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Ecuador's experiences with synchrophasor technology

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ECUADOR - OVERVIEW







Location:South AmericaExtensión:283,561 km^2Capital:QuitoPopulation:14,483,499 (2010)Currency:USD \$





Ecuador Electrical System Description





GENERATION PRODUCTION – 2012 (19.650 GWh)





TRANSMISSION SYSTEM 2012









CENACE

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The CENACE Corporation (National Energy Control Center) is the ISO of Ecuadorian Power System . CENACE is responsible for the supervision and control of the G-T network of Ecuador.

Main functions are: Operations Planning, Economic Dispatch, Real Time Operation with an EMS system.



WAMS in Ecuador

Since 2010, CENACE, has been working with initiatives for implementing wide area monitoring applications.

This consists mainly of: Phasor Measurement Units (PMUs), high-capacity communication systems through fiber optics and applications designed to process data sent by PMUs.





Phasor Measurement Unit

Model 1133A Power Sentinel[™]

- Synchronized via GPS
- Protocol IEEE C37.118
- PMU measurements are taken at high speed (e.g., 60 observations per second)
- Accuracy: 0.025%
- Power Quality: Harmonics, Flicker, Interruptions
- Phasor Measurements for Stability & Flow Analysis











elpros

WAProtector, ELPROS

Web-based interface

Main Features:

- Real-time monitoring (polar plots, 2D and 3D)
- Data archiving (access to historical data, option to export data for further analysis outside the system)



WAProtector











WAProtector

- Time synchronized data in all analysis functions
- In real-time is performed:

Stability detection functions:

- ✓ Voltage stability detection in transmission corridors,
- ✓ Low frequency oscillation detection,
- ✓ Phase angle diference detection,
- ✓ Thermal monitoring detection,
- ✓ Over/under value detections,
- ✓ Islanding detection,
- ✓ Oscillation source detection.



WAProtector

Low frequency oscillation detector

- Oscillation detections on: active power, frequency and angle difference.
- Problems when events in a power system cause big changes in power flows. This can cause undamped power oscillations.
- Low frequency oscillation function calculates:
 - ✓ Dominant frequency, magnitude and damping factor
 - \checkmark Trigger status when the value is over the limits for the tolerant time



WAProtector









Fault Analysis

Fault analysis of the September 4, 2011.

In the corresponding fault report mentions that at 9:41:42 of September 4, 2011, opened the four circuits Colombia-Ecuador interconnection 230 kV, with a transfer of 249 MW and -138.4 MVAR in the sense Ecuador to Colombia.

The frequency recorded was 61.23 Hz





Fault Analysis











New Challenges

WITH PMU DEVICES AND NEW TOOLS FOR REAL-TIME ANALYSIS. THE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM PRESENTS NEW CHALLENGES, AND HOPES TO ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE:

- ¿What were the main contributions to instability?
- ¿What design changes in the control systems are required?
- ¿What operating procedures should be implemented to eliminate instability?



ECUADOR – SYSTEM PROTECTION SCHEME SPS

System Protection Scheme

The electrical system in a stressed state - with double contingencies in 230 kV ring - can cause a system collapse.

An Intelligent (computer based) system protection scheme (SPS) is being implemented to mitigate the n-2 contingencies

The SPS was designed with high flexibility and expandability.





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The mitigation of any specific conditions is dependent on SPS controller programming and on placement of sensing/monitoring and tripping/mitigating IEDs at the locations identified in the studies.

The stream of synchrophasor measurements PMU arrives every second

CENACE is in the bidding process for the implementation of the SPS. According to the work schedule, the SPS will be installed in late 2013 and fully operational in early 2014.





ECUADOR - WAM NETWORK – FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Future Developments

The CENACE actual challenge is to develop a highly integrated WAMC scheme that enables the closed loop comprising real time wide-area situational awareness and enhanced grid control and operations, integrated with actual EMS system.







