



Applying DDS to the Microgrid Testbed

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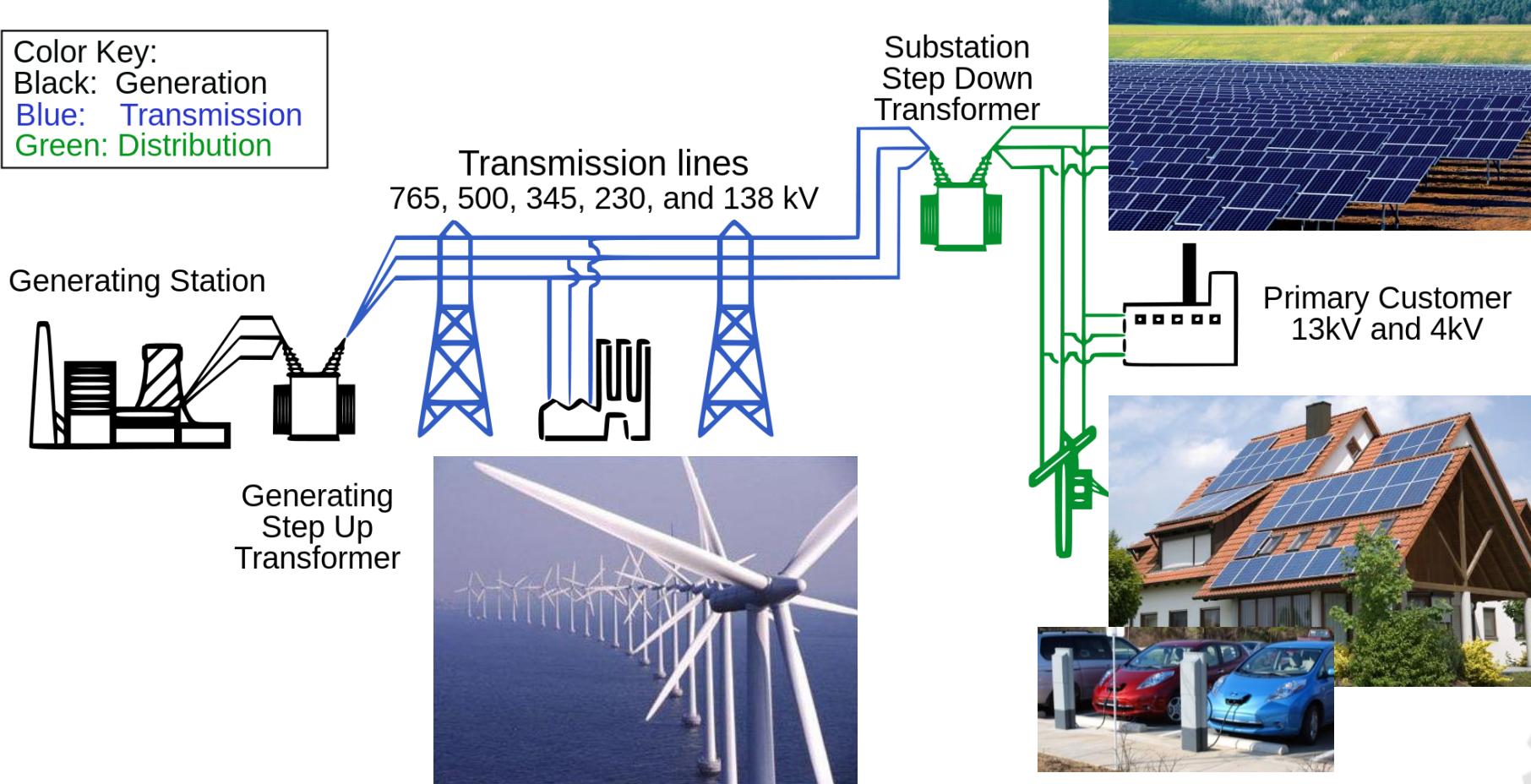
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The Grid is Changing

Color Key:
Black: Generation
Blue: Transmission
Green: Distribution





Microgrid: A Smart Grid Microcosm

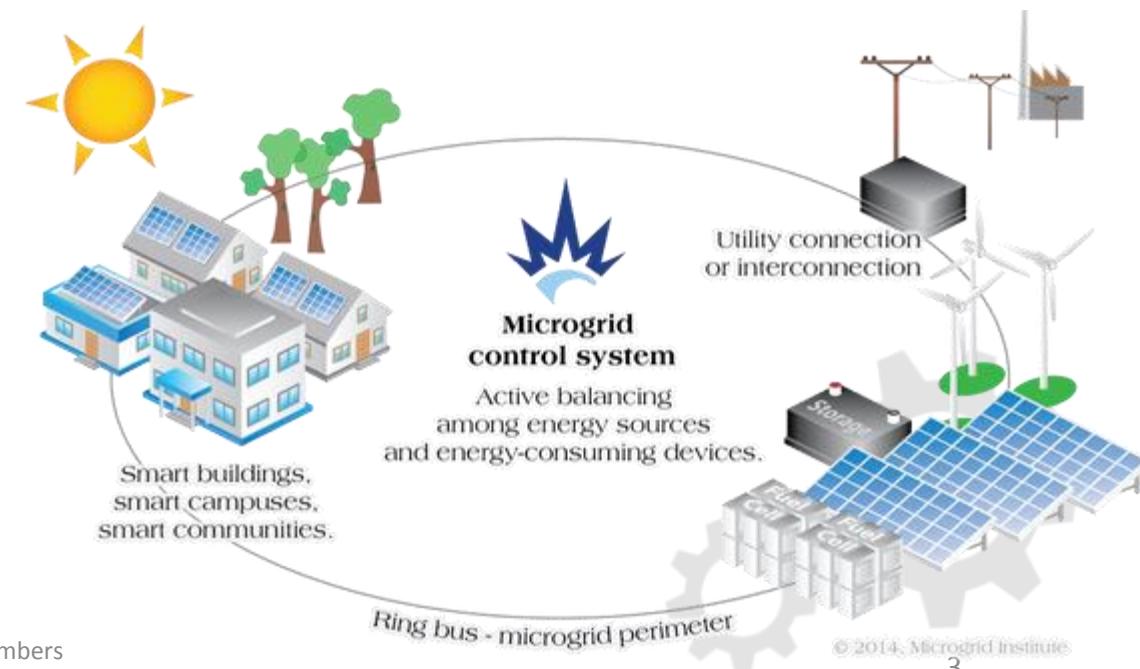
Microgrids are sections of the grid that contain both load and generation and can operate independently from the grid at large

Generation capability is frequently from renewable sources like wind or solar

Energy storage is typical in microgrids – challenging new subsystems

Microgrids are important to smart grid research

- Encompass most of the elements of a full sized grid
- Offer a good representation of the challenges grid operators are facing





Testbed Overview: Communication and Control for Microgrid Applications

Collaborators

- Leads: RTI, NI, Cisco
- External: CPS Energy (San Antonio)
- Advisors: Duke Energy, SGIP

Market Segment

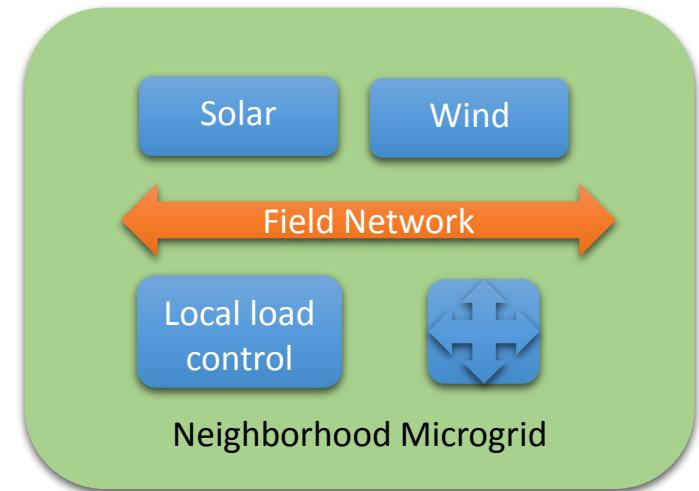
- Smart grid, especially integrating solar, wind, storage, and EVs

Goal

- Prove the viability of a real-time, secure databus and distributed control architecture in a real-world power system

Features & Commercial Benefits

- Enable efficient integration of solar, wind, & EVs into the grid
- Create a dynamic, open marketplace for smart grid vendors
- Break the standards blockage holding back the industry





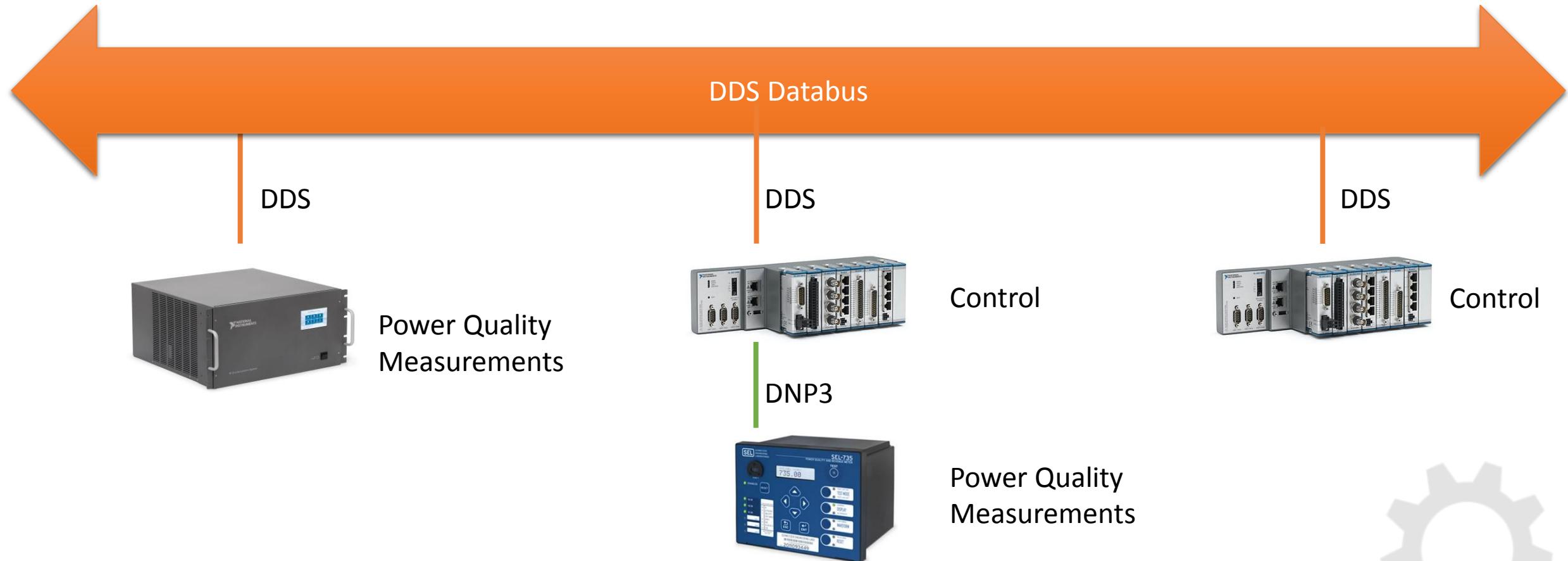
Phase 1: Testbed / Lab at NI HQ in Austin



Finishing construction
in the NI IIoT Lab
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Phase 1: Data & Controller View





Phased Approach for Proving Viability of a Microgrid

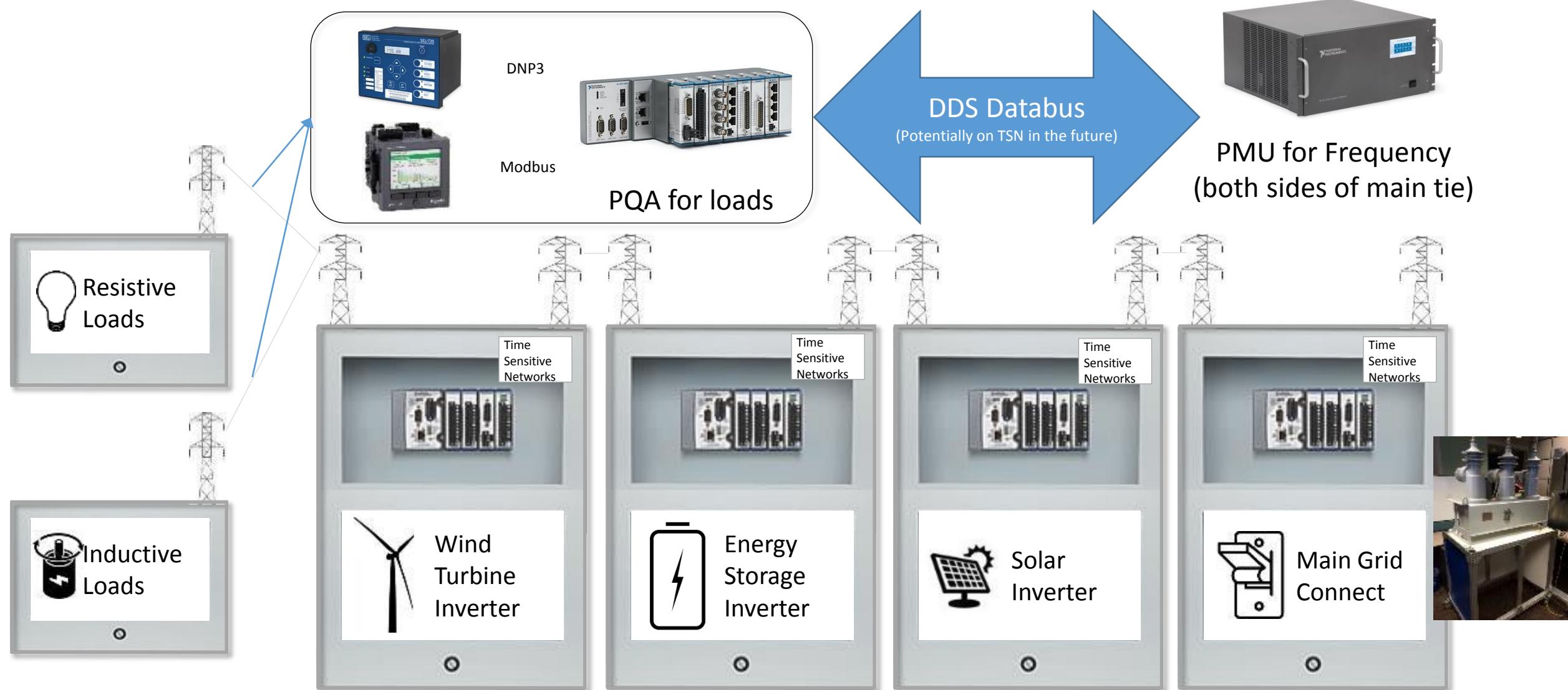
Communication and Control Framework:

- Phase 1 – Proof of Concept at National Instruments Lab
- Phase 2 – TSN-based Distributed Control for Renewables
- Phase 3 – Real-World Microgrid at CPS Energy



Incrementally develop.
Test and refine.
Deploy in real-world.

Microgrid Testbed – Phase 2



New partner: Oak Ridge National Labs



Phase 3: CPS Energy JBSA Microgrid Use Cases

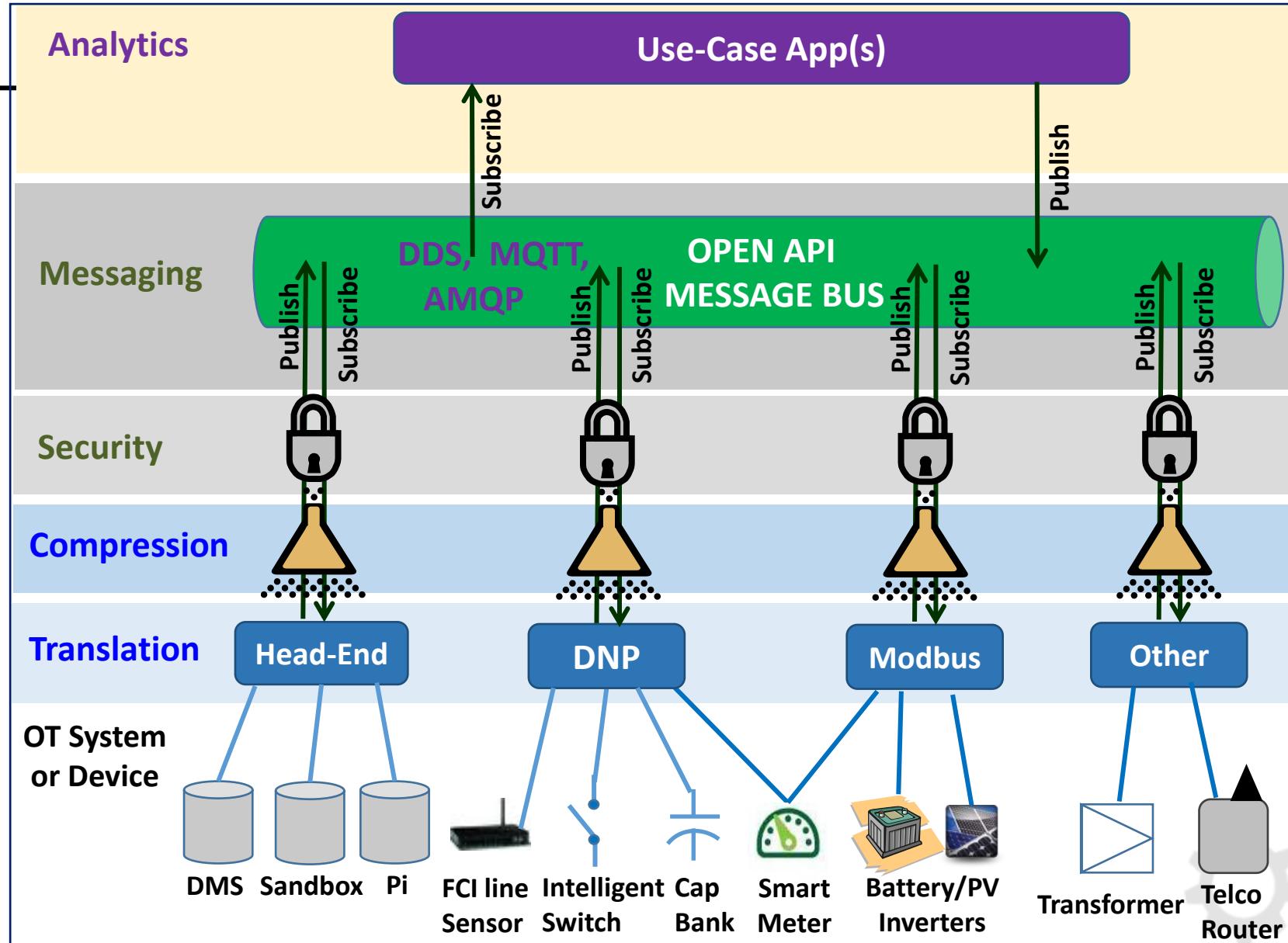
In initial use case discussions for JBSA microgrid testbed in San Antonio, TX

- Seamless islanded microgrid re-synchronization
- Secure communications and endpoints – test site

OpenFMB architecture implementation (Open Field Message Bus standard for smart grid distributed control)

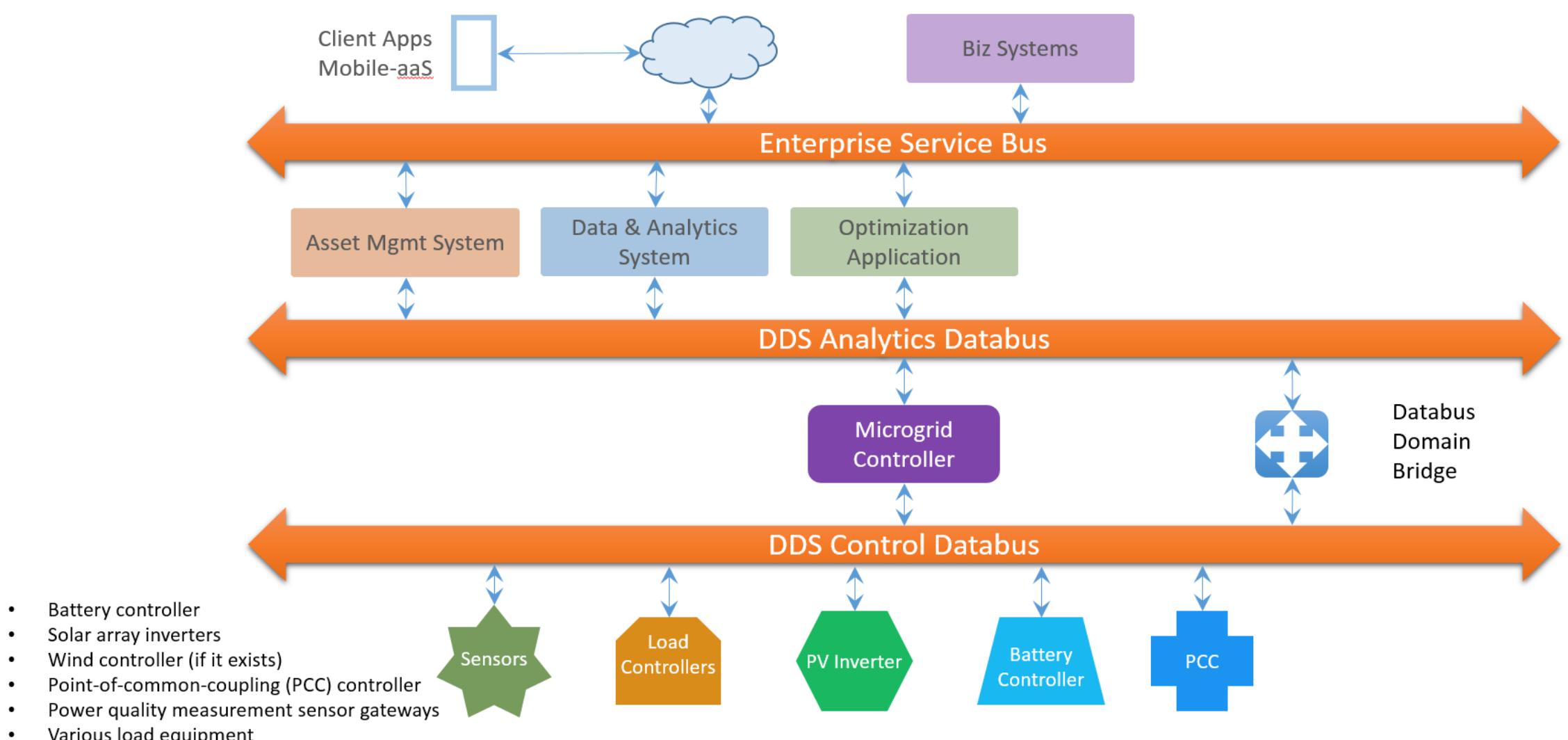


Convergence of OT and IT





DDS-based Architecture for the Testbed: Vision for the Future





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