

# Localizing and Mitigating Delayed Voltage Recovery in Distribution Systems via DER & Load Control

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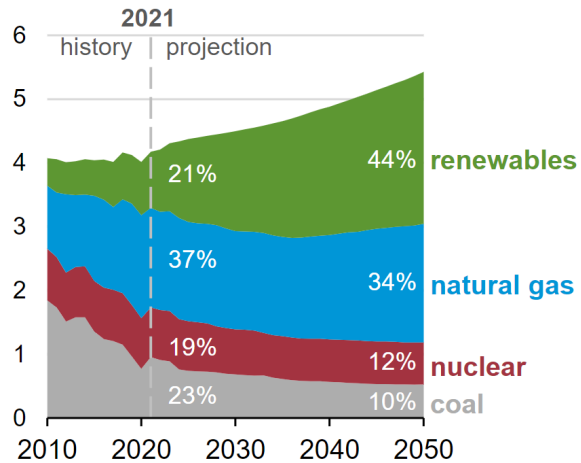
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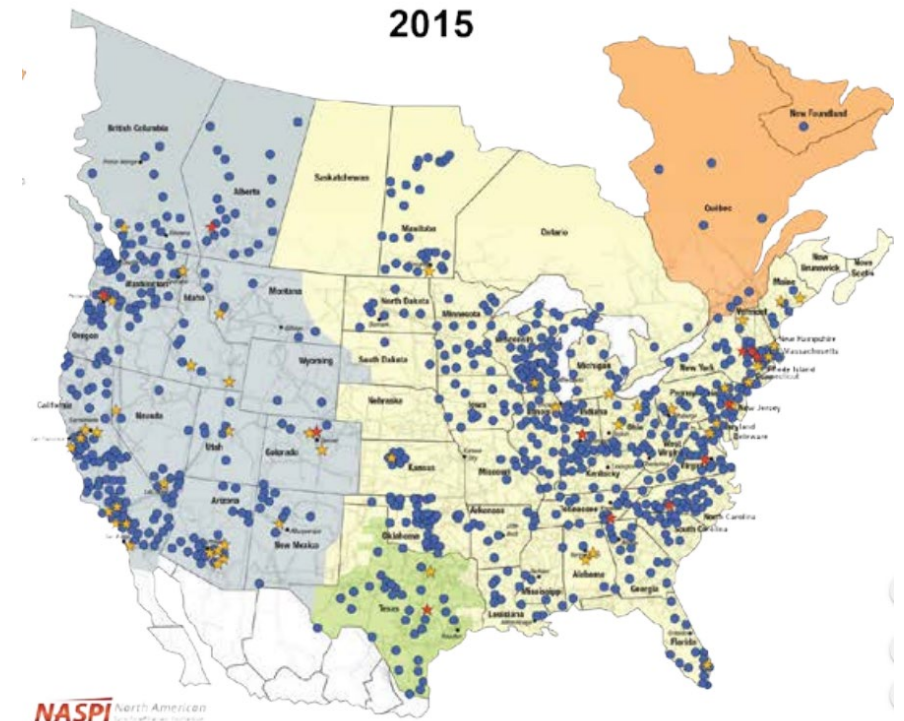
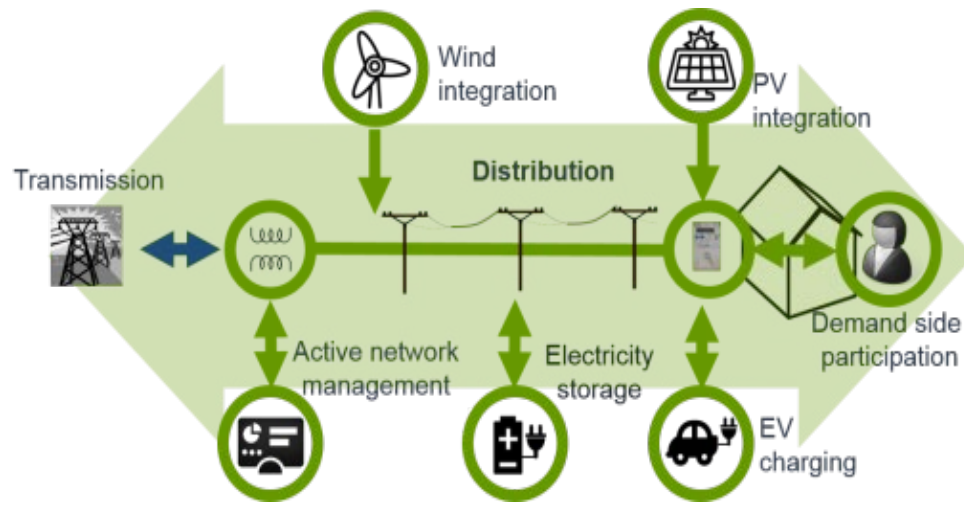
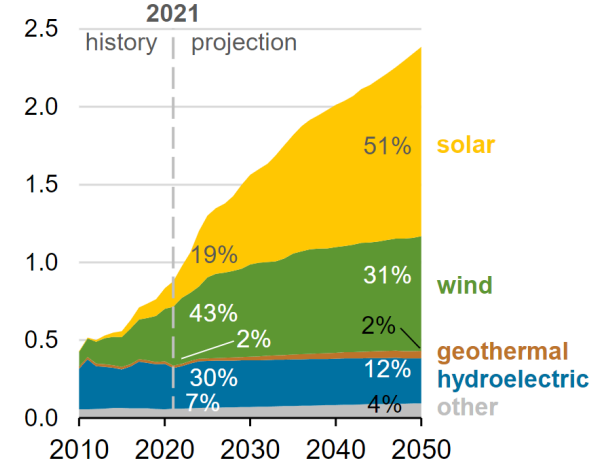
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# Broad Trends in Power Systems – IBRs & PMUs

U.S. electricity generation  
AEO2022 Reference case  
trillion kilowatthours



U.S. renewable electricity generation  
including end use  
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Increasing sensors in T&D  
– Online Monitoring & Control

Renewables Rising Rapidly in T&D grid

# Challenges and Opportunities



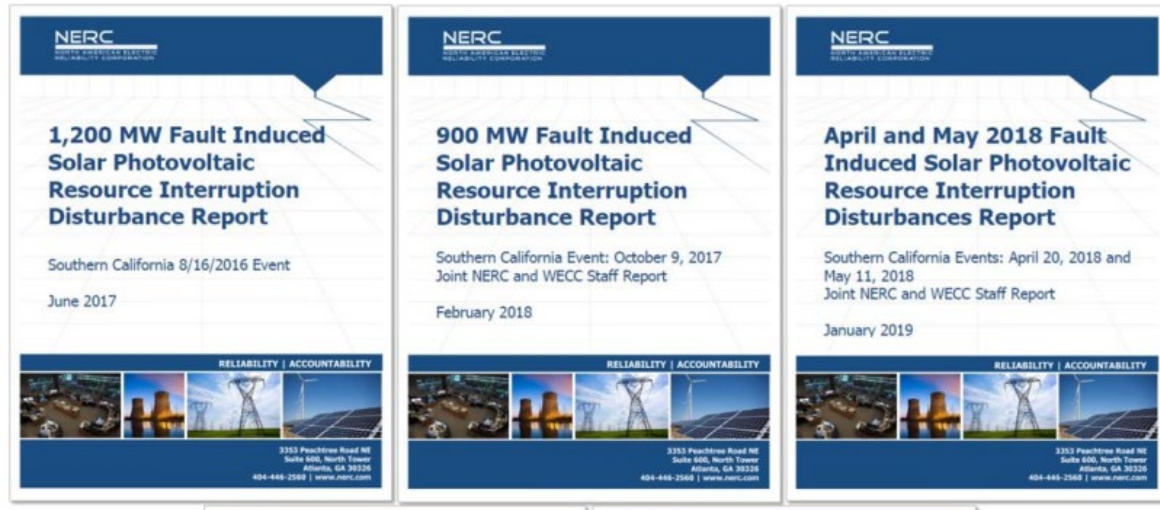
The increasing IBRs reduce damping, inertia while introducing variability

Increasingly **complex dynamics** due to increasing IBRs, especially in D-system



Use the **flexibility** of bulk IBRs+DERs to provide support – IEEE P2800, IEEE 1547 & FERC 2222

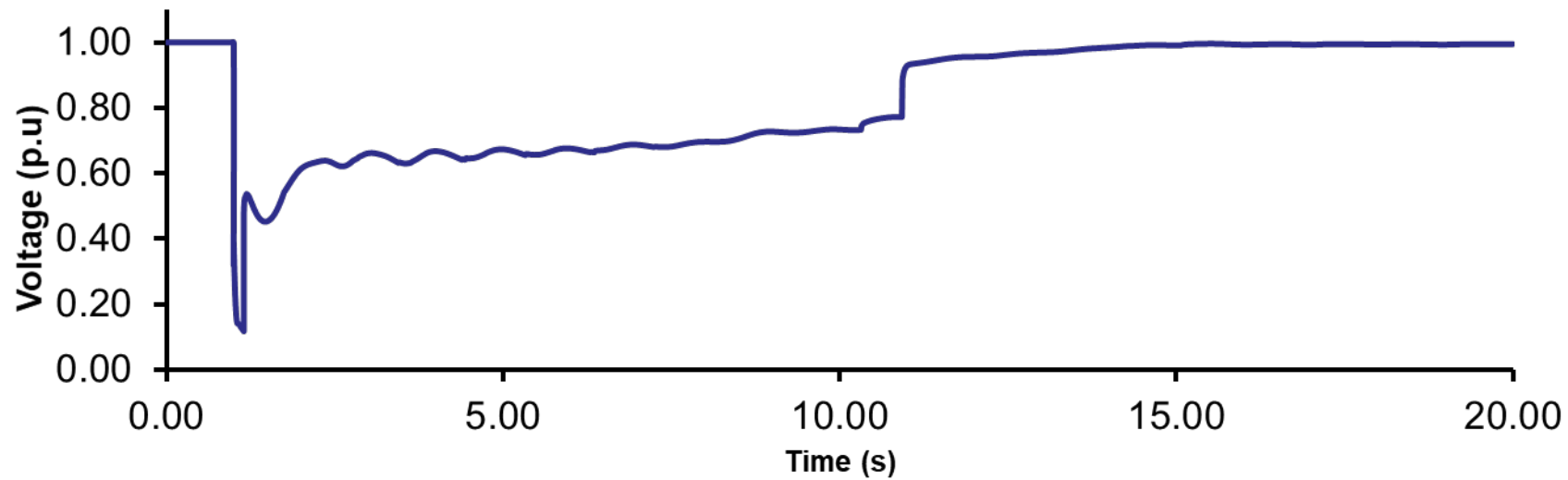
Use **sensors** to monitor and analyze the dynamics to quickly identify & control instability



Fast Frequency Response, Q-V control, etc.

Focus on Online Short-Term Voltage Instability Monitoring & Mitigation in Distribution System

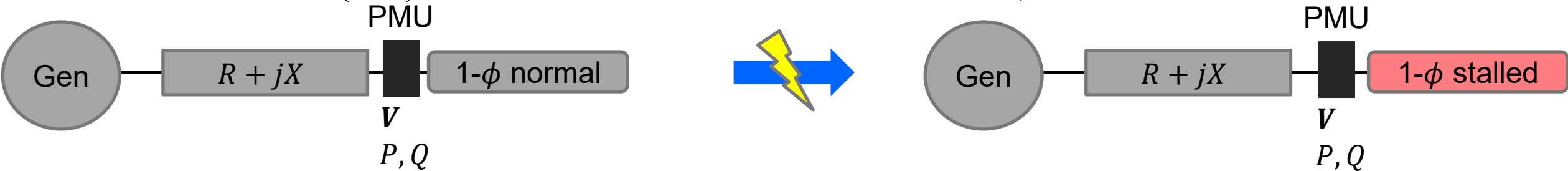
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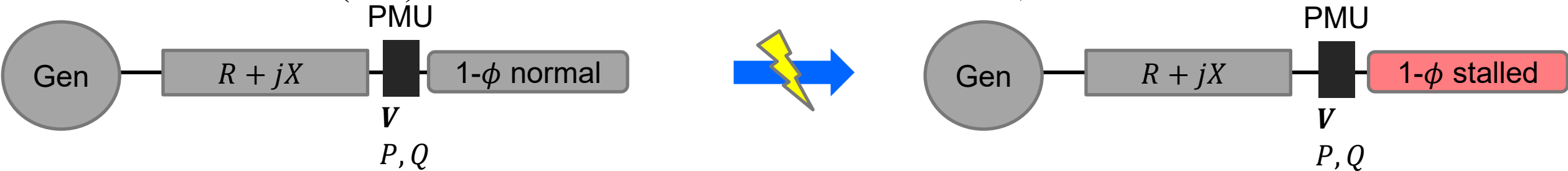
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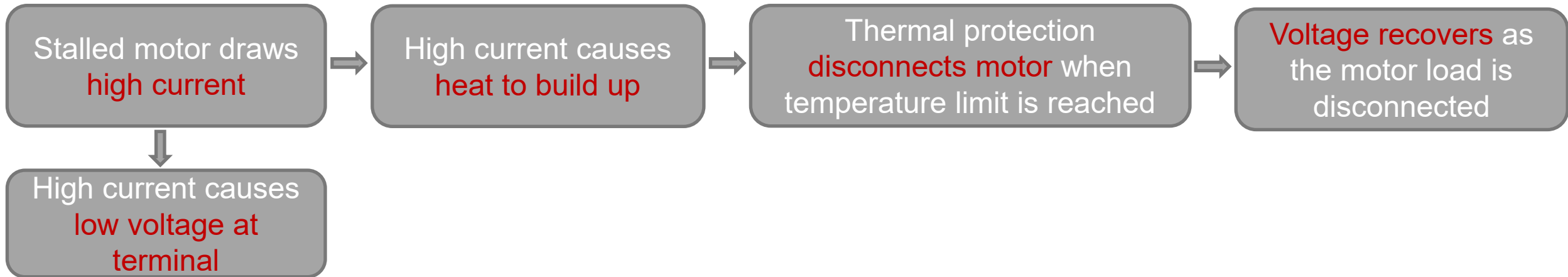
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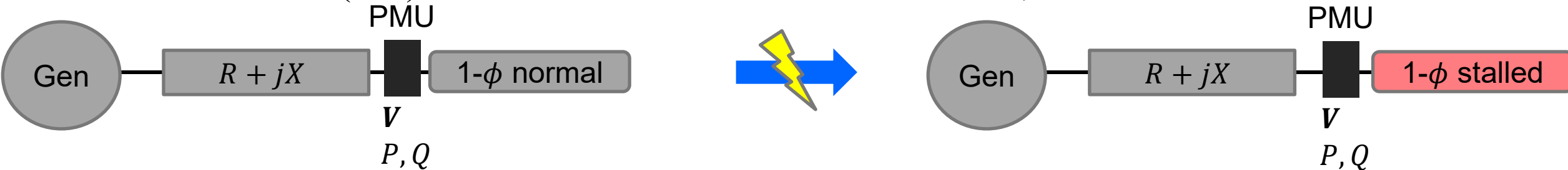


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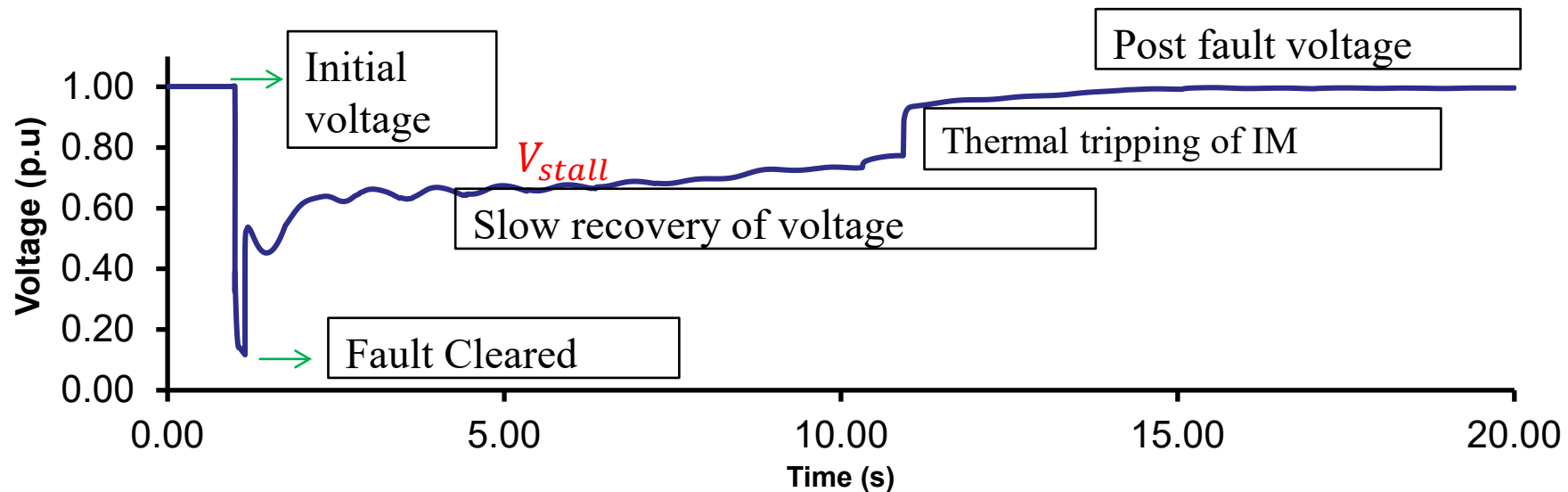


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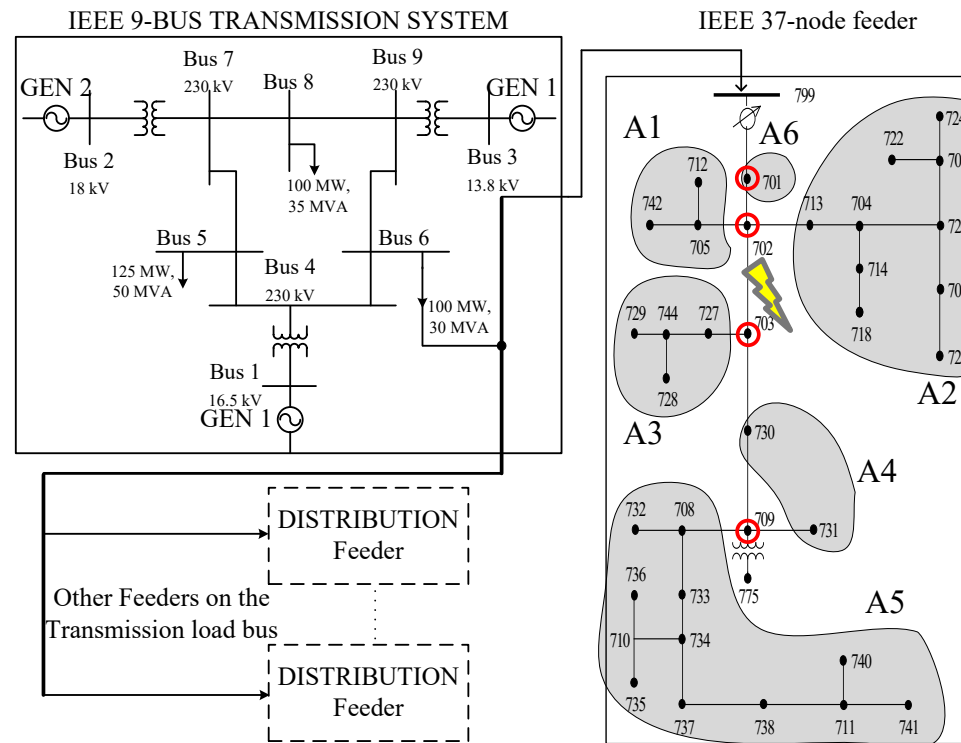


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# FIDVR in Distribution Feeders with DERs

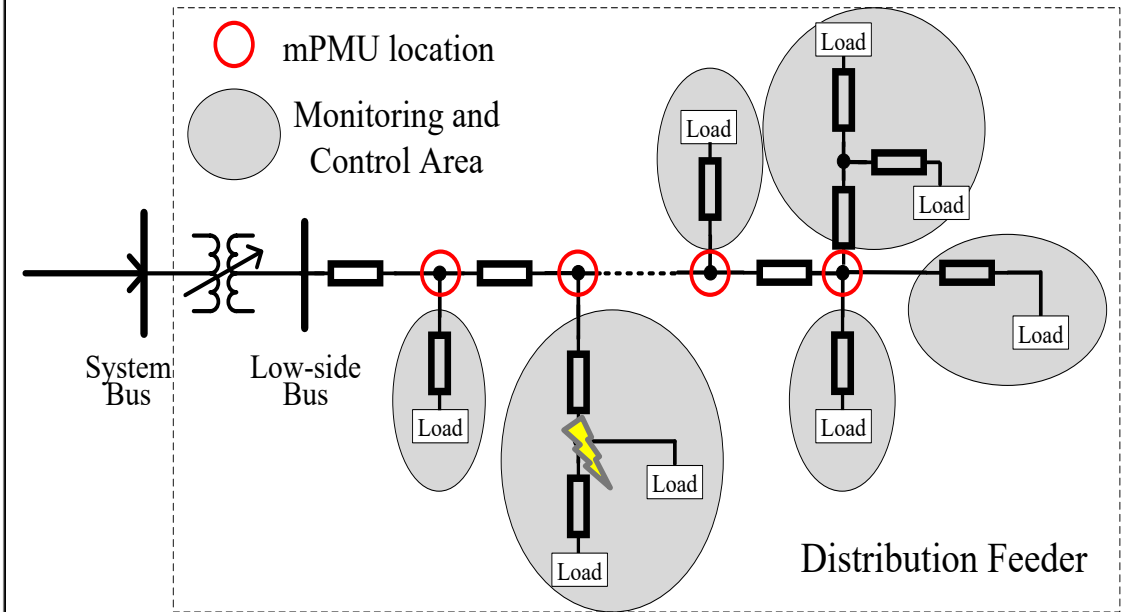
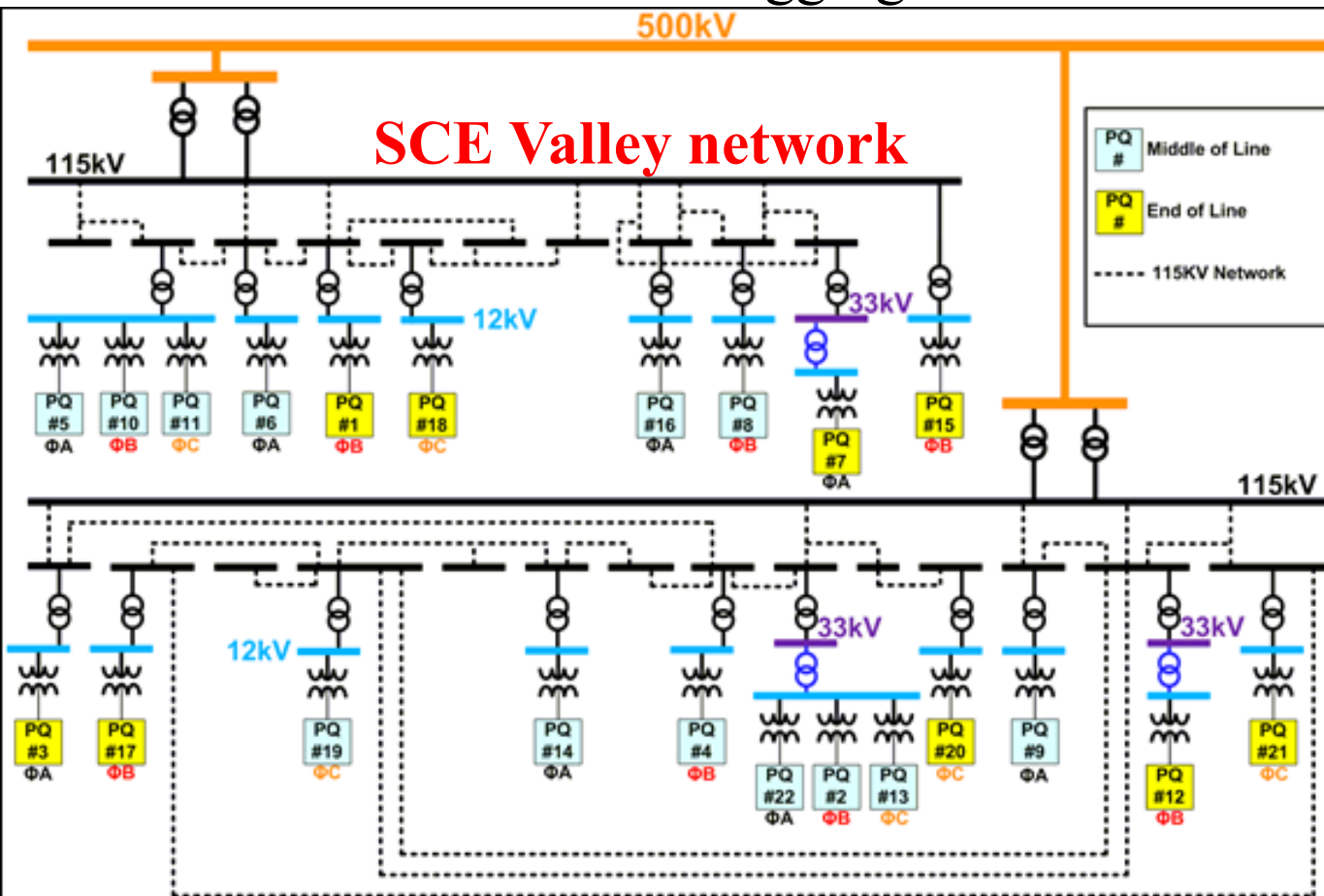


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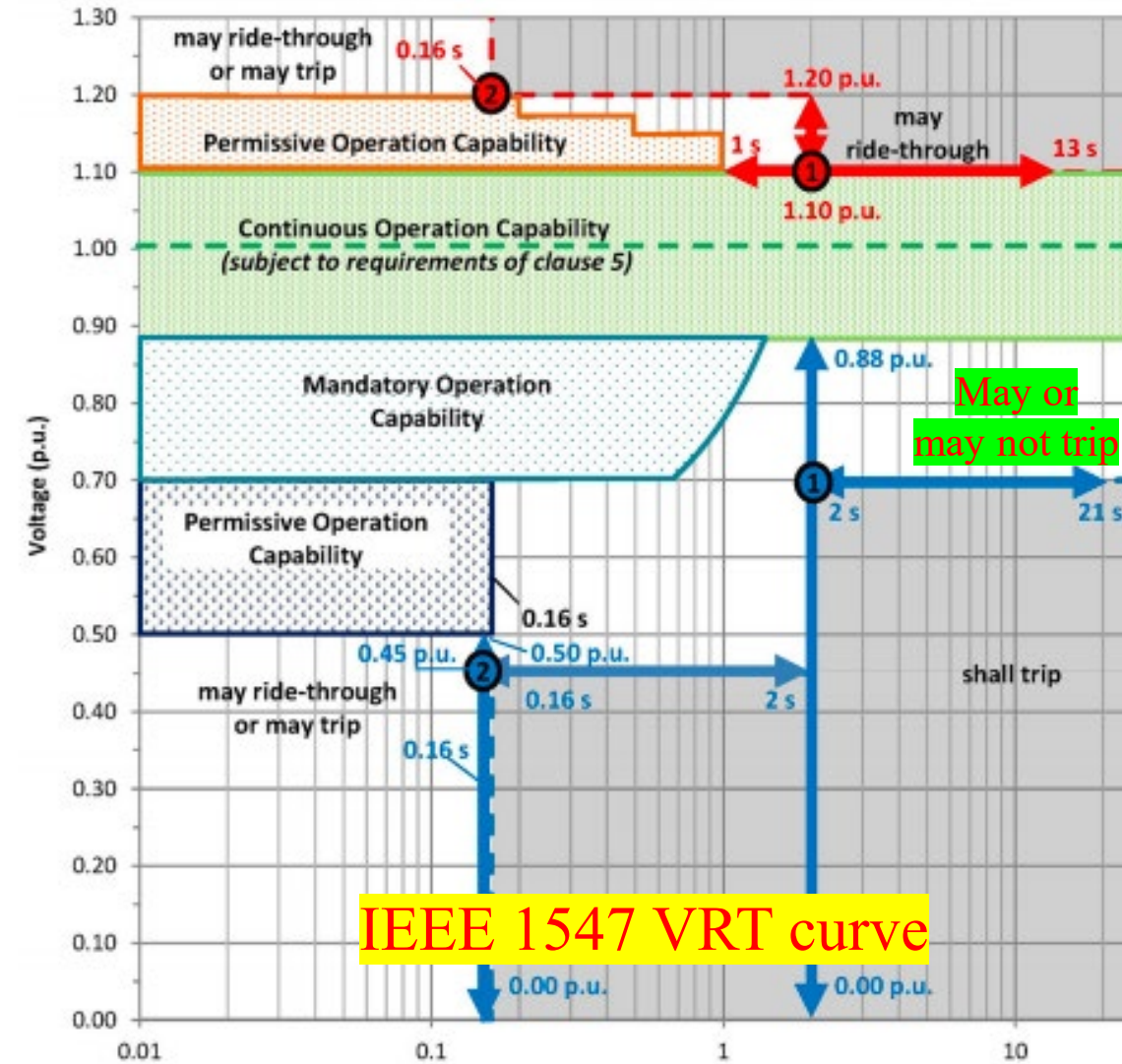
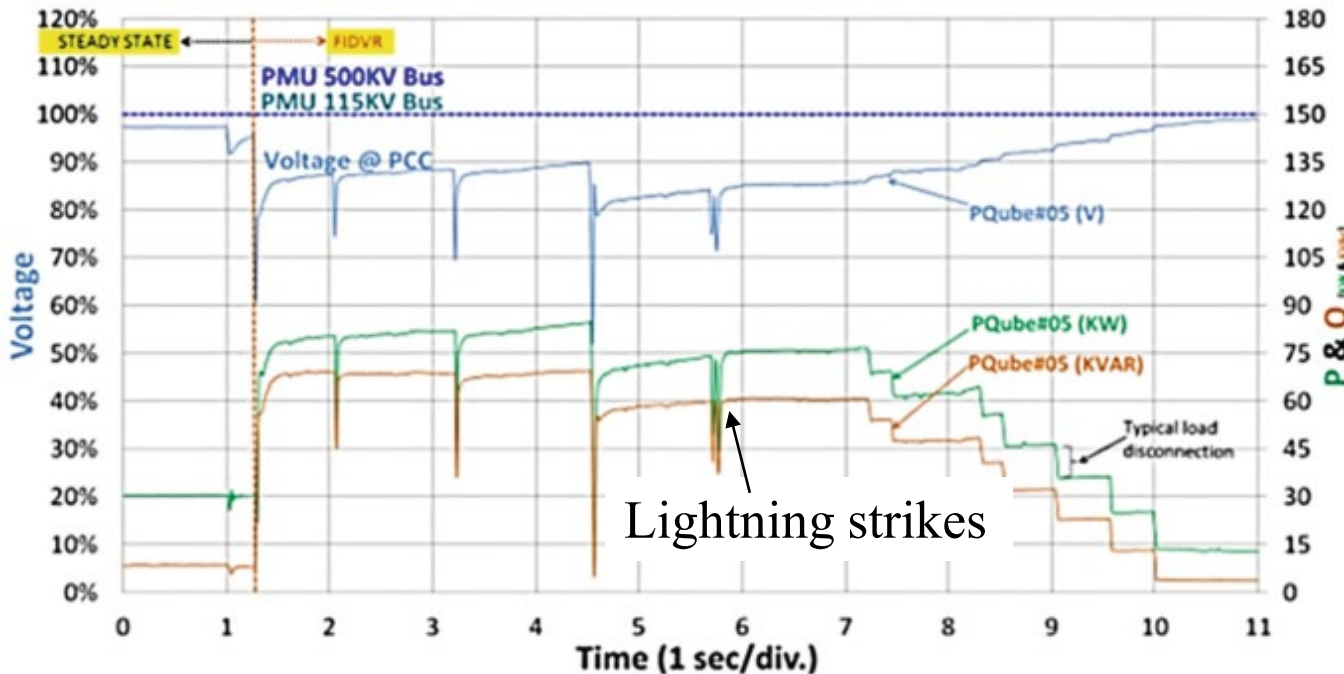
# Features of the Distribution Networks

- Transmission voltage is mostly unaffected – distribution voltage is impacted.
- Voltage measurements *cannot* localize FIDVR due to radial topology.
- Radial nature allows aggregation of devices for monitoring with less  $\mu$ PMUs



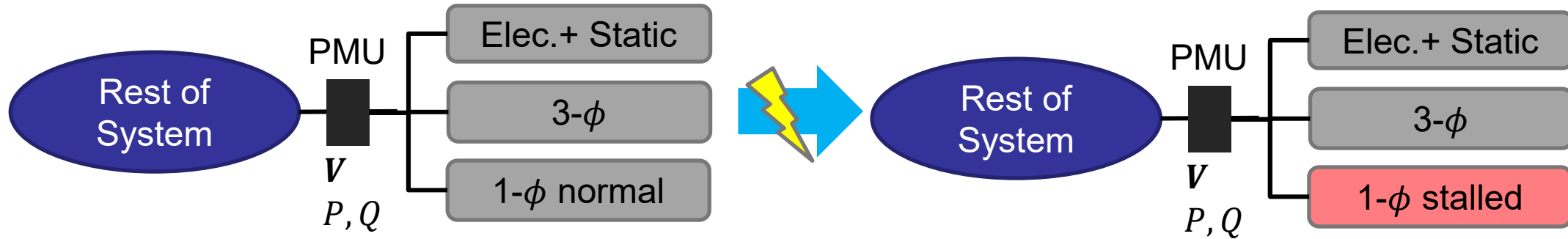
# FIDVR Event in Southern California Edison

- D-PMU (#5) in distribution and PMU at upstream Transmission substation
- DERs can disconnect due to low voltage based on settings— low voltage may spread to other feeders in the distribution system



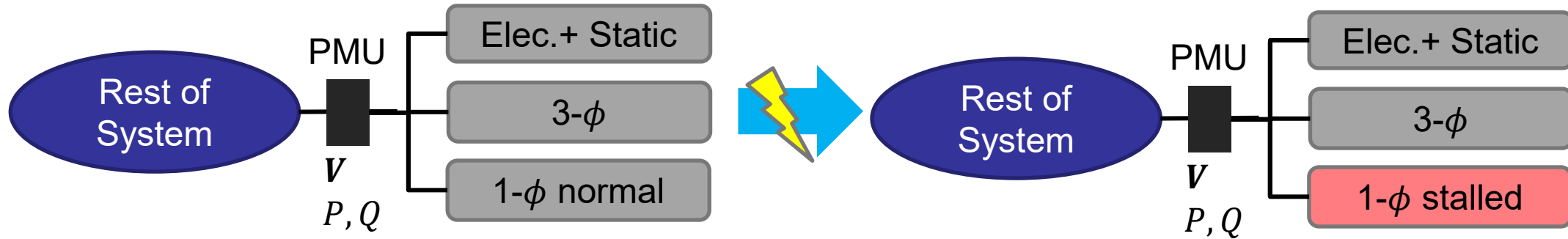
How to characterize and localize FIDVR Reliably?

# FIDVR Modelling – Composite load model



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- **Solution:** The stalled 1 $\phi$  IM is an admittance, so estimate it from measurements & model.

$$Y_{1\phi} = Y_{PMU} - (Y_{elec} + Y_{stat} + Y_{3\phi})$$

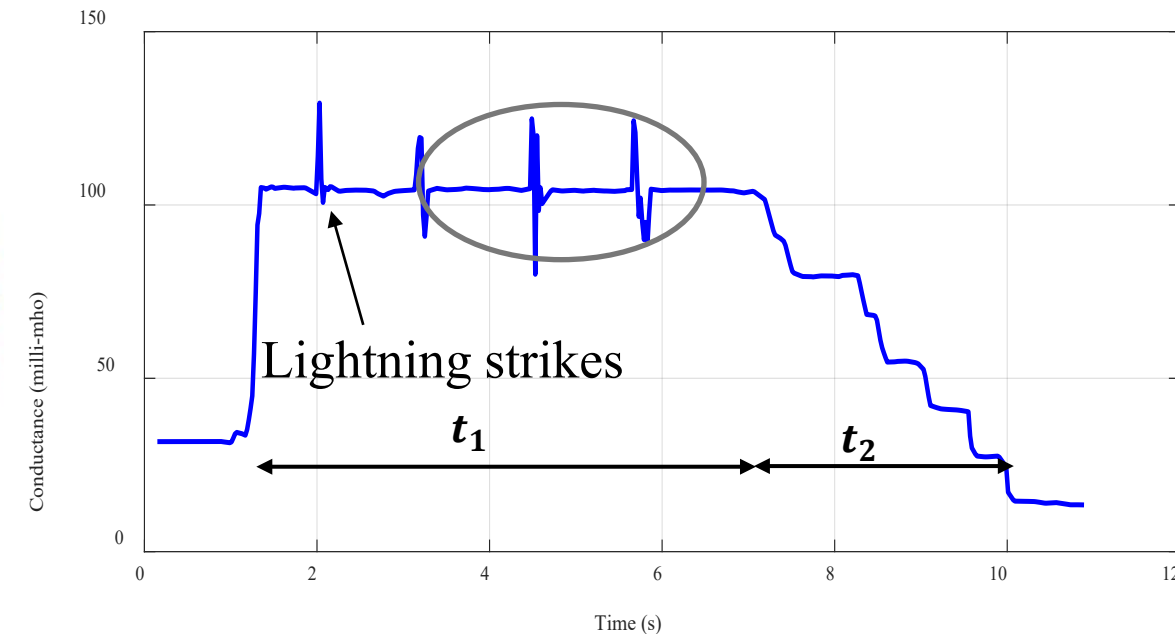
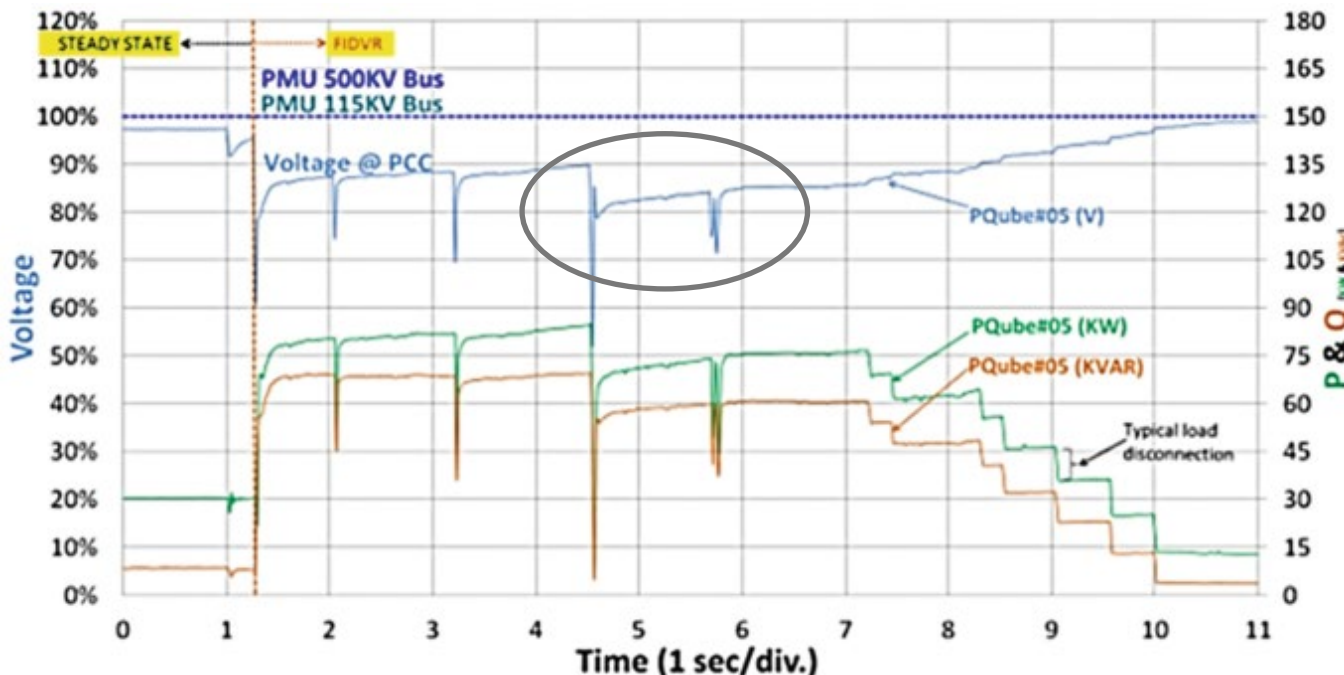
$$\frac{P + jQ}{|V|^2}$$

Function of Voltage  
and Model



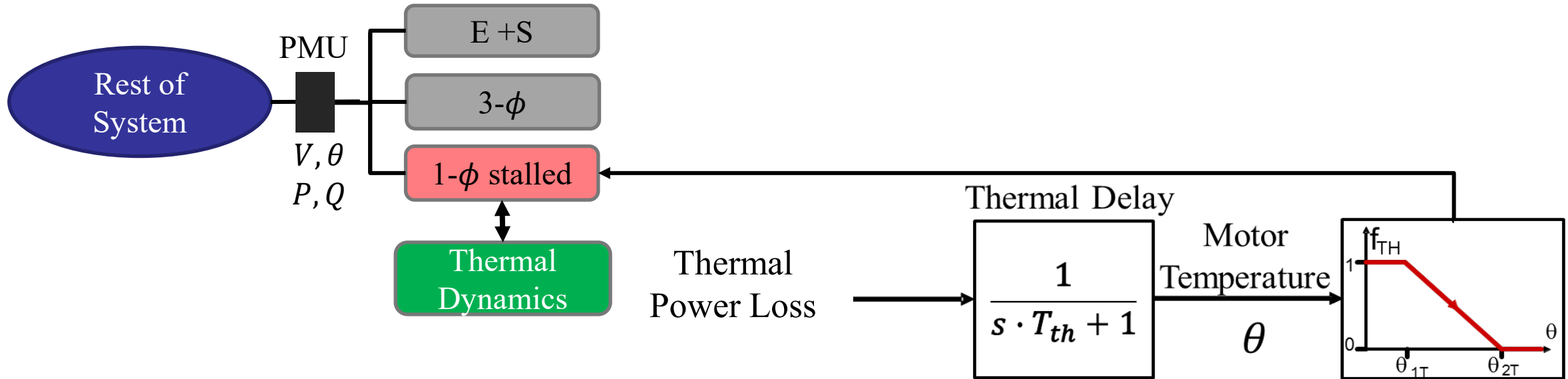
# FIDVR Event in SCE Analyzed by Admittances

- Reconstructed total conductance plots for real FIDVR events in distribution & transmission systems – from P, Q and V data [A]
- Admittance *can* localize FIDVR & Admittance identifies no more stalling after the first lightning strike – Recovery time is a good indicator of FIDVR severity
- Similar behavior seen on transmission data [B]



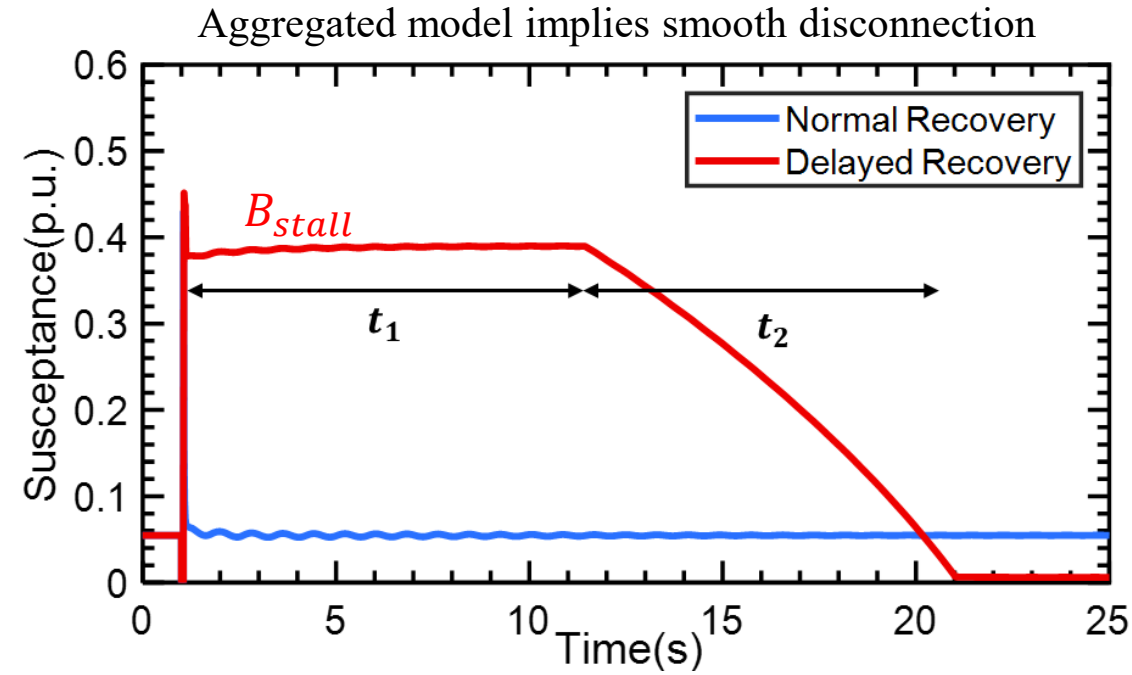
# Analysis of Load Dynamics during FIDVR

- The stalled admittance of the  $1\phi$  IM varies with time due to thermal protection.



- This is a physics inspired reduced model representing the key dynamics observed in FIDVR
- Represent this system by a switched non-linear differential equation for the dynamics of the motor temperature,  $\theta$ , as the slowly varying state in this system

# Analysis of FIDVR Recovery Time



Solving the non-linear differential equations leads to:

$$t_1 \approx -k_0 \cdot \ln \left( 1 - k_1 / (V_{stall}^2 \cdot B_{stall}) \right)$$

$$t_2 \approx \frac{2k_2}{((V_{stall}^2 + 1)B_{stall} - k_3)}$$

$k_0, k_1, k_2$  &  $k_3$  are functions of thermal relay parameters

Total recovery time =  $t_1 + t_2$

Use  $t_1$  &  $t_2$  expressions with  $B_{stall}, V_{stall}$  to capture total recovery time for characterizing FIDVR severity



# Recovery Time Prediction for 37 Node System

- Simulated in OpenDSS + MATLAB
- Coefficients trained on few  $1\phi$  IM % and tested

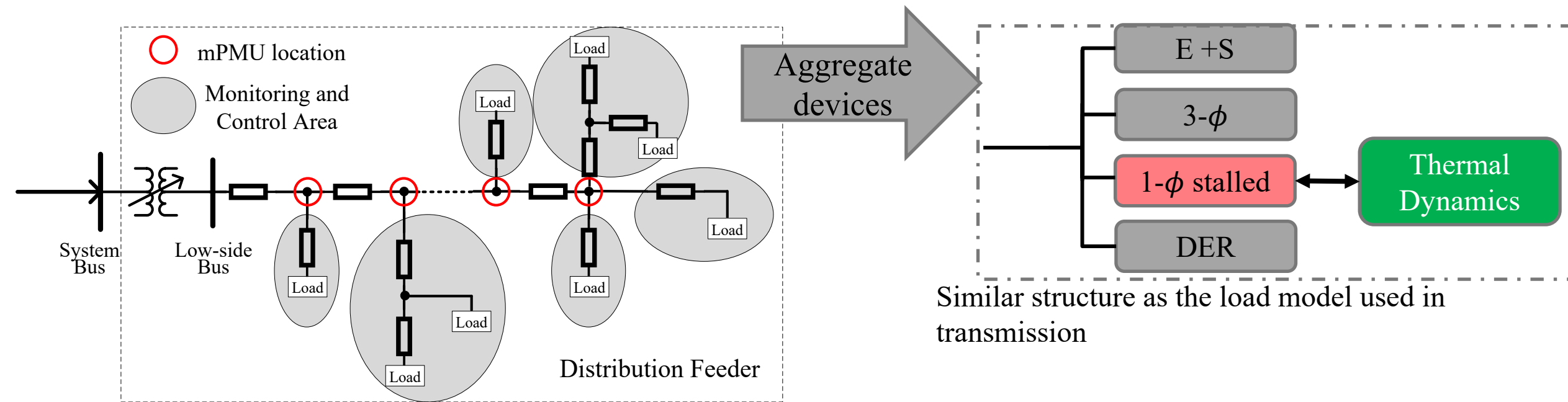
Fault location	Fault duration	Actual $t_{total}$	Estimated $t_{total}$	Abs. Error (%)
701 (near substation)	80 ms	15.7 s	14.9 s	5 %
	65 ms	11.4 s	12.1 s	6 %
720 (in A2)	75 ms	14.7 s	14.1 s	4 %
	50 ms	9.2 s	10.2 s	11 %
740 (in A5)	80 ms	13.6 s	13.4 s	1.5 %
	50 ms	7.9 s	9.0 s	13.5%

- The values of  $B_{stall}$  1 second after fault are used – quick identification of severity

Admittance works for Monitoring. Mitigation ?

# Online Control on Distribution Networks

- Load & DER control at any node will indirectly change voltage at all nodes which changes recovery time - Small geographic footprint makes control feasible
- Analytical expressions of  $t_1 + t_2$  should be used along with system topology information – use parameters of aggregated model

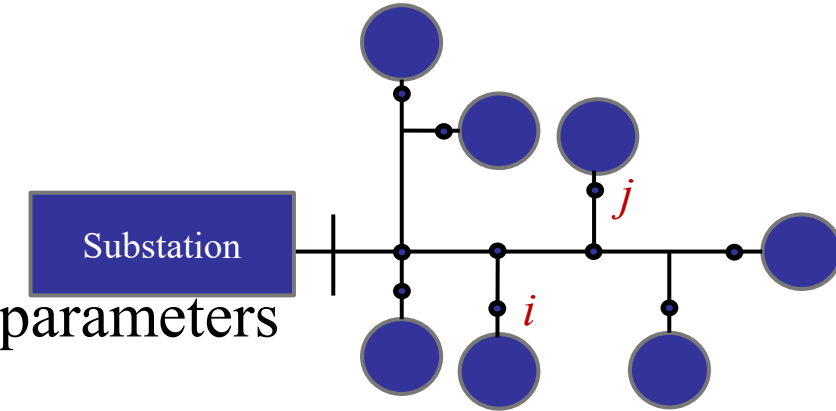


# Linear Optimization Formulation for DER + Load control

- Linear approximation for change in recovery time at cluster  $j$  due to control ( $u$ ) at cluster  $i$

$$\Delta t_{rec,j} = \left( \frac{dt_{rec,j}}{du_i} \right) \Delta u_i = \left( \frac{\partial t_{1,j} + \partial t_{2,j}}{\partial u_i} \right) \Delta u_i$$

- $\partial t_{1,j}/\partial u_i$  and  $\partial t_{2,j}/\partial u_i$  are function of topology, model parameters
- More generally,  $\Delta \mathbf{t}_{rec} = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{u}$



$$\min c^T \cdot |\mathbf{u}|$$

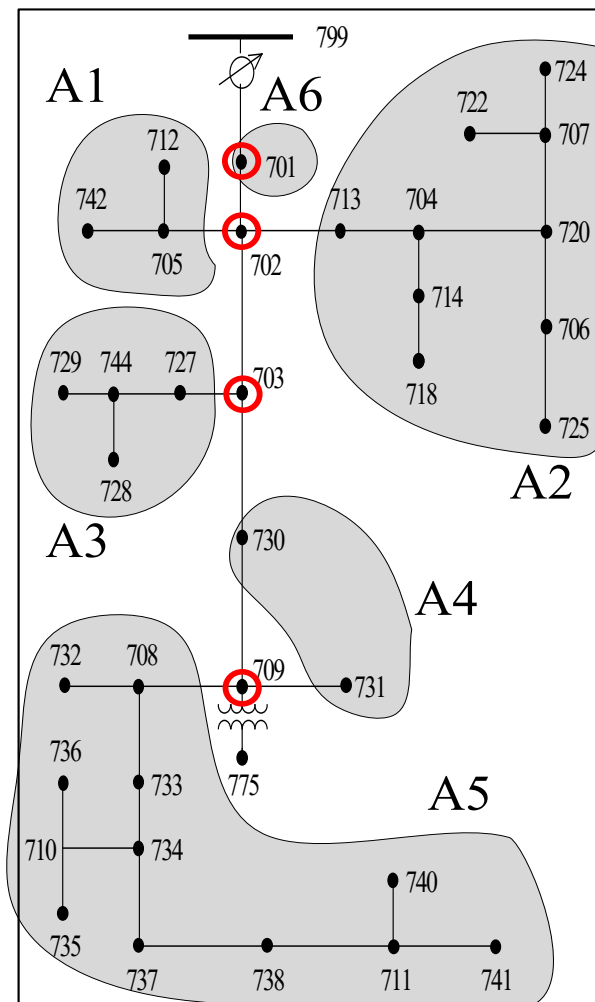
s.t.

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{u} \geq t_{spec} - t_{rec}$$

$$\mathbf{u}_{min} \leq \mathbf{u} \leq \mathbf{u}_{max}$$

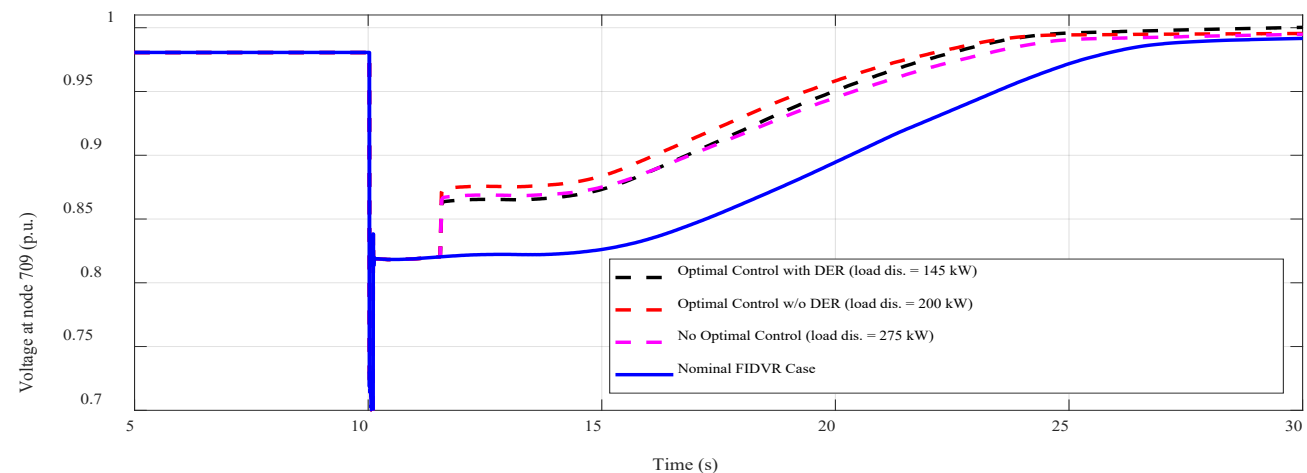
- Different control constraints can be applied
  - DER Q-injection up to 44% of rating as per IEEE 1547
  - 50% load control in each area

# Online FIDVR mitigation in IEEE 37 node feeder – 25% DER



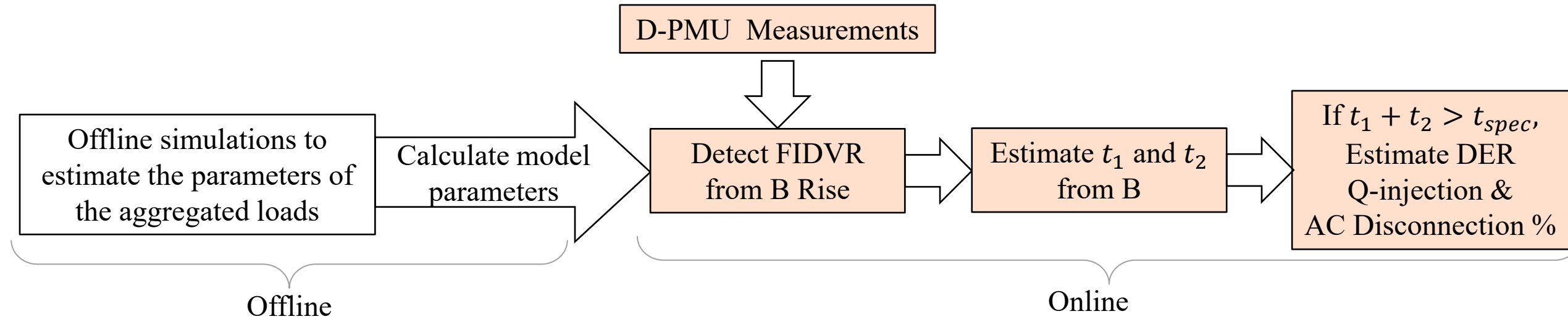
- Control triggered 2s after FIDVR detected,
- Reduce recovery time from 13.5s to 10s.

Control Method	Total Load Disconnection
Uniform load control	275 kW
Optimal load control	200 kW
Optimal load + DER control	145 kW



Optimal Control leads to Load control reduction of 40%

# Summary of Overall Approach



- More robust than purely voltage-based approaches for online FIDVR mitigation
- Also applicable to partial stalling of aggregated  $1\phi$  motor
- Can be used to systematically design remedial action schemes
- Similar admittance-based approach can also be used for Transmission systems

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# Key Takeaways

- The admittances can accurately *localize regions of motor stalling* and quantify the severity of FIDVR from D-PMU measurements
- The physics inspired reduced model based on admittances & thermal dynamics *simplifies FIDVR* analysis – analytical recovery times
- The *linear* optimization formulation based on recovery time sensitivities utilizing DER Q-injection and can *reduce the load disconnection* by 40%
- **Potential Impact:** Enables utilities to localize the reason for voltage instability in real time and identify real-time controls to ensure that sustained low voltages are mitigated

# Questions ?

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