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# TVA AUTOMATED FAULT LOCATION

# Outline

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- ③ Industry Fault Location Projects
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- ⑥ Future State of Fault Location at TVA

# About TVA

## Corporate Snapshot

**Name:** Tennessee Valley Authority

**Industry:** Utilities

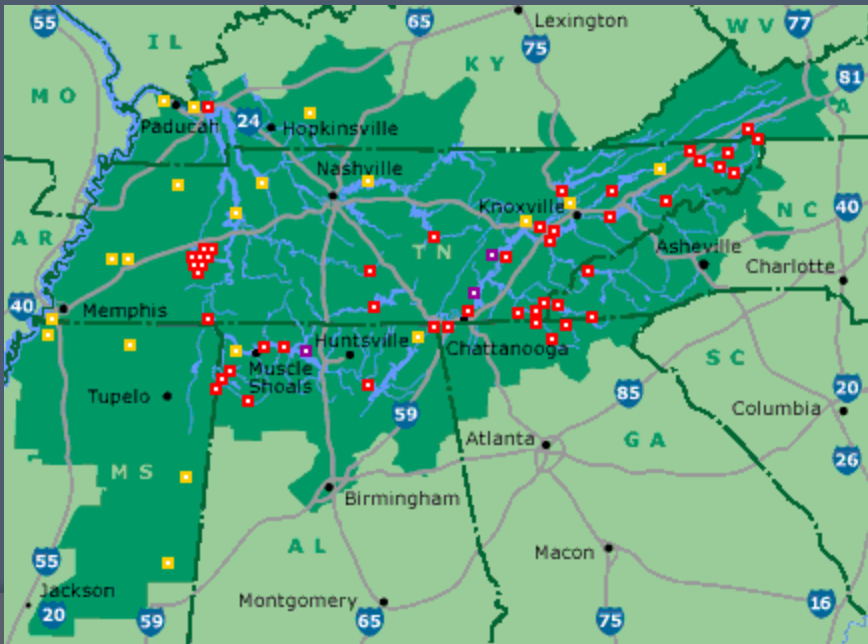
**Sales Revenues:** \$11.7 billion

**Power Sales:** 167 billion kwh

**Financing:** Receives no appropriated tax dollars

**Employees:** 12,000

**Taxes:** Paid nearly \$530 million in tax equivalent payments



## Our VISION



ONE OF THE NATION'S LEADING PROVIDERS OF LOW-COST AND CLEANER ENERGY BY 2020

Acting to meet the region's needs for the future, while improving our core business today.



Low Rates



High Reliability



Responsibility



Cleaner Air



More Nuclear Generation



Greater Energy Efficiency

# Motivation for Automating Fault Location

- ① Higher Customer Satisfaction
- ① Improved Reliability
- ① Reduced Time to Repair Failure
  - Dispatching field resources more quickly, accurately

# Automated Utility Fault Location Projects

- Con Ed
- Detroit Edison
- San Diego Gas & Electric

# Con Ed

## Flow Chart



# Detroit Edison

- Algorithm
- Positioning
  - Location
  - Location
  - Location
- Other
  - Resolution
  - Inaccuracy
- RMS
  - Accuracy

DECO.REDRUN\_T101\_40kV - 01/17/2012 08:06:01.1848

**Electrotek Concepts**

Auto Zoom  
 Add LL  
 Show Derived

Data Store:  
 PQ-Monitors

Station:  
 DECO\_SUPER\_T101\_40kV

Line:  
 TRK 1553

Fault:  
 06/01/2011 02:28:19.9730 AM

DTE Energy -  
 -1,499,24287.613

Fault filters: specific fault  
 Line action filtering:  
 Require faulted phases

Fault details: [View in WebPO/View](#)  
 Fault Type: Phase A, B  
 Estimated XTF: 1.4185826173963  
 Actual XTF: 1.3994619051454

Record: 14  
 Show  
 v. 1.0.1

Green symbol is calculated.  
 Red symbol is actual trouble location that is added to the database after fault is found.

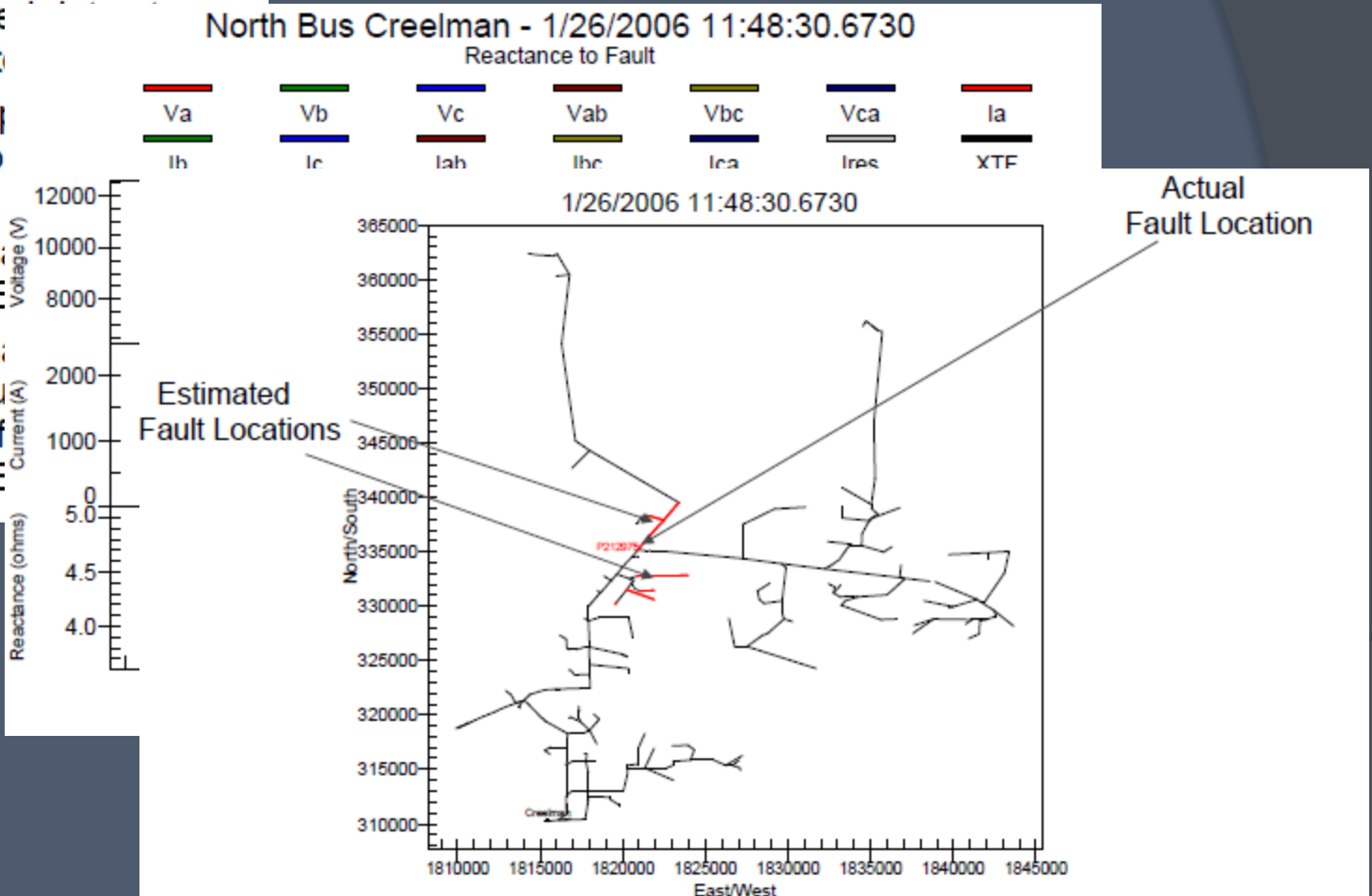
System Supervisors use an event list report to open specific fault location imagery with the intranet fault map.

Source: Overview of Automatic Subtransmission Fault Location System at DTE Energy – Andrew Dettloff, Dan Sabin

# SDG & E

## Mechanics

- Use monitored substations to
- Calculate impedances using monitored View
- Match calculated to SynerGEE
- Display problem on one-line using coordinates of SynerGEE





# OPRI Fault Location: The "OpenFLE" initiative

Create a common gathering place for **data interface capability (Input)**

Create a common gathering place for algorithms and knowledge related to **calculating fault location (Processing)**

Create a common gathering place for **user interface (Output)**

Platform independent

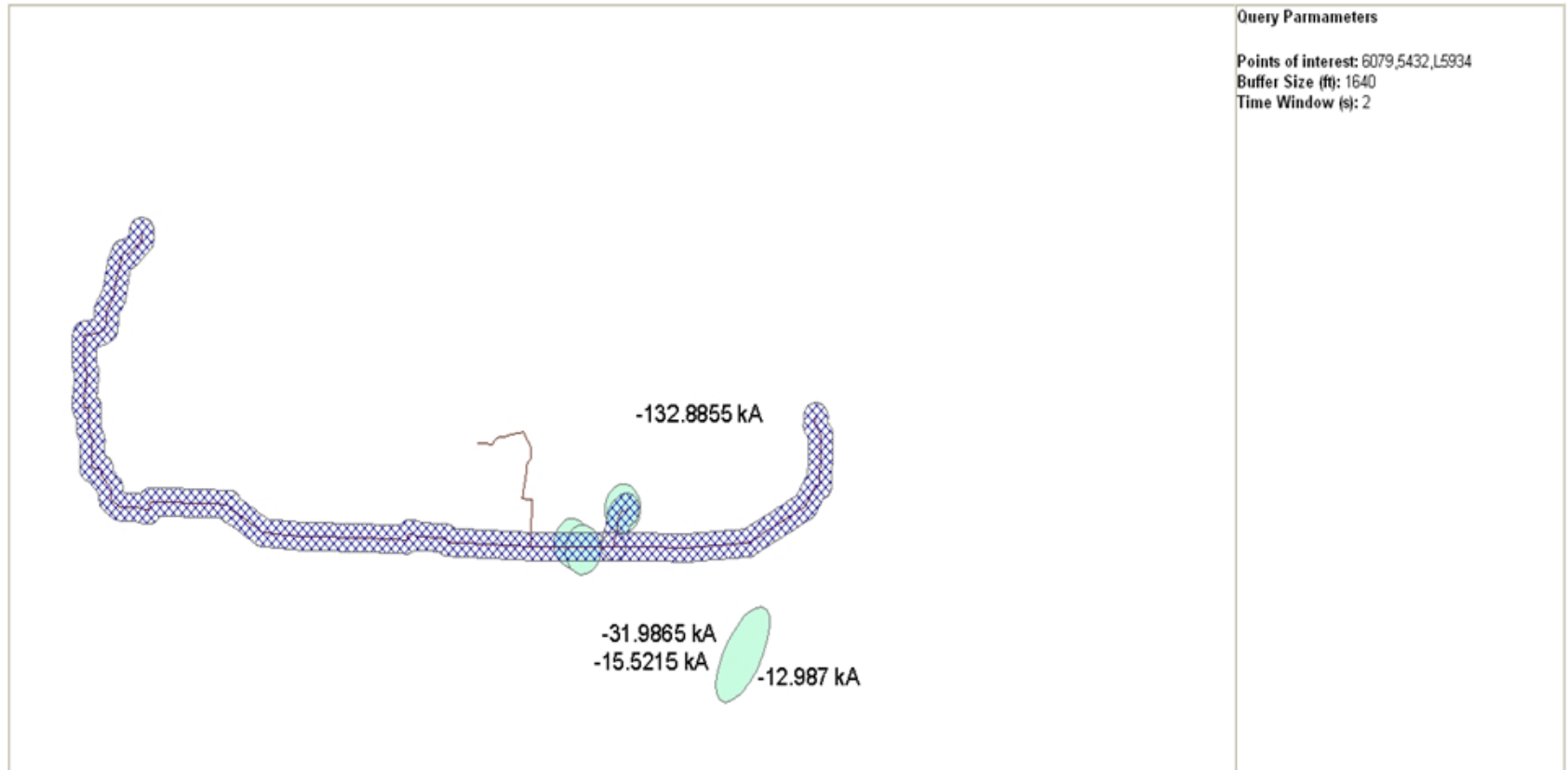
Multiple providers and applications

# EPRI Fault Location Research Projects

- ① Capacitor Bank Failure
- ① Transformer Health Assessment
- ① Distribution Fault Anticipator
- ① Lightning

# TVA Automated Fault Location Efforts

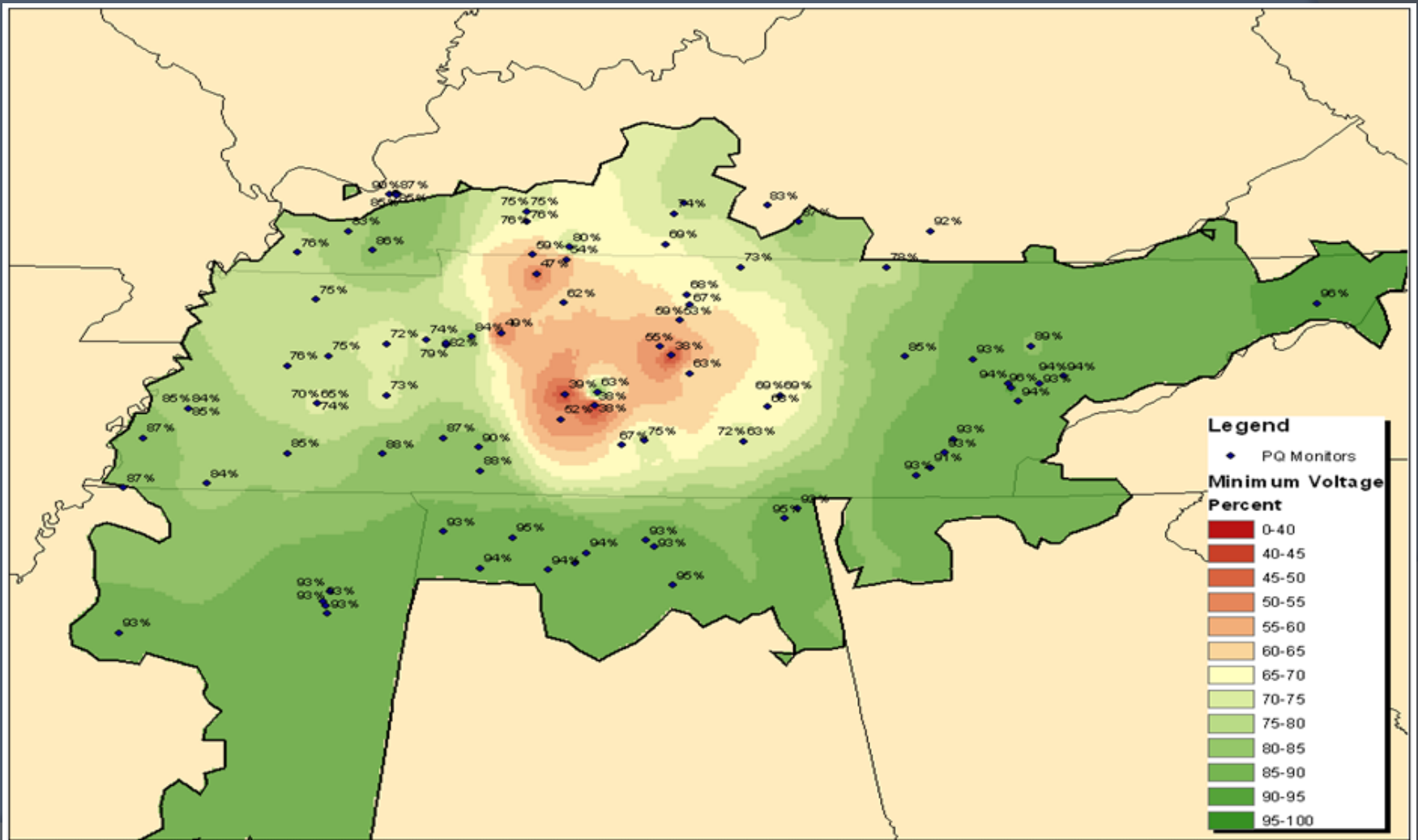
Event Date: 09/06/2009 11:17:51 PM



Event Time	Peak kA	Latitude	Longitude
09/06/2009 11:17:49 PM	-15.5215	34.90445	-89.84736
09/06/2009 11:17:49 PM	-31.9865	34.90257	-89.84213
09/06/2009 11:17:49 PM	-132.8855	34.91631	-89.82483
09/06/2009 11:17:49 PM	-132.8855	34.91631	-89.82483

Found: 4

# TVA Automated Fault Analysis Efforts



# Punchline

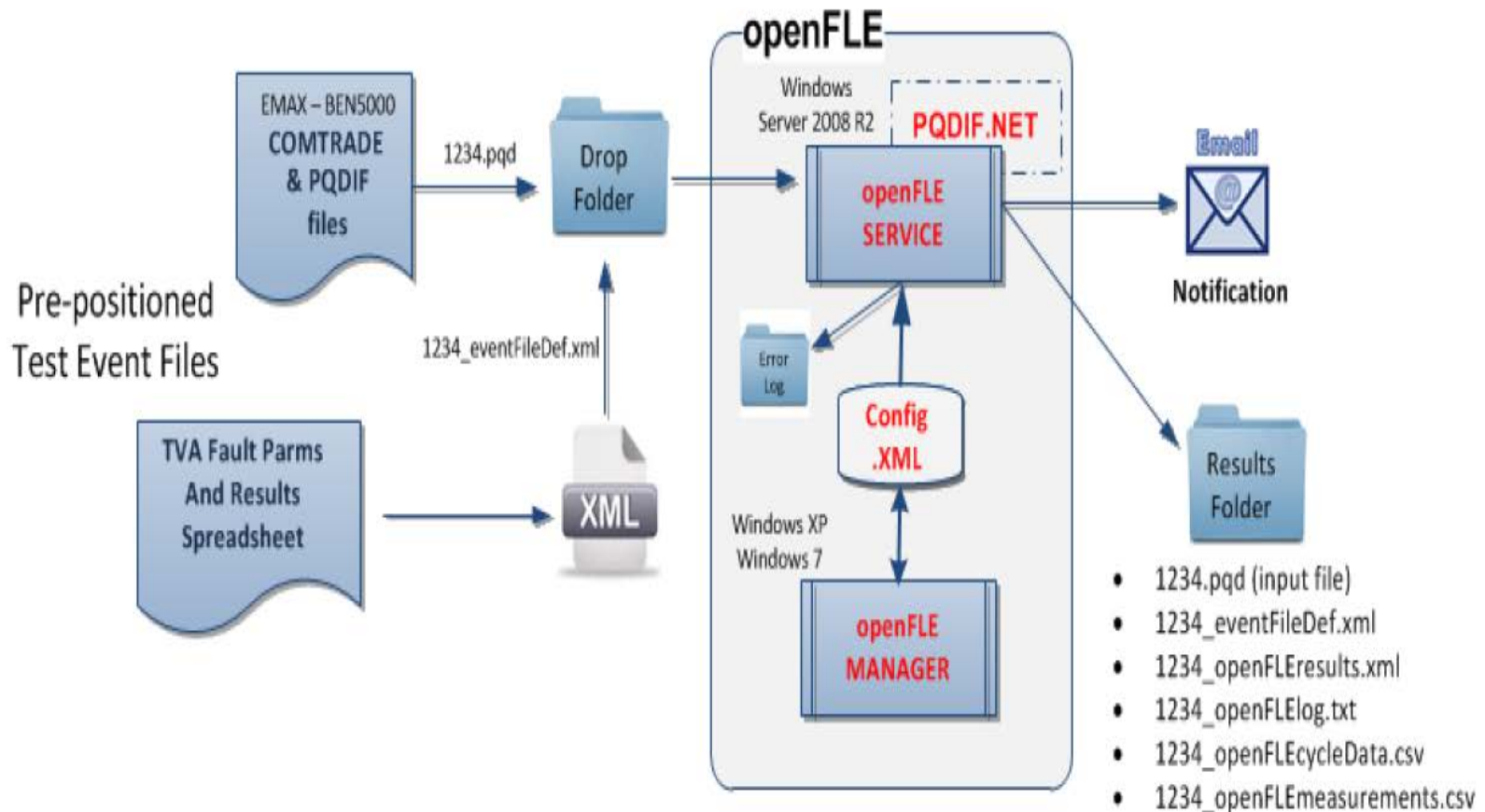
- ⦿ There is not a single fault location algorithm, there are many!
- ⦿ There is not one source of data, but many!
- ⦿ There are many system modeling software packages!

# Open Fault Location Engine (openFLE)

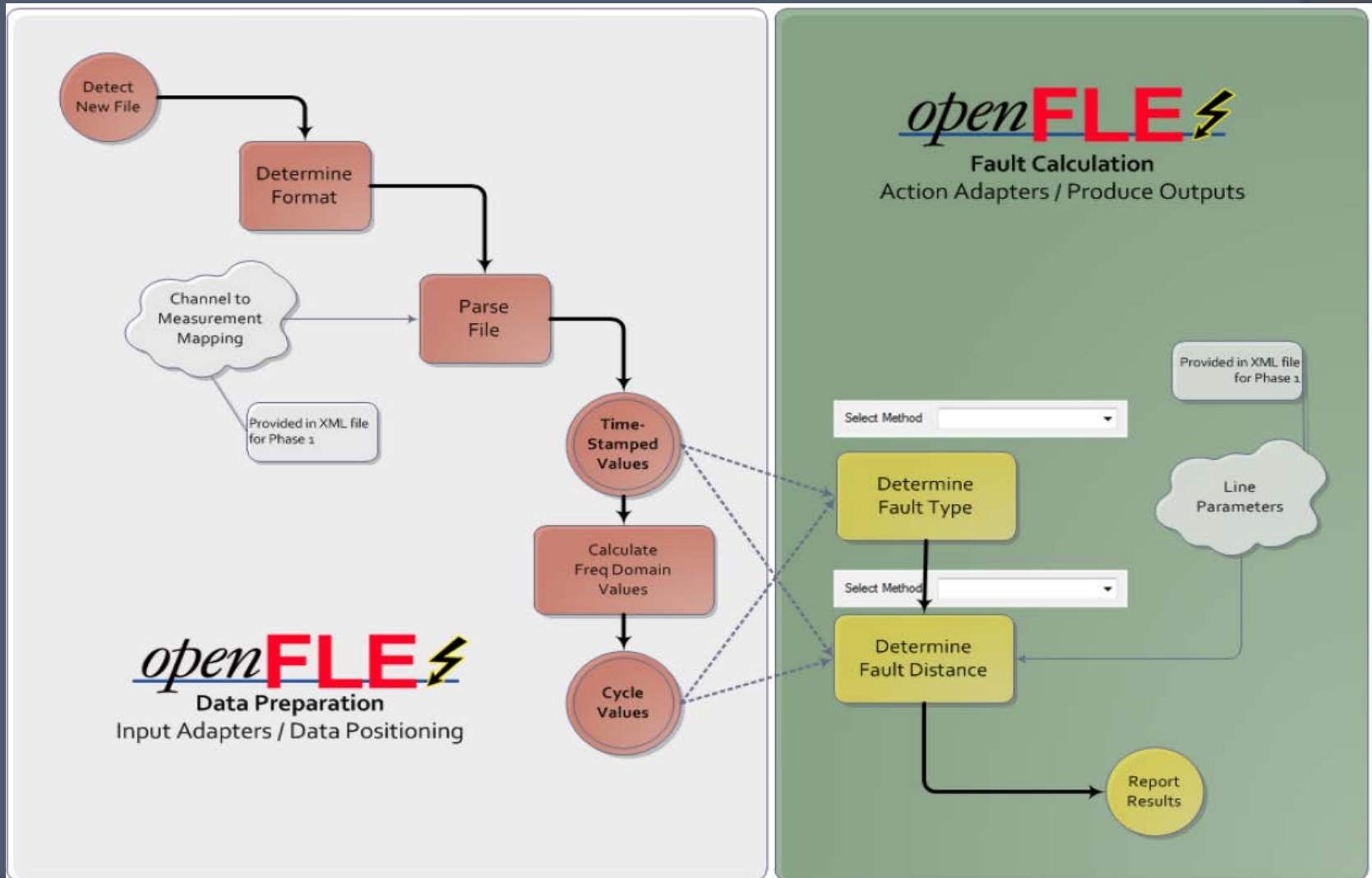
## ⦿ Platform

- Get Event Data
  - Frees developers from the chore of reliably parsing and positioning event data for analysis
- Perform Calculations
  - Can be extended with new algorithms

# Open Fault Location Engine (openFLE)



# Approach





# Fault Detection

- ① Assume the first cycle represents pre-fault condition
- ① A fault is detected in any cycle where the RMS current (cycle value) exceeds pre-fault current by a factor of 5 AND exceeds 500 amps Improvement: Use line ratings as part of the basis for fault detection.

# Fault Type

- ⦿ For each phase, the fault test was applied
- ⦿ The representative best fault cycle is selected as the one with the largest sum of all RMS currents
- ⦿ The number of currents which pass the fault test determine the fault type.

# Fault Location

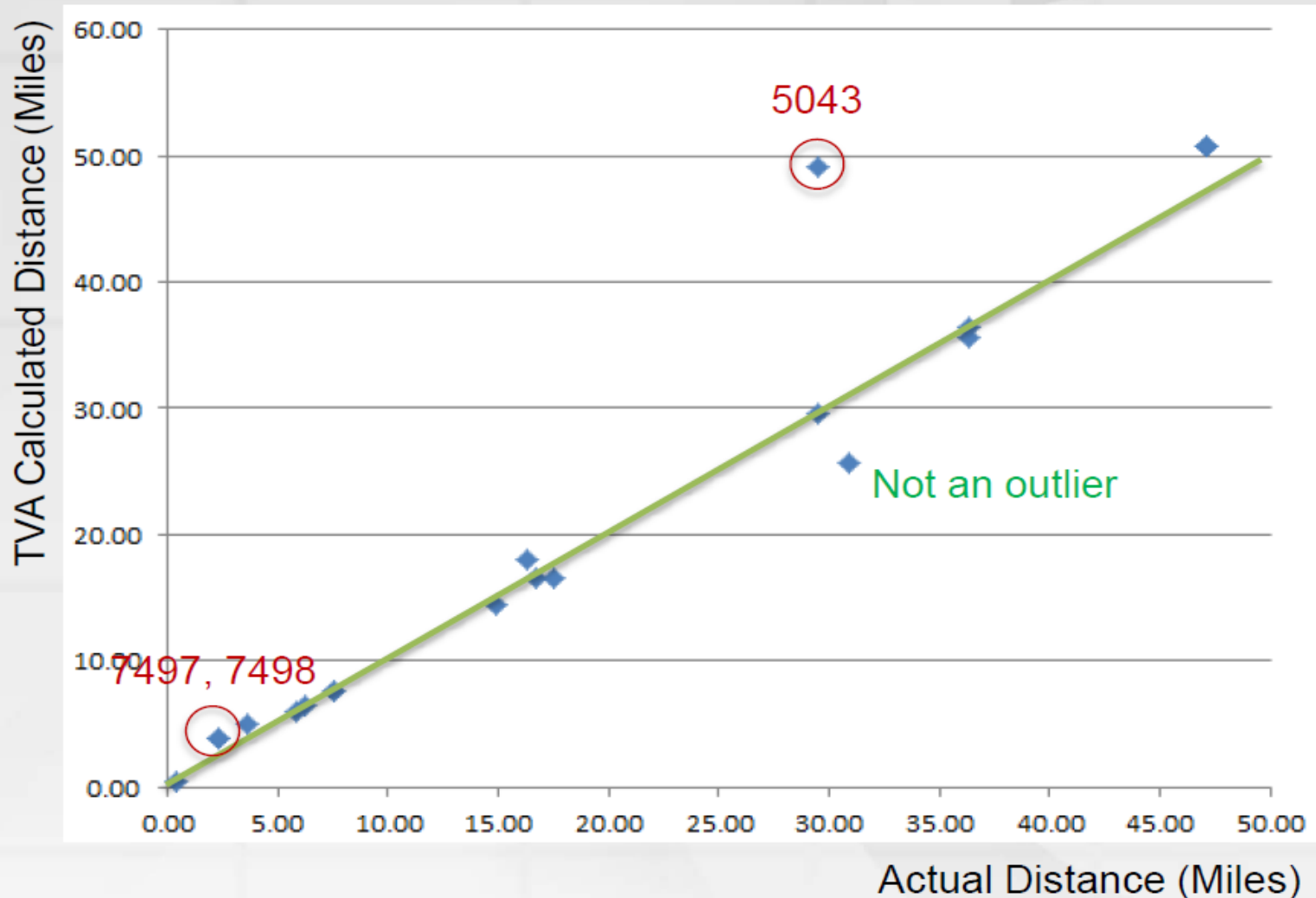
- Calculated Fault Impedance using the Absolute Value Method (Reactance method was tested and found to be less accurate.)
- 3 Phase
  - Select phase with “purest” sine wave
  - $ZF = \text{RMS (cycle data)} |VN| / |I|$
  - Distance is ratio  $ZF/Z1$
- Line to Ground
  - $ZF = \text{RMS (cycle data)} |VN| / |I|$
  - Distance is ratio  $ZF/ZS$  (where  $ZS$  is loop impedance)
- Line to Line
  - $ZF = \text{RMS (cycle data)} |VL-L| / (|IP1 - IP2|)$
  - Distance is ratio  $ZF/Z1$

# System Results

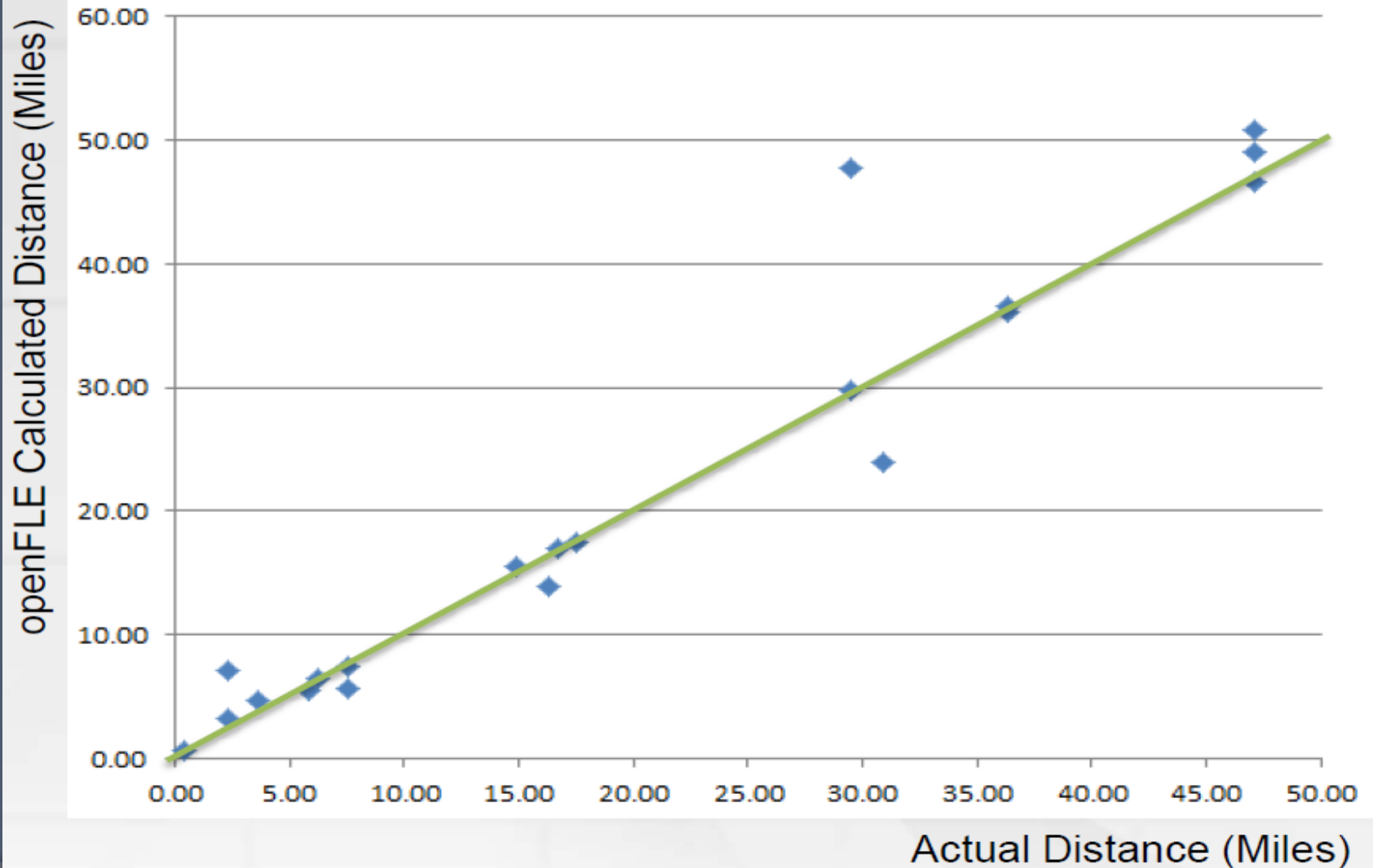
Record #	Fault Type	Line Distance	TVA		openFLE	
			Calculated	Actual	Absolute	Reactance
1337	BC	12.58	7.60	7.54	5.65	5.37
1337	BC	12.58	7.60	7.54	7.50	7.18
1586	A	21.15	6.40	6.25	6.53	6.38
5041	ABC	83.45	35.60	36.36	36.62	36.69
5043	ABG	46.25	49.10	29.49	47.68	46.58
5346	ABC	23.39	5.90	5.86	5.48	5.55
7497	AB	18.63	3.90	2.34	3.29	3.31
7498	AB	18.63	3.90	2.34	7.10	6.21
7550	A	21.15	14.40	14.90	15.57	15.43
7707	AB	18.63	18.00	16.29	13.90	13.84
8403328	ABC	83.45	36.40	36.36	36.13	36.23
8747364	ABG	46.25	29.60	29.49	29.80	29.22
1022	ABC	83.45	50.70	47.09	50.79	50.78
1023	ABC	83.45	50.70	47.09	49.01	45.28
1024	ABC	83.45	50.70	47.09	46.67	44.42
1053	ABG	46.25	16.60	16.76	17.03	16.50
1056	ABC	4.67	5.00	3.61	4.76	4.78
1060	A	31.30	0.50	0.44	0.65	0.49
1085	A	31.30	25.70	30.86	23.99	23.75
1537	ABC	23.39	16.60	17.53	17.46	-16.50

# Manual Vs. Actual

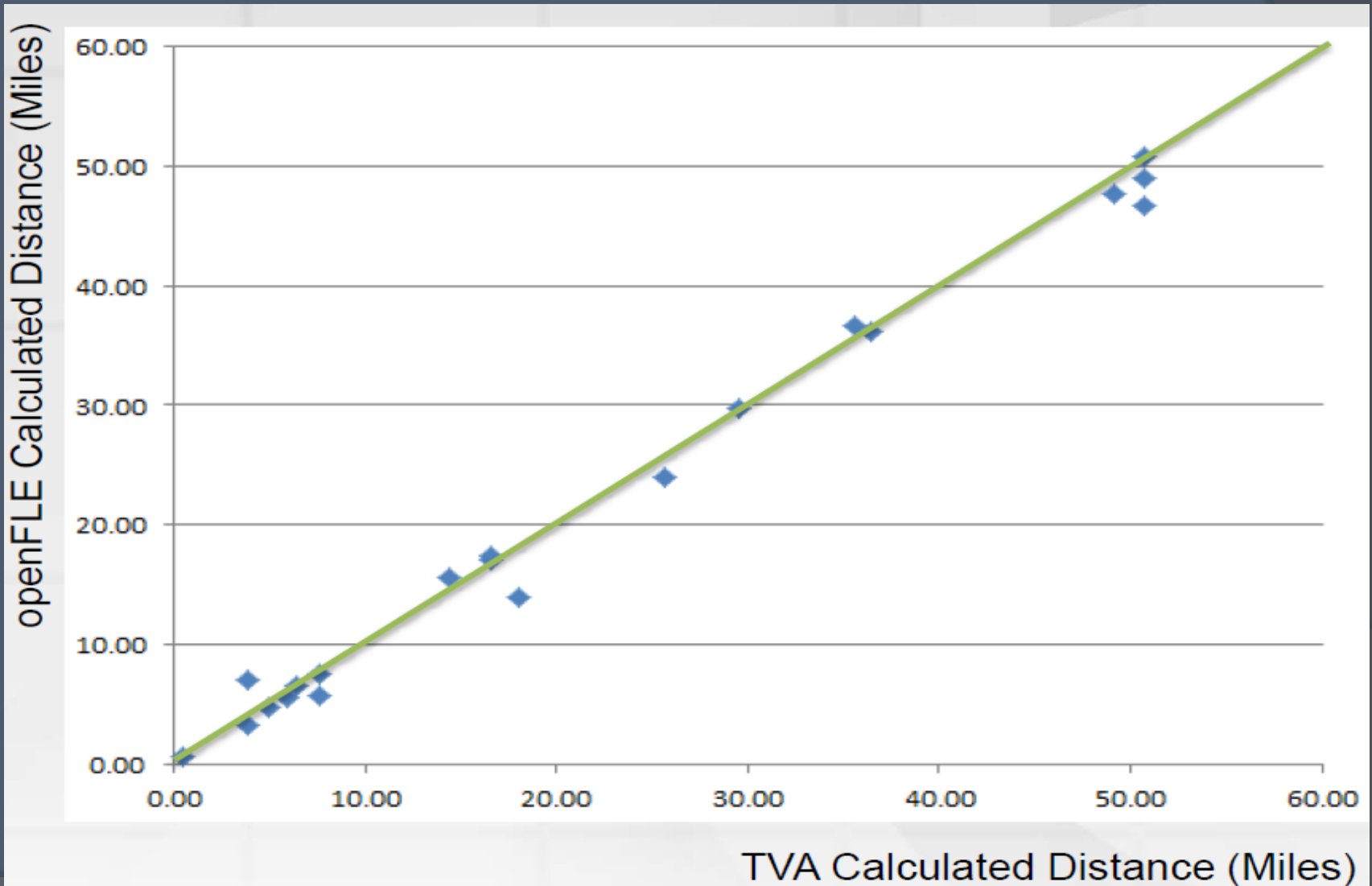
**3 outliers where TVA calculation error is greater than 50%**



# openFLE vs. Actual



# openFLE vs. Manual



# openFLE CodePlex Template



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### Project Description

Open source application to determine the type and location of faults recorded in power quality data files.

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*There is no recommended release for this project.*

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<http://openFLE.codeplex.com>



# openFLE Manager

openFLE Manager

*open***FLE** ⚡  
GRID PROTECTION ALLIANCE

BETA

Folders

Drop folder Drop

Results folder Results

Fault detection

Detection assembly FaultAlgorithms.dll

Detection algorithm FaultAlgorithms.SimpleFaultAlgorithms.SimpleFaultDetectionAlgorithm

Detection parameters

Fault location

Location assembly FaultAlgorithms.dll

Location algorithm FaultAlgorithms.SimpleFaultAlgorithms.SimpleFaultLocationAlgorithm

Location parameters

Fault detection algorithms:

Fault location algorithms:

Save Go

Button to  
facilitate  
testing

# Project Status

- ⦿ Testing was conducted on 161kV line events
- ⦿ TVA provided GPA with 8 events for testing – some with data from each end of the line
- ⦿ GPA has finished development and testing of the core software.
- ⦿ GPA Next Steps
  - Complete requirements document and submit BETA for EPRI QA testing
  - Post code and documentation on CodePlex
- ⦿ Future work can be pursued to:
  - Automate the process within TVA
  - Refine and improve fault location algorithms

# Conclusion

## ⦿ Platform Built

- openPQDIF API Built
  - (<http://openpqdif.codeplex.com>)
- openFLE
  - (<http://openfle.codeplex.com>)

## ⦿ Initial Testing Performed

- Accurate
- Fast

## ⦿ To be completed

- TVA System Integration