





Identifying Overlapping Successive Events Using a Shallow Convolutional Neural Network

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Motivations of Event Identification



Fig. 1 The satellite photograph shows the blackout in 2003 https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/blackout-2/

- Efficiently identifying large events are beneficial to avoid blackout and improve power system stability and reliability;
- More than 2000 Phasor measurement units (PMUs) have been installed in the United States;
- A number of PMU data motivate people to monitor and control power system with data-driven methods.

Existing Approaches

- Recent development of event identification methods[1-5]:
- Advantages:
 - o model-free, robust to model errors.
- Limitations:
 - Single events or multiple events with long time intervals and minor overlapping;
 - A large number of training datasets;
 - No clear physical interpretations;
 - High training **complexity.**



Challenges of Identifying Successive Events



Fig. 3 (a) Line 17-43 tripped at 1 s followed by line 25-26 tripped event at 2 s in the IEEE 68-bus power system.

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Fig. 4 (b) Generator at bus 4 tripped at 1 s followed by line 26-29 tripped at 2 s in the IEEE 68-bus power system.

- The two successive events in (a) are almost independent, but the successive events in (b) **are overlapping**;
- Insufficient number of historical successive events for training;
- Goals
 - Offline training of single events
 - Online identification of **overlapping** successive events

- Dominant Features:
 - $M_1^T = [y_1, ..., y_T]$ is a data matrix of m PMU channels in T, $M_1^T \approx U_r \Sigma_r V_r^{\dagger}$
 - $U_r, V_r \in C^{m \times r} \Sigma_r = diag(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_r)$ are singular vectors and values.
 - Since $y_t = A y_{t-1}$, the two data matrices in sequential windows: $M_1^T = A M_2^{T+1}$
 - Define the eigenvalues of A and $\sigma_1, \cdots, \sigma_r$ as the *dominant features*.
- Classification:
 - The extracted dominant features are input to a 2-layer CNN classifier.

Offline Training



Fig. 5 Offline training on single events of Generator Trips (GTs), Line Trips (LTs), and Three phase short circuit (TPs)

- Extract dominant Eigen values λ of the state matrix and singular values σ of the recorded single events as features;
- Input featrures (λ, σ) to a
 2-layer CNN of two-path;
- Train the 2-layer CNN classifier to identify the type of an event.



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- <u>Step 3</u>: The trained **CNN outputs the type** of the second event in real time.

Numerical Results

Table 1. The Identification Accuracy Rate (IAR¹) of 380 simulated datasets

IAR %	LT + GT	LT + TP	LT + LT	GT + GT	GT + TP	TP +GT
CNN-F ²	86.4	97.8	81.1	87.3	77.5	91.3
CNN-T ³	63.8	65.3	80.5	63.1	26.5	85.8

- Simulated datasets are generated by **PSS/E** in the IEEE 68-bus power system.
- 967 single events are employed to train the classifier, and the CNN identifies 1136 successive events of different combinations as shown in Table, where "LT+GT" denotes a line trip event is followed by a generator trip event.

¹**IAR** is the ratio of the number of correctly classified events to the total number of events. ²**CNN-F** represents the CNN with **dominant features** as inputs. ³**CNN-T** represents the CNN with **time series** as inputs.

Performance with small training datasets



Fig. 6 The IAR of CNN-F and CNN-T when partial training datasets are available

- The dominant features are robust to initial conditions, and the CNN-F achieves a higher IAR with small training datasets.
- The IAR of **CNN-T is sensitive** to the size of the training data.



The Impact of Subtracting the First Event

Classifier	Process	LT %	GT %	TP %	Overall %
CNN-F	NS	79.4	68.3	96.4	81.9
CNN-F	SP	95.9	89.1	97.3	94.2
CNN-T	NS	94.8	83.2	78.4	85.1
CNN-T	SP	73.2	62.4	78.4	71.5

Table 1. The performance comparison with and without subtracting the first event ($\Delta T = 1s$)

- "Not Subtract (NS)" : using the data after the second event directly.
- "Subtract the Prediction (SP)" means using the residual data after subtracting the first event.
- Subtracting the impact of the first event can **enhance** CNN-F's performance significantly.
- CNN-F is robust to inaccuracies in the measurements.

Conclusions

- **Compact features**, like the dominant eigenvalues of the state matrix, are effective to characterize events and robust to initial conditions.
- The proposed **CNN classifier** trained on single events is able to identify successive events in real time.
- The CNN-F using the dominant features is robust to the measurement inaccuracies and small training datasets.
- The proposed prediction-subtraction process can reduce the impacts of earlier events and enhance the identification accuracy.



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