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# Special Reliability Assessment on Oscillatory Modes in North American Interconnections

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# Special Reliability Assessment

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for providing  
PMU data.



# Objectives

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- Analyze **PMU event data** from Eastern, Western, and Texas interconnections
- Inter-Area Modes: what modes, damping levels, mode shapes, energy...
- Seasonal properties
- Interactions with forced oscillations
- PMU data for 8 events in each interconnection collected
- Compare with model based simulations



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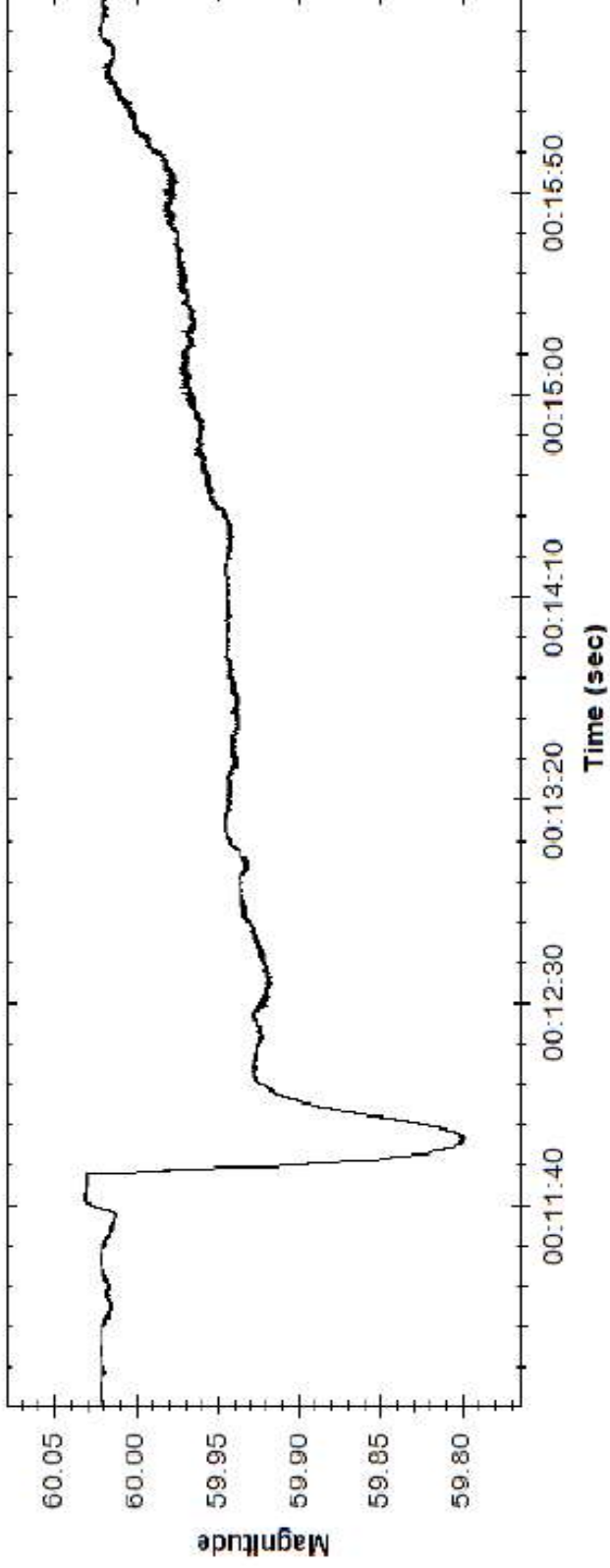
# Report Outline

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- **Inter-Area Oscillations Fundamentals**
- **Analysis Techniques**
- **Event Analysis Results: Eastern, Western and Texas Interconnections**
- **Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations**
- **Appendices: Analysis methods**



# Texas Interconnection Event 5

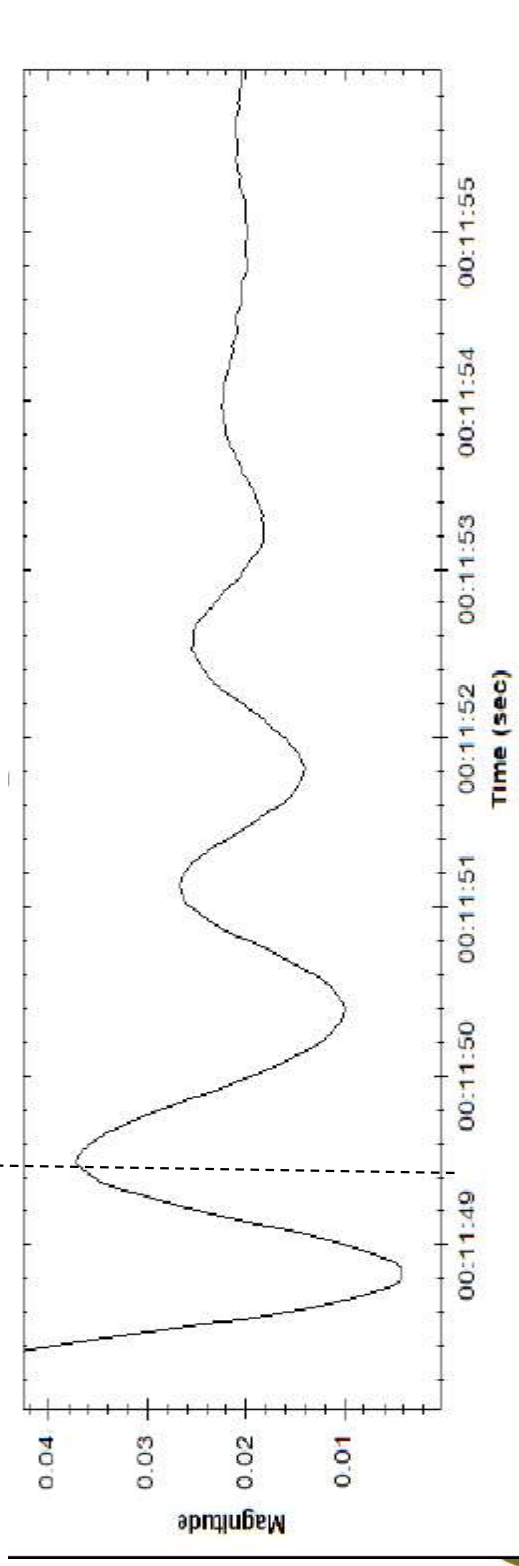
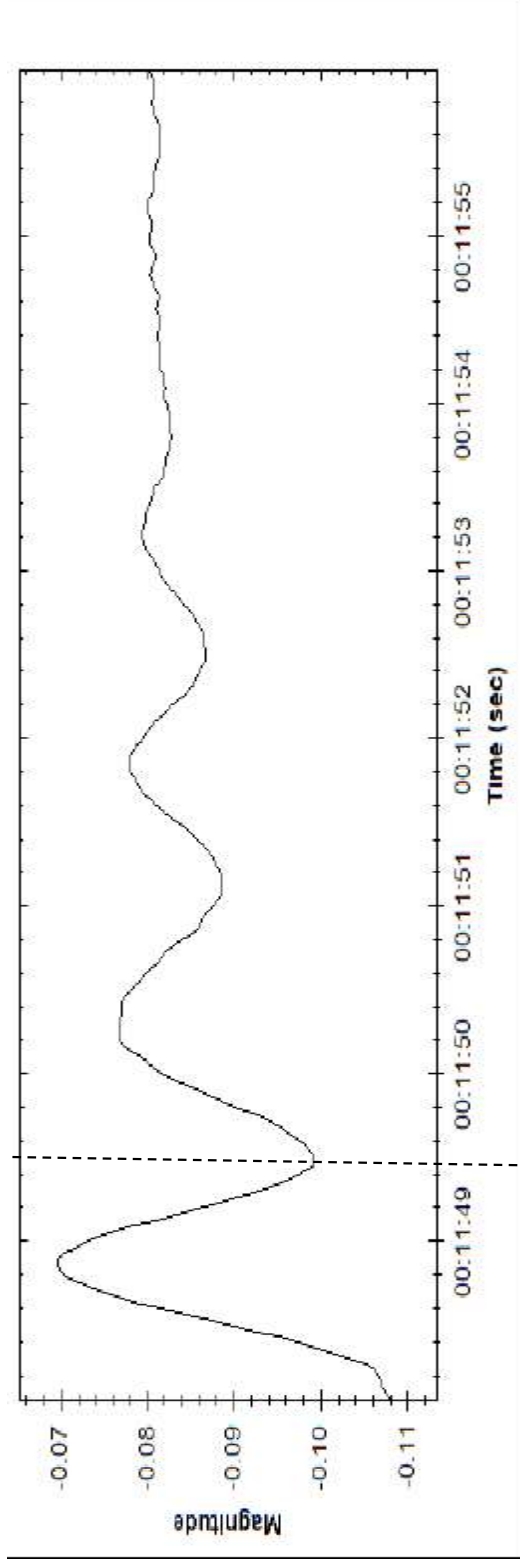


Generator outage event at 00:11:48  
Frequency hits minimum 59.80 Hz at 00:11:51  
Recovers to 60 Hz by 00:16:09



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# Phase Angles Relative to Center



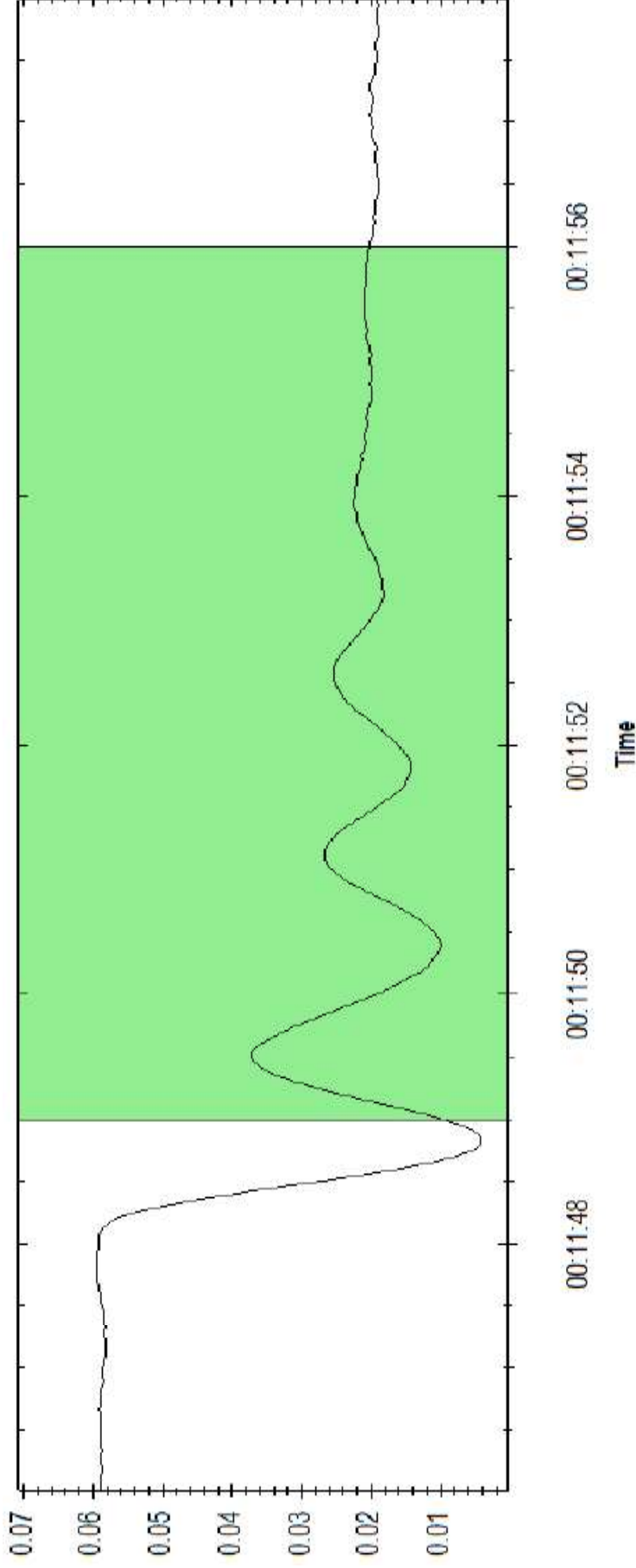
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# Analysis using Relative Bus Phase Angles (wrt Center)

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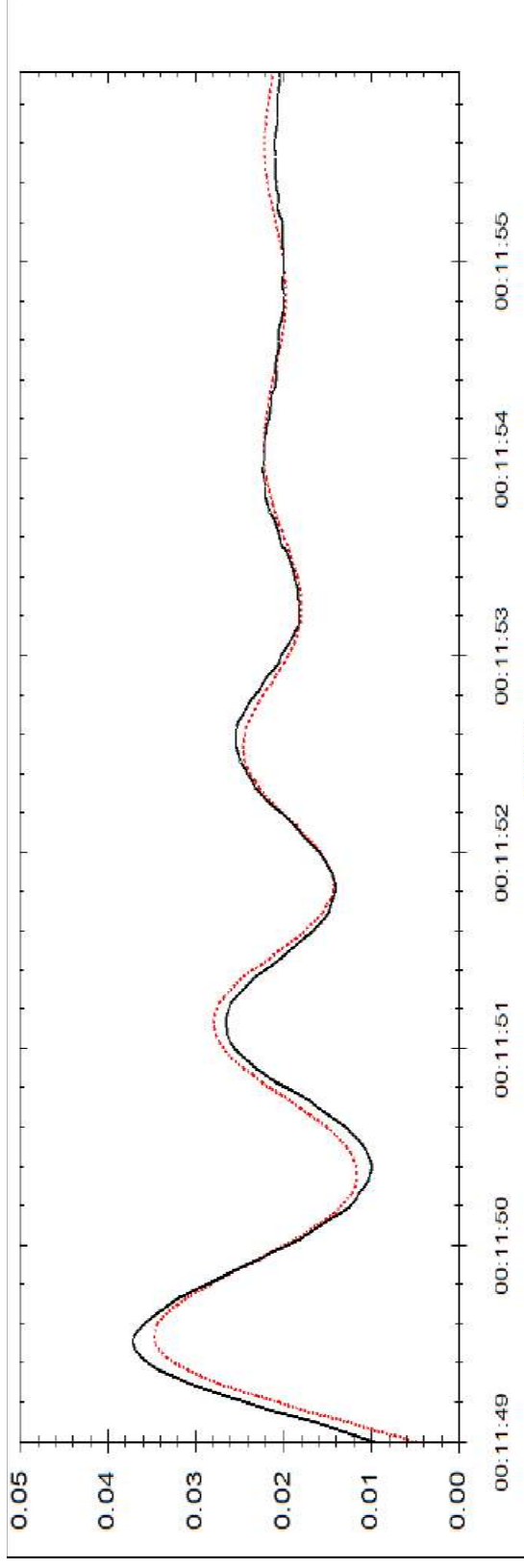
Ringdown Analysis window from

00:11:49 to 00:11:56

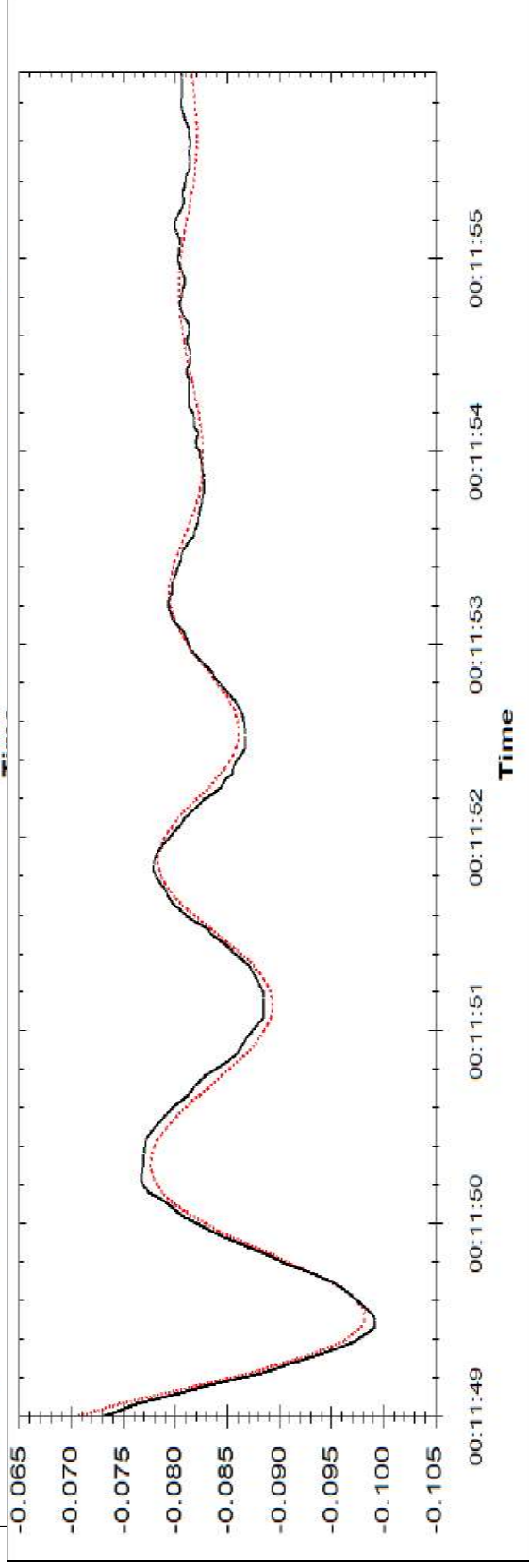


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# Ringdown Analysis and Reconstructed Signals



South  
Texas



North  
Texas



# Ringdown Analysis using ERA

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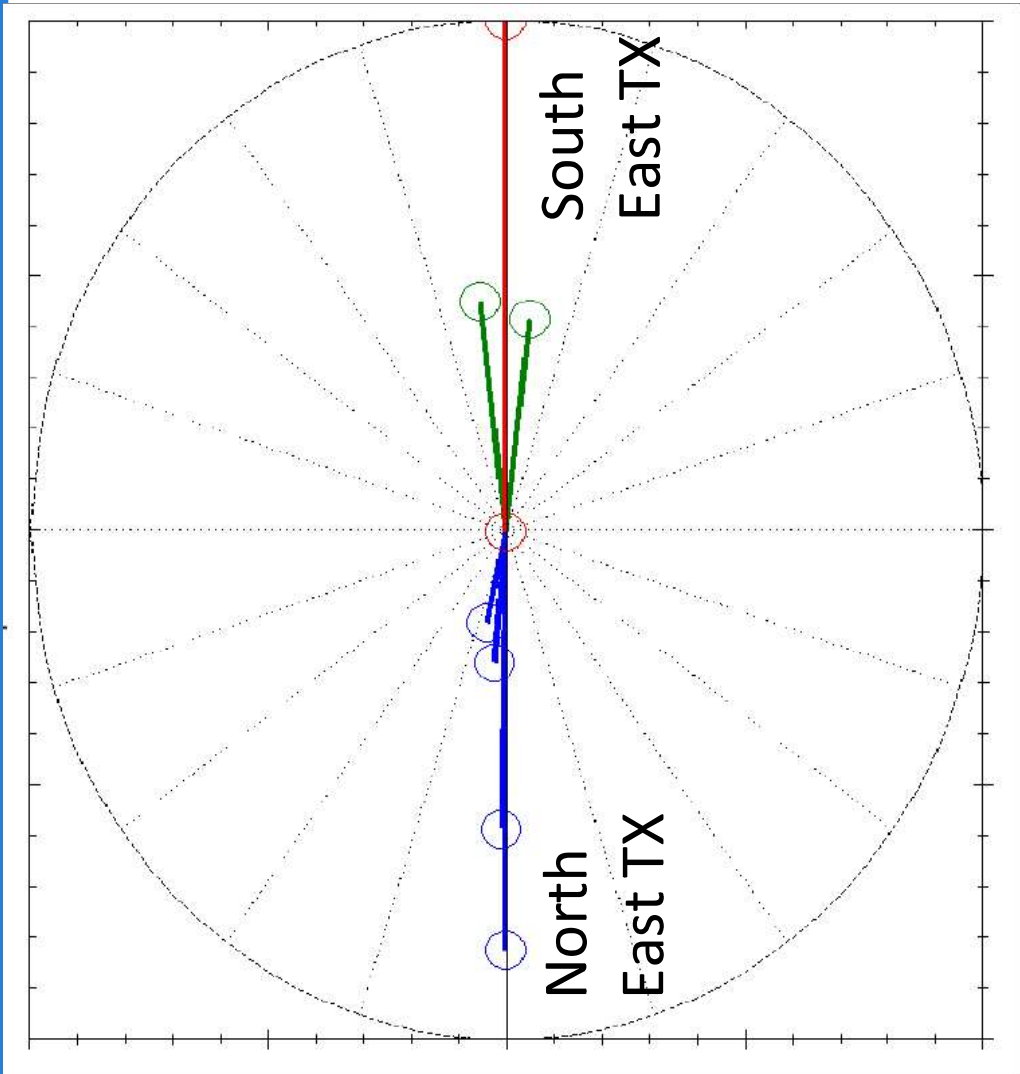
Mode Frequency (Hz)	Damping Ratio (%)	Relative Energy
0.67	11	95

- Modes with relative energy less than 10% are not shown.
- 13 Relative bus voltage phase angle signals used.
- HTLS, ERA, Matrix Pencil and Prony agree for the main 0.67 Hz mode.
- 7 second Analysis window.



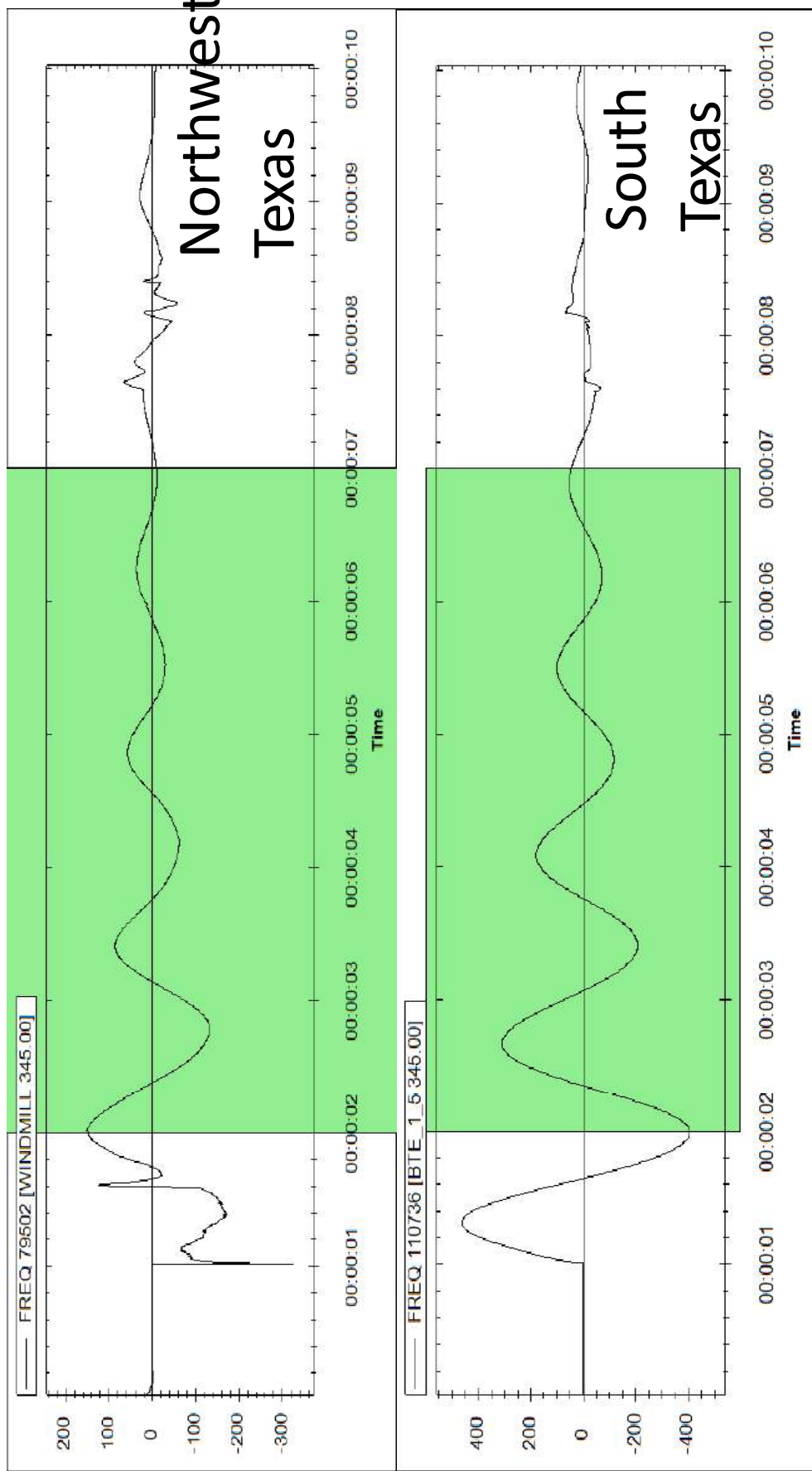
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# Mode Shape of the Dominant Mode



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# Simulated Case 1 Frequencies wrt Panda



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# Ringdown Analysis Results for Window 2 to 7 sec

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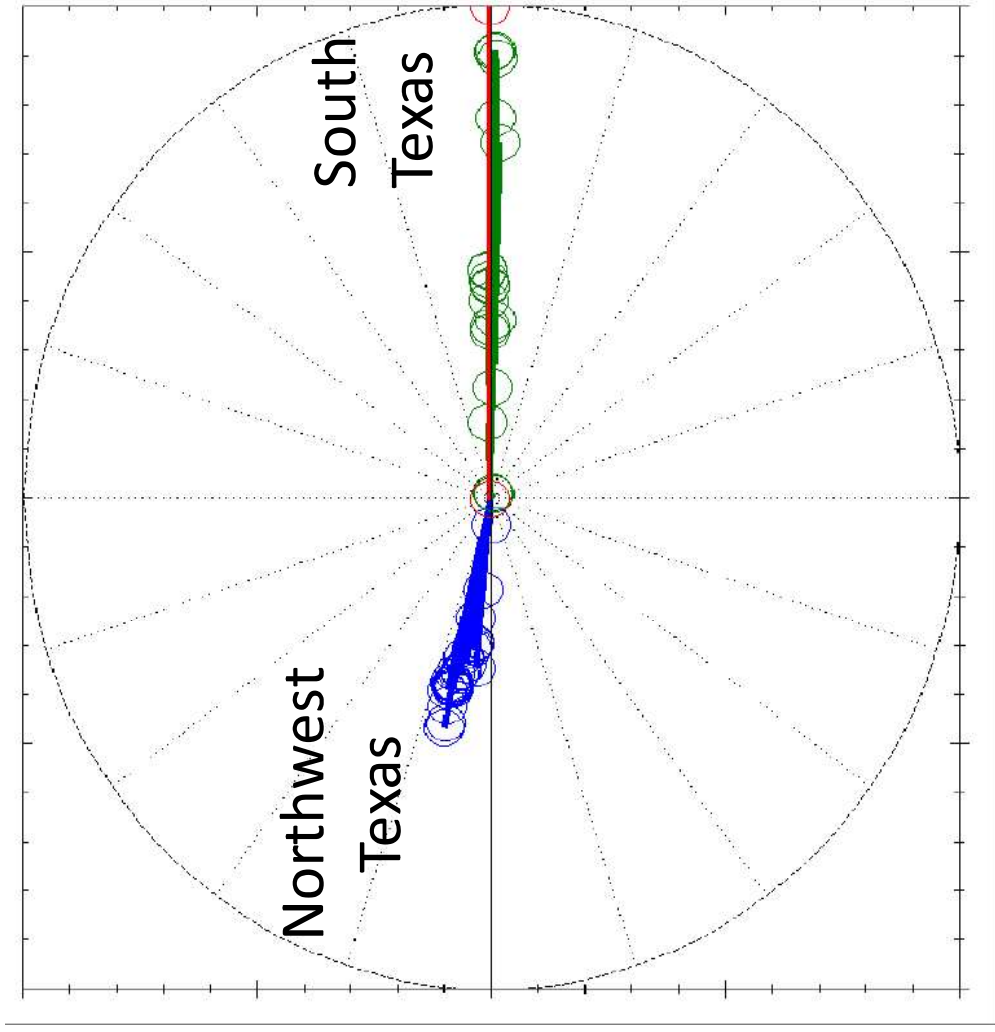
Method	Prony	Matrix Pencil	HTLS	ERA
Mode 1 Freq	0.713	0.713	0.713	0.713
Mode 1 Damp Ratio	9.16	8.67	8.67	8.67
Mode 1 Energy (%)	96.71	99.10	99.10	99.10

- 51 Bus Frequencies (Panda 345 bus freq used as reference)
- Analysis window 2 to 7 seconds
- NORTHDC7\_345 and EDISON7A\_345 dropped from analysis



# HTLS Mode Shape of 0.71 Hz Mode

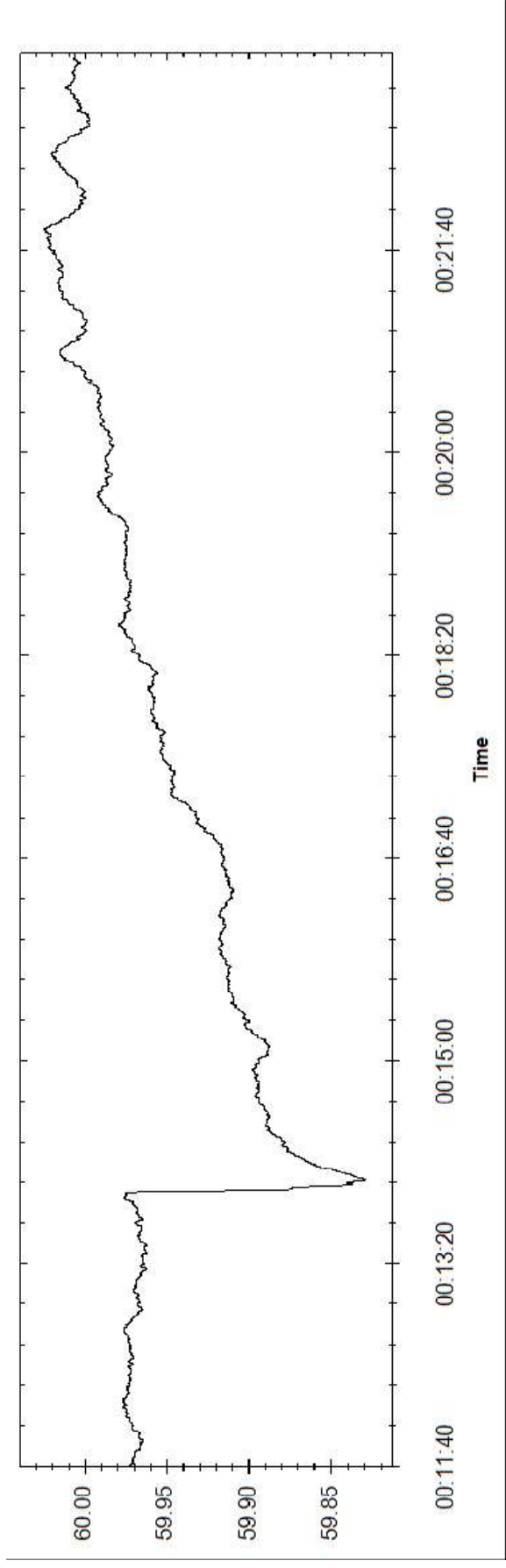
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# WECC Case 1 Arizona Bus Frequency

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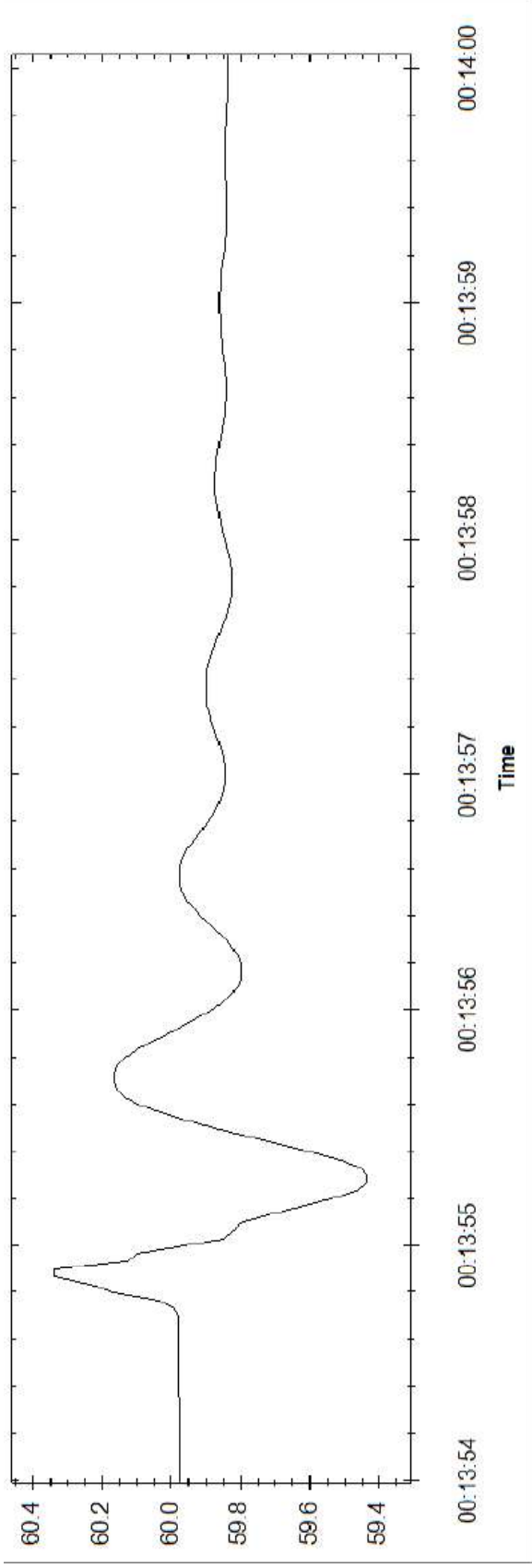
Colorado generator outage event at 00:13:55  
Frequency hits minimum 59.83 Hz at 00:14:01  
Recovers to 60 Hz by 00:20:39.



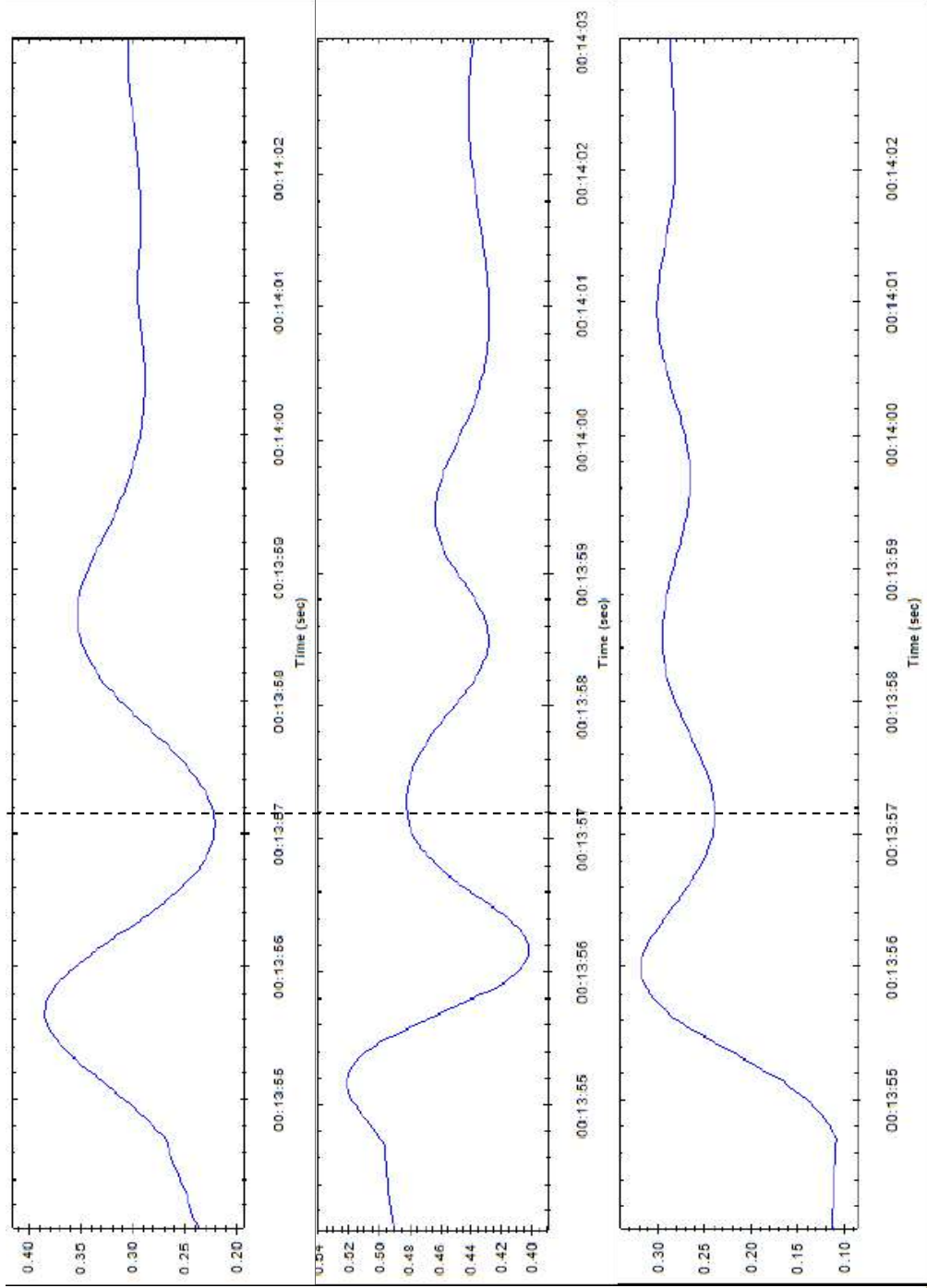
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# Montana Bus Frequency

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# Phase Angles Relative to COI bus



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Columbia

Arizona



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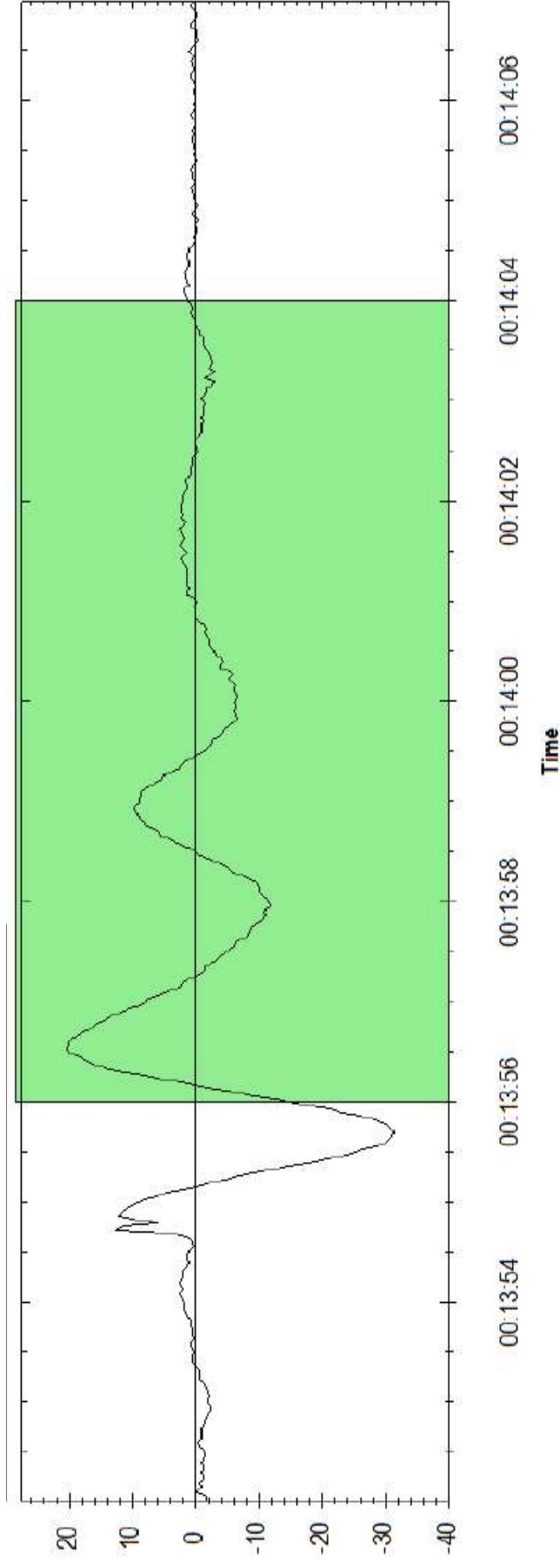
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# Analysis using Relative Bus Frequencies (wrt COI bus)

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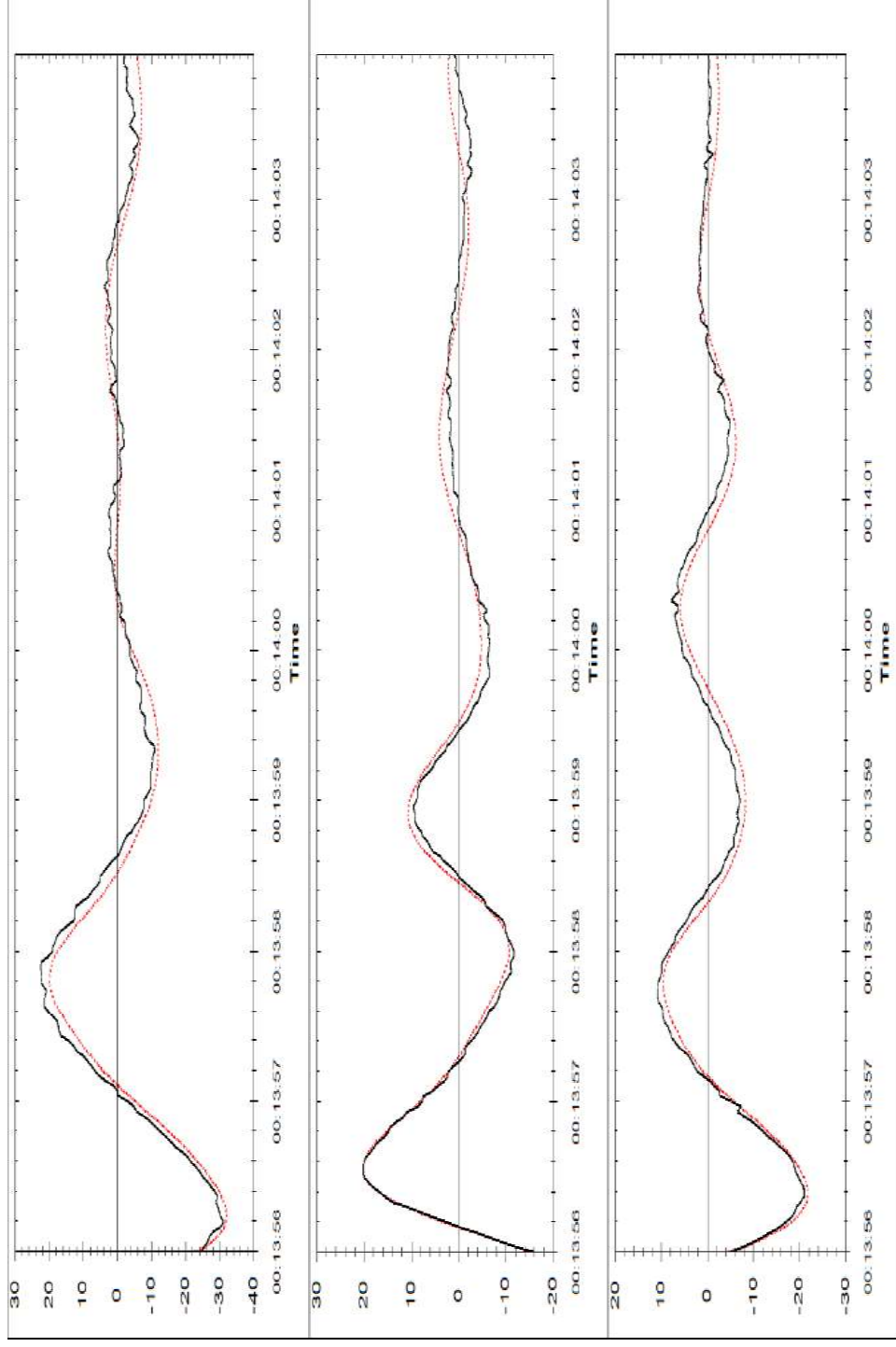


Ringdown Analysis window from 00:13:56 to 00:14:04



# Ringdown Analysis and Reconstructed Signals

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# Ringdown Analysis using HTLS

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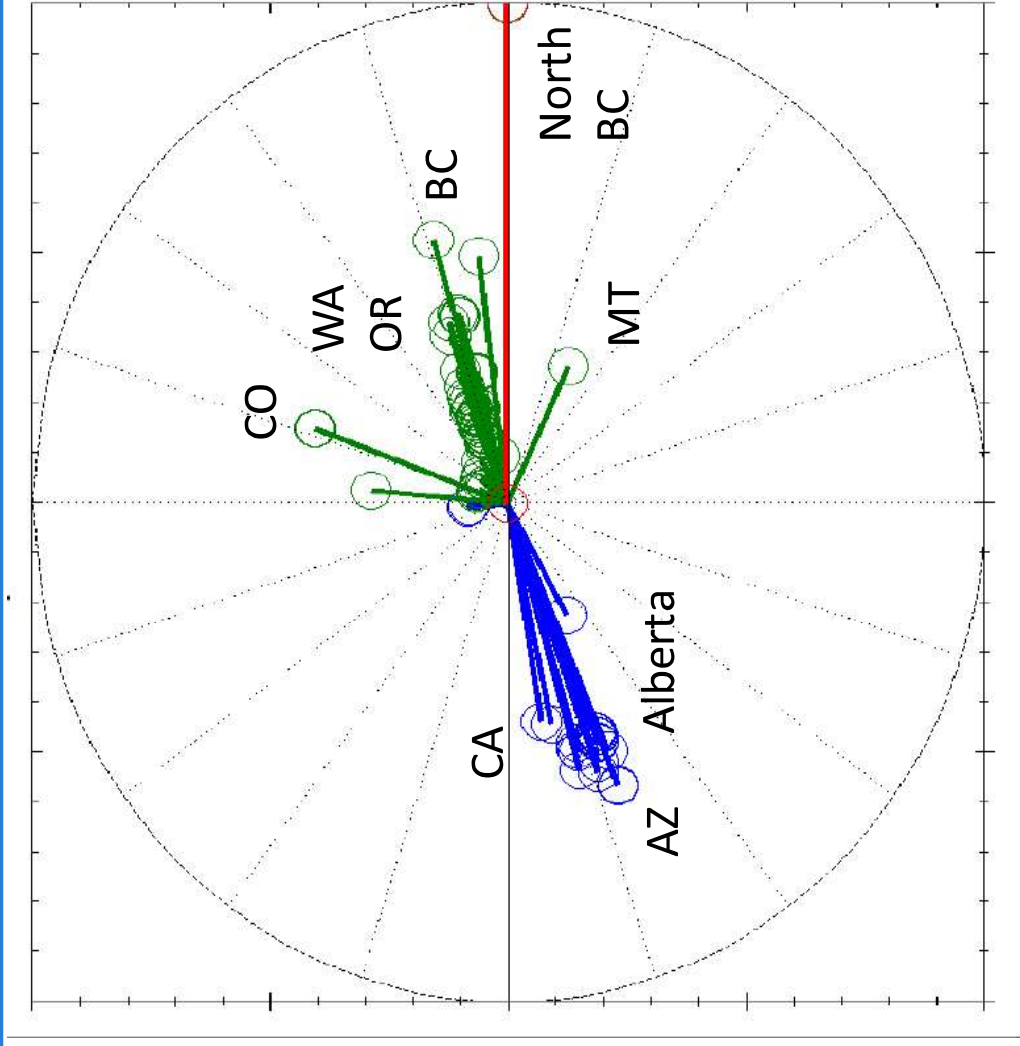
Mode Frequency (Hz)	Damping Ratio (%)	Relative Energy (%)
0.42	12	51
1.29	8	31

- Modes with relative energy less than 10% are not shown.
- 128 Relative bus frequency signals used.
- HTLS, ERA, Matrix Pencil and Prony agree for the main 0.42 Hz mode.
- 8 second Analysis window.



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# Mode Shape of the 0.42 Hz Mode



0.42 Hz mode  
at around 12%  
damping ratio



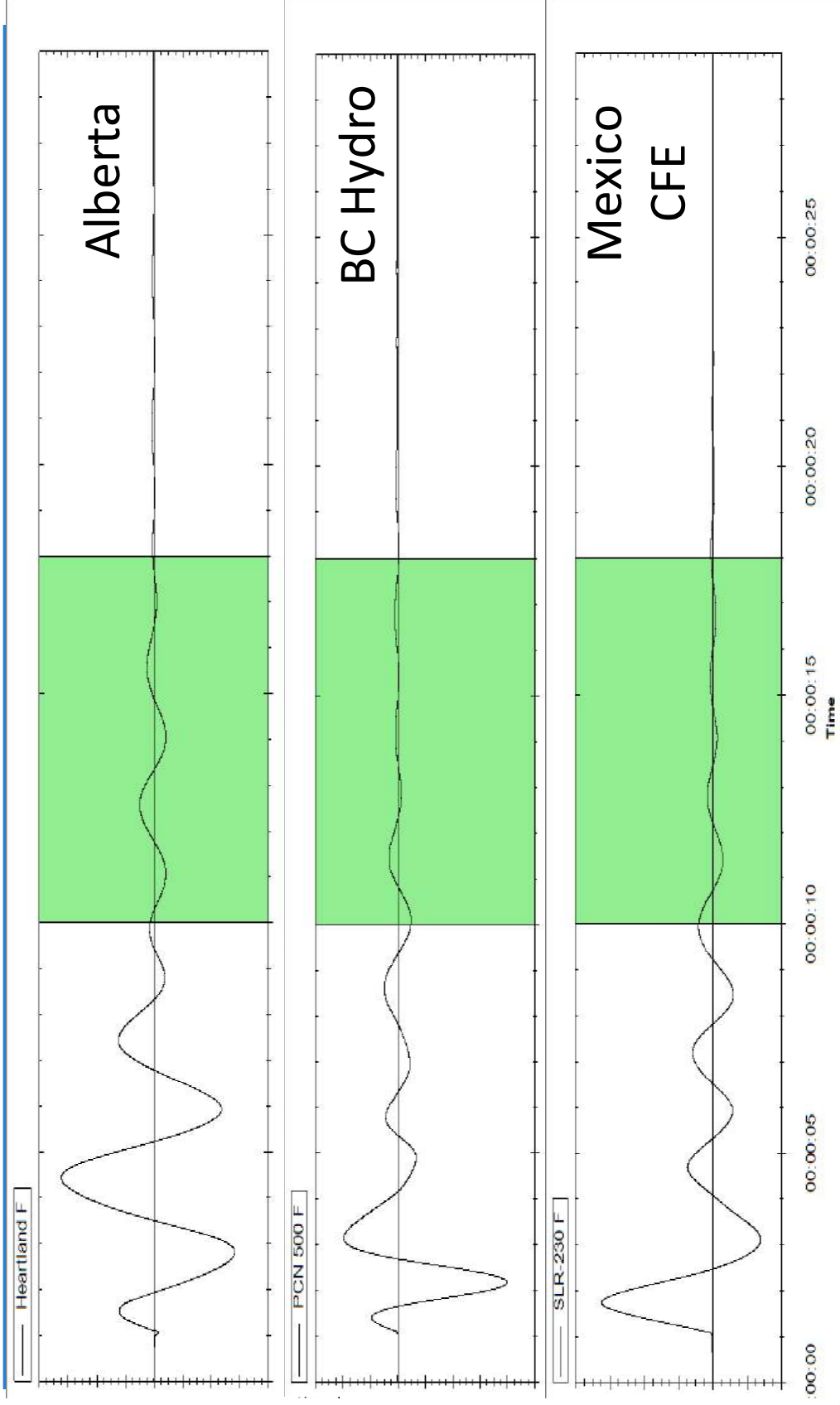
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# Simulated WECC Case 1 Frequencies

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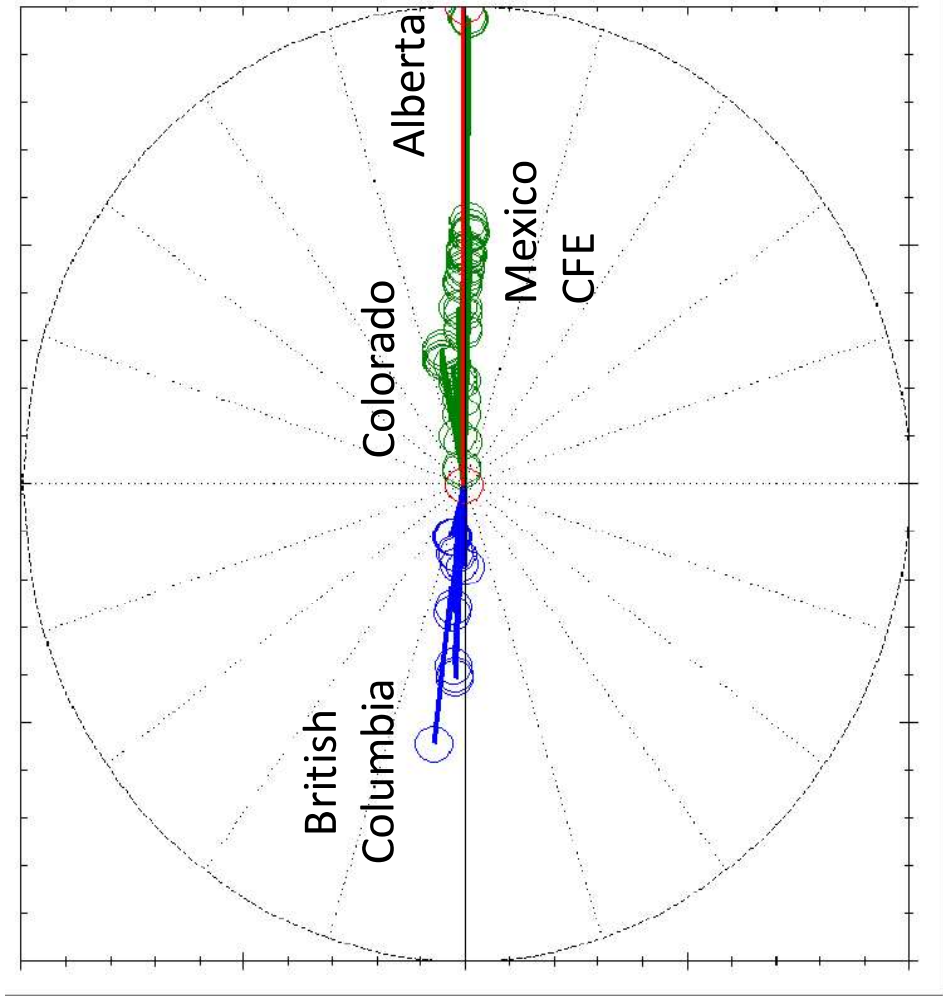
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# Prony Mode Shape of 0.37 Hz Mode

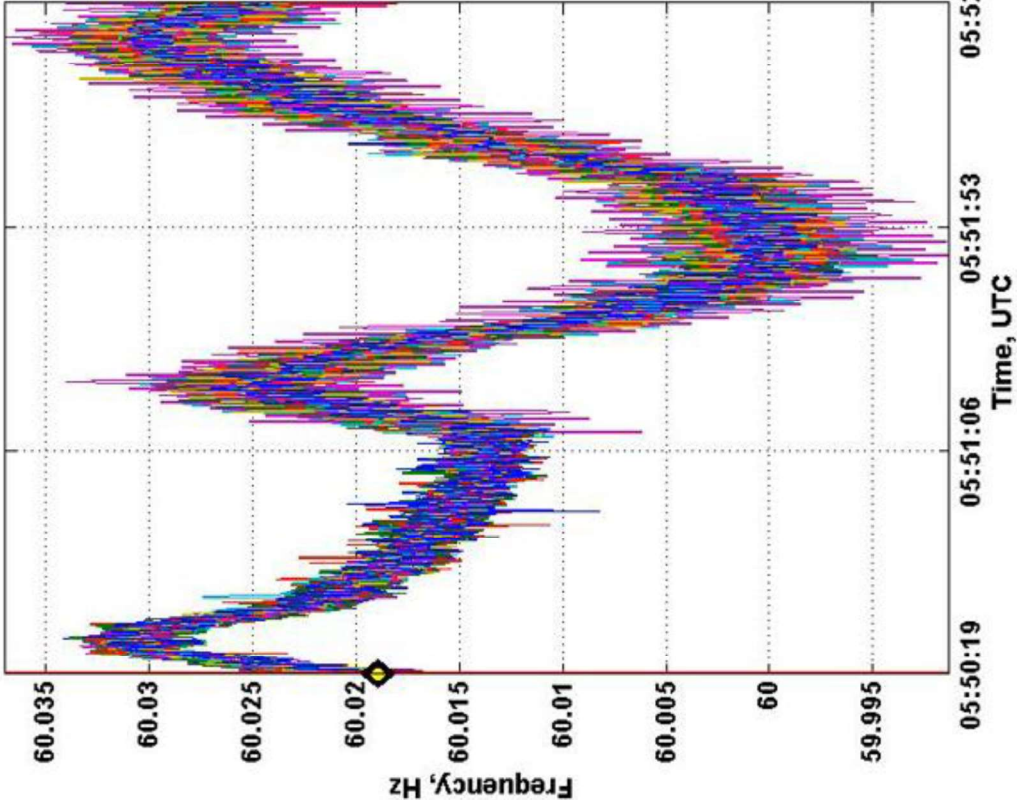
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0.37 Hz mode  
at around 9%  
damping ratio

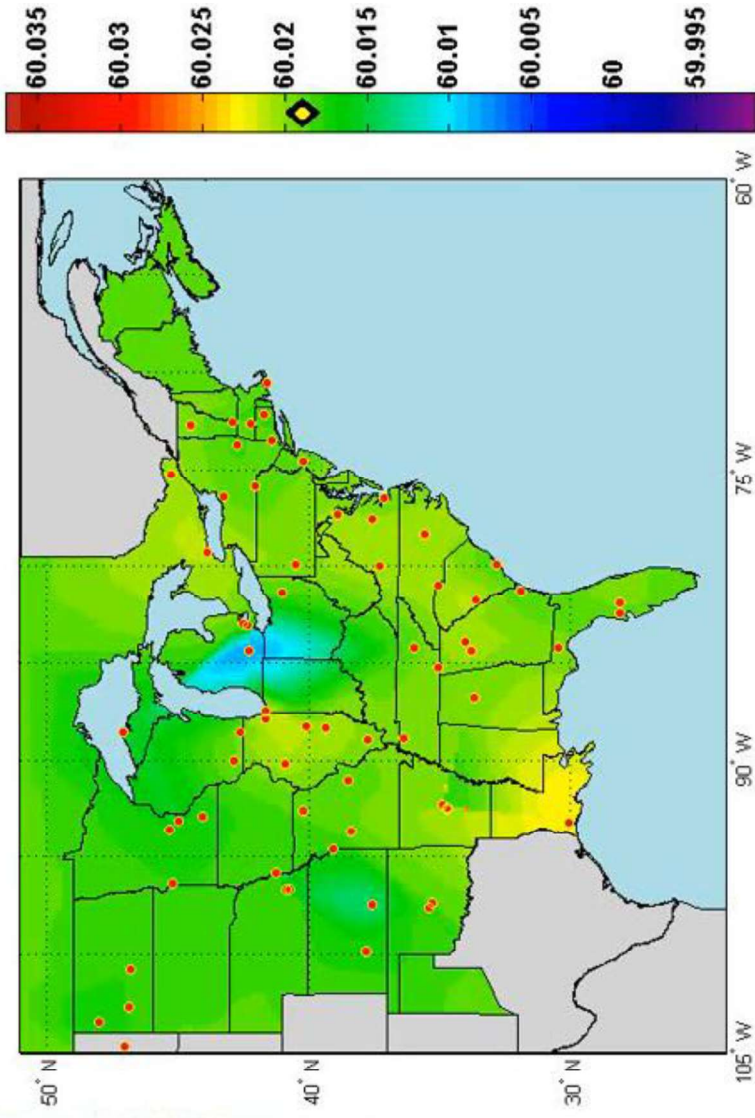


# November 27 2016 Eastern Event



FNET Data Display [11/27/2016 Sustained Oscillation]

Time: 5:50:19.9 UTC 60.0189 Hz



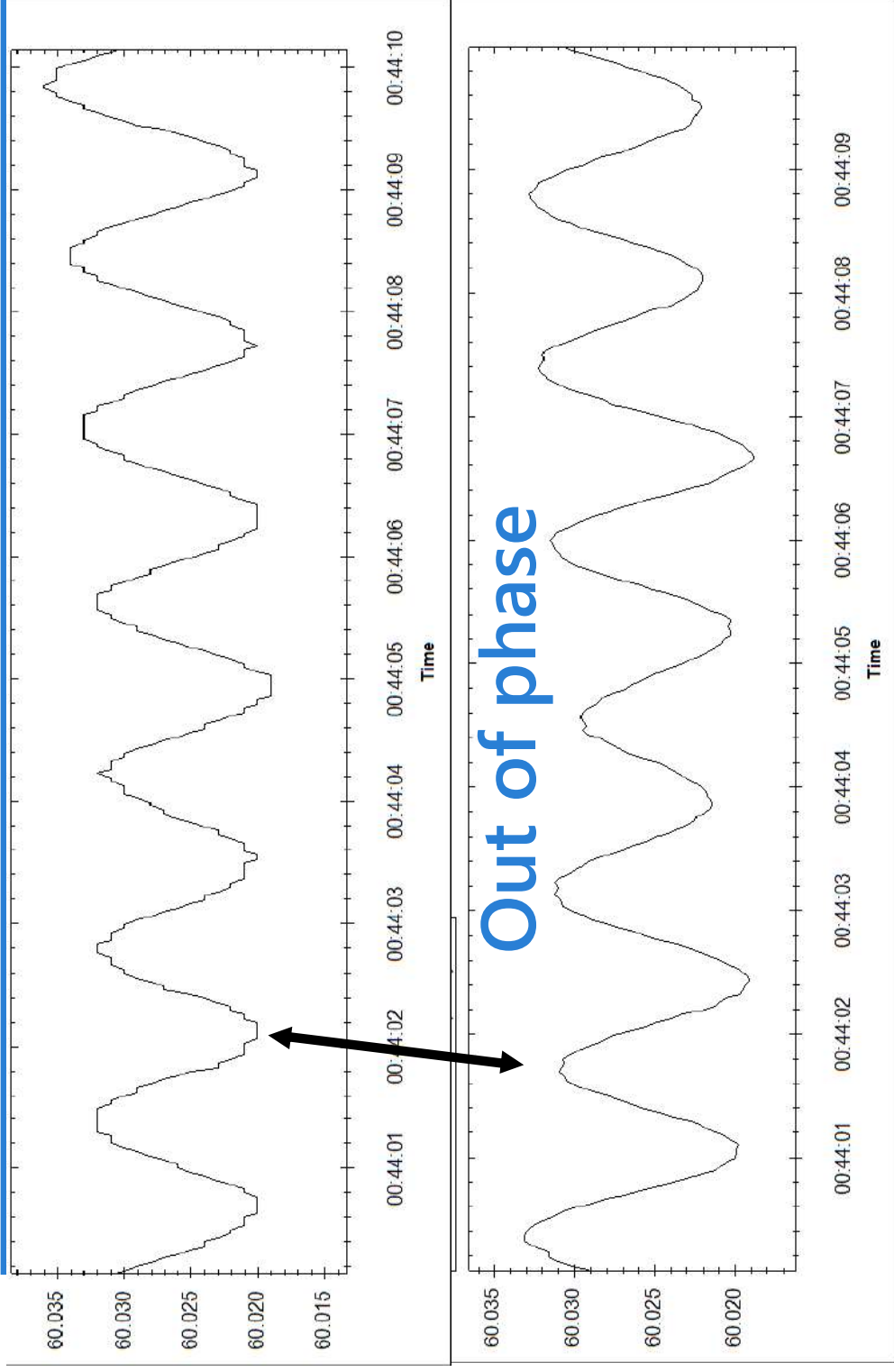
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# November 27 2016 Bus Frequency

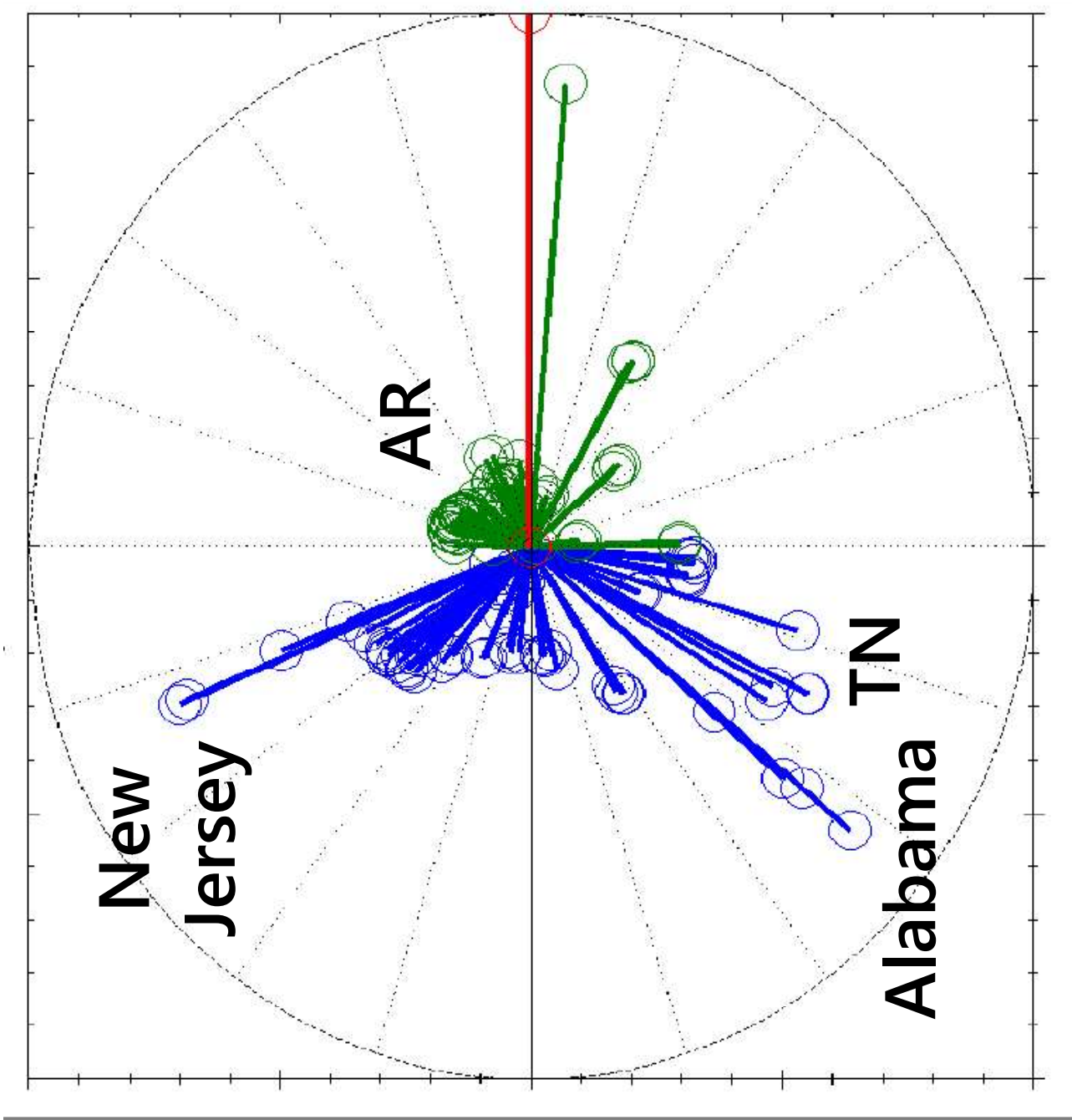
## Time Plots



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# 0.7 Hz Oscillation Mode Shape

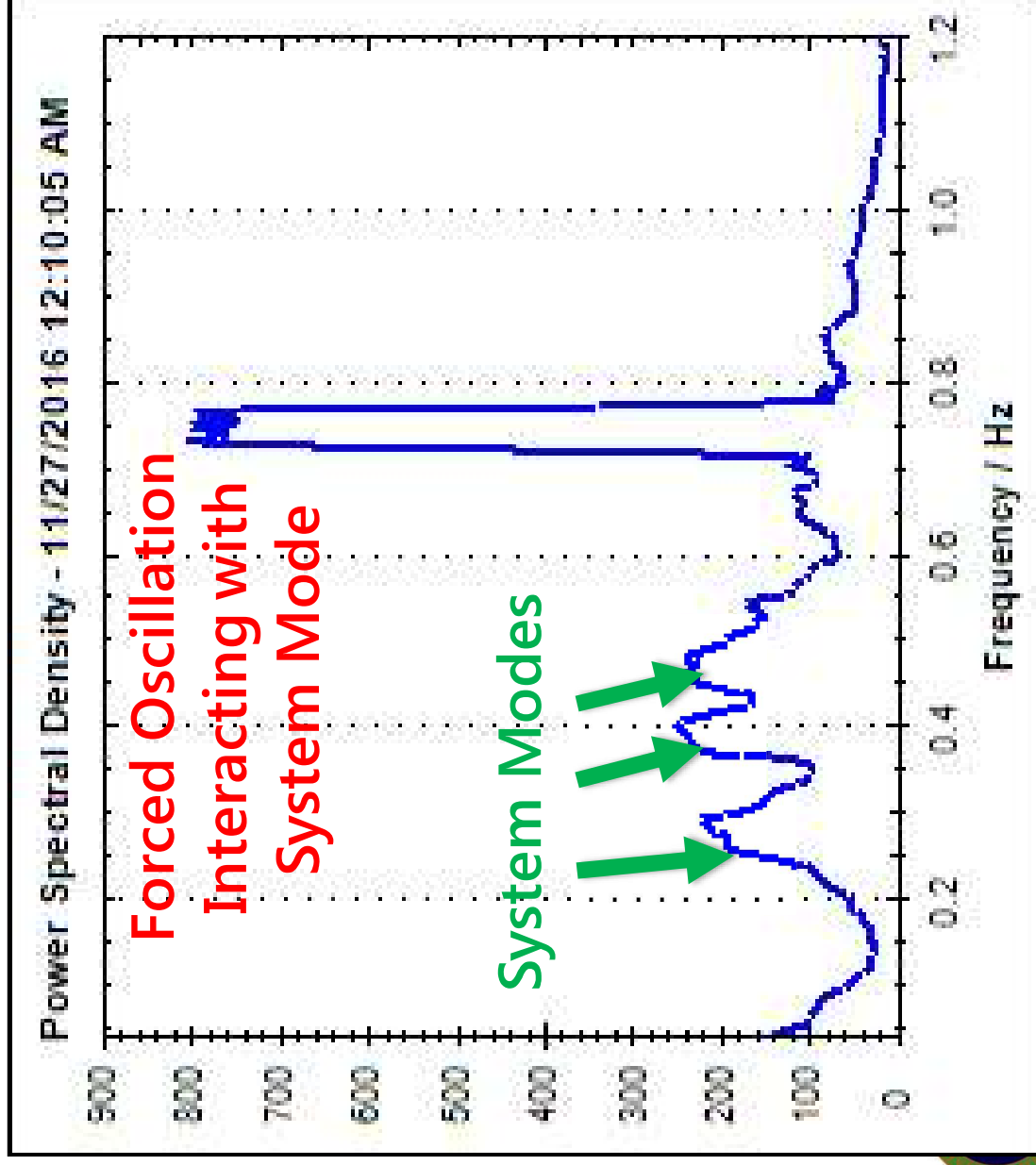


Alabama  
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# FFDD Power Spectrum@12:10AM (Before)

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## Main modes

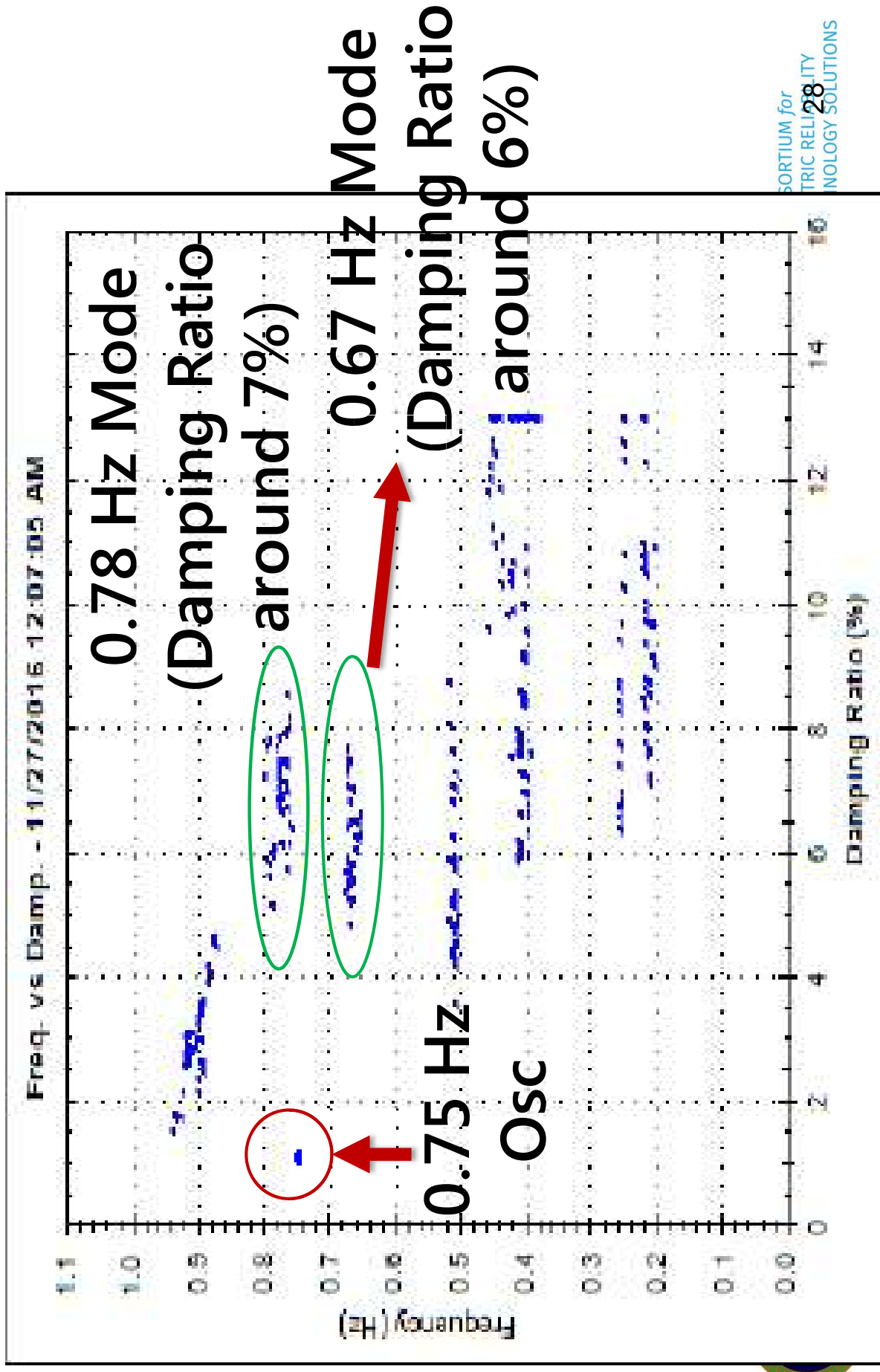
0.25 Hz

0.4 Hz

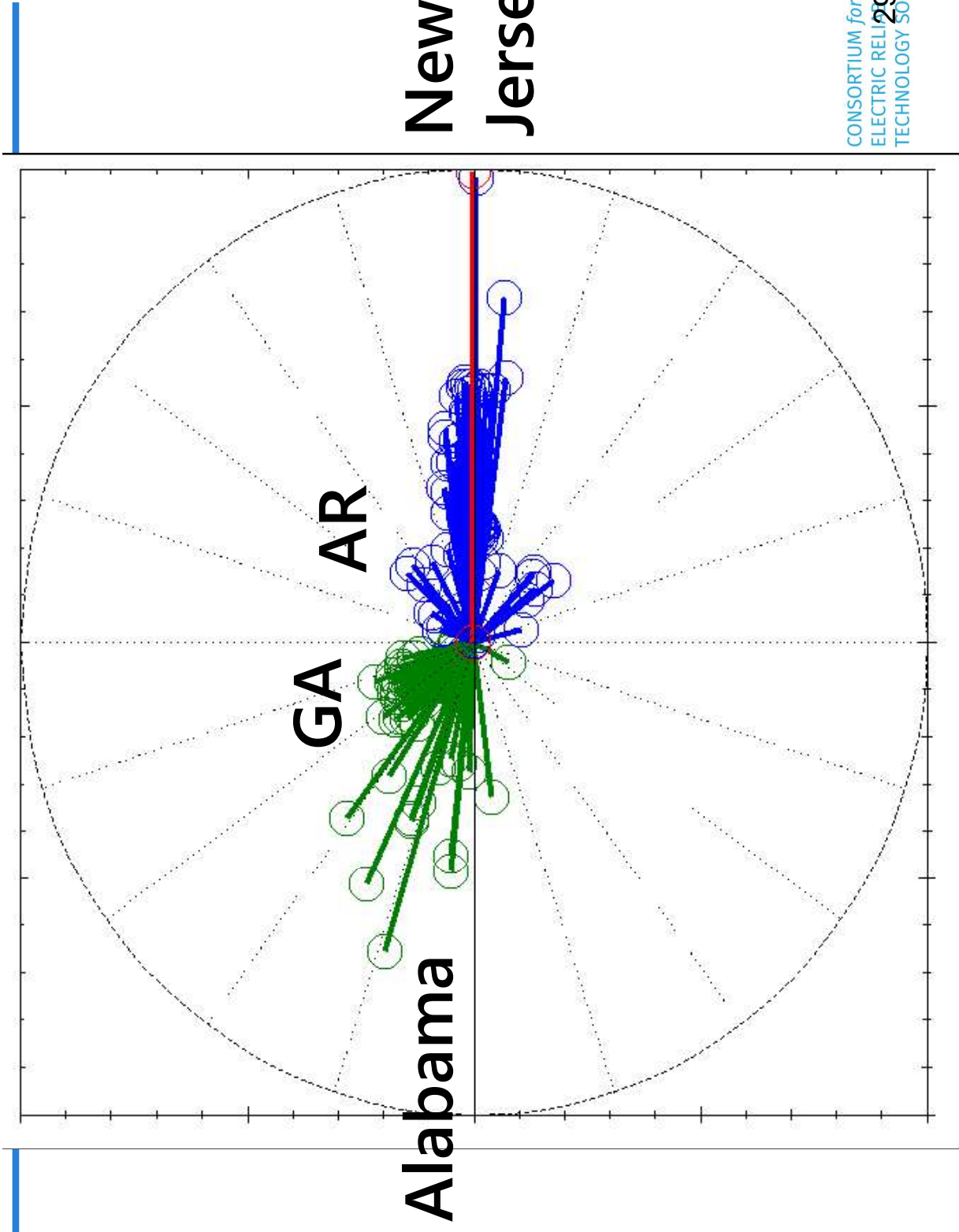
0.5 Hz

0.75 Hz

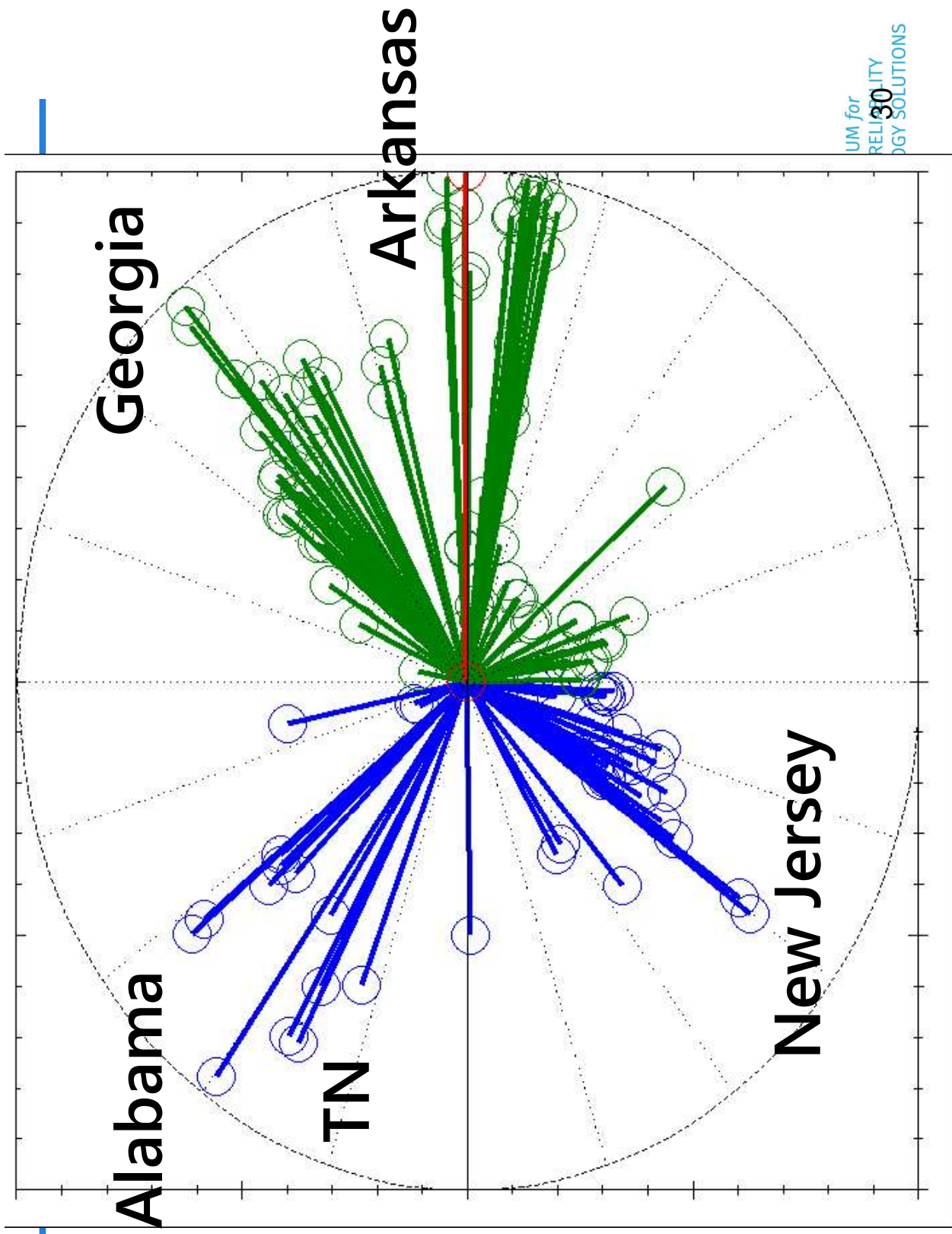
# FSSI Estimates Before GA Osc Event



# 0.67 Hz System Mode Shape from FSSI

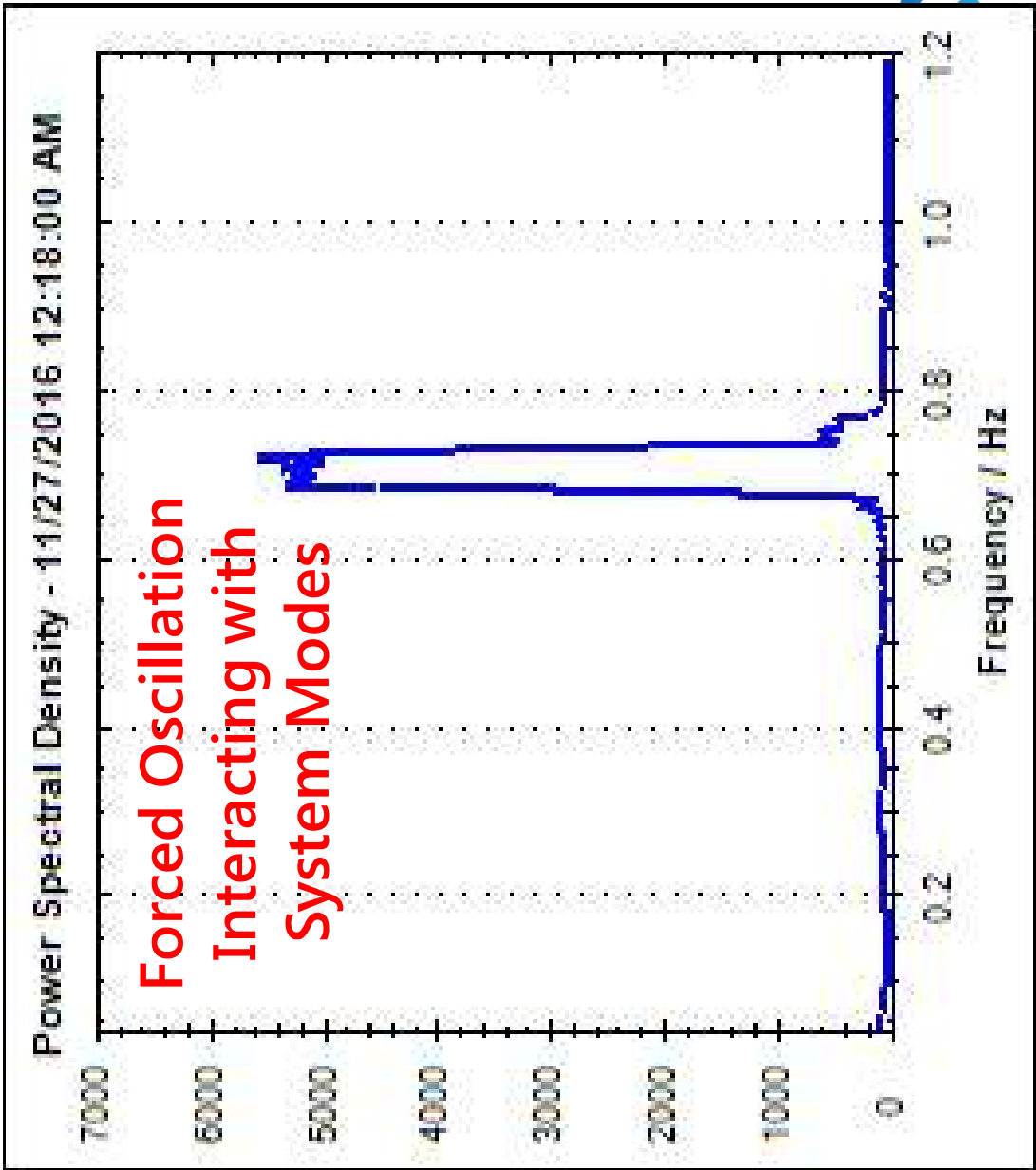


# 0.78 Hz System Mode Shape from FSSI



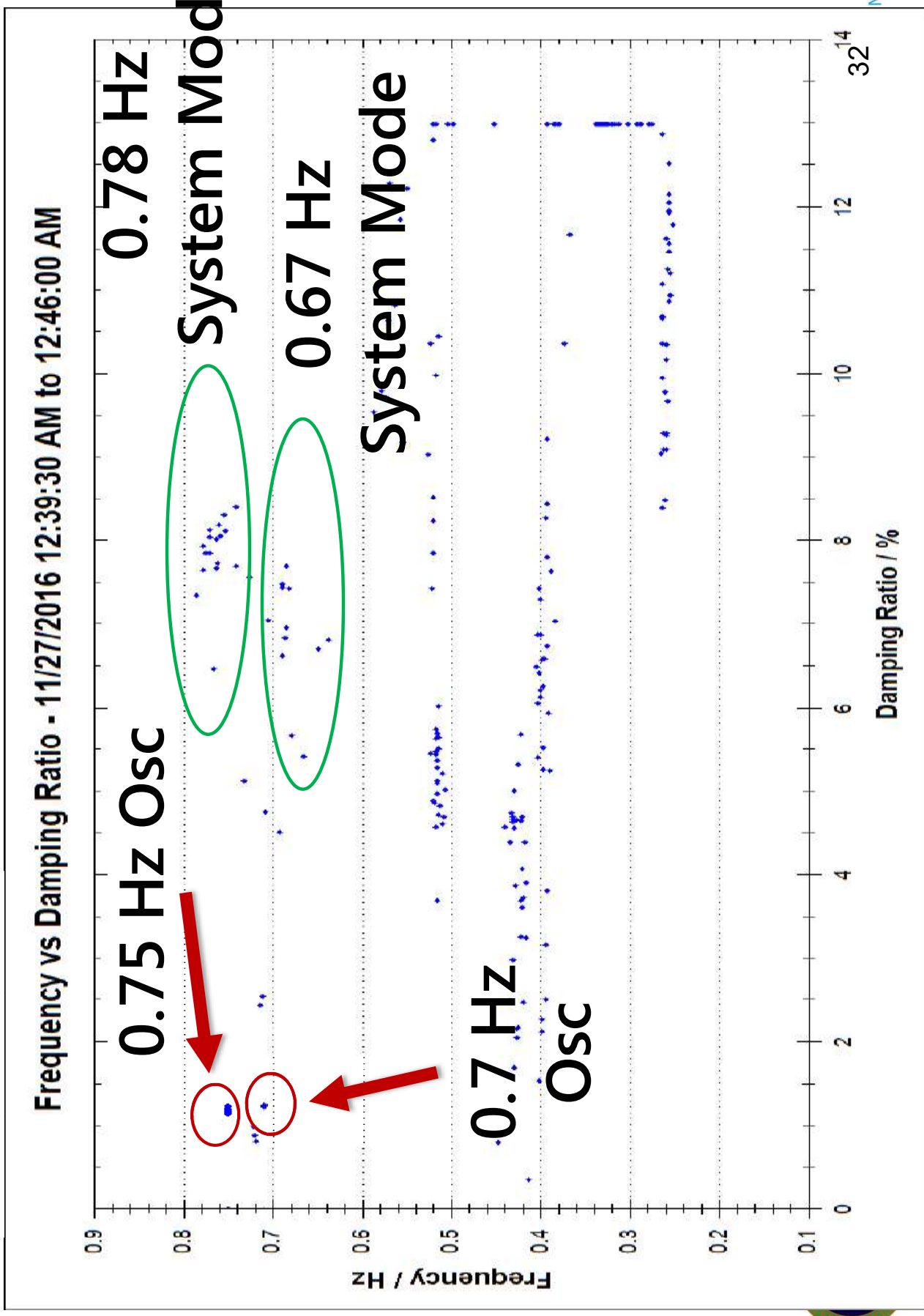
# Power Spectrum @ 3:15 AM (During)

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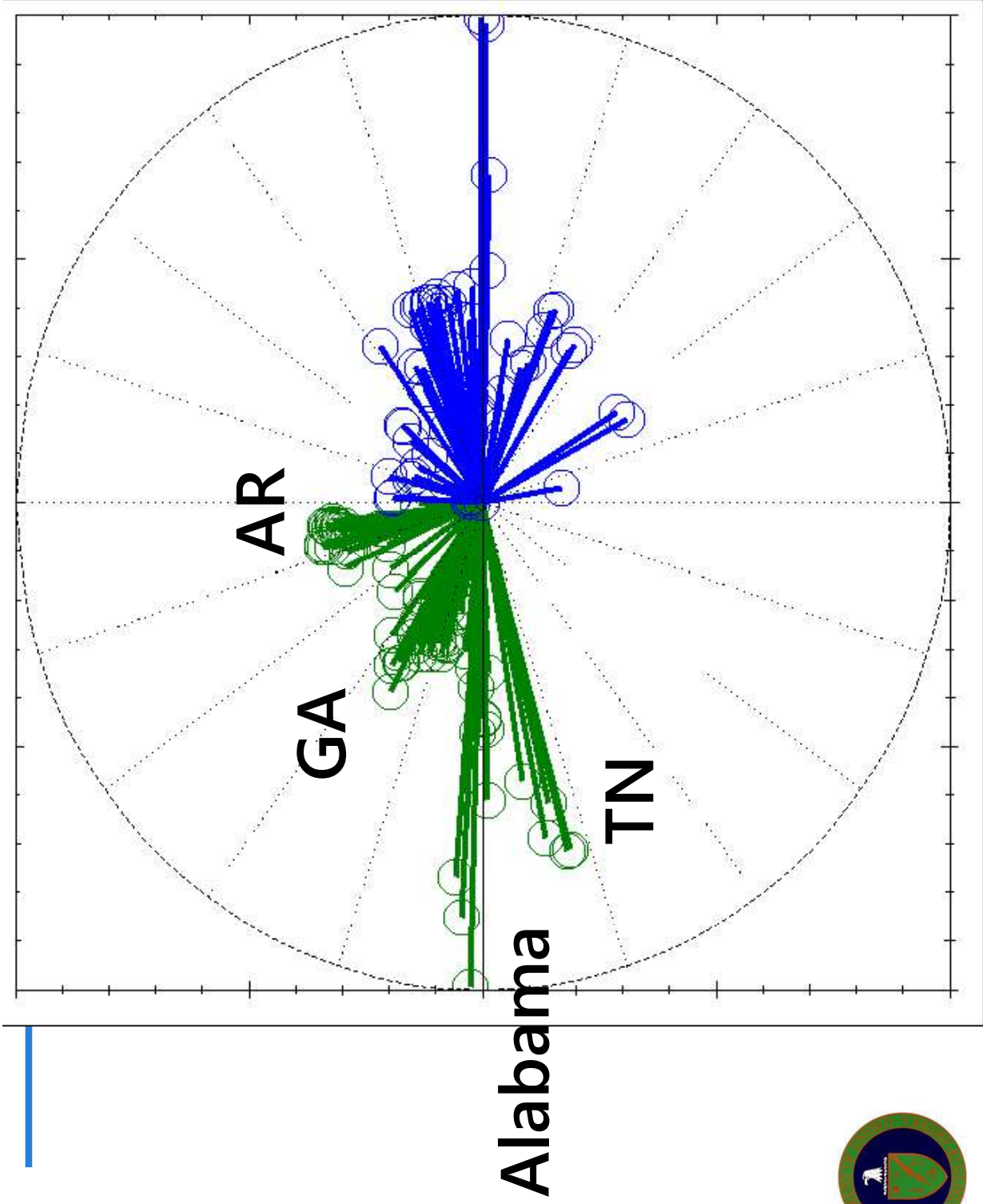


Main mode  
0.75 Hz

# FSSI Estimates During GA Osc Event

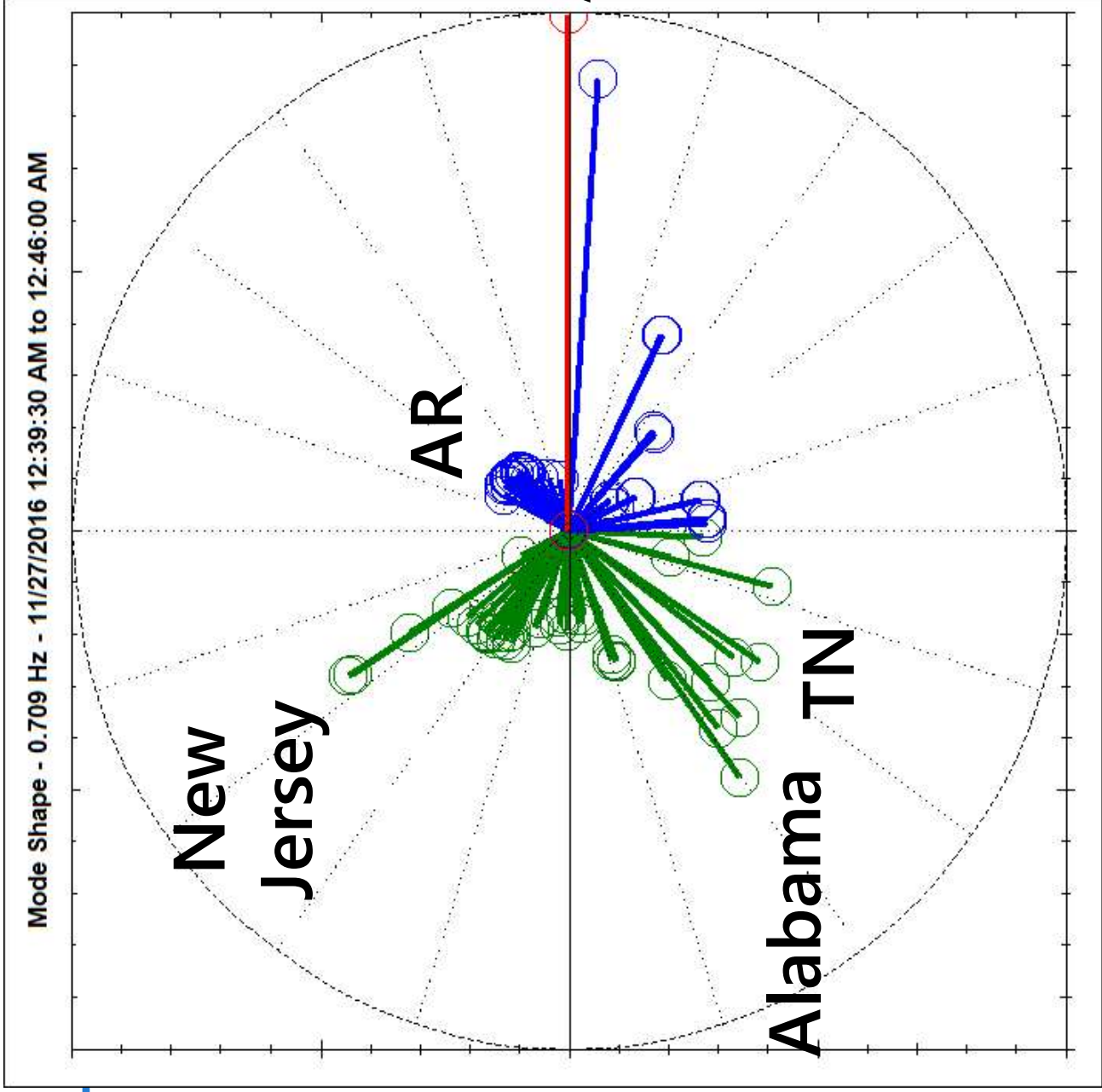


# 0.69 Hz System Mode Shape from FSSI





# 0.7 Hz Oscillation Mode Shape from FSSI



# Resonance Conditions for 0.7 Hz Georgia Oscillation

- (R1) Forced Osc freq near System Mode freq (**close**)
- **0.7 Hz Oscillation versus 0.67 Hz System Mode**
- (R2) System Mode poorly damped (**invalid**)
- **0.67 Hz Well-damped (6% Damping Ratio)**
- (R3) Forced Osc location near the two distant ends (strong participation) of the System Mode (**not true**)
- **GA Location 22% Relative Energy for the Mode**
  - **Interaction with 0.78 Hz mode?**

**Only 1+ conditions valid: Resonance effect small.**

# Special Reliability Assessment Summary

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- **Many inter-area modes in North American interconnections**
- **Mode shapes appear to be consistent in general across different events**
- **Damping levels have been from 6% to 10+%**
- **Many forced oscillations are present that are exciting inter-area modes**
- **Mode shapes comparison between model based simulation and system PMU capture very useful.**
- **Report full draft by end May 2018**



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# November 27, 2016 Event Analysis

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