

Leveraging Open-Source Tools to Advance Industry Capabilities: OpenDSS

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Landscape – The Future Integrated Grid



Power System that is Highly Flexible, Resilient and Connected and Optimizes Energy Resources



Integrating New Technologies and Advanced Resources

- Grid-edge control
- Automation
- *PV*
- Storage
- Advanced metering
- Demand response
- Customer choice
- Adv Communications





Advanced Distribution Operations

- Advanced Applications
 - Volt/var optimization
 - Fault location, isolation, and restoration (FLISR)
 - Unbalanced power flow with distributed controls
 - Optimal network management
 - Contingency analysis
 - Operator training
 - Predictive failure
- Enabling
 - Effective integration of distributed resources, automation and control, and improved situational awareness
 - Enhanced system operation and automation technologies, processes, and work rules that incorporate new technologies and resource alternatives to improve safety, efficiency, and reliability
 - Integration and coordination of DSP and ISO processes and priorities

Distribution Management System Diagram

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| Future | | | | | DMS | Adv | ance | d Ap | plica | tion | S | | | | DMS GUI | | | |
| Market Dispatch Technical Dispatch | Training Simulator | Outage Management | DA / FLISR | /olt/VAR Optimization | Fault Location | Optimal Network | Switch Order Mgmt | Restoration Switching | Load Shedding | Demand Response | Dynamic Ratings | Predictive Failure | Contingency Analysis | Short Term Forecast | Visualization | Controls | Clearance / Tagging | Alarming / Notification |

Core DMS Functions

Distribution System State Estimator Unbalanced On-Line Power Flow Historian - Real Time Data and IED Event Records Distribution System "As Operated" Model – Managed by OMS Distribution System "As Designed" Model – GIS is the "gold standard"

I/O, Data, and Control Interface

| MDMS | | DSC | ADA | DERMS | | | | | |
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| AMI | Subs | DA | VVO | Sensors | Storage | DER | DR | | |
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Advanced Distribution Planning

- Advanced Capabilities
 - Probabilistic planning
 - Load and DER forecasting
 - DER/customer choice modeling
 - Hosting capacity assessment
 - DER Interconnection screening
 - Non-wires solution assessments
 - DA/DMS simulation
 - Automated scenario/mitigation analysis

Enabling

- Effective integration of distributed resources, new automation and control, and facilitation of new domain interactions
- Informed system design and investment decisions that consider new technologies and resource alternatives
- Safe, reliable, and efficient system designs given rapidly changing system conditions and uncertainty
- Efficient and timely planning assessments and decisions





Integrated Transmission and Distribution Operations and Planning





Advanced Distribution System Analysis Platform Open-Source Distribution System Simulator (OpenDSS)

New Technologies



Planning





Operations



Integrated Transmission and Distribution Analysis





OpenDSS – Brief Overview

- Open source of EPRI's Distribution System Simulator
 - Originally developed in 1997 for DG interconnection and planning
 - Open-sourced in 2008
- Designed from the beginning to capture
 - Time-specific impacts and
 - Location-specific impacts
- Unique application capabilities
 - Operations and planning
 - Integration into other simulation toolsets/environments
 - Co-simulation (power and communications)

Core Solution Capability Full, unbalanced 3P power flow Quasi-Static time-series analysis (QSTS) Linear and non-linear analysis Arbitrary n-phase circuit analysis Harmonics analysis Stray voltage/current analysis Fault analysis **DER Models** Smart inverters (Phase I, II, and III functions) Storage models with controllers PV system models Wind system models Demand response Microgrid modeling **DER Short-circuit models Advanced Control Systems** Coordinated and integrated volt/var control **DERMS** control Full regulation control for LTC's, line regs, cap banks **High-Performance Computing Capabilities** Parallel processing Multithreading circuit processing Multi-core management Misc Both radial feeders and meshed networks Transmission systems **Real-Time Simulation**



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