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Synchro-Waveform Data Analytics Architecture and Big Data Platform for Grid Operations and Situational Awareness

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Emerging use cases involving vast amounts of high-resolution sensor data are prompting utilities to reconsider their conventional approaches to data handling. This talk will first introduce an open-platform solution for big data analytics, designed to effectively manage large volumes of synchro-waveforms and high-resolution sensor measurements, specifically targeting substation digital fault recorders. It will then describe how augmented machine learning can be supported and leveraged to detect subtle anomalies, such as incipient faults at the distribution grid level. The discussion will also cover the extended handling of various other data streams and sensor types that help address the challenges of locating incipient faults. Additionally, data engineering pipelines and scalable device management will be covered in detail.



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