

Advanced Laboratory Testing Methods – SIRFN Project Activity

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Workshop Outline (SIRFN, March 19th, 2015)

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- Possible classification of methods and related use cases
 - PHIL, CHIL, CoSimulation
- Laboratory equipment and related use cases
 - AC/DC amplifiers,
 - Lab' power rating/ grid level,
 - Real-time systems available,
 - Interoperability (technical/communication/interference)
 - existing know-how of the applied methods
- Use cases (reports)
 - RLC – Anti Islanding Testing (PHIL, CHIL) – (lead: NREL)
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Utilizing novel ideas and novel methods for advanced laboratory testing

- Motivation:
 - Utilizing and exchanging the sophisticated know-how of international experts
 - Different methods and various approaches already exist on a global basis

- State-of-the-Art:
 - Test/simulation approaches are expanded and optimized due to the latest technologies (real time systems, power electronics, analogous/digital measurement devices..)
 - Novel simulation techniques get increasing importance in research and for manufacturers and for international standardisation groups

- Intentions and Aim for Cooperation:
 - Know-How exchange on an international level
 - Manifestation of effectuated methods for the solution of different problems
 - Creation of a work basis for future contributions to
 - Rapid prototyping and manufacturing
 - Standardized testing procedures (writing and testing)
 - Novel research areas in the electrical domain

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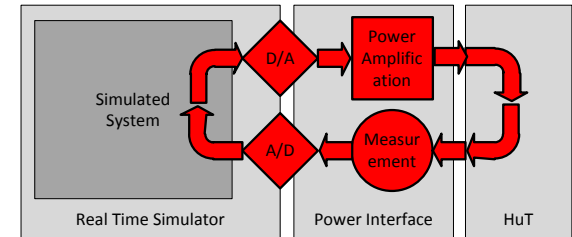
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Proposed methods for advanced lab' testing

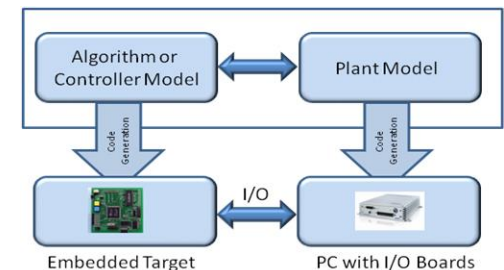
- **Power Hardware-in-the-Loop (PHIL) :**
 - Suitable for investigations on HuTs with feedback of the true power signals)
 - Dynamic behaviour of the PA, Choice of interface algorithm (IA), measurement equipment)
 - Stability considerations (Nyquist, Popov, Ljapunow criterion)
 - Measurement equipment used (I/O, transducers)

- **Controller Hardware-in-the-Loop (CHIL):**
 - Suitable for investigations of the control board only (pre-standardisation, communication test procedures, etc.)
 - Highly automated test sequences, no risk of high power flows

- **Multi-Domain Simulation / Co-Simulation (MD/Co-Sim):**
 - Suitable for investigations of various other control / communication circuitry integrated into the test system
 - High degree of flexibility, possibility of integrating various control loops into CHIL / PHIL environment

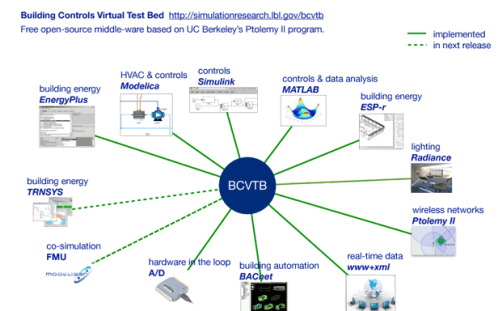


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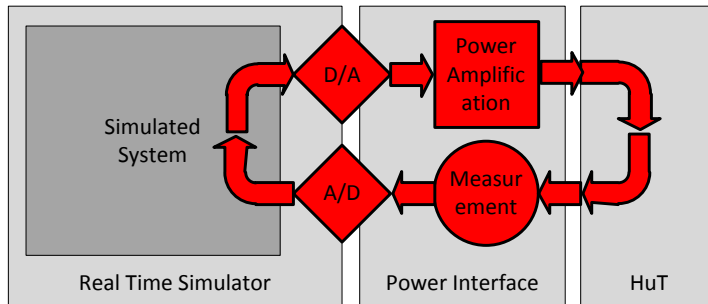
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The BCVTB Environment



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Power Hardware-in-the-Loop (PHIL) Simulation

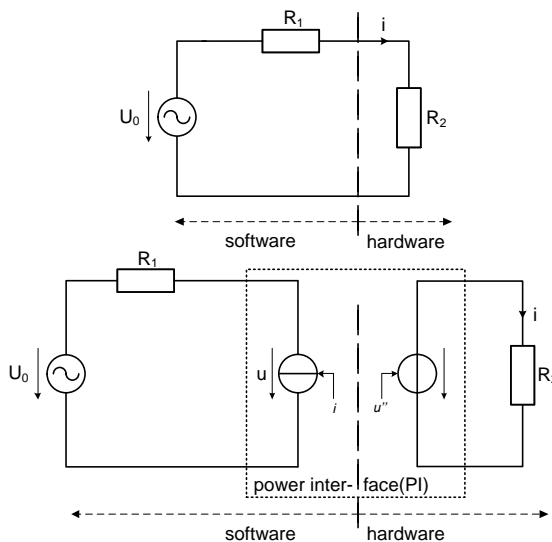


The implementation of PHIL tests environment enforces the use of a dedicated power amplification units (PA).

- Inherent ‘closed-loop originality’ of PHIL simulation characterised by:
 - Time delay introduced by real-time system (RTS)
 - Dynamic behaviour of the PA
 - Choice of interface algorithm (IA)
 - Measurement equipment used (I/O, transducers)

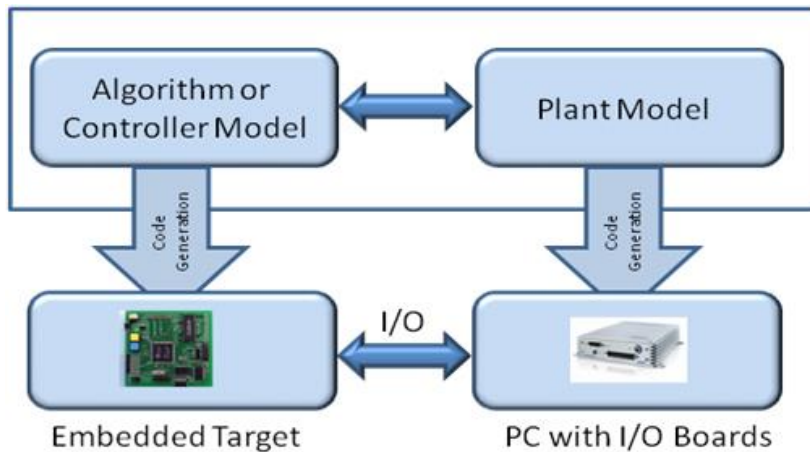
- Consequences:
 - Stability considerations (Nyquist, Popov, Ljapunow criterion)
 - Choice of PI / IA (accuracy, stability, ...)

- Power Interfaces (PIs) have to chosen according to the application in PHIL



Simple test setup for a PHIL simulation – including dedicated Power interface (PI)

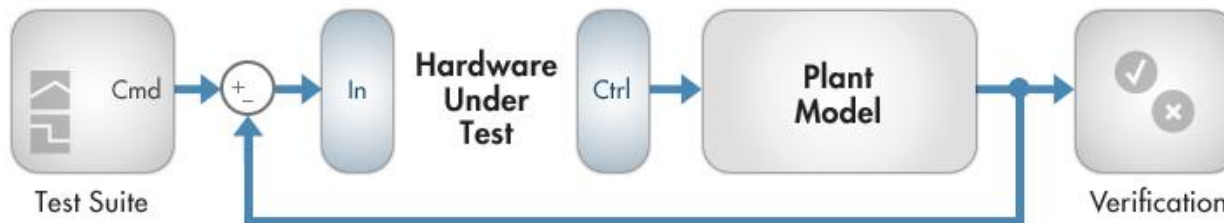
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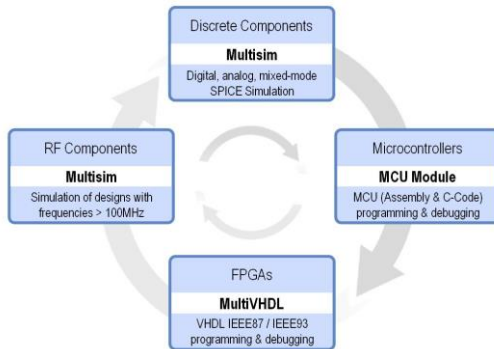
Controller Hardware-in-the-Loop (CHIL):

- Suitable for investigations of control boards only (pre-standardisation, communication test procedures, etc.)
- High degree of automated test sequences, no risk of high power flows
- Well-defined real time capable operating systems and integrated libraries (SimPower Systems, propr. Libraries, etc.)



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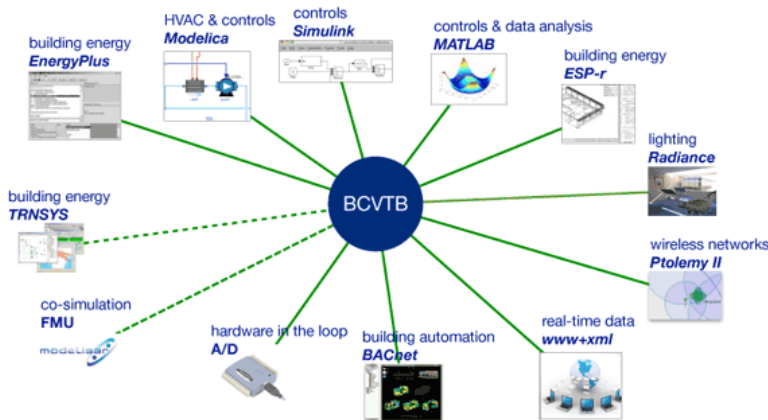
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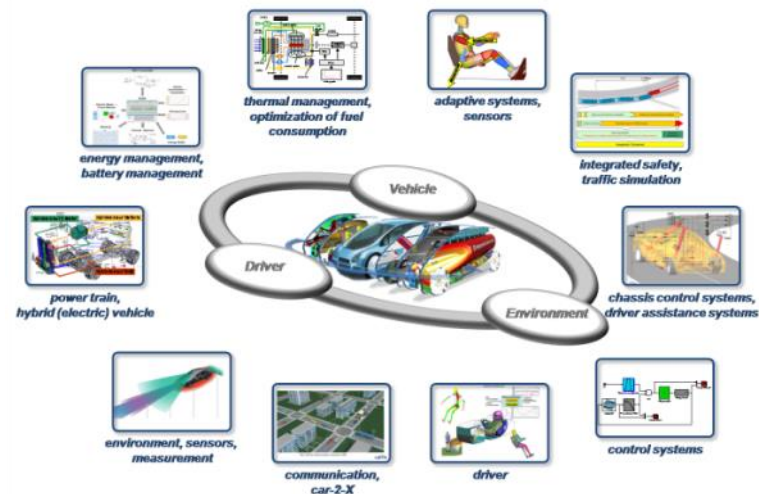
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Equipment PHIL / CHIL

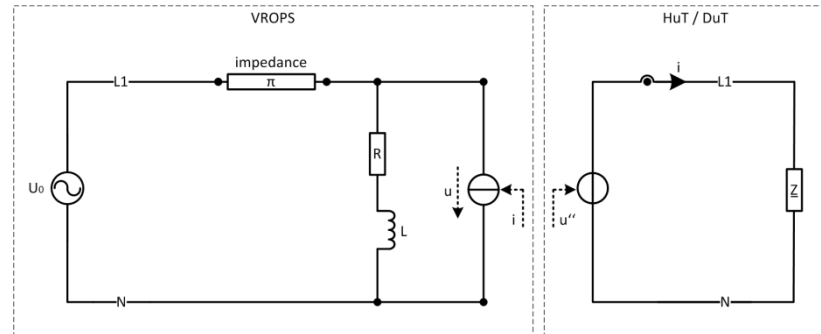
Components and machinery used / required for PHIL / CHIL / Co Simulations for electrical circuits:

- Power Amplification Unit
 - Switched mode amplifiers (lower BW)
 - Linear amplifiers (higher BW)

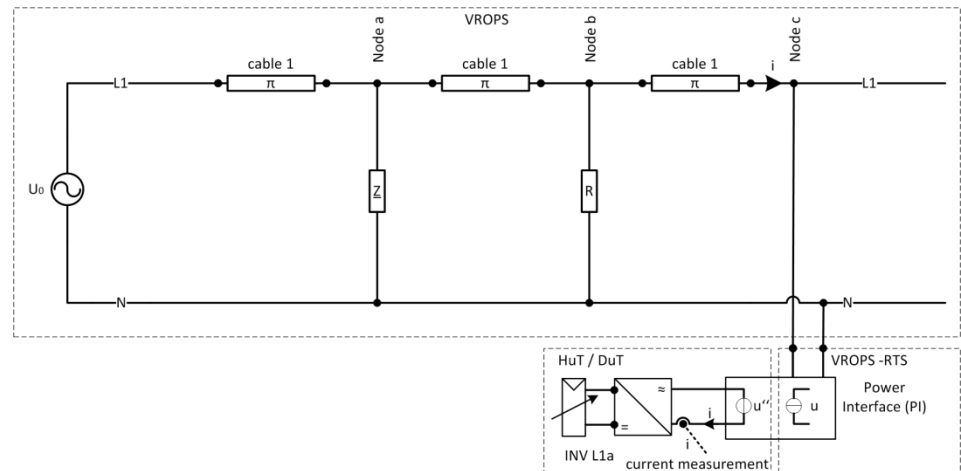
- Real Time Computing System
 - Standard real-time capable machines

- Measurement devices (current/voltage)

- Component Modelling Libraries
 - Passive (R, L, C, grid impedances, nonlinear devices)
 - Active (PV inverters, converters, motor drives)



Electrical circuit for a PHIL simulation – including various impedances \underline{Z} .

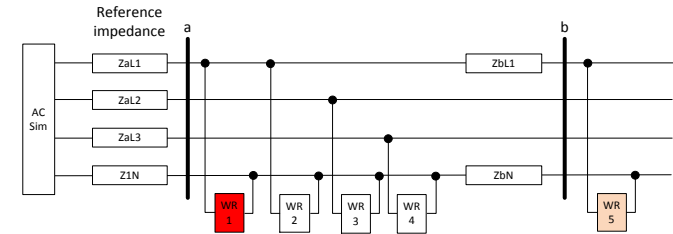


Electrical circuit for a PHIL simulation – including an active component (PV inverter)

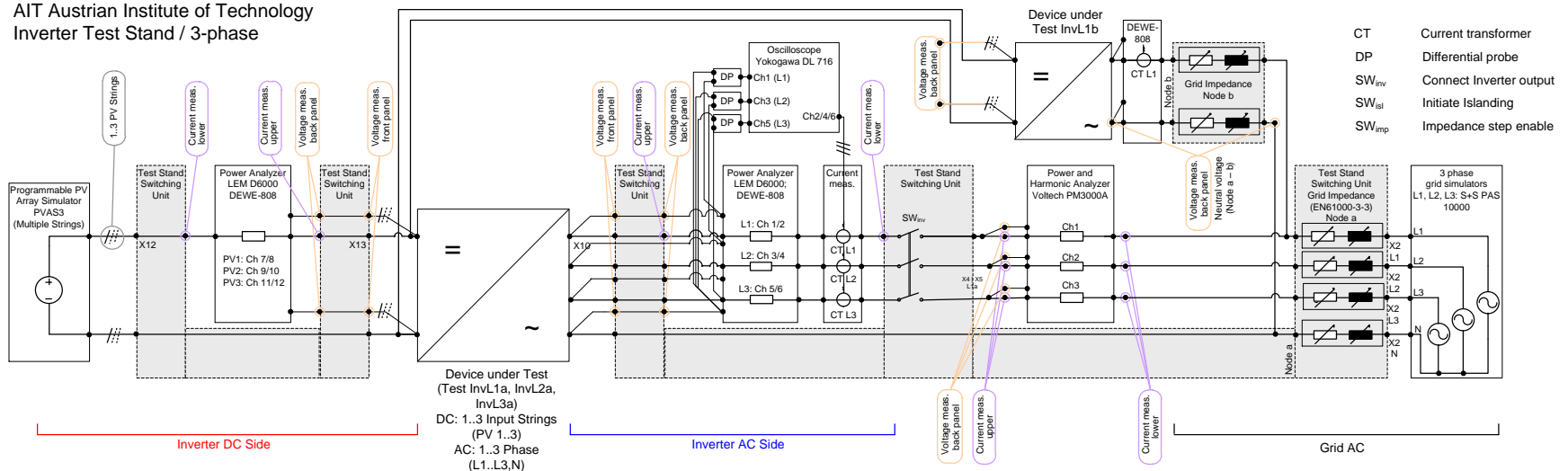
Equipment PHIL / (CHIL) - Test Setup

Test stand equipped for PHIL simulation:

- AC / DC measurements (U, I, P, Q, S, f, ...)
- Linear sources (AC; DC)
- Grid impedances (free programmable)
- 4-wire power measurement (MIMO)



AIT Austrian Institute of Technology
Inverter Test Stand / 3-phase



Test stand equipped for PHIL simulations.

Expertise

Encouragement: Machinery & Know-How both are very suitable upgrade of the laboratory setup (advanced Testing methods).

In low voltage grids commonly used components have to be integrated into the PHIL simulation:

- Power Amplification Unit
 - Switched mode amplifiers (lower BW)
 - Linear amplifiers (higher BW)

- Real Time Computing System (standard products)

- Component Modelling
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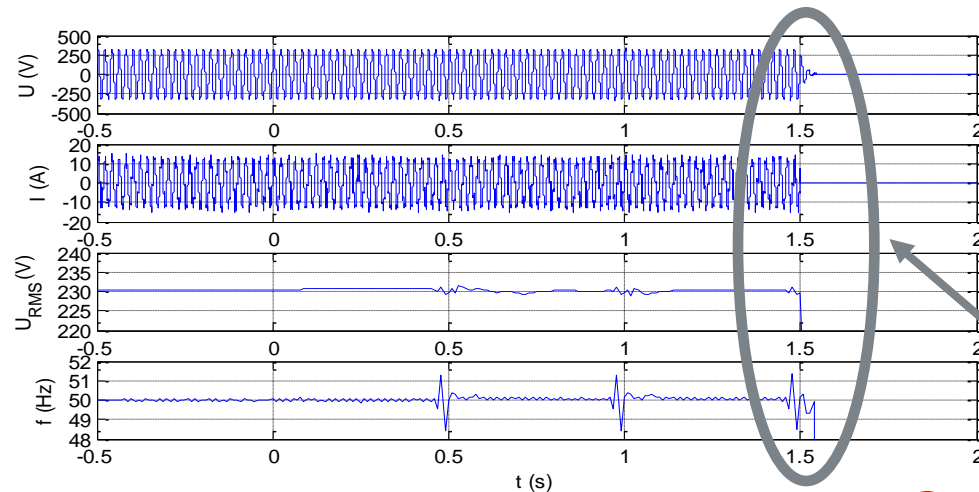
Know-How for P/CHIL and CoSim analysis takes time and effort!

→ Commitment of the management

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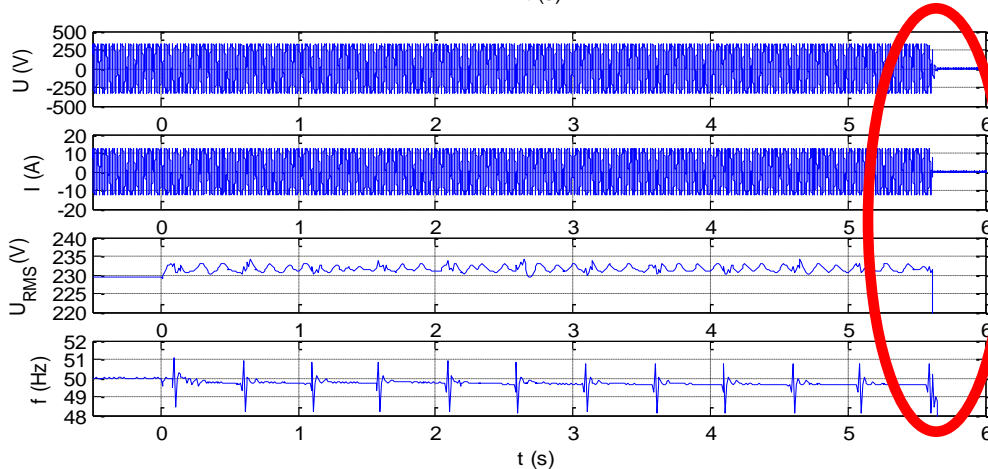
Use Case 1: RLC – Anti Islanding Testing (PHIL)



DuT - matched conditions:

$f_{res} = 50.0$ Hz
 $P_{load} = 2.00$ kW
 $Q_L = 4.30$ kW
 $Q_C = 4.30$ kW
 $Q_f = 2.15$

trip time = 1,5 sec



DuT - mismatched conditions:

$f_{res} = 49.6$ Hz
 $P_{load} = 2.00$ kW
 $Q_L = 4.27$ kW
 $Q_C = 4.30$ kW
 $Q_f = 2.14$

trip time > 5 sec

Use Case 1: RLC – Anti Islanding Testing (PHIL)

relative power	match	reactive power (inductive)	reactive power (capacitive)	active power	Q factor	trip time limit (max)		no P, Q controls active	P(f) and Q(U) - with Hyst.	P(f) and Q(U) - with Hyst.	P(f), P(U) and Q(U) - with Hyst.	P(f) and Q(U) - no Hyst.	P(f) and Q(U) - no Hyst.	P(f), P(U) and Q(U) - no Hyst.
P	$Q_L / Q_{L,res}$	Q_L	Q_C	P	Q_R	t_{max}		t_{max}	t_{off}	t_{off}	t_{off}	t_{off}	t_{off}	t_{off}
(%)	(%)	(kVAr)	(kVAr)	(kW)	-1	(s)		(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)	(s)
operation point 2														
$P_{WR,AC} =$	2000	W												
$U_{AC} =$	230.0	V												
$I_{AC} =$	11.0	A												
$U_{DC} =$	450.0	V												
50%	100%	4.43	4.46	2	2.222	5		0.16	0.12	0.17	0.22	0.21	0.18	0.16
	101%	4.47	4.46	2.00	2.234	5		0.20	0.16	0.17	0.20	0.21	0.21	0.16
	102%	4.52	4.46	2.00	2.245	5		0.20	-	-	-	-	-	-
	103%	4.56	4.46	2.00	2.256	5		0.16	-	-	-	-	-	-
	104%	4.61	4.46	2.00	2.267	5		0.13	-	-	-	-	-	-
	105%	4.65	4.46	2.00	2.277	5		0.13	0.12	0.14	0.12	0.13	0.14	0.14
	99%	4.39	4.46	2.00	2.211	5		0.12	0.12	0.14	0.14	0.11		0.14
	98%	4.34	4.46	2.00	2.2	5		0.13	-	-	-	-	-	-
	97%	4.30	4.46	2.00	2.189	5		0.13	-	-	-	-	-	-
	96%	4.25	4.46	2.00	2.178	5		0.14	0.17	0.14	0.14	0.13	0.13	0.17
	95%	4.21	4.46	2.00	2.166	5		0.14	0.33	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.13	0.14

P/Q controls activated

No P/Q controls activated

Ad 1) “AI Testing via PHIL – Initial Results” (NREL)

>>> Presentation Blake (NREL)

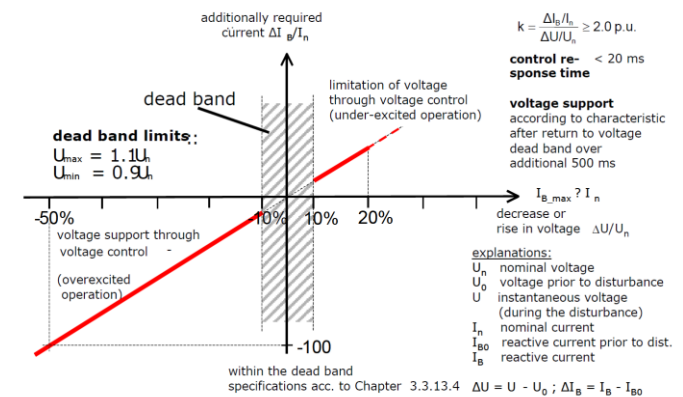
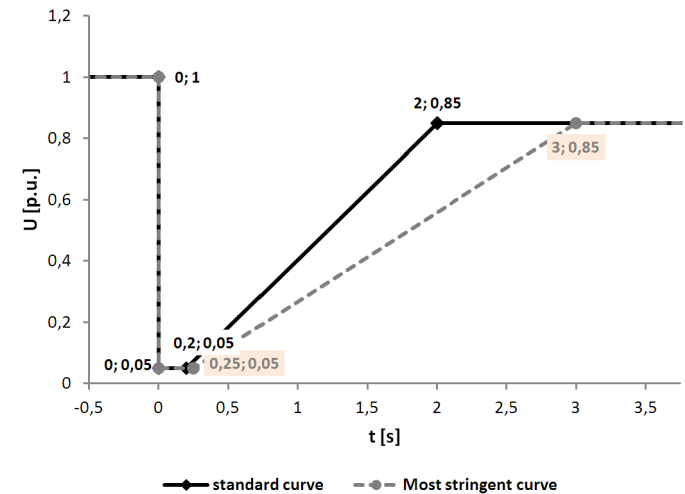
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Use Case 2: LVRT – Ride Through Testing (PHIL/CHIL)

- Application:
 - Testing and validation of LV and HVRT capabilities of DER inverters
 - Testing and validation of FRR (dynamic grid support) capabilities

- Features & benefits
 - Allows flexible testing multiple fault locations and parameters
 - Easy variation of grid characteristics
 - Feedback from DER on fault will be taken into account
 - Possible to assess interaction of multiple DER



Use Case 2: LVRT – Ride Through Testing (PHIL/CHIL)

FRT Fault Ride Through Tests:

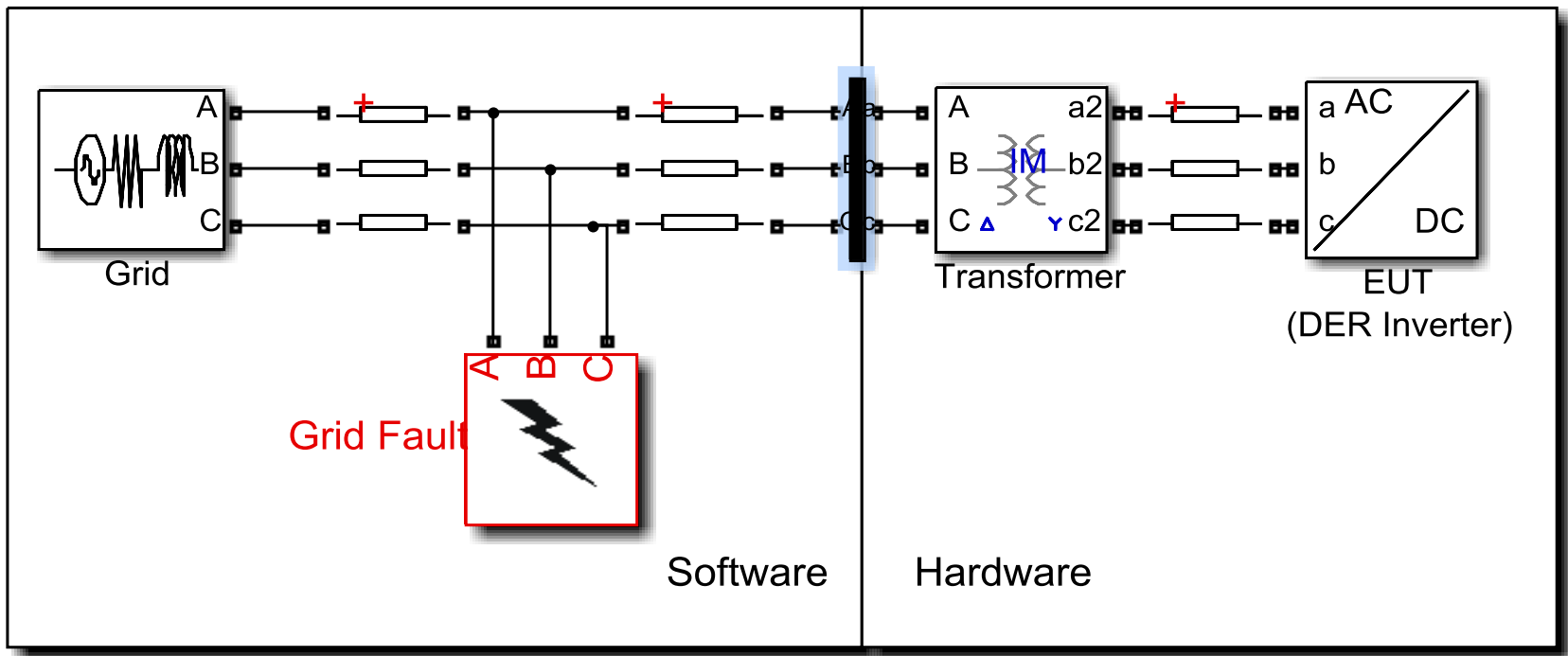
- Implementation of impedance network in real time (identical to true FRT test setup according to current standards)
 - Switched mode amplifiers (lower BW)
 - Linear amplifiers (higher BW)

- Advantage of real time simulation:
 - Introduction of measured grid fault scenarios in RTS
 - Physical effects (transf. saturation, etc. can be modelled in RT and run in PHIL simulation)
 - Automated test protocol for a series of voltage dips (suitable for PHIL and CHIL simulation)

- Verification with well-known FRT behaviour of existing components

Use Case 2: LVRT – Ride Through Testing (PHIL/CHIL)

Proposed Network to be implemented in RT:



Ad 2) “LVRT and TIE paper - PHIL Simulation” (NTUA / AIT)

>>> Presentation Panos (NTUA)

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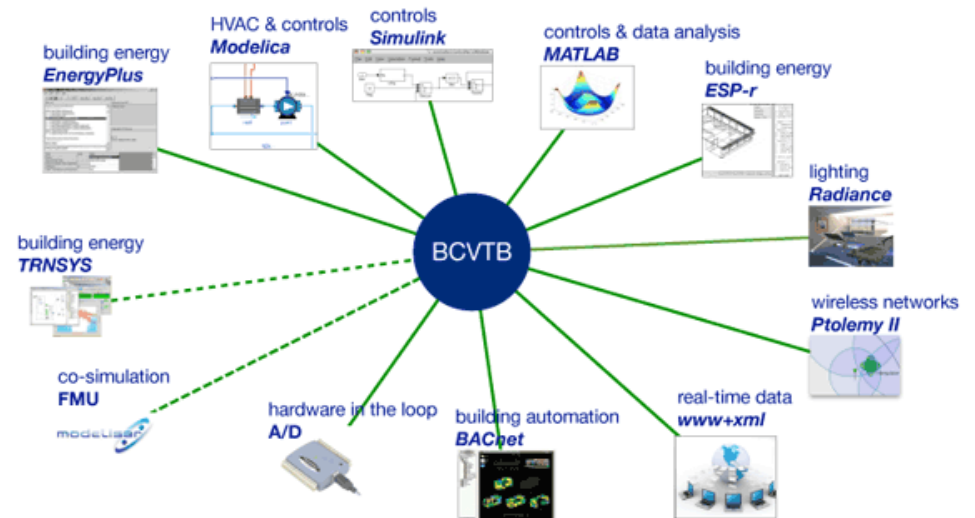
Use Case 3: ICT – Communication emulation (CoSim, CHIL)

Proposed Test Scenarios (ICT - Communication):

- Emulation of state-of-the-art communication test protocols (SIRFN Project ‘ Test Scenarios ... ‘, etc.)
- Simulation of remote control and control interaction of different used test protocols

→ Outlook:

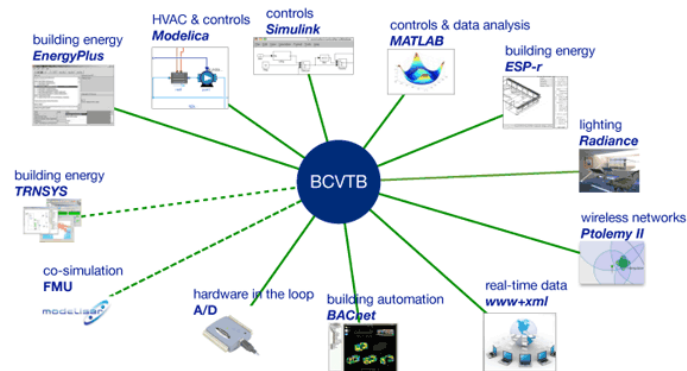
Integration of ICT Co Simulation into CHIL or even PHIL simulation scenarios



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Use Case 3: ICT – Communication emulation (CoSim, CHIL)

- Slides from DTU (Ol. Gehrke)
- -> sorry, he's not here and couldn't make it
- ... on the agenda for the next meeting!!



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Invitation for (new) SIRFN participants

Member list: (Asia / Europe / America):

- Asia: 12 participants
- America: 4 participants
- Europe: 8 participants
- Interest (new participants):
 - NTUA (Greece - Dimeas, Kotsampopoulos)
 - DTU (Denmark – Gehrke, Bindner)
 - ...

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Conklin	U.S. Department of Energy	United States
Calin	European Distributed Energy Resources Laboratories e.V.	Germany
HIROSHI	Mitsubishi Research Institute	Japan
Heckmann	Fraunhofer IWES	Germany
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Ota	The University of Tokyo	Japan
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Crolla	University of Strathclyde	United Kingdom
Luna	Mardon Advance Trading Inc.	Philippines
Jun	AIST	Japan
LEE	EDF	Korea
Gehrke	DTU	Denmark

Next Steps: Use Cases!

Project Tasks - To be done:

- **Use Case 1: Anti Islanding Test (PHIL)**
 - Implementation in PHIL simulation
 - Verification with conventional testing ($f_{\text{resonance}}$, voltage/current waveforms, etc...)

- **Use Case 2: Fault Ride Through FRT (P/CHIL)**
 - Implementation in PHIL simulation
 - Verification with conventional testing by means of
 - Impedance network
 - Grid simulator with normative grid impedance

- **Use Case 3: Communication Control Testing (CoSim, P/CHIL)**
 - Implementation in CoSim or P/CHIL simulation
 - Verification of the remote and control capability communication protocols integrated in DER networks

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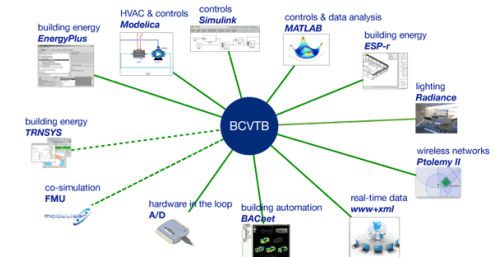
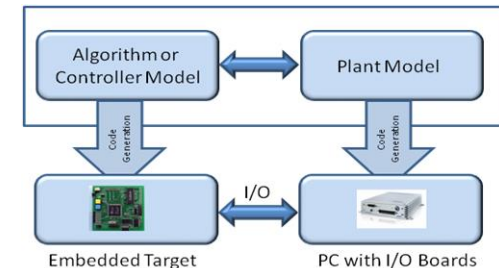
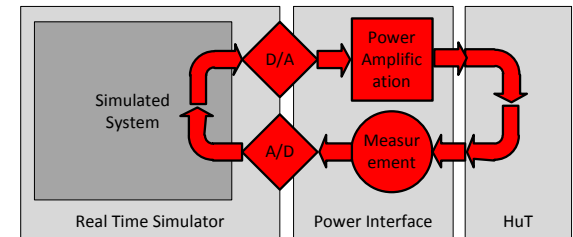


Notes:

- Laboratory equipment
 - AC/DC Simulators
 - Measurement systems
 - Digital Real-time simulator (DRTS)

- Methods (Know-How)
 - PHIL
 - CHIL
 - CoSimulation

- Use Cases (Experiences)
 - Mentioned use cases
 - others



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