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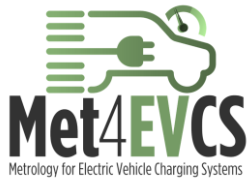
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Metrology for Electric Vehicle Charging Systems

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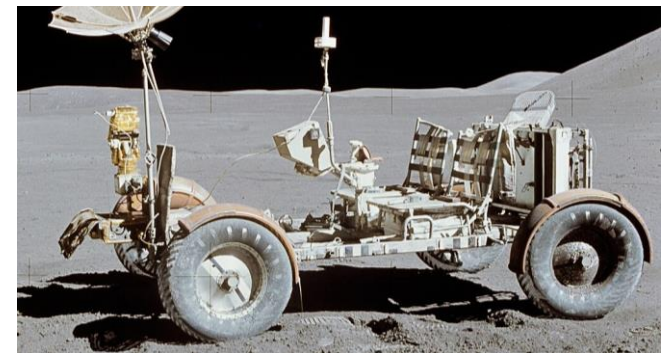
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About VSL



- National Metrology Institute of the Netherlands
- Company with a public task
- 100 fte, 40 % MSc or PhD
- Calibrations, reference materials, R&D, consultancy, training
- Focus on energy and industry
- Located in Delft, the Netherlands

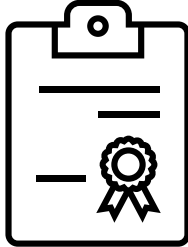
Electric vehicles



EV charging stations



Standardisation and Regulation

- IEC/CENELEC TC 13
 - IEC TC 69
 - OIML TC 12 “Instruments for measuring electrical quantities”
 - WELMEC WG 11 “Utility meters”
 - EC WgMI E01349
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- IEC 61851: EV conductive charging systems, including general requirements and different charging modes
 - EN 50732: Requirements for measuring systems for stationary conductive DC and AC supply equipment
 - OIML G22: EVSE metrological and technical requirements, metrological controls and performance tests
 - IEC 62052-11: Specifies the general requirements for electricity meters for residential and similar use.
 - IEC 62053-41: Test methods for active electrical energy meters.
 - EN 50470-3/4: Requirements for electricity meters for AC / DC active energy.
- MID (2014/32/EU): envisaged amendment to include EVCS

Met4EVCS consortium




































23NRM06 Met4EVCS project

- 1 July 2024 – 30 June 2027
- Project website www.vsl.nl/en/met4evcs/
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- Aim: make next step in coordination of national activities; provide single point of contact for stakeholders, increase coherence in R&D efforts, maximise R&D impact
- Activities: Strategic Research Agenda (SRA), website, newsletter, liaisons, sustainable infrastructure, training program

Met4EVCS aim and technical objectives (1)

Overall aim: the development of metrology capabilities for the traceable evaluation of EVCSs under realistic operating conditions.

- Objective 1: To define representative on-site operating conditions for EVCS
 - Onsite measurement of local grid disturbances and local grid impedance for frequencies up to 150 kHz under live grid operation
 - 5 DC and 5 AC chargers of different brands, operating modes and power levels



Met4EVCS aim and technical objectives (2)

Overall aim: the development of metrology capabilities for the traceable evaluation of EVCSs under realistic operating conditions.

- Objective 2: To develop traceable methods and test benches for the characterisation of EVCSs under representative operating conditions for both AC and DC charging following IEC 61851-1
 - AC at 230 V up to 44 kW
 - DC up to 800 V, 500 A, 350 kW
 - Target uncertainty 0.1 % in the presence of conducted emission up to 150 kHz



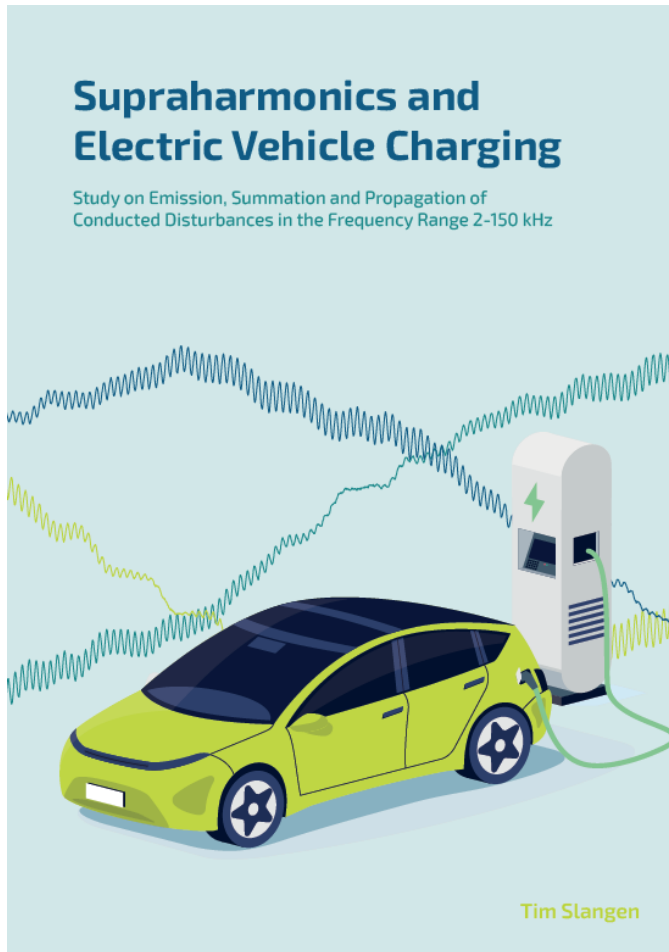
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Overall aim: the development of metrology capabilities for the traceable evaluation of EVCSs under realistic operating conditions.

- Objective 3: To develop the required metrological infrastructure for on-site verification of EVCS energy metering
 - Target uncertainty 0.5 % under representative conditions
 - Including smart charging and bidirectional energy transfer



Recent literature examples



Electric Power Systems Research

Volume 242, May 2025, 111459



On the definition of measurement use cases for the assessment of LV grid emissions in the supraharmonic (2–500 kHz) region

Alexander Gallarreta ^a, Jon González-Ramos ^b, Igor Fernández ^b, Itziar Angulo ^c, Cédric Lavenu ^d, Sebastien Gouraud ^d, David de la Vega ^b, Amaia Arrinda ^b

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON INSTRUMENTATION AND MEASUREMENT, VOL. 70, 2021

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Comparison of Measurement Methods for 2–150-kHz Conducted Emissions in Power Networks

Deborah Ritzmann ^a, Stefano Lodetti ^a, Member, IEEE, David de la Vega ^b, Senior Member, IEEE, Victor Khokhlov ^c, Member, IEEE, Alexander Gallarreta ^a, Paul Wright ^d, Jan Meyer ^e, Senior Member, IEEE, Igor Fernández ^b, and Dimitrij Klingbeil ^b



Measurement

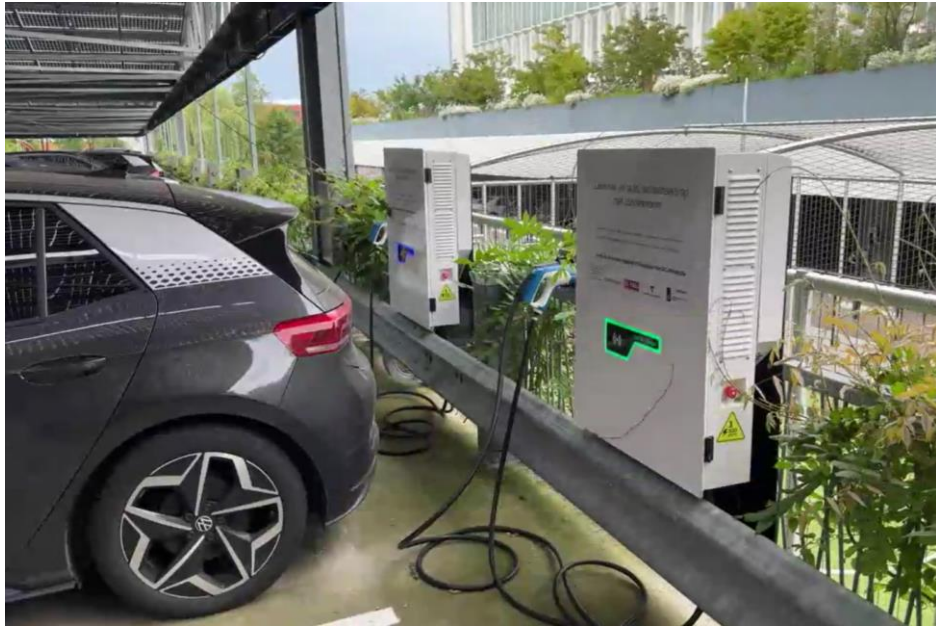
Volume 242, Part A, January 2025, 115844



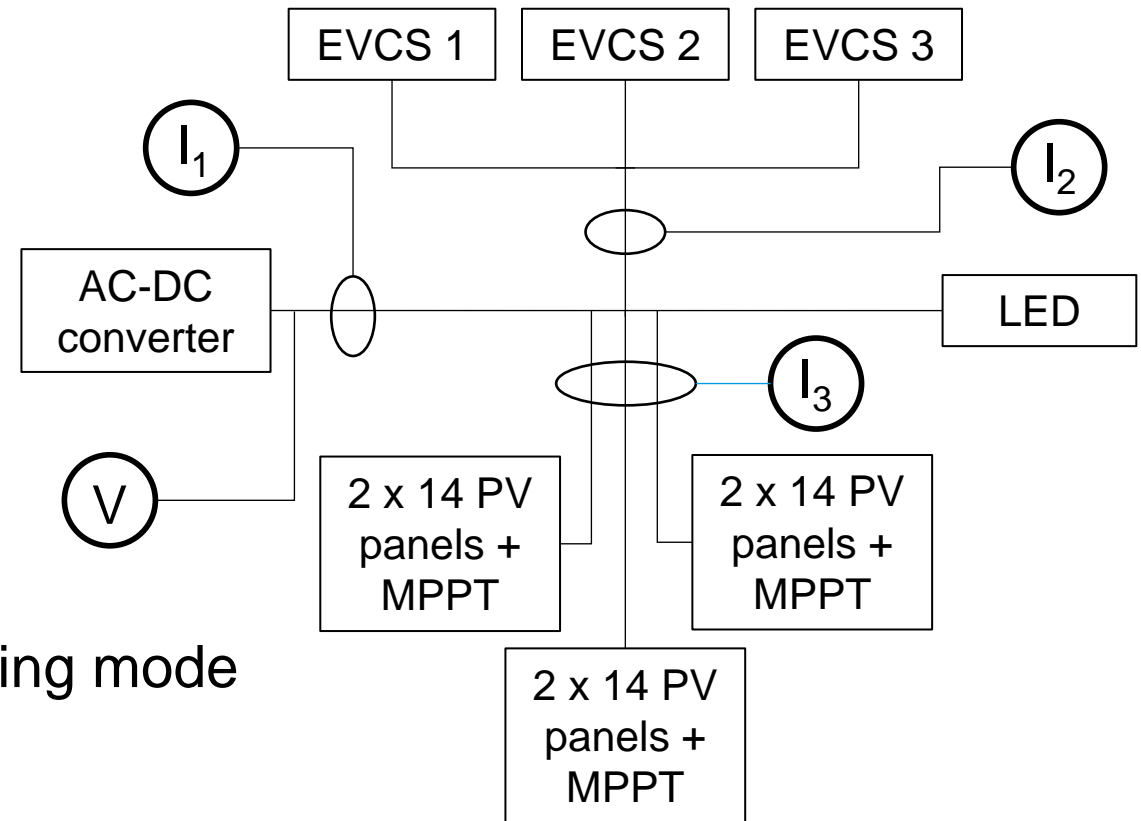
Assessment of Quasi-Stationary Power Quality Phenomena in DC Power Systems

Antonio Delle Femine ^a, Daniele Gallo ^a, Carmine Landi ^a, Mario Luiso ^a, Helko E. van den Brom ^b, Ronald van Leeuwen ^b

ASR building, Utrecht (NL)



- Open parking garage
- 700 V unipolar voltage
- Grid-connected (bidirectional) or islanding mode



VSL waveform recorder

- Designed for on-site measurements at metered supply points
- DC waveform recorder:
 - Adapted 3-phase V & I recorder for 50 Hz
 - Minicomputer with dedicated software
 - 8-channel, 12-bit, 1 MSa/s digitizer (Picoscope 4824)
 - 2000 V, 1:1000, 1.0 %, 10 MHz voltage probe (Hioki 9322) with 500 kHz low-pass filter
 - Openable 200 A, 10 mV/A, 0.3 %, 500 kHz current probe (Hioki CT6843-05)
 - Pass-through 50 A, 40 mV/A, 0.03 %, 1 MHz current probe (Hioki CT6862-05)



$$U_{DC} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} u_i$$

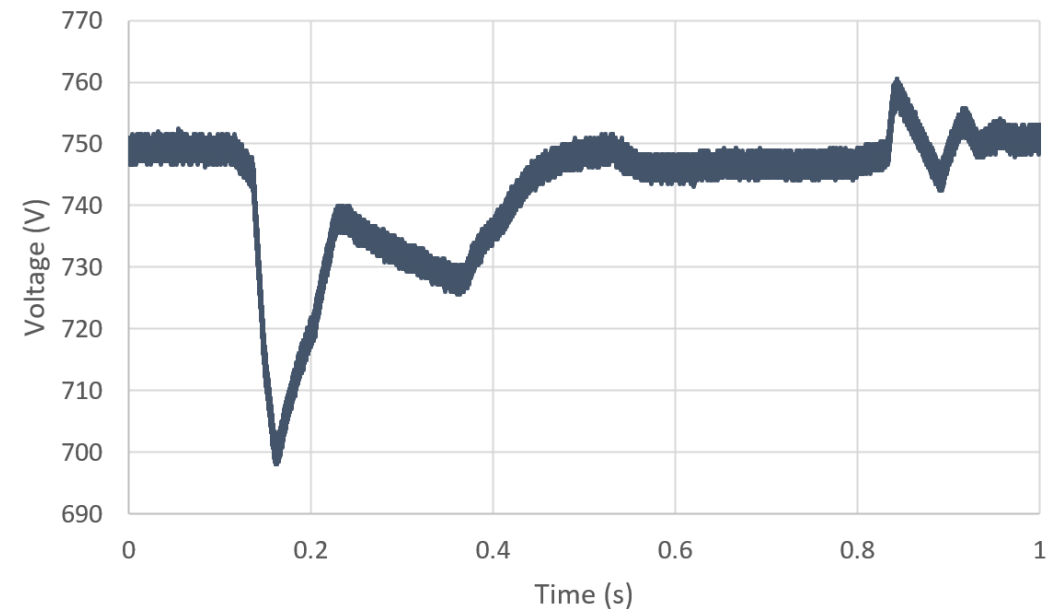
$$U_{rms} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} u_i^2}$$

$$U_{rpl} = \sqrt{U_{rms}^2 - U_{DC}^2}$$

H.E. van den Brom, R. van Leeuwen, G. Maroulis, S. Shah, and L. Mackay, "Power Quality Measurement Results for a Configurable Urban Low-Voltage DC Microgrid", *Energies* 2023, Vol. 16, p. 4623

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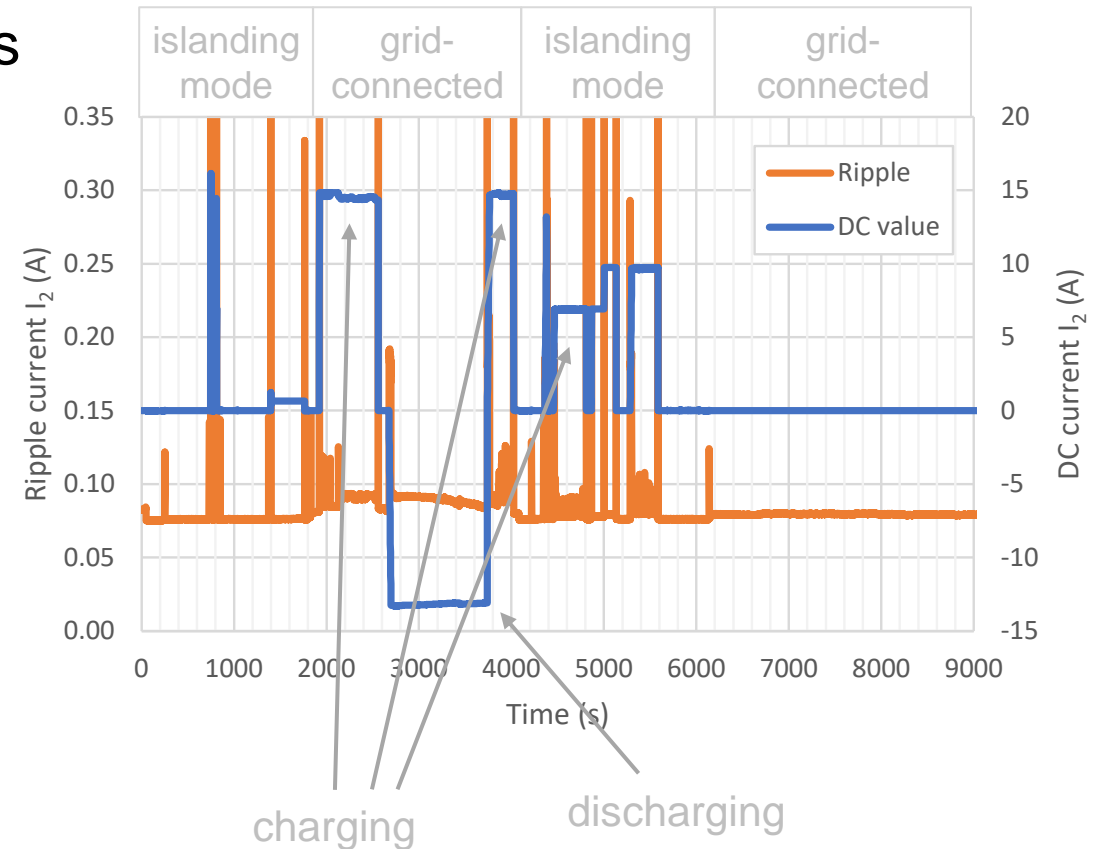
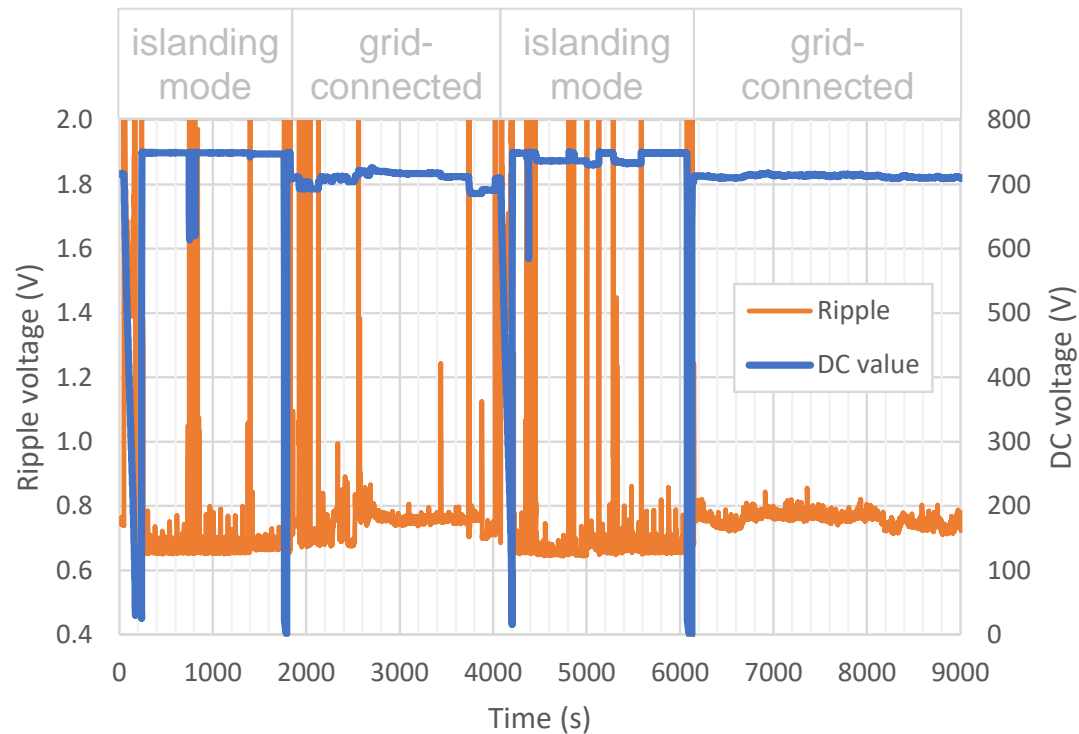
- 2.5 hours of measurements of gapless 1-second time windows, 1 MSa/s
- Partially cloudy day with sunshine, afternoon in September 2023
- Measured different situations, e.g.:
 - EV charging (islanding and grid-connected)
 - Different charging power (max 10 kW)
 - Hyundai Ioniq (CCS) / Nissan Leaf (CHAdeMO)
 - PV feeding the AC grid
 - EV feeding the AC grid



H.E. van den Brom, R. van Leeuwen, J.M. Warmerdam, and R. Schaacke, "Power Quality Measurements in a Low-Voltage DC Microgrid in an Open Parking Garage," I2MTC, Glasgow, UK, 20-23 May 2024

ASR building: voltage and current ripple

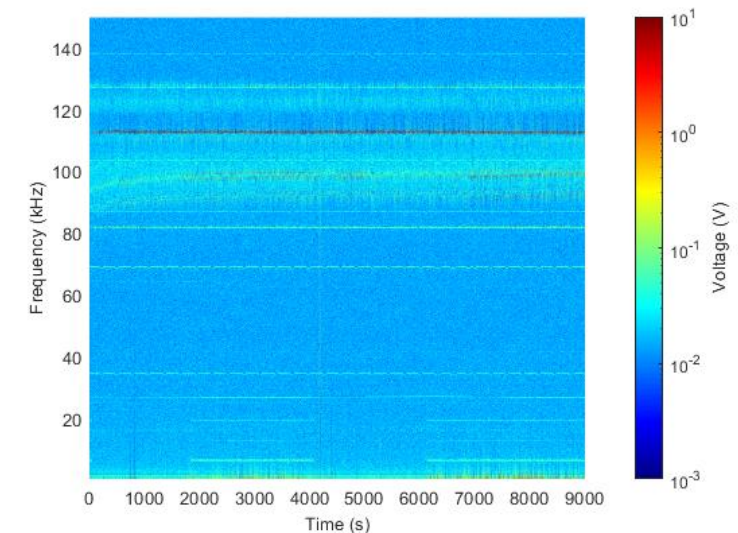
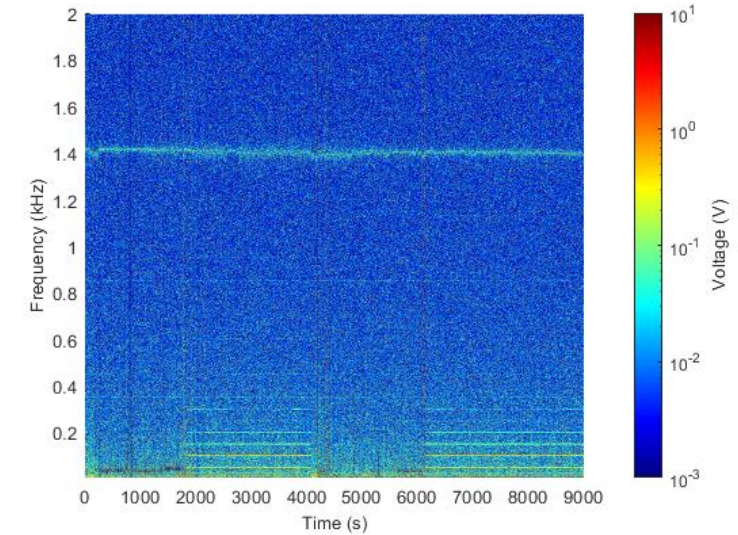
- Voltage/current averaged over 1 s windows



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ASR building: Fourier transforms

- Fourier Transforms of voltage samples
 - 5 Hz resolution up to 2 kHz
 - 200 Hz resolution up to 150 kHz
- Spectral components in grid-connected mode:
 - Multiples of 50 Hz
 - Single tones at 7 kHz and 20 kHz
- Persistent components:
 - Tones at 1.4 kHz and several above 30 kHz
 - Major tone at 113 kHz
 - Tone below 100 kHz shows frequency drift
- No clear difference with or without charging



ASR building: further analysis

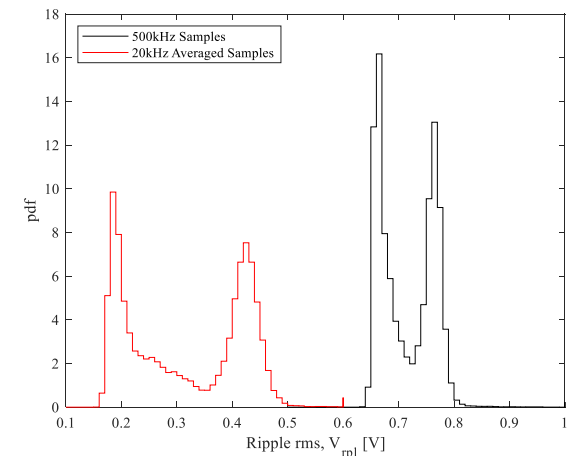
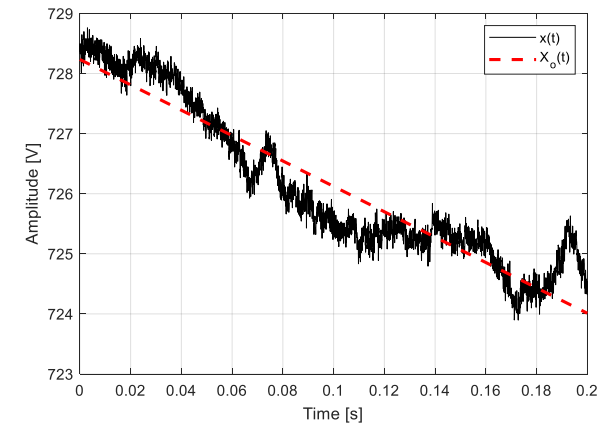
- Further analysis performed in collaboration with Campania University:

- Flagging and detection of events (dips/swells, transients)
- Ripple with compensation for slow amplitude variation
- Proposed frequency groups up to 9 kHz and 150 kHz
- Statistical analysis (probability density, 95 % percentile, ...)
- Influence of reducing sampling rate on statistics and ripple

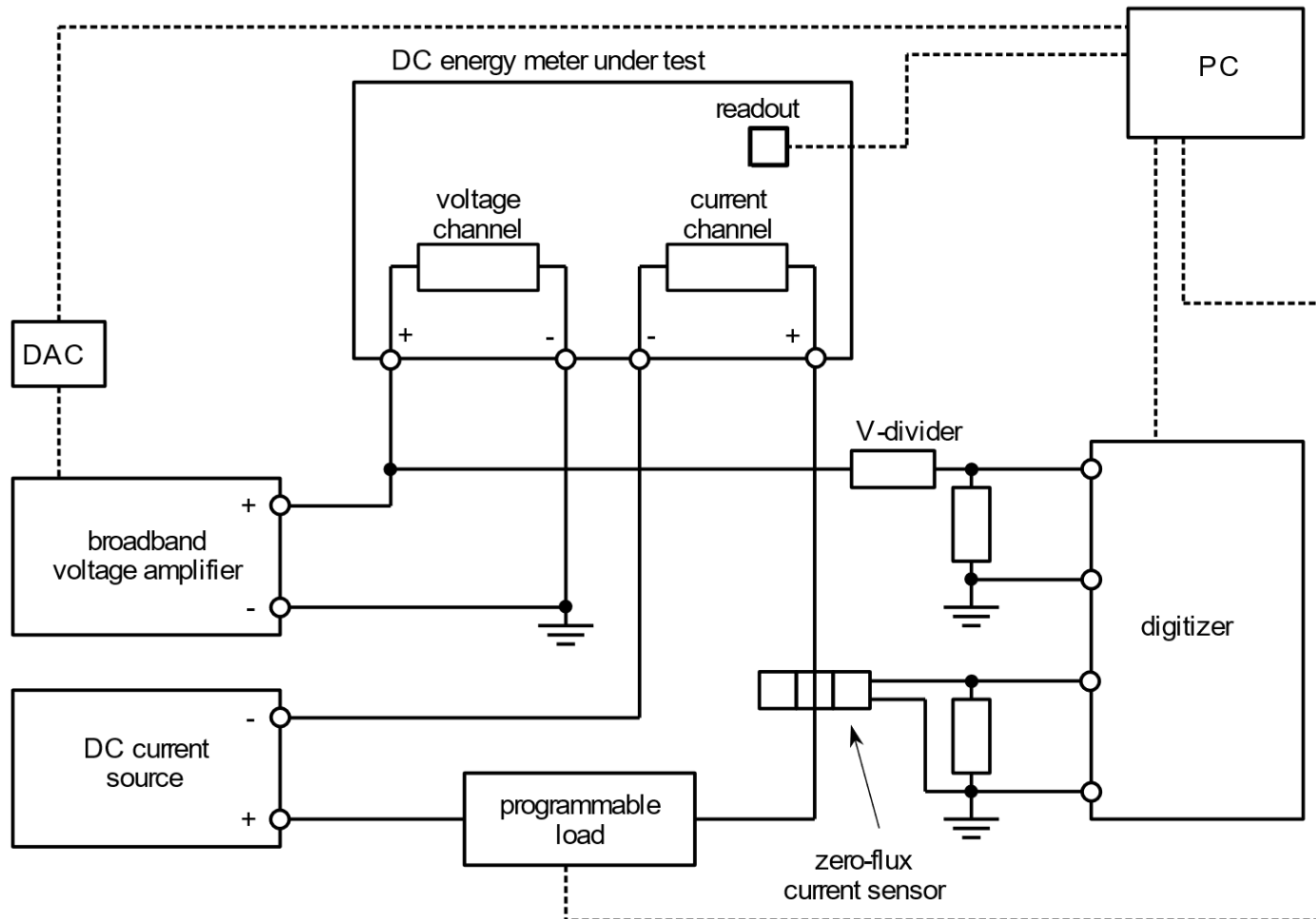
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- Further analysis performed at EDF

- Quasi-peak detection (digital-CISPR) for 9 kHz to 150 kHz



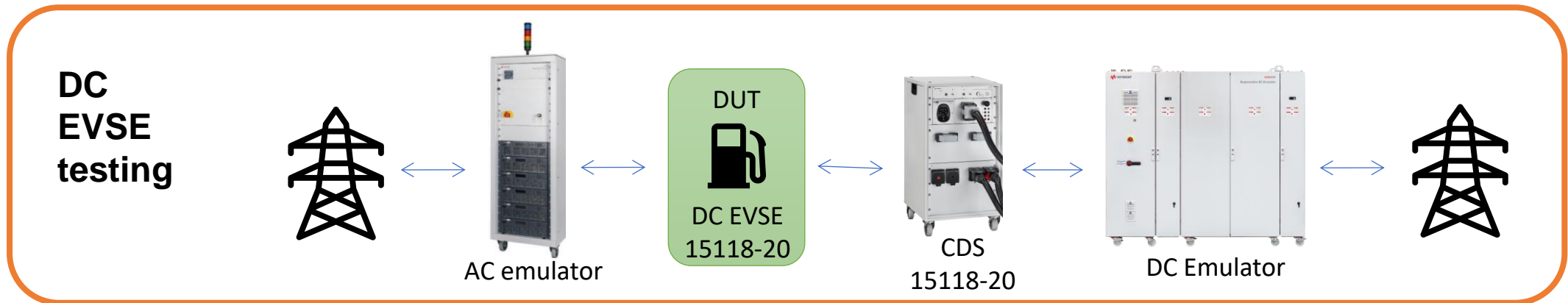
VSL reference system for AC & DC PQ



- Phantom power approach
- Broadband signals:
 - DC: 2000 V, 900 A
 - AC: 250 V, 16 A
(can be extended to 2500 A)
 - DC to 150 kHz
- Not suitable for EVCSs
→ collaborate with Elaad

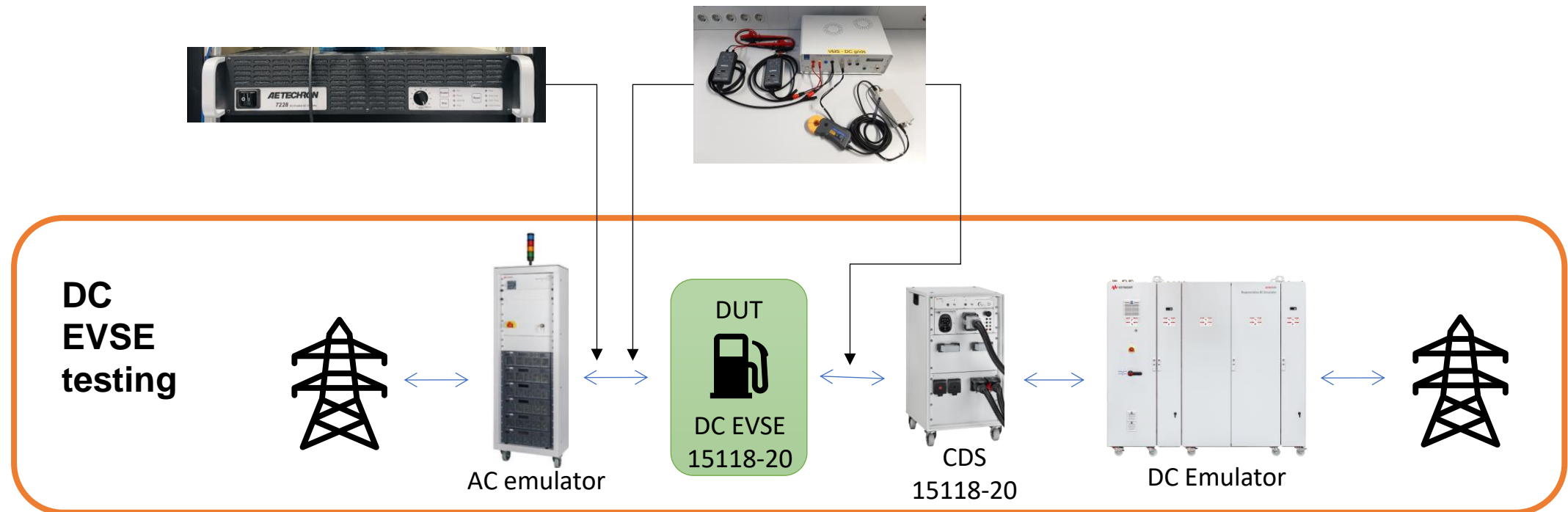
EVCS DC testbed at Elaad

- 360 kW grid emulators; clean or controlled distorted grid for power quality testing
- EV/EVSE emulator; for communication testing, among others 15118-20 (V2G)
- 360 kW Bidirectional DC load; emulate DC charging currents both ways



EVCS DC testbed at Elaad

- Measure AC power in and DC power out → efficiency
- Add broadband distortions up to 150 kHz
- VSL equipment, or Elaad equipment characterized & calibrated by VSL
- Data analysis with University of Twente



Next steps

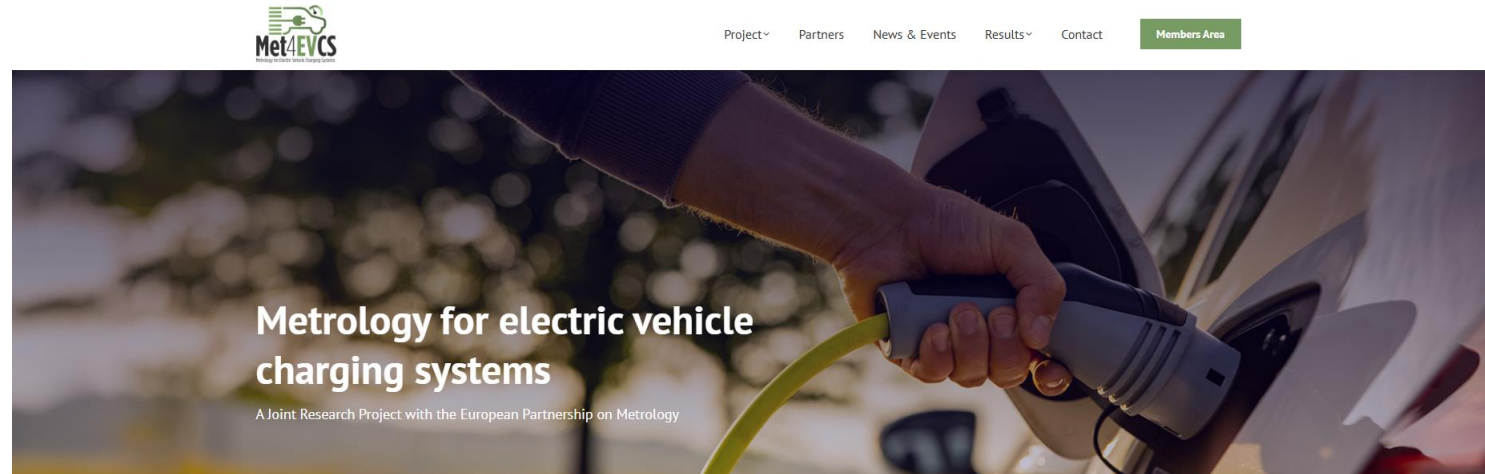
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 - AC and DC charging at real-world conditions
 - Target uncertainty 0.1 %
- To develop the metrology for on-site verification of EVCS energy metering
 - Target uncertainty 0.5 %
 - Smart charging and bidirectional transfer

- Midterm workshop (end of 2025)
 - Measurements of EVCS conducted emissions and grid impedance
 - Preliminary metrological infrastructure
- Final workshop (mid 2027)
 - New metrology for energy efficiency measurements for EVs and EVCSs
 - Metrological infrastructure for EVCSs
- Ad hoc stakeholder consultation
 - Workshops to obtain feedback
 - Smaller meetings on specific topics

Want to know more?



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Metrology for electric vehicle charging systems

Electrical Vehicles (EVs) are the core of the European Commission's transition plan for the transport sector towards electromobility. The successful integration of EVs requires the deployment of an extensive infrastructure for EV charging stations (EVCSs) that covers the overall charging needs of consumers.

This project will tackle the challenges of power quality effects on and as a result of EVCSs, and evaluate the associated losses and reliability of metering under actual on-site conditions. The project aims to cover several charging modes, such as direct DC charging at low and high power, smart charging, and bi-directional charging. The project will support the industry needs by developing a metrology infrastructure for traceable testing of EV charging systems, which remains a major bottleneck.

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Monitoring Power Quality



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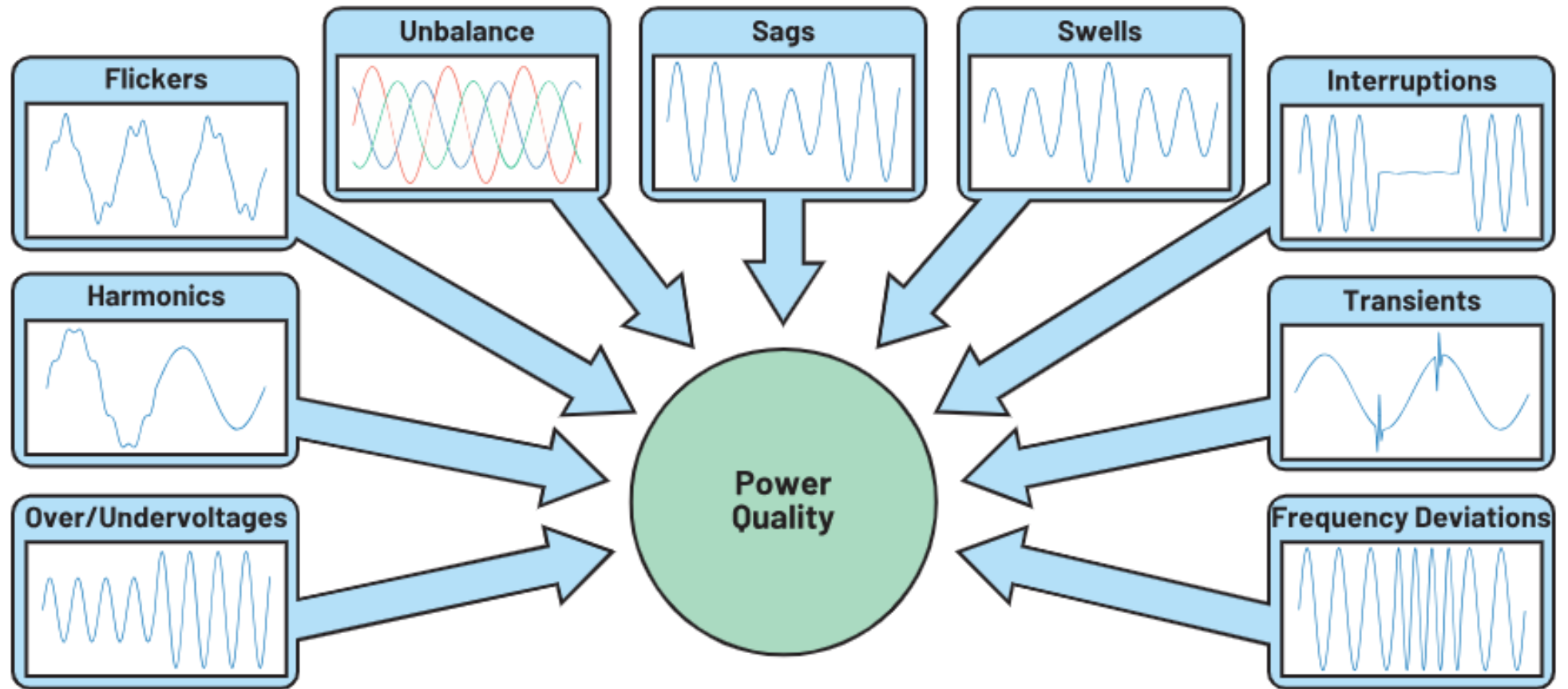
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Monitoring Power Quality



Class A PQ Power Quality analysers



Type of PQ events

- Class A dips/swells/interruptions
- Class A mains frequency
- Class A voltage harmonics
- Class A flicker – (IEC 61000-4-15)
- Class A Current harmonics
- Class A voltage and current unbalances (zero & negative seq)
- Class A Rapid Voltage changes
- **2kHz-150kHz conducted emissions – Supra-harmonics**

The new IEC 61000-4-30 CLASS A standard takes the guesswork out of selecting a power quality instrument.

The standard IEC 61000-4-30 CLASS A defines the measurement methods for each power quality parameter to obtain reliable, repeatable and comparable results. It also defines the accuracy, bandwidth, and minimum set of parameters.



HF Transient capture

- Capture lightning induced surges

Those surges cause major damage to electronic equipment

- Capture HF impulses due to loads cycling, or static discharges, or faulty wiring

Can cause power supply failures, computer lock ups, memory scramble, hard disk crashes



HF Transient capture



Explaining unexplained equipment malfunction :

May 23 – 19H02

CN Rood Office Lightning strike

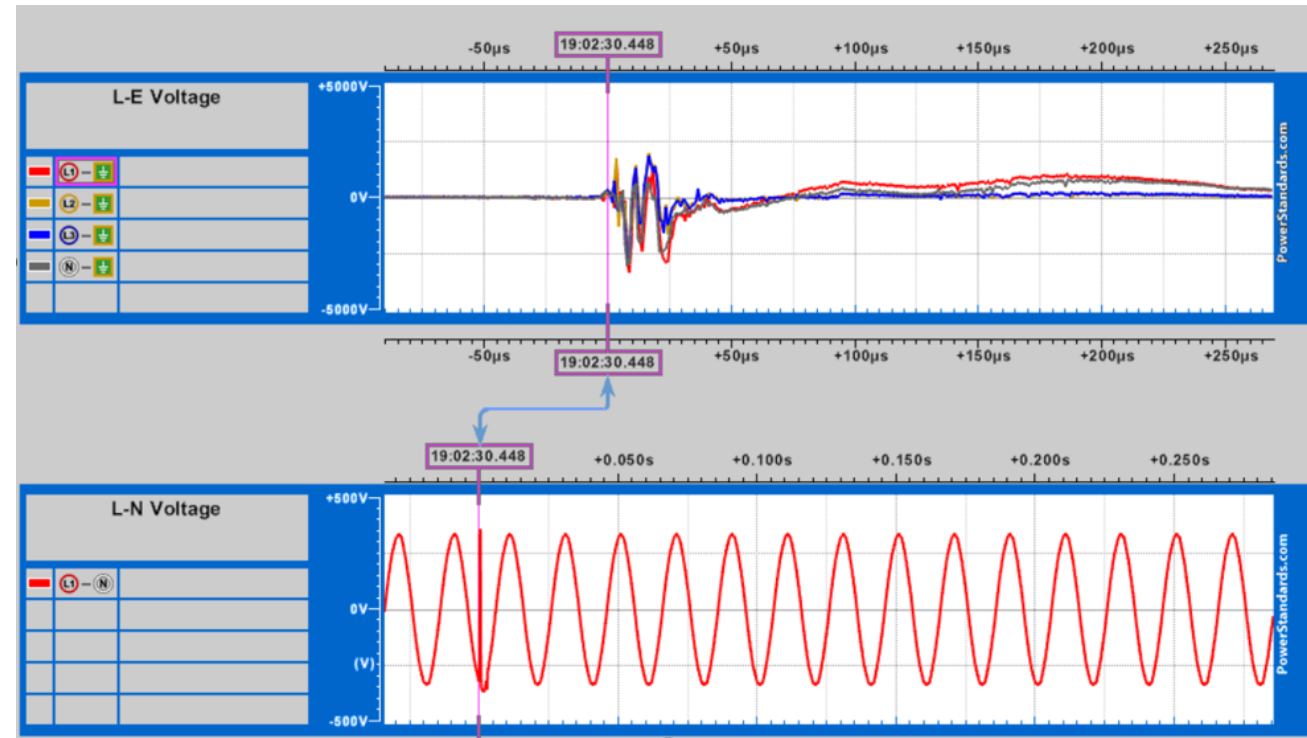


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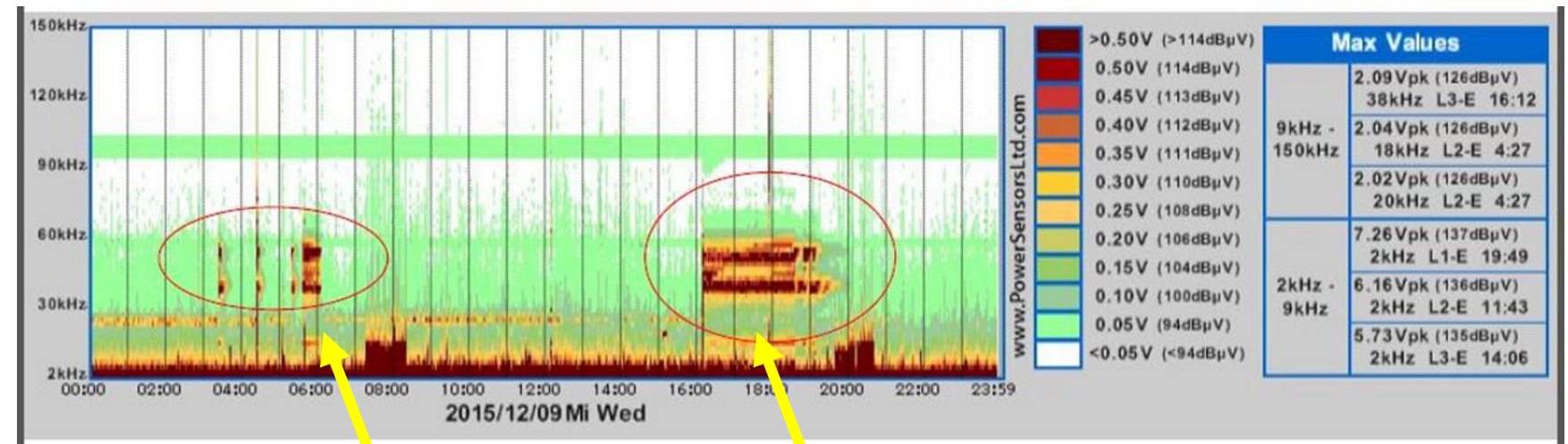
All internet connection dead

Cause was already known since

We get a mail at the time lightning strike happened



2 kHz to 150 kHz Emissions Impact of Battery chargers



Car charge cycle

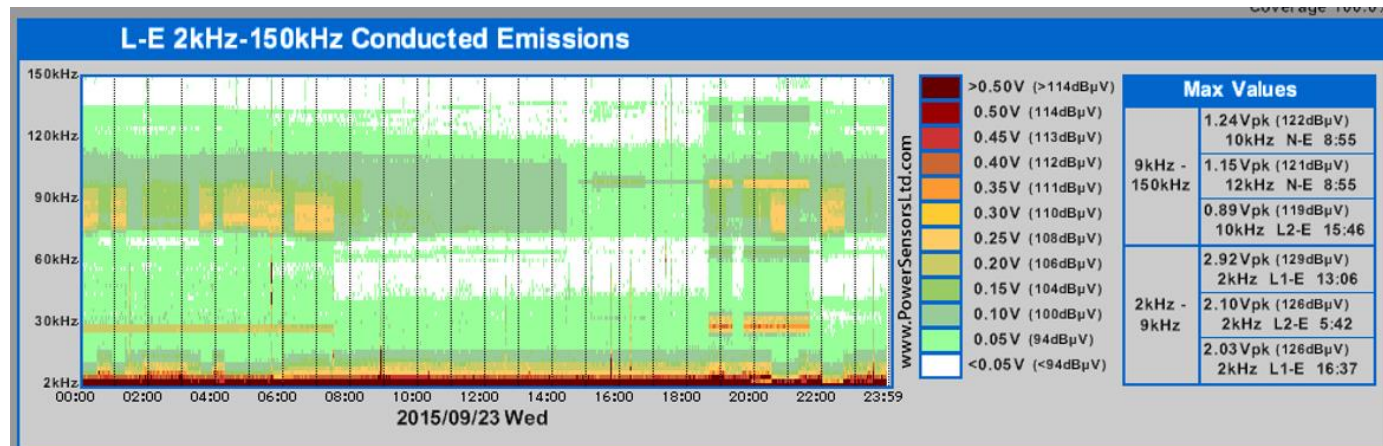
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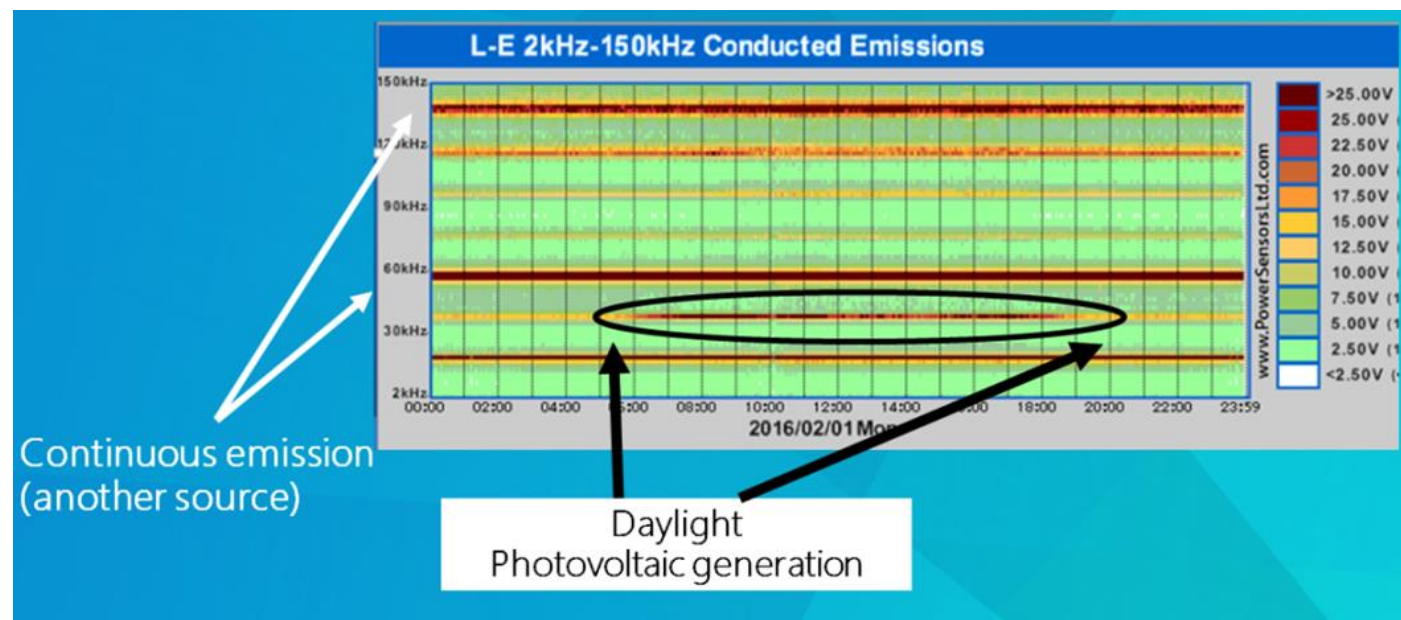
Monitoring Power Quality



Residential/commercial area
No or low PV



Residential area close to a PV inverter



Why Remote Power Quality Monitoring Holds the Key to Higher Productivity and Cost savings



- Boost workflow efficiency
- Avoid unplanned downtime
- Extend equipment lifespan
- Better understand energy consumption and costs



Boost workflow efficiency



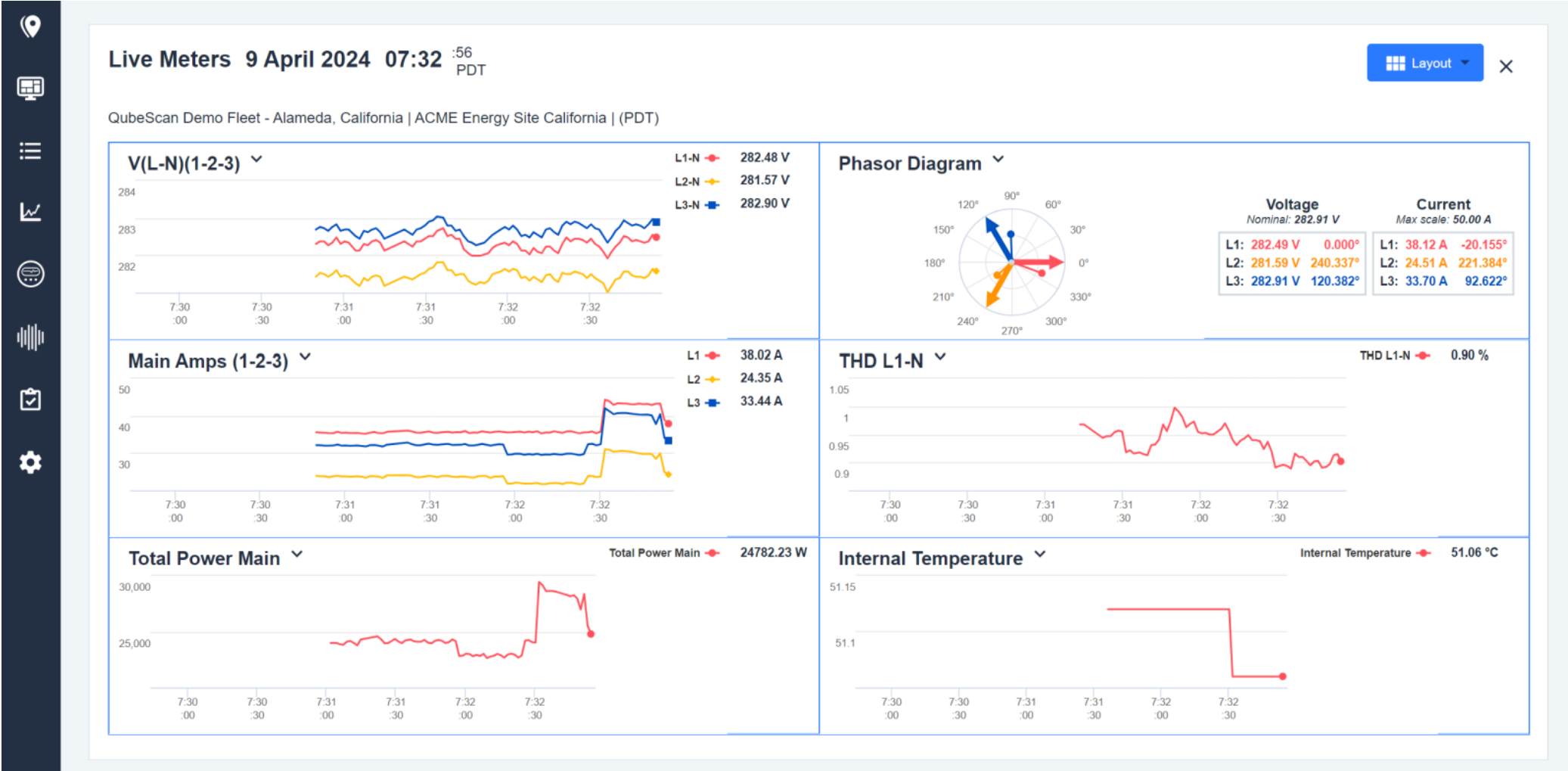
Most facilities depend on multiple supervisors to keep operations running smoothly. But when you need large fleet of equipment or multiple facilities at the same time — it can be difficult to keep everyone on the same page.

Remote, cloud-based monitoring puts an end to this problem and accelerates your workflow efficiency by helping you:

- Easily share insights, reports and dashboards between peers to keep everyone informed and on the right course
- Monitor all your equipment and facilities, all at once
- Securely access comprehensive information from one place to manipulate and analyze data, connect dots, view trends and create visualizations
- Keep teams updated about indicators and causes of inefficiencies and power disruptions
- Stay up to date with real-time data available on all your devices
- Analyze trends over time to connect dots and inform strategies



Monitoring Power Quality



Avoid unplanned downtime



As systems become more advanced and efficient, downtime events could become more complex. Power outages aren't the only culprit. Hidden power quality issues can **damage equipment over time** — leading to unexpected system failures and a lengthy diagnostic process that may require trial and error.

With real-time power quality alerts from a remote monitoring system, you can instantly detect and diagnose power quality problems to help take the guesswork out of repairs. Plus, by monitoring events over time, recurring patterns that contribute to downtime come to light.

Unplanned downtime events cost industrial manufacturers as much as \$50B annually.¹ Power quality insights can guide proactive prevention.



Extend equipment lifespan



Understanding the health of your system is critical to maintaining your equipment. A remote power monitoring system ideally should allow users to:

- Create alerts based on common issues, like system overheating, and determine their root causes — such as current overloads, unbalances, or harmonic distortion
- Monitor for power quality issues that have the most significant impact on equipment — like unbalanced loads that may damage motors or voltage deviations that disrupt sensitive equipment
- Leverage AI and machine learning to optimize diagnostics — helping you rapidly identify the direction and source of events like voltage sags

These capabilities allow you to quickly pinpoint the root cause of issues, accelerate response time and potentially prevent repeat occurrences — all to help keep equipment in peak condition for the long term.



Better understand energy consumption and cost



On average, 30% of the energy consumed in commercial and industrial facilities is wasted — and poor power quality is one reason. Poor power factor, unbalanced or nonlinear loads, voltage fluctuations, harmonics, and other common issues can all impact system resiliency and inflate your energy bill.

With the ability to monitor and analyze energy waste and power problems over time, you can:

- Improve energy efficiency
- Lower unnecessary energy usage and costs
- Manage peak loads and reduce demand charges
- Avoid power factor penalties from utility
- Achieve your sustainability goals



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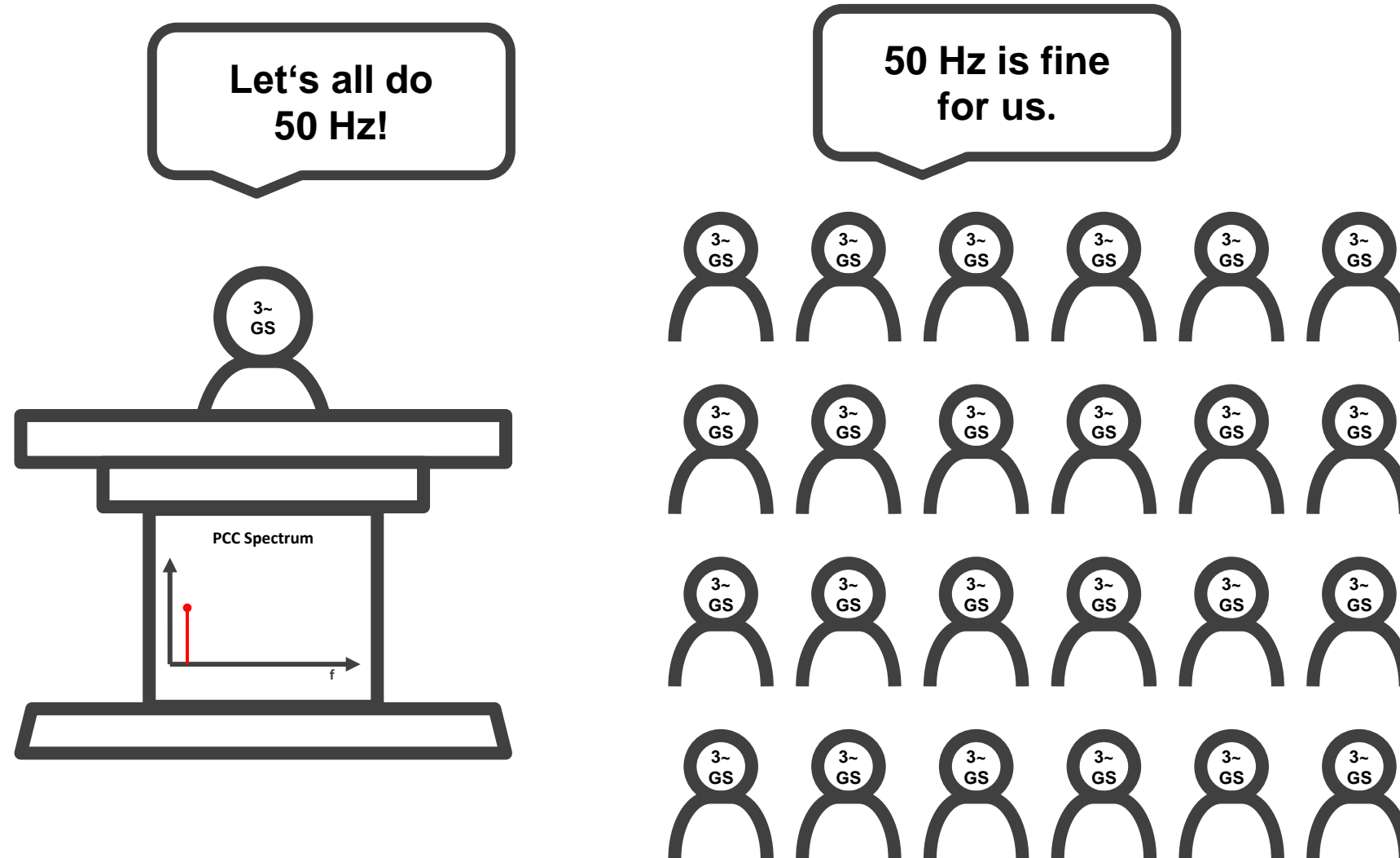
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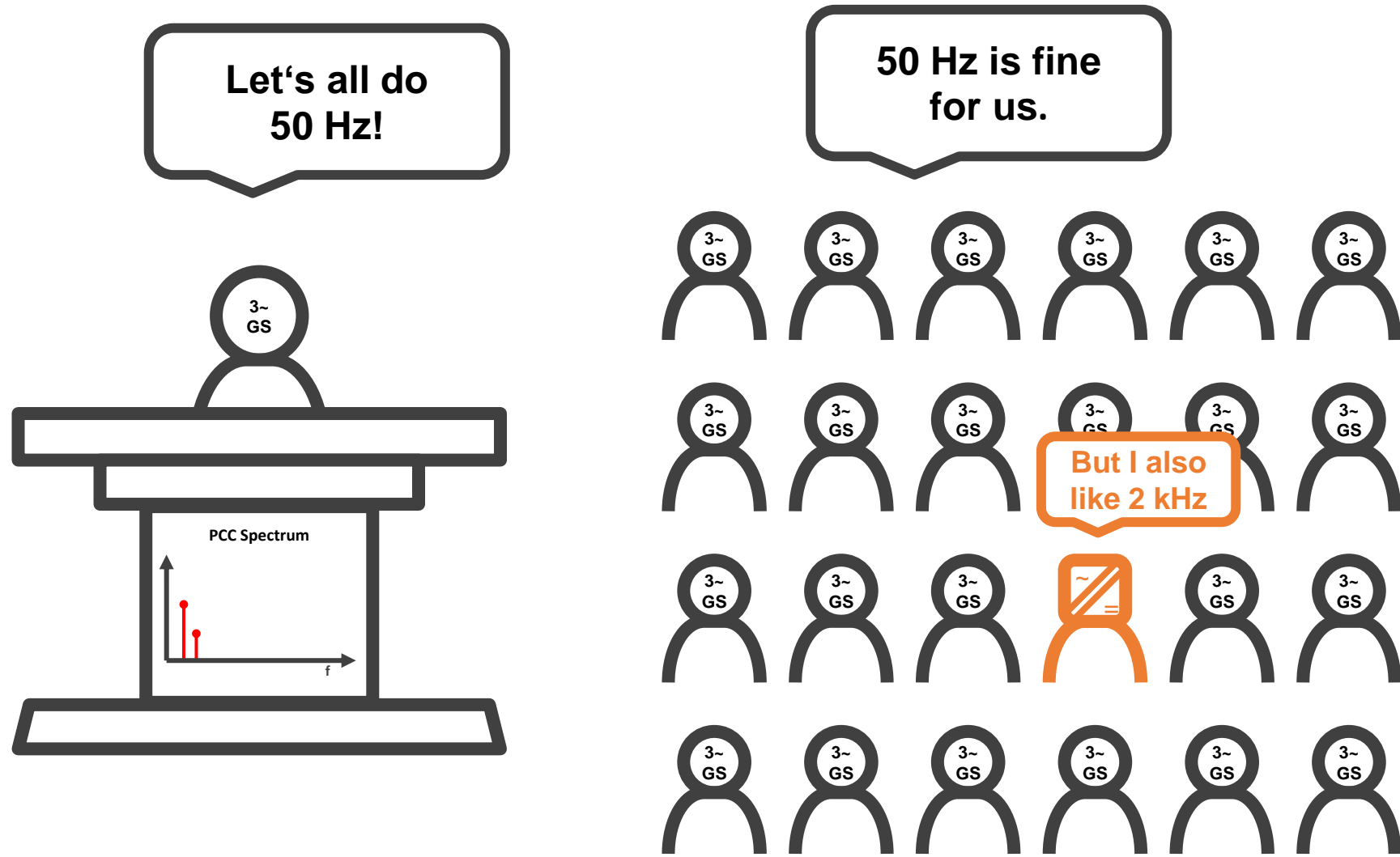


Grid Impedance Measurement as a key parameter for good Power Quality and stable Grid Operation

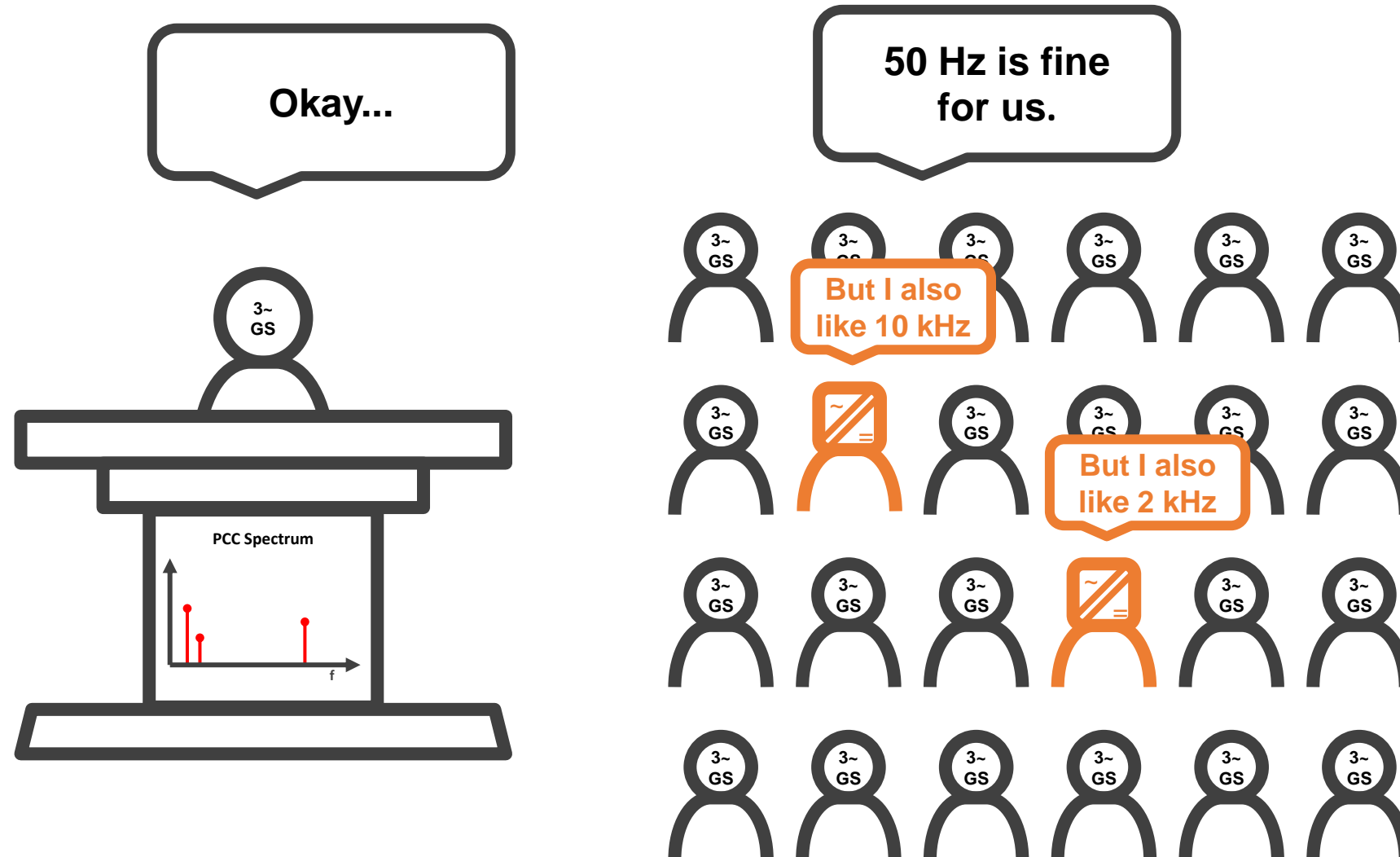
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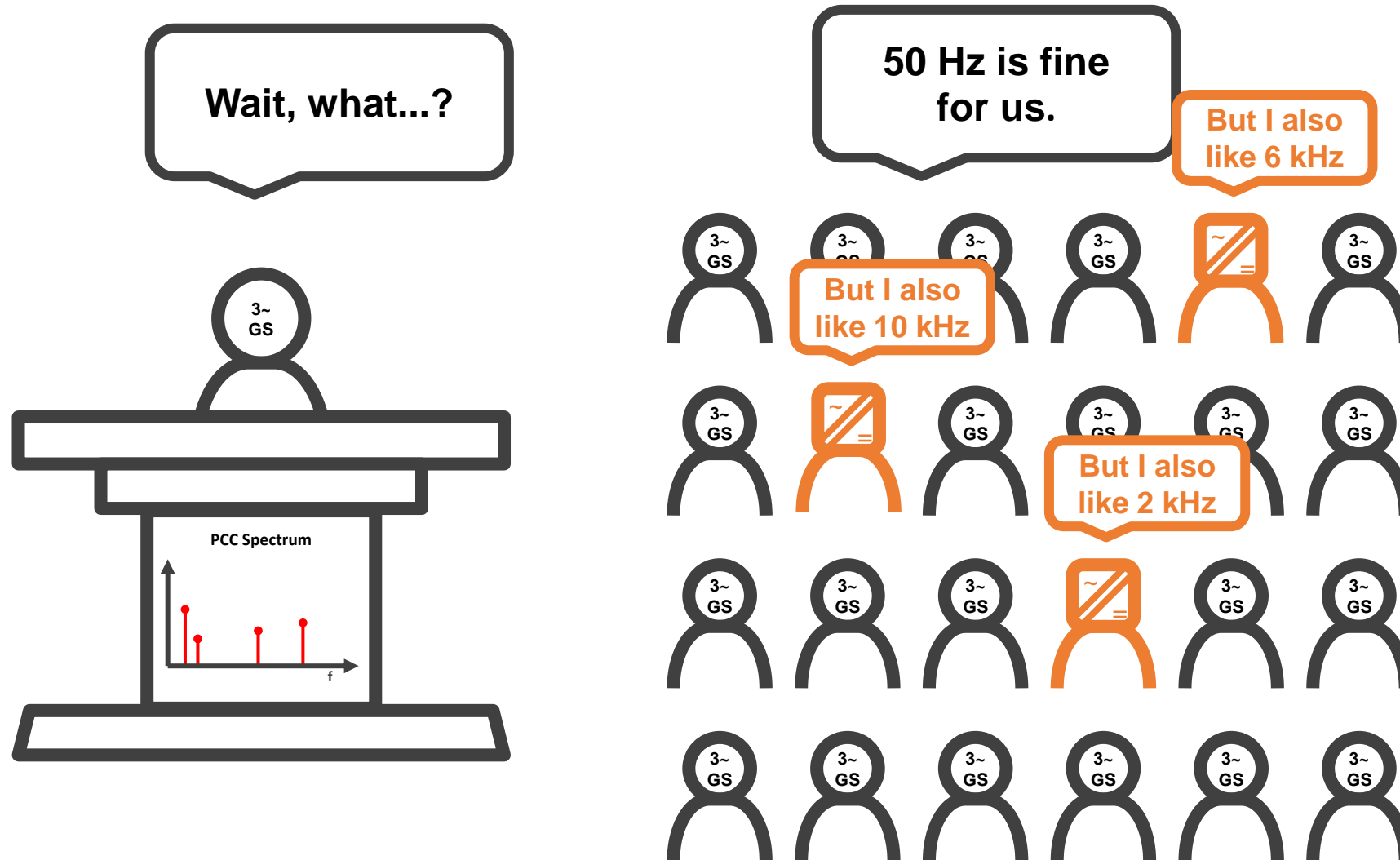
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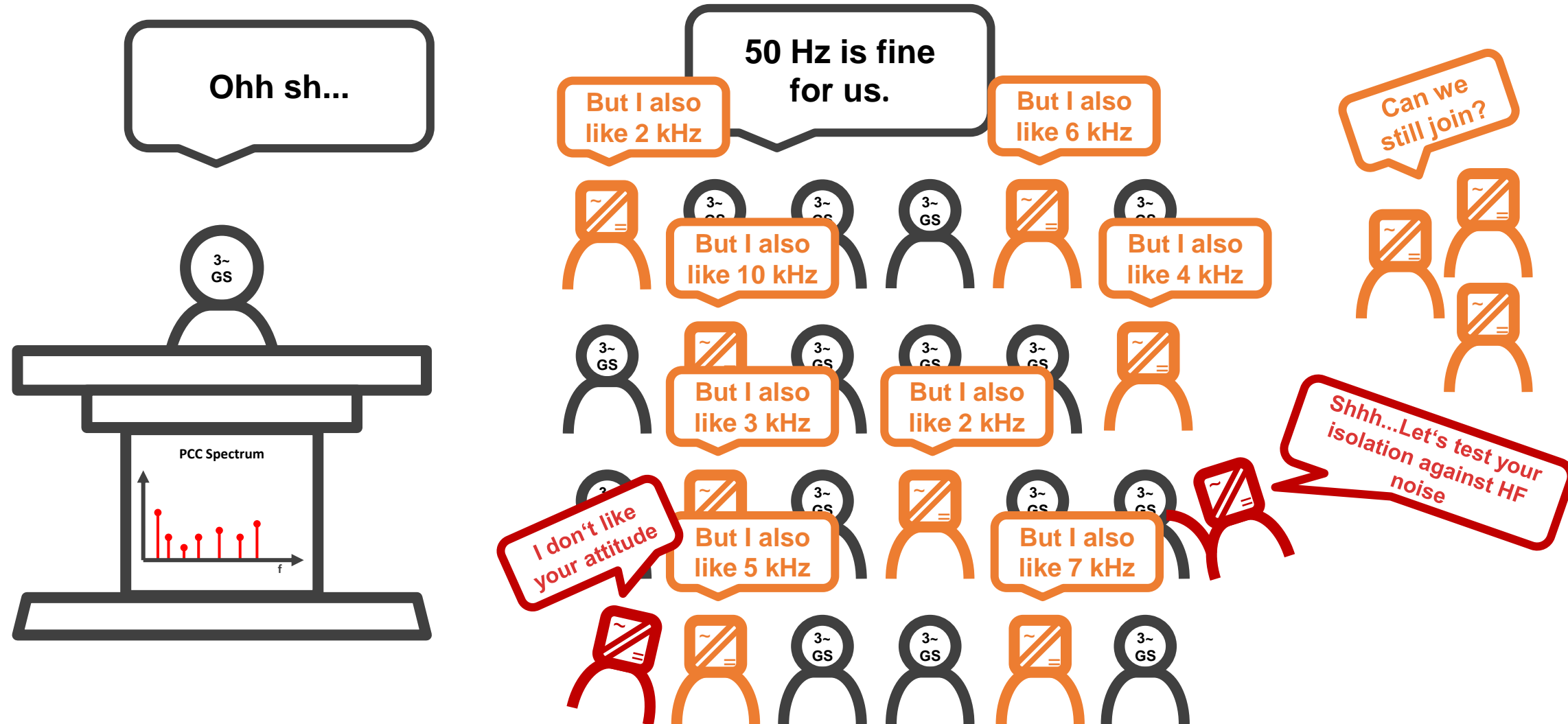
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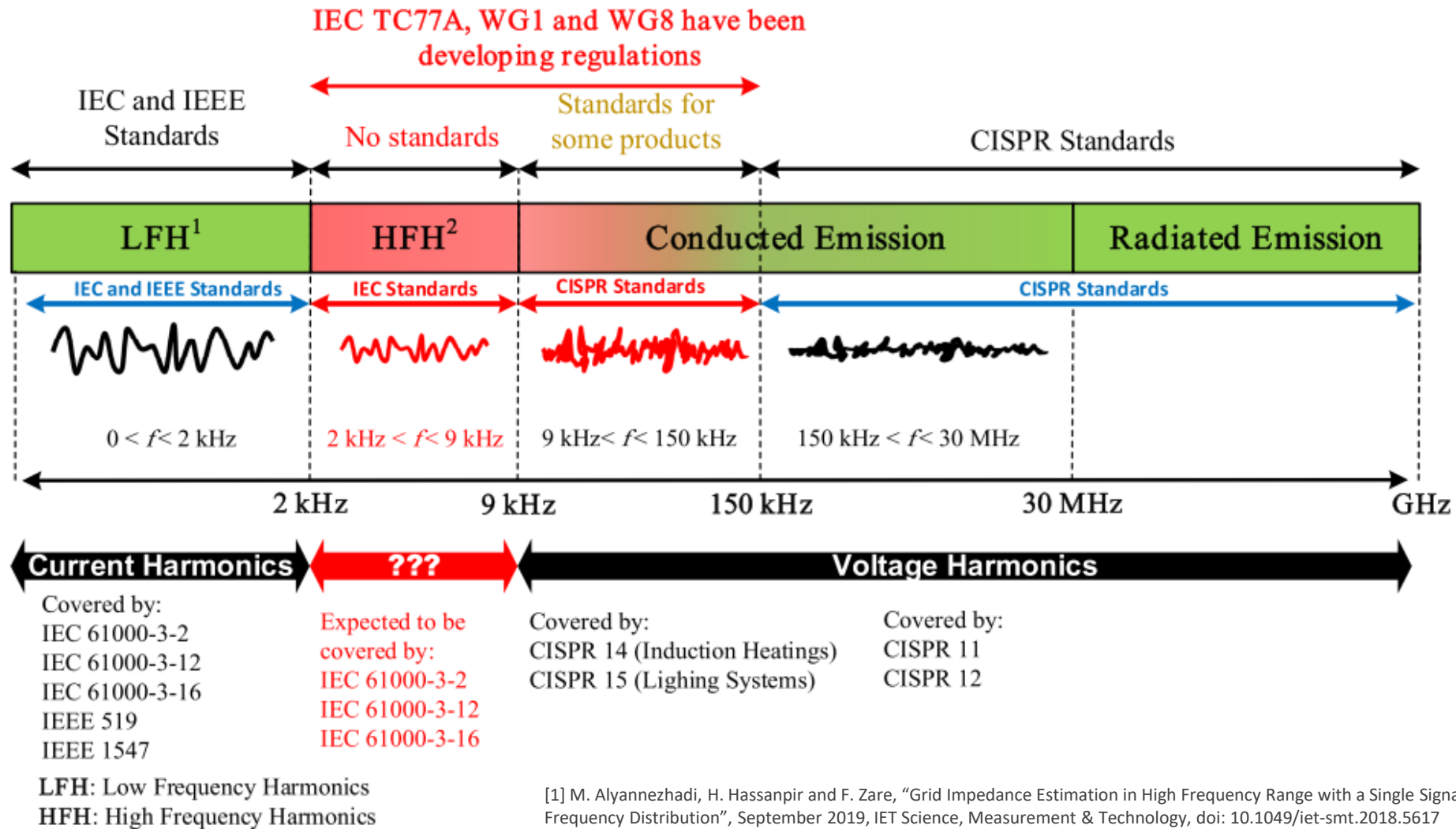


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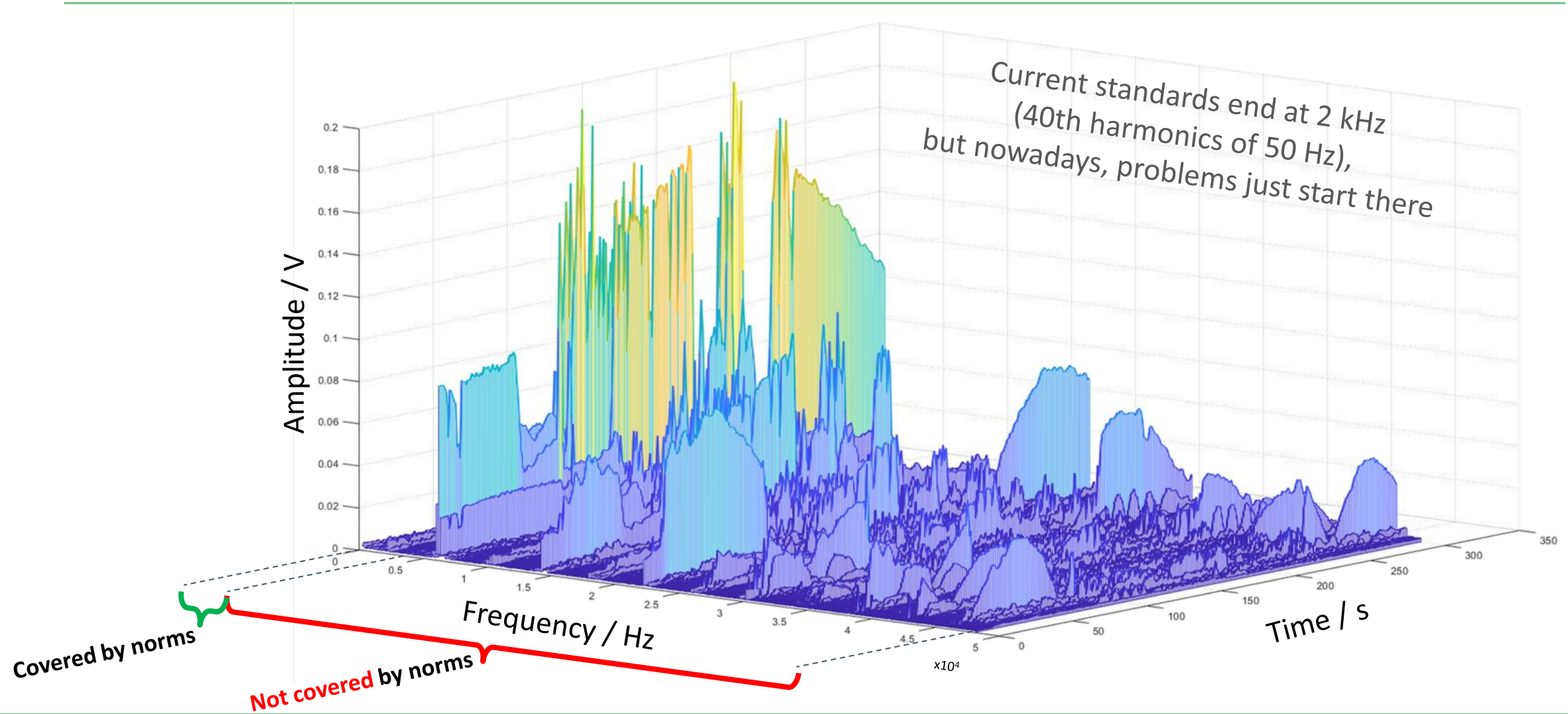


- Abstract problem visualization
- **Grid impedance in modern electrical grids**
- Impedance-based grid phenomena and usecases
 1. Damping of data signals
 2. Filter overload through harmonic interaction
 3. Switching frequency meets parallel resonance
 4. Impedance-based inverter stability in grids
 5. Evaluation of possible grid capacity for generation plant connection
- Outlook on activities and research

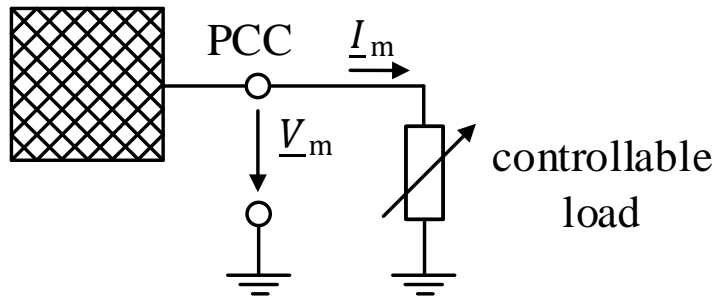
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- basic formular: $Z(f) = \frac{\Delta U(f)}{\Delta I(f)}$
- grid excitation is needed
→ using an ohmic resistor



Advantages of the ONIS device

- lightweight and mobile compared to other methods
- fast measurement
- easy to operate
- three-phase
- up to 500 kHz



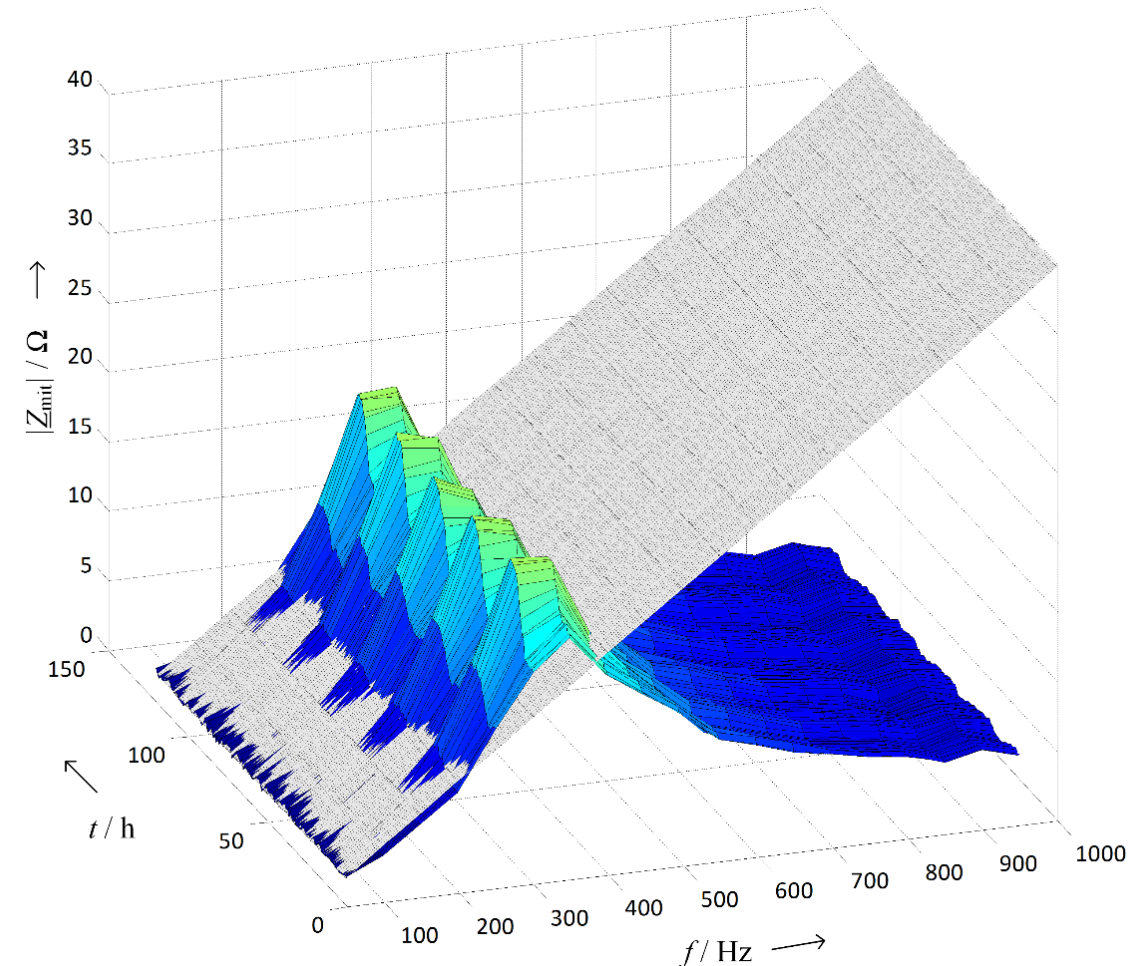
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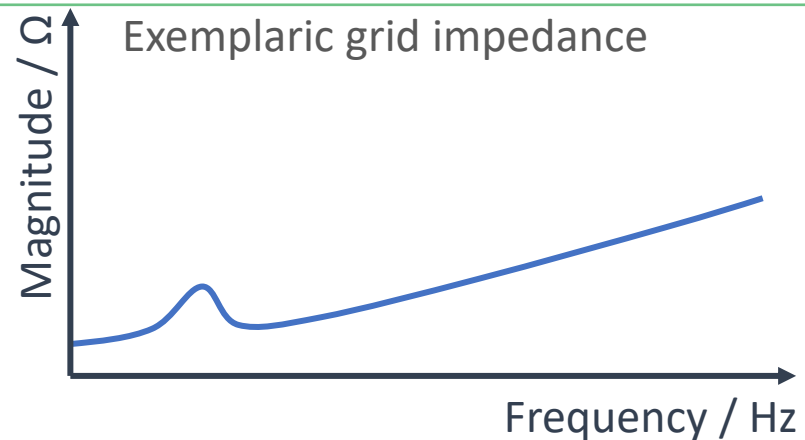
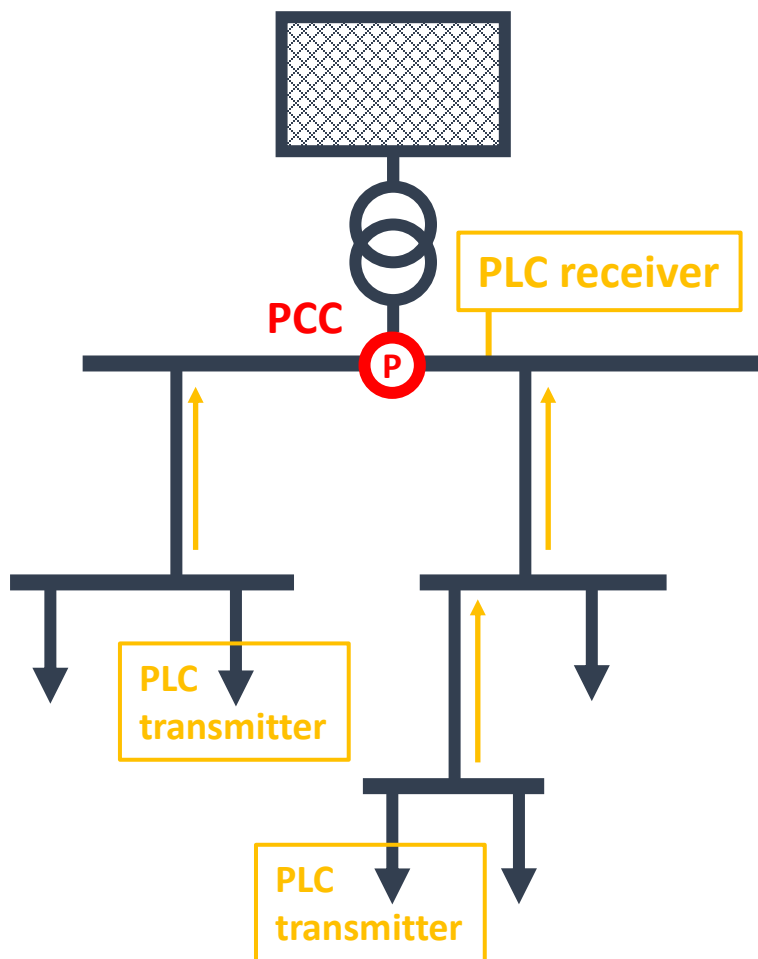
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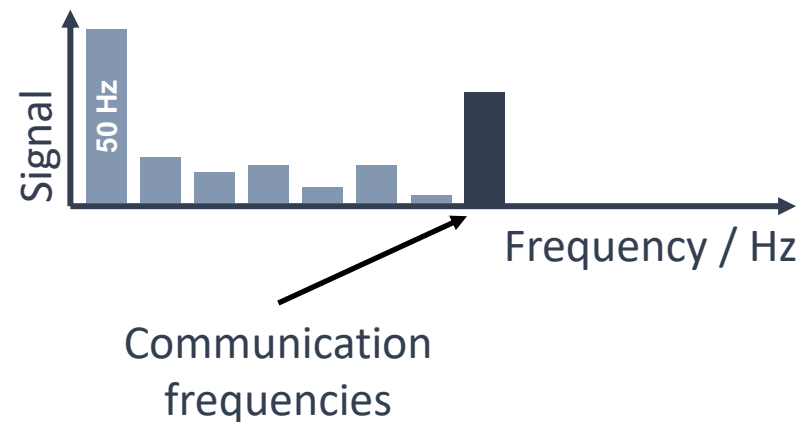


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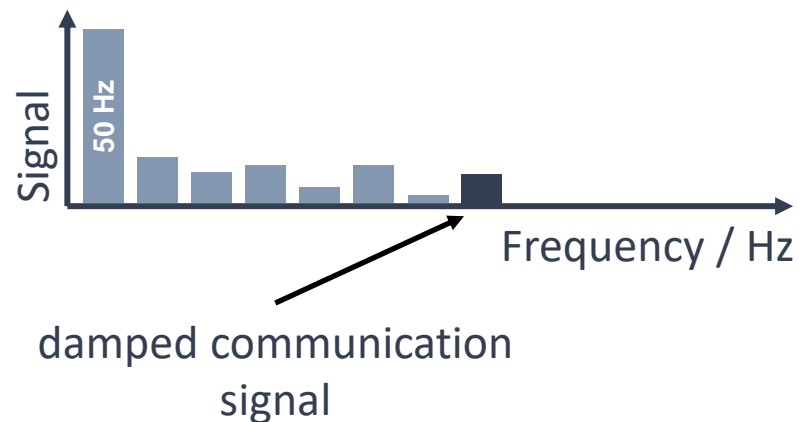
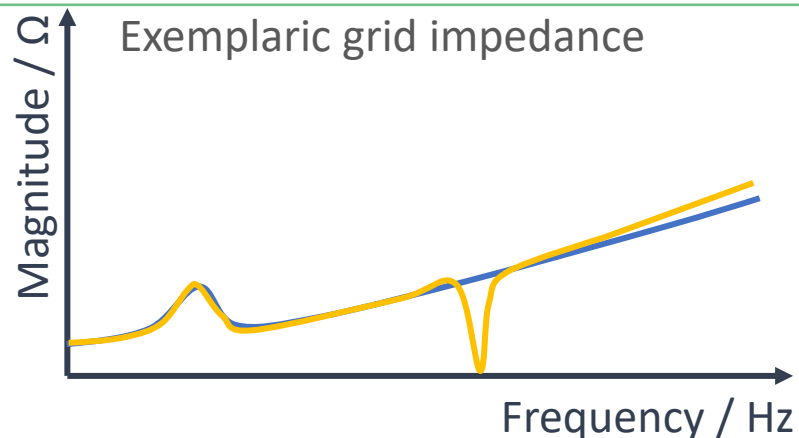
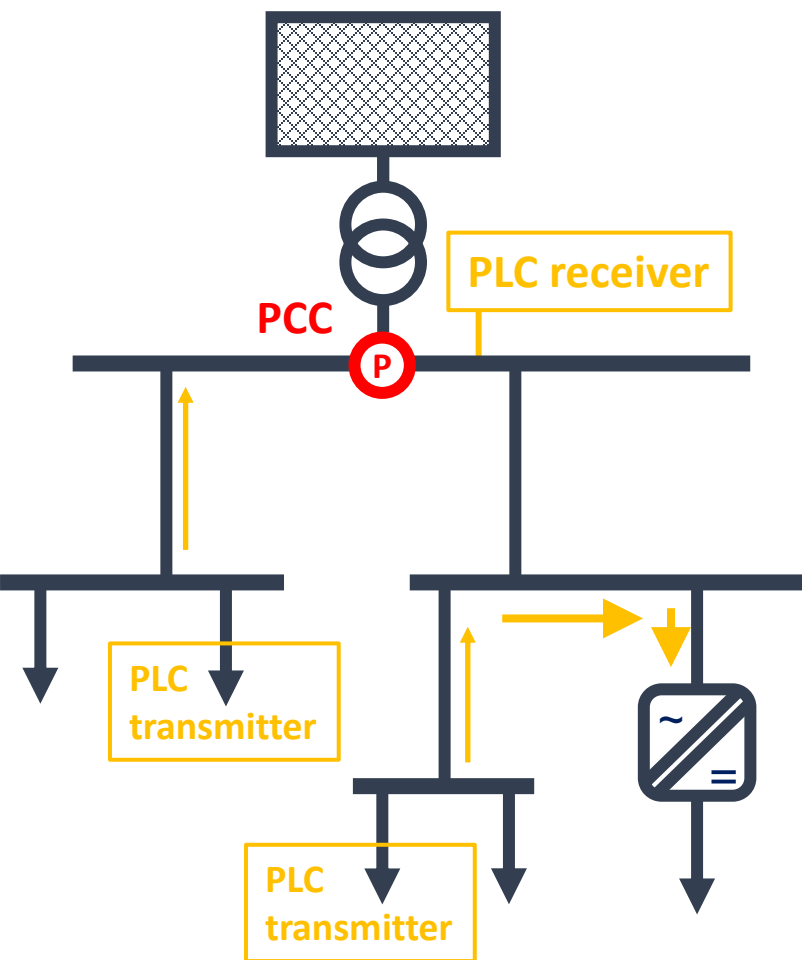
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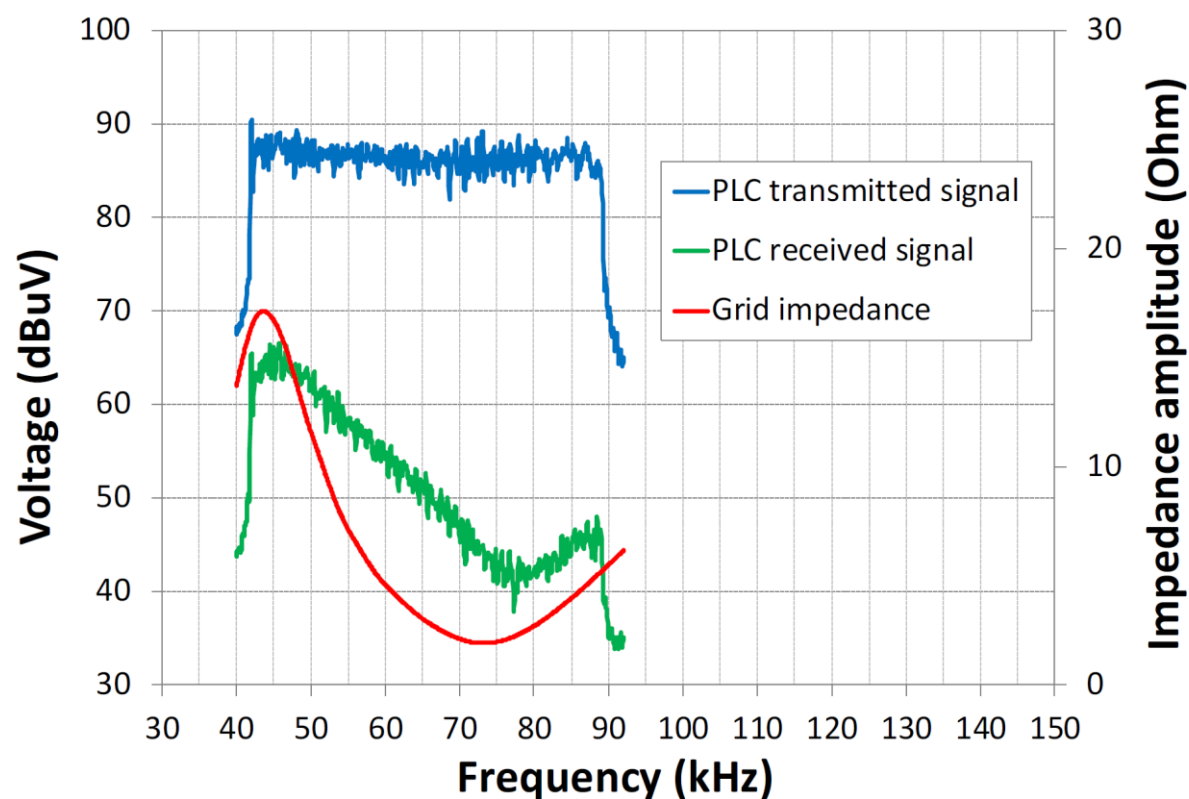
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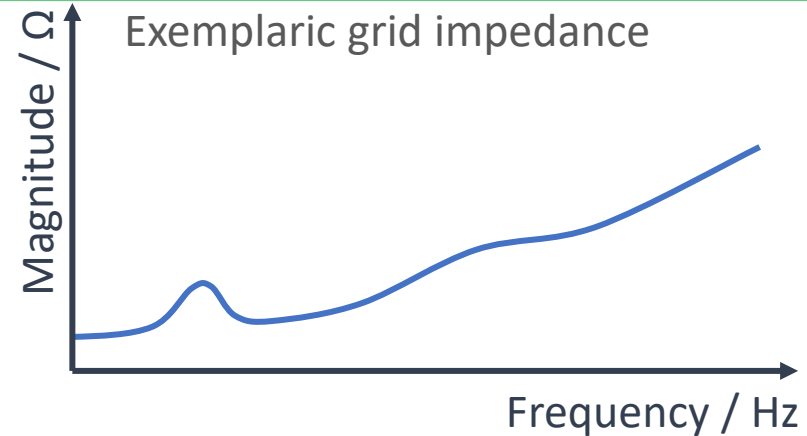
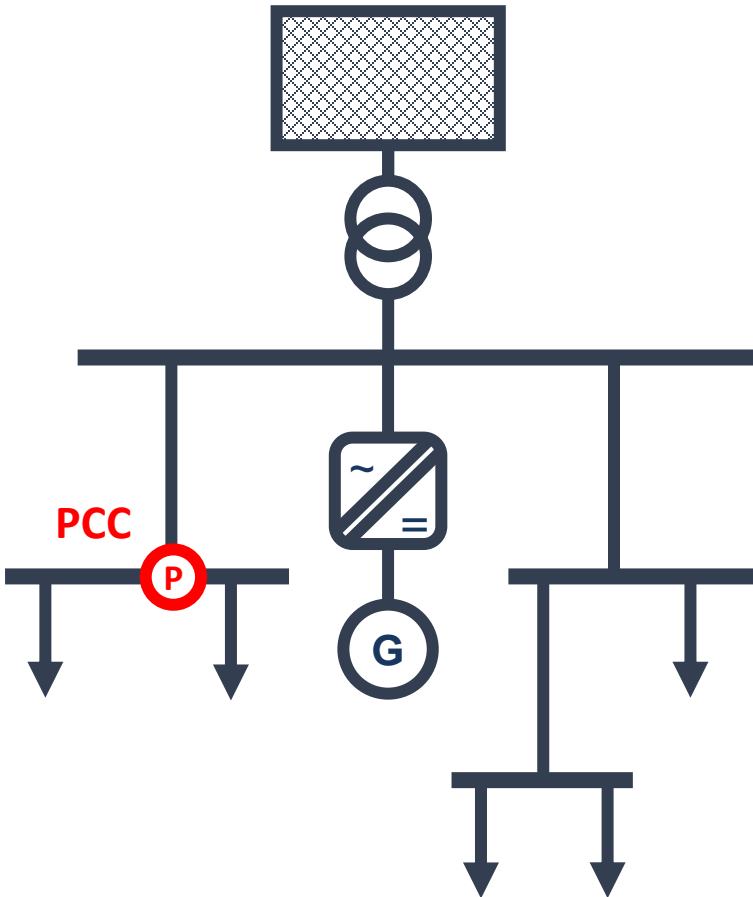
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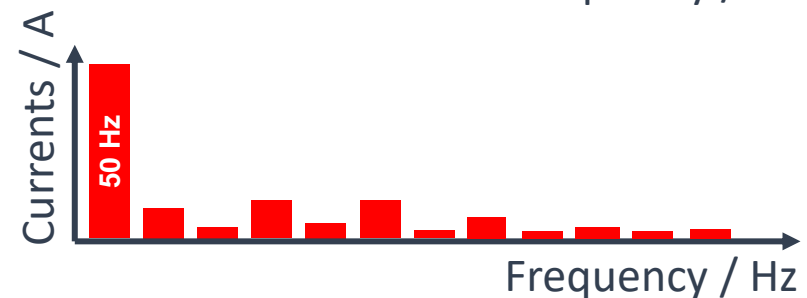
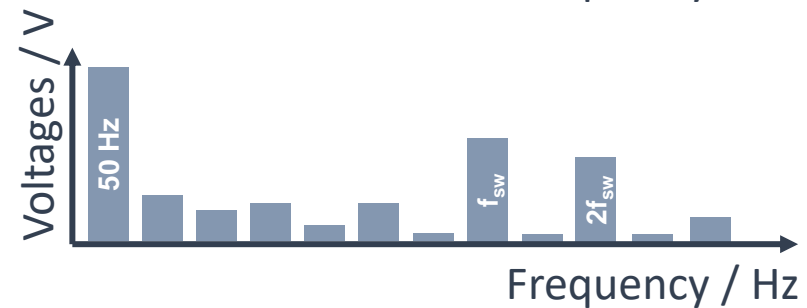
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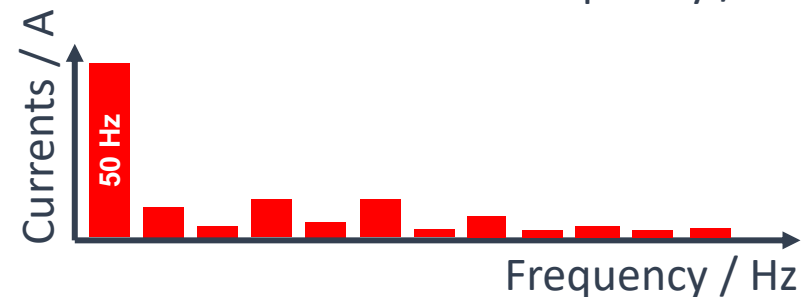
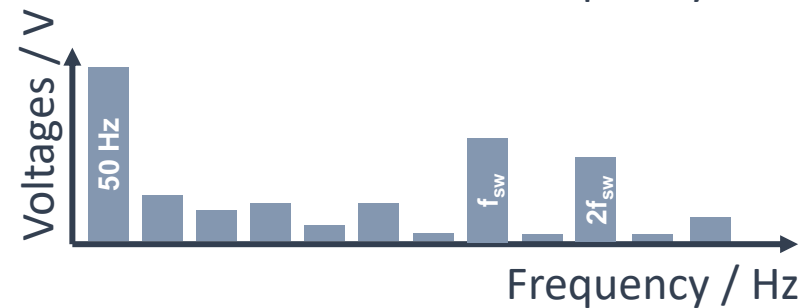
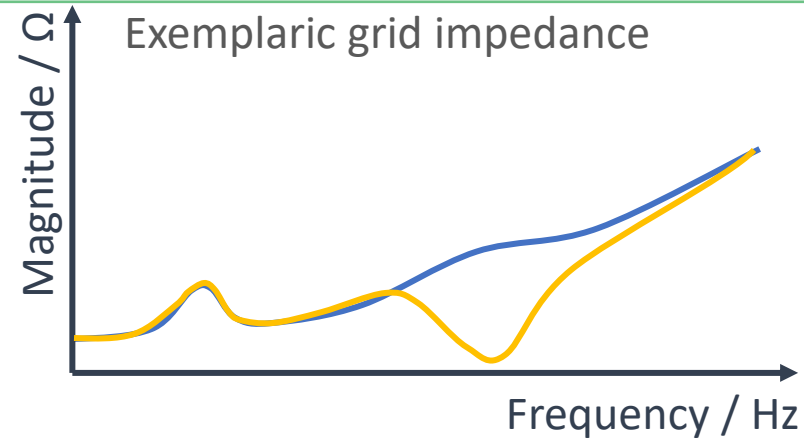
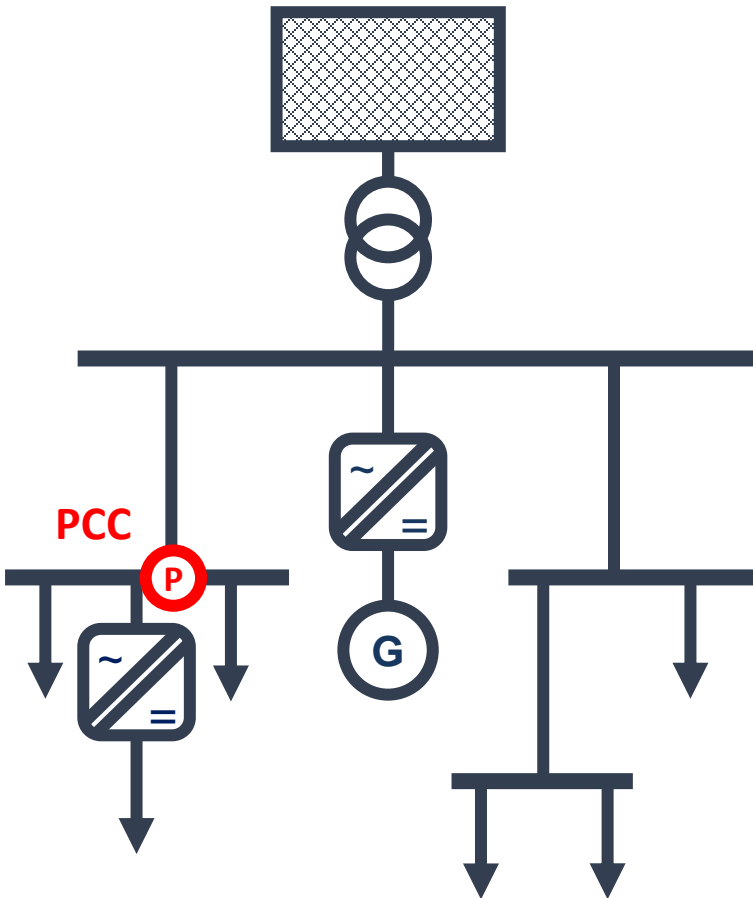


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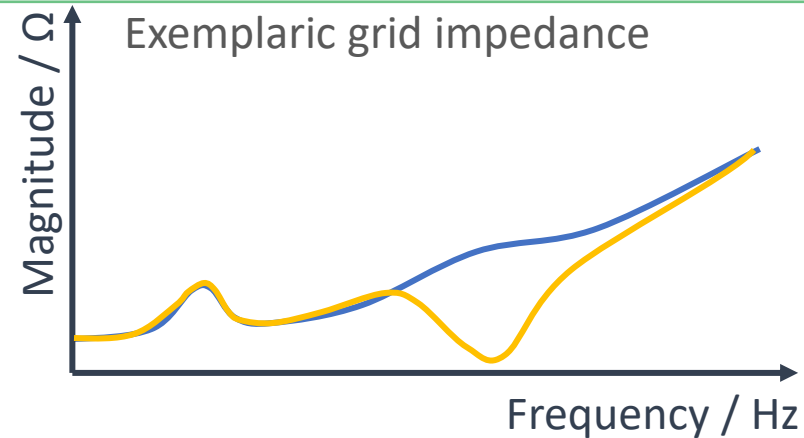
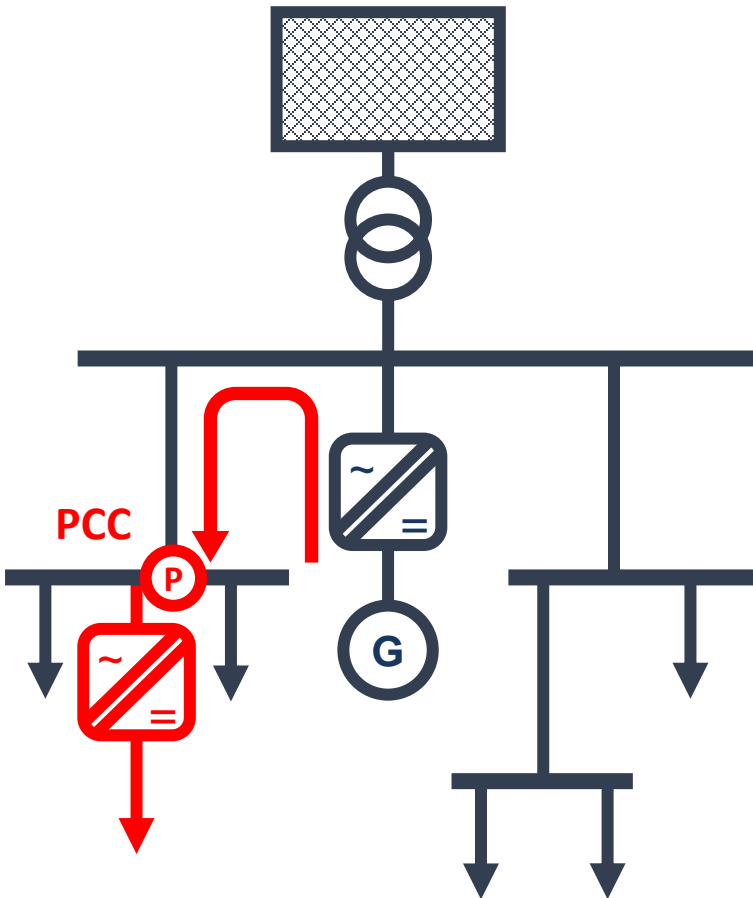


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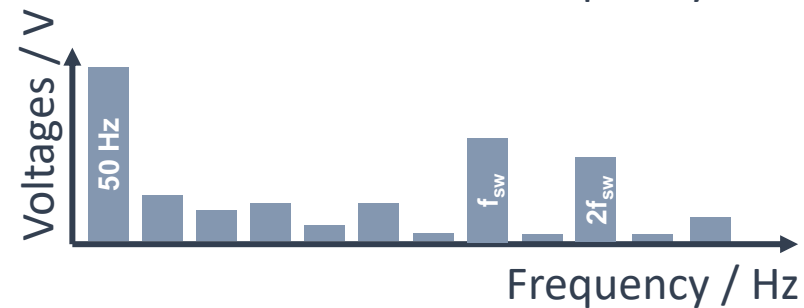
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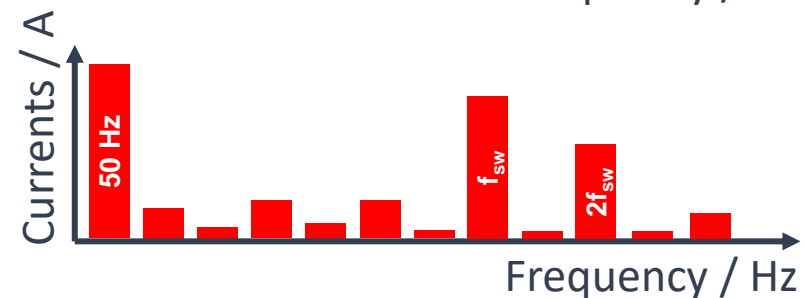


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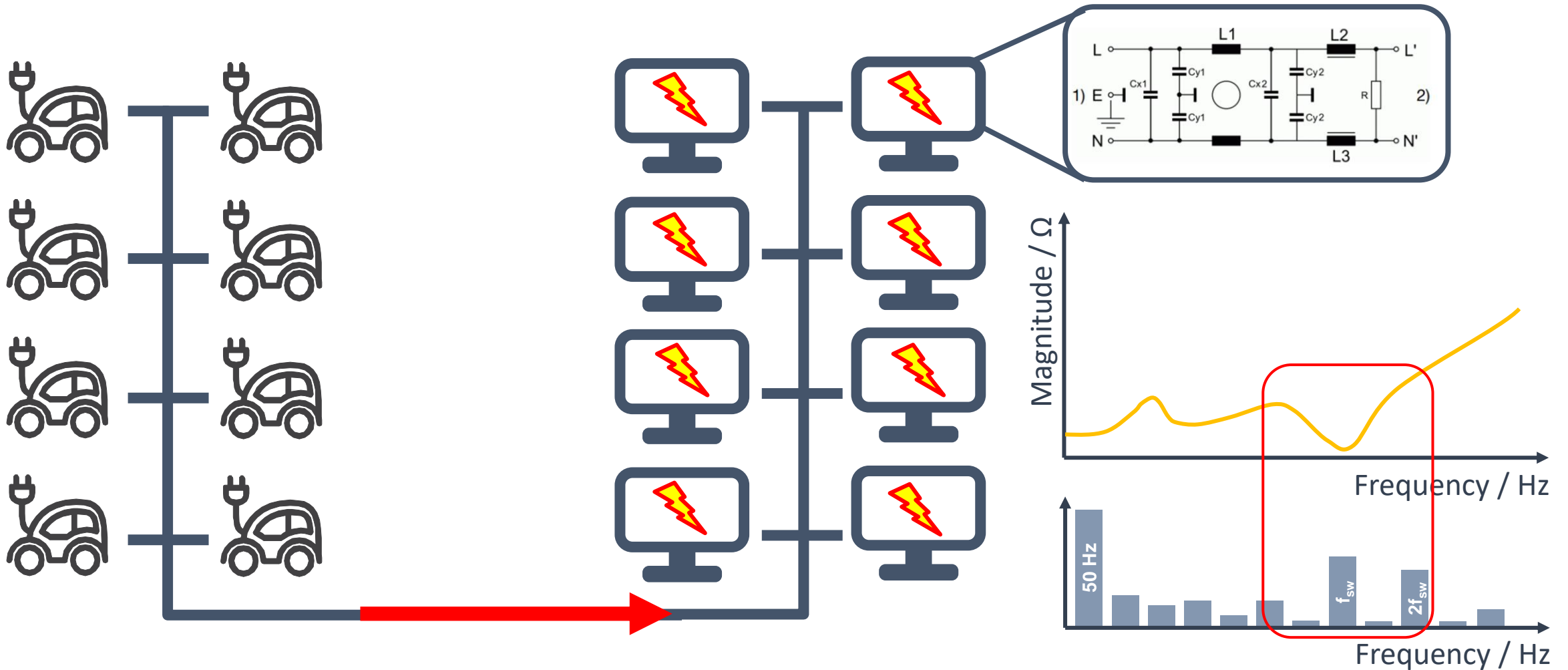


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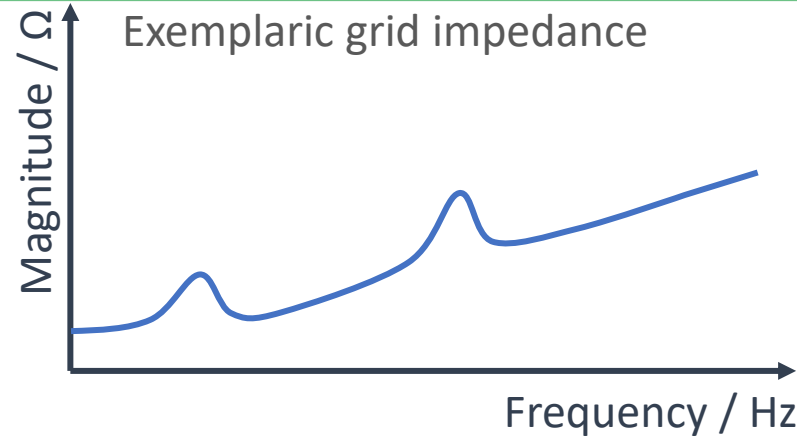
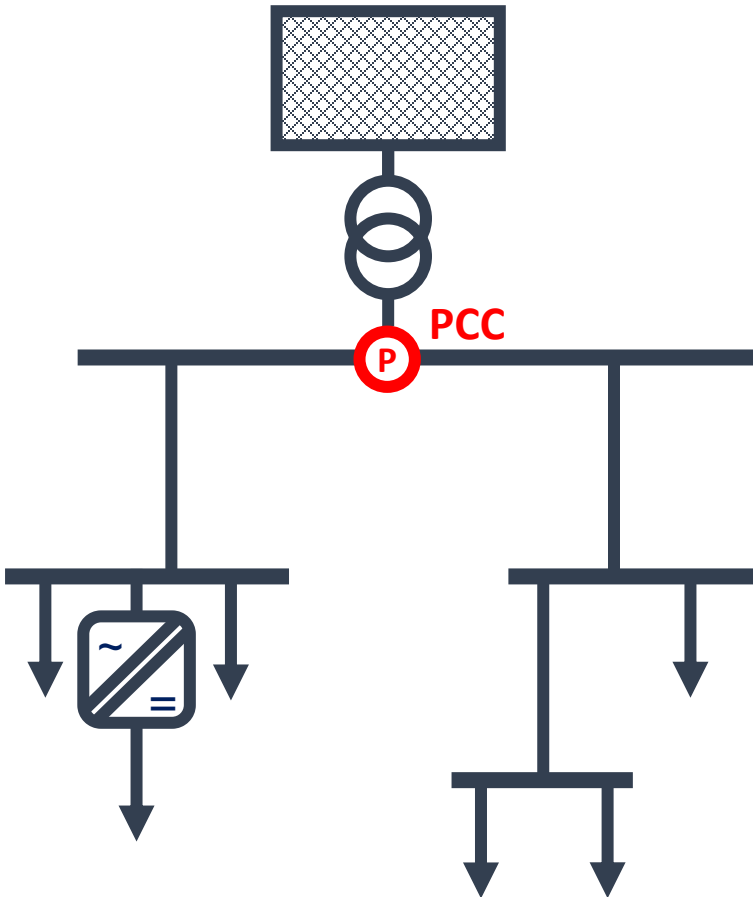
High current flow due to low impedance at f_{sw}
→ Potential damage to inverter filter or grid components

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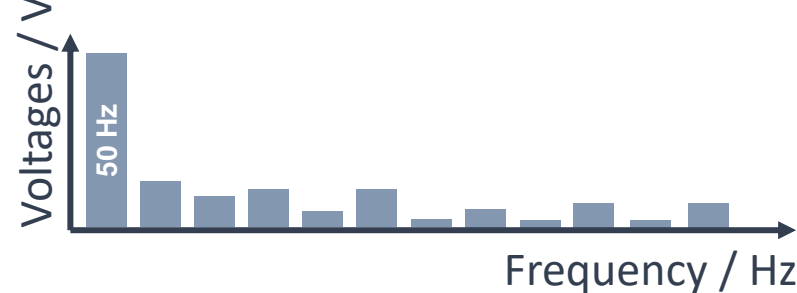
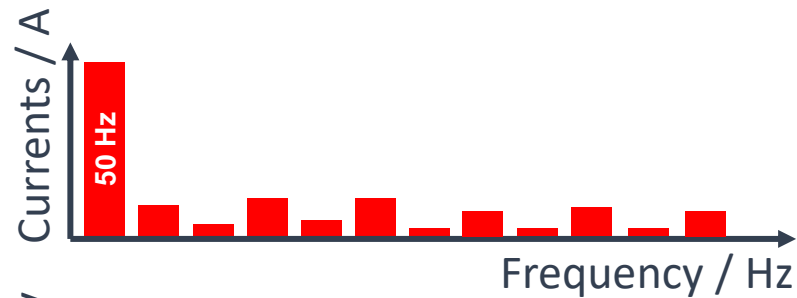
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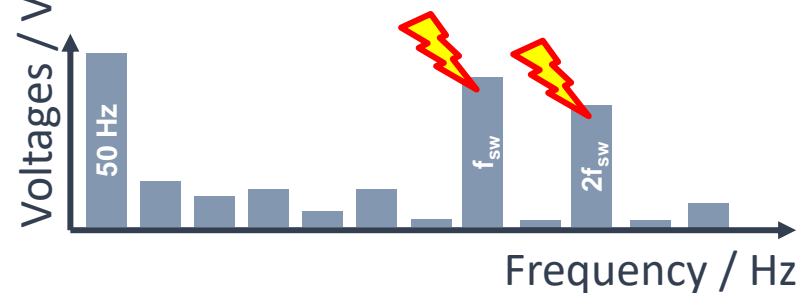
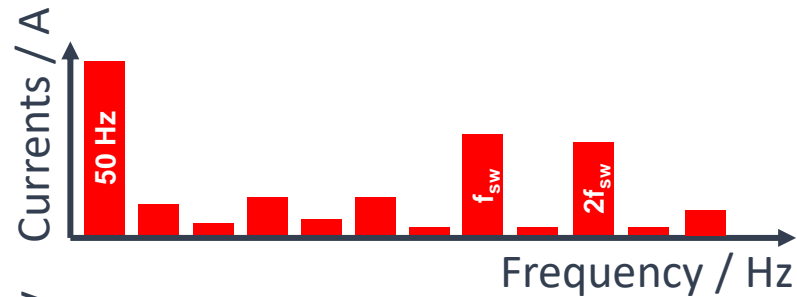
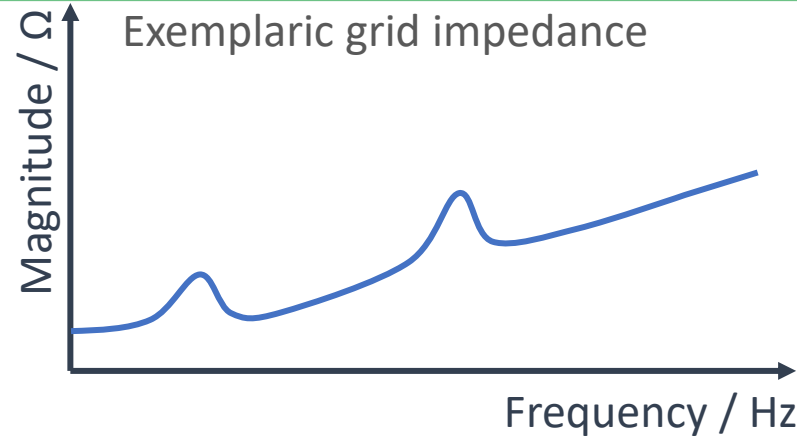
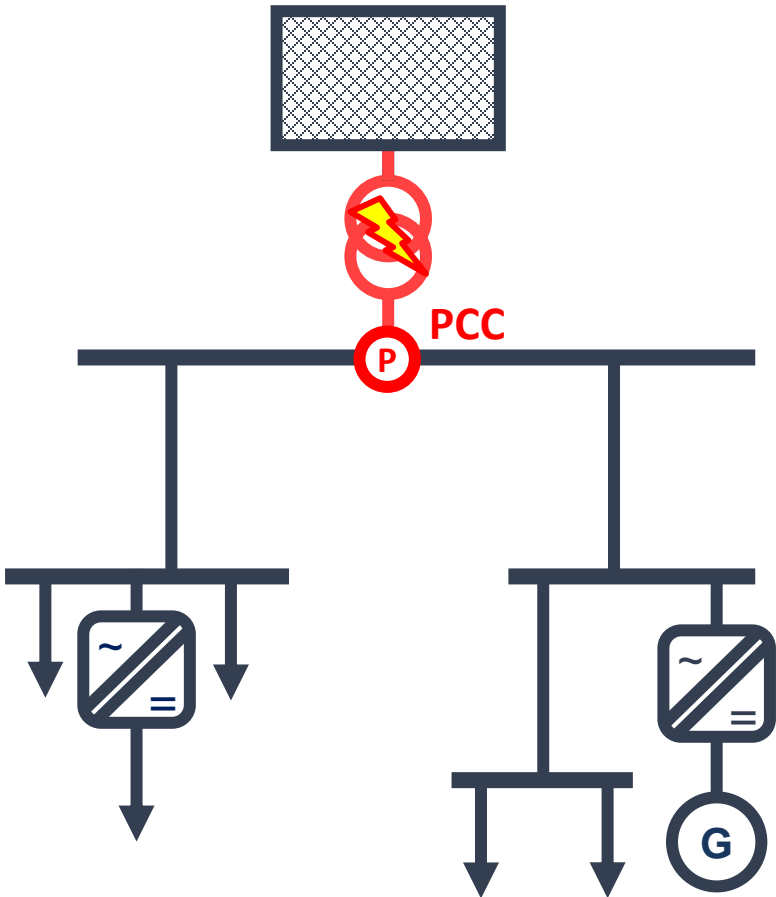


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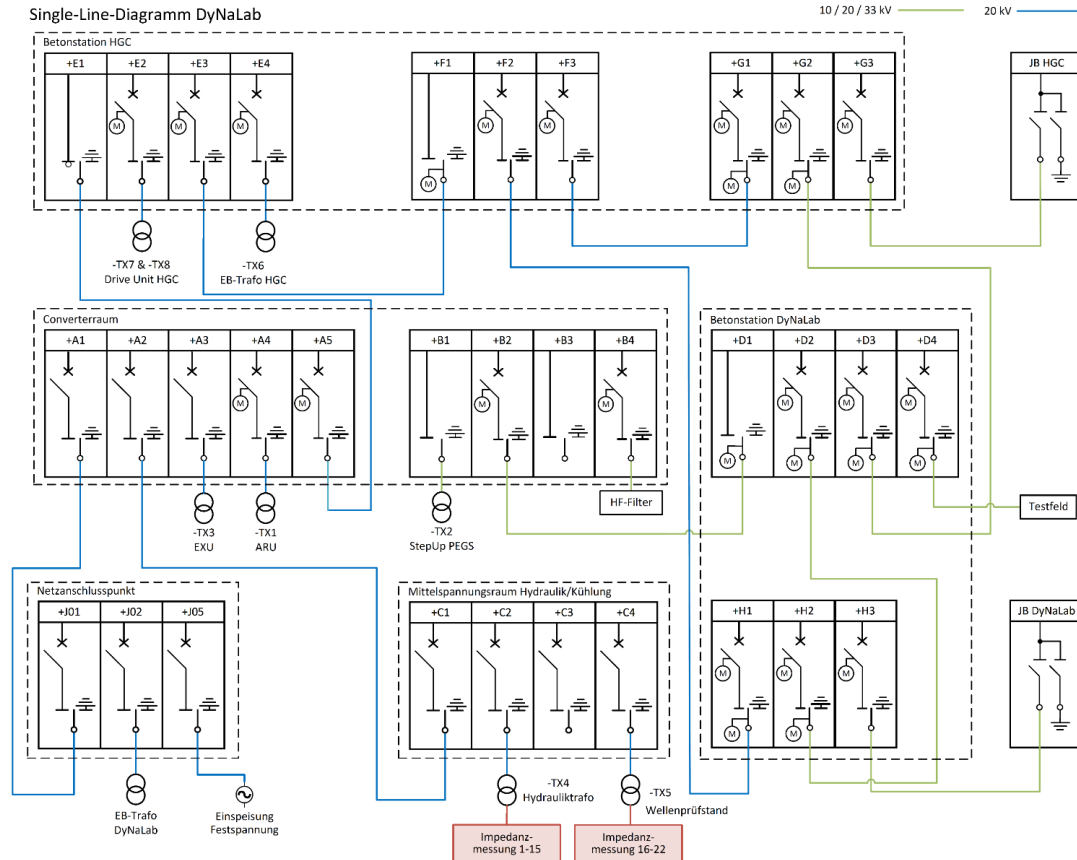
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Switching frequency of a new inverter meets parallel resonance of grid impedance

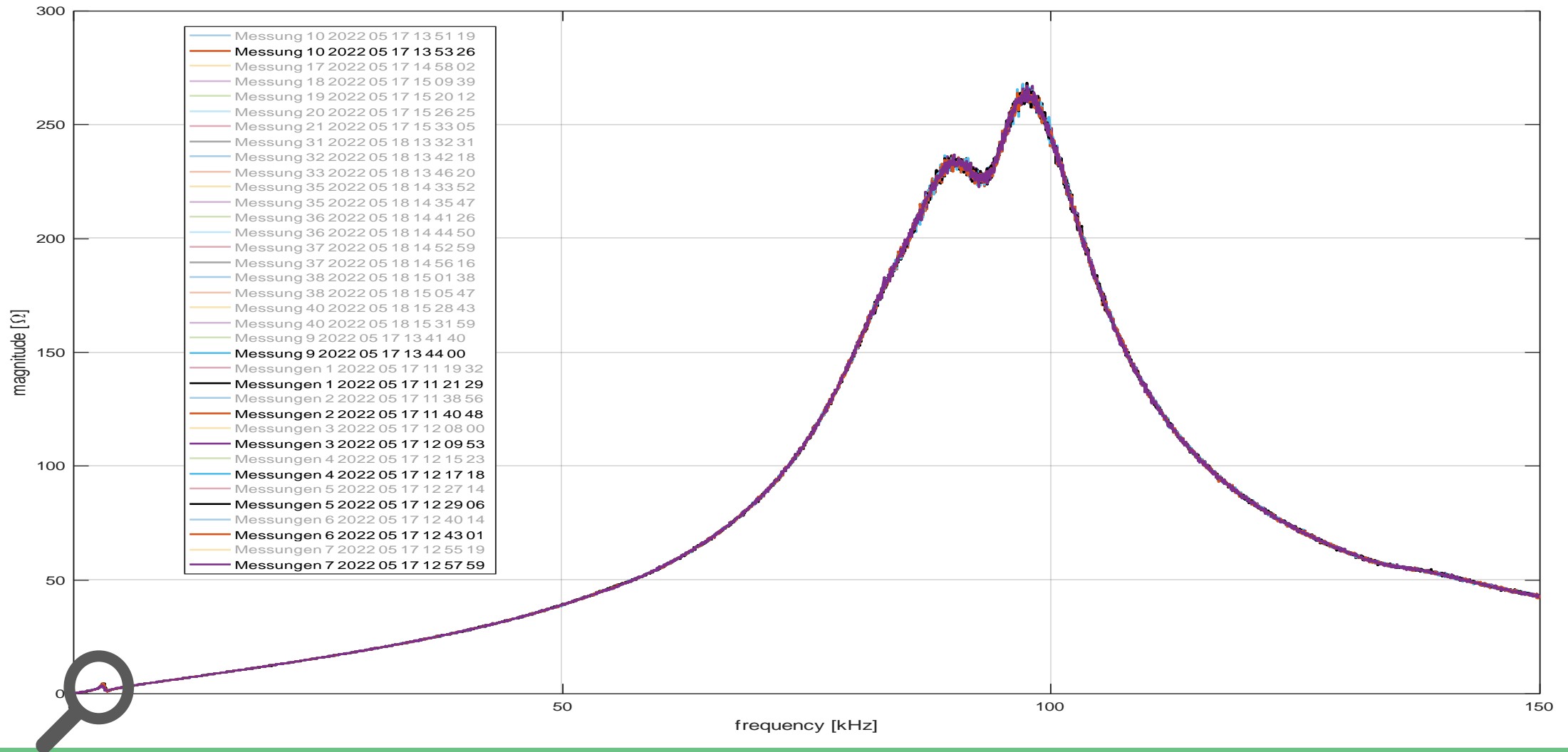
Critical voltage components arise due to the imprinting of currents at the switching frequency over the large grid impedance

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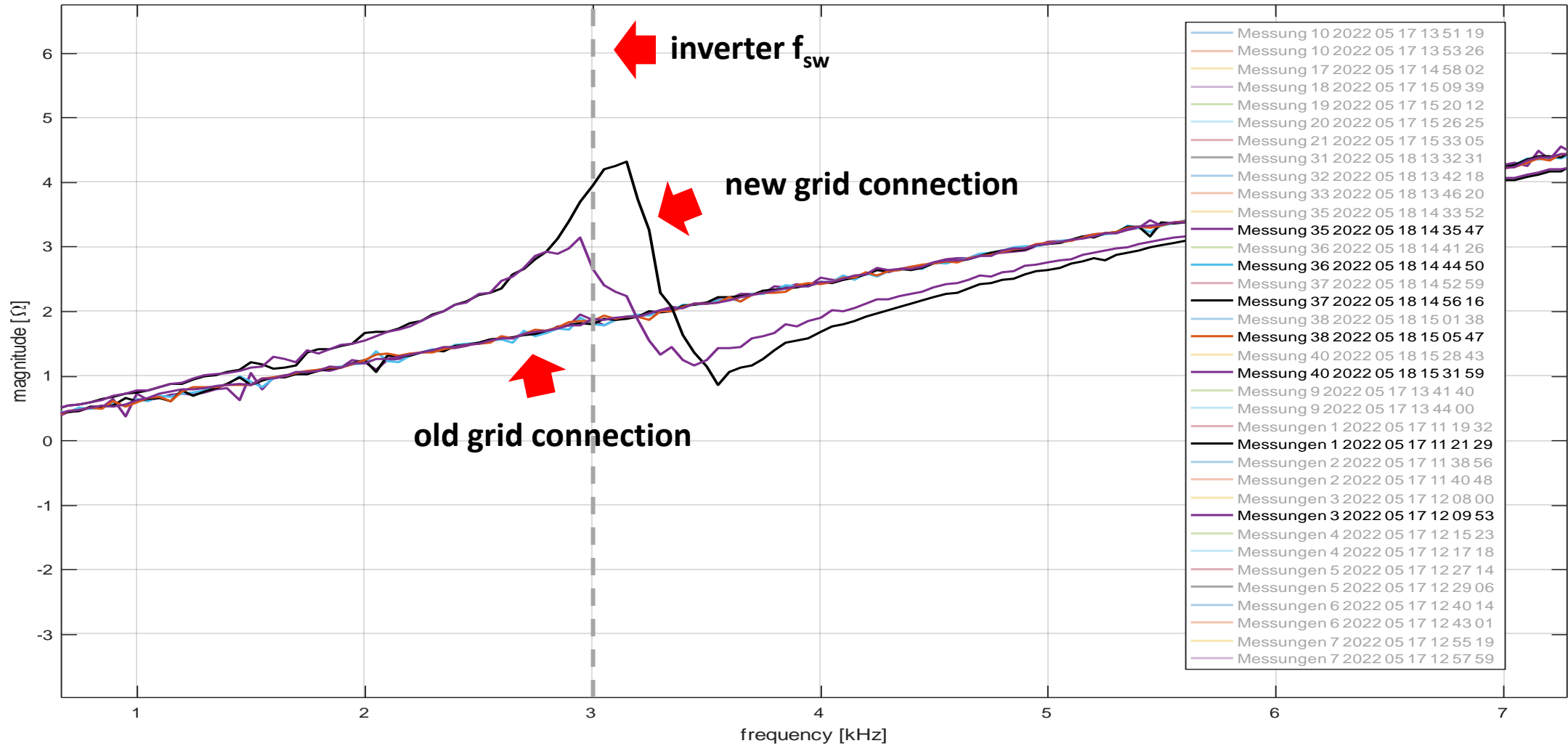


A new grid connection was installed in parallel to the old one
→ Testbench failure (protection device tripping) from time to time

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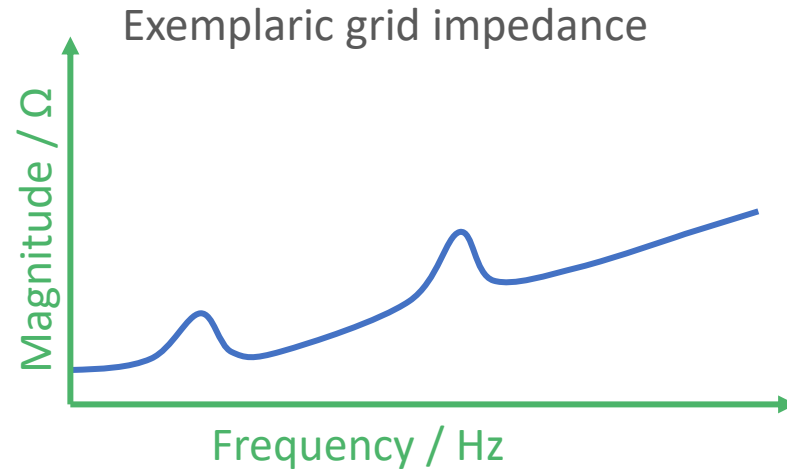
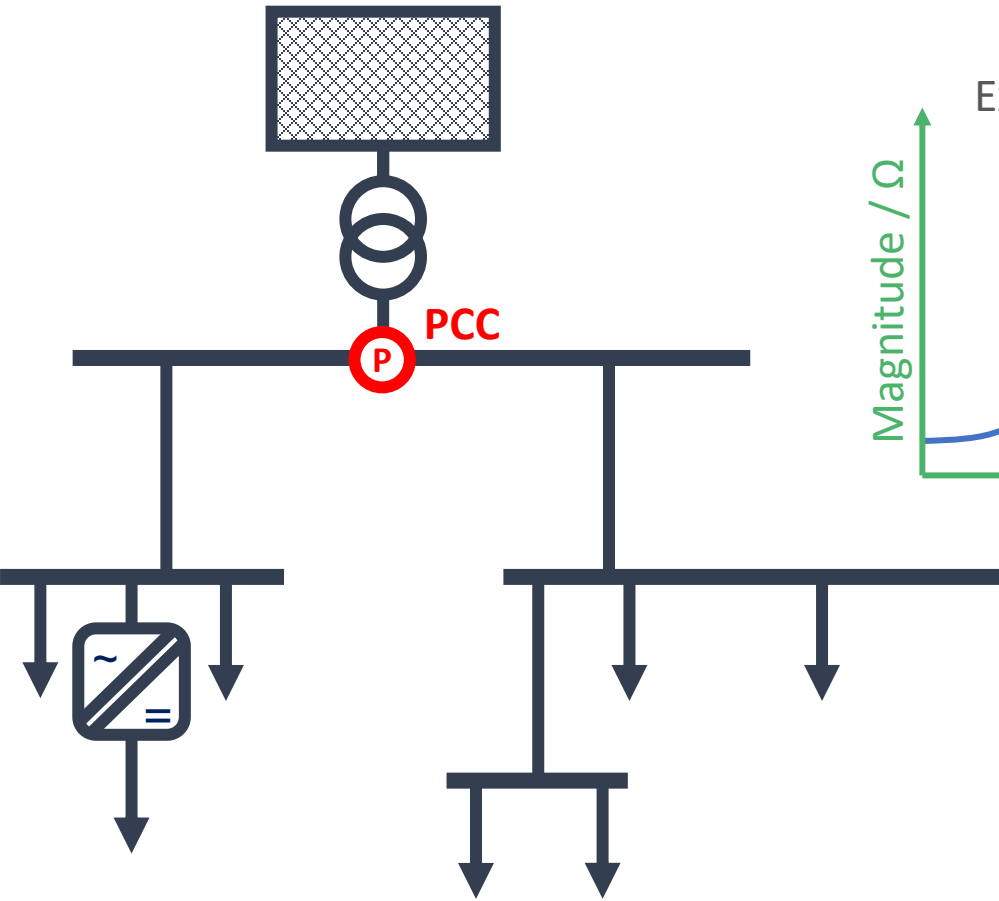


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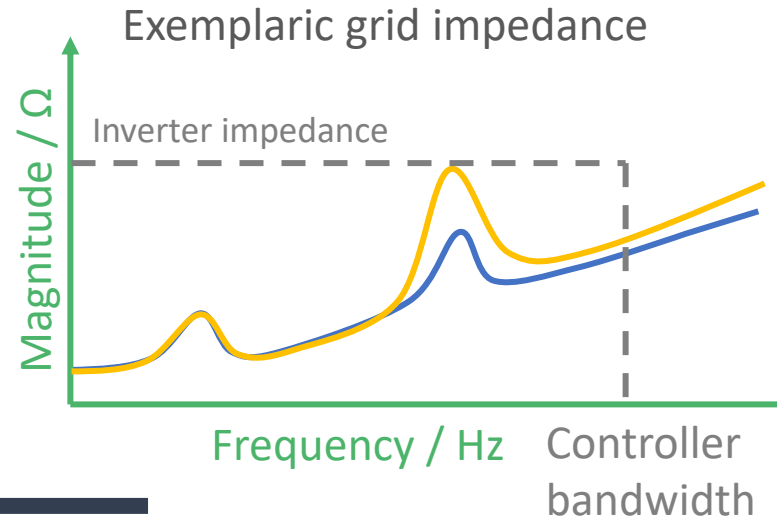
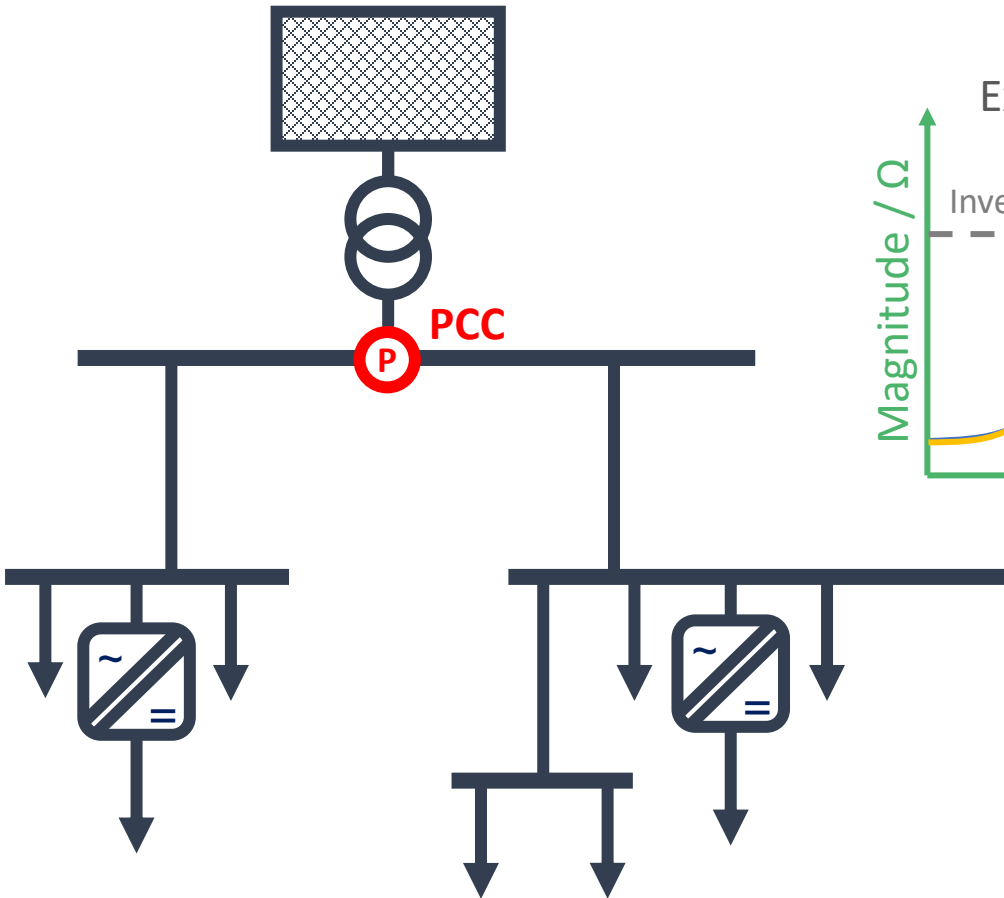
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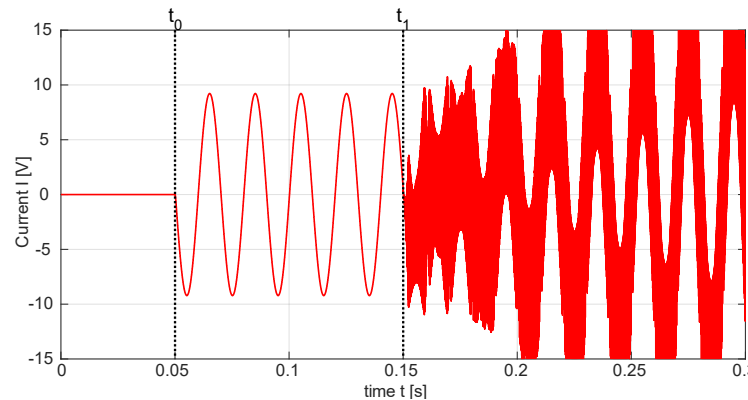
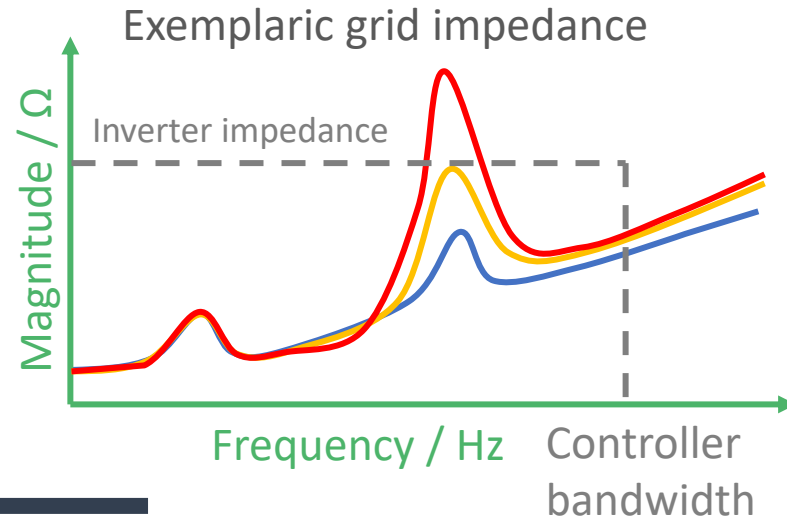
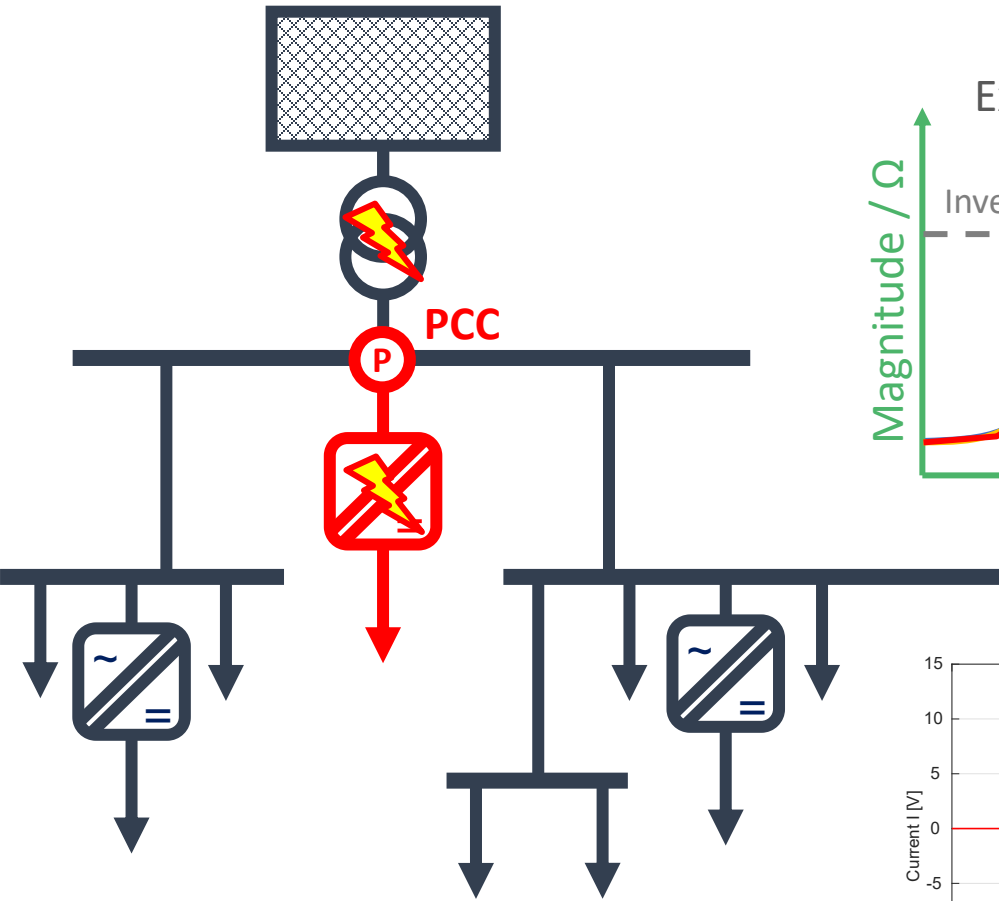


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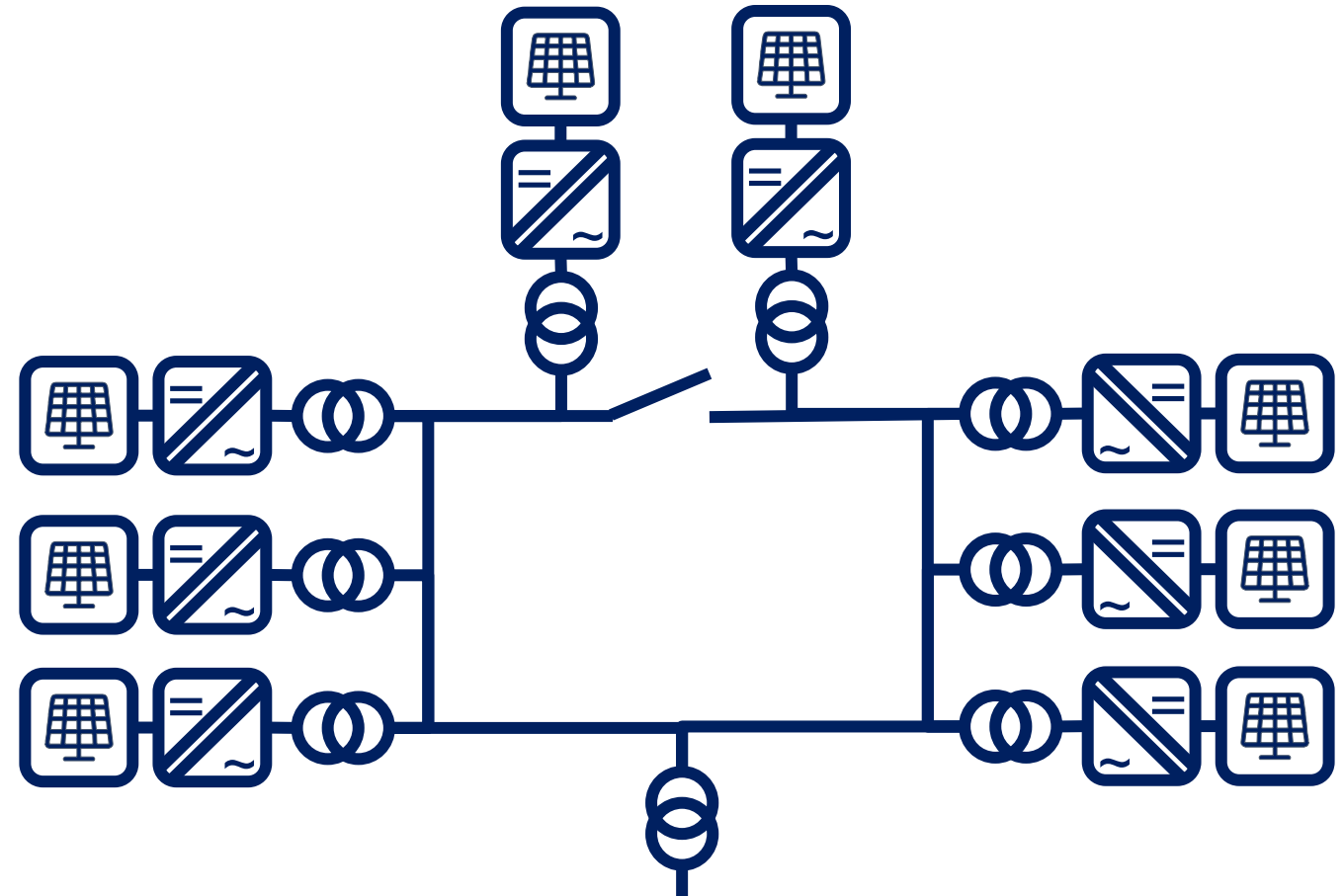
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Instability of inverters for $|Z_{PCC}| \geq |Z_{INV}|$
→ Potential damage to inverters or grid components

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Time dependent PV-generation → time-varying grid impedance
Forced curtailment to save inverters from controller instabilities

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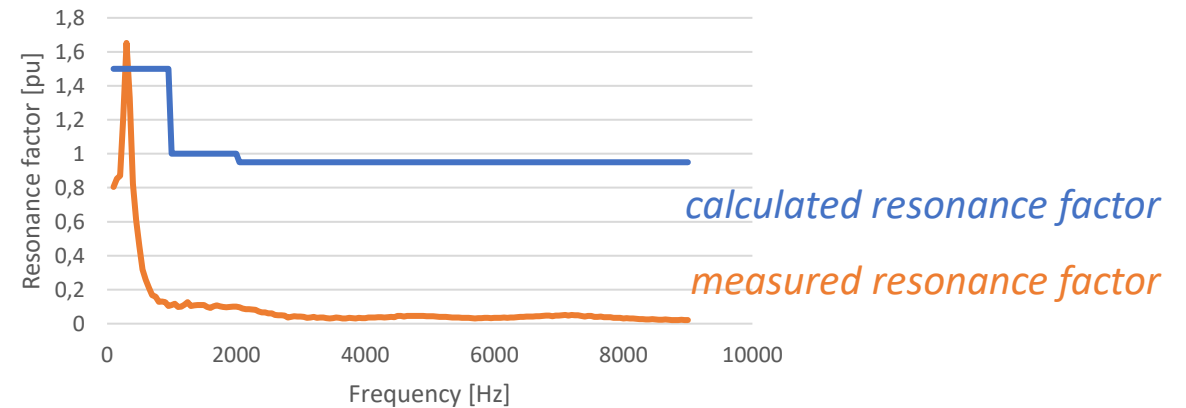
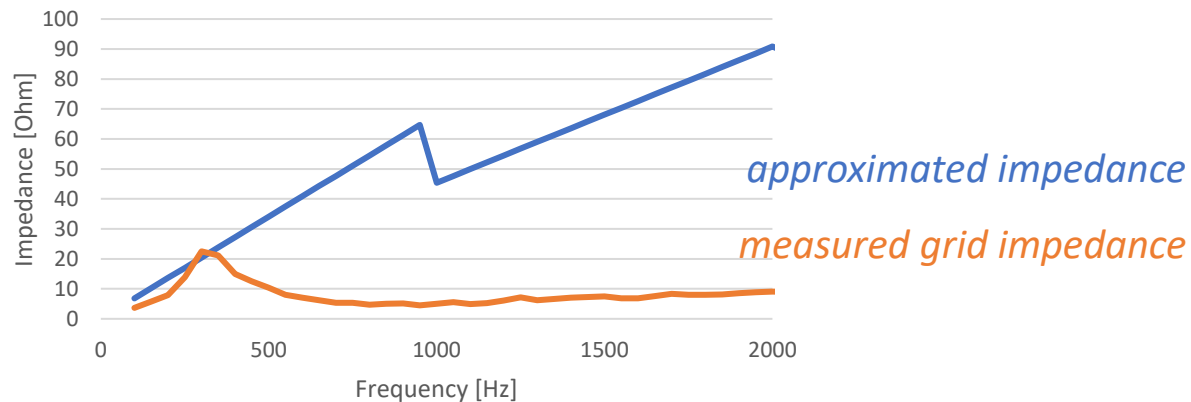
5. EVALUATION OF POSSIBLE GRID CAPACITY

Problem:

- Certification process not passed: permissible harmonic levels of the generation plant exceeded
- Permissible harmonic levels are calculated from formulas within grid connection regulations (VDE-AR-4105, 4110, 4120)

Solution:

- Calculating of permissible harmonics using morEnergy measured grid impedances
- In most cases the impedances as well as the resonance factors are much lower than those use in the regulation documentation

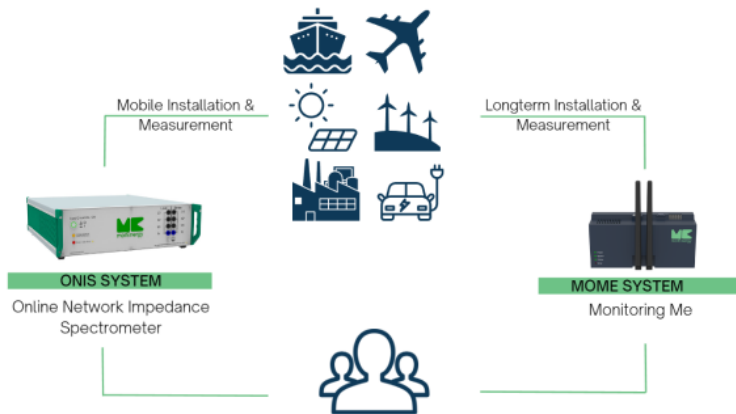


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gridDNA by morEnergy



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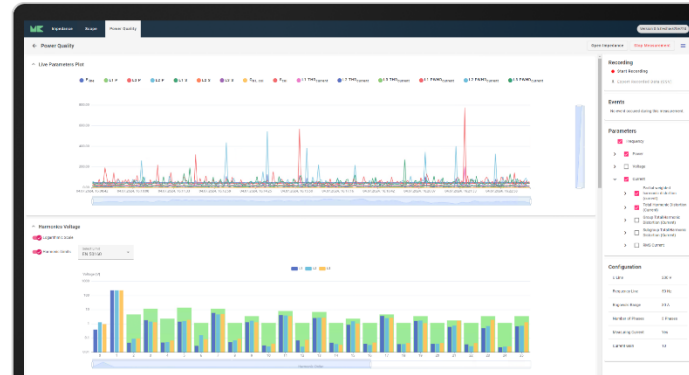
- Evaluation of measurement data
- Analyzing data with gridDNA
- Developing recommendations/ action plans tailored to your business



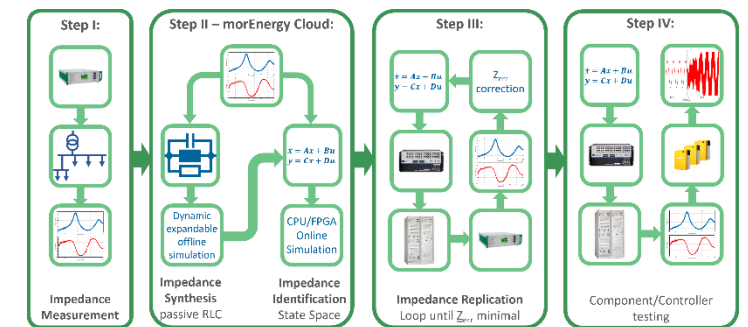
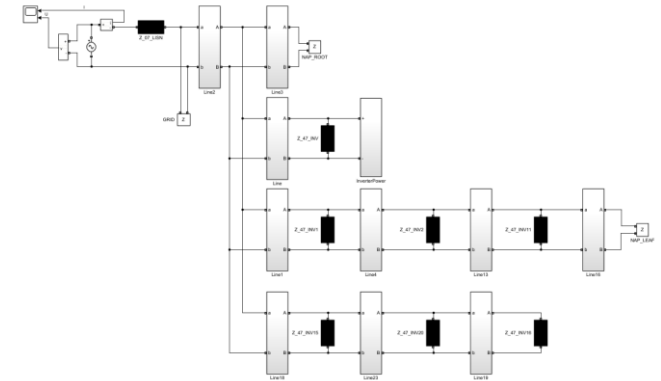
RESULT

Improve the understanding and designing process of SMART DC grids by getting to know the DNA of your grid.

Power Quality



Grid Simulation and Impedance Replication





Thank you for your attention!