

Resilience of Load Shedding Schemes – Readily Available Improvements

C1 – Power System Development and Economics

PS 1: System transition resilience & asset management response

Question 1.1.2: Have others identified ways to integrate grid forming or smart load shedding / non-firm connection capacity to improve resilience?

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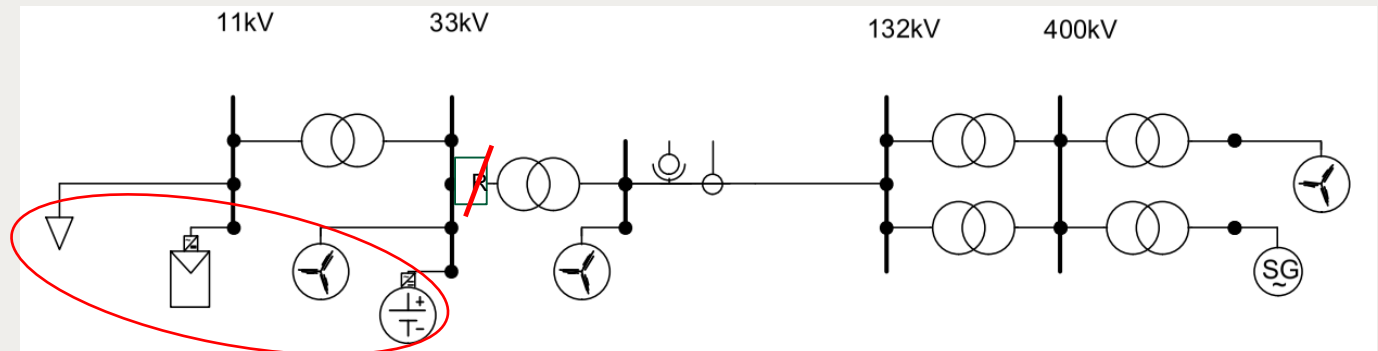
Challenges to Traditional Under Frequency Load Shedding Schemes

- *Traditional UFLS scheme characteristics:*

- Static - i.e. measures local frequency
- Typically implemented at HV → *not very selective*
- Fixed settings - Load shedding blocks and time delays → *relatively inflexible*

- *Changing system conditions:*

- DGs and DERs operating 'behind' the relays
- Faster frequency dynamics



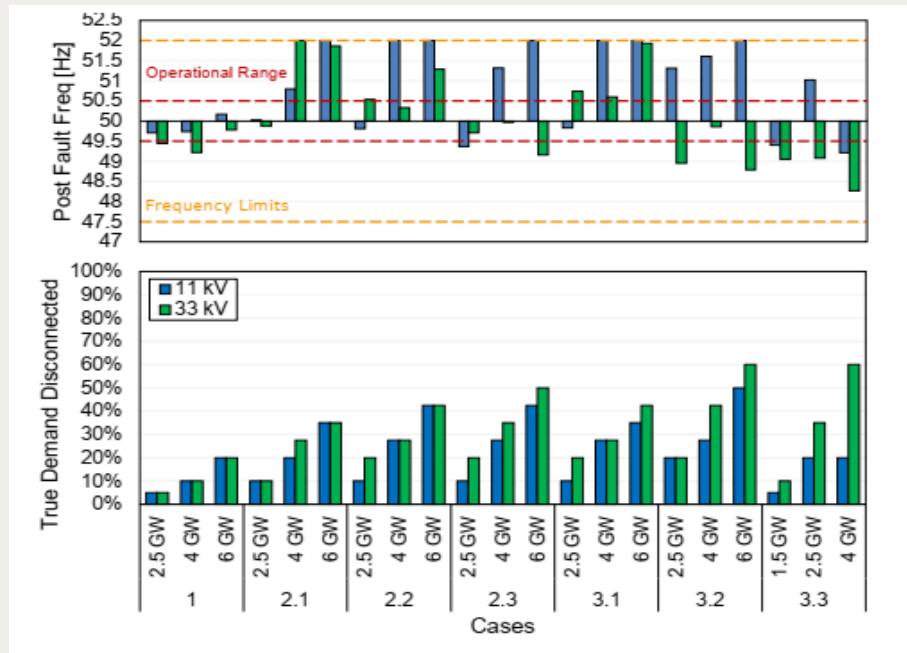
Improving UFLS

- *Smart Load Shedding Schemes:*

- Are either semi - or fully – adaptive.
- Proposals often require improved network monitoring and communication systems
- *Can present barriers for adoption by DSO/ESO*

- *More readily available 'interim' solutions, e.g.:*

- Relocate relays closer to demand
- Adjust time delays
- We find these actions can improve the effectiveness of the current scheme.
- **But neither perfect nor fully future proof**



Summary

- *Some systems may be already facing challenges to the resilience of the UFLS scheme*
- *Smart load shedding schemes are unlikely to be ready for implementation in some national power systems (such as GB)*
- It may be necessary to amend the codes governing the implementation of UFLS in two stages:
 - in the near-term to make LFDD more suitable for the system changes that have already occurred,
 - Then, following suitable research and testing, implementation of a smarter load shedding for a more robust scheme in the longer term