

# Transient-state Feasibility Set Approximation of Power Networks Against Disturbances

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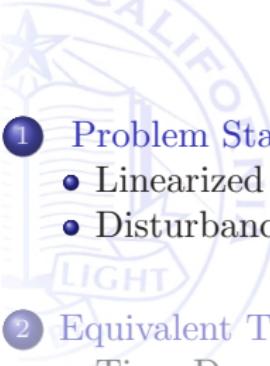
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How to identify the **disturbances** under which

- (a) **frequencies** of buses stay within safe bounds, and
- (b) **power flows** of transmission lines stay within safe bounds?



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# Linearized Power Network Dynamics

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$\Lambda = [\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_m]^T \in \mathbb{R}^m$ — **angle difference vector**

$\Omega = [\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_n]^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$ — **frequency vector**

$M \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ — inertia matrix

$E \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ — damping/droop parameter matrix

$Y_b \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ — susceptance matrix

$P = [p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n]^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$ — power injection vector

$(Y_b \Lambda = [f_1, f_2, \dots, f_m]^T \in \mathbb{R}^m$ — **power flow vector**)

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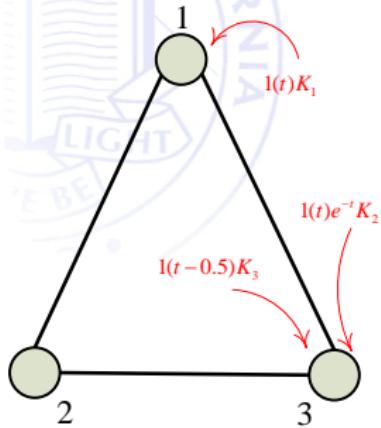
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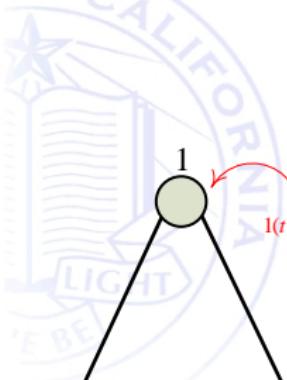
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$$\bar{P}(t, \mathbf{K}) = B_K D_{\zeta(t)} \mathbf{K}$$

# Example

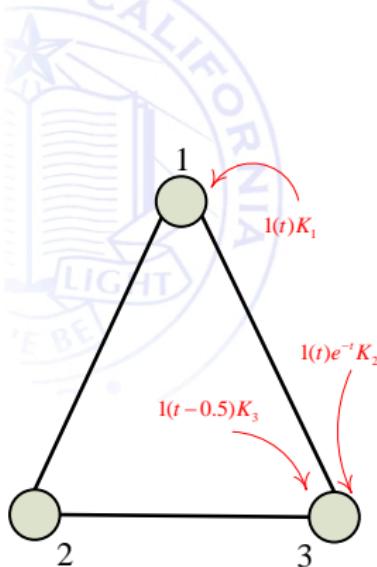


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$\bar{P}(t, K)$  = “location  $\times$  trajectory form  $\times$  amplitude”

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Goal: Characterize  $\Psi$ !

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⇓ Solve first-order ODE

$$x(t, K) = S(t) + V(t)K$$

where

$$S(t) \triangleq e^{At} x_0 + \int_0^t e^{A(t-\tau)} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0}_m \\ M^{-1} P_0(\tau) \end{bmatrix} d\tau, \quad V(t) \triangleq \int_0^t e^{A(t-\tau)} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0}_m \\ M^{-1} B_K D_{\zeta(\tau)} \end{bmatrix} d\tau$$

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$\Rightarrow \Psi$  contains **infinitely many** constraints  $\Rightarrow$  **Approximation**

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Approximation of  $\Psi_i \Rightarrow$  Approximation of  $\Psi$

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where  $y(t, K)$  is some scalar signal

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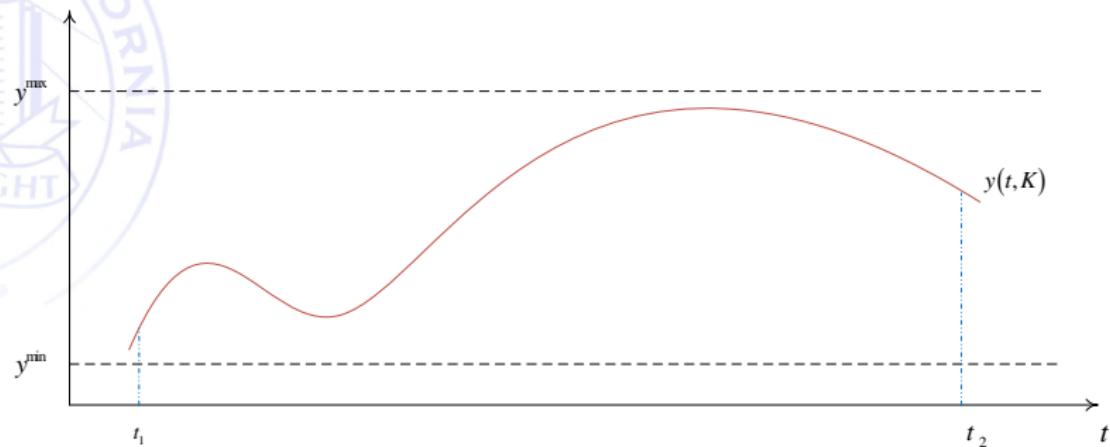
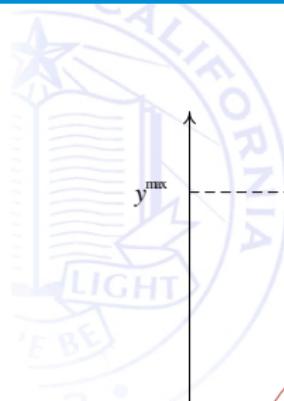
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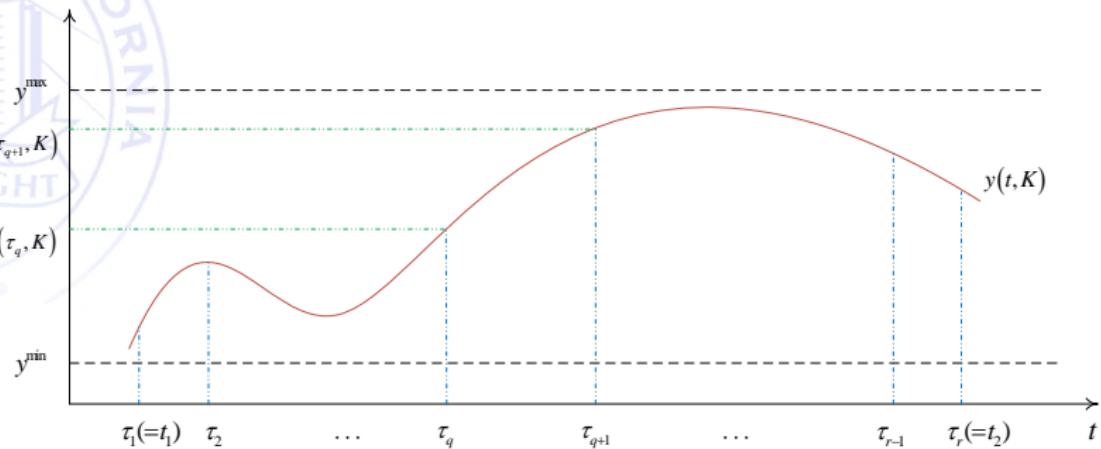
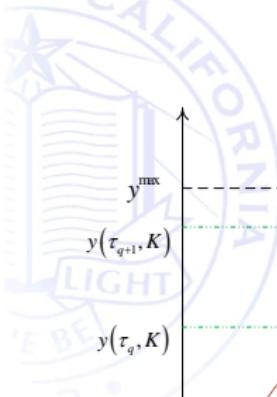
Strategy: Construct **inner approximation**  $\Sigma_I$  & **outer approximation**  $\Sigma_O$

$$\Sigma_I \subseteq \Sigma \subseteq \Sigma_O$$

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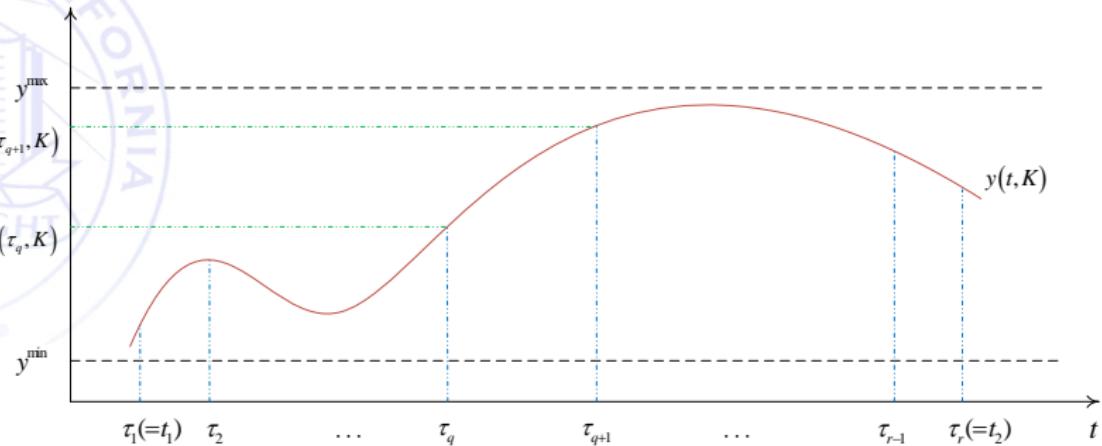
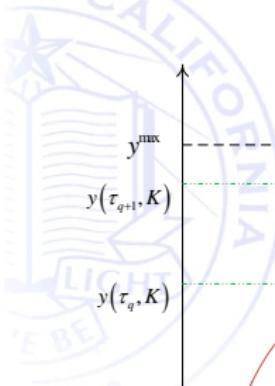


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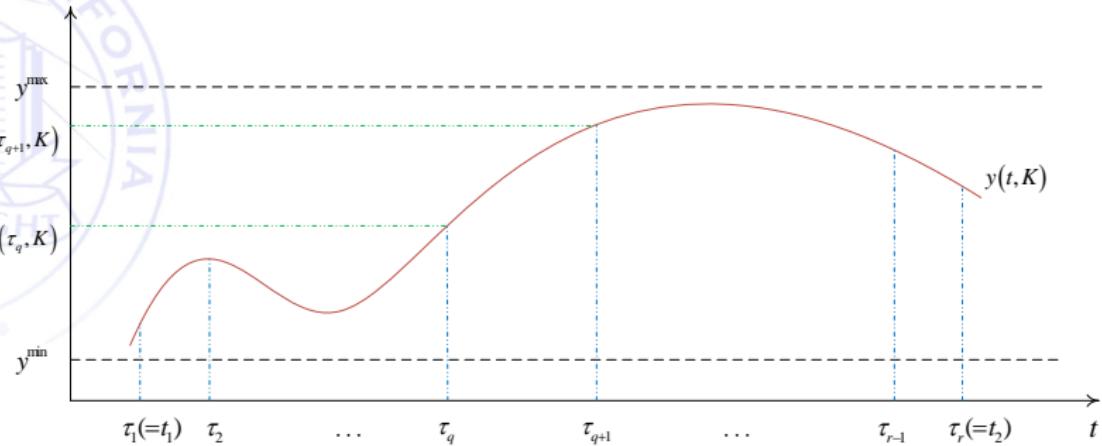
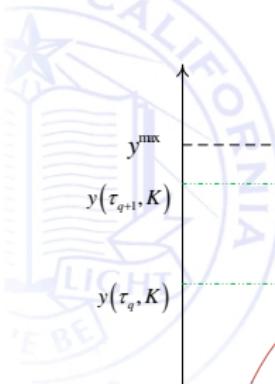
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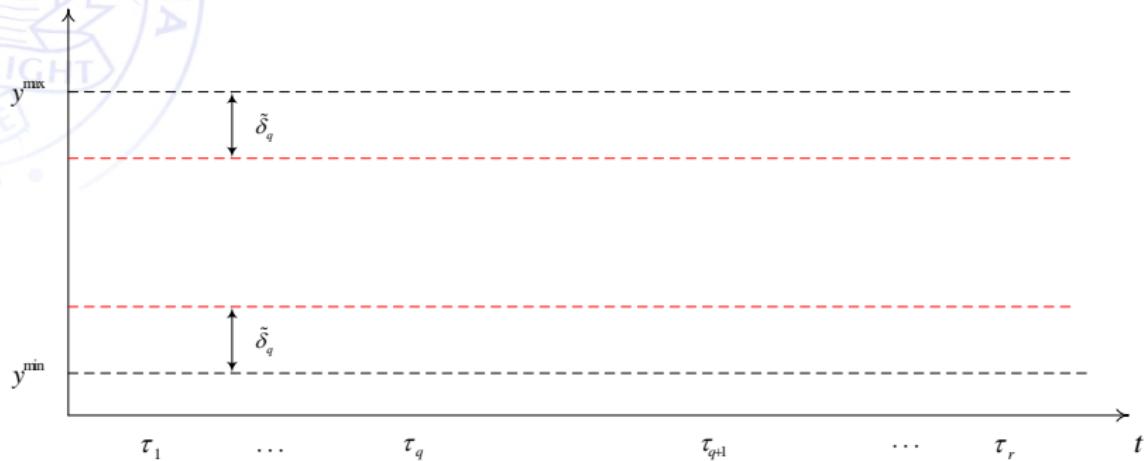
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Note:

- ① If  $\dot{y}(t, K)$  is bounded, and  $\forall q \in [1, r - 1]_{\mathbb{N}}$ ,  $(\tau_{q+1} - \tau_q) \rightarrow 0^+$ , then  $\Sigma_O \rightarrow \Sigma$
- ② #constraints in  $\Sigma_O$  is  $r$

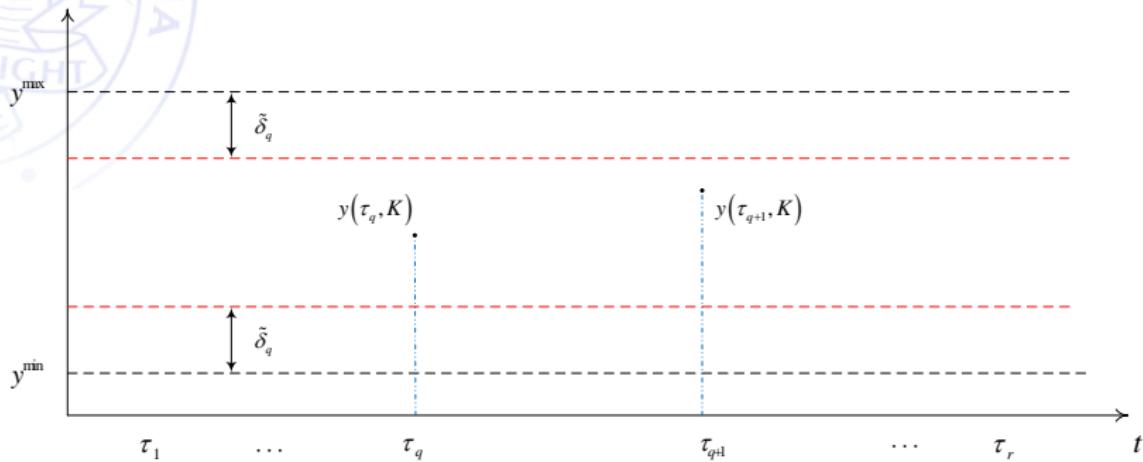
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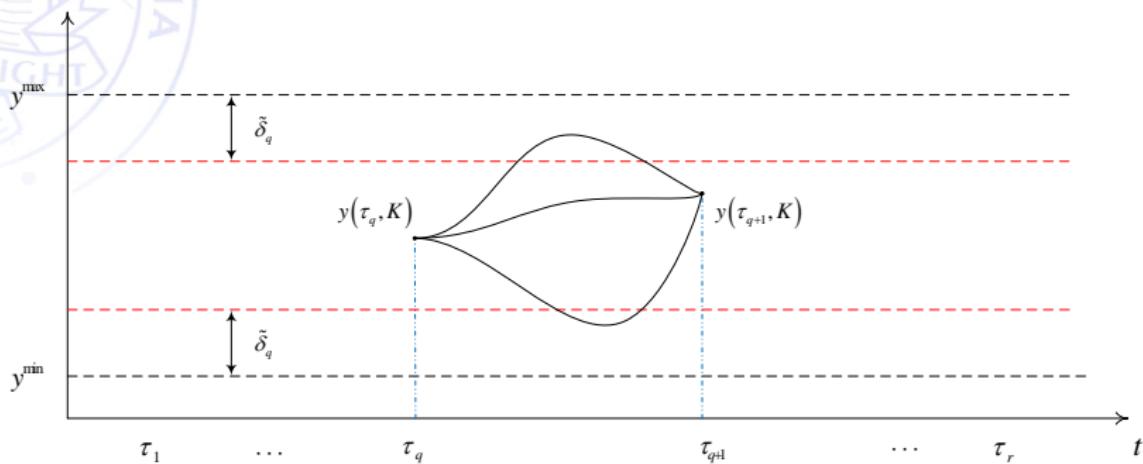
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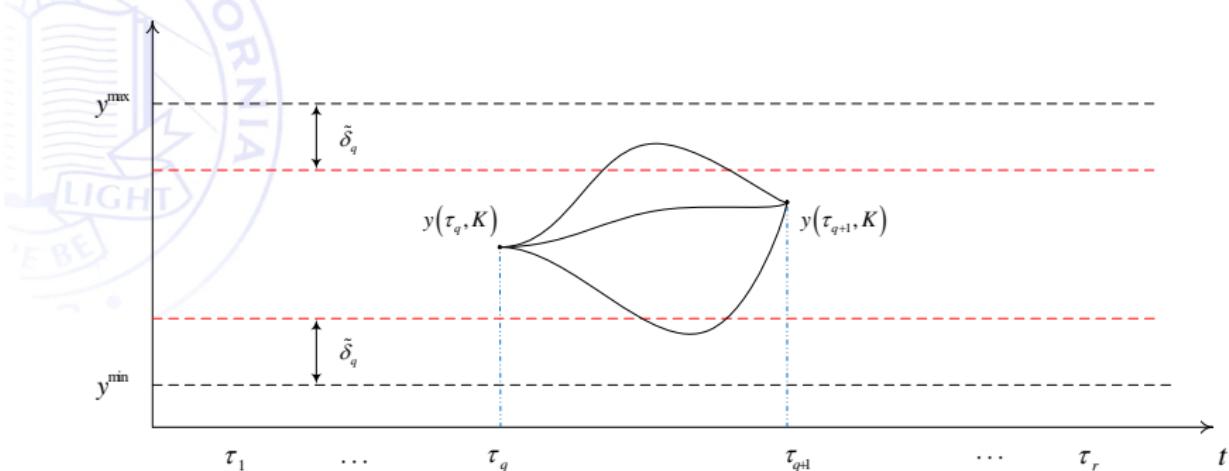
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Suppose  $\exists \infty > \tilde{d}_q \geqslant \max_{K, t \in [\tau_q, \tau_{q+1}]} \{|\dot{y}(t, K)|\}$ . Let  $\tilde{\delta}_q \triangleq \tilde{d}_q(\tau_{q+1} - \tau_q)/2$

If  $y^{\min} + \tilde{\delta}_q \leqslant y(\tau_q, K)$ ,  $y(\tau_{q+1}, K) \leqslant y^{\max} - \tilde{\delta}_q$ , then

$$y^{\min} \leqslant y(t, K) \leqslant y^{\max}, \quad \forall t \in [\tau_q, \tau_{q+1}]$$

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Let  $q$  go through  $1, 2, \dots, r - 1 \Rightarrow$

## Inner approximation

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# Back to the Vector Case

$$\begin{aligned}\Psi &= \bigcap_{i=1,2,\dots,n+m} \{K \in \mathbb{R}^s \mid x_i^{\min} \leq [S(t)]_i + [V(t)]_i K \leq x_i^{\max}, \forall t \in [t_1, t_2]\} \\ &\triangleq \bigcap_{i=1,2,\dots,n+m} \Psi_i\end{aligned}$$

- ① Associate each  $\Psi_i$  sampling points  $t_1 = \tau_1^i, \tau_2^i, \dots, \tau_{r(i)}^i = t_2$
- ② Obtain  $\Psi_{i,O}$  and  $\Psi_{i,I}$  s.t.  $\Psi_{i,I} \subseteq \Psi_i \subseteq \Psi_{i,O}$
- ③ Define

$$\Psi_O \triangleq \bigcap_{i=1,2,\dots,n+m} \Psi_{O,i}, \quad \Psi_I \triangleq \bigcap_{i=1,2,\dots,n+m} \Psi_{I,i}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Psi_I \subseteq \Psi \subseteq \Psi_O$$

- ④ If  $(\tau_{q+1}^i - \tau_q^i) \rightarrow 0^+$  for every  $q \in [1, r(i) - 1]_{\mathbb{N}}$  and every  $i \in [1, m + n]_{\mathbb{N}}$ , then  $\Psi_I \rightarrow \Psi$  and  $\Psi_O \rightarrow \Psi$

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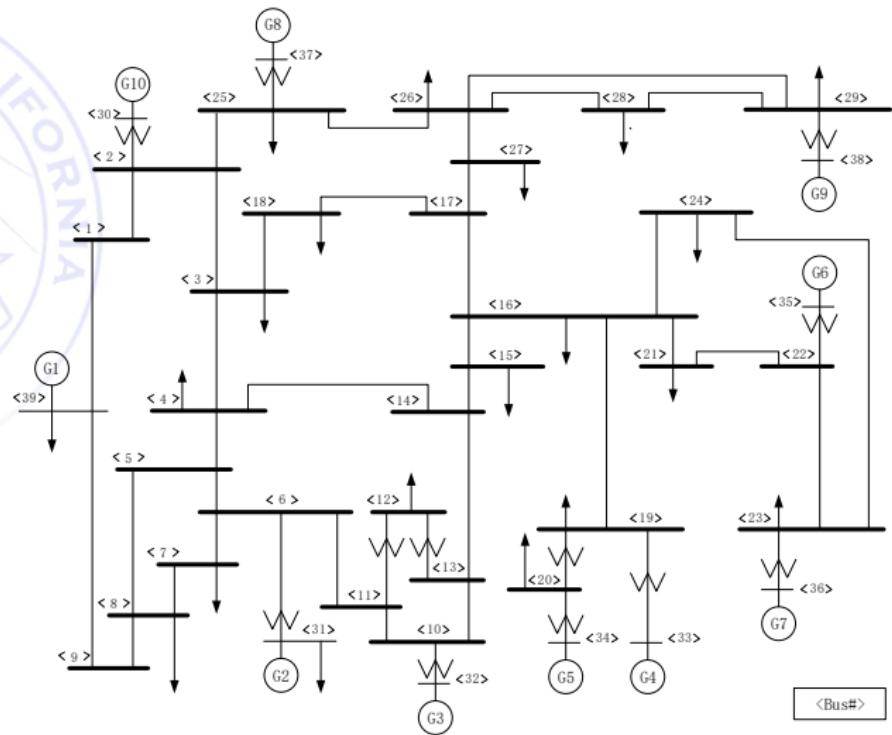


Figure: IEEE 39-bus power network.

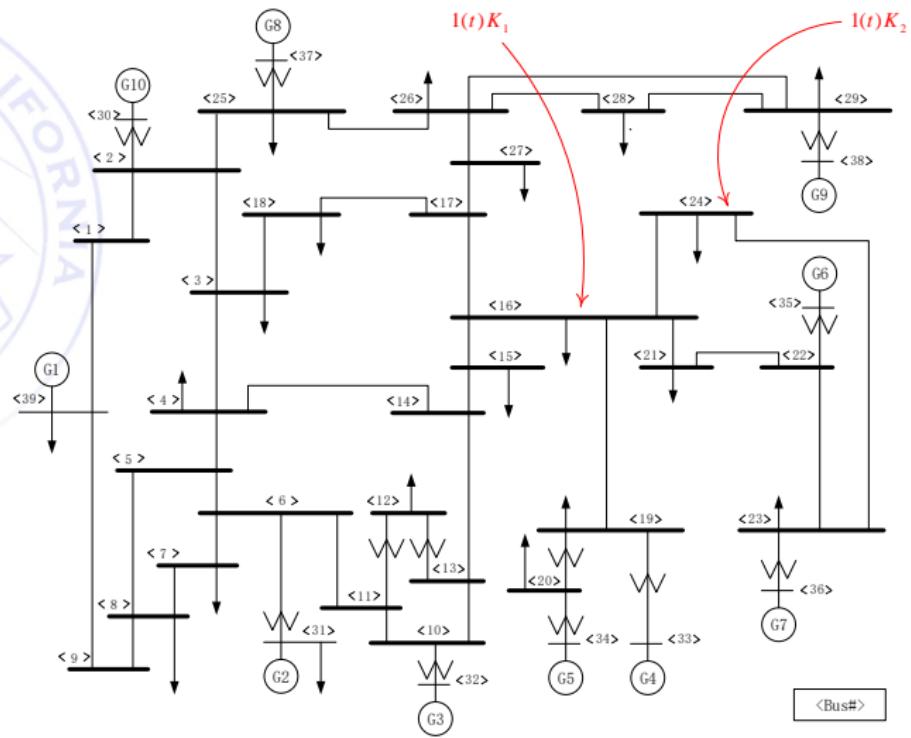


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$$\Psi \triangleq \{K \mid \Omega^{\min} \leq \Omega(t, K) \leq \Omega^{\max}, F^{\min} \leq Y_b \Lambda(t, K) \leq F^{\max}, \forall t \in [t_1, t_2]\}$$

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} K_1 \\ K_2 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$t_0 = 0\text{s},$$

$$t_1 = 3\text{s},$$

$$\Omega^{\min} = -0.5\text{Hz} \times \mathbf{1}_{39},$$

$$\Omega^{\max} = 0.5\text{Hz} \times \mathbf{1}_{39},$$

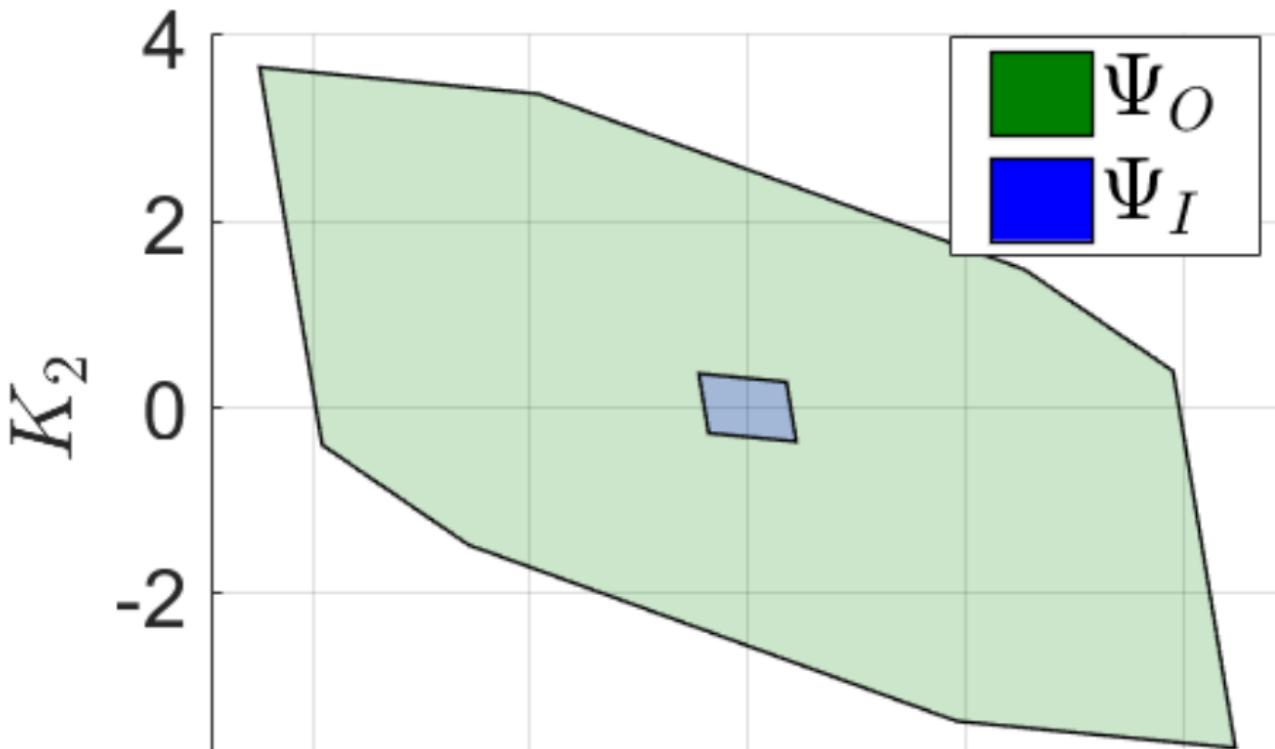
$$F^{\min} = -10\text{unit} \times \mathbf{1}_{46},$$

$$F^{\max} = 10\text{unit} \times \mathbf{1}_{46},$$

$$\tau^i = (0s, 0.02s, 0.04s, \dots, 2.98s, 3s), \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, 39$$

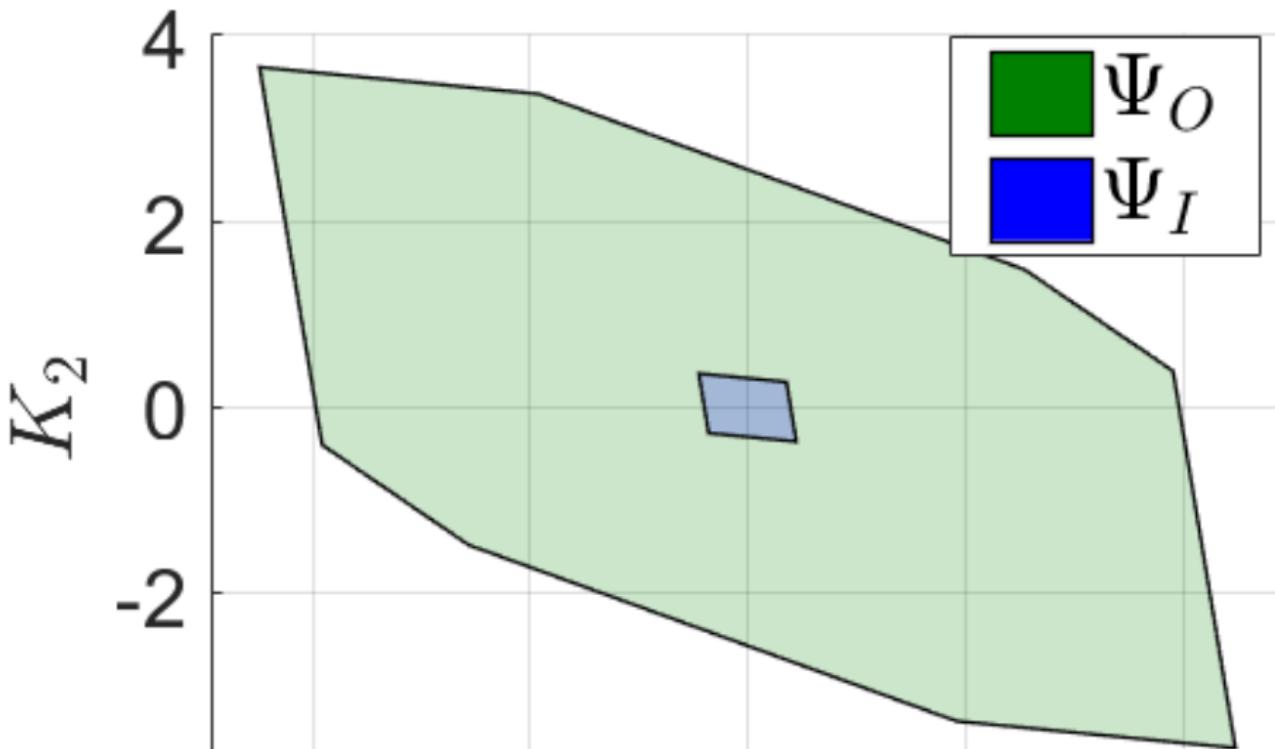
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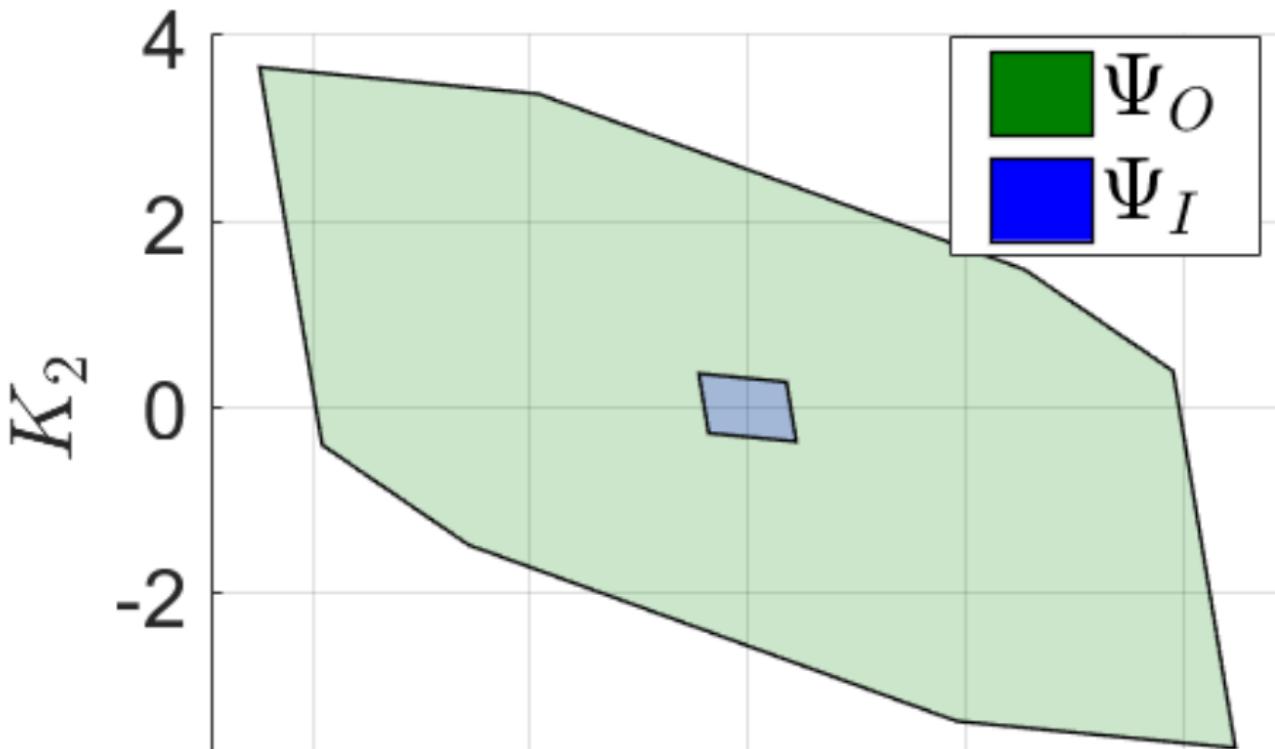
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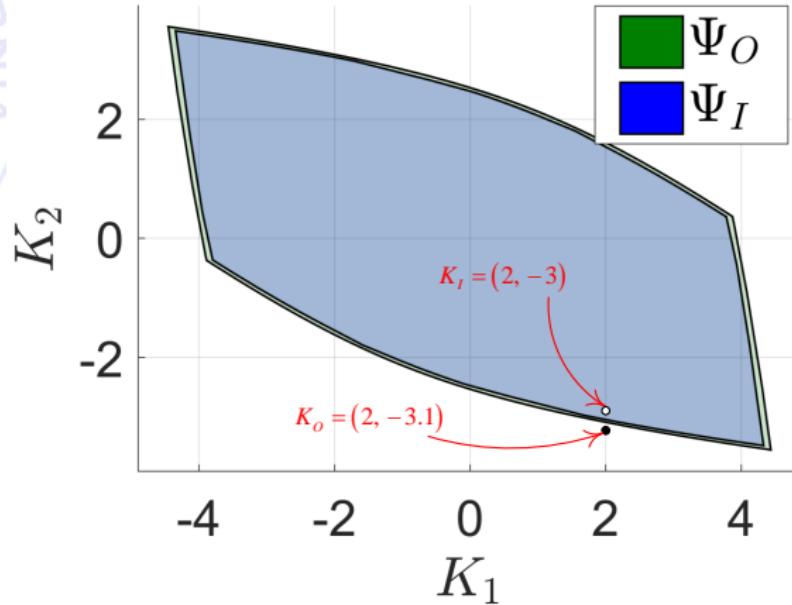


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$\Rightarrow K_I \in \Psi, K_O \notin \Psi$

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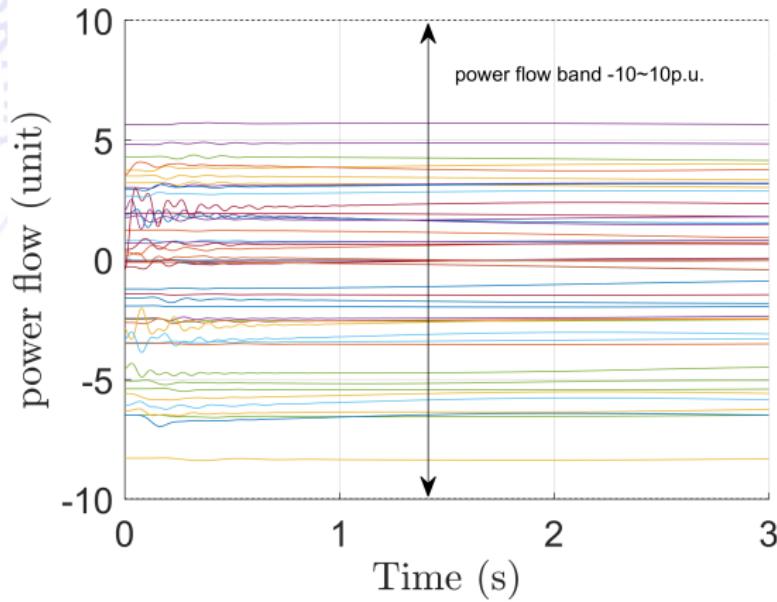


Figure: Flow response w.r.t.  $K_I$ .

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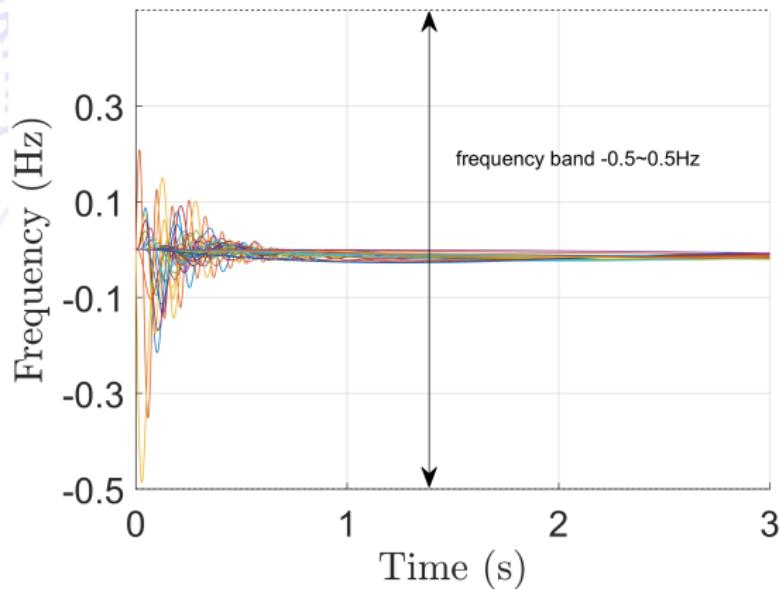


Figure: Frequency response w.r.t.  $K_I$ .

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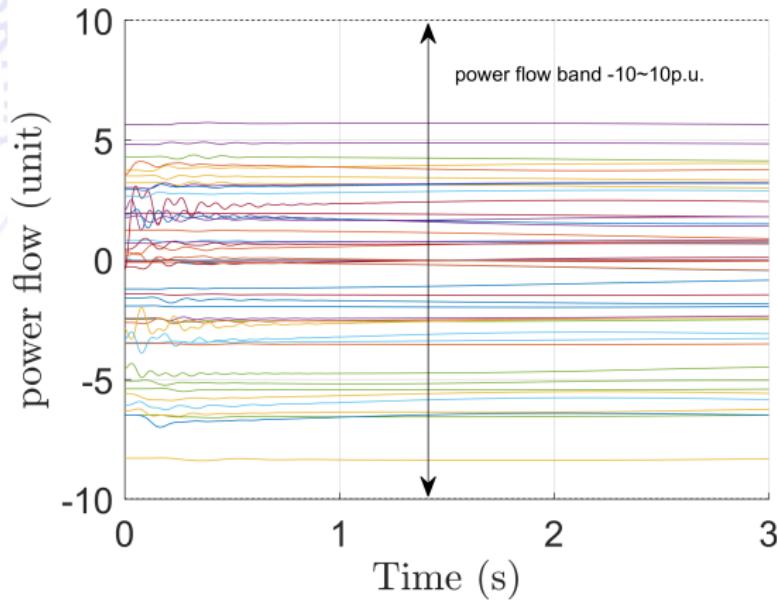


Figure: Flow response w.r.t.  $K_O$ .

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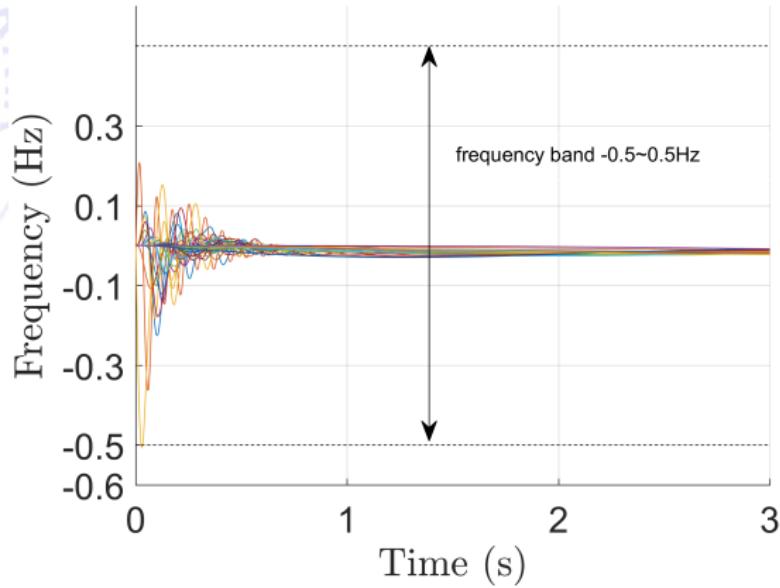


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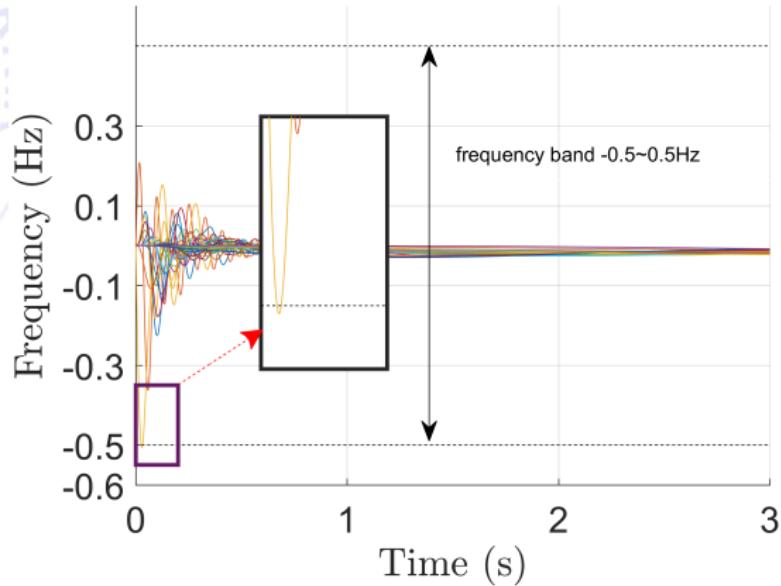


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# Conclusion & Future Work

## Conclusion

- ① Provided inner and outer approximations of the feasibility set.
- ② Proved the convergence of the approximations.
- ③ Developed an algorithm to reduce the approximation gaps w/o adding new sampling points.

## Future Work

- ① Consider uncertain trajectory form.
- ② Extend results to nonlinear swing dynamics.