# Life Cycle Testing of Synchrophasor Based Systems used for Protection, Monitoring and Control

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- Field testing
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  CIGRE WGB5.62
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#### Introduction

Testing stages:

- Device acceptance testing and certification
- Commissioning and end-to-end testing
- Periodic testing and trouble shooting testing

Testing approaches:

- Design test
- Application test





#### **Tools and Methodologies**



FIELD CALIBRATOR

GOLD

PMU

DATA

ANALYTICS

GENERATOR

Amplifiers

Power

GPS

Antenna SIGNAL

PMU Calibration/Testing Laboratory

Portable field calibrator



#### Gold PMU Development in NI CompactRIO



#### Fault Location Application Module





### Lab Testing

- Evaluate *device* performance
  - Certify against a standard
  - Calibrate performance under events of interest
- Evaluate *system* performance:
  - Certify performance under events of interest
  - Tests using replay of recorded waveforms
  - Tests using simulated waveforms





## **Use Cases: certification/evaluation PMU Testing**

- PMUs with TCP Communication Protocol
- PMUs with UDP Communication Protocol
- PMUs with Serial Communication Protocol
- Digital Fault Recorders with PMU Functionality









#### **Use Case: End-to-end Testing**







## **Use Case: Application Testing**

- Fault Location Application
- Oscillation Monitoring Application







# **Field Testing**

- Evaluate *device* performance:
  - PMU, PDC
  - Relay with PMU functionality
  - DFR with PMU functionality
- Evaluate *system* performance:
  - System components (nested testing)
  - Entire system with applications





### Use Case: Gold PMU installed in the test set

- Coordination with Field Test Set in commercial PMU testing
- The integration requires proper wiring to capture outputs from commercial PMU back to the test set
- Screenshot of interface during testing (integrated within Field Test Set)









#### **Use Case: Portable Field Calibrator**

- Periodic Maintenance in the field
- Troubleshooting synchrophasor system applying nested testing approach







## **Example: Timing Intrusion Detection Testing**

- Detect timing intrusion on:
  - GPS receiver
  - PMU/PDC
  - Communications
- Evaluate impact on:
  - System performance:
  - Application





# Timing Intrusion Management Ensuring Resiliency (TIMER)

#### Objective

- Make end-to-end Synchrophasor systems and applications more resilient under timing attacks
- <u>Goal</u>: to develop detection methods & tools to manage timing signal intrusions.

#### Schedule

- <u>Key deliverables</u>: 1) Software & hardware solutions to detect timing intrusions; 2) Advanced testbed & field evaluations; 3) Riskbased evaluation methodology & metrics;
- <u>Transition to the energy sector</u>: Field demonstration at IPC; Promotional meetings with end-users.







## Use Case: Field Installation at IPC

- Timing reference with model of GPS receiver
- Field test set for reference waveform injection
- Gold PMU as a stand alone reference unit
- Reference model for PDC
- Reference Models of communication protocols for C37.118.2 and 1588
- Alarm processor and interfacing to EPG software for control center display







# CIGRE WGB5.62: Life Cycle Testing of Synchrophasor Based Systems used for Protection, Control and Monitoring

Scope:

- What are the existing PMU and Synchrophasor system standards, and what is their impact on testing and certification?
- What is the importance of the concept of interoperability and why it matters?
- Why the certification may be needed and who is authorized to do it?
- How certification may be accomplished and what are associated costs?
- What are acceptance, commissioning, periodic maintenance and troubleshooting test procedures and how do they relate to the life-cycle management of synchrophasor systems?
- Why such life cycle test procedures matter and how are they implemented today?
- How to plan for the PMU certification and the lifecycle testing of PMUs and Synchrophasor Systems?





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