

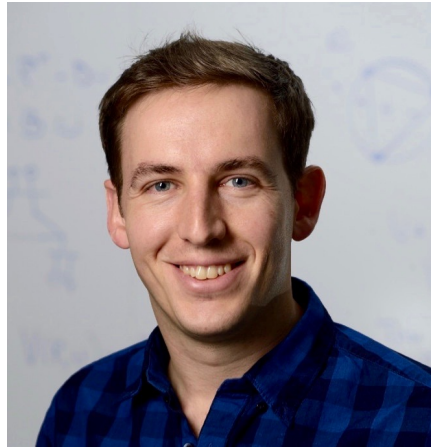
# Accurate Reduced-Order Models for Heterogeneous Coherent Generators

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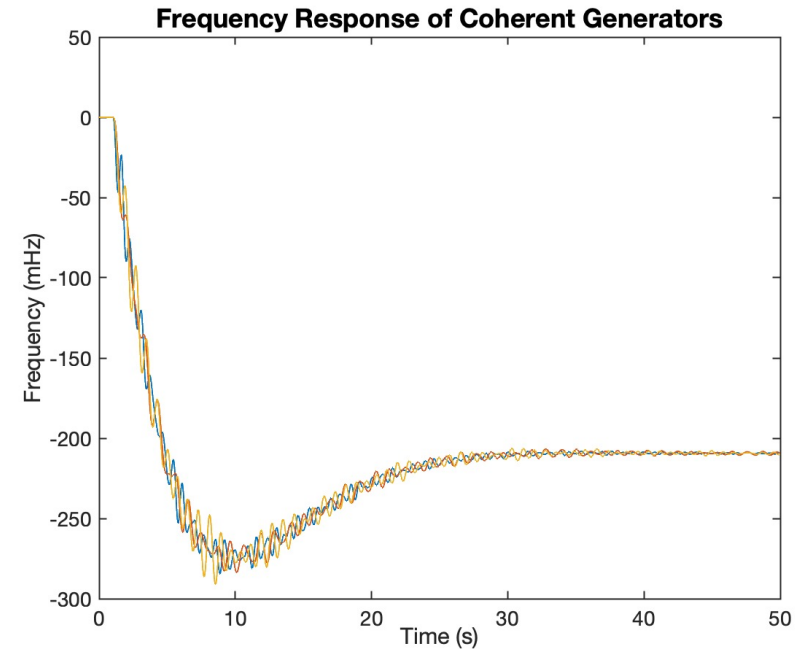
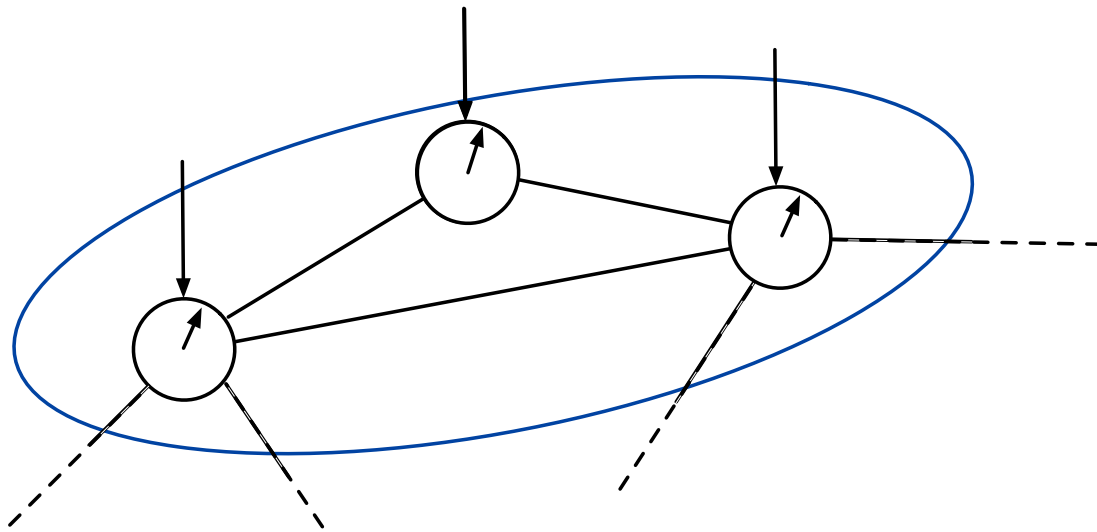


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# Coherent Group of Synchronous Generators

A group of generators are **coherent** if they have similar frequency response under disturbances.



When modeling the frequency response of power networks, each group of coherent generators are aggregated into a single effective machine.

# Aggregation of Coherent Generators

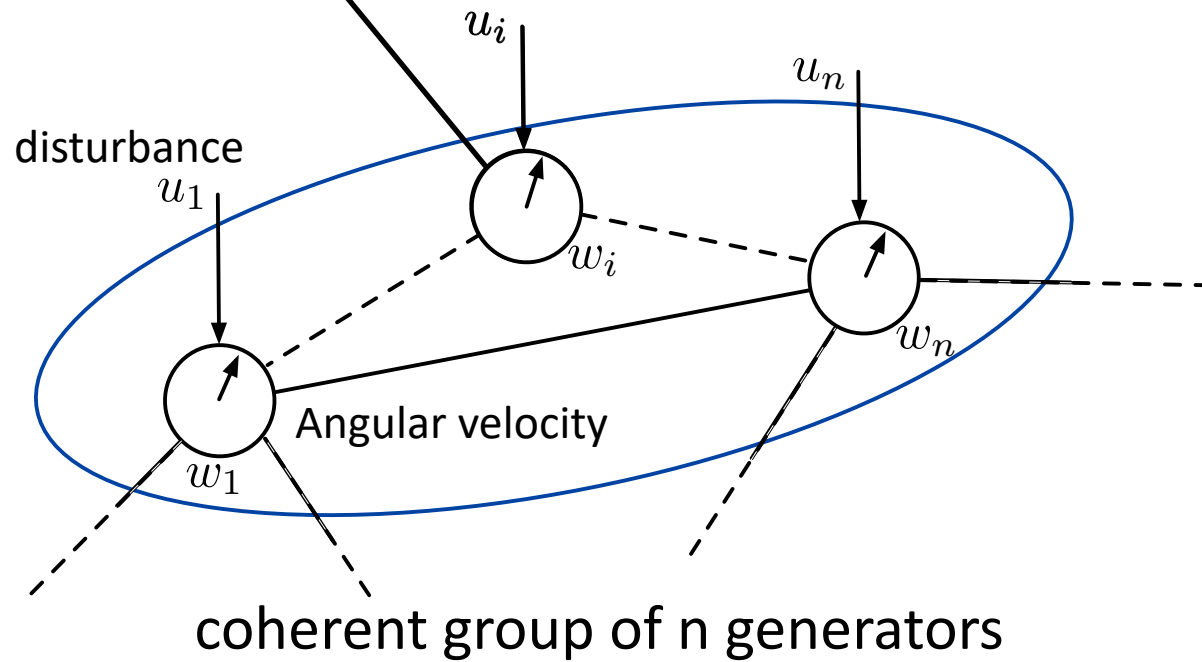
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$d_i$ : damping coefficient

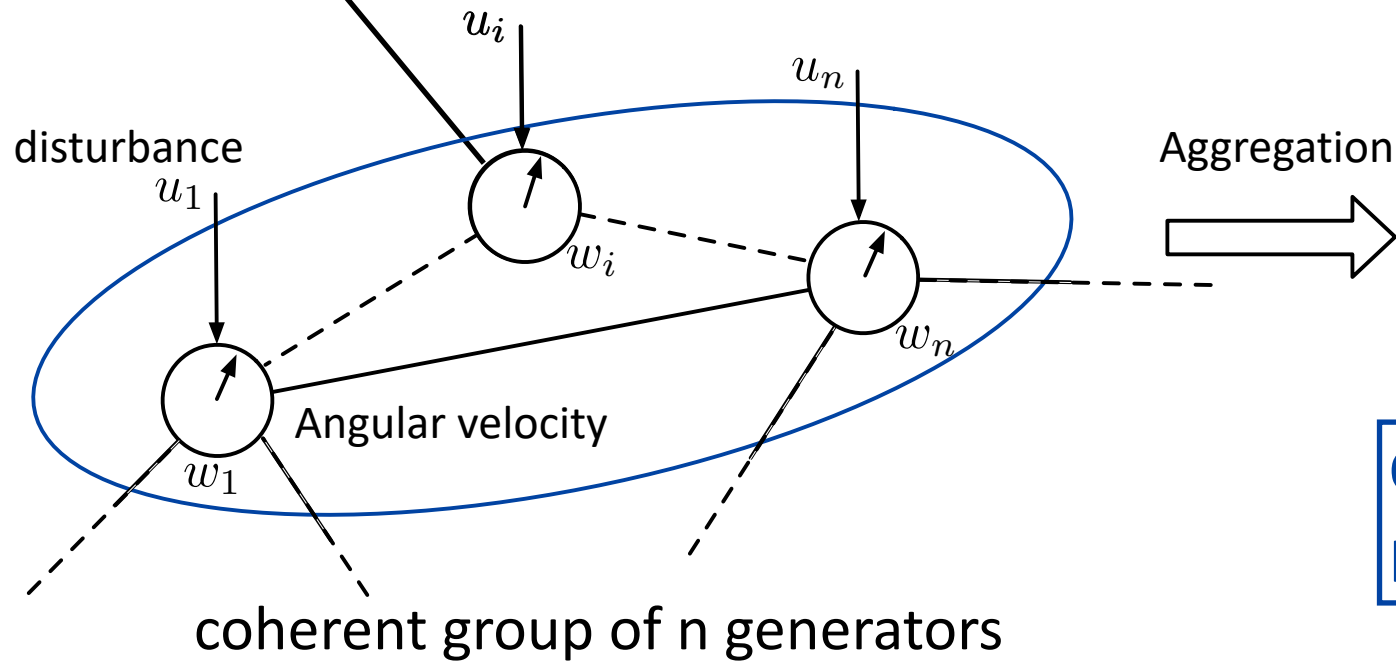
$r_i^{-1}$ : droop coefficient

$\tau_i$ : turbine time constant

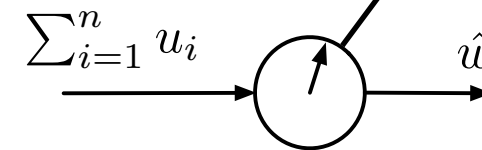


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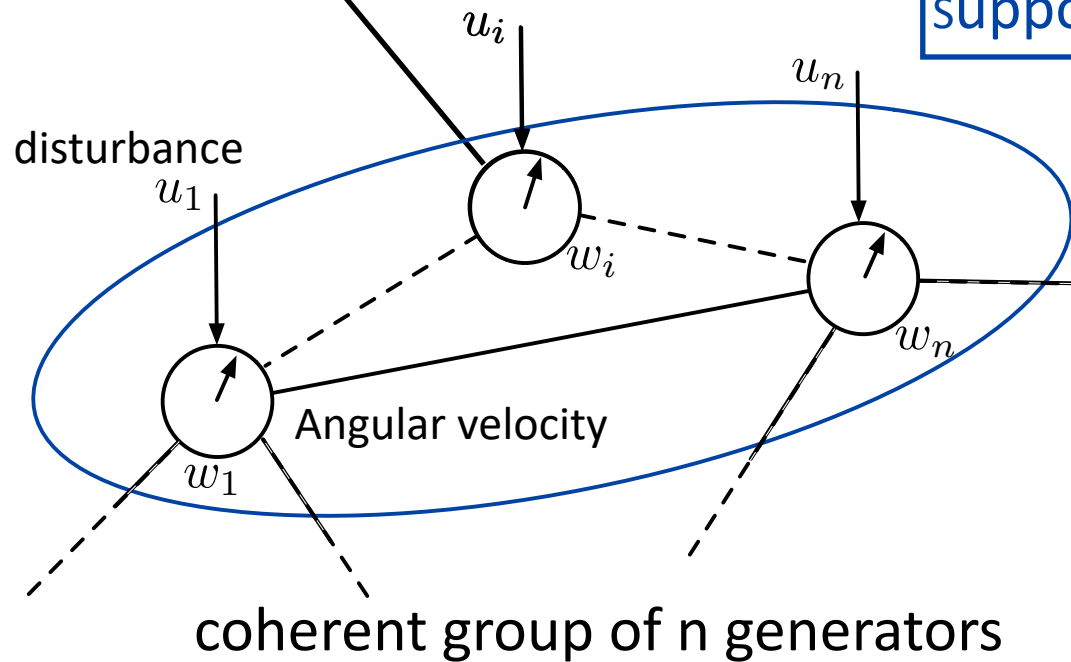
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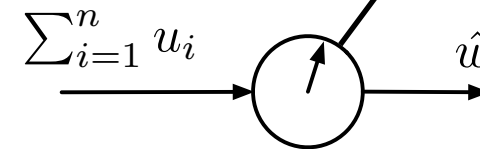
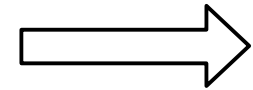
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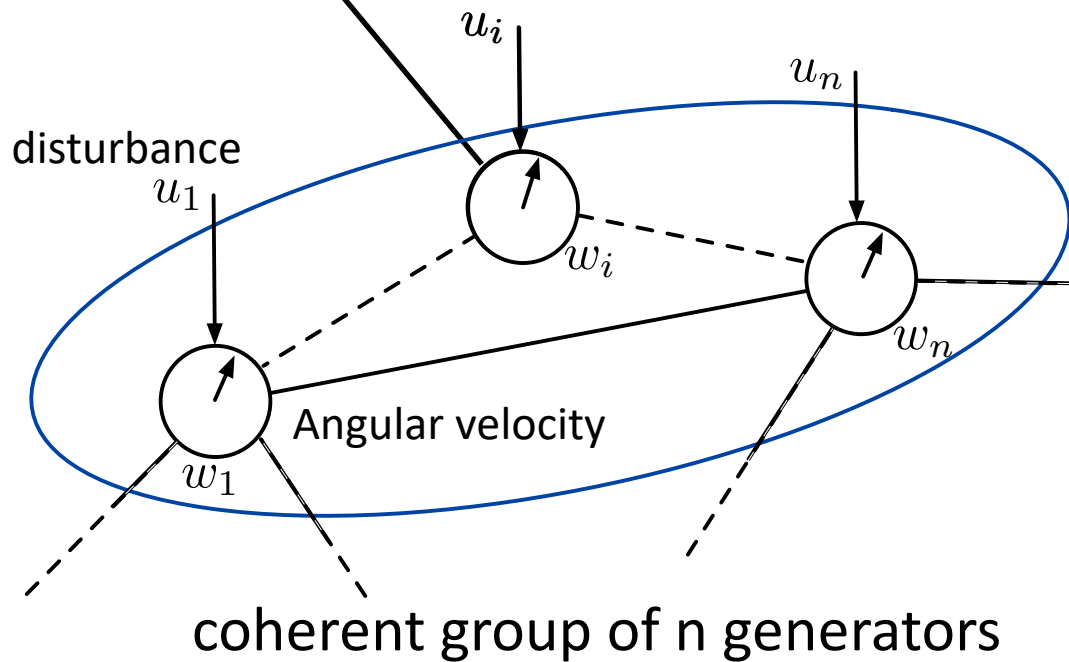


When time constants are **homogeneous**, all other parameters are chosen to be the **aggregated value**

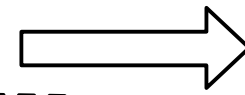
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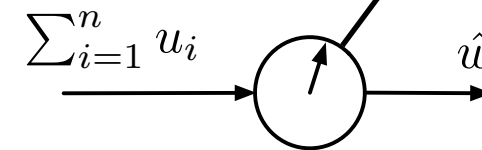
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When time constants are **heterogenous**, time constant  $\tau$  is chosen by:

- Optimization: Germond'78, Guggilam'18
- Weighted harmonic mean: Ourari'06

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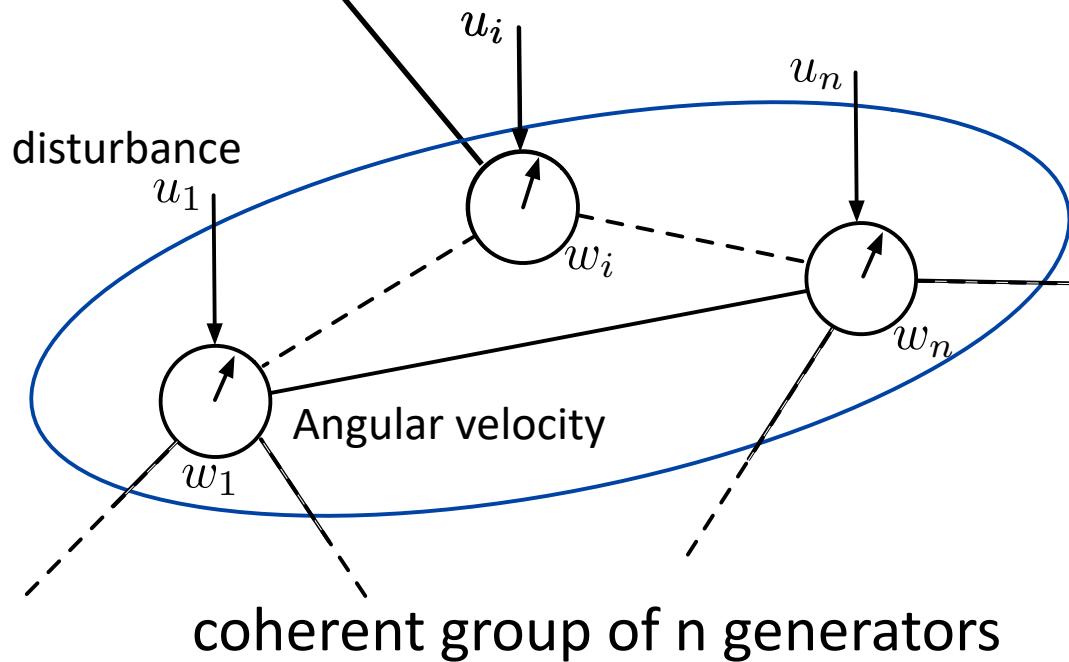
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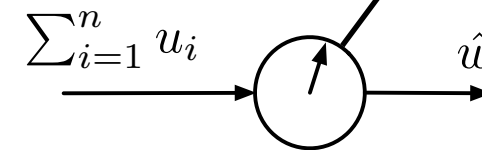
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## Drawbacks:

- Approximation model is restricted to 2nd order
- The only "decision variable" is the time constant

**Inaccurate  
Approximation**

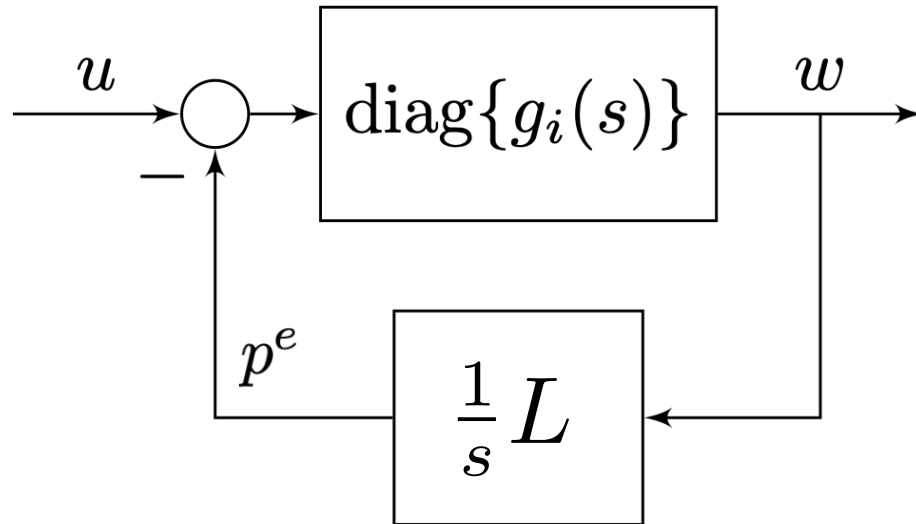


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# Characterization of Coherent Dynamics

Block Diagram (Linearized around equilibrium):



$g_i(s), i = 1, \dots, n$ : Generator dynamics,

$$L = [L_{ij}],$$

$$L_{ij} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} \sum_{k=1}^n |V_i| |V_k| b_{ik} \sin(\theta_i - \theta_k) \Big|_{\theta=\theta_0}$$

$L$  symmetric,  $0 = \lambda_1(L) \leq \lambda_2(L) \leq \dots \leq \lambda_n(L)$

- When the entire network is considered coherent, what is the coherent dynamics?

$$\hat{g}(s) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n g_i^{-1}(s) \right)^{-1}$$

- When does the network have strong coherence?

Algebraic connectivity  $\lambda_2(L)$  is a measure of coherence

# Coherence/Dynamics Concentration of Coupled Generators

**Theorem.** Assume all  $g_i(s)$  are positive real. Let the transfer matrix from  $u$  to  $w$  be  $T(s)$ , then for any  $\eta_0 > 0$ :

$$\lim_{\lambda_2(L) \rightarrow +\infty} \sup_{\eta \in [-\eta_0, \eta_0]} \|T(j\eta) - \hat{g}(j\eta)\mathbb{1}\mathbb{1}^T\| = 0, \quad j = \sqrt{-1}.$$

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- Uniform convergence of  $T(s)$  on low frequency band
- The limiting dynamics  $\hat{g}(s)\mathbb{1}\mathbb{1}^T$  is coherent
- Algebraic connectivity of  $L$  is an indicator of **network coherence**
- $\hat{g}(s)$  accurately represents the aggregate dynamics in the **asymptotical sense**
- Extension of result (CDC '19) on **coherence in networked dynamical systems**. A more comprehensive analysis is available (arXiv 2101.00981, under review)

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# Challenges on Aggregating Coherent Generators

For generator dynamics given by a swing model with turbine control:

$$g_i(s) = \frac{1}{m_i s + d_i + \frac{r_i^{-1}}{\tau_i s + 1}}$$

The aggregate dynamics:

$$\hat{g}(s) = \frac{1}{\hat{m}s + \hat{d} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{r_i^{-1}}{\tau_i s + 1}}$$

high-order if  $\tau_i$  are heterogeneous

Need to find a low-order approximation of  $\hat{g}(s)$

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**Problem:**

DC gain of the reduced system  
≠ DC gain of the original system

- **BTk-tb:**  $(k-1)$ -th order balanced truncation on high-order turbine dynamics

$$\tilde{g}_k^{tb}(s) = \frac{1}{\hat{m}s + \hat{d} + \boxed{\tilde{g}_{t,k-1}(s)}} \quad \text{on } \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{r_i^{-1}}{\tau_i s + 1} \quad (k-1)\text{-th reduction model}$$

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## Solution:

Use Frequency Weighted Balanced Truncation and put higher weights on low-frequency range

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# Test Case Data

Synthetic test dataset, 5 generators in a coherent group

Aggregated inertia and damping:

$$\hat{m} = 0.0683, \quad \hat{d} = 0.0107$$

Turbine parameters:

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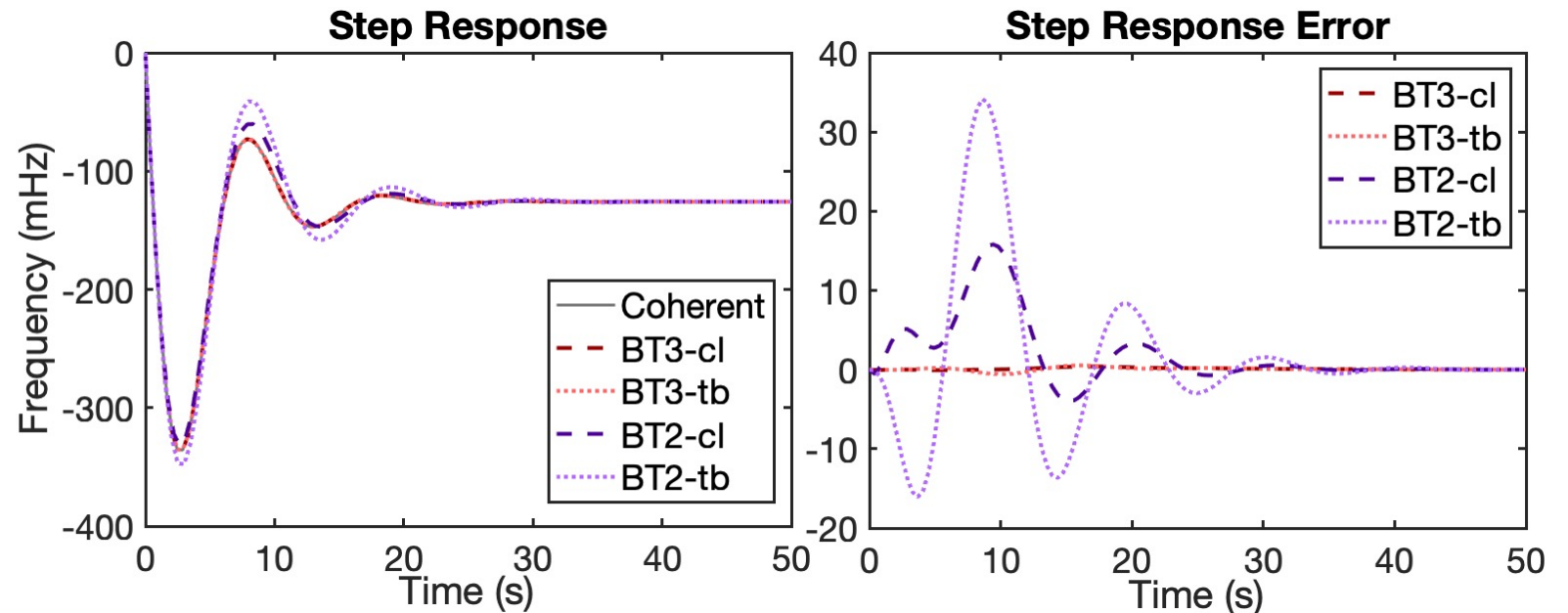
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The time constants have wide spreading  
It is hard for conventional approach to find a proper  $\tau$  that accounts for both **fast** (3,5) and **slow** (1,2,4) turbines.

# Comparison of Balance Truncation Models

We compare the following 4 reduced order models:

- BT on **turbines** with weight  $W_{tb}(s) = \frac{s+3 \cdot 10^{-2}}{s+10^{-4}}$ 
  - 2nd order (**BT2-tb**)
  - 3rd order (**BT3-tb**)
- BT on **closed-loop** with weight  $W_{cl}(s) = \frac{s+8 \cdot 10^{-2}}{s+10^{-4}}$ 
  - 2nd order (**BT2-cl**)
  - 3rd order (**BT3-cl**)



- 3rd order models are almost accurate
- balanced truncation on closed-loop is better than on turbine dynamics, given the same order.

# Interpretation of 3rd Order Model – Reduction on Turbine

BT3-tb gives 2nd order reduction model on turbine dynamics:

$$\tilde{g}_{t,2}(s) = \frac{0.02653s + 0.005291}{s^2 + 0.4866s + 0.04572}$$

Partial fraction expansion gives:

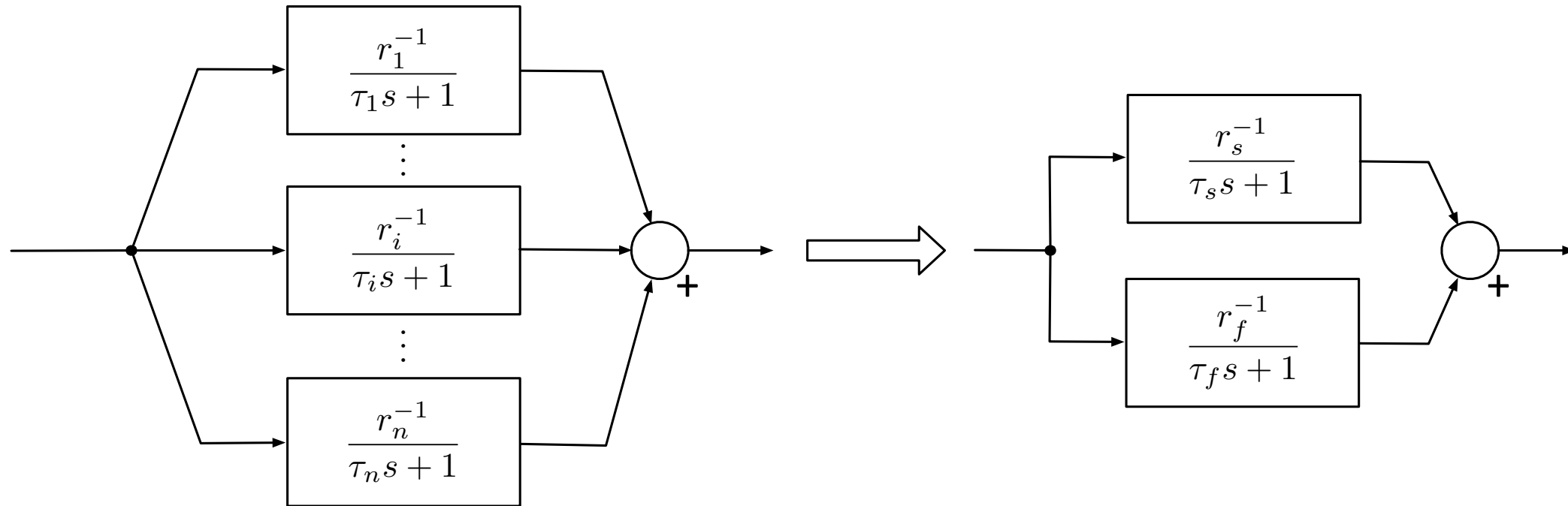
$$\tilde{g}_{t,2}(s) = \frac{0.0509}{2.7827s + 1} + \frac{0.0649}{7.8601s + 1}$$

Can be viewed as two first order turbines in parallel

Accounts for both slow and fast turbines

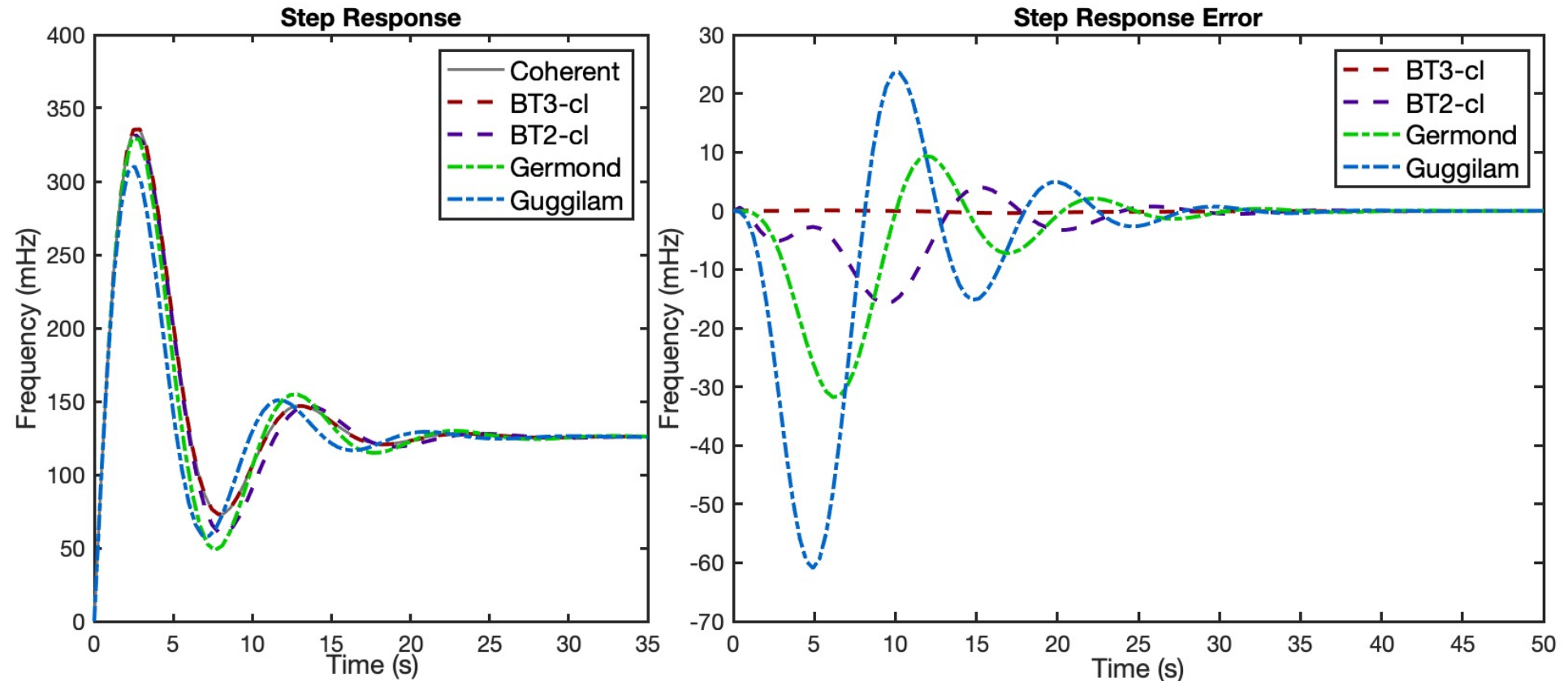
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# Interpretation of 3rd Order Model – Reduction on Turbine



- The high-order turbine dynamics can be **almost accurately** recovered by **two turbines** in parallel
- Similar results obtained for larger test cases

# Comparison with (Some) Existing Methods



By essentially relaxing the restrictions on reduced order model:

- **increase the model order to 3rd order,**
- **reduction on closed-loop dynamics,**

our proposed models outperform models by conventional approach

# Conclusions

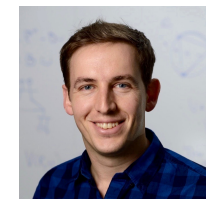
- We provide **theoretical justification** of the aggregate dynamics of coherent generators obtained by conventional approach
- We show that **algebraic connectivity** of graph Laplacian of linearized power network is a direct **indicator of the generator coherence**
- We use **frequency weighted balanced truncation** to suggest possible improvements to obtain accurate reduced order model of aggregated dynamics of coherent generators:
  - increase model complexity (3<sup>rd</sup> order/two turbines)
  - model reduction on closed-loop dynamics

# Thanks!

## Related Publications:

- H. Min, F. Paganini, and E. Mallada, “Accurate Reduced Order Models for Coherent Heterogeneous Generators,” IEEE Control Systems Letters (L-CSS), pp. 1741-1746, 2020.
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