



IEEE-NASPI Oscillation Source Location Contest – Case Development and Results

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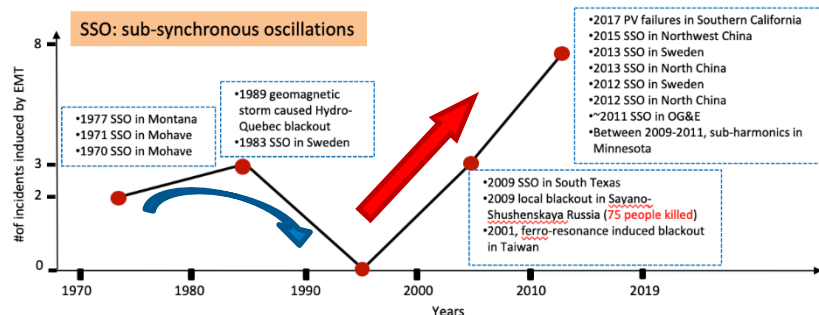
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Power System Oscillations

- A marginal state between **stable** and **unstable**
- Potential dynamic risks
- Historic events involving oscillations
 - 1996 Blackout
 - 2003 Blackout
 - 2009 TX SSO
- Should be mitigated timely



Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TLWvSoBAjOc>



- **SSO caused by traditional synchronous machines had been taken care of**
- **SSO & other fast dynamic issues are surging caused by increased IBRs**



0.29Hz oscillations involving PV
IRPWG Meeting on Aug. 19, 2021
Source: TVA

Oscillation Source Location (OSL) Contest

- Joint effort by IEEE OSL Task Force and NASPI [1-2].
- Objective: evaluating the efficiency of OSL methods and their applicability for practical implementation.
- Contest Highlights:
 - 60 teams from 11 countries signed up
 - 21 submissions
- Special thanks
 - Contest coordinator: Frankie Zhang (ISO New England)
 - Web support: Kai Sun (UTK), Teresa Carlon (PNNL)
 - WECC-240 bus base case: Jin Tan and the rest of the NREL team
 - TSAT simulation technical and license support: **Powertech Labs**

IEEE-NASPI Oscillation Source Location Contest



In recent years, large-amplitude sustained oscillations have been observed in power grids around the world, thanks to widely deployed PMUs. Many of the observed oscillations did not appear in traditional model-based studies. Such oscillations are either due to unmodeled dynamics or unexpected periodic inputs. Since these oscillations are not represented in the simulation models, they are not visible in the planning studies and no mitigation measures can be designed offline. Therefore, finding the originating source(s) is crucial in real-time operations. Finding the source(s) not only enable timely mitigation measures and ensure secure grid operations, but also help generator owners manage asset health and investigate asset failures at an early stage.

The 2021 IEEE-NASPI co-hosted Oscillation Source Location (OSL) Contest aims to help the academia and vendors further develop & improve the currently available OSL tools, and help utilities identify & evaluate OSL tools for real-time use. The contest is open to the public; any individual, team or entity (except the committee members or their affiliations) can participate.

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[1] <https://www.naspi.org/node/890>

[2] <http://web.eecs.utk.edu/~kaisun/Oscillation/2021Contest/>

OSL Methods

- Some existing methods (by 2015) for locating the oscillation source [3]

Category	Key Idea	Cons
Damping torque	The generator with a negative damping torque coefficient is the source	Possible unavailability of rotor angle and speed data. Possible failures under forced oscillation cases.
Mode shape	Largest magnitude, most leading phase of the mode shape or their combinations may indicate the source	Lack of a theoretical foundation. Possible failures for cases having weakly damped/undamped oscillation together with forced oscillation.
Energy	The device producing dissipation energy is the source	Strong assumption in modeling loads and network. Lack of theoretical proofs for multi-mode cases.
Equivalent circuit	The source of the equivalent circuit is the source of the oscillation	Possible failures when the phasor concept cannot be applied, e.g. non-sinusoidal oscillations. Lack of theoretical proofs for multi-mode oscillation cases.
Hybrid	A larger difference between simulations and measurements indicates the source	Possible unavailability of the accurate model of the entire system.
Traveling wave	The closer to the source, the earlier the location will exhibit oscillation	Inaccurate and unreliable detection of the oscillation arrival time. Unavailability of the wave speed map in real-time. Lack of investigations on multi-mode cases.
Machine learning	An offline trained decision tree from model-based simulations to locate the source using online measurements	Possible unavailability of the accurate model of the entire system. Can be only applied to forced oscillation cases.

- New methods, e.g. effective gen Z [4], UIO [5], RPCA [6], and harmonics [7].

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[6] T. Huang, N. M. Freris, P. R. Kumar and L. Xie, "A Synchrophasor Data-Driven Method for Forced Oscillation Localization Under Resonance Conditions," in IEEE Transactions on Power Systems, vol. 35, no. 5, pp. 3927-3939, Sept. 2020

[7] S. Roy, W. Ju, N. Nayak and B. Lesieutre, "Localizing Power-Grid Forced Oscillations Based on Harmonic Analysis of Synchrophasor Data," 2021 55th Annual Conference on Information Sciences and Systems (CISS), 2021

Energy based OSL

- Energy method [8] → Dissipating energy flow (DEF) [9]
- Calculation and physical meaning

$$\begin{aligned}W_{ij}^D &\approx \int \left(\Delta P_{ij} d\Delta\theta_{ij} + \Delta Q_{ij} \frac{d(\Delta V_i)}{V_i^*} \right) \\ &= \int \left(2\pi\Delta P_{ij} \Delta f_i dt + \Delta Q_{ij} \frac{d(\Delta V_i)}{V_i^*} \right)\end{aligned}$$

- How to get DEF tool?
 - OSLp software by ISO-NE, free of charge at [10]
 - DSATools/DSA OA built-in DEF since Release 20.0 [11]

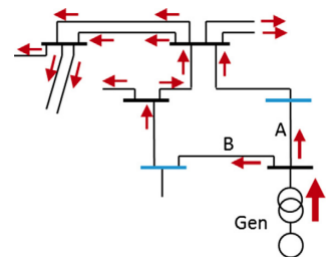


Fig. 3. Oscillation source location for April 5, 2013 event.

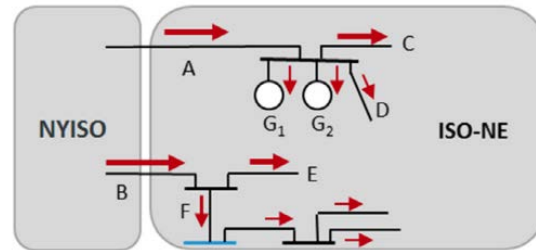


Fig. 4. Locating the source of oscillations for June 17, 2016 event.

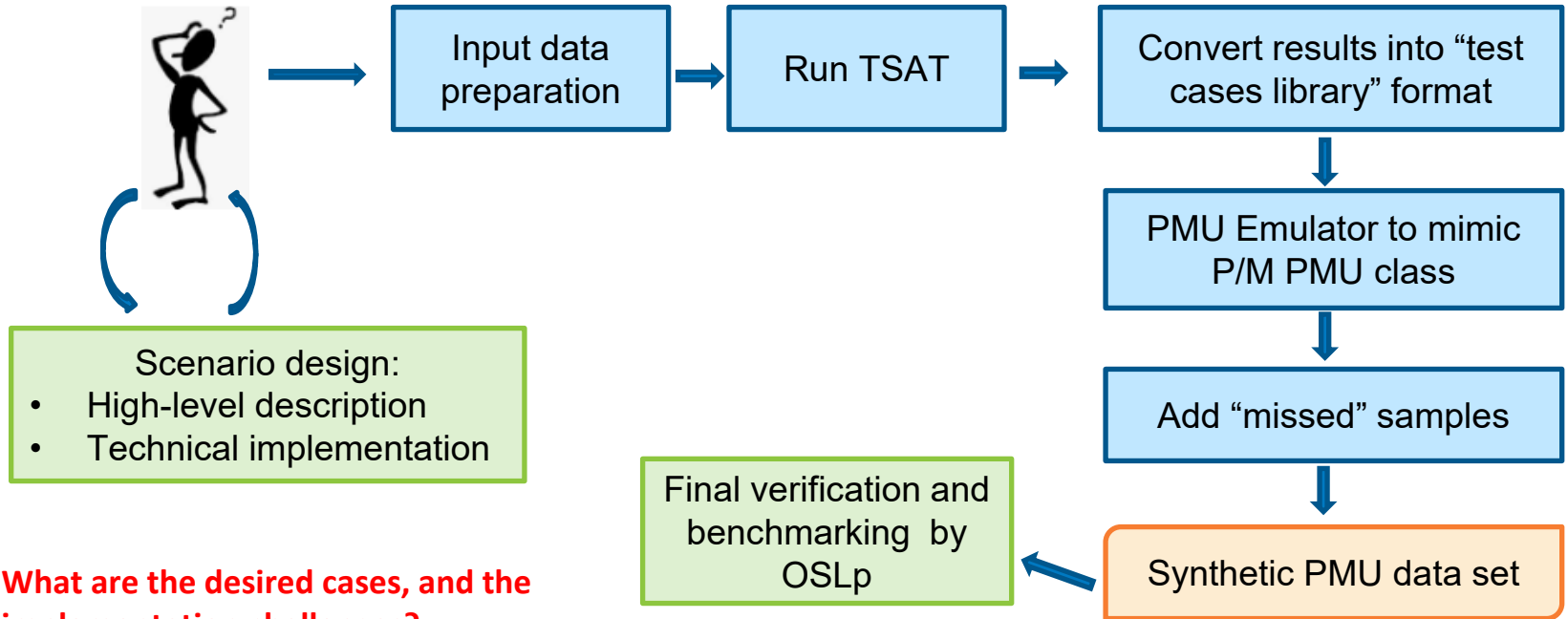
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[9] S Maslennikov, **B Wang**, E Litvinov, "Dissipating energy flow method for locating the source of sustained oscillations," International Journal of Electrical Power and Energy Systems, 2017

[10] <https://www.iso-ne.com/participate/support/request-software>

[11] <https://www.dsatools.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/DSA OA-20.0-Release-Notes.pdf>

Data Flow Process



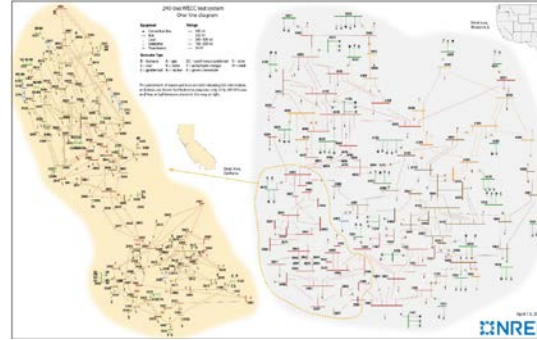
- **What are the desired cases, and the implementation challenges?**
- **How did we conquer them with DSATools?**

Philosophy for Creation of Simulated cases for the OSL Contest

- The cases should be representative for real-life situations
 - Realistic combination of local and interarea natural oscillations with realistic modeling of all components
 - Representative Synthetic PMU measurements as a result of time-domain simulation
 - Partial system observability by PMUs
 - Processing measurements to mimic P/M class of PMU
 - Introduce missed/bad PMU samples, **colored noises**
- Properties of FO:
 - **Located at Generator (Governor & Exciter), Load, HVDC**
 - **Variable magnitude and frequency**
 - Not necessary/clear inception and limited duration
 - **Multiple sources and resonance with natural modes**
- Do not create bias for any known source locating method

Challenge 1: Adding Power System Stabilizers (PSSs)

- Test system: 240-bus reduced WECC system developed by NREL [12].
- High renewable penetration (~20%).
- Power flow and dynamic data in PSS/E format now available at [13].
- Poorly damped local modes [12].



Dynamic Models:
 GENROU, SEXS,
 TGOV1, HYGOV,
 GAST, REGCA,
 REECB, REPCA.

“Local oscillation modes around 1Hz have low damping ratios...because of the lack of stabilizer models.” [12]

Challenge 1: where and how much to add to make a realistic-looking case?

No.	Mode Freq (Hz)	Mode Damping Ratio (%)	No.	Mode Freq (Hz)	Mode Damping Ratio (%)
1	0.3669	17.61	14	1.1808	4.73
2	0.5225	1.98	15	1.1906	4.5
3	0.598	1.06	16	1.2174	5.39
4	0.6927	1.25	17	1.2356	5.6
5	0.7282	1.13	18	1.2509	6.36
6	0.7624	1.5	19	1.2729	3.77
7	0.8648	1.26	20	1.2977	5.24
8	0.8896	1.73	21	1.3023	7.78
9	0.958	1.42	22	1.3394	7.9
10	0.9777	1.61	23	1.3416	5.6
11	1.0372	3.07	24	1.406	4.56
12	1.1457	5.33	25	1.4248	4.47
13	1.1464	3.97	26	1.4364	10.76

[12] H. Yuan, R. Sen biswas, J. Tan, Y. Zhang, "Developing a Reduced 240-Bus WECC Dynamic Model for Frequency Response Study of High Renewable Integration," 2020 T&D

[13] <https://www.nrel.gov/grid/test-case-repository.html>

Challenge 1: Adding PSSs

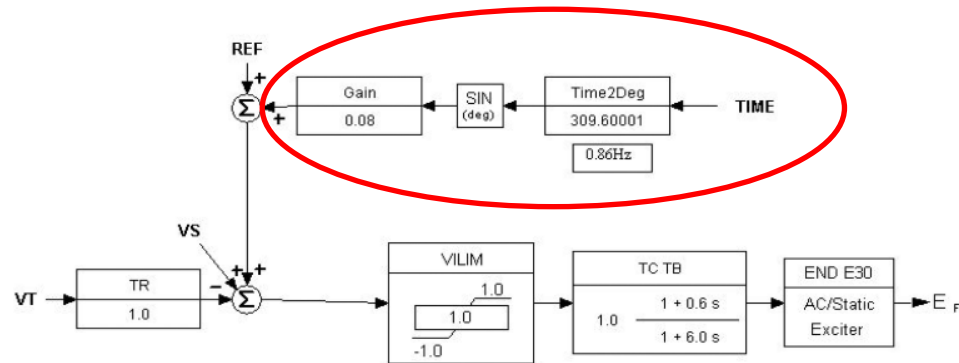
- DSATools/SSAT – Small signal analysis tool.
- SSAT is very efficient: 10-sec runtime for this case with >2000 state variables.
- **Where to add:** Identified 10 critical machines for adding PSSs based on eigenvalues and eigenvectors (mode shape, participation factors) from SSAT.
- Added IEEEEST PSS model [14] to the above 10 machines.
- **How much to add:** Sensitivity of eigenvalues to the variation of key IEEEEST parameters, e.g. T1 and KS, can be calculated by SSAT. Easy to find parameters for reasonable damping ratios (6%-10% or higher).

Real part of eigenvalue

Sensitivity Mode Data Tabulation				Real, 1/s	-0.4269	-0.348	-0.2975	-0.3805	-0.2466	-0.3174	-0.5222	-0.5402	-0.473	-0.4133	
				Frequency, Hz	0.3792	0.5383	0.6144	0.7084	0.741	0.7797	0.8911	0.9118	0.98	0.9951	
				Damping, %	17.64	10.23	7.68	8.52	5.29	6.47	9.29	9.39	7.66	6.6	
IEEEEST PSS parameters	No.	Device ID	Parameter N.	Base Value	Real Sens.	Real Sens.	Real Sens.	Real Sens.	Real Sens.	Real Sens.	Real Sens.	Real Sens.	Real Sens.	Real Sens.	
	1	1333 [H ALLEN 20.0] 'G' 'IEEEEST'	T1	3	-0.0153	-0.0004	-0.0014	-0.0014	-0.0031	-0.0003	-0.0115	0.0007	-0.0007	-0.0077	-0.0877
	2	2030 [MEXICO 20.0] 'G' 'IEEEEST'	T1	4	-0.0055	-0.0014	-0.0001	-0.0006	-0.0001	-0.0003	-0.0705	-0.0256	-0.0001	-0.0058	
	3	2438 [MESA CAL20.0] 'WG' 'IEEEEST'	T1	11	-0.0067	-0.0014	-0.0012	0.0002	-0.0089	-0.0012	0.0005	-0.0018	0	-0.0001	
	4	2630 [HAYNES3G20.0] 'G' 'IEEEEST'	T1	4	-0.0066	-0.0014	-0.0009	0.0001	-0.0032	0	-0.0361	-0.0801	-0.0012	-0.0029	
	5	3931 [ROUND MT20.0] 'NH' 'IEEEEST'	T1	10	0	-0.0001	-0.0002	0	-0.0002	0.0002	0	0	0.0003	0	
	6	4131 [COULEE 20.0] 'H' 'IEEEEST'	T1	7	-0.0029	0.0003	-0.0012	0.0006	-0.0035	-0.0181	0	0	0.0001	0	
	7	6235 [MONTA G120.0] 'H' 'IEEEEST'	T1	10	0.0001	-0.0035	0.0006	-0.0004	0	-0.0007	0	0	0.0001	0	
	8	6533 [EMERY 20.0] 'C' 'IEEEEST'	T1	7	-0.0011	-0.0163	0.0008	-0.0062	-0.0013	-0.0026	0	0	0	-0.0002	
	9	7031 [COLOEAST20.0] 'G' 'IEEEEST'	T1	7	-0.0056	-0.0089	-0.0249	-0.038	-0.0014	-0.0006	0	-0.0003	0	-0.0001	
	10	8034 [RNCHSECO20.0] 'G' 'IEEEEST'	T1	3	-0.0006	0.0007	-0.0117	-0.005	-0.0002	-0.0173	-0.0009	-0.0006	-0.1342	-0.001	
	11	1333 [H ALLEN 20.0] 'G' 'IEEEEST'	KS	3	-0.0146	-0.0004	-0.0014	-0.0012	-0.0029	-0.0004	-0.0116	0.0011	-0.0007	-0.0855	
	12	2030 [MEXICO 20.0] 'G' 'IEEEEST'	KS	3	-0.007	-0.0018	0	-0.0008	-0.0001	-0.0004	-0.0934	-0.032	0	-0.0076	
	13	2438 [MESA CAL20.0] 'WG' 'IEEEEST'	KS	3	-0.0242	-0.0051	-0.0045	0.0009	-0.0321	-0.0043	0.0017	-0.0068	0.0001	-0.0001	
	14	2630 [HAYNES3G20.0] 'G' 'IEEEEST'	KS	3	-0.0084	-0.0016	-0.0013	0.0002	-0.0042	0	-0.0454	-0.1072	-0.0013	-0.0041	
	15	3931 [ROUND MT20.0] 'NH' 'IEEEEST'	KS	3	0.0001	-0.0005	-0.0071	0.0002	-0.0008	0.0009	0	-0.0002	0.0009	0	
	16	4131 [COULEE 20.0] 'H' 'IEEEEST'	KS	3	-0.0062	0.0007	-0.0073	0.0013	-0.0079	-0.0418	0	0	0.0002	-0.0001	
	17	6235 [MONTA G120.0] 'H' 'IEEEEST'	KS	3	0.0002	-0.0114	0.002	-0.0014	-0.0001	-0.0022	0.0001	-0.0001	0.0002	0	
	18	6533 [EMERY 20.0] 'C' 'IEEEEST'	KS	3	-0.0026	-0.0373	0.0016	-0.0139	-0.0029	-0.0061	0.0001	-0.0001	-0.0001	-0.0003	
	19	7031 [COLOEAST20.0] 'G' 'IEEEEST'	KS	3	-0.0126	-0.0191	-0.0571	-0.0884	-0.0033	-0.0015	-0.0002	-0.0006	0.0001	-0.0002	
20	8034 [RNCHSECO20.0] 'G' 'IEEEEST'	KS	3	-0.001	0.0006	-0.0115	-0.0047	-0.0002	-0.0162	-0.0008	-0.0007	-0.1324	-0.0011		

Challenge 2: Adding forced oscillations (FOs)

- **Previously** [15-16], adding an FO involves **MANUALLY** preparing a user-defined model (UDM) by DSATools/UDM editor.
- Cases design requires testing FOs at different controls (governor or excitation), different generators, with different forcing frequencies, and at load/HVDC.



Block diagram of the external force used for WECC 179-bus based oscillation test cases library [15-16]

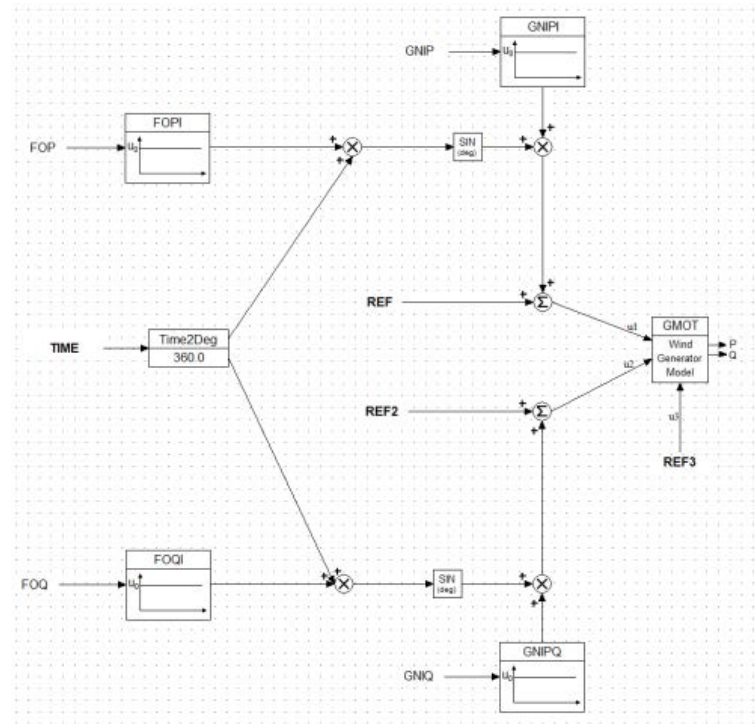
[15] <http://web.eecs.utk.edu/~kaisun/Oscillation/1f.html>

[16] S. Maslennikov, **B. Wang**, Q. Zhang, F. Ma, X. Luo, K. Sun, E. Litvinov, "A Test Cases Library for Methods Locating the Sources of Sustained Oscillations," IEEE PES General Meeting, Boston, MA, July 17-21, 2016.

Challenge 2: Adding FOs

- DSATools/Template UDM models.
- Developed by Jeff Bloemink (Powertech Labs)
- FOs at TGOV1, SEXS, load have been implemented as a list of template UDM models: FOINJECT, TGOV1FO, SEXSFO.
- Example: FO at load.

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- Testing different FOs can be easily scripted and automated.



Challenge 2: Adding FOs

- With the new Template UDM models, it is easy to
 - scan thru many (1000+) interesting cases
 - find out cases to fail OSL methods based on (1) largest magnitude (mode shape) and (2) DEF.

9 out of 13 final contest cases have the largest oscillation amplitude in MW flow that is not at the actual source(s).
[17]

Location of FO	Frequency of FO, Hz	Cases of generators with FO	Identification of Source Generator			Identification of Source Power Plant			Identification of Source Area		
			Correct identification cases	Success rate	Average success rate	Correct identification cases	Success rate	Average success rate	Correct identification cases	Success rate	Average success rate
Governor	0.379	31	30	96.8%	98.9%	30	96.8%	98.9%	31	100.0%	100.0%
	0.614	31	31	100.0%		31	100.0%		31	100.0%	
	1.27	31	31	100.0%		31	100.0%		31	100.0%	
Exciter	0.379	93	12	12.9%	60.1%	79	84.9%	86.9%	83	89.2%	94.7%
	0.614	96	71	74.0%		76	79.2%		91	94.8%	
	1.27	91	85	93.4%		88	96.7%		91	100.0%	

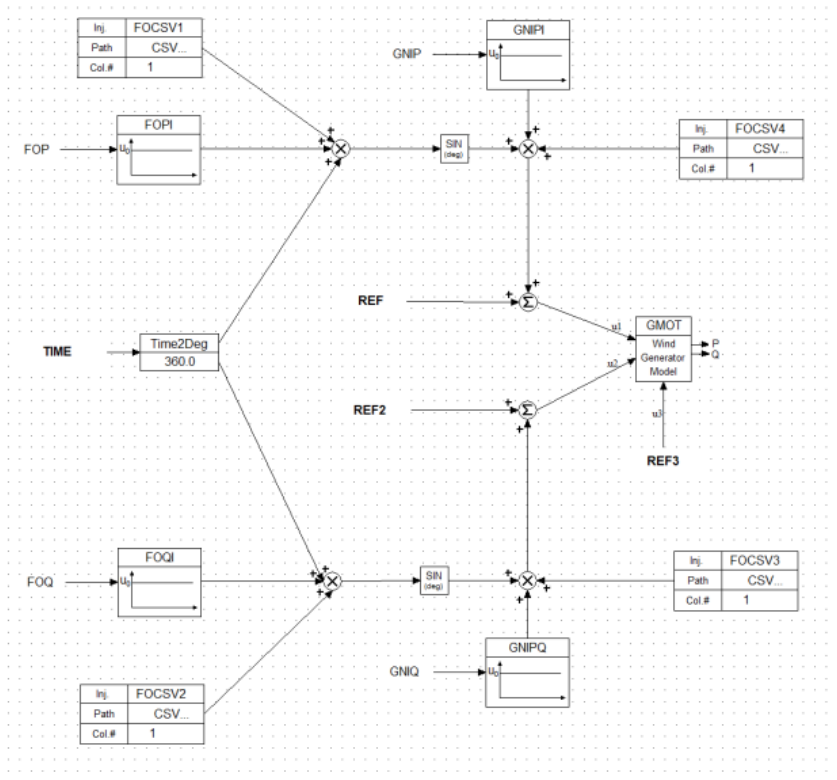
Comprehensive statistics of DEF's effectiveness [18]

[17] http://web.eecs.utk.edu/~kaisun/Oscillation/download/2021_IEEE_NASPI_OSL_Contest_Solution_Key.pdf

[18] S. Maslennikov, "Efficiency of the DEF method for locating the source of oscillation," OAWG, March 18, 2021

Challenge 3: Variable FO frequency and magnitude

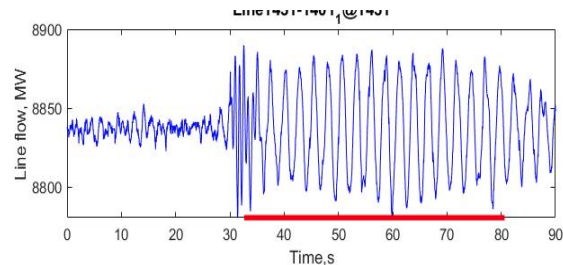
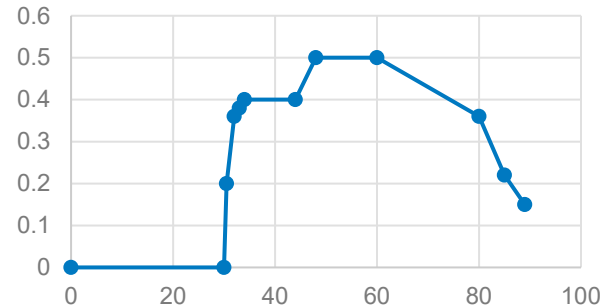
- DSATools/Template UDM models.



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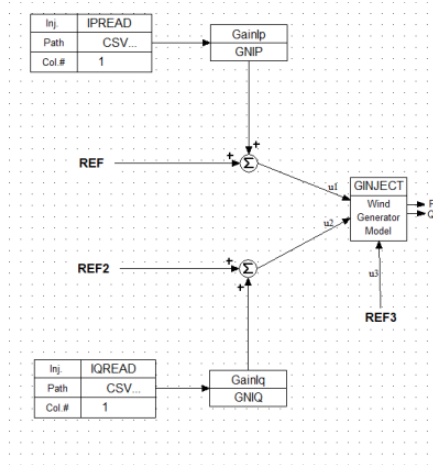
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1	0
2	30
3	30.5
4	32
5	33
6	34
7	44
8	48
9	60
10	80
11	85
12	89



Challenge 4: Adding Colored Noises

- Colored noises: very small load fluctuations added during time domain simulations.
- DSATools/Template UDM models.



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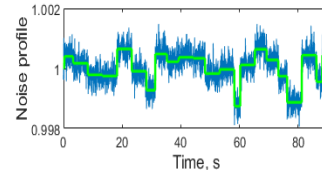
Time (s) Ip/Iq

	A	B
1	0	0.99963
2	0.033333	0.99988
3	0.066667	1.0001
4	0.1	1.001
5	0.133333	1.0008
6	0.16667	0.99962
7	0.2	1.0009
8	0.233333	1.0002
9	0.26667	0.99998
10	0.3	1.0006
11	0.333333	1.0003
12	0.36667	1.0004
13	0.4	1.0008
14	0.433333	1.0008

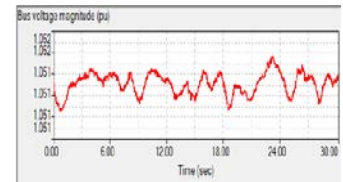
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Noise Profile



Simulated voltage magnitude



Features of Resulting 13 Contest Cases [19]

- It becomes possible or easier with DSATools to achieve **these features**.

Case	Key Features
1	Easy case to “warm up”
2	Observable source; resonance with local mode
3	Non-observable source in the exciter resonance with system-wide inter-area mode
4	Non-observable source in the governor resonance with system-wide inter-area mode
5	Variable frequency of FO
6	Non-observable source; resonance with local mode
7	Source in the exciter strong interaction with controls

Case	Key Features
8	Observable source; resonance with regional inter-area mode
9	2 sources: (1) FO source in the governor (2) wrong tuning of PSS in another generator
10	2 sources of FO resonating with local and inter-area modes
11	Source of FO in Load
12	Rectangular shape of forced signal creating wide spectra of oscillations
13	Source of FO in HVDC

[19] <http://web.eecs.utk.edu/~kaisun/Oscillation/contestcases.html>

Summary of OSL Contest Results

Team	1/2	1/2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
Score	110	110	99	82	77	76	71	68	62	57	55	44	47	46	45	42	38	37	25	18	17	
Used Method	1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X									X		
	2									X	X					X			X			
	3		X	X	X							X	X	X	X		X	X				X
	4	X																				

Energy-based methods are most efficient

Details of implementation could be critical

ML and Model-based method are less efficient

Methods

- 1: Energy-based
- 2: Oscillation shape and magnitude
- 3: Machine Learning and Model-based analytic
- 4: Cross Power Spectra Density

Summary

- DSATools makes the case design process much easier:
 - SSAT efficiently calculates and visualizes eigenvalues/eigenvectors
 - SSAT provides sensitivity analysis
 - Template UDM models for adding a variety of FOs, and colored noises
 - DSAOA built-in Prony analysis, curve statistics table, and DEF analysis

Thank you!

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