Document Purpose / Intent

An extended term case may require the insertion of additional modeled generation resources. There was no known method in PST to increase inertial generation during a simulation and the method used for removing a generator was unclear. This document is meant to describe initial work that has been done to develop a method to 'un-trip' a generator, as well as describe how a generator is tripped in PST. Various code additions and possible future work are also presented.

How PST Trips Generators

During simulation initialization, g.mac.mac_trip_flags is initialized as a column vector of zeros that correspond to the mac_con array, and g.mac.mac_trip_states variable is set to zero. To trip a generator, the mac_trip_flag corresponding to the desired generator it trip is set to 1 via the user generated mac_trip_logic code. The mac_trip_logic is executed in the initStep function which alters g.mac.mac_trip_flags to account for any programmed trips. Specifically, a 0 in the g.mac.mac_trip_flags row vector is changed to a 1 to signify a generator has tripped.

The g.mac.mac_trip_flags vector is summed in the networkSolution (networkSoltuionVTS) function. If the resulting sum is larger than 0.5, the line number connected to the generator in g.line.line_sim is found and the reactance is set to infinity (1e7). The reduced y matrices are then recalculated and used to solve the network solution via an i_simu call. If derivatives of the tripped machine are not set to zero, the generator's speed increases, mechanical power output eventually drops to zero/near-zero, and the attached exciter Efd appears to the set reference voltage.

Performance Note

If a machine is tripped, the altered reduced Y matrices are generated every simulation step. This repeated action could probably be reduced or eliminated via use of globals and logic checks.

- create new globals handling the Y matrices selected during the network solution.
- create an old mac trip flags
- compare old mac trip flags to mac trip flags
- if there has been a new trip, update associated Y matrix globals
- if there hasn't been a new trip, but a machine has tripped, use the stored Y matrix
- must account for other system changes due to faulting scenarios

This is merely a calculation reduction and not required for tripping/un-tripping, but may result in a noticeable speed up.

Experimental 'Un-trip' Method

A method was devised to bring generation online that involves changing the mac_trip_flag from 1 to 0, re-initializing or bypassing models, and ramping exciter and governor reference values. Generally, the current method involves:

- 1. Ensure $P_{mech} = P_{elect} = 0$
- 2. 'Bypass' governor by setting $P_{ref} = 0$ and ω_{ref} = the current machine speed.
- 3. 'Bypass' Exciter by ignoring calculated mac.vex from exciter model. (may change)
- 4. Change mac trip flag from 1 to 0
- 5. Re-Initialize machine to current time index
- 6. Re-Initialize governor to current time index
- 7. Re-Initialize exciter and PSS to current time index
- 8. Ramp exciter and governor reference values

Changing a mac_trip_flag from 1 to 0 returns the line reactance to normal and effectively re-connects a generator to the system. However, the model states and reference values are no longer synchronized with the system and must be handled to avoid unrealistic state scenarios and excessive transients. Test cases have been created that utilize the mac_trip_logic and mtg_sig user defined code files to manage the required bypassing, reinitializations, and reference ramping tasks.

Most PST models may be initialized if the passed in flag is 0. Individual models may be initialized if the passed in i is the internal number of the model to initialize. Unfortunately, the initialize functions were designed to work with values at time index 1 however, it appears simple enough to change this so that an arbitrary data index may be referenced for initialization procedures. Alternatively, additional functions, or flag functions of models may be created to handle re-initialization.

Added Code Functionality

- Exciter Bypass
- Zeroing of tripped Machine derivatives in FTS mode
- Update of PSS initialization routine to handle re-init
- Creation of re-init functions for mac_sub, tg, smpexc.

Possible Future Work

- Initialize system with tripped generators (i.e. allow spinning reserve)
- Reduce Y matix redundant calculations when tripping via globals and logic
- Enable re-init for more generators/exciters
- Automatically zero derivatives of models attached to gen (exc, pss, gov)
- Devise better, more functionalized, method to more easily trip and un-trip generators
- Allow VTS to work with un-trips will probably require indexing of saved solution vector.