Distribution Task Team (DisTT)
Mission Statement

The mission of the NASPI Distribution Task Team is to foster the use and capabilities of networked PMUs at the medium-voltage distribution level, beyond the substation.

This group shares information in support of effective research, development and deployment of distribution PMUs.

We aim to create a community to solve technical and other challenges specific to distribution PMU technology and applications.
Past Work Products

Synchrophasor Monitoring for Distribution Systems:
Technical Foundations and Applications

A White Paper by the NASPI Distribution Task Team

January 2018

Synchronized Measurements and their Applications in Distribution Systems: An Update

June 2020

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Ongoing Effort: Characterize use cases for synchronized measurements in distribution systems, and associated requirements

Compile information about
• types of measurements and their uses
• the measurement environment and its impact on PMU performance requirements
• applications and their data needs.

Priority: field-deployed applications
but information about lower-TRL research applications is also relevant.
Different Dimensions of Requirements: Thinking out Loud

Precise time-synchronization
- Comparison of measurements across locations
- Association of voltage measurement with power flow

Continuous data streaming
- Real-time monitoring
- Comparing unique events vs. normal operation

Point-on-wave resolution
- Capturing harmonics and other waveform distortions
- Understanding transient events

Power flow and stability monitoring
- Advanced protection

Causation and propagation of disturbances

Power quality monitoring

Advanced protection

Real-time monitoring
Comparing unique events vs. normal operation

Capturing harmonics and other waveform distortions
Understanding transient events
Help refine this diagram!

- What new applications and use cases belong in each set or intersection?
- How should requirements be quantified?
- Where does each of the applications presented in this WG meeting fit?
Upcoming Conference Panel with DisTT Members

**Synchrophasor Measurements in Distribution Systems – Use Cases and Path Forward**  (IEEE SGSMA, May 2021)

- Panos Moutis, Carnegie Mellon University *(Panel Organizer)*
- Omid Alizadeh-Mousavi, DEPsys SA, Switzerland  
  *Edge computing monitoring infrastructure for scalable distribution grid monitoring*
- Ken Martin, Electric Power Group  
  *What can PMUs provide and what are the challenges in developing a standard for them in the distribution environment?*
- Paul Pabst, ComEd  
  *Distribution PMU Deployment and Analytics*
- Sascha von Meier, UC Berkeley  
  *Distribution Synchrophasors for Control Applications*
- Greg Zweigle, Schweitzer Engineering Labs  
  *Distribution Time-Synchronized Measurements: Sensors and Applications*
Next call (joint with CRSTT):  Tuesday, April 27, 10 am PDT / 1pm EDT

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