

**ARPA-E Workshop: Accelerating Grid Technology Introduction and Deployment**

# **resilient, Cyber Secure Centralized Substation Protection (*rCSP*)**

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# Industry Recognized Problems without Near Term Solutions

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- Relay mis-operations (10%) is a global reality which causes major disturbances and blackouts.
- Inverter dominated power systems exhibit new characteristics leading to more relay mis-operations
- Inability to detect hidden failures in protection and control and self-heal the system.
- Vulnerabilities: Cyber-attacks on protection, control and operation (false data and malicious control).
- Inability to provide fast full state feedback for fast control practices

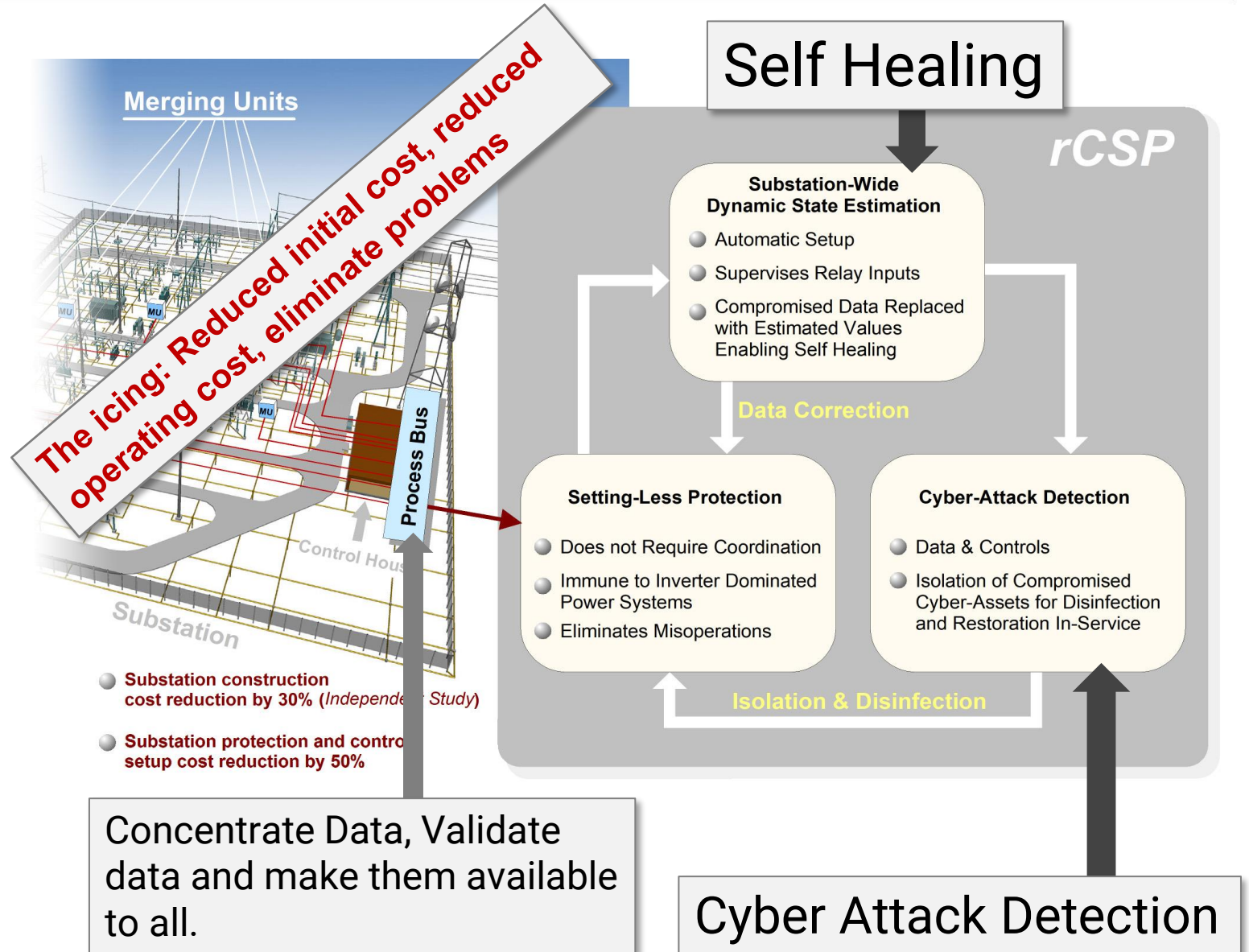
# rCSP : resilient and secure Centralized Substation Protection (ARPA-e)

Eliminates Relay Unreliability (mis-operations) by: Estimation Based Protection: fast (sub msec), reliable, immune to inverters.

Real time monitoring of the health of the protection and control system by software approach.

- (a) validates data,
- (b) identifies anomalies including hidden failures, and
- (c) self-heals system against anomalies.

Differentiates between system faults and cyber-attacks with almost zero false positives.






# Team


**Core Members:** A. P. Meliopoulos, George J. Cokkinides (Technology Experts, Integration)

**We work with many graduate students who would like to join a startup if the conditions and compensation is attractive** (Siyao Cai, Zhengrong Chen, Zan Yang, Kayla Thames, Adam King, Abdulaziz Qwbaiban, Fahad Alsaeed)

**Industry members who would like to continue working with us:**

- Paul Myrda, Evangelos Farantatos  ELECTRIC POWER RESEARCH INSTITUTE
- Ramadan Elmoudi, Bruce Fardanesh 
- Clifton Black, Alec Kumpf 

**World Class Commercialization Team:**

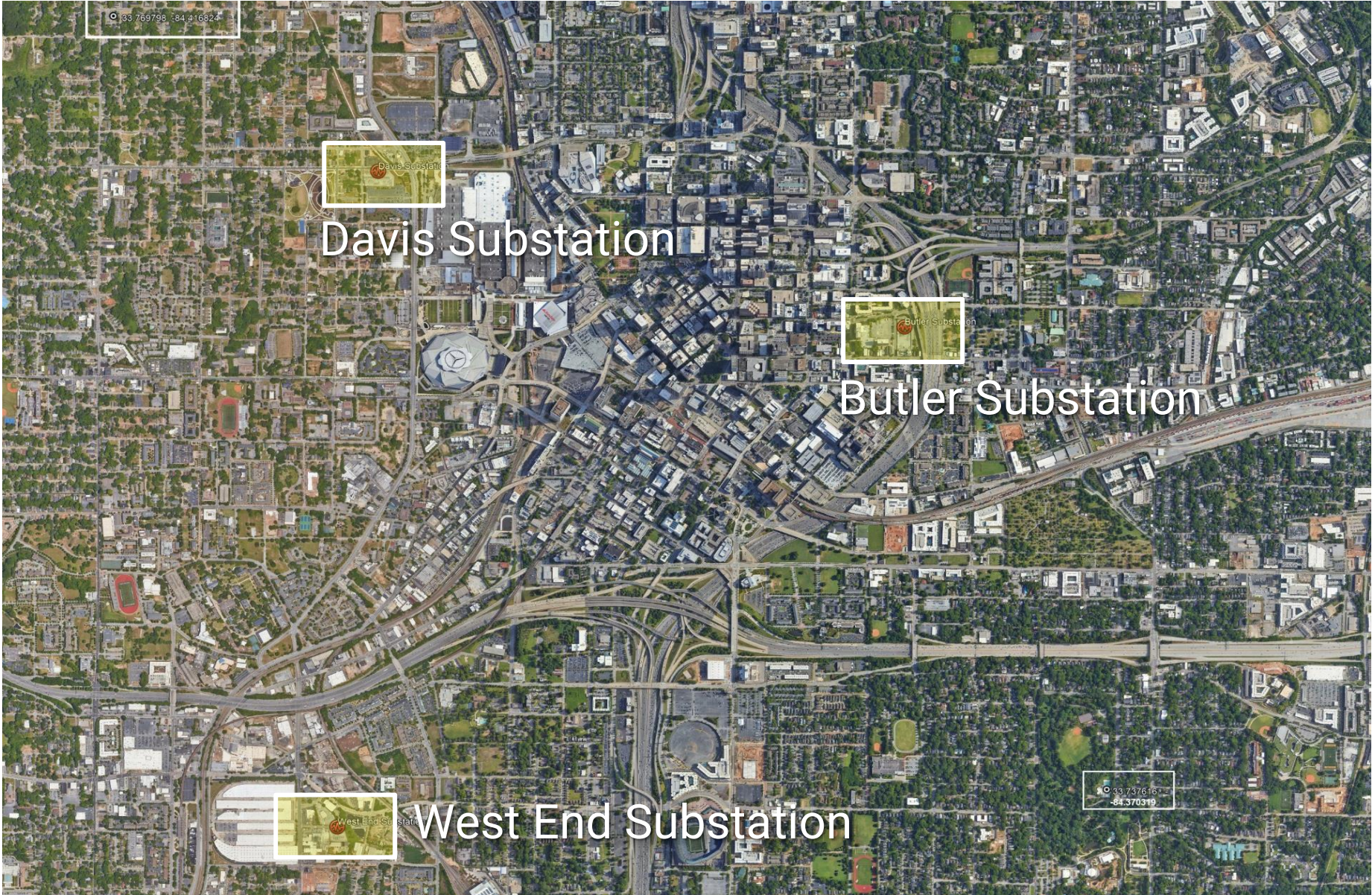
- David Zabetakis, Z.evolution, llc.
- Harshita Mira Vankatesh,  Breakthrough Energy
- Sakis Meliopoulos, George Cokkinides (Georgia Tech)
- DeeAnne Abernathy, APC



# Pilot Programs: Field Verification and Validation

## *Pilot programs*

Example of one utility in the Atlanta area



# Example Pilot Project

## Each Installation Runs the Following Functions (Technology Summary)

- Dynamic State Estimation Based protection.
- Substation centralized protection.
- Hidden failure detection and self-healing.
- False data and malicious control detection, isolation and disinfection - real time cyber security
- Full state feedback control (Closed Loop OPF)

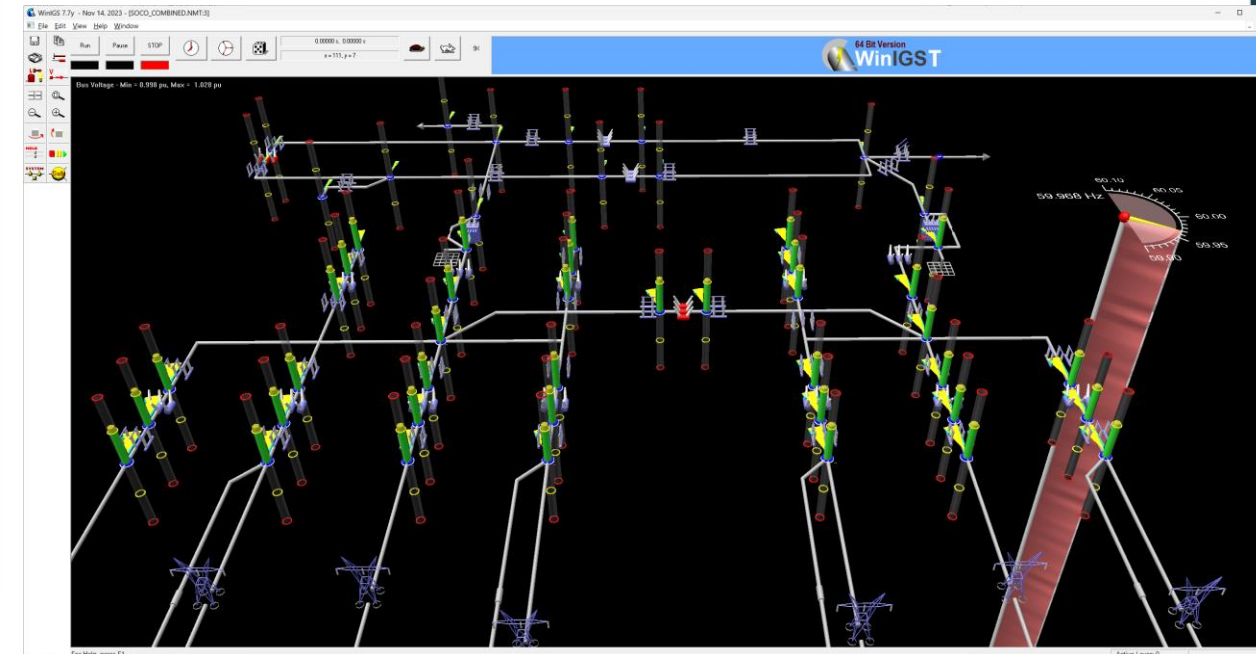
## Master

- System Wide Dynamic State Estimation



Front Panel View

Example Visualization  
Substation Operating Conditions



# Market

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- A 300 billion a year industry depends on protection and control (P&C) system reliability.
- rCSP is the basic enabling tool to **(a) provide operational security, (b) eliminate mis-operations of protection and control, and (c) operate the system securely under compromised conditions (cyber attacks).**
- Basic tool for the Digital Substation. Enables substantial savings - more than 30% in CAPEX and more than 50% in OPEX.
- Savings from drastic reduction of disturbances are potentially huge (2005 estimated cost of outages is 28 to 169 billion)
- In-field, real-time continuous assessment of the health of protection and control and self-healing in case of failures.

# Development Plan

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5 year plan to commercialize: demonstrations, more pilot projects, field assessments, documentation of technology merits.

## Early Adopters



(Two more in discussions)

## Manufacturers interested in joining commercialization efforts



Advisory team of industry experts for guidance.

**We will work with utilities and other electric energy system stakeholders interested in being early adopters of this new technology.**