#### Distribution Data for FIDVR & Load Modeling

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# **Initial Motivation**

2011 Timeframe



#### – NERC TPL-001

 Addition of dynamic load model requirement in planning studies expected/planned

#### Initial Simulation Observations

- Simulations using composite load model with best guess load composition parameters show widespread FIDVR on Transmission system
- Actual Transmission level monitoring shows little to no widespread FIDVR

#### – Goal:

- Improve distribution level monitoring capability
- Use captured data to understand phenomena & model parameters
- Use improved model parameters to perform better informed studies

#### **Distribution Data Gap – Capture Duration**



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Transmission	<b>DFRs, Digital Relays</b> (Large deployment)			<b>PMUs</b> (Large deployment)		
Distribution Substations	<b>Digital Relays, PQ Meters</b> (Small deployment)					
Distribution Circuits	<b>Digital Rec</b> (Small deploy	<b>losers</b> ment)				
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#### **Distribution Data Gap – Monitoring Resolution**





# **Initial Field Installations**

2012-2014

## Portable Digital Fault Recorders (DFRs)

- 3 Portable DFRs purchased
- Placed in distribution substations throughout our system
- Can monitor 3-phase voltages and 3phase currents at two distribution feeders
- High resolution oscillography
- Continuous RMS
- Synchrophasors
- Local storage and communications





### **Initial Field Installations**

2012-2014











# **Initial Field Installations**

2012-2014



#### - High quality data captured over 3 summers

- Moved the Portable DFRs around every summer
- Devices never failed
- Communications had high uptime, local storage a perfect backup

### Excellent service to customers

- No significant events captured!
  - Very few events occurred at all
  - The couple of events occurred at very end of the circuits

## **Distribution PQ Meter Data**

2013 and on



 Power Quality meters installed on low-side of Distribution Transformers

- Primary purpose for helping with customer service issues
- PQ data automatically collected via network and dial-up
- Historical data going back to 2005













## Example 2 – August 2006 6pm







- Did not find any FIDVR events in the PQ meter network since the 2006-2008 timeframe
  - Problem solved?

#### - Past: Magnitude trigger with duration setting

- Can capture longer term dynamics following faults
- Current: Trigger on V < 0.9 pu, stop capture upon recovery back to 0.9 pu
  - Very useful for fault analysis, but not for longer dynamics such as A/C motor stalling

## **Latest Field Installations**

Summer 2015



- 10 PQube devices from Joe Eto & Richard Bravo
- Installed on pad mount transformers around our territory
- Selected circuits with portable DFRs and/or digital relays on distribution feeder
- Data being collected at this time





### **Latest Field Installations**



#### Summer 2015



# **Going Forward**

Standardization = Proliferation



### Transmission PMUs as % of Total Capital Expenditure =< 0.1%</li>

- \$1M/yr expected on PDC infrastructure & architecture
- Distribution Substation Hurdles
  - Use 300-series SEL relays (387/351) w/o PMU capability
  - Use Power Quality meters (SEL 734/735) w/o PMU capability
  - Adding PMU functionality to these devices will proliferate PMU technology into Distribution
- Fix/standardize meter and relay settings
- Automate data/file collection
- Distributed Generation increasing need/push for high resolution data on distribution (ex: PMUs)

