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New Developments in the Visualization of Wide-Area Electric Grid Information with Application to Grid Interconnection Studies

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Abstract: An ongoing power system big data challenge is how best to utilize and ultimately present information to a human user derived from either actual system sensors or engineering studies for large-scale electric grids. In operations this data might come from measurement systems such as SCADA or PMUs, while in a study context it might be generated by a various applications such as power flow and dynamic simulations. This presentation discusses some of the newer visualization techniques that are being deployed by the electric power industry. These include animation, contouring, time-varying graphs, geographic-based displays, image blending, and data aggregation techniques. The techniques are demonstrated using a variety of actual and synthetic electric grids including some studies focused on the interconnection of large-scale electric grids.

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