



St Paul Island Alaska  
Microgrid Development Project  
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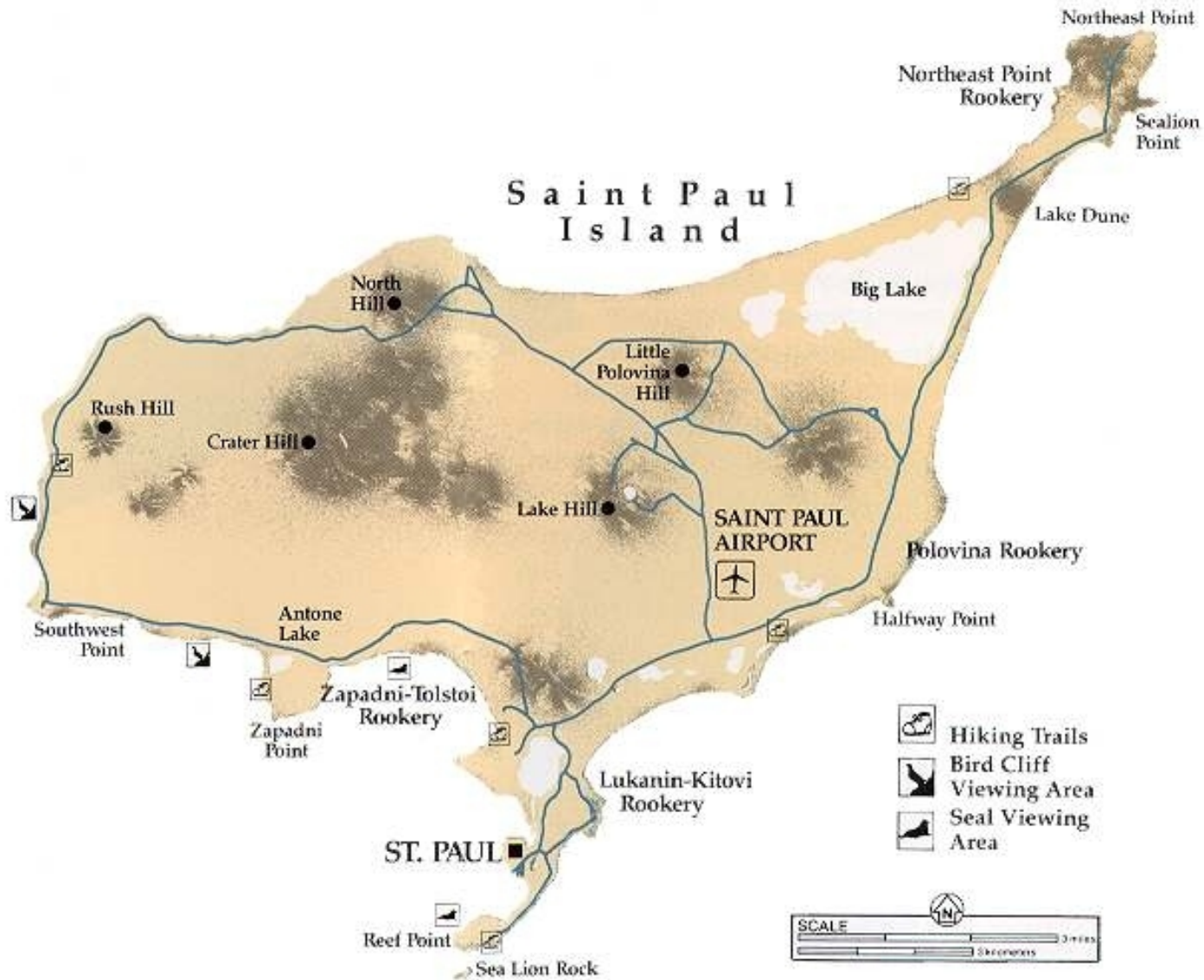
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- Division of TDX Corporation
- Native to the island of St. Paul, Alaska
- TDX Power: Native owned Alaskan Utility Corporation
  - Four regulated municipals
  - Two commercial wind power projects
  - Village power test facility
  - Utility engineering and EPC services
    - Vermont-based: x-Northern Power Systems Engineers
      - Northern supplied the CERTS microgrid to AEP
      - Built customer microgrids in early 2000s

# St Paul Island, AK



# St Paul Island





# TDX Project Objectives

- Have Renewables provide 80% of all electrical and thermal heating requirements for the community of St. Paul
- Demonstrate integration of renewables as primary power sources
- Demonstrate the merits of Microgrids
- Develop and test a Microgrid Controller, with universal application
- Use Lessons Learned throughout Alaska and beyond

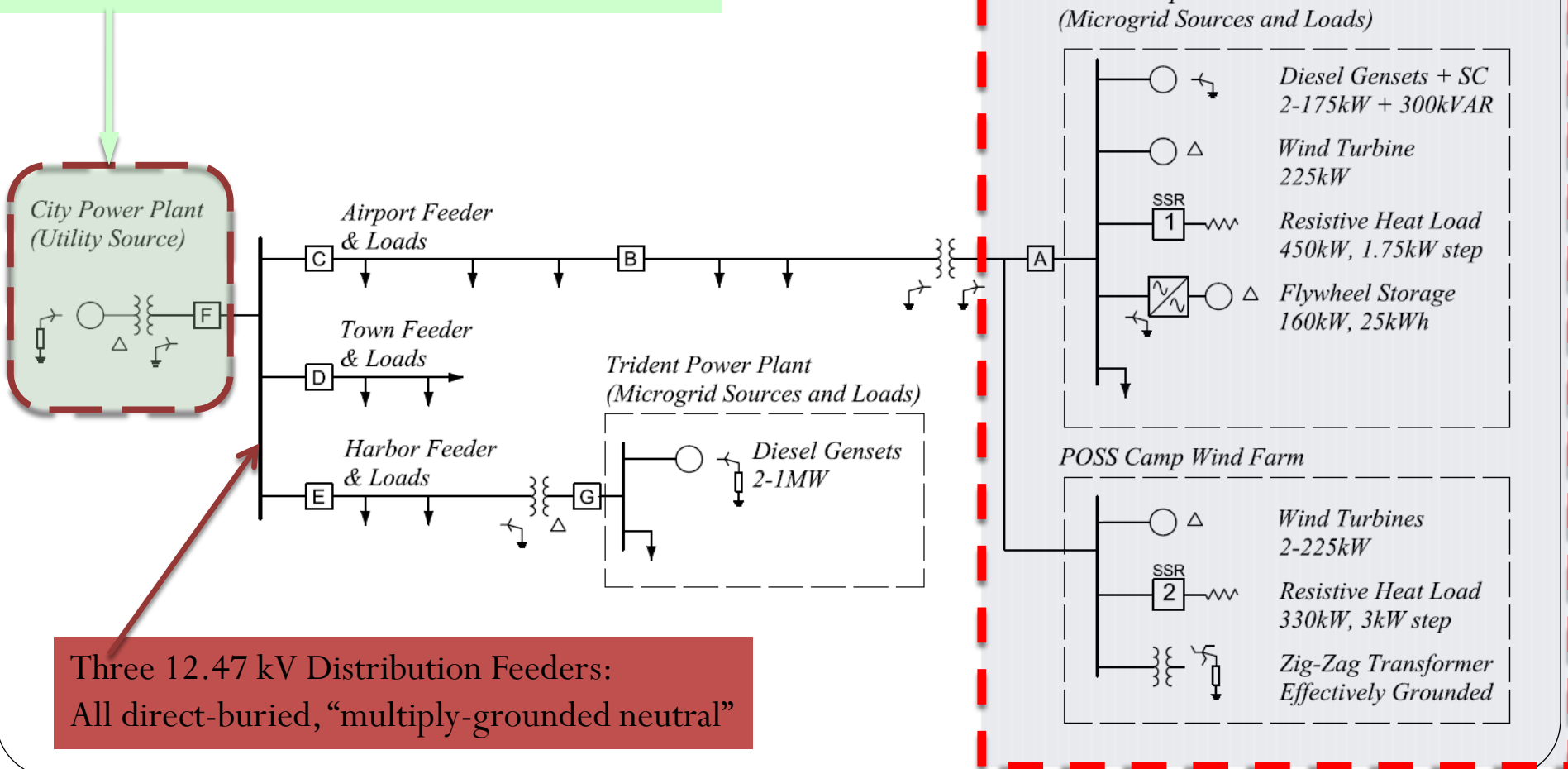
## Project Performance Objectives

- Develop and test a Microgrid Controller, with universal application
- Reducing outage time of critical loads by  $>98\%$  *at a cost comparable to non-integrated baseline solutions (i.e., UPS)*
- Reducing emissions by  $>20\%$  with renewables
- Improving system energy efficiencies by  $>20\%$  with renewables
- Enhance energy resiliency and increase robustness

# Simplified System One-Line

- City Power Plant
  - 6 gensets; Rated 300 -1000 kW
  - Automated controls

## • POSS Power Plant

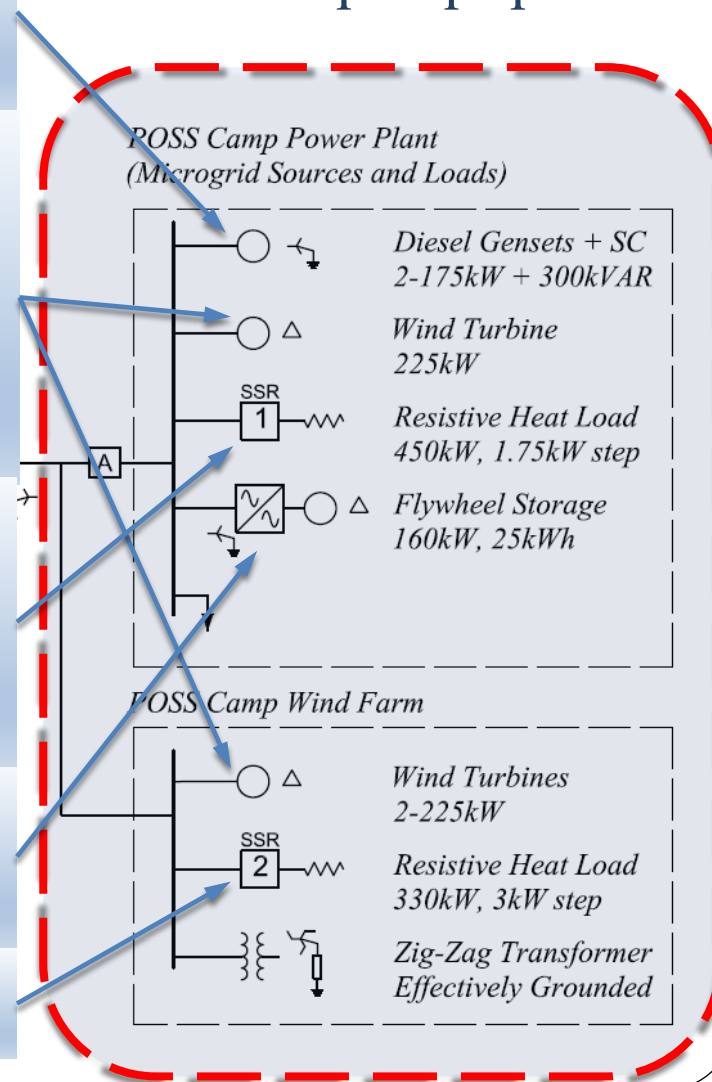




# Simplified System One-Line

- 2 – 160 kW Volvo diesel gensets with automated controls
- 3 – V27 Wind Turbines (1980 vintage)
  - Simple induction generator with thyristor soft start
  - Pitch Control
- Frequency controlled 450 kW secondary load
  - 1.75 kW step resolution, fast control
- Beacon Flywheel 160 kW with 25 kwh storage, and grid-tie PQ Inverter
- Dispatchable secondary 330 kW heat load

## POSS Camp Equipment

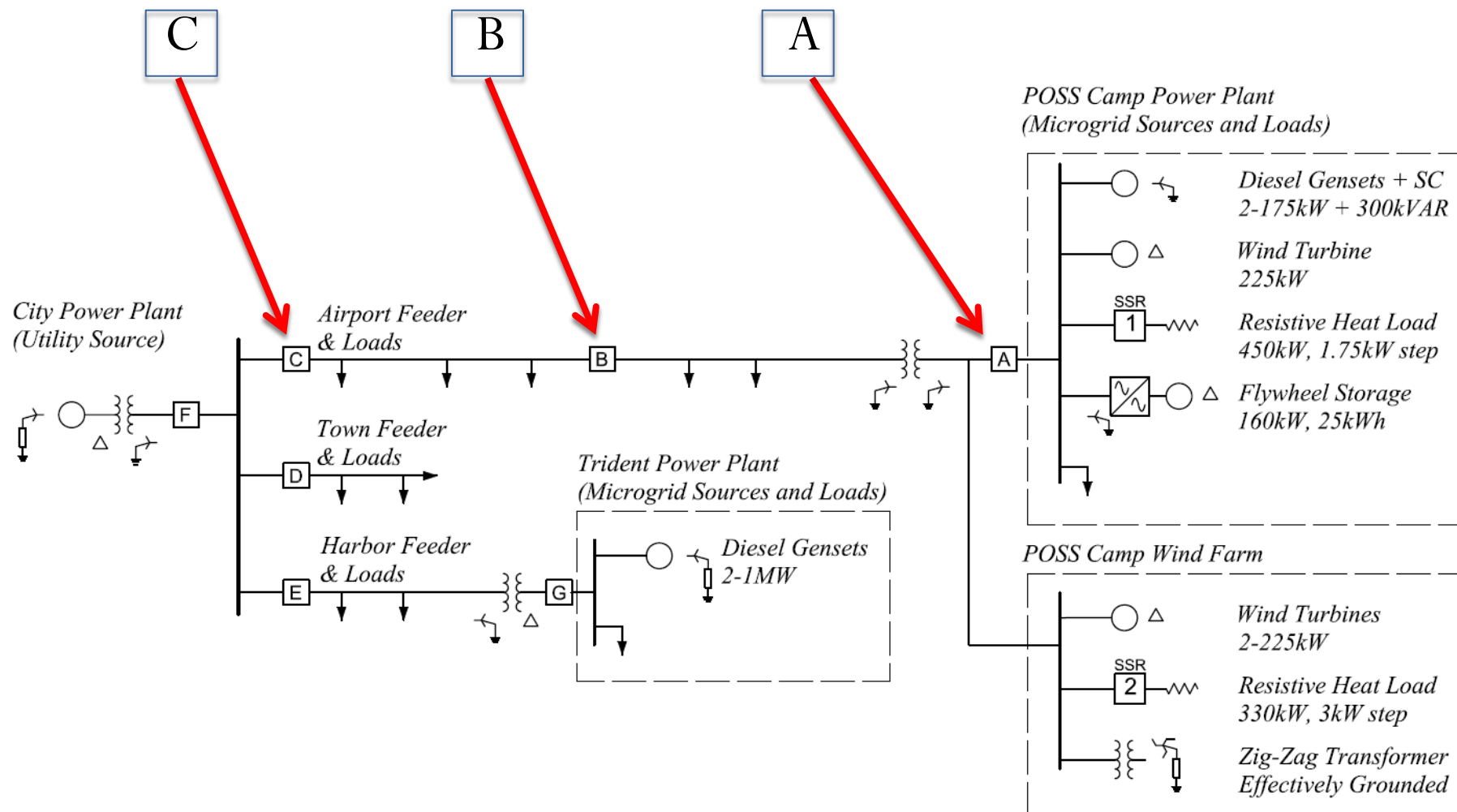


# Electrical Loads

- High, Low and Normal city load cases (300kW to 1 MW)
- Critical Loads defined on each distribution circuit
- Non-Critical Loads defined and armed
  - Sheddable by MGC
    - Pre-armed within MGC based upon
      - Selected PCC
      - Operating Capacity inside potential microgrid
  - Repowered when microgrid stabilized after islanding
    - Generation ramped up to repower

# MicroGrid Configurations

## 3 Cascaded MicroGrid PCC



# Microgrid Configurations

- Airport Feeder: Three PCC Locations
    - A: POSS Camp islanded with one WT:
      - 2 turbines still connected to City
    - B: Partial feeder islanded with three wind turbines
    - C: Full feeder islanded with three wind turbines
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- PCC Selection Process
    - Utility enabled (max) + operator enabled (min)
    - MGC assures minimum reserve to cover potential islanding event
      - Critical loads only: Load shedding armed
      - Wind turbine reserve: Wind turbine power minus 30 kW
        - Flywheel not assisting since it isn't grid forming
      - Diesels as required
    - MGC arms decouple triggers at PCC locations – SEL-451
      - Allows bigger Microgrid island if generation reserves allows

# Airport Feeder Selection of PCC

## Truth Table Approach



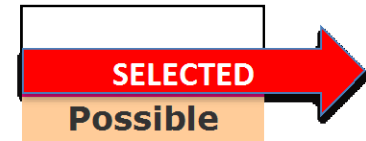
| City Permissive  |
|------------------|
| Maximum          |
|                  |
| Breaker A        |
| Breaker B        |
| <b>Breaker C</b> |

| Operator Permissive |
|---------------------|
| Minimum             |
| Sets Reserve        |
|                     |
| Breaker A           |
| <b>Breaker B</b>    |
| Breaker C           |

| MGC PROCESS      |
|------------------|
|                  |
| Verifies Reserve |
|                  |
| Breaker A        |
| <b>Breaker B</b> |
| Breaker C        |

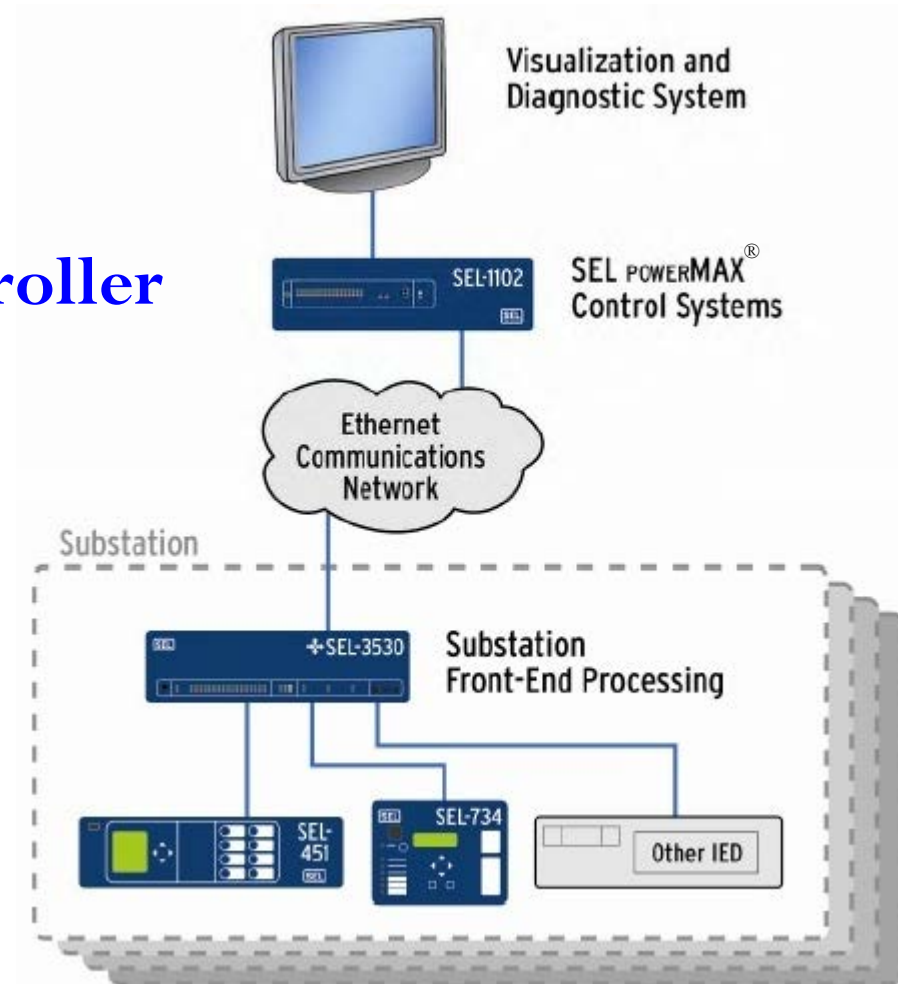
Min  
Max

| PCC Breaker |
|-------------|
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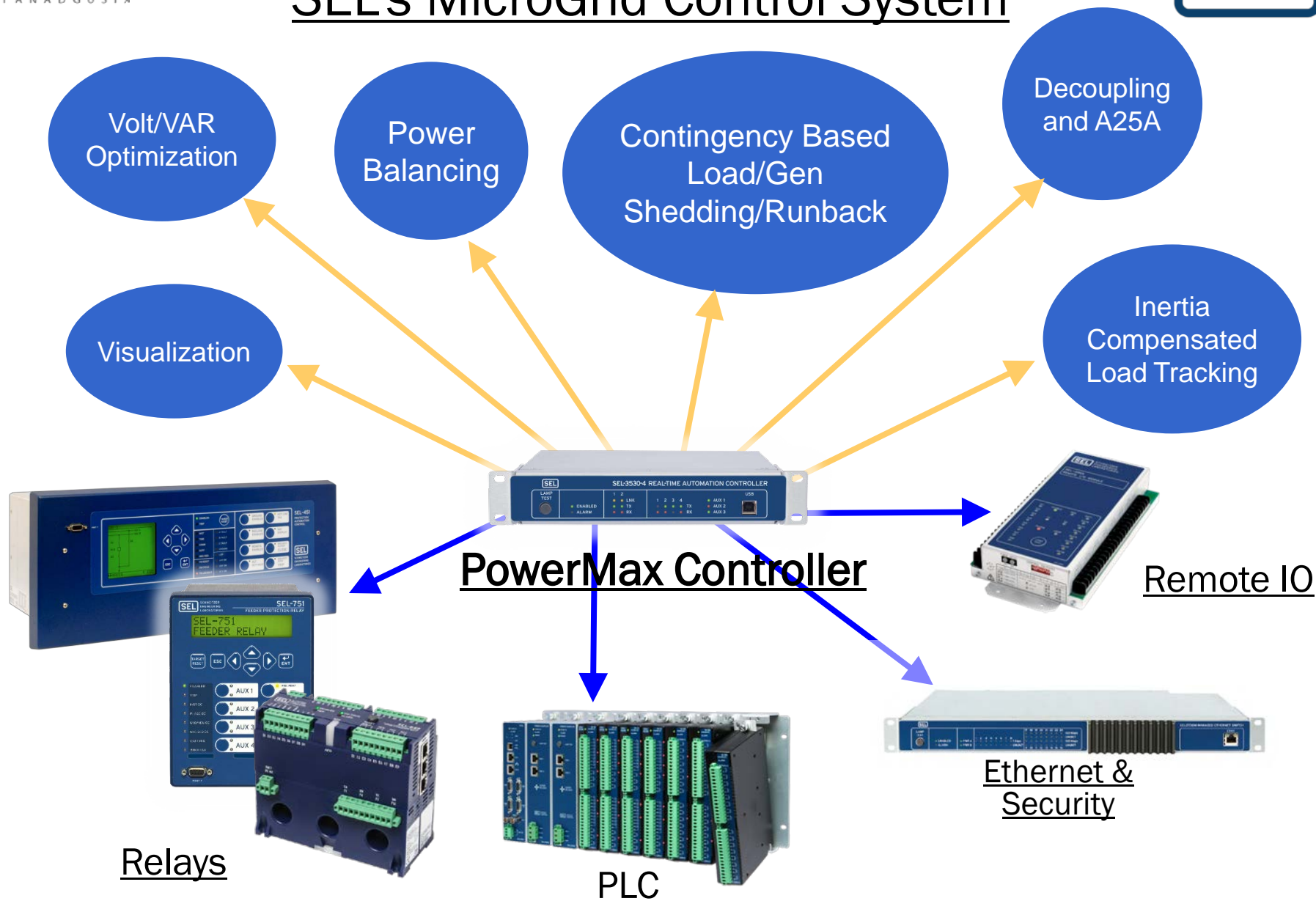
# SEL SmartGrid Technology

- PowerMAX Microgrid Controller
- SEL Fast, Smart Switches
  - 351
  - 451
  - 751



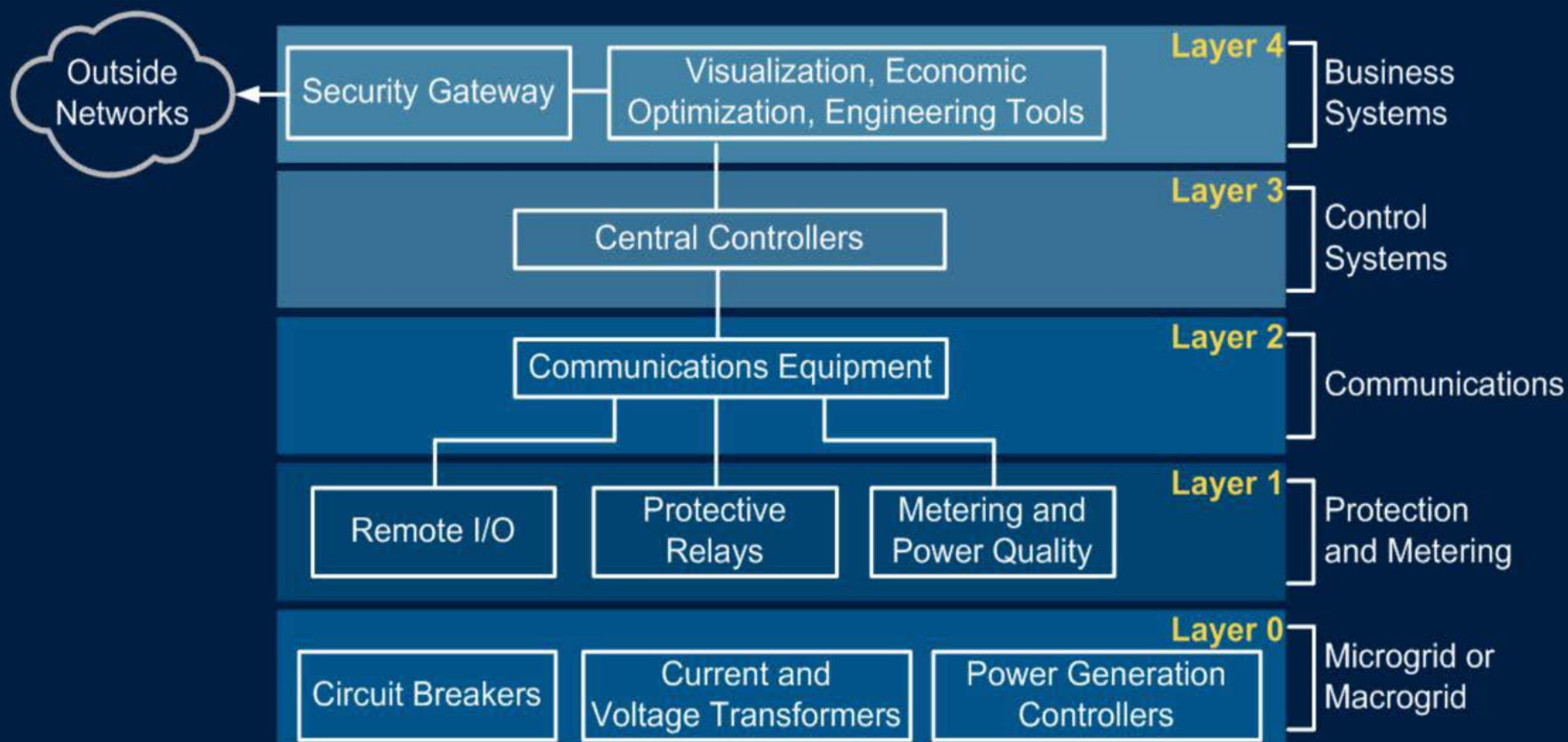
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# SEL's MicroGrid Control System



# SEL MicroGrid Control System

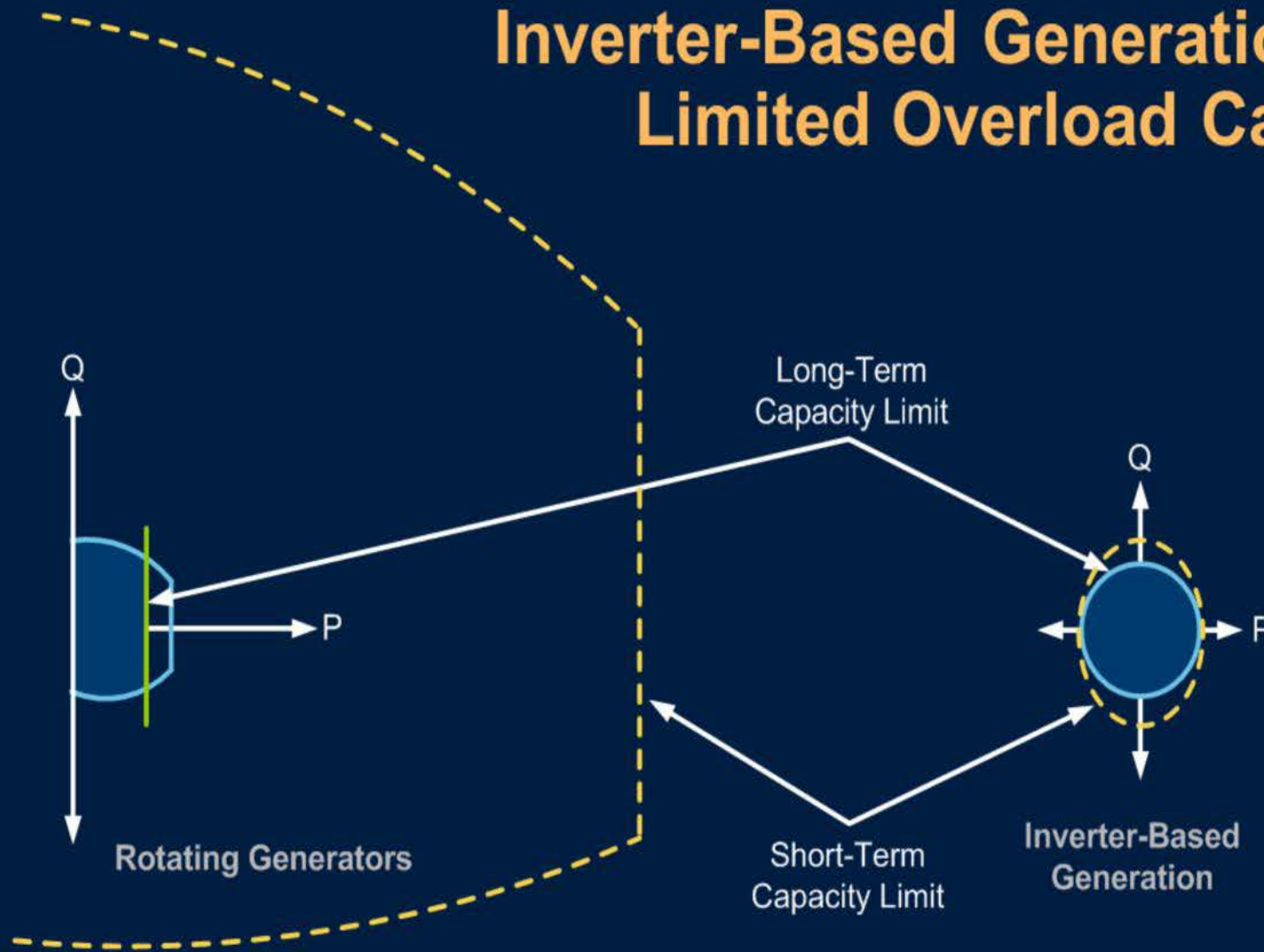
## Protection, Automation, Controls, and Security





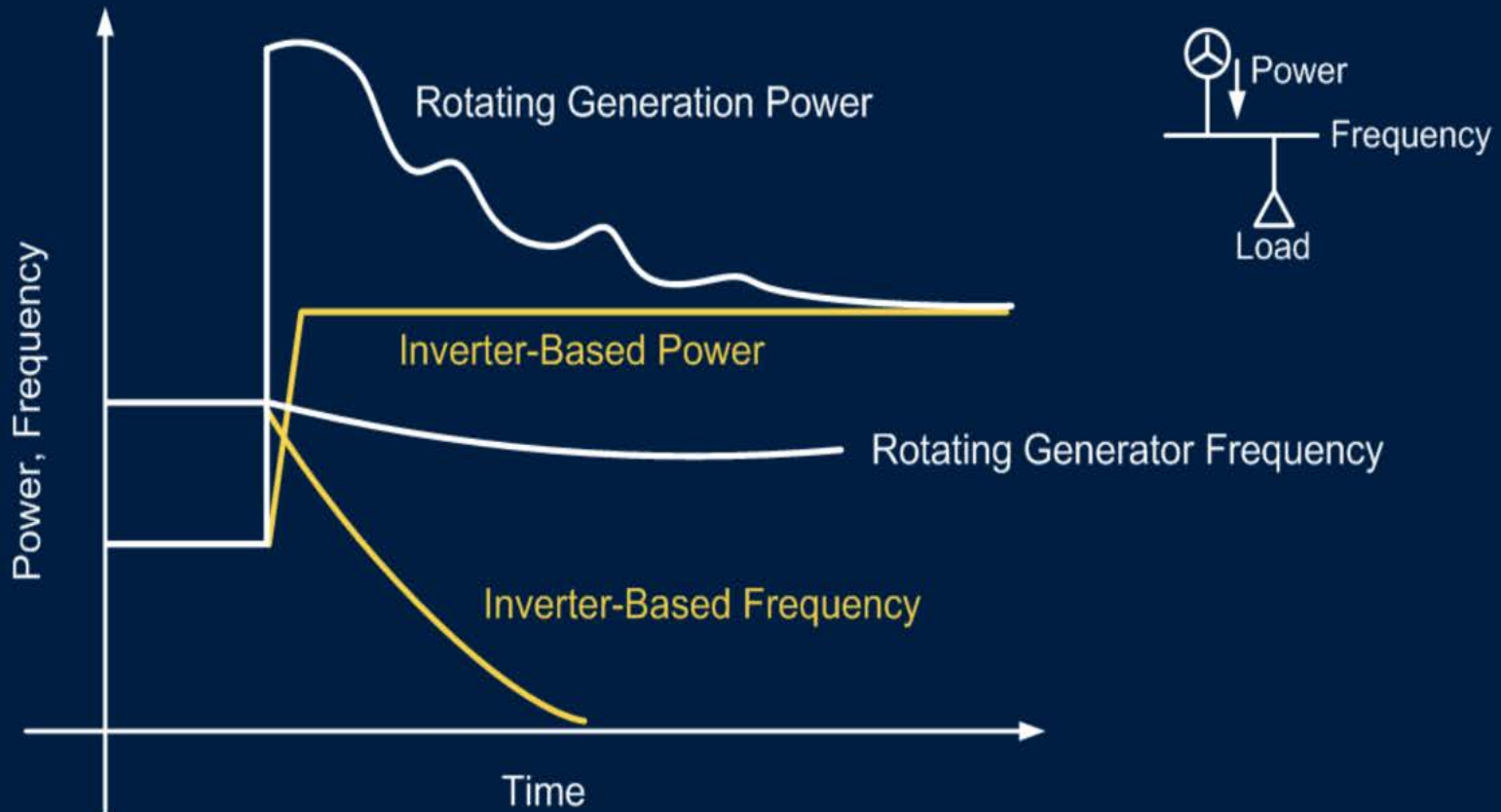
# Renewable Issues

## Inverter-Based Generation Has Limited Overload Capacity



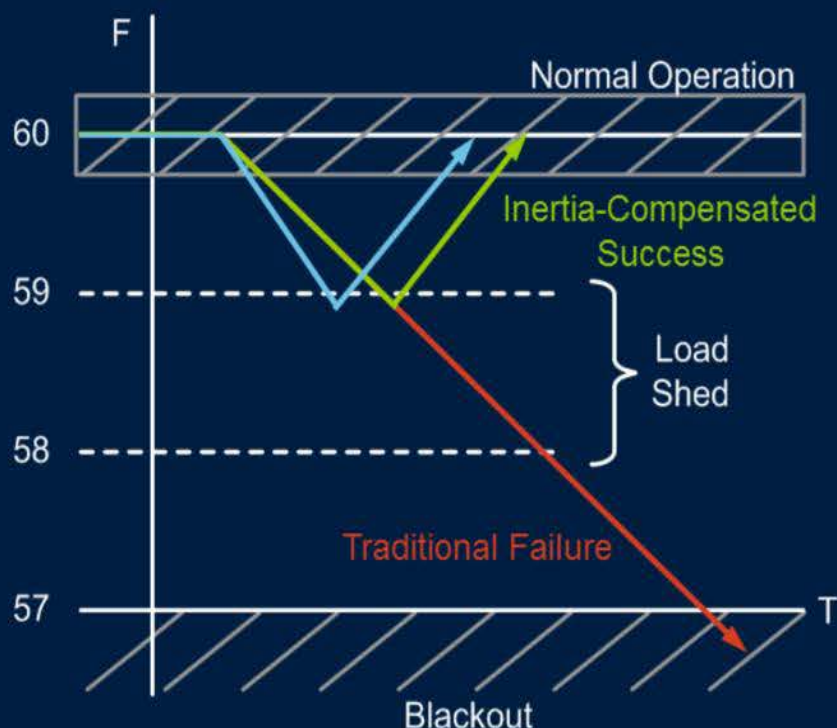
# Renewable Issues

## Load Balancing Must Happen *FASTER* With Inverter-Based Generation



# Embedded DSM Control

## Inertia-Compensated Load Shedding Do It Right!

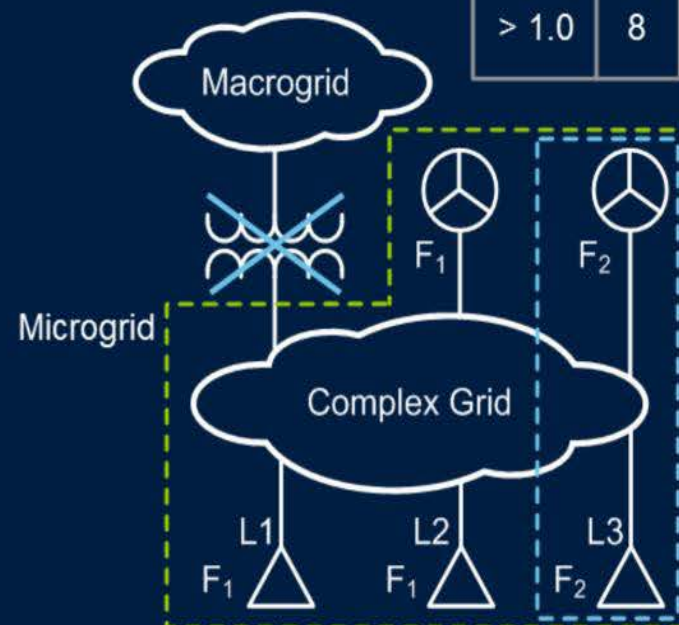


Load Shed  $\sim H \cdot \text{DFDT} = 8 \cdot 1 = 8 \text{ MW}$

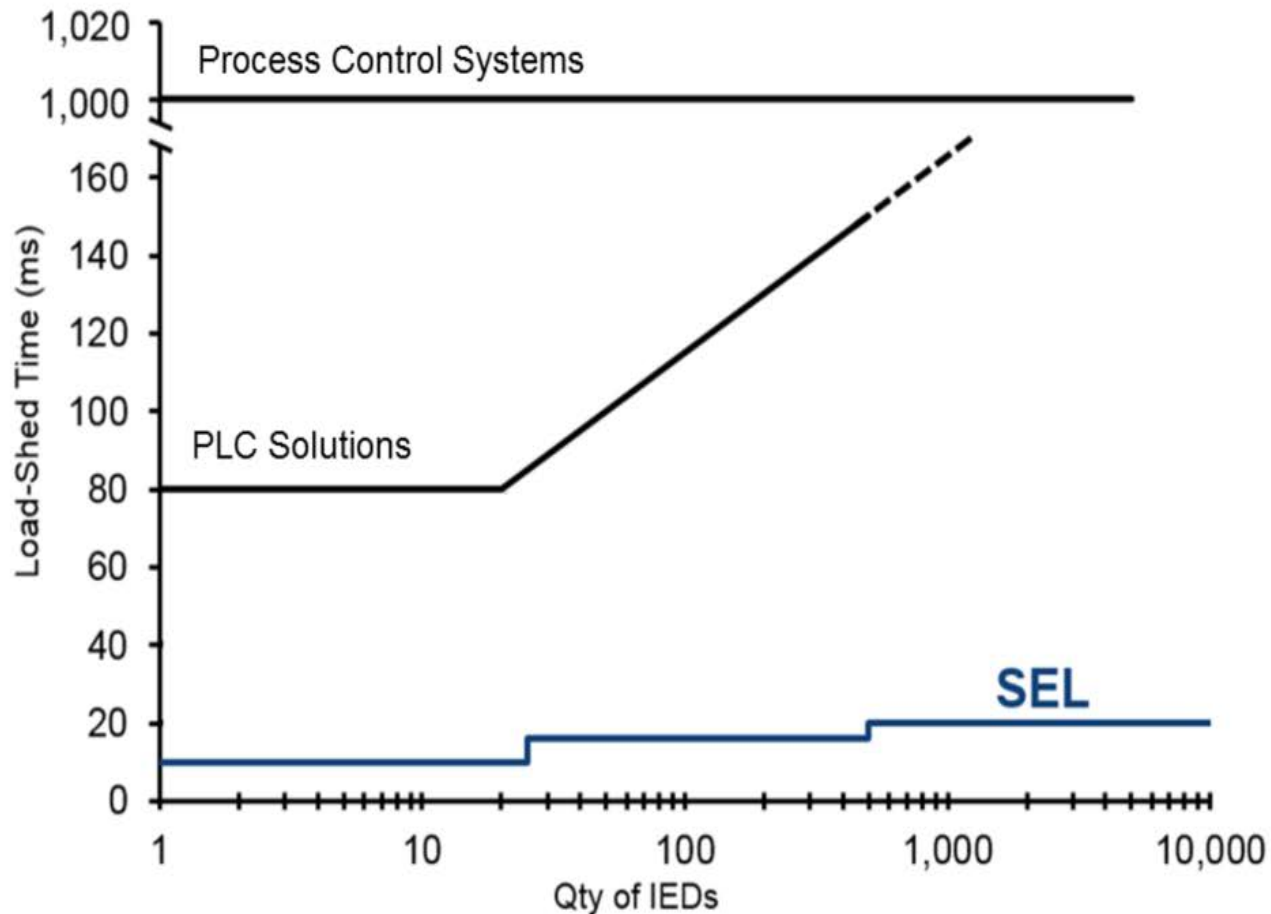
Load Shed  $\sim H \cdot \text{DFDT} = 4 \cdot 2 = 8 \text{ MW}$

MW Load to Shed

| DFDT \ F   | 59 | 58 |
|------------|----|----|
| < 0.5      | 2  | 4  |
| 0.5 to 1.0 | 4  | 8  |
| > 1.0      | 8  | 12 |



# SEL Controllers Take Action *FASTER*



# SEL-451

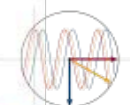
Protection, Automation, and Bay Control System



Reduce System Cost, Complexity, and Maintenance



Shown with 5U chassis, expanded LEDs, operator buttons, and auxiliary trip/close buttons.



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# 451 Relay Functions (general)

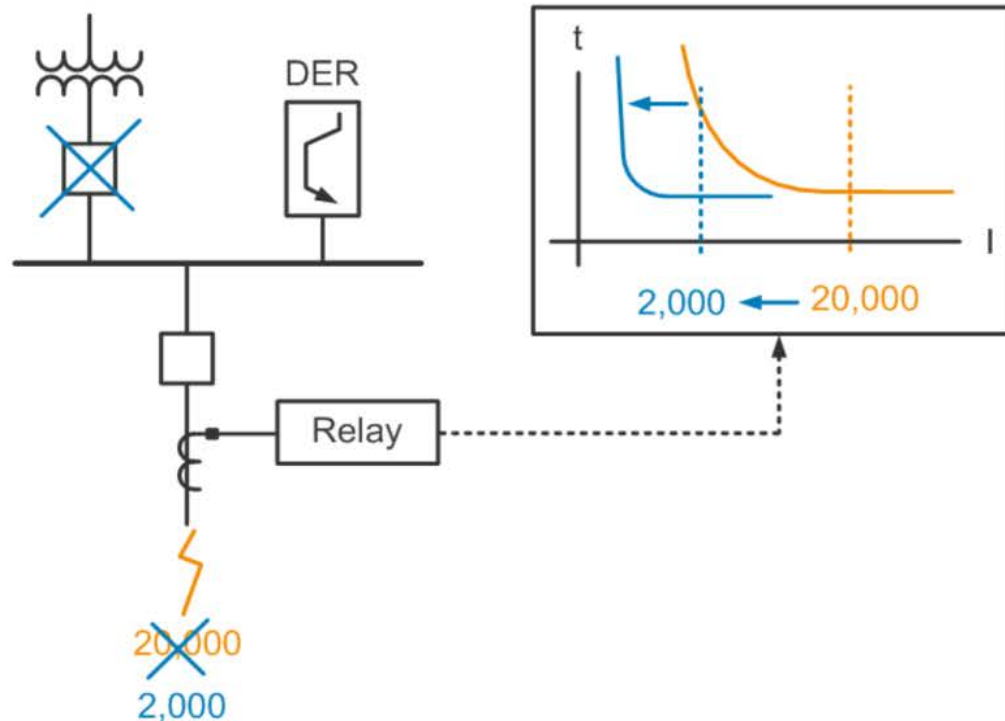


- Multi-function Protection
- Synchronization System
- Oscillography
- Sequence of Events Recordings
- Remote I/O and Metering
- Power Quality Monitoring
- Programmable Logic Controller
- Ultra High Speed Communications
- Continuous Self-Diagnostics
- Synchrophasors
- DC battery monitoring



## Protection Must *ADAPT* To Changing Fault Conditions

- Fault levels
- Grounding
- Directions
- Impedances

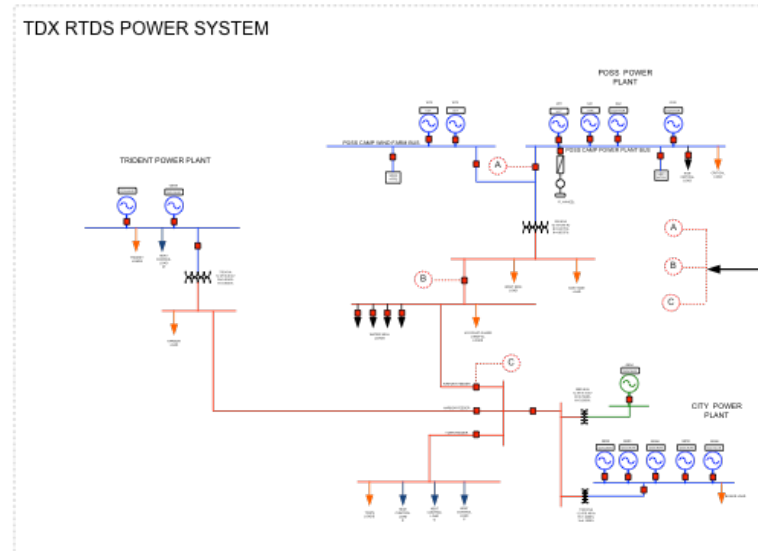


# Hardware in the Loop Testing

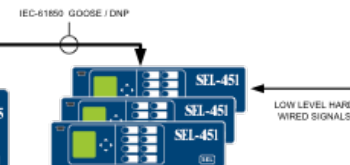
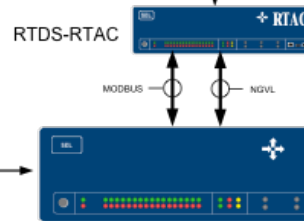
## P12633 TDX RTDS Interface Drawing

### TDX RTDS POWER SYSTEM

SEL RTDS LAB  
SETUP  
\* RTDS Lab Hardware is SEL  
proprietary



MICRO GRID  
CONTROLLER  
\* Under Test

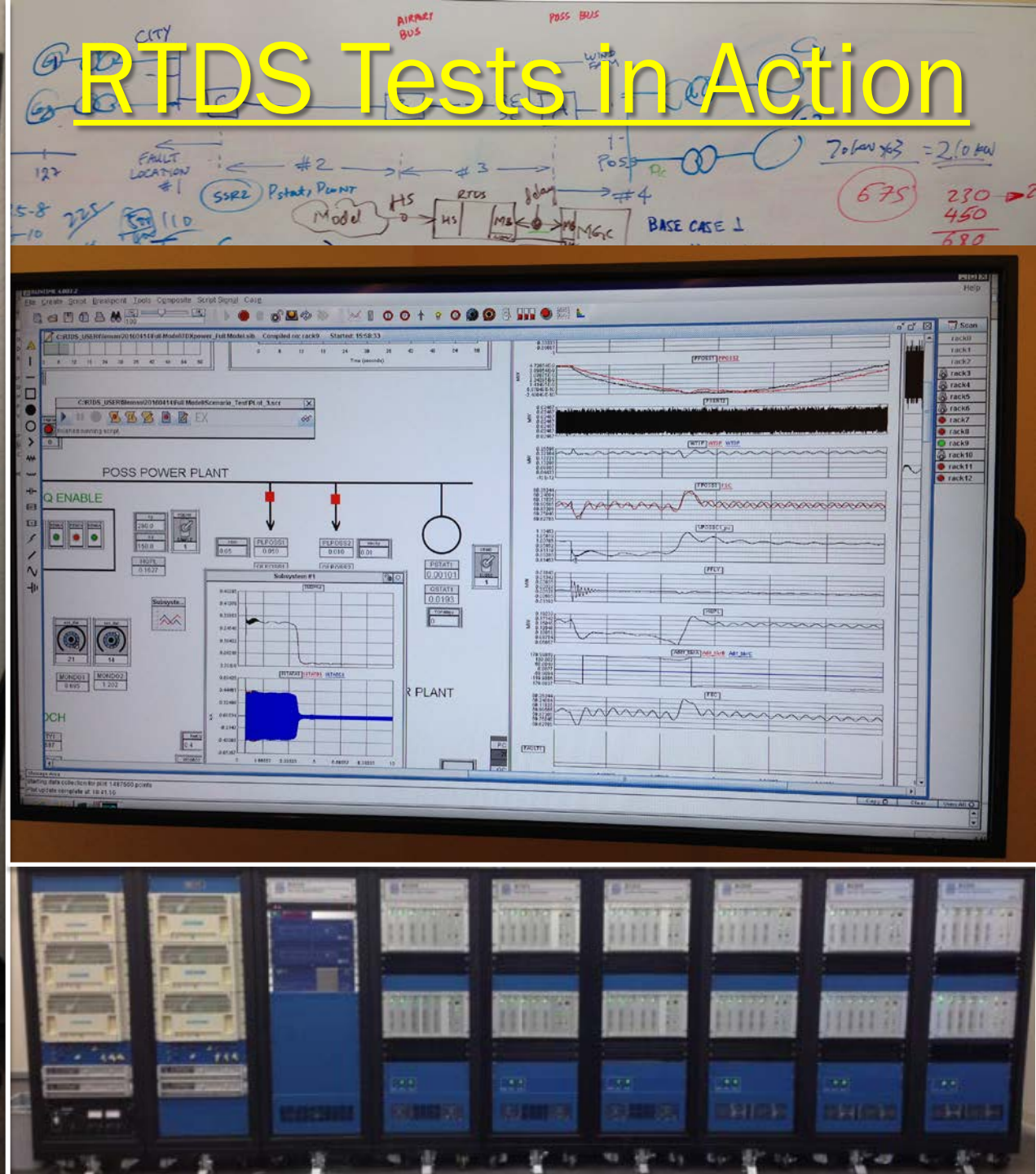


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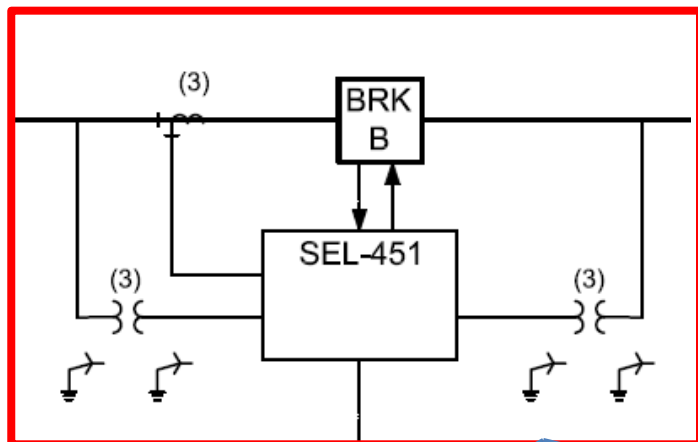
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# 451 Relay Locations

Microgrid Switch Equipment  
- 451 Relay at location A,B,C



City Power Plant  
(Utility Source)

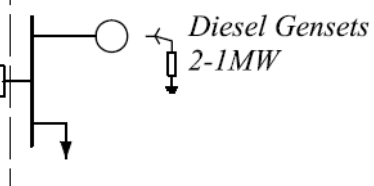


Airport Feeder  
& Loads

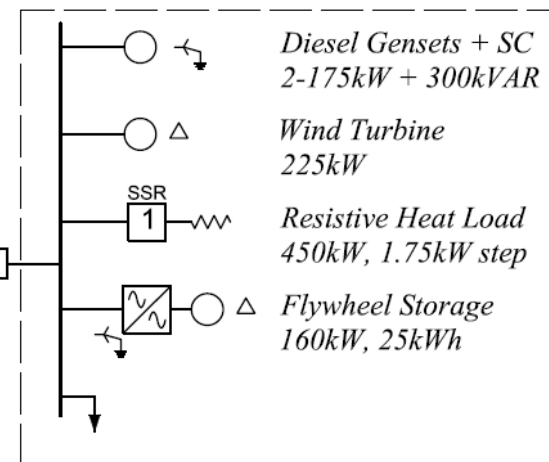
Town Feeder  
& Loads

Harbor Feeder  
& Loads

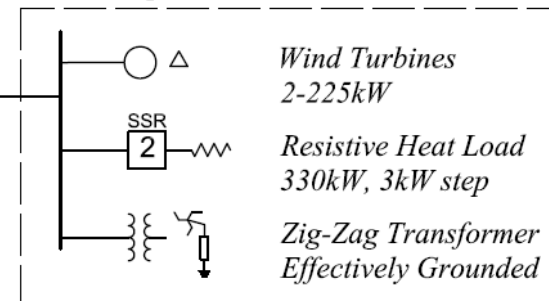
Trident Power Plant  
(Microgrid Sources and Loads)



POSS Camp Power Plant  
(Microgrid Sources and Loads)

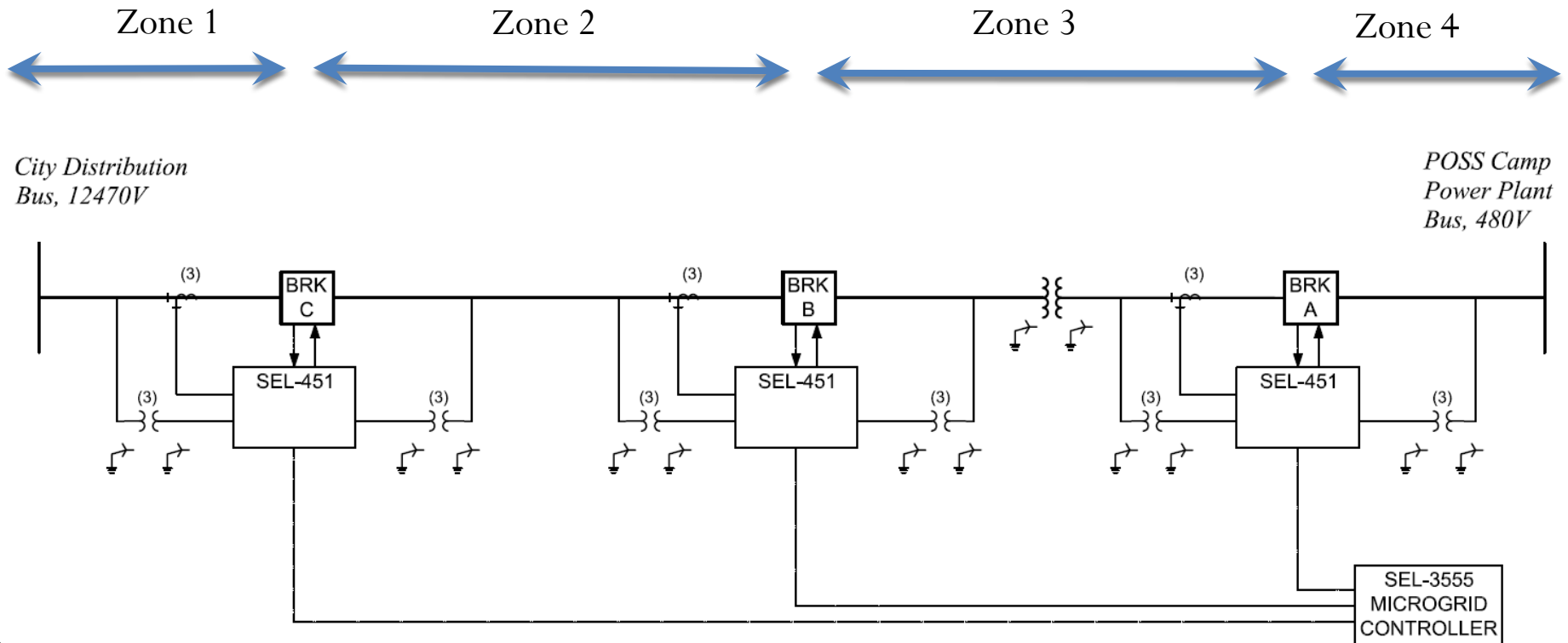


POSS Camp Wind Farm



# 451 Relay Config Overview

- Decouples to form Microgrid from failed grid, based on DOE criteria
- Clears faults when Microgrid faults
- Performs sync check & breaker close when grid recovers



# SEL Process

- MGC Final Design Specification
  - MGC Coding Authorized
- Validation Testing
  - Component Performance Validation
  - Protection Modeling
  - Steady State and Dynamic Validation
- RTDS Cases (10 days)
  - Permissive Controls to Alarm PCC at A, B or C ( 9 Cases)
  - Wind Condition Verification (10 Cases)
  - Unintentional Opening of Breakers (19 Cases)
  - Decoupling Events with Faults (33 Cases)
  - Auto-Synchronization Events ( 6 Cases)
  - Genset and Wind Turbine Failure Events ( 5 Cases)
  - Faults and Specials, using measured wind profiles (22 Cases)

# Decoupling Event at 'C'

## Wind Only

Test Case 31a

Initial Conditions

City Gen #1- 930 kW

Microgrid Generators

3 Wind Turbines on line

- Wind 14 m/s

**POSS Diesel off**

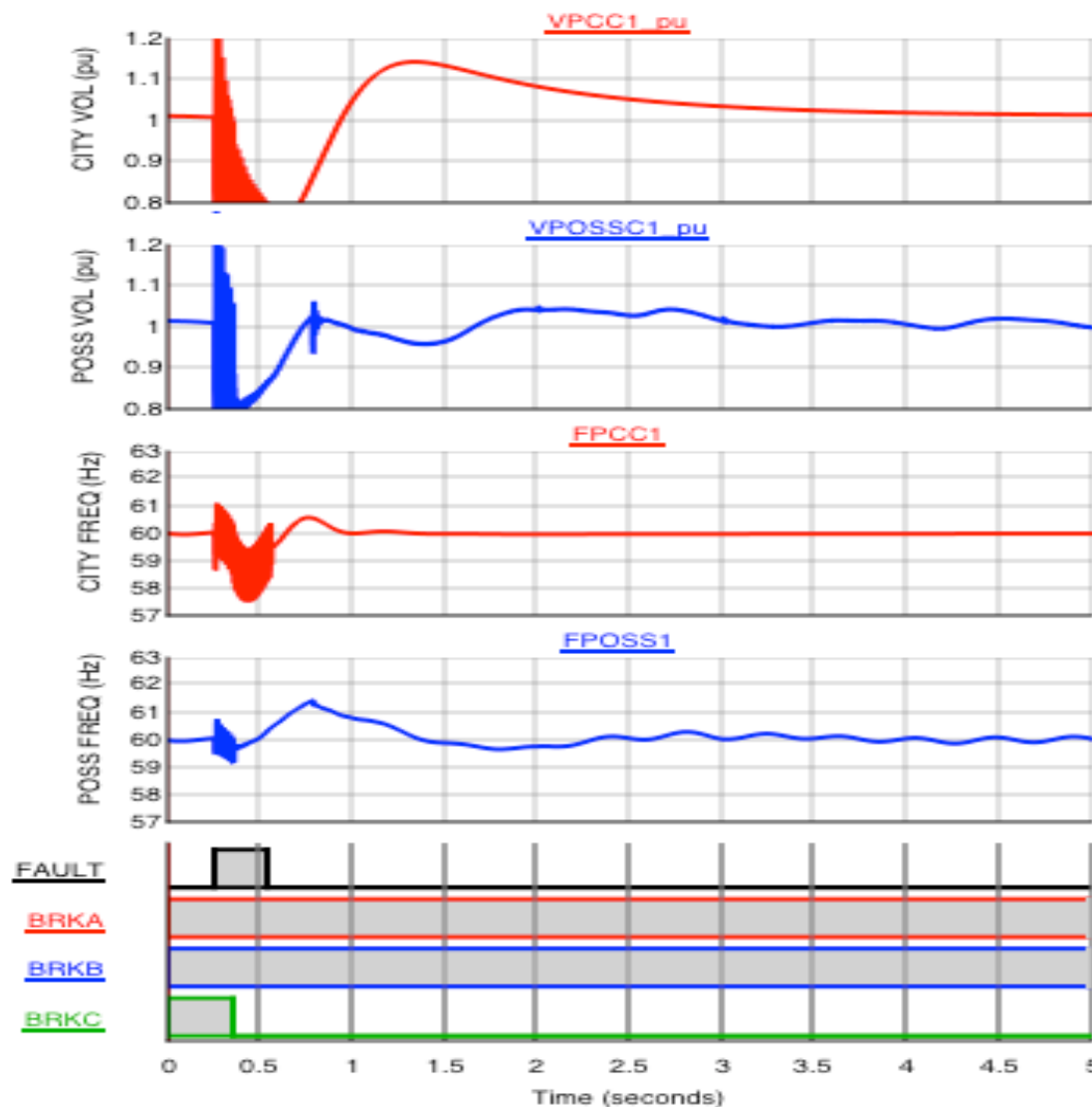
High Load Case

Action

Fault on City Distribution Breaker

- Single Phase Short to Ground

- 300 ms



# Decouple at 'C' Power Flow Wind Only

Test Case 31a

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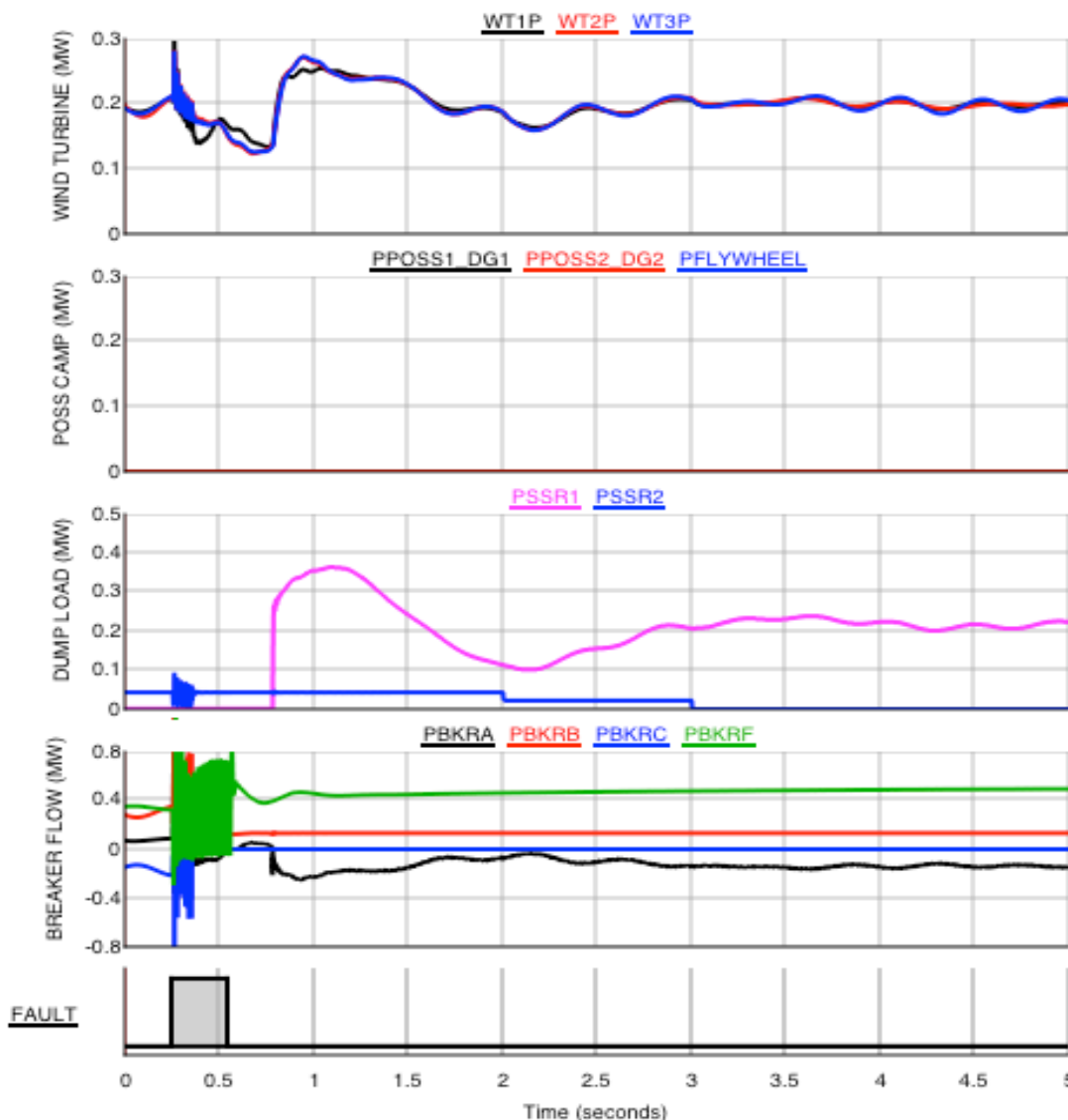
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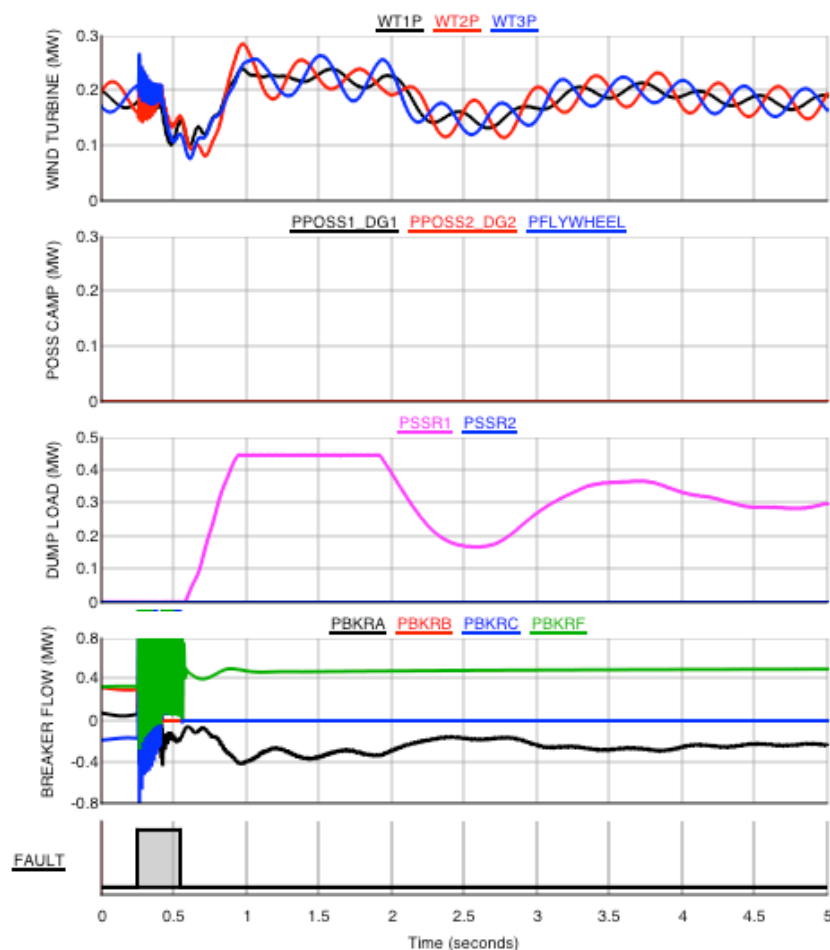
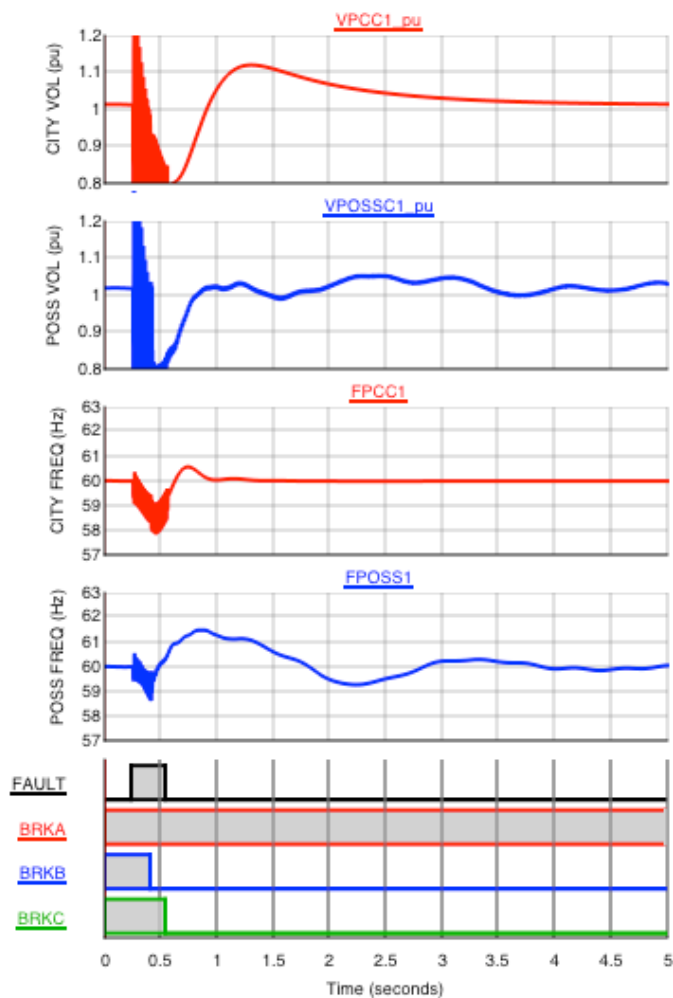


# Decoupling at 'B'

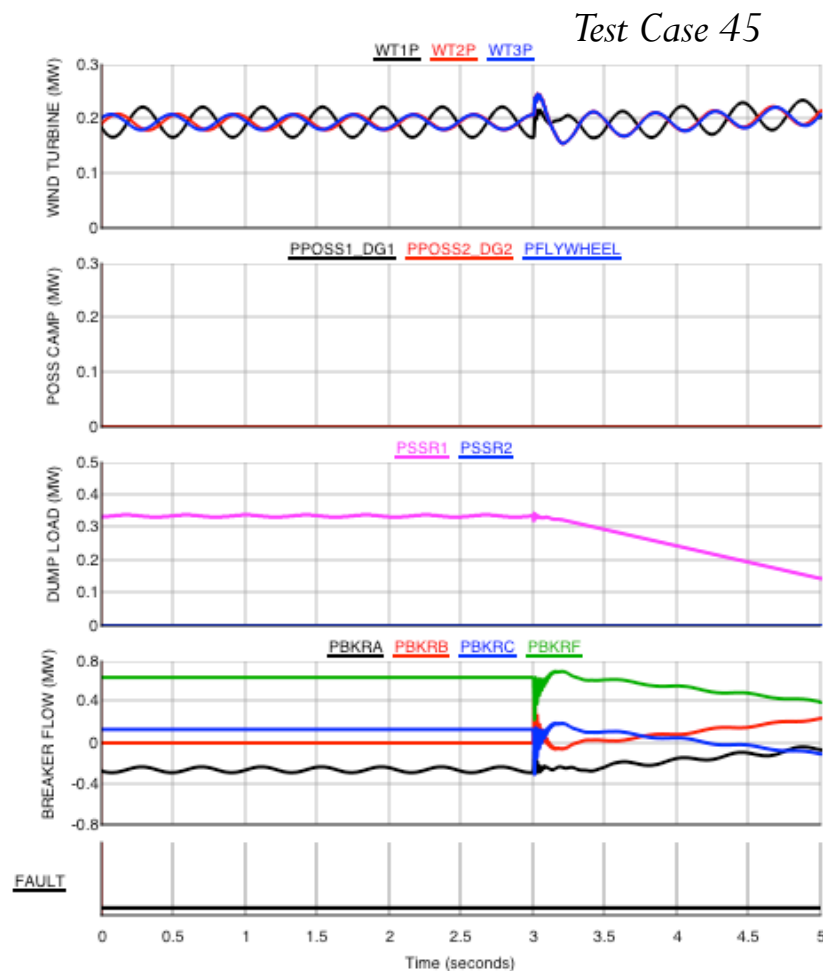
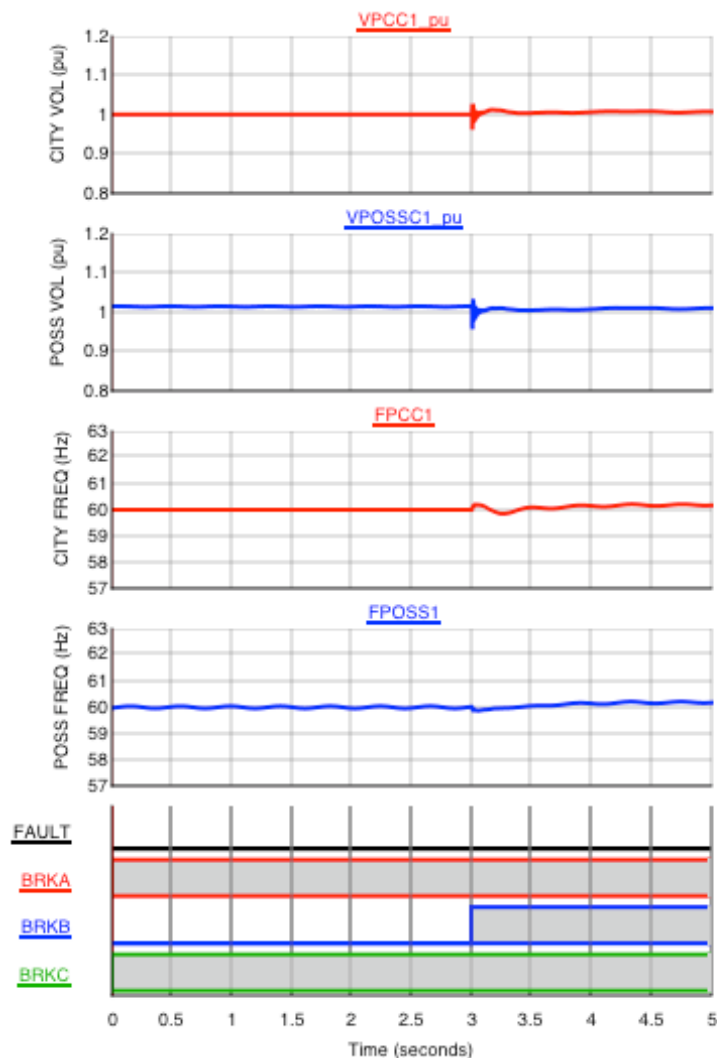
3 Wind Turbines near rated power: High Loads: City Gen #2 only

Test Case 30b

Fault in Zone 2: Decouple at 'B':



3 Wind Turbines near rated power: POSS generators off: City Gen #1: High Loads

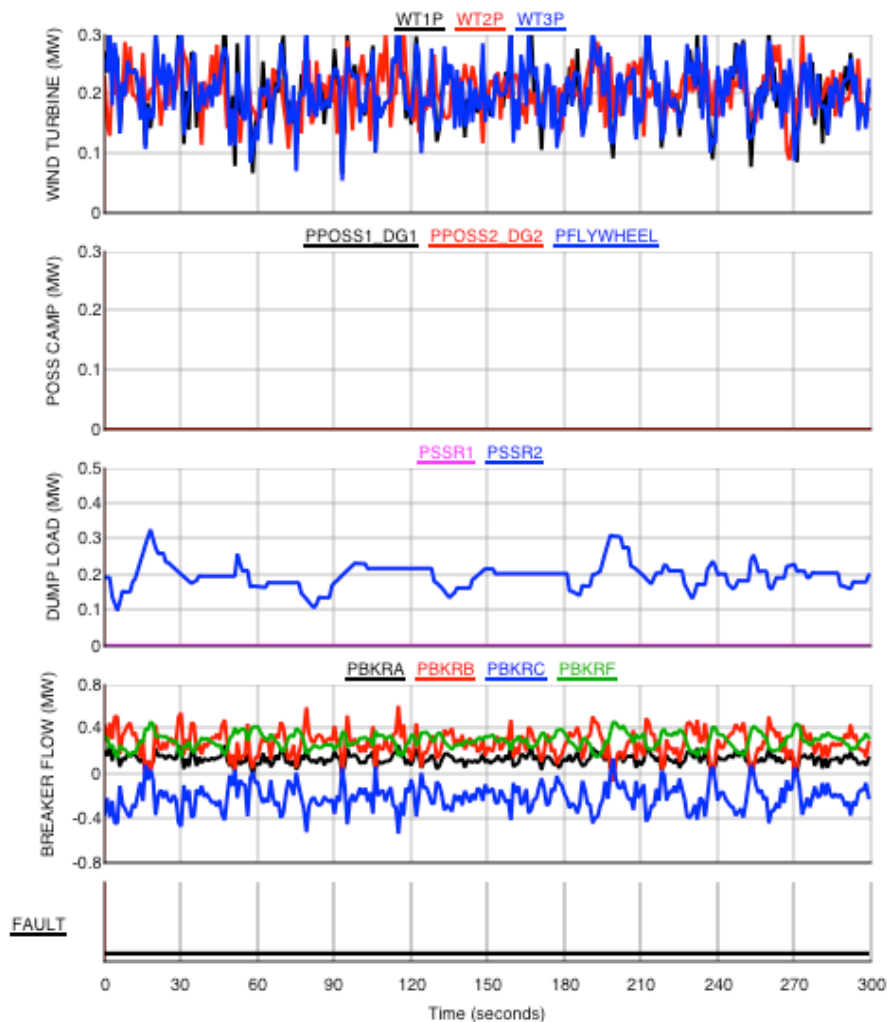
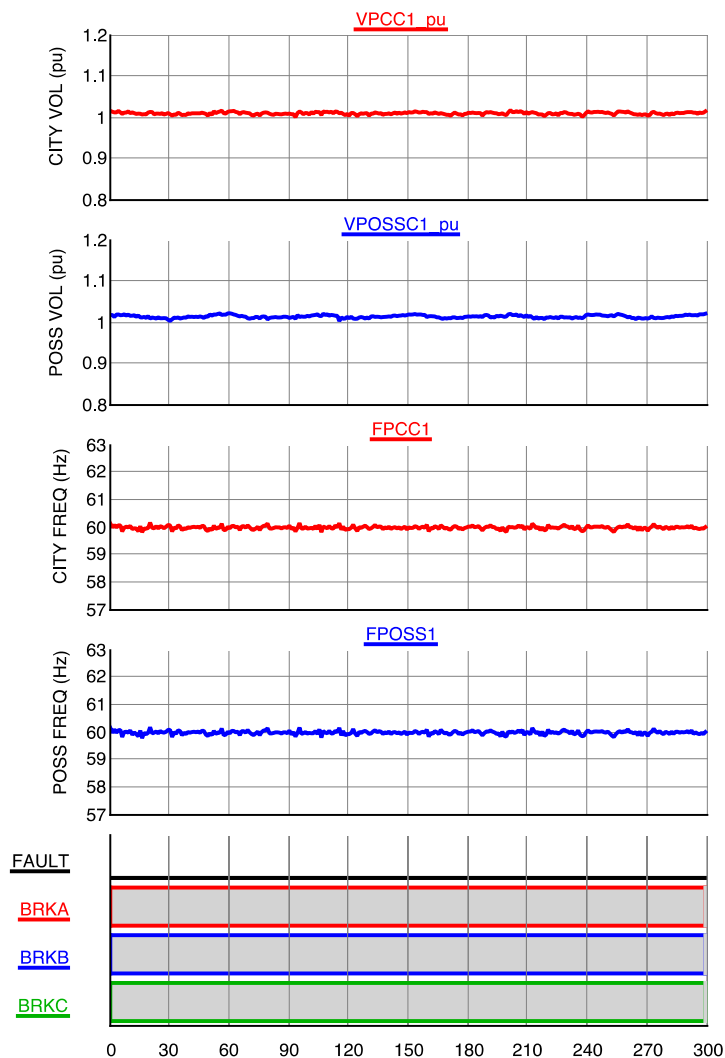




# Stable Connected Operation

5 minute period

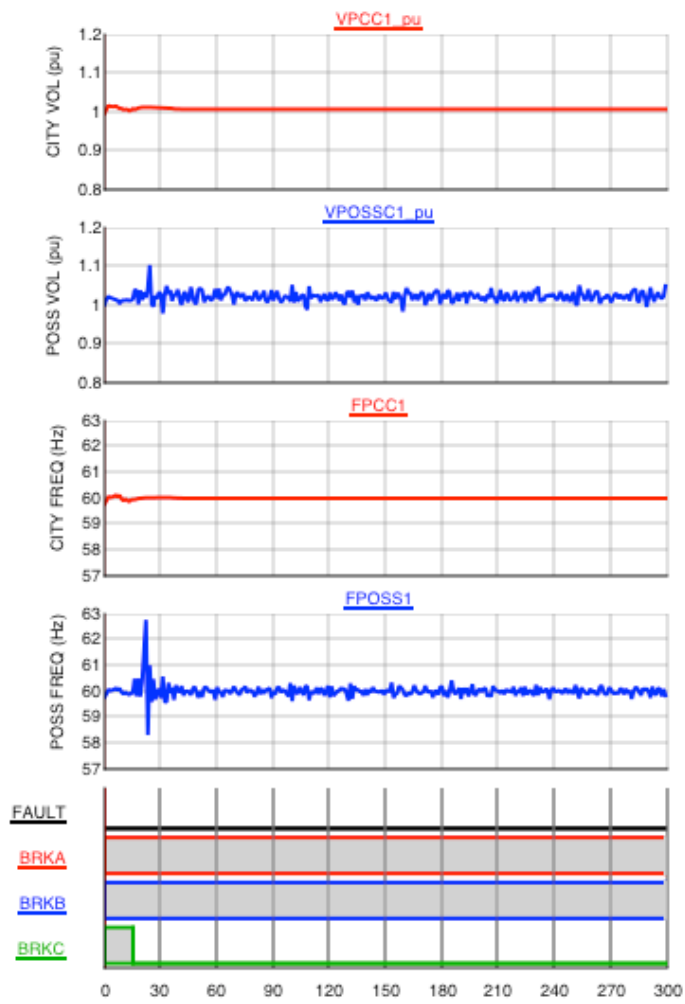
Three Wind Turbines near rated power: Normal Loads: City Gen #1



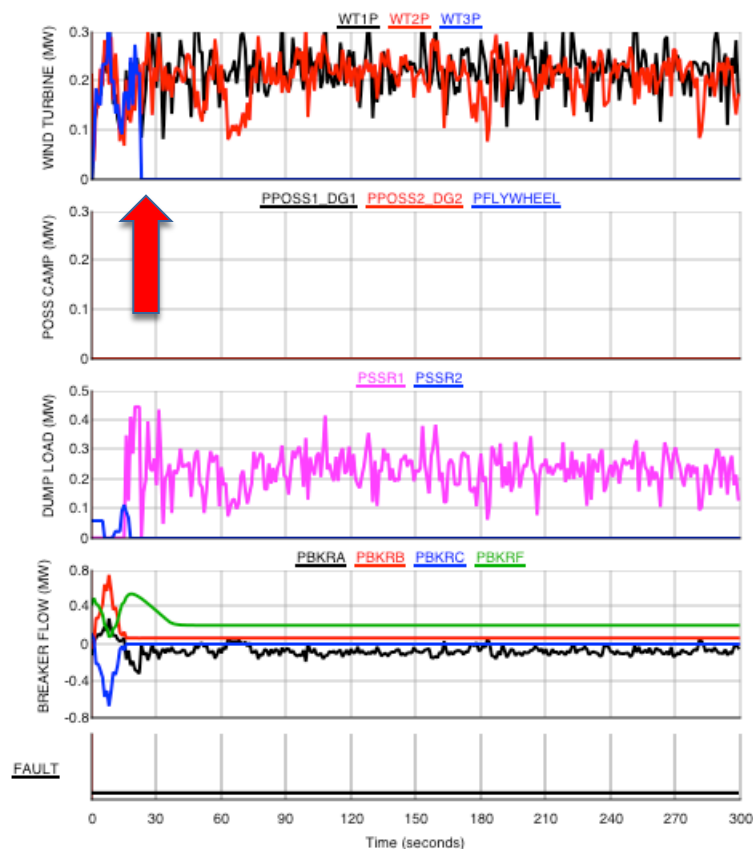
# Stable Decoupled Operation

3 Wind Turbines near rated power: Normal Load: City Gen #1

Decouple at C : Microgrid Wind Only on 2 Wind Turbines



WT#3 Trips off on Over Frequency  
62.6 Hz for 300 ms



# Gusty Wind Conditions

Wind Gusts in Sample

-14 to 24 m/s

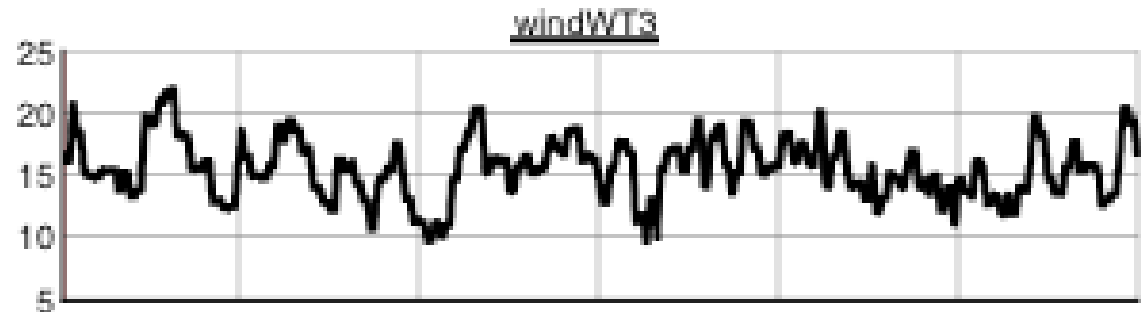
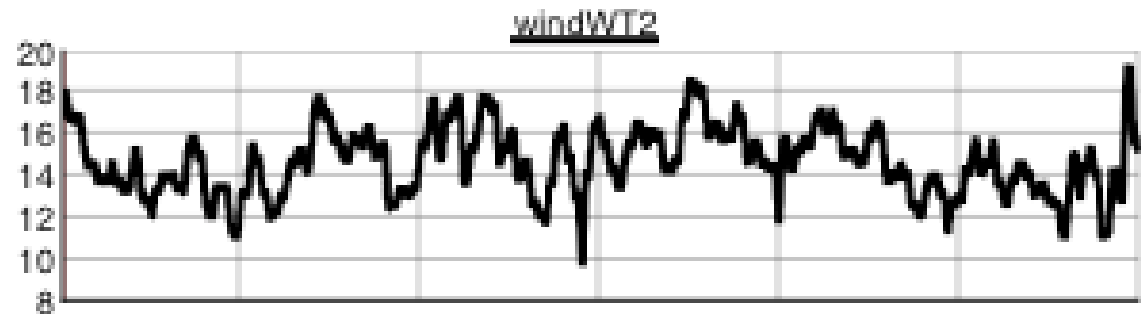
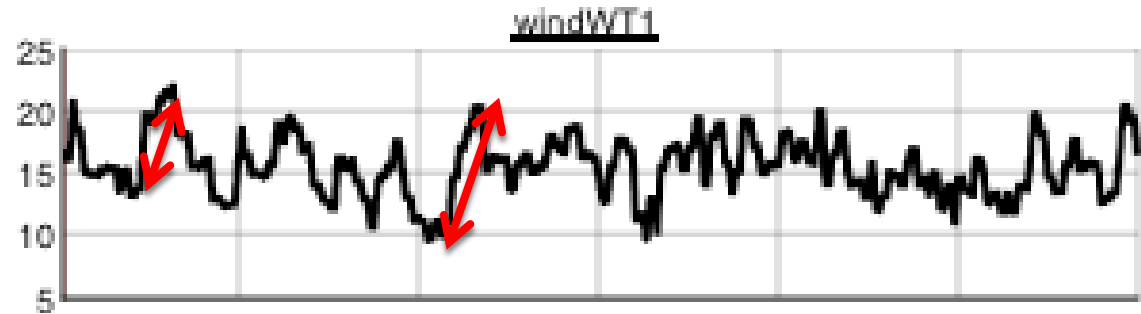
-10 to 20 m/s

Wind Turbine Power Change

-180 kw/turbine

-540 kw for wind farm

- Model includes pitch controls

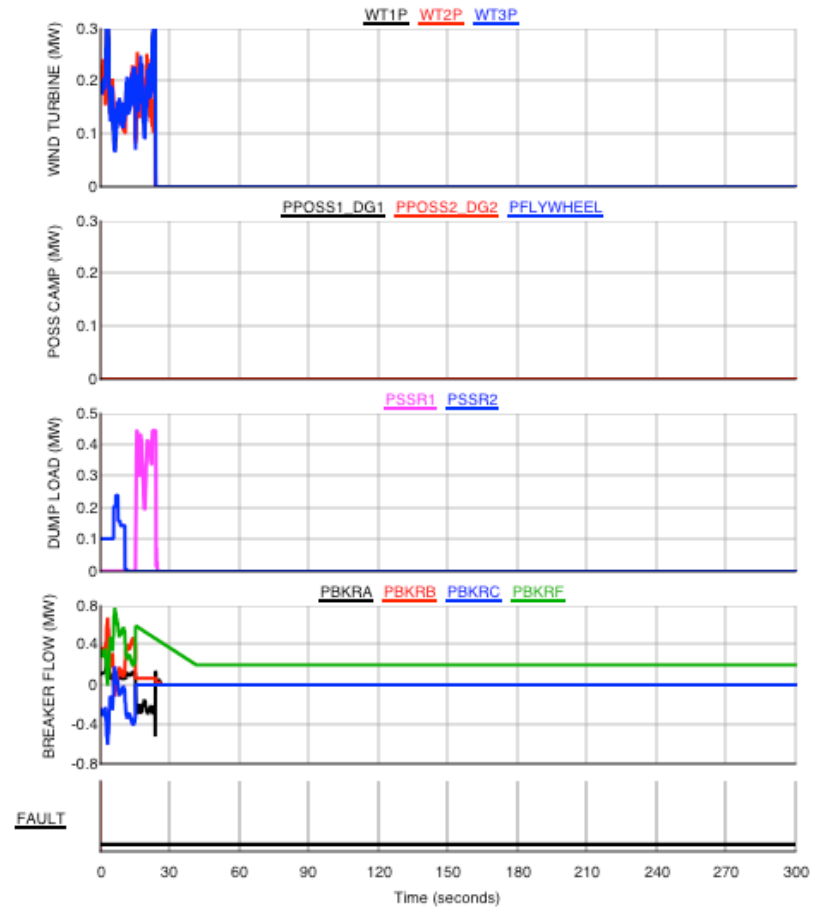
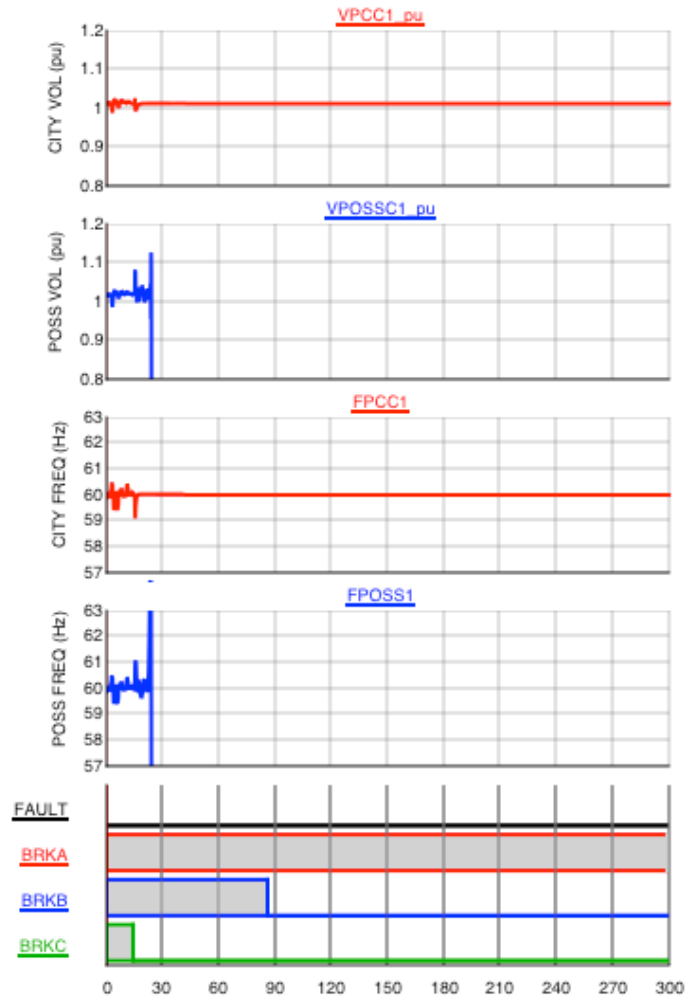


100 seconds

# Same Case

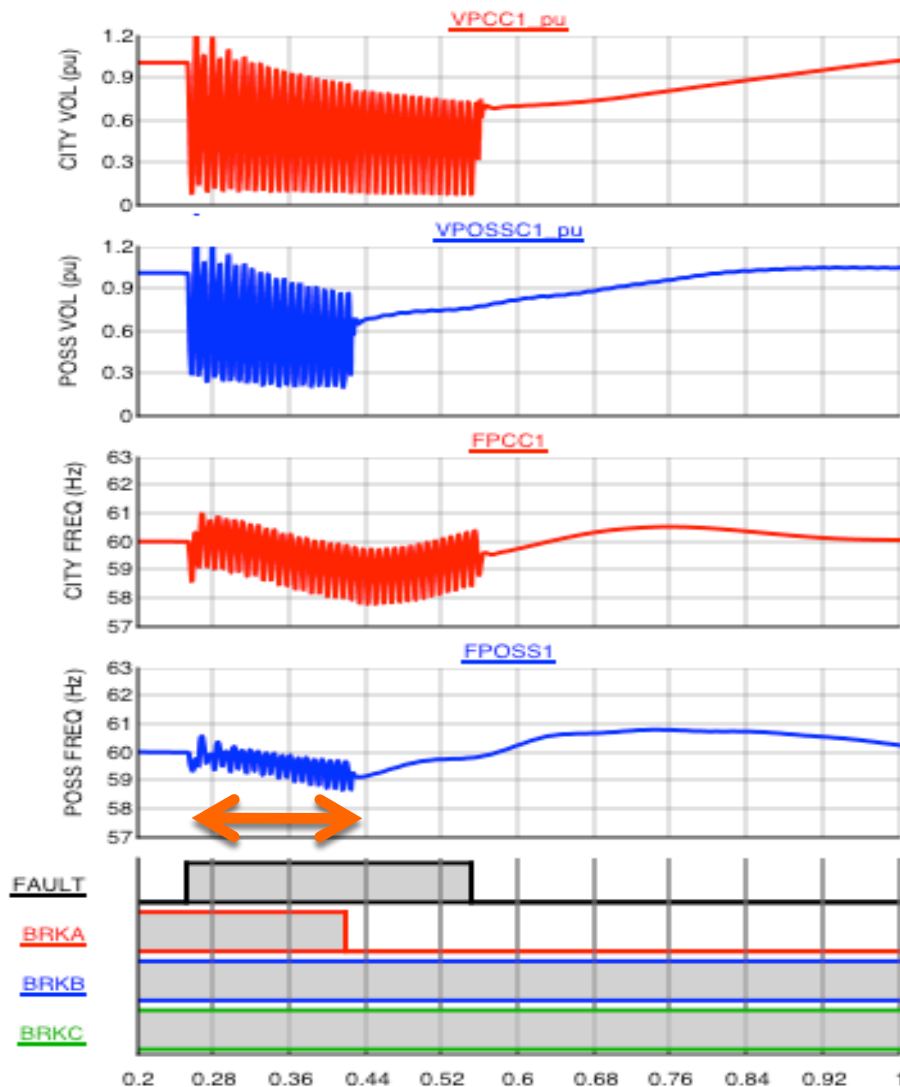
Relax WT Freq protection to 62.6 for 800 ms

More Power from Wind so more frequency excursion and Microgrid crashes



# Decoupling Breaker Response

Fault: Single Phase Fault on City Buss for 300 ms



City

Microgrid

Breaker response  
is 160 ms

# RTDS-HIL Conclusions

- Model fidelity critical:
  - Line capacitance model effects results
- Component characteristics critical:
  - Synchronous machine exciter models have big effects
  - Wind turbine pitch regulation and synchronization transients
  - Flywheels model is demanding
- Comms speed critical to stability controls
- RTDS provides
  - MGC validation with real time inputs
  - Allows fine tuning of all assets
  - Allows exploration of stability corners

# Next Step Field Testing St. Paul Island

