

# REAL TIME VOLTAGE STABILITY MONITORING OF POWER SYSTEMS USING 'RT-VSM Tool'

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## RT-VSM Tool

- Welcome to the -  
Real Time Voltage Stability Monitoring Tool for Power Systems

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# 1. Motivation For A New Online Voltage Stability Monitoring Algorithm / Tool

## Common Approaches for Online Static Analysis of Voltage Stability

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graph TD; A[Common Approaches for Online Static Analysis of Voltage Stability] --> B[Multiple Power-flow based Central Approach]; A --> C[Measurement Window based Local Approach]; B --> D[Limitations: [1] Computationally intense and slow -> not very suitable for real time application]; C --> E[Limitations: [1] May not be accurate due to the assumption in the window of measurements: (a) Load side changes (b) System side remains constant [2] Weakest bus may remain undetected if a PMU is not installed [3] Uses current phasor information directly from PMUs (which can have high TVEs up to ~8% when the system is at off-nominal frequency and/or has harmonics)];
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### Multiple Power-flow based Central Approach

- Limitations:**
- [1] Computationally intense and slow  
→ not very suitable for real time application

### Measurement Window based Local Approach

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    - (a) Load side changes
    - (b) System side remains constant
  - [2] Weakest bus may remain undetected if a PMU is not installed
  - [3] Uses current phasor information directly from PMUs (which can have high TVEs up to ~8% when the system is at off-nominal frequency and/or has harmonics)

## 2. Important features of the RT-VSM Algorithm

### Approach

Measurement-Model based hybrid approach  
Needs only voltage phasor data and system topology information  
(current phasor data is not needed)

### Computation speed

Computationally very fast, as a unique 'non-iterative' algorithm has been used → suitable for real time monitoring  
e.g. – In a 2.8 GHz Quad Core Computer, the algorithm time-step for IEEE-118 bus test system  $\approx 70$  ms

### Computation accuracy

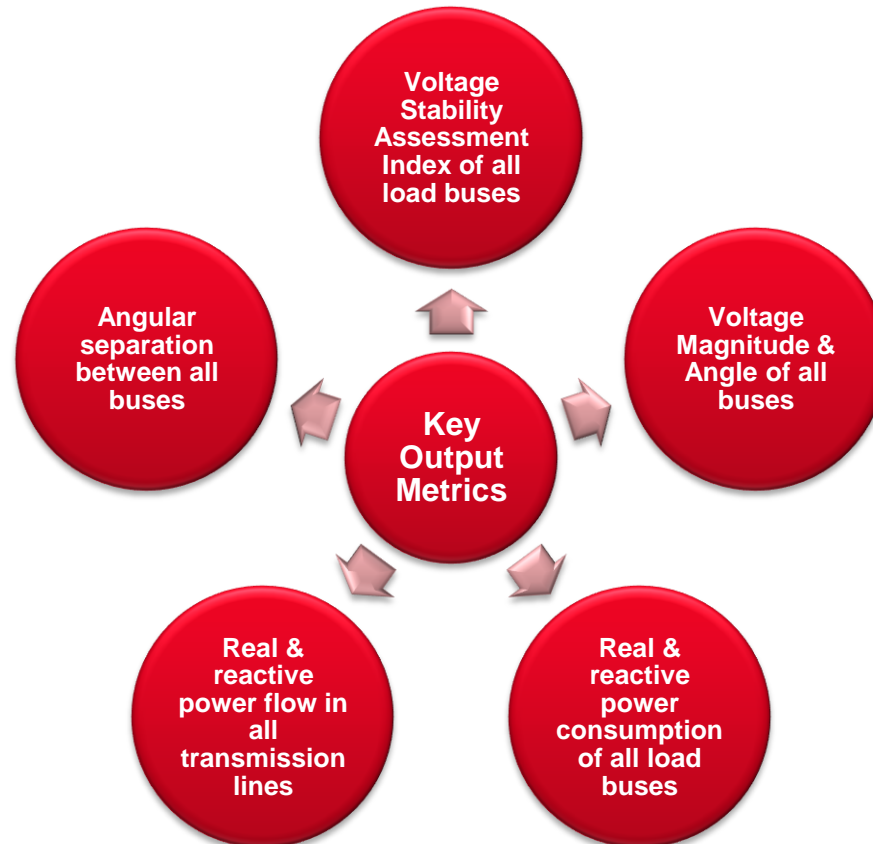
Computation accuracy is high even during the dynamic changes in the system, as window of past measurement data is not used, and no such assumption is made that considers constant parameters on the system side and varying parameters on the load side

### Ease of interpretation of results

Indicates voltage stability margin of each load bus in the form of 'Voltage Stability Assessment Index (VSAI)' on a scale of '0' to '1' such that:  
VSAI near "0" → Voltage Stable  
VSAI close to "1" → On the verge of Voltage Instability

### 3. Important features of the RT-VSM Tool

- (1) Has 2 modes –
  - (a) Offline Mode – For pre-operation baselining purposes
  - (b) Online Mode – For real time monitoring purposes during operation
- (2) Provides a simple, and yet powerful visualization of the following key metrics of the monitored power system in both ‘offline’ and ‘online’ modes to system operators –



# Screenshot of the main visualization dashboard of the RT-VSM Tool –

**Navigating Menu**

**Voltage Stability Contour**

**Voltage Magnitude Contour**

**Key Metrics of a Bus**

**Date & Time**

**Mode of Analysis**

**Alarm Settings**

**Wide Area Geographical & Topological View of the Power System**

**Bus Info**

- Location: Roanoke
- Bus Number: 9
- Voltage Magnitude: 0.811014613607067
- Voltage Angle: -31.450288228259
- Real Power Injection: 0.970928642034148
- Reactive Power Injection: 0.33999281584187
- VSAI: 0.943675862931183

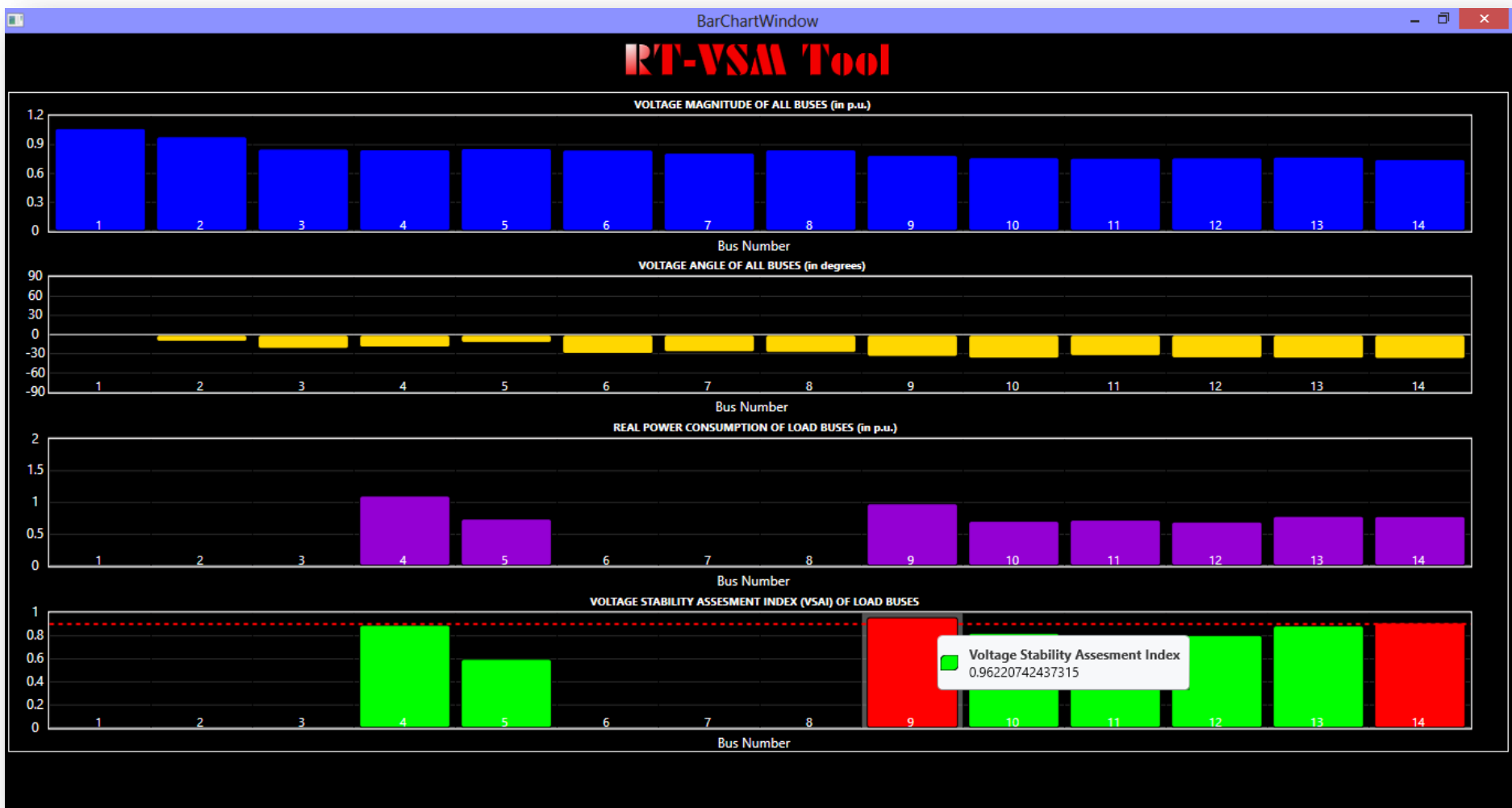
**VSAI of Load Buses**

Bus No.	Bus Name	VSAI
1	GlenLyn	0
2	Claytor	0
3	Kumis	0
4	Hancock	0.85462051656449
5	Fieldale	0.618689975563887
6	Roanoke	0
7	Blaine	0
8	Reusens	0
9	Roanoke	0.943675862931183
10	Roanoke	0.8531997365029
11	Roanoke	0.78638522783796

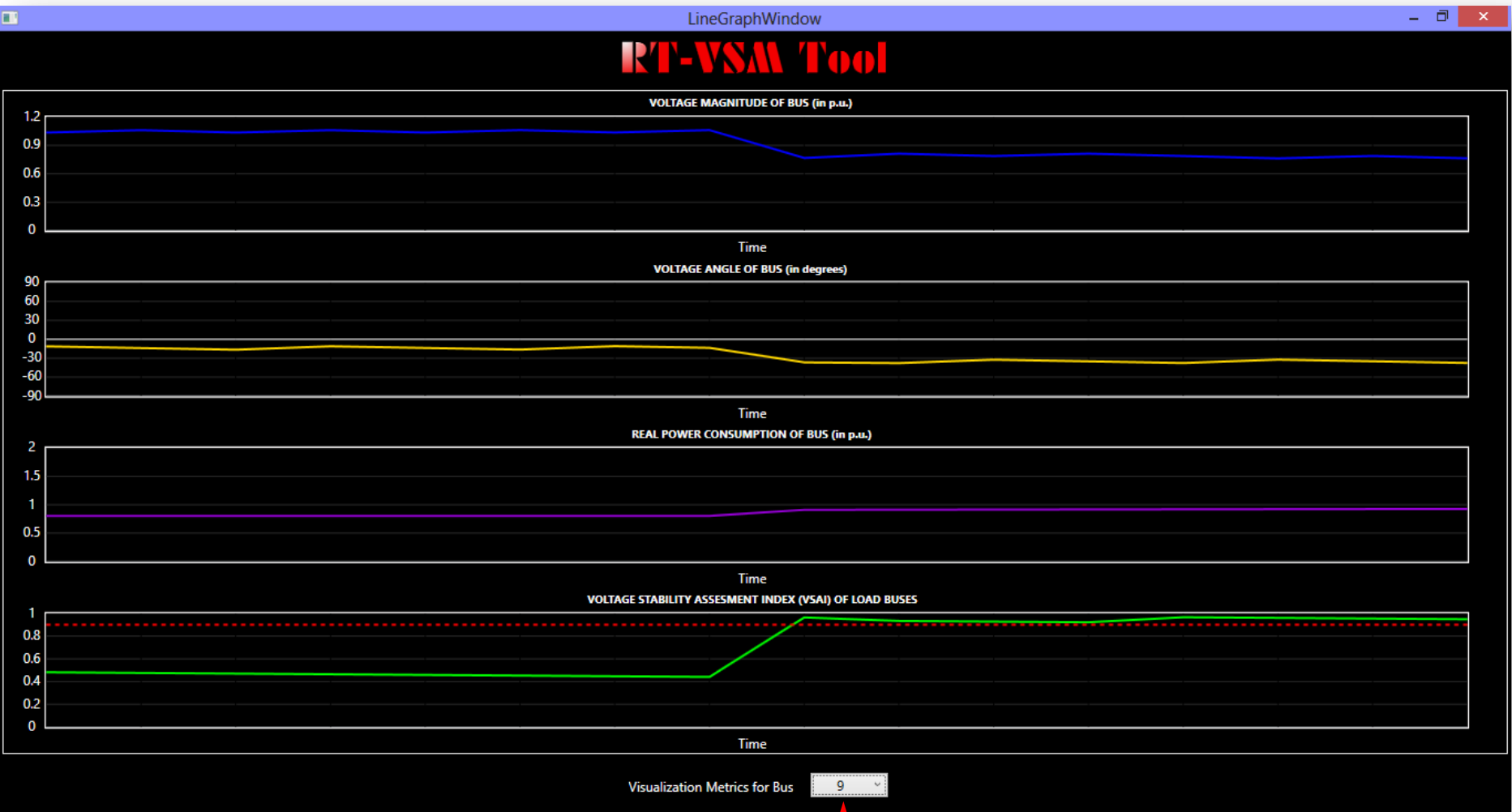
**Starting, Pausing & Stopping the RT-VSM Tool**

**Voltage Stability Assessment Index of all load buses**

# Screenshot of the wide-area metrics visualization window of the RT-VSM Tool –



# Screenshot of the bus metrics visualization window of the RT-VSM Tool –

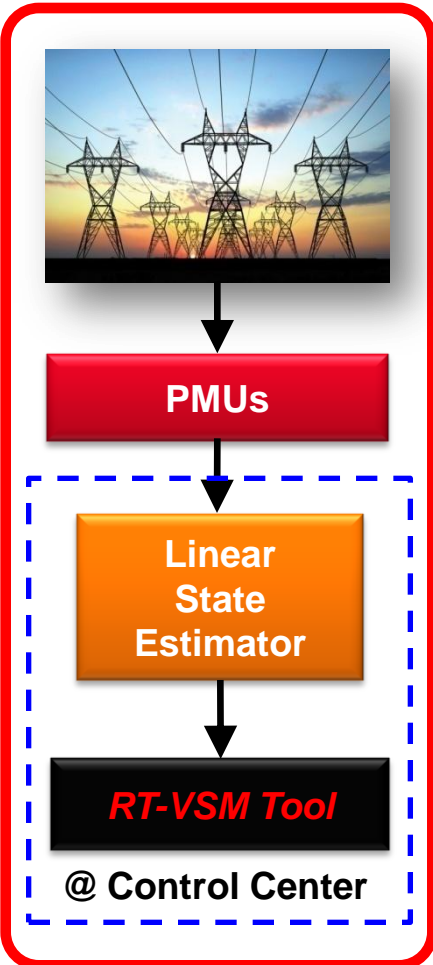


Selected bus  
for real time  
monitoring

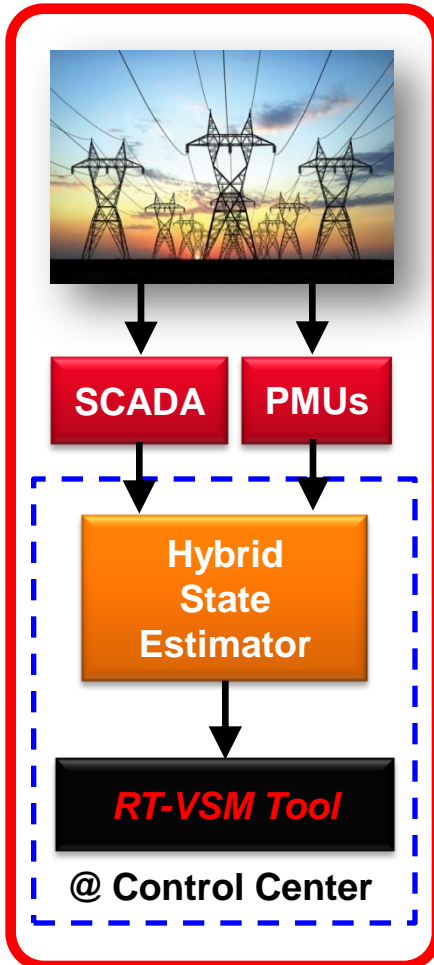
(3) Easy to integrate in a power system control center

Options for implementation:

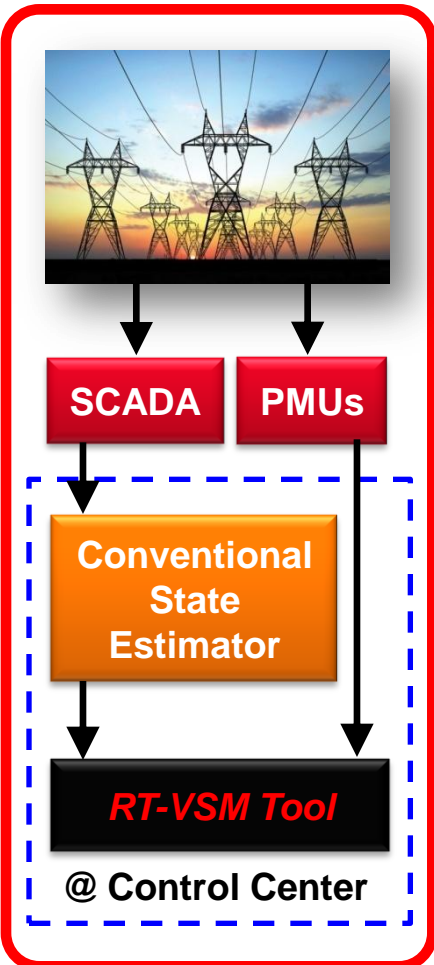
**Option-1**



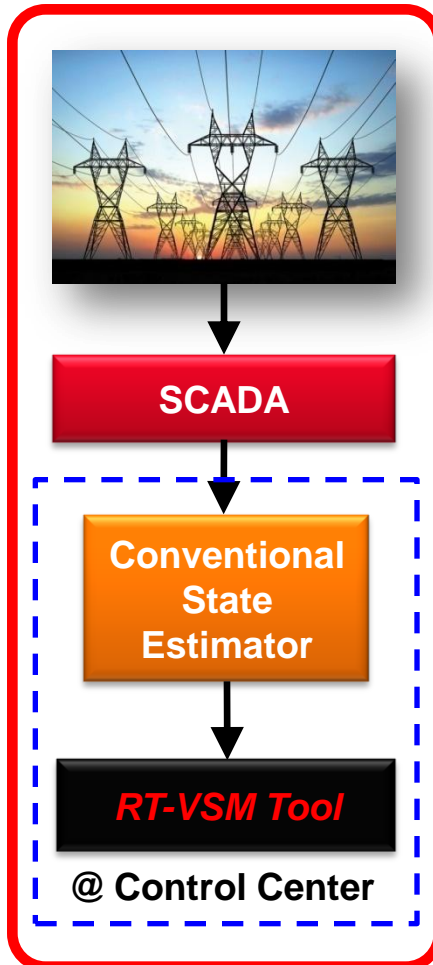
**Option-2**



**Option-3**



**Option-4**



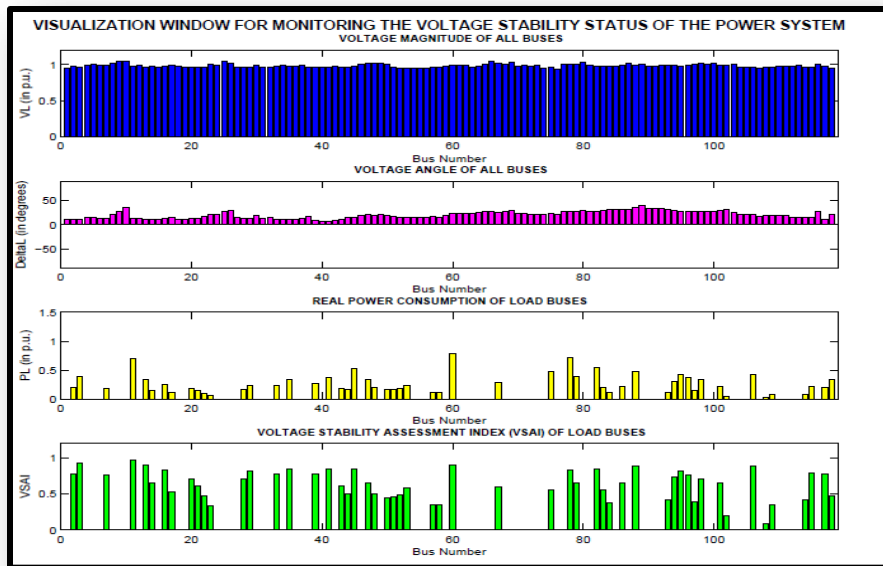


## 4. Offline Simulation Results

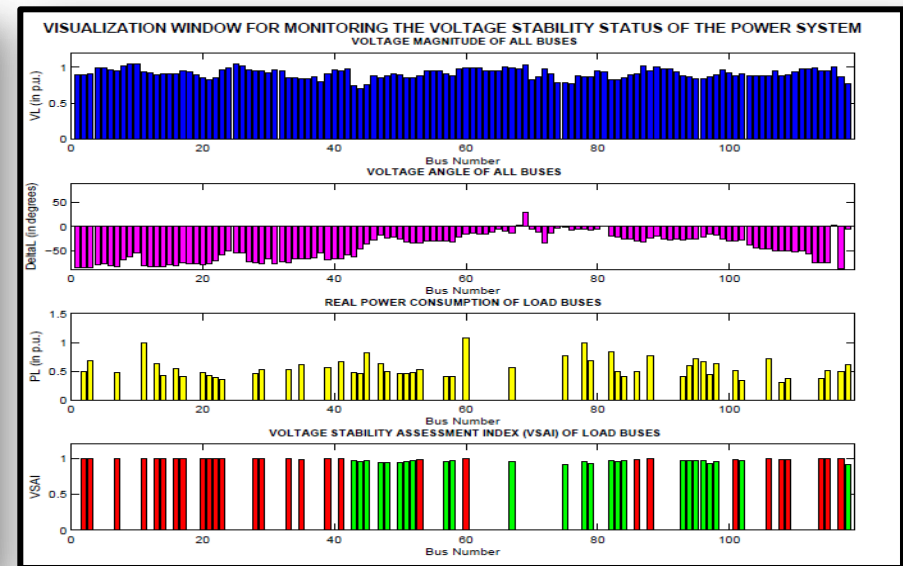
[A] Decrease in voltage stability due to increase in load (i.e. a type of small disturbance voltage stability problem) –

(1) Increase in load at all the load buses in the IEEE-118 Bus test case:

Base Case Loading



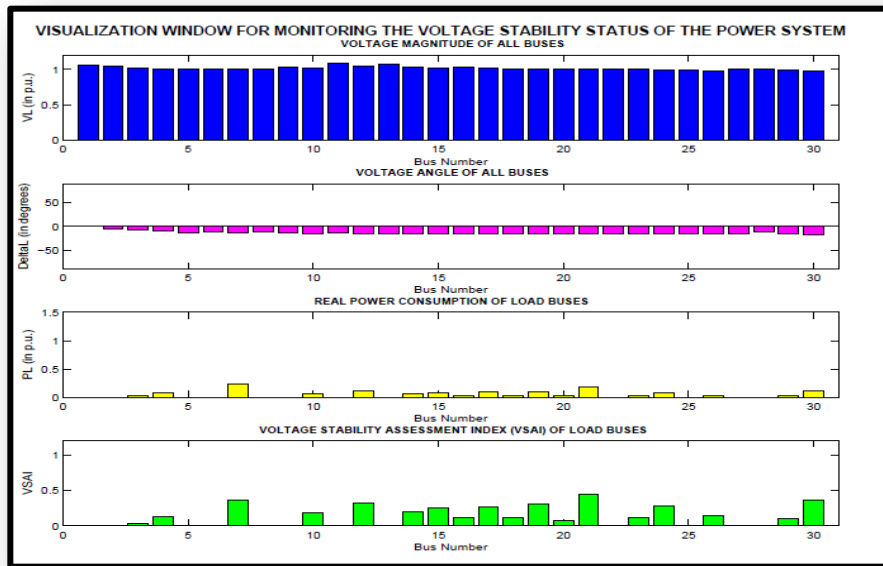
Stressed Case Loading



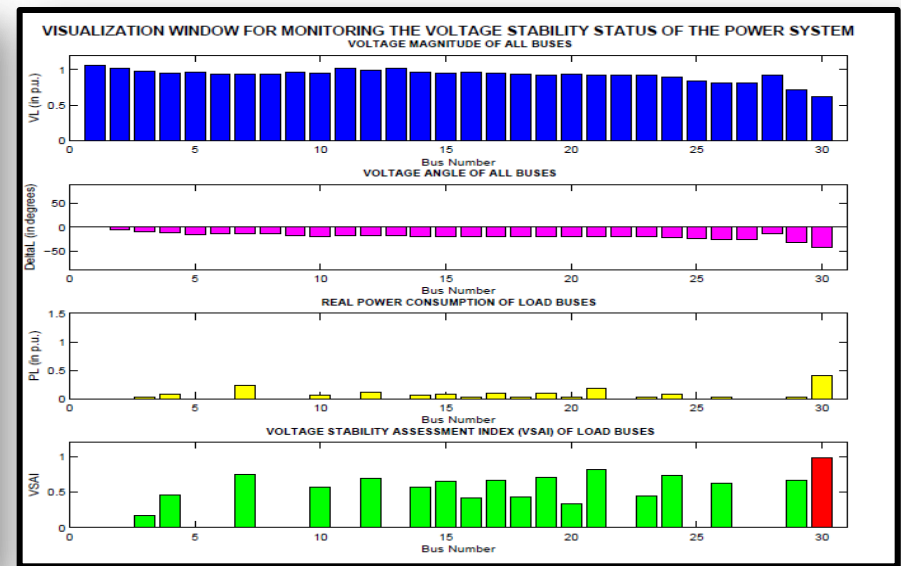
- Increase in VSAI at the load buses (in the 4<sup>th</sup> subplot) indicate decrease in voltage stability
- Power-flow fails to converge when the highest VSAI in the system is 0.995 (@ Bus-11)

## (2) Increase in load at Bus-30 in the IEEE-30 Bus test case:

### Base Case Loading



### Stressed Case Loading

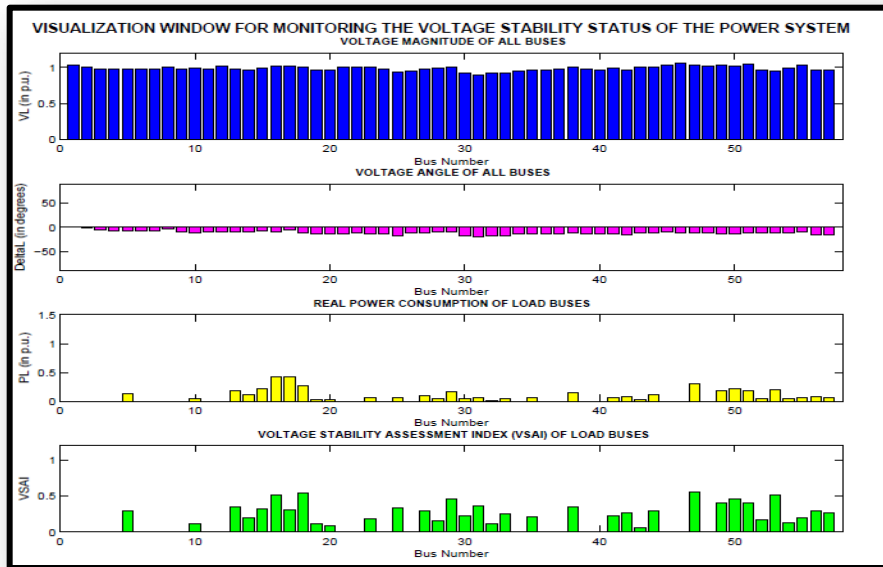


- Increase in VSAI at the load buses (in the 4<sup>th</sup> subplot) indicate decrease in voltage stability
- Weakest bus is Bus-30, indicated by the highest VSAI (0.985)
- Power-flow fails to converge when the highest VSAI in the system is 0.985

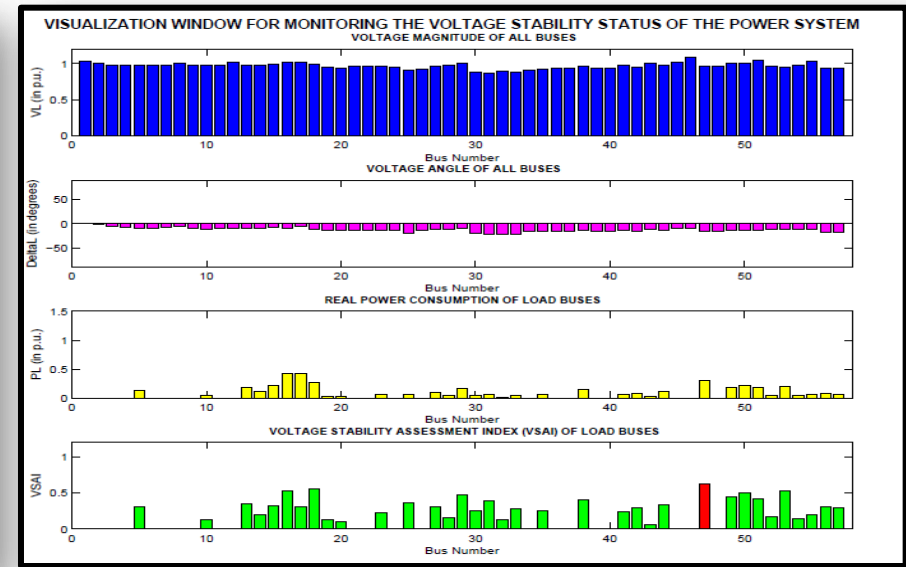
# [B] Decrease in voltage stability due to contingencies (i.e. a type of large disturbance voltage stability problem) –

## (3) Tripping of Line 46-47 & Line 50-51 in the IEEE-57 Bus test case:

### Before Contingency



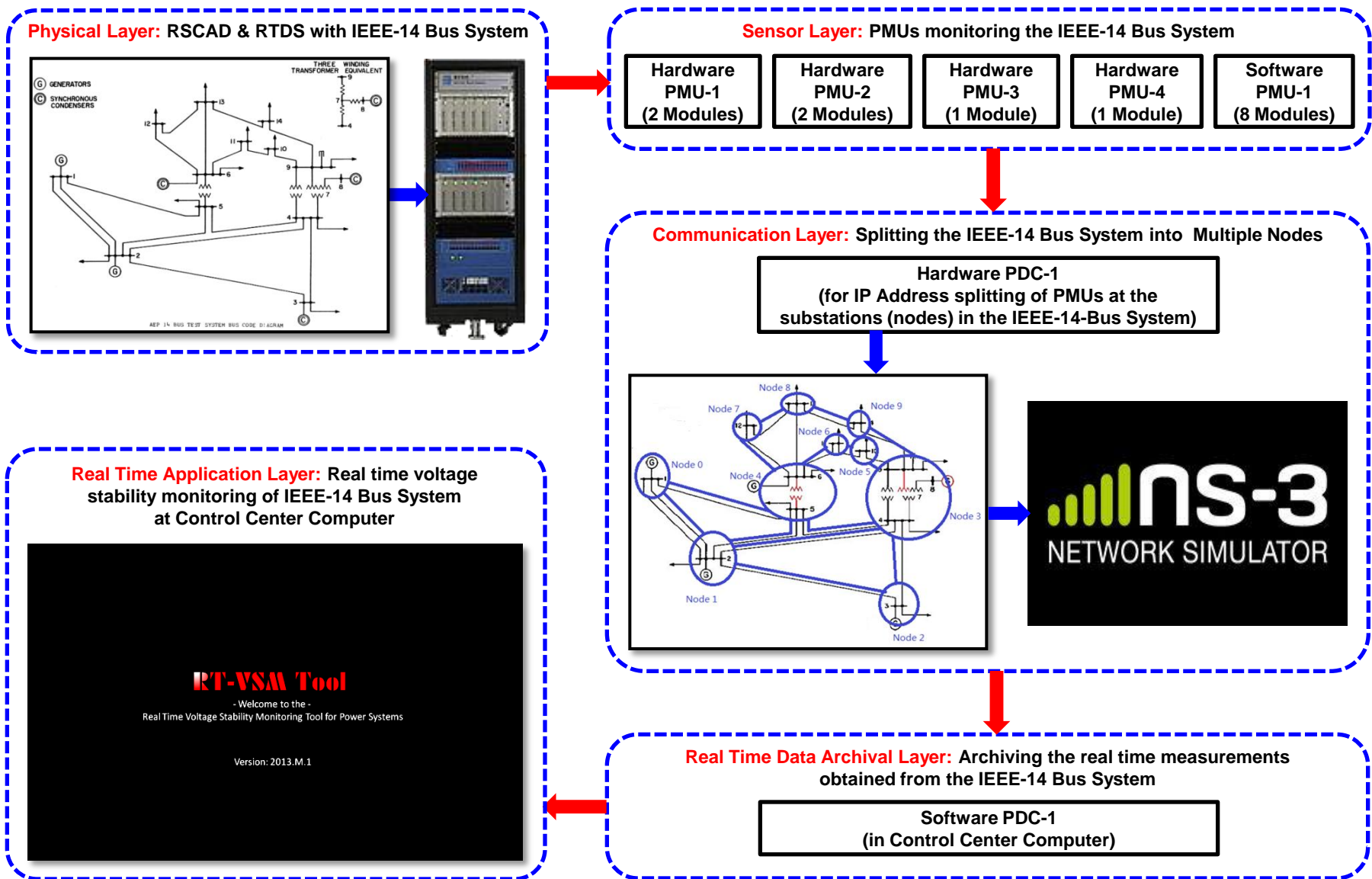
### After 'N-2' Contingency



- Increase in VSAI at the load bus 47 from 0.57 to 0.62 after the 1<sup>st</sup> contingency & from 0.62 to 0.64 after the 2<sup>nd</sup> contingency indicate successive decrease in voltage stability margin
- CPF result also shows a reduction in  $\lambda$ -margin (indicating reduction in voltage stability margin) from 1.8921 to 1.7028 after the 1<sup>st</sup> contingency & from 1.7028 to 1.6152 after the 2<sup>nd</sup> contingency

# 5. Online Simulation Results

## [A] Online Simulation of RT-VSM Tool using a Cyber-Physical Test Bed –



## [B] Online Simulation Results of the RT-VSM Tool –



*For the demo, please click on “Online Simulation Result Demo Video of RT-VSM Tool” embedded in the same webpage after this PDF document*

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