))$ , and with K changing non-continuously with time. We would need to solve a non-linear differential equation, which is not an easy task! Thus, let us assume that the acceleration  $\frac{d^2\delta(t)}{dt^2}$  is constant over time. We have:

$$\delta_{cct} = \delta_1 + \Delta\omega_0 \ \textit{CCT} + a \frac{\textit{CCT}^2}{2}$$

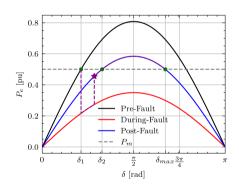
### Estimation of the critical clearing time CCT II

where a is the constant acceleration and  $\Delta\omega_0$  the initial speed assumed to be 0.

#### Let us assume two cases:

- 1. We pick the maximum acceleration for angles in  $[\delta_1, \delta_{cct}]$ .
- 2. We pick the minimum acceleration for angles in  $[\delta_1, \delta_{cct}]$ .

From the following figure



### Estimation of the critical clearing time CCT III

it is clear that the acceleration is maximum for  $\delta = \delta_1$ , and minimum for  $\delta = \delta_{cct}$  for  $\delta \in [\delta_1, \delta_{cct}]$  (larger power mismatch when  $\delta = \delta_1$  and smaller for  $\delta = \delta_{cct}$ ). We have:

$$a_{min} = \frac{\omega_{syn}}{2H} \left( P_{m,pu} - \hat{P}_{e,df} \sin \delta_{cct} \right)$$

$$a_{max} = \frac{\omega_{syn}}{2H} \left( P_{m,pu} - \hat{P}_{e,df} \sin \delta_1 \right)$$

With H = 4.5s, we can derive a lower and an upper bound for the critical clearing time CCT.

$$CCT_{max} = \sqrt{\frac{2(\delta_{cct} - \delta_1)}{a_{min}}} = \sqrt{\frac{2(0.8938 - 0.667)}{7.93}} = 239$$
ms

#### Estimation of the critical clearing time CCT IV

$$CCT_{min} = \sqrt{\frac{2(\delta_{cct} - \delta_1)}{a_{min}}} = \sqrt{\frac{2(0.8938 - 0.667)}{9.89}} = 214$$
ms

If the actual clearing time is denoted  $t^*$ , we can conclude that:

- 1. If  $t^* > CCT_{max}$ , the system is unsafe!
- 2. If  $t^* < CCT_{min}$ , the system is safe!
- 3. If  $CCT_{min} < t^* < CCT_{max}$ , we have no guarantee if the system is safe or not.

#### Extension on dynamics

#### Swing equations with damping coefficient

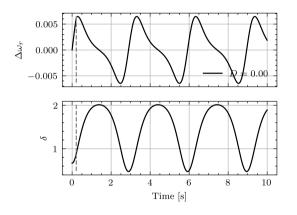
$$rac{d\Delta\omega(t)}{dt} = rac{1}{2H}\left(P_m - P_{e,max}(t)\sin(\delta(t)) - D\Delta\omega(t)
ight) \ rac{d\delta(t)}{dt} = \omega_0\Delta\omega(t)$$

**Euler discretization** 

$$\Delta\omega_{t+1} = (1 - au rac{D}{2H})\Delta\omega_t + rac{ au}{2H} \left(P_m - P_{e,max}^{k au}\sin(\delta_t)
ight) \ \delta_{t+1} = \delta_t + au\omega_0\Delta\omega_t$$

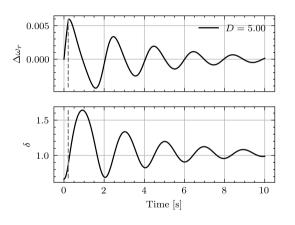
where  $\tau$  is the time step and where we explicitly denote that  $P_{e,max}^{k\tau}$  is changing over time in a discrete fashion (pre-fault $\rightarrow$ during-fault $\rightarrow$ post-fault) through the superscript  $k\tau$ .

## Results **without** damping, $t_{cl} = 0.214s \le CCT$



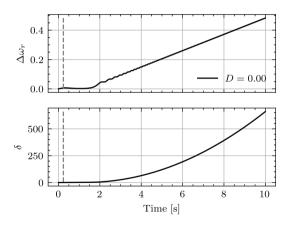
The fault is cleared after 214 ms (lower bound on the clearing time). As expected from previous calculations, the system is safe.

## Results with damping, $t_{cl} = 0.214 \le CCT$



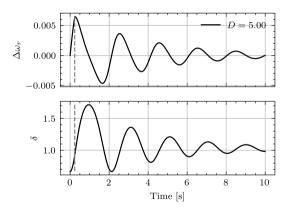
The fault is cleared after 214 ms (lower bound on the clearing time). As expected from previous calculations, the system is safe. The damping adds energy dissipation, which allows the system to stabilize around  $\delta_2=1.028$ 

# Results **without** damping, $t_{cl} = 0.239s \ge CCT$



The fault is cleared after 239 ms (upper bound on the clearing time). The machine loses synchronism.

## Results with damping, $t_{cl} = 0.239s \ge CCT$



The fault is cleared after 239 ms (upper bound on the clearing time). The system is stable thanks to the damping effect (energy dissipation).

# **Dynamic Security Assessment**

#### Dynamic Security Assessment goal

Main question that Dynamic Security Assessment (DSA) should answer:

Imagine a set of major, yet credible contingencies, can the system resist such events without jeopardizing its integrity?

If yes, then the states are determined secure  $\rightarrow$  the system trajectories do not bring the states inside an unsafe set.

## Dynamic Security Assessment principle

- Based on fast time domain contingency simulations.
- ➤ Study main stability issues such that: Voltage, Transient and Small-Signal (not covered throughout this course).
- Start from actual and future operating points.
- ► Has to be visual for the operators → show the type of instability, where it comes from and even possible solutions.

## There are mainly types of DSA analysis

#### 1. Off-line analysis

- ightharpoonup They are subjected to forecast errors ightharpoonup system security cannot be taken for granted.
- But they can be performed with no constraints on time (performed day-ahead in order to set up a recommended operating schedule)

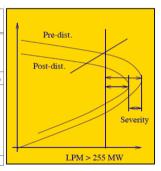
#### 2. On-line analysis

- ▶ Not prone to forecast errors since they are based on real-time information.
- But need to be fast.

## Voltage stability assessment

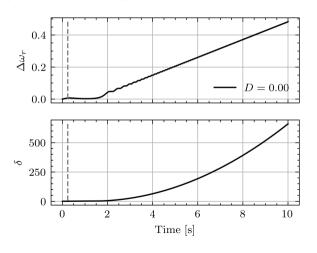
- Mainly static analyses.
- Goal is to ensure a sufficient load power margin.
- List of contingencies: all single-component outages.

Numéro état	4		
Num.Variante	6		
Consignations	(CHA61COR)		
Charge	4927.MW+1502.Mvar		
Compensation		285	
Sites	Prod (MW)	Q (Mvar)	Rés. (Mvar)
Cordemais	548	144	237
Flamanville	0	0	0
Chinon	1840	540	794
Cheviré	0	125	414
TACs	0	0	0
St. Laurent	?	?	?
Blayais	2500	650	1558
Marge de P.C.	1002.MW+308.0Mvar		



## Transient stability assessment

#### We want to avoid that:



- Simulations with different three-phase short-circuits at various locations.
- And with different clearing schemes!
- Very time consuming computations.



#### Nowadays

- ► Integration of large off-shore wind parks, and PV systems without reinforcing the network.
- Large power plants are decommissioned, and conventional generators are no longer accepted in urban areas.
- New units are built far away from load centers.
- ▶ Hard to build new lines because of public debates and environmental constraints.

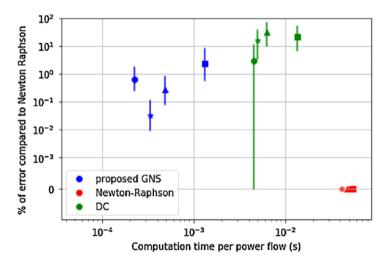
This leads to a weaker electrical system, more prone to stability issues. There's a need for tools that can quickly perform security assessment to guarantee a secure system.

#### Example 1: static analysis I

- ► For static analyses, we rely on power flow solvers to estimate the state of the system.
- With increasing penetration of RES, probabilistic approaches are envisioned to perform risk assessment.
- ▶ But traditional power flow solvers based on Newton-Raphson methods are too slow.
- Usage of AI tools to derive approximate solutions of the power flow equations.

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### Example 1: static analysis II

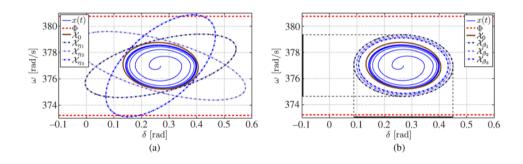


#### Example 2: dynamic analysis I

- ► For dynamic analyses, we study the time-evolution of a power system trajectory (e.g. internal angle in transient stability)
- ► It requires solving the differential-algebraic equations for multiple scenarios (different short-circuit locations, different clearing schemes).
- ► Usage of reachability analysis techniques: gives the reach set, i.e., the set that contains all possible system trajectories.

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## Example 2: dynamic analysis II



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