

# **DUKE ENERGY** **Electric Grid Research, & Development Center** **Innovation**

## ***eGRID Introduction and Status***

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***September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014***



*Driving economic growth, innovation, and workforce  
development for South Carolina*

# The SCE&G Energy Innovation Center



Clemson University Restoration Institute

SCE&G Energy Innovation Center

Duke Energy eGRID Center

Wind Turbine Drivetrain Testing Facility

15 MW HIL Grid Simulator

7.5 MW Test Bench

15 MW Test Bench



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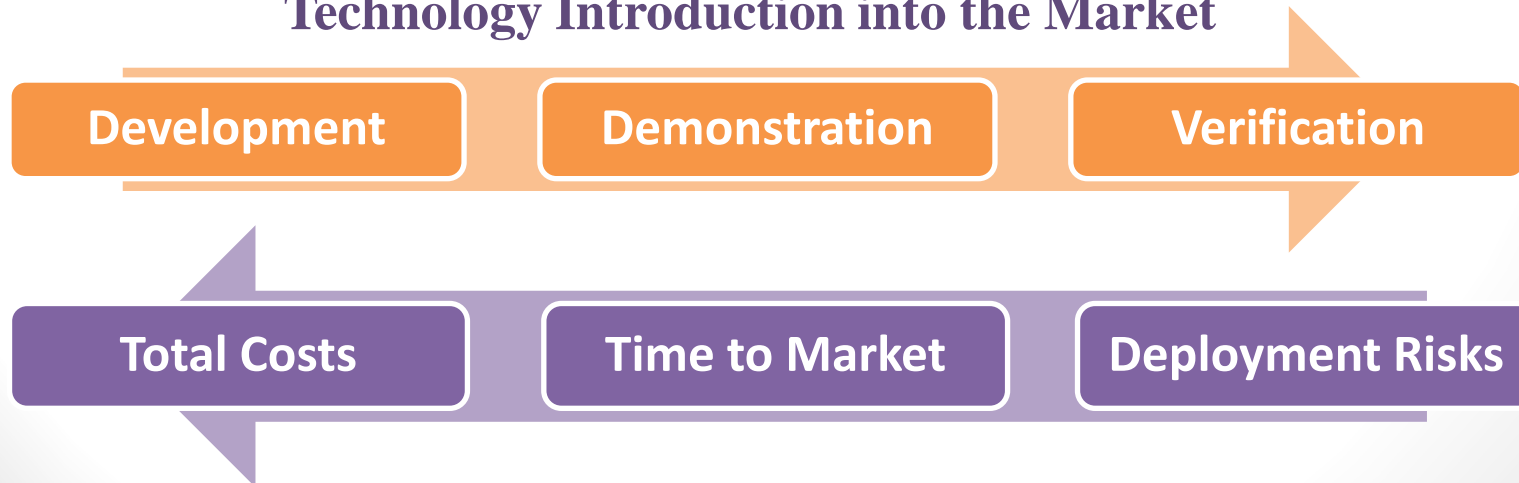
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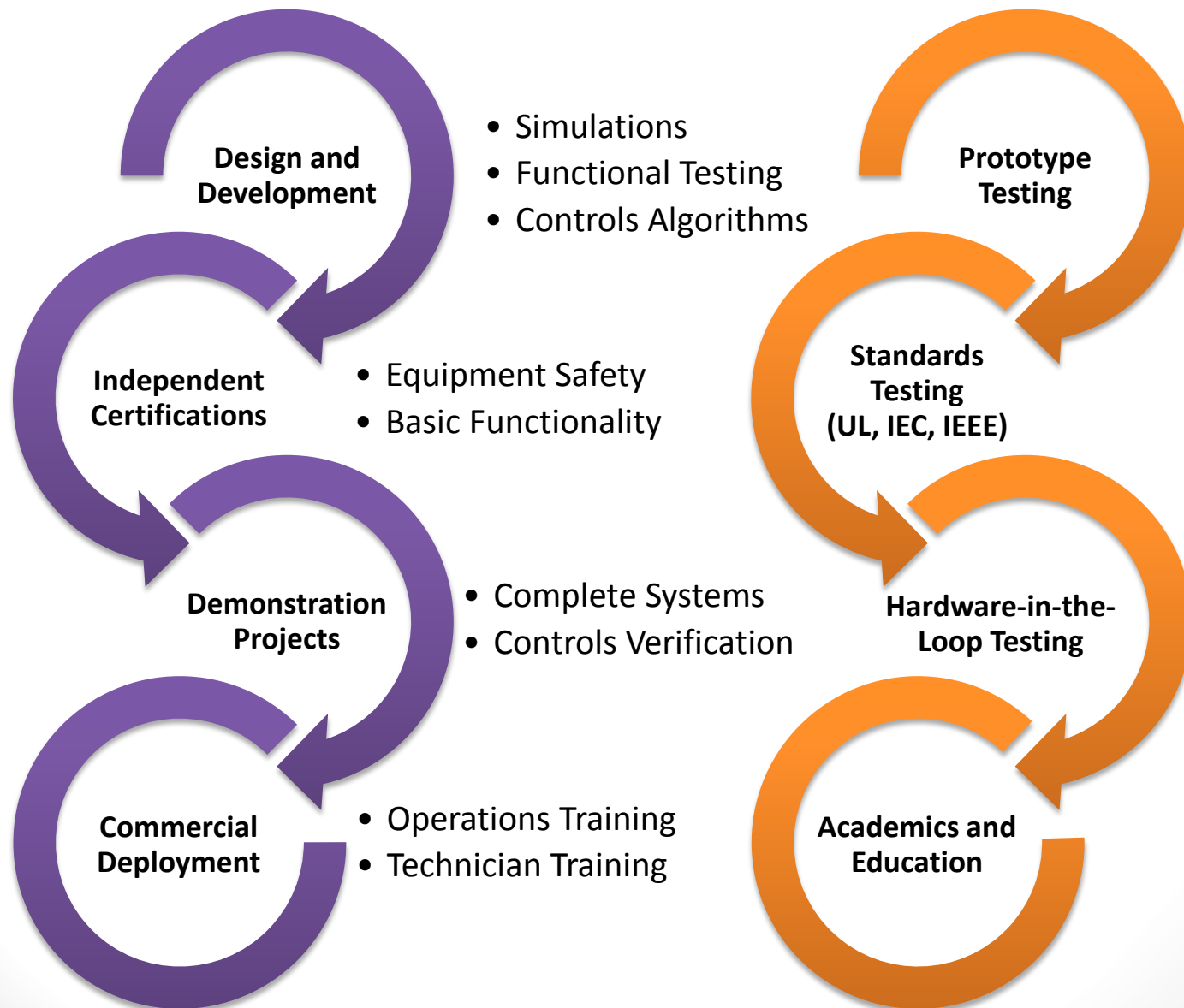
# Transforming the electrical grid into an energy efficient network requires:

- new technologies that must play a significant role in power system stability.
- the ability to replicate a complex dynamic system like the electrical grid for testing purposes.
- extensive testing of hardware and software to meet safety and quality assurance requirements through '*fully integrated*' system testing.
- parallel model verification and validation of physical hardware to ensure higher reliability and stability once deployed on the electrical grid.

## Advanced Testing Lowers the Risks and Costs of New Technology Introduction into the Market

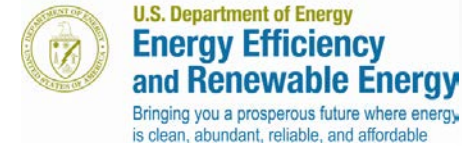


# How the EGRID center fits into the technology development cycle





# eGRID Founding Partners



## eGRID Market Applications

**Large Solar  
PV Converters**



**Micro-Grid  
Applications**



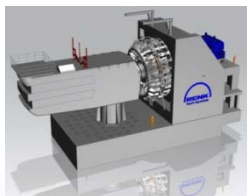
**EV Charging  
Stations**



**Utility Scale  
Energy Storage**



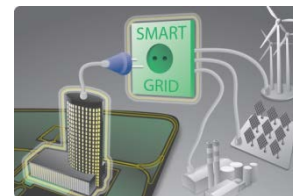
**Wind Energy**



**Traditional Distributed  
Generation (Diesel, NG, etc.)**



**Smart Grid  
Technologies**



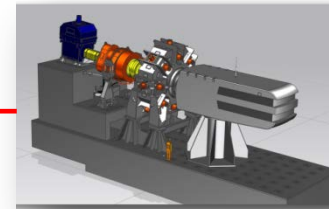
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# SCE&G Energy Innovation Center



23.9 kV Utility Bus



7.5MW Test Stand



15MW Test Stand

20 MVA HIL  
Grid Simulator



4.16 kV 5 MVA Test Bus

23.9 kV 20 MVA Test Bus

Graduate Education Center  
500 kW Solar Array (Future)

Up to three  
independent grid  
integration tests can  
run simultaneously in  
each of the three  
experimental bay's



Experimental Bay #3

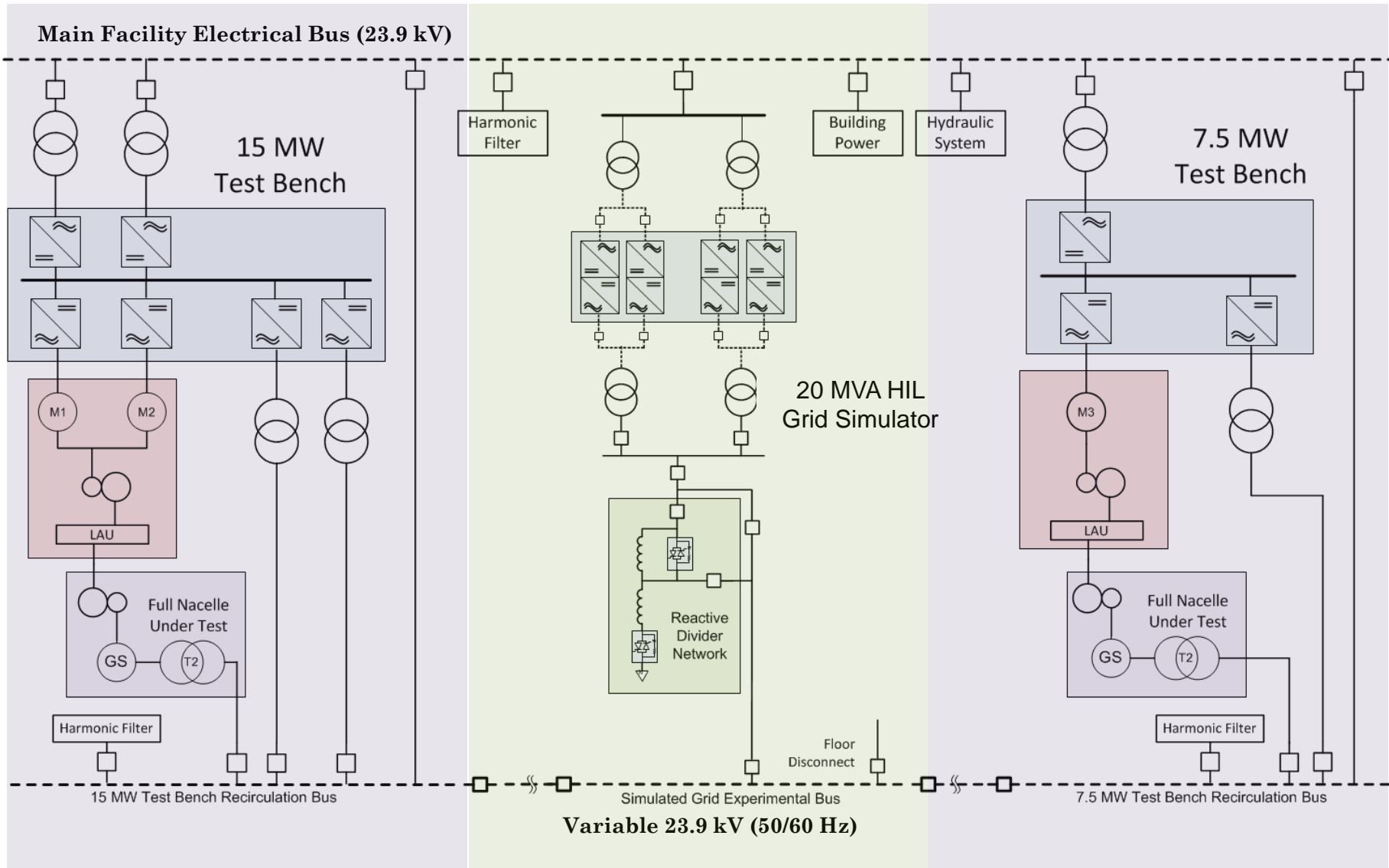


Experimental Bay #2



Experimental Bay #1

# SCE&G EIC Electrical Single Line





# The 20 MVA HIL Grid Simulator

## Three Independent Test Bays

### Overall Electrical Capabilities

#### Main Test Bay

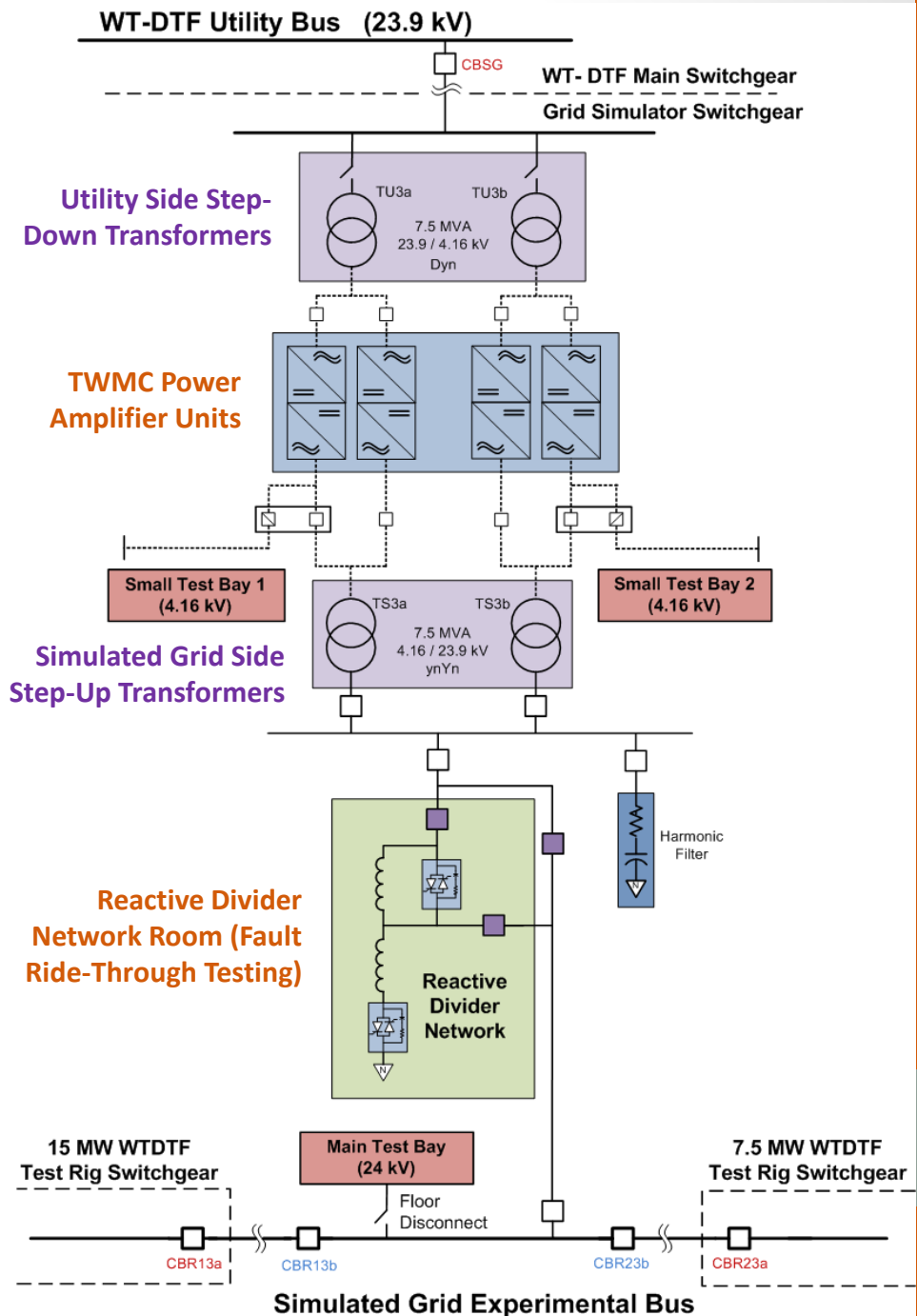
Nominal Voltage	24 kV (50/60 Hz)
Nominal Power	20 MVA
Frequency Range	45 to 65 Hz
Sequence Capabilities	3 and 4 wire operation
Overvoltage capabilities	133% Continuous Overvoltage
Fault Simulation	Yes (includes Reactive Divider)
Hardware In the Loop	Yes

#### Small Test Bay 1

Nominal Voltage	4160 V (50/60 Hz)
Nominal Power	5 MVA (4 MW @ 0.8 PF)
Frequency Range	0 to 800 Hz
Sequence Capabilities	3 and 4 wire operation
Overvoltage capabilities	133% Continuous Overvoltage
Fault Simulation	Limited to Converter Only
Hardware In the Loop	Yes

#### Small Test Bay 2

Nominal Voltage	4160 V (50/60 Hz)
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Frequency Range	0 to 800 Hz
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Hardware In the Loop	Yes



# The 15 MW HIL Grid Simulator

Step Up and Step Down Transformers



Medium Voltage Switchgear and Test Floor



Four TWMC Versabridge Power Amplifiers



Reactive Divider Network Room



# Grid Integration Evaluations

## Steady State and Envelope Evaluations

- Power Set Points
- Voltage and Frequency Variations
- Controls Evaluation

## Power Quality Evaluations

- Voltage Flicker
- Harmonic Evaluations
- Anti-Islanding (Software)

## Ancillary Services

- Frequency Response
- Active Volt-VAR Control
- Active Frequency Regulation

## Grid Fault Ride-Through Testing

- Low Voltage Ride-Through (LVRT)
- Unsymmetrical Fault Ride-Through
- High Voltage Ride-Through (HVRT)

## Open Loop Testing

- Recreation of field events with captured waveform data

## Hardware-In-the-Loop Testing

- Simulated dynamic behavior and interaction between grid and the device under test

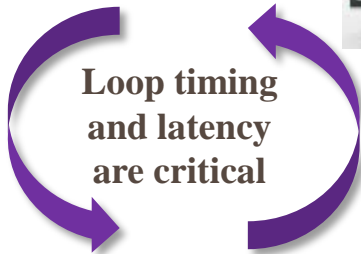
Increasing level of difficulty

# Hardware-in-the-Loop Testing

15 MVA Series Connected  
H-Bridge Power Amplifiers



Commanded Voltage  
Reference

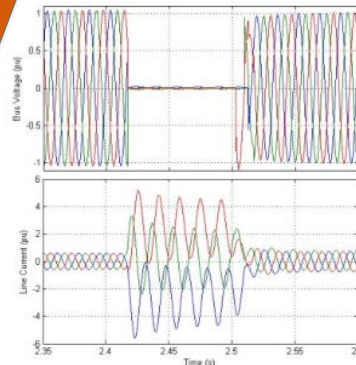
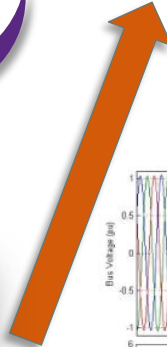


Real Voltages associated  
with *BUS #N*

National Instruments  
Interface Controller

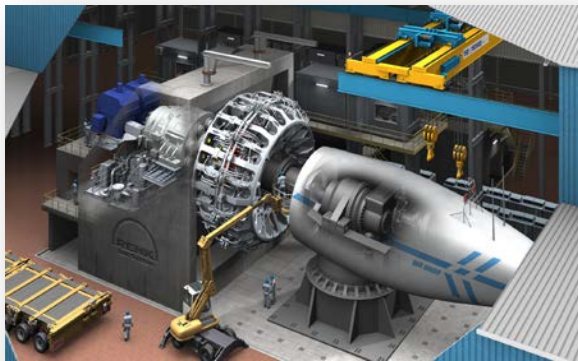


Voltage and Current  
Set Point Commands



Real Voltage and  
Current Measurements

*BUS #N*  
Voltage and Current  
Information



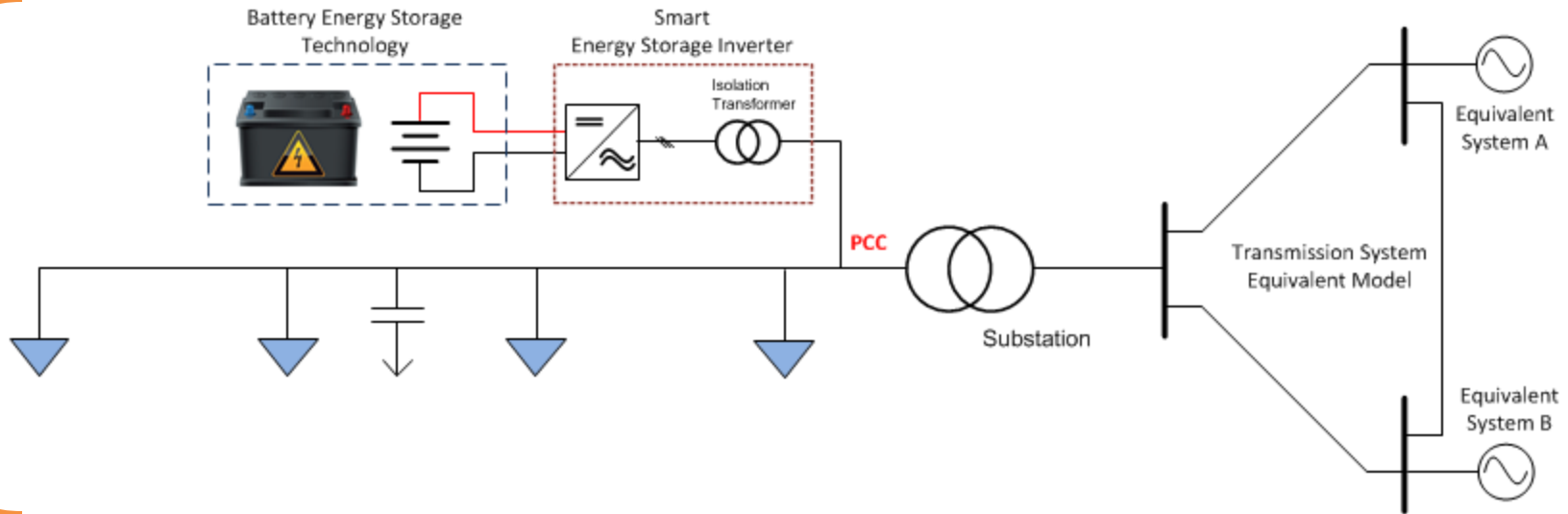
Device Under Test

*"I'm connected at **BUS #N**"*



# Energy Storage Integration

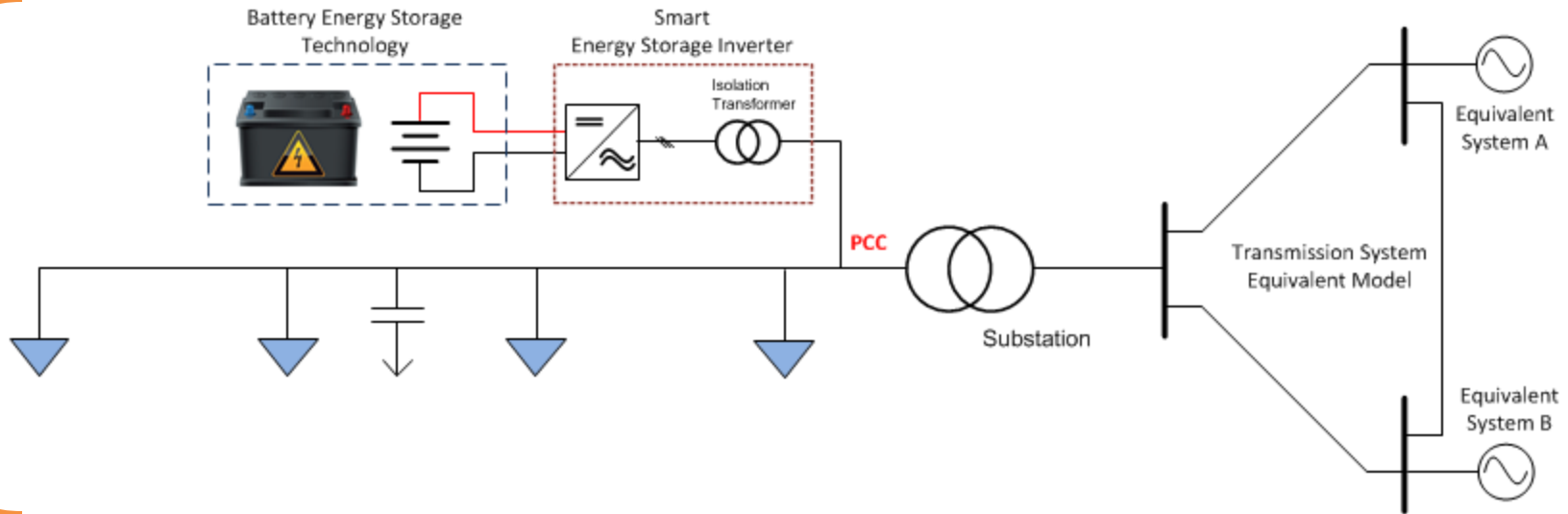
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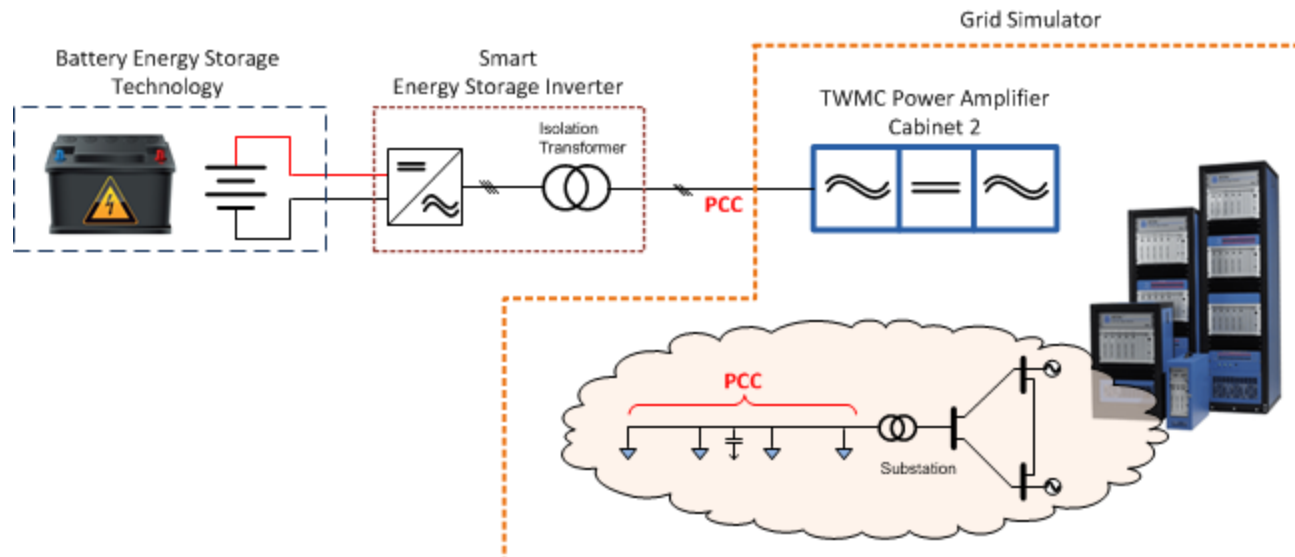


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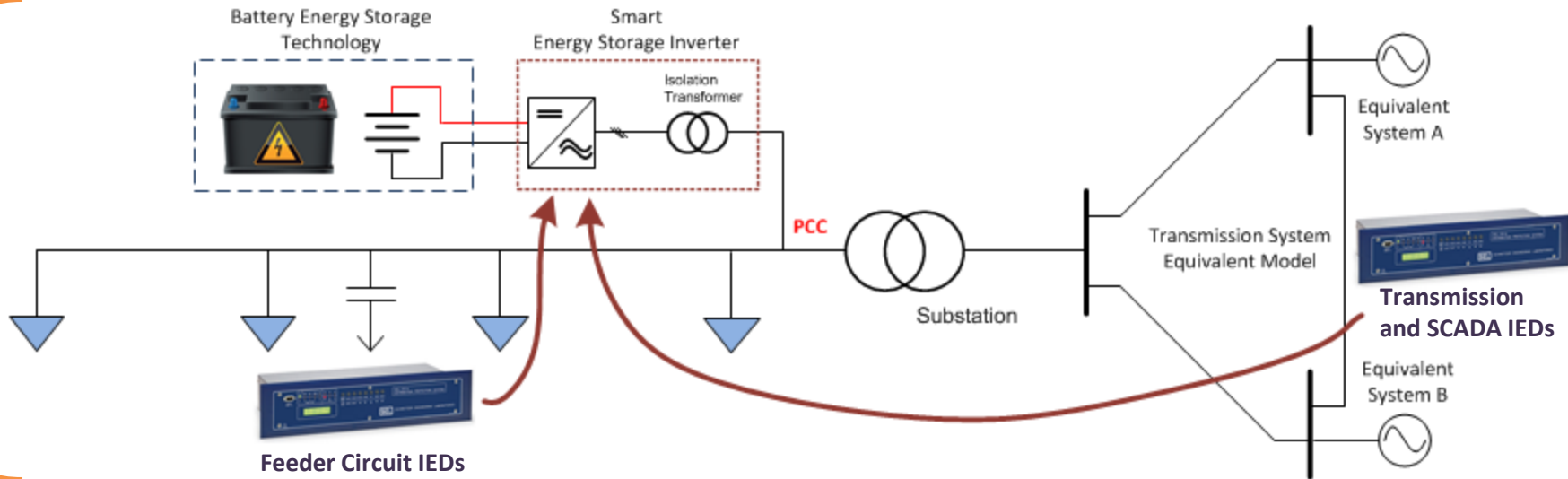


Simulated Grid at EGRID

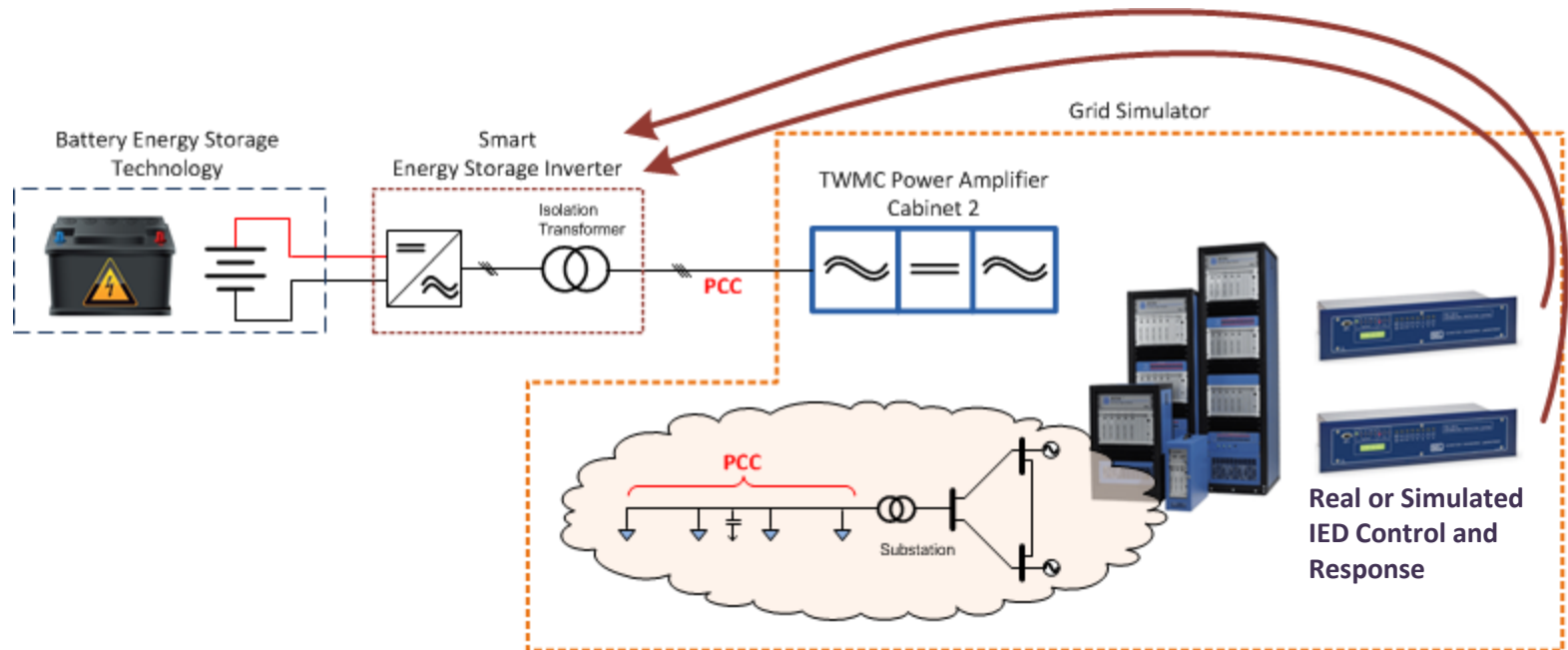


# Adding Distributed Control Hardware and Communications

Model of a Physical System



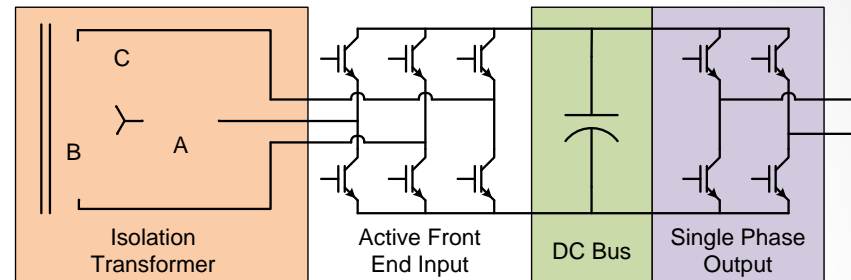
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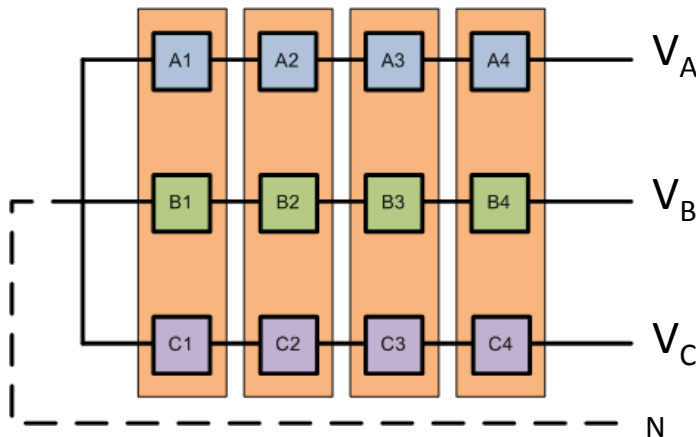
# TECO Westinghouse Motor Company: Power Amplifier Units

## TWMC Power Amplifier

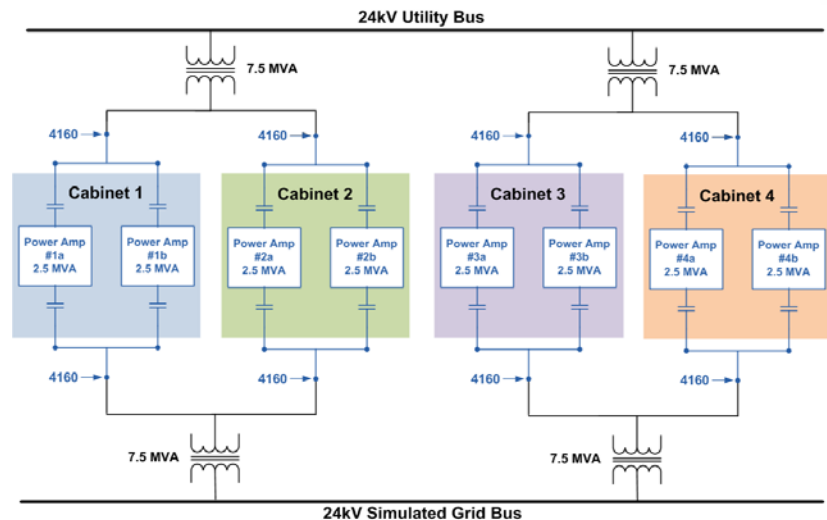
Installed Power	20 MVA (15 MW @ 0.8 PF)
Rated Power	15 MVA (12 MW @ 0.8 PF)
Cabinet Power Split	4 x 3.75 MVA or 2 x 7.5 MVA
Rated Voltage	0 - 4160 V
Overvoltage	133 % Rated Output Voltage
Multilevel Operation	7 - Levels (9 - Levels Overvoltage)
Frequency Range	3 - 66 Hz
Overload Capability	110% for 60 s (10 min duty cycle)



Individual power cube with three phase input and single phase output



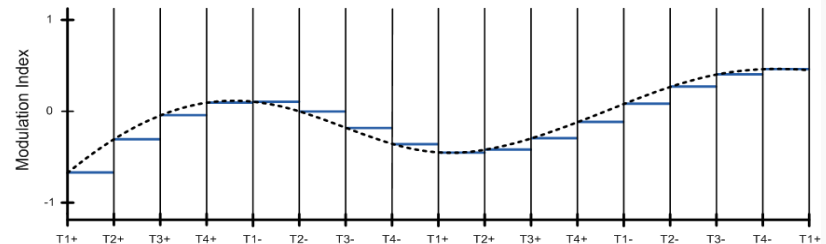
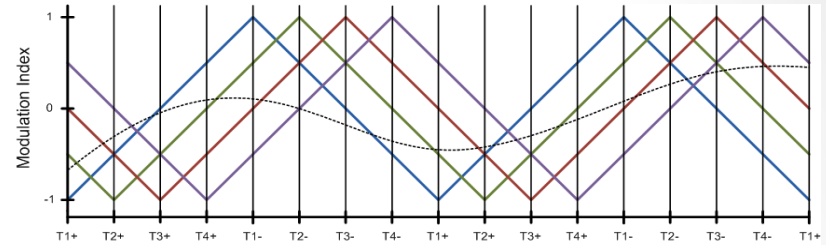
4 Power Slices per Amplifier Section



8 Parallel Amplifiers arranged into 4 Cabinets

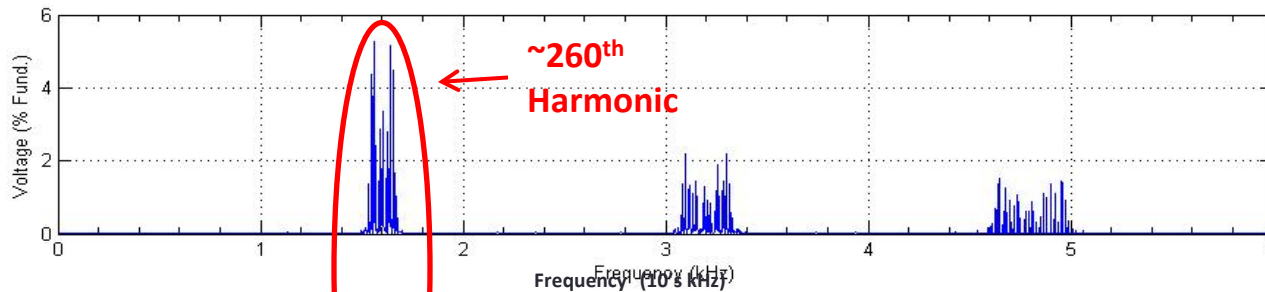
# TECO Westinghouse Motor Company: Power Amplifier Units

- Phase Shifted Carrier PWM
  - High degree of harmonic cancellation due to multilevel architecture
  - Increased reference sampling fidelity
- Sampling fidelity is further increased by using asymmetrical sampling of each individual carrier



Sample Vectors - 16 kHz (Time)  
Synchronous Sampling up to 12 kHz

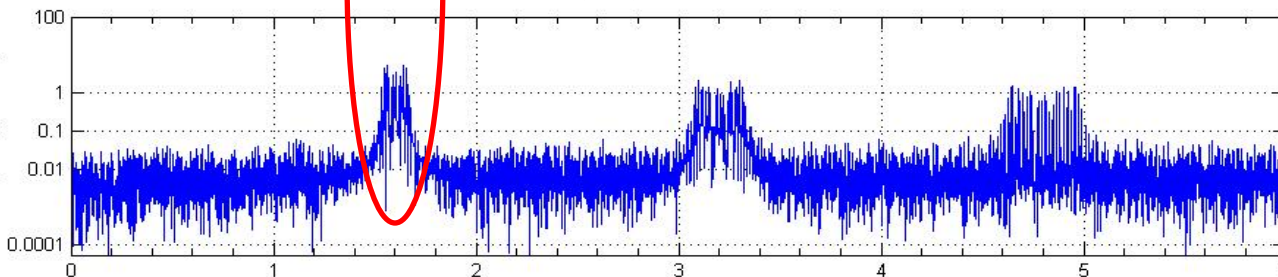
Power Amplifier Output Harmonic Spectrum ( $F_s = 2$  kHz)



Simulations and FAT testing show excellent results with 2 kHz switching frequencies

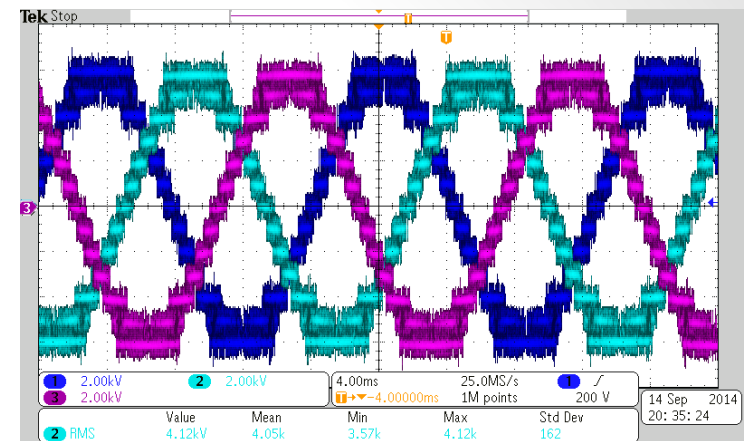
First noise mode is at 16 kHz ( $F_s \times 2 \times \text{Carriers}$ ), 8 times the switching frequency

Reference resolution also at 12 kHz using asymmetrical sampling

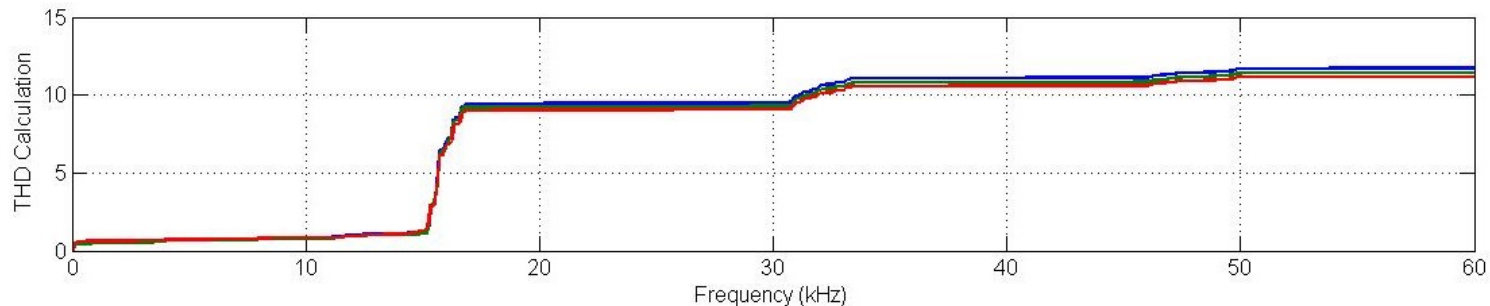
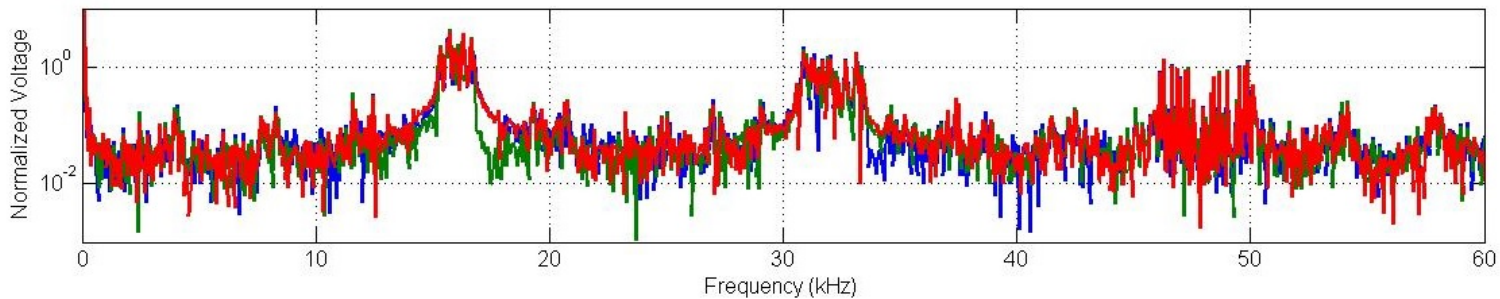
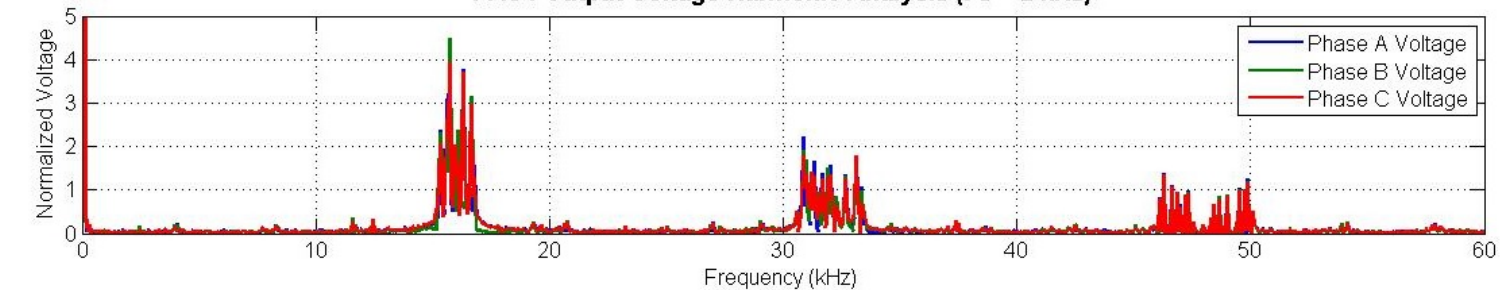


# Power Amplifier Units Commissioning Data

PAU Cube output switching frequency  
parameter set to 2 kHz



**PAU4 Output Voltage Harmonic Analysis (Fs = 2 kHz)**





# Fault-Ride Through (FRT) Requirements

## Reactive Divider Network Method

- ABB Factory Testing (2009)
- FGH Test Systems Field Testing (2006)

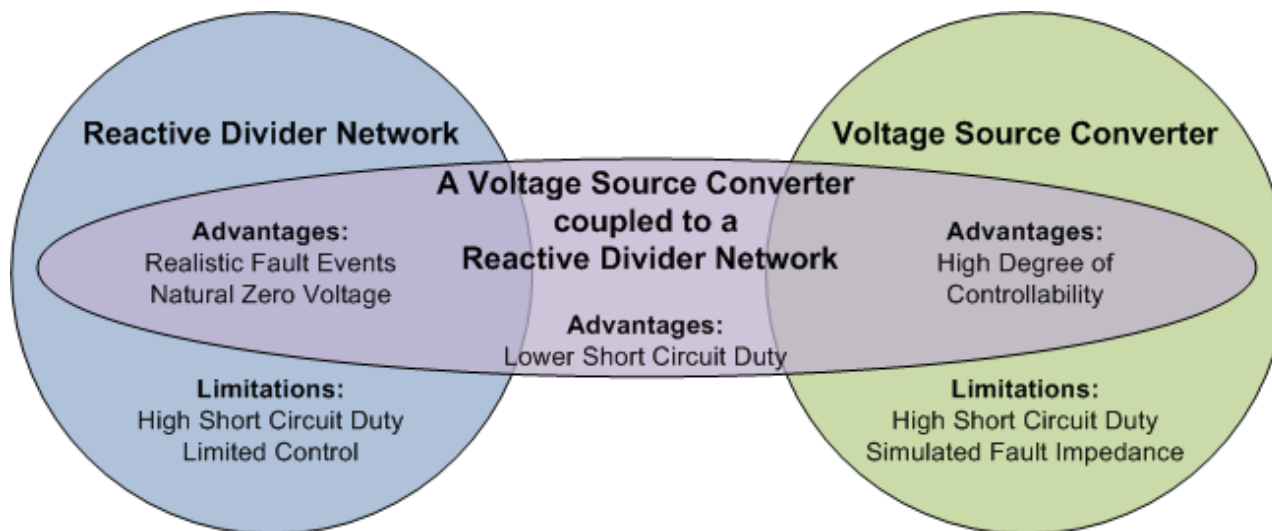
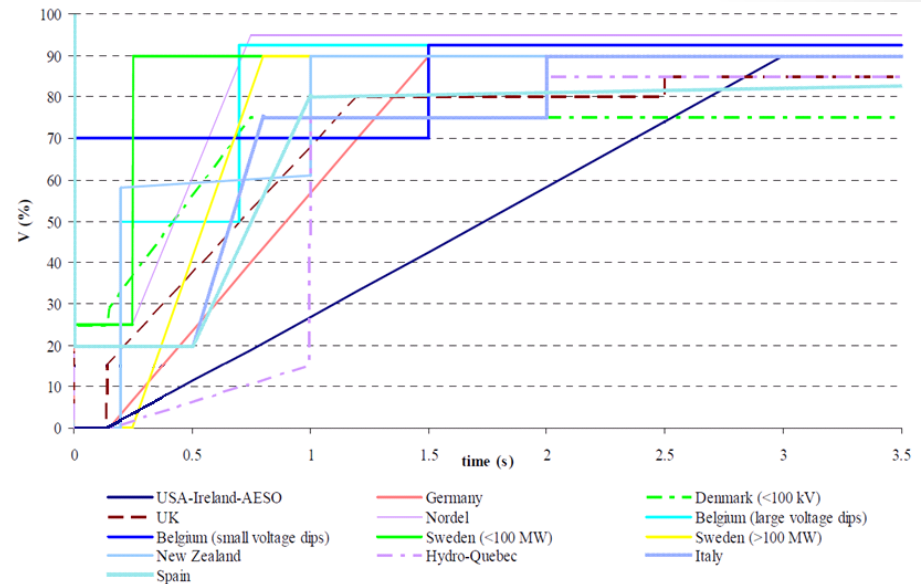
## Voltage Source Converter Method

- **GE Power Conversion** (Fr. Converteam)
- Vestas V164 Test Bench (2013)
- NAREC 15 MW Test Bench (**Hybrid?**) (2014?)
- **ABB Test Systems**
- NWTC at NREL (4Q-2013)

## A Hybrid Method

- Clemson University (4Q-2014)

## World Wide FRT Withstand Curves

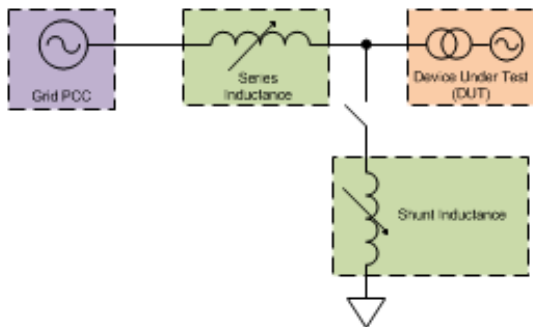


# Why a Hybrid Method?

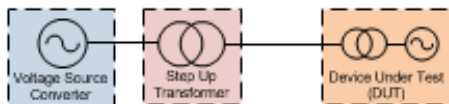
## Increased flexibility and accuracy of FRT evaluations

- Faulted at the point of common coupling (PCC)
- True zero voltage faults (ZVRT)
- Magnetic flux decoupling between transformers
- Real inductive loading for transient time constant analysis
- Power electronic switching for point-in-wave studies
- **Backwards compatible** with existing methods

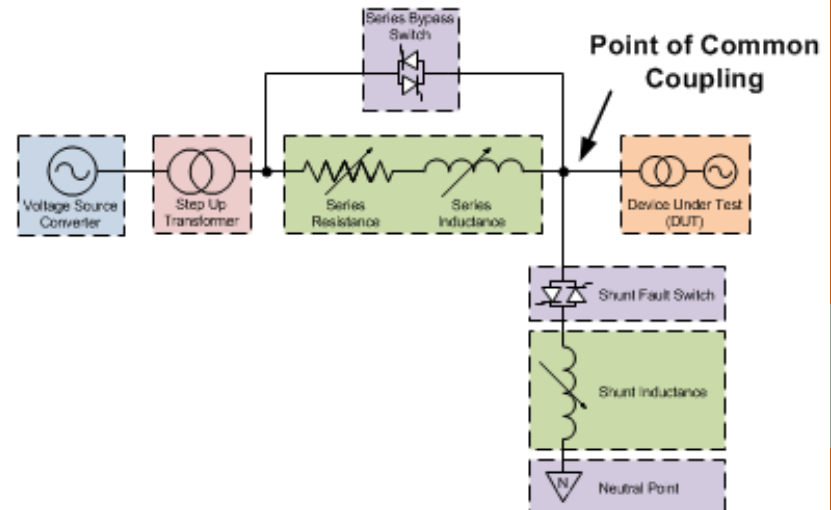
### Reactive Divider Network Method



### Variable Voltage Source Method



### The Hybrid Method: A Variable Voltage Source Coupled to a Reactive Divider Network

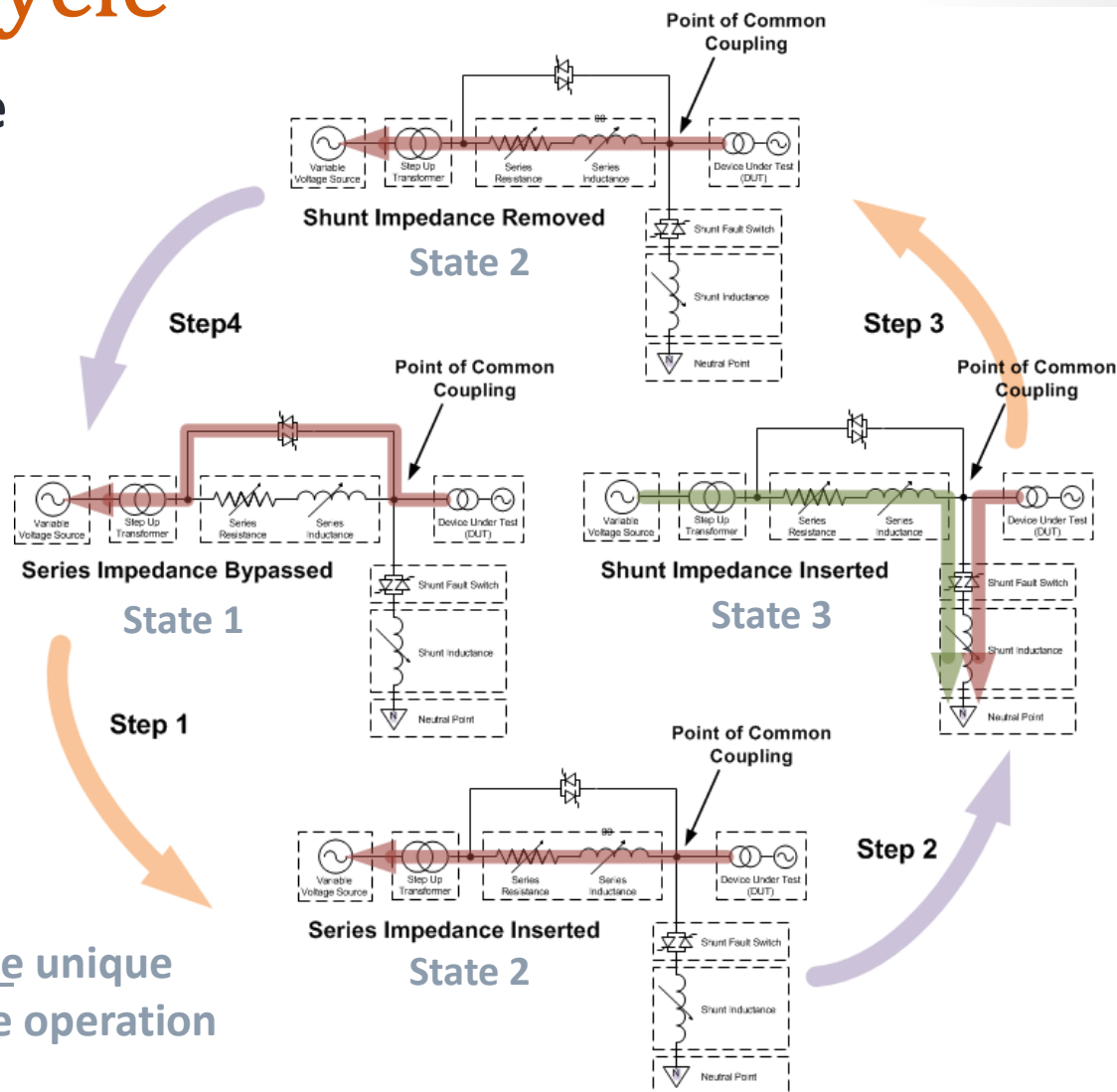


# The Hybrid Method: Operation Cycle

## The Operation Cycle

1. Open Series Bypass Switch
2. Close Shunt Fault Switch
3. Open Shunt Fault Switch
4. Close Series Bypass Switch

There are only three unique system states in the operation cycle.

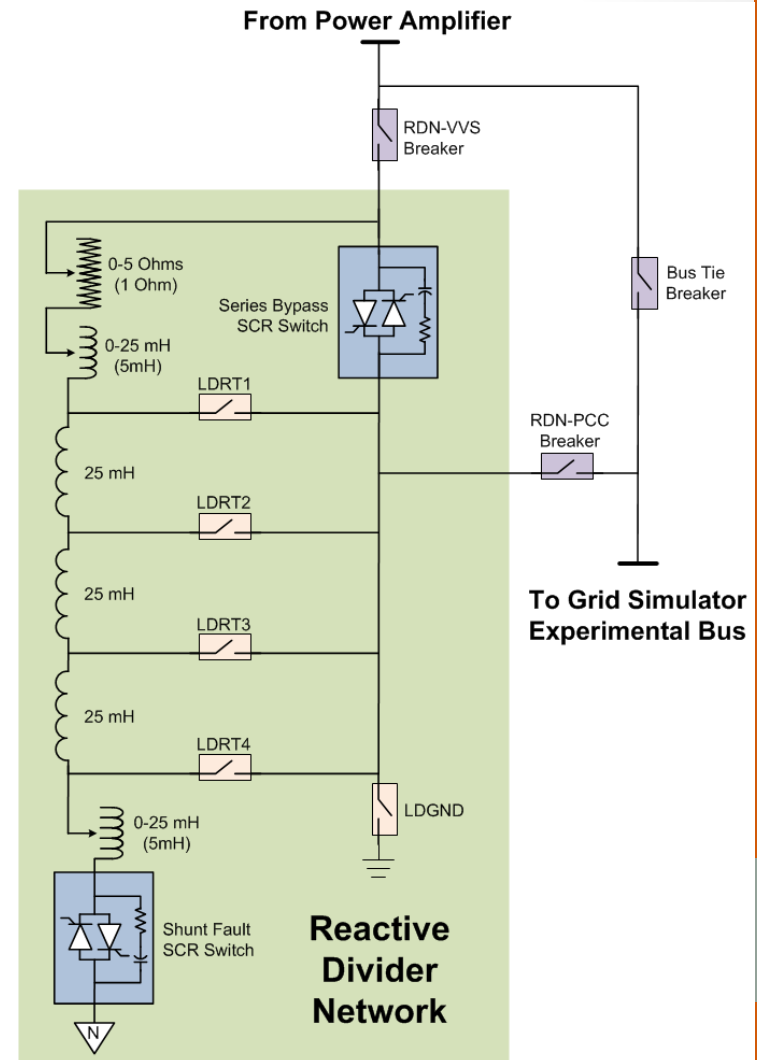


# Reactive Divider Network

- Safety Considerations
  - Access controlled room
  - Automatic grounding system when not in service
- Voltage Isolation
  - 35 kV insulation system
  - 2500 A (100 MVA) DUT fault duty
- Performance and Flexibility
  - Remote control of all elements allows for setup and operation without the need for room access
  - Individual phase operation allows for thousands of three phase impedance combinations

**Table of Fixed Reactance Combinations**

Fixed Switch Positions	Shunt Fixed (mH)	Series Fixed (mH)	Total Shunt (mH)	Total Series (mH)
1-1-1-0	0	25	0-25	25-50
1-1-0-0	0	50	0-25	50-75
1-0-0-0	0	75	0-25	75-100
0-1-1-1	25	0	25-50	0-25
0-1-1-0	25	25	25-50	25-50
0-1-0-0	25	50	25-50	50-75
0-0-1-1	50	0	50-75	0-25
0-0-1-0	50	25	50-75	25-50
0-0-0-1	75	0	75-100	0-25

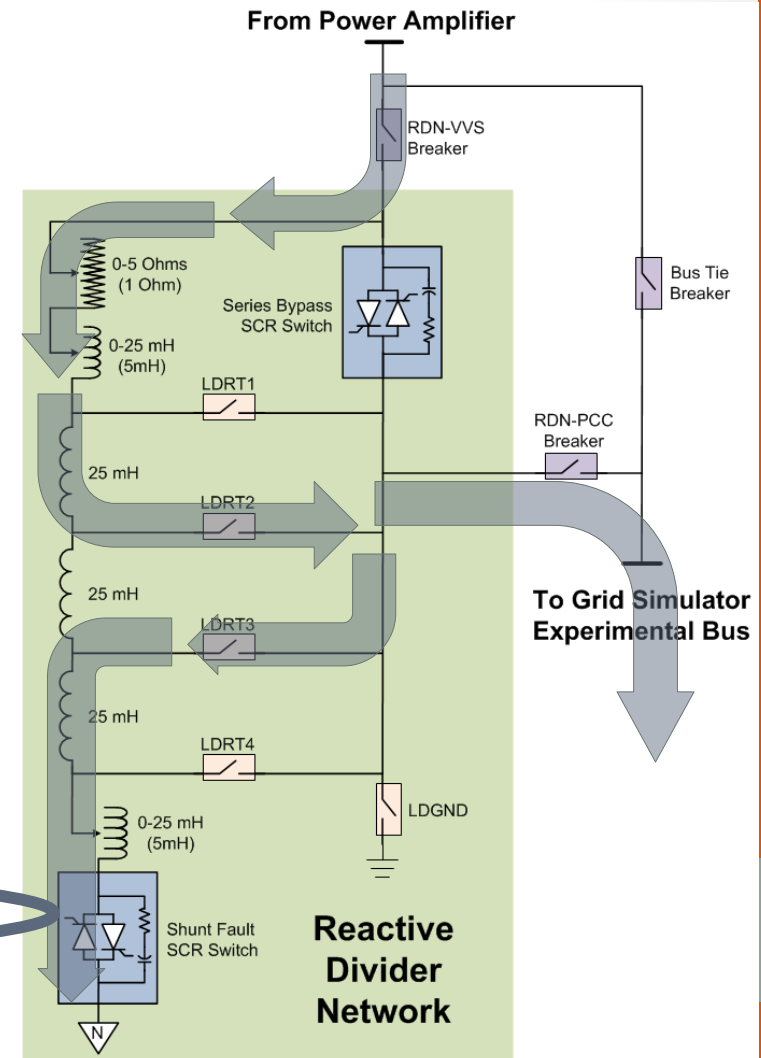


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0-1-0-0	25	50	25-50	50-75
0-0-1-1	50	0	50-75	0-25
0-0-1-0	50	25	50-75	25-50
0-0-0-1	75	0	75-100	0-25



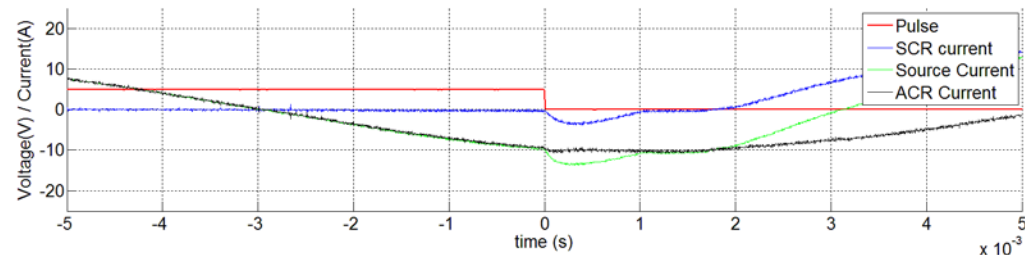
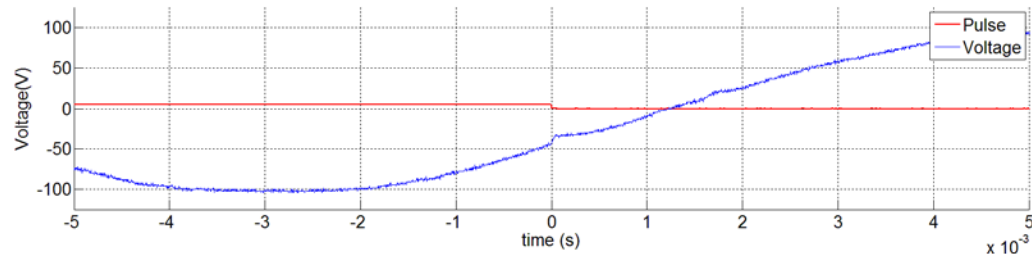


# Reactive Divider Network Commissioning

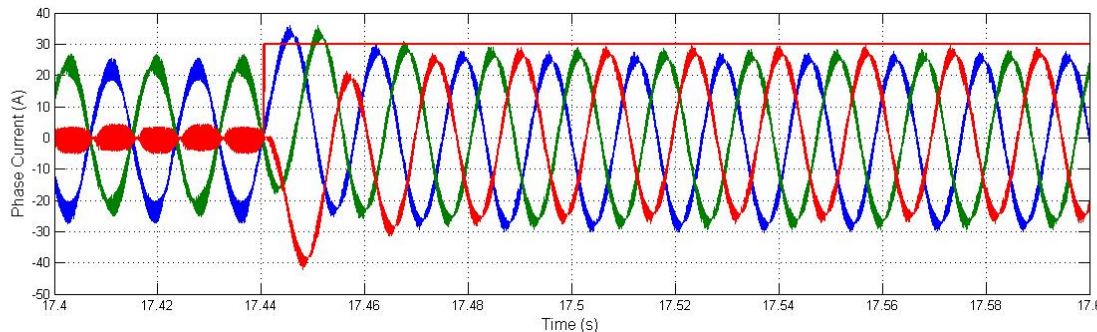
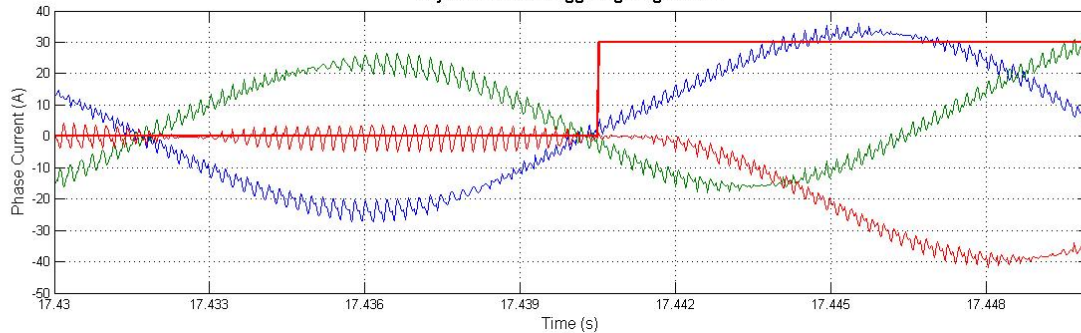
Characteristics of the  
60 kV  $V_{\text{DRM}}$  SCR AC switches

Fiber optically coupled phase  
independent firing signals

Turn on times using FO  
triggering are near the rated  
turn on time of individual SCRs  
at just over 5  $\mu\text{s}$



Thyristor Switch Triggering Single Phase



Commissioning tests included:

Verification of each switch  
Firing in situ with a VARIAC and  
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Engaging one PAU and  
Incrementally loading the PAU  
Until the complete RDN  
is under active load

# eGRID SCADA System

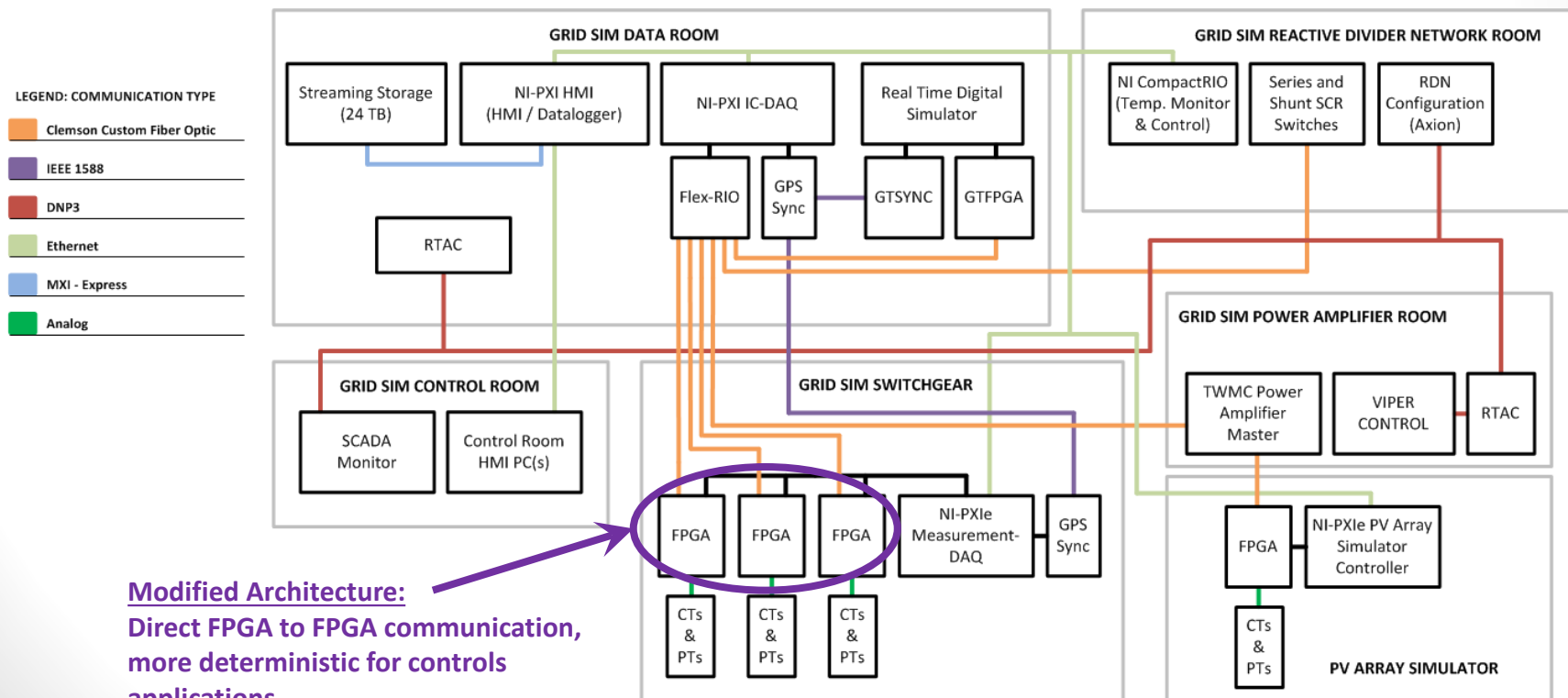
- Detailed specifications developed through coordinated efforts between:

**Savannah River  
National Laboratory**

**Clemson  
University**

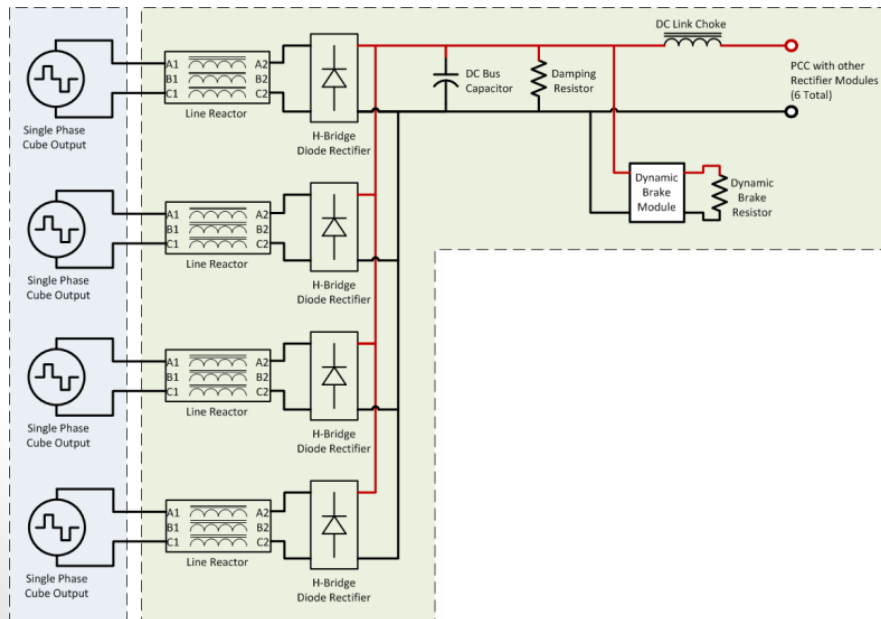
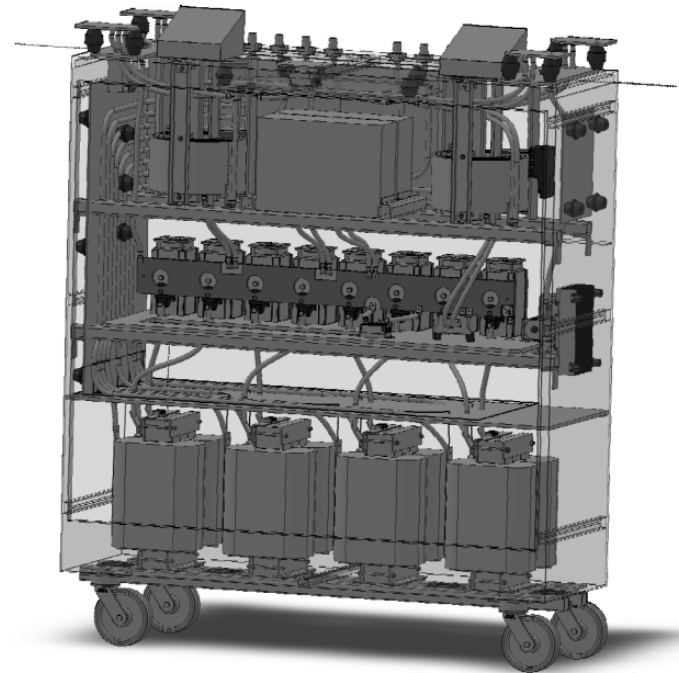
**National  
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- Significant amount of hardware and software shared with the WTDTF systems
- Provides a powerful and flexible platform for the development of custom control systems to meet the various grid integration evaluation scenarios



# Next Up: TWMC Controlled DC Supply Front End

- Modify a single TWMC PAU cabinet to provide the DC supply without control changes
- Aimed at solar testing with Maximum Power Point Tracking and 2D PV field simulation
- Partial bi-directional power flow (dynamic braking resistors) allows for tight regulation
- A novel control system will be used on existing NI PXI/FPGA hardware to integrate with the SCADA system



## DC Supply Module Specifications

	1 Module	6 Modules
Voltage Range	200 – 1000 V	
Current Rating	420 A (1000 V)	2500 A (1000 V)
Short Circuit Current	835 A	5000 A
Ripple Frequency	2400 – 4800 Hz	
Reverse Power Flow	67 kW (1000 V)	400 kW (1000 V)



Thank You