

Introduction to The Next Generation of Distribution Analysis Tools

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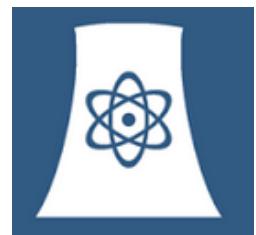
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Davis Montenegro-Martinez serves as Engineer/Scientist III at the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) in the areas of power system modeling, analysis and high performance computing. He received his B.Sc. degree in electronics engineering from Universidad Santo Tomás, Bogotá, Colombia (2004); he is M.Sc. in electrical engineering from Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá , Colombia (2012). He received his Ph.D. in electrical engineering from Universidad de los Andes (2015), and a Ph.D. in electrical engineering from the University Grenoble-Alpes, France (2015).

Before joining EPRI, Davis served for 10 years as a lecturer for Universidad Santo Tomas in Colombia, during this time he was also technology consultant in the areas of industrial automation, software and electronic hardware design focused in the electric power industry, specifically in monitoring and control for meter calibration laboratories. His expertise in parallel computing techniques is being used at EPRI for incorporating multi-core processing to power system analysis methods such as QSTS, reducing the computational time required to perform these analysis using standard computing architectures.

Dr. Montenegro is also a member of the International Council on Large Electric Systems CIGRE, he was awarded with the IEEE 2016 I&CPS Ralph H. Lee Department Prize Paper Award at the 2017 I&CPS Technical Conference Awards luncheon in Niagara Falls, ON, Canada, for the paper titled “Energy Storage Modeling for Distribution Planning.” He was also awarded an IEEE recognition in 2017 for notable services and contributions towards the advancement of IEEE and the engineering professions chairing of IM09 (Instrumentation and Measurements) Society Chapter, Colombian Section 2015–2017.

Custom scripting

Custom scripting

- Snapshot solution mode
- This is the default solution mode
- Attempts one solution for each “solve”
- Solves the circuit “as is”
- If you want something done, you have to specifically tell it
 - Set Load and Generator kW, etc.
 - Load.MyLoad.kW=125
 - Loadshapes are not used in this mode!
 - Sample Monitors and meters
 - Solve
 - Sample

Custom scripting

■ Snapshot solution mode

```
! Start the ramp down at 1 sec
Set sec=1
Generator.PV1.kW=(2500 250 -)
Solve
Sample
Set sec=2
Generator.PV1.kW=(2500 500 -)
Solve
Sample

Set sec = 2.020834372 ! Unit 1
storage.jo0235001304.state=discharging %discharge=11.9
Solve
Sample
Set sec = 2.022028115 ! Unit 2
storage.jo0235000257.state=discharging %discharge=11.9
Solve
Sample
Set sec = 2.023158858 ! Unit 3
storage.jo0235000265.state=discharging %discharge=11.9
Solve
Sample
Set sec = 2.024604602 ! Unit 4
storage.jo0235000268_1.state=discharging %discharge=11.9
Solve
Sample
Set sec = 2.025738325 ! Unit 5
storage.jo0235000268_2.dispmode=discharging %discharge=11.9
Solve
Sample

Etc.
```

(time is used for recording purposes only)

Set Gen kW explicitly each time step

Solve and Sample explicitly at each step

Set each Storage unit discharge rate explicitly each time step

Custom scripting

- Time solution mode
- Similar to Snapshot mode EXCEPT:
 - Loads, Generators can follow a selected Loadshape
 - Duty, Daily, or Yearly
 - Monitors are automatically sampled
 - But not Energymeters; do that explicitly if desired
 - Time is automatically incremented AFTER solve

Custom scripting

■ Time solution mode

```
! Start the ramp down at 1 sec
Set mode=time loadshapeclass=duty
set stepsize=1s

Solve    ! Base case t=0
Solve    ! t=t+1 = 2
Solve    ! t=2 second solution; t=t+1 = 3

Set sec = 2.020834372 ! Unit 1 (reset t)
storage.jo0235001304.state=discharging %discharge=11.9
Solve
Set sec = 2.022028115 ! Unit 2
storage.jo0235000257.state=discharging %discharge=11.9
Solve
Set sec = 2.023158858 ! Unit 3
storage.jo0235000265.state=discharging %discharge=11.9
Solve
Set sec = 2.024604602 ! Unit 4
storage.jo0235000268_1.state=discharging %discharge=11.9
Solve
Set sec = 2.025738325 ! Unit 5
storage.jo0235000268_2.dispmode=discharging %discharge=11.9
Solve

Etc.

Set sec=3
Solve    ! t=3 solution; t=t+1 = 4

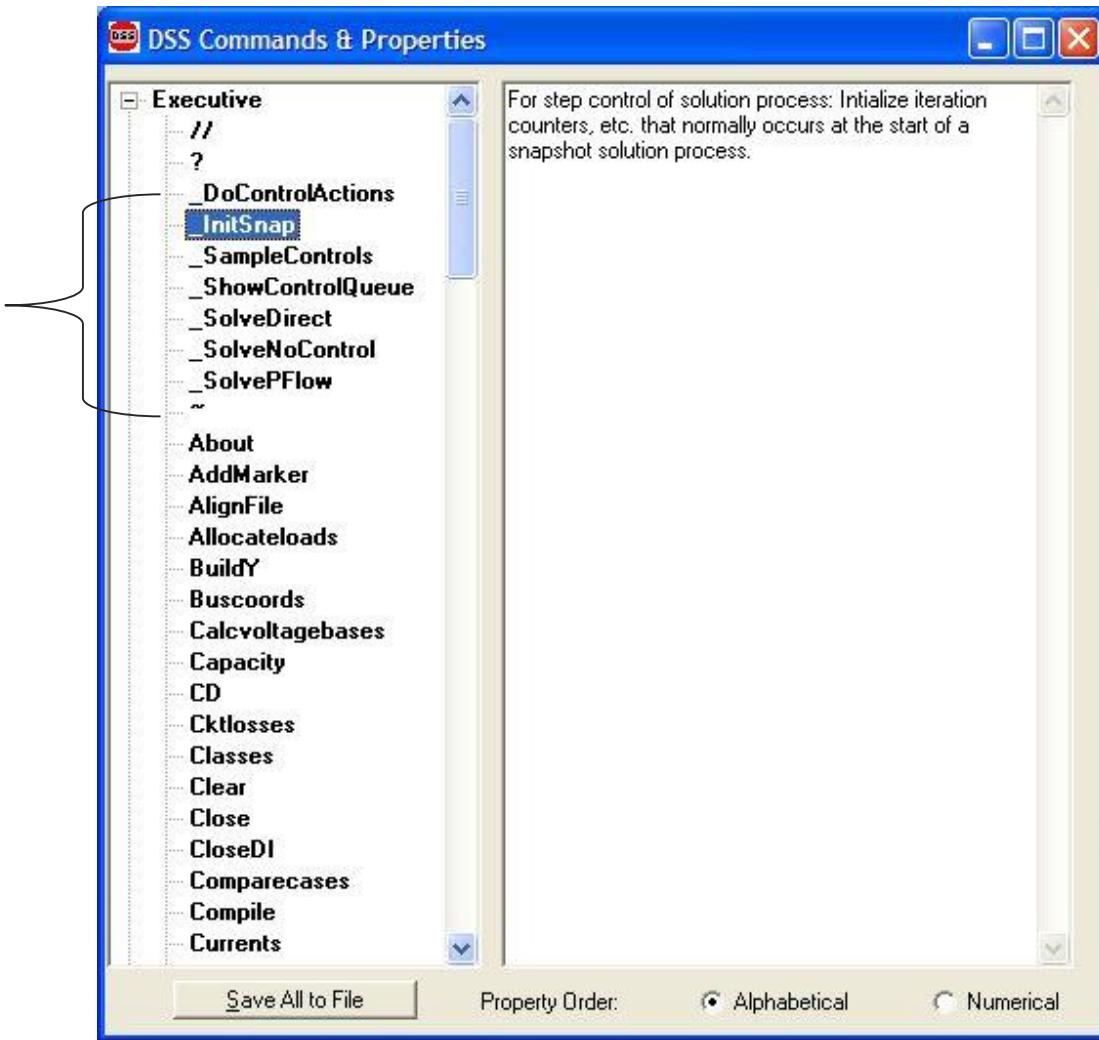
...
```

All Loads, Generators will follow assigned Duty cycle loadshape

Custom scripting

▪ Rolling Your Own Solution Algorithm

**These commands
allow step-by-step
control of the solution
process**



Custom scripting

- Rolling Your Own Solution Algorithm
 - The basic Snapshot solution process:
 - Initialize Snapshot (**_InitSnap**)
 - Repeat until converged:
 - Solve Circuit (**_SolveNoControl**)
 - Sample control devices (**_SampleControls**)
 - Do control actions, if any (**_DoControlActions**)
 - You may wish, for example, to interject custom control actions after the **_SolveNoControl** step

Custom scripting

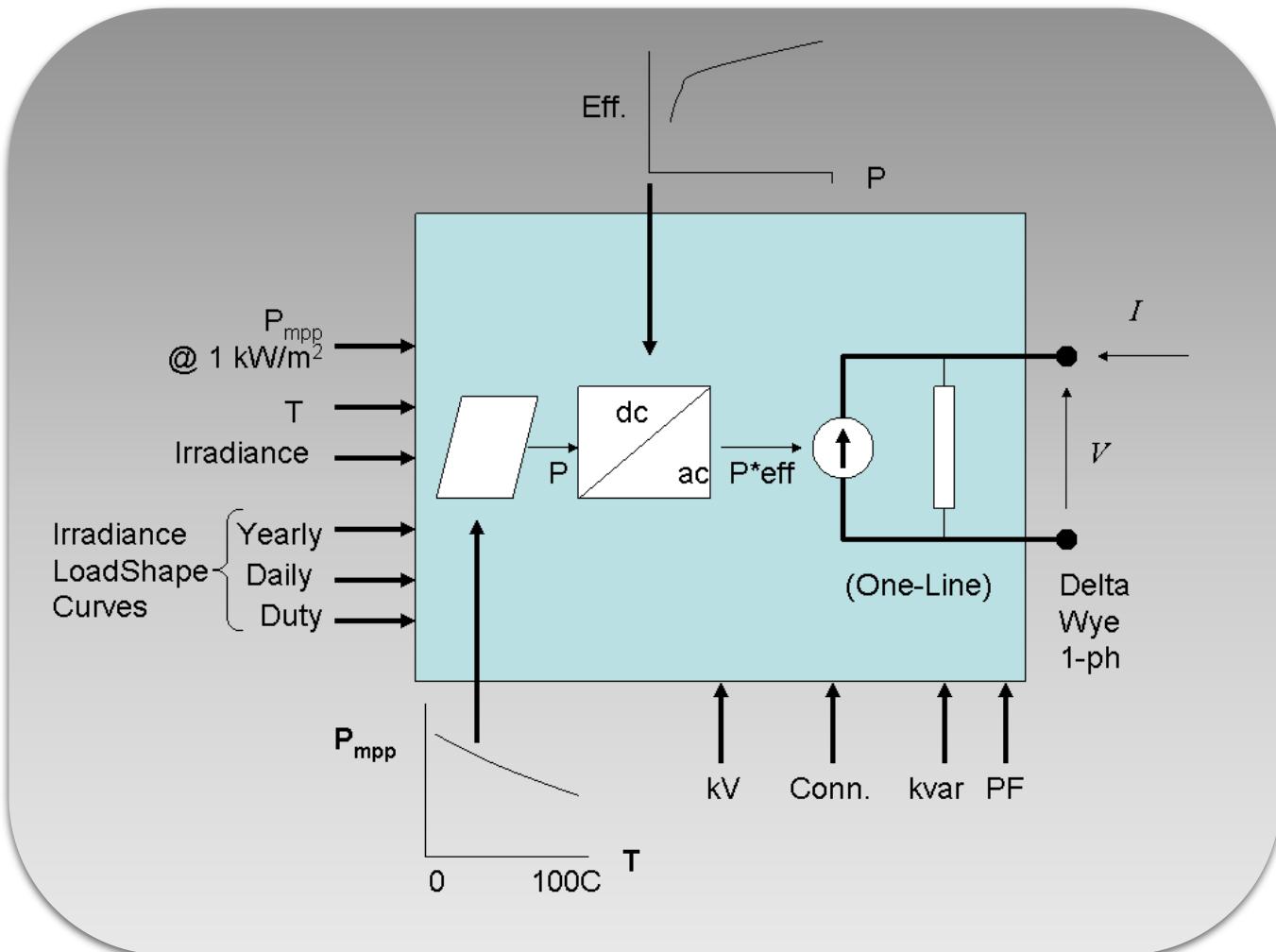
- Custom Simulation Scripting, cont'd
 - Via COM/Direct DLL interface
 - Whatever you want (if you can write code)
 - See Examples Folder on Sourceforge site
 - Excel: SampleDSSDriver.xls
 - Matlab:
 - VoltageProfileExample.m
 - DSSMonteCarlo.m
 - See "OpenDSS Custom Scripting.Doc"
 - (Sourceforge site and "Doc" Folder)

Special models in OpenDSS

Special models in OpenDSS

- Modeling solar PV

The PVSystem model combines a model of the PV array and the PV inverter into one convenient model to use for distribution system impacts studies



Special models in OpenDSS

- Modeling solar PV (example)
- This example defines a PV system with a panel P_{mpp} of 500 kW at 1 kW/m² irradiance and a panel temperature of 25°C. The inverter is rated at 500 kVA. A PF of 1.0 is assumed for this example.
- Can also be used with the InvControl control object that implements advanced ('smart') inverter functions such as volt-var, volt-watt, and dynamic reactive current.
- InvControl usage to be covered later today

Special models in OpenDSS

■ Modeling solar PV (example)

```
clear

New Circuit.PVSystem basekv=12.47 Isc3=1000 Isc1=900

// P-T curve is per unit of rated Pmpp vs temperature
// This one is for a Pmpp stated at 25 deg
New XYCurve.MyPvsT npts=4 xarray=[0 25 75 100] yarray=[1.2 1.0 0.8 0.6]

// efficiency curve is per unit eff vs per unit power
New XYCurve.MyEff npts=4 xarray=[.1 .2 .4 1.0] yarray=[.86 .9 .93 .97]

// per unit irradiance curve (per unit of "irradiance" property)
New Loadshape.MyIrrad npts=24 interval=1 mult=[0 0 0 0 0 .1 .2 .3 .5 .8 .9 1.0 1.0 .99 .9 .7 .4 .1 0 0 0 0 0]

// 24-hr temp shape curve
New Tshape.MyTemp npts=24 interval=1 temp=[25, 25, 25, 25, 25, 25, 25, 25, 35, 40, 45, 50 60 60 55 40 35 30 25 25 25 25 25 25]

// **** plot tshape object=mytemp

// take the default line
New Line.line1 Bus1=sourcebus bus2=PVbus Length=2
```

Special models in OpenDSS

■ Modeling solar PV (example) cont'd

! PV definition

```
New PVSystem.PV phases=3 bus1=PVbus kV=12.47 kVA=500 irrad=0.8 Pmpp=500
```

```
~ temperature=25 PF=1 effcurve=Myeff P-TCurve=MyPvsT
```

```
~ Daily=MyIrrad TDaily=MyTemp
```

```
set voltagebases=[12.47]  
calcv
```

solve ! solves at the specified irradiance and temperature

```
new monitor.m1 PVSystem.PV 1 mode=1 ppolar=no  
new monitor.m2 PVSystem.PV 1
```

```
solve  
solve mode=daily
```

```
show mon m1  
show mon m2
```

Special models in OpenDSS

- Modeling solar PV (example) cont'd

Export monitors m1

Plot monitor object= m1 channels=(1)

Export monitors m2

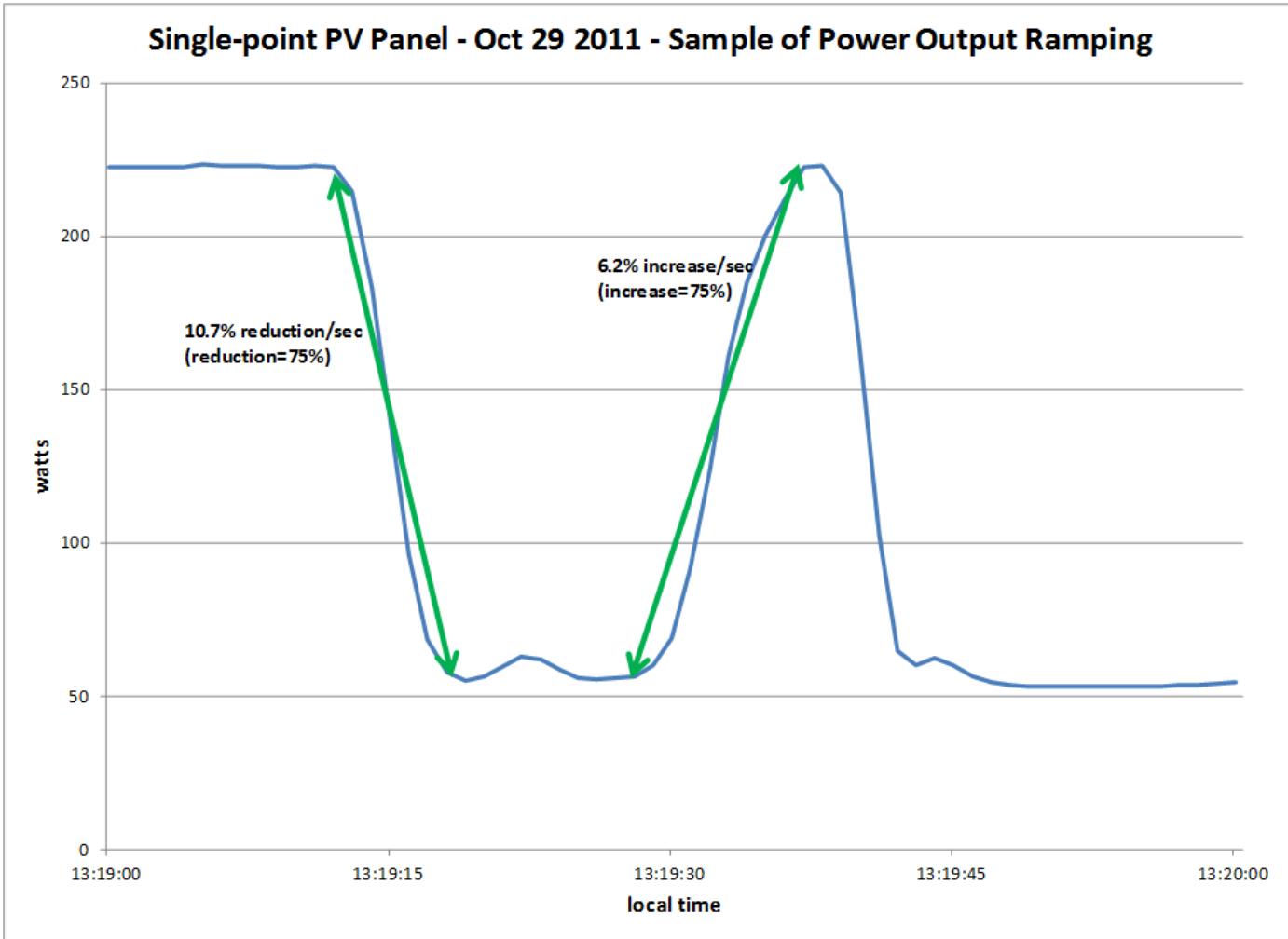
Plot monitor object= m2 channels=(1) base=[7200]

Export monitors m2

Plot monitor object= m2 channels=(9)

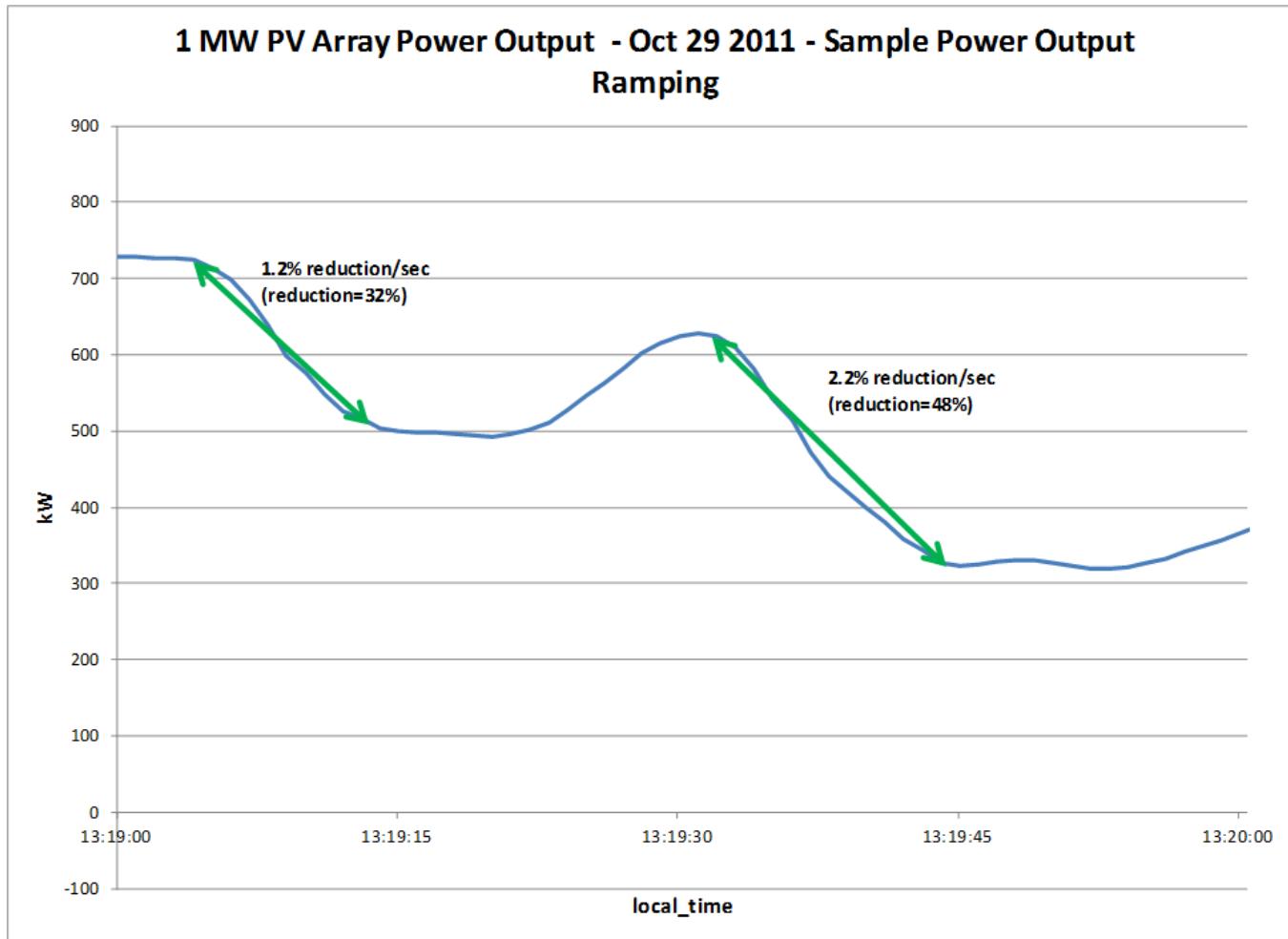
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- Modeling solar PV



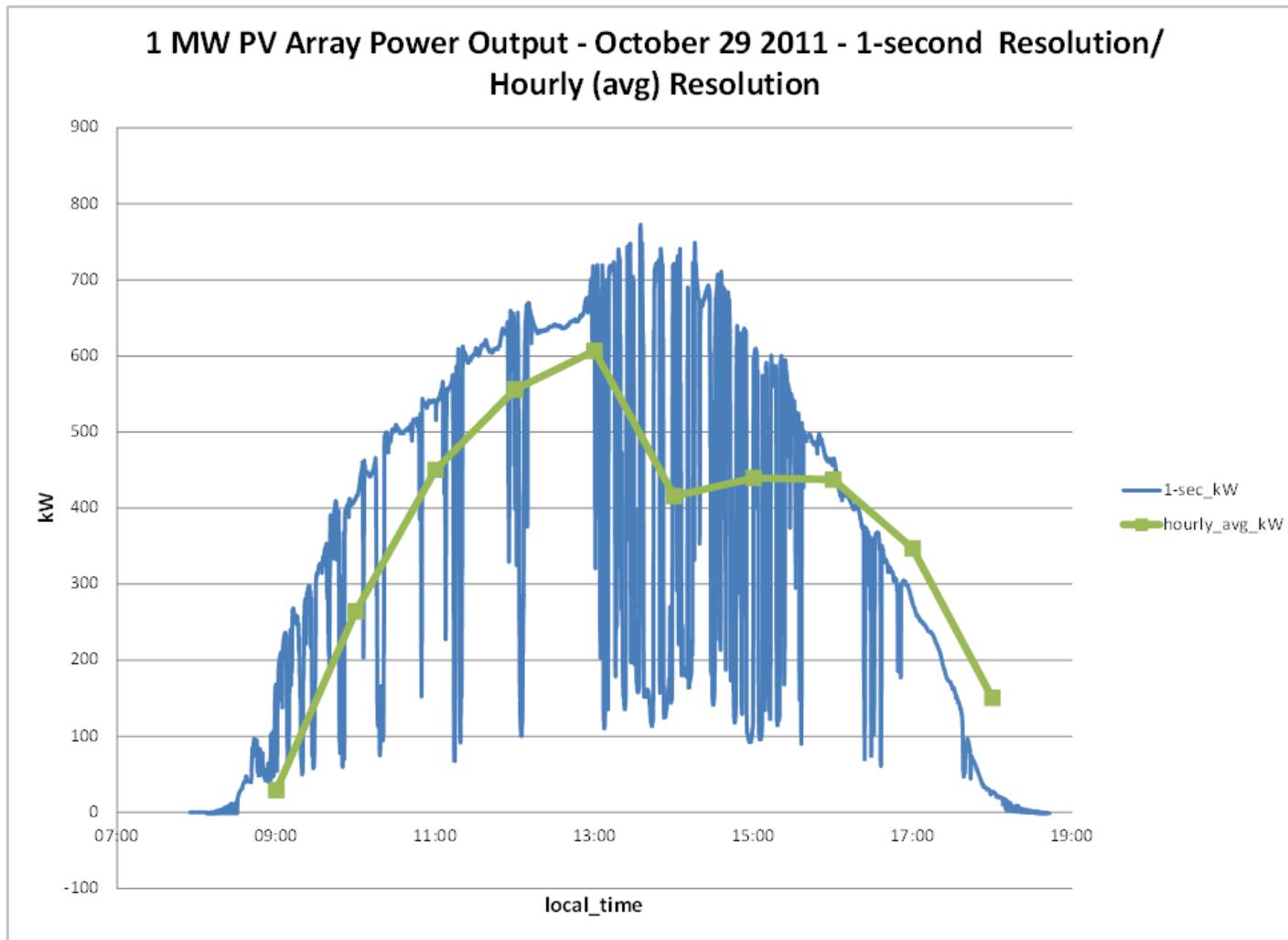
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Special models in OpenDSS

- Modeling solar PV (app cases)
 - Fault current contribution
 - Conservative Rule-of-thumb: 2 x Full Output Rating of Inverter for 1 cycle (three-phase fault)
 - Other testing has been performed by Southern California Edison, NREL, PV inverter manufacturers, etc
 - Inverters generally shut down at 1.2 pu of rated current
 - May be 3-4 times pre-fault current
 - Irregular behavior on voltage sags
 - Tries to hold constant power (current increases)
 - May become discontinuous

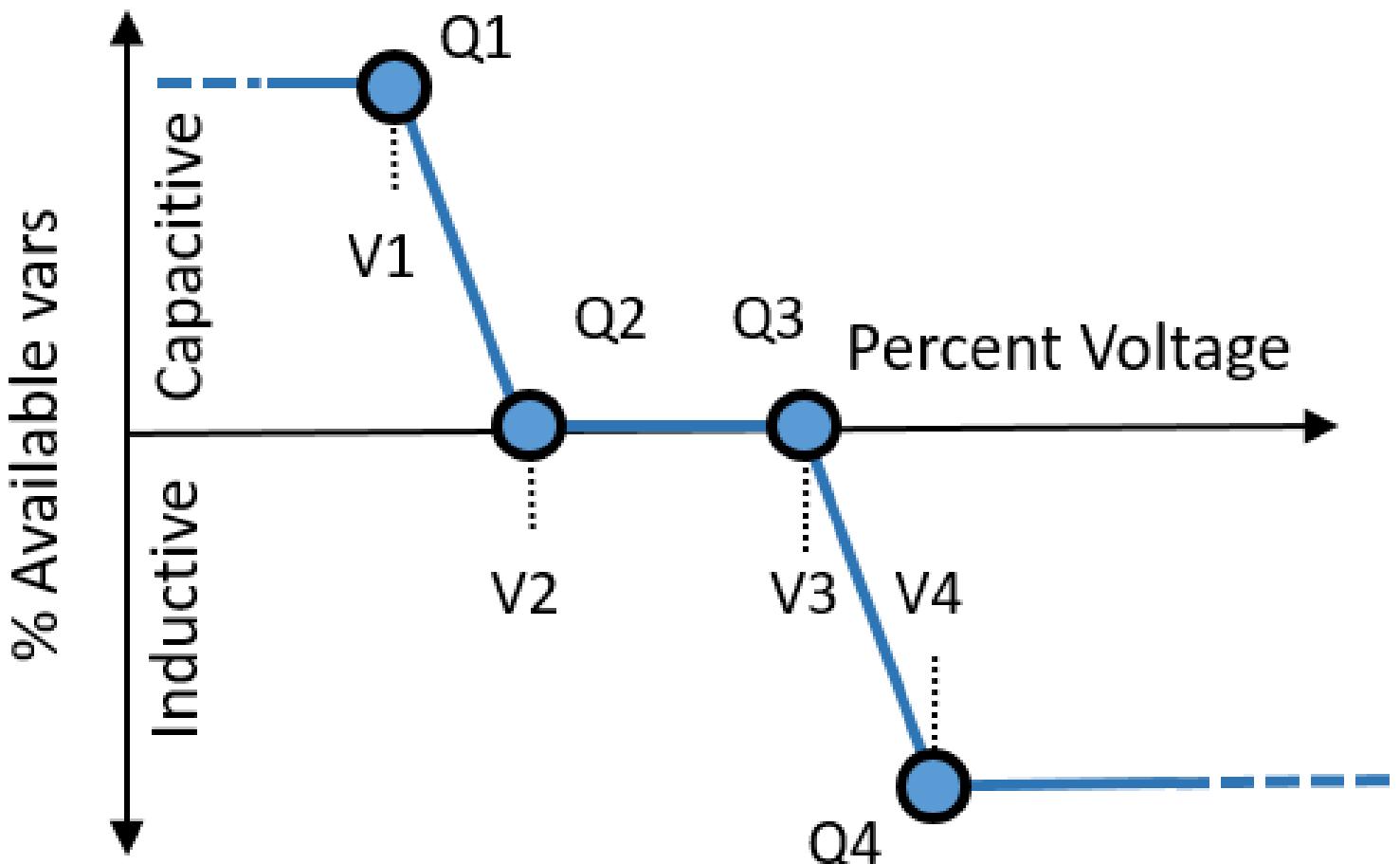
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■ Smart inverter

- Works in conjunction with PVSystem object(s) to control the PVSystem(s) output according to 'smart' inverter functions
- Three modes currently available:
 - Volt-var
 - Follows a voltage versus reactive power curve and changes the reactive power generation (capacitive) or reactive power absorption (inductive) according to the terminal voltage at each PVSystem
 - Volt-watt
 - Follows a voltage versus active power curve and changes the active power output according to the terminal voltage at each PVSystem (within the limits of the present irradiance)
 - Dynamic Reactive Current (DRC)
 - Has several settings that change the reactive power generation or absorption in response to fast changes in terminal voltage (e.g., during a sag or swell)

Special models in OpenDSS

- Smart inverter – Control curve – Volt-var



Special models in OpenDSS

■ Smart inverter – Control curve – Volt-var

New PVSystem.**3P_ExistingSite4** phases=3 bus1=B51854_sec kV=0.4157 kVA=523

~ irradiance=1 Pmpp=475 pf=1 %cutin=0.1 %cutout=0.1 yearly=PV_Is

New PVSystem.**3P_ExistingSite1** phases=3 bus1=X_5865228330A kV=0.4157 kVA=314

~ irradiance=1 Pmpp=285 pf=1 %cutin=0.1 %cutout=0.1 yearly=PV_Is

New PVSystem.**3P_ExistingSite3** phases=3 bus1=X_5891328219_Cust1 kV=0.4157

~ kVA=836 irradiance=1 Pmpp=760 pf=1 %cutin=0.1 %cutout=0.1 yearly=PV_Is

New PVSystem.**3P_ExistingSite2** phases=3 bus1=B4832_sec kV=0.4157 kVA=209

~ irradiance=1 Pmpp=190 pf=1 %cutin=0.1 %cutout=0.1 yearly=PV_Is

New XYCurve.vv_curve npts=4 Yarray=(1.0,1.0,-1.0,-1.0)

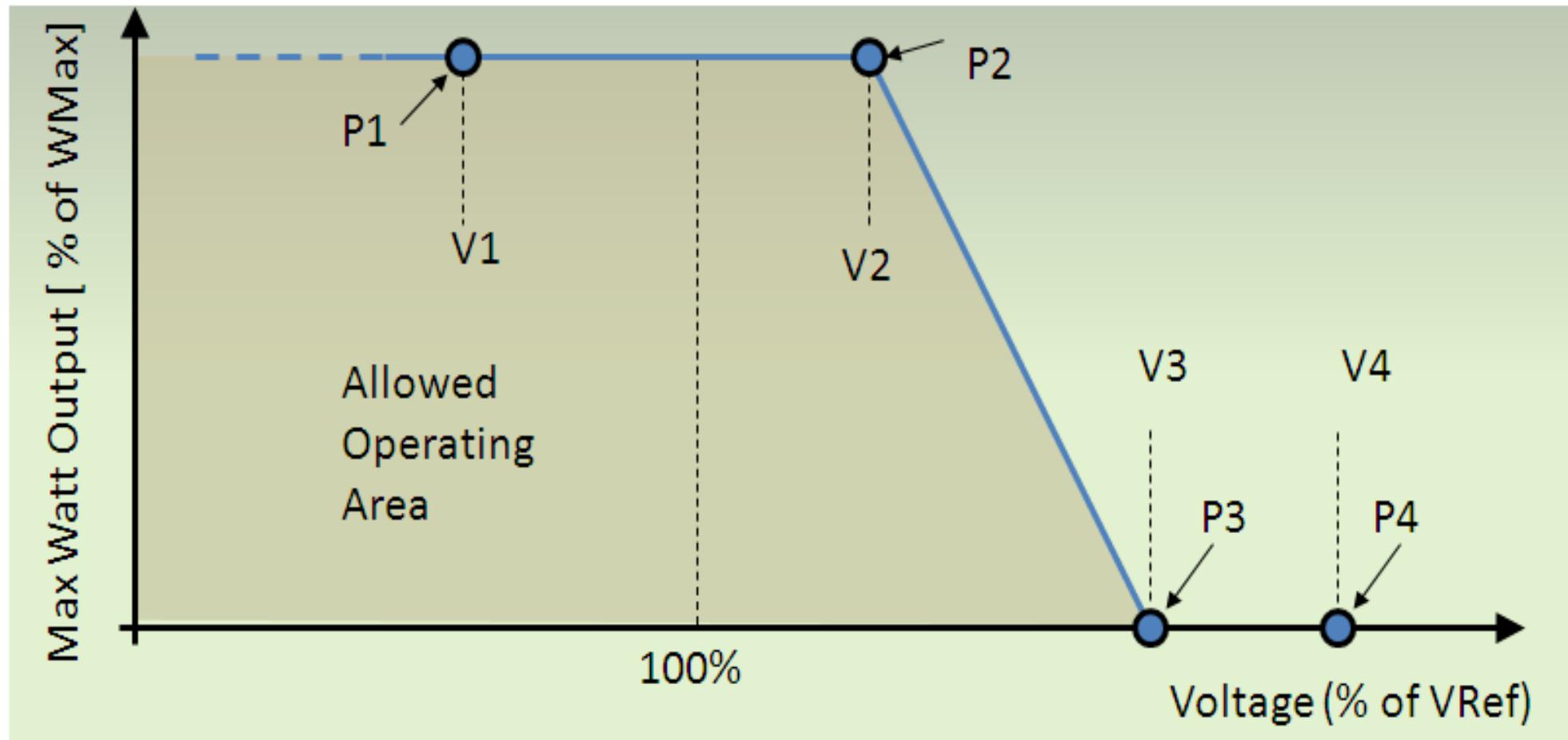
~ XArray=(0.5,0.95,1.05,1.5)

New InvControl.InvPVCtrl mode=VOLTVAR voltage_curvex_ref=rated

~ vvc_curve1=vv_curve EventLog=yes

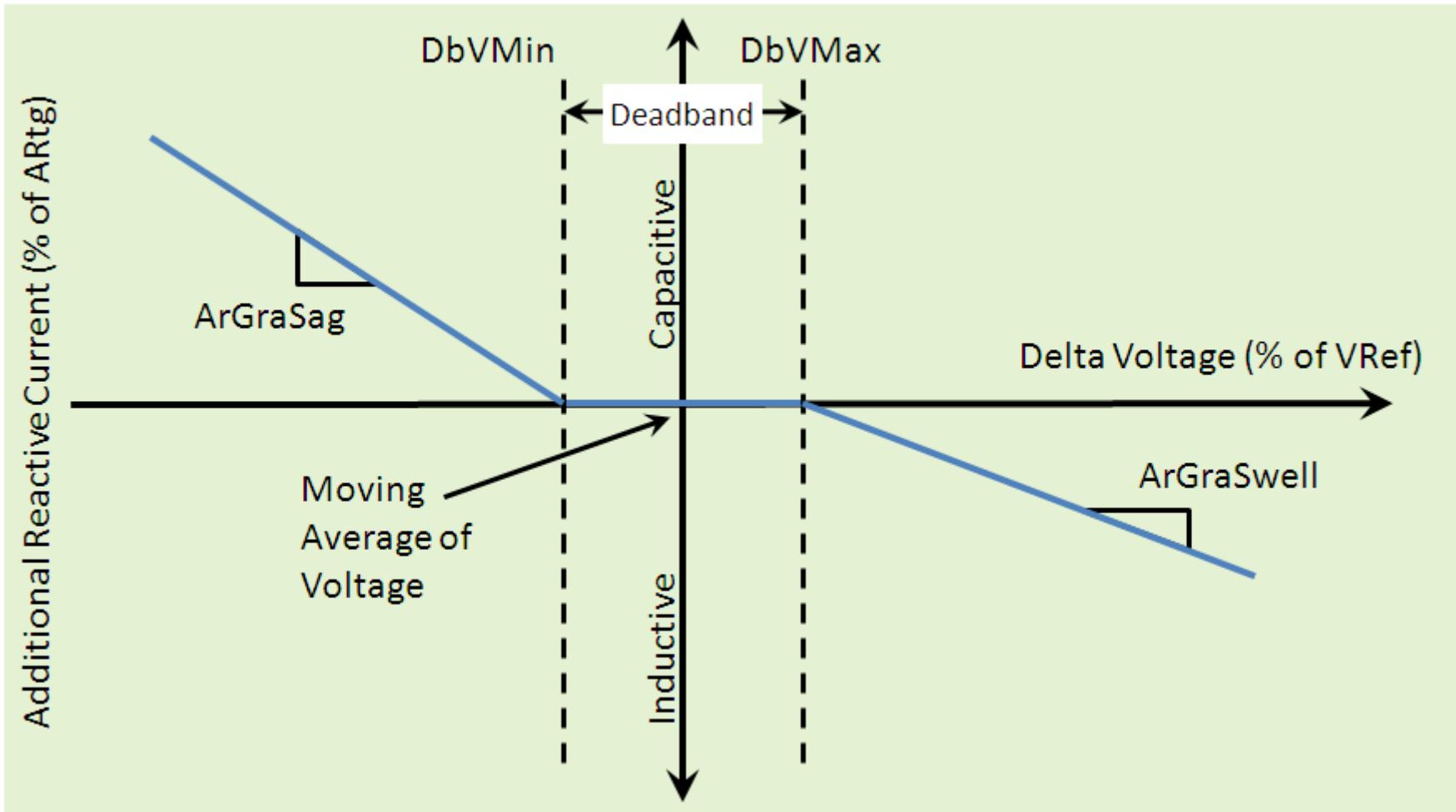
Special models in OpenDSS

- Smart inverter – Control curve – Volt-watt



Special models in OpenDSS

- Smart inverter – DRC Control curve



Special models in OpenDSS

■ Storage devices

- Storage is the frequently-proposed solution to renewable generation issues
- States and provinces are requiring large amounts of storage
 - (Cal: 1.3 GW by 2020; 425 MW on distribution)
- Significant amounts expected on Distribution systems controlled for benefit of Transmission
- Distribution planners are accustomed to static power flow calculations
- Accurate analysis of storage required sequential-time simulation (“QSTS”)
- Summary of EPRI research into modeling energy storage for planning ...

Special models in OpenDSS

■ Storage devices – Applications in distribution

- Smoothing solar PV power output
- Extending solar PV output into the evening
- Support of the Transmission grid
- Extending capacity of existing assets
- Supporting alternate feeds during reconfig.
- Controlling frequency of a microgrid
- Increasing short circuit strength of a microgrid

Special models in OpenDSS

■ Storage devices – Planning Issues Introduced by Storage

- Overvoltages while discharging
- Low voltages while charging
- Voltage regulation while compensating for transmission grid support
- Interference with overcurrent protection scheme
- Insufficient short-circuit capacity in microgrid

Special models in OpenDSS

■ Storage devices – Planning Issues Introduced by Storage

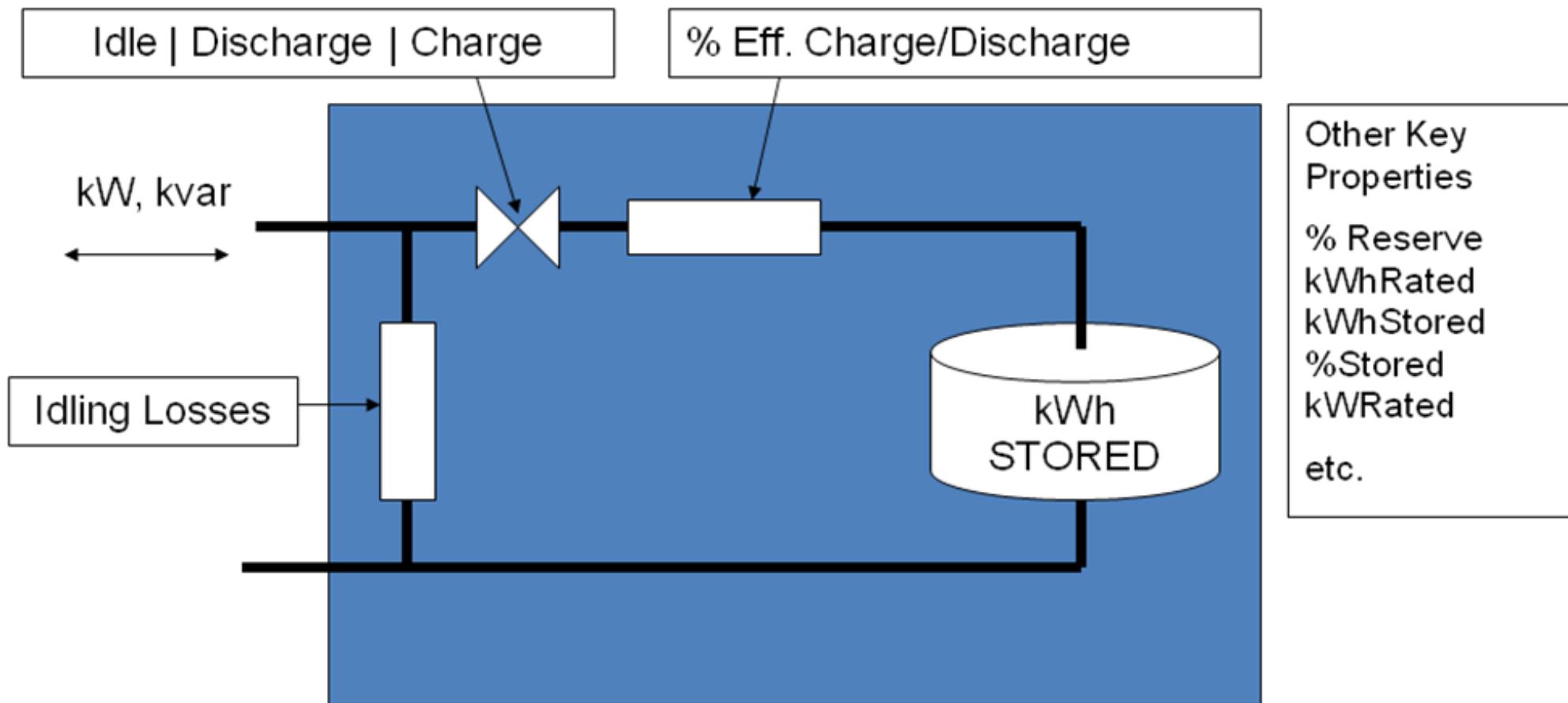
- All DER disrupt the normal load shape
- A single static power flow does not give a good answer
 - Have to simulate over a significant time period
- Sequential-time power flow is now accepted practice in advanced distribution planning
- Storage is a variable resource but it is also Limited
 - Planning tools must account for energy stored
 - Has a limited ramp rate
 - Has to be recharged at some other time
- Has losses
 - Charge-discharge cycle (~15-20%)
 - Idling losses (temperature dependent)

Special models in OpenDSS

- 6 Simulation Modes Have Been Identified and Implemented in OpenDSS Program
 - 1. Static (charge or discharge at specific rate)
 - 2. Time (charge or discharge at specific time)
 - 3. Peak Shave
 - 4. Load Following
 - 5. Loadshape Following (define a loadshape)
 - 6. Dynamics (i.e., electromechanical transients)

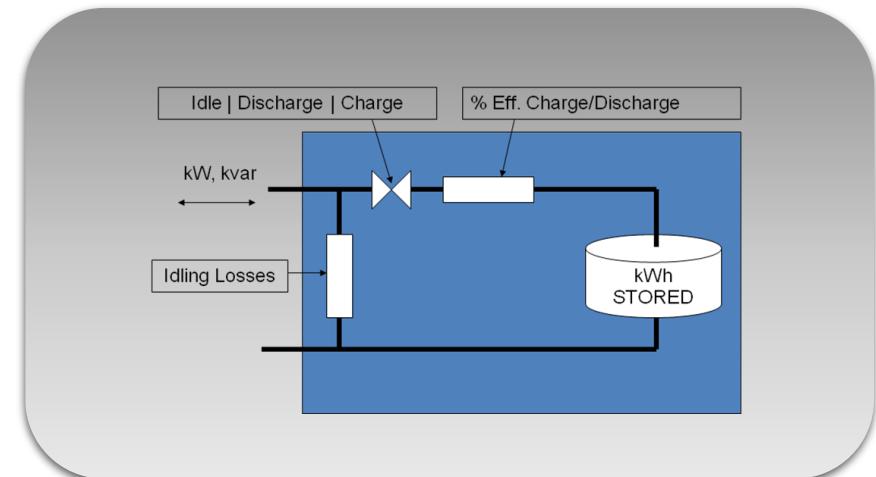
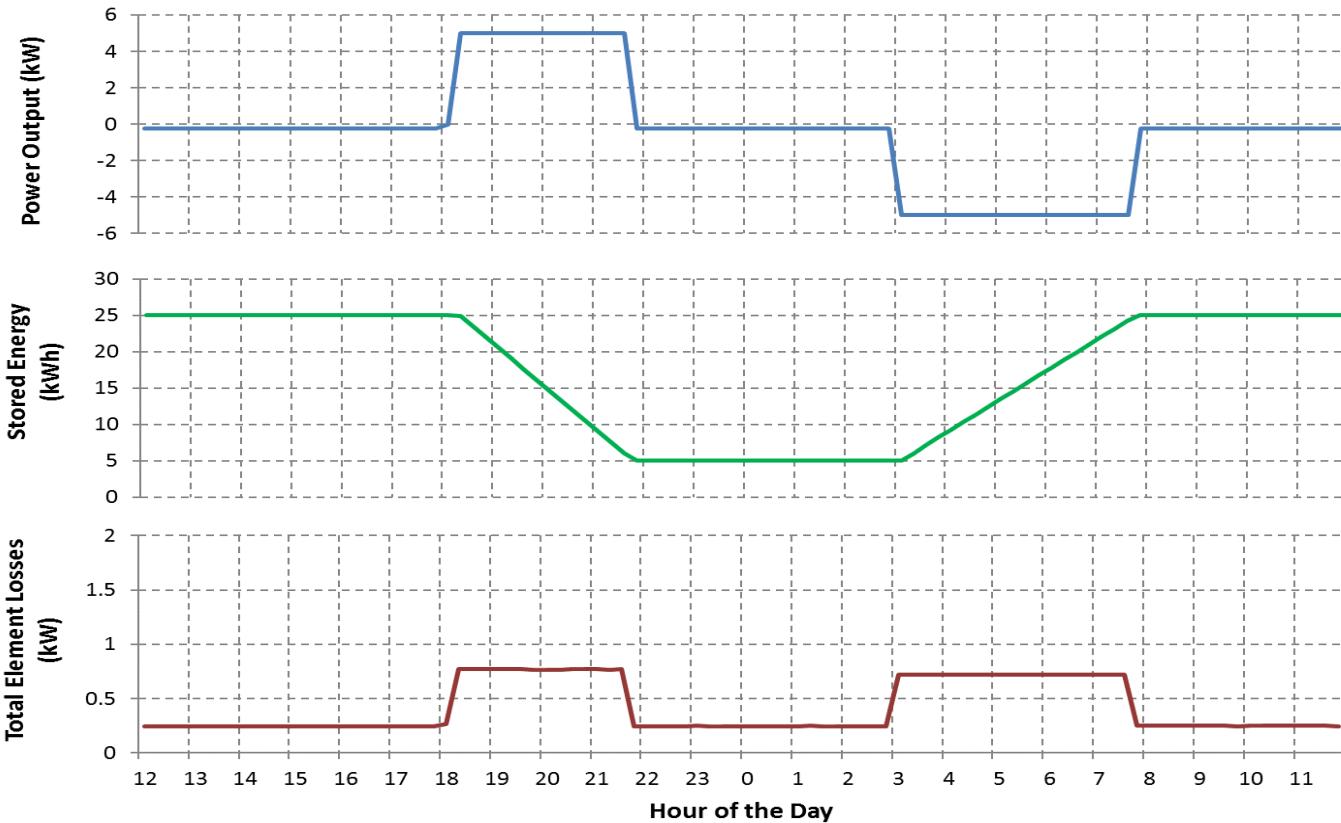
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- The storage device model



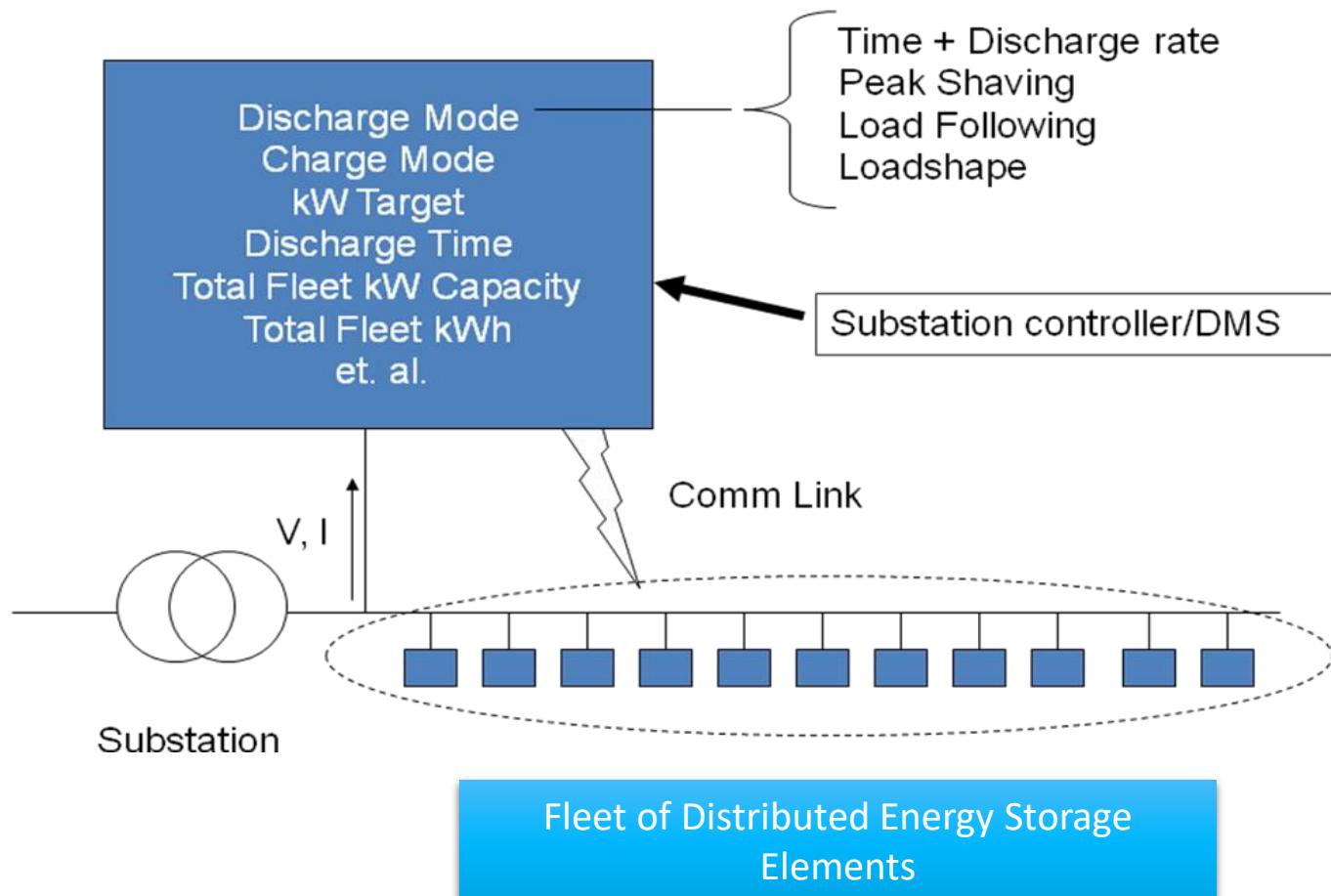
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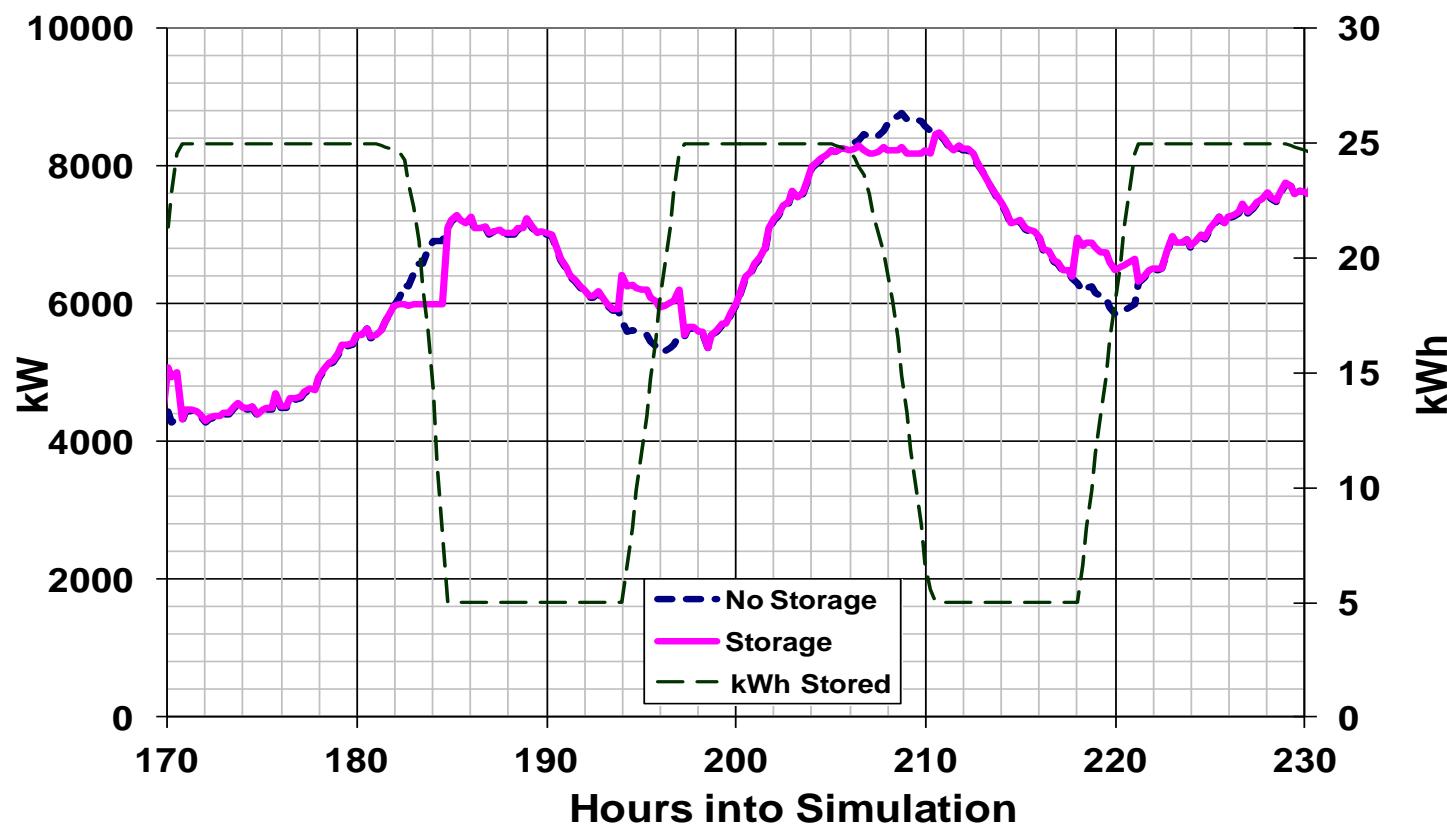
- The storage controller model



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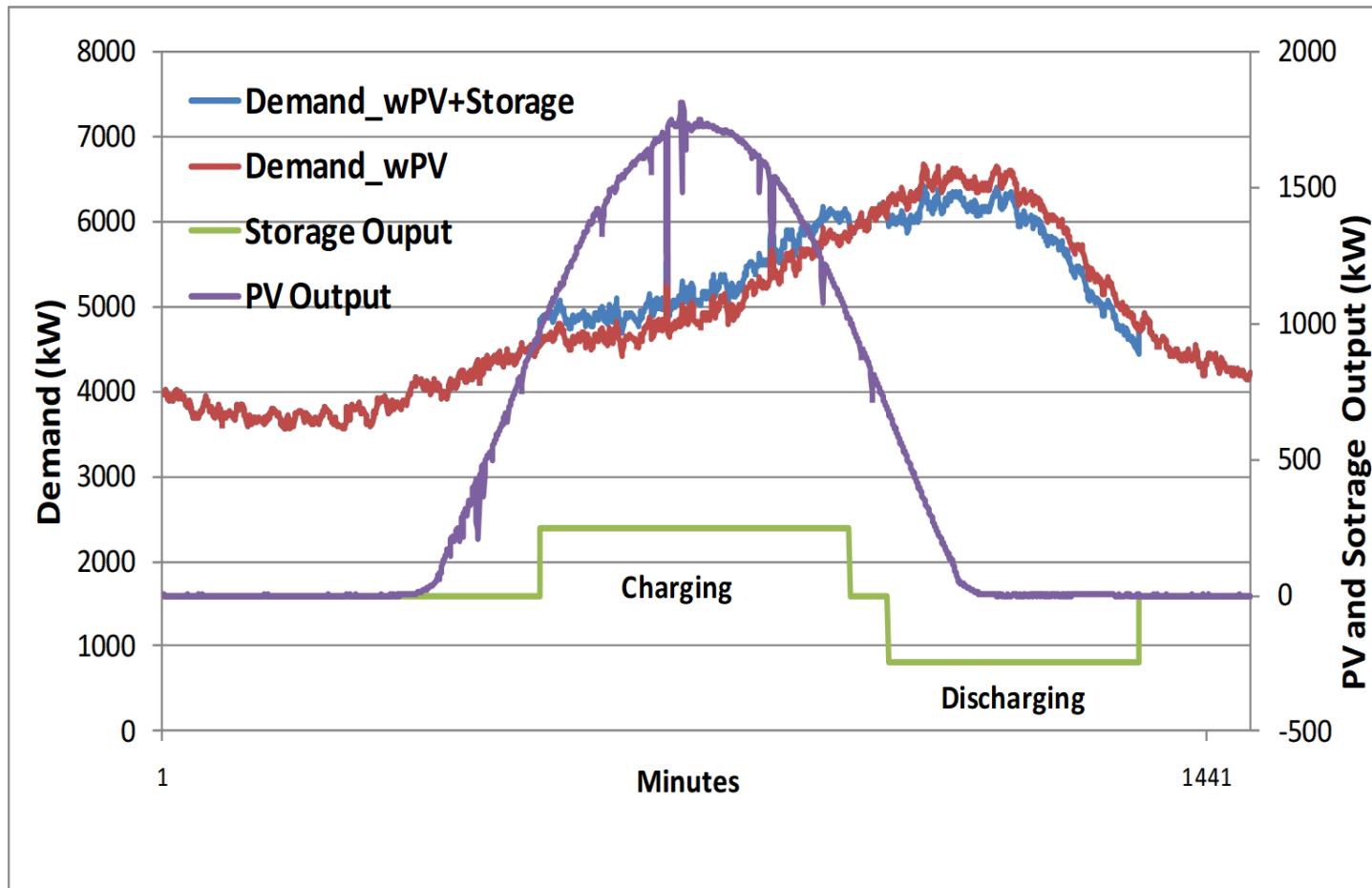
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**Load Following with Storage, 25 kWh Storage Units
Discharge Trigger @ 1300, 30% charge rate @ 0200**



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- The storage controller model

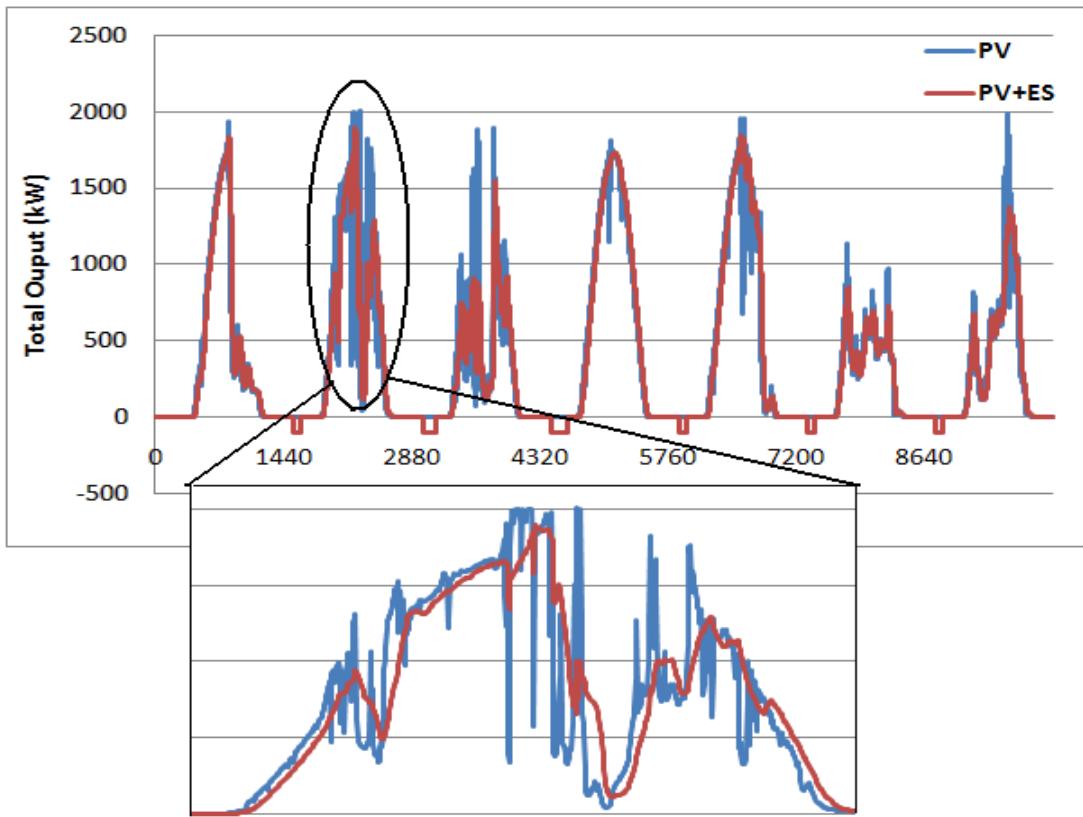


Extend solar PV output into evening peak.

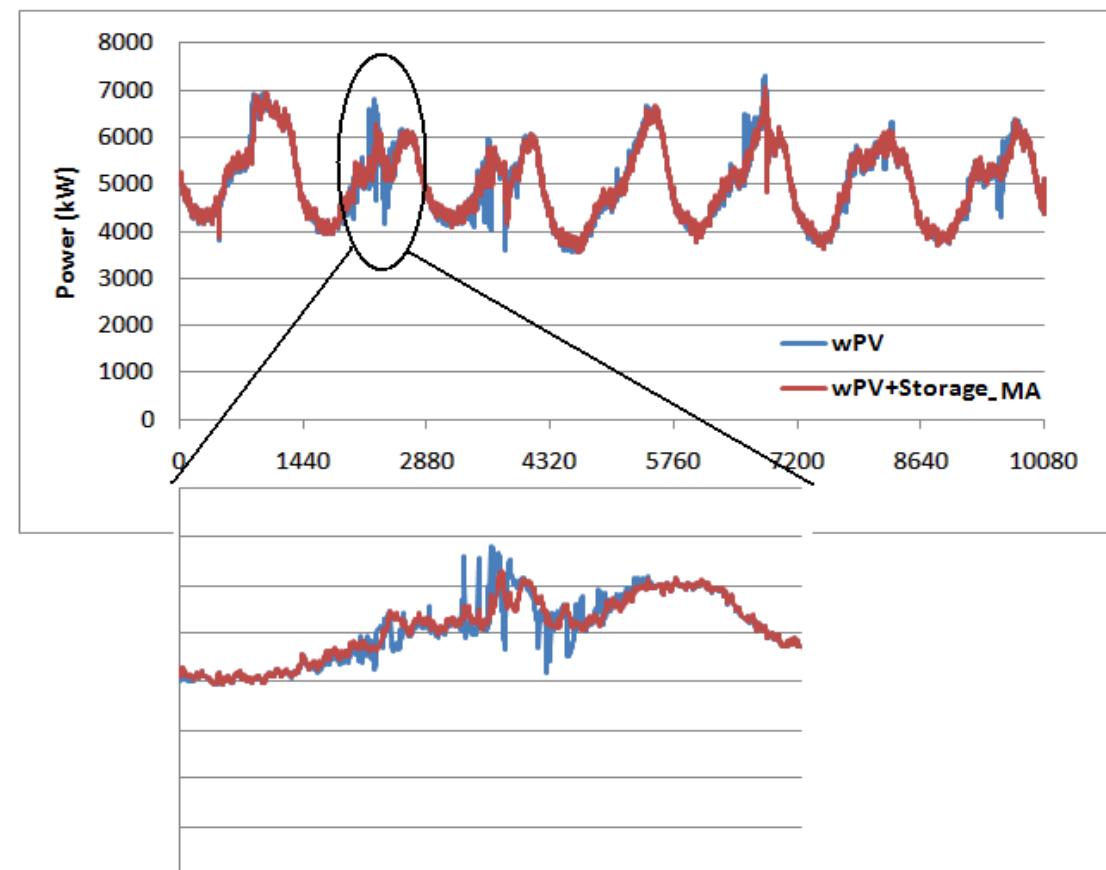
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- The storage controller model – smooth output from DER

- PV Output

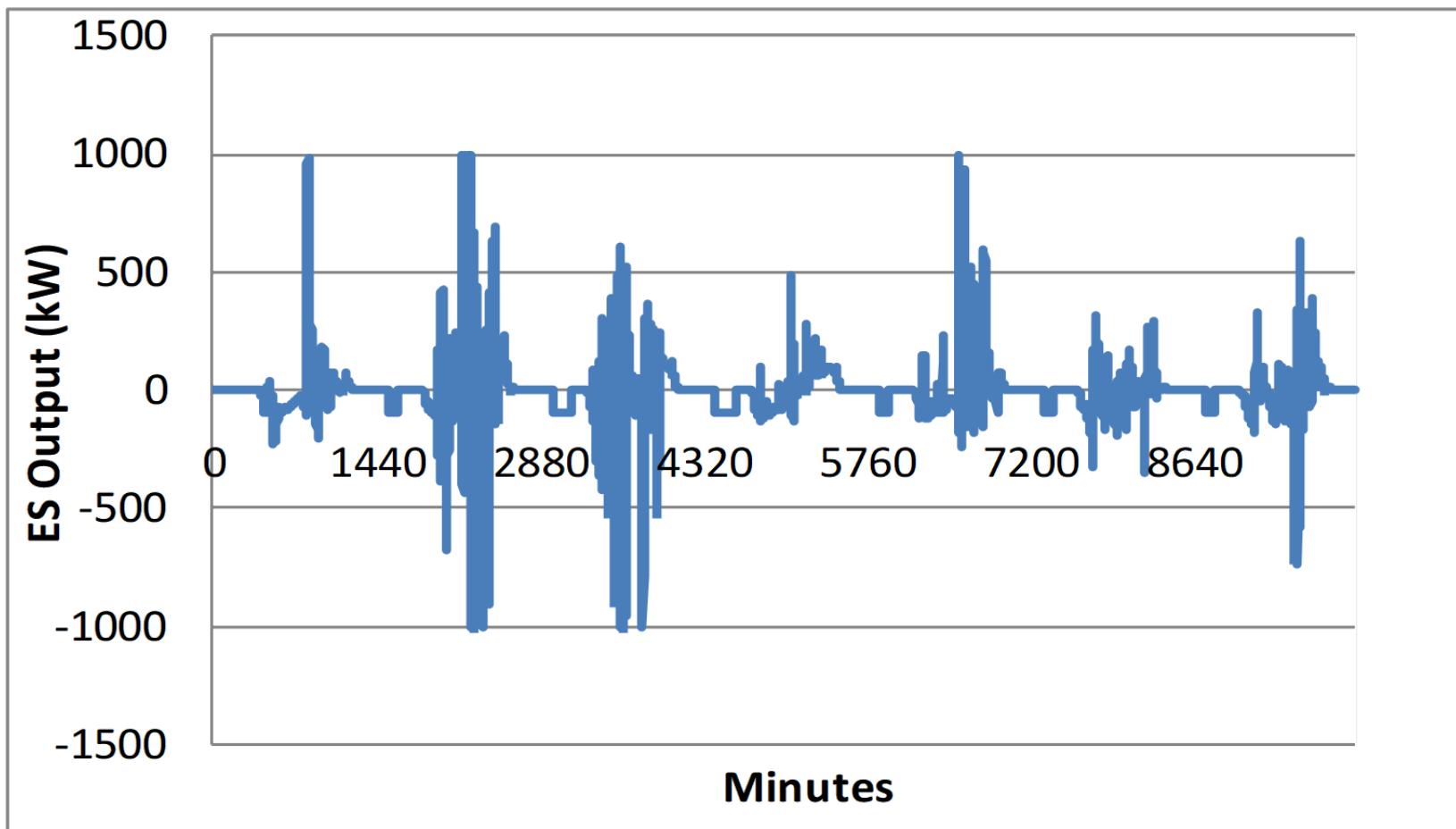


- Network Response



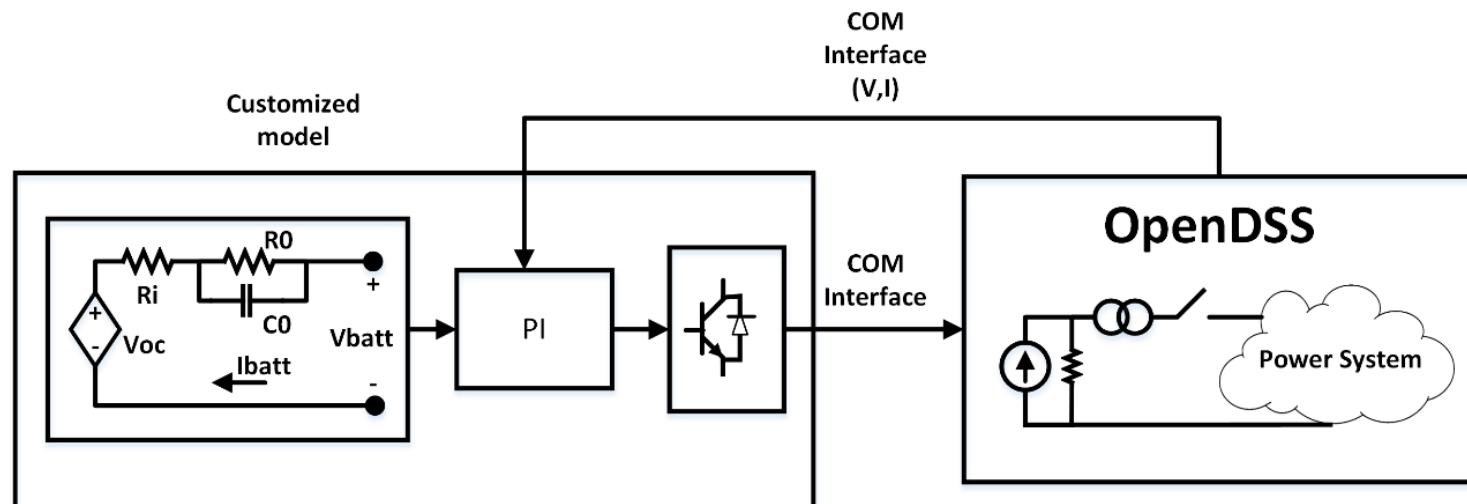
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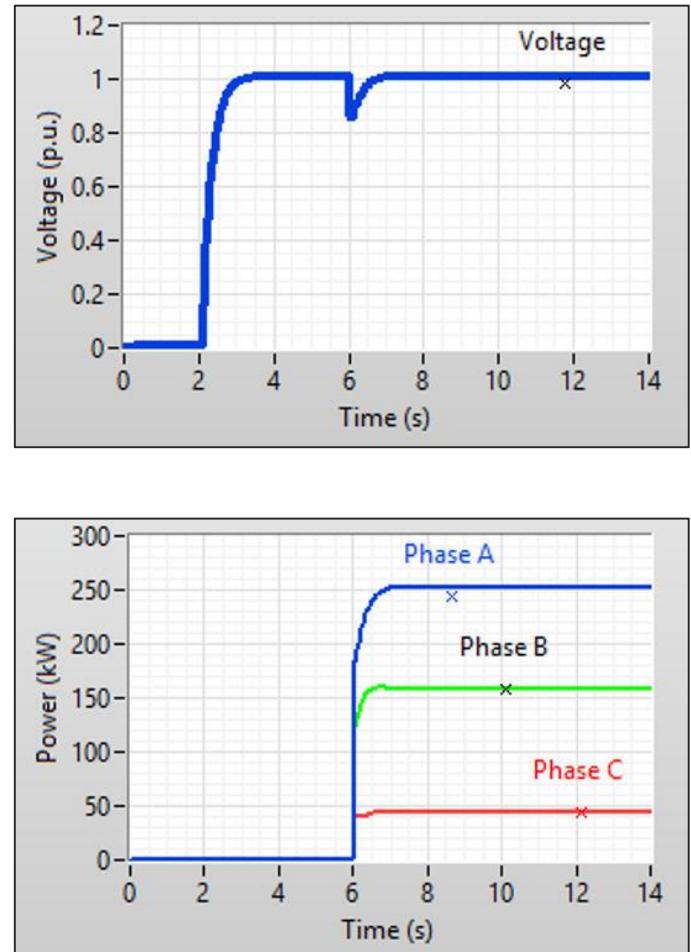


Special models in OpenDSS

- The storage controller model – Dynamics



Model may require more than 30 parameters.



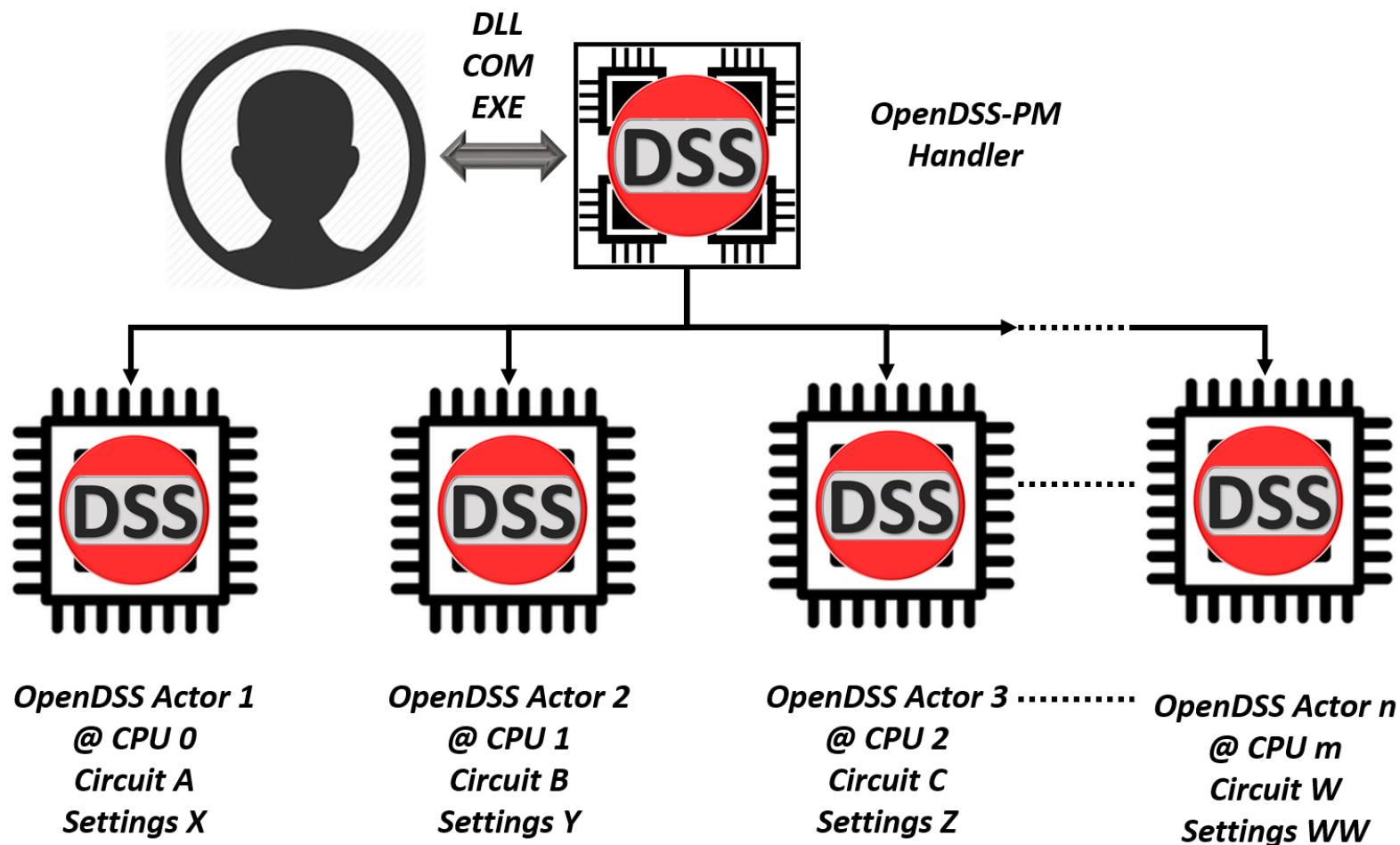
Special models in OpenDSS

- How to Support Vendor-Supplied Models for Complex Storage System Models
 - Establish common software interface (DLL?)
 - Variants for QSTS, Dynamics, and EMT
 - Windows dominant platform in US for distribution
 - DSA vendors will have to support
 - Storage system vendors will want protection

Introduction to parallel processing

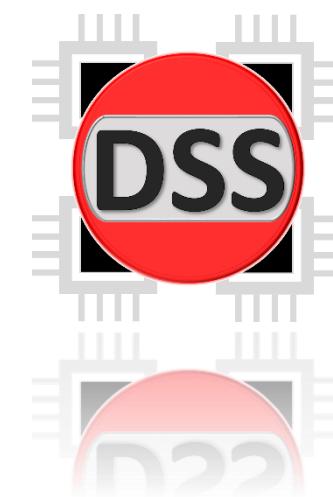
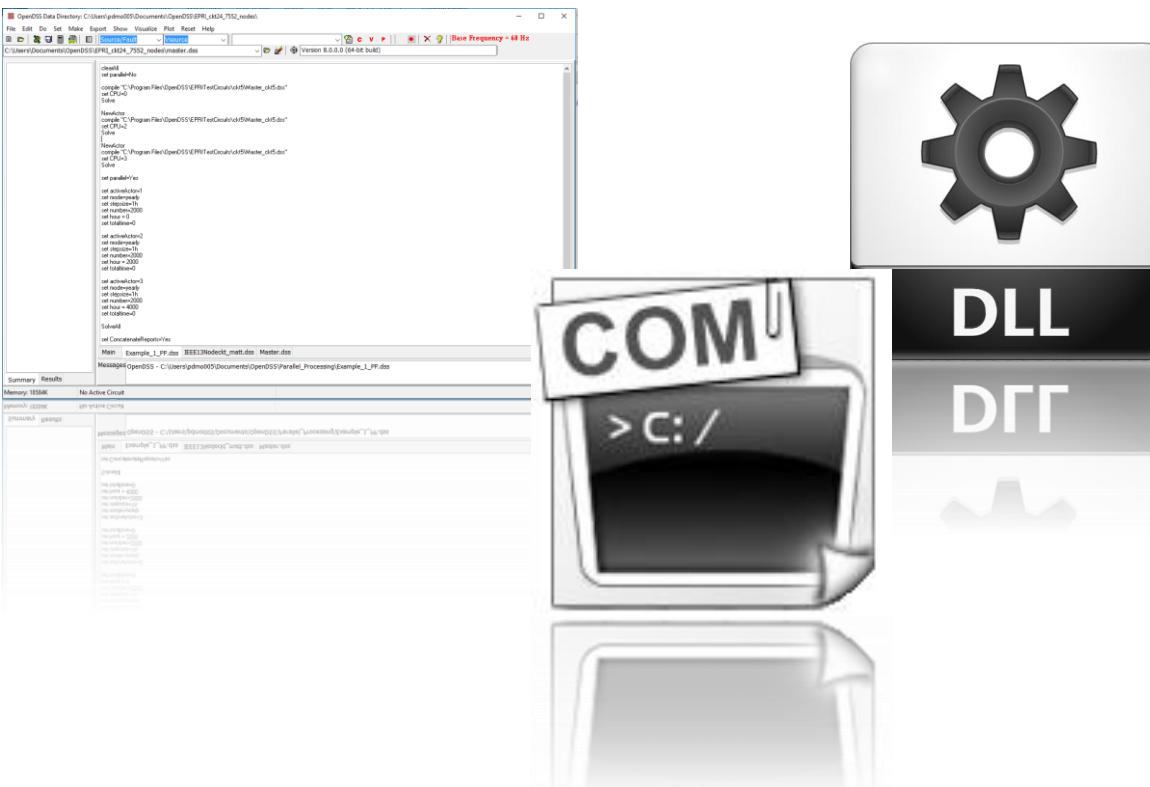
Introduction to parallel processing

- The evolution of OpenDSS into a parallel computing machine



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These features have been implemented into the existing interfaces preserving the format and adding instructions to the instruction set

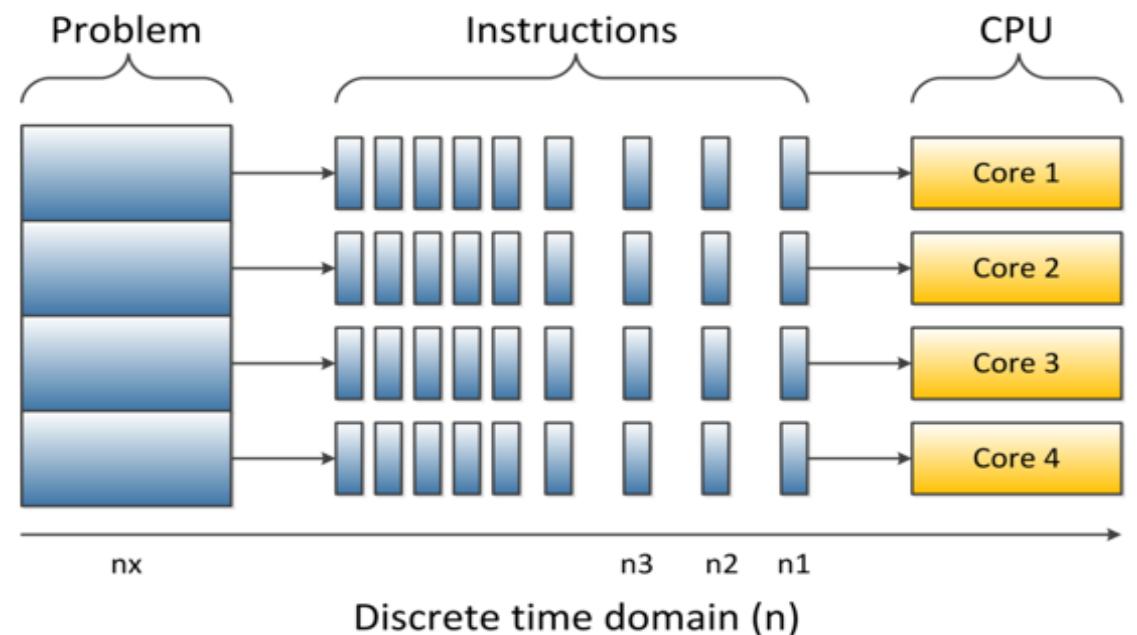
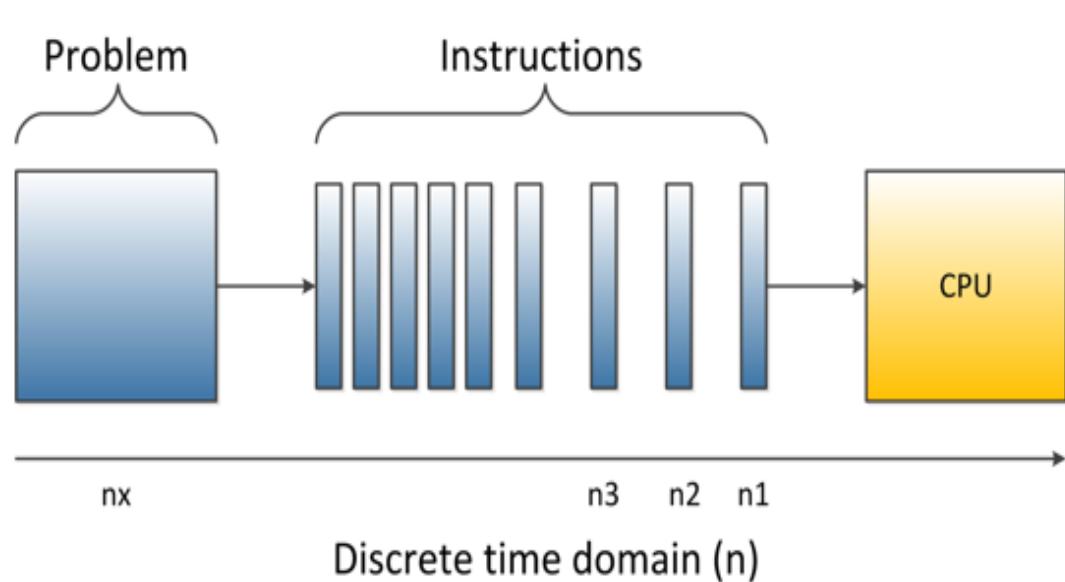
Introduction to parallel processing

- There is a new set of functions and instructions related with parallel processing, topology analysis and more that can be used using the same DSS command environment

NumCPUs	ClearAll	Tear_Circuit
NumCores	Wait	Export IncMatrix
NewActor	Parallel	Export IncMatrixRows
NumActors	SolveAll	Export IncMatrixCols
ActiveActor	ConcatenateReports	Export BusLevels
CPU	CalcIncMatrix	ADiakoptics
ActorProgress	CalcIncMatrix_o	Refine_BusLevels
Abort	CalcLaplacian	Export Laplacian
Clone	LinkBranches	Contours
ZLL	ZCC	Y4
Num_SubCircuits		

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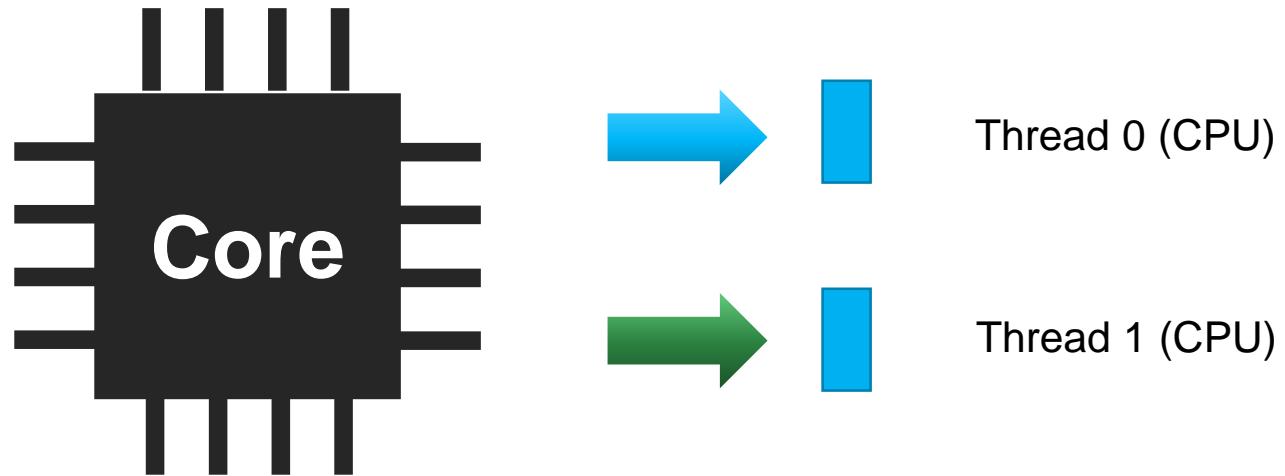
- What to expect from parallel processing



Depending on your computer features and the understanding that you have about them it will depend how far can you go with parallel processing

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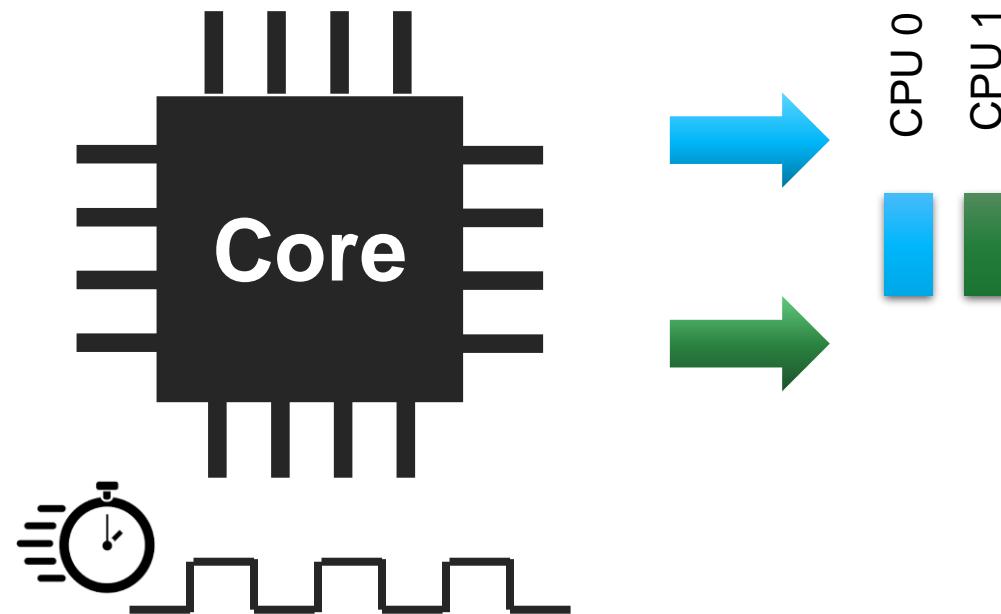
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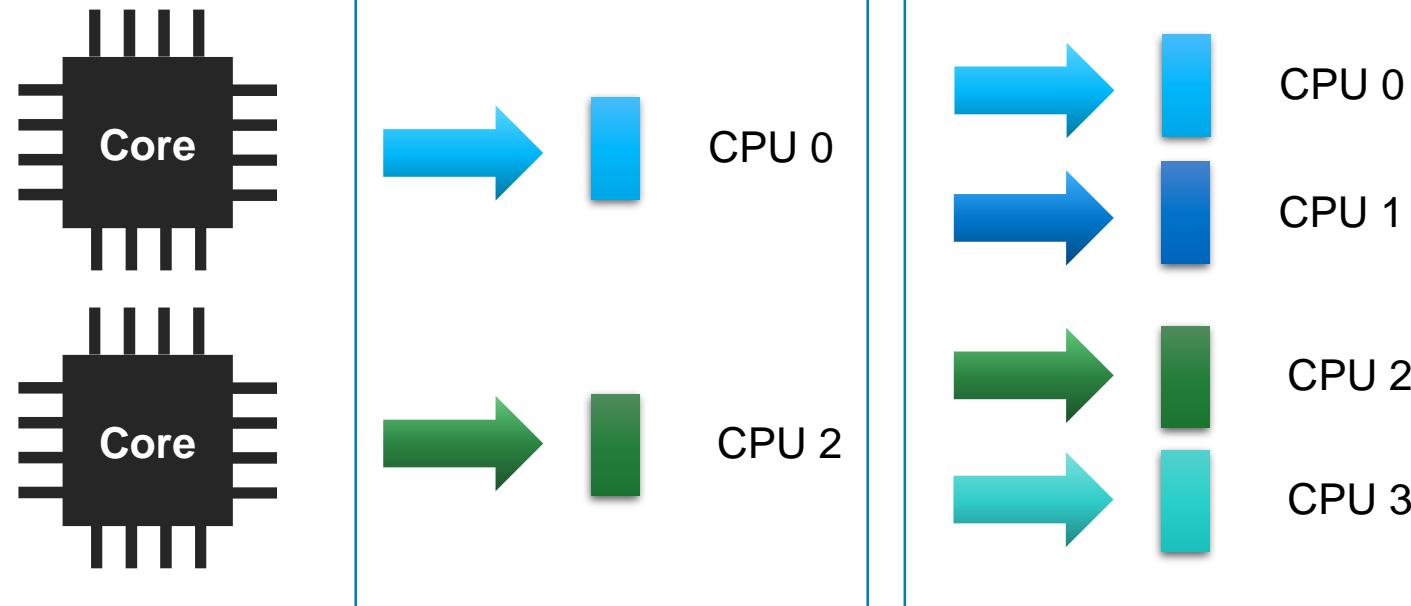
DESKTOP	Core i3	Core i5	Core i7
No. of cores	2	4	4
Frequency range	3.4-4.2GHz	2.4-3.8GHz	2.9-4.2GHz
Turbo Boost	No	Yes	Yes
Hyper-Threading	Yes	No	Yes
Cache	3-4MB	6MB	8MB

<http://www.trustedreviews.com/opinion/best-intel-processor-core-i3-i5-i7-2937692>

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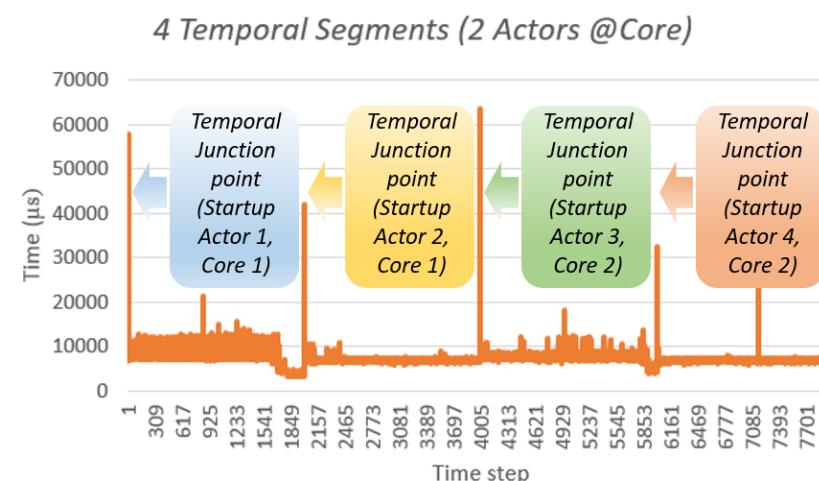
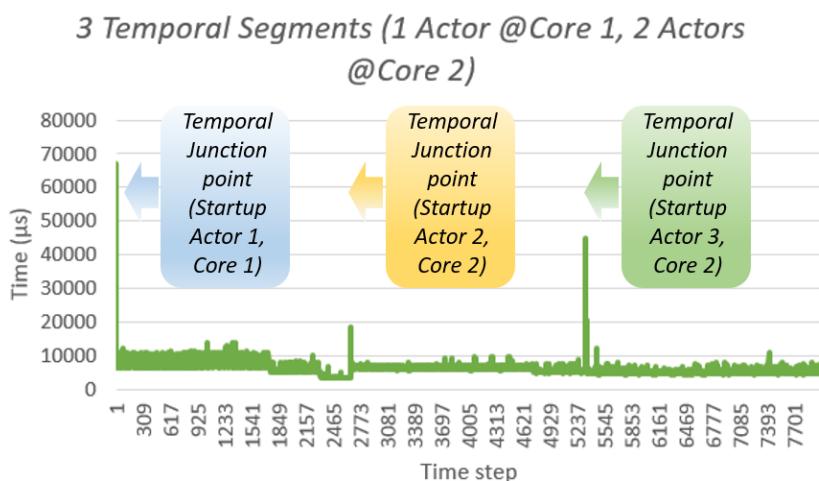
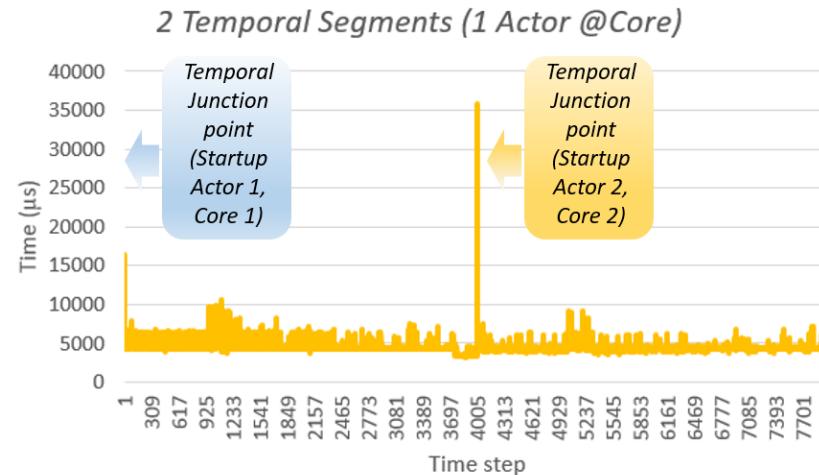
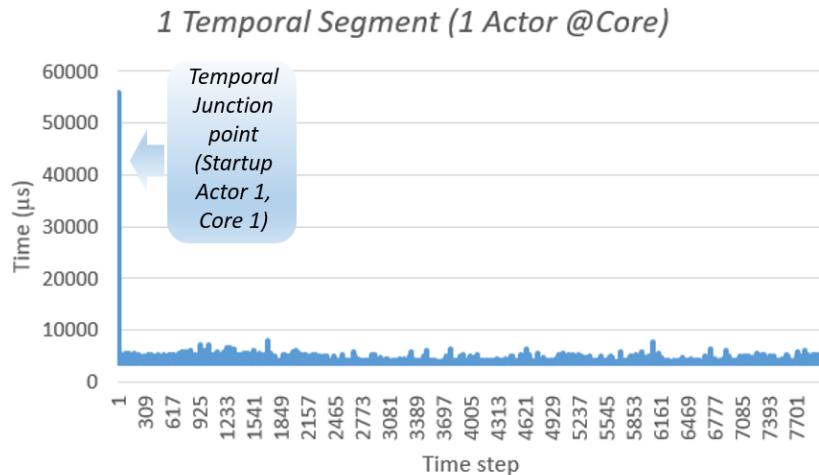


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Temporal parallelization

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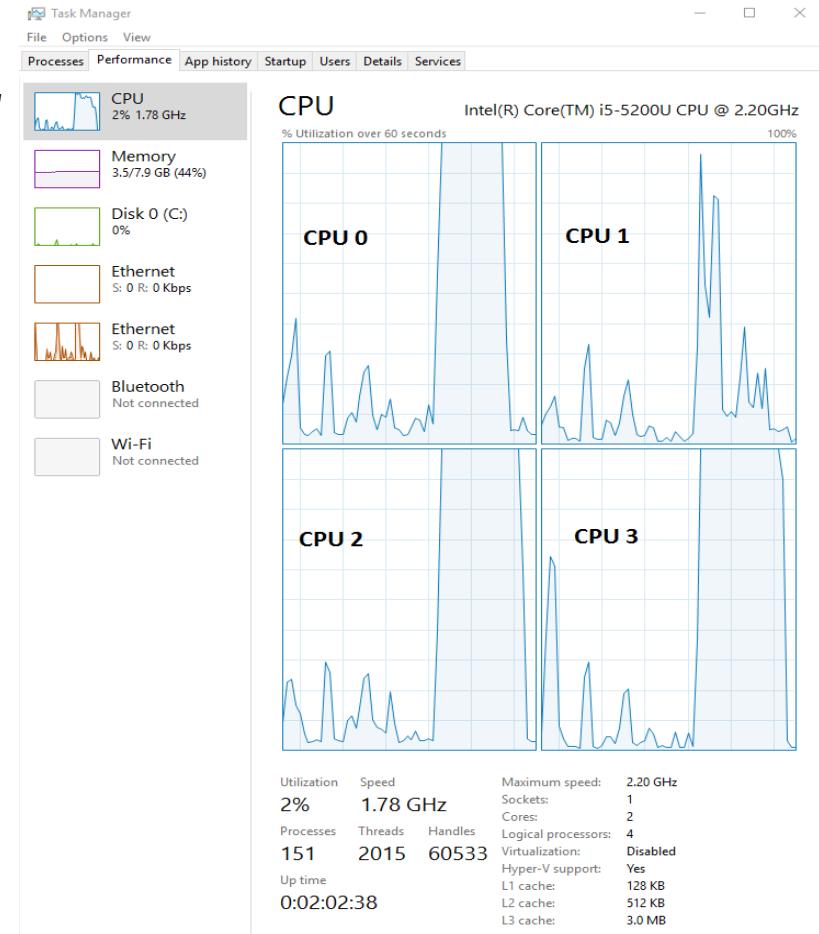
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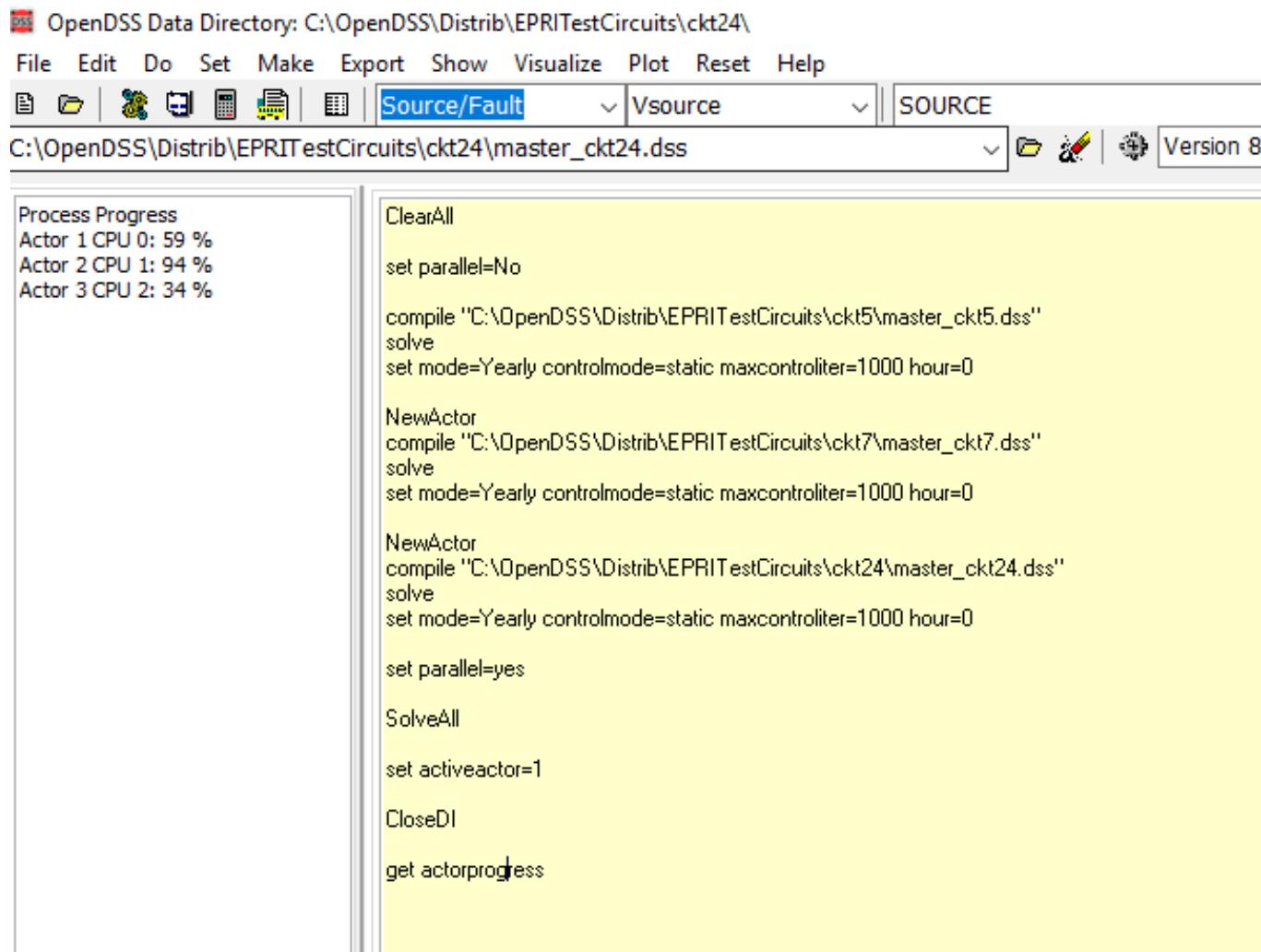
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```
clearAll  
set parallel=No  
  
compile "C:\Program Files\OpenDSS\EPRITestCircuits\ckt5\Master_ckt5.dss"  
set CPU=0  
Solve  
  
Clone 2  
  
set parallel=Yes  
  
set activeActor=*  
set mode=yearly number=2000 totaltime=0  
Set ActiveActor=1  
Set hour=0  
set activeActor=2  
set hour = 2000  
set activeActor=3  
set hour = 4000  
  
SolveAll  
Wait  
get actorprogress ←  
  
set ConcatenateReports=Yes  
show monitor MS2
```



Temporal parallelization

- “The computational burden is on the simulation intensity”



The screenshot shows the OpenDSS software interface with the following details:

- OpenDSS Data Directory:** C:\OpenDSS\Distribution\EPRITestCircuits\ckt24\
- File Menu:** File, Edit, Do, Set, Make, Export, Show, Visualize, Plot, Reset, Help
- Toolbar:** Includes icons for File, Open, Save, Print, Copy, Paste, Find, Replace, Undo, Redo, and a magnifying glass.
- Source/Fault Selection:** Set to "Source".
- Vsource Selection:** Set to "Vsource".
- SOURCE Selection:** Set to "SOURCE".
- Current File:** C:\OpenDSS\Distribution\EPRITestCircuits\ckt24\master_ckt24.dss
- Version:** Version 8
- Process Progress:** Actor 1 CPU 0: 59 %, Actor 2 CPU 1: 94 %, Actor 3 CPU 2: 34 %
- Script Content:** The script is a sequence of commands for parallel simulation across three actors. It includes:
 - ClearAll
 - set parallel=No
 - compile "C:\OpenDSS\Distribution\EPRITestCircuits\ckt5\master_ckt5.dss"
 - solve
 - set mode=Yearly controlmode=static maxcontroliter=1000 hour=0
 - NewActor
 - compile "C:\OpenDSS\Distribution\EPRITestCircuits\ckt7\master_ckt7.dss"
 - solve
 - set mode=Yearly controlmode=static maxcontroliter=1000 hour=0
 - NewActor
 - compile "C:\OpenDSS\Distribution\EPRITestCircuits\ckt24\master_ckt24.dss"
 - solve
 - set mode=Yearly controlmode=static maxcontroliter=1000 hour=0
 - set parallel=yes
 - SolveAll
 - set activeactor=1
 - CloseDI
 - get actorprogress

Temporal parallelization

- “The computational burden is on the simulation intensity”

The examples for parallel processing can be downloaded from:

https://sourceforge.net/p/electricdss/code/HEAD/tree/trunk/Version8/Distrub/Examples/Parallel_Processing

These examples involves MATLAB and python.

Other examples for LabVIEW through the VI Package Manager

Temporal parallelization

- “The computational burden is on the simulation intensity”

Example # 1 MATLAB

```
1 clc;
2 [DSSStartOK, DSSObj, DSSText] = DSSStartup;
3 DSSCircuit = DSSObj.ActiveCircuit;
4 DSSText.Command = 'ClearAll'; % Clears all instances of OpenDSS-PM
5 DSSText.Command = 'Set Parallel=Yes'; % Clears all instances of OpenDSS-PM
6
7 DSSParallel = DSSCircuit.Parallel; % Handler for Parallel processing functions
8 CPUs = DSSParallel.NumCPUs; % Gets how many CPUs this PC has
9 % By default one actor is created by default, if you want more than one
10 % parallel instance you will have to create them. Try to leave at least
11 % One CPU available to handle the rest of windows, otherwise will block
12 % Everything
13 for i=1:CPUs-1,
14     if i ~= 1,
15         DSSParallel.CreateActor; % Creates additional actors
16     end;
17     DSSText.Command = 'compile (C:\Program Files\OpenDSS\EPRITestCircuits\ckt5\Master_ckt5.DSS)';
18     DSSCircuit.Solution.Solve;
19     DSSParallel.Wait; % for the first solve, it is needed to wait before creating other actor
20     DSSText.Command = 'set mode=Time stepsize=1h number=16000';
21 end;
22 % Now the actors are solved
23
24 DSSCircuit.Solution.SolveAll;
```

Temporal parallelization

- “The computational burden is on the simulation intensity”

Example # 1 MATLAB

```
25
26     pause(0.1);
27     BoolStatus      = 0;
28     while BoolStatus == 0,
29         ActorStatus      = DSSParallel.ActorStatus;
30         BoolStatus      = all(ActorStatus & 1); %Checks if everybody has ended
31         ActorProgress    = DSSParallel.ActorProgress;
32         clc;
33         for i=1:CPUs-1,
34             fprintf('Actor %i Progress(%%) @ CPU %i : %i\n',i,i-1,ActorProgress(i));
35         end;
36         pause(0.5); % A little wait to not saturate the Processor
37     end;
38     disp('Simulation finished by all the actors');
```

Temporal parallelization

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Example # 2 MATLAB

```
1 clc;
2 [DSSStartOK, DSSObj, DSSText] = DSSStartup;
3 DSSCircuit      = DSSObj.ActiveCircuit;
4 DSSText.Command = 'ClearAll';           % Clears all instances of OpenDSS-PM
5 DSSText.Command = 'Set Parallel=No';     % Deactivates parallel processing
6
7 DSSParallel     = DSSCircuit.Parallel;   % Handler for Parallel processing functions
8 CPUs            = DSSParallel.NumCPUs;    % Gets how many CPUs this PC has
9 % By default one actor is created by default, if you want more than one
10 % parallel instance you will have to create them. Try to leave at least
11 % One CPU available to handle the rest of windows, otherwise will block
12 % Everything
13 % Prepares everything for a yearly simulation using temporal parallelization
14 YDelta = 8760/(CPUs-1);
15 disp('Compiling and creating Actors');
16 for i=1:CPUs-1,
17     if i ~= 1,
18         DSSParallel.CreateActor; % Creates additional actors
19     end;
20     DSSText.Command = 'compile (C:\Program Files\OpenDSS\EPRITestCircuits\ckt7\Master_ckt7.DSS)';
21     DSSCircuit.Solution.Solve;
22     if i == (CPUs-1),
23         YDelta = 8760 - (CPUs-2)*YDelta;
24     end;
25     DSSText.Command = ['set mode=Yearly number=',int2str(YDelta), ' hour=',int2str((i-1)*YDelta)];
26 end;
27 % Now the actors are solved
28 DSSText.Command = 'Set Parallel=Yes';       % Activates parallel processing
29 DSSCircuit.Solution.SolveAll;
```

Temporal parallelization

- “The computational burden is on the simulation intensity”

Example # 2 MATLAB

```
30
31     pause(0.1);
32     BoolStatus      = 0;
33     while BoolStatus == 0,
34         ActorStatus    = DSSParallel.ActorStatus;
35         BoolStatus      = all(ActorStatus & 1); %Checks if everybody has ended
36         clc;
37         % Prints the current time on each simulation
38         for i = 1:(CPUs-1),
39             DSSParallel.ActiveActor = i;
40             CHour   = DSSCircuit.Solution.dblhour;
41             fprintf('Actor %i Time(hours) : %f\n',i,CHour);
42         end;
43         pause(0.5); % A little wait to not saturate the Processor
44     end;
45     disp('Simulation finished by all the actors');
46
```

Temporal parallelization

- “The computational burden is on the simulation intensity”

Example # 3 MATLAB

```
1  clc;
2  [DSSStartOK, DSSObj, DSSText] = DSSStartup;
3  DSSCircuit      = DSSObj.ActiveCircuit;
4  DSSText.Command = 'ClearAll';           % Clears all instances of OpenDSS-PM
5  DSSText.Command = 'Set Parallel=Yes';    % Clears all instances of OpenDSS-PM
6
7  DSSParallel     = DSSCircuit.Parallel;   % Handler for Parallel processing functions
8  CPUs            = DSSParallel.NumCPUs;    % Gets how many CPUs this PC has
9  % By default one actor is created by default, if you want more than one
10 % parallel instance you will have to create them. Try to leave at least
11 % One CPU available to handle the rest of windows, otherwise will block
12 % Everything
13 disp('Creating Actors');
14 for i=1:CPUs-1,
15   if i ~= 1,
16     | DSSParallel.CreateActor; % Creates additional actors
17   end;
18   DSSText.Command = 'compile (C:\Program Files\OpenDSS\EPRITestCircuits\ckt5\Master_ckt5.DSS)';
19   DSSCircuit.Solution.Solve;
20   DSSParallel.Wait; % for the first solve, it is needed to wait before creating other actor
21   DSSText.Command = 'set mode=Time stepsize=1h number=16000';
22 end;
23 % Now the actors are solved
24 disp('Simulation Started');
25 DSSCircuit.Solution.SolveAll;
```

Temporal parallelization

- “The computational burden is on the simulation intensity”

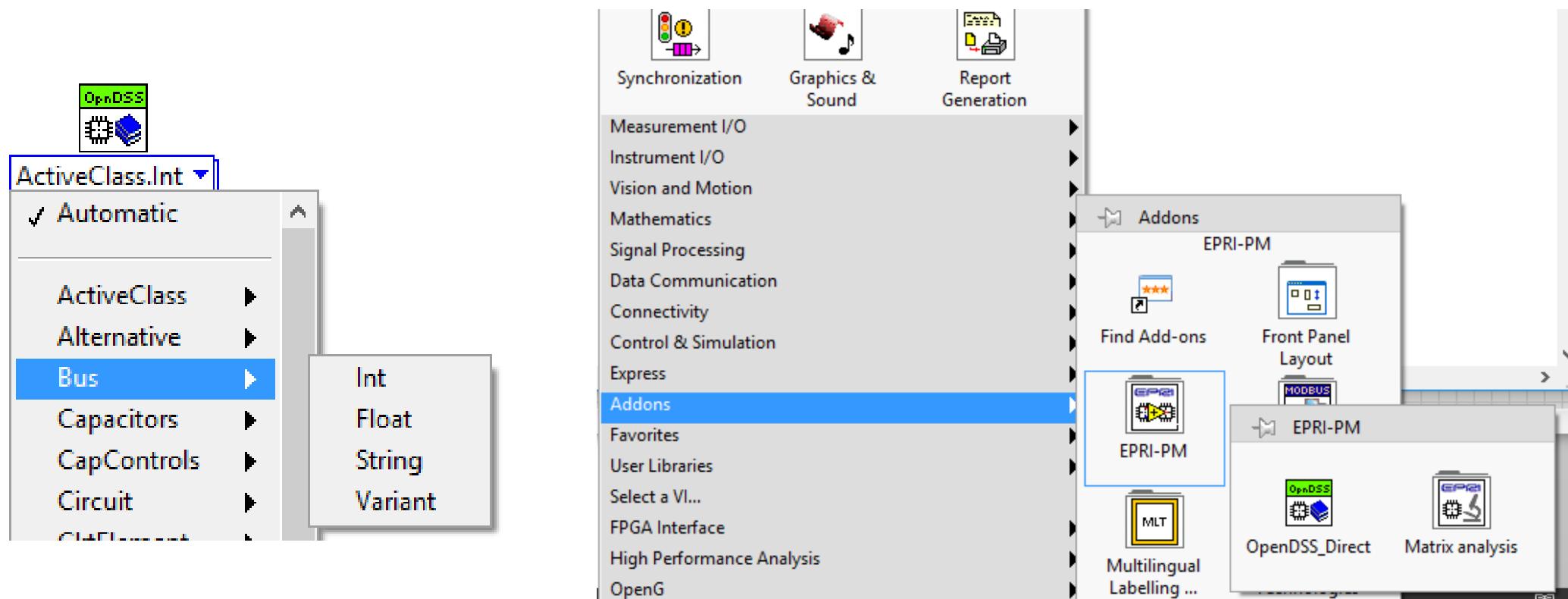
Example # 3 MATLAB

```
26 pause(0.1);
27 hold on;
28 BoolStatus = 0;
29 while BoolStatus == 0,
30     ActorStatus = DSSParallel.ActorStatus;
31     BoolStatus = all(ActorStatus & 1); %Checks if everybody has ended
32     ActorProgress = DSSParallel.ActorProgress;
33     bar(ActorProgress);
34     axis([0 (CPUs) 0 100]);
35     xlabel('Actor #');
36     ylabel('Actor progress (%)');
37     pause(0.5); % A little wait to not saturate the Processor
38 end;
39 disp('Simulation finished by all the actors');
```

Temporal parallelization

- “The computational burden is on the simulation intensity”

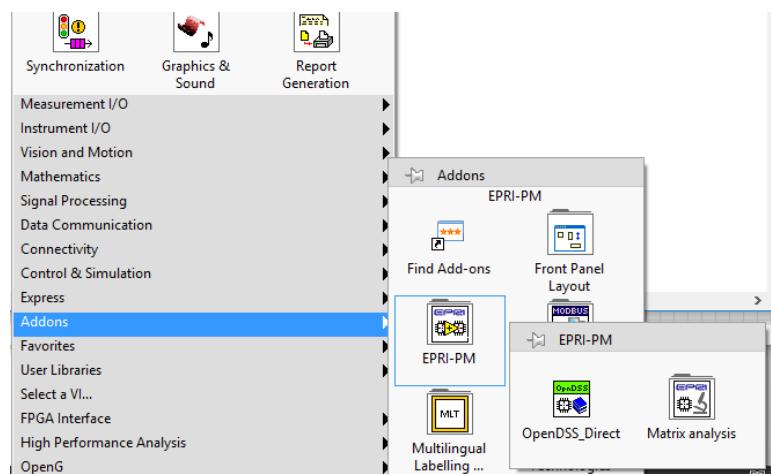
Using the OpenDSS-PM library for NI LabVIEW



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Using the OpenDSS-PM library for NI LabVIEW

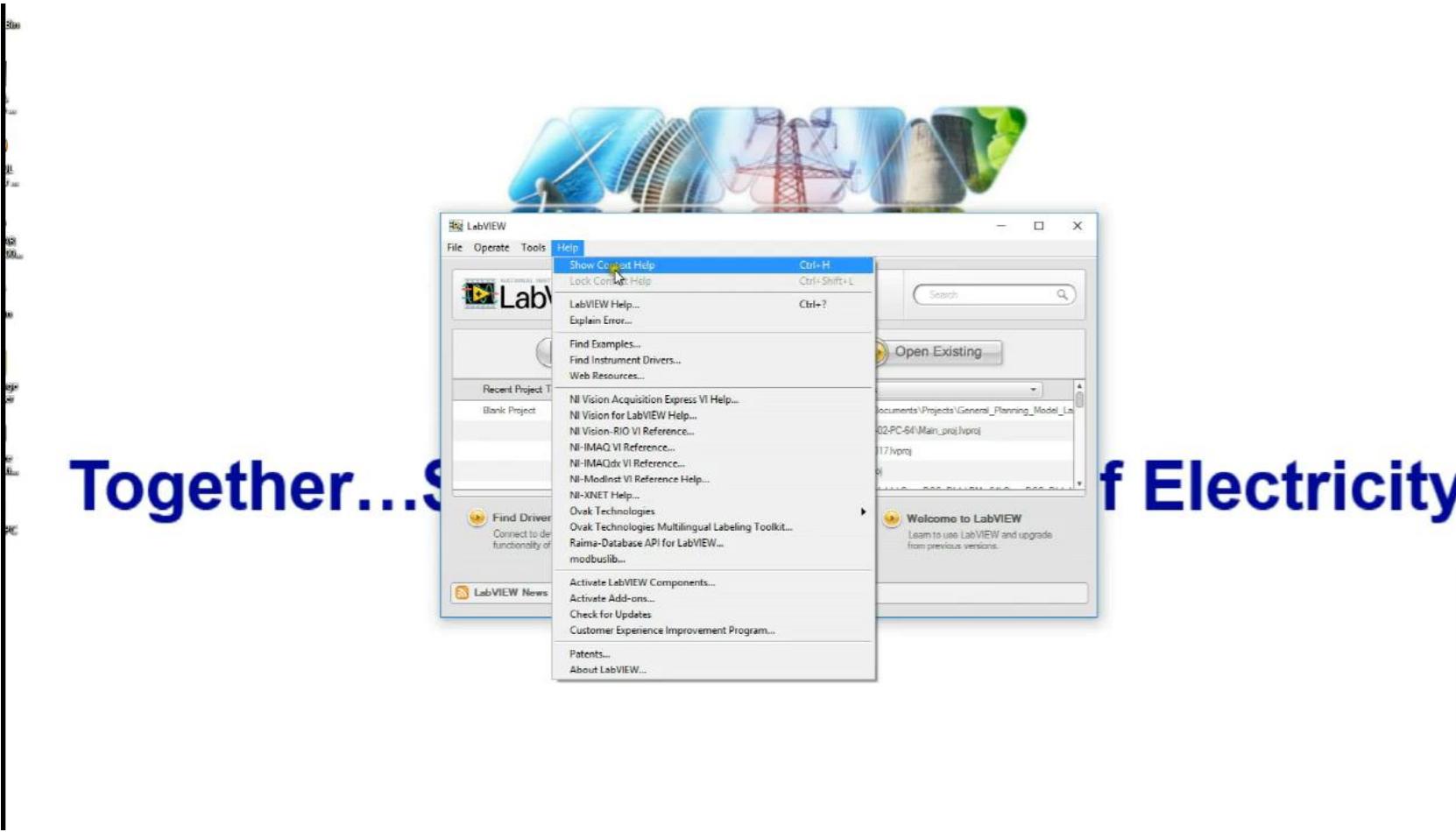


VI JKI VI Package Manager

Name	Version	Repository	Company
SQLite Library	1.6.3.59	NI LabVIEW Tools Network	drdpowell
Messenger Library	1.8.3.82	NI LabVIEW Tools Network	drdpowell
Cyclic Table Probes	1.4.2.16	NI LabVIEW Tools Network	drdpowell
OpenDSS-PM Library for x64	1.0.0.4	NI LabVIEW Tools Network	Electric Power Research Institute
OpenDSS Library x64	1.0.0	ols Network	Electric Power Research Institute
Python Integration Toolkit - Home Edition	1.1.0	ols Network	Enthought
Python Integration Toolkit - Standard	1.1.1	ols Network	Enthought
IoT Foundation	1.1.0	ols Network	Espotel
Mat File Toolkit	1.0.1	ols Network	EvaluMation, LLC
FTP Toolkit	1.0.0	ols Network	EvaluMation, LLC
Logger	1.7.1	ols Network	Field R&D Services
Hydrostatic Transmission	1.0.0	ols Network	Fluid Power Toolset
Triniti Communications SDK	2.0.0	ols Network	Gardasoft Vision Ltd
LTE RBS	14.2	ols Network	Gefie Testteknik
GSM-WCDMA RBS	14.0	ols Network	Gefie Testteknik
Magic Connector Linker	1.2.1	ols Network	GENIVIEW
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- “The computational burden is on the simulation intensity”



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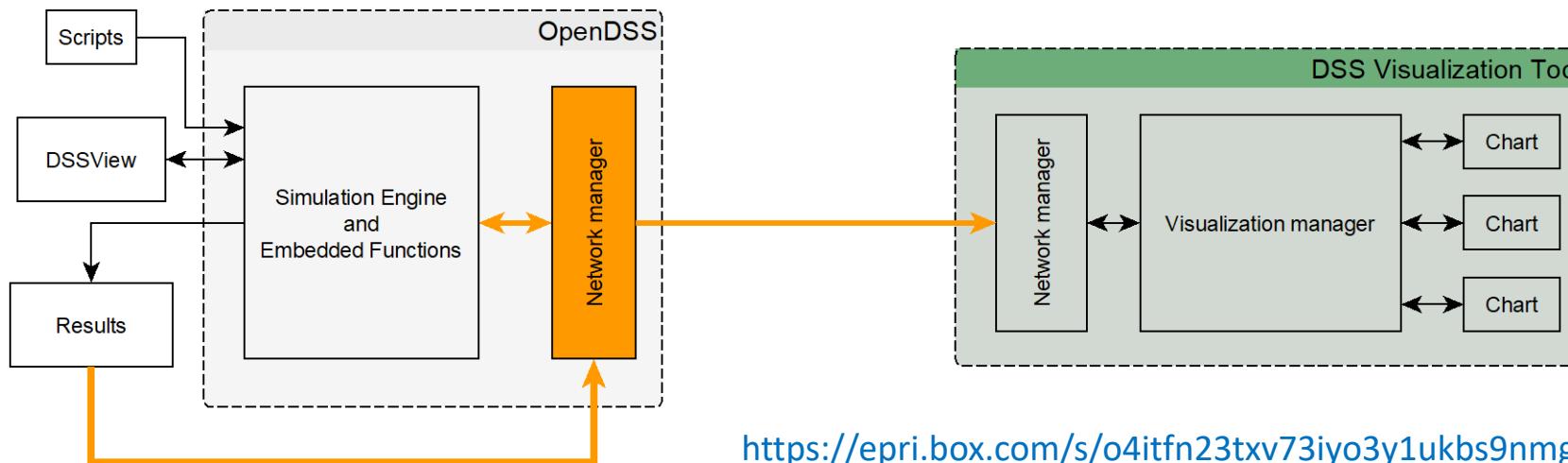


Temporal parallelization

- Complementary tools

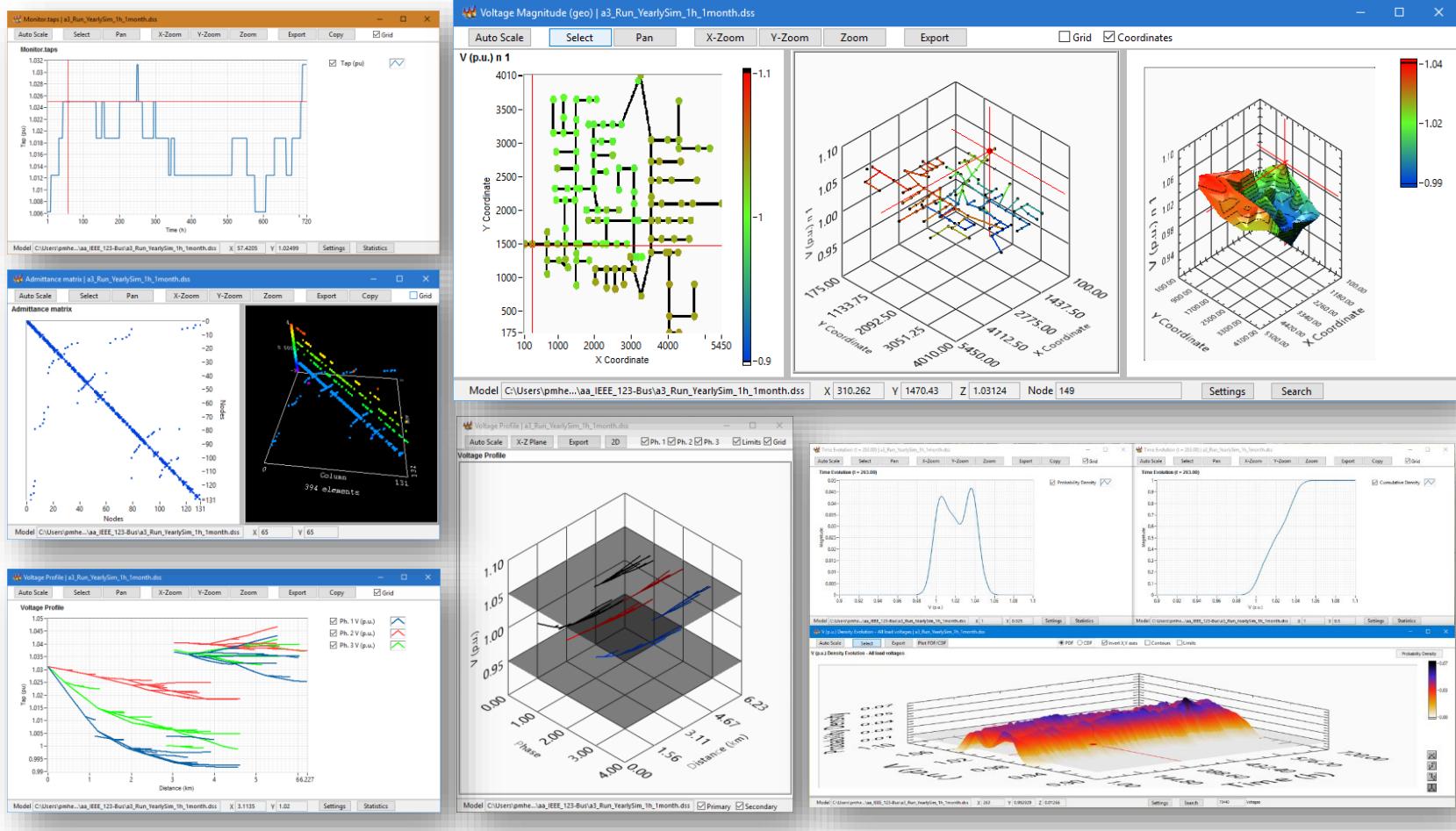
Advanced Graphics Module for OpenDSS (OpenDSS-Viewer)

Developed by Miguel Hernandez (EPRI). Enhance the visualization of Distribution System Simulations with a **flexible, scalable and meaningful** approach.



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■ Complementary tools

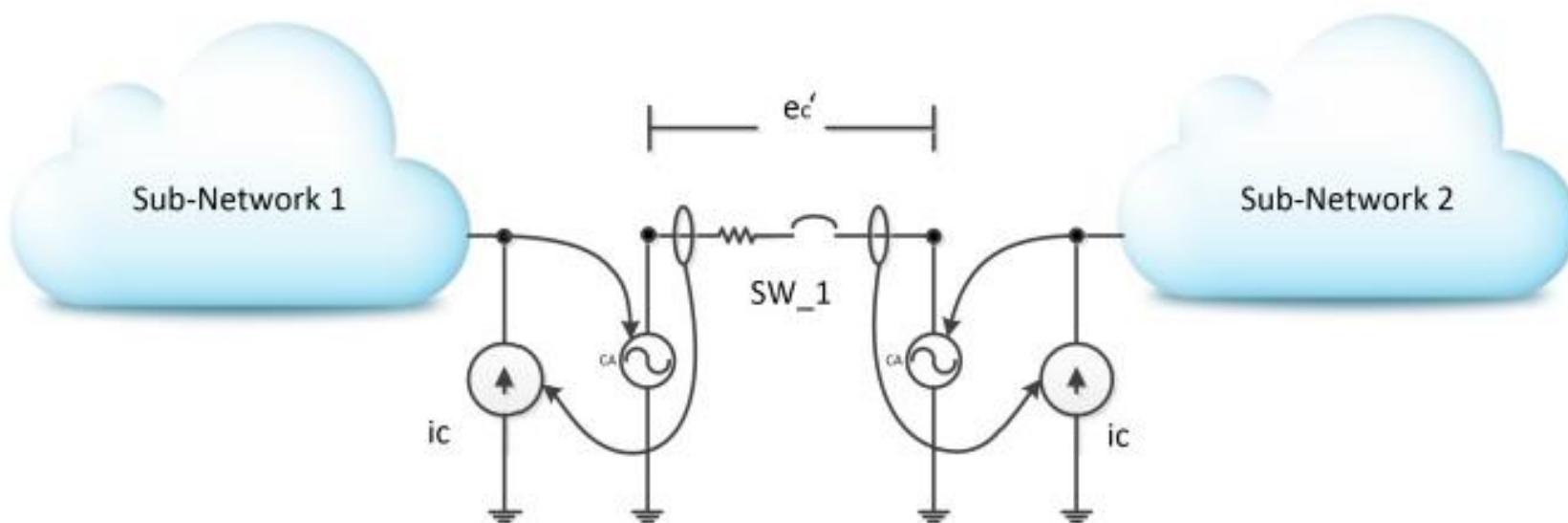


Actor based Diakoptics (A-Diakoptics)

A-Diakoptics

- “The computational burden is on the model complexity”

$$\begin{bmatrix} E_T \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Z_{TT} & Z_{TC} \\ Z_{CT} & Z_{CC} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_0 \\ i_C \end{bmatrix}$$



A-Diakoptics

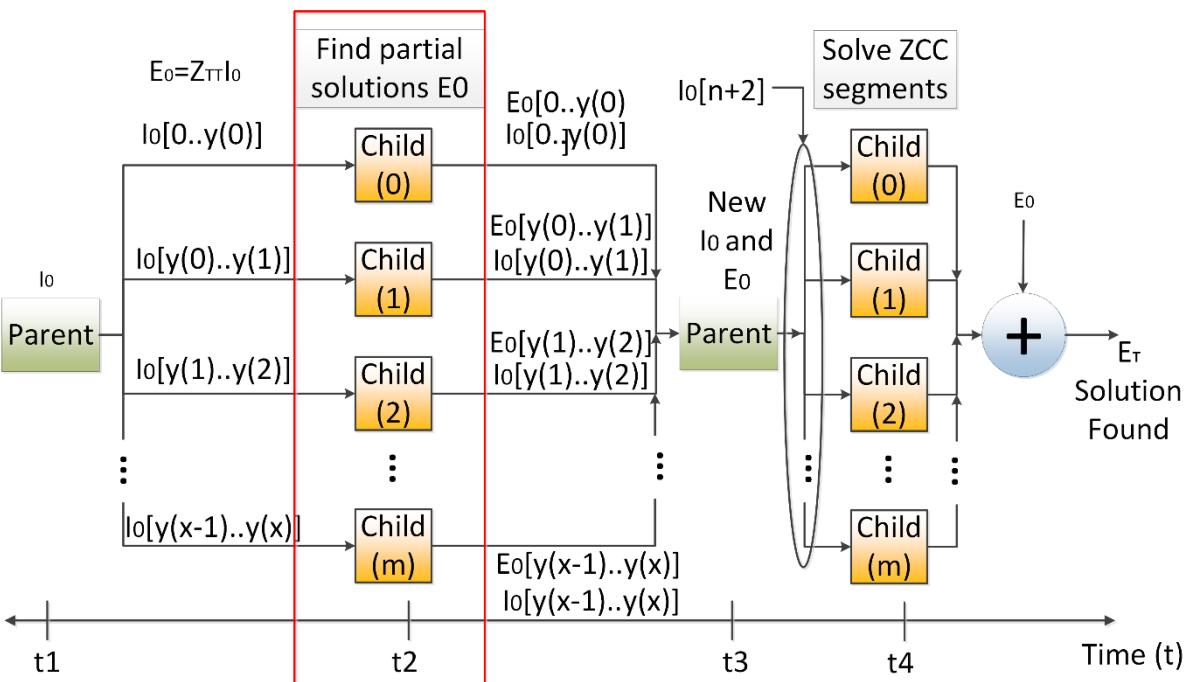
- “The computational burden is on the model complexity”
 - *Diakoptics proposed by G. Kron in the 50's.*
 - *Authors have used it for interconnecting independent system in several domains.*
 - *H. Happ proposed a systematic approach based on the Z matrix (Z-Diakoptics).*
 - *This approach was initially conceived was to cover systems with multiple excitations.*

A-Diakoptics

- “The computational burden is on the model complexity”
 - *There are modern methods to solve the power flow problem...*
 - *This strategy can be used to generate several solvers working together concurrently...*
 - *Each primitive can be solved independently...*
 - *This means that the reference vector (currents) will change during the solving process...*

A-Diakoptics

- “The computational burden is on the model complexity”



“Multilevel A-Diakoptics for the Dynamic Power Flow Simulation of Hybrid Power Distribution Systems”. D. Montenegro, G. Ramos, S. Bacha.
IEEE Transactions on Industrial Informatics.

“Iterative method for detecting and localizing islands within sparse matrixes using DSSim-RT”. D. Montenegro, G. Ramos.
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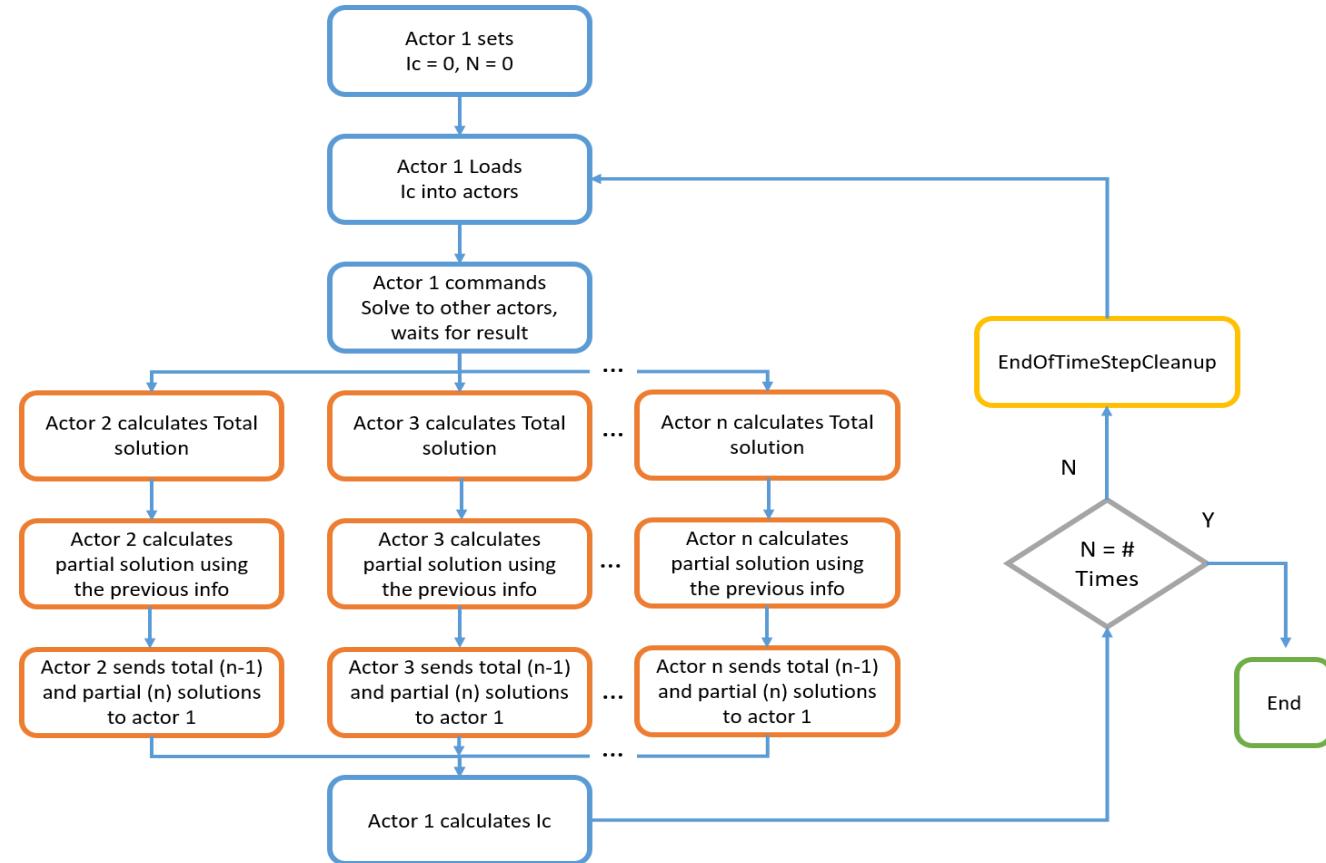
$$E_T = \sum_{l=1}^k (Z_{TT(l-1)} I_{0(n)} - Z_{TC(l)} Z_{CC(l)}^{-1} Z_{CT(l)} I_{0(n+m)}) \quad 3.30$$

Simplified A-Diakoptics (New)

- “The computational burden is on the model complexity”

$$(E_T = [Y_{TT}]^{-1}I_{0(n)} + [Y_{TT}]^{-1}I_c)$$

$$I_c = -CZ_{CC}^{-1}C^T E_{T(0)}$$



https://sourceforge.net/p/electricdss/code/HEAD/tree/trunk/Version8/Distrib/Doc/A_Diakoptics_Suite.pdf

Simplified A-Diakoptics (New)

- “The computational burden is on the model complexity”

$$\text{Circuit reduction (\%)} = \left(1 - \frac{\max(\text{actor}_m.\text{NumNodes} \Big|_{m=2}^N)}{\text{Total_NumNodes}} \right) 100 \quad N = \# \text{ sub-circuits}$$

$$\text{Max imbalance (\%)} = \left(1 - \max \left(\frac{\text{actor}_m.\text{NumNodes}}{\text{Largest.NumNodes}} \Big|_{m=2}^N \right) \right) 100 \quad N = \# \text{ sub-circuits}$$

$$\text{avg imbalance (\%)} = \text{mean} \left(\left[1 - \frac{\text{actor}_m.\text{NumNodes}}{\text{Largest.NumNodes}} \right]_{m=2}^N \right) 100 \quad N = \# \text{ sub-circuits}$$

Simplified A-Diakoptics (New)

- “The computational burden is on the model complexity”

Circuit reduction	(%) : 68.52
Max imbalance	(%) : 42.33
Average imbalance	(%) : 20.52
Circuit reduction	(%) : 46.34
Max imbalance	(%) : 13.64
Average imbalance	(%) : 6.818
Circuit reduction	(%) : 60.95
Max imbalance	(%) : 94.04
Average imbalance	(%) : 48.67

The screenshot shows the OpenDSS Data Directory interface with the following details:

- File Menu:** File, Edit, Do, Set, Make, Export, Show, Visualize, Plot, Reset, Help.
- Toolbars:** Source/Fault, Vsource.
- Base Frequency:** 60 Hz.
- Left Panel (Results):** Shows results for Actor ID # 2:
 - MW, (2.354 %)
 - Total Reactive Losses: 0.0892775 Mvar
 - Frequency = 60 Hz
 - Mode = Snap
 - Control Mode = OFF
 - Load Model = PowerFlow
 - Results for Actor ID # 2
 - CPU selected : 1
 - Status = SOLVED
 - Solution Mode = Snap
 - Number = 100
 - Load Mult = 1.000
 - Devices = 1840
 - Buses = 1262
 - Nodes = 1432
 - Control Mode = OFF
 - Total Iterations = 2
 - Control Iterations = 1
 - Max Sol Iter = 2
 - Circuit Summary -
 - Year = 0
 - Hour = 0
- Right Panel (Script):** Shows the DSS script:

```
Redirect Transfomers_ckt5.dss
Redirect LoadShapes_ckt5.dss
Redirect Loads_ckt5.dss
Redirect XFR_Loads_ckt5.dss
Redirect Capacitors_ckt5.dss
Redirect Regulators_ckt5.dss
Redirect Generators_ckt5.dss

Set voltagebases=[345, 115, 13.8, 12.47, 4.16, 0.48, 0.415, 0.208]
CalcVoltagebases

! Define bus coordinates
Buscoords Buscoords_ckt5.dss

! New EnergyMeter.sub element=Line.MDV201_connector terminal=1

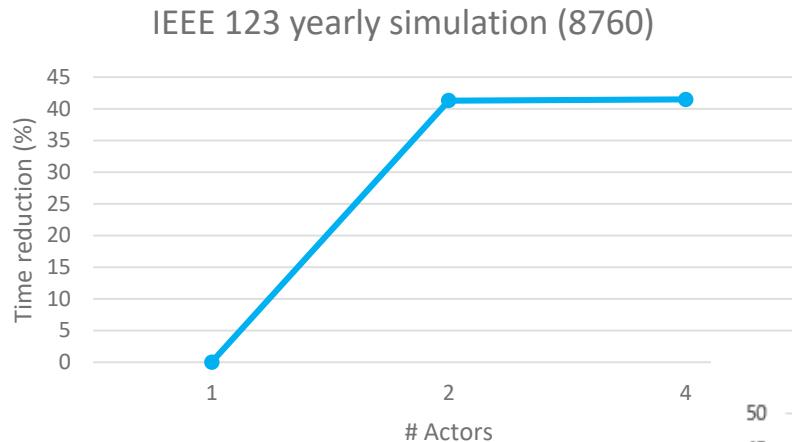
solve

set Num_Subcircuits=4
set ADiakoptics=True

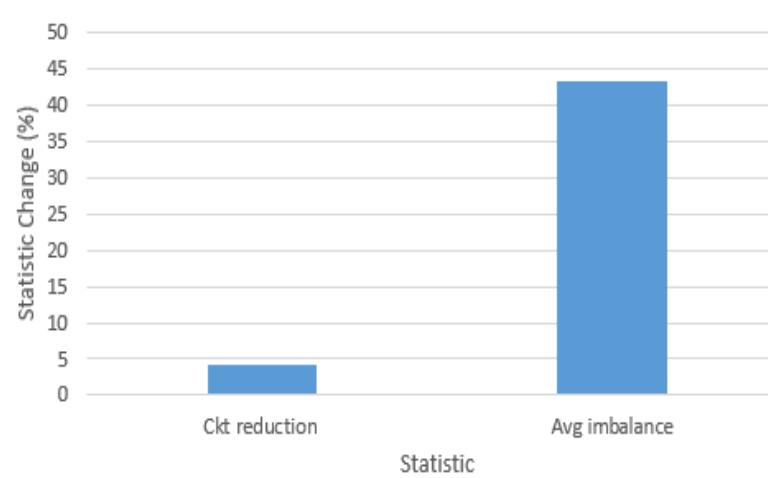
solveall
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- Bottom Status Bar:** Memory: 140788K, Circuit Status: SOLVED, Total Iterations = 2, Control Iterations = 1, Max Solution Iterations = 2.

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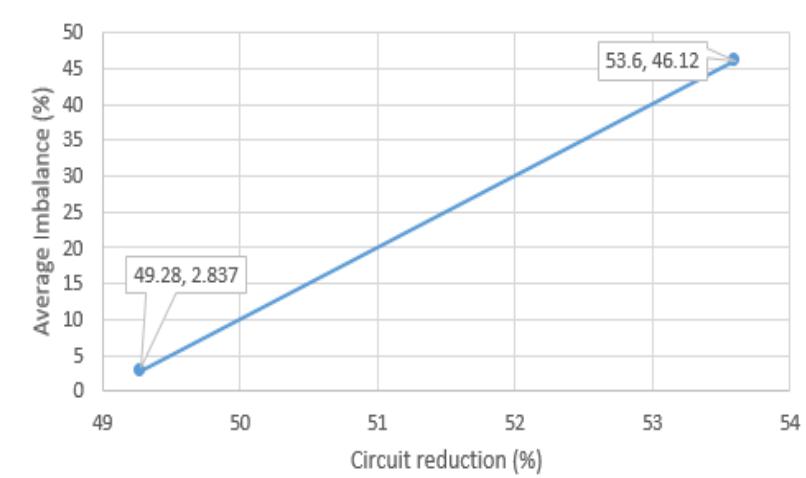
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a) IEEE 123 tearing summary

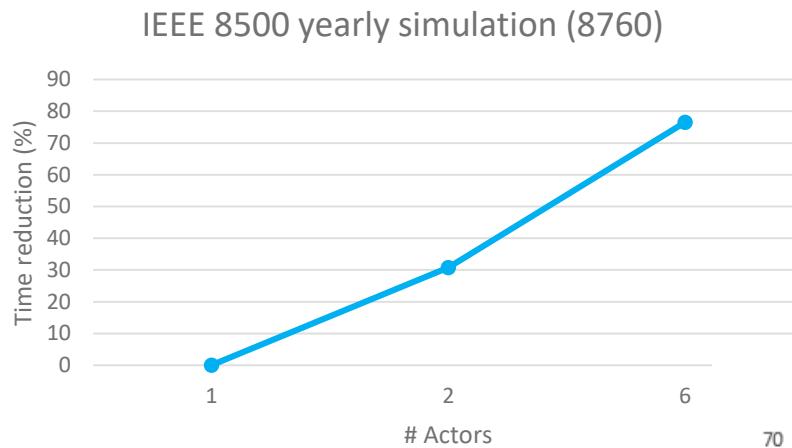


b) IEEE 123 tearing statistics

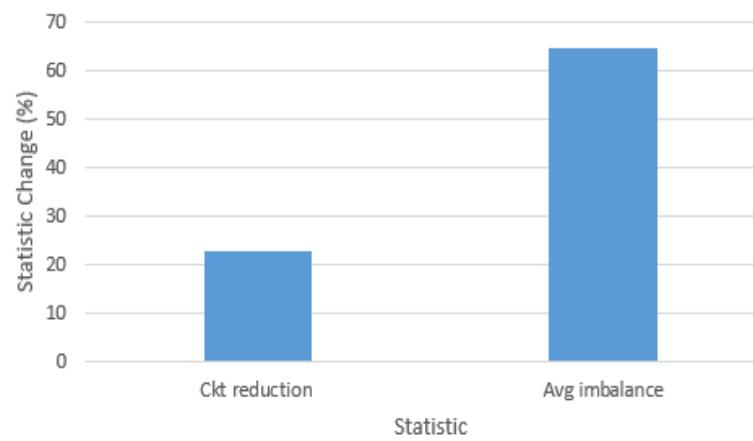


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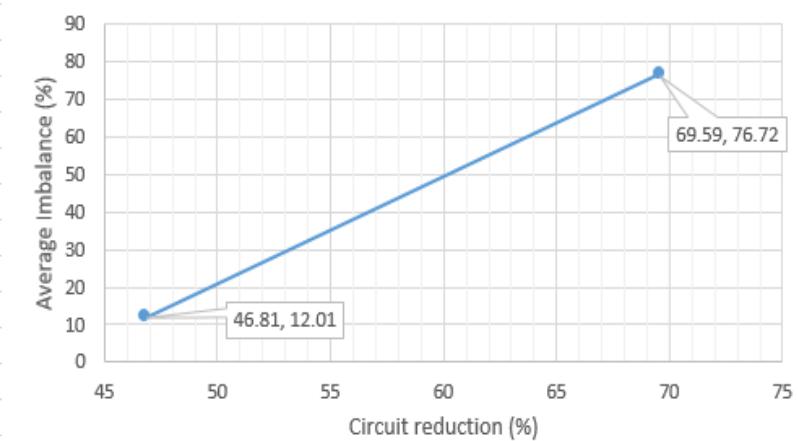
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a) IEEE 8500 tearing summary



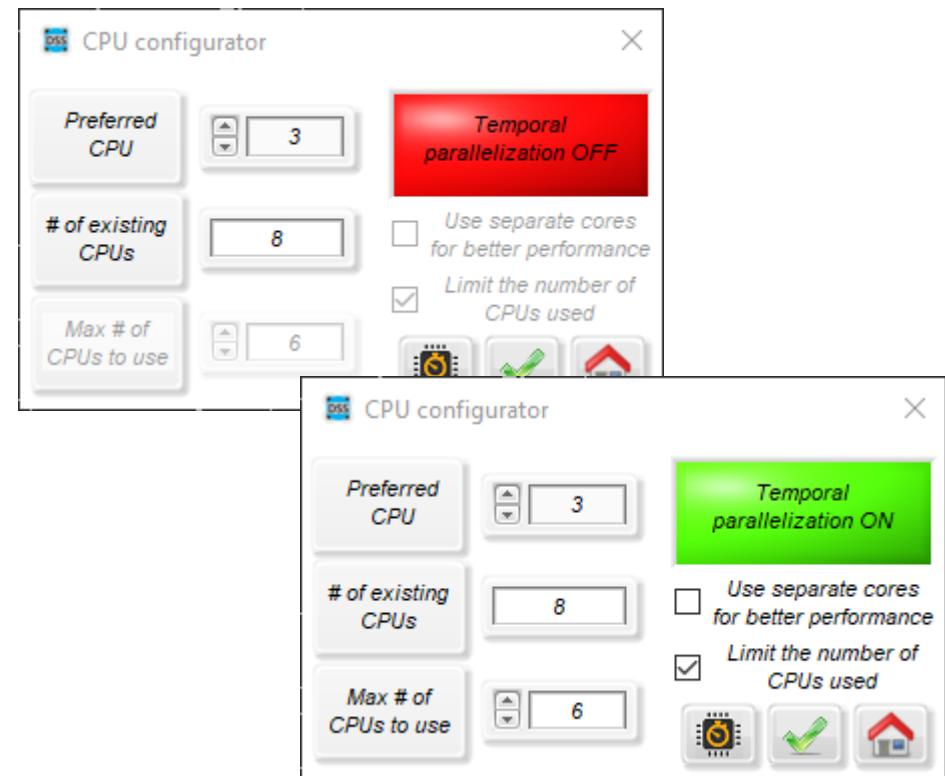
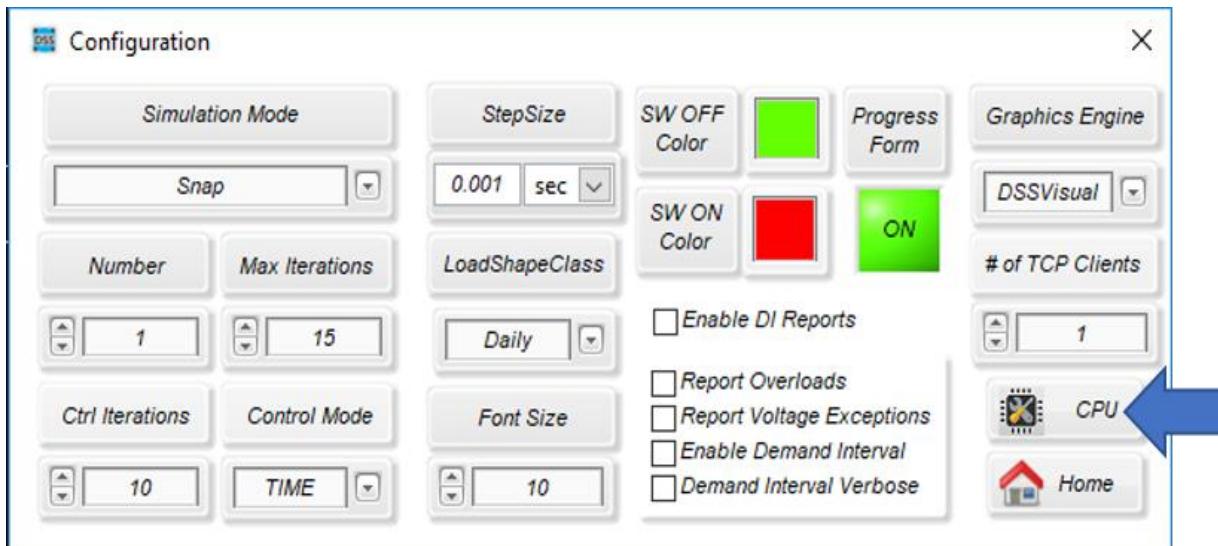
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Parallel processing using OpenDSS-G

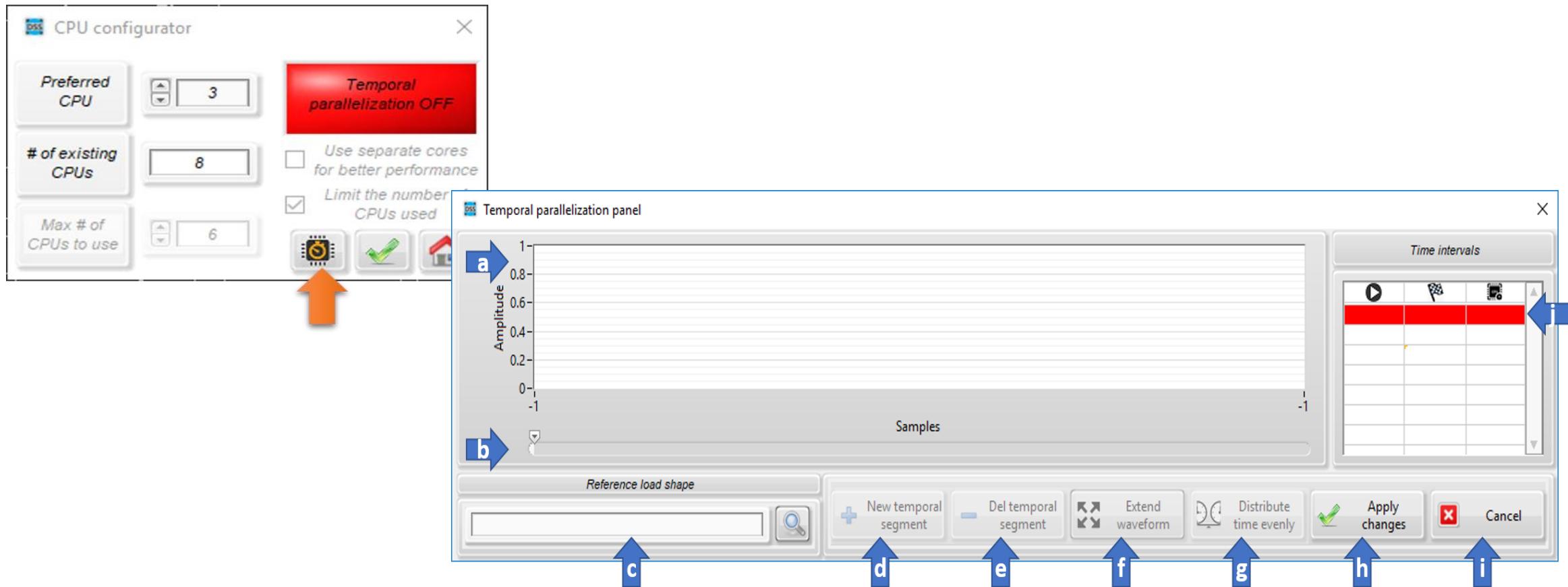
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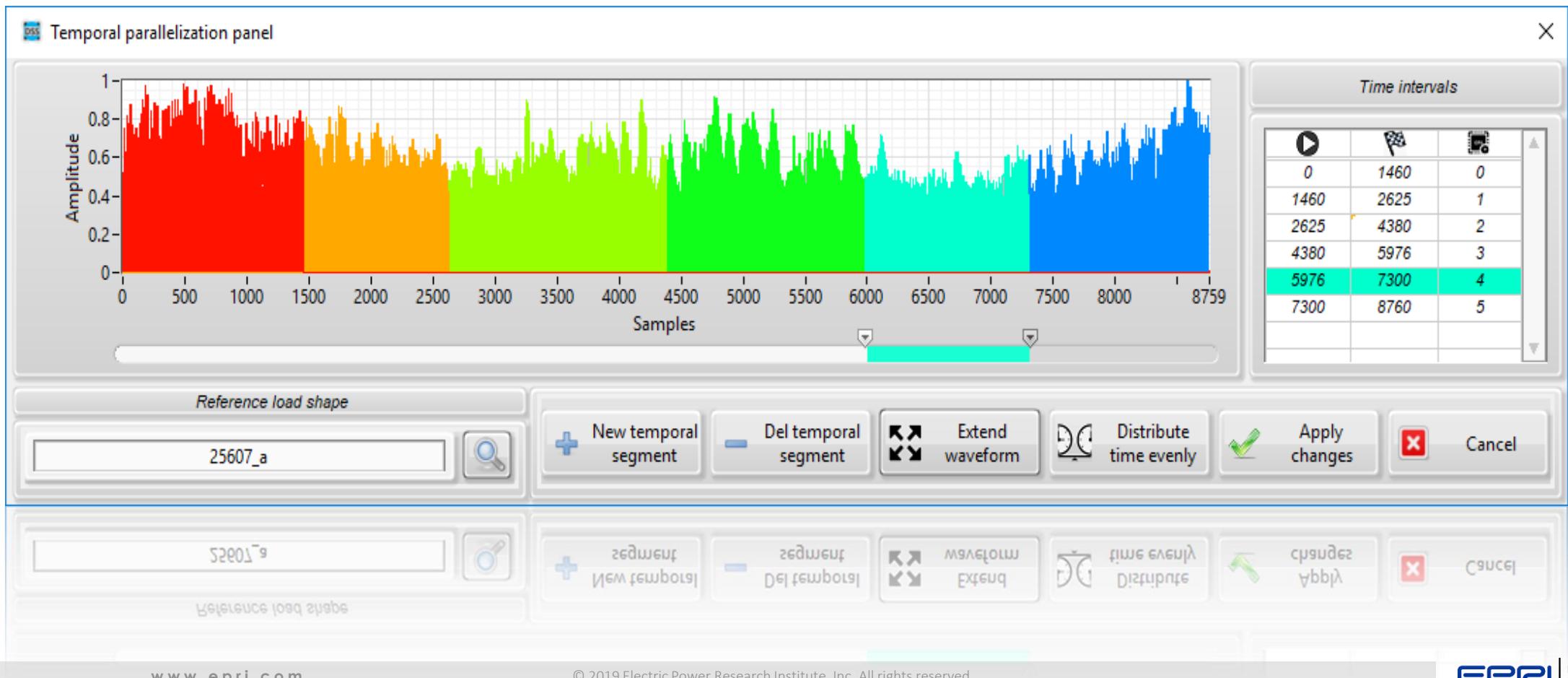
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Given the system at

[https://sourceforge.net/p/dssimp/cod/HEAD/tree/trunk/Distribution/
Examples/IEEE_123_Smart_Inverters/](https://sourceforge.net/p/dssimp/cod/HEAD/tree/trunk/Distribution/Examples/IEEE_123_Smart_Inverters/)

Add a smart inverter to the PV systems on site to evaluate 20 different control curves using daily simulations with 1 sec simulation time resolution. The analysis cannot take more than 3 minutes.



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