

Digital Twin Validation for Distributed Resource Converters and Assets

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- Building a Digital Grid on Legacy Infrastructure
- Digital Twin – Analytics and Operations
- Clemson in Charleston: Dominion (SCE&G) Energy Innovation Center
- PV Inverter Testing and Model Validation
- BESS Testing and Model Validation
- Digital Twin Implementation – Operating Wind Turbine Drive Trains
- Wind Turbine Validation - Low Voltage Ride-Through
- Conclusions



Figure 13: Link between digital modernization strategy initiatives

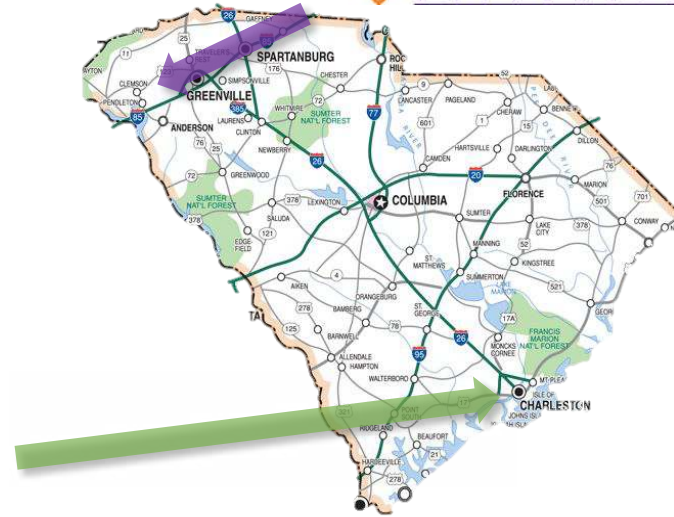
Key Findings of Survey Report:

- 91% of respondents embracing digital technology for future success of their utilities.
- 23% of utilities reached a level of digital maturity where they are making capital expenditure decisions based on predictive analytics.
- In the next 3 years, 76% of utilities expect to be able to align digital strategy with regulatory policy and fill key digital roles.

- **Definition of Digital Twin:** *“A digital representation of the way the various network elements and participants behave and interact, enabling an infinite range of “what-if?” scenarios to be tested out.”*
- **The Result:** More accurate forward visibility, awareness and better real-time decisions and operations.
- **Recommendations:**
 - Don't reinvent the wheel. Reuse existing trusted models, but validate them continuously.
 - Don't be limited by immediate needs. The more components and interrelationships, the closer digital representation of the physical asset.
 - Update and develop new standards for DER and System Operations
 - Leverage existing platforms that allow to update or replace models and test new technologies.
 - Implement good Cyber – Physical Security in Operation Technology
 - Use Digital Twins to make distributed assets visible to system operators



Dominion (SCE&G) Energy Innovation Center



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SCE&G Energy Innovation Center

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eGRID Center

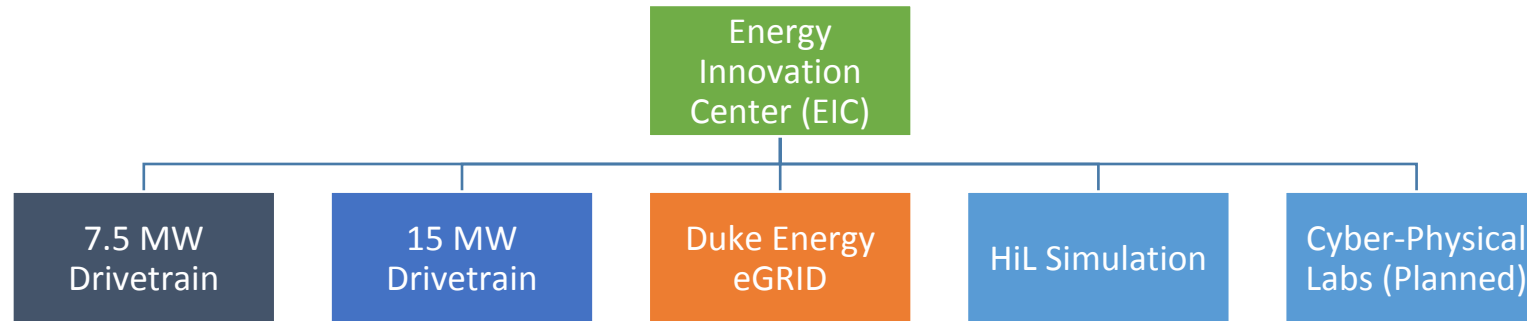
Wind Turbine Drivetrain Testing Facility

15 MW HIL Grid Simulator

7.5 MW Test Bench

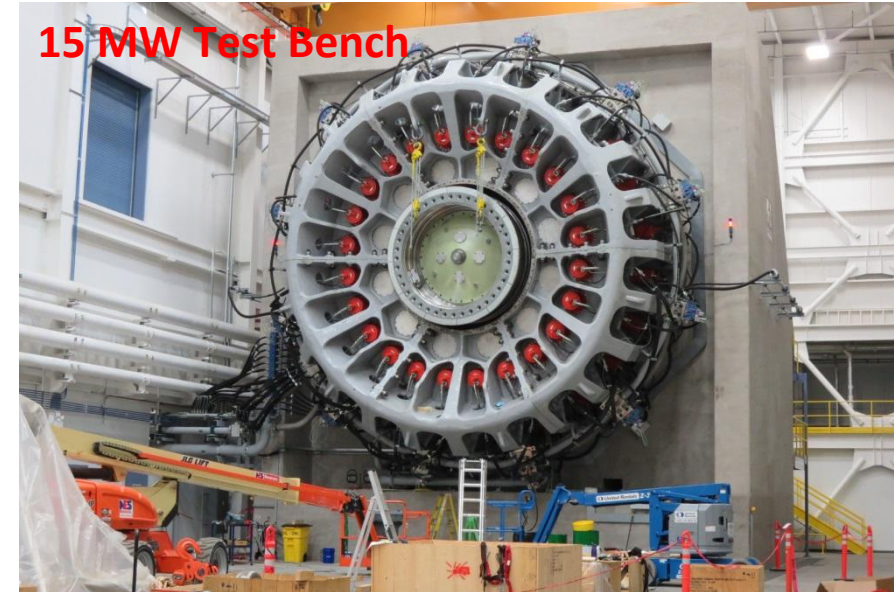
15 MW Test Bench





- Dominion (SCE&G) Energy Innovation Center (EIC)
 - Wind Turbine Drivetrain Test Facilities (7.5 MW & 15 MW)
 - Accelerated mechanical and electrical testing in controlled environment.
 - Duke Energy Electrical Grid Research Innovation & Development Center
 - eGRID – 15 MW Dynamic grid emulation (steady-state, dynamic, and faults).
 - HiL Simulation facility with electrical / mechanical testbeds
- Power related Cyber-Physical Security labs (Planned)
- Currently 3 Faculty, 12 planned in power program (ECE; CS; ME)
- Currently 30+ Research Scientists, Engineers and Technicians
- Currently 50+ Students, planned 200 as professionals and full-time

7.5 MW and 15 MW Test Benches



7.5 MW Test Bench Performance Specifications

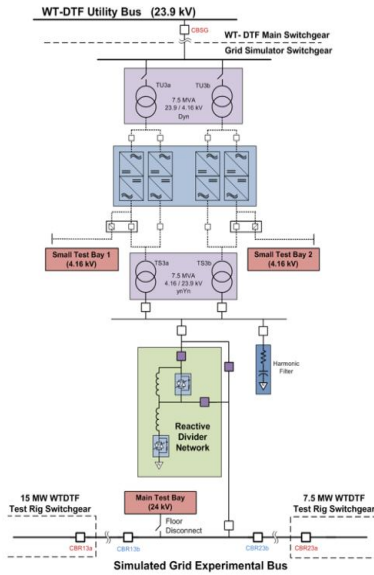
Test Power	7,500 kW
Maximum Torque	6,500 kNm
Maximum Speed	20 rpm
Inclination	4 ° to 6 °
Static Axial Force	± 2,000 kN
Static Radial Force	± 2,000 kN
Static Bending Moment	± 10,000 kNm

15 MW Test Bench Performance Specifications

Test Power	15,000 kW
Maximum Torque	16,000 kNm
Maximum Speed	17 rpm
Inclination	6 °
Static Axial Force	± 4,000 kN
Static Radial Force	± 8,000 kN
Static Bending Moment	± 50,000 kNm

15 MW Power HHL Facility

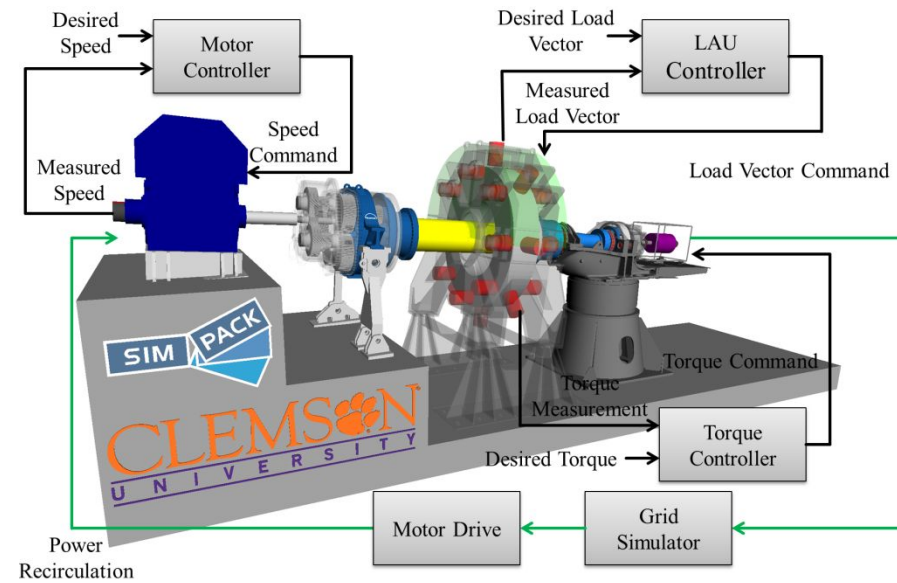
15 MW HIL Grid Simulator



15 MW HIL Grid Simulator Performance Specifications

Test Power	15 MVA
Frequency range	45...65 Hz to 400 Hz
Sequence capability	3 and 4 wire
High Voltage Ride Through HVRT	100...145%
Low Voltage Ride Through LVRT	100...0%
Unsymmetrical LVRT	yes
Power quality PQ evaluation	yes

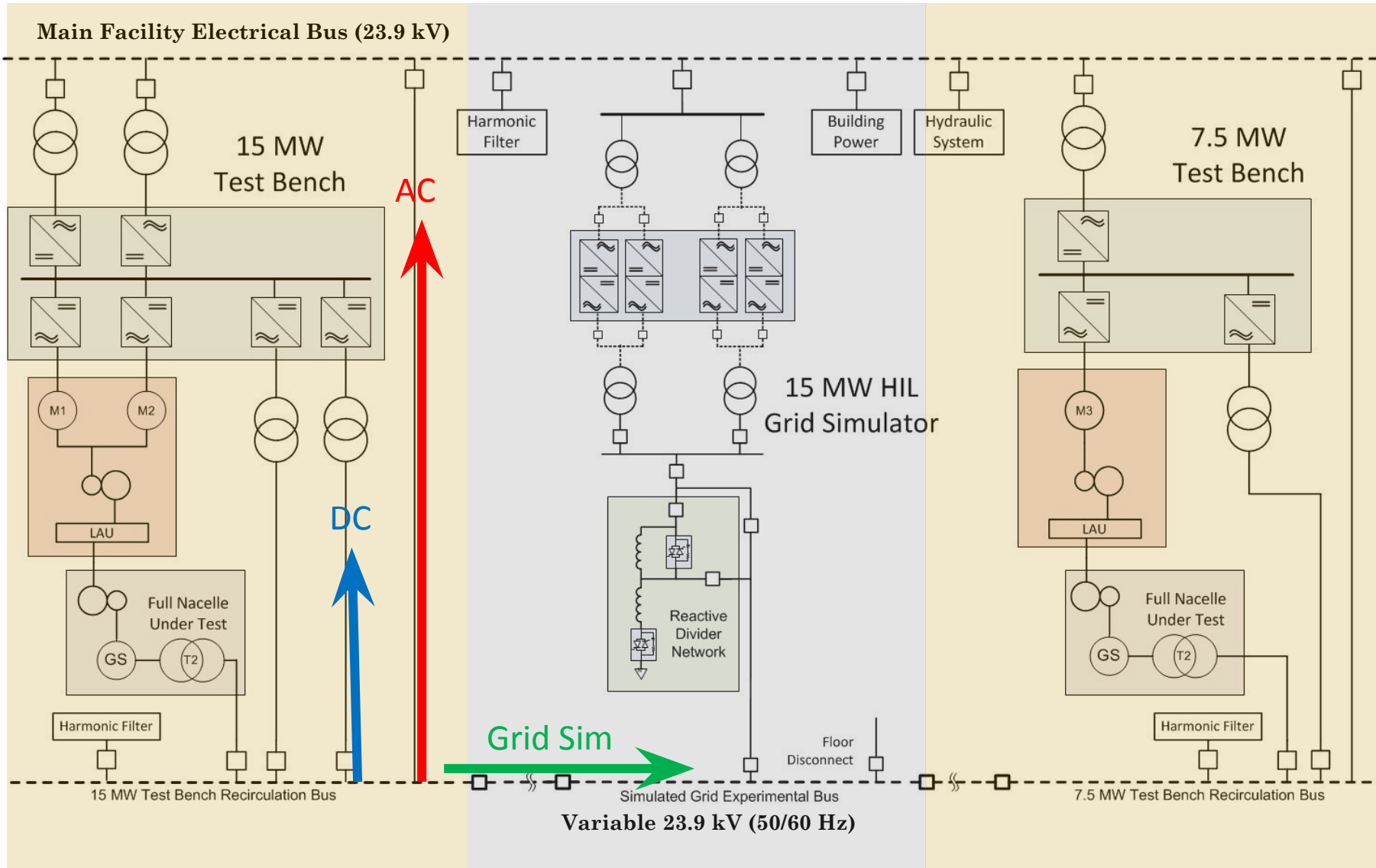
Virtual Test Bench Test



Virtual Test Bench Digital Twin Simulator Specifications

Virtual testing and validation	yes
Multi-domain modeling	yes
Test protocol verification and optimization	yes
Flexible model configuration	yes
Uncertainty in analyses	reduced
Operator training	yes
Students involvement	high

SCE&G EIC Electrical Single Line

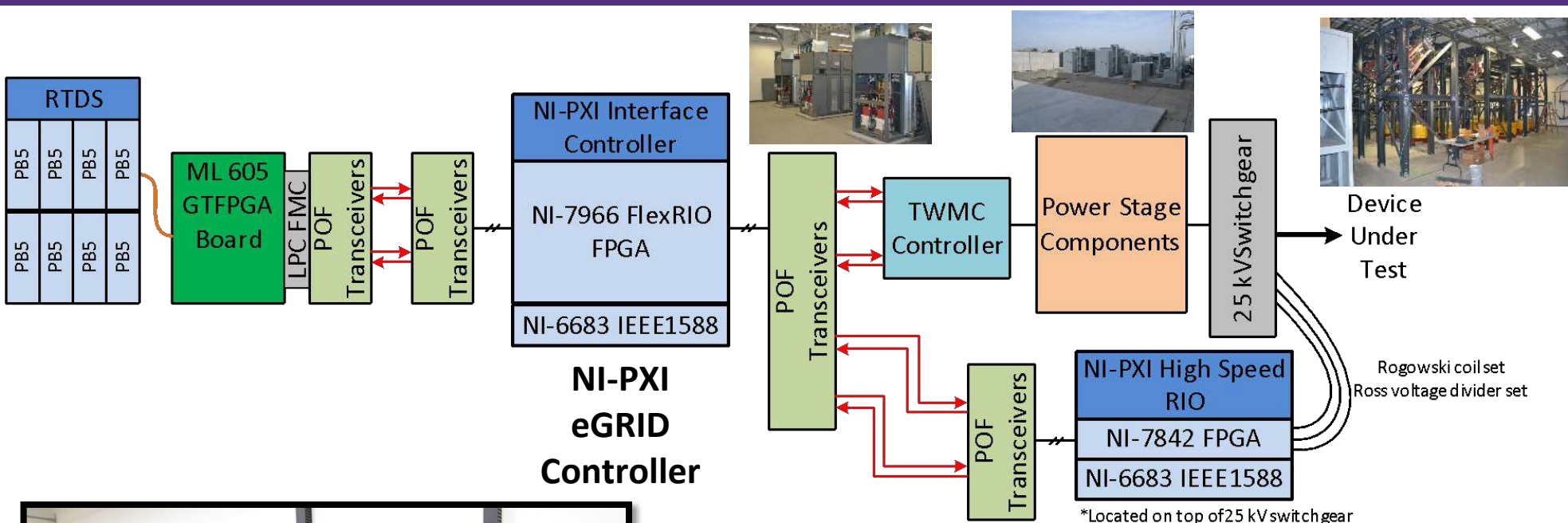


Control C-HIL Setup

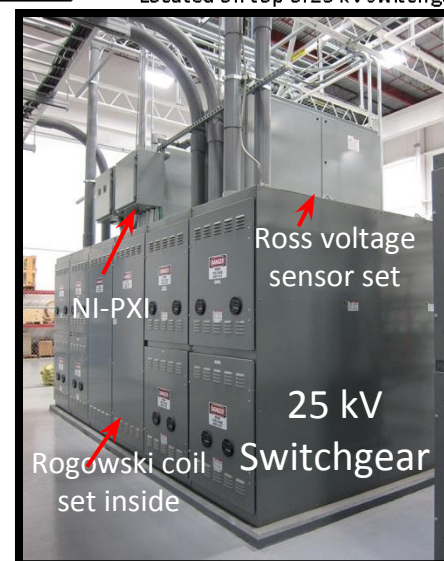


- Baseline an IEC 61850 enabled substation
- SEL relays interface with RTDS
- RTDS simulate grid-tie inverters in real-time in a Controller-Hardware-In-the-Loop (CHIL) configuration

Power P-HIL Configuration



Data Room



High Bay

Power Amplifier Units (PAU)



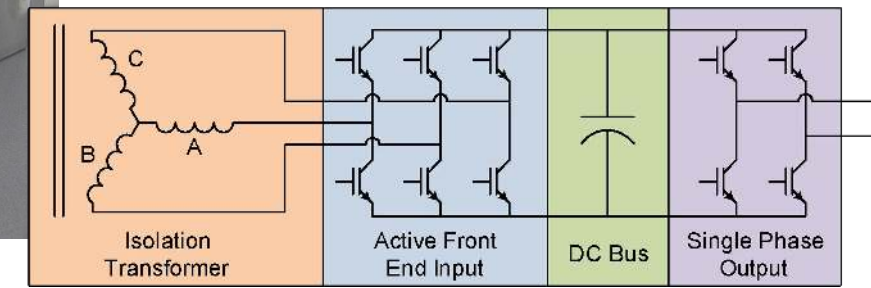
4 Power Amplifier Units (PAUs)



8 Slices Per PAU



3 Cubes Per Slice

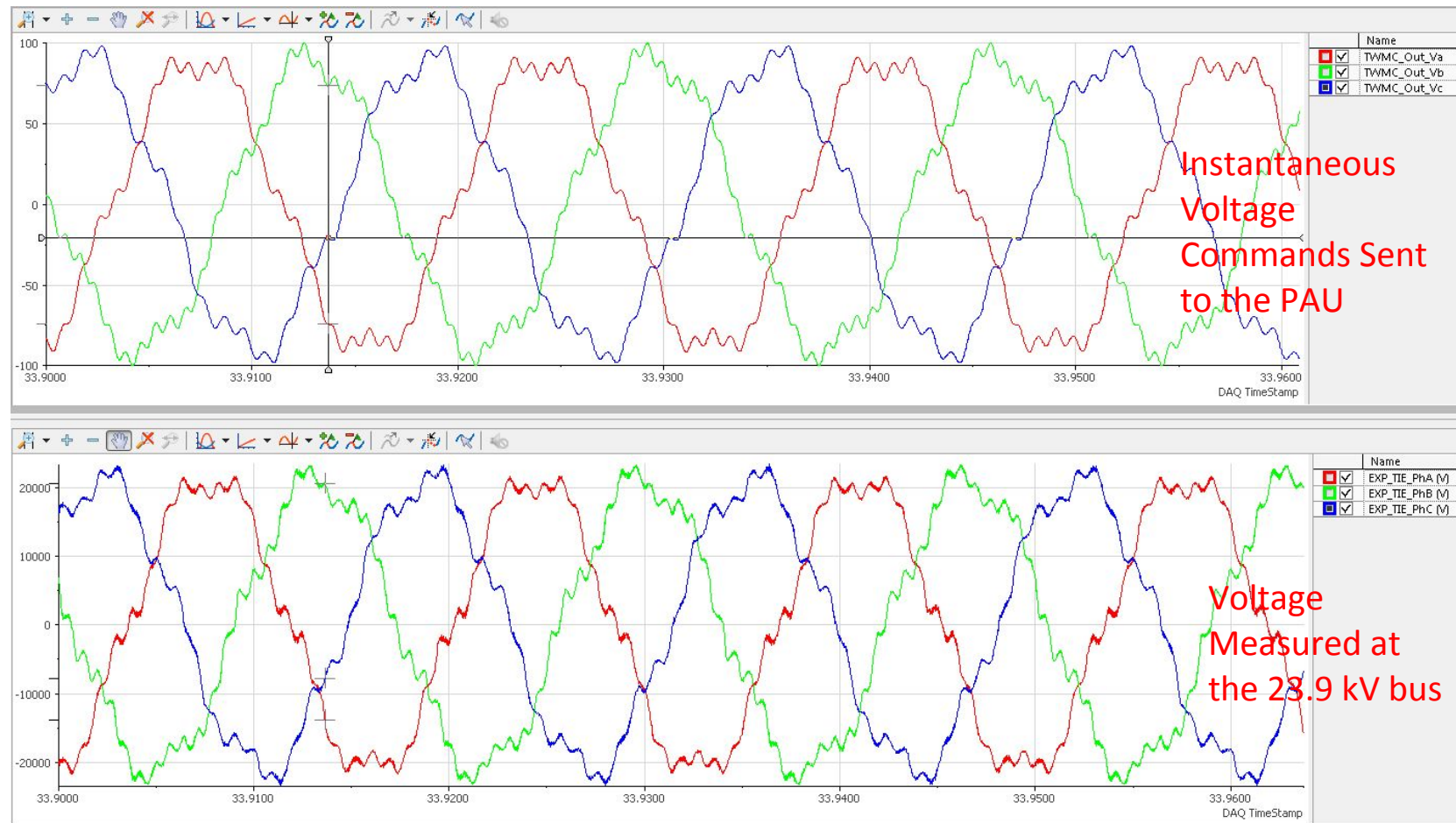


Open Circuit Harmonic Generation

Phase A: 5% 19th, 10% 5th

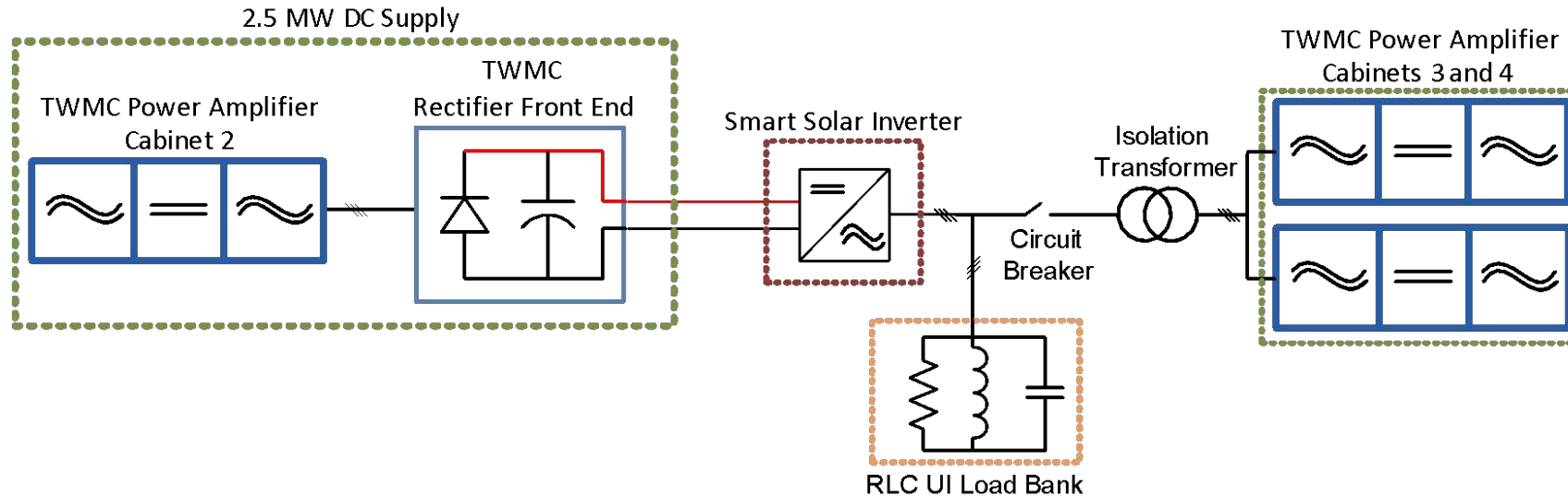
Phase B: 5% 23rd, 10% 5th

Phase C: 5% 17th, 10% 5th



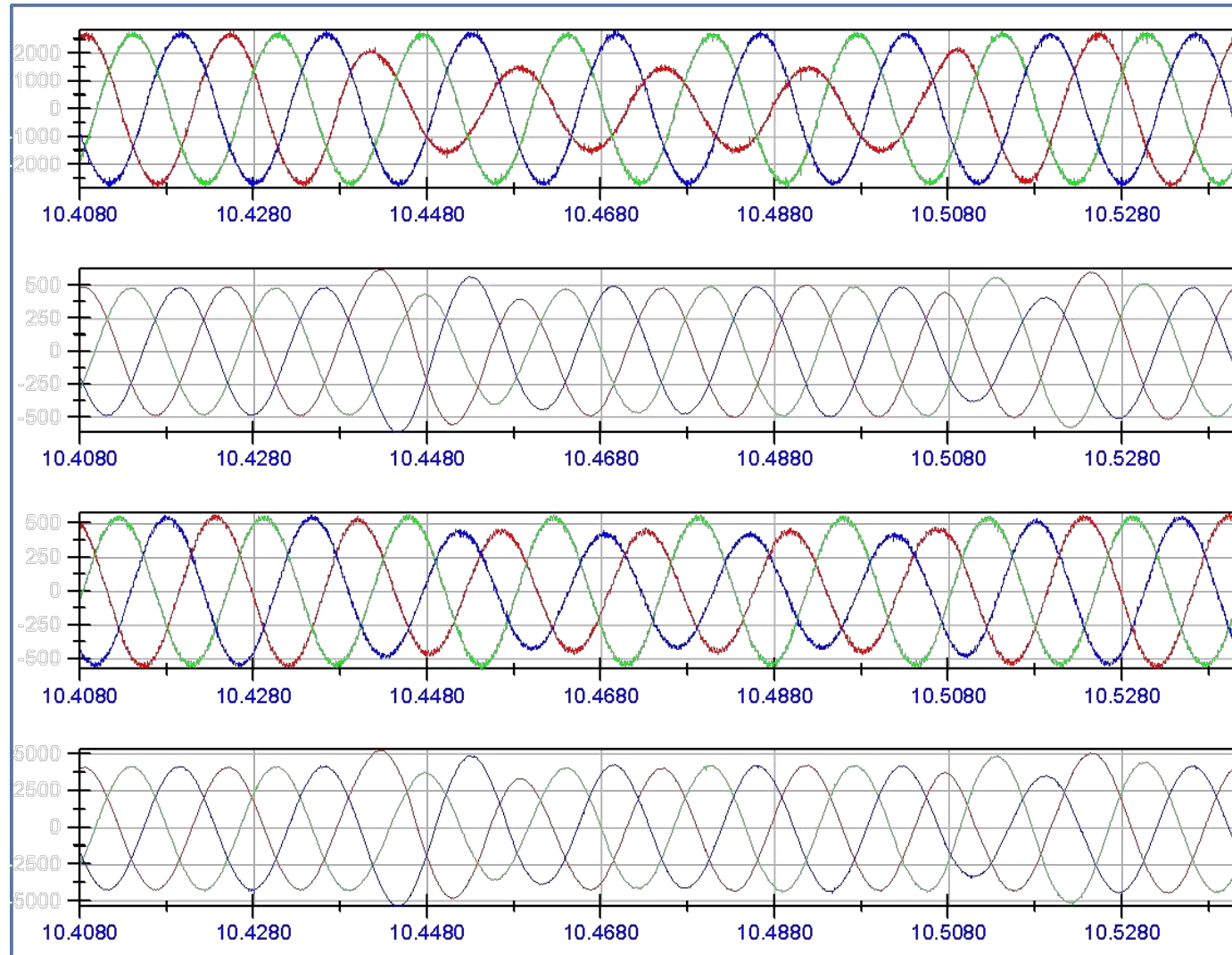
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2.2 MW Solar Inverter Testing



- 1000 V class, 2+ MW
- 385V delta w/ MVT to 4160 test bus
- UL 1741/IEEE 1547 @ 60Hz
- IEC 62116 @ 50 Hz
- Frequency ride-through
- Voltage ride-through

L-N: 2000 kW, 0.55 Vpu, 67 ms



4160V bus
 V_{an}, V_{bn}, V_{cn}

4160V bus
 I_a, I_b, I_c

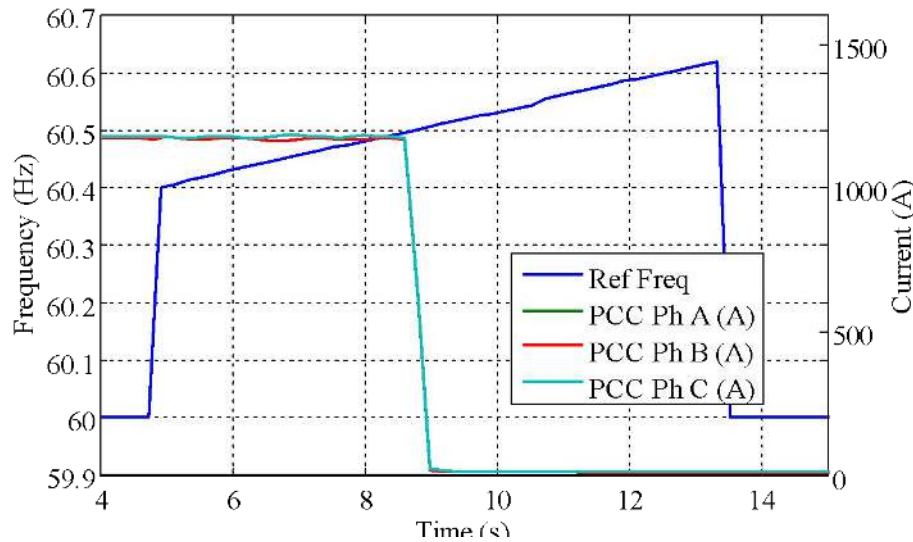
INV bus
 V_{ab}, V_{bc}, V_{ca}

INV bus
 I_a, I_b, I_c

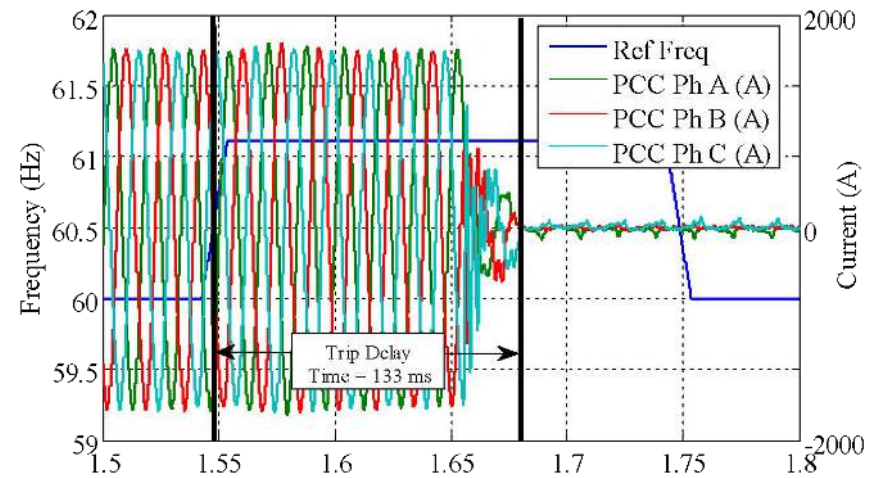
Frequency Ride-Through Testing

- » Frequency ride-through testing is much easier than voltage ride-through

Trip Level Test



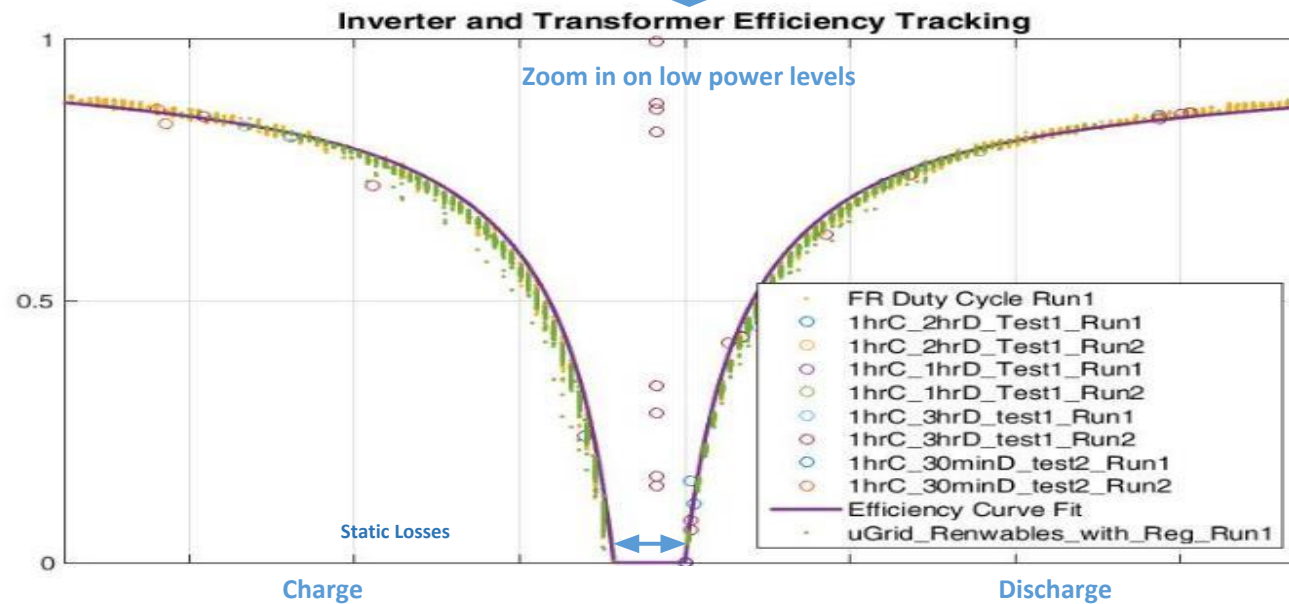
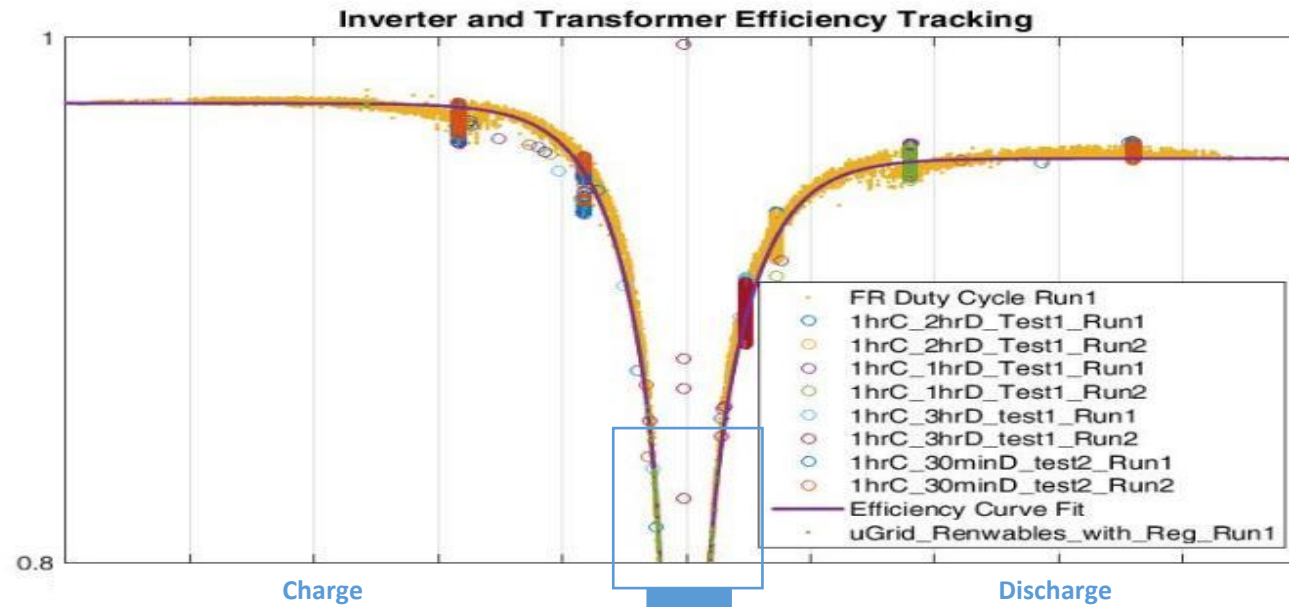
Time to Trip Test



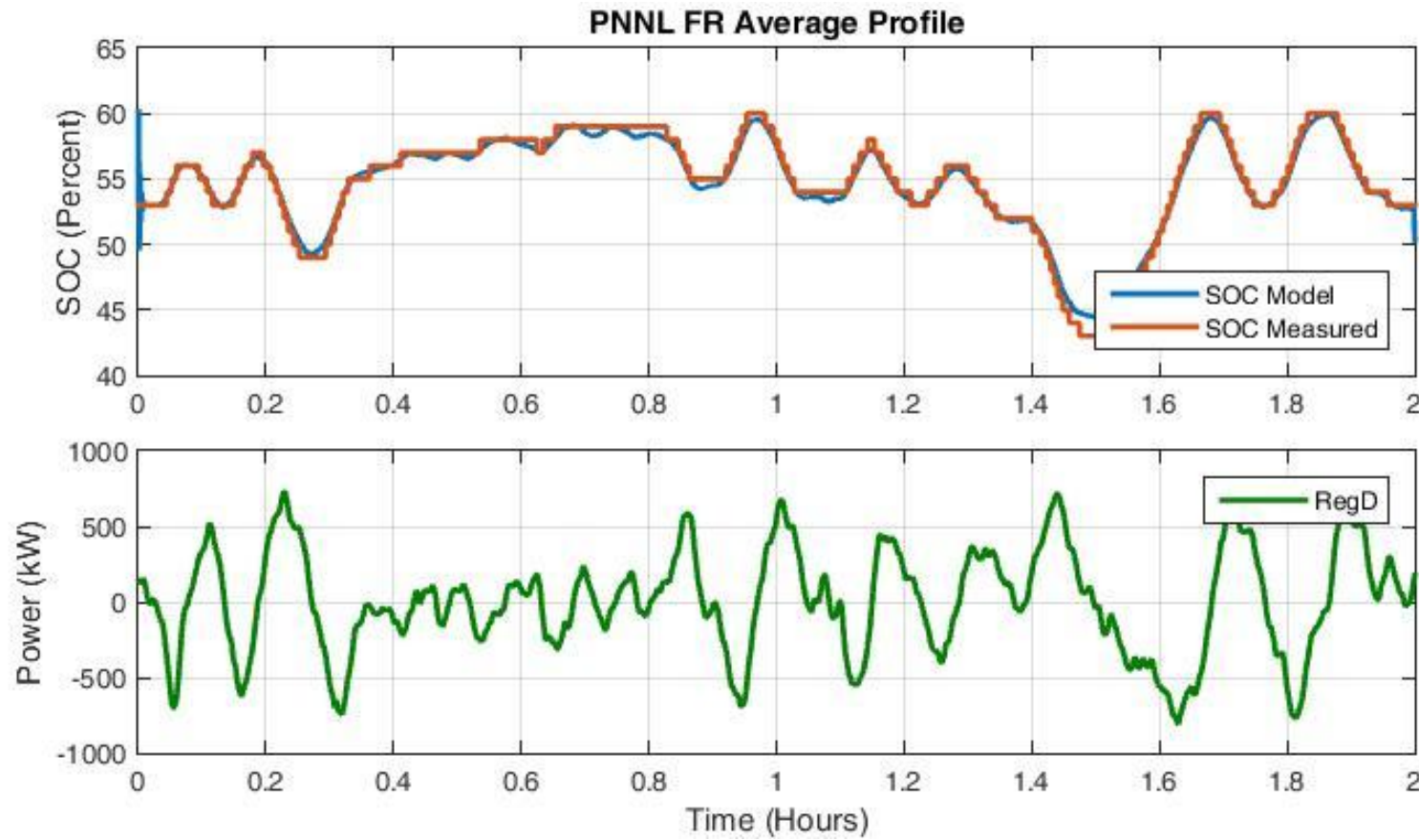
Battery Energy Storage System Testing



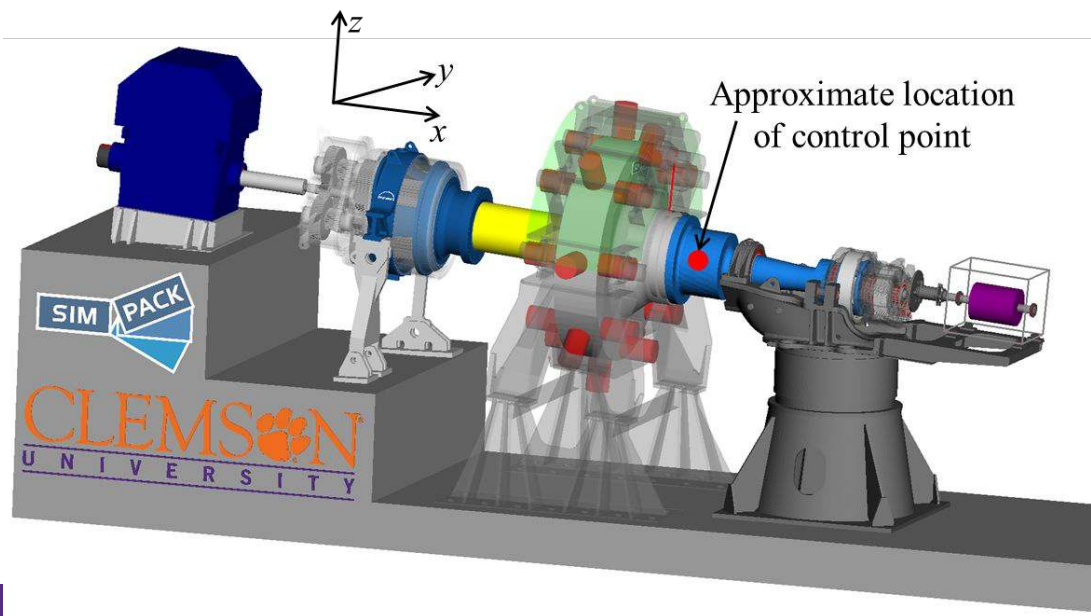
BESS Efficiency Curves



SOC Modeling and Validation

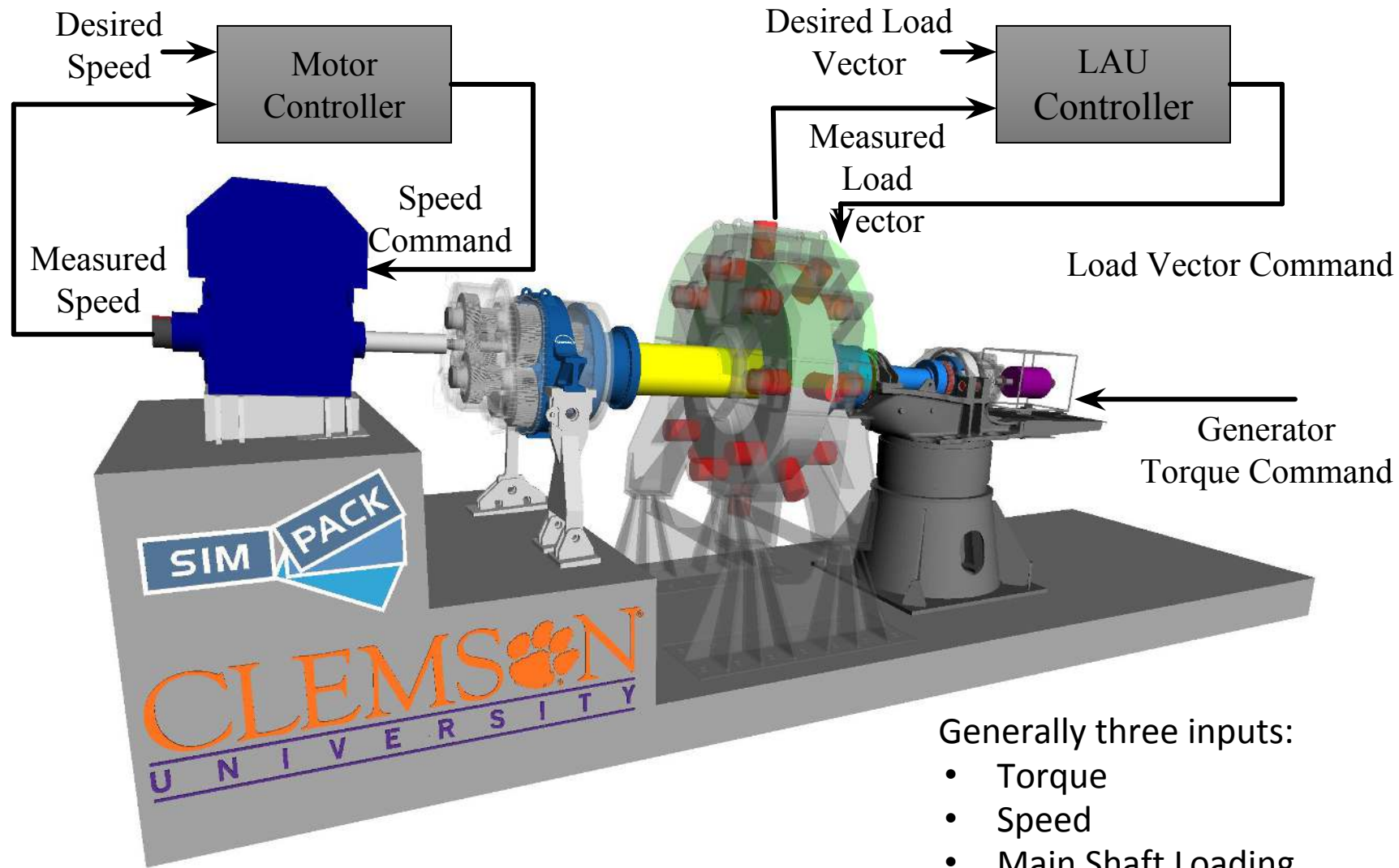


Wind Turbine Test-bed Digital Twin



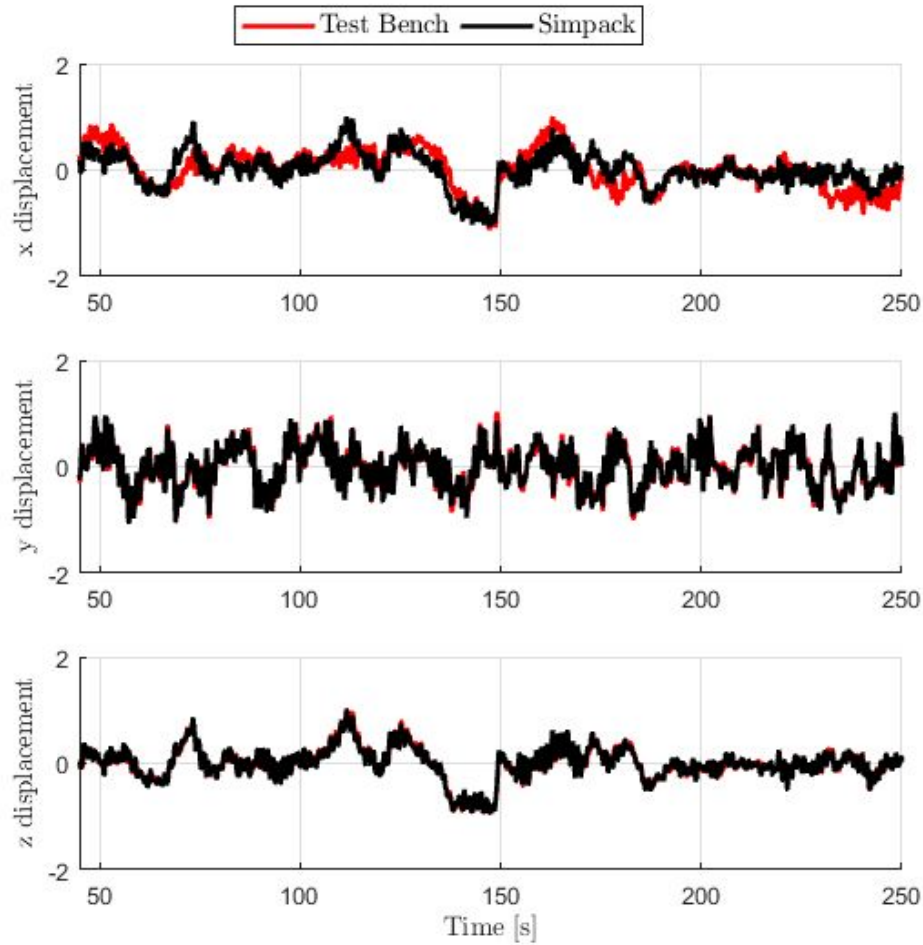
- Torque and speed are controlled on opposite ends of the drive train
- Hydraulic actuators push on disk to create forces and moments at hub point

Digital Twin Drive Train Model Topology

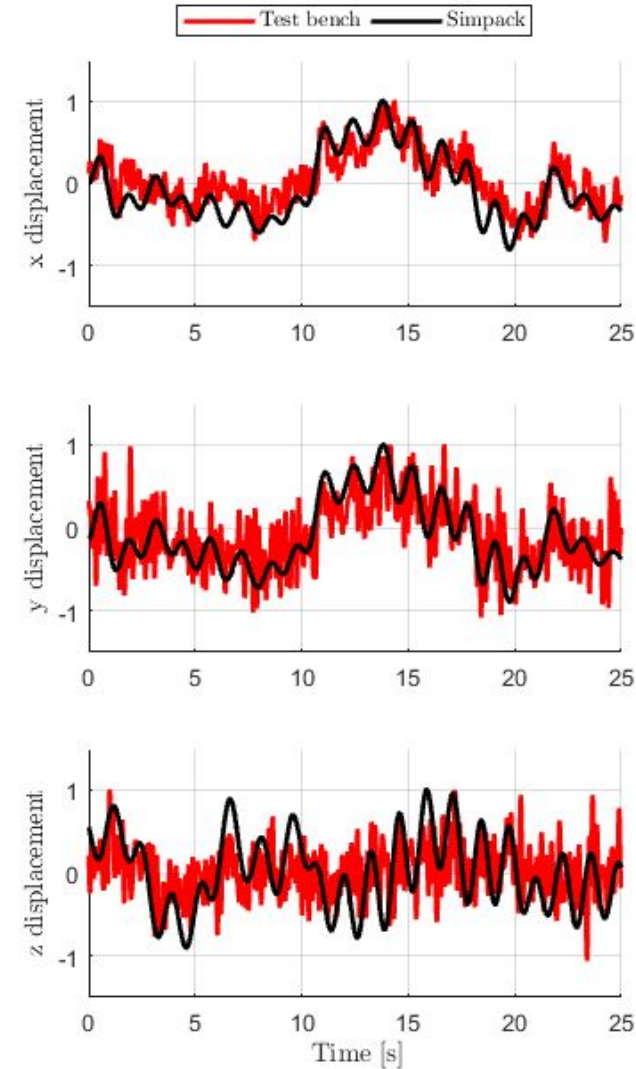


Validation: Dynamic Loading

LAU Displacements



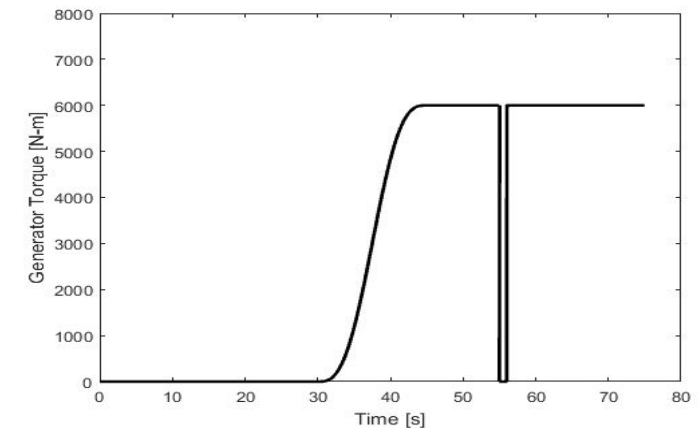
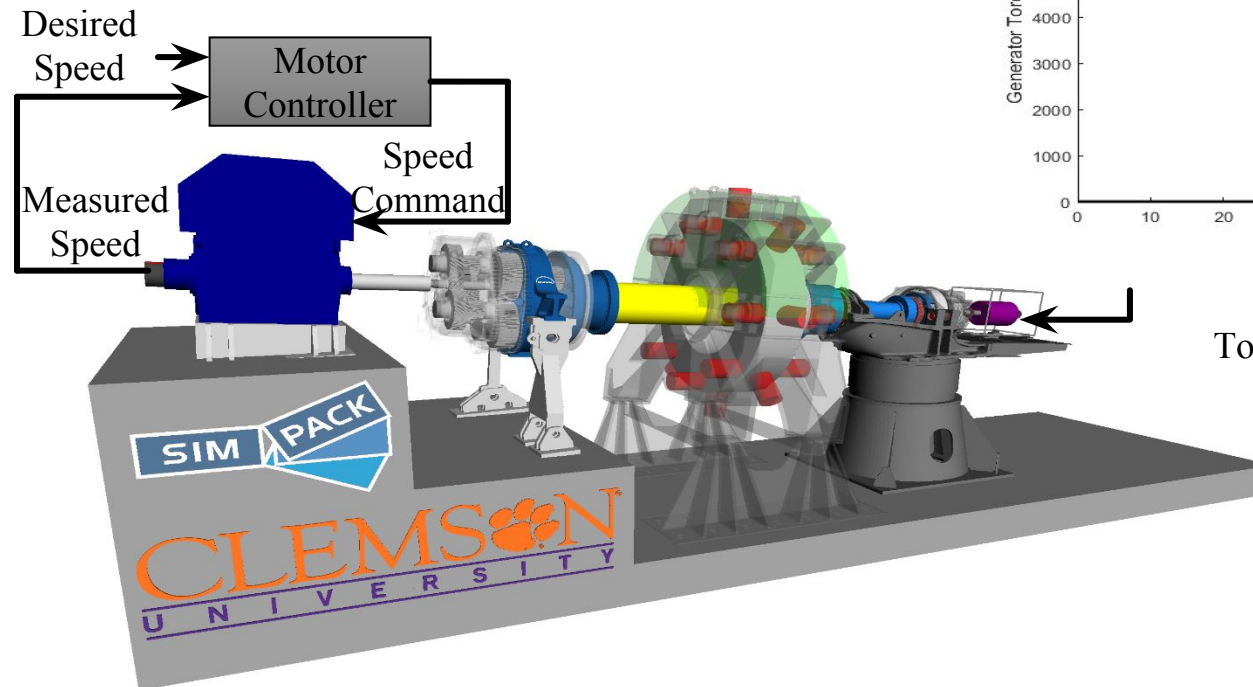
Test Article Gearbox Support Displacements



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Case Study: Wind Turbine LVRT

- Low Voltage Ride-Through is an essential feature in all modern turbines to prevent outages due to voltage drop or grid faults
- IEC standard (61400-21) specifies tests to assess power quality characteristics of grid connected turbines
- Testing involves tracking a constant speed corresponding to rated power production and dropping the generator torque for a short period and recovering it

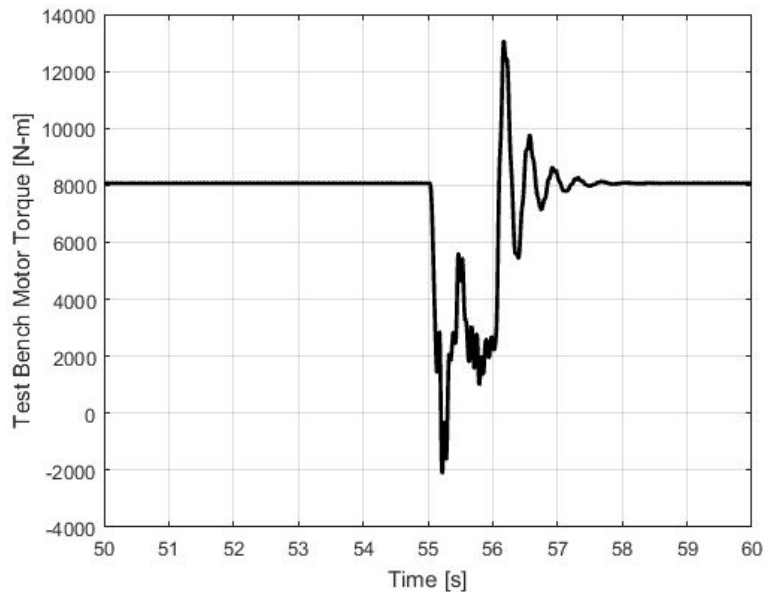


Generator Torque Command

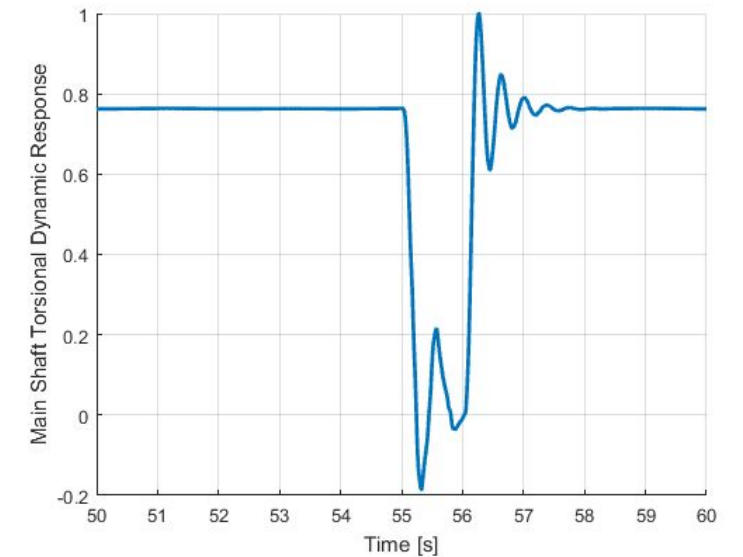
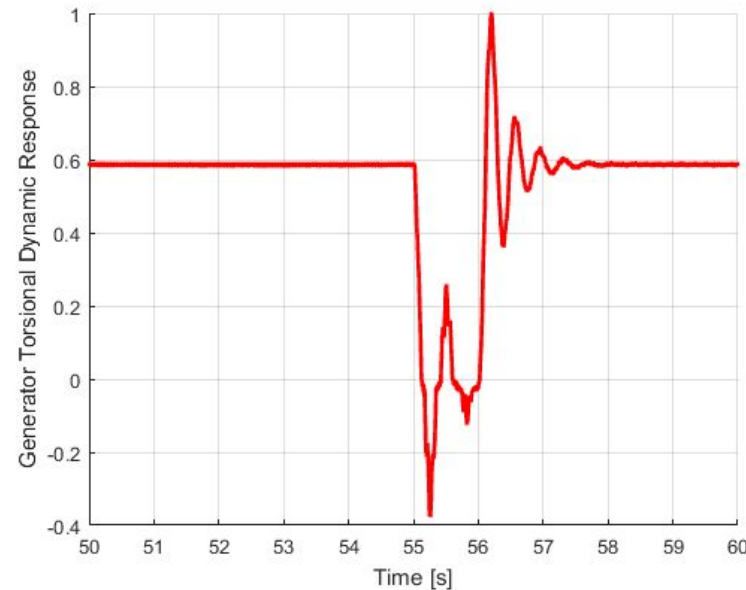
Case Study: LVRT Emulation

- At the instant of generator torque loss, test bench motor applies a large counter torque
- Large responses observed at main shaft and generator due to torque reversal

Test bench motor torque



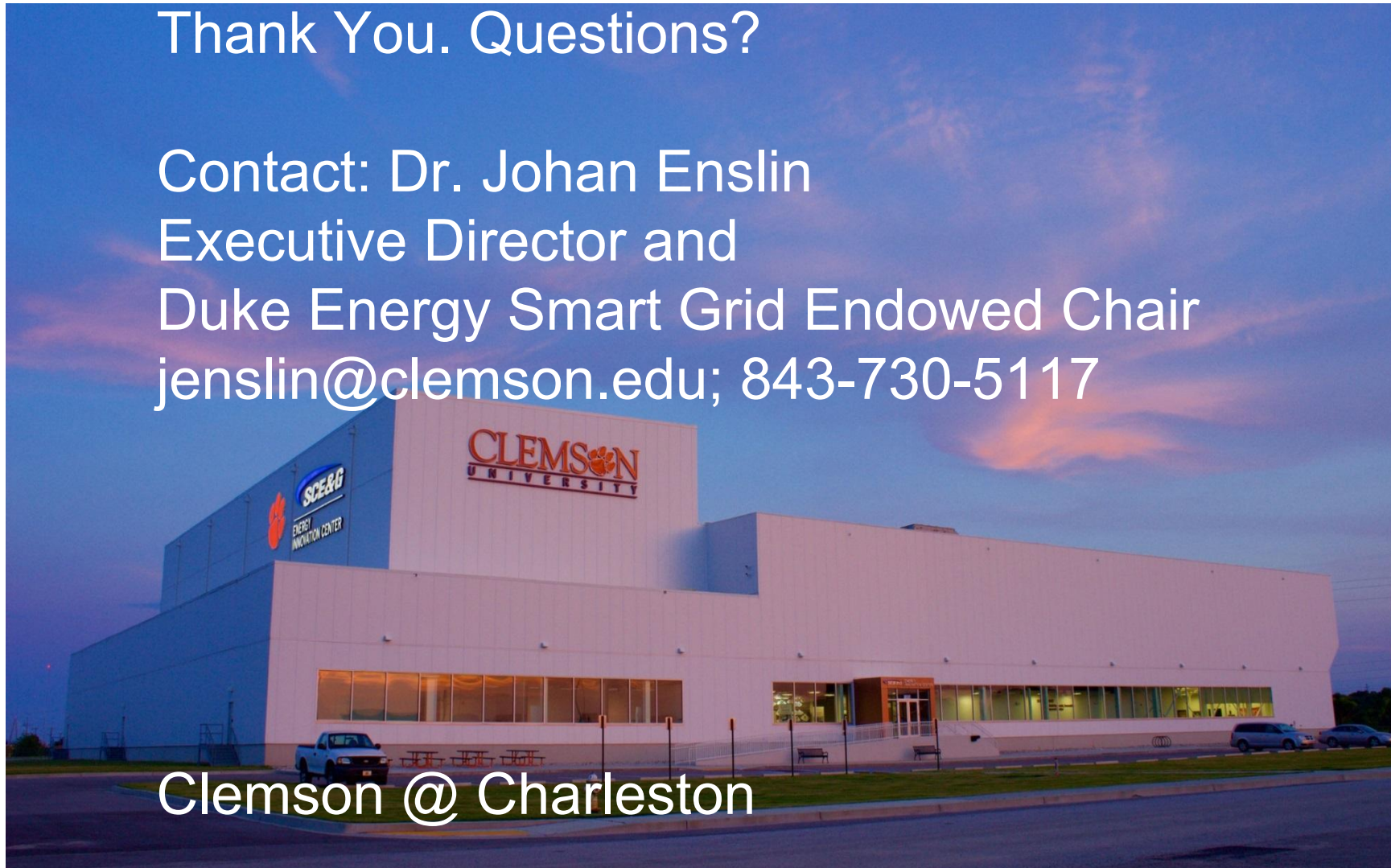
Generator and Main Shaft and Torsional Responses



- Utilities are investing through regulatory process in Digital Grid technologies.
- Digital Twin models need validation and real-time parameter verification.
- Examples for validating PV Inverters, Energy Storage System and Wind Turbine Models for Digital Twins are discussed.
- A Digital Twin implementation is described for the EIC wind drive train testbeds.
- Need for new and updated interconnection and operational standards
- Digital Twins important for System Operations and DER Visibility

Thank You. Questions?

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