

Student Research Paper  
Critical clearing time of synchronous generators

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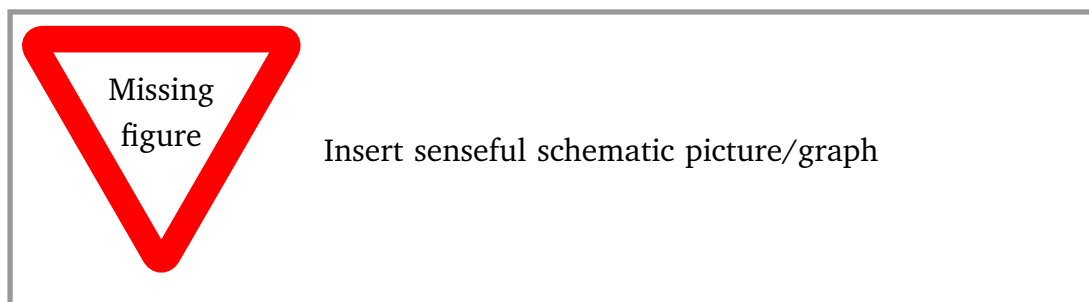
# 1 Introduction

Bullet points for the thesis from Ilya:

- Swing equation of synchronous generators
- Solving the Swing equation with the help of Python -> Solving of second order ODEs
- Equal-area criterion -> Derivation of the equations
- Simulation of a fault -> applying the equal-area criteria with the help of Python.
- Comparison between analytical and (numerical) simulation results

Introduction via [1] and other standard literature like [2]–[6]. Need for understanding of Transient stability and therefore critical pole angle and fault clearing time assessment: Running and maintaining the electrical grid; Adding virtual inertia in FACTs and HVDC; Better and faster predicting, due to shorter (critical) fault clearing times; .

[MK1]: Write Introduction



The goal of this Student Research Paper is the implementation of a critical clearing time (CCT) determining Python algorithm for a single machine infinite bus (SMIB) model. Therefore a handful of faults or fault scenarios shall be simulated with the program. In combination with a few visualizations the concepts of transient stability assessment, and therefore determining the CCT and the critical power angle, is illustrated.

# 2 Fundamentals

Input of basic knowledge for system modelling; Maybe supplementary knowledge

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General sources in terms of standard literature: [2]–[5]

## 2.1 Basics synchronous generators

- characteristics of a synchronous generator; structure and types of SG's
- mathematical background and description of the behavior -> dynamic modelling
- **Swing equations**

The final swing equation system can be derived to following two equations, which have to be solved in every time step to determine the pole angle  $\delta$  and the rotor speed  $\omega$ , respectively the rotor speed change from its base value  $\Delta\omega$ :

$$\frac{d\delta}{dt} = \Delta\omega \quad (2.1)$$

$$\frac{d\Delta\omega}{dt} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot H_{\text{gen}}} \cdot (P_{\text{m}} - P_{\text{e}}) \quad (2.2)$$

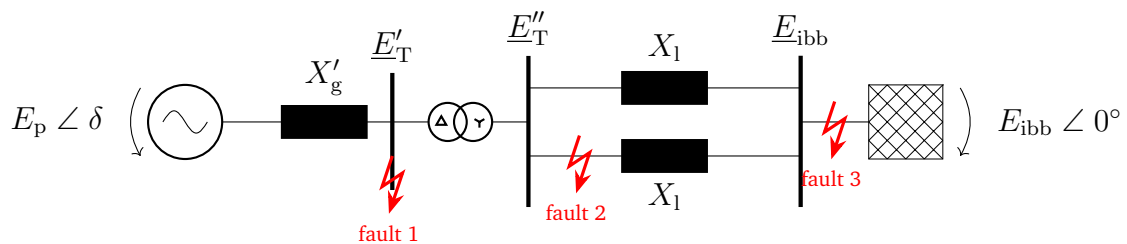
where

$\delta$	power angle
$\Delta\omega$	change of rotor angular speed
$H_{\text{gen}}$	inertia constant of the SG
$P_{\text{m}}$	mechanical power of the turbine
$P_{\text{e}}$	electrical power demanded transferred out of the SG

The generation of a time domain solution (TDS) for this equation system takes place in section 3.3.

## 2.2 System stability esp. transient context

- What is to be analyzed? And why? -> different stability analysis
- rotor angle stability,
- **derivation of EAC,**
- basic assessment models (single machine infinite bus, see [3])



**Figure 2.1:** Representative circuit of a single machine infinite bus (SMIB) model with pole wheel voltage  $E_p \angle \delta$  and infinite bus bar (IBB) voltage  $E_{abb} \angle 0^\circ$ ; positions of considered faults 1 to 3 are marked with red lightning arrows

where

$\delta$	power angle
$E_p$	pole potential of the synchronous generator (SG)
$\underline{E}'_T$	complex potential on the primary side of the transformer
$\underline{E}''_T$	complex potential on the secondary side of the transformer
$\underline{E}_{abb}$	complex pole potential of the infinite bus bar (IBB)
$X'_g$	reactance of the synchronous generator (SG)
$X_l$	reactance of a single line

## 2.3 Events harming the system stability

- **fault types,**
- **load-changes**

- effects of electrical networks (esp. generator networks) vs. single machine systems  
-> paper [7]: IBB not that extremely fixed, group of critical and non-critical machines; but more of an outlook and targeting real-time calculation (for system operation)

## 2.4 Numerical methods for TDSs and system modeling

- **solving second order ODEs (explicit)**
- Differentiation explicit/implicit, initial value problems, boundary value problems, ...

System dynamics is a method for describing, understanding, and discussing complex problems in the context of system theory **[SOURCE]**. They often can be described through a set of coupled ordinary differential equations (ODEs), most resolved in time dimension. [How to bridge towards different boundary types, explicit and implicit methods, ...](#); [Different solving methods, ...](#)

ODEs can be solved through numerical integration with different methods. An easy and less complex method is Euler's method. It uses a linear extrapolation to calculate the function's value at the next timestep, so following the iterable function

$$f_{t+1} = f_t + \left( \frac{df}{dt} \right)_t \cdot \Delta t, \quad (2.3)$$

with  $t$  being the time and  $f$  an on  $t$  dependent function. Generally a system of second order ODEs can be rewritten as two first order equations. This often simplifies the calculation or the use of numerical methods. The presented swing equation of a SG in Equation 2.1 and Equation 2.2 has been split up by that principle.

# 3 Numerical modelling

Following chapter will describe the implementation of Python Code for solving the derived ODE system (see section 2.1). For this the Python version 3.9 was used, in combination with the packages *scipy*, *numpy*, and *matplotlib*.<sup>1</sup> The complete code is included in the Appendix A.

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## 3.1 Structure of the CCT assessment

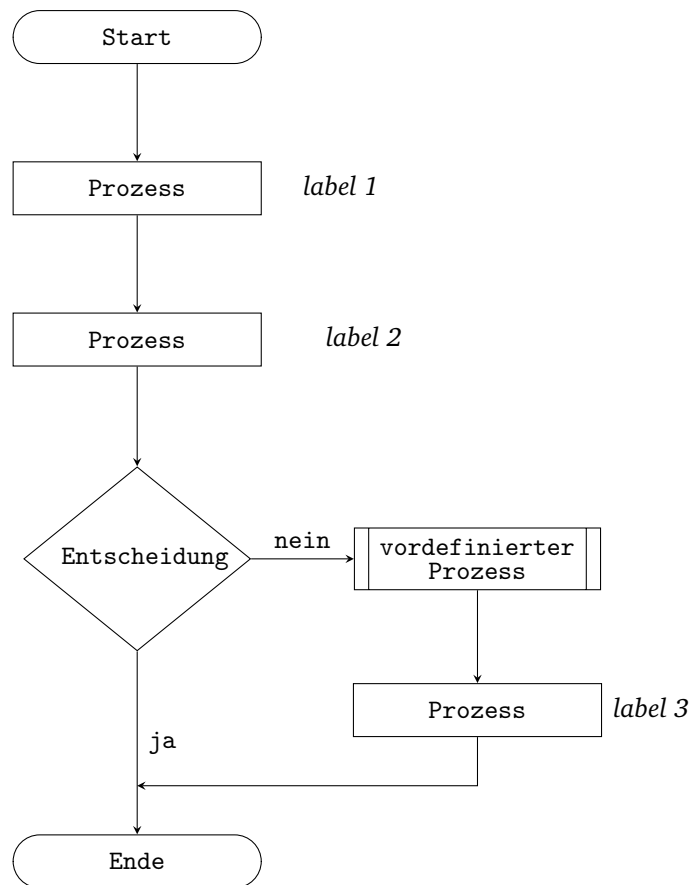
Program plan for determination / algorithm structure, containing:

- Pre questions:
  1. What do I want to know from the algorithm?
  2. What do I want to see?
- Answers / Hints for the algorithm:
  1. What are needed inputs?
  2. What are needed functions?
  3. How do partial results interact with each other / puzzle together to the superior question?

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<sup>1</sup> documentation and manual can be found on <https://scipy.org/> [8], similar for *matplotlib*, and *numpy* packages






**Figure 3.1:** Program plan for determining the critical clearing time (CCT)

## 3.2 Electrical simplifications and scenario setting

- Simplification of all the components in SMIB network to a simple network
- Transforming into symmetrical components (for determination of shorts -> e.g. transformer)



Missing figure

Simplified networks, which are in interest and shall be simulated with the algorithm; ideally solved with subfigures

### **3.3 Implementation of the time domain solution**

### **3.4 Implementation of the equal area criterion**

### **3.5 Implementation of helping functions**

# 4 Results

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## 4.1 Analytical results

## 4.2 Numerical results

# 5 Discussion

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## 6 Summary and outlook

Short summary of the results.

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A brief look in the future and why this topic is in the interest, maybe for slightly other applications as well (see [9]).

# Acronyms

<b>CCT</b>	critical clearing time
<b>IBB</b>	infinite bus bar
<b>ODE</b>	ordinary differential equation
<b>SG</b>	synchronous generator
<b>SMIB</b>	single machine infinite bus
<b>TDS</b>	time domain solution

# Symbols

## Complete list of Symbols

$H_{\text{gen}}$	s	inertia constant of a synchronous generator (SG)
$P$	W	Power; electrical or mechanical

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# Appendix

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# A Code

## A.1 Model functions

## A.2 Model of GK

```
1  import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
2  import numpy as np

5  def mag_and_angle_to_cmplx(mag, angle):
6      return mag * np.exp(1j * angle)

9  fn = 60

11 H_gen = 3.5
12 X_gen = 0.2
13 X_ibb = 0.1
14 X_line = 0.65

16 # Values are initialized from loadflow
17 E_fd_gen = 1.075
18 E_fd_ibb = 1.033
19 P_m_gen = 1998/2200

21 omega_gen_init = 0
22 delta_gen_init = np.deg2rad(45.9)
23 delta_ibb_init = np.deg2rad(-5.0)

25 v_bb_gen_init = mag_and_angle_to_cmplx(1.0, np.deg2rad(36.172))

28 def differential(omega, v_bb_gen, delta):
29     # Calculate the electrical power extracted from the generator at its busbar.
30     E_gen_cmplx = mag_and_angle_to_cmplx(E_fd_gen, delta)
31     P_e_gen = (v_bb_gen * np.conj((E_gen_cmplx - v_bb_gen) / (1j * X_gen))).real

33     # transform the constant mechanical energy into torque
34     T_m_gen = P_m_gen / (1 + omega)

36     # Differential equations of a generator according to Machowski
37     domega_dt = 1 / (2 * H_gen) * (T_m_gen - P_e_gen)
38     ddelta_dt = omega * 2 * np.pi * fn

40     return domega_dt, ddelta_dt

43 def algebraic(delta_gen, sc_on):
44     # If the SC is on, the admittance matrix is different.
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45     # The SC on busbar 0 is expressed in the admittance matrix as a very large
        admittance (1000000) i.e. a very small impedance.
46     if sc_on:
47         y_adm = np.array([[(-1j / X_gen - 1j / X_line) + 1000000, 1j / X_line],
48                             [1j / X_line, -1j / X_line - 1j / X_ibt]])
49     else:
50         y_adm = np.array([[-1j / X_gen - 1j / X_line, 1j / X_line],
51                             [1j / X_line, -1j / X_line - 1j / X_ibt]])

53     # Calculate the inverse of the admittance matrix ( $Y^{-1}$ )
54     y_inv = np.linalg.inv(y_adm)

56     # Calculate current injections of the generator and the infinite busbar
57     i_inj_gen = mag_and_angle_to_cmplx(E_fd_gen, delta_gen) / (1j * X_gen)
58     i_inj_ibt = mag_and_angle_to_cmplx(E_fd_ibt, delta_ibt_init) / (1j * X_ibt)

60     # Calculate voltages at the bus by multiplying the inverse of the admittance
        matrix with the current injections
61     v_bb_gen = y_inv[0, 0] * i_inj_gen + y_inv[0, 1] * i_inj_ibt
62     v_bb_ibt = y_inv[1, 0] * i_inj_gen + y_inv[1, 1] * i_inj_ibt

64     return v_bb_gen

67 def do_sim():

69     # Initialize the variables
70     omega_gen = omega_gen_init
71     delta_gen = delta_gen_init
72     v_bb_gen = v_bb_gen_init

74     # Define time. Here, the time step is 0.005 s and the simulation is 5 s long
75     t = np.arange(0, 5, 0.005)
76     x_result = []

78     for timestep in t:

80         # Those lines cause a short circuit at t = 1 s until t = 1.05 s
81         if 1 <= timestep < 1.05:
82             sc_on = True
83         else:
84             sc_on = False

86         # Calculate the initial guess for the next step by executing the
            differential equations at the current step
87         domega_dt_guess, ddelta_dt_guess = differential(omega_gen, v_bb_gen,
            delta_gen)
88         omega_guess = omega_gen + domega_dt_guess * (t[1] - t[0])
89         delta_guess = delta_gen + ddelta_dt_guess * (t[1] - t[0])

91         v_bb_gen = algebraic(delta_guess, sc_on)

93         # Calculate the differential equations with the initial guess
94         domega_dt_guess2, ddelta_dt_guess2 = differential(omega_guess, v_bb_gen,
            delta_guess)

96         domega_dt = (domega_dt_guess + domega_dt_guess2) / 2
97         ddelta_dt = (ddelta_dt_guess + ddelta_dt_guess2) / 2

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99         omega_gen = omega_gen + domega_dt * (t[1] - t[0])
100         delta_gen = delta_gen + ddelta_dt * (t[1] - t[0])

102         v_bb_gen = algebraic(delta_gen, sc_on)

105         # Save the results, so they can be plotted later
106         x_result.append(omega_gen)

108         # Convert the results to a numpy array
109         res = np.vstack(x_result)
110         return t, res

113 if __name__ == '__main__':

115     # Here the simulation is executed and the timesteps and corresponding results
116     # are returned.
117     # In this example, the results are omega, delta, e_q_t, e_d_t, e_q_st, e_d_st
118     # of the generator and the IBB
119     t_sim, res = do_sim()

120     # load the results from powerfactory for comparison
121     delta_omega_pf = np.loadtxt('pictures/powerfactory_data.csv', skiprows=1,
122                                delimiter=',')

123     # Plot the results
124     plt.plot(t_sim, res[:, 0].real, label='delta_omega_gen_python')
125     plt.plot(delta_omega_pf[:, 0], delta_omega_pf[:, 1] - 1, label='
126             delta_omega_gen_powerfactory')
127     plt.legend()
128     plt.title('Reaction of a generator to a short circuit')

129     plt.savefig('pictures/short_circuit_improved.png')

130     plt.show()

```

**Listing A.1:** GK's SMIB model with Heun's integration method

# **B Additional**

## **B.1 Jupyter notebook for development**