



# **ONS EXPERIENCE ON THE INTEGRATION AND OPERATION OF A HIL FACILITY WITH 4 HVDC LINK MANUFACTURERS**

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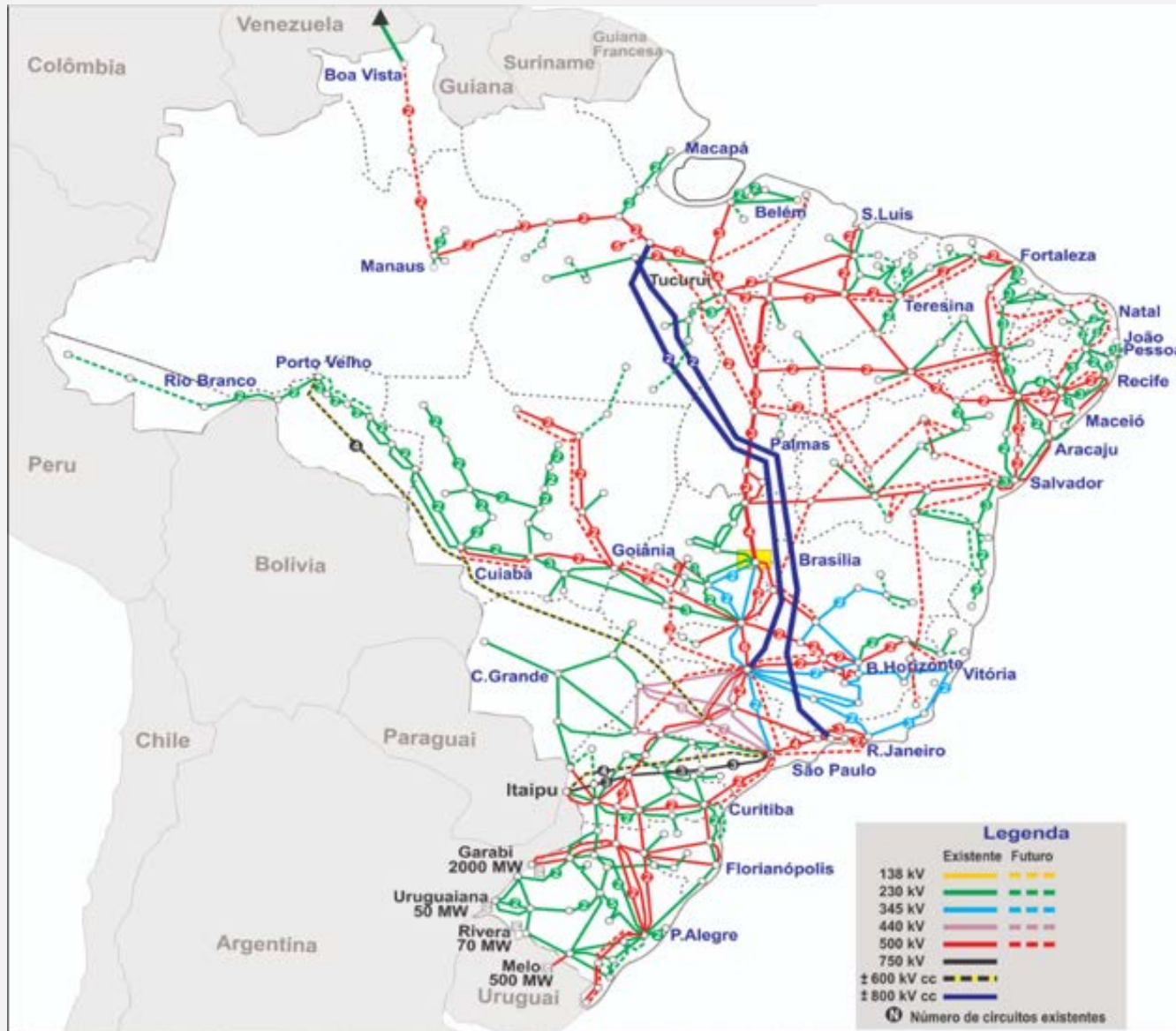
**ONS – BRAZILIAN MAIN GRID SYSTEM OPERATOR**

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# PRESENTATION TOPICS

- General data for the Brazilian Electric Power Transmission and Generation System
- ONS Duties in the Brazilian Interconnected Electric Power System
- ONS Real-Time Simulator Facility: Purpose, Infrastructure, Participants, Activities, etc
- Activities Involving Hardware in the Loop Studies
  - Madeira River HVDC Transmission System
  - Belo Monte HVDC Transmission System
  - HVDC Control Performance under multi-infeed configuration
  - Out of Step protection and PMU Studies
- Off-Line studies and support
- Development Activities
- Challenges
- Conclusions

# THE BRAZILIAN INTERCONNECTED POWER SYSTEM

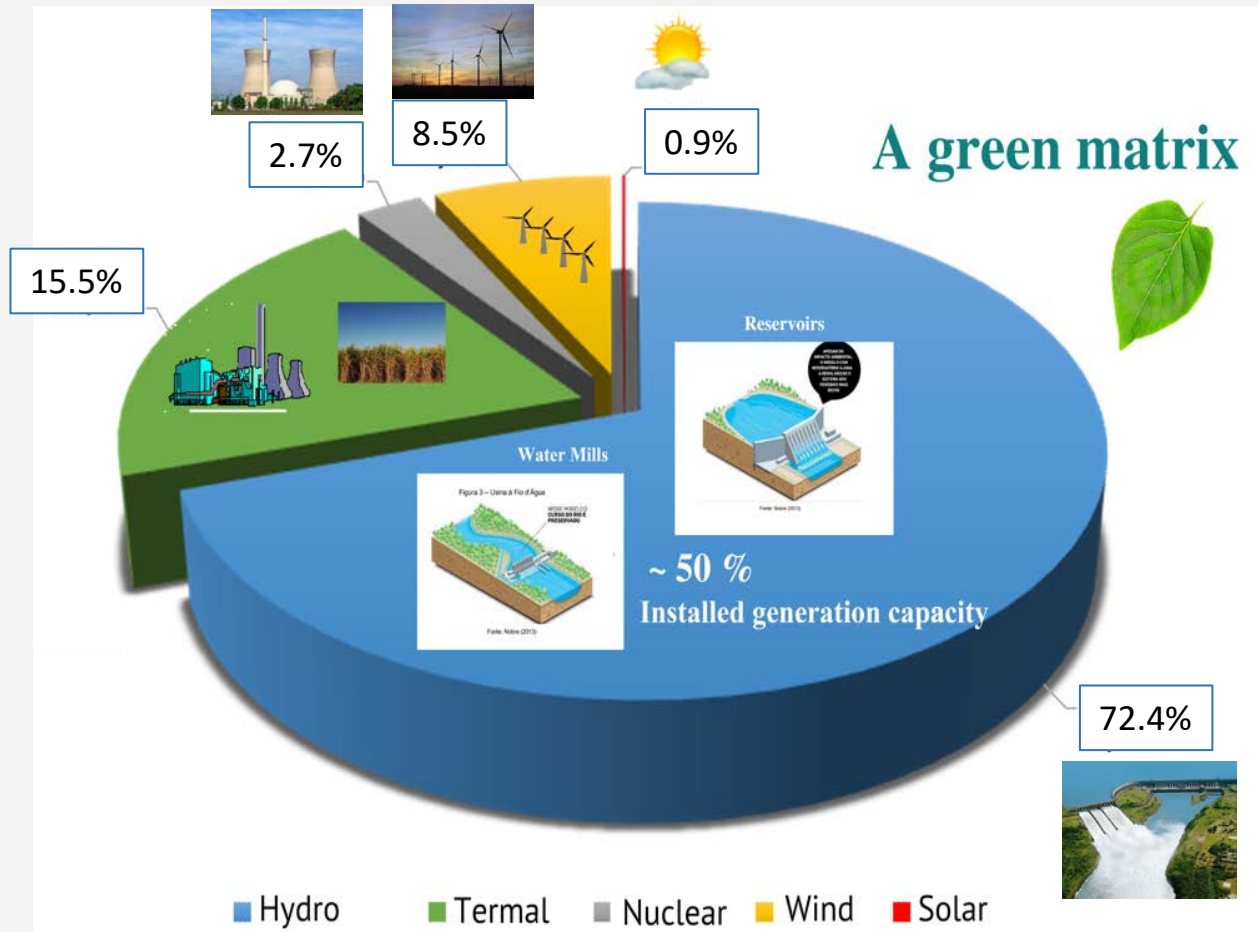


Multi-owned Transmission System:

- 117 utilities companies own more than 181,000 Km of Transmission lines above 230 kV (2020)

# THE BRAZILIAN INTERCONNECTED POWER SYSTEM

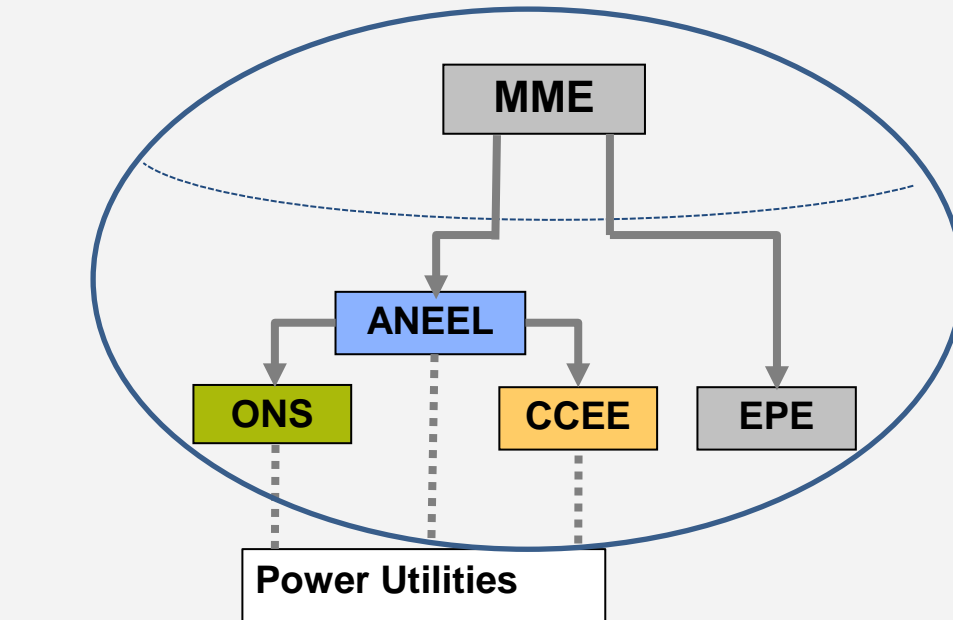
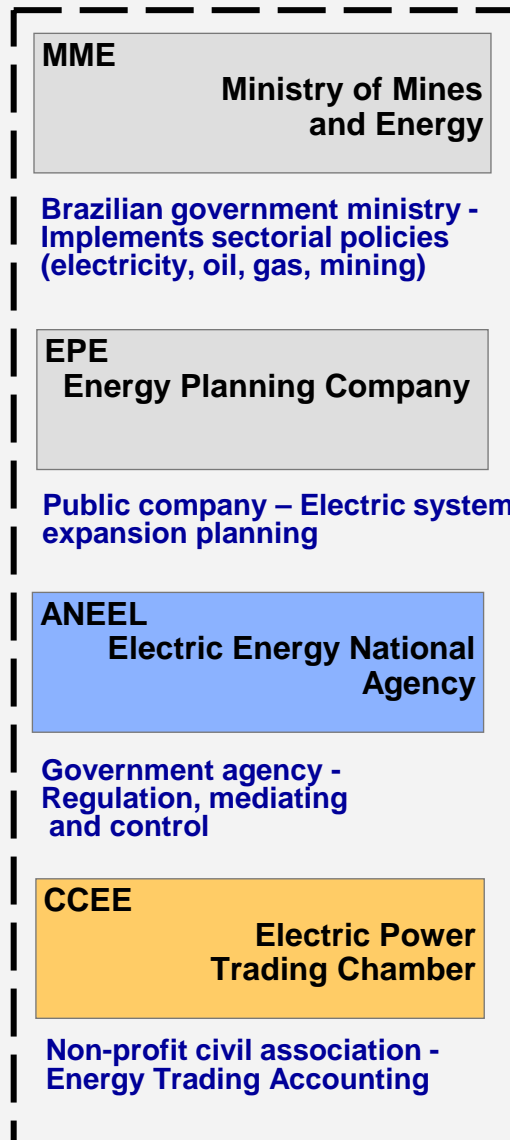
Last 12 months → Generated Power (%)



SOURCE	Power (GW)		Increase
	2020	2024	%
Hydro	108.4	109.2	0.7
Biomass	13.7	14.5	5.8
Wind	15.3	19.9	30.0
Photovoltaic	3.0	4.3	43.3
Nuclear	2.0	2.0	0.0
Fossil	21.6	25.9	19.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>164.0</b>	<b>175.8</b>	<b>7.2</b>
<b>Renewable</b>	<b>140.4</b>	<b>147.9</b>	<b>5.3</b>

- It has a green matrix: About 85.6% of all generated Power is renewable.
- 63.6% of all planned expansions for electric power generation is based upon renewable sources.

# THE BRAZILIAN INTERCONNECTED POWER SYSTEM



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Electric System National Operator

Non-profit private organization  
Main Grid system operation

Generation, Transmission and Distribution Companies,  
Energy Traders, Free Consumers,  
Energy Importers and Exporters

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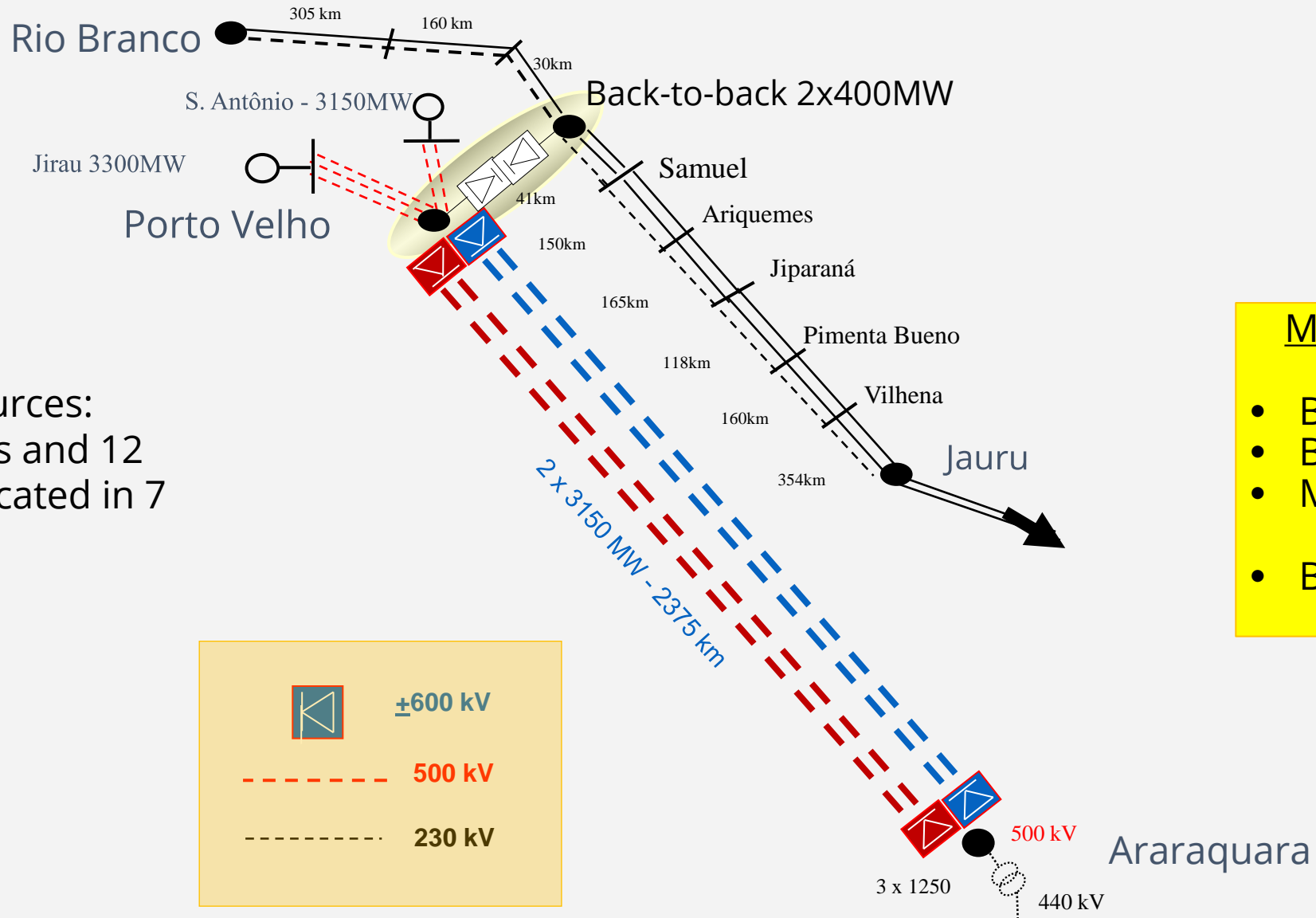


Planning studies identify capacity to generate 17,508 MW in three hydrographic basins in the North region (Tapajós, Tocantins and Juruena rivers).

HVDC System	Voltage (KV)	Power (MW)	Line Length (Km)	Initial Operation
Itaipu	±600	2 x 3150	800	1984, 1987
Rio Madeira	±600	2 x 3150	2375	2013, 2014
Belo Monte	±800	2 x 4000	2092, 2439	2017, 2019
New Bipole	±800	4000	1460	To be auctioned

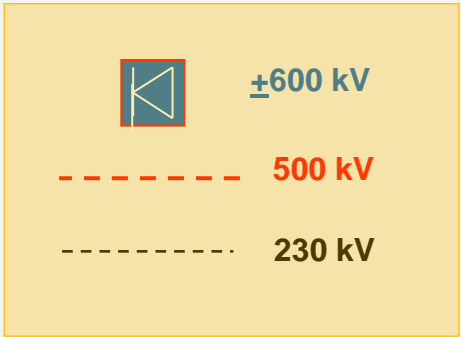
New Bipole will be used as network expansion for power transmission from renewable sources (wind and solar) in the Northeast and Central West.

# OVERVIEW – RIO MADEIRA HVDC TRANSMISSION



Used Resources:  
25 GPC boards and 12  
PB5 boards allocated in 7  
Racks

- Manufacturers
- BP1 – ABB
  - BtB – ABB
  - Master – ABB
  - BP2 – GE



# OVERVIEW – RIO MADEIRA HVDC TRANSMISSION



Bipole 1/Master & BtB Replicas

Commissioning tests of  
Bipole 1 & BtB (ABB)  
October 2012



RTDS – AC System

Join Operation - November 2014 - July 2017  
Parallel Operation - February 2018 - June 2019

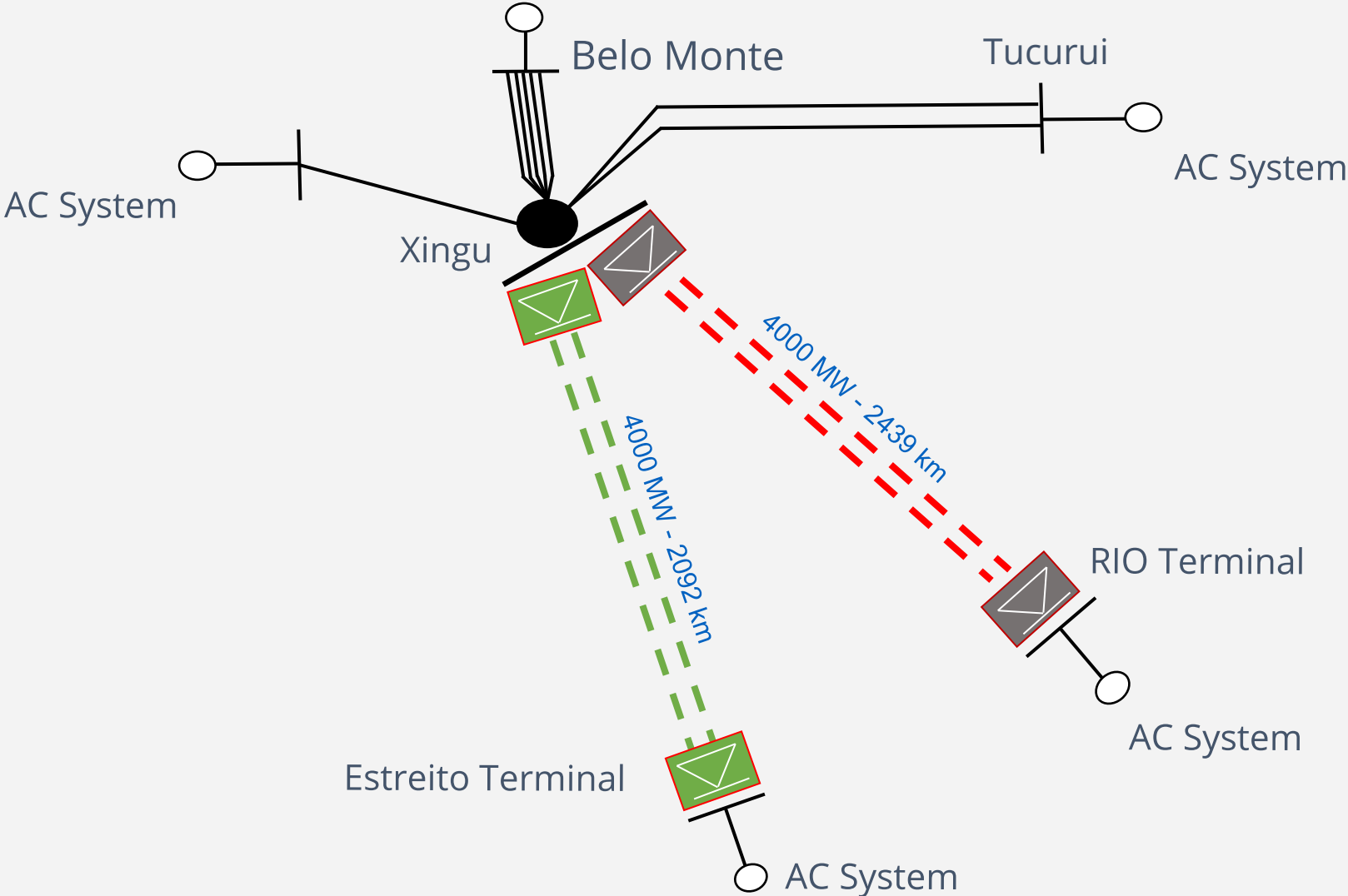


Bipole 2

Commissioning tests  
of Bipole 2 ( GE )  
July 2014



# OVERVIEW – BELO MONTE HVDC TRANSMISSION



- Manufacturers
- BP1 – Siemens
  - BP2 – Nari
  - Master – Nari

# OVERVIEW – BELO MONTE HVDC TRANSMISSION



Bipole 2 - Nari

Commissioning Tests  
October 2018



Bipole 1 - Siemens

Commissioning Tests  
October 2017



RTDS – Resources Expansion

Integration tests November 2018 - July 2019

# SIMULATOR ROOM RESOURCES



Note - Itaipu HVDC bipoles are fully modeled in RTDS. Its C&P logic is based on a model developed for PSCAD-EMTDC

# ONS REAL-TIME SIMULATOR FACILITY (SSCC)

ONS Real-Time Simulator Facility – Power System Simulator				
Platform	Processor & Clock	Single phase node limit	Number of racks/chassis	Number of cards/cores
GPC card	02 CPUs 1,0 GHz per card	72	2	8
PB5 card	02 CPUs 1,7 GHz per card	2x90	10	60
Chassis NovaCor	01 CPU with 10 cores 3,5 GHz	2x300	03	21
Chassis OP5700	02 CPUs with 08 cores 3,2 GHz	16x90	01	1

## Hardware Resources:

- 2 racks with 8 GPC cards
- 10 racks with 60 PB5 cards
- 3 Novacor chassis with 21 cores
- 1 OP5700 chassis with 1 core

# ONS REAL-TIME SIMULATOR FACILITY (SSCC)

ONS Real-Time Simulator Facility – HVDC C&P replicas					
Supplier	Generation	Cubicle set *	Cubicle Quantity	Supervisory System	Graphical Engineering Tool
ABB	MACH2	Bipole and Back-to-Back C&P logic, Master Control	10	MACH HMI	Hidraw Visual Studio
GE/ALSTOM	SERIES V (VME chassis)	Bipole C&P logic	06	SAGE	Hand code
SIEMENS	SIMATIC TDC (VME chassis)	Bipole C&P logic	06	SIMATIC-WinCC	CFC – Continuous Function Chart
NR EC	PCS-9550	Bipole C&P logic, Master Control	05	PCS-9550 HMI	Accel Visual suite

## Replica Resources:

### Rio Madeira Project

- 2 Bipoles C&P from ABB
- 2 Master Controls from ABB
- 2 Back to Back from ABB
- 2 Bipoles from GE/Alstom

### Belo Monte Project

- 2 Bipoles from Siemens
- 2 Bipoles from NARI
- 2 Master Controls from NARI

# ONS REAL-TIME SIMULATOR FACILITY (SSCC)

## Current applications of the ONS DC system real-time simulator (SSCC) :

- Commissioning/tuning of HVDC Control and Protection (C&P) under joint operation;
- Support for HVDC transmission systems operation based on LCC technology (04 bipoles);
- Diagnosis of real plant misoperation under abnormal or switching events;
- Interaction Analysis among electrically close HVDC substations – Under AC network configurations with Multiple Infeed;
- Evaluation of Protective Relays;
- Evaluation of supplementary wide-area protection systems supported by phasor measurement units (PMU);

# SIMULATOR ACTIVITIES

## Real-Time Simulator Activities:

- RTS Platform Management → RTDS day to day operations, first level maintenance and scenarios set-up;
- Simulator up-date to keep it ready for demands from utilities as well as other areas inside ONS;
- Replicas operations → Start-up, shutdown, error diagnosis routines, etc;
- Utilities support → Support utilities on signal monitoring and connection to RTDS;
- Analysis and validation of C&P models in PSCAD - EMTDC programs;
- Network equivalent preparation for RTDS (load flow, short-circuit and stability analysis);
- PSCAD - EMTDC multi-infeed studies aiming HIL tests on RTDS;
- RTDS Dynamic performance evaluation of HVDC links (coverage of the criteria defined in the concession contract).

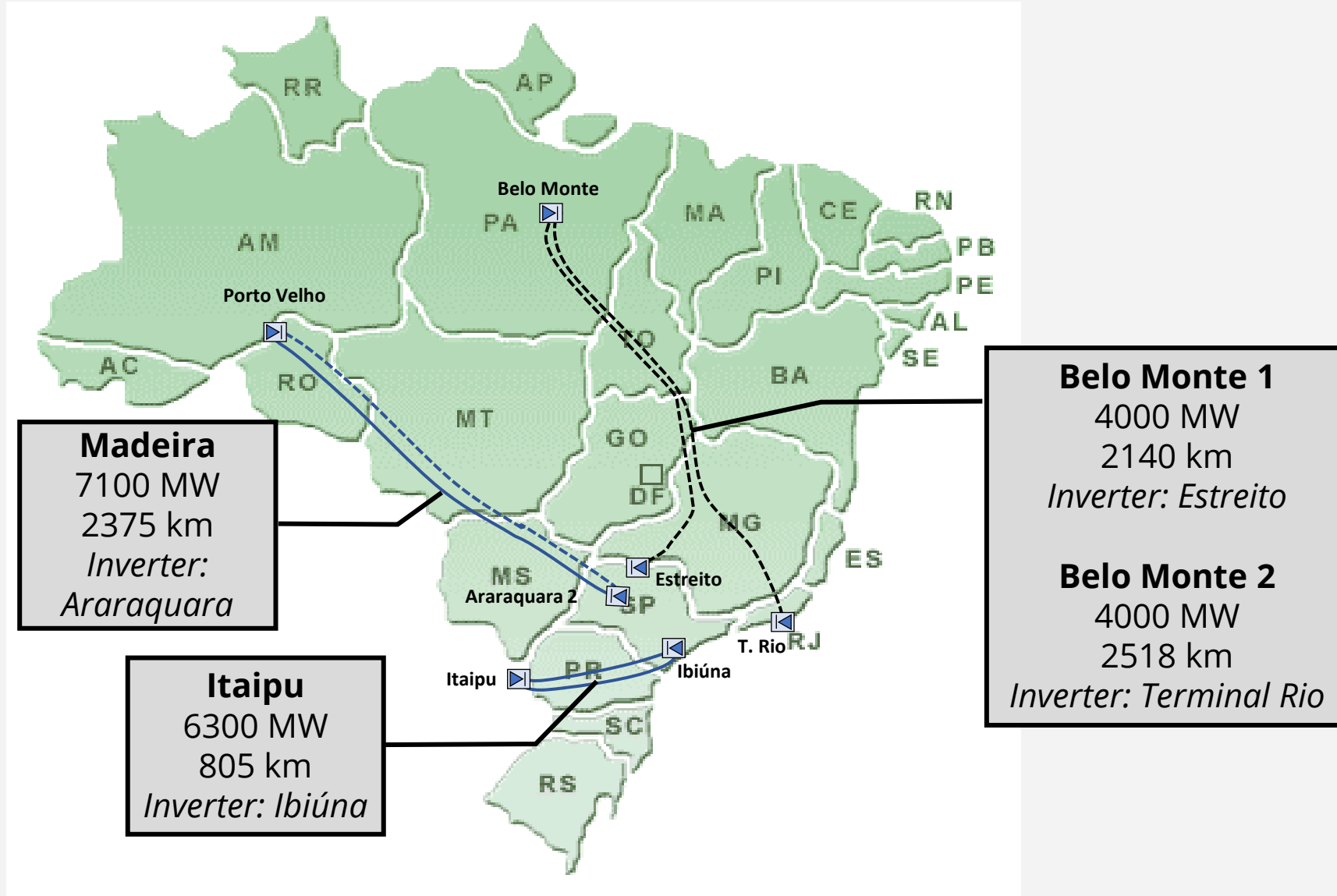
# UPDATE AND DEVELOPMENT

## **Customization and Development Activities:**

- Evaluation of complementary tools to enhance RTS infrastructure (other real-time tools);
- Auxiliary tools for Model/database conversion and validation;
- Real-time Co-simulation (Integrating RTDS with others EMT real-time simulators) [1];
- Improved FDNE models based on efficient computation;
- Remote Interconnection with other simulation centers;
- User defined components on FPGA hardware for better use of RTS resources.



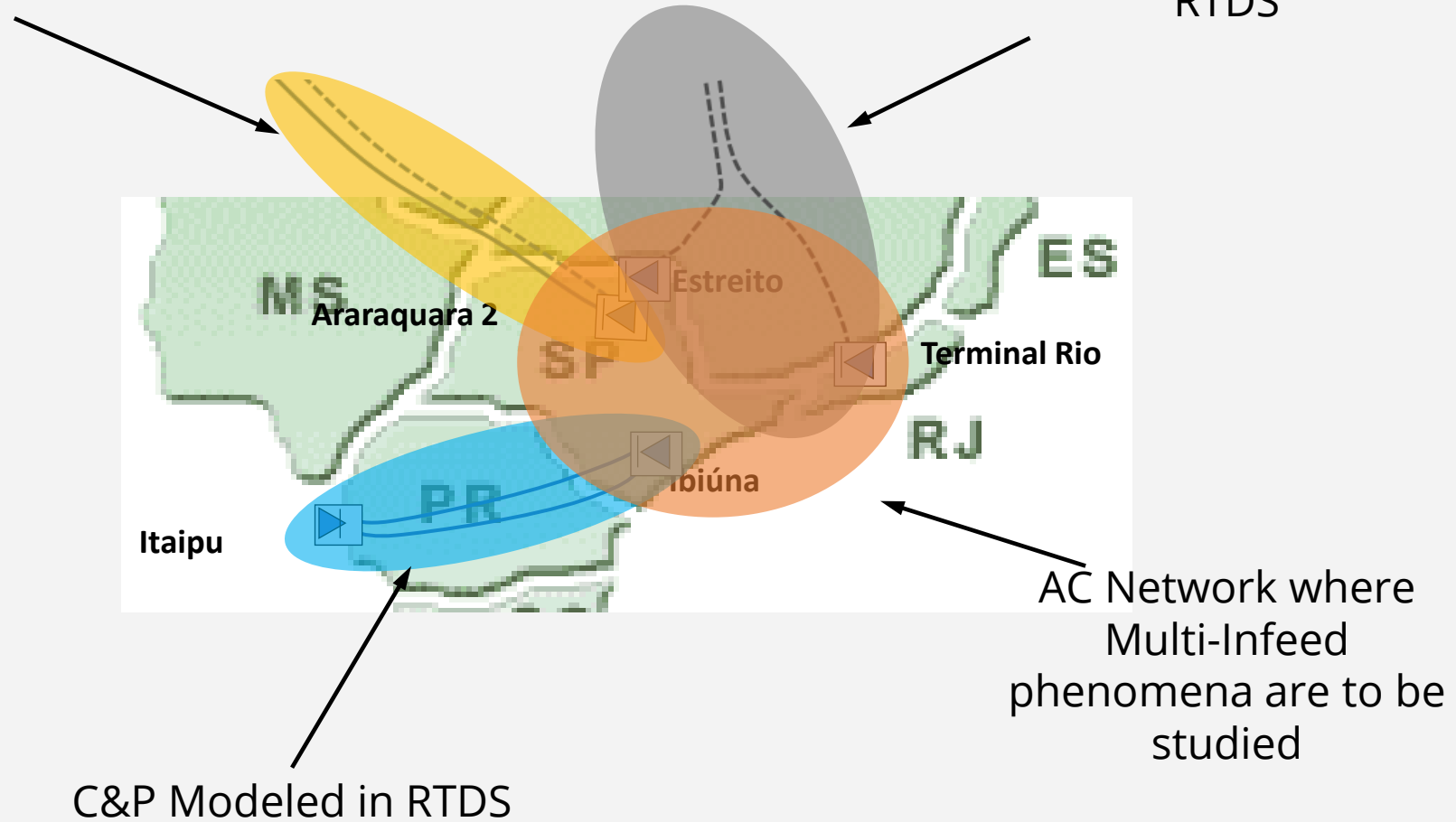
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C&P Replicas + RTDS

C&P Replicas + RTDS



C&P Modeled in RTDS

AC Network where Multi-Infeed phenomena are to be studied

# HVDC INTERACTIONS ON MULTI-INFEED STUDY

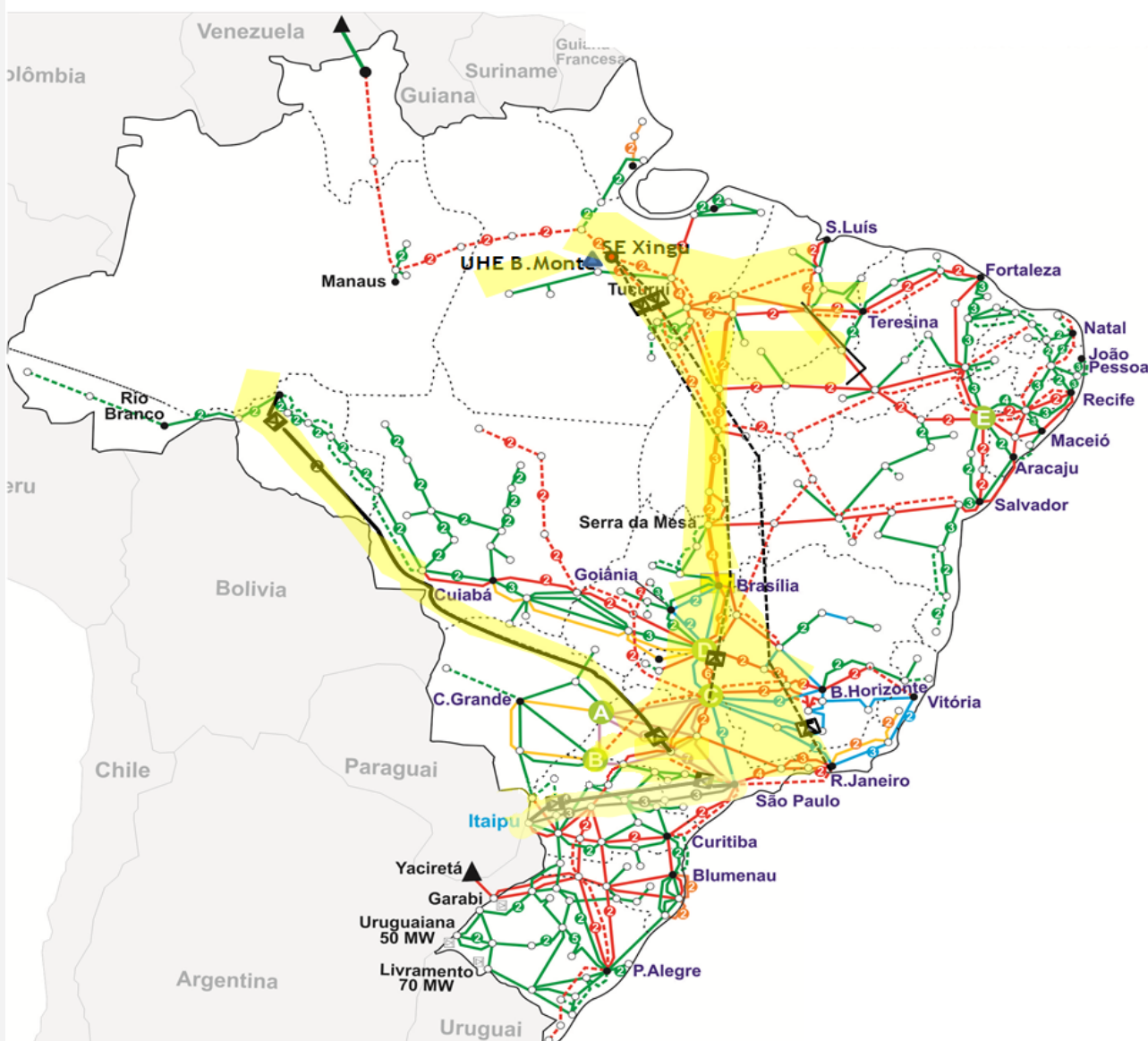
## ➤ Multi-infeed

- Evaluation of control and protection interaction effects (transient and dynamic ranges) among converter stations electrically nearby
- Replicas allow better precision in the studies when compared with models developed for off-line programs.

## ➤ **Main phenomena**

- Commutation failures on different converters
- Power and Voltage Stability
- Control demands due to coordinated recovering
- High level control coordination by means of power and voltage modulation between different HVDC links
- Frequency stability
- Over-Voltage
- Harmonic instability

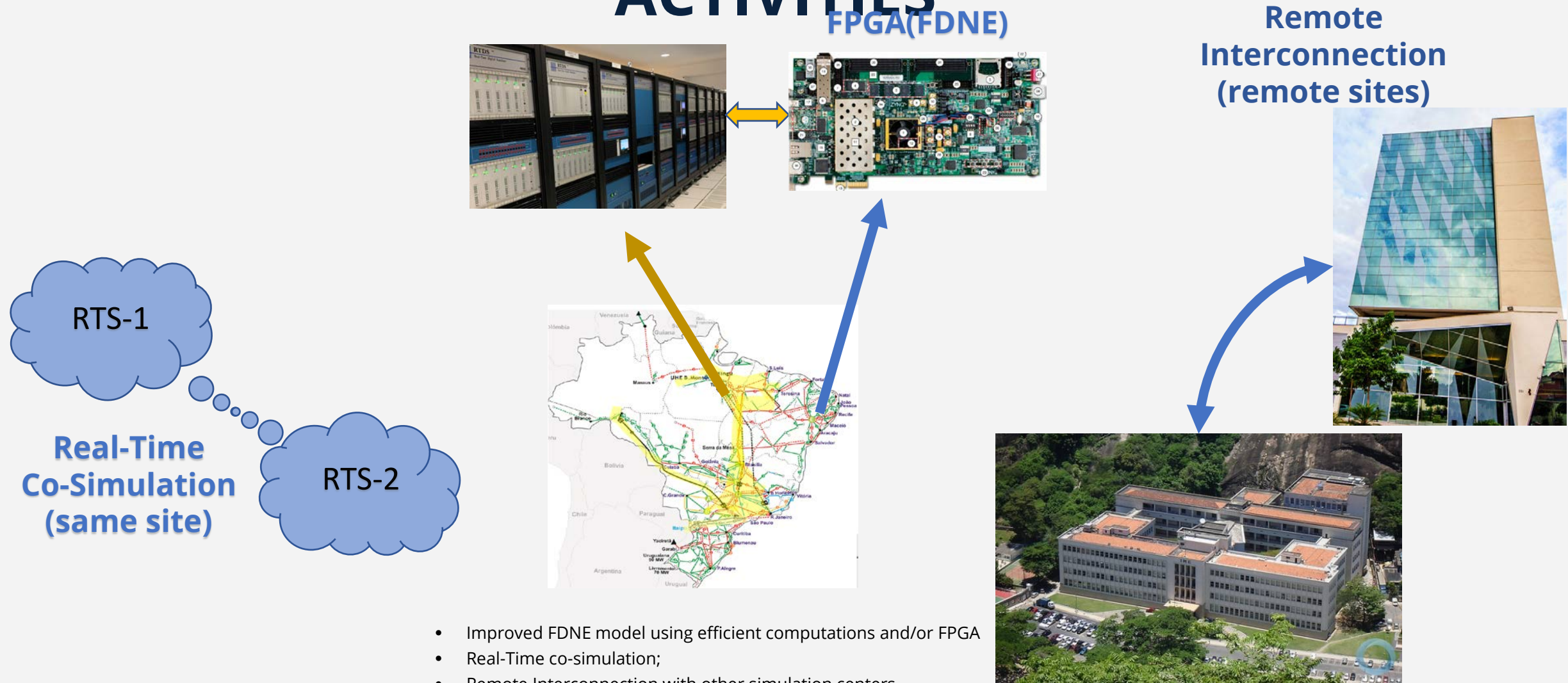
# HVDC INTERACTIONS ON MULTI-INFEED STUDY



	Detailed Circuit	External Circuit
BUS	74	34
Transmission Lines	114	250
Synchronous Machine	25	-
Dynamic Loads	5	150
Source Equivalents	32	-
3 Winding Transformres	5	10
2 Winding Transformres	30	155

The external circuits (not marked with yellow in the map) will be modeled as equivalent circuits (as shown in the table).

# CUSTOMIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

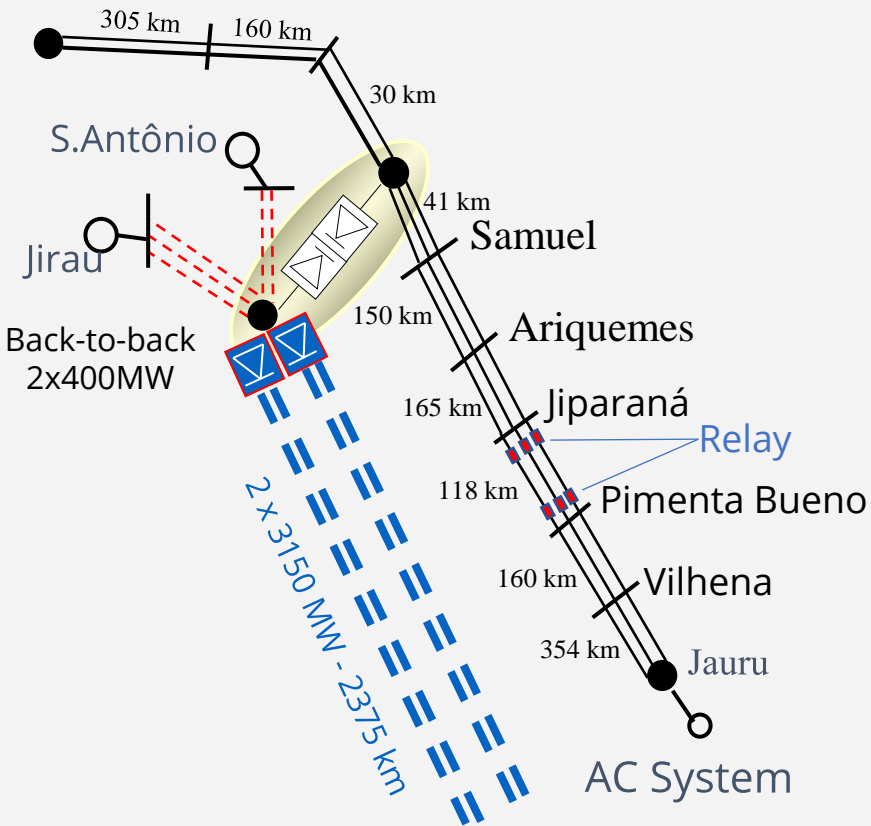


# PROTECTION RELAYS STUDIES

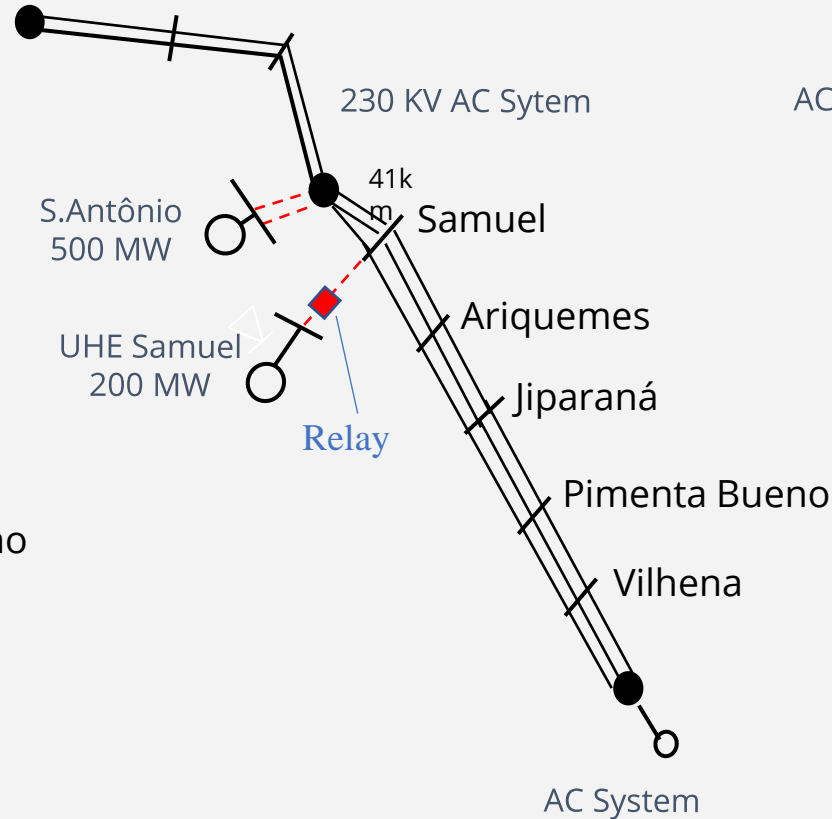
- **Partnership with Schweitzer (SEL)**
  - SEL-411L Advanced Line Differential Protection
  - SEL-700G Generator Protection Relay
  - SEL-T400L Time-Domain Line Protection (Travelling Wave algorithm)

# PROTECTION RELAY STUDIES

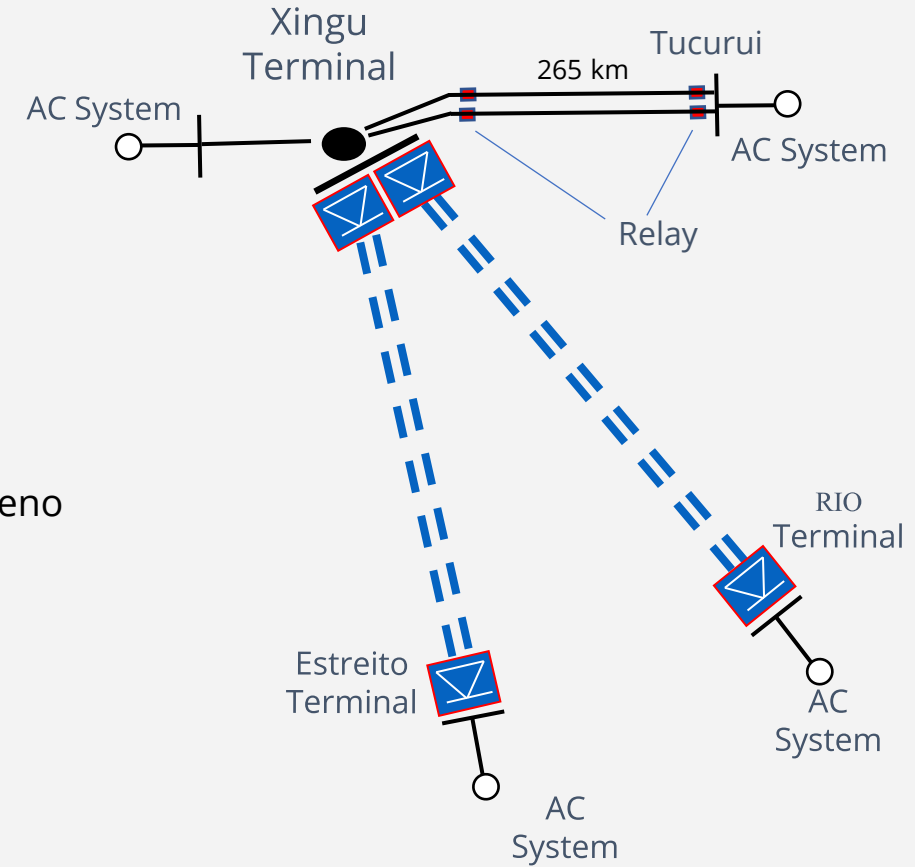
## SEL-411L



## SEL-700G



## SEL-T400L



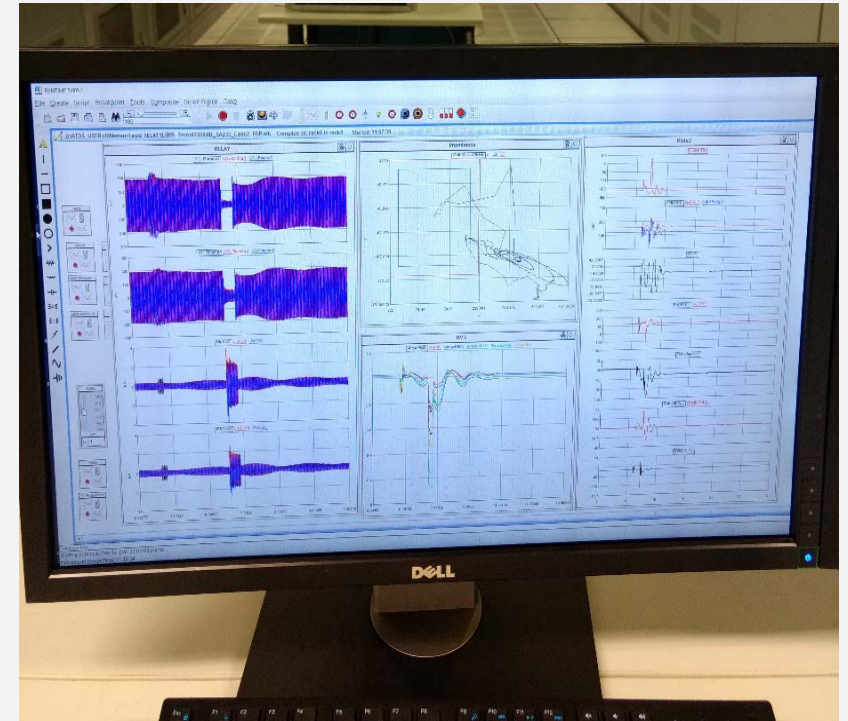
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**HVDC Replica**



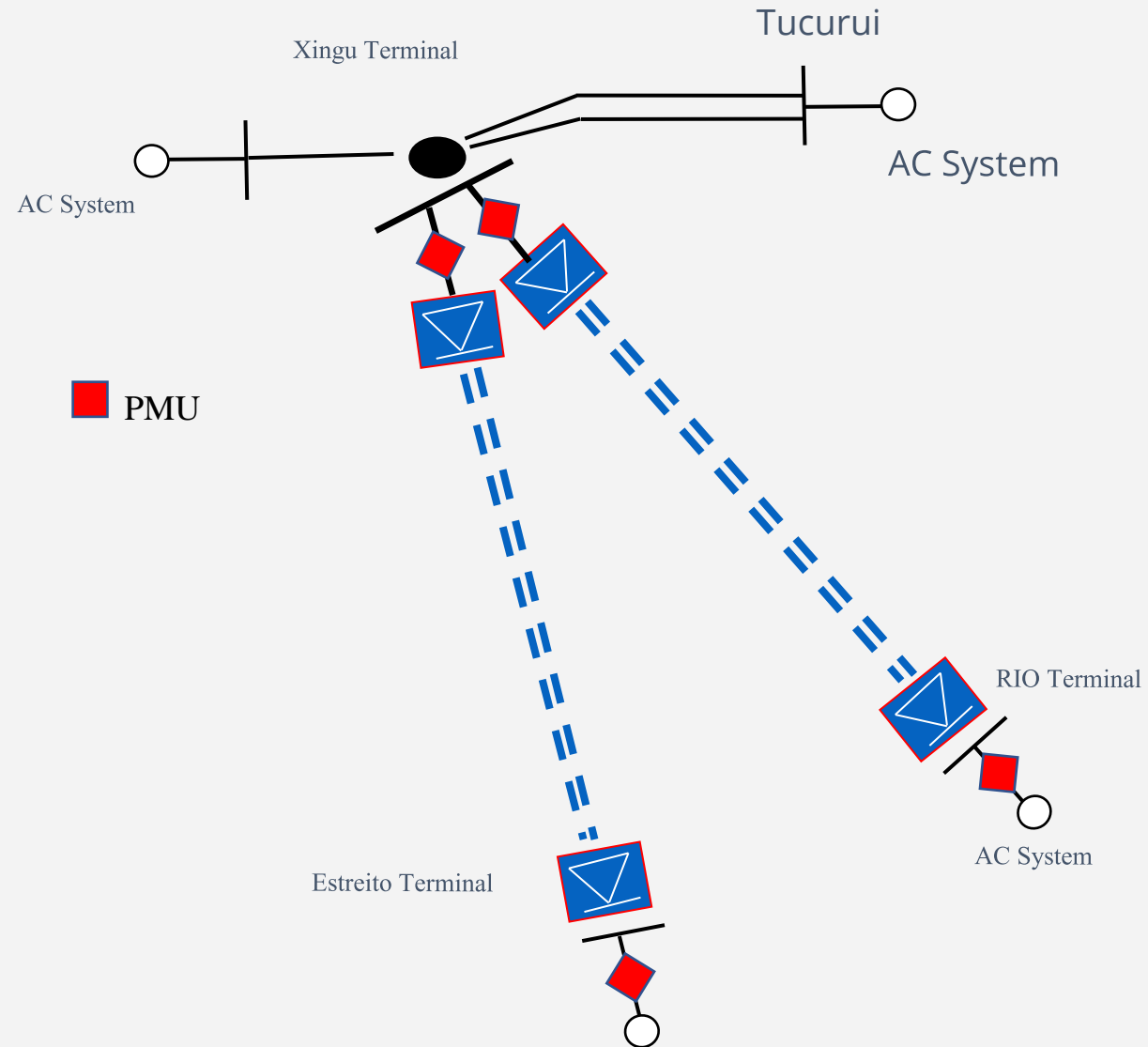
**Protection Relay**



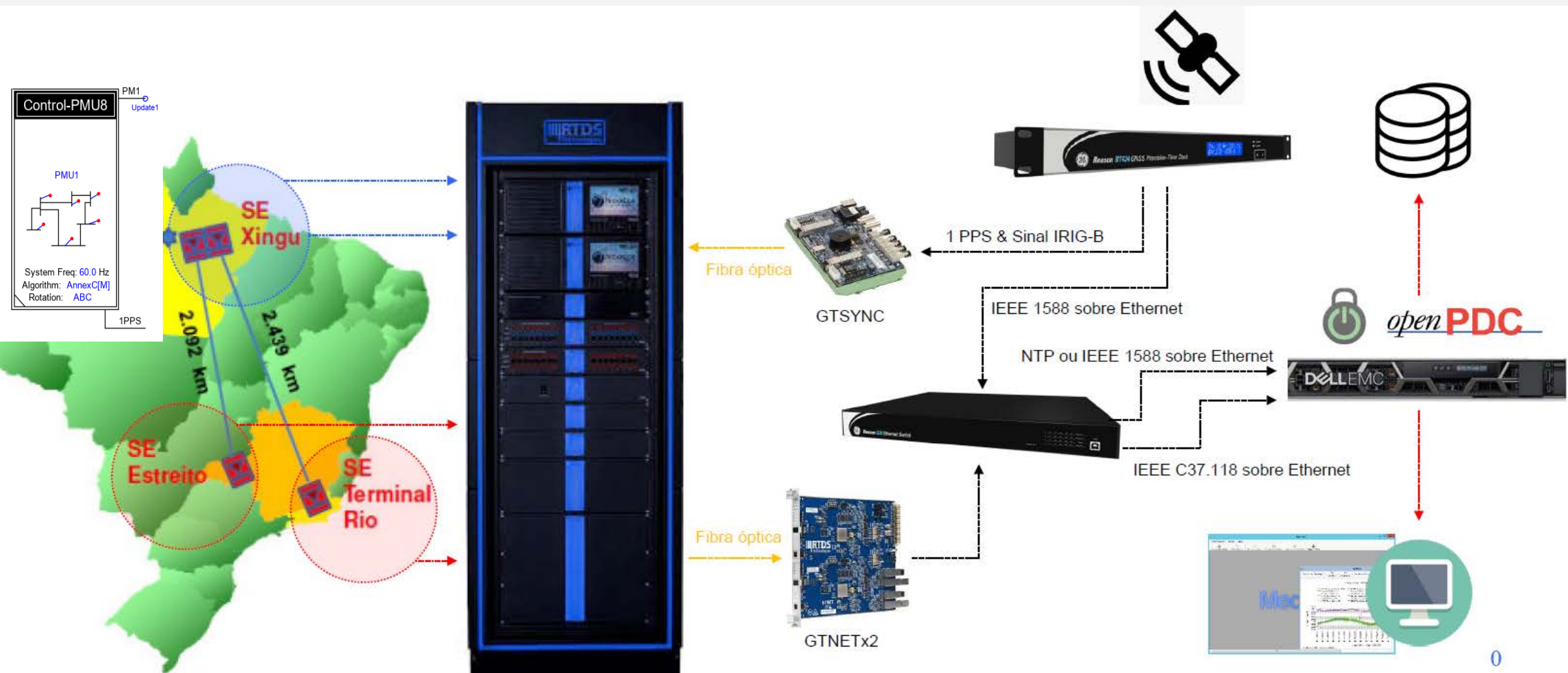
**RSCAD**



# PMU STUDIES



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# CHALLENGES

- The Operation of the Simulator imposes some challenges:
  - Keeping up reliability and availability of C&P replicas along with real plant operating time: corrective maintenance and support contracts with the manufactures;
  - Familiarize the SSCC crew with different hardware and software platforms for effect of: fault diagnosis, predictive maintenance, monitoring internal C&P logic signals and operation;
  - Expansion Planning, Updating real-time simulation equipment, and developing new tools to improve quality and fidelity of the simulations.
  - To adopt user defined components of proper computational as well as complimentary hardware (FPGA) for rationalizing of the RTS resources use.

# CONCLUSIONS

- This simulator provides an environment where Utilities, other sectors inside ONS and Agents in the electric sector can find more precise, reliable and detailed representation of the HVDC links, when compared with off-line tools.
- The strategy of having four replicas in the same simulator, showed to be right since the multi-infeed studies planed for the Brazilian Interconnected Power System will produce more reliable results due to the more precise representation of the HVDC Links when compared to models programed in off-line programs.
- The Bipole for which there is no replica in the simulator, will be modeled inside RTDS based on its implementation for the PSCAD program.

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