

# Trustworthy AI for Power Systems

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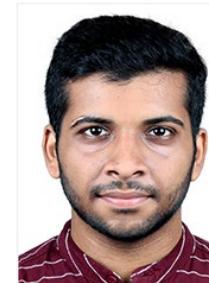
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- Sometimes impossible or very difficult to develop models based on first principles, e.g. weather forecasting, image processing, etc.

## 2. ML methods can infer from incomplete data

- Given a limited set of training data, ML methods are known to generalize well, e.g. written text recognition

## 3. ML methods can be extremely fast

- Milliseconds instead of seconds, minutes, or hours: Require a limited set of linear and simple non-linear computations instead of e.g. computationally intensive numerical integration methods

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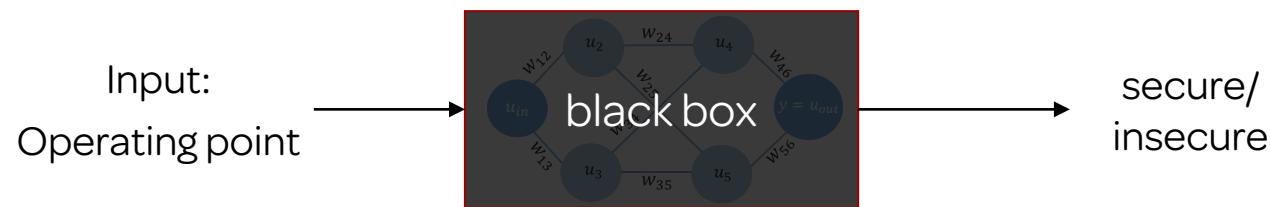
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## Power Systems

1. Real-life power systems are described by thousands of variables, parameters, and differential-algebraic equations
2. It is computationally impossible (intractable) to check for all possible operating conditions
3. Build proxies (=surrogate models) → get an estimate 100-1'000 times faster than conventional models; assess 100-1'000 more scenarios in the same time

# ML Barriers for Power systems

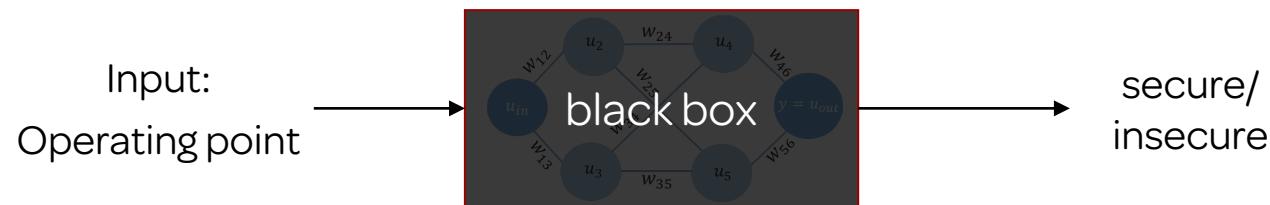


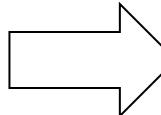
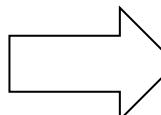
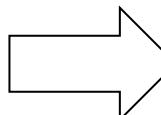
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# Takeaway #1

**Solid motivation is key:** If you wish to apply machine learning (including deep learning) methods on any problem, develop **solid arguments** why this is the only or the best way to do it



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**ML Interpretability** →  
understand the  
decisions of the ML  
Algorithm

**Neural Network  
verification:**  
guarantees for the NN  
performance!  
→ Remove dependence  
on the test database

Physics-Informed  
Neural Networks  
→ Prior knowledge!

# Goals of this lecture

1. The importance of high-quality data
2. Sampling beyond statistics
3. Neural network verification
4. Physics-informed neural networks

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5. If time permits (appendix):
  - capturing previously intractable constraints with Decision Trees and Neural Networks



Article without any equations ☺

S. Chatzivasileiadis, A. Venzke, J. Stiasny and G. Misirlis,  
"Machine Learning in Power Systems: Is It Time to Trust It?",  
in *IEEE Power and Energy Magazine*, vol. 20, no. 3, pp. 32-41,  
May-June 2022 [[.pdf](#)]

# Machine learning applications (for power system security assessment)

## A very short overview

# The ingredients

## What do we need?

If we want to apply machine learning approaches for power system security

- Scandinavia Standard
- DANISH BRUNCH
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- A training algorithm
- A test database
  - To test accuracy of the approach

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Traditionally:

- Split training database to e.g. 80% training samples and 20% test samples
- Train with the 80%
- Test with the 20%

Modern toolboxes have this integrated and automated → only need to provide a training database

Point to remember:

The test database determines the performance of your method. If the test data come from the same simulations as your training data, the accuracy can be deceptively high. Would it be equally high in reality?

Ideally → use a different real-life dataset

(Unfortunately, not always possible)

## Takeaway #2

**The quality of your test database is crucial:** the test database determines the performance of your method; for a valid assessment, it needs to include a wide range of operating conditions with the same frequency of occurrence as in real-life

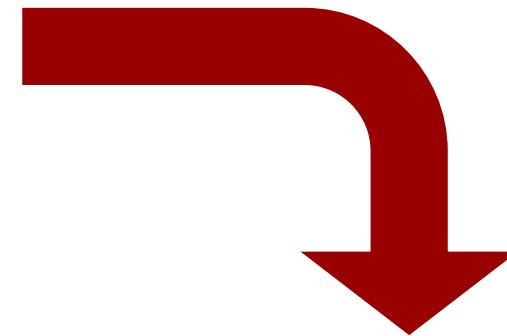
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*Classification for  
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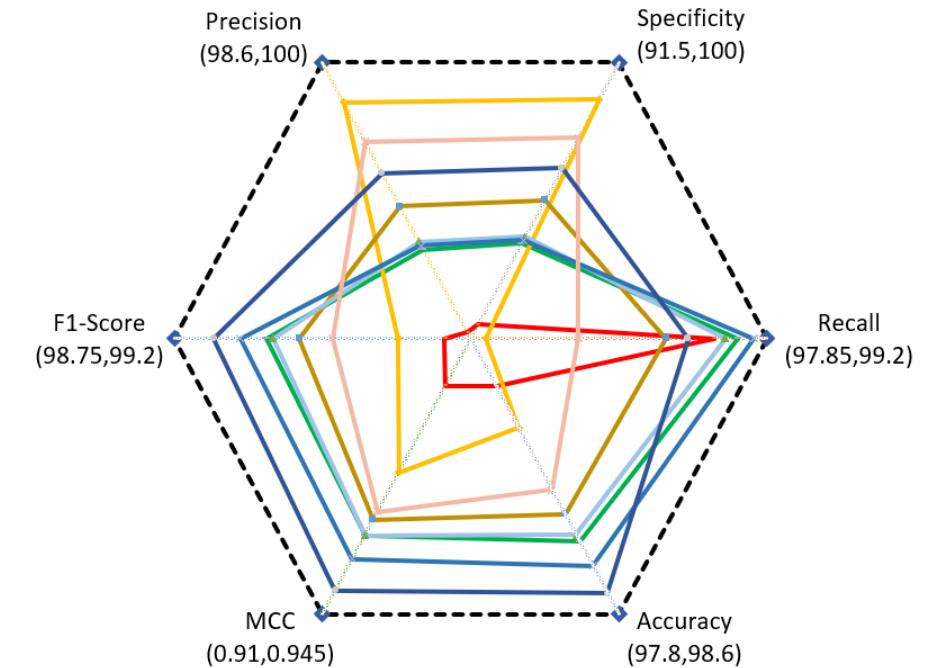
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- 95% accurate but we have misclassified almost all truly safe points!
- For heavily unbalanced data, accuracy is not sufficient!

# Performance metrics

- Accuracy
- Recall: True Positive Rate  $\frac{TP}{TP+FN}$
- Specificity: True Negative Rate  $\frac{TN}{TN+FP}$
- Precision: Positive Predictive Value  $\frac{TP}{TP+FP}$
- F1: harmonic mean of Precision and Recall  $F1 = \frac{Precision \cdot Recall}{Precision + Recall}$
- MCC (Matthews correlation coefficient)  
(only for binary classification – 2 classes only)
  - MCC=1 → perfect prediction
  - MCC=0 → random (like flipping a coin)
  - MCC= -1 → Completely mistaken



Hidalgo-Arteaga, Hancharou, Thams,  
Chatzivasileiadis, Powertech 2019

$$MCC = \frac{(TP \cdot TN) - (FP \cdot FN)}{\sqrt{(TP + FP)(TP + FN)(TN + FP)(TN + FN)}}$$

# Key hints for your implementation

- Regularization: Training of neural networks work better if you normalize your inputs
  - Try to normalize your active power setpoints (e.g. if  $PG1 = 30 \text{ MW}$  and  $PG1\text{max} = 100 \text{ MW}$ , then  $PG1=0.3$ )
- 1-hot encoding: Neural networks work better if you use *one vector for each class*



**Takeaway #3:**  
**Neural networks (or Decision Trees) for classification:  
you need a balanced training database → similar  
number of safe and unsafe points**

**Takeaway #4:**  
**Accuracy is not sufficient** to assess the NN/DT  
performance. We need additional metrics

**Takeaway #5:**  
Neural Network training requires additional “tricks” to  
boost its performance (e.g. 1-hot encoding/regularization)

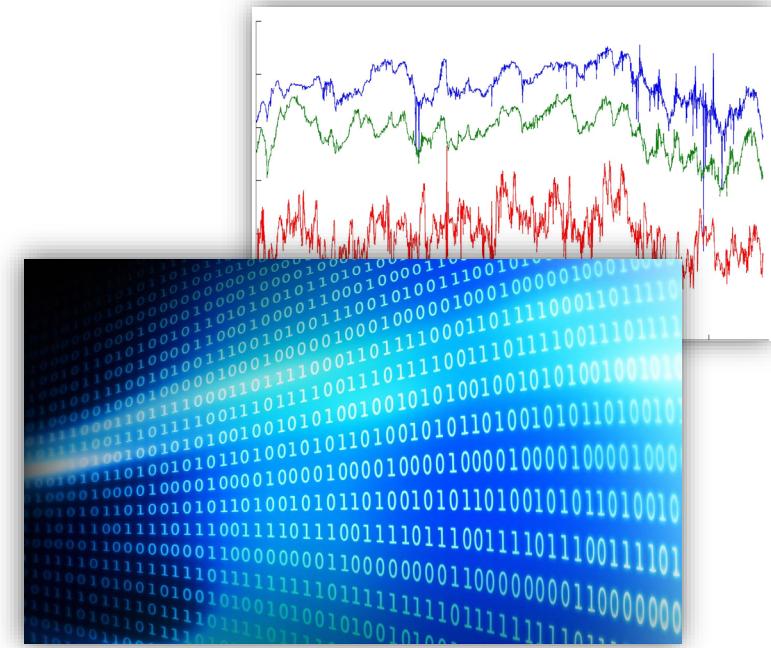
# Training database

# We need data!

1. Historical data are often insufficient
  
2. We often need to generate our own data to test the performance of our ML algorithm before deployment (“emulate”)
  
3. Need to generate simulation data

Here: generate data for power system security assessment

- Assessing the stability of 100'000s of operating points is an extremely demanding task
  - Immense search space
  - How can I do it efficiently?

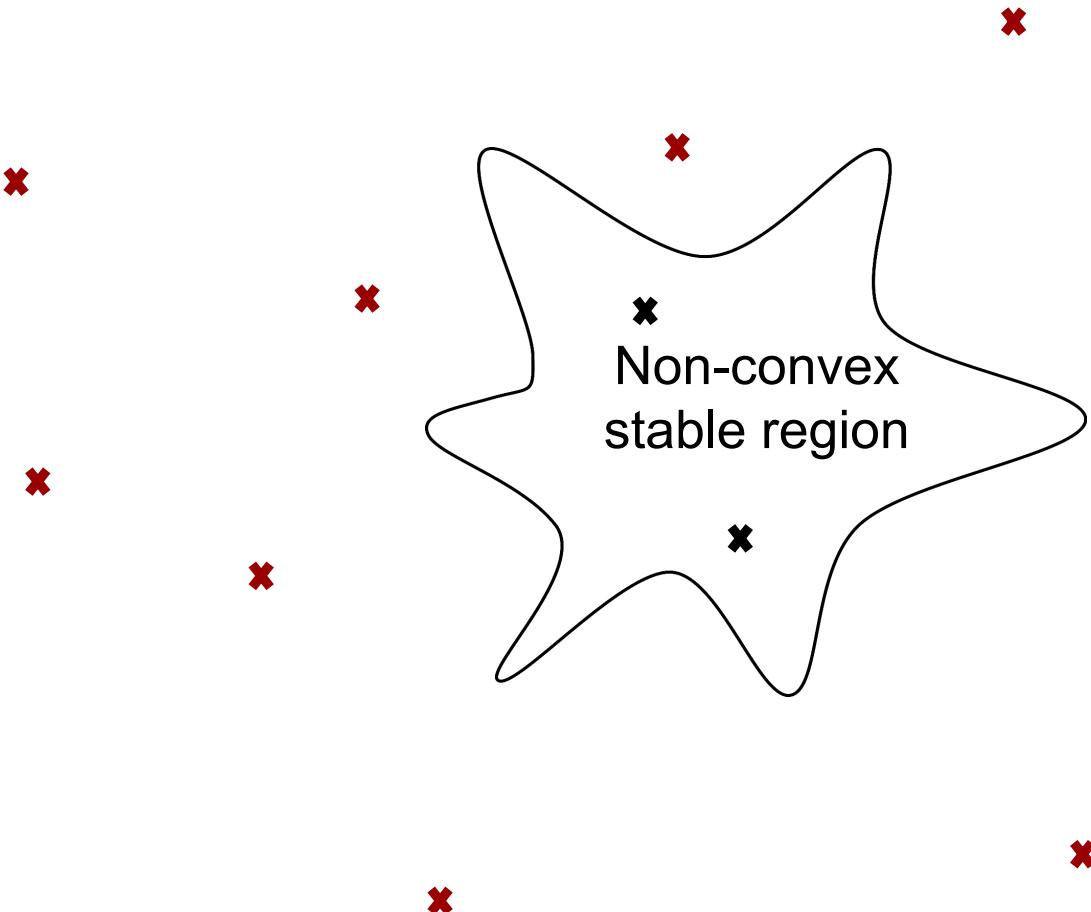


# Sampling beyond Statistics: Efficient Database Generation

- Modular and highly efficient algorithm
- Can accommodate numerous definitions of power system security (e.g. N-1, N-k, small-signal stability, voltage stability, transient stability, **or a combination** of them)
- **10-20 times faster** than existing state-of-the-art approaches
- Our use case: N-1 security + small-signal stability
- Generated Databases for IEEE 14-bus and NESTA 162-bus system available!

<http://www.chatziva.com/downloads.html#databases>

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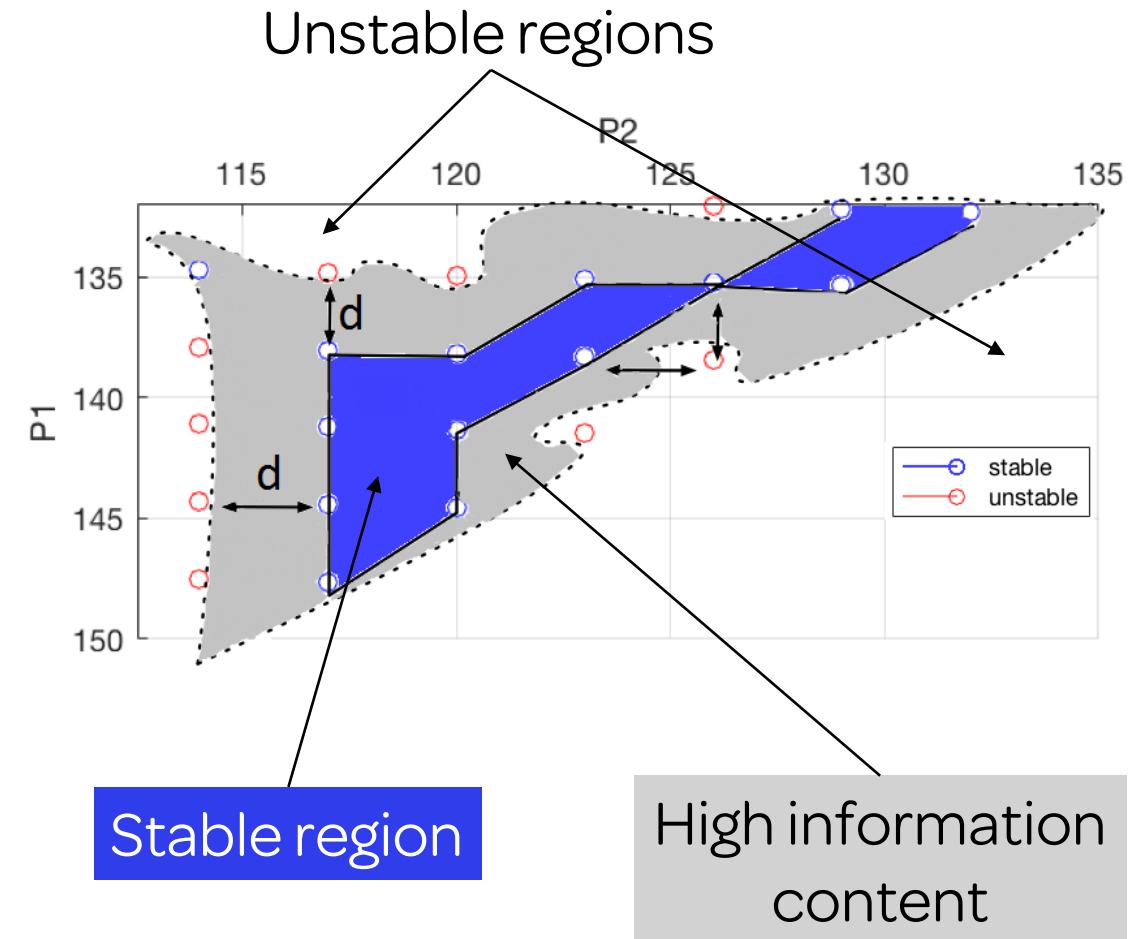
## Conventional Database Generation

1. Statistical sampling across the input space
2. Often results to highly unbalanced database
  - the stable/safe region is often 1%-2% of the total region

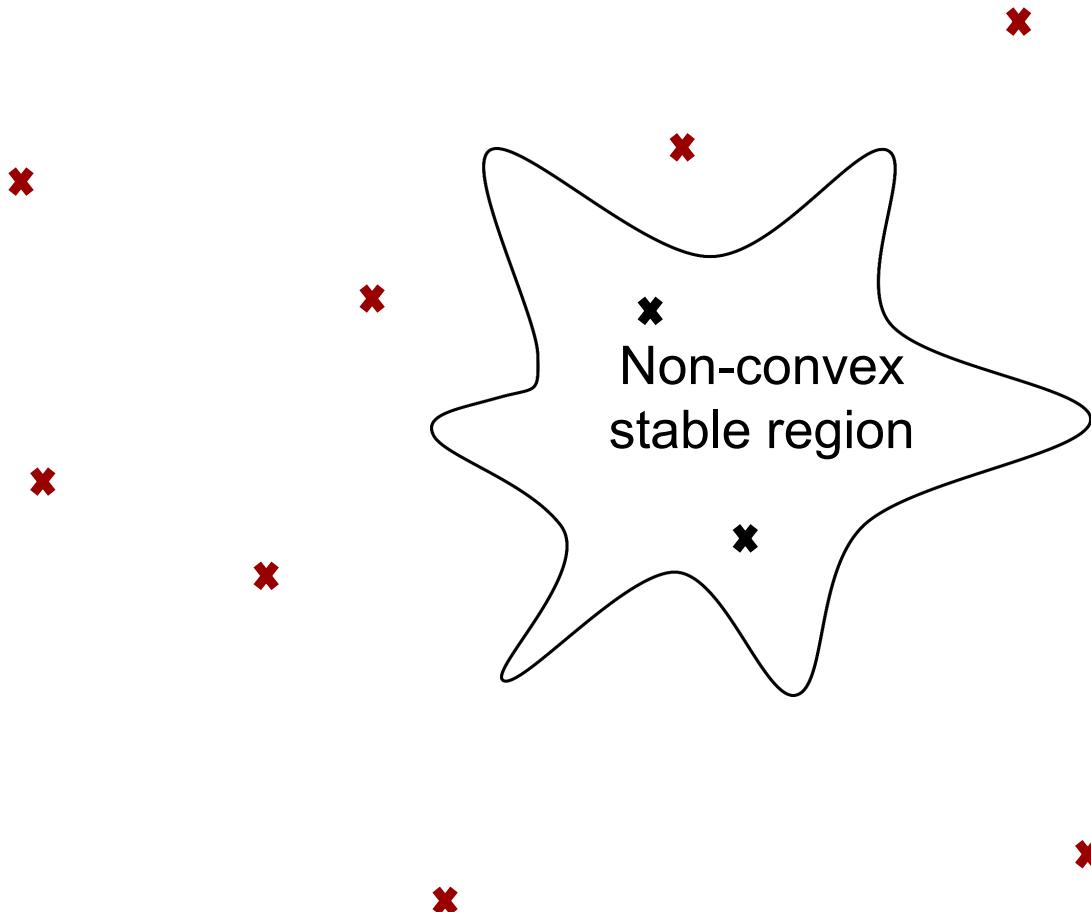
*Alternative: use our prior knowledge*

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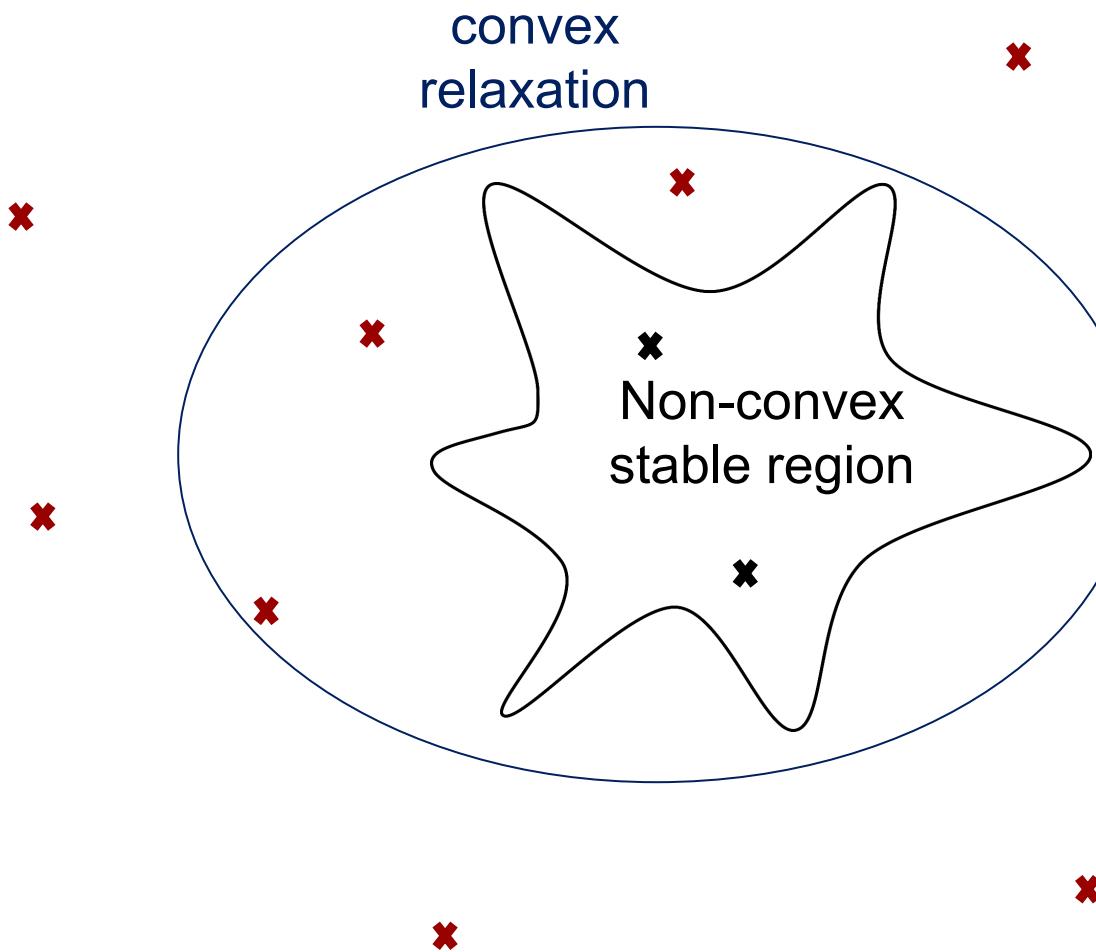
- The goal
  - Focus on the boundary between stability and instability
  - We call it: “high information content” region
- How?
  1. Using convex relaxations
  2. And “Directed Walks”



Real data for the IEEE 14-bus system  
N-1 security and small-signal stability

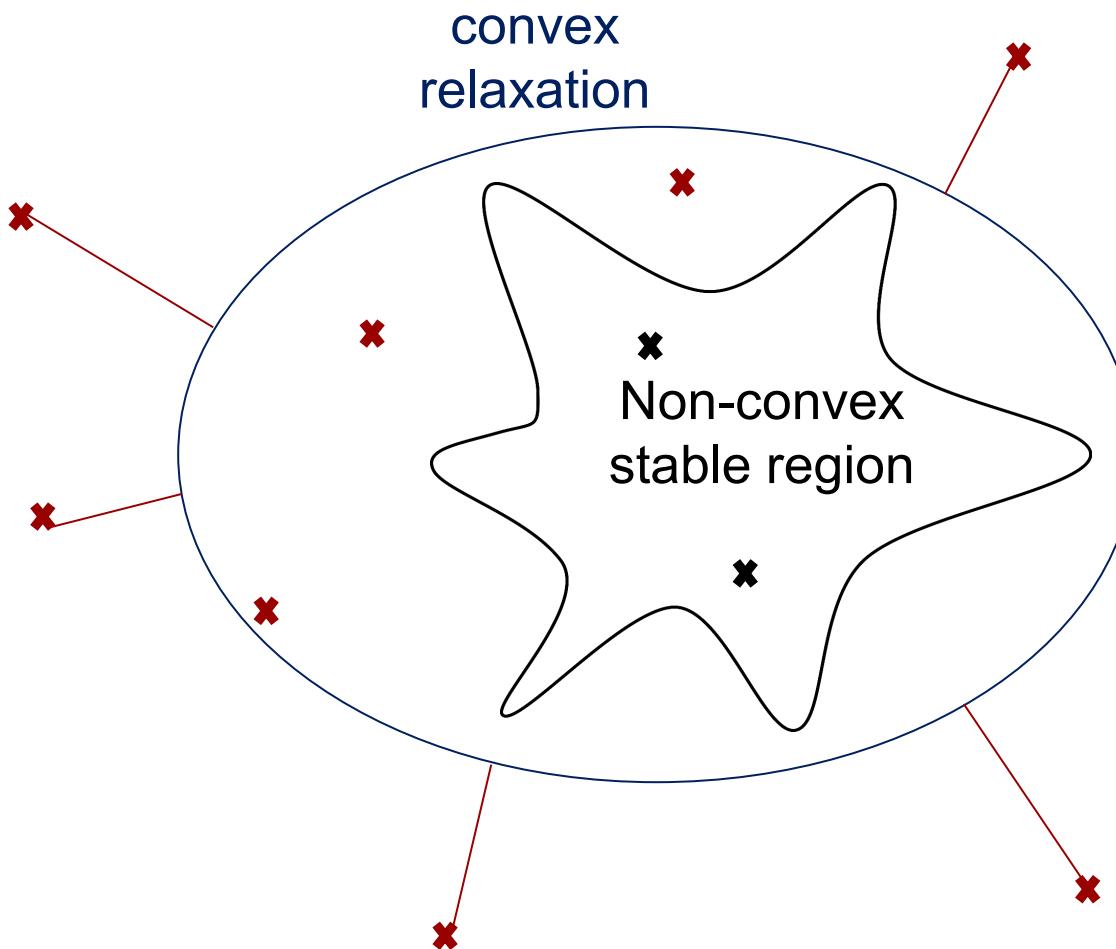


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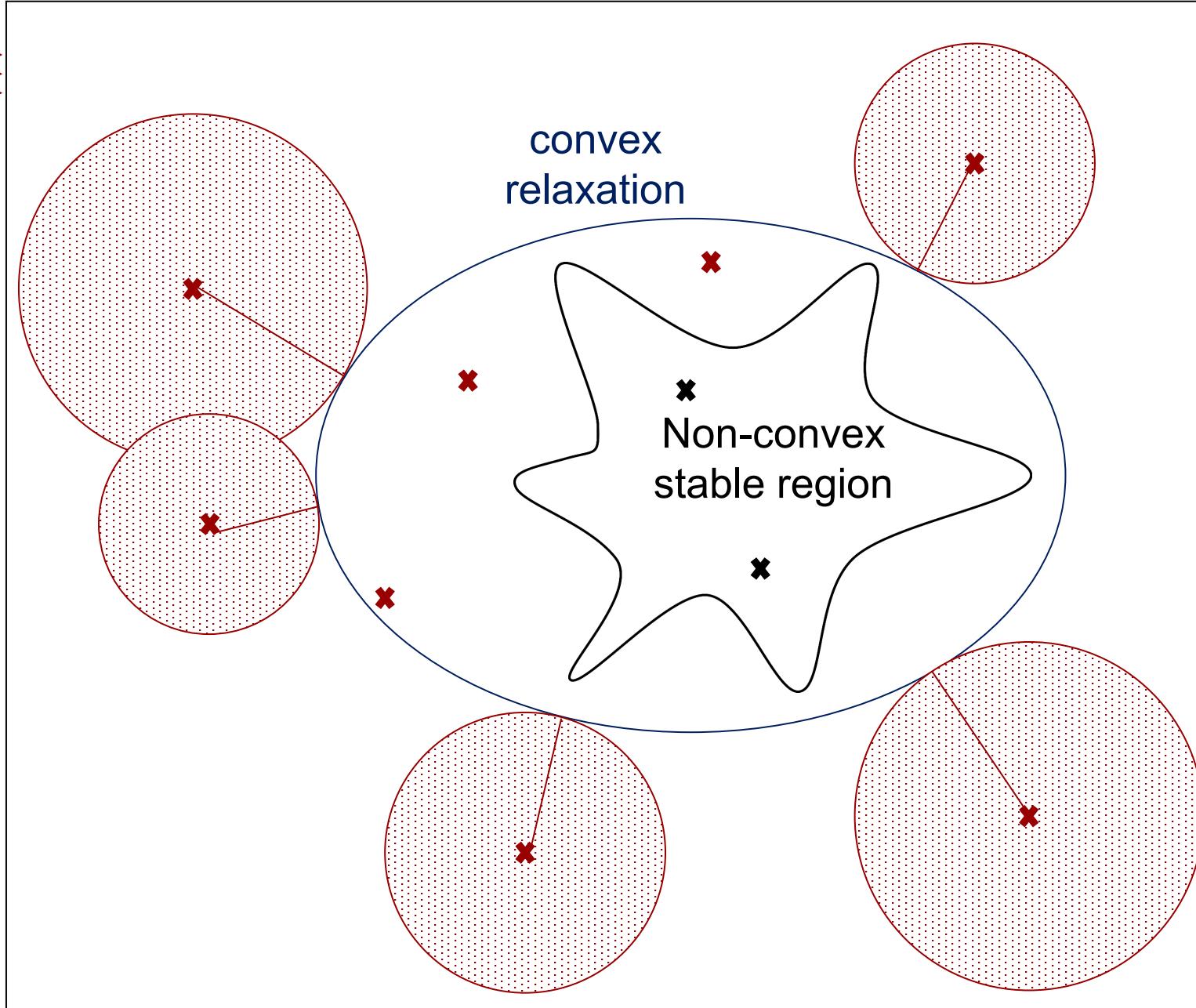
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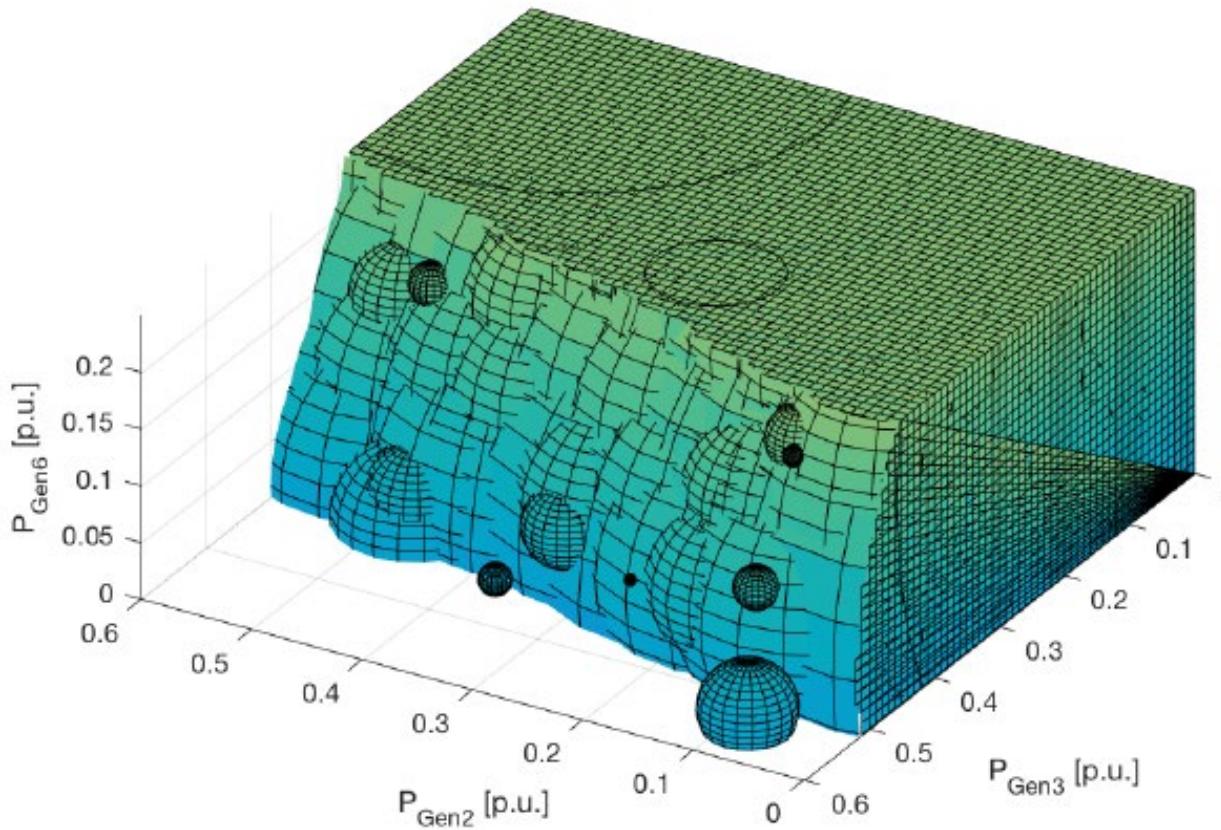
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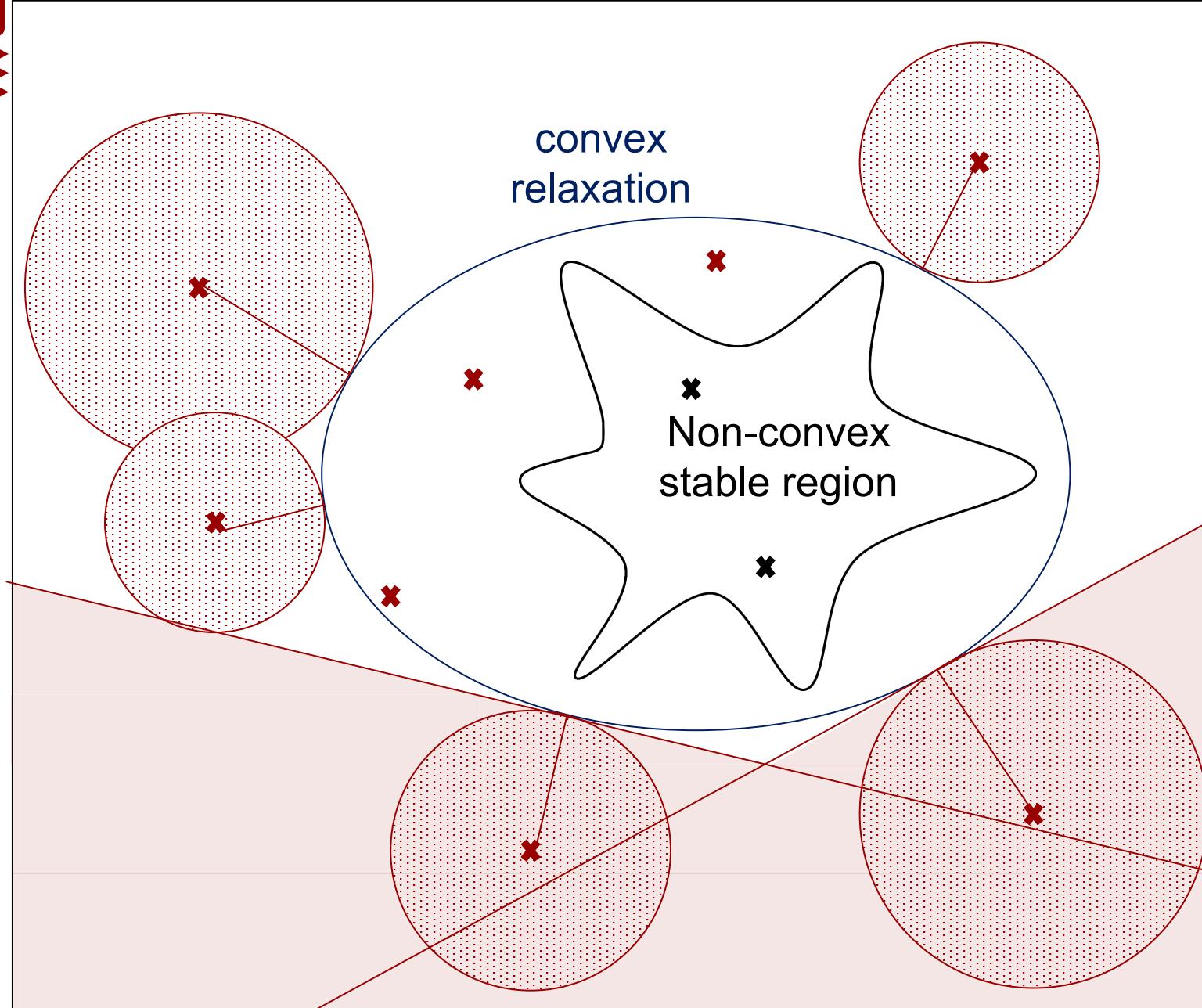
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- **Discard** all points inside the (hyper)sphere



- 3D projection of hyperspheres
- IEEE 14-bus system
- Rapidly discarding (=classifying) large chunks of the search space as infeasible to focus on the boundary

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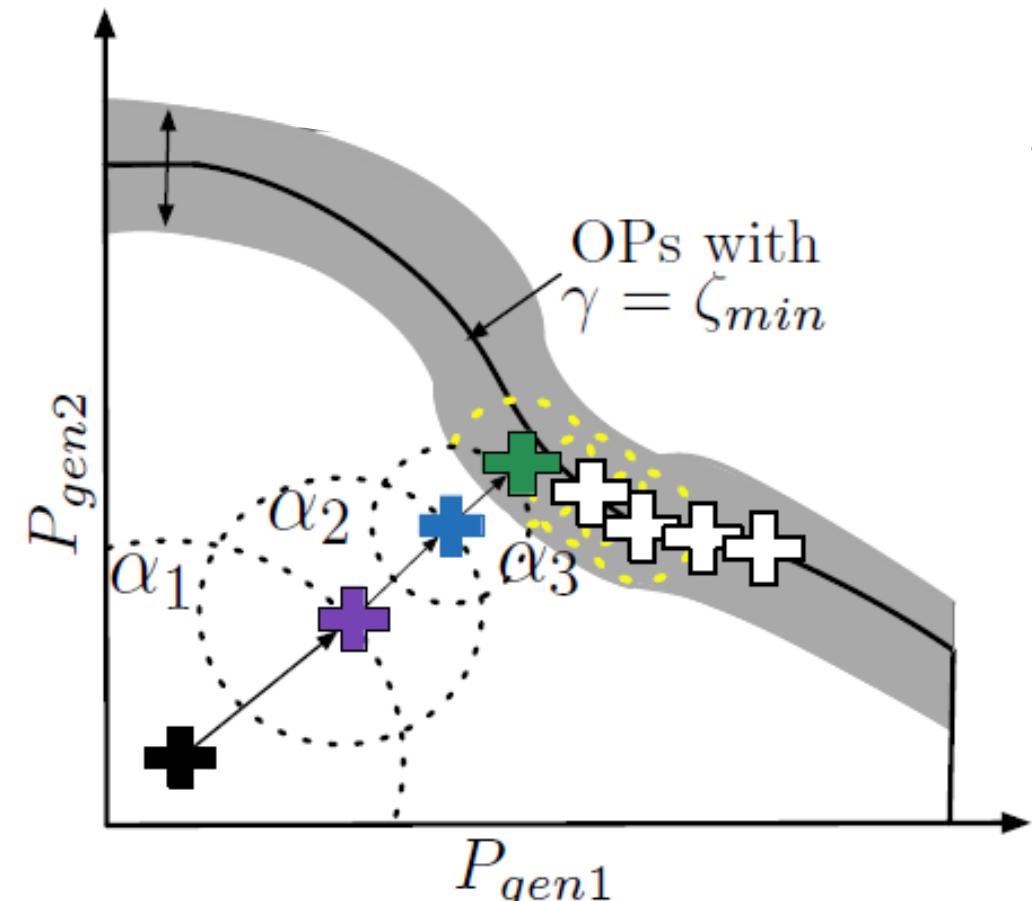


## Convex relaxations to discard infeasible regions

- Extension of this work to hyperplanes
- A. Venzke, D.K. Molzahn, S. Chatzivasileiadis, **Efficient Creation of Datasets for Data-Driven Power System Applications**. PSCC 2020. <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1910.01794.pdf>

# Directed Walks

- “Directed walks”: steepest-descent based algorithm to explore the remaining search space, focusing on the area around the security boundary
  - 1. Variable step-size
  - 2. Parallel computation
  - 3. Full N-1 contingency check



# Results

	Points close to the security boundary (within distance $\gamma$ )	
	IEEE 14-bus	NESTA 162-bus
Brute Force	100% of points in 556.0 min	<i>intractable</i>
Importance Sampling	100% of points in 37.0 min	901 points in 35.7 hours
Proposed Method	100% of points in 3.8 min	183'295 points in 37.1 hours

- We tested these databases with decision trees. Further benefits for the decision trees:
  - Higher accuracy
  - Better classification quality (Matthews correlation coefficient)

## Takeaway #6

**Creating high-quality training databases is extremely complex** and an open research topic. We need to go beyond purely statistical methods and exploit the underlying physics during sampling.

# Neural Network Verification for classification NNs in Power Systems

A. Venzke, S. Chatzivasileiadis. Verification of Neural Network Behaviour: Formal Guarantees for Power System Applications.  
In *IEEE Transactions on Smart Grid*, vol. 12, no. 1, pp. 383-397, Jan. 2021, <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1910.01624.pdf>

V. Tjeng, K. Y. Xiao, and R. Tedrake, “Evaluating robustness of neural networks with mixed integer programming,” in International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR 2019), 2019

# Why is neural network verification important?

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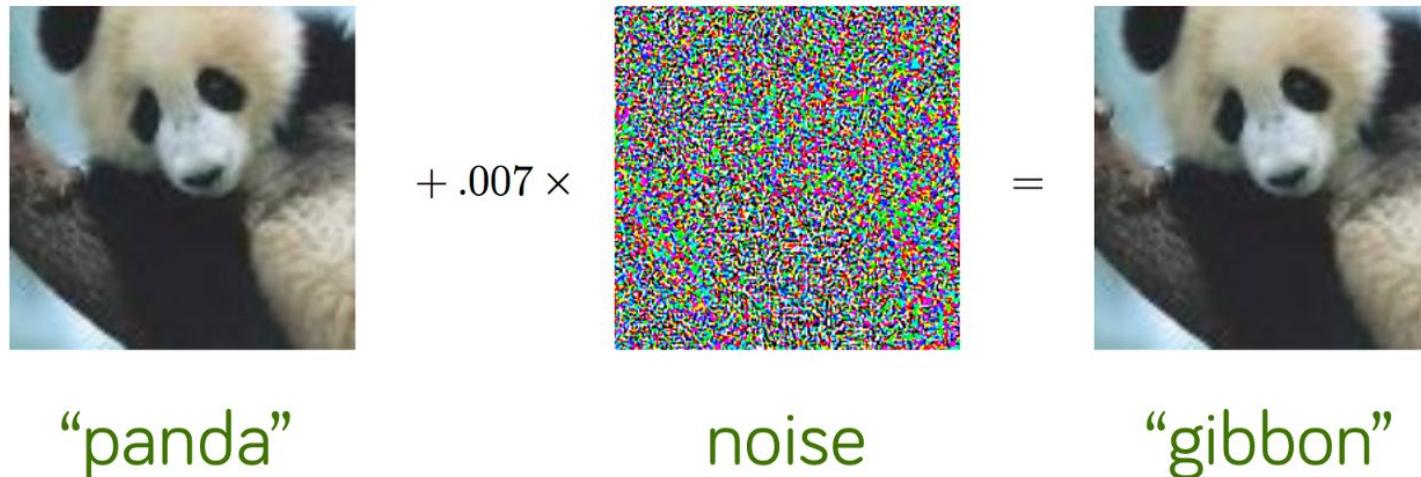
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Neural network verification does not depend on a test database



# Adversarial examples

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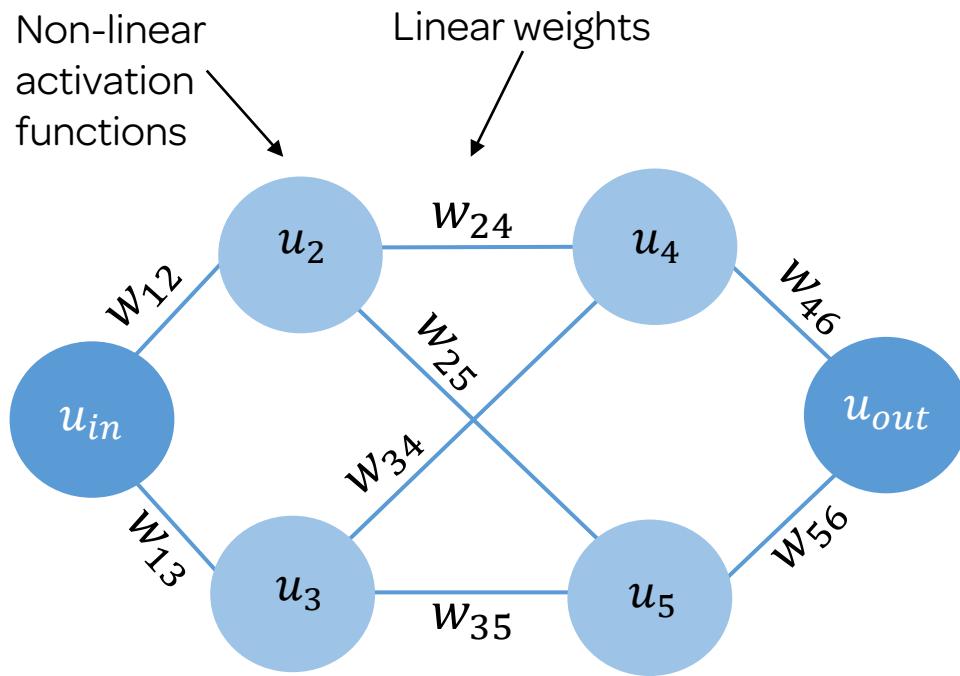


- **Challenge #3: No way to systematically identify adversarial examples**

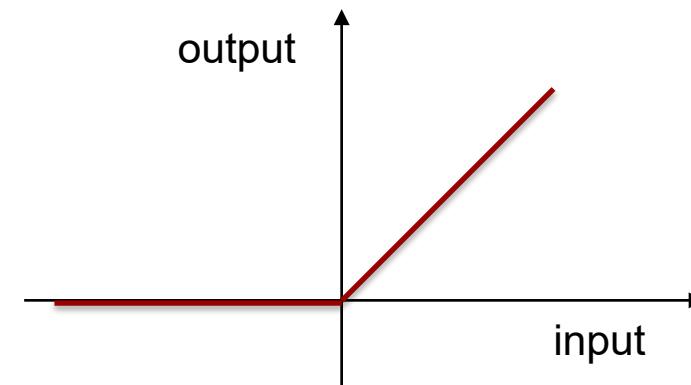
# Neural Network Verification: HOW?

1. **Exact transformation:** Convert the neural network to a **set of linear equations with binaries**
  - The Neural Network can be included in a mixed-integer linear program
2. Formulate an **optimization** problem (MILP) and solve it → certificate for NN behavior
3. Assess if the neural network output complies with the ground truth

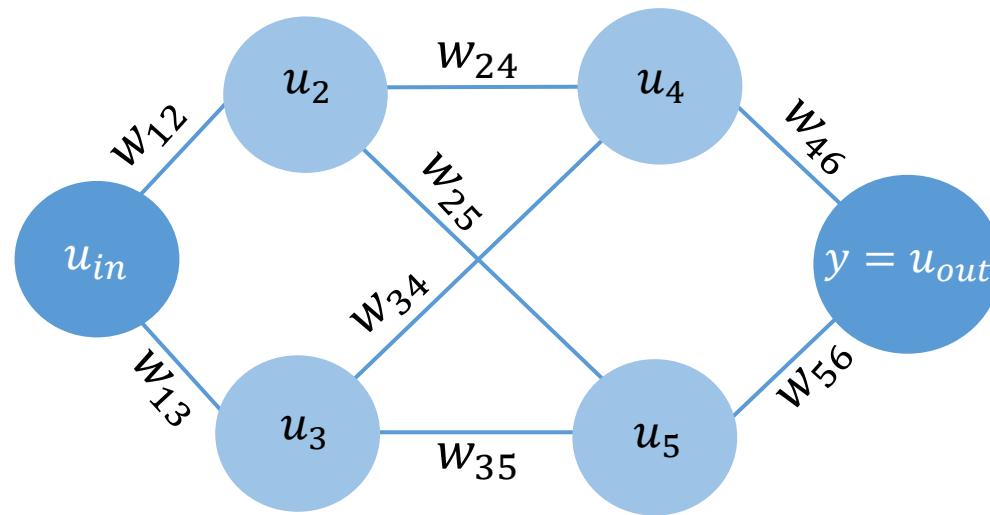
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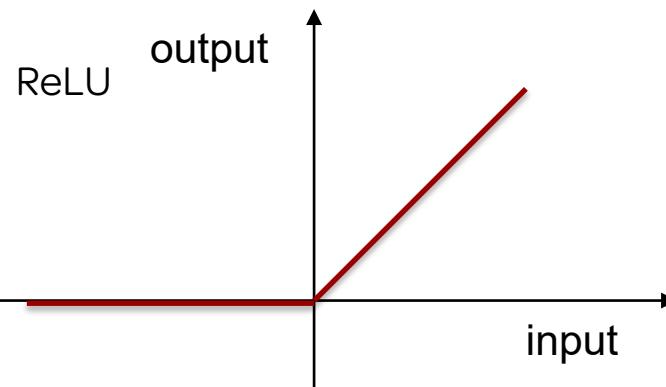
- Most usual activation function: ReLU
- ReLU: Rectifier Linear Unit



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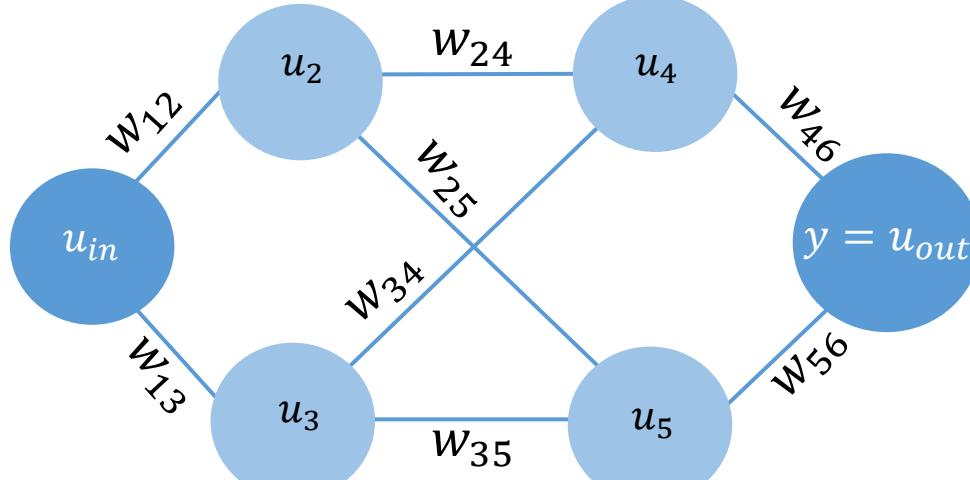


- Linear weights
- On every node: a non-linear activation function
  - ReLU:  $u_j = \max(0, w_{ij}u_i + b_i)$
- But ReLU can be transformed to a piecewise linear function with binaries



↓  
MILP

# From Neural Networks to Mixed-Integer Linear Programming



- Input: Active power gen. setpoints  
 $\mathbf{x} = [p_{g1}, p_{gi}, \dots, p_{gN}]^T$
- Output
  - Binary classification: safe/unsafe
  - Output vector  $y$  with two elements:

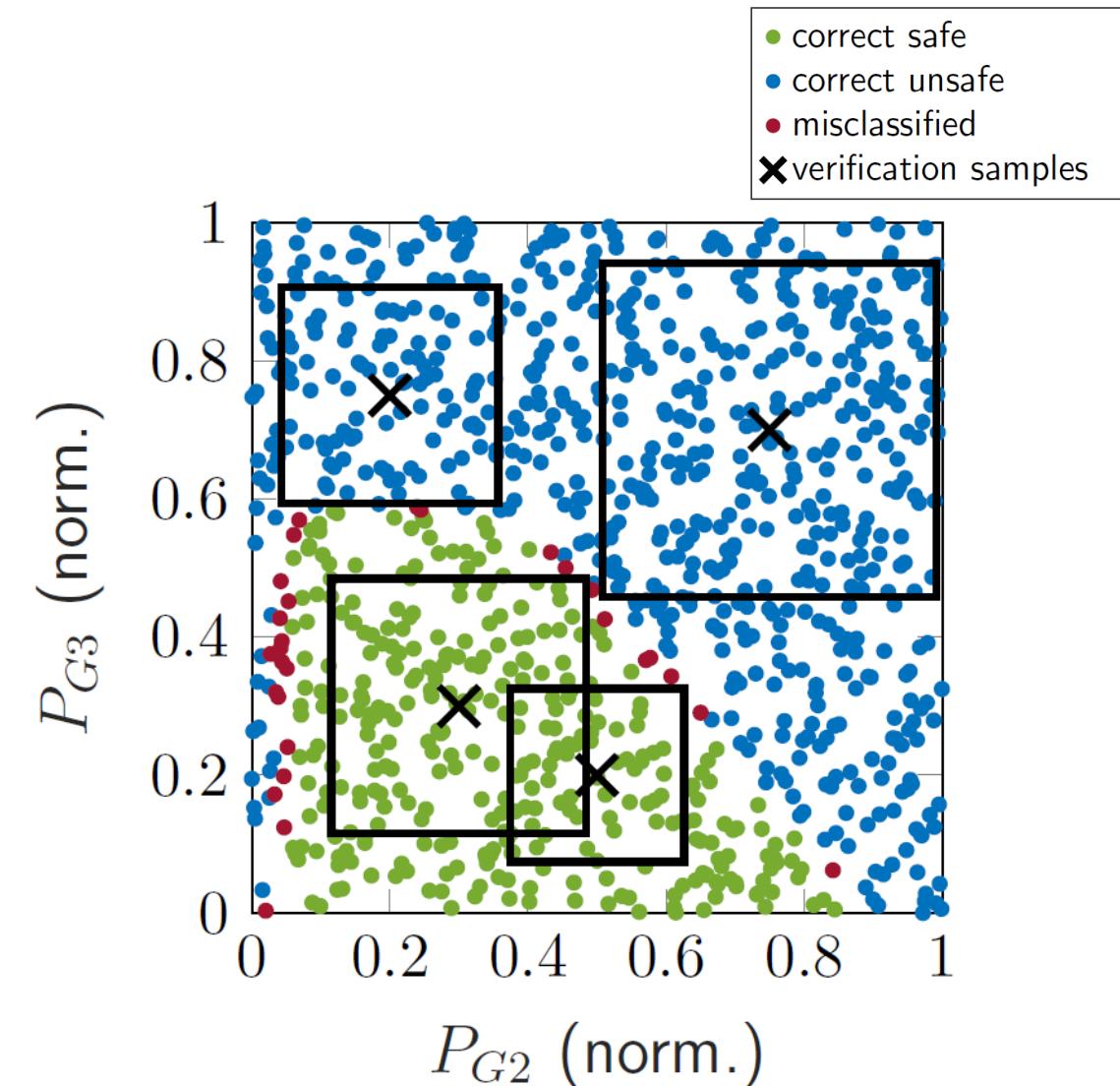
$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \bullet \quad y_1 \geq y_2: \text{safe} \\ \bullet \quad y_1 < y_2: \text{unsafe} \end{array}$$

# Certify the output for a continuous range of inputs

- We assume a given input  $x_{\text{ref}}$  with classification  $y: y_1 > y_2$

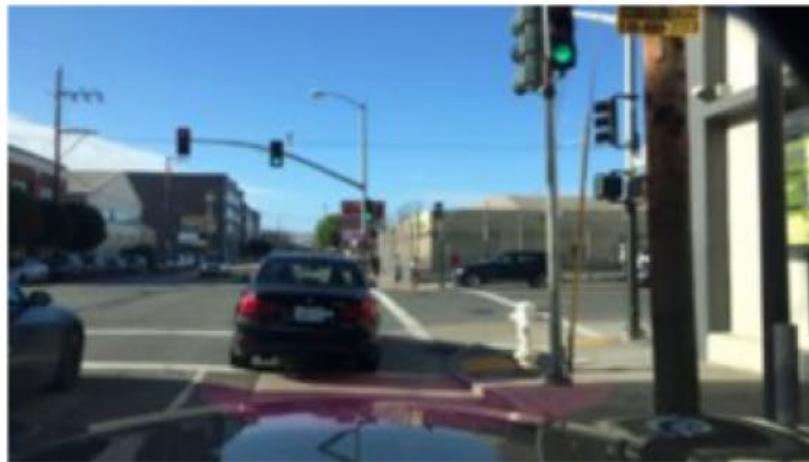
- For distance  $\epsilon$  evaluate if input  $x$  exists with different classification  $y_2$

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{x,y} \quad & \mathbf{y}_2 - \mathbf{y}_1 \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & y = NN(x) \\ & |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_{\text{ref}}|_\infty \leq \epsilon \end{aligned}$$



# Adversarial examples in safety-critical systems

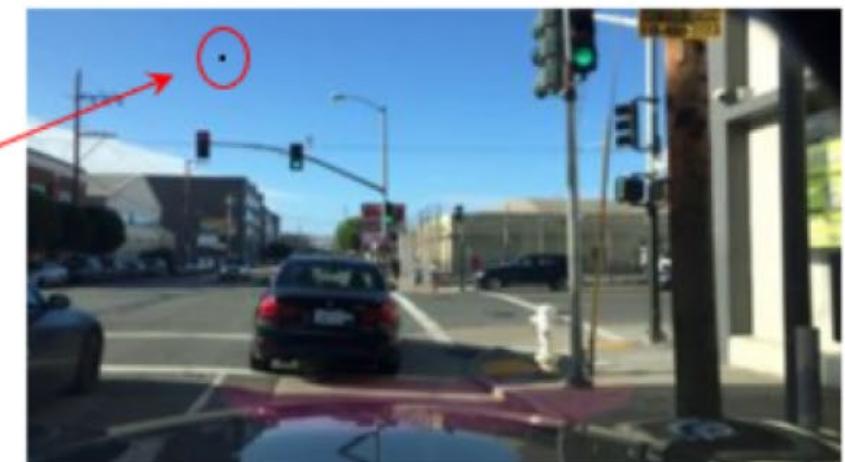
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DL Classification: Green Light

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Adversarial Example



DL Classification: Red Light

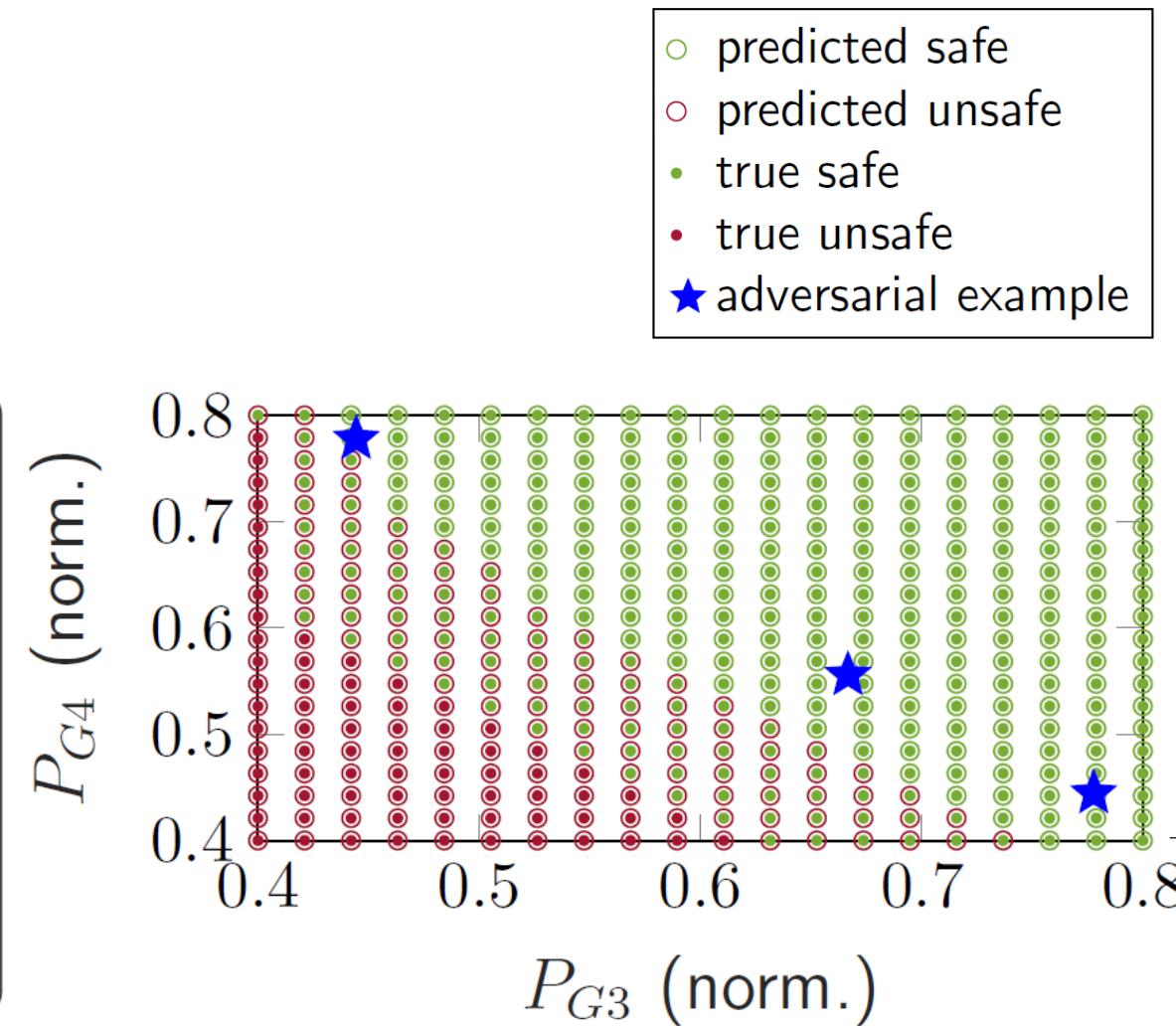
source: Wu et al. A game-based approximate verification of deep neural networks with provable guarantees. arXiv:1807.03571.

- Adversarial examples exist in many (deep) learning applications
- Major barrier for adoption of machine learning techniques in safety-critical systems!

# Systematically identify adversarial examples

- We assume a given input  $\mathbf{x}_{\text{ref}}$  with classification  $y: y_1 > y_2$
- Minimize distance  $\epsilon$  from  $\mathbf{x}_{\text{ref}}$  to input  $\mathbf{x}$  with classification  $y_2$

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \epsilon} \quad & \epsilon \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \mathbf{y} = NN(\mathbf{x}) \\ & |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_{\text{ref}}|_\infty \leq \epsilon \\ & y_2 \geq y_1 \end{aligned}$$



# Challenges

- **Tractability** for large neural networks
  - Up to now, we have verified NNs with 5 layers and 50 nodes at each layer (NN used for the 162-bus system)
  - We require weight sparsification, bound tightening, and ReLU pruning (remove binary variables) to maintain tractability
- **Connect verification with ground truth assessment**
  - Currently, we can first certify the neural network output, and we should then assess if this output is correct (i.e. that the NN can be trusted in real operation)
  - For specific classes of problems, we have integrated this into a single procedure → next section! NNs with worst-case guarantees
- **Retraining** is necessary to avoid adversarial examples
  - The **quality of the training database is crucial** for good performance!
  - See last slide: Closing the loop!

## Takeaway #7

**Neural network verification removes barriers for neural network applications in safety-critical operations.** High potential for power system applications.

# Learning OPF: Worst-case Guarantees for Regression Neural Networks

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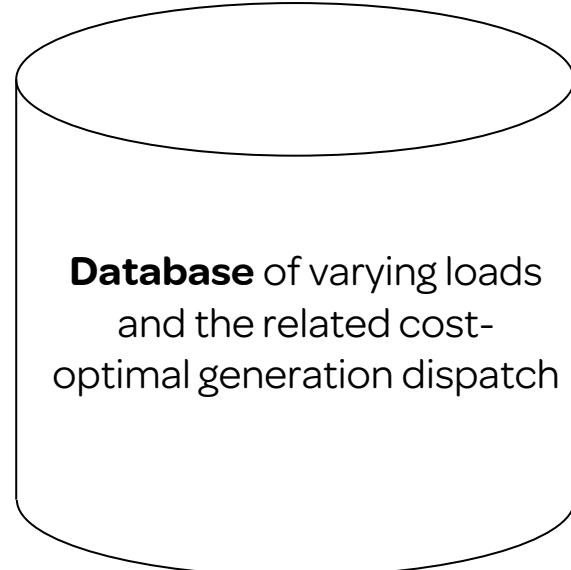
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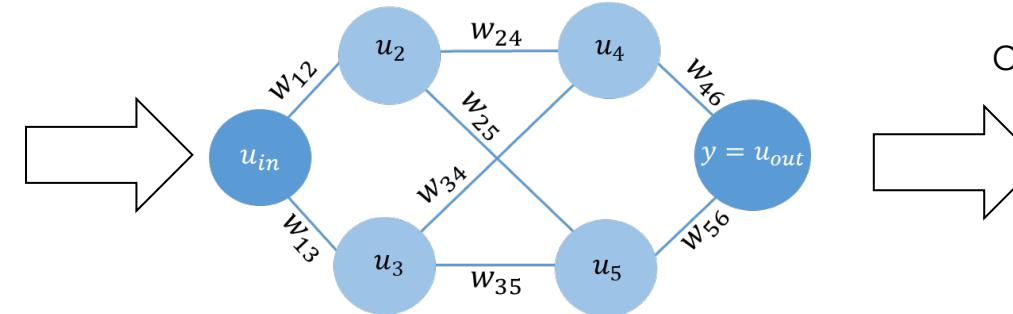
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# Guiding Application for Regression NN: Learning OPF



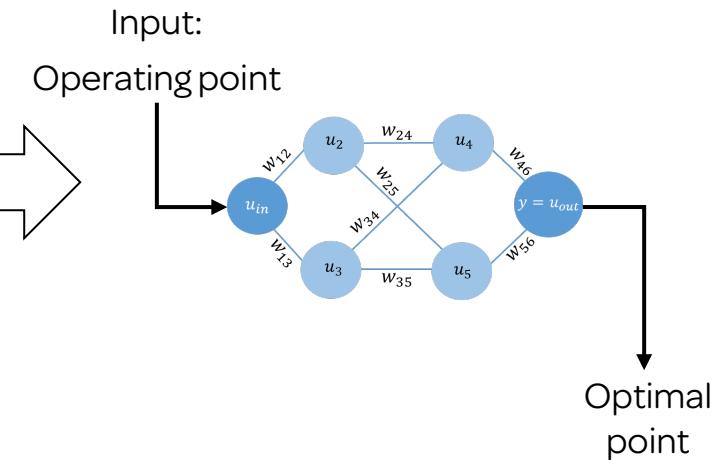
1. Split the database in a training set and a test set

## Approaches proposed up to now



2. Train a neural network
3. Test the neural network
4. Is accuracy high enough?

## 5. Use the NN



### NN Output:

Optimal generation  
dispatch

**Extremely fast:**  
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Line flow equations for  
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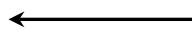
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Over the whole input domain  
**violations can be much larger**  
(here ~7x) compared to what  
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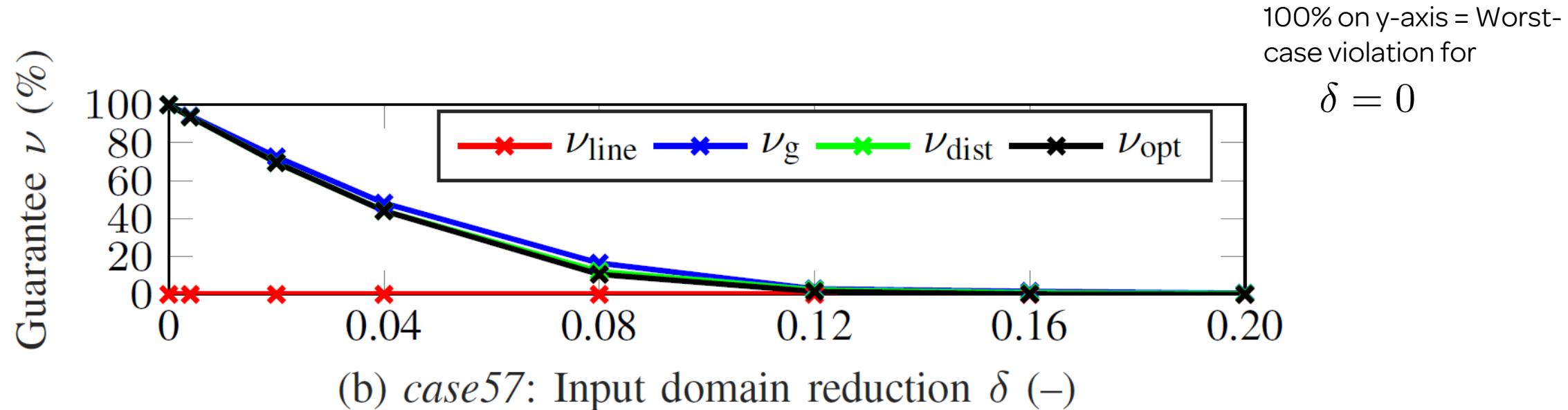
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Our method provides **guarantees**  
**that no NN output will violate**  
**the line limits** over the whole  
input domain

# How can we reduce the worst-case violations?

- From our experiments with DC-OPF in 7 different test power systems, we observed that the **worst-case violations occur at the boundary of the input domain**
- Possible solution:
  1. Train on a larger input domain
  2. Use the NN on a subdomain of the original training input

# Reducing the worst-case violations



- Input domain used for training

$$0.6 p_d^{\max} \leq p_d \leq 1.0 p_d^{\max}$$

- Input domain for using the NN (and where worst-case violations were evaluated)

$$(0.6 + \delta)p_d^{\max} \leq p_d \leq (1.0 - \delta)p_d^{\max}$$

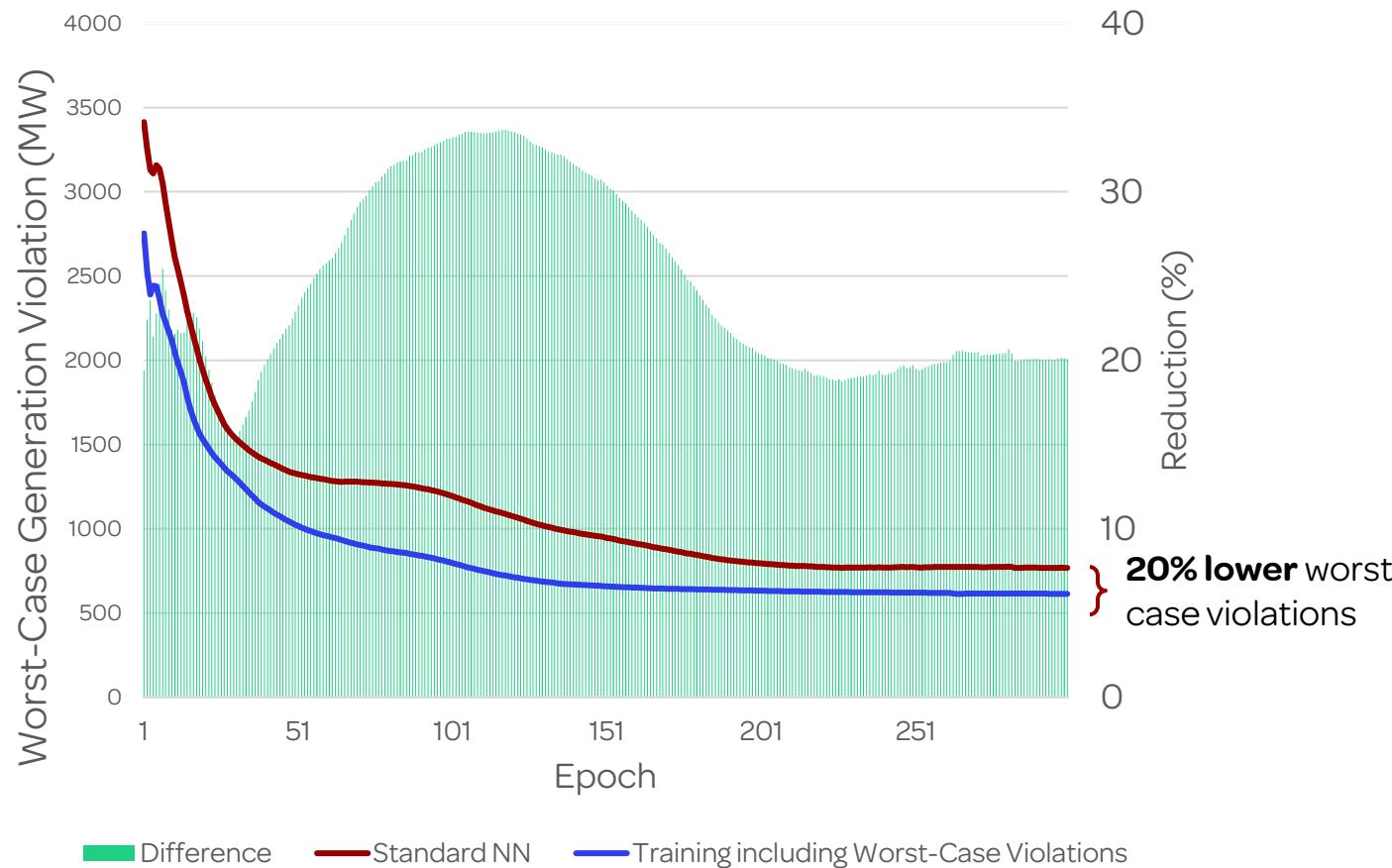
Example: If  $\delta = 0.1$  then  $0.7 p_d^{\max} \leq p_d \leq 0.9 p_d^{\max}$

# Next Step: Integrate the Worst-Case Guarantees inside the Neural Network Training

## Preliminary Results

- Approach:
  1. Train for Epoch 1 (standard NN training, i.e. reduce mean absolute error)
  2. Determine the worst-case violations
  3. Optimization problem → I can **determine the gradients of the weights and biases to reduce the worst-case violations**
    - Steps 2 and 3 are completely independent of the training datasets. They consider the whole input region.
  4. **Update** the NN weights and biases based on the gradients of Step 3
  5. Train for Epoch 2 (standard NN training, i.e. reduce mean absolute error)
  6. Go to Step 2

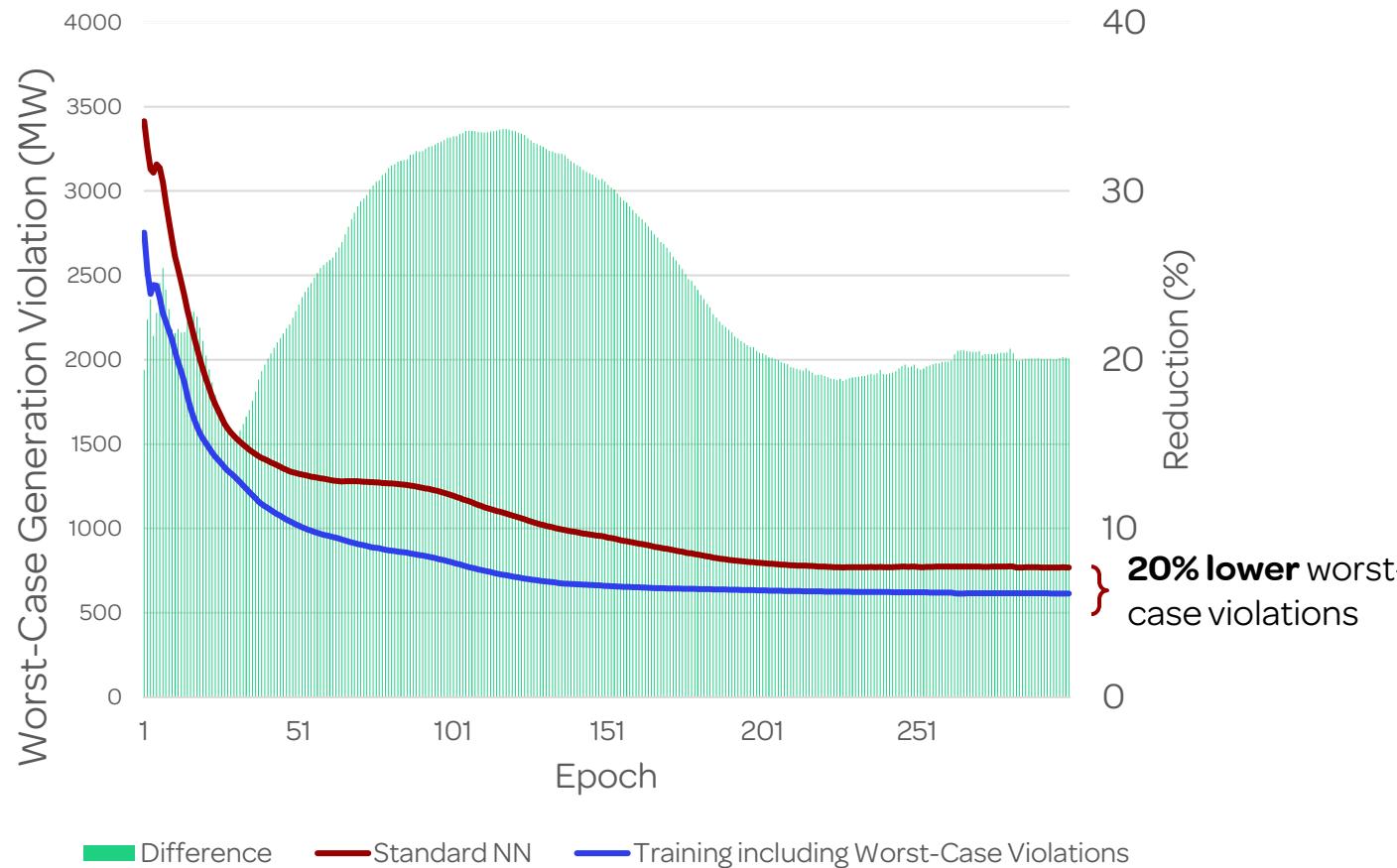
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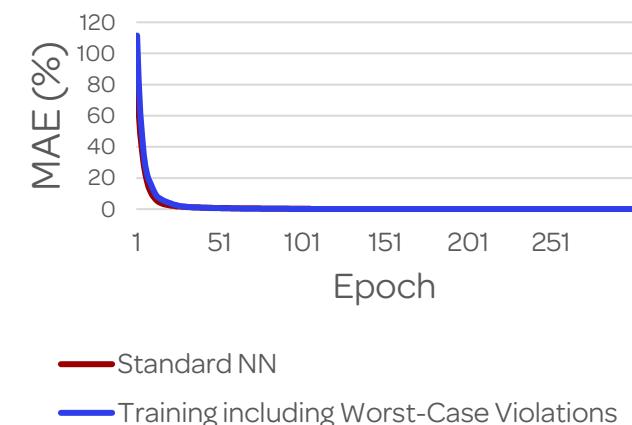
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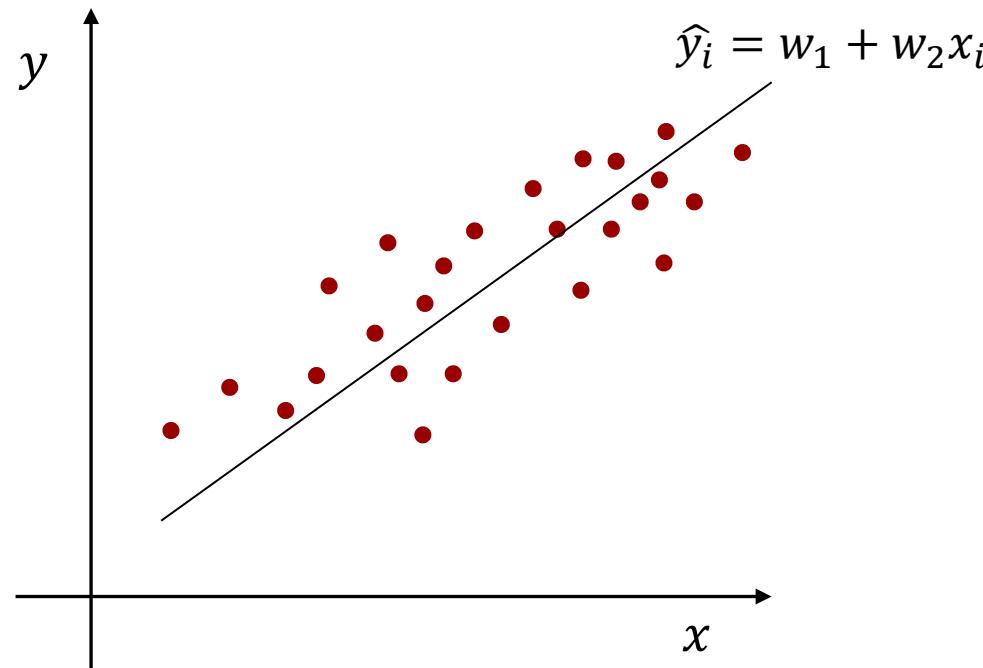
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# Physics-Informed Neural Networks for Power Systems

# Neural Networks: An advanced form of non-linear regression



Loss function: Estimate best  $w_1, w_2$  to fit the training data

$$\min_{w_1, w_2} \|y_i - \hat{y}_i\|$$

s.t.

$$\hat{y}_i = w_1 + w_2x_i \quad \forall i$$

**Traditional training of neural networks required no information about the underlying physical model. Just data!**

# Physics Informed Neural Networks

- Automatic differentiation: derivatives of the neural network output with respect to the input can be computed during the training procedure
- A differential-algebraic model of a physical system can be included in the neural network training\*
- Neural networks can now exploit knowledge of the actual physical system
- Machine learning platforms (e.g. Tensorflow) enable these capabilities

\*M. Raissi, P. Perdikaris, and G. Karniadakis, Physics-Informed neural networks: A deep learning framework for solving forward and inverse problems involving nonlinear partial differential equations", Journal of Computational Physics, vol.378, pp. 686-707, 2019

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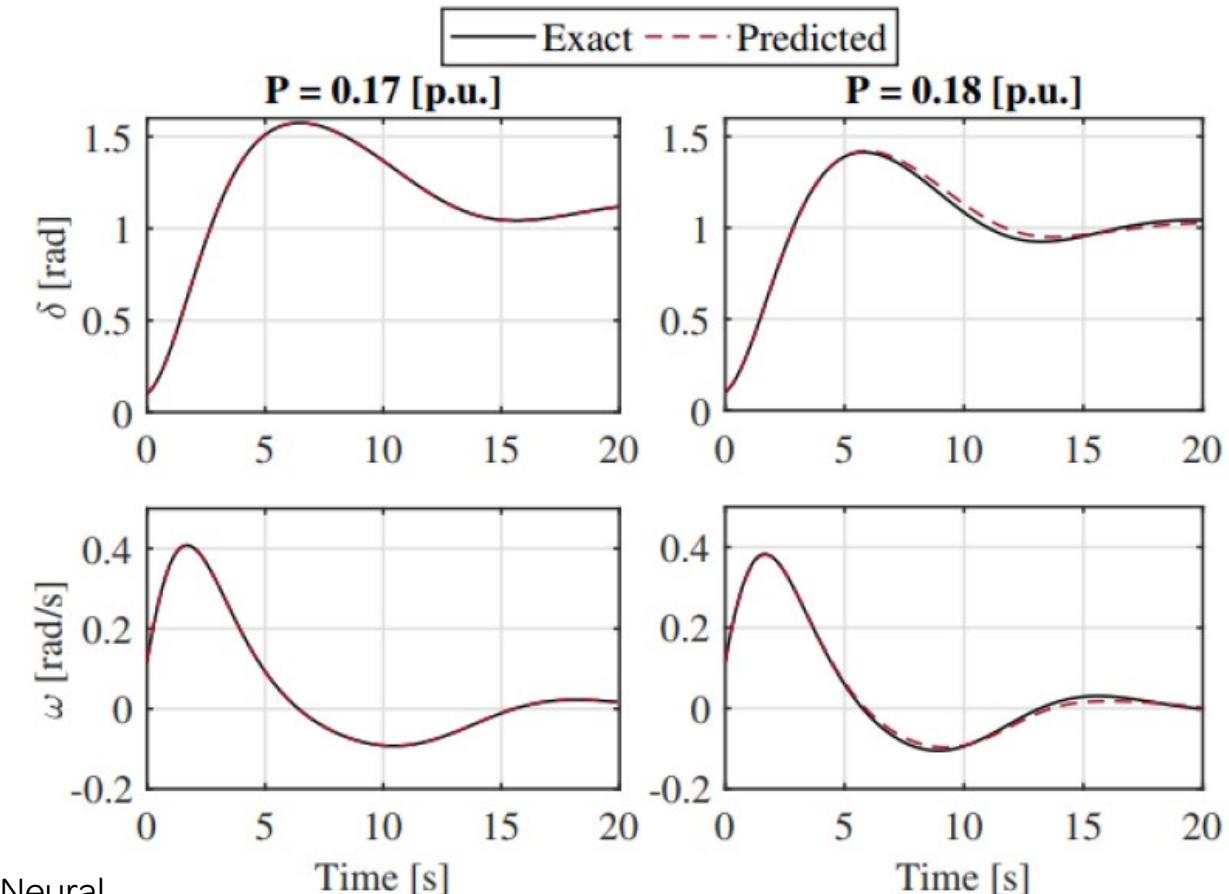
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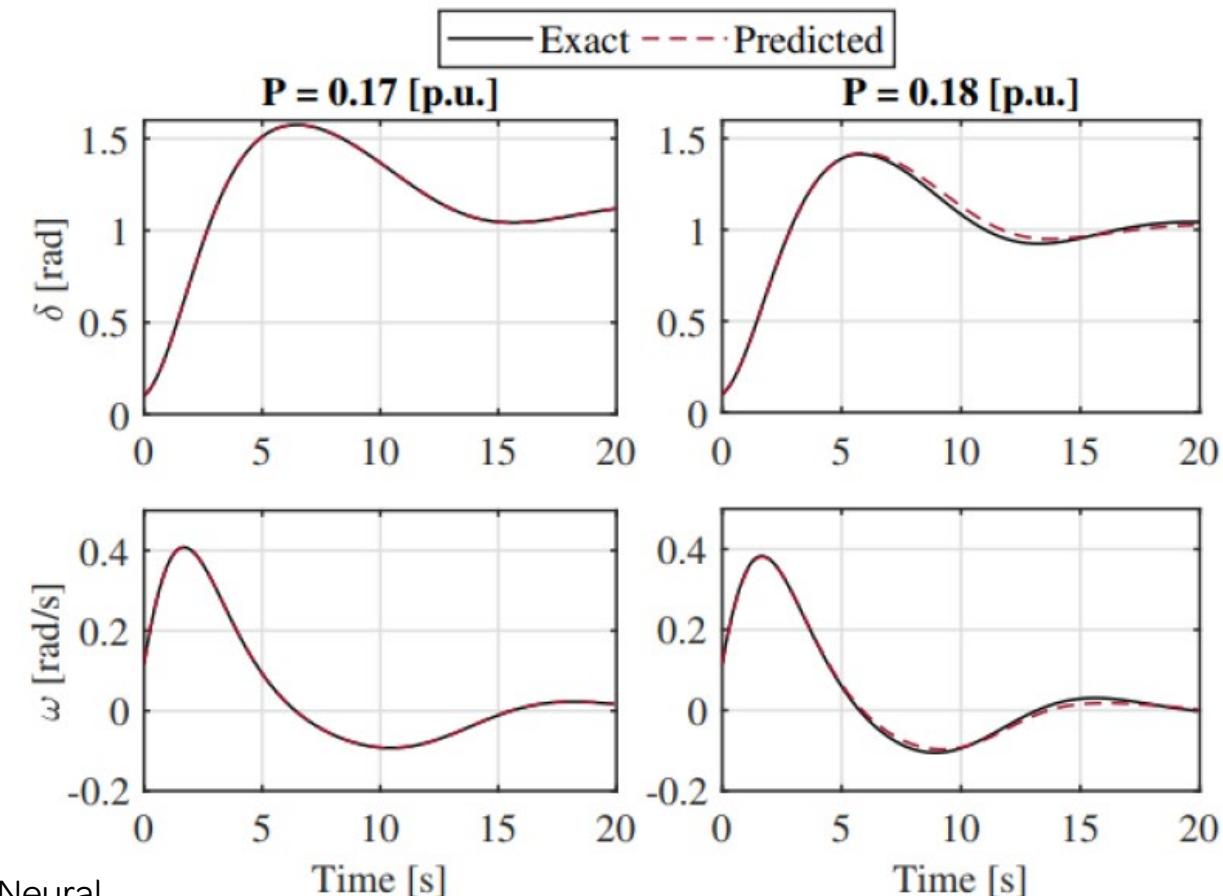
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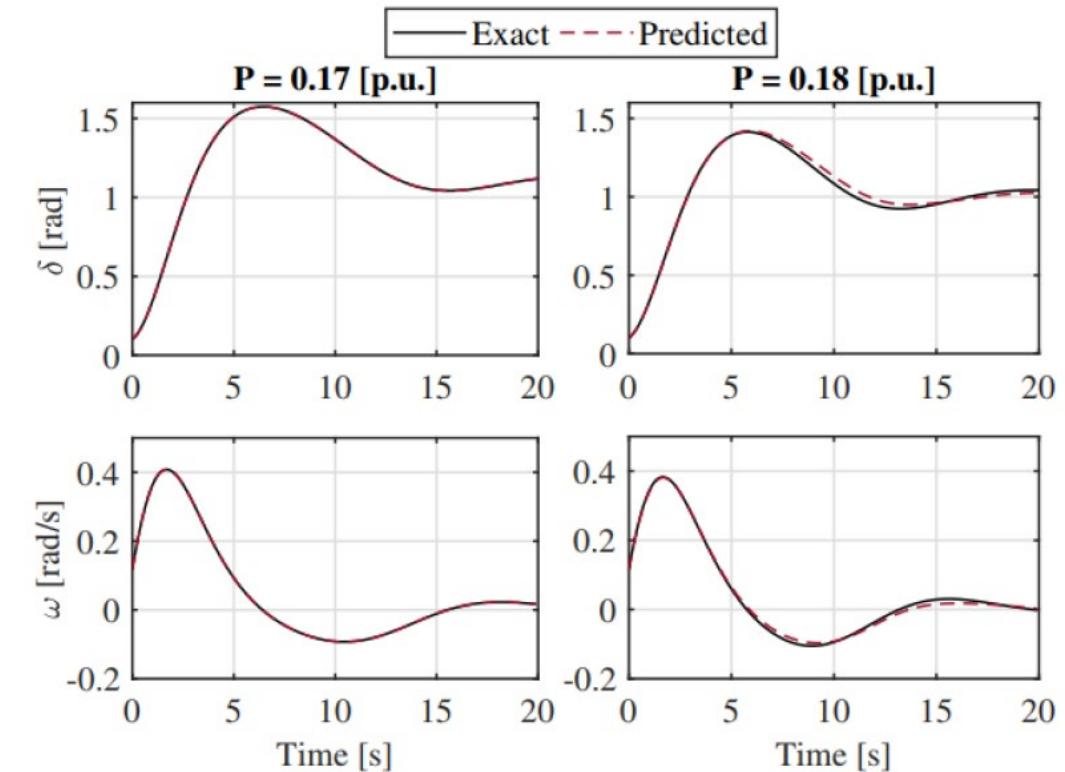
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# Physics-Informed Neural Networks for Power Systems

- Physics-Informed Neural Networks (PINN) could potentially replace solvers for systems of differential-algebraic equations in the long-term
  - **Probable power system application:** **Extremely fast screening of critical contingencies**
- In our example: PINN 87 times faster than ODE solver
- Can **directly estimate** the rotor angle at **any** time instant

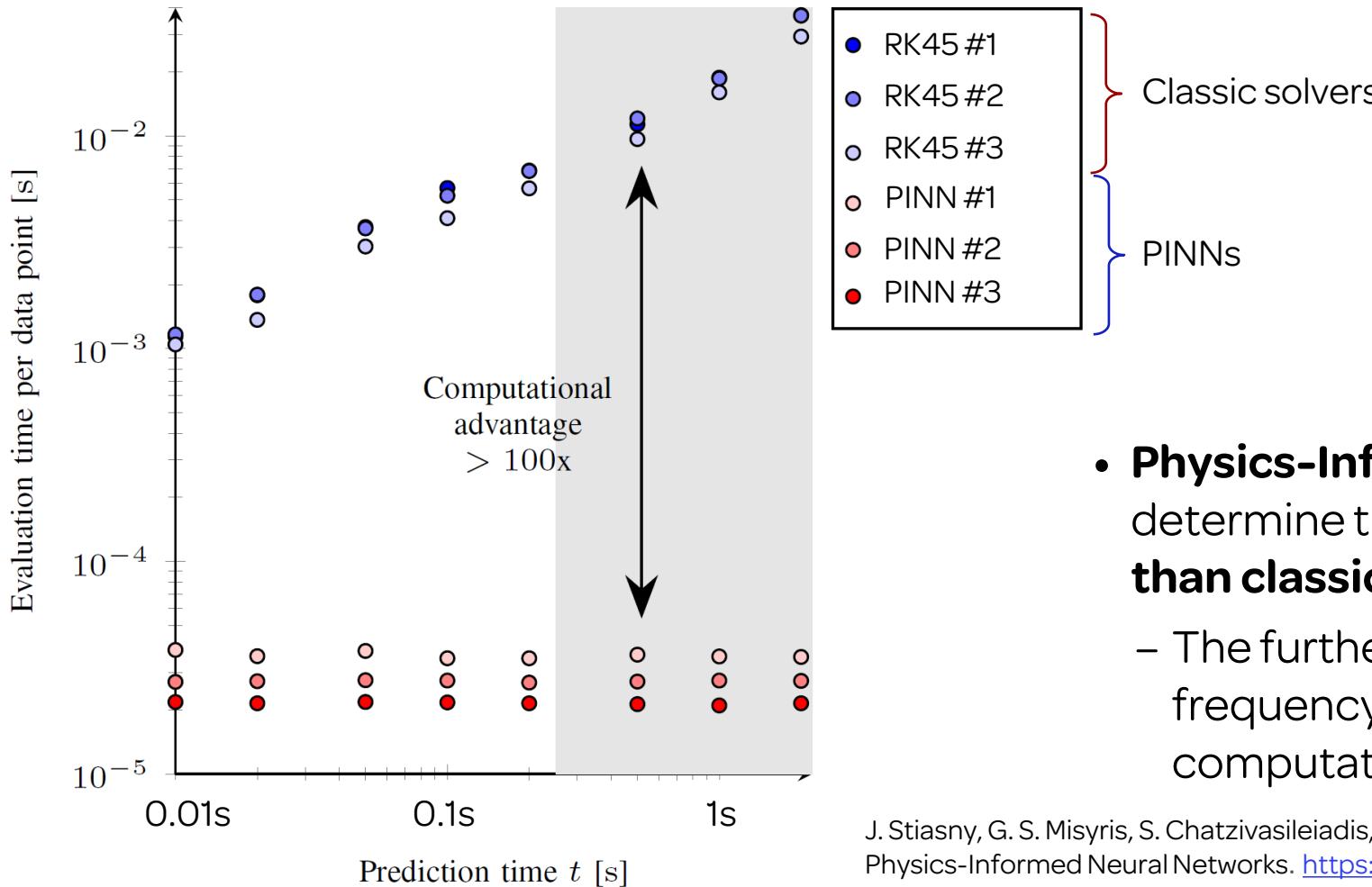


Code is available on GitHub: <https://github.com/jbesty>

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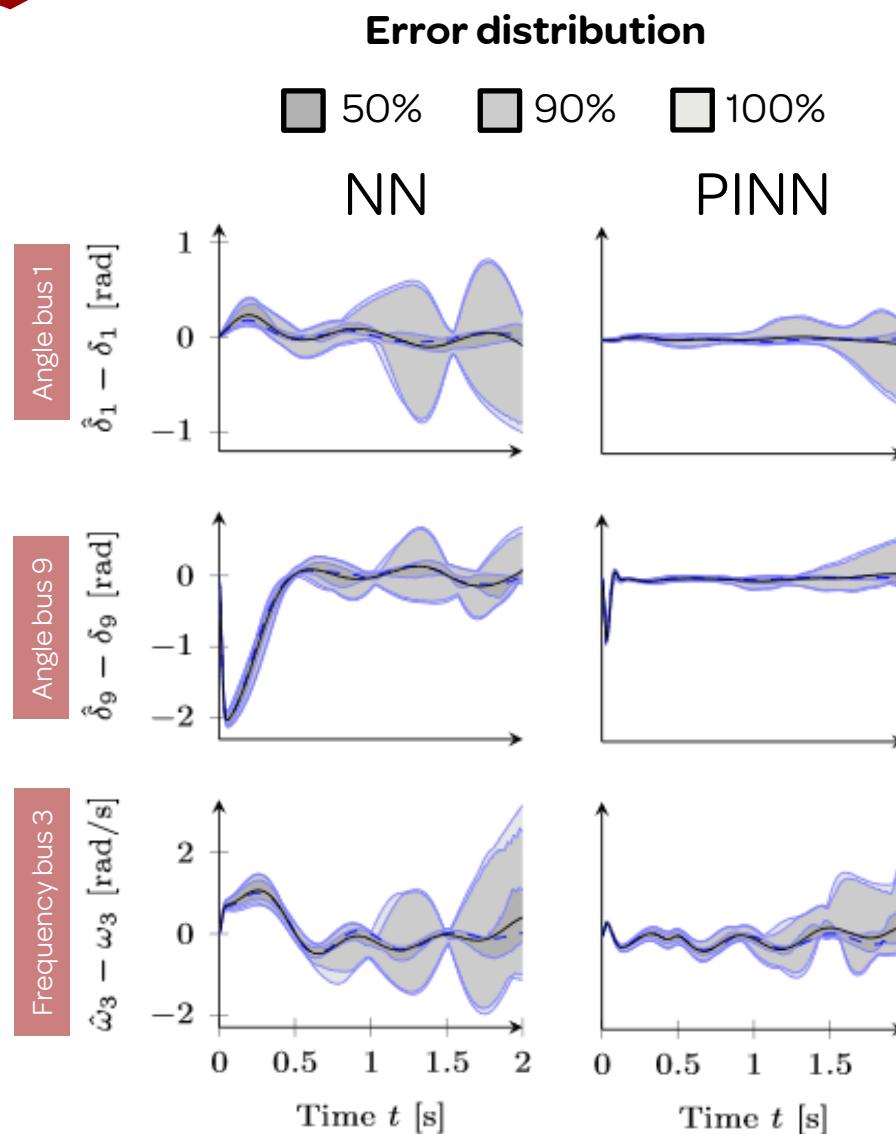
# Computation time:

## Classical numerical solvers vs. Physics-Informed NNs



- **Physics-Informed Neural Networks** can determine the outputs more than **100x faster than classical numerical solvers**
  - The further we look in time, e.g. what is the frequency at  $t=1\text{ s}$ , the larger the computational advantage is

J. Stiasny, G. S. Misyris, S. Chatzivasileiadis, Transient Stability Analysis with Physics-Informed Neural Networks. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2106.13638> [[code](#)]



## Accuracy: Standard Neural Networks (NN) vs Physics-Informed NNs (PINN)

- PINNs result in lower errors than standard neural networks
- The error increases as we look further into the future
- PINNs can deliver an excellent screening tool, i.e. to very quickly assess if critical scenarios are secure or not.
  - To determine the exact numerical values, classic solvers are still very valuable

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## Takeaway #8

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**Sampling beyond statistics can yield  
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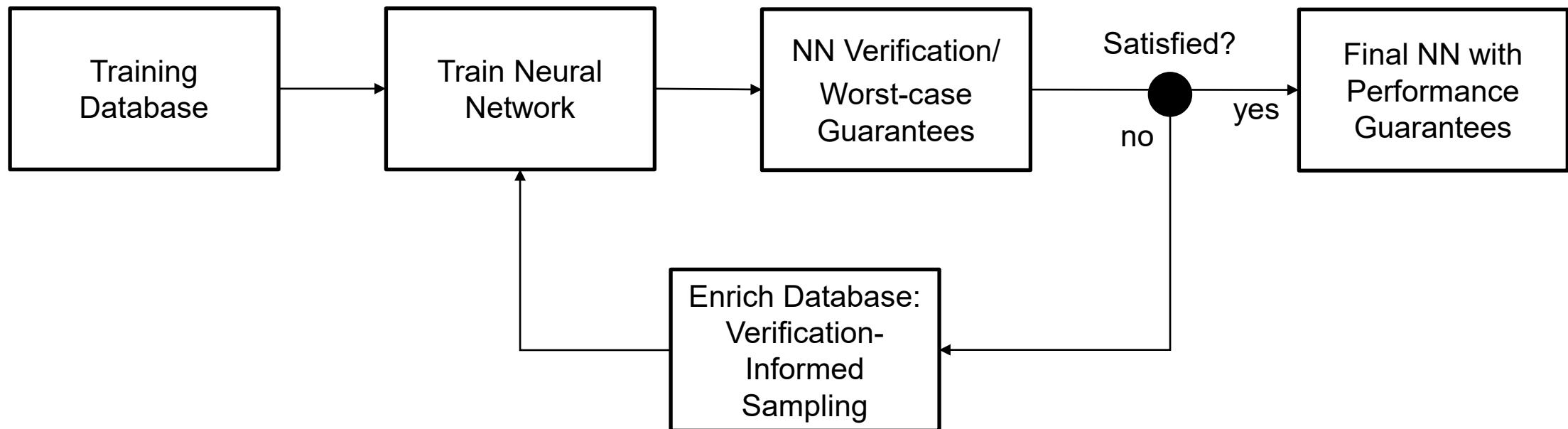
“Data-centric AI  
movement”

(Andrew Ng, Stanford, and others)

“Small [data] is the new  
big” (IEEE Spectrum, Apr. 2022)

Exploit the prior  
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# Closing the loop



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# Wrap-up

- Neural network verification (and worst-case guarantees) can **build the missing trust** for neural network applications in power systems
- Physics Informed Neural Networks can take advantage of the rich information about existing power system models inside neural network training
- This lecture:
  1. Sampling Beyond Statistics
  2. Verification of Classification Neural Networks for Power Systems
    - Application in Security Assessment
  3. Provable worst-case guarantees for Regression Neural Networks
    - Application in OPF (and probably in many other optimization programs)
  4. Physics-Informed Neural Networks for Power Systems

# Ongoing work

## Exploring a wide range of research directions

1. Contracting Neural-Newton Solver
    - Derive convergence guarantees for Neural Networks that can replace conventional Newton solvers  
[<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2106.02543.pdf>, L4DC 2022]
  2. Physics-Informed Neural Networks for Fast Dynamic Security Assessment  
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  3. Physics-Informed Neural Networks for OPF with worst-case guarantees [soon on ArXiV]
  4. Using neural networks to capture previously intractable optimization constraints  
[<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2103.17004.pdf>, IREP 2022]
  5. Accelerating MILPs: using Decision Trees to estimate the active set and drastically reduce the number of binary variables [<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2010.06344.pdf>, IEEE Trans. Power Systems]
- and others...

# Thank you!



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# Appendix - Start

# **Decision Trees and Neural Networks for Optimal Power Flow: Capturing previously intractable security constraints**

# Main takeaway

## Intractable/Non-linear Optimization Problem

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linear constraints  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$

non-linear  
inequality constraints

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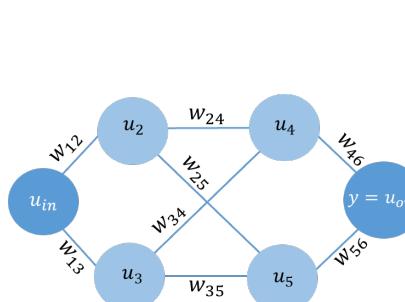
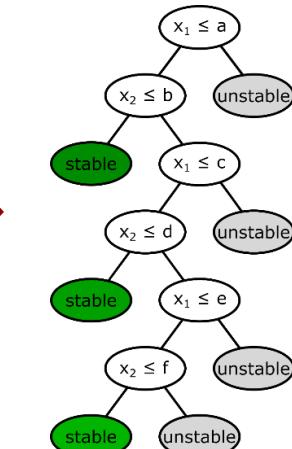
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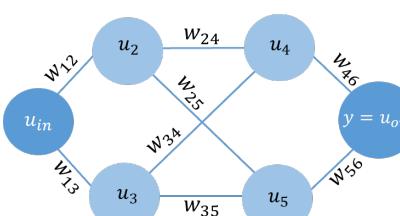
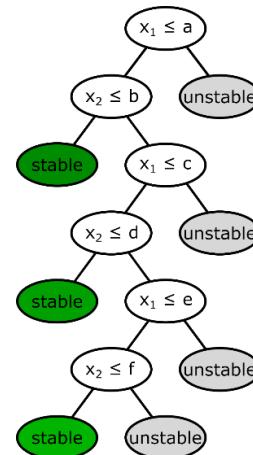
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Exact Transformation:  
Convert DT or NN to a MILP

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**MILP Constraints**  
(Exact transformation)



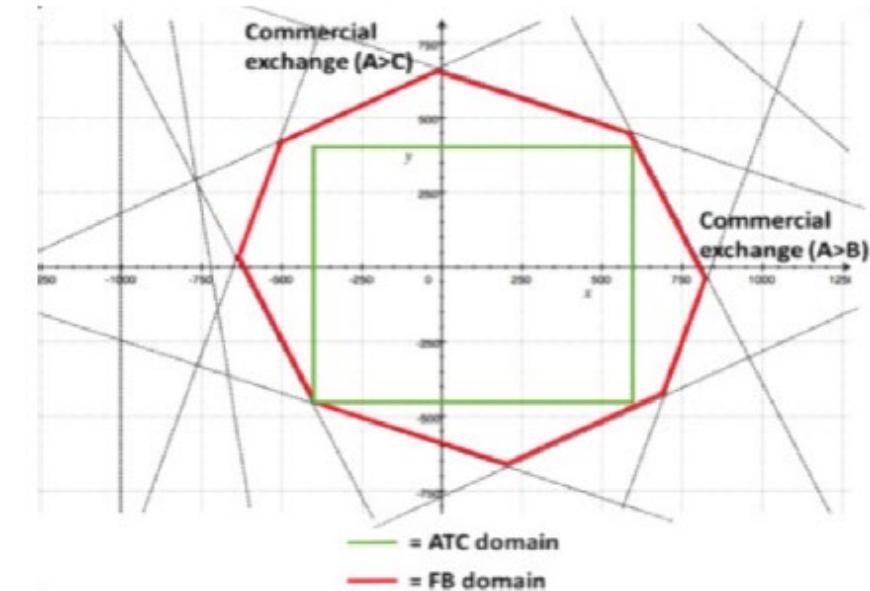
Capture previously  
intractable constraints  
and solve a MILP

# Outline

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- From Decision Trees to MILP
- From Neural Networks to MILP

# Guiding example: What is the problem?

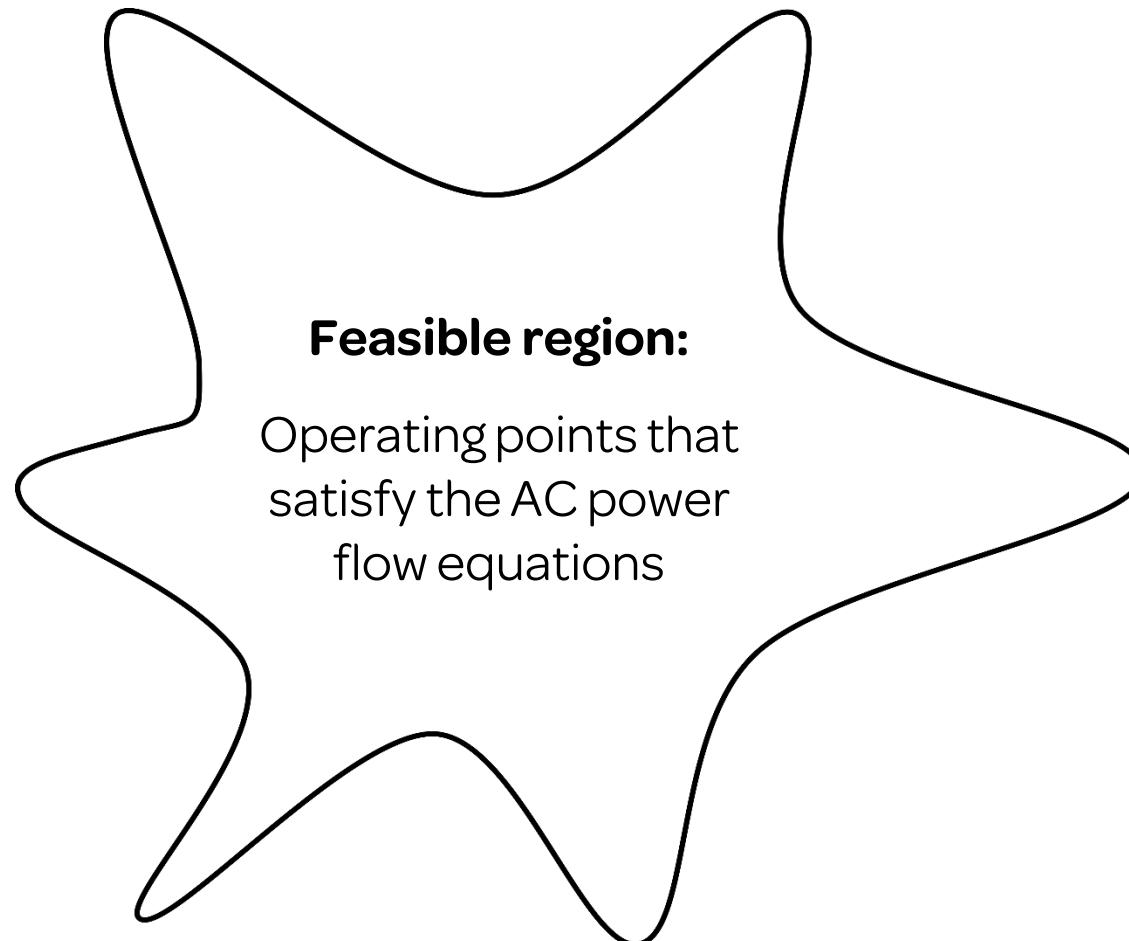
- Power system optimization is primarily used in electricity markets, and more recently for loss minimization and other functions
- The actual feasible region is non-convex (and very complex to identify it)
- Electricity markets consider the largest **convex** feasible region and **solve a MILP** (due to block offers, etc.)
- We are **missing** parts of the feasible region that can contain “**more optimal**” points
- **Goal:** find a **computationally tractable** way to consider the **actual feasible region** in a **MILP**



Largest Convex Region of the Feasible Space for Optimal Power Flow, for two types of Electricity Markets\*

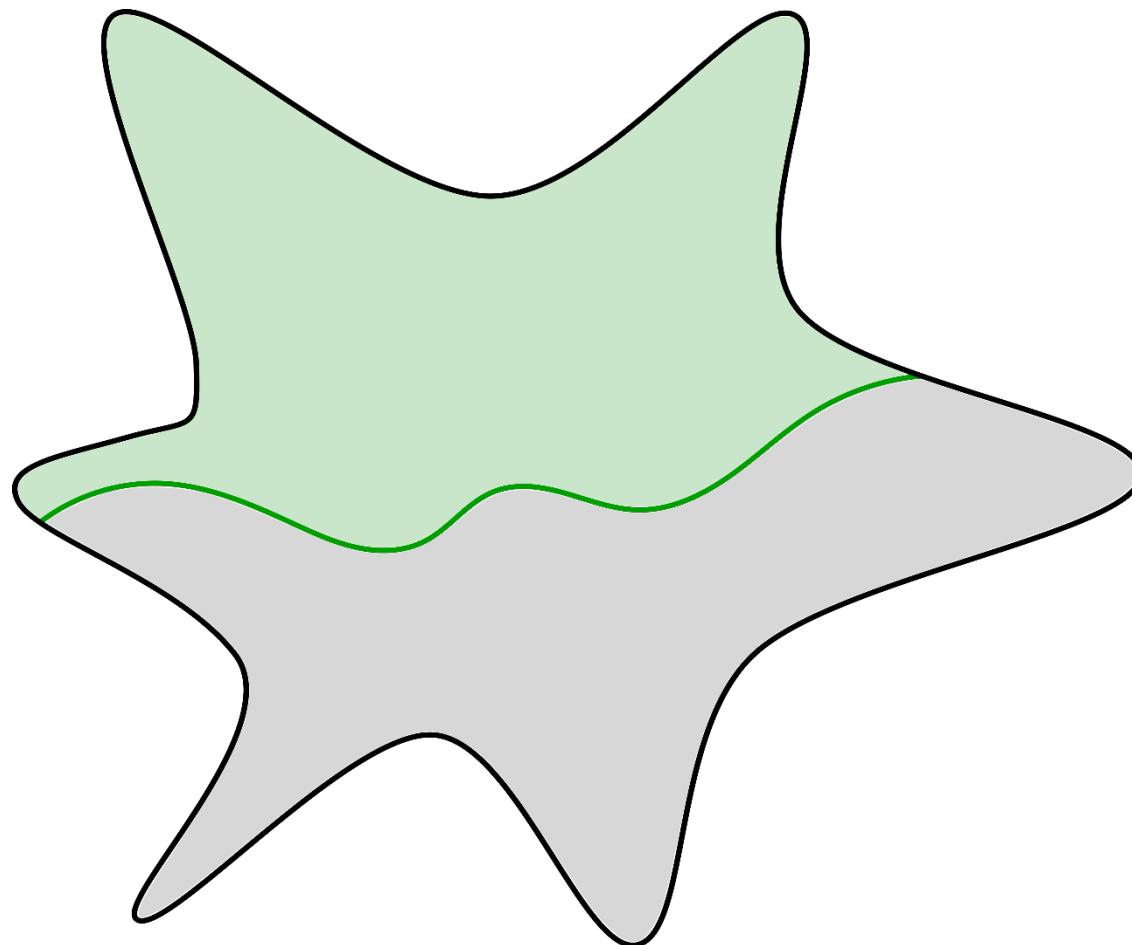
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# The safe operating region of power system operations



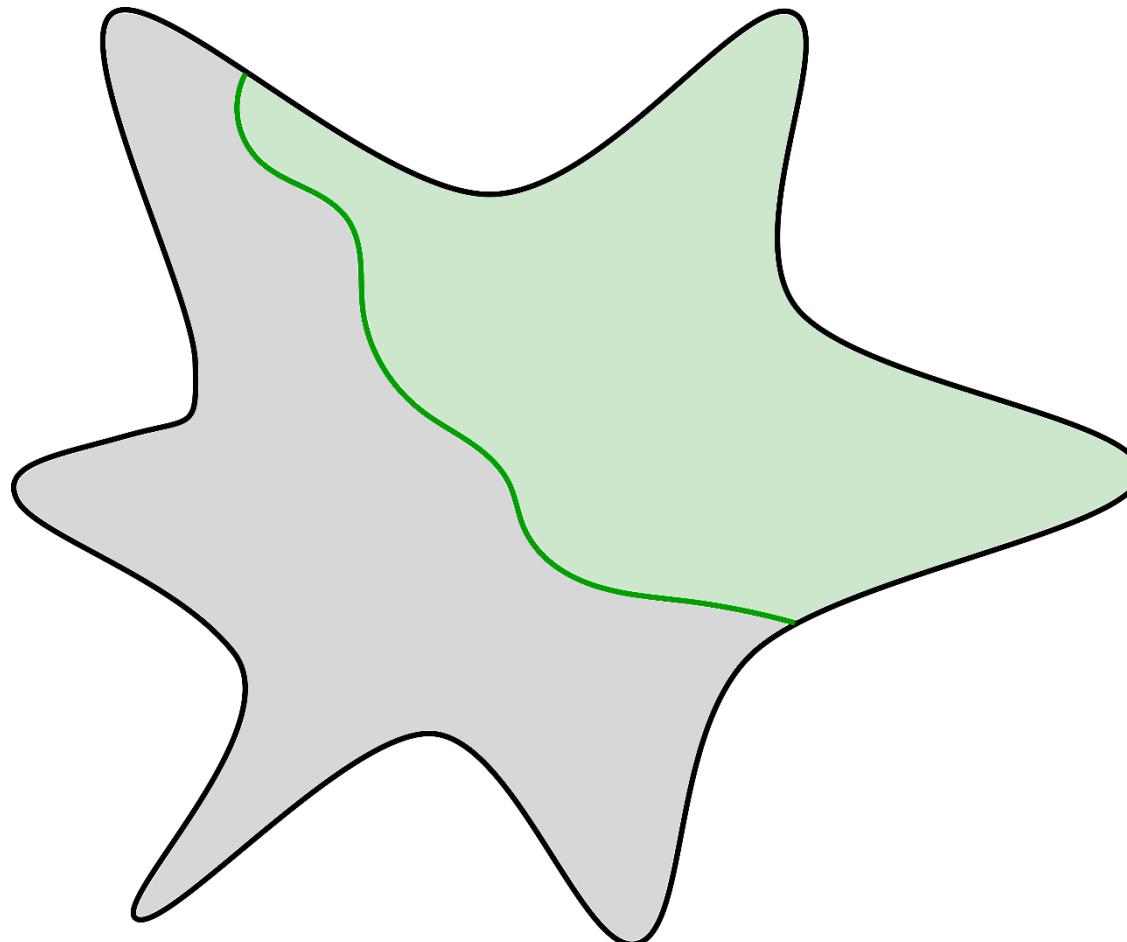
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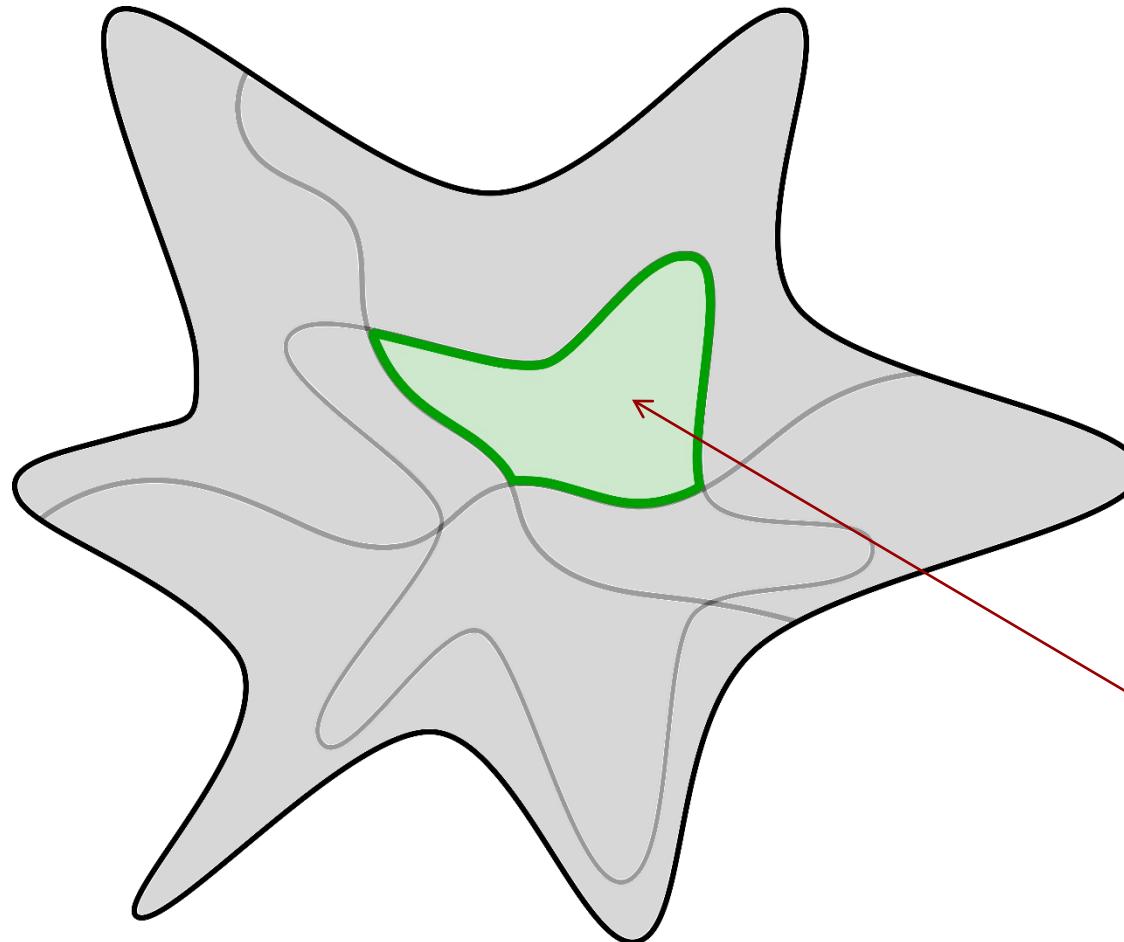
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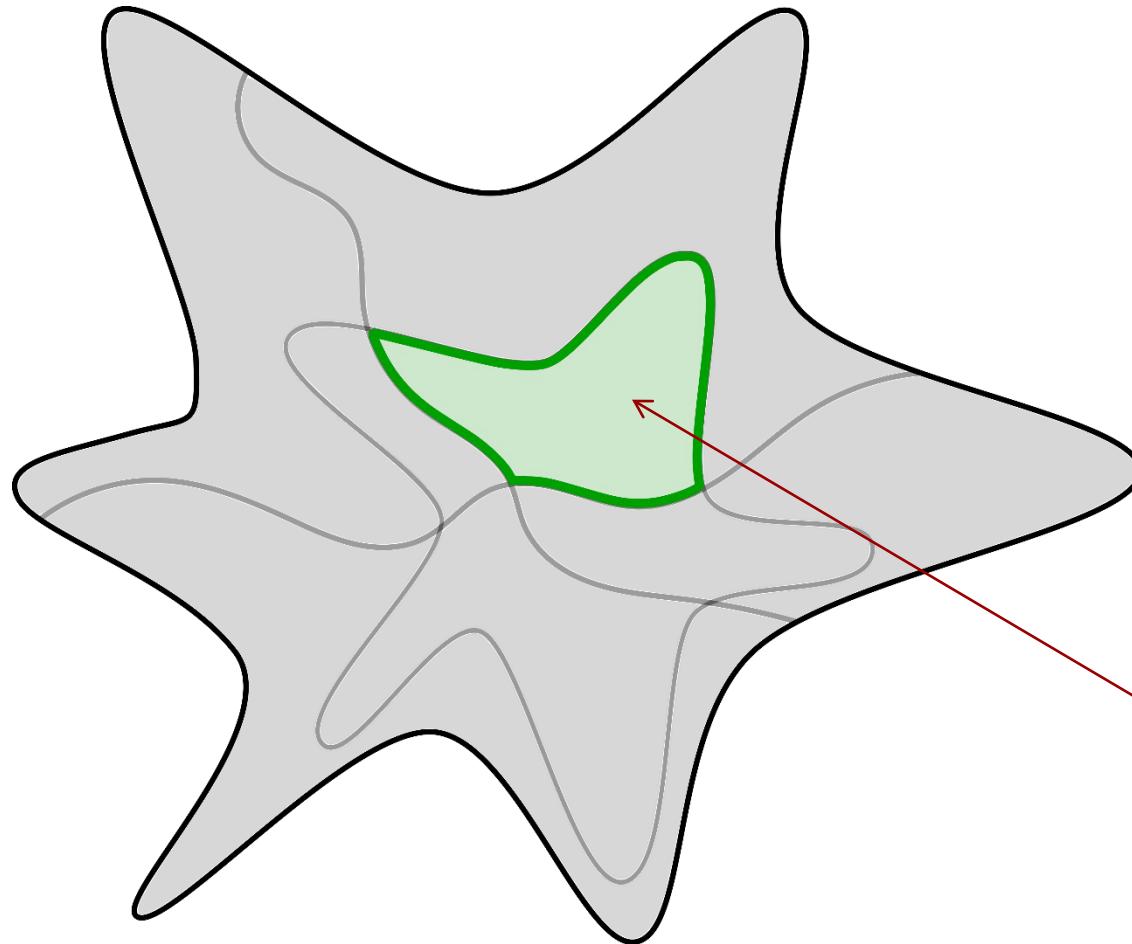


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Optimization constraints should represent this area

**Impossible** → differential and non-linear algebraic equations

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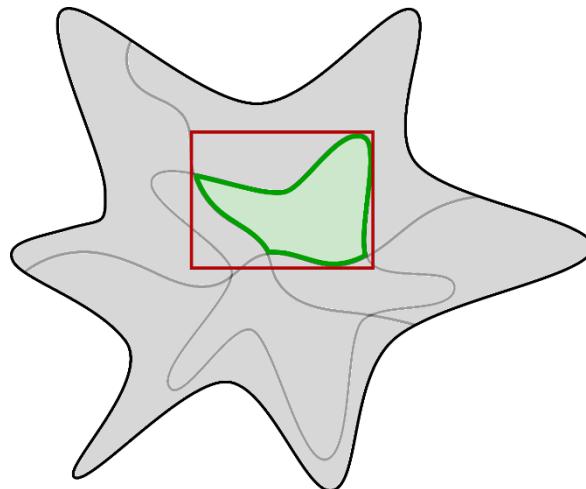
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# What do TSOs and market operators do?

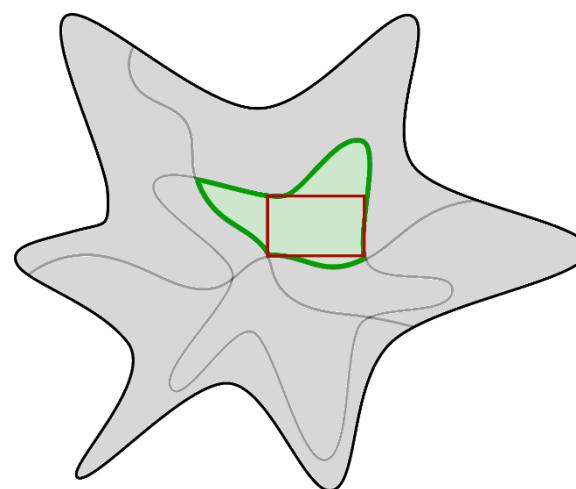
## Linear approximations

Net Transfer Capacity<sup>1</sup>

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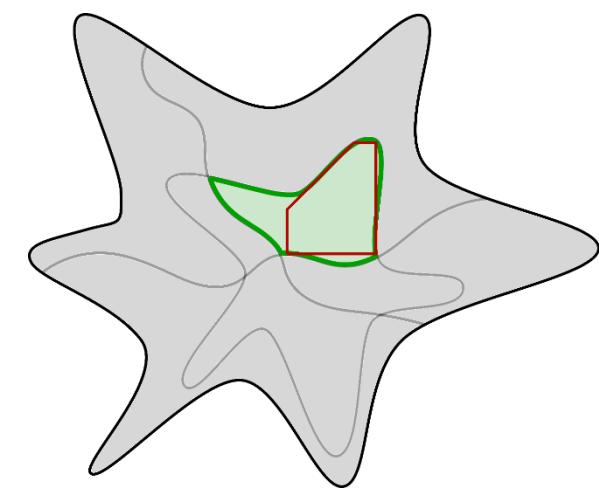


Too conservative



Flow-based market coupling<sup>2</sup>

Single convex region

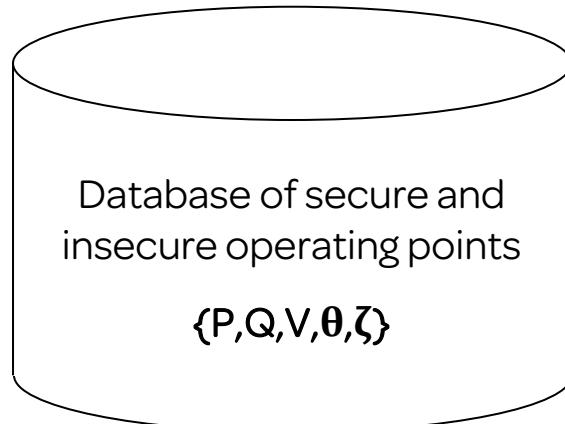


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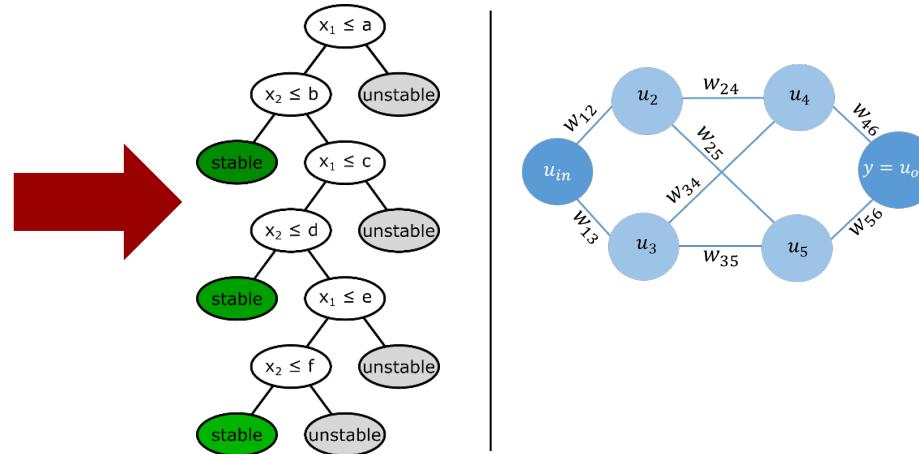
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# Our proposal: Data-driven Security Constrained OPF

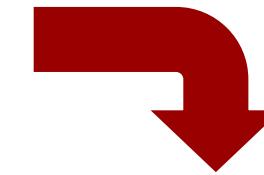
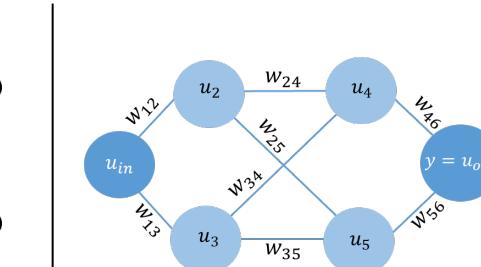
## How does it work?



Operating points provided by the TSOs through simulated and real data



Train a decision tree or neural network to classify secure and insecure regions



$$\text{PTDF} \cdot (P_G - P_D) \leq F_{L,p}^{\max} y_p + F_L^{\max} (1 - y_p)$$

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Exact reformulation to MILP

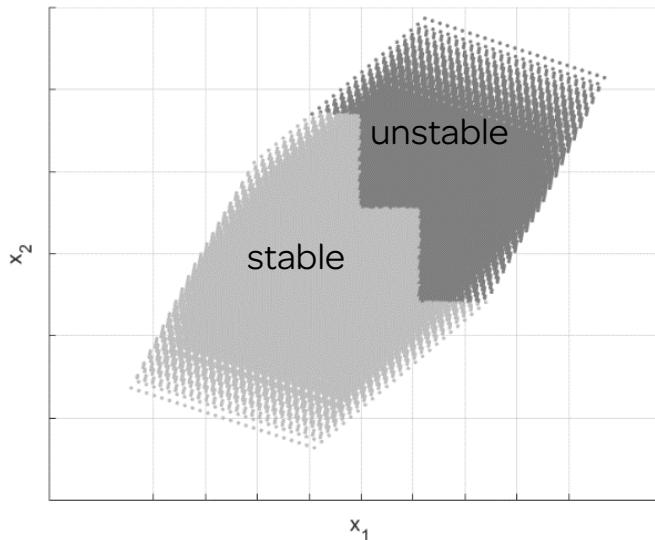
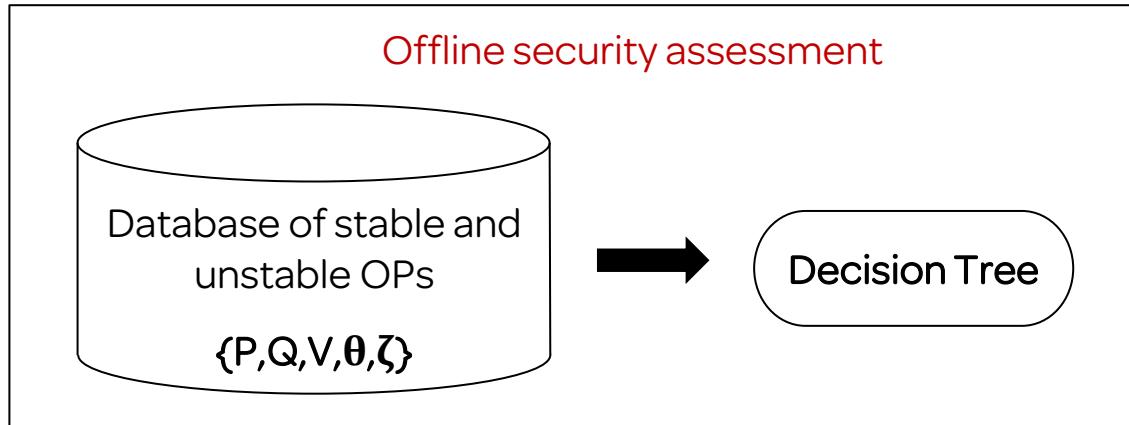
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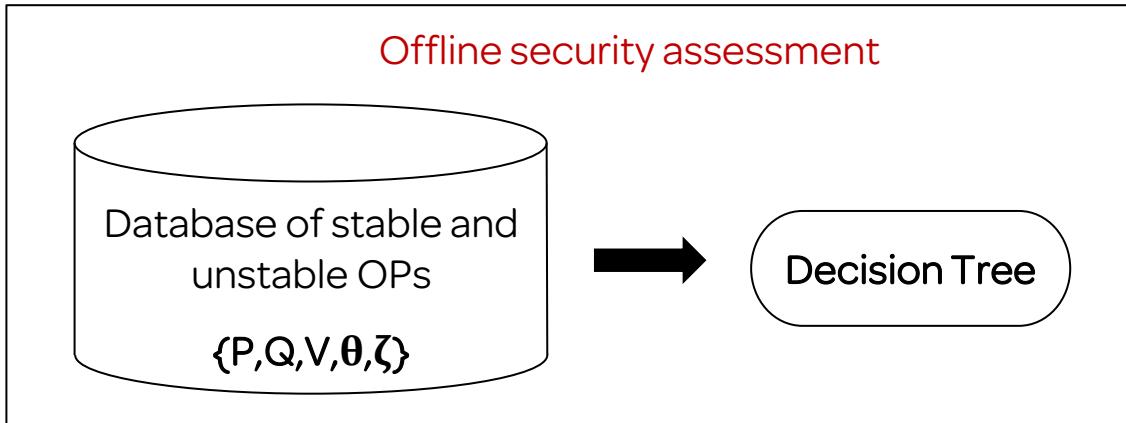
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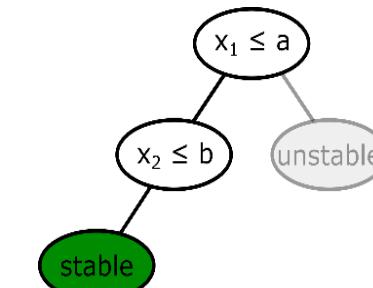
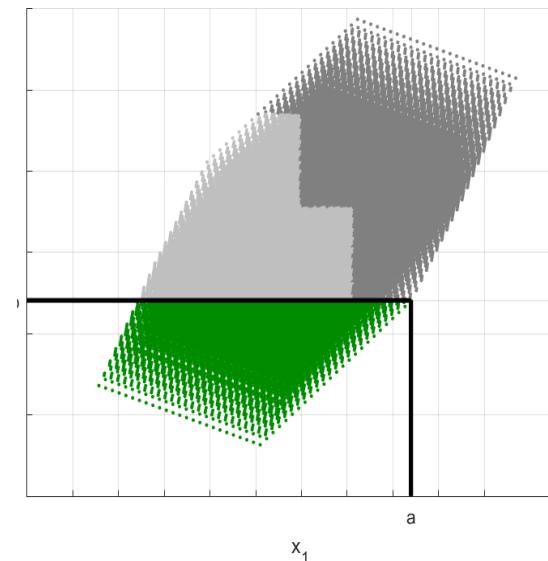
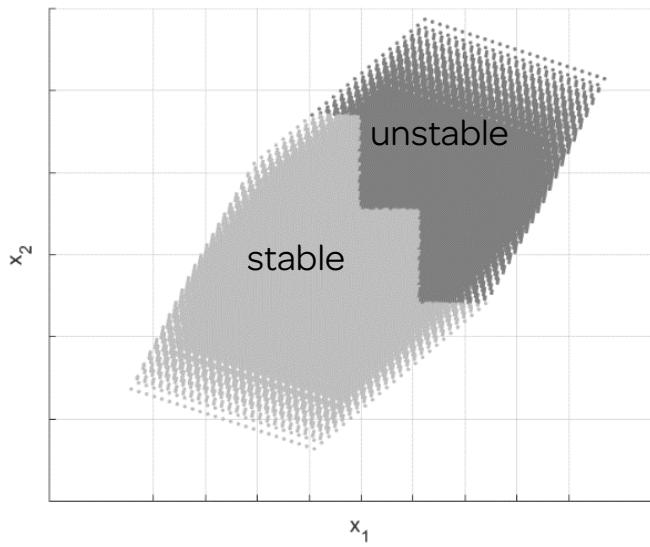


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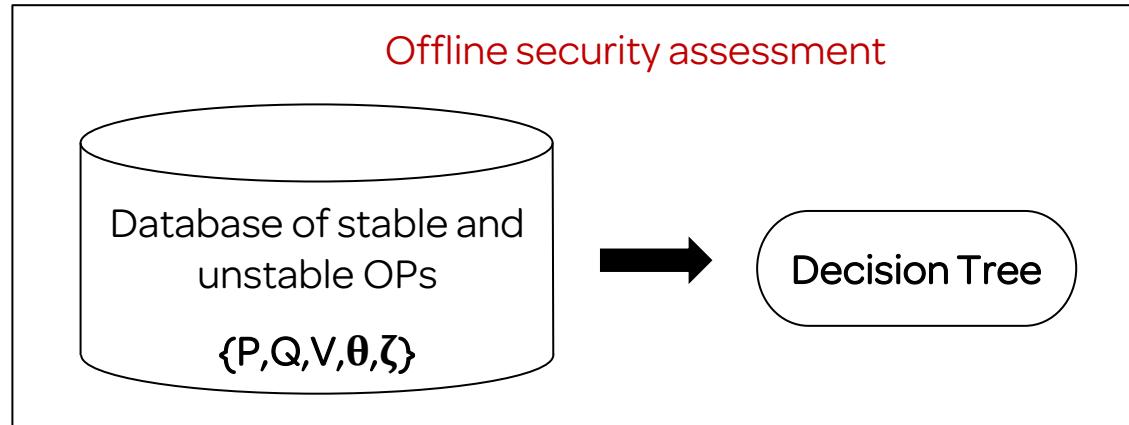


Partitioning the secure operating region

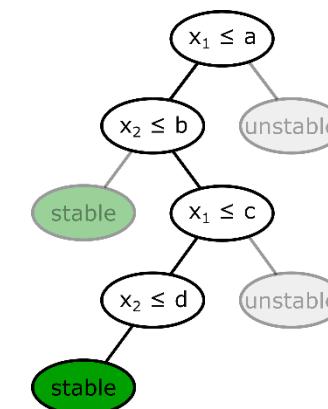
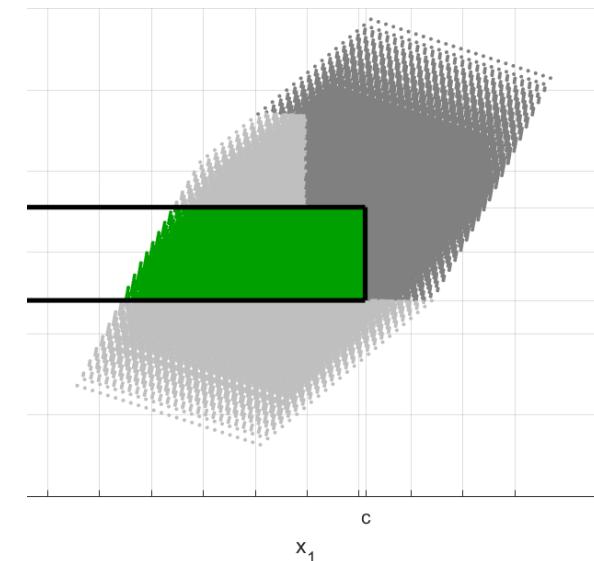
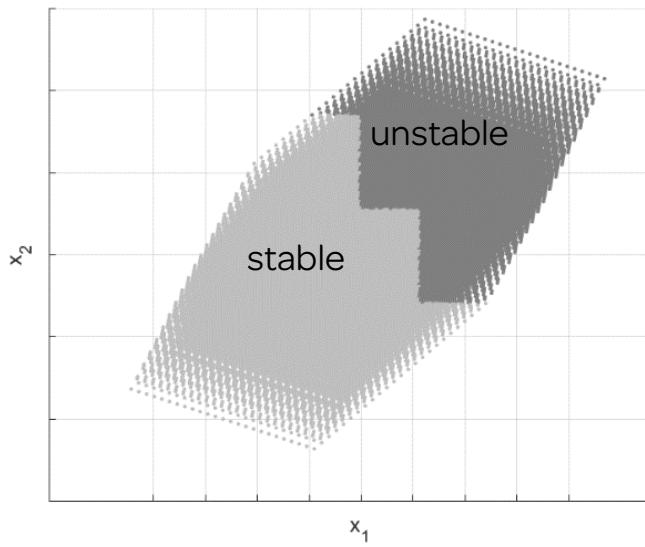


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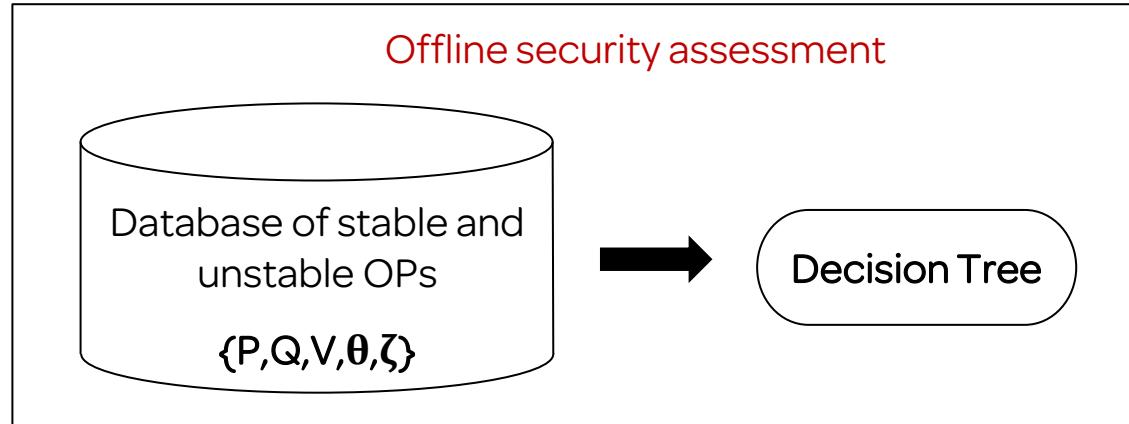


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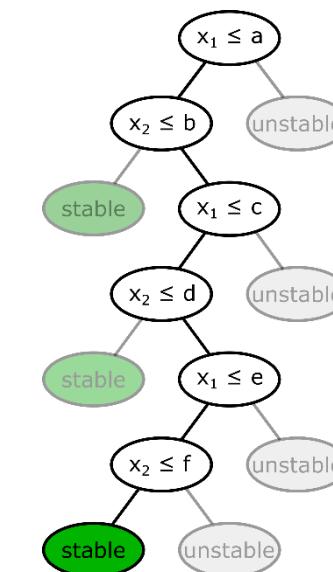
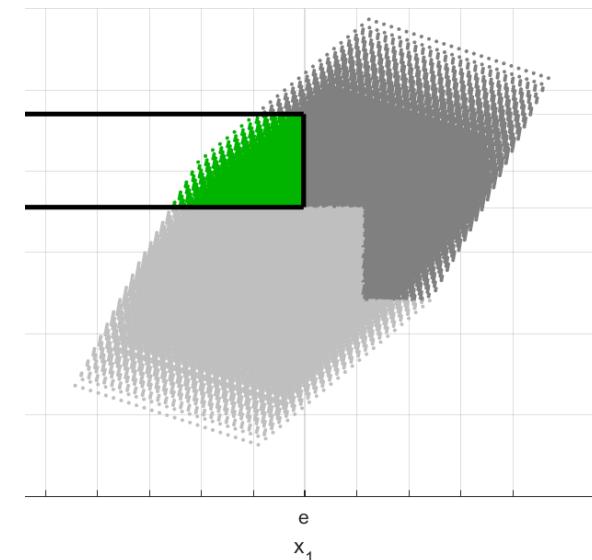
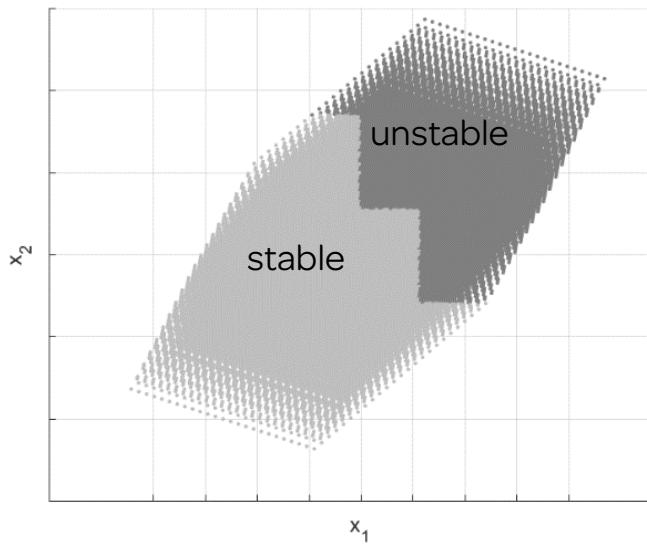


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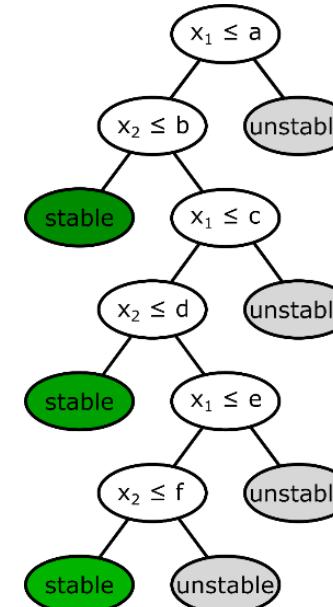
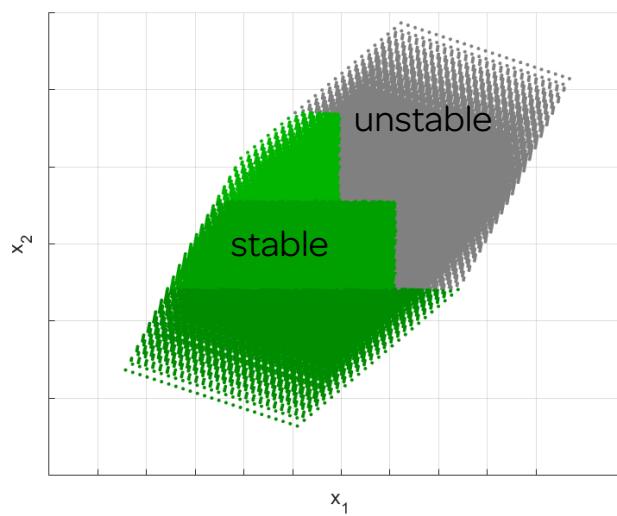
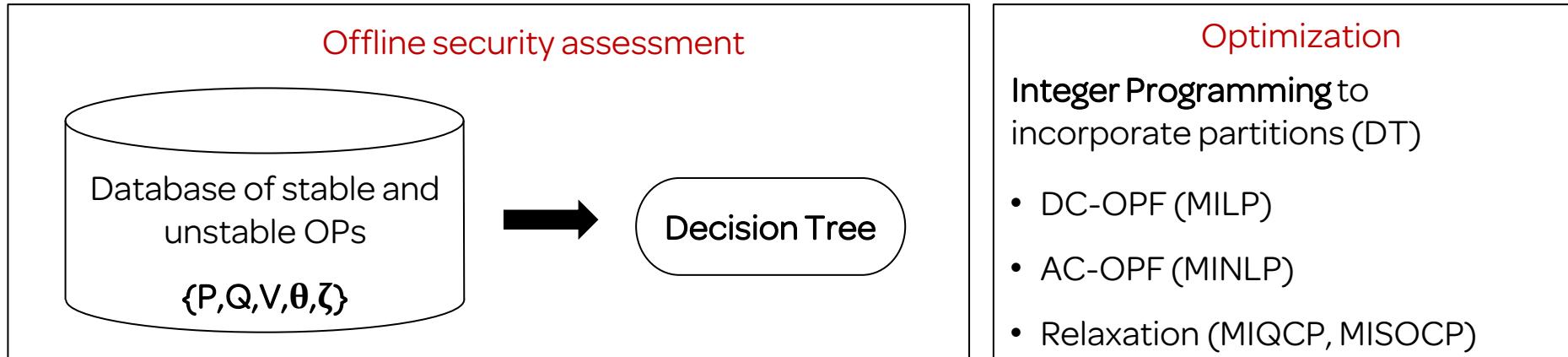


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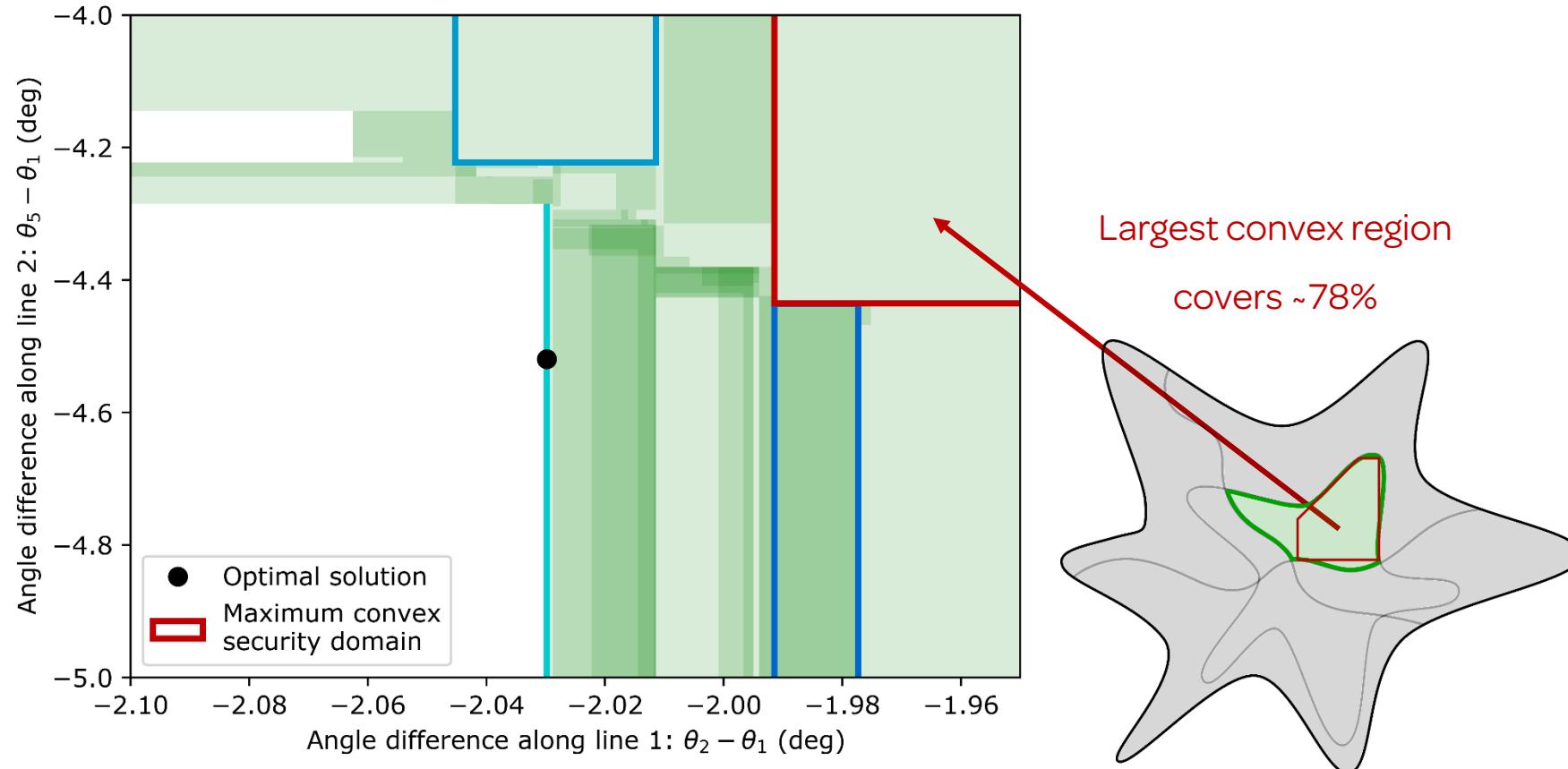
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- Each leaf is a convex region
- Flow-based market coupling corresponds to the leaf that maps the largest convex region

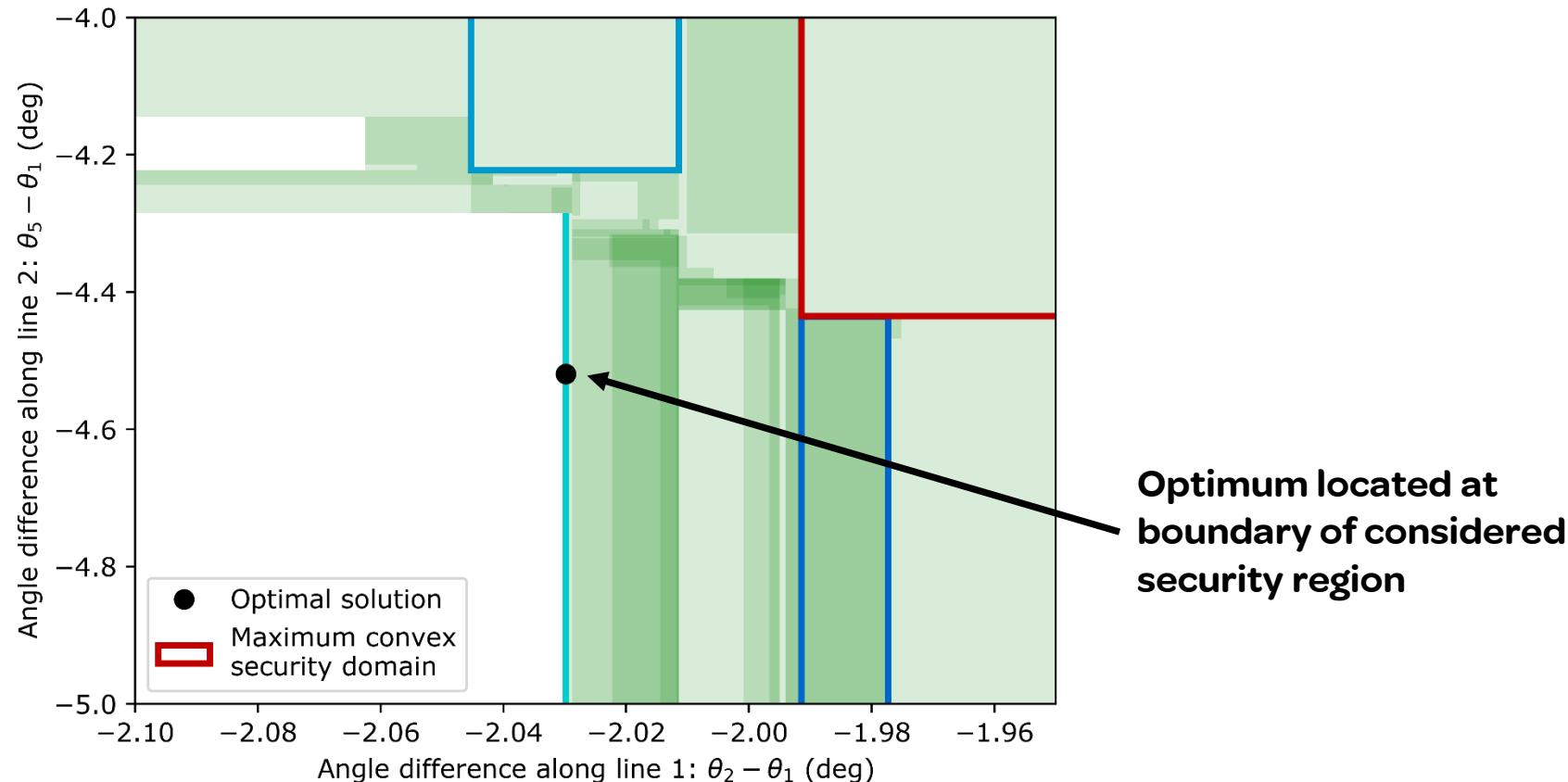
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# We gain ~22% of the feasible space using data and Mixed Integer Programming



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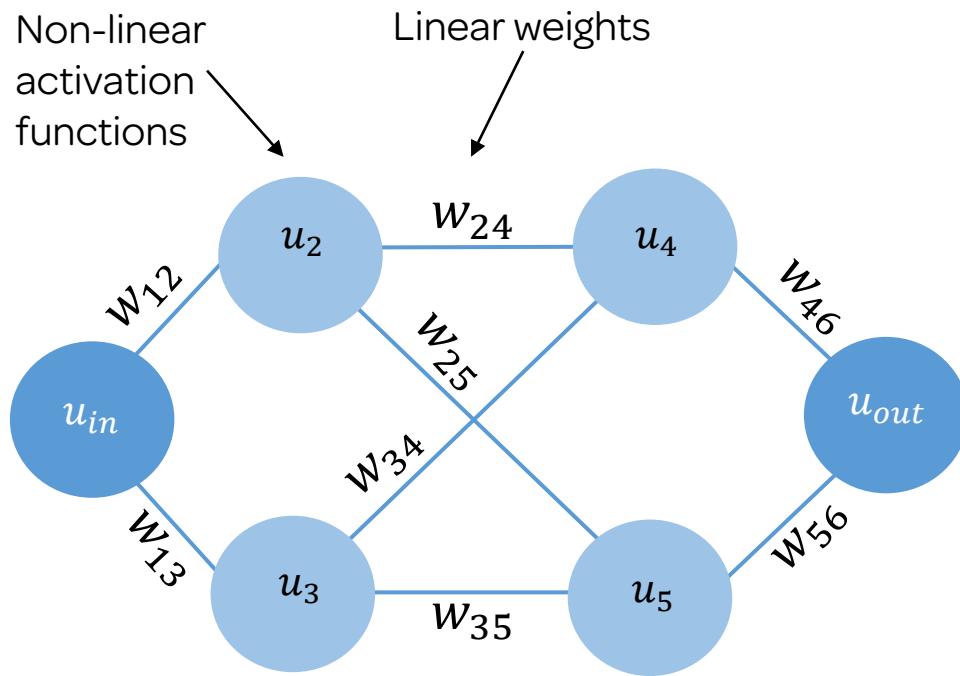
# MISOCP finds better solutions than nonconvex problem!



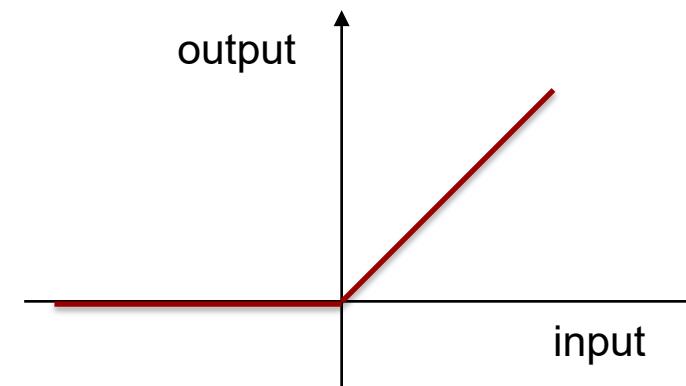
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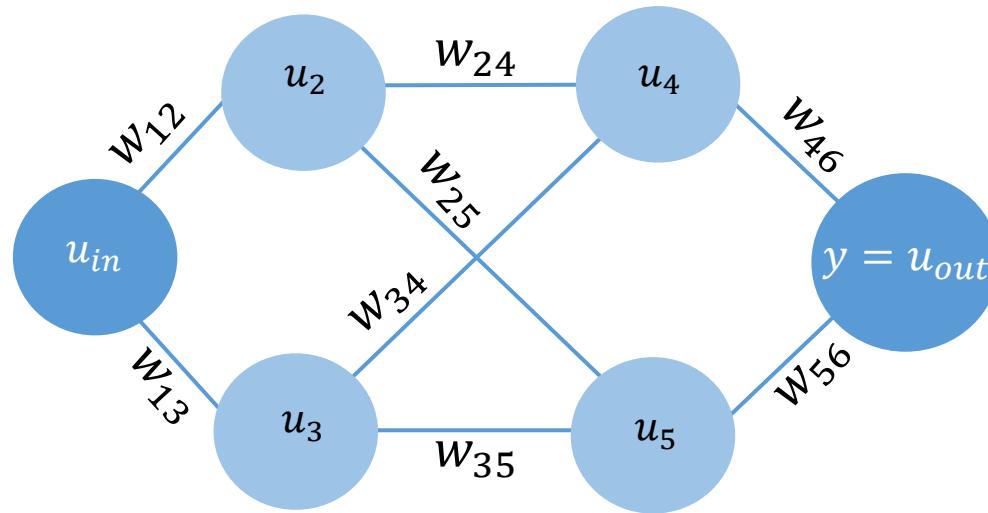
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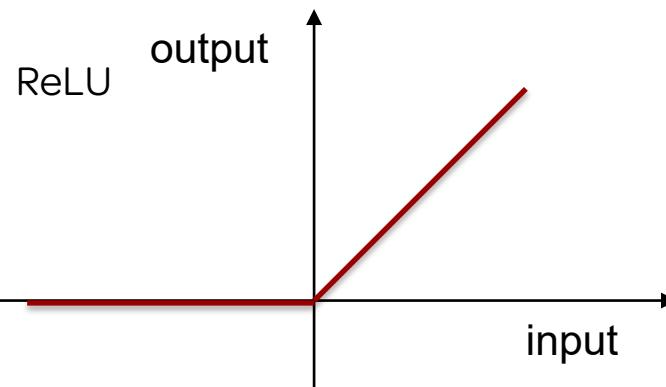
- Most usual activation function: ReLU
- ReLU: Rectifier Linear Unit



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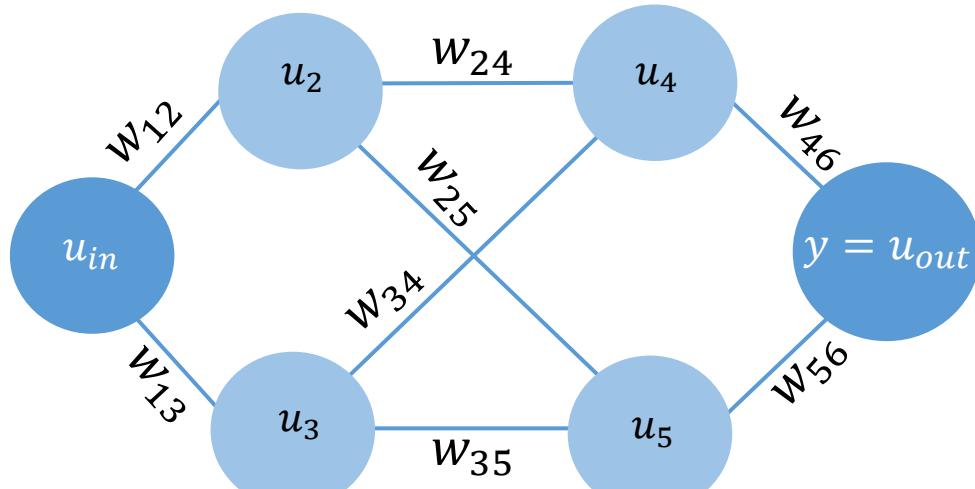


- Linear weights
- On every node: a non-linear activation function
  - ReLU:  $u_j = \max(0, w_{ij}u_i + b_i)$
- But ReLU can be transformed to a piecewise linear function with binaries



MILP

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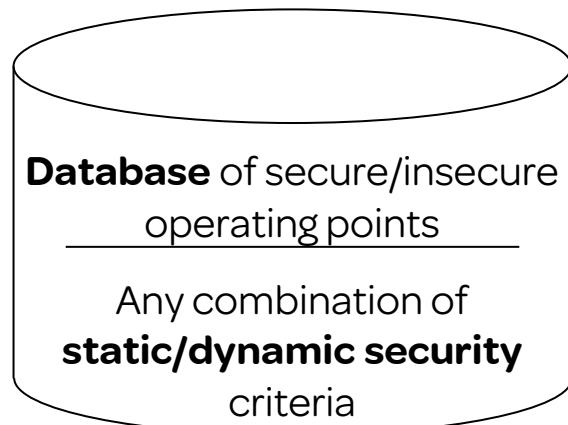
- Output
  - Binary classification: feasible/infeasible
  - ReLU is the most common activation function for Deep Neural Networks
  - Output vector  $y$  with two elements:

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $y_1 \geq y_2$ : safe
- $y_2 \geq y_1$ : unsafe

# Data-driven Security Constrained OPF

## How does it work?



e.g. N-1 & Small-signal stability  
(Small-Signal Stab. up to now impossible to *directly* include in an OPF)



Train a neural network → “encode” all information about secure and insecure regions

Tractable small-signal stability-constrained OPF

$$\min f(\mathbf{p}_g)$$

s.t.

$$\mathbf{p}_g^{\min} \leq \mathbf{p}_g \leq \mathbf{p}_g^{\max}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_g^{\min} \leq \mathbf{v}_g \leq \mathbf{v}_g^{\max}$$

$$s_{\text{balance}}(\mathbf{p}^0, \mathbf{q}^0, \mathbf{v}^0, \boldsymbol{\theta}^0) = 0 \quad \text{NN} \rightarrow \text{MILP}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{u}}_k &= \mathbf{W}_k \mathbf{u}_{k-1} + \mathbf{b}_k \\ \mathbf{u}_k &= \max(\hat{\mathbf{u}}_k, 0) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} y_k \leq \hat{u}_k - \hat{u}_k^{\min}(1 - b_k) \\ u_k \geq \hat{u}_k \\ u_k \leq \hat{u}_k^{\max} b_k \\ u_k \geq 0 \\ b_k \in \{0, 1\}^{N_k} \end{cases} \\ y_1 &\geq y_2 \end{aligned}$$

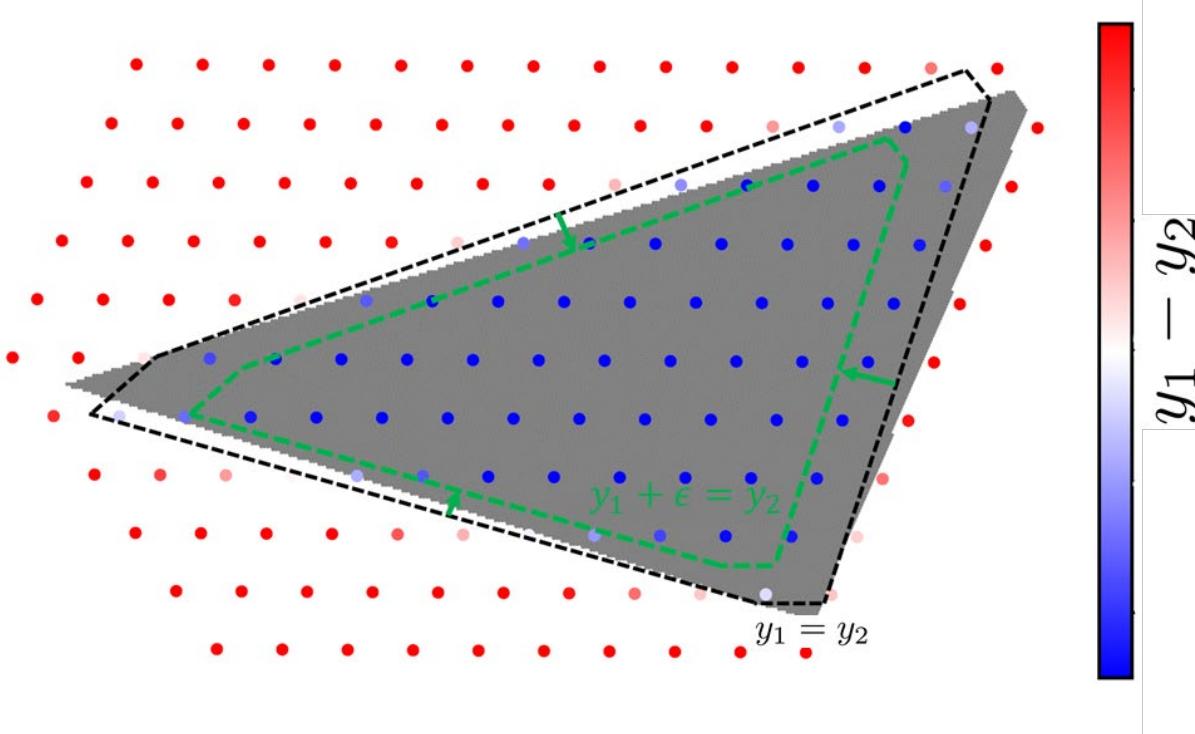
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Code available: [https://gitlab.com/violatimon/power\\_system\\_database\\_generation](https://gitlab.com/violatimon/power_system_database_generation)

1. How do you ensure that the feasible region is captured accurately by the NN?
2. How do you handle the non-linear **equality** constraints?

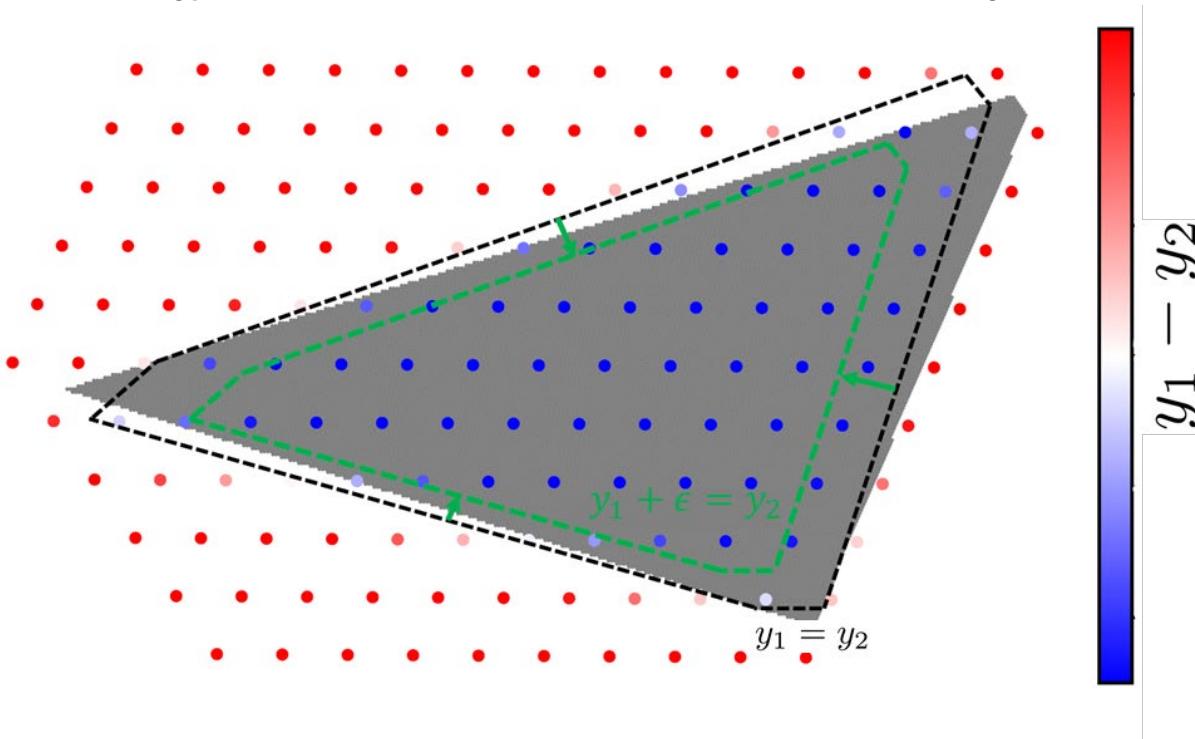
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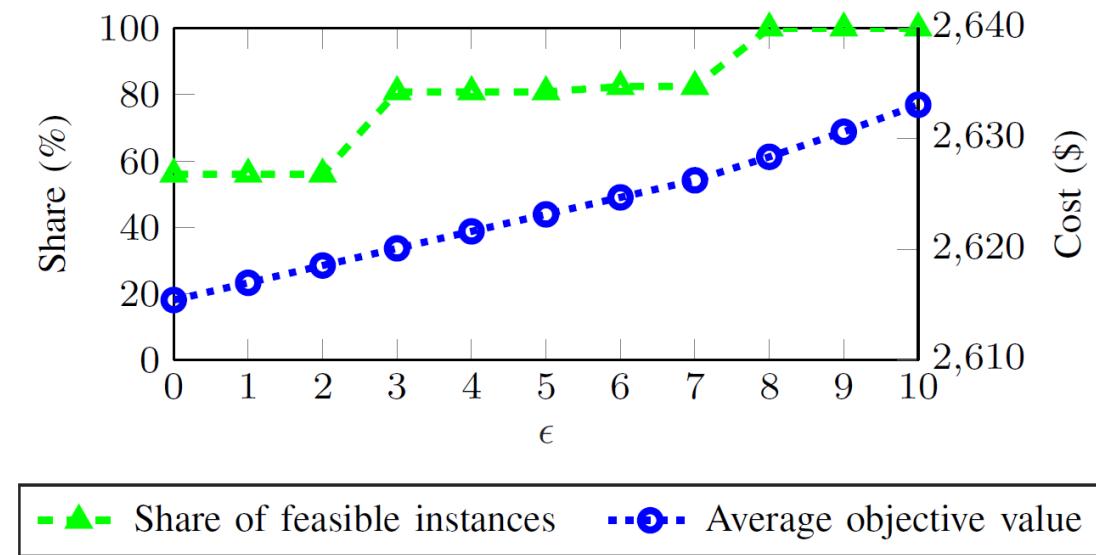
Grey area: True feasible region  
Black dashed line: Original NN estimate  
Green dashed line:  $\epsilon$ -conservativeness

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- Here: linearization**
  - Replace N constraints with 1 linearized constraint of the total active power nodal balance
  - Iterative MILP converges very fast : 1.04 iterations on average in 125 instances**

$$\sum_{\mathcal{G}} \mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{g}}^0 + \sum_{\mathcal{N}} \mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{d}}^0 + p_{\text{losses}}|_i + \frac{\delta p_{\text{losses}}}{\delta \mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{g}}^0}|_i (\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{g}}^0 - \mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{g}}^0|_i) + \frac{\delta p_{\text{losses}}}{\delta \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{g}}^0}|_i (\mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{g}}^0 - \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{g}}^0|_i) = 0$$

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MILP solution time similar to NLP;  
and MILP contains constraints  
that are intractable for the NLP

\*ACOPF is faster because it contains less than 15% of the constraints of the other problems

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Conservativeness ( $\epsilon = 8$ ) helps obtain feasible solutions without increasing substantially the objective function

## Takeaway #9

**Both Decision Trees and Neural Networks can convert to a MILP and help capture optimization constraints that were impossible to capture before.** E.g. small-signal stability constraints can now be accurately captured in an OPF

# Wrap-up

- From decision trees and neural networks to Mixed Integer Linear Programs (MILP)
  - Exact transformation
  - Capture efficiently constraints that were previously intractable (e.g. based on differential equations)
- Challenges
  - Handling of non-linear equality constraints: SOCP or linearization appear effective
  - Accurately capturing the feasible space: introducing  $\epsilon$ -conservativeness
- The framework can apply to any general non-linear program with intractable constraints

# Appendix - End