

# **Role of GPS Synchronized Measurements in Power System Visibility**

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# Outline

- Power System Visibility (Real Time Model)
- GPS Synchronized Measurement Technology
- Data Validation – Issues
- NYPA's HMS
- Hybrid State Estimator
- Numerical Experiments

# Bits & Pieces

From

US-Canada Power System Outage Task Force

## Contributing Factors

Inadequate Situational Awareness

## Recommendation 22

Evaluate and adopt better real-time tools for operators and reliability coordinators.

# Observations

## **Basic Task in System Operation:**

Obtain a Reliable and Accurate Real Time Model

## **Past and Present Practice:**

SCADA + State Estimator → Real Time Model

## **Today's Reality:**

SCADA, IEDs, DFRs, PMUs, Relays Collect an Enormous Amount of Data. Is There a Better Way to Validate and Utilize this Data?

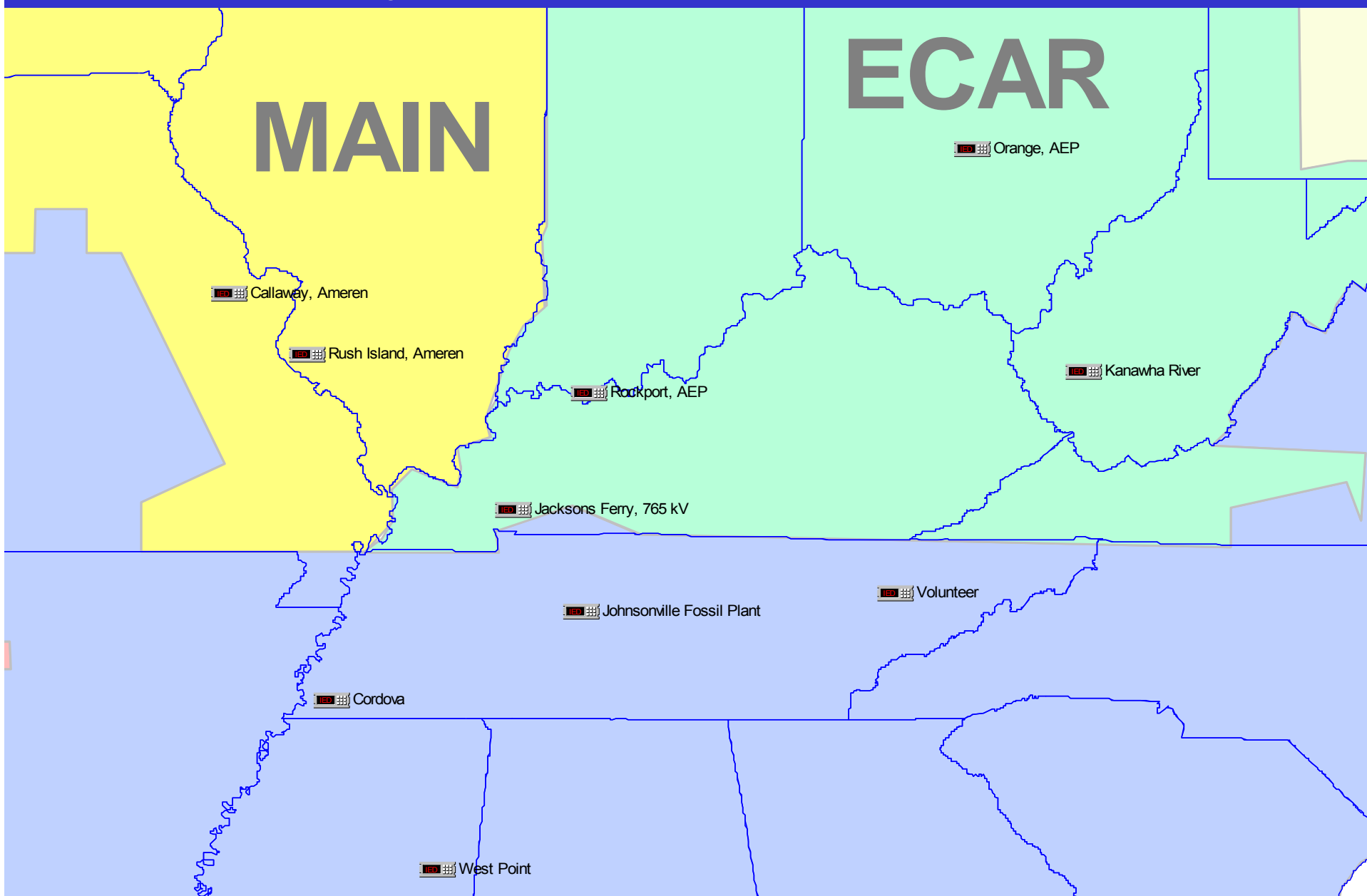
# Basic Capabilities

- **GPS “Commercial” Accuracy (Time):**  
0.5 Microseconds  
Phase Error 0.01 Degrees at 60 Hz
- **GPS “Commercial” Accuracy (Location):**  
7 meters
- **New Enhancement:**  
WAAS (Wide Area Augmentation System)  
Performance Much Better
- **Other Enhancements in the Works...**

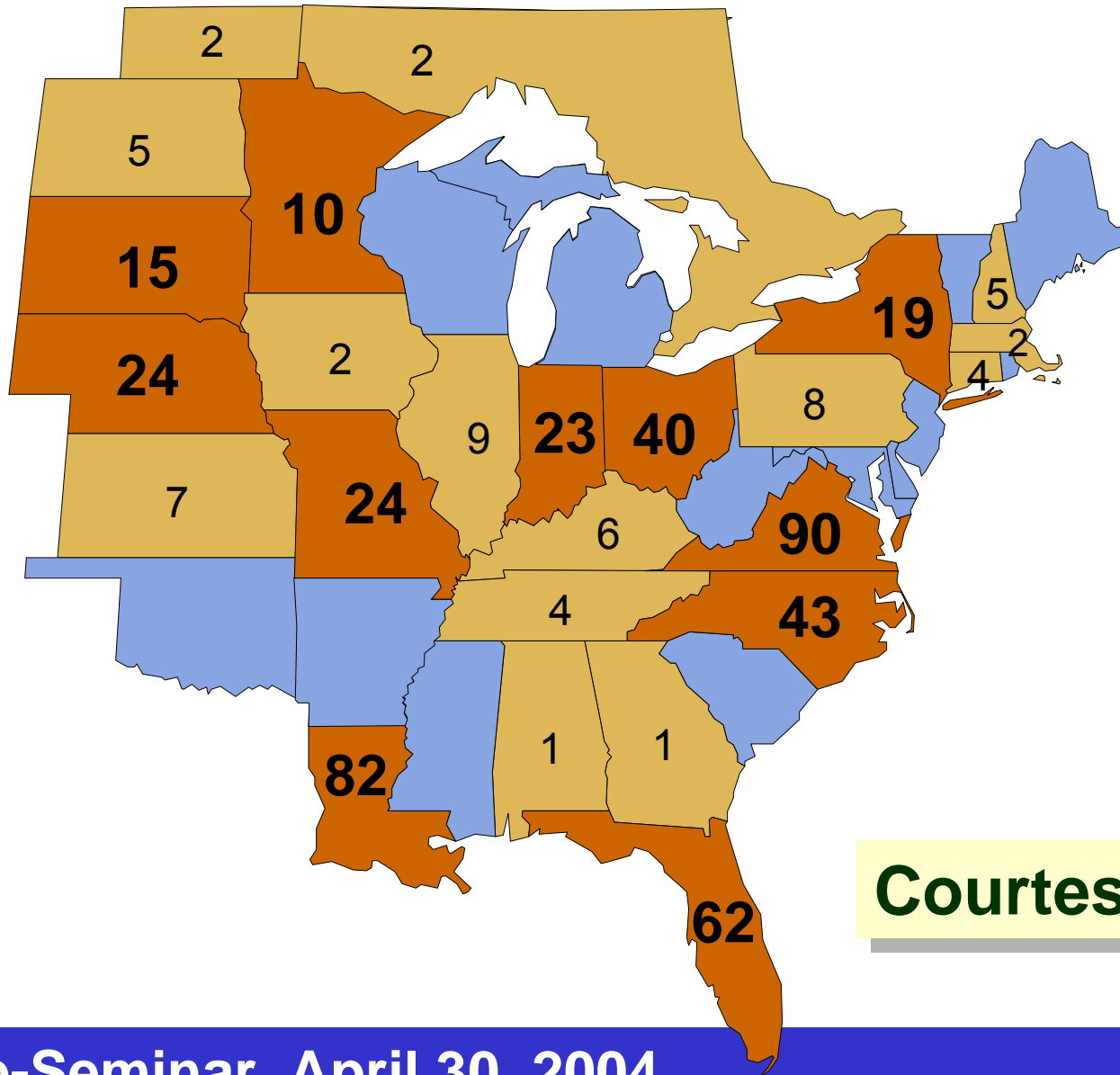
# GPS-Synchronized Measurements

- Technology Became Available to Power Systems About 15 years ago
- Specialized Equipment
- Addition of GPS Synchronization in IDEs and Relays
- Cost is Rapidly Reducing (*Basic Receiver is \$30*)
- Technology is Under-Utilized

# Planned GPS-Synchronized Measurements for the TVA System



# SEL-421 Deployment Eastern USA



Courtesy of SEL

# GPS-Synchronized Measurements

By Virtue of its Timing Accuracy the Technology Can Be Used to Directly Measure the State of the Power System



RIP  
State  
Estimation

# Important Observations

## Measurement Errors

- GPS Synchronized Measurements are More Accurate than Sensors but still Imperfect – Errors are Present
- Sensorless SCADA Have Accuracy Comparable to GPS Synchronized Measurements

## System Exhibits “Internal” Errors

- Errors from Instrumentation
- Errors from Imbalance
- Errors from Asymmetry

## Solution

- Data Filtering via Estimation Methods → Validation

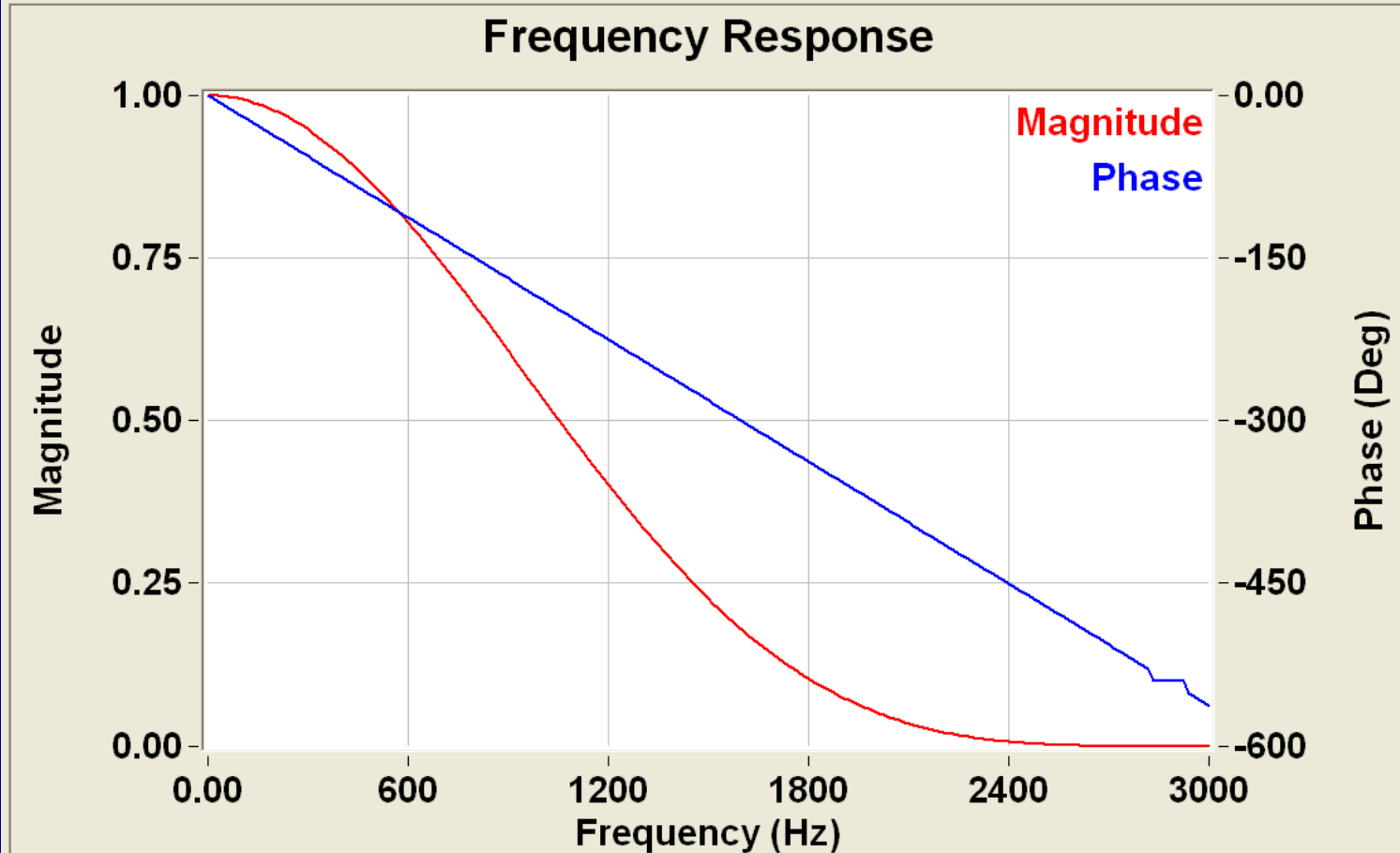
# Example Specifications

	<b>Arbiter 1133A</b>	<b>Macrodyne 1620</b>
A/D Converter Technology	Successive Approximation	Sigma-Delta Modulation
A/D Converter Word Length	14 bits	16 bits
Sampling Rate (samples per second per channel)	10240	2880
Automatic Calibration	yes	no
GPS Time Tagging	yes	yes
Simultaneous Sampling	no	yes
GPS synchronized sampling	no	yes
Voltage Input Isolation	differential amplifier	optical
Current Input Isolation	transformer	optical
Anti-Aliasing Filters	no	Digital (built in A/D Converter)
Phase Measurement Error at 60 Hz	0.01 Degrees	0.01 Degrees
Communications	Ethernet and RS232	RS232

# Example Characteristics of a PMU

Description : 30 Channel Phasor Measurement Unit

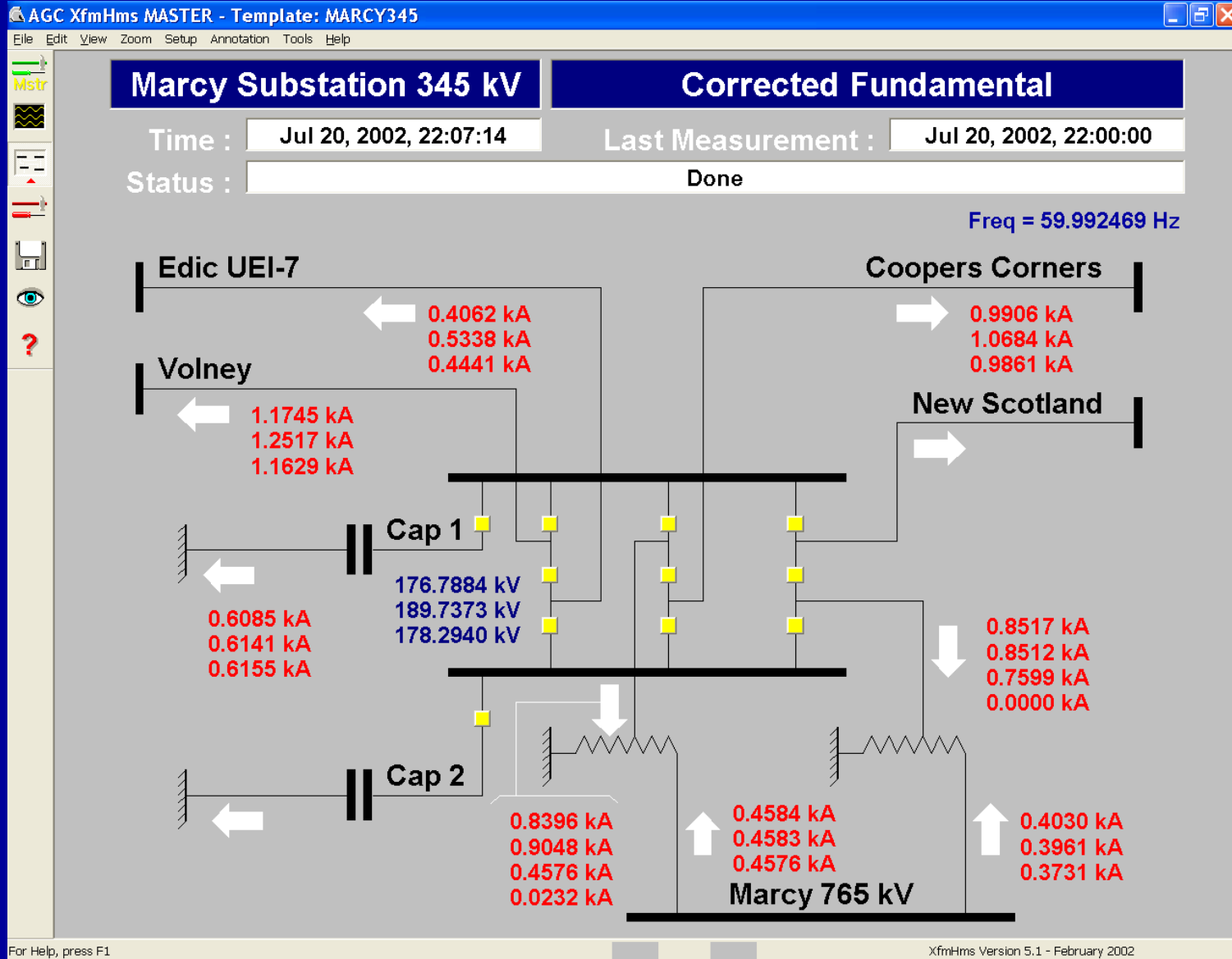
Test Date : Thursday, July 11, 1991



Freq = 1056 Magn = 0.4991 Phase = -197.9

Unwind Phase

# Errors from Imbalance and Asymmetry

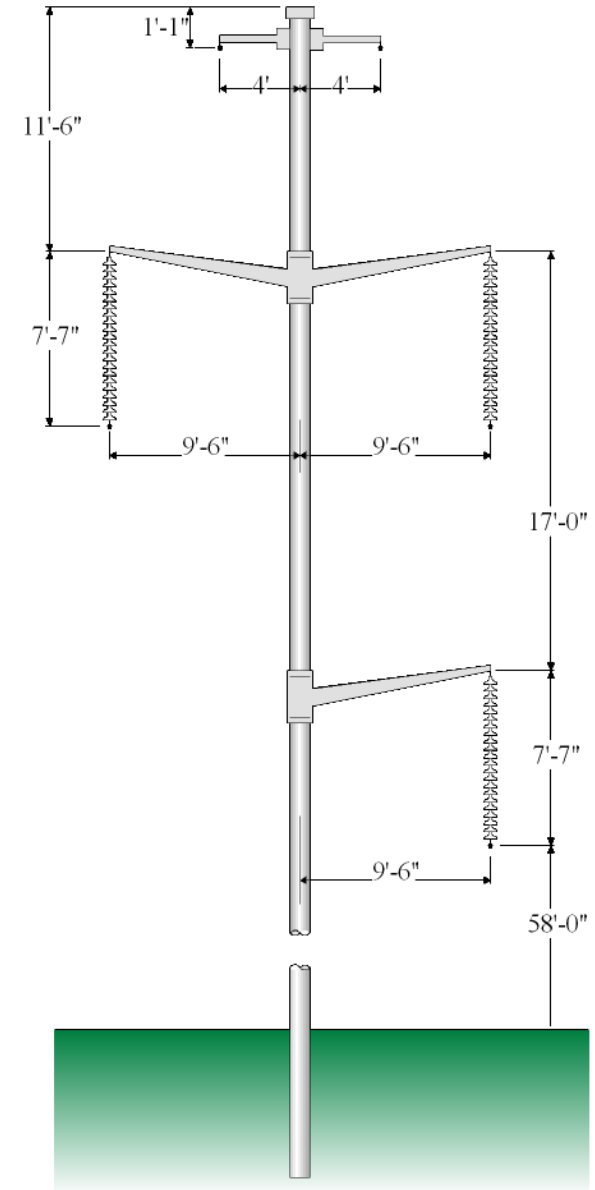
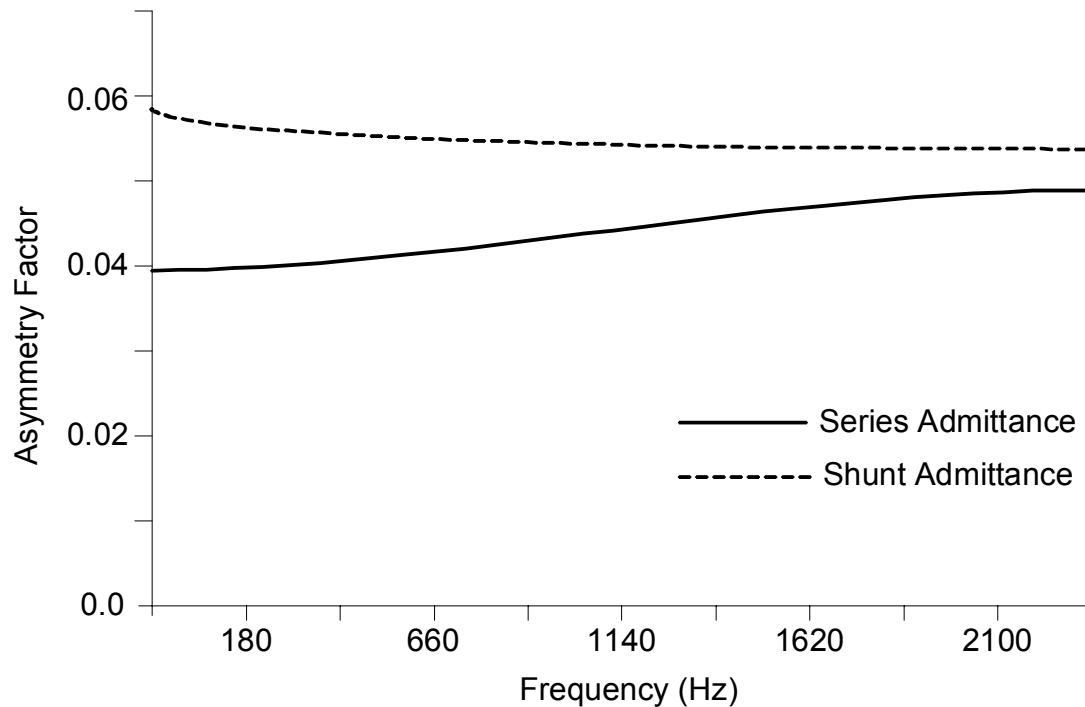


# Validity of Power System Symmetry Assumption

$$S_1 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{|z_{\max} - z_{\min}|}{|z_1|}$$

$$S_2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{|y_{\max} - y_{\min}|}{|y_1|}$$

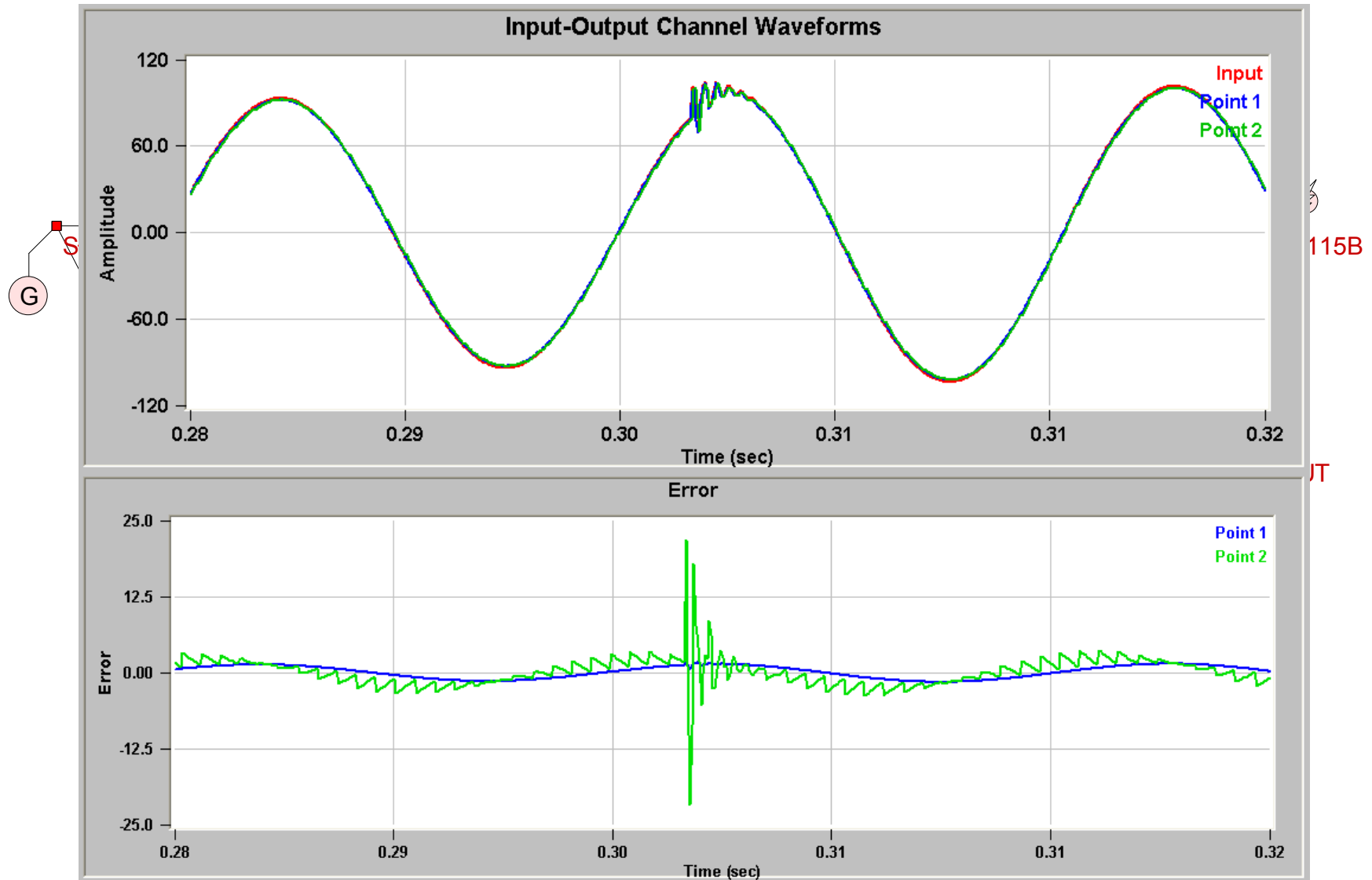
**The Phase Impedances May Vary by 5% Among Phases**





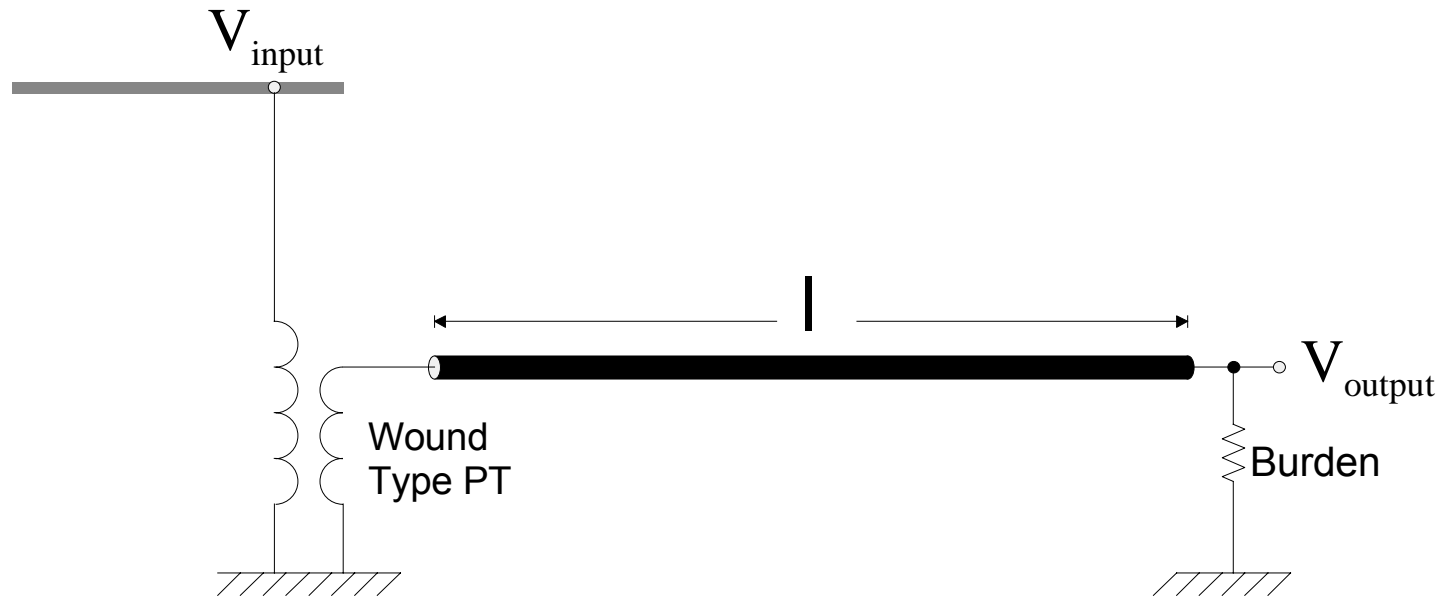
# Instrumentation Errors

## Voltage Measurement Error During Transients



# Instrumentation Errors

## Instrumentation Cable Phase Error



Cable Length (l)	Phase ( $V_{out} / V_{in}$ )
75 m	$0.04^{\circ}$
150 m	$0.07^{\circ}$
225 m	$0.11^{\circ}$
300 m	$0.14^{\circ}$

**PMU Phase Accuracy is 0.01 degrees**

# Traditional State Estimation

## Power System SE: Basic Assumptions

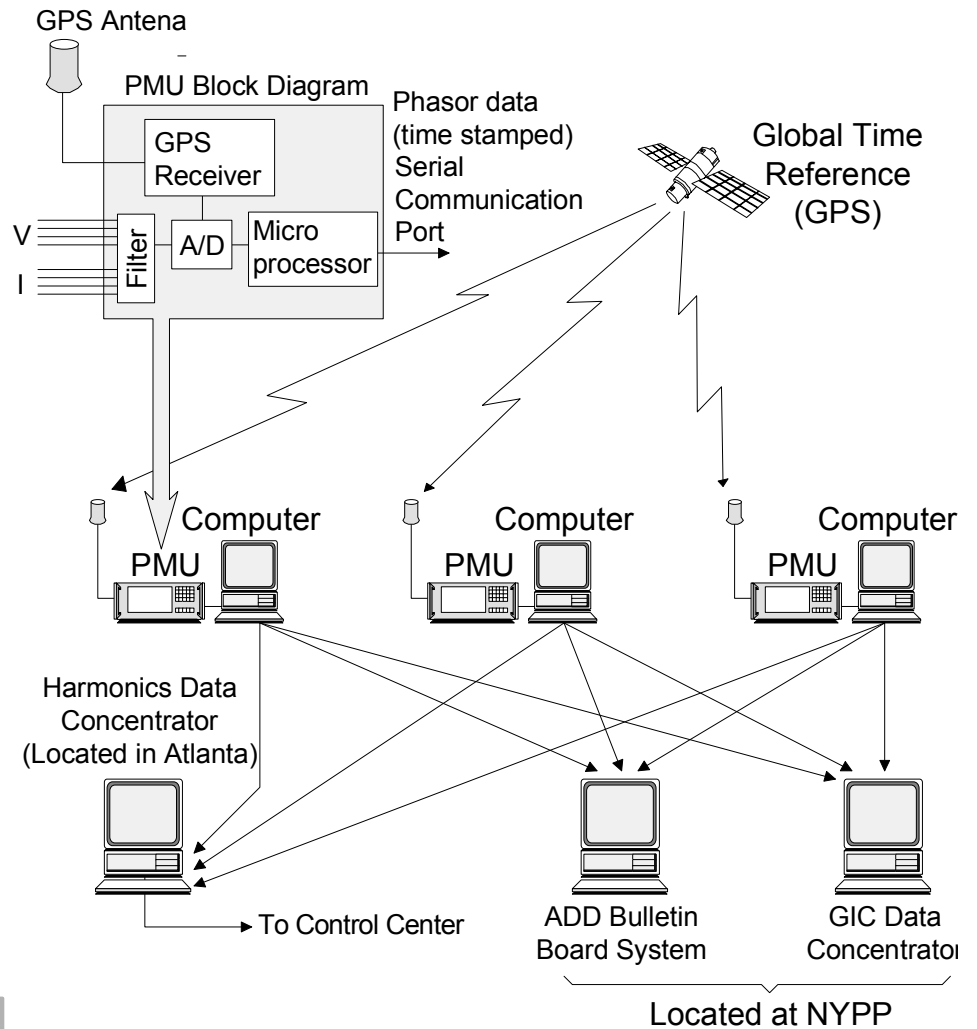
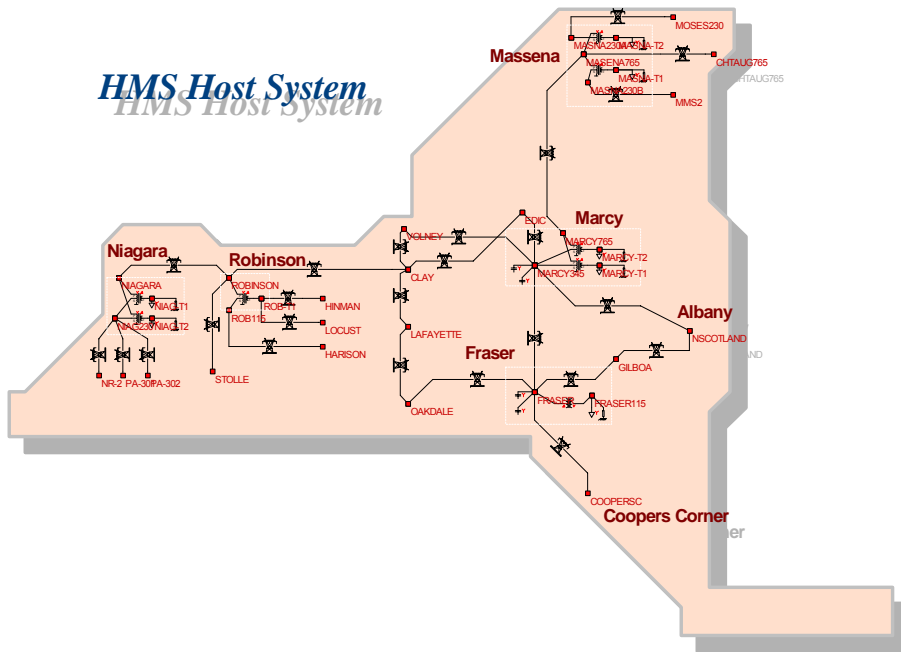
- Positive Sequence Model
- P, Q, V measurement set
- Instrumentation Errors Part of Meas Data
- Near-Simultaneous Measurements
- Single Frequency

## Implications:

- Balanced Operation
- Symmetric Power System
- Biased SE
- Iterative Algorithm

# NYPA's Harmonic Measurement System Using GPS Synchronized Measurements (Macrodyne's PMUs)

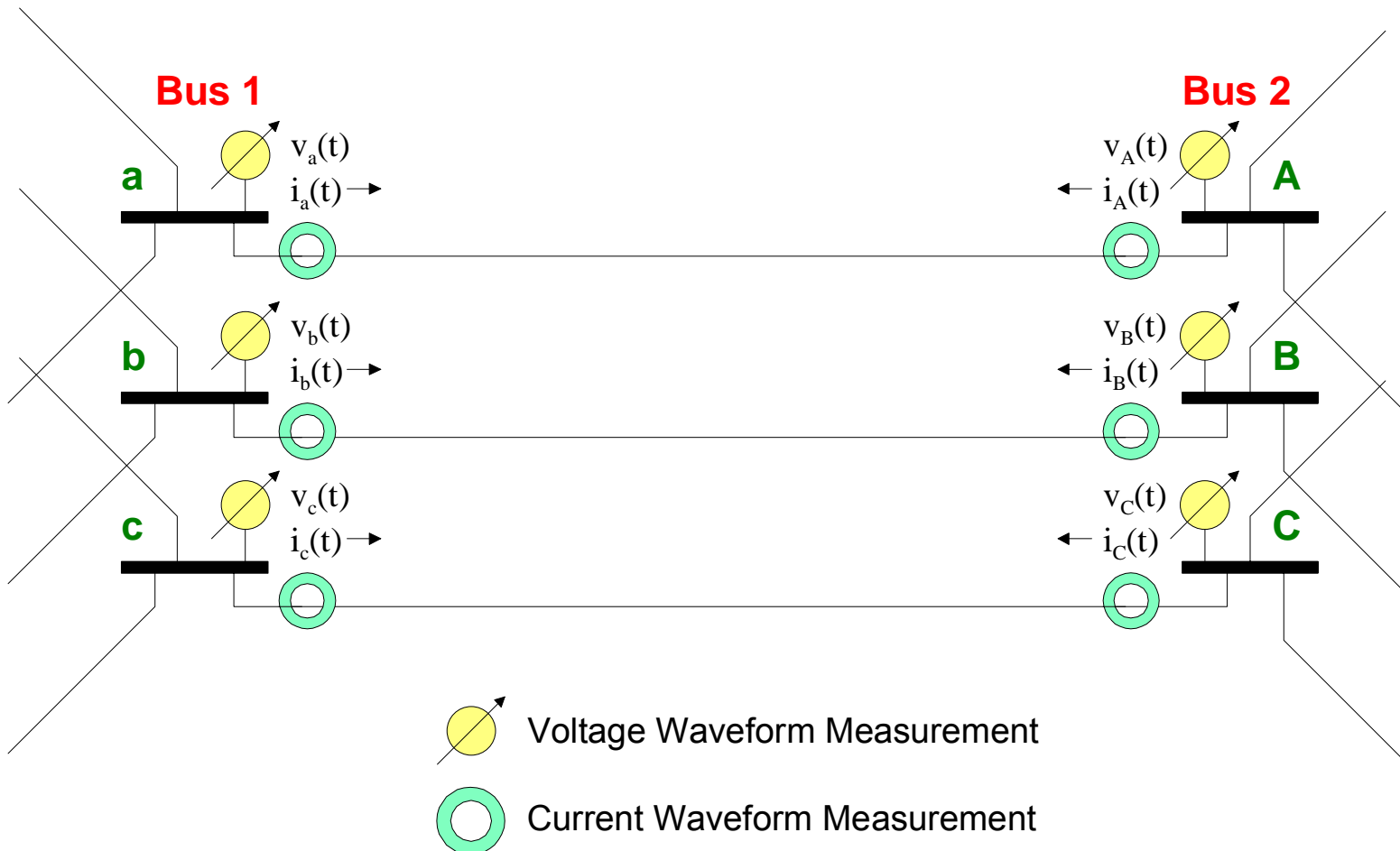
## Asymmetric Power System Model New York Power Authority



# Synchronized Measurement Based SE

## *What is the Advantage*

### Phasor Measurements of Voltages and Currents



# SE with Synchronized Measurements

$$\text{Min } \tilde{r}^H W \tilde{r}$$

$$\text{Subject to: } \tilde{r} = \tilde{z} - \tilde{H} \tilde{x}$$

$$\text{Min } r_{real}^T W r_{real} + r_{imag}^T W r_{imag}$$

$$\text{Subject to: } r_{real} = z_{real} - H_{real} x_{real} - H_{imag} x_{imag}$$
$$r_{imag} = z_{imag} - H_{real} x_{imag} - H_{imag} x_{real}$$

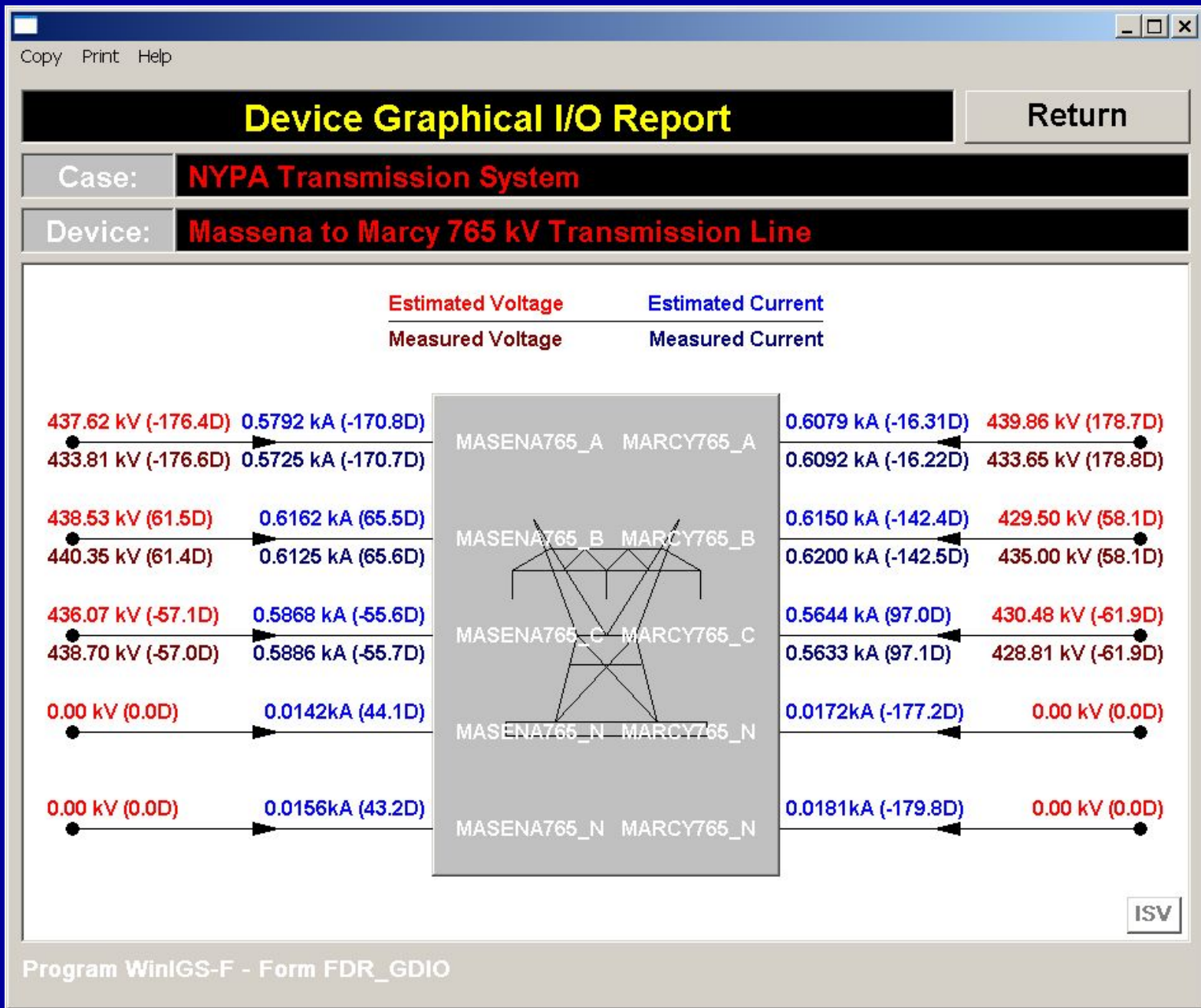
$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ -B & A \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{real} \\ x_{imag} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} H_{real}^T W z_{real} + H_{imag}^T W z_{imag} \\ H_{real}^T W z_{imag} - H_{imag}^T W z_{real} \end{bmatrix}$$

**\*\*\* Direct Solution \*\*\***

# Observation

In Case that All Data are GPS  
Synchronized Measurements the  
State Estimator is DIRECT

Big Advantage



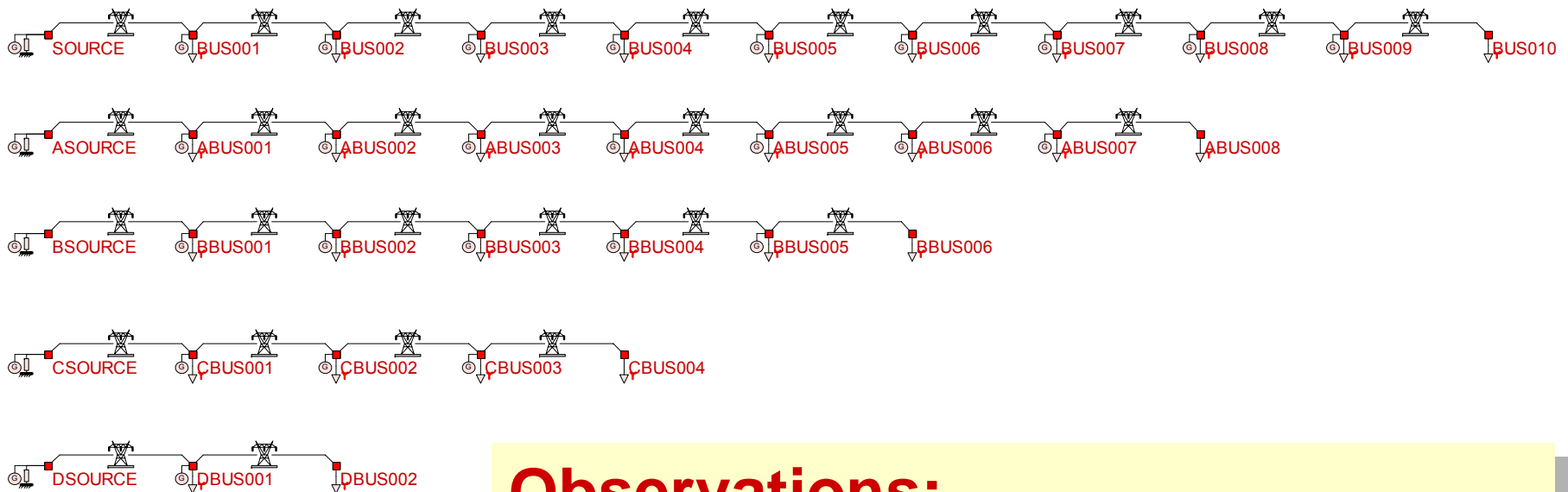
# Detection of SE Bias

Numerical Experiments on the MSU-1 Line (765 kV)

Case Description	Confidence Level (Chi-Square Test)
Three Phase Asymmetric Model, Three Phase Measurements	100.00
Three Phase Symmetric Model, Three Phase Measurements	13.02
Three Phase Asymmetric Model, Single Phase (A) Measurements	0.0

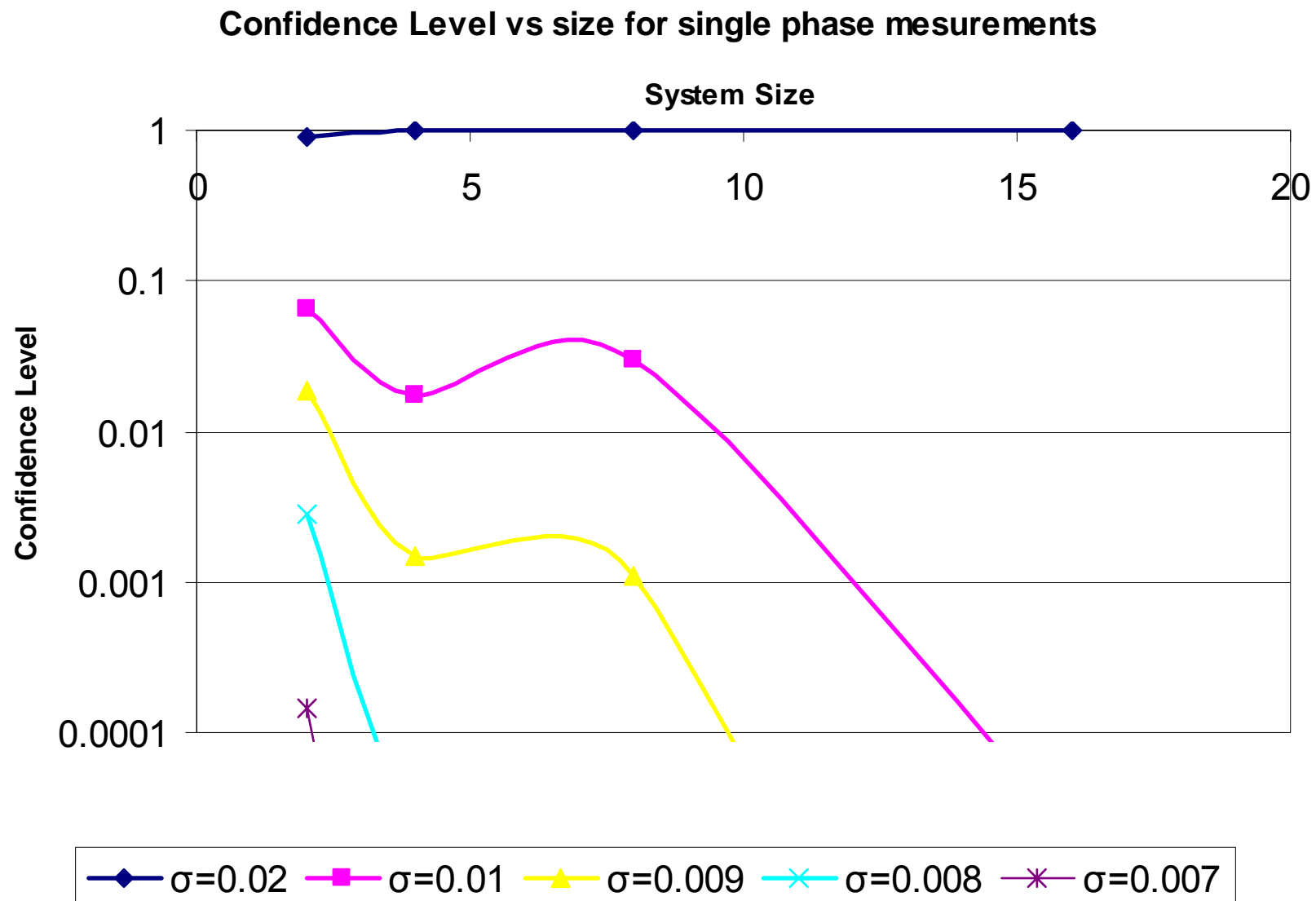
# Investigation of SE Biases via Numerical Experiments

## Approach: Systems of Variable Size



**Observations:**  
System Imbalance Stabilizes  
Phase with Max Voltage: Random  
Effects on Mega RTO SE: Unknown

# Confidence Level of Data Accuracy



# Proposed Approach

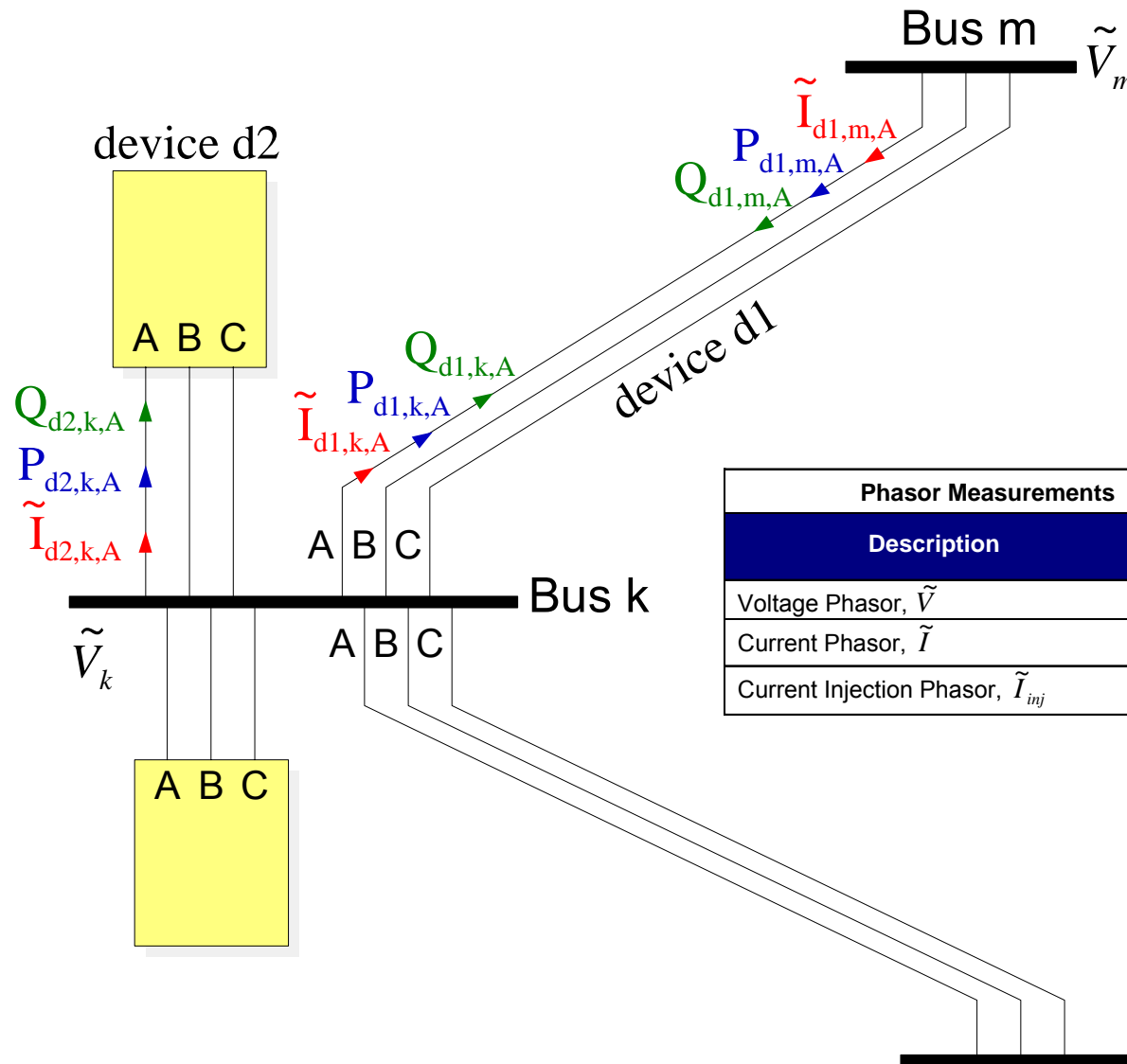
- GPS Synchronized Measurements are Imperfect – Errors are Present
- Other Useful Data Exist (SCADA, Relays, DFRs, etc.).

Proposed Approach: **HYBRID STATE ESTIMATOR**. It Utilizes all Available Data

- Errors from Imbalance
- Errors from Asymmetry

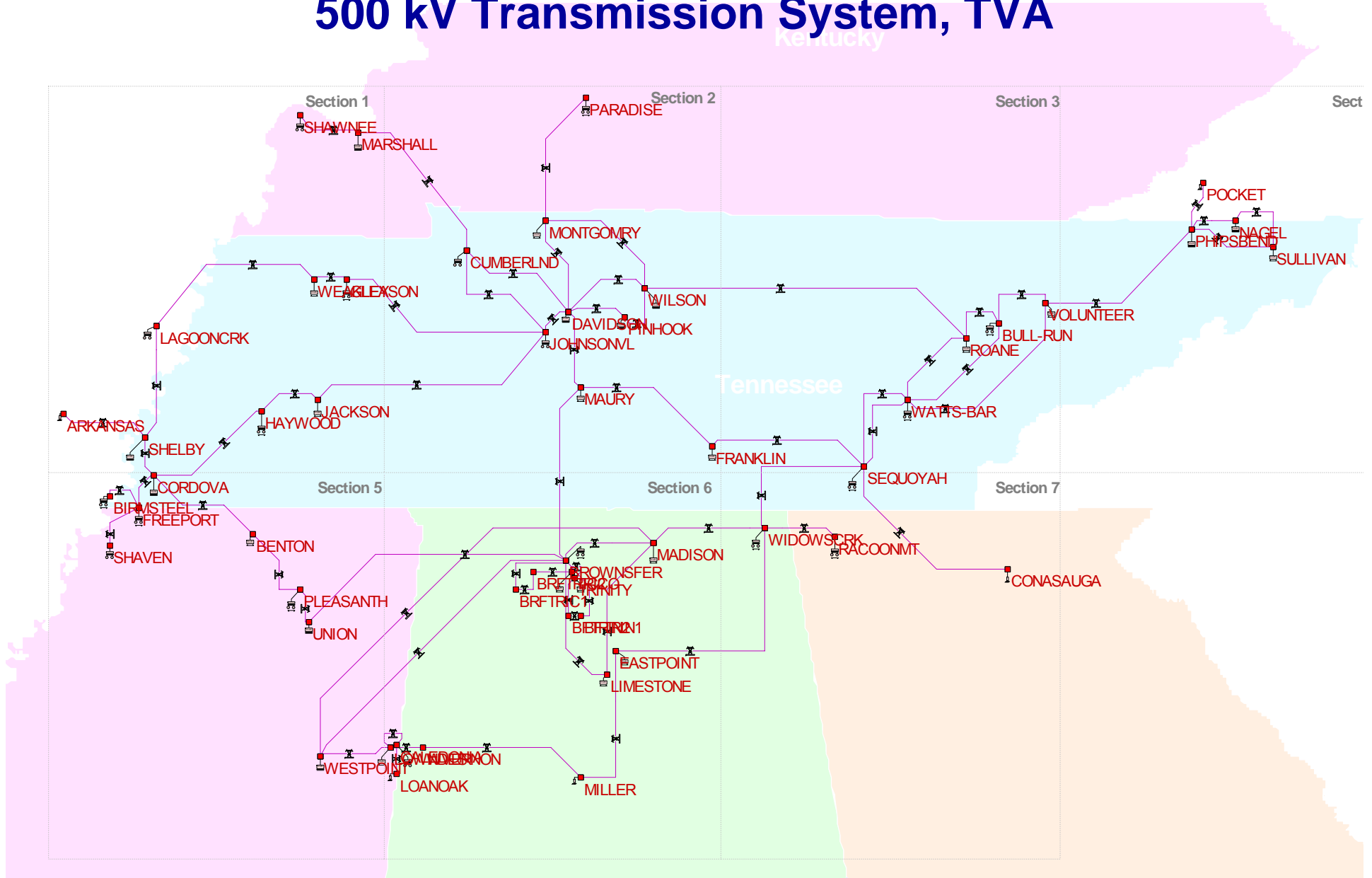
Proposed Approach: **THREE PHASE MODEL**. It Eliminates Model Biases

# QPF-SE Approach: Available Data



Phasor Measurements		Non-Synchronized Measurements	
Description	Type Code	Description	Type Code
Voltage Phasor, $\tilde{V}$	1	Voltage Magnitude, $V$	4
Current Phasor, $\tilde{I}$	2	Real Power Flow, $P_f$	5
Current Injection Phasor, $\tilde{I}_{inj}$	3	Reactive Power Flow, $Q_f$	6
		Real Power Injection, $P_{inj}$	7
		Reactive Power Injection, $Q_{inj}$	8

# QPF-SE Approach: Three Phase Model of the 500 kV Transmission System, TVA



# 3-Phase Overhead Transmission Line

Accept

Franklin to Sequoyah 500 kV Line

Cancel

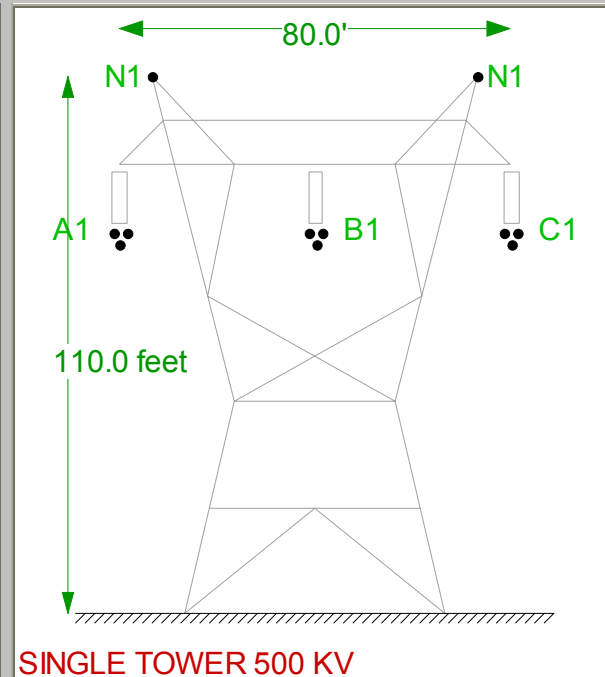
Phase Conductors Type   
Size

Shields/Neutrals Type   
Size

Tower/Pole Type   
Circuit Number

Tower/Pole Ground Impedance (Ohms)  
R =  X =

Line Length (miles)   
Line Span Length (miles)   
Soil Resistivity (Ohm-Meters)



Bus Name, Side 1  Circuit Number  Bus Name, Side 2

Operating Voltage (kV)  Insulation Level (kV)  
Structure Name  FOW (Front of Wave)   
BIL (Basic Insulation Level)   
 Insulated Shields  Transposed Phases  Transposed Shields AC (AC Withstand)

Program WinIGS-F - Form IGS\_M102



# QPF-SE Approach: Hybrid SE Formulation

$$\text{Min } J = \sum_{v \in \text{phasor}} \frac{\tilde{\eta}_v^* \tilde{\eta}_v}{\sigma_v^2} + \sum_{v \in \text{non-syn}} \frac{\eta_v \eta_v}{\sigma_v^2}$$

## GPS-Synchronized Measurements (Linear Model)

Voltage Phasor

$$\tilde{z}_v = \tilde{V}_{k,A} - \tilde{V}_{k,N} + \tilde{\eta}_v$$

Current Phasor

$$\tilde{z}_v = \tilde{I}_{d1,k,A} + \eta_v = C_{d1,k,A}^T \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{V}_{k,A} \\ \tilde{V}_{k,B} \\ \tilde{V}_{k,C} \\ \tilde{V}_{m,A} \\ \tilde{V}_{m,B} \\ \tilde{V}_{k,C} \end{bmatrix} + \tilde{\eta}_v$$

## Non-Synchronized Measurements (Quadratic Model)

Voltage Magnitude

$$\begin{aligned} z_v &= |\tilde{V}_{k,A} - \tilde{V}_{k,N}|^2 + 2\eta_v = \\ &= (V_{k,A,r} - V_{k,N,r})^2 + (V_{k,A,i} - V_{k,N,i})^2 + 2\eta_v \end{aligned}$$

Real Power

$$z_v = P_{d1,k,A} + \eta_v = \text{Re} \left\{ \tilde{V}_{k,A} \left( C_{d1,k,A}^T \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{V}_{k,A} \\ \tilde{V}_{k,B} \\ \tilde{V}_{k,C} \\ \tilde{V}_{m,A} \\ \tilde{V}_{m,B} \\ \tilde{V}_{k,C} \end{bmatrix} \right)^* \right\} + \eta_v$$



# Bad Data Detection & Identification

## This is an Important Issue:

- Current Approaches are Computationally Demanding.
- Leverage Points Are Especially Troublesome.

## Utilizing All Available Data Increases Redundancy.

The implications are:

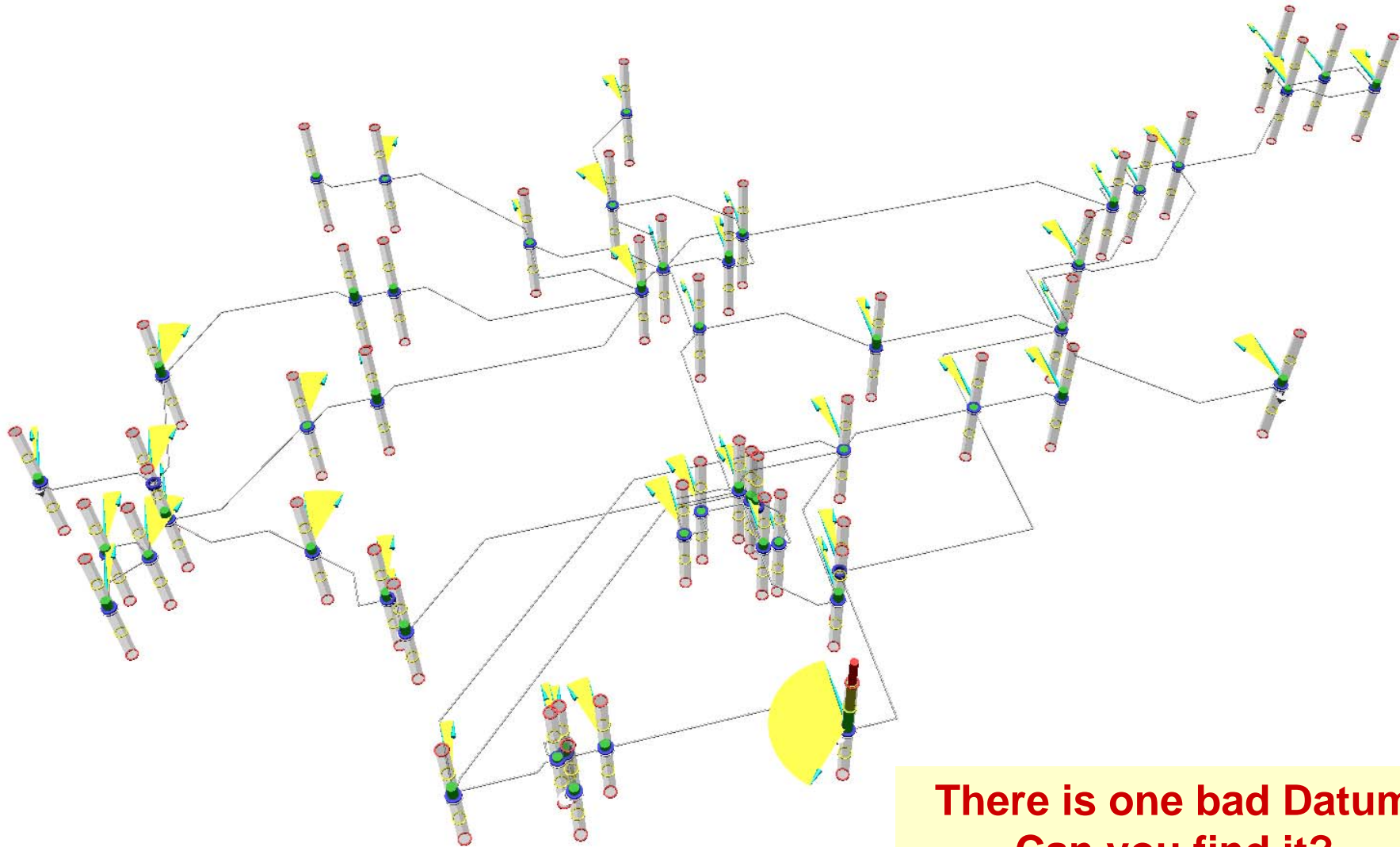
- (a) Increased Effort for System Initial Calibration, and
- (b) Improved Bad Data Identification Process.

## Visualization Methods Also Help

## Error of Bus Voltage Magnitude and Phase – Estimated minus Measured Value

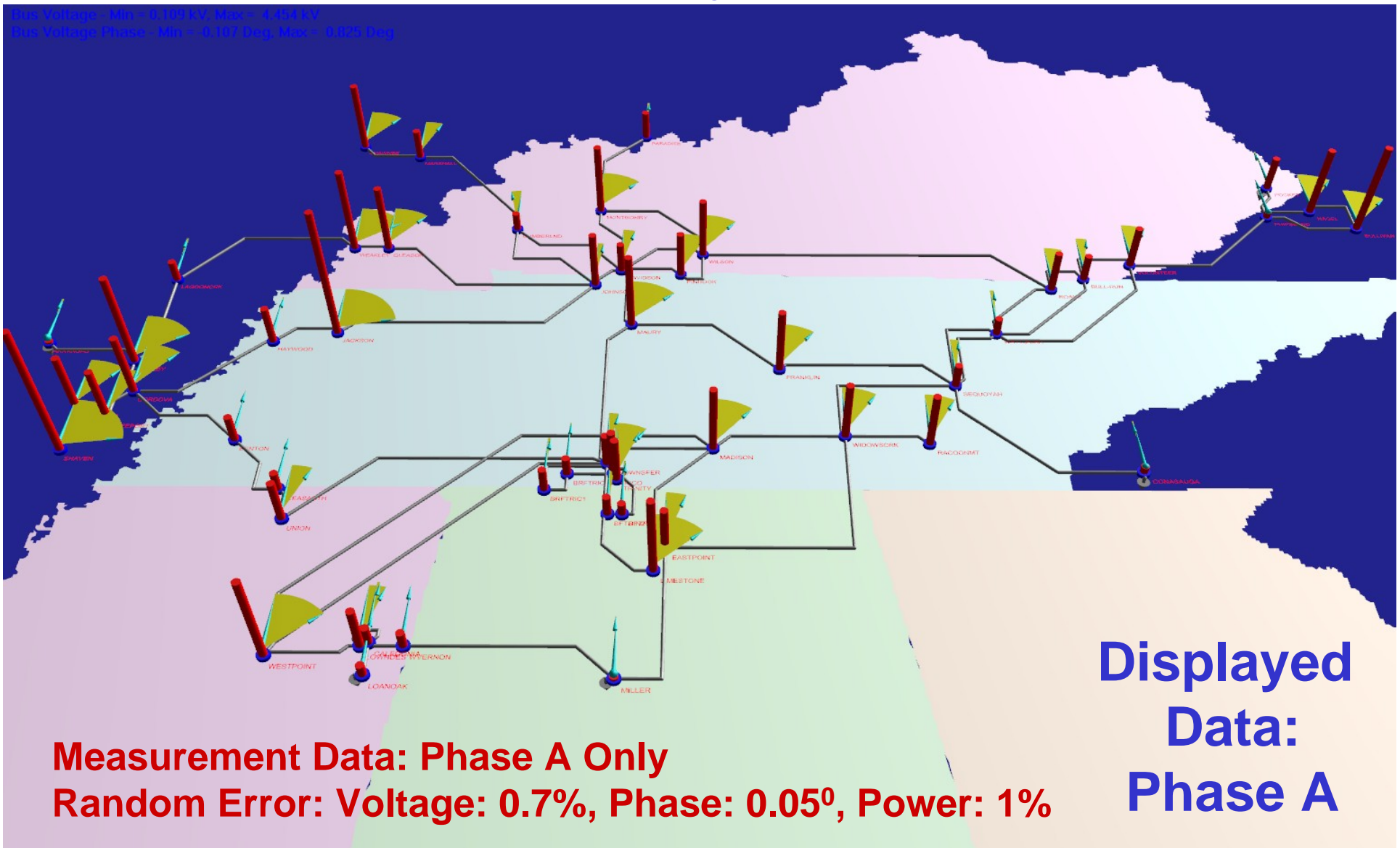
Magnitude is Normalized (min magnitude error: 0, max magnitude error: 0.141)

Phase is Magnified 200 times (min phase error: -0.672, max phase error: 0.165)



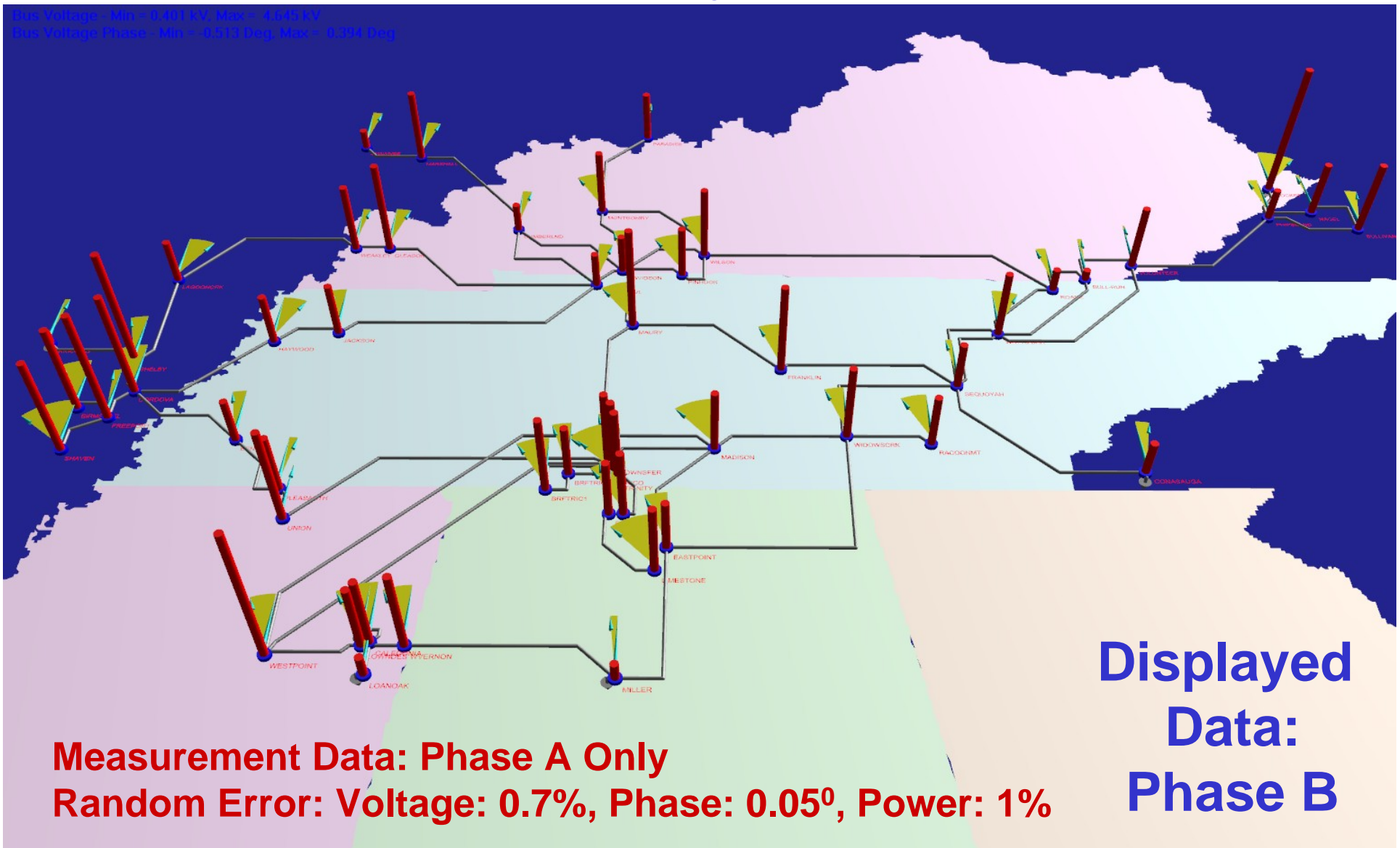
# Error of Bus Voltage Magnitude and Phase – Estimated minus Measured Value

Magnitude Error Range: 0.1 to 4.4kV – Phase Error Range: -0.1 to 0.8 Degrees  
(Phase Error is Magnified 100 times)



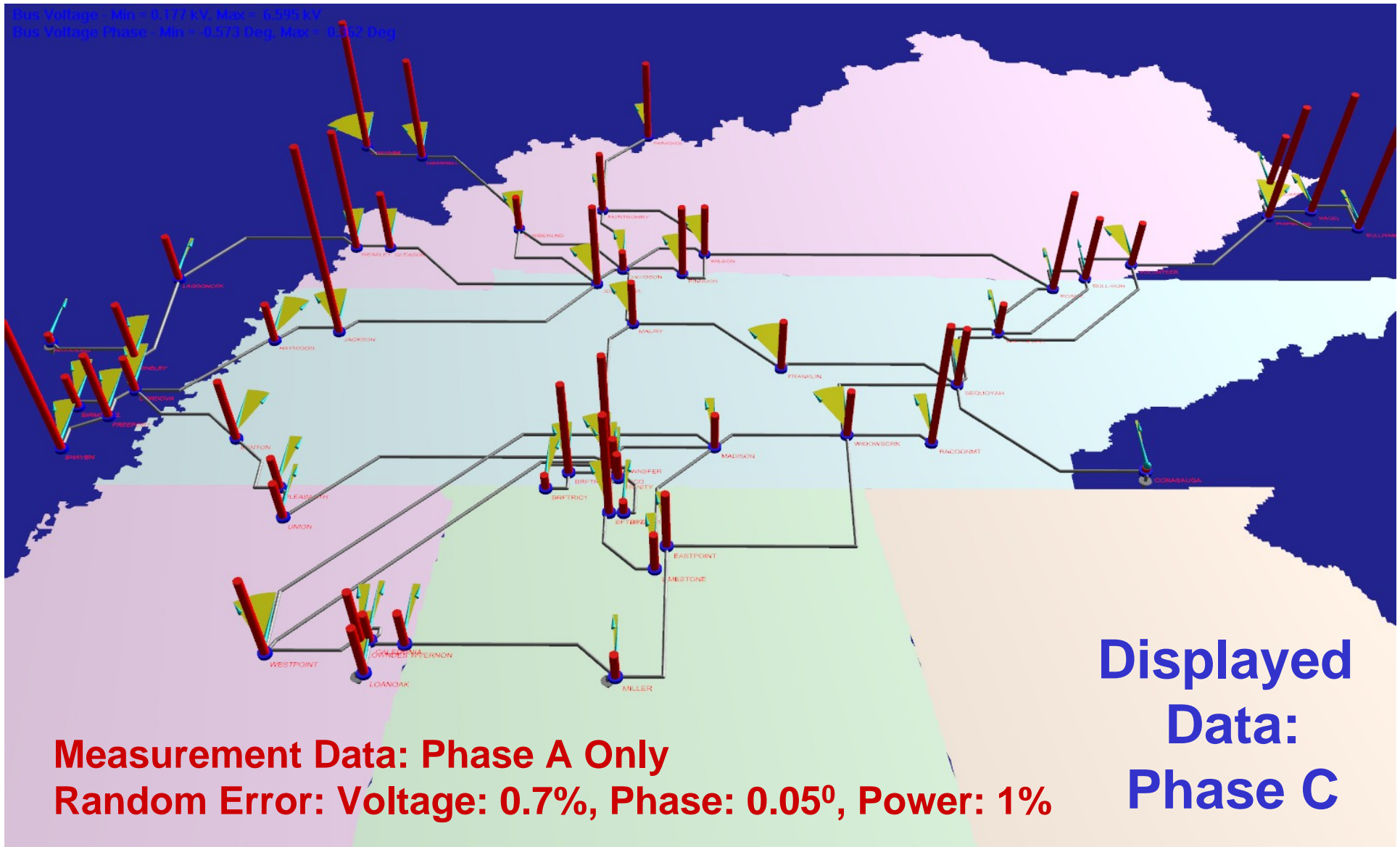
# Error of Bus Voltage Magnitude and Phase – Estimated minus Measured Value

Magnitude Error Range: 0.4 to 4.6kV – Phase Error Range: -0.5 to 0.4 Degrees  
(Phase Error is Magnified 100 times)



# Error of Bus Voltage Magnitude and Phase – Estimated minus Measured Value

Magnitude Error Range: 0.2 to 6.6kV – Phase Error Range: -0.6 to 0.4 Degrees  
(Phase Error is Magnified 100 times)



# Proposed Utilization of the QPF-SE

- Assume There Are Sufficient GPS Synchronized Measurements for Complete State Observability from These Measurements Alone
- Exercise QPF-SE Once Each Hour
- Use Results of QPF-SE to Calibrate GPS Synchronized Measurements.
- Use the GPS Synchronized Measurements Directly as the Real Time Model.

# Summary and Conclusions

Present Implementation of State Estimators  
**Biased Estimator**

Synchronized Measurements  
**Direct State Estimation**

Synchronized Measurements + Multiphase Model  
**Unbiased State Estimation**

Synchronized Measurements+SCADA+IEDs  
+ Multiphase Model  
**Hybrid, Unbiased State Estimation**

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