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## RESEARCH CHALLENGES IN MICROGRID TECHNOLOGIES

### **MicroGrid**

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**MicroGrid Research programme: [www.microgrids.et.aau.dk](http://www.microgrids.et.aau.dk)**



## Microgrid Research Programme and Laboratories

## Microgrid Projects

## Microgrid Research Activities



# Denmark



<b>Površina</b>	
Danska	42,894 km <sup>2</sup>
Grenland	2,166,086 km <sup>2</sup>
Farski otoci	1,399 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Stanovništvo</b>	5,580,413
Grenland	57,695
Farski otoci	49,483
<b>Površina</b>	
Hrvatska	56,594 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Stanovništvo</b>	4,290,612

- *Tečaj je danska kruna (1 DKK= 1.01 HRK)*
- *Razdoblje dnevnog svjetla varira od 7 sati zimi do 18 sati ljeti*
- *121 padalinskih dana u godini*
- *28% energije dolazi iz vjetroagregata*
- *Oko 80% stanovništva su protestanti*
- *Stopa nezaposlenosti je 7.7%*

<b>GDP - Hrvatska</b>	
Ukupno	\$ 63,842 milijardi
Po stanovniku	\$ 14,457
<b>GDP - Danska</b>	
Ukupno	\$ 333,238 milijardi
Po stanovniku	\$ 59,928



# Aalborg University

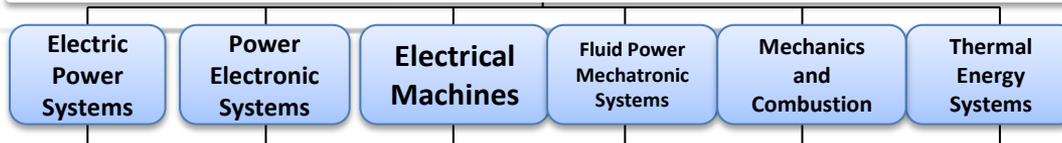
**Aalborg University** was created with the establishment of a number of new faculties in **1974**. Aalborg University is characterised by its education form of **Problem Based Project (PBL)** – also known as the **Aalborg model**. The number of students is around 15,000.





# Institute of Energy Technology

## Organisation – Department of Energy Technology



**John K. Pedersen**  
*Head of the Institute of Energy Technology, Aalborg University.*

- **Approximately 40 faculty members**
- **Approximately 70 PhD students**
- **Approximately 250 students**
- **Approximately 20 TAPs (technical administrative employees)**
- **Approximately 50% of the turnover comes from external projects**

### Multi-disciplinary Research Programmes

Wind Turbine Systems

Fluid Power in Wind and Wave Energy

Biomass

**Microgrids**

Photovoltaic Systems

Modern Power Transmission Systems

Smart Grids and Active Networks

Fuel Cell and Battery Systems

Automotive and Industrial Drives



# MICROGRID RESEARCH PROGRAMME

## Programme Purpose

MicroGrid Research  
Programme Areas

**AC** MicroGrids

**DC** MicroGrids

- ✓ Modeling
- ✓ Control & Operation
- ✓ Energy Storage
- ✓ Protection
- ✓ Power Quality
- ✓ Standard-based ICT
- ✓ Networked Control
- ✓ EMS & Optimization
- ✓ Multi-Agents



# MICROGRID RESEARCH TEAM

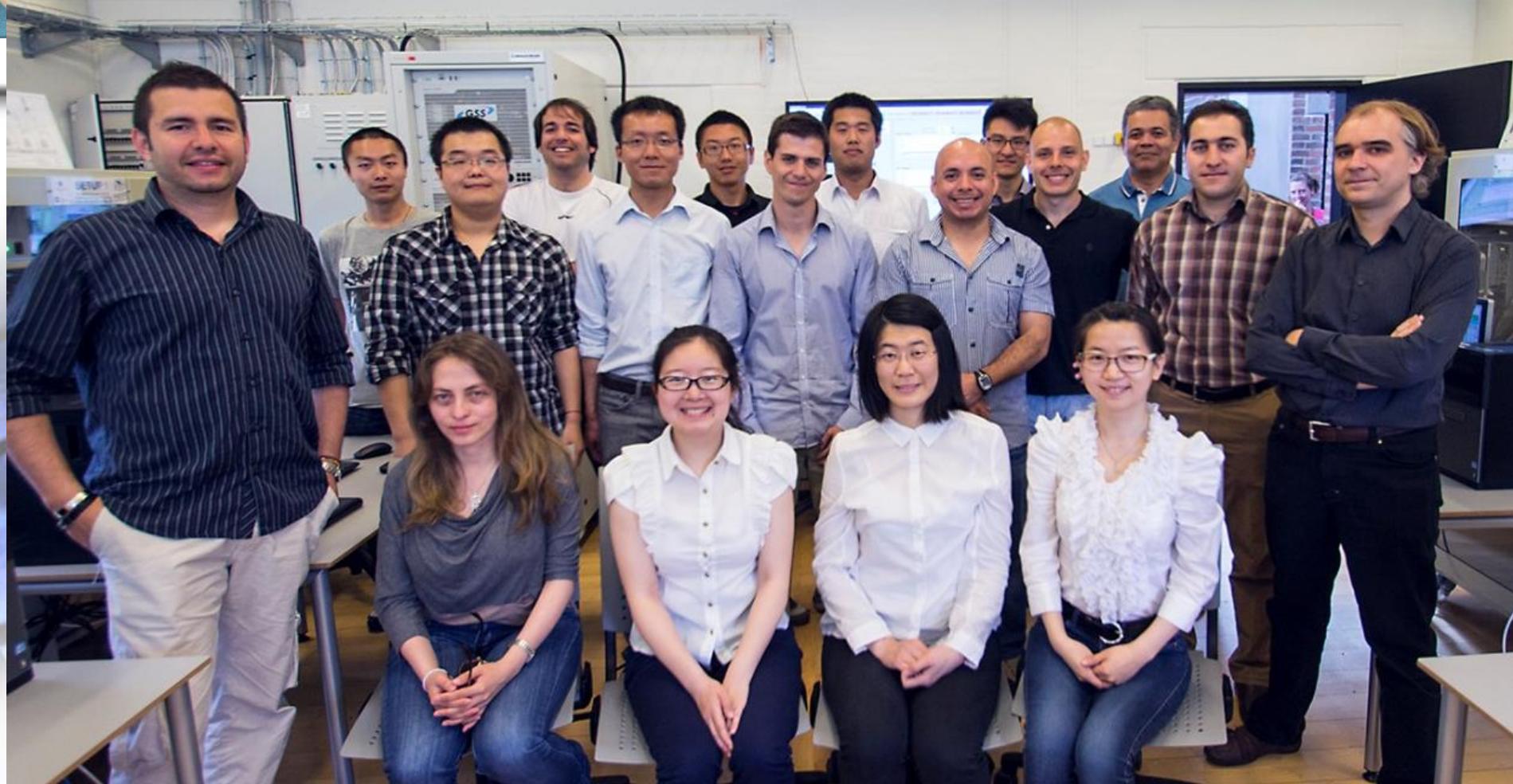
PhDs



Dan Wu  
Primary



Yajuan Guan  
Ancillary



Frejedo  
Modelling and  
Control in MGs



Savagnebi  
Power Quality  
in MGs



AC/DC  
Hybrid MG



Moghaddam  
EMS  
PhD  
Guests



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# ZANIMLJIVI PODACI

**Faculty of Engineering and Science** – organiziran u 12 zavoda koji obuhvaćaju razne klasične (matematika, kemija, fizika, strojarstvo) i moderne discipline (nanotehnologije, energetske tehnologije). Fakultet je najveći od svih koji djeluju u sklopu sveučilišta i broji oko 5000 studenata i 1800 zaposlenika.

## **Najistaknutije smjernice istraživanja:**

- Obnovljivi izvori energije: Većina istraživanja sa odvija u sklopu zavoda za energetske tehnologije, **Department of Energy Technology** (<http://www.et.aau.dk>).
- ICT: Sveučilište uzlaže značajna sredstva u razvoj ICT sektora zbog jednostavnog transfera predloženih rješenja iz akademije u industriju. **Department of Computer Science** (<http://www.cs.aau.dk/>) i **Department of Electronic Systems** (<http://www.es.aau.dk/>).

## **Primanja zaposlenika (bruto u DKK):**

- Redoviti profesori: 51,513,17 + 8,689.43
- Izvanredni profesori: 34,359.42 + 8,689.43
- Docenti: 34,359.42 + 4,873.60
- Post-Doc: od 28,197.67 do 32,389.33 + 4,873.60
- PhD student: 28,197.67 + 1,257.86

\* *Akadska zvanja u Danskoj nisu trajna, maksimalno trajanje ugovora je 6 godina. Dva puta godišnje svaki je zaposlenik dužan podnijeti izvještaj o rezultatima svoga rada.*



# *ET Intelligent MicroGrid Laboratory*

**Every setup is able to emulate a multi-converter low-voltage Microgrid, local and energy management control programmed in dSPACE real-time control platforms.**

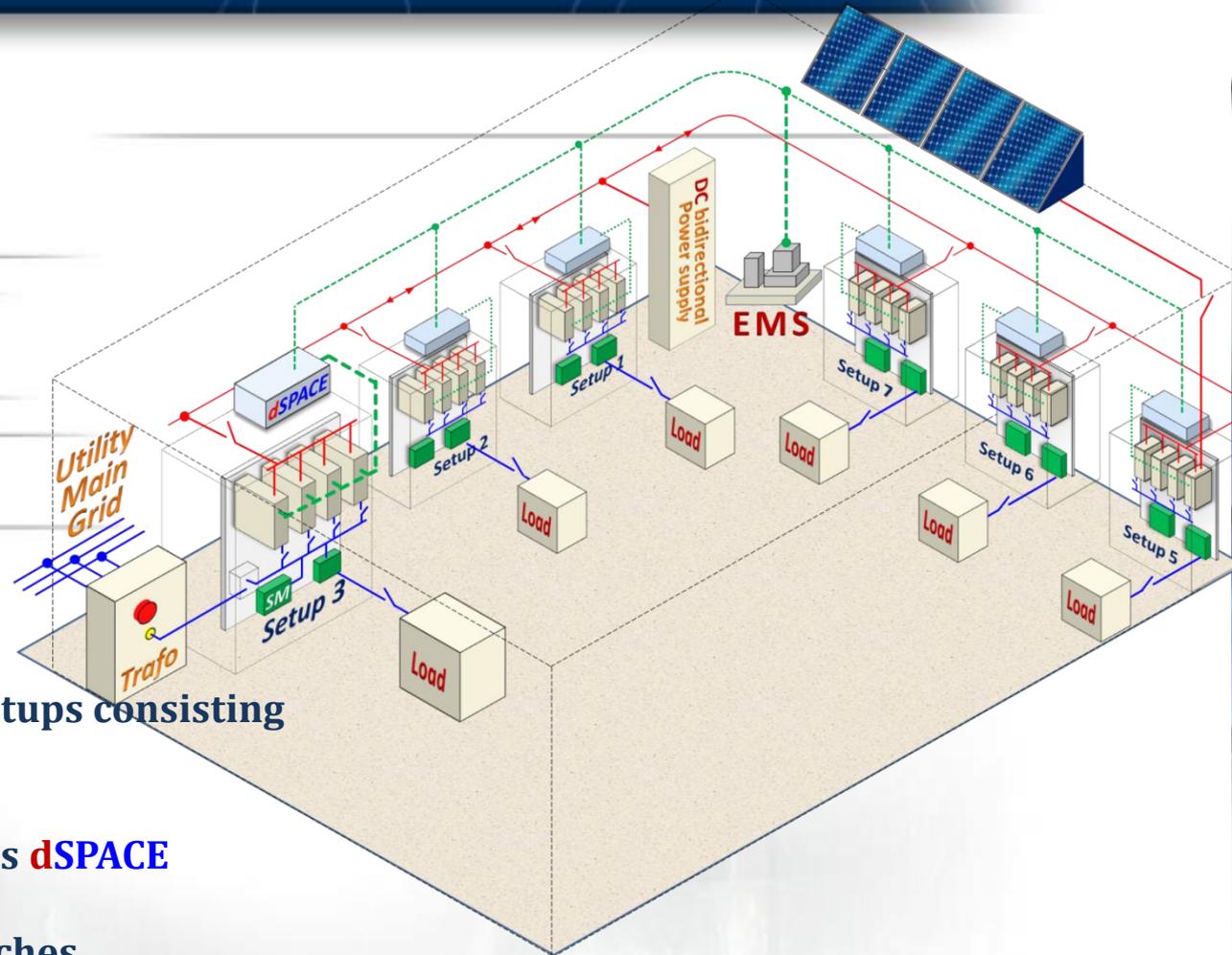
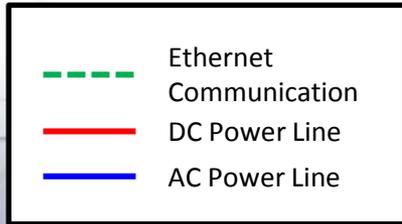




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# AAU Intelligent MicroGrid Laboratory

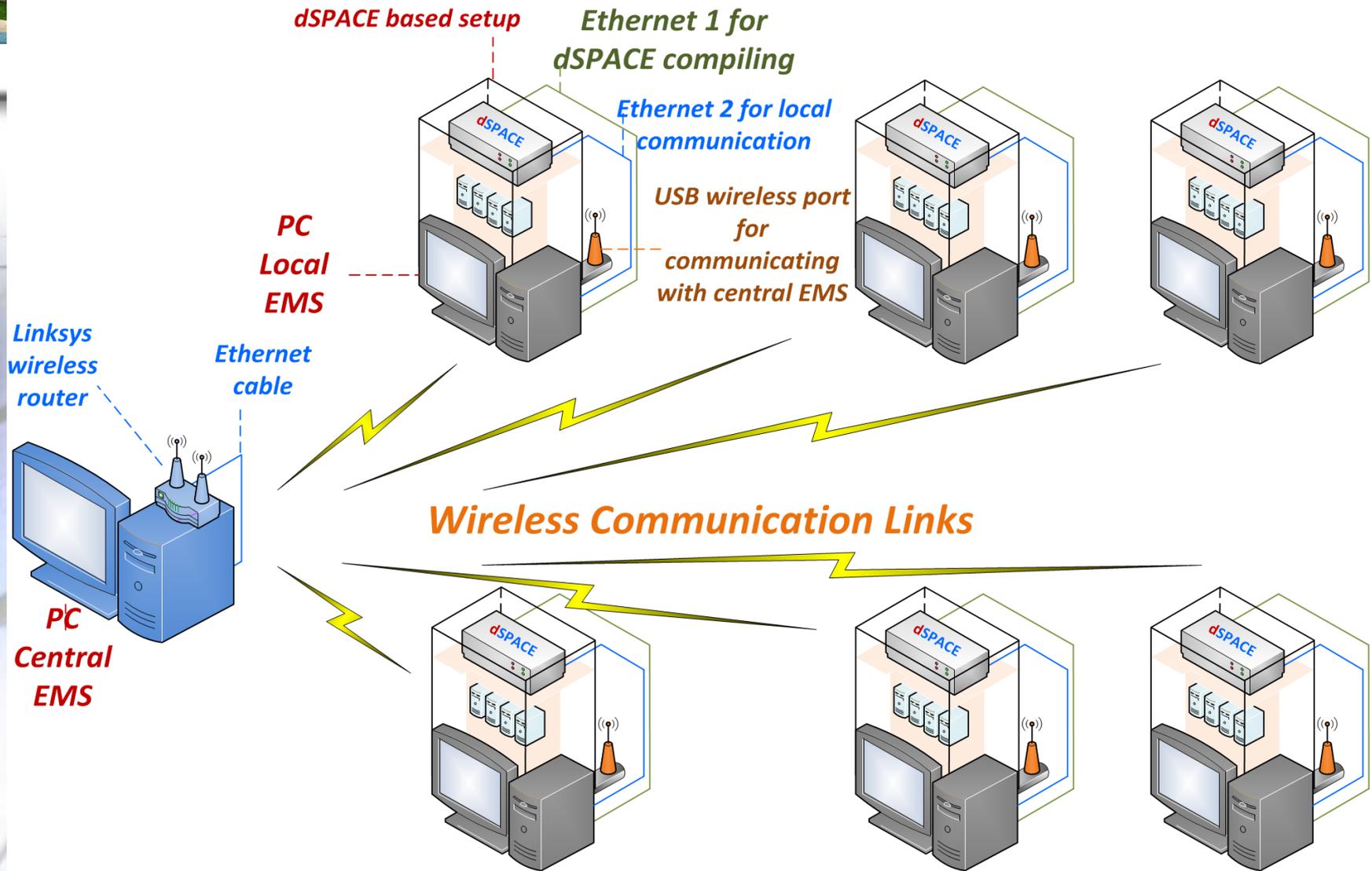


The laboratory is based on **6** Setups consisting of:

- **24** DC-AC converters
- **6** real-time control platforms **dSPACE**
- L-C-L filters
- Motorized change-over switches
- Smart-meters.



# ET Intelligent MicroGrid Laboratory





# Microgrid Central Controller – EMS in labview

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LAB OVERVIEW | MG Platform 1 | MG Platform 2 | MG Platform 3 | MG Platform 4 | MG Platform 5 | MG Platform 6 | MG Platform 7

## 007

### Islanded MG Unbalance Comp.

**PCC Voltage 7**

**DC link Voltage 7**

**System Status**

**Protection** ●

**Vdc** 656.41 V

Unbalanced Load 1 7

Grid

Load 2 7

**PCC**

LCL

LCL

LCL

LCL

Inverter 1

Inverter 2

Inverter 3

Inverter 4

dSPACE

### Voltage Unbalance Information

**VpccNd\_chart**

VpccNd  V

**VpccNq\_chart**

VpccNq  V

**VUF\_chart**

VUFpcc  %

**Vpcc\_chart**

Vpcc  Vrms

### Unbalance Compensation Secondary Control

**Comp. Activation**

▶ Play  reset comp. ctrl

VUF on PCC  %

Reference Value  %

**PID gains**

URef     proportional gain (Kc)

LoopStep     integral time (Ti, min)

   derivative time (Td, min)

**Input and setpoint**



# Smart grid in Denmark – The Omnia Project

**MULTICAL®**  
Smart Meters  
for water



**MULTICAL®**  
Smart meters  
for district heating



**OMNIPOWER**  
Smart meters  
for electricity



**OMNICON**  
Wireless communication  
to in-house displays



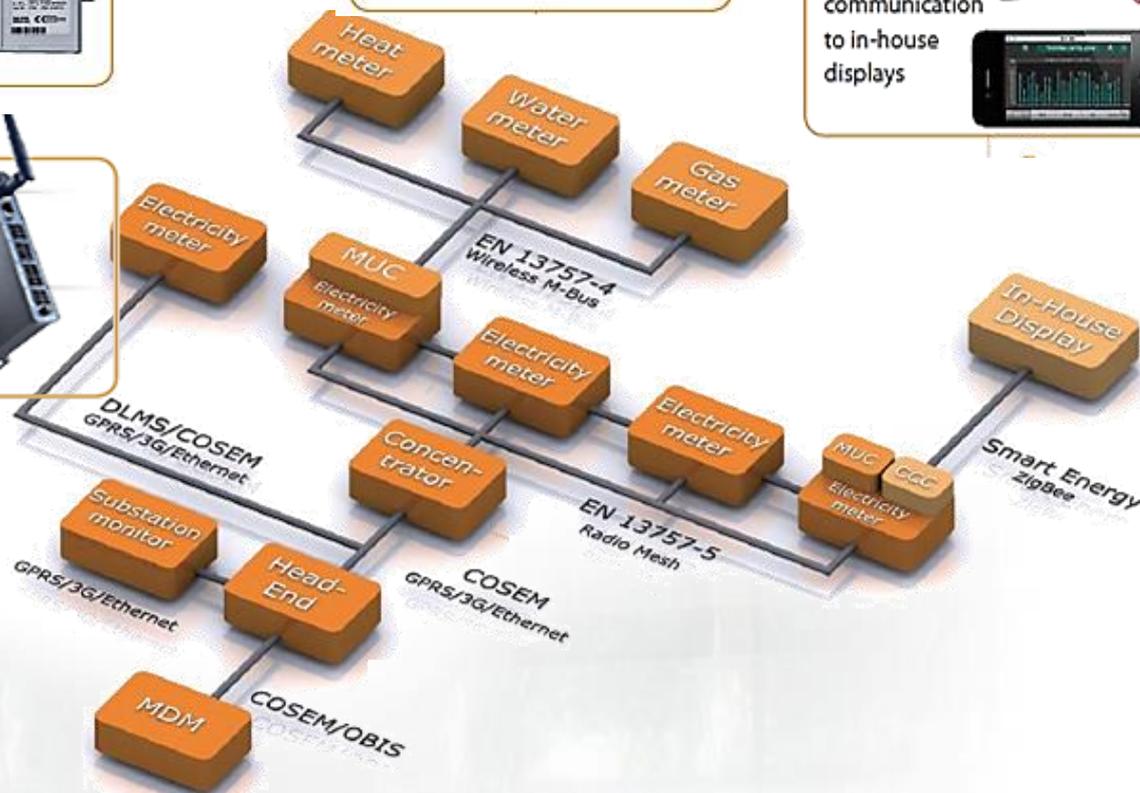
**OMNISOFT**  
VisionAir  
software for data  
management  
and storage



**OMNICON**  
UtiliKeeper®  
for costeffective  
substation  
monitoring



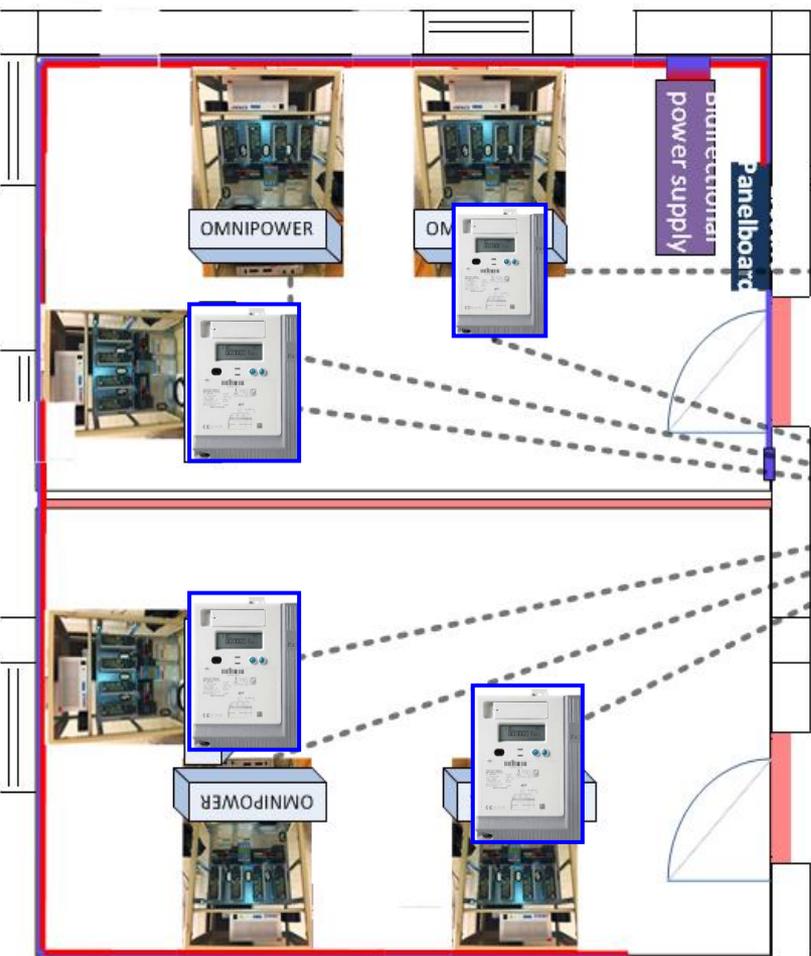
**OMNICON**  
Data concentrator  
for communication  
infrastructure  
management





# Smart grid in Denmark – Omnia Project

□ Kamstrup Omnia scheme in iMGlub



In-House Display

Smart Energy Zigbee

**MGCC EMS**

EN 13757-5  
Radio Mesh

OMNICON

COSEM  
GPRS/3G/Ethernet



2G/3G

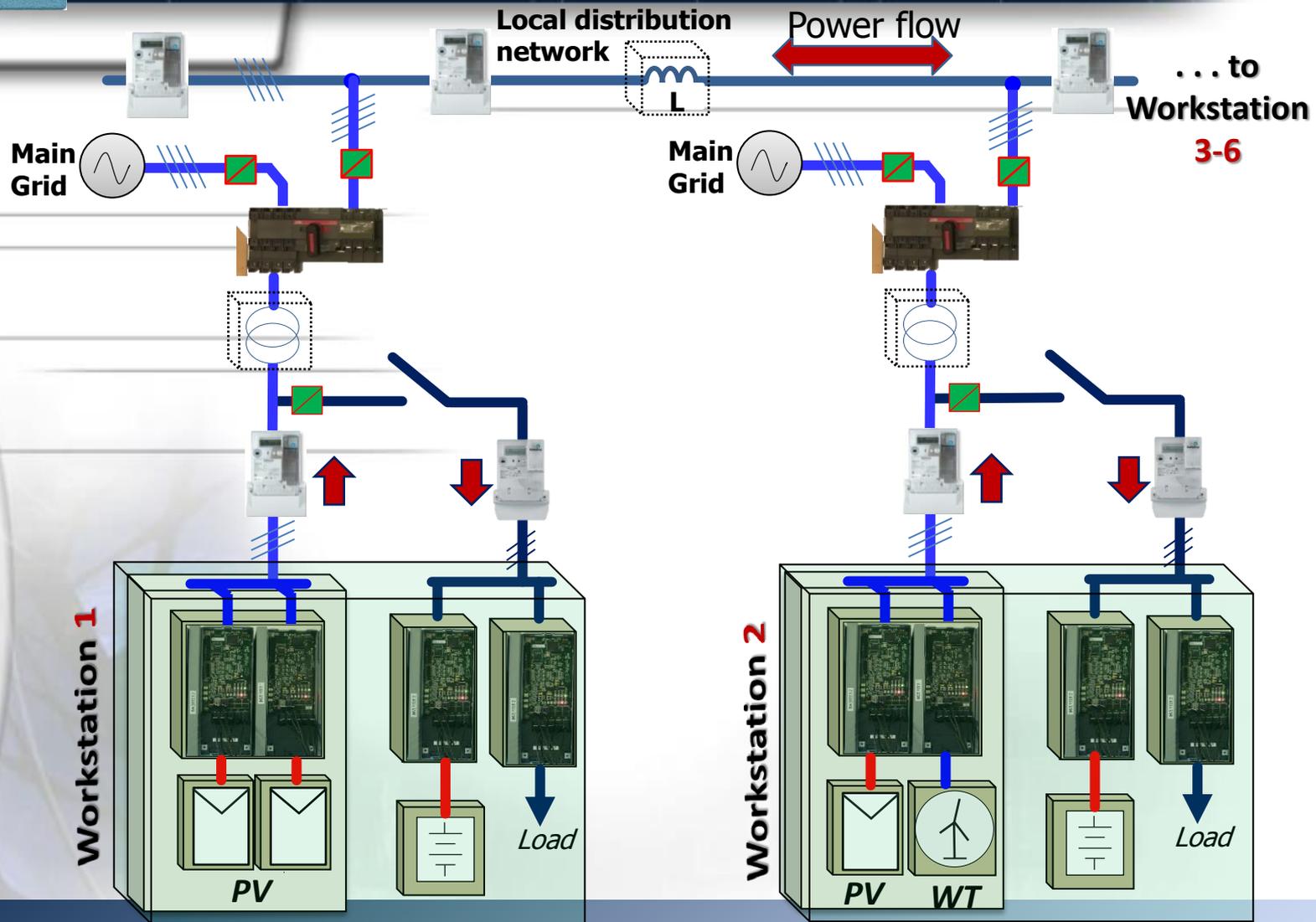


— AC power line  
— DC power line





# Case Study DES-ET AAU





# Experimental test - DSPACE 1006

AC MG COURSE  
Fall 2012

## Distributed Secondary Control of an Islanded MicroGrid

Inverter 1 + Inverter 2 + Load

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### Active Power Control

0.00080    0.00080

m1    n1

m2    n2

### Reactive Power Control

0.1600    0.1600

n1    n2

▶ Start Synch.    ▶ Stop Synch.

### Synchronization Process

### System Measurements

V1 RMS (V)	I1 RMS (A)	Vdc (V)
32367	-----	64728
V2 RMS (V)	I2 RMS (I)	Freq. (Hz)
32367	32367	4997

### Frequency Restoration for both DGs

DELTA F1: 0.00  
DELTA F2: -0.00  
DELTA E1: -1.19  
DELTA E2: 1.20

### Amplitude Restoration for both DGs

### Active power for both DGs

DeltaP (VAR): 0.35  
DeltaQ (VAR): 0.52

### Reactive power for both DGs

### Secondary Control (Frequency)

0.00050    2.0000

Kof    KfE

Kif    KfE

### Secondary Control (Voltage Amplitude)

0.00050    1.0000

KpE    KfE

KfE    KfE

### Secondary Control (Reactive Power)

0.1500

KfQ

### Communication Delay

0.000

Delay

### Inverter 1

▶ Start    ▶ Stop    RST HW TRIP

### Inverter 2

▶ Start    ▶ Stop    RST HW TRIP

▶ Start Droop 1    ▶

▶ Start Droop 2    ▶

### Droop Voltage Reference (E)

E

### Voltage and Frequency Deviations

E1d    E2d

F1    F2

### Distributed Secondary Control

▶ Start    ▶ Stop

PPC - threepgpi - MainData

Start    Settings...

100 %    Length: 20

Auto Repeat    Downsampling: 5

Trigger Signal

On/Off

Level: 0    Delay: 0

Select trigger signal

VR1

VR2

VgR

Real-time control and monitoring platform through *Control-Desk*

Electrical schemes from Matlab simpowersystem library are directly compiled into C code and downloaded to the dSPACE



# MicroGrids Courses



Industrial/PhD course on  
**AC Microgrids**  
in Theory and Practice

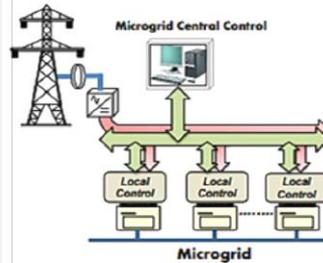
**AC** Microgrids

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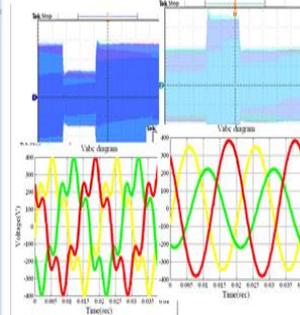
**DC** Microgrids

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**Power Quality in**  
Microgrids

Industrial/Ph.D. Course in  
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– in theory and practice



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# Microgrid research and activities

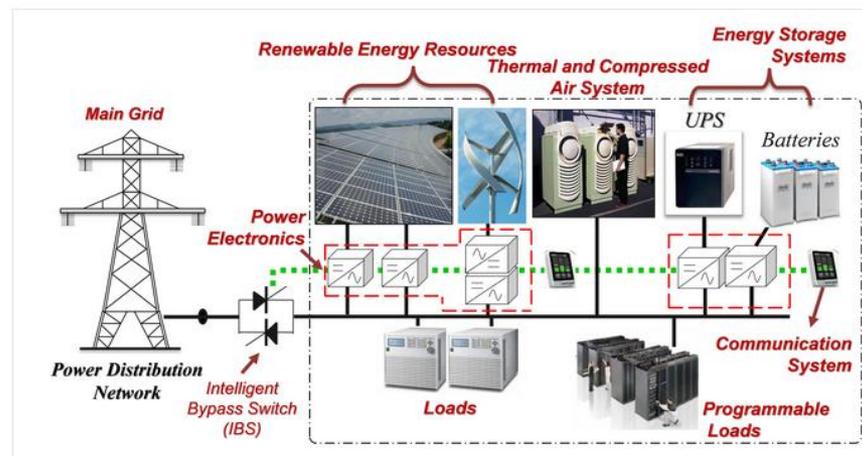


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- FUEL CELL AND BATTERY SYSTEMS
- GREEN BUILDINGS
- MICROGRIDS
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## Introduction on MicroGrids

A MicroGrid is an electrical distribution network consisted of distributed generators, local loads, and energy storage systems that can operate in grid-connected or islanded modes. Different technologies are combined together, such as power converters, control, communications, optimization, and so on. This way the energy can be generated and stored near to the consumption points, improving the stability and reducing the losses produced by the large power lines.



The MicroGrid research programme areas include AC and DC MicroGrids control and management, centralized and distributed control architectures, power quality and protections, multi agent systems, standard-based information and communication technologies, online optimization techniques and energy management systems. All of the foregoing can be also conceived within a problem based learning (PBL) education for Master, PhD students, and Industrial partners. The MicroGrid research programme is connected to other multidisciplinary programmes of the Energy Technology and the Electronic Systems departments of Aalborg University. The program also promotes national and international cooperation with universities, institutions and companies.



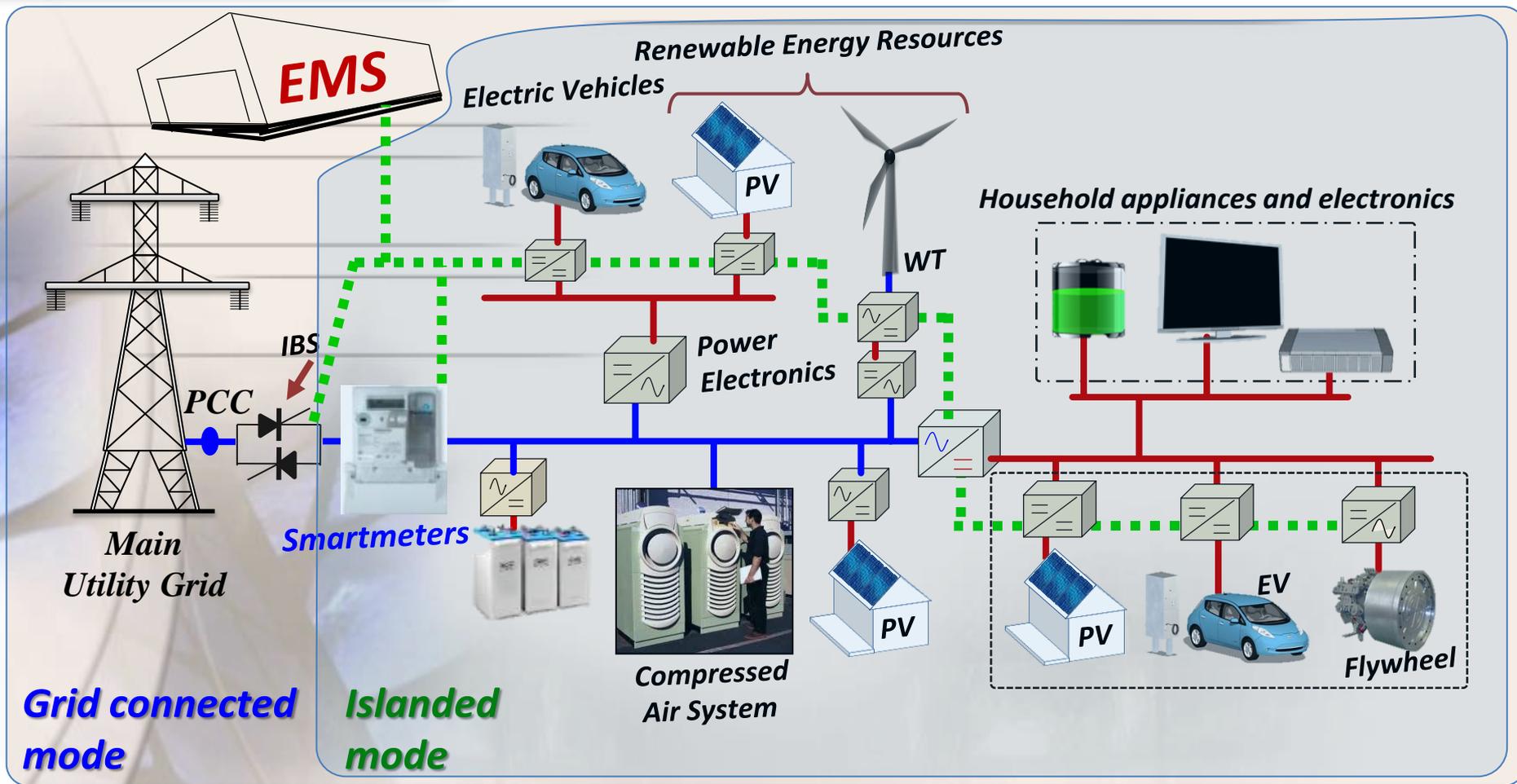


- Microgrid Research Programme and Laboratories
- Microgrid Research Activities**
- Microgrid Projects



# General aspects of a MicroGrid: "Definition and Operation"

## The concept of Microgrids





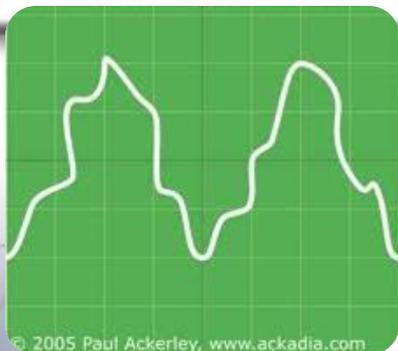
# General aspects of a MicroGrid: “Definition and Operation”

## Hierarchical Control for MicroGrids





## Issues in MicroGrids: Power Quality

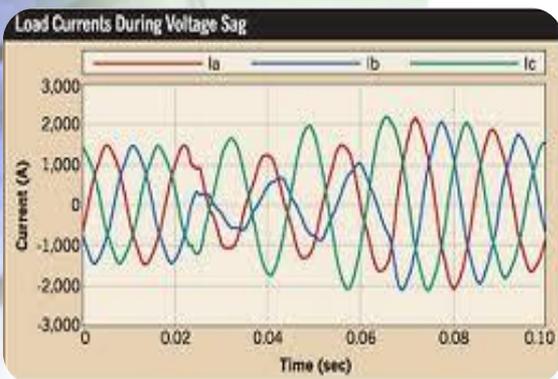


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**Problem: Harmonics in Microgrids**

**Possible solutions:**

- One DG unit could give more harmonics than another. (harmonic current sharing)
- Voltage Harmonic Reduction (Control strategies for HC)



**Problem: Unbalances in Microgrids**

**Possible solutions:**

- By means of sec. control, PCC voltage unbalances can be compensated by control signals to the primary level.
- Voltage Unbalance Compensation (Control strategies)

Test and verification that the proposed solutions follow the European power quality standards **IEC 61727** and **IEC 61000-3-6**.



## Issues in MicroGrids: *Power Quality*

### How to Coordinate harmonic/unbalance compensation?

#### The Whac-a-mole effect

##### Primary control

Harmonic virtual impedance

##### Secondary control

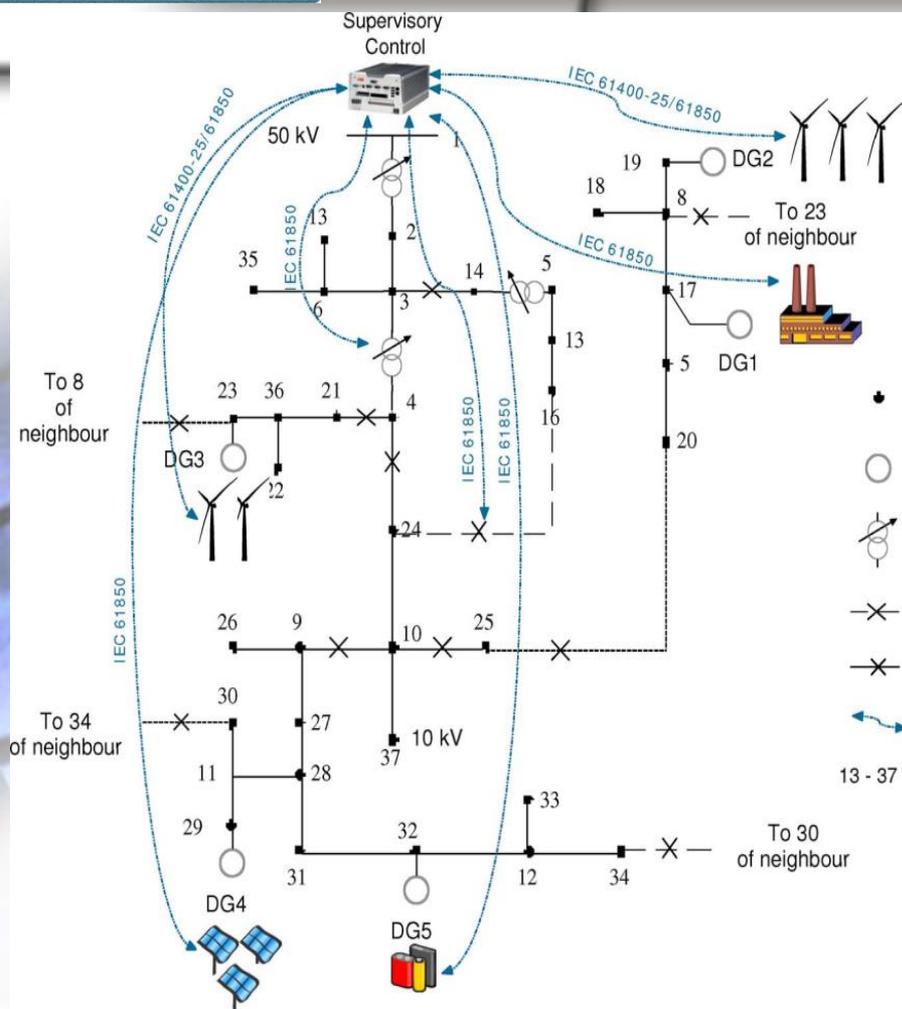
Harmonic/unbalance coordination control





# Issues in MicroGrids: *Communications*

Communication model provided by **IEC 61850 & IEC 61400-25** to describe the physical devices in the network model.



- Study meter-bus technology solutions to integrate smart meters and data concentrators according to EN13757.
- Develop different levels of communications architectures for residential AMI following IEC61968-9 (interface standard for meter reading and control).
- Integrate smart meters and data concentrators in different levels of wireless and meshed network architectures, according to EN13757-5 (standard for radio mesh meter-bus) and EN13757-4 (wireless meter-bus).

*Timbus et Al. Management of DER Using Standarized Communications and modern Technologies*

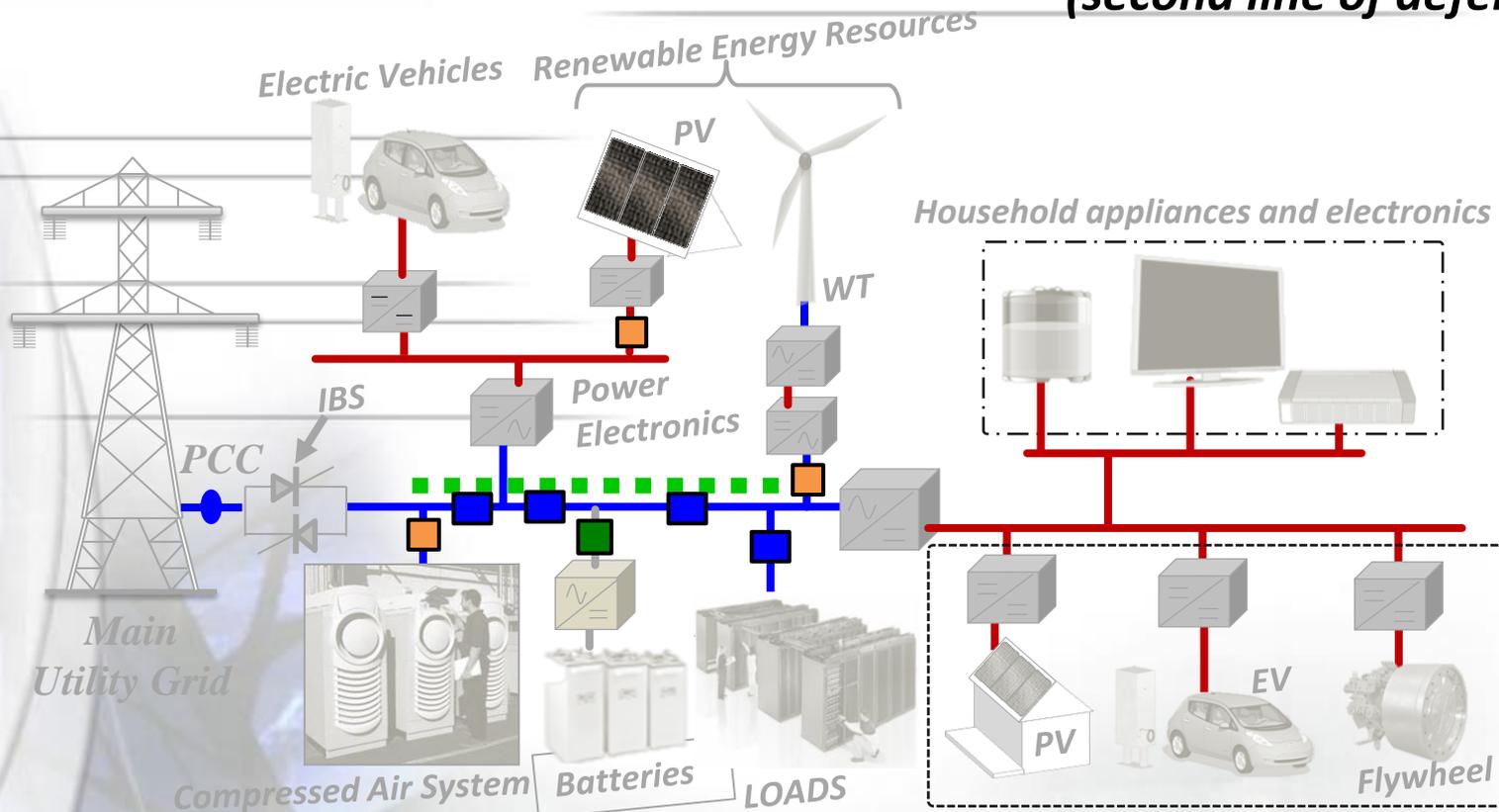


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# Issues in MicroGrids: *Protections*

■ ■ ■ ■ ■ **Ultra Fast communication link**  
(second line of defense)



**Source Protection**
 **Network Protection**
 **Bidirectional Protection**



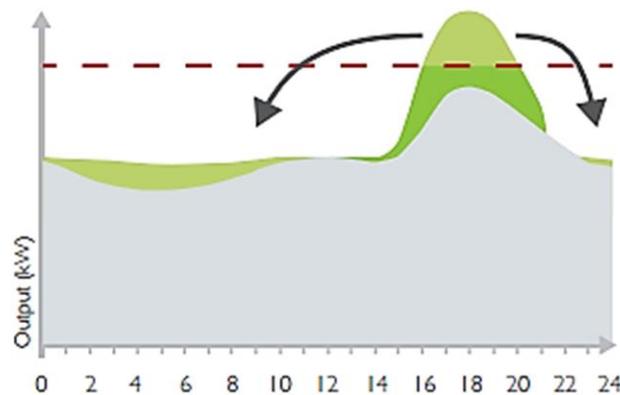


# Shifting the energy paradigm

## Smart Grid Strategy

Danish Ministry of Climate, Energy and Building

May 2013



Energy Sector

50% consumers remotely read hourly meters

Model for hourly settle and variable tariffs

Wholesale and retail markets ready to manage flexible electricity consumption

2013

2014

2015

2016

2017

2018

2019

2020

### Traditional consumer

- Passive
- Only loads – fixed by the consumer
- No storage
- Electricity/thermal energy not coupled
- Manual management
- Load-dependent power quality
- Unidirectional power flow
- Considers only local residential energy

### Future prosumer

- Active
- Shiftable loads/generation
- Storage systems/EV
- EMS take care of global energy objectives
- Power quality system control
- Bidirectional power flow according to energy hourly pricing, etc.
- Considers both local-residential and global-neighborhood energy requirements



# Microgrid technologies applications in Denmark

## Potential areas

- Residential Microgrids - 2013 DK Smart Grid Strategy  
(2015 hourly electricity pricing)
- Hydrogen Communities (Vestekov, Lolland) - **IRD**
- Small remote/isolated Microgrids
- Large remote Microgrids:  
Geographical islands  
(70 habited islands in DK)



# Samsø Island : 100% Renewable Energy



**4,000 people**  
**22 villages**  
**11 x 1MW-WT**  
**10 x 2MW offshore WT**



*The turbines supply more power than the residents need— Exports 80 million kWh wind-produced electricity annually*

*Heating plant in Nordby relies on wood chips to create hot water and heat for the villagers.*

*Many rural Samsingers also install highly efficient wood boilers in their homes if they cannot be connected to one of the district heating plants.*

*70 % of the island's heat and hot water needs*

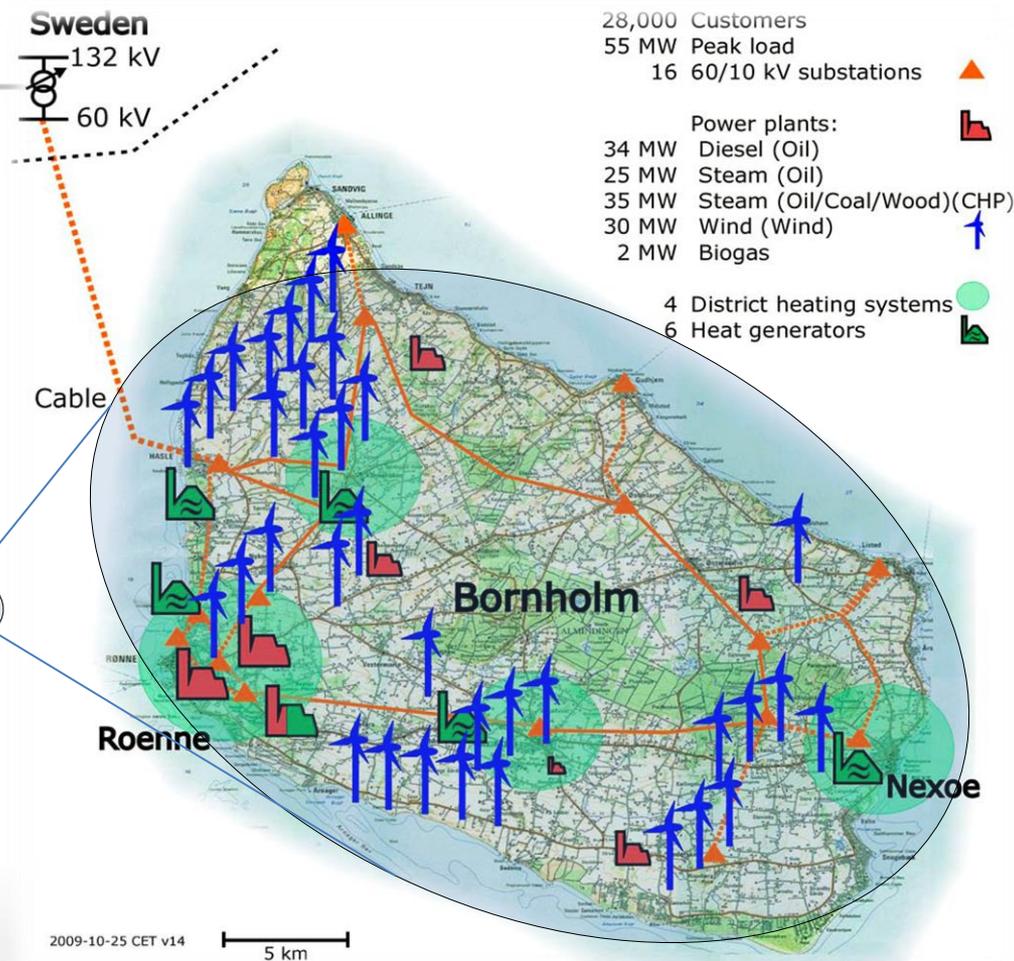




# Bornholm Island MicroGrid

**The Bornholm power system consists of the following main components:**

- 132/60 kV substation in Sweden
- Connection between Sweden and Bornholm
- 60 kV network
- 10 kV network
- 0.4 kV network
- Loads
- Customers
- Generation units
- Control room
- Communication system
- Biogas plant "Biokraft"
- District heating systems





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# *EUDP Sino-Danish project proposal*

## *Micro-Grid Technology*

### *Research and Demonstration*



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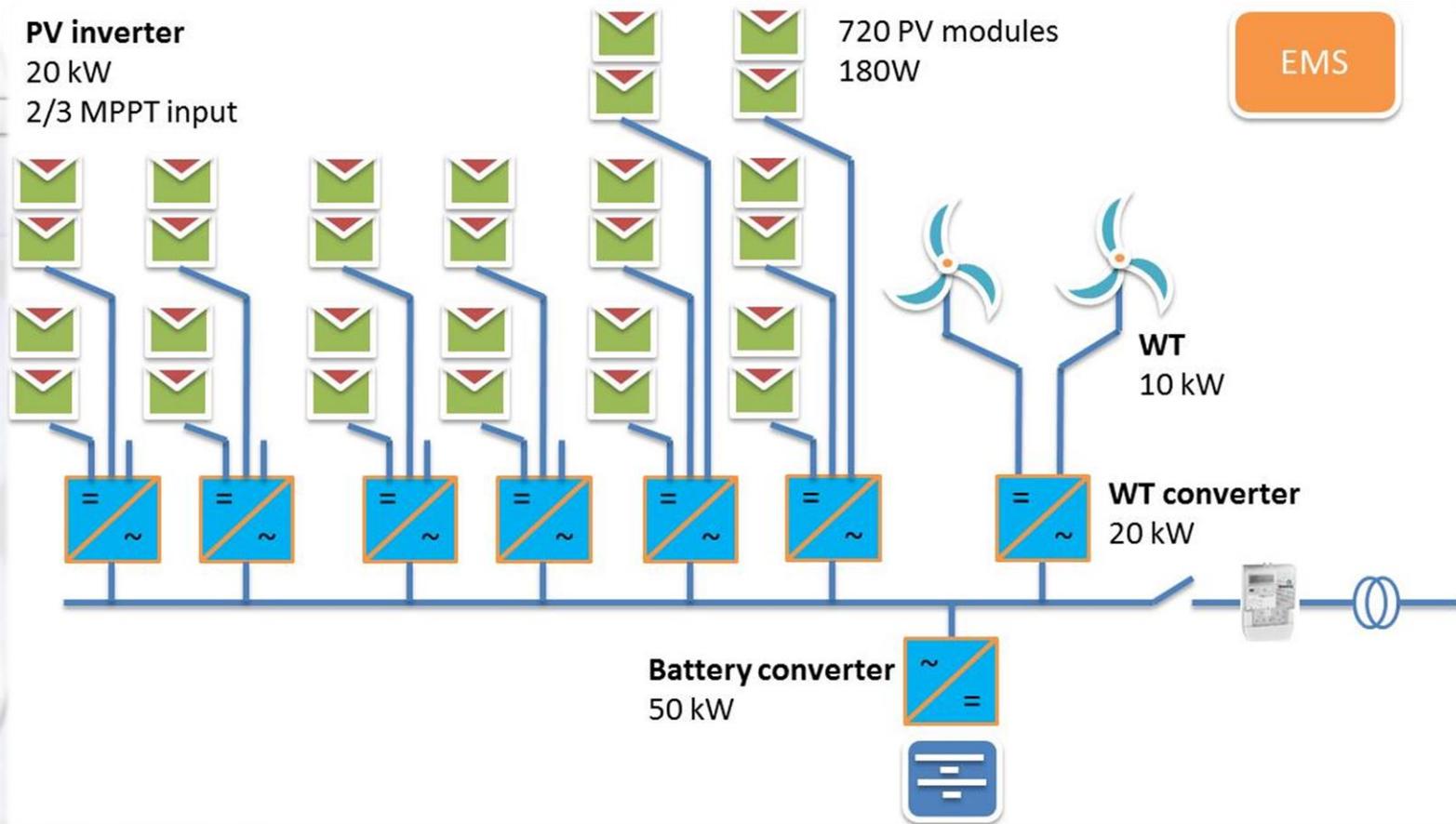
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# 200kW MicroGrid based on wind/PV/storage hybrid system





## *200kW MicroGrid based on wind/PV/storage hybrid system*



### *PV power generation subsystem*

PV array installed on the roof of **Shanghai ShenZhou** New Energy B plant, installed capacity of **130 kVA**, east-west array configuration, adopt the fixed angle best installation.



## ***200kW MicroGrid based on wind/PV/storage hybrid system***



### ***Wind power generation subsystem***

***Total wind power installed capacity: 20kVA. (2 x 10 kW Wind Turbines)***



# *200kW MicroGrid based on wind/PV/storage hybrid system*



*Battery energy storage system, power electronics and control.*



# *DSF Sino-Danish project 2014-2017*

## *Intelligent DC Microgrid Living Lab i-DClab*



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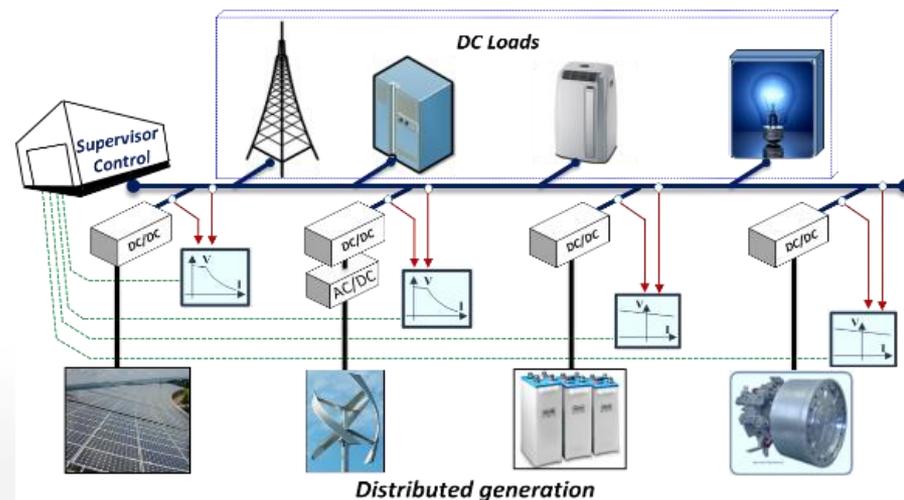
# Intelligent DC Microgrid Living Lab

- **Phase I: Design, modelling and control.**
- **Phase II: Coordination control** schemes between microgrid elements, including **communication systems** and **energy management systems** for DC microgrids.
- **Phase III: Creation of two Living Labs** as a user-centred research concept, to test innovation systems and elements that can conform a DC microgrid for different applications.

- **Home DC Microgrid Living Lab**, at AAU to research and test DC distribution for **1-2 family houses**

- **工业微网设计 Industrial DC Microgrid Living Lab**,

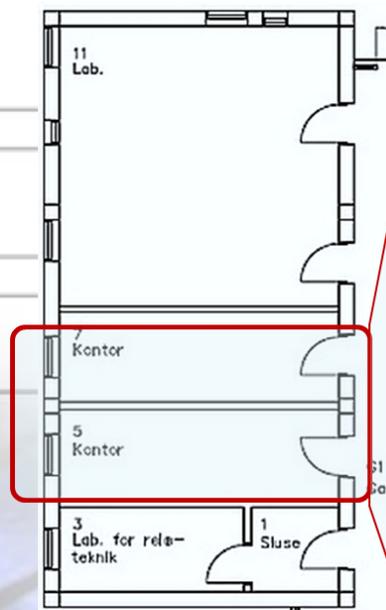
At North China Electrical Power University (China), for research, demo and test of energy solutions for commercial buildings.





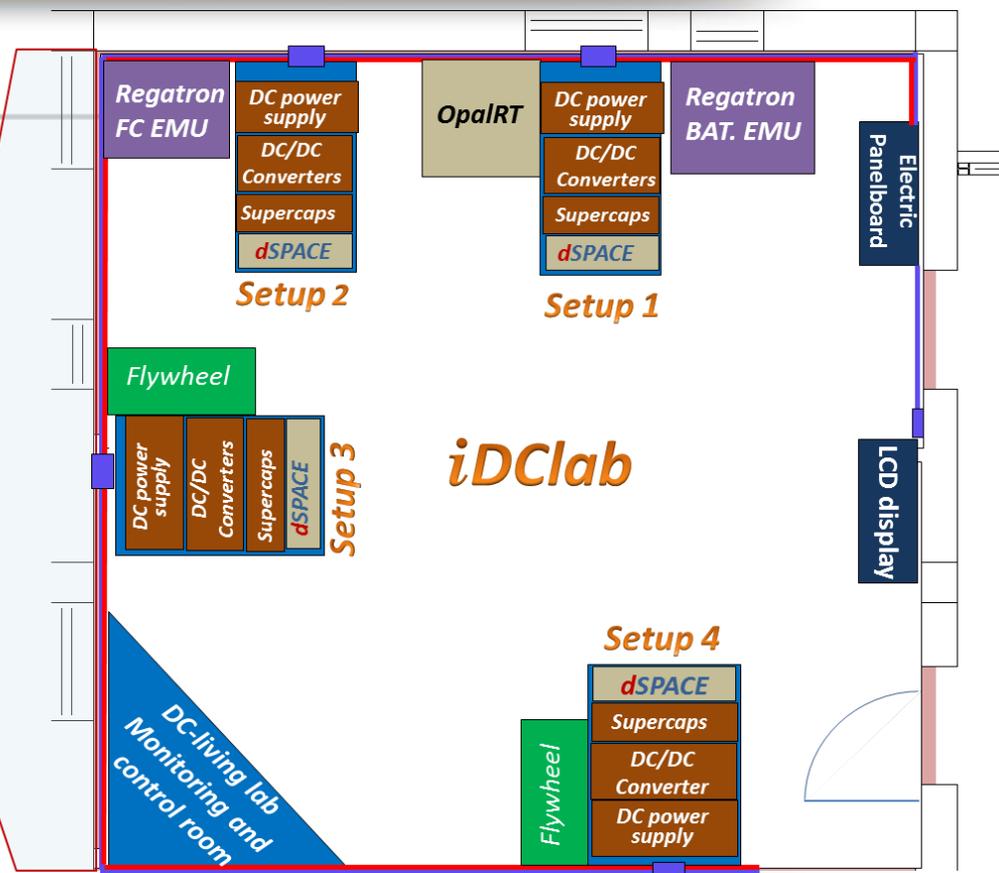
# intelligent DC living lab - iDClab

## Pon 109



### 5 Workstations

- FC emulators
- Battery emulators
- Flywheels
- Supercaps
- Dedicated DC/DC converters
- Constant power loads
- Real-time monitoring, Control and supervision



### 1 Setup for

Demonstration of DC-home with Real DC appliances.

### 4 Workstations





## *DFF project 2014-2016*

# *Future Residential LVDC Power Distribution Architectures*

*International ranked research institutions*



*And the Danish Companies*





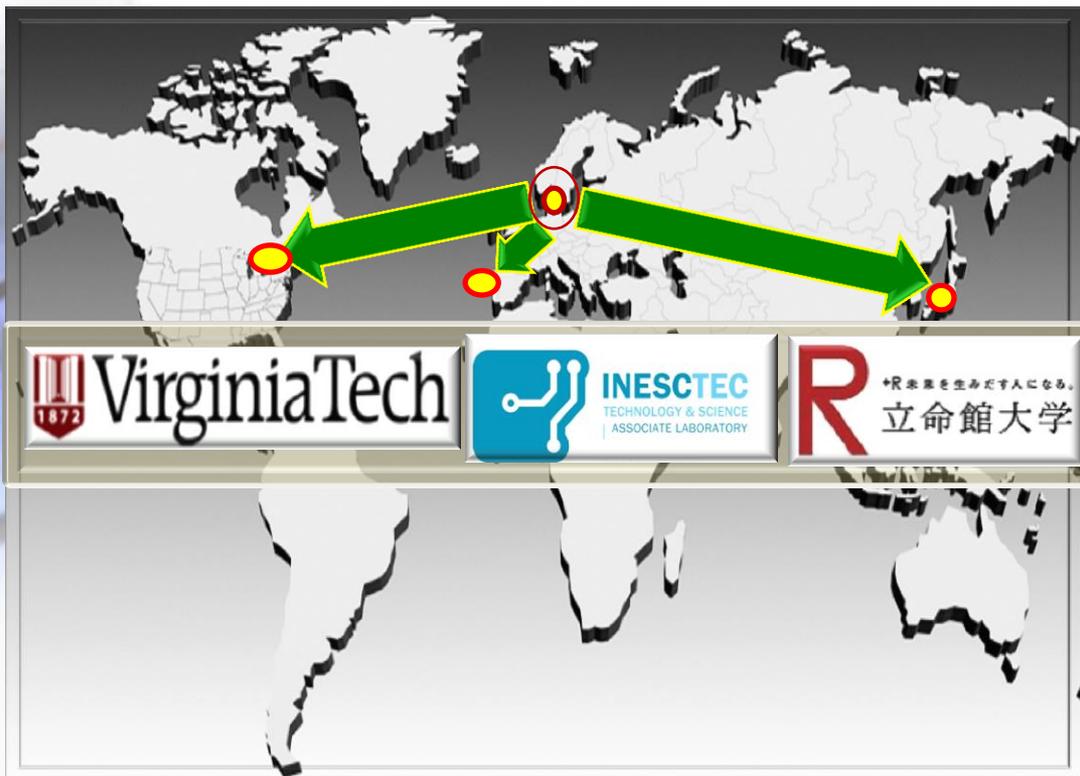
# Future Residential LVDC Power Distribution Architectures



Danish Agency for Science  
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*This project will be done in cooperation with:*

*International ranked research institutions*



*And the Danish Companies*





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*380Vdc  
Powered  
DC Home*



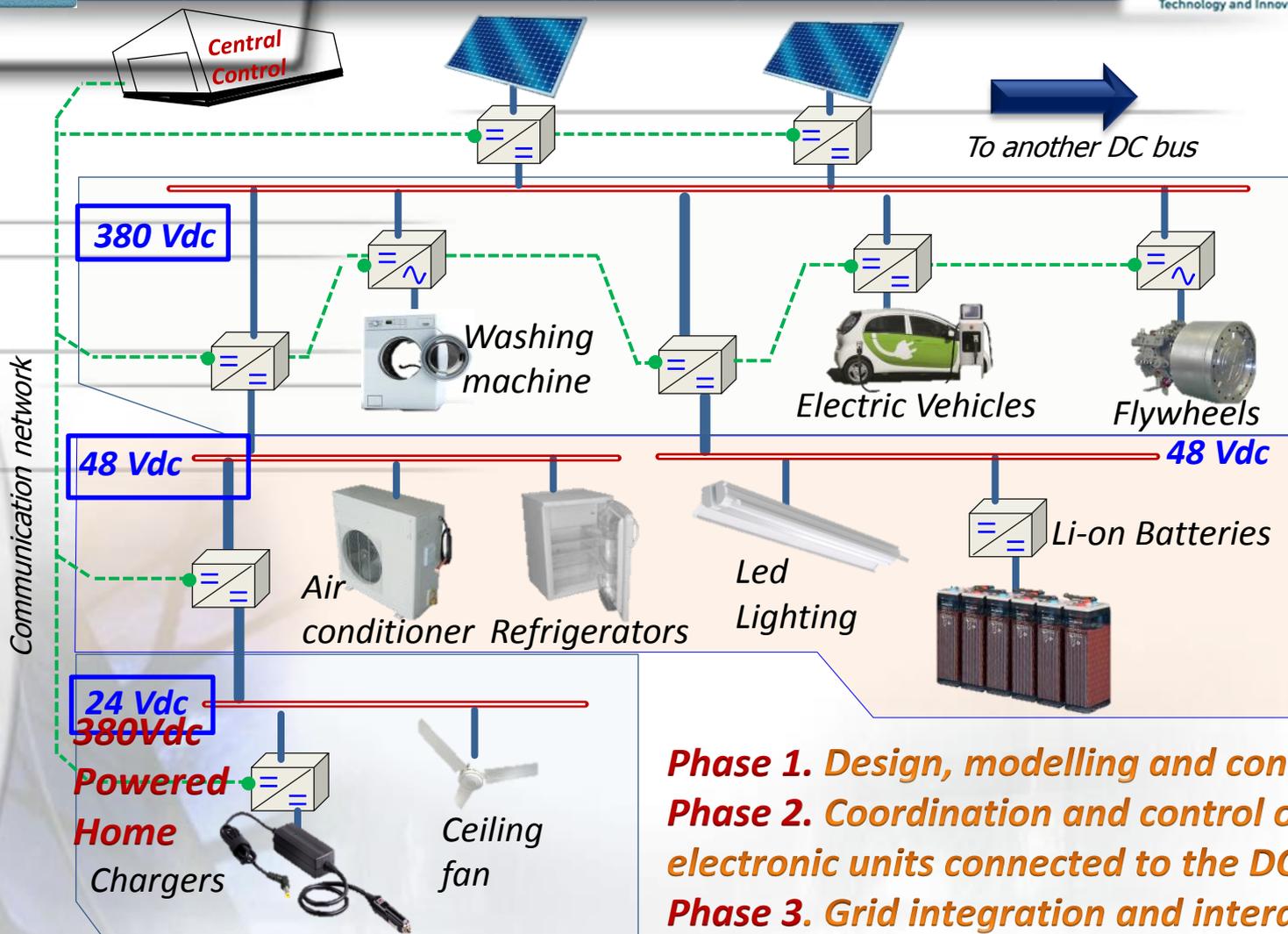
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# Future Residential LVDC Power Distribution Architectures



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- Phase 1.** Design, modelling and control
- Phase 2.** Coordination and control of power electronic units connected to the DC bus
- Phase 3.** Grid integration and interactivity

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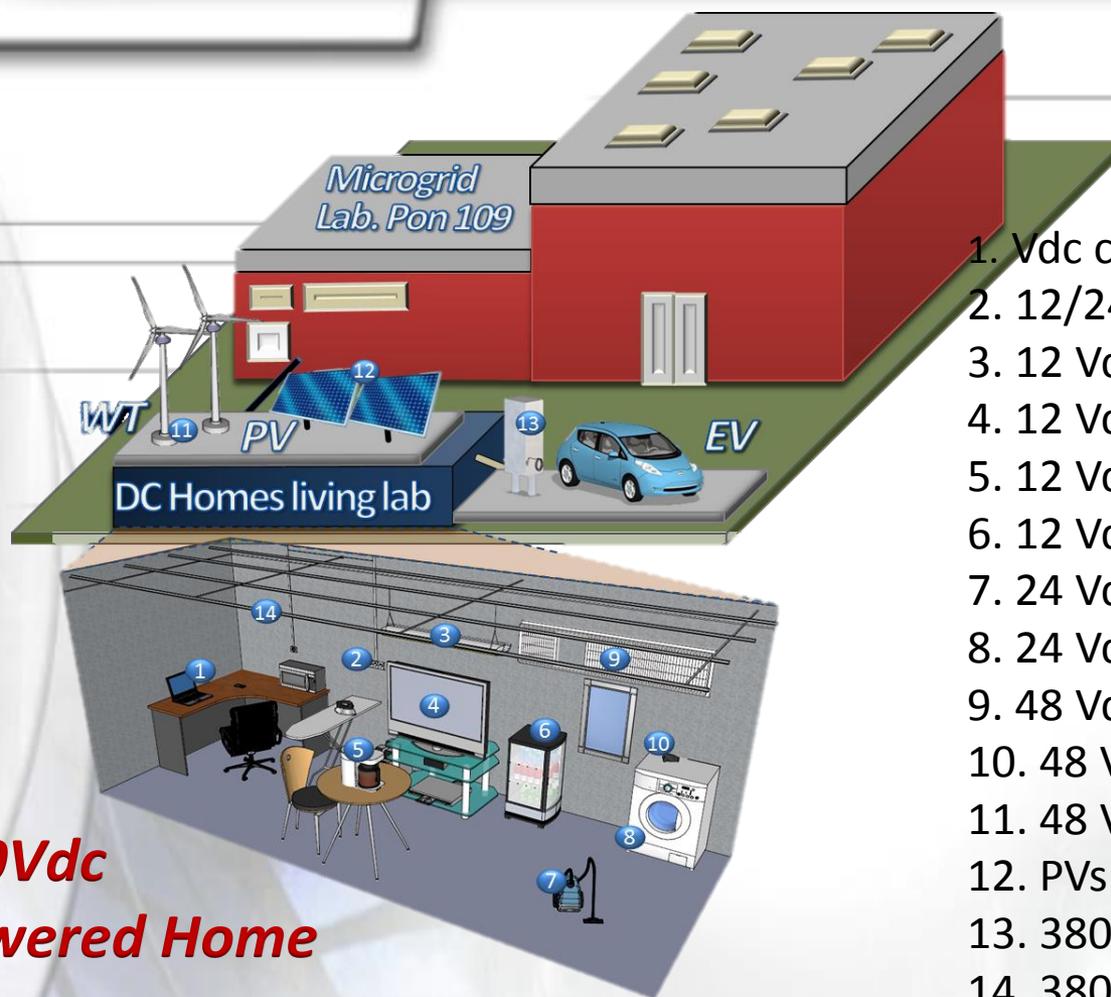




# Future Residential LVDC Power Distribution Architectures



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1. Vdc consumer electronics
2. 12/24 Vdc wall sockets
3. 12 Vdc LED lighting
4. 12 Vdc coffee maker
5. 12 Vdc refrigerator
6. 12 Vdc hair dryer
7. 24 Vdc vacuum cleaner
8. 24 Vdc home entertainment system
9. 48 Vdc washing machine
10. 48 Vdc air conditioner
11. 48 Vdc whisper wind turbine
12. PVs connected in 380vdc bus bar
13. 380vdc charger
14. 380vdc busway distribution system

**380Vdc  
Powered Home**



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# *Flexible electric vehicle charging infrastructure Flex –ChEV*



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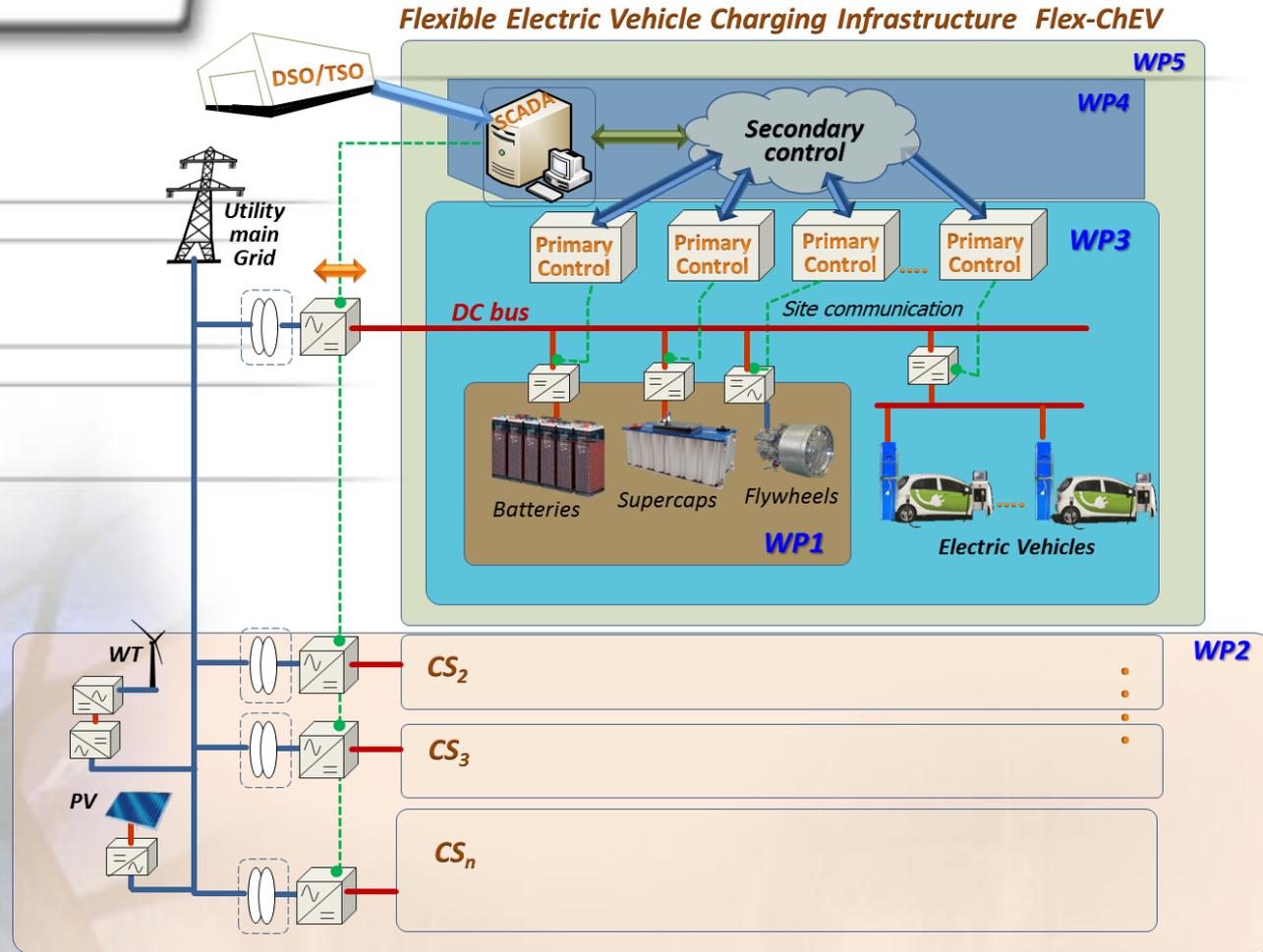


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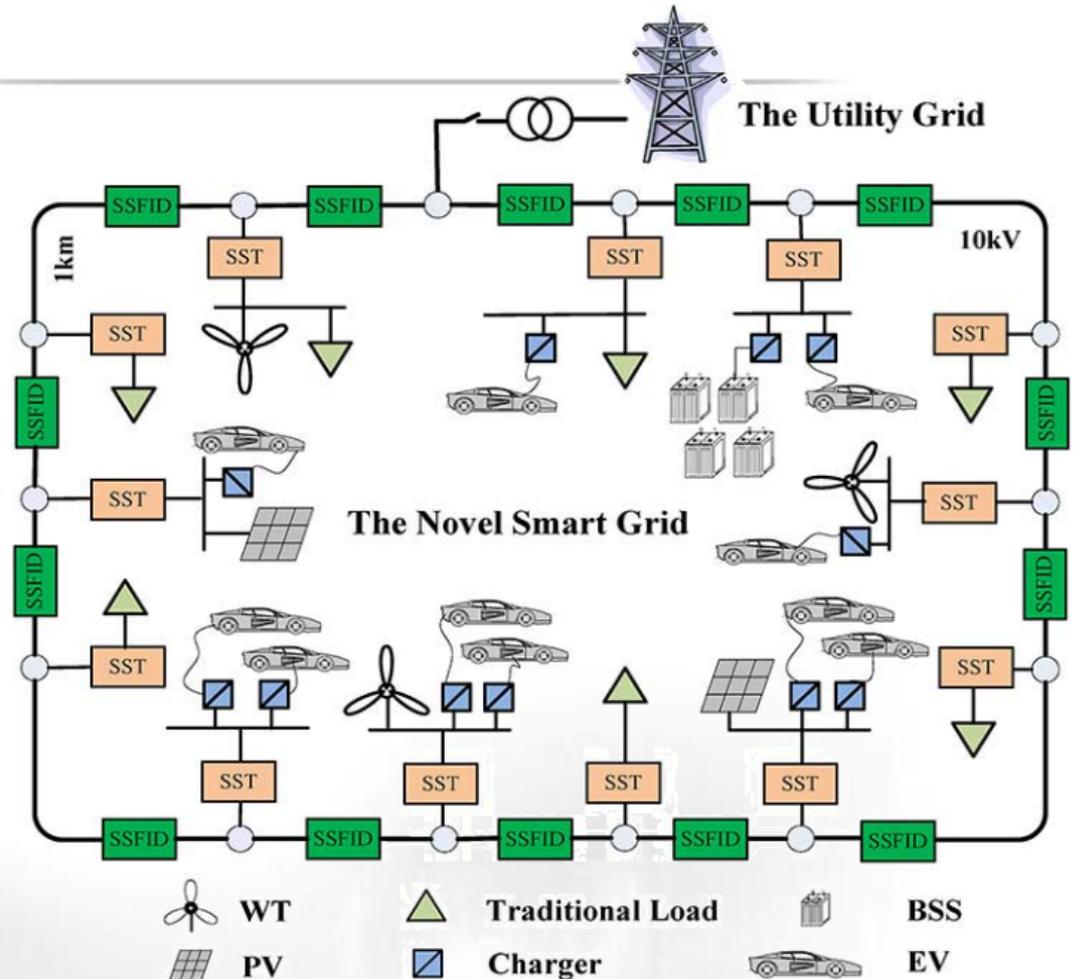


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## Functionalities of the EVCS

- ✓ P/Q coordination
- ✓ Frequency participation
- ✓ Voltage support
- ✓ Unbalance compensation
- ✓ Harmonics sharing



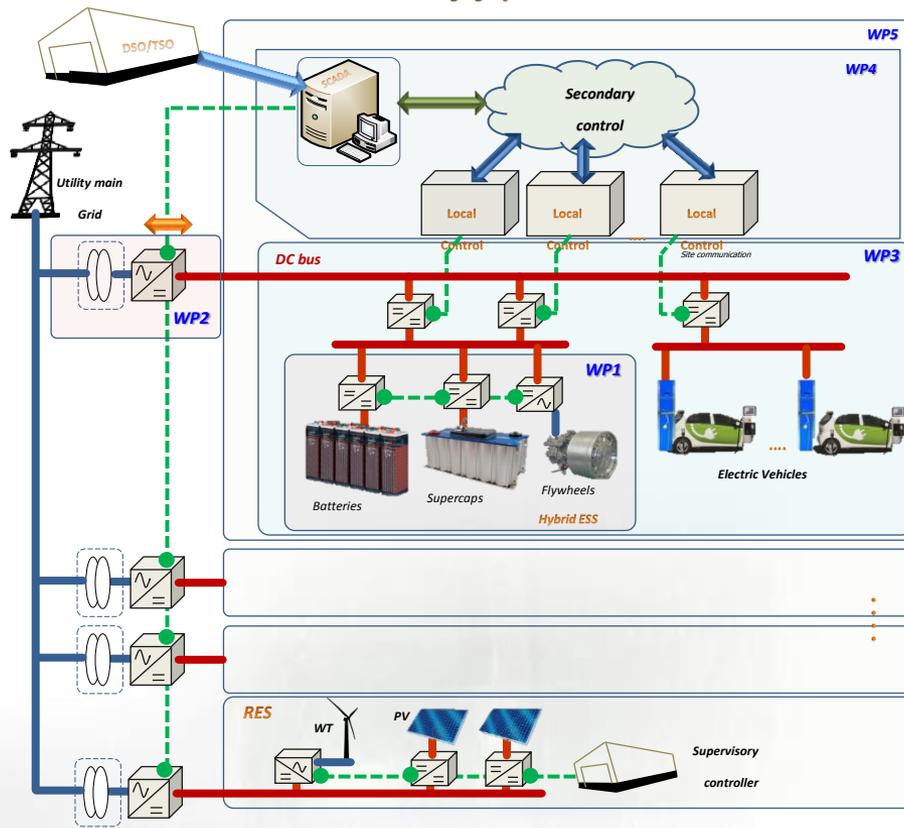


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Electric charging station in Iwate, Shizuoka, Japan.

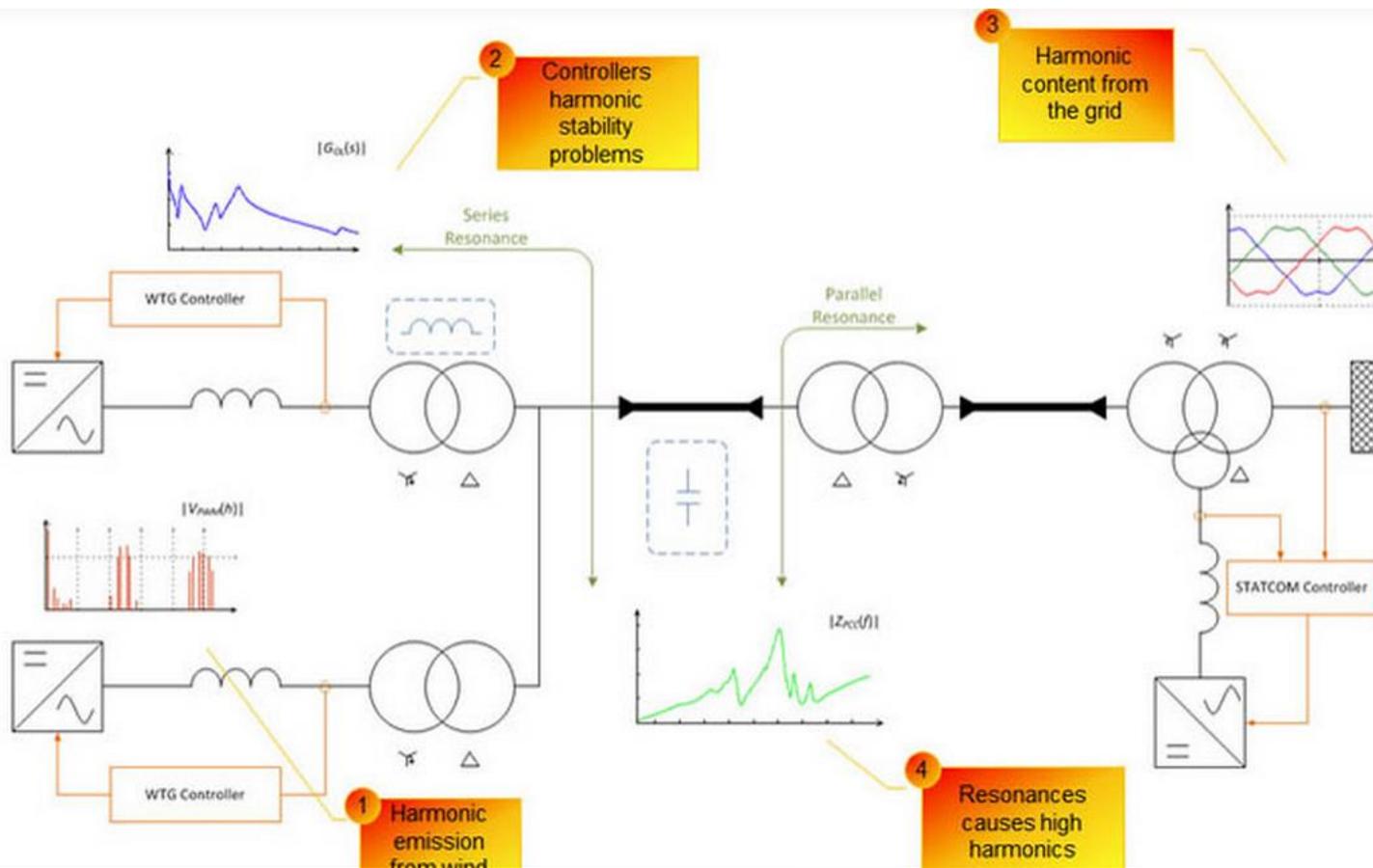


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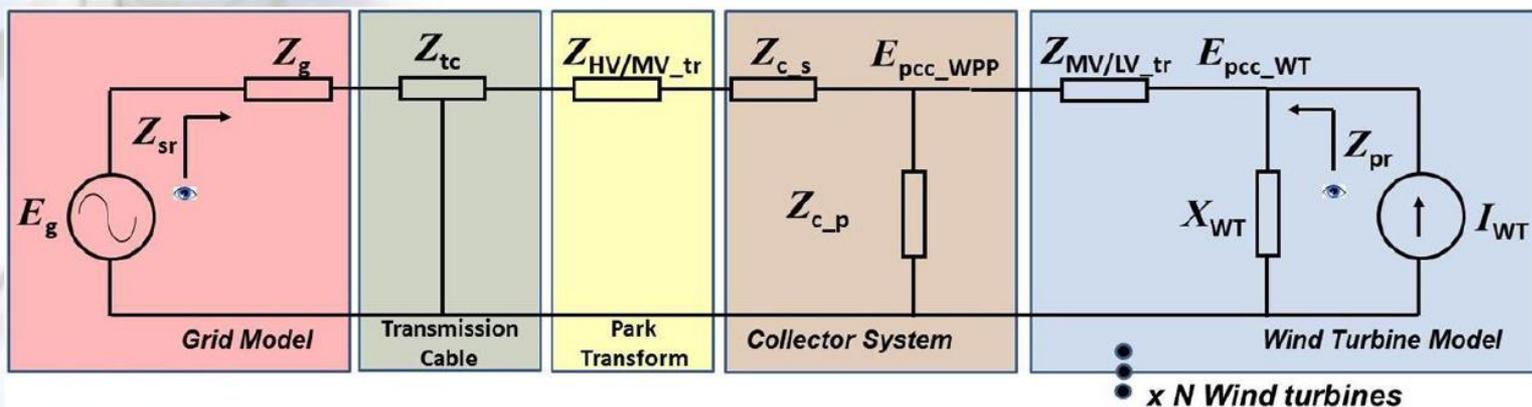
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# Active Filter Functionalities for Power Converters in Wind Power Plants

- Problem overview: Harmonics (emissions/interactions) + electrical resonances cause critical problems in Wind Power Plants
- Industrial Partners are very interested on solve this problems: **Operation failures give rise to economical losses!**
- How to tackle the problem:
  1. **Detailed modeling of the system in time and frequency domain.**
  2. **Use of passive filters.**
  3. **Use of active and hybrid filters (new devices).**
  4. **Improving the functionality of existing power electronics devices: WT and STATCOM control enhancement.**
  5. **Improving the functionality of existing power electronics: WT, STATCOM control enhancement in collaboration with passive filters.**





## Modular design of UPS systems



## Control of solar-concentrator power plants



## Deployment of energy storage systems in maritime applications (drilling rigs and vessels)





# Research Challenges in MicroGrid technologies

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