Case Study of Building Loads Using Continuous Time-Synchronized Waveform Measurements



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Continuous oscillography reporting rate



Faster sampling uncovers more disturbances



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Never miss an event again

Continuous recording captures all disturbances without detection configuration



Continuous sampled oscillography

- Conversion of an analog signal to a series of discrete time-stamped values
- Fixed time interval (T_S) between samples
- Instantaneous time-domain sampled voltage and current measurements
- Granulated and legitimate fundamental data of the power system

1.5 MVA 480 V office building electric service





Lights flicker due to rapid voltage changes



Thermal chambers constantly changing load



Just a few cyclical loads can add up

VOLTAGE	208-3-60
LARGEST MOTOR	2HP I3AMPS
OTHER LOADS	5.2AMPS
MAX HEATER LOAD	3.5KW 16.8AMPS
FULL LOAD AMPS	35AMPS
MINIMUM SERVICE	40AMPS



60 kW "instantaneous" power change





Varying loads cause voltage ripple



Unbalance clearly seen in current waveform



View voltage sags as waveforms and RMS



Motor starts



Small unexpected voltage spikes



Significant voltage transients



Transients measured at 120% of nominal



Line-to-car sag captured on adjacent feeder



Energy packets simplify cyclical load detection





Decompose power into p^{POS} and p^{NEG} pulses



Energy is simply the integral of power



Energy packet theory – report energy in discrete time intervals



We now see bidirectional energy transfer in any time period



Thank you

