

# Smart Inverter Communication Initiative

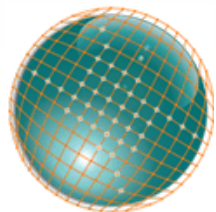
## Project Overview and Status

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# Goals of Today's Workshop

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1. Introduce and review the work completed thus far
2. Present for discussion the planned Phase2 topics
3. Facilitate open dialogue regarding past work, emerging utility needs, and inverter capabilities. Make adjustments to plans.
4. Gain a better understanding of international activities and opportunities for collaboration
5. Identify volunteers for the technical focus group for phase 2 and interest in prototyping and testing

# Agenda



## AGENDA

Monday, December 6th, 2010

### PV/Storage Inverter Communication Project for Grid Integration

Hyatt Regency Albuquerque  
330 Tijeras NW  
Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA 87102  
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Room Assignment TBD

12:00	Lunch Provided	All
1:00	Welcome and Project Introduction/Review	Brian Seal (EPRI)
1:30	Phase 2 Project Planning	John Kueck (ORNL)
2:00	Utility Industry Perspectives – Needs and Recommendations	Russ Neal (SCE)
	o SCE Perspective	
	o German Grid Codes Perspective	Gunter Arnold (IWES)
	o Q&A	
3:00	Break	
3:15	Inverter Manufacturer Perspectives – Capabilities and Recommendations	Bob Schmitt (SMA)
	o SMA	
	o General Electric	Owen Schelenz
	o Fronius	Beran Martin
	o SunPower	Lars Johnson
	o Q&A	
4:15	Interactive Session	Scott Kuszmaul (Sandia)
	o Opportunities & Recommendations for Collaboration	
	o Recommendations for Phase 2 Scope Consideration	
	o Additional Industry Needs Related to High Penetration	
	o Contacts / Volunteers for the Technical Focus Work	
~5:15	Adjourn	

# DNP3 Mapping – Draft for Review



DNP Application Note AN2010-001  
DRAFT Version 2010-12-03

## DNP3 Profile for Photovoltaic Generation and Storage

### 1 Introduction

This document describes a standard data point configuration, set of protocol services and settings – also known as a *profile* – for communicating with photovoltaic generation and storage systems using DNP3. The purpose of defining this profile is to make it easier to interconnect the DNP3 masters and outstations that are used to control such systems.

Although this document describes a DNP3 profile, it is designed based on the structured *data models* of the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) 61850 protocol standards family. In particular, it is based on those data models that are specific to distributed generation and photovoltaic systems. The intent is that a system implementing this DNP3 application note can be easily integrated with an IEC 61850 network by means of a gateway, while remaining conformant with DNP3 best practices.

With these goals in mind, the design of this profile is based on the following documents:

- *IEC 61850-7-420 Communication networks and systems for power utility automation - Part 7-420: Basic communication structure - Distributed energy resources logical nodes.* This document is the IEC specification for standard data models to be used for distributed energy resources such as photovoltaic systems.
- *Specification for Photovoltaic and Storage Interactions using IEC 61850 Object Models and Capabilities.* This document was produced by the Photovoltaic Inverter Data Identification Focus Group (DIFG), organized by the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI). The members of this group include photovoltaic inverter and storage manufacturers, utilities, research institutions and integrators. The document specifies the minimum set of application functions required for communicating with a photovoltaic system. It describes how to implement these functions using IEC 61850 and specifies enhancements to IEC 61850-7-420 to make it more comprehensive for photovoltaic systems.
- *IEC 61850-80-2 Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 80-2: Guideline for exchanging information between networks implementing IEC 61850 and IEEE 1815 (DNP3) (in development).* This is the current title of the emerging specification for mapping data between IEC 61850 and DNP3 networks and for configuring a gateway between

# DNP3 Mapping

Table 12 – Analog Output Point List

Point Index	Name	Supported Control Operations			Transmitted Value		Scaling		Units	Resolution	Default Event Class		IEC 61850			
		Select/Operate	Direct Operate	Direct Operate – No Ack	Minimum	Maximum	Multiplier	Offset			Chg	Cmd	LN Class	LN Inst	Data Object	CDC
0	Time window for Connect/Disconnect	X	X	X	0	2147483647	1	0	Seconds	1	2	2	DOPM	1	WinTms	ING
1	Timeout period for Connect/Disconnect	X	X	X	0	2147483647	1	0	Seconds	1	2	2	DOPM	1	RevTms	ING
2	Time window for limited Watts mode	X	X	X	0	2147483647	1	0	Seconds	1	2	2	DOPM	2	WinTms	ING
3	Timeout period for limited Watts mode	X	X	X	0	2147483647	1	0	Seconds	1	2	2	DOPM	2	RevTms	ING
4	Ramp time for limited Watts mode	X	X	X	0	2147483647	1	0	Seconds	1	2	2	DOPM	2	RmpTms	ING
5	Time window for fixed power factor mode	X	X	X	0	2147483647	1	0	Seconds	1	2	2	DOPM	3	WinTms	ING
6	Timeout period for fixed power factor mode	X	X	X	0	2147483647	1	0	Seconds	1	2	2	DOPM	3	RevTms	ING
7	Ramp time for fixed power factor mode	X	X	X	0	2147483647	1	0	Seconds	1	2	2	DOPM	3	RmpTms	ING
8	Time window for charge or discharge rate mode	X	X	X	0	2147483647	1	0	Seconds	1	2	2	DOPM	4a	WinTms	ING
9	Timeout period for charge or discharge rate mode	X	X	X	0	2147483647	1	0	Seconds	1	2	2	DOPM	4a	RevTms	ING
10	Ramp time for charge or discharge rate mode	X	X	X	0	2147483647	1	0	Seconds	1	2	2	DOPM	4a	RmpTms	ING
11	Time window for price mode	X	X	X	0	2147483647	1	0	Seconds	1	2	2	DOPM	4b	WinTms	ING

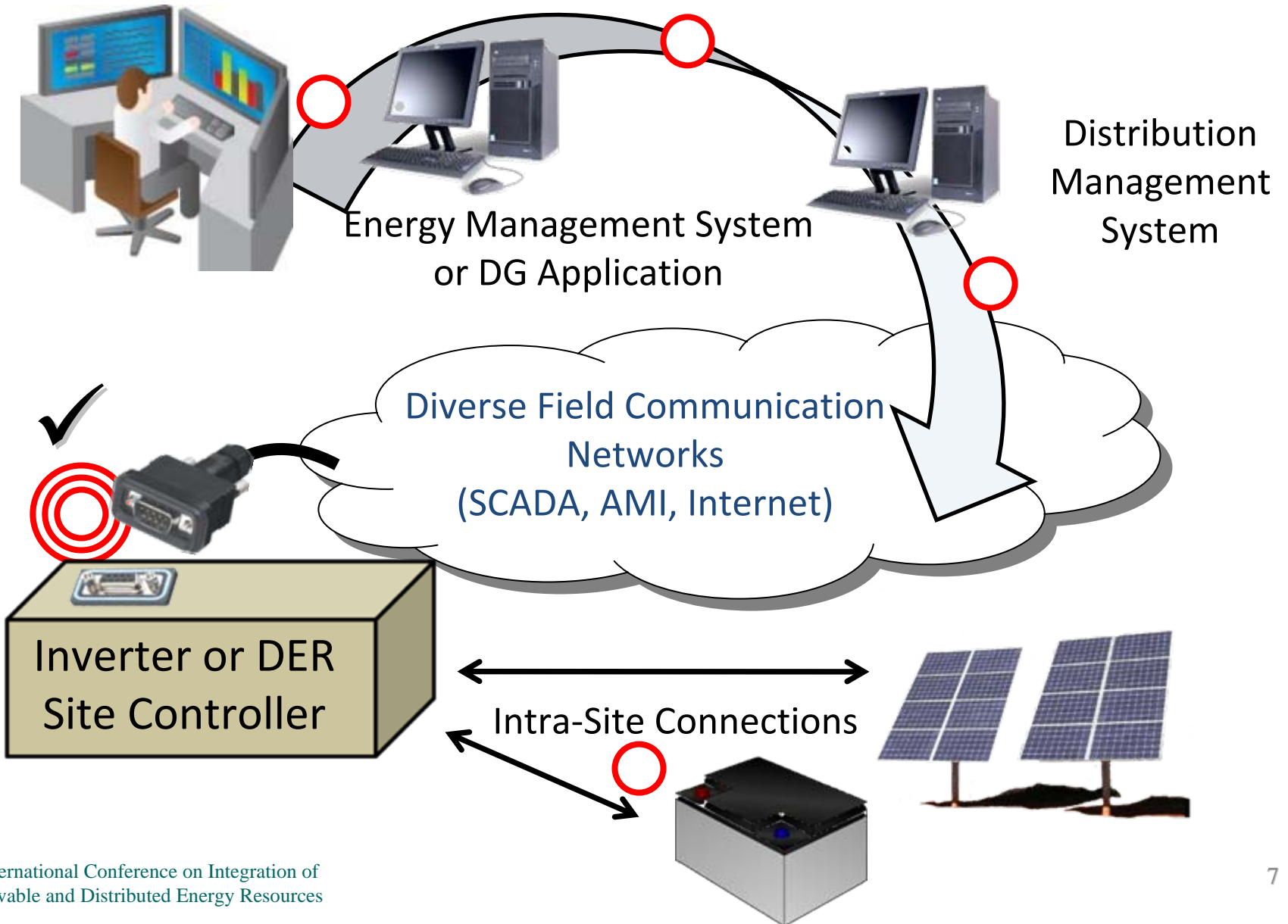
# DNP3 Mapping – What it Could Provide

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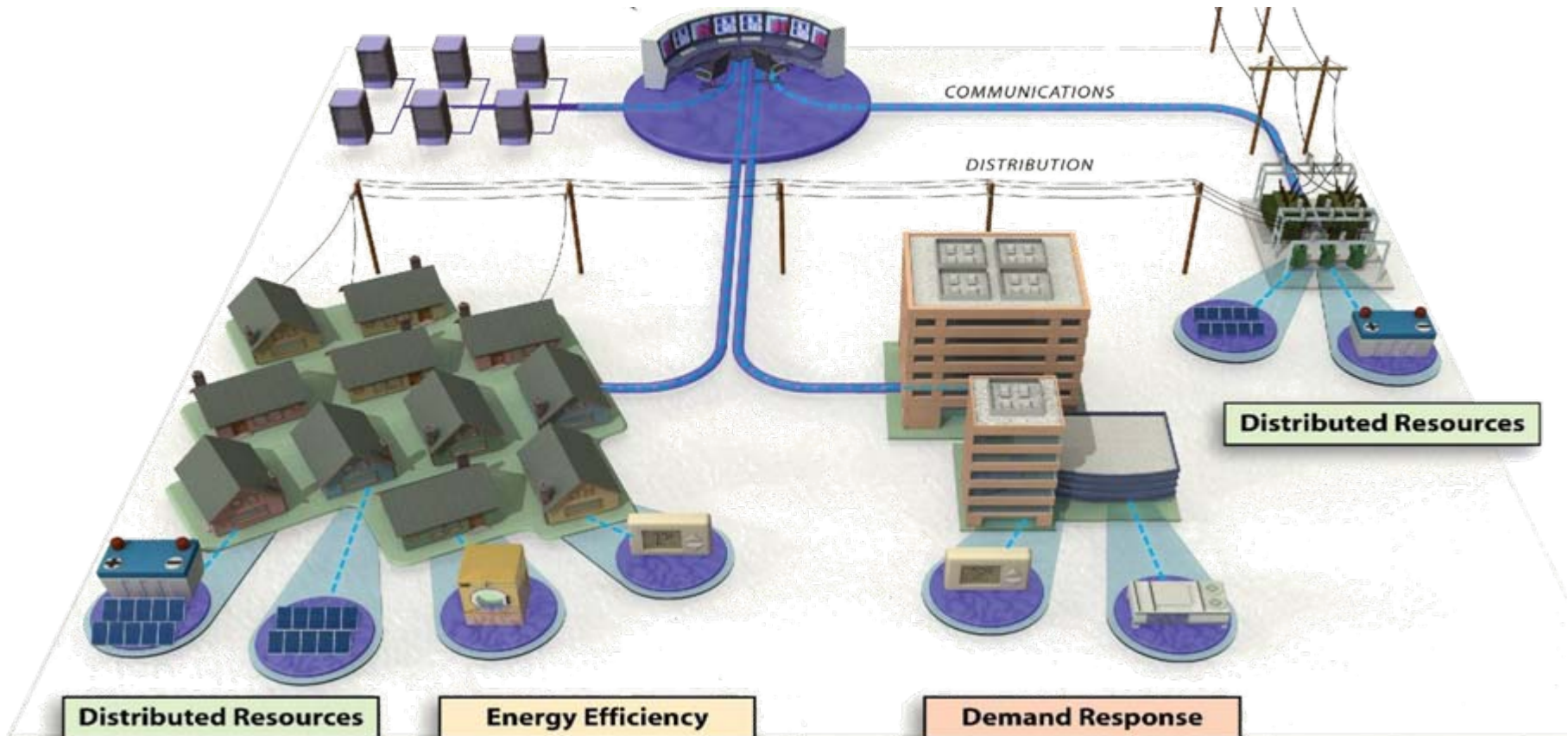
For the Phase 1 Functions :

- An inverter provider could design to these documents and be compatible with multiple types of monitoring and management software/systems.
- A DER management software provider could design to these documents and be compatible with multiple types of resources and inverters.
- An interoperability testing or compliance certification facility could evaluate products of all kinds with one another and against the specification.

# Applicability Focus: The Local Interface



# Vision for Smart Inverters



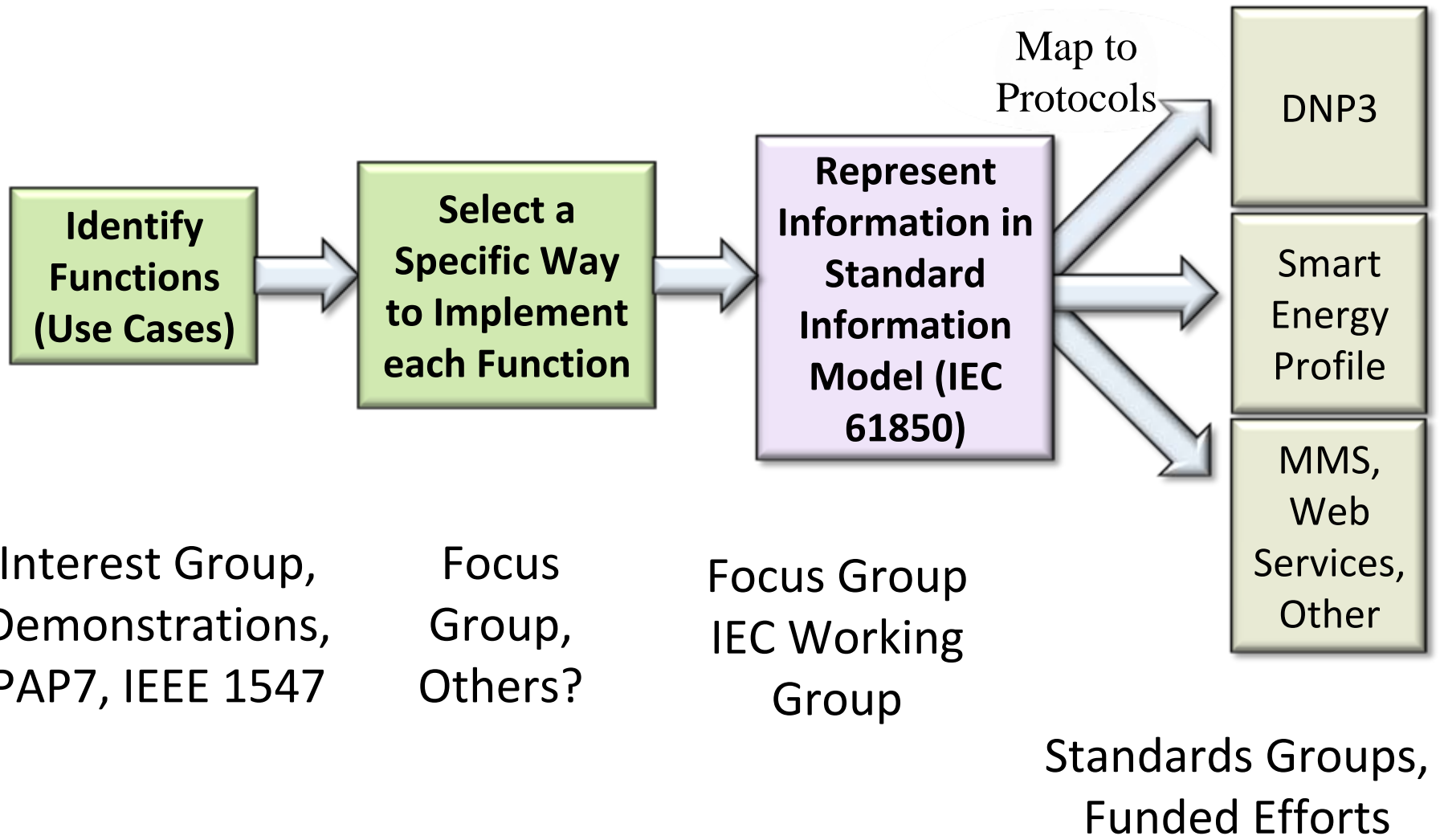
Communication-Connected Distributed Solar and Storage Systems Serving as **Beneficial Distribution System Assets**

# Problem Statement



Need to provide grid operators with **uniform** monitoring and management capability for **large numbers of diverse** inverter systems

# Related Activities and Sequence



# SEP2 Mapping

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- The SEP2 protocol is the most prominent for residential HAN integration.
- Mapping currently in process. Expected to be available for public review from the SEP people by the end of the year.
- Coordinated with SunSpec prior to starting the mapping – included Phase 1 functions plus extensive status/monitoring points defined by SunSpec.

# Phase 1 Functions

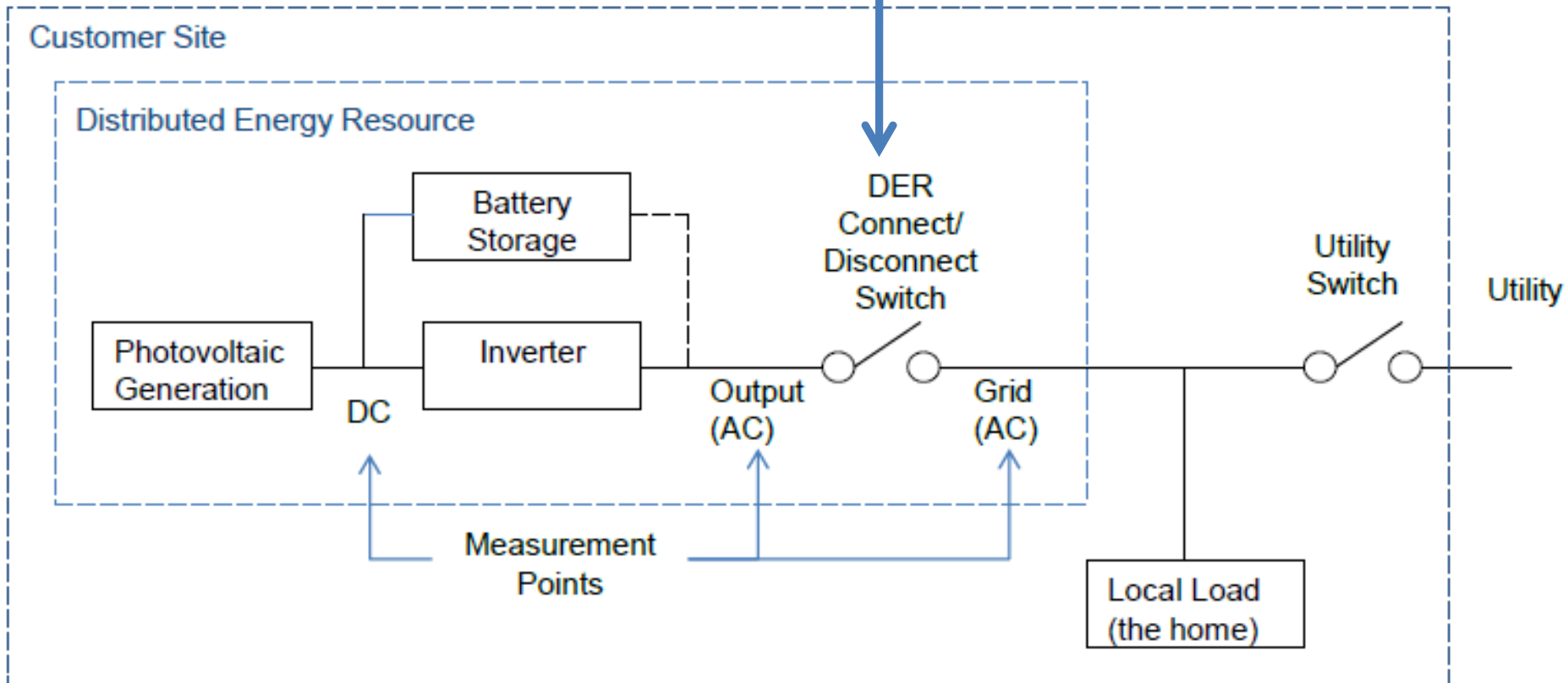
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- Connect/Disconnect – Non Islanding
- Max Generation Level Control
- Smart VAR Management and PF
- Storage Management
- State/Status Monitoring
- Event Logging
- Time Adjustment

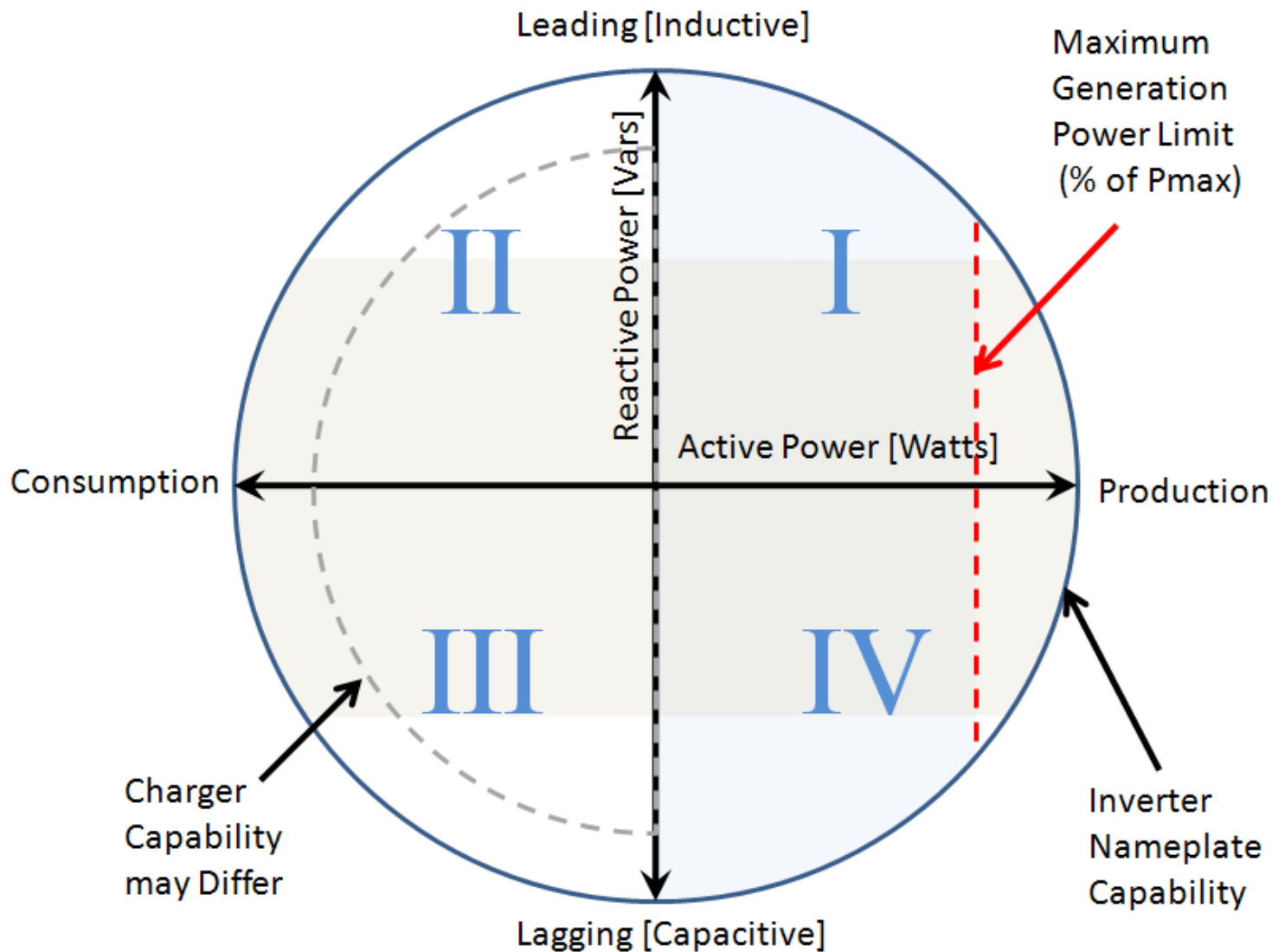
# Connect/Disconnect

Management of this Switch

- Not the same as Power = 0
- Randomizable



# Max Generation Level Control



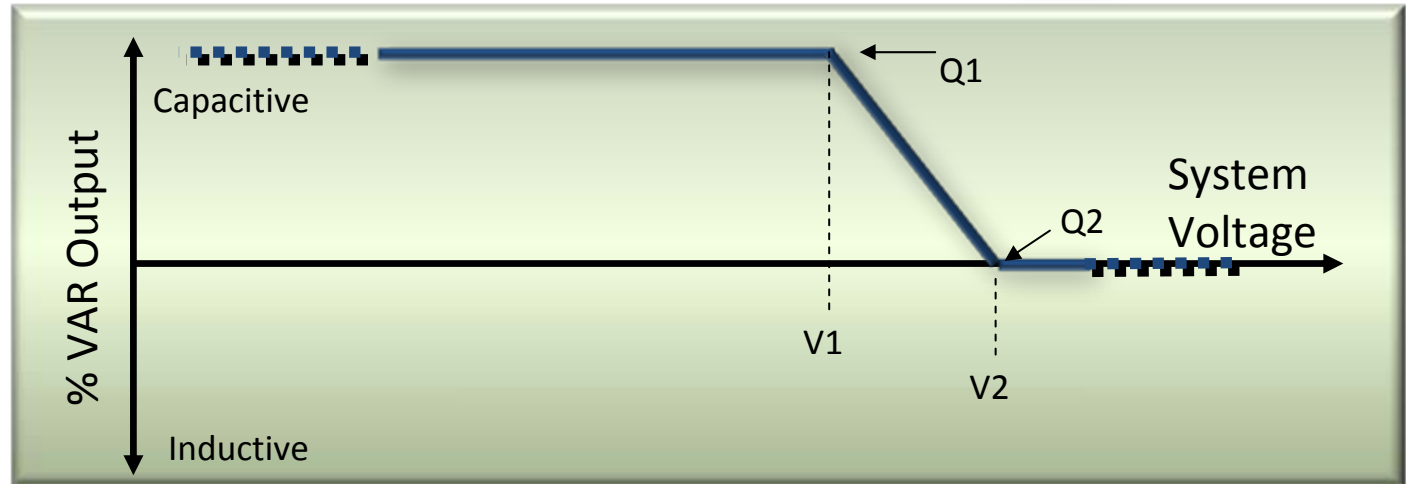
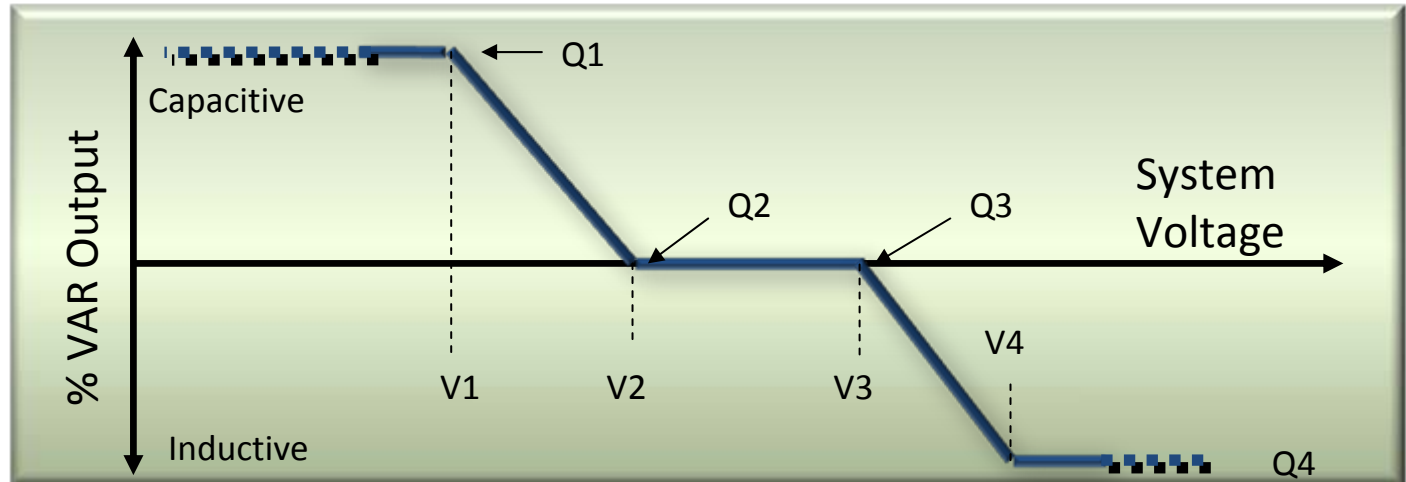
# VAR Management

## Operator-Defined Curve Shapes

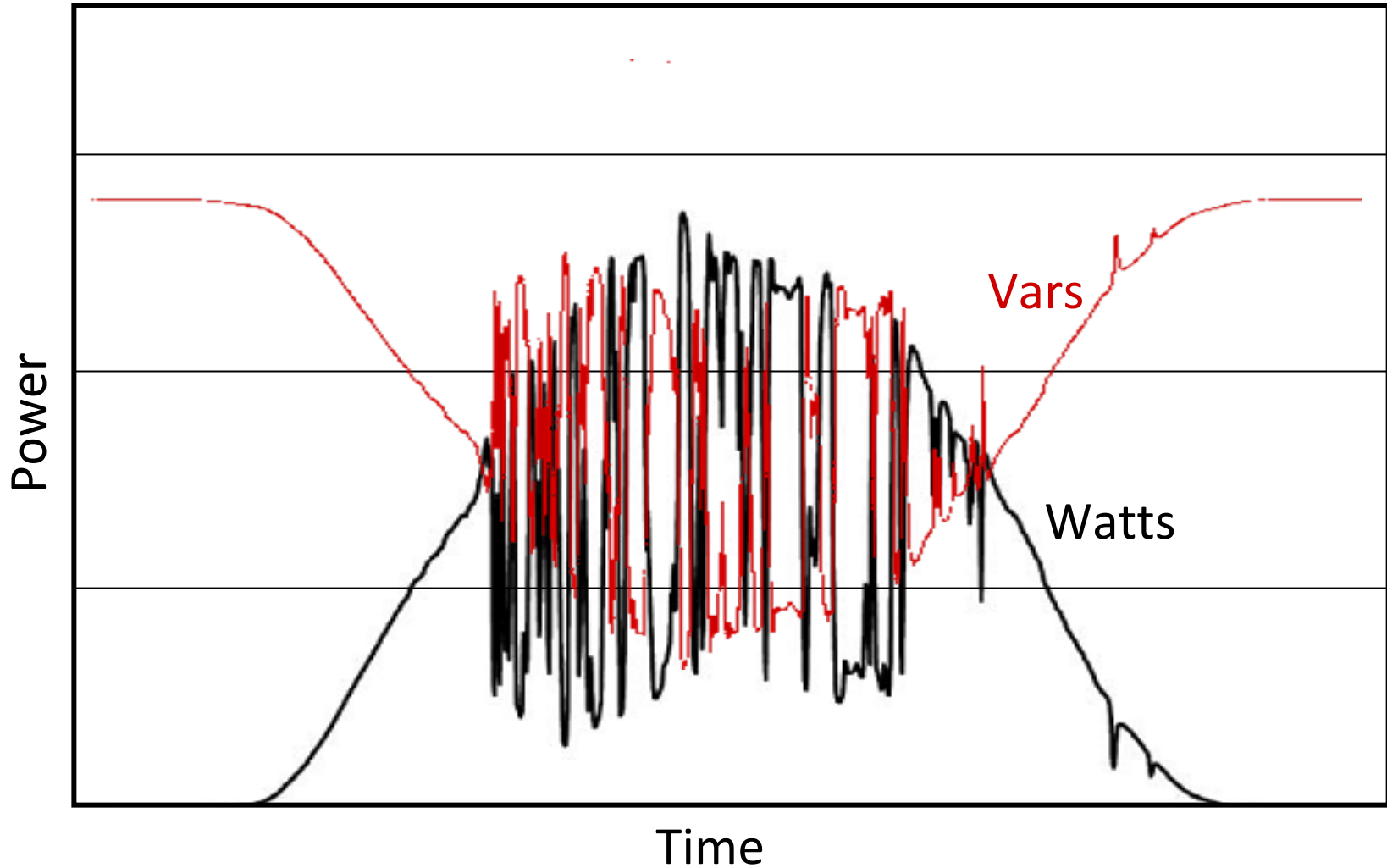
Volt/Var  
Mode 1

Comm  
Broadcas  
t or  
Schedule  
Driven

Volt/Var  
Mode 2



# VAR Management



# Storage Management

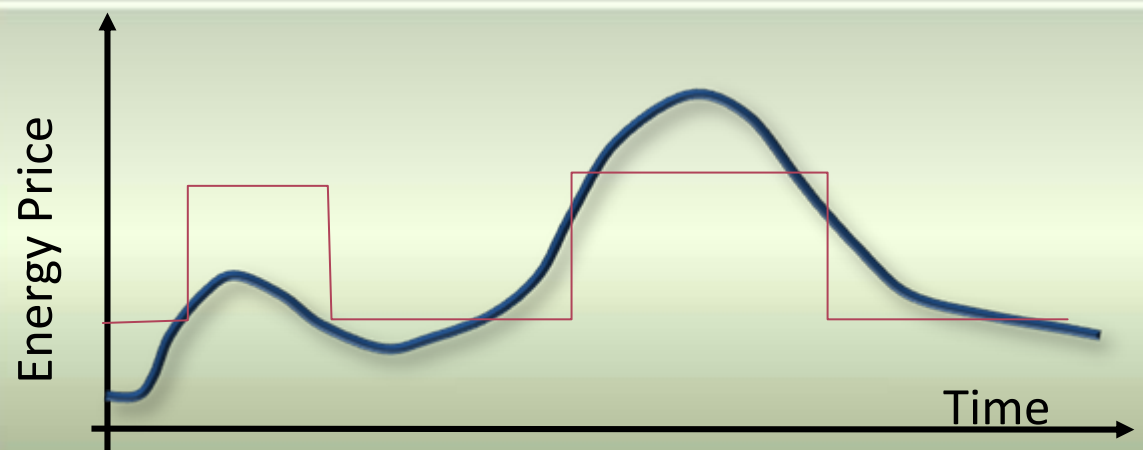
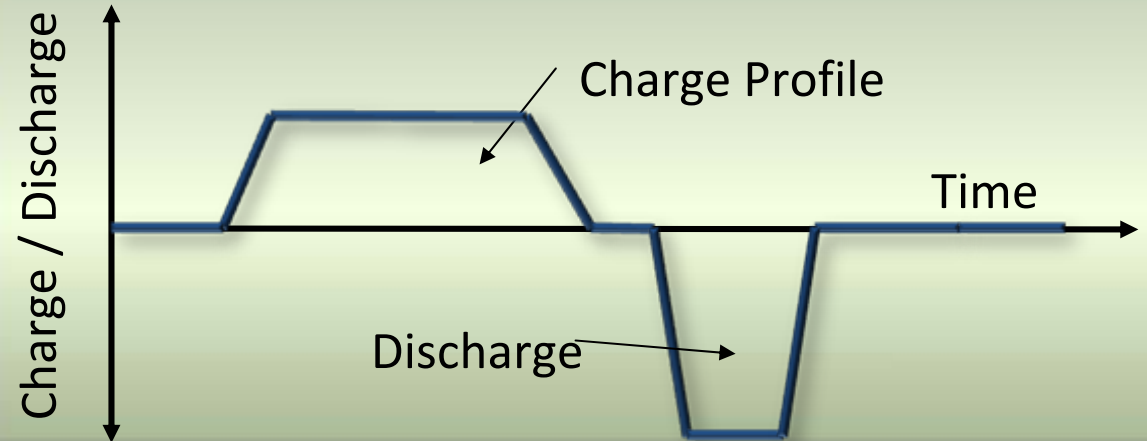
Charge/Discharge  
Command (%)

Charge/Discharge  
Schedule

Price Setting

Price Schedule

- Randomization
- Minimum Charge
- Maximum Rate of Charge/Discharge



# Monitoring & Logging

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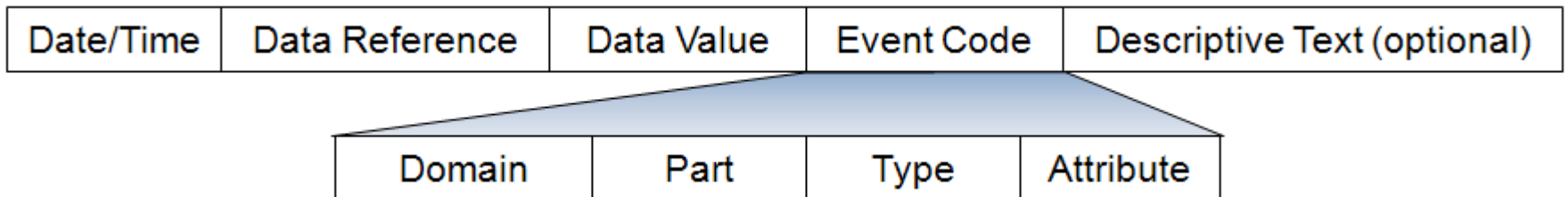
## Monitoring

39 specific status items covered, touching the following areas:

- General Status Information
- Power Measurements
- Battery Storage Status
- Nameplate and Settings

## Logging

- Starting list of 39 event codes identified
- Circular buffers



# Sample Work Products

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## Whitepaper Describing the Overall Initiative

[http://my.epri.com/portal/server.pt?Abstract\\_id=000000000001020906](http://my.epri.com/portal/server.pt?Abstract_id=000000000001020906)

## Phase 1 Functions Defined and 61850-7-420 Mapped

NIST PAP7 Twiki <http://collaborate.nist.gov/twiki-sggrid/bin/view/SmartGrid/PAP07Storage>

EPRI Website [http://my.epri.com/portal/server.pt?Abstract\\_id=000000000001021674](http://my.epri.com/portal/server.pt?Abstract_id=000000000001021674)

## Standard DNP3 Mapping of Phase 1 Functions

Ready for review, available on FTP site. To be released as a DNP3 Application Note for DER

## Standard SEP2.0 Mapping of Phase 1 Functions

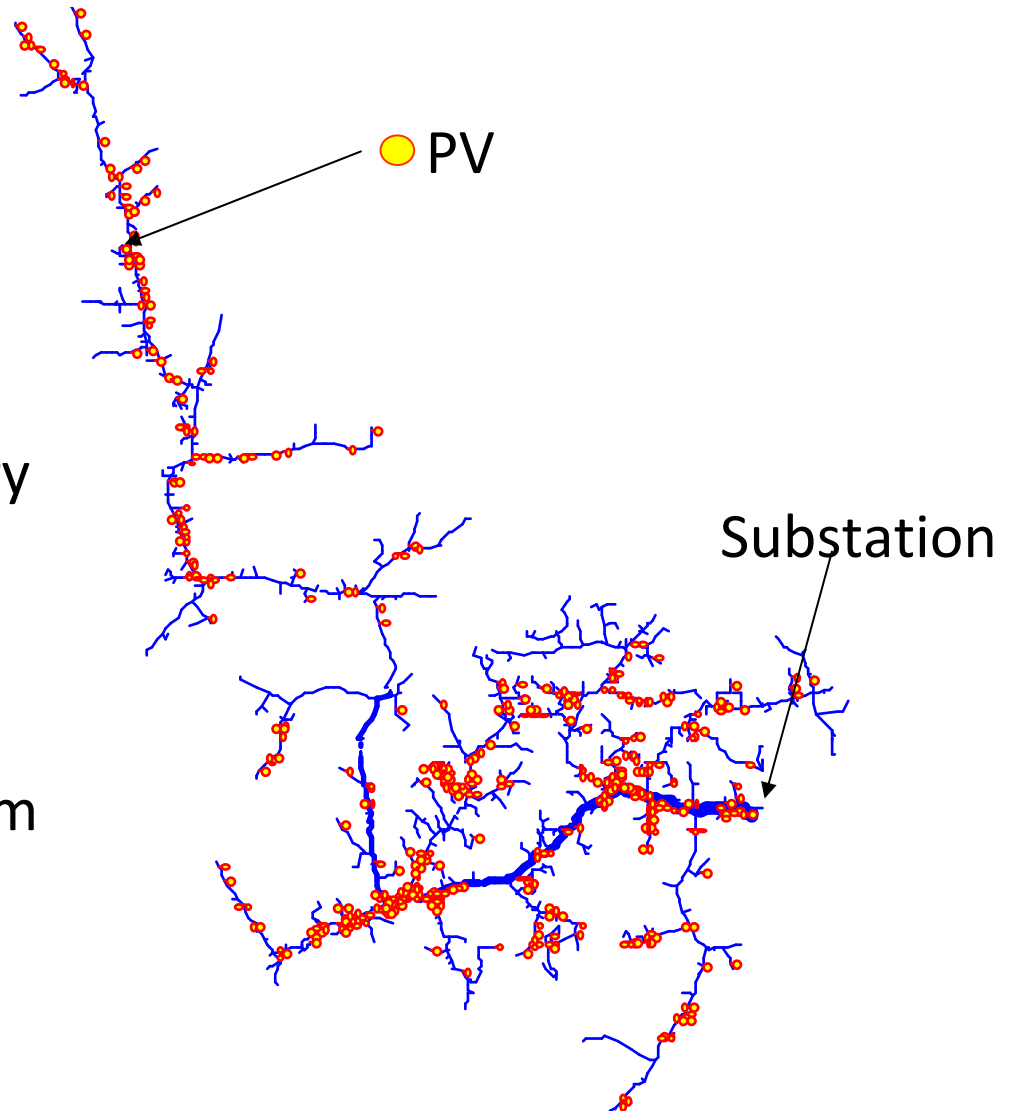
Coordinated with SunSpec. To be part of the SEP2.0 Release

## Meeting Reports, Proposed Phase 2 Work, Documented on the Initiative's FTP Site

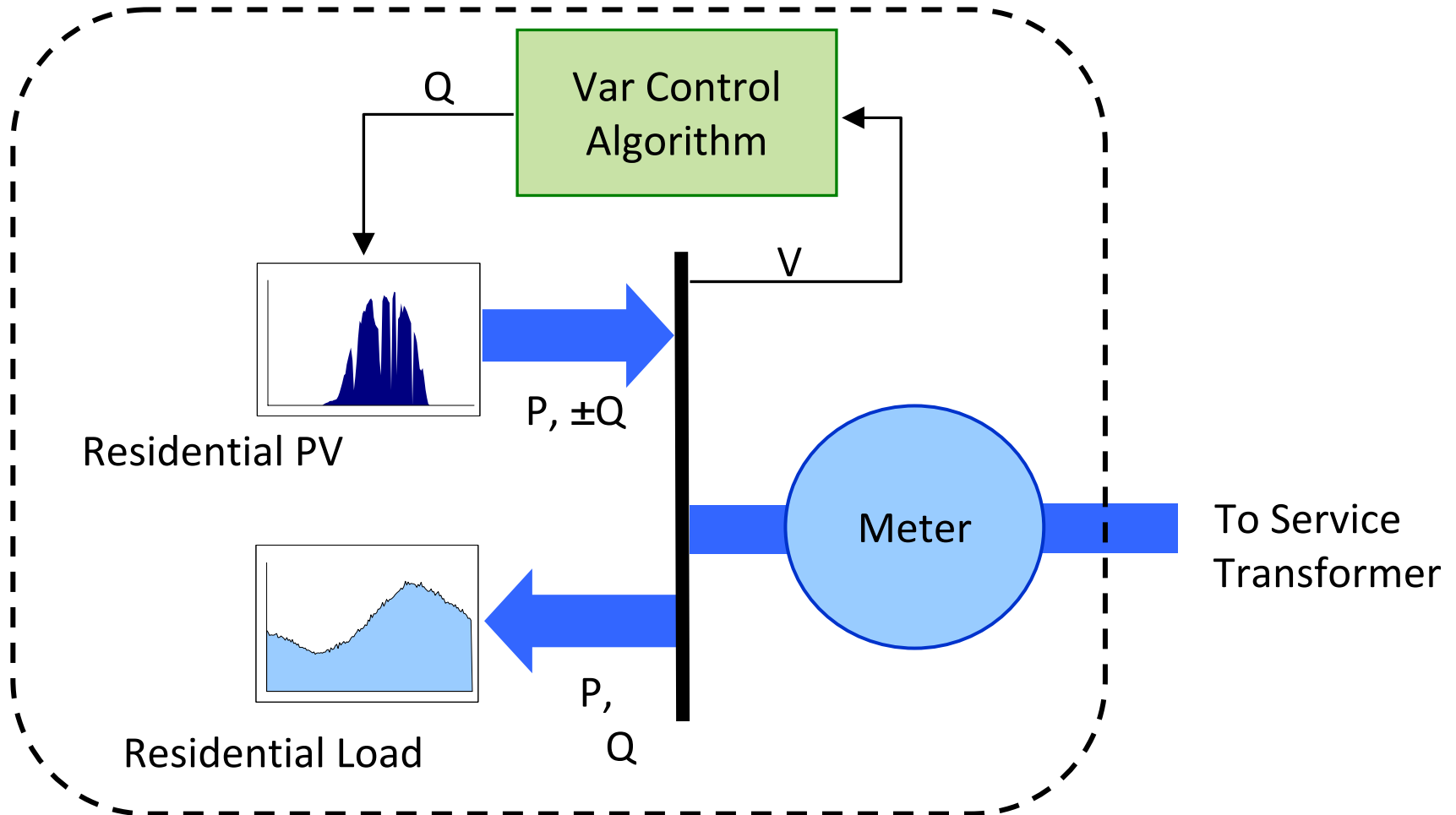
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# Circuit Impact Modeling

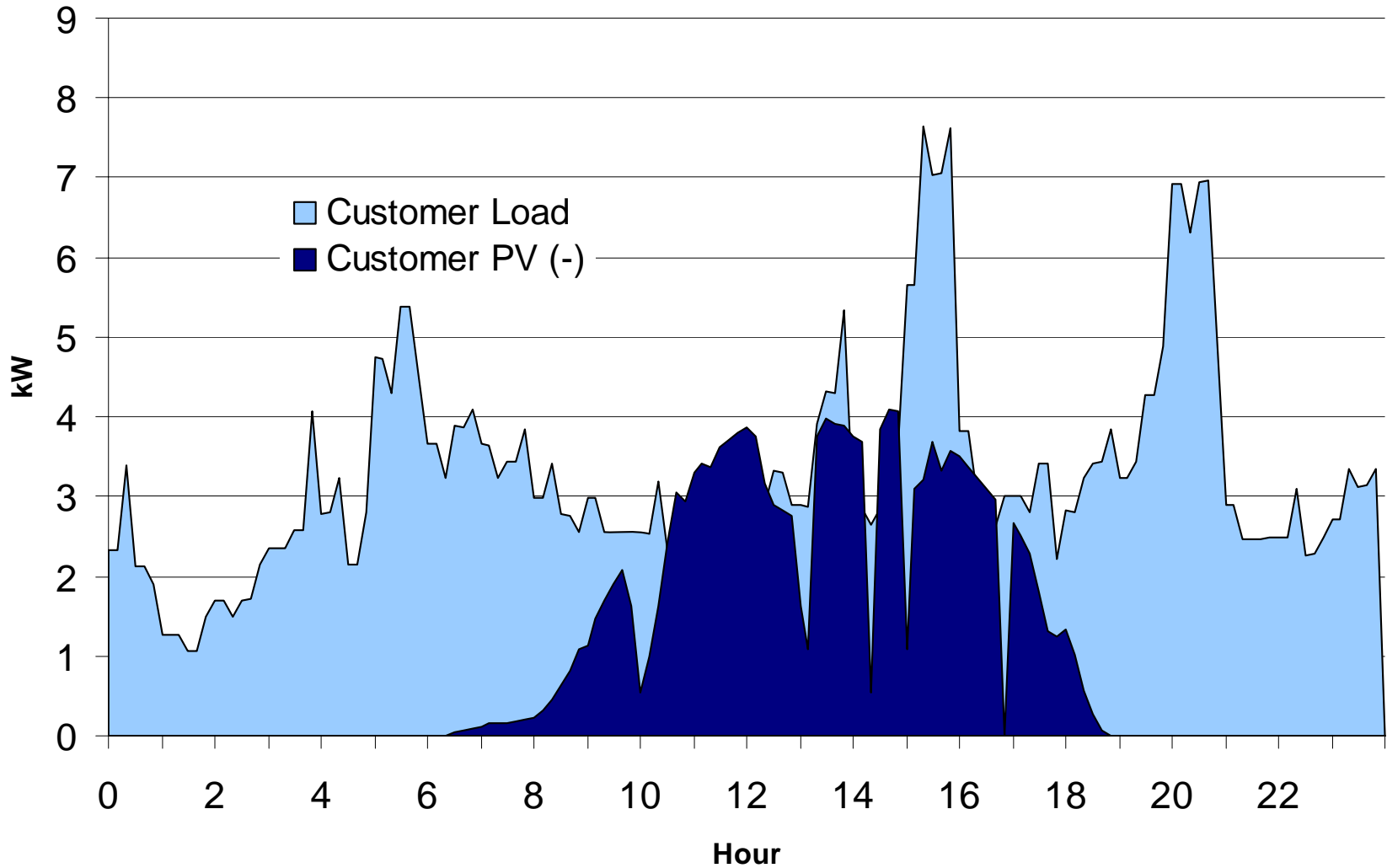
- Actual 12kV feeder
- 1800 customers
- ~10MW Peak load
- ~ 17 mi 3-phase primary
- ~ 115 mi 1-phase primary
- 20% PV penetration, customers randomly selected
- Each with 4KW PV system



# Volt-Var Inverter Simulation Model



# Example PV and Customer Load Shape



# Resulting Effect on Service Voltage

