



Practical Use of Synchrophasor Technology in New England

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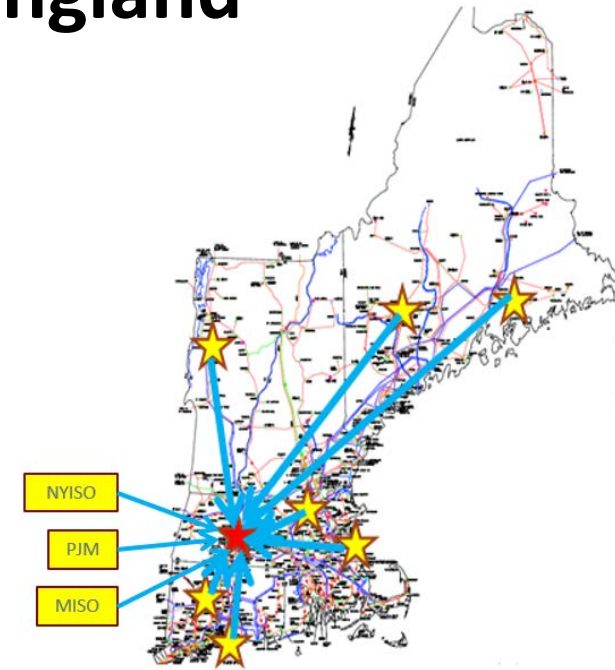
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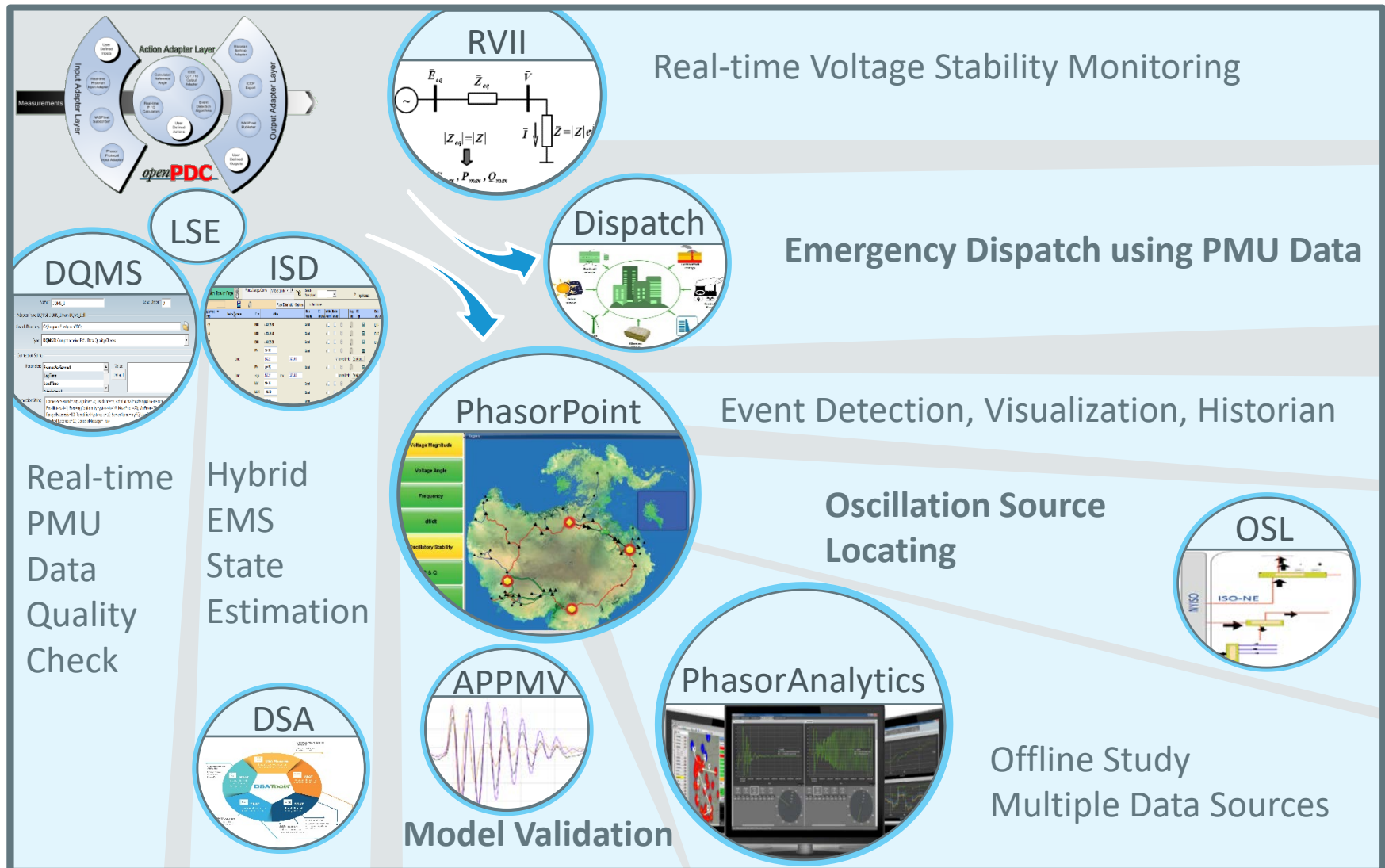
PMU Infrastructure at ISO New England

- Operational since 2012
- Full observability of 345 kV network
- Selected PMU data from NYISO, PJM and MISO
- December 2017: change in Operating Procedure 22 (OP-22) requiring new PMUs
 - ✓ All new 345 kV stations
 - ✓ Point Of Interconnection (POI) for all new & existing generators 100 MVA and above



Stage	Source PDC	Station	PMU	Storage Length	Storage Size
1: DOE SGIG (2009 – 2012)	7	45	73	3 years	20 TB
2: External Data (2017 – present)	10	121	227	3 years	40 TB
3: OP-22 Change (2017 – 2024)	10	~177	~300	3 years	60 TB

Synchrophasor Applications



OSCILLATION SOURCE LOCATING (OSL)



Why we are concerned?

- Since 2012, 1000+ oscillatory events were observed
 - ✓ Majority of these have small magnitude 5-10 MW peak-to-peak, but few events had large magnitude > 100 MW
- Sustained oscillations (forced and poorly damped natural) can cause
 - ✓ At large magnitude : Potential uncontrolled **cascading outages**
 - ✓ For all magnitudes: Undesirable **mechanical vibrations** in system components

Catastrophic consequences of hydro-generator rotor's vibration at the Sayano–Shushenskaya power plant in 2009*

Before and after photos of the plant turbine gallery



- ✓ 75 people died
- ✓ Large blackout
- ✓ 6400 MW power plant out of service for 3 years

* <https://www.powermag.com/investigating-the-sayano-shushenskaya-hydro-power-plant-disaster/>

Objective

- Need to constantly monitor the power system for the presence of sustained oscillations and promptly mitigate them
- The vast majority of observed oscillations are Forced Oscillations (FO) originating from generators and caused by
 - ✓ Failure of equipment or control systems
 - ✓ Abnormal operating conditions
- The most efficient mitigation of FO is to find the source and apply an action to eliminate the primary forcing signal
 - ✓ A number of actions available depending on situation
- The key actionable information for mitigation is finding the source of oscillation

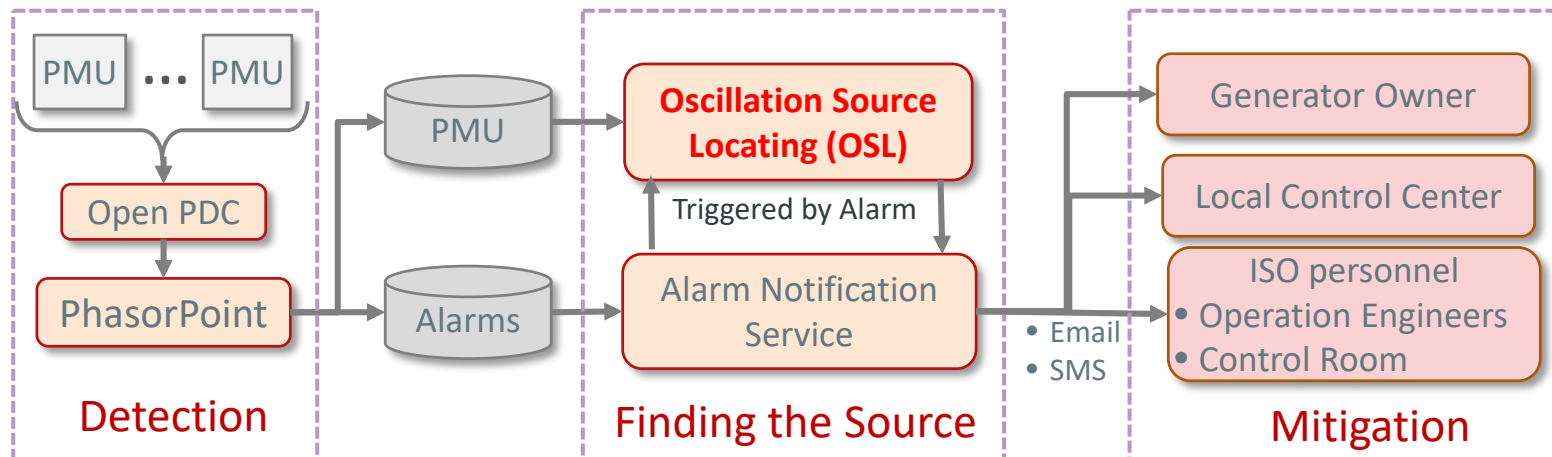
“Source of oscillation” for ISO is a reasonable minimal part of power system (generator, power plant, load, substation, area) containing a physical source of FO and allowing to apply mitigation actions



Online Oscillations Management


Objective

- **Detect** all significant oscillatory events and generate Alarms/Alerts
- **Estimate the Source** of oscillations for every oscillatory Alarm (and Alert) generated by PhasorPoint (GE product) and **deliver results** to the designated personnel
- Fully automated process, operational since September 2017






The content of E-mail with OSL results

- Example of January 11, 2019 event. Email was sent in real-time, during the developing event.

DoNotReply@iso-ne.com | 


WARNING - PhasorPoint Alarms Notification

 DE20190111_034649.csv 5 KB |  P_DE20190111_034649.jpg 25 KB |  DE20190111_034649.jpg 1 MB

----- Alarm -----

PMU data Timestamp: [2019-01-11 03:46:49.967]

Detected Substation: [Long Mountain (13J)]

Detected Measurement: [1  IP]

Mode Frequency: [0.249 Hz]

Mode RMS Amplitude: [12.2 MW]

Mode Damping Ratio: [1.2 %]

Oscillation Source Location (OSL) detection summary:

Source: New York ISO

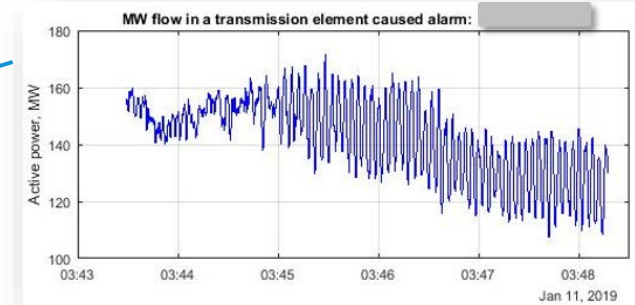
Parameters of oscillations

DE* in tabular form

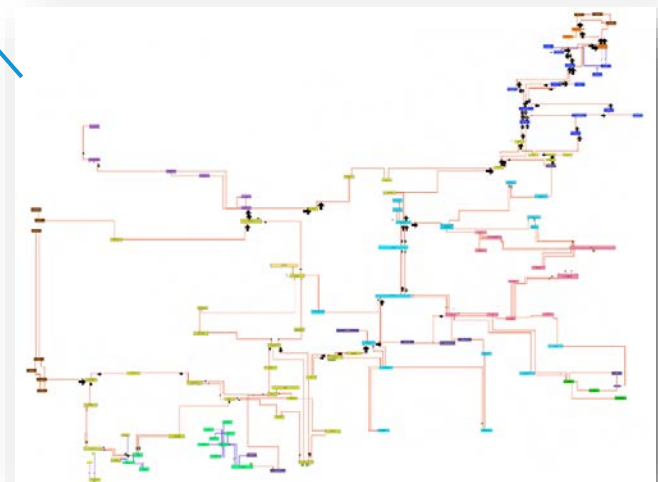
DE	Line	Substation
-1		
0.9941		
-0.9146		
-0.9124		
0.9006	39	6
0.8772		

Results of DE pattern recognition

- PMU only from ISO-NE footprint are used
- That allows to identify that the Source:
 - ✓ Is located **outside** and
 - ✓ In **NYISO** direction



DE* visualization on online diagram



* Dissipating Energy (DE)

Statistics of the OSL performance

- Automatically processed **1200+** oscillatory Alerts and Alarms generated by the PhasorPoint application
- **Correctly** identified the source (generator and area) for all instances of oscillations with known sources **inside** and **outside** of ISO-NE
- **Existing Online Oscillation Management satisfies operational needs for online detection of oscillations and efficient mitigation**
 - ✓ The process works in the **background** and **automatically provides key analytical information** for operations **when it is needed** without the need for human to monitor raw PMU data



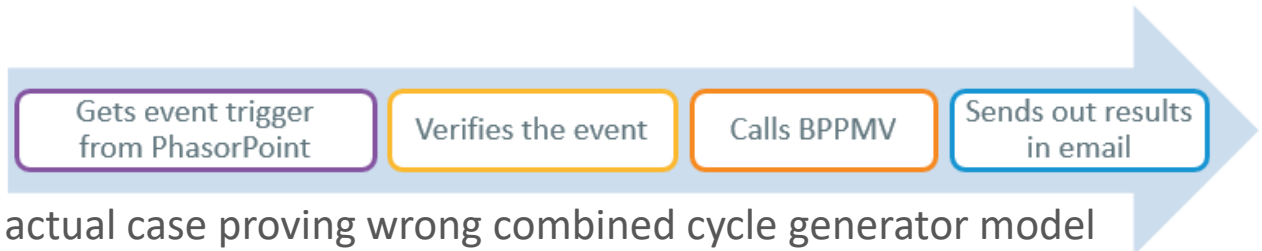
AUTOMATIC POWER PLANT MODEL VERIFICATION (APPMV)



“PMU Playback” process

- Objective: Determine generator dynamic model accuracy
 - ✓ Confidence in generator models for all types of dynamic studies
 - ✓ Support NERC MOD-26/27
- Limitation of a typical “PMU playback”: time consuming manual process
- Need an **automated, online** process to **verify as many as possible models** with **every qualified system disturbance**

- Live since 2018



- ✓ Demonstration of actual case proving wrong combined cycle generator model by using PMU playback technology
- ✓ Identification of a need to exclude specific disturbances from model validation because the model does not account for actual physical process

Often model validation online serves as early detection of equipment failure/malfunctioning

Batch Power Plant Model Verification (BPPMV)

Input

- ✓ Disturbance parameters
- ✓ Generators to validate
- ✓ PMU at POI
- ✓ SCADA for multi-generator power plants

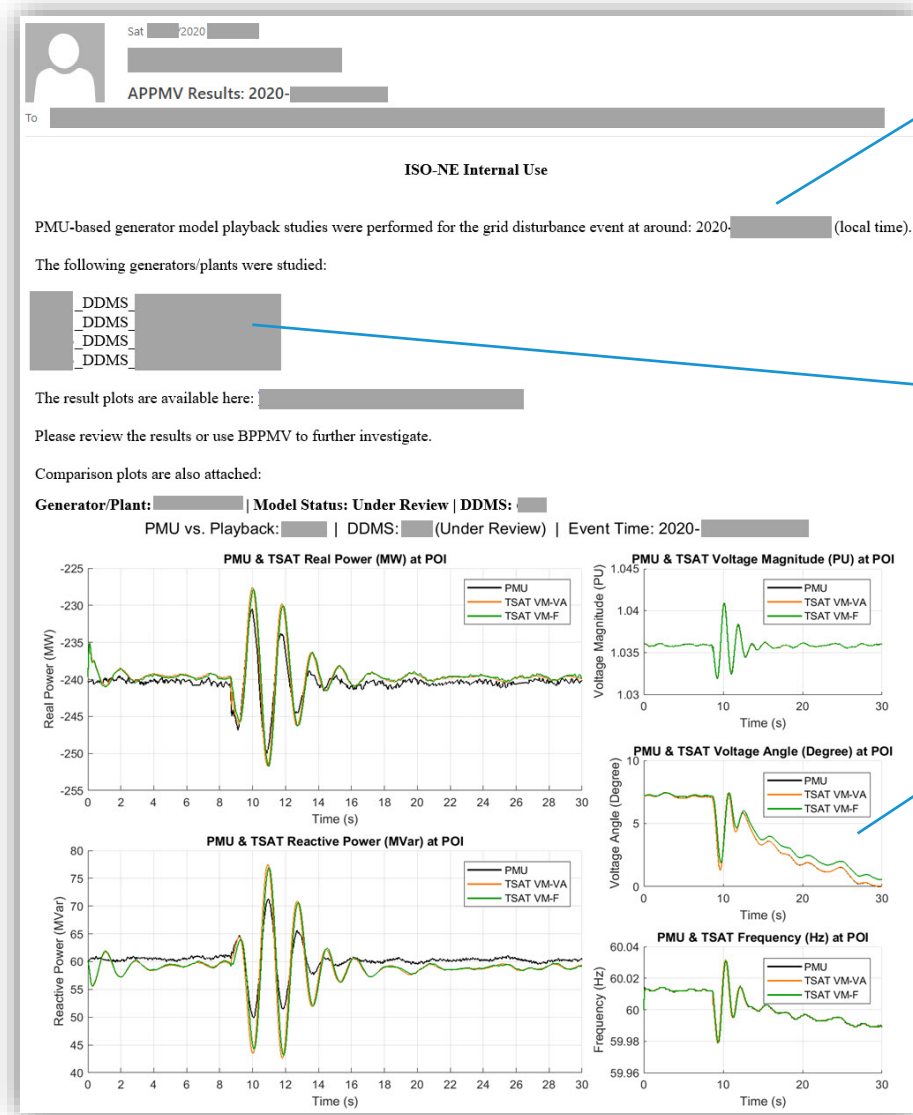
Process

- ✓ Pull PMU and SCADA data
- ✓ Set the initial conditions
- ✓ Run playback simulation in TSAT
- ✓ Generate plots and Key Performance Indices (KPI)

The screenshot displays the BPPMV software interface, which is organized into several functional panels:

- All Generator List:** Contains buttons for "Request Selected Generators" and "Request All Generators", and a list box labeled "All Generator List".
- Requested Generator List:** Contains buttons for "Cancel Selected Generators" and "Cancel All Generators", and a list box labeled "Requested Generator List".
- Event Information:** Includes a "Disturbance Date & Time (Local Time Zone)" section with a date dropdown (mm/dd/yyyy) and a time input (HH:MM:SS). Below this is a "Case Memo" text area.
- Execution Commands:** Features a "Run" button with a green play icon, "Plot Comparison for Selected" and "Run Analysis for Selected" buttons, an "Oscillation Analysis Window (Leave blank for automatic detection)" section with "Start Time (sec)" and "End Time (sec)" inputs (both set to 0), and a "Close All Plots" button.
- Program Running Status:** A large panel on the right with a "Program Running Status" header and a blank area for status updates.
- File Path Selection:** A section at the bottom left with six rows, each for a different file type: "tsat_batch.exe Path", "PSAT.exe Path", "Dynamic Model Path", "Zipped PFB Path", "Mapping Table Path", and "Output Path". Each row has a text input field and "Browse" and "Load" buttons.
- Parameter Settings:** A section at the bottom right with a "Set User Parameters" button.

APPMV Results – example of Email



Event Time

New in 2020: Improved event selection process

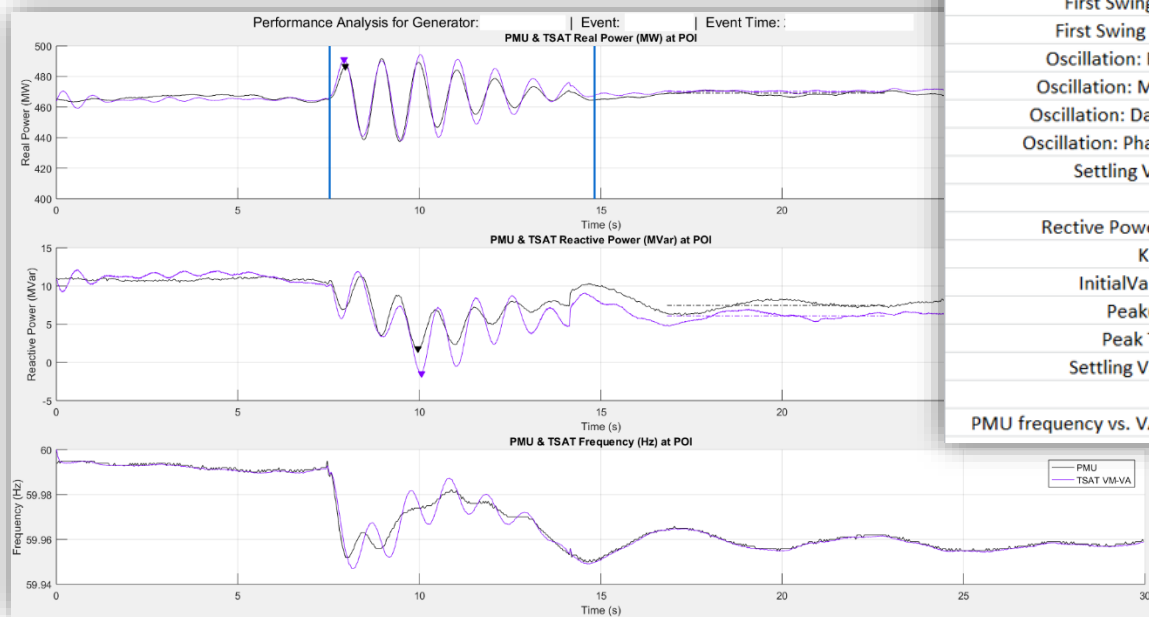
List of Verified Plant Models

New in 2020: The same generator can have several models

Plots for Each Model

Results Analysis -KPI

- Key Performance Indices (KPI) are based on engineering quantities and parameters of transient
- Analysis based on multiple events ([New in 2020, under integration](#))
 - ✓ Designed an event database and overall Scoring System



Performance Analysis for Generator: <input type="text"/>		Event: <input type="text"/>	Event Time: <input type="text"/>
Active Power Comparison			
KPIs	PMU	TSAT VM-VA	Difference
Initial Value(MW)	465.4	465	-0.4
First Swing Peak(MW)	486.7	491	4.3
First Swing Peak Time(s)	8	7.9	0
Oscillation: Frequency(Hz)	0.9	0.9	0
Oscillation: Magnitude(MW)	11.6	15.6	4
Oscillation: Damping Ratio(%)	5.1	3.6	-1.5
Oscillation: Phase Shift(Degree)	0	-5.8	-5.8
Settling Value(MW)	469.1	470.3	1.2
Reactive Power Comparison			
KPIs	PMU	TSAT VM-VA	Difference
Initial Value(MVar)	10.9	10.8	-0.2
Peak(MVar)	1.8	-1.5	-3.2
Peak Time(s)	10	10.1	0.1
Settling Value(MVar)	7.5	6.1	-1.4
PMU frequency vs. VA calculated frequency		Different (may be due to PMU frequency errors)	

EMERGENCY DISPATCH



Objective

- Emergency scenario: loss of SCADA and/or major EMS functions
- ISO-NE's emergency operation procedure MLCC/21 requires “man staffing” all key substations and dispatchable units
 - ✓ Field staff manually read the field measurements to the ISO's control room via secure phone calls
 - ✓ ISO provides manual dispatch instructions via secure phone calls by using approximately calculated MW dispatch quantities
- Potential issues of the existing emergency dispatch
 - ✓ Subject to human error
 - ✓ Time skew of field measurements and dispatch instructions

Need to utilize PMU infrastructure, which is independent from SCADA, for automated and efficient backup emergency dispatch



PMU-based Emergency Generation Dispatch

- PMU data are used instead of manual reading from field staff
- PMU data is used to calculate the Area Control Error (ACE) instead of SCADA

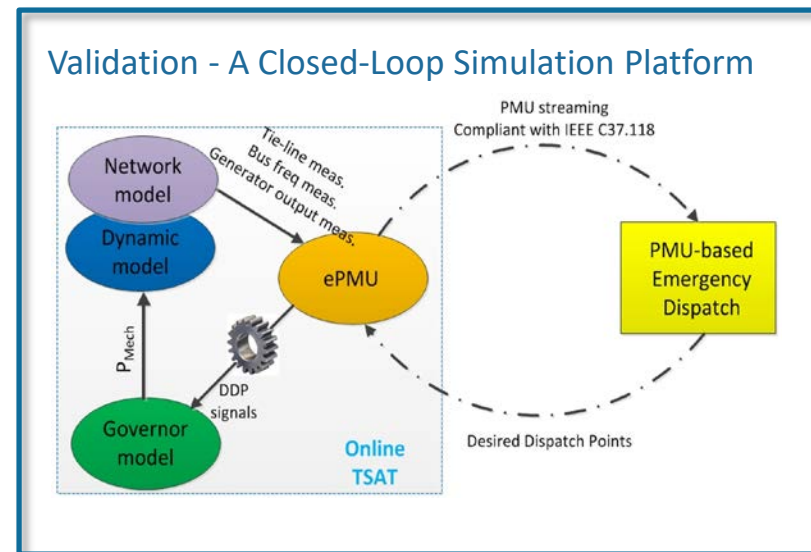
$$ACE = (P_{tie}^{schedule} - P_{tie(p)}) + 10B(f_{area}^{schedule} - f_{area(p)})$$

- An optimization procedure calculates dispatch instructions for available dispatchable generators

$$\begin{aligned} & \min \sum c_i \Delta P_i \\ \text{s. t. } & \sum \Delta P_i = \Delta L(T) - ACE \\ & \left| \frac{\Delta P_i}{R_i} \right| \leq T \end{aligned}$$

$$P_{min} \leq P_i^0 + \Delta P_i \leq P_{max}$$

i	-- PMU monitored generators
c_i	-- generator incremental cost
ΔP_i	-- generator delta dispatch amount
P_i^0	-- generator output
T	-- dispatch look ahead time (5 minutes)
R_i	-- generation ramp rate
ΔL	-- short term forecasted load change
$P_{min} P_{max}$	-- generator economic minimum and maximum operating limits



PMU-based Emergency Operation Options

- Emergency scenario: loss of SCADA and/or major EMS functions

Type of Control	ED network is available	ED network is unavailable
PMU-based AGC	Yes (every 4 sec)	No
PMU-based Emergency Dispatch for PMU monitored units only	Yes; automated delivery dispatch instructions (every 5... 10 min)	Yes; manual delivery dispatch instructions over phone

* ED stands for Electronic Dispatch



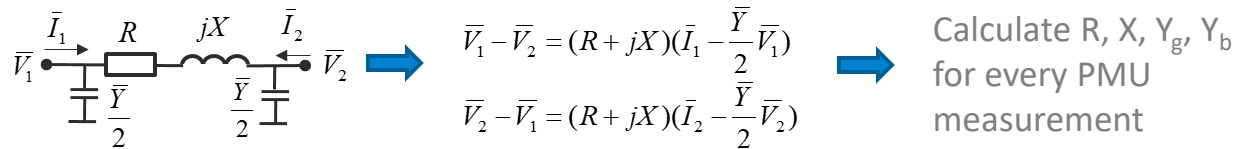
SERIES-CAPACITOR AND LINE PARAMETER ESTIMATION

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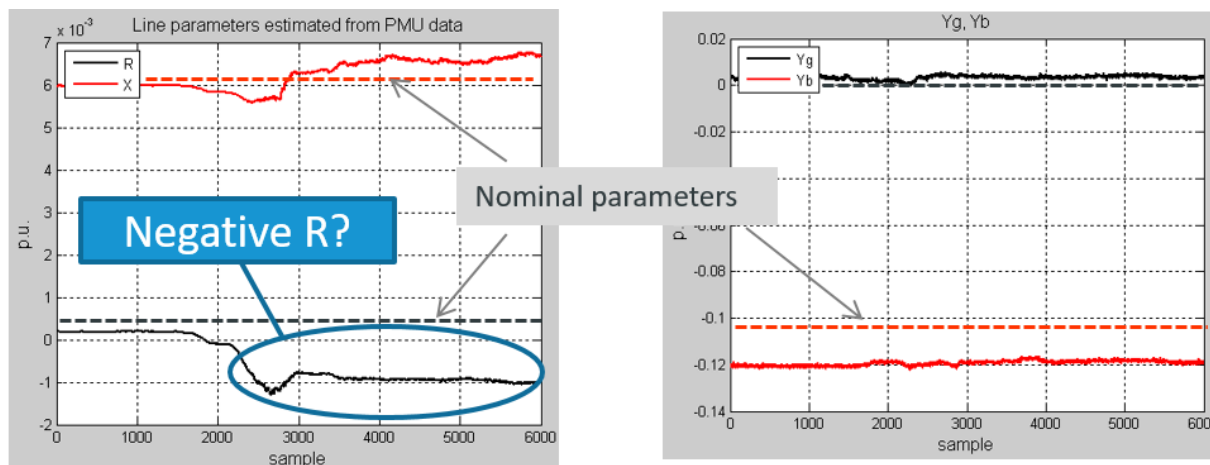


Line Parameters Estimation

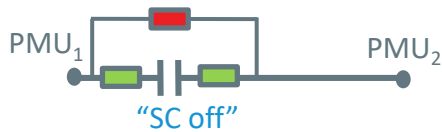
- Parameters of a transmission line monitored by PMU from both ends can be estimated, but the accuracy of the estimation is a concern



- Due to PMU errors, calculation of R could be unreliable; X and Y values are reasonable

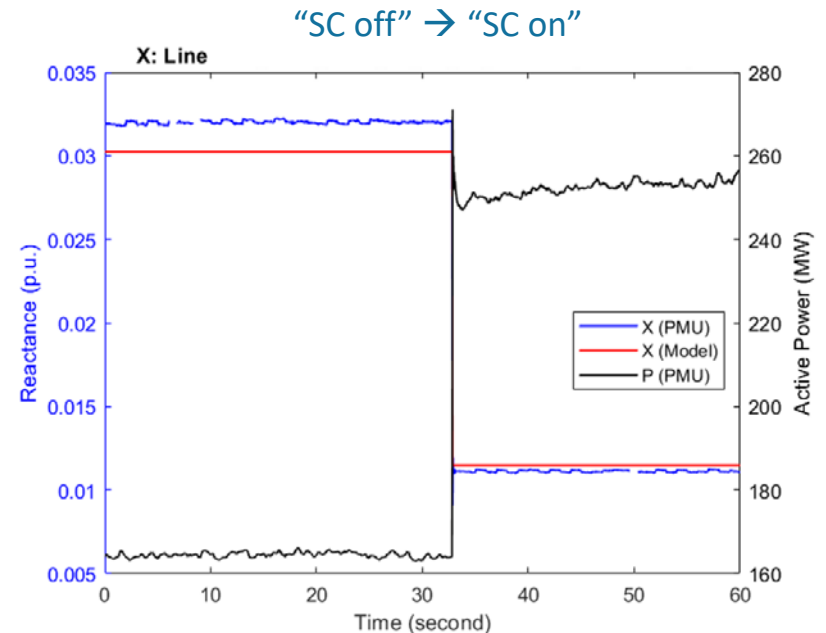
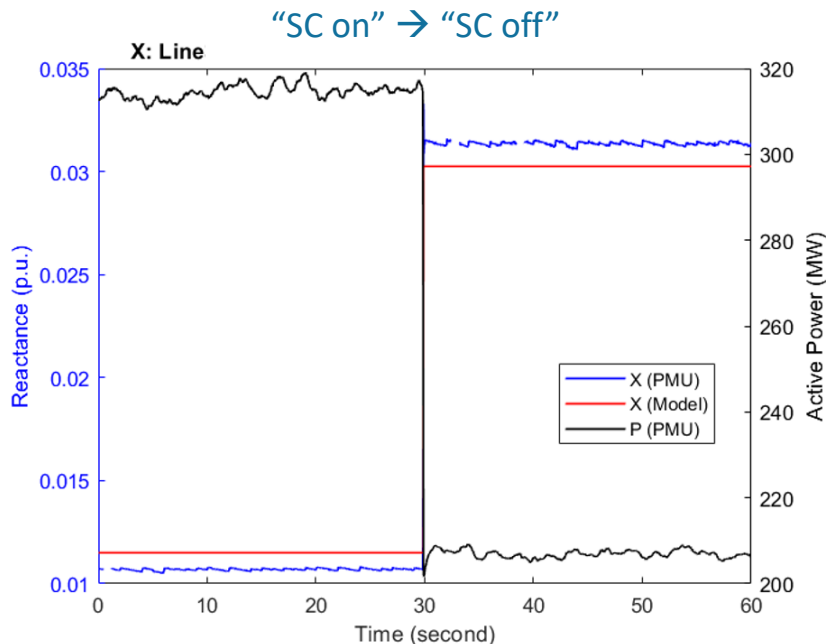


Series-Capacitor (SC) Parameter Estimation



- SC impedance can be estimated at the change of topology: "SC off" → "SC on" or "SC on" → "SC off"; X_{line} is estimated from PMU 1&2

$$X_{SC} = X_{line}^{SC\ on} - X_{line}^{SC\ off}$$



Questions

