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# Advanced Grid Modeling 2014 Peer Review

High Fidelity “Faster than Real-Time” Simulator  
for Predicting Power System Dynamic Behavior

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## Vision

- Aid operators in need – during cascading outages
- Predict actual complex, large-scale power system behavior “faster than real-time”
- Build the backbone of the hybrid real-time wide-area protection and control architecture

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## Presentation Outline

- Participants
- Project Purpose
- Significance and impact
- Technical approach
- Technical accomplishments
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## Participants (DOE plus...)

- Illinois Institute of Technology – Simulator development (TS3ph)
  - Alex Flueck (PI), Xu Zhang, Adrian Maldonado, Yagoob Alsharief, Yuan Zhi
- Argonne National Laboratory – Computational methods (PETSc)
  - Emil Constantinescu, Barry Smith, Shri Abhyankar
- Electrocon – Relay protection simulation (CAPE)
  - Jeff Quada, Paul McGuire, Don MacGregor, Daryl Coleman
- Alstom Grid – Verification and validation (TSAT, DTS)
  - Rene Avila-Rosales, Jay Giri, Manu Parashar
- McCoy Energy – Utility Advisory Group
  - Paul McCoy
- ComEd – Utility (Northern Illinois)
  - Tom Kay, Al Engelmann, Dave Schooley, Devon Summers, John Bettler
- AltaLink – Utility (Alberta, Canada)
  - Maureen Higgins, Tony Rutkunas, Mahdi Hajian

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## AGM Program and Project Purpose

- Accelerate performance and enhance accuracy of dynamic simulations to enable operators to maintain reliability and limit duration & size of blackouts
- Build a multidisciplinary community
  - Leverage modeling and simulation advances to more accurately represent dynamic behavior
  - Leverage math and computing advances to improve speed of dynamics simulations
- Develop a high fidelity “faster than real-time” dynamics simulator capable of predicting complex, large-scale power system behavior

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## Significance and Impact

- Threats
  - Cascading outages
    - September 8, 2011 San Diego Blackout
    - August 14, 2003 Northeast Blackout
  - Severe weather
    - October 29, 2012 Superstorm Sandy
  - Malicious attack
  - Renewable resource integration
  - Voltage collapse & FIDVR
    - Induction motor load
  - Distribution system complexity
- Aid operators in their true time of need
- Steer clear of blackouts

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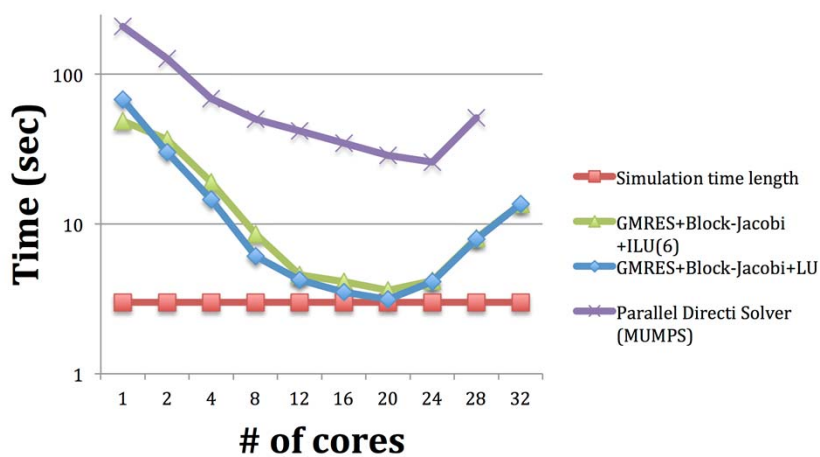
## Technical Approach

- Improve speed of dynamics simulations
  - Leverage Portable, Extensible Toolkit for Scientific computation (PETSc) linear solvers, nonlinear solvers, time stepping algorithms, memory management, multi-core, many-core and possibly Graphical Processing Unit (GPU) processors
- Improve fidelity of dynamics simulations
  - Integrate new three-phase unbalanced network models, single-phase induction motor models, detailed generator models, detailed control models, and protection system models

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## Technical Accomplishments (previous work)

- Almost faster than real-time for 2360 bus case



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## Technical Accomplishments

### - Utility Characteristics

- ComEd
  - Tightly meshed
  - Large urban core
  - Concentration of very large generating units (nuclear)
- AltaLink
  - Long distances
  - Concentrated load and generation
  - Combination of active devices on system
- TVA
  - Broad EHV network
  - Many interconnections
  - Combination hydro-nuclear-fossil supply

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## Technical Accomplishments

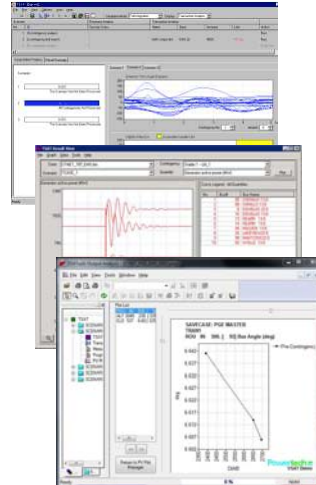
### - Testing and Sharing

- Executed NDAs with utility partners
- Established testing procedure with Alstom Grid
- Tested socket communication with Electrocon
- Attended CAPE User Group Meeting (2013)
- Tested TS3ph with GENROU, ESDC1A, IEESGO
  - Three-phase fault, 0.1 sec duration, 10 sec simulation
  - Evaluated parallel GMRES iterative linear solver with ASM preconditioner
  - Evaluated parallel MUMPS direct LU linear solver
  - Evaluated parallel SuperLU direct LU linear solver

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## Technical Accomplishments (Alstom Grid) - TSAT Testing Environment

- Capabilities:
  - Angle limit determination
  - Transfer limit determination
  - Branch faults (single, two or three phases), tripping and reconnection, shunt switching
  - Faults of various types (three-phase, single phase, two phases to ground) at bus or anywhere on a branch
  - Generator tripping
  - Load shedding, ramping
  - Motor starting
  - Remedial actions
  - Prony analysis
  - Stressed conditions



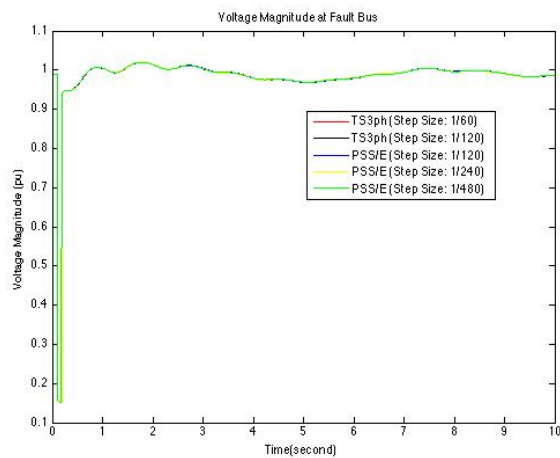
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## Technical Accomplishments - PETSc and Utility Data

- Integrated PETSc Time Stepping routines into TS3ph
  - Allows us to leverage future PETSc enhancements
- Established benchmark system based on utility partner data (approximate numbers of devices)
  - 18.5k buses
  - 2k generators
  - 12k loads
  - 21k transmission branches (lines, transformers)

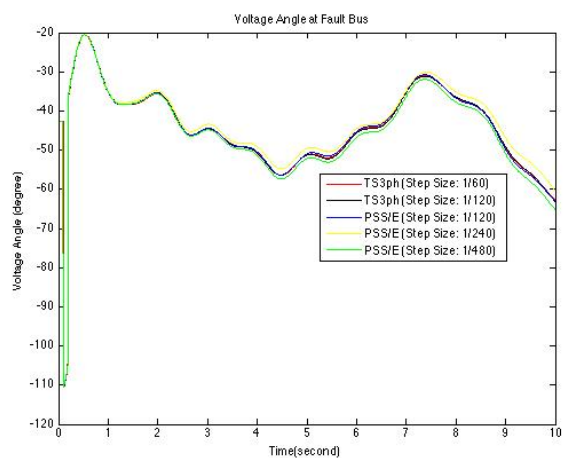
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## Technical Accomplishments (utility simulation) - GENROU, ESDC1A, IEESGO Verified



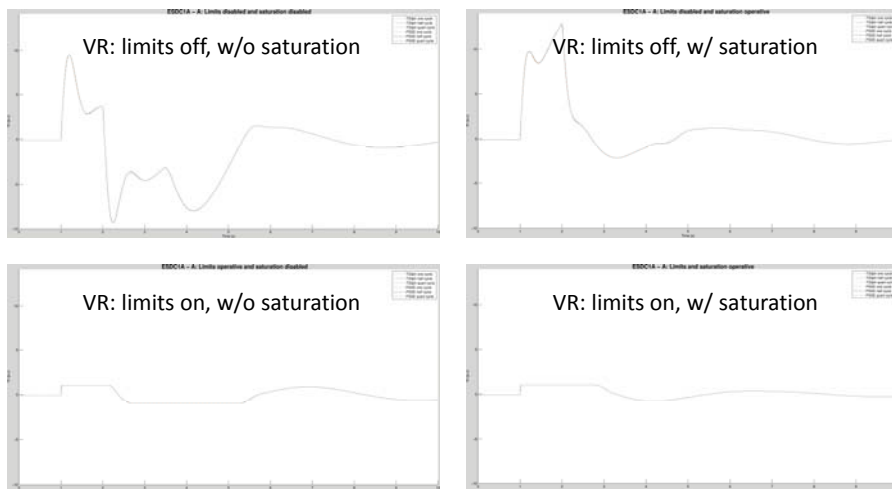
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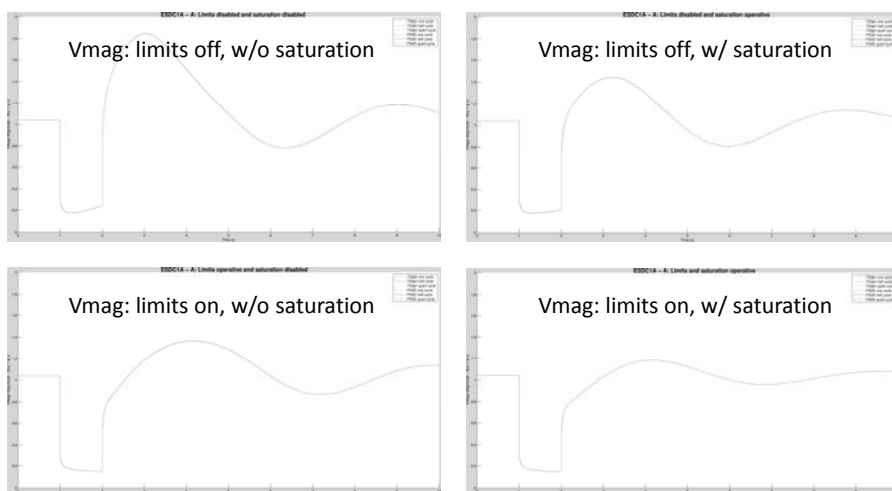
## Technical Accomplishments (Voltage Regulator) - ESDC1A Regulator Limits & Saturation Verified



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## Technical Accomplishments (Terminal Voltage) - ESDC1A Regulator Limits & Saturation Verified



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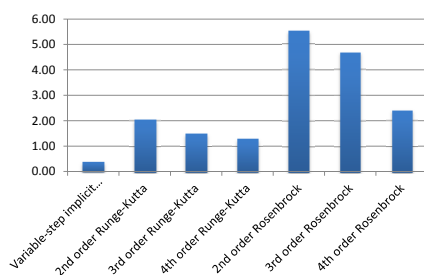




## Technical Accomplishments (ANL) - Variable Time Stepping

With averaged local-truncation error

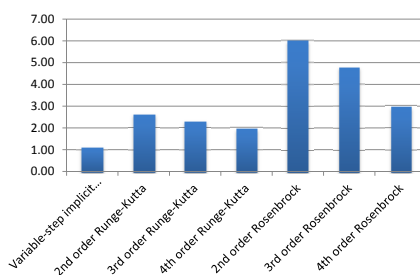
$$\|e\|_2 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n |y_k - \tilde{y}_k|^2}$$



Relative speed-up compared with fixed-step implicit trapezoidal method

With max local-truncation error

$$\|e\|_\infty = \max_{k=1 \dots n} |y_k - \tilde{y}_k|$$

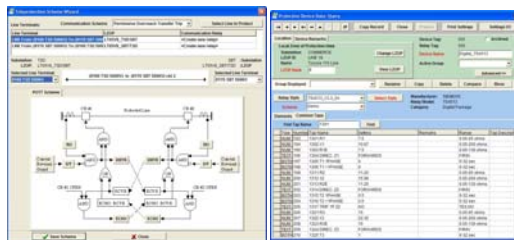
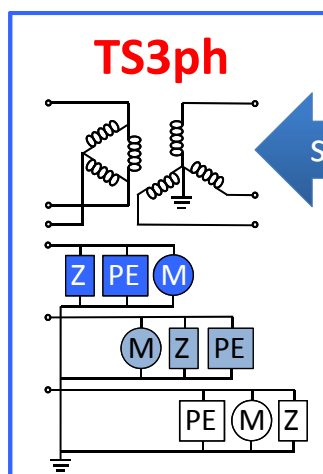


Relative speed-up compared with fixed-step implicit trapezoidal method

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## Technical Accomplishments - Component Models



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## Technical Accomplishments (ANL & EII)

### - Solution Methodology

- Time stepping (fixed, adaptive) plus new non/linear solvers with PETSc
- Socket communication with CAPE (Windows)
  - TS3ph passes clock and voltage & current signals to CAPE
  - TS3ph receives breaker operations & times
- CAPE API released Sep 30, 2013
  - Simulation 2-3 times faster due to efficiency improvements
- CAPE multi-threading via Open MP
  - 3.5 times faster on four-core machine; 16 cores next
- By end of Year 2: parallel solution on Linux cluster with InfiniBand interconnect and possibly accelerators

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## Technical Goals (near-term)

- Verification testing with Alstom Grid
  - ESCA 60 network, dynamics, stressed systems
- Verification testing with Electrocon
  - TS Link network, dynamics, SPS/RAS
- Validation studies with utility data under stressed and unbalanced conditions
  - ComEd network & protection data
    - Load, generator, SVC, wind turbine response
  - AltaLink network data & protection data
    - SVC, HVDC, wind turbine, large load response
  - Other utility partner data?

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## Technical Goals (long-term)

- Simulate voltage instability, FIDVR
  - Modeling focus: Loads, generators, network controls
- Simulate cascading outages
  - Modeling focus: Relay protection, RAS, SPS

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## Conclusion

- Looking forward to achieving our goals in AGM:
  - High fidelity simulation results with actual utility data
  - “Faster than real-time” dynamics simulation
  - Accurate predictions of power system dynamics behavior
    - Load dynamics
    - Control dynamics
    - Protection dynamics
- Looking forward to building the community
- Looking forward to the next challenge...

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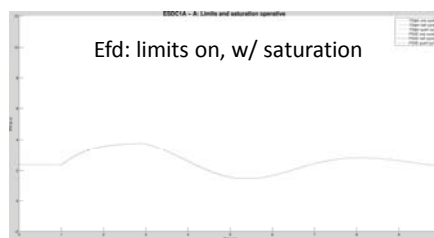
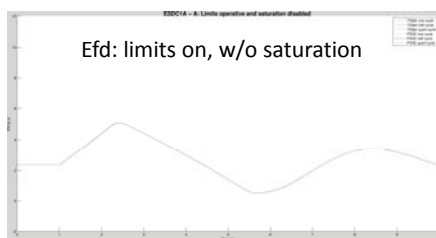
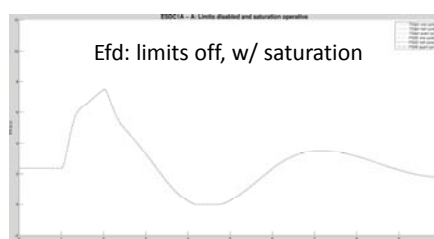
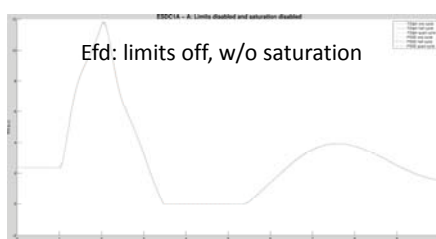
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## Technical Accomplishments (Field Voltage) - ESDC1A Regulator Limits & Saturation Verified



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