



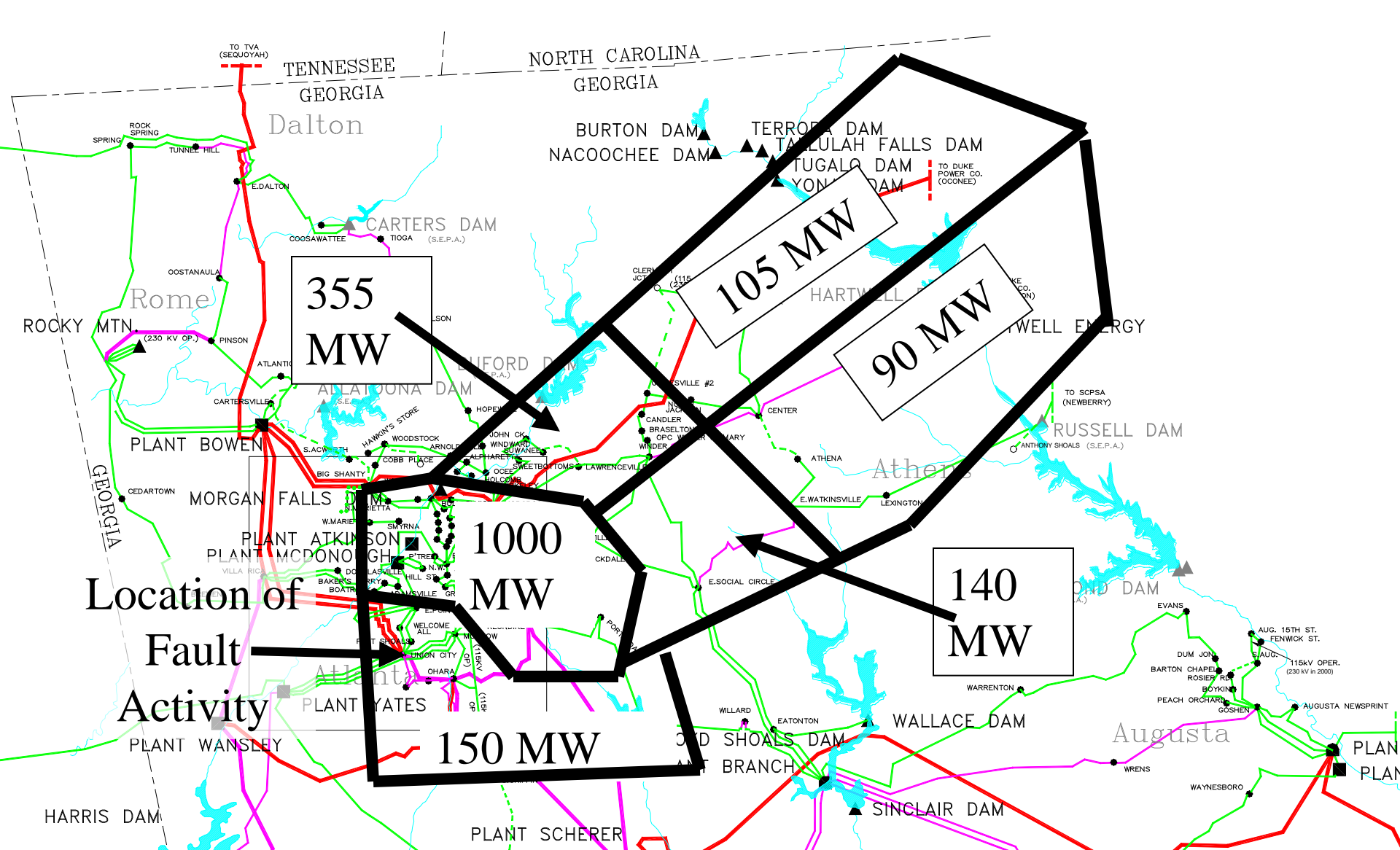
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Assessment of Fault Induced Delayed Voltage Recovery – Load Modeling Impacts

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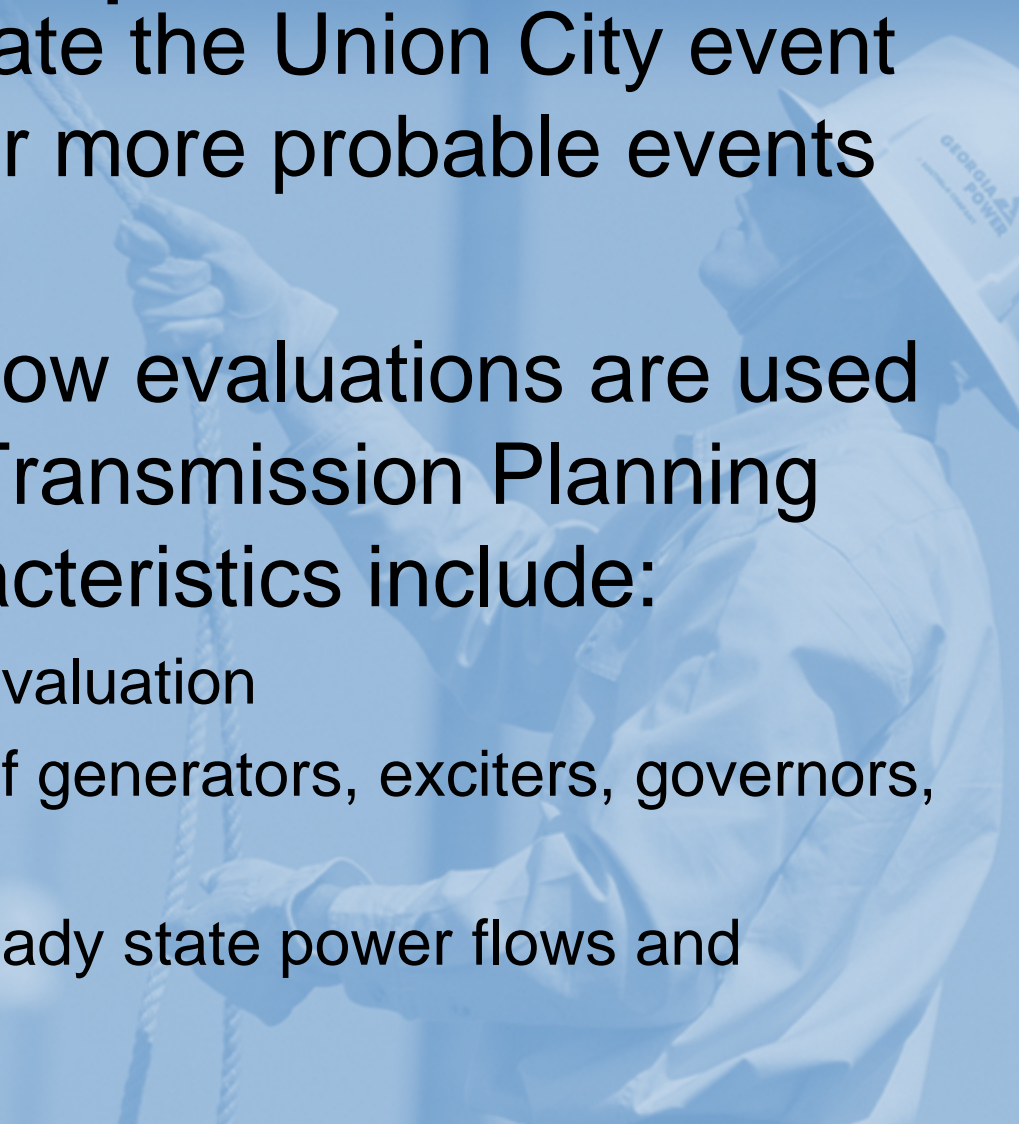
Outline

- Development of Load Model used in FIDVR Exposure Assessments
 - Steady State vs. Dynamic Analysis
 - Load Model development per event reconstruction
 - Future Load Model refinements
- Questions / Discussion



Approximate Distribution of 1900 MW of Lost Load as a result of the July 30th 1999 Union City - East Point event

Aggregate Load Model Development

- Motivation to replicate the Union City event so that exposure for more probable events could be assessed.
 - Steady state load flow evaluations are used for the majority of Transmission Planning evaluations. Characteristics include:
 - A “snap shot” in time evaluation
 - Short term dynamics of generators, exciters, governors, and loads are ignored
 - Key results include steady state power flows and voltage levels
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- A worker in a white protective suit and hard hat is working on a power line tower. The worker is wearing a white hard hat with the Georgia Power logo. The background is a light blue gradient.

Aggregate Load Model Development

- Steady state load flow evaluations are not suited for FIDVR assessments
 - Induction motor loads, when presented low enough voltages, slow down and result in increased loadings at degraded power factors
 - Unit response to low voltages are based in part on excitation system dynamics
 - Thus, load and unit dynamics over time have to be considered in order to assess if / when transmission system voltage recovers
 - Steady state evaluations with a single “snapshot in time” result are insufficient

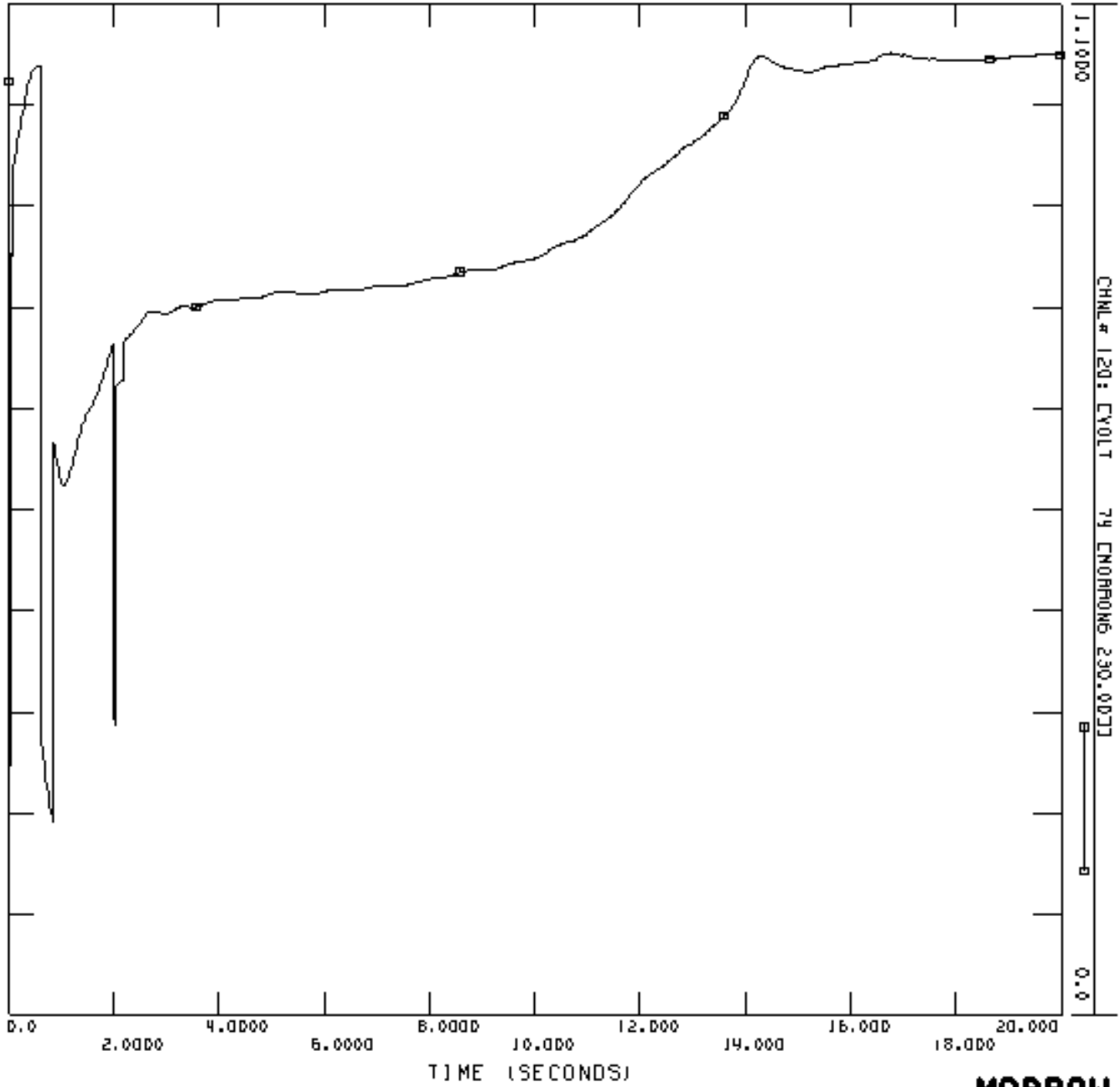
Aggregate Load Model Development

- Dynamic Simulation are required to evaluate FIDVR events
 - Dynamic simulation programs include, in part, generator, exciter, governor, and load models represented by sets of differential equations
 - Numerical techniques are utilized to solve differential equations at discrete time steps
 - Results are power system quantities over a period of time
 - The modeling of loads, particularly the induction motor component, is critical

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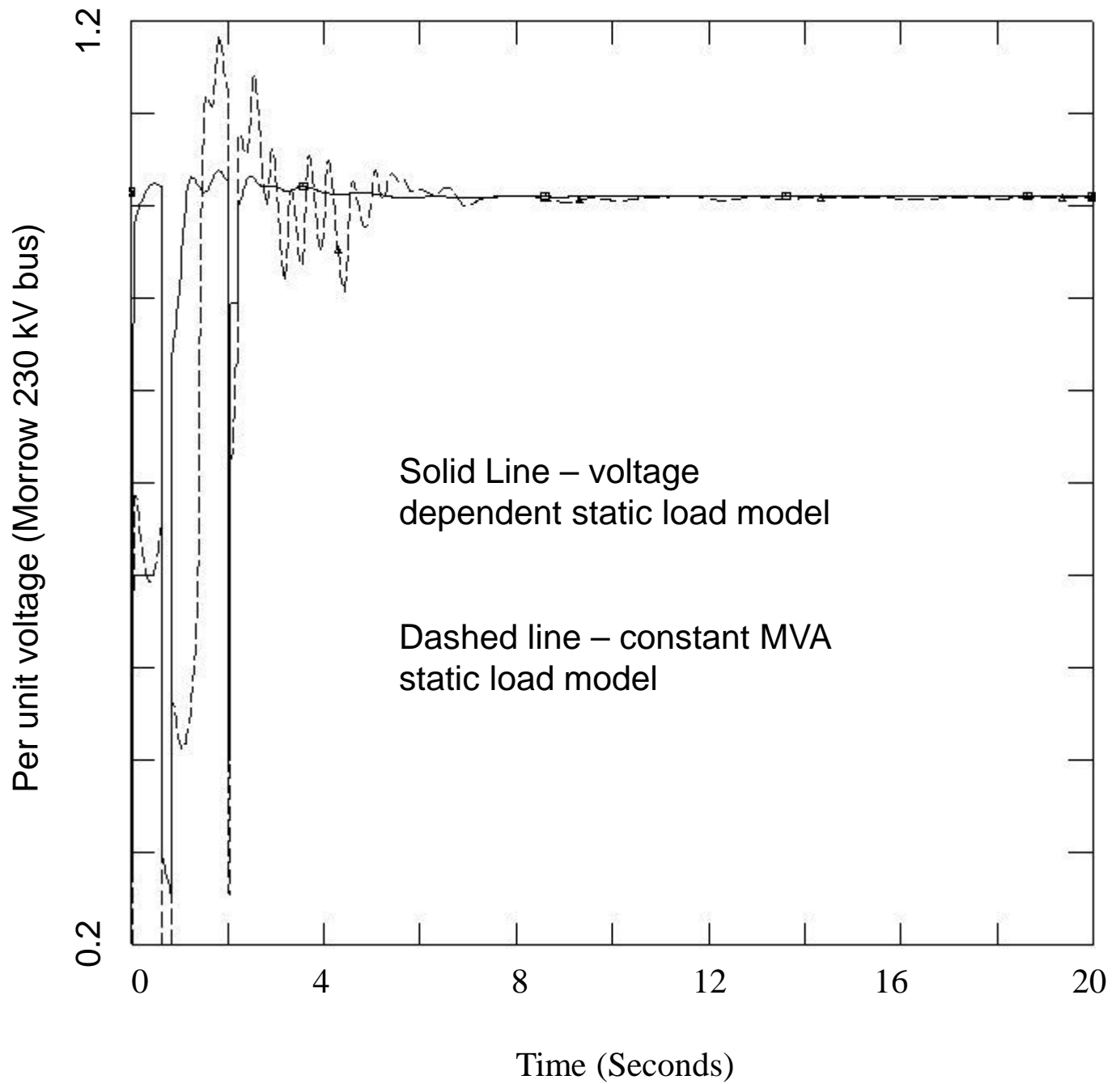


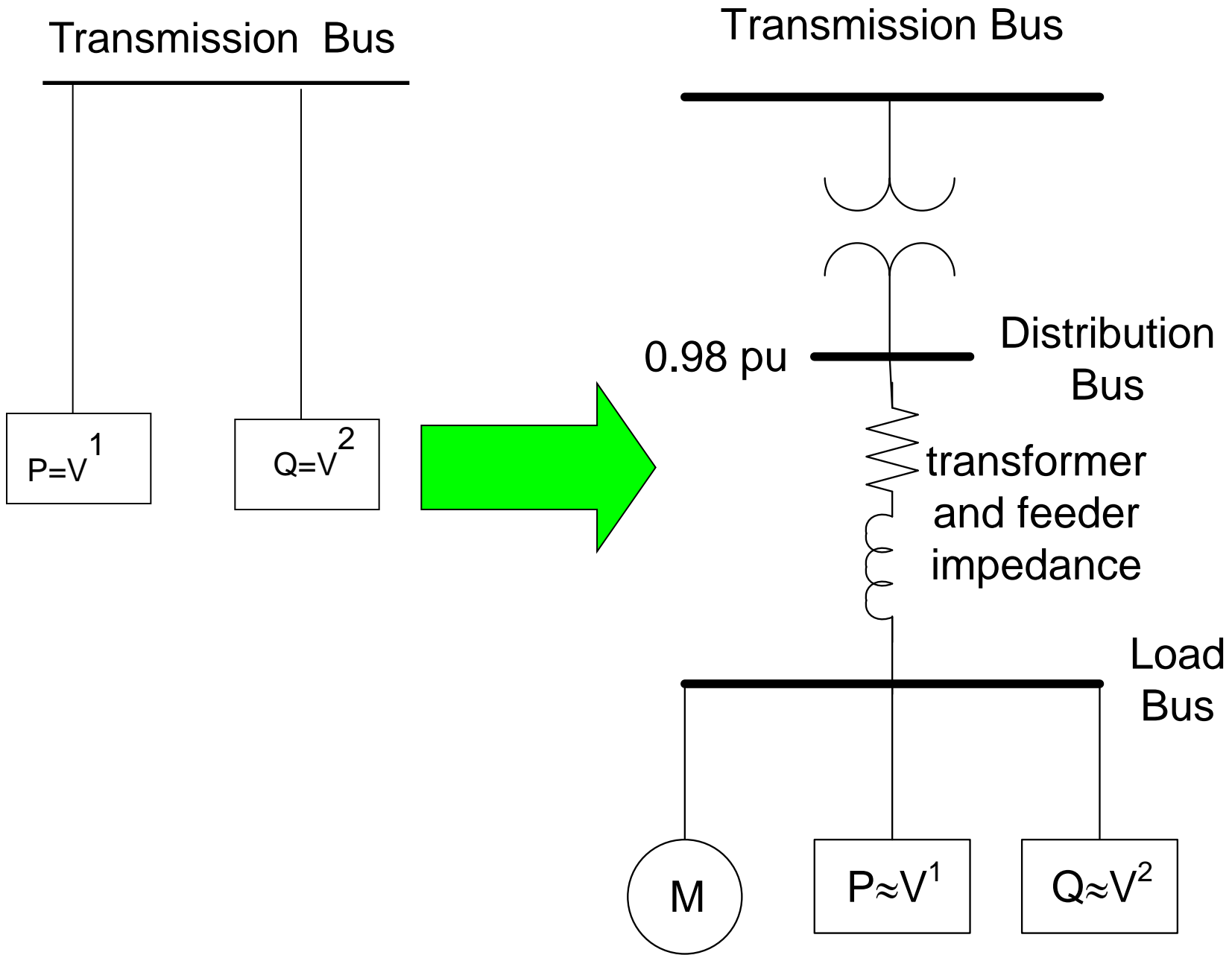
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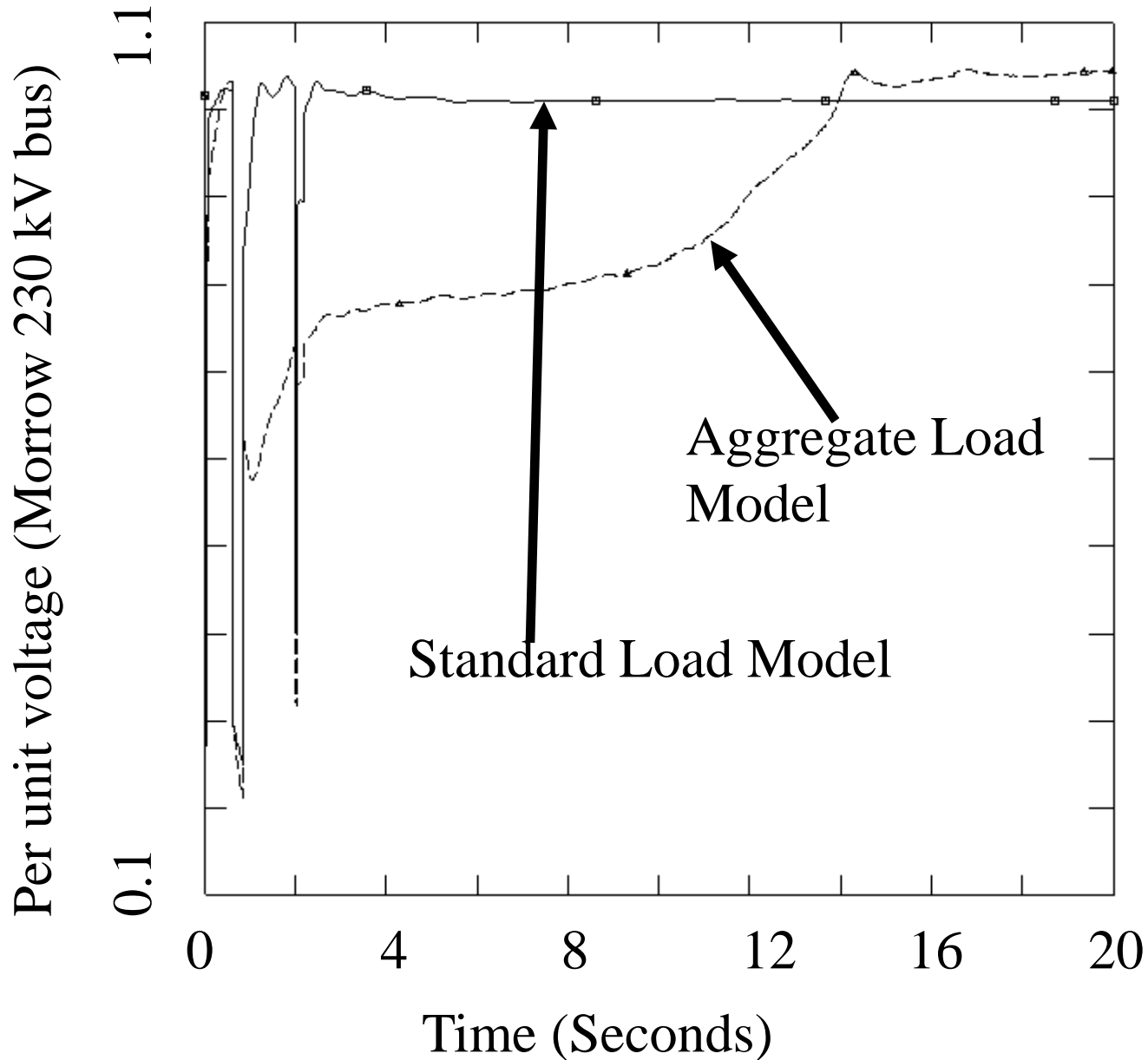
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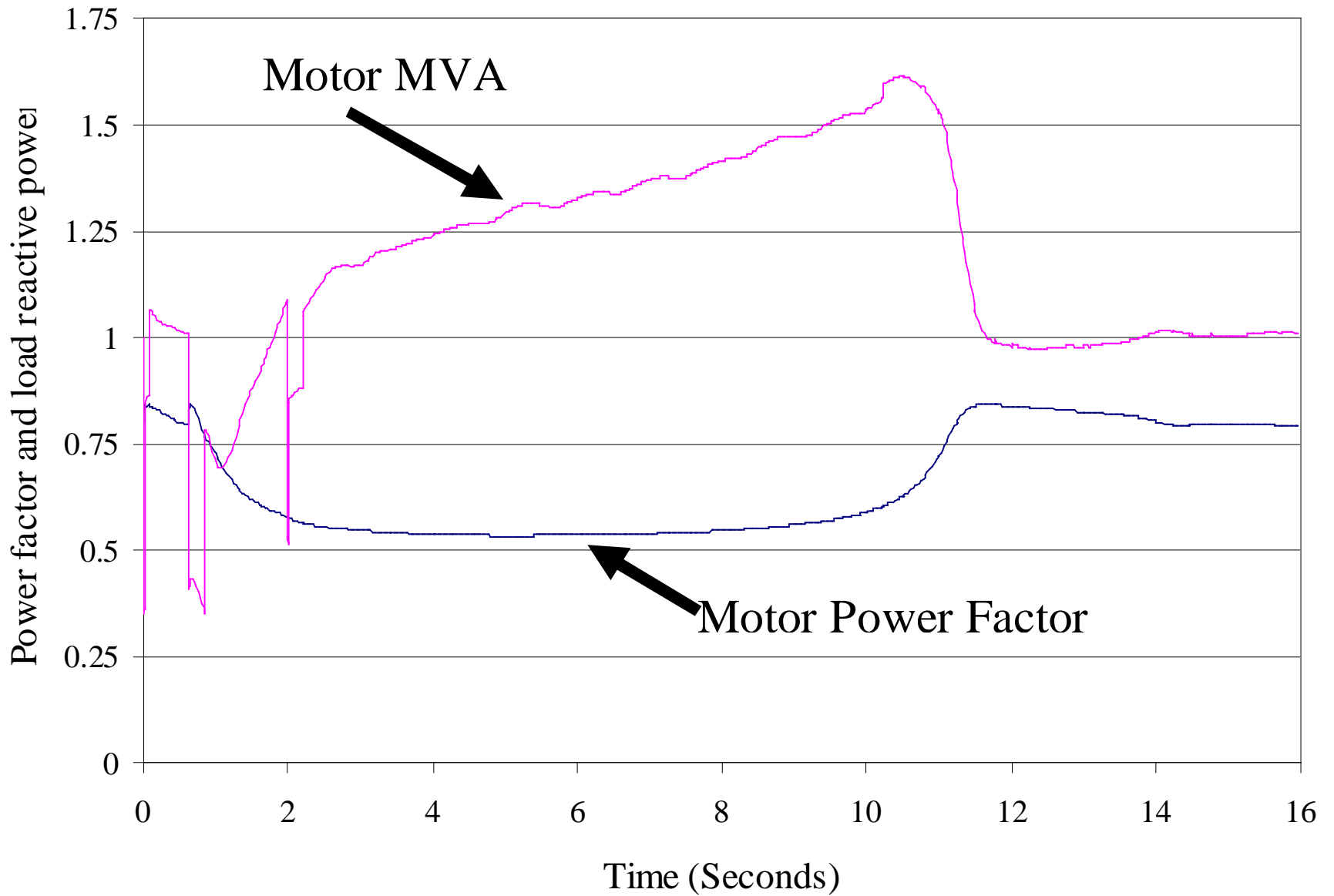
- Traditionally, dynamic simulation studies have been used to quantify exposure to unit instability
 - Constant static load model work well as large voltage deviations are, compared to FIDVR events, short in duration
 - 90% constant current, 10% constant power for Active Power
 - 100% constant impedance for Reactive Power
 - However, these load models were not appropriate for analysis of FIDVR events





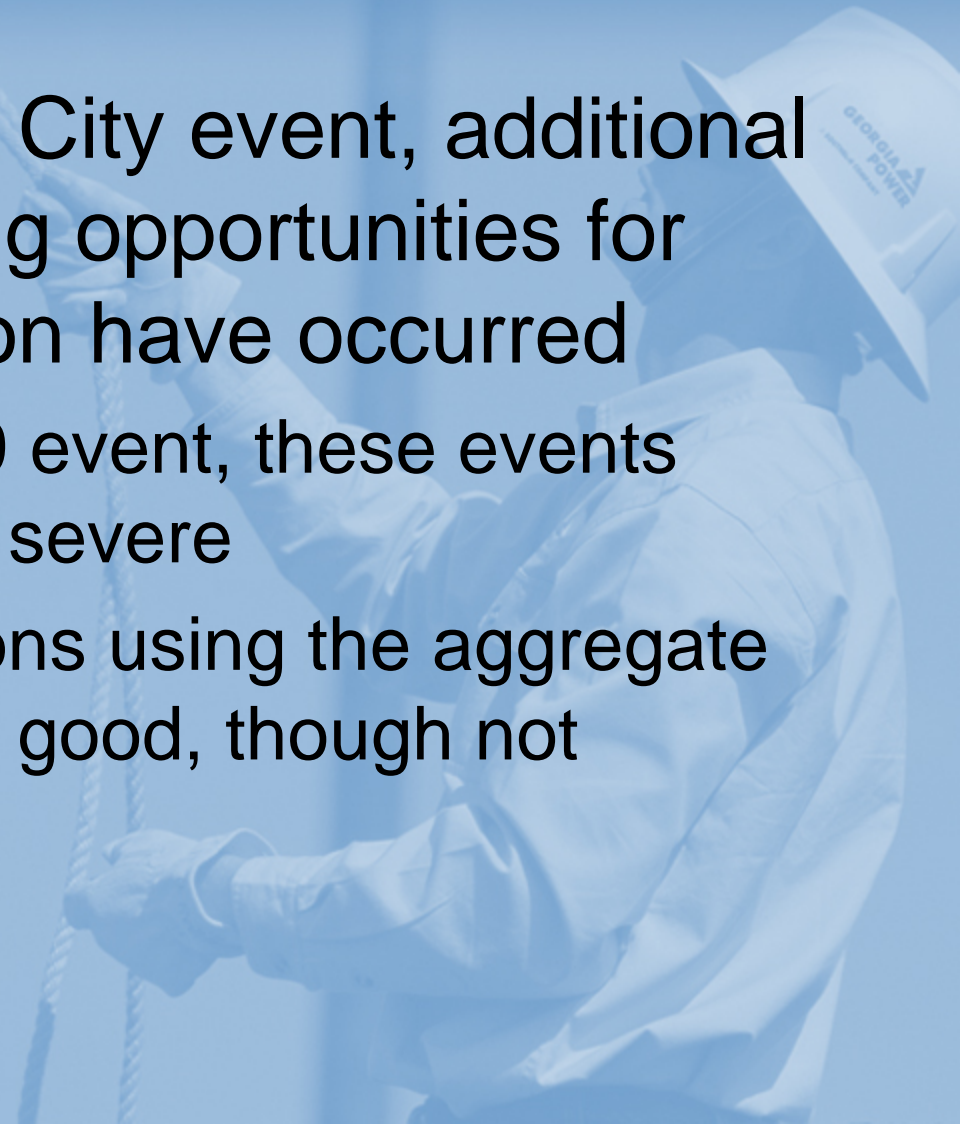
Dynamic Simulation with Different Load Models

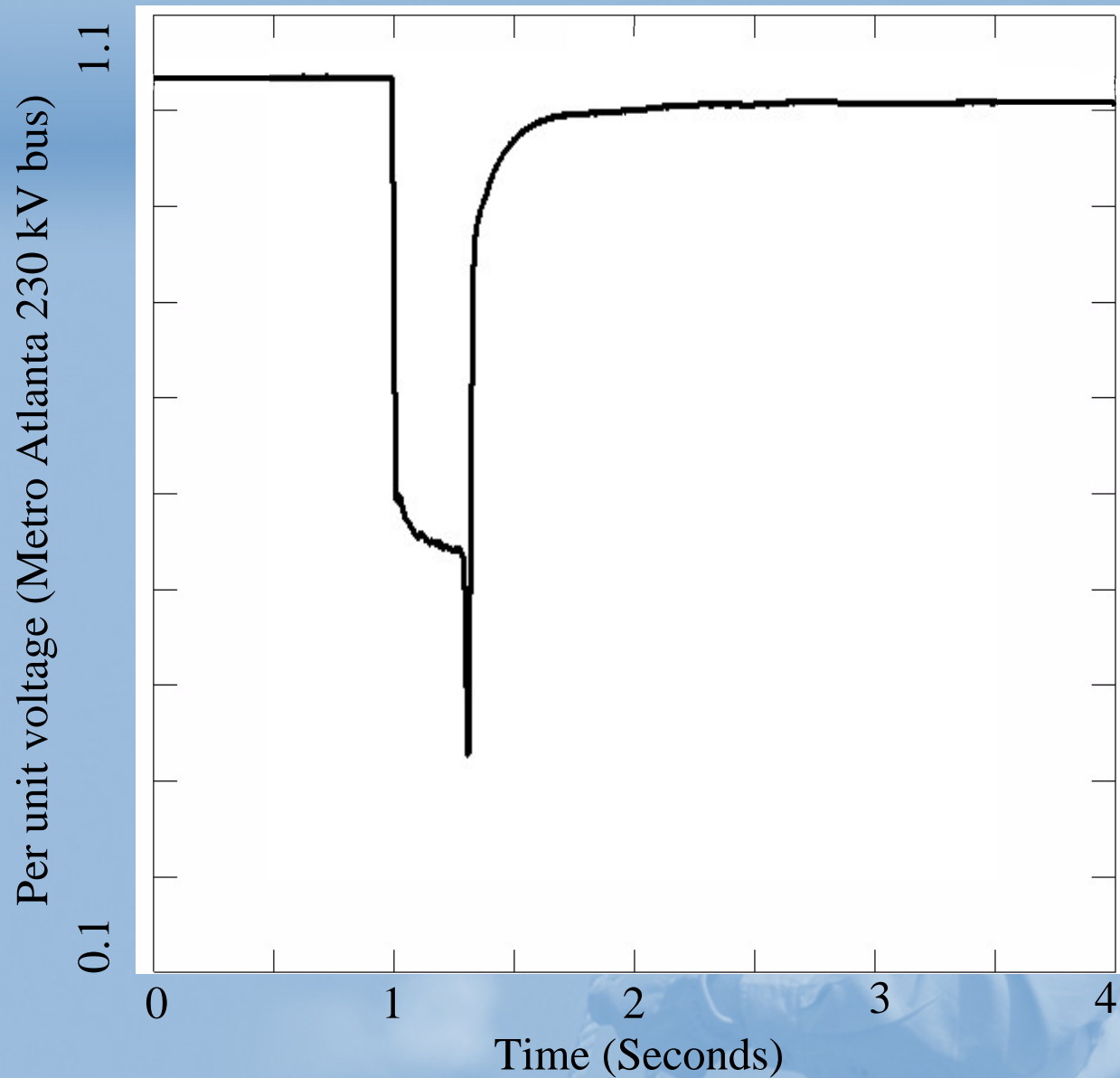




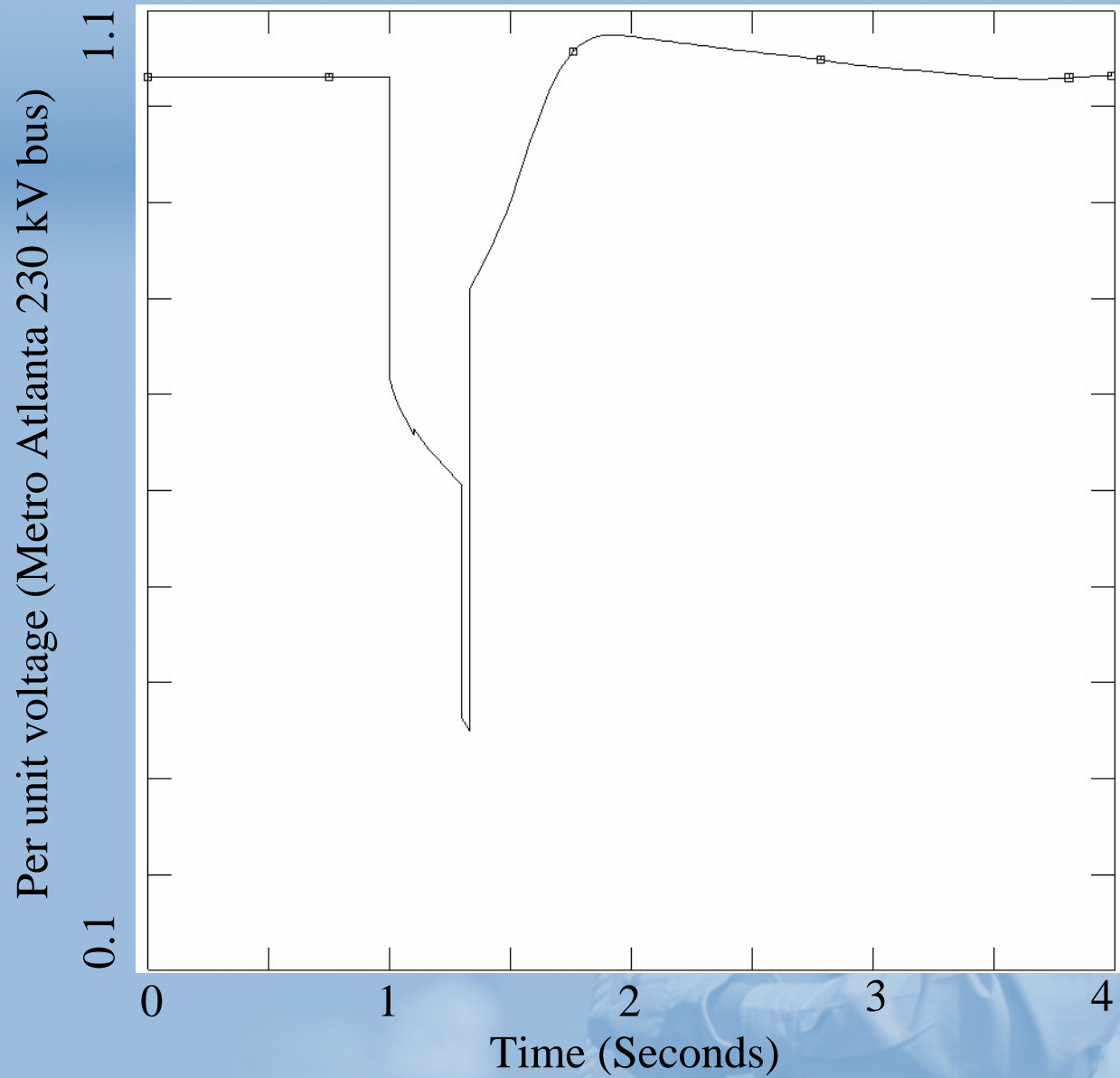
Additional Model Validation Activities

- Since the 1999 Union City event, additional system events creating opportunities for further model validation have occurred
 - Compared to the 1999 event, these events were significantly less severe
 - Post-mortem simulations using the aggregate load model resulted in good, though not perfect, correlation





DFR recording of a less severe FIDVR event

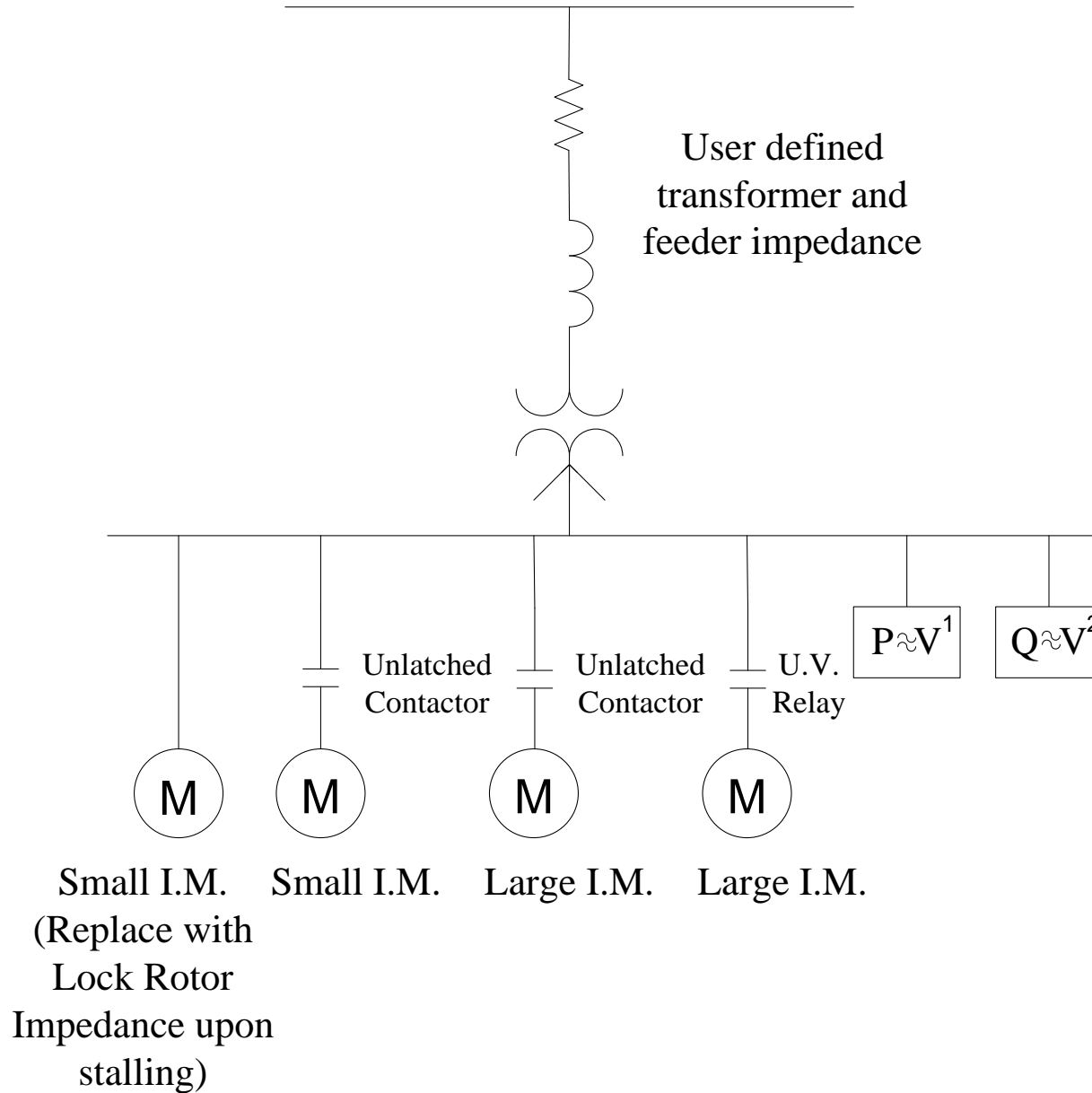


Dynamic Simulations of a less severe FIDVR event

Possible Load Model Refinements

- Aggregate Load Model is being used in Planning and Operational assessments
 - High confidence that it results in appropriately conservative results
 - However, reality is that real-world aggregate load is more complex than currently modeled
 - Thus, a “user written” aggregate load model is under consideration which could include:
 - Residential loads
 - Commercial loads
 - Industrial loads

Transmission Bus



Conclusions

- The aggregate load model currently in use by Southern Company Transmission was developed as a result of post mortem activities after the Union City 1999 event
- Induction Motor dynamics is the most critical component of the aggregate load model
- Southern Company Transmission is currently investigating a more detailed aggregate load model
 - The more detailed aggregate load model will be used only after detail analysis confirms that use of this model results in superior correlation with recorded system events.

DISCUSSION and QUESTIONS

A worker in a white shirt and a hard hat with "GEORGIA POWER" on it, holding a rope, overlaid on a blue background.