

Online Bad Data Detection for Synchrophasor Systems via Spatio-temporal Correlations

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Motivation of This Work

Current Practice

- ◆ PMU-based decision making tools require accurate PMU data for reliable analysis.
- ◆ PMU data has **higher sampling rate** and accuracy requirement.
- ◆ Typical PMU bad data ratio in California ISO ranges from **10% to 17%** (in 2011) [5].

Critical Needs

- Urgent need to develop **scalable, real-time methods** to monitor and improve PMU data quality.
- Conventional bad data detection algorithms are rendered ineffective, novel algorithms are needed.

Model-Based Approach

- ❑ PMU-based state estimator [2].
- ❑ Kalman-filter-based approach [3].
- ❑ Require **system parameter and topology information**.
- ❑ Require **converged state estimation results**.

Data-Driven Approach

- ❑ Low-rank matrix factorization for PMU bad data detection [4].
- ❑ Pre-defined logics & thresholds for bad data detection [1].
- ❑ Matrix factorization involves **high computational burden**.
- ❑ **Robustness of pre-defined logics** under eventful conditions.

Overview of Proposed Work

Problem Formulation

- ❑ Study spatio-temporal correlations among good / eventful / bad PMU data.
- ❑ Formulate bad PMU data as spatio-temporal outliers among other data.
- ❑ Apply density-based outlier detection technique to detect bad PMU data.

Online PMU Bad Data Detection Algorithm

Key Advantages:

- ❑ Online bad data detection.
- ❑ Data-driven algorithm.
- ❑ Operate under both normal and fault-on operating conditions.

Detect Various Types of Bad Data:

- ❑ High communication noise.
- ❑ Missing data (communication loss).
- ❑ Data spikes (gross error / GPS error).
- ❑ Un-updated data.
- ❑ False data injection.

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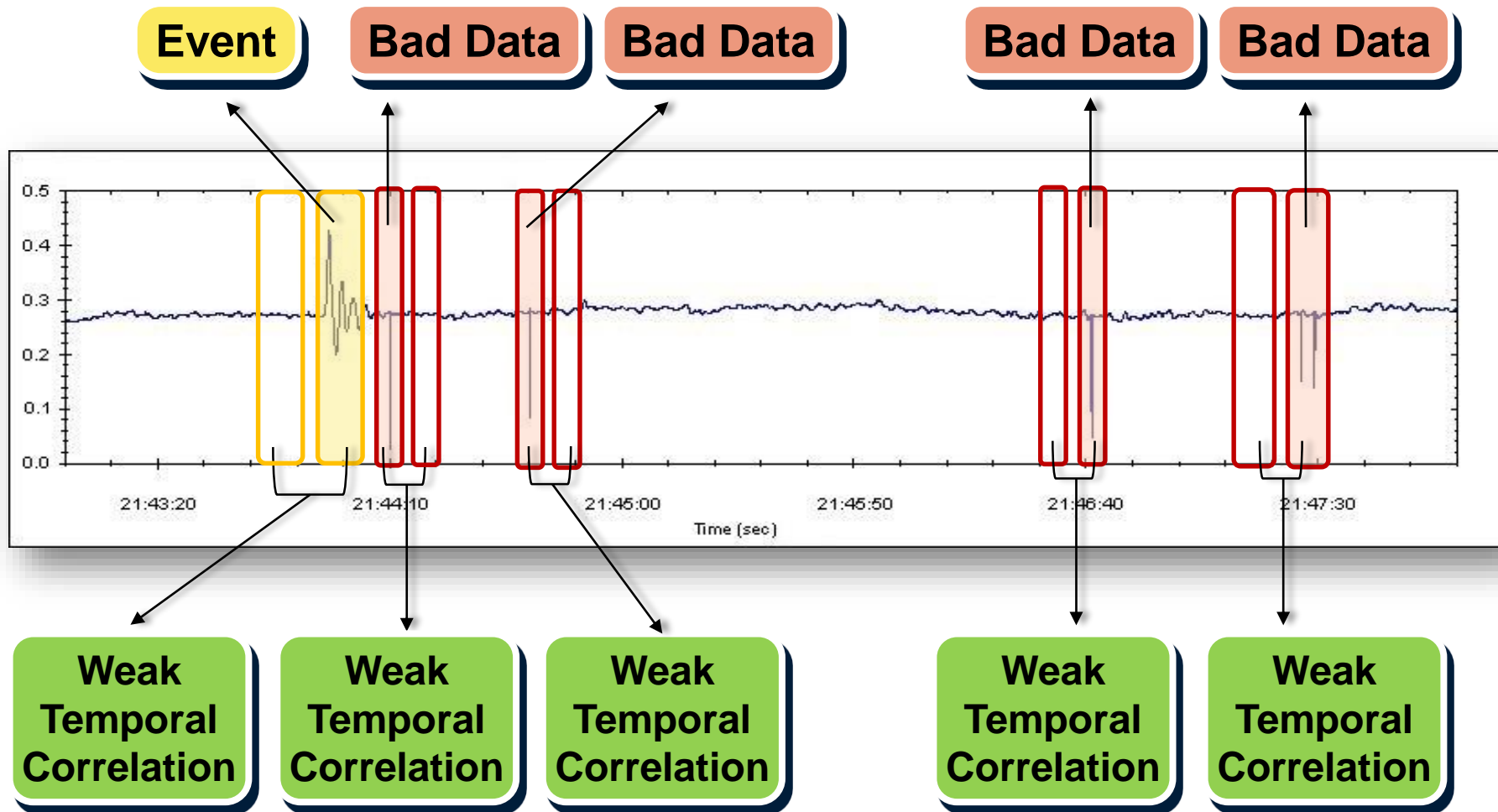
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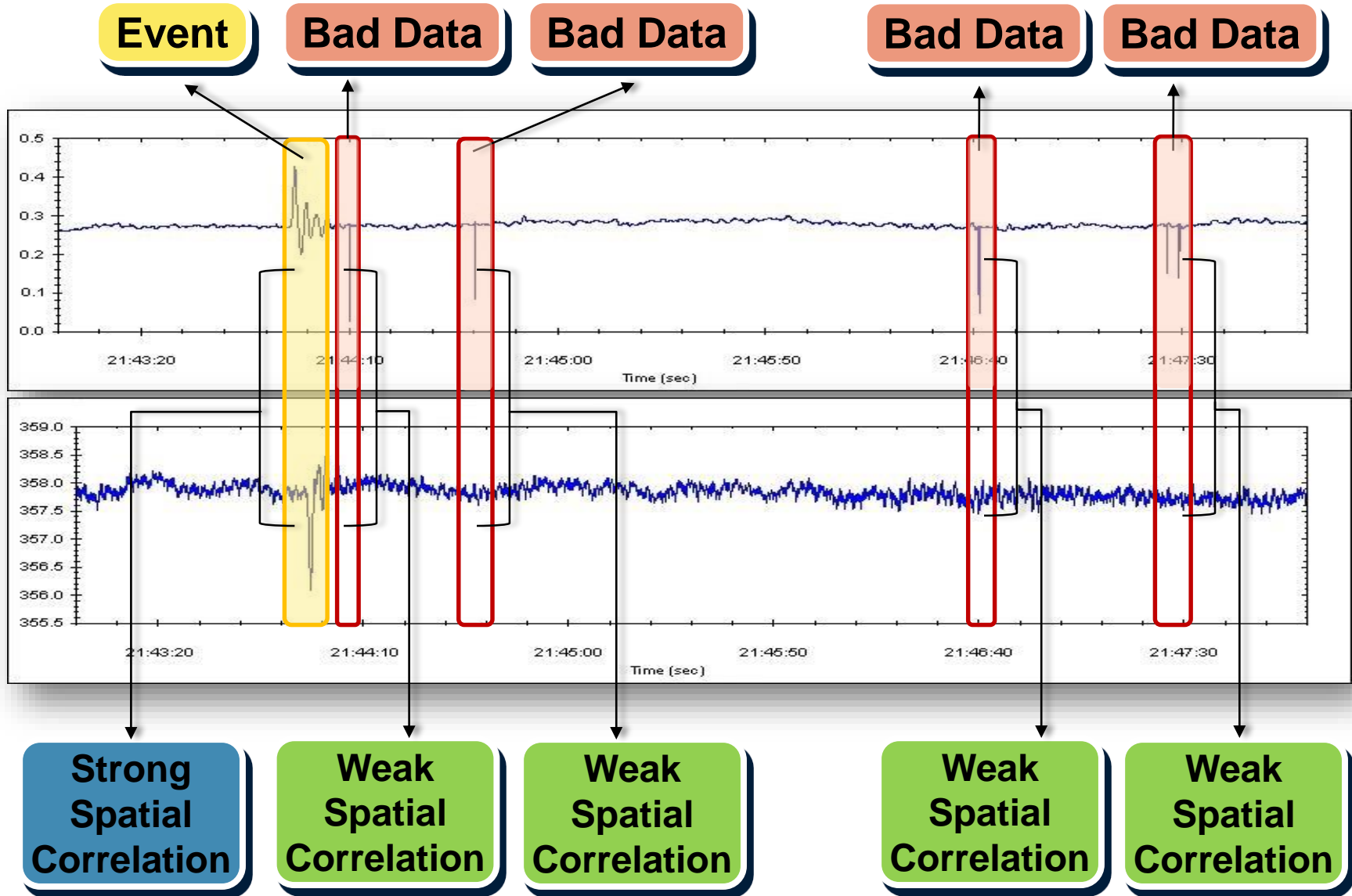
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Good Data vs Eventful Data vs Bad Data

Phase Angle Measured by A Western System PMU for A Recent Brake Test Event



Good Data vs Eventful Data vs Bad Data



Features of Good / Eventful / Bad Data

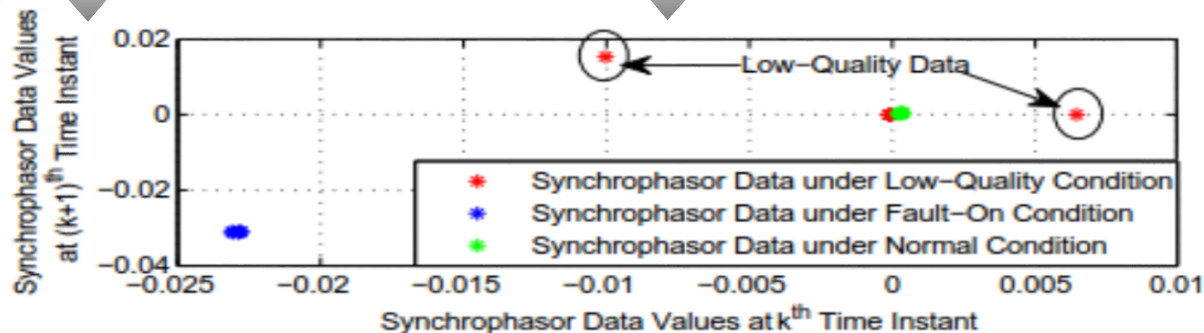
Criteria: Normal Data VS Bad / Eventful Data

- ◆ For a particular PMU curve, its bad data segment and eventful data segment have **weak temporal correlation** with its normal data segment.

Criteria: Bad Data VS Eventful Data

- ◆ For a particular PMU curve, its bad data segment has **weak spatial correlation** with corresponding data segments of its neighboring PMU curves.
- ◆ Its eventful data segment has **strong spatial correlation** with corresponding data segments of its neighboring PMU curves.

PMU Bad Data: Spatio-Temporal Outlier



Spatio-Temporal Correlation Metrics (Distance Function)

- For high-variance bad data:

$$f_H(i, j) = |\sigma_i^{Norm} - \sigma_j^{Norm}|$$

- ✓ High-variance bad data: data spikes, data loss, high noise, false data injections, etc.

- For low-variance bad data:

$$f_L(i, j) = \max \left(\left| \frac{\sigma_i^{Norm}}{\sigma_j^{Norm}} \right|, \left| \frac{\sigma_j^{Norm}}{\sigma_i^{Norm}} \right| \right)$$

- ✓ Low-variance bad data: un-updated data, etc.

Density-Based Local Outlier Detection

- Local Reachability Density:

$$lrd_{MinPts}(p) = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{\sum_{o \in N_{MinPts}(p)} reach - dist_{MinPts}(p, o)}{|N_{MinPts}(p)|} \right)}$$

- Local Outlier Factor:

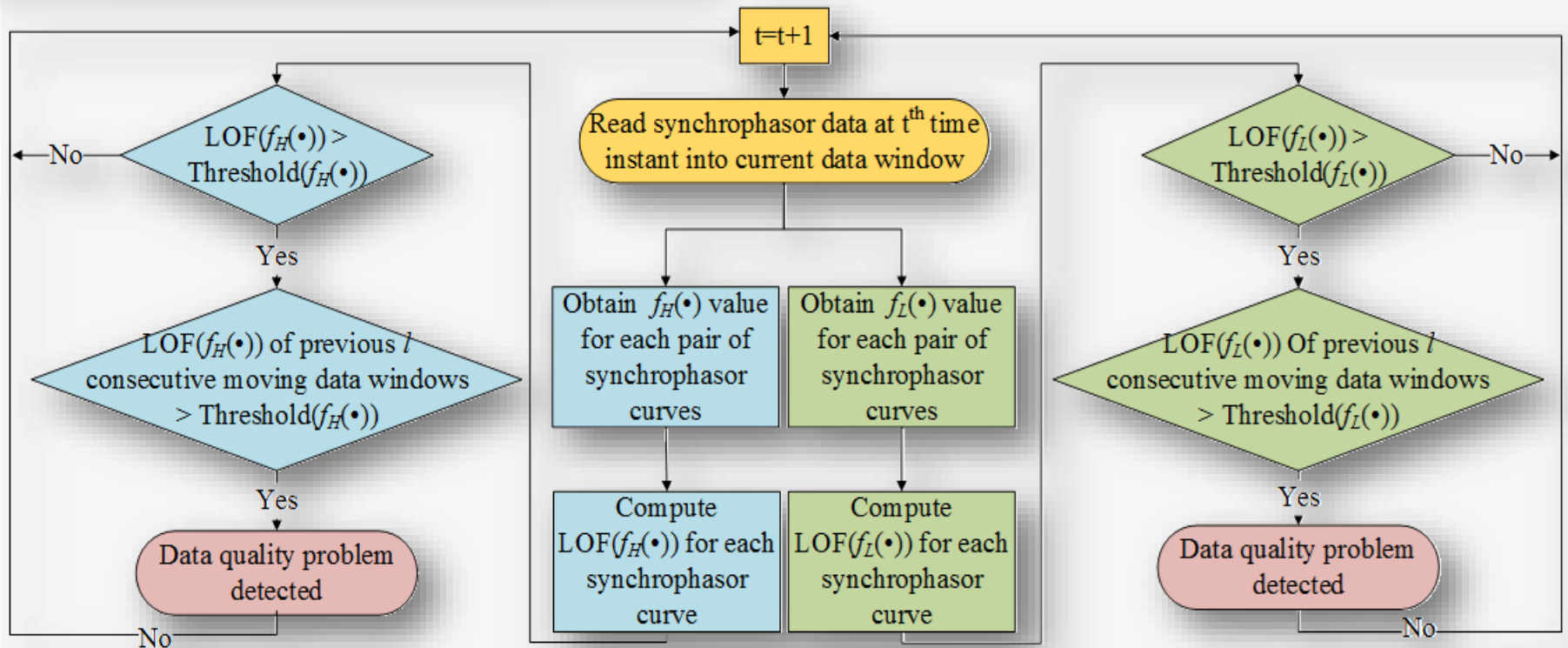
$$LOF_{MinPts}(p) = \frac{\sum_{o \in N_{MinPts}(p)} \frac{lrd_{MinPts}(o)}{lrd_{MinPts}(p)}}{|N_{MinPts}(p)|}$$

- Bad Data Detection:

- ✓ $LOF(p) \gg 1$: p contains bad data.
- ✓ $LOF(p) \approx 1$: p contains good data only.

Online Detection of Bad PMU Data

Implementation Flowchart



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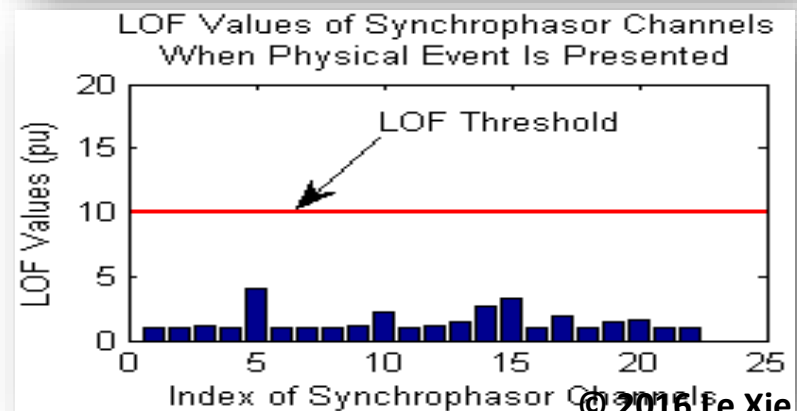
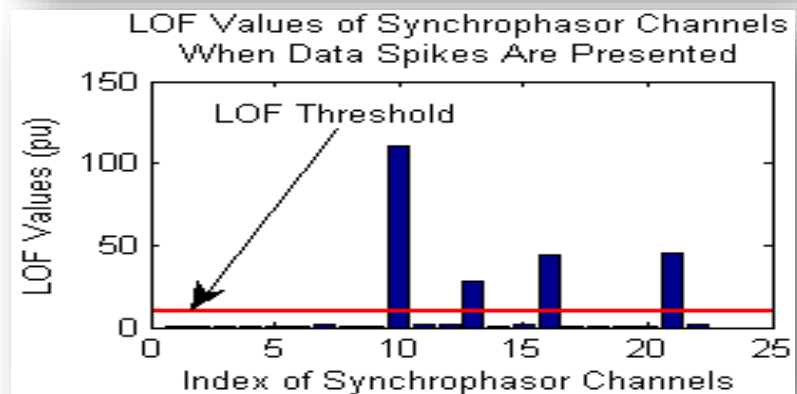
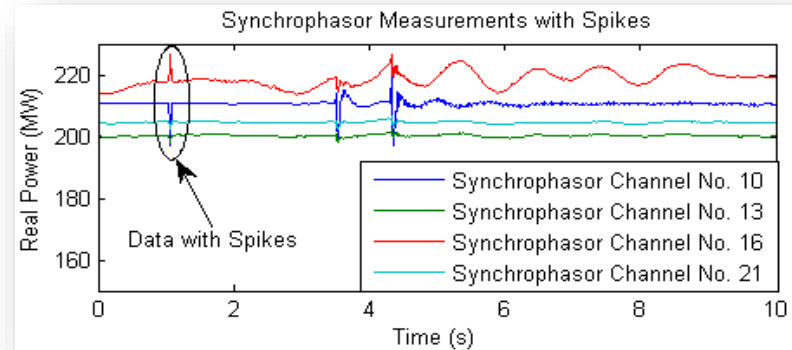
Numerical Results – Data Spikes

Test Case Description

- 22 real-world PMU real power data curves.
- PMU No. 10, 13, 16, 21 contain data spikes lasting from 1.05s to 1.1s.
- Line tripping fault is presented around 4s.

Numerical Results Description

- All the 4 bad data segments are detected.
- System event does not cause false alarms.
- Detection delay is less than 0.18s.
- Computation time for each data window is 0.0197s.



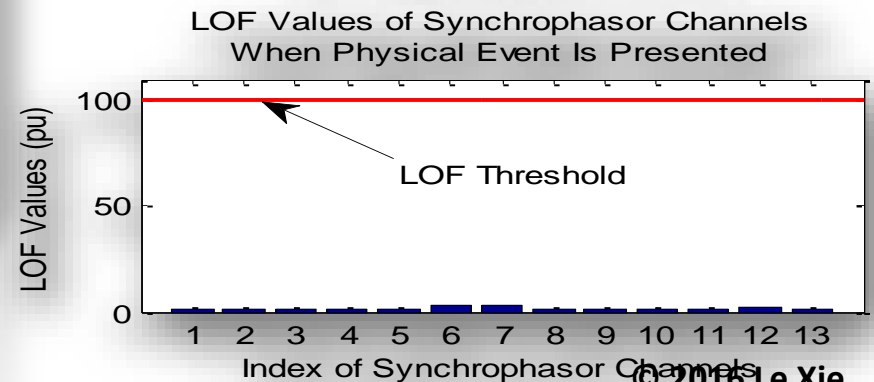
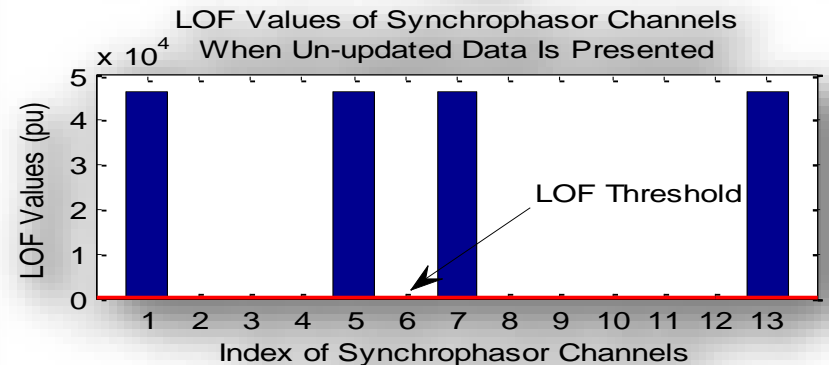
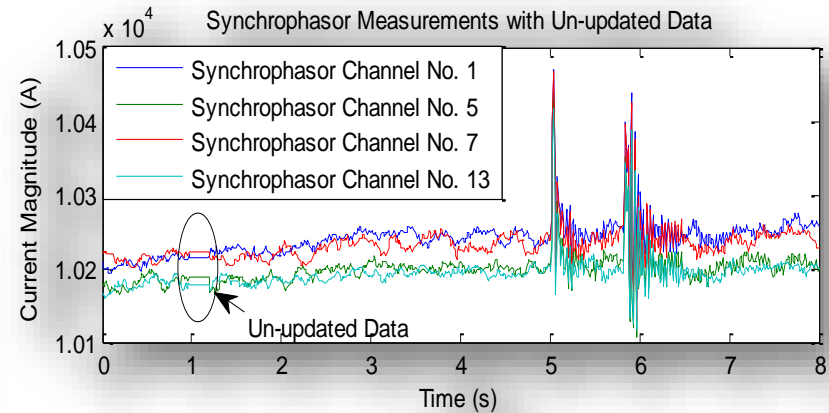
Numerical Results – Un-updated Data

Test Case Description

- 13 real-world PMU current magnitude data curves.
- PMU No. 1, 5, 7, 13 contain un-updated data lasting from 1s to 1.2s.
- Line tripping fault is presented around 4s.

Numerical Results Description

- All the 4 bad data segments are detected.
- System event does not cause false alarms.
- Detection delay is less than 0.18s.
- Computation time for each data window is 0.0115s.



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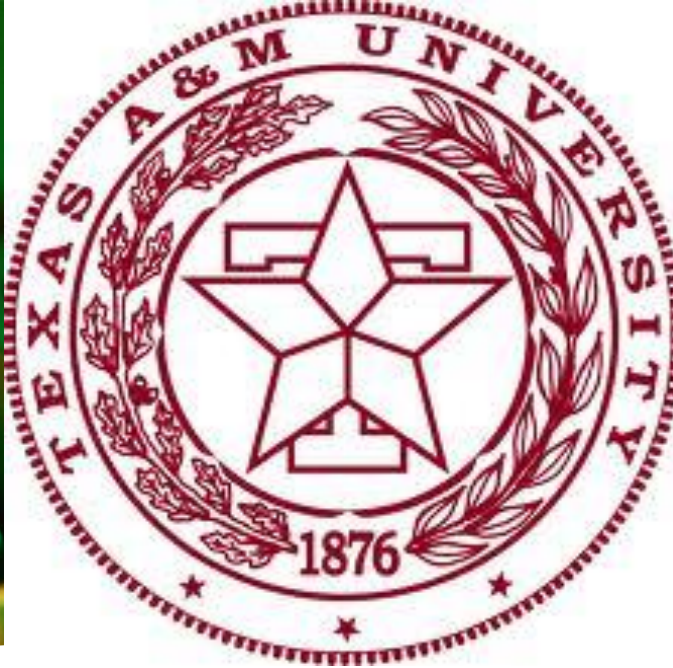
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An approach for PMU bad data detection is proposed:

- ❑ It is purely **data-driven**, without involving any knowledge on network parameters or topology, which avoids the impact of incorrect parameter/topology information on the identification results.
- ❑ It encounters **no convergence issues and has fast computation performance**, which is desirable for online application.
- ❑ It is suitable for identifying bad data in PMU outputs **under both normal and eventful operating conditions**.

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