Cyber Security of Smart Grid Systems Using Intrusion Detection Methods

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ABSTRACT

The wide area monitoring of power systems is implemented at a central control center to coordinate the actions of local controllers. Phasor measurement units (PMUs) are used for the collection of data in real time for the smart grid energy systems. Intrusion detection and cyber security of network are important requirements for maintaining the integrity of wide area monitoring systems. The intrusion detection methods analyze the measurement data to detect any possible cyber attacks on the operation of smart grid systems. In this paper, the model-based and signal-based intrusion detection methods are investigated to detect the presence of malicious data. The chi-square test and discrete wavelet transform (DWT) have been used for anomaly-based detection. An IEEE 14-bus system is simulated using real time digital simulator (RTDS) hardware platform for implementing attack and detection schemes.

KEYWORDS

Cyber security, wide area monitoring, smart grid, anomaly-based detection methods, discrete wavelet transform.

1 INTRODUCTION

The generation, transmission, and distribution of electric power systems embedded with real time measurements make the smart grid the most dependable critical infrastructure in the world. The present monitoring systems depends on state estimation, which is based on the supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) systems for the collection of data from field devices such as remote terminal units (RTUs) and sent up to the central control center [1]. In the future smart grid systems, the wide area monitoring will be accomplished by collecting system level information in real time by using phasor measurement units (PMUs) and phasor data concentrators (PDCs). The data obtained from PMUs will be used for the state estimation and implementation of control strategies for optimal control of smart grid systems [2-4]. The PMUs which are also called synchrophasors provide accurate measurements of active power, reactive power, voltage, current along with phasor angles in real-time. The data from various remote locations will be synchronized with a common time source using global positioning systems (GPS). In a typical smart grid energy network synchrophasors are used along with PDCs where the data is collected. The synchrophasors can increase the reliability of power systems embedded with renewable energy sources, like the solar and wind power by triggering the corrective actions for accounting the unpredictable power generation. The synchrophasors hold the key to the future power systems by increasing the reliability, operational efficiency and quality of power distribution [5]. Early power system networks used communication standards like DNP3 protocols. These protocols have limitations to handle real-time data and synchronization with the geographically dispersed synchrophasor devices. The current PMUs use IEEE C37.118 protocols

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for communication, which defines the message and communication standards for synchronized networks in real-time. In future electrical power systems, the wide use of PMUs is inevitable and thus raises the importance of cyber security [6]. There are different methods to detect the malicious data. The main objective of this paper is to investigate the model- and signal-based intrusion detection methods to reveal any anomalies in measurement data. The main feature of model-based method lies in the development of dynamic models of the power system and using the chi-square test along with largest normalized residual to detect and identify the malicious data. The signal-based method exploits the statistical properties of the signal and discrete wavelet transform are used to detect and identify the malicious data at different levels [7].

2 MODELLING OF IEEE 14-BUS SYSTEM

The benchmark IEEE 14-bus system has been investigated by a number of researchers for the analysis of dynamic system stability, power flow analysis and state estimation problems [8]. The power system simulator for engineering (PSS/E) is a commercially available software package for simulating, analyzing, and optimizing of power systems. This package has been used to build the PSSE files for the IEEE 14-bus system shown in Figure 1.

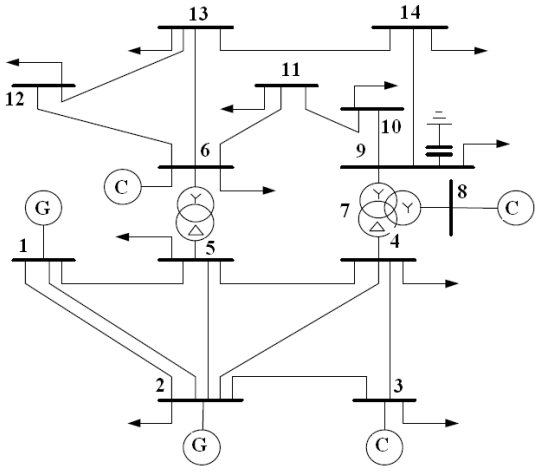

Figure 1. Schematic diagram of IEEE 14-bus system

These files are converted to RSCAD for implementation on RTDS system. An experimental smart grid test bed with hardware-in-the-loop (HIL) simulation capabilities is available at Texas Tech University and a schematic is shown in Figure 2. These facilities were used to implement attack and intrusion methods.

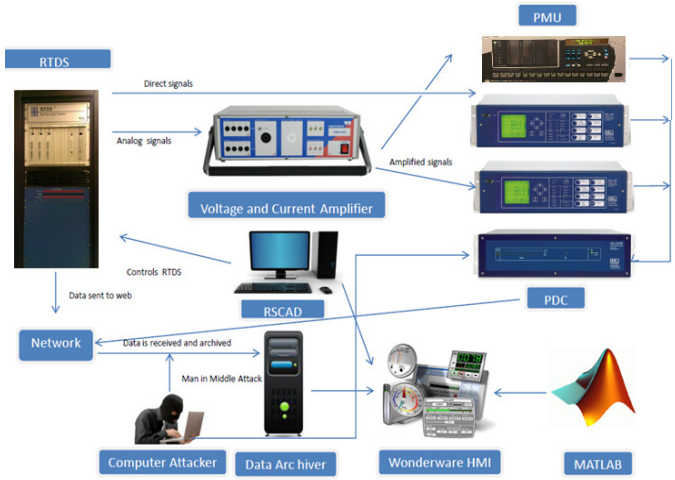

Figure 2. Schematic of smart grid test bed at Texas Tech University

3 MODEL-BASED INTRUSION DETECTION METHODS

The operation of power system will be compromised due to presence of malicious data in the power system measurements. Hence we need an intrusion detection method for the detection of malicious data in the measurements [10]. In this section we present an intrusion detection method using static state estimation algorithms. The chi-square distribution test and largest normalized residual tests are used to detect and identify the malicious data [11].

The linear measurement equation is given by:

$$\Delta z = H\Delta x + e \qquad (1)$$

Where Δz is the measurement vector, H is the Jacobian coefficient matrix, and e is the error vector with:

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$E(e) = 0$ and $cov(e) = R$. The weighted least square (WLS) estimator of the linear state vector can be obtained as follows:

$$\Delta\hat{x} = (H^T R^{-1} H)^{-1} H^T R^{-1} \Delta z \quad (2)$$

And the estimated value of Δz is:

$$\Delta\hat{z} = H\Delta\hat{x} \quad (3)$$

The intrusion detection method consists of two steps:
1) malicious data detection and 2) identification of bad data.
The chi-squares test is used to detect the malicious data and the largest normalized residual test is then used to identify the bad data.
The objective function can be obtained for corresponding measurements:

$$J(\hat{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \frac{(z_i - h_i(\hat{x}))^2}{\sigma_i^2} \quad (4)$$

Chi-square distribution table corresponding to a detection confidence with probability p and degree of freedom can be obtained as follows:

$$p = Pr\,(J(\hat{x}) \leq \chi^2_{(m-n),p}) \quad (5)$$

If $J(\hat{x}) \geq \chi^2_{(m-n),p}$ the bad data will be suspected.
The largest normalized residual test can be used to identify bad data.
A gain matrix is defined as:

$$G = H^T R^{-1} H \quad (6)$$

And the hat matrix is:

$$K = HG^{-1} H^T R^{-1} \quad (7)$$

The hat matrix, K, is used to find the residual sensitivity matrix, S, where I is the identity matrix:

$$S = I - K \quad (8)$$

S is multiplied by the error vector, e, to find the measurement residuals, r. The measurement residual vector is divided by the square root of the residual covariance matrix, Ω, which is defined as:

$$\Omega = SR \quad (9)$$

Thus, normalized value of the residual can be obtained as follows:

$$r^N = \frac{|r|}{\sqrt{diag(\Omega)}} \quad (10)$$

The largest normalized residual will be suspected as bad data.
We have simulated the IEEE 14-bus system and its measurement configuration for the demonstration of intrusion detection methods [8]. The number of state variable, n, for this system is 27, made up of 14 bus voltage magnitudes and 13 bus voltage phase angles, slack bus phase angle being excluded from the state list. There are altogether $m = 41$ measurents, i.e., 1 voltage magnitude measurement, 8 pairs of real/reactive power injections, and 12 pairs of real/reactive flows. The degrees of freedom for the approximate chi-square distribution of the objective function $J(\hat{x})$ will be:
$m - n = 41 - 27 = 14$

The real power injection at bus 2 is manipulated by the man-in-the-middle intentionally, to simulate bad data as shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Real power manipulation at bus 2

Measurement Type	No bad data	One bad data
P_2	0.183	0.483

Tables 2 and 3 illustrate the state estimation of IEEE 14-bus system without malicious data and with malicious data, respectively.

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Table 2. IEEE 14-Bus system without malicious data

Bus Number	Estimated State (No Bad Data)	
	V	θº
1	1	0.00
2	1.0068	0.00
3	0.9899	-5.5265
4	0.9518	-14.2039
5	0.9579	-11.4146
6	0.9615	-9.7583
7	1.0185	-16.0798
8	0.9919	-14.7510
9	1.0287	-14.7500
10	0.9763	-16.5125
11	0.9758	-16.7476
12	0.9932	-16.5397
13	1.0009	-17.0203
14	0.9940	-17.0583

Table 3. IEEE 14-Bus system with malicious data

Bus Number	Estimated State (One Bad Data)	
	V	θº
1	1	0.00
2	0.9897	0.00
3	0.9731	-5.5304
4	0.9329	-14.9925
5	0.9370	-12.3482
6	0.9407	-10.6143
7	0.9992	-17.2033
8	0.9717	-15.8285
9	1.0094	-15.8269
10	0.9559	-17.6649
11	0.9554	-17.9071
12	0.9733	-17.6846
13	0.9812	-18.1813
14	0.9742	-18.2210

The test threshold at 0.95% confidence level is obtained by MATLAB function:

$y_{\text{threshold}} = \text{chi2inv}(0.95, 14) = 23.68$

For the first case (No malicious data), $J(\hat{x}) = 7.637 < 23.68$, bad data will not be suspected. For the second case (with malicious data in real power injection at bus 2), $J(\hat{x}) = 241.74 > 23.68$, bad data will be suspected.

Figure 3 shows the active power at bus number 2 for the IEEE 14-bus system.

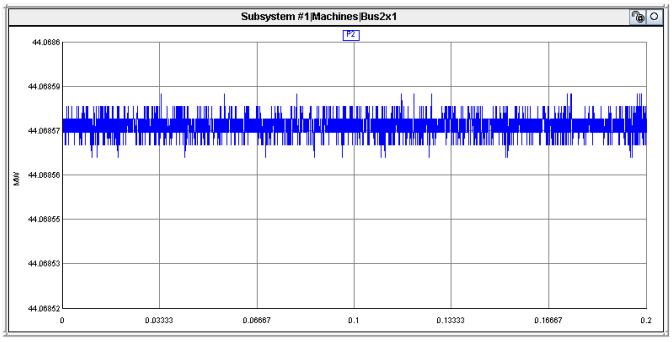

Figure 3. Active power at bus No 2

The normalized residual tests are used to detect and eliminate the bad data for this measurement set. The weighted least squares (WLS) state estimator results for the significant measurement residuals shows that the power injection at bus 2 is detected as bad data and ignored from the measurement set. We verified the efficiency of the model-based algorithm using chi-square test and largest normalized residual for detecting the malicious data.

4 SIGNAL-BASED INTRUSION DETECTION METHODS

A brief review of discrete wavelet transform (DWT) is presented in this section [12]. DWT is a mathematical tool to decompose signals and is used to extract information in different resolution levels. Wavelet transform breaks the signal into its wavelets, which are scaled and shifted versions of a signal waveform known as the mother wavelet. Wavelet analysis is suitable for revealing scaling properties of the temporal and frequency dynamics simultaneously. The irregularity in shape and compactly supported nature of wavelets make wavelet analysis an ideal tool for analyzing signals of a non-stationary nature. Their fractional nature allows them to analyze signals with discontinuities or sharp changes, while their compactly supported nature enables temporal localization of a signal's features. A one-dimensional discrete wavelet transform is composed of decomposition (analysis) and reconstruction (synthesis). Discrete wavelet transform produces two sets of constants

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term as approximation and detail coefficients. The approximation coefficients are the high scale, low frequency components and the detail coefficients are the low scale, high frequency components. The signal is passed through a series of high pass and low pass filters to analyze respective functions at each level. Wavelet analysis starts by selecting basic wavelet function, called the mother wavelet. The Haar wavelet is chosen as the mother wavelet, the corresponding scaling function and wavelet function are calculated. We can express these functions as a linear combination of low-pass filter and high-pass filter. For a given signal, approximation and detail coefficients can be obtained by convolving low-pass filter and high-pass filter followed by down sampler, respectively. Anomaly detection of malicious data consists of three parts as shown in Figure 4. The first part is the PMU signal from the power system. The second part consists of discrete wavelet transformation to analyze the signal [13-15]. In the third part, the threshold values are compared for the determination of the anomalies in the signal.

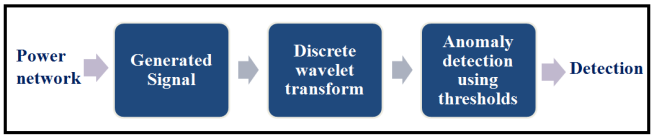

Figure 4. Anomaly-based intrusion detector

The benchmark and corrupted data of voltage and current are shown in Figures 5 and 6, respectively. Discrete wavelet transform is used to analyze the measured signal, by calculating the statistical properties of the signal.

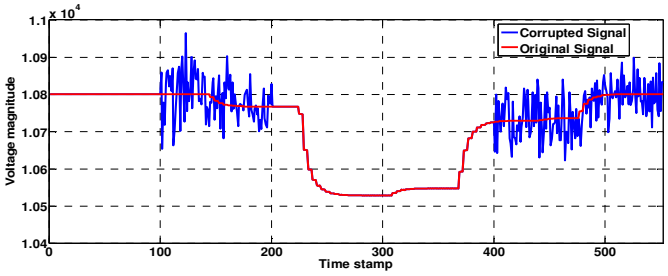

Figure 5. Original and corrupted data of voltage signal

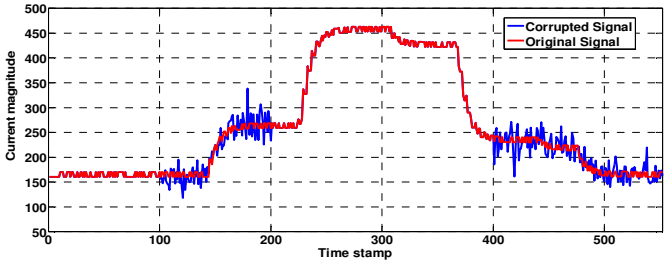

Figure 6. Original and corrupted data of current signal

We employ Haar filter and compute the one-dimensional discrete wavelet transform up to 5 levels. In order to obtain the thresholds for anomaly-based intrusion detection the distribution of the wavelet reconstructed signal without anomaly should be analyzed. Then, normality is verified by Lilliefors test for goodness of fit to normal distribution [16-18]. This has a normal distribution at 5% significance level. We can detect anomaly-based intrusion by choosing some of the levels through selective reconstruction. Table 4 and Table 5 show some statistical properties of original and corrupted data of voltage and current signal. It should be noted that the original data could be considered as Gaussian white noise, and anomaly could be considered as random signal. For any random variable, choosing $\pm 3\sigma$ confidence interval yields to:

$$P(\mu - 3\sigma < X \leq \mu + 3\sigma) \approx 99.7\% \qquad (11)$$

This interval corresponds to 99.7% confidence level, which means that we can detect anomalies with 0.3% error rate.

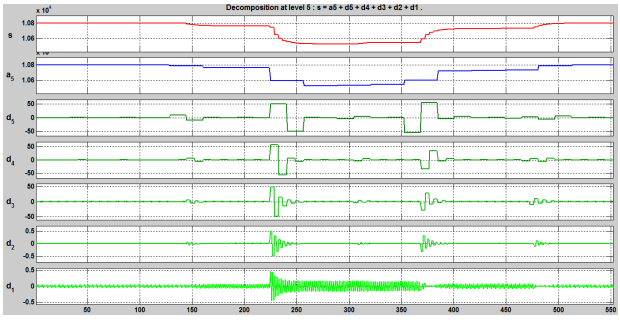

Figure 7. Wavelet decomposition of original voltage signal

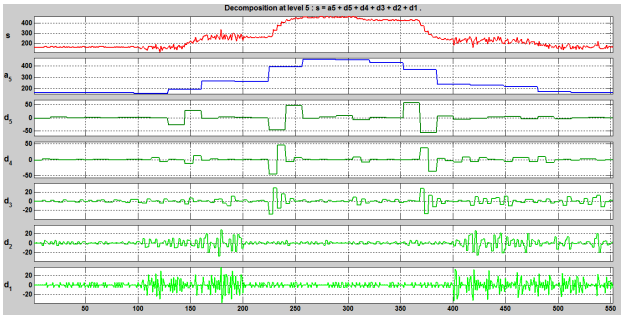

Figure 8. Wavelet decomposition of corrupted voltage signal

The PMU signals are analyzed at different resolution levels. Figures 7 and 8 show the approximation and detail coefficients of original and corrupted signal of voltage up to level 5. By comparing the analyzed information with thresholds it is possible to detect the anomalies and alert the operator regarding the presence of anomalies in the data. In order to detect shorter anomalies we have analyzed the signal at higher level such as 1 and 2. For example, by selecting the thresholds at level 1 to -0.2832 and 0.2832 respectively, which is equivalent to $\pm 3\sigma$ we can detect the anomalies with error rate of 0.3%. Table 4 shows the statistical parameters of voltage signal like standard deviation for original and corrupted data.

Table 4. Statistical properties of voltage signal

Original data of voltage magnitude			Corrupted data of voltage magnitude	
Level	Standard deviation	Threshold	Level	Standard deviation
1	0.0944	0.2832	1	5.121
2	0.1265	0.3795	2	4.854
3	20.67	62.01	3	21.64
4	47.13	141.39	4	48.11
5	102.2	306.60	5	101.4

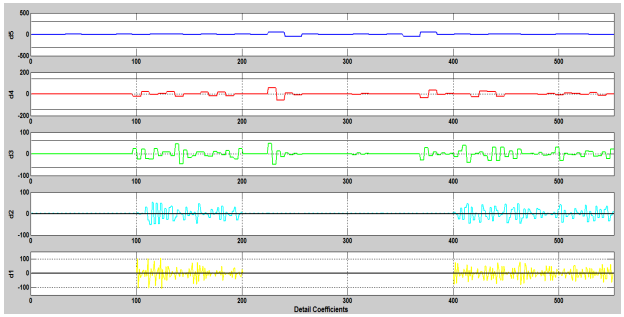

Figure 9. Thresholds values and detail coefficients at different levels of voltage signal

We can set the thresholds for each level, which are equivalent to $\pm 3\sigma$ confidence level to detect the anomalies. DWT provides good detection of anomalies at different levels.

We have repeated the procedure for current signals. The detail and approximation coefficients of original current signal and corrupted current signals are shown in Figures 10 and 11, respectively.

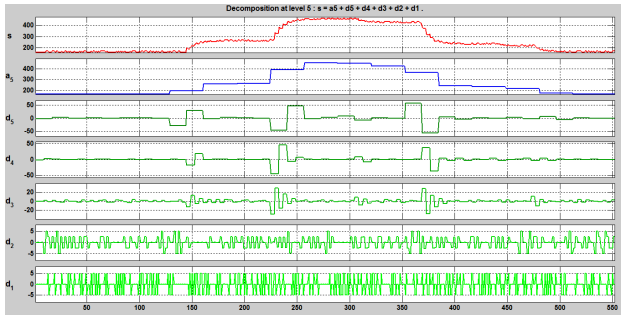

Figure 10. Wavelet decomposition of original current signal

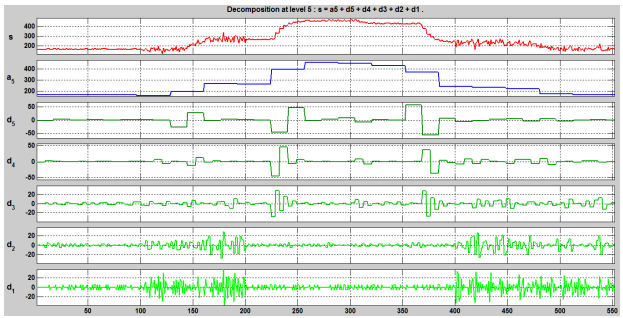

Figure 11. Wavelet decomposition of corrupted current signal

Table 5 shows the statistical parameters of current signal like standard deviation for original and corrupted data.

Table 5. Statistical properties of current signal

Original data of current magnitude			Corrupted data of current magnitude	
Level	Standard deviation	Threshold	Level	Standard deviation
1	5.122	15.36	1	13.57
2	4.84	14.52	2	14.94
3	17.86	53.58	3	19.47
4	42.86	128.58	4	43.44
5	111.4	334.2	5	110

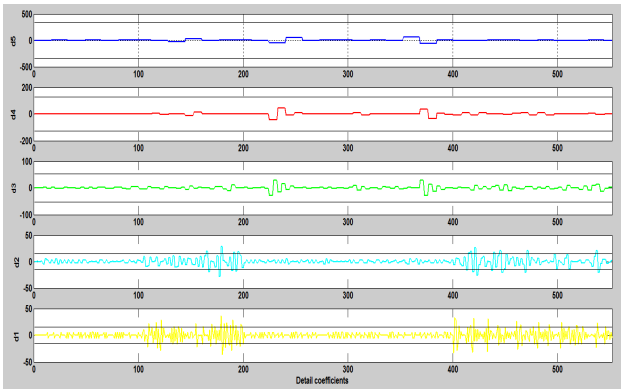

Figure 12. Thresholds values and detail coefficients at different levels of current signal

Figures 9 and 12 show the detail coefficients and corresponding thresholds for original and corrupted signal at different levels up to 5. The values located on the top and bottom of the thresholds indicate that intrusion has been occurred in the network. For the corrupted voltage and current signals, Figures 9 and 12, the detail coefficients at levels 1 and 2 are greater than the corresponding thresholds and the malicious data has been detected. The results show that the use of signal-based method successfully detected the anomalies in the data.

5 CONCLUSIONS

Wide-area monitoring and control that coordinates the various devices of the power system to improve system-wide dynamic performance and stability is being implemented in the smart grids. These critical devices usually have the most significant impacts on power system oscillation, damping, performance and stability. The cyber security and the data integrity are very important for successful integration of phasor measurement units for automatic control of electric power systems. In this paper a cyber security tool is developed and presented for intrusion detection. We have simulated an IEEE benchmark 14-bus system using RTDS system. The bench mark and malicious data has been generated in our laboratory. The proposed cyber security tool for the detection of intrusion detection has been successfully employed on this data. The results are very satisfactory. The detection method depends on the selection of threshold values. In the future we will be comparing this method with the methods based on measurement residual detection methods.

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