

High speed, closed loop frequency control using PMU measurements for power grids

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- 1. Reduce generator capital, O&M, and fuel costs
- 2. Enable an increase of renewable mix to lower energy cost



Main Message: Feedback Control with Phasors



Real/Reactive Power and Frequency Control using PMUs:

- Smooth (ramp rate) power output
- Maintain constant power with fixed power factor
- Maintain frequency of local grid
- Control voltage and angle at the POI





Synchrophasor-based Grid Control

O.K. to use Synchrophasor Data for Automatic Control?

- Too fast (60Hz) for control?
 60Hz is no problem for real-time control
- High volume of data?
 Control parameters in PI AF and data PI Archives
- Data dropouts?
 Real-time PMU data quality check and data ride-through
- How to use synchrophasor angle/frequency information?
 Decoupled real/reactive power control and frequency regulation



Other Industries Use Decoupling Feedback Control

Navy ship and army tank weapon control systems Aircraft/drone auto pilot (roll, pitch, yaw, altitude)

Hydrocracker for gasoline (OSI patent, 1980)

Basis weight and moisture in paper machines

Electroslag Resmelting Process Control









Innovation: PMU-based Decoupling Power Control

Real/Reactive Power coupled via Impedance:

$$P = \frac{1}{2} \frac{V_1^2}{|Z_d(j\omega)|} \cos \angle \{Z_d(j\omega)\} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{V_1 V_2}{|Z_d(j\omega)|} \cos(\angle \{Z_d(j\omega)\} - \delta)$$
$$Q = \frac{1}{2} \frac{V_1^2}{|Z_d(j\omega)|} \sin \angle \{Z_d(j\omega)\} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{V_1 V_2}{|Z_d(j\omega)|} \sin(\angle \{Z_d(j\omega)\} - \delta)$$



$$egin{array}{rcl} v_1&=&V_1e^{jlpha_{v_1}}\ v_2&=&V_2e^{j(lpha_{v_1}+\delta)} & ext{where} & \delta=lpha_{v_2}-lpha_{v_1} \end{array}$$

Real Power influences AC frequency dynamically:





Key Elements of PXiSE Control Solution

- PMU based 2x2 decoupled closed-loop control
- Able to control power flow direction in any grid
- Control of "state of the grid" (V,Θ)
- Executes at 60 Hz on standard hardware
- PI (AF) for configuration, process and control data





Comparison without and with control

Real-time implementation using a WindFarm/BESS



Multiple times lower frequency variation with real-time synchrophasor control



Advanced Ramp and Frequency Control in Action at a Windfarm





Advanced Control Technology (ACT) Solution: Integrated Software Built Upon Proven Data Platform





Fast Substation Commissioning



Use existing platforms Standard equipment Set-up in 2-3 days

- 1. Mount Controller Computer & Connect Network Cable
- 2. Validate PMU and Data I/O
- 3. Tune Controller
- 4. Place PXiSE ACT in Service





Demonstration: Reduced Config Time

Using PI AF to reduce configuration time

(XML model import via CIM or CSV files)

- General data model
- Import from external files
 - CIM
 - CSV
- Configuration standard PI tools
- Incremental updates
- History of:
 - configuration data
 - tuning data
 - process data
 - diagnostic data





PMU Based High Speed Controller

at a Major Windfarm with Battery Storage





Demonstration: Ramp Control on Power

High Speed Precision Real Power "Ramp Rate" Control

Mitigates Wind Power Variability!





Demonstration: Hold Power Steady





Additional test – frequency control



Notice the clear difference between Ramp Control and Frequency Control periods.



Takeaway: PXiSE Synchrophasor Control Solution

Power Quality Control

- Fast and precise mitigation of power fluctuations
- Fast and precise power demand tracking
- Islanding via control by zero power flows
- Damping of common grid modes

Financial Benefits

- Supports high penetration of renewable generation
 - Handle systems with low inertia
- Increase revenue by selling ancillary services
- Reduce energy cost by managing demand and time of use
- Faster return on investment of renewable microgrid assets



Potential Applications:

- Grid control for maximum renewable generation
- Direct control of power flow direction
- Distributed regulation of frequency
- Simultaneous control of voltage and voltage angle
- Automatic damping of area and inter-area oscillations
- Real time mitigation of disturbances
- Full compliance with IEEE 2030.7 Microgrid controllers
- Demand charge minimization





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Phase Portraits Before and On Frequency Control



Large oscillations (± 8 mHz) large angle excursion Small oscillations (± 4 mHz) Low angle excursions



State Charts Before and On Frequency Control



Large oscillationsSmall oscillationslarge angle excursion (1500 degrees)Low angle excursions (150 degrees)



Software modules in ACT (PMU based controls)

- Wind farm control
 - Ramp, hold PQ, curtail PQ, smooth PQ, frequency control
- Solar farm control
 - Ramp, curtail PQ, voltage setpoint
- Microgrid control
 - Demand cost reduction, hold PQ, seamless connect, disconnect, frequency, ramp PQ
- Grid control
 - Voltage and angle control at POI
 - Local frequency control
- Alarm system compliant with ISA 18.2 standards



Synchrophasor Data: Angle/Frequency



Intermittent Resources Impact the Grid

Possibility of relays trip & blackouts

Example: Island/microgrid oscillations (average load = 80 MW)



Synchrophasor Data: Power/Frequency

The difference between seeing and believing: Chief Joe Brake





Demonstration: Power Ramp & Frequency Control



Multiple times lower frequency variation with frequency control

