

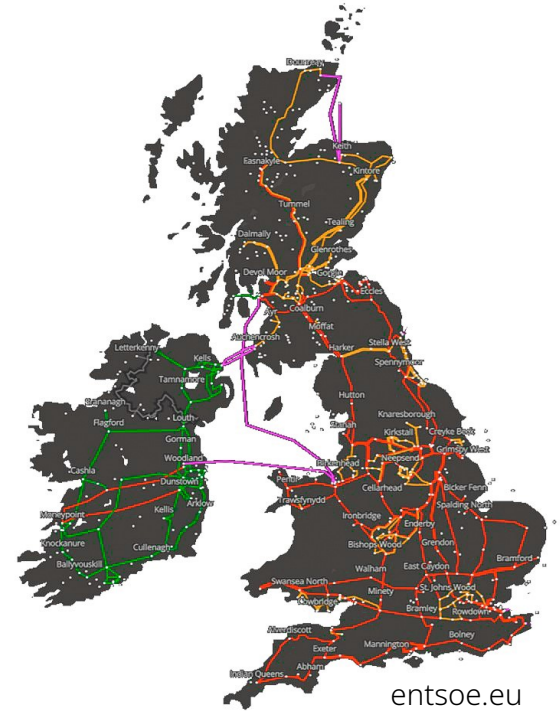
# When do delays desynchronize a power grid?

Master stability conditions for  
inertial oscillator networks

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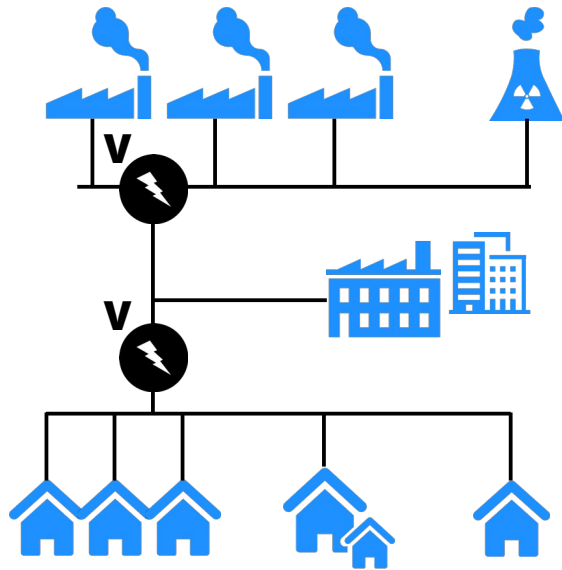
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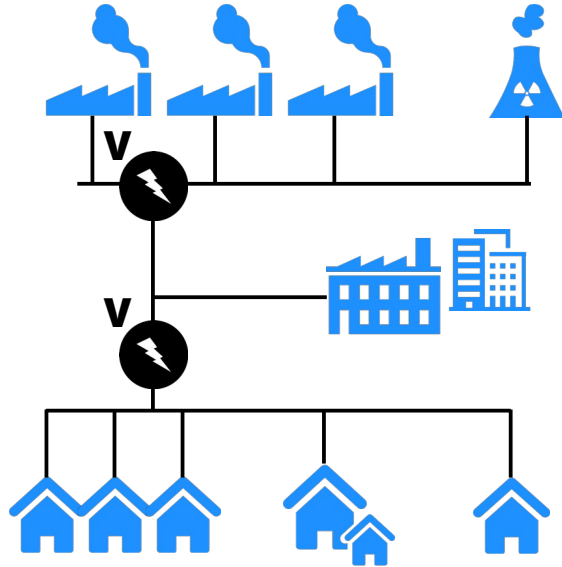
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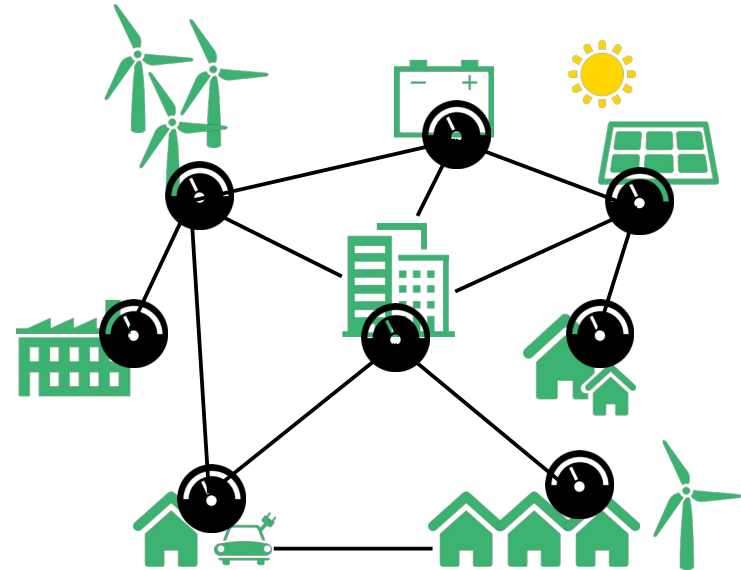


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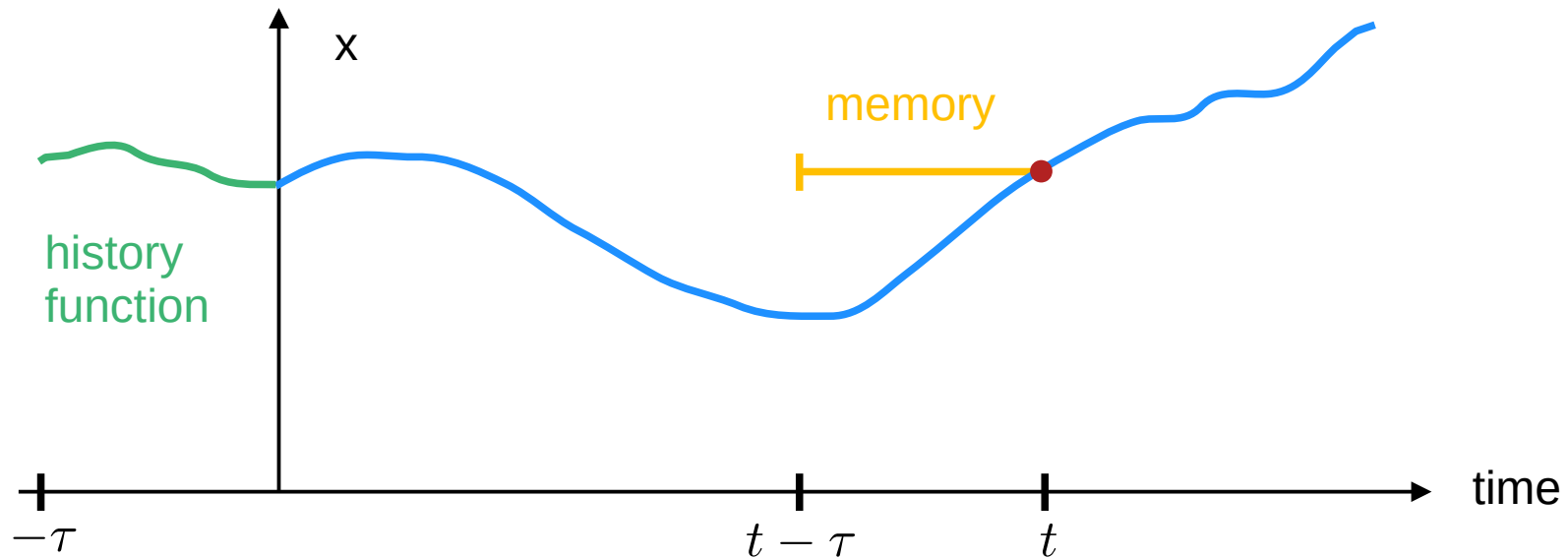
hierarchical ← **topology** → distributed  
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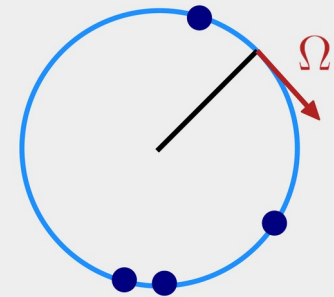
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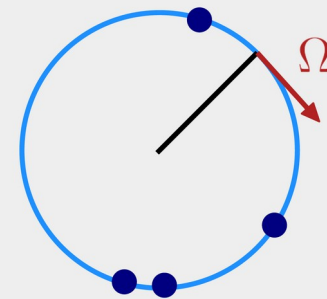
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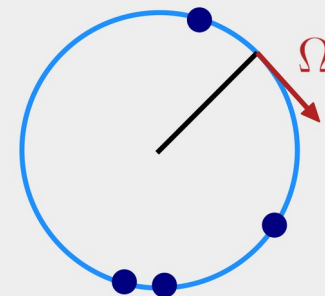
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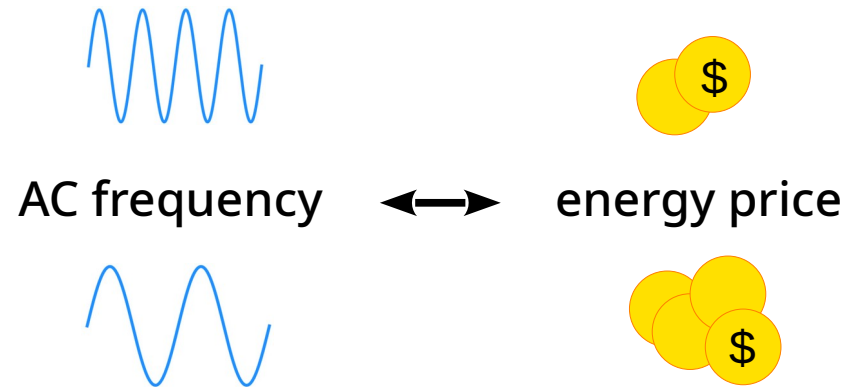
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► **Infinite spectrum!**

► Linearly stable if and only if

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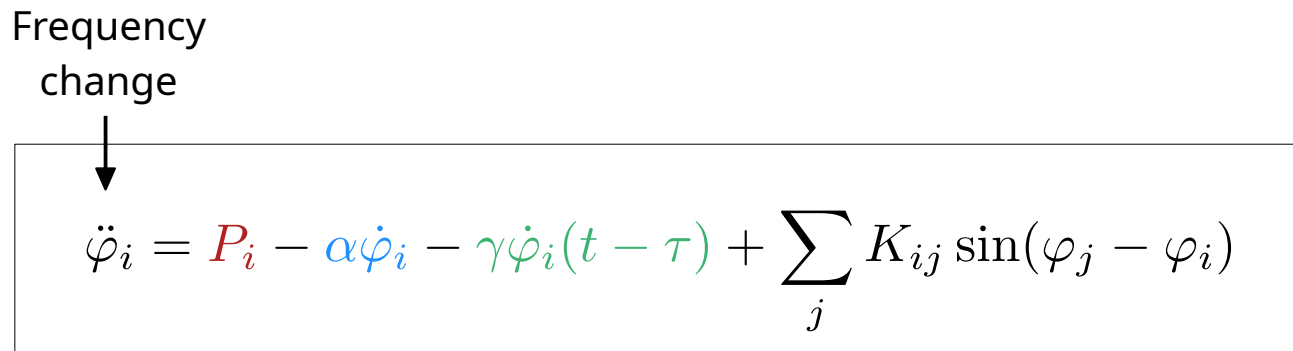
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$$T\mathcal{L}T^{-1} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N)$$

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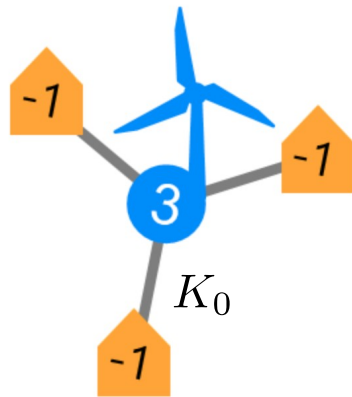
► **Delay master stability function**

$$\sigma_k(\tau, \lambda_k, y_k^*, \alpha, \gamma)$$

Stable if and only if

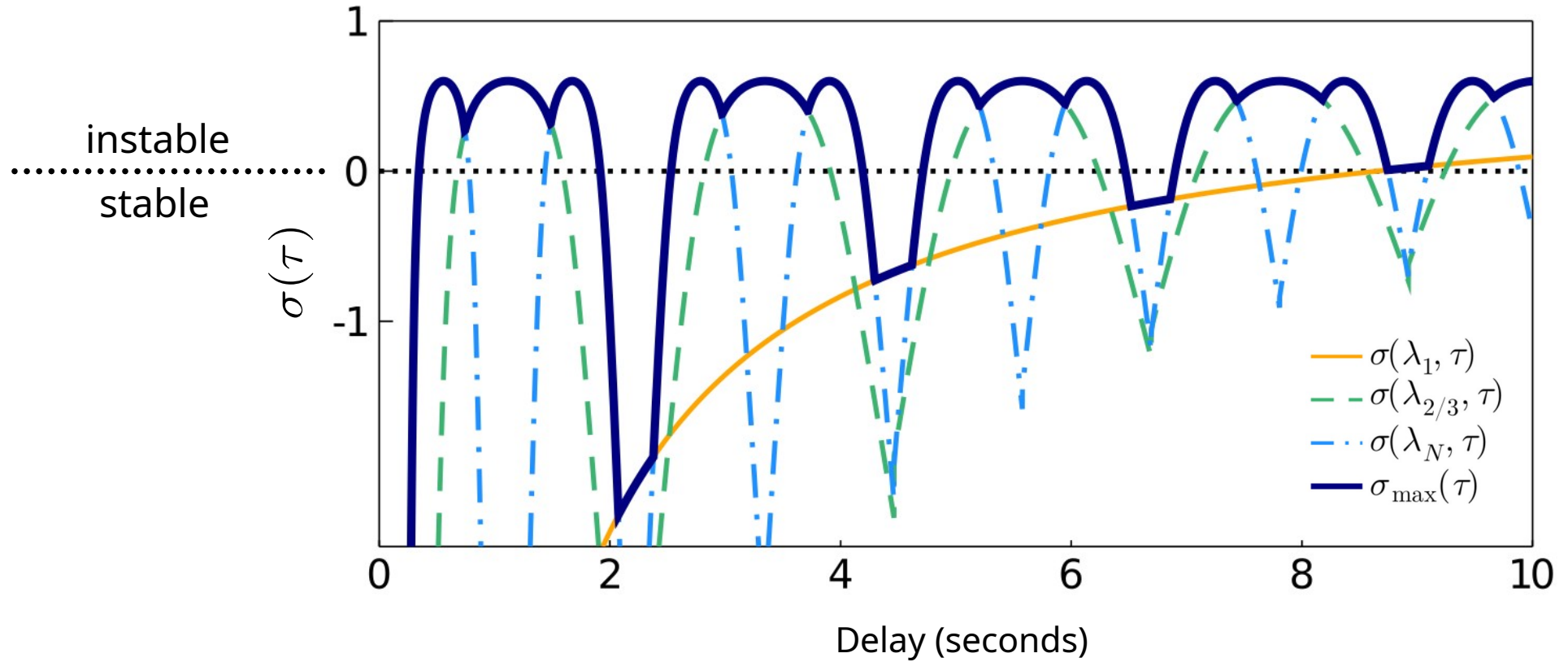
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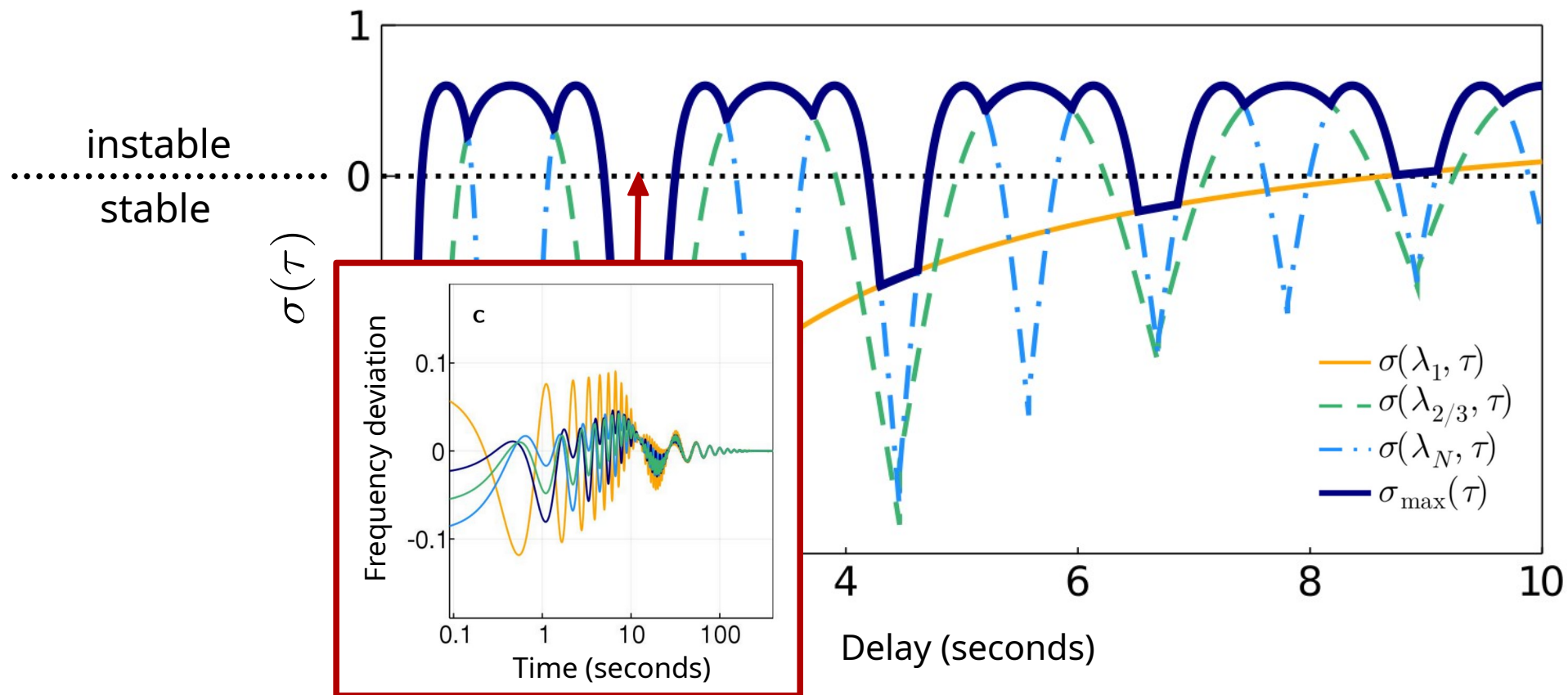


$$K = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & K_0 & K_0 & K_0 \\ K_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ K_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ K_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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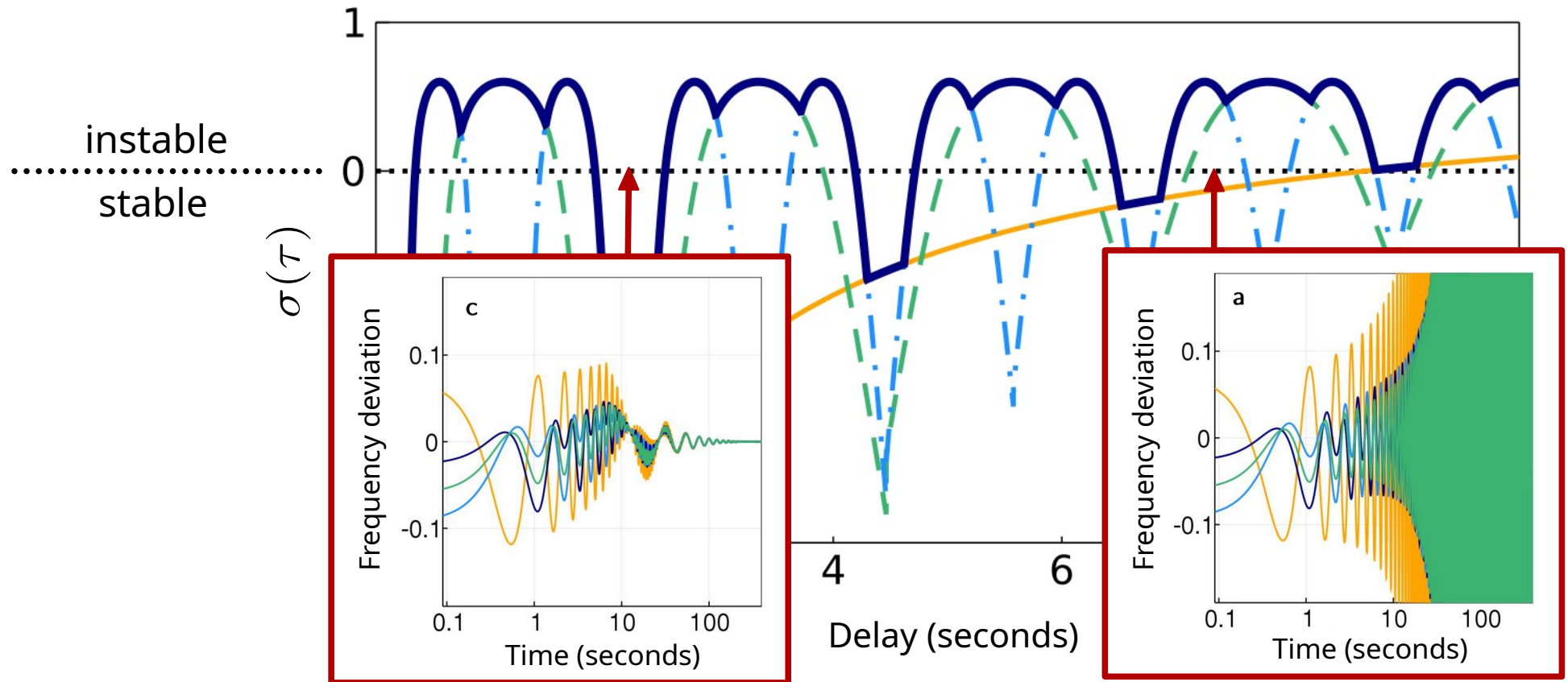


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## Conclusion

- **necessary and sufficient** delay master stability conditions
- any **weighted, undirected graph**
- **inertial oscillators** with nonlinear diffusive coupling

## References

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- more on [github.com/reykboerner/delay-networks](https://github.com/reykboerner/delay-networks)

