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# **Reconfigurable Linear Antenna Arrays: Tolerance Analysis Using Interval Arithmetic**

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## 1 Fair Comparison: Tolerances over the $\Sigma$ beam feeding network

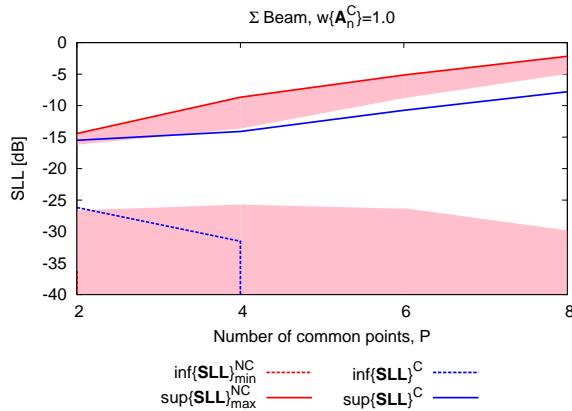
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  1. in the first case we consider amplitude errors on all  $P$  common elements;
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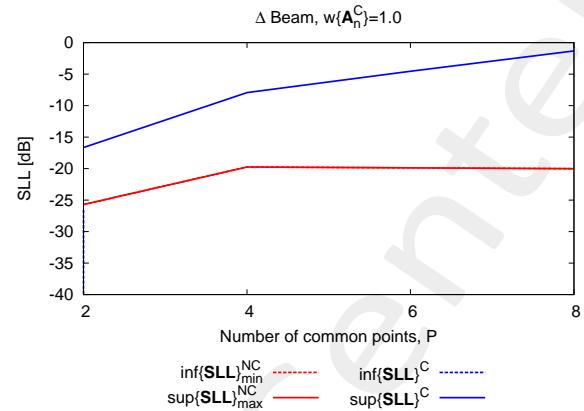
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$T$	1.7617	3.6347	5.5724	7.4232

**Table 1.** Number of faulty  $\Sigma$  network's elements ( $F$ ) and total tolerance ( $T$ ).

**SLL:**



**Figure 3.** Sum Pattern SLL vs  $P$



**Figure 4.** Difference Pattern SLL vs  $P$

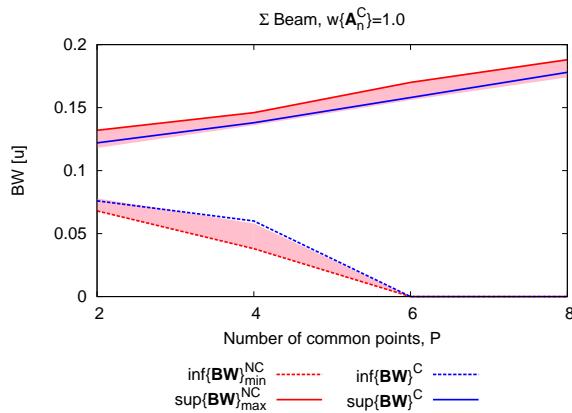
$P$	$\inf\{\text{SLL}\}^C$	$\sup\{\text{SLL}\}^C$	$\inf\{\text{SLL}\}_{min}^{NC}$	$\inf\{\text{SLL}\}_{max}^{NC}$	$\sup\{\text{SLL}\}_{min}^{NC}$	$\sup\{\text{SLL}\}_{max}^{NC}$
2	-26.17	-15.51	-36.24	-26.63	-16.21	-14.42
4	-31.53	-14.1	$-\infty$	-25.72	-13.65	-8.67
6	$-\infty$	-10.74	$-\infty$	-26.36	-8.81	-5.14
8	$-\infty$	-10.8	$-\infty$	-29.89	-4.96	-2.18

**Table 2.** Sum Pattern SLL values

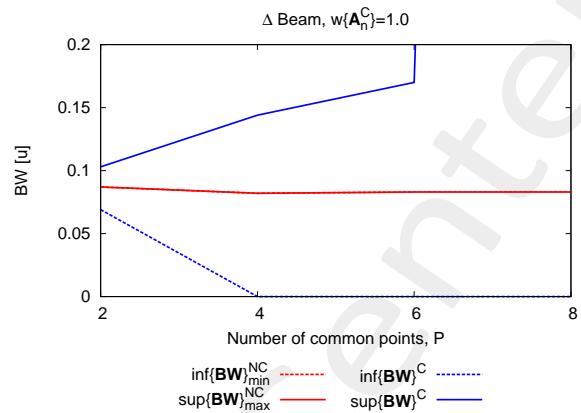
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2	-26.56	-16.65	-25.7	-25.7	-25.7	-25.7
4	$-\infty$	-7.93	-19.74	-19.74	-19.74	-19.74
6	$-\infty$	-4.55	-19.88	-19.88	-19.88	-19.88
8	$-\infty$	-1.32	-20.01	-20.01	-20.01	-20.01

**Table 3.** Difference Pattern SLL values

**BW:**



**Figure 5.** Sum Pattern BW vs  $P$



**Figure 6.** Difference Pattern BW vs  $P$

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2	0.076	0.122	0.068	0.078	0.118	0.132
4	0.06	0.138	0.038	0.058	0.136	0.146
6	0.0	0.158	0.0	0.0	0.156	0.170
8	0.0	0.178	0.0	0.0	0.174	0.188

**Table 4.** Sum Pattern BW values

$P$	$\inf\{\mathbf{BW}\}^C$	$\sup\{\mathbf{BW}\}^C$	$\inf\{\mathbf{BW}\}_{min}^{NC}$	$\inf\{\mathbf{BW}\}_{max}^{NC}$	$\sup\{\mathbf{BW}\}_{min}^{NC}$	$\sup\{\mathbf{BW}\}_{max}^{NC}$
2	0.069	0.103	0.087	0.087	0.087	0.087
4	0.0	0.144	0.082	0.082	0.082	0.082
6	0.0	0.17	0.083	0.083	0.083	0.083
8	0.0	4.0	0.083	0.083	0.083	0.083

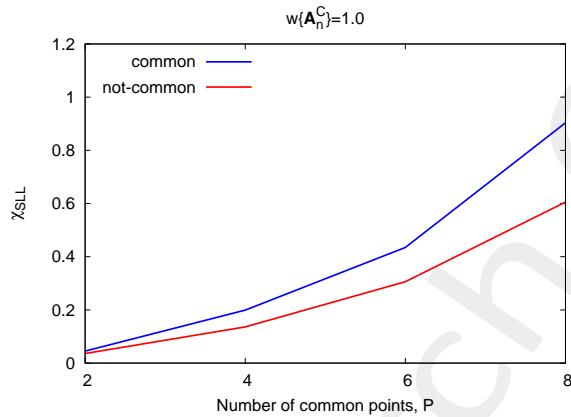
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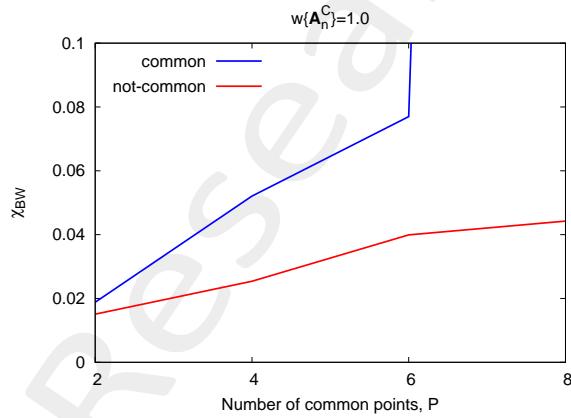
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$$\chi_{\{\cdot\}} = \left( \sup \{\cdot\}_{max}^{\Sigma} - \inf \{\cdot\}_{min}^{\Sigma} \right) + \left( \sup \{\cdot\}_{max}^{\Delta} - \inf \{\cdot\}_{min}^{\Delta} \right) \quad (1)$$

where  $\sup / \inf \{\cdot\}_{max}$  is the maximum sup / inf among all the considered combination of faulty elements;  $\sup / \inf \{\cdot\}_{min}$  is the respective minimum value.



**Figure 7.** The  $\chi_{SLL}$  relative to the  $SLL$  descriptor is plotted, for the common and not-common cases



**Figure 8.** The  $\chi_{BW}$  relative to the  $BW$  descriptor is plotted, for the common and not-common cases

#### Observations:

- For both the  $SLL$  and  $BW$  parameters the tolerance is higher in case of faulty common elements.

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## 2 Fair Comparison: Tolerances over the $\Delta$ beam feeding network

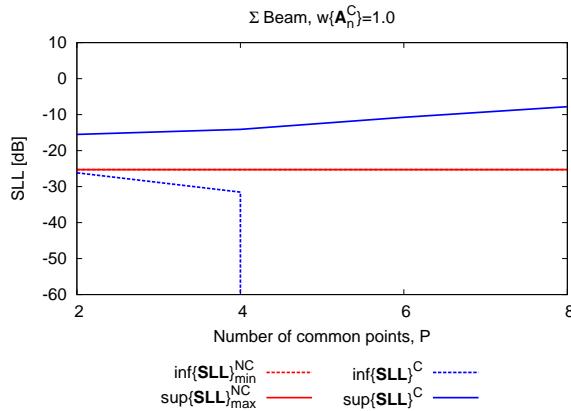
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  2. in the second case we consider errors on the  $\Delta$  beam feeding network's independent elements, considering all the possible combinations of  $P$  among  $Q$ .
- In the latter case the number of faulty elements  $F$  and the total amount of tolerance  $T$  are kept fixed (see Tab. 1).

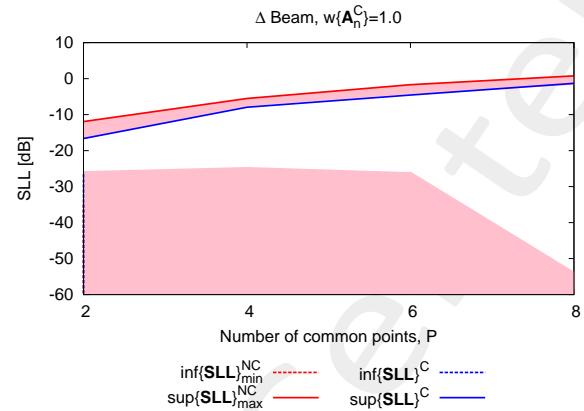
$P$	2	4	6	8
$F$	2	4	6	8
$T$	1.7617	3.6347	5.5724	7.4232

**Table 1.** Number of faulty  $\Delta$  network's elements ( $F$ ) and total tolerance ( $T$ ).

**SLL:**



**Figure 3.** Sum Pattern SLL vs  $P$



**Figure 4.** Difference Pattern SLL vs  $P$

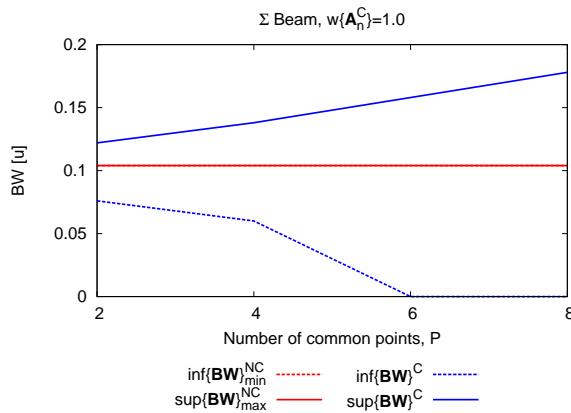
$P$	$\inf\{\text{SLL}\}^C$	$\sup\{\text{SLL}\}^C$	$\inf\{\text{SLL}\}_{min}^{NC}$	$\inf\{\text{SLL}\}_{max}^{NC}$	$\sup\{\text{SLL}\}_{min}^{NC}$	$\sup\{\text{SLL}\}_{max}^{NC}$
2	-26.17	-15.51	-25.28	-25.28	-25.28	-25.28
4	-31.53	-14.1	-25.28	-25.28	-25.28	-25.28
6	$-\infty$	-10.74	-25.28	-25.28	-25.28	-25.28
8	$-\infty$	-10.8	-25.28	-25.28	-25.28	-25.28

**Table 2.** Sum Pattern SLL values

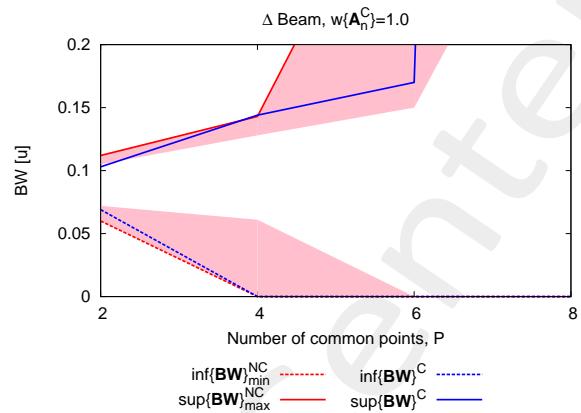
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2	-26.56	-16.65	-34.94	-25.7	-16.81	-11.94
4	$-\infty$	-7.93	$-\infty$	-24.56	-7.65	-5.52
6	$-\infty$	-4.55	$-\infty$	-25.97	-4.29	-1.69
8	$-\infty$	-1.32	$-\infty$	-53.78	-1.77	-0.75

**Table 3.** Difference Pattern SLL values

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4	0.06	0.138	0.104	0.104	0.104	0.104
6	0.0	0.158	0.104	0.104	0.104	0.104
8	0.0	0.178	0.104	0.104	0.104	0.104

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2	0.069	0.103	0.06	0.072	0.105	0.112
4	0.0	0.144	0.0	0.061	0.128	0.143
6	0.0	0.17	0.0	0.0	0.15	0.384
8	0.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.38	4.0

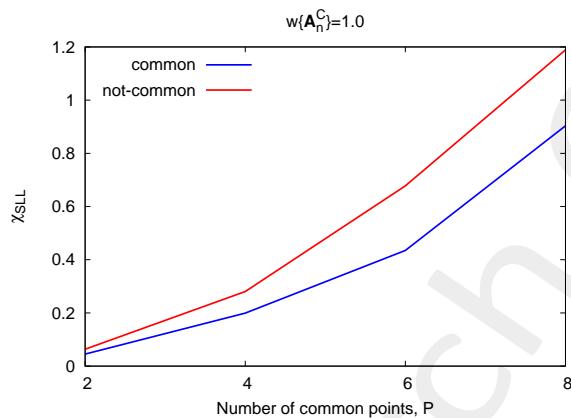
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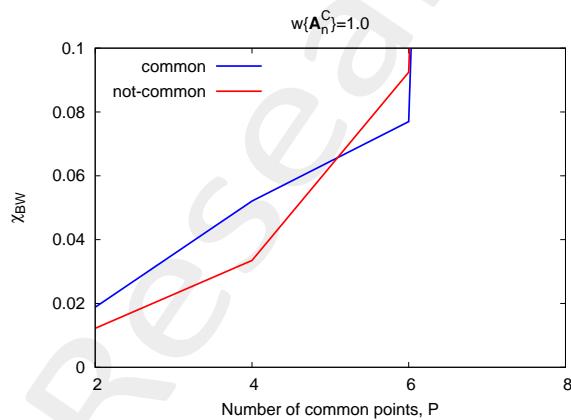
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#### Observations:

- In this case the tolerance is higher when faulty elements belong to the  $\Delta$  beam forming network.
- I recall here that the  $\Delta$  beam is a compromise.

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### 3 Fair Comparison: Tolerances over the $\Sigma$ and $\Delta$ beam feeding networks

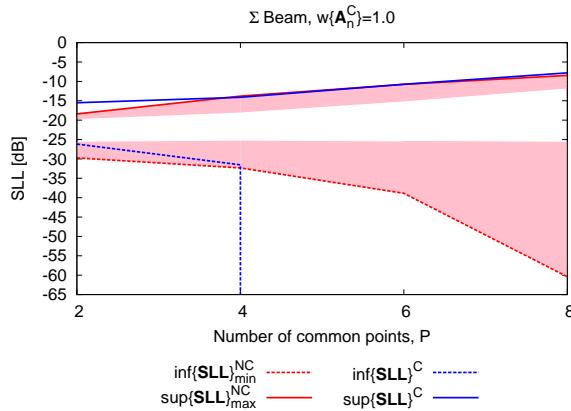
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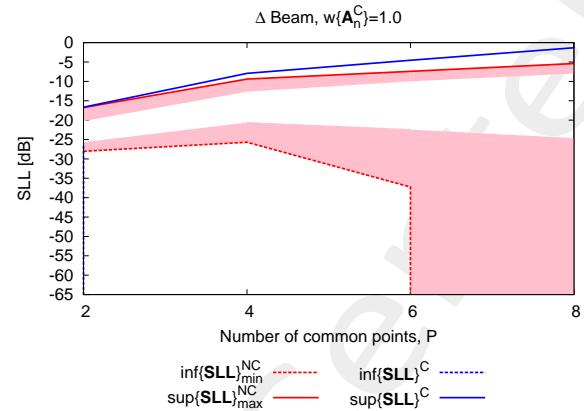
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$F^\Sigma$	1	2	3	4
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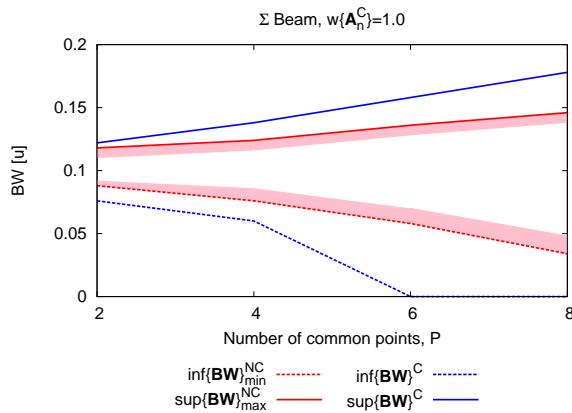
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6	$-\infty$	-10.74	-38.87	-25.49	-15.16	-10.77
8	$-\infty$	-10.8	-60.41	-25.72	-11.81	-8.45

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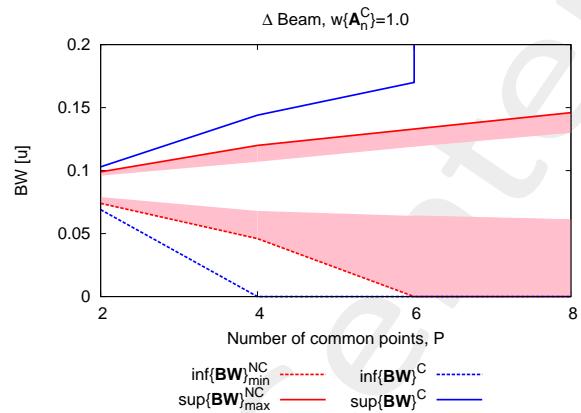
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6	$-\infty$	-4.55	-37.24	-22.45	-9.99	-7.41
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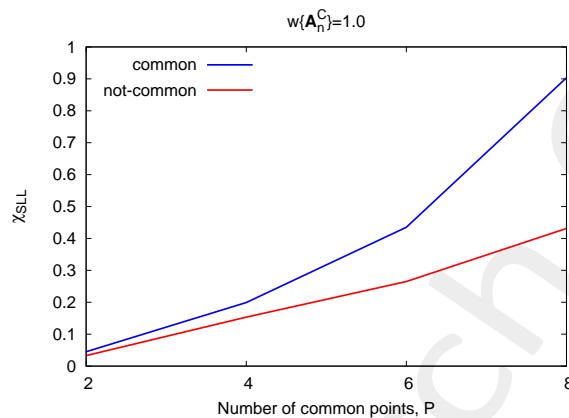
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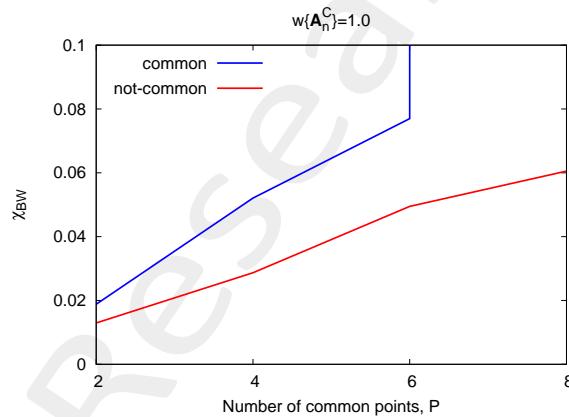
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$$\chi_{\{\cdot\}} = \left( \sup \{\cdot\}_{max}^{\Sigma} - \inf \{\cdot\}_{min}^{\Sigma} \right) + \left( \sup \{\cdot\}_{max}^{\Delta} - \inf \{\cdot\}_{min}^{\Delta} \right) \quad (3)$$

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### Observations:

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### Pareto Front

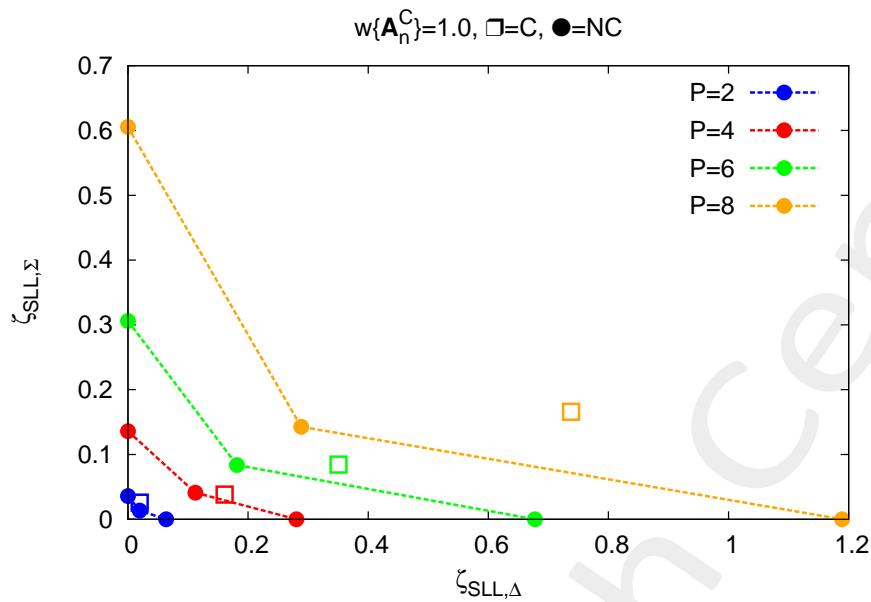
Remembering that:

$$\zeta_{\{\cdot\}} = \sup \{\cdot\}_{max} - \inf \{\cdot\}_{min} \quad (4)$$

where  $\sup / \inf \{\cdot\}_{max}$  is the maximum sup / inf among all the considered combination of faulty elements;  $\sup / \inf \{\cdot\}_{min}$  is the respective minimum value.

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SLL:



**Figure 9.**  $\zeta$  values of the  $SLL$ , plotted in the  $\Sigma/\Delta$  plane, when faulty elements occurs on common (SQUARE) and independent (CIRCLE) elements

**Observations:**

- The result are very close to the “full width” intervals case.

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