



# Data-driven transient stability assessment focusing on location aspects and important system variables



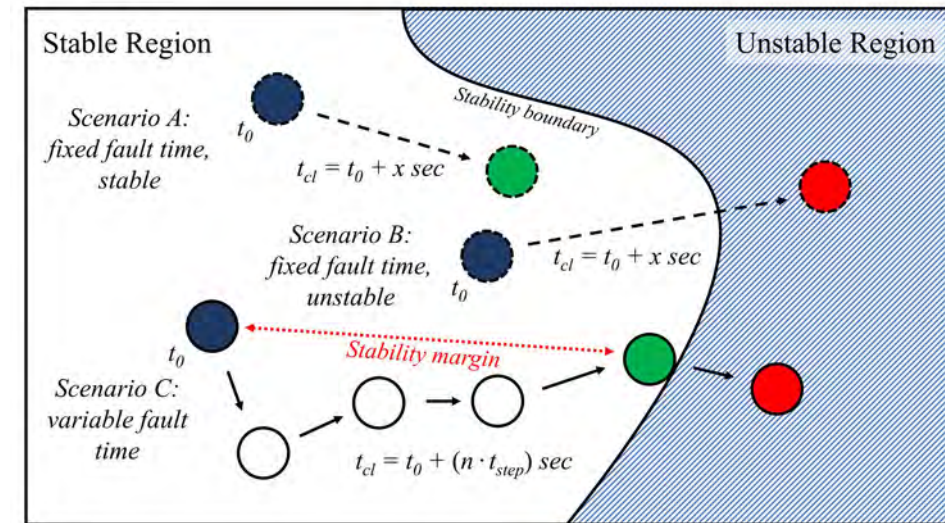
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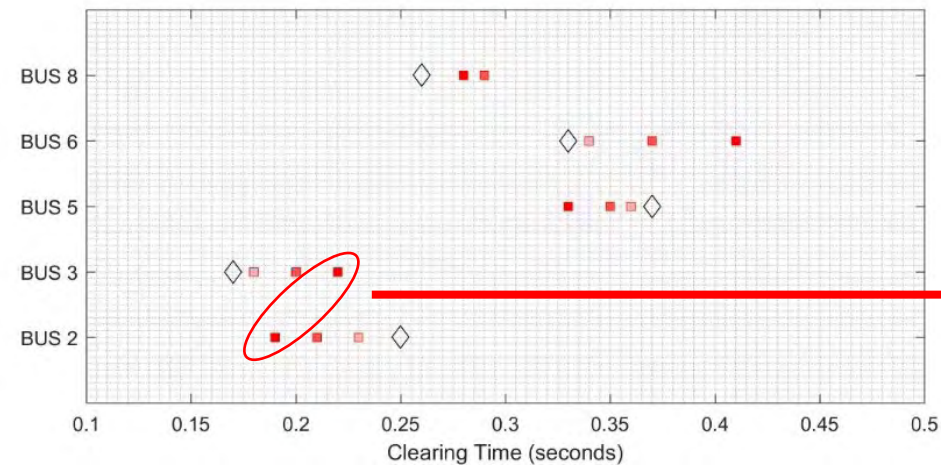
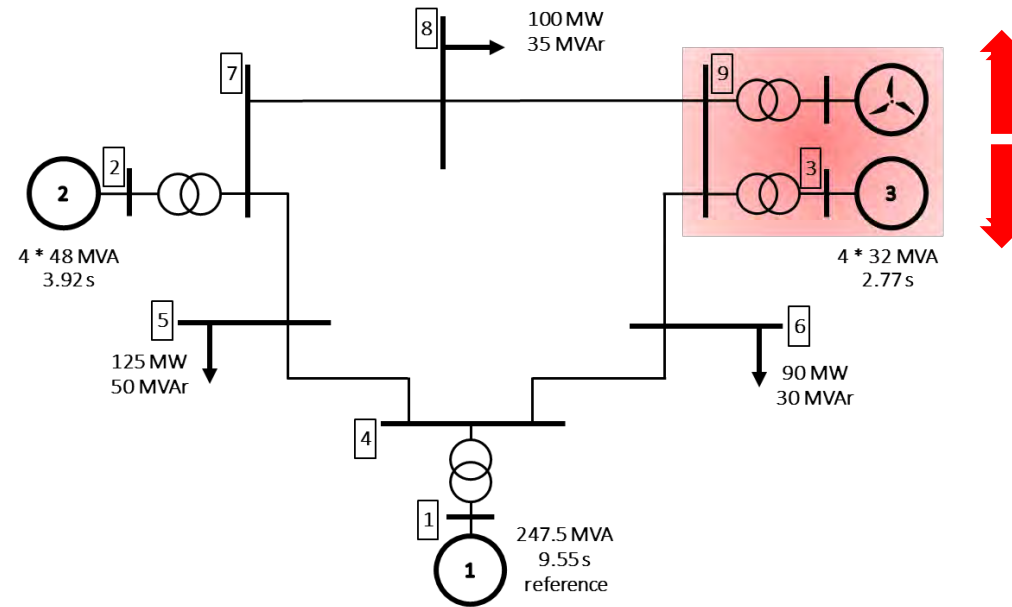
# Transient Stability Assessment under increasing complexity and uncertainty

Complex phenomenon, not easy to identify clear trends

- Time-domain simulation
  - RMS: models the system dynamic components with differential-algebraic equations, solving iteratively in time
  - EMT: captures additional transient details
- Transient Energy Function
  - Less time consuming, very good insights but requires simplifications
- Machine Learning
  - Fast and accurate, but often 'black boxes'
- Locational aspects and margin offer important information



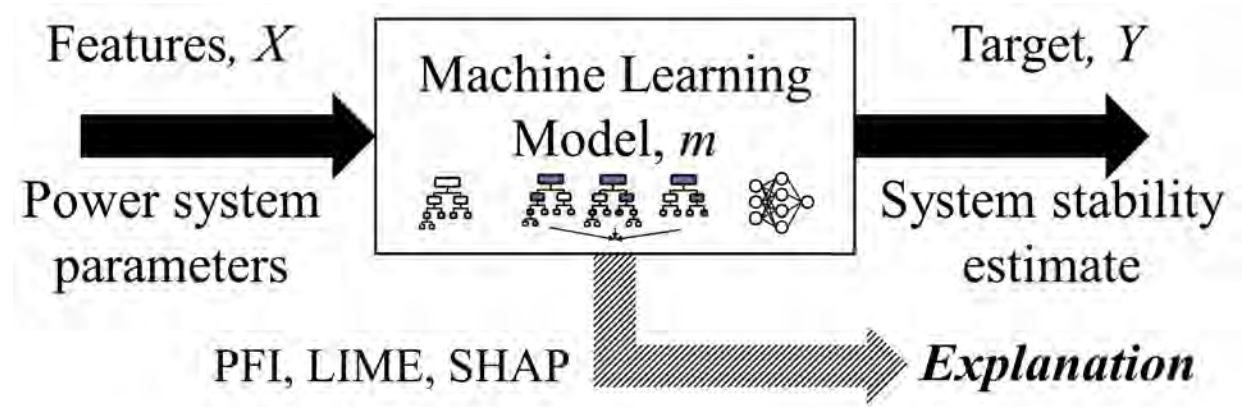
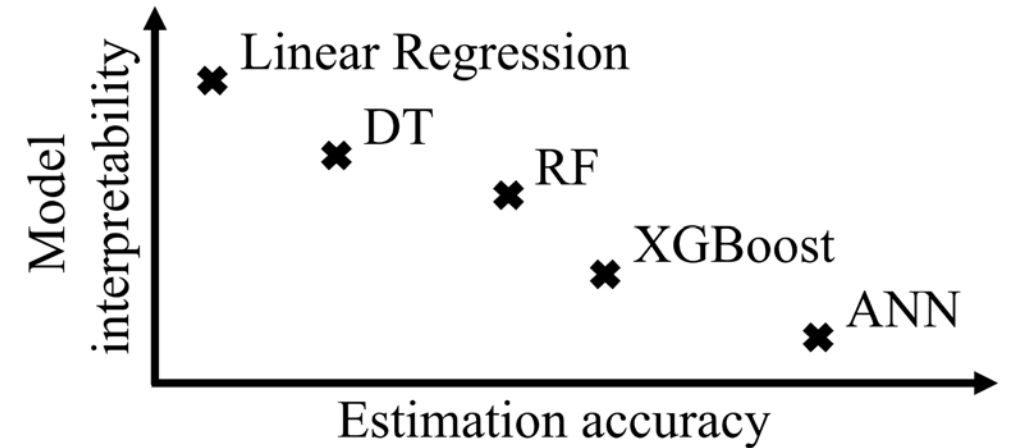
# A simple example



Change in critical bus

# Machine Learning for Transient Stability Assessment

- Several applications (DTs, SVM, ANN, LSTM, etc.)
  - Binary prediction (stable/unstable)
  - Unstable generator group prediction
  - Regression for stability margin
- Prediction of the stability margin – locational aspects
  - Changing dynamics can cause changes in critical locations
- Accuracy-interpretability tension exists in ML
- Why interpretability/explainability is important
  - enhance understanding of how the decision has been reached (enhancing confidence in the model) and
  - inform decision making process for design and development of stability improvement measures.

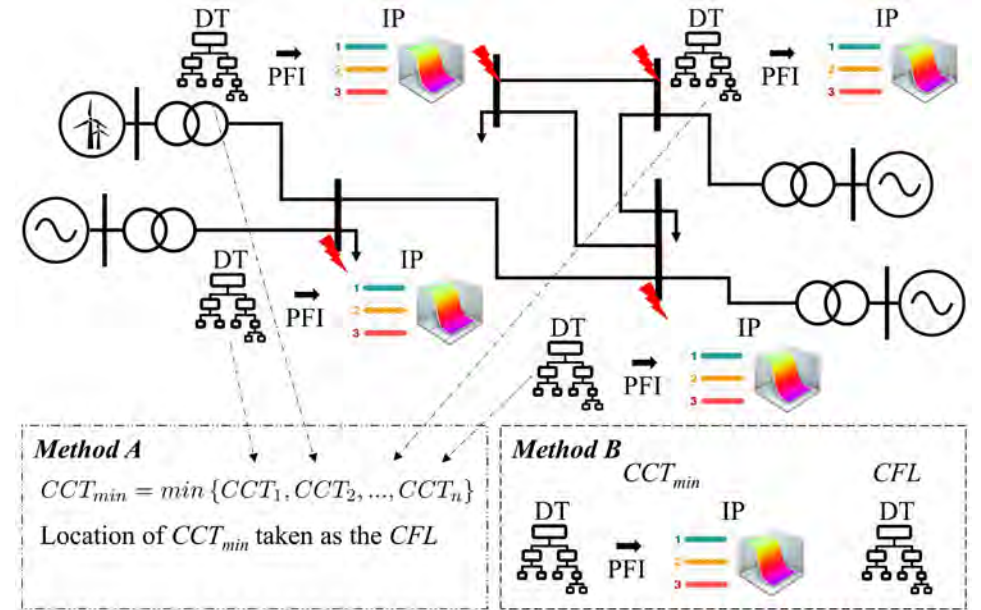
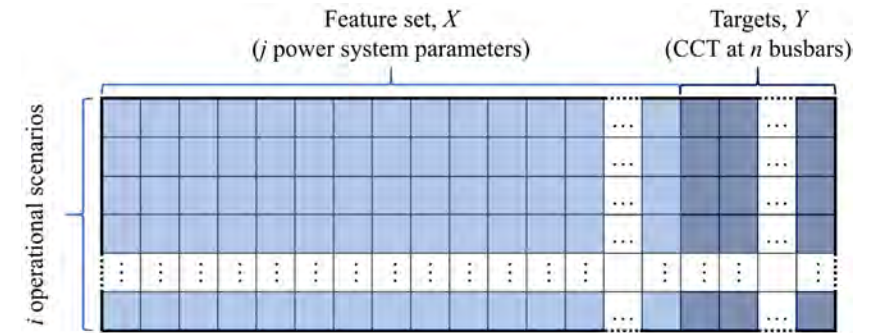
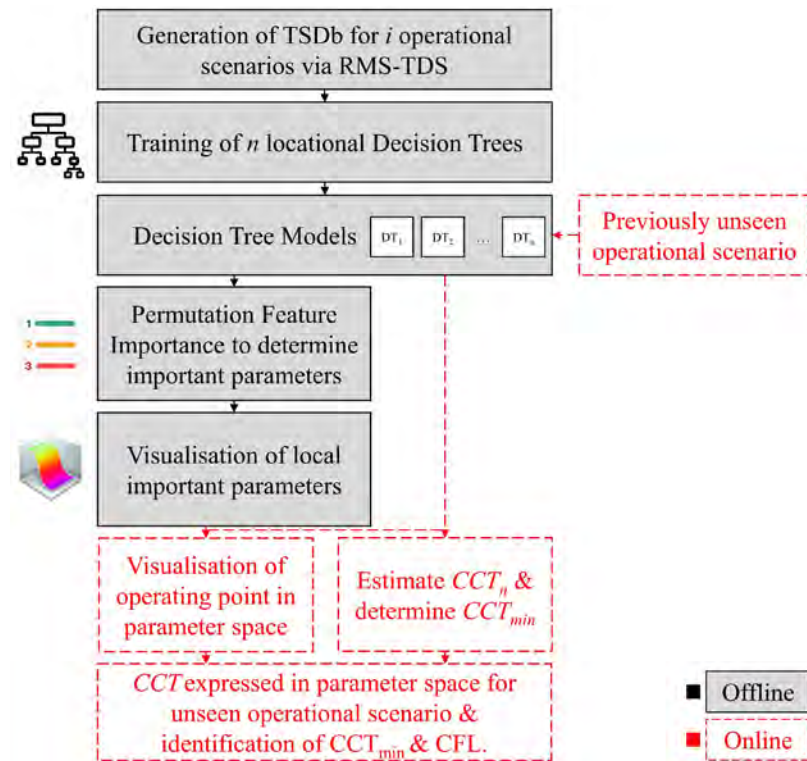


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# Locational Decision Trees and Permutation Feature Importance

- ML regression at each bus (CCT estimation)
  - Up to 200-fold increase in computational time
- Based on pre-fault data
  - Estimate CCT from incoming PMU measurements in operational time for improved situational awareness
  - Enables better situational awareness and fast screening of more cases to better understand risks

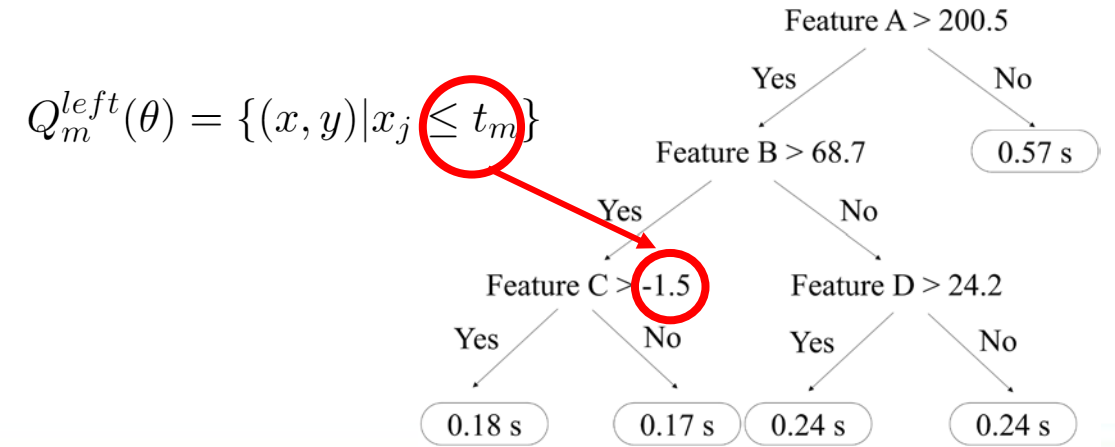
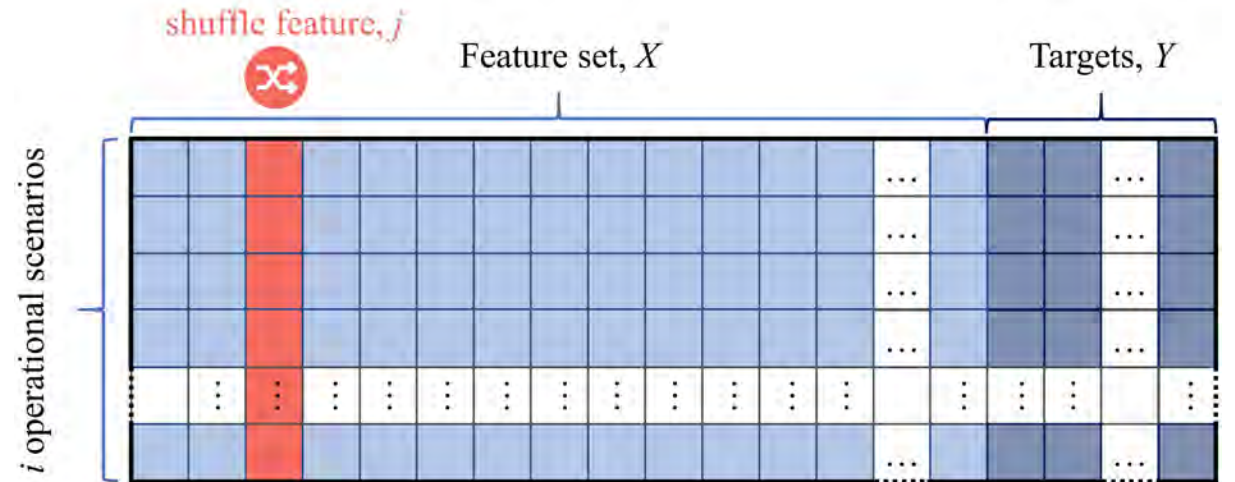


# Permutation Feature Importance

## Rule extraction in combination with Decision Trees

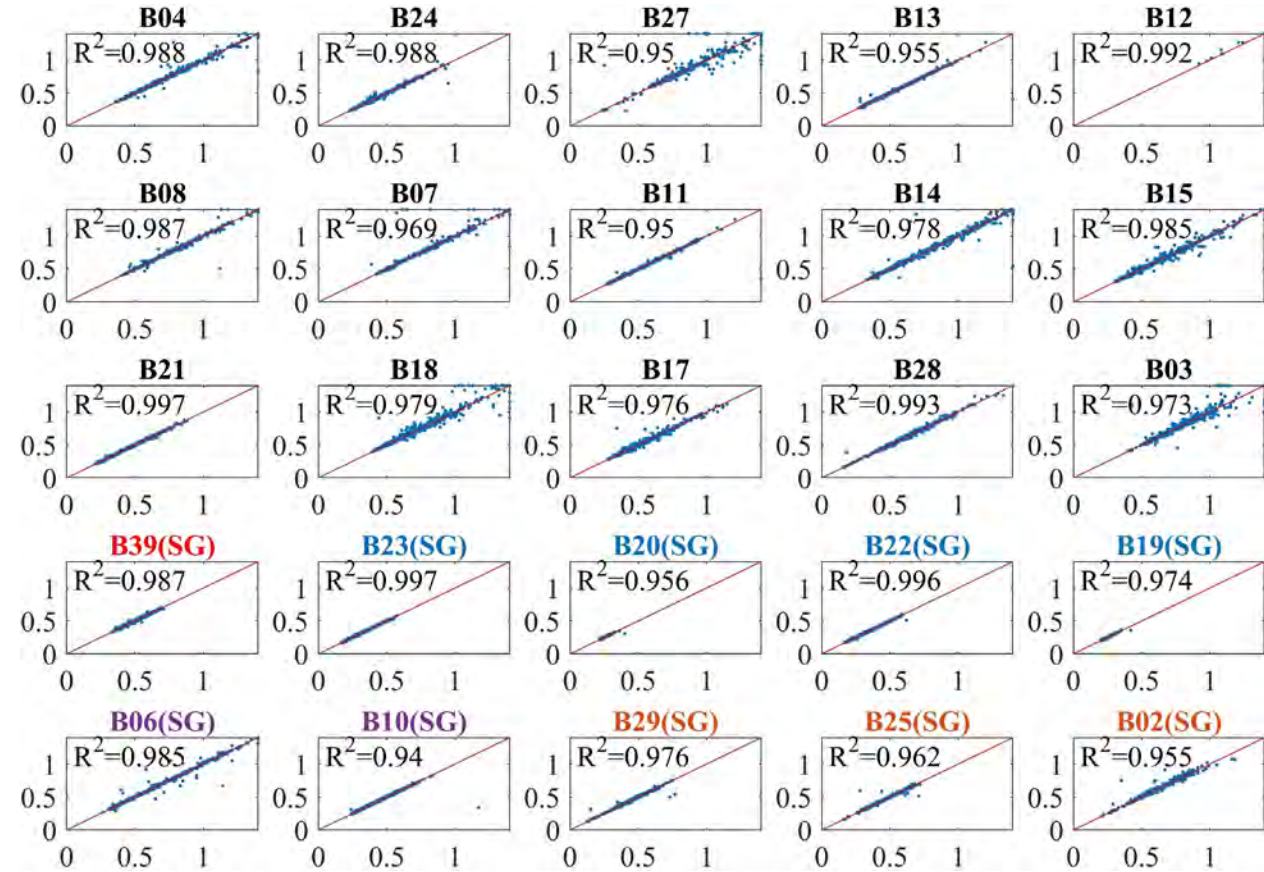
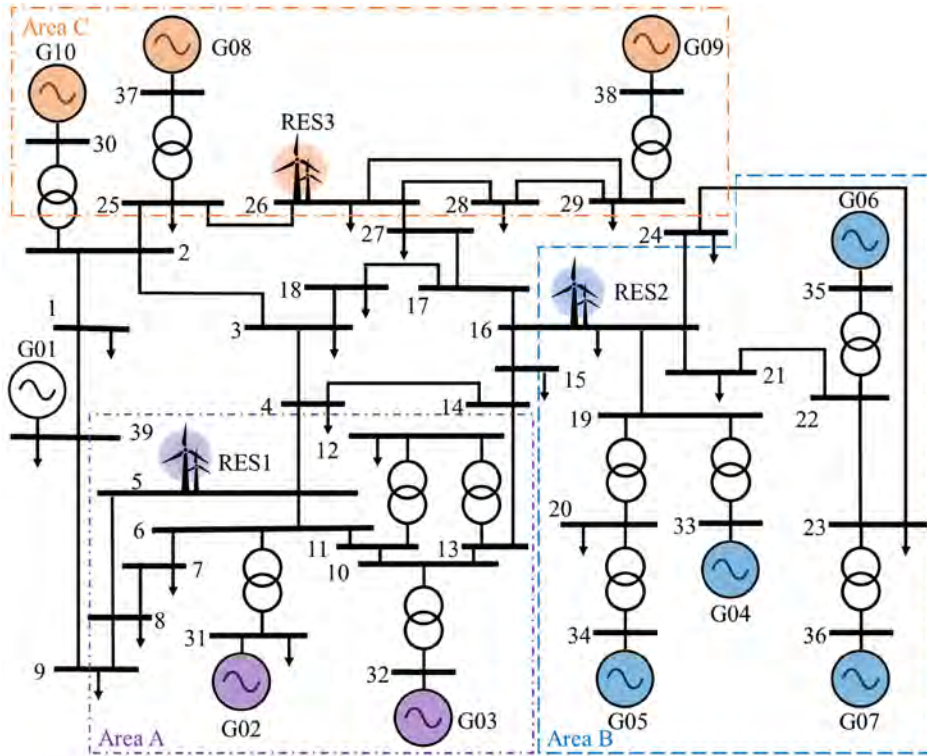
- PFI is a model inspection technique
- Based on the decrease in a model score when a single feature value is randomly shuffled
- Determines feature importance of estimators in a given dataset
- Mean decrease in impurity-based importance method:
  - biased towards high cardinality features
  - computed on training set statistics and therefore do not reflect the ability of feature to be useful to make predictions that generalize to the test set (when the model has enough capacity).

$$importance_i = score - 1/k \sum_{k=1}^K score_{k,i}$$

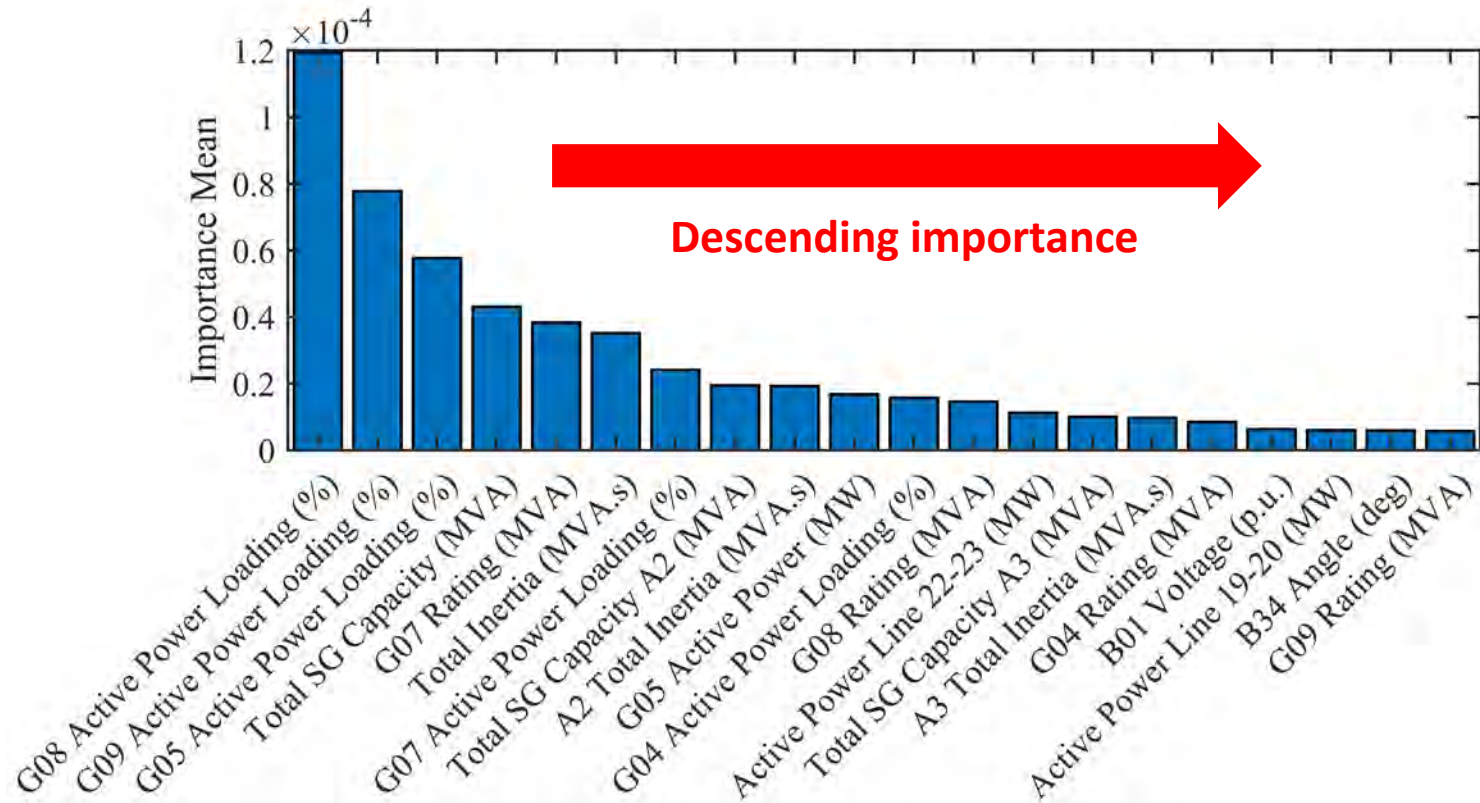


# Locational estimation of CCT – Case study results

- Using DTs (CART)
  - Overall good performance
  - Outliers exist (MOE and MUE can be significant)



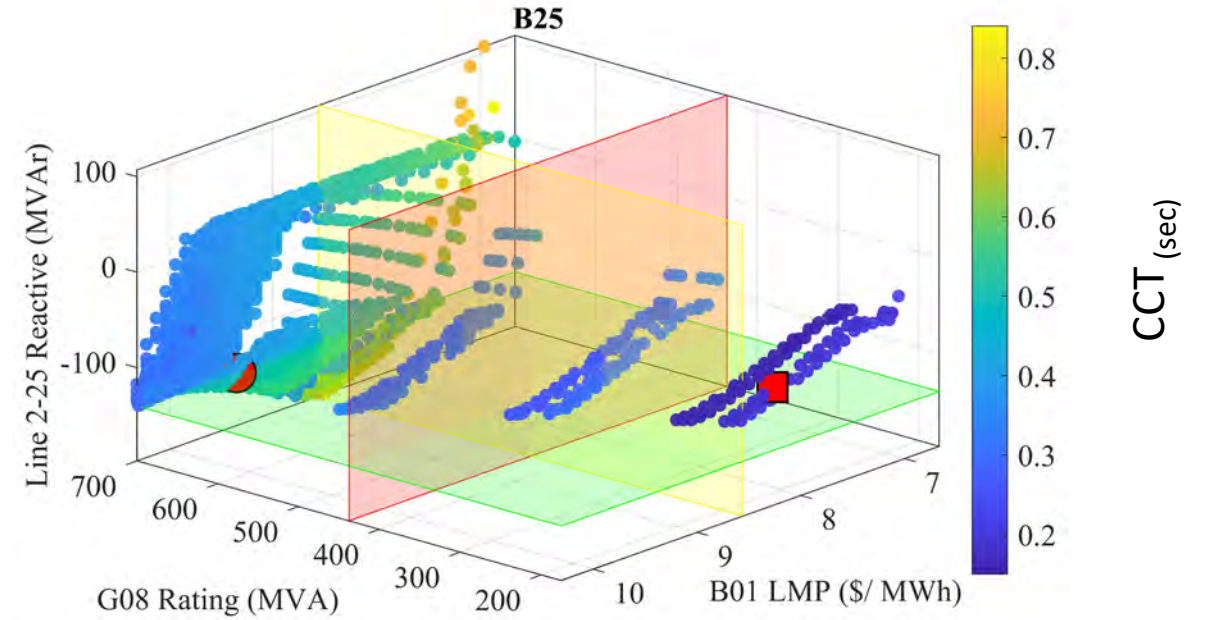
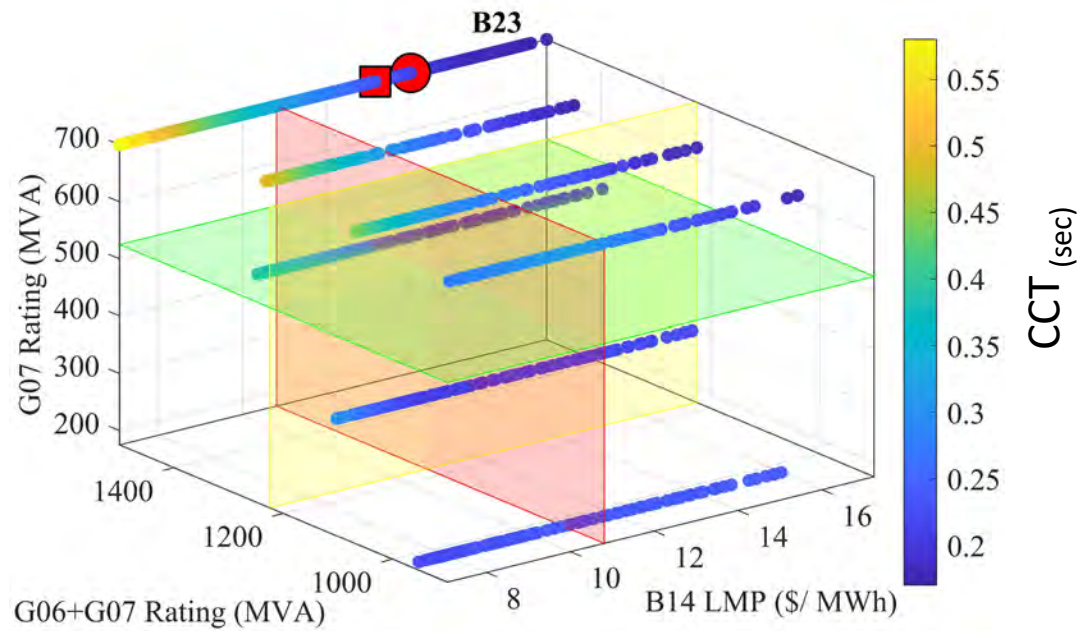
# PFI interpretation – Case study results



PFI gives feature importance based on the mean importance and the decrease in model performance when a feature is permuted



# PFI and DTs for rule extraction – Case study results



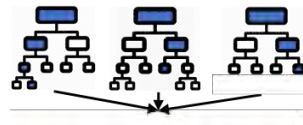
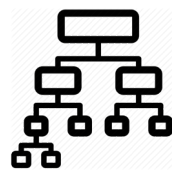
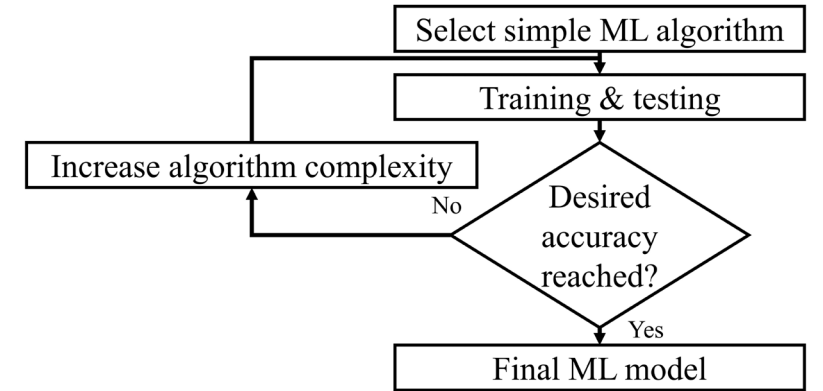
Operational Scenario details		Method A estimates				Method B estimates		Actual RMS TDS results				
Scenario	RES3	G08	CCT B23	CCT B25	CCT <sub>min</sub>	CFL	CCT <sub>min</sub>	CFL	CCT B23	CCT B25	CCT <sub>min</sub>	CFL
A (red circle)	280	700	0.21	0.42	0.21	B23	0.21	B23	0.21	0.42	0.21	B23
B (red square)	932	175	0.24	0.19	0.19	B25	0.19	B23	0.24	0.19	0.19	B25

# Locational Accuracy

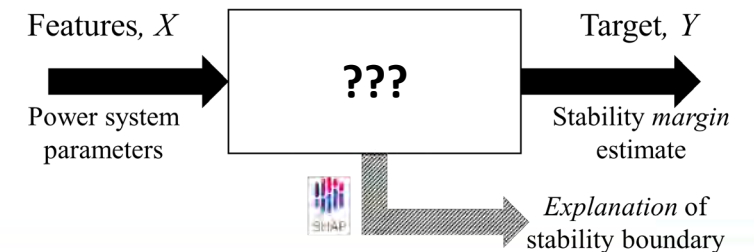
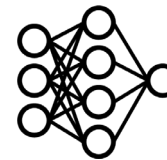
- Mostly motivated by improvement in maximum errors

IMPACT OF ML ALGORITHM ON ACCURACY METRICS FOR ALL LOCATIONS

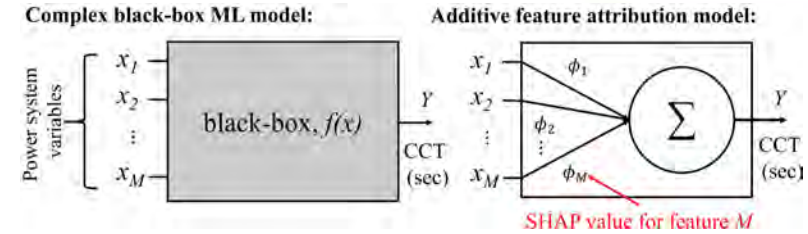
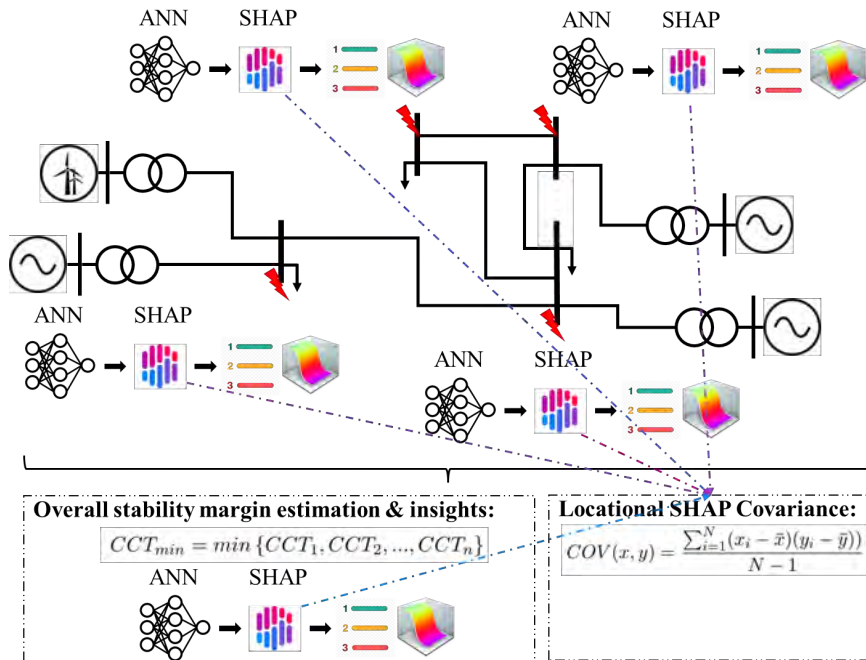
Performance Metric	DT	RF	XGBoost	ANN
Average RSQ				
Average MSE (sec <sup>2</sup> )				
Average RMSE (sec)				
Max MOE (sec)				
Min MUE (sec)				
Max MOE < 0.3 (sec)				
Min MUE < 0.3 (sec)				



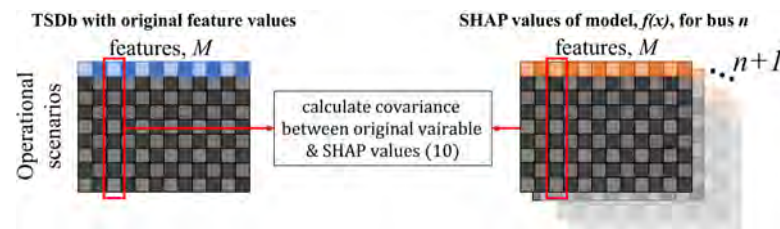
XGBoost



# ML model interpretability using Shapley Additive Explanations



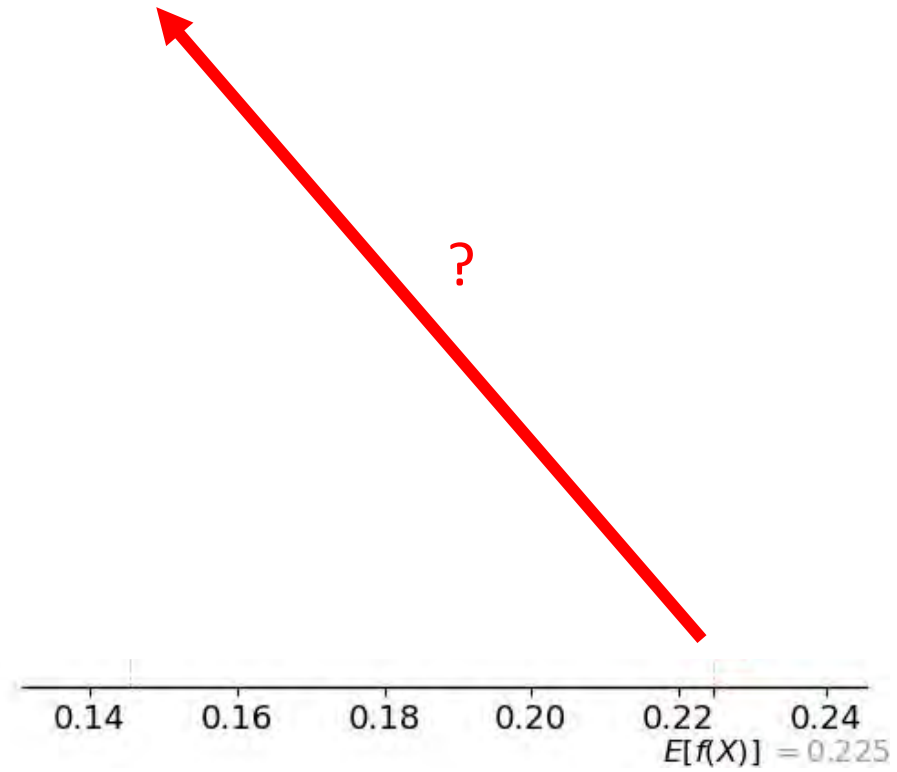
- Locational ML models for CCT estimation
- SHAP builds a simpler (linear) explanation model of the original (non-linear) black-box model
  - Uses approximate Shapley values defined as the average marginal contribution of a feature to all feature coalitions with that feature
  - Provides feature effects
  - Local (for one operating scenario) and global (for all operating scenarios) explanations
- Reveals tendencies (no guarantee of causal relations)
- Covariance between features and SHAP values can reveal locational aspects



# SHAP – local interpretations

Prediction,  $f(x)$  (sec)

$f(x) = 0.145$

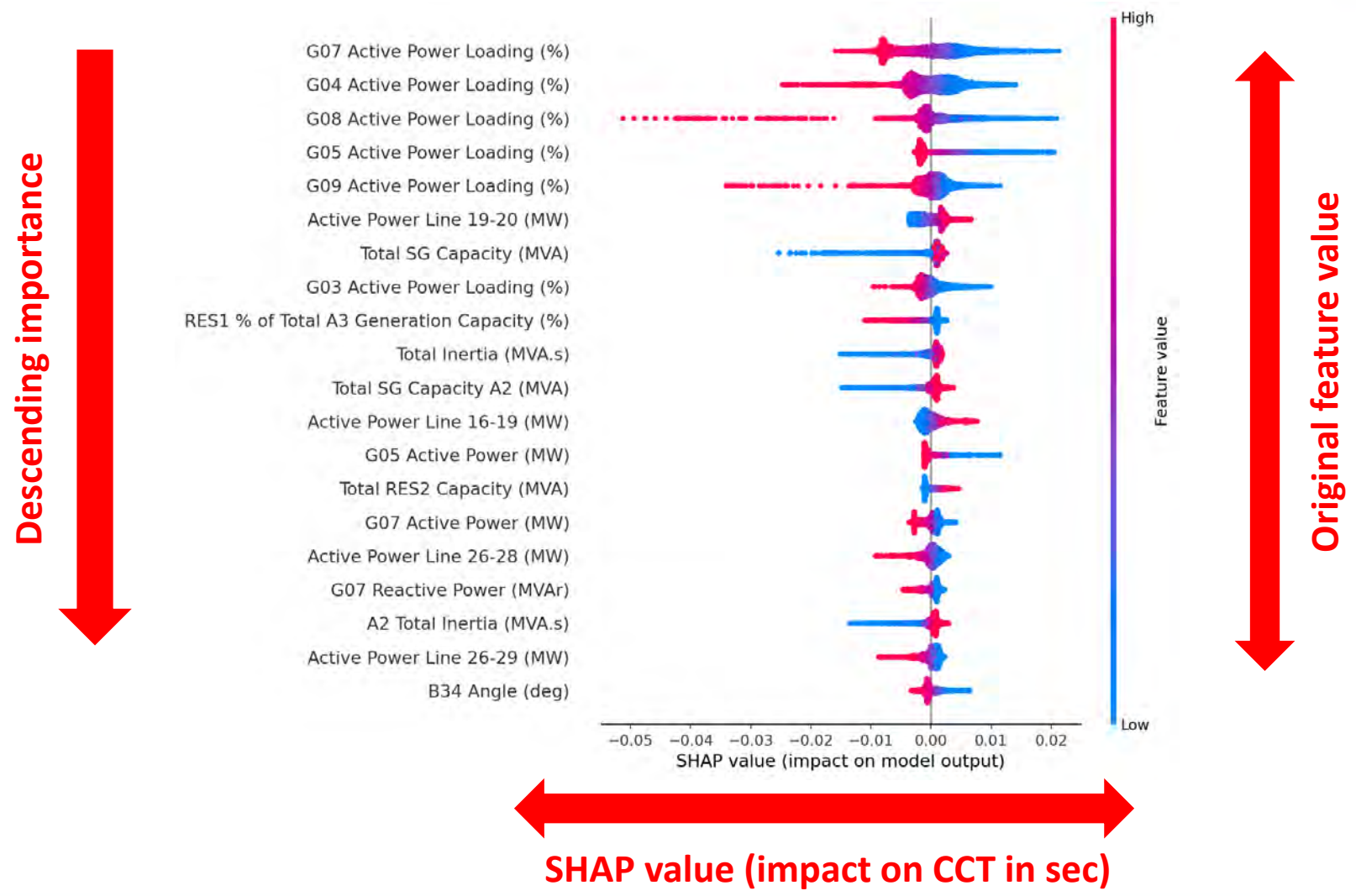


SHAP values,  $\phi_i$  (sec)

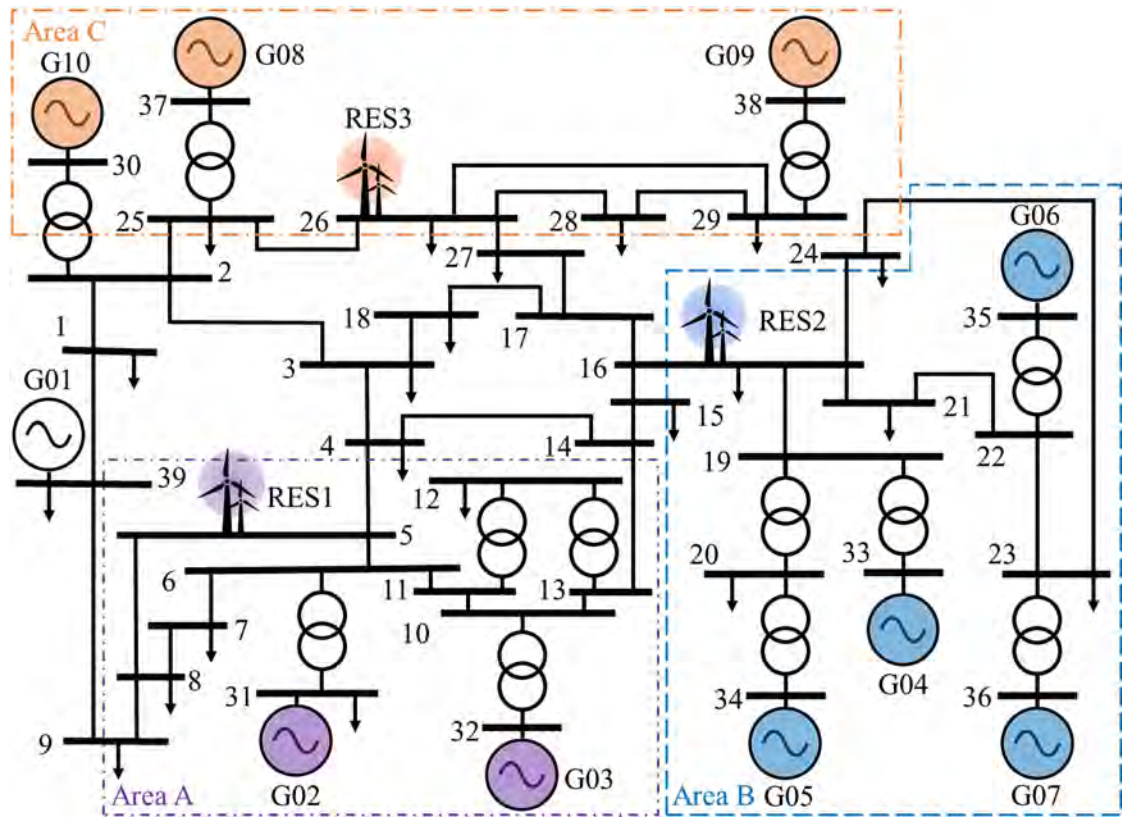
Expectation,  $E[f(x)]$  (sec)

$$f(x) = E[f(x)] + \sum_{i=1}^M \phi_i$$

# SHAP – global interpretations

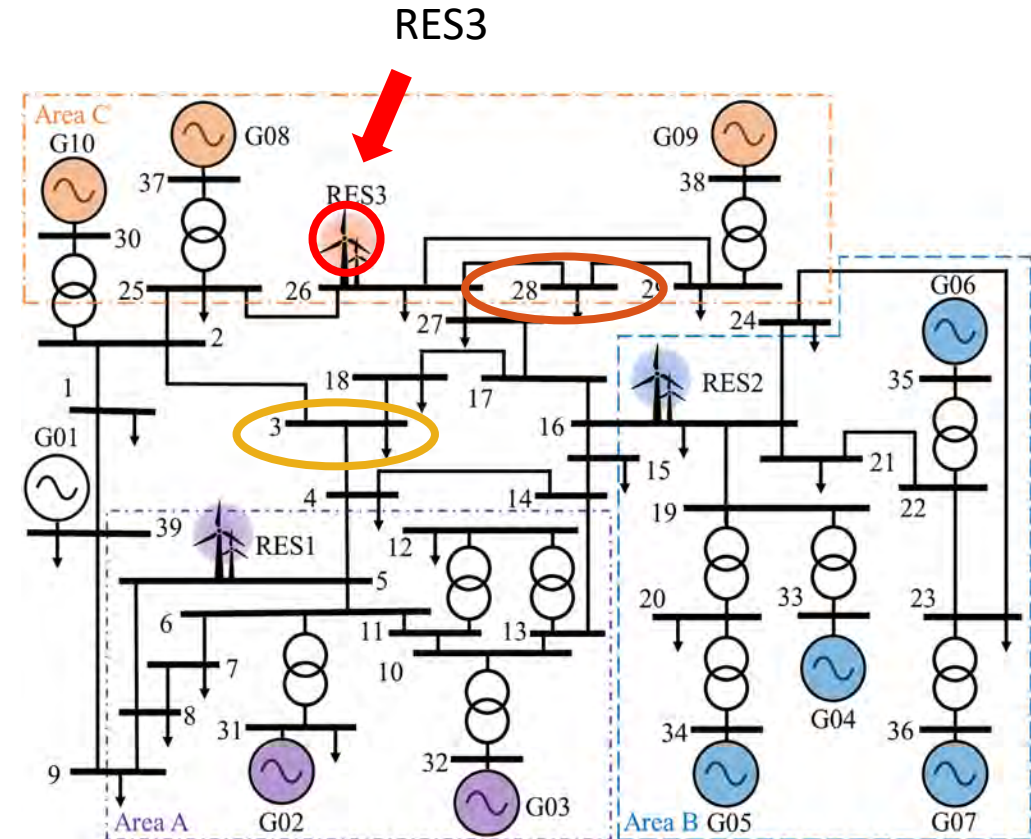
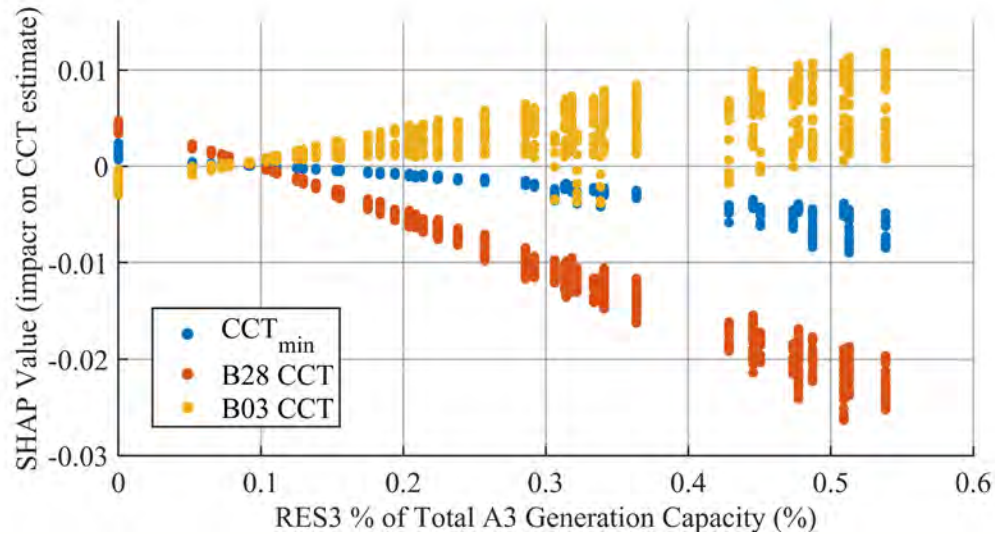
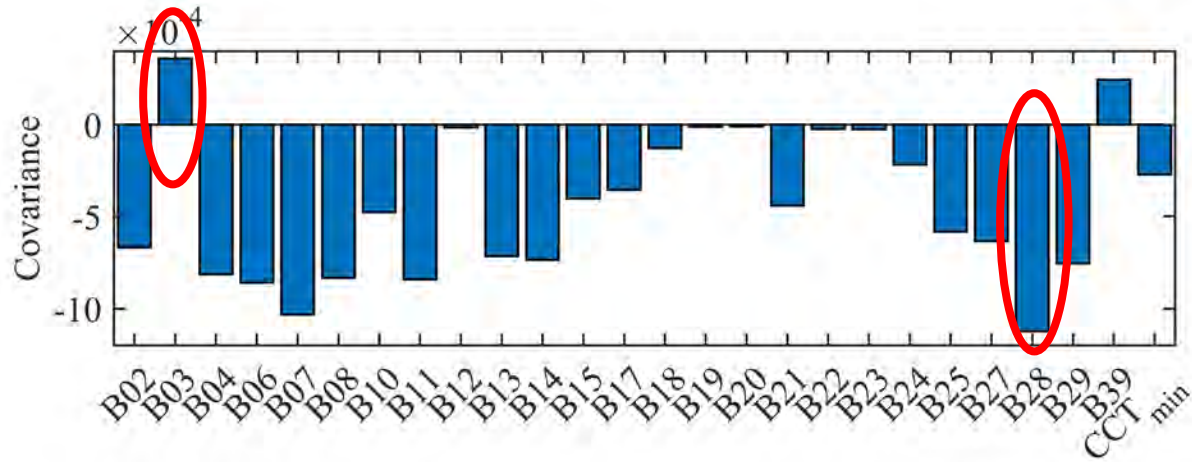


# SHAP and locational aspects – Case study results



# Example result of locational interpretability

- Increase in wind generation in area 3 (RES3) causes local reduction of CCT in Bus 3 but increase in Bus 28



- **Locational Transient Stability Margin estimation using ML**
  - Faster (up to 200-fold compared to time domain simulations)
  - Can be very accurate with powerful black-box models
  - Improved situational awareness and fast screening
- **Interpretability techniques (SHAP and PFI)**
  - Useful insights into complex dynamics
  - Suggest rules for operation/planning (what services are needed and where?)
  - Confidence in using ML models



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