

Cigre JWG C4/C2.62

Review of Advancements in Synchrophasor Measurement Applications

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CIGRE Study Committees

• C4: Power System Technical Performance

• C2: Power System Operation and Control



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CIGRE Study Committee C4

PROPOSAL FOR THE CREATION OF A NEW WORKING GROUP

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Strategic Directions #2: 1, 2, 4 Sustainable Development Goal #3:7

The WG applies to distribution networks: 🛛 Yes / 🗆 No

Potential Benefit of WG work #4: 1, 2, 4, 5

Title of the Group: Review of Advancements in Synchrophasor Measurement Applications

Scope, deliverables and proposed time schedule of the WG:

Background:

The commercial use of phasor measurement units by utilities started in the 1990s. A series of IEEE standards were published starting in 1995 to ensure consistent accuracy. Emergence of organizations such as the North American Synchrophasor Initiative (NASPI) has contributed to the deployment in real-world applications. CIGRE has published two major reports on the application of phasor measurement units, including CIGRE TB 702 "Application of PMUs for Monitoring Dynamic System Performance" published in 2017 and CIGRE TB 330 "Wide Area Monitoring and Control for Transmission Capability Improvement" in 2007.

The technology continues to rapidly evolve, and it is important to understand the current state of the technology. In 2017, the most common and mature applications were wide area monitoring, state estimation, and model validation. Out of these three applications, wide area monitoring is becoming common practice for TSOs of electrically interconnected systems. The protection and control applications are emerging. The experience of using remote synchrophasor measurements as feedback control signals is not widely reported by the industry.

IEEE currently has an active task force on Oscillation Source Location and a working group on Power System Dynamics Measurements in the Power System Dynamic Performance committee that should be coordinated with as they are investigating new applications for PMUs. CIGRE has an active working group focusing on PMU-based decision support tools for System Operators (WG C2.18) that will also be coordinated with.

The proposed working group will provide an updated review of specific PMU applications including:

- detection of subsynchronous resonance, very low frequency governor modes, control modes;
- improved situational awareness, PMU-enhanced state estimation (linear, three-phase, distributed, dynamic);
- voltage instability detection;
- on-line and off-line model parameter identification (generator, load, lines, short circuit level);
- emerging applications such as grid code compliance monitoring (voltage and frequency control, fault ride through performance, power quality, etc.), wide area protection and control systems (synchrophasor based backup protection, special protection systems, enhancements to FACTS and HVDC control, etc.).



Past Related Cigre Reports





Background

- According to TB 702 (2017):
 - the most common and mature applications are wide area monitoring, state estimation, and model validation
 - wide area monitoring is becoming common practice for TSOs of electrically interconnected systems
 - protection and control applications are emerging
 - using synchrophasor measurements for feedback control is not widely practiced by the industry



Background

- Significant developments since 2017
 - Standards
 - Measurement technology
 - PMU communications
 - Growth of new applications



Objectives

- To provide an updated review of specific PMU applications:
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- 1. To provide an updated overview of synchrophasor technology including standard updates. Cover (micro)PMUs for distribution system applications as an additional area.
- 2. To provide an updated view of industry and academia experience on the concentration, archiving, and use of PMU data.
- 3. To describe emerging applications and any technology gaps such as high dependency on reliable telecommunication, precise time synchronisation, signal latency, etc. requiring further research and development.
- 4. To discuss the end-user's experiences of deploying synchrophasor measurement systems and applications and elaborate additional specially tailored applications for enhancing secure power system operation.
- 5. Elaborate and deliver application examples for new specific PMU applications



Working Group Officers & Members

- Convener:
 - Dr. Athula Rajapakse University of Manitoba, Canada
- Secretary:
 - Dr. Dinesh Gurusinghe RTDS Technologies, Canada
- Currently 38 members from 16 countries

Timeline

- Start Date: May 2021
- Expected Date for Submitting Final Report to SC Chair: May 2024



Deliverables

- Technical Brochure (TB) and Executive Summary in Electra
- Cigre Science & Engineering (CSE) journal
- Tutorial
- Webinar



Coordination with Other Activities

- Cigre
 - WG C2.18: PMU-based Decision Support Tools for System Operators
- IEEE
 - Power System Dynamic Performance committee
 - Oscillation source location TF
 - Power system dynamics measurements WG
 - Power System Relaying and Control committee
 - Standards and guides related WGs
- NASPI



Proposed TB Chapters

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Advancements in the Technology and Standards
- 3. Applications Deployed in the Industry
- 4. Potential Applications
- 5. Integration of Information
- 6. Long-Term Prospects of Synchrophasor Technology and Applications
- 7. Conclusions



Current Status

- Online WG meetings were held in June 2021 (kick-off), September 2021, January 2022, September 2022, January 2023 and May 2023.
- In-person meeting was held in July 2023, in Orlando, FL, USA, on the background of IEEE PES GM.
- \succ Writing of the technical brochure is progressing.
- Most of the contributions for Chapters 2, 3, and 4 have been received.
- \succ More work needs to be done in Chapters 5 and 6.
- > Aim is to complete the first draft by December 2023.

