



# Can IEEE 1547

## Meet Future Industry Needs?



### PV Grid Integration Workshop

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Panel Session 4 -- Interconnection Standards: Utility & Industry Perceptions

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**IEEE 1547**  
**IS:**

**A Technical Standard – Functional Requirements For**

- the interconnection itself
- the interconnection test

**Technology neutral**, e.g., does not specify particular equipment nor type

A single (whole) document of mandatory, uniform, universal, requirements that apply at the PCC.

Should be sufficient for most installations.

**IEEE 1547**  
**Is NOT:**

- a design handbook
- an application guide
- an interconnection agreement
- prescriptive, e.g., does not address DR self-protection, nor planning, designing, operating, or maintaining the Area EPS.

**IEEE 1547.1 is:**  
Test Procedures for Conformance to 1547

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### IEEE 1547 Interconnection Standards Use:

Federal, Regional, State and Local Authorities/Jurisdictions

<p><b>IEEE 1547</b> <b>Interconnection System and Test Requirements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voltage Regulation</li> <li>• Grounding</li> <li>• Disconnects</li> <li>• Monitoring</li> <li>• Islanding</li> <li>• etc.</li> </ul>	<p><b>IEEE 1547.1</b> <b>Interconnection System Testing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• O/U Voltage and Frequency</li> <li>• Synchronization</li> <li>• EMI</li> <li>• Surge Withstand</li> <li>• DC Injection</li> <li>• Harmonics</li> <li>• Islanding</li> <li>• Reconnection</li> </ul>	<p><b>UL 1741*</b> <b>Interconnection Equipment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1547.1 Tests</li> <li>• Construction</li> <li>• Protection against risks of injury to persons</li> <li>• Rating, Marking</li> <li>• Specific DR Tests for various technologies</li> </ul>	<p><b>NEC</b></p> <p>Article 690 PV Systems:</p> <p>Article 705: interconnection systems (shall be suitable per intended use per UL1741)</p>
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**PJM Interconnection, Inc.**  
**Small Generator Interconnection Standards**  
**FERC approved**  
(0-to-10MW and 10-to-20 MW; incorporate 1547 and 1547.1)

\* UL 1741 supplements and is to be used in conjunction with 1547 and 1547.1

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### Interconnection Standards: Industry & Utility Perceptions

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Panel kickoff questions:

IEEE Std 1547

- What does it do for you?
- What does it not do for you?
- What would you like it to do?

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## IEEE SCC21 1547 Workshop: May 17-18, 2012

- **Location:** IEEE HQ, 445 Hoes Lane; Piscataway, NJ 08854
- **Registration required (no later than May 3):**  
<https://web.memberclicks.com/mc/quickForm/viewForm.do?orgId=iecs&formId=115634>
- **Registration fee:** \$150 before 26 April 2012 and \$200 after this date.
- **IEEE 1547 Workshop Technical Ideas Submittal:**  
**Deadline: May 7, 2012**  
you must use the Technical Idea Submittal Form at  
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/STD1547>
- **More information is at:**  
<http://grouper.ieee.org/groups/scc21/1547.8/email/>



# IEEE 1547 and High Penetration PV

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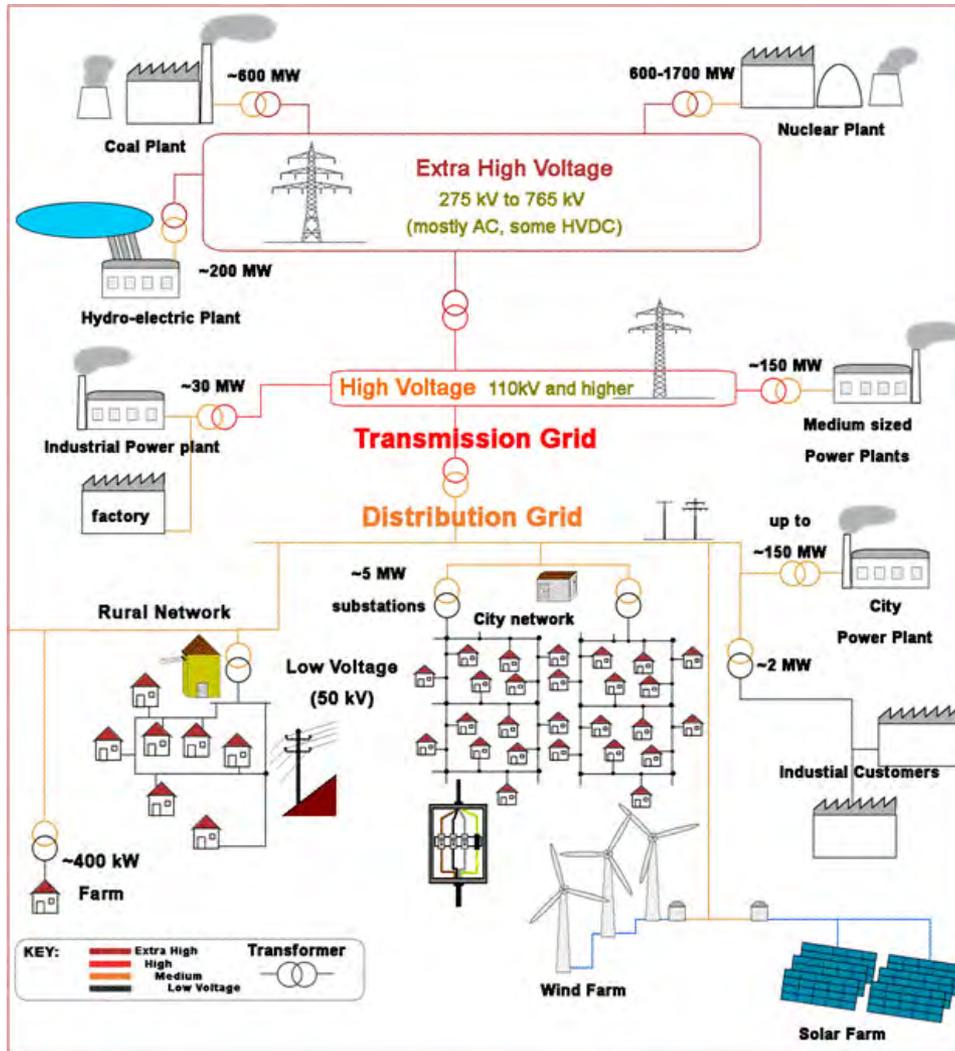
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# One system, different rules



Bulk System Guidelines  
**NERC, FERC**  
 ANSI, IEC, NESC

Plenty of technical and jurisdictional overlap, confusion, contradiction...

Distribution System Guidelines  
**IEEE 1547**, PUC/PRC  
 ANSI, IEC, NEC

# IEEE 1547 – Key Provisions

- Voltage and frequency trip thresholds

Voltage Range (% Nominal)	Max. Clearing Time (sec) *
$V < 50\%$	0.16
$50\% \leq V < 88\%$	2.0
$110\% < V < 120\%$	1.0
$V \geq 120\%$	0.16

(\*) Maximum clearing times for DER  $\leq$  30 kW;  
Default clearing times for DER  $>$  30 kW

Frequency Range (Hz)	Max. Clearing Time (sec)
$f > 60.5$	0.16
$f < 57.0$ *	0.16
$59.8 < f < 57.0$ **	Adjustable (0.16 and 300)

(\*) 59.3 Hz if DER  $\leq$  30 kW

(\*\*) For DER  $>$  30 kW

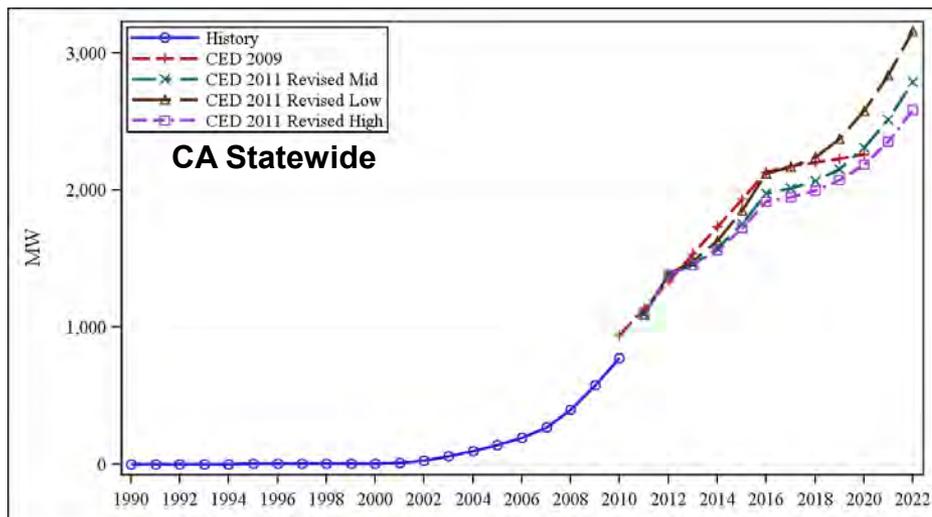
- Additional disconnection requirements
  - Cease to energize for faults on the Area EPS circuit
  - Cease to energize prior to circuit reclosure
  - Detect island condition and cease to energize within 2 seconds of the formation of an island (“anti-islanding”)

# Opposite Points Of View

- Distribution System – IEEE 1547 Domain
  - Bulk generation and voltage support is “infinite” – who cares!
  - Main concern is protection coordination, power quality, and safety during and after distribution system events
  - **DG must trip** outside specified voltage vs. time and frequency vs. time envelope
- Bulk Power System – NERC Domain
  - Distributed generation capacity is too small – who cares!
  - Main concern is maintaining frequency and local voltage (grid security) during and after transmission system events
  - **Generators must not trip** inside specified voltage vs. time and frequency vs. time envelope

**As DG penetration increases, these opposing points of view must be reconciled.**

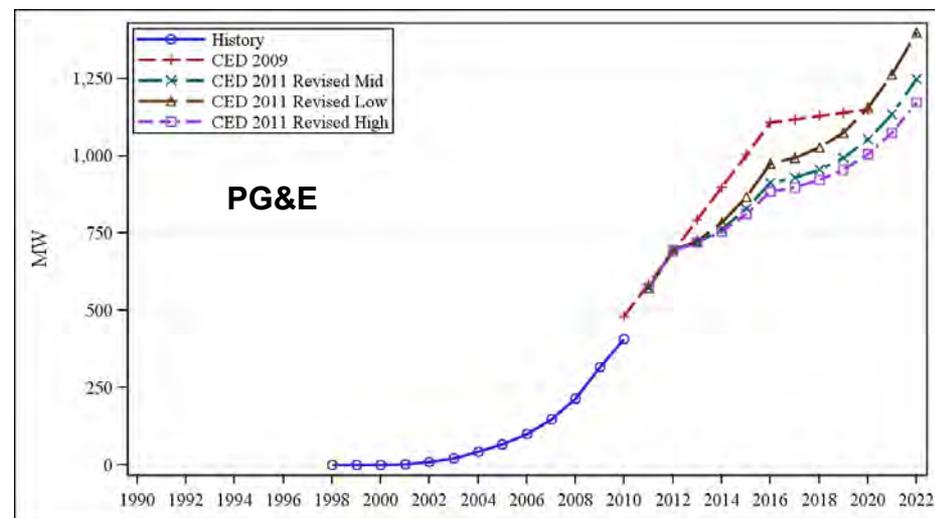
# High Pen Distributed PV Scenario Developing!



Data for distributed PV in CA

Message: We are on a steep part of the growth curve

Source: Gautam, California Energy Demand 2012-2020 – Revised Staff Forecast, IEPR Committee Workshop – Feb 2012.



# Why is This an Issue... Now?

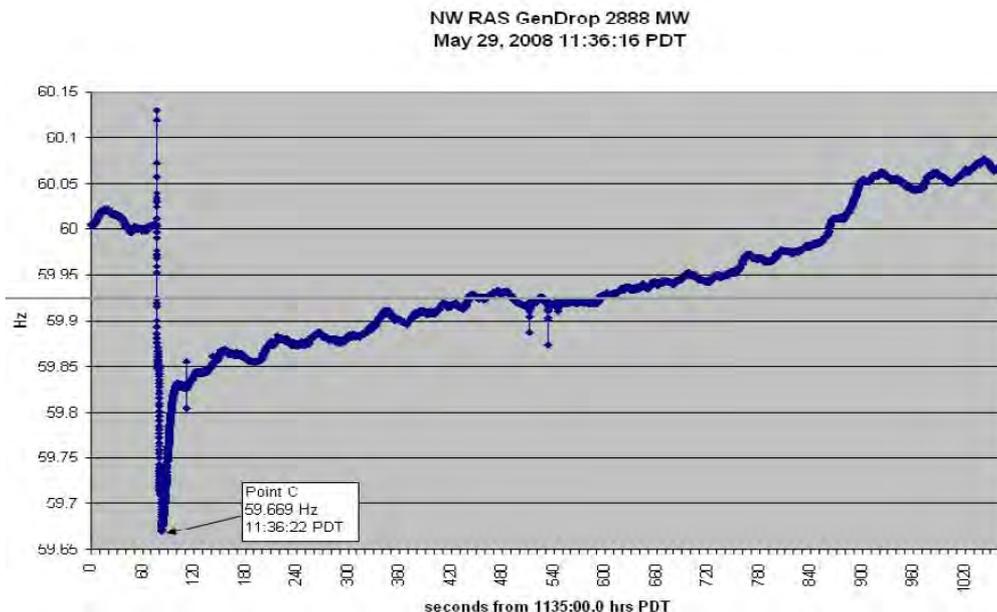
- Address growing exposure to tripping of large amounts of DG due to system disturbances

Two specific drivers:

1. Maintain bulk grid stability (e.g., disturbance tolerance per NERC requirements)
  - Voltage Stability, Frequency Stability
2. Generation supply reliability and cost
  - DG contribution to capacity and other ancillary services
  - Cost of additional spinning reserves

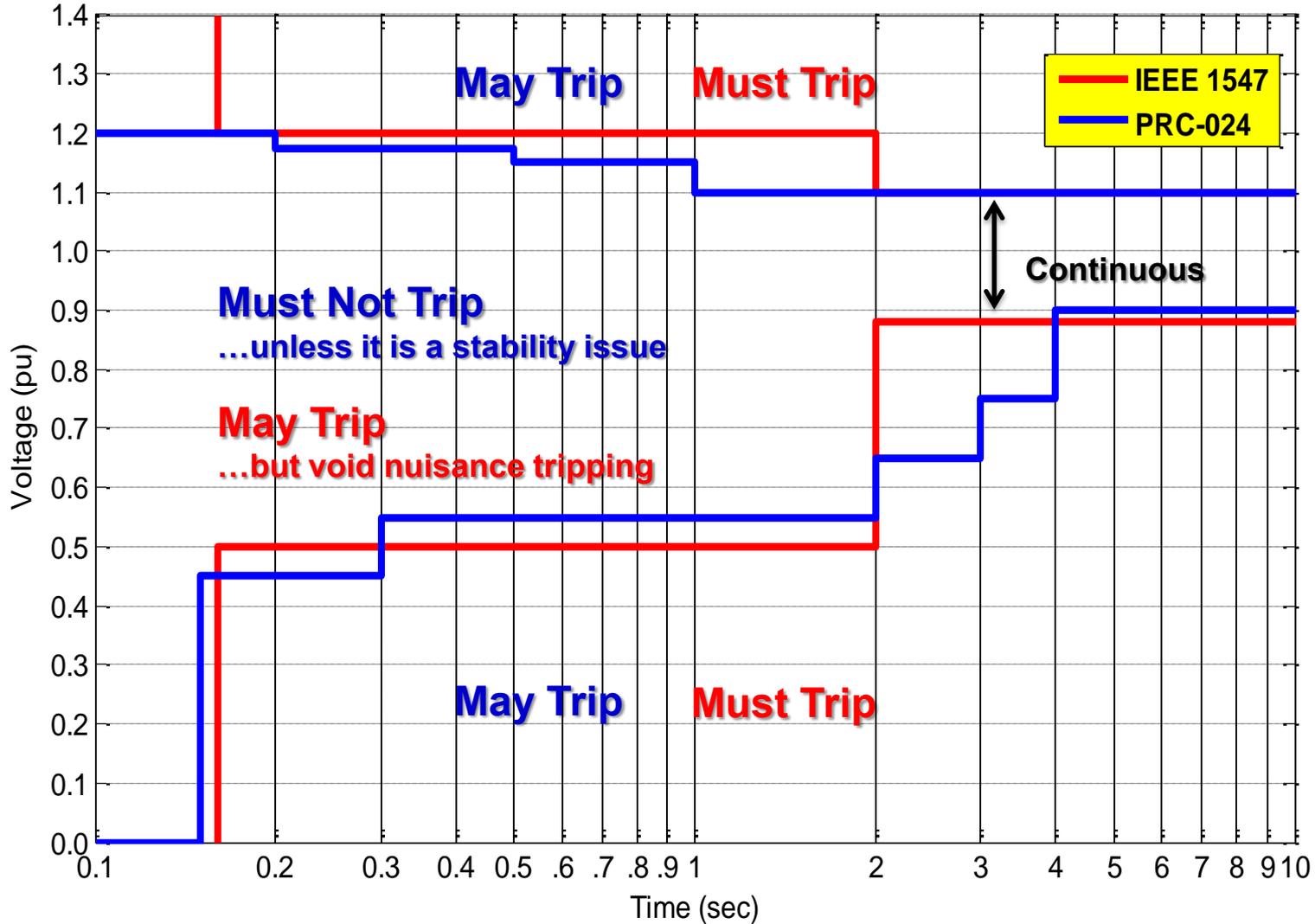
# Tolerance to Frequency Events

- Excessive DG tripping during a high or low frequency could affect interconnection frequency performance
  - Could impact spinning reserves
  - High frequency tripping is currently a concern in Germany
    - Recent standard revisions: High-frequency droop, higher trip level



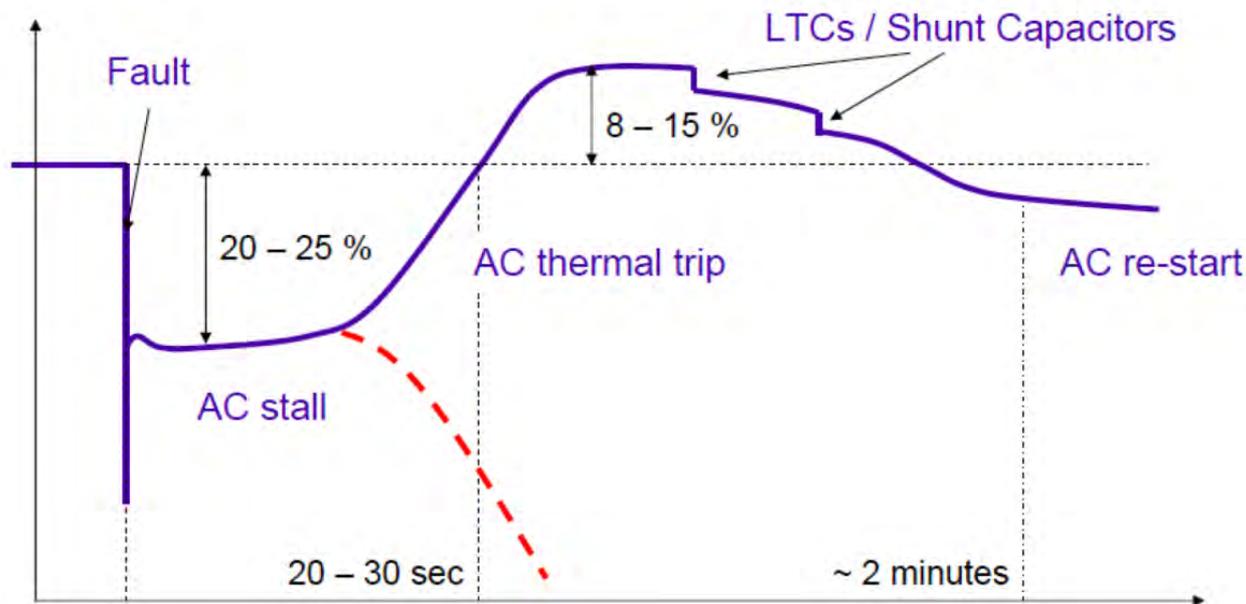
Example of generator trip event and low frequency in WECC (2008)

# Voltage: IEEE 1547 Vs. NERC PRC-024



# VRT and Voltage Stability

- Excessive DG tripping due to lack of fault tolerance could cause or exacerbate voltage instability
  - Net active/reactive load post-fault would be larger than pre-fault
  - Could exacerbate fault-induced delayed voltage recovery (FIDVR)



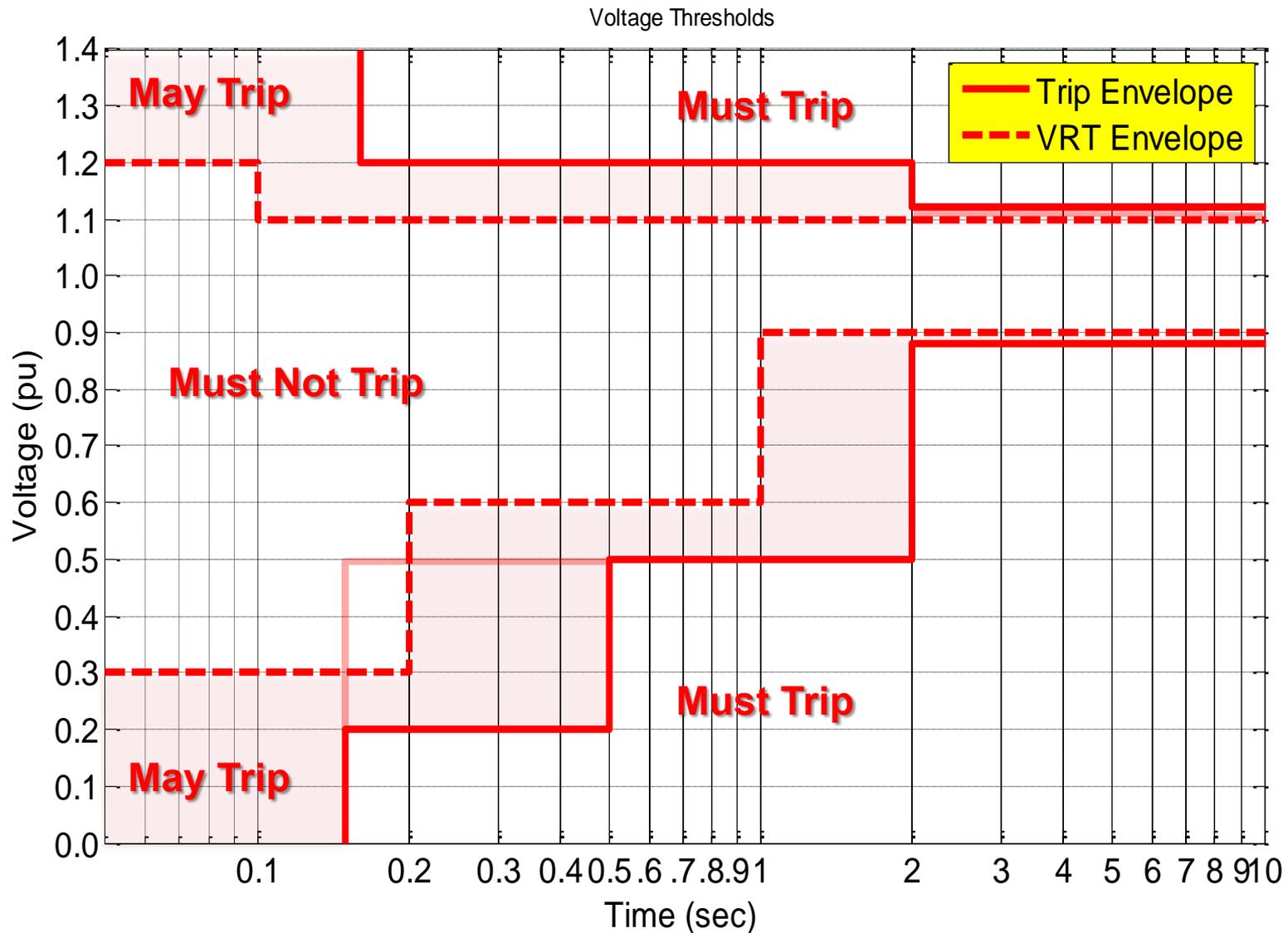
FIDVR event in  
Southern California  
Following a 230-kV  
Transmission Fault



# Some IVGTF 1.7 Ideas (unofficial)

- Some VRT capability is needed
  - No need for ZVRT considering DG density
  - VRT can co-exist with anti-islanding and volt/var capability (requirements involve different time frames)
- May need to keep a Must Trip curve as well
  - Must Trip voltage/freq. thresholds used in anti-islanding
  - Could be existing IEEE 1547, with some adjustments
    - Consider relaxing low voltage threshold (for fault tolerance)
    - Consider relaxing continuous high voltage threshold (address inverter nuisance tripping)
- Need a reasonable “buffer” between VRT and Must Trip envelopes (both time and voltage dimensions)

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# Thank You!

More information:

<http://energy.sandia.gov/pv>

<http://energy.sandia.gov/wind>

<http://www.sandia.gov/ess>

<https://solarhighpen.energy.gov>