# 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**

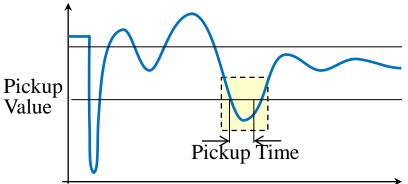


 Available under Options\Generic Limit Monitors

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Break	er Delay Time (Cycles)	0.0 🚔		

#### Generic Limit Monitors: Action to Take

- Pickup Value, Pickup Time
  - For Under Frequency, value must fall <u>below</u> 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 <u>above</u> 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

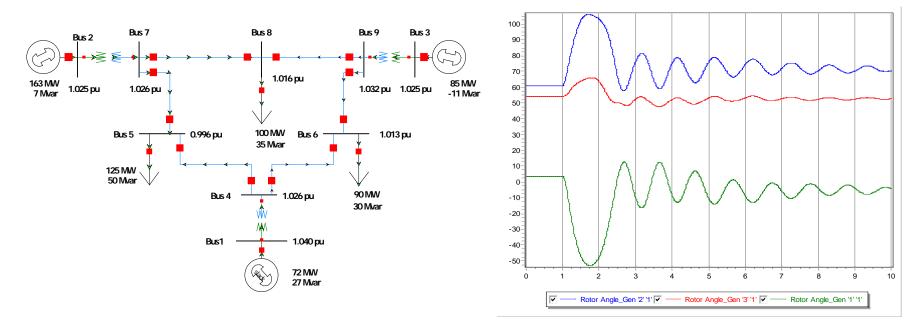
#### Action to Take

- 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





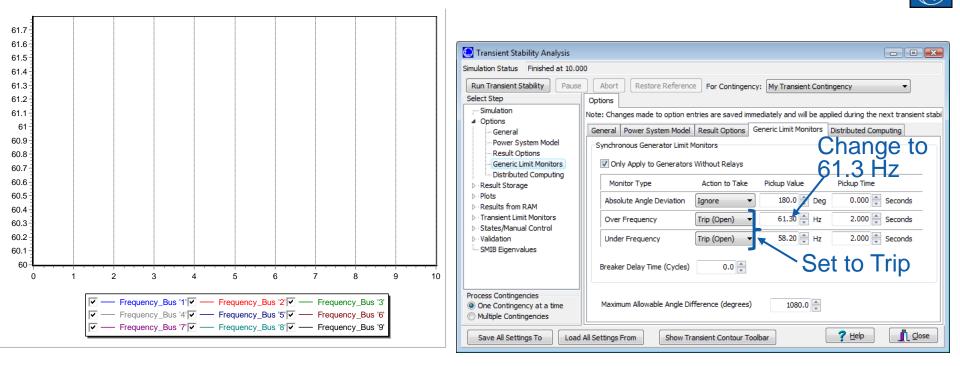
#### Open "WSCC\_9Bus"



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.

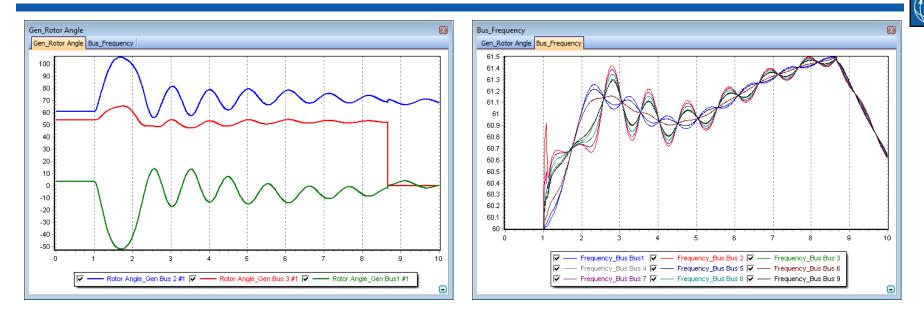
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- Because this case has no governors and no infinite bus, the bus frequency keeps rising throughout the simulation, even though the rotor angles are stable.
- Go to the Generic Limit Monitors tab of the Options page. Set the generators to automatically 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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WSCC\_9Bus

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

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

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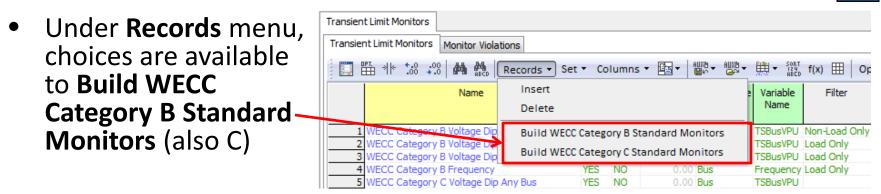
#### Transient Limit Monitors



- 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

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#### Built-In Transient Limit Monitors



- 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)

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### Built-In Transient Limit Monitors

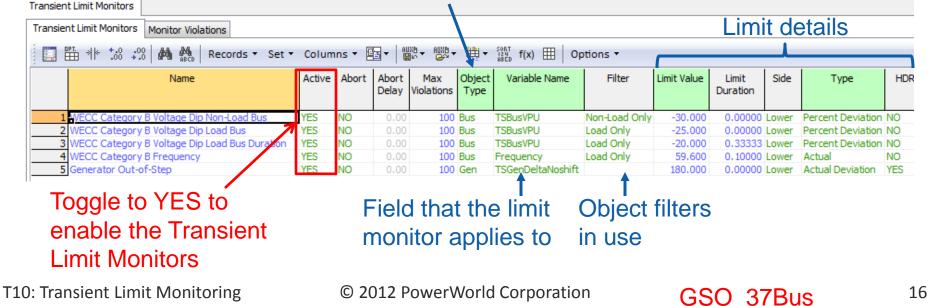


- Differences as compared to Category B standards are highlighted in <u>Red</u>.
- WECC Category C Voltage Dip for Any Bus
  - Monitor <u>all</u> buses for any voltage dip of 30% below the initial voltage value at any time
- WECC Category C Voltage Dip for Any Bus Duration
  - Monitor <u>all</u> buses for a voltage dip of 20% below the initial voltage for a duration of <u>0.66667 seconds (40 cycles)</u>
- WECC Category C Frequency
  - Monitor all load buses for a frequency dip below <u>59.0 Hz</u> 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



### **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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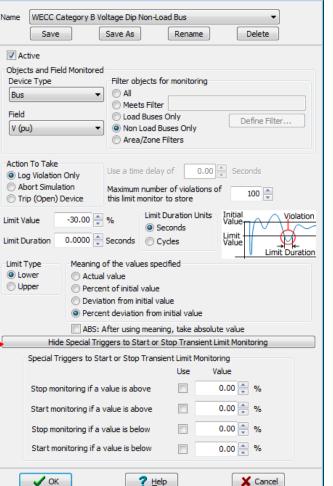
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### Transient Limit Monitoring Dialog

- 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





Transient Limit Monitoring Dialog



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### **Defining Transient Limit Monitors**

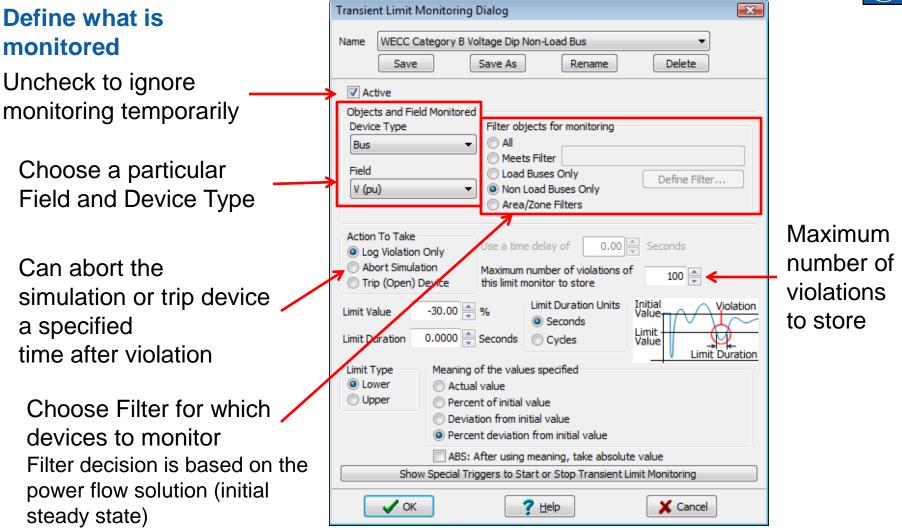


- When creating a new Transient Limit Monitor, give it a name and check the "Active" checkbox to make it active
- Set a particular object type and a particular field or variable name to which the limit should apply
- Set the value and type of the limit (Actual, Deviation, Percent Actual, Percent Deviation)
- 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

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#### Limit Monitoring Dialog



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#### 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 trigge are interpreted

Absolute Value

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#### Transient Limit Monitors: Monitor Violations



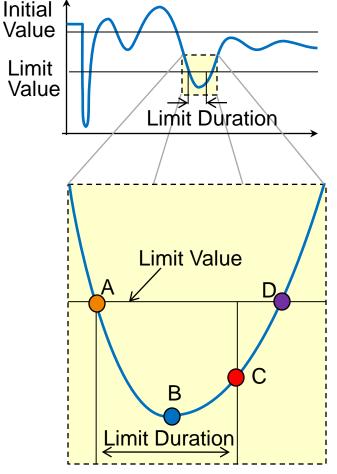
- As a transient stability run is processed, any violations of the Transient Limit Monitors will be shown in the Monitor Violations table
  - Shows which Limit Monitor was violated
  - Shows contingency under which violation occurs
  - Shows violated device
- If violations are found, you can revisit 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

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When running multiple contingencies, you can see which one caused the violation © 2012 PowerWorld Corporation

#### 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

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Limit Value

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Limit Duration

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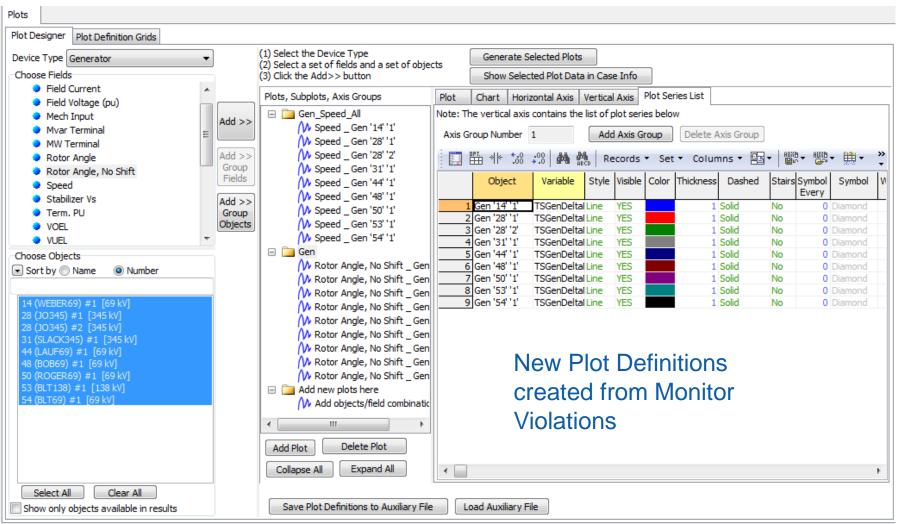
- You can add Plot Definitions for variables which are violating the limit monitors
- Select all the violations, right click, choose "Make New Plot"

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