

2012 Smart Grid R&D Program Peer Review Meeting

Smart Inverter Controls & Microgrid
Interoperation

*at the Distributed Energy Communications
& Controls (DECC) Lab*

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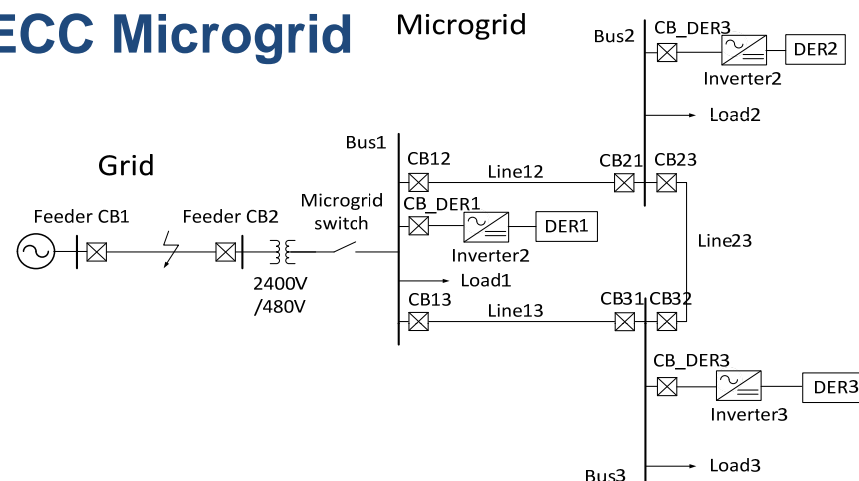


Smart Inverter (SI) Controls and Microgrid (MG) Interoperation

Objectives

- Develop and test SI controls for **multiple** renewable/nonrenewable DER.
- Develop MG controls and communication requirements for high penetration DER.
- Implement MG at DECC Lab.
- Transfer technology to industry.

DECC Microgrid



Life-cycle Funding Summary (\$K)

| Prior to FY 12 ¹ | FY12 authorized ² | FY13 requested | Out-year(s) ³ |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| \$1,404 | \$535 | \$605 | \$1,815 |

¹Funding shown is what was received FY09 to FY11 for the DECC Lab.

²FY12 initial funding delayed until mid February, remaining funding delayed until end of March.

³Funding out to the end of FY16 assuming level funding based on FY13.

Technical Scope

- Develop advanced smart inverter control consisting of local droop (P-f, Q-V) control integrated with secondary closed loop power control enhanced with communications.
- Develop advanced self-healing MG architecture consisting of two layers:
 - Fundamental local and adaptive DER device control and protection
 - MG Control to communicate with DERs and distribution system operations and provide active energy management.

Significance and Impact

Annual Performance Targets

- **2012 Target – *Demo Integration of Renewable DER for 12% Load Factor Improvement***
 - SI controls for multiple inverter-based DER (later energy storage) to increase penetration to improve load factors.
 - Work with major inverter manufacturer to embed SI controls in inverter hardware.
- **2013 Target – *Smart Microgrid (MG) for >98% reduction in outage time***
 - MG concepts developed and tested at DECC provide seamless transition from grid to islanding and back and for greater use of DER and energy storage.
 - Proposed work with vendors to demonstrate MG at ORNL and later at military base(s).
- **2014 Target – *Integration of High Penetration PV for 15% Load Factor Improvement***
 - PV model and control development for maximum power tracking with smart inverter control.
 - Supports integration of high penetration PV for load factor improvement.
- **2015 Target – *Integrated Distribution Management Systems (DMS) for reduce SAIDI by 5%***
 - Enable DER fast voltage ride-through of high/low system voltage and frequency events.
 - MG advanced architecture to establish functions for interfacing with DMS for reducing SAIDI.
- **2016 Target – *Protection integrated with DMS to reduce SAIDI by 10%***
 - MG protection schemes (another project) integrated with SI and MG controls and DMS for greater reduction of SAIDI.

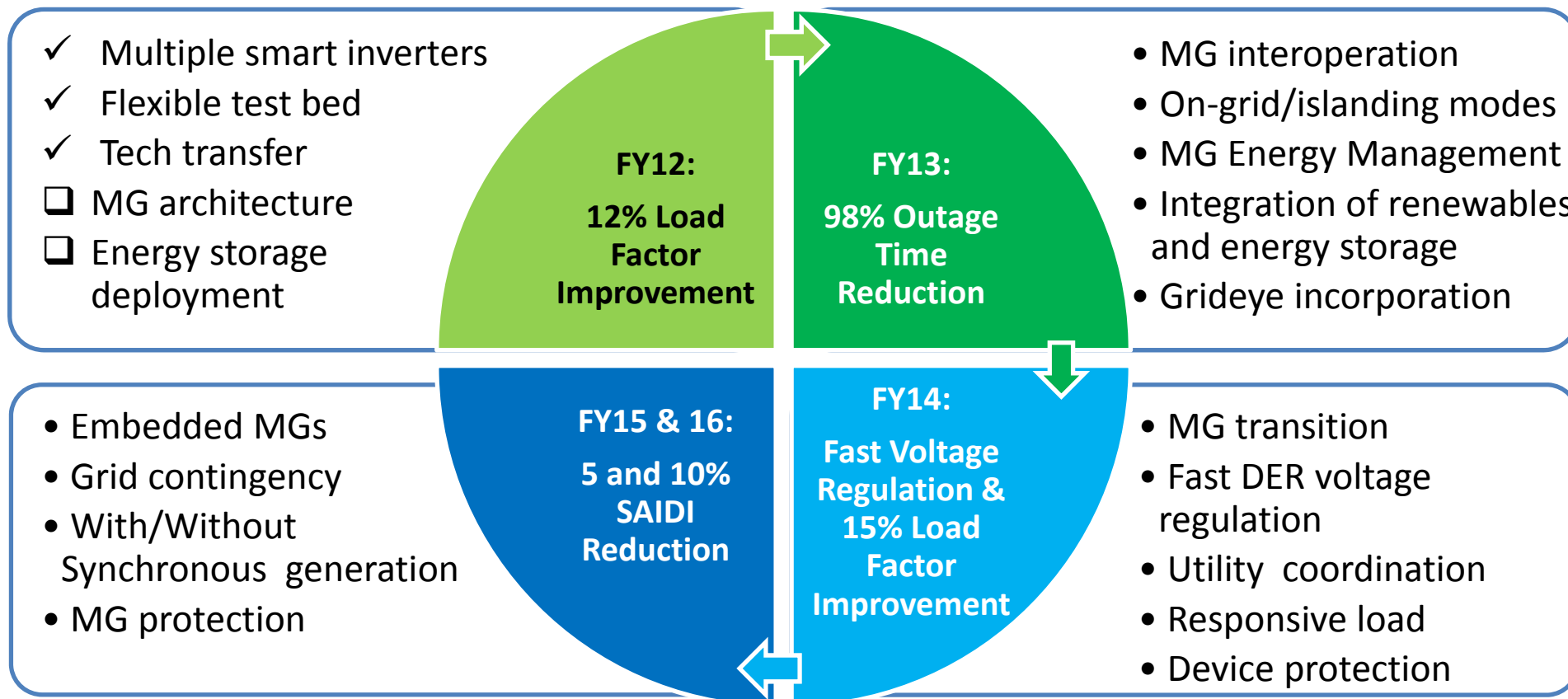
Significance and Impact

Trend for Addressing Targets

ORNL R&D directly addresses SG Targets.

- ✓ Complete
- Remaining
- Out years

Smart Grid R&D Targets

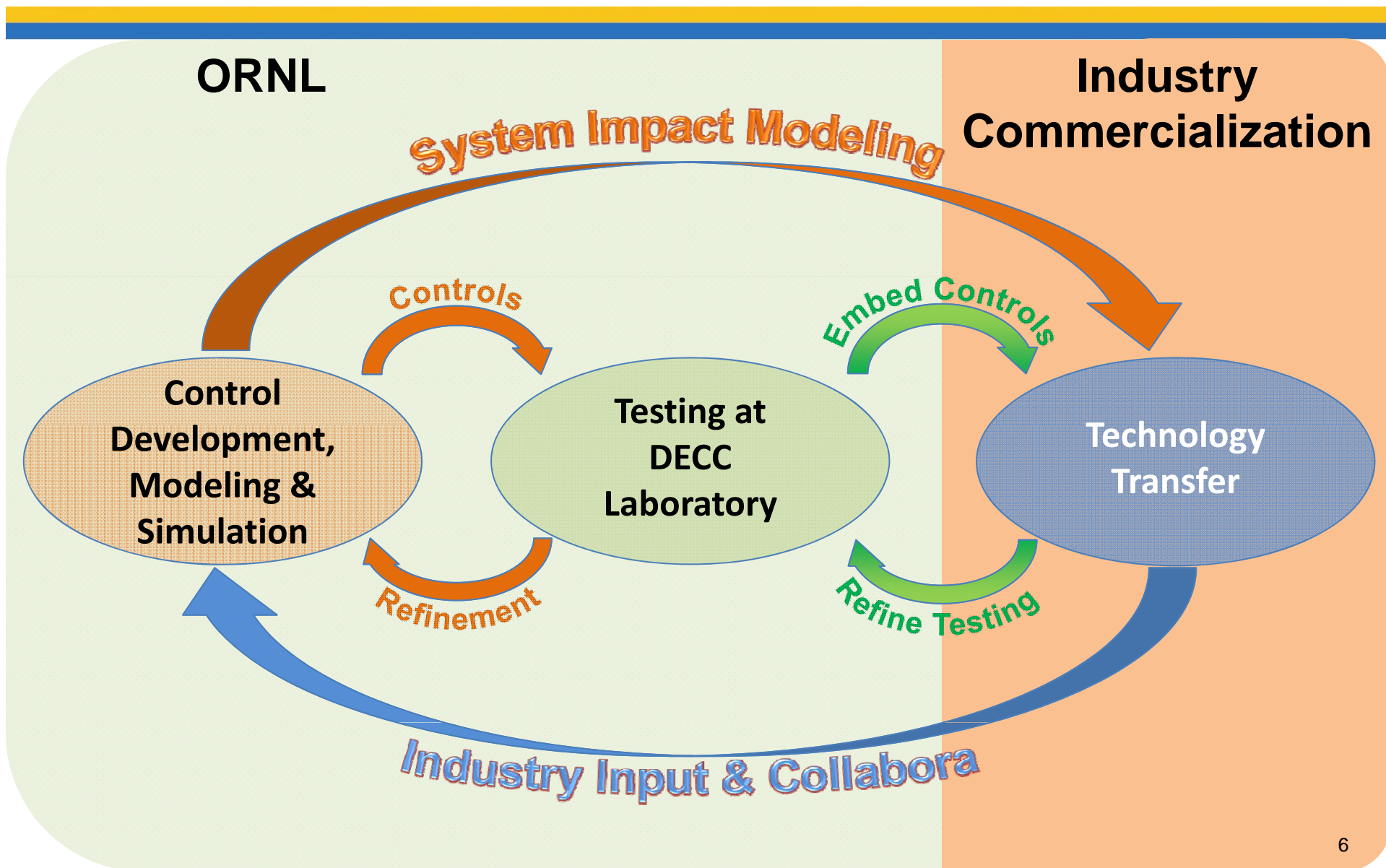


Significance and Impact

Supporting Smart Grid R&D Targets

- **Load Factor Improvement (20% by 2020)**
 - **Goal:** Achieve high penetration of DER (both renewable and nonrenewable)
 - **Approach:** Develop fast and flexible controls for multiple and PV inverter-based DER; transfer technology with vendor involvement.
 - **Benefit:** More local power generation and regulation of voltage resulting in reduced central generation, losses and higher load factor.
- **Reduction of Load Outage Time (>98% reduction by 2020)**
 - **Goal:** Develop self-healing microgrid controls building on adaptive smart inverter controls
 - **Approach:** Fast transition from grid-to-island mode and back with minimal communications; test at DECC Lab and demo at military facilities.
 - **Benefit:** Reduced down time for loads due to continuity of generation.
- **System Reliability Improvement (20% SAIDI reduction by 2020)**
 - **Goal:** Integrate microgrid protection (leverage another project) with microgrid controls
 - **Approach:** Implement and test adaptive protection with DECC Lab microgrid under varying operational scenarios.
 - **Benefit:** Faster and reliable detection and isolation of microgrid faults (both grid and island operation), reduced down time for system generation and loads.

Technical Approach



Technical Innovation

- **Smart Inverter Control Innovations**
 - Local closed loop adaptive self-tuning control of multiple inverters
 - Development of secondary voltage and frequency inverter control for MGs
- **Microgrid (MG) Control Innovations**
 - Self-healing, highly stable/reliable multiple-layer MG architecture
 - Fast and adaptive local DER control
 - System-wide control of frequency and voltage enhanced with communications
 - System-wide management of high penetration DER along with DR and energy storage
 - MG control center provides interface to DMS
 - Seamless DER hybrid control transition modes:
 - Maximum or some constant power output (P, Q)
 - Frequency (P-f) and voltage (Q-V) droop control
 - Secondary closed loop frequency and voltage control
- **Innovative DECC Laboratory for Technology Transfer**
 - On-grid testing of smart inverters controls of nonrenewable and renewable on an actual distribution system.
 - Flexible MG test bed: conductor between test systems with innovative ORNL developed power flow controller for varying electrical distance for wide range of testing.

Technical Innovation vs. State of the Art

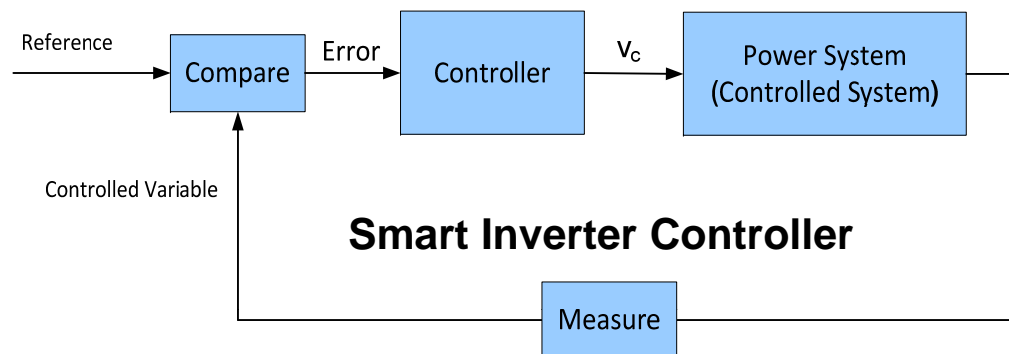
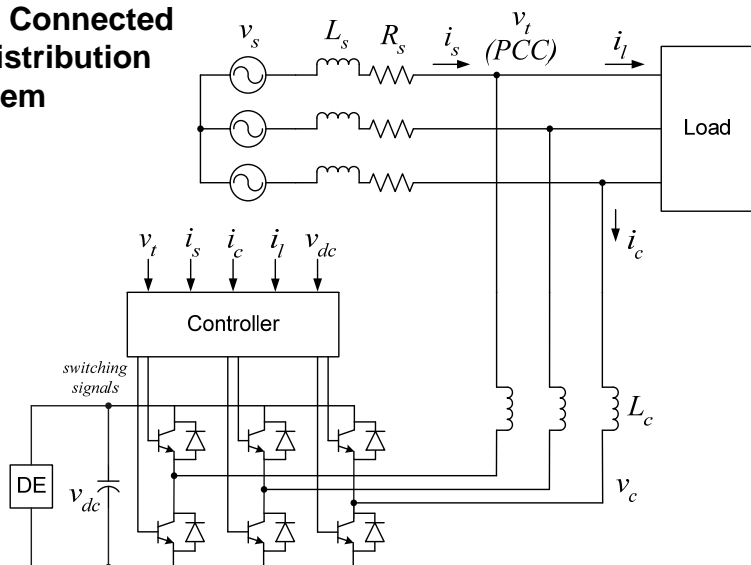
ORNL research is catalyzing the transformation of the electric distribution grid at the supply and consumer level.

| TECHNOLOGY | ORNL FOCUS | EXISTING TECHNOLOGY |
|-----------------------------|---|--|
| DER Composition | High penetration inverter-based for both on-grid and islanding. | Low penetration inverter-based for on-grid; Rotating generation for MG frequency. |
| Smart Inverter Control | Adaptive “on the fly” control: self-tuning parameters for flexibility and adaptability. | Non-adaptive control parameters preset and fixed (based on studies). |
| Microgrid (MG) Architecture | Multi-layer: (1) communication-capable local DER layer and (2) central management layer. | Single local DER layer. |
| MG Control | Hybrid control: local droop control (P-f, Q-V) with secondary frequency and voltage control based on central MG-wide management. | Local open loop droop control (P-f, Q-V) with steady-state frequency and voltage control error |
| MG communications | Cost vs. performance evaluation of MG control for different communications. | Literature review has not revealed similar work. |
| MG energy management system | Economic DER dispatch (P, Q) with responsive load and energy storage management. | Literature review has not revealed similar work. |
| MG protection | Current magnitudes and direction change with on-grid vs. islanding modes: ORNL developed adaptive methods (leveraging another project). | Overcurrent methods designed for unidirectional flow in distribution systems. Directional protection currently used in transmission systems. |

Technical Accomplishments

Smart Inverter (SI) Controls

DER Connected to Distribution System



Prior FYs

- ✓ Developed adaptive controls for single inverter (FY06 to FY11).
- ✓ Extended adaptive control methodology to support multiple inverters connected to distribution system/circuit (FY11).

- ✓ Prior year accomplishment
- FY12 focus
- Out Years

Current FY12

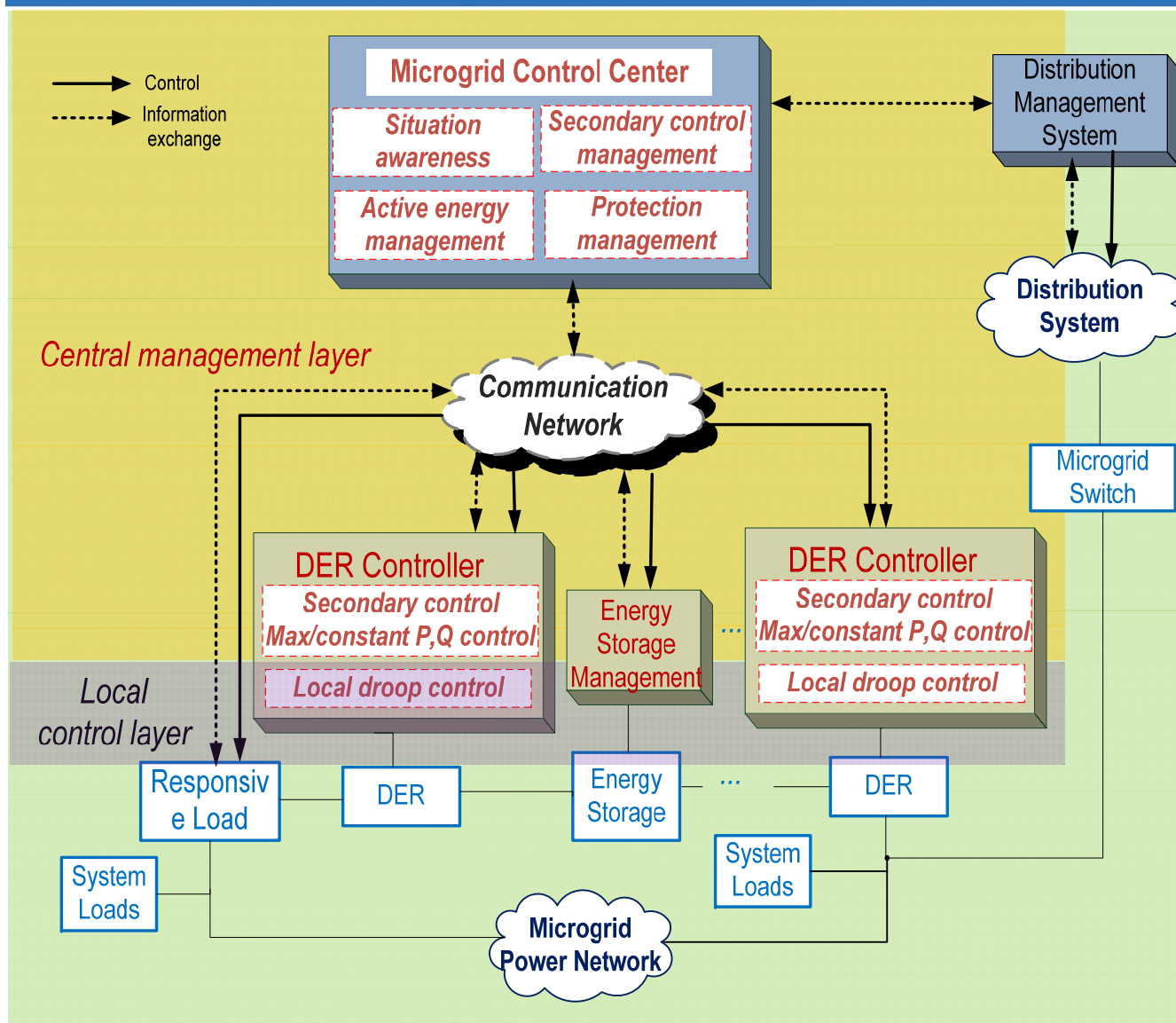
- ✓ Developed PV inverter model and control algorithms (Nov'11)
- Develop secondary frequency and voltage control for microgrid inverter operation (Sep'12).
- Work with vendor inverter on controls (Sep'12).

Out Years

- SI mode switching (i.e., P2030)
- SI controls for microgrid applications for frequency and voltage transition and smooth transition from grid to microgrid

Technical Accomplishments

Microgrid (MG)



Prior FY

- ✓ Support SPIDERS military MG dynamic modeling and design (FY11).

Current FY12

- ✓ Develop model of self-healing MG architecture with advanced controls (May'12).
- ❑ Identify the communication requirements for MG control (Sep'12).

Out Years

- ❑ Design and implement MG protection.
- ❑ Determine MG transition requirements.
- ❑ Develop and implement MG energy management system.

- ✓ Prior year accomplishment
- ❑ FY12 focus
- ❑ Out Years

Technical Accomplishments

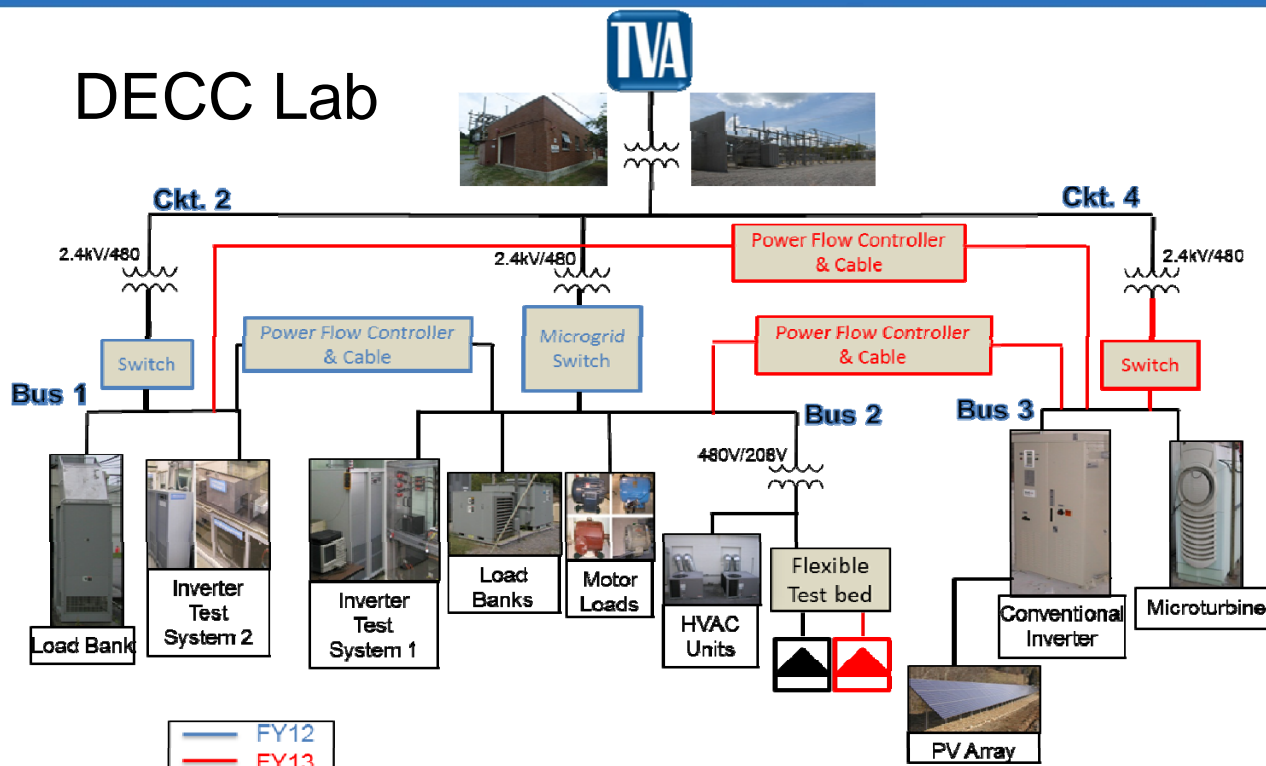
Testing & Tech Transfer

Prior FYs

- ✓ Established DECC for inverter controls testing (FY06)
- ✓ Completed second inverter test system at DECC (FY11).
- ✓ Multiple (Two) inverters tested together on-grid at DECC under voltage control (FY11).
- ✓ Designed and began constructing plug-and-play, flexible and reconfigurable low-voltage and low-power test bed (FY11).

Current FY12

- ✓ Completed new test bed and installed third inverter (Mar'12)
- ✓ Partnered with major inverter manufacturer (Feb'12)
- ❑ Test inverter controls in new test bed (Jun'12)



Out Years

- ❑ Install MG communications
- ❑ Install cables to form radial-loop MG.
- ❑ Test MG in islanding mode.
- ❑ Install MG transition hardware
- ❑ Test MG mode transitions

- ✓ Prior year accomplishment
- ❑ FY12 focus
- ❑ Out Years

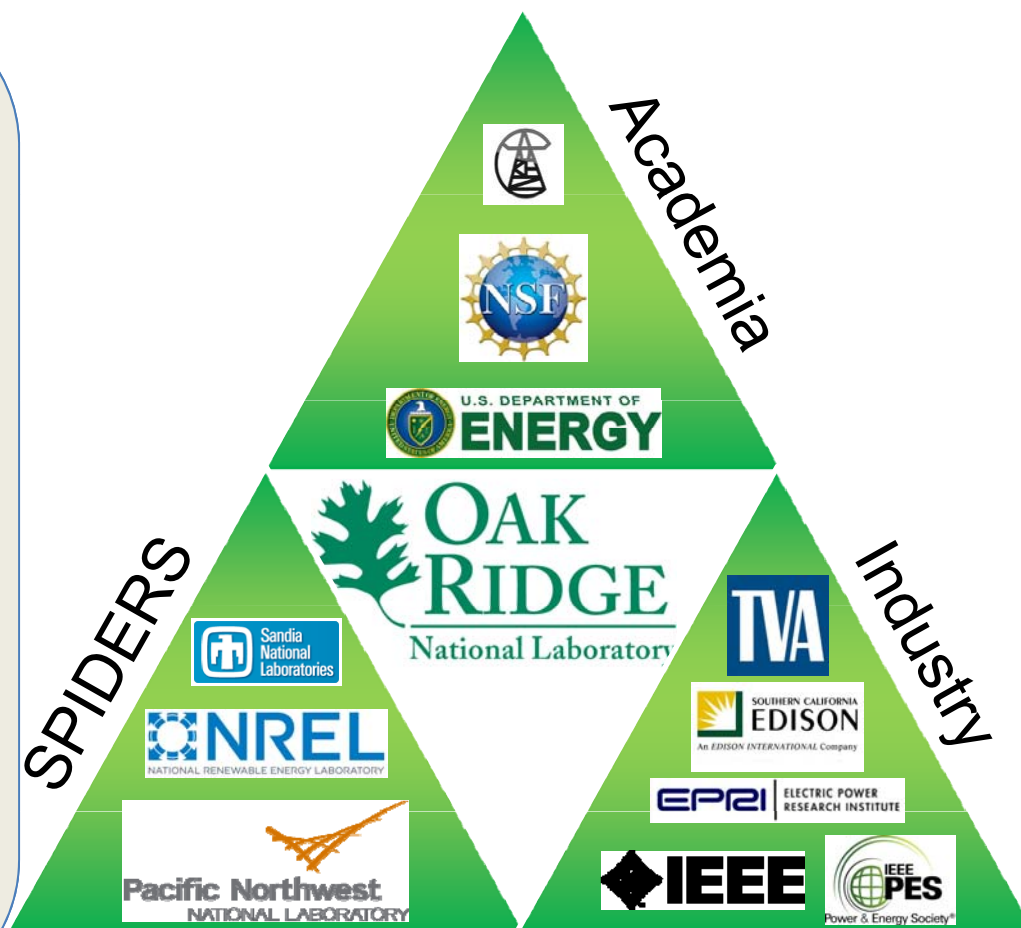
Project Team Capabilities

ORNL Team has key domain experts from industry, academia, and other National Labs needed to advance the R&D of the future electric grid.

TEAM CAPABILITIES

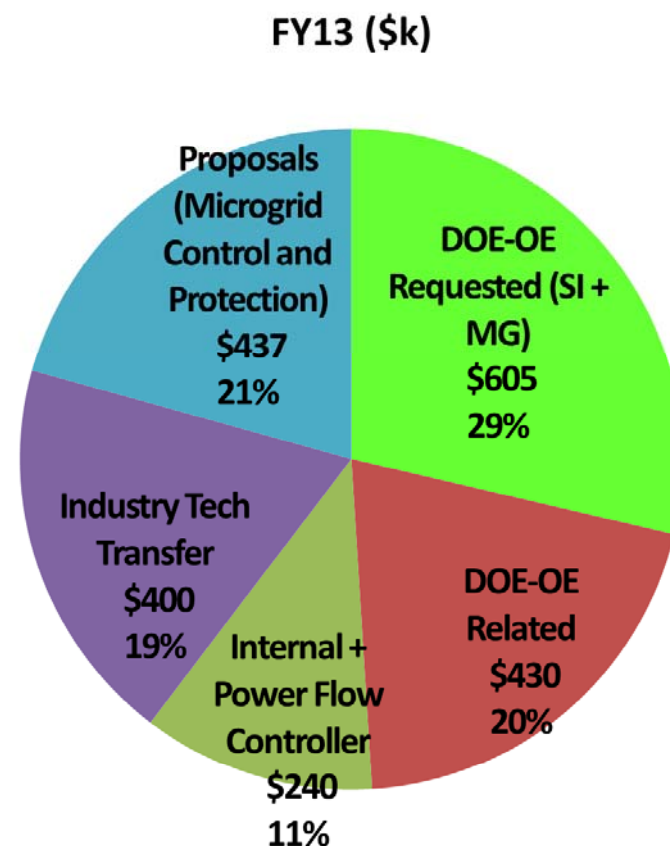
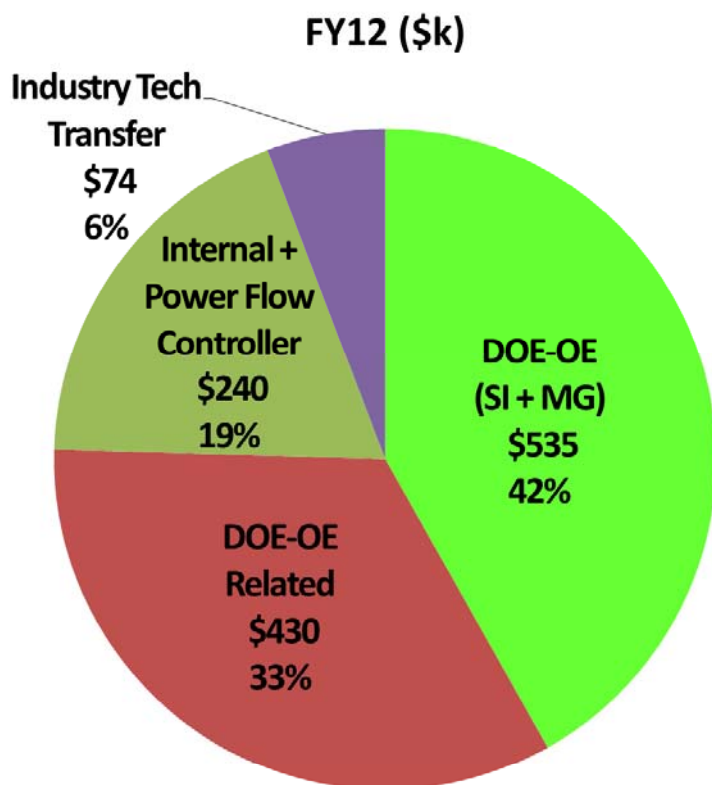
ORNL, UTK, and Industry Partners

- ✓ Smart inverter (SI) controls (>7 yrs) expertise advancing in self-healing microgrids (MGs).
- ✓ Power systems, protection, power electronics and control expertise.
- ✓ Chair task force on volt/var control with high penetration renewables.
- ✓ Member of IEEE PES WG in smart distribution and DER integration
- ✓ Support SI standards development (SCC21, 1547, NIST, and EPRI).
- ✓ DECC Lab provides “in-the field” SI and MG testing with actual distribution system.
- ✓ SPIDERS leveraging ORNL inverter controls expertise for military MGs.
- ✓ ORNL partnership with UTK’s DOE/NSF sponsored CURENT center.
- ✓ Industry team (TVA, EPRI, SCE, TVPPA, LCUB, ...) provides technical input and guidance
- ✓ Inverter companies provide technical support and materials.



Funding Leverage

ORNL plays a unique role in both providing innovative SI and MG development (controls, communications & protection) and a testing platform on an actual distribution system.



These figures above do not reflect the leverage value of a PV inverter, an automobile battery assembly, and MG equipment to be provided by industry.

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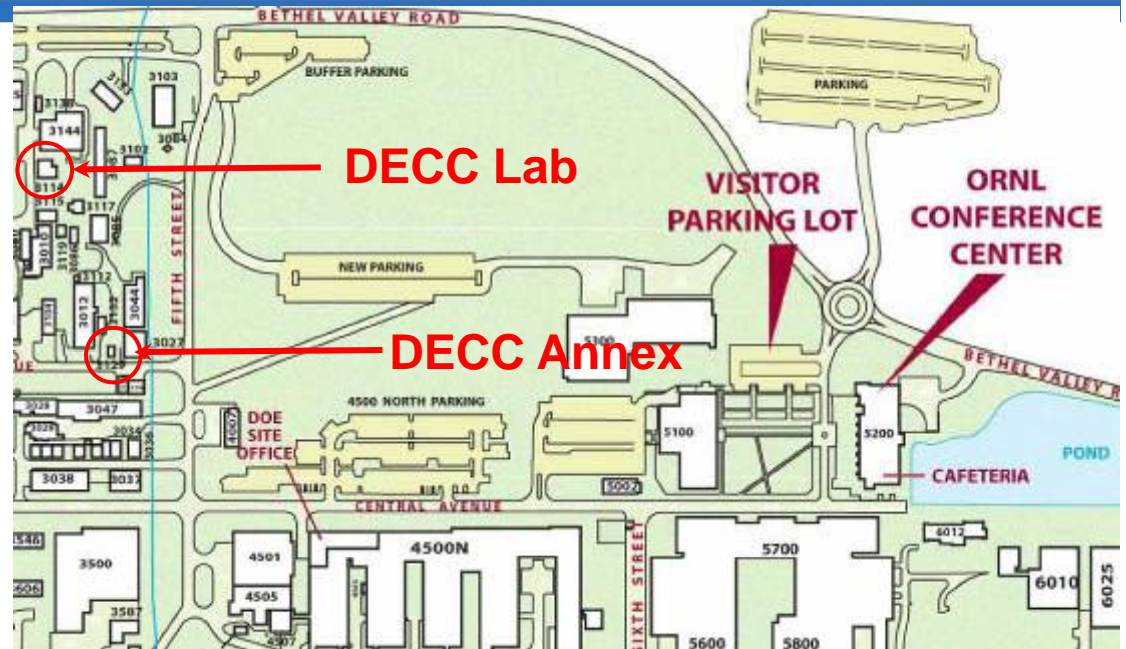
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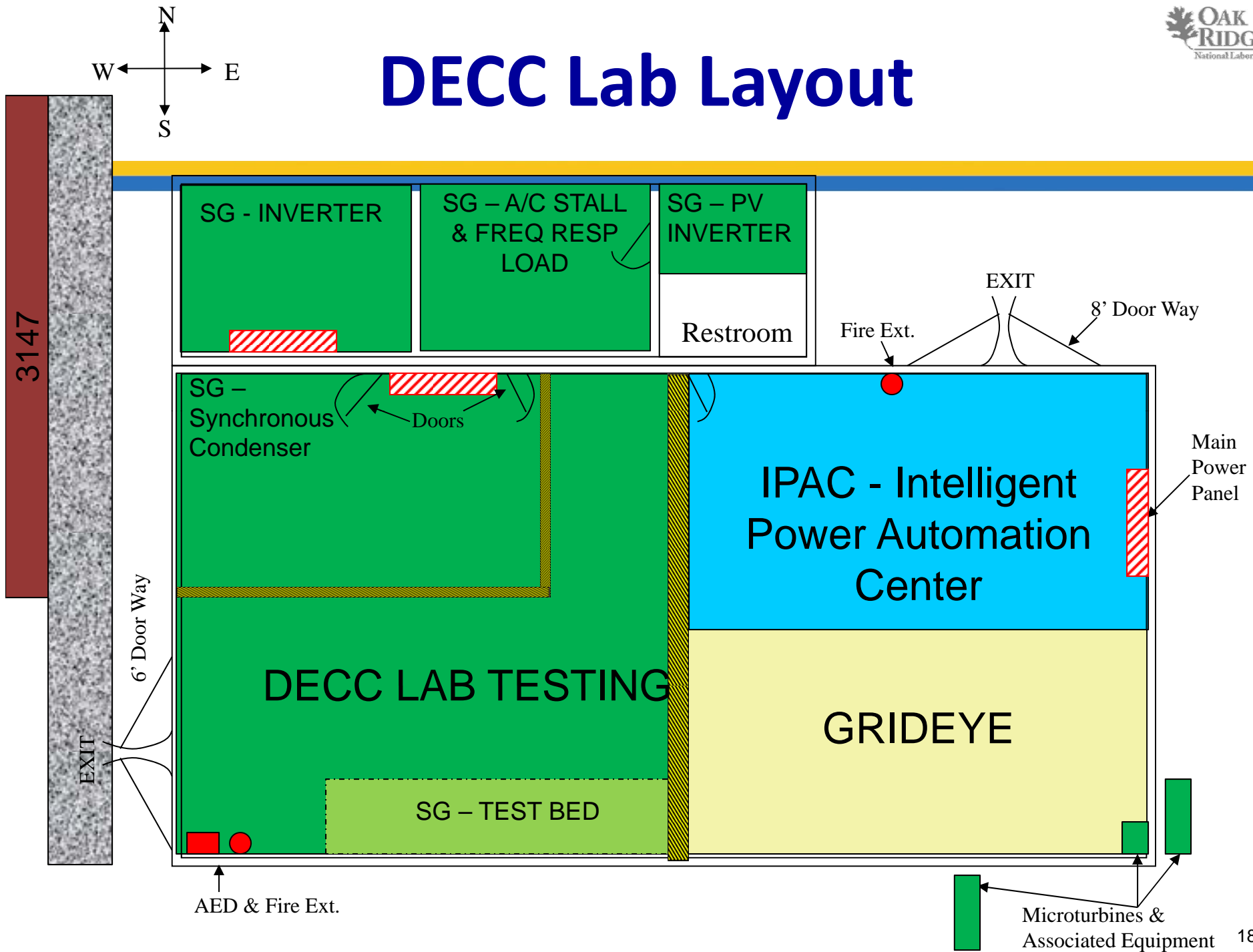
Distributed Energy Communications & Controls (DECC) Laboratory

DECC Laboratory is located on North ORNL Campus



Load
Banks

DECC Lab Layout



DECC Lab Assets



Microgrids and Distributed Energy Resources (DER)



Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) is developing and testing advanced controls and systems at the Distributed Energy Communications and Controls Laboratory (DECC)

Distribution System for DECC Lab

Substation between TVA Transmission System and ORNL's Campus Distribution System

ORNL has its own distribution system. It receives power directly from TVA at one 161 kV substations.



ORNL substation drops voltage from 161 to 13.8kV.



3000 substation drops voltage from 13.8 to 2.4kV to feed DECC Lab through ckt. 2 and 4.

Transformers for Interface between DECC Lab and ORNL Distribution System



1500kVA/2.4kV/480V transformer for larger inverter-based test system on ckt. 2.



750kVA/2.4kV/480V transformer for inverter test system, load banks, and motors on ckt. 2.



750kVA/2.4kV/480V transformer for rotating based test system and 100kW microturbine on ckt. 4.



300kVA/2.4kV/480V transformer for PV inverter and 30kW microturbine on ckt. 4.

ORNL owns and operates its own electric distribution system which allows for a versatile testing environment with various DER systems installed and has the capability for testing a microgrid through the existing infrastructure.

DER Test Equipment at the DECC Lab



50 kW solar photovoltaic (PV) array across from DECC Lab and PV inverter on ckt. 4.



30 kW and 100kW rated microturbines on ckt. 4.



Rotating-based test system for providing reactive power on ckt. 4.



Inverter-based test system with programmable dc power supply on ckt. 2.



Larger inverter-based test system with programmable DC power supply on ckt. 2.

Static and Dynamic Loads at the DECC Lab



500kW resistive ($\pm 1kW$ steps) and 375kVar reactive ($\pm 3.75kVar$ steps) load banks on ckt. 2.



500kW resistive ($\pm 1kW$ steps) load bank with individual phase control on ckt. 2.



Various sizes (7.5hp - 75 hp) of induction motors in addition to distribution system loads.

Technical Approach – Microgrid Demonstration

Leverage DECC assets to demonstrate microgrid performance and B2G from vendor for energy storage.

Distribution System



Sources



Loads



DECC Lab's Test Systems



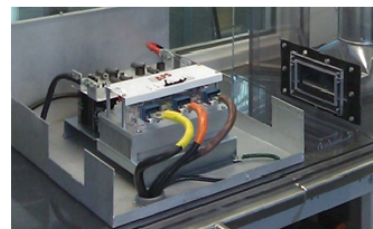
Rotating-Based DR (SC) Test System



Inverter-based DR Test System



Air Conditioning Stall Test System



Remote Large Inverter-based DR Test System

DECC Lab Flexible Test Bed

Completed Electrical Infrastructure

- ✓ Lower Voltage and Power
- ✓ Plug and Play AC and DC
- ✓ Reconfigurable test rack
- ✓ Accelerated smart inverter testing
- ✓ Bridges design, development and simulation with higher voltage and power testing



DECC Lab PV Test System

- PV Arrays & Conventional Inverter

Overhead DC Line to Conventional Inverter



50kW PV Array across Bethel Valley Road supply 400-600Vdc, 135A dc

- DC Bus for Research Inverter



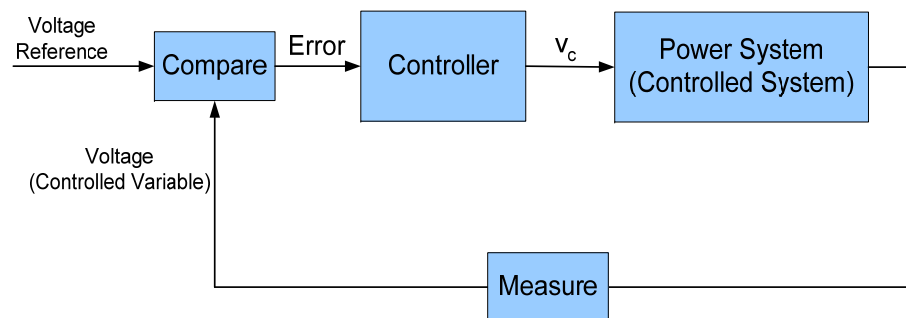
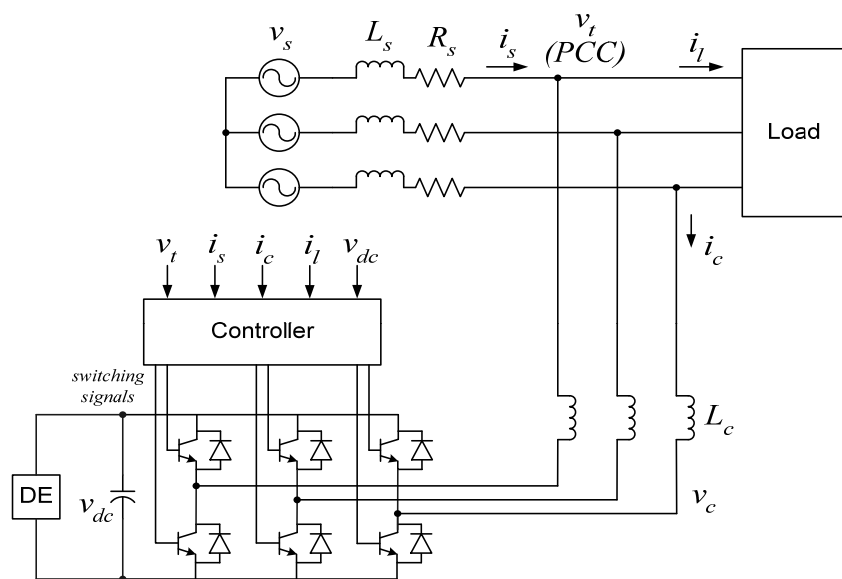
DC Bus in Room 2 for Research Inverter



Location of DC Transfer Switch inside Isolation Room

Smart Inverter (SI) Controls

Smart Inverter (SI) Adaptive Control



- **Fixed control:**

- PI control with fixed K_p and K_i
- K_p and K_i determined typically by trial & error

Incorrect gains result in under-performance, oscillation, or instability

- **Adaptive control:**

K_p and K_i are initially conservative but adjusted in real-time to achieve desired system response time

DE: Distributed Energy Resource

Control variable: PCC voltage

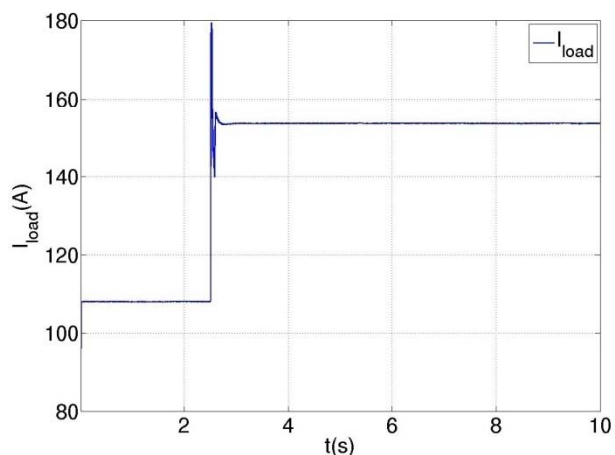
Reference: Desired PCC voltage value

Error: Difference between reference and measured PCC voltage

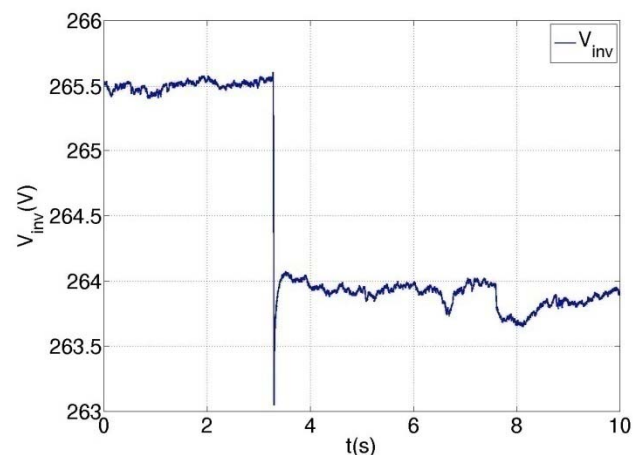
SI Controllable Variables

| Active power related variables / Reactive power related variables | Active power | Active current | Power factor | Frequency |
|---|--------------|----------------|--------------|-----------|
| Reactive power | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Reactive current | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Power factor | Yes | Yes | NA | Yes |
| Local voltage | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

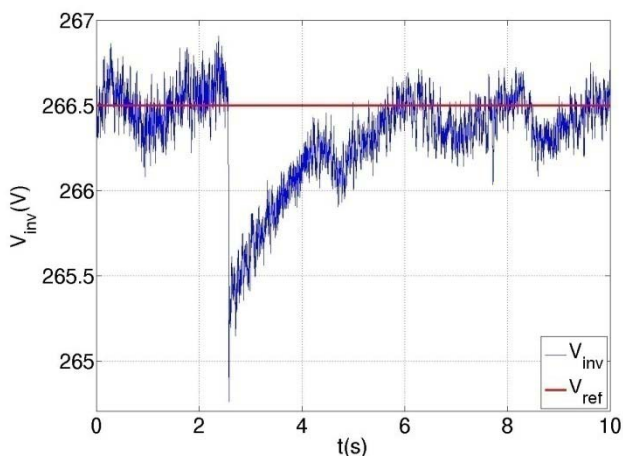
SI Voltage Regulation with Fixed vs. Adaptive SI Control



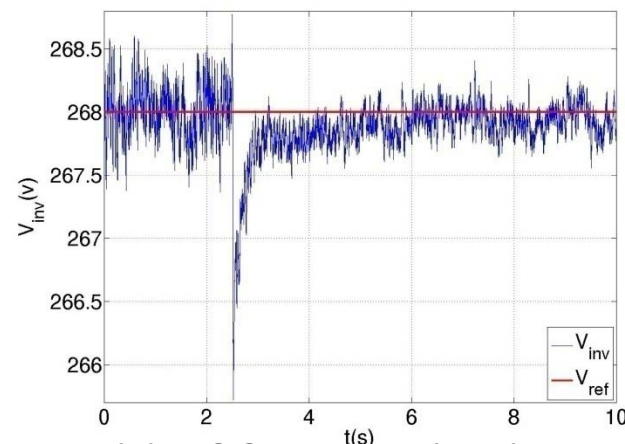
(a) Load current (rms) during load change



(b) PCC voltage (rms) without regulation



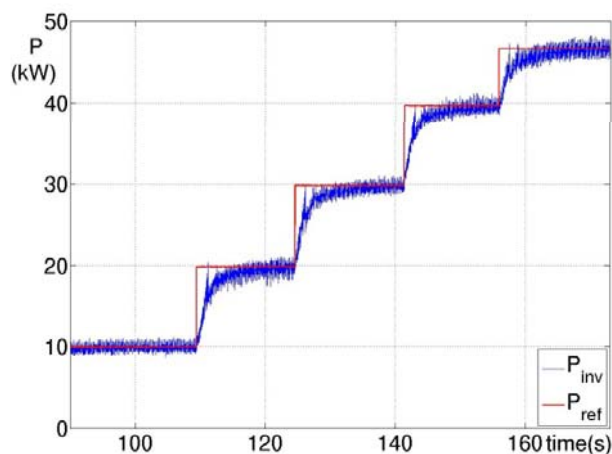
(c) PCC voltage (rms) with non-adaptive voltage regulation



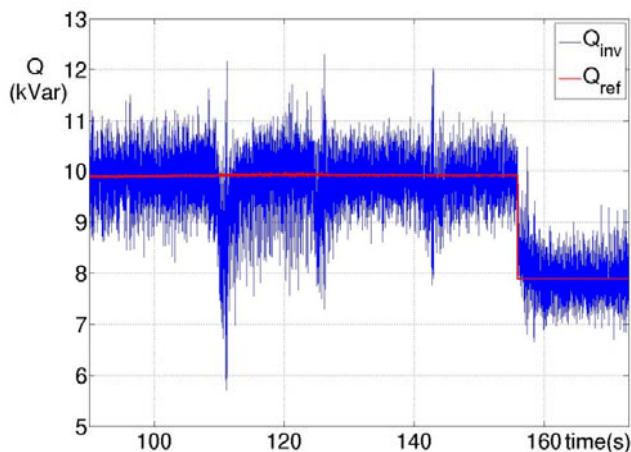
(d) PCC voltage (rms) with adaptive voltage regulation.

SI Active (P) & Non-Active (Q) Control

Increase P, Q Fixed

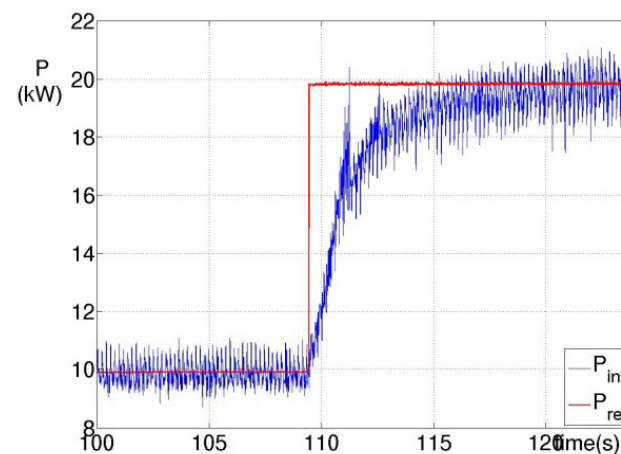


P_{ref} changed from 10 kW to 50 kW

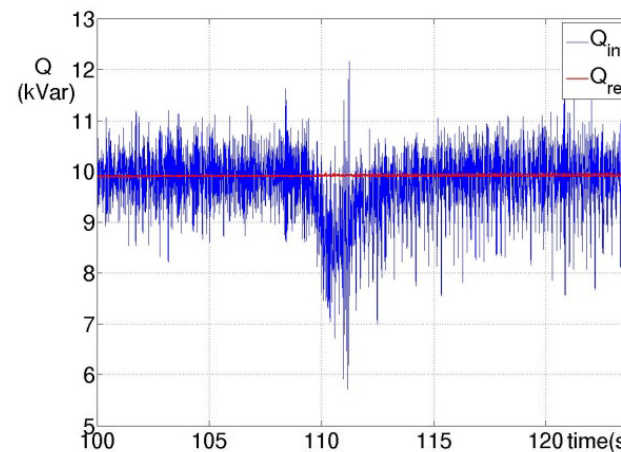


Q_{ref} set to 10 kVar

- Complete event on left. ←
- Zoomed in to 10 to 20 kW change on right. →
- Active power reference (P_{ref}) from 10 to 50kW.
- Nonactive power reference (Q_{ref}) set to 10 kVar.
- P does not reach 50 kW and Q drops because of the inverter current limit (60A).



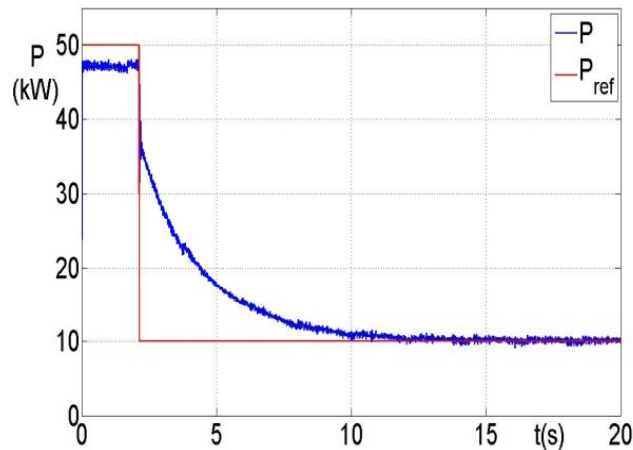
P_{ref} change from 10 to 20kW



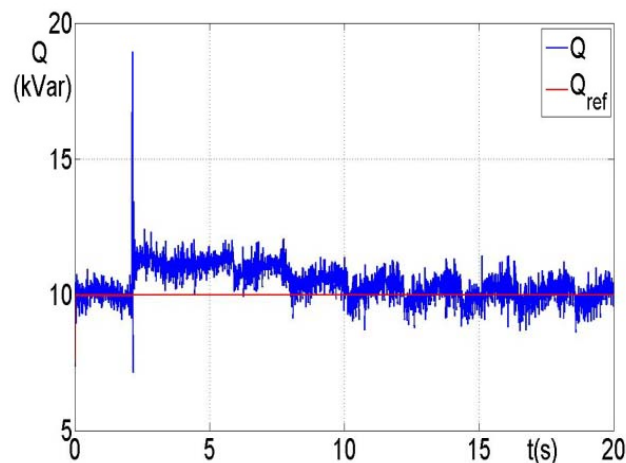
Q_{ref} set to 10 kVar.

SI Active (P) & Non-Active (Q) Control

Decrease P on Left, Decrease Q on Right

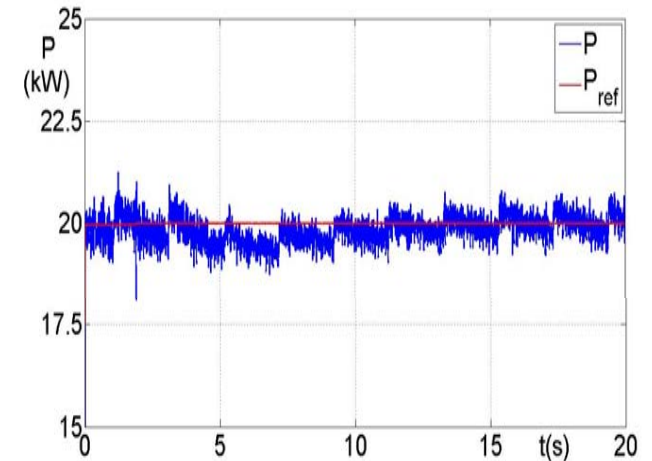


P_{ref} changed from 50 to 10kW

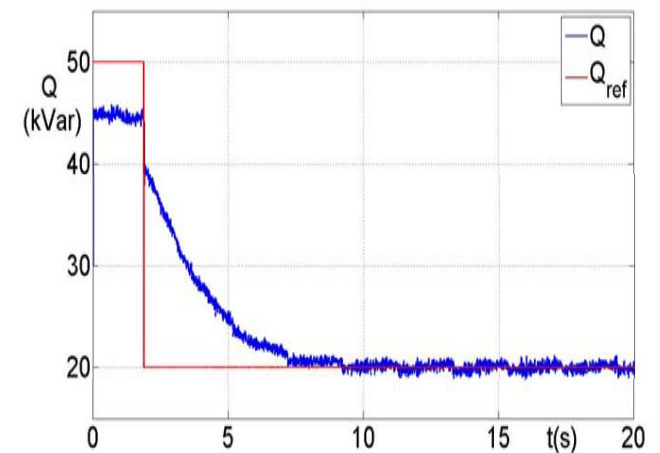


Q_{ref} set to 10kVar

- Active power (P_{ref}) change while keeping non-active power (Q_{ref}) constant on left. ←
- Nonactive power (Q_{ref}) change while keeping active power (P_{ref}) constant on right. →
- Plots display the independent control of P & Q that has been achieved

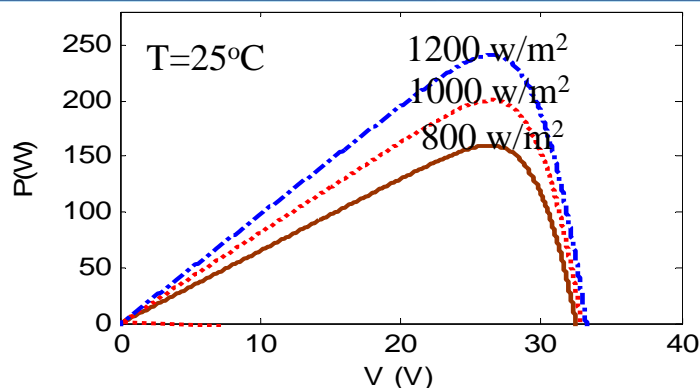


P_{ref} set to 20kW

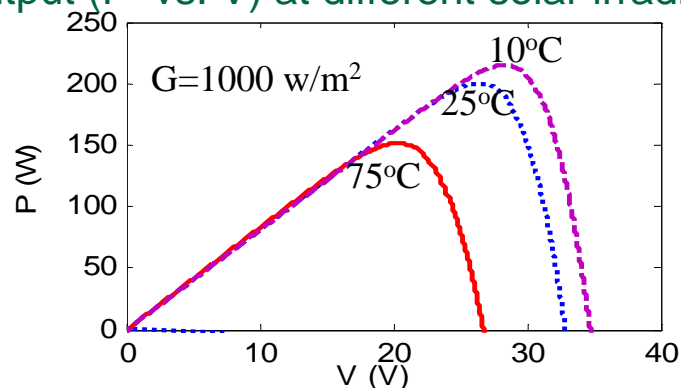


Q_{ref} changed from 50 to 20 kVar

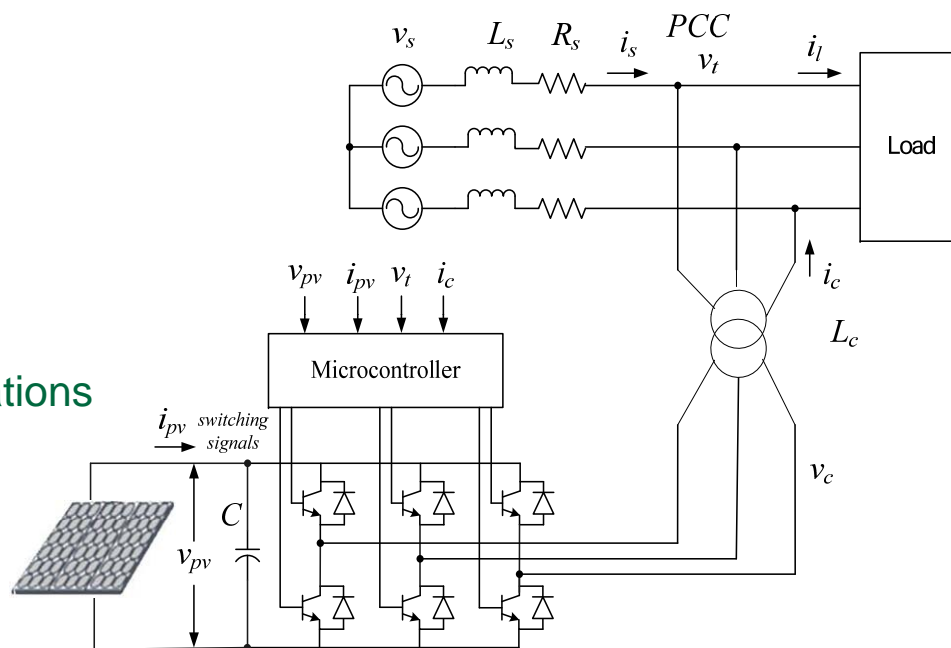
PV Inverter Active and Reactive Power Control



Output (P vs. V) at different solar irradiances



Output (P vs. V) at different temperatures

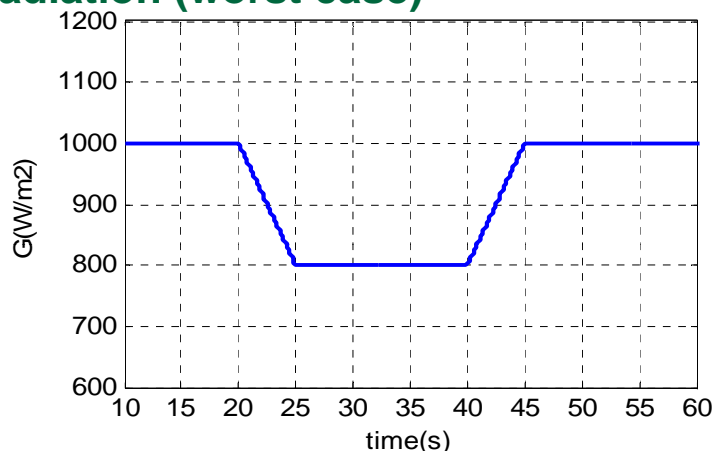


Grid-connected three-phase single-stage inverter PV system

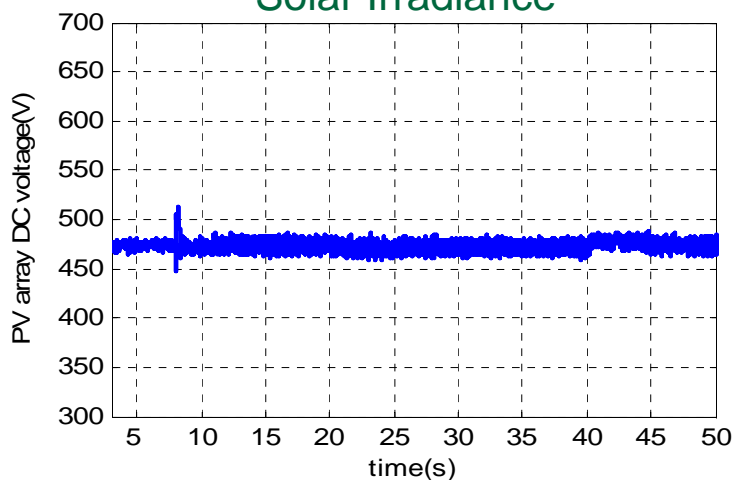
- No DC-to-DC converter for lower cost and higher efficiency.
- P (MPPT or fixed P) and Q (PCC voltage or fixed Q) controlled by inverter.
- PV array DC voltage stability maintained by inverter control - resistant to disturbances caused by changing weather or system.

PV Inverter Active and Reactive Power Control Simulation Results

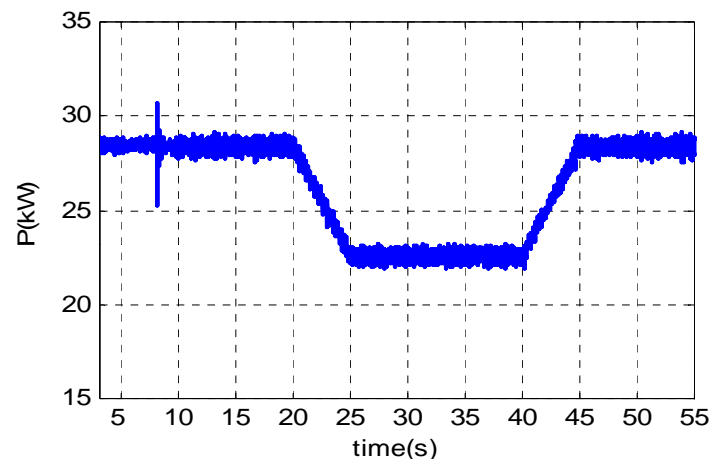
Case 1: Maximum power point tracking (MPPT) & PCC voltage control with varying solar irradiation (worst case)



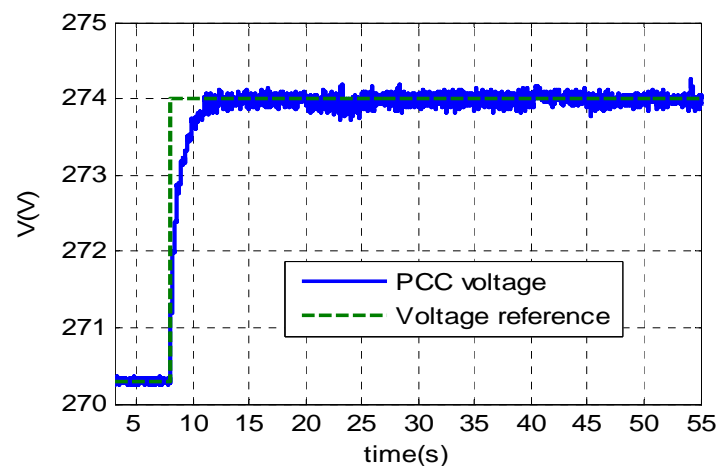
Solar Irradiance



PV array output DC voltage



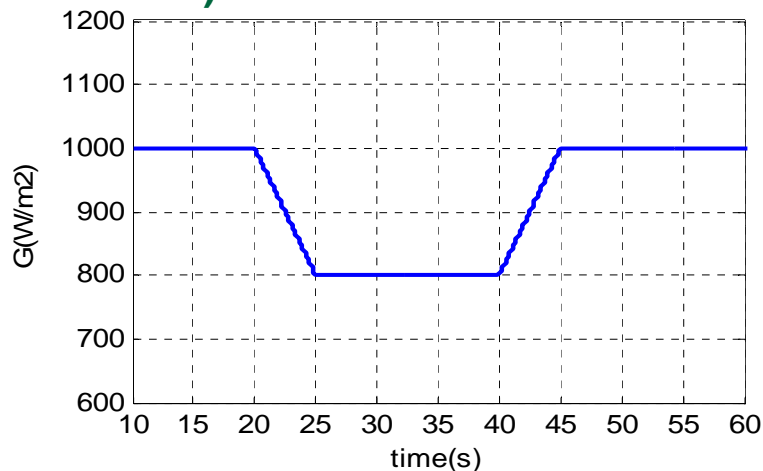
PV array active power output



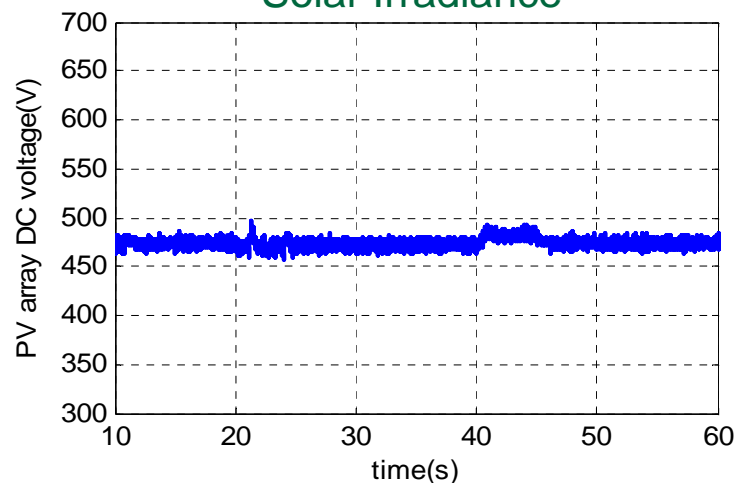
PCC voltage and reference (rms)

PV Inverter Active and Reactive Power Control Simulation Results

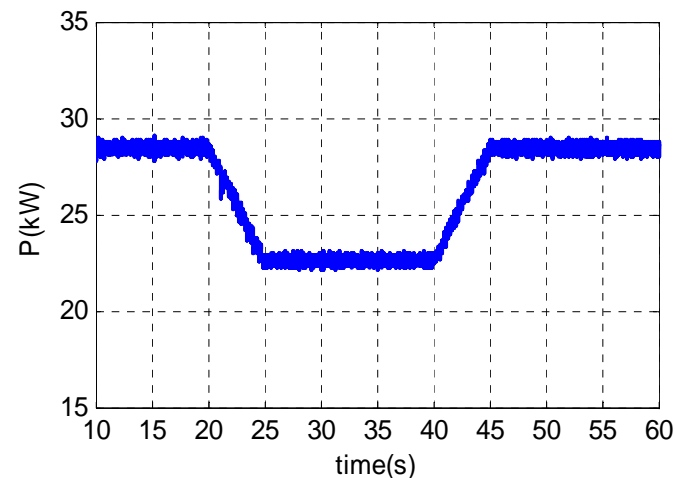
Case 2: MPPT & Fixed reactive power control with varying solar irradiation (worst case)



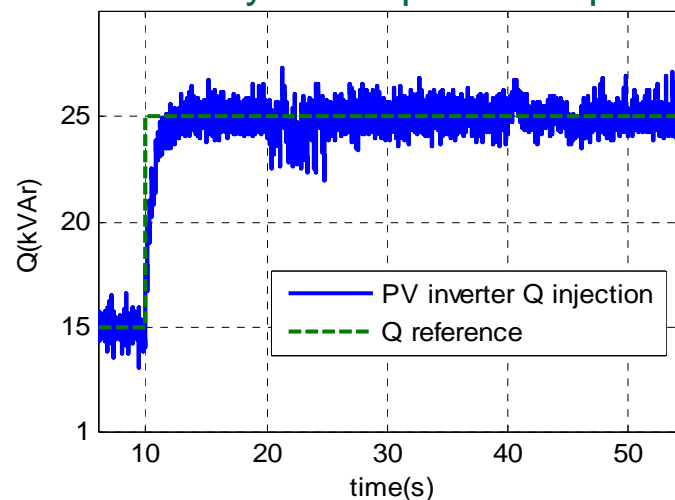
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PV array output DC voltage



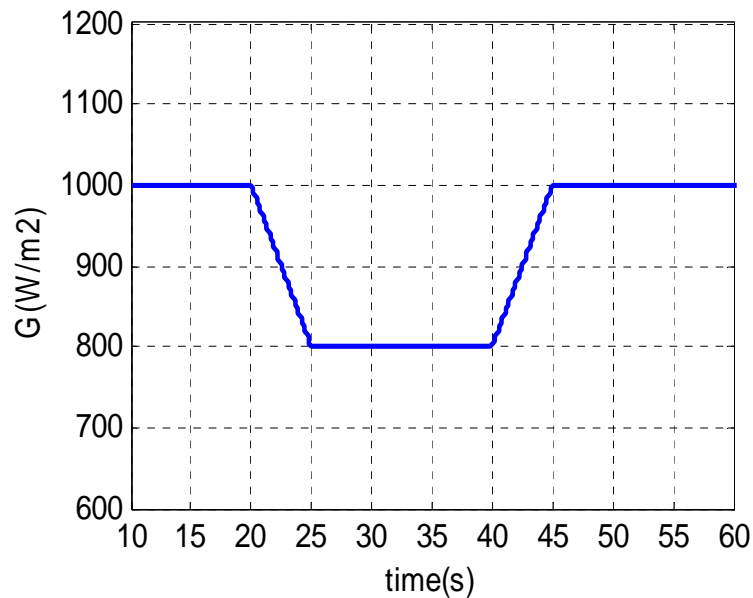
PV array active power output



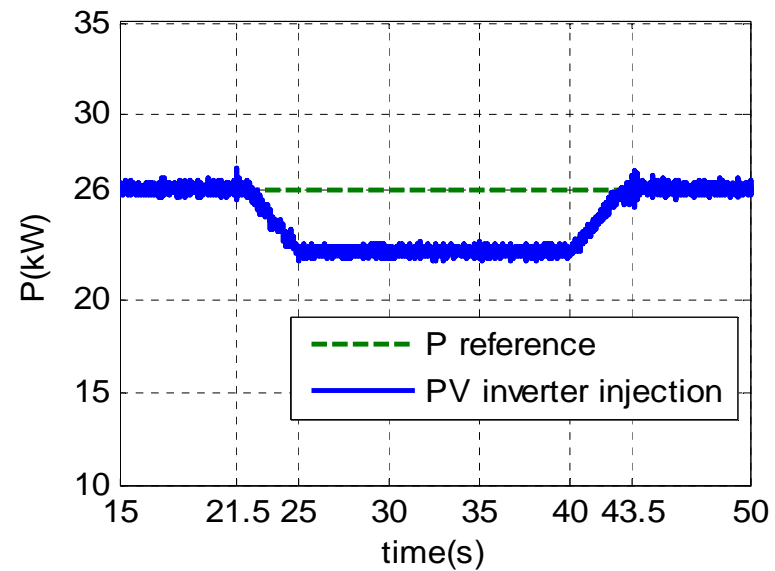
Fixed reactive power control

PV Inverter Active and Reactive Power Control Simulation Results

Case 3: Automatic smooth transition between fixed active power control to MPPT and then back

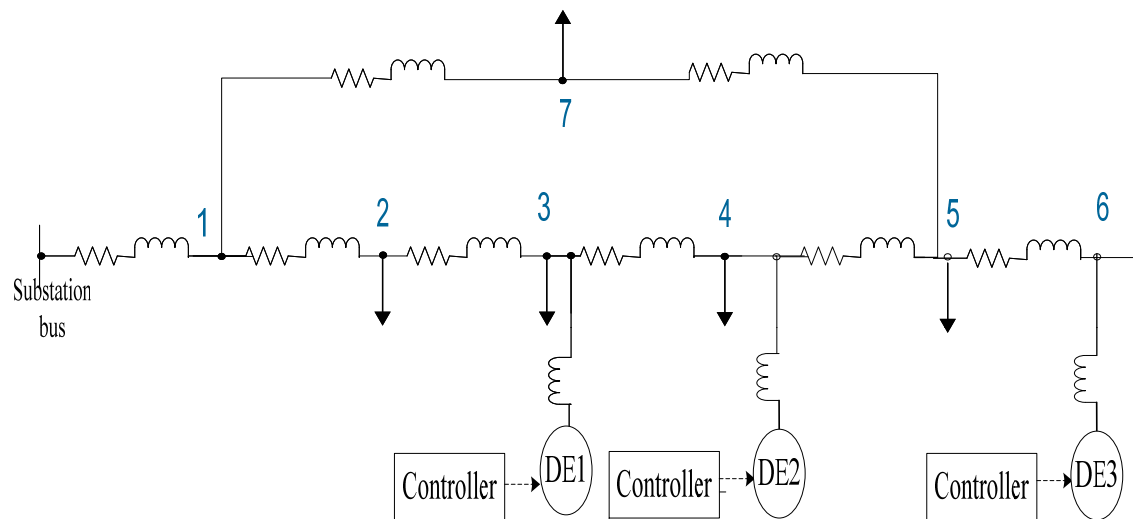


Solar Irradiance



Switching between fixed real power control and MPPT control

Adaptive Multiple Inverters Voltage Control



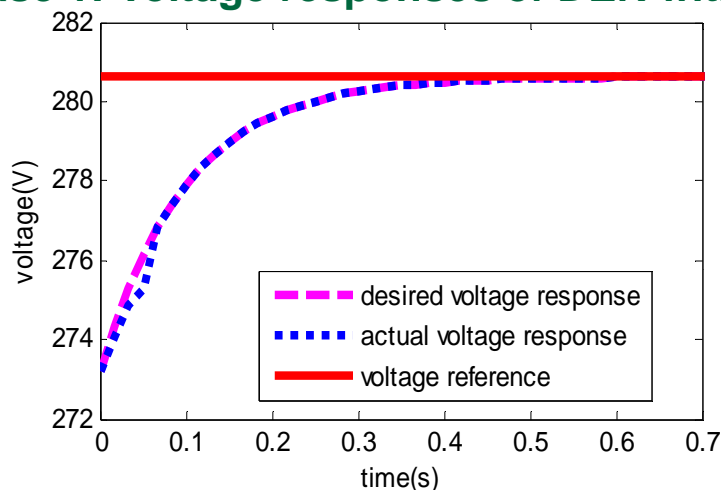
Applicable to radial with or without meshed distribution system with multiple DERs; simulated and proved with three in this case.

- **Multiple inverters for coordinated voltage control to prevent hunting.**
- **Self-adjusted control parameters to achieve fast response performance.**
- **Primarily local voltage control by inverters**
- **Only limited communication needed: initially, for large disturbance or for network change**
- **Adaptability to radial distribution feeder or looped distribution systems**
- **Plug and play feature without need for network parameters**

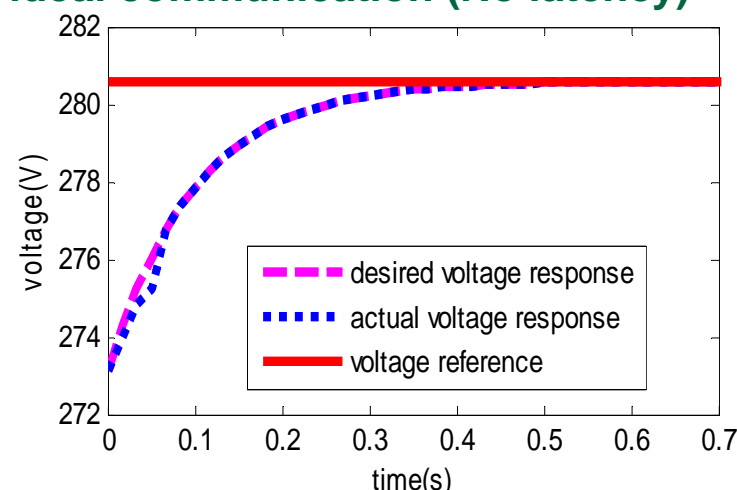
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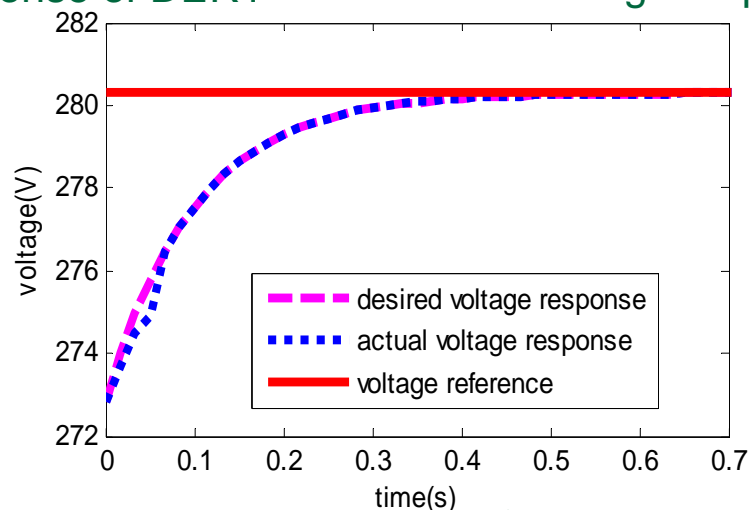
Case 1: Voltage responses of DER with ideal communication (No latency)



Voltage response of DER1



Voltage response of DER2

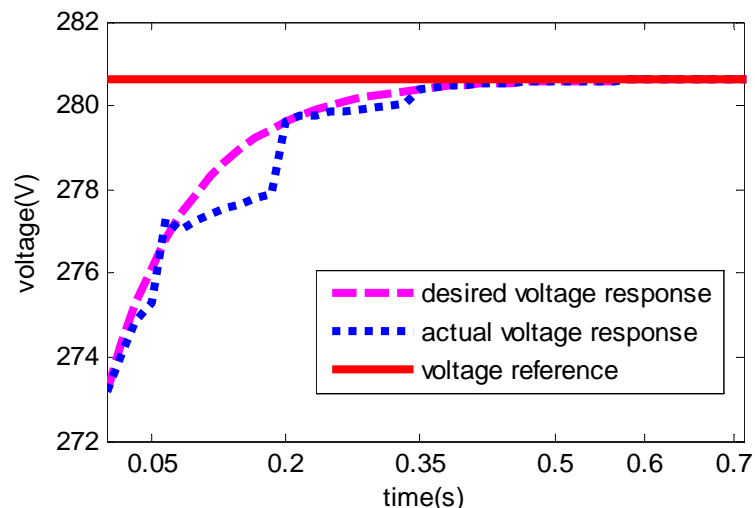


Voltage response of DER3

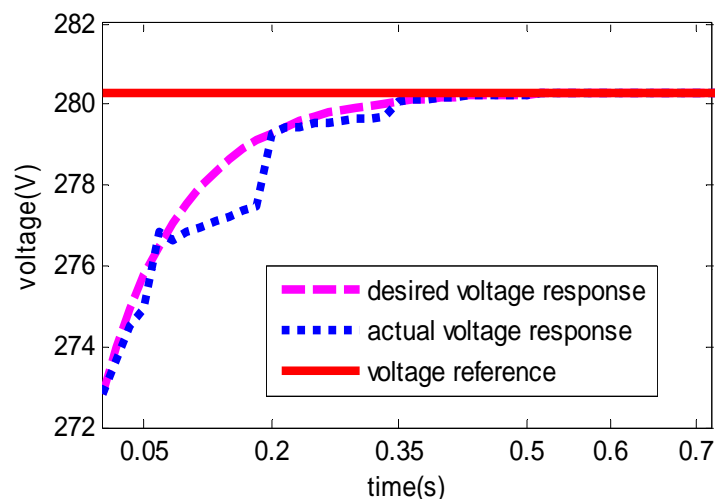
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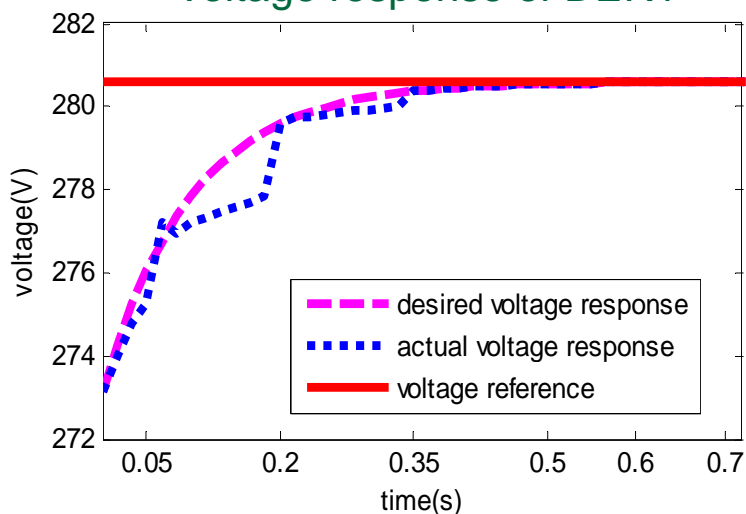
Case 2: Voltage responses of DER with communication latency (worst case)



Voltage response of DER1



Voltage response of DER3



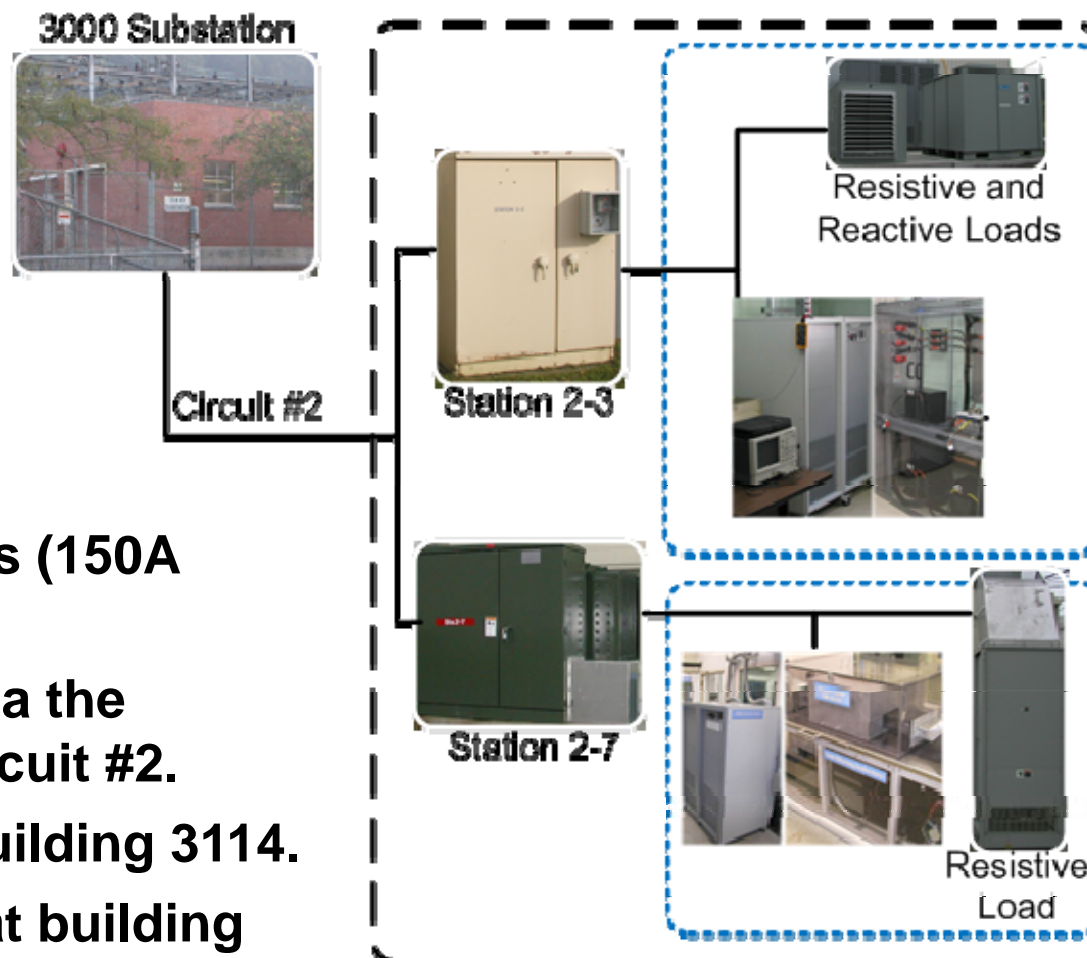
Voltage response of DER2

A 9-cycle latency is assumed, which is typical to wide-area-monitoring based on paper by Anjan Bose (WSU) and should be much higher than the latency in a distribution system.

Multiple Inverter Testing at DECC Lab

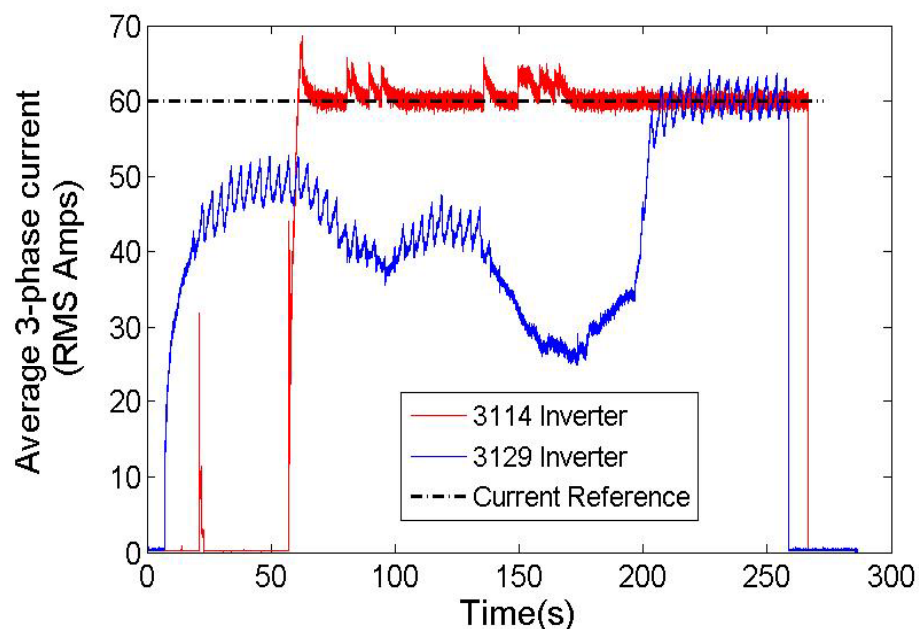
DECC Lab physical configuration for multiple DER testing.

- Two Inverter-based DERs (150A each) on same circuit.
- Electrically connected via the primary conductor of circuit #2.
- One DER is located at building 3114.
- Second DER is located at building 3129 which about 700ft away.

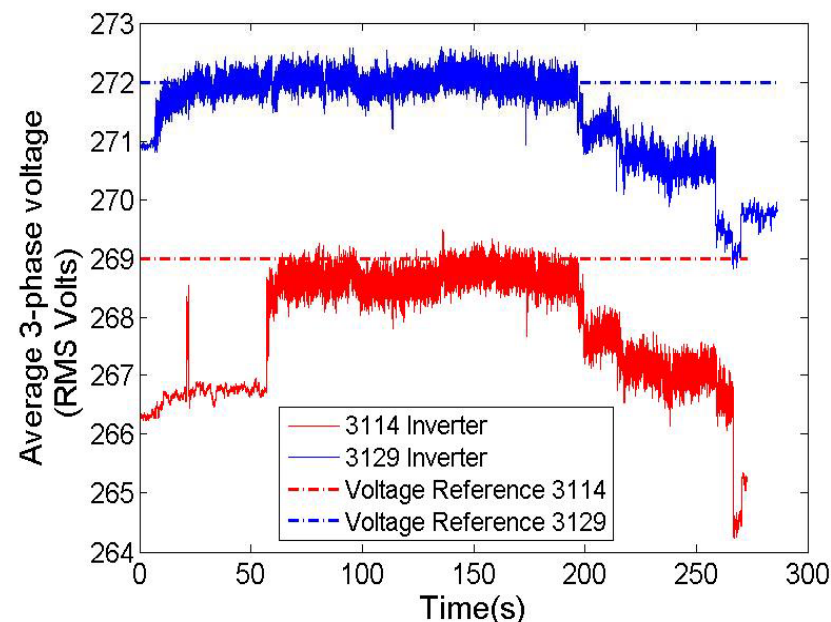


Multiple Inverter Controls Development Testing Results

- Two inverters operated simultaneously on the same 480V circuit in ORNL distribution system.
- Inverters performing voltage regulation with different reference settings.
- Inverter current limited to 60Arms.



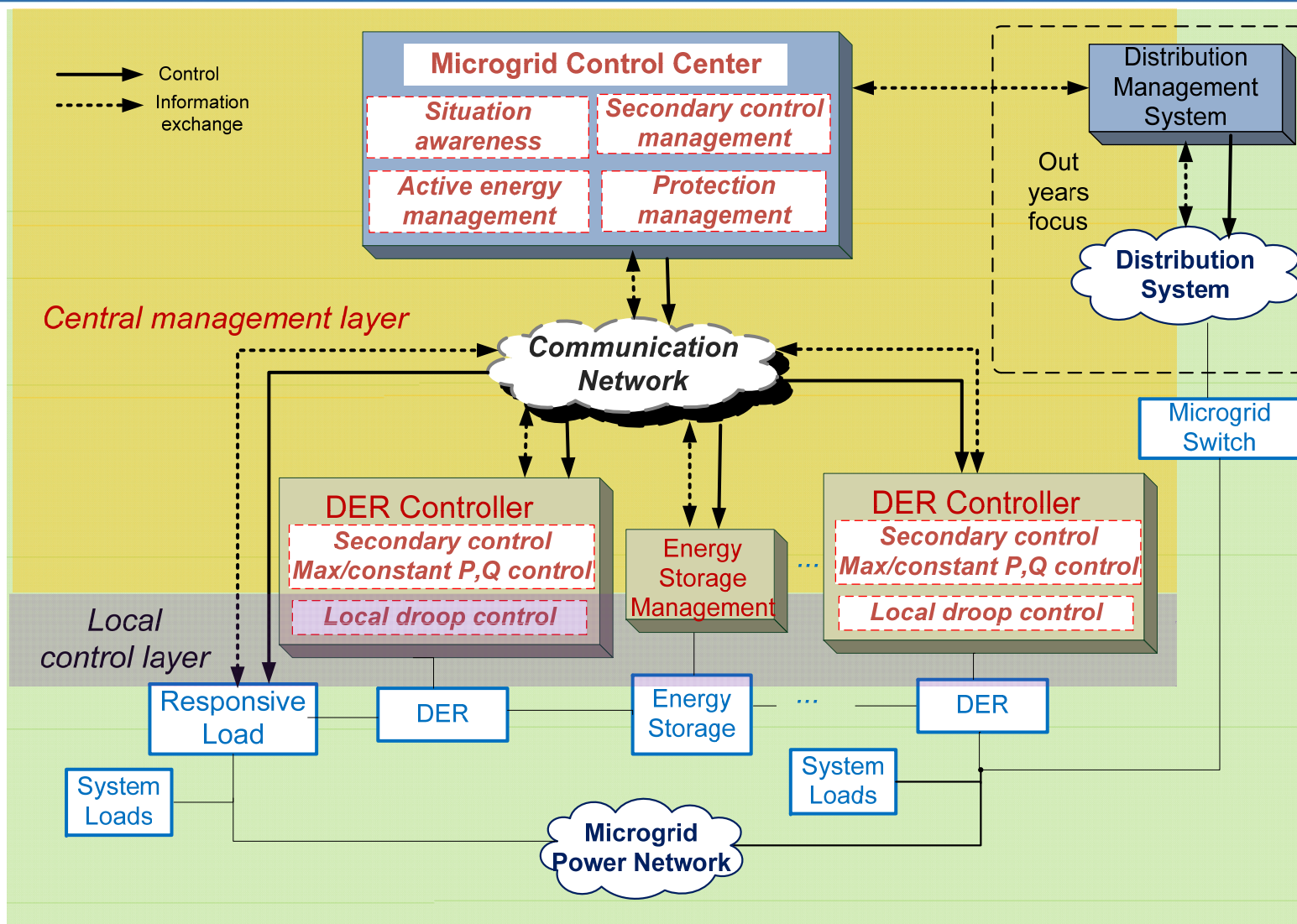
Current vs. Time



Voltage vs. Time

Microgrid (MG) Architecture & Interoperation

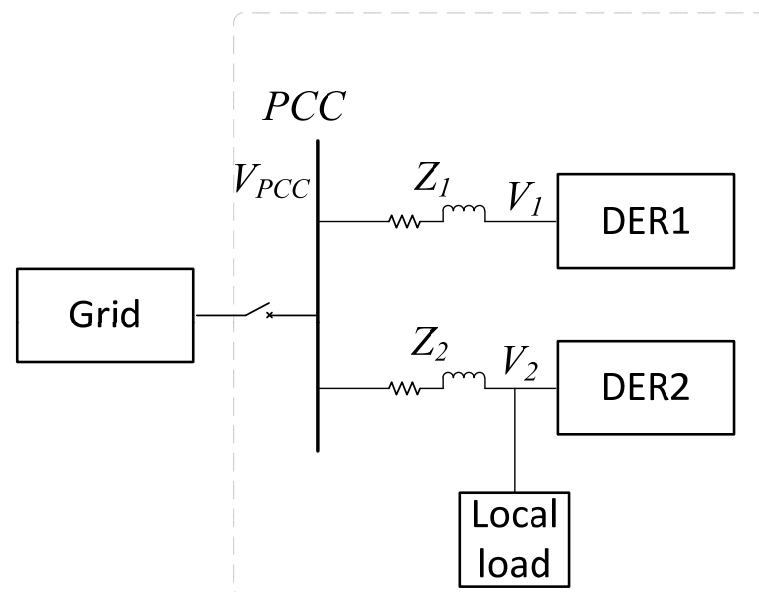
Multi-layer Microgrid Architecture



Microgrid Control

Reactive Power and Voltage Regulation (Q-V)

- Voltage is a local variable
- Droop control is applicable
- Challenges:
 - DER Q output sharing errors due to the impedances and local loads
 - Q circulation because of improper voltage references
- Voltage Regulation Approaches
 - Ideally system model & monitoring
 - Preset local PCC voltage reference and use droop control without communication
 - Setting local PCC voltage reference via central dispatch or schedule



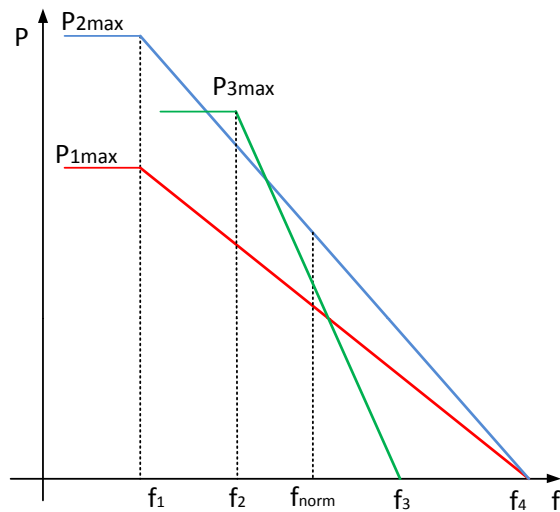
Effective Reactive Power at PCC

$$\text{Total: } Q = Q_1 + Q_2$$

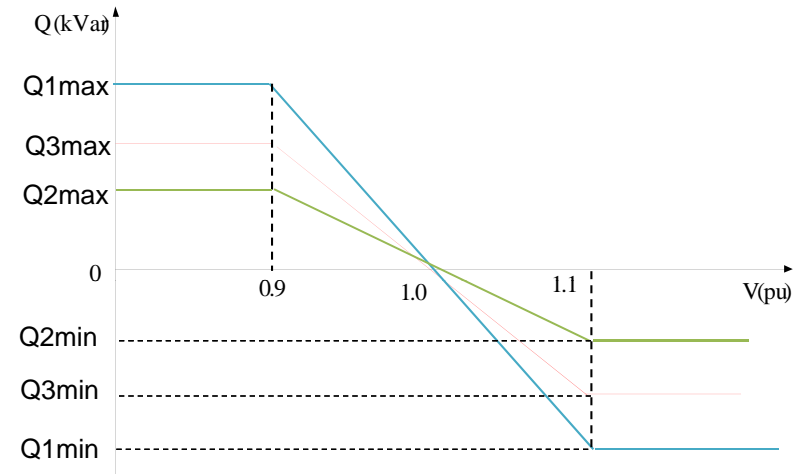
$$\text{DER1: } Q_1 = Q_{DER1} - Q_{Z1}$$

$$\text{DER2: } Q_2 = Q_{DER2} - Q_{Z2} - Q_{Load}$$

Microgrid Control Strategies Existing



DER P-f Droop factor

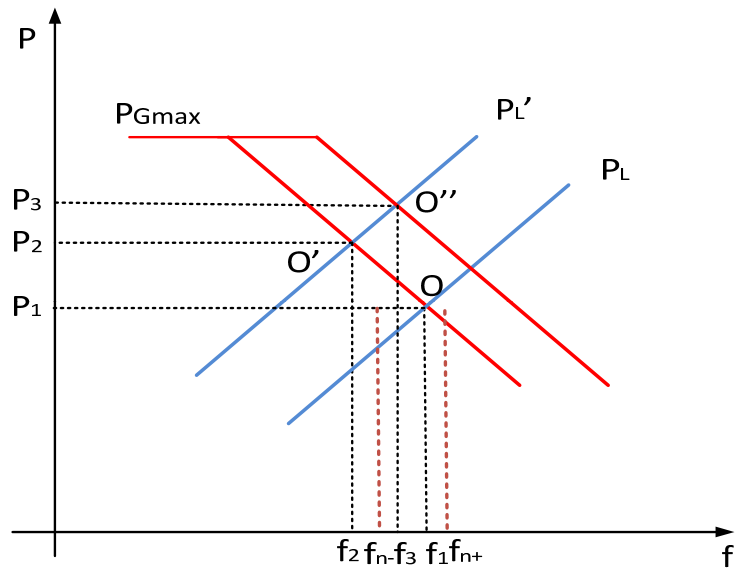


DER Q-V Droop factor

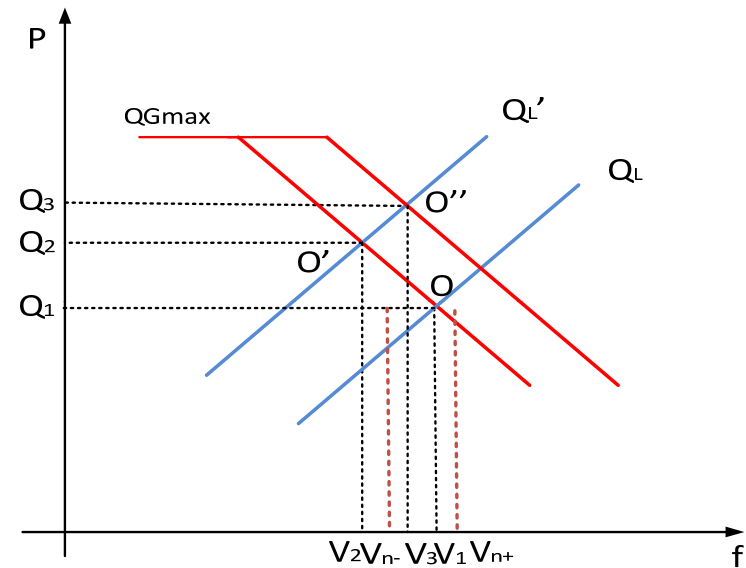
- Droop control with artificial droop curves
- Different slopes to have different responses
- Applicable to P-f and Q-V control
- Steady-state error
- No communication or central control required

Microgrid Control Strategies

ORNL Innovation



Frequency droop and secondary control



Voltage droop and secondary control

Enhanced Droop Control

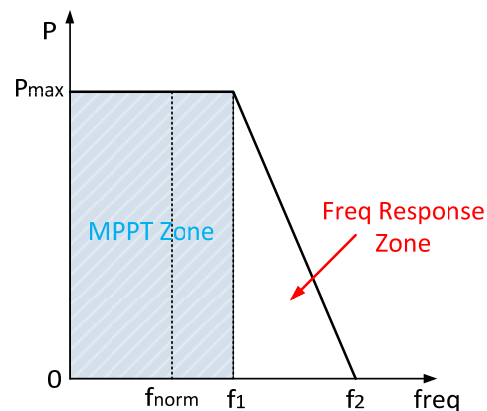
- Secondary control in addition to droop control for frequency and voltage control to minimize steady-state error
- Optimal power dispatch
- Only low-speed and infrequent communication needed

Microgrid Control for Renewables

Ongrid vs. Islanding Modes

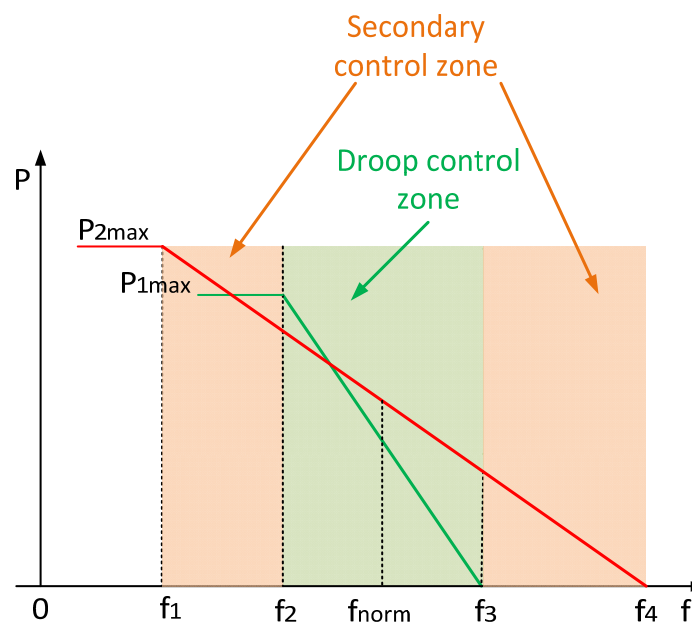
On-grid Mode

- MPPT is the default
- Or dispatch P based schedule
- Adjust P if high or low frequency if not all operating at MPPT

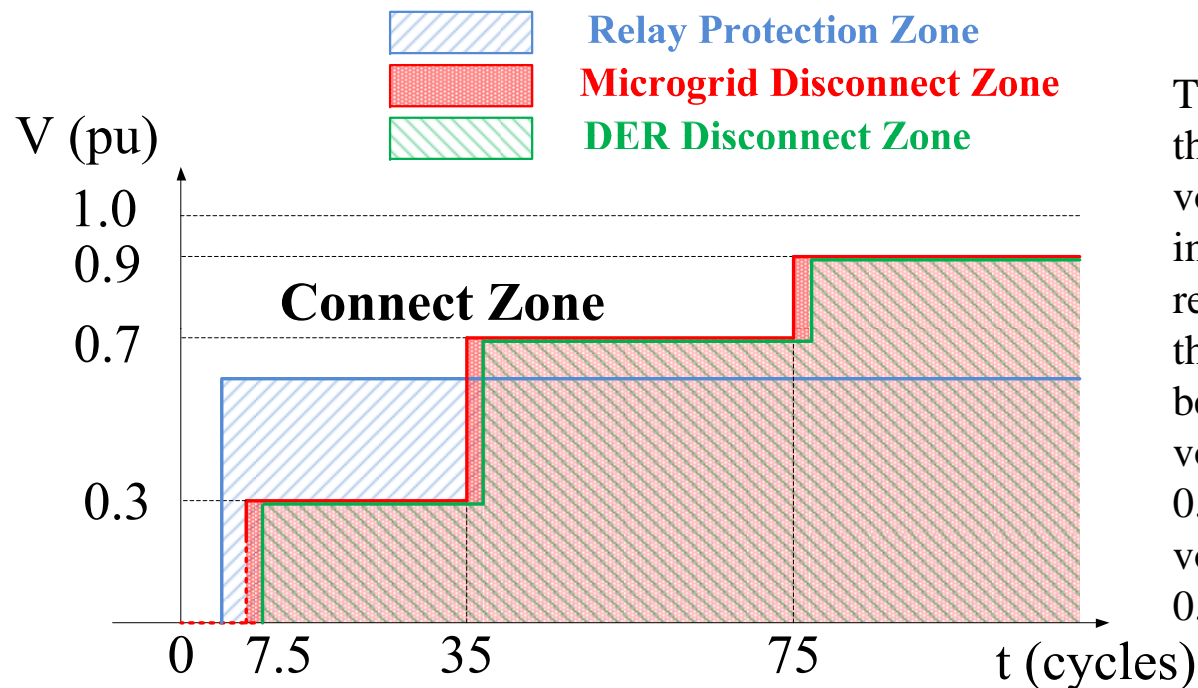


Islanding Mode

- Frequency control is top priority
- If multiple DE: one DE provides secondary while the others provide droop control
- Frequency within normal band (f_2 to f_3): DEs only use droop control
- Frequency outside of normal: secondary control is kicked



Microgrid Time Sequence and Low-Voltage Ride-Through



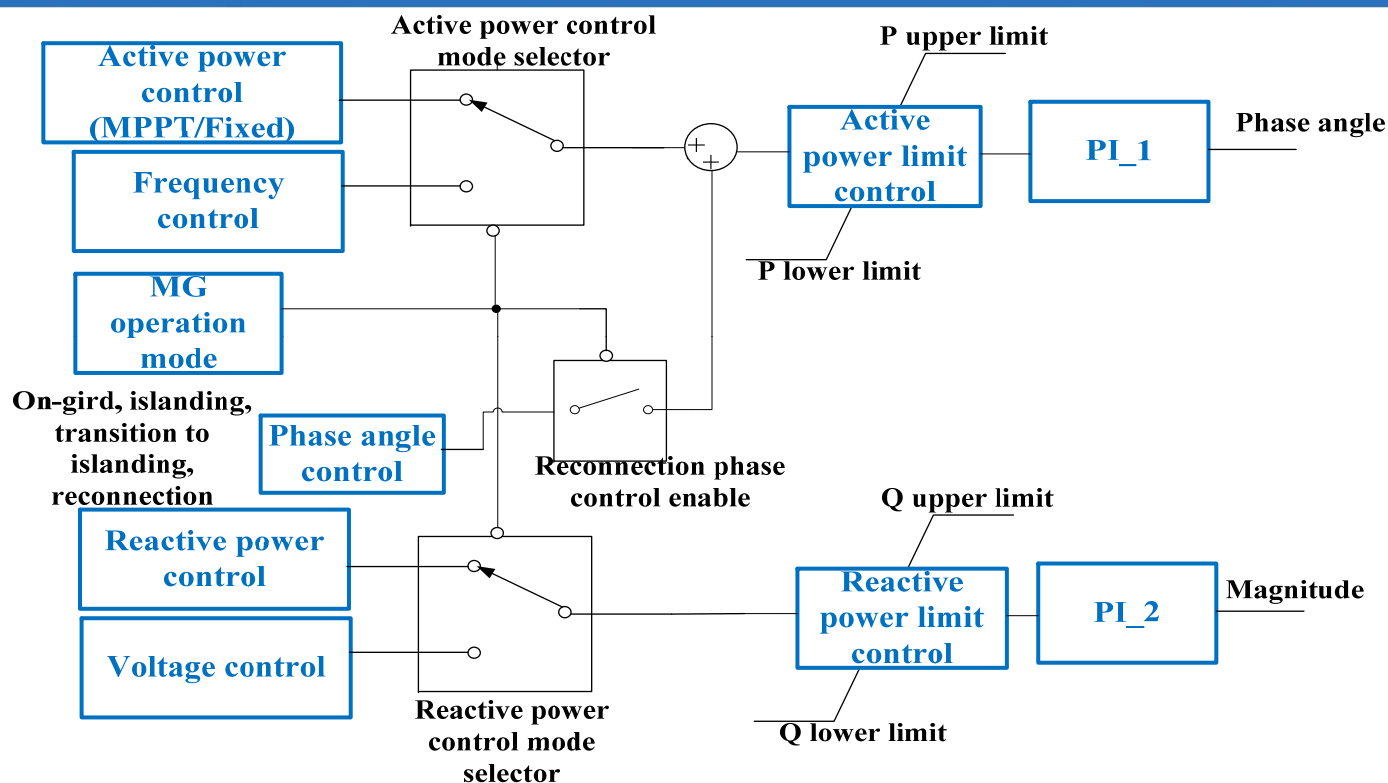
The German low-voltage ride-through standards for medium-voltage energy resources interconnection (BDEW) recommend 7.5 cycles ride through time if the voltage is below 0.3 pu, 35 cycles if the voltage is between 0.3 pu and 0.7 pu, and 75 cycles if the voltage is between 0.7 pu and 0.9 pu.

Coordination with Protection and DER LVR and Tripping

- Microgrid switch is coordinated to be slower than grid relay protection
- Microgrid switch is coordinated to be faster than Individual device tripping
- Microgrid switch needs to be high speed to meet the individual inverter low-voltage ride-through setting.

Microgrid

Low-Volt Ride-Through and Multi-Input PI Control

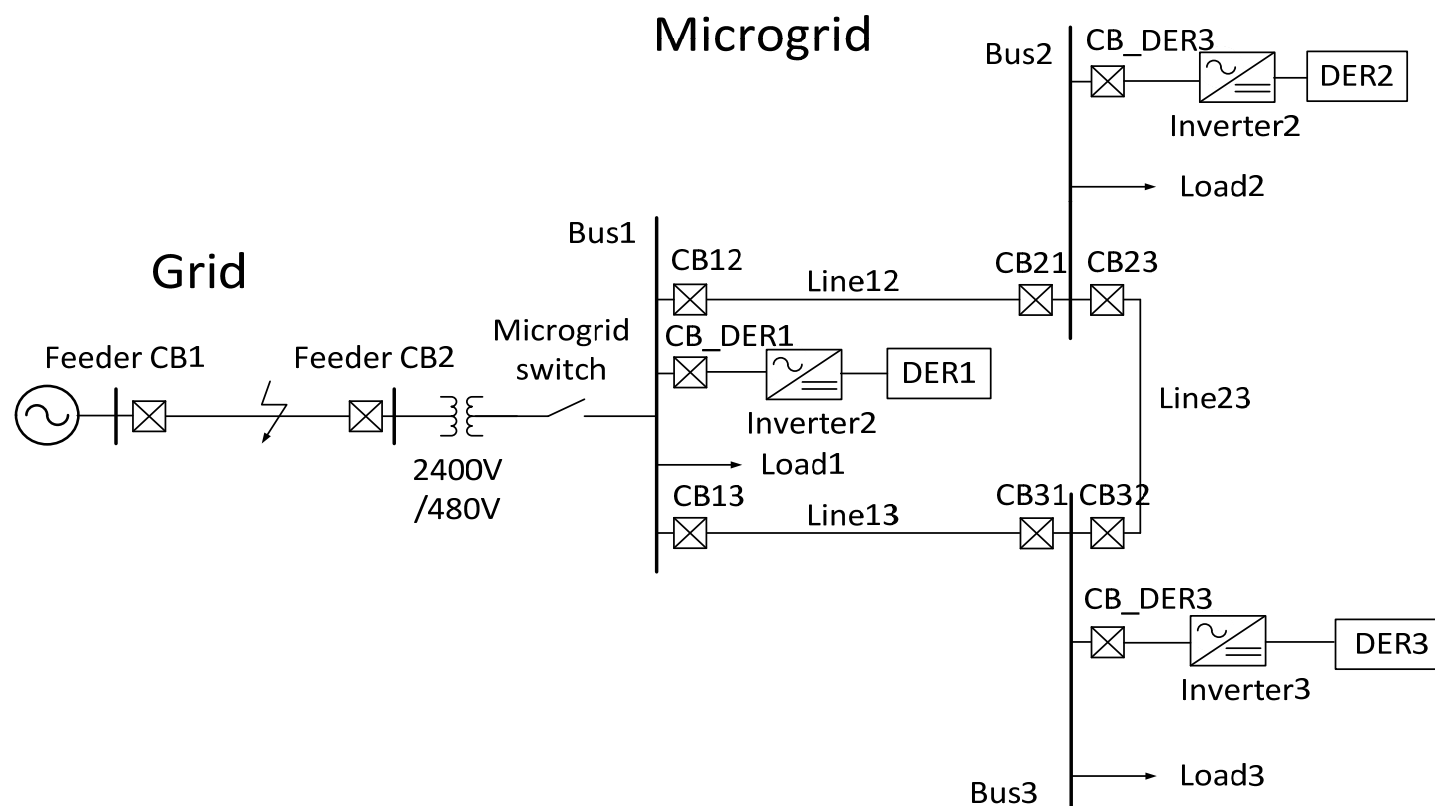


Smart Inverter Control for Microgrid

- Decoupled PQ control
- Multiple control modes
- Hierarchical control coordination to determine mode selection
- Multi-mode PI controller ensures smooth transition between modes

Microgrid Simulation

Diagram of ORNL Microgrid



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