

Differential Algebraic Equation-constrained Frequency-secured Stochastic Unit Commitment

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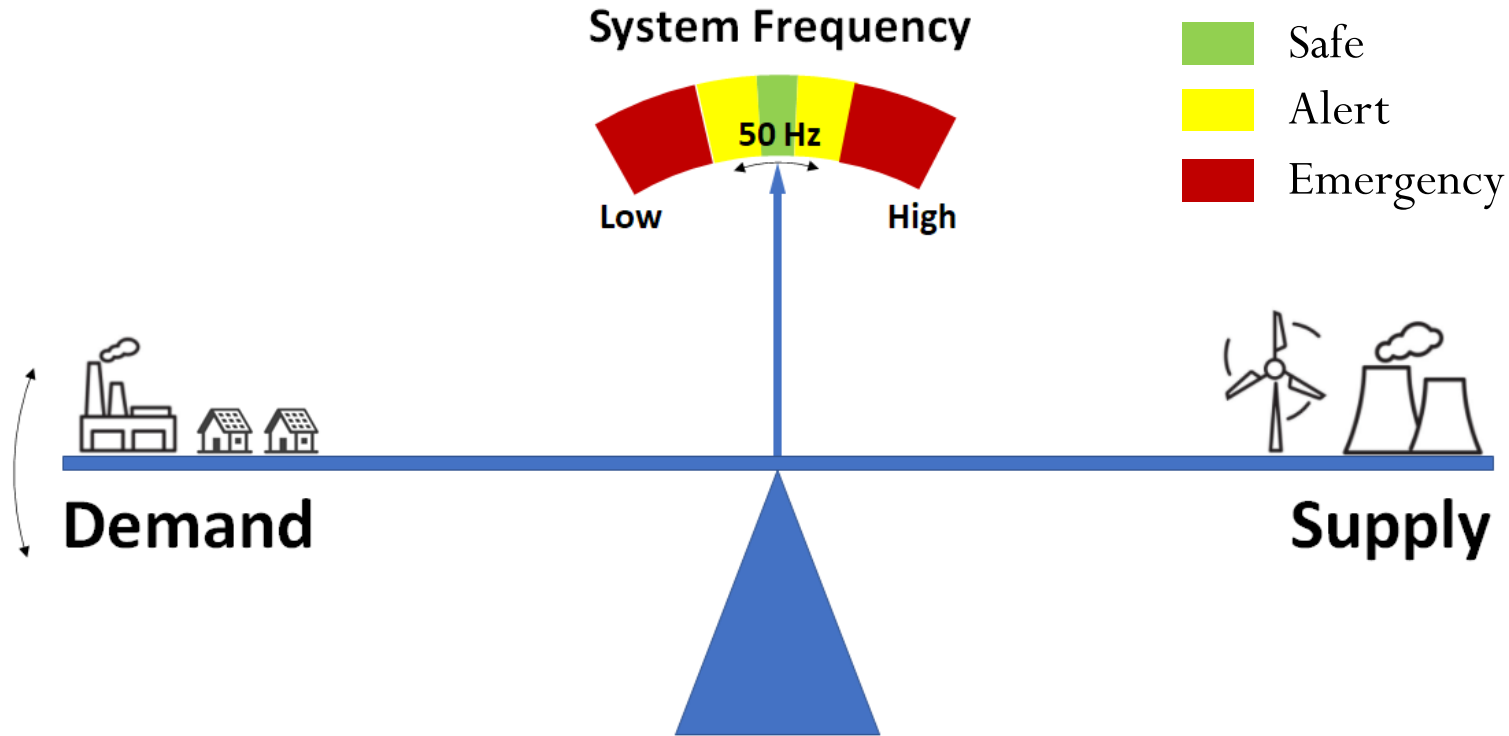
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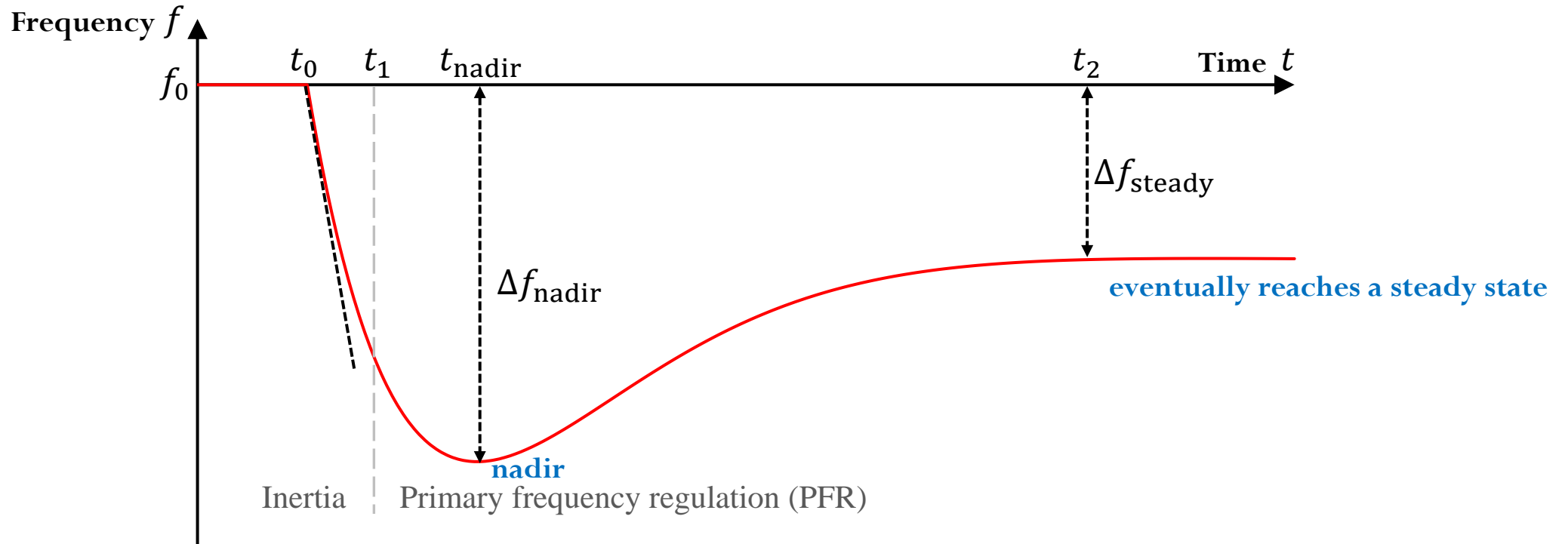
Power System Frequency



The frequency of power systems should be maintained closely around the nominal value

General Frequency Dynamics

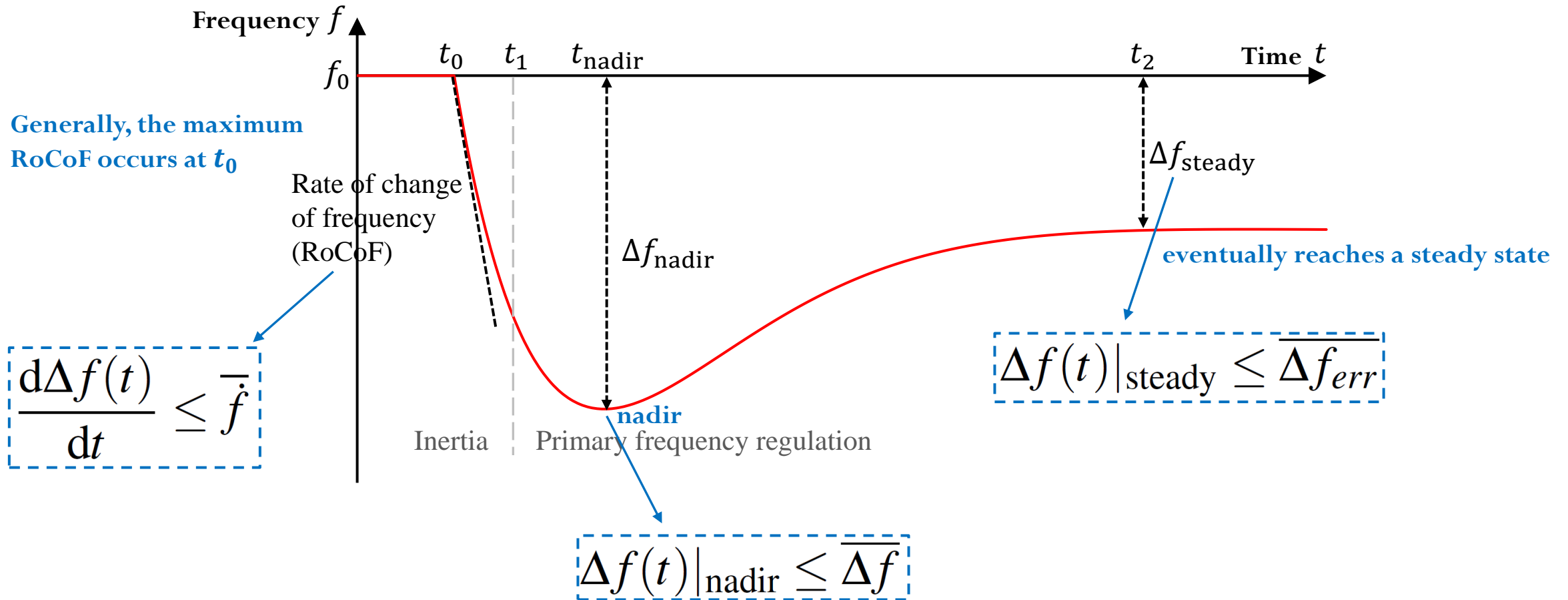
Frequency dynamics during an under-frequency event (a sudden loss of generation at t_0)



- $t_0 - t_1$: Inertia plays a major role in mitigating frequency drop (PFR does not respond effectively)
- $t_1 - t_2$: PFR becomes significant, and the frequency eventually reaches a steady state
- t_{nadir} : Time to reach the nadir during the whole dynamics

Frequency Security Metrics

Frequency dynamics during an under-frequency event (a sudden loss of generation at t_0)



Governing Equations

Governing equations of system frequency dynamics

$$\overset{\text{inertia}}{2H_{\text{sys}}} \frac{d\Delta f(t)}{dt} + \overset{\text{load damping}}{k_D P_d} \Delta f(t) = \overset{\text{imbalance}}{\Delta P_d} - \overset{\text{PFR}}{P_{\text{sys}}^{\text{PR}}(t)}$$

$$\Delta f(t)|_{t=0} = 0 \text{ (Initial condition)}$$

Total PFR power

$$P_{\text{sys}}^{\text{PR}}(t) = \sum_i [P_{g,i}^{\text{PR}}(t) + P_{w,i}^{\text{PR}}(t)]$$

$$T_{g,i} \frac{dP_{g,i}^{\text{PR}}(t)}{dt} + P_{g,i}^{\text{PR}}(t) = G_{g,i} I_{g,i} \Delta f(t)$$

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PFR power from thermal units

$$P_{w,i}^{\text{PR}}(t) = G_{w,i} \Delta f(t)$$

PFR power from wind farms

Notation:

i : bus index

k_D : load damping rate

P_d : total power load

ΔP_d : power imbalance

T_g/T_w : response constant

G_g/G_w : droop factor

H_{sys} : total inertia

Δf : frequency deviation

$P_{\text{sys}}^{\text{PR}}$: total PFR power

$P_g^{\text{PR}}/P_w^{\text{PR}}$: PFR power

I_g : online/offline status

Frequency-Secured Unit Commitment

Objective: Minimize operation cost

$$\min \sum_{\tau} \sum_i \underbrace{(c_{su,i}U_{g,i,\tau} + c_{sd,i}D_{g,i,\tau})}_{\text{startup \& shutdown cost}} + \underbrace{c_g^{PR}R_{g,i,\tau}^{PR} + c_w^{PR}R_{w,i,\tau}^{PR}}_{\text{PFR reserve cost}} + \sum_{\tau} \sum_i \sum_s \underbrace{\omega_s F_{g,i,\tau}^s}_{\text{expected fuel cost}}$$

Subject to:

- Piecewise linearization of fuel cost calculation
- Logic constraint of unit status
- Minimum online & offline time constraint
- **Frequency security constraint**
- Generation and ramping constraint
- Power balance constraint
- DC power flow constraint

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Notation:

S : scenario index

τ : period index

$c(\cdot)$: cost coefficient

ω_s : probability of scenario s

P_w^A : available wind power

H_g/H_w : inertia constant

P_w : integrated wind power

R_g^{PR}/R_w^{PR} : PFR reserve

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Governing equations

Frequency security metrics

$$H_{sys,\tau} = \sum_i (H_{g,i} I_{g,i,\tau} + H_{w,i})$$

$$P_{g,i,\tau}^{PR}(t) \leq R_{g,i,\tau}^{PR} \quad P_{w,i,\tau}^{PR}(t) \leq R_{w,i,\tau}^{PR}$$

$$0 \leq P_{w,i,\tau}^s \leq P_{w,i,\tau}^{A,s} - R_{w,i,\tau}^{PR}$$

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DAE-Constrained Optimization

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Subject to: Two types of constraints

- **Discrete-time constraints** – mixed-integer linear equations, tractably handled by solvers
- **Continuous-time constraints – differential algebraic equations (DAE)**

$$2H_{sys} \frac{d\Delta f(t)}{dt} + k_D P_d \Delta f(t) = \Delta P_d - P_{sys}^{PR}(t)$$

$$\Delta f(t)|_{t=0} = 0$$

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$$P_{g,i}^{PR}(t)|_{t=0} = 0$$

$$P_{g,i,\tau}^{PR}(t) \leq R_{g,i,\tau}^{PR}$$

$$P_{w,i,\tau}^{PR}(t) \leq R_{w,i,\tau}^{PR}$$

$$\Delta f(t)|_{\text{nadir}} \leq \overline{\Delta f}$$

$$\Delta f(t)|_{\text{steady}} \leq \overline{\Delta f_{err}}$$

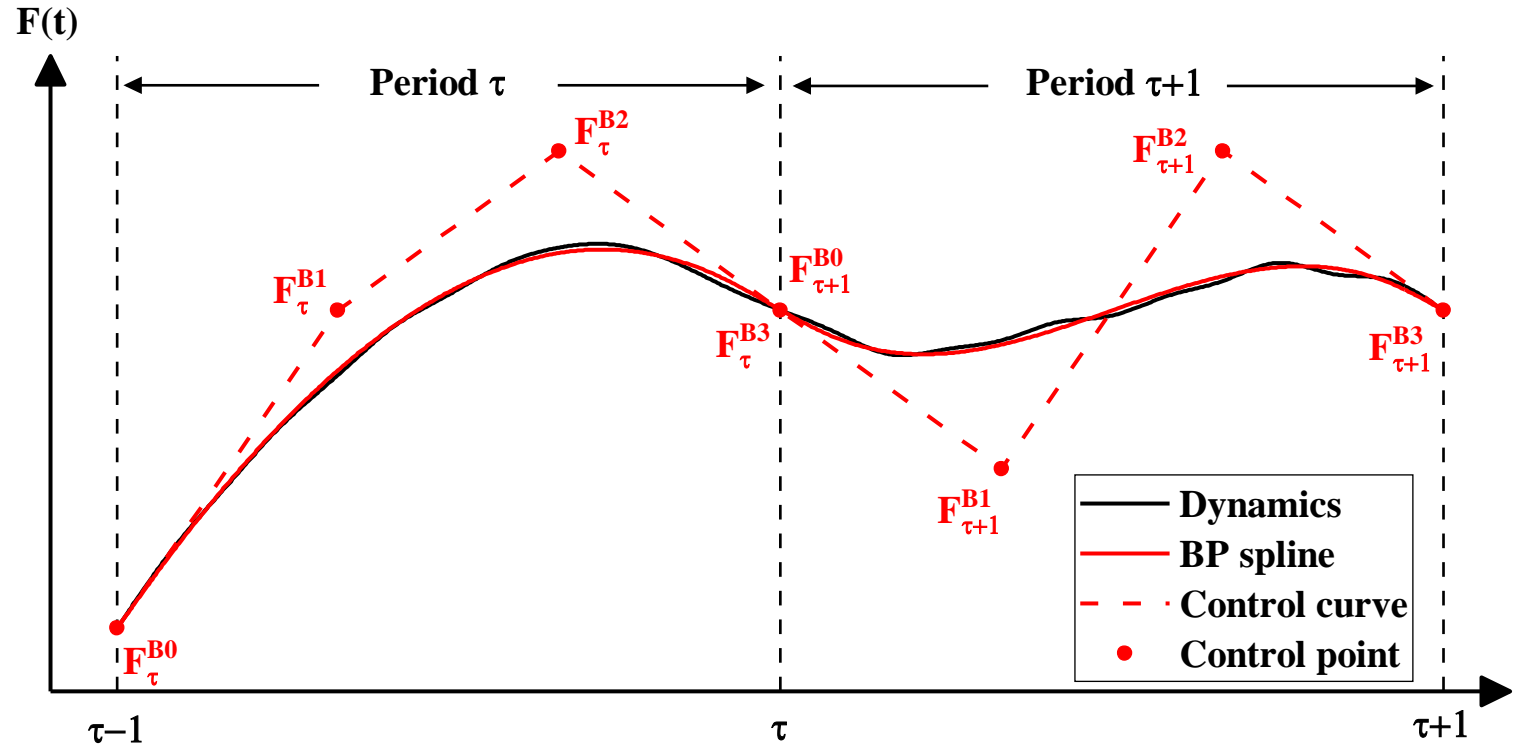
$$\frac{d\Delta f(t)}{dt} \leq \dot{\bar{f}}$$

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Bernstein Polynomial Approximation

Core idea: Use Bernstein polynomial (BP) spline to approximate dynamics



BP spline
$$F(t) = \sum_{k=0}^3 F^{B,k} B_{3,k}(t) = (F^B)^T B_3(t), t \in [0,1]$$

Cubic BP
$$B_{3,k}(t) := \binom{3}{k} t^k (1-t)^{3-k}, t \in [0,1]$$

Transformation – Part 1

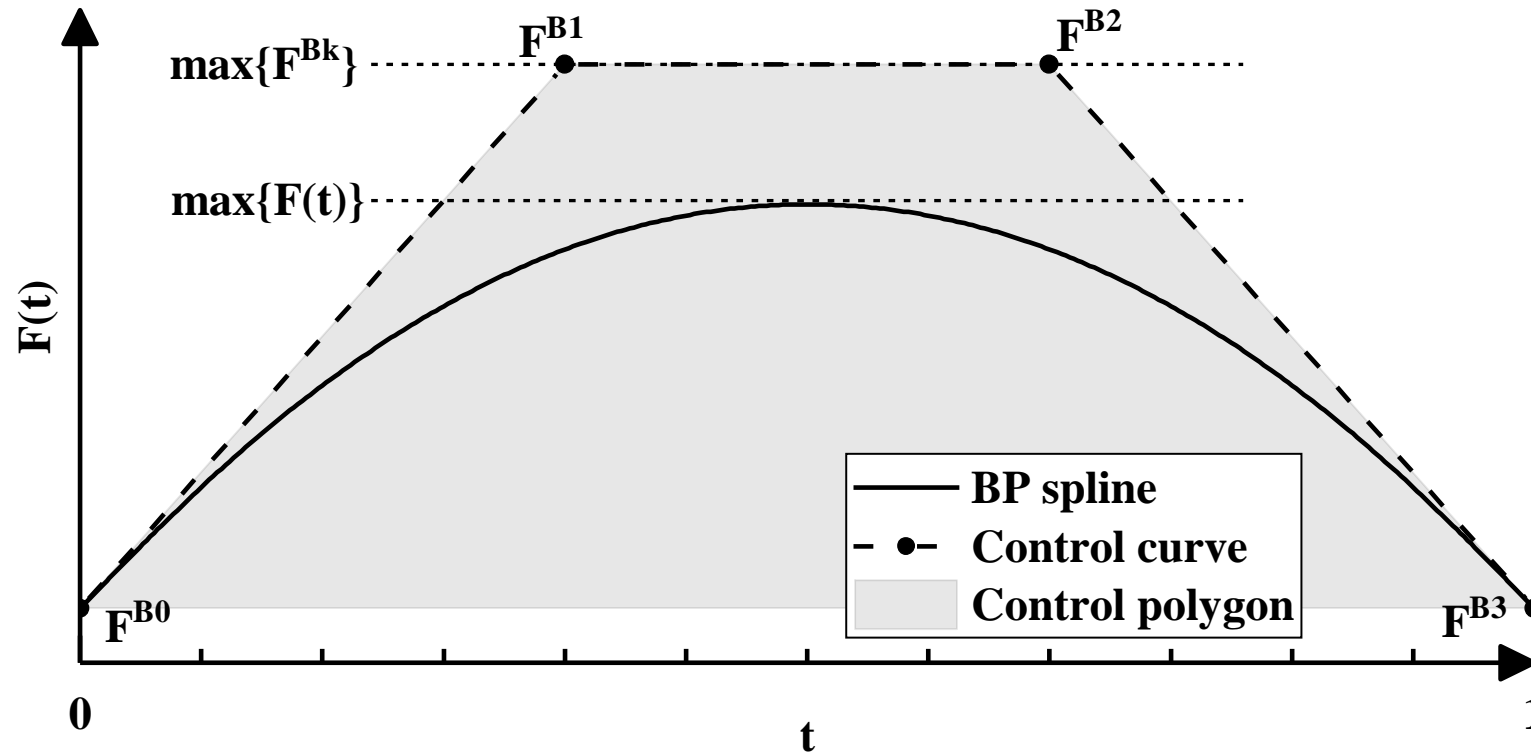
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- Integral term
from 0 to 1 $\int_0^1 F(t) dt = (F^B)^T \int_0^1 B_3(t) dt = 1^T F^B / 4$
- Derivative term $\frac{dF(t)}{dt} = 3[F^{B,1} - F^{B,0}, F^{B,2} - F^{B,1}, F^{B,3} - F^{B,2}] \mathbf{B}_2(t) = (W_3 F^B)^T \mathbf{B}_2(t)$
quadratic BP
- Equality equation $F(t) = 0 \Leftrightarrow (F^B)^T \mathbf{B}_3(t) = 0 \Leftrightarrow F^{B,k} = 0$
undetermined coefficient method

How about inequality equations and ODEs?

Convex-hull Property of BP

BP splines must be inside their corresponding control polygons

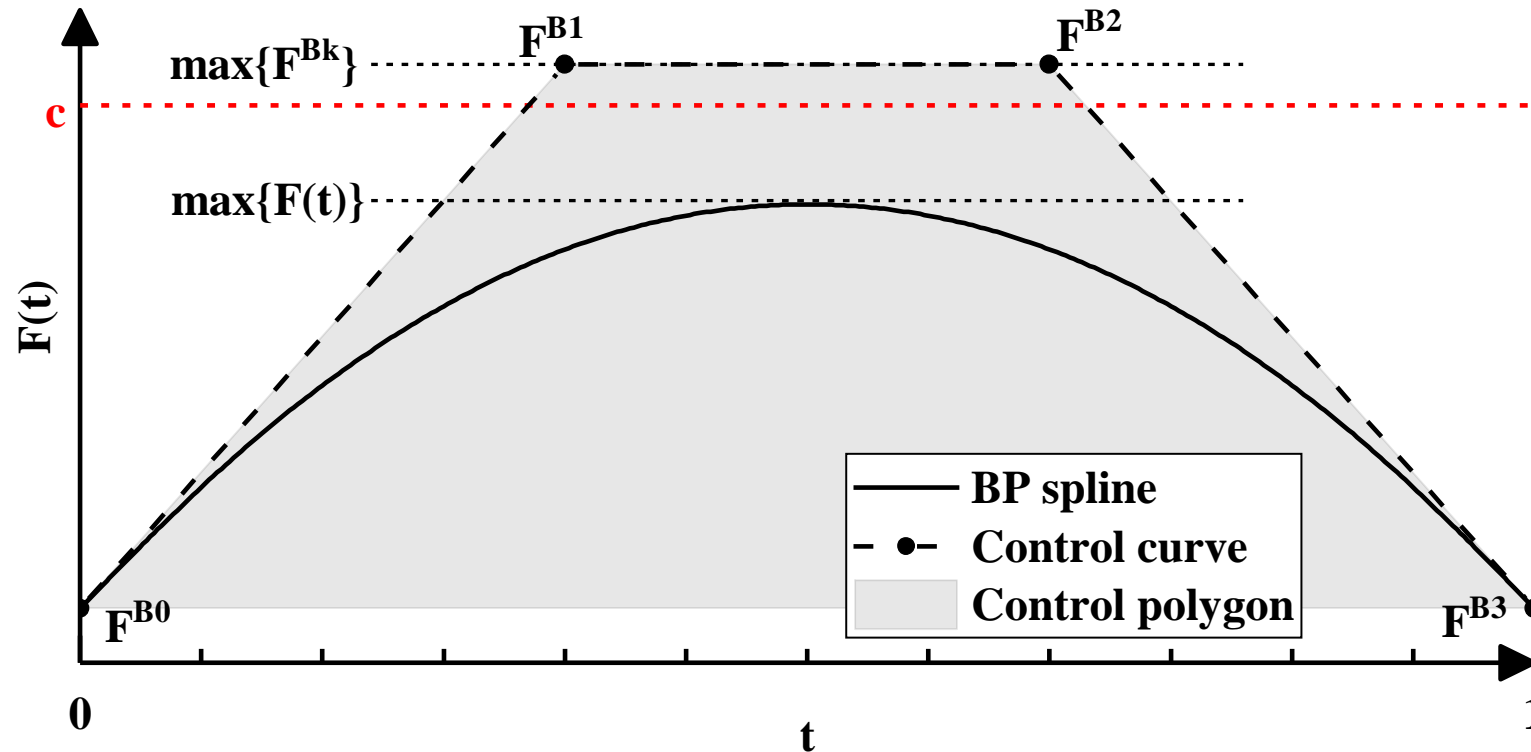


$$\min\{F^{B,k}\} \leq F(t) \leq \max\{F^{B,k}\}$$

➤ Inequality equation $F(t) \leq c \Leftrightarrow \max\{F^{B,k}\} \leq c \Leftrightarrow F^{B,k} \leq c$

Convex-hull Property of BP

There exists **gap** between $\max\{F(t)\}$ and $\max\{F^{B,k}\}$

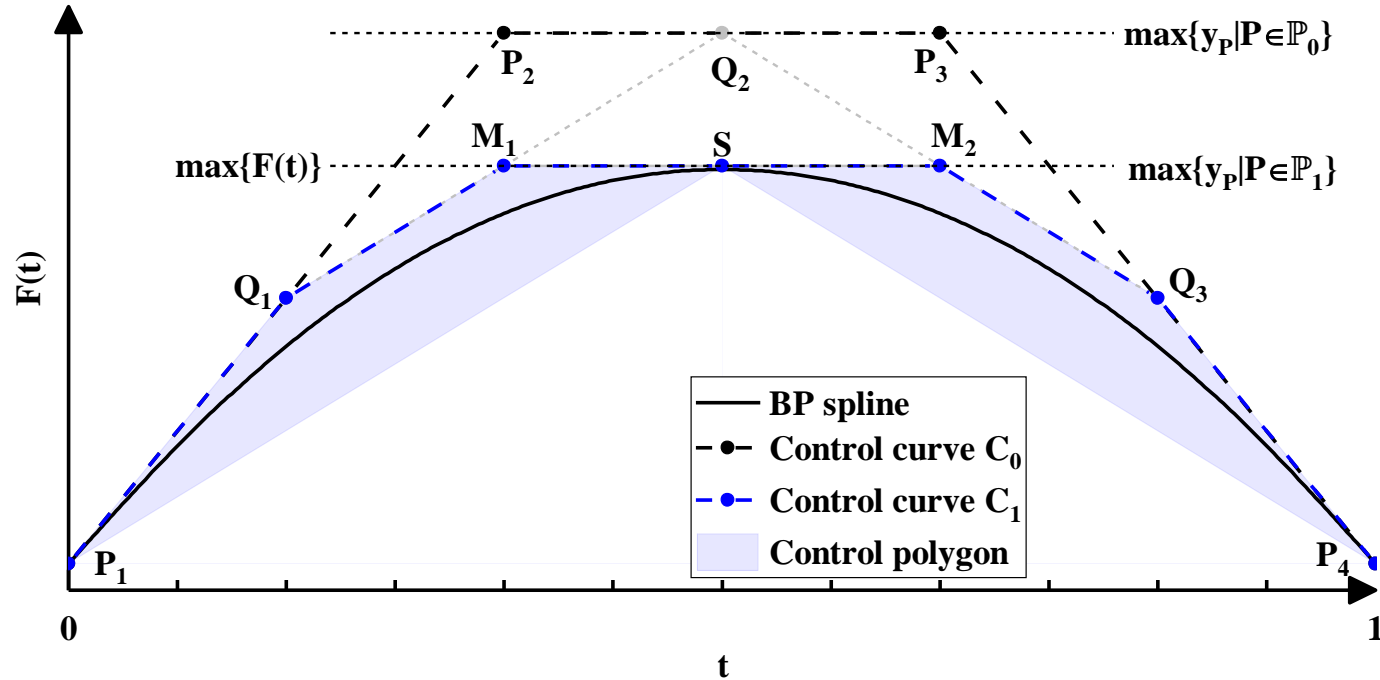


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Subdivision of BP

Break BP splines into several segments, then each segment is still a BP spline



Notation:

\mathbb{P}_i : set of control points after i subdivision

y_P : value of control point P

$Y^{(i)}$: vector of ordinate of control points after i subdivision

Ref: W. Boehm and A. Mller, "On de Casteljaeu's algorithm," Computer Aided Geometric Design, vol. 16, no. 7, pp. 587–605, 1999.

de Casteljaeu's algorithm

$$\begin{cases} \overrightarrow{P_1Q_1} = t_0\overrightarrow{P_1P_2}, \overrightarrow{P_2Q_2} = t_0\overrightarrow{P_2P_3}, \overrightarrow{P_3Q_3} = t_0\overrightarrow{P_3P_4} \\ \overrightarrow{Q_1M_1} = t_0\overrightarrow{Q_1Q_2}, \overrightarrow{Q_2M_2} = t_0\overrightarrow{Q_2Q_3} \\ \overrightarrow{M_1S} = t_0\overrightarrow{M_1M_2} \end{cases}$$

Assume $Y^{(0)} = F^B$, we have $Y^{(1)} = AY^{(0)}$

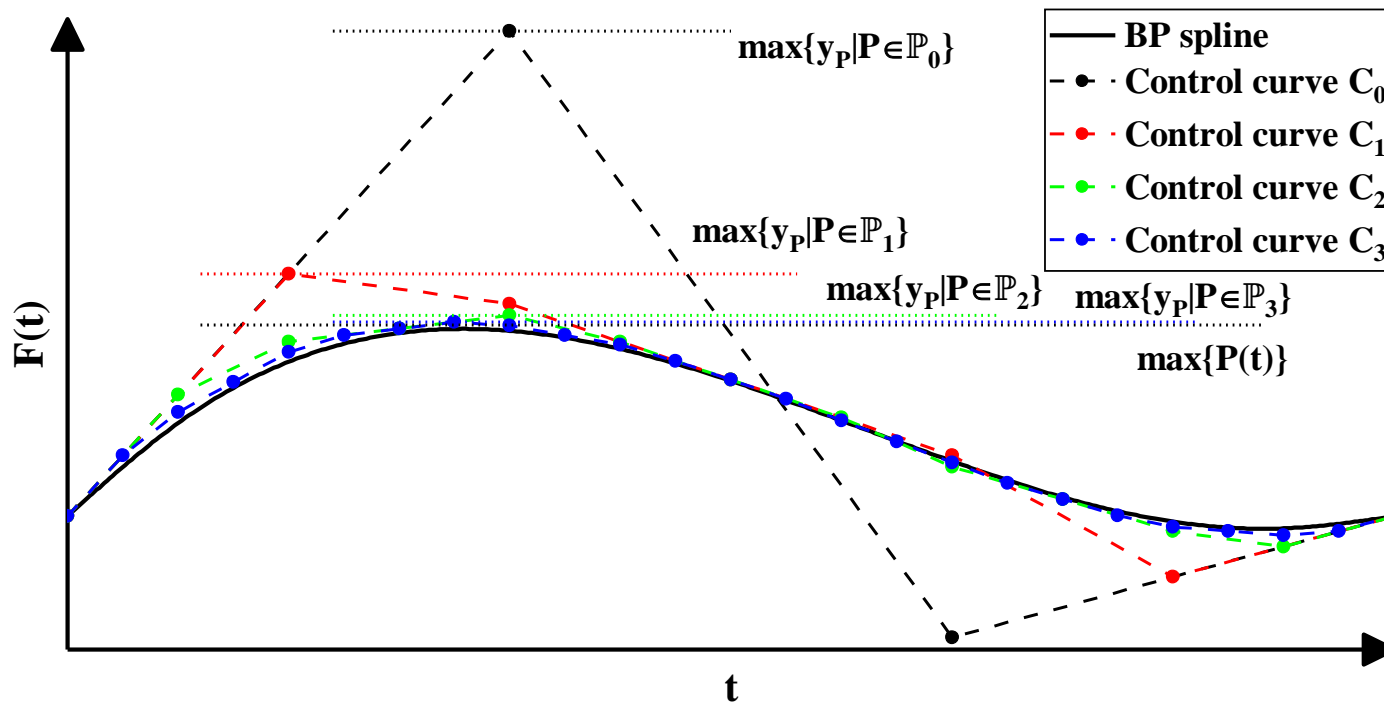
$$A_l = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1-t_0 & t_0 & 0 & 0 \\ (1-t_0)^2 & 2t_0(1-t_0) & t_0^2 & 0 \\ (1-t_0)^3 & 3t_0(1-t_0)^2 & 3t_0^2(1-t_0) & t_0^3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_r = \begin{bmatrix} (1-t_0)^3 & 3t_0(1-t_0)^2 & 3t_0^2(1-t_0) & t_0^3 \\ 0 & (1-t_0)^2 & 2t_0(1-t_0) & t_0^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1-t_0 & t_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = [A_l^T, A_r^T]^T$$

Transformation – Part 2

By **repeatedly** implementing the subdivision property, we can narrow the gap between BP splines and control curves



$$\max\{F(t)\} \leq \max\{y_P | P \in \mathbb{P}_m\}$$

$$Y^{(m)} = D^{(m)} Y^{(m-1)}, m \geq 1$$

$$D^{(m)} = \begin{bmatrix} A & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & A \end{bmatrix} (2^{m-1} A)$$

$$Y^{(m)} = D^{(m)} \dots D^{(1)} Y^{(0)} = E^{(m)} Y^{(0)}$$

eliminate repeated control points

$$Y^{(m)} = J^{(m)} Y^{(0)}$$

enhancement matrix

$$\max\{F(t)\} \leq \max\{J^{(m)} F^B\}$$

➤ Inequality equation $F(t) \leq c \Leftrightarrow J^{(m)} F^B \leq c$

Operation Matrix of BP & Transformation – Part 3

Basic idea: Use $(n - 1)$ th-order polynomial to approximate n th-order terms

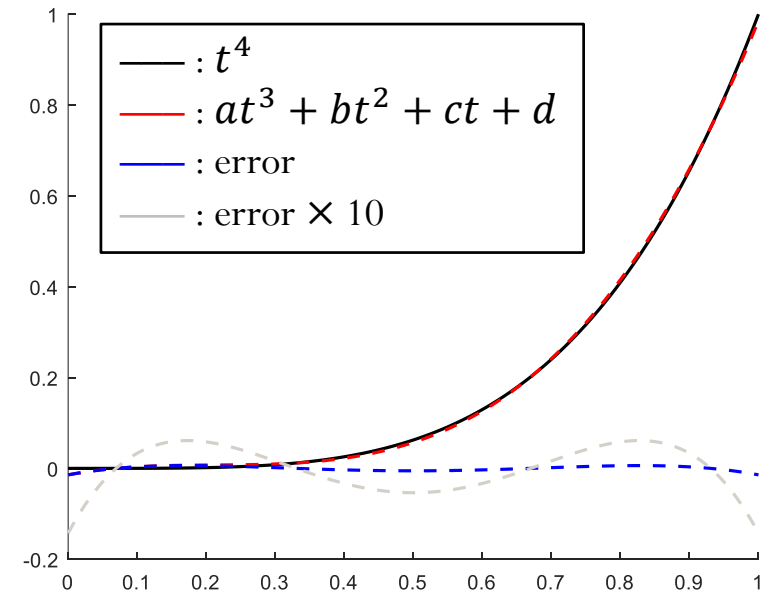
$$t^4 \approx at^3 + bt^2 + ct + d$$

$$\int_0^t B_3(t) dt \approx LB_3(t)$$

operational matrix

➤ **Integral term** from 0 to t

$$\int_0^t F(t) dt = (F^B)^T \int_0^t B_3(t) dt \approx (F^B)^T LB_3(t)$$



Maximum error: 0.006122

Average error: 0.004104

Transformation Rules

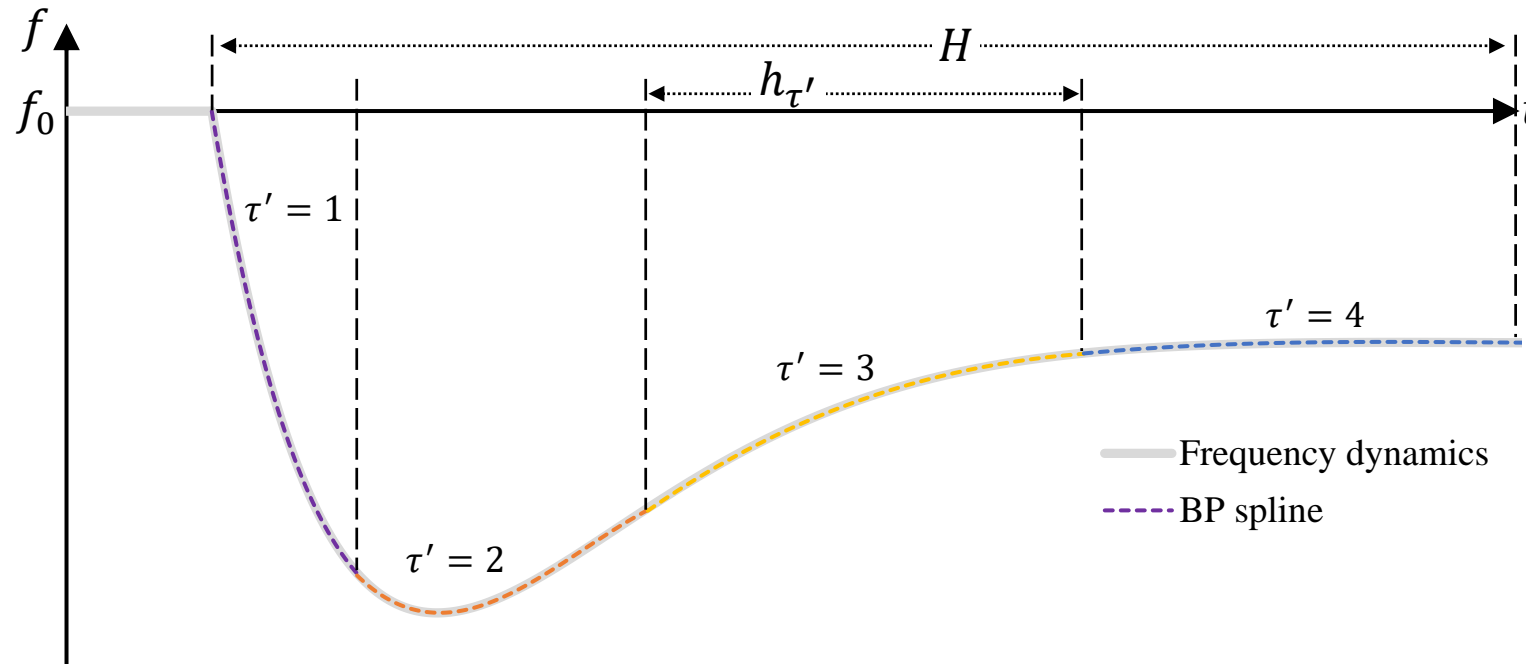
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from 0 to t $\int_0^t F(t) dt \approx (F^B)^T L B_3(t)$
- Derivative term $\frac{dF(t)}{dt} = (W_3 F^B)^T B_2(t)$
- Equality equation $F(\tau) = 0 \Leftrightarrow F^{B,k} = 0$
- Inequality equation $F(t) \leq c \Leftrightarrow J^{(m)} F^B \leq c$

Segment-wise Approximation

1-segment BP approximation is not able to fit frequency dynamics for infinitely long

- A multi-segment BP approximation produces better performance
- The number of constraints increases linearly with the number of segments.



We suggest an **uneven division of H**

- the early segments should be shorter for a more accurate estimate of nadir
- the latter segments should be longer to relieve computational burden

Implementation in Frequency Dynamics

Transformation of governing equations

$$2H_{sys} \frac{d\Delta f(t)}{dt} + k_D P_d \Delta f(t) = \Delta P_d - P_{sys}^{PR}(t)$$

$$\Delta f(t)|_{t=0} = 0$$

$$\int_0^t \left[\frac{2H_{sys}}{h_{\tau'}} \frac{d\Delta f(t)}{dt} + k_D P_d \Delta f(t) \right] dt = \int_0^t [\Delta P_d - \Delta P_{sys}^{PR}(t)] dt$$

$$T_{g,i} \frac{dP_{g,i}^{PR}(t)}{dt} + P_{g,i}^{PR}(t) = G_{g,i} I_{g,i} \Delta f(t)$$

$$P_{g,i}^{PR}(t)|_{t=0} = 0$$

$$P_{w,i}^{PR}(t) = G_{w,i} \Delta f(t)$$

$$\frac{2H_{sys}}{h_{\tau'}} (\Delta f_{\tau'}^B - \Delta f_{\tau',ini}^B) + k_D P_d L^T \Delta f_{\tau'}^B = L^T (\Delta P_d^B - P_{sys,\tau'}^{PR,B})$$

$$\Delta f_{\tau',ini}^{B,k}|_{\tau'=1} = \Delta f_{DB}^B, \Delta f_{\tau',ini}^{B,k}|_{\tau'>1} = \Delta f_{\tau'-1}^{B,3}$$

$$\frac{T_{g,i}}{h_{\tau'}} (P_{g,i,\tau'}^{PR,B} - P_{g,i,\tau',ini}^{PR,B}) + L^T P_{g,i,\tau'}^{PR,B} = G_{g,i} I_{g,i} L^T (\Delta f_{\tau'}^B - \Delta f_{DB}^B)$$

$$P_{g,i,\tau',ini}^{PR,B,k}|_{\tau'=1} = 0, P_{g,i,\tau',ini}^{PR,B,k}|_{\tau'>1} = P_{g,i,\tau'-1}^{PR,B,3}$$

$$P_{w,i,\tau'}^{PR,B} = G_{w,i} (\Delta f_{\tau'}^B - \Delta f_{DB}^B)$$

Implementation in Frequency Dynamics

Frequency security metrics

$$\frac{d\Delta f(t)}{dt} \leq \bar{\dot{f}}$$



$$2\bar{\dot{f}}H_{sys,\tau} \geq \Delta P_{d,\tau}$$

$$\Delta f(t)|_{\text{nadir}} \leq \overline{\Delta f}$$



$$J\Delta f_{\tau'}^B \leq \overline{\Delta f}$$

$$\Delta f(t)|_{\text{steady}} \leq \overline{\Delta f_{err}}$$



$$k_D P_d \overline{\Delta f_{err}} + G_{sys,\tau} (\overline{\Delta f_{err}} - \Delta f_{DB}) \geq \Delta P_{d,\tau}$$

PFR reserve

$$P_{w,i,\tau}^{PR}(t) \leq R_{w,i,\tau}^{PR}$$



$$JP_{g,i,\tau,\tau'}^{PR,B} \leq R_{g,i,\tau}^{PR}$$

$$P_{g,i,\tau}^{PR}(t) \leq R_{g,i,\tau}^{PR}$$



$$JP_{w,i,\tau,\tau'}^{PR,B} \leq R_{w,i,\tau}^{PR}$$

Mixed-integer linear reformulation

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Subject to:

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- **Continuous-time constraints** → **mixed-integer linear equations**

$$\frac{2H_{sys}}{h_{\tau'}} (\Delta f_{\tau'}^B - \Delta f_{\tau',ini}^B) + k_D P_d L^T \Delta f_{\tau'}^B = L^T (\Delta P_d^B - P_{sys,\tau'}^{PR,B})$$

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$$2\bar{f}H_{sys,\tau} \geq \Delta P_{d,\tau} \quad J\Delta f_{\tau'}^B \leq \overline{\Delta f}$$

$$\frac{T_{g,i}}{h_{\tau'}} (P_{g,i,\tau'}^{PR,B} - P_{g,i,\tau',ini}^{PR,B}) + L^T P_{g,i,\tau'}^{PR,B} = G_{g,i} I_{g,i} L^T (\Delta f_{\tau'}^B - \Delta f_{DB}^B)$$

$$k_D P_d \overline{\Delta f_{err}} + G_{sys,\tau} (\overline{\Delta f_{err}} - \Delta f_{DB}^B) \geq \Delta P_{d,\tau}$$

$$P_{g,i,\tau',ini}^{PR,B,k} |_{\tau'=1} = 0, \quad P_{g,i,\tau',ini}^{PR,B,k} |_{\tau'>1} = P_{g,i,\tau'-1}^{PR,B,3}$$

$$JP_{g,i,\tau,\tau'}^{PR,B} \leq R_{g,i,\tau}^{PR} \quad JP_{w,i,\tau,\tau'}^{PR,B} \leq R_{w,i,\tau}^{PR}$$

$$P_{w,i,\tau'}^{PR,B} = G_{w,i} (\Delta f_{\tau'}^B - \Delta f_{DB}^B)$$

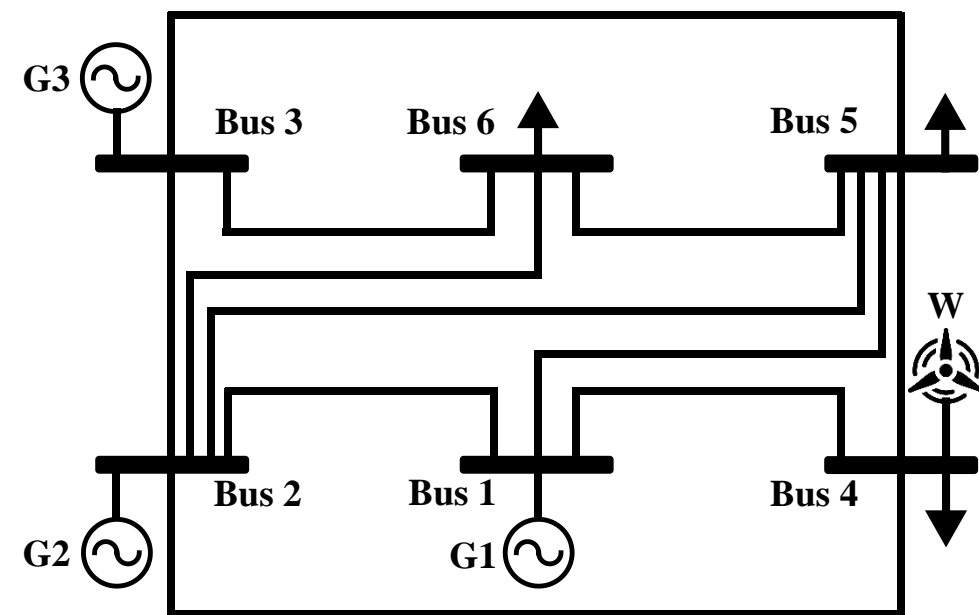
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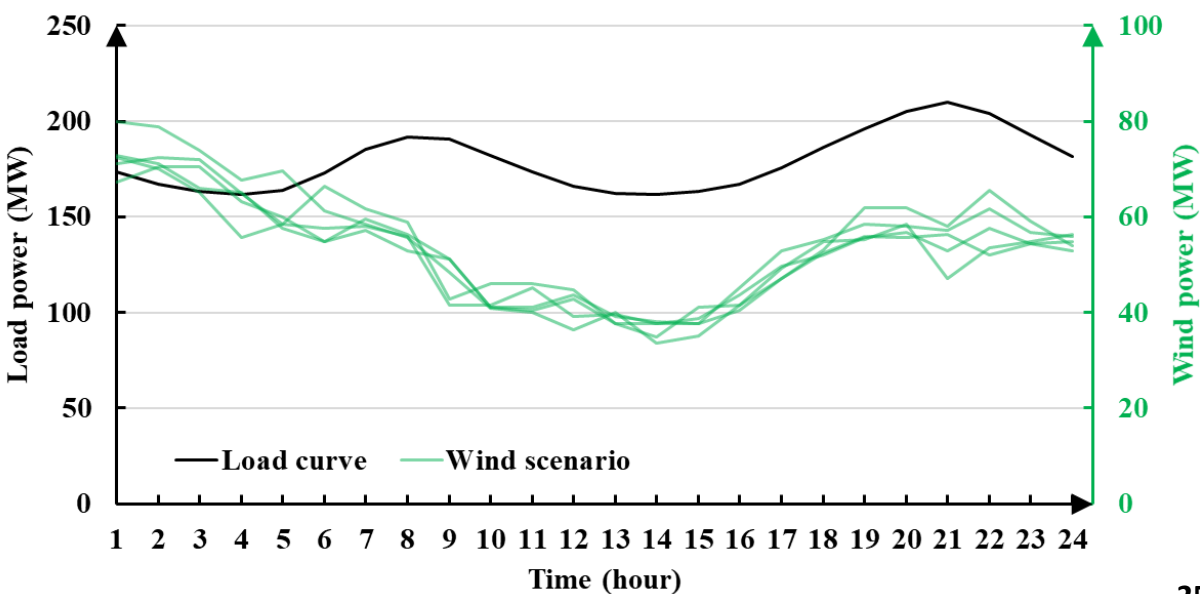
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Set up

IEEE 6-bus system



MAIN TECHNICAL PARAMETERS				
Units	G1	G2	G3	W
Capacity (MW)	200	150	180	80
Minimum generation (MW)	60	45	54	\
Inertia constant (s)	8	5	6	5
Response constant (s)	10	4	6	0
Droop factor (MW/Hz)	20	25	18	20



Stochastic UC (power imbalance of 5% load in each period)

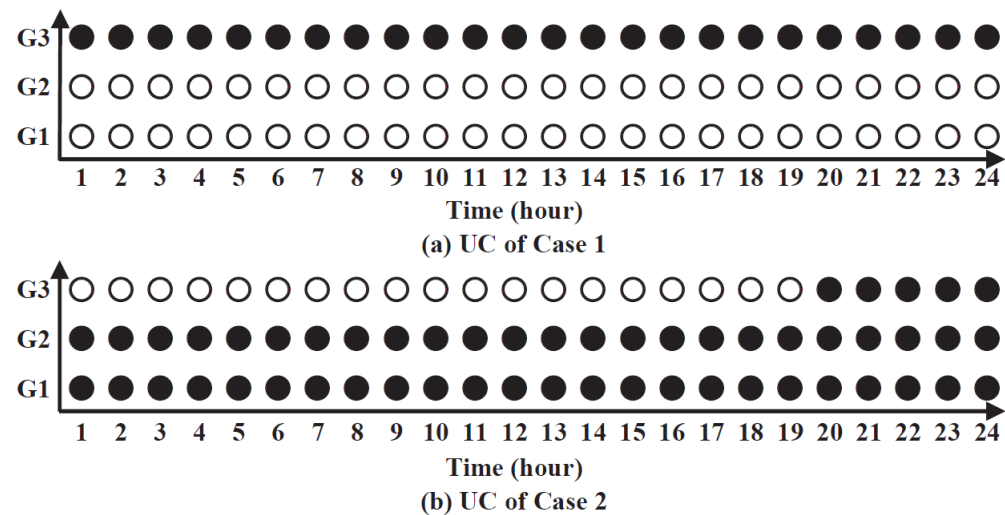
Case 1: without frequency constraints

Case 2: with the proposed DAE frequency constraints
(RoCoF: 0.5 Hz/s, nadir: 0.5 Hz, steady: 0.3 Hz)

Stochastic scenarios

Effectiveness

Overall results – UC and costs



Optimal UC in the two cases

- Case 1 violates the frequency security limits
- In Case 2, G1 and G2 are always online and G3 is started up in hour 20

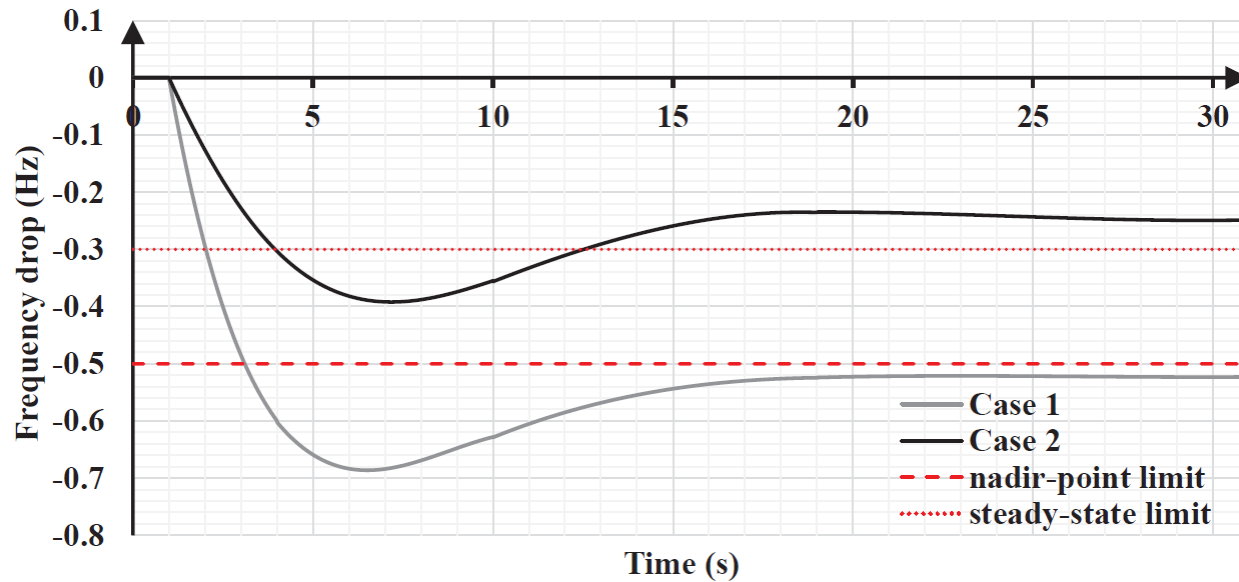
Overall comparison results

Comparison terms	Case 1	Case 2
Startup&shutdown cost (\$)	0	5400
PFR reserve cost of units (\$)	0	5102.38
Expected fuel cost (\$)	41328.08	46944.19
PFR reserve cost of WF (\$)	0	947.90
Total cost (\$)	41328.08	58394.47
Total PFR reserve of units (MWh)	0	340.16
Total PFR reserve of WF (MWh)	0	189.58
Maximum RoCoF (Hz/s)	0.3547	0.1784
Maximum Δf at the nadir (Hz)	0.6861	0.4474
Maximum Δf at the steady state (Hz)	0.5237	0.2930
	(hour 21)	(hour 19)

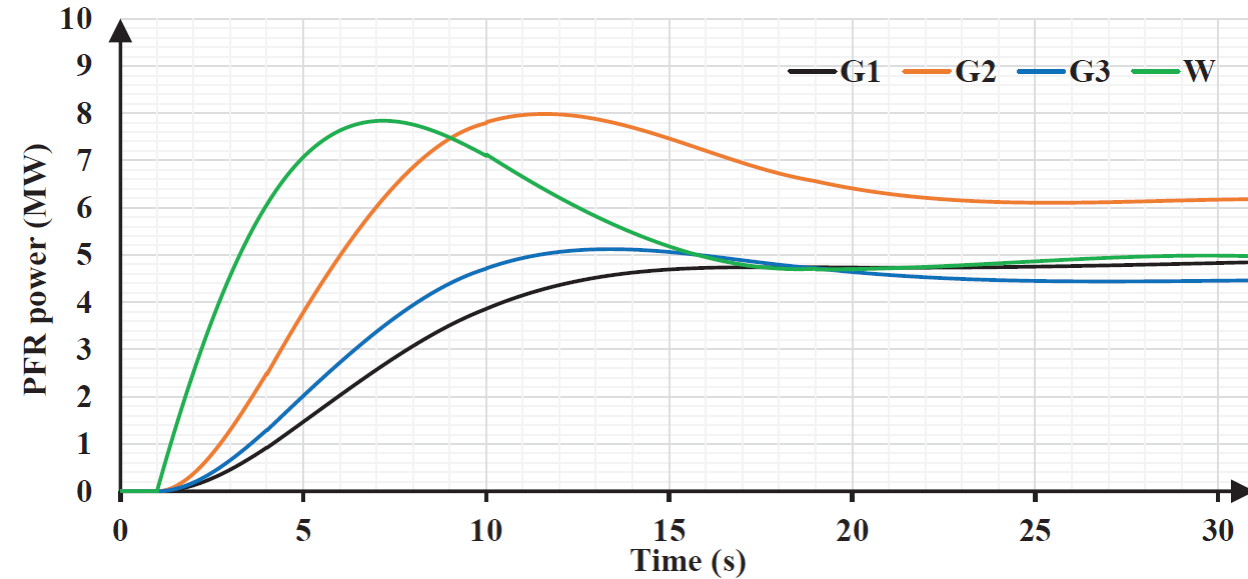
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Effectiveness

Detailed results – Frequency dynamics in hour 21



Comparison of Frequency Dynamics in Both Cases
(RoCoF: 0.5 Hz/s, nadir: 0.5 Hz, steady: 0.3 Hz)

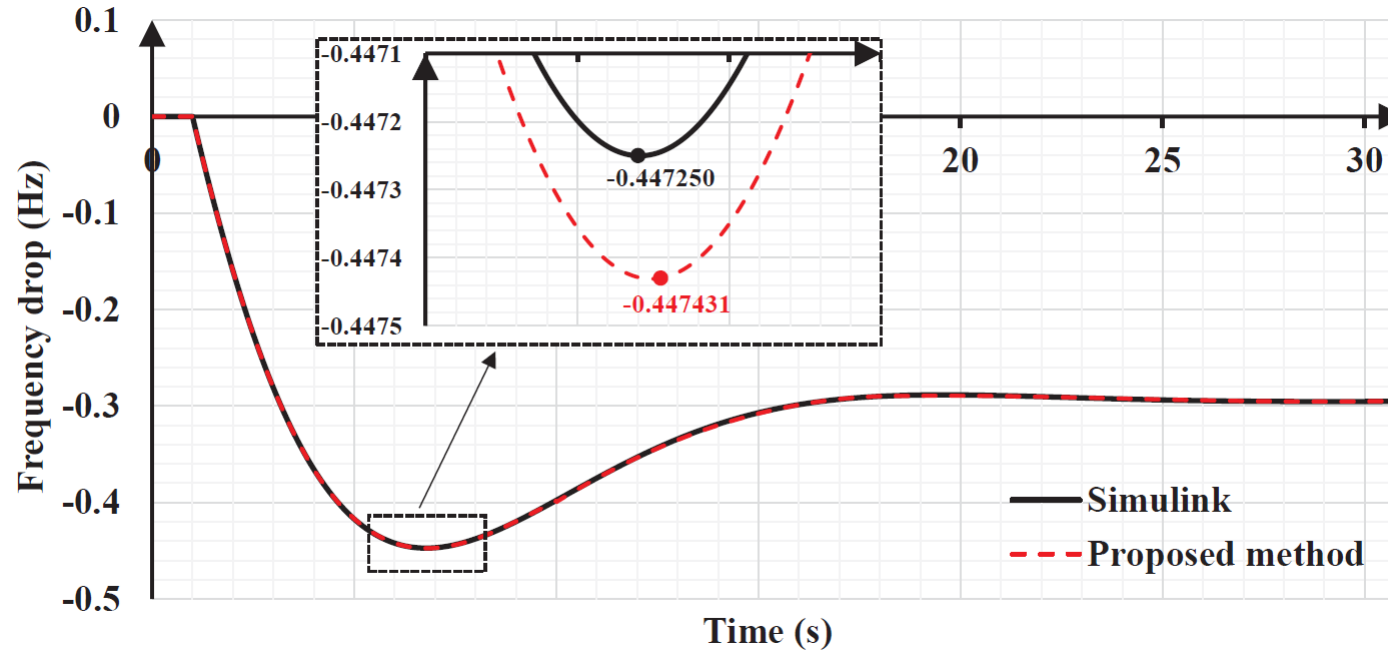


PFR Power Dynamics in Case 2

The proposed method can effectively guarantee frequency security

Accuracy

Comparison with numerical simulation (Simulink) – hour 19 of Case 2



Frequency Dynamics From the Proposed Approximation vs. From Simulink
(RoCoF: 0.5 Hz/s, nadir: 0.5 Hz, steady: 0.3 Hz)

Highly accurate! The relative error in evaluating the nadir-point frequency is about 0.04%

Scalability

Scalability analysis in the IEEE 118-bus system

Overall Comparison in IEEE 118-bus system

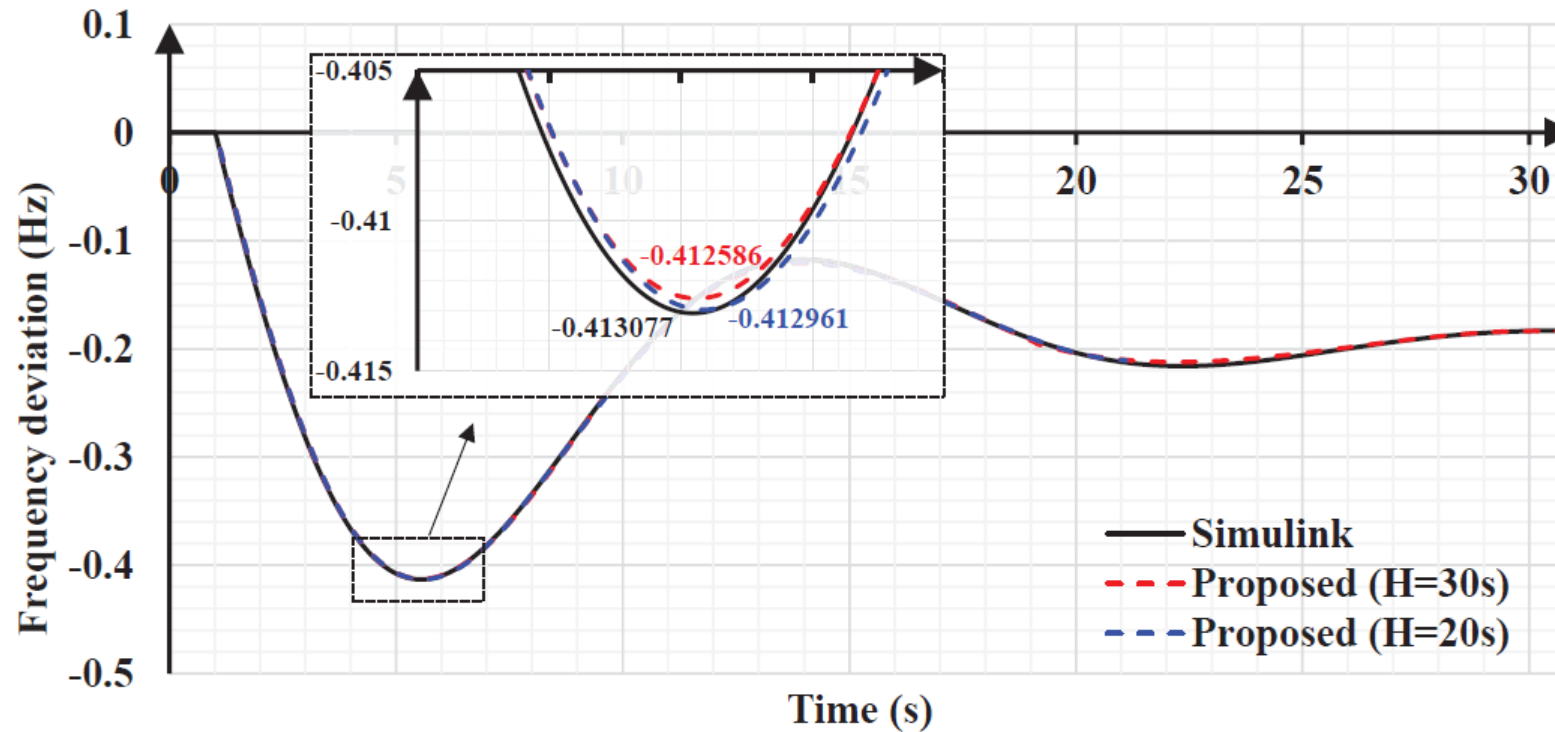
Comparison terms	Case 1	Case 2
Operation cost of thermal units (k\$)	2184.18	2394.85
PFR reserve cost of thermal units (k\$)	0	155.65
PFR reserve cost of wind farm (k\$)	0	9.81
Total cost (k\$)	2184.18	2560.32
Maximum RoCoF (Hz/s)	0.2598	0.1696
Maximum Δf at the nadir (Hz)	0.7748	0.4318
Maximum Δf at the quasi-steady state (Hz)	0.4950	0.1935
Computation time (s)	49.98	2472

(RoCoF: 0.5 Hz/s, nadir: 0.5 Hz, steady: 0.3 Hz)

The computation time of the proposed method is about 40 minutes, which is acceptable for day-ahead scheduling

Scalability

Comparison with numerical simulation (Simulink)



Frequency Dynamics From the Proposed Approximation vs. From Simulink

Still highly accurate! Relative error: 0.12% (30s), 0.03% (20s)

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Conclusion

- We **incorporated** the frequency dynamics using **DAEs** into the stochastic **UC** model and validated the effectiveness in deciding UC and PFR reserves for frequency security
- We adopted **BP splines** to obtain a **linear** approximation of the DAEs and demonstrated the high accuracy in depicting frequency dynamics
- Future works: transformation of nonlinear constraints

Thank You for Attention!