Nonlinear Modal Decoupling: a new approach to real time power system stability analysis and control

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• Understand nonlinearity in power system oscillation under a large disturbance.

- Learn how to decompose a power grid model regarding its oscillation modes by a Nonlinear Modal Decoupling method.
- Discuss use cases of the method for real-time power system stability monitoring and control.



- Characterization of a nonlinear oscillation by its F-A curve
- Introduction of the Nonlinear Modal Decoupling (NMD) method for power grids and other multi-oscillator systems
- Use cases:
 - 1. Transient stability analysis and monitoring
 - 2. Real-time damping estimation on nonlinear oscillations
 - 3. Direct damping feedback control for grid stabilization
- Conclusions and takeaways



Two 1-DOF nonlinear oscillators



Oscillations under small and large disturbances



1. Small disturbance: approximately harmonic



2. Large disturbance: marginally stable



Example: $I=1, D=0, T_{max}=10, T_{m}=5 (\delta_{s}=30^{\circ})$

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60 90 120 150

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Frequency-Amplitude (F-A) Curve



B. Wang, K. Sun, "Formulation and Characterization of Power System Electromechanical Oscillations," IEEE Trans. Power Systems, 2016.
 M. Xiong, X. Xu, K. Sun, B. Wang, "Approximation of the Frequency-Amplitude Curve Using the Homotopy Analysis Method," IEEE PESGM'21.





Frequency-Amplitude (F-A) Curve

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- The F-A curve characterizes the **non-linear oscillation mode** of a 1-DOF oscillator while its **linear natural mode** defined by a pair of eigenvalues only corresponds to single point, i.e. SEP, on the curve.
- **Hypothesis**: For a multi-generator system, an F-A curve describes one of nonlinear oscillation modes in which generators keep oscillatory coherency before loss of synchronism,
- In the rest of the presentation, "a mode of X Hz" refers to a non-linear mode whose frequency at the SEP equals X Hz.

[3] B. Wang, X. Su, K. Sun, "Properties of the Frequency-Amplitude Curve," IEEE Trans. Power Systems, 2017

F-A curves on WECC 29-machine 179-bus system

• Consider cascading line outages near the California-Oregon Intertie (COI).



Modal decoupling: from linear to nonlinear oscillations

• Under a small disturbance, linear modes are decoupled by diagonalizing Jacobian A to analyze small-signal stability for each mode.

 $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$ \Leftrightarrow $\dot{\mathbf{z}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{z}$ with decoupled $\dot{z}_i = \lambda_i z_i$ $(z_i \in \mathbb{C})$

• Under a large disturbance, can we decouple **non-linear** modes?

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \dot{\mathbf{z}} = \mathbf{d}(\mathbf{z}) \text{ with deoupled } \dot{z}_i = d_i(z_i) \quad (z_i \in \mathbb{C})$$





Nonlinear Modal Decoupling of a Multi-Oscillator System



• By a coordinate transformation **x**=**H**(**z**), the goal is to decompose the system's highdimensional vector field into low-dimensional vector fields on as many decoupled nonlinear 1-DOF oscillators as oscillation modes.

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Poincaré's Normal Form Theorem: formal linearization

Consider a smooth, nonlinear system having an equilibrium at x=0. If eigenvalues of its Jacobian A are *non-resonant*, then the system can be transformed into a linear system by changing coordinates:

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{z} + \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{z} + \mathbf{h}^{(2)}(\mathbf{z}) + \mathbf{h}^{(3)}(\mathbf{z}) + \dots$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{f}^{(2)}(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{f}^{(3)}(\mathbf{x}) + \dots$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{z}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{z}$$

h(z) can be obtained by solving a **homological equation**:

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$$[\mathbf{A}\mathbf{z},\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{z})] = \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}}{\partial \mathbf{z}} \mathbf{A}\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{f}^{(2)}(\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{z})) + \mathbf{f}^{(3)}(\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{z})) + \dots$$

If $\mathbf{f}^{(n)}(\mathbf{z}) \equiv 0$ for $\forall n < k$, there is:

$$[\mathbf{A}\mathbf{z},\mathbf{h}^{(k)}(\mathbf{z})] = \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}^{(k)}}{\partial \mathbf{z}} \mathbf{A}\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}^{(k)}(\mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{f}^{(k)}(\mathbf{z})$$

Note: this equation is a linear equation about k-th order monomials of z. Thus, to formally linearize the system up to the K-th order, we only need to solve such a linear equation for (K-1) times.

[5] V.I. Arnold, Geometrical Methods in the Theory of Ordinary Differential Equations (2nd Ed), Springer, 1988

1-D example of formal linearization

$$\dot{y} = \lambda y + c_2 y^2 + c_3 y^3 + O(y^4)$$
Let $y = z + h(z) = z + h_2 z^2 + h_3 z^3 + O(z^4)$
 $\dot{z} + \frac{d}{dt} h(z) = \lambda z + \lambda h(z) + c_2 y^2 + c_3 y^3 + O(y^4)$
 $\frac{\partial h}{\partial z} \lambda z - \lambda h(z) = c_2 y^2 + c_3 y^3 + O(y^4)$ (homological equation)
 $(1 + 2h_2 z + 3h_3 z^2)\lambda z - \lambda(z + h_2 z^2 + h_3 z^3) = c_2(z^2 + 2h_2 z^3) + c_3 z^3 + O(y^4)$
 $\dot{z} = \lambda z + O(z^4)$
 z^2 : $2\lambda h_2 - \lambda h_2 = c_2 \Rightarrow$
 $h_2 = \frac{c_2}{\lambda}$
 $h_3 = \frac{c_3}{2\lambda} + h_2^2$

Nonlinear Modal Decoupling (NMD)

Theorem (NMD): If system (1) has no resonance at equilibrium $\mathbf{x}=0$, and its eigenvalues belong to the Poincare domain, i.e. $0 \notin$ their convex hull (this is a sufficient condition), then these exists a convergent coordinate transformation to (2), which is decoupled up to the k^{th} order with desired modal nonlinearity.

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{z}) \qquad \dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{f}^{(2)}(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{f}^{(3)}(\mathbf{x}) + \cdots \qquad \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{y} \qquad (1)$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{c}^{(2)}(\mathbf{y}) + \cdots + \mathbf{c}^{(k)}(\mathbf{y}) + \mathbf{c}^{(k+1)}(\mathbf{y}) + \cdots \qquad (1)$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{z}} = \mathbf{d}(\mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{z} + \mathbf{d}^{(2)}(\mathbf{z}) + \cdots + \mathbf{d}^{(k)}(\mathbf{z}) + \mathbf{O}(\|\mathbf{z}\|^{k+1}) \qquad \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{z} + \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{z})$$

$$decoupled k-jet \qquad (2)$$

c^(k): **coupling**, kth order **inter-modal** terms (to be eliminated) **d**^(k): **decoupled**, kth order **intra-modal** terms (carrying designed modal nonlinearity if nonzero)

When transforming
$$\mathbf{c}^{(k)}$$
 terms, if $\mathbf{c}^{(n)}(\mathbf{z}) \equiv \mathbf{d}^{(n)}(\mathbf{z})$ for $\forall n < k$, there is $\frac{\partial \mathbf{h}^{(k)}}{\partial \mathbf{z}} \Lambda \mathbf{z} - \Lambda \mathbf{h}^{(k)}(\mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{c}^{(k)}(\mathbf{z}) - \mathbf{d}^{(k)}(\mathbf{z})$
Solution: $h_{i,s_1 \cdots s_k} = \frac{c_{i,s_1 \cdots s_k} - d_{i,s_1 \cdots s_k}}{\lambda_{s_1} + \cdots + \lambda_{s_k} - \lambda_i}$ If $i = s_1 = \cdots = s_k$, there is $h_{i,i \cdots i_k} = \frac{c_{i,i \cdots i} - d_{i,i \cdots i}}{(k-1)\lambda_i}$ for any desired $d_{i,i \cdots i_k}$
Otherwise $(\exists s_j \neq i)$, all $d_{i,s_1 \cdots s_k} = 0$, i.e. $h_{i,s_1 \cdots s_k} = \frac{c_{i,s_1 \cdots s_k}}{\lambda_{s_1} + \cdots + \lambda_{s_k} - \lambda_i}$.

2-D example of nonlinear modal decoupling

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_{1} \\ \dot{x}_{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{1} \\ x_{2} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} f_{1,11}x_{1}^{2} + f_{1,12}x_{1}x_{2} + f_{2,22}x_{2}^{2} \\ f_{2,11}x_{1}^{2} + f_{2,12}x_{1}x_{2} + f_{2,22}x_{2}^{2} \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{O}(\|\mathbf{x}\|^{3})$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{y}_{1} \\ \dot{y}_{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{1} & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_{1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_{1} \\ y_{2} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c_{1,11}y_{1}^{2} + c_{1,22}y_{1}y_{2} + c_{2,22}y_{2}^{2} \\ c_{2,11}y_{1}^{2} + c_{2,12}y_{1}y_{2} + c_{2,22}y_{2}^{2} \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{O}(\|\mathbf{y}\|^{3})$$
Let $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_{1} \\ y_{2} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{z} + \mathbf{h}^{(2)}(\mathbf{z}) = \begin{bmatrix} z_{1} \\ z_{2} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} h_{1,11}z_{1}^{2} + h_{1,22}z_{1}z_{2} + h_{2,22}z_{2}^{2} \\ h_{2,11}z_{1}^{2} + h_{2,12}z_{1} & h_{1,2}z_{1}z_{2} + h_{2,22}z_{2}^{2} \end{bmatrix}$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{h}^{(2)}}{\partial \mathbf{z}} \mathbf{A}\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{h}^{(2)}(\mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{c}^{(2)}(\mathbf{z}) - \mathbf{d}^{(2)}(\mathbf{z})$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2h_{1,11}z_{1} + h_{1,12}z_{2} & h_{1,2}z_{1} + 2h_{2,22}z_{2} \\ h_{2,11}z_{1}^{2} + h_{2,12}z_{2} & h_{2,22}z_{1} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{1}z_{1} \\ \lambda_{2}z_{2} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{1}(h_{1,11}z_{1}^{2} + h_{1,12}z_{1}z_{2} + h_{2,22}z_{2}^{2} \\ h_{2,11}z_{1}^{2} + h_{2,12}z_{2} & h_{2,22}z_{2} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{1}z_{1} \\ \lambda_{2}z_{2} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{1}(h_{1,11}z_{1}^{2} + h_{1,12}z_{1}z_{2} + h_{2,22}z_{2}) \\ \lambda_{2}(h_{2,11}z_{1}^{2} + h_{2,12}z_{1}z_{2} + h_{2,22}z_{2}^{2}) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} z_{1,11}z_{1}^{2} + z_{1,22}z_{1}z_{2} + z_{2,22}z_{2}^{2} \\ z_{2,11}z_{1}^{2} + z_{2,12}z_{1}z_{2} + z_{2,22}z_{2}^{2} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} d_{1,22}z_{1}^{2} \\ d_{2,22}z_{2}^{2} \end{bmatrix} \\ \mathbf{b}_{1,11} = \frac{z_{1,11} - d_{1,11}}{\lambda_{1}}, \quad h_{1,12} = \frac{c_{1,12}}{\lambda_{2}}, \quad h_{1,22} = \frac{c_{1,22}}{\lambda_{2}}, \quad h_{1,22} = \frac{c_{1,22}}{\lambda_{2}} - \lambda_{1}, \\ d_{2,22}z_{2}^{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} z_{1,11} - \frac{d_{1,11}}{\lambda_{1}}, \quad h_{1,12} = \frac{c_{1,12}}{\lambda_{2}}, \quad h_{1,22} = \frac{c_{1,22}}{\lambda_{2}}, \quad h_{2,22} = \frac{c_{2,22}}{\lambda_{2}} - \lambda_{1}, \\ d_{2,11} = \frac{c_{2,11}}{\lambda_{1}}, \quad h_{1,12} = \frac{c_{2,12}}{\lambda_{2}}, \quad h_{2,22} = \frac{c_{2,22}}{\lambda_{2}} - \lambda_{2}, \\ d_{2,22} = \frac{c_{2,22}}{\lambda_{2}} - \lambda_{2}, \\ d_{2,2} = \frac{c_{2,22}}{\lambda_{2}} - \lambda_{2}, \\ d_{2,2} = \frac{c_{2,12}}{\lambda_{2}}, \quad h_{2,22} = \frac{$$

Real-valued decoupled k-jet

• How to transform a decoupled, **complex-valued** *k*-jet into an approximately **real-valued** *k*-jet?

1-DOF oscillator near
$$\mathbf{x}=0$$
: $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\delta} \\ \delta \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{\Phi} \mathbf{z} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & \lambda^* \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 = z_1^* \end{bmatrix}$
For a multi-oscillator system, define: $\begin{bmatrix} w_i \\ w_{i+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_i & \lambda_i^* \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_i \\ z_i^* \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\delta} \\ \delta \end{bmatrix}$ speed angle

$$\begin{cases} \dot{z}_i = \lambda_i z_i + d^{(2)}(z_i) + d^{(3)}(z_i) + \dots \\ z_{i+1} = z_i^* \end{cases} \begin{bmatrix} z_i \\ z_i^* \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_i & \lambda_i^* \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} w_i \\ w_{i+1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{cases} \dot{w}_i = g(w_i, w_{i+1}) \\ \dot{w}_{i+1} \approx w_i \end{cases}$$
or

 $\ddot{w}_{i+1} - g(\dot{w}_{i+1}, w_{i+1}) \approx 0$



Resonance of eigenvalues

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Distinct eigenvalues λ₁, λ₂, ..., λ_n are said to be **resonant** if there exists a vector **m**=[m₁, ..., m_n]^T of **non-negative** integers such that the following equation holds. The **order of resonance** is defined as Σ_im_i. If there is "≈" instead of "=", these eigenvalues have **near-resonance**.

 $\lambda_i = m_1 \lambda_1 + m_2 \lambda_2 + \ldots + m_n \lambda_n$ where $\Sigma_i m_i \ge 2$

- Examples (n=2): $\lambda_1=2\lambda_2$ a resonance of order 2; $2\lambda_1=3\lambda_2$ not a resonance; $\lambda_1+\lambda_2=0$ a resonance of order 3 since $\lambda_1=2\lambda_1+\lambda_2$.
- A necessary condition of normal form/NMD transformation: in order to eliminate or transform $c^{(k)}$ terms, the system cannot have *k*th order resonance.

$$h_{i,s_1\cdots s_k} = \frac{c_{i,s_1\cdots s_k} - d_{i,s_1\cdots s_k}}{\lambda_{s_1} + \cdots + \lambda_{s_k} - \lambda_i}$$

[5] V.I. Arnold, Geometrical Methods in the Theory of Ordinary Differential Equations (2nd Ed), Springer, 1988

Mode shape on near-resonance oscillation





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NMD with designed modal nonlinearity

How to design new $\mathbf{d}^{(k)}$ terms introduced by \mathbf{h} for desired modal nonlinearity (e.g. the stability limit)?

- Strategy 1: Normal form, i.e. a linear k-jet system with $d^{(2)} = \dots = d^{(k)} = 0$.
 - Unable to estimate the stability limit from each decoupled linear system.
- Strategy 2: Let $h_{i,i...i} = 0$, i.e. $d_{i,i...i} = c_{i,i...i}$ for $\forall n < k$ to avoid adding any new $\mathbf{d}^{(k)}$ terms.
 - The F-A curve on each decoupled oscillator only depends on remaining $\mathbf{c}^{(k)}$ terms.



• **Strategy 3:** each decoupled system is a *k*-jet **SMIB system**.

- New $\mathbf{d}^{(k)}$ terms change the shape of the F-A curve on each mode.

The stability of each decoupled system can be analyzed and controlled as an SMIB system.

Example: NMD on IEEE 9-bus system



• Decouple its 3-jet system (CCT=0.16s) by 3 strategies:

Real valued 3-jet of the post-fault system:

 $\begin{cases} \dot{x}_{1} = x_{2} + 3.12 \\ \dot{x}_{2} = -14.1x_{1} - 0.5x_{2} + 5.42x_{3} + 8.85x_{5} - 2.99x_{1}^{2} - 1.65x_{3}^{2} - 1.34x_{5}^{2} + 3.31x_{1}x_{3} + 2.68x_{1}x_{5} \\ + 2.38x_{1}^{3} - 0.904x_{3}^{3} - 1.48x_{5}^{3} - 2.71x_{1}^{2}x_{3} + 2.71x_{1}x_{3}^{2} - 4.43x_{1}^{2}x_{5} + 4.43x_{1}x_{5}^{2} \\ \dot{x}_{3} = x_{4} + 3.12 \\ \dot{x}_{4} = 14.4x_{1} - 49.5x_{3} - 0.5x_{4} + 35.1x_{5} + 9.26x_{1}^{2} + 17.1x_{3}^{2} + 7.89x_{5}^{2} - 18.5x_{1}x_{3} - 15.8x_{3}x_{5} \\ - 2.40x_{1}^{3} + 8.25x_{3}^{3} - 5.84x_{5}^{3} + 7.21x_{1}^{2}x_{3} - 7.21x_{1}x_{3}^{2} - 17.5x_{3}^{2}x_{5} + 17.5x_{3}x_{5}^{2} \\ \dot{x}_{5} = x_{6} + 3.12 \\ \dot{x}_{6} = 58.5x_{1} + 81.3x_{3} - 140.0x_{5} - 0.5x_{6} + 21.5x_{1}^{2} - 4.37x_{3}^{2} + 17.1x_{5}^{2} - 43.0x_{1}x_{5} + 8.73x_{3}x_{5} \\ - 9.76x_{1}^{3} - 13.5x_{3}^{3} + 23.3x_{5}^{3} + 29.3x_{1}^{2}x_{5} - 29.3x_{1}x_{5}^{2} + 40.6x_{3}^{2}x_{5} - 40.6x_{3}x_{5}^{2} \\ \end{bmatrix}$

Strategy 1
$$\begin{cases} \dot{z}_1 = (-0.25 + j12.9)z_1 ~ 2Hz \\ z_3 = z_1^* ~ 1Hz \\ \begin{cases} \dot{z}_2 = (-0.25 + j6.08)z_2 \\ z_4 = z_2^* \end{cases}$$

Strategy 2 $\begin{cases} \dot{z}_1 = (-0.25 + j12.9)z_1 - (0.0019 + j0.0975)z_1^2 + (0.0038 - j0.195)z_1z_3 \\ + (0.0057 - j0.097)z_3^2 - (0.0101 + j0.262)z_1^3 + (0.00013 - j1.01)z_1^2z_3 \\ + (0.0057 - j0.097)z_3^2 - (0.0101 + j0.262)z_3^3 \\ z_3 = z_1^* \end{cases}$
S: $\begin{cases} \dot{z}_2 = (-0.25 + j6.08)z_2 - (0.023 + j0.57)z_2^2 + (0.047 - j1.14)z_2z_4 \\ + (0.07 - j0.566)z_4^2 - (0.009 + j0.093)z_3^2 - (0.002 + j0.29)z_2^2z_4 \\ + (0.025 - j0.289)z_2z_4^2 + (0.017 - j0.092)z_4^3 \\ z_4 = z_3^* \end{cases}$
Strategy 3 $\begin{cases} \dot{z}_1 = (-0.25 + j12.9)z_1 - j1.42z_1^2 - j2.83z_1z_3 - j1.42z_3^2 \\ - j1.08z_1^3 - j3.23z_1^2z_3 - j3.23z_1z_3^2 - j1.08z_3^3 \\ z_3 = z_1^* \end{cases}$
 $\begin{cases} \dot{z}_2 = (-0.25 + j6.08)z_2 - j0.86z_2^2 - j1.72z_2z_4 - j0.86z_4^2 \\ - j0.51z_3^2 - j1.52z_2z_4^2 - j1.52z_2^2z_4 - j0.51z_4^3 \\ z_4 = z_2^* \end{cases}$

Accuracy on transient stability



- For small disturbances, all strategies give accurate decoupled 3-jets.
- For a large disturbance (90% of CCT), strategy 2 is much more accurate than Strategy 3 (decoupled into SMIBs).



Time (second)

Error<5 deg.





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Transient stability analysis using decoupled oscillators

Two decoupled real-valued 3-jets:

First-Integral based Lyapunov functions:

 $V_1(w_2, \dot{w}_2) = \frac{\dot{w}_2^2}{2} - 83w_2^2 + 1.6667w_2^3 + 8.175w_2^4 \qquad V_2(w_4, \dot{w}_4) = \frac{\dot{w}_4^2}{2} - 18.55w_4^2 + 4.6w_4^3 + 1.155w_4^4$ Closest UEPs: $w_{2,\text{UEP}} = 2.181$, $w_{4,\text{UEP}} = 1.711$.

Critical energies: $V_{cr1}(0, w_{2,UEP}) = 193.671, V_{cr2}(0, w_{4,UEP}) = 21.402.$

Estimated CCT = 0.16 s (when V_{cr2} is reached) ≈ 0.17 s (true CCT)



NMD-based transient stability analysis for a large power system

• **Step 1:** Derive modal space representation for the classical system model:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$$
 $\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{\Phi}^{-1}\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{\Phi}\mathbf{y}) \triangleq \tilde{\mathbf{f}}(\mathbf{y}), \text{ where } \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{\Phi}^{-1}\mathbf{x}$

• Step 2: Obtain decoupled k-jet ($k \ge 3$) systems for selected m critical modes

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{y}}_{cr} \\ \dot{\mathbf{y}}_{other} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_{cr}(\mathbf{y}_{cr}, \mathbf{y}_{other}) \\ \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_{other}(\mathbf{y}_{cr}, \mathbf{y}_{other}) \end{pmatrix} \implies \dot{\mathbf{y}}_{cr} = \tilde{\mathbf{f}}_{cr}(\mathbf{y}_{cr}, \mathbf{0}) \implies \dot{\mathbf{z}} = \mathbf{\Lambda} \cdot \mathbf{z} + \mathbf{d}^{(2)}(\mathbf{z}) + \mathbf{d}^{(3)}(\mathbf{z}) + \cdots$$

- **Step 3:** Find the stability boundary for each decoupled system by a direct method. Considering reduction and truncation errors, adjust the boundaries for conservative stability assessment.
- Step 4: Compare the post-disturbance system trajectory in z or w-coordinates with the stability boundaries regarding *m* critical modes

Remarks: If the system has near-resonance modal interaction, elimination of some inter-modal terms $\mathbf{c}^{(k)}$ becomes difficult due to large *h*-coefficients. However, NMD can still decouple non-resonant modes.



Use Cases of the NMD Method

Demonstrations on the NPCC 48-machine 140-bus testbed system

- 1. Transient stability analysis and monitoring
- 2. Real-time oscillation damping estimation under small/large disturbances
- 3. Direct damping feedback control for grid stabilization





Case 1 - Transient stability monitoring

- Consider a large fault between NYISO and ISO-NE regions.
- **Offline:** For the post-fault system, find decoupled 3-jet oscillators on top-5 modes (>99% total oscillatory energy) and their stability boundaries.
- **Real-time:** Monitor 5 oscillators for transient stability. In the test, a MATLAB program takes 0.3s to locate 5 consecutive post-fault states of decoupled oscillators and only <0.1s to predict instability on 0.6Hz mode.





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Modal

Energy

54.6%

27.9%

9.3%

6.6%

1.1%

< 1%

Other four oscillators are all stable





Case 2 - Real-Time Damping Estimation for Nonlinear Oscillations

Steps:

- 1. Apply inverse NMD transformation $z=H^{-1}(x)$ to measurement data of x over a sliding window.
- 2. Find a nonlinear oscillator of the best fit for data of the targeted mode, and calculate its damping ratio.



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More tests on practical scenarios

• Decrease PMU coverage from 100% to 85%:



• Co-existence of two dominant modes





Case 3 - Direct Damping Feedback Control and Grid Stabilization

• An oscillating power grid can be stabilized if the damping ratio of each nonlinear mode is accurately controlled at a desired value.

• Direct Damping Feedback Control System:

- NMD-based real-time damping ratio estimator
- Robust PI controller optimized for each equivalent oscillator of the grid
- Distributed/decentralized actuators using energy storages and other IBRs (inverter-based resources).



Real-time damping ratio



Distributed and Robust Damping Control by IBRs

• Actuation: Change power injections from distributed IBRs (e.g. battery energy storage systems) to the grid.



• **Robust Control:** Design PI parameters for the best tradeoff between the integrated absolute control error (IAE) and the sensitivity (M_{st}) of damping estimation to a perturbation in the system condition.

$$M_{st} = \max_{\omega} (|S(j\omega)|, |T(j\omega)|), \qquad IAE = \int_0^\infty |e(t)| dt$$



Fig. 5. Trade-off curve and contours of M_{st} and IAE.

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Tests on Stabilization of the NPCC system

• Increase damping ratio from <1% to 3% for 0.6Hz mode after a permanent 3-phase fault lasting for CCT.



Summary

Contributions of the presented work:

- Characterization of nonlinear power system oscillation using a new tool "F-A Curve".
- Establishment of the Nonlinear Modal Decoupling (NMD) method for power grids and other multi-oscillator nonlinear systems.
- Demonstration of three use cases of the NMD method for stability analysis and control.
 - 1. Transient stability analysis and monitoring;
 - 2. Real-time oscillation damping estimation under small/large disturbances;
 - 3. Direct damping feedback control for grid stabilization using IBRs.

Takeaways:

- Small-signal and transient instabilities will be less separate with future oscillation events.
- Future grid controllers need to consider nonlinearities in power system oscillations.
- The NMD method suggests a new approach for decoupling and harnessing various power system oscillations having nonlinearities.





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QUESTIONS?

