Wide Area Control Systems (1.4)

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Task Objectives

- Wide-area control designs for future systems
- High percentage of renewable energy sources
- Fast wide-area monitoring systems with PMUs everywhere
- What control designs are feasible?
- Voltage stability issues at substations from reactive power demands of renewables
- Small-signal stability problems from interactions of power electronic devices with the grid
- Transient stability concerns from unforeseen operating conditions

Accomplishments

 Develop a new wide-area transient stability controller aimed at uncertain operating conditions of the future and for highly complex, unplanned for, large contingencies

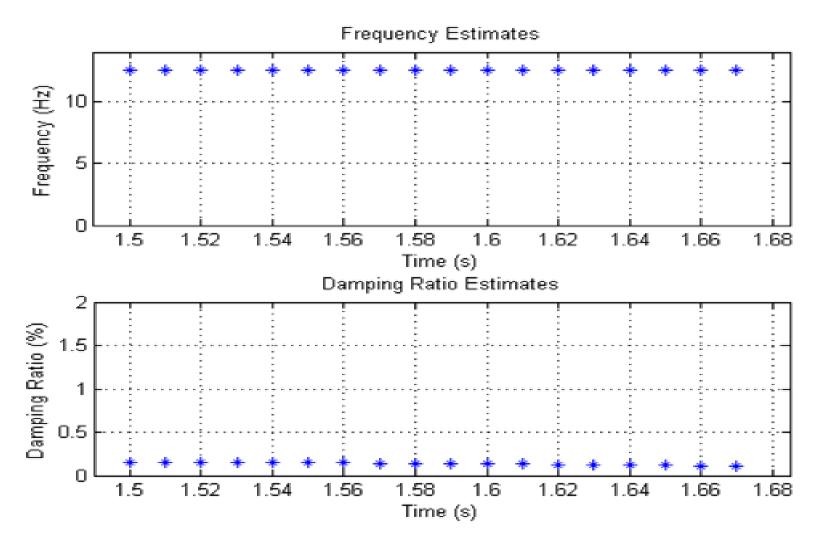
Benefits

- Improved controls resulting from better real-time system data, thus taking advantage of new synchrophasor technologies
- Response to system events that is faster and more efficient with less load loss

Small-signal stability

- Challenging problem from interaction of discrete and continuous dynamics
- Subsynchronous high frequency modes (5 Hz to 50Hz) from power electronic devices
- Controls on power electronic side may be culprits
- Detection and isolation crucial
- Which substation(s)? Which controls?
- New algorithms for monitoring and analysis of subsynchronous modes developed
- Tested on 12.5 Hz SSR Mode seen in certain wind farms in Oklahoma Gas & Electric (NASPI)

FDD Results from OGE data



12 Hz Mode Detection from 5760 Hz DFR data

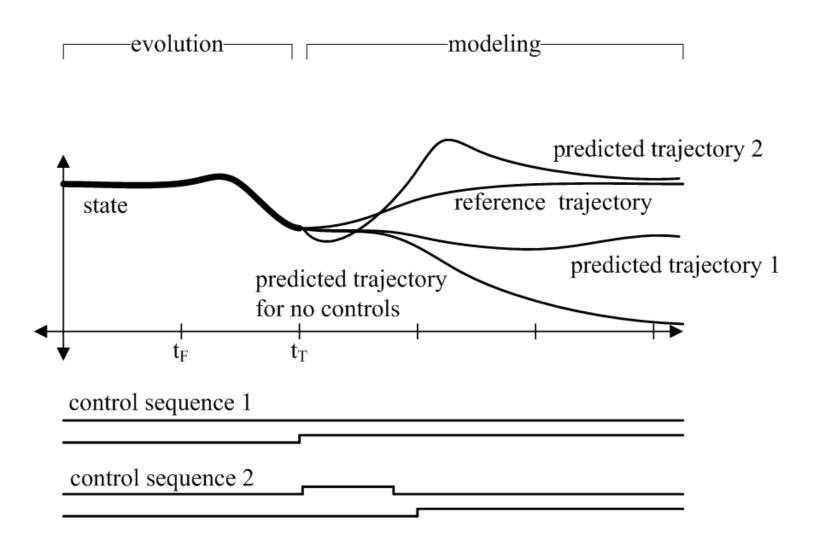
Wide-Area Transient Stability Controller

- New model prediction based real-time angle stability control developed
- Suited for uncertain operating conditions with unplanned high order contingencies
- PMUs assumed everywhere
- Fast communication and computation assumed
- Stable or unstable? What control actions? Algorithms developed.
- Can stabilize highly complex contingencies
- Doctoral dissertation work of Greg Zweigle
- IEEE PES Trans. paper

Wide-Area Transient Stability Controller

- Investigate stabilization of large contingencies
- Difficult to pre-plan for these cases
- Leverage advances in synchrophasors
 - Network measurements
 - Emerging generator measurements
- Model prediction formulation proposed
- Don't try to predict contingencies
- Instead, predict state evolution
 - Run in real-time
 - Iterative application, with feedback
 - At each iteration, search for optimal control

Model Prediction Control (MPC)



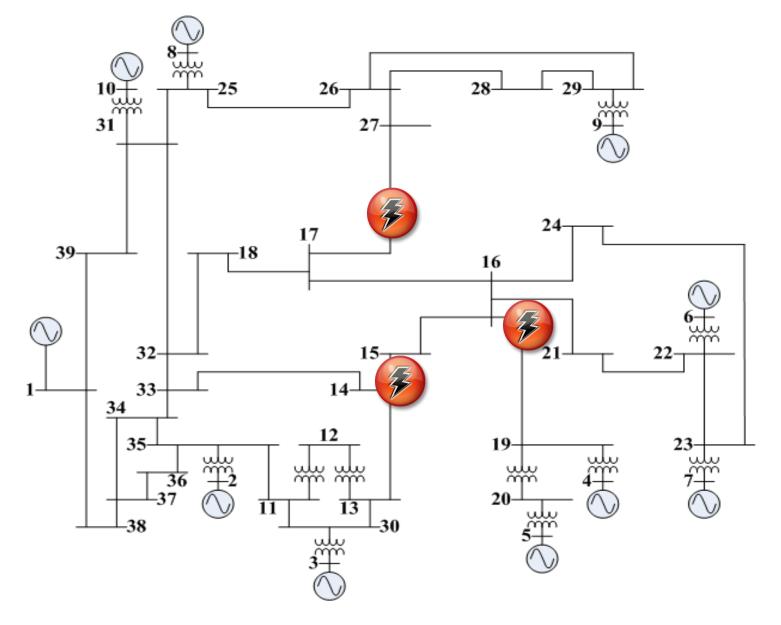
MPC & Transient Stability

- MPC originally for chemical process control
- Previously applied for slower power system phenomena
 - Voltage stability control
 - Small-signal rotor angle control
- Must act within seconds
- Doesn't require as many control options
- Communications and computers getting faster

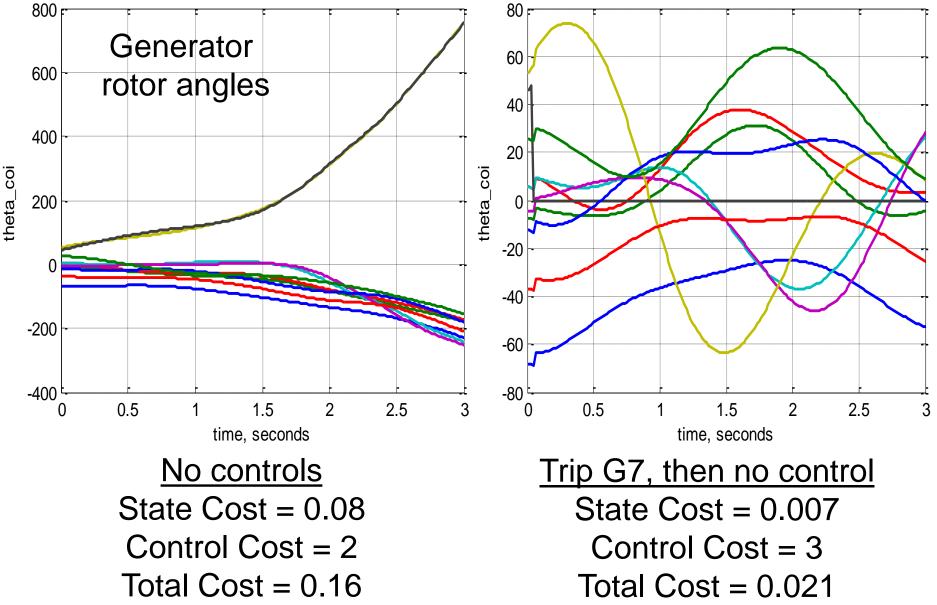
Transient Stability Controller Goal

After large contingencies, effect recovery to stable operating point through rapid and minimal system changes, while also keeping the system within specified constraints on acceptable voltage deviations and acceptable frequency fluctuations

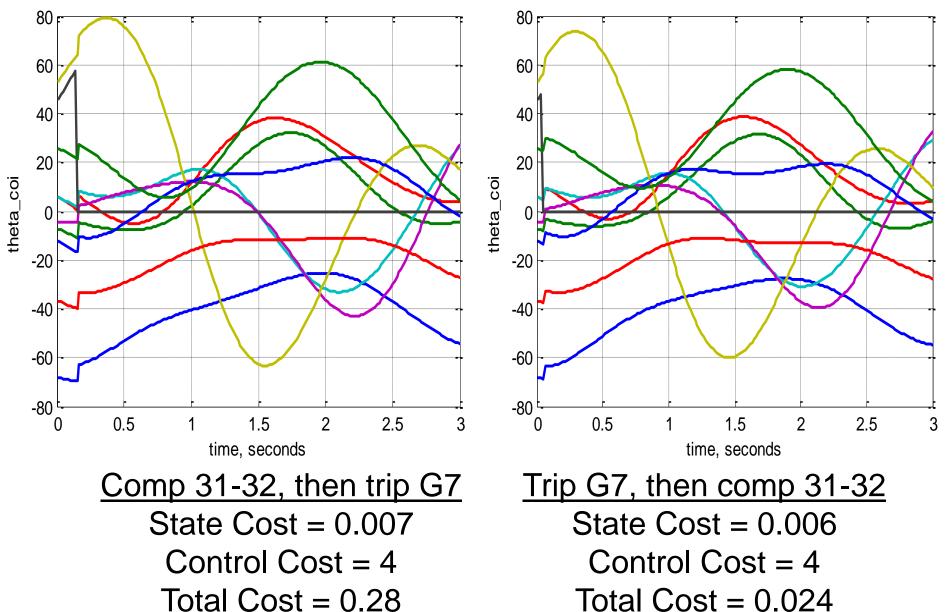
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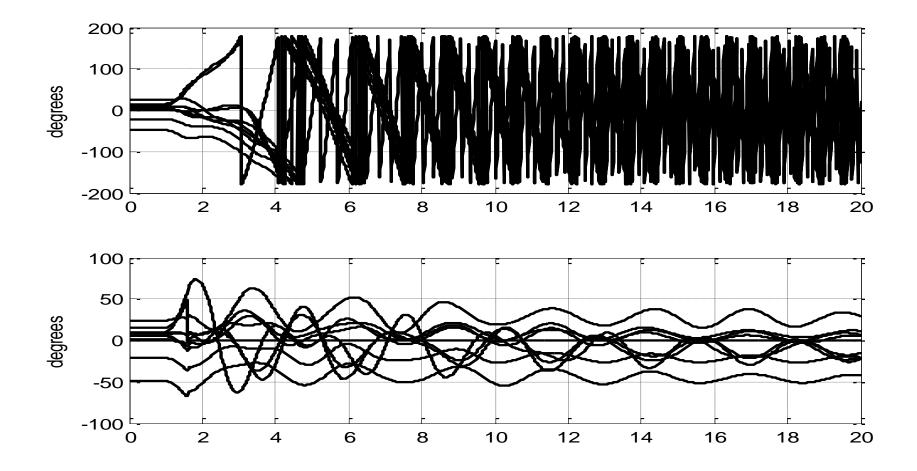
Iteration 1 Prediction Sequences



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Machine Angles Before & After Control



Future Work

- This project focused on control designs for future power systems
- Transition road map needed
- Control designs with SCADA and PMUs
- Control designs with increasing availability of fast communication networks
- Road from here to the future needs to be planned out
- Implementations in phases
- Start working with utilities on actual designs and implementations

Publications

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