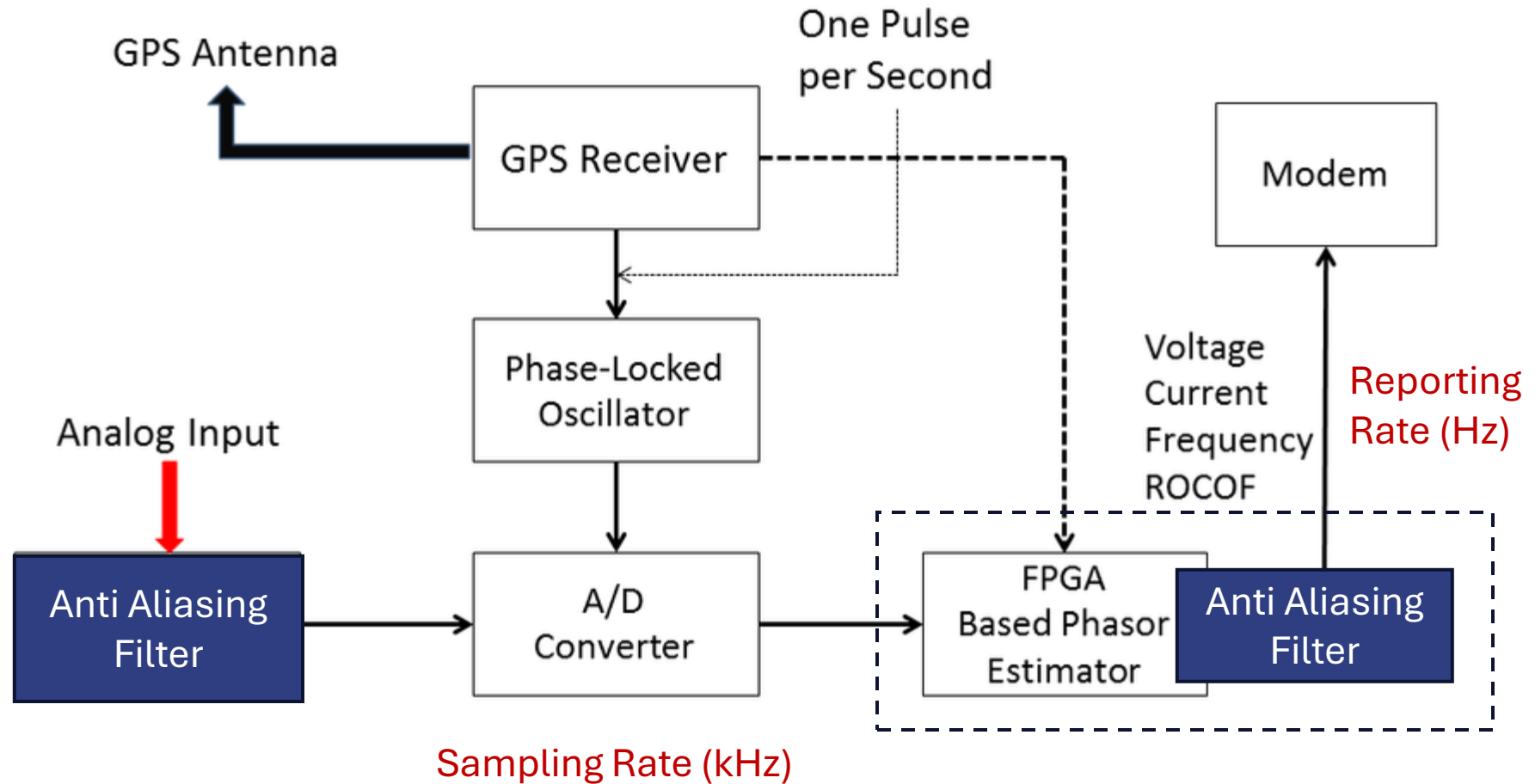


Impact Of PMU Reporting Rate on Oscillation Monitoring

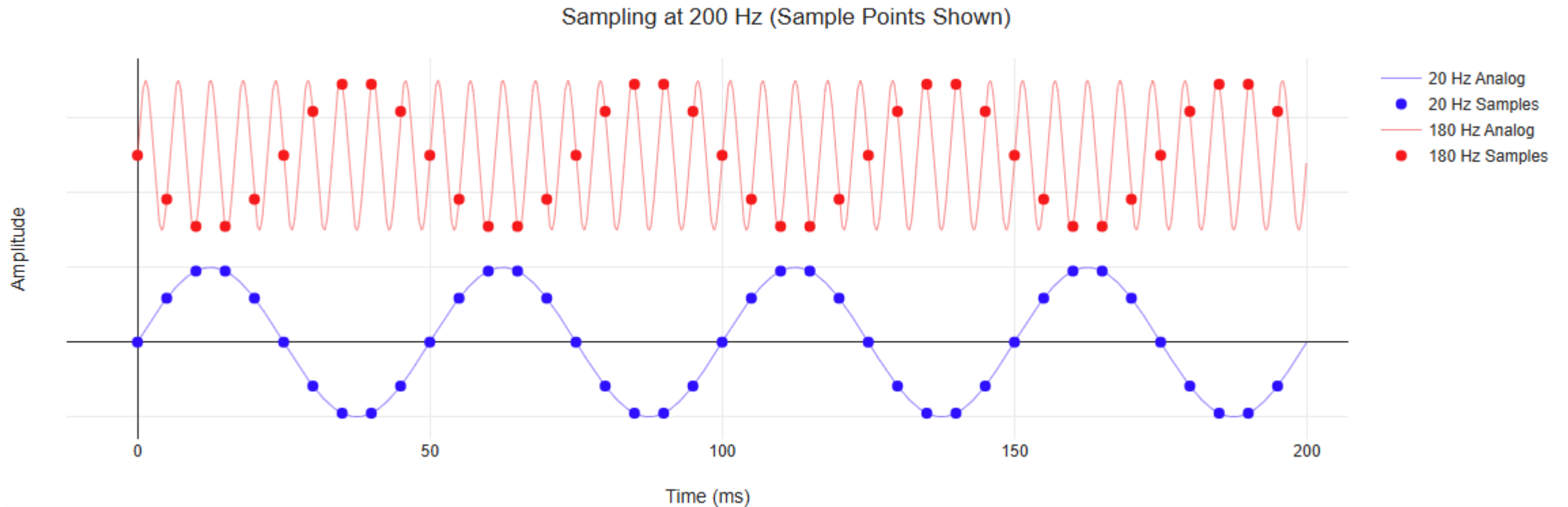
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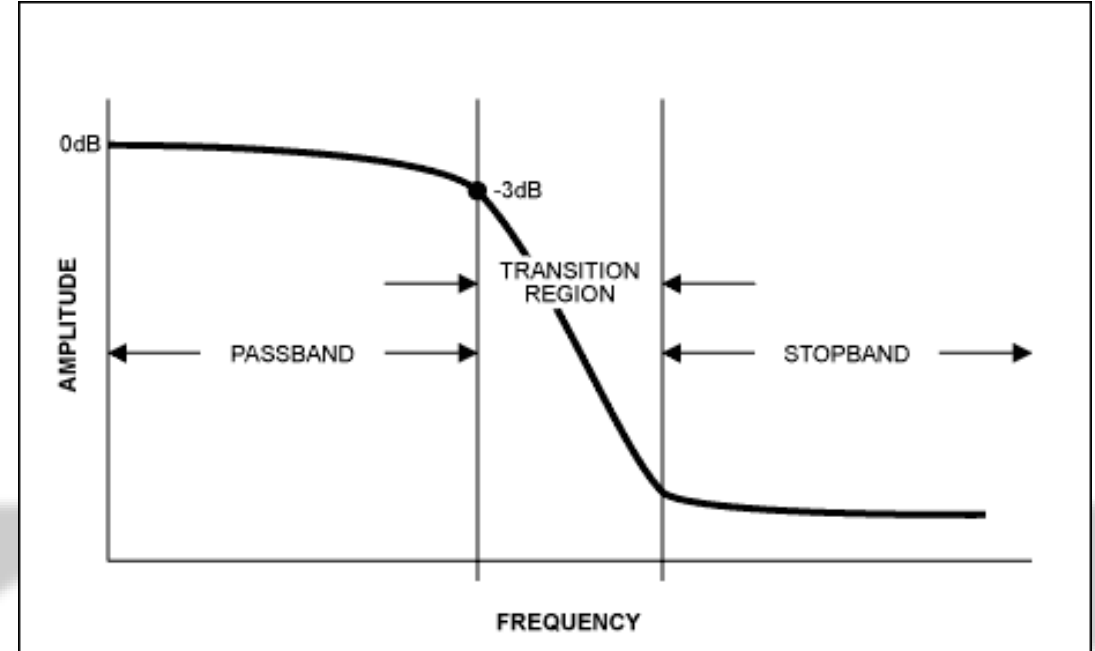
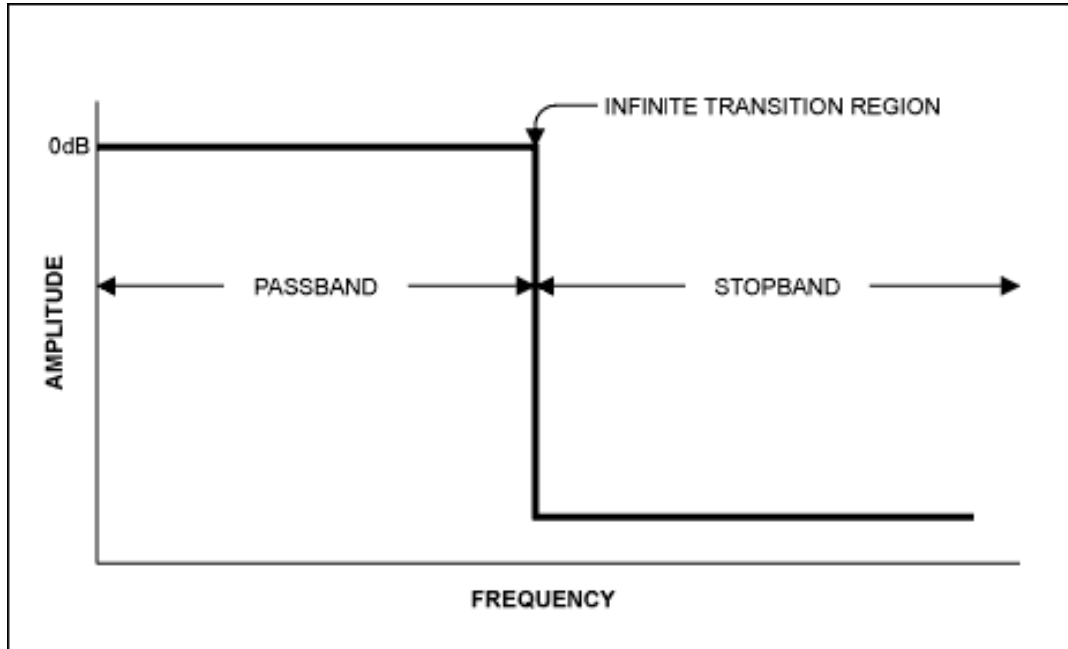


ALIASING



Anti aliasing filter is to cancel out everything higher than the Nyquist rate

FILTERING IS NOT IDEAL





MAIN SOURCE

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OSCILLATORY SIGNALS REPRESENTATION

$$\tilde{X}(t) = X_m \angle \phi,$$

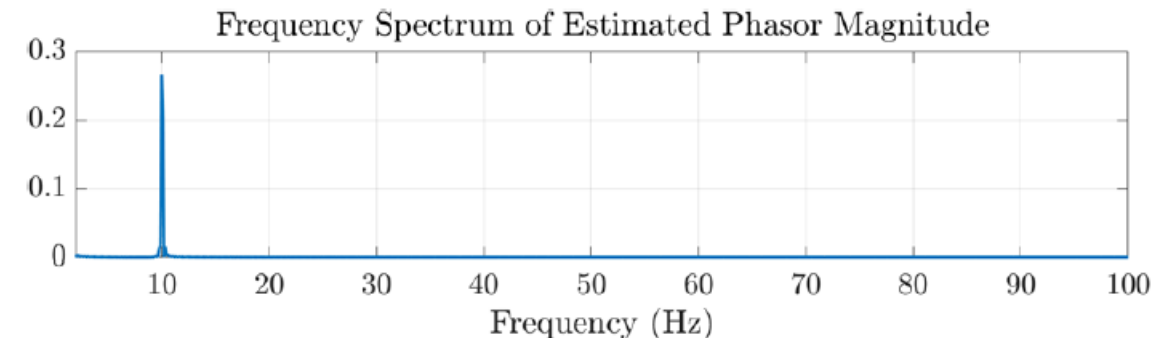
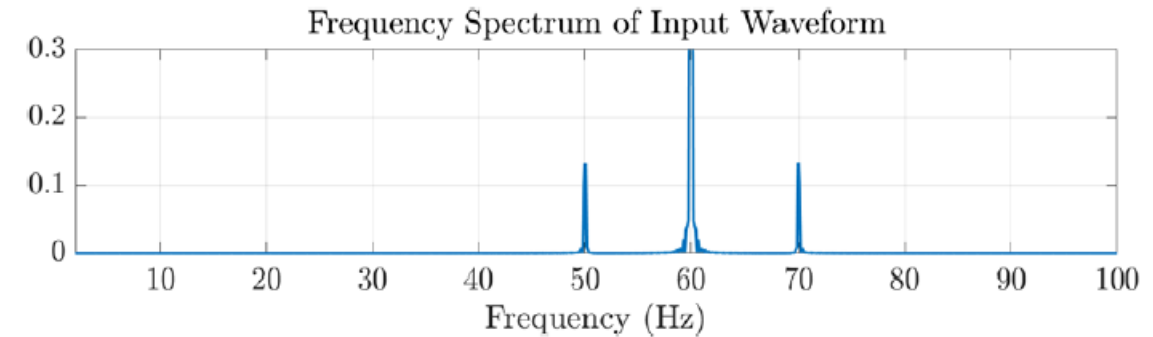
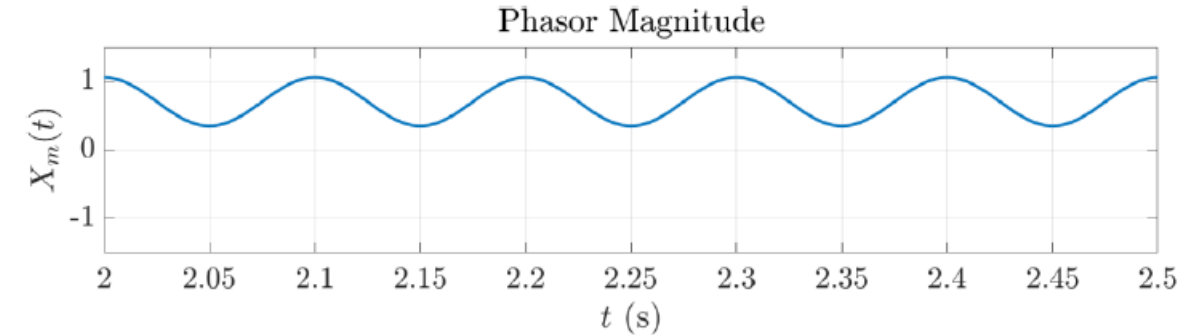
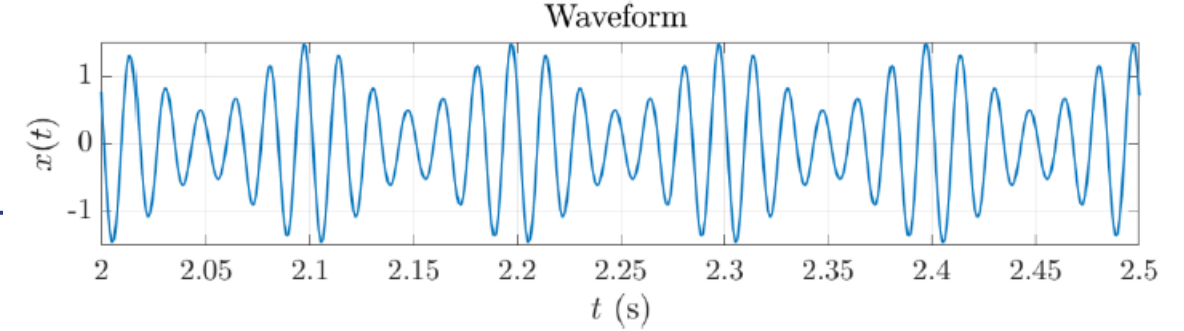
$$X_m = \frac{X_0}{\sqrt{2}} \{ 1 + k_m \cos(2\pi \Delta f t) \},$$

$$\phi = \phi_0 \{ 1 + k_a \cos(2\pi \Delta f t) \},$$



$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \sqrt{2} X_m \cos(2\pi f_0 t + \phi) \\ &= X_0 \{ 1 + k_m \cos(2\pi \Delta f t) \} \cdot \cos(2\pi f_0 t + \phi) \\ &= X_0 \cos(2\pi f_0 t + \phi) \\ &\quad + \frac{k_m X_0}{2} \cos(2\pi (f_0 + \Delta f) t + \phi) \\ &\quad + \frac{k_m X_0}{2} \cos(2\pi (f_0 - \Delta f) t + \phi) \end{aligned}$$

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CHALLENGES AND LIMITATIONS OF MONITORING HIGH-FREQUENCY OSCILLATIONS

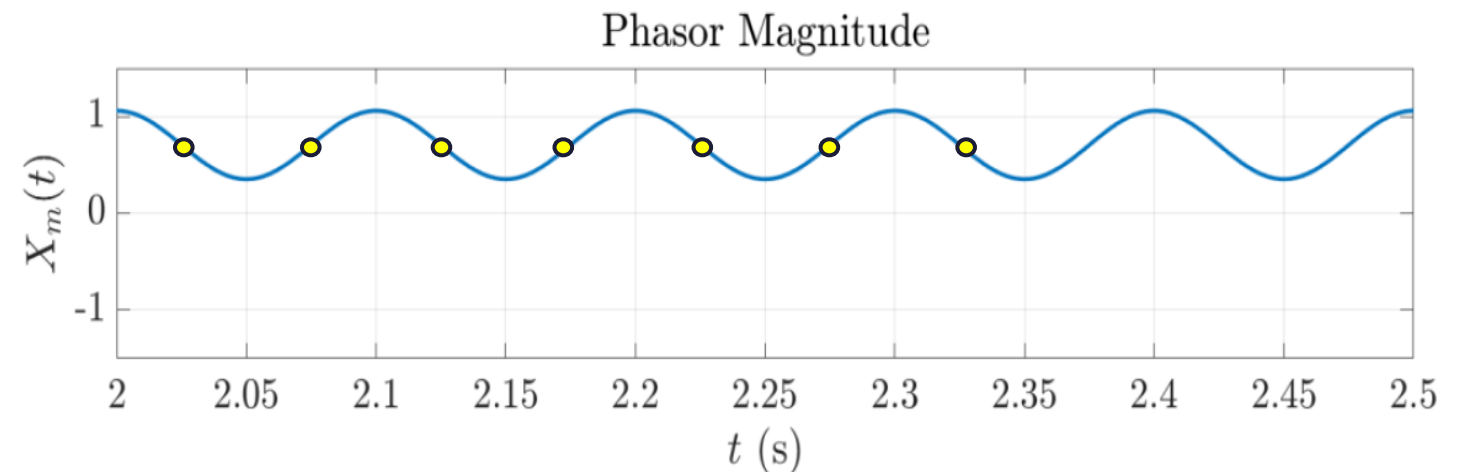
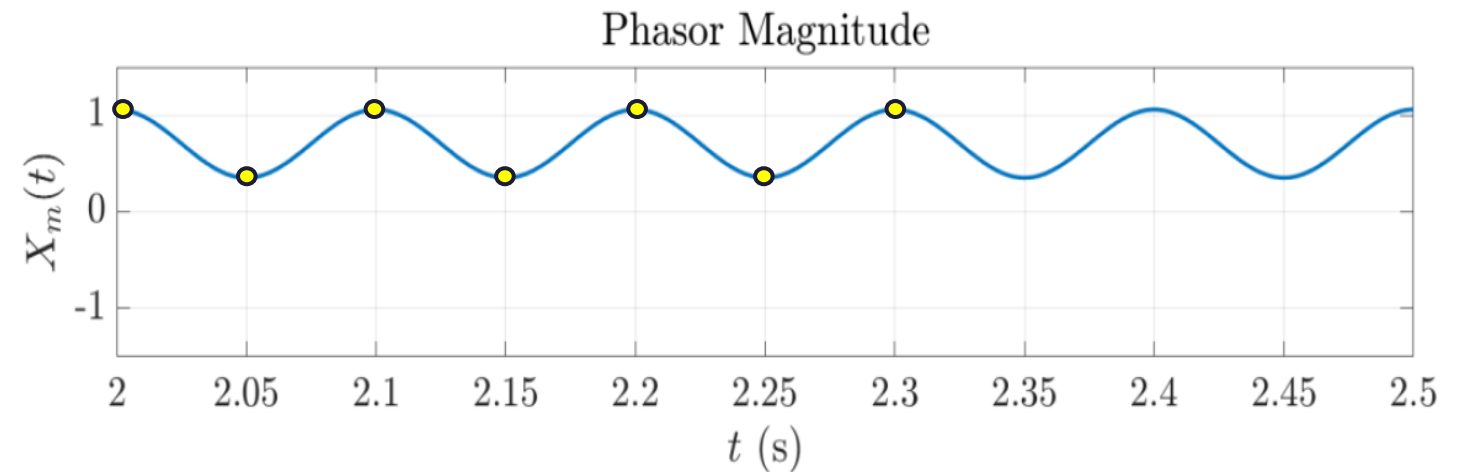
Two primary factors determine effective performance limits of PMUs when monitoring higher frequency oscillations:

- Reporting rate, in frames per second (fps)
- Low-pass filtering

IMPACT OF REPORTING RATE – ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLE

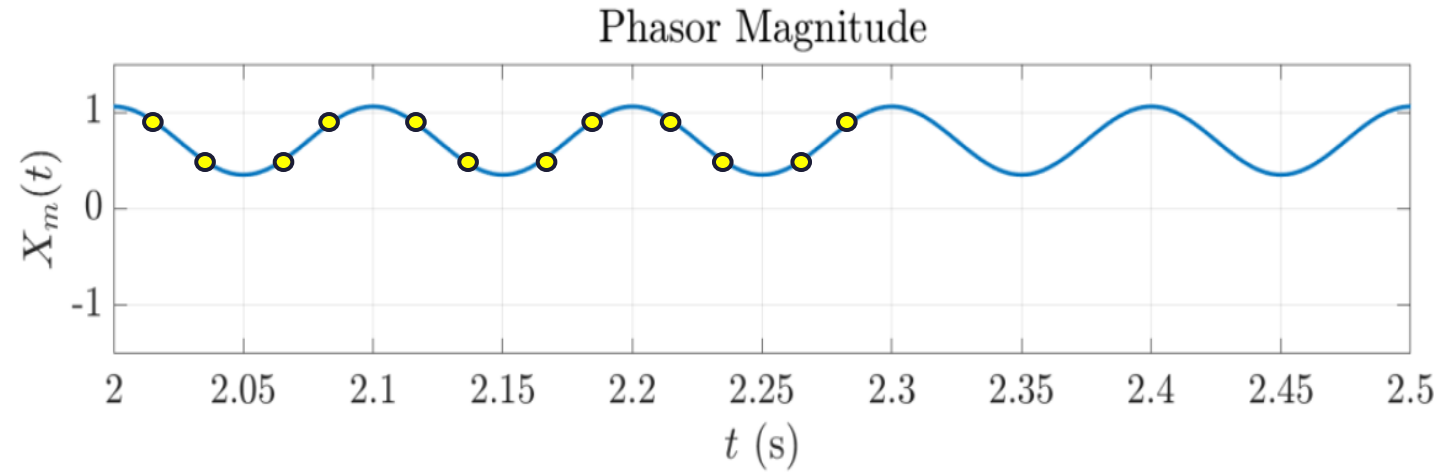
- Reporting rate is like sampling from the phasor estimation. Low sampling can miss some information.

20 Hz reporting rate:



IMPACT OF REPORTING RATE – ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLE

40 Hz reporting rate:



IMPACT OF REPORTING RATE - DEMO

Demo case:

- 2 Hz at 30 fps
- 5 Hz at 30 fps and 60 fps
- 10 Hz at 30 fps and 60 fps
- 14 Hz at 30 fps and 60 fps
- 15 Hz at 30 fps and 60 fps

Findings

- Oscillatory signal might be seen as piecewise linear triangular sawtooth waves
- Estimated peak values can be very different from true values
- Reported values can be unsymmetrical around the base value → wrongly shifting base values
- Off-nominal power system frequency makes all these observations uncertain

CONSIDERATIONS FOR MONITORING LOW- VS. HIGH-FREQUENCY OSCILLATIONS

Table 4 – Synchrophasor measurement bandwidth requirements using modulated test signals

- IEC/IEEE 60255-118-1 defines two performance classes for PMUs: P-class and M-class
- P-class PMUs are designed for applications that prioritize fast response and low latency.
- M-class PMUs are intended for applications where improved steady-state accuracy and stronger rejection of off-nomina components are emphasized.

Modulation level	Reference condition	Minimum range of influence quantity over which PMU shall be within given TVE limit			
		P class		M class	
		Range	Max. TVE	Range	Max. TVE
$k_x = 0,1$, $k_a = 0$	100 % rated signal magnitude, $f_{nominal}$	Modulation frequency 0,1 to lesser of $F_s/10$ or 2 Hz	3 %	Modulation frequency 0,1 to lesser of $F_s/5$ or 5 Hz	3 %
$k_x = 0$, $k_a = 0,1$	100 % rated signal magnitude, $f_{nominal}$		3 %		3 %

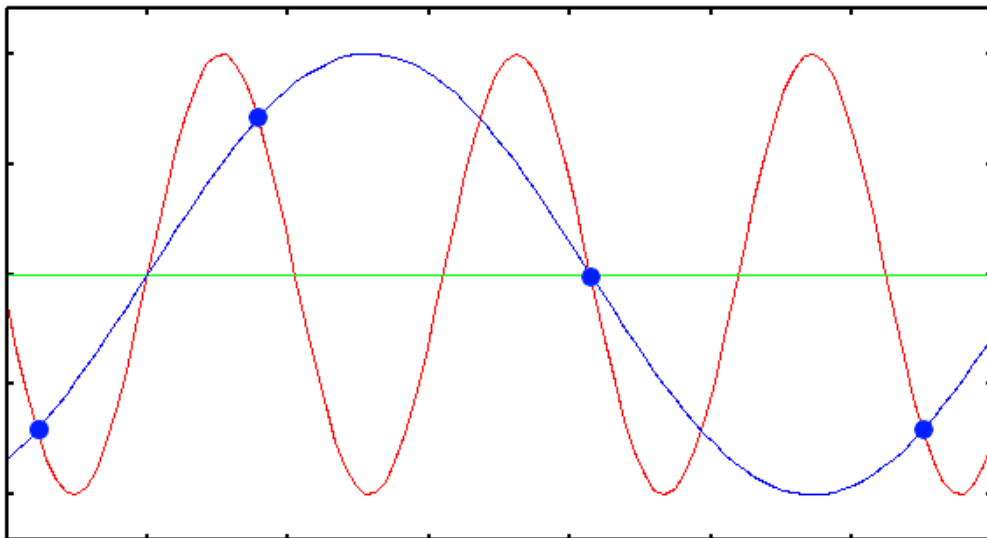
F_s denotes the reporting rate

Effective measurement bandwidth increases with reporting rate only up to a certain point.

Business need to monitor higher frequencies is rapidly on the raise

IMPACT OF LOW-PASS FILTERING

Aliasing might still happen



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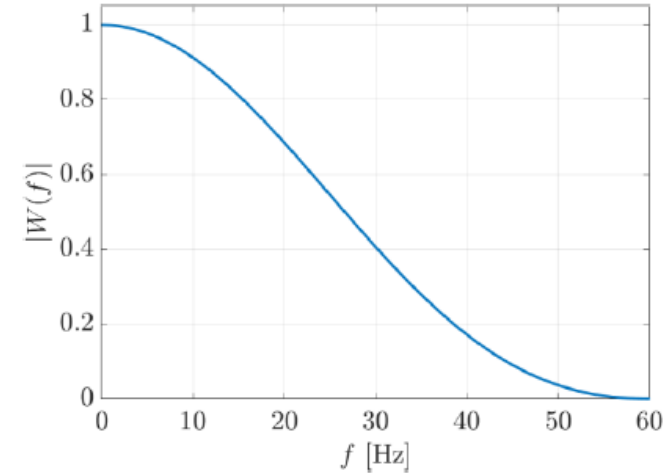
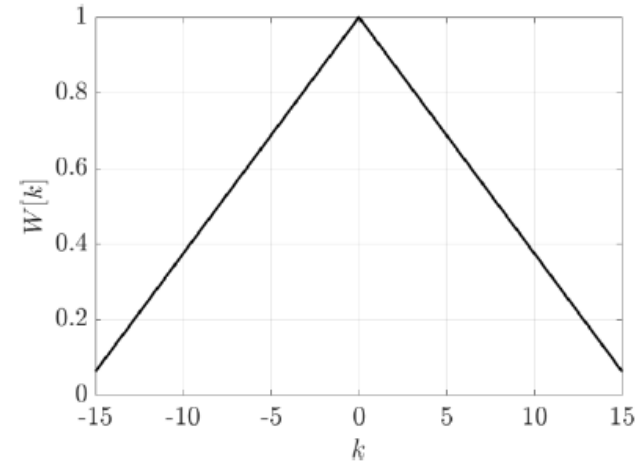


Figure 8. Window function and magnitude response of the P-class reference filter.

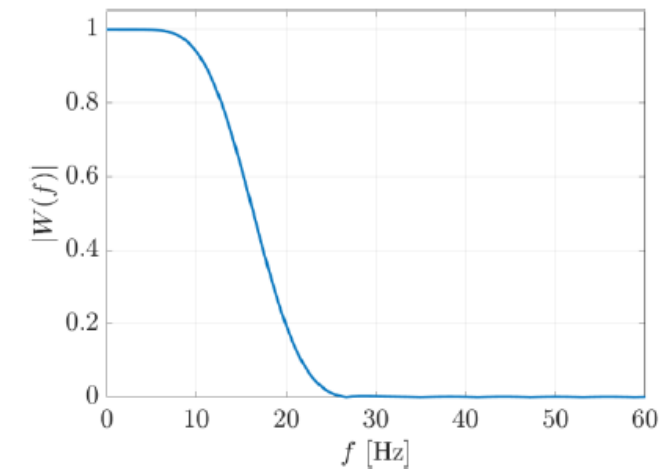
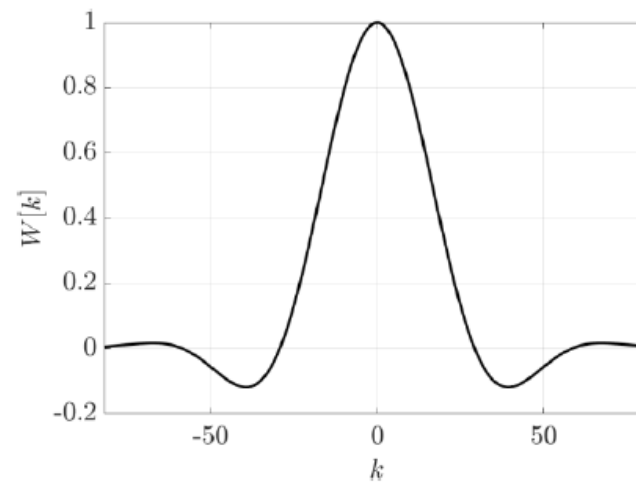


Figure 9. Window function and magnitude response of the M-class reference filter.

IMPACT OF LOW-PASS FILTERING

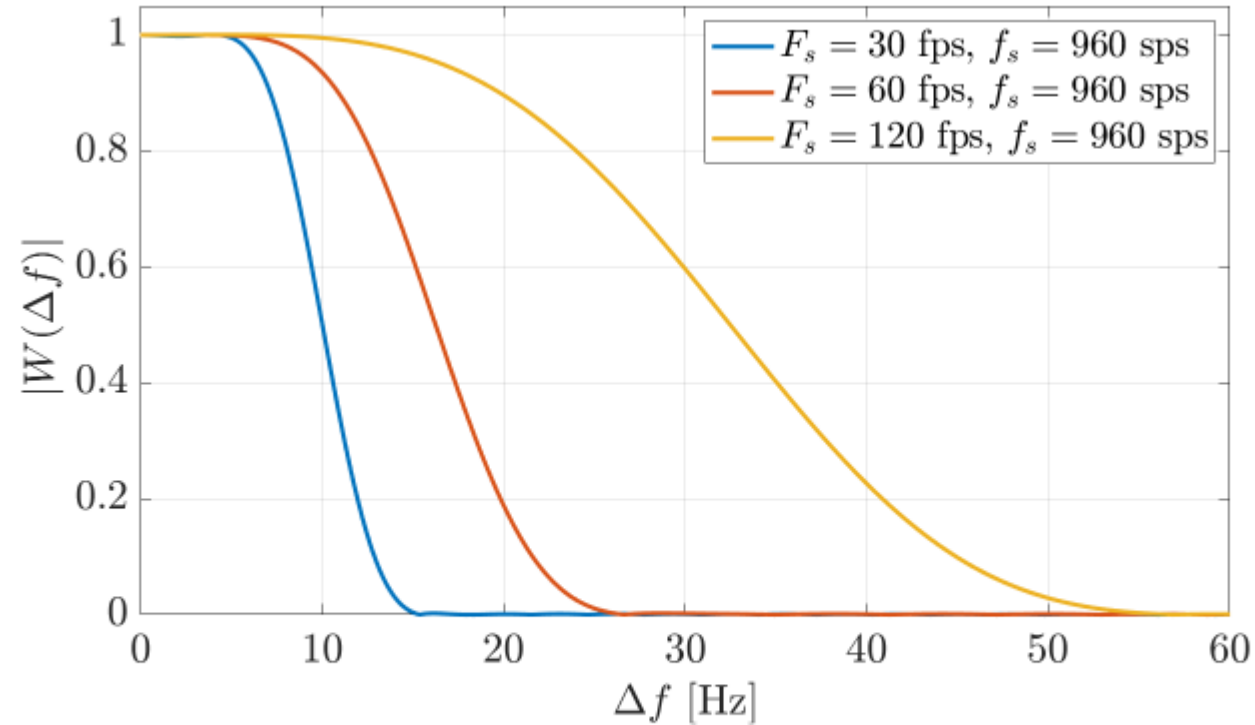
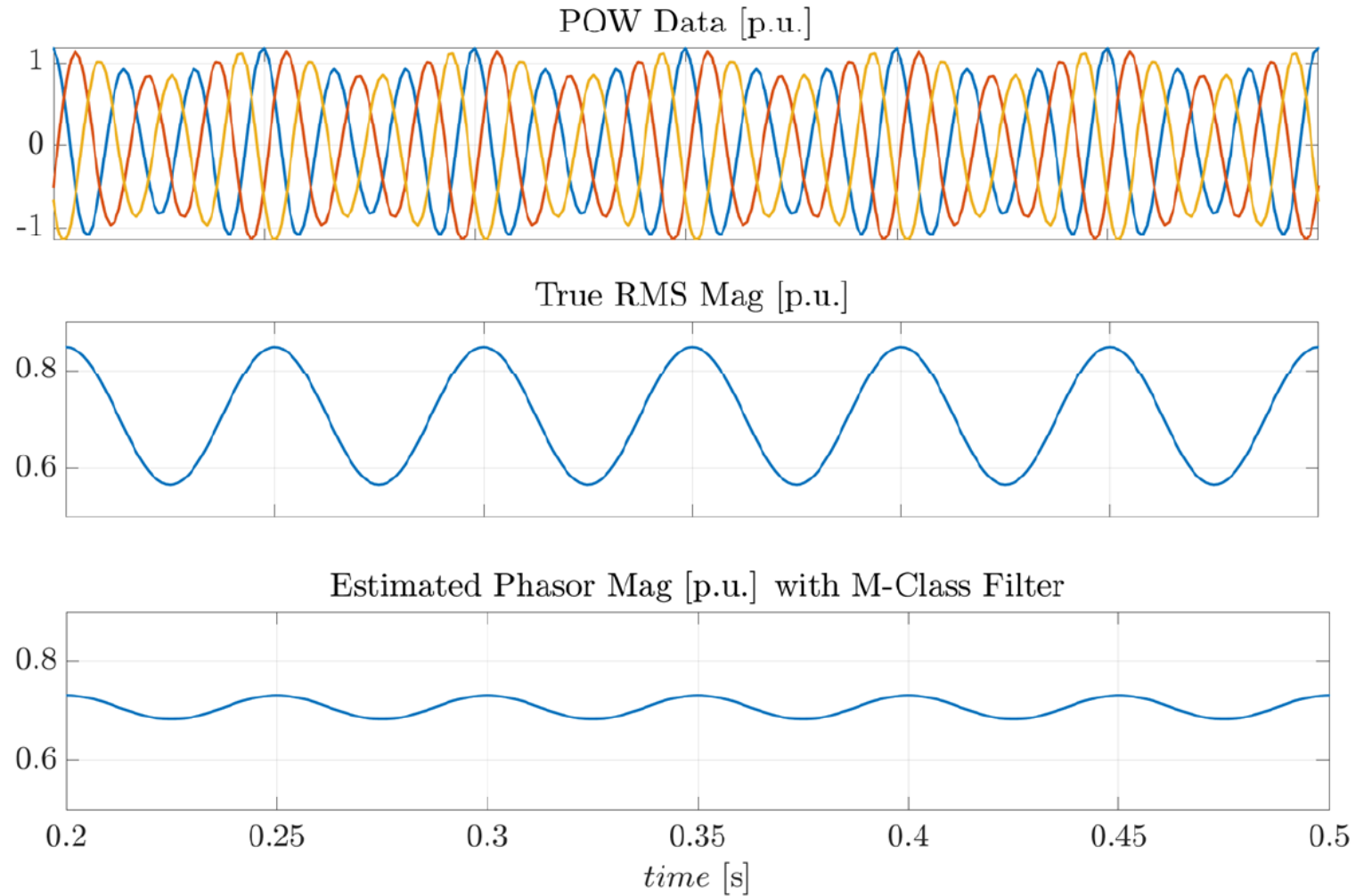
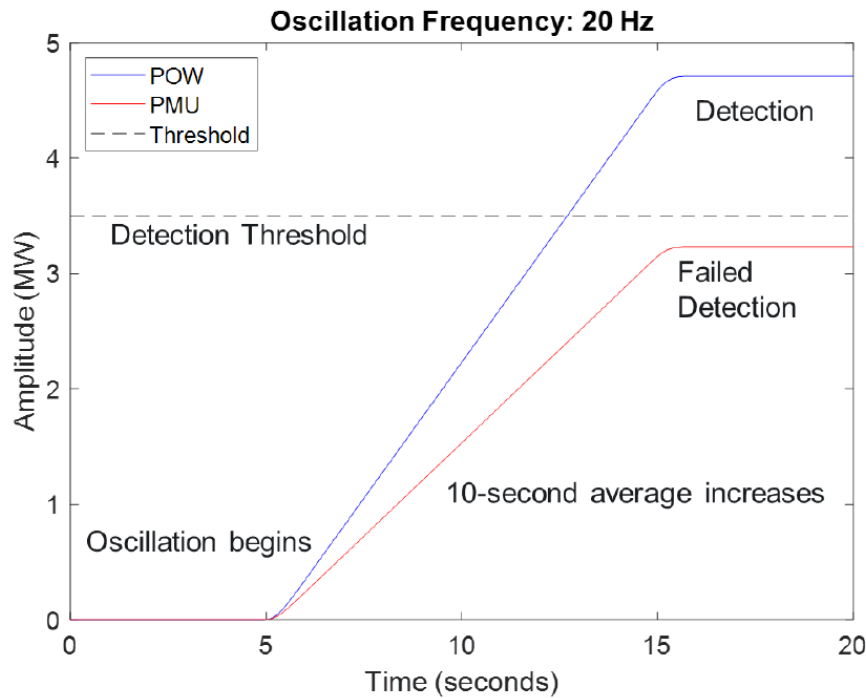


Figure 10. Impact of output reporting rate on the attenuation characteristics of M-class reference filters.

EXAMPLE

0.25 p.u. oscillation at



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Figure 13. Amplitude estimation and attenuation of a 20 Hz oscillation using the IEC/IEEE reference algorithm with M-class filter and 60 fps reporting rate.

COMMERCIAL PMU RESPONSE

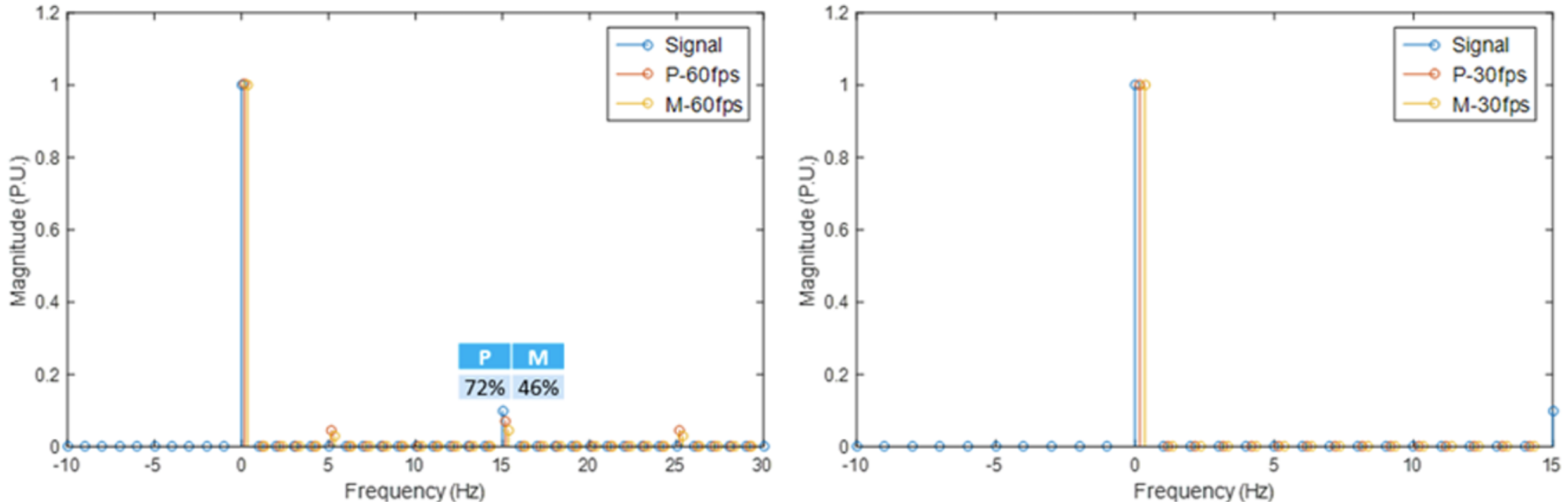


Figure 17. Amplitude estimate of a 15 Hz oscillation reported by a commercial PMU with P- and M-class filter designs for (a) 60 fps and (b) 30 fps reporting rates.

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