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A Novel Data Segmentation Based Approach for Meter Topology Identification

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#### Background

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- Motivation
  - Require frequent updates
  - Input errors are inevitable
  - Approximately 6% mislabeled meters
  - Manual checking is labor intensive
  - Need to automate the process
- Two Objectives
  - Phase identification
    - Known meter-phase-label
    - Unknown meter-phase-label
  - Pairing identification



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#### **Phase Identification**

• Case 1) Known meter-phase-label



• Case 2) Unknown meter-phase-label





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#### Flowchart of Phase Identification



[Fig. Flowchart of the data-segmentation based phase identification methodology.]

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### [Case 1] Pearson Correlation Coefficient

 Meters on the same phase have a stronger voltage timeseries correlations than meters on different phases

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### [Case 1] Circuit Analysis

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- Voltage Correlation
   Deterioration Phenomenon
- Basic connection types:
  - in-parallel
  - partially-parallel
  - in-series

$V_i = V_T - IR - I_iR_i$	(2)
$V_j = V_T - IR - I_jR_j$	(3)
$I = I_i + I_j$	(4)

[**Fig.** (a) Three typical types, (b) PCC between  $V_i$  and  $V_j$  for three types, (c) Box plots of PCC between  $V_i$  and  $V_j$  for three types.]

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#### [Case 1] Data Segmentation Algorithm

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![](_page_7_Figure_1.jpeg)

$$P^{-} \leq P_{i,t} \leq P^{+}, \quad T_{dur} \leq m_{i,k} \Delta T \quad (5) \qquad PCC(V_{i}^{M}, V_{j}^{M}) = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{K} (V_{i}^{m_{k}} - \overline{V_{i}^{M}})(V_{j}^{m_{k}} - \overline{V_{j}^{M}})}{\sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^{K} (V_{i}^{m_{k}} - \overline{V_{i}^{M}})^{2}} \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^{K} (V_{j}^{m_{k}} - \overline{V_{j}^{M}})^{2}}} \quad (7)$$

$$P^{-} \leq P_{j,t} \leq P^{+}, \quad T_{dur} \leq m_{j,k} \Delta T \quad (6) \qquad D(V_{i}^{M}, V_{j}^{M}) = 1 - |PCC(V_{i}^{M}, V_{j}^{M})| \quad (8)$$

![](_page_8_Picture_0.jpeg)

- Correlation by different power bands and minimum durations
  - $-\mu$ : mean,  $\sigma$ : standard deviation, %n: share of total segments

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					P	ower ba	nd [P <sup>-</sup> P	+]				
T <sub>dur</sub> [h]		0~2 [kW]	]	:	2~4 [kW]	]	:	2~8 [kW]	]	2< [kW]		
	μ	σ	%n	μ	σ	%n	μ	σ	%n	μ	σ	%n
0.5	0.48	0.10	38.4	0.29	0.25	16.2	0.27	0.18	34.2	0.27	0.18	34.2
1.0	0.48	0.09	21.4	0.35	0.29	14.1	0.28	0.19	15.4	0.28	0.18	16.0
1.5	0.49	0.09	14.4	0.46	0.25	19.3	0.34	0.20	13.0	0.33	0.20	13.1
2.0	0.51	0.09	10.7	0.51	0.23	18.8	0.39	0.21	13.1	0.38	0.20	12.8
2.5	0.54	0.09	8.8	0.53	0.21	16.9	0.43	0.20	12.6	0.42	0.20	12.4
3.0	0.56	0.09	6.7	0.54	0.21	14.7	0.46	0.20	11.7	0.44	0.20	11.5

**[Table.** Correlation Statistics of Data Segments by the  $[P^- P^+]$  and  $T_{dur}$  for a real feeder.]

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### [Case 1] Performance Improvements

Correlation matrices before and after applying data segmentation

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![](_page_9_Figure_3.jpeg)

[Without data segmentation]

![](_page_9_Figure_5.jpeg)

[With data segmentation]

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### [Case 1] Assign Predicted Phase Labels

- Hierarchical clustering: Divide meters into the optimal number of groups
- Majority vote: Assign predicted phase labels to meters for each cluster

![](_page_10_Figure_3.jpeg)

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[Fig. Hierarchical clustering result of a real feeder.]

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[Fig. Hierarchical clustering and a majority vote.]

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- Input data and parameter settings
  - 1 synthetic and 13 real feeders (15-min rez., 3,961 meters)
  - Power band  $[P^-P^+]$ , minimum duration  $T_{dur}$ , and number of clusters

Dete	<b>F</b> ooder Ne	Optimal parameter values								
type	(No. of meters)	[ <i>P<sup>-</sup> P</i> <sup>+</sup> ] [kw] [0.5 2.0]	<i>T<sub>dur</sub></i> [h] [1.0 3.0]	3 × n [3 36]						
	Synthetic (1,100)	[0.8 1.2]	1.0/1.5	12						
Real	1 (33), 3 (73), 11 (24)	[0.8 1.2]	1.0/1.5	6						
	8 (173), 10 (131), 12 (108), 13 (137)	[1.3 1.7]	2.5/3.0	18						
	2 (450), 4 (399), 5 (605), 6 (803), 7 (324), 9 (556)	[1.3 1.7]	1.0/1.5	36						

[Table. Parameter selection of synthetic and real feeders.]

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#### [Case 1] With Utility Given Phase Labels

	Phas	es in the	utility re	cords	Phases	s predict	ed by the	algorithm		Ro	ound 1					
Feeder No.	Α	В	С	A+B+C (N <sub>RT</sub> )	Α	В	с	A+B+C (N <sub>PT</sub> )	Detected as correct (N <sub>C1</sub> )	Detected as incorrect $(N_{\rm RT} - N_{\rm C1})$	Validated (N <sub>V1</sub> )	$\frac{\text{Accuracy}}{((N_{C1}+N_{V1})/N_{RT})}$	Detected as correct (N <sub>C2</sub> )	Detected as incorrect $(N_{\rm RT} - N_{\rm C2})$	Validated $(N_{\rm V2})$	Accuracy $((N_{C2}+N_{V2})/N_{RT})$
Proposed	ĺ															
Synthetic	436	293	371	1,100	436	293	371	1,100	1,100	-	-	100%	1,100	-	-	100%
1	7	24	2	33	5	25	3	33	31	2	-	93.9%	31	2	-	93.9%
2	146	159	145	450	139	152	159	450	415	35	35	100%	447	3	-	99.3%
3	11	26	36	73	11	26	36	73	73	-	-	100%	73	-	-	100%
4	147	91	178	416	144	94	178	416	399	17	10	98.3%	411	5	-	98.8%
5	192	214	231	637	210	218	209	637	605	32	24	98.7%	629	8	-	98.7%
6	344	249	306	899	363	262	274	899	803	96	80	98.2%	898	1	-	99.9%
7	113	102	109	324	115	104	105	324	313	11	5	98.1%	318	6	-	98.1%
8	51	51	71	173	49	53	71	173	169	4	2	98.8%	171	2	-	98.8%
9	62	193	301	556	57	194	305	556	505	51	35	97.1%	543	13		97.7%
10	22	42	67	131	22	42	67	131	131	-	-	100%	131	-	-	100%
11	3	10	11	24	3	10	11	24	24	-	-	100%	24	-	-	100%
12	39	37	32	108	39	37	32	108	108	-	-	100%	108	-	-	100%
13	55	56	26	137	55	56	26	137	137	-	-	100%	137	-	-	100%
Total	1,192	1,254	1,515	3,961	1,212	1,273	1,476	3,961	3,713	248	191	98.6%	3,921	40	-	99.0%
SC																
Synthetic	436	293	371	1,100	424	276	400	1,100	1,063	37	-	96.6%	1,063	37	-	96.6%
1	7	24	2	33	9	24	-	33	29	4	1	90.9%	30	3	-	90.9%
2	146	159	145	450	158	155	137	450	435	15	8	98.4%	441	9	-	98.0%
3	11	26	36	73	11	24	38	73	70	3	-	95.9%	70	3	-	95.9%
4	147	91	178	416	164	80	172	416	397	19	12	98.3%	408	8	-	98.1%
5	192	214	231	637	204	221	212	637	606	31	16	97.6%	619	18	-	97.2%
6	344	249	306	899	347	250	302	899	831	68	60	99.1%	893	6	1	99.4%
7	113	102	109	324	115	103	106	324	312	12	5	97.8%	318	6	-	98.1%
8	51	51	71	173	49	50	74	173	167	6	-	96.5%	167	6	-	96.5%
9	62	193	301	556	50	183	323	556	527	29	14	97.3%	532	24	2	96.0%
10	22	42	67	131	21	42	68	131	130	1	-	99.2%	130	1	-	99.2%
11	3	10	11	24	4	10	10	24	23	1	-	95.8%	23	1	-	95.8%
12	39	37	32	108	39	37	32	108	108	-	-	100%	108	-	-	100%
13	55	56	26	137	55	56	26	137	135	2	-	98.5%	135	2	-	98.5%
Total	1,192	1,254	1,515	3,961	1,226	1,235	1,500	3,961	3,770	191	116	98.1%	3,874	87	3	97.9%

#### Flowchart of Phase Identification

![](_page_13_Figure_1.jpeg)

[Fig. Flowchart of the data-segmentation based phase identification methodology.]

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### [Case 2] Ensemble Clustering

- Generate a clustering with different parameters
  - $[P^-P^+]$ ,  $T_{dur}$ , and # of group
- As a consensus function, similarity matrices are used
  - CA (Co-Association) and CTS (Connected Triple-based Similarity)
- Obtain the final cluster ( $\pi^*$ ) from the cluster ensemble

![](_page_14_Figure_7.jpeg)

[Fig. The general framework of cluster ensembles.]

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- For clustering generation, 10 parameter combinations are used
  - $5 \times P^+$ ,  $2 \times T_{dur}$ , and  $1 \times \#$  of groups
- Significantly reduces the number of required field inspections for utility engineers

![](_page_15_Figure_5.jpeg)

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**Compute** D<sub>h</sub>

from PCC<sub>h</sub>

 $D_1, \dots, D_{10}$ 

Hierarchical **Clustering using** optimal cluster number (3n\*)

## FREE [Case 2] Without Utility Given Phase Labels

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	Phas	es in the	utility re	ecords	Phases	predicte	d by the	algorithm		Ro	ound 1					
Feeder No.	Α	в	С	A+B+C (N <sub>RT</sub> )	Α	В	с	A+B+C (N <sub>PT</sub> )	Detected as correct (N <sub>C1</sub> )	Detected as incorrect $(N_{\rm RT} - N_{\rm C1})$	Validated (N <sub>V1</sub> )	Accuracy $((N_{C1}+N_{V1})/N_{RT})$	Detected as correct (N <sub>C2</sub> )	Detected as incorrect $(N_{\rm RT} - N_{\rm C2})$	Validated (N <sub>V2</sub> )	Accuracy $((N_{C2}+N_{V2})/N_{RT})$
Proposed																
Synthetic	436	293	371	1,100	436	293	371	1,100	1,100	-	-	100%	1,100	-	-	100%
1	7	24	2	33	7	25	1	33	31	2	-	93.9%	31	2	-	93.9%
2	146	159	145	450	133	153	164	450	412	38	37	99.8%	444	6	4	99.6%
3	11	26	36	73	11	26	36	73	73	-	-	100%	73	-	-	100%
4	147	91	178	416	152	90	174	416	407	9	6	99.3%	402	14	4	97.6%
5	192	214	231	637	213	218	206	637	606	31	25	99.1%	630	7	-	98.9%
6	344	249	306	899	330	253	316	899	796	103	103	100%	898	1	-	99.9%
7	113	102	109	324	114	104	106	324	314	10	4	98.1%	315	9	1	97.5%
8	51	51	71	173	49	54	70	173	170	3	-	98.3%	170	3	-	98.3%
9	62	193	301	556	36	174	346	556	505	51	40	98.0%	548	8	-	98.6%
10	22	42	67	131	22	42	67	131	131	-	-	100%	131	-	-	100%
11	3	10	11	24	3	10	11	24	24	-	-	100%	24	-	-	100%
12	39	37	32	108	39	37	32	108	108	-	-	100%	108	-	-	100%
13	55	56	26	137	55	56	26	137	137	-		100%	137		-	100%
Total	1,192	1,254	1,515	3,961	1,164	1,242	1,555	3,961	3,714	247	215	99.2%	3,911	50	9	99.0%
CAM-EC																
Synthetic	436	293	371	1,100	406	276	418	1,100	1,053	47	-	95.7%	1,053	47	-	95.7%
1	7	24	2	33	6	24	3	33	27	6	1	84.8%	28	5	-	84.8%
2	146	159	145	450	155	159	136	450	435	15	8	98.4%	441	9	-	98.0%
3	11	26	36	73	18	20	35	73	65	8	-	89.0%	65	8	-	89.0%
4	147	91	178	416	165	77	174	416	394	22	12	97.6%	400	16	-	96.2%
5	192	214	231	637	205	218	214	637	606	31	16	97.6%	619	18	-	97.2%
6	344	249	306	899	322	248	329	899	803	96	88	99.1%	895	4	-	99.6%
7	113	102	109	324	115	104	105	324	313	11	5	98.1%	318	6	-	98.1%
8	51	51	71	173	49	46	78	173	165	8	-	95.4%	165	8	-	95.4%
9	62	193	301	556	58	182	316	556	526	30	16	97.5%	521	35	-	93.7%
10	22	42	67	131	21	42	68	131	130	1	-	99.2%	130	1	-	99.2%
11	3	10	11	24	4	10	10	24	23	1	-	95.8%	23	1	-	95.8%
12	39	37	32	108	37	39	32	108	106	2	-	98.1%	106	2	-	98.1%
13	55	56	26	137	55	56	26	137	135	2	-	98.5%	135	2	-	98.5%
Total	1,192	1,254	1,515	3,961	1,210	1,225	1,526	3,961	3,728	233	146	97.8%	3,846	115	0	97.1%

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![](_page_17_Picture_1.jpeg)

![](_page_17_Figure_2.jpeg)

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![](_page_18_Picture_0.jpeg)

![](_page_18_Picture_1.jpeg)

### Back-up Data

### [Case 1] Optimal Number of Groups

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P^- is fixed to zero

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- P^+ is increased from 0.5 to 2
- Although the number of clusters increased from 6 to 9, the accuracy converges without increasing for most parameter combinations

Feeder Length	# of clusters
Short	6
Medium	12
Long	36

![](_page_19_Figure_6.jpeg)

[**Fig.** Phase identification accuracy for three different numbers of clusters with varying parameters in Feeder 3. The accuracy of most parameter combinations converged when  $3n^* = 6$ .]

#### **Pairing Identification**

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- Case 3) Which transformer is the meter connected to?

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![](_page_20_Figure_3.jpeg)

#### [Case 3] Flowchart of Pairing Identification SYSTEMS CENTER

![](_page_21_Figure_1.jpeg)

No

False positive

Stage 2) Data segmentation-based verification Eliminate false positives

✓ Average PCC

[Fig. Flowchart of the data-segmentation based, twostage transformer-meter pairing identification algorithm.]

GIS or field check

Mislabeled

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Yes

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### [Case 3] Topology Relationship

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#### Relationship of a pair of meters:

- $M_0 M_1$ : same 1-ph transformer
- $M_0 M_2$ : different DTs on the same phase
- $M_0 M_3$ : different DTs on different phases

Average PCC	Power bar	<b>id [</b> P <sup>-</sup> P <sup>+</sup> ]
difference between cases	0~2 [kW]	2< [kW]
$PCC_{M_0M_1} - PCC_{M_0M_2}$	0.2443	0.3859
$PCC_{M_0M_1} - PCC_{M_0M_3}$	0.3046	0.4269
$PCC_{M_0M_2} - PCC_{M_0M_3}$	0.0603	0.0411

![](_page_22_Figure_8.jpeg)

[**Table.** Average PCC difference between cases by power band in a real feeder.

(b) Boxplots of PCCs between  $V_i$  and  $V_j$  for a real feeder.]

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						Staç	je 1	Stage 2							
Feeder No.	NO. OF DTs	NO. Of meters	ID	IDT2	ID <sub>szn</sub>	IDT2 <sub>szn</sub>	Total (N <sub>T1</sub> )	Validated (N <sub>V1</sub> )	$N_{V1}/N_{T1}$	ID	IDT2	Total (N <sub>T2</sub> )	Validated (N <sub>V2</sub> )	$N_{V2}/N_{T2}$	
1	9	33	2	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
2	66	450	25	13	21	12	21	3	14.3	4	6	6	3	50.0	
3	16	73	3	3	3	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
4	78	416	7	2	7	2	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
5	143	637	28	14	26	13	28	2	7.1	2	3	3	2	66.7	
6	155	899	15	15	12	12	14	3	21.4	3	3	3	2	66.7	
7	78	324	5	1	5	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
8	24	173	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
9	118	556	39	10	30	9	32	4	12.5	3	2	4	0	0.0	
10	54	131	6	2	6	2	6	1	16.7	1	2	2	1	50.0	
11	8	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
12	40	108	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
13	37	137	5	3	5	3	5	1	20.0	1	1	1	1	100	
Total	826	3,961	136	64	117	58	123	14	11.4	14	17	19	9	47.4	

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