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# Monitoring of Power Oscillations in Continental European Transmission Grid





#### Outline

- Power Oscillations
- Wide-area Monitoring Systems
- Real-time analytics for power oscillation monitoring
- Example event and monitoring analytics response
- Conclusion



## Power Oscillations - WSCC Blackout, USA August 10, 1996



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#### Wide-area Monitoring and Control Positioning towards SCADA & local protection



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## Wide-area Monitoring System (WAMS)



#### Europe wide WAMS at Swissgrid



## Monitoring Tools used at Swissgrid



- Power Oscillation Monitor
  - Transient oscillations
  - In ABB PSGuard since 2003
  - Utilizing single measurements
  - Aggressively tuned for fast response and alarming
- Power Damping Monitor
  - Ambient oscillations
  - In ABB PSGuard since 2011
  - Utilizing multiple and system wide measurements
  - Tuned for stability and accuracy of damping and mode shape estimates
  - Long time window



#### Real-time Modal Analysis Ambient Conditions



 Mode discovery independently of offline model

#### - Basis for:

- Validation of PSS tuning
- System stability early-warning system



#### Detection of Large Oscillations Case of 2011-02-19



#### Reference:

https://www.entsoe.eu/fileadmin/user\_upload/\_library/publications/entsoe/RG\_SOC\_CE/Top7\_110 913\_CE\_inter-area-oscil\_feb\_19th\_24th\_final.pdf



#### Detection of Large Oscillations Swissgrid SCADA/EMS Wall Display





#### Conclusion

 Swissgrid and ABB have 10 years of joint experience of Modal Estimation tools in practice

- WAMS and Power Oscillation Monitoring Tools offer
  - Inter-area modes:
    - Early warning and alarming in the control room in case of oscillation events
    - Adequacy assessment and advice for improving stabilizer damping control
  - Local modes
    - Detection of poor dynamic behaviour of power plants
  - Improved operator awareness of dynamic events



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#### Power Damping Monitoring Response Case of 2012-07-05





#### Use of POM for Discovery of New Modes Case of 2012-07-05



#### WAM : POM Warning



#### **PP C M1**: +/- 150 MW Time: ca. 30 Minutes

Local plant mode 1.31 Hz



#### Raw Frequency Data Case of 2012-07-05



## Huge Generator Trip in Turkey Case of 2011-10-25



## 1 Interconnection lines with the 400kV grids of Bulgaria & Greece

Source: PACWorld Magazine

- At 14.59, A busbar fault causes a power plant in Turkey to trip off the grid
- 1300 MW generation loss
- 270 MW of load is tripped nearby the plant by system protection scheme
- A well damped oscillation in the east-west direction follows
- Prior to the event PDM reported a damping of 60 %



#### Raw Data and Validation of Oscillation Damping Case of 2011-10-25



 Actual damping approximately 70 %

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#### Power Damping Monitor (PDM) Output Case of 2011-10-25



- Before event (red) and After Event (blue)
- Trip of plant appears to have reduced damping of the old east-west mode with around 10%
- PDM reported around 60% damping of new east-west mode before disturbance

