

# Synchro-waveform Measurements from IBR Rich Grids (A Case Study)

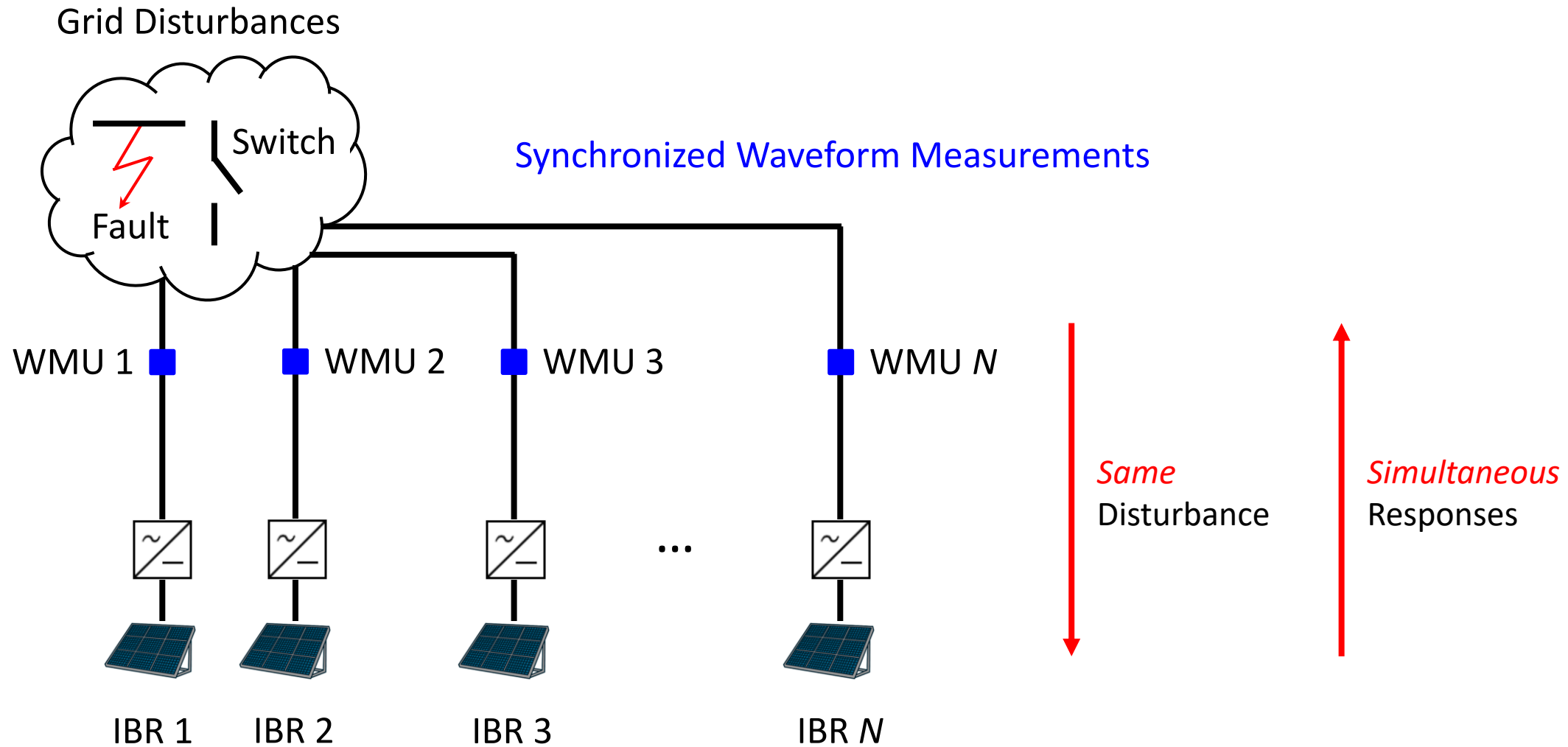
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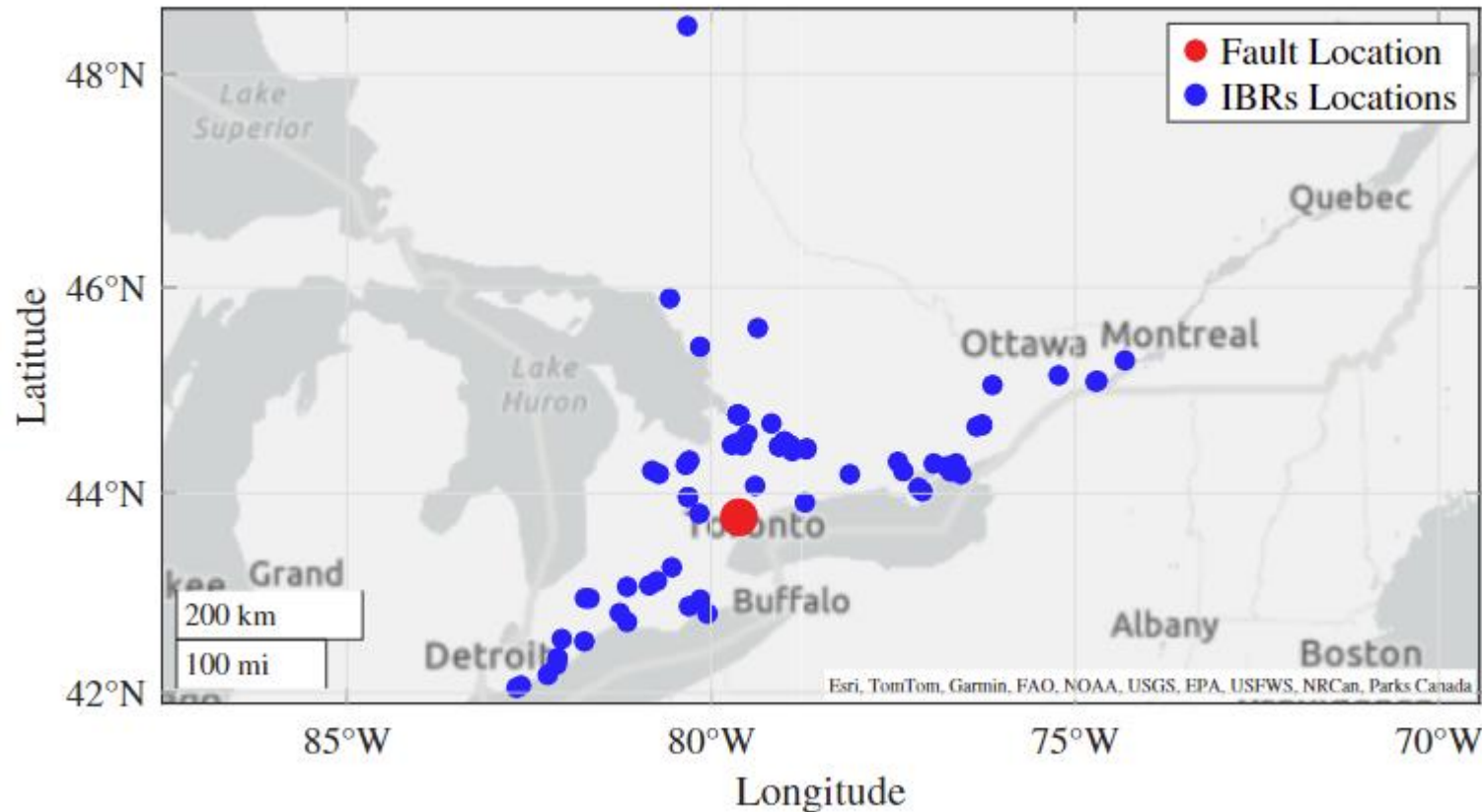
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# Monitoring IBRs with WMUs (Waveform Measurement Units)



# Case Study: System-wide Disturbance in an IBR Rich Grid

Ontario, Canada

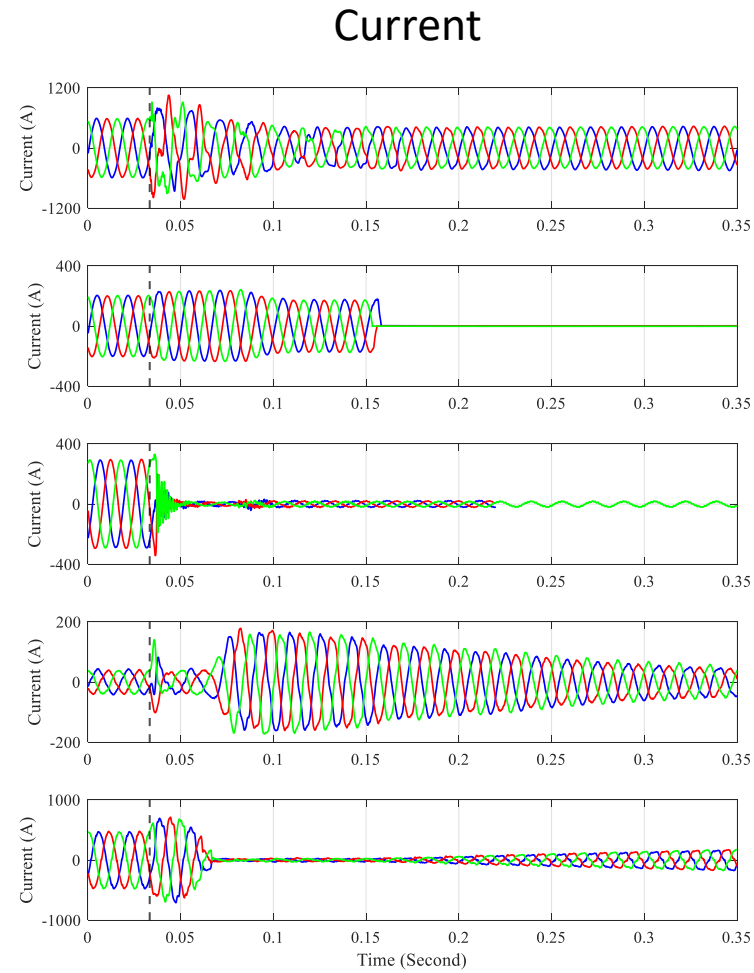
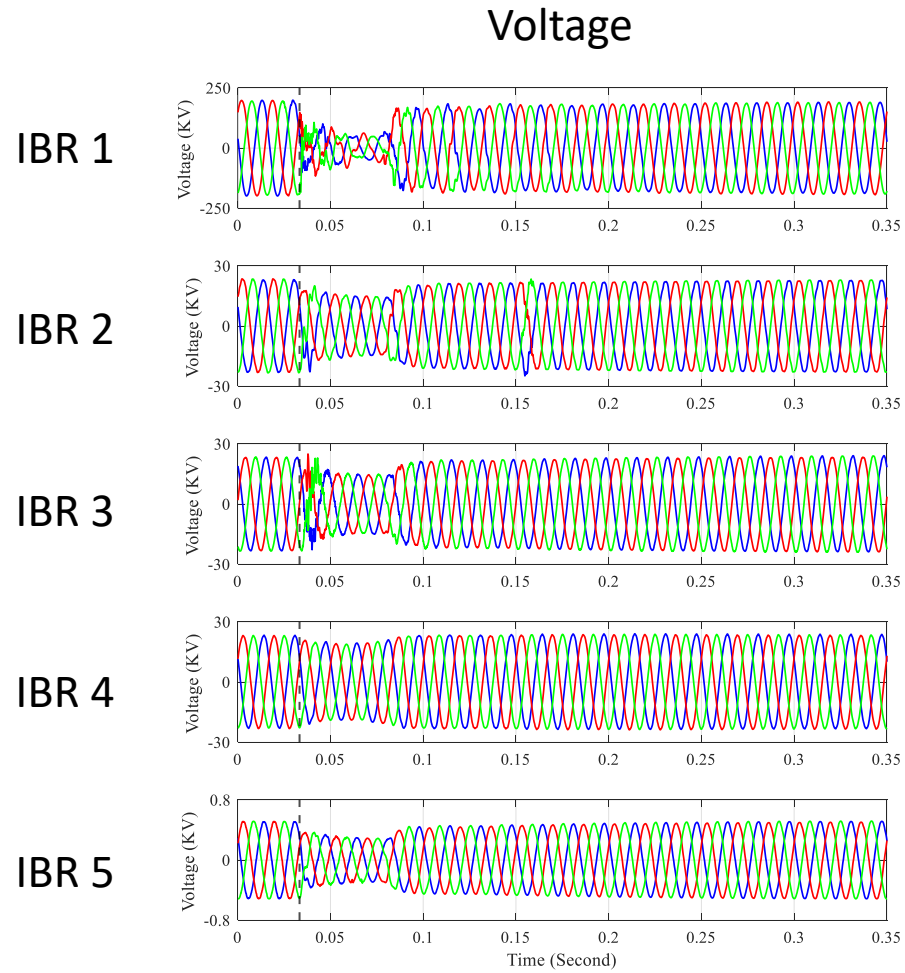


500 kV Fault Causes a System-Wide Disturbance

WMUs at 70 IBRs (Solar and Wind)

[1] H. M. Yazdi, C. Li, H. Mohsenian-Rad, "IBR Responses During a Real-World System-Wide Disturbance: Synchro-Waveform Data Analysis, Pattern Classification, and Engineering Implications", *under review*.

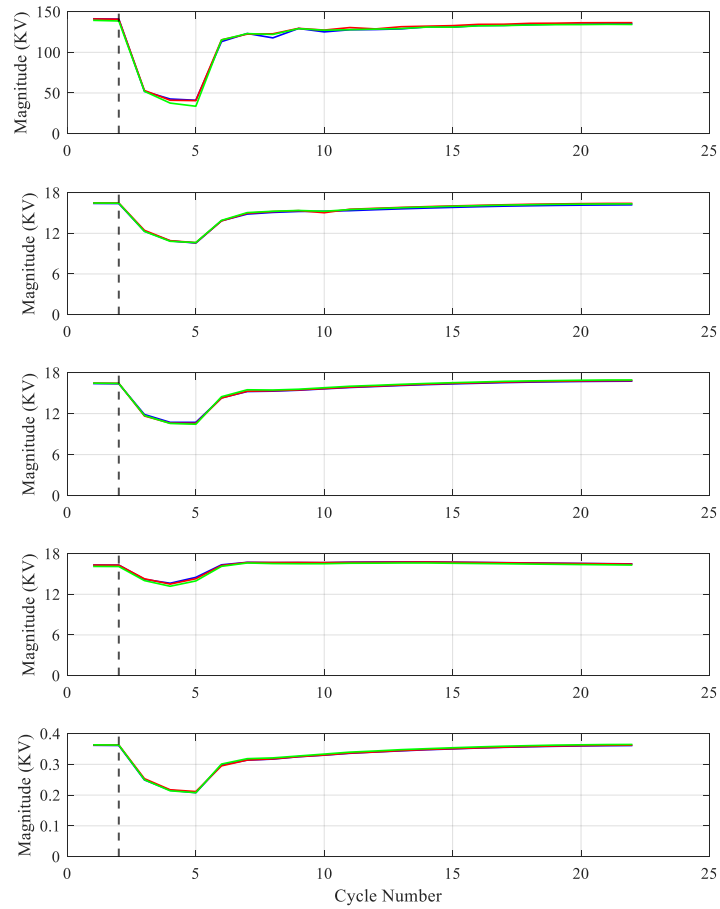
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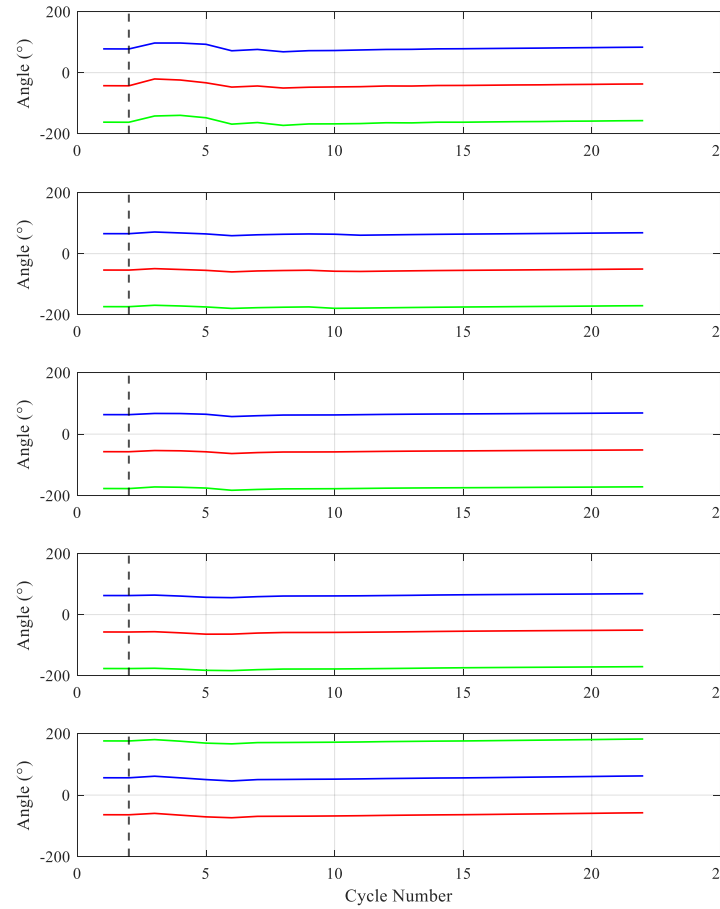
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## Voltage (Magnitude)



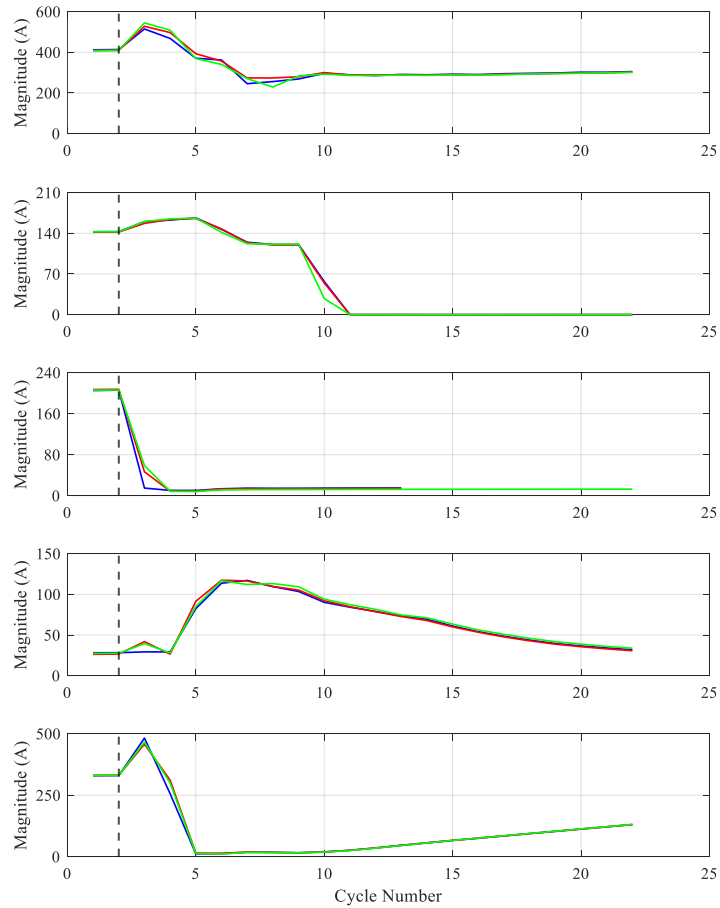
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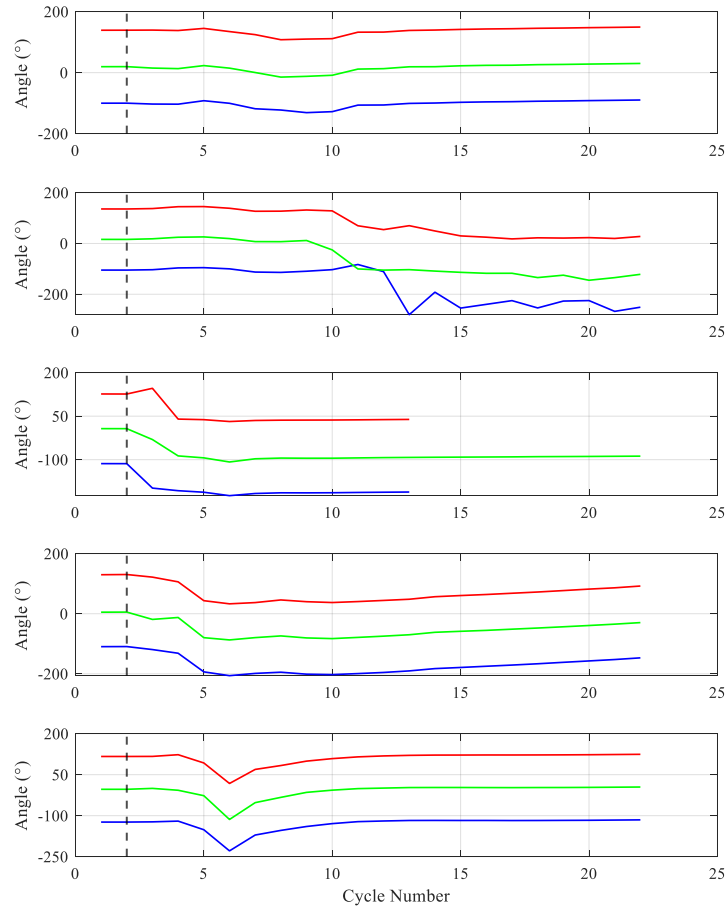
Synchro-Phasors  
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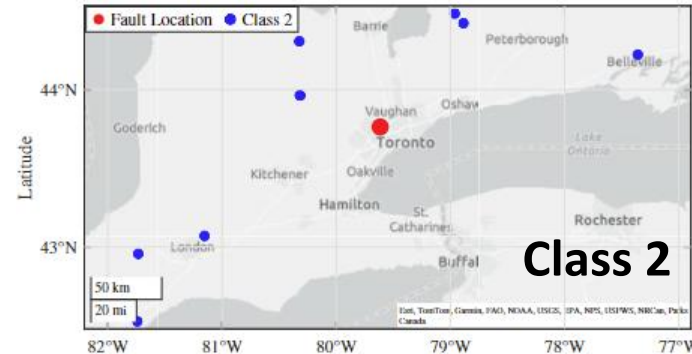
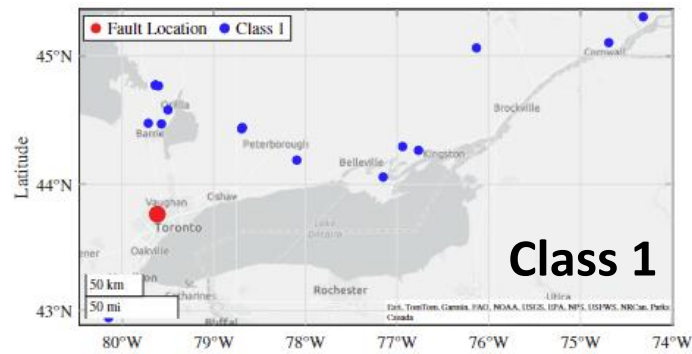


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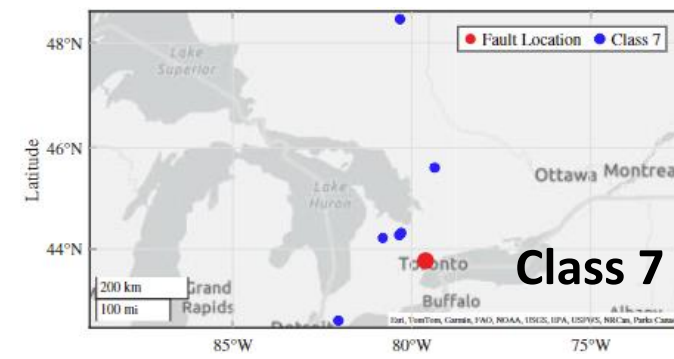
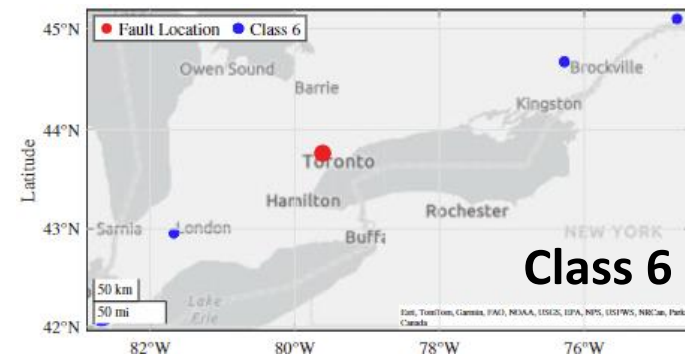
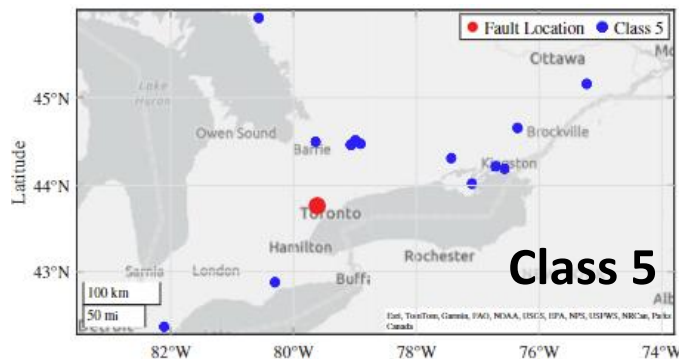
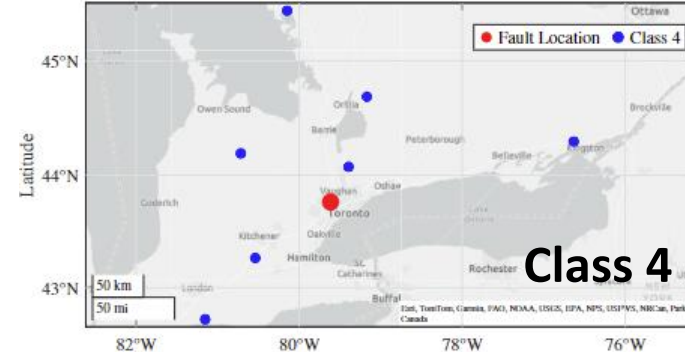
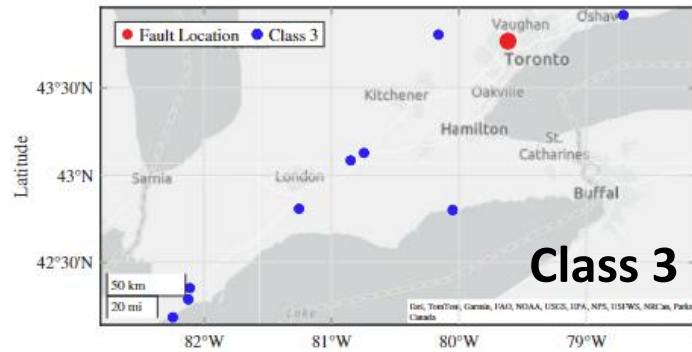
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# Geographical Patterns



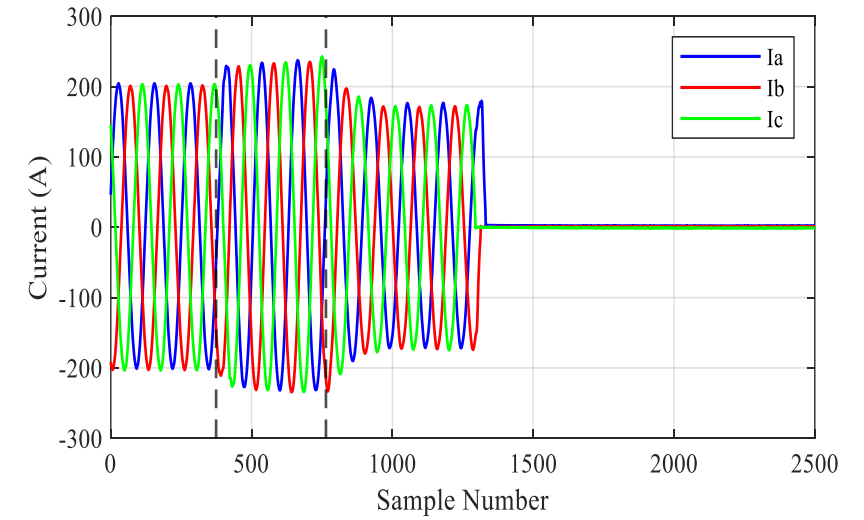
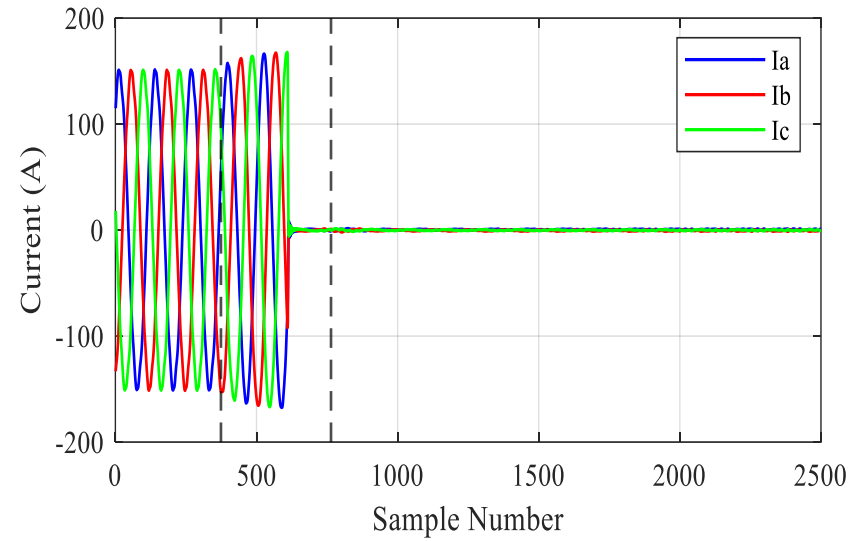
Most Classes are Scattered Across the Region

Some Classes have Geographical Patterns



# Examples and Further Analysis

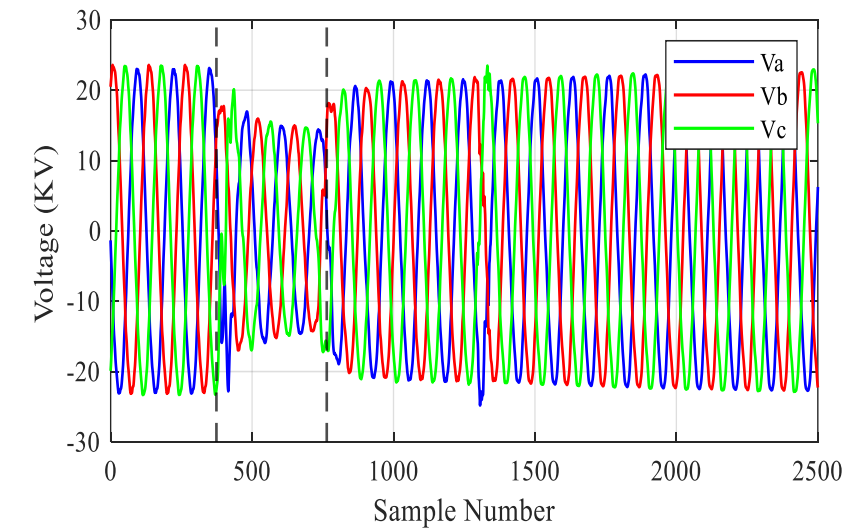
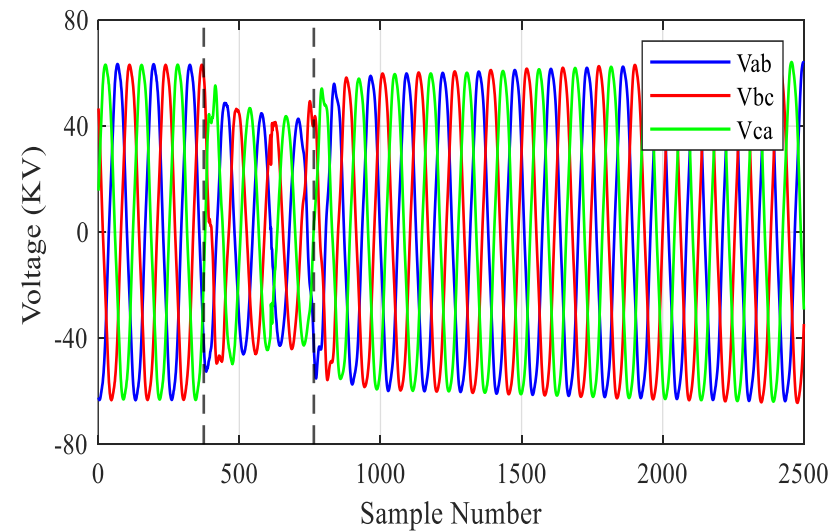
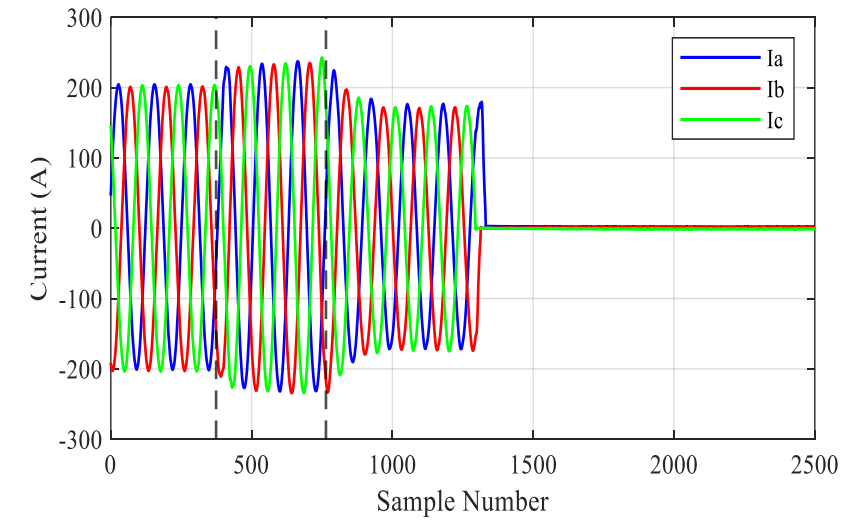
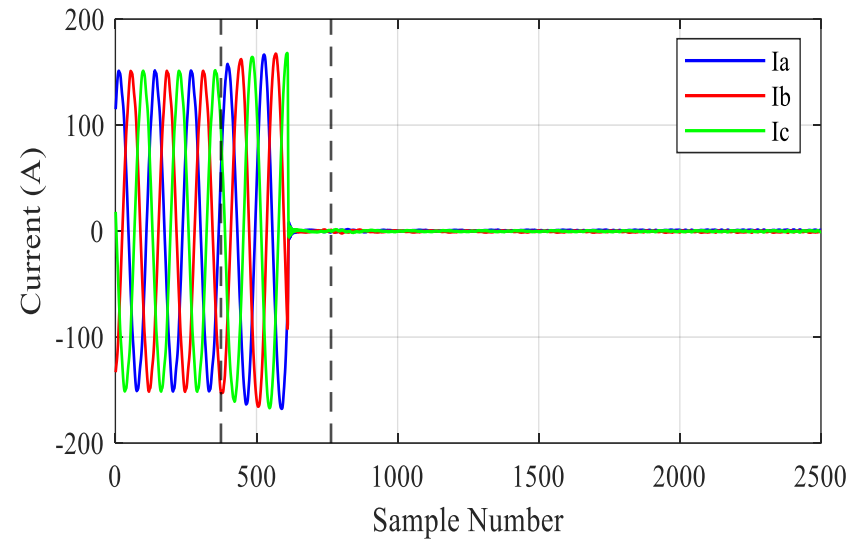
Trip *During* Fault vs  
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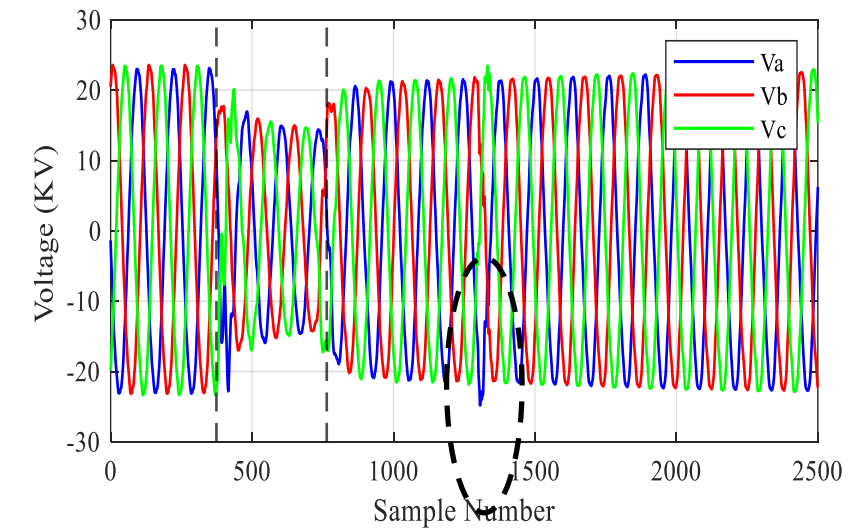
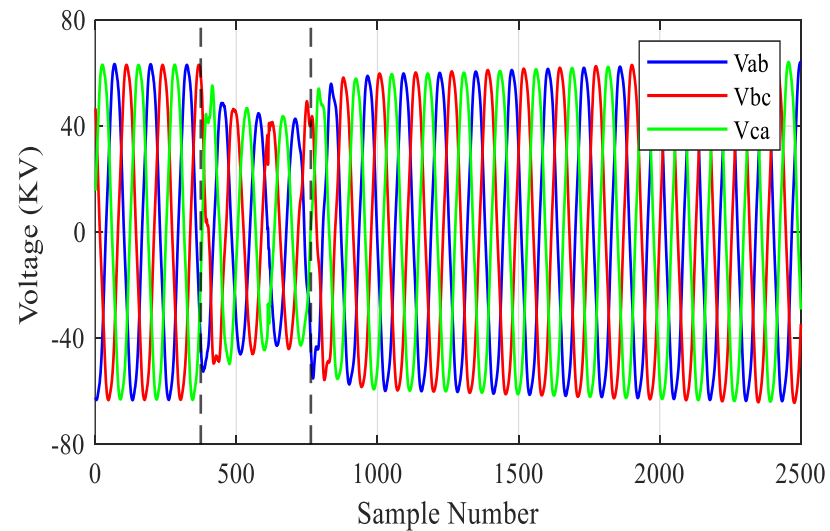
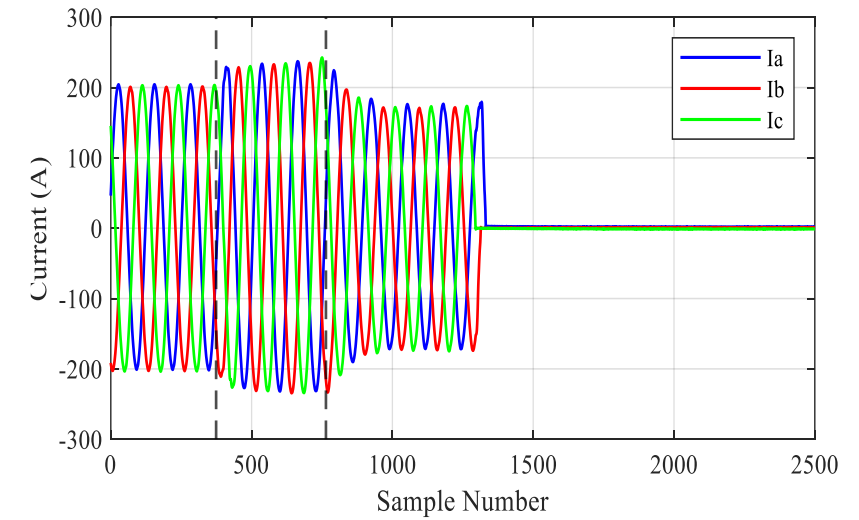
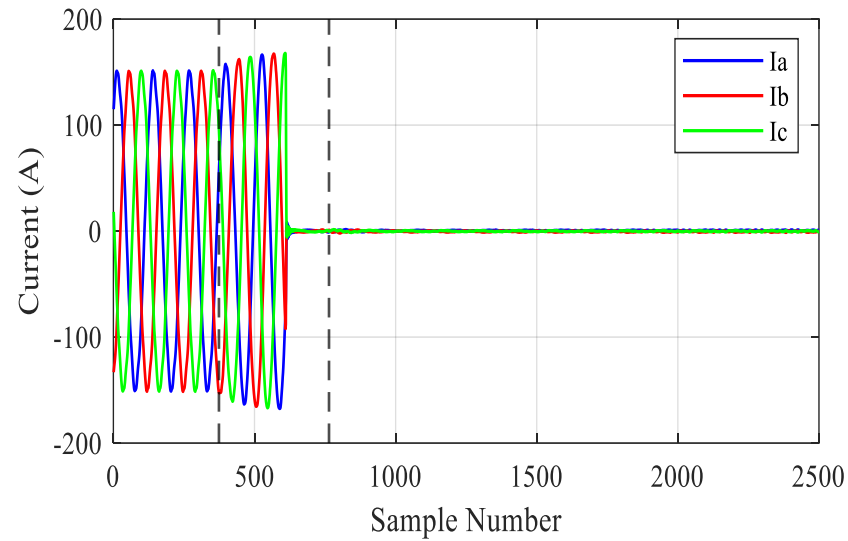
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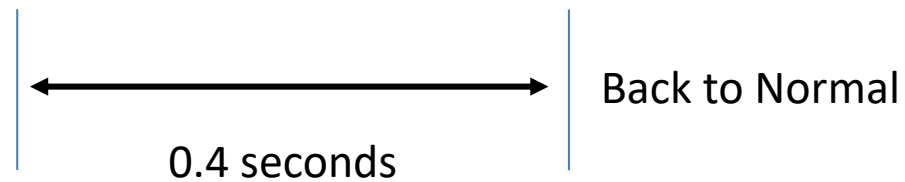
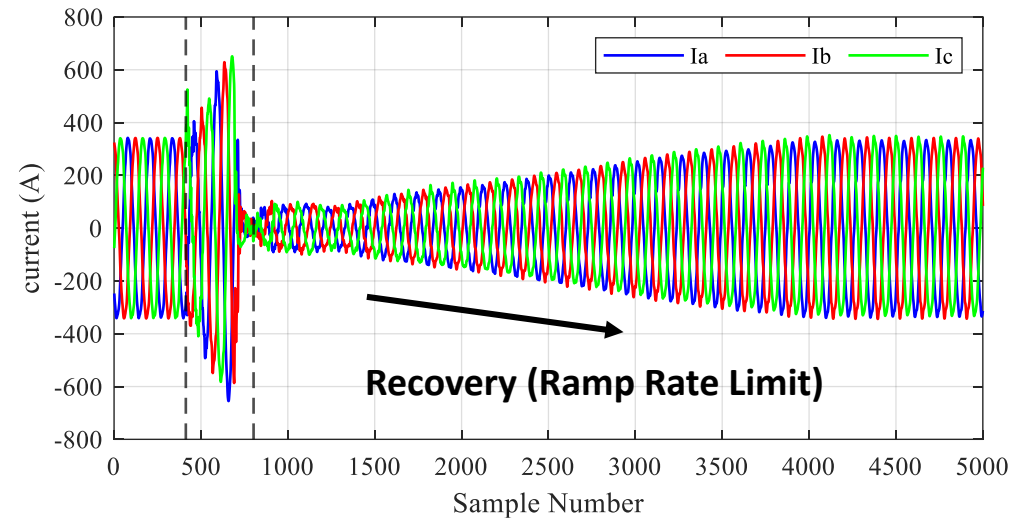


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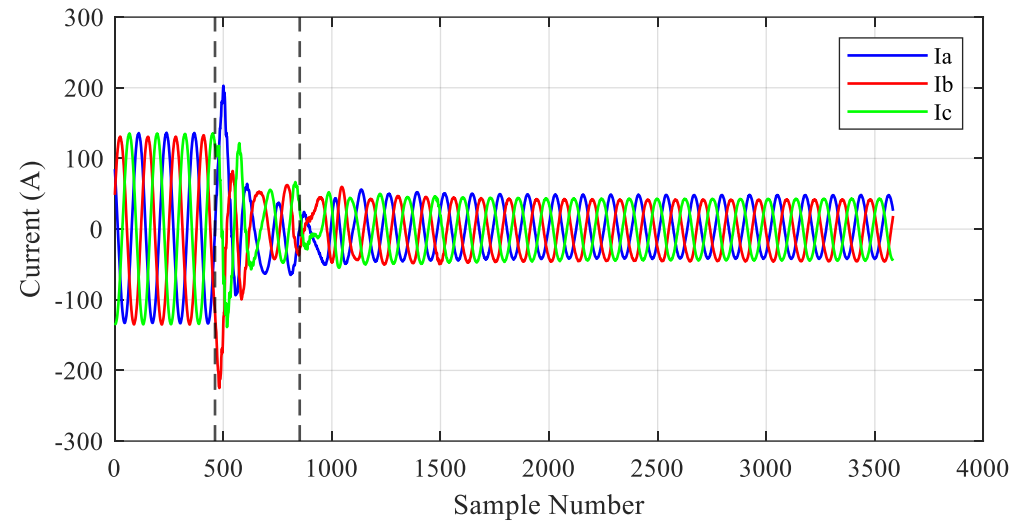


## Momentary Reduction

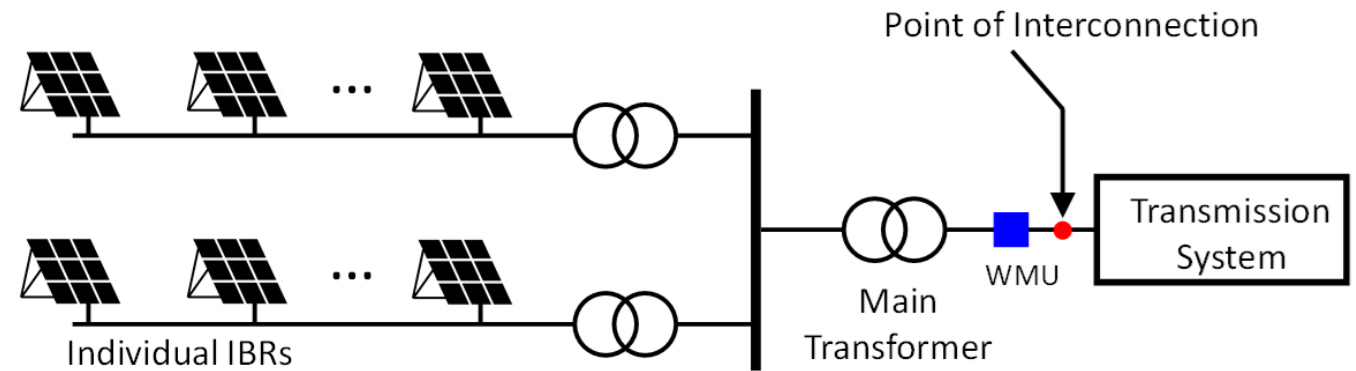


Momentary Cessation + Immediate Recovery + Ramp Rate Limit

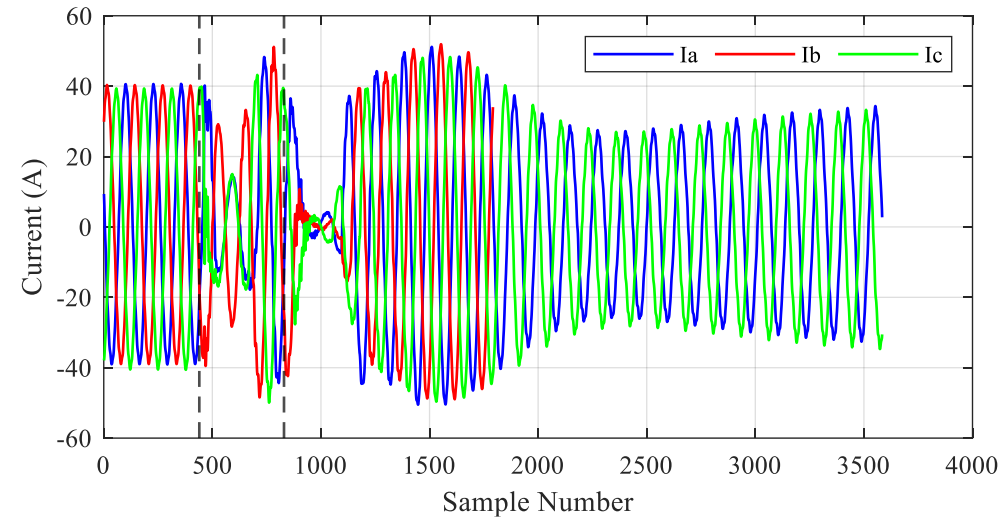
## Sustained Reduction



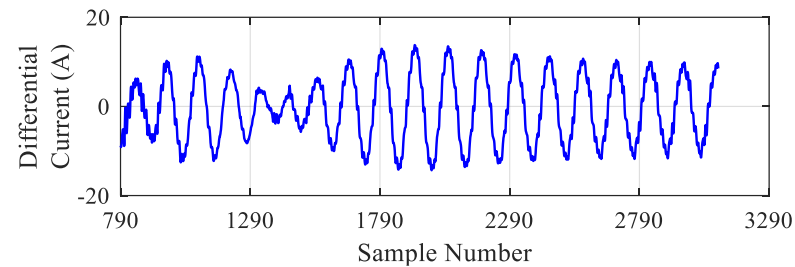
Partial Tripping



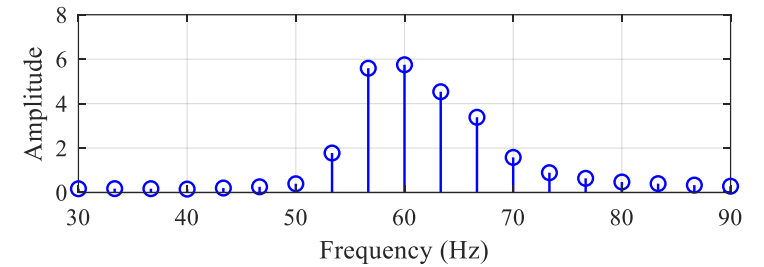
## Side Band Oscillations (Sub-synchronous)



Too Short  
Waveform Capture



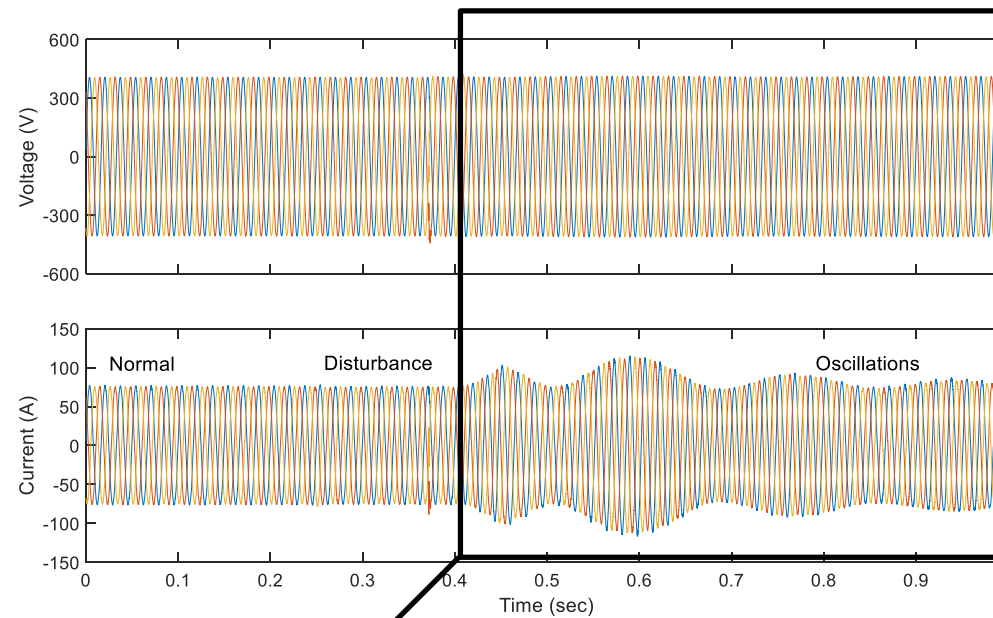
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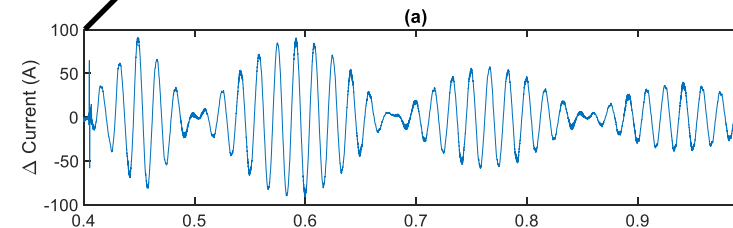
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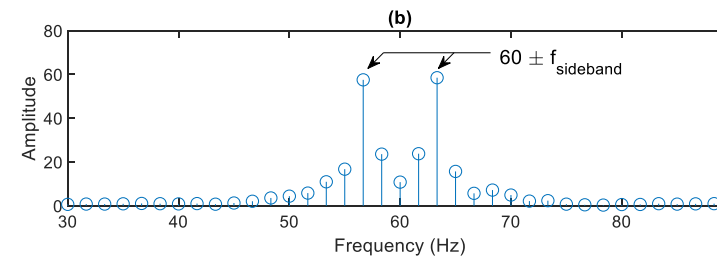
Different Case Study

$$\Delta i(t)$$



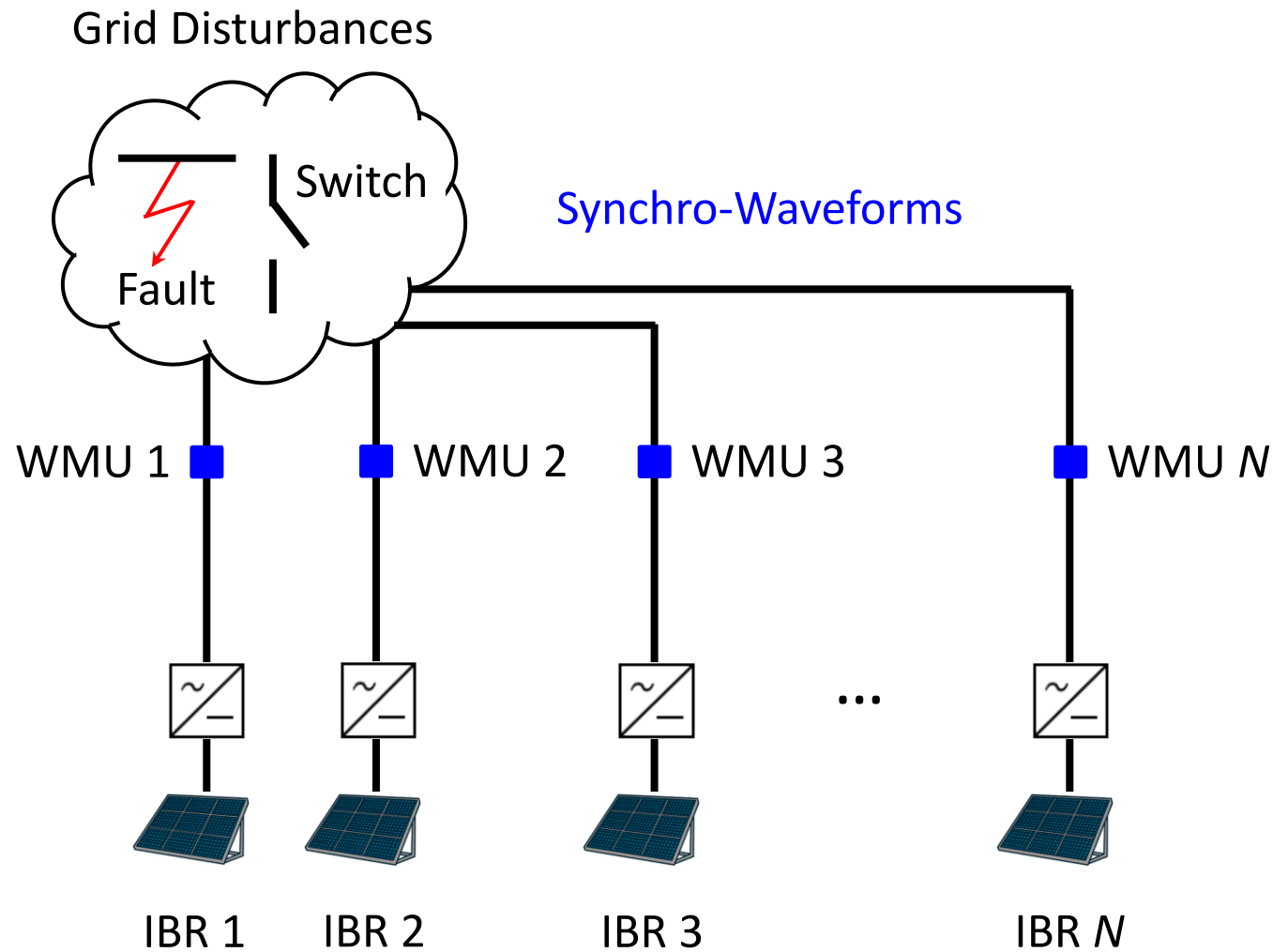
Amplitude Modulation

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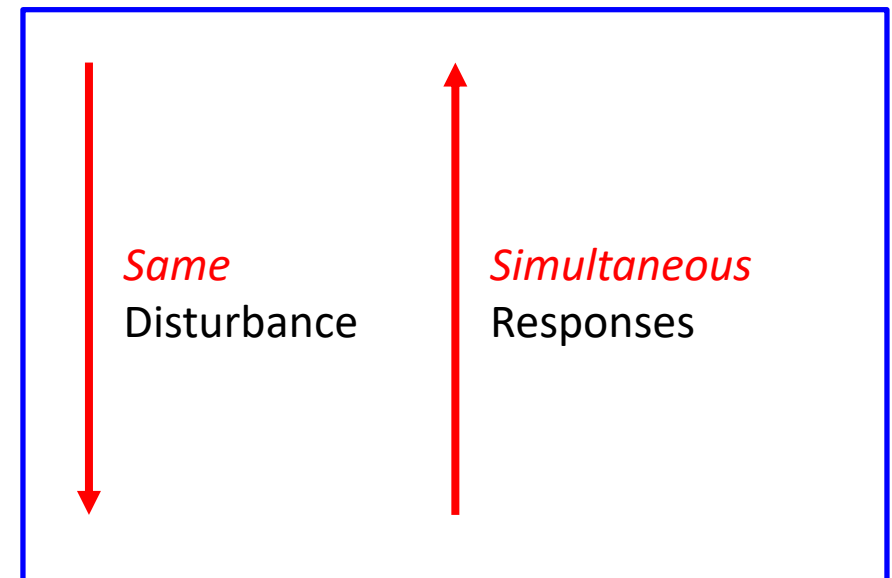


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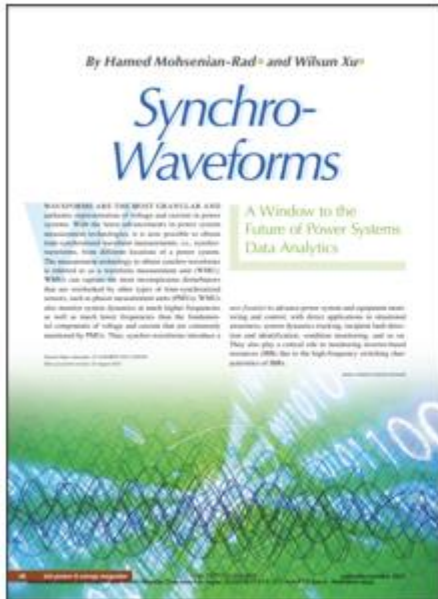
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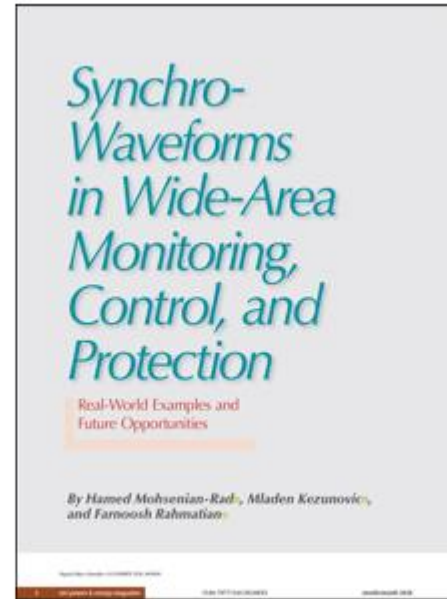
Impact on *System Dynamics and Control*  
Impact on *Protection System*



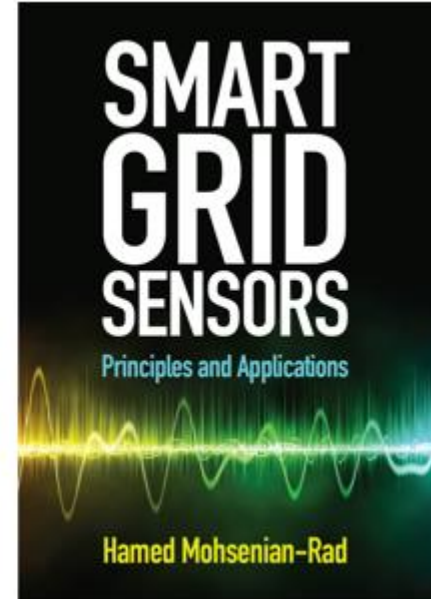
# Further Reading: Synchro-Waveforms



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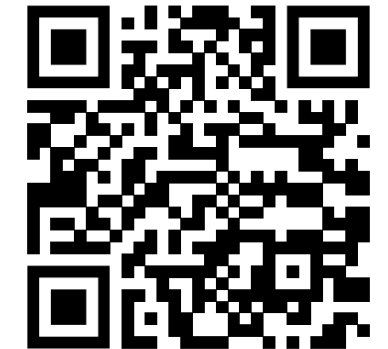
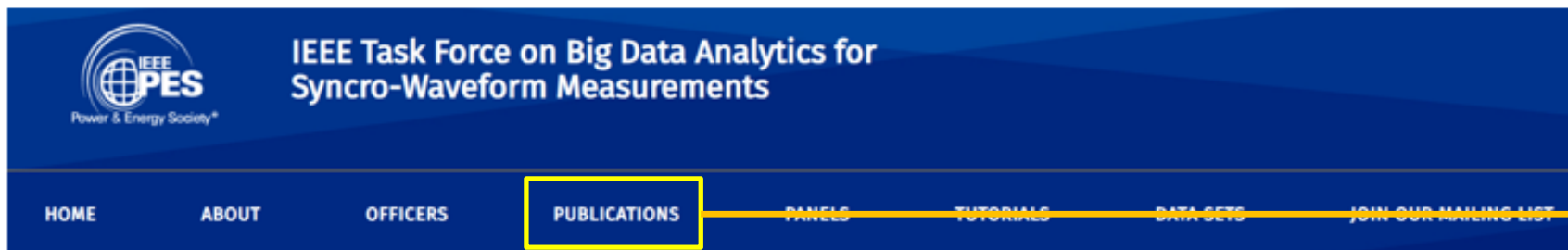


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Cambridge  
University  
Press, 2022  
(Chapter 4: Waveform Measurements)

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37 papers  
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# Thank You!

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