



OBG PRESENTS:

An Analytical Engine for DER Interconnection Studies

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Distribution System Analysis

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ANALYSIS

Power Flow Analysis

Power Quality Analysis

Fault Analysis

Dynamic Analysis

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM STUDIES WITH DERS

DERs and Net Load Projection

Distribution Engineering

Time-Series Power Flow Analysis

Advanced Optimization

Hosting Capacity

Interconnection

Dynamic Studies

Co-Simulation with Transmission Systems

MARKET ANALYSIS

Utility Revenue

Customer Billing

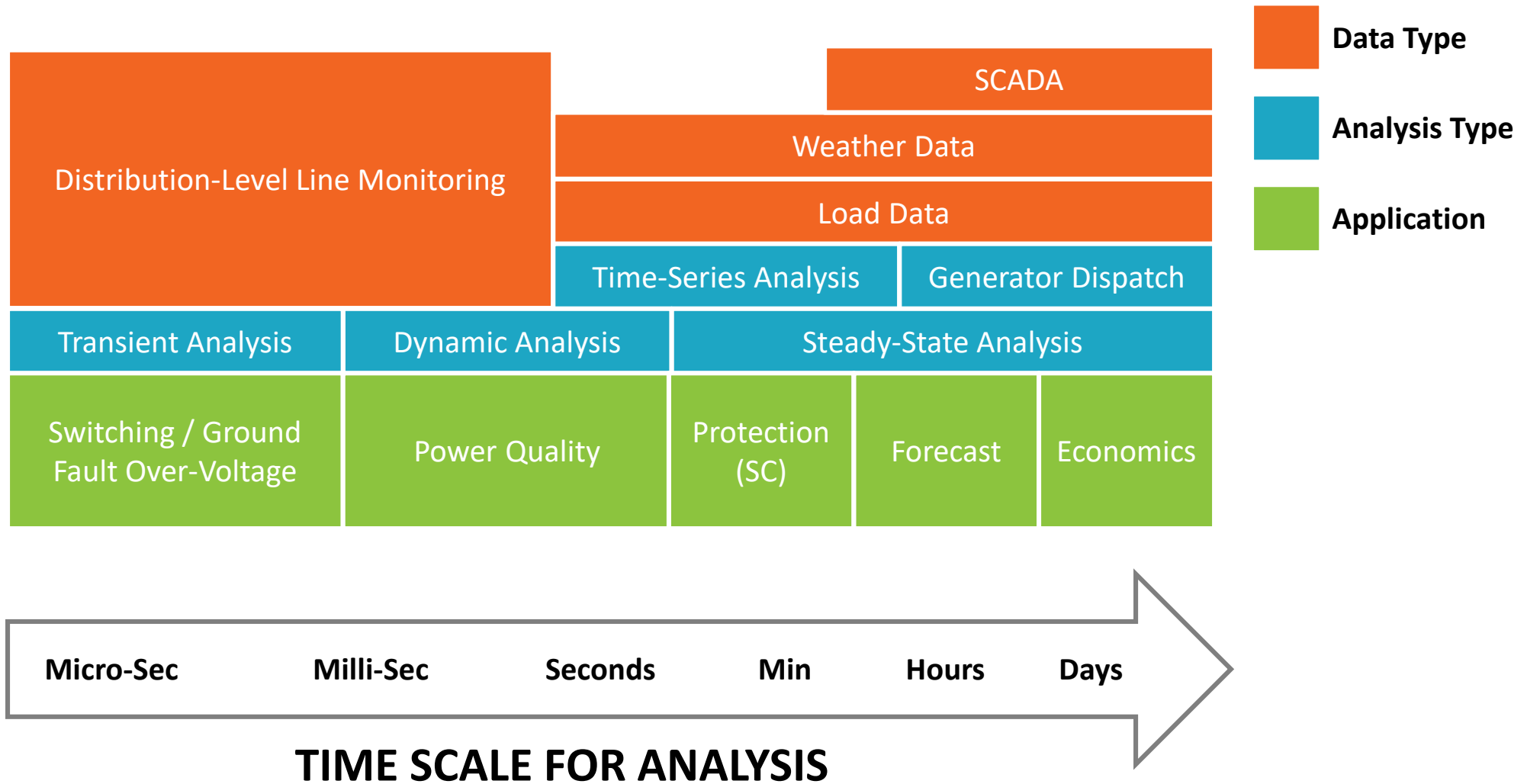
Time-of-Use Pricing

Demand Response Revenue

Transactive Energy Analysis



Time Scale Analysis for Utilities



DER Interconnection

Major Utility Concern Related to DER

Concern	Number of Utilities (Out of 21)
Voltage regulation	16
Reverse power flow	11
Protection coordination	10
Increased duty on line regulators	8
Unintentional islanding	8
Secondary networks	6
Variability due to clouds	5
Capacitor switching	4

Source: Coddington and Smith 2014

Transient

- Transient voltage impacts
- Islanding
- Microgrid

Dynamic

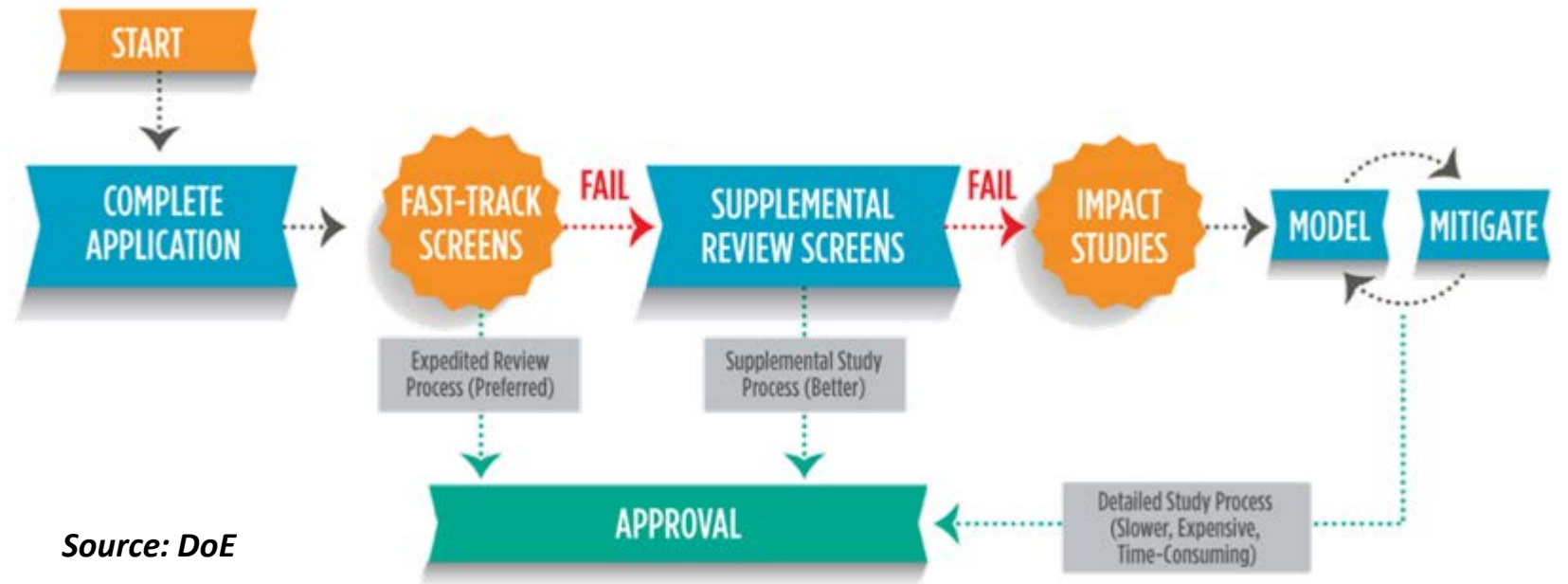
- Protection
- Power Quality

Quasi-Static

- Variability Impact
- OLTC Cycling

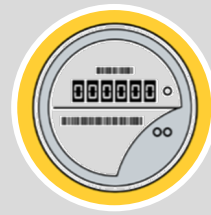


Interconnection Process



Electric Utility Systems

- National Electric Safety Code
- Utility Regulations
- ANSI C84.1



Point of Common Coupling (PCC)

- IEEE 1547.x
- IEEE 1453



Load

- National Electric Code
- UL 1741



Interconnection Process Challenges



Streamlining
the Review and
Interconnection
Process



DER Dynamic
Model



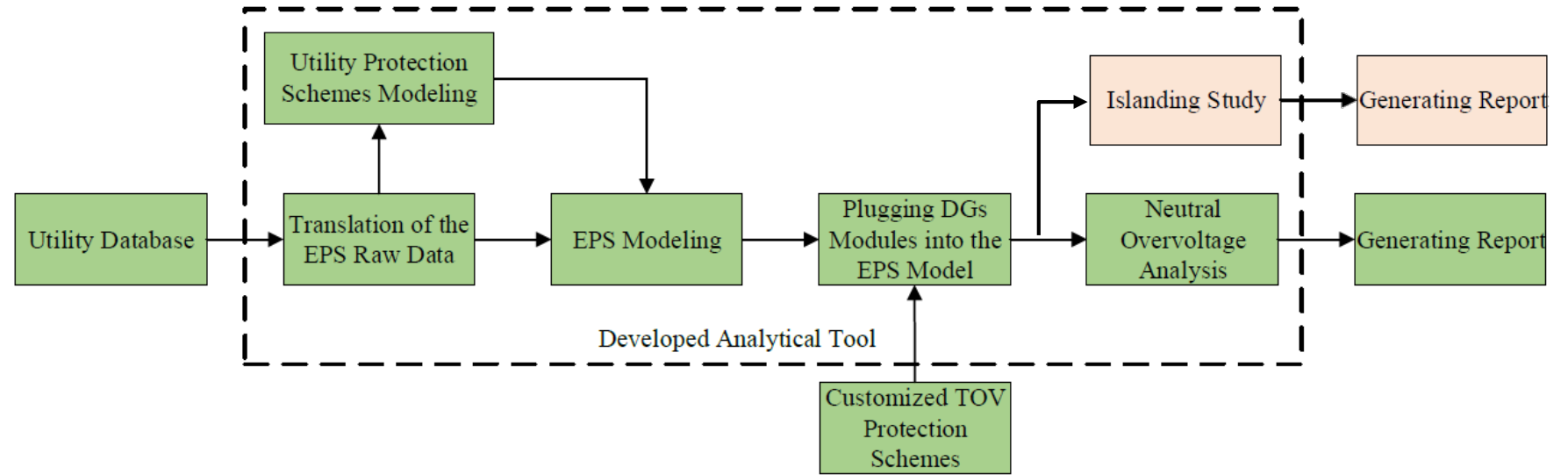
Enhancing
Methods for
Impact Analysis



Integrating
Transmission,
Distribution,
Market, and
Loads

An Advanced Distribution System Analytical Tool

Distribution System Analytical Tool (DSAT)



EDS Component Modeling

- Load
- Overhead Line
- Underground Cable
- Transformer
- Load
- Voltage Regulator
- Cap Bank

DER

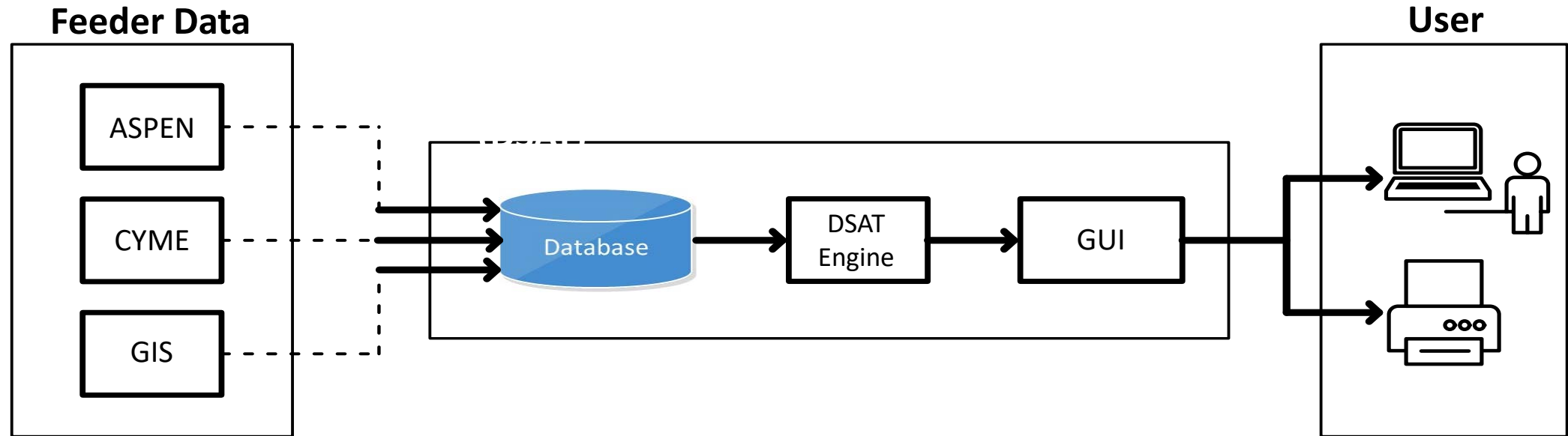
- Rotating Generators
- PV
- Energy Storage
- Inverter
- Active and Reactive Power Control
- Active Anti-Islanding Module (SFS and SMFS)
- Passive Anti-Islanding Module

Protection Systems

- Breaker
- Switch
- Fuse
- Digital Measurement Unit
- IEDs



DSAT Characteristics



**Automated
Streamline**

**Screening
Process**

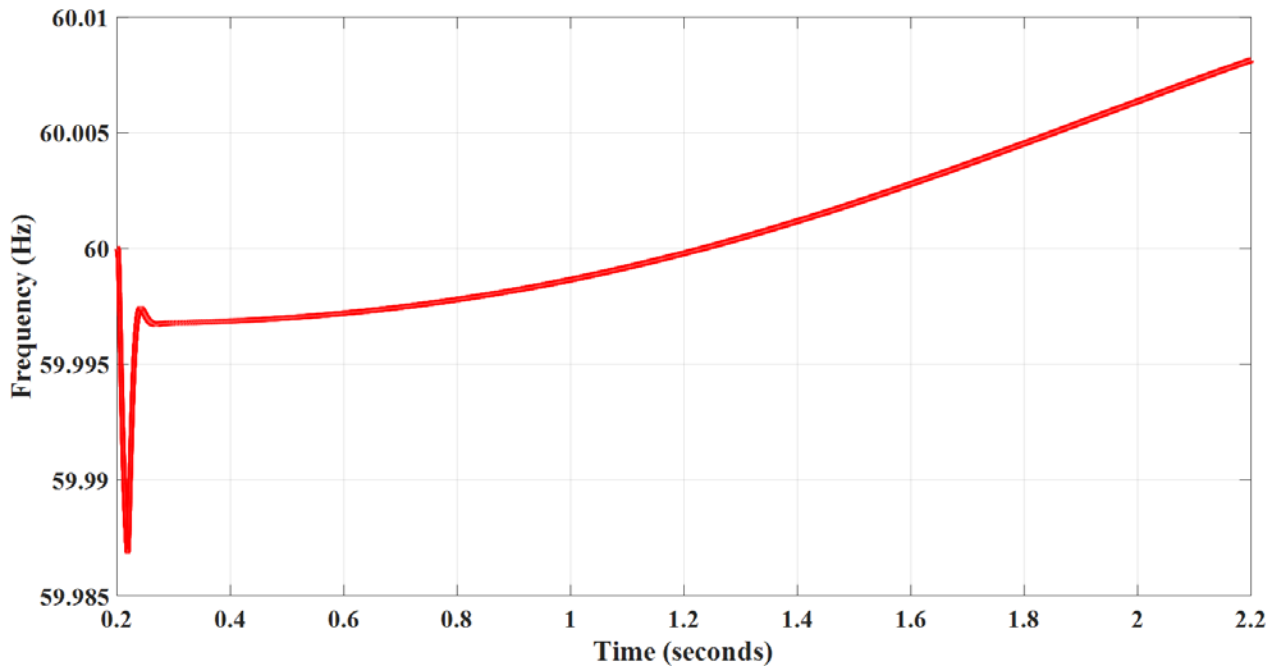
**Transient
Analysis**

**Dynamic
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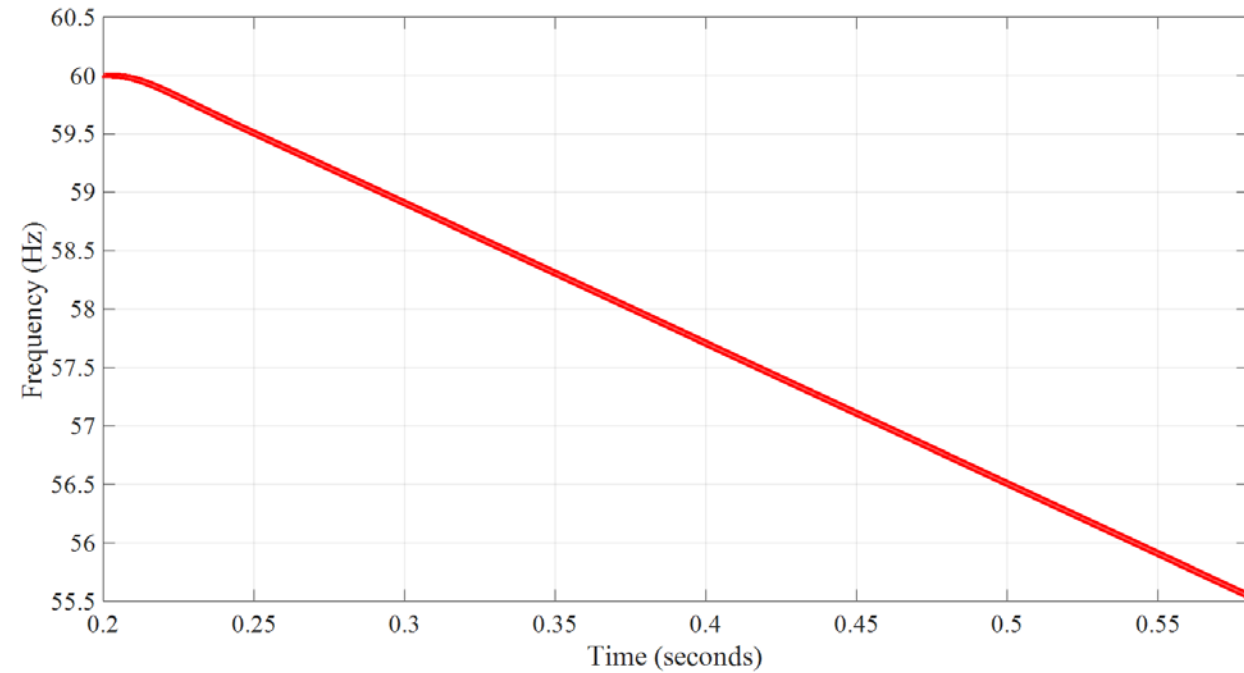
Economics



Transient Response of PV Systems



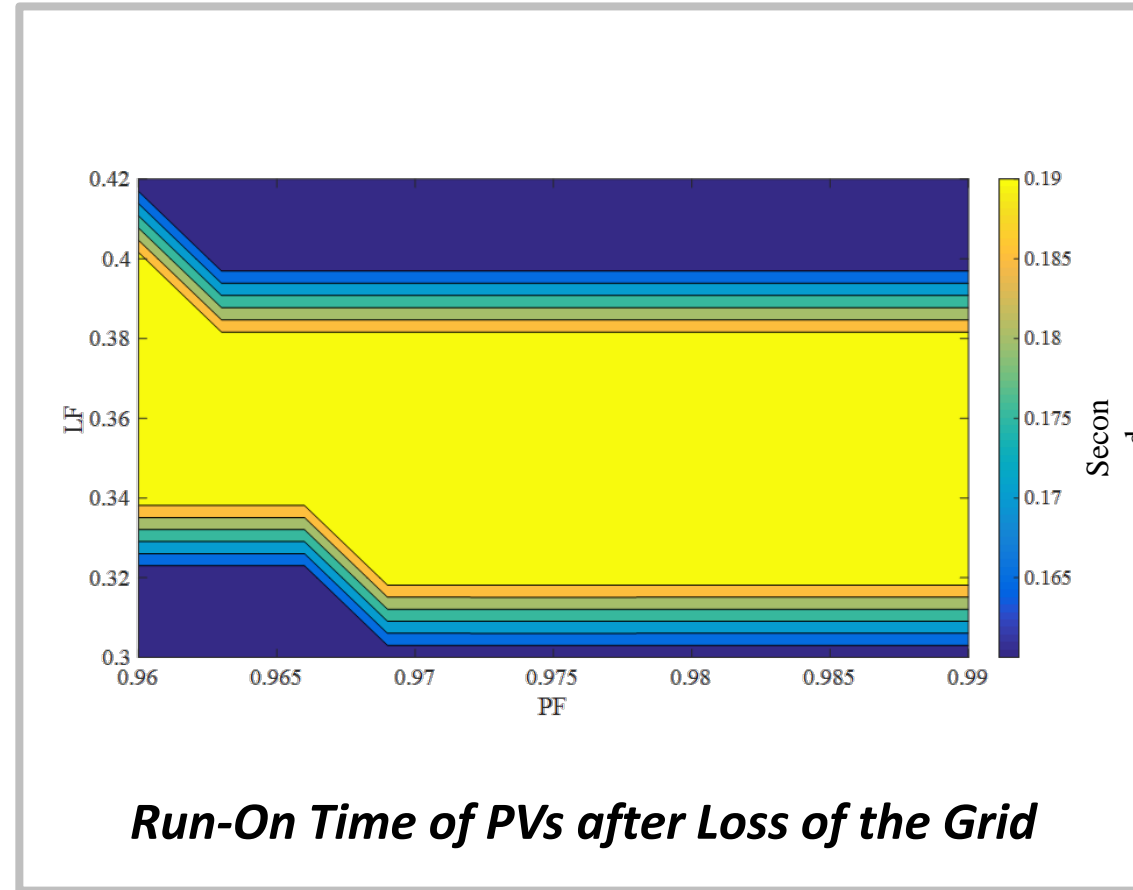
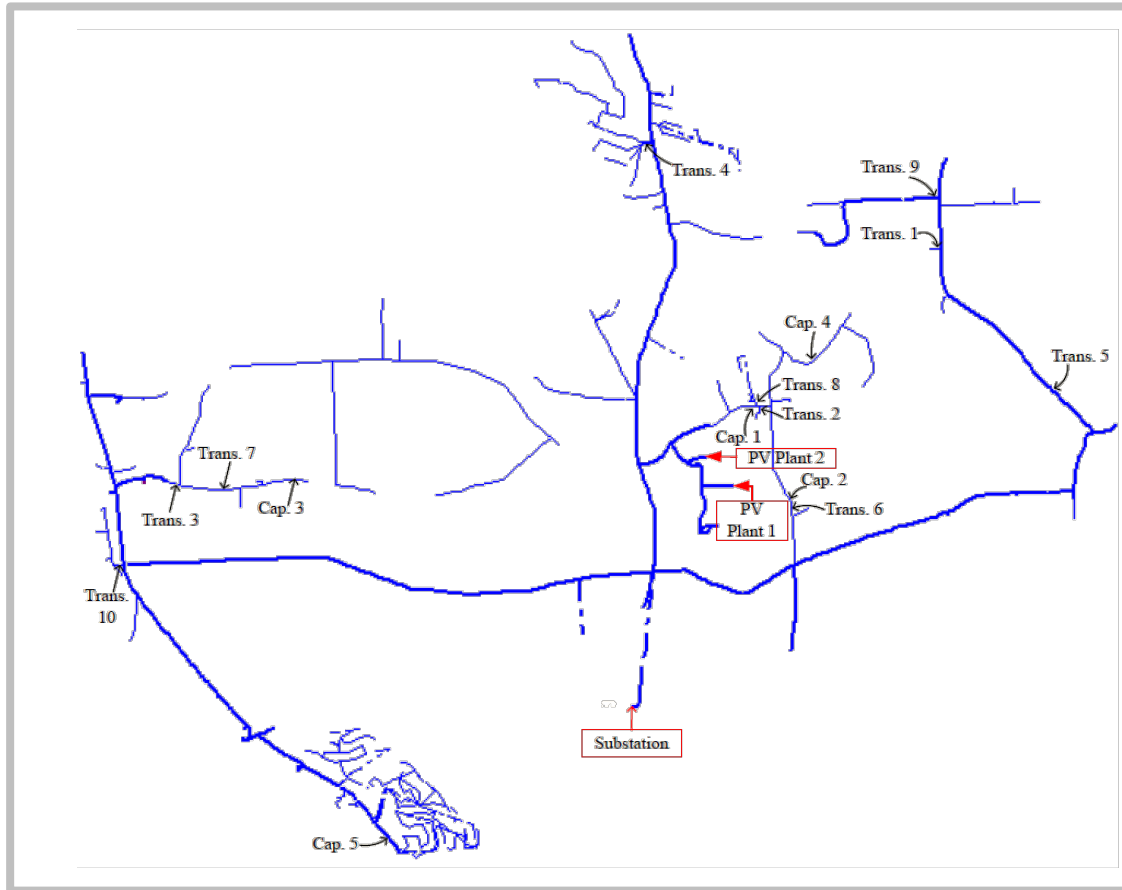
Passive Anti-Islanding



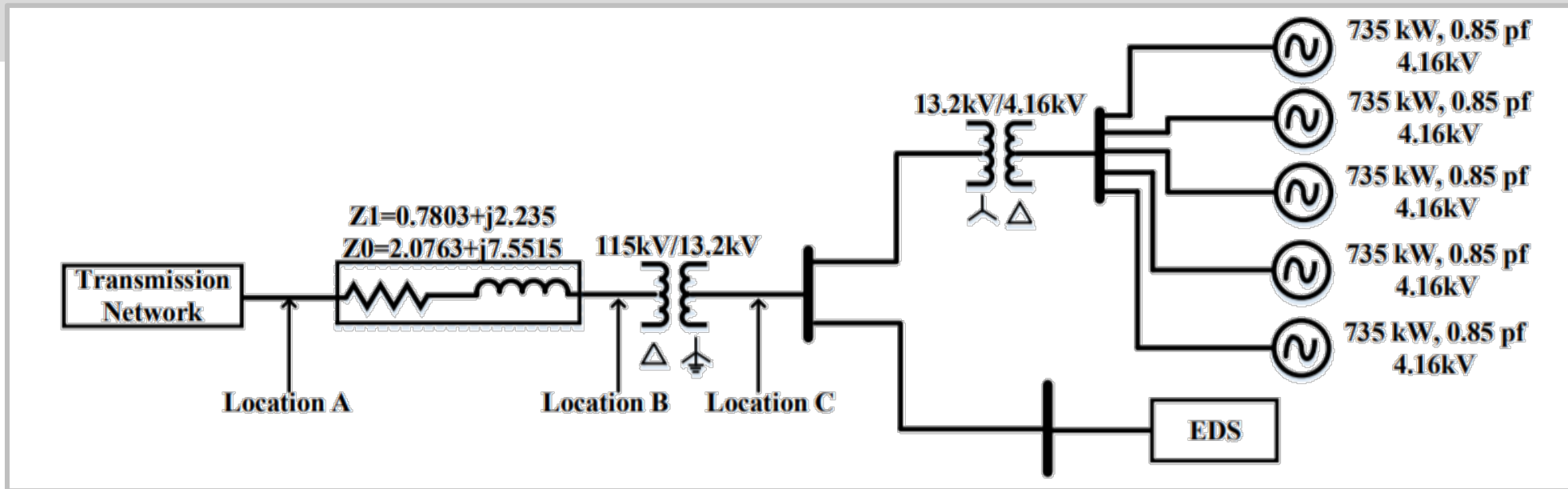
**Active Anti-Islanding
(Sandia Frequency Shift)**



Islanding Analysis

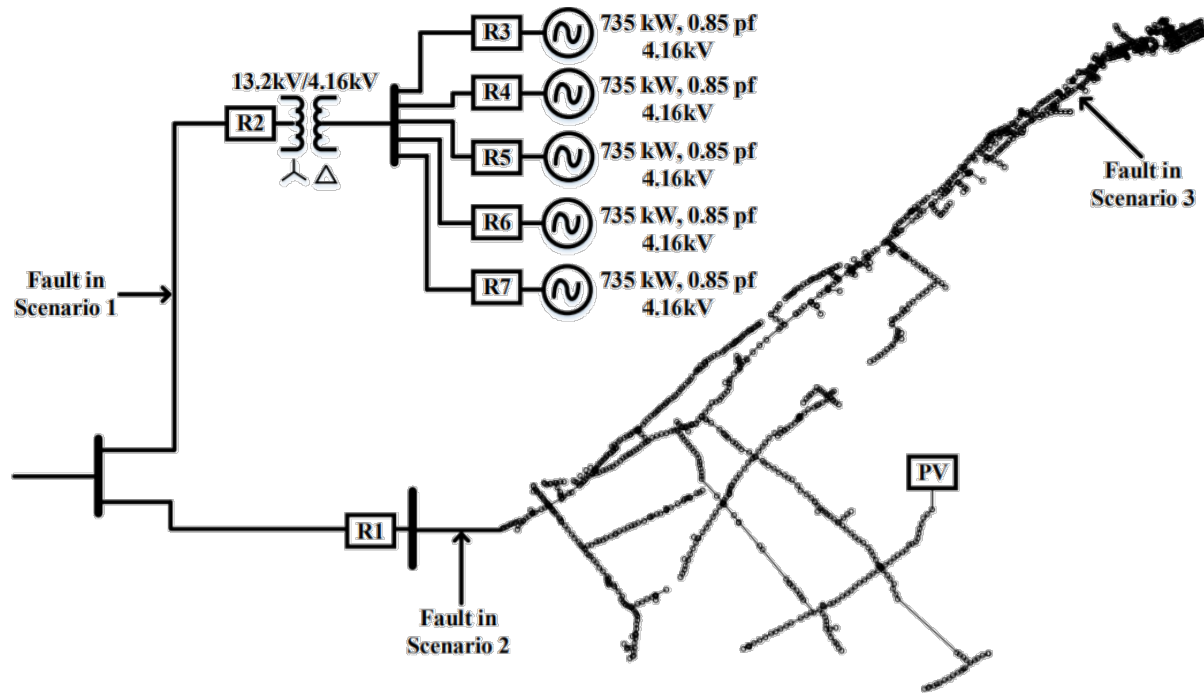


PROTECTION ANALYSIS

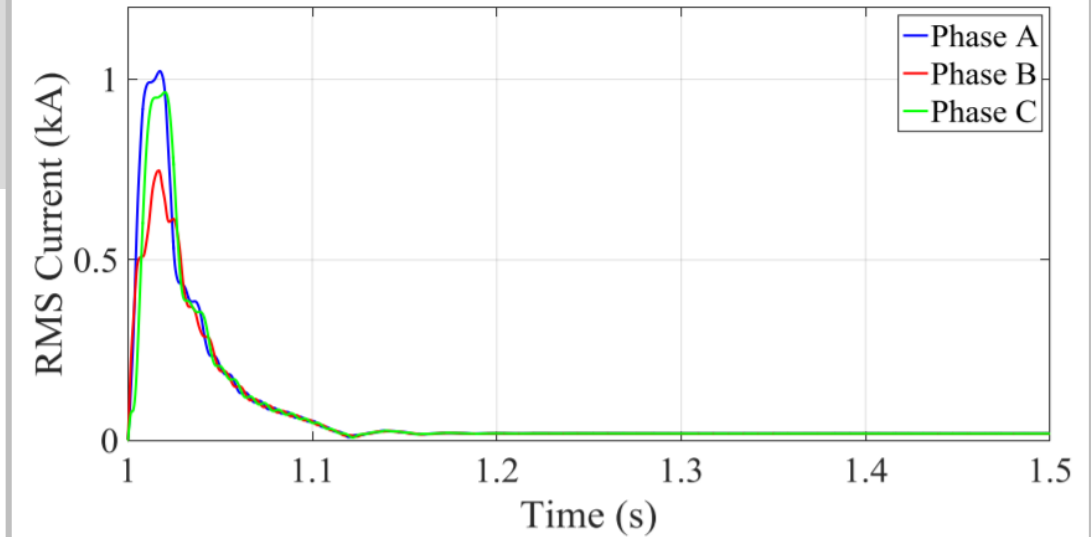


Fault Location	Fault Type	ASPEN Result	DSAT Result	Error (%)
A	L-L-L	4,070.90 A	4,074.70 A	0.0933
	L-L	3,524.50 A	3,540.15 A	0.444
	L-G	3,727.60 A	3,767.10 A	1.055
B	L-L-L	3,555.70 A	3,554.90 A	-0.022
	L-L	3,078.50 A	3,090.43 A	0.387
	L-G	3,017.80 A	3,043.70 A	0.857
C	L-L-L	6,063.40 A	5,996.18 A	-1.109
	L-L	5,250.80 A	5,220.80 A	-0.571
	L-G	7,096.20 A	7,151.80 A	0.784

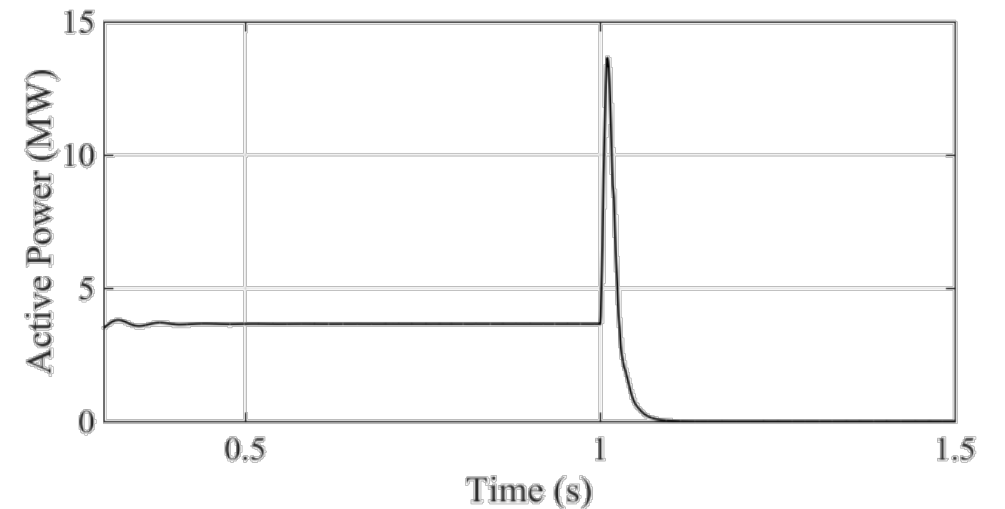
MICROGRID



Relay	CT Ratio	Pick-up Value	Time Dependency	Time Parameter	Sampling Frequency
R1	1/120	6	Extra Inverse	12.5 ms	2400 Hz
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R3-R7	1/30	0.75	Standard Inverse	7.14 s	2400 Hz



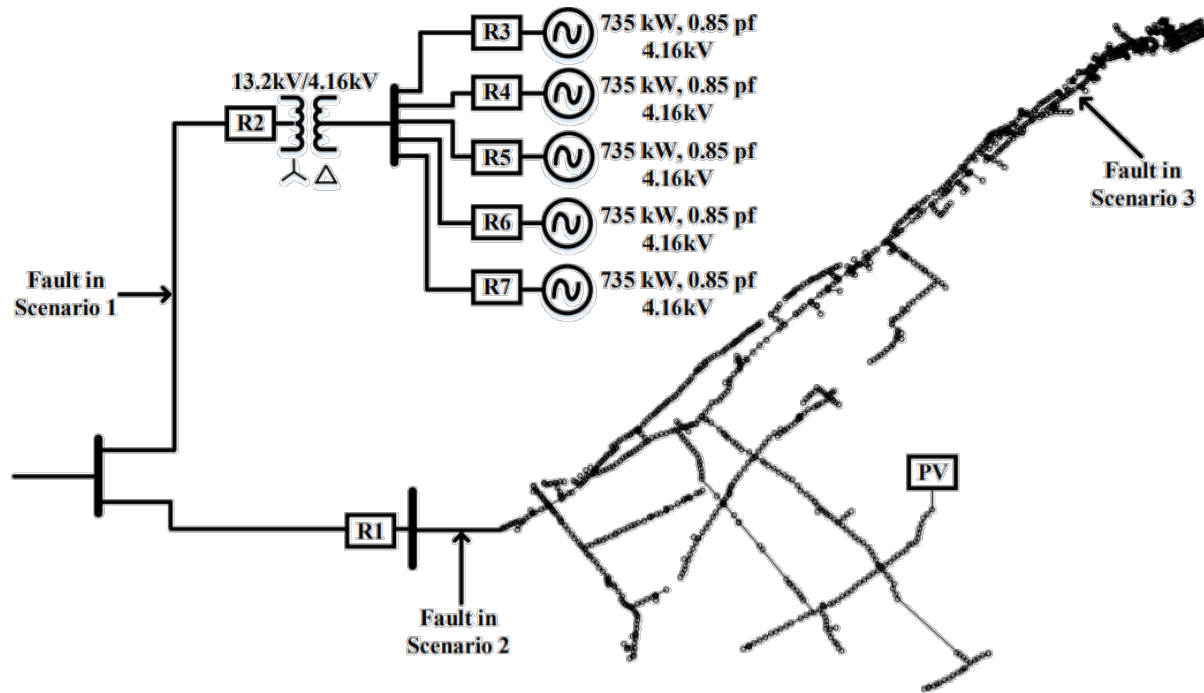
Fault current for L-L-L fault under Scenario 3.



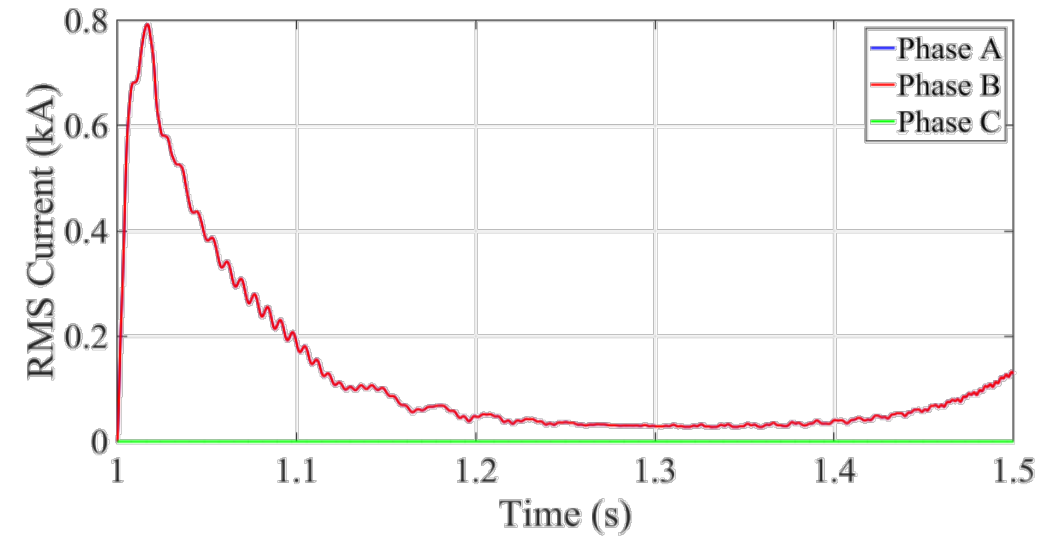
Generated active power by the induction generators during a L-L-L fault under Scenario 3.



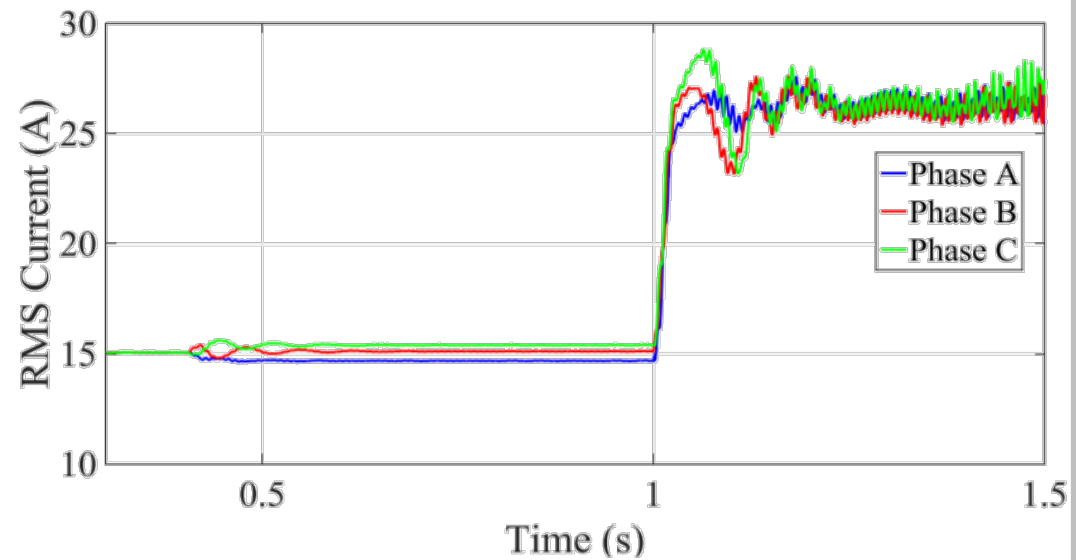
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Fault current for L-L fault under Scenario 3.



PV current during a L-L fault under Scenario 3.



Accomplished

- Streamlining Interconnection Process
- Automating Interconnection Studies
- Transient and Dynamic Analysis

In Progress

- Improving the Speed of Analysis
- Flicker Analysis
- Customized Solutions





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Thank you!