Facilitate IBR Integration with Highresolution Data

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Data Resources in Electric Utilities

| Data Resource | Availability | Resolution | Sources | Coverage | Bandwidth |
|--|--------------|------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| SCADA | High | 2-4 sec | RTUs | Substations | Low |
| Synchrophasor | Medium | 30-60 Hz | Digital Relays, DFRs, PMUs | Transmission Substations | High |
| Point-on-wave /COMTRADE /Oscillography | Medium/Low | 4800-1M Hz | Digital Relays, DFRs, PQ Meters | T&D, POI | Low/Medium |



Value of High-resolution Data

- Transient dynamics in timescale of sub-cycles
- Coverage on distribution circuits and point of interconnection (POI)
- Event triggered high "information density"



Use Case #1 – Protective Relaying

- Reduced fault strength due to IBRs
- Need to characterize IBR fault responses
- Fault response is short in duration and challenging to capture



Use Case #1 – Fault response of solar farms





Use Case #1 – Deliverables

- Critical input for fault analysis, effective grounding, arc flash calc, ground grid design, breaker duty
- Accurate modeling and validation of IBRs in short circuit and transient analysis
- Proper design of protection schemes and relay settings near IBRs



Use Case #2 – Power Quality

- Transformer energization inrush at solar farms
- Voltage sags on distribution circuits
- Risks on nearby load customers





Use Case #2 – Power Quality

Inrush oscillography





Use Case #2 – Deliverables

- Power quality monitoring and root cause analysis
- Refined interconnection study process





Use Case #3 – Megahertz Measurement

- Joint U.S. DOE project with PNNL
- Travelling wave relays deployed at distribution solar plants
- 1 megahertz reporting rate



Use Case #3 – Megahertz Measurement

Cap bank switching oscillography



Data Infrastructure Requirements

- Digital devices in the field
- Communication bandwidth
- Cyber security
- Data collection and archiving
- Data applications







- Enabling new capabilities in modeling, monitoring, asset management, etc.
- Requiring advanced data infrastructure and analytics capabilities
- Opportunities in holistic approaches and enterprise-level solutions



Thank you!

