



# DOE/OE Transmission Reliability Program

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## Measurement Based Stability Assessment

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# Overview

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- Task 1: Force Oscillations:
  - Distinguish between natural and FO.
  - Detecting and locate the source of a FO.
- Task 2: Conduct detailed comparison of Mode Meter algorithms.
- Participants:
  - Dan Trudnowski (co-PI), Montana Tech
  - John Pierre (co-PI), University of Wyoming
  - Luke Dosiek, Union College
  - Graduate students
- Collaborations
  - PNNL
  - BPA (data)

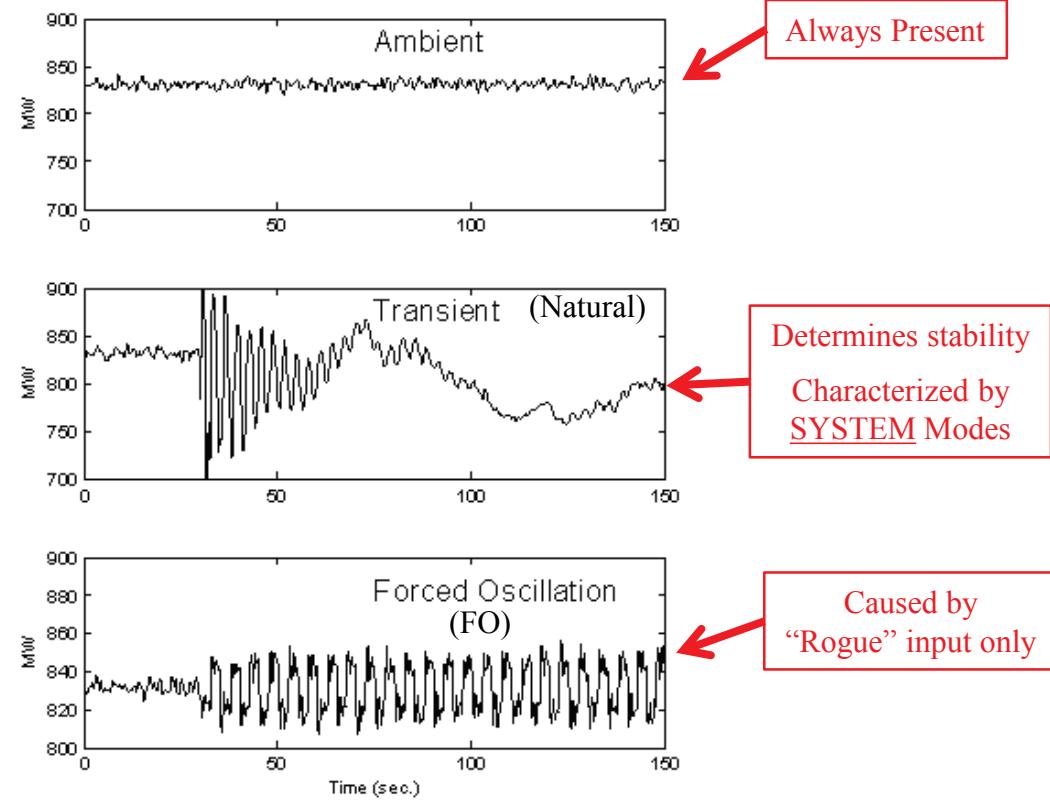
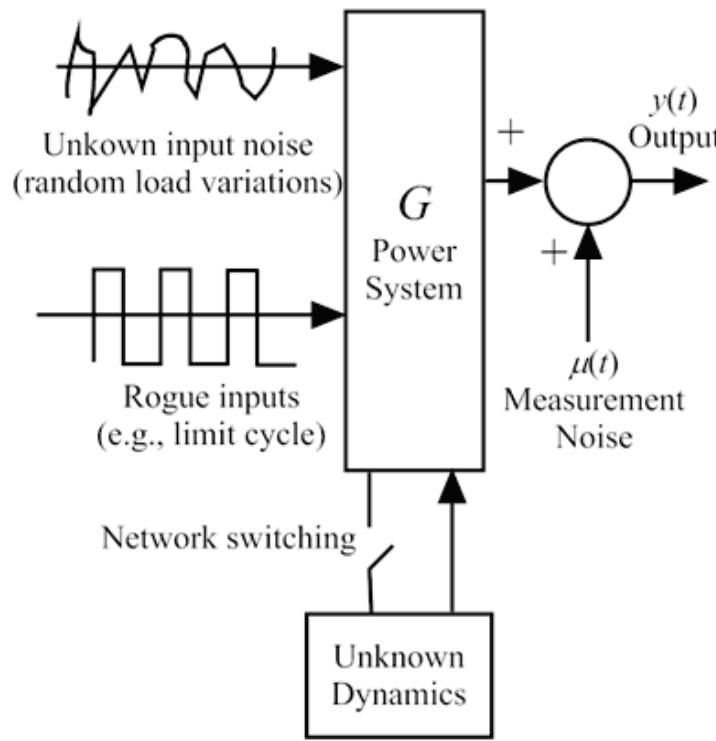


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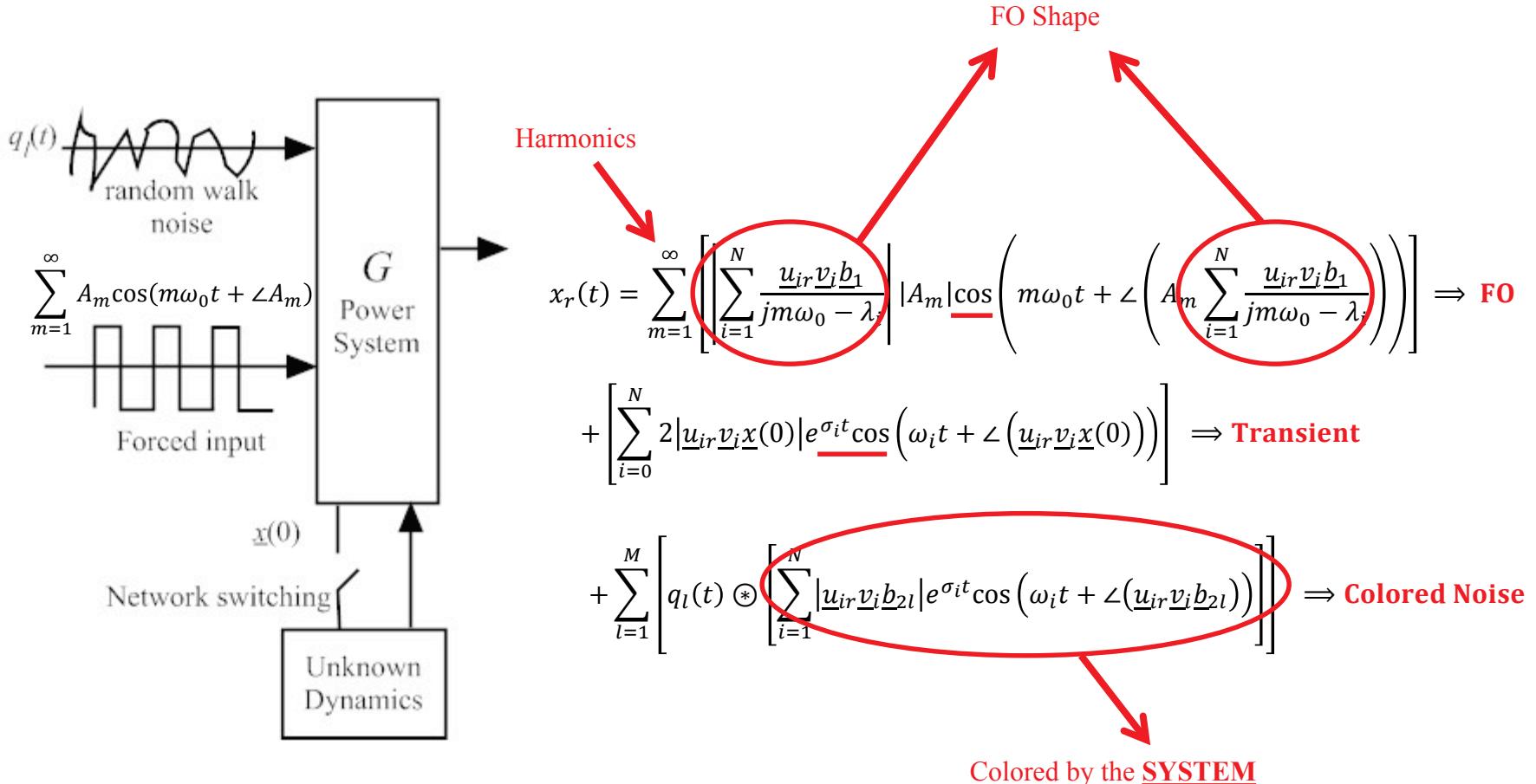
# Task 1: FO Research



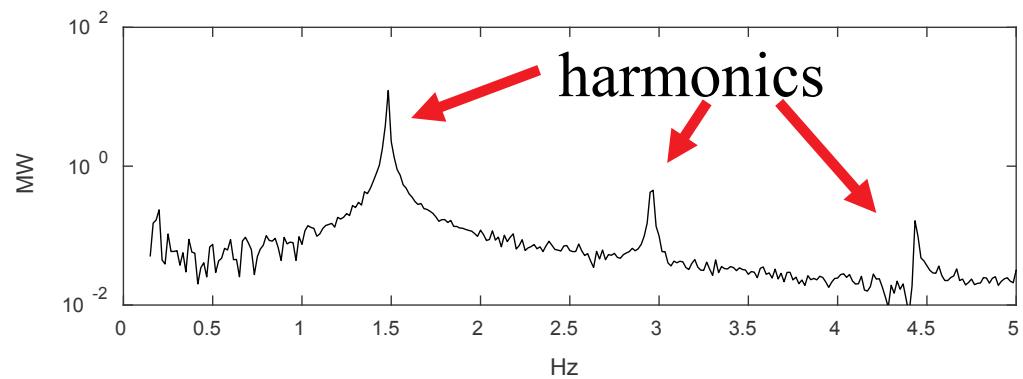
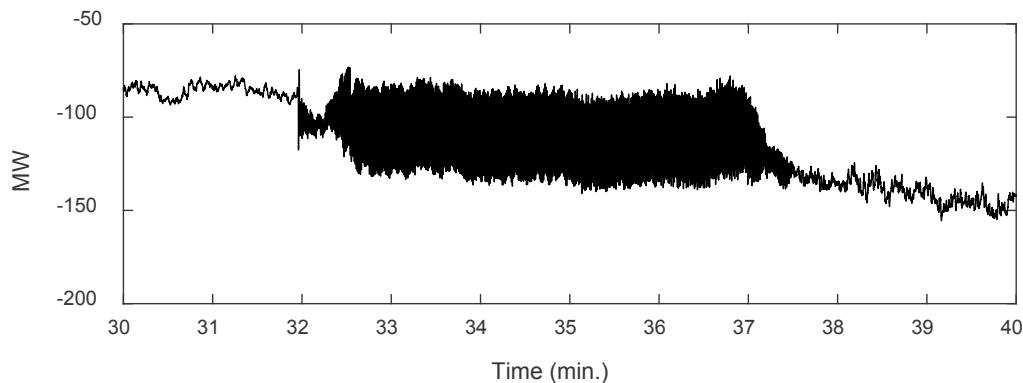
# System Model



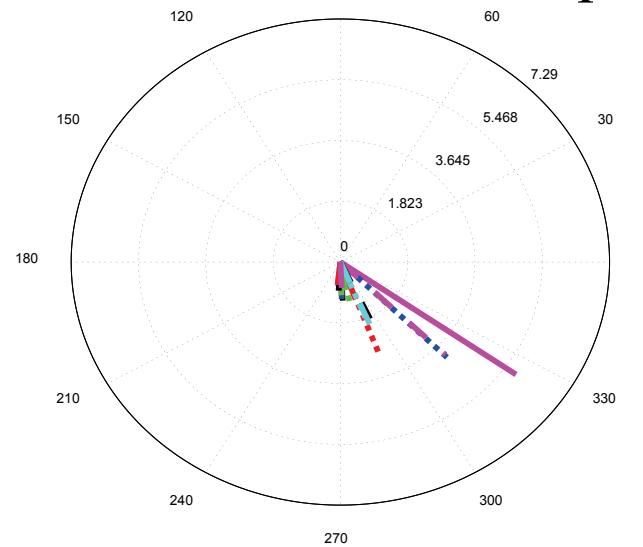
# FO Characteristics



# WECC FO, 2015



1<sup>st</sup> Harmonic Shape



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# Distinguishing between FO and Un-damped Transients



# Un-damped Transient vs FO

Forced

$$\hat{x}_r(t) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left[ \left| \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\underline{u}_{ir} \underline{v}_i \underline{b}_1}{jm\omega_0 - \lambda_i} \right| |A_m| \cos \left( m\omega_0 t + \angle \left( A_m \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\underline{u}_{ir} \underline{v}_i \underline{b}_1}{jm\omega_0 - \lambda_i} \right) \right) \right] \Rightarrow \text{FO}$$

Harmonics

$$+ \sum_{l=1}^M \left[ q_l(t) \circledast \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N |\underline{u}_{ir} \underline{v}_i \underline{b}_{2l}| e^{\sigma_i t} \cos(\omega_i t + \angle(\underline{u}_{ir} \underline{v}_i \underline{b}_{2l})) \right] \right] \Rightarrow \text{Colored Noise}$$

Transient

$$\hat{x}_r(t) = 2 |\underline{u}_{nr} \underline{v}_n \underline{x}(0)| \cos(\omega_n t + \angle(\underline{u}_{nr} \underline{v}_n \underline{x}(0))) \Rightarrow \text{Transient}$$

No Harmonics

$$+ \sum_{l=1}^M \left[ q_l(t) \circledast \left[ \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq n}}^N |\underline{u}_{ir} \underline{v}_i \underline{b}_{2l}| e^{\sigma_i t} \cos(\omega_i t + \angle(\underline{u}_{ir} \underline{v}_i \underline{b}_{2l})) \right] \right] \Rightarrow \text{Colored Noise}$$

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Unique to a Transient



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# Detecting and Locating FO sources



# Locating FO

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- If an FO is detected, where is its source?
- What is the magnitude of the source?



# Approaches

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## 1. Magnitude/Shape

- Requires no system model or knowledge
- Easy to implement for on-line use
- Fails when FO is near system mode
- Lots of experience; currently used at BPA control center

## 2. Energy Flow

- Requires some network information
- Recent research has improved calculation method for on-line approach
- Cannot quantify the FO
- Seems to be reliable and robust for locating the FO source; needs more testing

## 3. Swing Equation Estimation

- Only applicable to real-power turbine-induced FO
- Requires no model information but does require baselining
- Both quantifies and locates the FO
- Initial tests indicate a need to measure generator speed

## 4. Measurement/Model Matching

- Requires some system information
- Locates source or region of forced oscillation
- Potential for on-line application



# Task 1 Accomplishments and Plans

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- Accomplishments
  - Developed fundamental understanding of how FOs propagate thru the system
  - Developed algorithm to distinguish between un-damped transient and FO. Tested it on simulation data and one actual-system case.
  - Develop concept for locating FO using a full system model.
  - Develop concept for locating mechanical power FO with no model information.
  - Developed a frequency-domain version of the Energy-Flow method to enable online applications.
  - Conducted a detailed comparison of FO locating approaches.
- Plans
  - Testing using actual system data



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# Task2: Mode Meter Comparison



# Task 2: Objective

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- Many algorithms have been researched and developed (including commercial products)
- Performance Questions:
  - How accurate is the mode estimate?
  - How sensitive is the estimate to algorithm settings?
  - How sensitive is the estimate to system conditions (ambient vs. transient)?
  - How quickly does the algorithm respond to a system change?
  - **How does the presence of a forced oscillation affect the mode estimate?**
- Research Approach
  - Monte Carlo simulations with the miniWECC model
  - Tests with actual system data



# Algorithms Tested

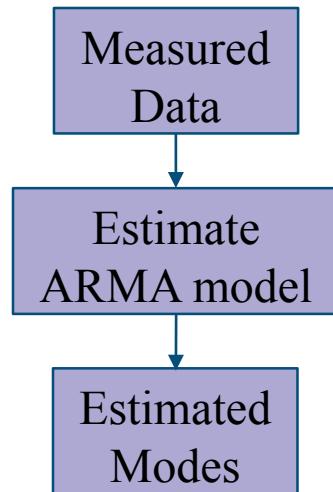
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- Established Approaches
  - Yule-Walker ARMA
    - Modified Yule-Walker (MYW) (single channel)
    - Modified Extended Yule-Walker (MEYW) (multichannel)
  - Subspace (currently being tested)
- Newer Approaches
  - Least Squares ARMA
    - Two-Stage Least Squares (2S-LS) (single channel)
    - Multichannel Transfer Function (MCTF) (multichannel 2S-LS)
    - Recursive Maximum Likelihood (RML) (single channel, MLE)
  - **Forced-Oscillation-ready algorithms**
    - **YW ARMA+S (MYW, incorporates FOS)**
    - **LS ARMA+S (2S-LS, incorporates FOS)**
  - Stochastic Subspace (currently being tested)



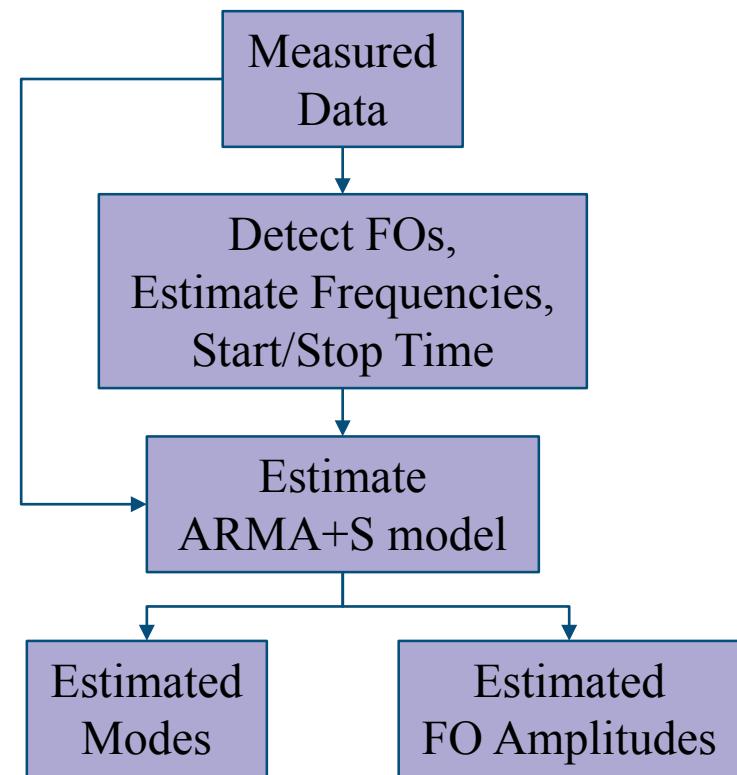
# Including FOs in Mode Meter Models

- Established methods:



- If a FO is present in the Measured Data, the Mode Estimates can be (severely) biased
- May result in **False Alarms**

- Research has shown that if we first detect Forced Oscillations and include them in our model structures, we get better mode estimates



# miniWECC – Ambient Data

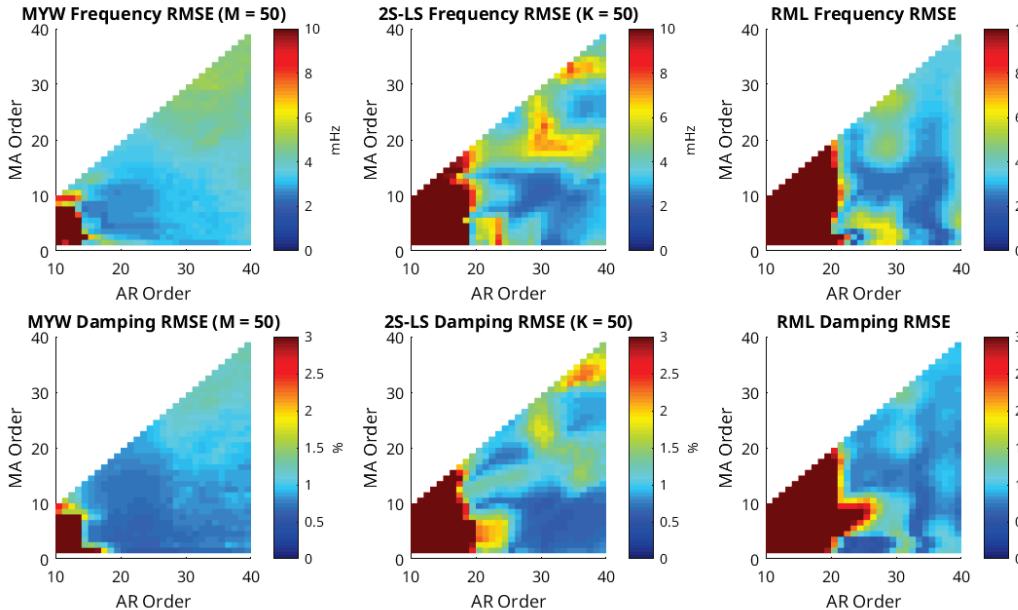
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- 300 realizations of 20 minutes of data were created
- Analyzed voltage angles (differenced for single-channel, separately for multichannel algorithms)
- Estimated North-South B mode (0.37 Hz, 4.67 % damping)
- Used Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) to compare
- Swept through several model orders (~800 cases):
  - AR from 10 to 40
  - MA from 1 to AR

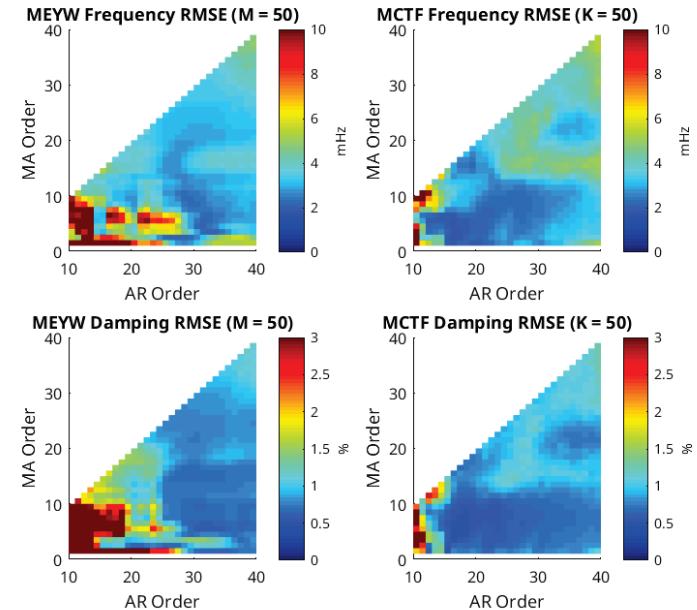


# Model Order Sensitivity

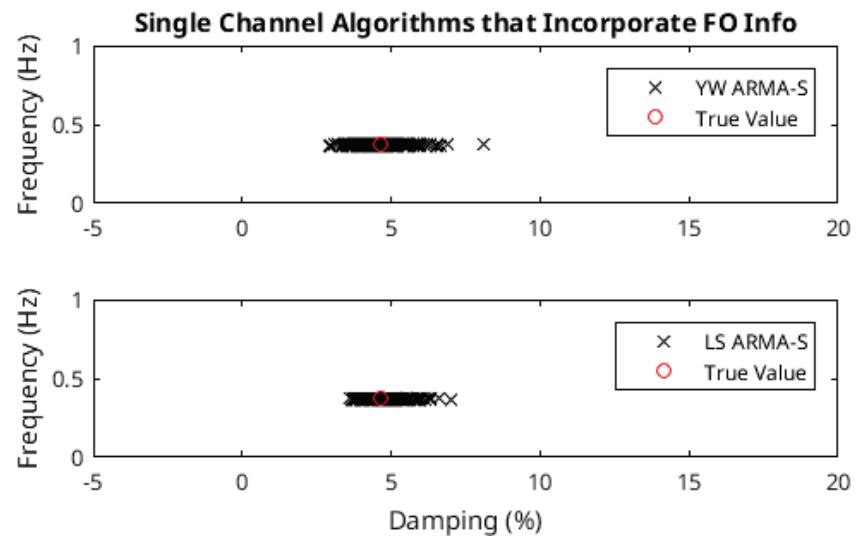
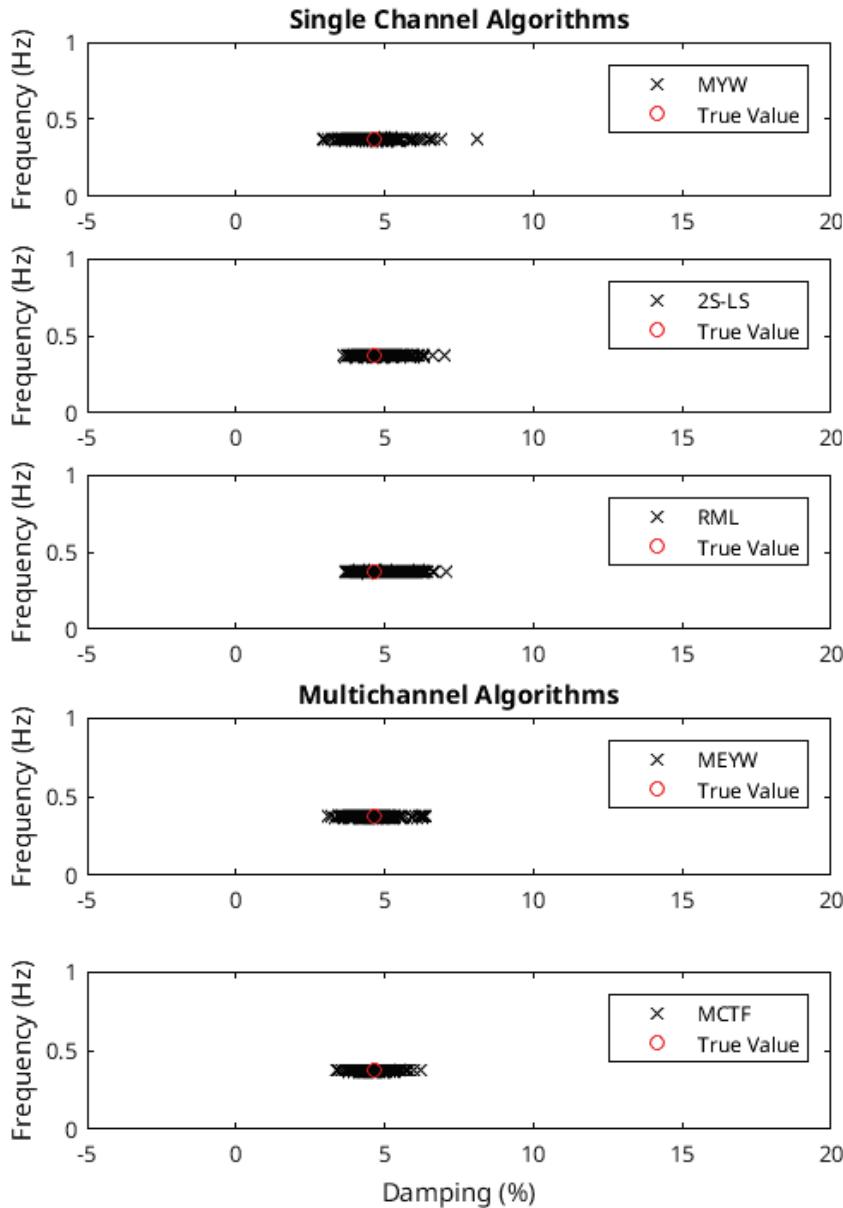
## Single Channel Algorithms (FO-Algorithms virtually identical)



## Multichannel Algorithms



# Ambient Performance

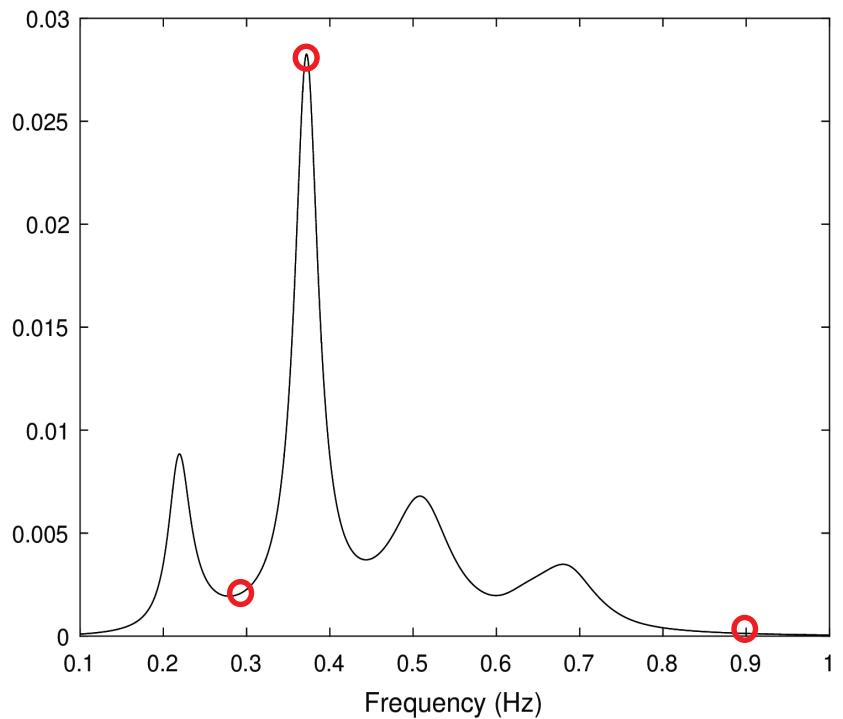


- Model order fixed ( $n=32, m=6$ )
- All methods have comparable performance
- New FO mode meters virtually identical to classic counterparts

# miniWECC – Forced Oscillations

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- Underlying ambient data same as before
- FOs generated as square wave mechanical power inputs to a particular generator
- 27 cases - all combinations of:
  - 0.3, 0.37, and 0.9 Hz fundamental frequency
  - 3 different durations
  - 3 different amplitudes

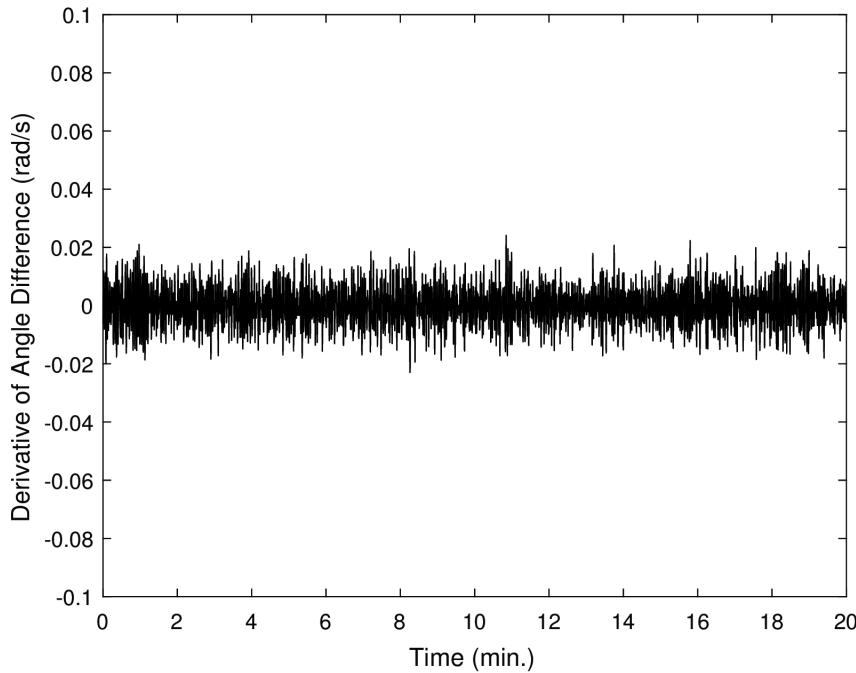


True power spectral density (PSD) of simulated system output with FO fundamental frequencies circled

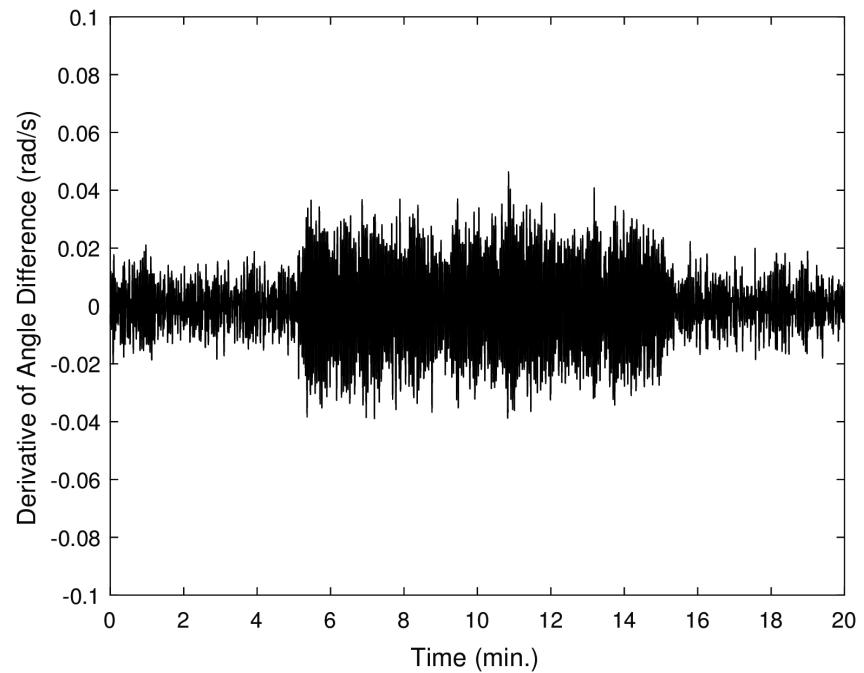


# FO Performance: 0.37 Hz, -20 dB, 10 min.

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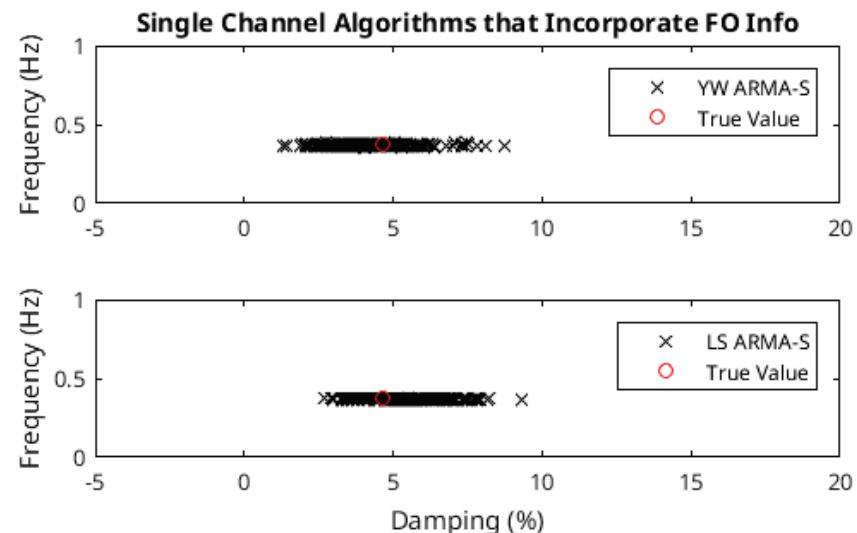
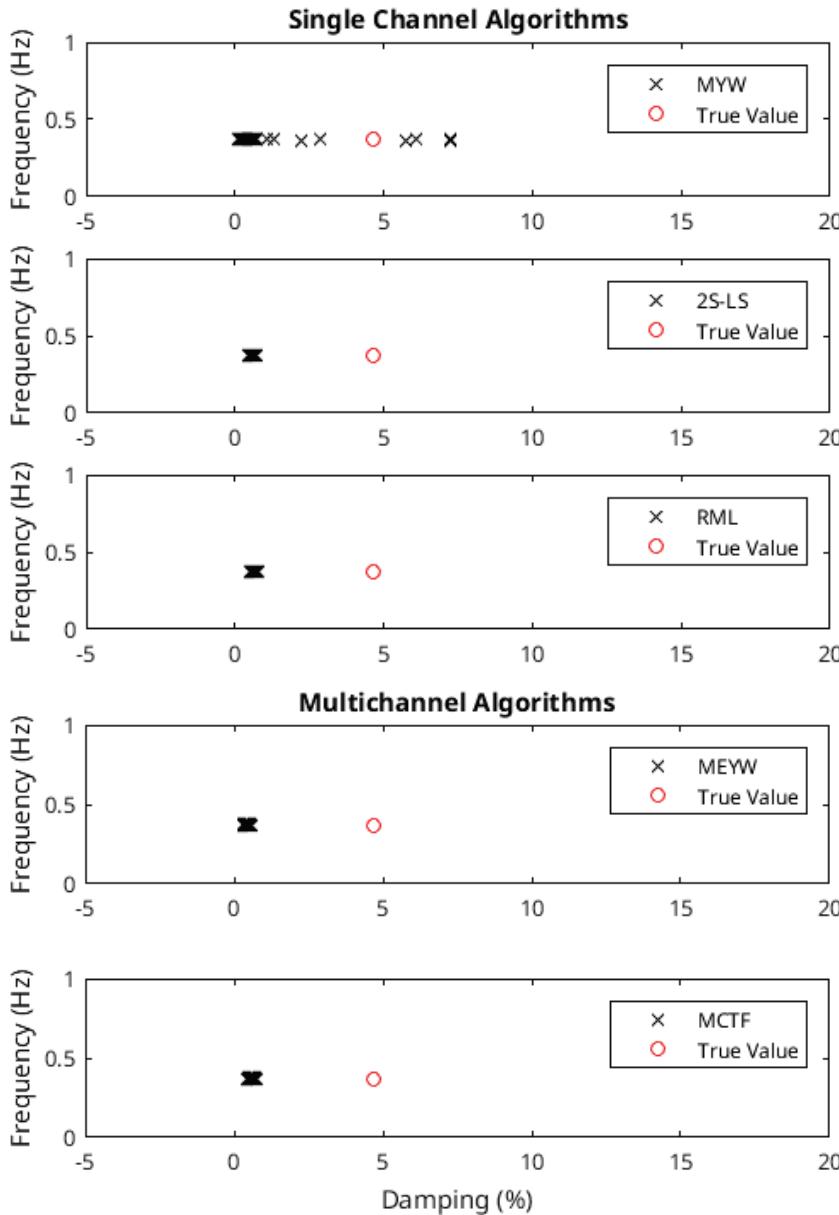
Ambient data



Ambient plus FO data



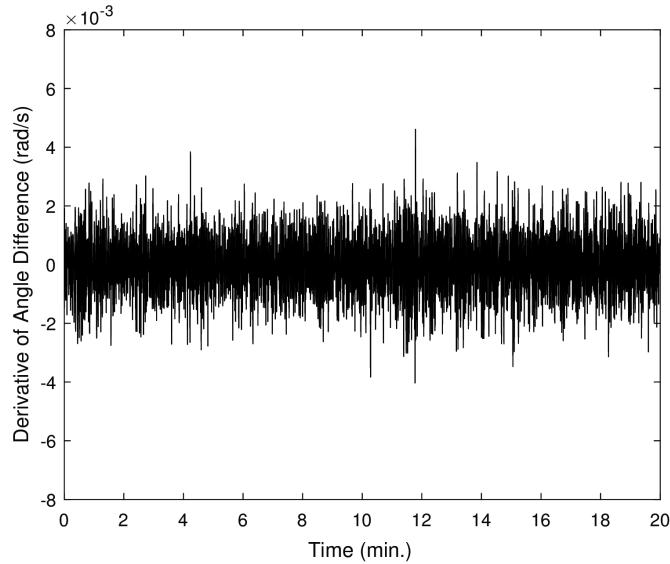
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- 0.37 Hz resonates with NS-B mode
- This causes traditional mode meters to estimate a mode with ~0% damping while ignoring NS-B mode
- FO-ready methods show dramatic improvement

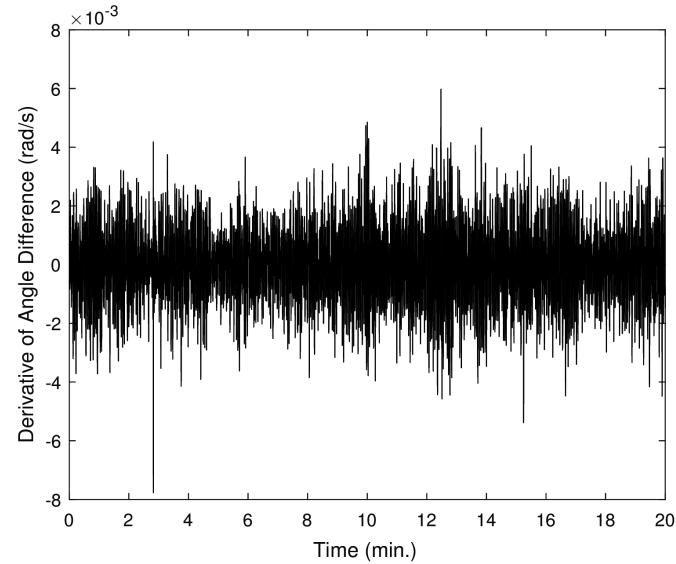
# WECC Data – Sept. 2014 FO Event

- Ambient only (no known FO present)
- No FOs detected



	Frequency	Damping	FO Amp.
MYW	0.38 Hz	9.48 %	N/A
2S-LS	0.38 Hz	9.51 %	N/A
RML	0.39 Hz	9.10 %	N/A
MEYW	0.37 Hz	8.48 %	N/A
MCTF	0.37 Hz	10.29 %	N/A
YW ARMA-S	0.38 Hz	9.48 %	N/A
LS ARMA-S	0.38 Hz	9.51 %	N/A

- Ambient with FO present throughout
- FO detected at 0.34 Hz



	Frequency	Damping	FO Amp.
MYW	0.35 Hz	2.95 %	N/A
2S-LS	0.35 Hz	3.70 %	N/A
RML	0.35 Hz	4.11 %	N/A
MEYW	0.35 Hz	3.60 %	N/A
MCTF	0.34 Hz	4.68 %	N/A
YW ARMA-S	0.34 Hz	6.51 %	0.0015 rad/s
LS ARMA-S	0.35 Hz	5.07 %	0.0010 rad/s

# Task 2 Accomplishments and Plans

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- Accomplishments
  - Extensive model order sensitivity study under ambient conditions that revealed robustness of Yule-Walker approach
  - Conducted a battery of tests under a variety of Forced Oscillation conditions that illustrated the effectiveness of FO-ready mode meters
- Plans
  - Include subspace methods in test scenarios (i.e., stochastic subspace and N4SID)
  - Additional test cases
    - Explore how FO mode meters behave in presence of transients (ringdowns) – preliminary testing suggests they may falsely detect short-duration FOs, but mode estimates do not suffer
    - Forced oscillations from un-modeled system dynamics, rather than oscillatory system input (e.g., generator rough zone)
    - System mode with nearly 0% damping (sustained natural oscillation)
    - Multiple oscillation types at once
    - Lots of WECC data



# Areas of Future Research

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- Task 1
  - Faster and automated approaches for distinguishing between FOs and transients
  - Faster automated methods for locating FO sources
  - Extensive testing
- Task 2
  - Should model orders be changed when FO is detected?
  - Does increasing the number of signals in the multichannel algorithms improve things? Is there a point of diminishing return?
  - Improved automated FO detection.
  - Modify additional mode meter algorithms to include FO information
  - Can we incorporate transients into a mode meter?



# Recent Publications

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1. R. Xie and D. Trudnowski, "Distinguishing Between Natural and Forced Oscillations Using a Cross-Spectrum Index," *IEEE PESGM*, July 2017 (**Best Conference paper award**).
2. R. Xie and D. Trudnowski , "Comparison of Methods for Locating and Quantifying Turbine-Induced Forced-Oscillations," *IEEE PESGM*, July 2017.
3. U. Agrawal, J. Pierre, J. Follum, D. Duan, D. Trudnowski, and M. Donnelly, "Locating the Source of Forced Oscillations using PMU Measurements and System Model Information," *IEEE PESGM*, July 2017 (**Best Conference paper award**).
4. L. Dosiek, D. Trudnowski, J. Pierre, "Model Order Sensitivity in ARMA-based Electromechanical Mode Estimation Algorithms Under Ambient Power System Conditions , " *IEEE PESGM*, July 2017.
5. J. Follum, J. Pierre, and R. Martin, "Simultaneous Estimation of Electromechanical Modes and Forced Oscillations," *IEEE Trans. on Power Systems*, (accepted).
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7. D. Trudnowski, R. Xie, and I. West, "Shape properties of forced oscillations," *NAPS*, Sep. 2016.
8. J. Follum, F. Tuffner, L. Dosiek, and J. Pierre, "Power System Oscillatory Behaviors: Sources, Characteristics, & Analyses," *NASPI2017TR003/PNNL26375*, North American Synchrophasor Initiative, May 17, 2017
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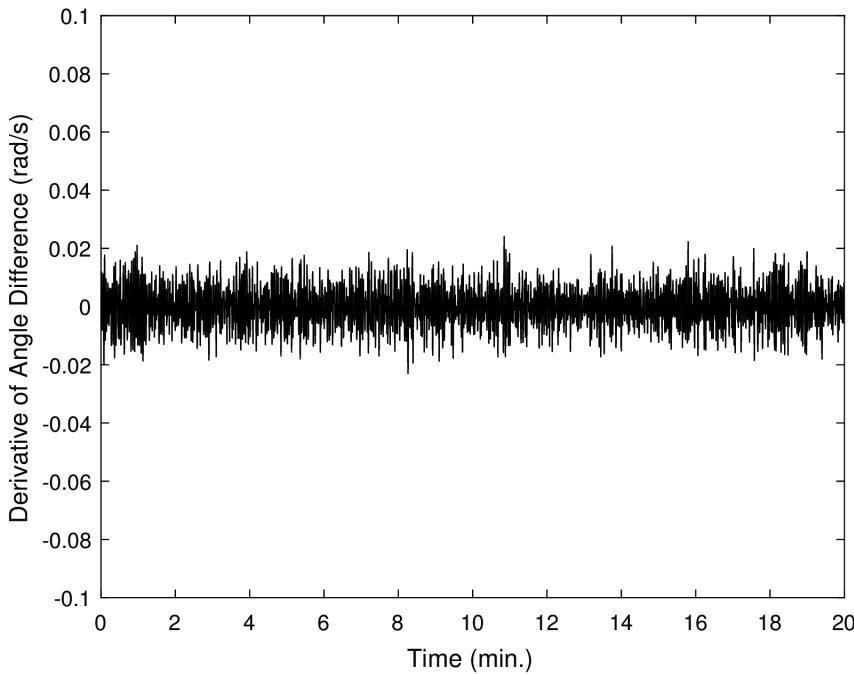
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# Extra Slides

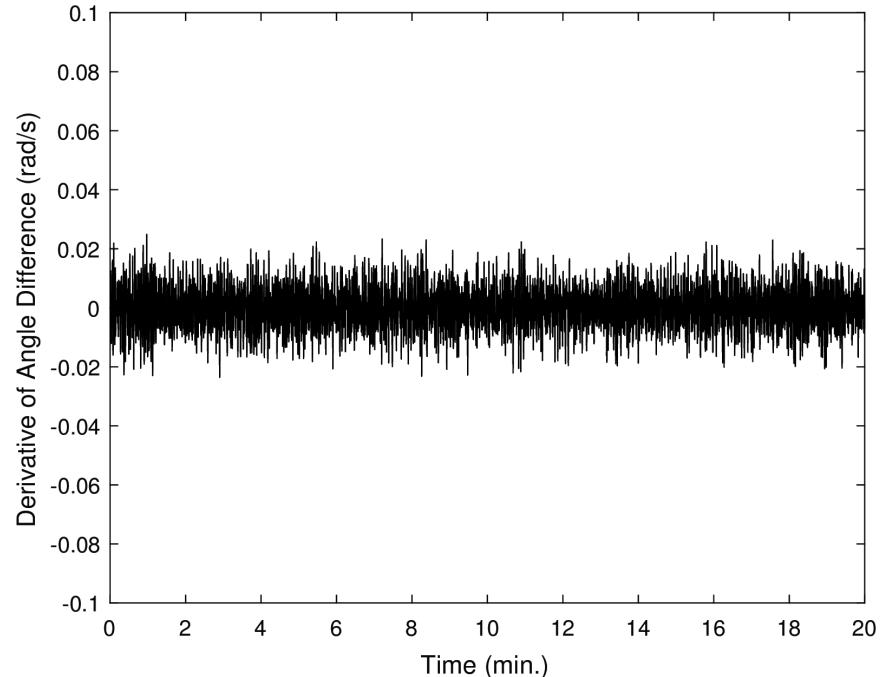


# FO Performance: 0.9 Hz, -10 dB, 20 min.

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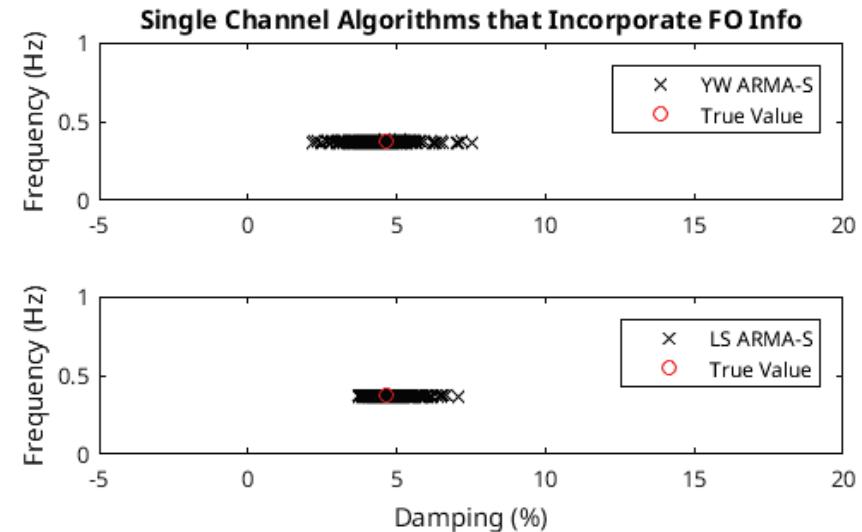
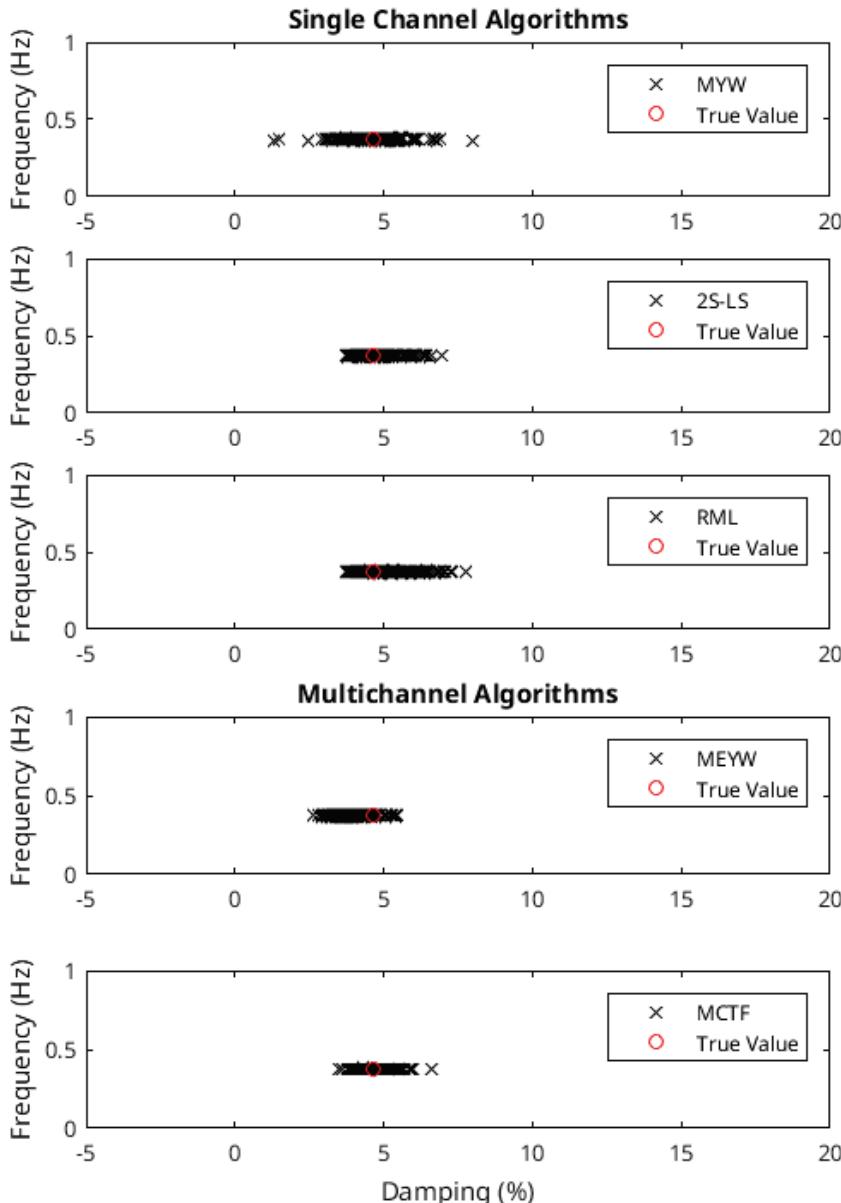
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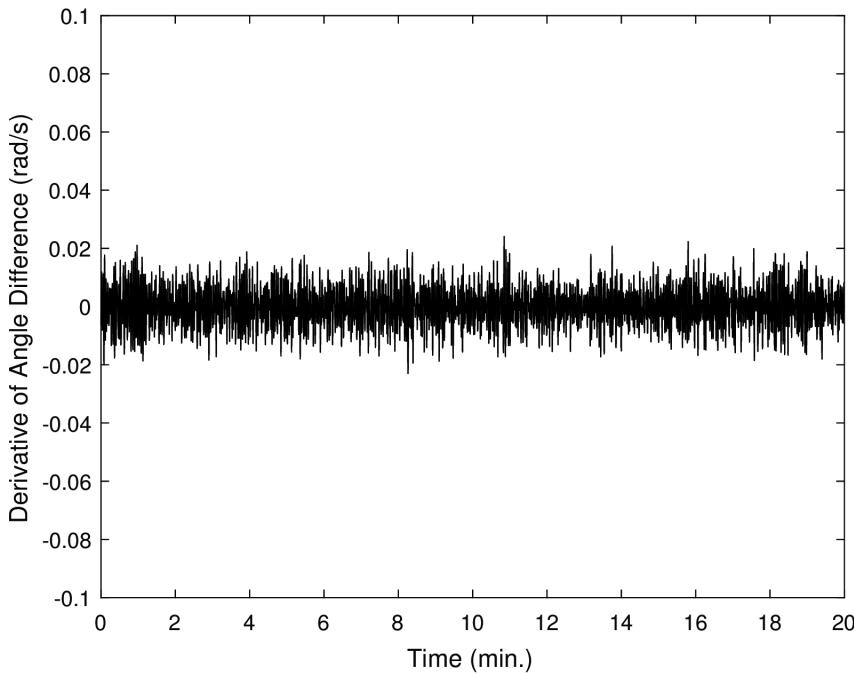
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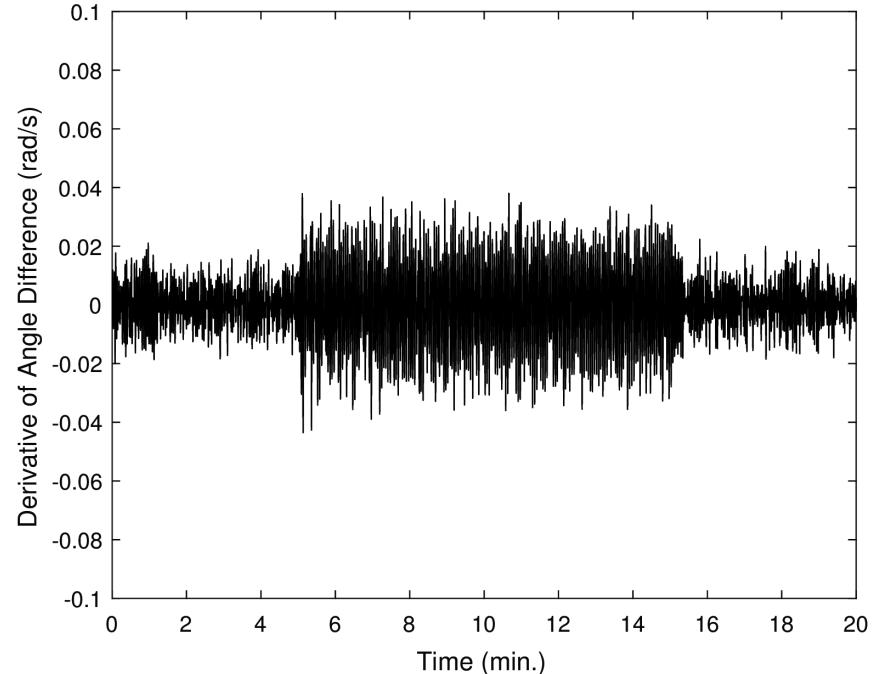
- 0.9 Hz is well-attenuated by system
- 0.9 Hz is well-separated from NS-B mode
- This FO is not big enough to seriously affect traditional mode meters
- FO detected in all 300 trials
- FO-ready methods perform on par with others

# FO Performance: 0.3 Hz, -10 dB, 10 min.

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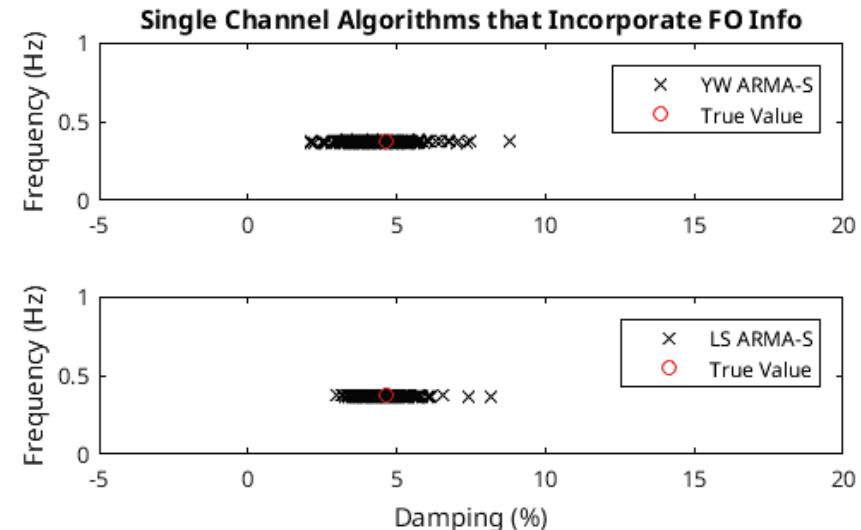
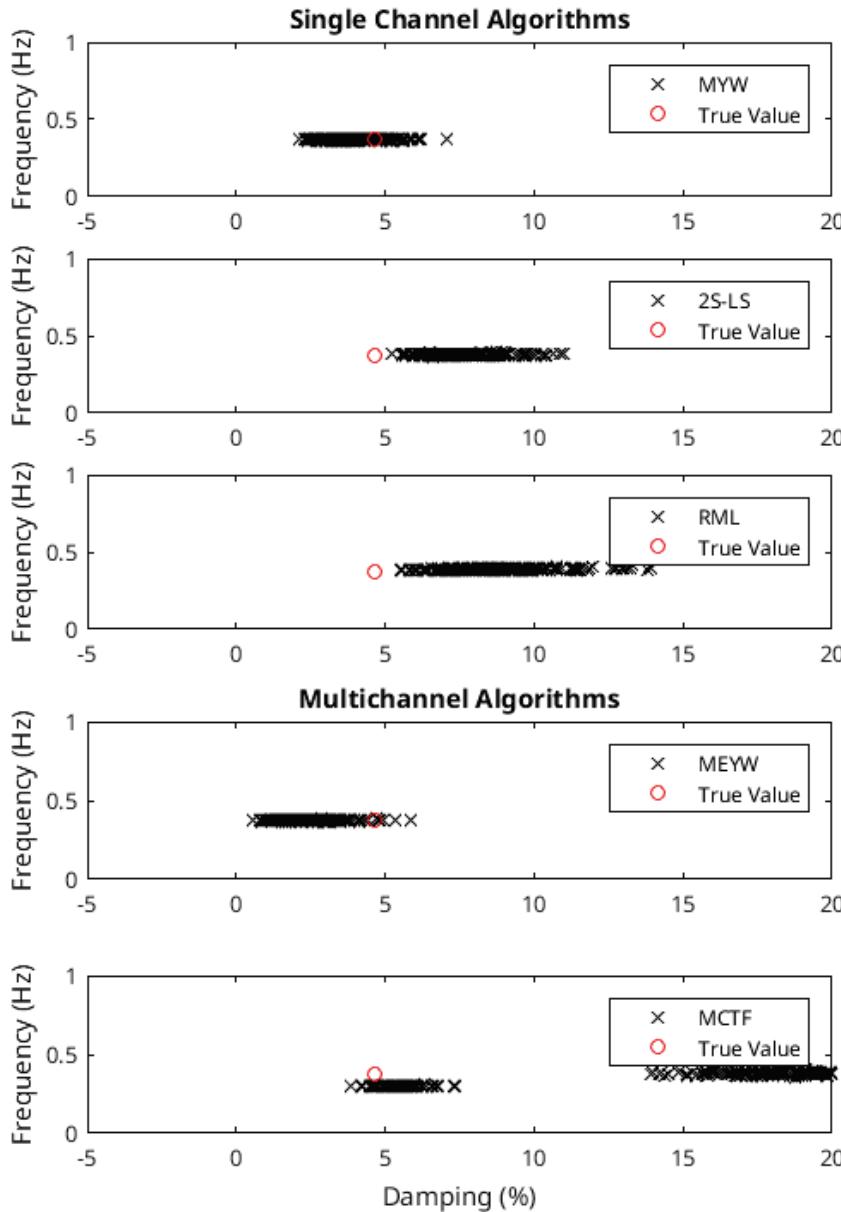
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Ambient plus FO data



# FO Performance: 0.3 Hz, -10 dB, 10 min.



- 0.3 Hz is in the region dominated by N-S modes
- This FO seriously affects all traditional mode meters except MYW
- FO detected in all 300 trials
- FO-ready methods show excellent improvement