

# Data Challenges for Wide-Area Modeling, Analysis and Control using Synchrophasors

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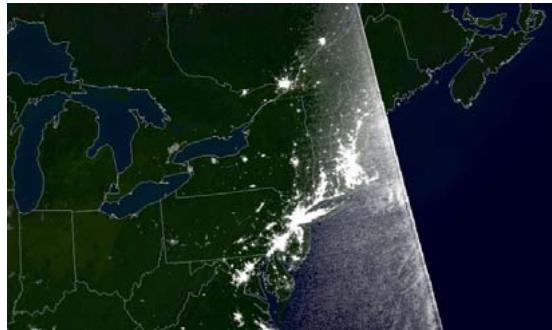
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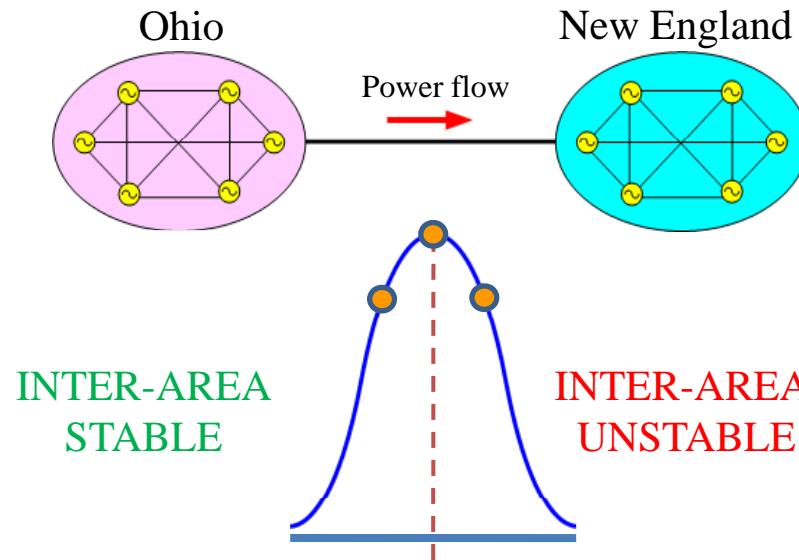


## Main trigger: 2003 Northeast Blackout

NYC before blackout



NYC after blackout

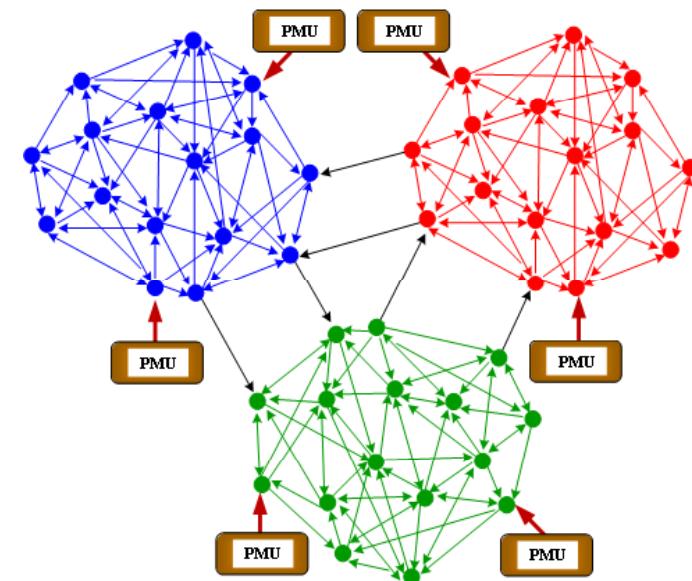
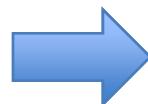


Hauer, Zhou & Trudnowsky, 2004

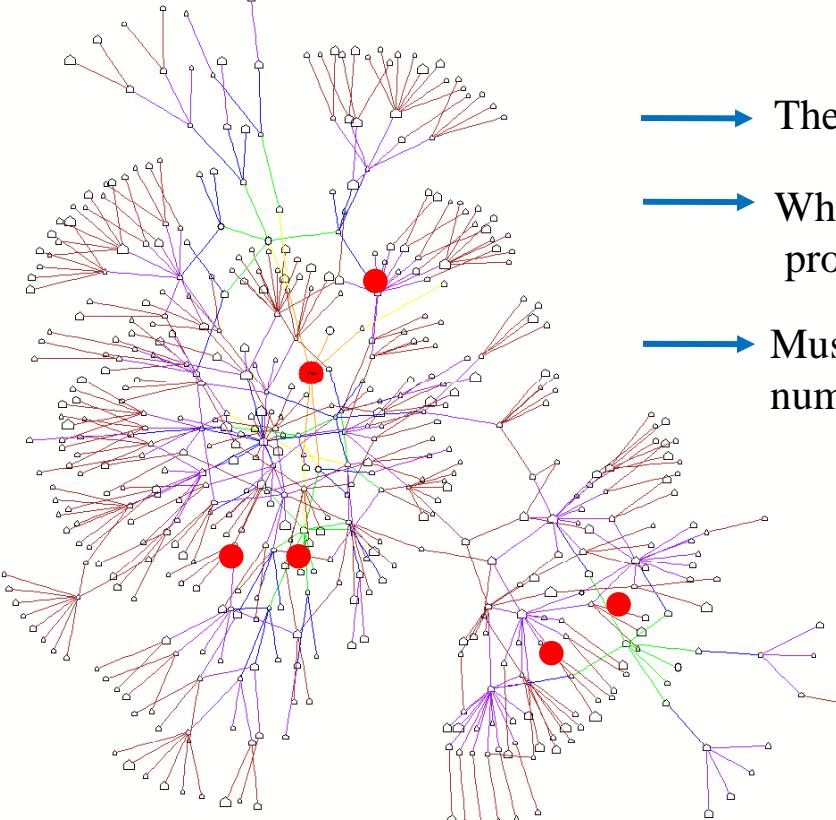
Kosterev & Martins, 2004

### → Lesson learnt:

1. Wide-Area Dynamic Monitoring is important
2. Clustering and aggregation is imperative



## Advanced Transmission & Distribution



### Wide-Area/ Global View

- The electric power network is a large interconnected graph
- Whatever I do is going to affect my neighbors & propagate the disturbance
- Must be able to measure transient signals at limited number of buses



- **Phasor Measurement Units**
- High sampling rate digital devices
- GPS synchronized
- 30-60 samples per second



Phadke et al., 1981

Zhou, Pierre & Trudnowsky, 2006

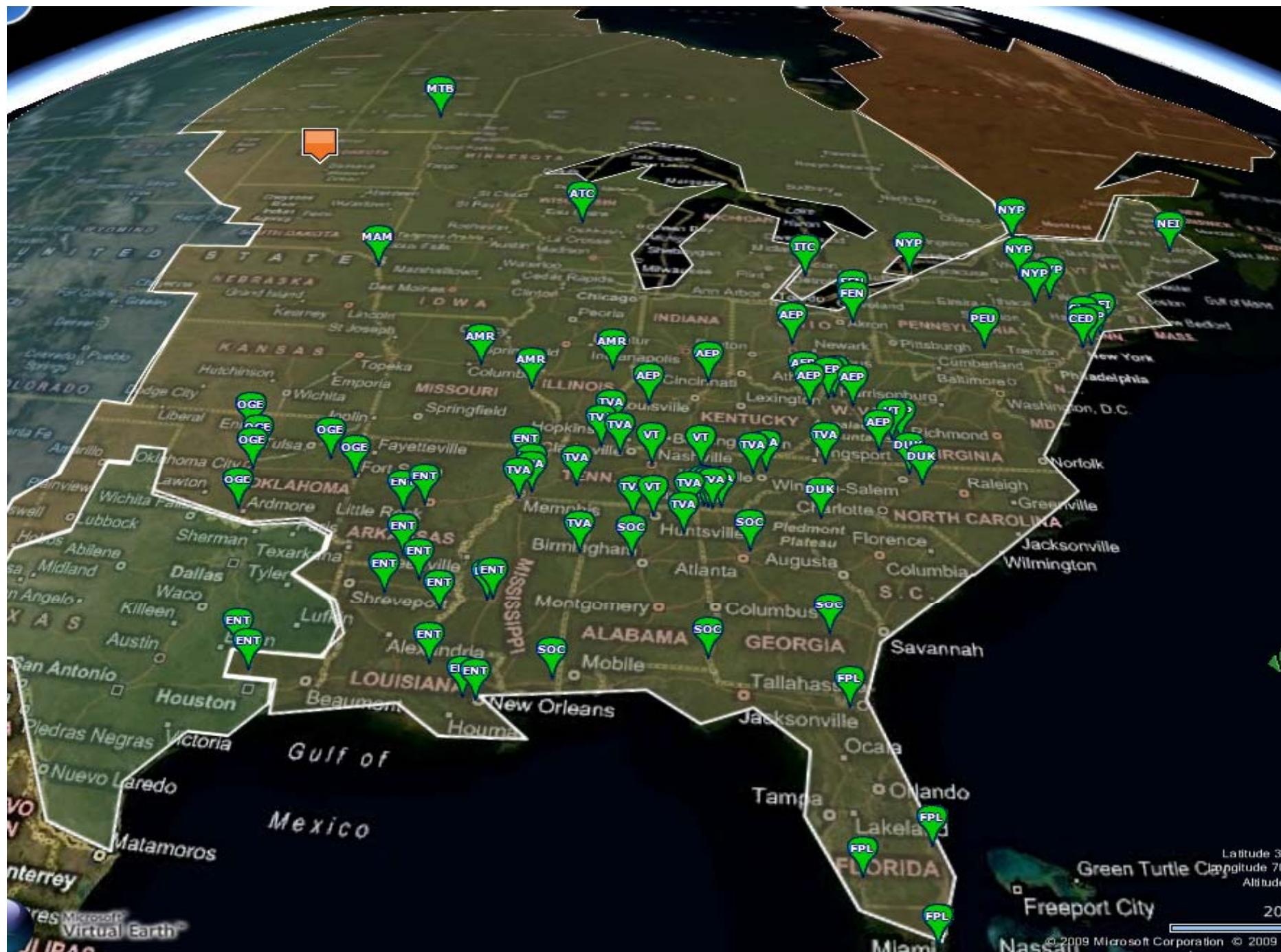
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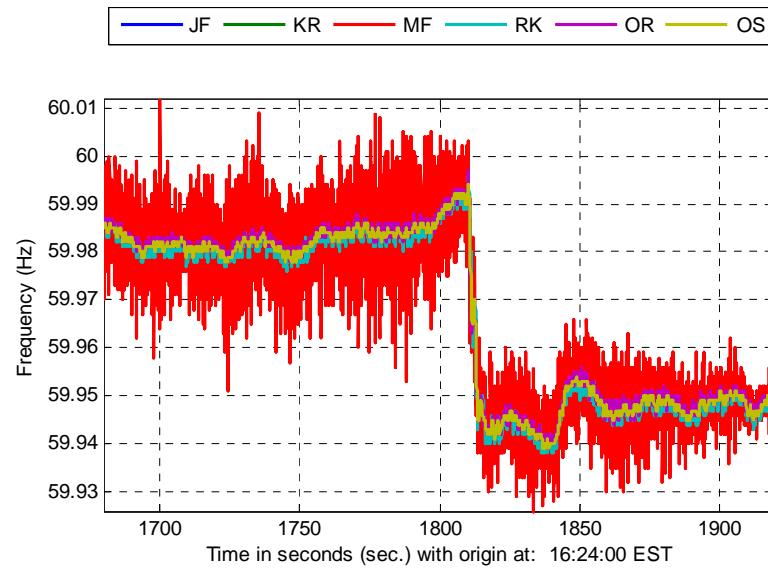
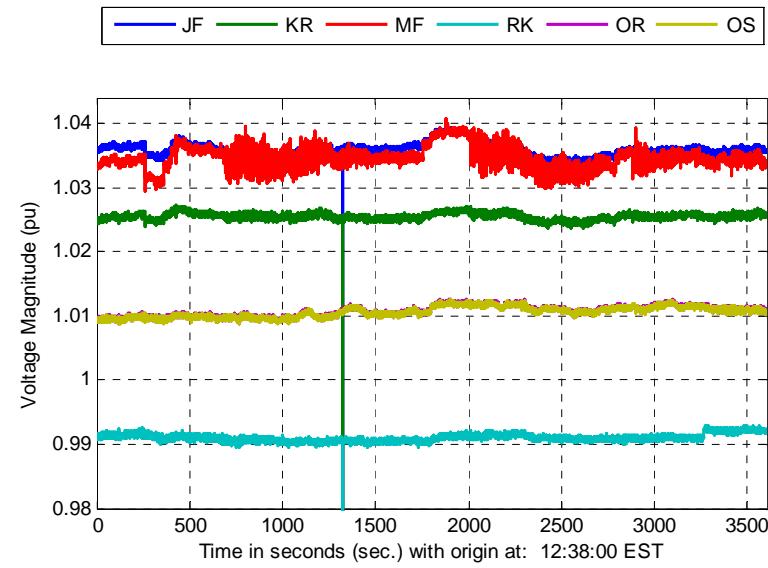
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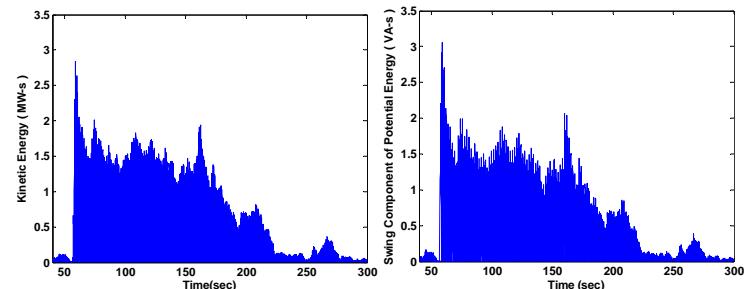
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- Global behavior must be understood from the limited local measurements





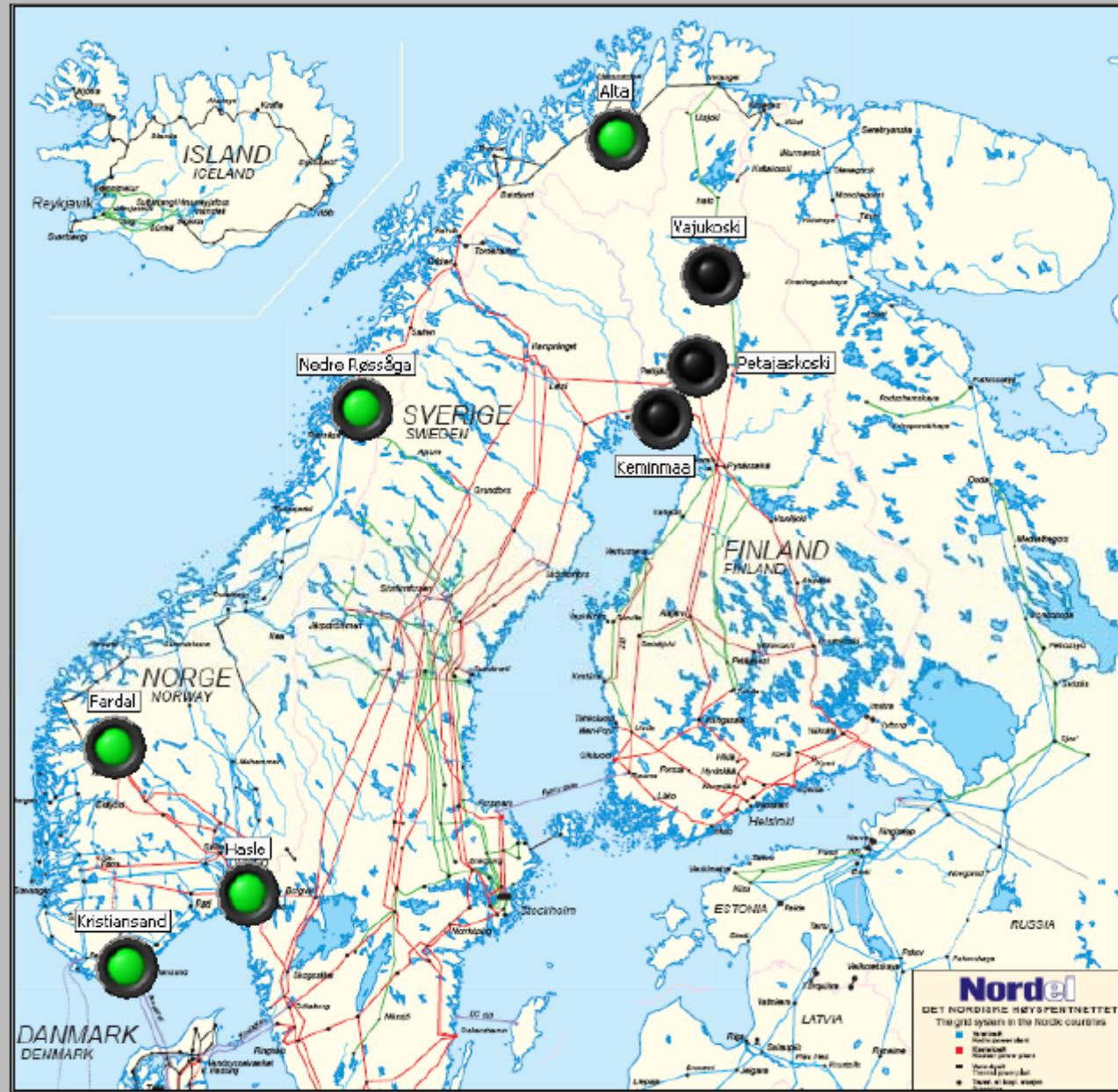
- System wide visibility
- Real time streaming information
- Rapid assessment of actual system conditions through visualization of information
- Event triggered alarms
- Performance Metrics



**NASPI** – North American Synchrophasor Initiative  
[www.naspi.org](http://www.naspi.org)  
 - jointly held by NERC and DOE 3 times a year

Disturbance events	Maximum swing energy in Transfer Path 1	Maximum swing energy in Transfer Path 2
1	3 MW-s	0.198 MW-s
2	3.5 MW-s	17 MW-s

Noble Denton WACS Controller [Statnett/ABB]

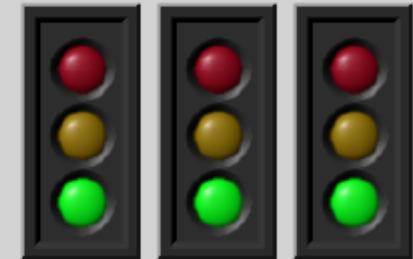


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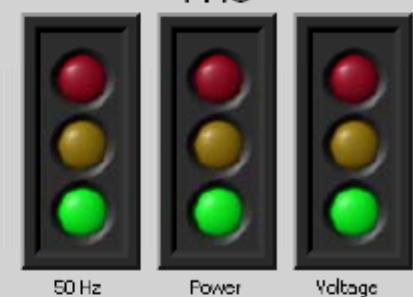
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Power Oscillation



PMU



Overview [F1]

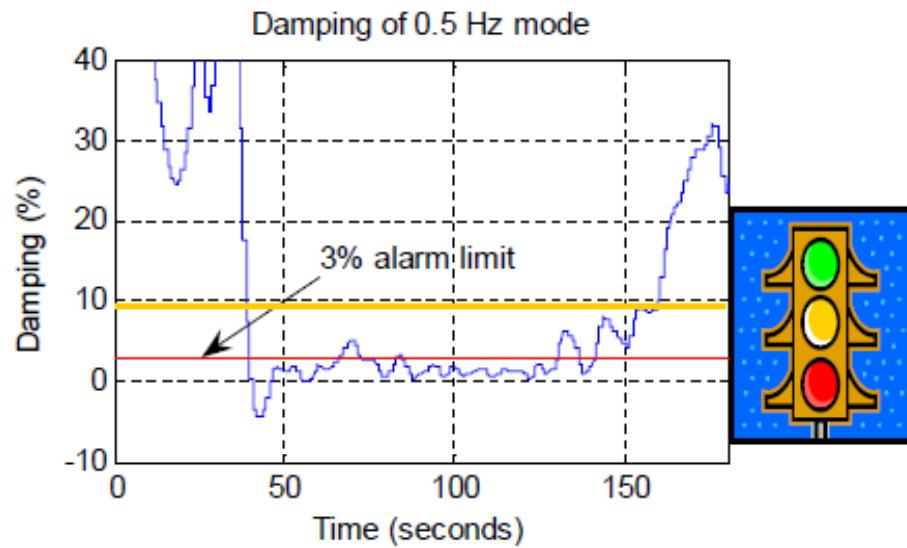
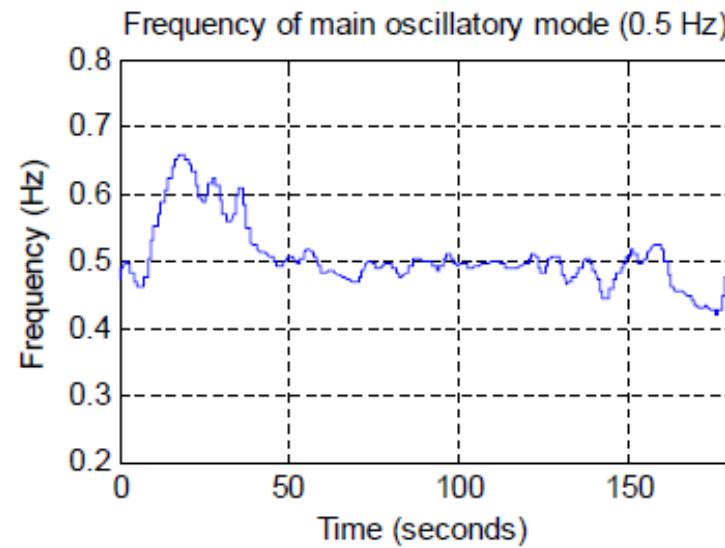
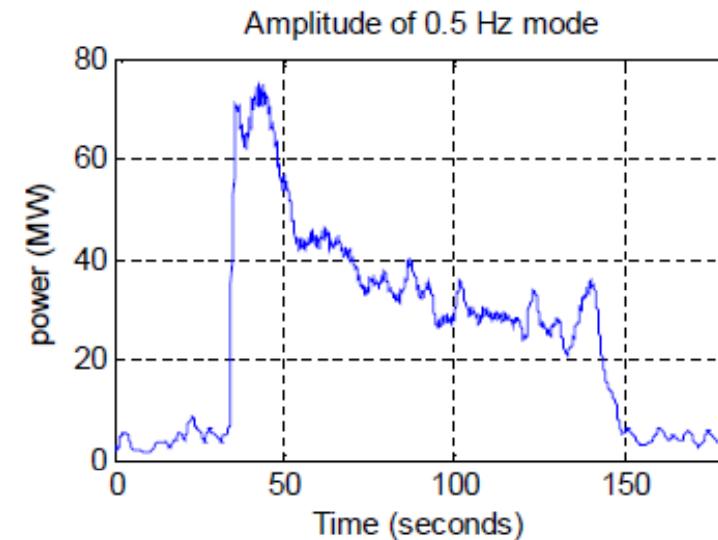
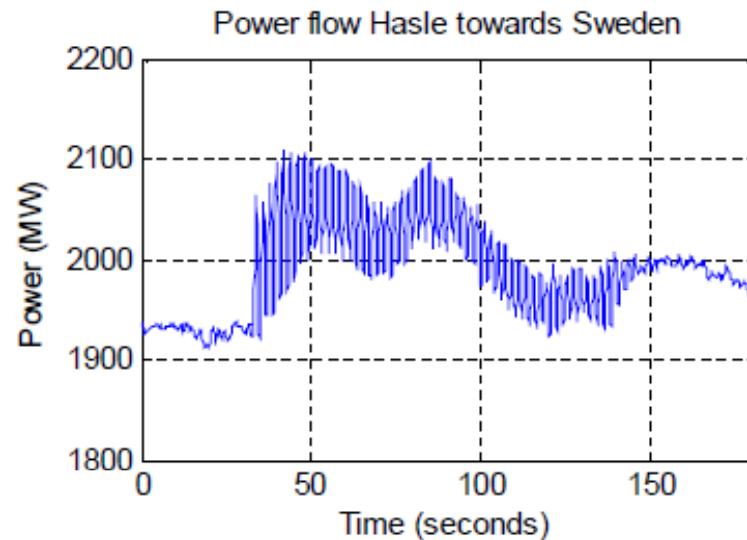
Offline [F6]

Graphs [F2]

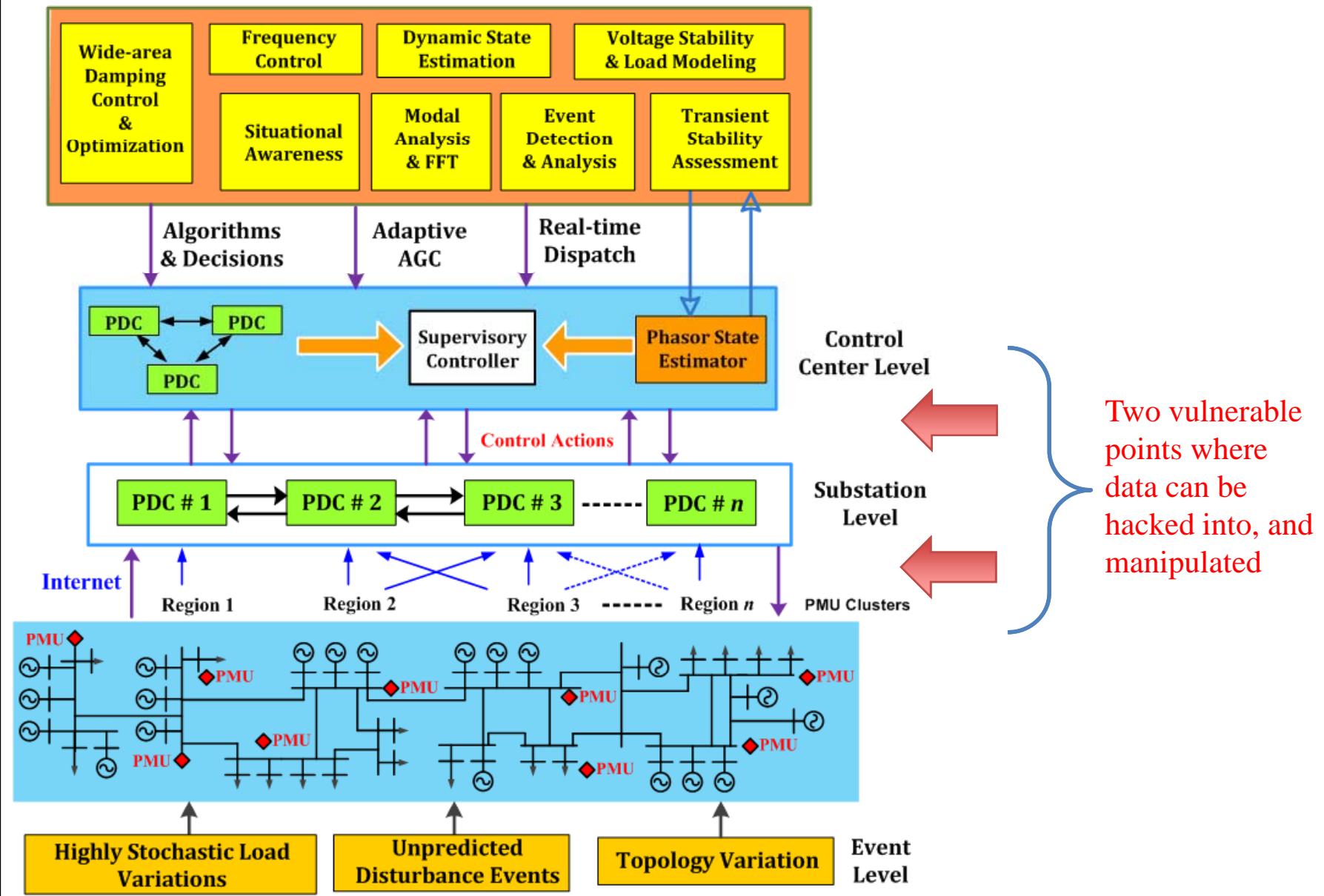
Messages [F3]

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# Power oscillation monitoring function



# Distributed Architecture for PMU Applications

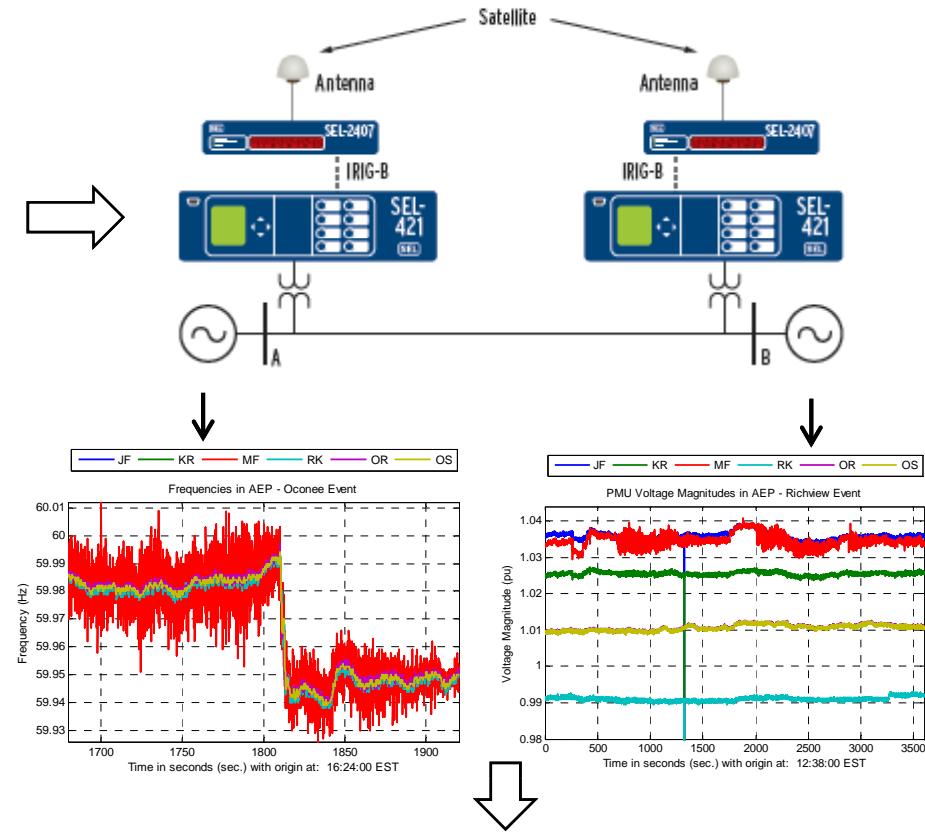
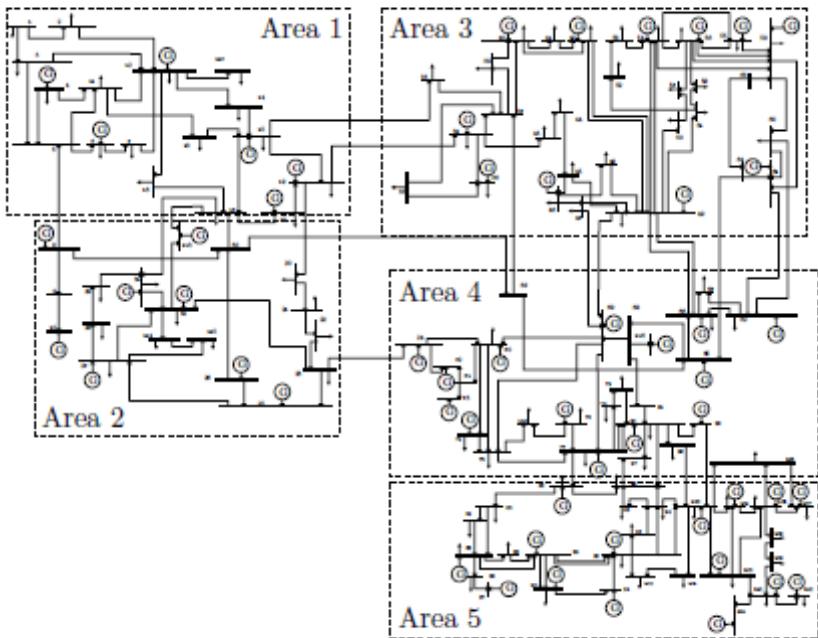


# Ongoing PMU Projects

## Wide-area Modeling

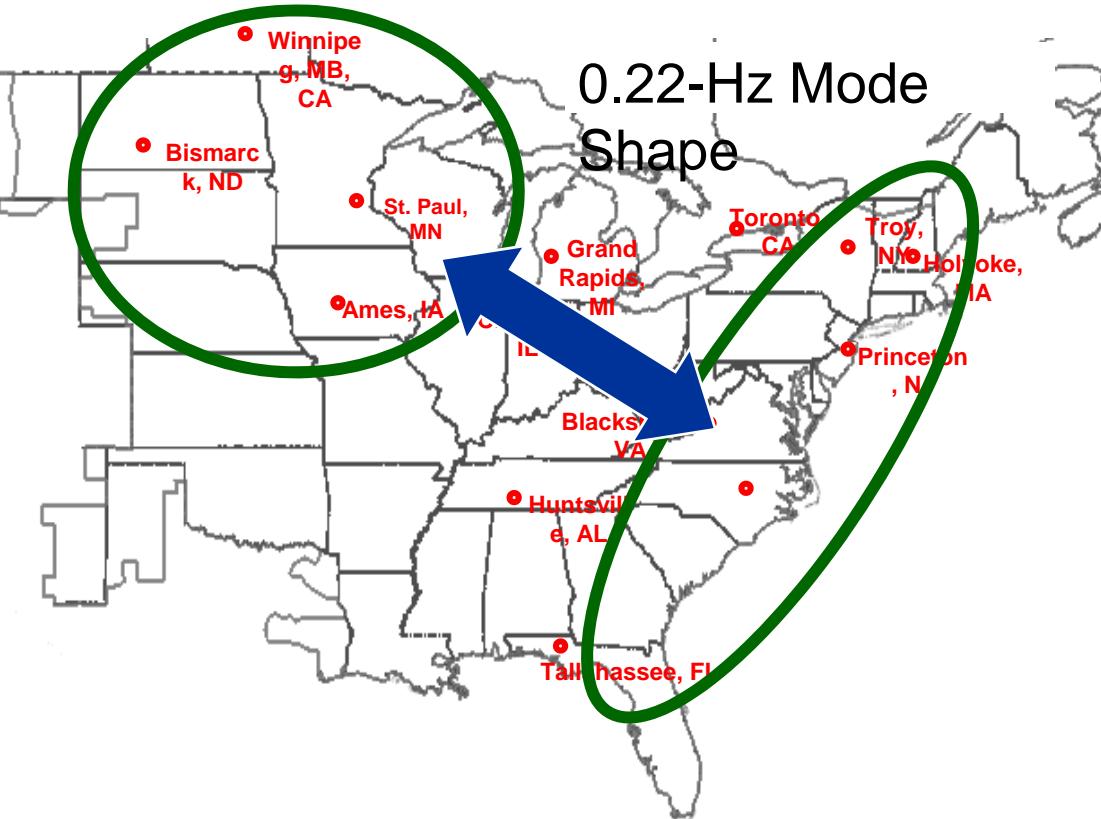
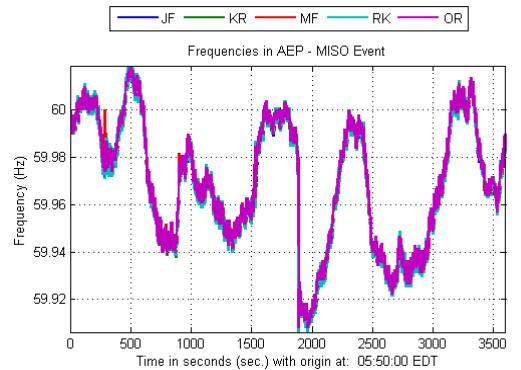
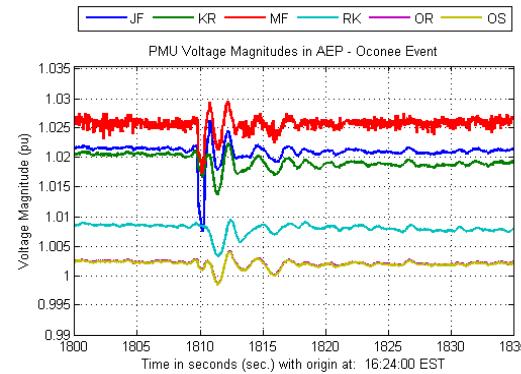
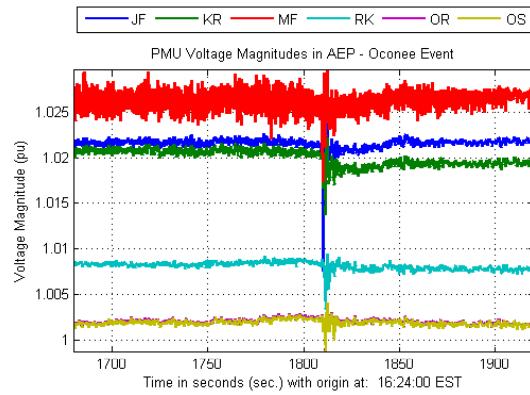
## Wide-area Monitoring Distributed State Estimation

## Wide-area Control



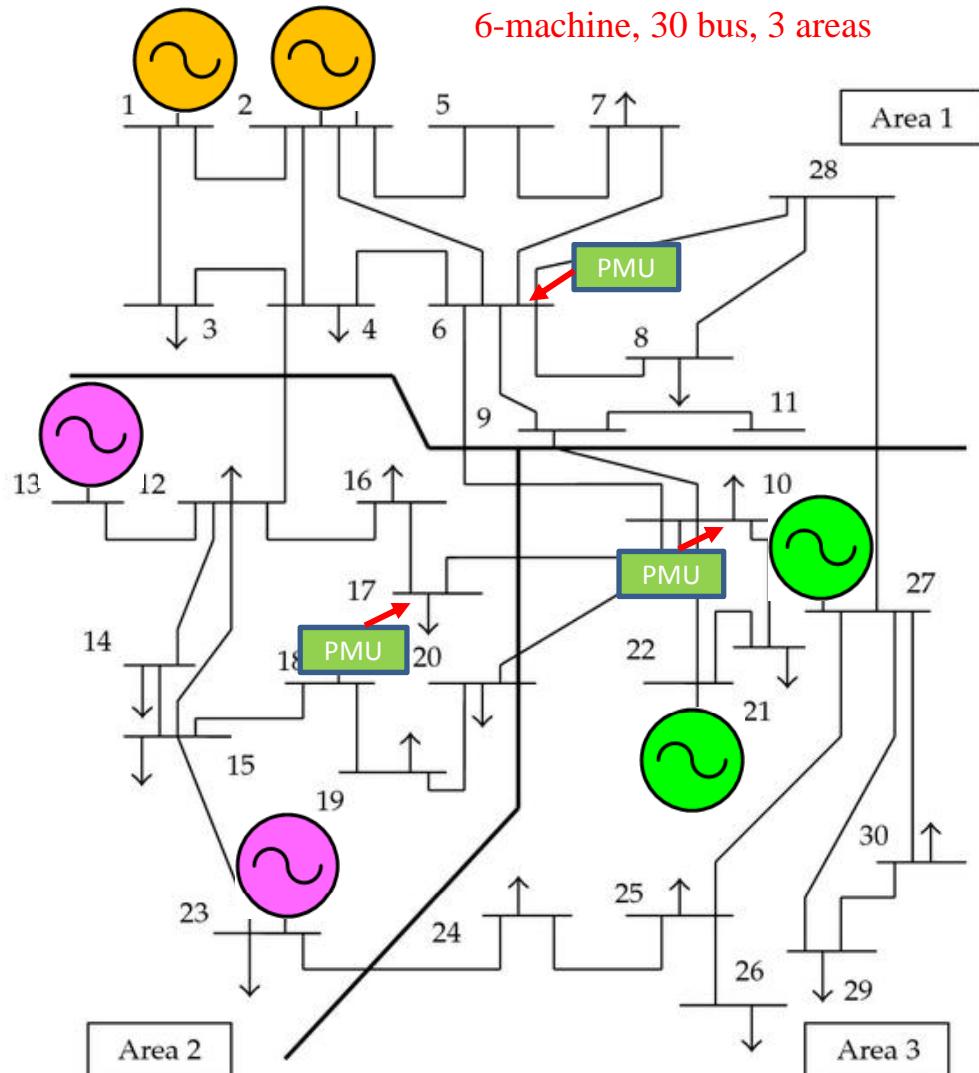
- Security is imperative for all three applications (real-time and offline)

# System-wide Oscillation Detection - *How power generation clusters oscillate*



- How do different oscillating zones of the system oscillate with respect to each other after a disturbance just like an interconnected pendulum
- Dynamic PMU data are ideal for answering these questions
- Highly useful for system level studies for operation & planning

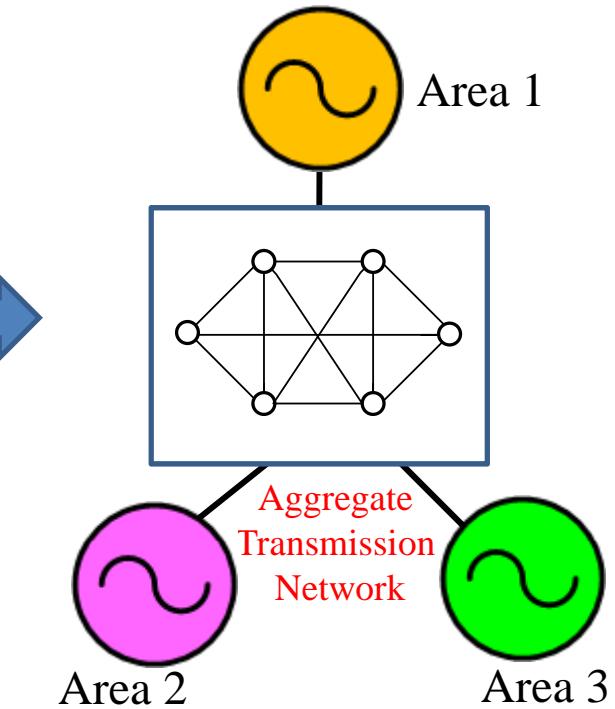
## Model Aggregation using distributed PMU data



### Problem Formulation:

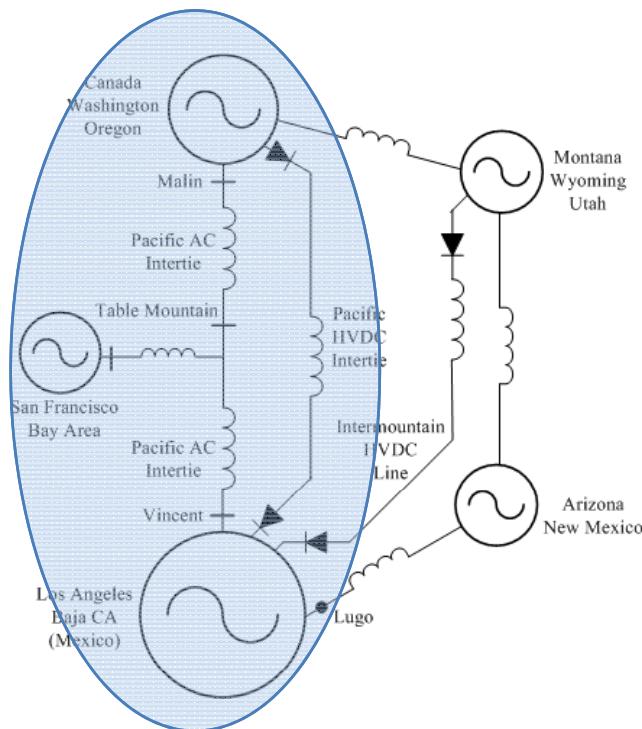
#### **1. Model Reduction**

- How to form an aggregate model from the large system



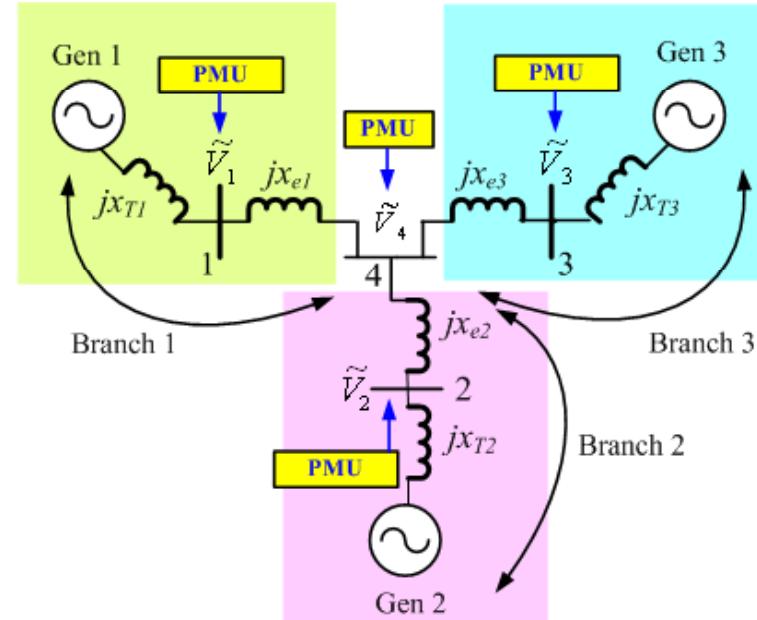
## Two-Dimensional Models

### More than Two Areas: Pacific AC Intertie



#### Salient Points

- Current in each branch is different
- No *single* spatial variable  $a$
- Derivations need to be done *piecewise* (each edge of the star)
- Two interarea modes/ relative states –  $\delta_1$  &  $\delta_2$

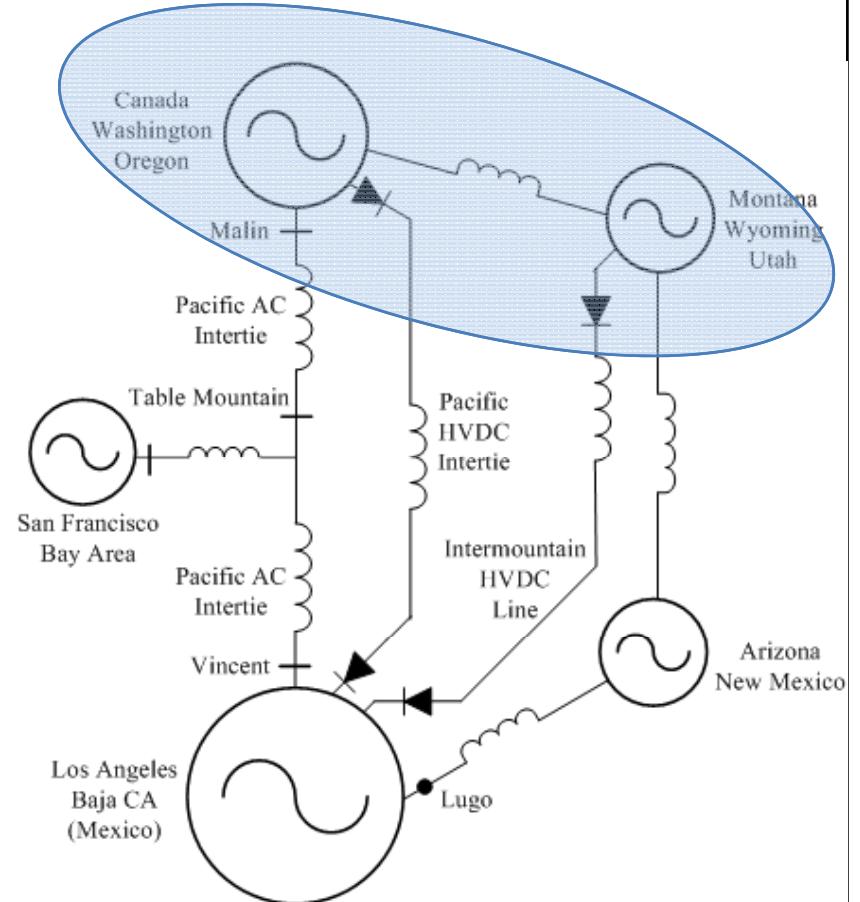
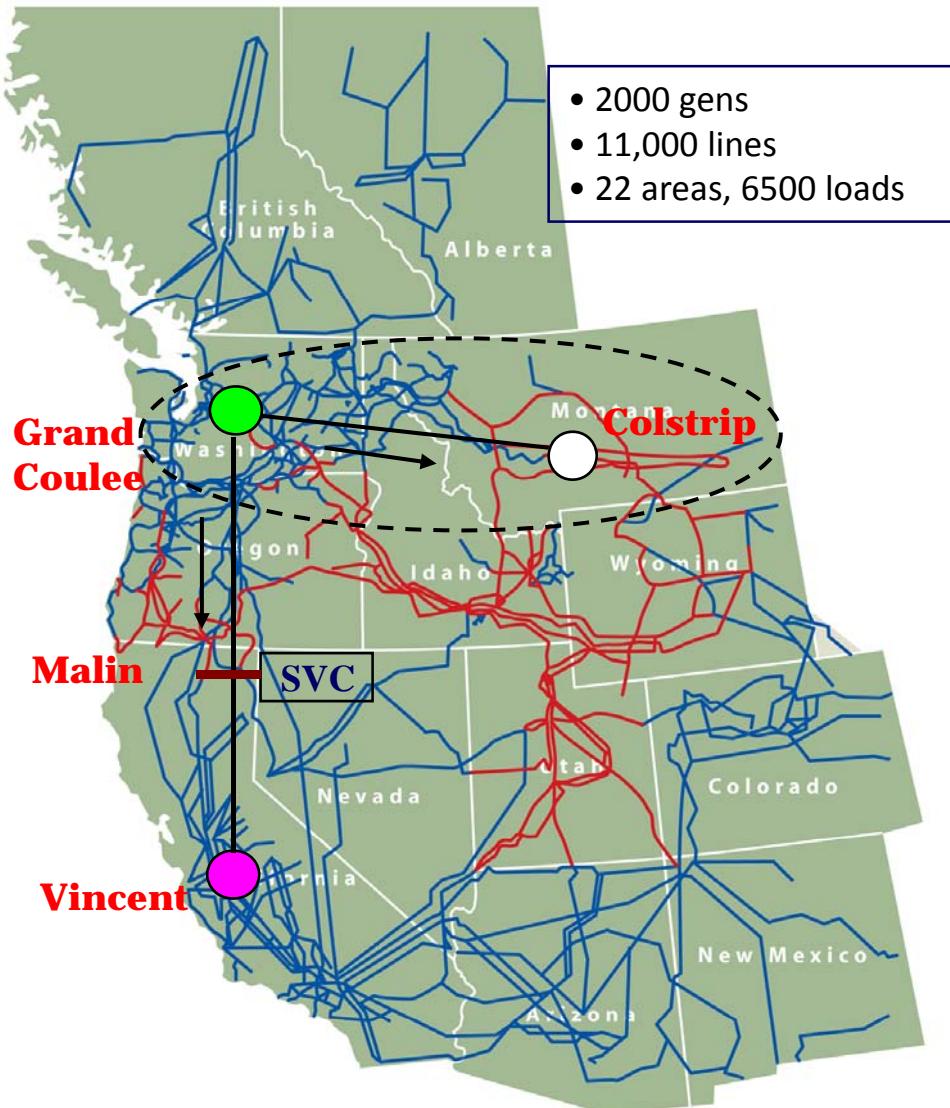


$$V_n = J_1(x)\Delta\delta_1(t) + J_2(x)\Delta\delta_2(t)$$

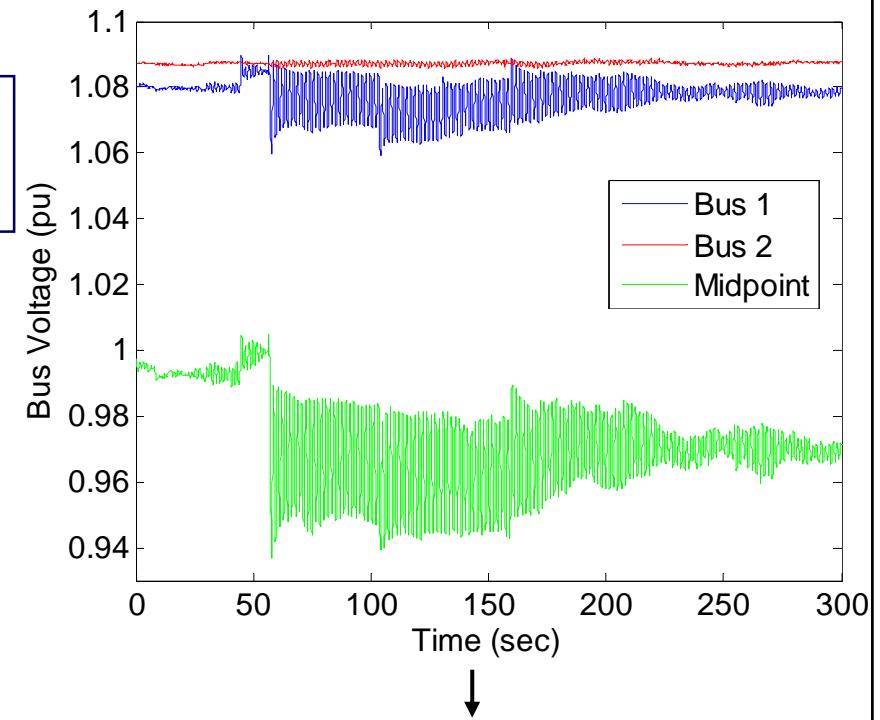
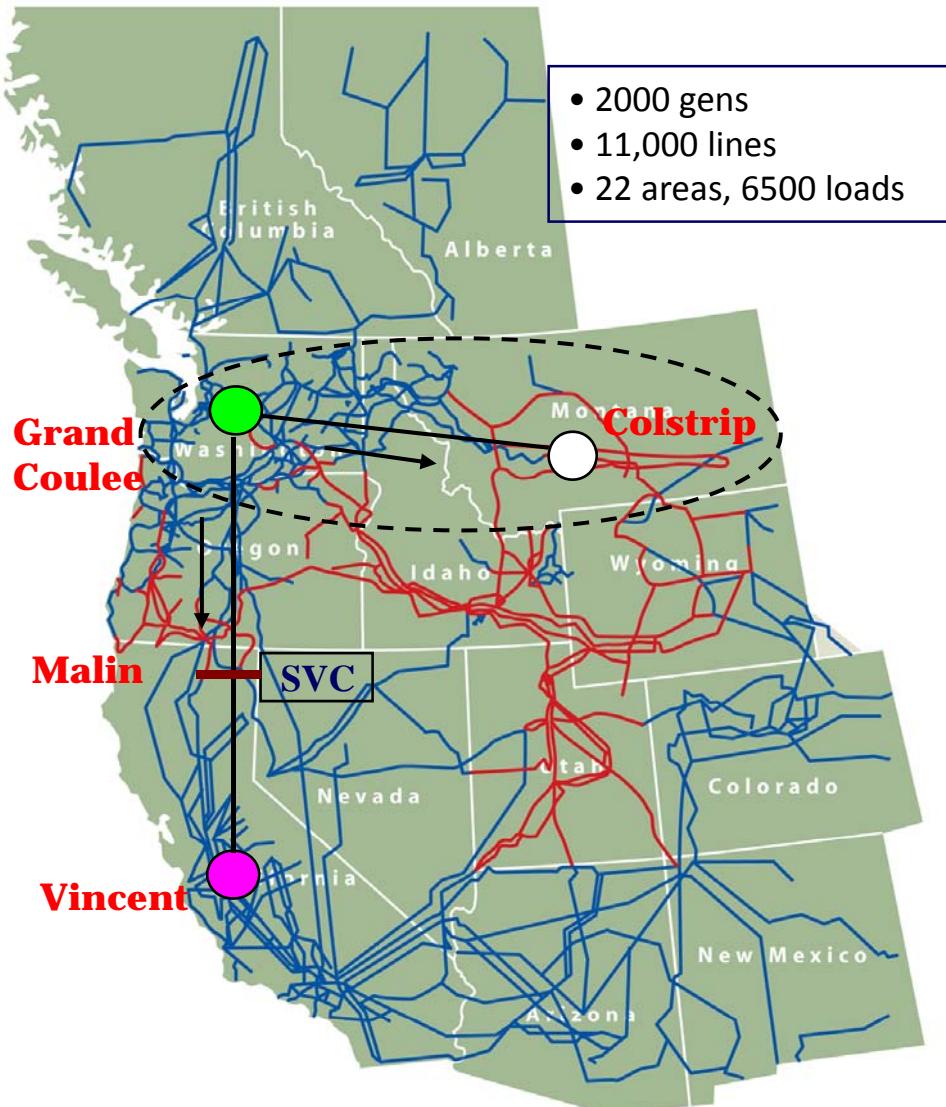
$$\frac{V_n^3}{V_n^4} = \frac{J_1^3(x)\Delta\delta_1(t^*) + J_2^3(x)\Delta\delta_2(t^*)}{J_1^4(x)\Delta\delta_1(t^*) + J_2^4(x)\Delta\delta_2(t^*)}$$

Time-space separation property lost!

# Application to WECC Data



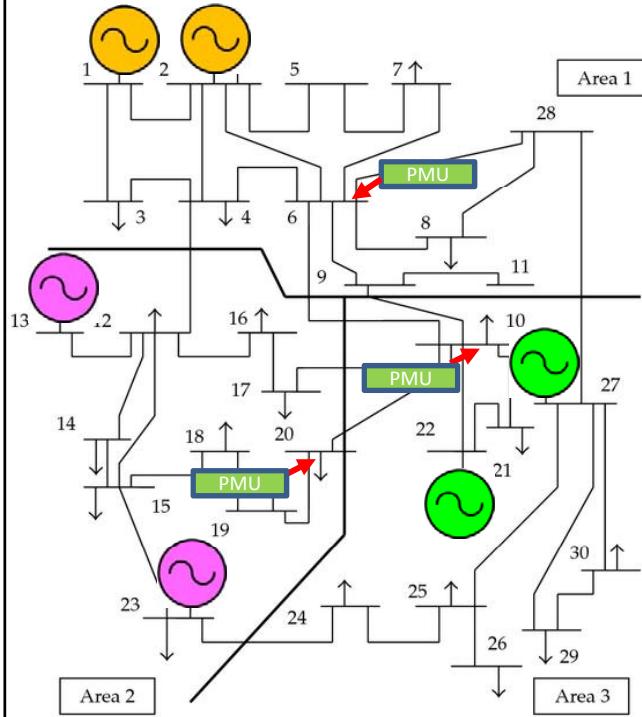
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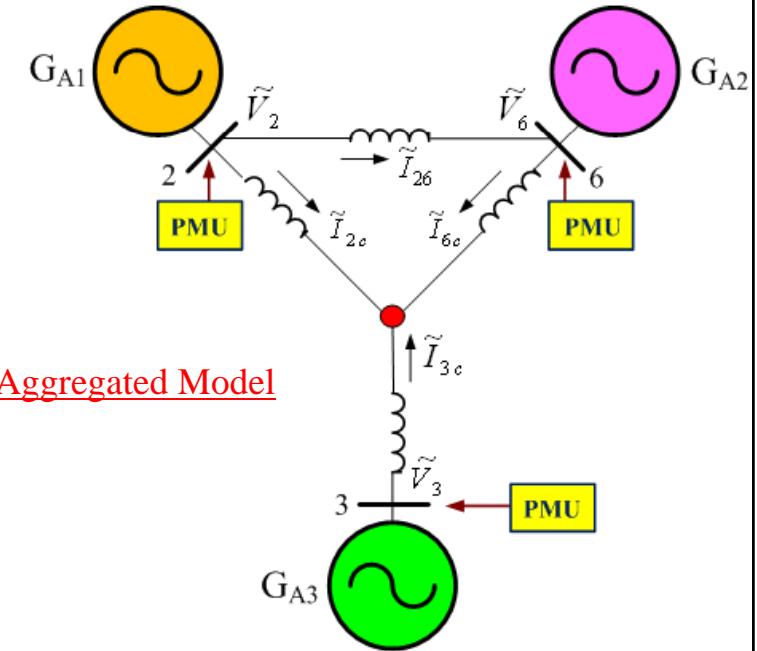
Needs processing to get usable data

- Sudden change/jump
- Oscillations
- Slowly varying steady-state (governor effects)

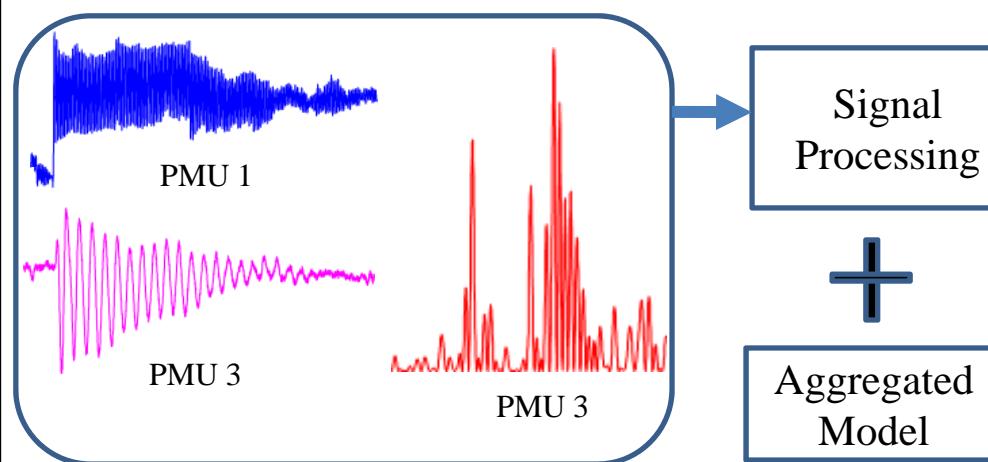
# Application for Stability Assessment



Full Model



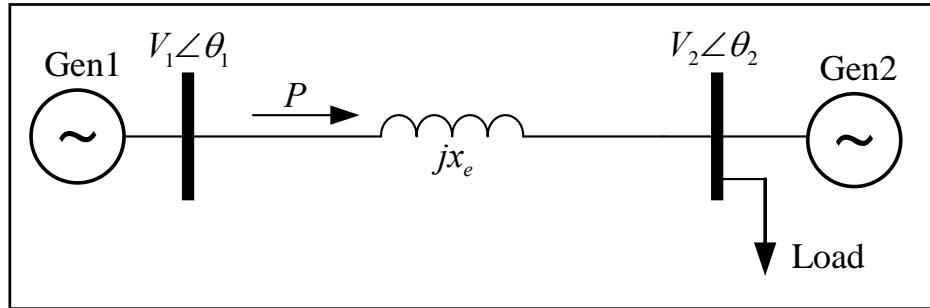
Aggregated Model



Modes, Amplitude,  
Residues, Eigenvectors

Metrics indicating the dynamic interaction  
between the areas

# Energy Functions for Two-machine System



$$\dot{\delta} = \Omega\delta, \quad 2H\dot{\omega} = P_m - \frac{E_1 E_2 \sin(\delta)}{x_e}$$

$$P = \frac{E_1 E_2 \sin(\delta)}{x_e}$$

$$S = S_1 + S_2 = \sum_{j=1}^{n(n-1)/2} \int_{\delta_{ij}^*}^{z_j} \psi_j(k) dk + \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{M_j}{2} \xi_j^2$$

$$= \underbrace{\frac{E_1 E_2}{x_e'} [\cos(\delta_{op}) - \cos(\delta) + \sin(\delta_{op})(\delta_{op} - \delta)]}_{\text{Potential Energy}} + \underbrace{H\omega^2}_{\text{Kinetic Energy}}$$

Potential Energy

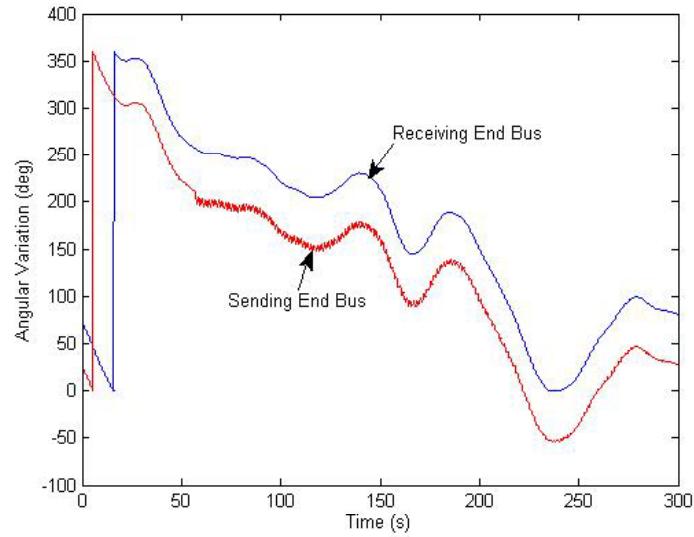
Kinetic Energy

Using IME algorithm:  $x_e', E_1, E_2, \delta = \delta_1 - \delta_2, \delta_{op}, \omega = \omega_1 - \omega_2$  &  $H$  are computable from

$$x_e, V_1, V_2, \theta = \theta_1 - \theta_2, \theta_{op}, v = v_1 - v_2 \text{ & } \omega_s$$

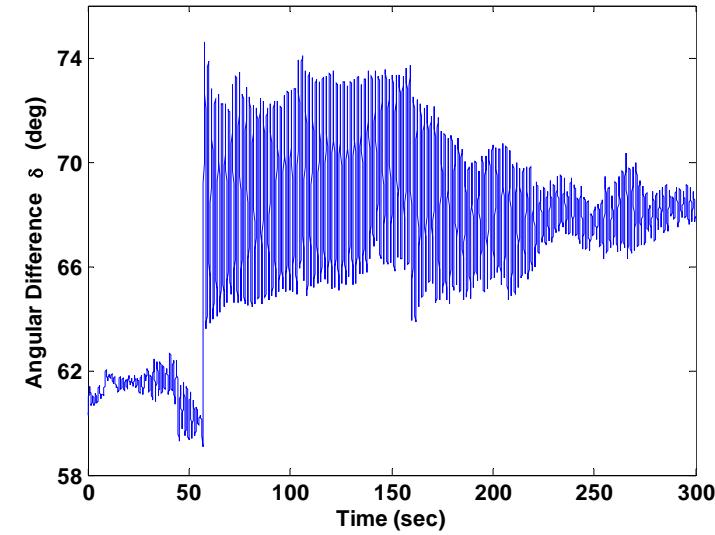
- Note :  $\theta_{op} = \text{pre-disturbance angular separation}$

# Energy Functions for WECC Disturbance Event

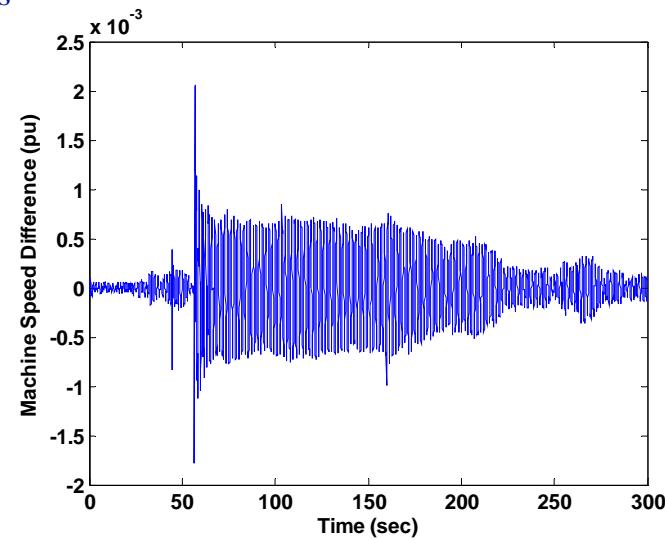


Sending End and Receiving End  
Bus Angles

IME

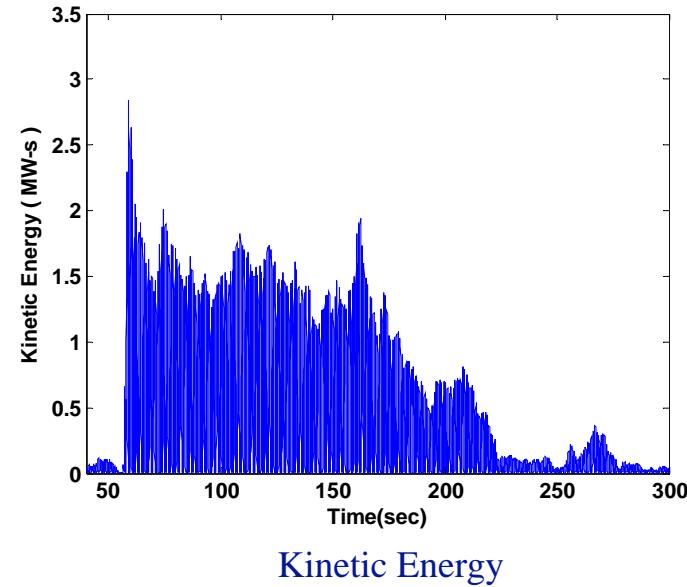


Angle difference between  
machine internal nodes

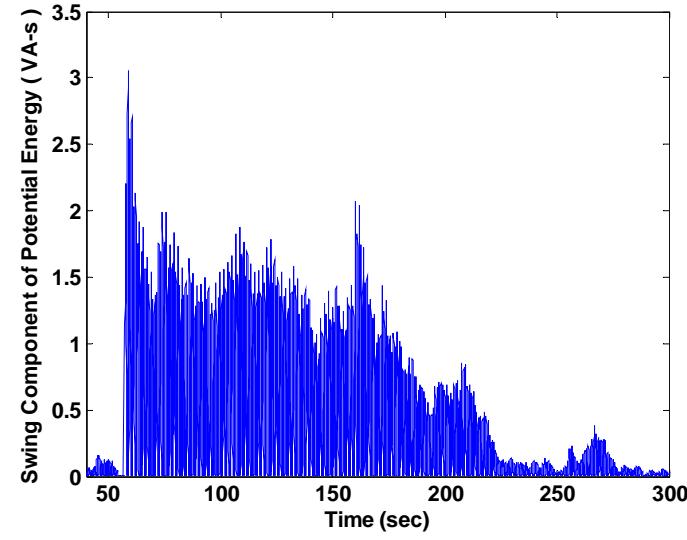


Machine speed difference

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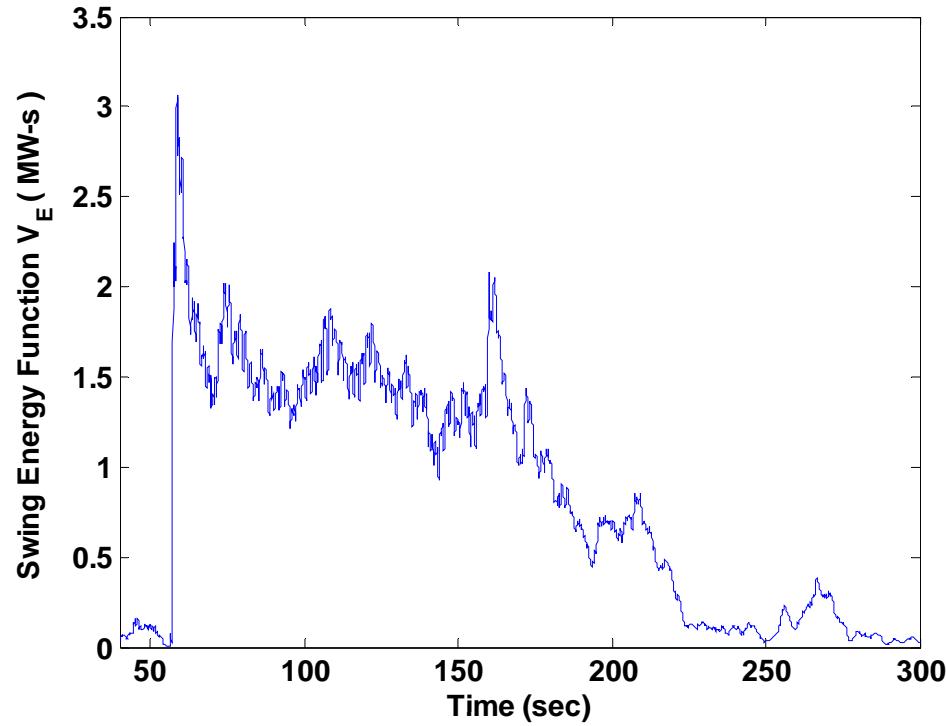


Kinetic Energy



Potential Energy

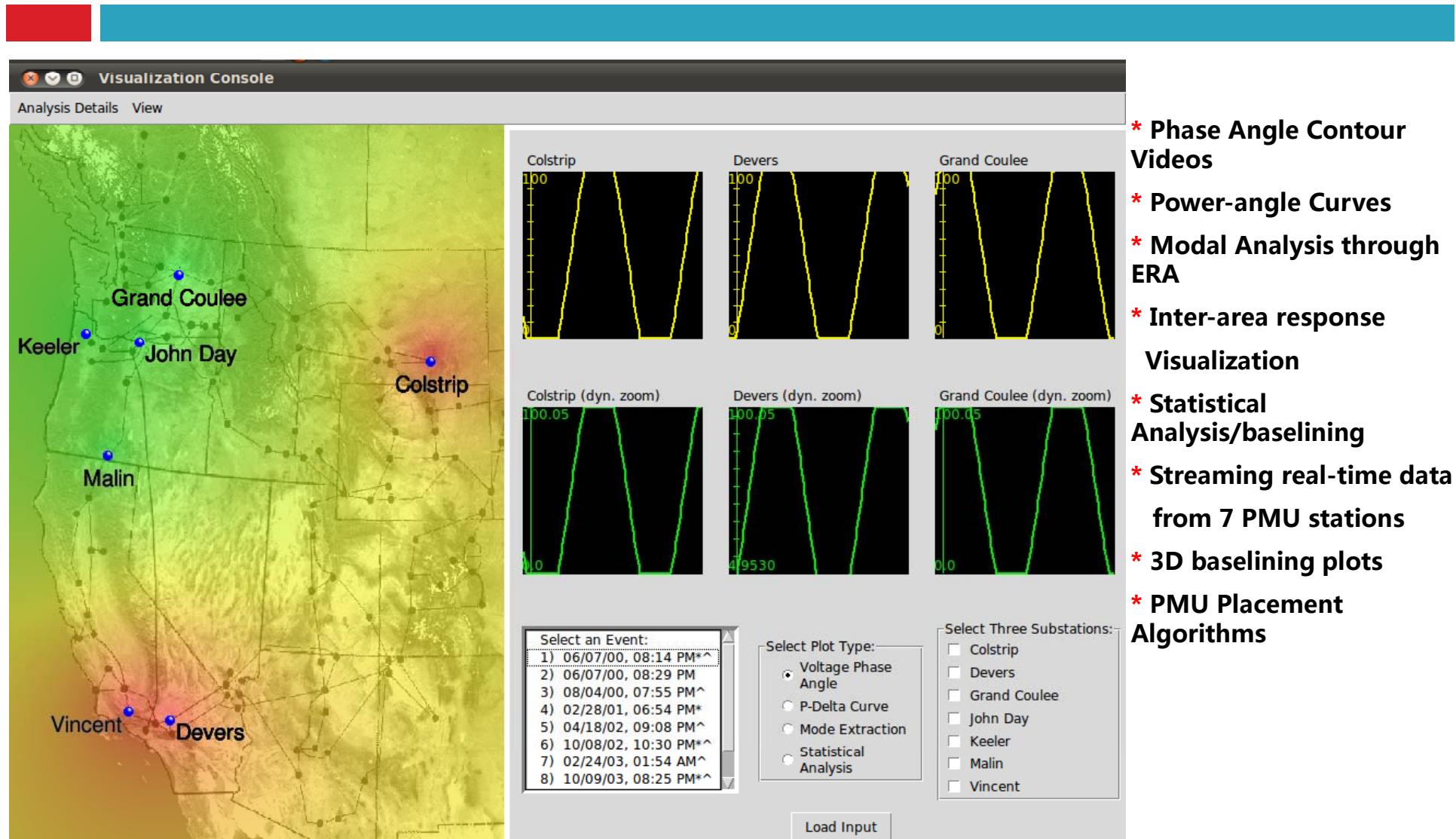
Total Energy = Kinetic Energy + Potential Energy



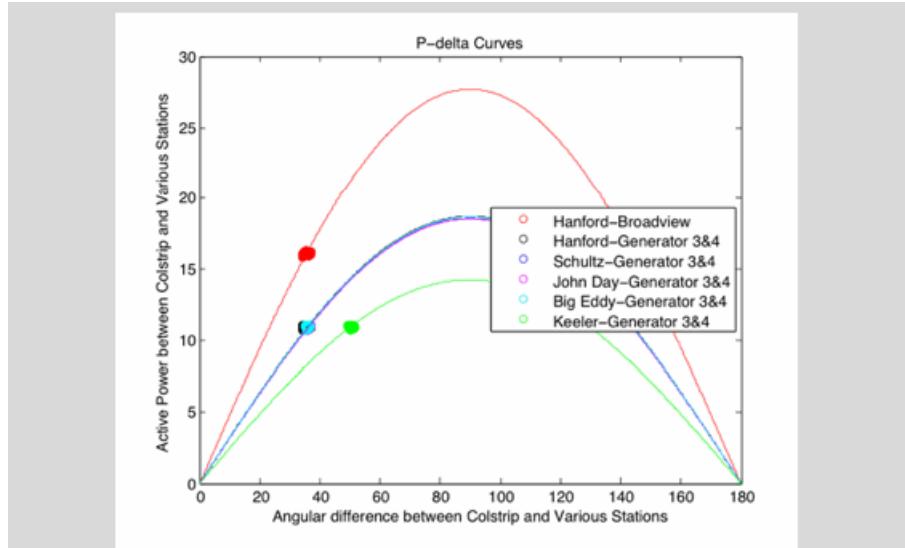
- Total energy decays exponentially – *damping stability*
- Total energy does not oscillate – *Out - of - phase osc.*  
– *Damped pendulum*

# WatchDog: A Software Visualization Tool for Wide-Area Monitoring

- Joel Anderson and A. Chakrabortty



# P-Delta Curves



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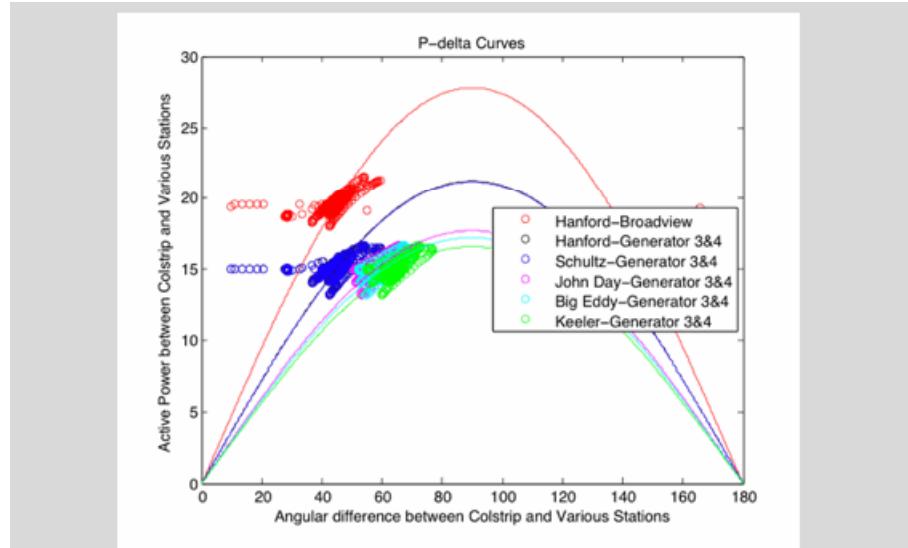
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- 08/04/00, 07:55 PM^
- 02/28/01, 06:54 PM\***
- 04/18/02, 09:08 PM^
- 10/08/02, 10:30 PM\*\*^
- 02/24/03, 01:54 AM^
- 10/09/03, 08:25 PM\*\*^

Select Plot Type:

- Voltage Phase Angle
- P-Delta Curve
- Mode Extraction
- Statistical Analysis

Select Three Substations:

- Colstrip
- Devers
- Grand Coulee
- John Day
- Keeler
- Malin
- Vincent



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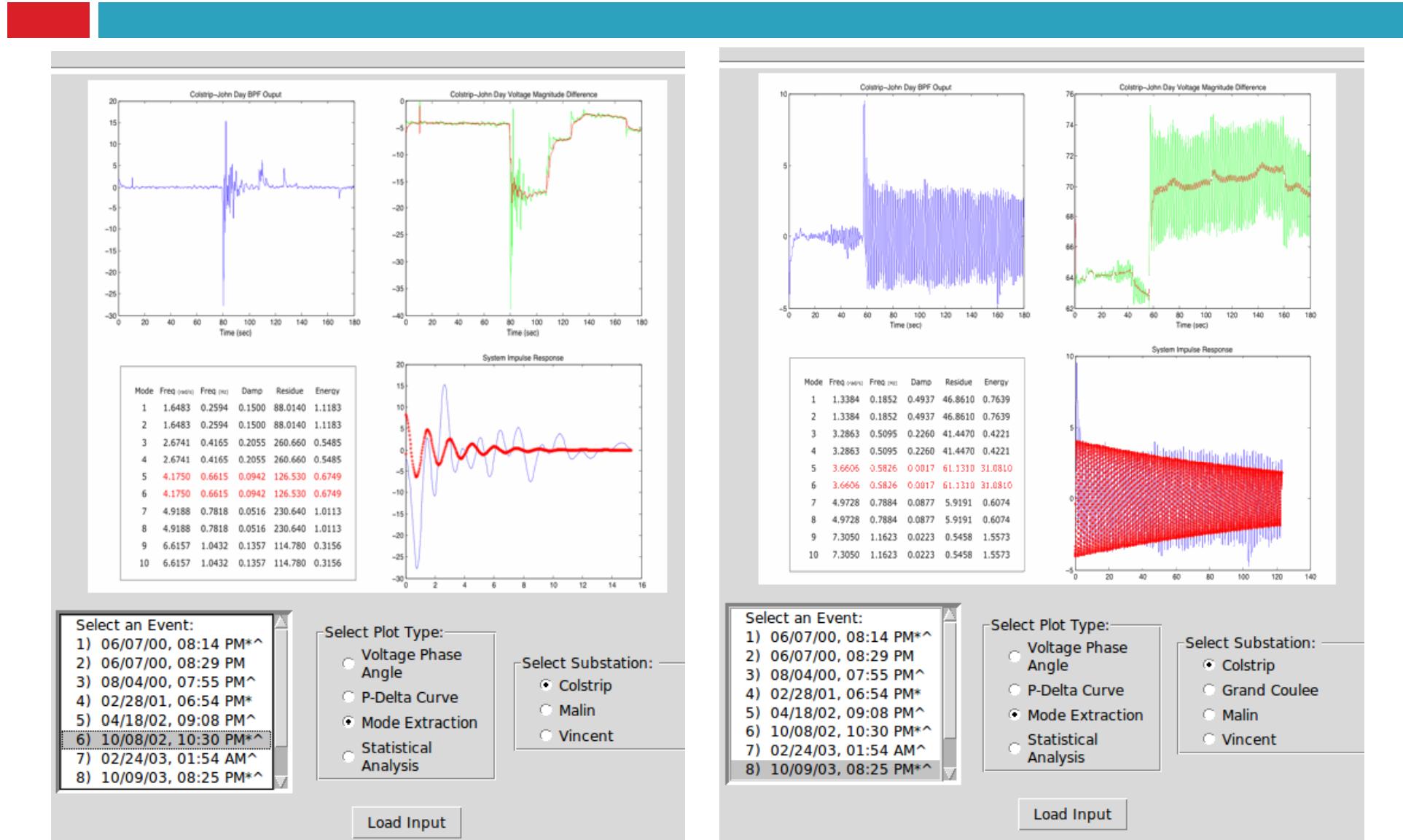
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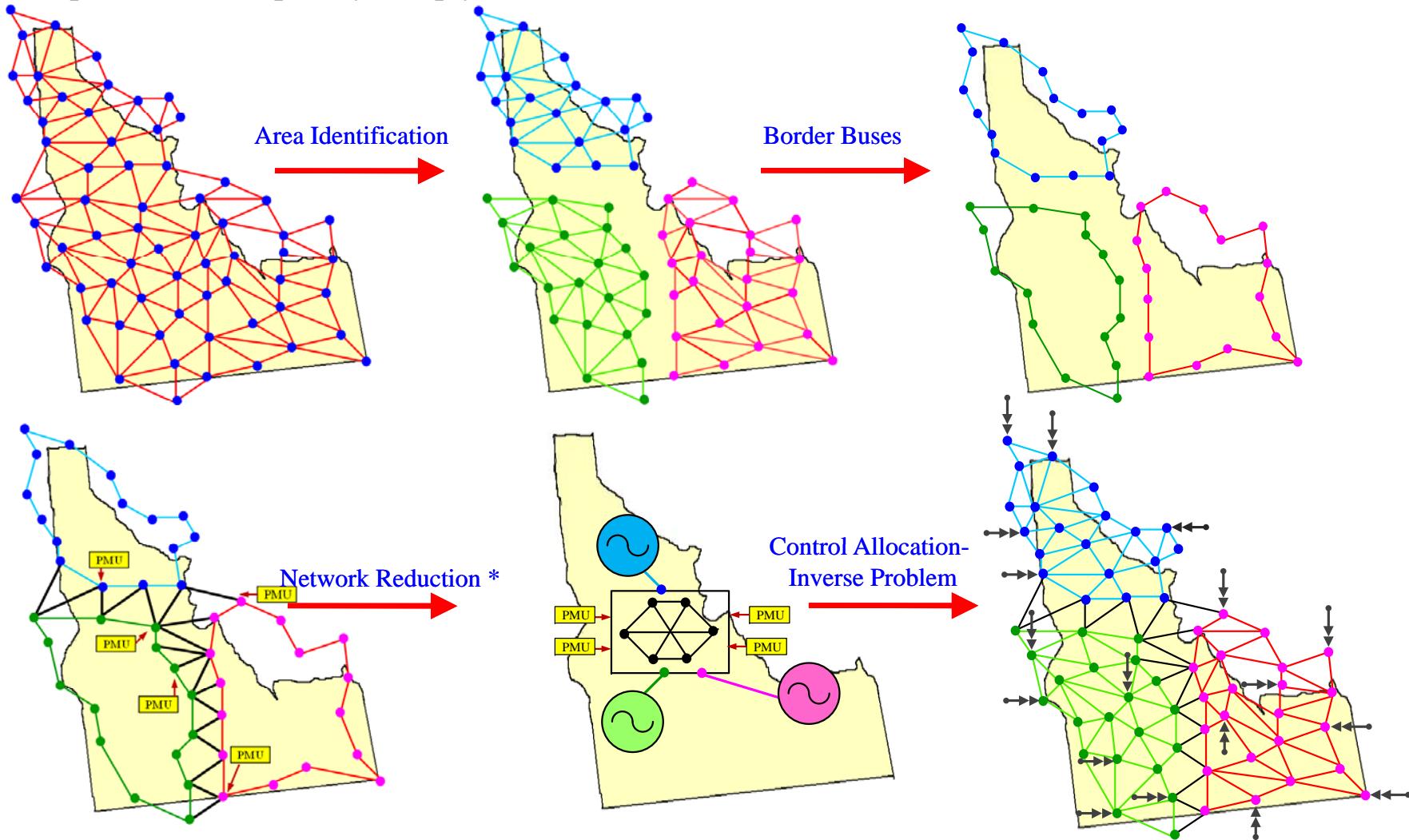
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# Mode Extraction Information



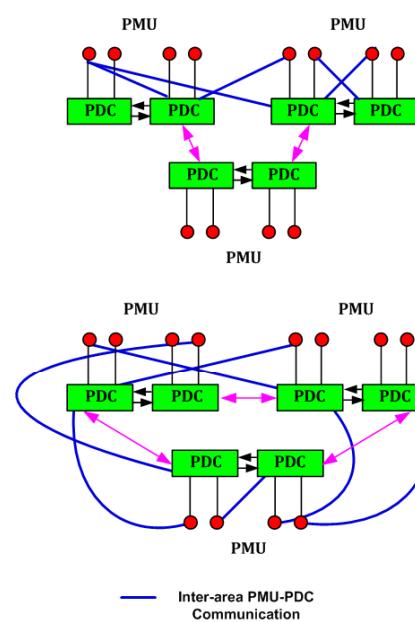
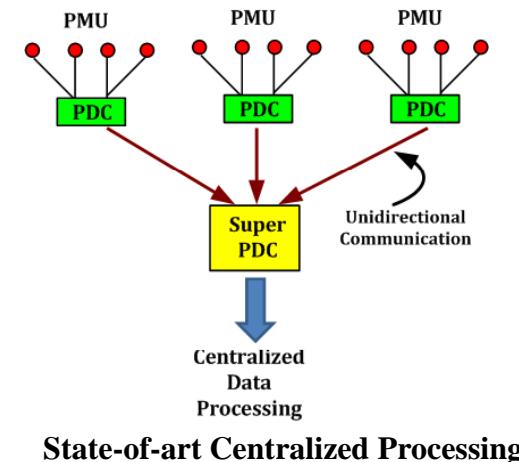
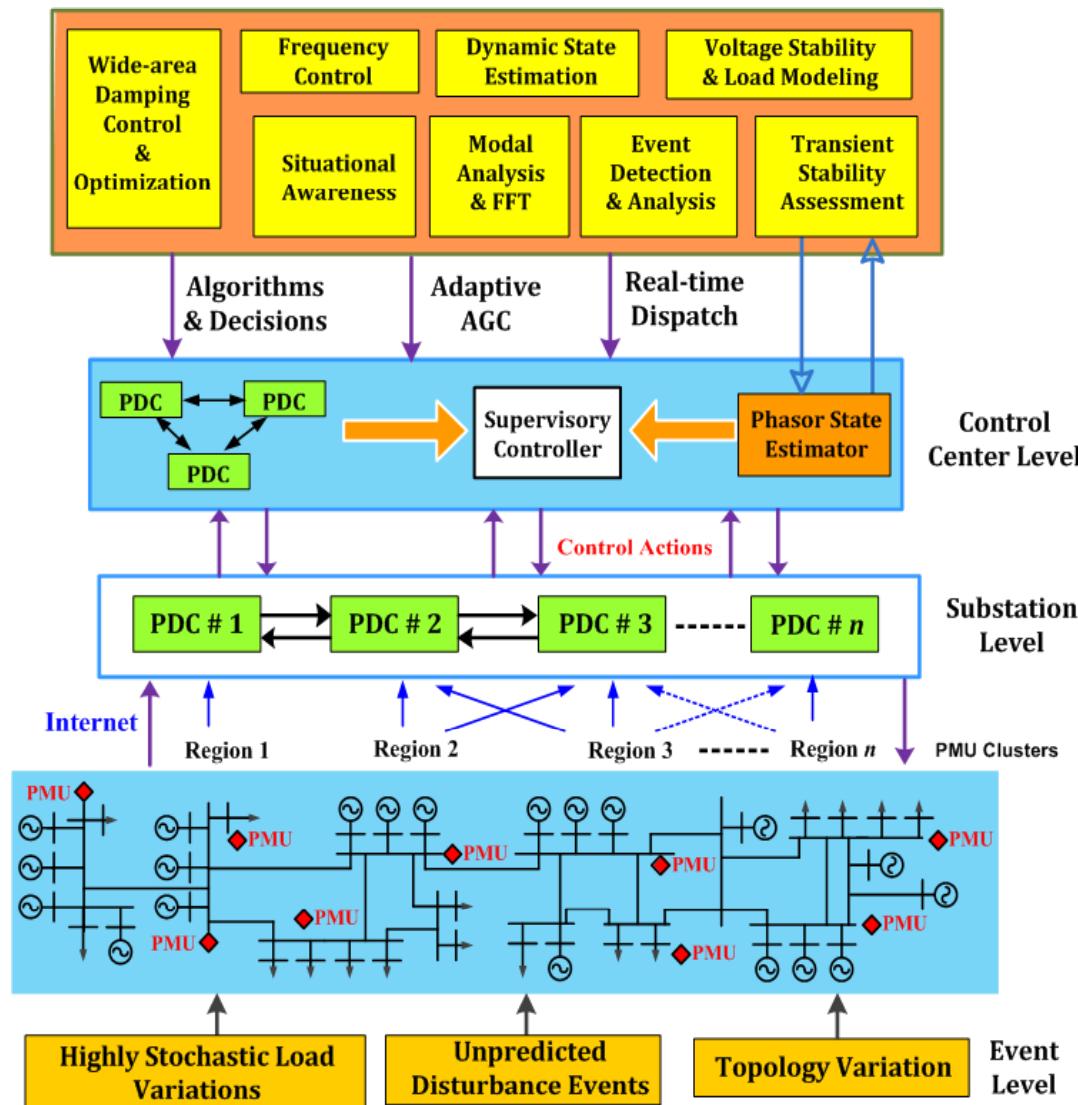
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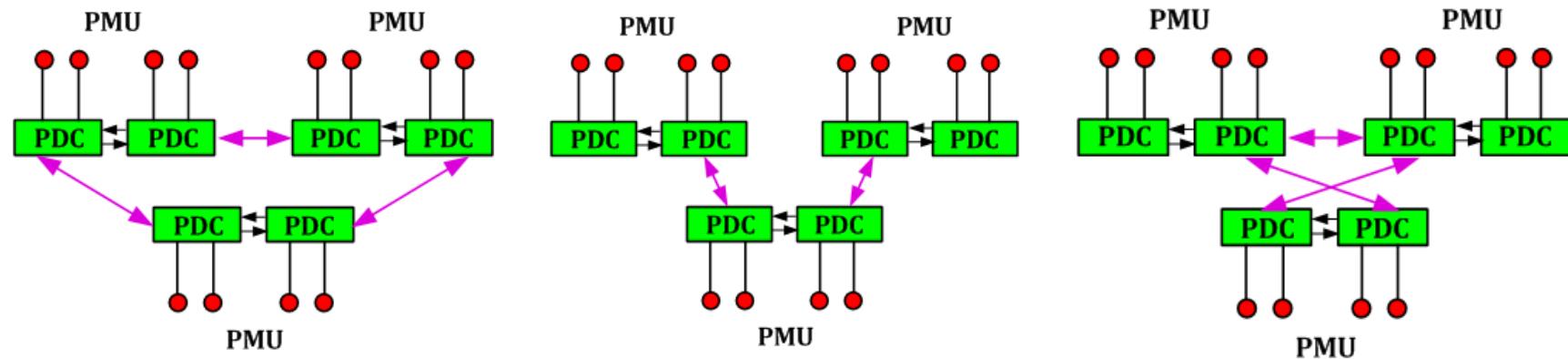
- Computational complexity sharply increases with number of areas



- Please see CDC 2011, ACC 2012 papers by *Chakrabortty* on model-reference control (MRC) approach,

# Distributed Architecture for PMU Applications



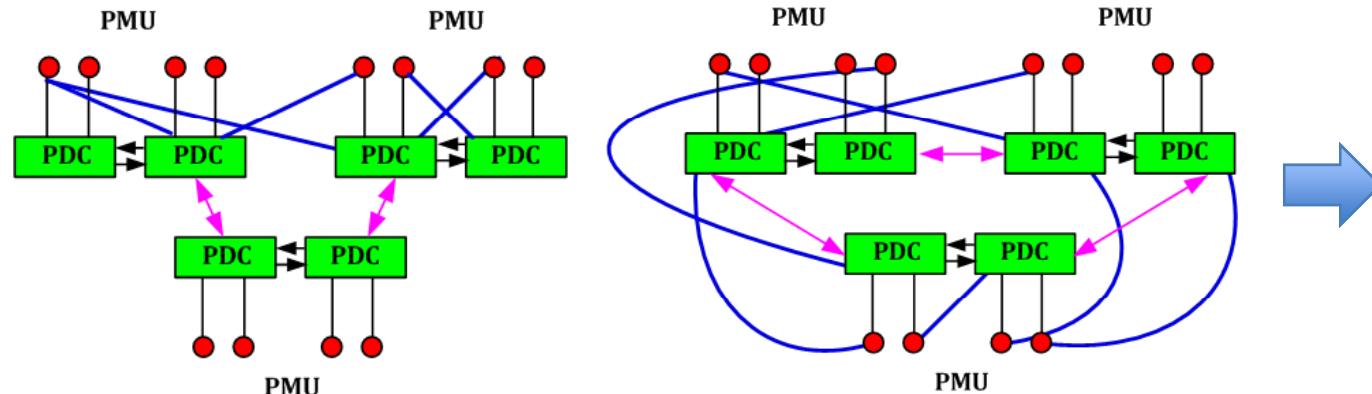


**Optimization variables:** Data exporting rates of PMUs or virtual PMUs  
 Information update rate between PDCs – local and inter-area  
 Network bandwidth

**Constraints:** Network delays, Processing delays, Congestion, Dynamic routing

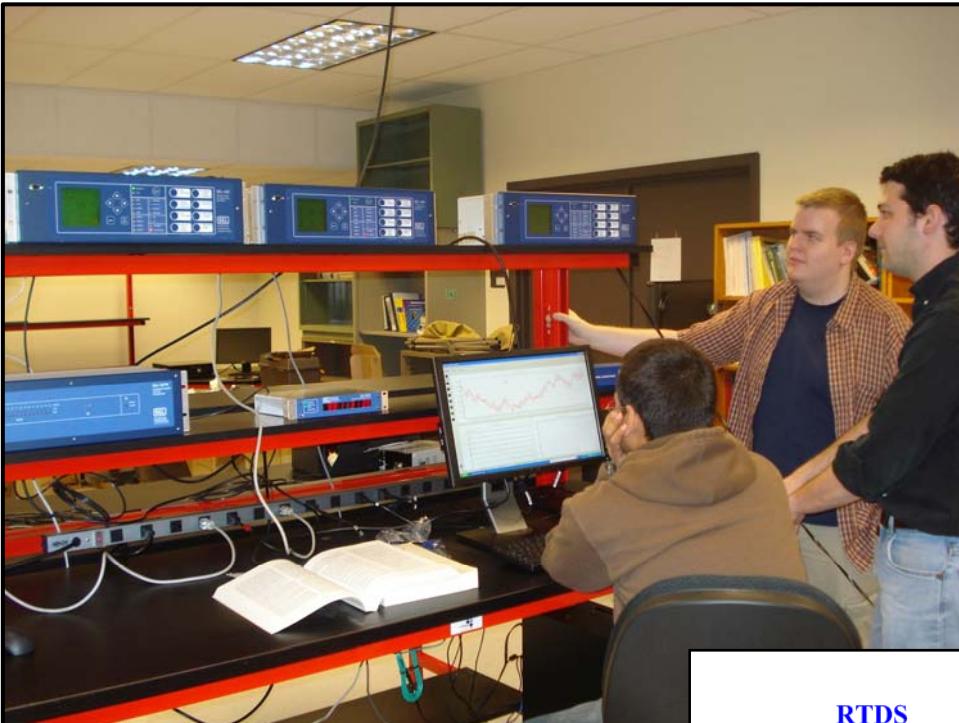
- Define an execution metric  $M$  for each application of the PMU-net
- Minimize the error between distributed  $M_d$  and corresponding centralized  $M_c$

Dynamic Rate Control Problem (DRCP)



Dynamic Link Assignment Problem (DLAP)

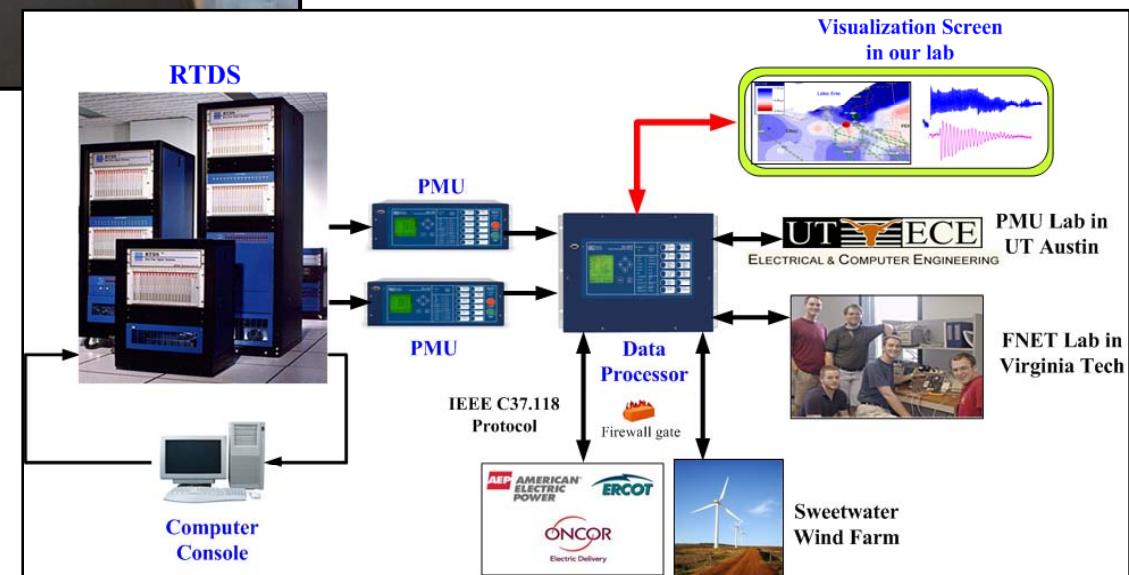
# Phasor Lab



1. Real PMU Data from WECC (NASPI data)
2. RTDS-PMU Data (Schweitzer PhasorLab)
3. FACTS-TNA with NI Crio PMUs

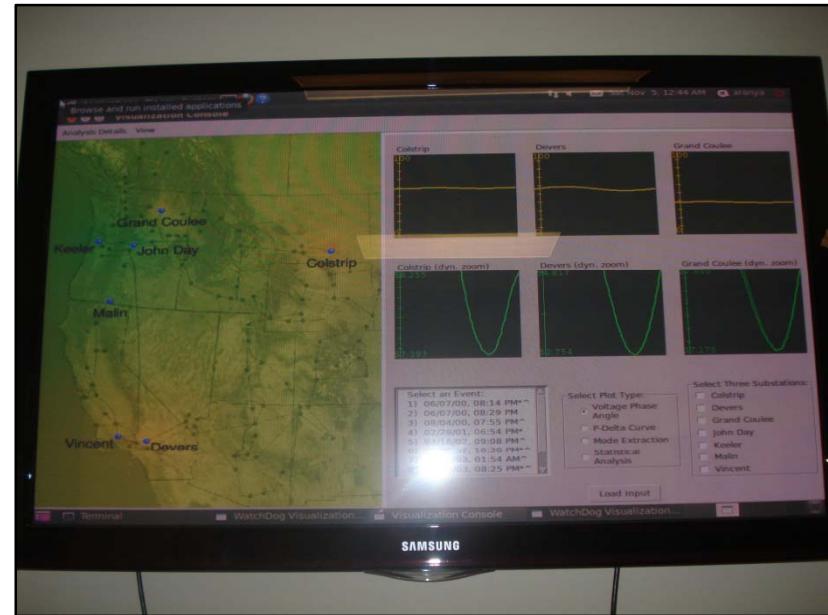
→ We can provide all three data via our new PMU and RTDS facilities at the FREEDM center

How about setting up an intra-campus local PMU communication network with RENCI/UNC and Duke Univ.?

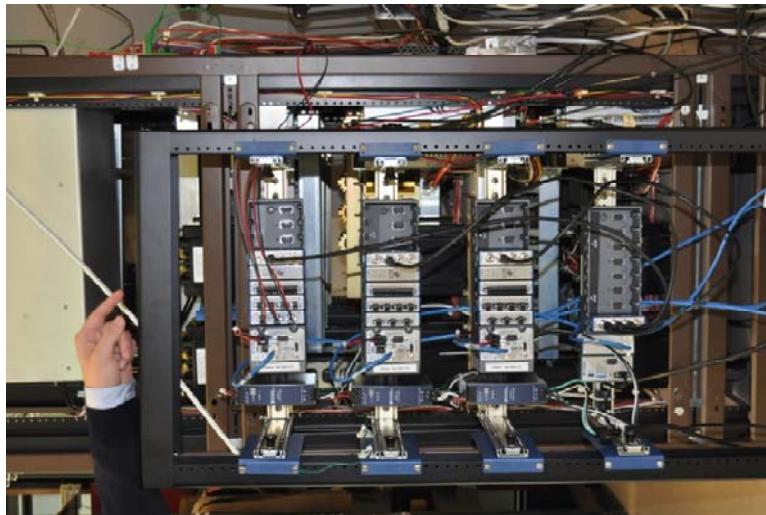




Real Time Digital Simulators



PMU Data Visualization



NI PMU Rack



SEL/ABB PMU Rack with PDC

## Conclusions

1. WAMS is a tremendously promising technology for smart grid researchers
2. Communications and Computing must merge with power engineering
3. Plenty of new research problems – EE, Applied Math, Computer Science
4. **Cyber-security is essential**
5. Right time to think mathematically – Network theory is imperative
6. Right time to pay attention to the bigger picture of the electric grid
7. Needs participation of young researchers!
8. Promises to create jobs and provide impetus to the ARRA

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