

# Innovative Protection Systems for High-Pen PV Grids Kumaraguru Prabakar

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# The Challenge

#### High Pen PV/DER

- Low fault current
- Reverse power flow
- Bottleneck for high penetration of PV
- Fault signatures vary in microgrids

#### Resiliency

- High-impact, lowfrequency events
- Damage prevention
- System recovery
- Survivability

Traveling wave-based fault signatures to reduce roadblocks to high penetration of PV

# Phasor based protection

- One full cycle observation window (slow)
- May need adaptive or multiple settings

#### Speed

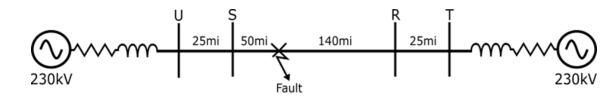
 Distribution network of the future needs high speed fault detection with embedded intelligence to control power electronics switches and devices

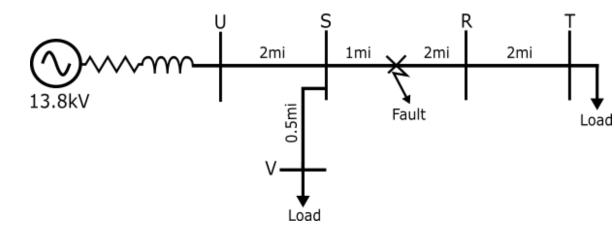


# Software modeling of distribution lines and traveling wave recreation in software

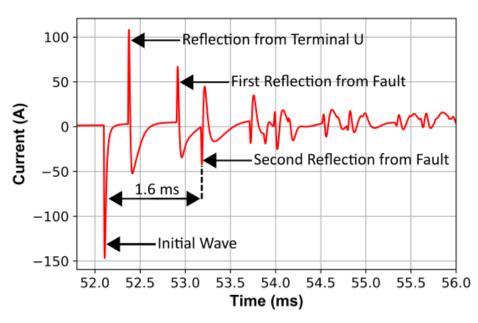
### **Case#1: TW in Transmission and Distribution**

- Transmission &
   Distribution are modeled at 230kV & 13.8kV
   respectively with source impedance.
- Second order band pass filter from EMTP-RV is tuned at 20kHz in transmission.

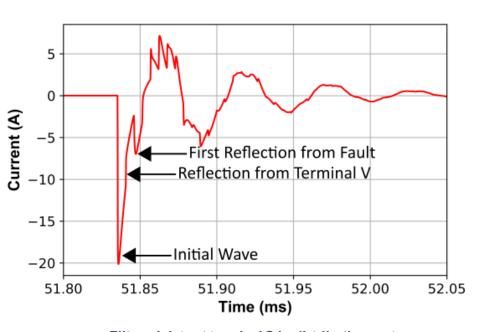




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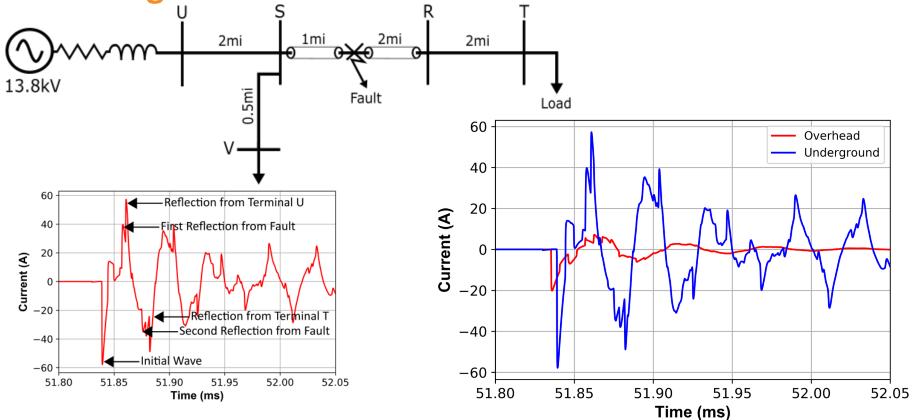
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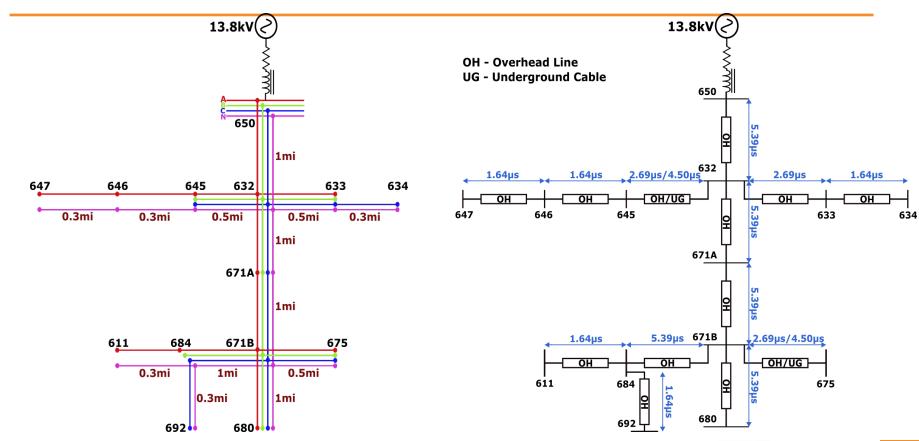
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# Case#2: TW Comparison with Overhead Lines and

<u>Underground Cables</u>

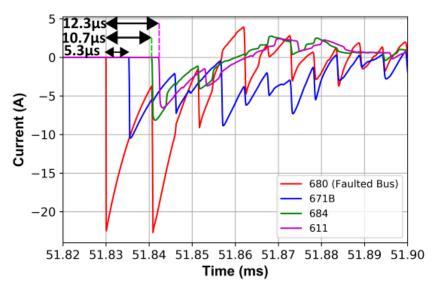


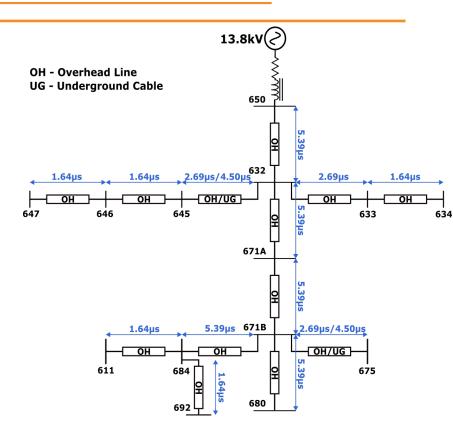
# **Modified IEEE 13 bus system**



#### Case#4: Overhead Lines with Fault on Bus#680

- Initial wave times estimated at 671B, 684, 611 are 5.39μs, 10.78μs, 12.42μs respectively.
- In the simulations, they arrive at 5.3μs,
   10.7μs, 12.3μs.







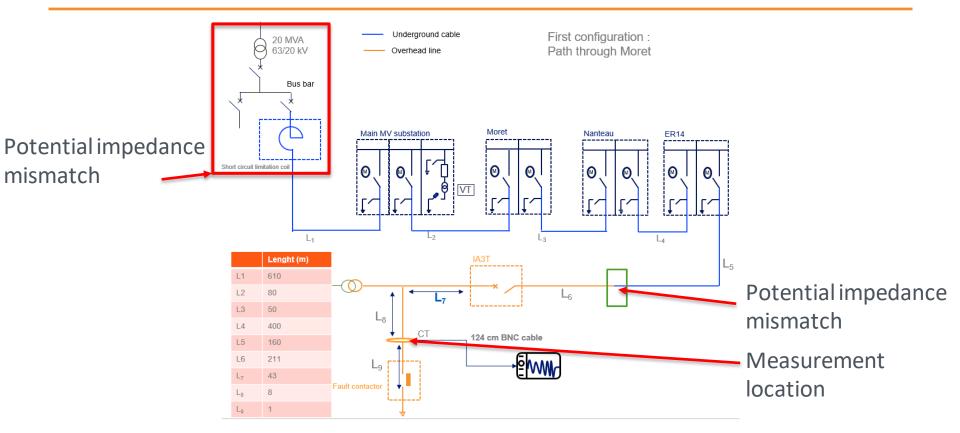
Hardware emulation of distribution line and recreate

traveling wave in hardware

# **Goals of the experiments**

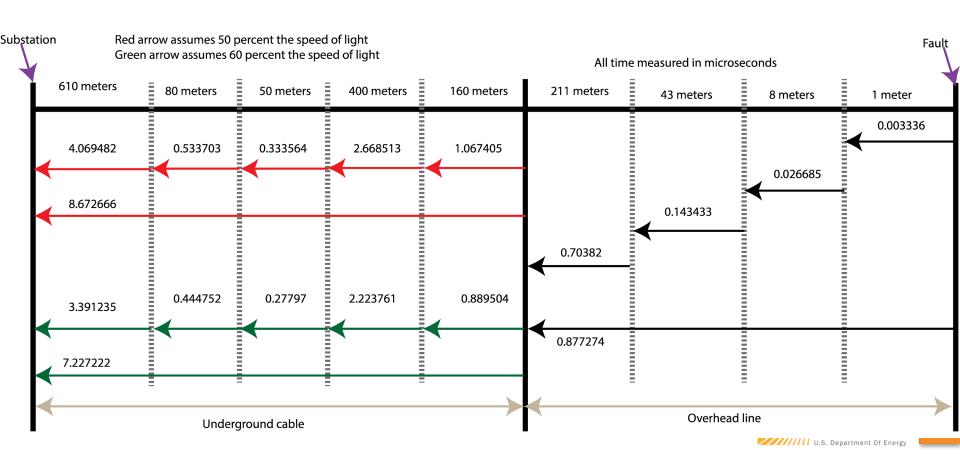
- Use real-world overhead and underground lines (no digital or analog emulation)
- Use real faults
- Use off-the shelf available, inexpensive CT's
- Capture wide frequency data (up to ~100 MHz)
- Show traveling wave in a field experiment
- Show capability to differentiate between noise and high frequency waves in real time

# Field experiment





# Length of the lines and theoretical traveling time



# **Field experiments**





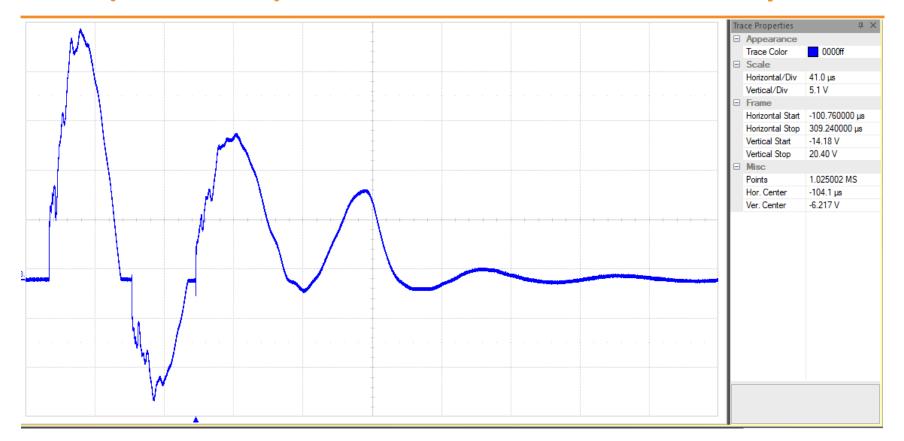
# Setup for Single-Phase Faults

# **Experimental setup**

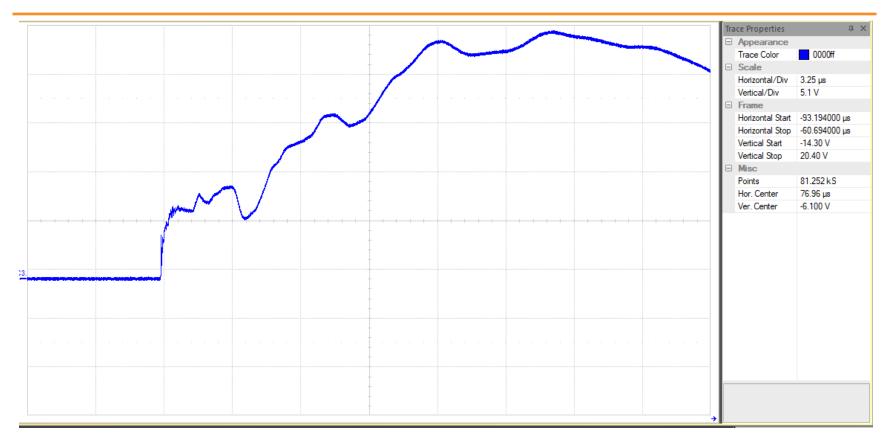


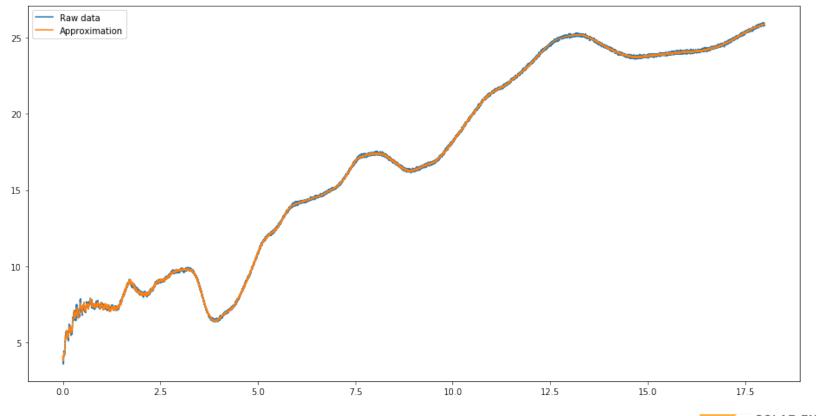


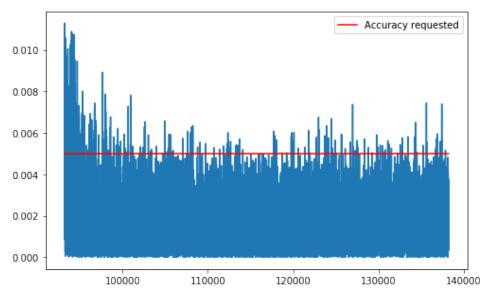
# Raw (unfiltered) data collected in the oscilloscope

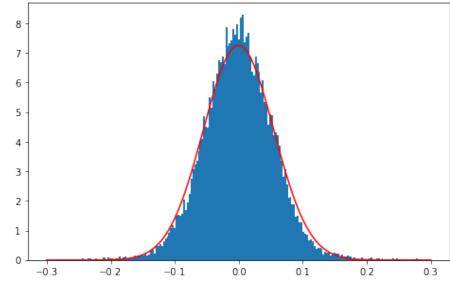


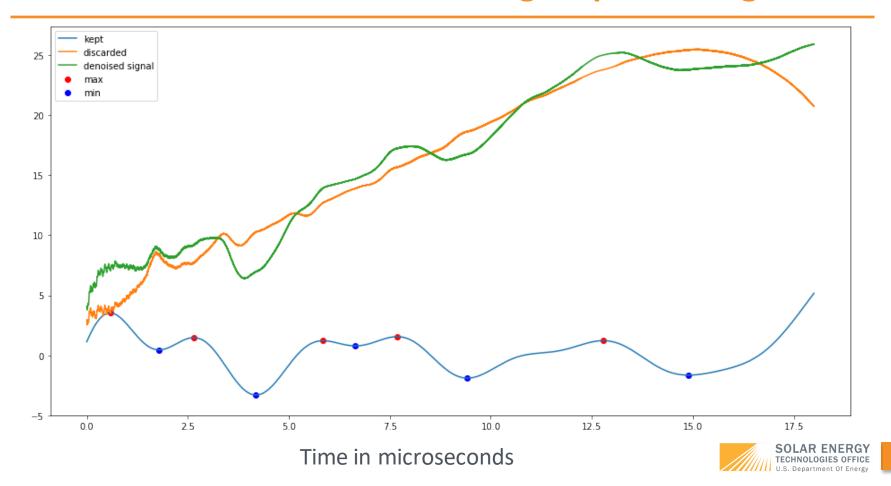
# **Zoomed in version (unfiltered)**

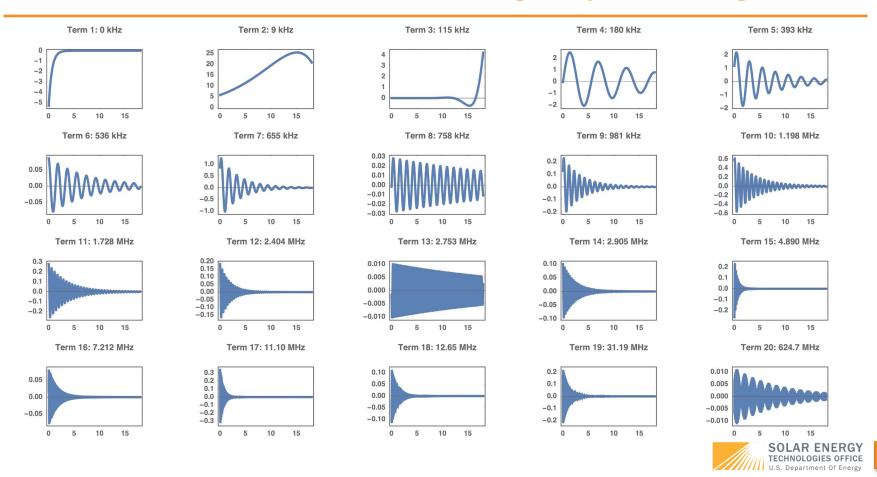


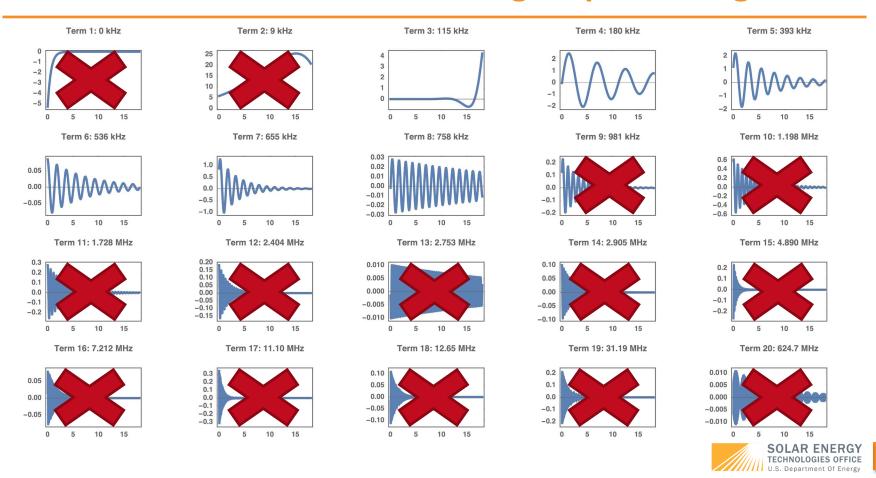


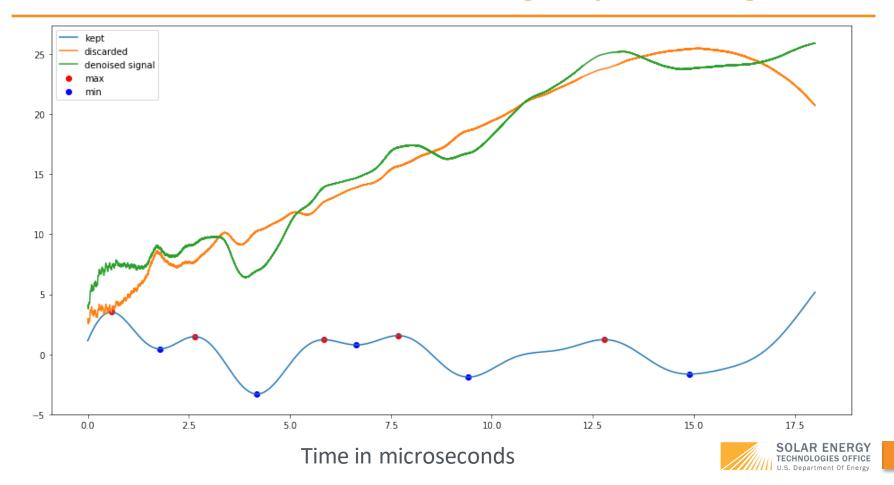


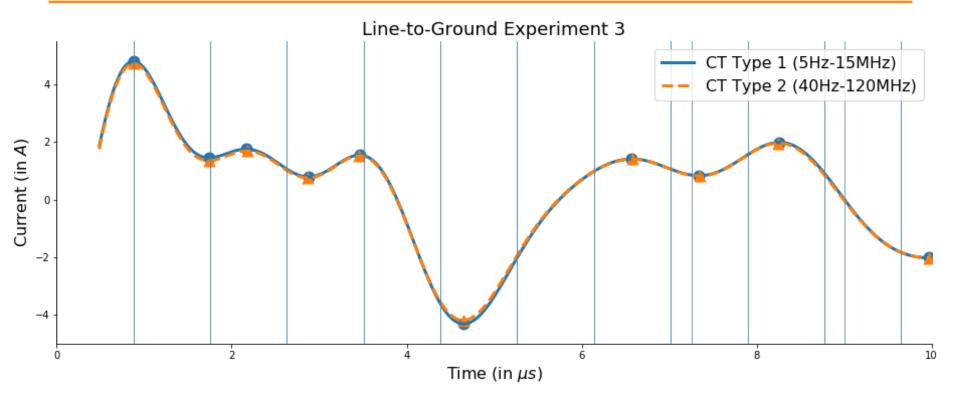


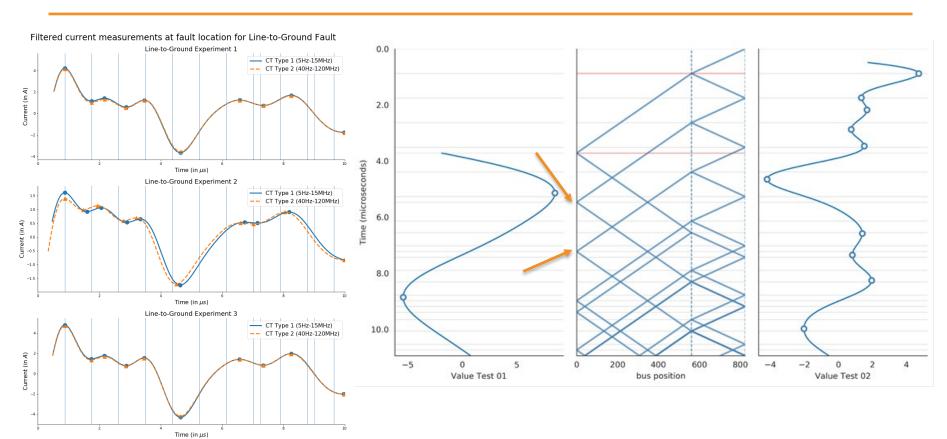












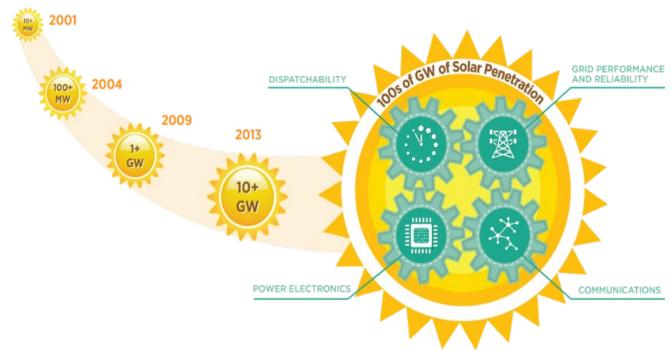
# **Summary**

- Simulations need wide band models of system components to accurately simulate traveling wave events.
- Experimental results provided for line-to-ground fault
- Advanced filtering technique accurately fits raw data and then removes noise as well as frequency components outside the CT calibration range

# Link to report

- Link to the OSTI entry:
- https://www.osti.gov/biblio/1814596
- Link to the technical report:
- https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy21osti/78057.pdf

#### **Questions?**



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