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EXPERIMENTAL VALIDATION OF THE EASY-RES CONCEPT:
PROTOTYPE UNITARY TESTING AND SYSTEM INTEGRATION
TESTING

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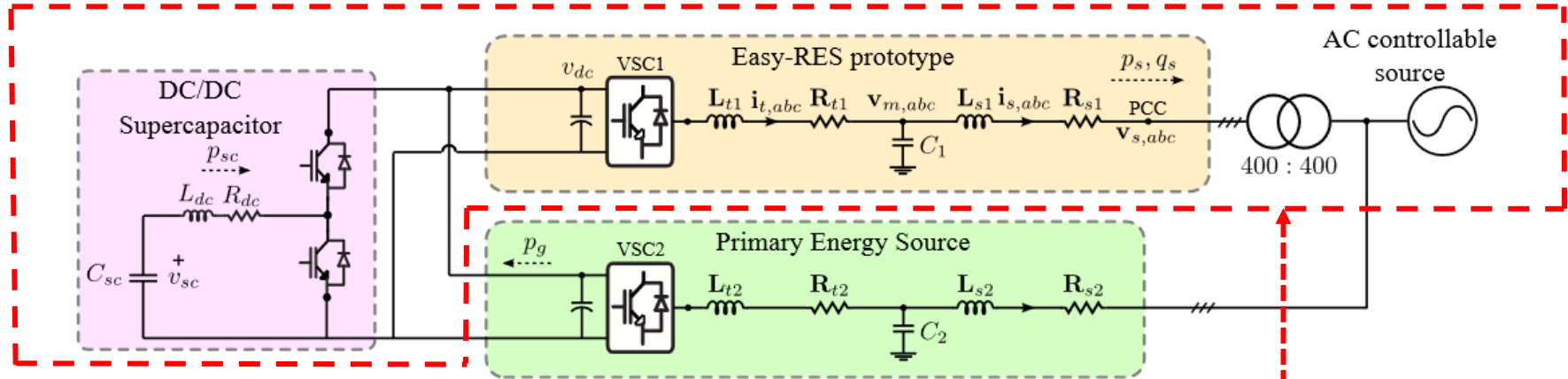
Agenda

- Description of the EASY-RES prototype
- Control levels of the EASY-RES prototype
- Experimental Validation of EASY-RES functionalities in the EASY-RES prototype
- Description of the scaled-down distribution networks
- Control levels of the scaled-down distribution networks
- Experimental Validation of EASY-RES functionalities in the scaled-down distribution networks



Description of the EASY-RES prototype

Single-line diagram of the EASY-RES prototype



- Main Power Components:

- DC/AC converter
- Supercapacitor
- Bidirectional DC/DC converter
- Primary energy source emulated by a second DC/AC converter
- Power Filters

EASY-RES prototype



Description of the EASY-RES prototype

Supercapacitor

- Rated value:
 - Supercapacitor provide by Maxwell
 - Capacitance; 6 F
 - Voltage: 160 V
 - Rated current: 12 A
 - Energy: 76.8 kJ / 21.333 Wh
- Operation Condition in EASY-RES
 - Operation Voltage for EASY-RES: 130 V
 - Minimum Voltage for EASY-RES: 100 V
 - Maximum Voltage for EASY-RES: 155 V
 - Maximum Power: 2 kW

<https://www.maxwell.com/products/ultracapacitors/160v-mod>

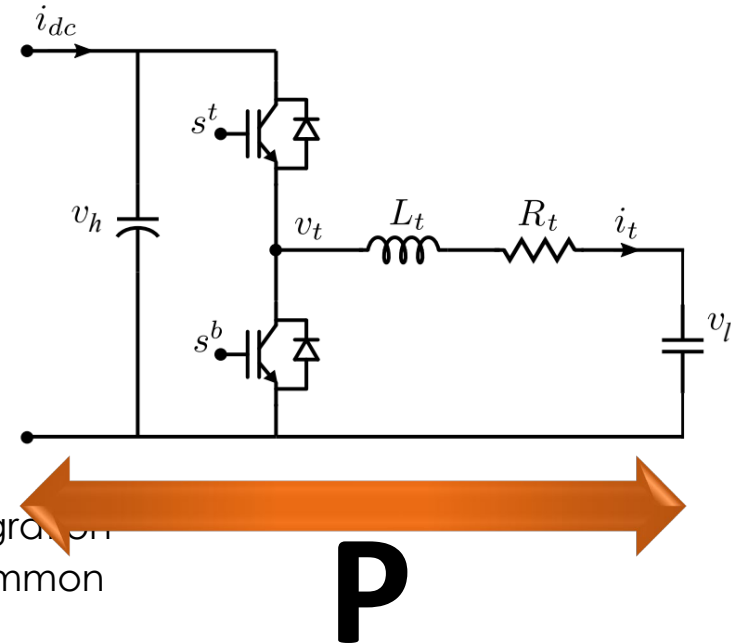




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Bidirectional DC/DC converter

- Single column of IGBTs
- Rated value
 - DC voltage in High voltage side: 800 V
 - DC voltage in Low voltage side: 400 V
 - Rated current: 40 A
 - Bidirectional power flow
- Operation Condition in EASY-RES
 - High Voltage side: 750 V. Common DC bus of EASY-RES prototype
 - Low Voltage side: 130 V. Supercapacitor integration
 - In charge of controlling the voltage of the common DC bus
 - Switching frequency: 10 kHz
 - Integrated in the DC/AC converter

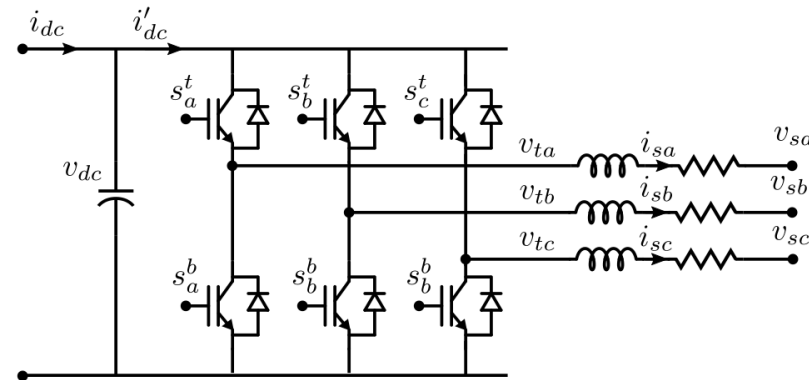




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DC/AC converter

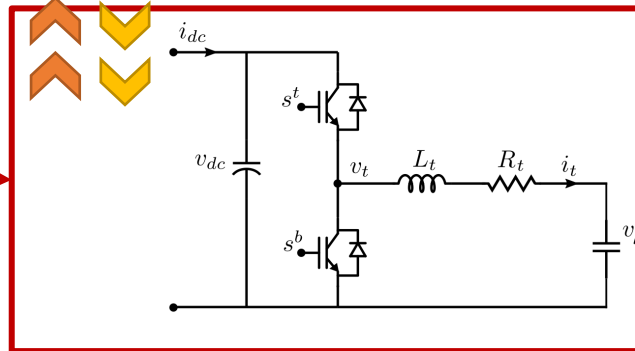
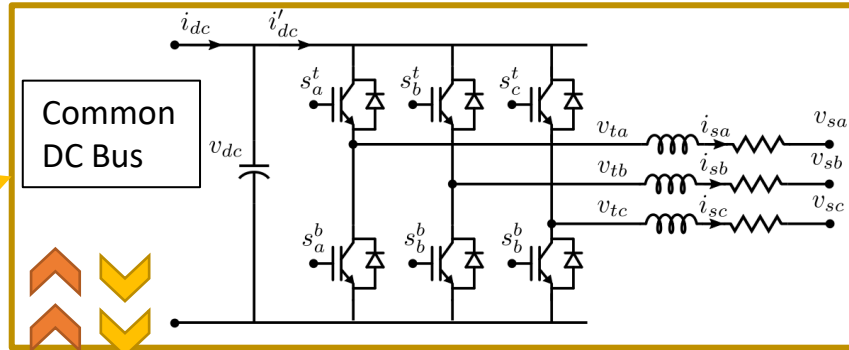
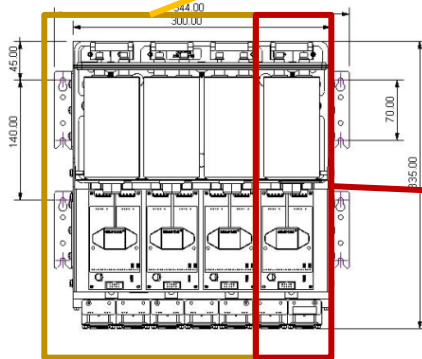
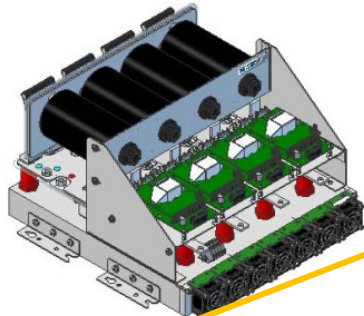
- Three-phase three-wire and two level DC/AC converter
- Rated value
 - DC voltage side: 800 V
 - AC voltage side: 400 V rms
 - Rated current: 40 A
 - Rated power: 20 kVA
 - DC capacitance: 2200 μ F
- Operation Condition in EASY-RES
 - DC voltage side: 750 V. Common DC bus (EASY-RES prototype)
 - AC voltage side: Connected to a Controllable Voltage Source through a LCL filter and transformer
 - Switching frequency: 10 kHz
 - In charge of implementing the UVSG and EASY-RES functionalities





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Integration of DC/DC and DC/AC converter

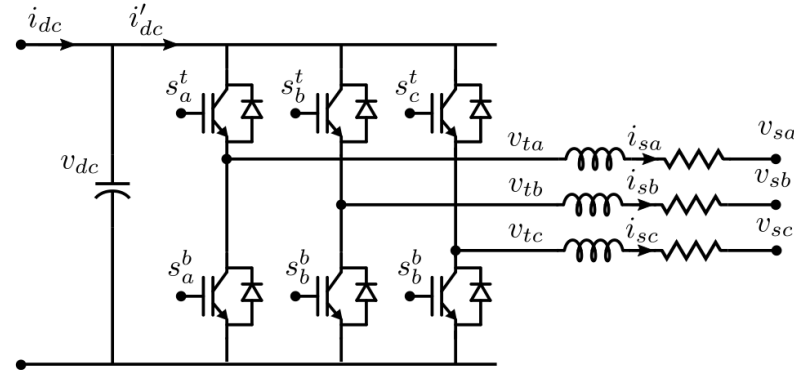




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Primary energy source

- Three-phase three-wire and two level DC/AC converter
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 - AC voltage side: 400 V rms
 - Rated current: 40 A
 - Rated power: 20 kVA
 - DC capacitance: 2200 μ F
- Operation Condition in EASY-RES
 - DC voltage side: 750 V. Common DC bus on the EASY-RES prototype
 - AC voltage side: Connected to a Controllable Voltage Source through a LCL filter
 - Switching frequency: 10 kHz
 - In charge of emulating the active power of a primary energy source (PV or WT)
 - Classic Active and reactive power control of a grid-feeding power converter in dq





Description of the EASY-RES prototype

Power filters

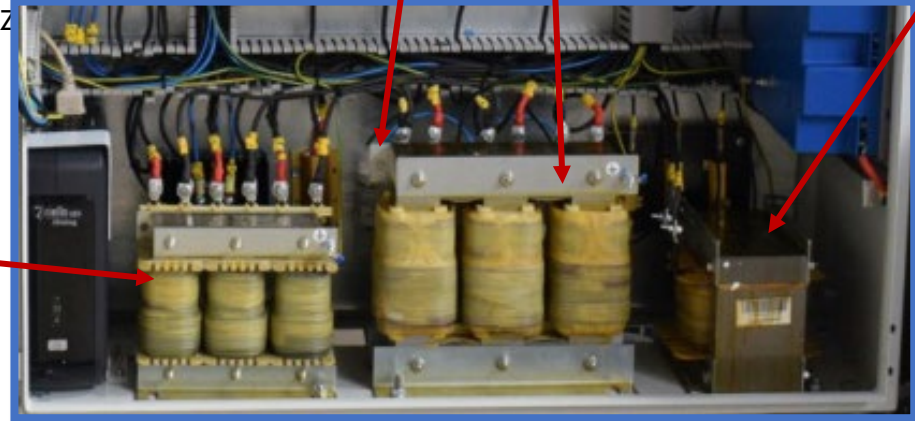
- Inductive filter between the Supercapacitor and DC/DC converter
 - Reducing the switching frequency to avoid overtemperature in the Supercapacitor
 - Inductance: $L_{dc} = 3 \text{ mH}$
- LCL filter for DC/AC converters
 - Reducing the size, weight, volume and cost of filter
 - Parameters: $L_{t1} = 1.25 \text{ mH}$, $C_1 = 4 \text{ }\mu\text{F}$, $L_{t2} = 1.25 \text{ mH}$
 - Resonance frequency: 3.2 kHz
 - Passive damping: $10 \text{ }\Omega$

L_{t2}

C_1

L_{t1}

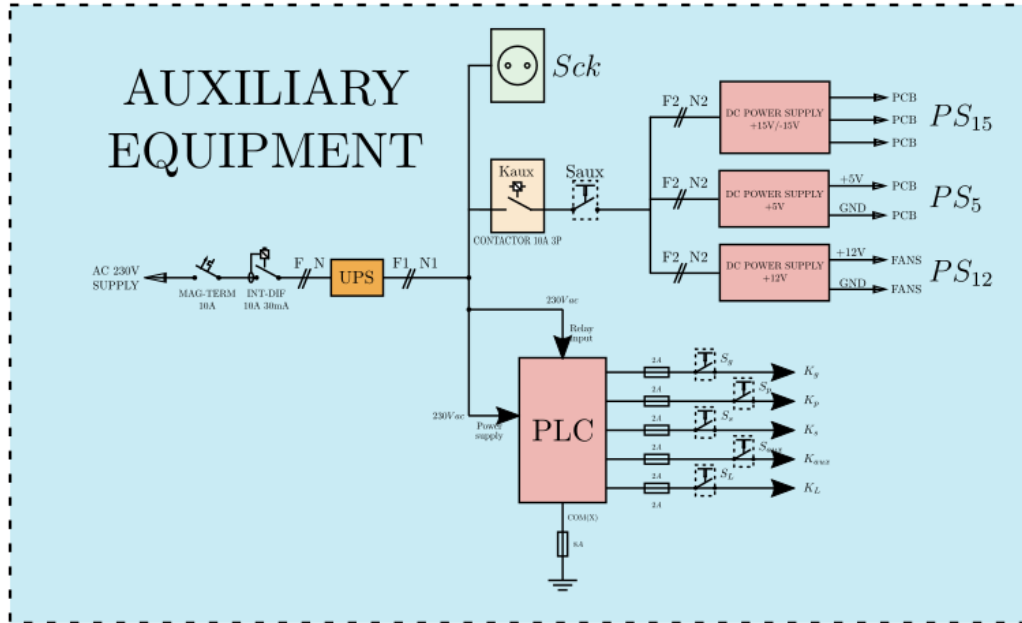
L_{dc}





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Control and auxiliary devices

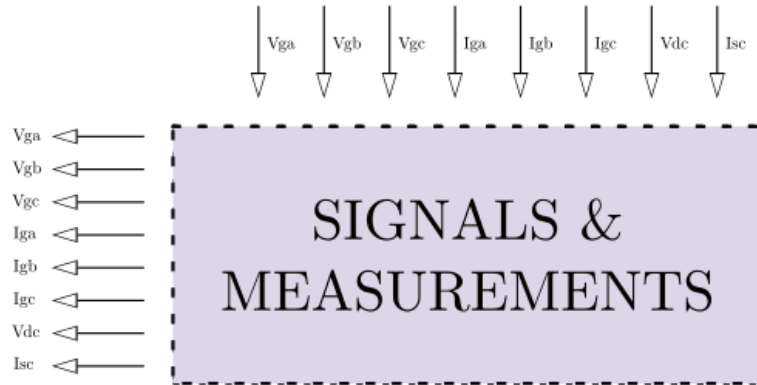


- Electronics power supply
- Uninterruptible power supply for the control system
- PLC-controlled switchgear
- PLC-controlled Grid-former / Grid-feeder functionality switching



Description of the EASY-RES prototype

Measurements



Measurement	Type	M. Range	S. Range
V_{gabc}	Sinusoidal	$[-320V, +320V]$	$[-5V, +5V]$
I_{gabc}	Sinusoidal	$[-150A, +150A]$	$[-4V, +4V]$
V_{DC}	Constant value.	$[0V, +1.312kV]$	$[0V, +5V]$
V_{SC}	Constant value.	$[0V, +320V]$	$[0V, +5V]$
I_{SC}	Constant value.	$[-150A, +150A]$	$[-4V, +4V]$



Description of the EASY-RES prototype

Control board

AC Voltages
and Currents

Can bus To PLC

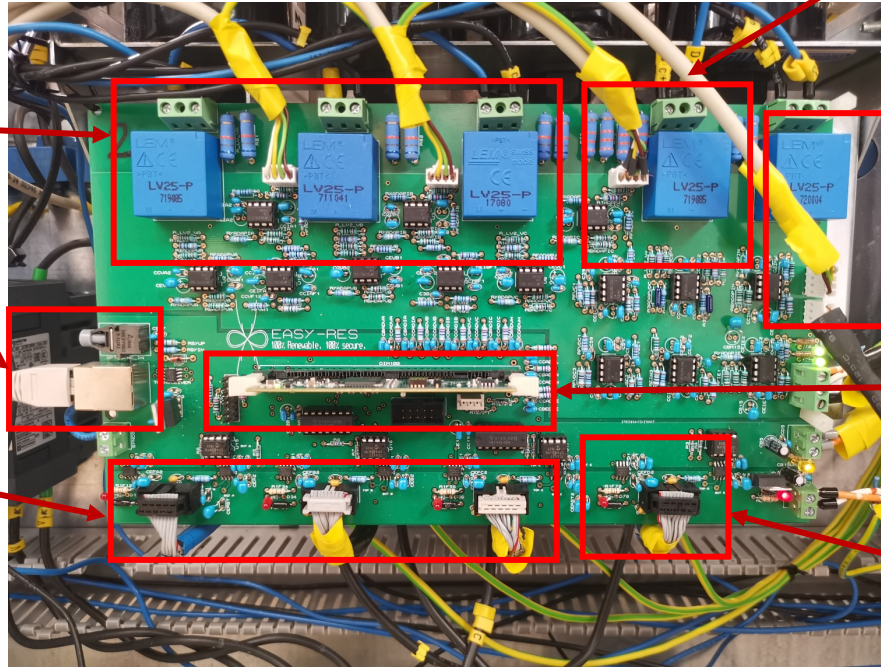
PWM
DC/AC converter

DC Voltage
and Current

SC Voltage
and Current

DSP F28335

PWM
DC/DC converter





Description of the EASY-RES prototype

Final configuration

Supercap

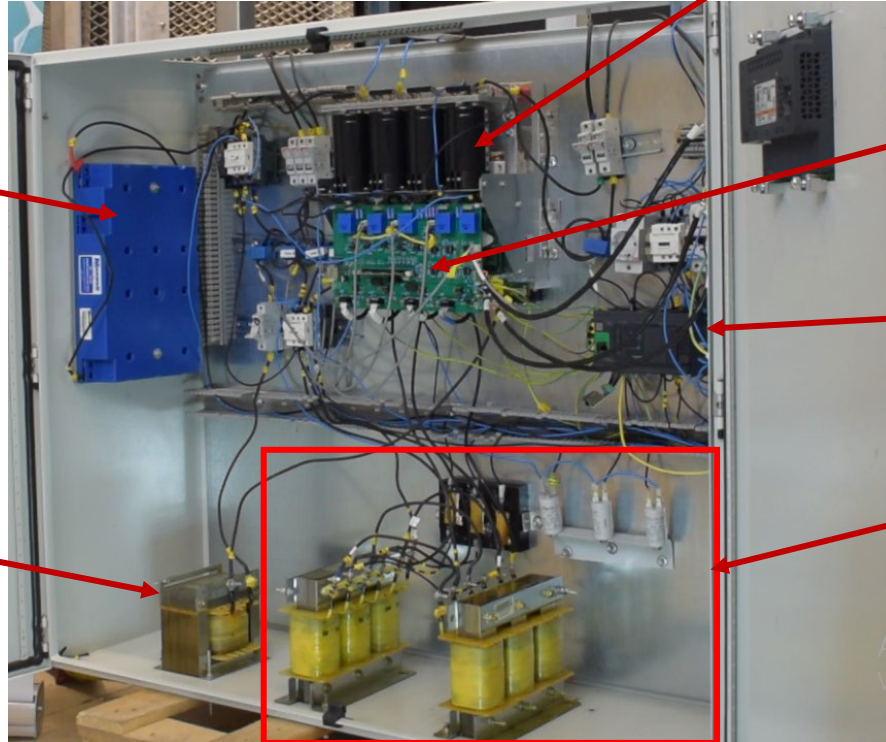
DC/DC + DC/AC
converters

Control Board

PLC

DC filter

LCL Filter



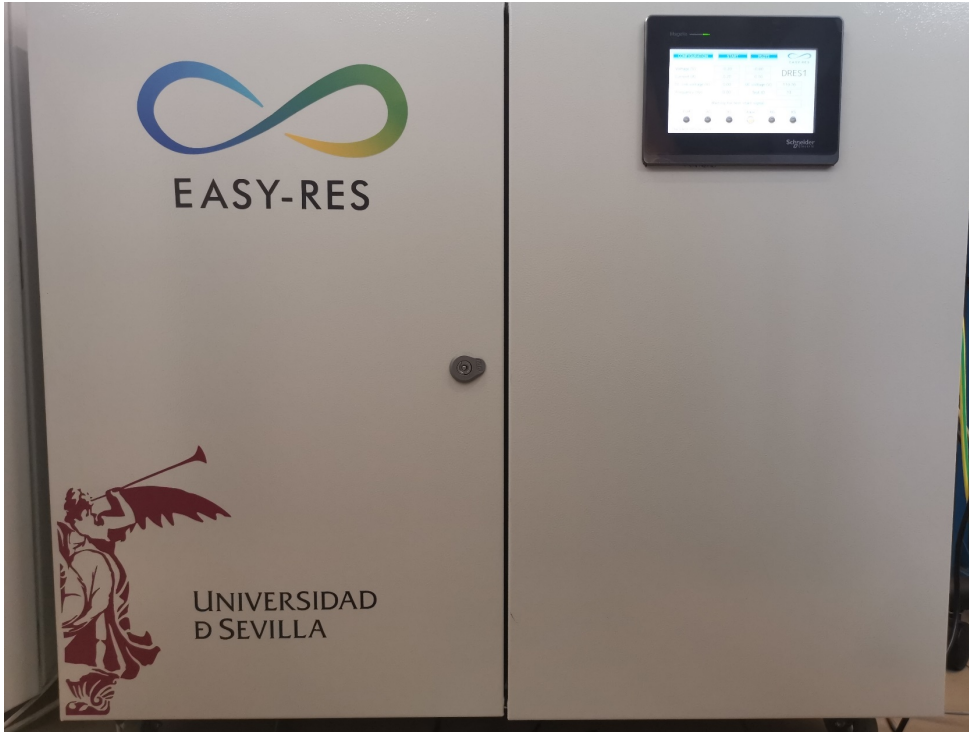


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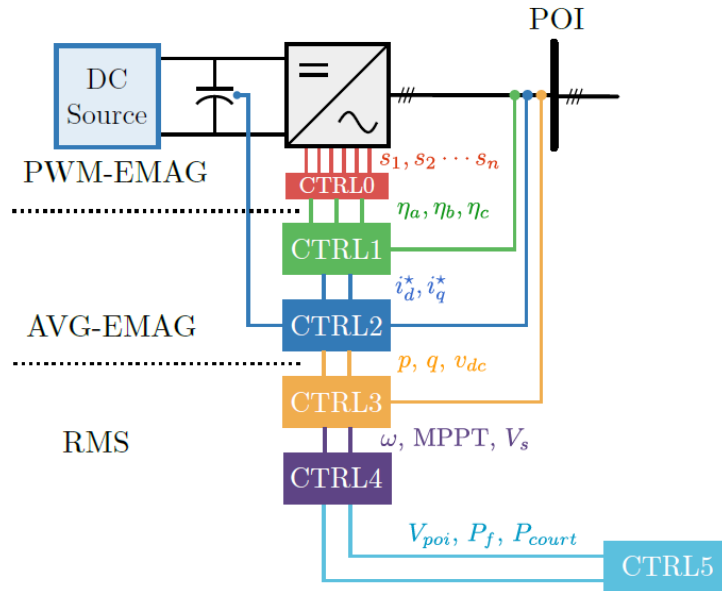




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Control levels

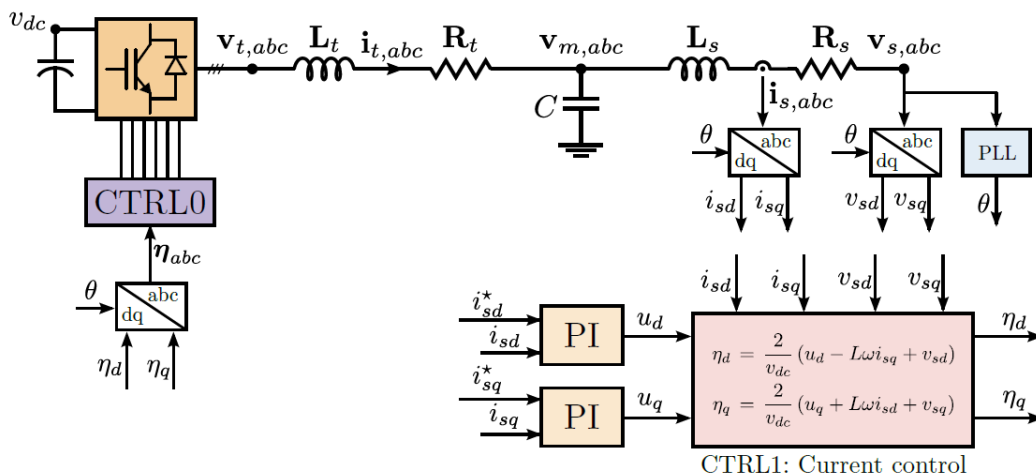
- General overview of the Local Control System
 - Presented by Assoc. Prof. Juan Manuel Mauricio on Monday 20th



Control levels of the EASY-RES prototype

Control levels in the EASY-RES prototype

- Control Level 0
 - It corresponds to the generation of control signals to the IGBTs of the DC/DC and DC / AC converter. SPWM technique.
- Control Level 1 of the DC/AC converter
 - It is a current controller based on model in dq coordinates

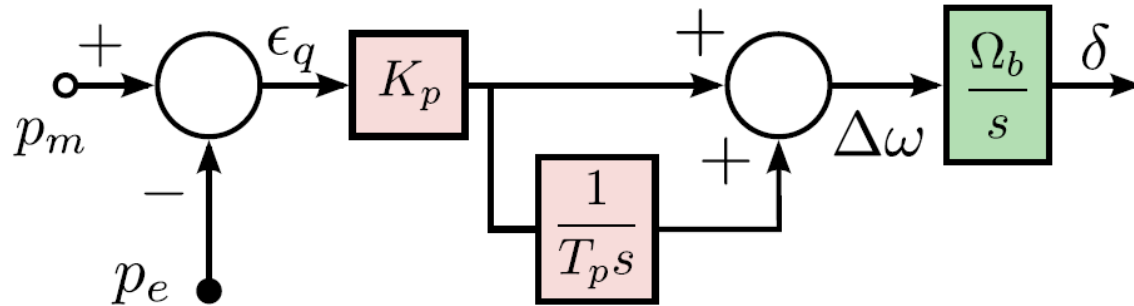




Control levels of the EASY-RES prototype

Control levels

- Control Level 3 of the DC/AC converter
 - UVSG approach for providing true controllable inertia presented by Dr. Georgios C. Kryonidis on Monday 20th

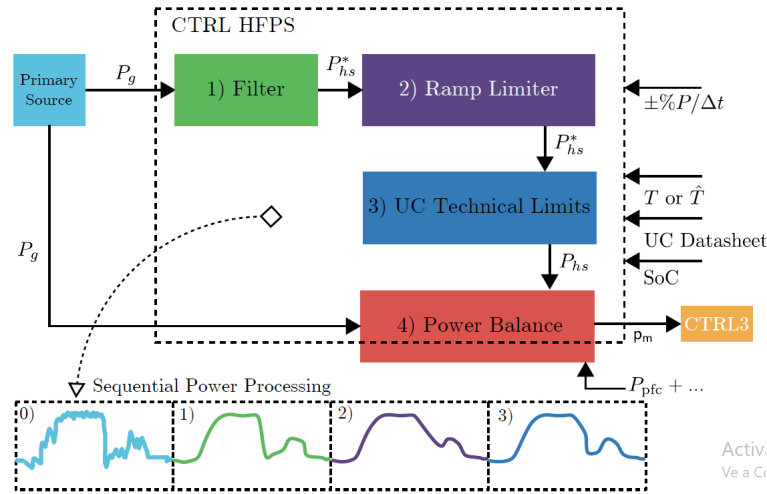




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Control levels

- Control Level 3 of the DC/AC converter
 - High Frequency Power Smoothing. Rampe Rate Limiter (RRL) approach presented by Kyriaki-Nefeli D. Malamaki on Tuesday 21th



Kyriaki-Nefeli D. Malamakia et al. "Ramp-Rate Control of DRES employing Supercapacitors in Distribution Systems", SEST'21, 6-9 Sept, Vaasa, Finland



Control levels of the EASY-RES prototype

Control levels

- Control Level 3 of the DC/AC converter
 - Reactive power provision by Dr. Georgios C. Kryonidis on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21th

Kryonidis, Georgios C. / Demoulias, Charis S. / Papagiannis, Grigoris K. (2019): A new voltage control scheme for active medium-voltage (MV) networks, Electric Power Systems Research, 169, pp. 53-64

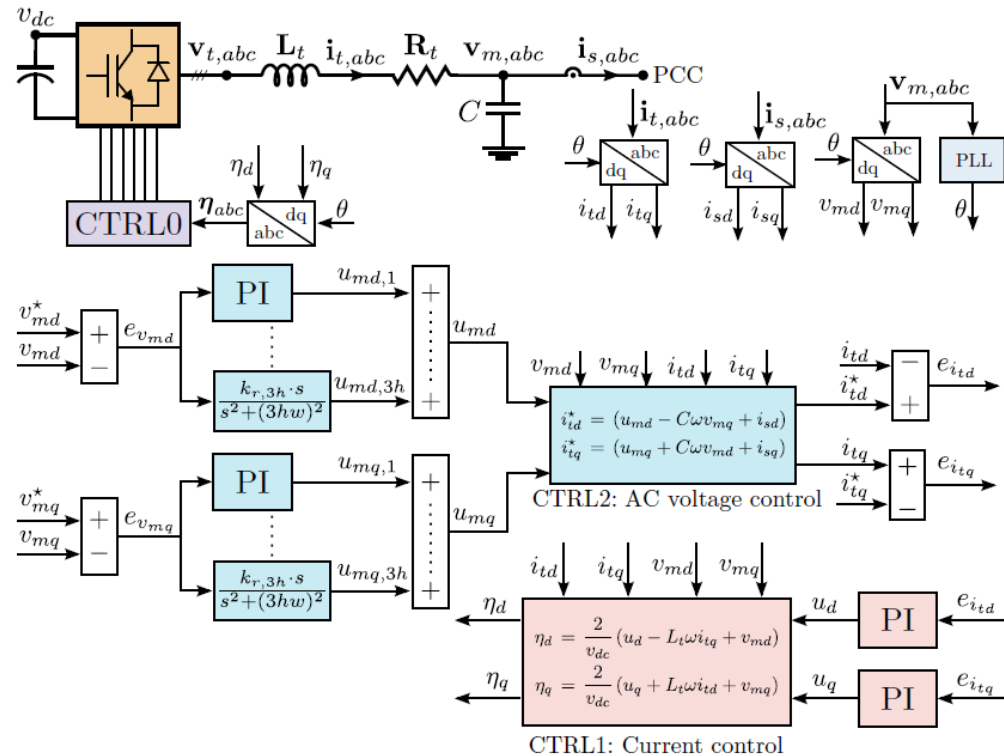
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Control levels of the EASY-RES prototype

Control levels

- Control Level 3 of the DC/AC converter
 - Active Harmonic Filtering
 - Cascade controller to mitigate the harmonic voltage at the PCC
 - New control signals are added
- Control Level 1



Barragán-Villarejo, M. / Mauricio, J.M. / Olives-Camps, J.C. / Matas-Díaz, F.J. / de Paula García-López, F. / Maza-Ortega J.M. (2020): Harmonic and Imbalance Compensation in Grid-Forming VSC, 2020 IEEE International Conference on Industrial Technology (ICIT), Buenos Aires, Argentina, pp. 757-762

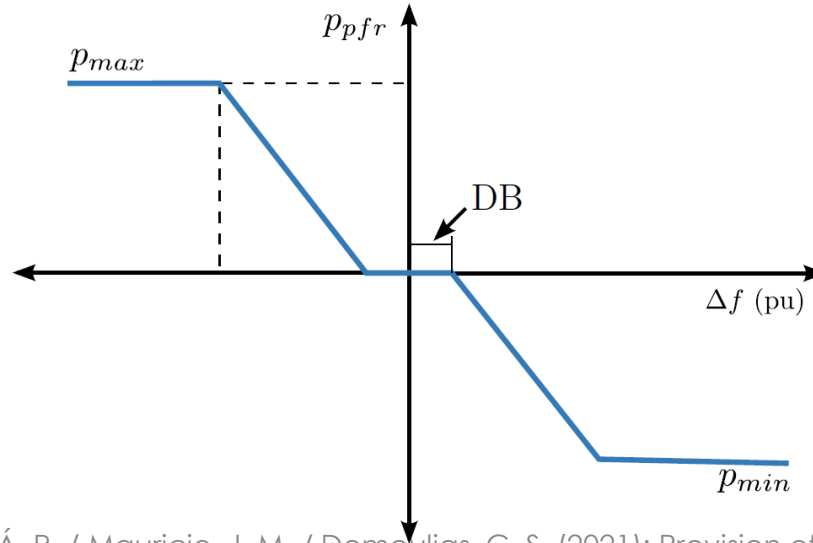
Abstract Accepted in PSSC'22. Coordinated Active Harmonic Filtering in Distribution Networks with High RES Penetration



Control levels of the EASY-RES prototype

Control levels

- Control Level 4 of the DC/AC converter
 - Primary Frequency Response presented by Asist. Prof. Álvaro Rodríguez del Nozal



Kontis, E. O. / del Nozal, Á. R. / Mauricio, J. M. / Demoulias, C. S. (2021): Provision of Primary Frequency Response as Ancillary Service from Active Distribution Networks to the Transmission System, in IEEE Transactions on Smart Grid



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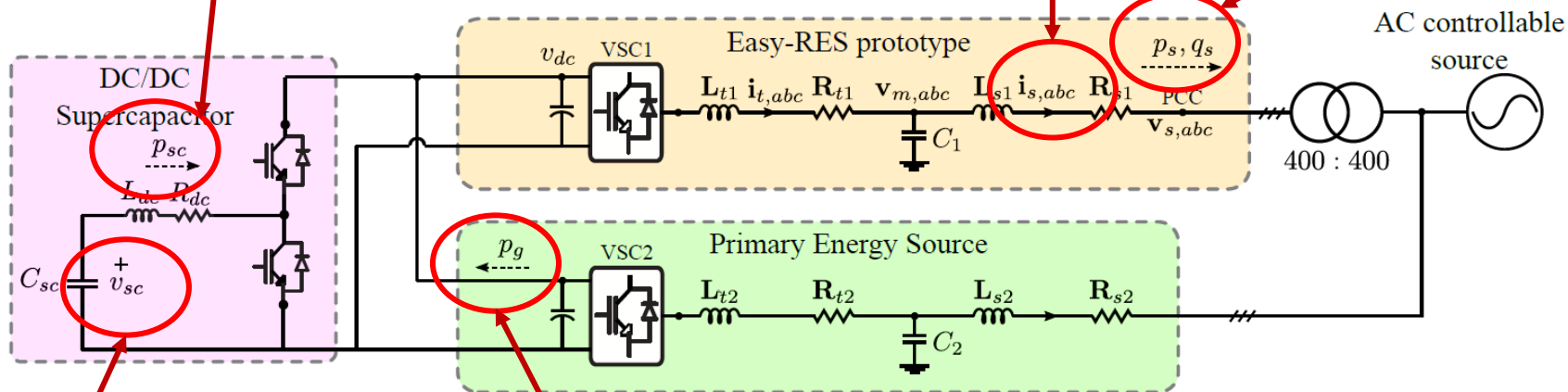
Magnitude to be analysed

- Control Level 4 of the DC/AC converter

Power injected by the SC

Current injected by the DRES

Power injected by the DRES



SC voltage

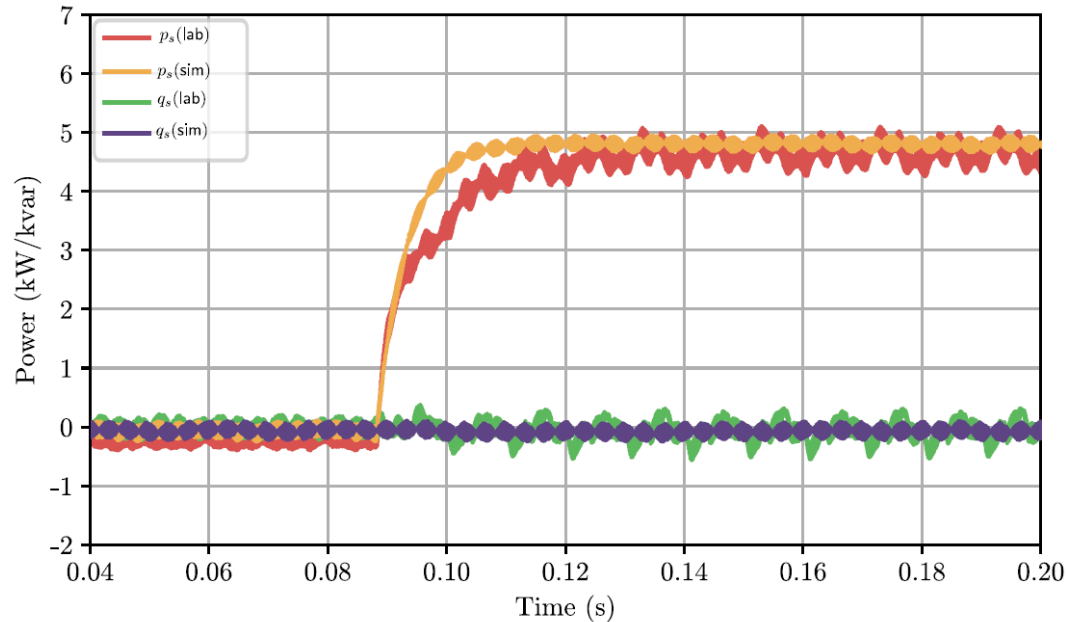
Power from the primary energy source



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Control Level 1. Current controller

- Transient state: Step change from $i_{sq}^*=0$ A $\rightarrow$ $i_{sq}^*=10$ A ; $i_{sd}^*=0$ A



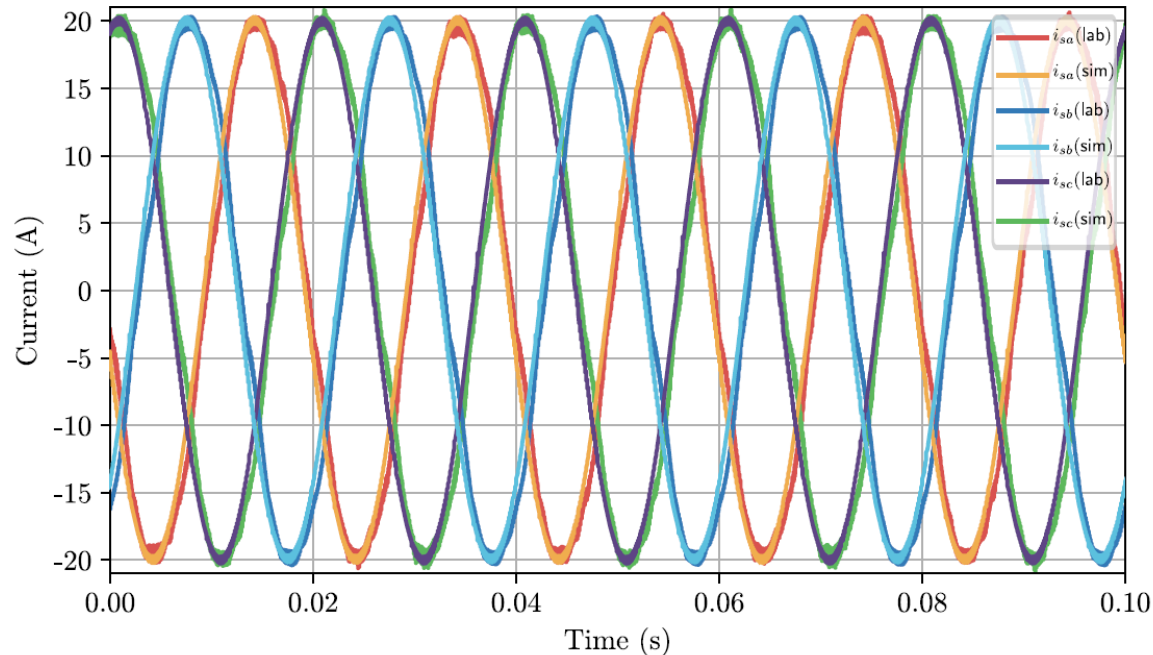


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Control Level 1. Current controller

- Steady-state: $i_{sd}^*=0$ A; $i_{sq}^*=20$ A

THD: 2.5%



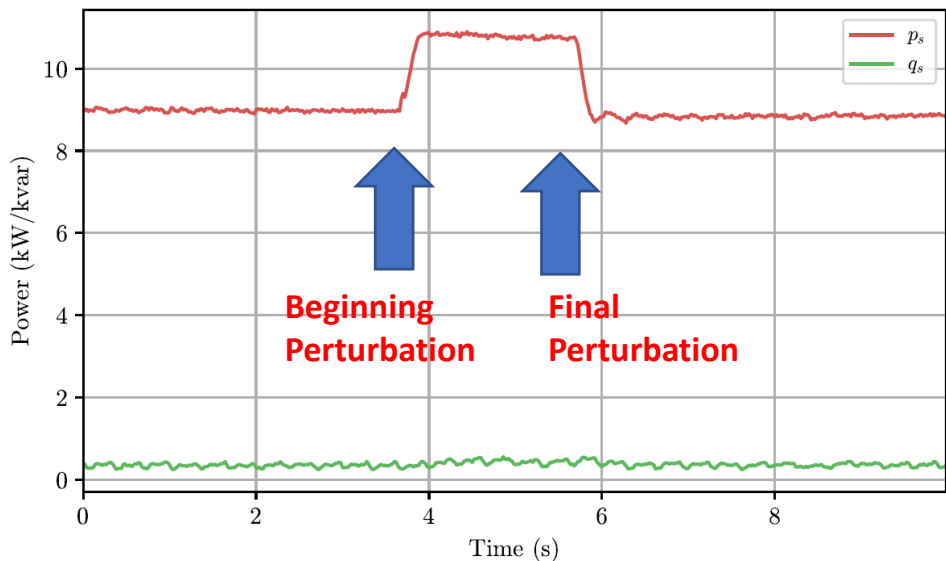


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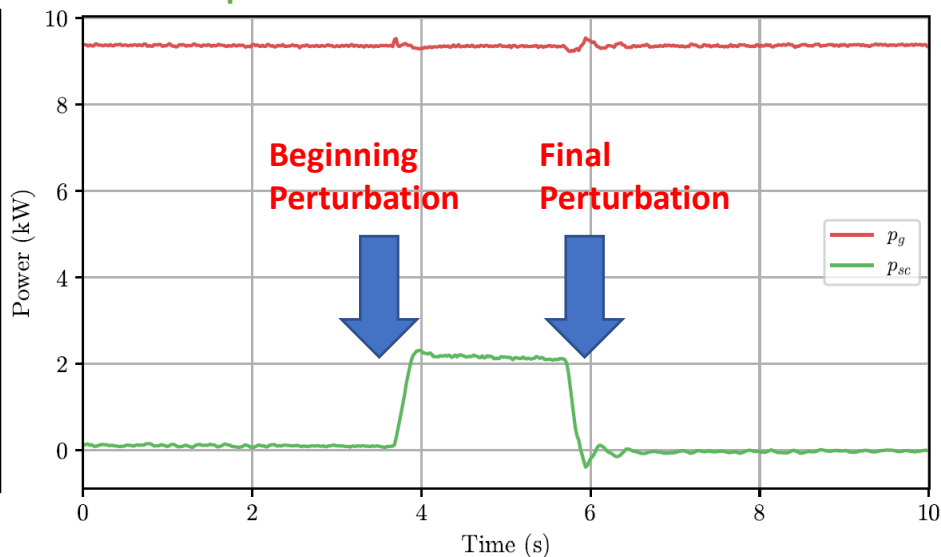
Inertia Provision

- Frequency perturbation. RoCoF: -0.5 Hz/s during 2 s. and $H = 5$ s

Active and Reactive Power injected at the PCC



Active power from the primary energy source
Active power from the SC

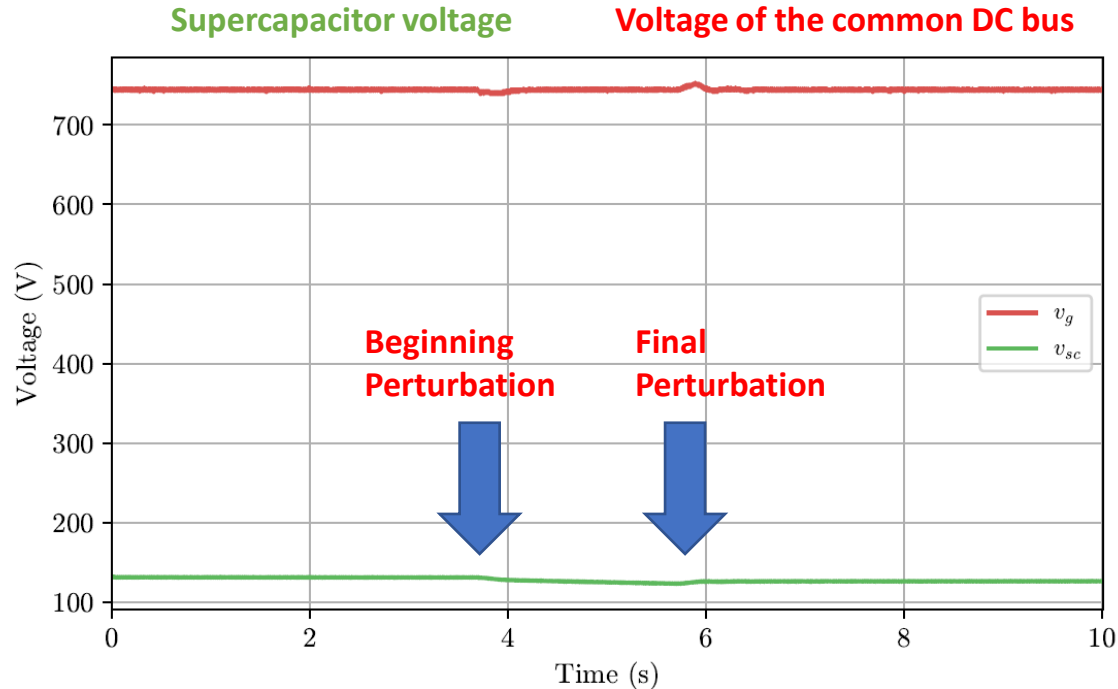




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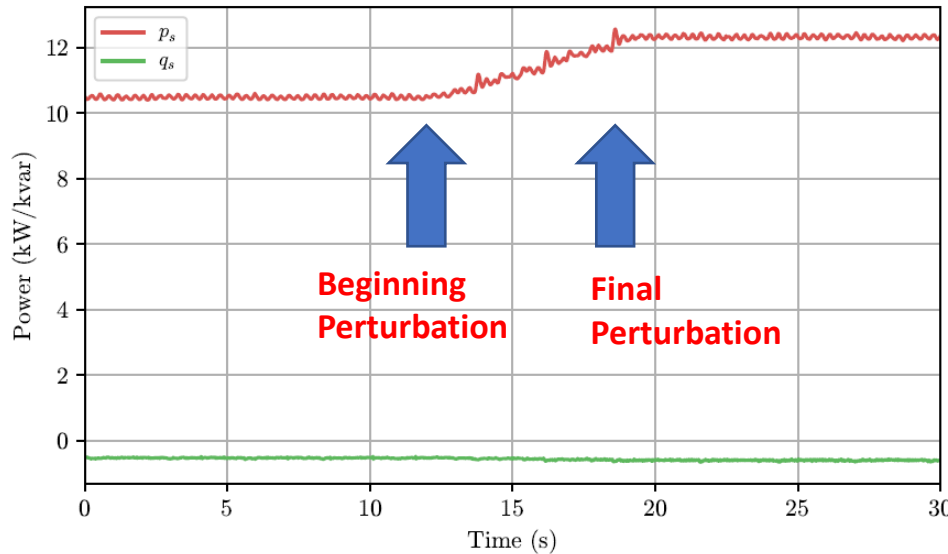


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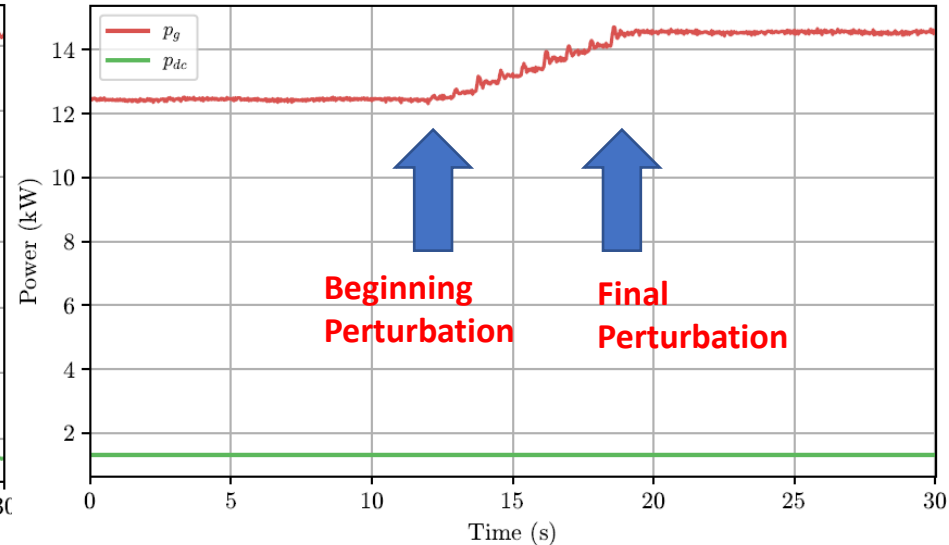
Primary Frequency Response

- Frequency perturbation. RoCoF: -0.5 Hz/s during 8 s. droop = -0.526 kW/Hz. Headroom = 2kW

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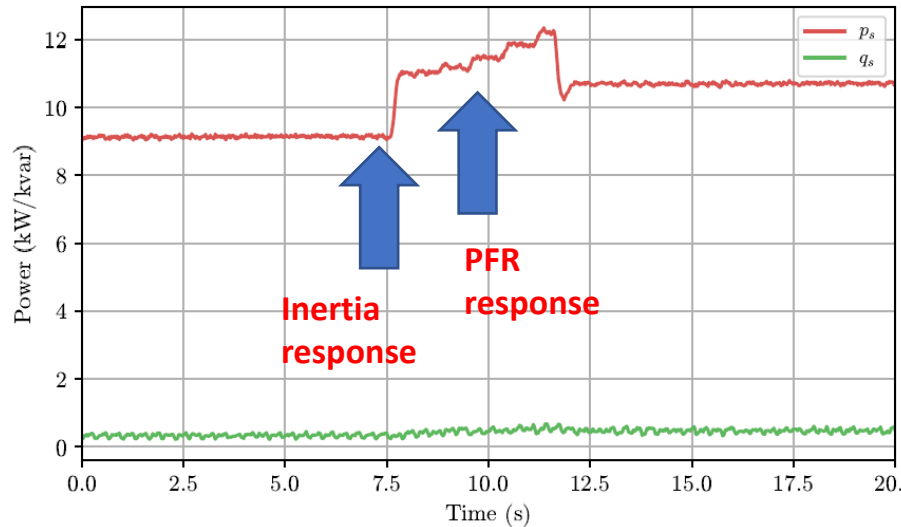


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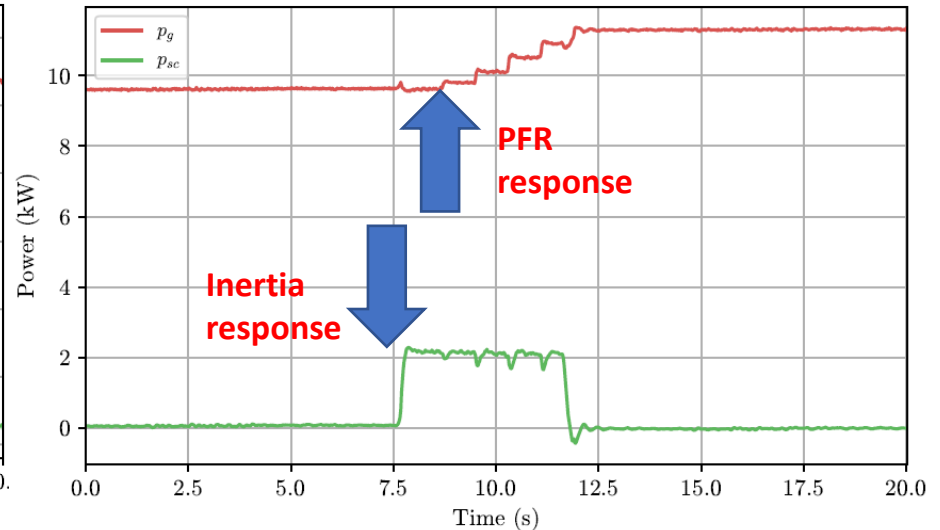
Inertia and Primary Frequency Response

- Frequency perturbation. RoCoF: -0.5 Hz/s during 4 s. droop = -0.526 kW/Hz. Headroom = 2kW. $H = 5$ s

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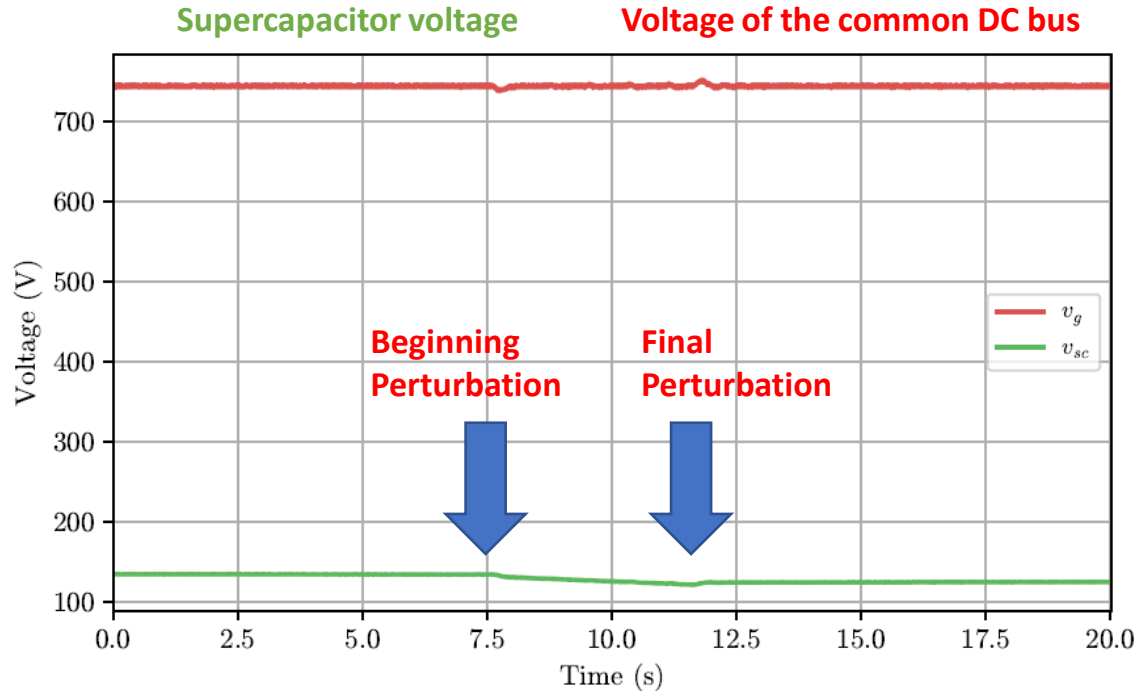




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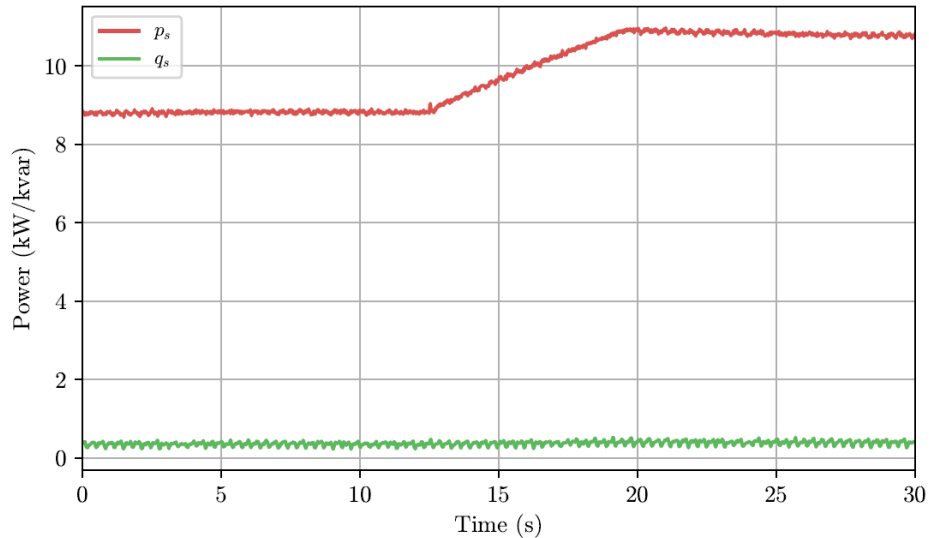


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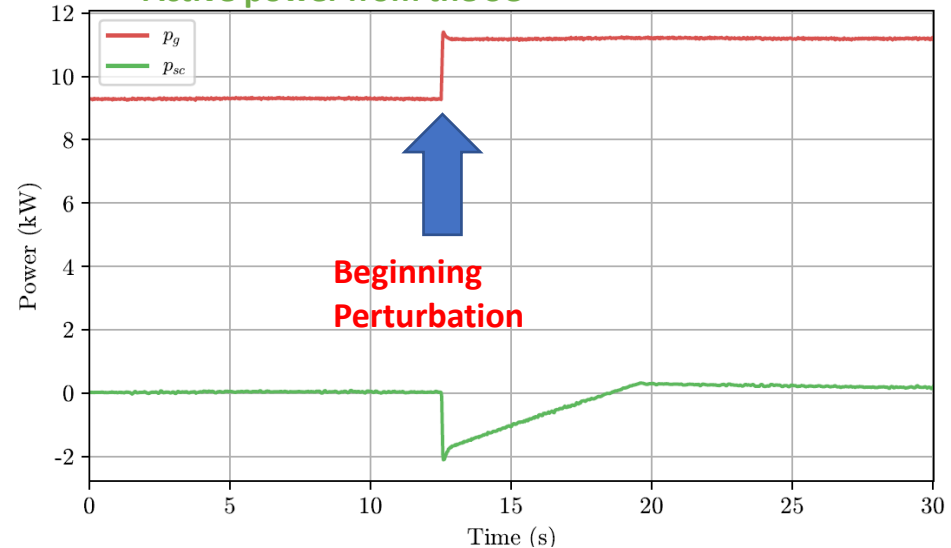
- Step change of 2 kW in the primary energy source. RRL= 300 W/s.

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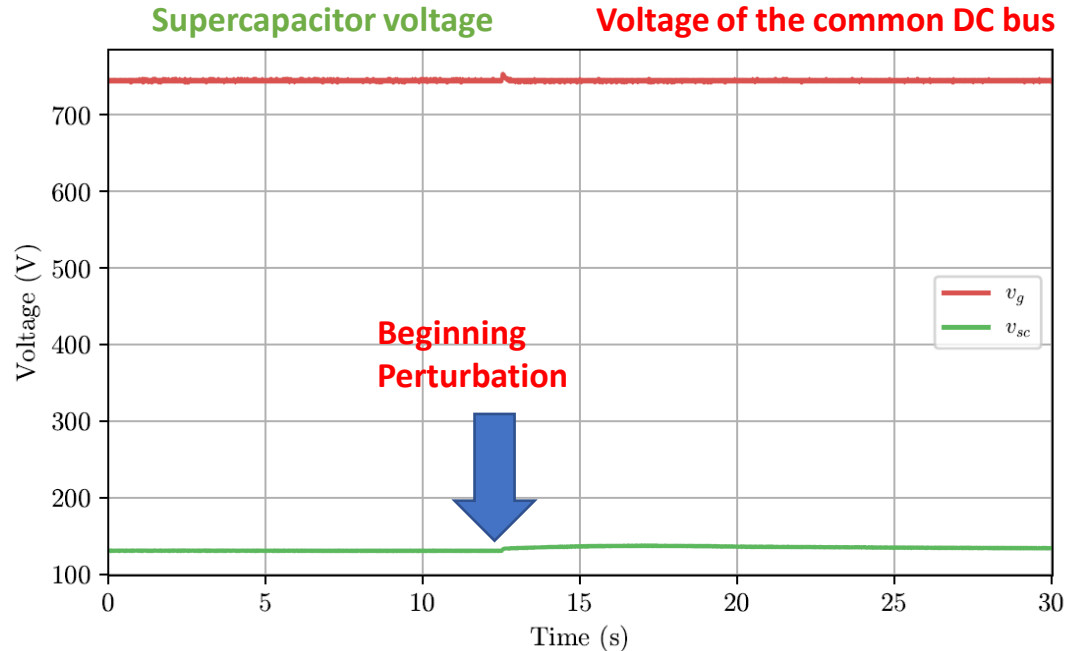




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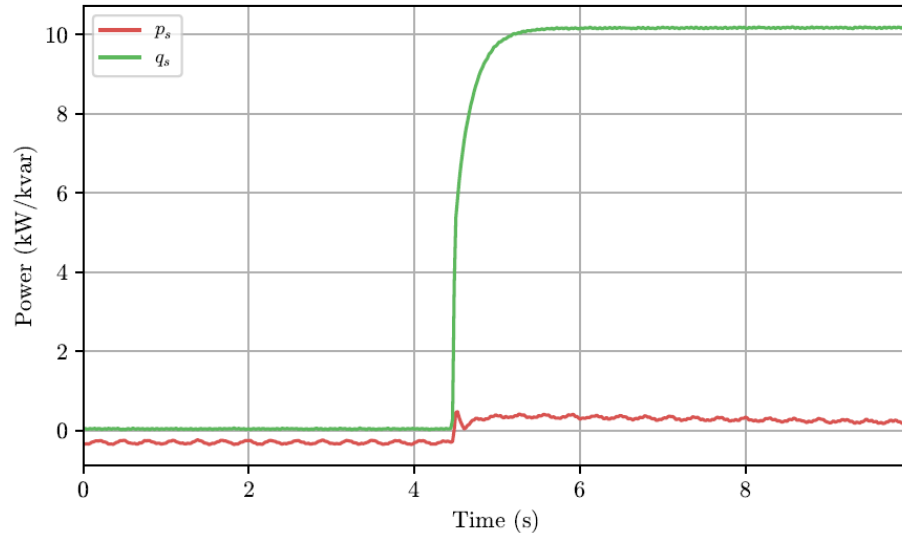


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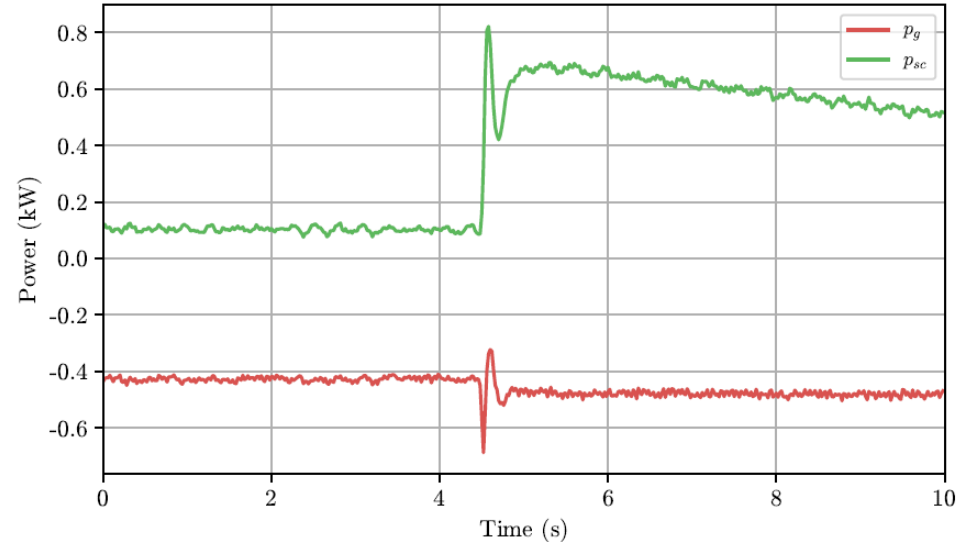
- Step change of 10 kvar

Active and Reactive Power injected at the PCC



Active power from the primary energy source

Active power from the SC



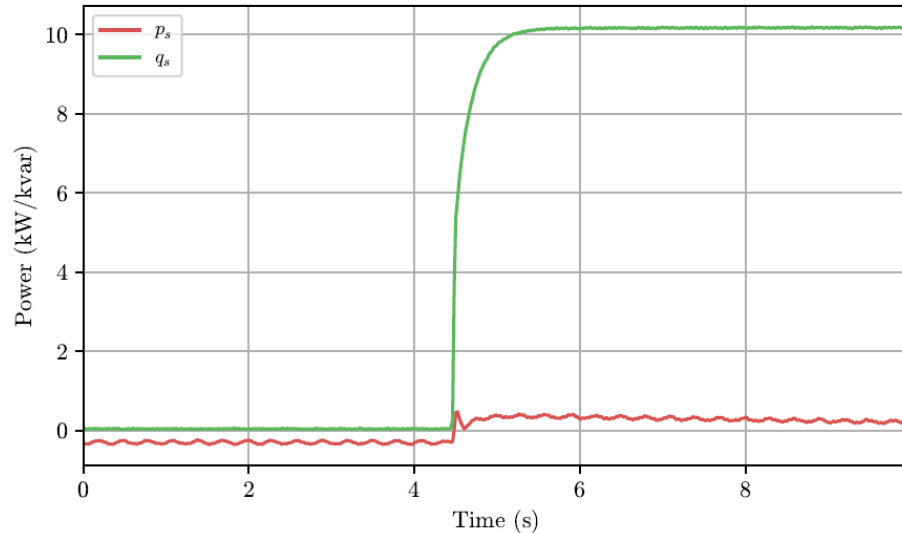


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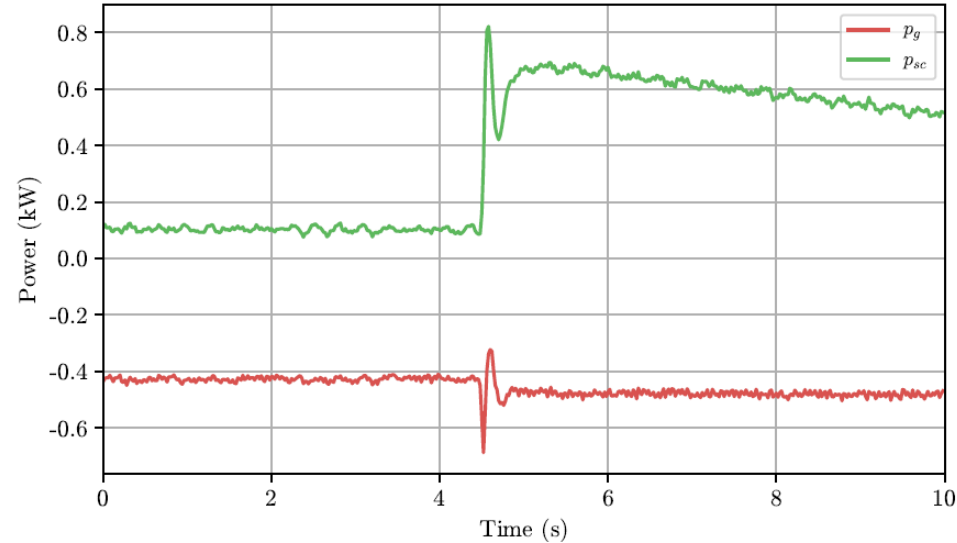
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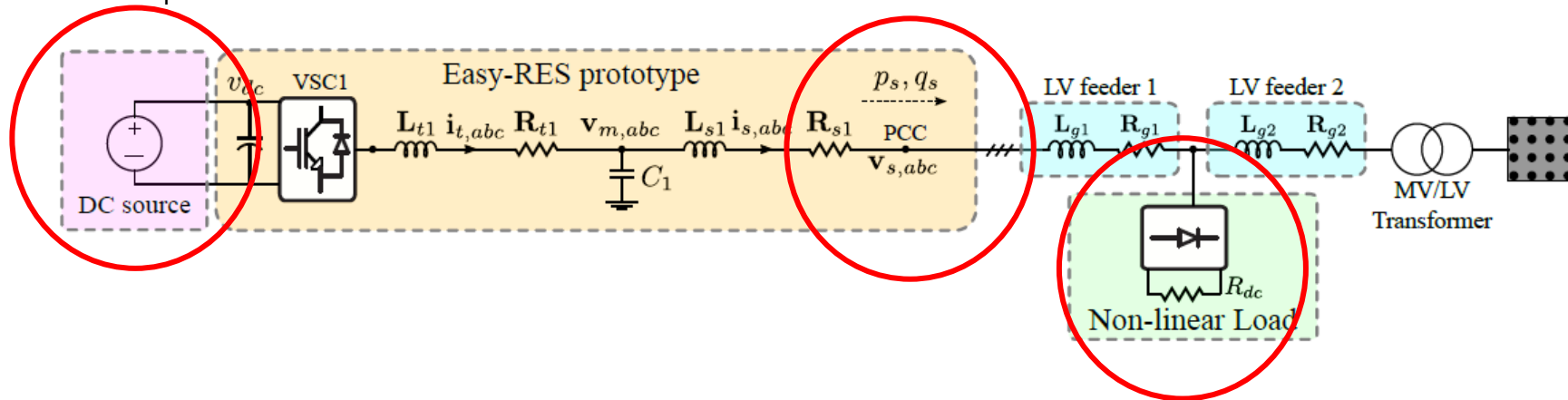
Active power from the SC



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Active Harmonic Filtering

- Experimental test



Parameter	L_{g1} (mH)	R_{g1} (Ω)	L_{g2} (mH)	R_{g2} (Ω)	R_{dc} (Ω)
Value	39.9479	0.24	10.0268	0.1	10

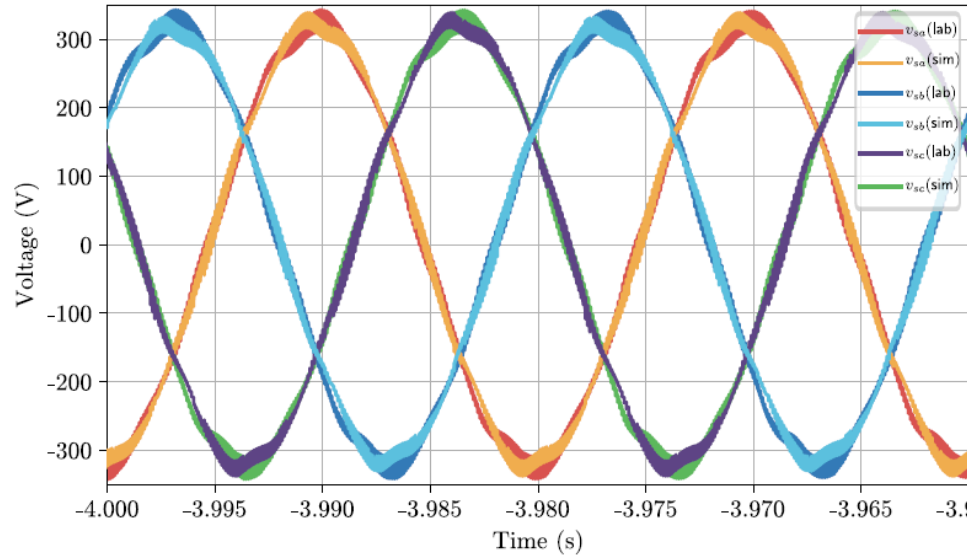


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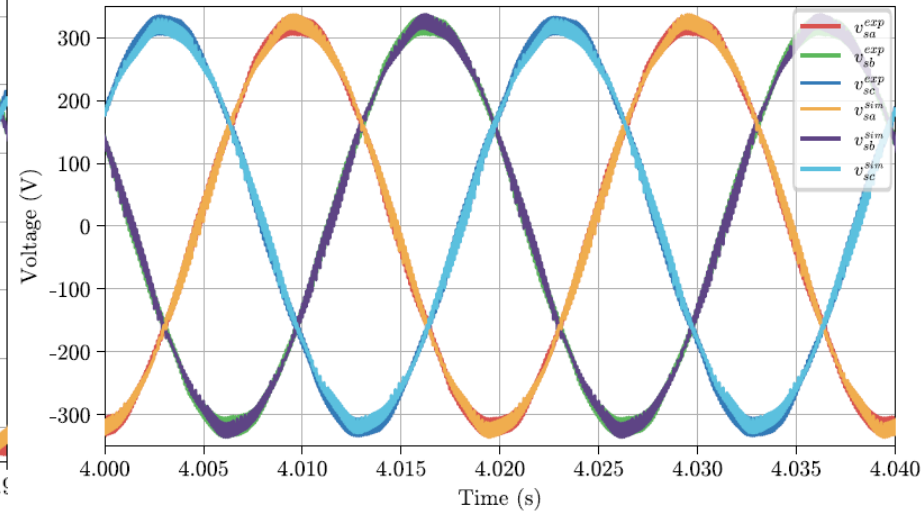
Active Harmonic Filtering (AHF)

- Voltage at PCC

Without AHF functionality



With AHF





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Active Harmonic Filtering (AHF)

- Power quality of voltages

Test	V_5 (%)	V_7 (%)	V_{11} (%)	V_{13} (%)	THD (%)
Laboratory (No AHF)	1.03	2.08	0.62	0.35	2.43
Simulation (No AHF)	1.07	2.07	0.26	0.47	2.39
Laboratory (AHF)	0.43	0.84	0.47	0.23	1.09
Simulation (AHF)	0.3	0.61	0.27	0.46	0.87

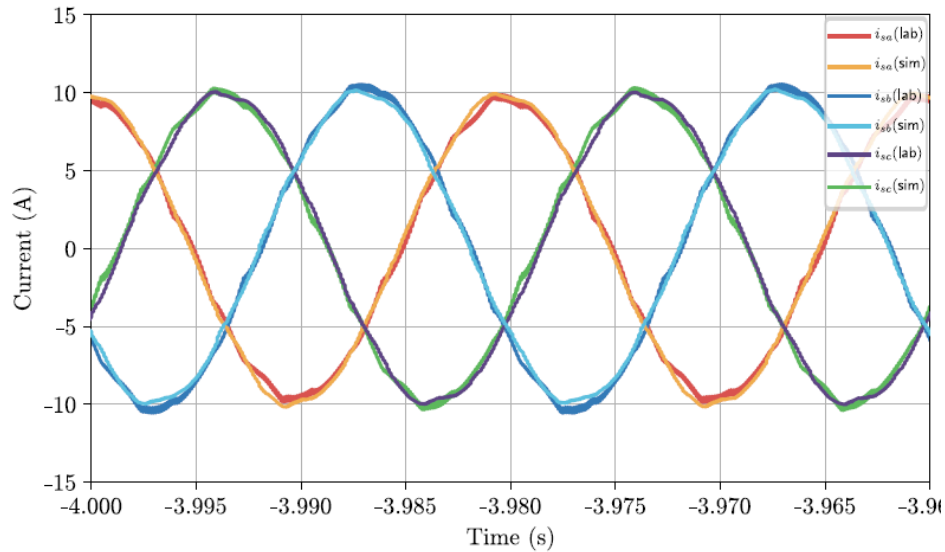


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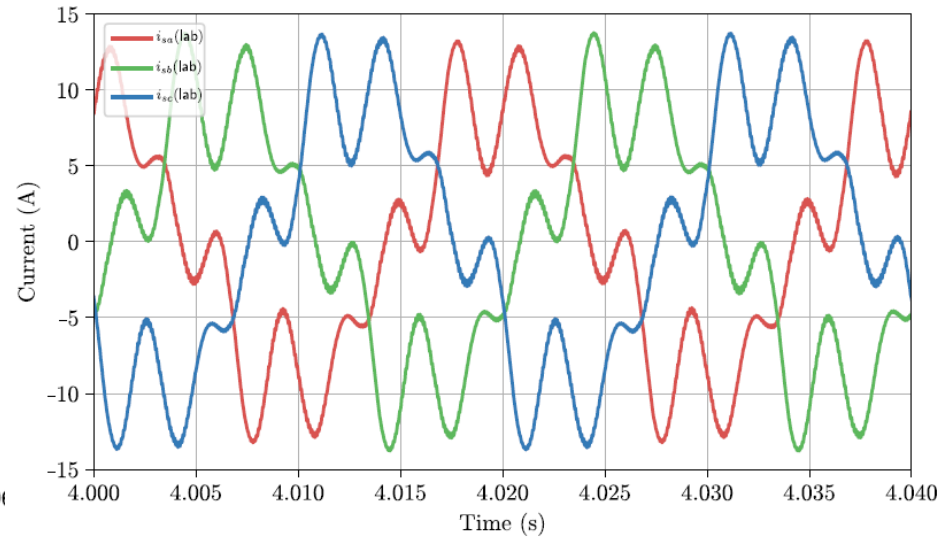
Active Harmonic Filtering (AHF)

- Current injected at PCC

Without AHF functionality



With AHF





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Active Harmonic Filtering (AHF)

- Power quality of currents

Test	I_5 (%)	I_7 (%)	I_{11} (%)	I_{13} (%)	THD (%)
Laboratory (No AHF)	0.25	1.28	1.94	0.59	2.58
Simulation (No AHF)	0.91	1.42	0.18	0.53	2.01
Laboratory (AHF)	22.37	33.23	0.66	0.37	40.08
Simulation (AHF)	18.91	28.12	0.1	0.39	33.9



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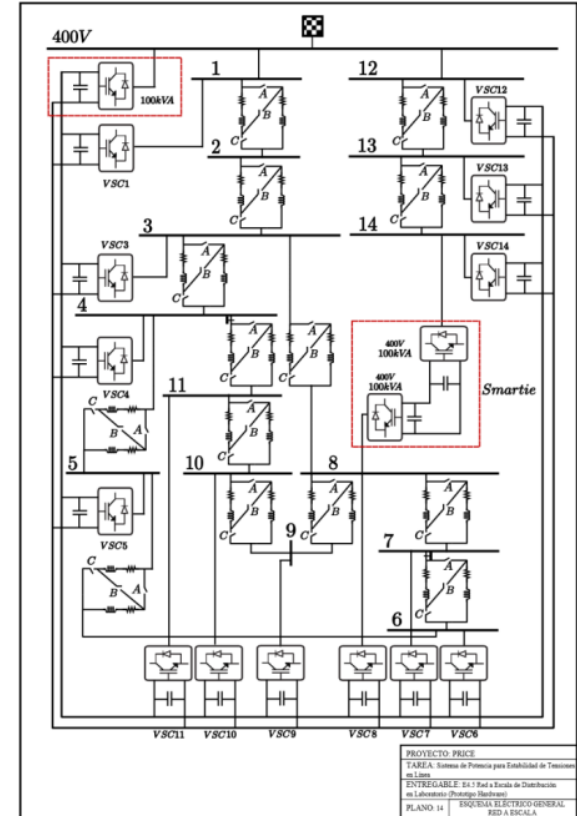
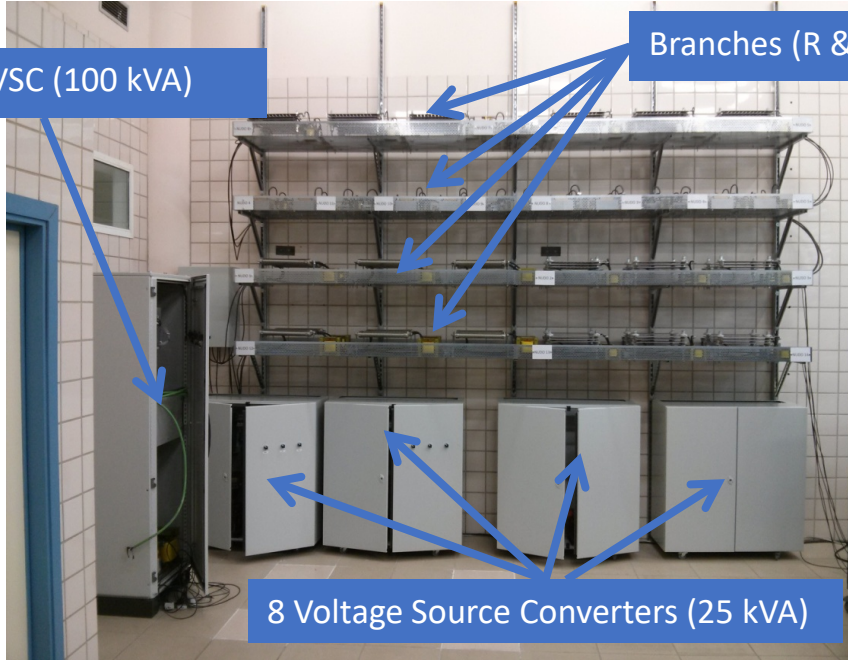
MV Scaled-down distribution network

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Balancing VSC (100 kVA)

Branches (R & L)

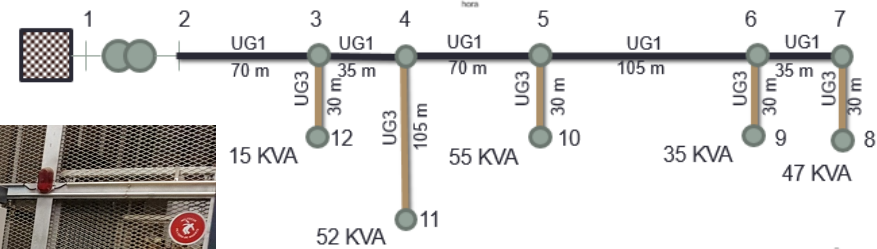
8 Voltage Source Converters (25 kVA)





Description of the scaled-down distribution networks

LV Scaled-down distribution network



Balancing VSC

Branches (R&L)

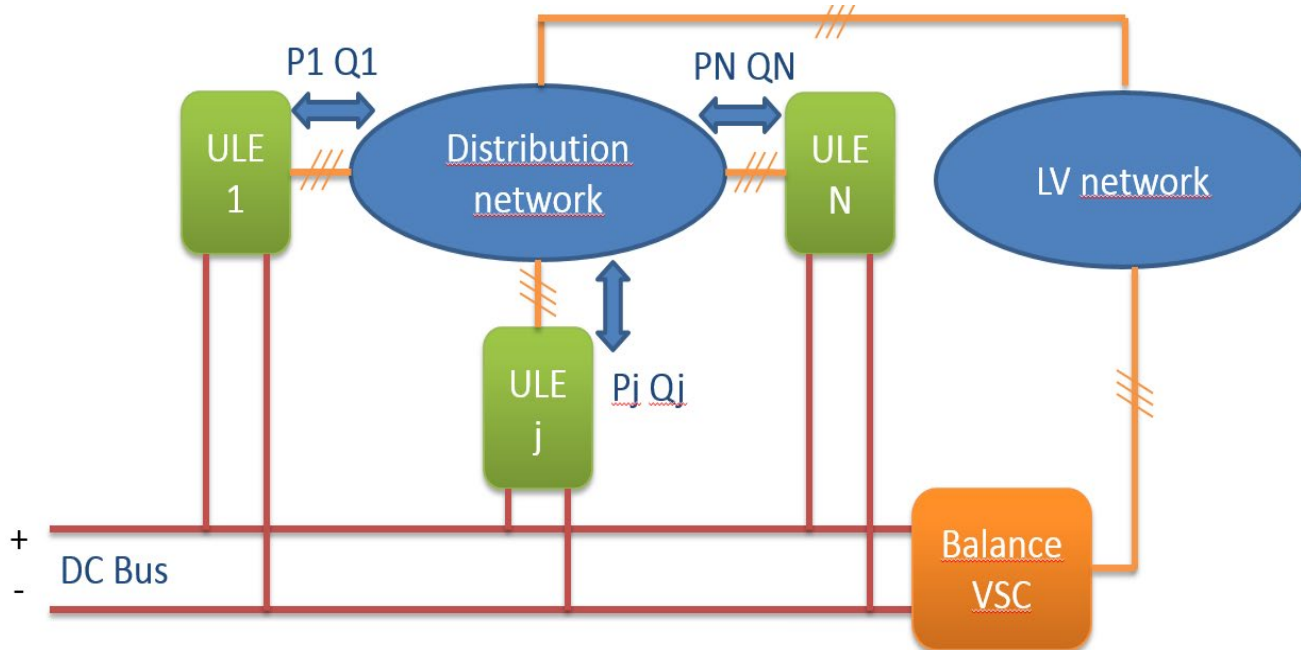
6 VSCs. Loads and
Primary Energy Sources

Transformer



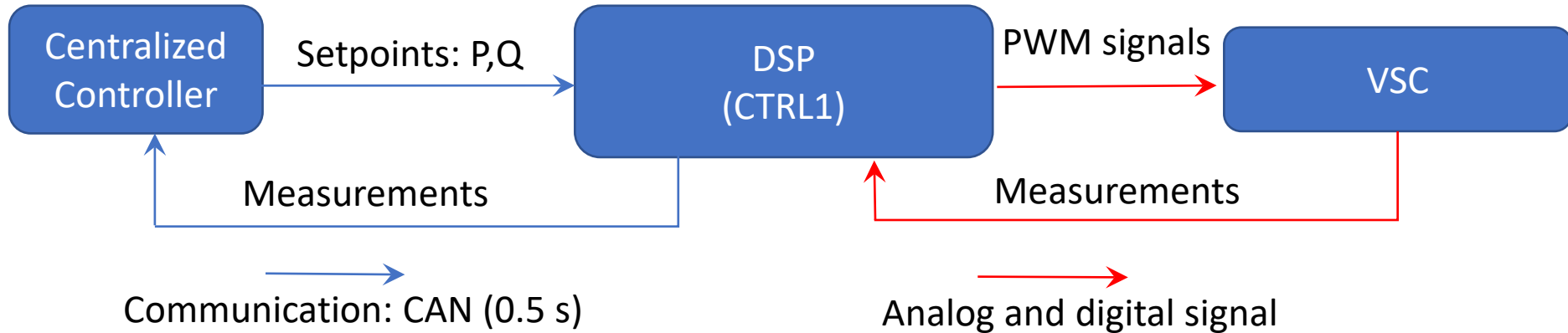
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Power balance in the scaled-down networks





Communication and control Layers



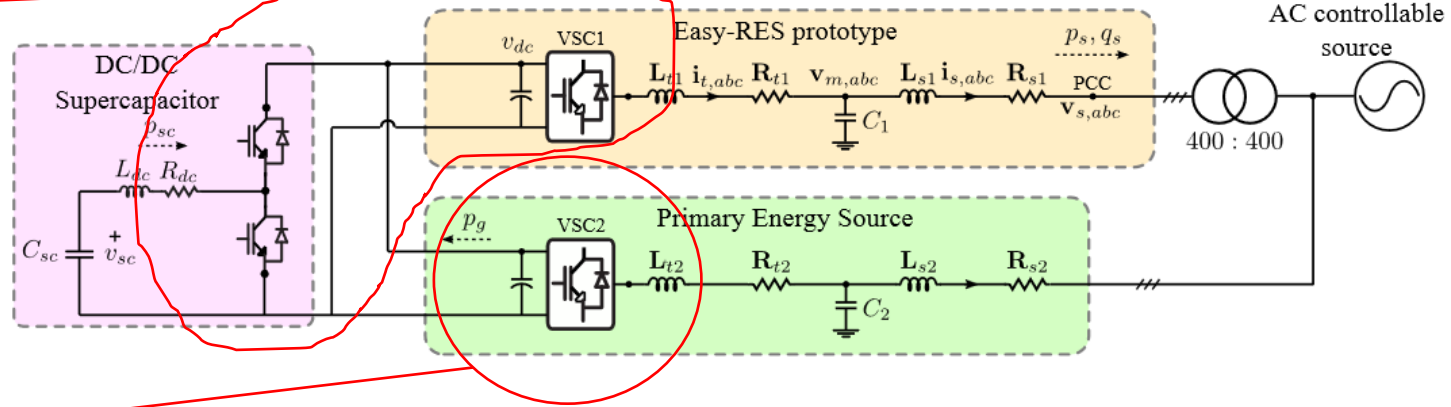
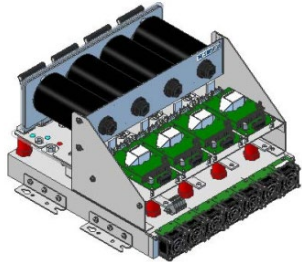
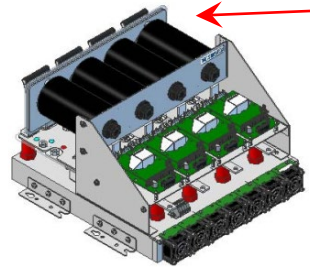
- Centralized Controller:
 - Real-time platform provided by SpeedGoat
 - Software environment: Matlab Simulink
 - Manage Power Profiles of Loads and Generators and Measurements from VSC



Description of the scaled-down distribution networks

VSC configurations

- Three EASY-RES prototypes $\leftrightarrow$ Three VSCs
 - Unified Virtual Synchronous Generator (EASY-RES)
 - Emulating of the primary energy source (VSC)

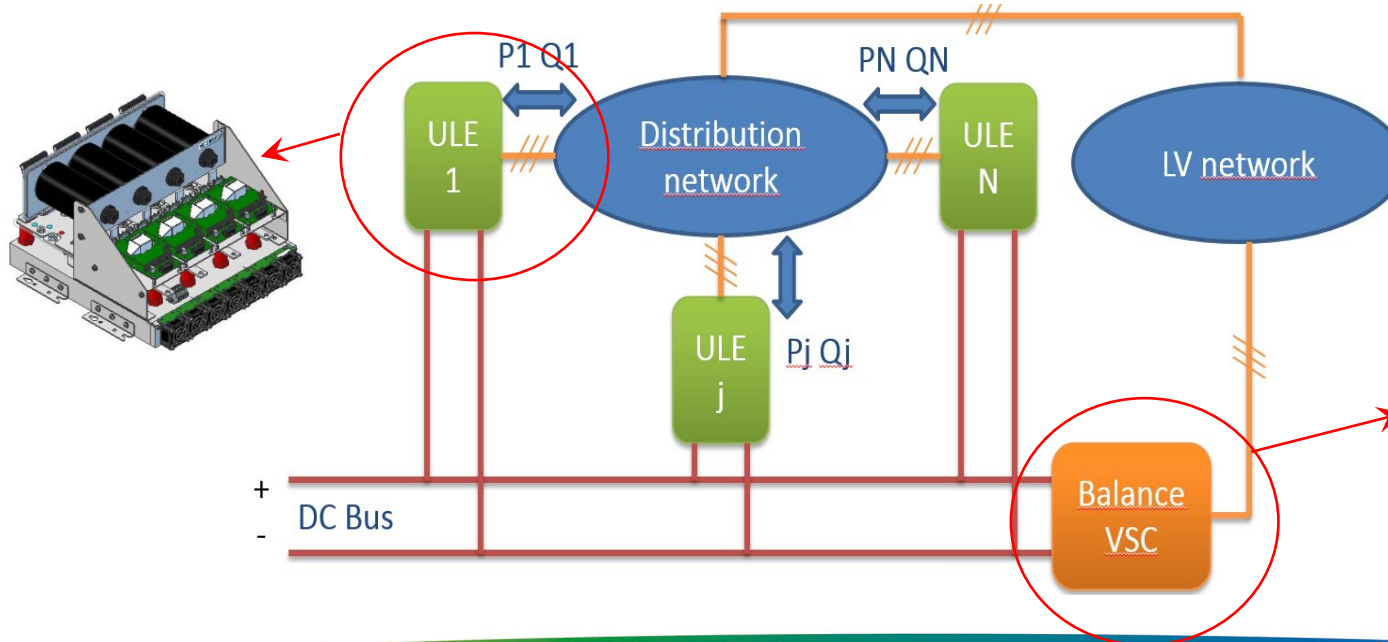




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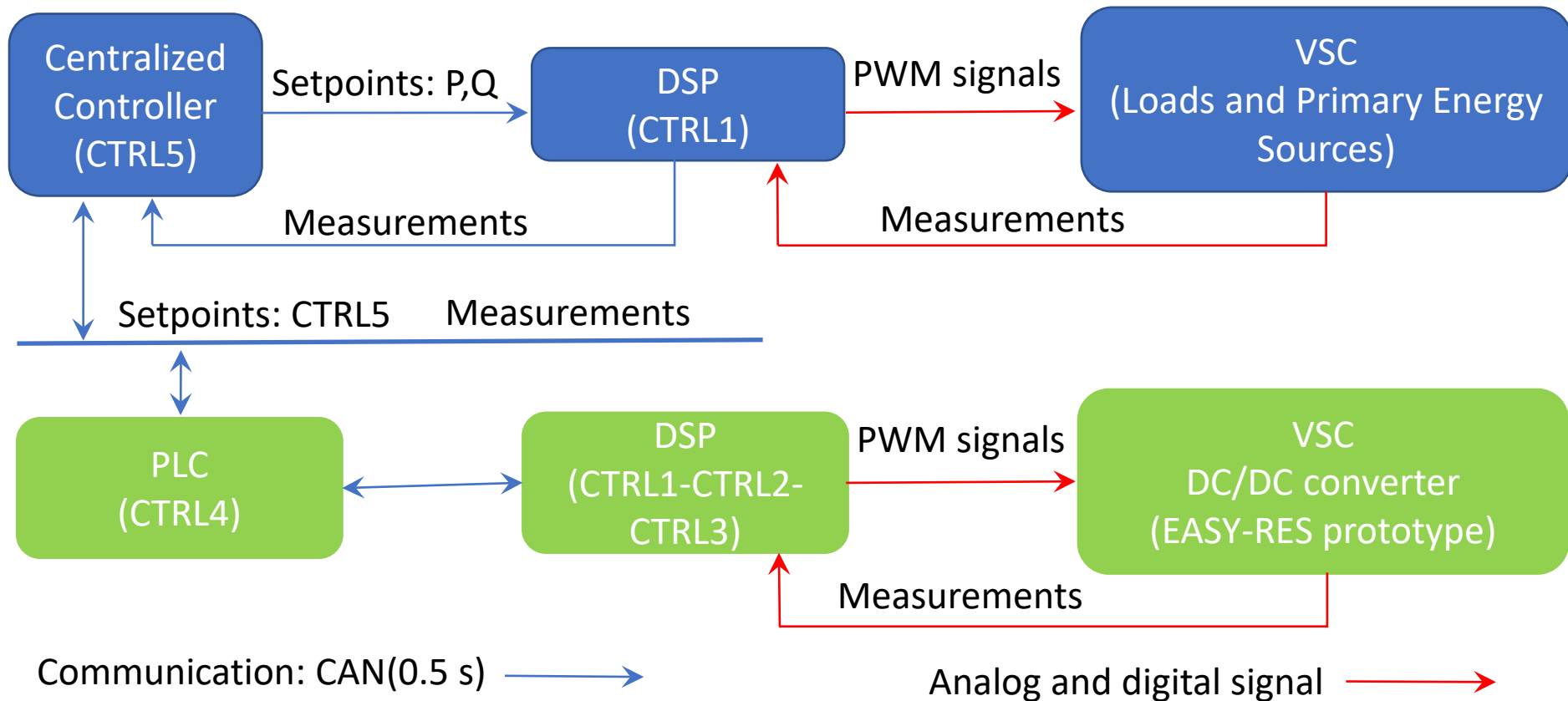
VSC configurations

- Three VSCs of the LV scaled-down Network emulating Loads
- Balancing VSC



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Item 4: The EASY-RES Consortium

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