



# Complex Networks of Lossy Oscillators: Multistability, Anomalies, and Loop Flows in Power Grids

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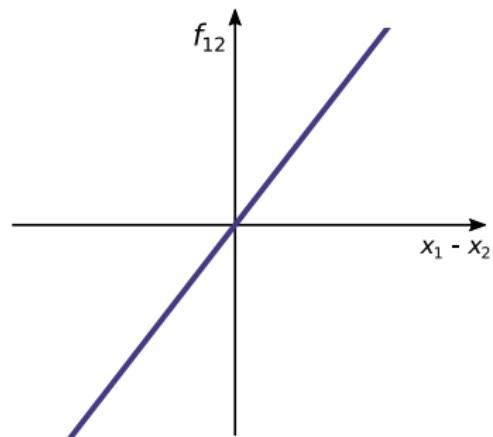
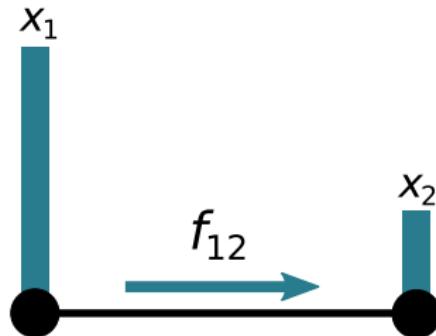
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## Flow networks

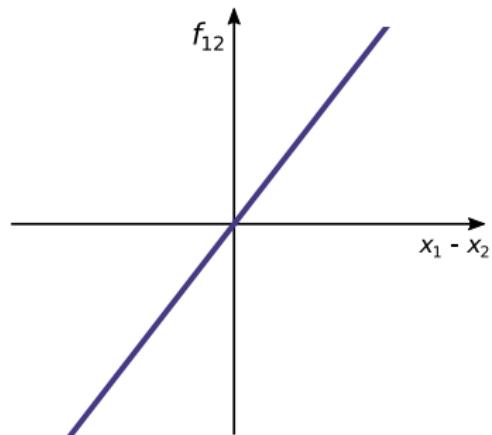
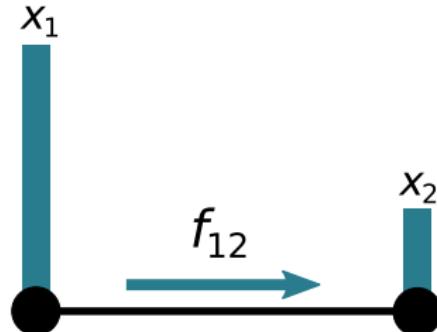
*How is a commodity transmitted over a network?*



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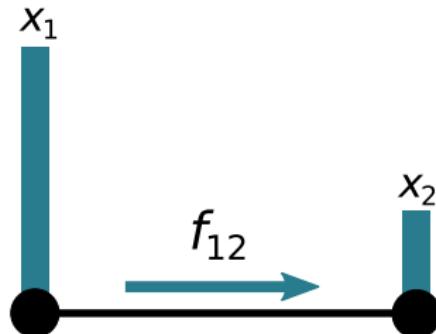
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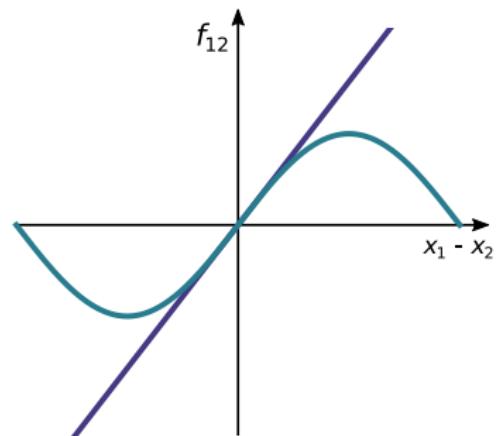
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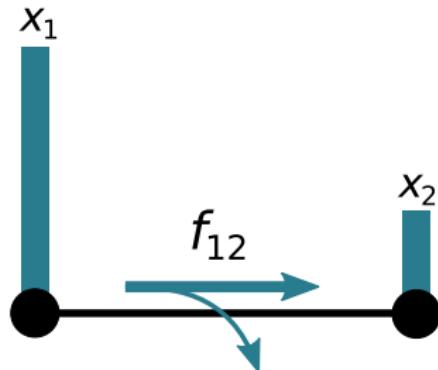
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*Lossless approx. of AC power flows:*

$$P_{ij} = B_{ij} \sin(\theta_i - \theta_j)$$

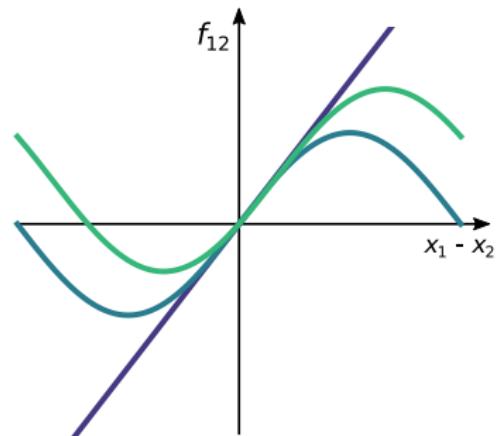
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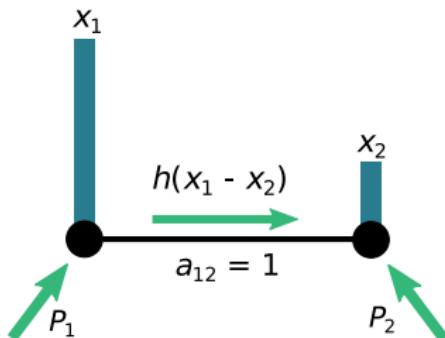
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## Diffusive network - summary

$$\dot{x}_i = P_i - \sum_j a_{ij} h(x_i - x_j)$$

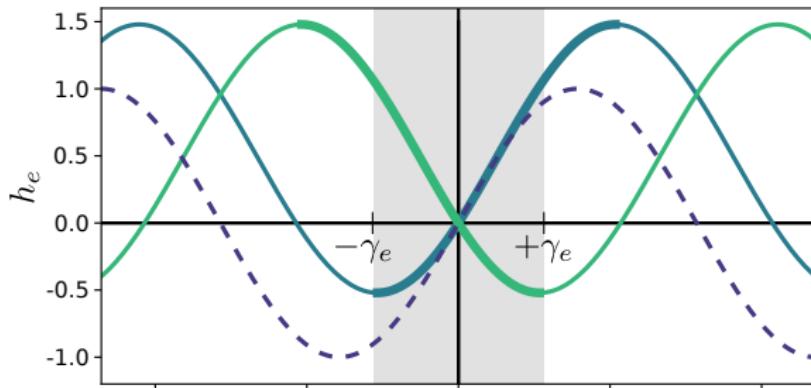
Potentially:  $a_{ij} \neq a_{ji}$ ,  
 $h(x) \neq -h(-x)$ .



- ▶  $P_i$ : Natural frequency, commodity injection,...
- ▶  $a_{ij}$ : Element of the adjacency matrix;
- ▶  $h$ : Coupling function, flow function,...
- ▶  $x_i$ : Agent's state.

# The Kuramoto-Sakaguchi model

$$\dot{\theta}_j = P_j - \sum_k a_{jk} \sin(\theta_j - \theta_k - \phi)$$



## Dynamics on the $n$ -torus

Phase oscillators:  $2\pi$ -periodic coupling.

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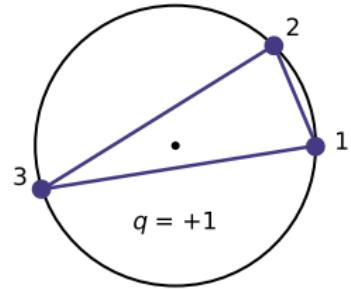
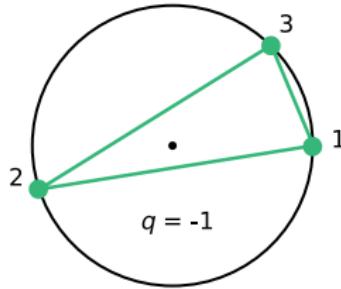
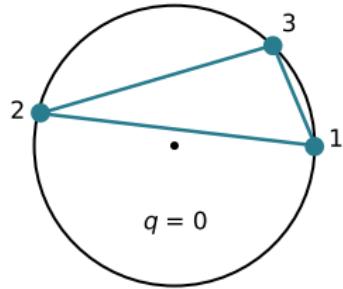
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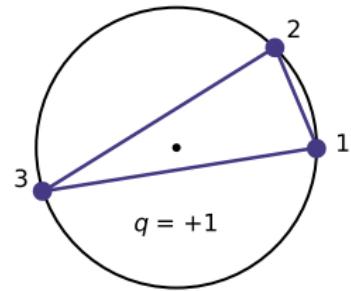
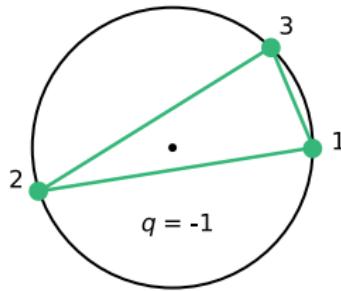
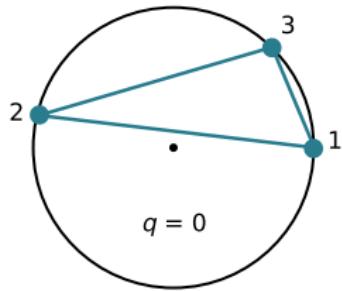
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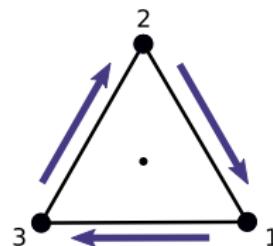
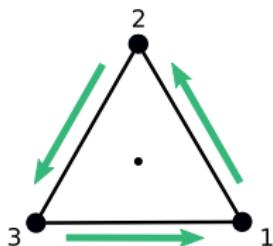
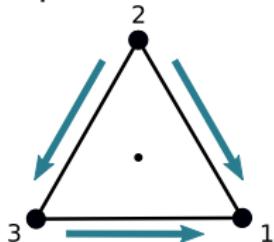


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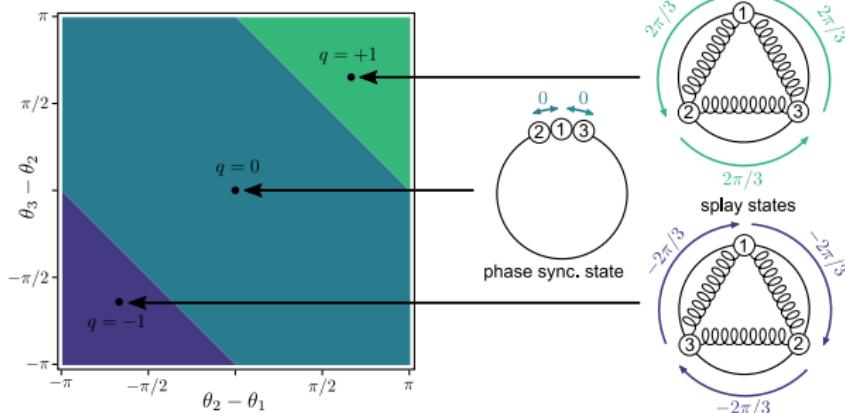
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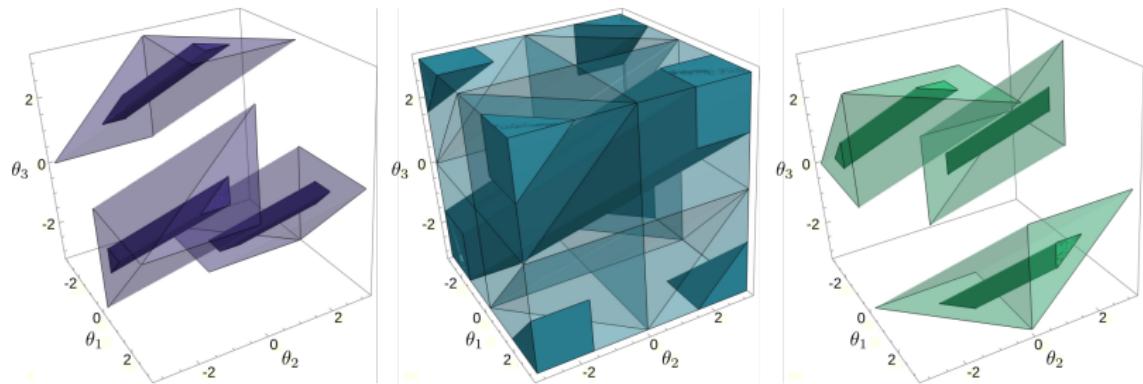
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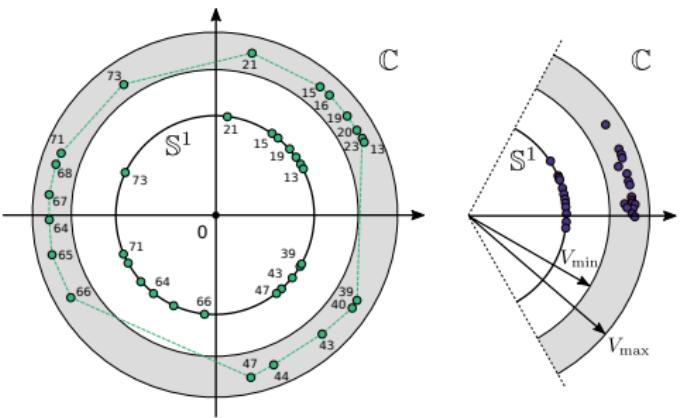
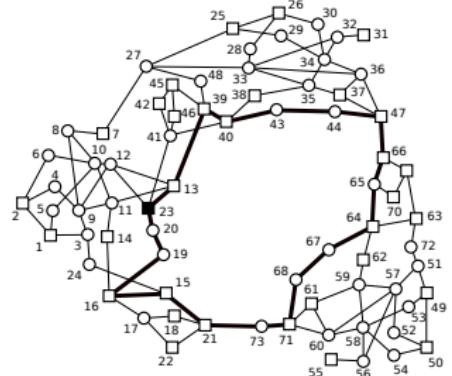


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# Loop flows in power grids?



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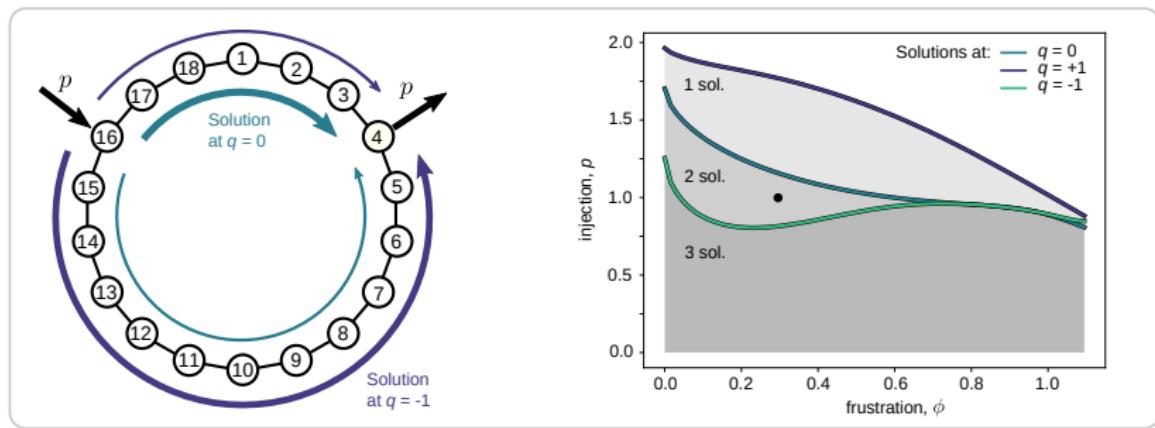


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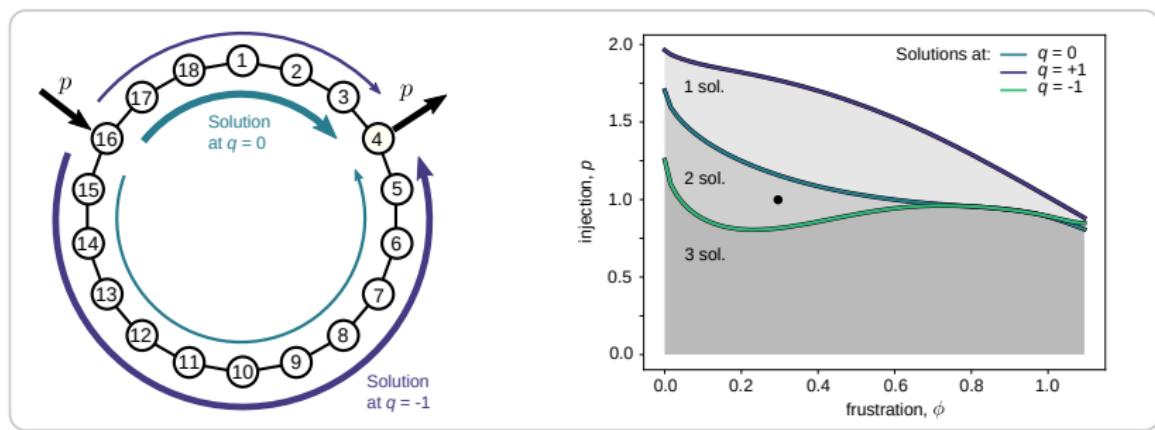
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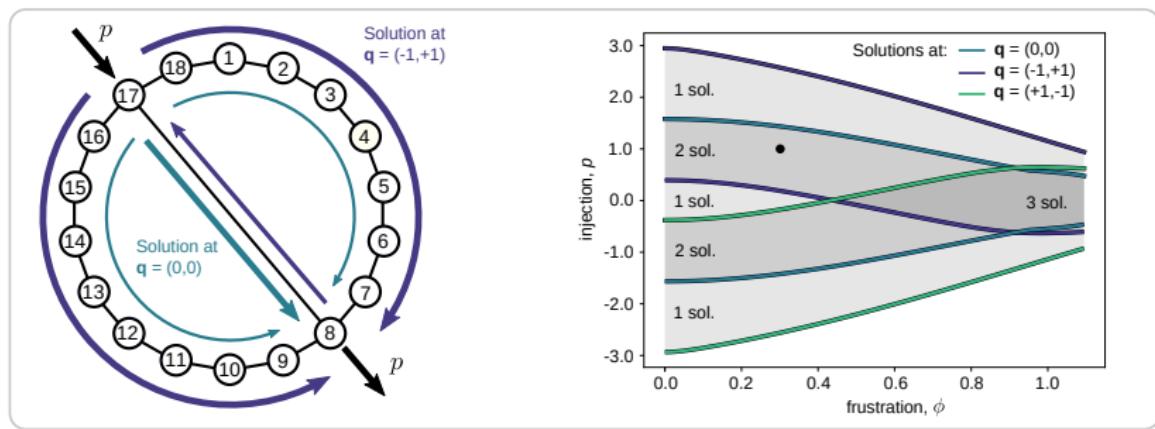
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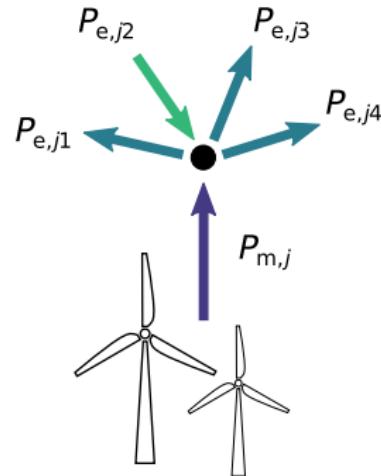
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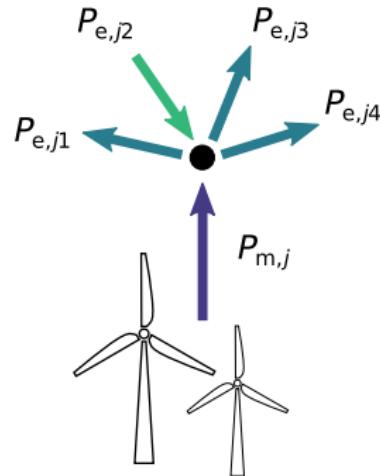
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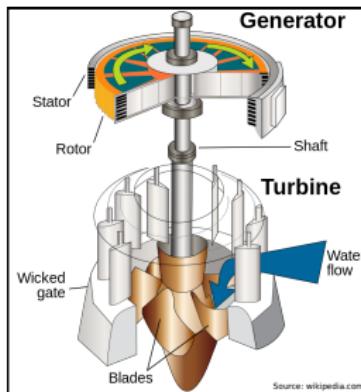


$$P_j = \sum_k V_j V_k [B_{jk} \sin(\theta_j - \theta_k) + G_{jk} \cos(\theta_j - \theta_k)] ,$$

$$Q_j = \sum_k V_j V_k [G_{jk} \sin(\theta_j - \theta_k) - B_{jk} \cos(\theta_j - \theta_k)] .$$

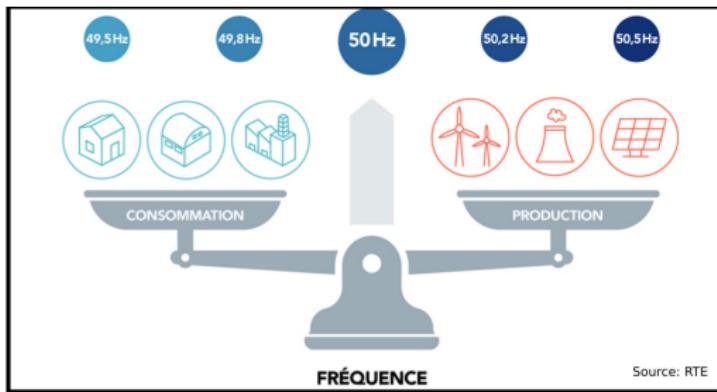
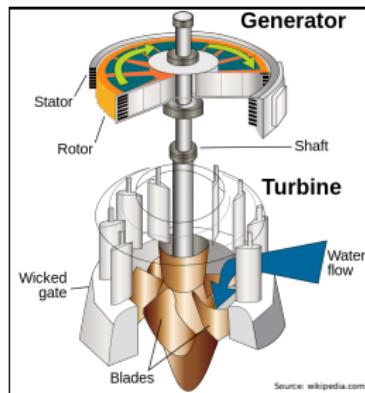
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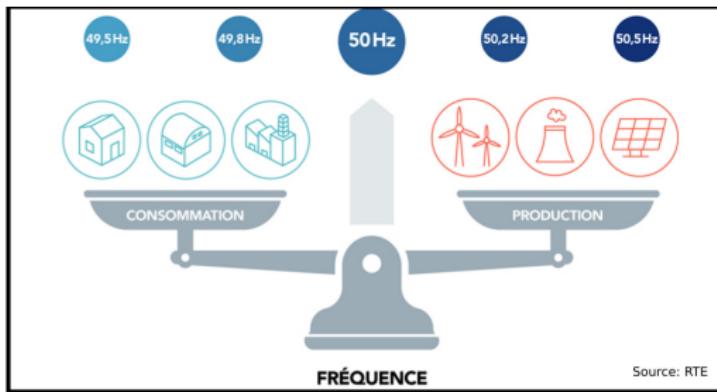
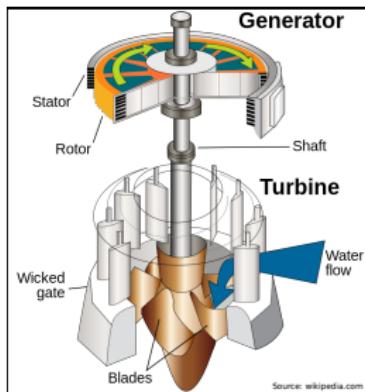
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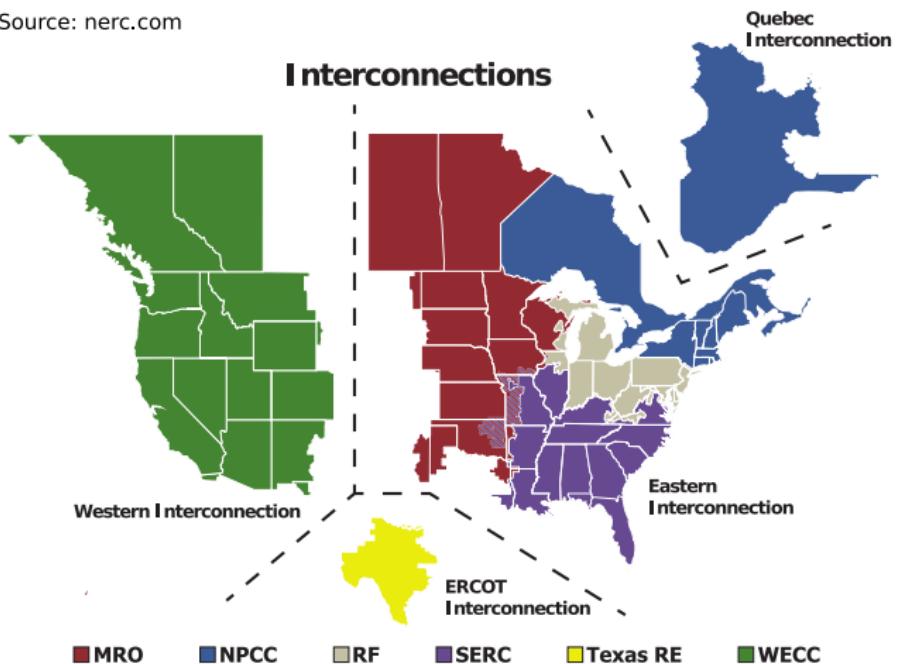
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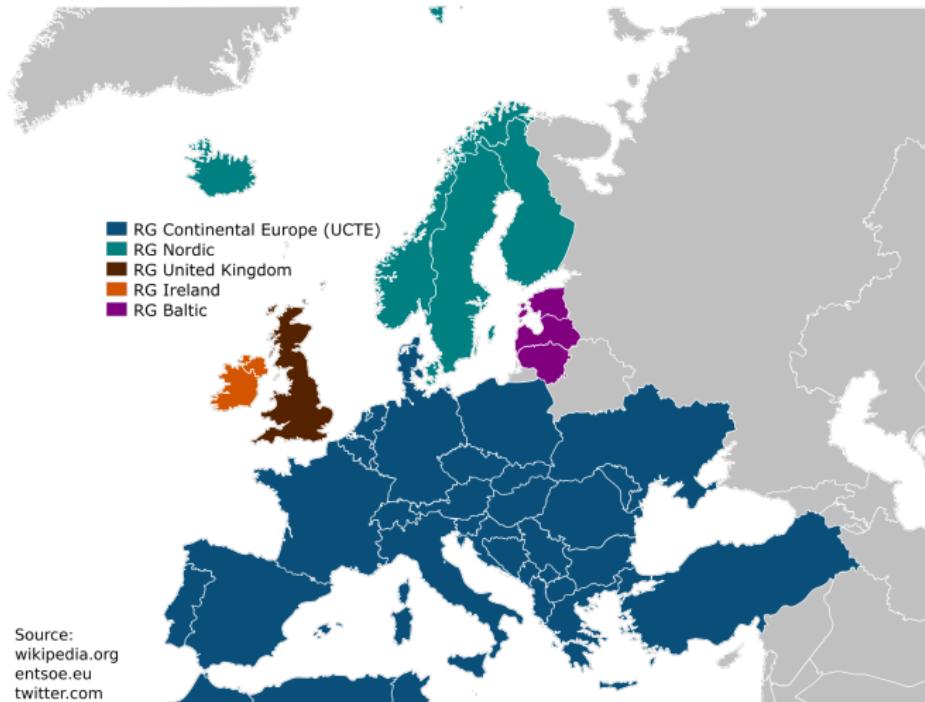


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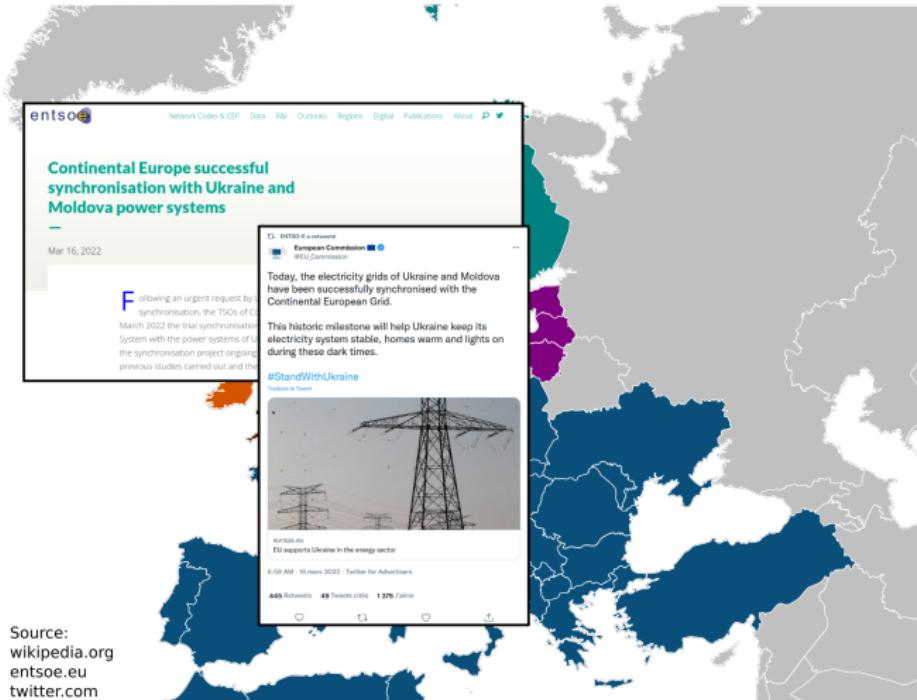
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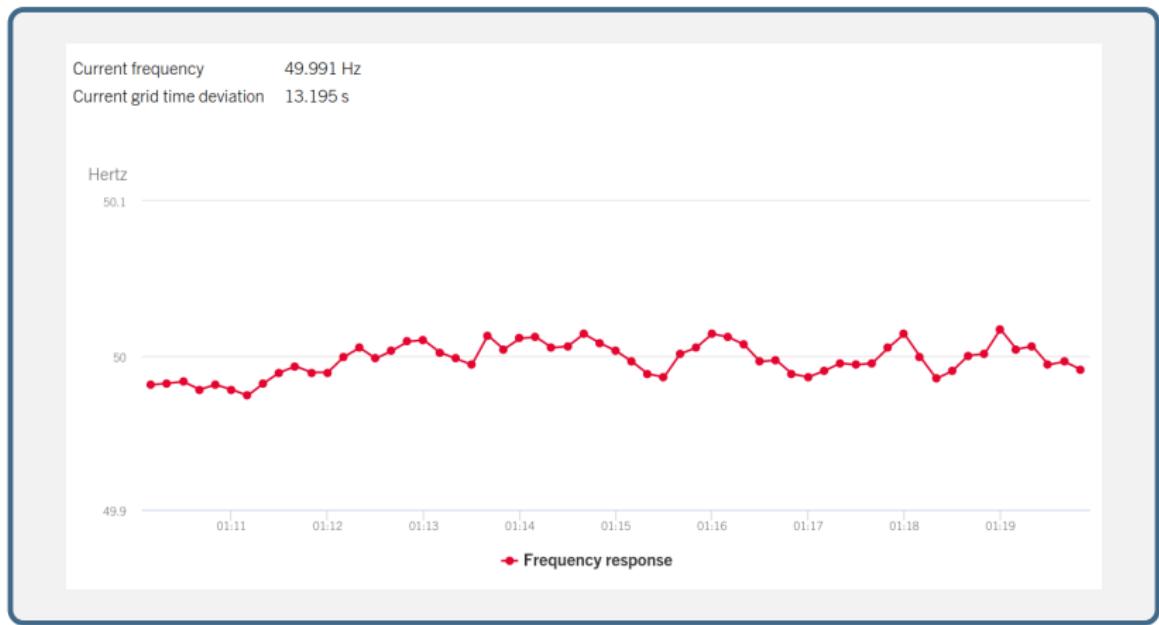


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# Grid frequency



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