



Situational Awareness in Generation/System Control Centers of Synchronous Generators' Damping Performance

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- Increasing risk of blackouts due to poorly damped low frequency rotor oscillations
- Increasing penetration level of renewable energy sources changes the power system operating conditions dynamically
- Power system stabilizer (PSS) performances are not monitored
- Lack of situational awareness (SA) at generation and system control centers
- No synchronized SA developed to assist generation and system control center operators



Synchro-Visualization





Generation Control Center 1

Generation Control Center n



Synchro-Visualization of Modal Analysis









- Situational awareness in control centers on damping performance of the synchronous generators in the power system
- Continuous of PSSs for oscillation damping
- Improved power system operational reliability even with high levels of renewable penetration



Note: Real-time weather data collected on 22nd September 2013 from Clemson SC has been used for this study.

Visualization at System Control Center







Synchro-Visualization





System Control Center



Generation Control Center 1



CLEMSON Synchro-Visualization Results PV output 0 MW, without PSSs



CLEMSON Synchro-Visualization Results PV output 0 MW, PSSs with Standard Parameters



WCLEMSON Synchro-Visualization Results PV output 0 MW, PSSs with Tuned Parameters



WCLEMSON Synchro-Visualization Results PV output 83 MW, PSSs with Tuned Parameters

CLEMSON Synchro-Visualization Results PV output 160 MW, PSSs with Tuned Parameters

Synchro-Visualization of Modal Analysis:

- Draws attention of control center operators on system damping
- Draws attention of generator operators on the oscillation modes and available damping
- Aids in decision-making on generation outputs with respect to generator and system stability
- Provides wide-situational awareness and aids in system stability constrained energy dispatch
- System and generator damping performance can be improved to accommodate variable generation.

Thank You!

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