Transient Stability Analysis with PowerWorld Simulator

T10: Transient Limit Monitors

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Traditional Transient Stability Analysis

- For decades, transient stability analysis has consisted of the following general steps
  - 1. Setup a stability run
  - 2. Save results to a file – a really large file
  - 3. Query the results through the use of plots and other post-processing to determine if any reliability criteria were violated.
    - PowerWorld Simulator supports this through Results Storage to RAM and to Storage to Hard Drive as well as the integrated plotting tools

Pros and Cons

- Pros
  - All the results are available in your results files to look at later
  - Plots reaffirm that the software (and you) are doing something
  - Plots are needed for displaying your results when violations occur
- Cons
  - Storing all these results can get a little large extreme
  - What if we run 1000 stability runs?
    - Terabit hard-drives
  - Reduce storage by only saving results every 10 time-steps
    - May miss something
    - Frequency dip for only 2 time steps may be missed.

Analogy to Contingency Analysis

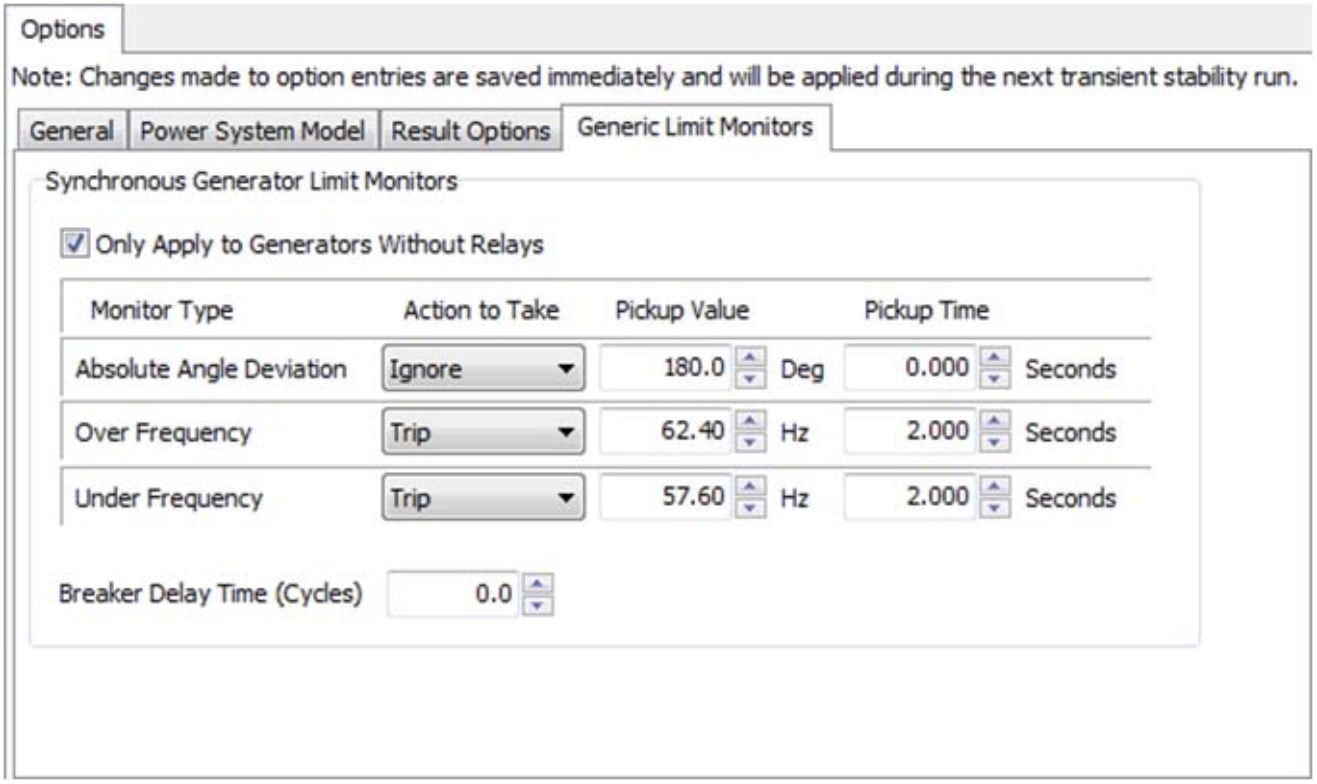
- Keeping all these results is like storing every branch flow and every bus voltage for every contingency solution
- Is this really necessary?
- Alternative: run transient stability and only store violations (like contingency analysis)
  - Options: Generic Limit Monitors
  - Transient Limit Monitors

Generic Limit Monitors: Synchronous Generators

- Synchronous Generators Limit Monitors
  - **Absolute Angle Deviation**
    - Monitors change in rotor angle change relative to initial rotor angle
    - Crude attempt to monitor for out-of-step generators
  - **Over Frequency Action**
    - Monitors high bus frequency
  - **Under Frequency**
    - Monitors low bus frequency
  - Can specify that they not be applied to generators which already have relay models

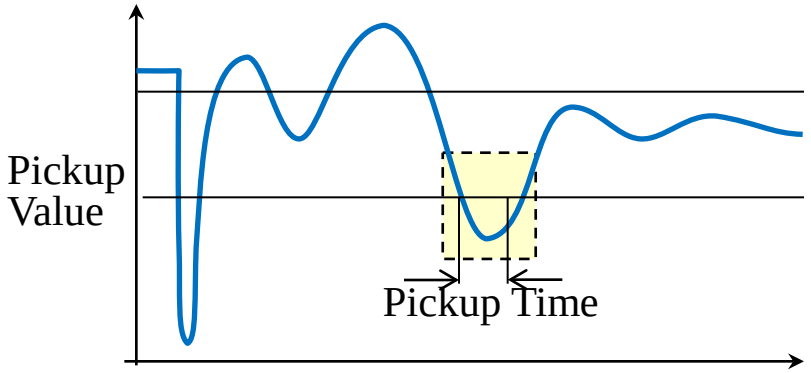
Generic Limit Monitors

- Available under Options\Generic Limit Monitors



Generic Limit Monitors: Action to Take

- **Pickup Value, Pickup Time**
  - For Under Frequency, value must fall below the pickup value and stay below the pickup value for a during of Pickup Time
  - For Over Frequency and Absolute Angle Deviation are same except they must go above the pickup value.
  - This will cause the monitor to be violated and the **Action to Take** will be used

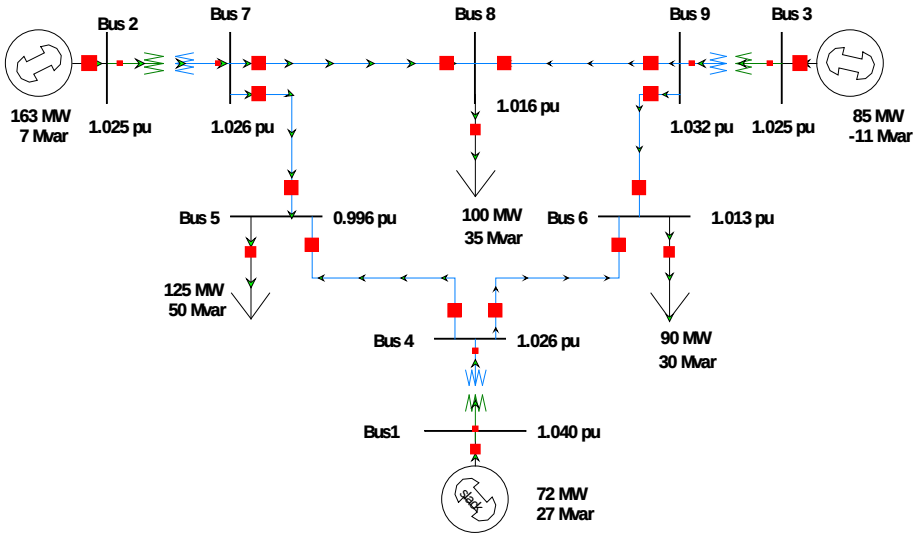


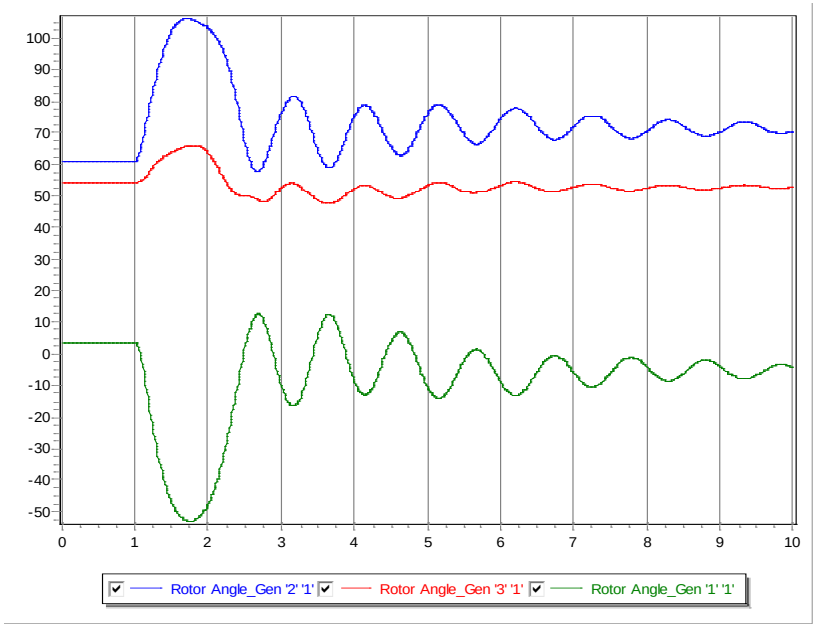
Generic Limit Monitors: Action to Take

- **Action to Take**
  - *Ignore*
    - Don't do anything. Disable the Monitor.
    - Default for Absolute Angle Deviation monitor
    - Default for Over Frequency and Under Frequency monitors for systems smaller than 100 buses
  - *Log Warning*
    - Will create an Event in the Transient Stability Results indicating that a violation occurred and when it occurred
  - *Trip*
    - Will cause the generator to trip after a time delay specified by **Breaker Delay Time**
    - Default for Over Frequency and Under Frequency for system larger than or equal to 100 buses
  - *Abort*
    - Will immediately abort the simulation

Example: Generic Limit Monitors

Open "WSCC_9Bus"





The left figure shows the initial power flow solution for the WSCC 9 bus case. The right figure shows the generator angles for a fault on the line between buses 5 and 7 near the bus 7 terminal, which is cleared after 0.077 seconds by opening the bus 5 to 7 line. Change the fault clearing time to verify that system loses stability for a clearing time between 0.079 and 0.08. This fault and the associated plots are already set up in the case, starting with a clearing at 0.077 seconds.

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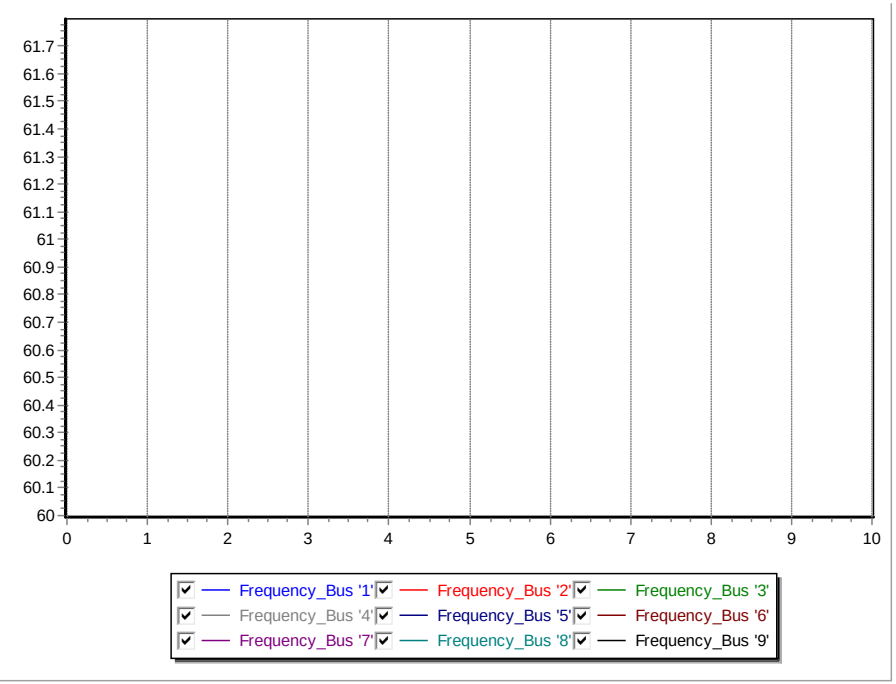

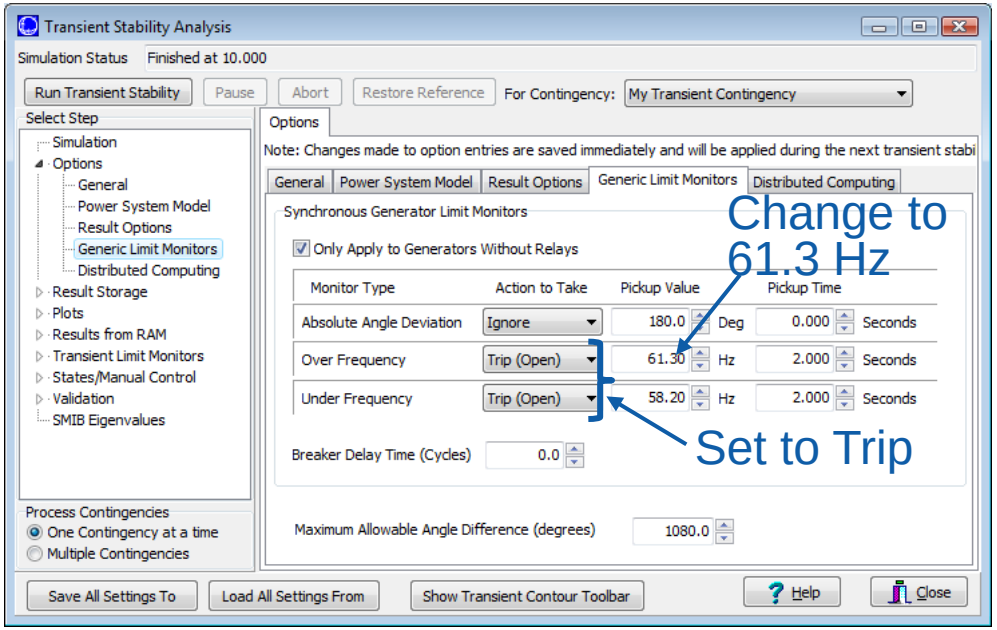

- Because this case has no governors and no infinite bus, the bus frequency keeps rising throughout the simulation, even though the rotor angles are stable.
- Go to the Generic Limit Monitors tab of the Options page. Set the generators to automatically trip as above.

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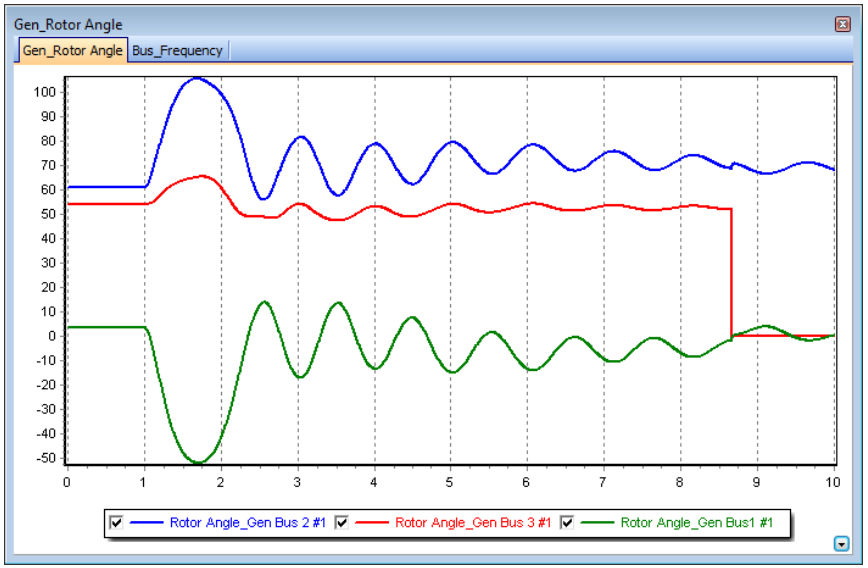

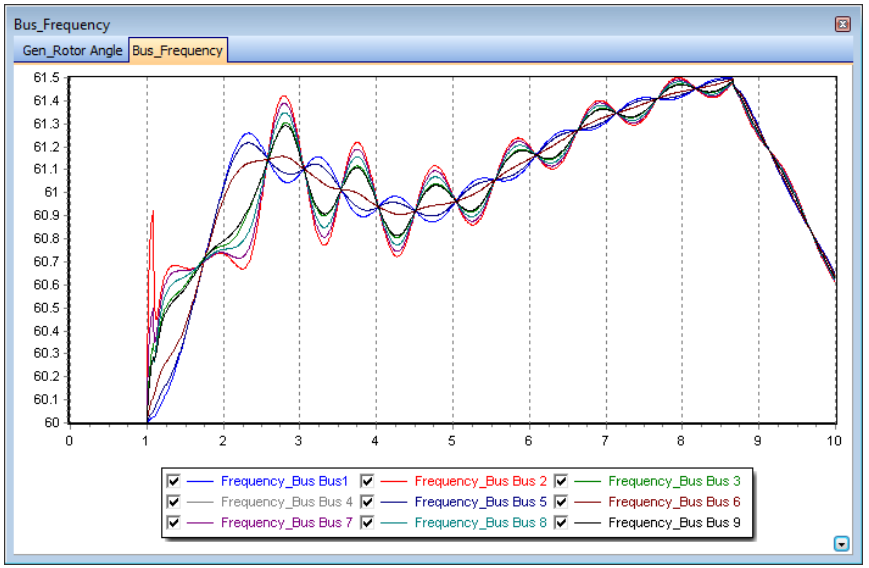

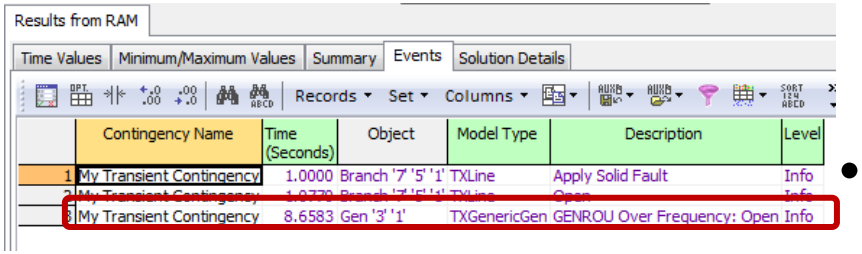

- Now, Generators 2 and 3 to trip out between 7 and 8 seconds (with a 0.077 seconds clearing).
- If all generators trip out (as will happen if this simulation keeps running), the simulation aborts as there are no longer any viable islands.

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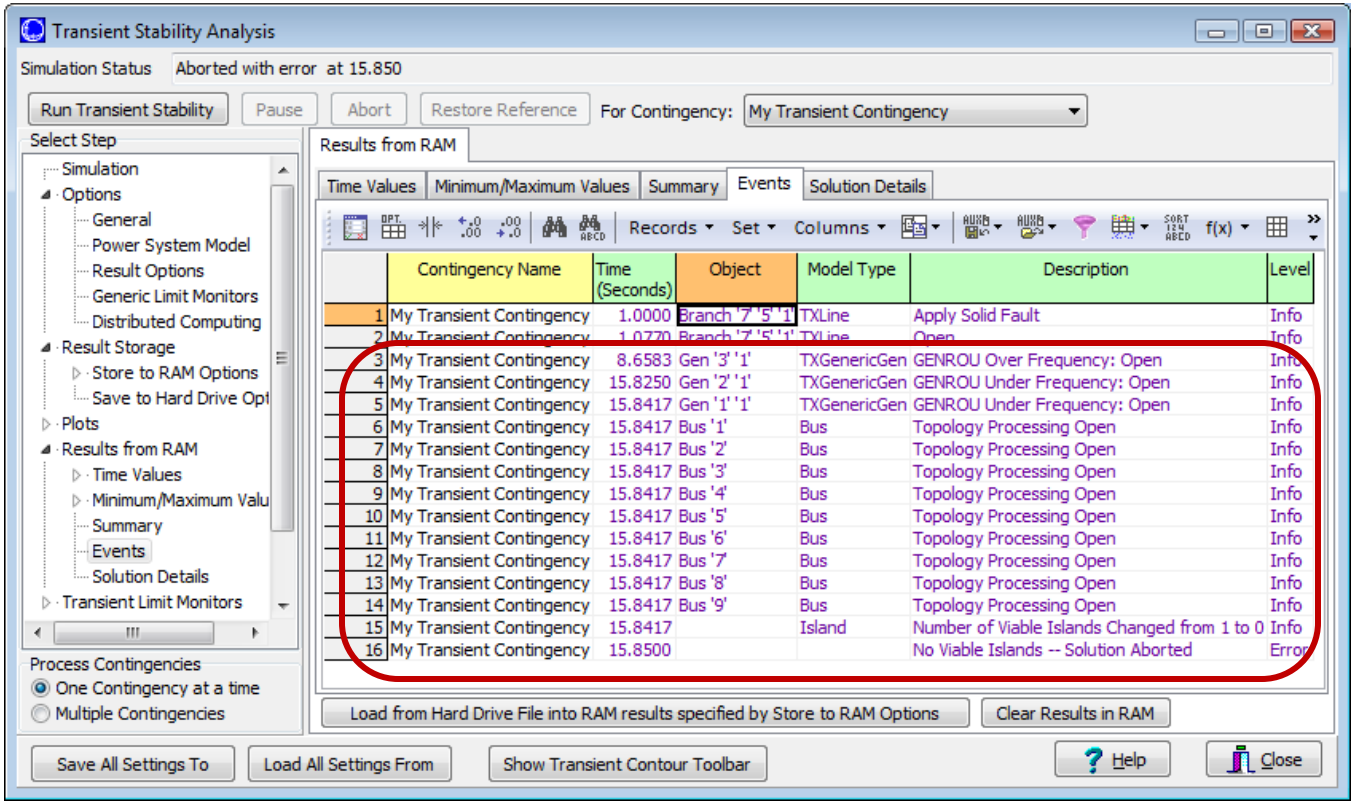
Example: Generic Limit Monitors

- Change the End Time of the simulation to 20 seconds and re-run the analysis

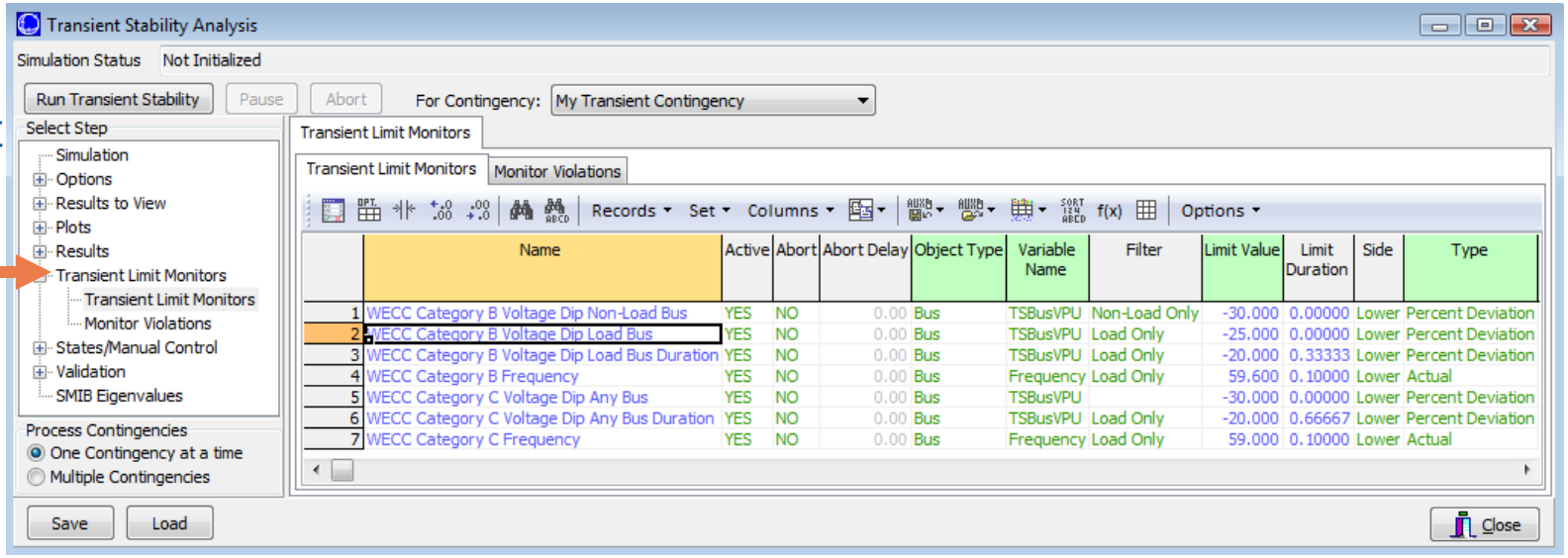


- Now all three generators will trip out
- The simulation aborts at 15.85 seconds
- View the Events tab on the Results page for details

Transient Limit Monitors

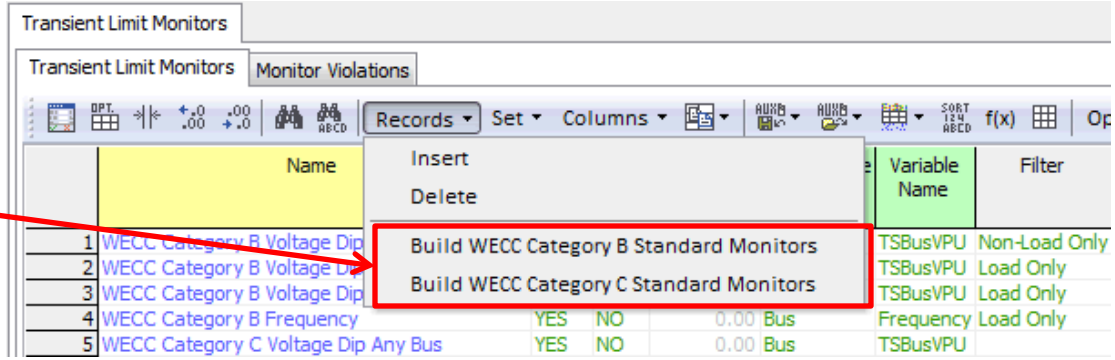
- Transient Limit Monitors in Simulator provide a great deal of flexibility for automatic monitoring during the simulation without having to store much data
- Similar to Limit Monitoring in traditional power-flow-based contingency analysis, only violations of limits will be reported
- Monitor a particular field for all objects of a type to meet a specified transient performance requirement
  - You will choose a field of a type of object
  - Then build a description of what is considered a limit violation

On the Transient Limit Monitors page of the Transient Stability Analysis dialog



Built-In Transient Limit Monitors

- Under **Records** menu, choices are available to **Build WECC Category B Standard Monitors** (also C)



  - WECC Category B Voltage Dip for Non-Load Buses
    - Monitor all non-load buses for any voltage dip of 30% below the initial voltage value at any time
  - WECC Category B Voltage Dip for Load Bus
    - Monitor all load buses for a voltage dip of 25% below the initial voltage at any time
  - WECC Category B Voltage Dip for Load Bus Duration
    - Monitor all load buses for a voltage dip of 20% below the initial voltage for a duration of 0.3333 seconds (20 cycles)
  - WECC Category B Frequency
    - Monitor all load buses for a frequency dip below 59.6 Hz for a duration of 0.10 seconds (6 cycles)

Built-In Transient Limit Monitors

- Differences as compared to Category B standards are highlighted in Red.

- WECC Category C Voltage Dip for Any Bus
  - Monitor all buses for any voltage dip of 30% below the initial voltage value at any time
- WECC Category C Voltage Dip for Any Bus Duration
  - Monitor all buses for a voltage dip of 20% below the initial voltage for a duration of 0.66667 seconds (40 cycles)
- WECC Category C Frequency
  - Monitor all load buses for a frequency dip below 59.0 Hz for a duration of 0.10 seconds (6 cycles)

Example: Transient Limit Monitors

- Open "GSO_37Bus"
- Open the Transient Stability Analysis dialog to the Transient Limit Monitors page
- In the current case, there are several Transient Limit Monitors which are all initially inactive
- Toggle all items in the Active column to YES

This case has Bus and Gen Object monitors

Limit details

Transient Limit Monitors

Transient Limit Monitors | Monitor Violations

Records ▾ Set ▾ Columns ▾ Options ▾

	Name	Active	Abort	Abort Delay	Max Violations	Object Type	Variable Name	Filter	Limit Value	Limit Duration	Side	Type	HDR
1	WECC Category B Voltage Dip Non-Load Bus	YES	NO	0.00	100	Bus	TSBusVPU	Non-Load Only	-30.000	0.00000	Lower	Percent Deviation	NO
2	WECC Category B Voltage Dip Load Bus	YES	NO	0.00	100	Bus	TSBusVPU	Load Only	-25.000	0.00000	Lower	Percent Deviation	NO
3	WECC Category B Voltage Dip Load Bus Duration	YES	NO	0.00	100	Bus	TSBusVPU	Load Only	-20.000	0.33333	Lower	Percent Deviation	NO
4	WECC Category B Frequency	YES	NO	0.00	100	Bus	Frequency	Load Only	59.600	0.10000	Lower	Actual	NO
5	Generator Out-of-Step	YES	NO	0.00	100	Gen	TSGenDeltaNoshift		180.000	0.00000	Lower	Actual Deviation	YES

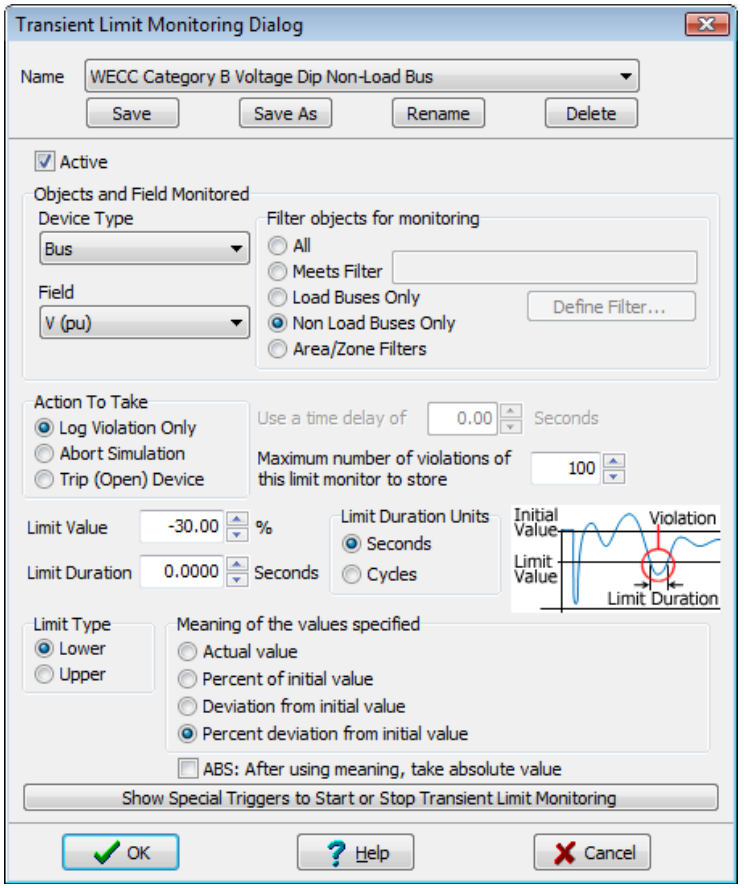
Toggle to YES to enable the Transient Limit Monitors

Field that the limit monitor applies to

Object filters in use

Transient Limit Monitors Dialog

- Right click on a Transient Limit Monitor and select “Show Dialog”
- Same options are available here as on the case information display
- **Meaning of values specified** (Examples)
  - For a system with 60 Hz nominal frequency, the following are equivalent
    - *Actual value*, *Limit Value* = 59.6 Hz
    - *Deviation from initial value*, *Limit Value* = -0.4 Hz
  - When monitoring voltage, the following are equivalent
    - *Percent of initial value*, *Limit Value* = 70%
    - *Percent deviation from initial value*, *Limit Value* = -30%



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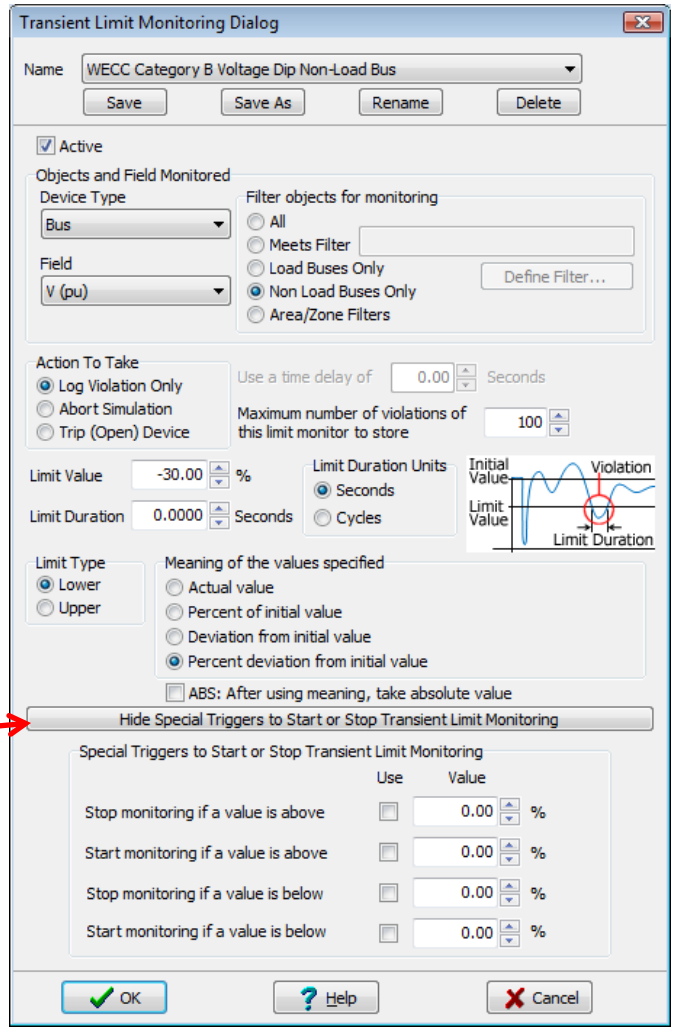
Transient Limit Monitoring Dialog

- When does transient limit monitoring start?
  - Normally transient limit monitoring does not start until AFTER the last user contingency event
  - Special options can be specified to start or stop limit monitoring as well
    - Click **Show Special Triggers to Start or Stop Transient Limit Monitoring**
    - Values specified in special triggers obey the **Meaning of values specified**



Defining Transient Limit Monitors

- When creating a new Transient Limit Monitor, give it a name and check the "Active" checkbox to make it active
- Set a particular object type and a particular field or variable name to which the limit should apply
- Set the value and type of the limit (Actual, Deviation, Percent Actual, Percent Deviation)
- Optionally, set the simulation to stop when limits are violated
- Optionally, set when monitoring of the limit should start and stop
  - "Stop below," "Start below," "Stop above," "Start above" values, plus YES/NO fields to enable each
  - This allows the monitoring of a limit to be used for customizable situations

Stop Below Use	Stop Below	Start Below Use	Start Below	Stop Above Use	Stop Above	Start Above Use	Start Above
NO	0.000	NO	0.000	NO	0.000	NO	0.000
NO	0.000	NO	0.000	NO	0.000	NO	0.000
NO	0.000	NO	0.000	NO	0.000	NO	0.000
NO	0.000	NO	0.000	NO	0.000	NO	0.000
NO	0.000	NO	0.000	NO	0.000	NO	0.000

Transient Limit Monitoring Dialog

Define what is monitored

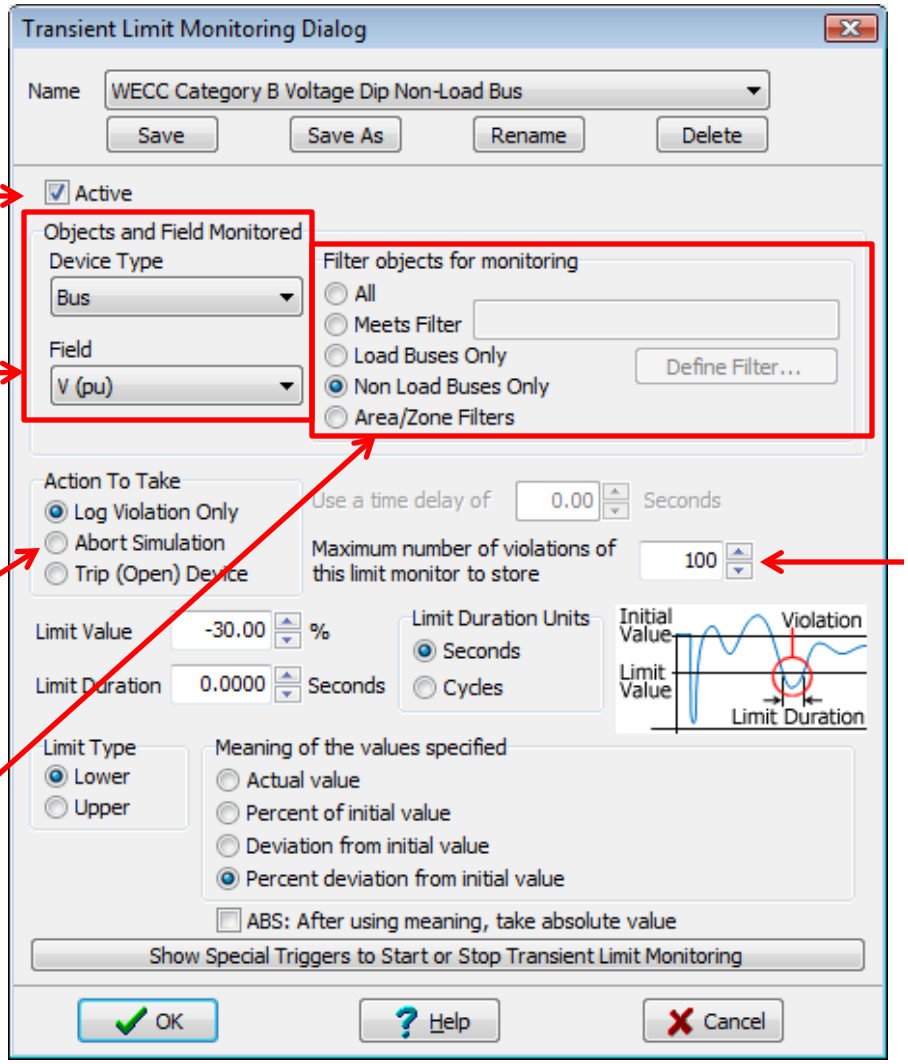
Uncheck to ignore monitoring temporarily

Choose a particular Field and Device Type

Can abort the simulation or trip device a specified time after violation

Choose Filter for which devices to monitor

Filter decision is based on the power flow solution (initial steady state)



Maximum number of violations to store

Transient Limit Monitoring Dialog

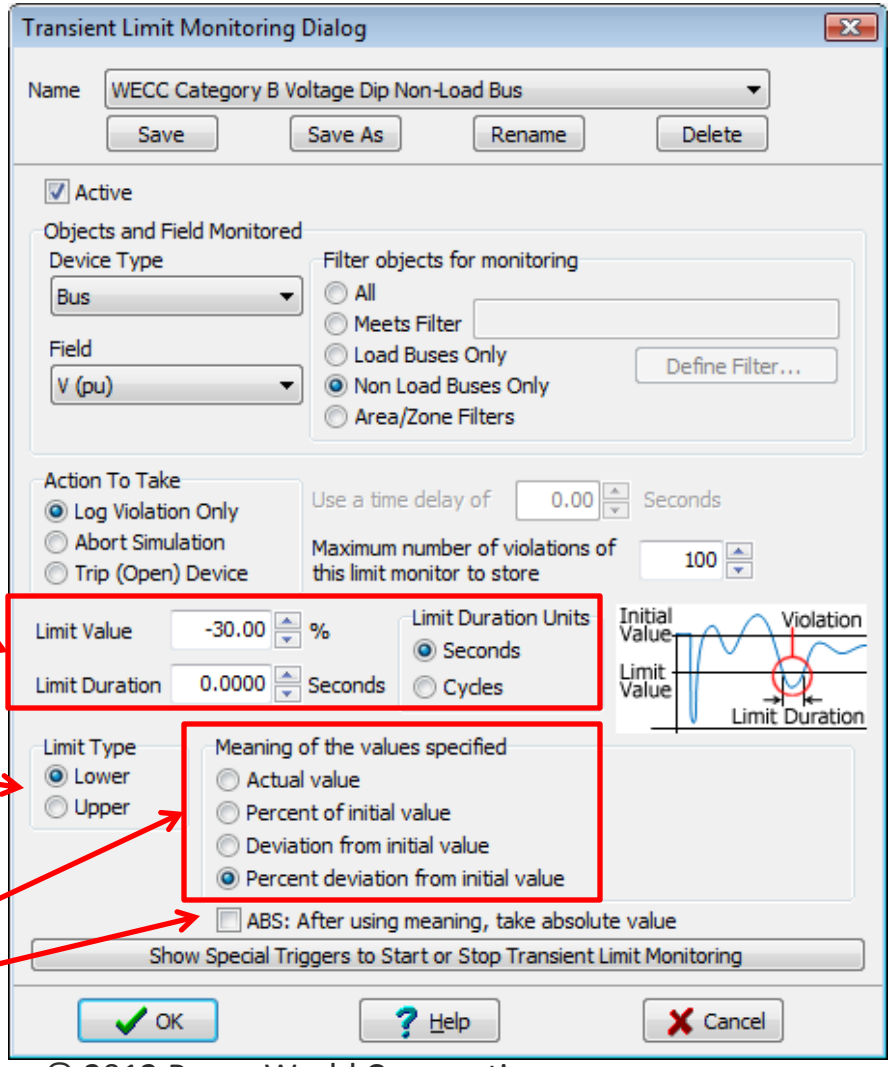
Define what is considered a limit violation

Specify Limit Value and Duration

Is this an Upper or Lower Limit?

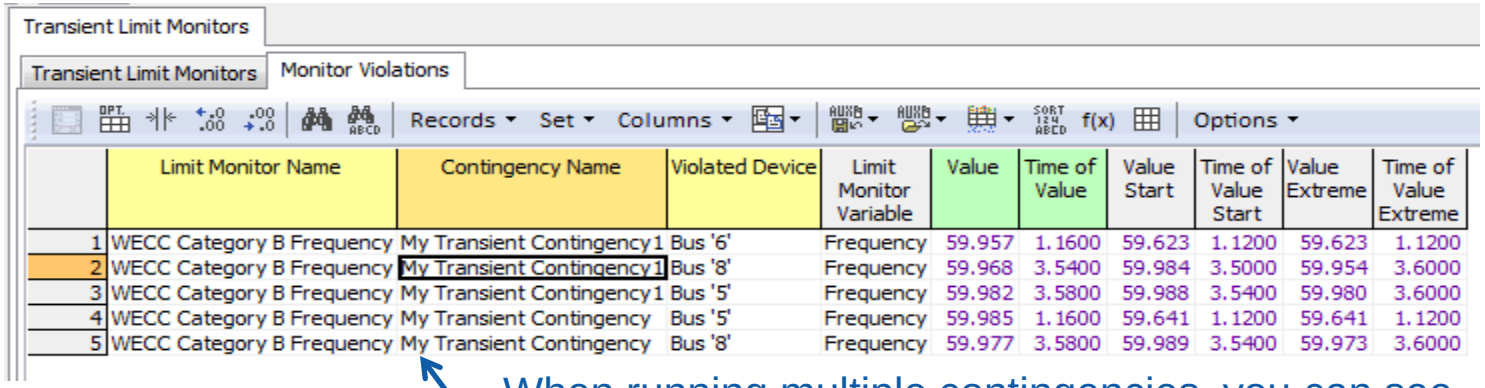
Specify how the Limit Value and special triggers are interpreted

Absolute Value



Transient Limit Monitors: Monitor Violations

- As a transient stability run is processed, any violations of the Transient Limit Monitors will be shown in the Monitor Violations table
  - Shows which Limit Monitor was violated
  - Shows contingency under which violation occurs
  - Shows violated device
- If violations are found, you can revisit the run and store appropriate results
- Option to "Make a New Plot" on the Records Menu and right-click menu, will automatically generate a new Plot Definition

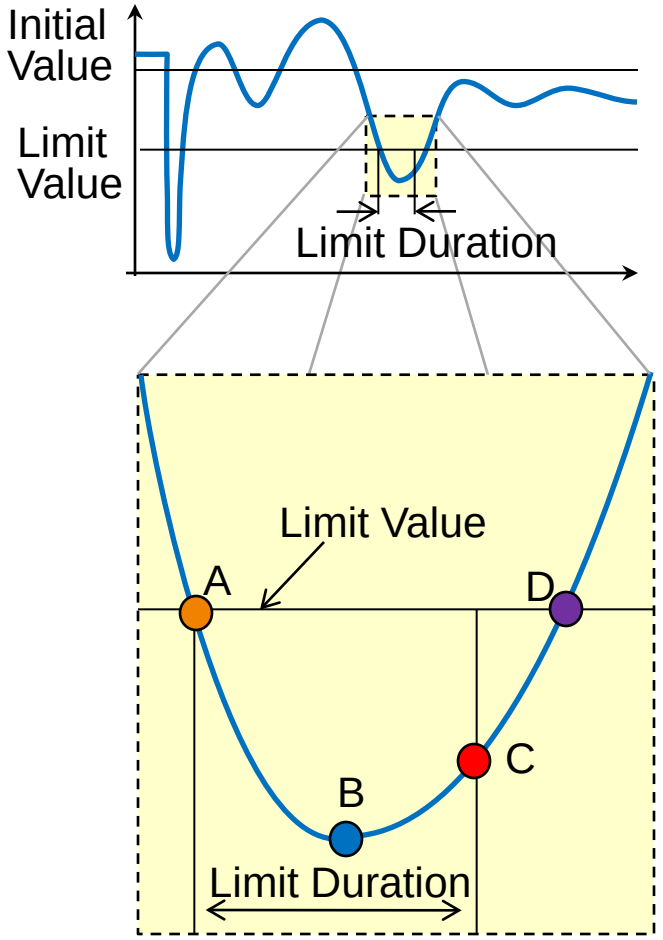


	Limit Monitor Name	Contingency Name	Violated Device	Limit Monitor Variable	Value	Time of Value	Value Start	Time of Value Start	Value Extreme	Time of Value Extreme
1	WECC Category B Frequency	My Transient Contingency1	Bus '6'	Frequency	59.957	1.1600	59.623	1.1200	59.623	1.1200
2	WECC Category B Frequency	My Transient Contingency1	Bus '8'	Frequency	59.968	3.5400	59.984	3.5000	59.954	3.6000
3	WECC Category B Frequency	My Transient Contingency1	Bus '5'	Frequency	59.982	3.5800	59.988	3.5400	59.980	3.6000
4	WECC Category B Frequency	My Transient Contingency	Bus '5'	Frequency	59.985	1.1600	59.641	1.1200	59.641	1.1200
5	WECC Category B Frequency	My Transient Contingency	Bus '8'	Frequency	59.977	3.5800	59.989	3.5400	59.973	3.6000

When running multiple contingencies, you can see which one caused the violation

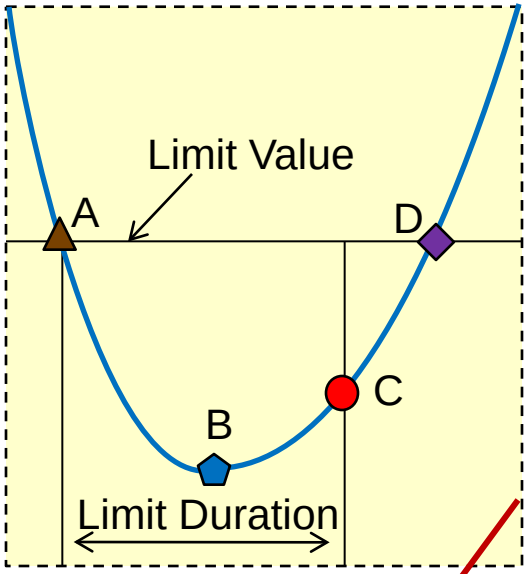
Transient Limit Monitors: Monitor Violations

- Values reported by Monitor Violations
  - Violation (Point C)
    - Value
    - Time of Value
  - Extreme (Point B)
    - Extreme Value
    - Time of Extreme Value
    - Note: could be after point C also
  - Start of Violation (Point A)
    - Value Start
    - Time of Value Start
  - Value no longer violating (Point D)
    - Value No Violation
    - Time of Value No Violation
    - Note: Point may not exist



Monitor Violations: Example

- Run the simulation
- Open the Transient Limit Monitors page and view the violations
- The “Generator Out-of-Step” limit monitor has several violations



Monitor Violations Tab-
View the violations

For this example, points A and C are the same because the Limit Duration is 0

Transient Limit Monitors

Transient Limit Monitors | Monitor Violations

Records ▾ Set ▾ Columns ▾ f(x) ▾ Options ▾

	Limit Monitor Name	Contingency Name	Violated Device	Limit Monitor Variable	Actual Value	Time of Value	Actual Value Start	Time of Value Start	Actual Value Extreme	Time of Value Extreme	Actual Value No Longer	Time of No Longer
1	Generator Out-of-Step	My Transient Contingency	Gen '53' '1'	TSGenDeltaNoshift	-162.646545	3.341667	-162.646545	3.3417	-1981.796875	20.0000		
2	Generator Out-of-Step	My Transient Contingency	Gen '44' '1'	TSGenDeltaNoshift	-157.619003	3.350000	-157.619003	3.3500	-1974.850098	20.0000		
3	Generator Out-of-Step	My Transient Contingency	Gen '48' '1'	TSGenDeltaNoshift	-177.951309	3.350000	-177.951309	3.3500	-1995.511353	20.0000		
4	Generator Out-of-Step	My Transient Contingency	Gen '28' '1'	TSGenDeltaNoshift	-155.887604	3.358333	-155.887604	3.3583	-1972.189941	20.0000		
5	Generator Out-of-Step	My Transient Contingency	Gen '28' '2'	TSGenDeltaNoshift	-155.887604	3.358333	-155.887604	3.3583	-1972.189941	20.0000		
6	Generator Out-of-Step	My Transient Contingency	Gen '14' '1'	TSGenDeltaNoshift	-177.231720	3.366667	-177.231720	3.3667	-1992.630859	20.0000		
7	Generator Out-of-Step	My Transient Contingency	Gen '50' '1'	TSGenDeltaNoshift	-169.956482	3.366667	-169.956482	3.3667	-1985.413574	20.0000		
8	Generator Out-of-Step	My Transient Contingency	Gen '31' '1'	TSGenDeltaNoshift	-172.705673	3.383333	-172.705673	3.3833	-1988.474609	20.0000		

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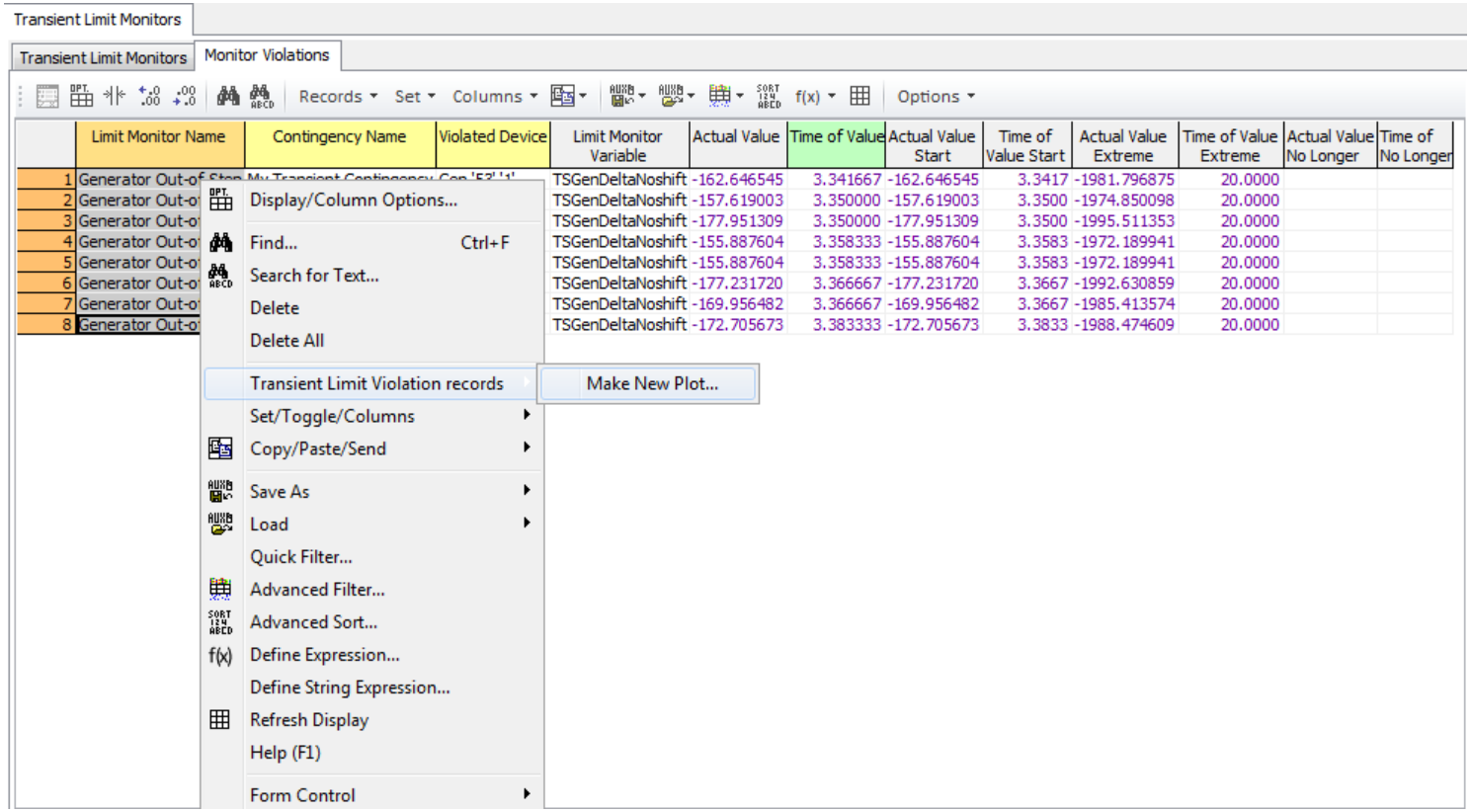
Monitor Violations: Example

- You can add Plot Definitions for variables which are violating the limit monitors
- Select all the violations, right click, choose “Make New Plot”

Create Plot Definitions for violating fields



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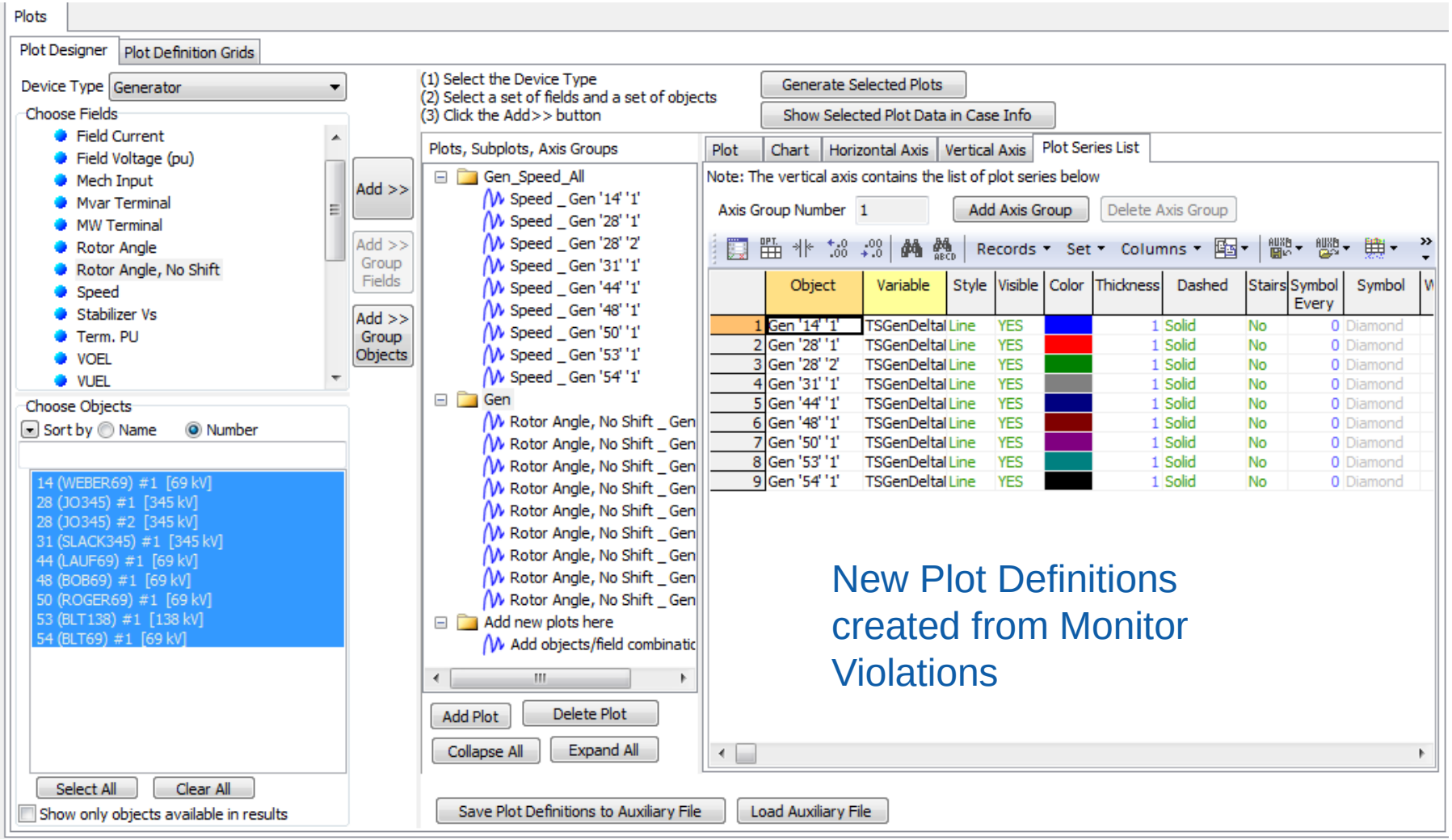

New Plot Definitions created from Monitor Violations

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