Under-Frequency Load Shedding based on PMU Estimates of Frequency and ROCOF

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Under Frequency Load Shedding (UFLS)

Principles



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Frequency vs ROCOF relays

- The **amount of load shedding** and the **time of the shedding** are positively correlated with **restoration time**
- Traditional UFLS schemes → frequency relays
- The recent literature has considered the adoption of centralized (WAMS) or decentralized (relays) methods relaying on the Rate of Change of Frequency (ROCOF)

ROCOF-LS → Promptly detects critical conditions

- ✓ Higher nadir frequency
- ✓ Faster load restoration
- ✓ Smaller amount of curtailed energy

Outline

- PMU-based measurement of ROCOF
- Proposed ROCOF-based Load Shedding
- Description of the real-time simulation model
- Results



PMU-based measurement of ROCOF

IEEE Std. C37.118 definition

The frequency is computed as the first derivative of the synchrophasor phase angle, and ROCOF is computed as the second derivative of the same phase angle.

- Synchrophasor model assumption → The acquired signal spectrum consists of one narrow-band spectral component
- In real-world → During transient events the acquired signal spectrum consists of several wide-band spectral components

The definition of frequency and ROCOF associated to the fundamental component represents an open issue from the metrological point of view

 PMU observation interval <= 80 ms & reporting rate <= 50 fps → ROCOF as frequency time derivative over 20 ms

Low attenuation/filtering of electromechanical transients

ROCOF-based Load Shedding

Load Shedding (LS) and Load Restoration (LR) thresholds

LS factor		100 %	95 %	90 %	85 %	75 %	60 %	50 %
f-LS *	[Hz]		48.9	48.8	48.6	48.4	48.2	48
ROCOF-LS A	[Hz/s]		0.2	0.4	0.6	0.7	1	1.3
ROCOF-LS B	[Hz/s]		0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	1	1.3
f-LR *	[Hz]	49.7	49.6	49.5	49.4	49.2	49	

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Opal-RT eMEGAsim PowerGrid Real-Time Digital Simulator



Industrial PC (12 cores) \rightarrow simulations + hardware GPS sync **FPGA** Spartan3 \rightarrow Stable integration time-step **10** μ s

PMU testing using HIL setups



- Test real PMUs
- devices Low RTS model complexity
- PMUs cost
- AOs accuracy and availability
- Cabling

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Integration of an IEEE Std. C37.118 Compliant PMU into the RTS

Synchrophasor Estimation → Enhanced Interpolated-DFT → same metrological performance as real device TVE ~ 0.0X % ROCOF error during frequency ramp 15 mHz/s



1-ch → 16 PMUs 6-ch → 9 PMUs 12-ch → 5 PMUs

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PMU-based Load Shedding

The Simulation Model

IEEE 39-bus power system integrating renewables



Synchronous generators

- Thermal (3 GVA)
 - Hydro (1 GVA or 520 MVA)
- Dynamic model of prime mover
- Synchronous genrator
- Speed governor
- Exciter + AVR
- Sixth-order state-space model available (SimPowerSystem Simulink toolbox)
- Only primary frequency control with regulation coefficient of 0.05

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Wind Farms

- Total nominal capacity of 1.35
 GW
- Type-3 double-fed induction generator
- Asynchronous machine
- Back-to-back voltage source converter
- Power profile based on real measurements

Load Profiles

 Power profile based on experimental measurements of a real PMU installation

The Simulation Model

Proposed local UFLS scheme



2 simulated scenarios



Presentation of the results, bus #3



Scenario 1 → 1 GW tripped power



Scenario 2 → 1.5 GW tripped power



Conclusions & Future works

- Description of a local UFLS and LR scheme, relying on PMUbased measurements of frequency and ROCOF
 - ROCOF estimates
 LS
 - Frequency estimates → LR
- Performance assessed within a RTS integrating IEEE 39-bus
- Under non-severe system contingencies (Scenario 1) → ROCOF-LS 75% less total curtailed energy 75% shorter
- Under severe system contingencies (Scenario 2) → The performance of ROCOF-LS and f-LS is comparable
- Future works:
 - Impact of different synchrophasor estimation algorithms
 - Effects of measurement noise

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