

Analysis and representation of non-stationary signals in inertia-reduced power grids

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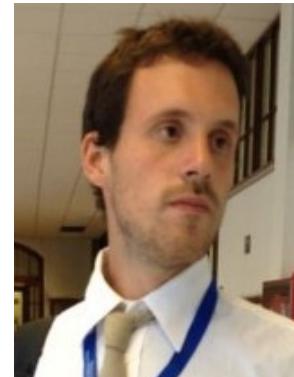
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The context

- Power systems are **large, nonlinear, multi-time-scale, discrete/continuous complex systems.**
- Usually analyzed for specific problems with relatively simplified models under appropriate assumptions, e.g.
 - Dynamics (electromechanical) dominated by the **response of synchronous machines** → use of **time-varying phasors**.
 - Electromagnetic transient models when **time-varying phasors** are not appropriate.
- The increased penetration of **converter-interfaced generation (CIG)** and **HVDC** in power systems **challenges** the above decomposition of power system studies into **phasor-based vs electromagnetic-transient-based**.
- New needs in dynamics, control and stability studies of systems with significant penetration of CIG.

The context

Event of September 28, 2016, Australia

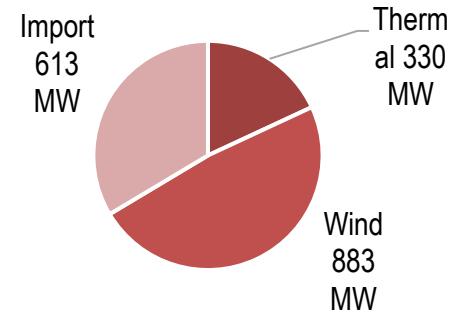
Multiple tornadoes in South Australia (SA) tripped multiple 275 kV transmission circuits, and resulted in multiple faults in quick succession.

The series of voltage dips from the faults triggered protection on several wind farms to runback about 456 MW of wind generation.

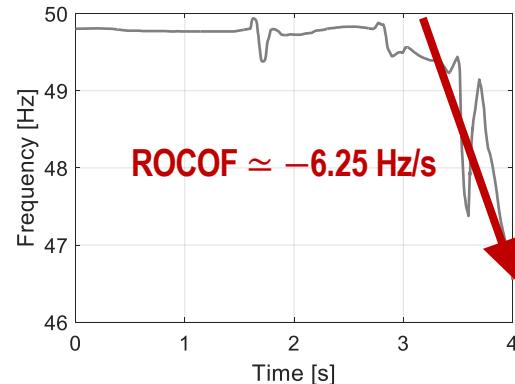
The reduction in wind farm output was compensated by an increase in power imported from Victoria. However, the import reached a level that tripped the interconnector on loss of synchronism protection.

The loss of power infeed from the wind farms and import from Victoria resulted in the frequency falling so fast that load shedding schemes were unable to stop the fall, resulting in a blackout.

SA pre-black-out generation mix



System frequency

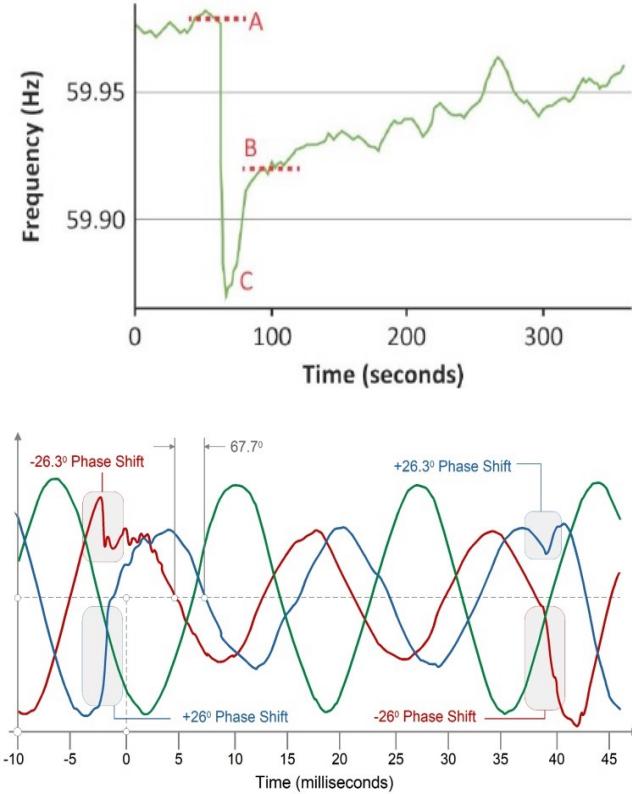


The context

Event of August 16, 2016, California

A fault induced a total of 1'178 MW of PV power interruption.

- The majority of inverters trip instantaneously based on frequency measurements obtained from PLLs; it was determined that these inverters are susceptible to erroneous tripping due to frequency changes; this response accounted for **700 MW of the lost generation**.
- A number of inverters that tripped were configured to **cease current injection if the voltage goes above 1.1 pu or below 0.9 pu**; the inverters were returned to pre-disturbance level at a slow ramp rate; this response accounted for about **450 MW of lost generation**.



The consequences

- Summary of use cases for frequency and ROCOF
 - **Loss of Mains (LOM)** protection
 - Isolation of network areas (due to maintenance or faults) can pose security risks to personnel from intermittent unexpected voltages
 - LOM (anti-islanding) relays, used to **disconnect local renewables**, are notorious for false trips (noise sensitivity of ROCOF, system disturbances)
 - **Under Frequency Load Shedding (UFLS)** applications
 - Last resort protection scheme to **disconnect loads** for frequency maintenance
 - False tripping can trigger other UFLS schemes and result in widespread loss of load and over frequency events
- False triggering
 - Phase/amplitude steps (due to network configuration, circuit breaker operations, remote faults) can trigger these protection schemes.

Adequacy of signal processing techniques

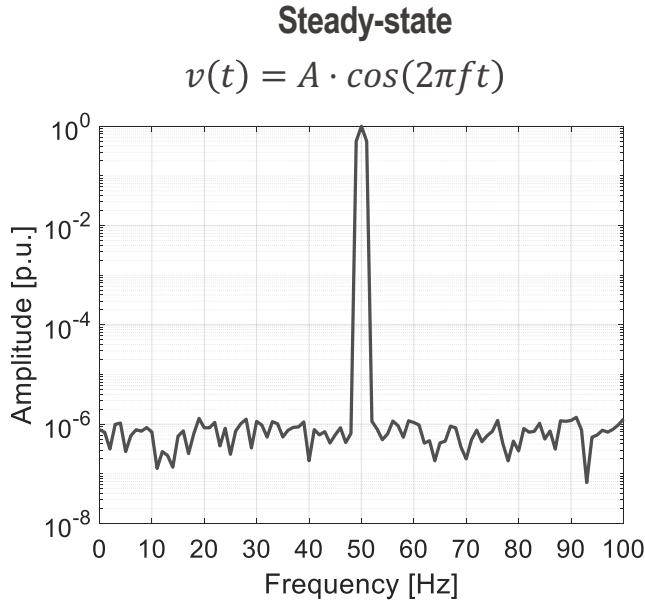
Traditional power system analysis deals with signals approximated as quasi-stationary sinusoids. In the frequency-domain, such signals are characterized by **narrow spectral bandwidth**.

- **Narrow-band signals:** discrete spectrum with energy concentrated around a single sinusoidal component.

In reduced-inertia power grids, signals representative of voltages and/or currents may experience fast variations that may violate this assumption. In the frequency-domain, the energy of these signals occupies a broader bandwidth.

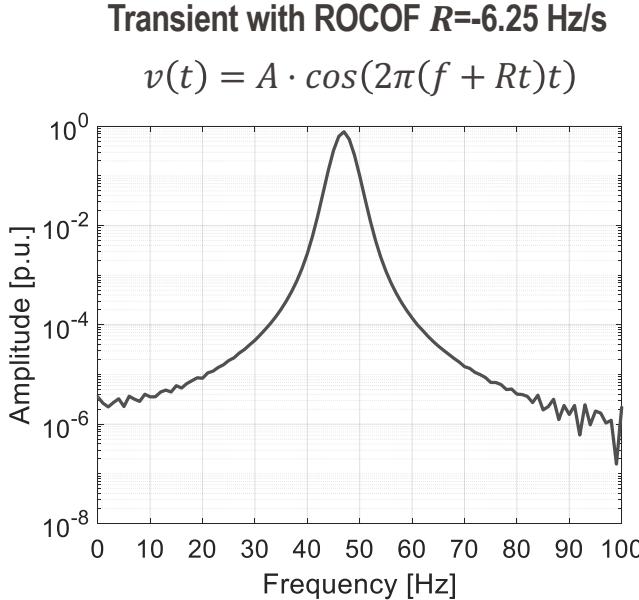
- **Broad-band signals:** continuous spectrum of generic bandwidth → **spectrum of the signal (and its energy) cannot be reconstructed by a finite set of sinusoidal components.**

Adequacy of signal processing techniques



Energy of the signal in [48, 52] Hz
99.X%

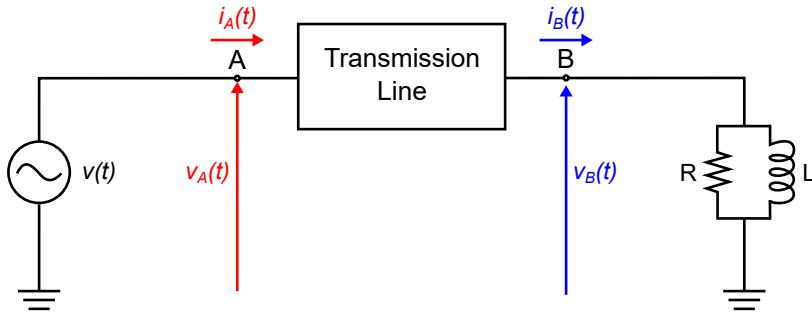
→ **Narrow-band signal**



Energy of the signal in [48, 52] Hz
32%

→ **Broad-band signal**

Adequacy of signal processing techniques



- Numerical experiment carried out using the EMTP-RV
- Voltage generator: 380 kV (ph-ph), generic time-dependent voltage source
- Line: 100 km frequency-dependent model
- Load: R-L parallel equivalent → 400 MW, $\cos\varphi$ 0.9
- $v_A(t)$ negative frequency ramp characterized by RoCoF of -5 Hz/s (starting from 50 Hz)
- $v_A(t)$ amplitude modulation characterized by 10% depth and 5 Hz modulating frequency

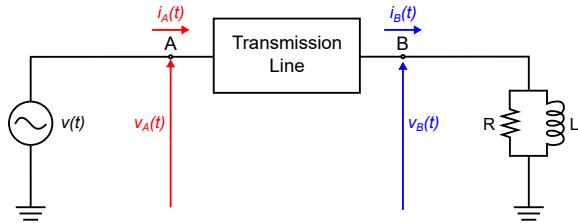
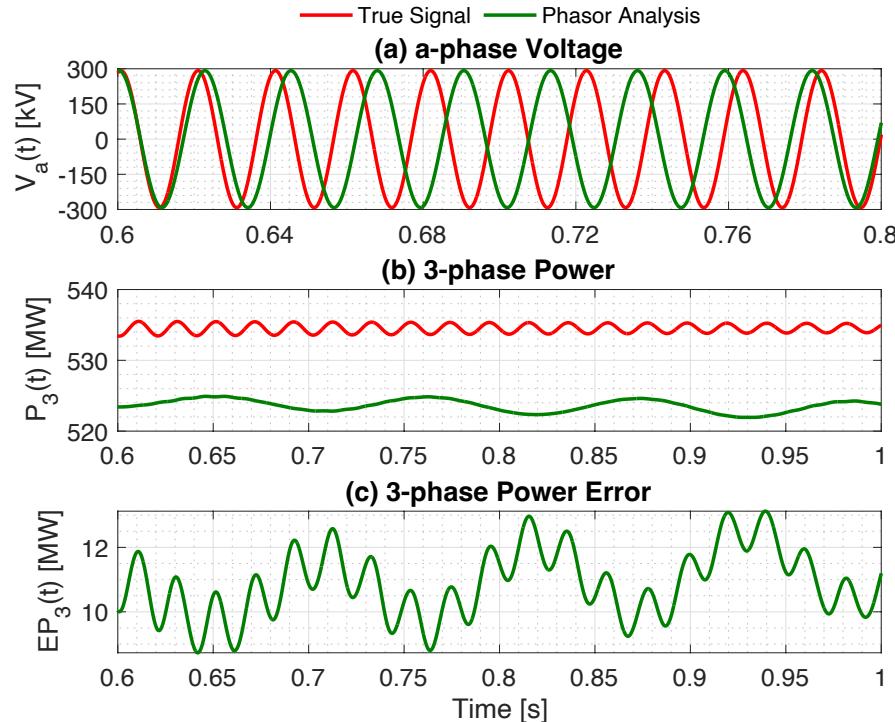
Adequacy of signal processing techniques

- Phasor analysis based on IEC Std. 61000-4-7, sliding window of 200 ms.

1: $p(t) = \sum_{abc} v(t) \cdot i(t)$	True instantaneous power
2: for $x(t) = \{v(t), i(t)\}_{abc}$	
3: $x(t) = x(t) + \mathcal{N}(t)$	Noise adding, SNR = 80 dB
4: for $t = 0 \rightarrow end, \Delta t = 200ms, \Delta f = 5Hz$	
5: $X(k) = \mathcal{F}[x(t) \cdot w(t)]$	Hanning window, $\mathcal{F} \approx DFT$
6: $\{\tilde{f}(t), \tilde{A}(t), \tilde{\varphi}(t)\} = IpDFT[X(k)]$	Estimate of the phasor params
7: $\tilde{x}_{\mathcal{F}}(t) = \tilde{A}(t) \cos(2\pi\tilde{f}(t)\Delta t/2 + \tilde{\varphi}(t))$	Reconstruct the time-domain signal
8: end for	
9: end for	
10: $\tilde{p}_{\mathcal{F}}(t) = \sum_{abc} \tilde{v}_{\mathcal{F}}(t) \cdot \tilde{i}_{\mathcal{F}}(t)$	Instantaneous power of the reconstructed signals
11: $\Delta p_{\mathcal{F}}(t) = \tilde{p}_{\mathcal{F}}(t) - p(t)$	Power error

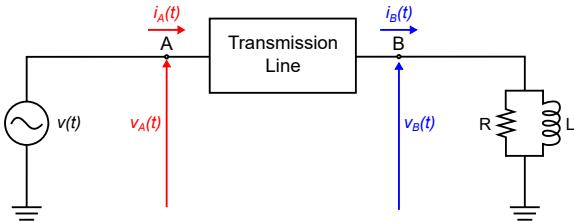
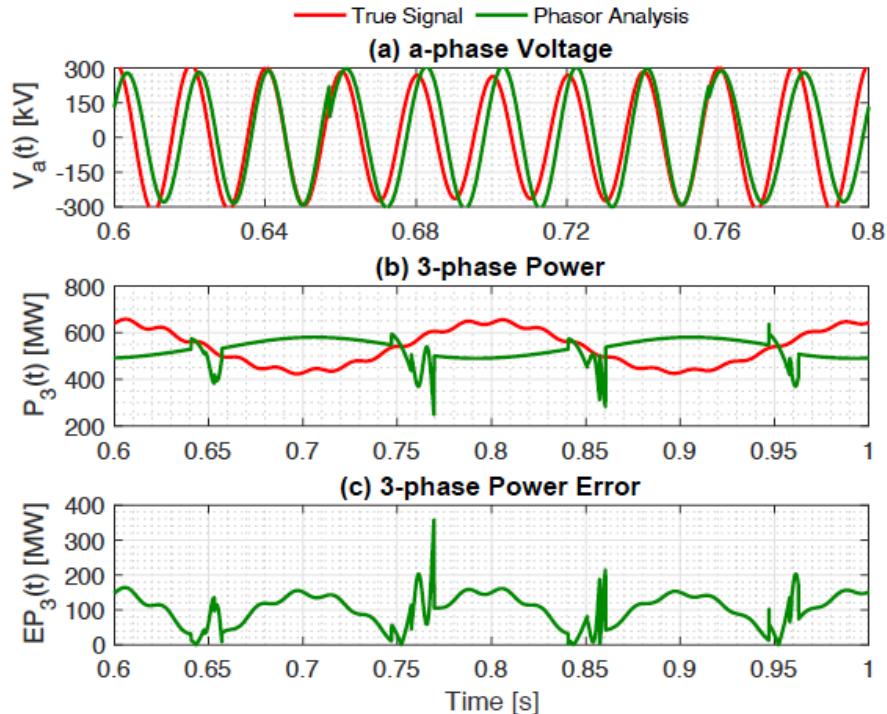
Adequacy of signal processing techniques

Frequency ramp of -5 Hz/s applied to $v_A(t)$

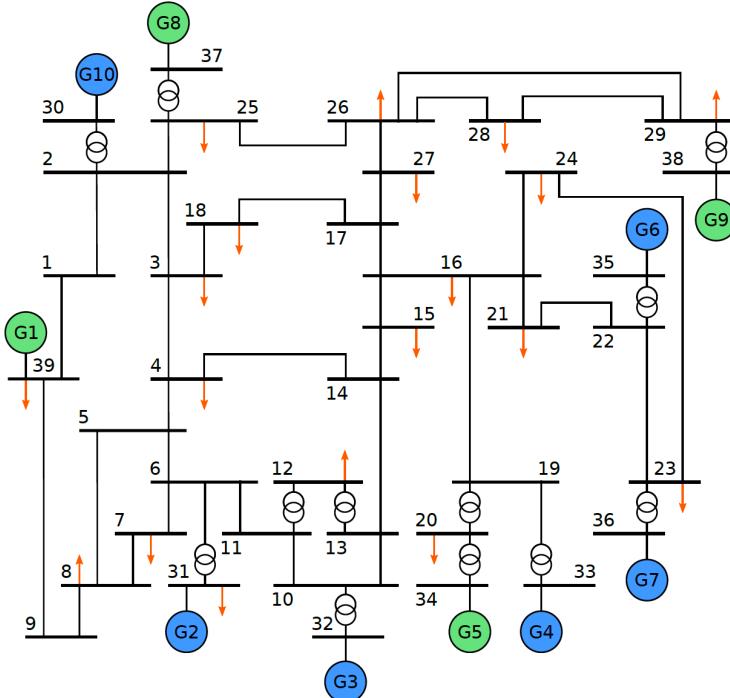


Adequacy of signal processing techniques

10% amplitude modulation with modulating frequency of 5 Hz applied to $v_A(t)$



Adequacy of signal processing techniques



- IEEE 39-bus test system

- 345 kV

- 10 GW installed capacity

- 3 configurations:

- I: original 10 machines

- II: 4 wind farms (4 GW)

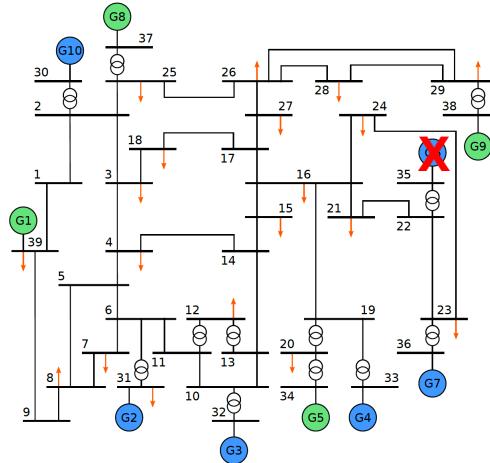
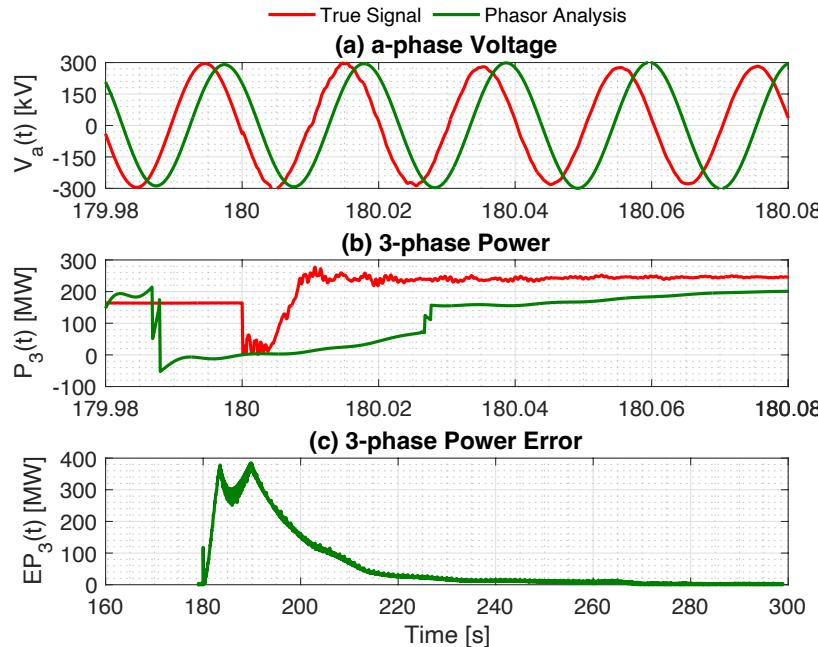
- III: 4 wind farms + BESS (0.2 GW)

- Generator G6 tripped (800 MW)

[online: <https://github.com/DESL-EPFL/>]

Adequacy of signal processing techniques

Outage of generator G6 @ 180 s (800 MW), analysis for the node at bus #21



$$\Delta p_{\mathcal{F}} = 400 \text{ MW}$$

Possible solutions

To overcome the limitations of traditional phasor analysis, two possible approaches:

- **Dynamic phasor analysis**

Dynamic phasors have been introduced as an extension of the phasor concept, where **fundamental parameter time-derivatives are included in the signal model**.

Enhanced signal models allow for more accurate reconstruction of time-varying parameters and **soften the stationarity constraint. However, it is not possible to dissociate dynamic phasor from DFT-based analysis, and they are likely to face similar model inconsistency issues.**

- **Functional basis analysis**

information theory provides several **transformations and projection bases other than simple sinusoids/complex exponentials** for the analysis of time-varying or continuous spectrum signals.

Dynamic phasors: pros & cons

- Outperform stationary phasors in dynamic conditions.
- Prove to be compliant with IEEE Std requirements.
- Still rely on narrow-band approximations of signals and cannot represent in a complete way signals characterized by a continuous spectrum (see comparison with Functional Basis Analysis presented next).

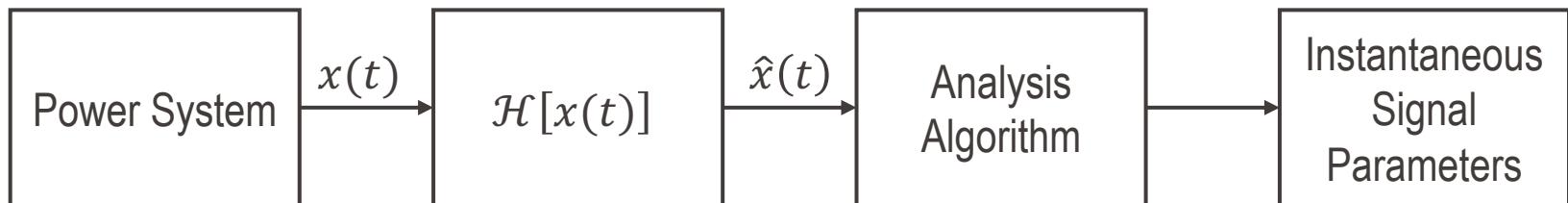
➔ NEED FOR ALTERNATIVE TRANSFORMATIONS

Analysis of Broad-Band Signals in Reduced-Inertia Power Systems Using the Hilbert Transform (HT)

- As seen at the beginning of the seminar, the exact modeling of inertia-less power systems may require the use of more sophisticated representations other than phasors

Proposal: Can we project on a **different functional basis** not based on sinusoids that enables us to reconstruct the whole spectrum and, therefore, capable to **model the power transfer on the whole spectrum?**

- The **Hilbert Transform (HT)** may be the appropriate tool since its use results into negligible errors in the reconstruction of the spectral power transfer in case of extreme power systems transients



Power Systems Transients Using the HT

Given a generic time varying real signal $x(t)$, its HT is defined as:

$$\tilde{x}(t) = \mathcal{H}[x(t)] = \frac{1}{\pi} P \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x(\tau)}{t - \tau} d\tau$$

being P the Cauchy principal value.

The real signal $x(t)$ and its HT form the so-called **analytic signal**:

$$\hat{x}(t) = x(t) + j \cdot \mathcal{H}[x(t)] = x(t) + j \cdot \tilde{x}(t)$$

About the Cauchy principal value: it is used to assign a value to the integral $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x(\tau)}{t - \tau} d\tau$ which would be undefined when the denominator is null.

The Cauchy p.v. is defined according to the following rule (being $f(x)$ singular at the finite number b):

$$p.v. = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \left[\int_a^{b-\epsilon} f(x) dx + \int_{b+\epsilon}^c f(x) dx \right]$$

Power Systems Transients Using the HT

- **Property 1:** the HT introduces a phase shift of $-\pi/2$ at each positive frequency and $+\pi/2$ at each negative frequency.
- **Property 2:** the HT of the product of two signals with non-overlapping spectra equals to the product of the low-pass term by the HT of the high-pass term.
- **Property 3:** the spectral representation of the analytic signal does not contain imaginary components but only real components.
- **Property 4:** the analytic signal can be considered as a generalization of the concept of phasor representation, characterized by an instantaneous frequency $f_0 = \omega_0/2\pi$.

HT applied to Power System Transients

- **Amplitude Modulation** → inter-area oscillations between large system regions

$$x(t) = A(1 + k_a \cos(2\pi f_a t)) \cos(2\pi f_0 t + \varphi_0)$$

FT

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}[x(t)] &= \\ &= \frac{A}{2} \cdot [\delta(f - f_0)e^{j\varphi_0} + \delta(f + f_0)e^{-j\varphi_0} + \frac{k_a}{2} \\ &\quad \cdot [\delta(f - (f_0+f_a))e^{j\varphi_0} + \delta(f + (f_0+f_a))e^{-j\varphi_0} + \delta(f - (f_0-f_a))e^{j\varphi_0} + \delta(f + (f_0-f_a))e^{-j\varphi_0}]] \end{aligned}$$

HT

$$\hat{x}(t) = A \cdot [1 + k_a \cos(2\pi f_a t)] \cdot e^{j(2\pi f_0 t + \varphi_0)}$$

HT applied to Power System Transients

- Frequency Ramp → severe system collapse

$$x(t) = A \cos(2\pi f_0 t + \varphi_0 + R\pi t^2)$$

FT

$$\mathcal{F}[x(t)] = \frac{A}{2\sqrt{R}} e^{j\left[\frac{\pi(f-f_0)^2}{R} - \frac{\pi}{4} + \varphi_0\right]} + \frac{A}{2\sqrt{R}} e^{-j\left[\frac{\pi(f+f_0)^2}{R} - \frac{\pi}{4} + \varphi_0\right]}$$

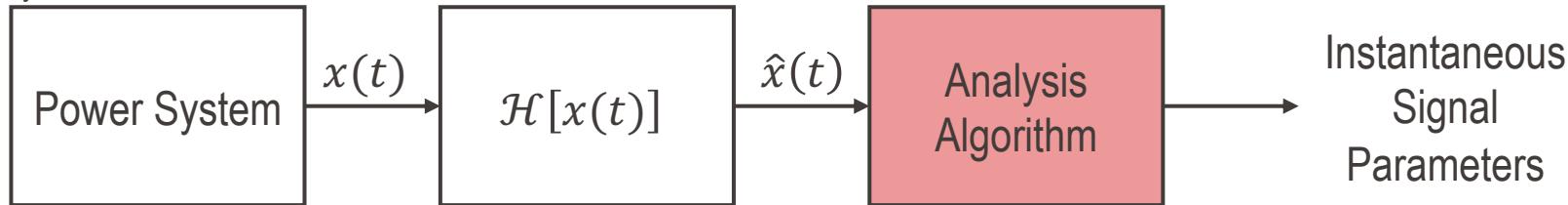
HT

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HT applied to Power System Measurements

- The HT may provide an **exact match between the real-valued time-domain signal and its analytic representation**
- If we project the real-valued signal in $x(t)$ over a basis containing the analytic signal in $\hat{x}(t)$, we will obtain a projection coefficient that **may unequivocally identifies the parameters of the signal in $x(t)$.**
- **How do we engineer this functional basis in order to extract signal parameters with a high level of fidelity?**

Characterization of Non-Stationary Signals



Goal:

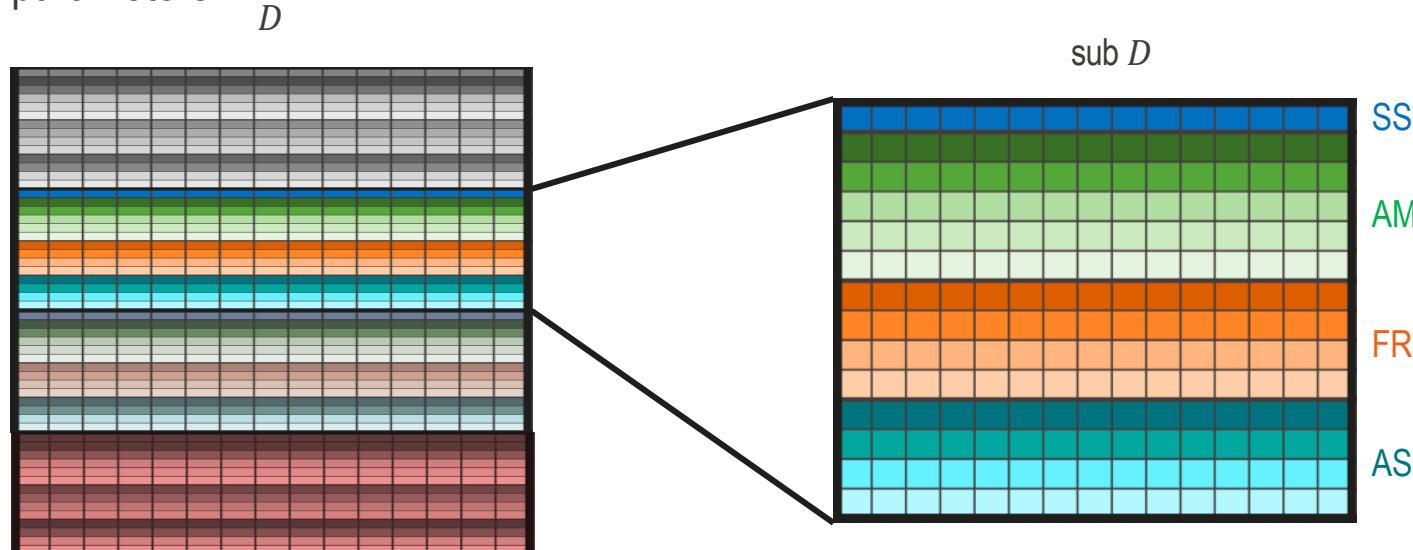
- Extracting valid signal parameters from measured signals in power grids
- Exploit improved representation of signal dynamics using Hilbert Transform

Inspired by:

- **Fourier and Wavelet analysis** which rely on bases of complex exponentials and wavelet kernels
- **Compressed Sensing** which use dictionaries of kernels to reconstruct inputs
 - **Create a suitable dictionary based on the Hilbert Transform for instantaneous signal parameter extraction.**

Dictionary Formulation

- Assumption that the set of possible signal dynamics in the grid is finite
 - Can be spanned by a dictionary of common dynamics (e.g., AM, FR, AS)
 - Dictionary is **user-engineered to capture dynamics of interest**
- Each atom in the dictionary represents a specific function for a defined set of parameters



Kernel Models

$$d = DFT \left[(1 + g_A(t)) \cdot e^{j(2\pi f_0 t + g_\varphi(t))} \right]$$

The frequency of the fundamental component is limited to a finite bandwidth between 48 and 52 Hz, for each fundamental frequency, the following vectors are included in D :

- A **steady-state (SS)** sinusoid

$$d = DFT \left[e^{j(2\pi f_0 t)} \right]$$

- A sinusoid characterized by an **Amplitude Modulation (AM)**

$$d = DFT \left[(1 + k_m \cos(2\pi f_m t +)) \cdot e^{j(2\pi f_0 t)} \right]$$

$$k_m = 10\%, f_m = [0, 5] \text{ Hz}, \varphi_m = [0, 2\pi] \text{ rad}$$

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- A sinusoid characterized by a **Frequency Ramp (FR)**

$$d = DFT \left[e^{j(2\pi f_0 t + R\pi t^2)} \right]$$

$$R = [-5, 5] \text{ Hz/s}$$

- A sinusoid characterized by an **Amplitude Step (AS)**

$$d = DFT \left[(1 + k_s h_s(t - t_s)) \cdot e^{j(2\pi f_0 t)} \right]$$

$$k_s = [10, 100]\%, t_s = [0.01, \text{Tw}-0.01] \text{ ms}$$

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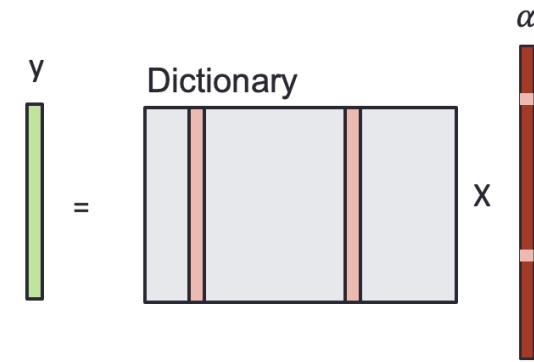
- A sinusoid characterized by a **Phase Modulation (PM)**

$$d = DFT \left[e^{j(2\pi f_0 t + k_a \cos(2\pi f_a t + \varphi_a))} \right]$$

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Dictionary Design

- Parameterized dictionary:
 - **Designing an optimal dictionary: what are the best parameter sets?**
 - Compressed Sensing involves reconstruction of signals with kernels of dictionaries
- Coherence
 - $\mu(D) = \max_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} |d_i^H d_j| / (\|d_i\|_2 \|d_j\|_2)$
 - Orthogonal basis has $\mu = 0$
 - Dictionaries are typically frames (not bases)
- Equiangular Tight Frame (ETF):
 - Frame vectors are maximally separated in space (minimum coherence)

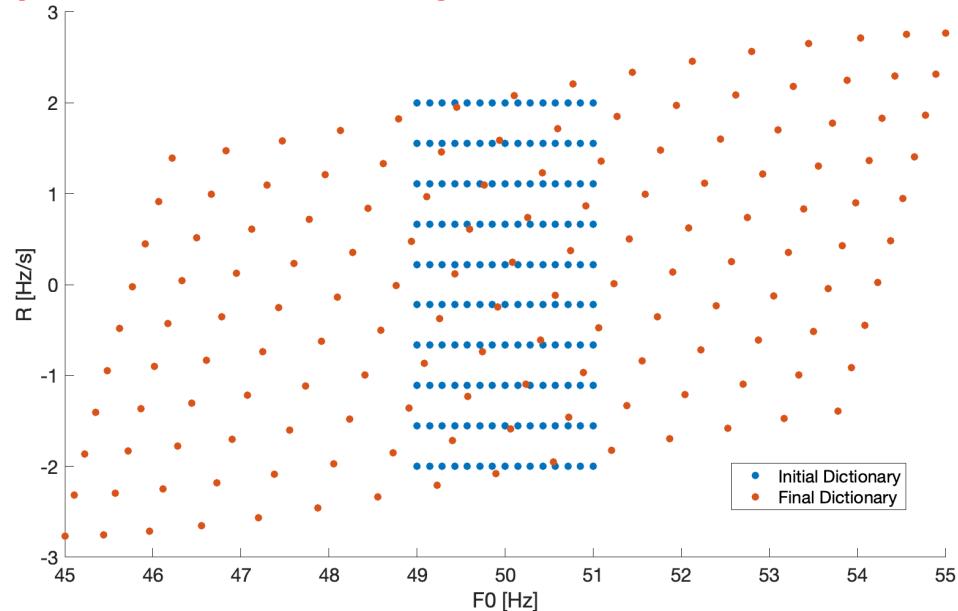


Dictionary Design

- Parametric Dictionary Design [12]

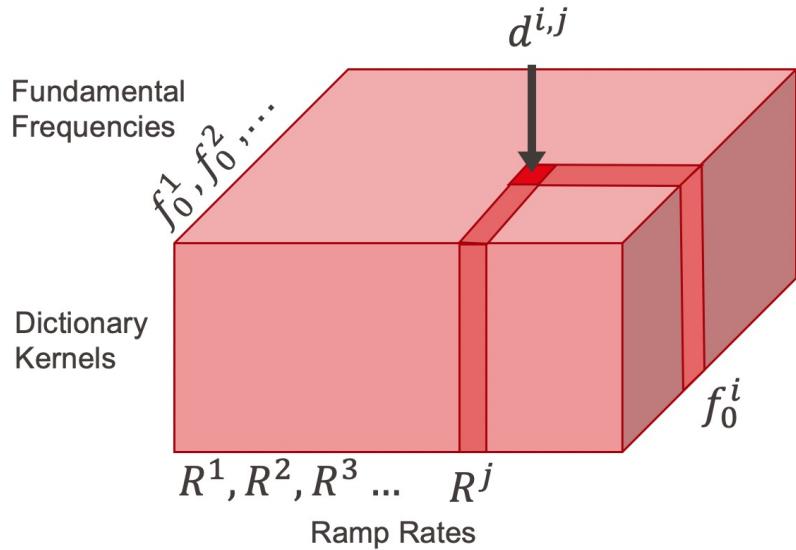
- Optimize over parameters to minimize coherence
- Conclusion: **dictionary coherence is minimized when kernel parameters are spread uniformly in the parameter ranges**

Frequency Ramp
 Dictionary
 $D(f_0, R)$



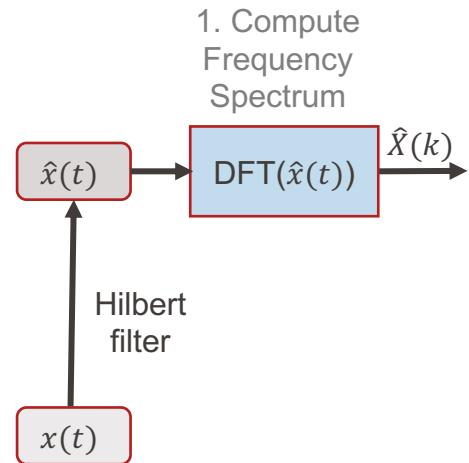
Dictionary Design

- Fixed parameter resolutions and ranges
- Kernels represent all combinations of parameters
- Tensor of rank $p+1$ for p parameters
 $D \in \mathbb{C}^{n_1 \times n_2 \times \dots \times n_p \times d}$
- Pre-computed dictionaries:
 - Amplitude Modulations
 - Phase Modulations
 - Frequency Ramps
 - Amplitude Steps



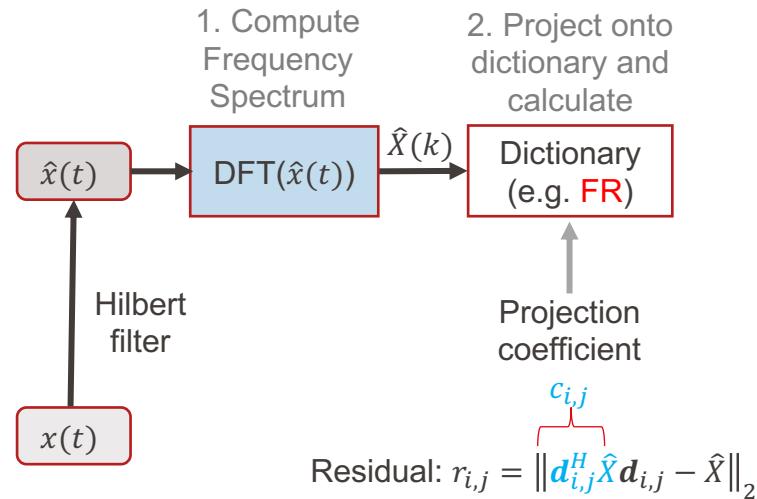
Functional Basis Analysis

- Parameter Identification



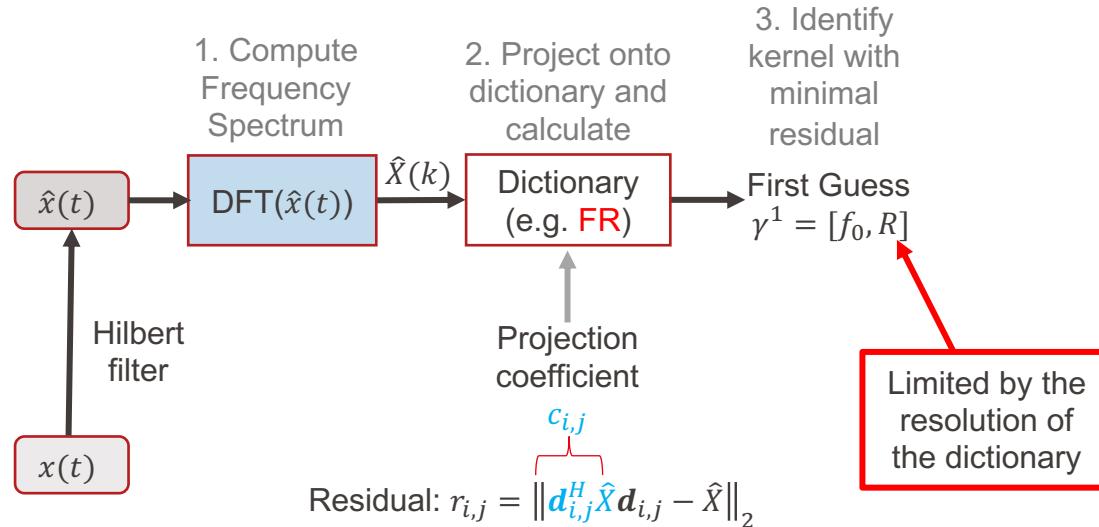
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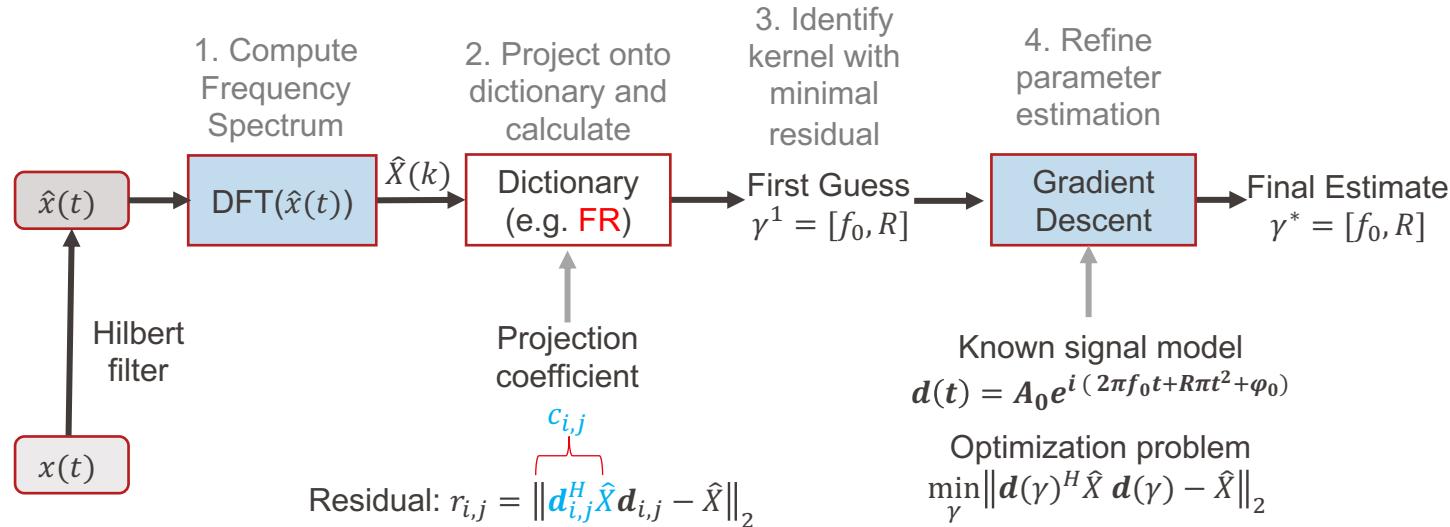
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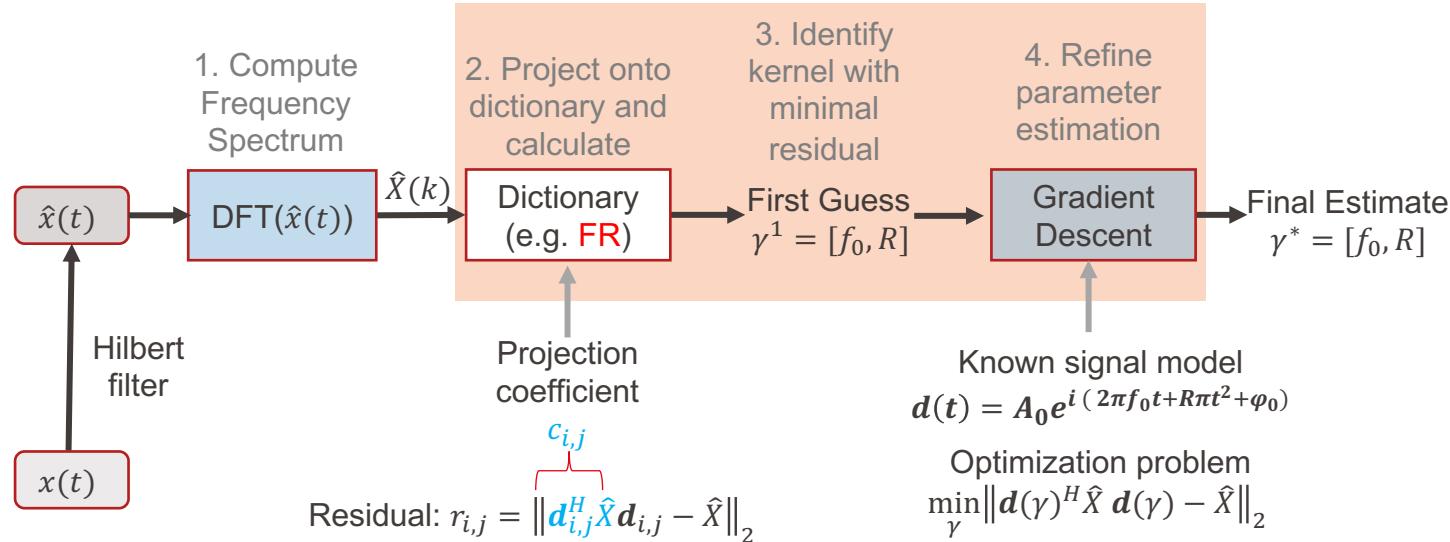
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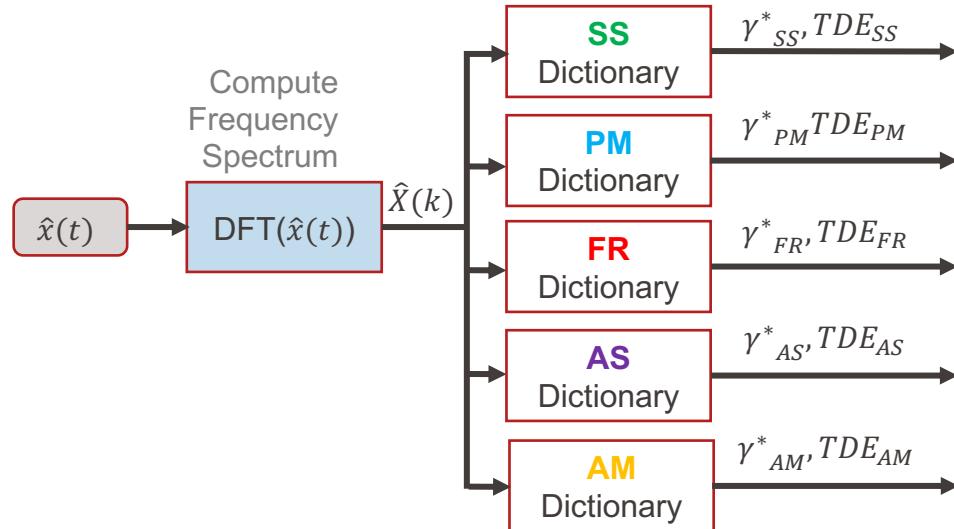
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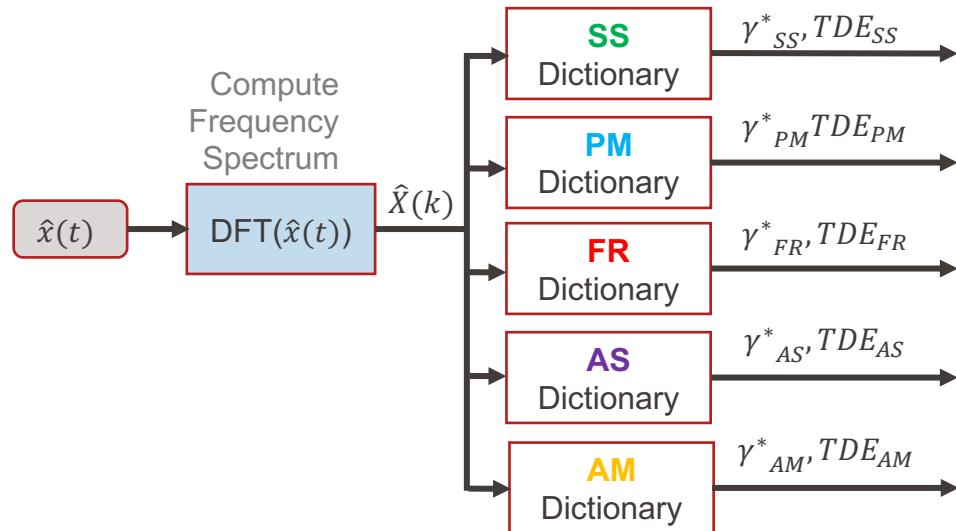
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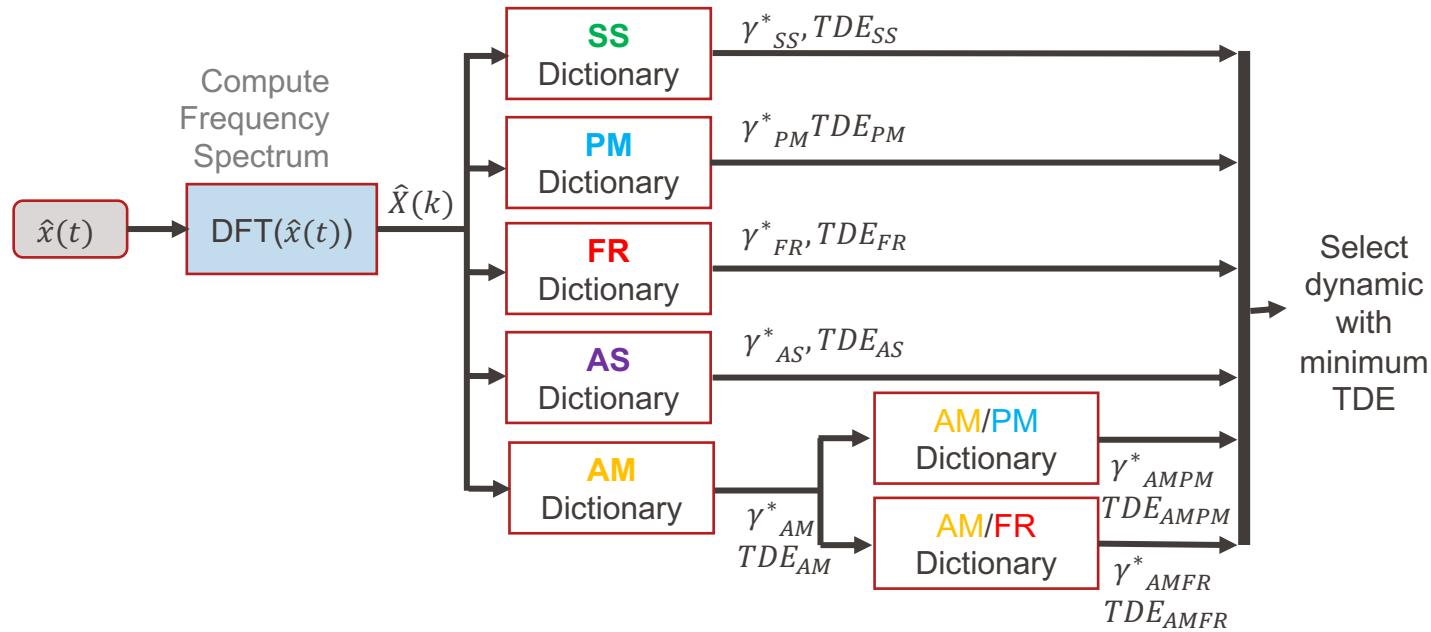
What about multi-dynamic signals?

$$\text{AM/FR: } (1 + k_m \cos(2\pi f_m t + \varphi_m)) e^{i(2\pi f_0 t + R\pi t^2 + \varphi_0)}$$

$$\text{AM/PM: } (1 + k_m \cos(2\pi f_m t + \varphi_m)) e^{i(2\pi f_0 t + k_a \cos(2\pi f_a t + \varphi_a) + \varphi_0)}$$

Functional Basis Analysis

- Dynamic Identification



Performance Evaluation

- Comparison made between:
 1. **FBA**
 2. **Static phasor method:**
 - 2-point iterative IpDFT method (i-IpDFT) [13]
 - Han window and negative spectrum compensation
 3. **Dynamic phasor method:**
 - Compressed Sensing Taylor-Fourier Multifrequency (CSTFM) method [7]
 - 1st and 2nd order derivatives approximated
 - Corrections made to static phasor parameters (f_0, A_0, φ_0)

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Performance Evaluation

- Metrics:

- **Time Domain Error (TDE)**: residuals of time-domain reconstruction

$$TDE = \frac{\|x_{est}(t_n) - x_{ref}(t_n)\|_2}{\sum_{n=1}^L |x_{ref}(t_n)|}$$

- **Frequency Error (FE)**: comparing instantaneous frequency at the center of the window [14]

$$FE = \left| f\left(\frac{T_w}{2}\right) - f_{est}\left(\frac{T_w}{2}\right) \right|$$

- **Parameter Error**: parameter estimation error

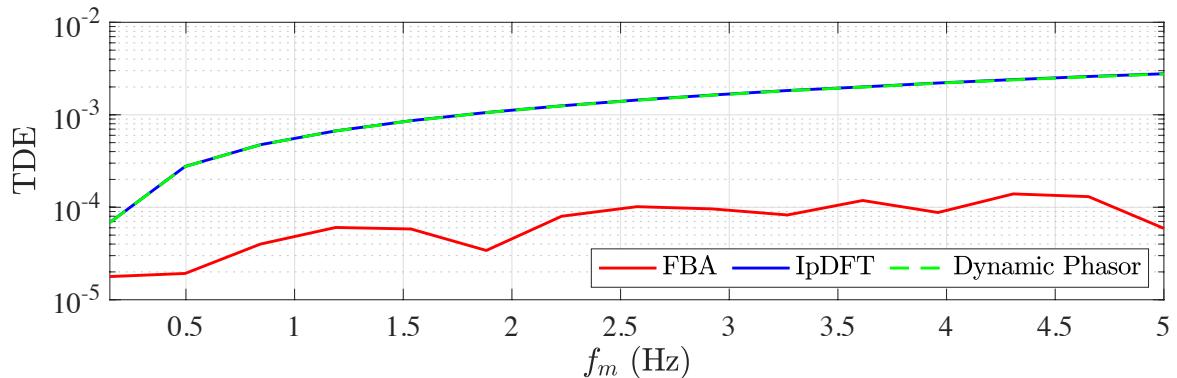
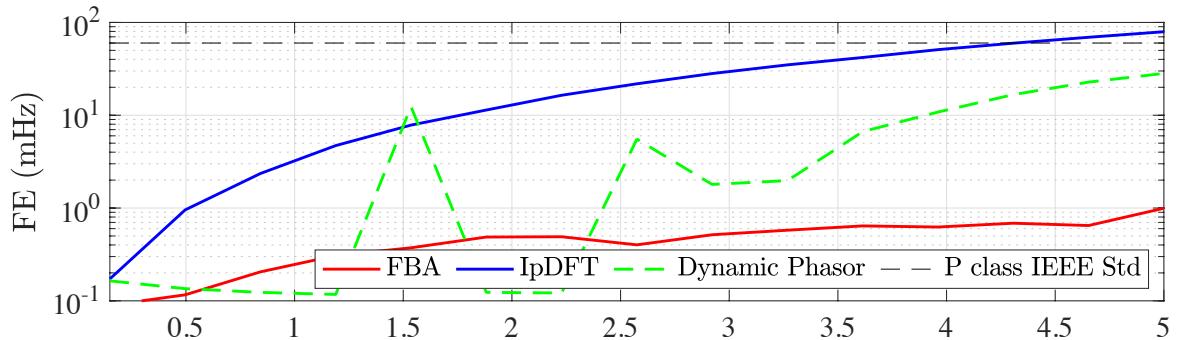
$$\text{e.g., } R \text{ error} = |R - R_{est}|$$

- Tests:

- Synthetic signals created for each signal dynamic case
 - 60 ms sliding window (50 fps)
 - 80 dB Gaussian noise
 - Tests based on IEEE C37.118 Standard [14]

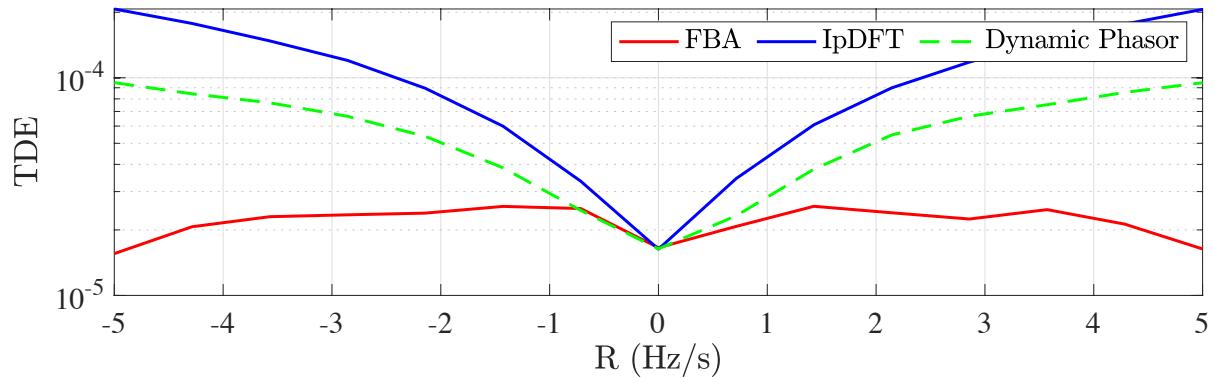
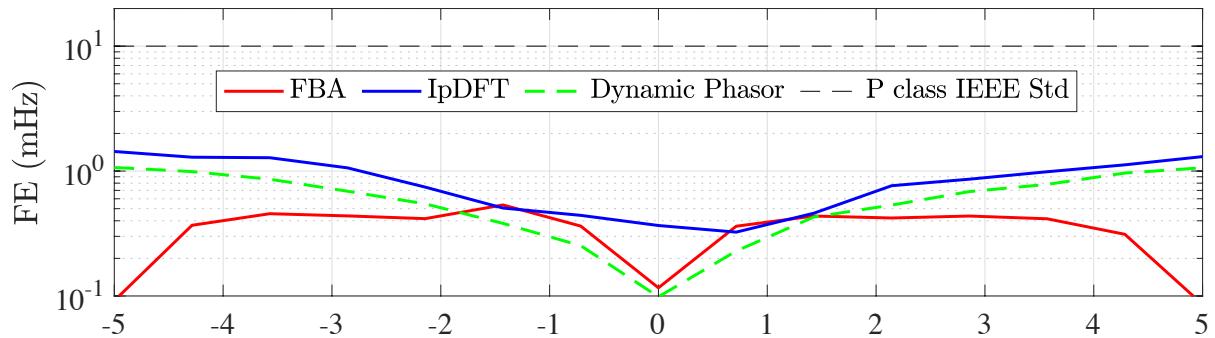
Amplitude Modulations

$$f_0 = 50.15 \text{ Hz}, k_m = 10\%, f_m = [0.1, 5] \text{ Hz}$$



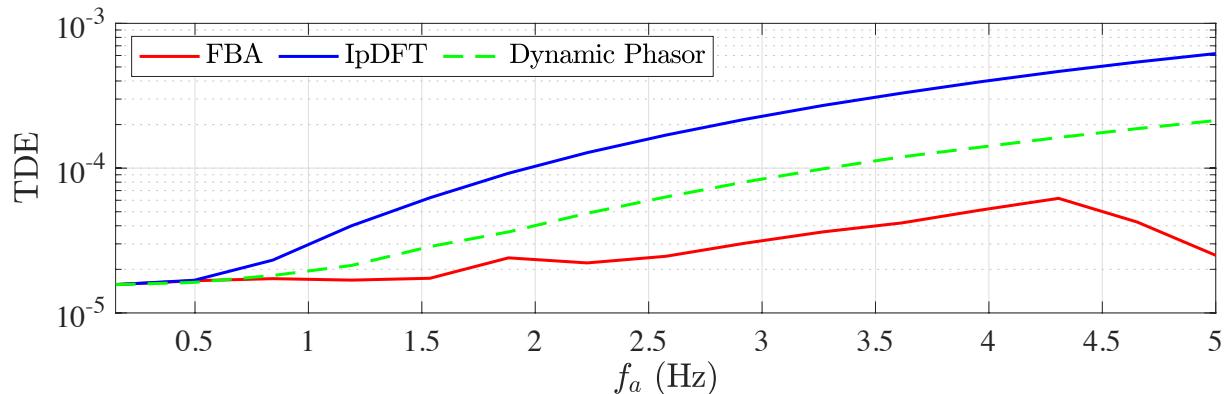
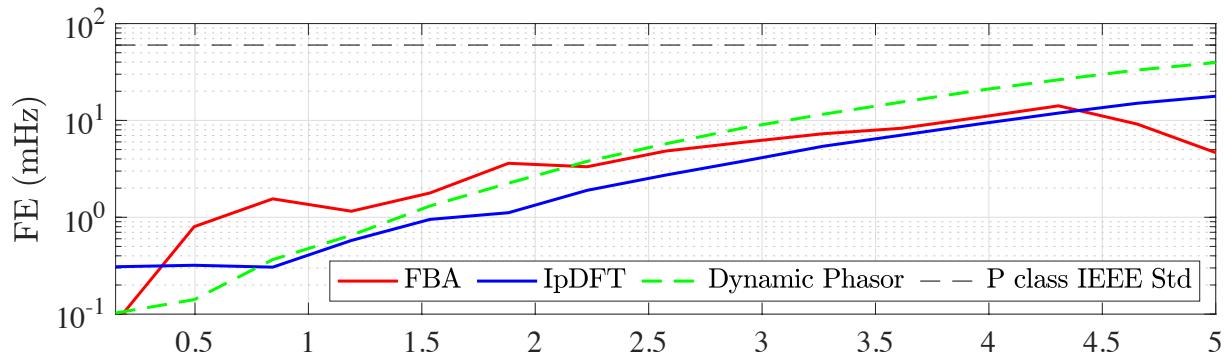
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$$f_0 = 50.15 \text{ Hz}, R = [-5, 5] \text{ Hz/s}$$



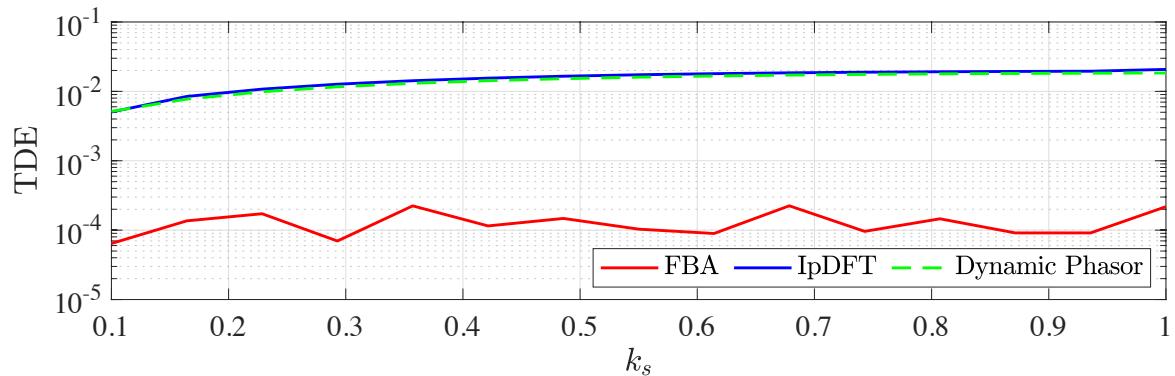
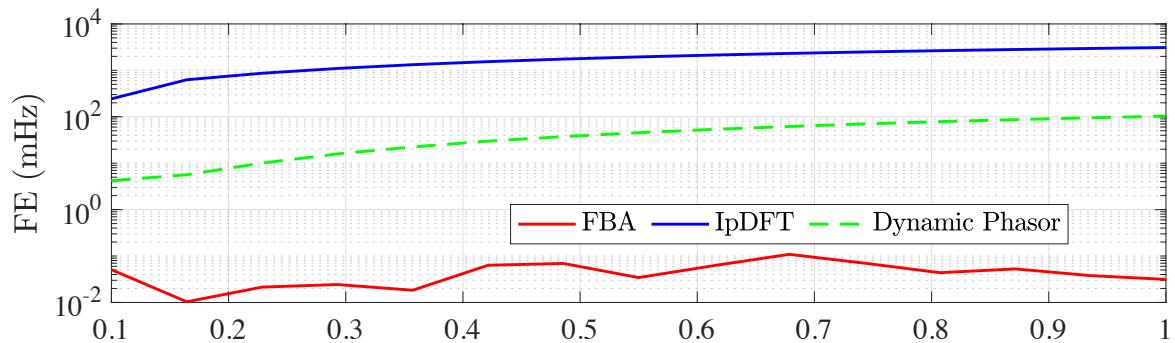
Phase Modulations

$$f_0 = 50.15 \text{ Hz}, k_a = 10\%, f_a = [0.1, 5] \text{ Hz}$$



Amplitude Steps

$$f_0 = 50\text{Hz}, k_s = [10, 100]\%$$

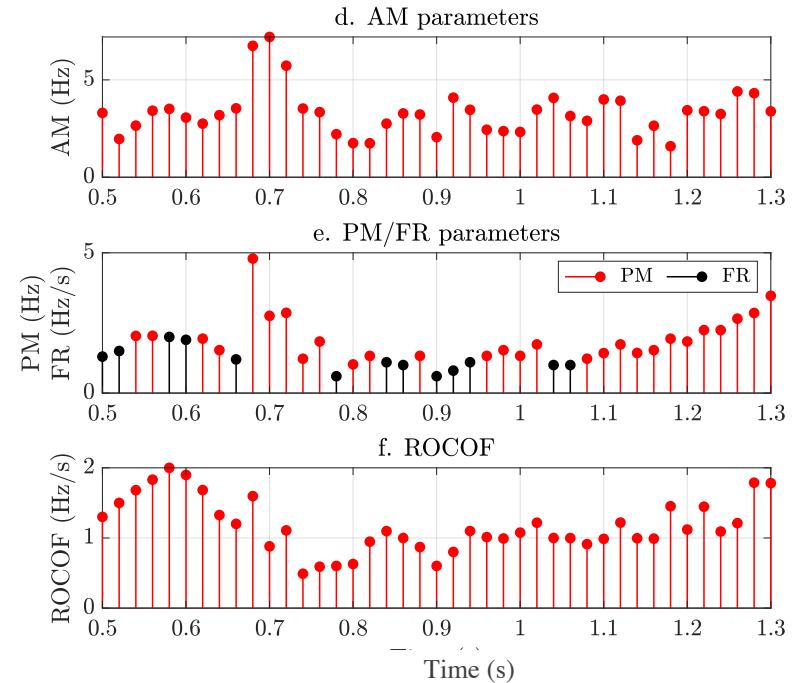
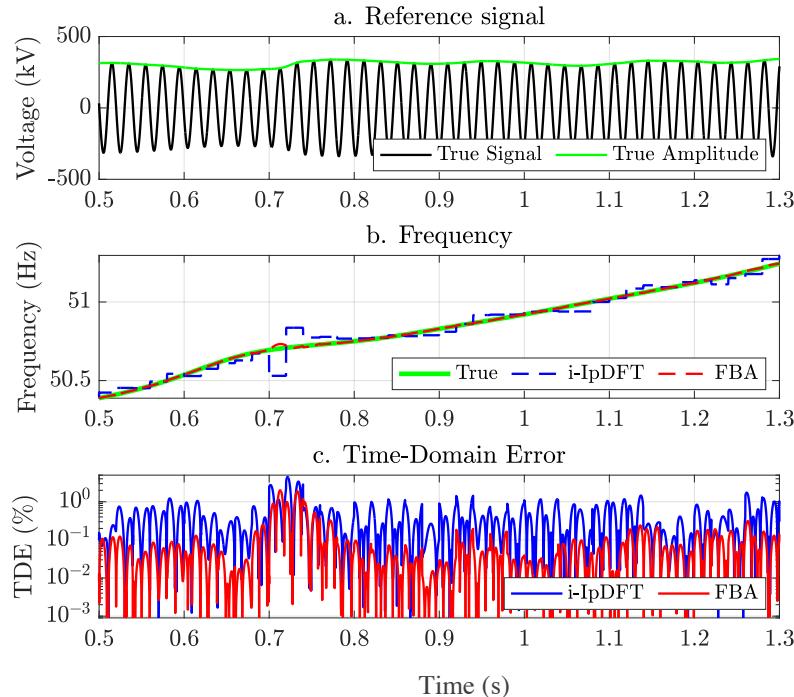


Parameters Errors

Dynamic	Max FE (mHz)			Max RFE (mHz/s)			Mean TDE	
	60 ms	200 ms	IEEE Limit	60 ms	200 ms	IEEE Limit	60 ms	200 ms
SS	0.1	1.6E-2	5	2	1.2	10	8.2E-06	4.5E-06
AM	0.9	0.1	60	32	6	2300	9.9E-6	5.7E-06
FR	5	4.7	10	147	222	400	1E-05	1.8E-05
PM	8	13	60	112	420	2300	1.3E-05	2.4E-05
AS	4	1.3		27	108		1.1e-03	5.2E-04
AM/FR	2	3		223	196		1.4E-05	3.7E-05
AM/PM	8	18	60	276	498	3000	1.9E-5	3.7E-05
Dynamic	Mean Parameter Error for 200 ms window							
	f_0 (mHz)	f_m (mHz)	φ_m (rad)	f_a (mHz)	φ_a (rad)	R (mHz/s)	k_s (%)	t_s (ms)
SS	0.2							
AM	0.2	3.5	0.018					
FR	5					48		
PM	14			58	0.16			
AS	1						2.6	1.5
AM/FR	4	45	0.078			30		
AM/PM	13	39	0.04	76	0.14			

Real-World Examples

- Blackout in Turkey, 2015 [17]

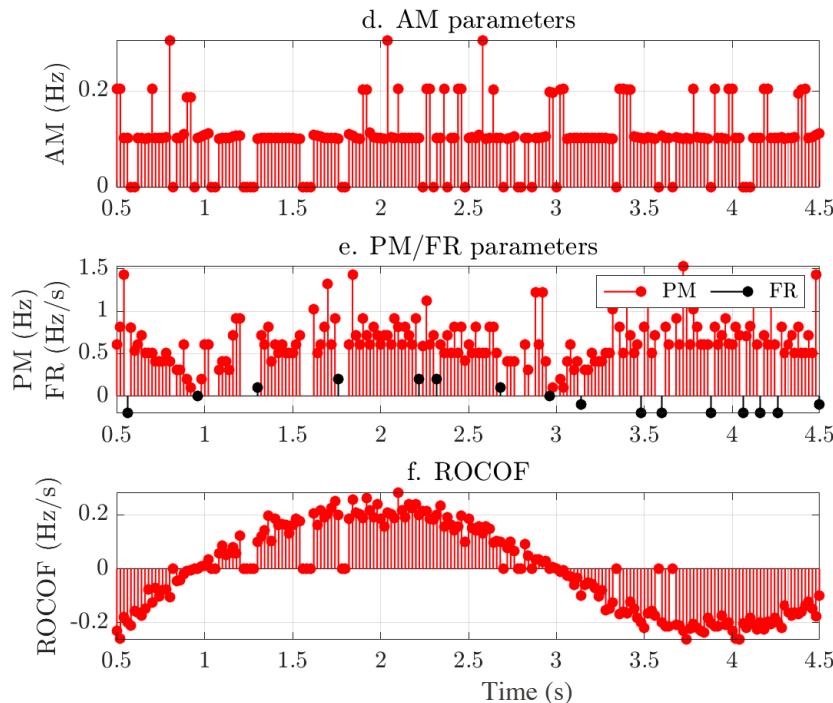
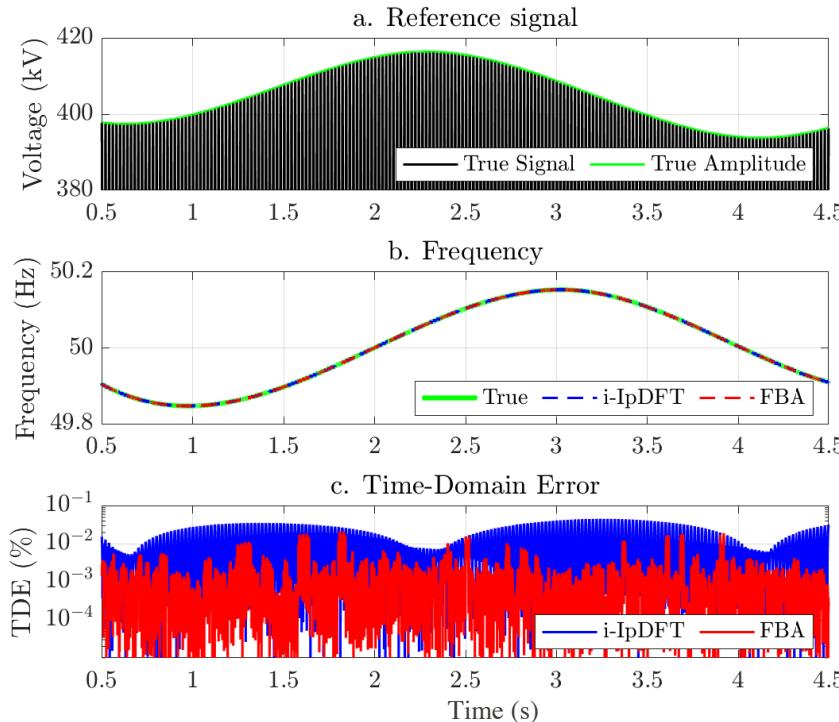


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Real-World Examples

- Inter-area oscillations in Central Europe, 2017 [13]



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HT applied to Elementary Circuit Theory

Resistance

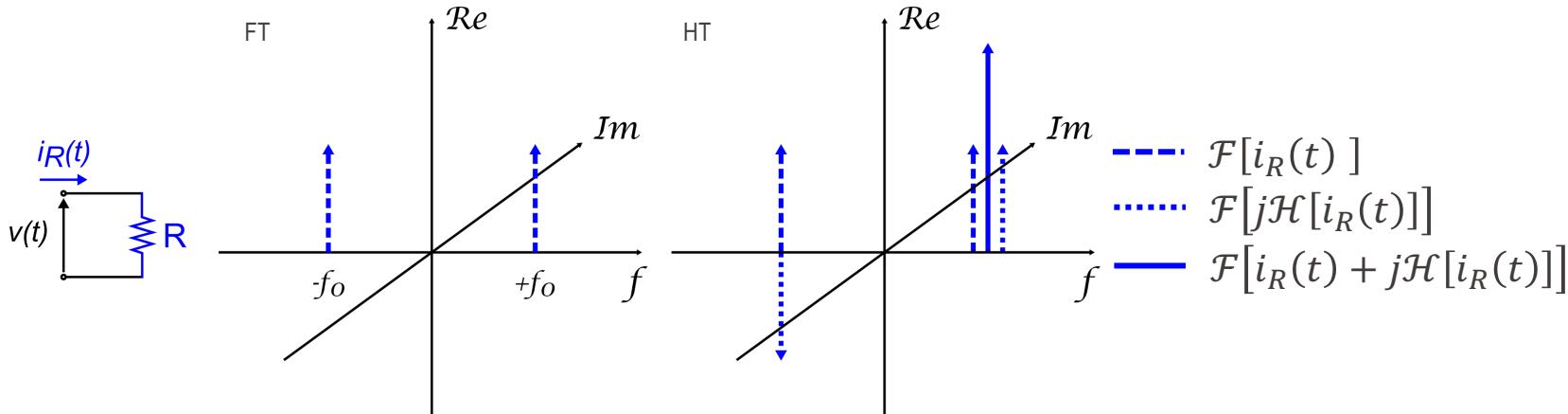
$$v(t) = V \cos(\omega_0 t) \rightarrow i_R(t) = \frac{v(t)}{R} = I_R \cos(\omega_0 t)$$

FT

$$\mathcal{F}[i_R(t)] = \frac{I_R}{2} \cdot [\delta(\omega - \omega_0) + \delta(\omega + \omega_0)]$$

HT

$$\hat{i}_R(t) = I_R \cdot [\cos(\omega_0 t) + j \sin(\omega_0 t)] = I_R e^{j\omega_0 t}$$



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Inductance

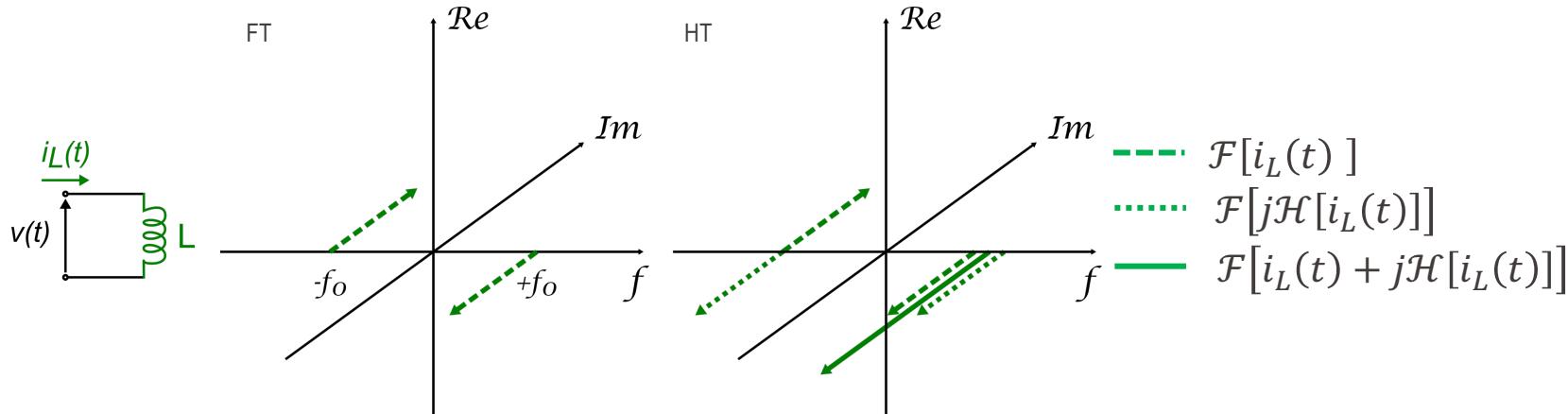
$$v(t) = V \cos(\omega_0 t) \rightarrow i_L(t) = \int \frac{di_L(t)}{dt} = \int \frac{v(t)}{L} = I_L \sin(\omega_0 t)$$

FT

$$\mathcal{F}[i_L(t)] = -j \cdot \frac{I_L}{2} \cdot [\delta(\omega - \omega_0) - \delta(\omega + \omega_0)]$$

HT

$$\hat{i}_L(t) = I_L \cdot [\sin(\omega_0 t) - j \cos(\omega_0 t)] = -j \cdot I_L e^{j\omega_0 t}$$



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Capacitance

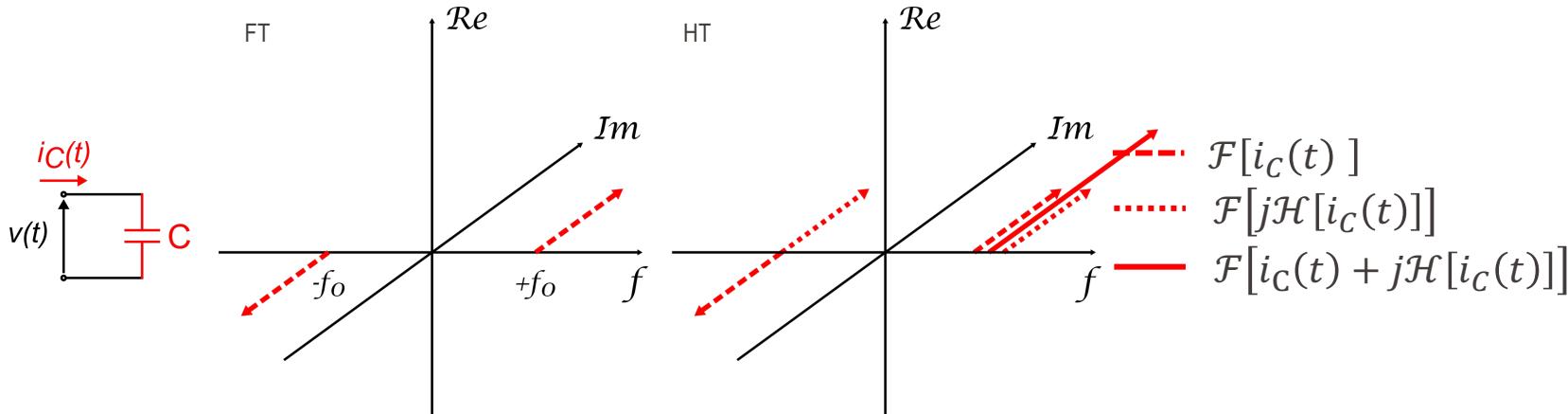
$$v(t) = V \cos(\omega_0 t) \rightarrow i_C(t) = C \frac{di_C(t)}{dt} = -I_c \sin(\omega_0 t)$$

FT

$$\mathcal{F}[i_C(t)] = j \cdot \frac{I_c}{2} \cdot [\delta(\omega - \omega_0) - \delta(\omega + \omega_0)]$$

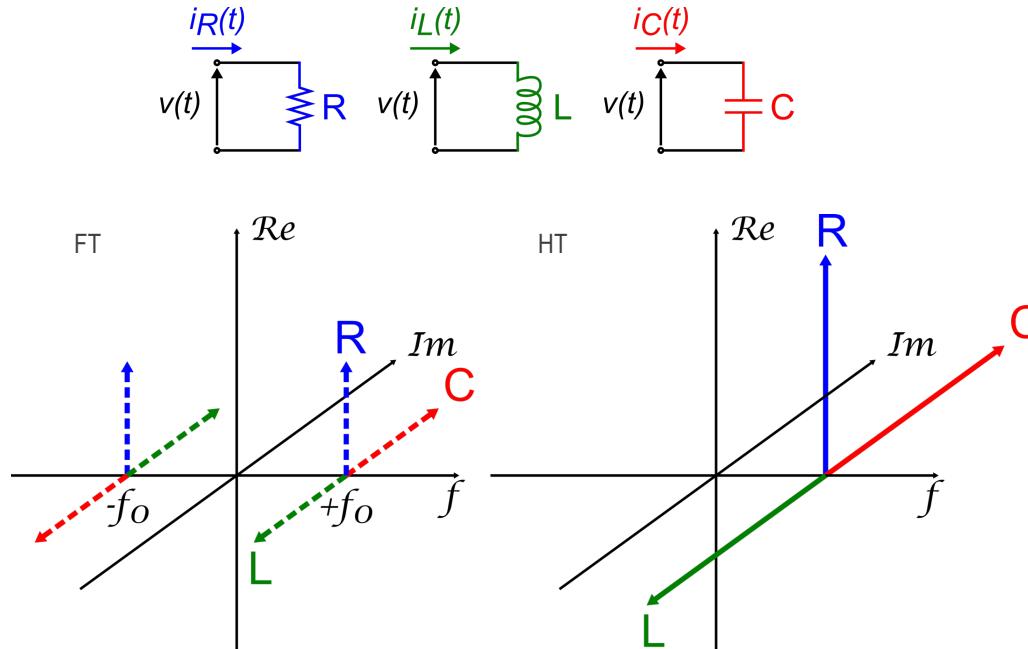
HT

$$\hat{i}_C(t) = -I_c \cdot [-\sin(\omega_0 t) + j \cos(\omega_0 t)] = j \cdot I_c e^{j\omega_0 t}$$



HT applied to Elementary Circuit Theory

The HT representation of a generic resistor, inductor or capacitor consists only of positive frequency components → New way to formulate Kirchhoff's circuit laws using HT



Conclusions

- Recent events in low-inertia power systems have shown how the use of phasors may lead to large approximations when modelling signals of electrical quantities of reduced-inertia power grids.
- Dynamic phasors outperform stationary phasors in dynamic conditions but still rely on narrow-band approximations of signals and cannot represent in a complete way signals characterized by a continuous spectrum.
- The HT, integrated with the analytical signal representation, may be the appropriate tool for modelling broad-band signals associated to inertia-less power system dynamics.
- The presentation has shown how the functional basis analysis (FBA) allows for the extraction of signal parameters and the identification of common dynamics.
- The FBA method demonstrated improved performance for common signal dynamics and real-world signals when compared to dynamic and static phasor methods.

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