

# **Synchrophasor Technology: Benefits and Pitfalls**

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# Outline



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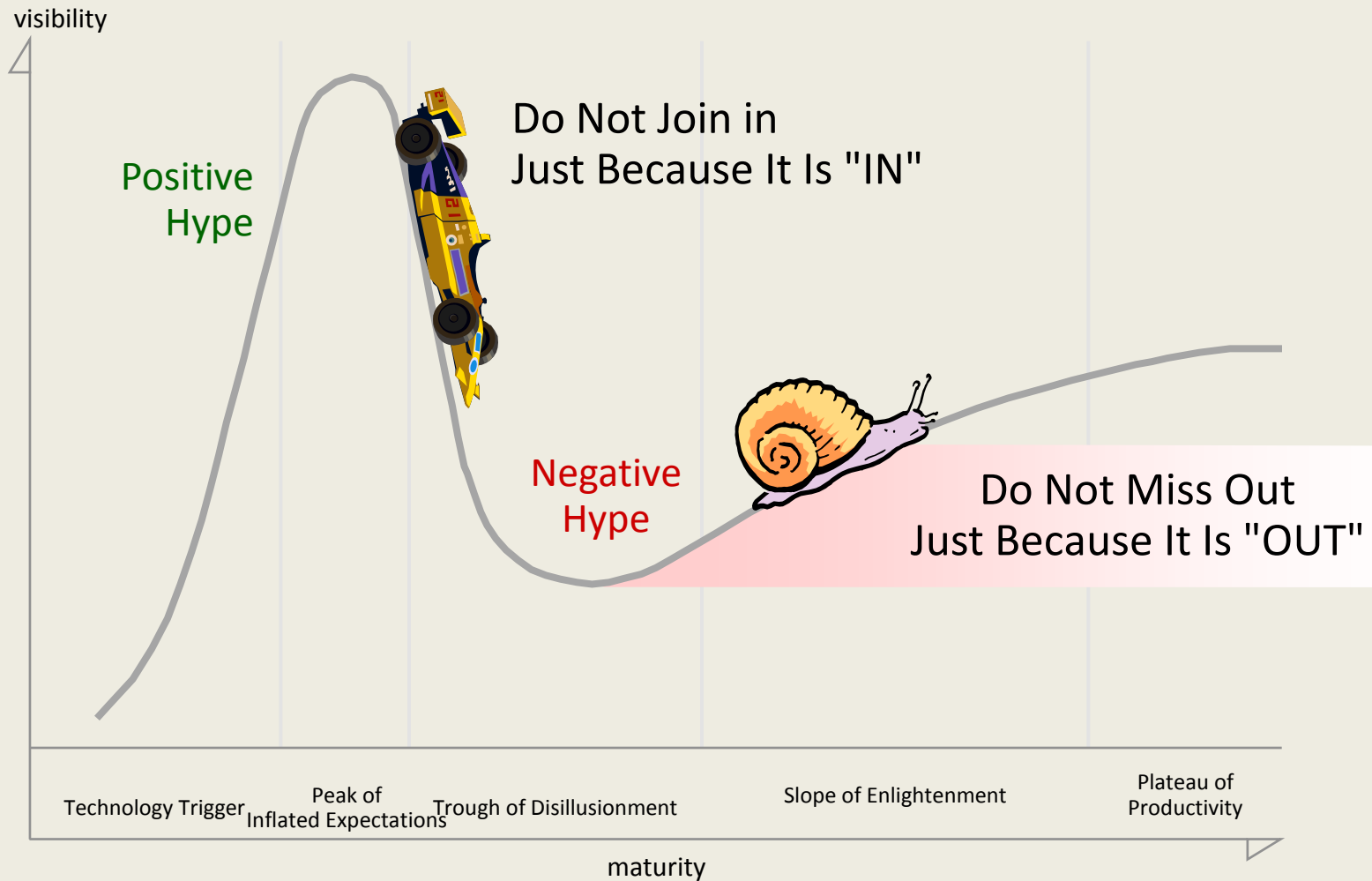
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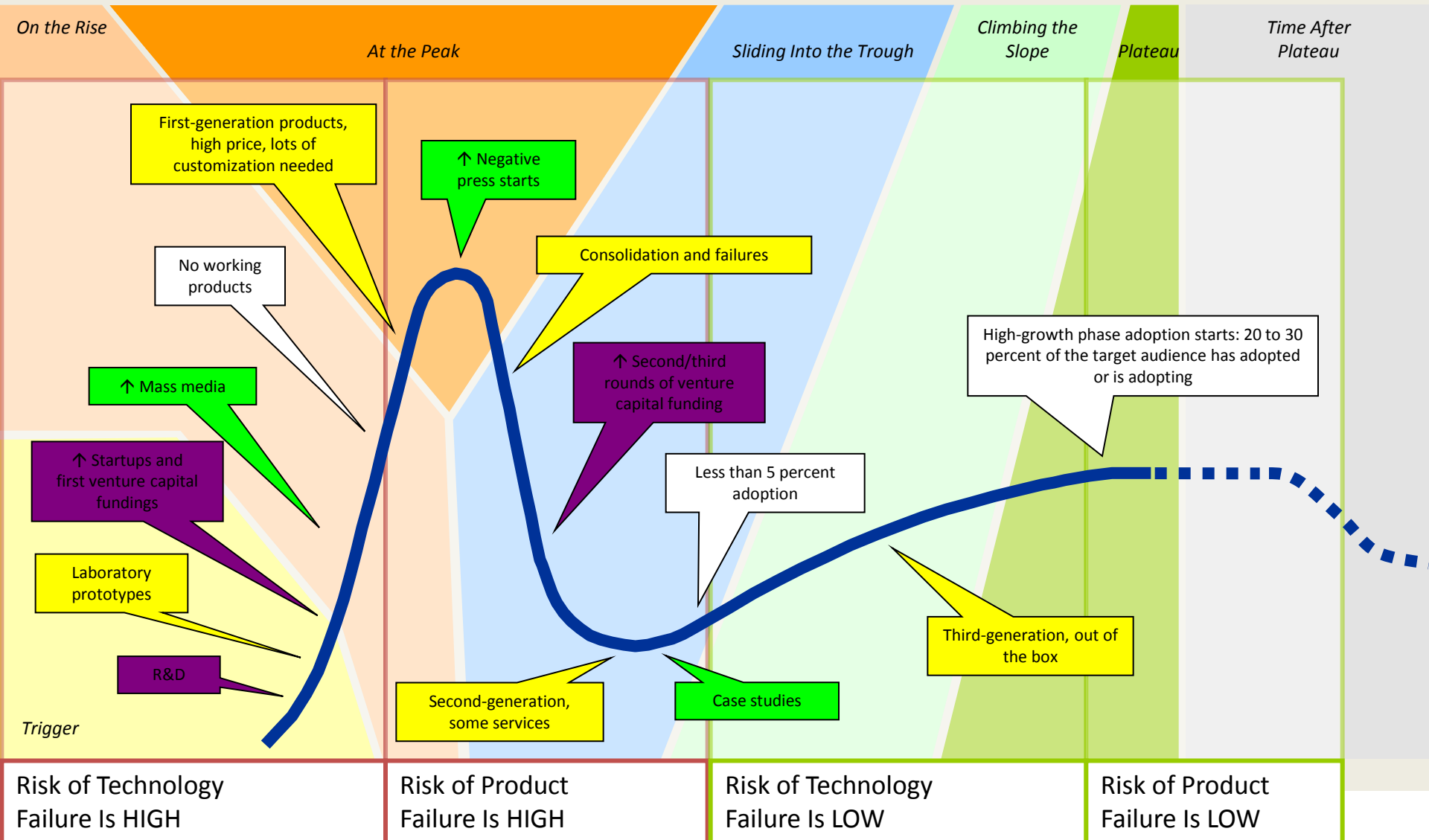
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# Main Interpretation of the Hype Cycle



# Some Hype Cycle Forensics



Source: Gartner, Inc.

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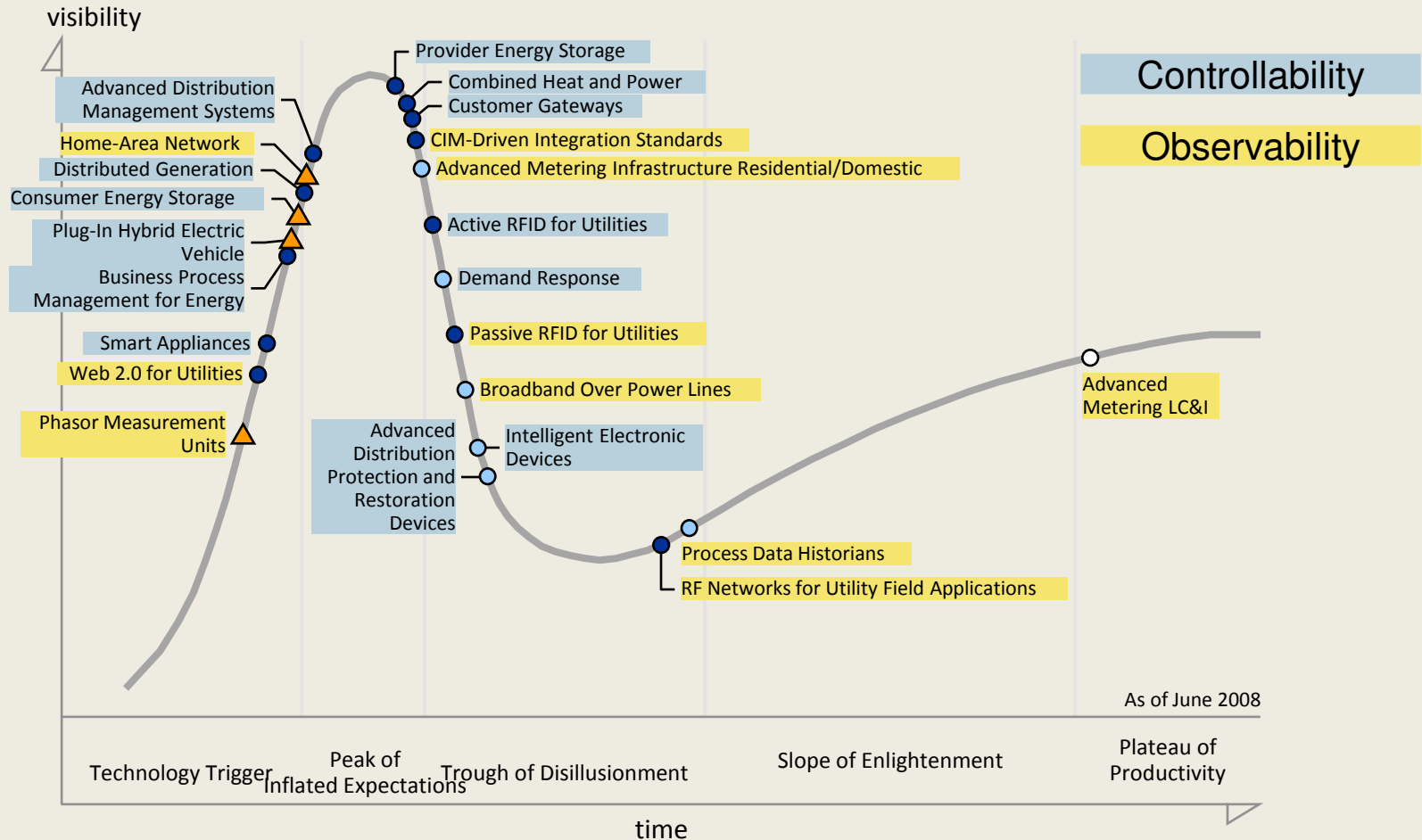
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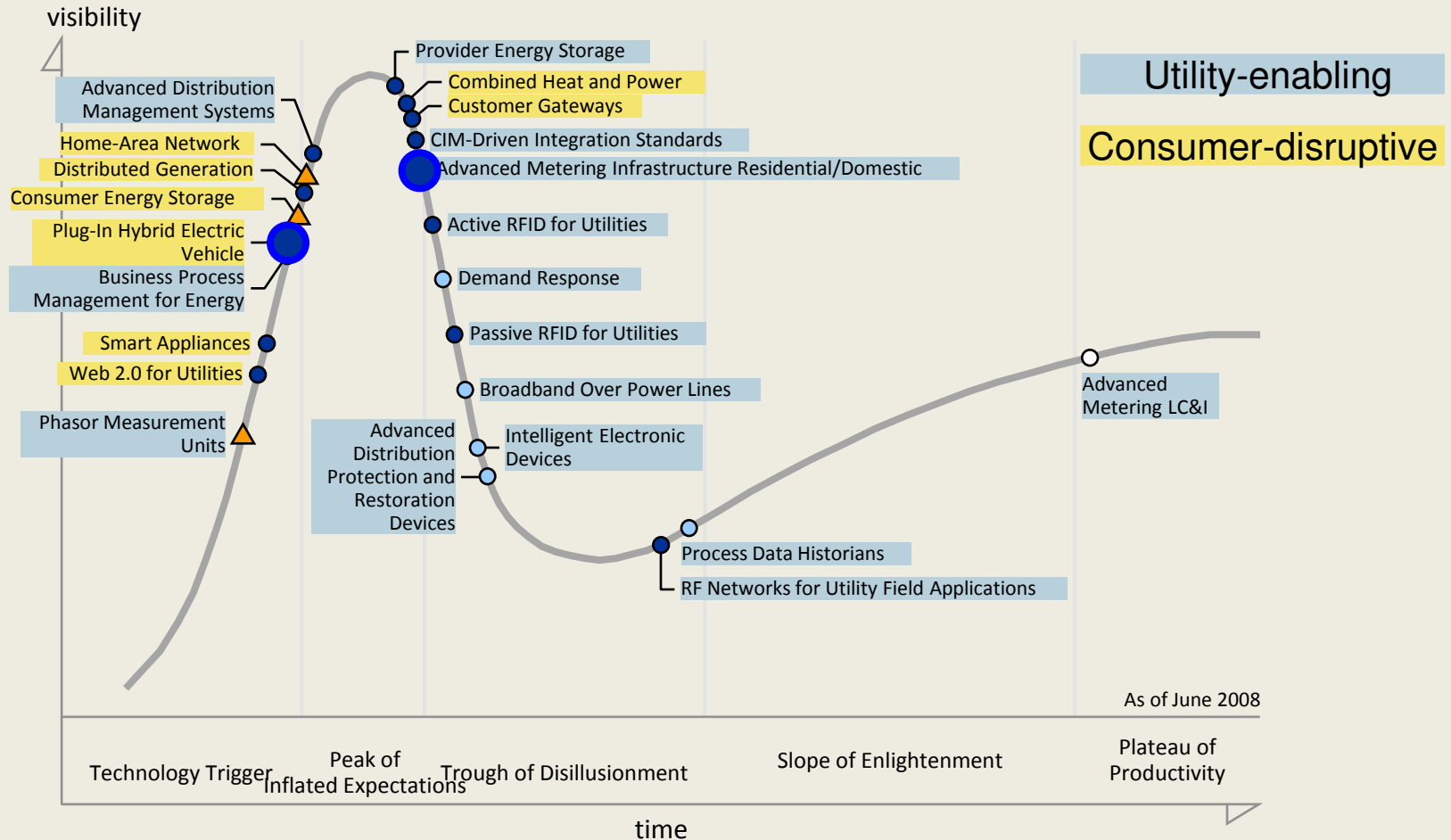
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# What's Coming; When and How Hard Will It Hit?

**benefit**

**years to mainstream adoption**

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5 to 10 years

more than 10 years

**transformational**

**Advanced Metering Infrastructure  
Residential/Domestic  
Demand Response**

**Distributed Generation**

**high**

**Advanced Metering LC&I**

**Business Process Management for Energy  
Combined Heat and Power  
Customer Gateways  
Web 2.0 for Utilities**

**Consumer Energy Storage  
Phasor Measurement Units  
Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicle**

**moderate**

**Advanced Distribution Protection and Restoration Devices  
Broadband Over Power Lines  
Intelligent Electronic Devices  
Process Data Historians**

**Active RFID for Utilities  
Advanced Distribution Management Systems  
CIM-Driven Integration Standards  
Passive RFID for Utilities  
Provider Energy Storage  
RF Networks for Utility Field Applications  
Smart Appliances**

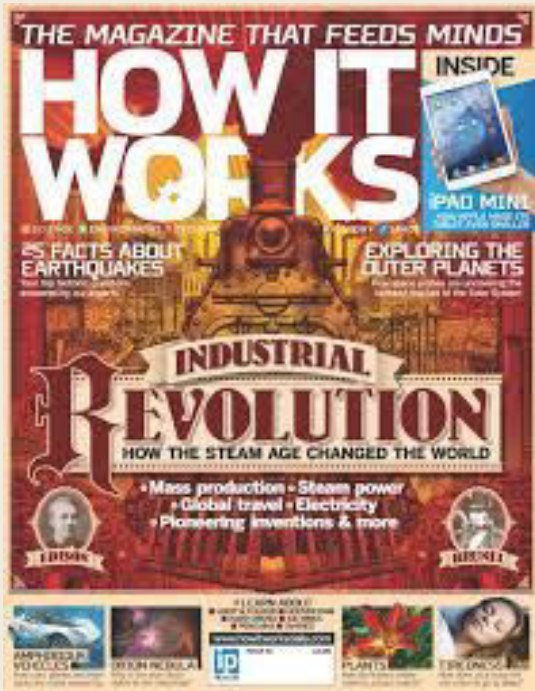
**Home-Area Network**

**low**

As of June 2008



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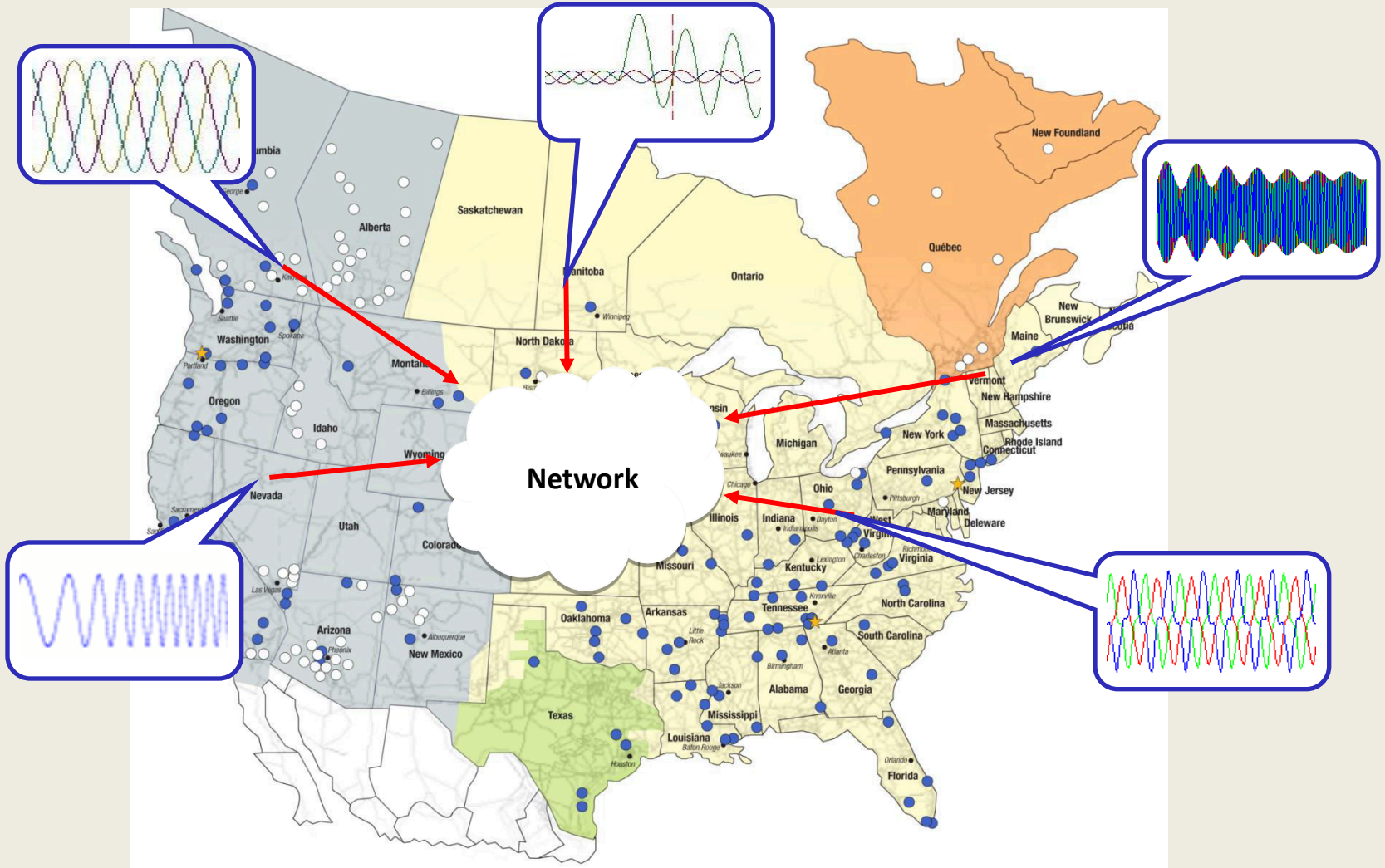
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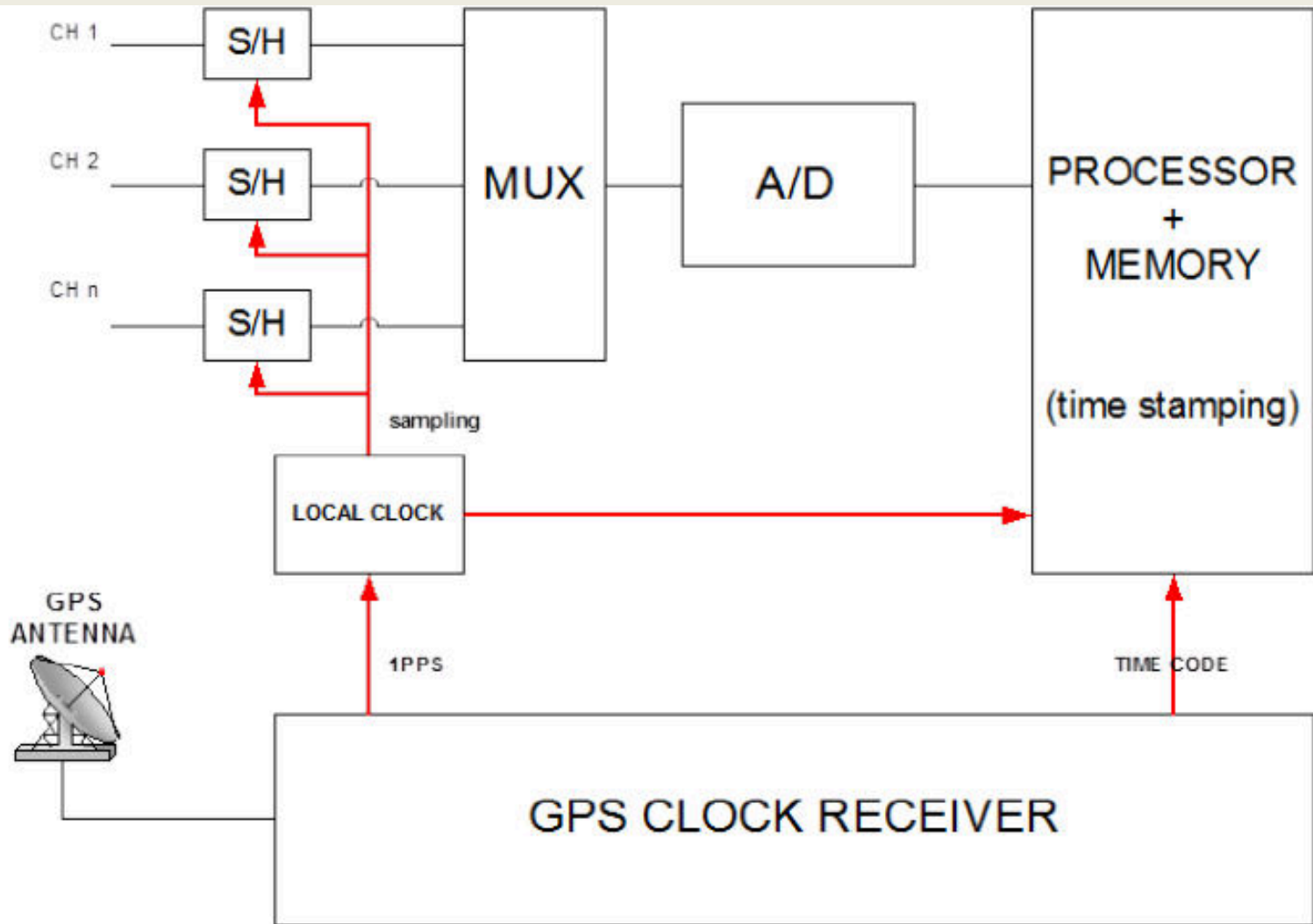
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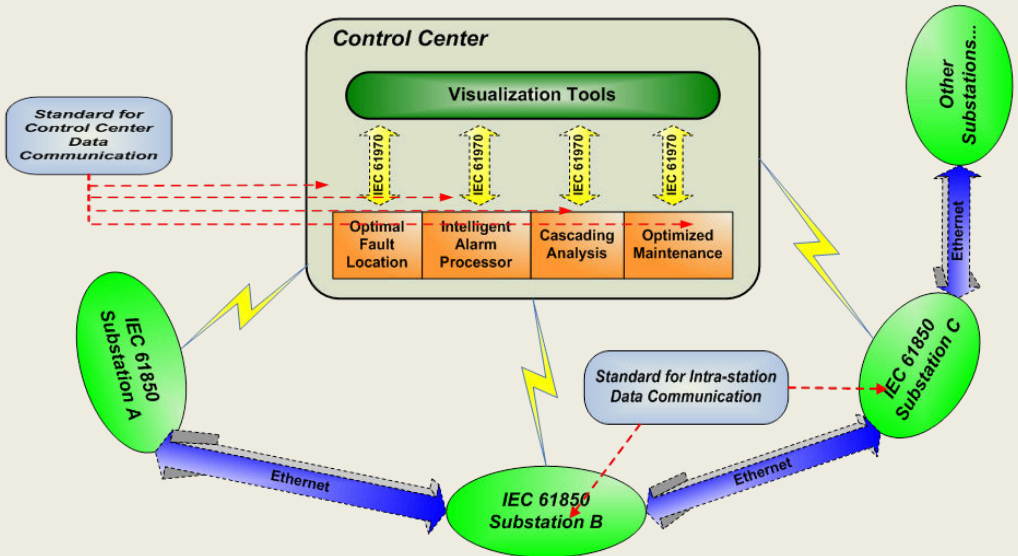
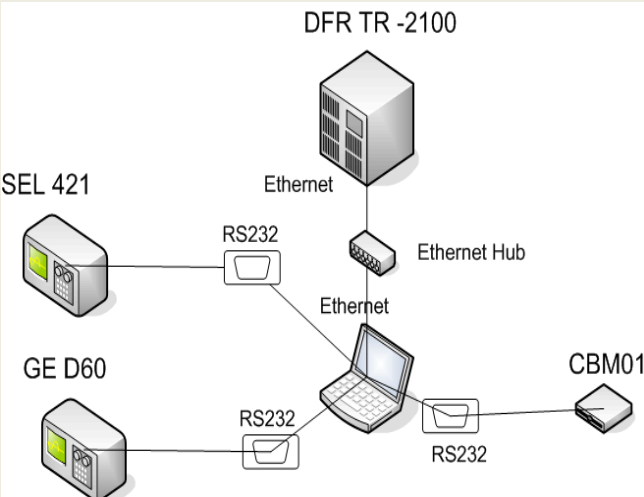
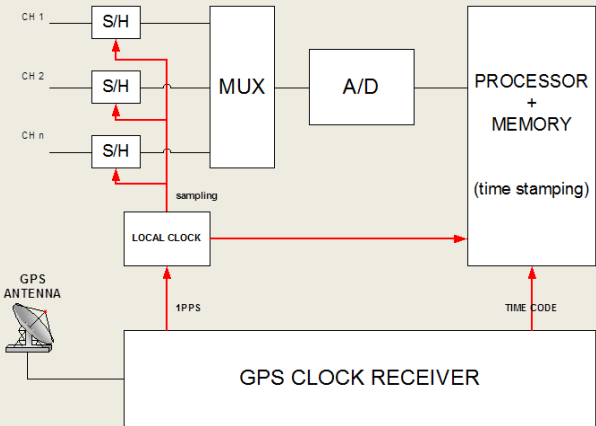
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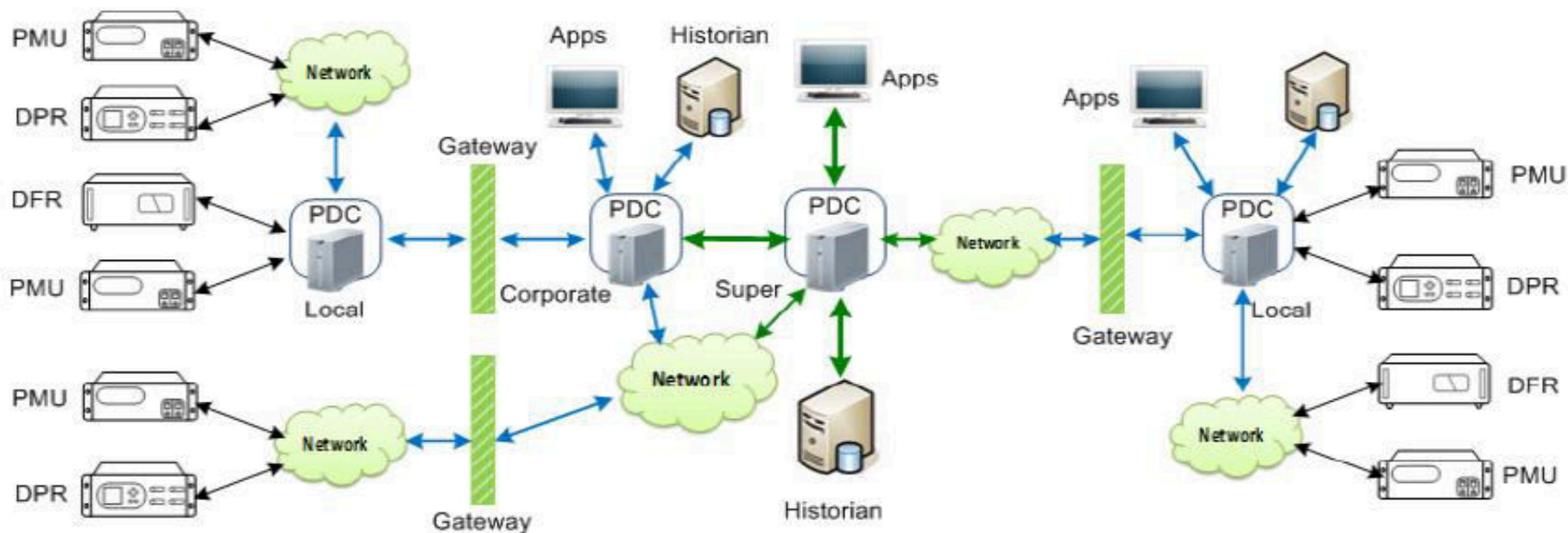
# Key features



# Solution layers

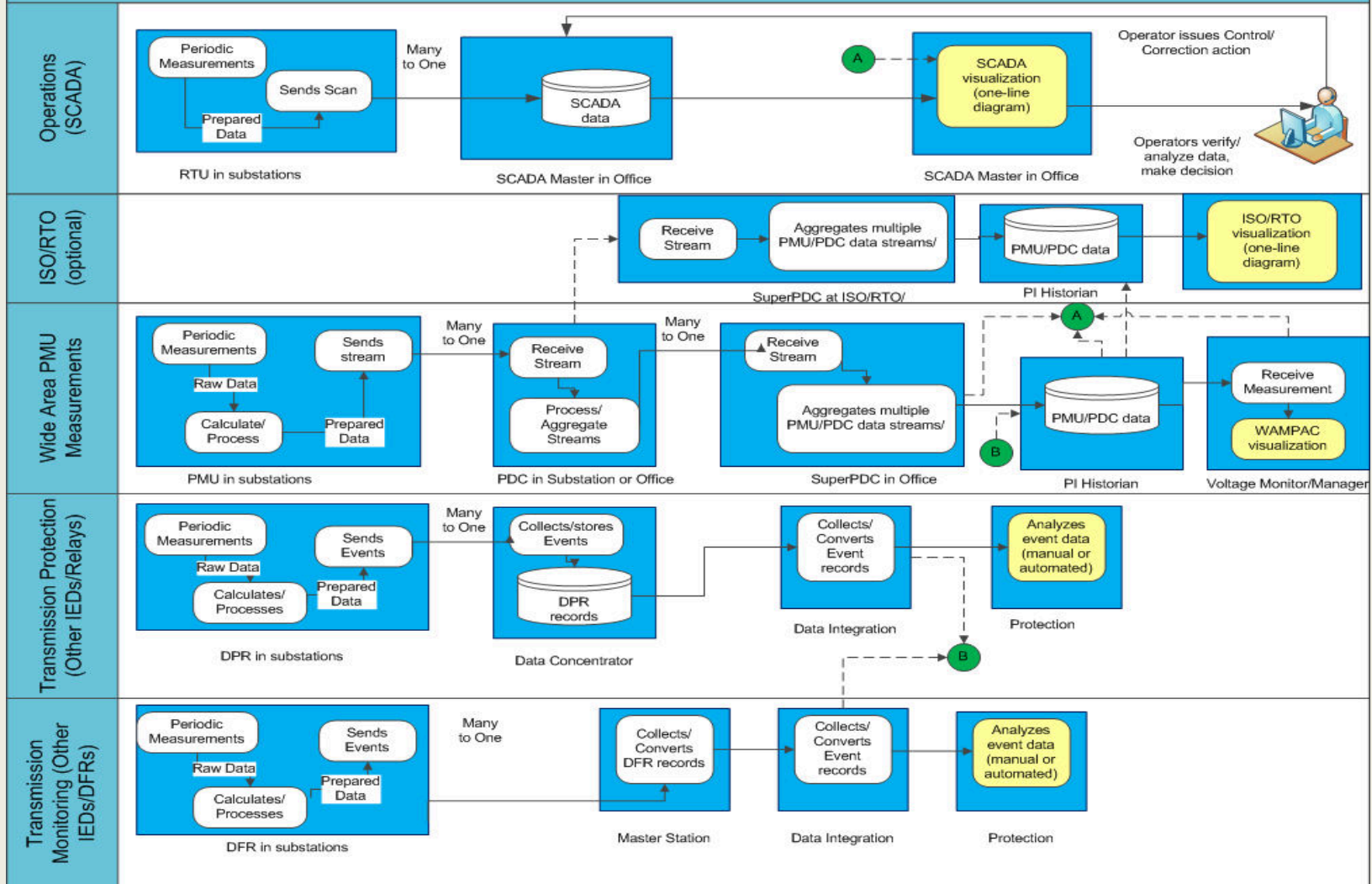


# End-to-end solution



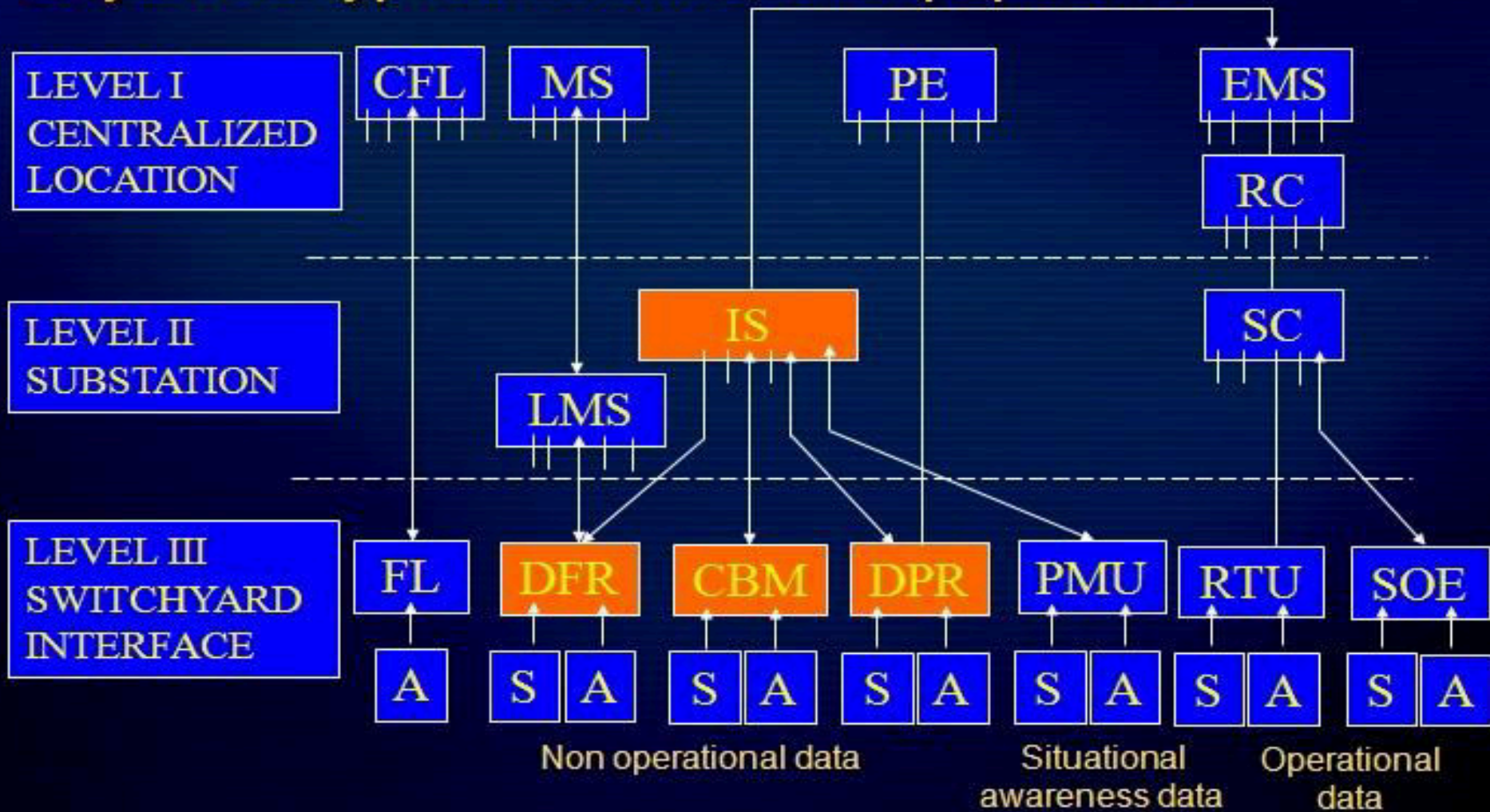
# End-to-end Voltage Management

## Scenario 1: End-to-End Voltage Management



# Integrated solution

## Layout of typical substation equipment



# Outline



**History**

**How it works**

**Benefits**

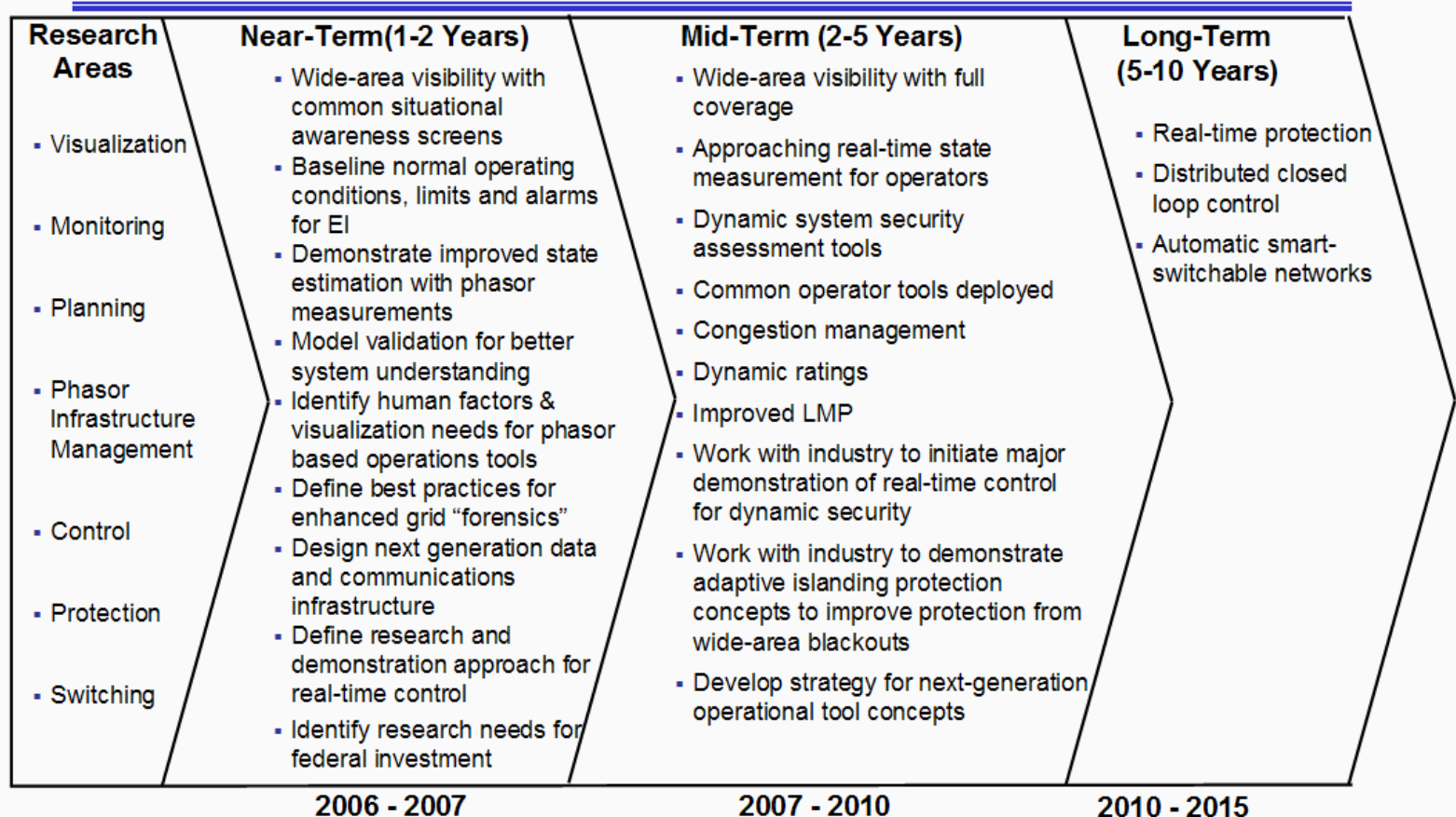
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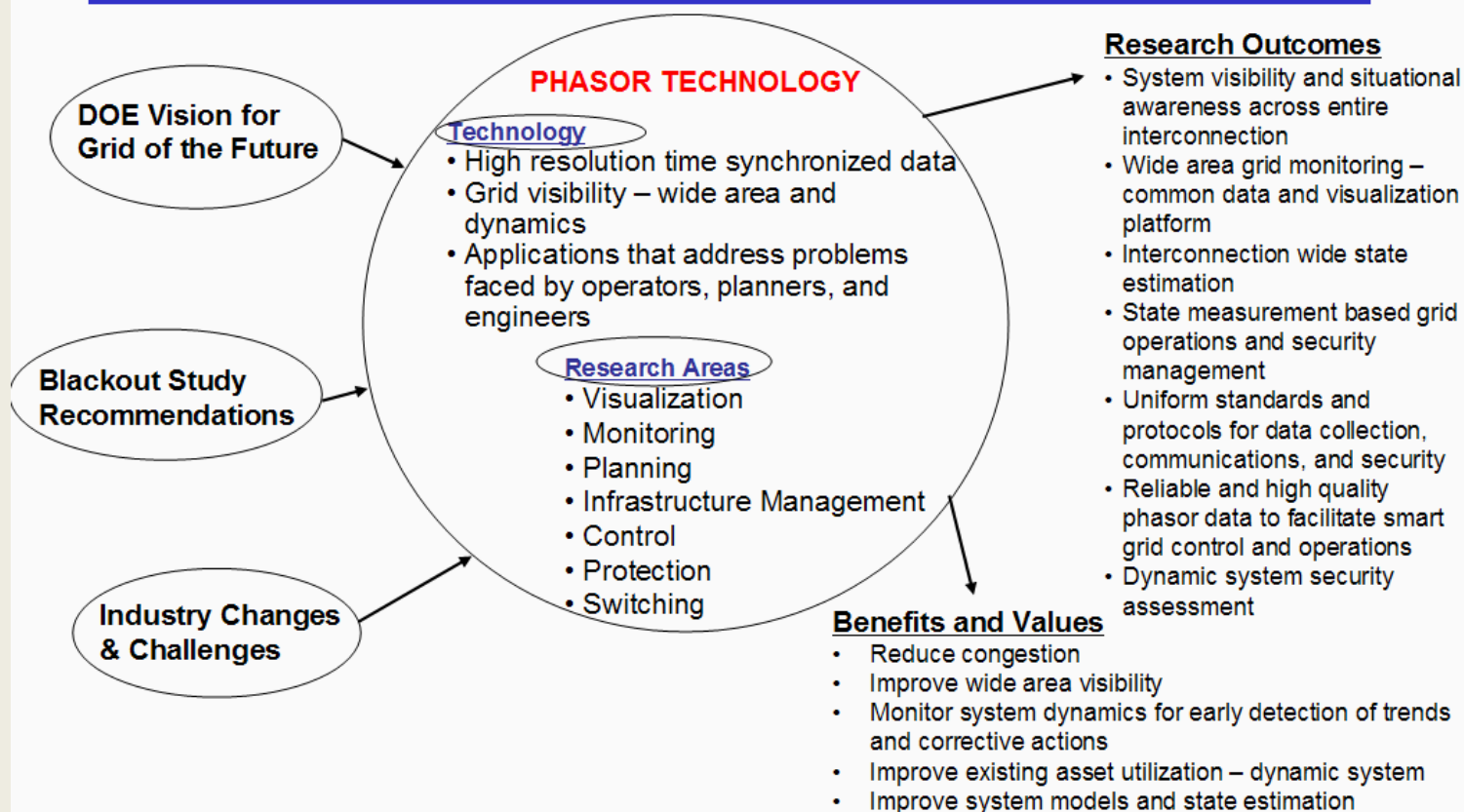
# Research Goals

**Figure 1: Summary of Research Goals and Milestones**



# Roadmap

**Figure 5: Phasor Technology Vision and Roadmap - Overview**



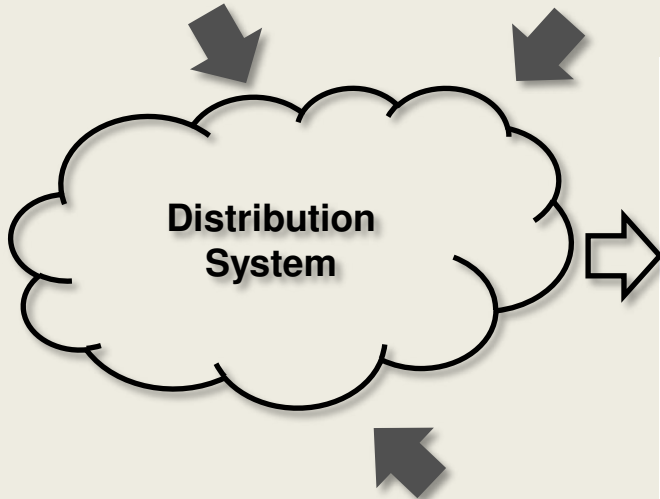
# Roadmap

	Areas	Problems	Research Needs
Visualization	Wide Area Visibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lack of knowledge beyond Control Area</li> <li>- Limited dynamics monitoring capability restricted to offline analysis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Define real-time Interconnection-wide visualization system for operators and RCS</li> <li>- Research new performance metrics for dynamics and phasor information</li> </ul>
	Display Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lack of common displays across EI</li> <li>- Fast growing phasor network resulting in display clutter and overwhelming streaming data</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Define standardized situational awareness screens for communication across EI</li> <li>- Involve human factors experts to address visualization needs for phasor based tools</li> <li>- Define summary displays to present relevant information in an integrated fashion</li> </ul>
Monitoring	Real-Time Alarming and Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Undefined alarming criteria on high resolution data and wide-area monitoring</li> <li>- Lack of automated reporting capabilities on system conditions, trends and analysis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identify alarming thresholds based on trends, simulations and operator experience</li> <li>- Define reporting requirements and procedures for early warning, threat analysis, etc.</li> </ul>
	Interconnection Wide State Estimation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Currently limited to utility jurisdiction</li> <li>- Convergence problems</li> <li>- Inaccurate system status/modeling</li> <li>- Data sources with inconsistent data rates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Define optimal PMU placement</li> <li>- Validate traditional SE results with phasor data</li> <li>- Integrate phasor and SCADA data for SE (Hybrid SE)</li> <li>- Improve system topology info. with PMU data</li> <li>- Use of PMU data for boundary equivalents/model reduction</li> <li>- Resolving seams related issues for interconnection wide state estimation</li> </ul>
	Measurement Based Sensitivities	Traditionally based on steady-state analysis using models	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Define monitoring points/parameters used in sensitivity computation (e.g. P-V, δ-P)</li> </ul>
	Security Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Traditionally based on offline analysis and therefore conservative</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dynamic line rating (thermal monitoring, volt. stability margins, damping monitoring)</li> <li>- Validate/improve nomograms using dynamic information</li> <li>- Develop new angle based nomograms</li> </ul>
Planning	Post-Disturbance Analysis	Unsynchronized data from multiple sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Baseline normal operating conditions and limits</li> <li>- Set guidelines for cleaning/aligning data for offline analysis</li> <li>- Define procedures for enhanced grid "forensics" (e.g. Prony Analysis)</li> </ul>
	Model Validation	Outdated dynamic models not representative of true field equipment characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fine-tune models based on simulations and real-time dynamics information</li> <li>- Suggest active/passive ringdown signals appropriate for analysis</li> </ul>
	Freq. Response	Require high resolution data	Assess system stiffness from frequency response observations
	Trending/Pattern Recognition	Dynamic/transient signatures require high resolution data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Perform trending with time of day, season, peak load, major line outages, etc</li> <li>- Identify key signatures of events/system changes for event/topology change classification</li> </ul>
Infrastructure Management	Phasor Devices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lack of common standards for different phasor devices (PMUs, DFRs, Relays)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Benchmark existing devices with phasor measurement capabilities</li> <li>- Define performance standards for devices</li> </ul>
	Data Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Calibration errors</li> <li>- Transmission losses/corruption</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Determine errors sources and failure modes of PMU data</li> <li>- Suggest diagnostic techniques and recommend appropriate fixes</li> <li>- Define performance standards for different applications</li> </ul>
	Communication Networking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Communication latencies/Transmission losses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Define communication/networking requirements for different types of applications</li> <li>- Plan for transition to production network</li> </ul>
	Data Management	Inconsistent data rates/signal types	Define data requirements for different applications
Control	Regional Voltage Control	Voltage instability can be solved locally only to a limited extent	Recommend schemes for using wide-area measurements for load shedding or capacitor/reactor bank switching
	Small Signal Stability Control	Traditionally based on local measurements (Power System Stabilizers) which may be unsatisfactory against inter-area oscillations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Determine mode shapes to define mode observability for control signals</li> <li>- Research modulation of HVDC lines, or use of FACTS devices to control oscillations</li> <li>- PSS tuning</li> </ul>
	Transient Stability Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Limited ability to mitigate transient stability based on real-time information</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Research techniques for first swing instability classification</li> <li>- Recommend control actions such as load shedding or supervised islanding</li> </ul>
Protection Switching	Remedial Action Schemes	Manual arming/disarming based on criteria determined by offline studies	Research and define phasor measurement based thresholds for arming/disarming points and RAS tripping requirements
	FACTS Transmission Control	Power transfers governed by engineering laws with limited control capability	Research the use of FACTS devices with coordinated wide-area control (TCSCs, static compensators, UPFCs) to increase the controllability of power transfers under steady-state operation.

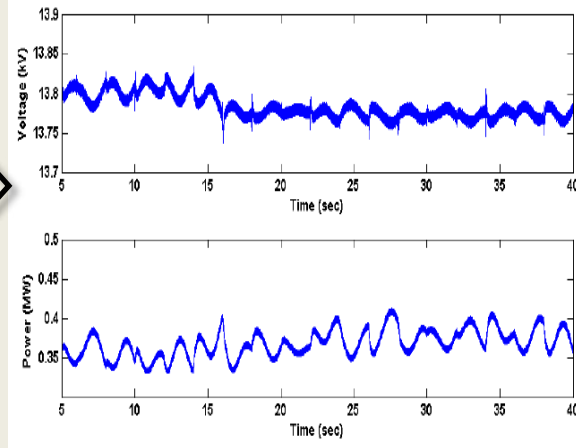
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	Areas	Current Situation	Near Term Priorities	Long Term Goals	Industry Role	DOE Role
Visualization	Wide Area Visibility	- Sparse PMU coverage - Potential for expansion using existing devices - Limited experience with PMU data in operations	- Identify monitoring holes - Deploy real-time tools in operations environment - Operator education & training	- Situational awareness - Improved reliability	- Installation and maintenance of devices - Serve as testers for new prototype - Provide feedback	- Support human factors research towards defining common situational awareness screens - Facilitate research towards defining and validating new performance metrics.
	Display Management	- Inconsistency in operator displays - Display clutter due to growing installations	- Define standardized operator displays - Define visualization interplay between local and wide-area monitoring screens	- Common operator tools deployed - Develop strategy for next generation operational tool concepts	- Work with vendors to implement standardized operator displays	
Monitoring	Real-Time Alarming and Reporting	- Lack of real-time alarming criteria on grid dynamics - Absence of automated reporting processes	- Define new alarming criteria based on wide-area dynamics visibility - Define automated reporting procedures	- Establish real-time alarming, reporting and emergency response practices	- Put in place real-time alarming and reporting systems	- Facilitate research for new compliance monitoring guidelines using dynamics visibility
	Interconnection Wide State Estimation	Early research suggests that 10% strategically placed PMU coverage is adequate to improve SE	- Identify and resolve data quality issues - Perform hybrid SE demo & quantify benefit	- Better security assessment - Improved asset utilization and LMP calculation	Incorporate phasor measurements into their state estimators	Coordinate and support utility demonstration efforts towards interconnection wide state estimation
	Measurement Based Sensitivities	- Promising concepts & initial results - Requires further evaluation for reliable assessment capability	Demonstrate feasibility of reliable sensitivity calc. from phasor measurements	Improved reliability	- Define key monitoring points - Undertake demonstration projects	Support research and validation activities towards advanced applications for better reliability and security assessment tools
	Security Assessment		Define stability indices for: - Voltage stability monitoring - Small signal monitoring	Dynamic Security Margins		
Planning	Post-Disturbance Analysis	- Limited wide-area understanding of EI system dynamics - Sync. data available from EIPP starter network will facilitate this process	Baseline normal EI system operation by: - selecting events/outages of interest for analysis - coordinate analysis efforts	Enhanced grid "forensics"	- Provide data & expertise for collaborative effort	Coordinate EI research efforts towards improved system understanding & modeling
	Trending		Perform trending with time of day, season, peak load, major line outages, etc	Improved system modeling		
Infrastructure Management	Phasor Devices	- Initial starter system in it's infancy; requires assessment - Early standards definition activities in progress	- Benchmark existing devices - Define new performance standards	Establish industry standards for performance & protocols	Install, maintain, & upgrade phasor acquisition/management systems as needed to meet application needs, and evolving performance guidelines and industry standards.	Facilitate standards development & system design towards a fully reliable and redundant phasor system
	Data Quality		- Evaluate performance assessment of current EI phasor network & propose fixes	Performance standards for reliable, secure, redundant network		
	Data Management/ Communication Networking		Research & define communication/data management architectures to support current/future application needs	- Guidelines for phasor data acquisition, archiving & retrieval - Redundant data management		
Protection Control Switching	Voltage / Transient / Small Signal Stability Control Remedial Action Schemes	Limited experience in this area within EI	Work with individual utilities to identify demonstration pilot projects on the use of phasor measurements for protection & control	- Automated remedial action schemes - Improve reliability & asset utilization	Undertake demonstration projects to address utility specific problems	- Support utility sponsored research and demonstration projects - Facility information sharing and technology transfer

# Distribution Applications



### More & Faster Dynamics



Stability Analysis & Dynamic Monitoring

Protection

State Estimation

Voltage/Var/Watt Control

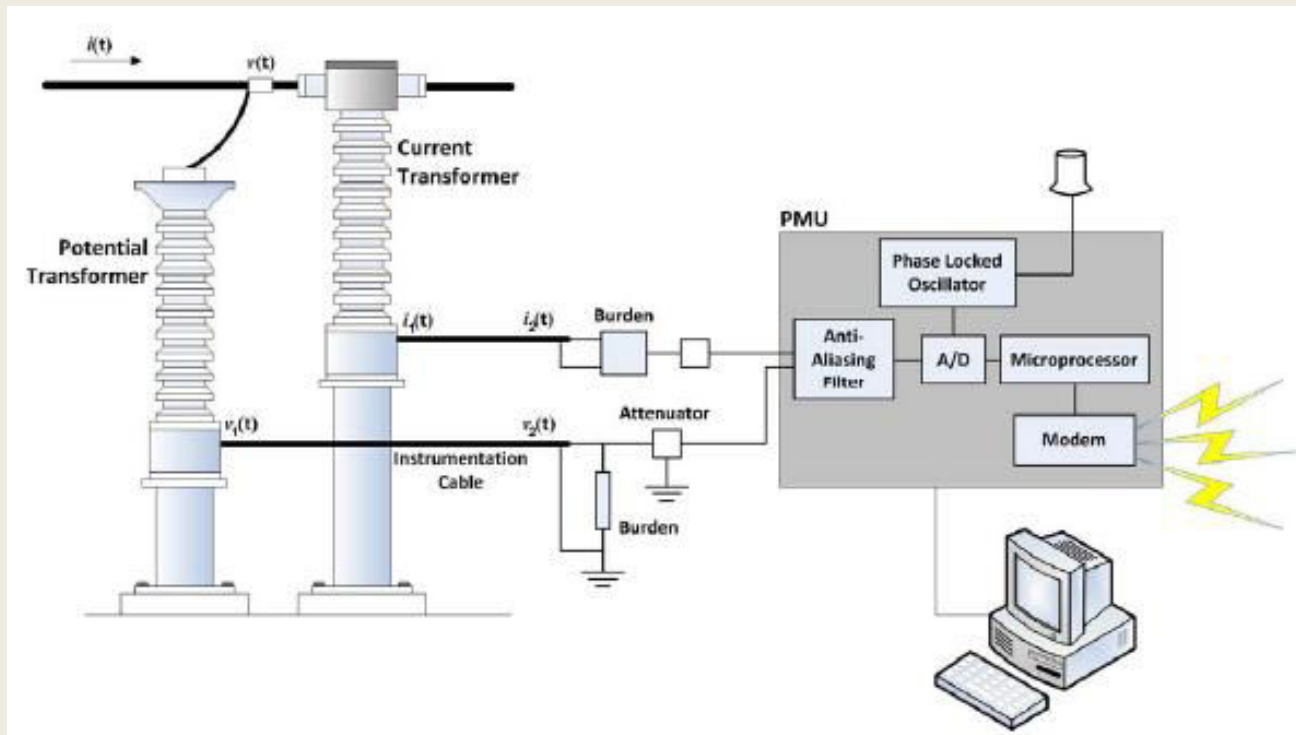
Fault Location

Load Monitoring

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**Affected functions**

# Micro PMU



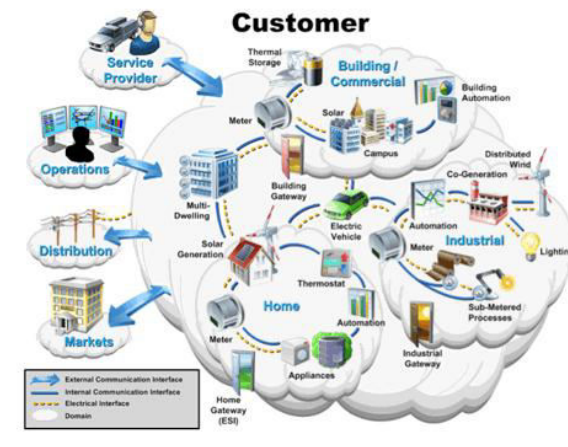
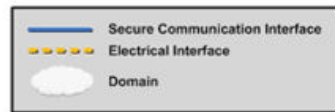
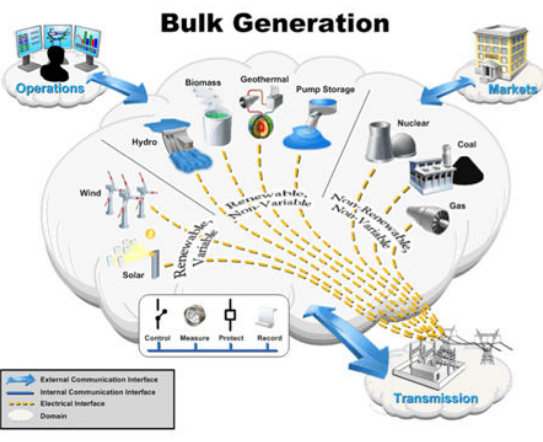
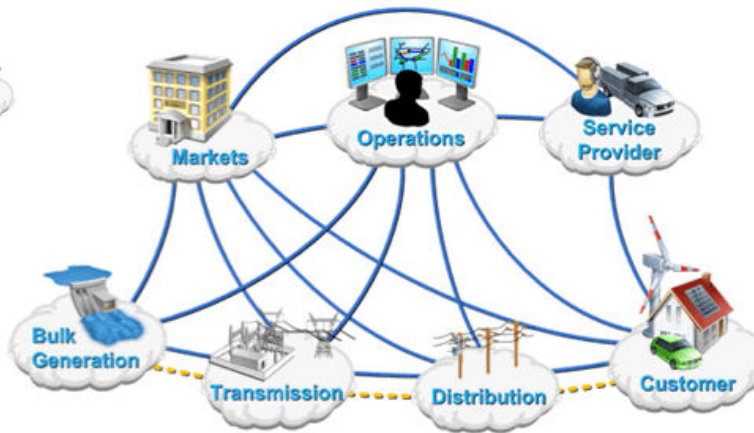
Investment

Reporting Rate

Phasor Estimation  
Method & TVE

Communication  
Infrastructure

# Future Electricity Grid



# Ultimate Goals



Technology  
Inventions



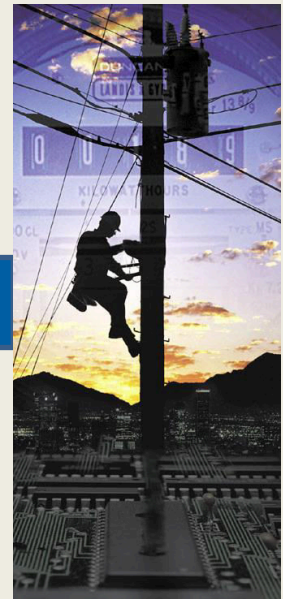
Business Cases



Integrating smart,  
wise, intelligent,  
future, modern,  
perfect, empowered



Application  
Solutions



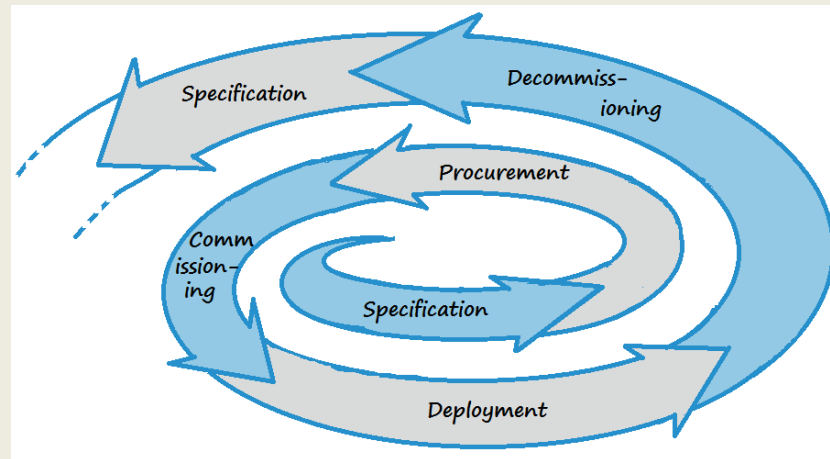
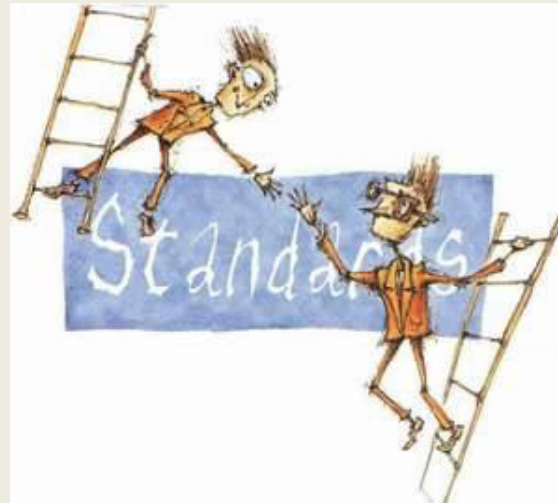
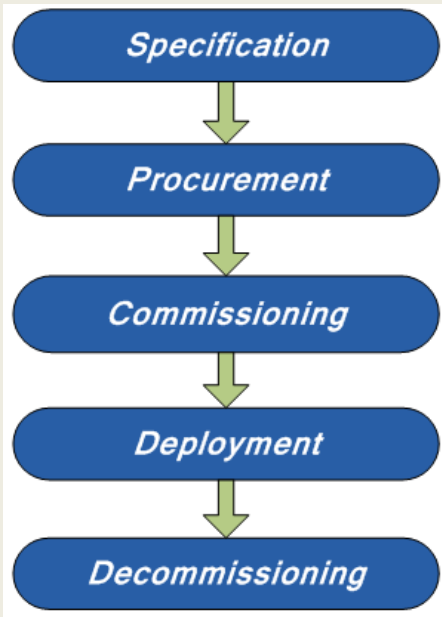


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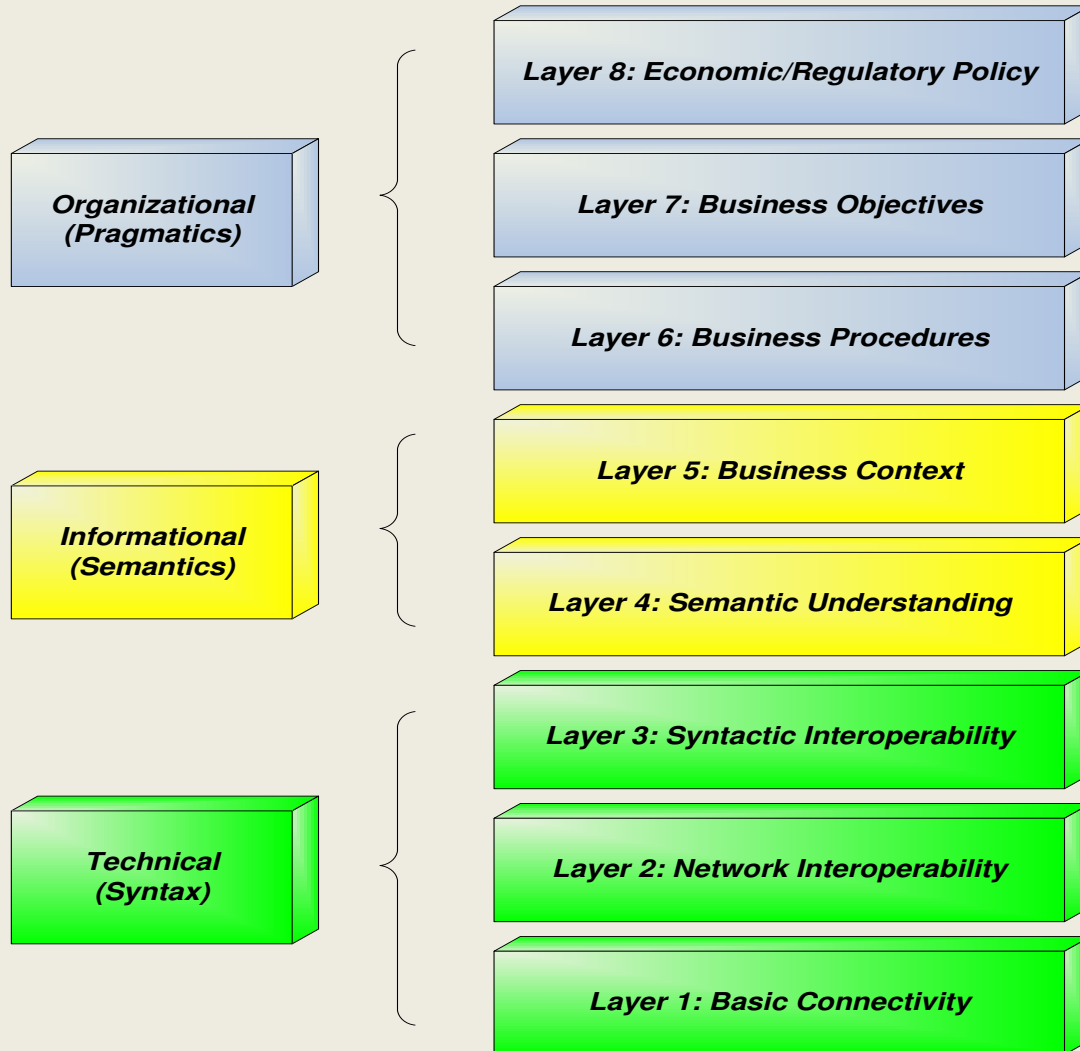
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# System evolution

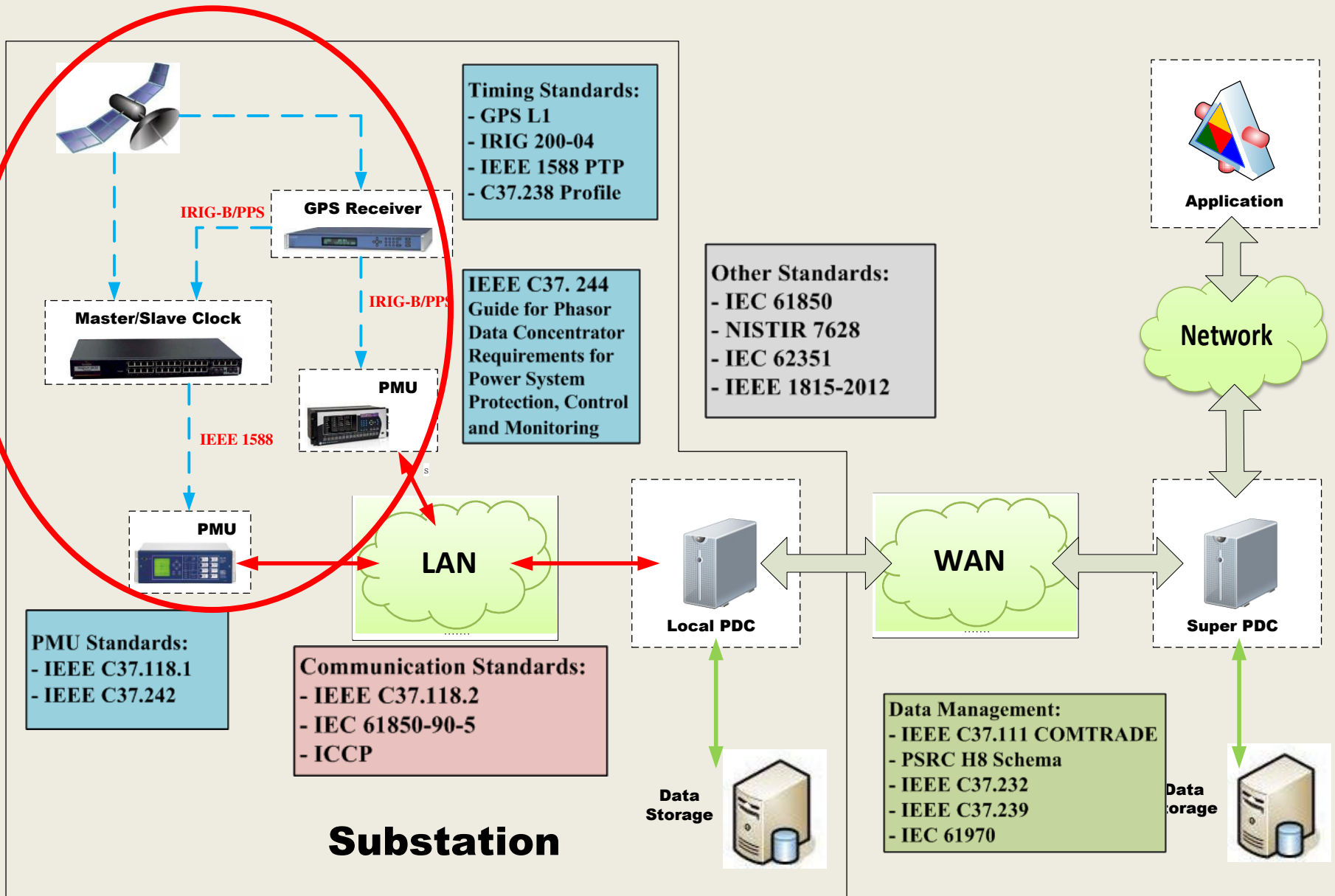


# Interoperability

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# Standards Landscape



# Testing and Certification

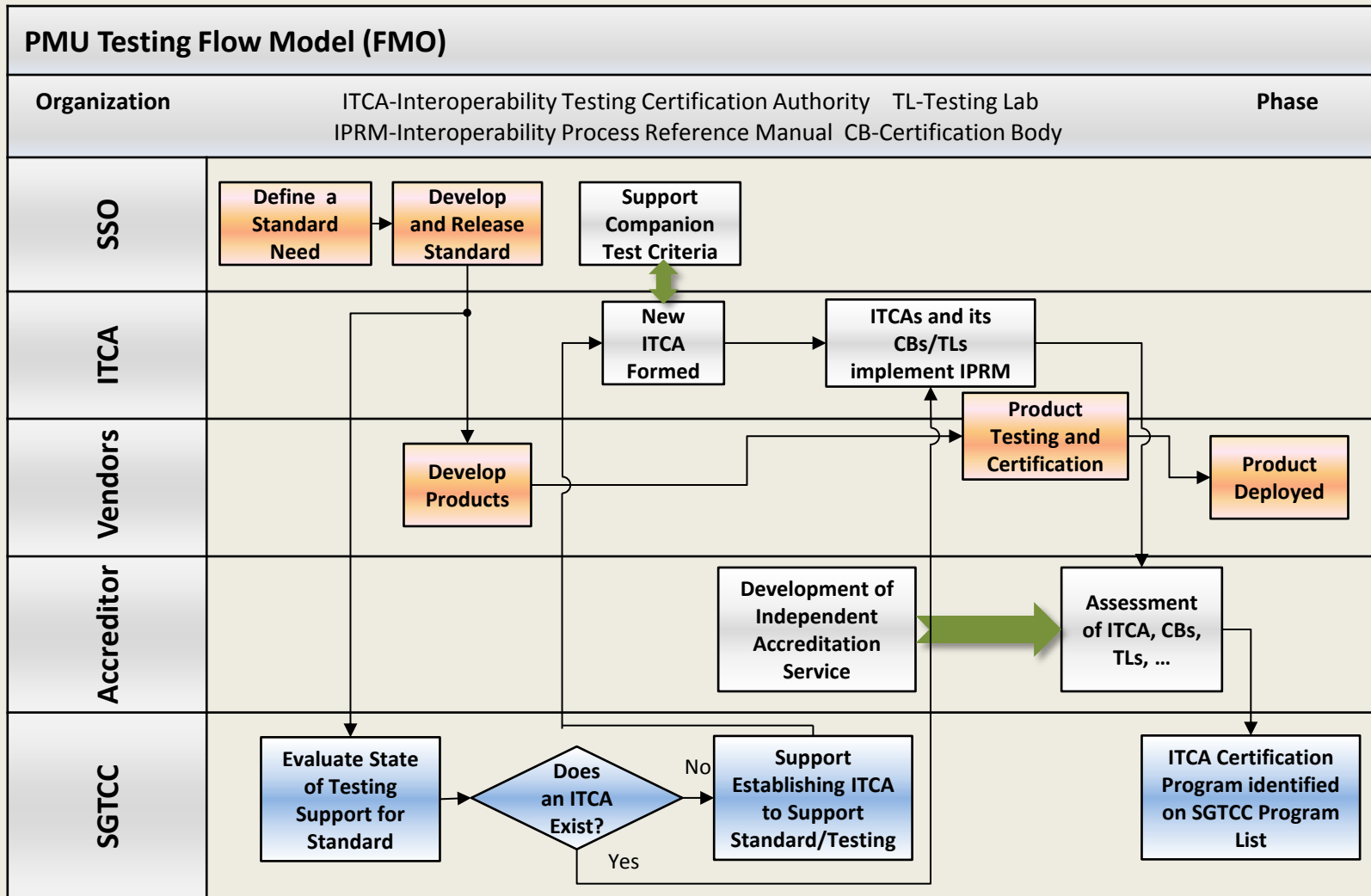
## Testing is a Procedure

- The object of testing:
  - device, standard
- Test objective:
  - Conformance
  - Interoperability
- Test Lab:
  - Equipment
  - Test plan
- Test results:
  - yes/no
  - % deviation

## Certification is a Process

- Identify Interoperability Testing & Certification Authority (ITCA), ISO 17065
- Accredit labs (equipment) and test plan, ISO 17025
- Define process and certification body for issuance of certificate
- Propose business model: how the process works and who pays?

# What is T&C Focus

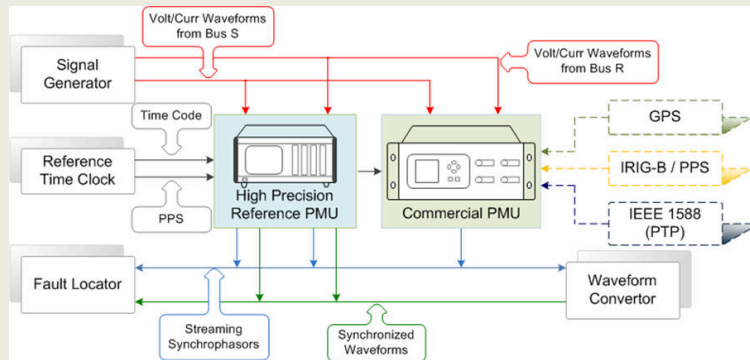
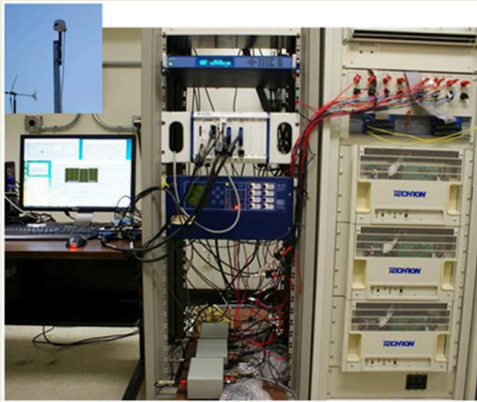


# Why T&C Matters

- It assures solution/product under tests conforms to relevant standards:
  - Synchrophasor measurement standards
  - Timing synchronization standards
  - Communication and data management standards
  - Cybersecurity standards
- It assesses whether the solution/product is interoperable
  - PMUs and PMU-enabled IEDs with time-synchronization devices
  - PMUs with PDCs, and PDCs with PDCs
  - PDCs with data analytics and visualization analytics
- It provides confidence that an application is not adversely impacted by the solution/product used to supply data
  - State estimation by measurements of states and contacts
  - Voltage instability detection by measurement of voltage
  - Frequency tracking by measurement of frequency

# Why T&C Matters

## Procedure: how to test?

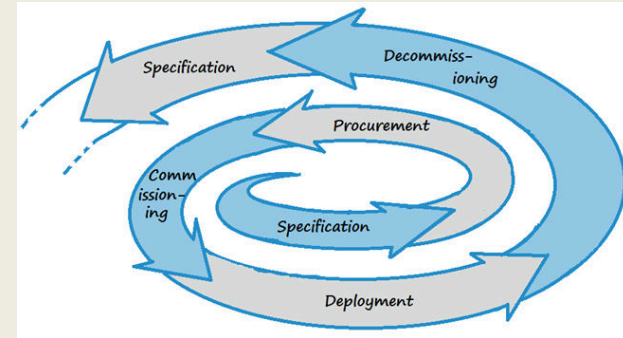
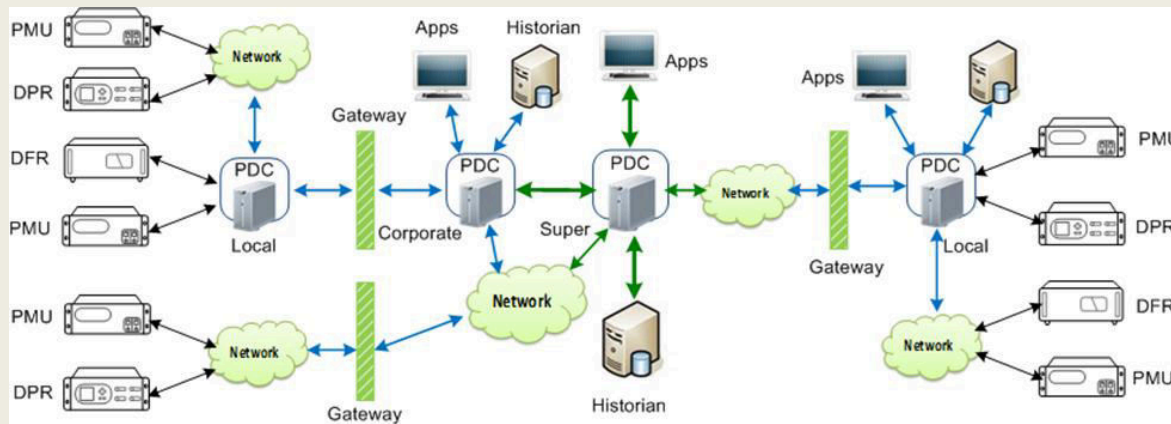


PMU	Class	Dynamic State Test								
		Measurement Bandwidth			Frequency Ramp			Step Change		
		TV E	FE	RF E	TV E	FE	RF E	R T	D T	M O
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	M	S	F	S	F	F	F	S	F	F
A-1*	P	S	F	S	S	F	F	F	S	F
	M	S	F	S	S	F	F	S	S	F
B	P	S	F	S	S	F	F	S	F	S
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# Why T&C Matters

## Process: how to certify?



	PMU A	PMU A*	PMU B	PMU C	PMU D	PMU E	PMU F	PMU G	PMU H
PDC A	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
PDC B**	F	F	F	S	S	S	N	S	S
PDC C***	S	S	S	F	F	F	F	F	F

# How to proceed going forward?

- Establish facts: existing testing practice does NOT meet T&C requirements and T&C process does NOT exist as defined by ISO 17065 and 17025
- Recognize that standards and products are CHANGING and hence T&C procedures and processes are needed to consistently verify outcomes
- Assess the role of NIST, IEEE, Test labs, SGIP TCC and broader stakeholder community in establishing T&C process and procedures

# Recommended Reading

- **ISO 17065**-Conformity Assessment-Requirements for bodies certifying products, processes and services
- **ISO 17025**-General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories
- **SGIP TCC**- Interoperability Process Reference manual, 2012
- **SGIP TCC**- Interoperability Testing and Certification Authorities (ITCA) Development Guide, 2012

# FYI

Smart grid center:

<http://smartgridcenter.tamu.edu/sgc/>

EV-TEC:

<http://ev-tec.org>

PSerc:

<http://www.pserc.org>

ARPA-E:

<http://smartgridcenter.tamu.edu/ratc/>

Smart Energy Campus Initiative:

<http://smartgridcenter.tamu.edu/seci/>

Q/A

# Together - building a prosperous future

where energy is  
clean, abundant, reliable, safe, secure and affordable