

Primary control effort and noise propagation in high-voltage power grids

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High-voltage power grids of the future

- More fluctuations from renewable energy sources.
- Less inertia at generator nodes.

Goals

- Evaluate importance of damping and inertia parameters.
- Assess the propagation of fluctuations coming from renewable energy sources.

Swing equations in the lossless line approximation

Voltage phase dynamics is given by

$$m_i \dot{\omega}_i + d_i \omega_i = P_i - \sum_j b_{ij} \sin(\theta_i - \theta_j), \quad i \in \text{Generators}, \quad (1)$$

$$d_i \omega_i = P_i - \sum_j b_{ij} \sin(\theta_i - \theta_j), \quad i \in \text{Loads}. \quad (2)$$

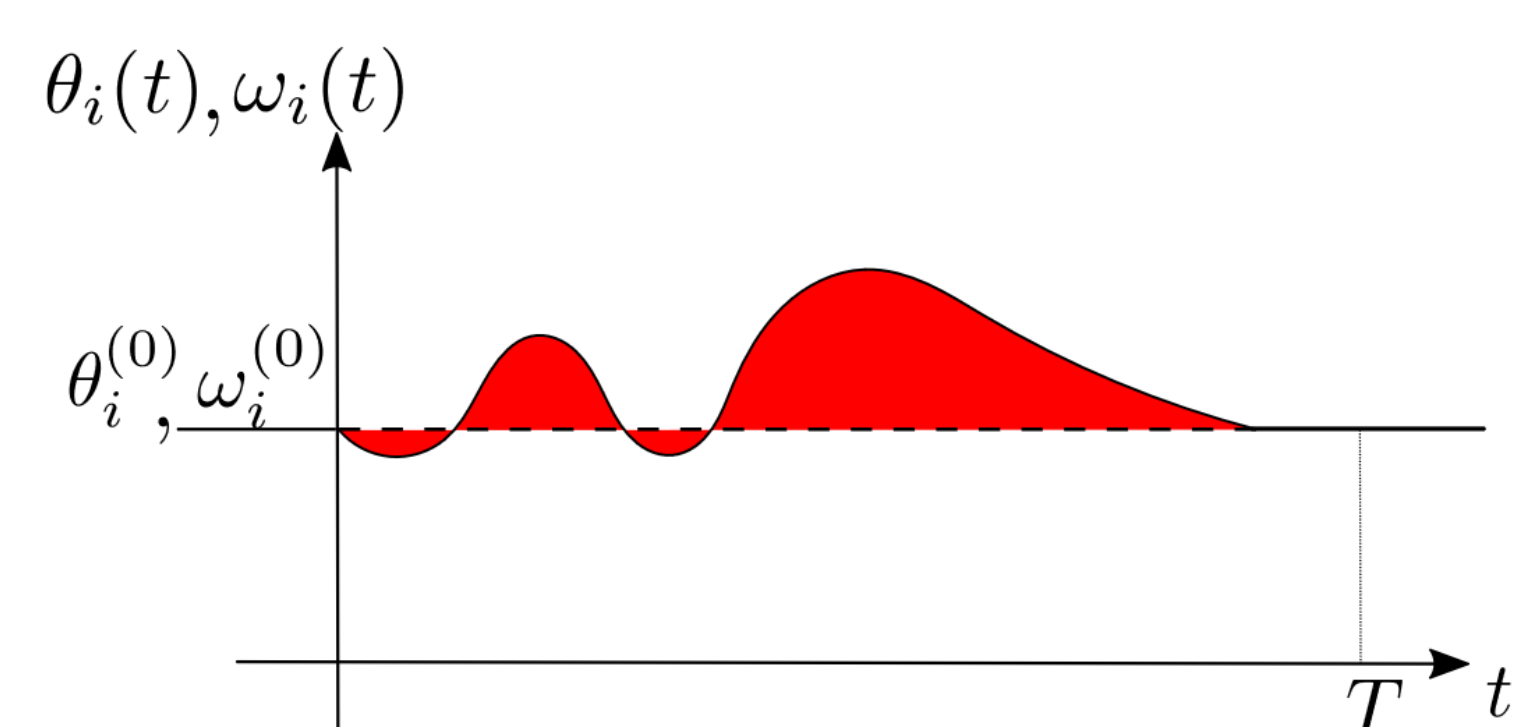
b_{ij} : line capacity.
 m_i : inertia.
 d_i : damping.
 $\omega_i = \dot{\theta}_i$.

Assumption:

$$\gamma^{-1} = m_i/d_i, \quad \forall i.$$

Assessment of the transient dynamics

Quadratic performance metrics: \mathcal{H}_2 norms \rightarrow Quantify the amplitude of the transient response following a disturbance.



Primary control effort

$$\mathcal{P}(T) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} T^{-1} \int_0^T (\omega^\top - \bar{\omega}^\top) D (\omega - \bar{\omega}) dt$$

Time-correlated noisy disturbance

$$\langle \delta P_i \rangle = 0, \quad \langle \delta P_i(t) \delta P_j(t') \rangle = \delta_{ij} \delta P_0^2 \exp[-|t - t'|/\tau_0]$$

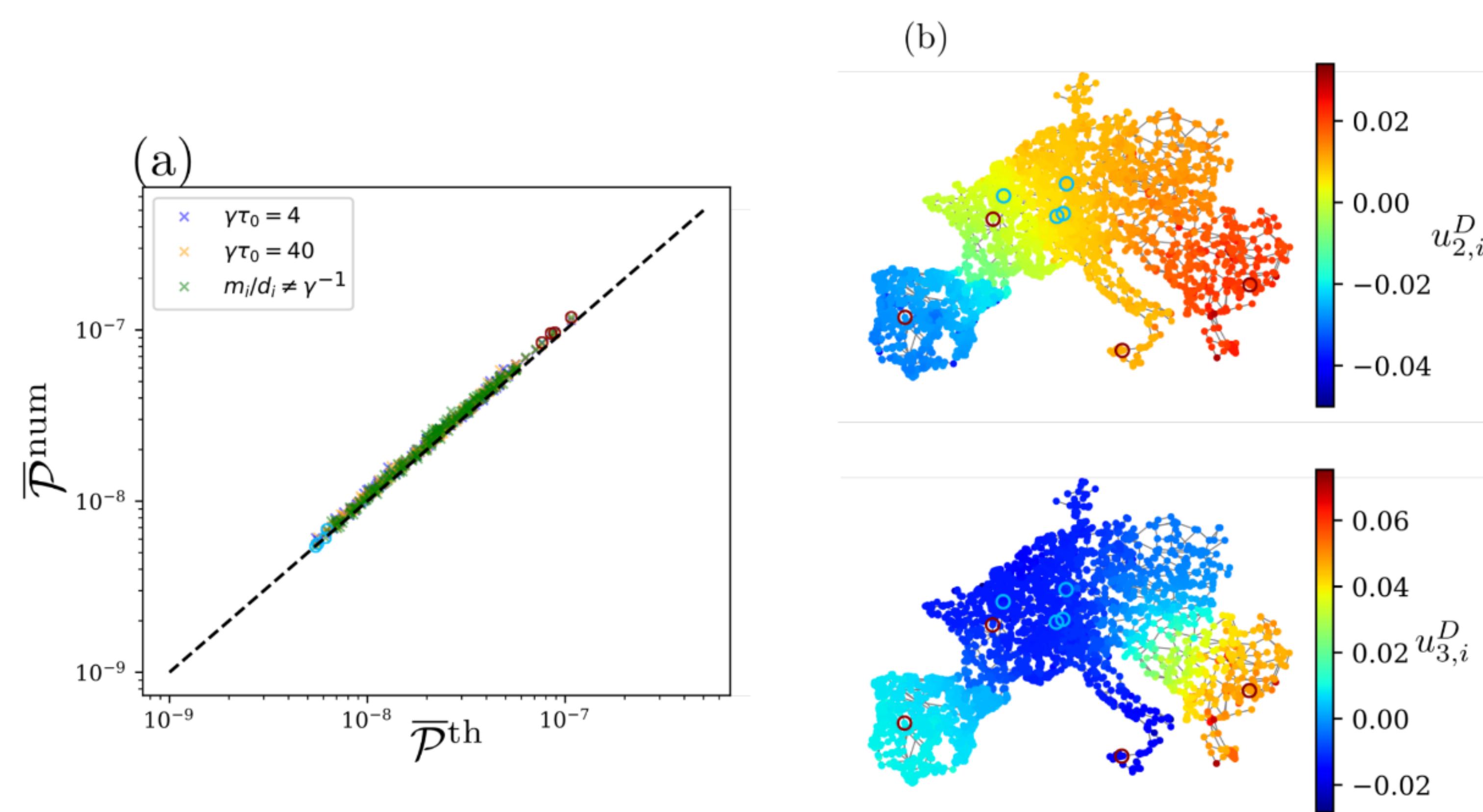
Long correlation time limit

- Intrinsic network time-scales < few seconds
- Renewable energy sources correlation time > few seconds

$$\overline{\mathcal{P}^\infty} = \tau_0^{-1} \sum_{\alpha \geq 2} \frac{\sum_{i \in N_n} \delta P_{0i}^2 u_{\alpha,i}^D d_i^{-1}}{\lambda_\alpha^D}$$

λ_α^D : eigenvalues of $D^{-1/2} \mathbb{L}(\{\theta_i^{(0)}\}) D^{-1/2}$

PanTaNuEI: model of the European high-voltage transmission network.



Results more general than the initial assumption!

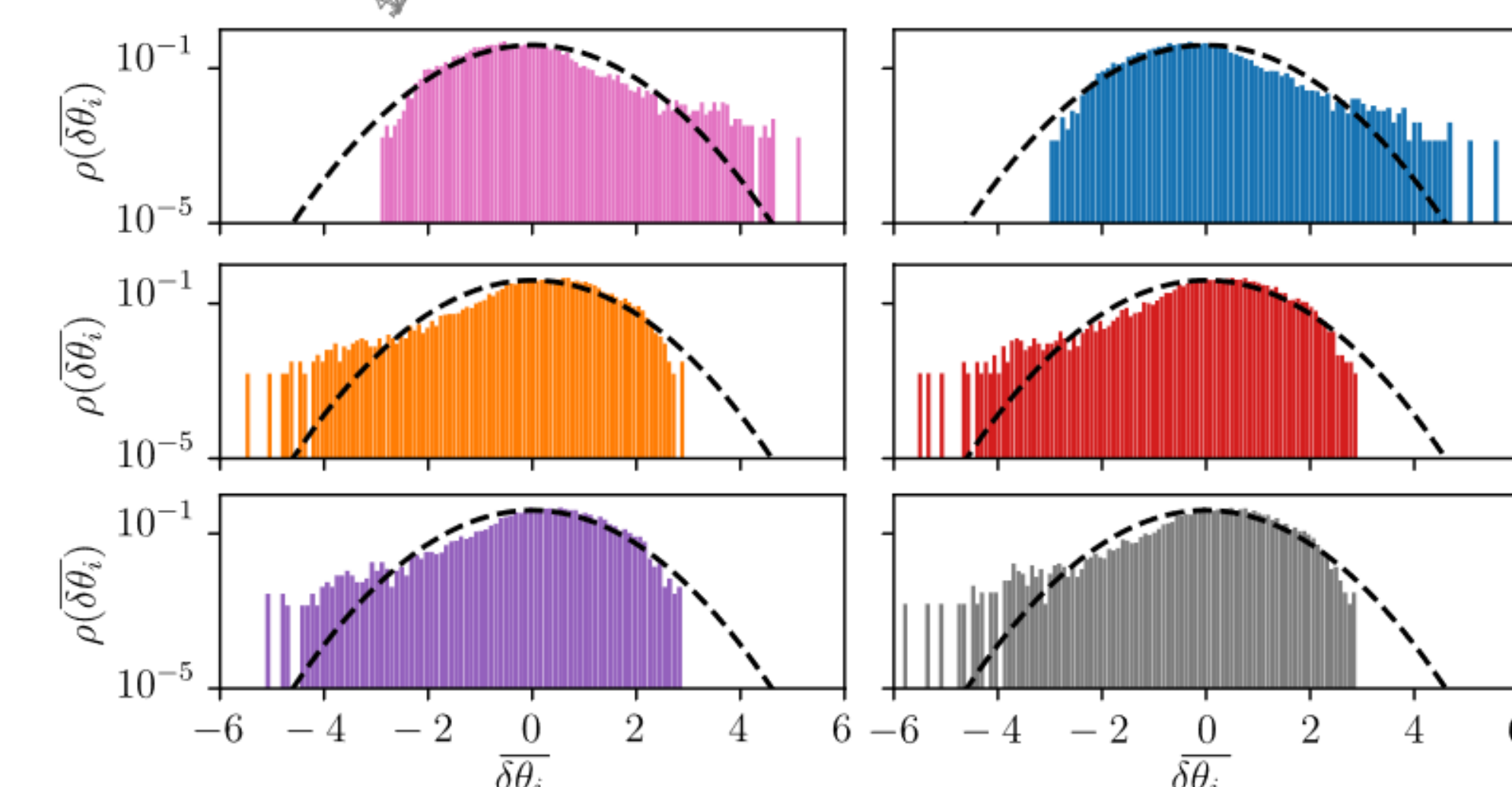
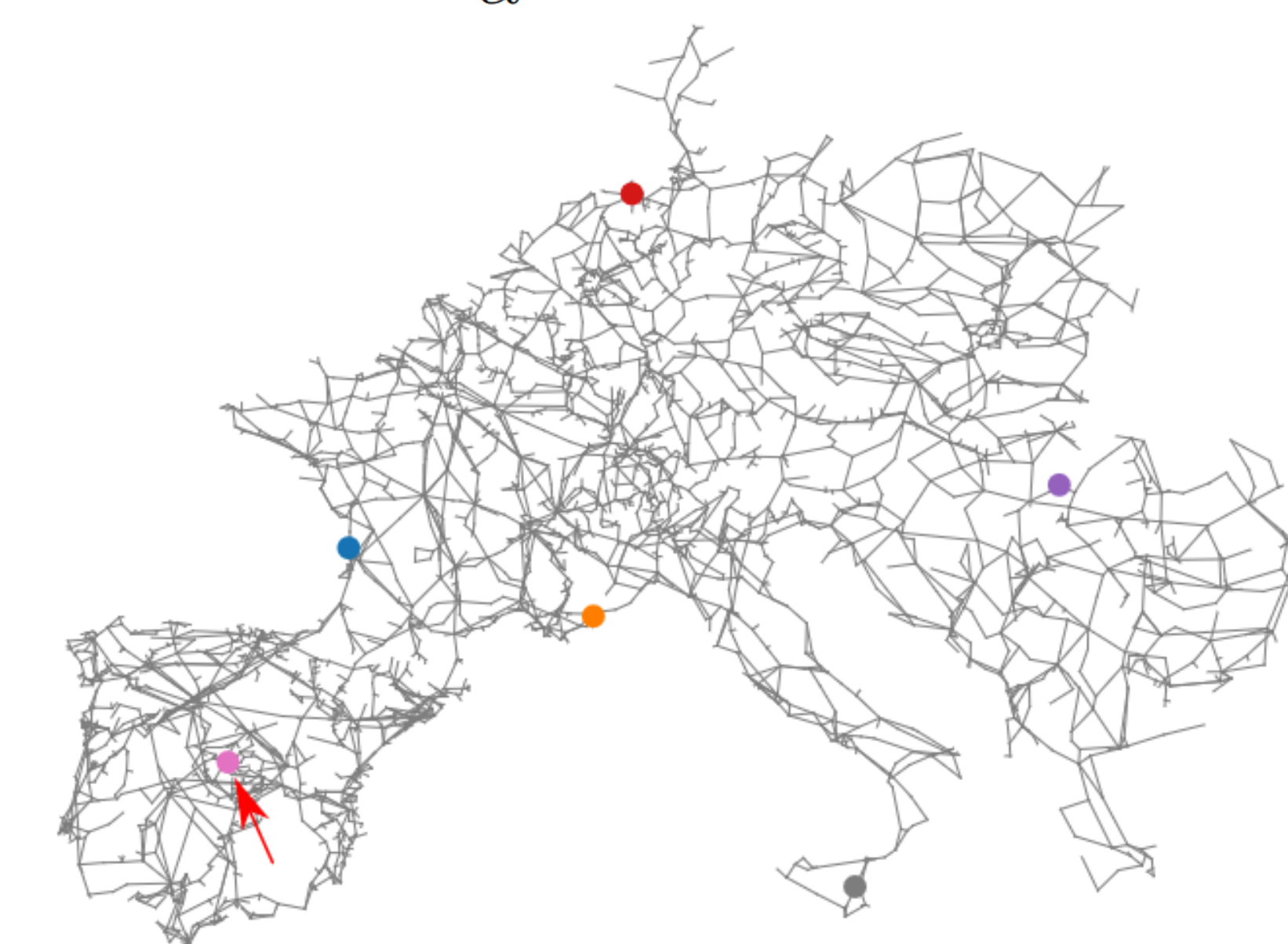
Conclusions

- ✓ Damping seems more important than inertia to reduce primary control effort.
- ✓ Non-Gaussian fluctuations not that of a problem.

Non-Gaussian fluctuations from renewable energy sources

Cumulants for a single source of noise

$$\langle \delta \theta_i^P \rangle = \left(\sigma \sum_{\alpha} \frac{u_{\alpha,i_0} u_{\alpha,i}}{\lambda_{\alpha}} \right)^P$$



4th moment for M sources of noise

$$\langle \delta \theta_i^4 \rangle = \sum_{i_0=1}^M \left(\sigma \sum_{\alpha} \frac{u_{\alpha,i_0} u_{\alpha,i}}{\lambda_{\alpha}} \right)^4 + 3 \sum_{i_0 < j_0} \left(\sigma \sum_{\alpha} \frac{u_{\alpha,i_0} u_{\alpha,i}}{\lambda_{\alpha}} \right)^2 \left(\sigma \sum_{\beta} \frac{u_{\beta,j_0} u_{\beta,i}}{\lambda_{\beta}} \right)^2$$

