



Multi-PCC Electric Distribution System Power Hardware-in-the-Loop

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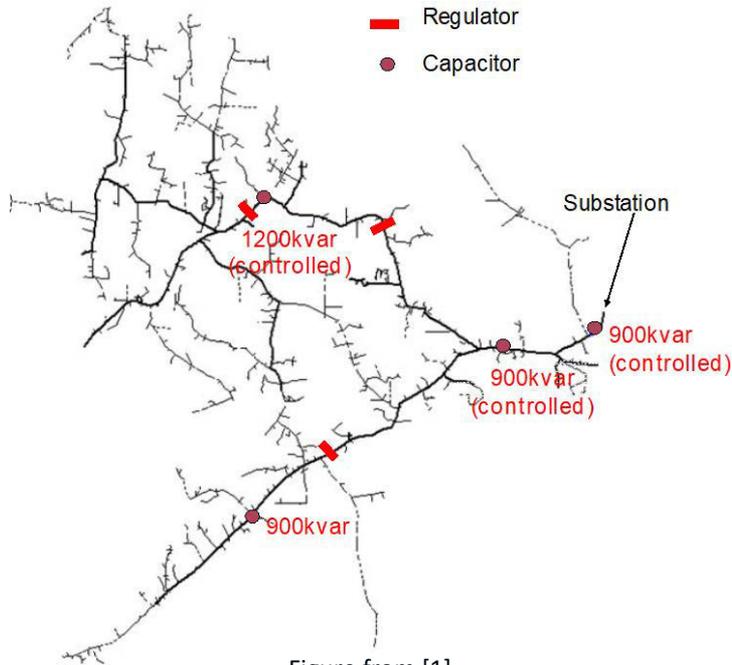
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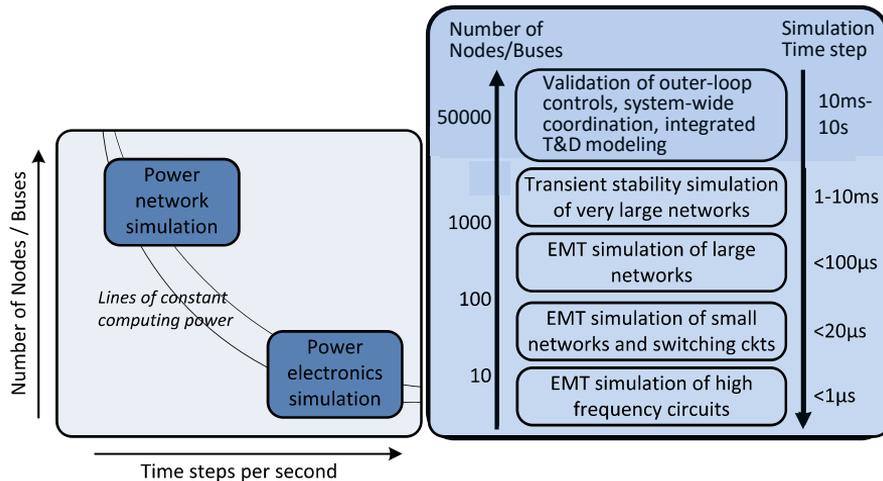
- 1** Background: Applications/implementation of RT distribution system sim.
- 2** Examples of recent NREL multi-PCC distribution system sim. projects
- 3** Multi-PCC CHIL + PHIL platform development

The IEEE 8,500-Node Test Feeder



- Differences in distribution system RT simulation
 - More nodes
 - More devices with more sophisticated models
 - Unbalanced power flow
 - Different assumptions.

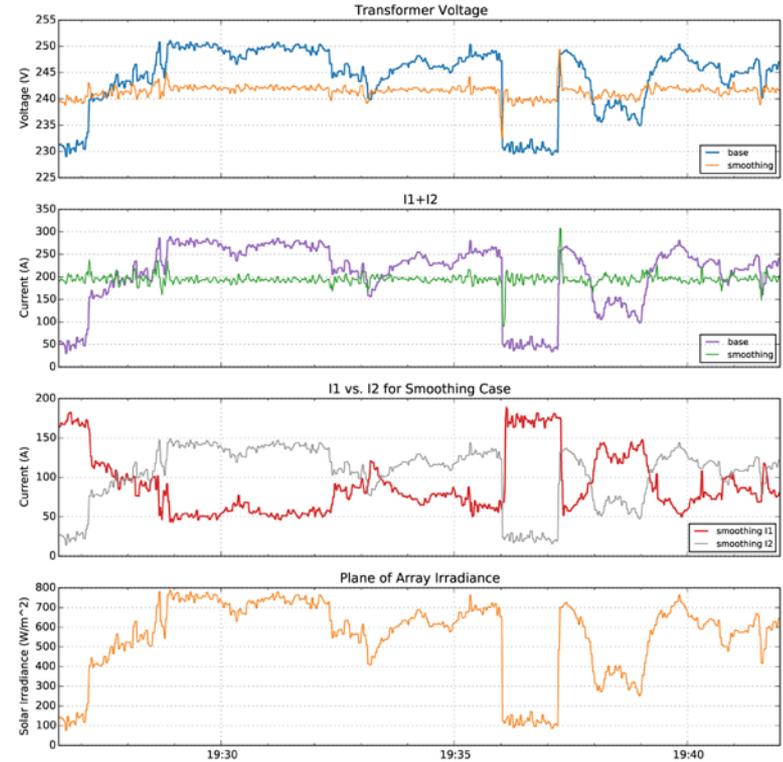
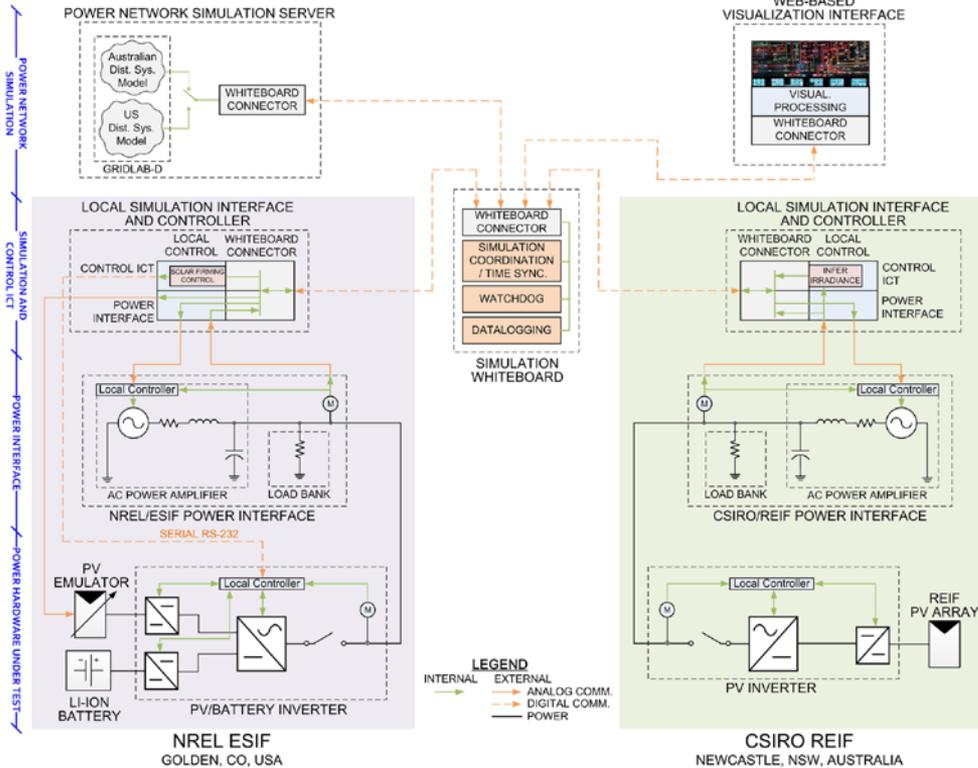
Applications vs. Common Implementation



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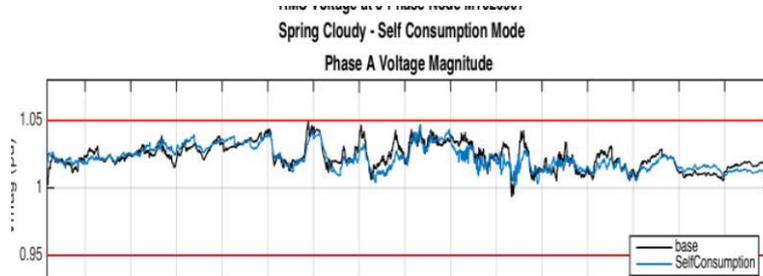
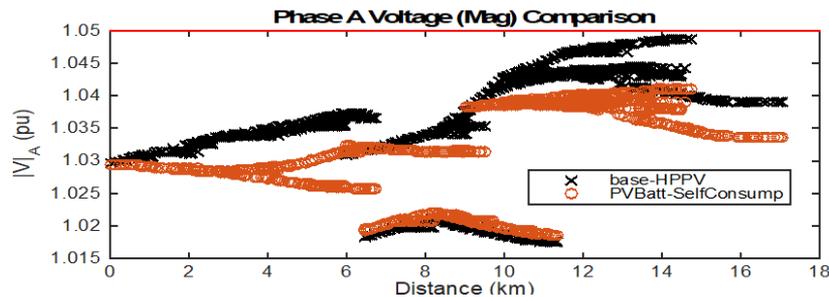
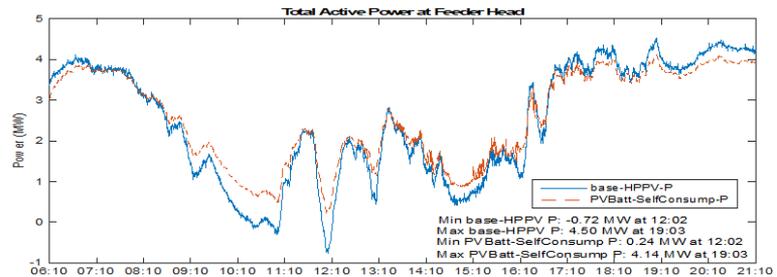
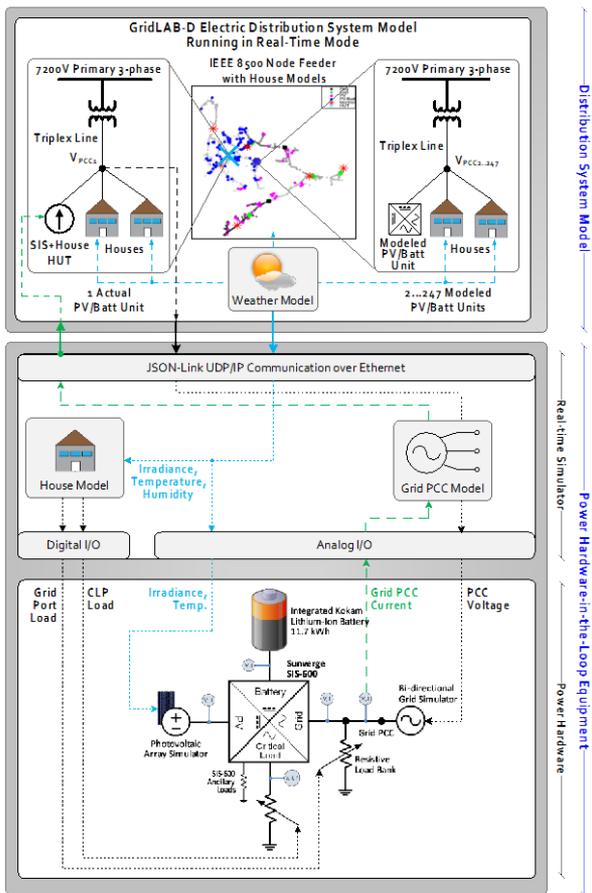
- Quasi-static time-series (QSTS) simulation
 - **Model scale:** full system
 - **Purpose:** study of system voltages, voltage regulation equipment, system-wide coordination.
- Dynamic/electromechanical transient simulation
 - **Model scale:** reduced order
 - **Purpose:** study of system/device interaction, system frequency response, combined distribution/bulk power system dynamics.

QSTS Examples: Multisite Cosimulation and Coordinated Control



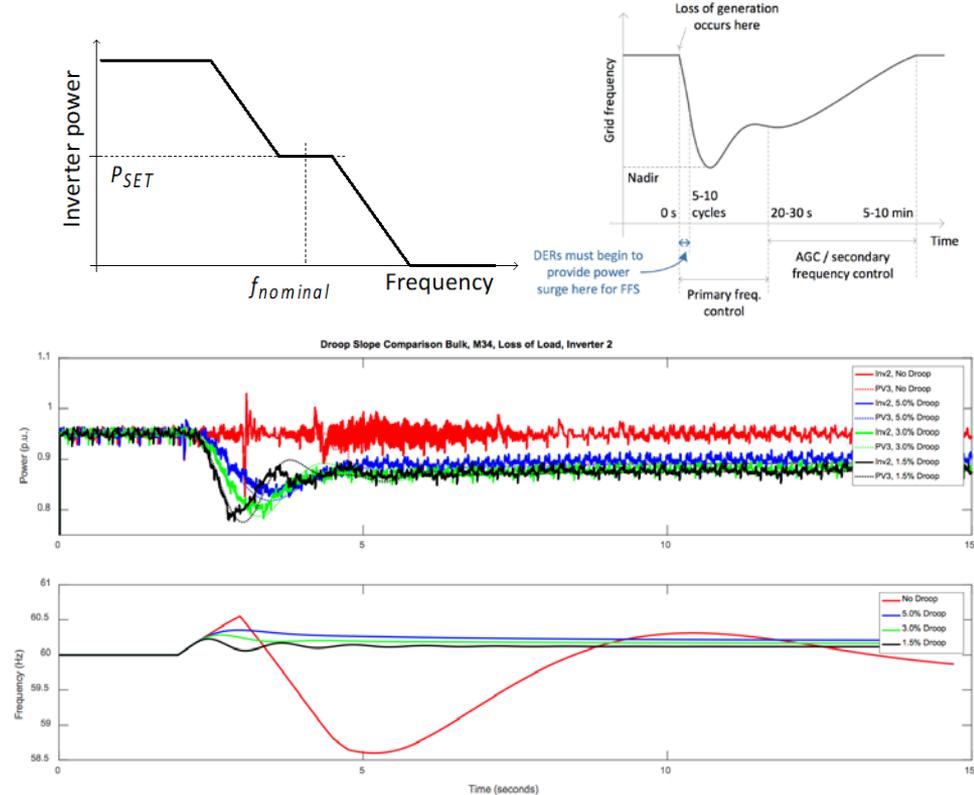
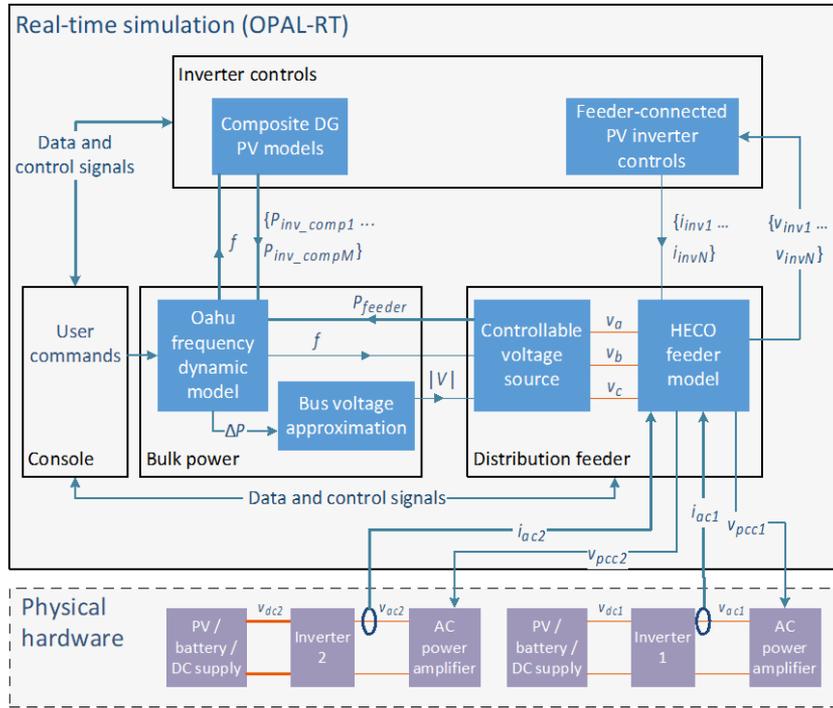
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QSTS Examples: System Impacts of DER Autonomous Control



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Dynamic Examples: Oahu Frequency Response

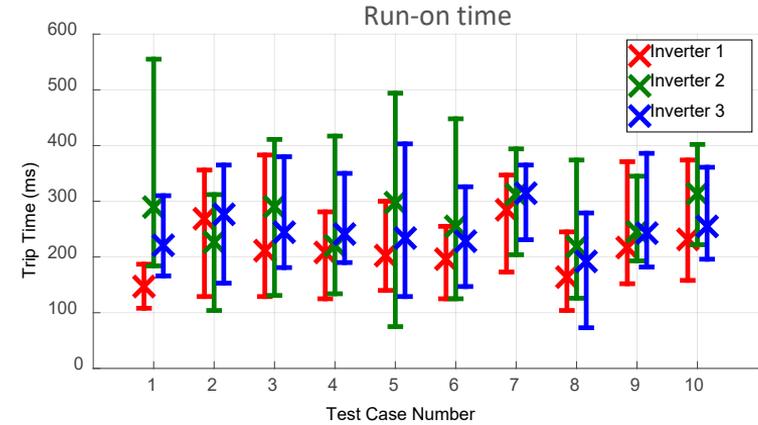
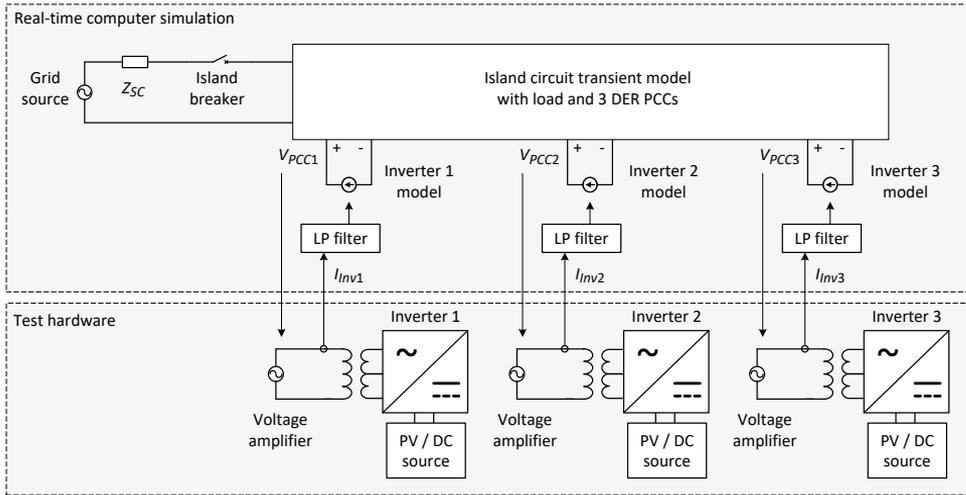


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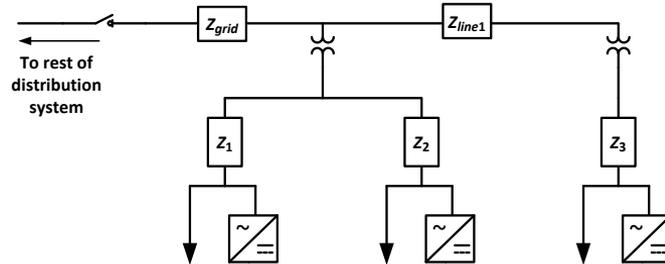
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Dynamic Examples: Anti-Islanding of Multiple Inverters with GSF



Topology 3:
Two inverters on one transformer and one on a second

Breaker/fuse/switch;
Island forms when open



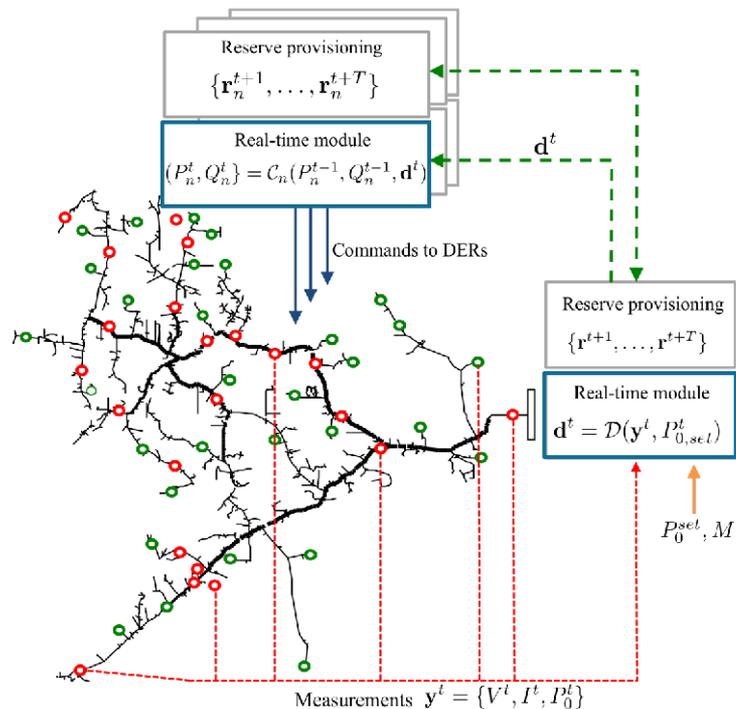
Test Case	Circuit Topology and Impedances		
	# Transformers	# Overhead Lines	# Underground Lines
1	1	0	3
2	1	3	0
3	3	0	3
4	3	3	0
5	3	1	2
6	3	2	1
7	2	0	3
8	2	3	0
9	2	1	2
10	2	2	1

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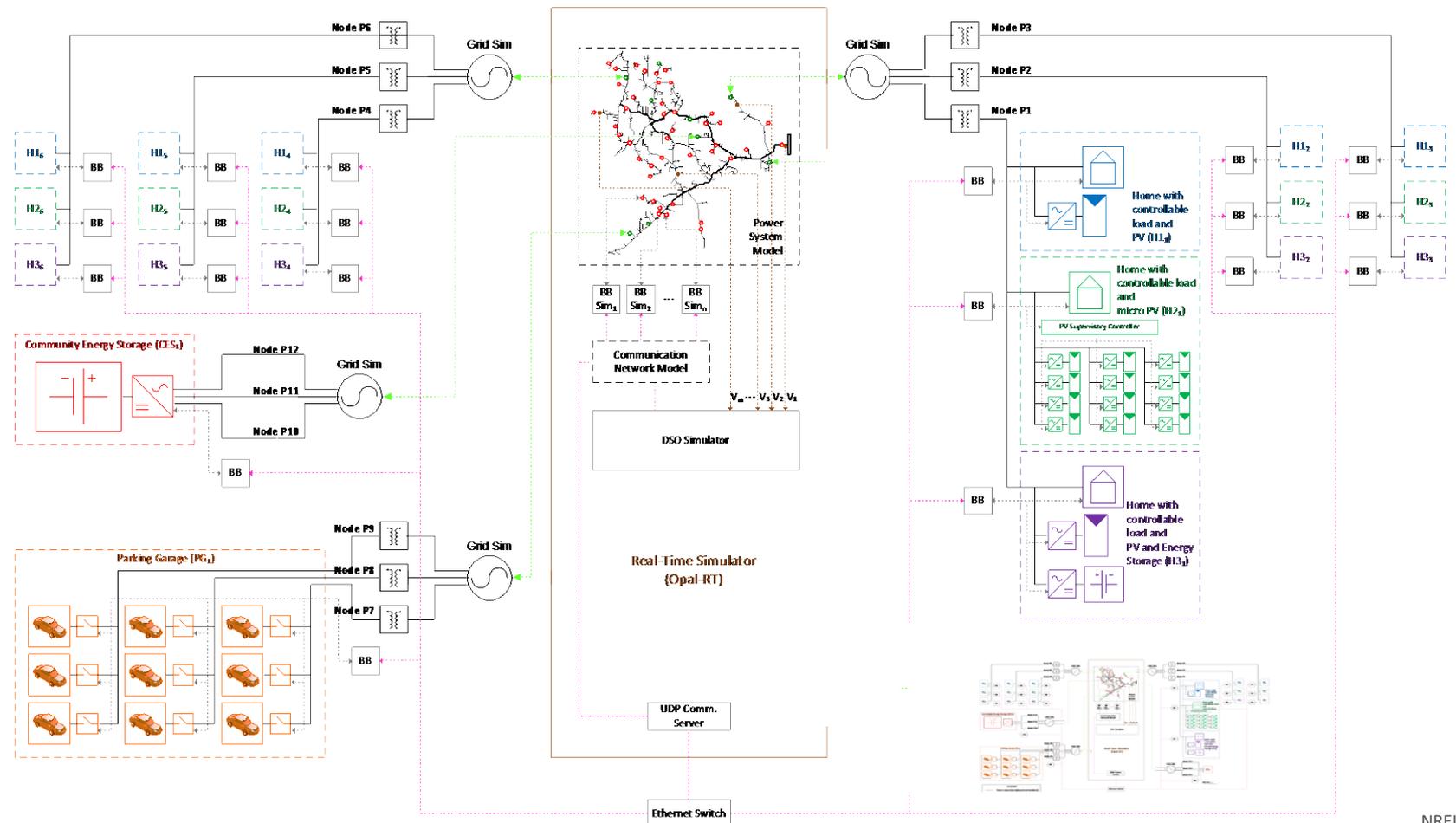
Next Applications



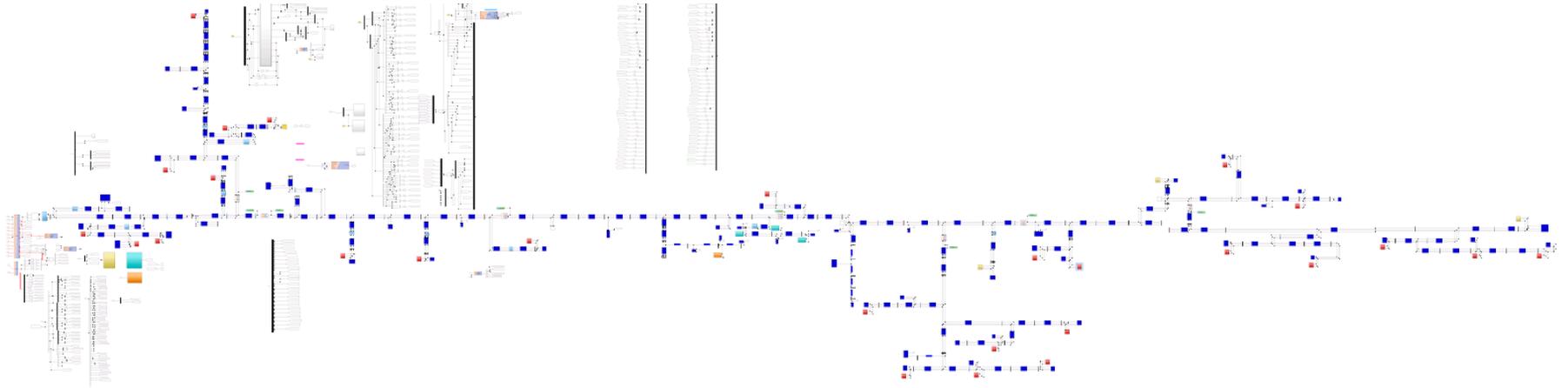
- Maximize customer and system operator objectives while respecting system limits
- Inertial response
- Primary frequency response
- Secondary frequency response
- Follow dispatch signals.

- Distributed control applications requiring full-scale models at dynamic timescale
- More power devices under test (100+)
- More control devices under test (100+)
- More PHIL PCCs
- Larger distribution + bulk power system networks.

Power- and Controller-Hardware-in-the-Loop Test Platform

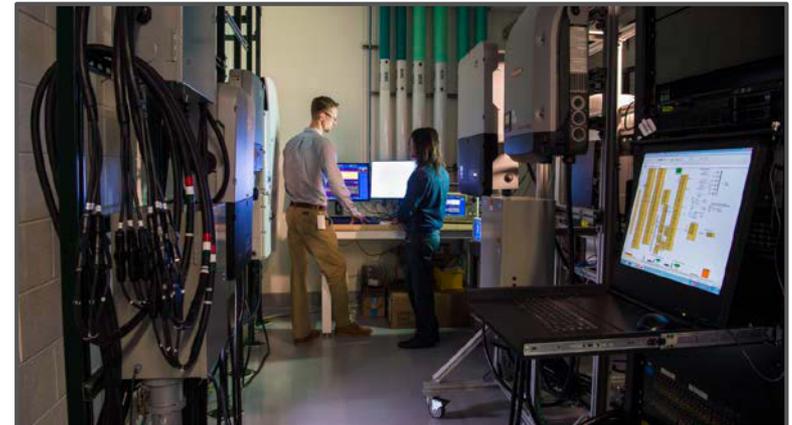


Implementation Aspects

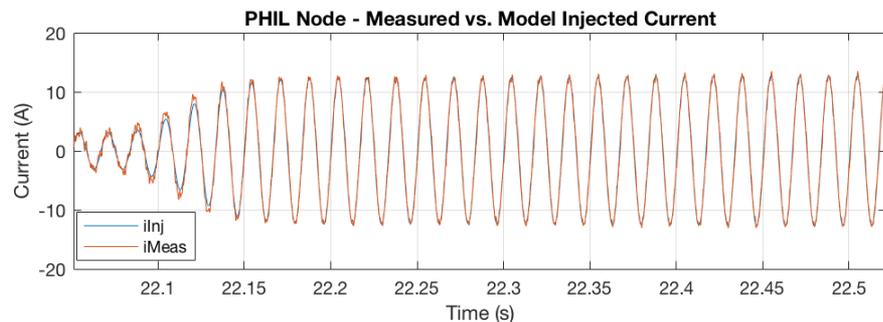
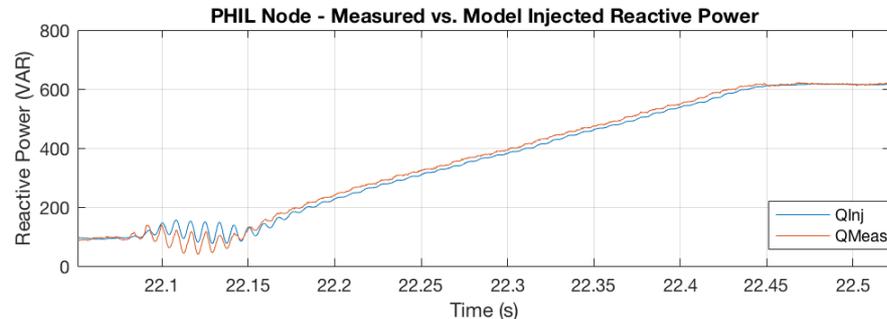
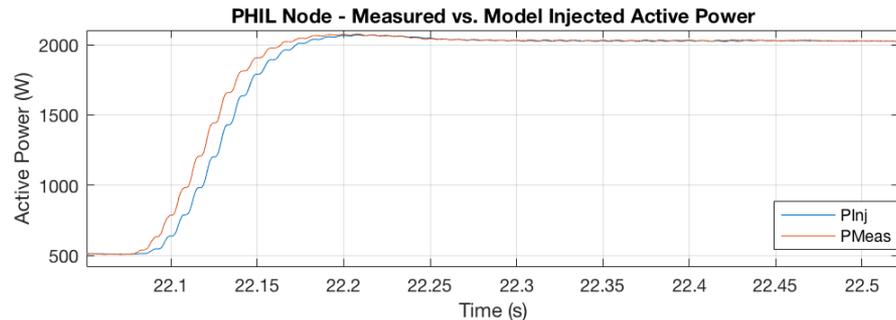
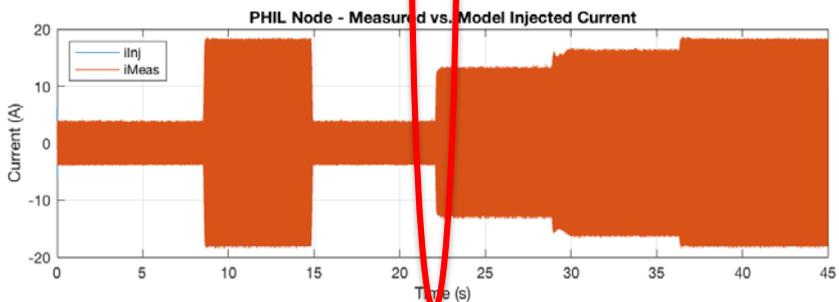
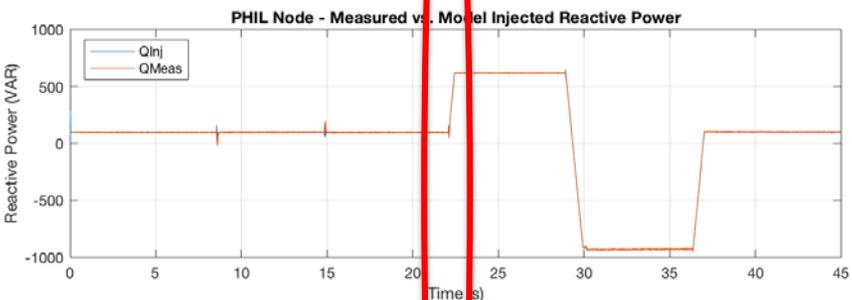
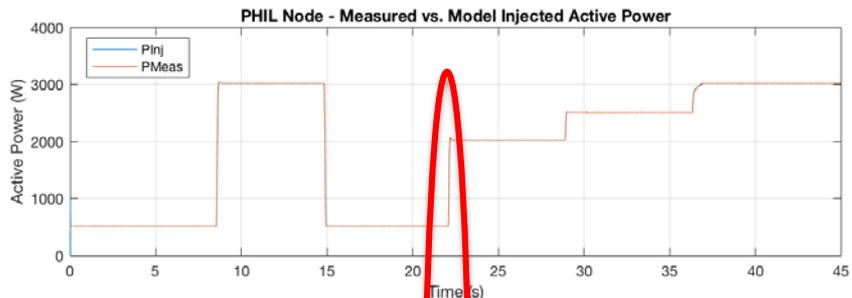


- Real-world distribution system model from Southern California Edison with 366 single-phase nodes, 100+ DER models, real-time load and generation inputs, running at 50–200 us time step using SSN solver
- 100+ powered hardware devices and 20+ controllers in (5) disparate lab locations
 - PV string inverters
 - PV microinverters
 - Battery inverters
 - EVSE + EV
 - Controllable load, including residential appliances
 - Community-scale hybrid power system
 - Beaglebone Black and Raspberry PI microcontrollers.
- Sensing: 200 kHz+ LEM voltage and current sensors
- Grid Sim: Various—Ametek RS and MX, and Chroma families
- Distribution of analog I/O via fiber.

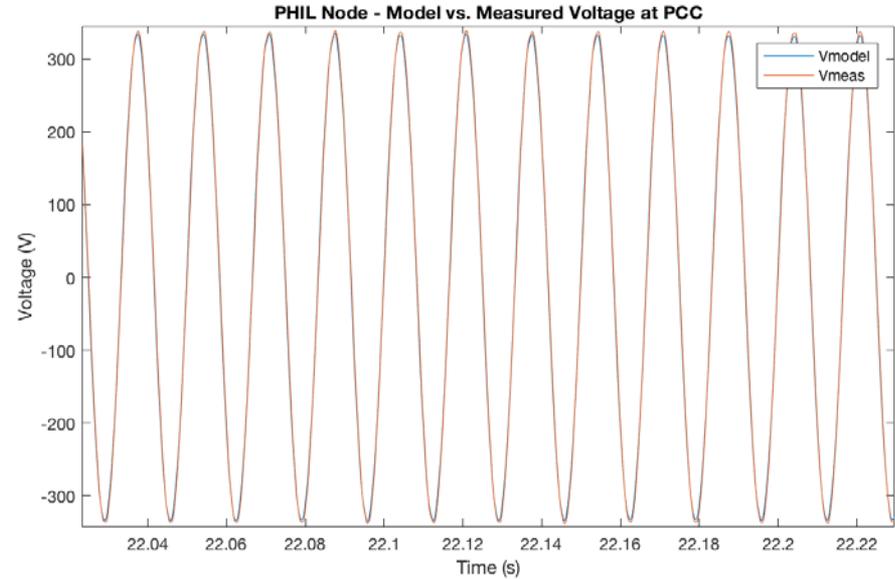
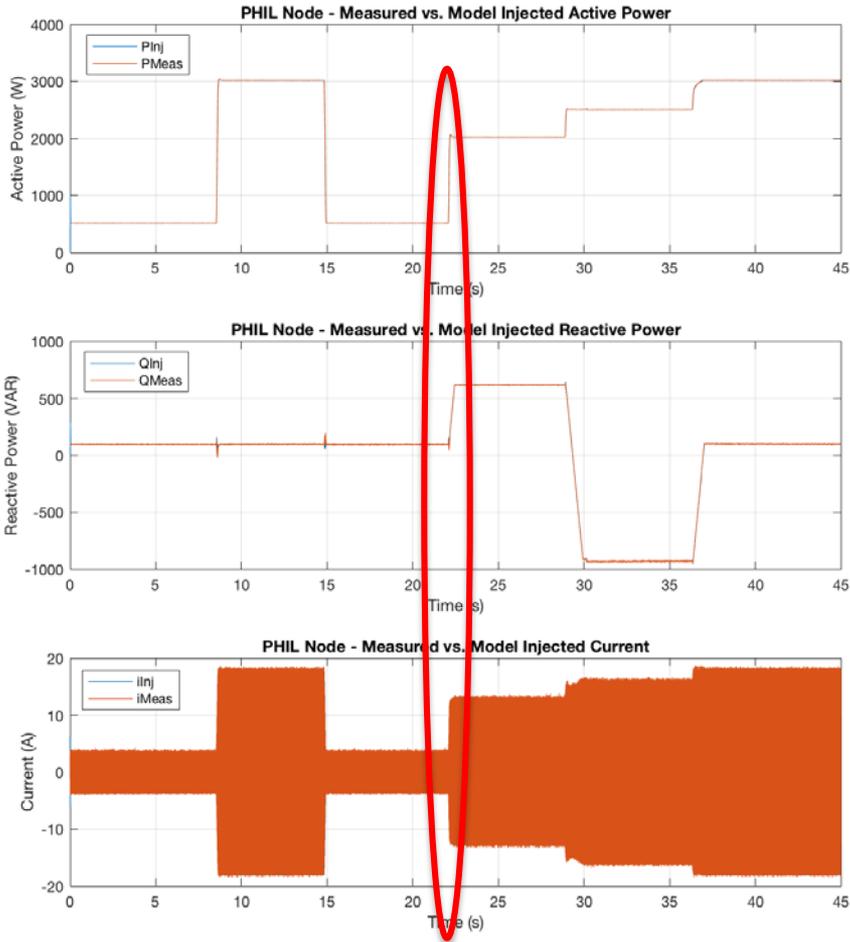
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Power-Hardware-in-the-Loop Interface: Current, Power Tracking



Power-Hardware-in-the-Loop Interface: Voltage Tracking



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