

Power Systems/Communication System Co-Simulation and Experimental Evaluation of Cyber Security of Power Grid

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## 1: Introduction



## GE's Solution on Wide Area Monitoring and Control – Synchrophasor Techniques



TABLE I COMPARISON OF INTEGRATED POWER/NETWORK SIMULATORS

	Target	Components	Synchronization	Scalability	Real-time
EPOCHS[13]	Dynamic simulation for WAMS applications	PSCAD, PSLF, NS2	Time-stepped	Good for large system	No
ADEVS[14]	Dynamic simulation for WAMS applications	Adevs, NS2	DEVS	Limited, have to rewrite codes for different systems	No
[15]	Dynamic simulation for WAMS applications	Simulink, OPNET	Not addressed	Medium size	No
VPNET[16]	Remotely controlled power devices	Virtual Test Bed, OPNET	Time-stepped	Limited to single or small number of power devices	No (but have plans to integrate RTDS)
PowerNet[17]	Remotely controlled power devices	Modelica, NS2	Time-stepped	Limited to single or small number of power devices	No
[18]	General network controlled system	OPNET only, power system part is virtualized	Delay estimation	Limited size due to virtualized power system	No
SCADA CST[19]	SCADA cyber security, system virtualization	PowerWorld, RINSE	N/A (static)	Good for large system	Yes (communication network only)
TASSCS[20]	SCADA cyber security, system virtualization	PowerWorld, OPNET	N/A (static)	Good for large system	Yes (communication network only)
GECO	Dynamic simulation for WAMS applications	PSLF, NS2	Global event- driven	Good for large system	No

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## 2: Global Event-Driven Synchronization



Event List Queue: Event 1: node 1 sends packets to node 2 Event 2: node 2 receives packets from node 1  $t_1$   $t_2$   $t_2$   $t_2$   $t_1$   $t_2$   $t_2$   $t_2$   $t_1$   $t_2$   $t_2$   $t_2$   $t_1$   $t_2$   $t_2$   $t_2$   $t_1$   $t_2$   $t_2$   $t_2$   $t_2$   $t_2$   $t_2$   $t_2$   $t_2$   $t_1$   $t_2$   $t_2$ 

**Dynamic Simulation Procedure of Power Systems** 





Two types of synchronization errors



Event-driven synchronization without errors



# GECO (Global Event-driven CO-simulation): Platform Structure



## GECO: A Modulized Global Event-driven CO-simulation platform





### 3: Problem Statement: Attack Model Malicious Data Injection attack on State Estimation



## The Placement of PMUs

#### **IEEE 14-Bus Example**



Test system	PMUs Number	
IEEE 14-bus	3	
IEEE 24-bus	6	
IEEE 30-bus	7	
New England 39-bus	8	
IEEE 57-bus	11	



Minimum number of critical places for installing PMUs

Secured PMUs installed in these places make the system observable WirginiaTech

### Case study: New England 39-bus test system





## Cyber attack Simulation: on network channels

#### Single Network Link Failure

Bus16-Bus17 (Tp=50ms)





#### Saturation attacks Network saturation 50%



#### **Network saturation 85%**



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## Cyber attack Simulation: on network nodes

#### **Denial of Service Attack**

#### DoS attack on the router at Bus 16





#### Data Spoofing

PMU spoofing on Bus 3



#### **PMU** spoofing in contingency



## 4: Out-of-Step Protection



## **Out-of-Step Protection**

- Out-of-Step (OOS) means a generator or a group of generators lose synchronism with the rest of the system.
- One effective method is to run timedomain dynamic simulations and monitor the generator angles.







## **PMU-based Out-of-Step Protection**



## **Clustering Algorithm for Coherent Groups**

- Clustering algorithm refers to a group of algorithms whose goal is to divide data into subsets based on certain criteria.
- The first algorithm sorts the measured rotor angle and traverse the measured rotor angle sequentially. If the gap between two neighbors is greater than 120 degrees, then the OOS condition is identified.
- An alternative second algorithm processes the measured rotor angle one by one.

#### CoherentGroup1(A) returns S, T

- 1. sort A
- 2. for i = 1 to A.size() 1
- 3. if A[i+1] A[i] > 120
- 4. push generators associated with A[1] to A[i] into S
- 5. push generators associated with A[i+1] to A[A.size()] into T
- 6. return

CoherentGroup2(A) returns S, T

- 1. create a dynamic array G to hold clusters
- 2. for i = 1 to A.size()
- 3. compare A[i] with the means of the clusters in G sequentially
- 4. if one of the differences is smaller than 120 degree
- 5. push pair of  $\langle i, A[i] \rangle$  into that cluster, update the mean
- 6. else
- 7. create a new cluster holding pair of  $\langle i, A[i] \rangle$  and push it into G
- 8. find the largest cluster in G
- 9. push the generators in this cluster into a set S
- 10. push the other generators into another set  ${\cal T}$

## **Islanding Algorithm**

- As long as we have found two coherent generator groups S and T, the next step is to find a minimum cut of the entire power system that can separate S and T.
- Edmonds-Karp algorithm which is O(|V ||E|<sup>2</sup>)





Equivalence of islanding to s - t min-cut problem





Generator real power outputs (BW=1Gbps, D=5ms)

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(BW=100Mbps, D=10ms)

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## 5: Conclusions & Future Research

- Implemented a co-simulation platform GECO, and integrated the dynamic state estimation and the out-of-step protection modules in the platform.
- Launched two case studies (all-PMU based state estimation and PMU based out-of-step protection) to reveal the cyber security vulnerabilities on co-simulation platform.
- Cloud-based virtual SCADA testbed for cyber security research
  - Centralize & Modulize computing and communication resources
  - Replaceable different communication protocols for security research
  - Seamlessly interact with power/control system simulators.



## Virtual SCADA Testbed for Cyber Security Research



## Cloud-based Virtual SCADA Infrastructure in VT



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