



# MHEB Smart Grid Investment Grant Update

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# Topics of Discussion

- Project Overview
- Communications and Data – research projects
- Operational Applications
- Anomalies seen through improved situational awareness
- Challenges and Lessons Learned
- Next Steps

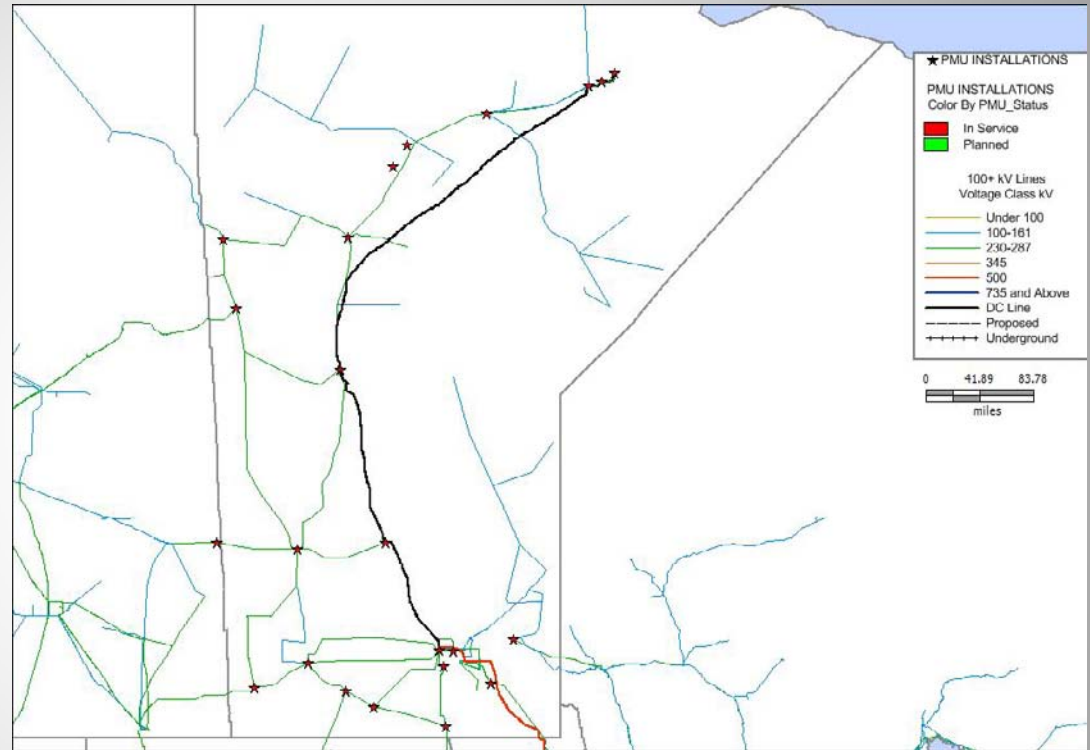


# Project Overview

- Manitoba Hydro is under the MISO group of participants
- 30 of our 32 PMUs (already installed) to MISO
- Main and Back-up PDCs
- Communication System is internal
- MISO WAN to send data

# Project Map

MB  
Hydro  
PMU sites

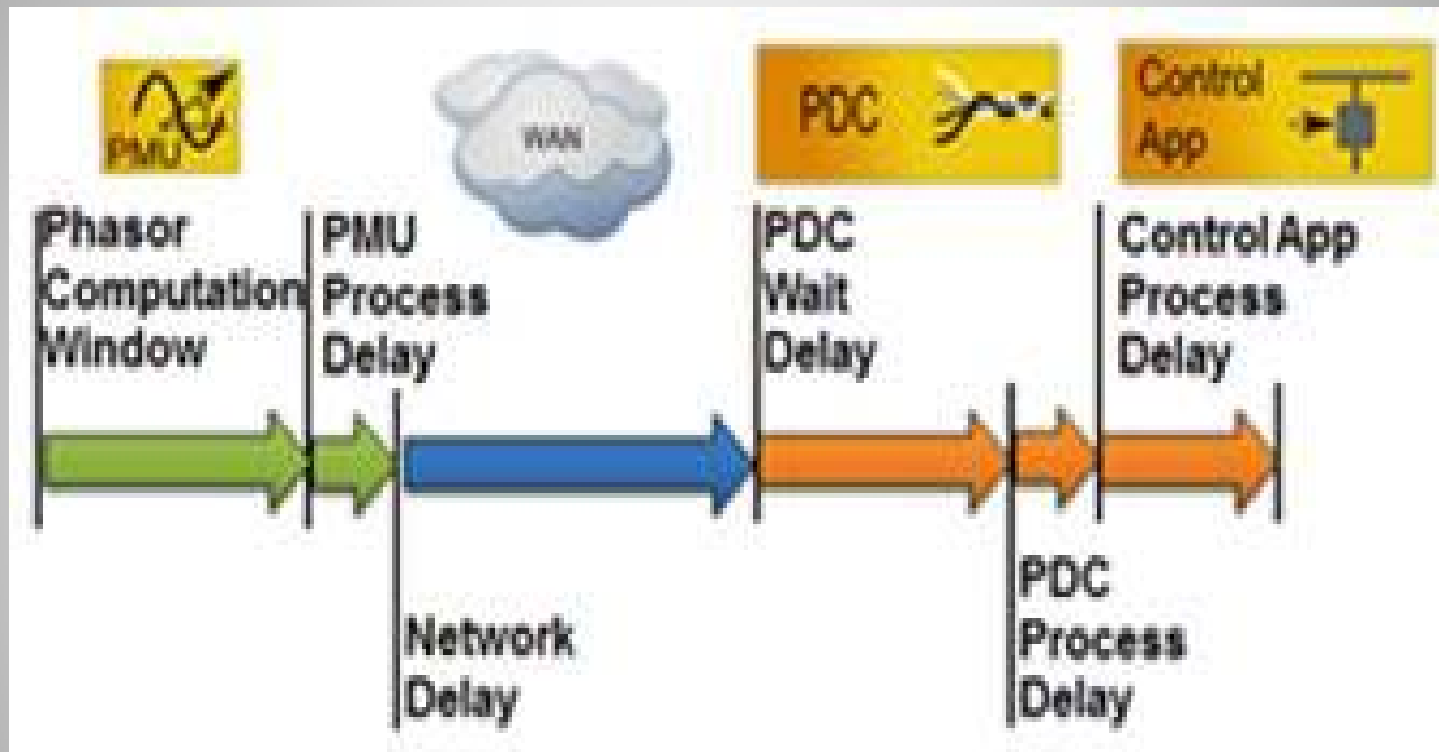




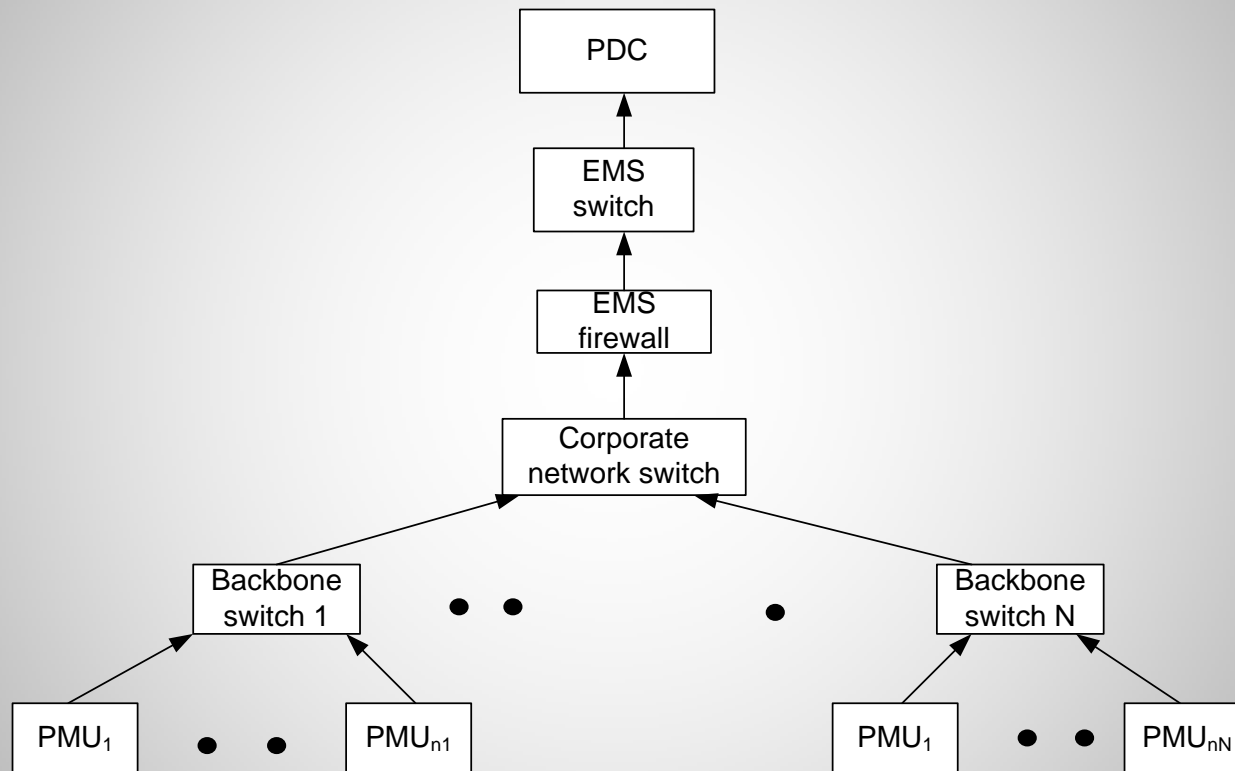
# Phasor data-sharing

- University of Manitoba –
  - 1<sup>st</sup> project : communication network research model. Components developed and MB Hydro network modeled.
  - 2nd project: to apply machine learning algorithms to develop transient stability boundaries given PMU data.
- MISO – Allows us to see rest of the PMU network stretching even outside of the MISO footprint.

# Communications and data



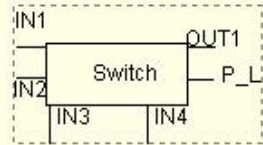
# Communication Network Research







# Switch



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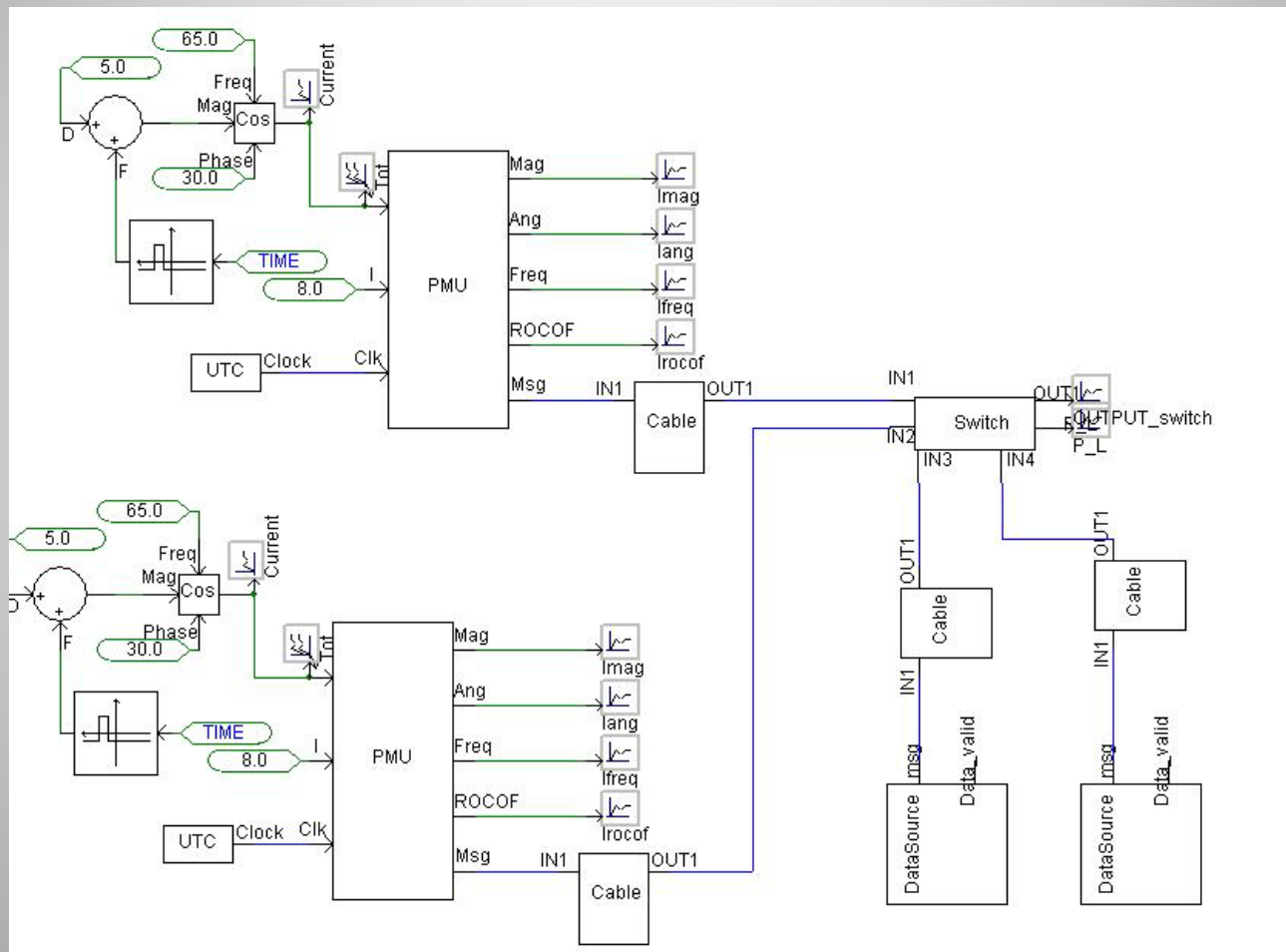
**General**

|                               |      |
|-------------------------------|------|
| Buffer size                   | 10   |
| Processing time of the switch | 3E-6 |
| No of PMUs connected          | 4    |

**General**

Ok Cancel Help...

# Integrated Simulation





# Major operational applications using phasor data

- Wide-area situational awareness
  - Software/vendor used Alstom
  - Integrated into other control room applications? Not yet
  - Operational data Used by operating and Planning staff for post event investigations ,model improvement, commissioning. To be used to improve EMS SCADA later. Move to the control room last , after we fully understand our system and eliminate nuisance alarms.
- Small Signal Stability
  - Aiding in commissioning of various PSSs of our system.
  - **Question was raised that you do not need PMUs to do small signal stability** – unsynchronized monitoring works but with PMUs get more than the mode observability – ie more than freq, amplitude, and damping:
    1. also get mode shape
    2. also get participation
    3. Phase relationships between oscillations in frequency (or angle) and power help identify contributions. Insight to where best to control the mode.
    4. Finally, the infrastructure allows us to see these in real time (true with unsynchronized also, point is it was not there even if possible before)

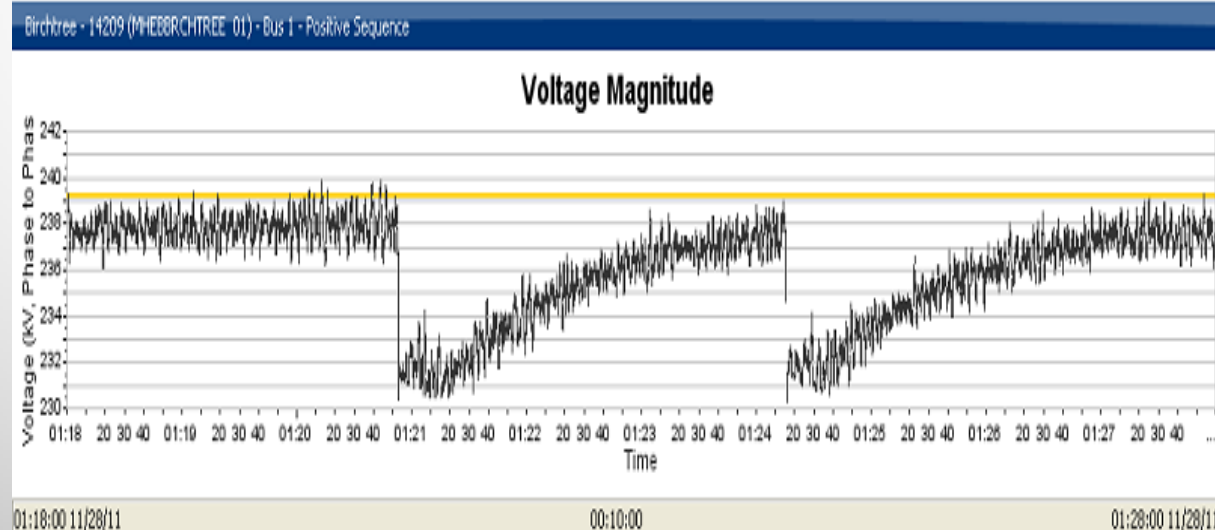
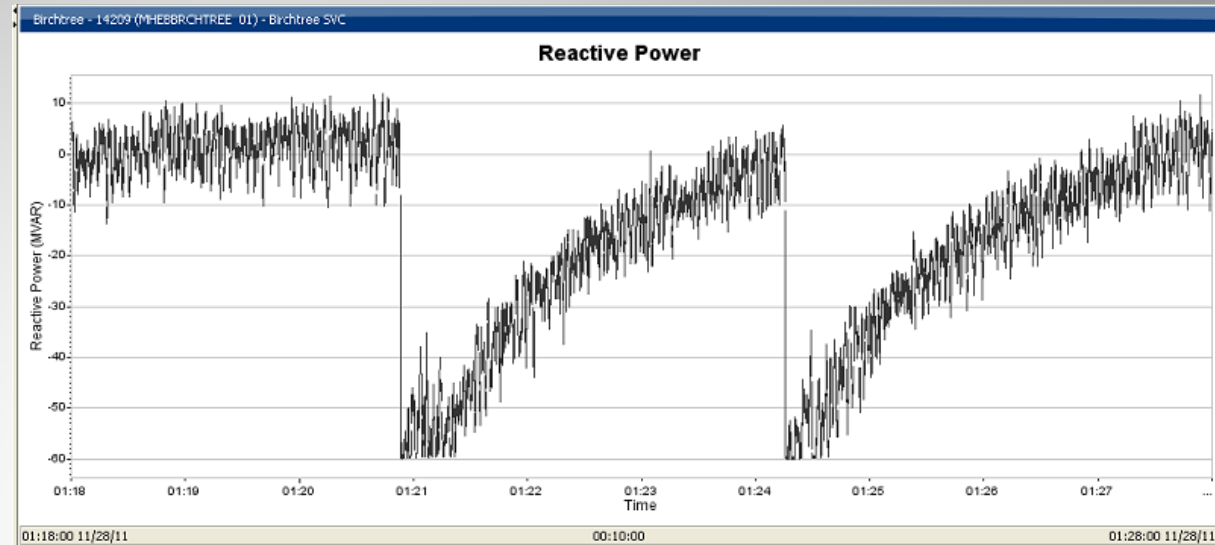


# Anomalies seen through Improved Situational Awareness

## SVC Instability

Instability noted  
(cycling) when  
 $POD > \text{threshold}$

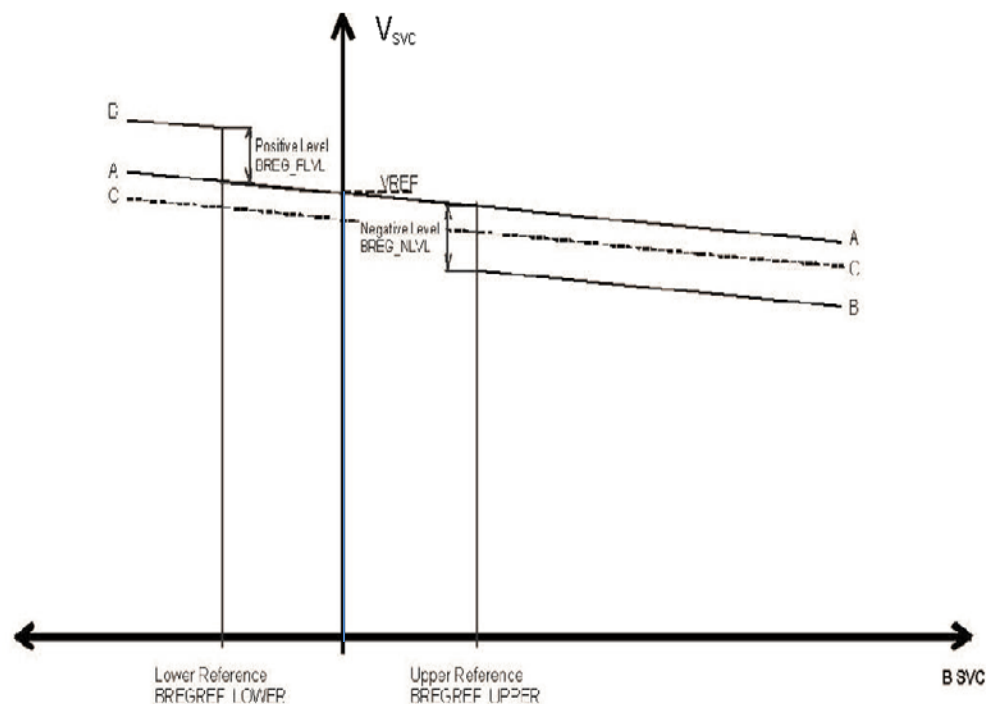
- original Vref
- Original Vref + SSR contribution
- Original Vref
- Etc.



# Solution

Birchtree SVC

- 1) Increase the range of MVAr's for  $V_{ref}$
- 2) Freeze the last value before  $POD > \text{threshold}$

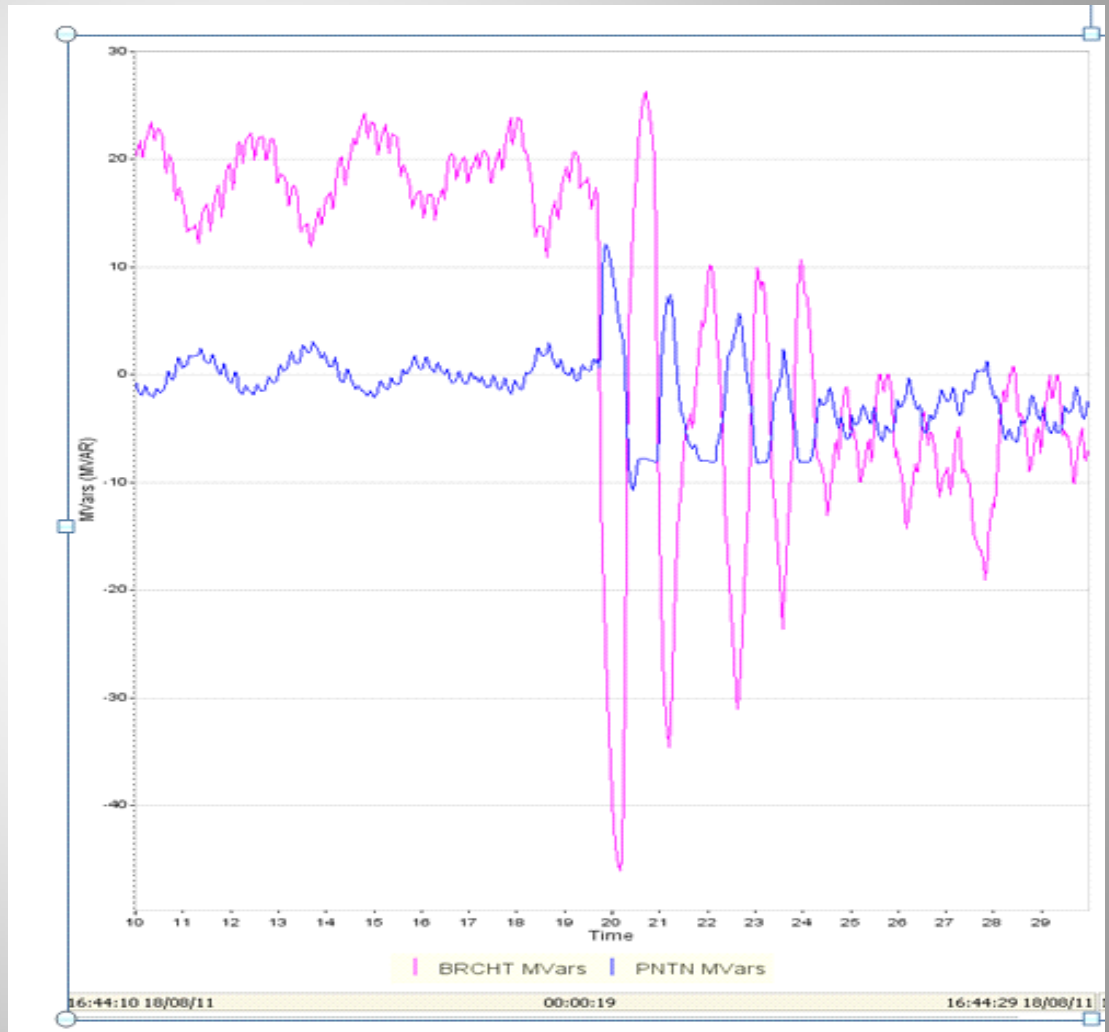


SVC operating characteristic with supplementary controller

# • Dynamic Response

Eg. Line opened (vars changed)

Slow Susceptance control must not interact with Power Oscillation damping



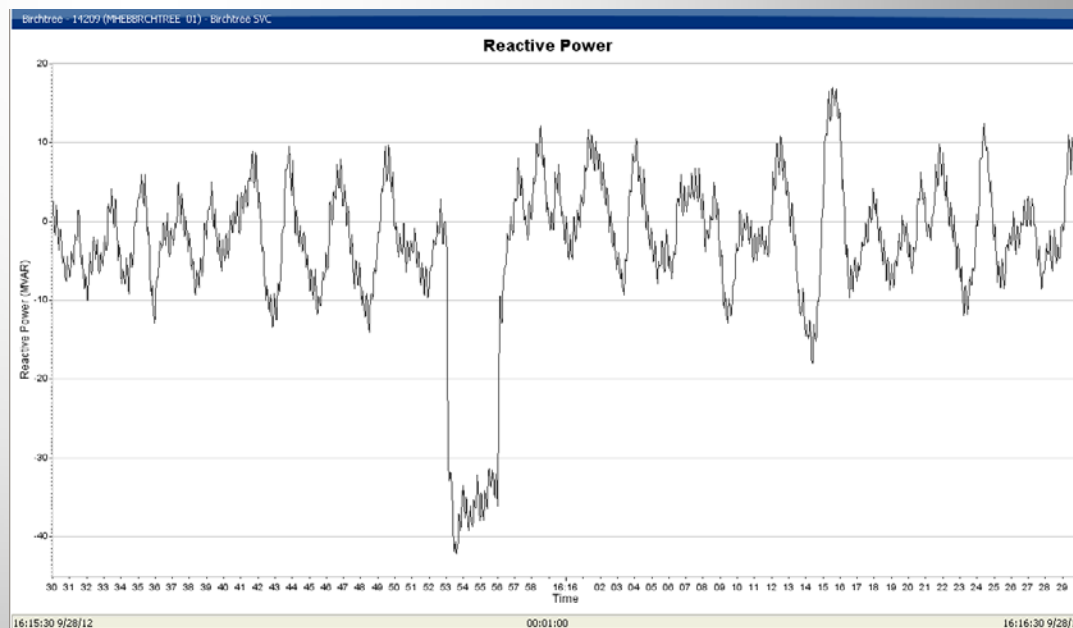
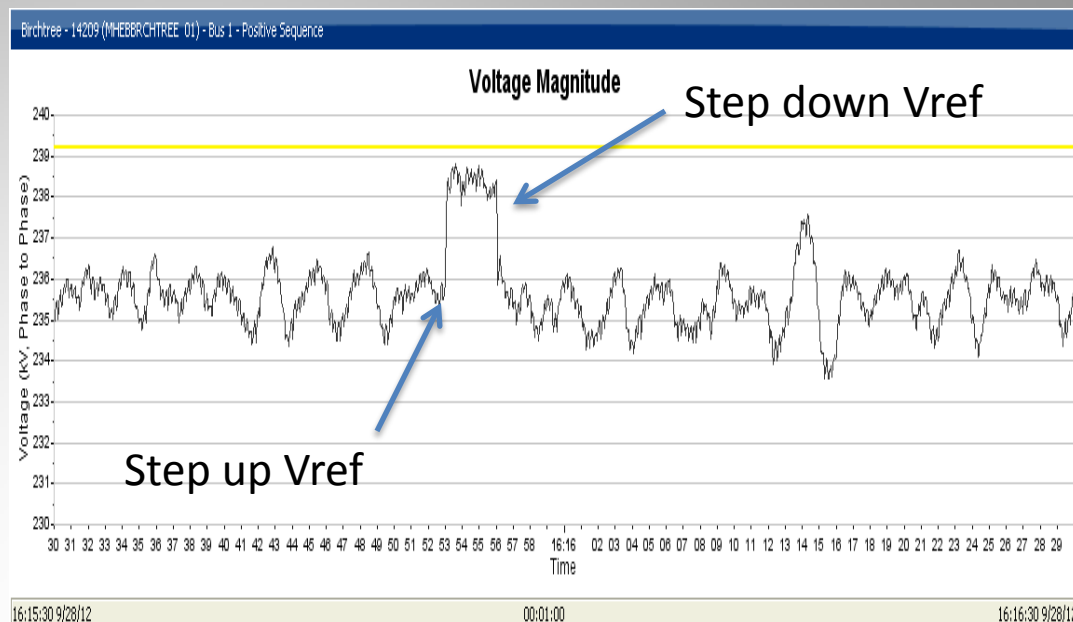


# Testing Our Solution

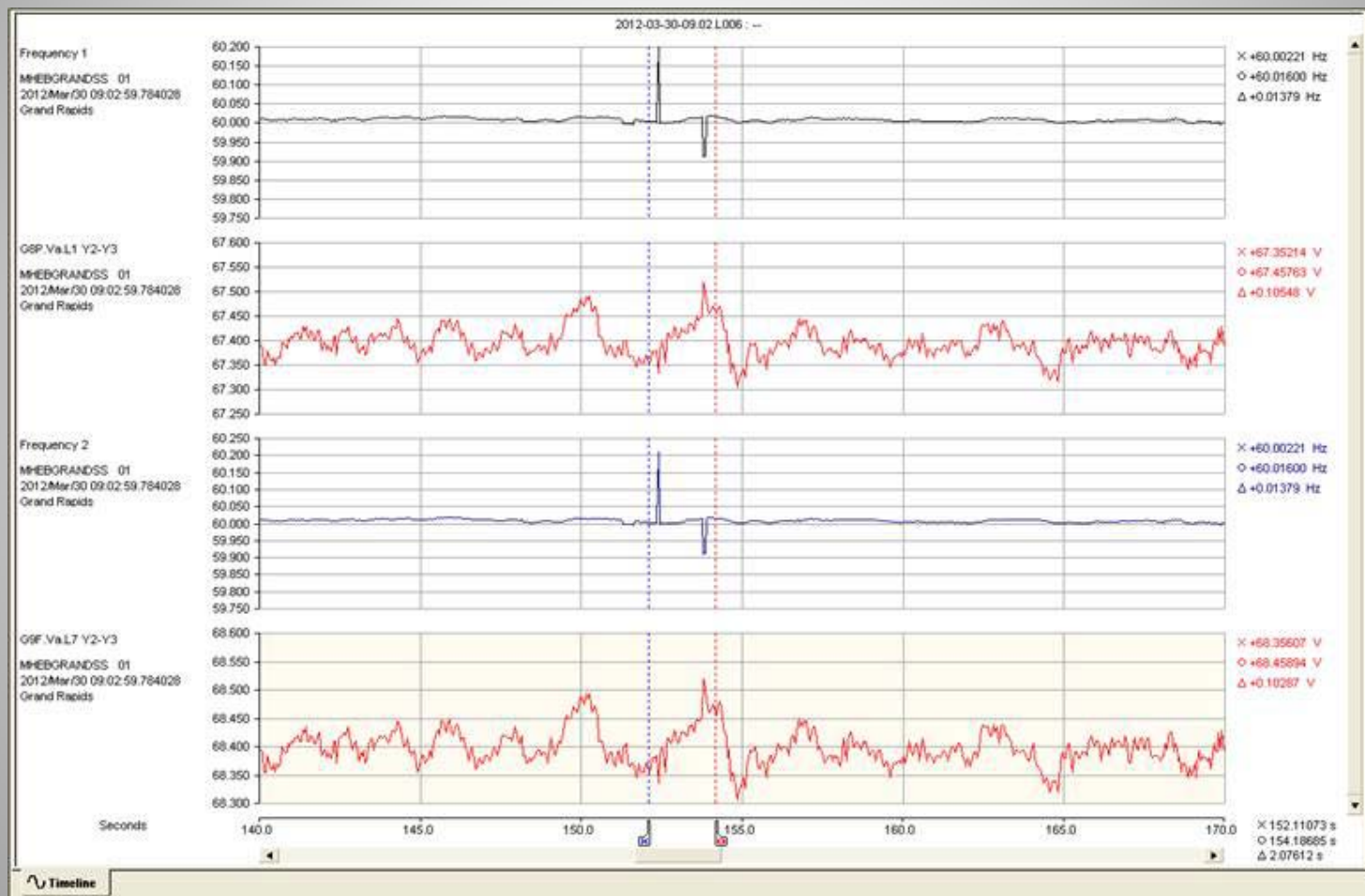
1.5% Step Up and Down of Vref

No instability seen

Here: the POD output was >threshold



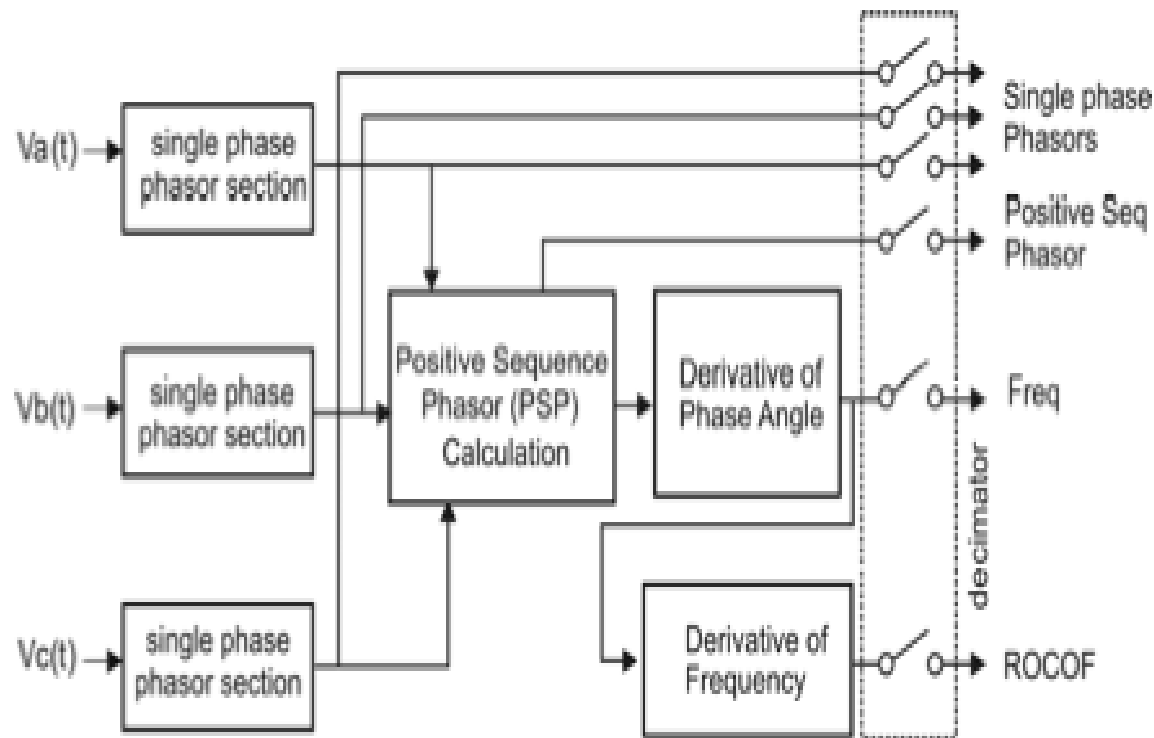
# Frequency Anomalies at PMU





# Frequency Estimation and Filters....

## C.4 Positive sequence, frequency, and ROCOF



$$\Delta F(i) = \{6[\theta(i) - \theta(i-1)] + 3[\theta(i-1) - \theta(i-2)] + [\theta(i-2) - \theta(i-3)]\} / [20\pi \times \Delta t] \quad (C.3)$$

$$DF(i) = [\Delta F(i) - \Delta F(i-1)] / \Delta t$$



# Challenges and lessons learned

- Other lessons or insights about
  - Frequency issues **filtering solutions**
  - Communications – resolve **test results**
  - Physical or cyber-security? Presently treating the same as EMS SCADA data **through MISO WAN but do not know if this is problem in the future**
- Research needs – **Improved EMS State estimation is in the future. We do not expect to be into the control room until operators are comfortable with other real time tools (time frame 3-5 years).**



## Next Steps

- Next steps are evaluating the benefits and metrics to look at our return on our investment. PSTT sub task team is looking into this area.



# Thank You

Any questions??