

# Success Story: Practical Use of Synchrophasor Technology in ISO-NE Operations

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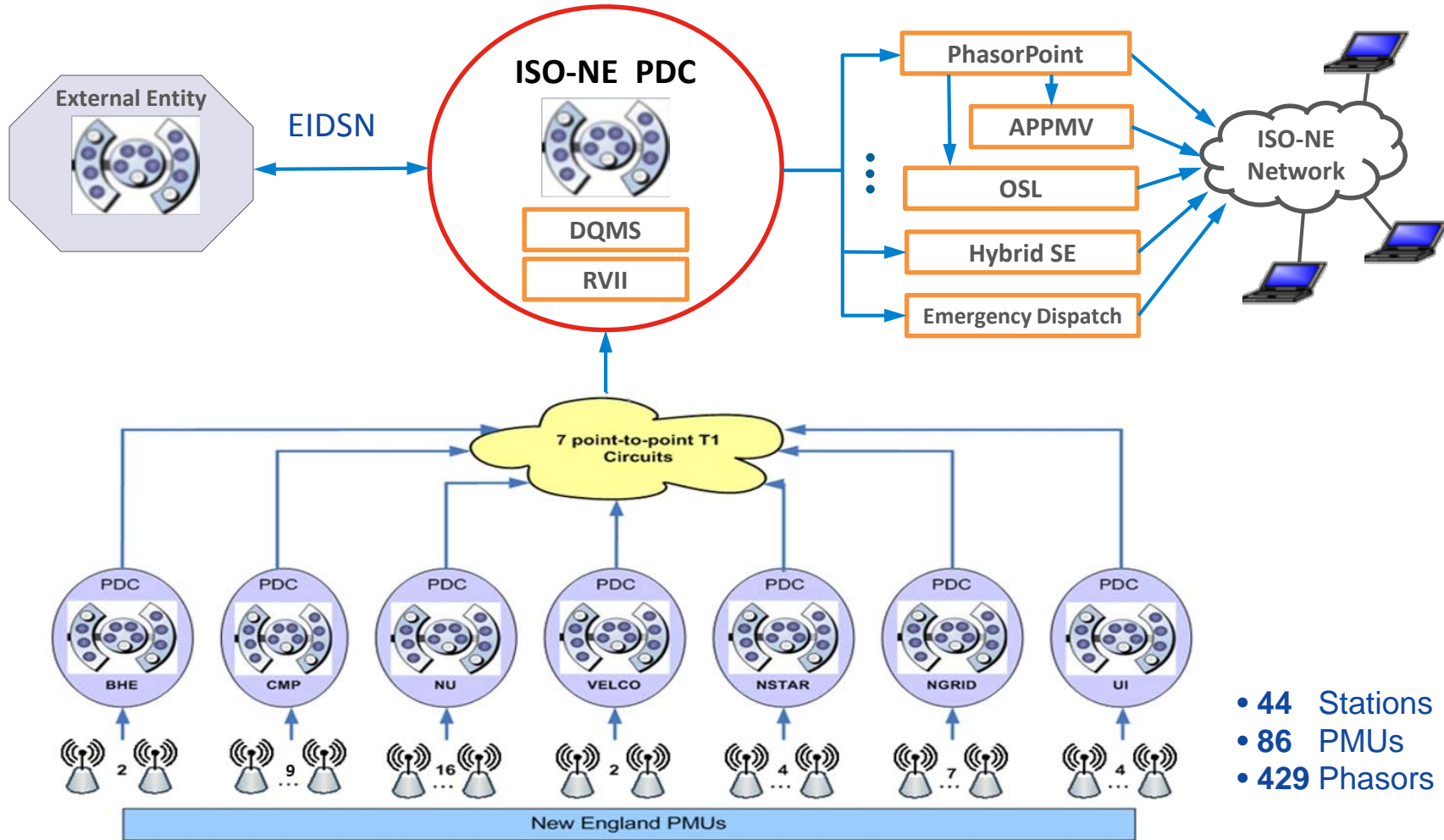
# Outline

- New England Synchrophasor Infrastructure
- Online Oscillation Management
- Automated Power Plant Model Verification (APPMV)
- Synchrophasor-based Emergency Dispatch



# New England PMU Infrastructure

- NYISO
- PJM
- MISO



- **44** Stations
- **86** PMUs
- **429** Phasors

# New England Synchrophasor System (Cont.)

- Approved Operating Procedure 22 changes (effective Dec. 2017) to require new PMU installations by Transmission Owner (TO):
  - Point of Interconnection (POI) with generation interconnections above 100 MW, both new and existing generating units
  - All new TO 345 kV stations, or new elements at existing 345 kV stations
  - Other TO locations as designated by ISO, mainly for IROL and SOL monitoring
- OP 22 changes will double the existing number of PMUs in the next five years.

# *Online Oscillation Management*



# Observed Oscillations

Characteristics of detected oscillations;  
statistics since 2012

Property	Description
Frequency	0.05, ... , 2.0 Hz
Damping	0, ... ,10 %
Magnitude	2, ... ,70 MW, RMS
Observability	Local and wide-spread
Duration	From few seconds to hours

Number of oscillatory Alerts and Alarms

Period	# Alerts	# Alarms
June 2018	78	14
May 2018	250	17
April 2018	64	24

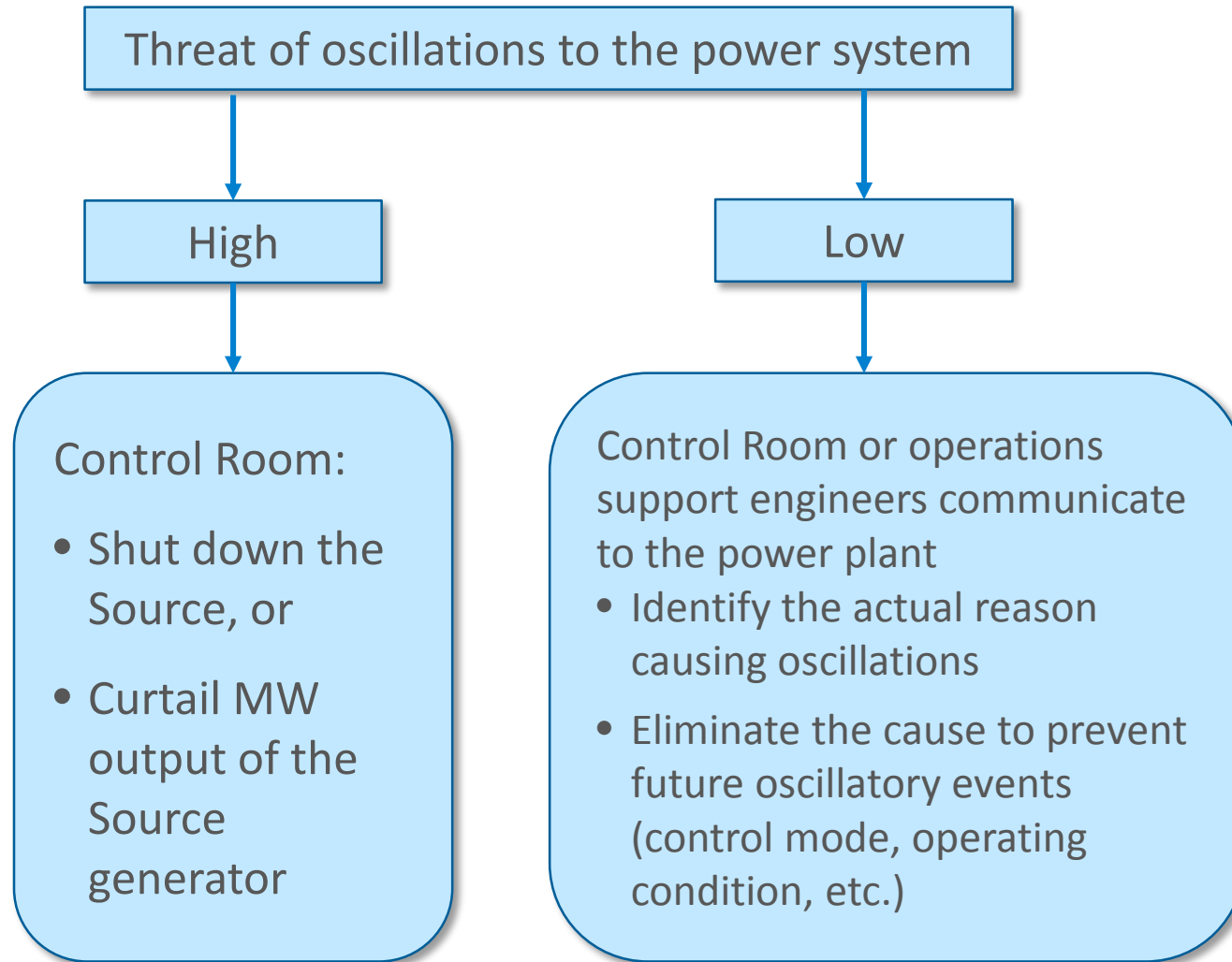
Majority  
oscillation  
events are  
Forced  
Oscillations

# Why do we need to mitigate oscillations?

- The sustained oscillations can cause
  - Potential uncontrolled cascading outages
  - Undesirable mechanical vibrations in system components
- The key step in the mitigating of sustained oscillations is to find the **Source** of oscillations, typically a generator.
- The capability to find the Source ONLINE means providing the Operations with actionable information

Sending oscillatory Alarm to the system operators without actionable information is not useful

# Mitigation of Oscillations

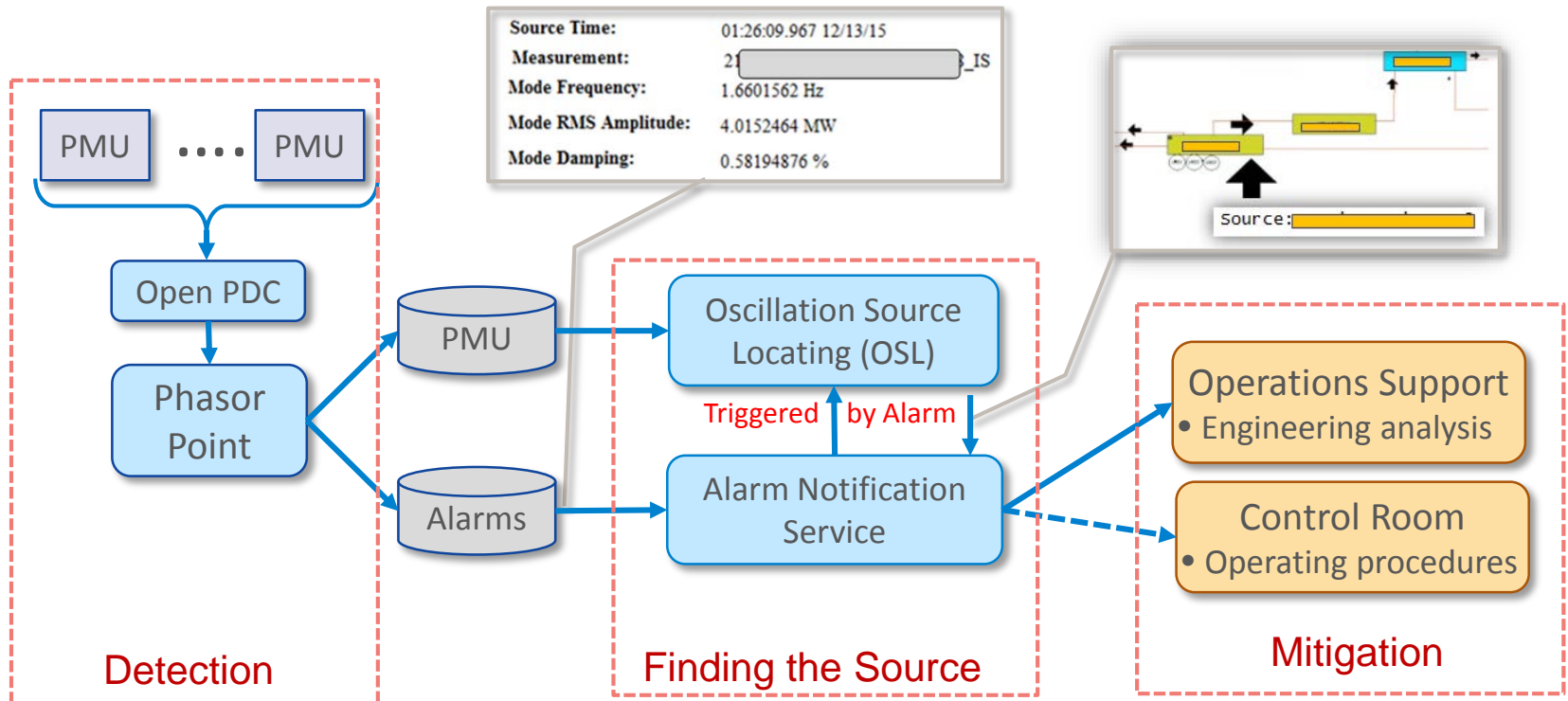




# ISO-NE's Online Oscillation Management

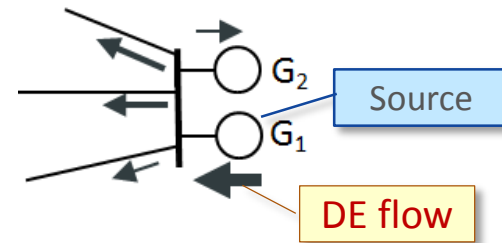
## Objectives:

- Detect all significant oscillatory events and provide alarms/alerts
- Estimate the Source of oscillations and deliver results to operations
- Fully automated process

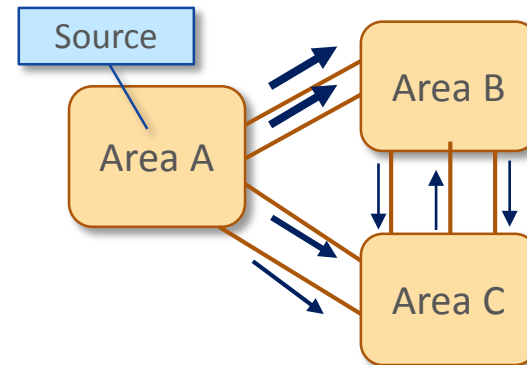


# Interpretation of Dissipating Energy Flow (DEF) Patterns from OSL

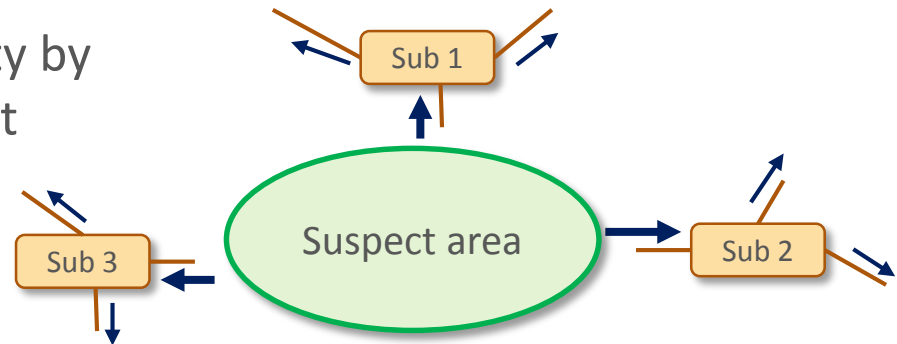
- PMU measurements at the **Point Of Interconnection (POI)** allow to trace specific power plant or generator



- PMU measurements of **tie-lines** between control areas allow to identify which area contains the source

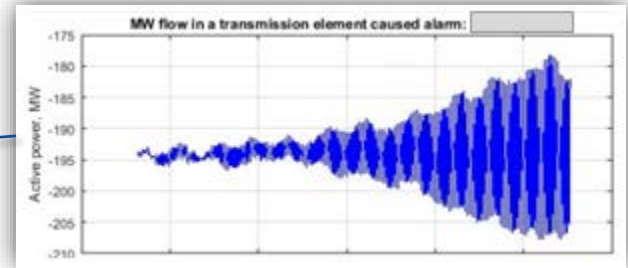


- Even limited system observability by PMUs allows localize the suspect area

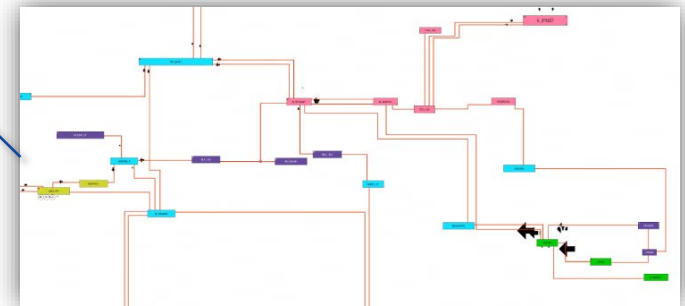


# Example of Alarm Notification by Email

MW flow in line causing Alarm



DE visualization



DE pattern and identified source

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2017-09-12 06:03:36
0.610
Source: [redacted]
Sufficient time interval for the DEF method
PMU data can be used for the DEF method
No tripping was detected
-1.0000, [redacted]
-0.5896, [redacted]
0.3858, 34
-0.3197, [redacted]
0.2746, 33
0.2544, 35
A 2922 30
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**WARNING - PhasorPoint Alarms Notification**  
DoNotReply@iso-ne.com  
Sent: Tue 9/12/2017 6:14 AM  
To: [redacted]

Message: [DE20170912\_060339.csv (438 B)] [P\_DE20170912\_060339.jpg (15 KB)] [DE20170912\_060339.jpg (770 KB)]

\*\*\* This message has been automatically generated - DO NOT REPLY \*\*\*

Computer: [redacted]; PhasorPoint has issued 1 oscillation Alerts/Alarms for the 30 seconds interval.  
Time interval: [2017-09-12 06:03:36 - 2017-09-12 06:04:06]

----- Alarm -----

Signal Used: [P]  
Frequency Band: [1.13-4.0 Hz]  
Message: [PDX1-3 event status alarm]

Mode Frequency: [1.138 Hz]  
Mode RMS Amplitude: [17.2 MW]  
Mode Damping Ratio: [1.5 %]

Parameters of oscillations

Oscillation Source Location (OSL) detection summary:  
Source: [redacted]c, unit [redacted]

Results of DE pattern recognition

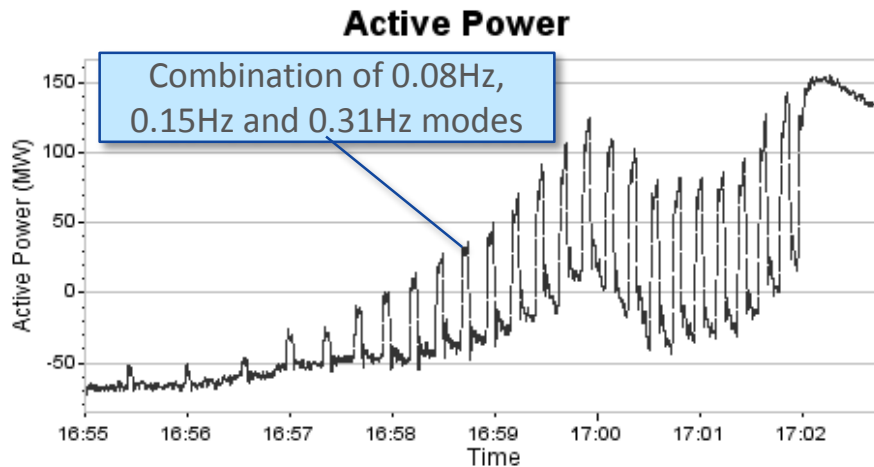
Sufficient time interval for the DEF method was identified  
PMU data can be used for the DEF method  
No tripping was detected

# FO Originated from New Brunswick (Canada)

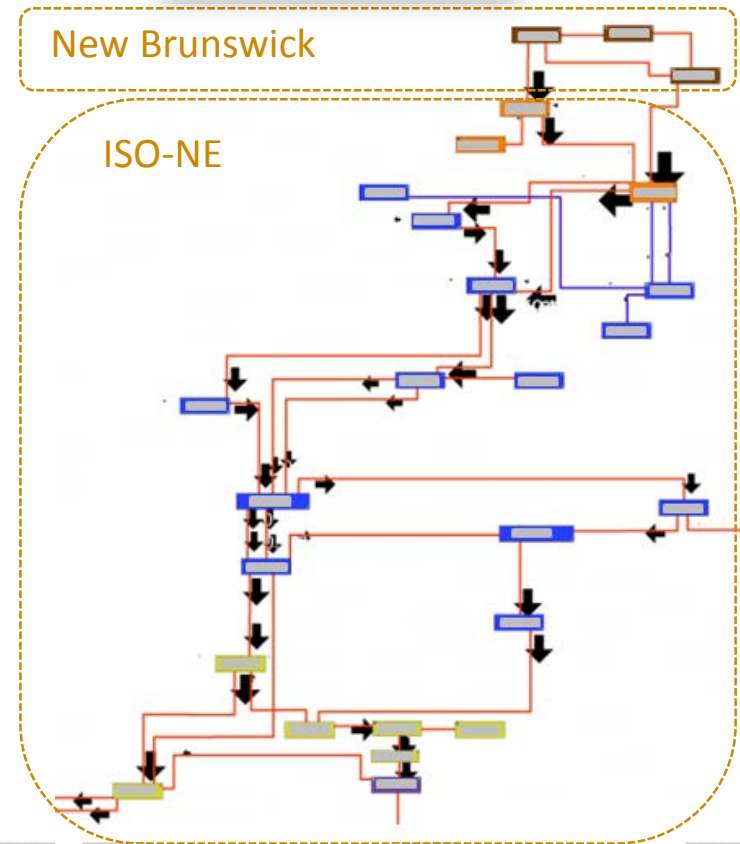
- October 3, 2017: a problem with a large New Brunswick generator's governor caused multi-frequency oscillations up to RMS=70 MW and alarms in ISO-NE.

Results of the OSL for 0.08Hz mode

Source: New Brunswick

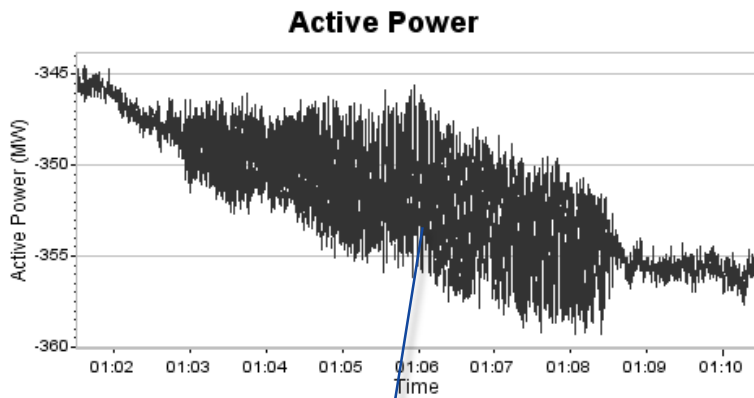


This example illustrates the ability to identify whether the Source is located **inside** or **outside** of control area



# FO Caused by ISO-NE generator

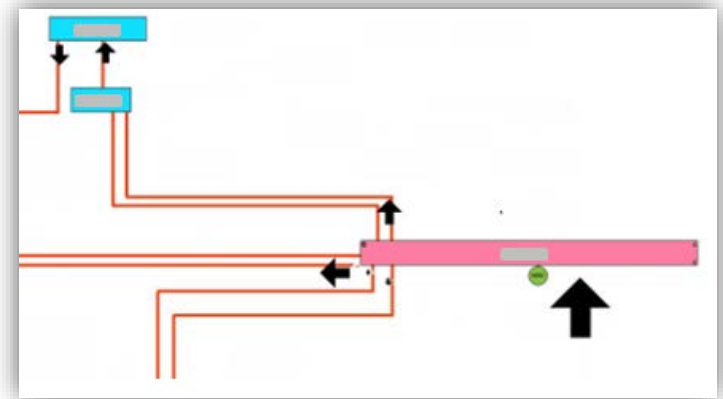
- February 6, 2018: a large ISO-NE generator created multi-frequency oscillations with magnitude RMS=3MW during 5 min



Combination of 0.60Hz  
and 0.86Hz modes

Results of the OSL for 0.6Hz mode

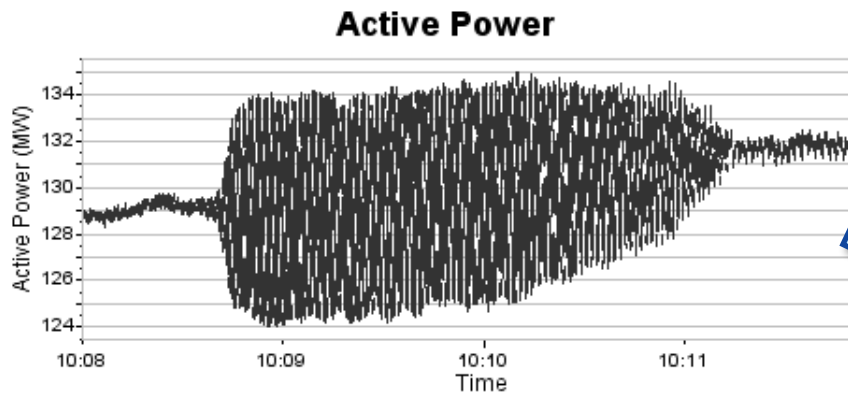
Source: [redacted], unit [redacted]



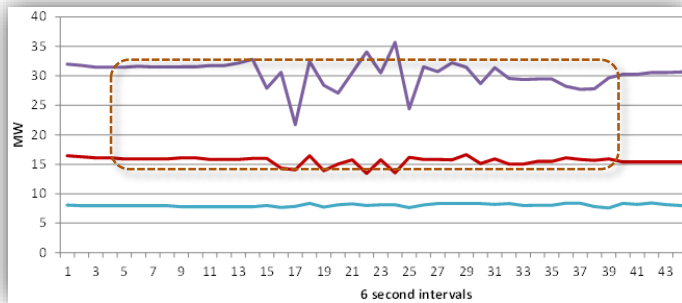
This example illustrates the ability to identify an **individual generator** if it is monitored by PMU

# FO Coming From Non-Observable Area

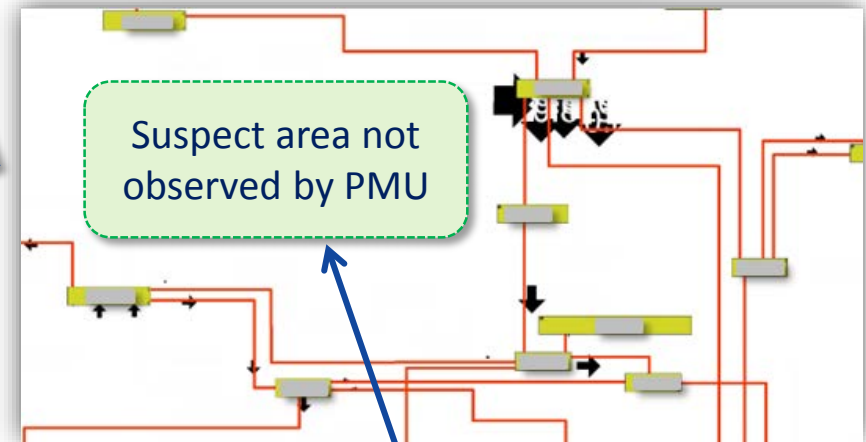
- December 7, 2017: 1.3 Hz oscillations with RMS=5MW magnitude coming from the ISO-NE area not observed by PMUs



SCADA data for 3 suspect generators



Source is not identified



- This area contains only 3 generators
- SCADA data for these 3 generators helps to find the source generator

This example illustrates the ability to localize the suspect area not observable by PMU

# Statistics of online OSL since September 2017

- Automatically processed 1100+ oscillatory Alerts and Alarms generated by PhasorPoint application
- Correctly identified the source for all oscillations within the ISO-NE
- Verified three oscillatory events caused by known sources located outside of the ISO-NE
- Each RC, if having an OSL like tool, would allow an interconnection wide coordinated oscillation management



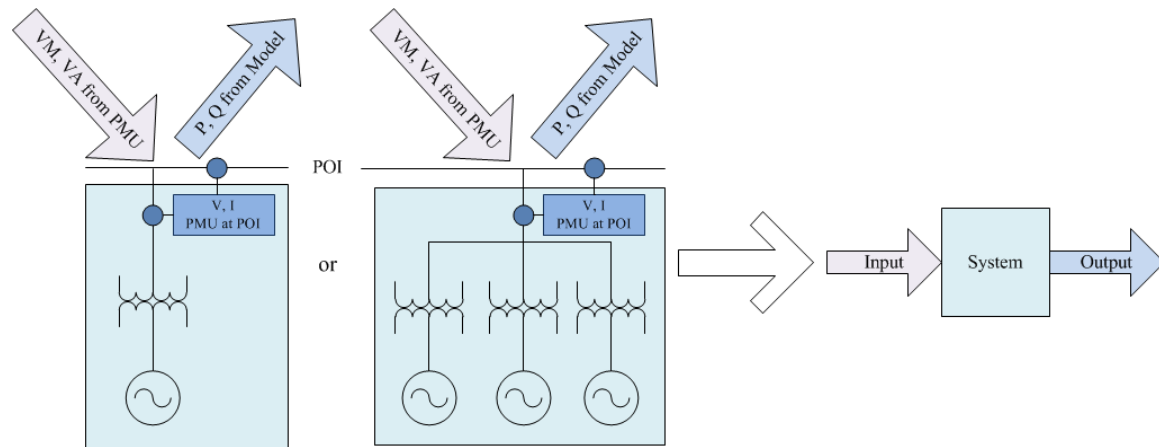
# *Automated Power Plant Model Verification (APPMV)*





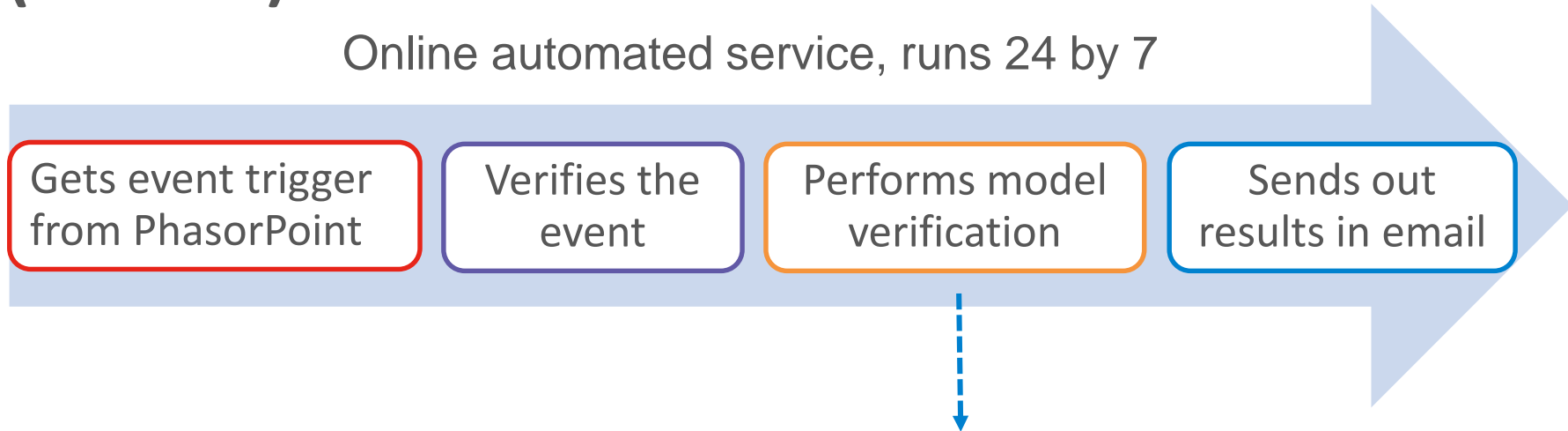
# Power Plant Model Verification (PPMV)

- PPMV is a mature technology, and implemented in several commercial software products: TSAT, PowerWorld, PSS/E, PSLF, EPRI, PNNL
- Major challenges with PPMV: time and effort
  - Manual process
  - One at a time
  - 1 to 2 hours



# Automated Power Plant Model Verification (APPMV)

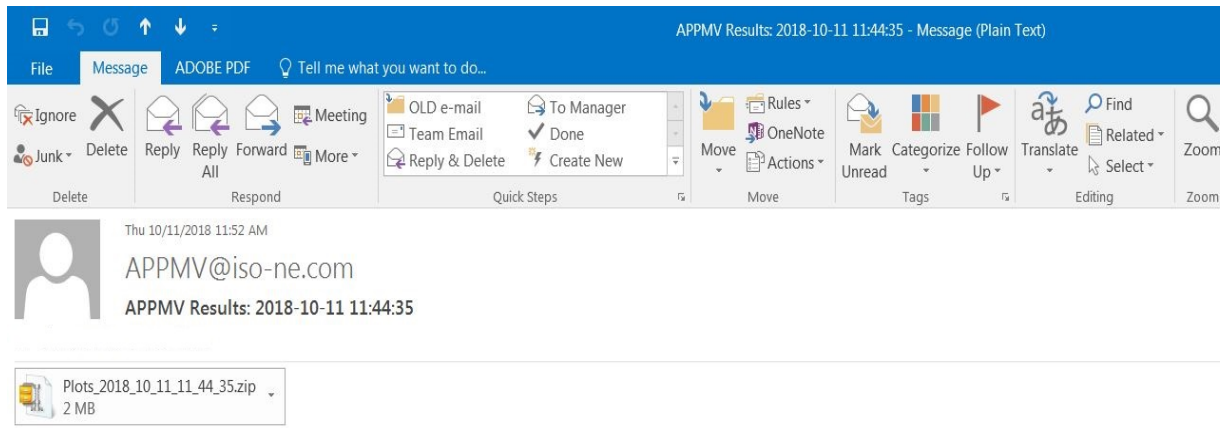
Online automated service, runs 24 by 7



- Automatically retrieves PMU from PhasorPoint and SCADA data from PI
- Runs model verification for ALL on-line generators monitored by PMUs
- Generates comparison plots between simulation and PMU measurements
- Generates Key Performance Indices (KPI)
  - Initial value, first swing peak value and time, settling value
  - Oscillation frequency, damping ratio, and phase shift

# APPMV Results

- Email with PPMV results attached
  - Only from sizable events and online generators



- Event\_2018 .zip
- Plots\_2018\_ zip
- Event\_2017 .zip
- Plots\_2017\_ zip
- Event\_2017 .zip
- Plots\_2017\_ zip

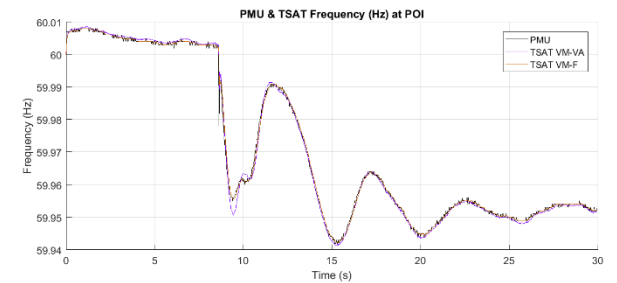
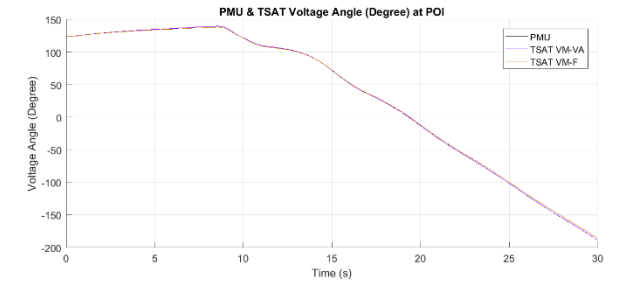
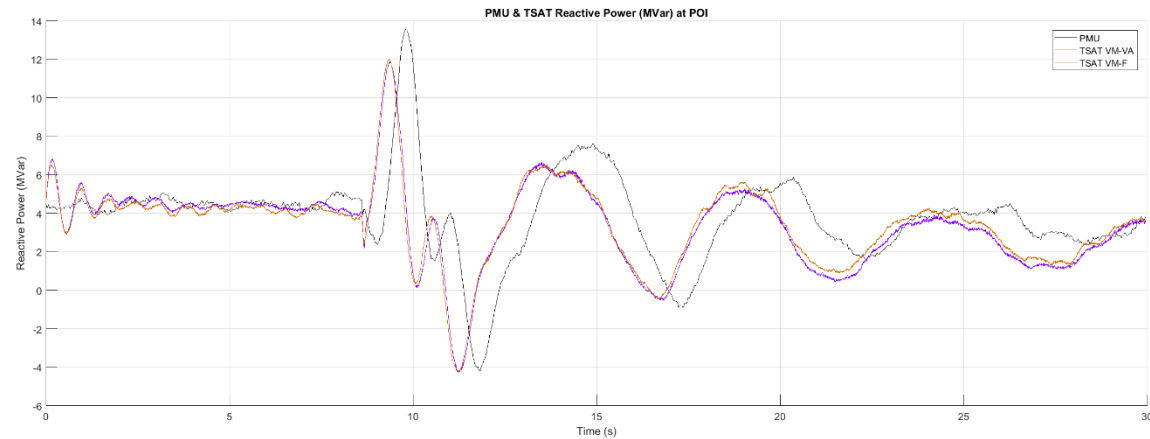
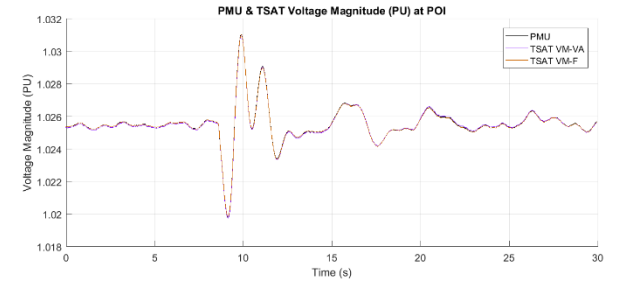
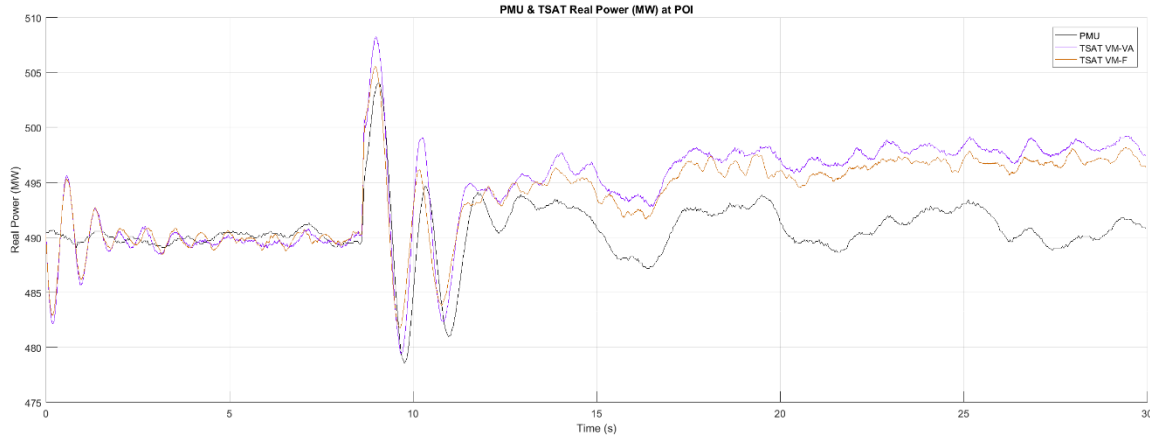
Generator model verification was performed for the event at around: 2018-10-11 11:44:35 (local time). The results are attached to this email.

Please open the zipped results or BPPMV to further investigate.

# APPMV Results, continued

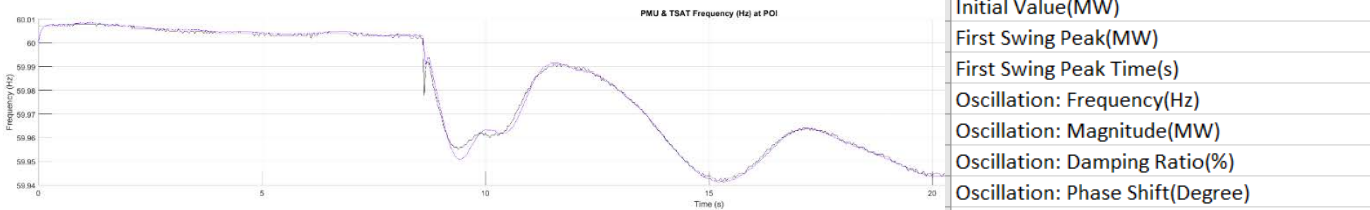
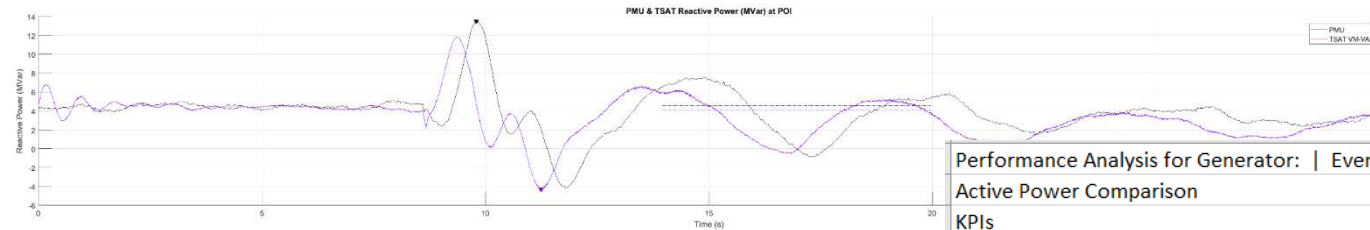
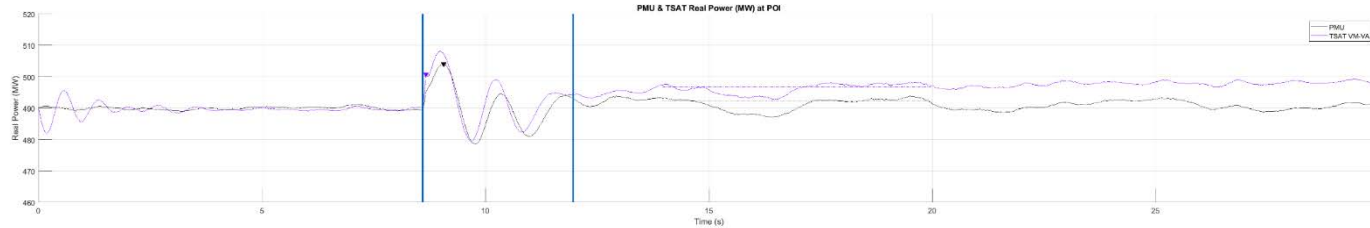
PMU and Playback Comparison for Generator:

| Event: Realtime Event | Event Time:

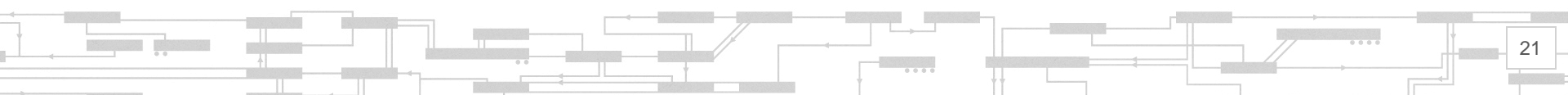


# APPMV Results, continued

Performance Analysis for Generator: | Event: Realtime Event | Event Time:

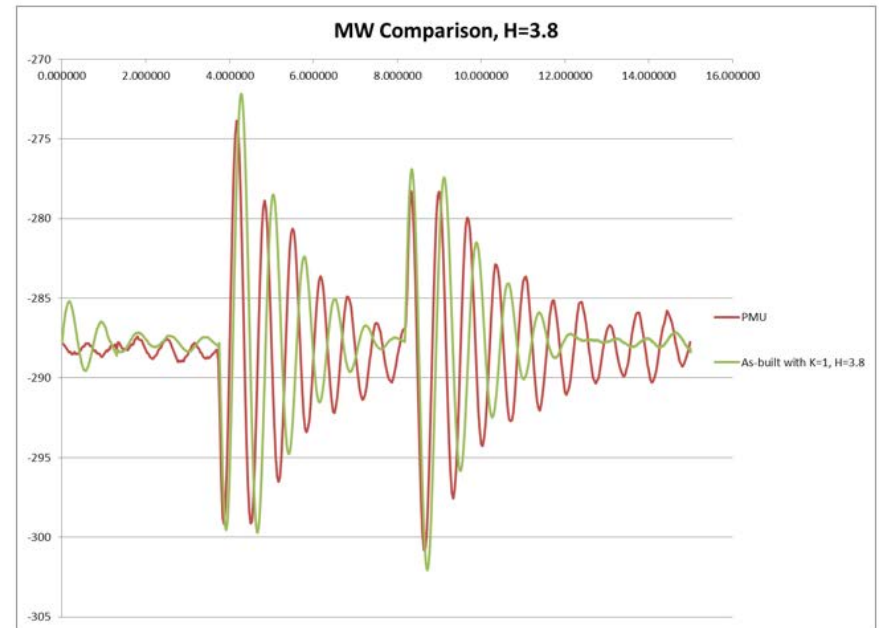
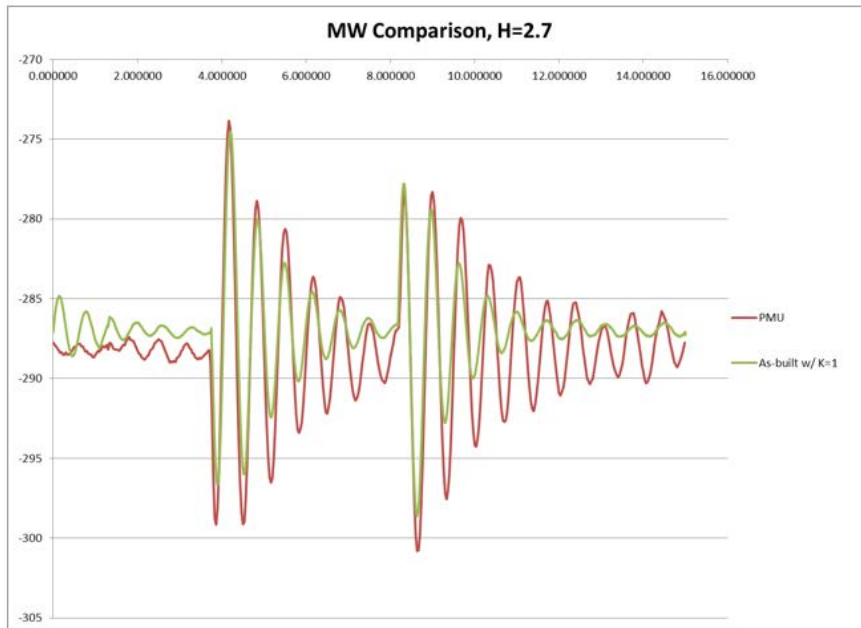


Performance Analysis for Generator:   Event: Realtime Event   Event Time:			
<b>Active Power Comparison</b>			
KPIs	PMU	TSAT VM-VA	Difference
Initial Value(MW)	490.3	489.7	-0.7
First Swing Peak(MW)	504.1	500.8	-3.2
First Swing Peak Time(s)	9.1	8.7	-0.4
Oscillation: Frequency(Hz)	0.7	0.7	0
Oscillation: Magnitude(MW)	7.2	6.7	-0.5
Oscillation: Damping Ratio(%)	3.5	5.1	1.6
Oscillation: Phase Shift(Degree)	0	-15.5	-15.5
Settling Value(MW)	492.2	496.9	4.6
<b>Reactive Power Comparison</b>			
KPIs	PMU	TSAT VM-VA	Difference
Initial Value(MVar)	4.4	4.2	-0.2
Peak(MVar)	13.6	-4.3	-17.9
Peak Time(s)	9.8	11.2	1.4
Settling Value(MVar)	4.6	4.1	-0.5
PMU frequency agrees with VA calculated frequency?	No.		



# Use APPMV to Verify Inertia H

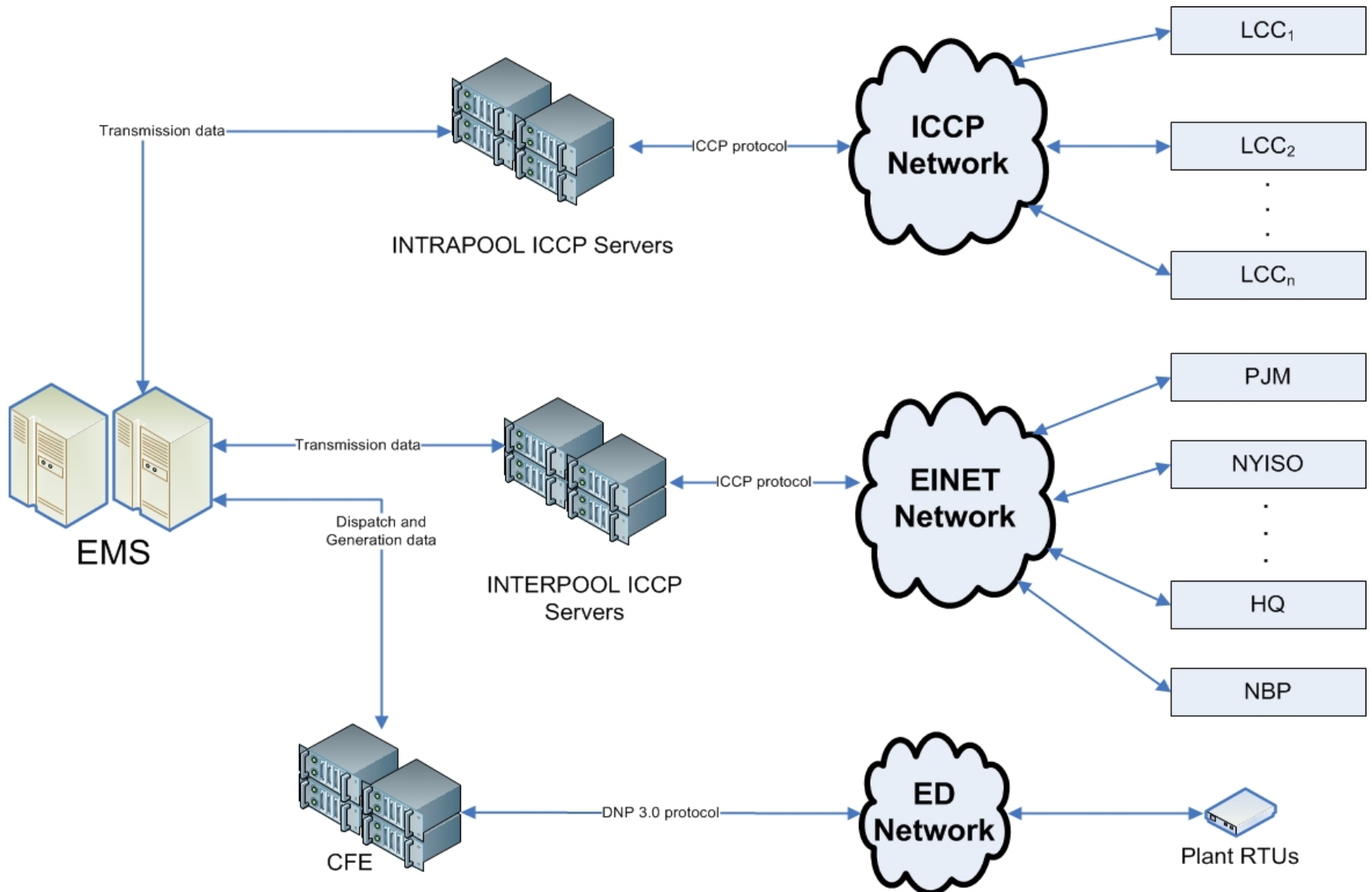
- A hydro unit was updated with a full re-wind of the machine
- Question as to the validity of the inertia constant  $H = 2.7$  or  $3.8$
- 13 events were used by APPMV to compare and verify



# *Synchrophasor-based Emergency Dispatch*



# Typical EMS Communication Network





# Synchrophasor Infrastructure as a Backup for SCADA/EMS Failure

- ISO-NE's current practice - dispatch generators manually to maintain ACE
- The synchrophasor infrastructure is **independent** from the SCADA/EMS system
- Ideal as a backup for emergency monitoring and control when there is a complete loss of SCADA/EMS



# Synchrophasor-based Automatic Generation Control (AGC)

- *Area Control Error (ACE)* is an indicator of a BA to meet its obligation to continuously balance its generation and interchange schedule with its load

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

$P_{tie}^{schedule}$  - Scheduled net interchange

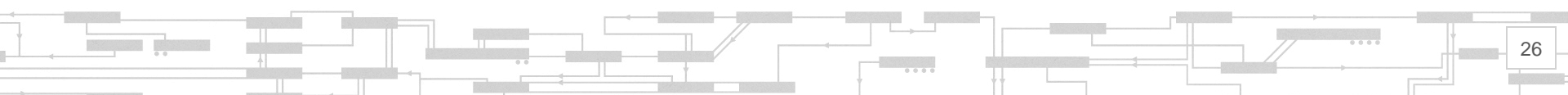
$P_{tie(p)}$  - PMU measured actual net interchange

$f_{area}^{schedule}$  - Scheduled system frequency (60 Hz)

$f_{area(p)}$  - PMU measured weight-averaged frequency

$B$  - Frequency bias setting (MW/0.1 Hz)

- AGC: dead band, PI controller, low pass filter, AGC setpoint



# Synchrophasor-based Emergency Generation Dispatch

$$\min \sum c_i \Delta P_i$$

Minimize PMU monitored unit re-dispatch cost

$$s. t. \quad \sum \Delta P_i = \Delta L(T) - ACE_{control}$$

Power balance equation

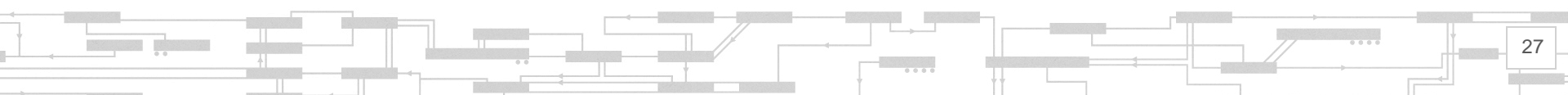
$$\left| \frac{\Delta P_i}{R_i} \right| \leq T$$

Ramp rate constraints

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

Unit capacity constraints

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

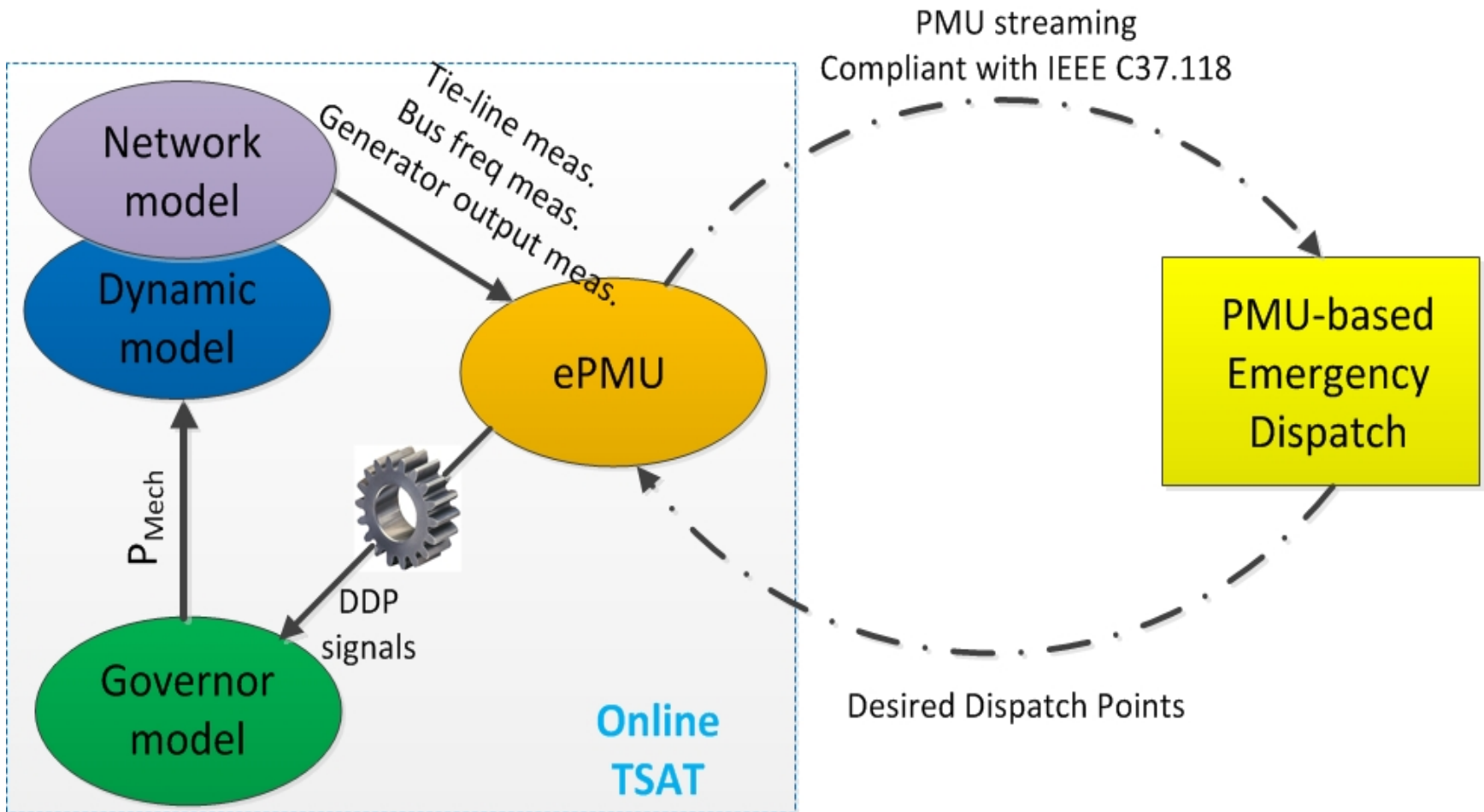


# Synchrophasor-based Emergency Operation

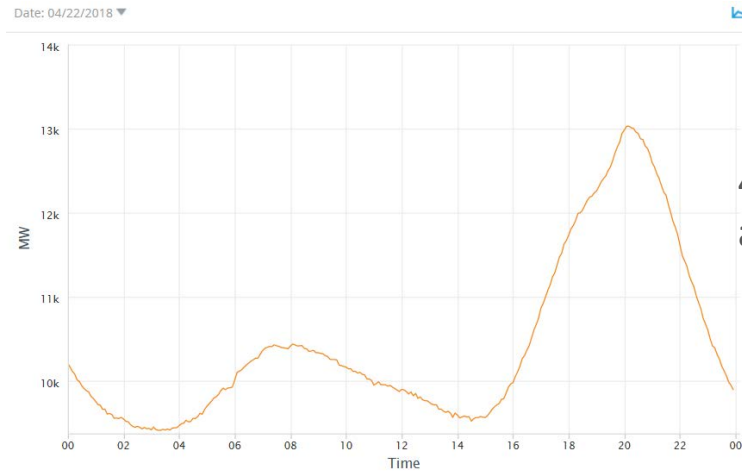
	ED network is available	ED network is unavailable
Automatic Generation Control (AGC)	Yes (every 4 seconds)	No
Emergency Dispatch	Yes, automatic (every 5 or 10 minutes to only PMU monitored units)	Yes, verbal manual (every 5 or 10 minutes to only PMU monitored units)



# Close-loop Simulation Platform

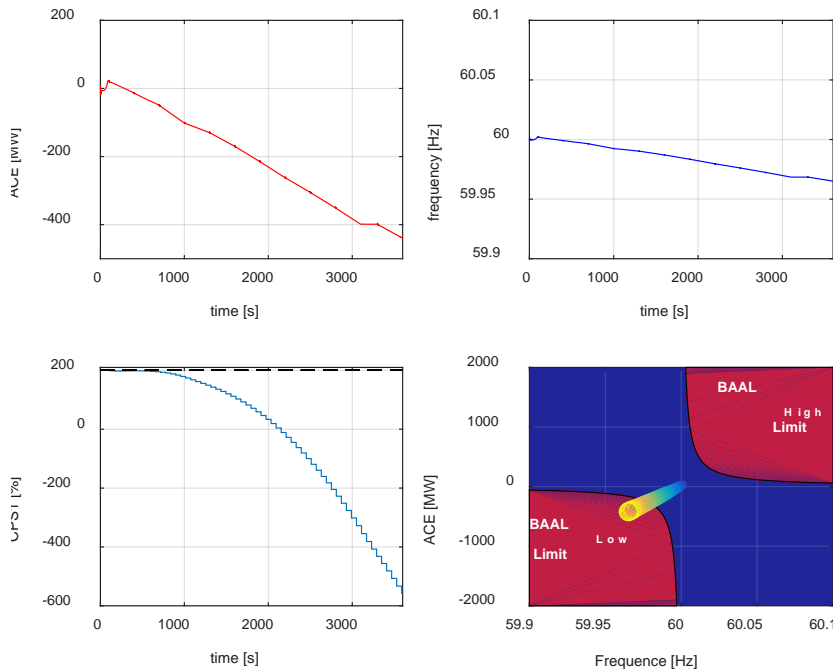


# Test Case

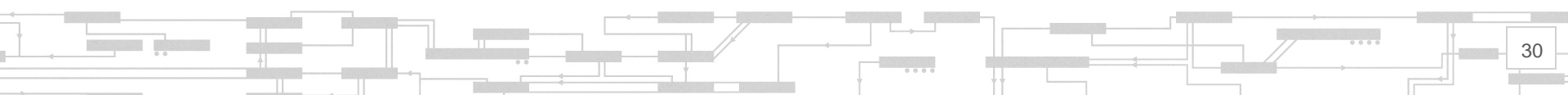
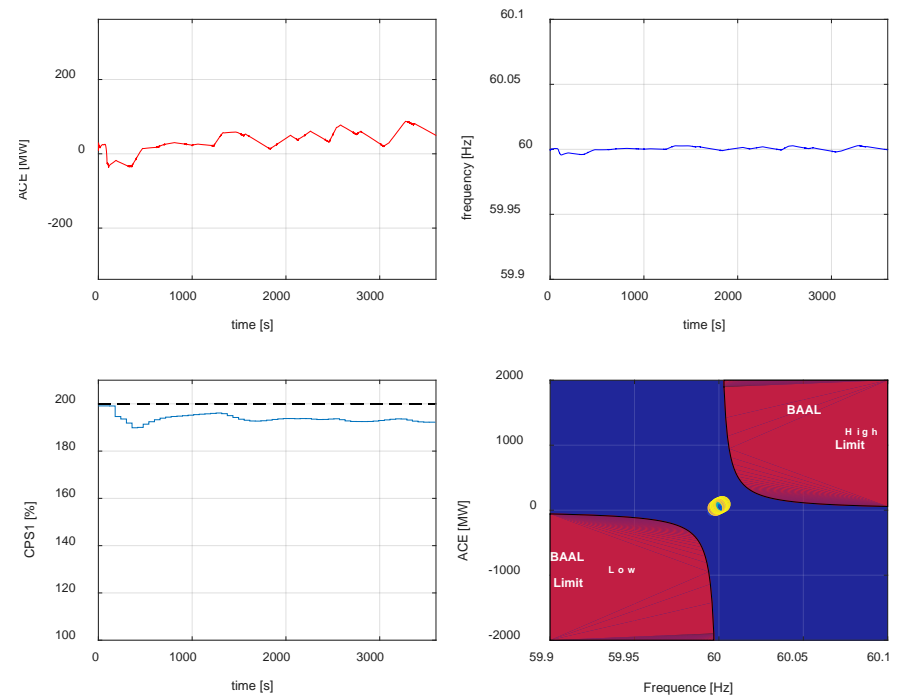


4/22/2018, 16:00 hr. – 17:00 hr.,  
about 900 MW increase

## Without PMU-based Emergency Dispatch



## With PMU-based Emergency Dispatch



# Conclusions

- Three in-house developed synchrophasor applications
  - Oscillation Source Location (OSL)
  - Automated Power Plant Model Verification (APPMV)
  - Synchrophasor-based Emergency Dispatch
- ISO-NE has shared OSL and APPMV with external entities for free with certain legal disclaimer
- Operational use of synchrophasor technology is mainly by Operations Support Services, with visualization displays in control room for situational awareness
- ISO-NE has high quality of PMU data to ensure the successful deployment and use of these applications

# Questions

