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# PSS design - some recent results

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# A probability-one homotopy method for parameter tuning

# Standard pole assignment formulation

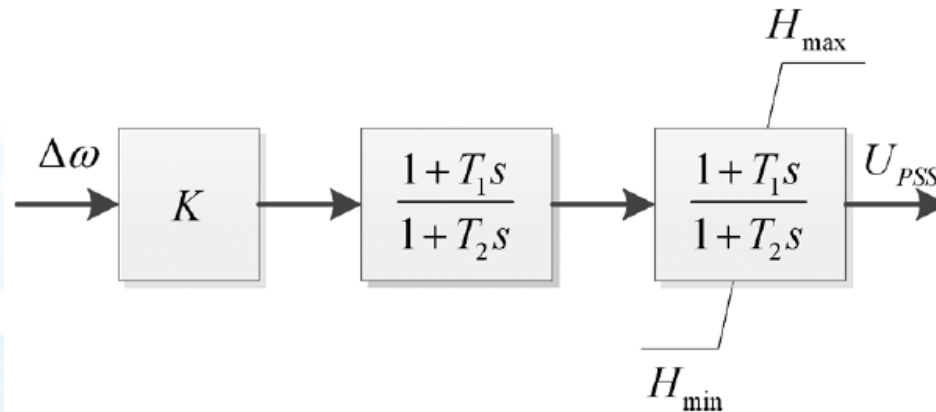


- A power system is modeled as:

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{U}$$

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{U}$$

- The standard two-phase PSS model is applied



$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}_{PSS} = \mathbf{A}_{PSS} \mathbf{X}_{PSS} + \mathbf{B}_{PSS} \mathbf{Y}$$

$$\mathbf{U}_{PSS} = \mathbf{C}_{PSS} \mathbf{X}_{PSS} + \mathbf{D}_{PSS} \mathbf{Y}$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{A}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{D}_{PSS} \mathbf{C} & \mathbf{B}\mathbf{C}_{PSS} \\ \mathbf{B}_{PSS} \mathbf{C} & \mathbf{A}_{PSS} \end{bmatrix}$$



- A **pole assignment problem** can be viewed as a root-finding problem as follows:

$$\phi(\mathbf{z}) = \lambda_{\mathbf{x}}(\bar{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbf{z})) - \lambda_{\mathbf{x}_0} = \mathbf{0}, \phi: \mathbf{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^p$$

- Let the homotopy map be given by

$$\rho(\mu, \mathbf{z}) = \mu\phi(\mathbf{z}) + (1 - \mu)(\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{z}_0)$$

$\rho(0, \mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{z} - \mathbf{z}_0$  provides an initial solution  $\mathbf{z}_0$ .

$\rho(1, \mathbf{z}) = \phi(\mathbf{z})$  is what we are looking for.

- **A nice theoretical property:** for almost all  $\mathbf{z}_0$ , there exists a zero curve of  $\rho(\mu, \mathbf{z})$  and the Jacobian matrix of  $\rho(\mu, \mathbf{z})$  has full rank.

# The probability-one homotopy theory



- Let the zero curve be parameterized by arc length  $t$  ( $0 \leq t \leq \bar{t}$ ,  $\bar{t}$  is the point satisfying  $\mu(t) = 1$ )

$$\rho(\mu(t), \mathbf{z}(t)) = 0$$

- The following initial value problem of implicit ordinary differential equations (ODE) can be obtained:

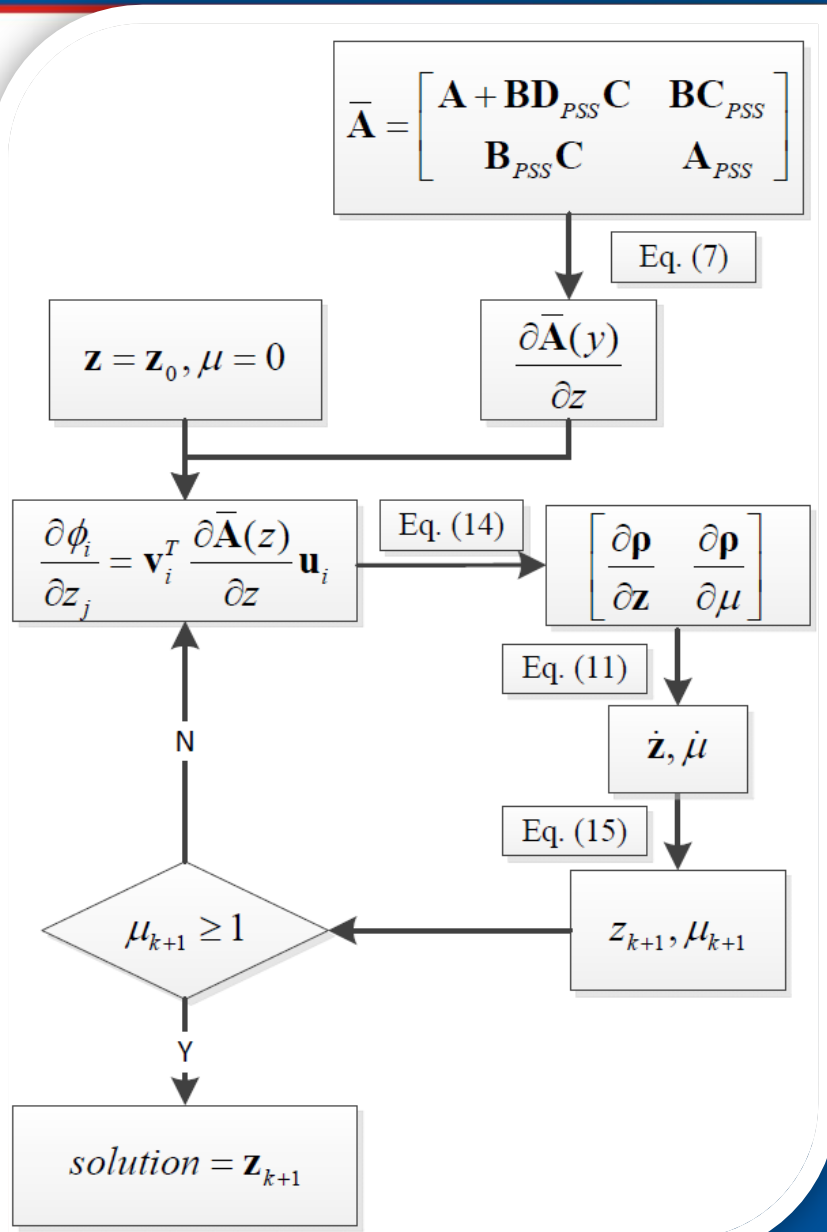
$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \mathbf{z}} & \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \mu} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{z}} \\ \dot{\mu} \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\|\dot{\mu}, \dot{\mathbf{z}}\|_2 = 1$$

$$\mu(0) = 0, \mathbf{z}(0) = \mathbf{z}_0$$

- To obtain this curve, the numerical integration method can be used to get the exact point  $\mu(\bar{t}) = 1$ .

# The probability-one homotopy theory



- The previous PHM is a root-finding method, to improve the method, a **least square** formulation has also been tested.

# Implementation techniques



## Tracking eigenvalues

- Permute the eigenvalues obtained during iterations such that  $\sum_i |\lambda_i^* - \lambda_{P(i)}|$  is minimized.

## Computing step size

- $\Delta t = \Delta \mu / \dot{\mu}$

## Utilizing intermediate solutions

- Quite often a single run cannot find the final solution.
- If the current run does not converge, a second run can take the best intermediate solution as the initial guess.

## Choosing a suitable homotopy

- Take a more general homotopy function:  
 $\rho(\mu, \mathbf{z}) = \mu \phi(\mathbf{z}) + (1 - \mu) \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{z})$ .

## Rescaling

- Bad scaling of  $\bar{\mathbf{A}}$  can make  $\mathbf{K}$  un-optimized.
- To remedy, the gain vector  $\mathbf{K}$  is scaled down to the same order of magnitude as  $\mathbf{T}_1$ .



# Simulation



- 10 test systems (from SMIB to 3296-bus) are used.
- The relationship between the **chosen system** and the most representative **implementation techniques** are summarized as:

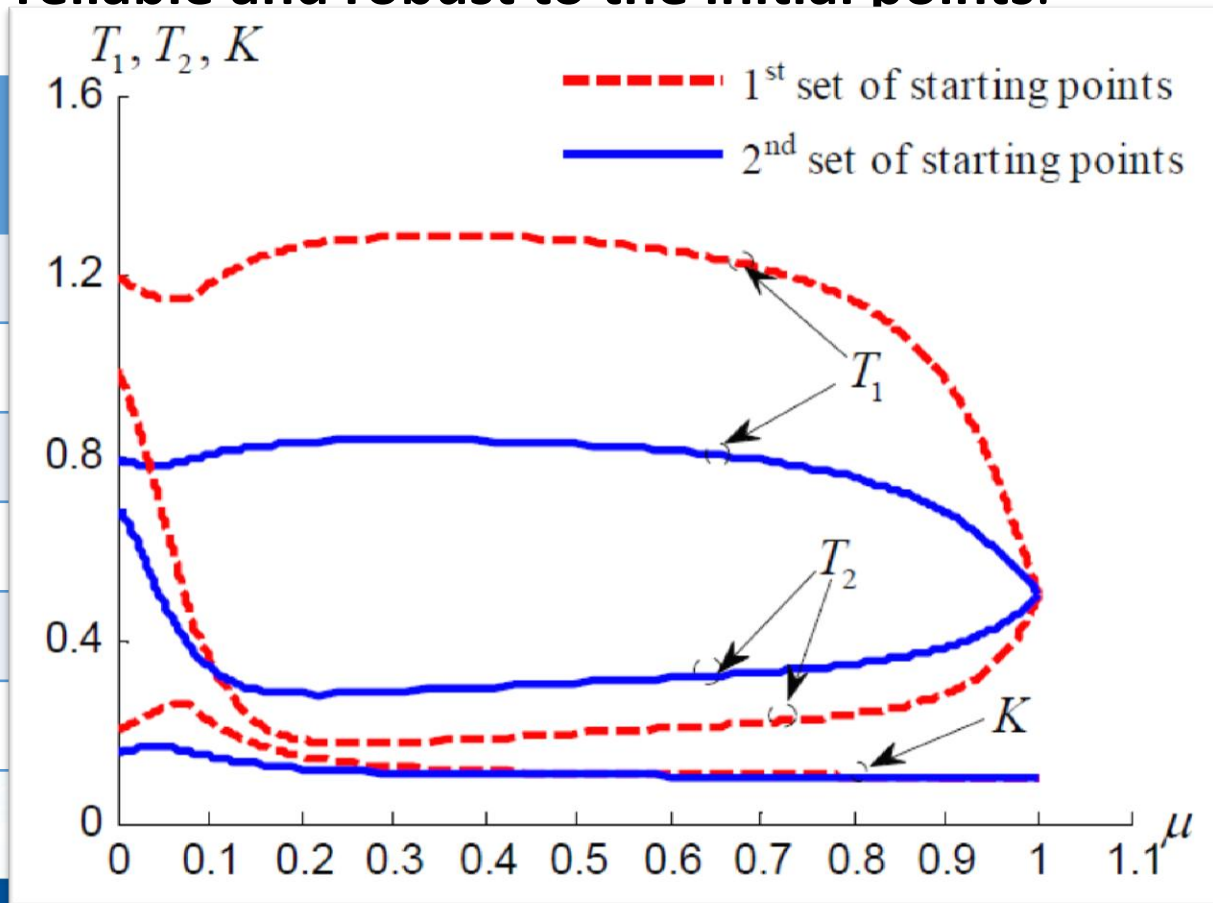
System	PHM Techniques
Single-machine-infinity bus System (SMIB)	Basic procedure of the PHM
4-bus, 9-bus, 57-bus and 118-bus systems	Eigenvalues tracking
11-bus system	Rescaling
39-bus system	2 <sup>nd</sup> derivative
157-bus system	Utilizing intermediate solutions

# Simulation – Advantages of PHM



- It is shown that Newton's method required a starting point which is very close to the final solution, while **the PHM is more reliable and robust to the initial points.**

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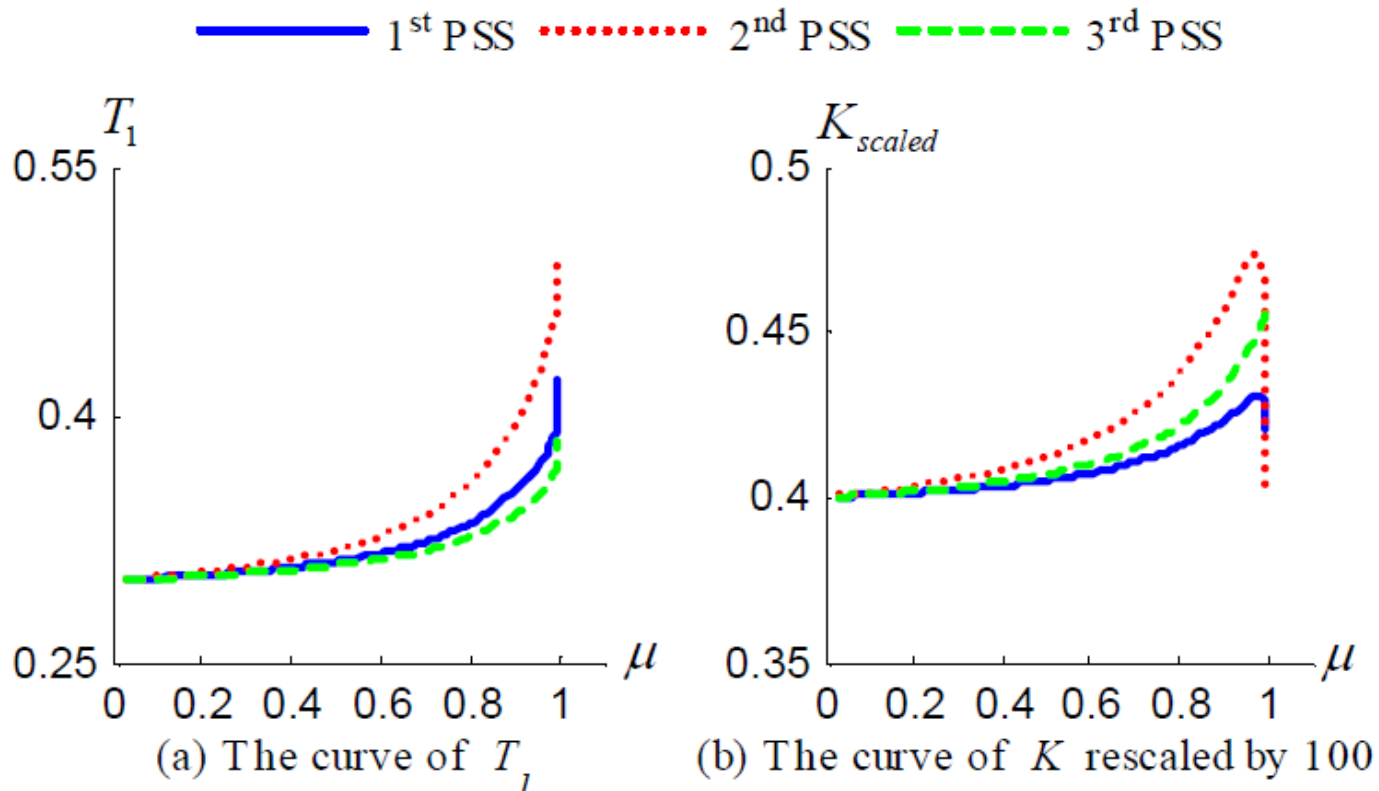


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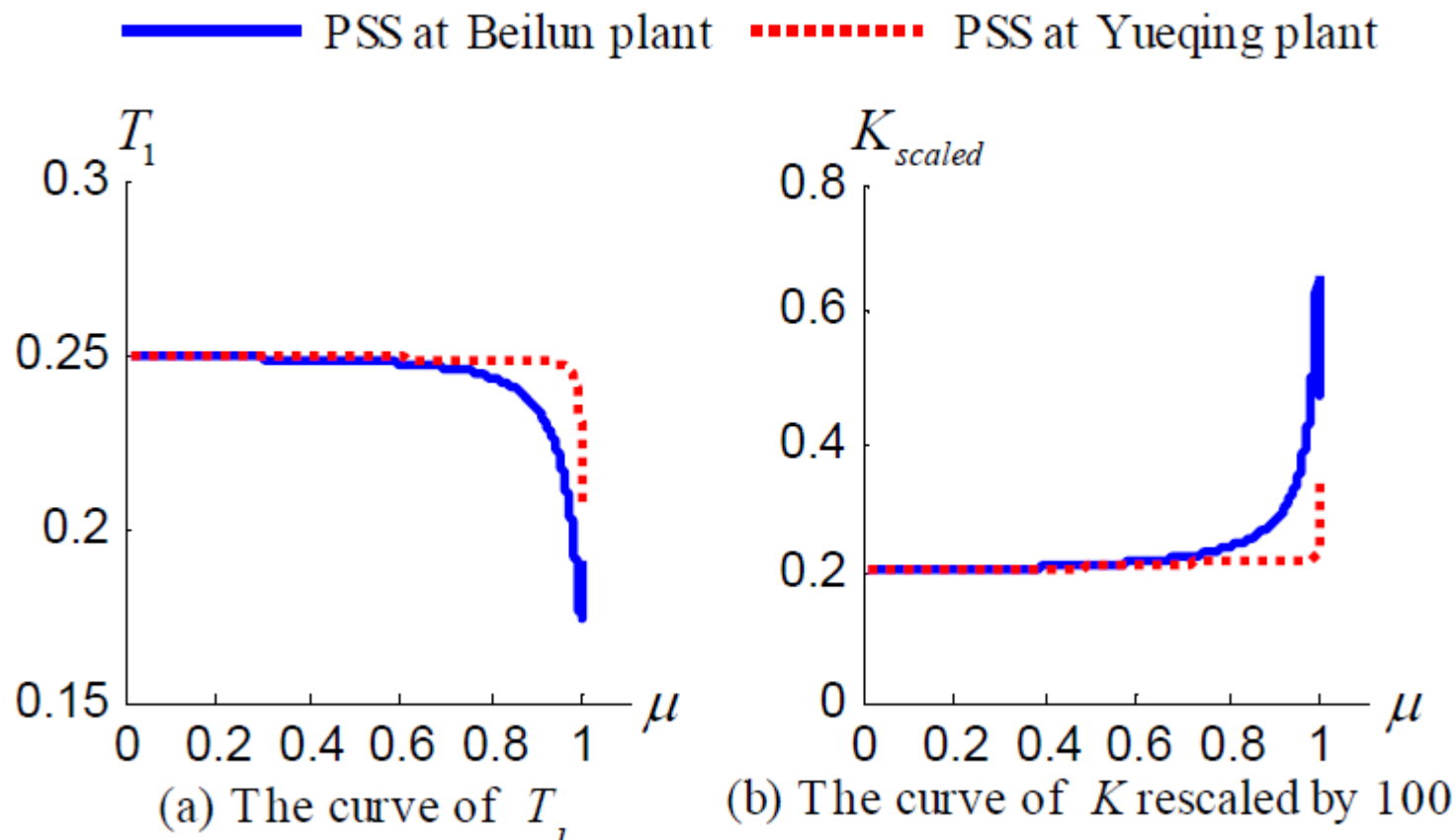
# Applicability to real-world systems



- PHM has been tested on **two real-world systems** and still works well.
- **Case 1: 1648-bus system.** 3 PSS are installed and optimized:



- **Case 2: East China System** (consisting of 465 machines, 3296 buses, 4559 branches including a 1000-kV ultra-voltage transmission line)





# Application of algebraic geometry theory

- **Central Theorem**

Solving simultaneous multi-variate polynomial systems

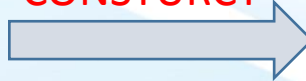


Solving a series of eigenvalue problems

- **Solving Power System Equations**

Key Point

CONSTRUCT



The multi-variate polynomial multiplication matrices

## SUMMARY



The eigenvalues of  
multiplication matrices



The solutions of the  
polynomial equations

- **4 Steps**

- ① Compute the Groebner basis
- ② Form multiplication matrices
- ③ Calculate the eigenvalues
- ④ Match the eigenvalues

- ***Groebner Basis Theory***

Consider the following polynomial equation system:

$$f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f_2(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \dots = f_s(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0$$

The solution set of the above system is called an affine variety, which can be written as  $V(f_1, \dots, f_s)$  .

The set of polynomials, denoted as  $\langle f_1, \dots, f_s \rangle$ , is called an ideal if

$$\langle f_1, \dots, f_s \rangle = \{ p_1 f_1, \dots, p_s f_s : p_i \in k[x_1, \dots, x_n], i=1, \dots, s \}$$

Ideal  $\langle f_1, \dots, f_s \rangle$  is often denoted as  $I$ , and  $\{f_1, \dots, f_s\}$  is a basis of  $I$ .





- ***A simple example***

Consider a system  $\begin{cases} 3x^2 - 2xy - y = 0 \\ -x^2 + 2y^2 - 3x = 0 \end{cases}$ , whose Groebner basis under

lexicographic order is as  $\begin{cases} g_1 = -5y^2 - 27y - 48y^3 + 28y^4 \\ g_2 = -87y^2 + 11y + 14y^3 + 126x \end{cases}$ .

To accomplish the mission, we solve for  $y$  from  $g_1 = 0$ .

Substituting the solution into  $g_2 = 0$ , we obtain the solutions for  $x$ . This step is called backward substitution.

## • *Quotient rings*

The following definitions are given to illustrate some basic ideas.

① Let  $I \hat{=} k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  be an ideal,  $f, g \hat{=} k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ , if  $f - g \in I$ , then we say that  $f$  and  $g$  are congruent modulo  $I$ , written as  $f \equiv g \pmod{I}$ .

② The equivalent class of  $f$  modulo  $I$  is the set:

$$[f] = \{g \in k[x_1, \dots, x_n] : g \equiv f \pmod{I}\}$$

③ The quotient of  $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  modulo  $I$ , written as  $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]/I$ , is the set of equivalence classes:

$$k[x_1, \dots, x_n]/I = \{[f] : f \in k[x_1, \dots, x_n]\}$$



- ④ Let  $f, g \in k[x_1, \dots, x_n]/I$ , define the sum and product operations on equivalent classes as

$$[f] + [g] = [f + g]$$

$$[f] \cdot [g] = [f \cdot g]$$

Then the quotient  $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]/I$  is a commutative ring.

- **Normal Set of a Groebner basis**

Let  $LT(I)$  denotes the leading terms of elements of  $I$ , the normal set of a Groebner basis is  $\{x^a : x^a \text{ 不相 } LT(I)\}$

- ***Calculate the values of variables***

- ① Let ideal  $I$  denote the ideal generated by the power flow equations.

Let  $G$  be the Groebner basis of ideal  $I$  with respect to any monomial order,  $B = \{t_1, \dots, t_m\}$  be the corresponding normal set.

Let  $\bar{f}^G$  denote the remainder of polynomial  $f$  on division by the ordered  $s$ -tuple  $G = \{g_1, \dots, g_s\}$ .

② Notice that

If  $I$  is finite-dimensional, for any  $i, i = 1, \dots, m$ , we have

The above relationship can be expressed in a matrix form:

The eigenvalues of  $M_{x_1}, \dots, M_{x_n}$  are exactly the roots of polynomial system generated by  $G = \{g_1, \dots, g_s\}$

# CASE STUDY



- A simple test system**

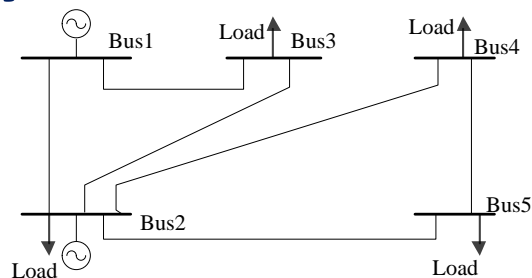


Fig. 2. The single-line diagram of a 5 bus test system

Table 1. Specified power flow data

$x_1$	$y_1$	$ V_2 $	$P_2$	$P_3$
1.05	0	1.1	3	-2
$Q_3$	$P_4$	$Q_4$	$P_5$	$Q_5$
1	-2	1	-1.5	-0.75

# CASE STUDY

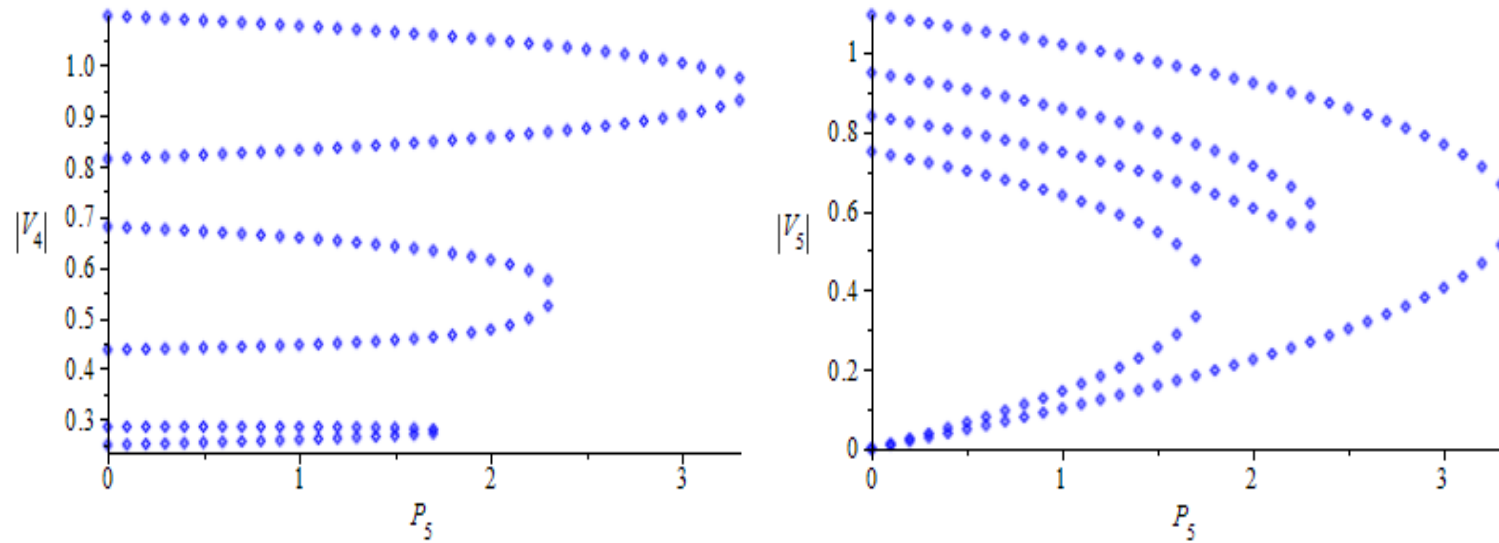
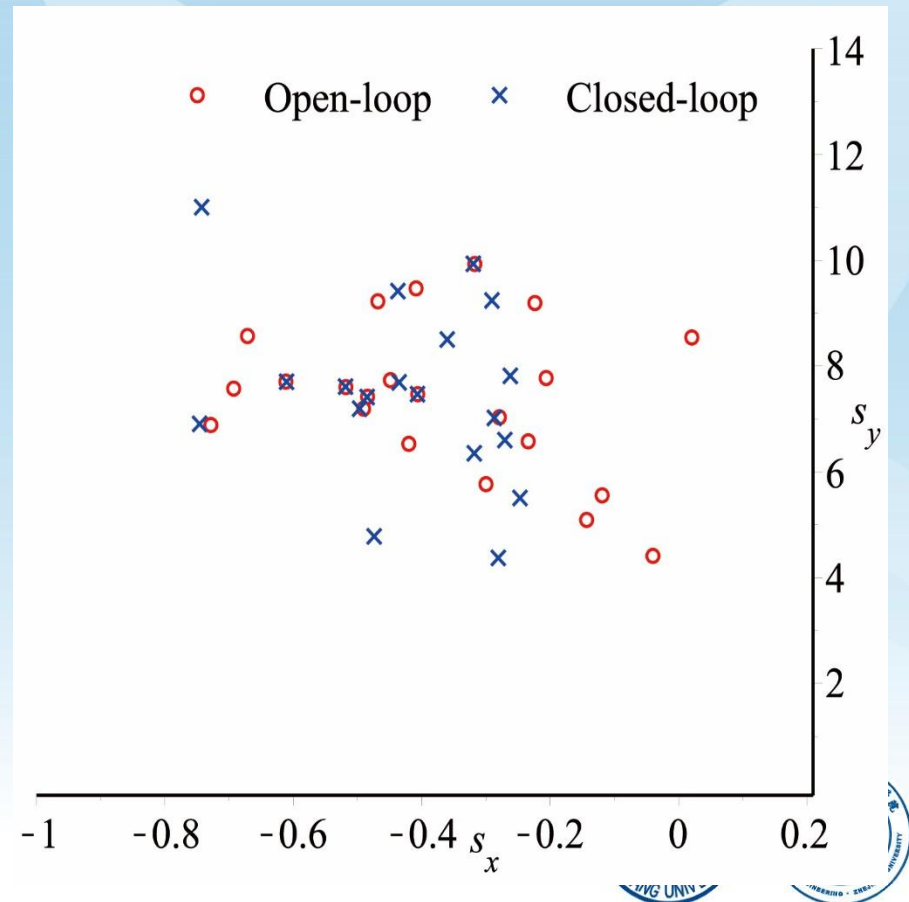


Fig. 3 PV curves

# The same idea applies to PSS parameter tuning!

A eigenvalue value problem is a **polynomial** equation problem:

$$Au = su$$







# A comparison between residue method and ideal phase curve method

- PSS parameter tuning plays a key role in PSS's effectiveness.
- As **two most common methods** for stabilizer parameter tuning, the *ideal phase curve method* and *the residue method* are compared in:

Phase compensation

Performances in damping **local-,  
inter-area modes**

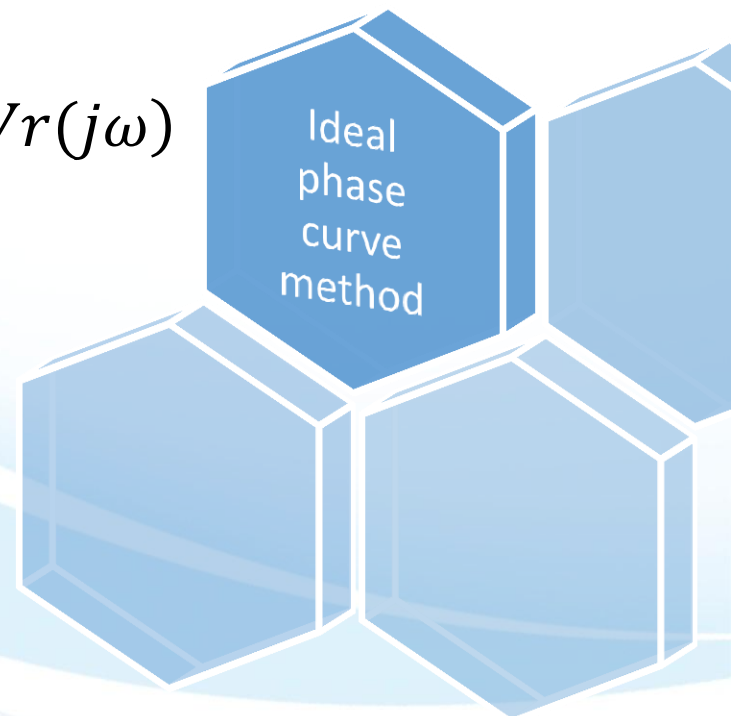
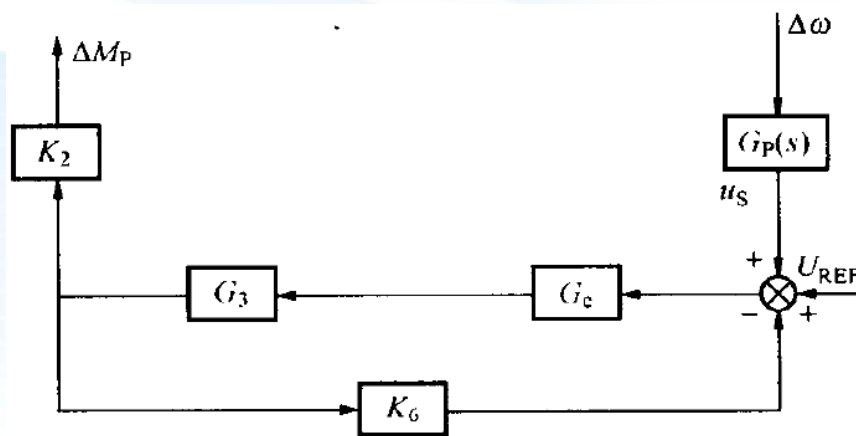
Ideal  
phase  
curve  
method

Residue  
method

# Ideal phase curve method



- To provide damping, a PSS is supposed to **produce a component of electrical torque in phase with speed variations** of the generator.
- Thus, PSS transfer function (TF) needs to **compensate for the phase lag between the exciter input ( $V_r$ ) and the electrical torque ( $P$ )**.
- This phase lag characteristic  $\Delta P(j\omega) / \Delta V_r(j\omega)$  is called the ***ideal phase curve***.



# The residue method

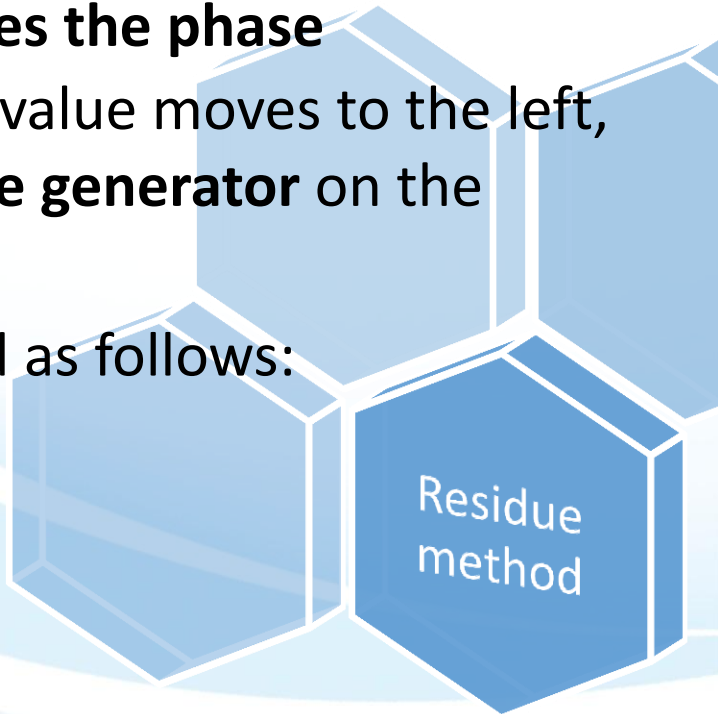


- **Residues** are a powerful tool for computing **eigenvalue sensitivities**.

$$\frac{\partial \lambda_j}{\partial K_{PSSi}} = R_{i,j} \cdot \frac{\partial G_{PSS}(s, K_{PSSi})}{\partial K_{PSSi}} \Big|_{s=\lambda_j}$$

- Hence, the **residue's ( $R_{i,j}$ ) phase indicates the phase compensation required** so that the eigenvalue moves to the left, its **magnitude implies the influence of the generator on the eigenvalue**.
- Therefore, PSS's parameters can be tuned as follows:

$$\min \sum w_j \cdot \text{Re}(\Delta \lambda_j)$$
$$\text{Re}(\Delta \lambda_j) = \text{Re} \left( \frac{\partial \lambda_j}{\partial K_{PSSi}} \cdot K_{PSSi} \right)$$



# Case study



- 2 cases are studied: 162-bus, 2383-bus.

## Case 1: 162-bus system

- 25 machines
- 4 unstable **inter-area modes**

## Case 2: 2383-bus system

- 188 machines
- 2 unstable **local modes**
- 1 unstable **inter-area mode**

- PSS model: PSS1A, PSS4B.
- For comparison, **the 2 methods are applied on the same set of PSSs, with PSS gains set at the same level.**

# Case study



- Results of PSS performances on damping different modes.

	162-bus	2383-bus	
	4 Inter-area modes	2 local modes	1 inter-area mode
Ideal Phase Curve Method	X	√	√
Residue Method	√	√	√

- Both methods are **successful** for **local modes**.
- However, for **inter-area modes**, ***Ideal Phase Curve Method's*** performance seems to be “erratic”.

- Take a closer look at the **4 inter-area mode where *Ideal Phase Curve Method* is unsuccessful:**

Mode (162-bus)	Residues (Gen 5)	P-Vr phase (Gen 5)	Optimal phase compensation	
54	$0.02 \pm j8.51$	$0.192 \angle 85^\circ$	$-2.5^\circ$	$95^\circ$
56	$-0.04 \pm j4.38$	$0.00004 \angle -162^\circ$	$-1.2^\circ$	$-18^\circ$
61	$-0.14 \pm j5.06$	$0.00066 \angle -140^\circ$	$-1.5^\circ$	$-40^\circ$
63	$-0.12 \pm j5.53$	$0.00006 \angle 40^\circ$	$-1.6^\circ$	$-140^\circ$

- The **P-Vr phases** for the 4 inter-area modes are far different from the compensation phases indicated by residues. This explains why *Ideal Phase Curve Method* fails here.
- On the other hand, PSSs designed by *Residue Method* works quite well on these 4 modes.

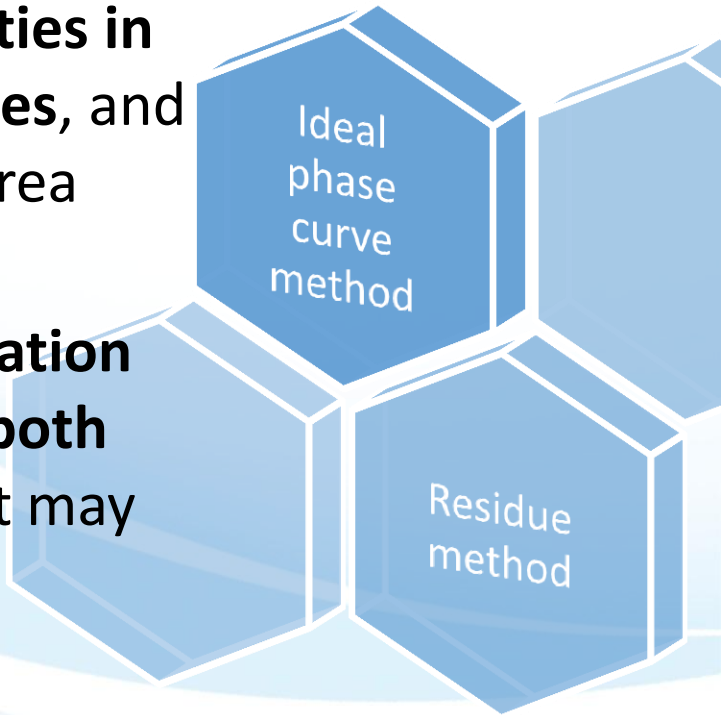
- Take a closer look at the **1 inter-area mode where *Ideal Phase Curve Method* is SUCCESSFUL:**

Generator	Residues with respect to the inter-area mode	Phase of PSS4B TF designed by <i>Ideal Phase Curve Method</i>	Phase of PSS4B TF designed by <i>Residue Method</i>
13	$0.0010 \angle 149^\circ$	$2.3^\circ$	$31^\circ$
32	$0.0023 \angle 156^\circ$	$0.8^\circ$	$24^\circ$
33	$0.0010 \angle 99^\circ$	$69^\circ$	$81^\circ$
37	$0.0016 \angle 121^\circ$	$74^\circ$	$59^\circ$
120	$0.0008 \angle 133^\circ$	$0.7^\circ$	$47^\circ$
123	$0.0011 \angle 148^\circ$	$0.6^\circ$	$32^\circ$

- ***Ideal Phase Curve Method*** provides **less ideal compensation** than ***Residue Method***, but **since the phase differences are relatively small**, it still can move this inter-area mode to the left half plane.



- The ***Ideal Phase Curve (P-Vr curve)*** keeps rather invariant over a **wide range of operation conditions**, since it's determined primarily by the excitation system and the electrical circuits of the generator. (Robust)
- ***Ideal Phase Curve Method*** faces difficulties in managing interactions between machines, and therefore is not good at damping inter-area modes.
- ***Residue Method*** provides useful information for PSS siting, and is more effective for both local- and inter-area modes. (although it may not be that robust.)





# PSS in changing operating conditions

# Motivation



The network expands, which introduces oscillations.  
The wind blows, which introduces changing conditions.  
We can strengthen the network, but this costs.



Oscillating units are in different control centers!

# Overview of methodologies



	Step1	Step2	Step3	
<b>Simultaneous stabilization</b>		Setup complete, multiple models  $G_1(s), \dots, G_k(s)$	Perform simultaneous optimization	Works in an off-line fashion, controls are computed (not designed)
<b>Robust control</b>		Setup a complete frequency-domain model or a polytope model  $M(s) - \Delta(s), \ \Delta(s)\  \leq 1$	Perform order reduction first, then design a control	Works only if the degree of uncertainty is small.
<b>Self-tuning control</b>	Probing is often needed	Identify a low-order model  $A(z^{-1})y(k) = B(z^{-1})u(k) + e(k)$	Perform control design using pole-shifting, or optimal control, etc.	Requires accurate identification, controllers interactions not clear

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