

Power Systems Hardware-in-the-Loop Laboratory Testbed and Open Platform (HILLTOP)

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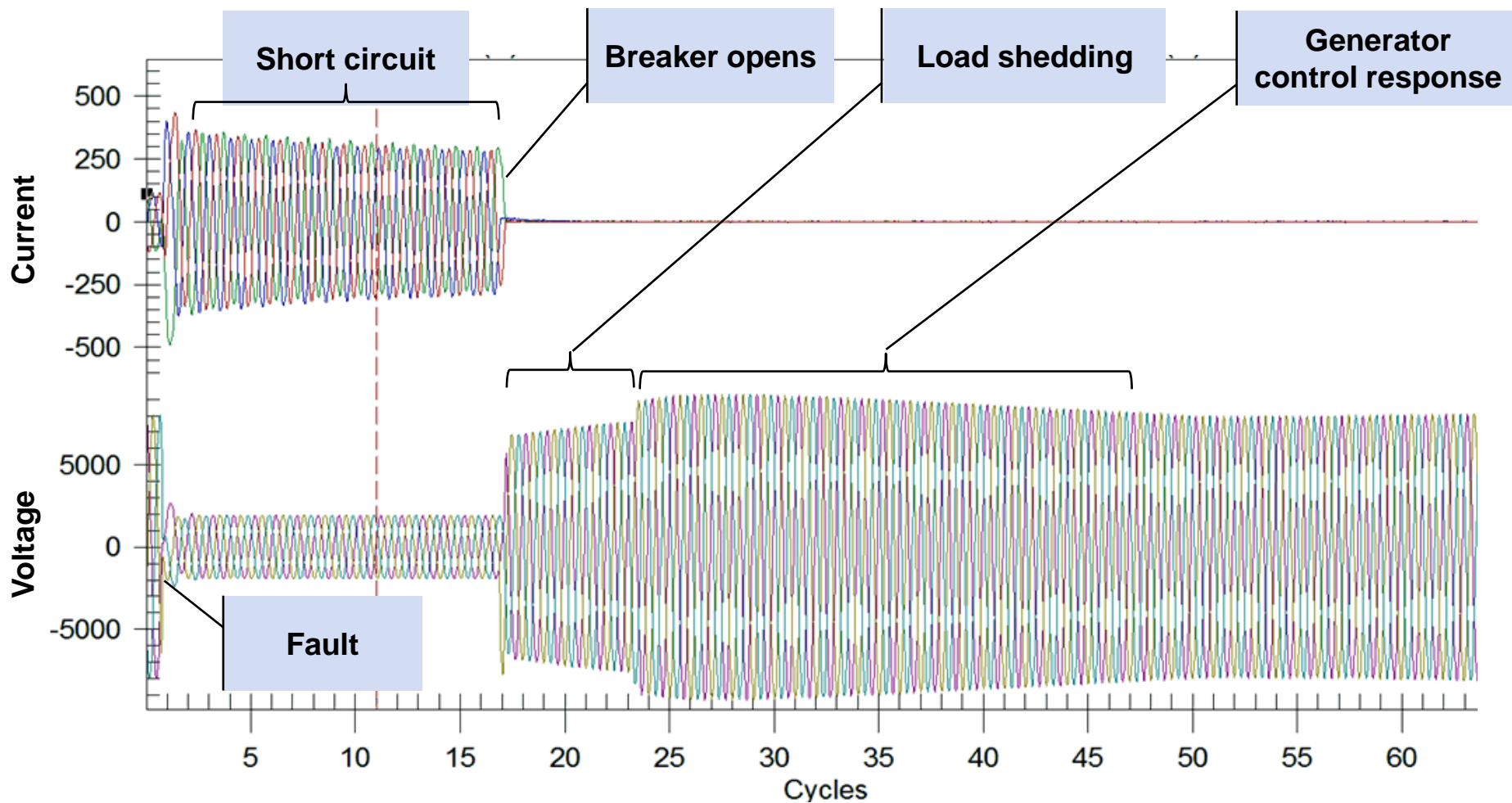
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Integration Test Example

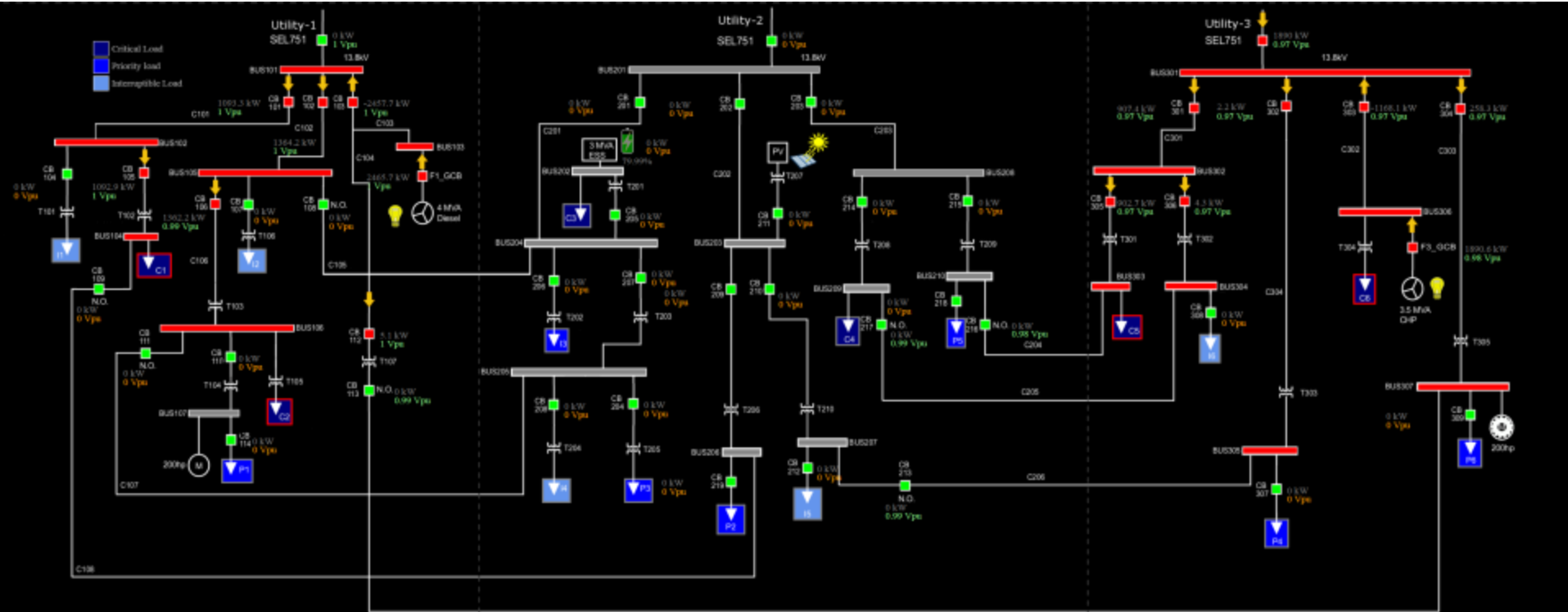


Data capture: Scott Manson, SEL





Microgrid Test Feeders



Emergent behavior is behavior of a system that does not depend on its individual parts, but on their relationships to one another. Thus emergent behavior cannot be predicted by examination of a system's individual parts. It can only be predicted, managed, or controlled by understanding the parts and their relationships.



How To Accelerate Advanced Distribution System Deployment?



- **High NRE for each project**
 - One vendor's microgrid controller quote: \$1M starting price
- **"Vaporware"**
 - No standard list of functions or performance criteria
 - Difficult to validate marketing claims
- **Risk of damage to expensive equipment**
 - One utility-deployed microgrid: 1 year of controls testing, damaged a 750 kW transformer, required significant engineering staff support
- **Interconnection behavior unknowable to utility engineers**
 - Controls are implemented in proprietary software
 - Microgrids are a system of systems: Exhibit emergent behavior
- **No standards verification**
 - IEEE P2030.7 and P2030.8 standards are on the horizon

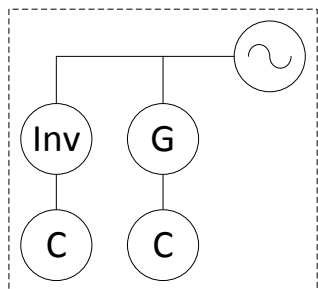
Need to reduce integration time, cost, & risk



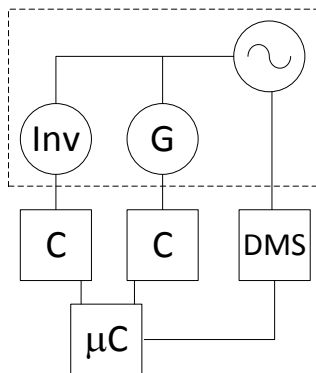
Types of Power System Testbeds



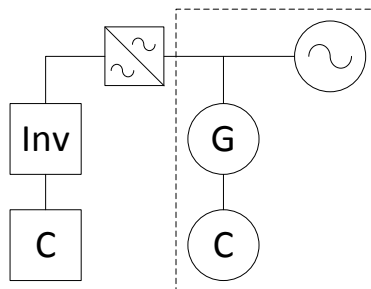
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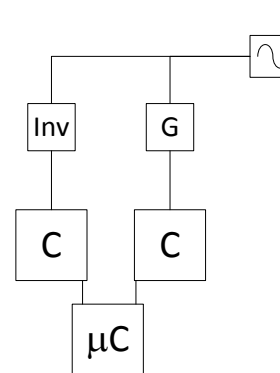
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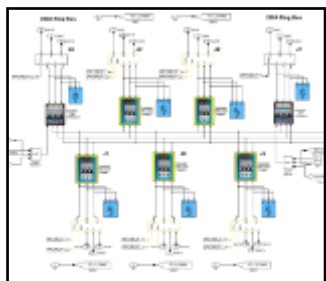
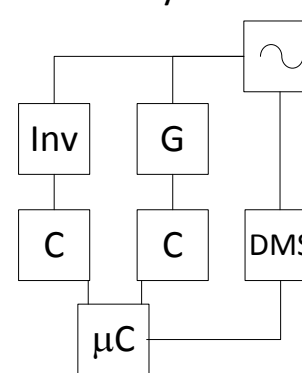
Power HIL



Power Testbed



Full System



Matlab
SimPowerSystems
simulation
(not real-time)



MIT-LL HILLTOP
System



Florida State CAPS
facility



ORNL DECC
Microgrid Lab



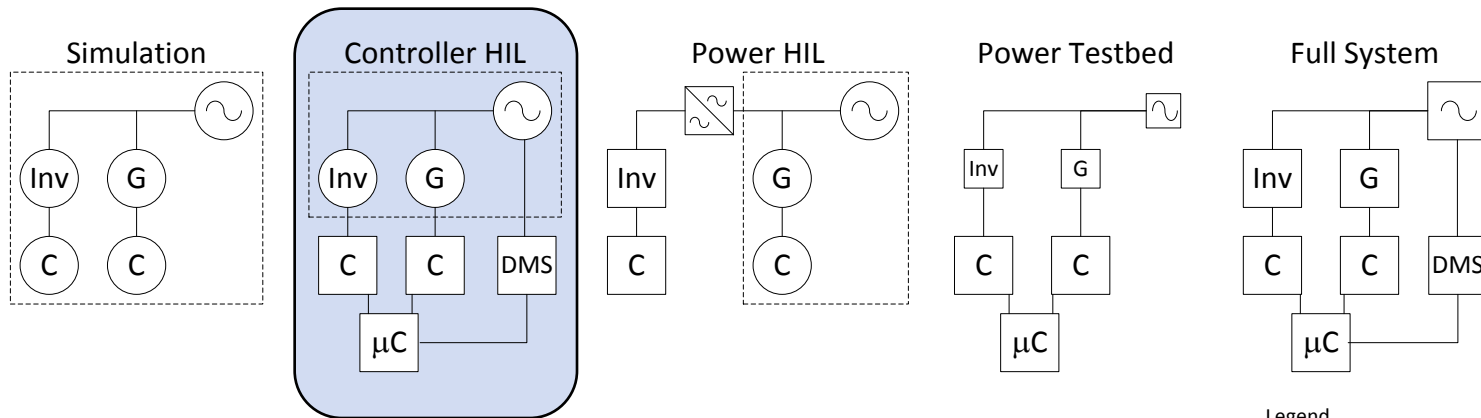
Princeton University
cogeneration plant and
microgrid

Legend

- G generator
- Inv battery or solar inverter
- C device controller
- μC microgrid controller
- DMS distribution management system controller
- ~ power grid
- ~ high-bandwidth AC-AC converter
- - - simulation or emulation boundary
- hardware
- virtual (simulated or emulated)

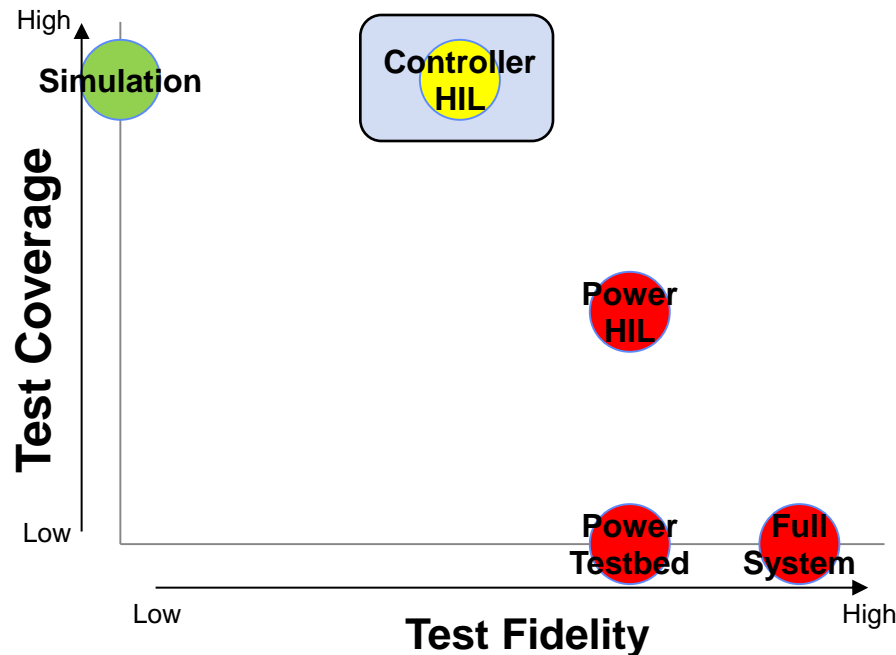


Power Distribution Integration Platforms and Testbeds



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- ~ simulation or emulation boundary
- hardware
- virtual (simulated or emulated)
- low cost
- moderate cost
- high cost

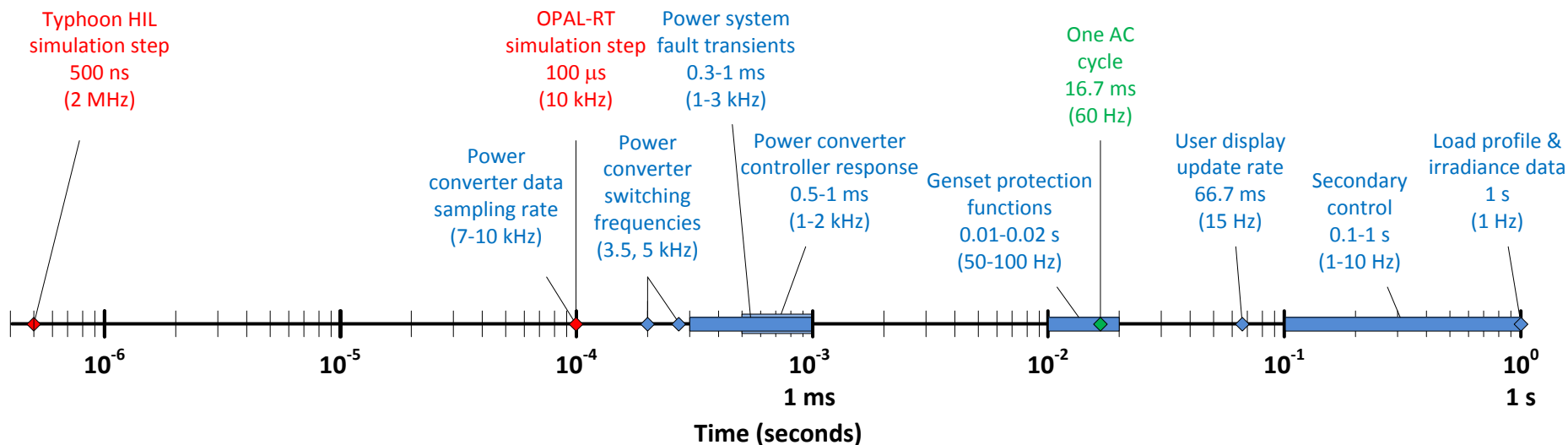




Full Test Coverage

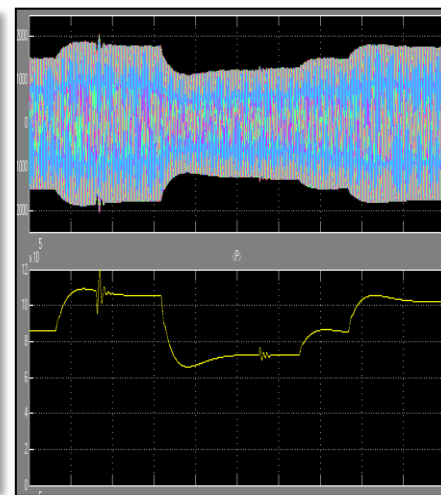
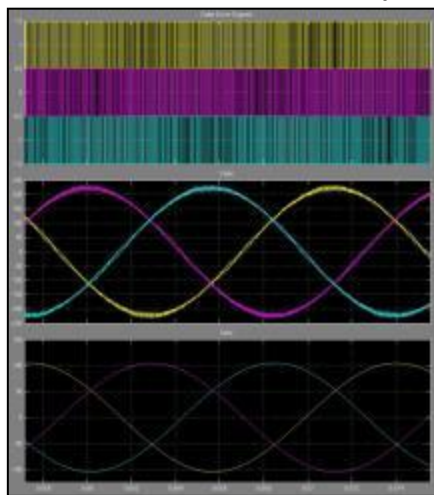


- Microgrid controller HIL simulates in real-time at sub-cycle timescales



Useful for:

- Steady-state
- Dynamic analysis
- Transient analyses





RD&D Cycle for Modern Distribution System Projects



**– 1 –
Engagement
Platform**

**– 2 –
Development
Platform**

**– 3 –
Deployment
Platform**

**– 4 –
Standards Test
Platform**

- **Research & Development**
- **Standards Compliance Testing**
- **Partner / Vendor Selection**
- **Proposal, Business Development**
- **Feasibility Study, Conceptual Design**
- **Preliminary & Final Design, Development**
- **Factory Acceptance Testing**
- **Commissioning / Field Testing**
- **Root Cause Investigation**



Vision for Power Systems HILLTOP



**– 1 –
Engagement
Platform**

- Provide a tangible proof-of-concept to new project stakeholders
- Accelerate the sales cycle by showing an operating system
- Use for rapid iteration of feasibility studies
- *Demonstrations at Microgrid and DER Controller Symposium*

**– 2 –
Development
Platform**

- Cost-effective systems integration and testing
- Decrease risk on “brownfield” sites operating legacy equipment
- Enable performance evaluation of commercial products

**– 3 –
Deployment
Platform**

- Pre-commission testing of advanced power system projects
- Test edge conditions and exercise the actual device controllers
- Technical risk reduction for electric power utilities

**– 4 –
Standards Test
Platform**

- Industry-standard test platform for new power systems
- Certify to IEEE P2030.8, P1547, and utility interconnection rules

**– 5 –
Electric Power HIL Controls Collaborative (EPHCC) Shared Repository**



Improvements Since Previous Symposium



Category	Improvement Since 1 st Symposium
Real-time test platforms & microgrid controllers	2x
Ported simulation environments	5x
Physical device controllers	4x
Test feeders	3x
Test cases	4x
Total	1000x
In other words	+60 dB



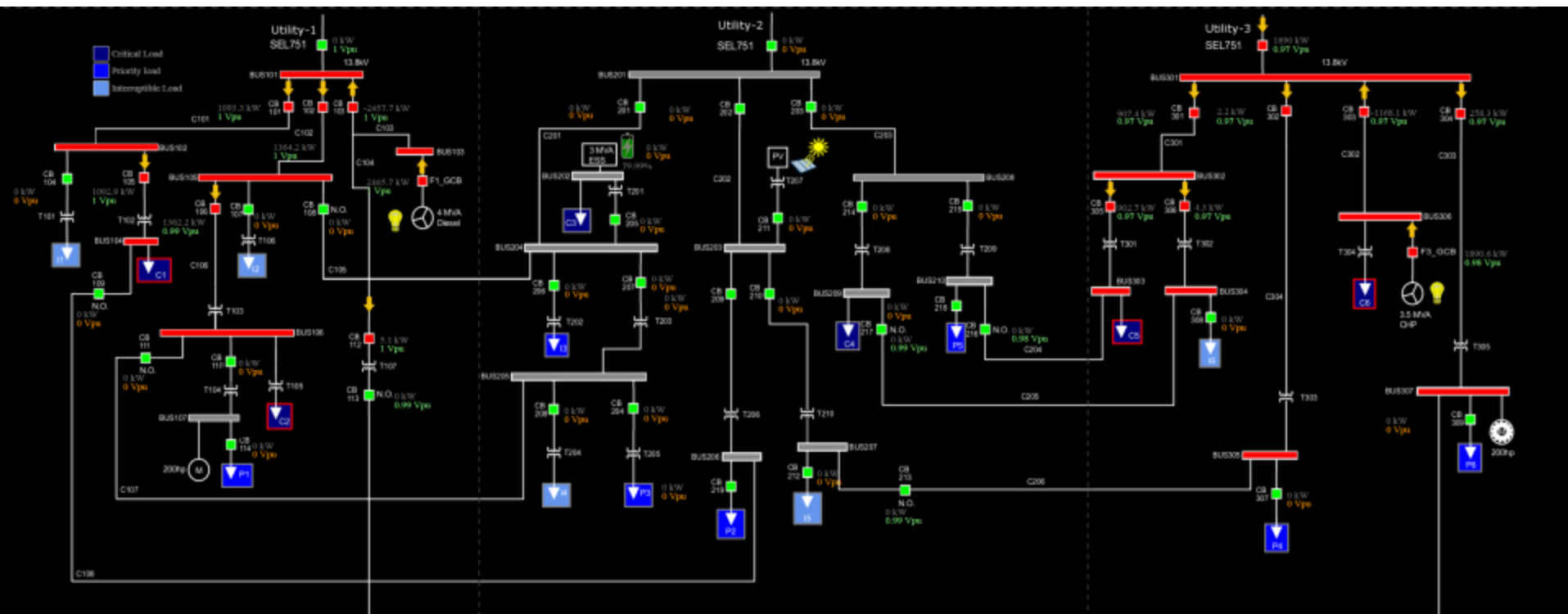
Outline



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- ➔ • Testbed Buildup
- Integration Process
- Demonstration Orientation

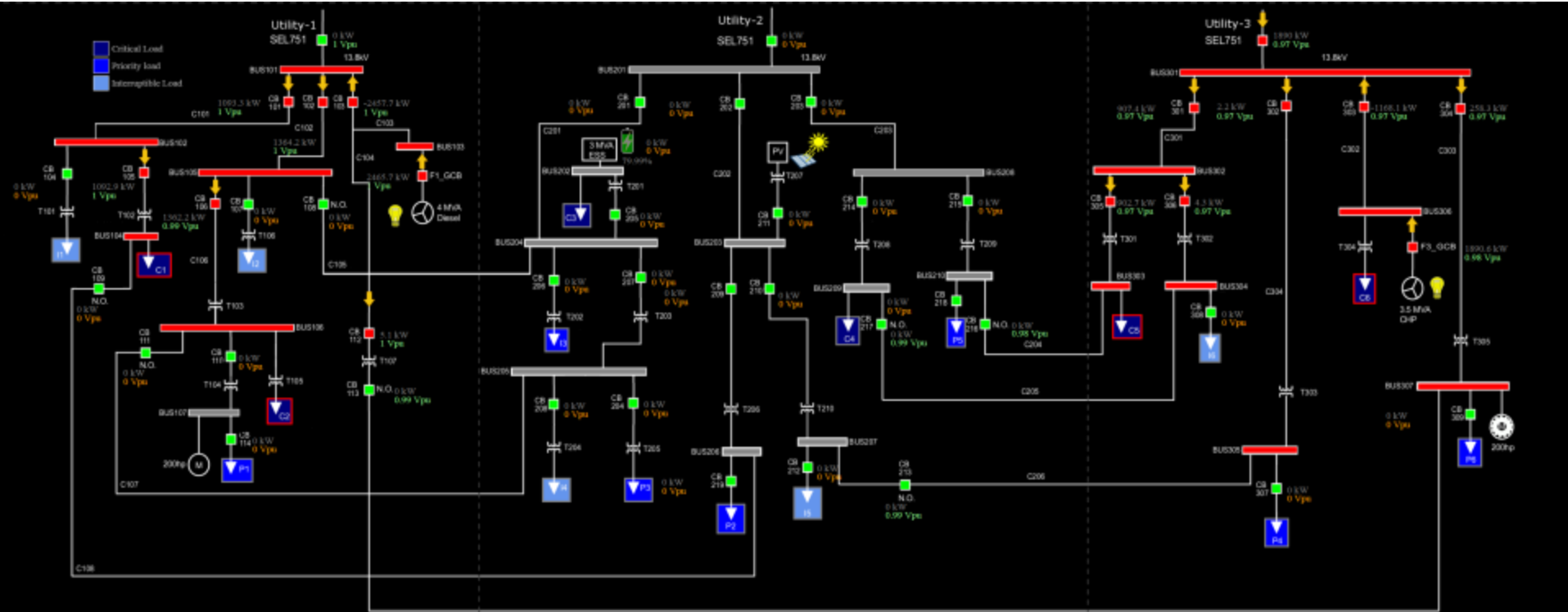


Test Feeders



- Representative of a community microgrid
- Supports thorough controller evaluation
 - Multiple reconfigurations possible
 - Multiple interconnections to the utility
 - Insufficient generation when islanded

Peak demand	14 MW
Available generation	10 MW
Software components	100+
DERs	5
Relays	~50



- **3 cores: One per feeder + machine models**
- **3 cores: Relay models for each feeder + UDP communications**
- **1 core: Storage & PV power electronics models**
- **1 core: Utility substation + high-speed data collection**



HILLTOP Rack #1

Using OPAL-RT Simulator



- Real-time target with Xeon Intel® Processor
 - Using 8 of 12 cores
 - 2.7 to 3.2 GHz
- FPGA-based I/O management with
 - Xilinx Spartan-3



HILLTOP Testbed #2

Using Typhoon HIL Simulator



• HIL603 real-time simulator

• SEL HILConnect

• Woodward HILConnect

• EPC HILConnect (PV and ESS)

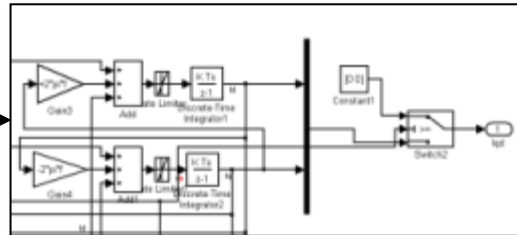
- 4 HIL603 units
 - High speed serial link interconnection 8 lane - 5GHz
- 2 μ s & 4 μ s time steps
 - Multirate electrical simulation
- 23 cores used
- 20ns digital sampling
- 42 simulated relays with Modbus comms
 - 1.2 ms execution rate



Add Machine and Power Electronics Models



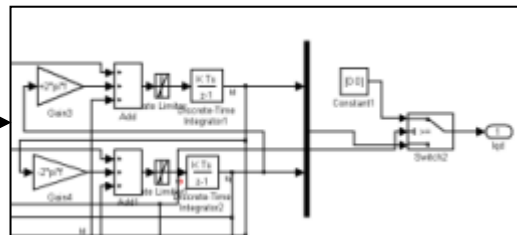
Solar Inverter



Power Electronics Model



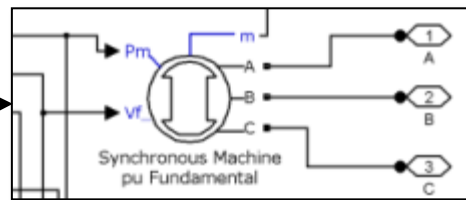
Bidirectional Power Converter



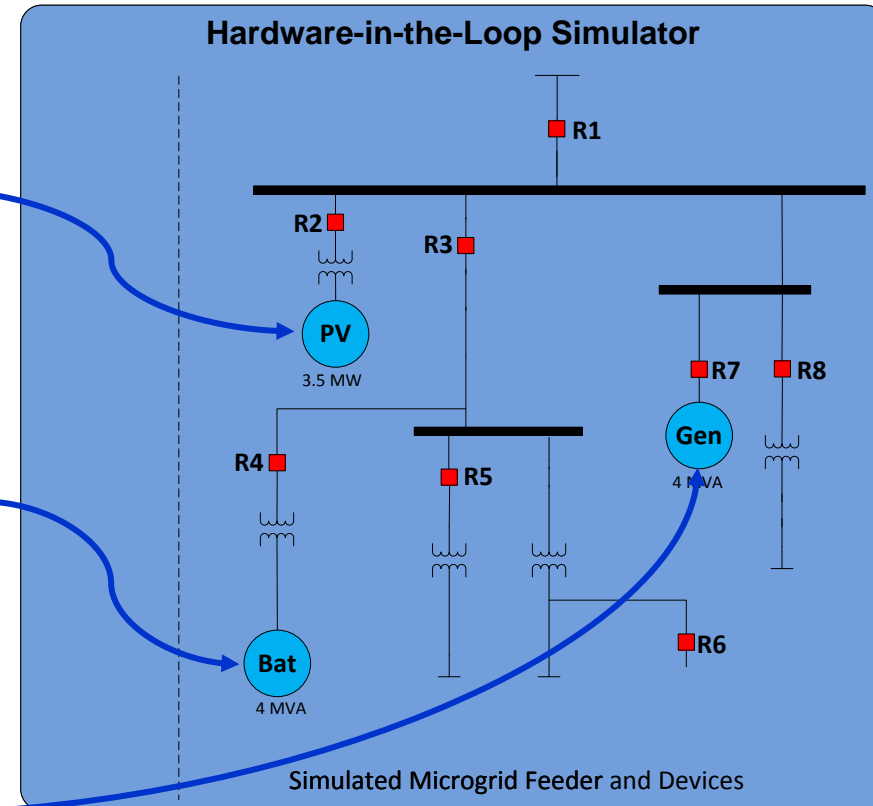
Power Electronics Model



Genset



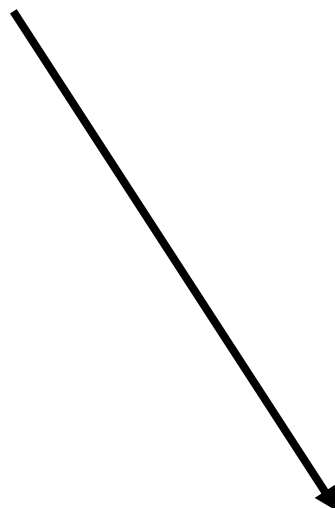
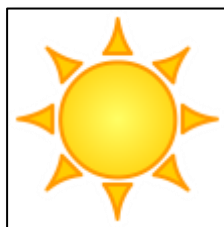
Machine Model



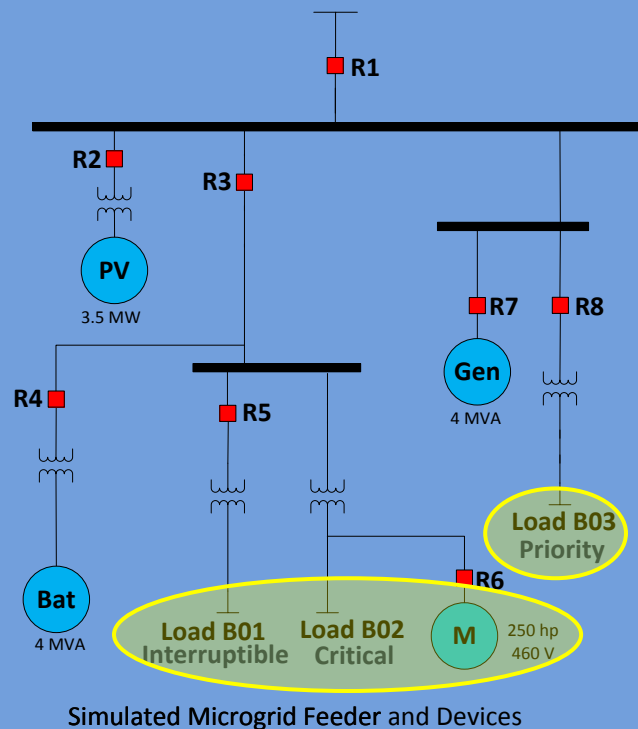
Create detailed models of the DER devices



Assign Load Priorities, Add Test Stimuli

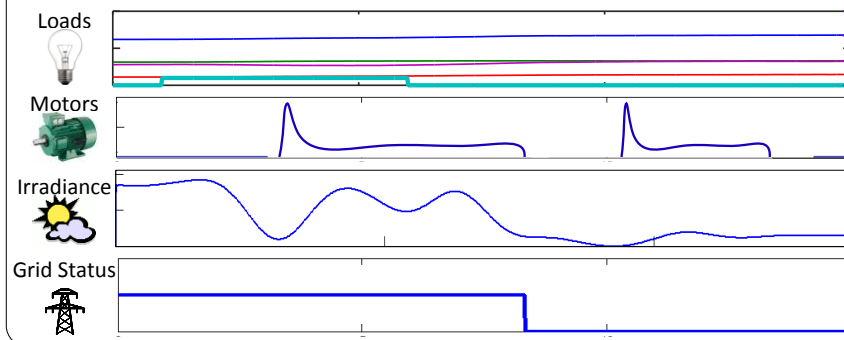


Hardware-in-the-Loop Simulator



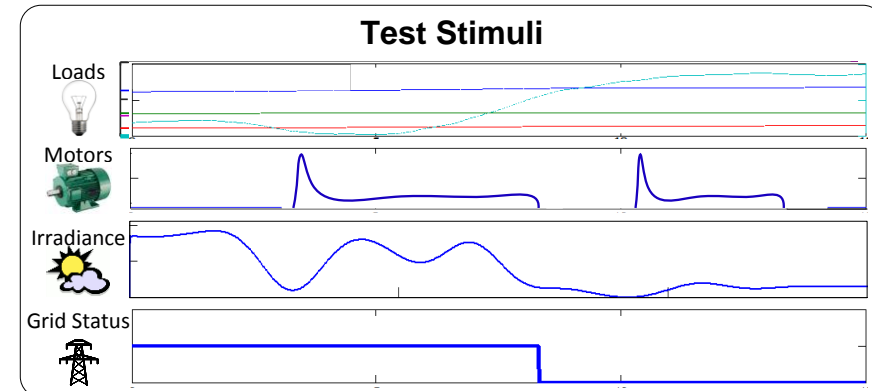
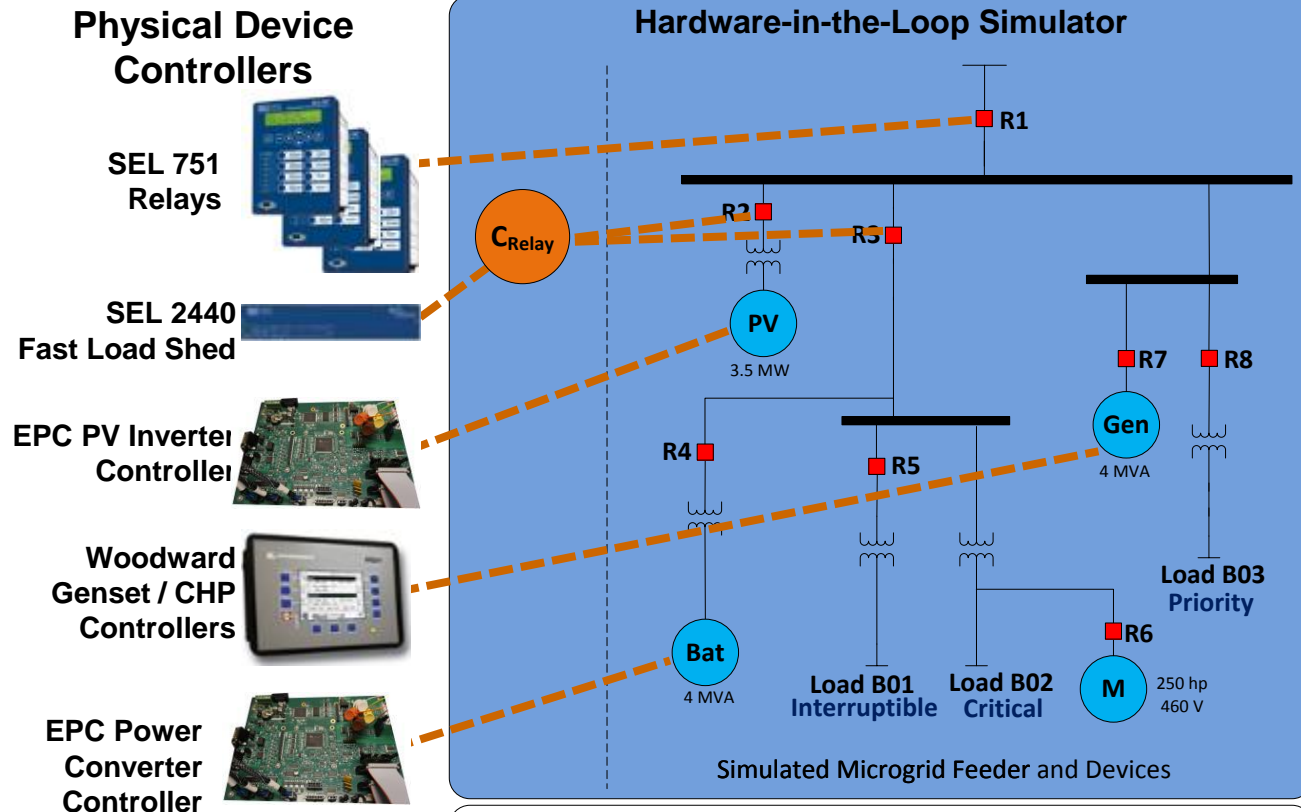
Simulated Microgrid Feeder and Devices

Test Stimuli





Add Commercial Controllers as Hardware-in-the-Loop





Integrate Microgrid Controllers



Microgrid Controller



Physical Device Controllers

SEL 751
Relays



SEL 2440
Fast Load Shed



EPC PV Inverter
Controller



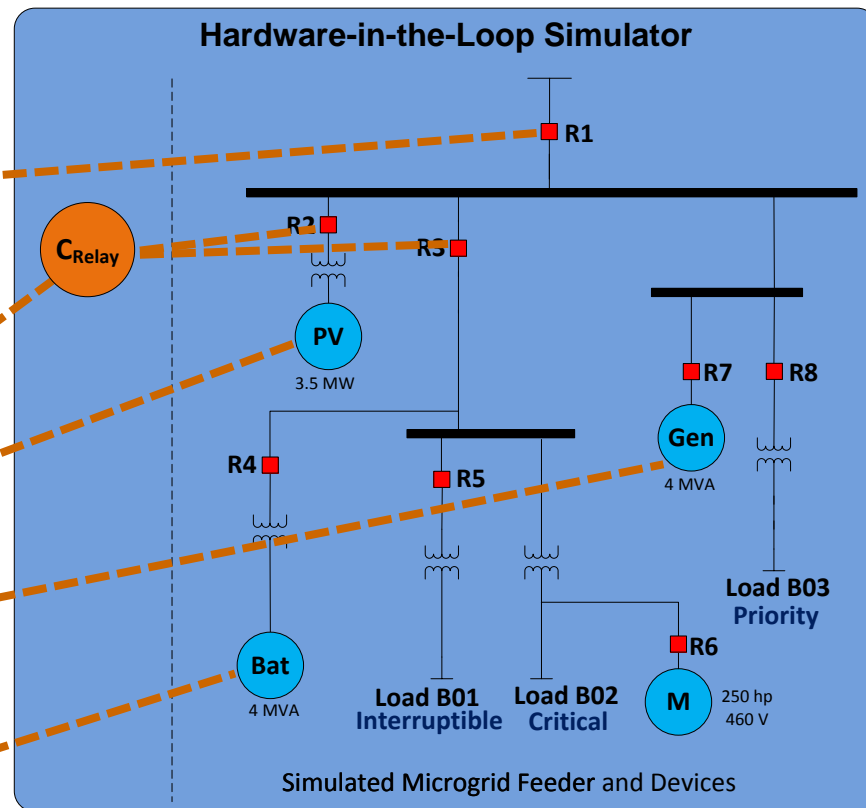
Woodward
Genset / CHP
Controllers



EPC Power
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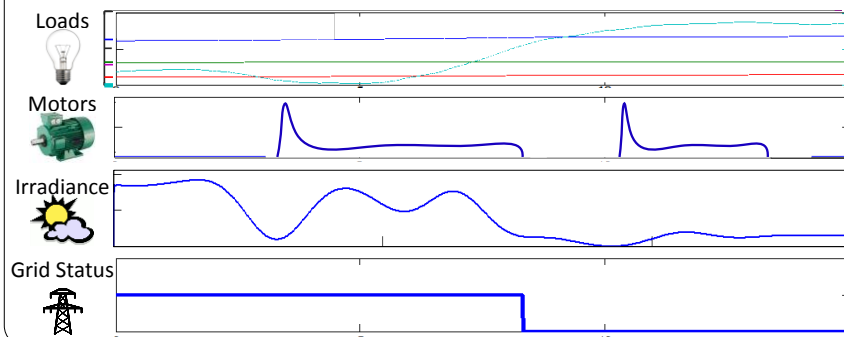


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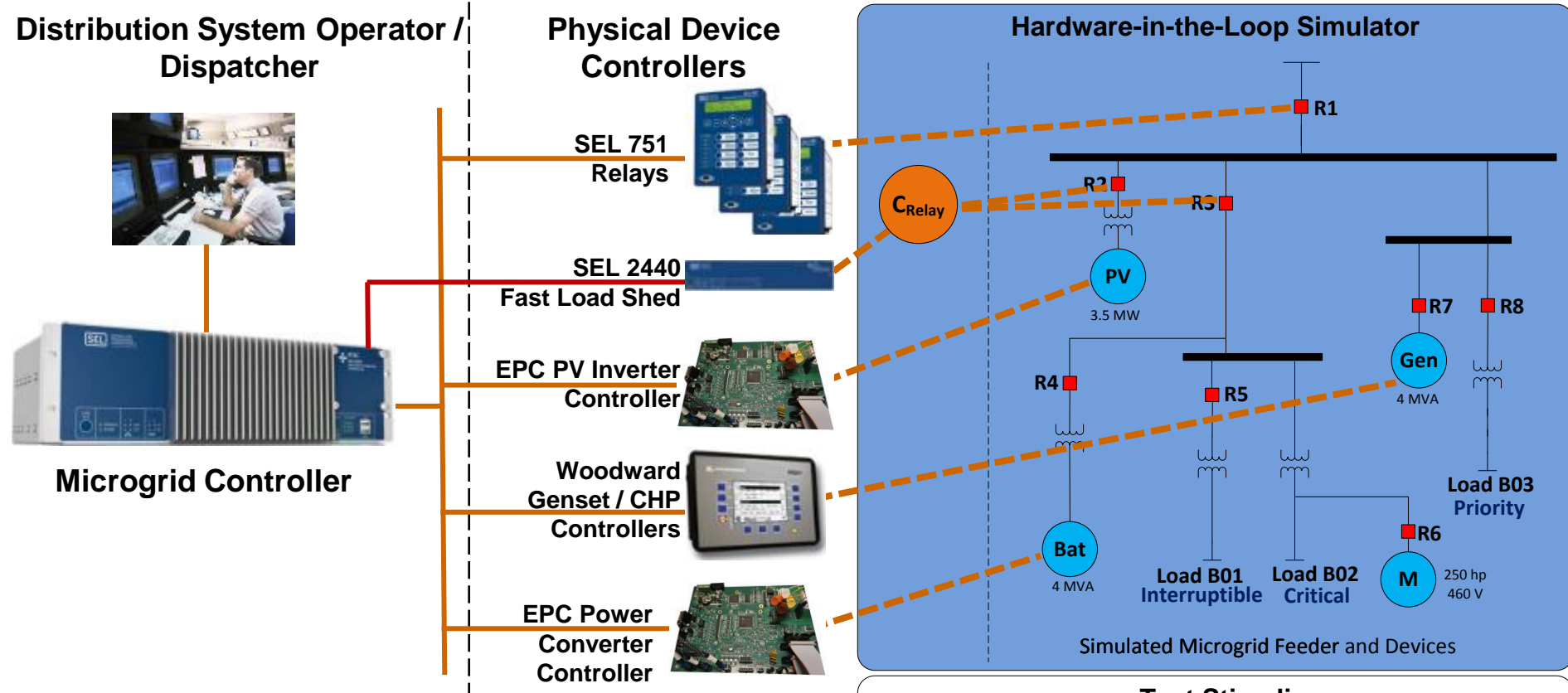
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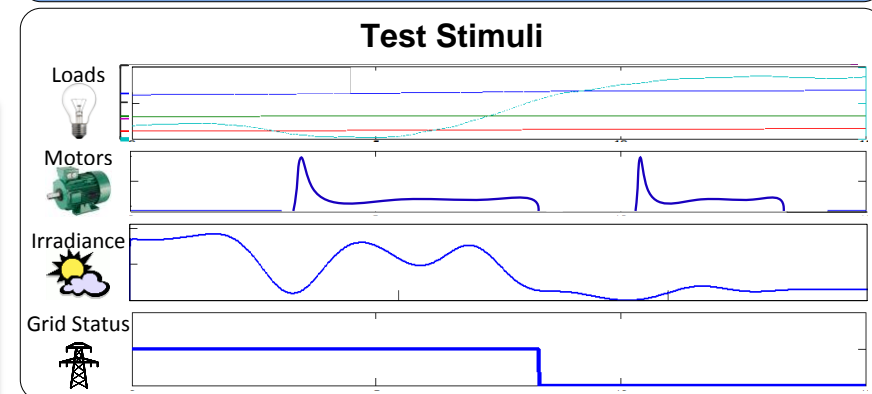




Integrate Microgrid Controllers



Command	Range of Values
DSO Export/Import	+10 MW (import) to -5 MW (export); 0 = any import/export permitted
DSO PF	-0.75 - +0.75
Volt/VAR support	-5 MVar - +5 MVar
Demand Response	0 - 5 MW



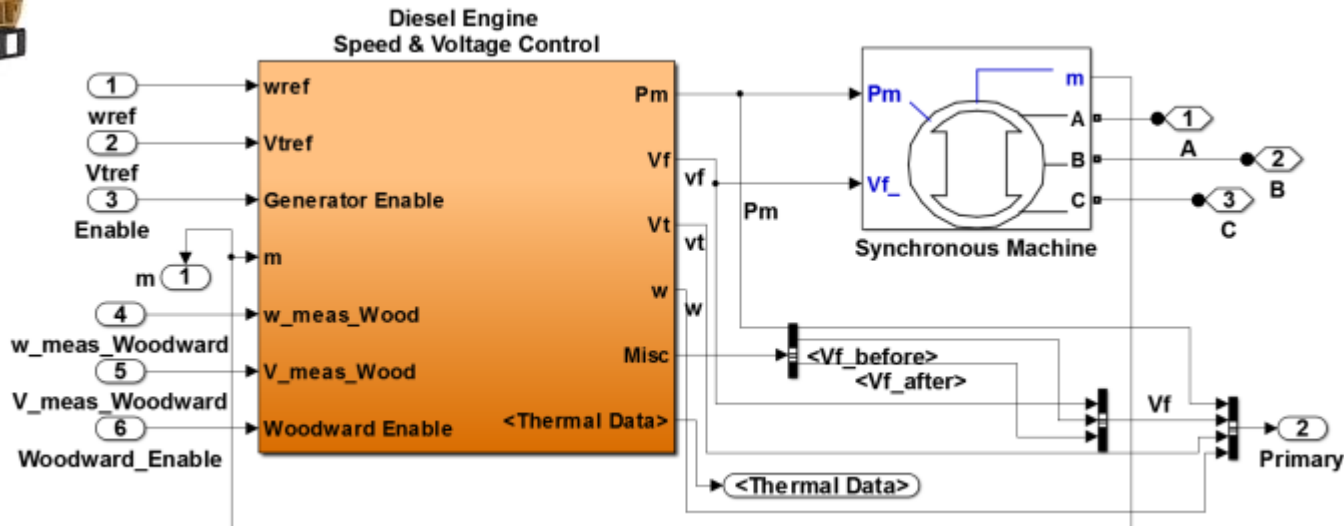


Simulated Diesel Genset Block



	1 MW Genset	4 MW Genset
Manufacturer / Model	CAT C32	CAT C175-20
Rating (kVA)	1,000	4,000
Power Factor	TBD	TBD
Voltage (V)	480	13,800
Frequency (Hz)	60	60
Speed (RPM)	1800	1800
Minimum Output Power	25kW	100kW
Startup Time	<10 sec	<15 sec

Genset ratings and characteristics



Synchronous Machine, Governor, and AVR Models

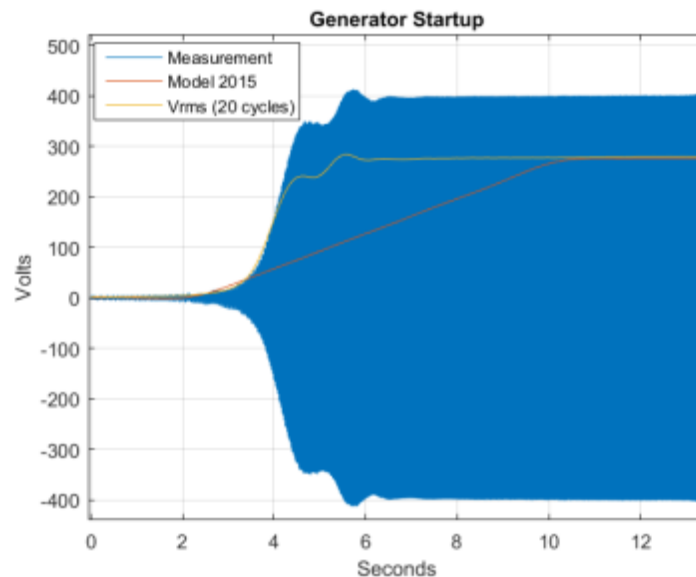


HILLTOP Integration: Model Validation

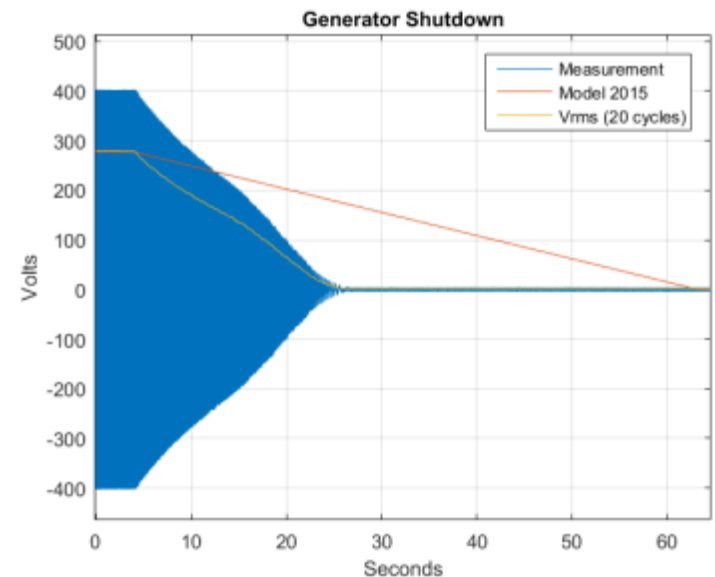


- 1 MVA
- 480Vac
- 3 phase

- Generator statistics
- High speed instrumentation
 - 8kHz sampling
 - Voltage and current
 - Bias signals



Start-up of Generator and Model



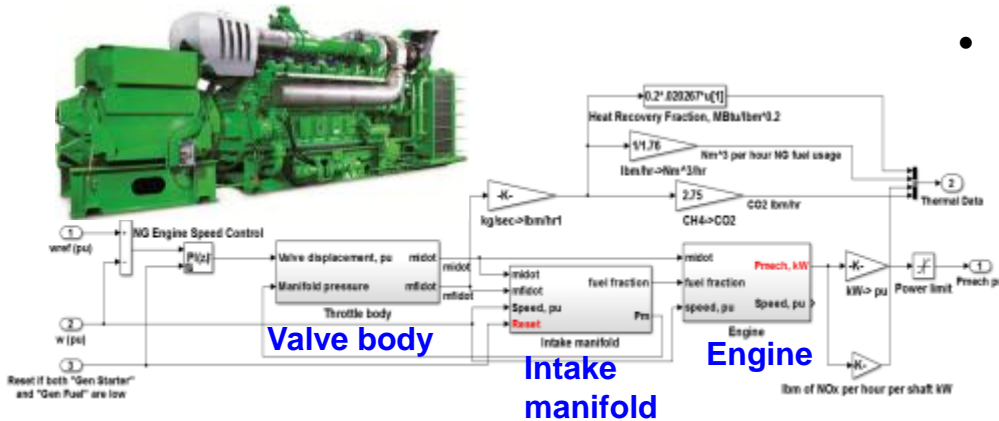
Shutdown of Generator and Model



Natural Gas Combined Heat and Power



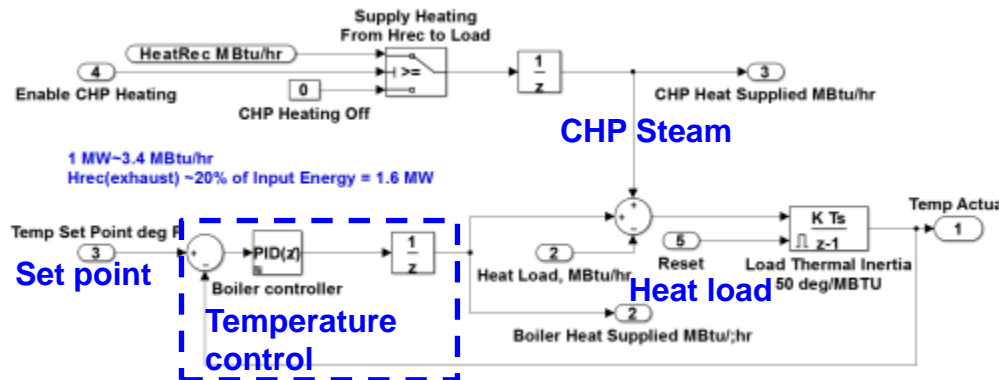
Electrical



GE/Jenbacher J620 NG Engine (1800 RPM)
3.5 MW Natural Gas Engine Model (Physics Based)

- Physics-based, scalable 3.5 MW NG genset with gas valve, intake manifold, combustion
 - Fuel usage
 - GHG emissions
 - Heat recovery
 - Woodward easYgen 3500 compatible

Thermal

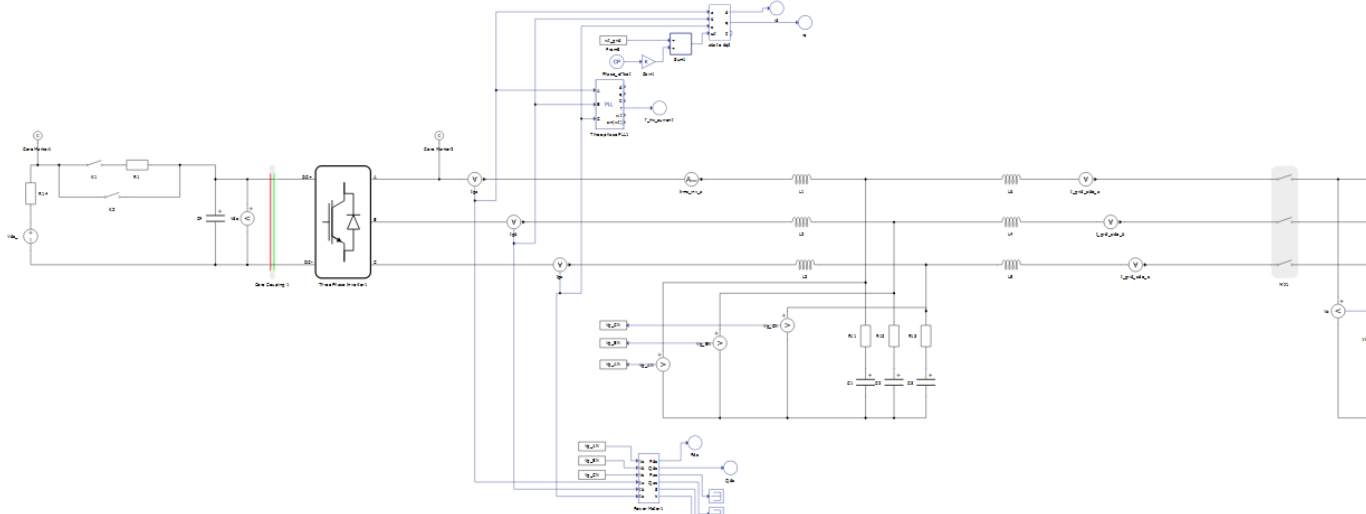


CHP Aggregate Thermal Model

- Aggregate CHP system model
 - Modbus commanded heating or cooling mode, temperature set-point
 - Independent heat load input
 - Parametrically settable losses, cooling coefficient of performance, thermal inertia



EPC Power Electronics Models: Solar PV and Energy Storage System



- 4-quadrant control module
- Control capabilities for microgrid operation
 - Real (P) and Reactive (Q) power dispatch
 - Voltage islanding mode
 - UPS parallel backup mode
- Manufacturer validated inverter model
- Modbus over RS485 Communication

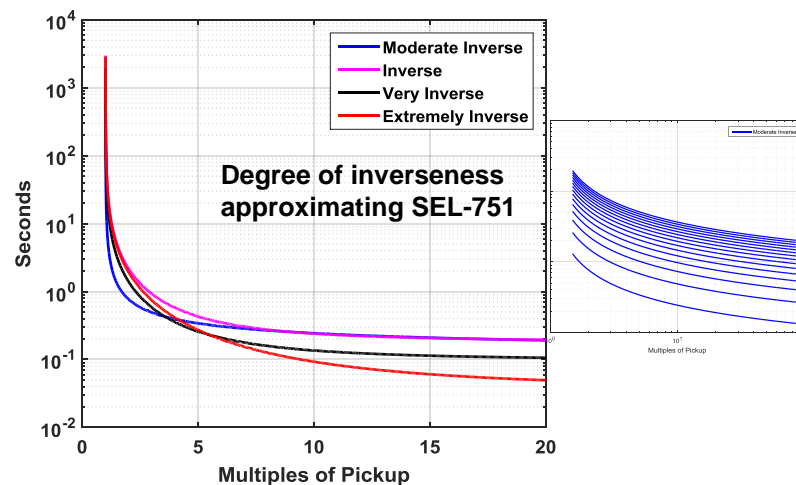
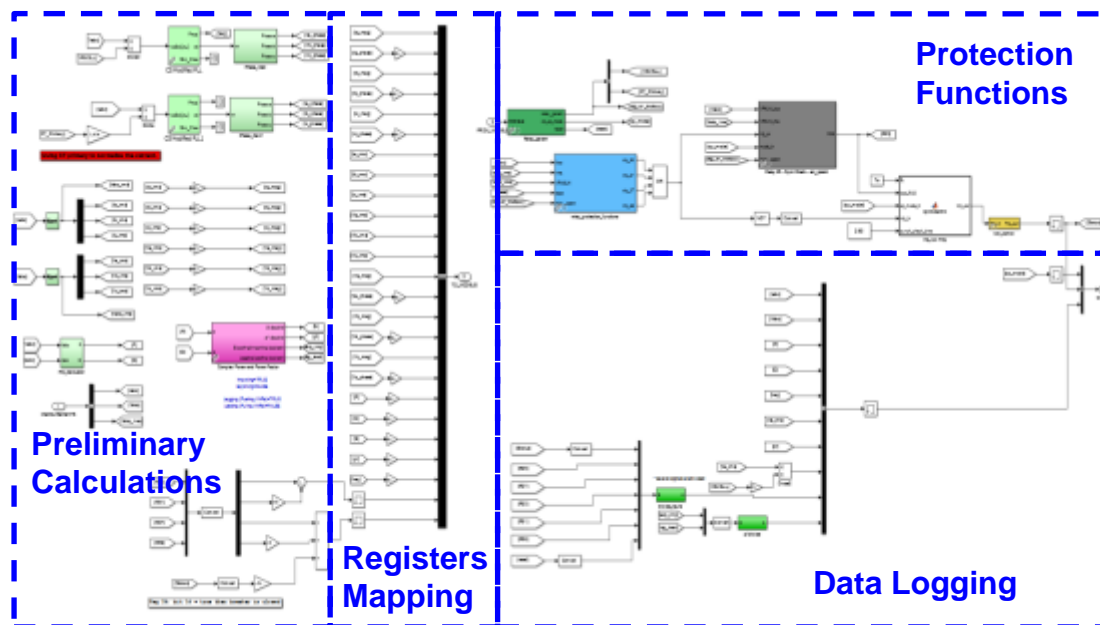




Generic Software Relay

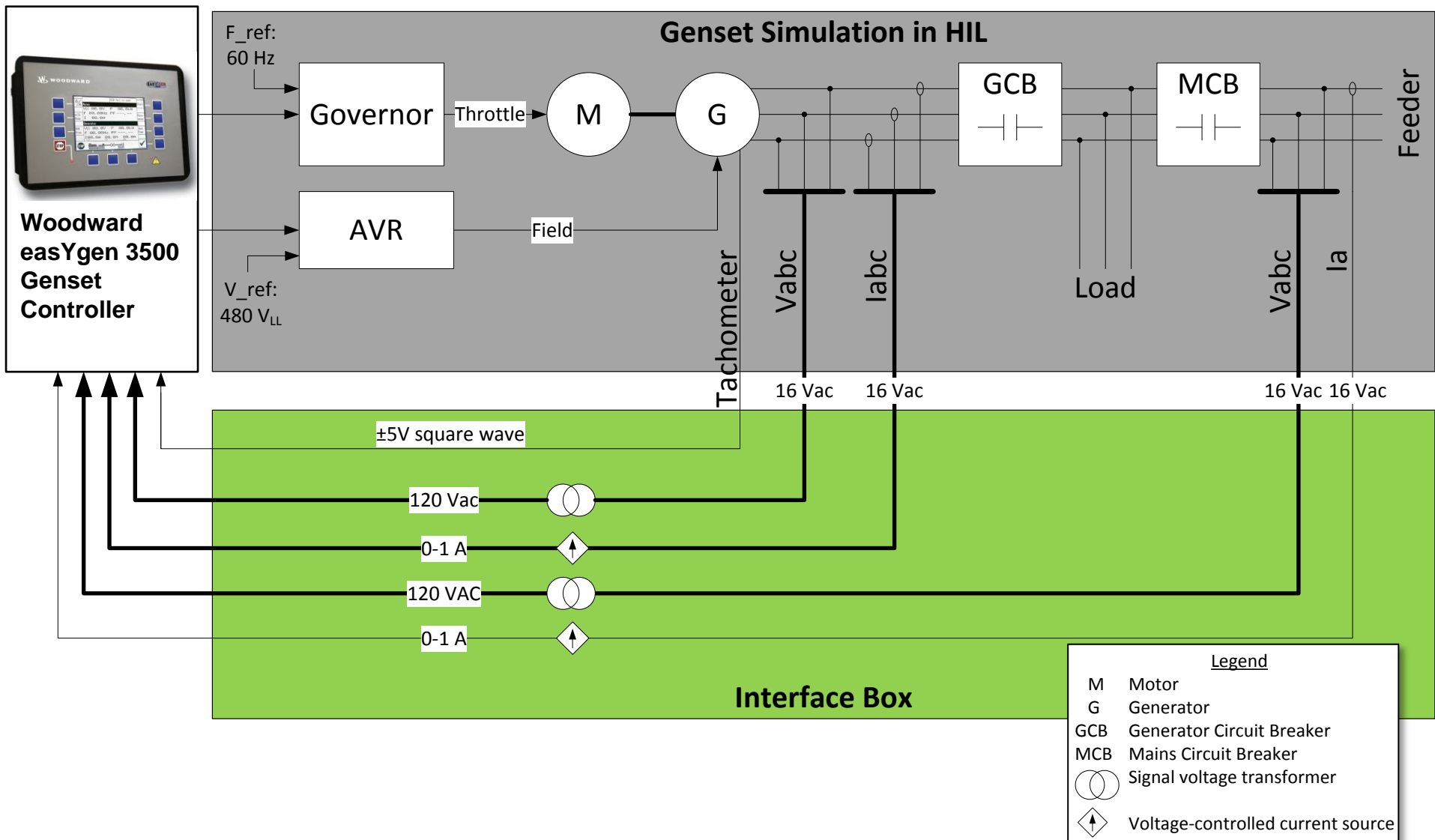


- Used for telemetry
- Various time current characteristic curves (TCC)
- Active protection features:
 - Overcurrent (50, 51)
 - Over/under voltage (27, 59)
 - Synchronism check (25)
 - Reclosing (79)
- Modbus TCP interface
- Multiple protection group settings accessible by the microgrid controller
 - Grid-tied protection
 - Islanded protection



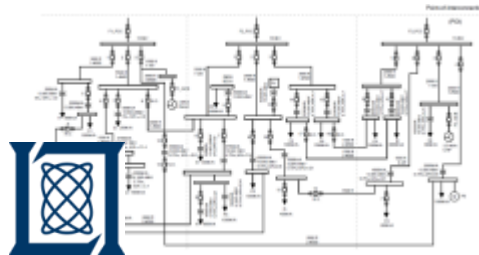


Device Controller Integration: Woodward easYgen 3500





Models Ported to Numerous Platforms



MIT-LL Test Feeders and Models



NREL Microgrid Challenge



Typhoon HIL HILLTOP testbed



**SEL RTDS Testbed
Factory Acceptance Test**



**MIT Smart Grid in a Room
Simulator for ARPA-E**



**Eaton Protection
Coordination Study**



Today: HILLTOP on 2 Real-time Sims Operating 4 Microgrid Controllers



SEL Microgrid Controller



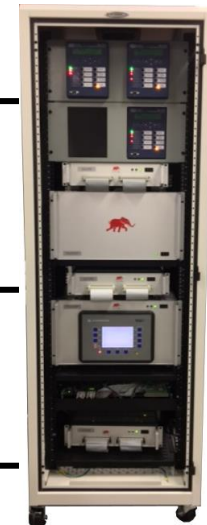
Schneider Microgrid Controller



Eaton Microgrid Controller



GE Microgrid Controller





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The Integration Process: Device Integration



- **I/O point check**
- **Communications**
 - Comm w/out errors, change setpoints, scale factors
- **Device-level performance characterization**
 - Load acceptance, load rejection tests
 - Large setpoint changes
 - Determine capability curves
- **Customize site-specific controls / DER mode changes**
- **DER paralleling / generator load sharing**



The Integration Process: Microgrid Controller Configuration



- **Transitions**
 - Intentional islanding
 - Unplanned islanding
 - Synchronization and reconnection
- **Steady-state operation**
 - Grid-tied optimal dispatch
 - Islanded stability
- **Faults**
 - Protection
 - Reconfiguration for critical load service



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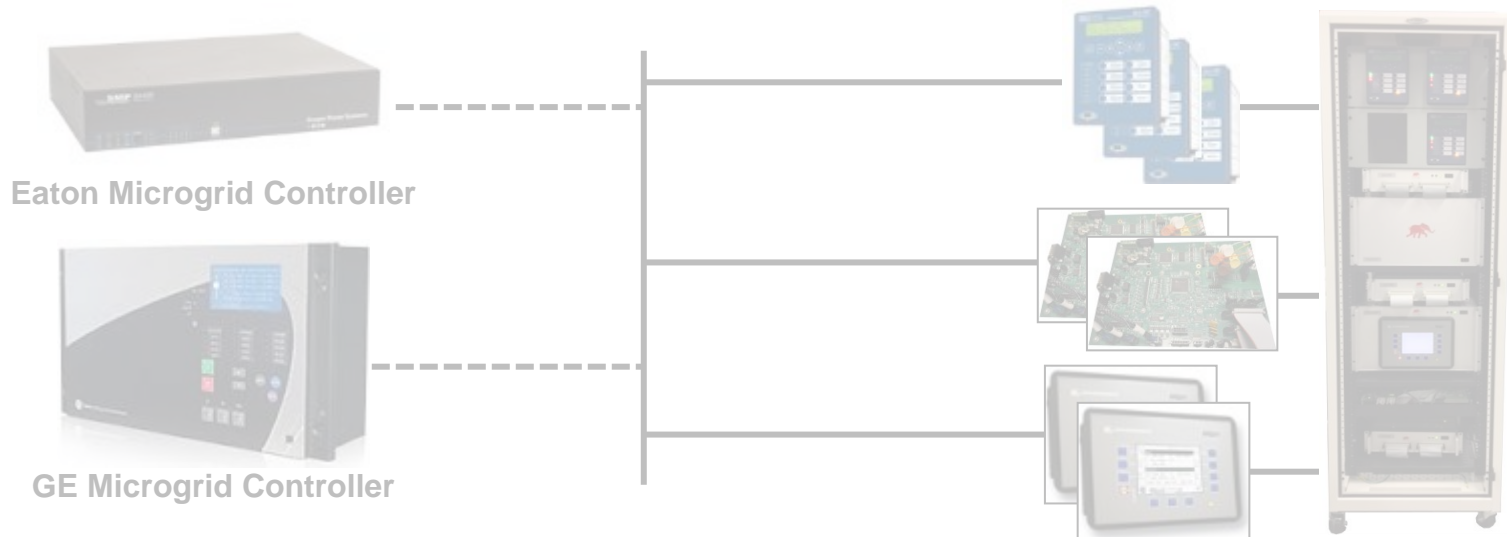
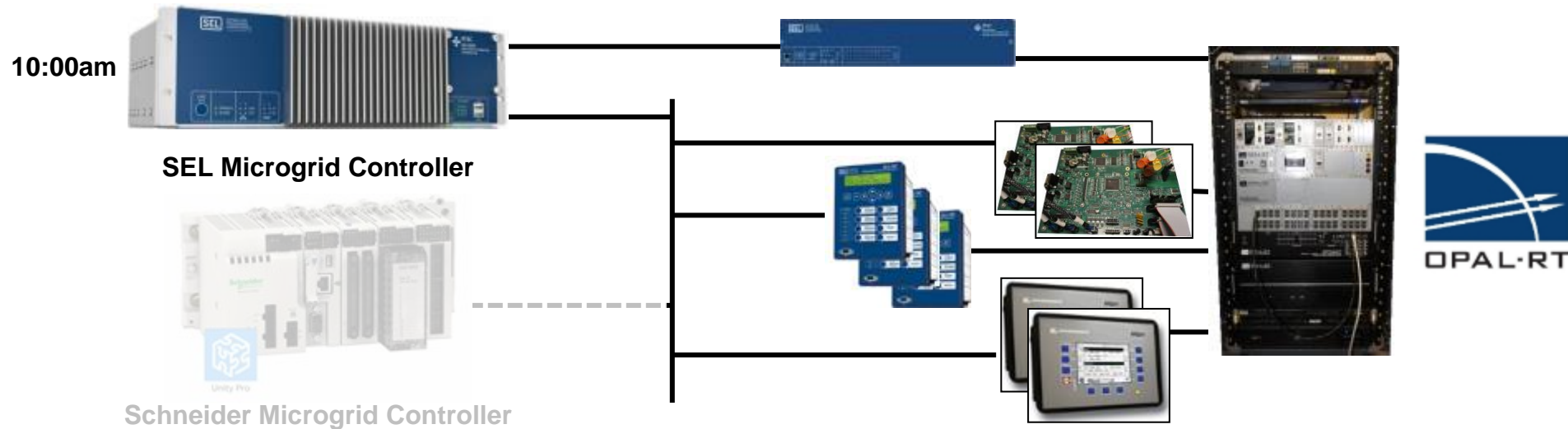


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Demo #1: SEL Controller on OPAL-RT

Focus: Black Start, Islanding, & Fast Load Shedding





#3: Schneider on OPAL-RT

Focus: Reconfiguration & Load Prioritization



SEL Microgrid Controller



Schneider Microgrid Controller



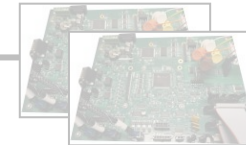
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break



Eaton Microgrid Controller



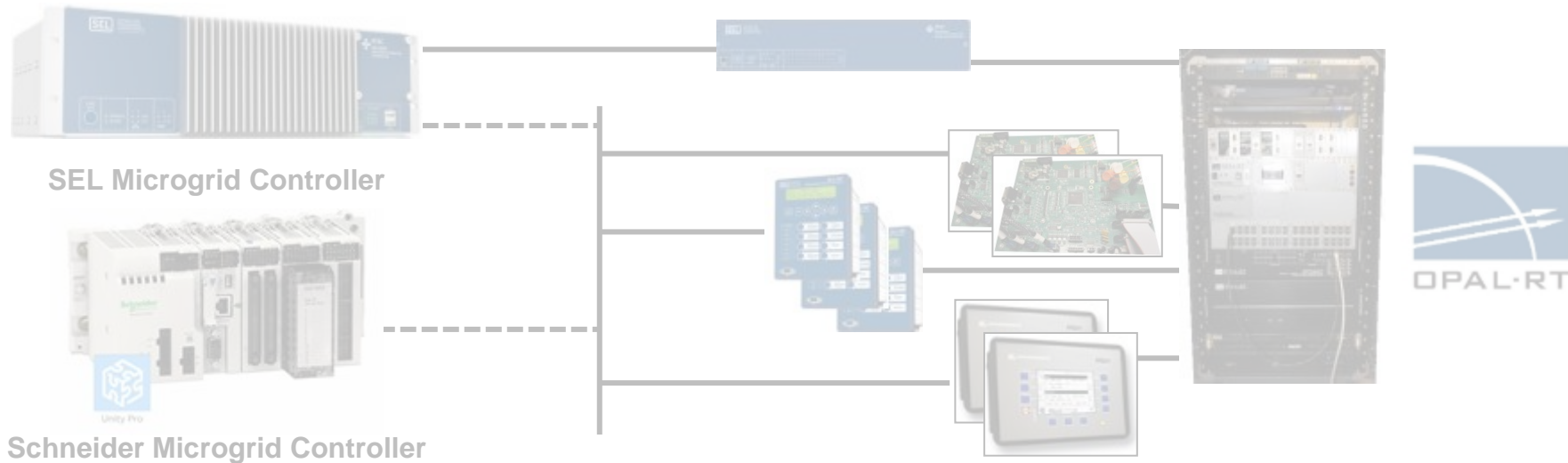
GE Microgrid Controller





#4: Eaton Controller on Typhoon HIL

Focus: Protection & DER Dispatch

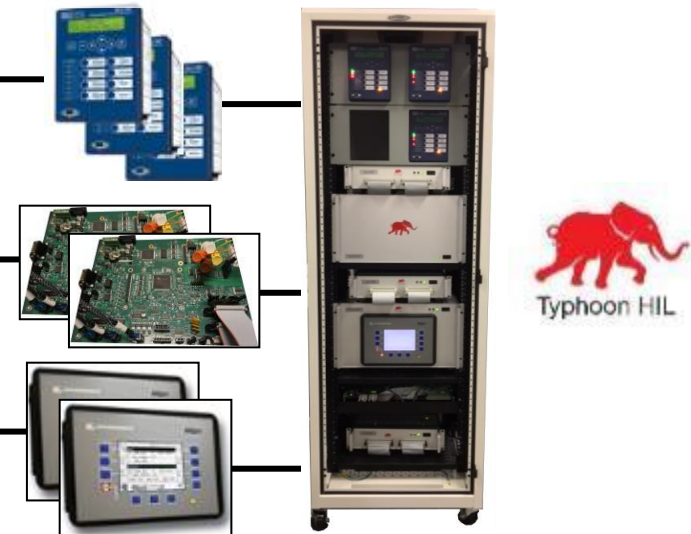


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Eaton Microgrid Controller

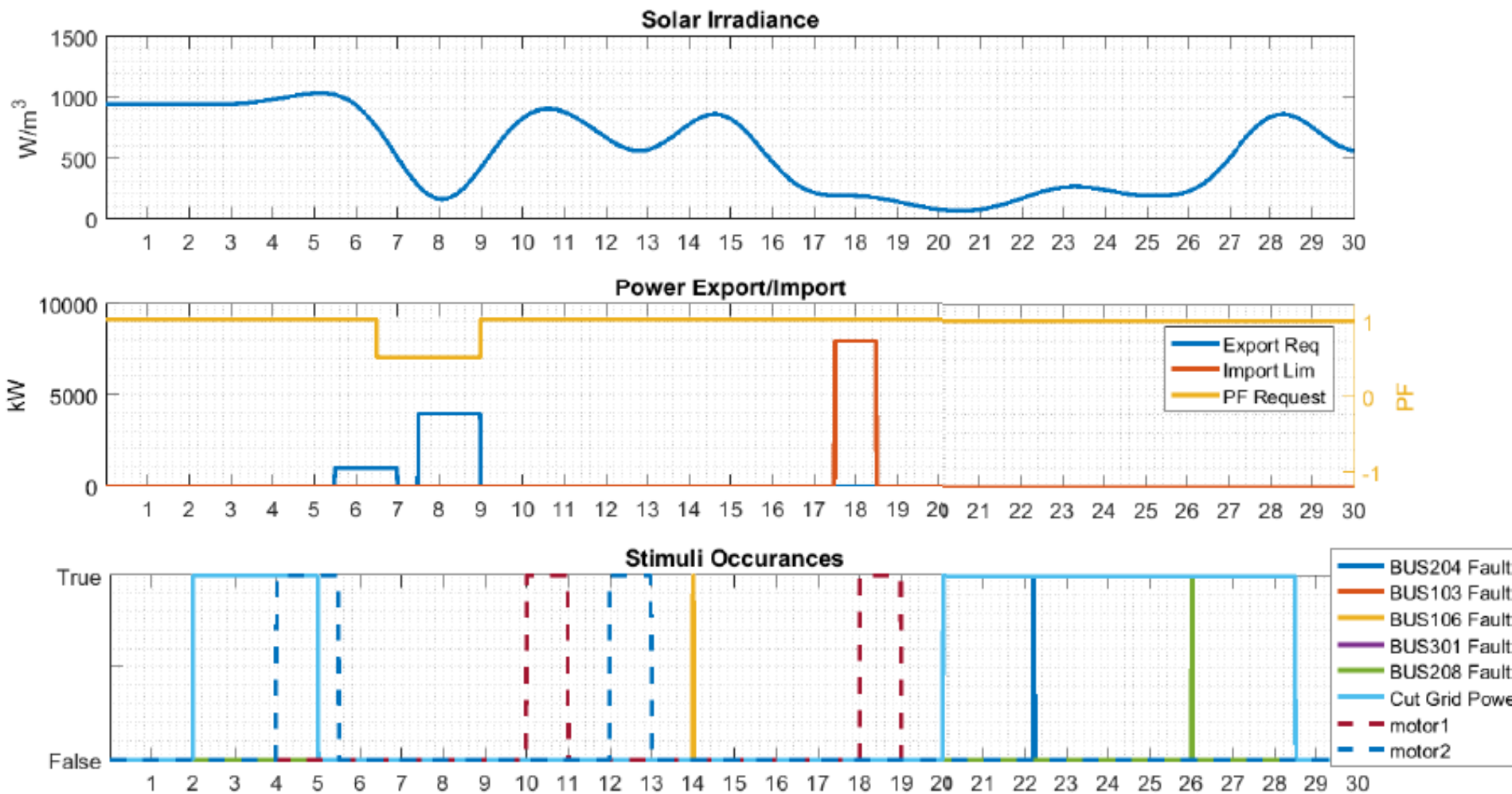


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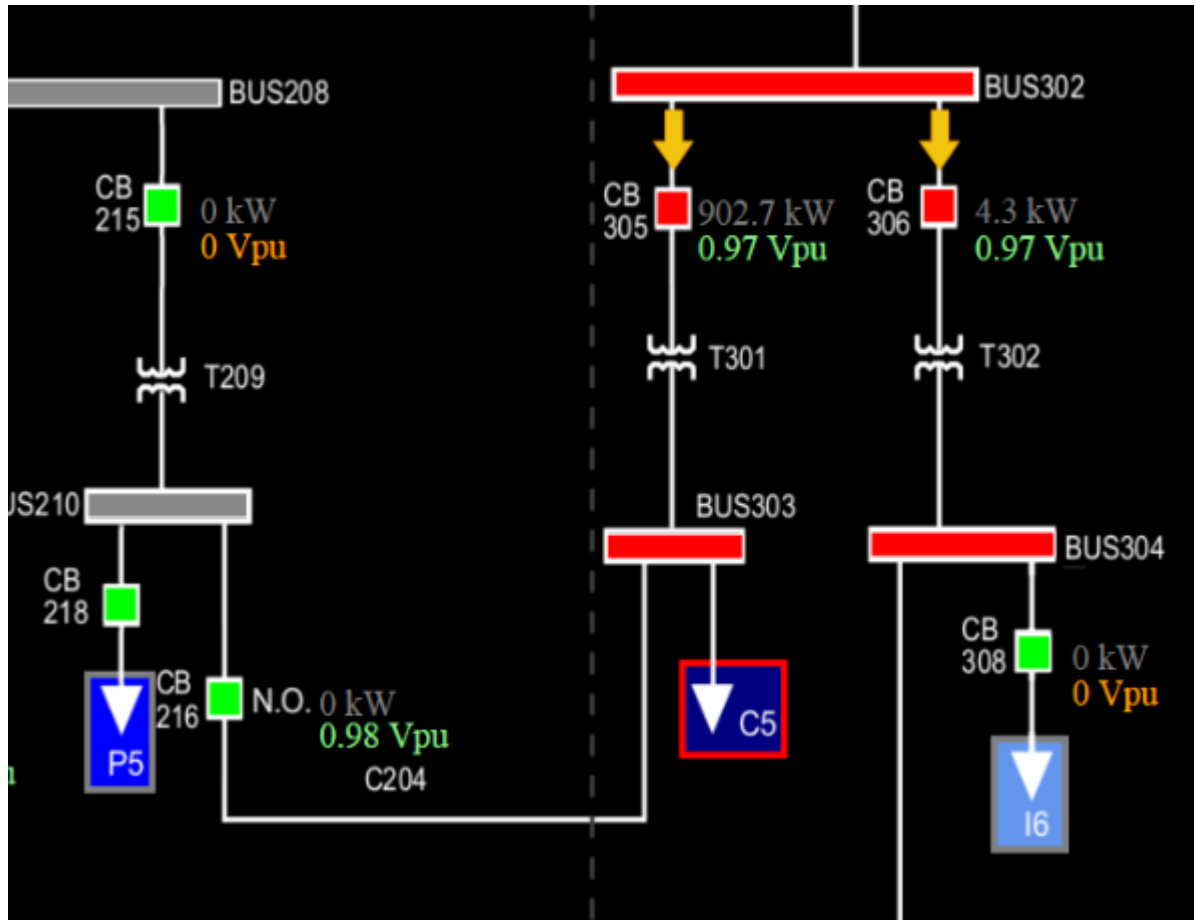


Demonstration Sequence





Buses, Breakers, and Loads



LEGEND

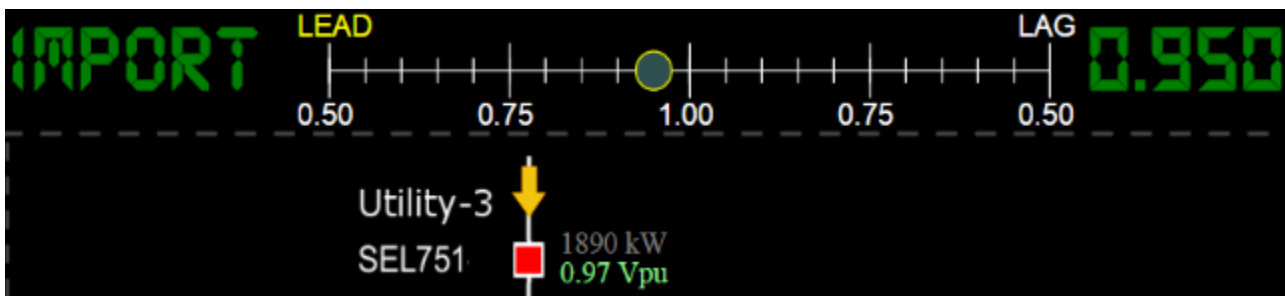
	Live Bus
	Dead Bus
	Closed Breaker
	Open Breaker
	Critical Load
	Priority Load
	Interruptible Load
	Energized Load
	Dropped Load



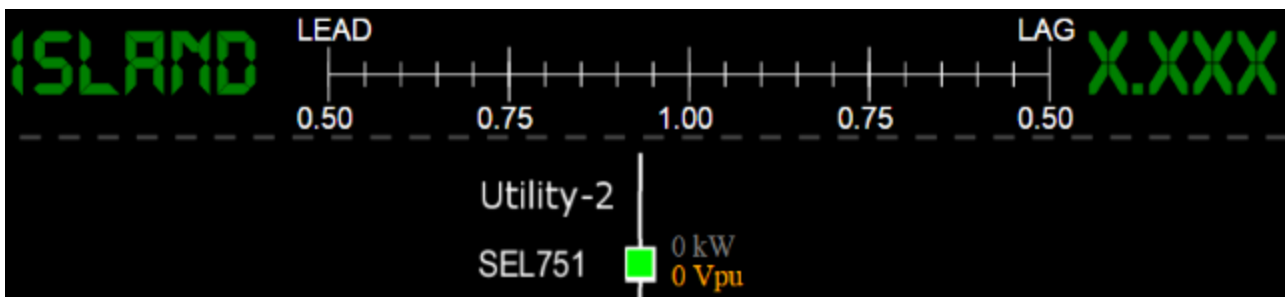
Energized
Motor
Load



Feeder Status and Power Factor



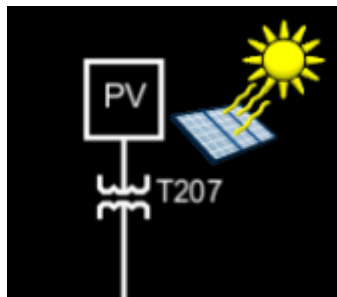
Grid-tied Feeder



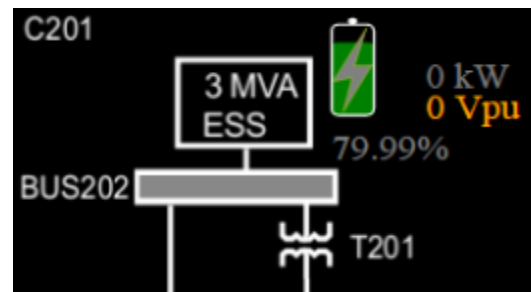
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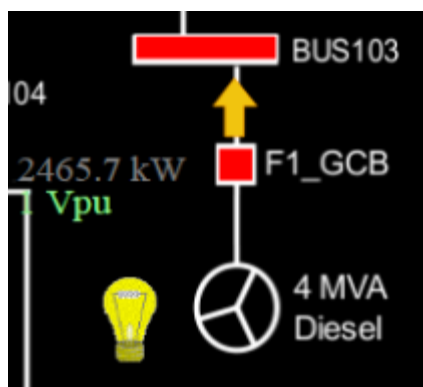
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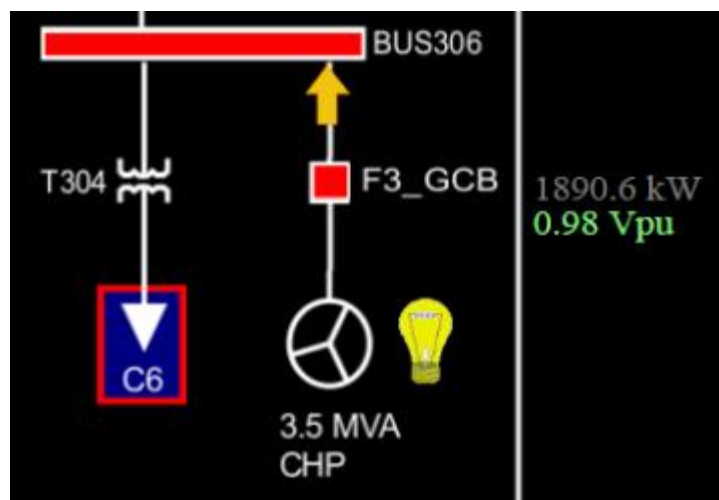
Energized Solar
PV Array



Discharging Energy Storage
System (ESS) / Battery



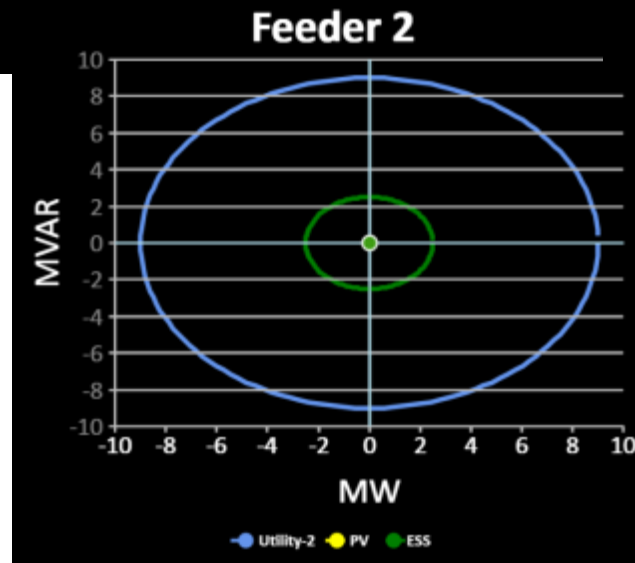
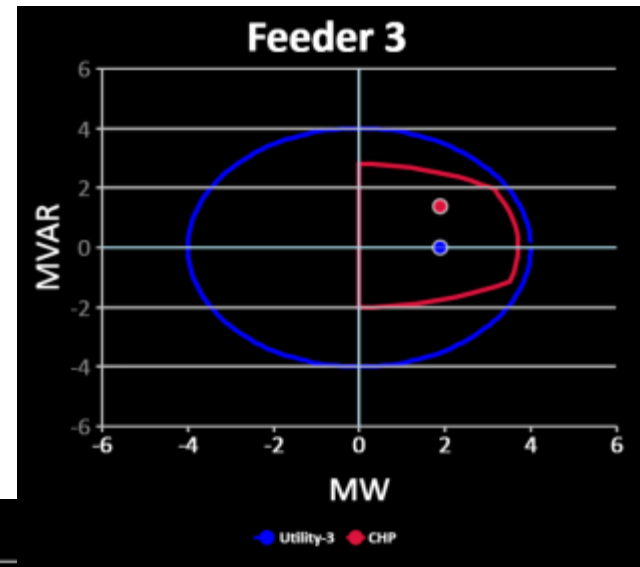
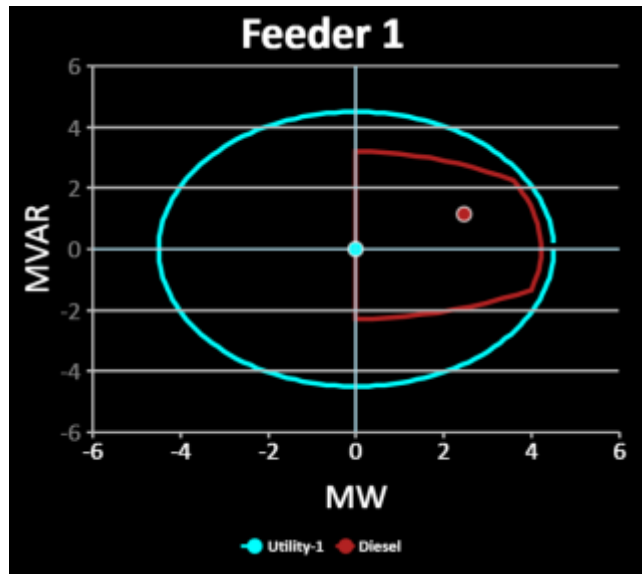
Energized Diesel Genset



Energized Natural Gas-fired Combined
Heat and Power (CHP) Plant

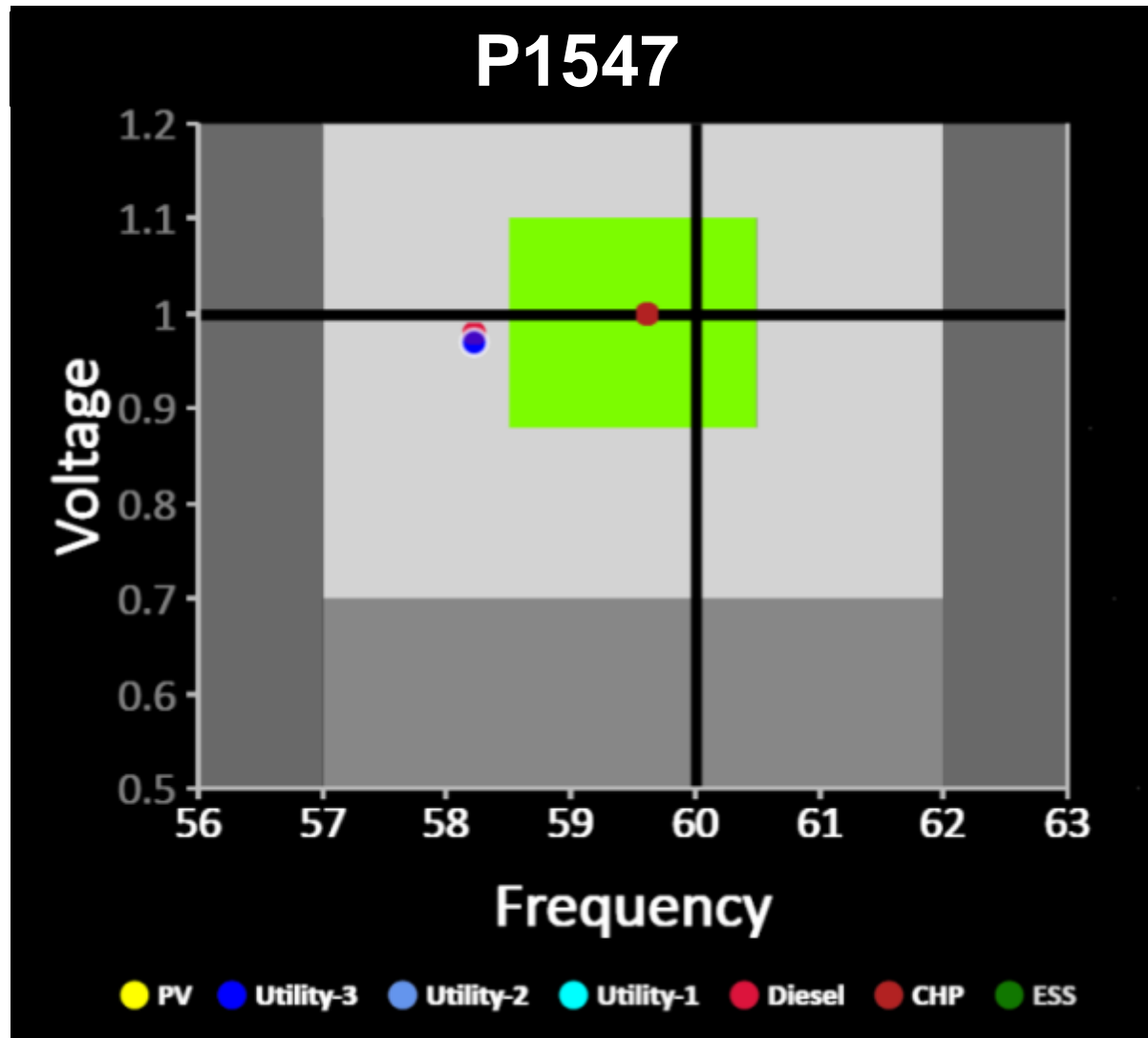


Real and Reactive Power Production and Capability Curves



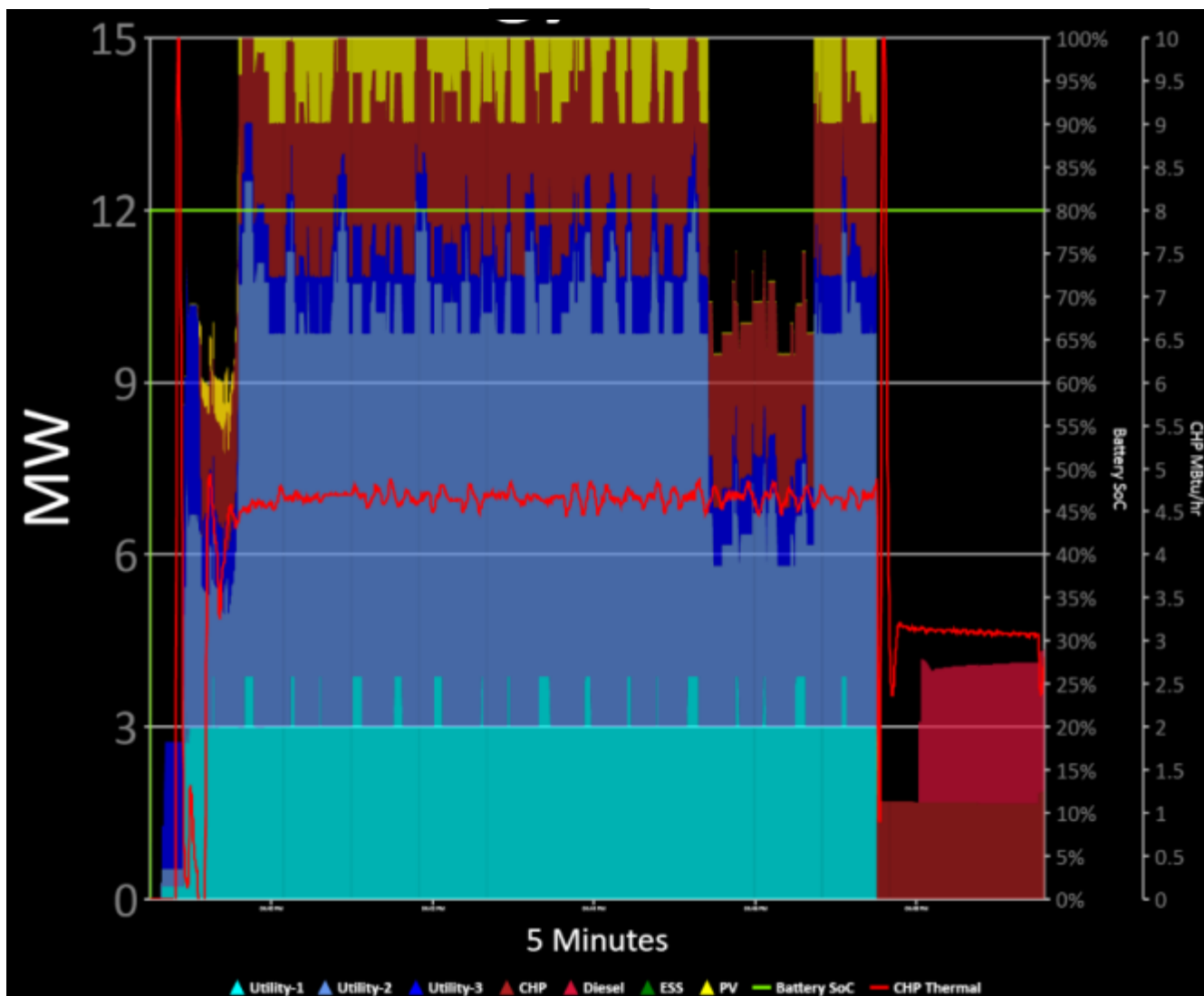


Testing of Future Advanced DER: IEEE P1547 Draft Amendment





Energy Sources “Sand Chart”





High-fidelity Oscilloscope Waveforms



LEGEND

- Grid voltage
- CHP current
- CHP voltage
- Diesel genset voltage



Our Mission: Transitioning Technology for National Energy Resilience



**– 1 –
Engagement
Platform**

- Proof-of-concepts
- Stakeholder engagement (utilities, regulators, host sites)

**– 2 –
Development
Platform**

- Vendor / new equipment evaluation
- Advanced controls R&D

**– 3 –
Deployment
Platform**

- Controller integration
- Pre-commissioning testing

**– 4 –
Standards Test
Platform**

- IEEE P2030.8 and P1547 conformance testing
- Industry support: model repository

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HIL Platform Block Diagram

