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I had a video-chat with Mr. John Doe over the Skype this afternoon which lasted more than 55 minutes. Here are my recollections of what we discussed: In the beginning, we have exchanged pleasantries. We have discussed his arrival timeline and the paperwork involved. He then discussed his progress on our common research interest and other pertinent issues such as how to maybe better formulate the problem for a well-posed optimal control solution, the implications of modeling the power distribution network, pros and cons of using small-signal linearized models and large-signal nonlinear models, potential cost function formulations, etc. We discussed potential follow up directions including self-learning techniques for the impedance-based control of dc network and, once and if the problem gets too complex, looking into neural networks. We discussed hardware facilities available at UTA. We then discussed exchanging simulation files for one of my published papers, and assessing a trial version of a simulation software before arrival at UTA. We had ended the conversation with small talks about common friends and colleagues. I had another Skype video-chat with Mr. Doe on February 3rd, 2019, for more than 37 minutes. On both occasions, I found John's command of the English language satisfactory to carry on a conversation and discuss research topics, challenges, and directions.

Regards,

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