

# **Real-time Synchrophasor Analytics: Data Quality Monitoring and Anomaly Detection**

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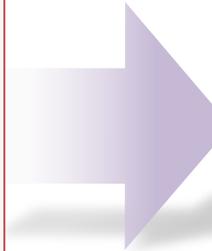
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- **Part II: Real-Time Detection of Low-Quality PMU Measurements**
- **Concluding Remarks**

# Motivation of This Work

## PMU Challenges

- ◆ **High dimensionality:** Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) 120 PMUs produces **36GB data per day**.
- ◆ **State-of-the-art:** primarily **offline, post-event analysis**.
- ◆ **High Bad Data Ratio:** Typical PMU bad data ratio in California ISO ranges from **10% to 17%** (in 2011).



## Our Research

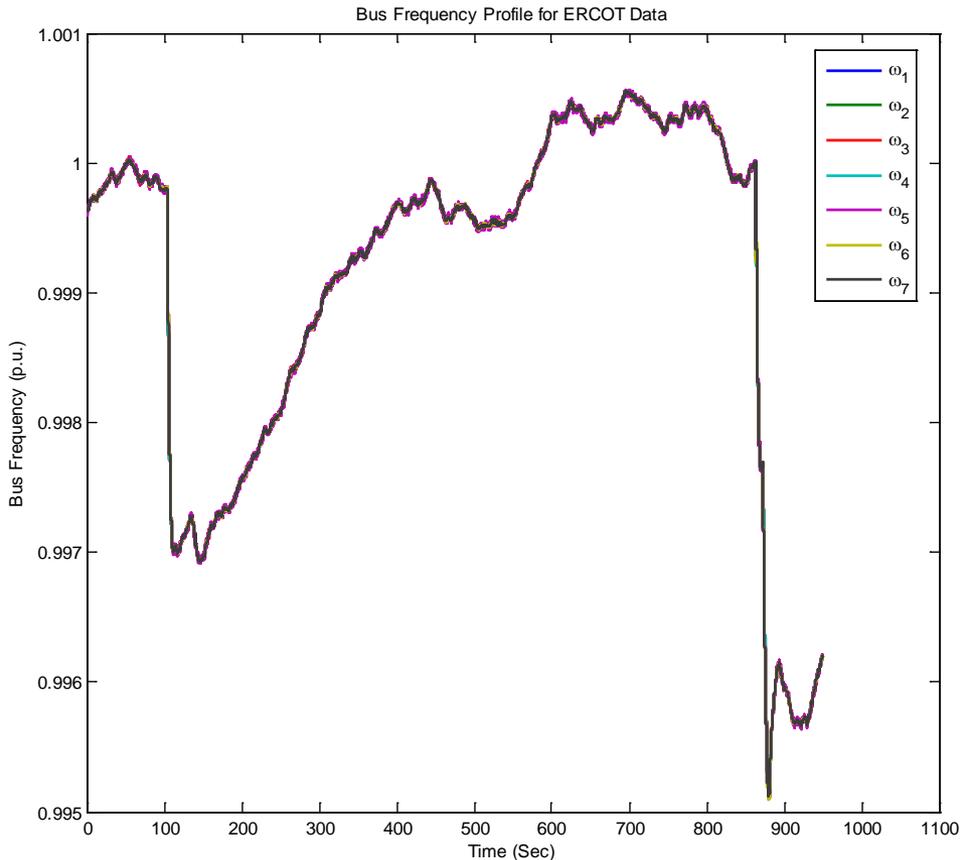
- **Dimensionality reduction** of PMU measurements.
- Online **data-driven** PMU-based early event detection.
- Real-time **data-driven** PMU bad data detection.

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- [9] M. Patel, S. Aivaliotis, E. Ellen et al., "Real-time application of synchrophasors for improving reliability," 2010.
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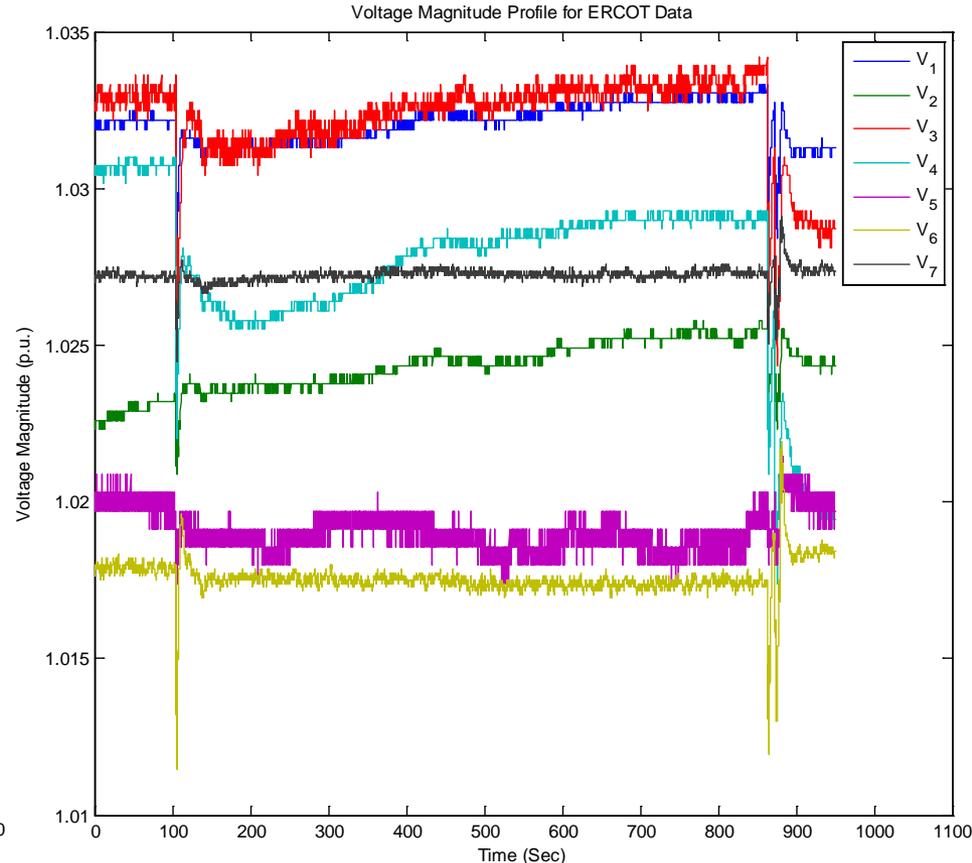
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# Raw PMU Data from Texas



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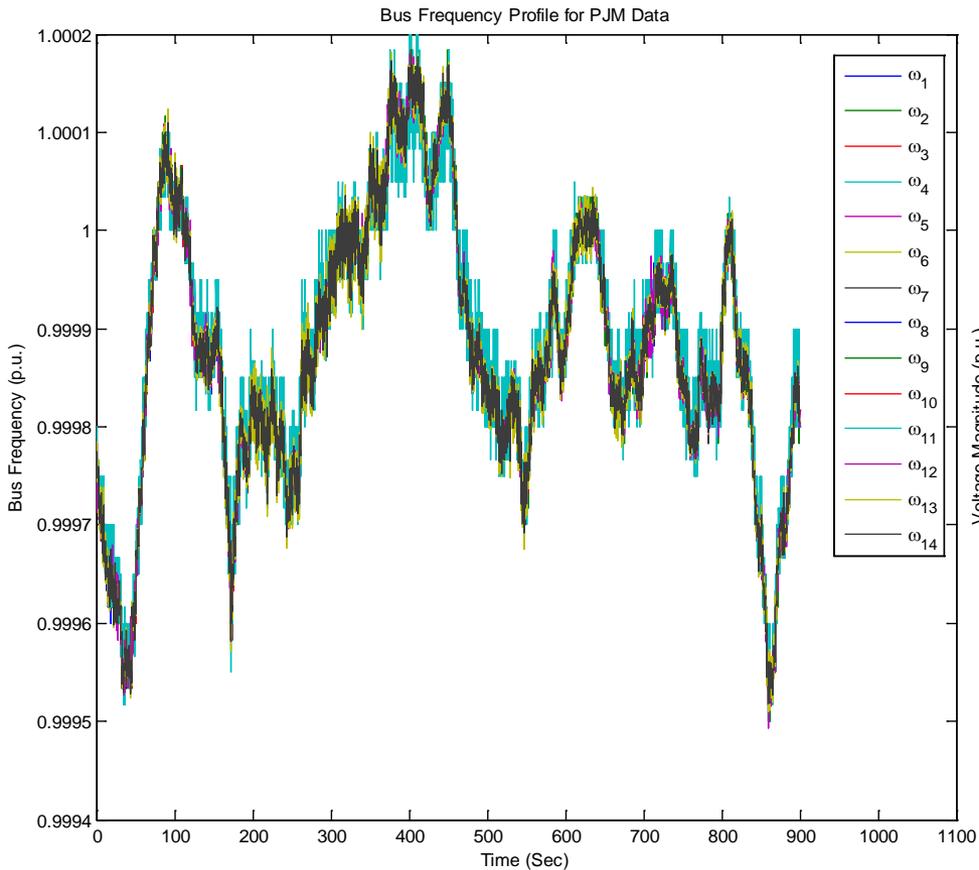


**Voltage Magnitude Profile of ERCOT Data.**

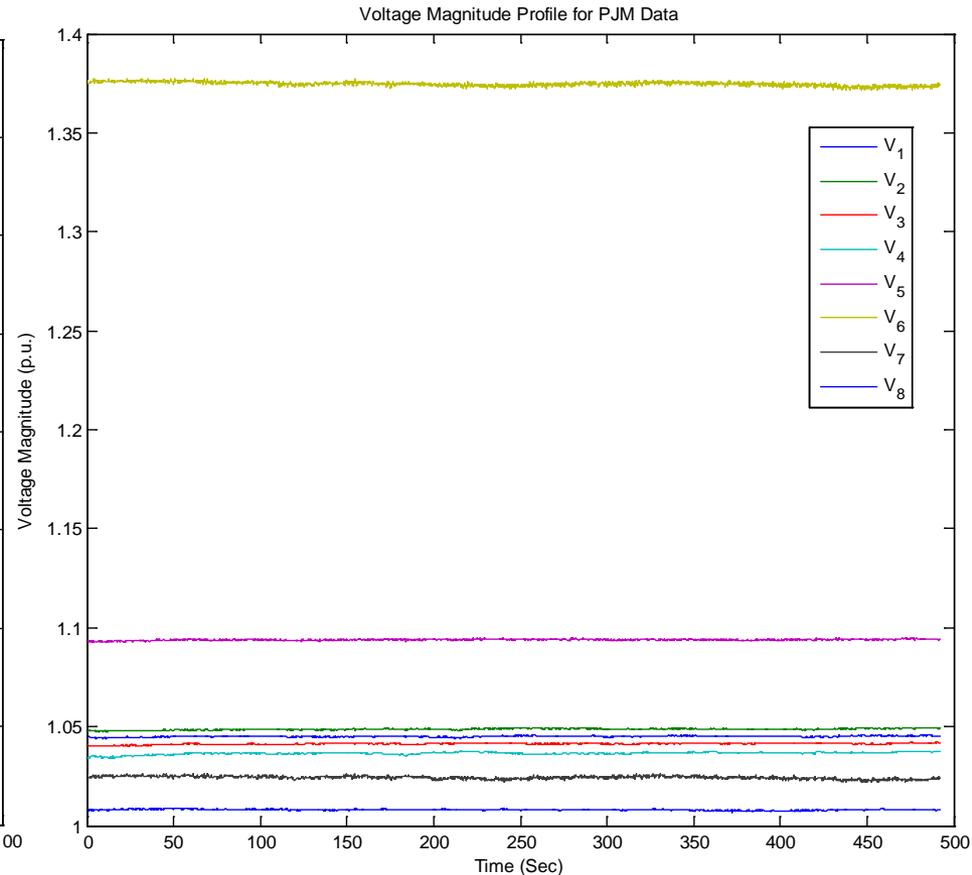
No system topology, no system model.

Total number of PMUs: 7.

# Raw PMU Data from PJM



**Bus Frequency Profile of PJM Data.**



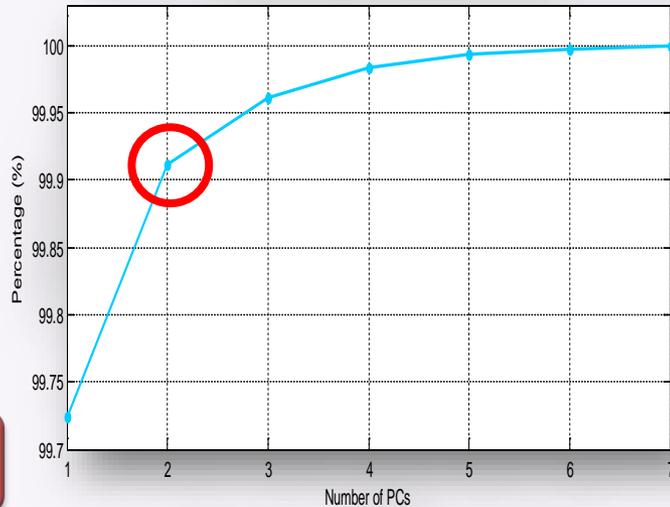
**Voltage Magnitude Profile of PJM Data.**

Total number of PMUs: 14 for frequency analysis  
8 for voltage magnitude analysis.

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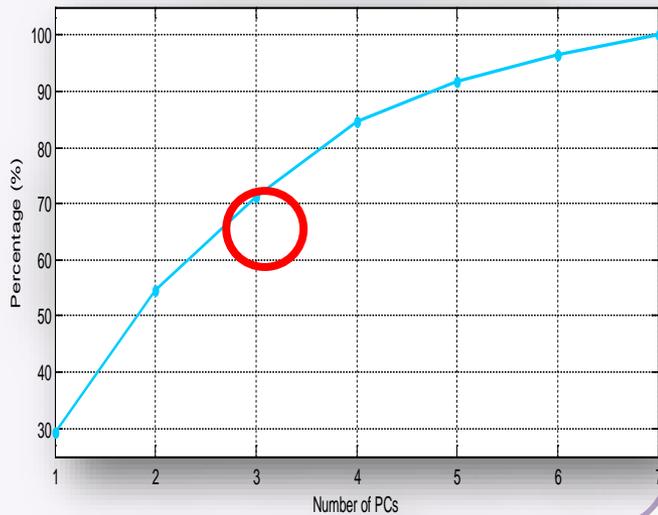
# Dimensionality Reduction - PCA

(a) Cumulative Variance for Bus Frequency  $\omega$  in Texas Data

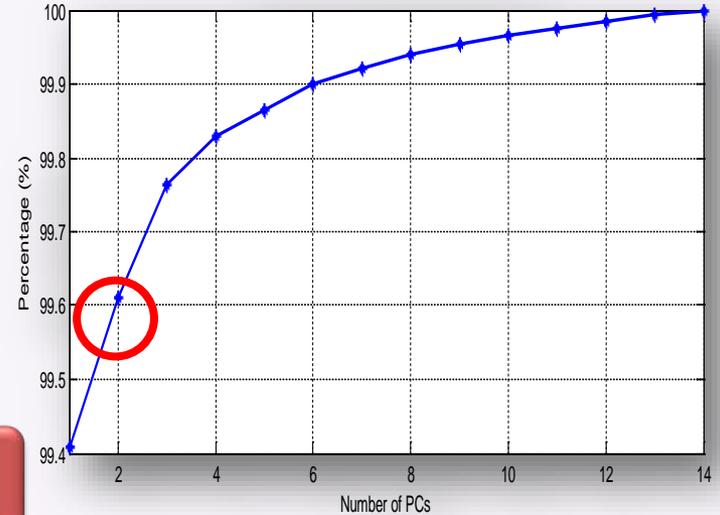


ERCOT

(b) Cumulative Variance for Voltage Magnitude  $V_m$  in Texas Data

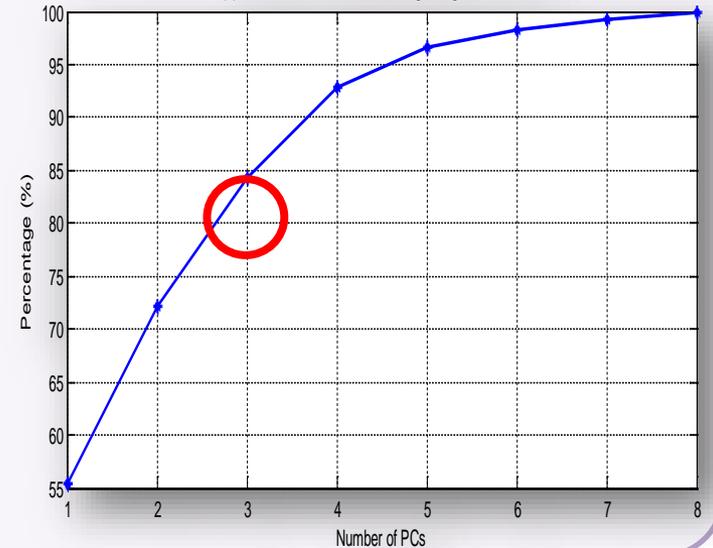


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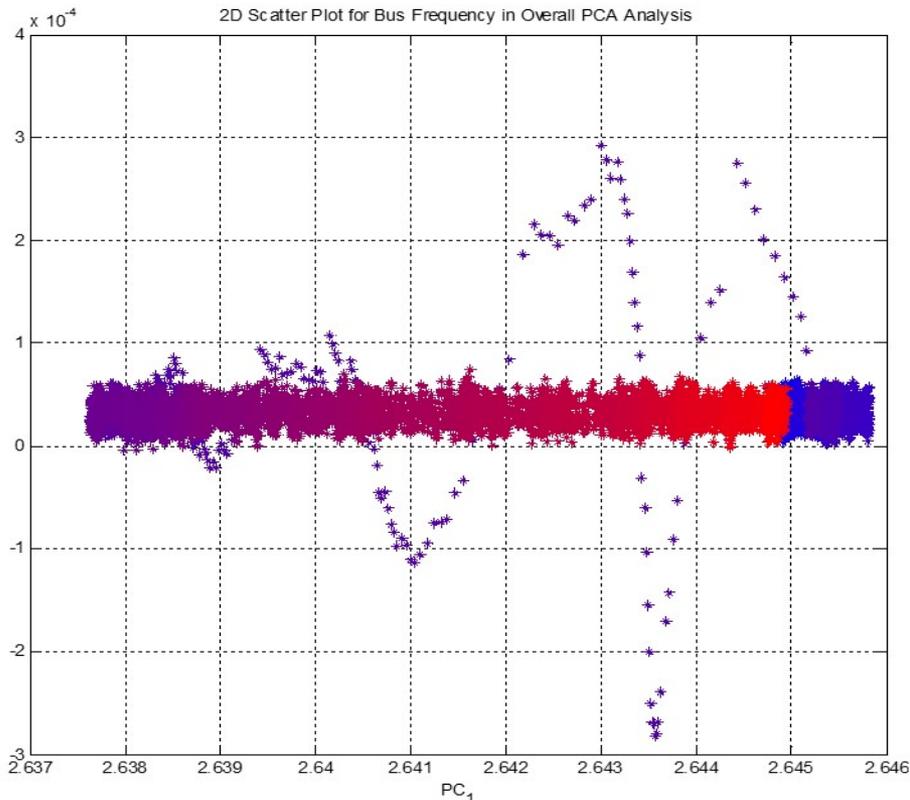
PJM

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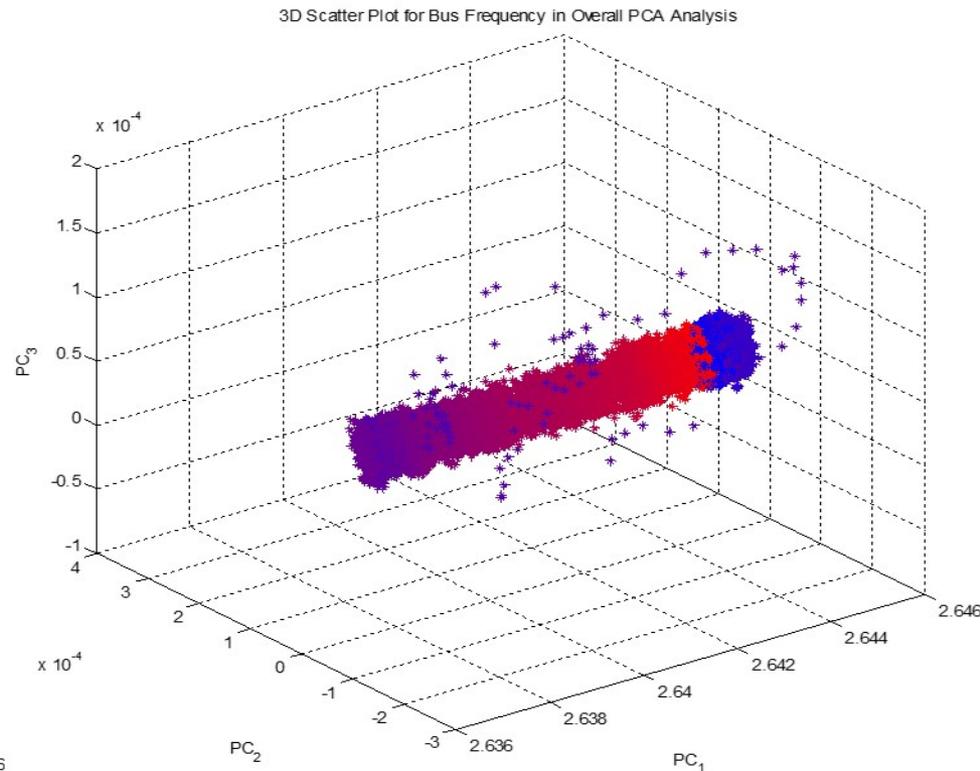


- PCA: Principal Component Analysis

# Scatter Plot of Bus Frequency



2D Scatter plot for bus frequency.



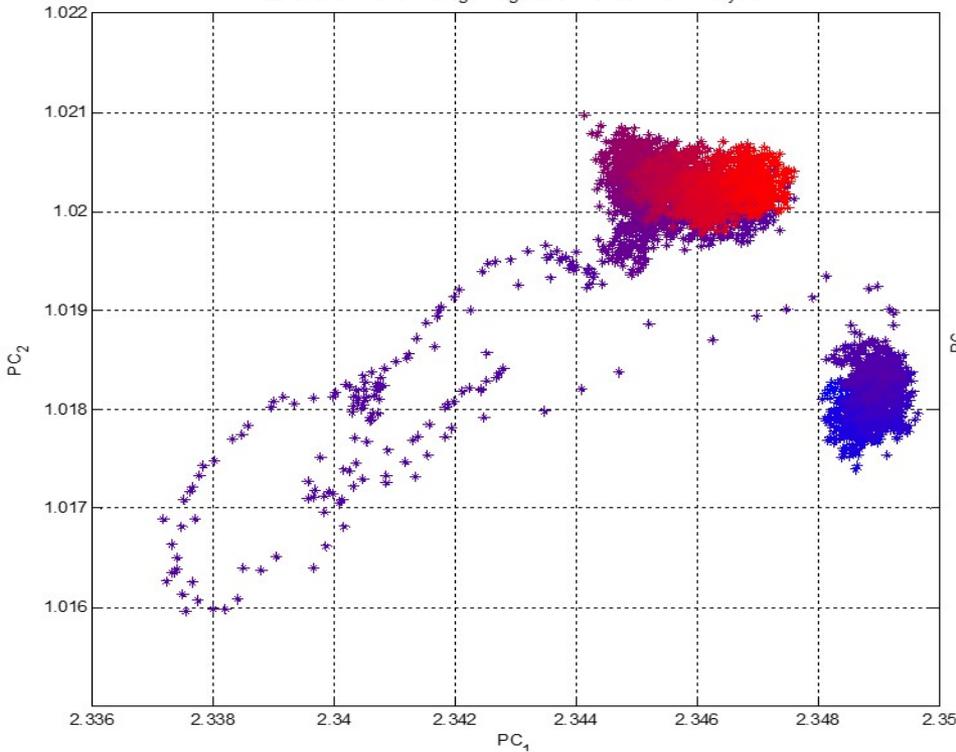
3D Scatter plot for bus frequency.



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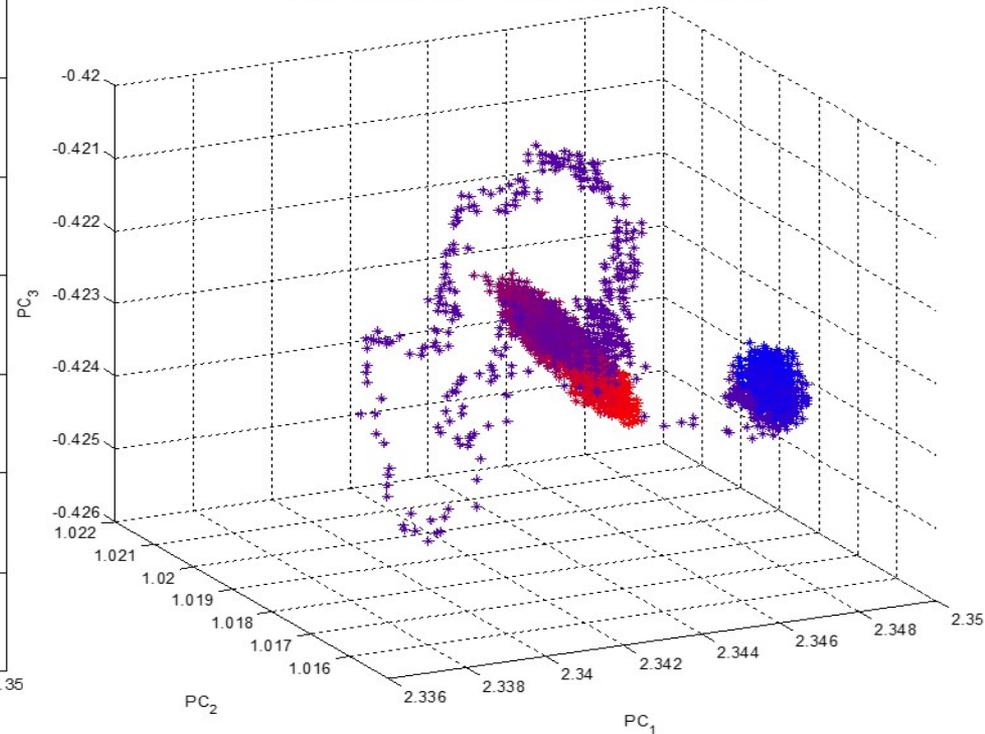
# Scatter Plot of Voltage Magnitude

2D Scatter Plot for Voltage Magnitude in Overall PCA Analysis



2D Scatter plot for voltage magnitude.

3D Scatter Plot for Voltage Magnitude in Overall PCA Analysis



3D Scatter plot for voltage magnitude.



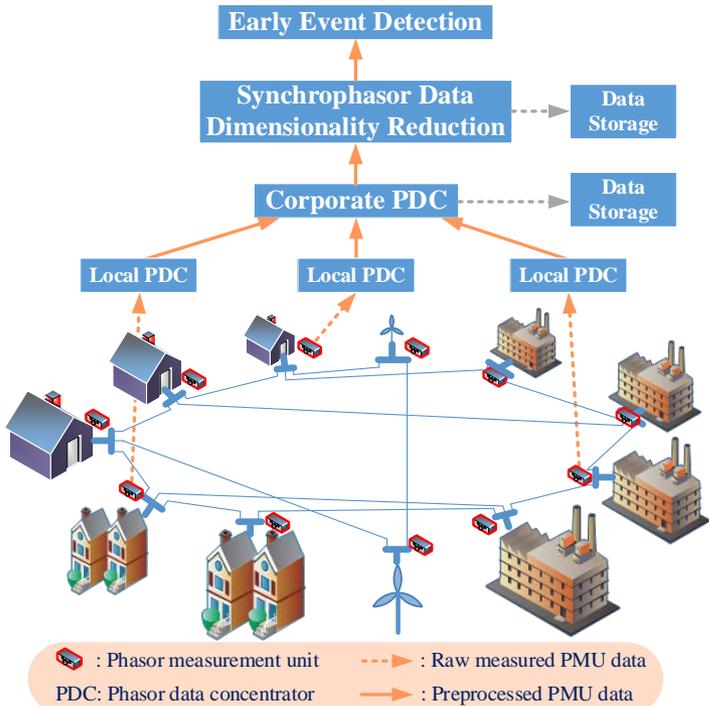
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# Observations

- High dimensional PMU *raw measurement* data lie in an *much lower* subspace (even with linear PCA)
- Scattered plots suggest that  
Change of subspace -> Occurrence of events !
- But, what is the way to implement it?
- Is there any *theoretical* justification?  
*Data-driven* subspace change  $\Leftrightarrow$  Indication of physical events in wide-area power systems

# Early Event Detection Algorithm

## Early Event Detection Algorithm



### Adaptive Training

#### PCA-based Dimensionality Reduction

PMU Measurement  $Y_{n \times N}(t_0)$

Covariance Matrix  $C_Y$

Reorder  $N$  Eigenvalues

Select  $m$  PCs,  $m \ll N$

Project  $Y$  in  $m$ -D Space

Define Base Matrix  $Y_B$

Calculate  $v^{(i)}$

### Robust Online Monitoring

#### Online Detection

Approximate  $\hat{y}(t)^{(i)}$

Approximation error  $e(t)^{(i)}$

Event indicator  $\eta(t)^{(i)}$

YES  $\eta(t)^{(i)} \geq \gamma?$  NO

Event Detected!

Alert to System Operators

Update

NO  $T_{t-t_0} \geq T_{up}?$  YES

$t = t + 1$

Theoretically justified using linear dynamical system theory [6].

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# Theorem for Early Event Detection [6]

## Theoretically justified

Using the proposed *event indicator*, a system event can be detected within 2-3 samples of PMUs, i.e., within 100 ms, whenever for some selected non-pilot PMU  $i$ , the event indicator satisfies

$$\left| \eta(t)^{(i)} \right| \geq \gamma$$

where  $\gamma$  is a system-dependent threshold and can be calculated using historical PMU data.

$$\eta(t)^{(i)} := \frac{e(t)^{(i)}}{e^{normal}} \quad e(t)^{(i)} := \left| \frac{\bar{y}(t)^{(i)}}{y(t)^{(i), meas}} \right| \times 100\%$$

- [6] L. Xie, Y. Chen, and P. R. Kumar, "Dimensionality Reduction of Synchrophasor Data for Early Event Detection: Linearized Analysis," *IEEE Tran. Power Systems*, 2014.

# Sketch of the Proof [6]

- Power system DAE model

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}(t) &= f(x(t), u(t), h(t), q(t)), \\ 0 &= g(x(t), u(t), h(t), q(t)),\end{aligned}$$

- Discretization

$$\begin{aligned}x[k+1] &= A_d x[k] + B_d u[k] + \alpha[k], \\ y[k] &= C_d x[k] + D_d u[k] + \varepsilon[k],\end{aligned}$$

- Using back substitution, explicitly express output (measurement)  $y[k]$  in terms of initial condition  $x[1]$ , control input  $u[k]$ , noise  $e[k]$

$$\begin{aligned}y[k] &= C(e^{AT})^{k-1}x[1] + \sum_{l=1}^{k-1} C(e^{AT})^{l-1}A^{-1}(e^{AT} - I)Bu[k-l] + \varepsilon[k] \\ &= y_x[k] + y_u[k] + y_\varepsilon[k],\end{aligned}$$

# Sketch of the Proof (conti.) [6]

- Normal conditions: training errors are small

$$\begin{aligned} & [c_x^{(i)} - \sum_{j=1}^m v_j^{(i)} c_x^{(j)}]x[1] + [y_\varepsilon^{(i)} - \sum_{j=1}^m v_j^{(i)} y_\varepsilon^{(j)}] + [c_u^{(i)} - \sum_{j=1}^m v_j^{(i)} c_u^{(j)}]U_0 \\ & = \Delta c_x x[1] + \Delta y_\varepsilon + \Delta c_u U_0 \approx 0. \end{aligned}$$

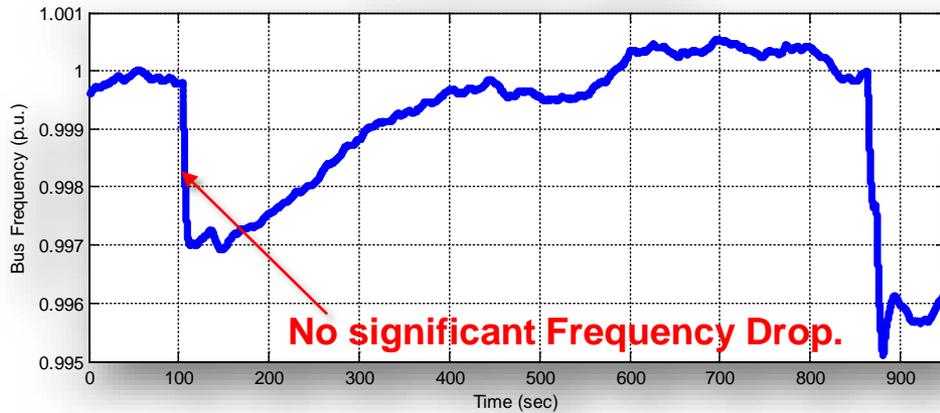
- $U_0$  and  $x[1]$  can be theoretically calculated by TRAINING data.
- Any changes in control inputs and initial conditions will lead to large prediction error.
- If system topology changes,  $\Delta c_x$  and  $\Delta c_u$  will change, resulting in a large prediction error.

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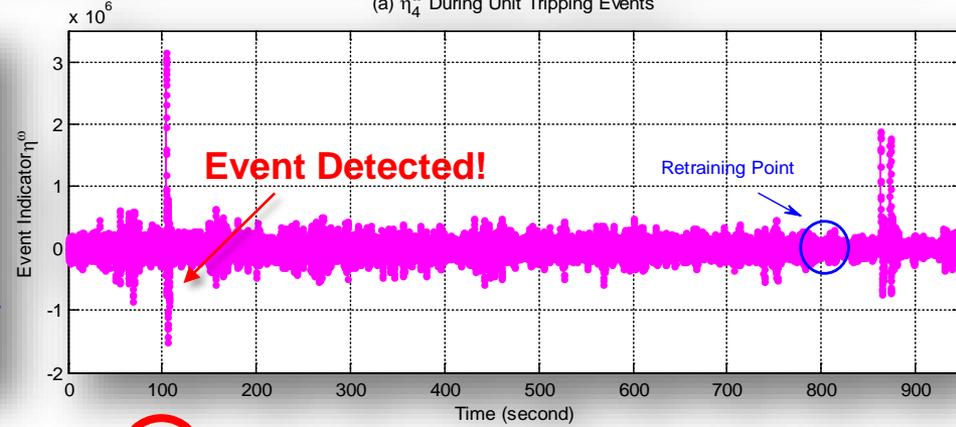
# Case Study 1: Unit Tripping in Texas

Number of PMUs = 7;    Number of unit tripping events = 2;    Sampling rate = 30 Hz.

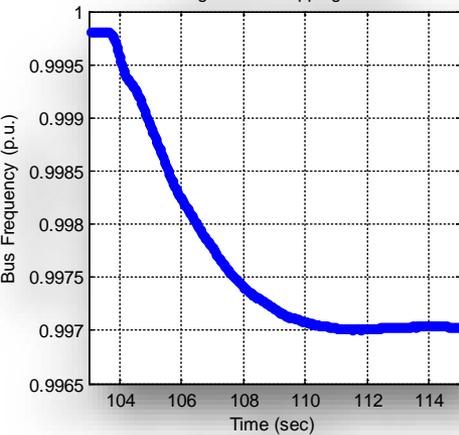
(a)  $\omega_4$  Profile During Unit Tripping Events



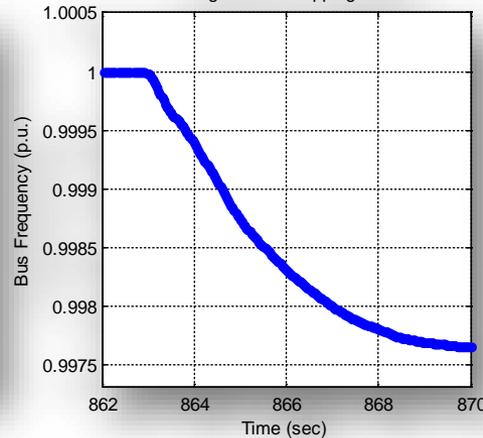
(a)  $\eta_4^0$  During Unit Tripping Events



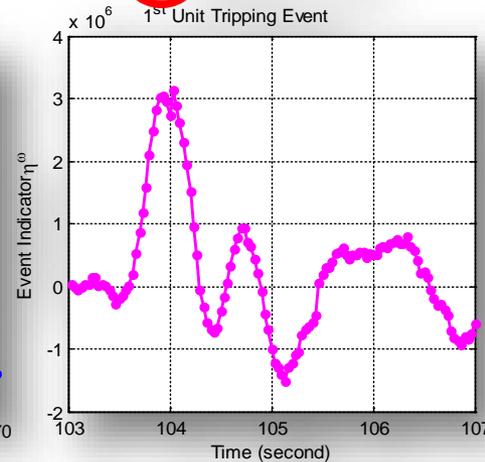
(b) Zoomed-in  $\omega_4$  Profile During 1<sup>st</sup> Unit Tripping Event



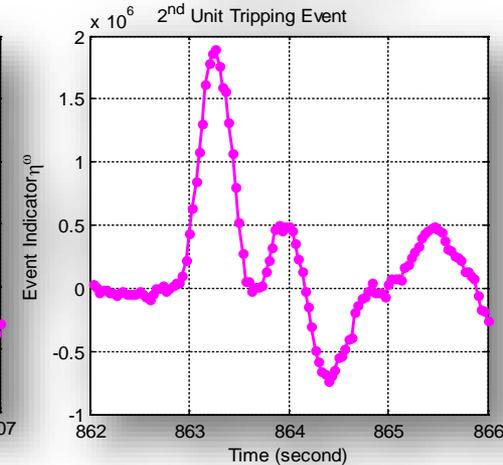
(c) Zoomed-in  $\omega_4$  Profile During 2<sup>nd</sup> Unit Tripping Event



(b) Zoomed-in  $\eta_4^0$  During 1<sup>st</sup> Unit Tripping Event



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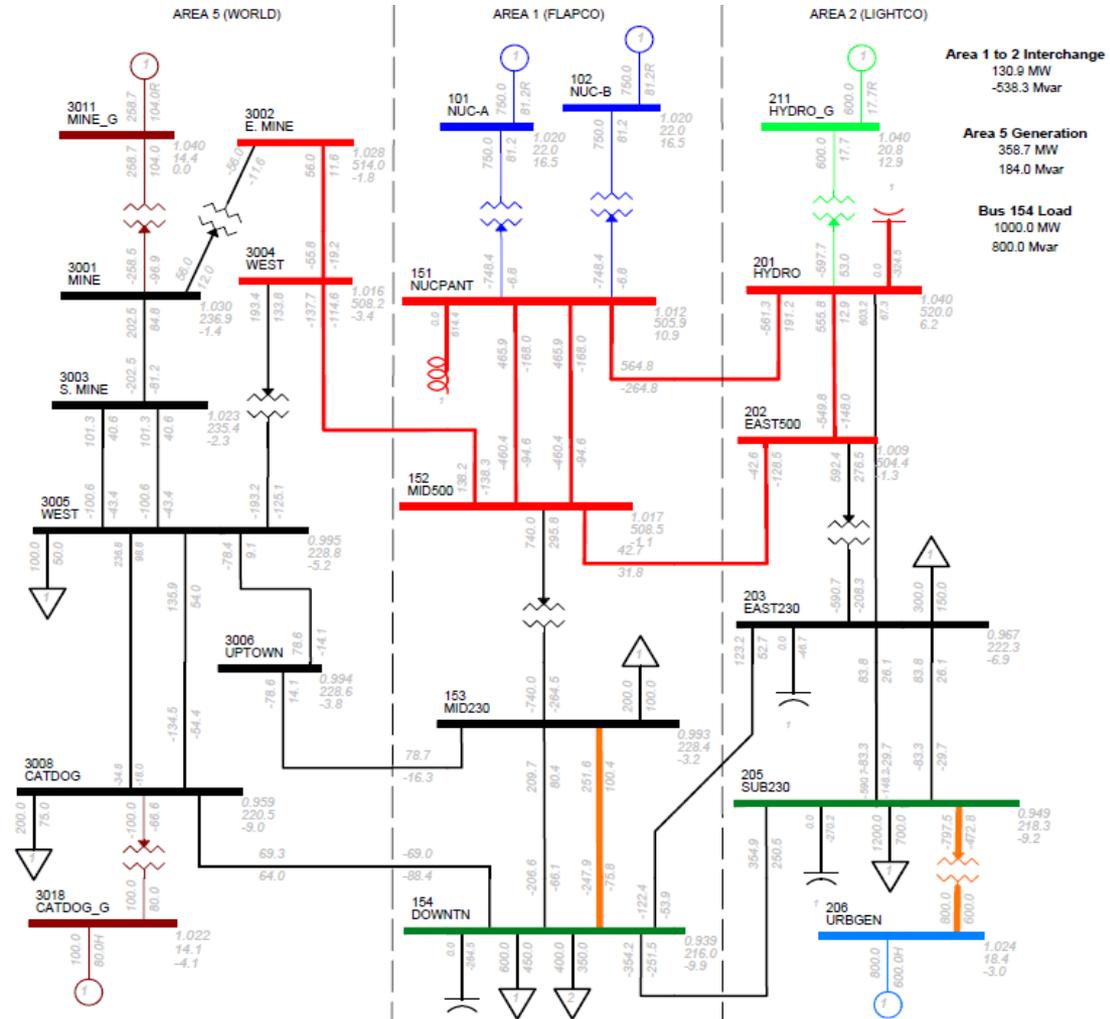
**Frequency Profile.**

**Event Indicator Profile.**

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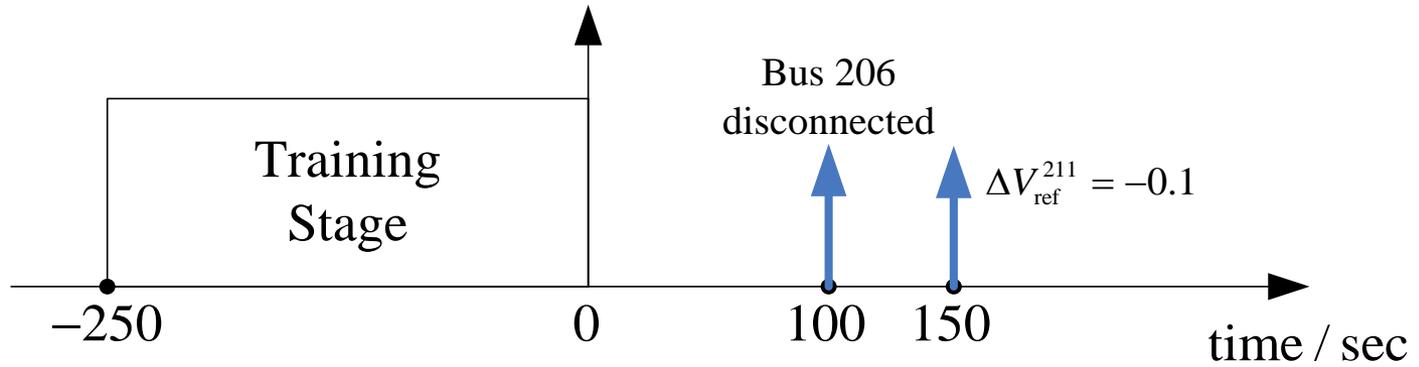
# Case Study 2: Synthetic Networks

- 23-bus system
- 23 PMUs.
- Outputs of PMUs:  $\omega$ ,  $V$ .



- Siemens, "PSS/E 30.2 program operational manual," 2009.

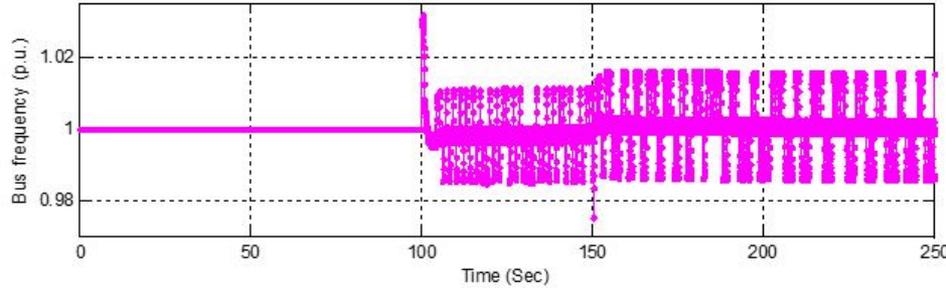
# Oscillation Event



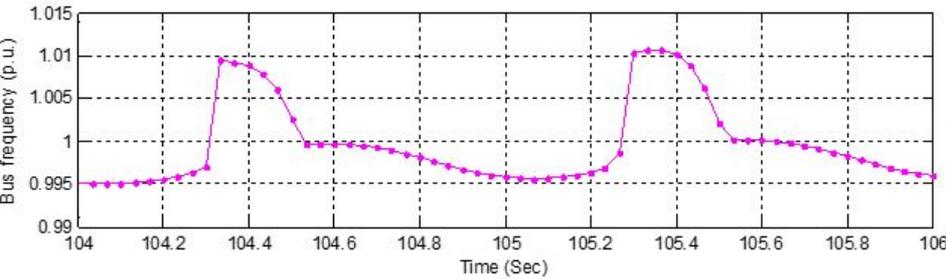
Time	Sampling Points	Event
0-100s	1-3000	Normal Condition
100.03-150s	3001-45000	Bus Disconnection (206)
150.03-250s	4501-7500	Voltage set point changes (211)

# Early Event Detection

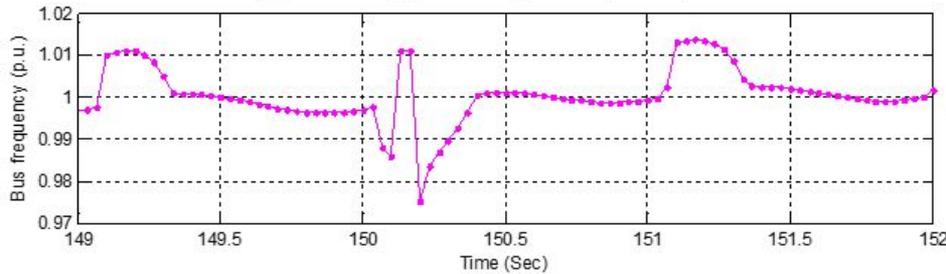
(a)  $\omega_{152}$  Profile During Oscillation Event



(b) Zoomed-in  $\omega_{152}$  Profile During Oscillation Event

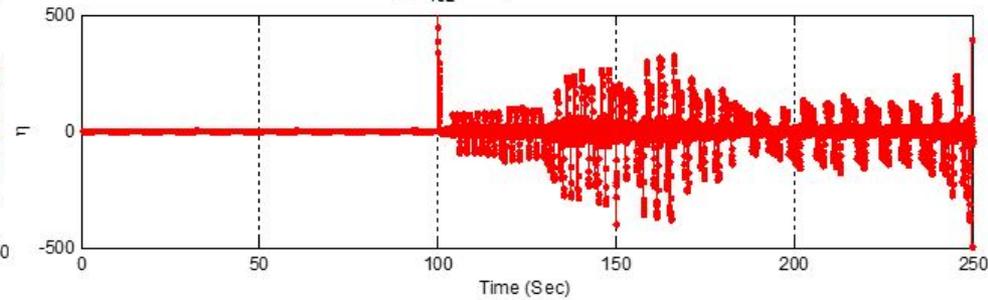


(c) Zoomed-in  $\omega_{152}$  Profile During Control Input Change Event

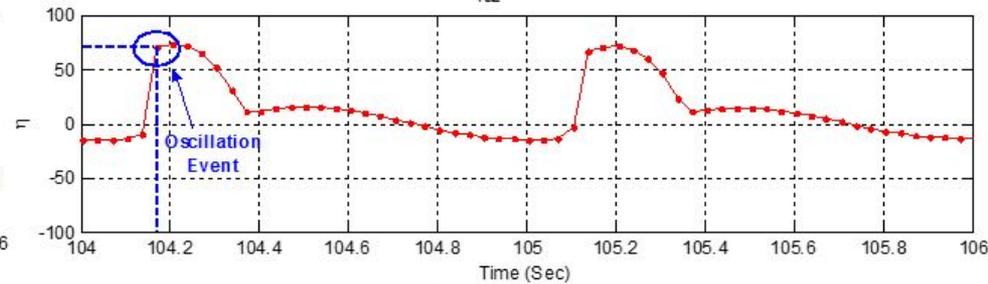


**w152 profile.**

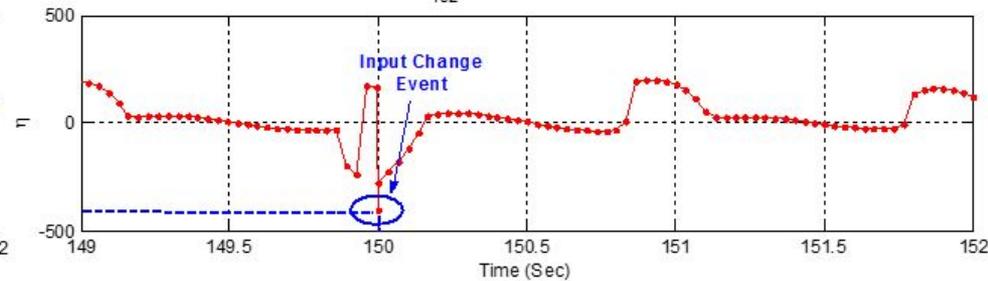
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(b) Zoomed-in  $\eta_{152}^\omega$  During Oscillation Event



(c) Zoomed-in  $\eta_{152}^\omega$  During Control Input Change Event



**$\eta_{152}^\omega$  during line tripping event.**

# Potential Benefits of The Algorithm

- How **EARLY** is the proposed algorithm?  
Proposed Method: potentially **within a few samples** (**<0.1 seconds**)
- Most Oscillation monitoring system (OMS) needs 10 sec to detect the oscillation.
- **No system topology, no system model.**
- Ongoing work: event **classification** and **localization**.

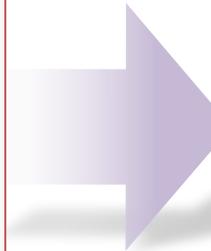
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# Motivation: PMU Data Quality Problems

## Current Practice

- ◆ PMU-based decision making tools require accurate PMU data for reliable analysis.
- ◆ PMU data has **higher sampling rate** and accuracy requirement.
- ◆ Typical PMU bad data ratio in California ISO ranges from **10% to 17%** (in 2011) [5].



## Critical Needs

- Urgent need to develop **scalable, real-time methods** to monitor and improve PMU data quality.
- **Conventional** bad data detection **algorithms** are rendered **ineffective**, novel algorithms are needed.

# Current Approaches for PMU Bad Data Detection

## Model-Based Approach

- ❑ Traditional WLS state estimation: based on measurement residuals and Chi-squares test [11].
- ❑ PMU-based state estimator: detect phasor angle bias and current magnitude scaling problems [2].
- ❑ Kalman-filter-based approach: detect low-quality PMU data [3].
  
- ❖ Traditional Chi-squares test approach may not be effective when **multiple low-quality measurements are presented**.
- ❖ Model-based approaches require **system parameter and topology information**.
- ❖ Model-based approaches require **converged state estimation results**.

- [2] S. Ghiocel, J. Chow, et al. "Phasor-measurement-based state estimation for synchrophasor data quality improvement and power transfer interface monitoring," *IEEE Tran. Power Systems*, 2014.
- [3] K. D. Jones, A. Pal, and J. S. Thorp, "Methodology for performing synchrophasor data conditioning and validation," *IEEE Tran. Power Systems*, May 2015.
- [11] A. Abur, and A.G. Exposito. *Power system state estimation: theory and implementation*. CRC press, 2004.

# Current Approaches for PMU Bad Data Detection

## Data-Driven Approach

- ❑ Low-rank matrix factorization for PMU bad data detection [4].
- ❑ Pre-defined logics & thresholds for bad data detection [1].
  
- ❖ Matrix factorization involves **high computational burden**.
- ❖ **Robustness of pre-defined logics** under eventful conditions.

- [1] K. Martin, "Synchrophasor data diagnostics: detection & resolution of data problems for operations and analysis", in *Electric Power Group Webinar Series*, Jan 2014.
- [4] M. Wang, J. Chow, P. Gao, X. Jiang, Y. Xia, S. Ghiocel, B. Fardanesh, G. Stefopolous, Y. Kokai, N. Saito, and M. Razanousky, "A low-rank matrix approach for the analysis of large amounts of power system synchrophasor data," in *System Sciences (HICSS), 2015 48th Hawaii International Conference on*, Jan 2015, pp. 2637–2644.

# Overview of The Proposed Approach [7]

## Problem Formulation

- ❑ Study *spatio-temporal correlations* among good / eventful / bad PMU data.
- ❑ Formulate bad PMU data as *spatio-temporal outliers* among other data.
- ❑ Apply *density-based outlier detection* technique to detect bad PMU data.

## Online PMU Bad Data Detection Algorithm

### Key Advantages:

- ❑ **Online** bad data detection.
- ❑ Fast without convergence issues.
- ❑ **Data-driven** algorithm.
- ❑ Operate under **both normal and fault-on** operating conditions.

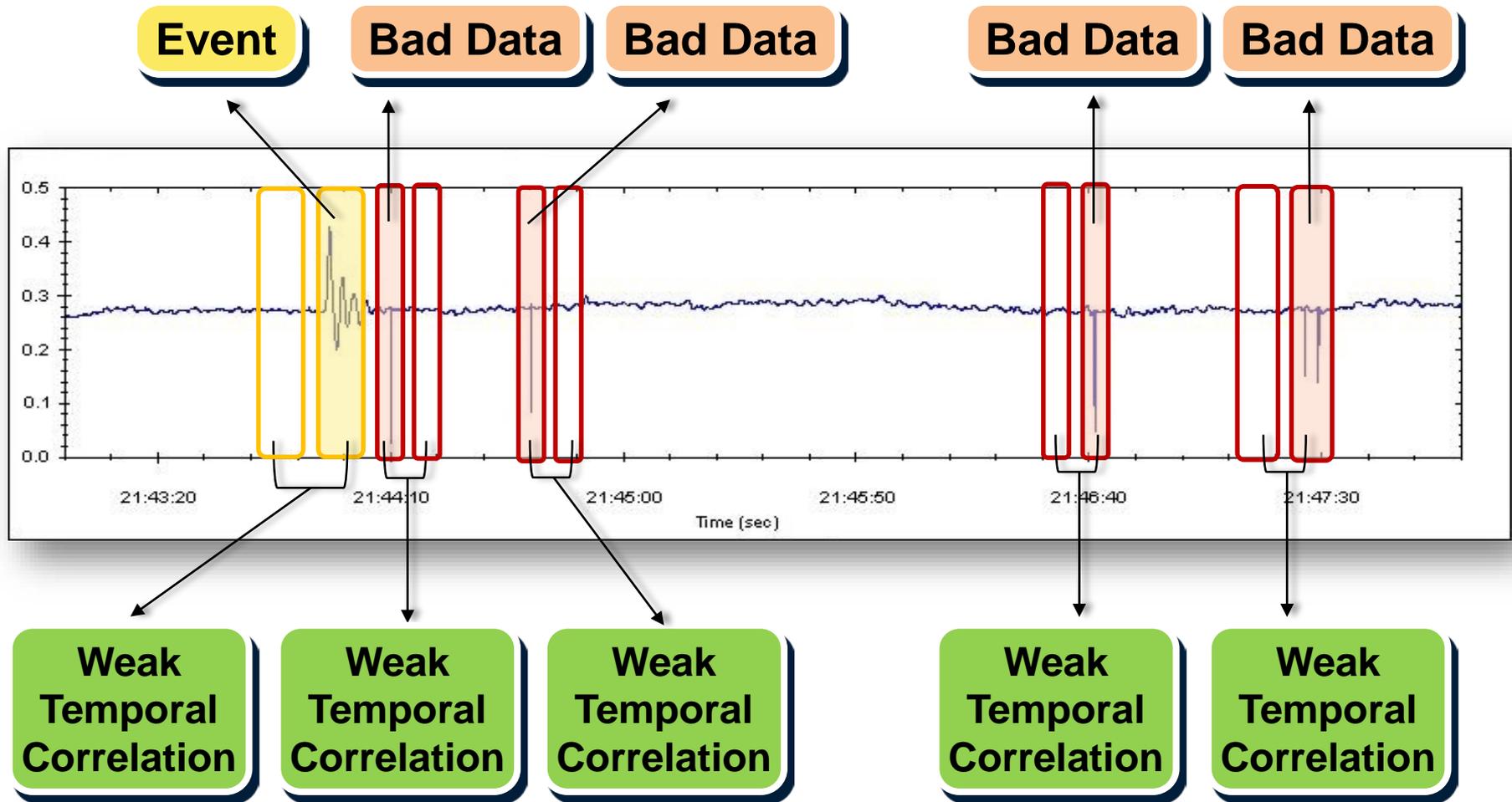
### Detect **Various Types of Bad Data**:

- ❑ High communication noise.
- ❑ Missing data (communication loss).
- ❑ Data spikes (gross error / GPS error).
- ❑ Un-updated data.
- ❑ **False data injection (cyber attacks).**

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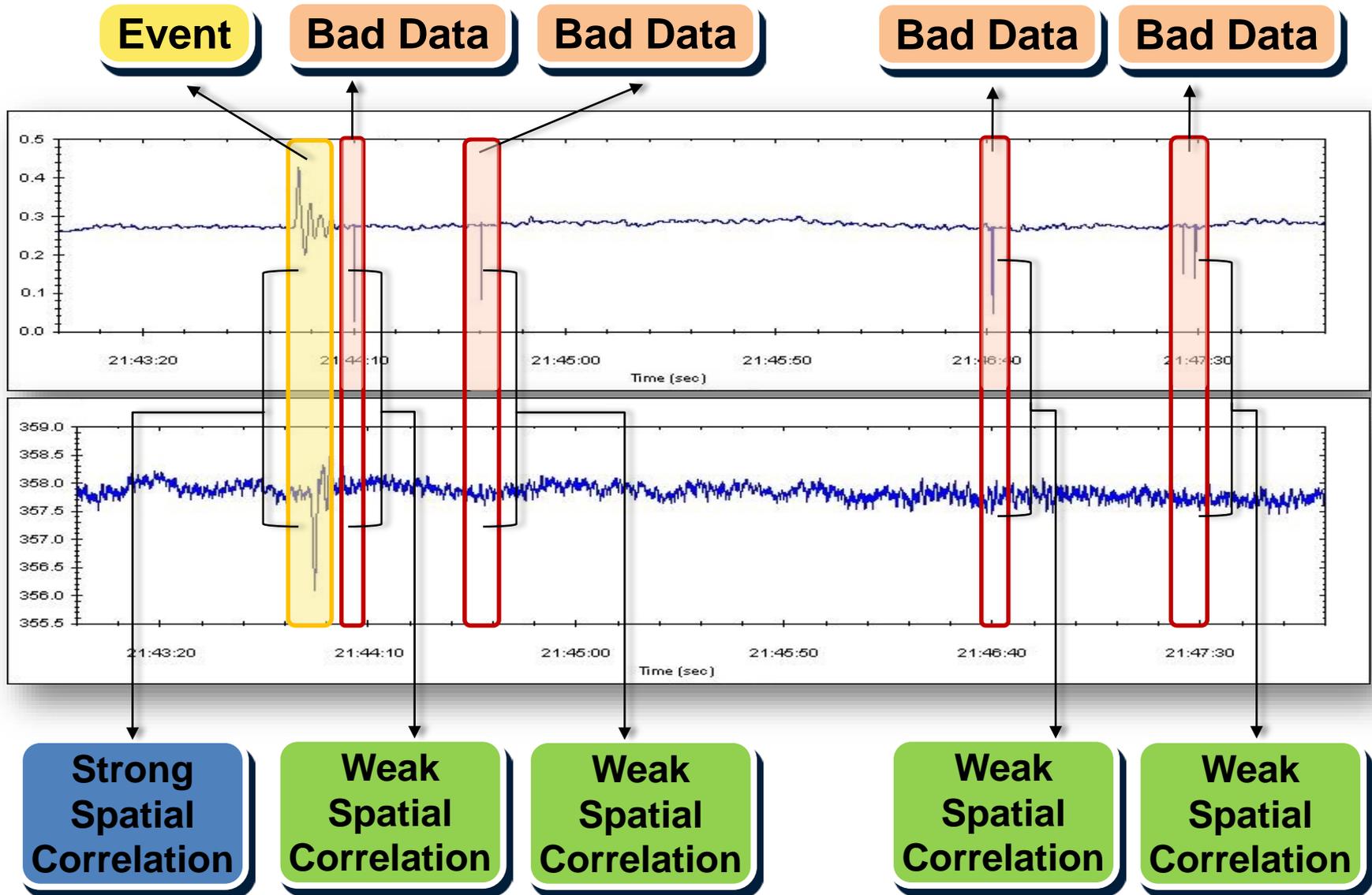
# Good Data VS Eventful Data VS Bad Data

Phase Angle Measured by A Western System PMU for A Recent Brake Test Event



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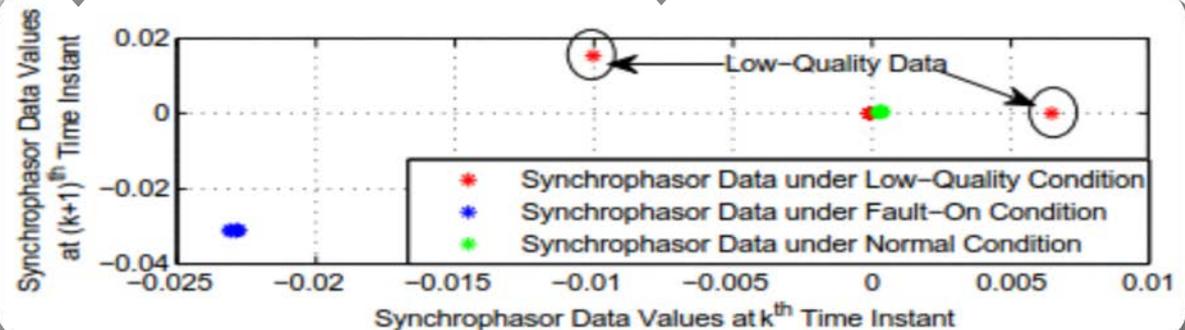
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# Features of Good / Eventful / Bad Data

## Criteria: Good Data VS Eventful Data VS Bad Data

- ◆ Good Data: **strong spatio-temporal correlations** with its neighbors.
- ◆ Eventful Data: **weak temporal but strong spatial correlations** with its neighbors.
- ◆ Bad Data/Attacked Data: **weak spatio-temporal correlations** with its neighbors.

PMU Bad Data:  
Spatio-Temporal  
Outlier



# Quantification of Spatio-Temporal Correlations [7]

## Definition of Normalized Standard Deviation

- Normalized standard deviation:

$$\sigma_i^{Norm}(k) = \frac{\sigma_i(k)}{\frac{\sum_{t=1}^{t=k-1} \sigma_i(t) \chi_C(M_i(t))}{\sum_{t=1}^{t=k-1} \chi_C(M_i(t))}}$$

$$\chi_C(M_i(t)) = \begin{cases} 1 & (M_i(t) \in C) \\ 0 & (M_i(t) \notin C) \end{cases}$$

- Explanation:

- Standard deviation of PMU curve obtained from  $i^{th}$  PMU channel at  $k^{th}$  time window, normalized by the average standard deviation of the historical clean data of the same PMU channel.

## Spatio-Temporal Correlation Metrics (Distance Function)

- For high-variance bad data:

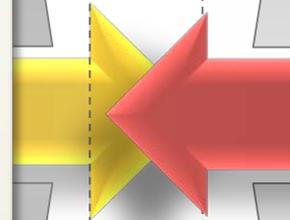
$$f_H(i, j) = |\sigma_i^{Norm} - \sigma_j^{Norm}|$$

- High-variance bad data: data spikes, data loss, high noise, false data injections, etc.

- For low-variance bad data:

$$f_L(i, j) = \max \left( \left| \frac{\sigma_i^{Norm}}{\sigma_j^{Norm}} \right|, \left| \frac{\sigma_j^{Norm}}{\sigma_i^{Norm}} \right| \right)$$

- Low-variance bad data: un-updated data, etc.



# Online Detection of Low-Quality PMU Data [10]

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## Density-Based Local Outlier Detection

- Local Reachability Density:

$$lrd_{MinPts}(p) = \frac{1}{\left( \frac{\sum_{o \in N_{MinPts}(p)} reach - dist_{MinPts}(p, o)}{|N_{MinPts}(p)|} \right)}$$

- Local Outlier Factor [12]:

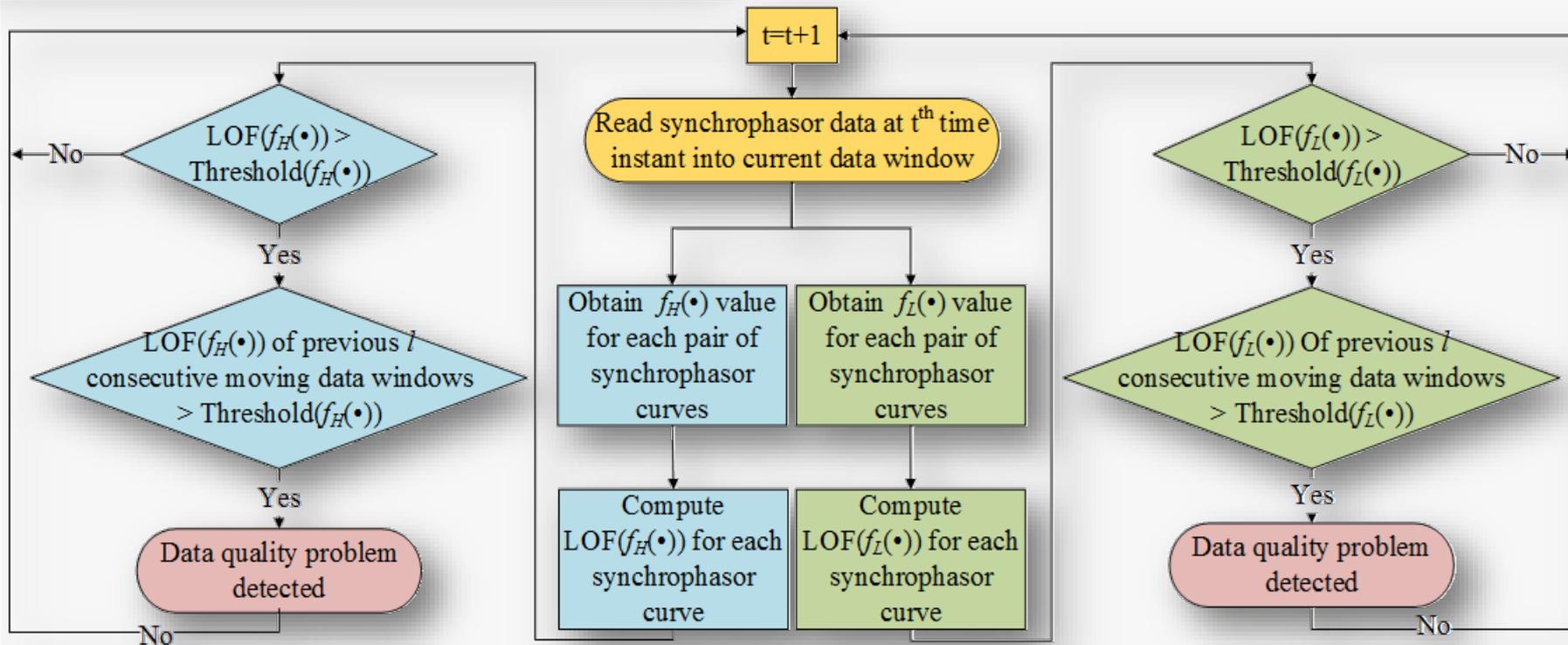
$$LOF_{MinPts}(p) = \frac{\sum_{o \in N_{MinPts}(p)} \frac{lrd_{MinPts}(o)}{lrd_{MinPts}(p)}}{|N_{MinPts}(p)|}$$

- Bad Data Detection:

- ✓ LOF(p) >> 1: p contains bad data.
- ✓ LOF(p) ≈ 1: p contains good data only.

# Online Detection of Low-Quality PMU Data [7]

## Implementation Flowchart



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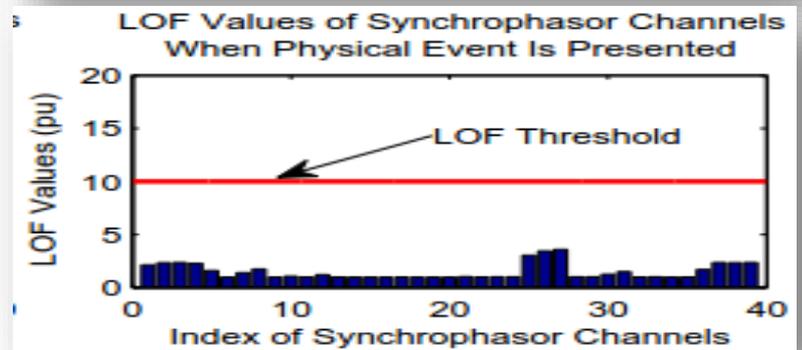
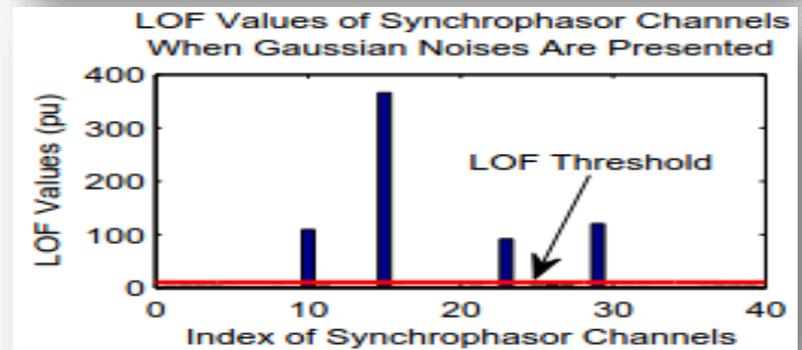
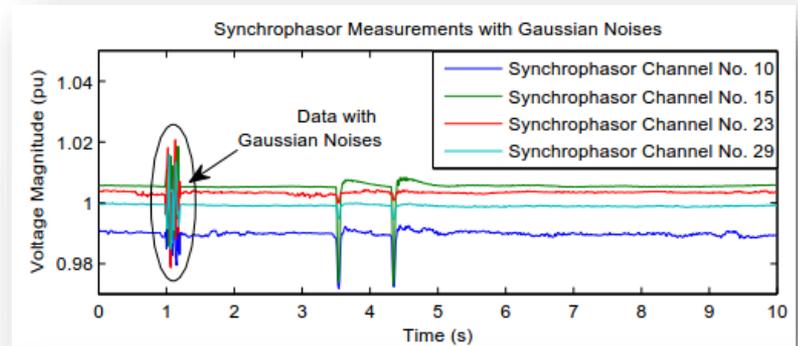
# Numerical Results – High Sensing Noise

## Test Case Description

- 39 real-world PMU voltage magnitude data curves.
- PMU No. 10, 15, 23, 29 contain Gaussian noises (SNR = 40 db) lasting from 1s to 1.2s.
- Line tripping fault is presented around 4s.

## Numerical Results Description

- All the 4 bad data segments are detected.
- System event does not cause false alarms.
- Detection delay is less than 0.19s.
- Computation time for each data window is 0.0376s.



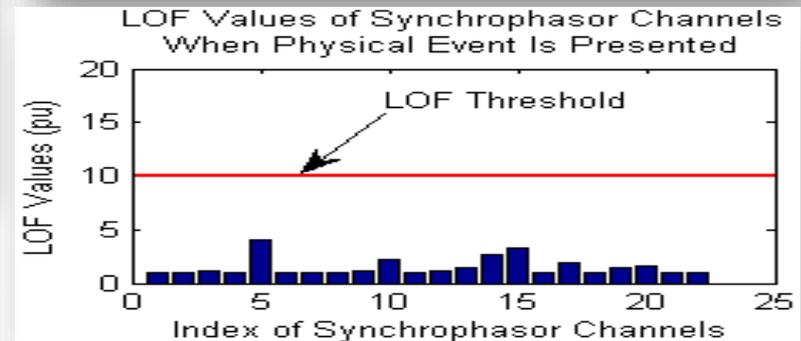
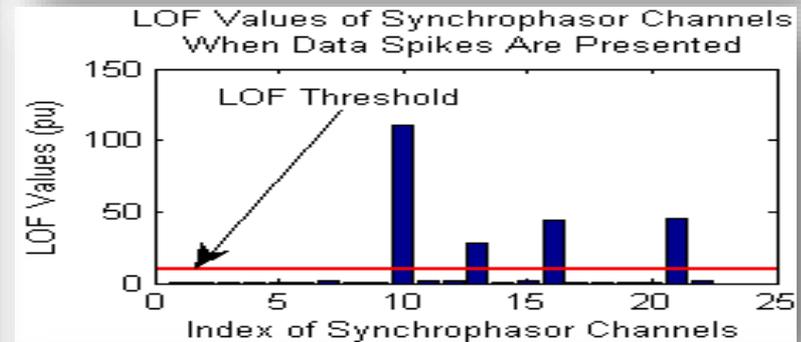
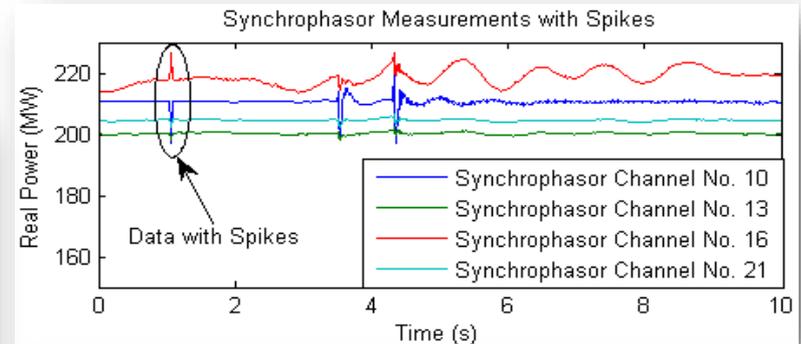
# Numerical Results – Data Spikes

## Test Case Description

- 22 real-world PMU real power data curves.
- PMU No. 10, 13, 16, 21 contain data spikes lasting from 1.05s to 1.1s.
- Line tripping fault is presented around 4s.

## Numerical Results Description

- All the 4 bad data segments are detected.
- System event does not cause false alarms.
- Detection delay is less than 0.18s.
- Computation time for each data window is 0.0197s.



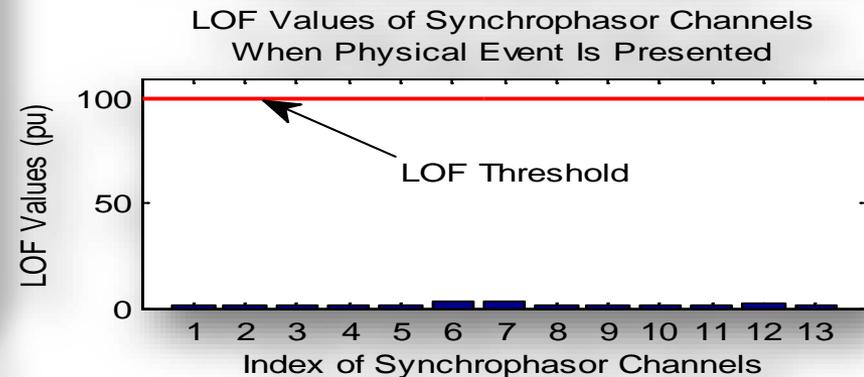
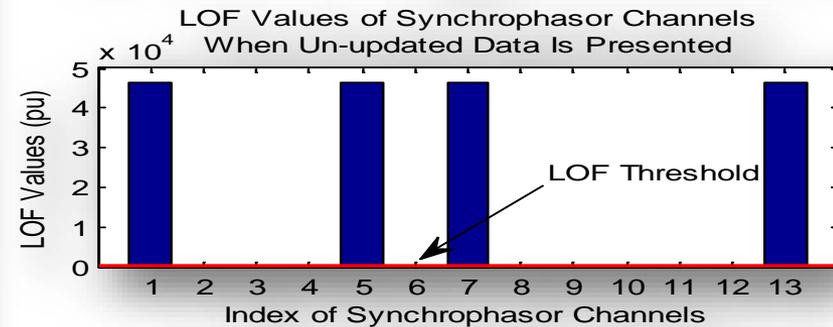
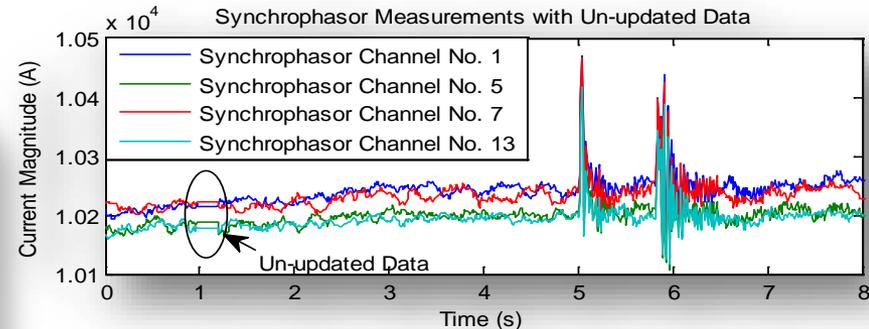
# Numerical Results – Un-updated Data

## Test Case Description

- 13 real-world PMU current magnitude data curves.
- PMU No. 1, 5, 7, 13 contain un-updated data lasting from 1s to 1.2s.
- Line tripping fault is presented around 4s.

## Numerical Results Description

- All the 4 bad data segments are detected.
- System event does not cause false alarms.
- Detection delay is less than 0.18s.
- Computation time for each data window is 0.0115s.



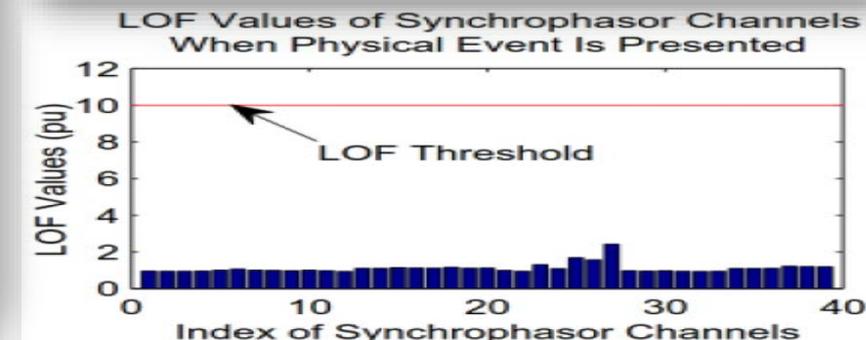
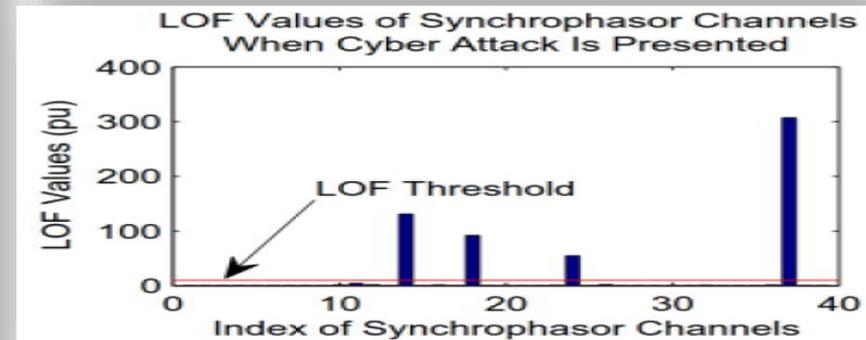
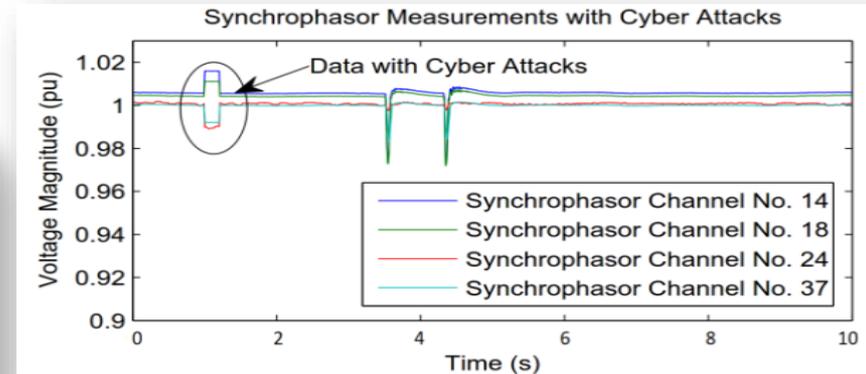
# Numerical Results – False Data Injections

## Test Case Description

- 39 real-world PMU voltage magnitude data curves.
- PMU No. 14, 18, 24, 37 contain false data injections lasting from 1s to 1.2s.
- Line tripping fault is presented around 4s.

## Numerical Results Description

- All the 4 false data injections are detected.
- System event does not cause false alarms.
- Detection delay is less than 0.19s.
- Computation time for each data window is 0.040s.



# Real-Time Detection of Low-Quality PMU Data

## Conclusions

An approach for PMU low-quality data detection is proposed:

- ❑ It is purely **data-driven**, without involving any knowledge on network parameters or topology, which **avoids the impact of incorrect parameter/topology information** on the identification results.
- ❑ It encounters **no convergence issues and has fast computation performance**, which is desirable for online application.
- ❑ It is suitable for identifying low-quality data in PMU outputs **under both normal and eventful operating conditions**.

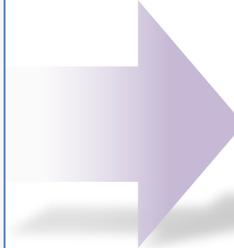
# Presentation Outline

- **Introduction**
- **Part I: PMU Dimensionality Reduction & Early Event Detection**
- **Part II: Real-Time Detection of Low-Quality PMU Measurements**
- **Concluding Remarks**

# Concluding Remarks

## Our Research

- **Dimensionality reduction** of PMU data.
- Online **data driven** PMU-based early event detection.
- Real-time **data-driven** PMU bad data detection.



## PMU Challenges

- ◆ **High dimensionality:** Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) 120 PMUs produces **36GB data per day**.
- ◆ **State-of-the-art:** primarily **offline, post-event analysis**.
- ◆ **High Bad Data Ratio:** Typical PMU **bad data ratio** in California ISO ranges from **10% to 17%** (in 2011).

# Ongoing Research and Future Challenges

- How to integrate real-time *physical model-based* and *data-driven* monitoring analytics?
- How to analyze the *root-cause* and *correct* low-quality data?
- How to *close the loop (control)* around real-time streaming PMU with the presence of bad as well as cyber-attacked data?
- Would PMU be needed at *distribution level*, for what purpose [13][14]?
- Many other possibilities...

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# Questions?

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