

# **The (future) electrical power system dynamics: A systems theoretical point of view**

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# Outline

- 1 Why will dynamics become more important?
- 2 What should we do about it?
- 3 What are we doing about it?

# Why will dynamics become more important?

The future power system: A likely guess



- more distributed generation / **renewable energy systems**
- diminishing mechanical inertia
- hybrid grid and transmission topologies (e.g. AC & DC)
- more **unbalanced faults** ( $> 75\%$  of faults already today)
- more loosely-coupled & unbalanced micro-grids
- more **power electronics**

⇒ Faster dynamics/transients, more harmonics & weaker overall grid!

⇒ Stationary models considering fundamental only *not* sufficient!

⇒ Multi-phase multi-wire state-space models crucial!

# Why will dynamics become more important?

The dynamics of the (future) power system



**Coupled, time-varying partial differential algebraic system (PDAS):**

$$f\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{z}(t, x), \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \mathbf{z}(t, x), \mathbf{z}(t, x), \dots, t\right) = \mathbf{0}_n$$

where  $\mathbf{z}(t, x) := \begin{pmatrix} \omega(t) \\ \delta(t) \\ \mathbf{v}(t, x) \\ \mathbf{i}(t, x) \end{pmatrix}$

Several simplifying assumptions have to be **RE**-considered, e.g.

- $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \mathbf{z}(t, x) = \mathbf{0}_m$ , i.e.  $\Pi$ - or  $T$ -models (?)
- $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \mathbf{z}(t, x) = j\omega \underline{\mathbf{Z}}(x) e^{j\omega t}$ ,  $\omega > 0$  (?)
- losses (?)
- time-variance (?)
- detailed low-level models (?)
- ...

# Why will dynamics become more important?

Built on many assumptions: **The swing equation**

$$M \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \delta + D_d \frac{d}{dt} \delta = p_i(t) - \hat{p}_{ei} \sin(\delta)$$

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## Improved Swing Equation and Its Properties in Synchronous Generators

Abstract—Modeling single- and infinite-bus (SMIB) systems with equations is considered in this paper. Furthermore, the latter is scrutinized. By interpreting the Taylor expansions, approximate swing equations are derived, which

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## Nonlinear Analysis of an Improved Swing Equation

Pooja Mondal

Abstract—In this paper, an improved swing equation is derived by relaxing the assumption of the conventional nonlinear analysis for the state provide regions of attraction. We study the case that a synchronous generator is connected to an infinite bus.

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## A warning about the use of reduced models of synchronous generators

School of Electrical Engineering

Abstract—Synchronous generators of the electric grid. Recently has become an area of high interest. This paper discusses the stability of a simple

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## Uses and Abuses of the Swing Equation Model

Sina Y. Caliskan and Paulo Tabuada

Abstract—The swing equation model is widely used in the literature to study a large class problems, including stability analysis of power systems. We show in this paper, by comparison with a first principles model, that the swing equation model may lead to erroneous conclusions when performing stability analysis of power systems, even under small oscillations.

### I. INTRODUCTION

The swing equation model is a simple approximation of the

equation for stability analysis under small oscillations we obtain results contradicting a more detailed FP model.

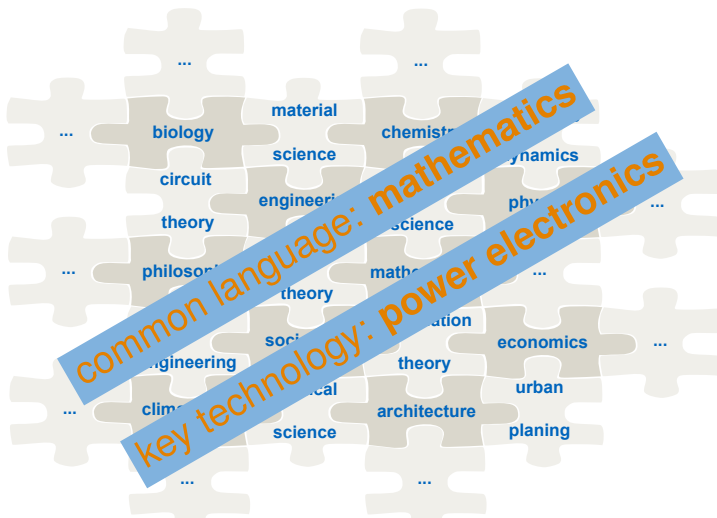
### II. SYNCHRONOUS GENERATOR MODELS

In this section, we review two synchronous generator models. The first model is derived from first principles while the second is the swing equation model.

“... the results in this paper call into question the scientific foundations upon which the current power grid has been built.” [1]

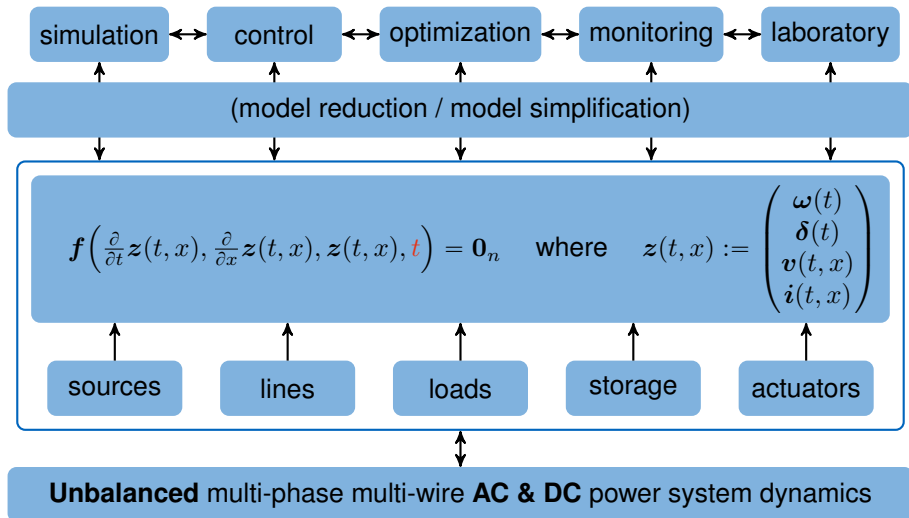
# What should we do about it?

Interdisciplinary research: A lot of collaboration required!



# What should we do about it?

Interdisciplinary research: Bottom-up approach (and, meanwhile, top-down approach)



# What are we doing about it?

CRES: Running projects (third-party funding > 2 million €) and > 40 publications (since 2014)

## Large-scale WTS



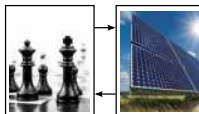
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## Small-scale WTS



Reluctance SM

## Model predictive control for RES



Real-time applicability

## Airborne Wind Energy



Fault-tolerant control

## Geothermal energy



Fault-tolerant control

## Wave energy (SinnPower)



Efficiency+Reliability

## Electric vehicles (BMW)



Efficiency+Reliability

## Electrical power system



Three-phase four-wire system dynamics

# What are we doing about it?

## Activities at TUM-CREATE

- Lecture on each Thursday (May-July)

**TUM CREATE Scientific Lecture:**

**Modeling and Control of  
Renewable Energy Systems**

**Dates (Thursdays, 13 sessions)**

|        |        |        |
|--------|--------|--------|
| 4 May  | 11 May | 18 May |
| 25 May | 1 Jun  | 8 Jun  |
| 15 Jun | 22 Jun | 29 Jun |
| 6 Jul  | 13 Jul | 20 Jul |
| 27 Jul |        |        |

**Time**

10:00 am to 12:15 pm

**Venue**

Theatrette, Level 2, CREATE Tower



- Seminar “Selected topics in energy research” on each Friday (May-July)
- Unbalanced modeling of four-wire three-phase systems (collaborative research)
- Refinement of the swing equation (collaborative research)
- ...

# References I

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