

# The Increasing Data Streams in Power Grid Operation

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# Thoughts I want to leave you with

## The data landscape for the power grid

- Static data, real-time data, historical data

## The system operation data

- Markets: Energy, Capacity
- Transmission: EMS-SCADA, PMU
- Distribution: DMS-SCADA, OMS, AMI

## The operation challenges for transforming grid

- Monitoring, operating distributed generation
- Resiliency (including recovery)

## Data communication, management, application



# Power Systems Data

## Fixed Data (Assets)

- 7,500 generation plants
- 75,000 transmission substations
- 300,000 miles transmission (100,000 lines and transformers)
- 2.2 million miles distribution (1 million distribution feeders)
- 300 million customers

**Power Flow data for transmission system ~ 2GB**

**Data for all equipment in PB**



# Applications for System Data

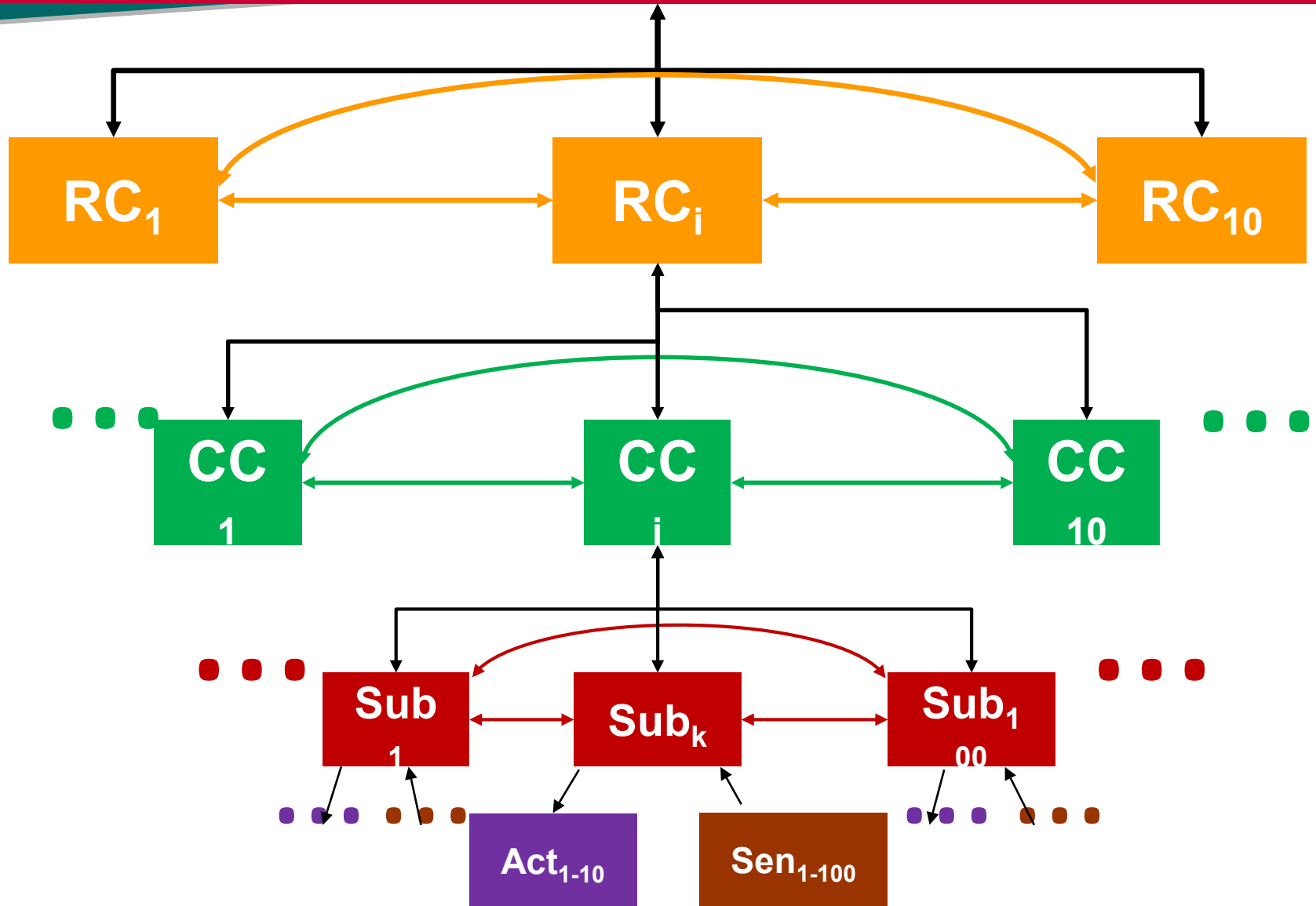
- **System data for assets is fixed (changes slowly)**
- **Each engineering application requires a (small) subset of systems data**
- **Are there applications that require all data?**
  - **Asset Management**
  - **Inventory Control**
  - **Maintenance Records**
  - **Automated Mapping/Facilities Management**
  - **Etc.**



# Measurement Data (Variables)

- Power, Var, Voltage, Current, Frequency, etc.
- SCADA (EMS, DMS)
- PMU data (transmission)
- AMI data (customers)
- Substation, Generation, Microgrid (stored local)
- Measured at various frequencies
  - EMS SCADA at 2-10 seconds
  - DMS SCADA at 10-60 seconds
  - PMU 30-120 times per second
  - AMI 5-15 minutes
  - Substation/Plant data stored at various rates

# Eastern Interconnection Control Monitoring Center





## Average EMS Data Flows Today

- **Average Reliability Coordinator has 10 Balancing Authorities (control centers)**
- **Average Control Center has 100 high voltage substations**
- **Average substation has 100 measurement points**
- **Average polling rate for real time data is 5 seconds**

**So**

- **Average data rate from each substation is 20/sec**
- **Average data rate to a control center is 2K/sec**
- **Average data rate to a RC is 20K/sec**



# Data Collection by PMUs

- PMU sampling rates: 30-120 per second
- Assume 100 values per second

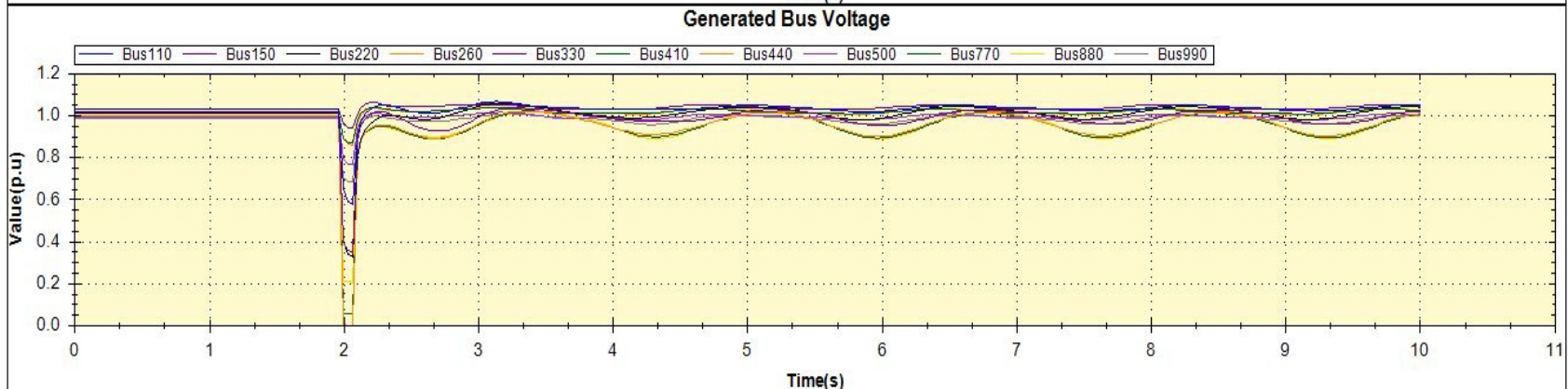
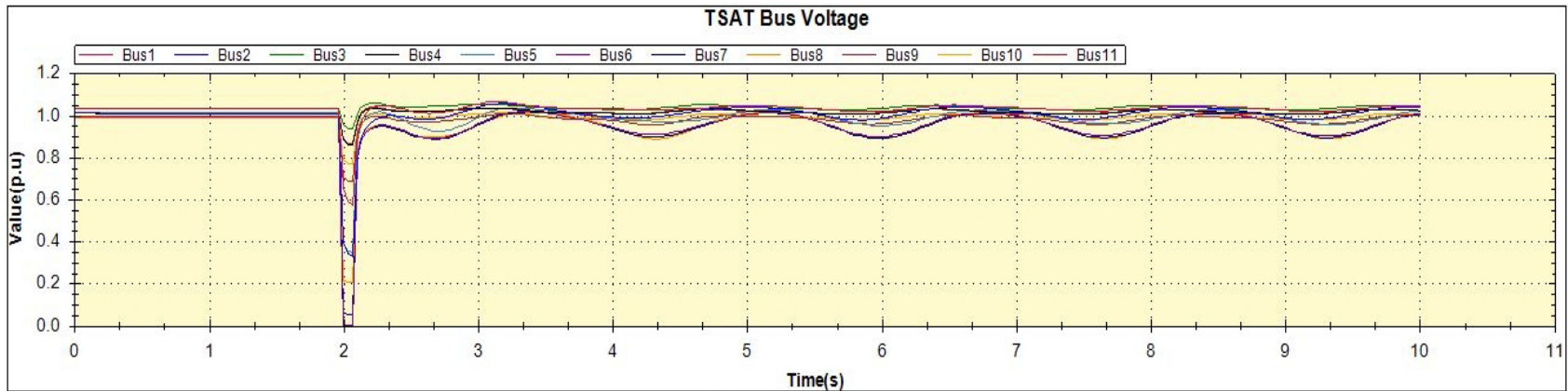
**If we assume all 100 points in a sub are PMUs**

- Average data rate per sub is 10K/sec
- Average data rate for the total of 100 subs in a BA is 1M/sec
- Average data rate for the RC is then 10M/sec





# Simulated Bus Voltages by Powertech TSAT Generated PMU Measurements 33 msec time steps





## ADMS Data

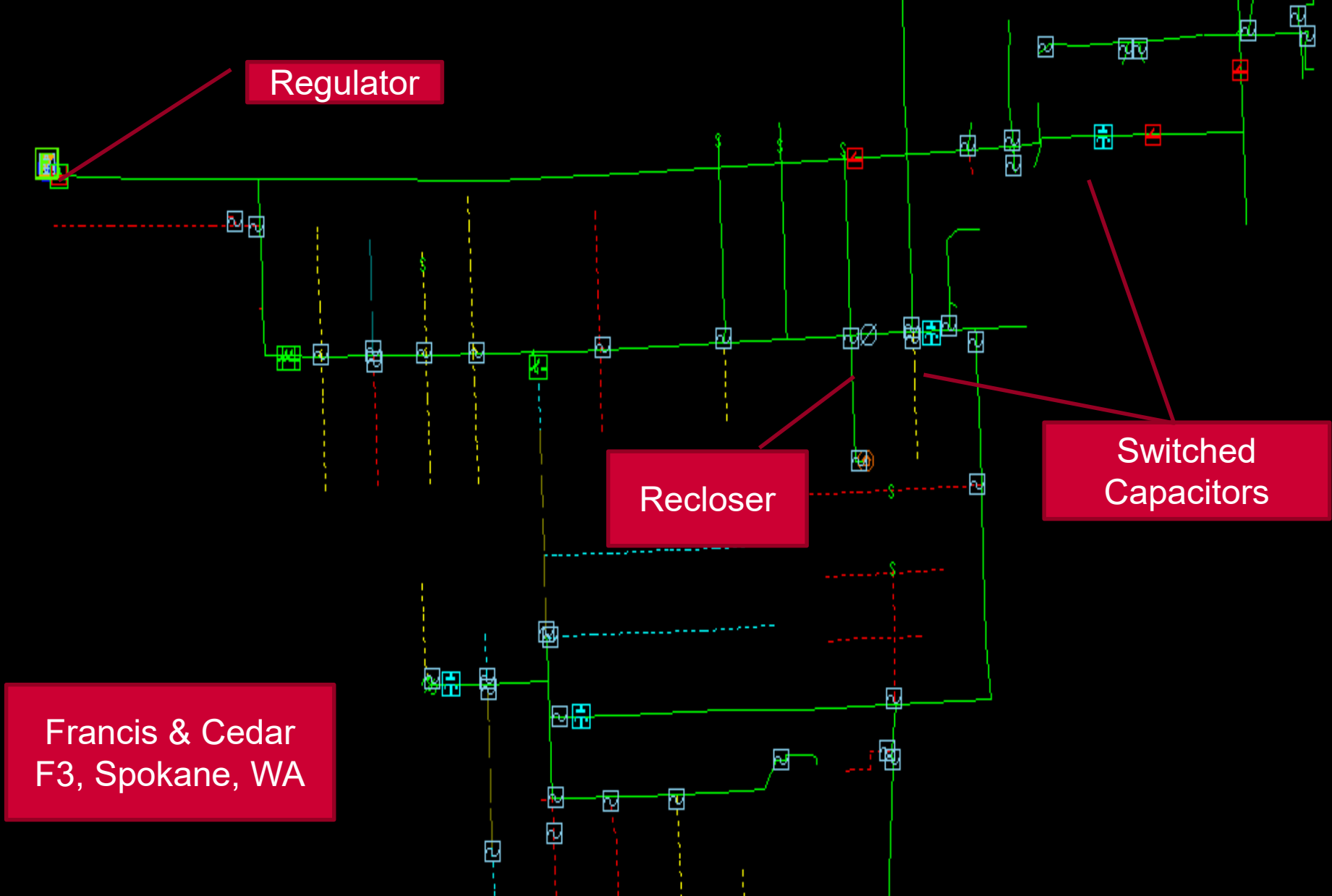
- **DMS SCADA data**
  - P, Q, regulator at substation
  - P, Q, status at intelligent breakers (few)
- **Outage Management System (OMS)**
  - Customer status
  - Estimated status of breakers/sectionalizers
- **AMI (customer) data**
  - P, Q
  - Usually not available in real time
- **No data from primary, secondary transformers**



# Distributed Generation & Microgrids

- **Generation connected to distribution feeders**
- **Storage connected to distribution feeders**
- **Generation on secondary transformers (customer side like rooftop solar)**
- **Storage on secondary transformers (customer side like EV or HVAC)**
- **Microgrids: grid side or customer side**





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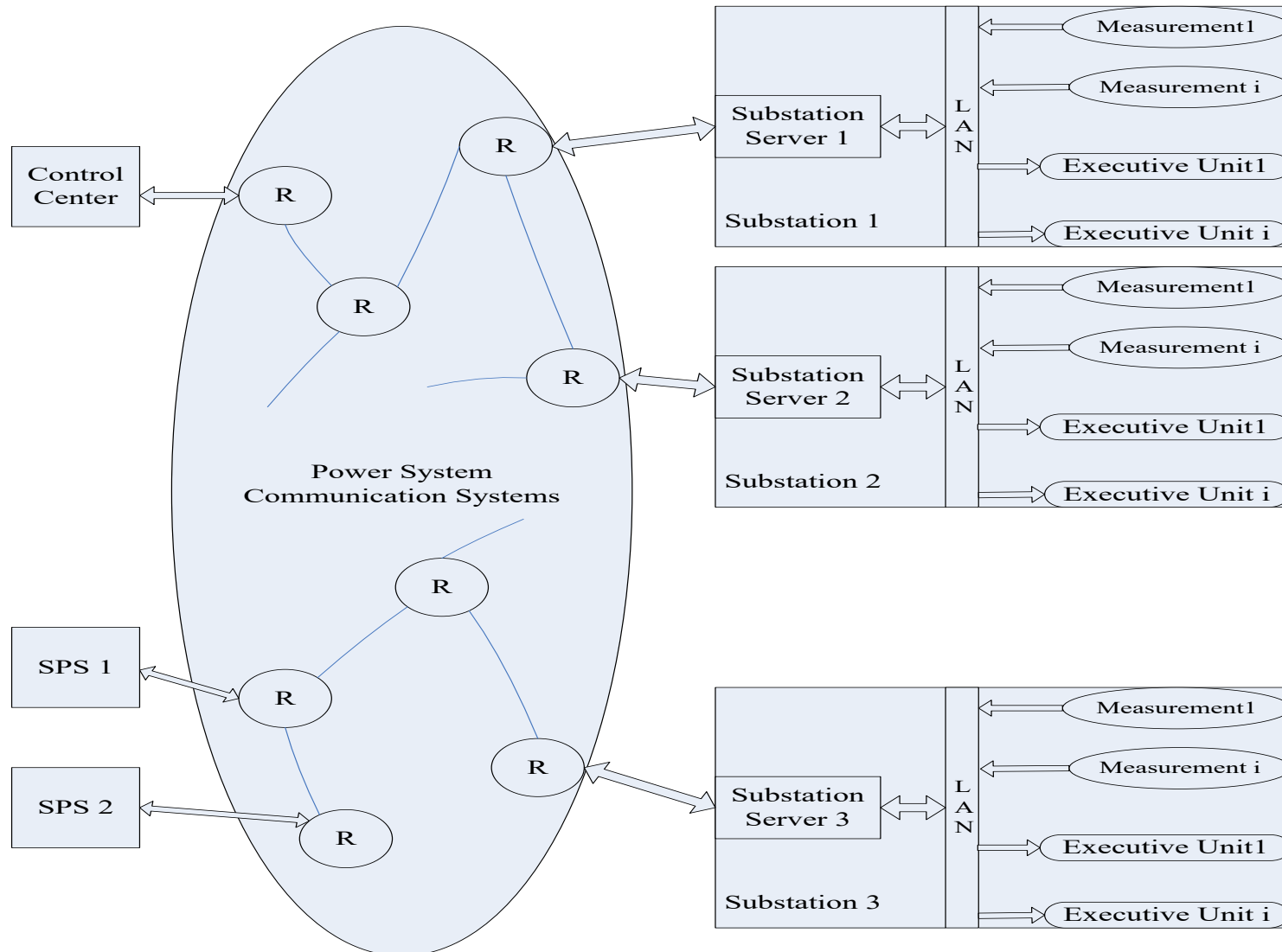
# Data Exchange Issues

- **Within one organization**
  - **Data movement between EMS, BMS, DMS, OMS, AMI, etc. is non-trivial**
- **Within one hierarchy**
  - **Several TOs to ISO**
  - **Several BAs to RC**
- **Laterally between neighbors**
  - **Bilateral agreements too many to be manageable**
- **Bandwidth, volume, latency**

**Standardization is the key**

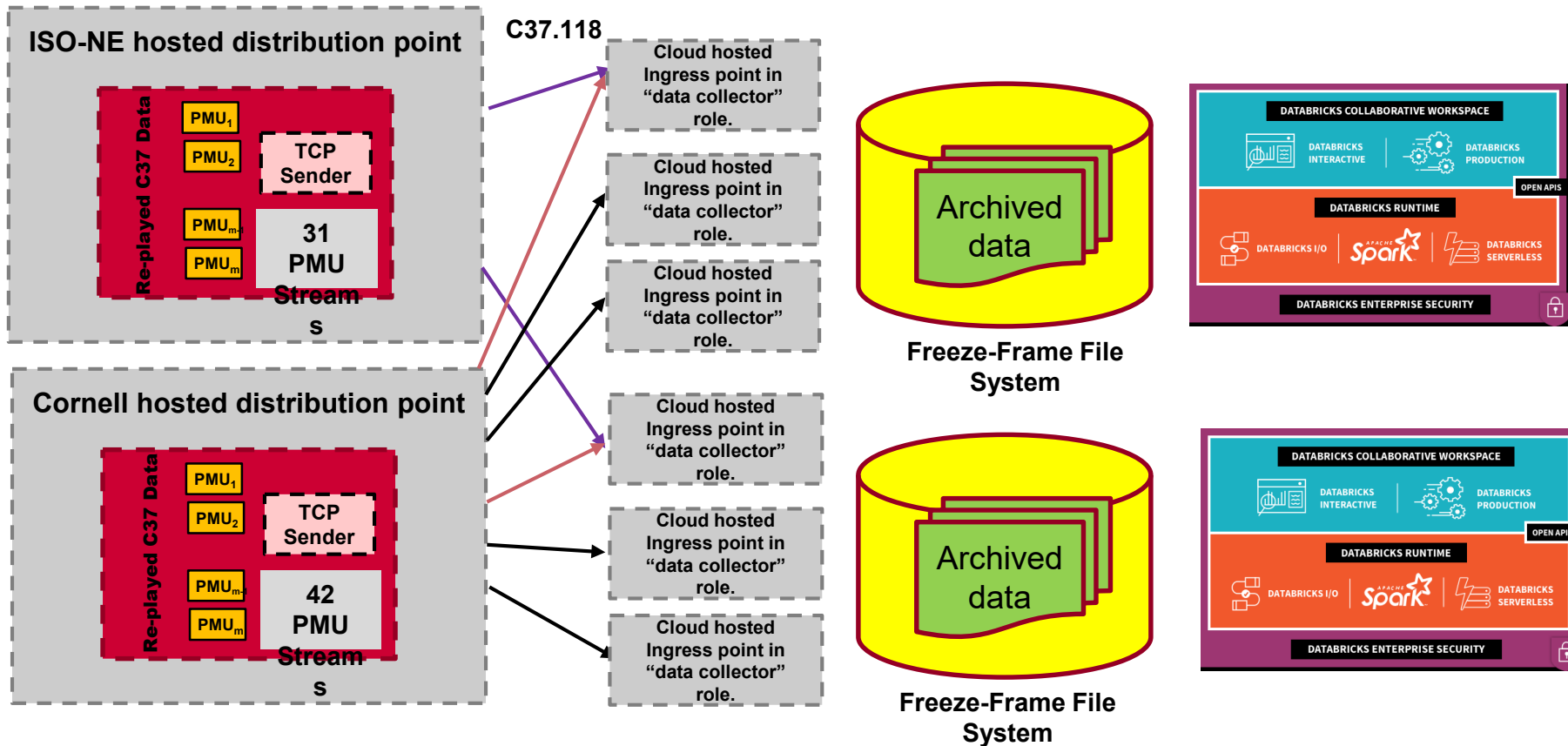


# Networked Communications





# Cloud WAMS Deployment: Data Archive + Analytics

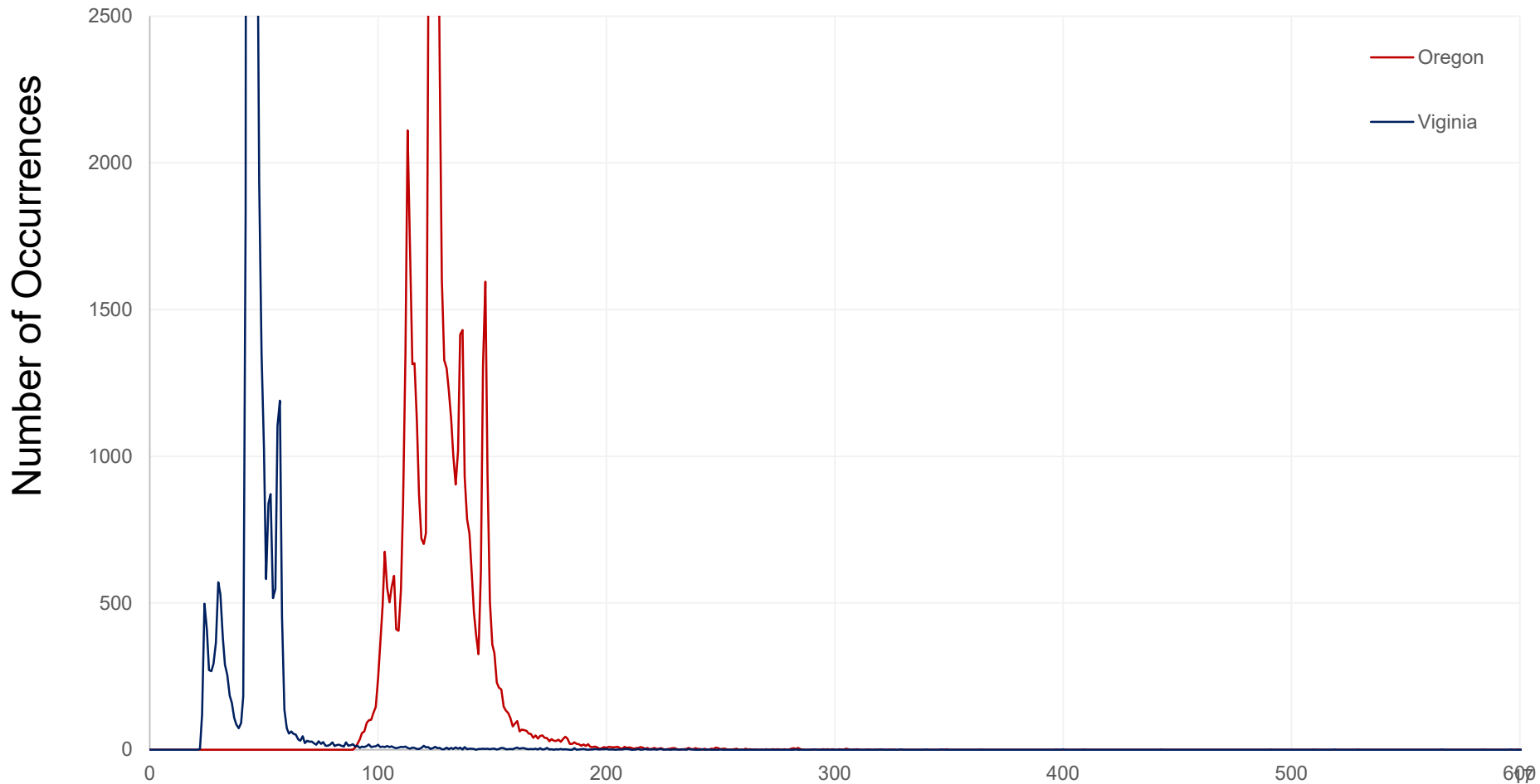






# Histogram: L3 Raw Data Round Trip Latencies

ISO-NE Data Source





# TSO-DSO Data Exchange

**Today there is no EMS-DMS data exchange**

- EMS and DMS get the same SCADA data from the substation step-down transformer
- There is voice communication between TSO-DSO

**When large fraction of generation is on distribution**

- More DMS data will be needed in the EMS
- Generation, storage, active loads, microgrids

**Data exchange depends on generation mix**



## Data Base Issues

- **Real time data base must be distributed**
  - **Large amounts of calculated data must be part of this data base**
- **Static data base must be distributed**
- **Historical data base will require still another design**
- **Substation data bases and system level data bases have to be coordinated**
- **All data bases in the same interconnection will have to be coordinated**
- **Standards will be key (CIM – IEC61970)**



# Applications

**There are dozens of applications needed in the control centers for system operations**

- **New technologies promise new applications**
- **Some apps may be distributed (not centralized)**
- **Data must be stored/moved to support apps**

**Let us choose three apps to illustrate**

- **Volt-VAr control**
- **Power balance/frequency control**
- **Resiliency/restoration**



# Volt-VAr Control

- Voltage control requires controlling VAr resources
- VAr resources should be nearby

## For Transmission Lines

- VAr sources at same sub (gens, shunts, trans)

## For Distribution Feeders

- Main control at source sub
- Boost control with switch caps

## If Distribution has gen, microgrid, active load

- More controllability but need coordination
- Transmission & Distribution can interchange VArS



# Power Balance (AGC)

- **Balancing Authority (BA) calculates ACE for Area**
- **BA EMS apportions ACE to trans owners (TO)**
- **Each TO EMS apportions their ACE to their gens**

**As higher fraction of generation becomes distributed to lower distribution voltages**

- **Those gen measures come to DMS**
- **The AGC signals have to be apportioned by DMS**
- **The DMS-EMS data exchange becomes crucial**



# Restoration

## Restoration of customer service falls mainly on Distribution Operators

- Assessment of damage
- Availability of replacement inventory
- Crew dispatch

## Resiliency will depend more on distributed generators/customers/microgrids

- Data availability and communications
- Imitate black start protocols



# Control Centers

- **The next generation of control centers will have a more flexible (decentralized) architecture**
- **The boundaries between various XMS functions (including protection and local controls) will fade**
- **The automatic coordination between entities that are interconnected will increase**
- **This will require large movement of data both hierarchically and laterally**
- **This cannot be done without wide adoption of standards across the interconnection**





# Large Data Applications

## Historical Data (Measurement Data Only)

- **Data Science has many usable tools**
- **Identify measurement anomalies (model-free)**
- **Identify trends (loads, renewable generation, outages – equipment failures, control operations)**
- **Identify patterns (correlations between loads, solar, wind, maintenance, external events)**



# Large Data Applications

## Historical Data (Measurement + Model)

- **Event analysis**
- **Identify measurement anomaly (SE bad data)**
- **Simulation management**
- **Planning scenario development**
- **Training scenario development**
- **Cross infrastructure analysis**
- **Controller design**



# Model Validation using CIM Tool

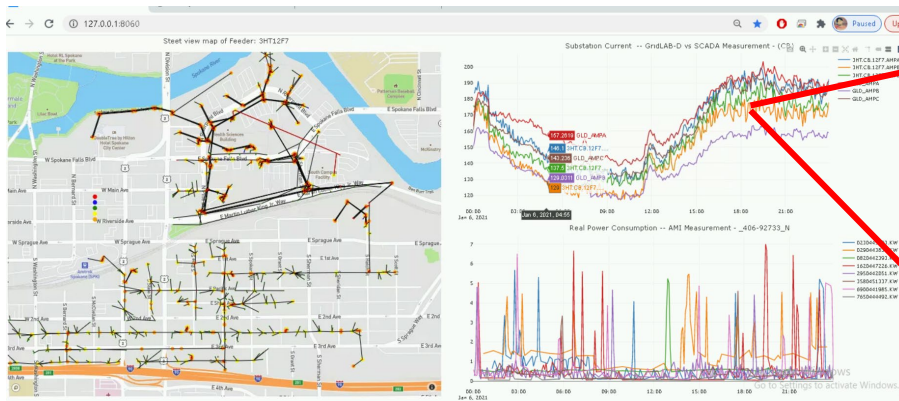
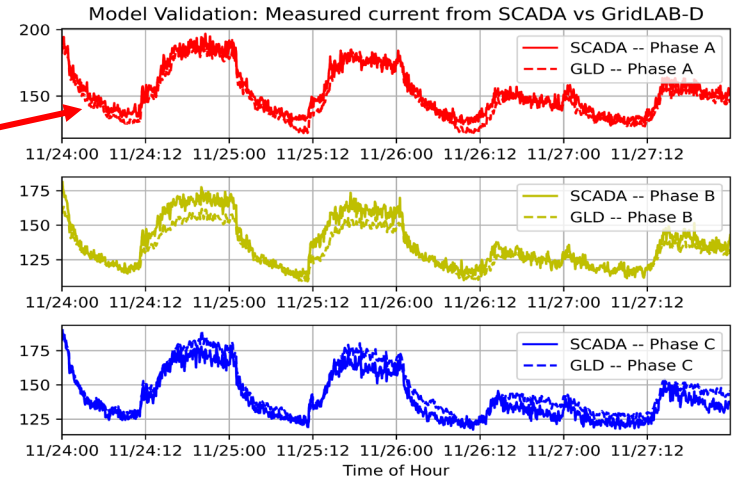


Fig. Dashboard for the CIM-based Framework

- ❑ **Simulation:** The tool populates all the customers (~500) in the GridLAB-D model with appropriate AMI data from PI server.
- ❑ **Comparison:** Simulation results are compared with actual SCADA measurements for the corresponding day.
- ❑ **Deviation:** Mainly due to inconsistent AMI data
- ❑ **Functionality :** Facilitates emulating real-network scenarios

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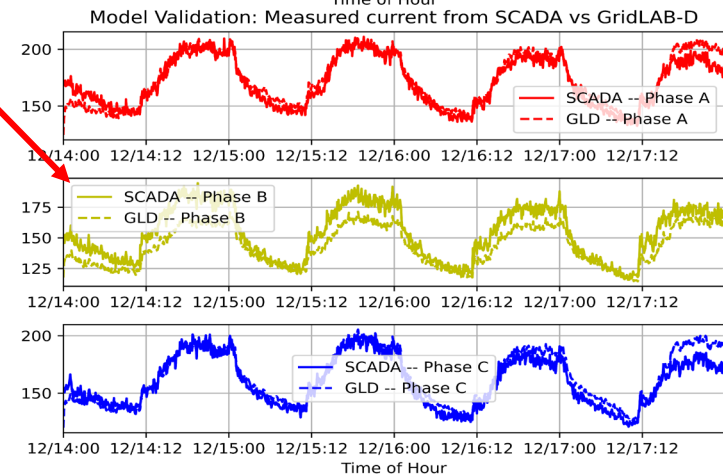


Fig. Model Validation: AMI populated GridLAB-D vs SCADA



# Concluding Remarks

- **Data science is the use of big data in NEW ways (NOT the use of existing power applications with bigger data)**
- **Are there uses of data that does not require physical models?**
- **Are there new applications that take advantage of both big data and physical models?**
- **Are there on-line applications that can use big data to help operators make decisions?**