

# NIST/DOE Workshop on Wide-Bandgap Power Electronics for Advanced Distribution Grids

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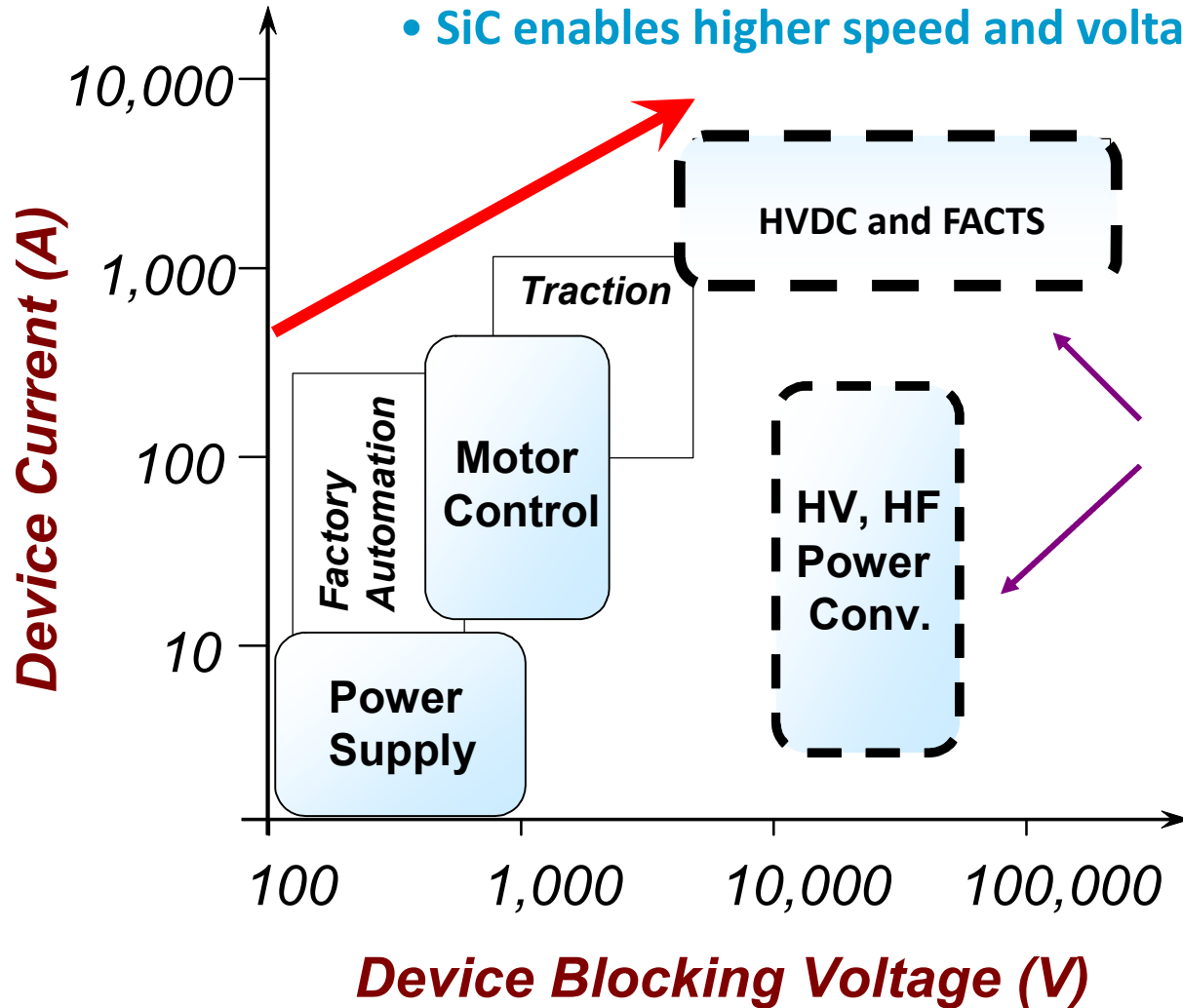
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# **NIST High-Megawatt PCS Workshops**

- **High-Megawatt Converter Workshop: January 24, 2007**
- **HMW PCS Industry Roadmap Workshop: April 8, 2008**
- **NSF Power Converters for Alternate Energy : May 15-16, 2008**
- **Future Large CO2 Compressors: March 30-31, 2009**
- **High Penetration of Electronic Generators: Dec. 11, 2009**
- **Plugin Vehicle Fleets as Grid Storage: June 13, 2011**
- **Grid Applications of Power Electronics: May 24, 2012**
- **High-Power Variable-Speed Motor Drives: April, 2014**
- **High-Power Direct-Drive Motor Systems: September, 2014**
- **Enabling Technology for Next Generation Electric Machines (NGEM): September, 2015**

# HV-HF Power Device Applications

- Switching speed decreases with voltage
- SiC enables higher speed and voltage



- Power distribution, transmission and generation
- MV and High-Power Motors

**DARPA/EPRI  
Megawatt Program**

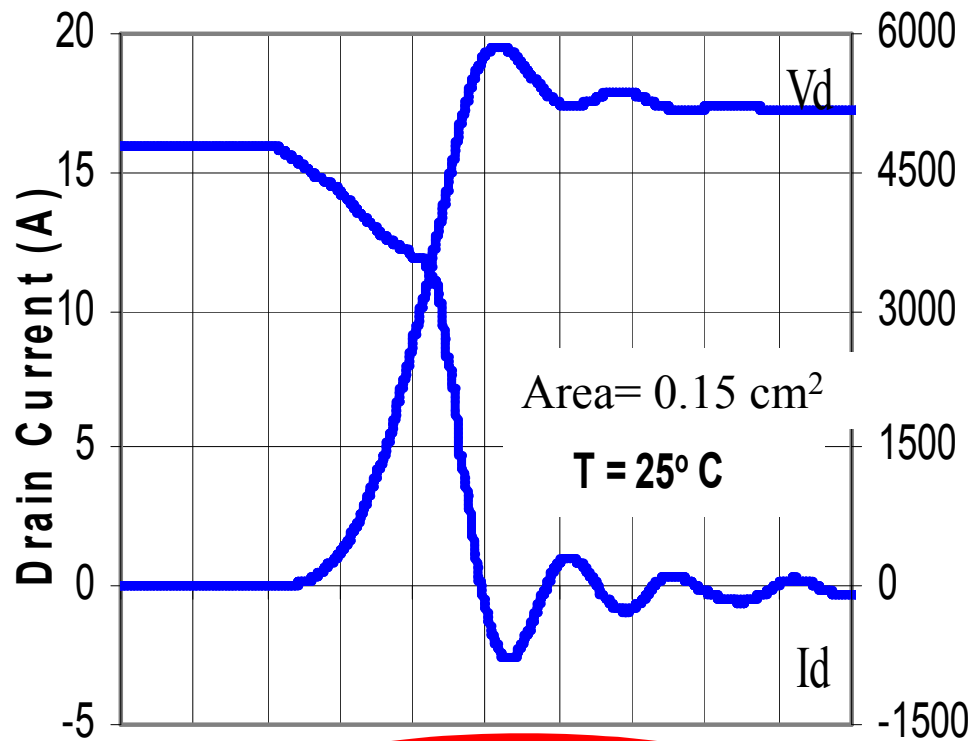
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# DARPA/ONR/NAVSEA HPE Program

## 10 kV HV-HF MOSFET/JBS

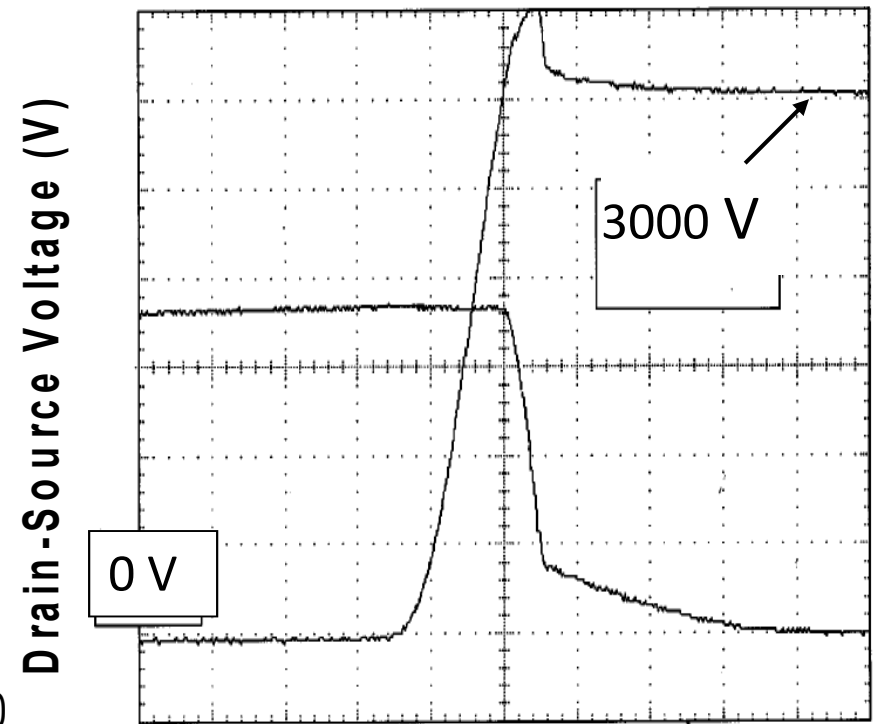
### High Speed at High Voltage

SiC MOSFET: 10 kV, 30 ns



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Silicon IGBT: 4.5 kV, >2us



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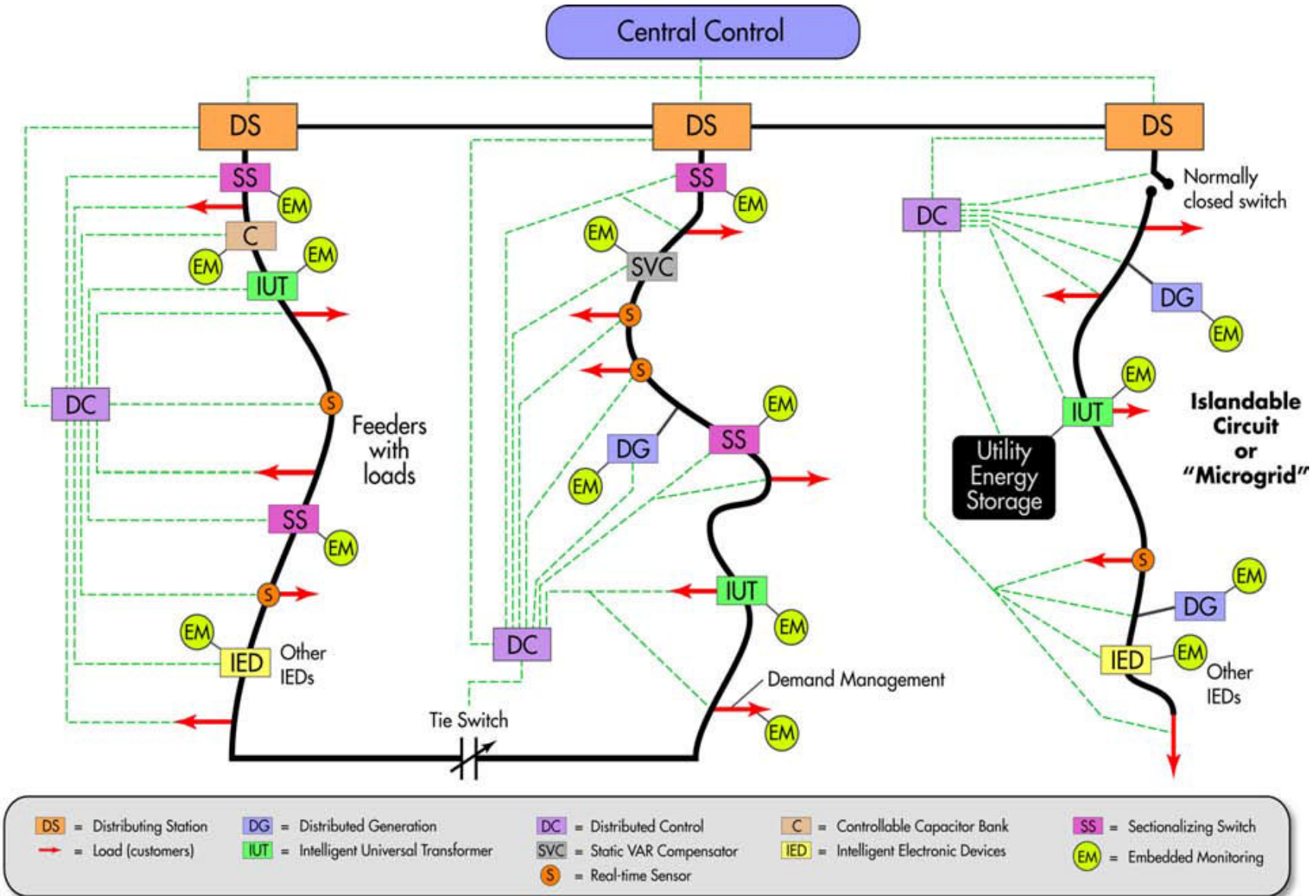
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# Key Questions to Address During Workshop

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# EPRI Advanced Distribution Automation

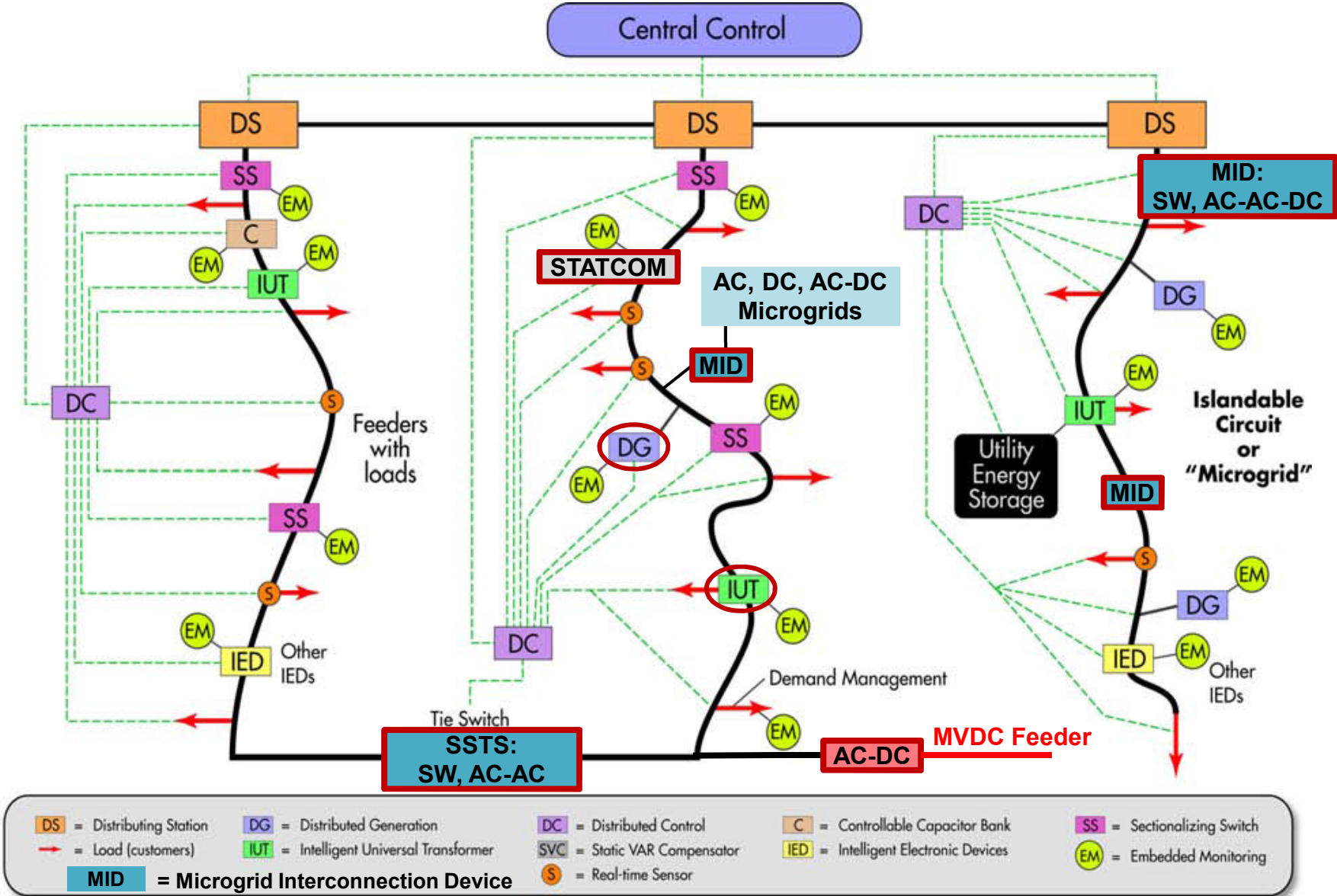
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# EPRI Advanced Distribution Automation + WBG PCS

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# Advanced Distribution Automation

## PCS Applications (MV benefits of WBG)

| ADA Device           | Power        | Voltage         | Benefits                             |
|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| STATCOM, SSCB, SSFCL |              | <b>MV</b>       | <b>Automation, grid-utilization</b>  |
| DER Inverters        | 0.01 - 10 MW | LV or <b>MV</b> | <b>MV: efficiency, cost, size</b> ^  |
| IUT = SST            | 0.05 - 3 MW  | LV & <b>MV</b>  | load support, <b>multiport</b> ^     |
| MID                  | 2 - 10 MW    | <b>MV</b>       | u-grid support, <b>transitions</b> ^ |
| SSTS                 | 1 - 10 MW    | <b>MV</b>       | Flexible power flow ^                |
| MVDC                 | 1 - 10 MW    | <b>MV</b>       | efficiency, stability ^              |

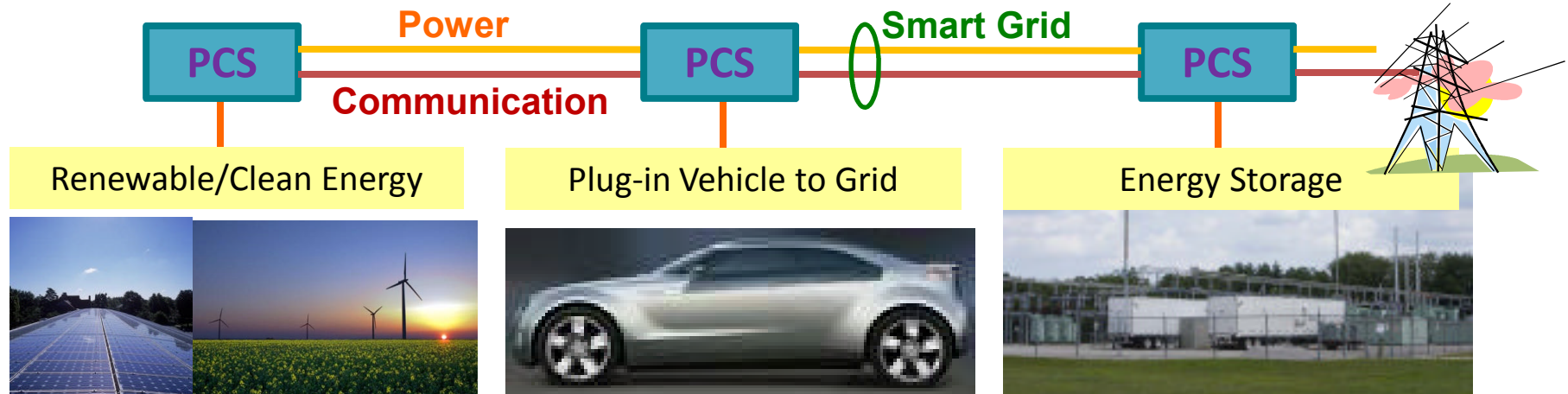
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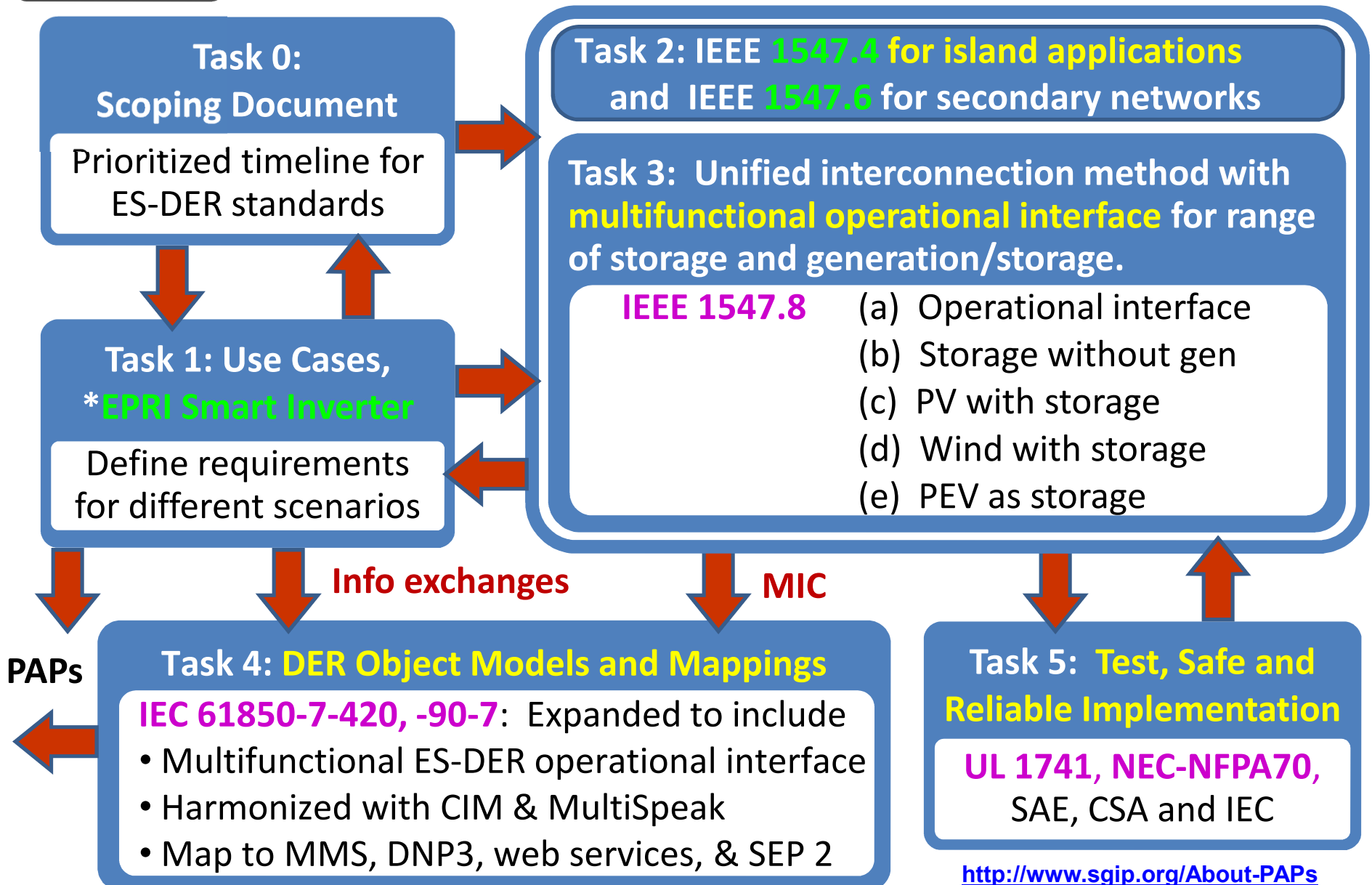
# High Penetration of Distributed Energy Resources



- Power Conditioning Systems (PCS) convert to/from 60 Hz AC for interconnection of renewable energy, electric storage, and PEVs
- **“Smart Grid Interconnection Standards”** required for devices to be utility-controlled operational asset and enable high penetration:
  - **Dispatchable real and reactive power**
  - **Acceptable ramp-rates to mitigate renewable intermittency**
  - **Accommodate faults without cascading/common-mode events**
  - **Voltage regulation and utility-coordinated islanding**



# PAP 7: Smart Grid ES-DER Standards



# CPUC Rule 21: Rules and Regulations for Interconnecting DER to Distribution Systems

COM/MP6/lil Date of Issuance 12/22/2014  
Quasi-Legislative Portion<sup>1</sup>

Decision 14-12-035 December 18, 2014

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**Order Instituting Rulemaking on the Commission's Own Motion to improve distribution level interconnection rules and regulations for certain classes of electric generators and electric storage resources.**

Rulemaking 11-09-011  
(Filed September 22, 2011)

**INTERIM DECISION ADOPTING REVISIONS TO ELECTRIC TARIFF RULE 21 FOR PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY, AND SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY TO REQUIRE "SMART" INVERTERS**

**Summary**

Today's decision adopts modifications to Electric Tariff Rule 21 to capture the technological advances offered by smart inverters. Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, and San Diego Gas & Electric Company are authorized to file Advice Letters with revisions to Electric Tariff Rule 21.

**1. Background**

The Commission initiated Rulemaking (R.) 11-09-011 on September 22, 2011 to review and, if necessary, revise the rules and regulations governing

<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Commissioner Picker's May 13, 2014, Scoping Memo this portion of the proceeding is categorized as Quasi-Legislative and the remainder of the proceedings as ratemaking.

## CPUC Rule 21 - Based on IEEE 1547 Std

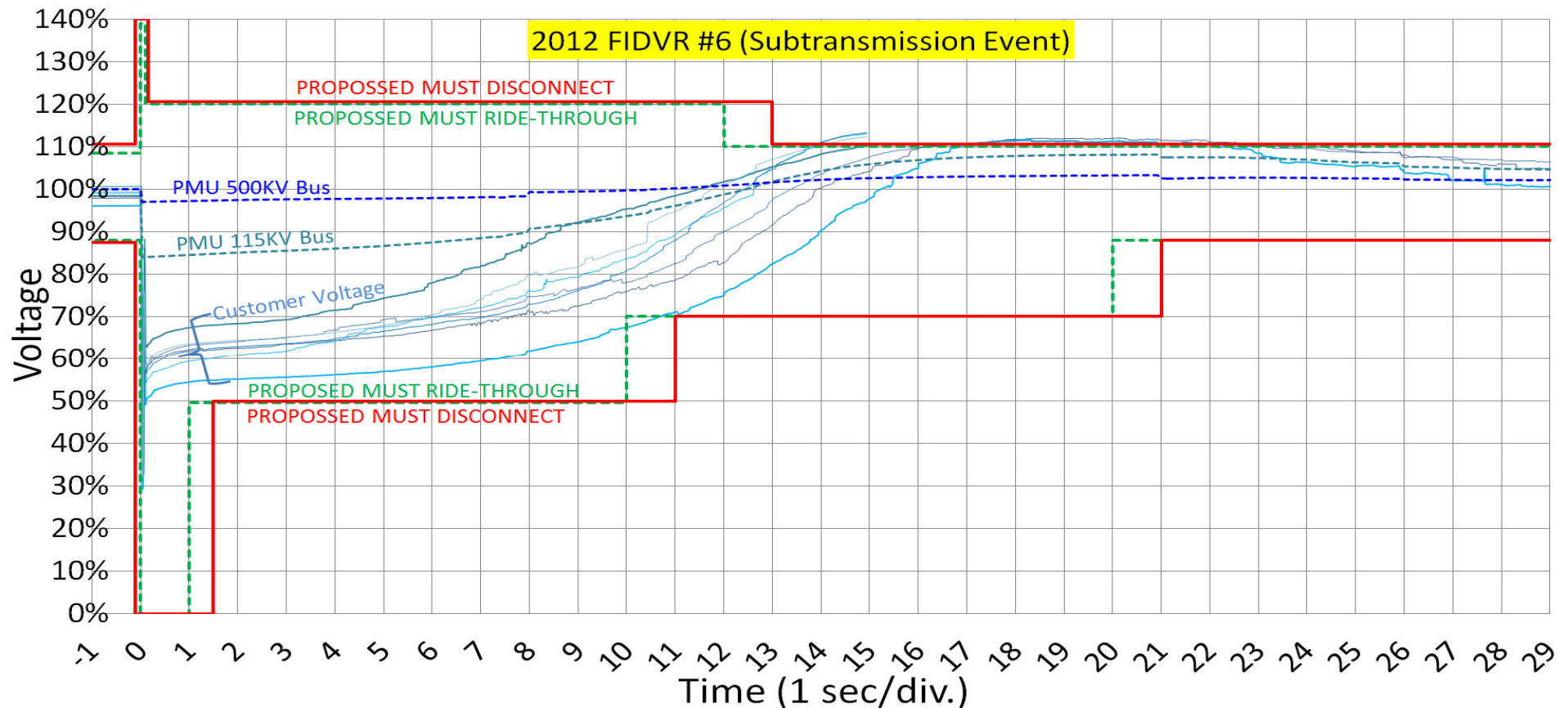
### Phase 1: Rule 21 Amendment (Dec. '14) Requires Smart Inverter Functions from SIWG after UL 1741 update is complete:

- Revised Anti-Islanding Protection - consistent with support functions
- Low/High Voltage Ride Through
- Low /High Frequency Ride Through
- Dynamic Volt-Var Operation
- Ramp Rate requirements
- Fixed Power Factor function
- Soft Start Reconnection

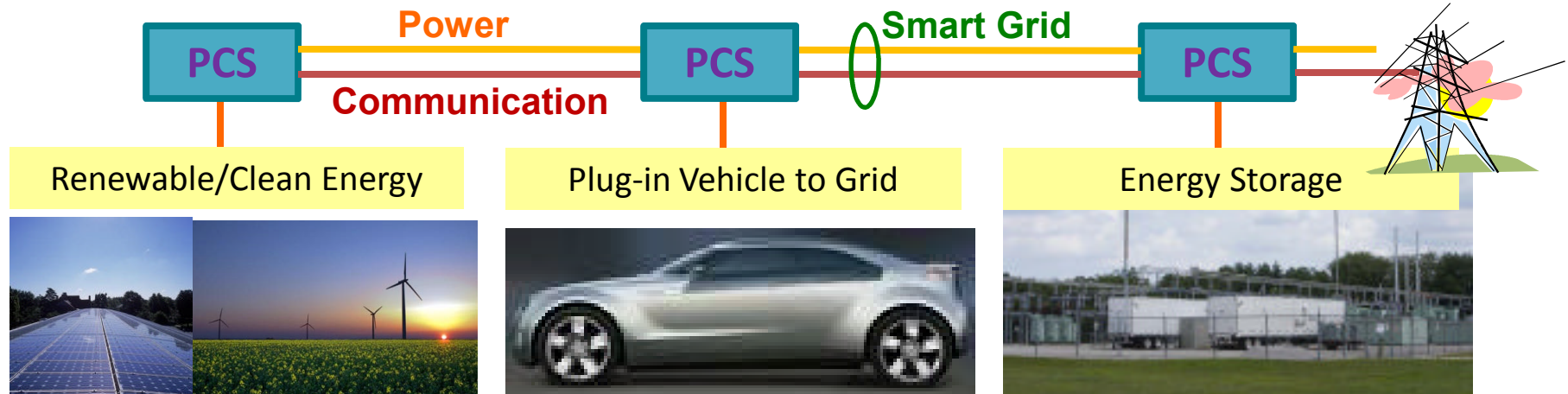
### Phase 2&3: Communication requirements and communication-based functions.

# CPUC Rule 21: Voltage Ride Through (VRT)

- VRT adopted parameters are based on actual field event data captured in Southern California with instrumentation provided by LBNL (DOE).

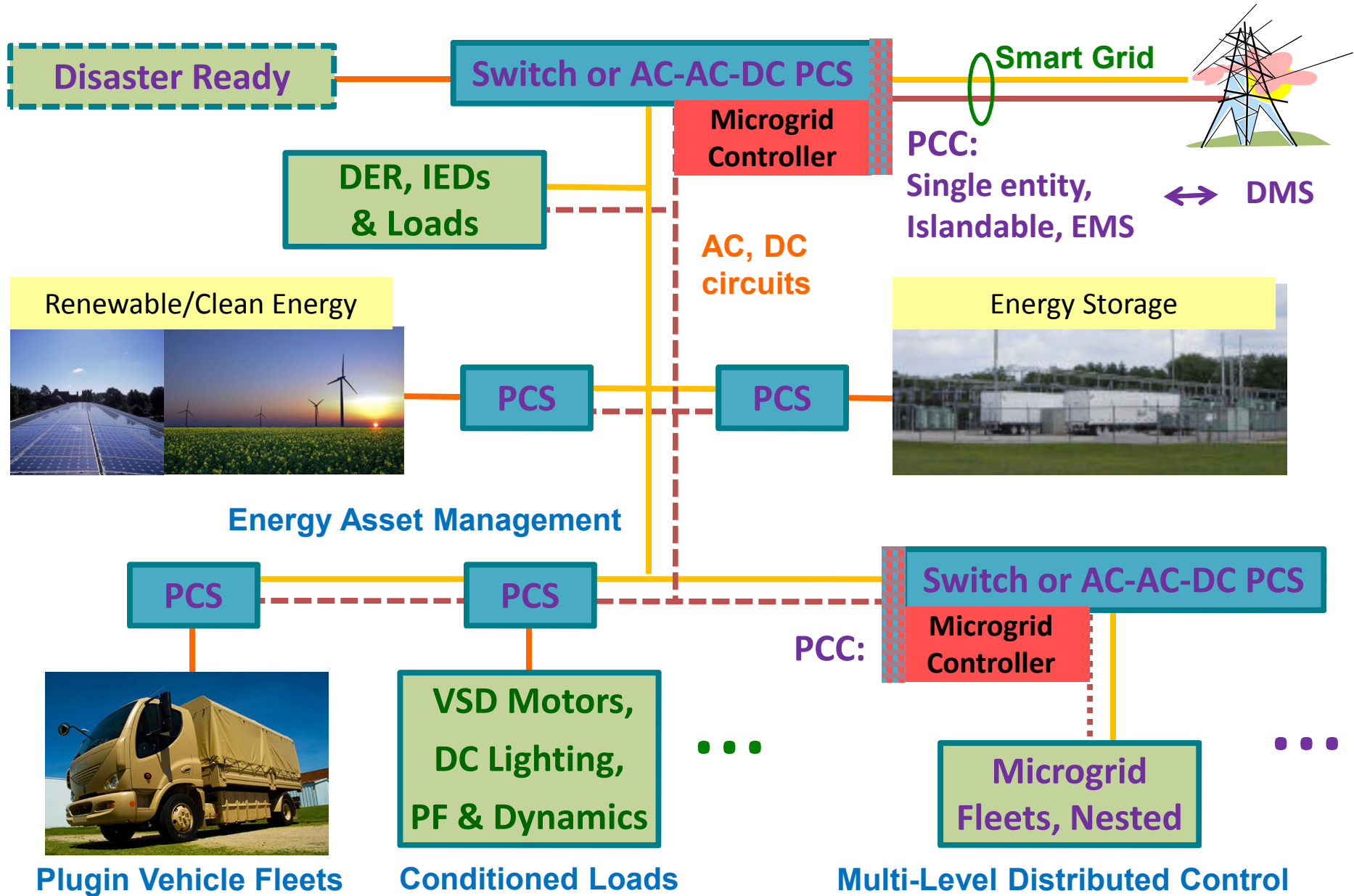


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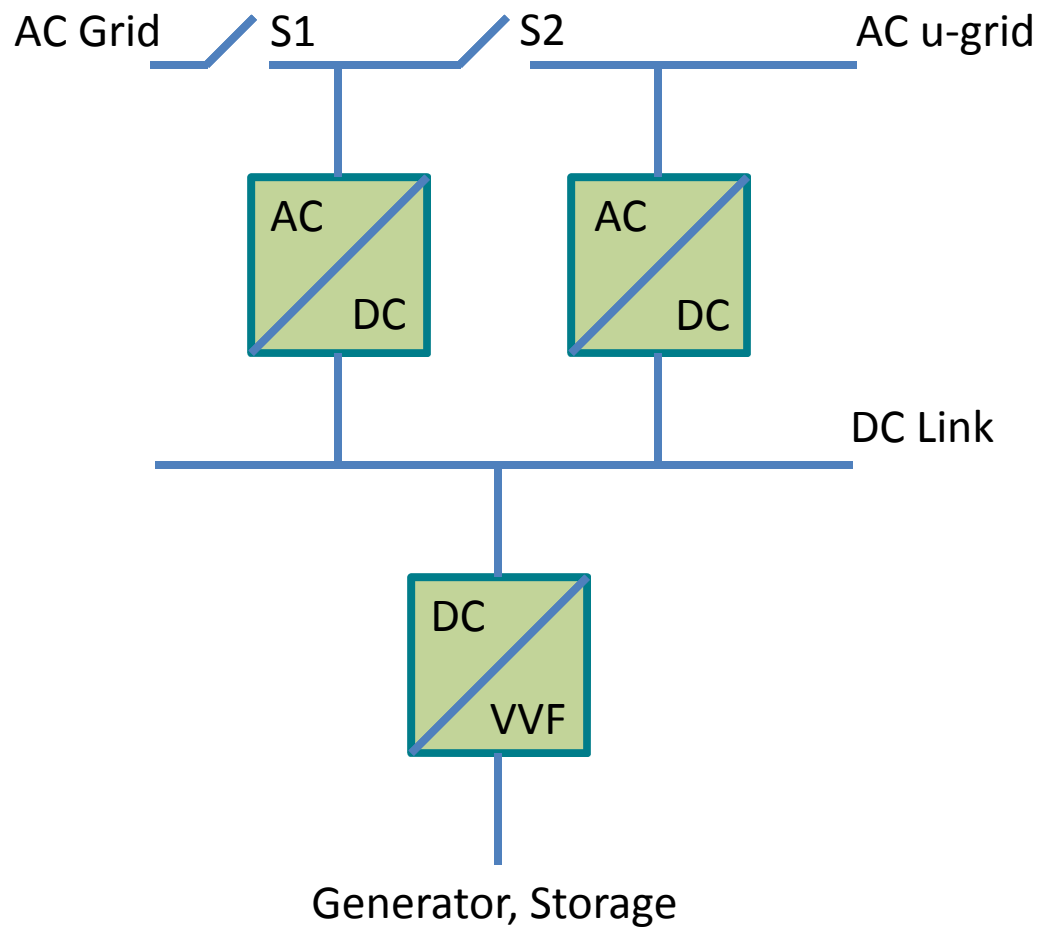


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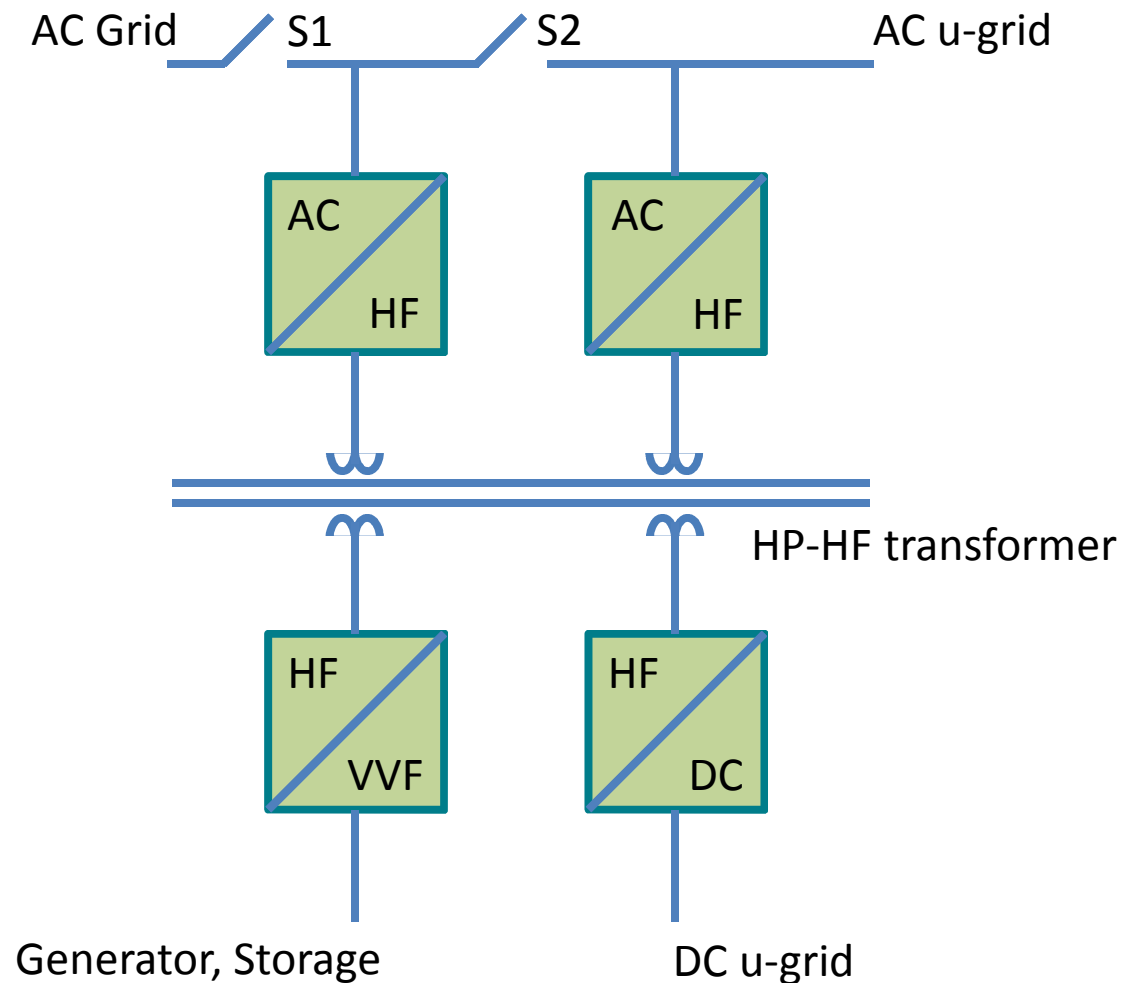
# Microgrids Enable Pervasive DER and Resiliency



# Hybrid Contactor / HV-HF B2B Inverter

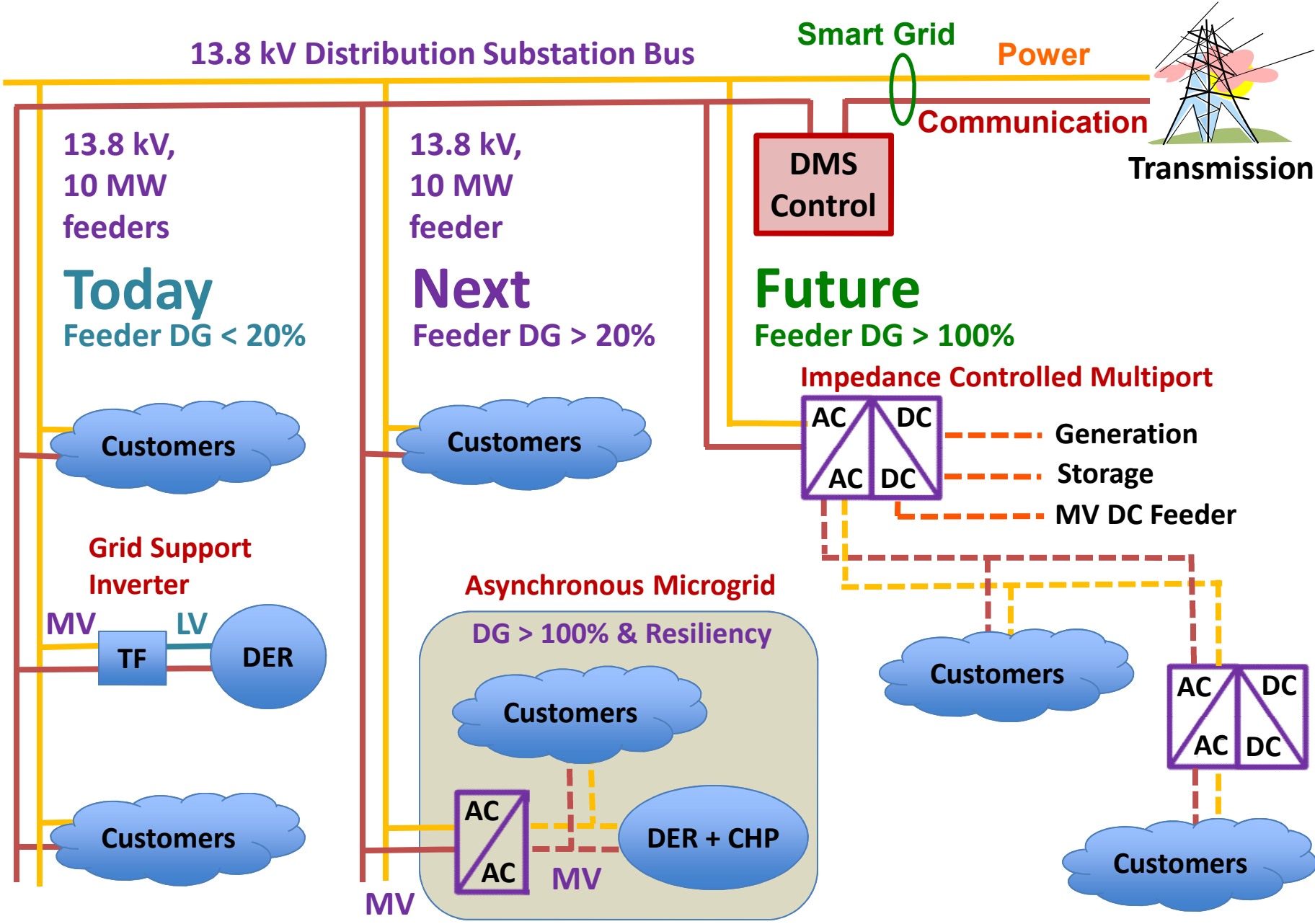


# Hybrid Contactor / HV-HF Inverter with HP-HF Transformer





# High Penetration Distributed Generation



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