



# Validating a Wide Area Grid Frequency Control System using P-HiL

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# Agenda

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# Smart Frequency Control Project

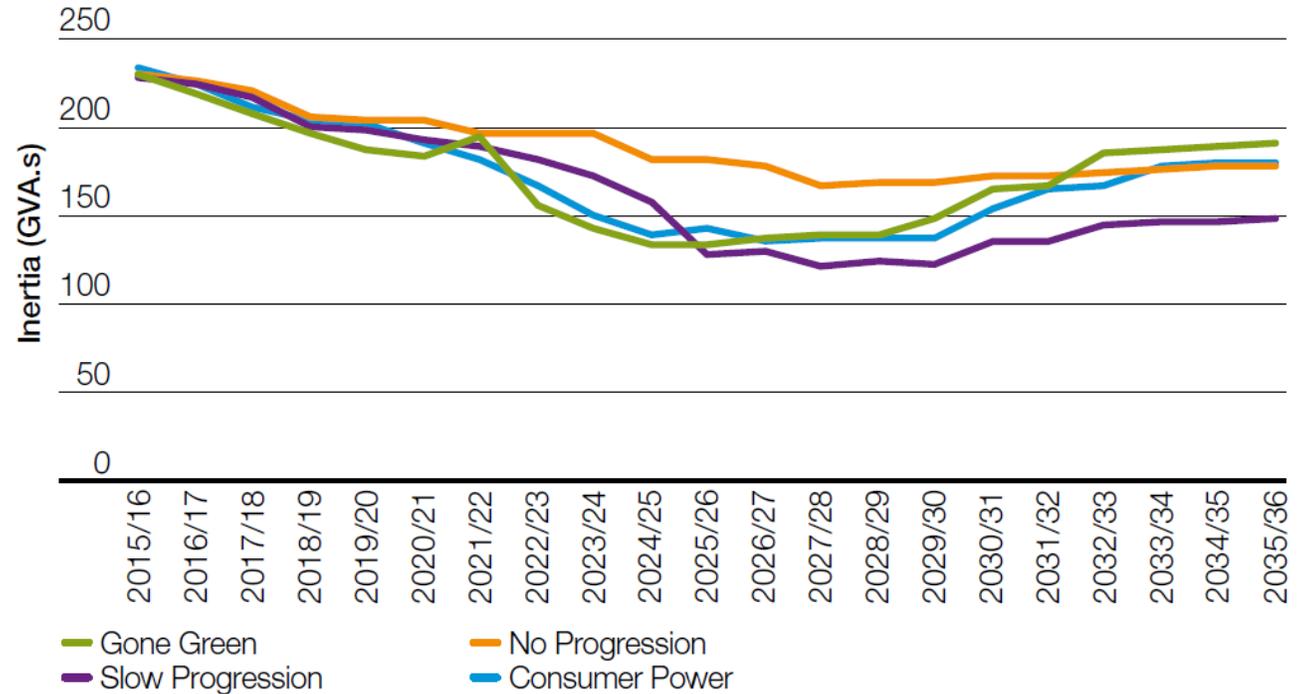
- £9m NIC project led by National Grid
- **Fast regional** frequency response
- Underpinned by WAMPAC and flexibility resources

**nationalgrid**



**centrica**

**BELECTRIC™ Flexitricity**



Minimum system inertia including embedded generation - National Grid System Operability Framework 2015

# PNDC Overview

## HV Network (11kV)

Three underground feeders for a total equivalent length of 6km.

One overhead feeder for a total equivalent length of 60km

Apply resistive line and earth faults.

11kV/400V transformers from 500kVA to 16kVA

Pole mounted auto reclosers

Series voltage regulator

## Power Supply

On Grid : 11kV Connection to Primary Substation

Off Grid : 5MVA Generator

11/11kV Isolation Transformer

## LV Network

LV Fed from HV Network

Transformers 16 to 315 kVA

Mock impedances ~ 0.6 km

Load banks ~ 600 kVA (total)

## Real Time Simulation

Hardware in the Loop Simulation

3-50 $\mu$ s simulation time-step ... up to 9000 nodes in distribution mode.

Accurate frequency response up 3kHz

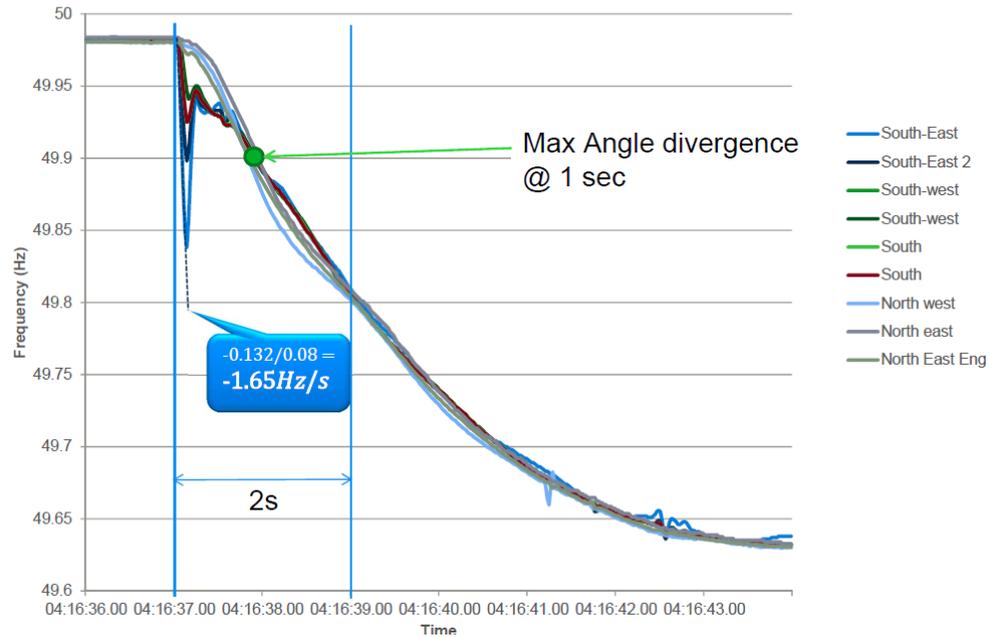
## Industry Standard DMS/ SCADA

PowerOn Fusion monitoring control and switching management

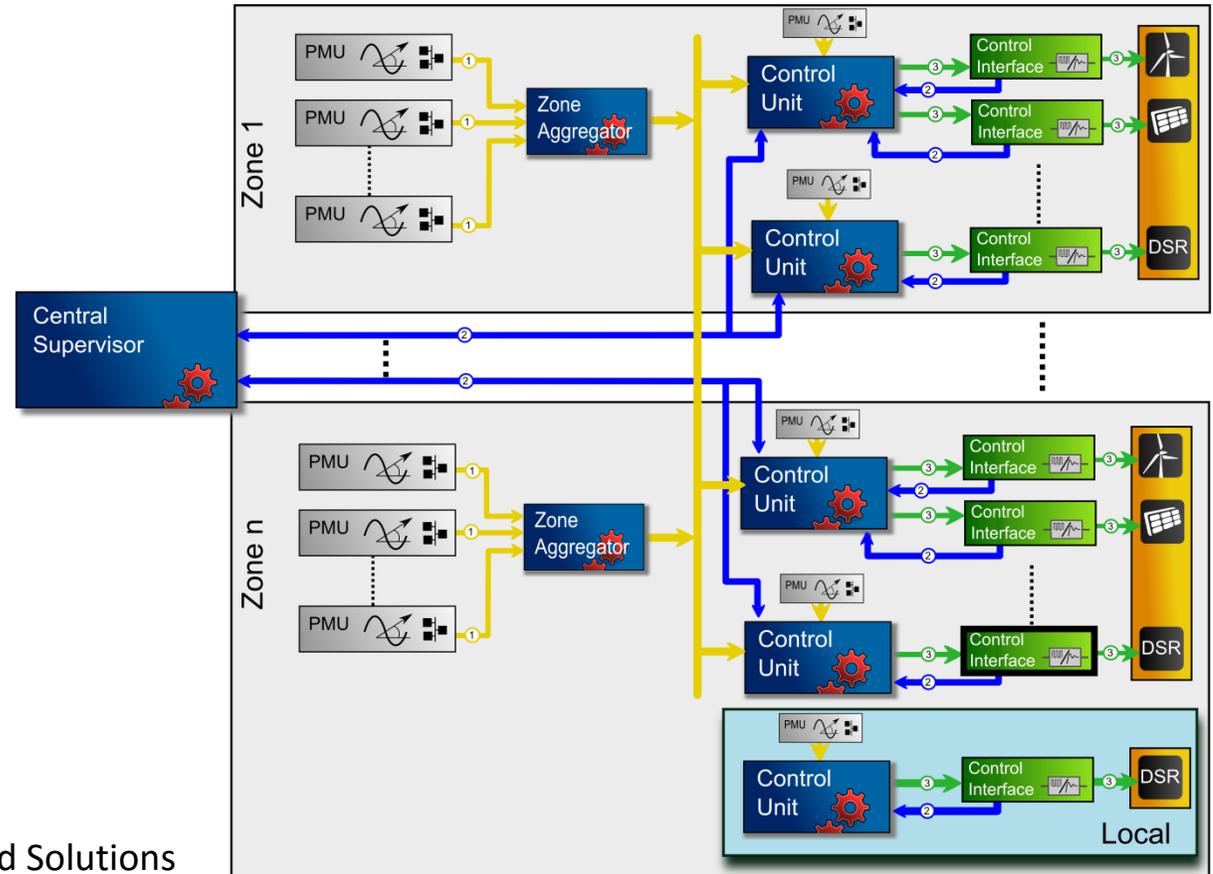


# Control Solution Overview

## NG Interconnector Event



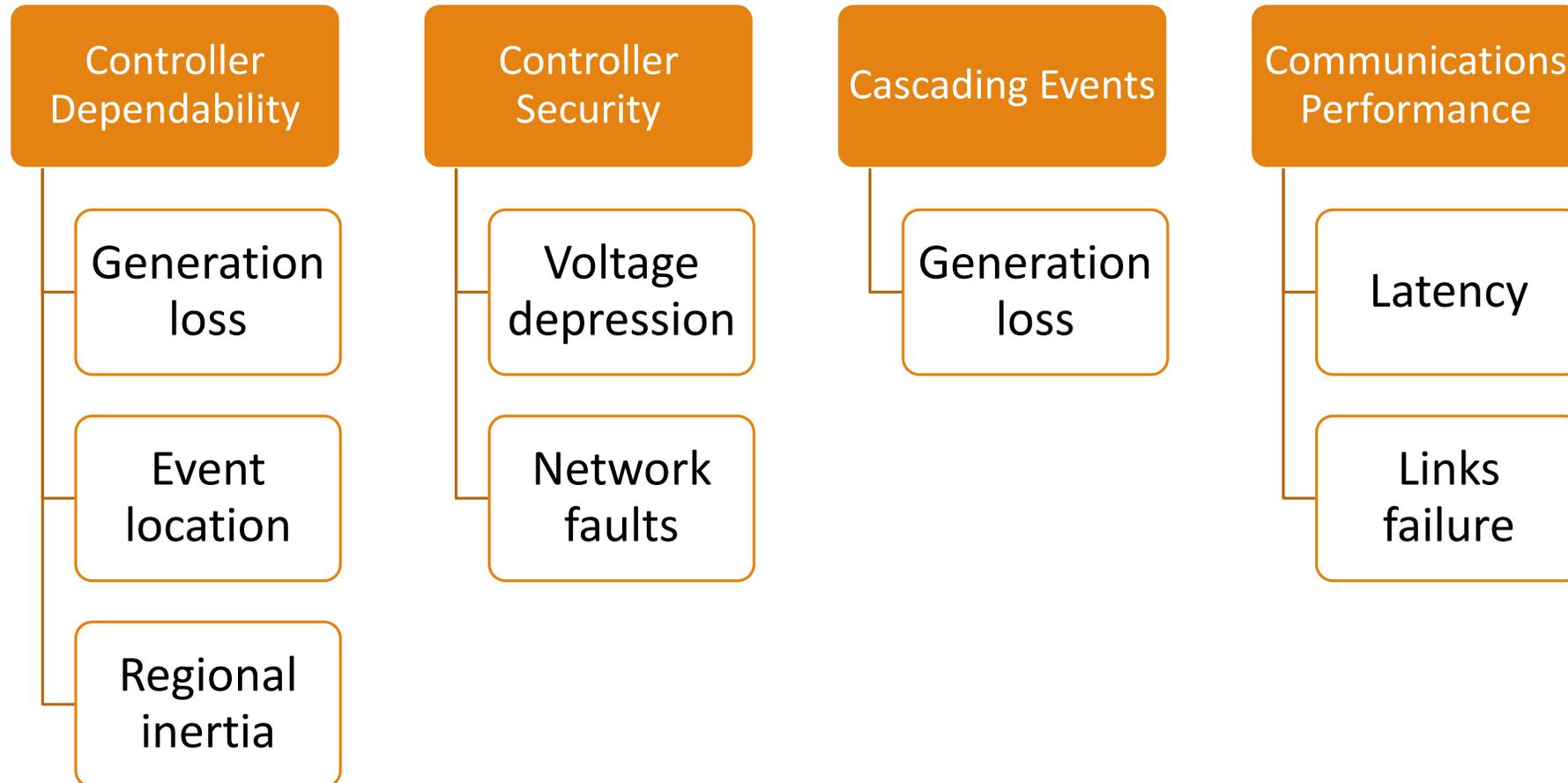
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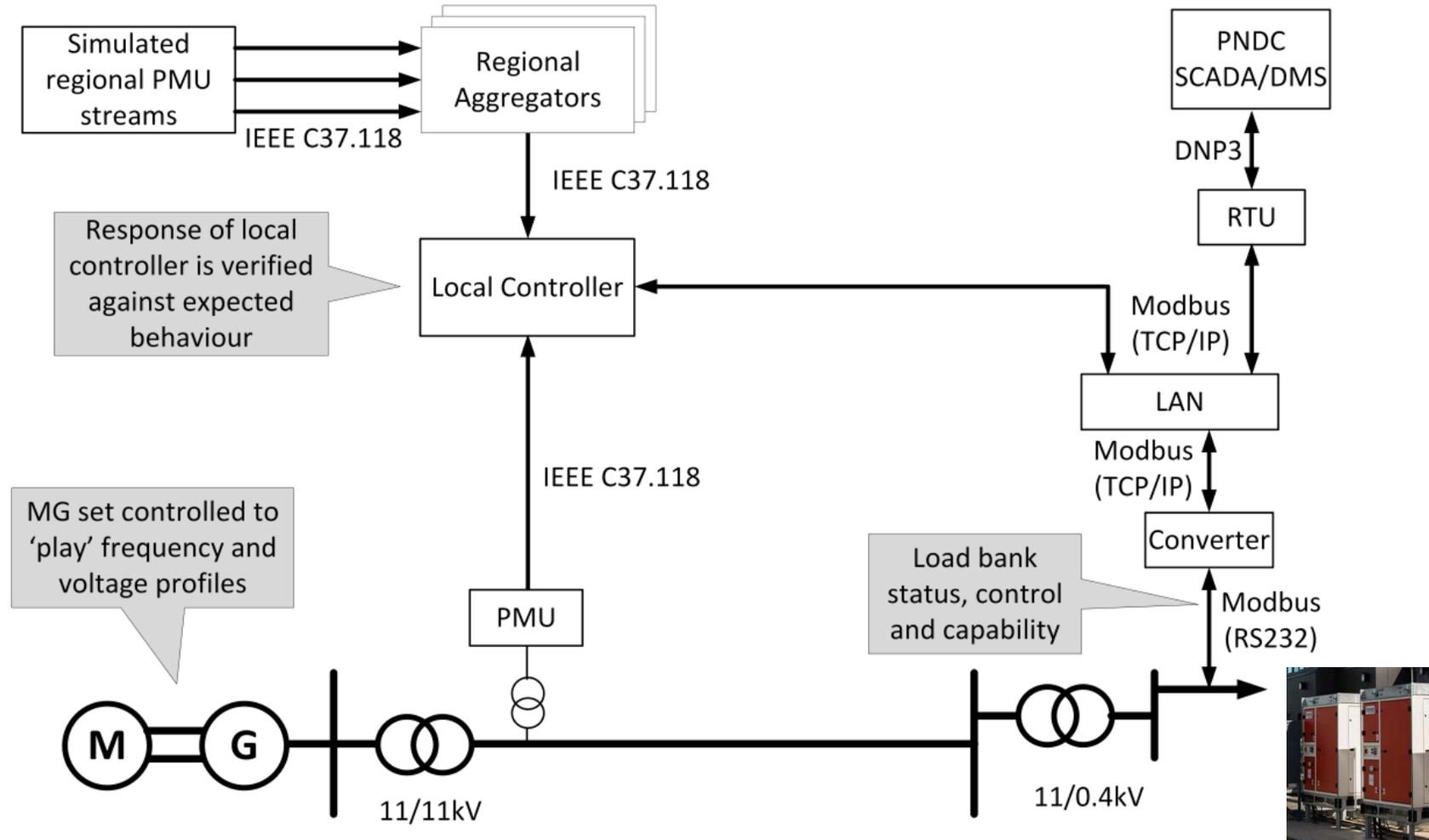
- 1 IEEE C37.118 (PMU Protocol)
- 2 Resource Availability, Status and Activation
- 3 Control Protocol (e.g. IEC 61850 GOOSE)

# Testing Methodology

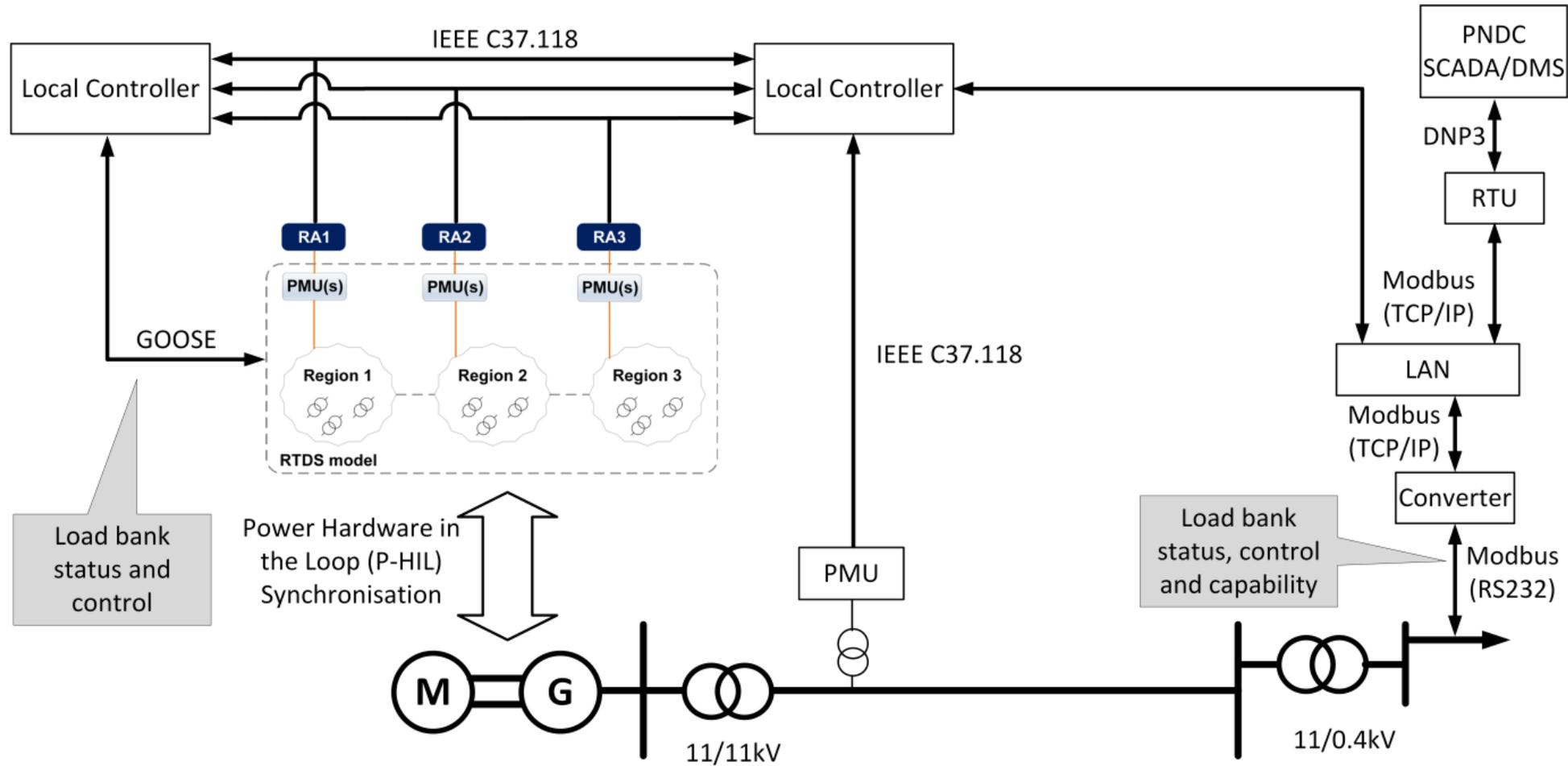
- System testing



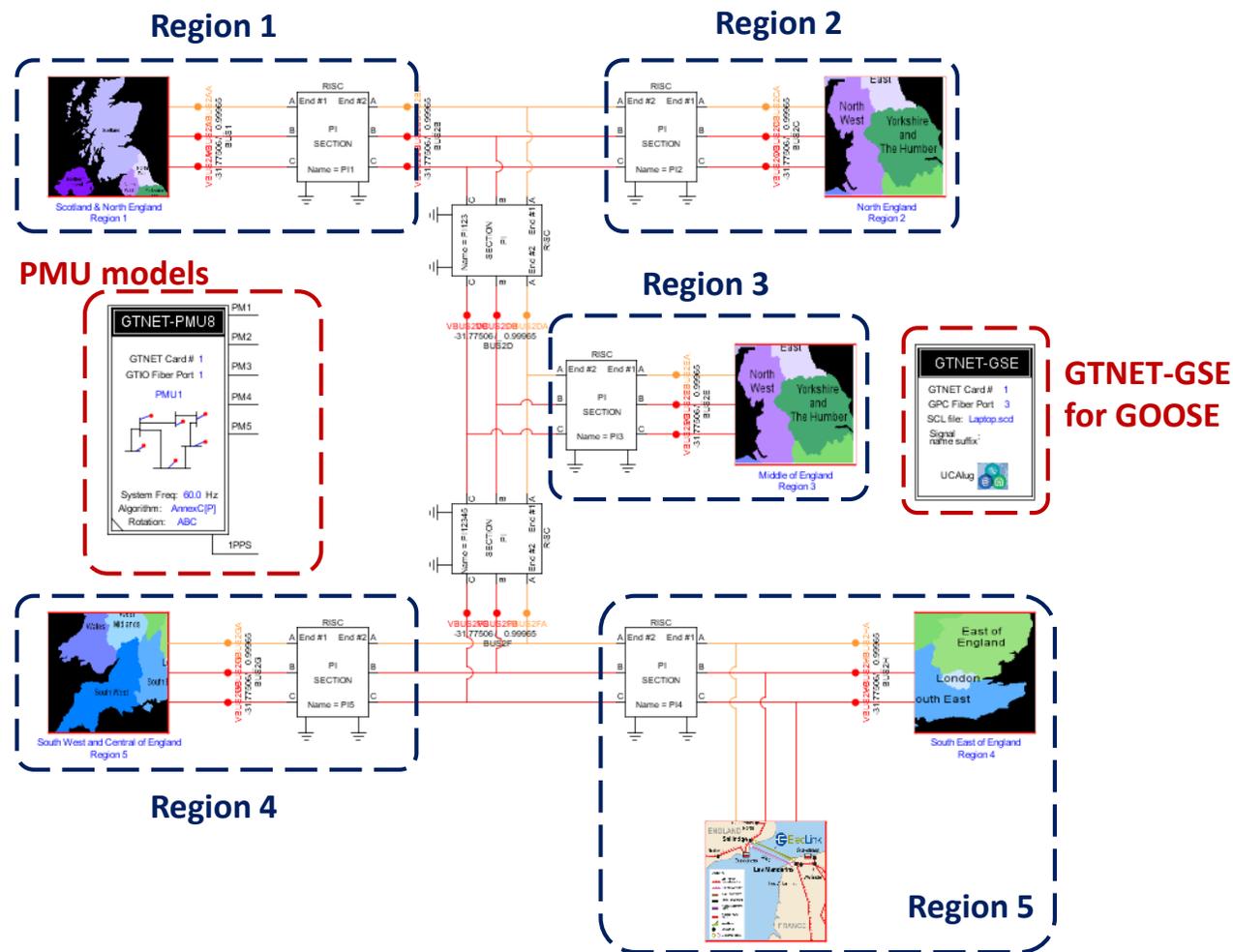
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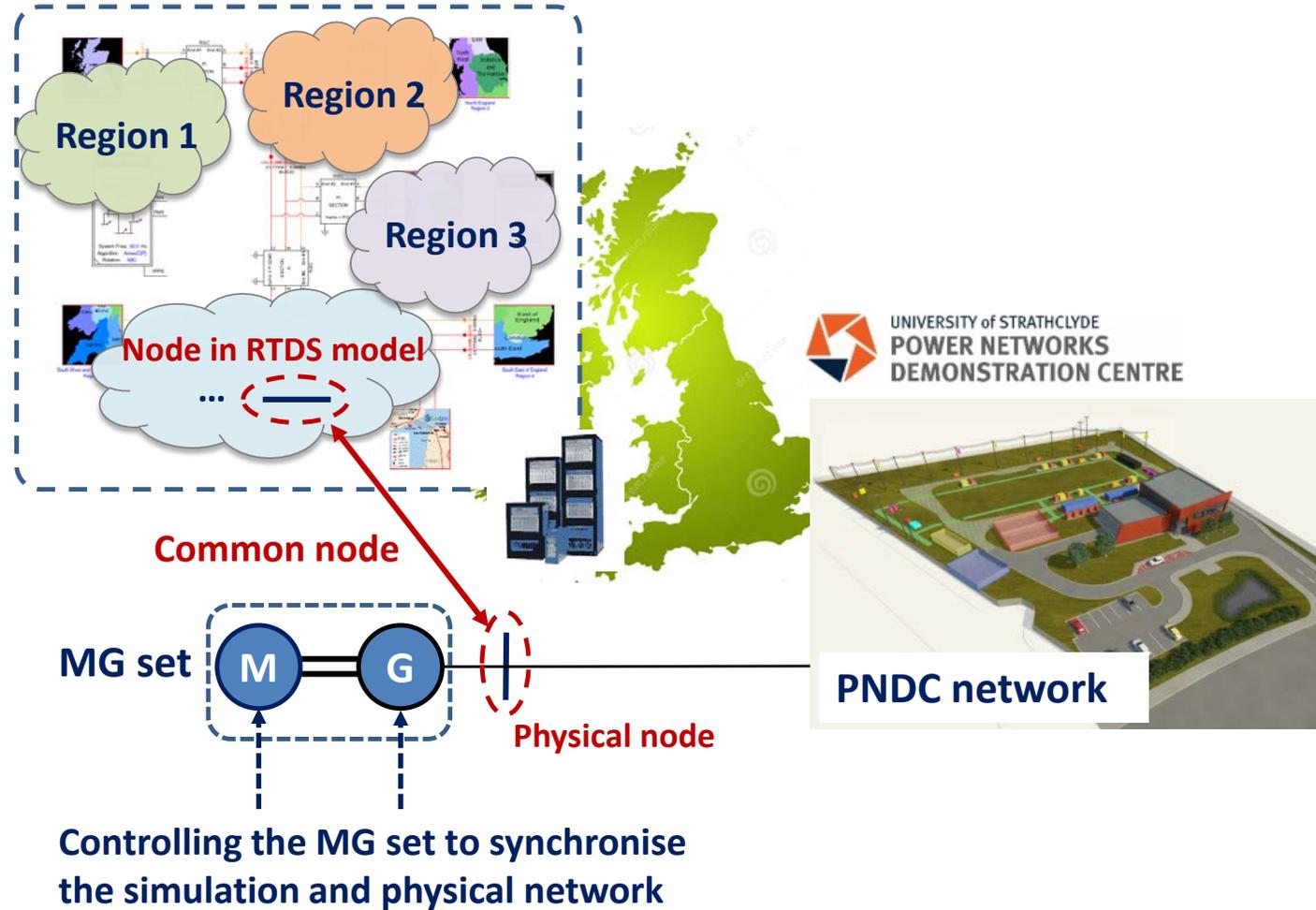
# Closed Loop Testing



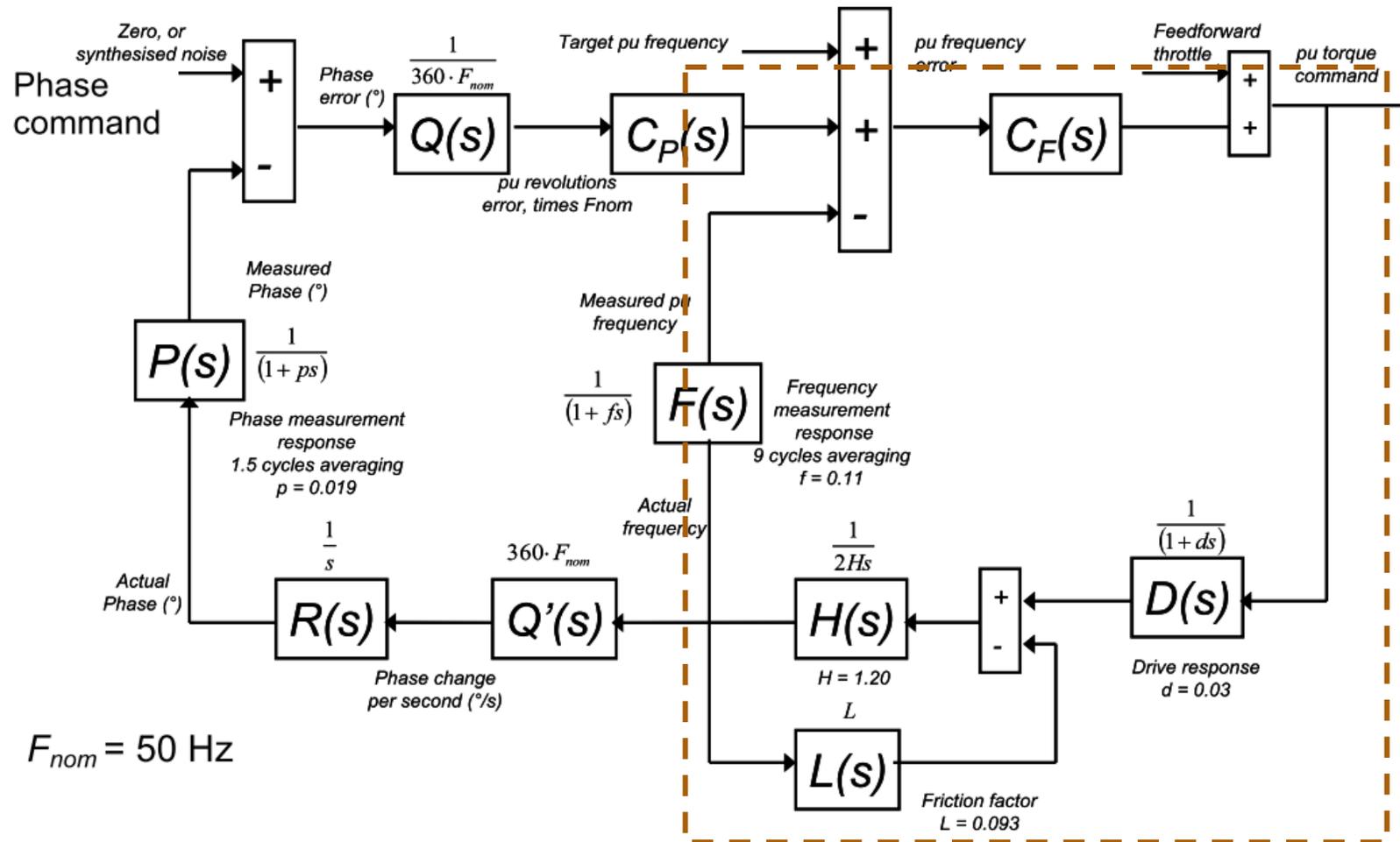
# Five Region RTDS Model



# P-HiL Strategy

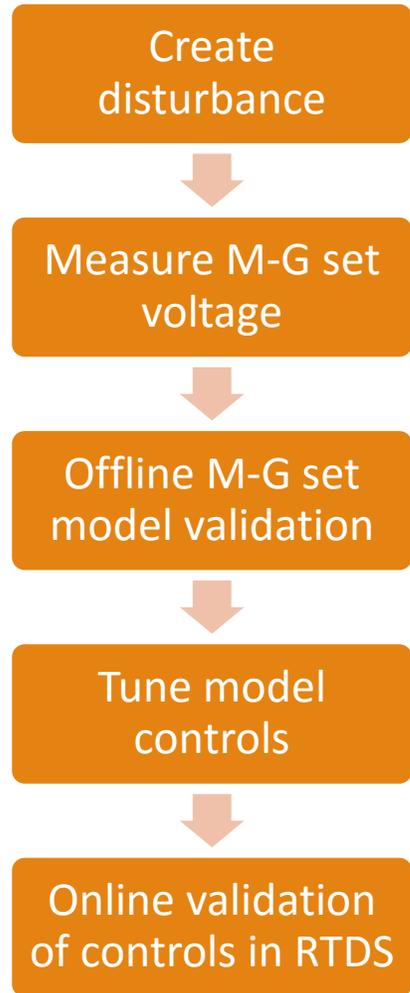


# P-HiL Controls

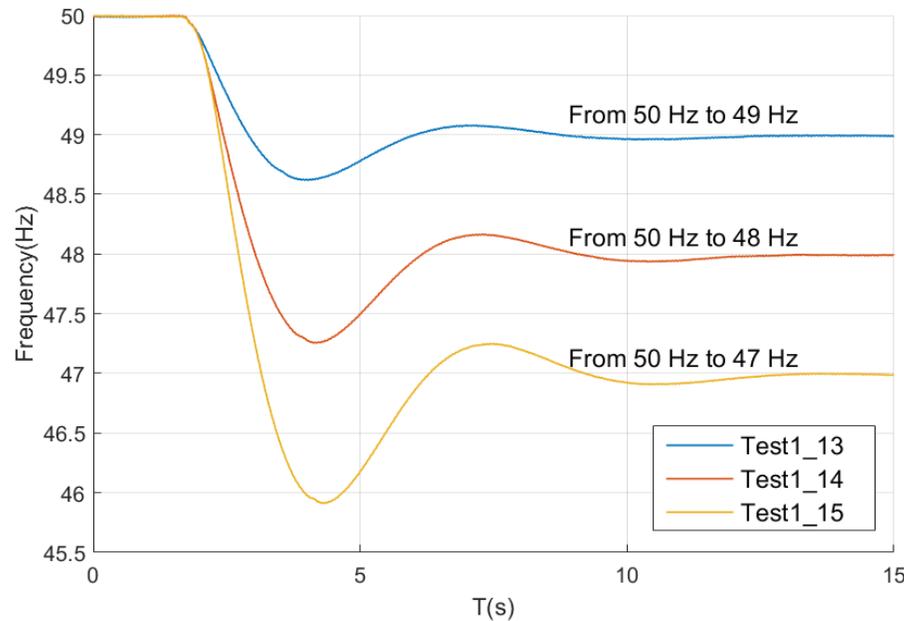


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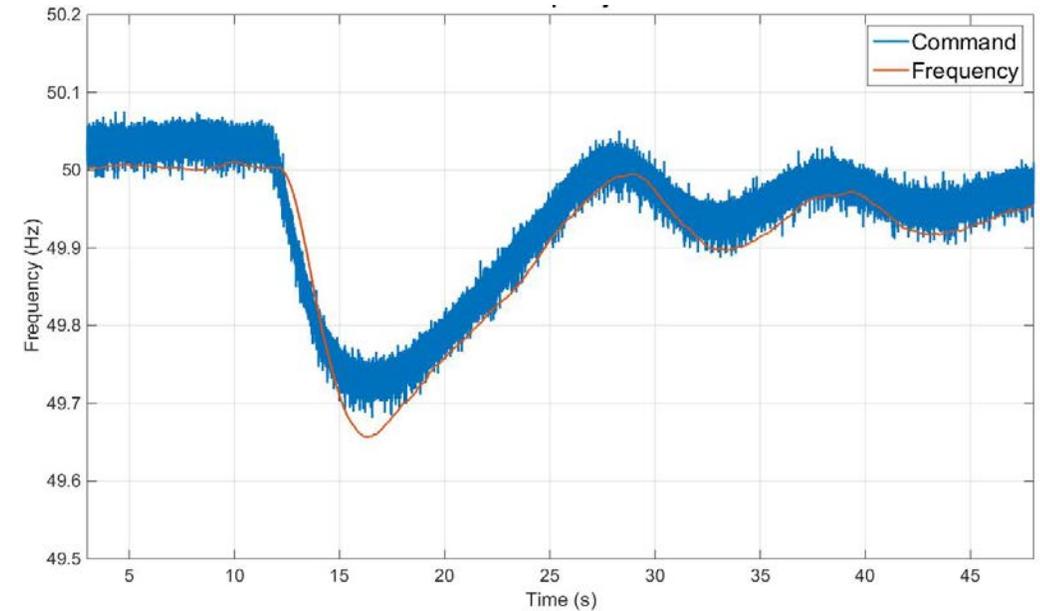
# Characterisation of the M-G Set Response



Frequency step



Simulated historic Event



# What's Next?

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- Installation & commissioning of SFC solution
- Configuration of SFC control scheme
- Implementation of M-G set interface
- SAT
- Testing

# Summary

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- Challenges caused by reduced and varied system inertia.
- Requirements for a targeted frequency response.
- Importance of rigorous de-risking of new control solutions.
- Realistic testing approaches enabled through real-time simulation.

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