

# COHERENCE FUNCTION ESTIMATION WITH A DERIVATIVE CONSTRAINT FOR POWER GRID OSCILLATION DETECTION

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# Motivation

- ▶ Oscillations with growing amplitudes can cause serious problems
  - 1- system break-ups and large-scale outages
  - 2- negatively affect the life expectancy of equipment
  - 3- flickering light which is annoying to human eyes
- ▶ To ensure the **stability** and **reliability** of a power grid, it is important to **accurately detect** the oscillations.

# Background

► Oscillations in a power grid:

1- Free oscillations : the results of internal interaction among the system equipment.  
(Studied well in last 20 years)

2- Forced oscillations are caused by external inputs. (Recently gained a lot of attention)

# Background

- ▶ **Coherence spectrum**, a.k.a the magnitude squared coherence (**MSC**) function, is widely used for oscillation detection.
- ▶ The MSC function can be estimated by many different spectral estimation methods such as:
  - Welch's method
  - ARMA method
  - Minimum variance distortionless response (**MVDR**) method, a.k.a Capon method

# MVDR (Capon) Method

## ► Advantages:

- Real-time applicability
- Multi-channel data adaptability
- Low risk of false alarm
- High estimation accuracy.

## ► Drawbacks:

- Estimated MSC does not cover all the frequencies. **“blind spots”**

# Generalized MVDR (Capon) Method

$$x(t) = f(t) + q(t)$$

$f(t)$  forced oscillations

$q(t)$  noises

$$\gamma_{x_1 x_2}^2(\omega) = \frac{|S_{x_1 x_2}(\omega)|^2}{S_{x_1}(\omega) S_{x_2}(\omega)},$$

$\gamma_{x_1 x_2}^2$  (MSC function)

$S_{x_1 x_2}$  cross spectrum between two signals

$S_{x_1}$  and  $S_{x_2}$  Power spectral density

$$\begin{cases} \min_{\mathbf{w}_k} & S_x(\omega_k) = \mathbf{w}_k^H \mathbf{R}_x \mathbf{w}_k \\ \text{s.t.} & \mathbf{c}_k^H \mathbf{w}_k = 1 \end{cases}$$

$\mathbf{w}_k$   $k^{\text{th}}$  sub filter of the filter bank

$\mathbf{R}_x$  Covariance matrix

$$\mathbf{c}_k = [1, e^{j\omega_k}, \dots, e^{j\omega_k(L-1)}]^T / \sqrt{L}.$$

$$S_x(\omega_k) = \mathbf{w}_{k,opt}^H \mathbf{R}_x \mathbf{w}_{k,opt} = \frac{1}{\mathbf{c}_k^H \mathbf{R}_x^{-1} \mathbf{c}_k}.$$

# Derivative Constrained MVDR (capon) Method

New optimization problem

$$\begin{cases} \min_{\mathbf{w}_k} & S_x(\omega_k) = \mathbf{w}_k^H \mathbf{R}_x \mathbf{w}_k \\ \text{s.t.} & \mathbf{C}_k^H \mathbf{w}_k = \mathbf{h} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbf{C}_k = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{c}_k & \frac{d\mathbf{c}_k}{d\omega_k} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{h} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

New MSC function

$$\gamma_{x_1 x_2}^2(\omega_k) = \frac{|\mathbf{h}^H \boldsymbol{\zeta}_{1,k} \mathbf{C}_k^H \mathbf{R}_{x_1}^{-1} \mathbf{R}_{x_1 x_2} \mathbf{R}_{x_2}^{-1} \mathbf{C}_k \boldsymbol{\zeta}_{2,k} \mathbf{h}|^2}{(\mathbf{h}^H \boldsymbol{\zeta}_{1,k} \mathbf{h})(\mathbf{h}^H \boldsymbol{\zeta}_{2,k} \mathbf{h})}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\zeta}_{i,k} = (\mathbf{C}_k^H \mathbf{R}_{x_i}^{-1} \mathbf{C}_k)^{-1}, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

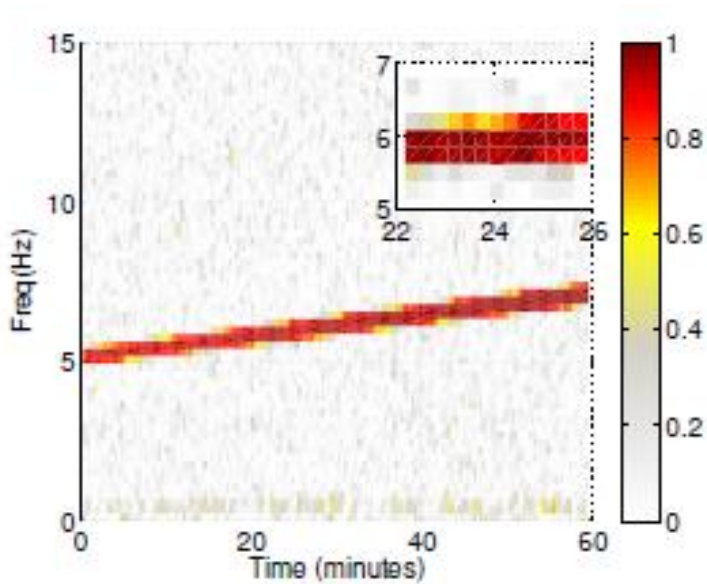
# Simulation

- ▶ Simple Chirp signal SNR= -10dB,  $f_0 = 5$  Hz to  $f_1 = 7$ Hz

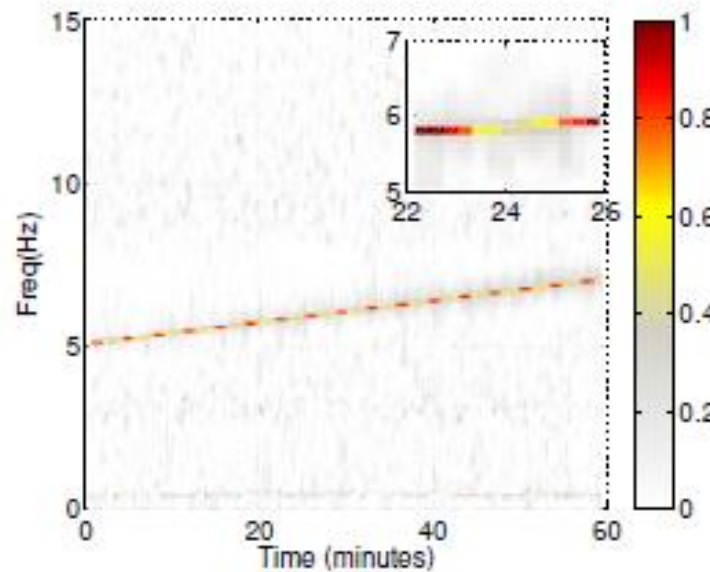
Wide peak  $\rightarrow$  Low Freq resolution  
High Mag other Freq  $\rightarrow$  High rate of false alarm

Blind spots  $\rightarrow$  High rate of miss detection

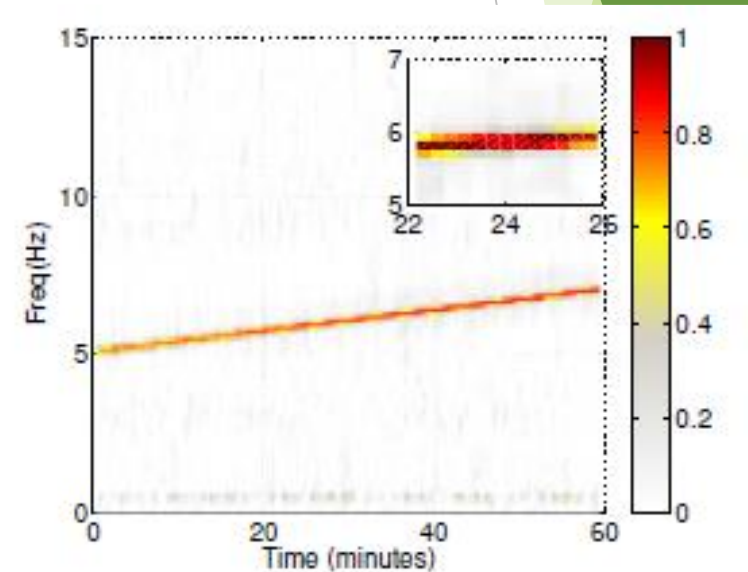
High Freq resolution  
Low rate of false alarm  
Low rate of miss detection



Welch method



Generalized MVDR



Derivative constraint MVDR



# Power system Simulation

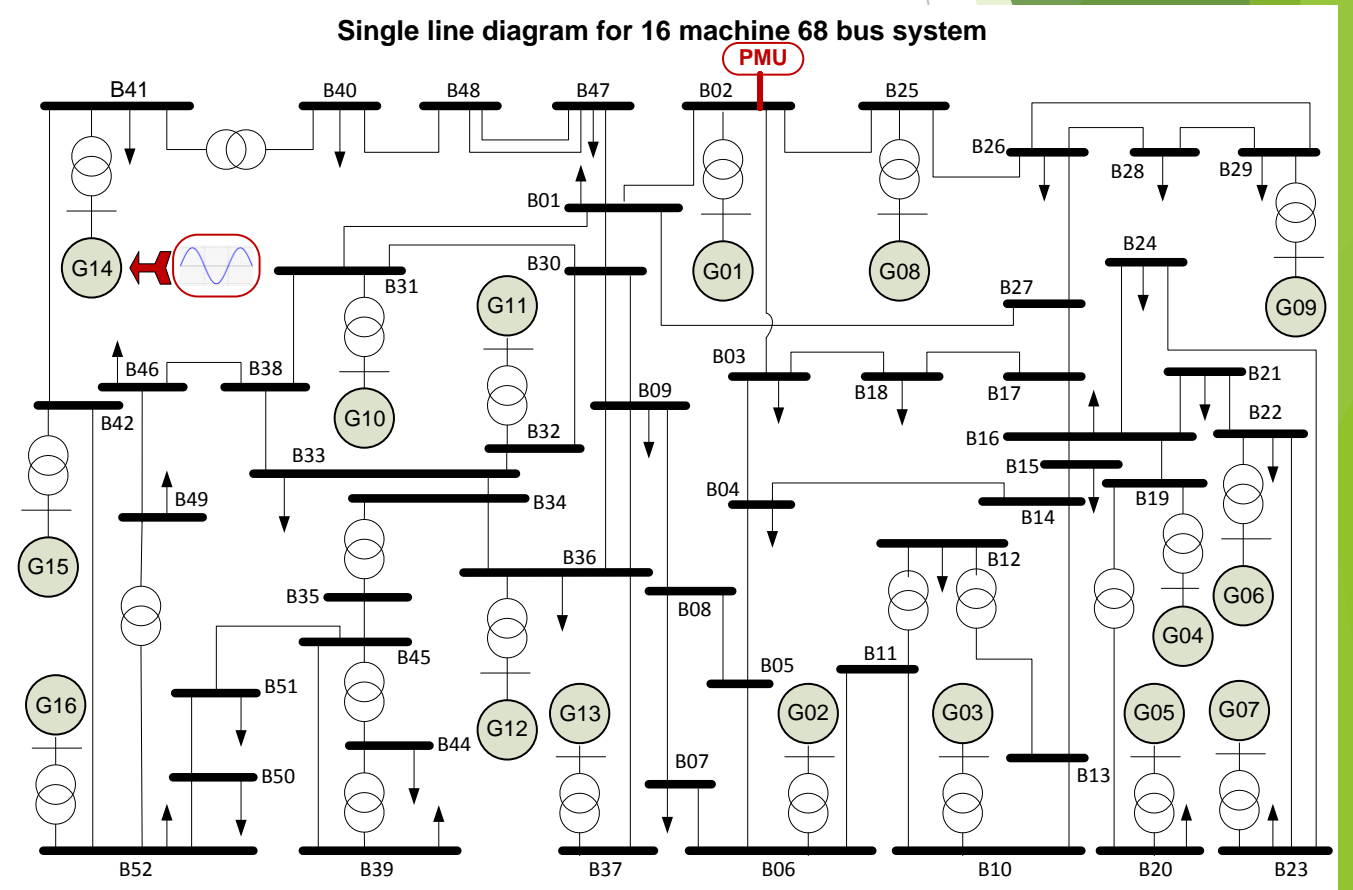
Source: Generator 14

Forced oscillations:

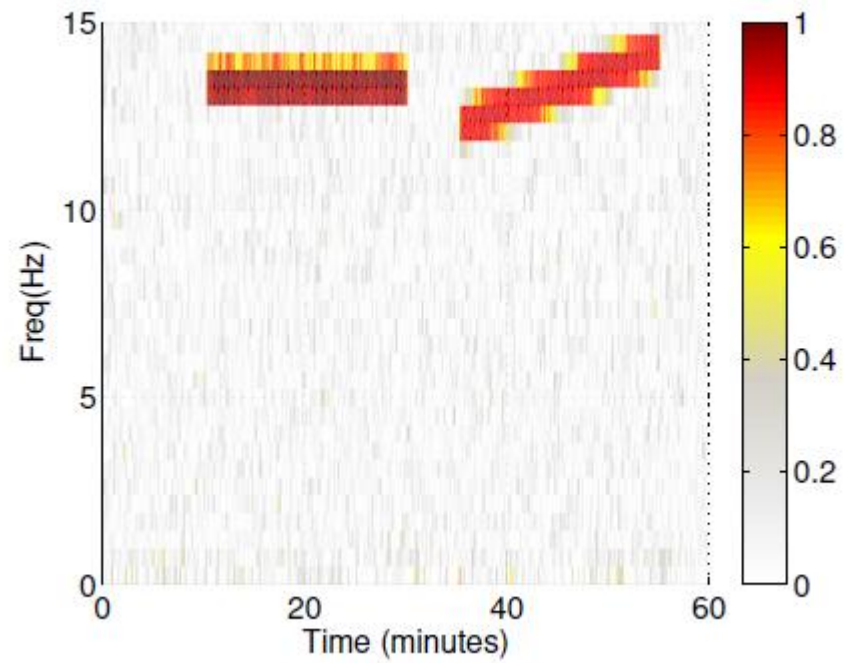
1- *Sinoidal signal*  $Freq= 13.125\text{Hz}$  from the 10<sup>th</sup> minute to 30<sup>th</sup> minute

2- *chirp signal* of 12 to 14Hz from the 35<sup>th</sup> minute to 55<sup>th</sup> minute

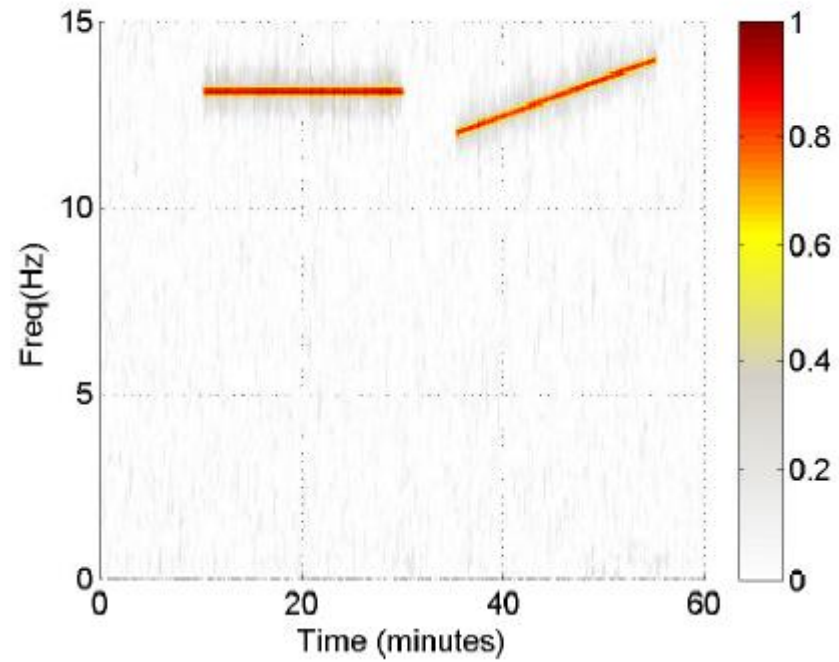
PMU location: bus 2



# Power system Simulation



Welch method



Derivative constraint  
MVDR

# Conclusion

- ▶ Proposed method
  - ▶ Narrow peak → Higher Frequency resolution
  - ▶ Low Mag at other Frequency → Lower rate of false alarm
  - ▶ Can avoid the “blind spots” problem → Lower rate of miss detection
- ▶ thus increase the oscillation detection accuracy.

Thank you for your attention.