

Practical Experiences from Synchrophasor Deployment

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Shaping the future

- Data Collection & IT Planning
- Application Readiness
- Operator Acceptance

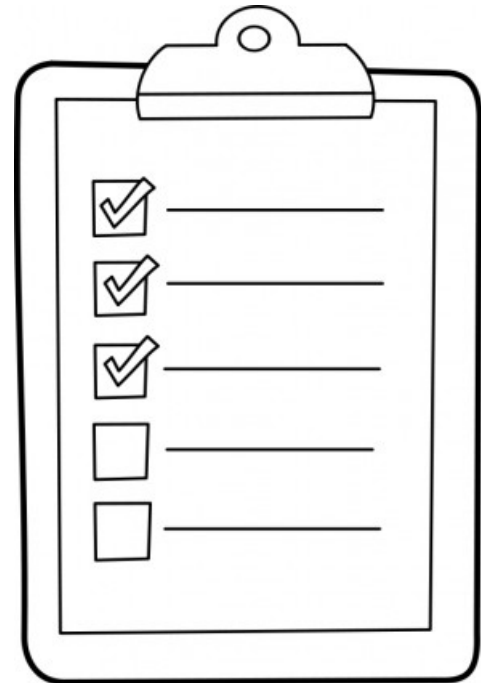
Data Collection & IT Planning

- IT and Communication Issues
- Data Collection Issues
- Naming Convention

Planning for IT support

Getting PMU data from the field to Control Center

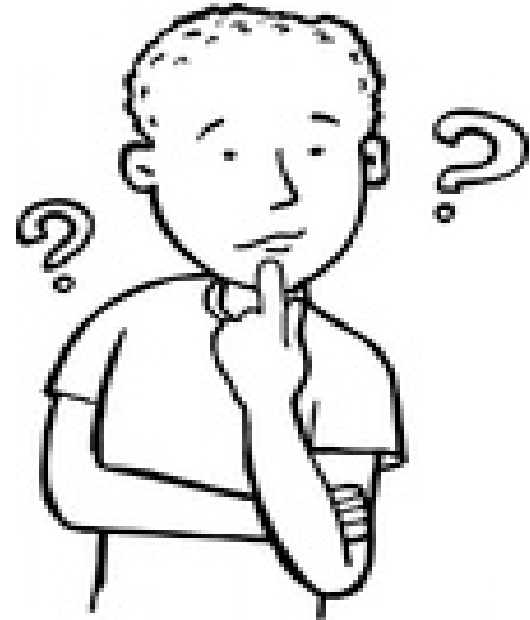
- Network configuration:
 - Firewall configuration
 - Routers
 - Assignment of IP addresses
- Network Planning:
 - Bandwidth
 - TCP vs. UDP vs. Multicast
- Checklists
 - Have a checklist!
 - IT support must be scheduled, can have long lead time



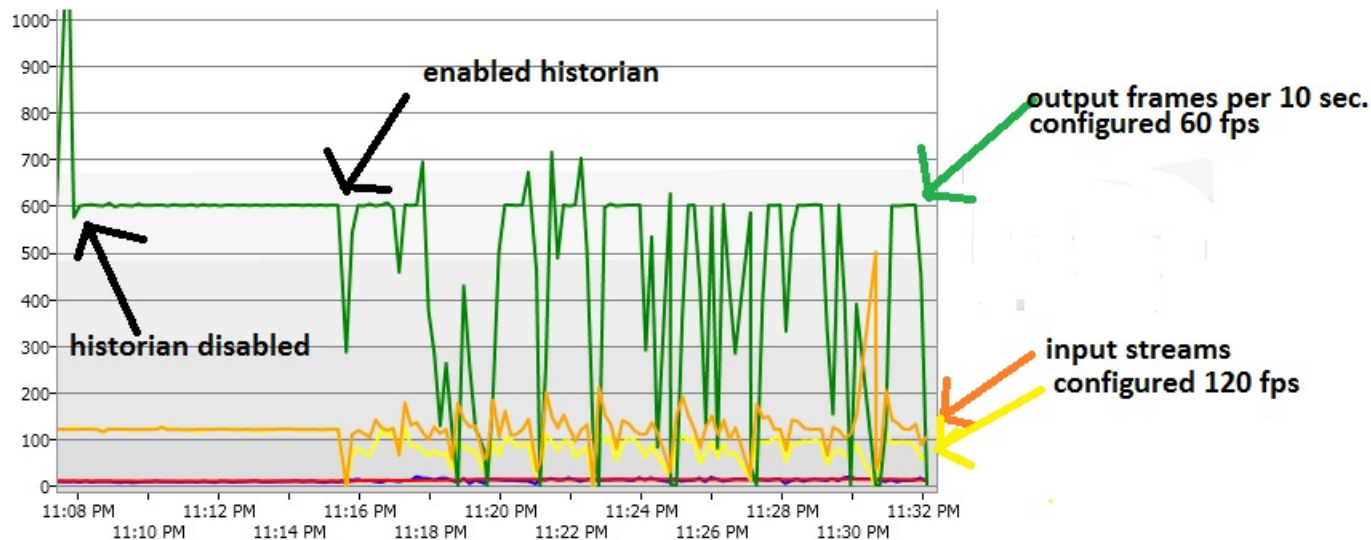
Data, Data, Where is the data?

Common causes of missing or bad data

- Time Synchronization issues
 - PDC clock drifts.
 - PMU not correctly synchronized.
 - Output stream wait time too small.
- Performance Issues
 - Network
 - Disk
 - CPU (garbage collection, etc.)
 - Buffer sizes
- Open lines
 - Phasor angle is arbitrary (meaningless) but still marked as good quality by the PMU.
 - Frequency measurement by PMU on open line may be incorrectly reported (constant) but still marked as good quality

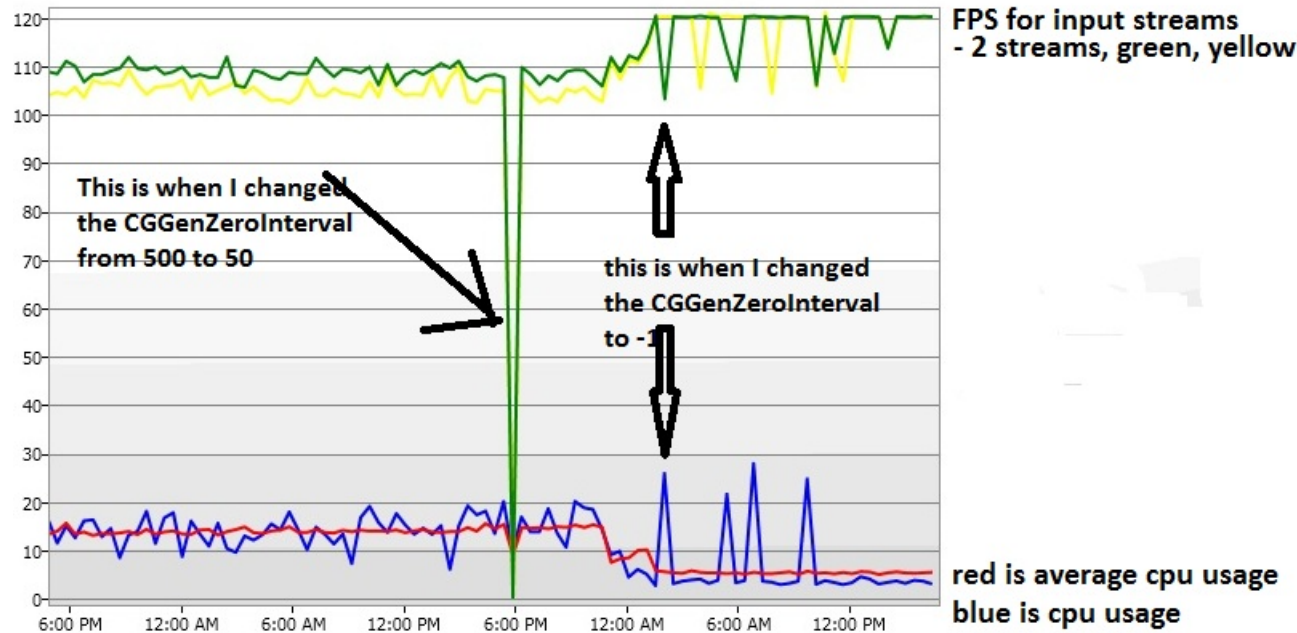


Effect of Disk Activity on UDP Streams



- When local historian enabled, disk IO interfered with UDP buffer processing.
- Solved by using remote historian.
- Alternate solutions include more powerful CPU or faster disk.

Effect of CPU Activity on UDP Streams



- Two UDP input streams, 120 fps each
- I changed .NET garbage collection parameters to manipulate CPU usage.
- We see the effect as missing data from input streams due to UDP buffer overflow.

Effect of network errors or overload on UDP Streams

- Large UDP frames are broken into smaller packets for network transmission, then re-assembled at the other end.
- If even one of these packets is lost, the frame can't be re-assembled and the entire UDP frame is discarded.
- Resulting frame loss can be very high (more than half).
- Packets can be lost due to buffer issues, NIC capacity, network capacity, etc.
- Problem worse for larger frames.

Configuring Output Stream Wait Time

- Wait too long and extra latency is introduced.
- Data discarded if wait time is too small.
- Use PDC tools to monitor input latencies.

ST13	Total Received Frames	01:50:02.631	✓
ST9	Received Configuration	01:50:02.631	False
ST10	Configuration Changes	01:50:02.631	✓
ST6	Minimum Latency	01:50:02.631	-281.000 ms
ST7	Maximum Latency	01:50:02.631	13.000 ms
ST14	Average Latency	01:50:02.631	-23.000 ms
ST15	Defined Frame Rate	01:50:02.631	30 frames / second
ST16	Actual Frame Rate	01:50:02.631	24.563 frames / second
CT17	Actual Data Rate	01:50:02.631	0.000 Mbit/s

- Set the output wait time to be larger than the maximum latency of the input streams in order to minimize data loss.

Naming Conventions



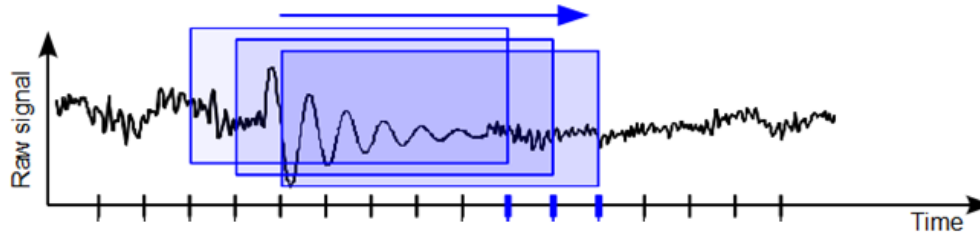
- Don't use PMU default signal names or default device number!
- Best practice is to establish a signal naming convention up front and stick to it throughout the system.
- Best practice provides a readable name that uniquely identifies each signal.
- If names are defined at the PMU level, they automatically propagate to PDCs.

Synchrophasor Application Readiness

- Data Availability Requirements
- Application Tuning

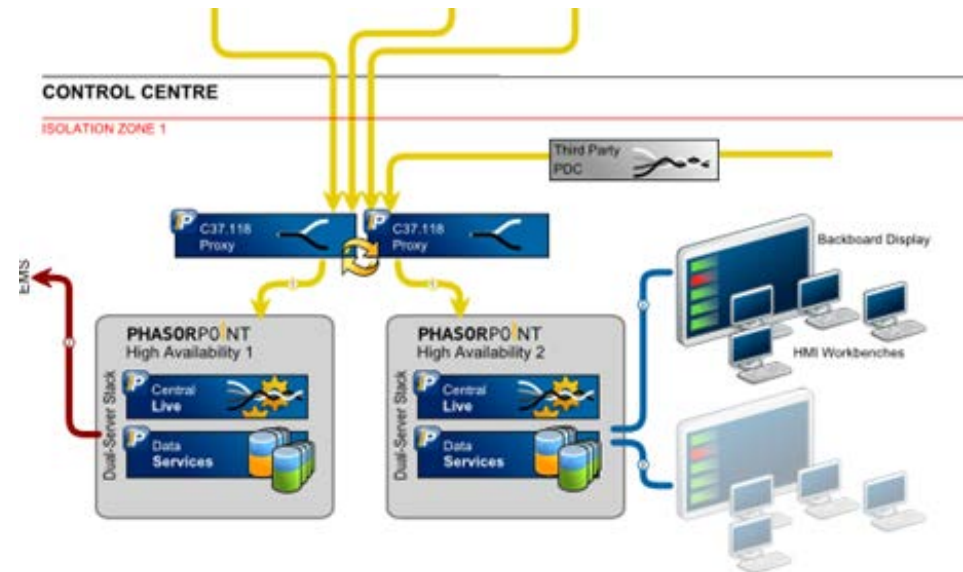
Data Availability Requirements for Synchrophasor Applications

- Advanced applications such as Oscillatory Stability Monitoring (OSM), Disturbance Characterization, and Islanding Detection rely on the recent time history of data (ranging from 1 sec to several minutes).



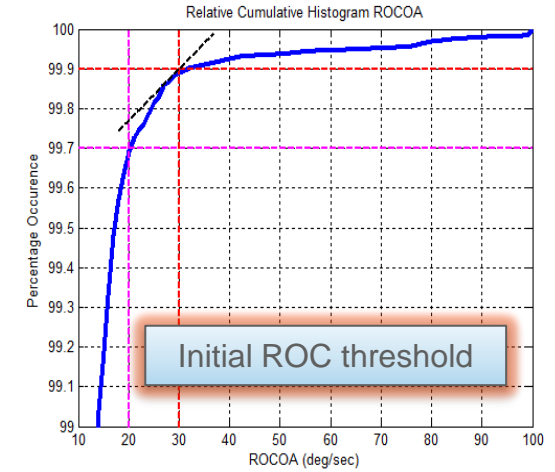
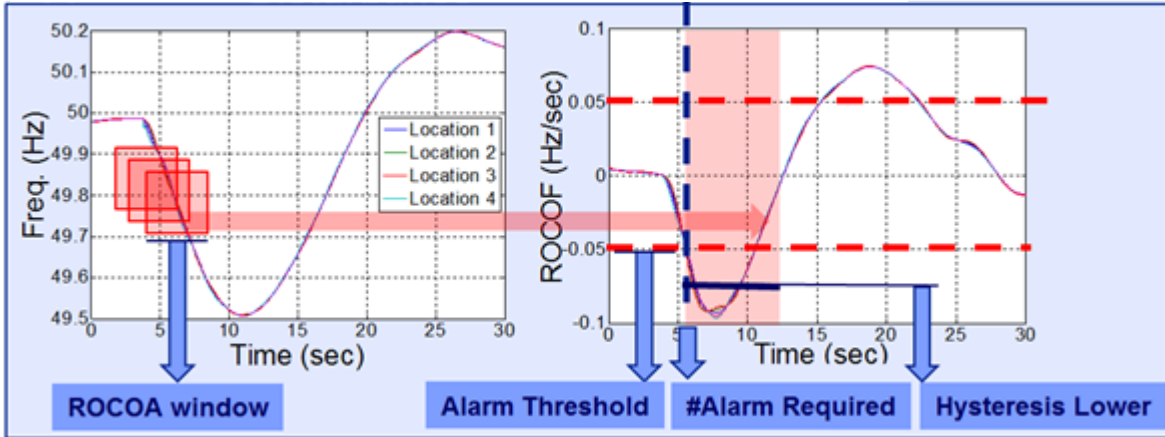
- Require 90% data availability or better to make an accurate assessment.

**Active-Active
High Availability (HA)**

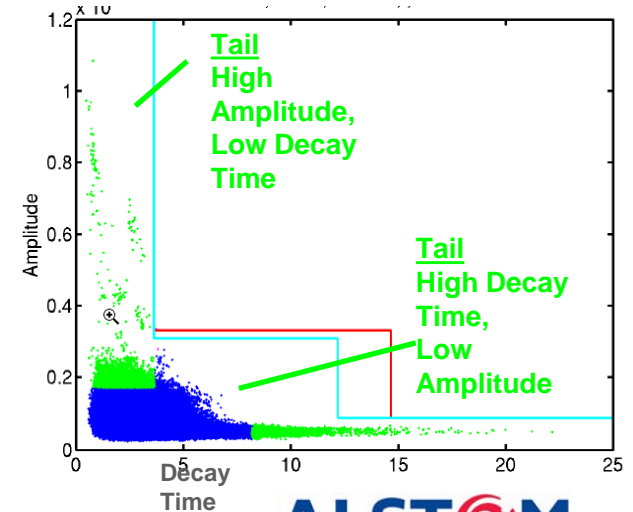
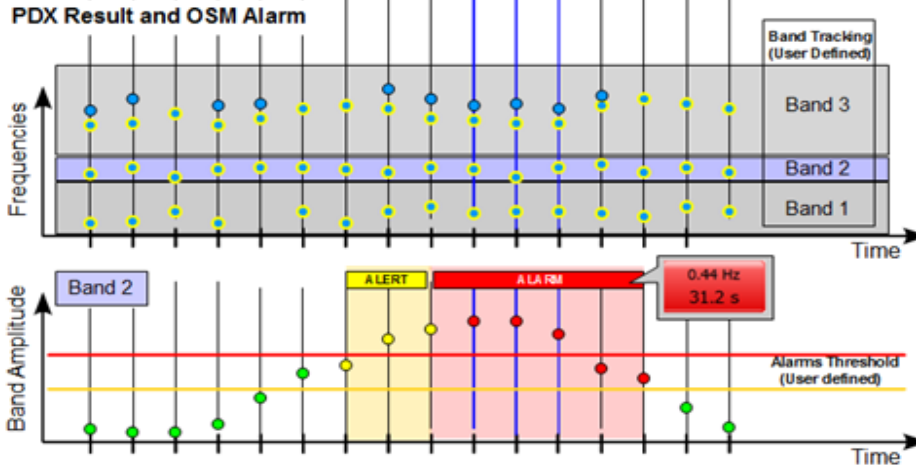


Application Parameter Tuning

System Disturbance Characterization

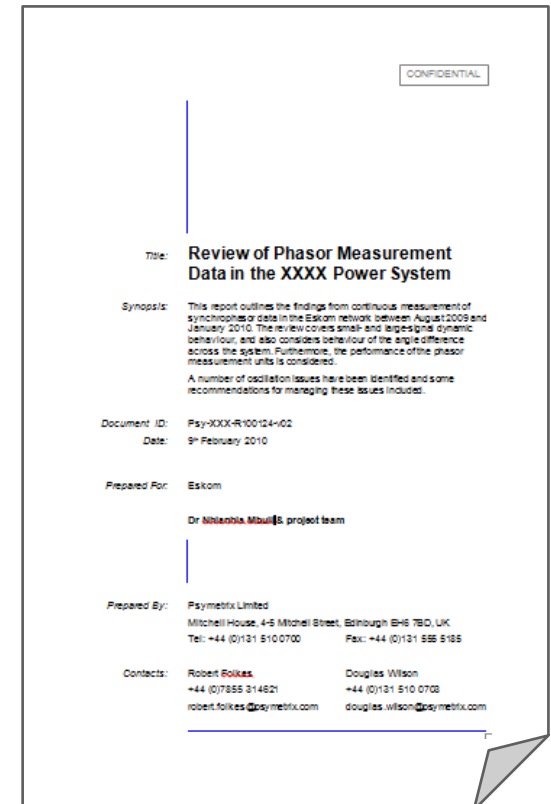


Oscillatory Stability Monitoring



Performance & Threshold Report Contents

- Executive Summary
 - Comment on Observed Risks
 - Proposed Management
 - Summary of Oscillations & Disturbance
 - Monitoring Infrastructure performance
- Review of Modes of Oscillation
 - Baseline - normal behaviour patterns
 - Unusual events – source location
- Review Disturbances
 - Examples of Post-Event Analysis
- Threshold Settings
 - OSM Oscillation Alarms
 - SDM Disturbance parameters
 - Angle Behaviour Templates & Alarms



Operator Acceptance

- Integrated Solution (with existing EMS)
- Provide required “context” to PMU-based monitoring
- Operator Guidance
- Establish Familiarity & Demonstrate Benefits
- Operator Training Environment

Integration with existing EMS and Visualization

All alarms (including WAMS alerts/alarms) maintained and managed at a centralized location with the EMS Alarm Management System.

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Oscillatory Stability

Islanding

Disturbances

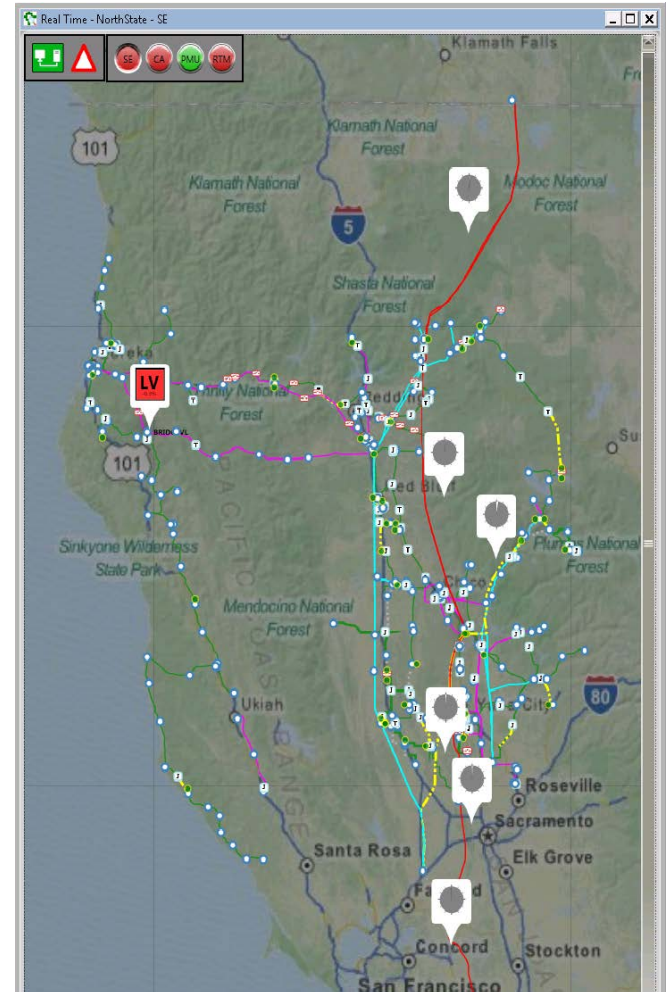
Composite Events

Magnitude Threshold Violations

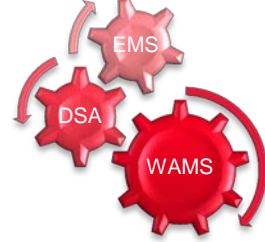


Alarm Summary		ALSTOM EMS e-terrabrowser displays	
Time	State	Mess	
07 / 18:28:23	▲	ⓘ	DOMAIN EVENT: GSA DETECTED Anqle Disturbance at RICHVIEW
07 / 18:26:00	▲	ⓘ	DOMAIN EVENT: GSA DETECTED Anqle Disturbance at DOUGLAS
07 / 18:23:24	▲	ⓘ	DOMAIN EVENT: GSA DETECTED Anqle Disturbance at MOSELLE2
07 / 18:18:53	▲	ⓘ	DOMAIN EVENT: GSA DETECTED Anqle Disturbance at HOLDEN
07 / 18:17:40	▲	ⓘ	DOMAIN EVENT: GSA DETECTED Anqle Disturbance at STINSON
07 / 18:16:17	▲	ⓘ	DOMAIN EVENT: GSA DETECTED Anqle Disturbance at PICTON
07 / 18:14:30	▲	ⓘ	DOMAIN EVENT: GSA DETECTED Anqle Disturbance at MOSELLE3
07 / 18:06:15	▲	ⓘ	DOMAIN EVENT: GSA DETECTED Anqle Disturbance at CHFALLS
07 / 17:59:55	▲	ⓘ	DOMAIN EVENT: GSA DETECTED Anqle Disturbance at LAKEVIEW

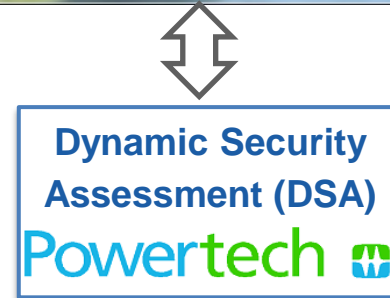
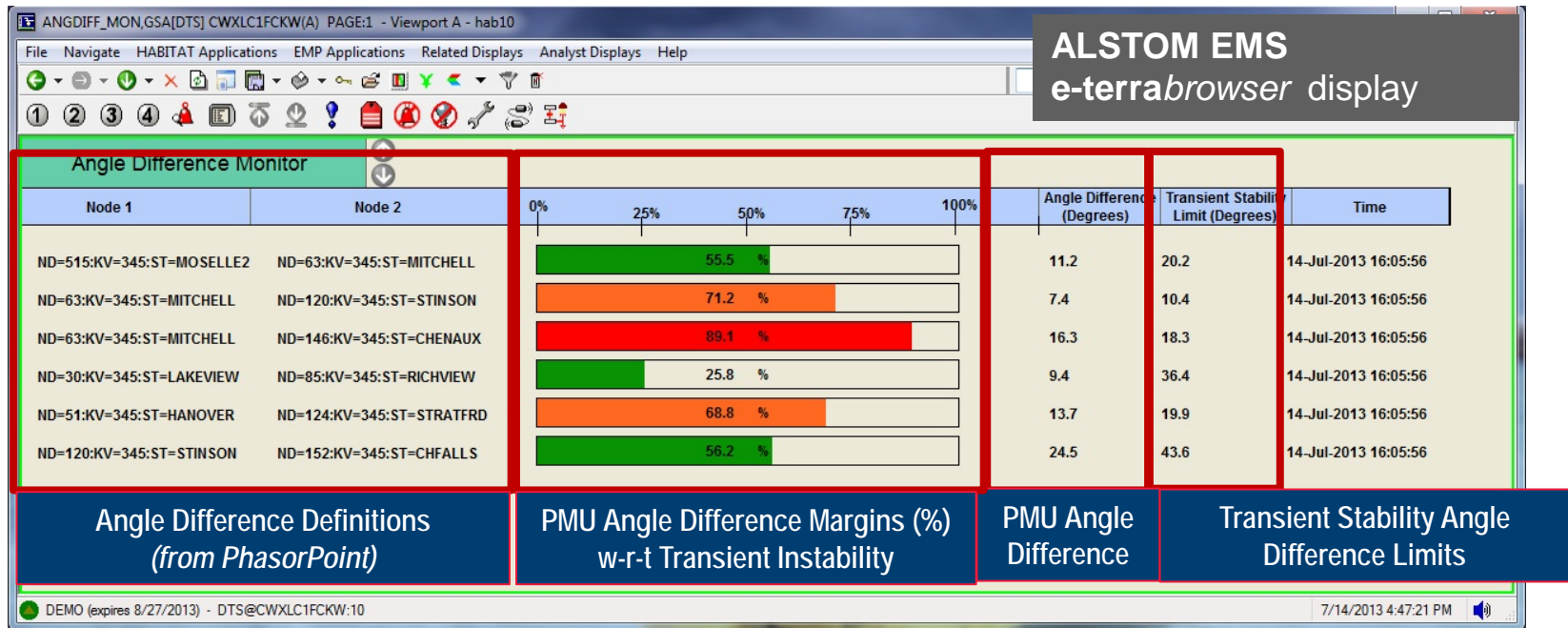
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Providing a "Context" to PMU-based Monitoring

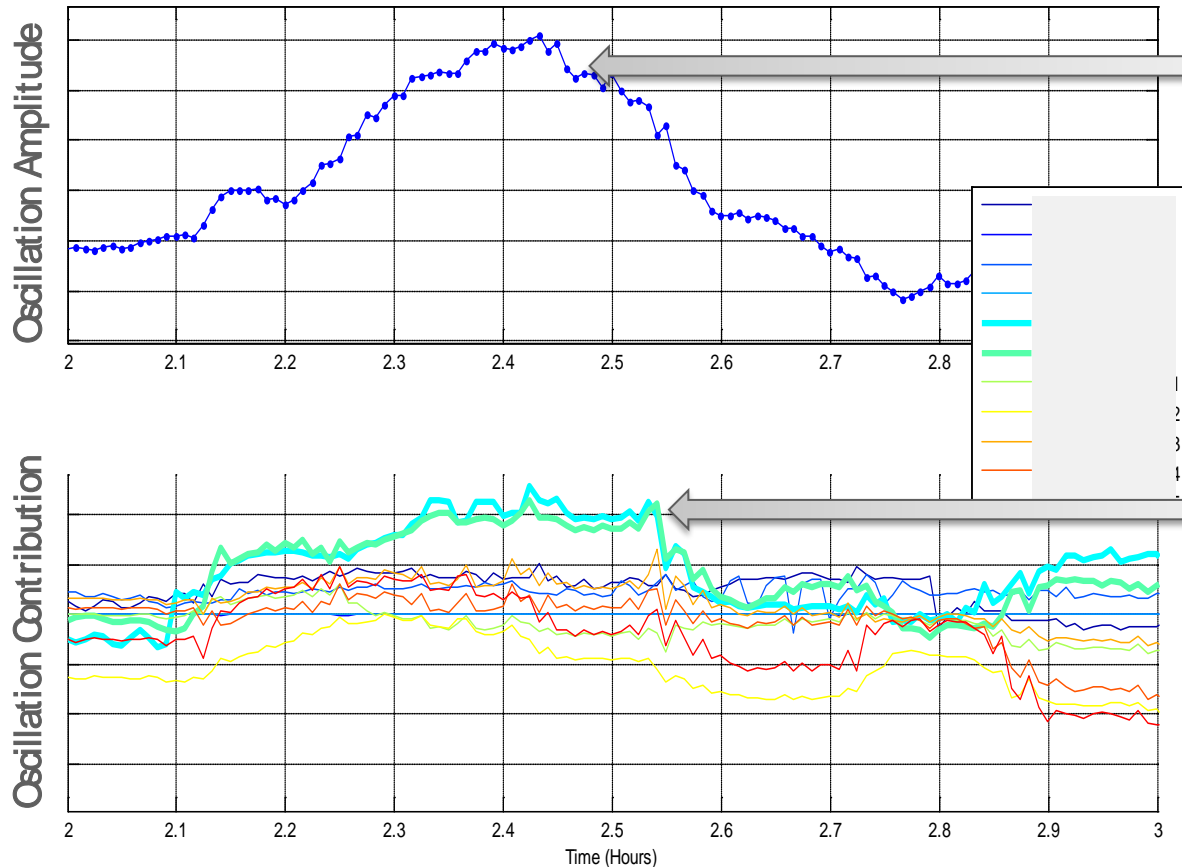


Combining **measurement-based** (PhasorPoint) and **model-based** (Powertech's DSA tools) technologies to provide dynamic limits



Operator Guidance

Manitoba Hydro 0.009Hz Governor Mode



Raised oscillation amplitude

Specific signals show raised Contribution
(*NOT Amplitude*)

Establish Familiarity & Demonstrate Benefits

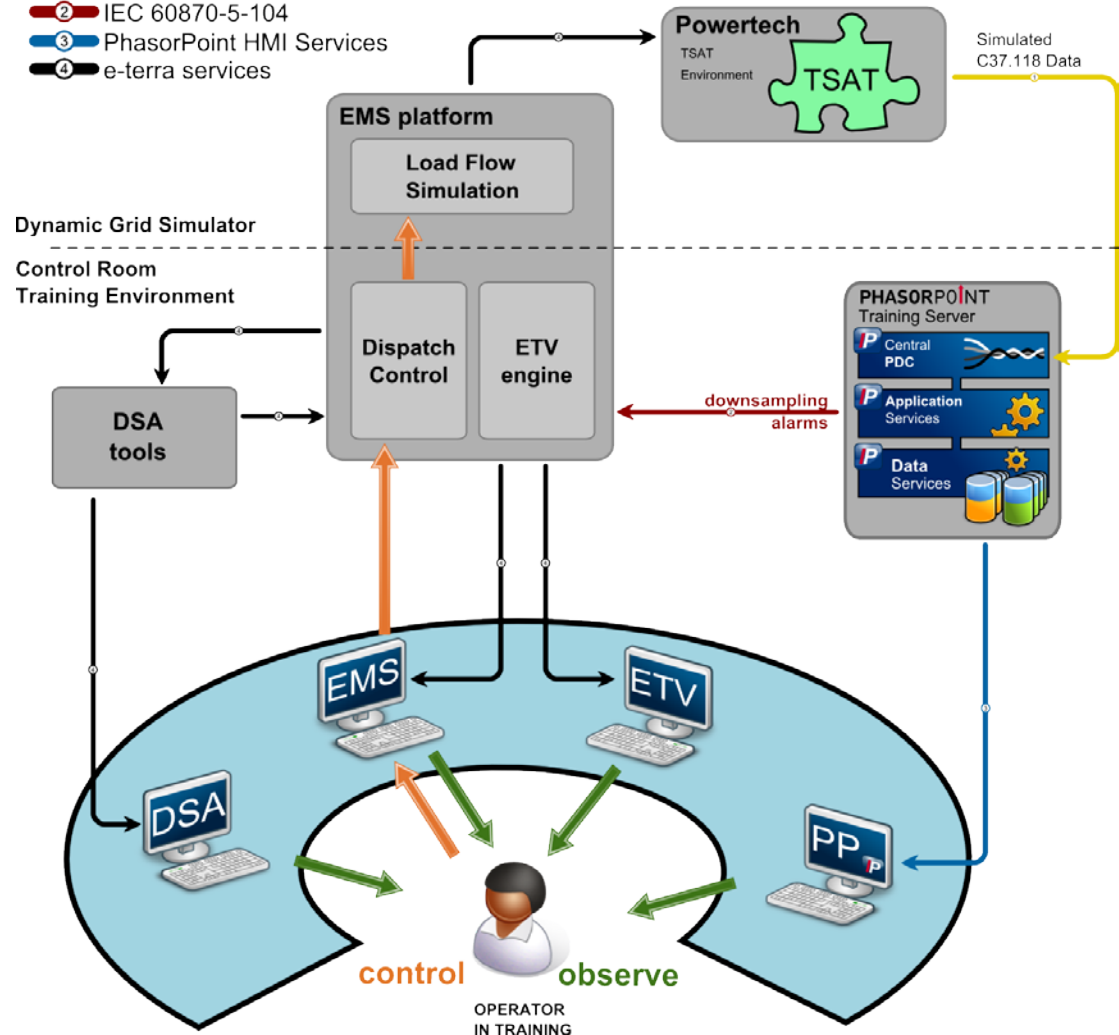
MISO – MWEX Corridor Monitoring & Constraint

- Derive equivalent δ across MWEX corridor
 - Better than 2-bus δ
- Investigate expressing constraint as equiv δ
 - Prototype
- Investigate use of DSA & WAMS
- Success \rightarrow design & implement transfer management tools & process



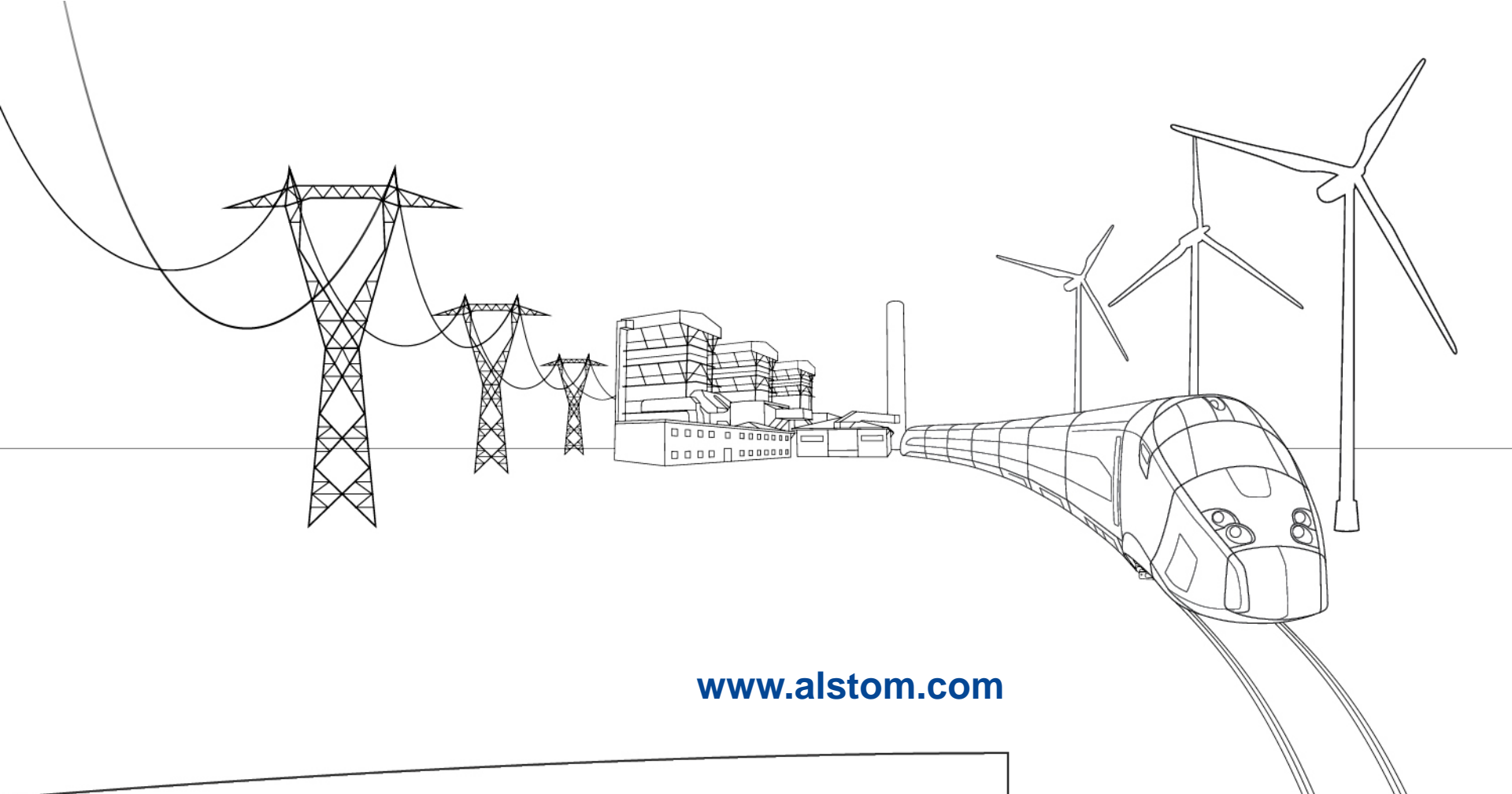
Operator Training Environment – Integrated

- ① IEEE C37.118
- ② IEC 60870-5-104
- ③ PhasorPoint HMI Services
- ④ e-terra services



Integrated Dispatcher Training System:

- Real-time simulator based on Powertech TSAT
- Simulated data is fed directly into PP as C37.118 streams
- Data is also downsampled and sent to the EMS & DSA Tools
- EMS integrated with PhasorPoint and DSA tools



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