

ISGT Panel: Innovative Research at the NIST Smart Grid Testbed

- Overview of the Smart Grid Testbed – Paul Boynton/Avi Gopstein
- Smart Grid Sensor Technologies – Jerry FitzPatrick
- Smart City Applications – Marty Burns

NIST Smart Grid Testbed

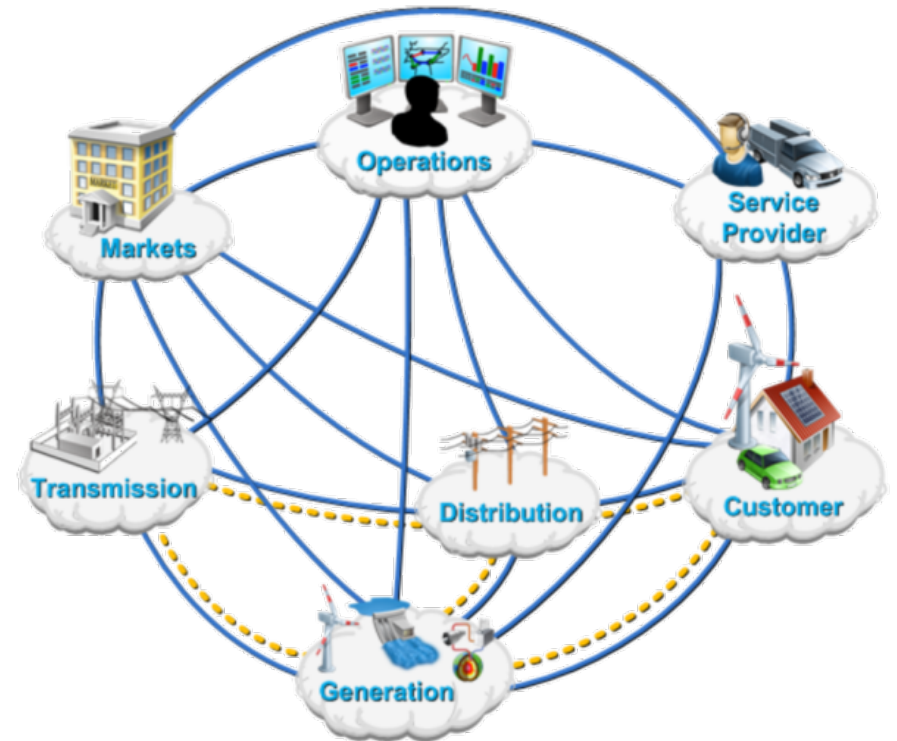
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NIST Smart Grid Research

• Key factors

- The future of the grid is uncertain
- Interoperability enables communication, aggregation and optimization across multiple actors
- Technical innovation is expanding markets
- New technology + expanding and overlapping markets = disruptive opportunity
- Grid as platform, services provided by and between new groups



NIST Smart Grid Testbed Program

- **Measurement science key to grid observability**
 - Timing
 - Measurement uncertainty
 - System modeling
 - Cybersecurity through physics
 - Communications
 - Synchro metrology
 - Applications

Key Testbed Characteristics

- **Integrative**
 - Interconnected modules
 - Diverse expertise
- **Reconfigurable and Reproducible**
 - Easily re-configured
 - Reproducible experiments
- **Scalable**
 - Federated experiments across testbeds
- **Usable**
 - Composable
 - Collaborative
 - Coordinated

NIST Smart Grid Testbed Development

● Objectives

- To provide the foundational infrastructure for smart grid interoperability research
- To accelerate the development of smart grid interoperability standards by addressing the measurement needs of smart grid industry
- To develop and participate in a community of testbeds
 - Workshops held in March 2014 and February 2015
 - Identified gaps and challenges to testbeds
 - Singled out key design principles



● Scope

- Designed to be composable, collaborative, and coordinated
- Perform measurements of system-level, end-to-end device level smart grid performance and interoperability
- Measure and characterize key components, standards, and protocols of smart grid systems and devices
- At present, focus research on microgrids/distribution

NIST Smart Grid Interoperability Testbed

Gaithersburg, MD
Building 220, Basement
OPENED 2015

Electrical Flow

Timing and Synchronization
Time-stamping and location for devices on the grid
Rooms A29-31

Cyber Security
Develop / evaluate requirements to keep the grid secure
Rooms A29-31

Microgrid Power
Simulates the power generation on the microgrid
Room A27

Microgrid Communication and Control
Controls the operation of the microgrid
Rooms A23-25

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Smart Storage
Electric vehicle and residential batteries
Room A21

Smart Sensors
Situational Awareness--smart sensors that tell operators what's happening on the grid
Rooms A13-19

Smart Meters
Watt-hour meters that communicate with the grid
Rooms A13-19

Network and Communication
Simulates networks and protocols used to communicate among sensors, substations and other grid components
Rooms A13-19

NIST Cyber-Physical Testbed

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NIST Cyber-Physical Systems Testbed
Platform for cross-sector research in the integration of networks, physical systems, and analytics
Rooms A45-65

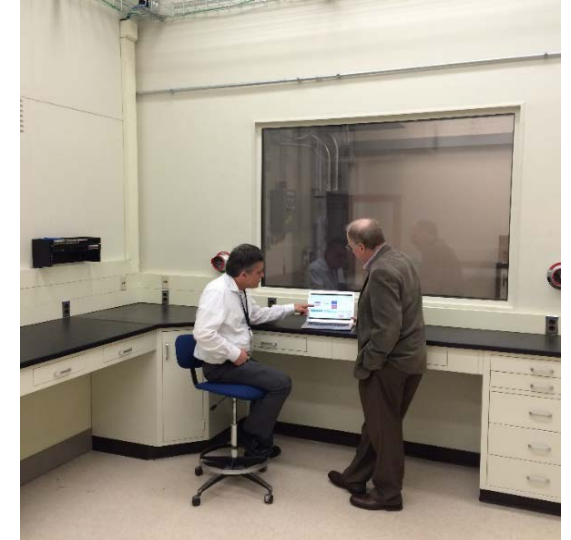
Other NIST and External Testbeds
Sharing of resources, models, and data to allow flexibility and scalability, and enable more complex investigations
NIST and External

Communication/Data Flow

NIST Smart Grid Testbed Operation

- **Smart Grid Interoperability Test Bed operational**

- Microgrid Facilities (AC and DC Grid Emulators, Smart Inverters)
- Timing and Synchronization / Cybersecurity (GPS Antenna, IEEE 1588 clocks, Network Switches)
- Interoperability test of smart sensors for Smart Grid
- NIST Multi-Laboratory effort:
 - Engineering Laboratory
 - Physical Measurement Laboratory
 - Information Technology Laboratory
 - Communication Technology Laboratory
- Testbed safety monitoring and daily operational coordination



- **Examples of significant activities**

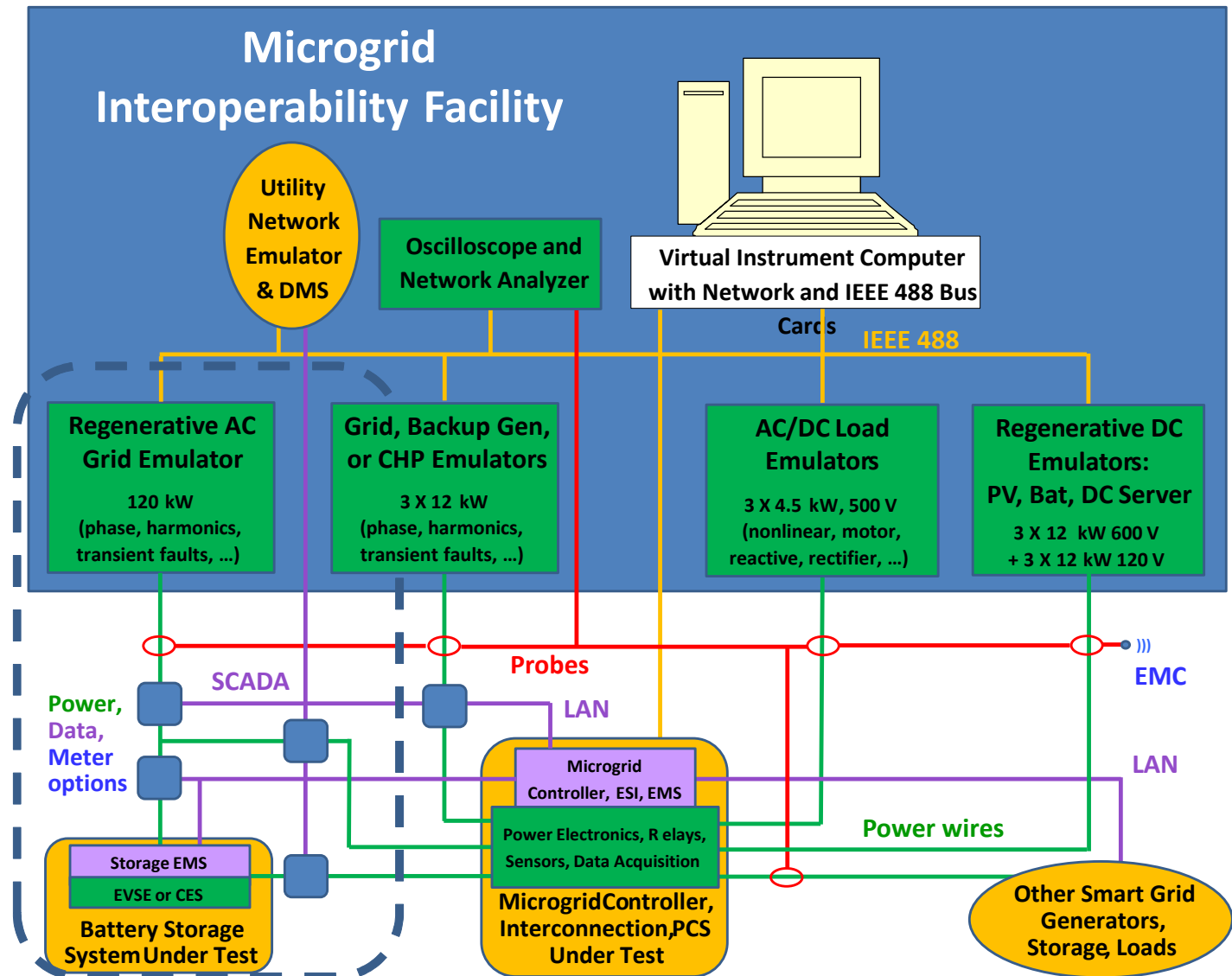
- Standards and Test for Microgrid Interconnection Equipment and Controllers (SGIP PAP 24) – *Hefner*
- Develop Interoperability Test Methods for Smart Sensors (e.g. MUs) for smart grids based upon IEC standards - *FitzPatrick*
- The Use of Synchrophasor Measurements in Electric Power Systems Protection and Control Applications - *Gharavi, Anand*



Microgrid Interoperability Facility

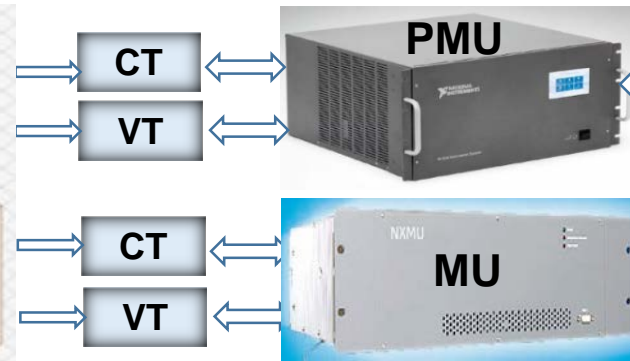
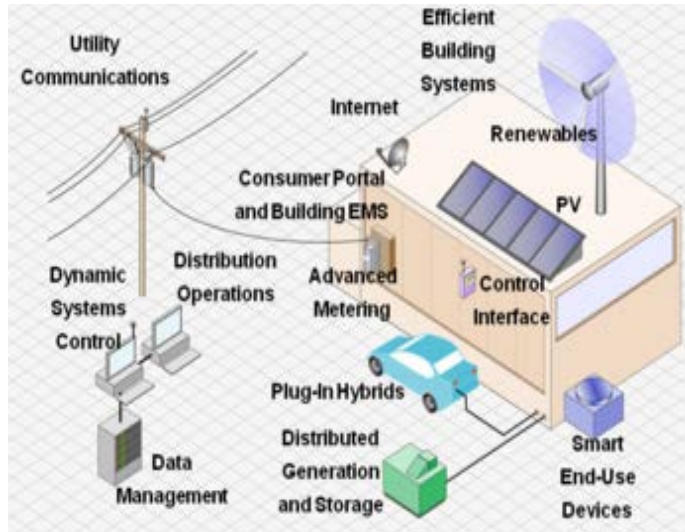
- Addresses metrology needed for interoperability of advanced microgrid devices and systems
- Extensible to all aspects of multilevel distributed control
- Focused on unique NIST mission of Smart Grid interoperability and leverages SGIP activities
- Incorporates elements of many of the projects in the NIST smart grid portfolio
- Coordinated with other agencies and industry programs
- Aligned with partner test bed architectures to enable interchangeability of devices between test beds
- Support standard development (IEEE 1547 series, IEEE p2030.7, IEEE p2030.8)

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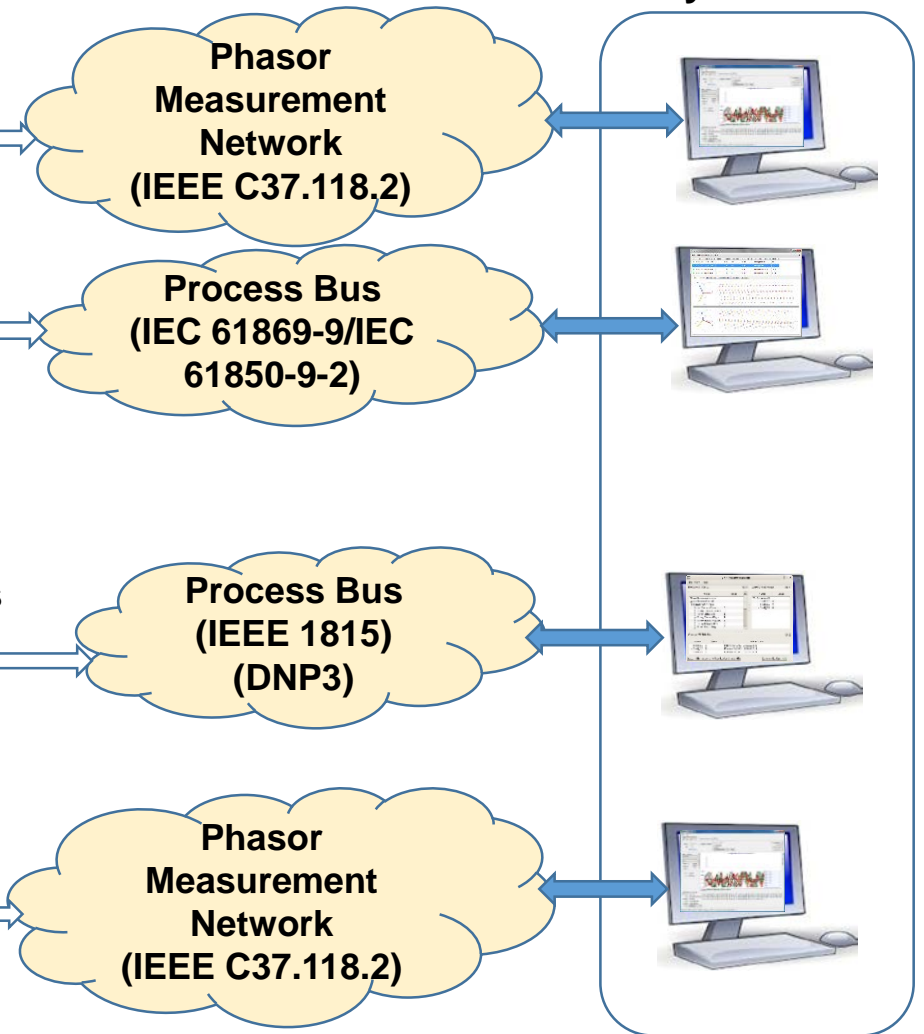
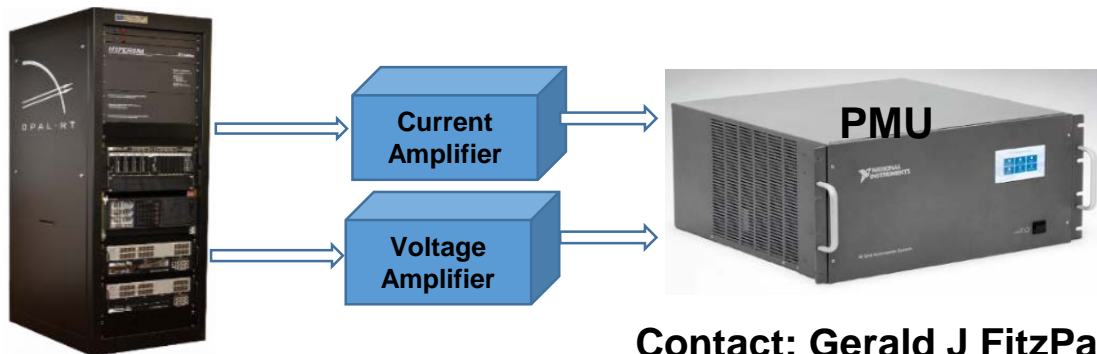


Smart Sensors Interoperability Facility

Micro Grid Simulator



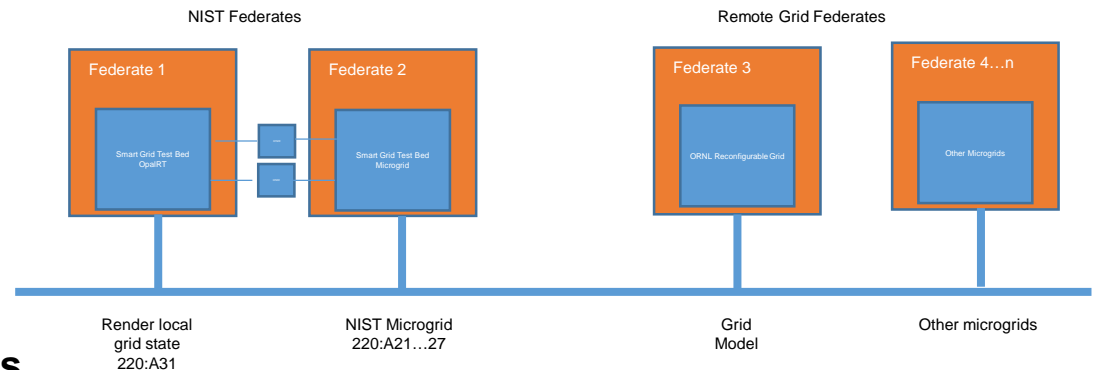
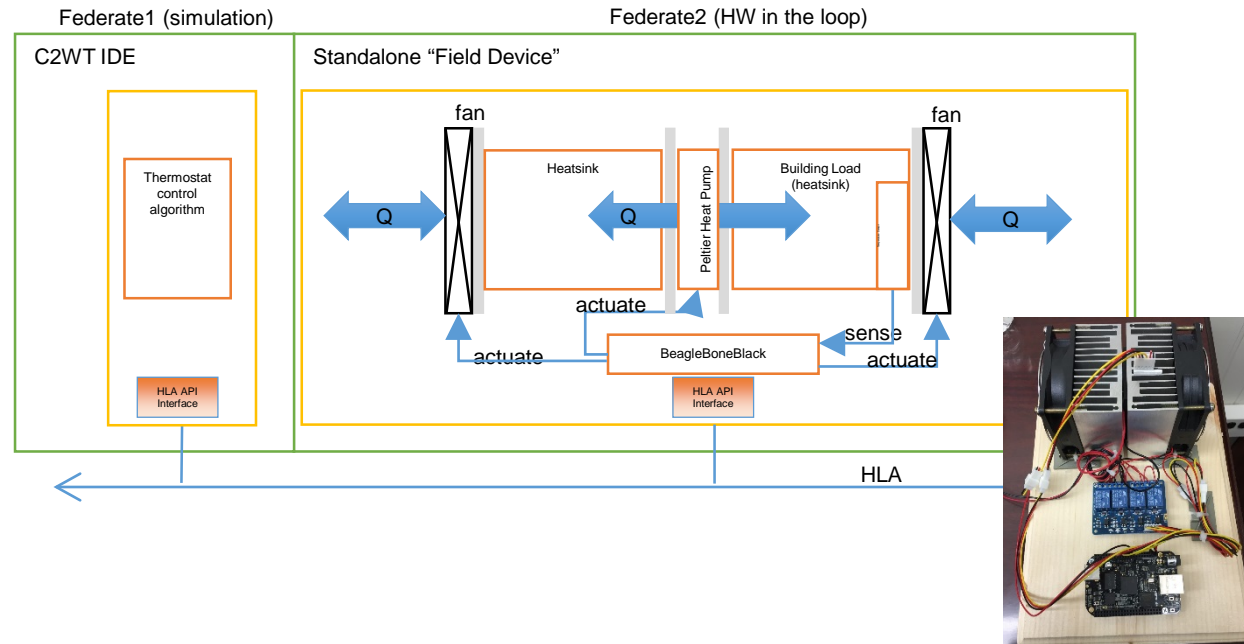
OPAL-RT Simulator



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Federated Experiments

- Use Case: Use a software-implemented Thermostat to control a **hardware in the loop** “HVAC System” emulation
- Use Case: Use a physical emulation of a grid segment at one lab, along with microgrid simulations at other labs to analyze behavior of a **grid of microgrids**
- Use Case: **Transactive Energy Challenge** for comparative analysis of energy markets



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Thank You!

Smart Sensor and Smart Meter Technologies in the NIST Smart Grid Testbed

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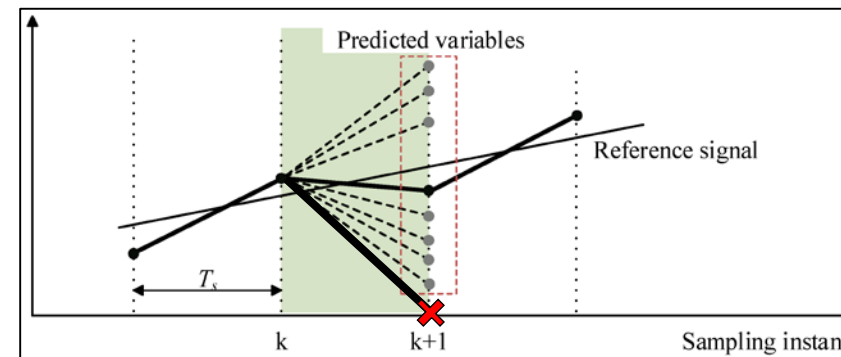
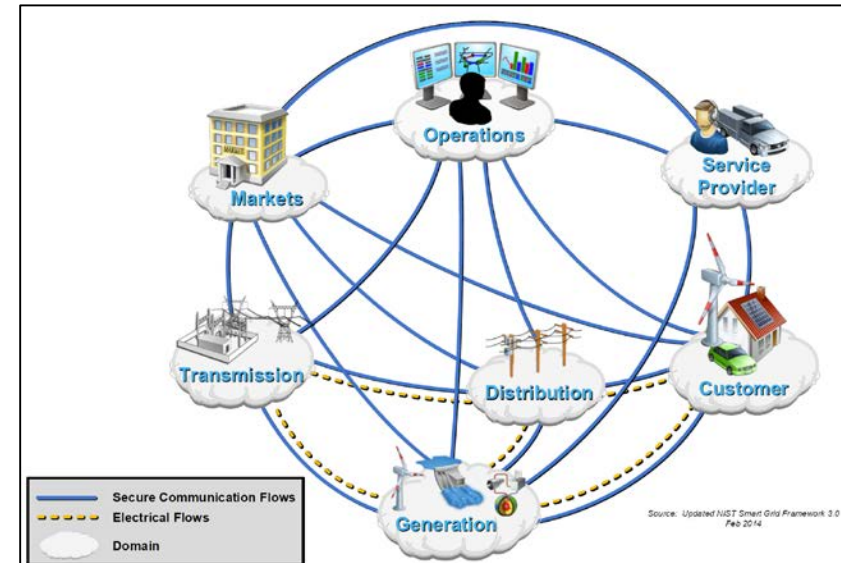
Energy Independence and Security Act

NIST has “*primary responsibility to **coordinate** development of a **framework** that includes protocols and model standards for information management to achieve **interoperability** of smart grid devices and systems...*”



Uncertainty is a dominant challenge

- **Grid is highly distributed and complex**
 - Increasing diversity of devices, resources, and controls
- **Uncertainty is growing**
 - Growing numbers and increasing dynamics of variables lessen the likelihood of well-behaved, predictable system
 - Legacy models and tools incapable of addressing the growing uncertainty
- **Progress needed across multiple dimensions**
 - Models of new grid dynamics
 - Improved measurements of dynamic voltage current, power , and energy (lower measurement uncertainties)
 - Networked measurements
 - Diversified applications
 - Expanding customer-base



NIST SG Testbed: An Integrated Approach to Smart Grid Testing

- Interoperability + Performance
- Multidisciplinary – combines expertise of different NIST projects and laboratories to work together on multiple aspects of Smart Grid R&D
 - high-power inverters and power conditioning systems
 - microgrid operational interfaces
 - PMUs, smart sensors
 - cybersecurity
 - advanced networks
 - smart meters

NIST Smart Grid Testbed

SGIP Smart Grid Interoperability

NIST Measurement Science

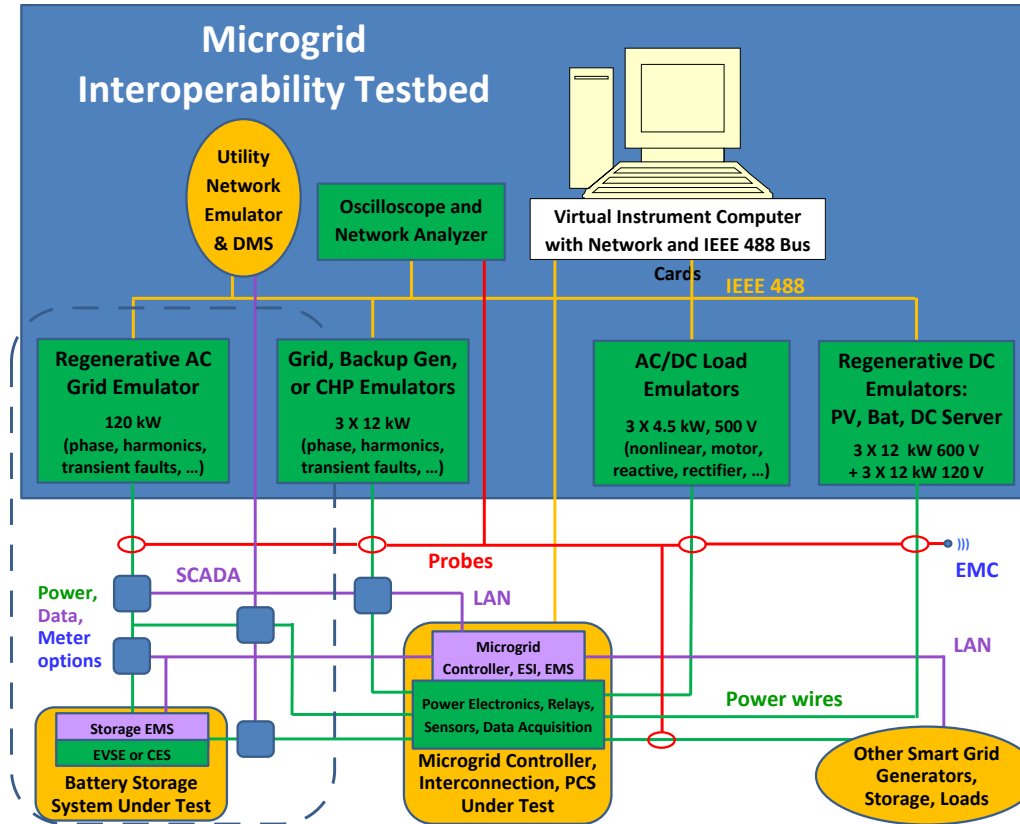
DOE/DOD Labs, Test & Certification

ESI, EMS, Microgrid & Storage functions

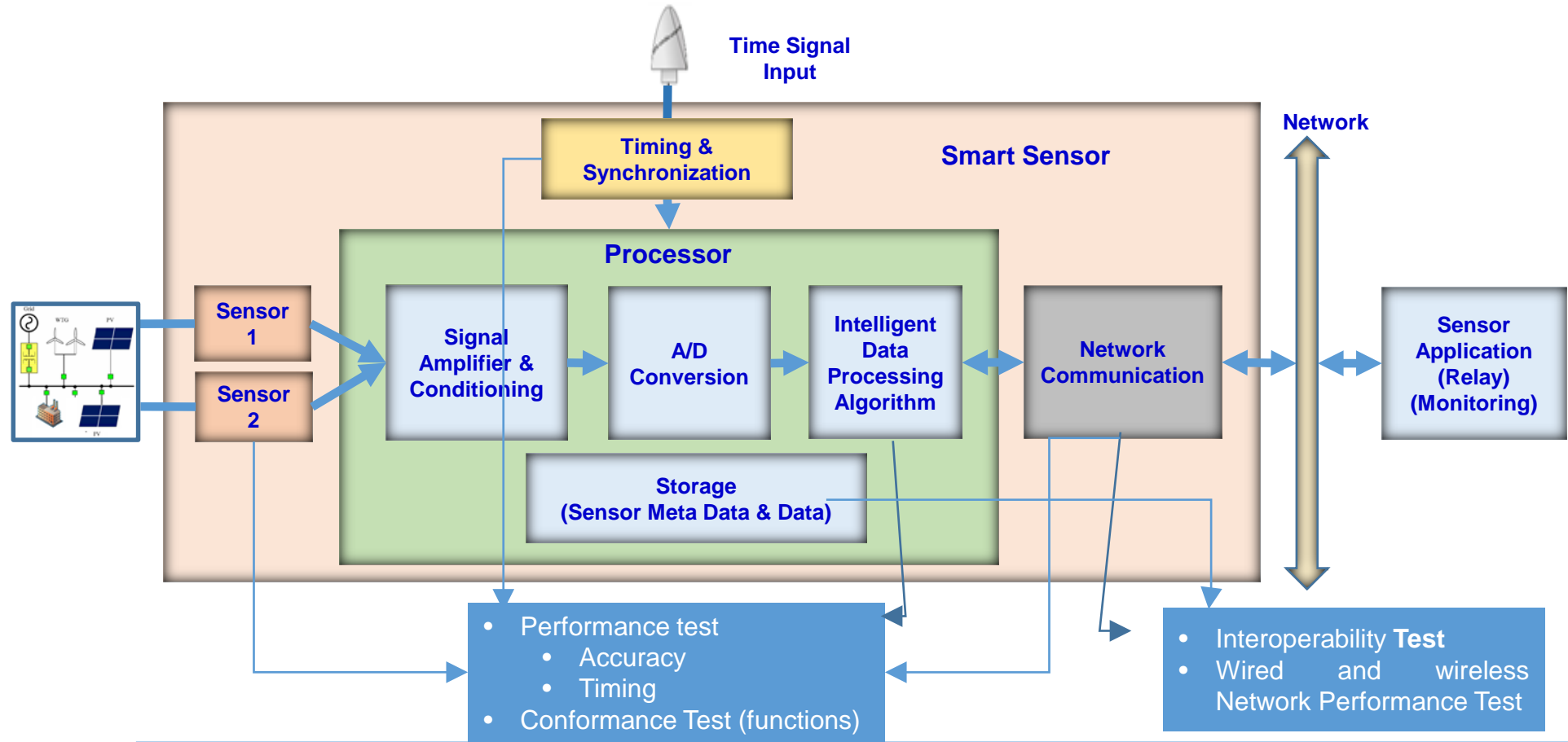
IT Networks, Cyber Security, EMC, Sensors & Smart Meters

Power Electronic Interconnection Equipment

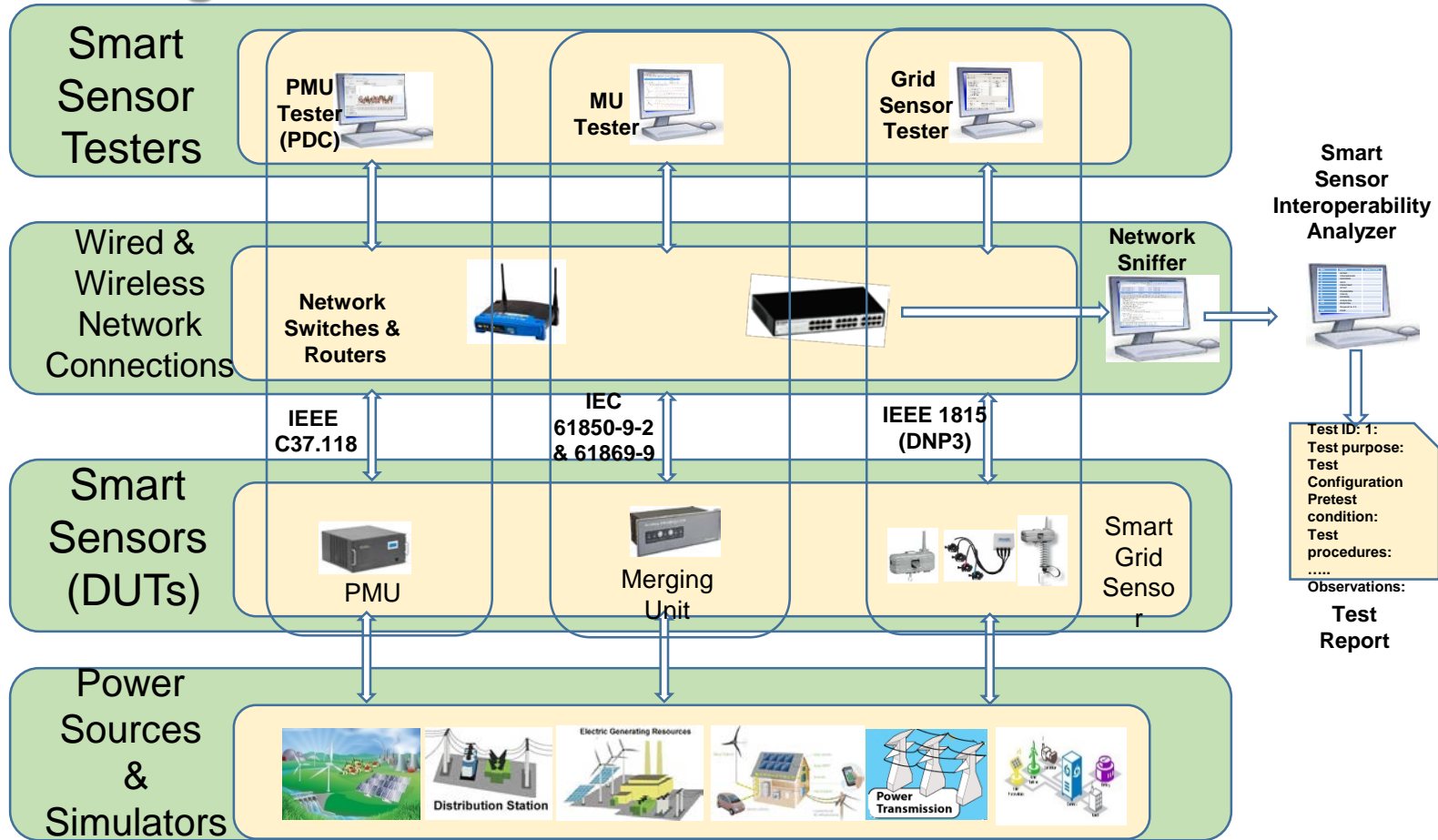
Grid-Interactive Microgrid, DER & Smart Appliances



Smart Sensor Testing



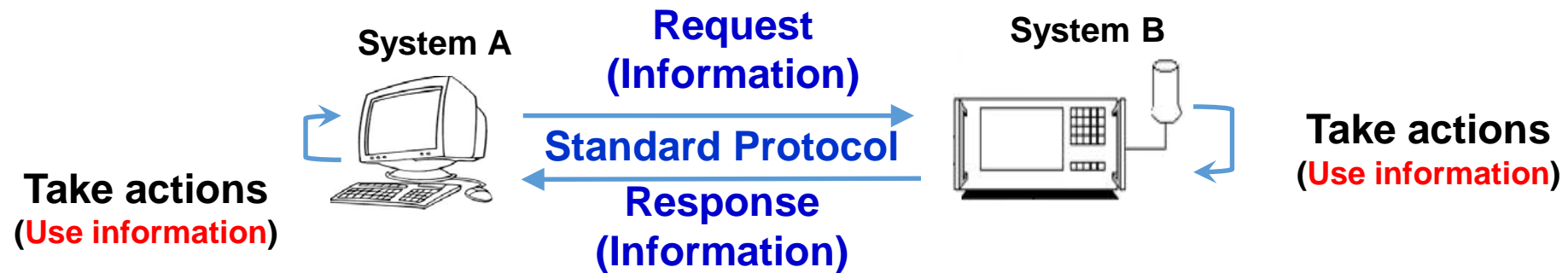
Testing Framework & Testbed for Smart Sensors



Interoperability - Modified IEEE Definition

Interoperability :

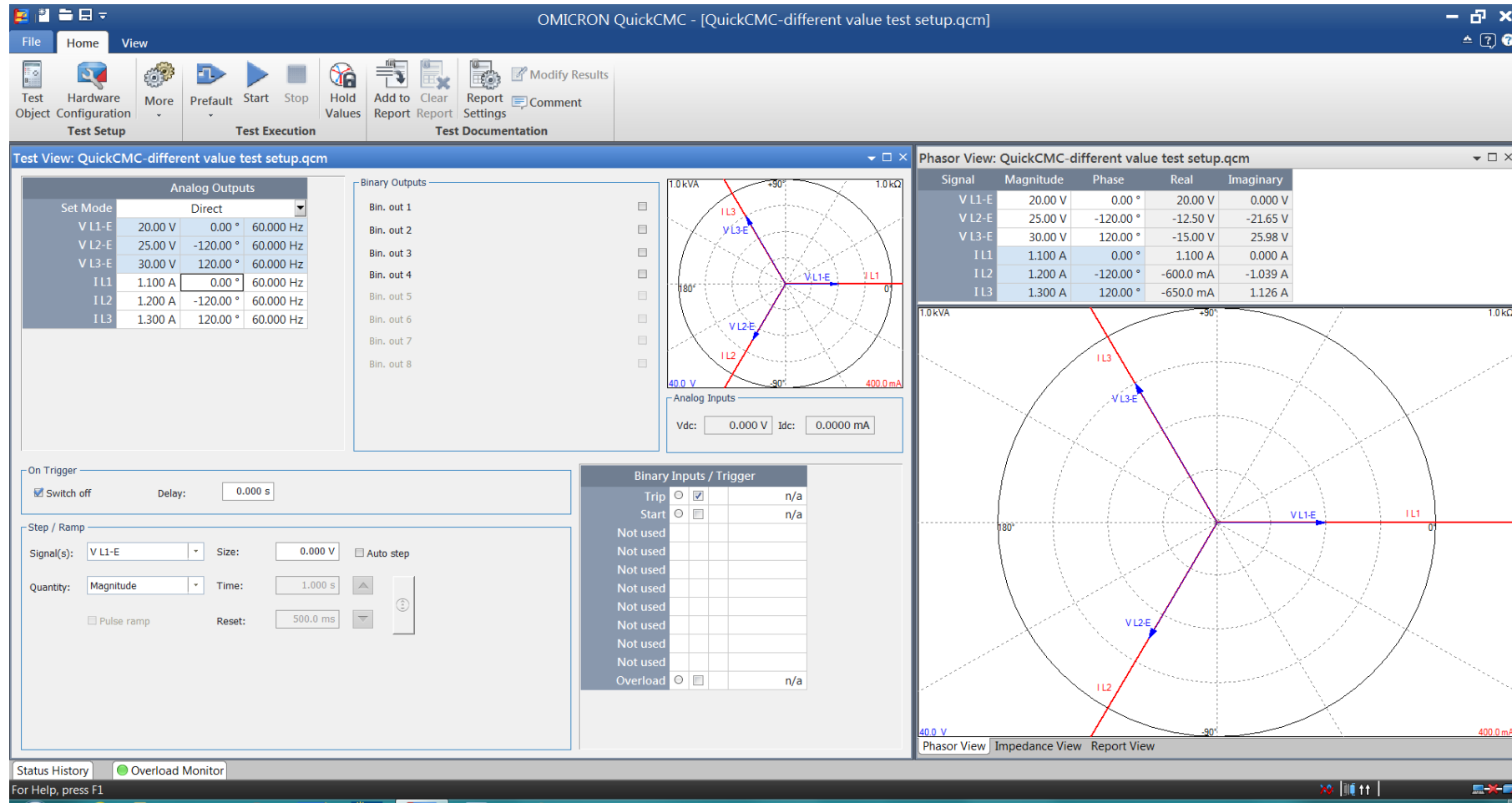
- The ability of two or more systems to **exchange information** and to **use the information** that has been exchanged through a standard communication protocol in order to achieve the specific functions or goals



Need For Interoperability Testing

- Smart Grid requires implementation of a lot more devices and their applications
- Device integration has been proved to be one of the bottlenecks in implementing smart devices
- The cost of solving the interoperability problems can easily exceed the cost of the sensor itself
- Technical standards often are not clear and/or strict enough to ensure interoperability.

Example of the Calibrator Outputs



Three phase voltage and current signals generated by the calibrator

Example 1: Interoperability Test for Commercial PMUs

Preliminary Results of Interoperability Test of IEEE C37.118 Standard-based Commercial PMUs

Interoperability Test		PMU1 (TCP)	PMU2 (TCP)	PMU3 (TCP)	PMU4 (TCP)	PMU5 (UDP)	PMU6 (TCP)	PMU7 (TCP)	PMU 8 (TCP)
Turn Off	Procedures	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
	Command	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
	Response	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Turn On	Procedures	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
	Command	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
	Response	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Header	Procedures	P	P	P	P	P	F	P	P
	Command	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
	Response	P	P	P	P	P	F	P	P
CFG-1	Procedures	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
	Command	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
	Response	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
CFG-2	Procedures	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
	Command	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
	Response	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Overall		P	P	P	P	P	P (80%)	P	P

P:Passed
F:Failed

Example 2: DNP3 Devices

- All three DNP3 sensors had a connection problem and failed when initially connected
- For the analog input test cases, no interoperability issues were identified.

Example 3: Interoperability Test for Commercial MUs Based on IEC 61850-9-2LE (Cont'd)

Preliminary Results of Interoperability Test of IEC 61850-9-2 LE Standard-based Commercial MUs

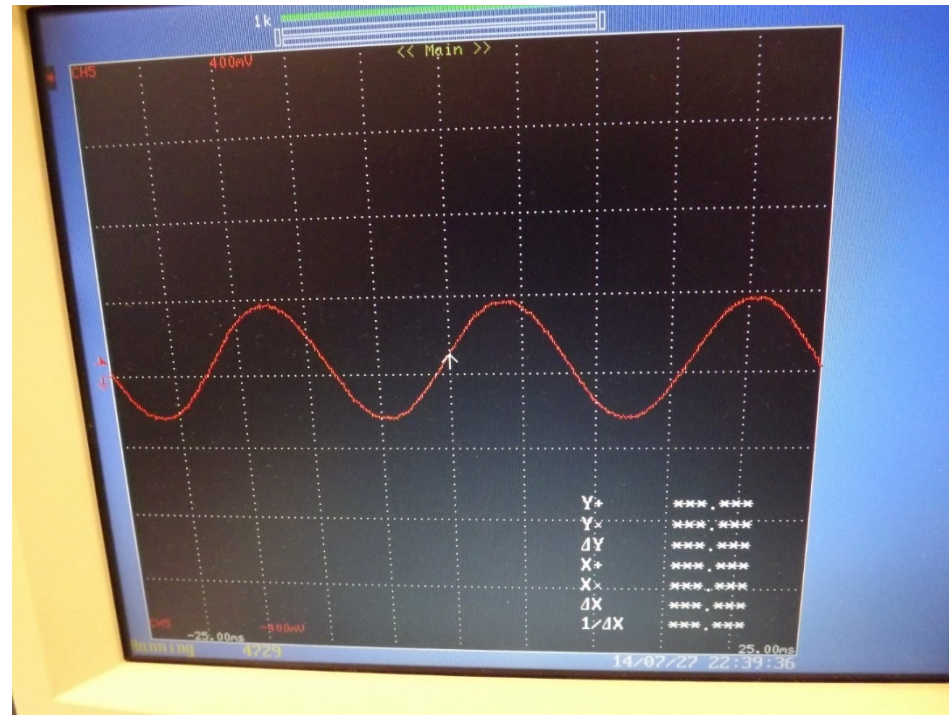
Test case	Vendor A MU	Vendor B MU	
	SV Stream 1 (80 samples/cycle)	SV Stream 1 (80 samples/cycle)	SV Stream 2 (256 samples/cycle)
SendMSVMessage			
Test procedures	Passed	Passed	Passed
MSVMessage	Passed	Passed	Passed
overall	Passed	Passed	Passed

One issue we encountered in the test is that the svID in the vendor B MU does not conform to 61850-9-2 LE specification.

Smart Meters Research

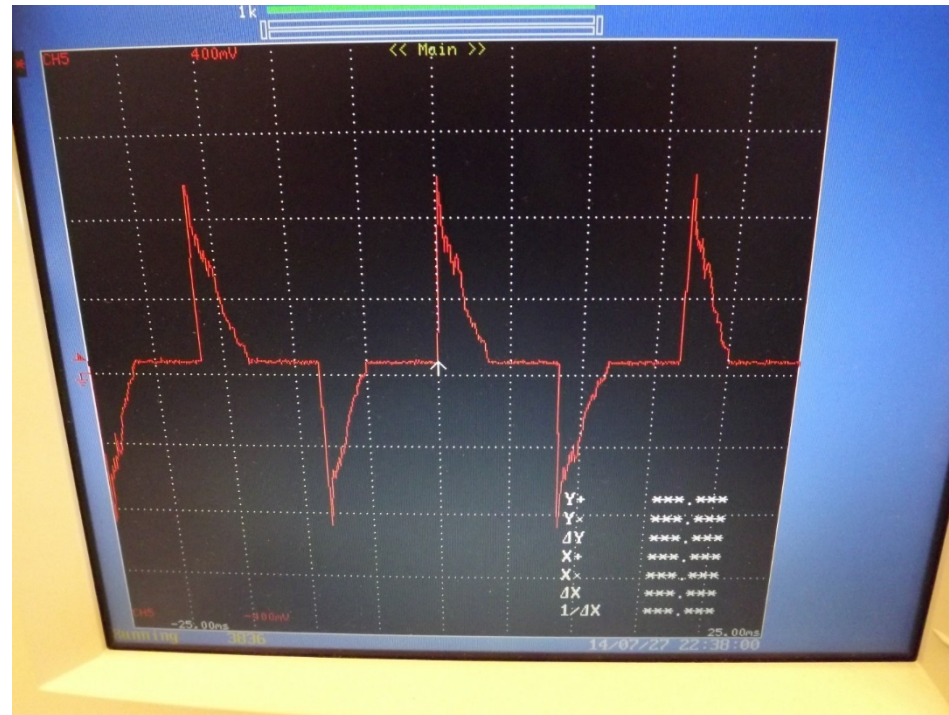
- Testing of Smart Meters with real-world waveforms (examples on following slides)
- Auxiliary devices (communications) influence on meter accuracy
- EMI/EMC influence on accuracy
- Performance of Smart Meters as sensors in distribution grid
- Performance results will be used to improve ANSI Metering Standards
- DC metering for EVSE DC fast chargers
- Submetering

Incandescent Bulb 63.2 W, 1.0 PF



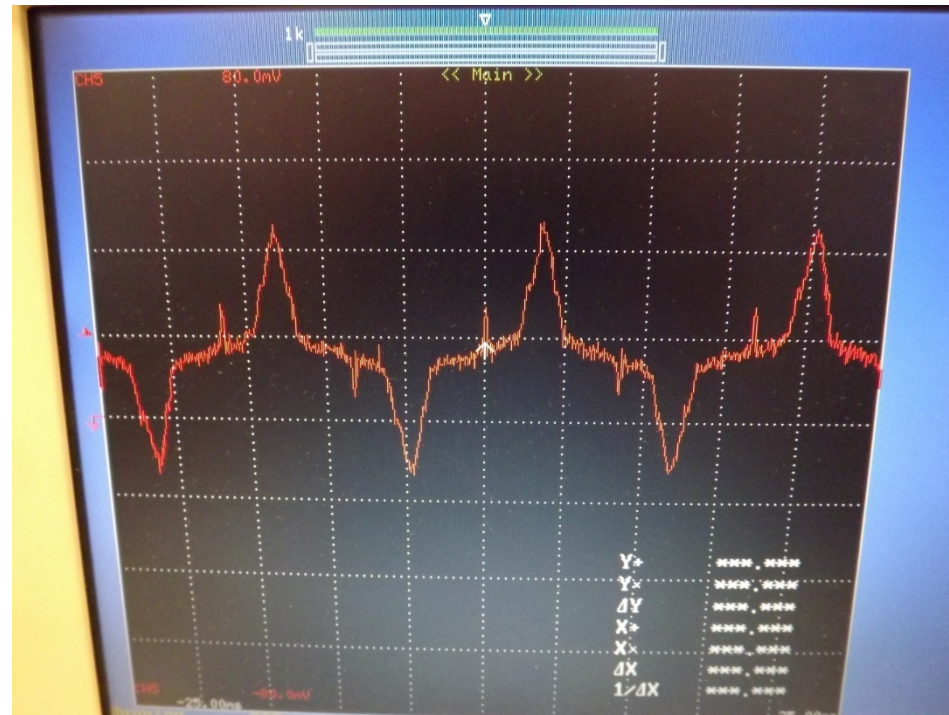
CFL Bulb

47.2 W, 0.59 PF

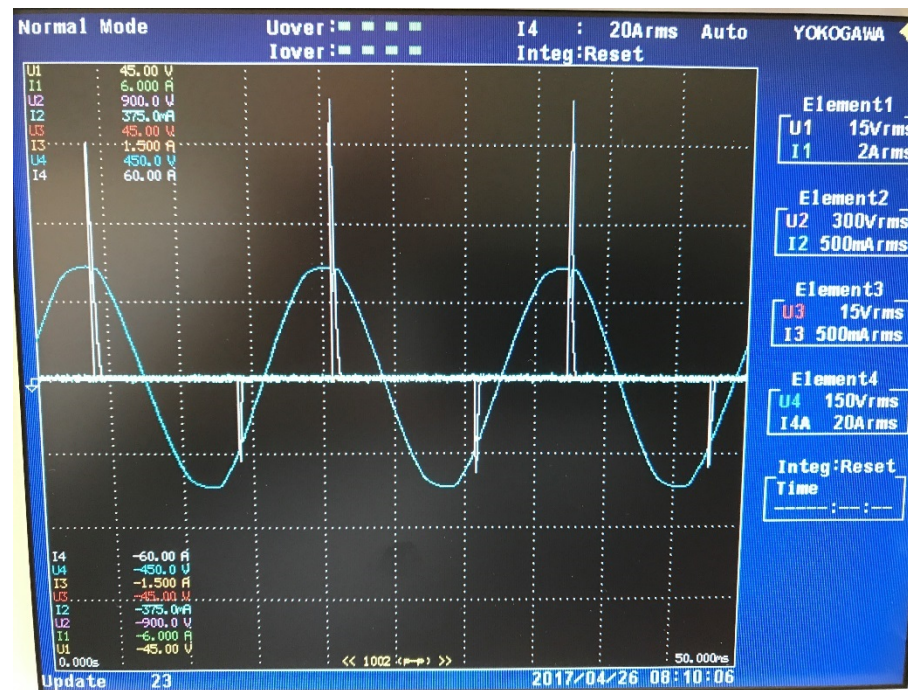


LED Bulb

10.4 W, 0.81 PF



Current waveform from non-dimmable LED bulbs used with a dimmer not rated for LED bulbs



Summary

- **Used integrated SG testbed for interoperability test specification drafts for PMUs, MUs, and Smart Sensors, including:**
 - **interoperability test methods**
 - **interoperability test suites and sets of test cases**
 - **interoperability test procedures**
- **Conducted interoperability tests on commercial devices**
- **Provided preliminary results of interoperability testingg**

Future plans:

- **conduct interoperability and performance tests on additional commercial MUs, PMUs, sensors, smart meters**
- **verify the interoperability and performance test methods,**
- **standardize interoperability test specifications for smart devices, and**
- **support standards development, interoperability and performance certification**

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Universal CPS Environment for Federation (UCEF)

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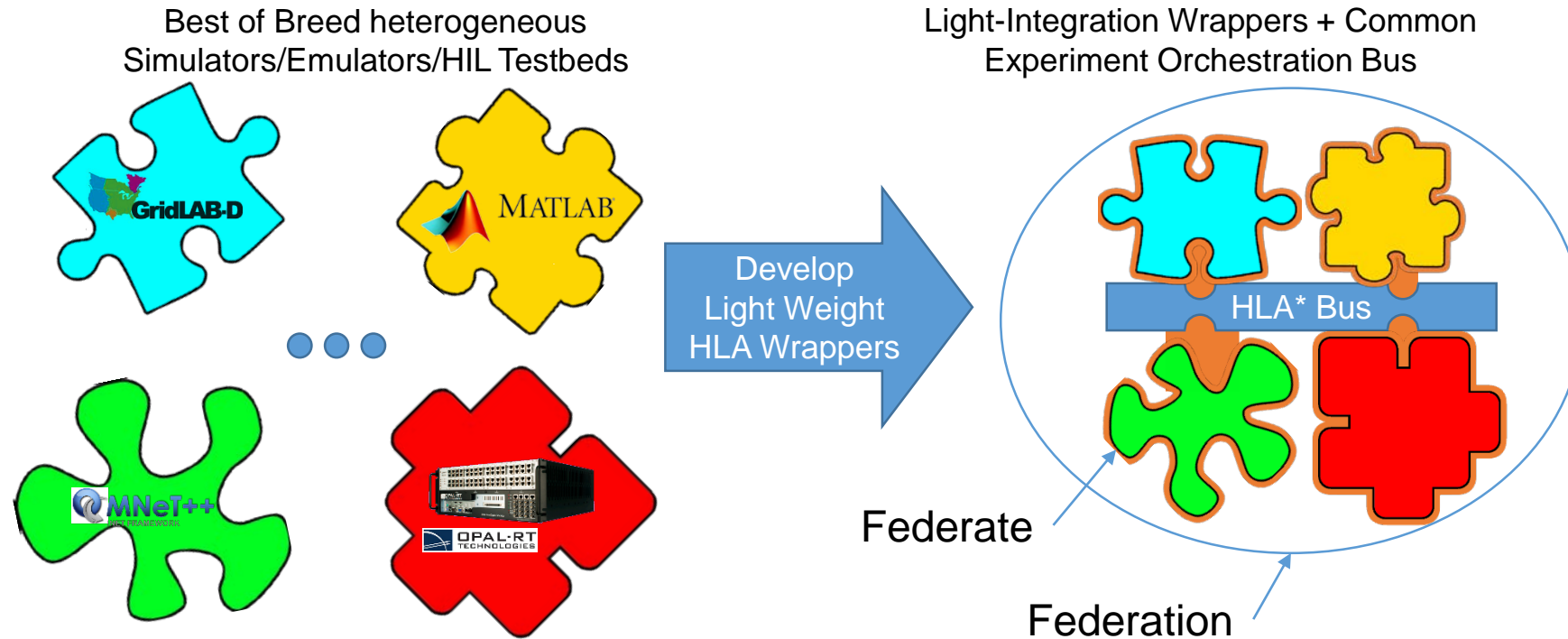
Why a Federated Testbed Architecture?

- What federation enables
 - Combine equipment that is unique or can't be collocated
 - Proprietary components can be exposed by designed experiment interfaces
 - Creates reusable components of experiments
 - Integration of models from multiple domains
 - Our approach allows leveraging existing and disparate simulation tools and hardware in the loop and rapid experiment design and configuration
- Experimental Use Cases Enabled by UCEF
 - Local Experiment
 - Cloud Hosted Simulations and Experiments
 - Hardware In The Loop
 - Collaboration w/Remote Federates at other Labs
 - Large Scale Experiments (10s, 100s, 1000s of federates)
 - +++ Combinations of above

CPS Test Bed: Federation of Experiments

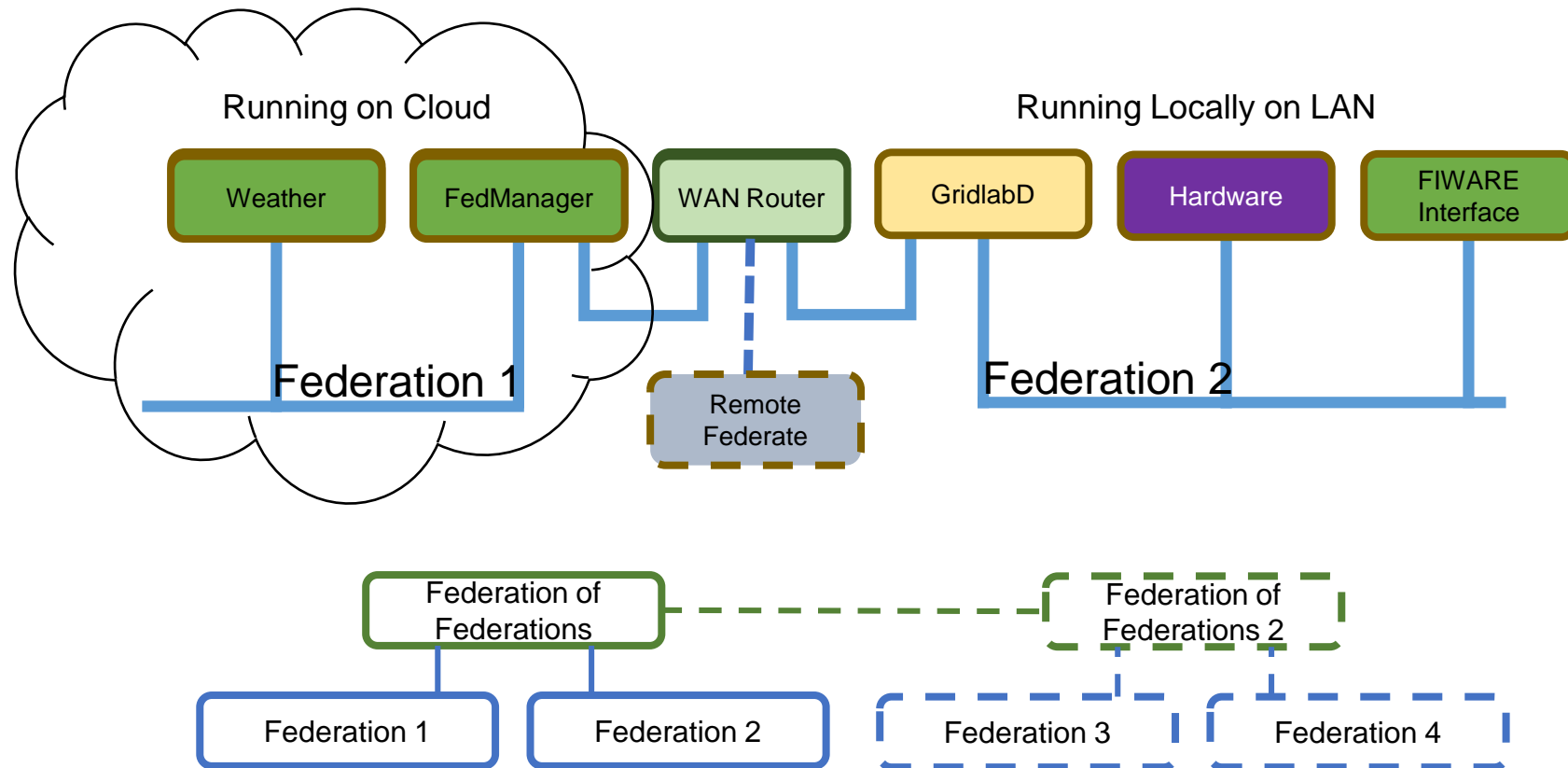
- **Federated experiments** allow components of experiments to be distributed locally, in clouds, and/or geographically dispersed.
- A **Federate** is a component of an experiment. It could be a piece of equipment, a simulation model, or a permutation of multiples of both....
- **Federates** can be located anywhere and are identified by their description and network address.
- A **Federation** is a collection of Federates that can be part of an experiment.
- An **Experiment** is the description of the orchestration of a Federation to exercise the Federates and exchange of information among them.
- The **Federation Manager** is a specialized Federate that operates on the Experiment definition and the Federation to perform the actual experiment.

Federation Concept



*<https://standards.ieee.org/findstds/standard/1516-2010.html>

Scalable and Composable



Universal CPS Environment for Federation Experiment Design Tool Suite

The screenshot displays the GME (Geometric Modeling Environment) software interface, running within a virtual machine (UCEF 0.7) and a web browser (Google Chrome). The interface is titled "GLDFederate" and shows a project named "GLDFederate" with a "master" branch. The main workspace displays a diagram titled "Federates" with a 1.2x zoom level. The diagram consists of three main components: "GridlabDControl", "GridlabDInput", and "GridlabDOutput".

GridlabDControl (C2WInteractionRoot):

- Parameters: IsControl: boolean, originFed: String, sourceFed: String, ObjectName: String, Operation: int, ModelName: String, Period: double, Value: double, Parameter: String, Units: String, actualLogicalGen...: double, federateFilter: String.

GridlabDInput (C2WInteractionRoot):

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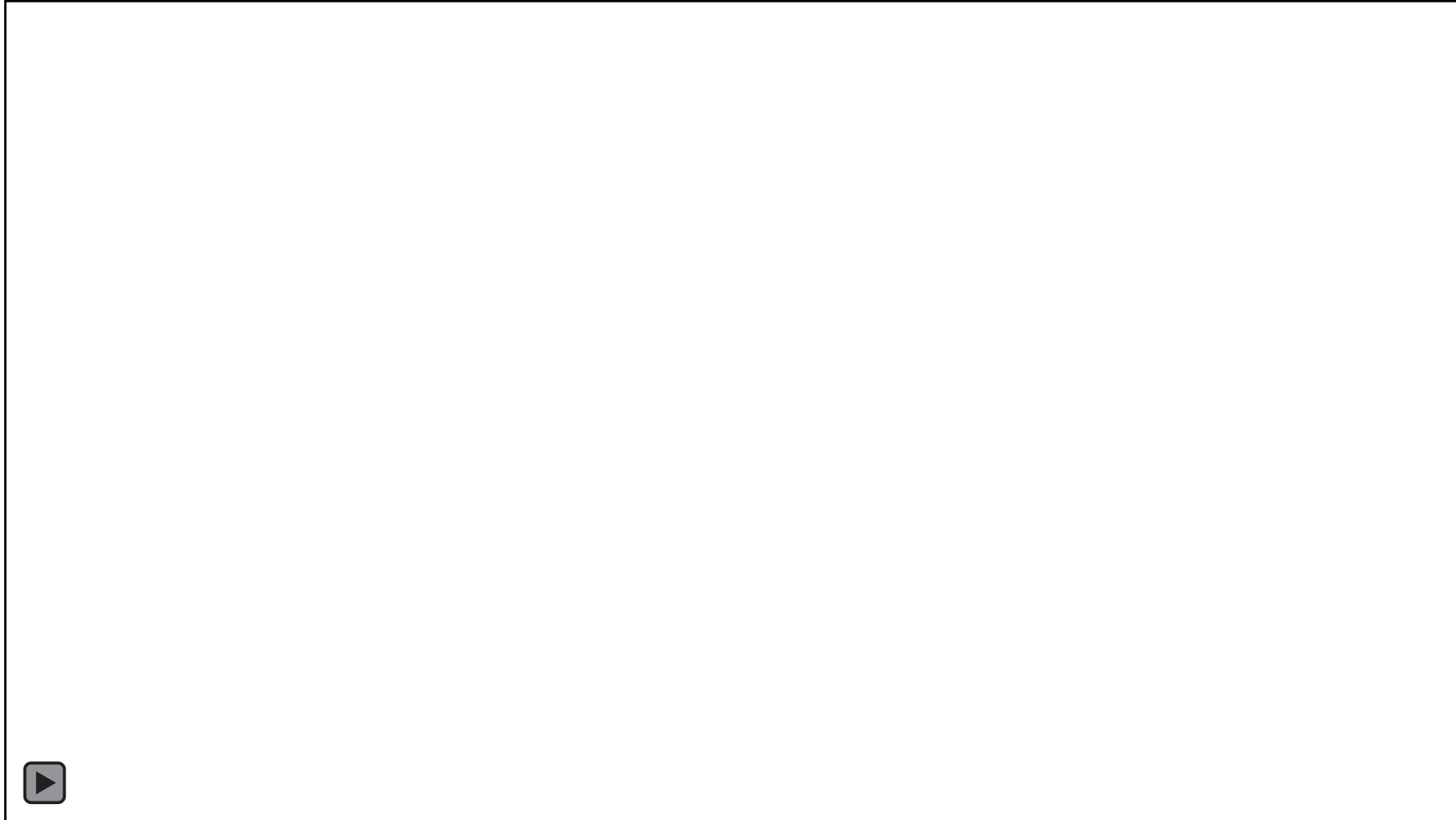
GridlabDOutput (C2WInteractionRoot):

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The diagram shows "GridlabDControl" at the top, with arrows pointing down to "GridlabDInput" on the left and "GridlabDOutput" on the right. A central green box labeled "GridlabDFederate" is connected to both "GridlabDInput" and "GridlabDOutput".

The interface also includes a left sidebar with various tool buttons (Attribute, COA, CPNFederate, CppFederate, Deployment, Experiment, Federate, GridLabDFederate, Interaction, JavaFederate, MapperFederate, Network) and a right sidebar with an "OBJECT BROWSER" and a "PROPERTY EDITOR". The "OBJECT BROWSER" shows a tree structure of the project, and the "PROPERTY EDITOR" shows the properties of the selected "Federates" object, including GUID, ID, Meta type, and Attributes.

Federate Creation in 2 Minutes



Thanks, Questions?

