

## IEEE Standard for Interconnection and Interoperability of Distributed Energy Resources with Associated Electric Power Systems Interfaces

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# US Grid Code and Certification Standards

## IEEE 1547-2018, IEEE 1547.1-2020 and UL1741-2021



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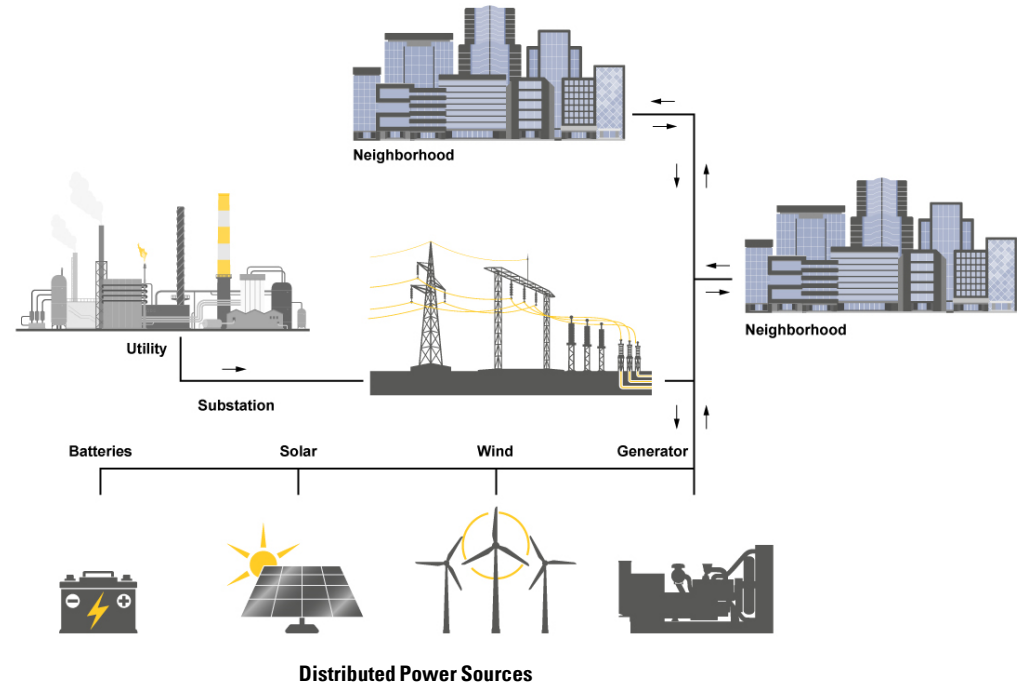
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**Standard for Safety**

Inverters, Converters,  
Controllers and Interconnection  
System Equipment for Use  
With Distributed Energy  
Resources



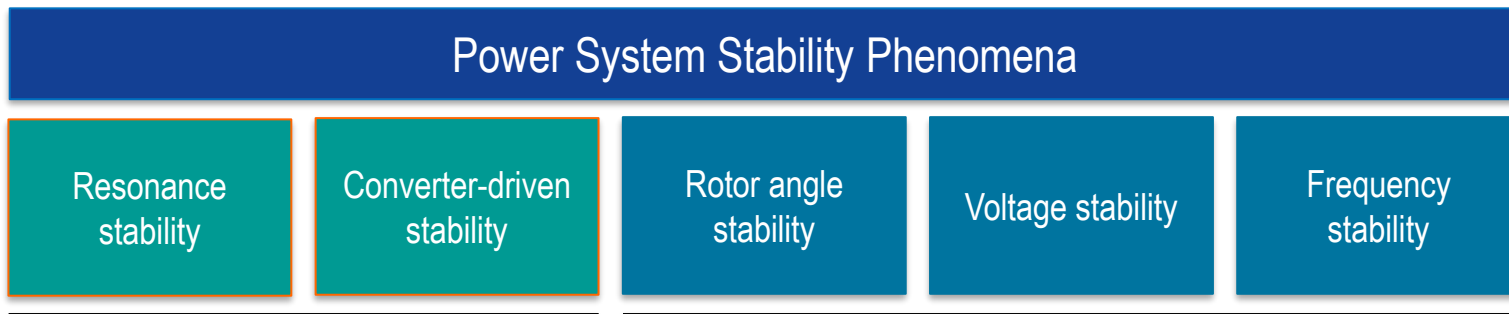
# Grid of the Future

- The future Smart Grid is to significantly improve the efficiency of how electricity is delivered and consumed
- High penetration of distributed/green generation resources is expected due to sustainability and environmental constraints
- New grid codes are being introduced to enable integration of distributed generation and maintain / improving reliability



# Tackling system stability issues: a prerequisite to the success of the energy transition

- The share of generation produced by rotating machines, providing inertia and other stabilizing features to the system has decreased and will continue to decrease drastically in years to come.



New phenomena  
TIMEFRAME OF MILLISECONDS

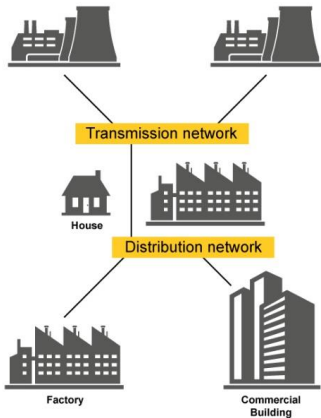
Growing and changing phenomena  
TIMEFRAME OF SECONDS

Reference  
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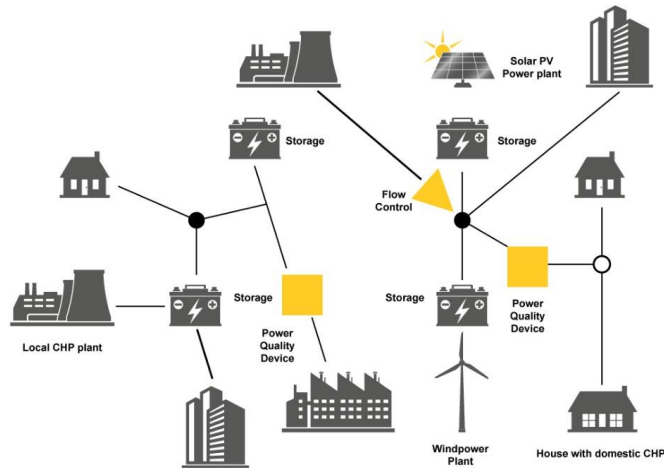
# What is a Grid Code?

*“A set of rules that must be met by generating units and facility owners to gain permission to access the electricity grid”*

From: **Centralized**



To: **Distributed**



**Before:**

- Disconnect during a fault

**Now:**

- Stay connected
- Ride-through the fault
- Support the grid

Drive towards high renewable penetration leads to increased risk of instability and black-outs

# Stabilizing technologies must be deployed to counterbalance the increase of factors destabilizing the power system

Variable, Renewable Energy Resources  
Conventional Power Electronics  
Interfaced Resources & Devices  
Long Distance Transmission & Weak Connections  
Long HVAC cables  
Climate Change & Extreme conditions

Advanced Monitoring & Control of Stability  
Simulation Techniques & Models  
Controllable Resources & Flexibility Grid  
Forming Capabilities of Power  
Electronics & Interoperability  
Synchronous Generation



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# The “**New Wave**” of Grid Code Activity



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# UL 1741-2021

**Inverters, Converters, Controllers and Interconnection System Equipment for Use With Distributed Energy Resources**



# Top 5 Changes Introduced by IEEE 1547-2018

- Voltage support functions
- Frequency support functions
- Anti-islanding requirements
- Interoperability
- Fault ride through (FRT) capabilities

# Different Requirements for Different Generation Technologies

IEEE Std 1547 is technology agnostic ... BUT

Several performance categories are defined to accommodate the limitations of some technologies

Category A ... fewer voltage regulation functions

Category B ... more voltage regulation functions

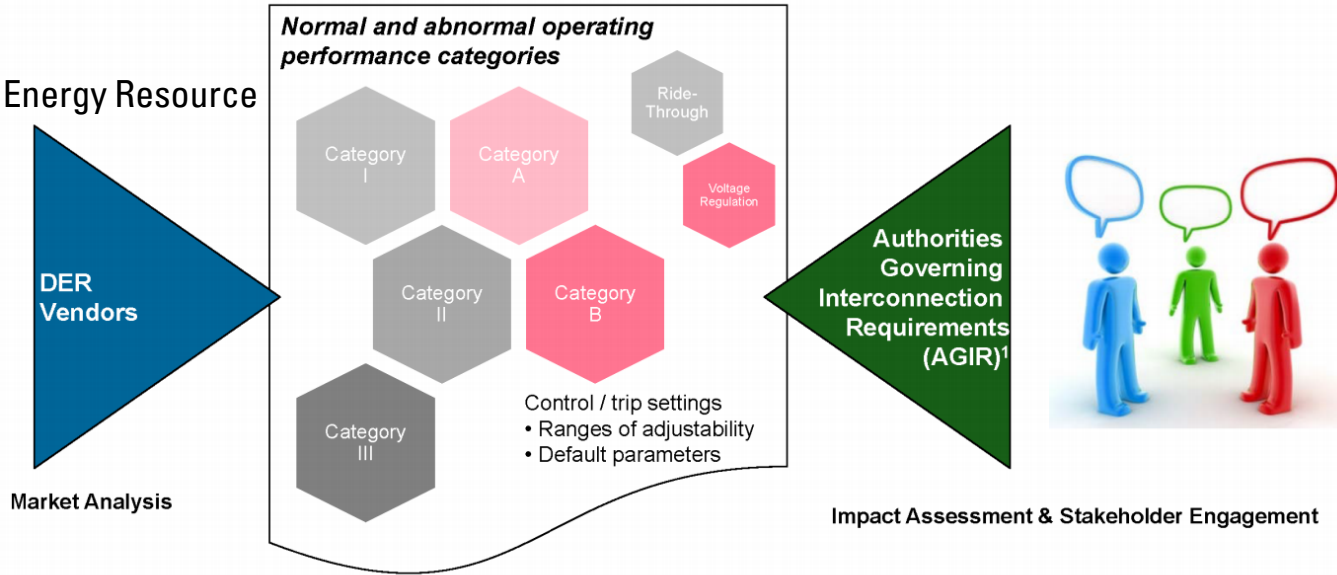
Category I ... lower FRT requirements

Category II ... higher FRT requirements

Category III ... highest FRT requirements

# High-level overview of performance-based category approach

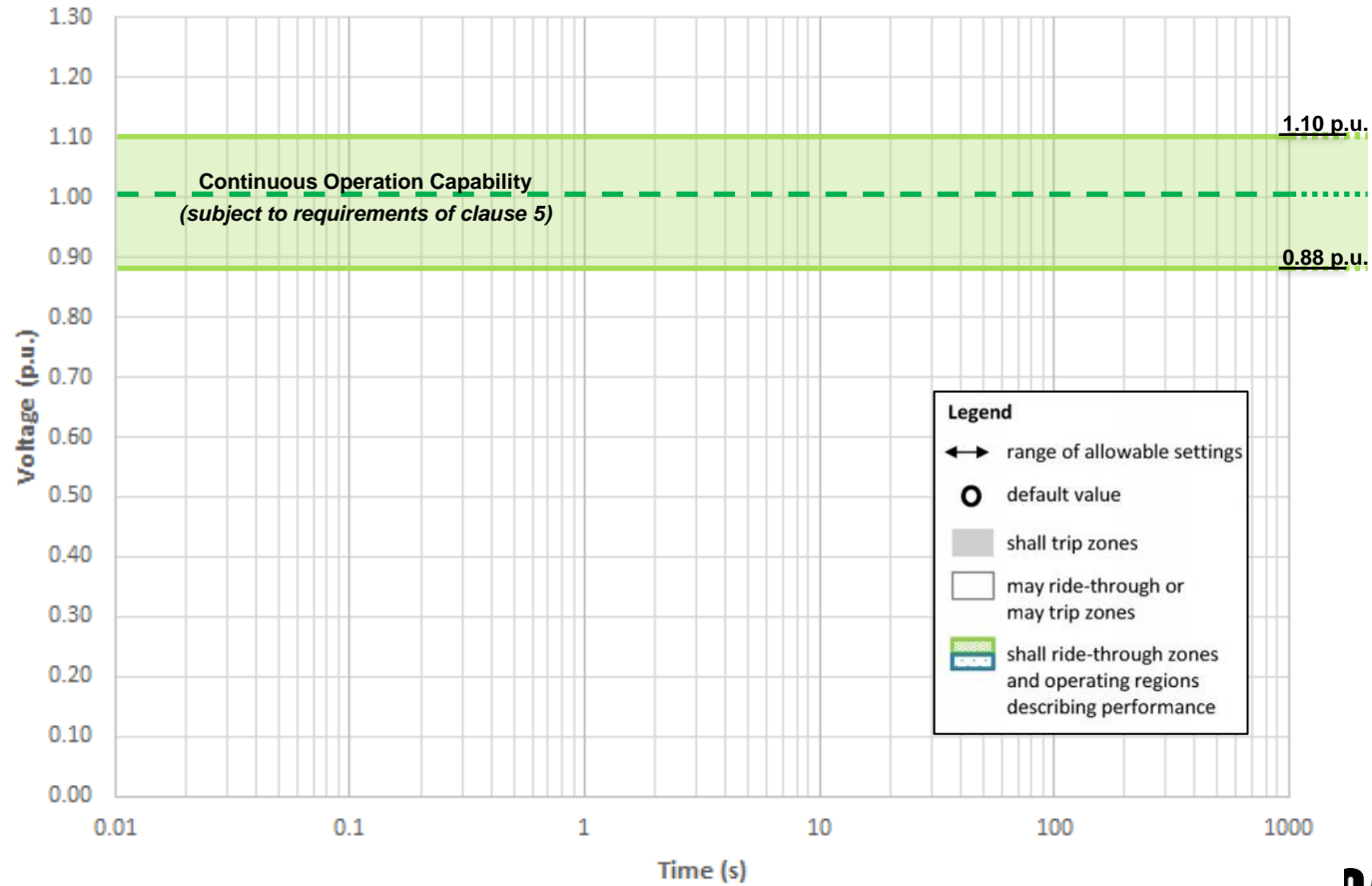
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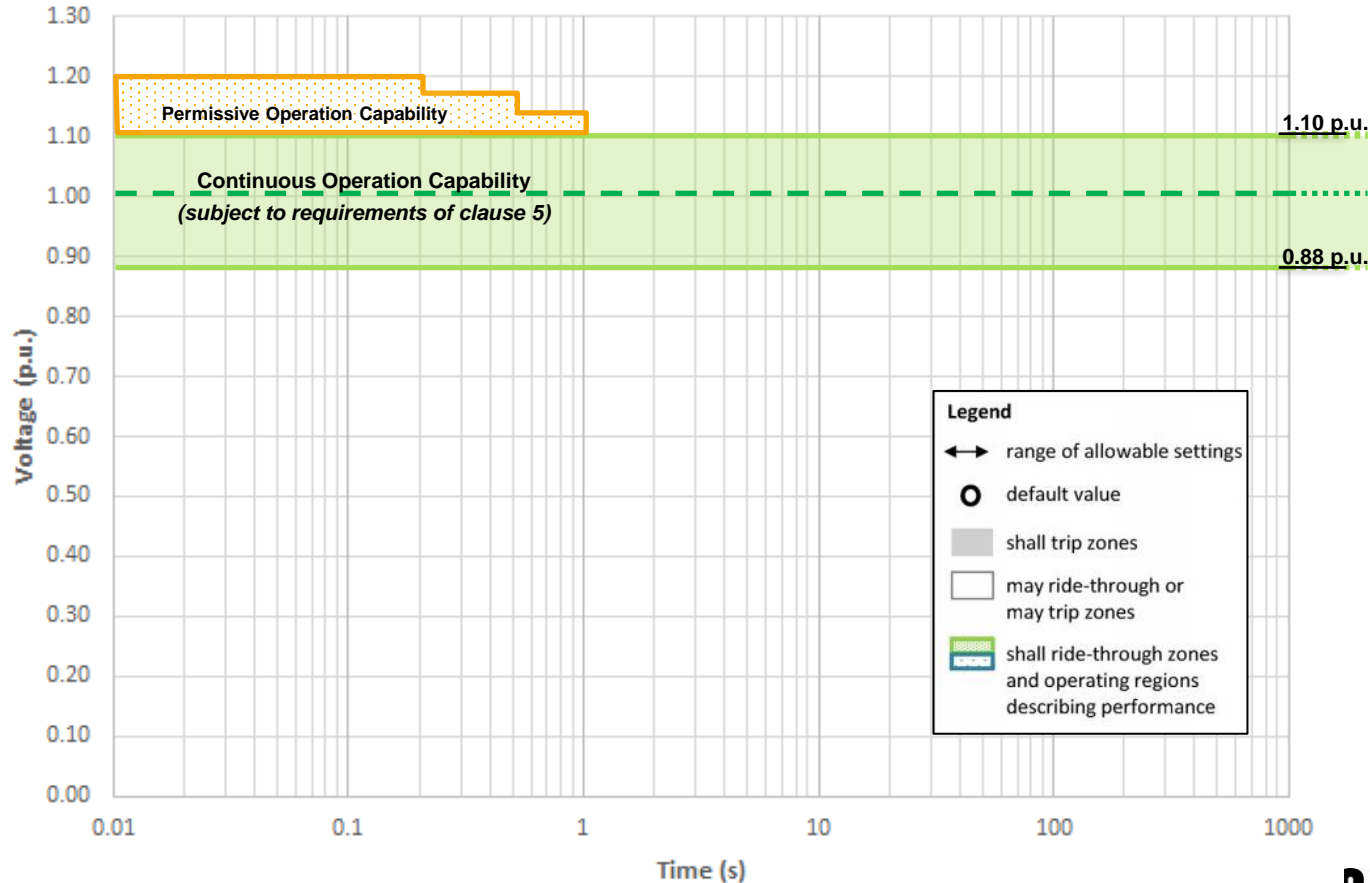
<sup>1</sup>Regulatory agencies, public utility commissions, municipalities, cooperative governing boards, etc.

- Category I intended for rotating machinery based generation
- Category II intended for power electronics based generation
- Category III intended for generation with high penetration on distribution feeder

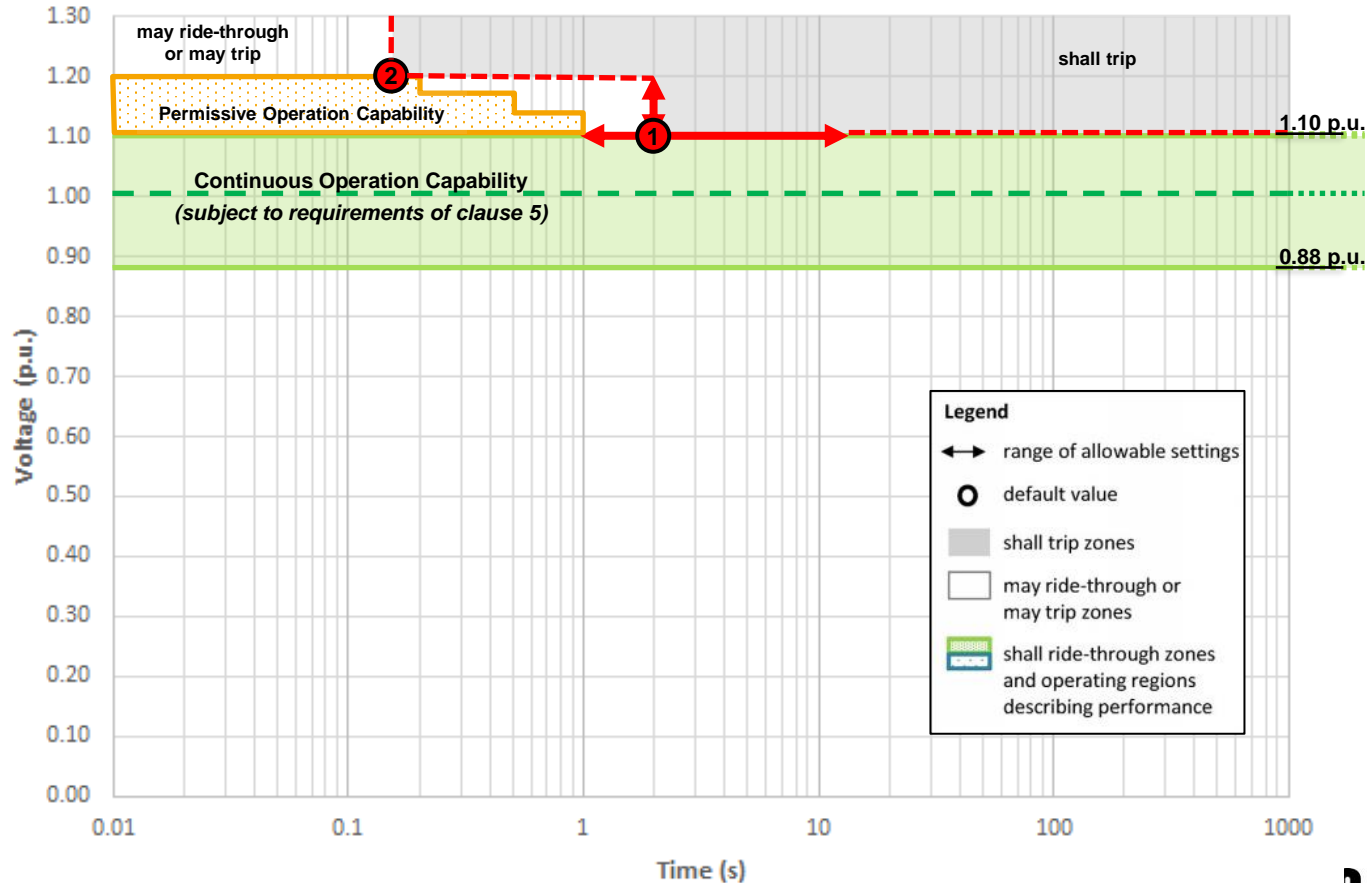
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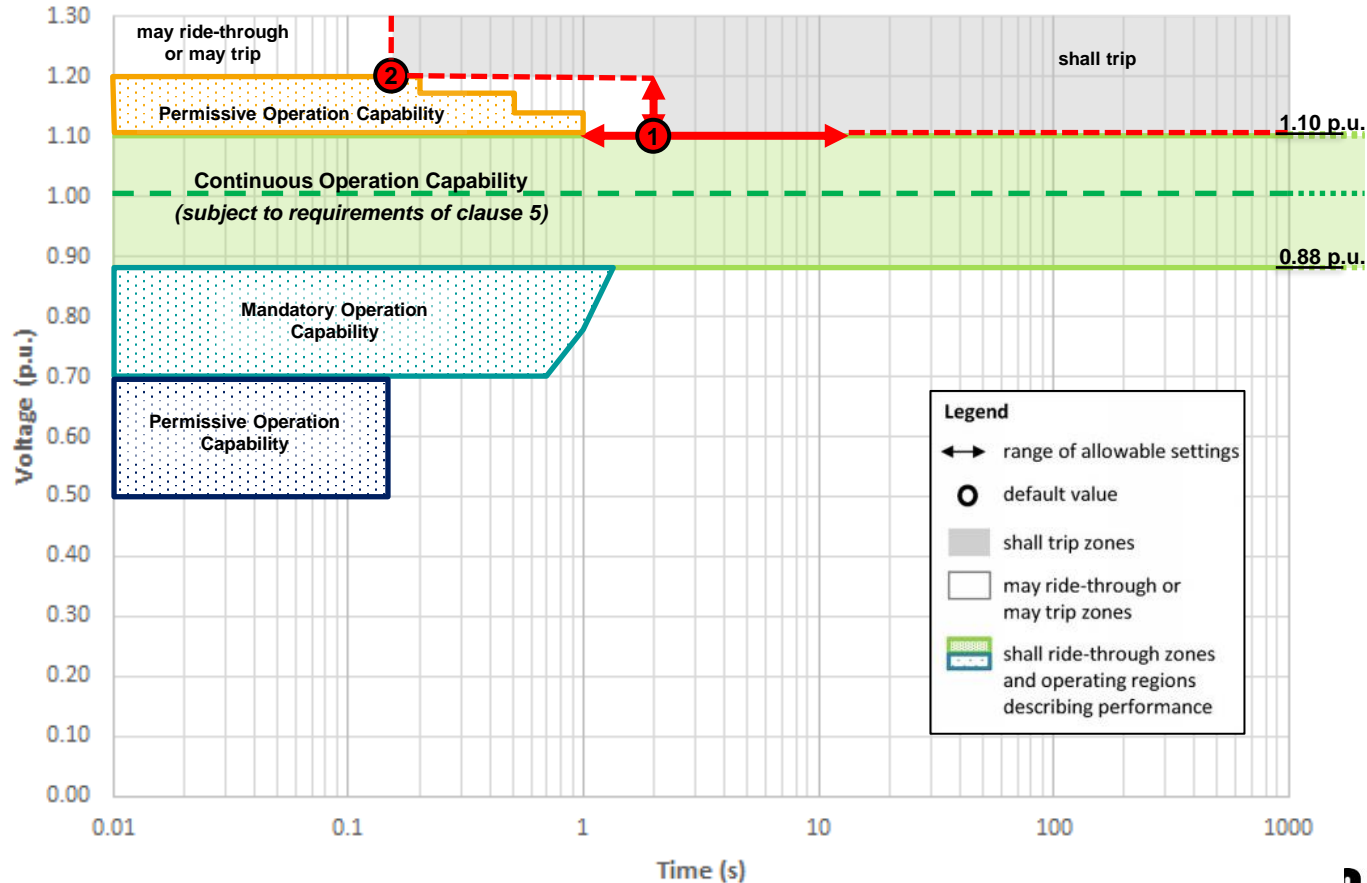
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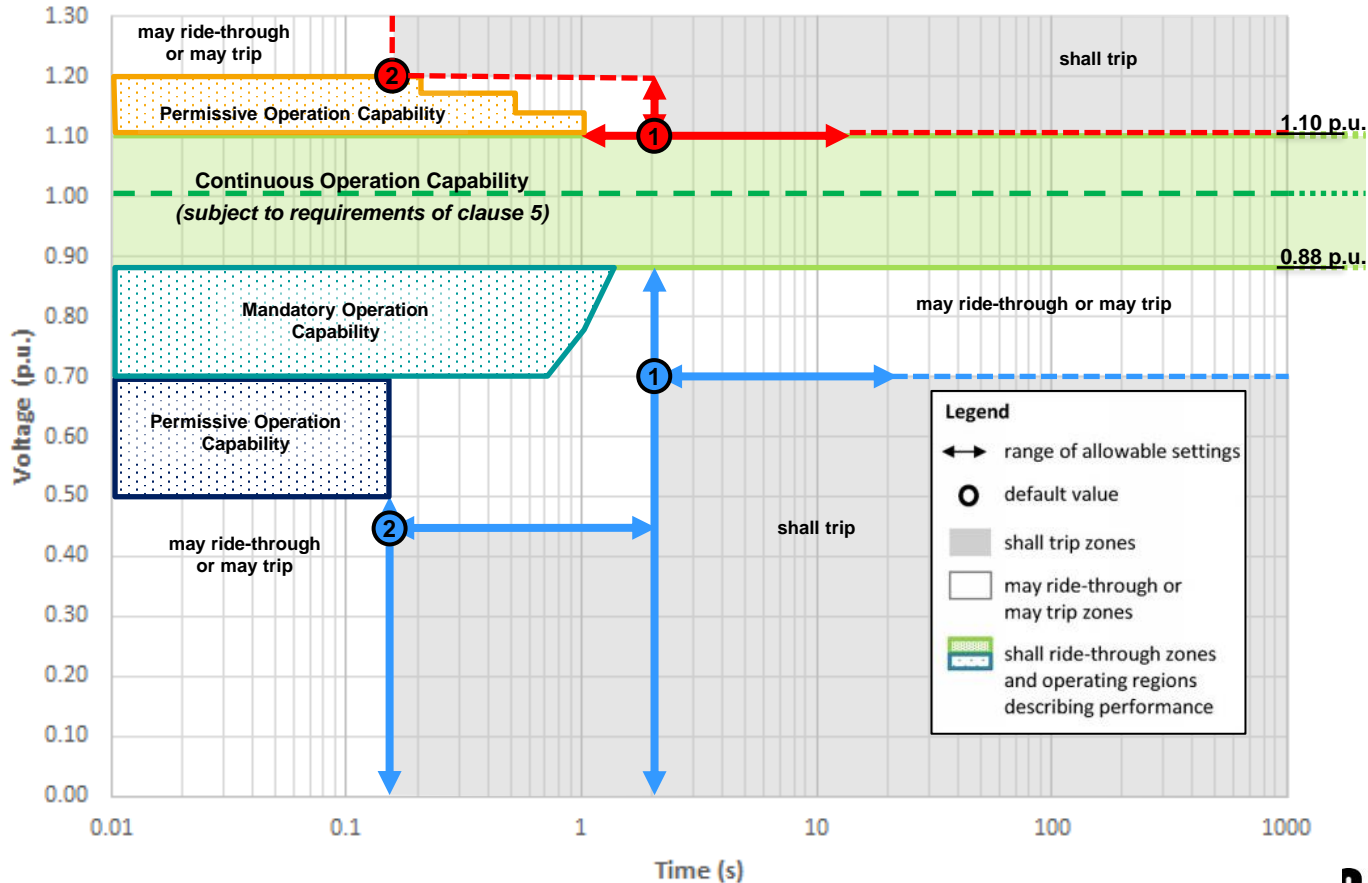


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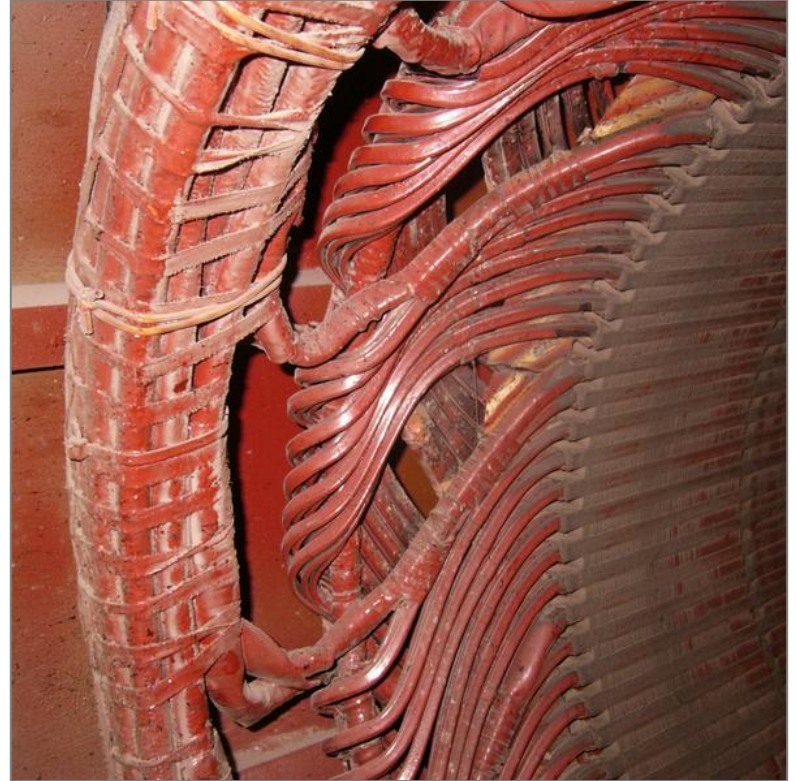
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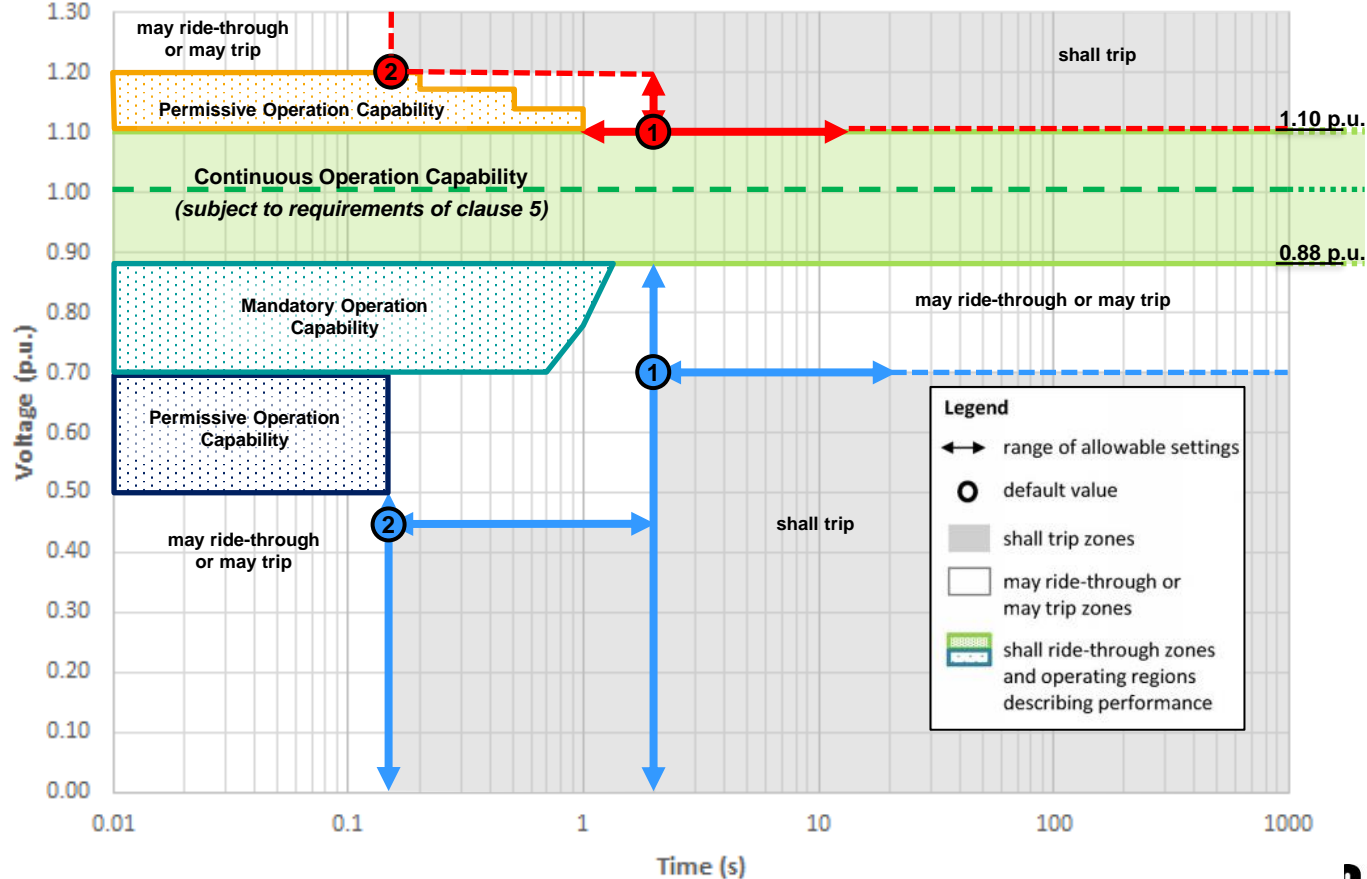
# Impact of Voltage Sags on Generators

- Operational Risk
  - Loss of synchronization ... pole slip
  - Re-synchronization out of phase
- Equipment Damage Risk
  - Stator windings deformation
  - Magnetic core
  - Rotor

**Drives generator oversizing** to increase inertia for longer ride-through capabilities



# Fault Ride Through IEEE 1547 – Category I



# Category I intended for Rotating Machine based generation

*Voltage ride-through requirements for DER of abnormal operating performance CATEGORY I*

VOLTAGE RANGE (pu)	OPERATING MODE / RESPONSE	MIN. RIDE-THROUGH TIME (s) (DESIGN CRITERIA)	MAX. RESPONSE TIME (s) (DESIGN CRITERIA)
$V > 1.2$	Cease to Energize	N/A	0.16
$1.175 < V \leq 1.2$	Permissive Operation	0.2	N/A
$1.15 < V \leq 1.175$	Permissive Operation	0.5	N/A
$1.10 < V \leq 1.15$	Permissive Operation	1	N/A
$0.88 \leq V \leq 1.10$	Continuous Operation	Indefinite	N/A
$0.70 \leq V < 0.88$	Mandatory Operation	Linear slope from 0.7 s @ 0.7 pu to 1.42 s @ 0.88 pu	N/A
$0.50 \leq V < 0.70$	Permissive Operation	0.16	N/A
$V < 0.50$	Cease to Energize	N/A	0.16

# Category II intended for Power Electronics based generation

*Voltage ride-through requirements for DER of abnormal operating performance CATEGORY II*

VOLTAGE RANGE (pu)	OPERATING MODE / RESPONSE	MIN. RIDE-THROUGH TIME (s) (DESIGN CRITERIA)	MAX. RESPONSE TIME (s) (DESIGN CRITERIA)
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$0.88 \leq V \leq 1.10$	Continuous Operation	Indefinite	N/A
$0.65 \leq V < 0.88$	Mandatory Operation	Linear slope from 3 s @ 0.65 pu to 5 s @ 0.88 pu	N/A
$0.45 \leq V < 0.65$	Permissive Operation	0.32	N/A
$0.30 \leq V < 0.45$	Permissive Operation	0.16	N/A

# Category III intended for Power Electronics based generation

*Voltage ride-through requirements for DER of abnormal operating performance CATEGORY III*

<b>VOLTAGE RANGE (pu)</b>	<b>OPERATING MODE / RESPONSE</b>	<b>MIN. RIDE-THROUGH TIME (s) (DESIGN CRITERIA)</b>	<b>MAX. RESPONSE TIME (s) (DESIGN CRITERIA)</b>
$V > 1.2$	Cease to Energize	N/A	0.16
$1.10 < V \leq 1.2$	Momentary Cessation	12	0.083
$0.88 \leq V \leq 1.10$	Continuous Operation	Indefinite	N/A
$0.70 \leq V < 0.88$	Mandatory Operation	20	N/A
$0.50 \leq V < 0.70$	Mandatory Operation	10	N/A
$V < 0.50$	Momentary Cessation	1	0.083

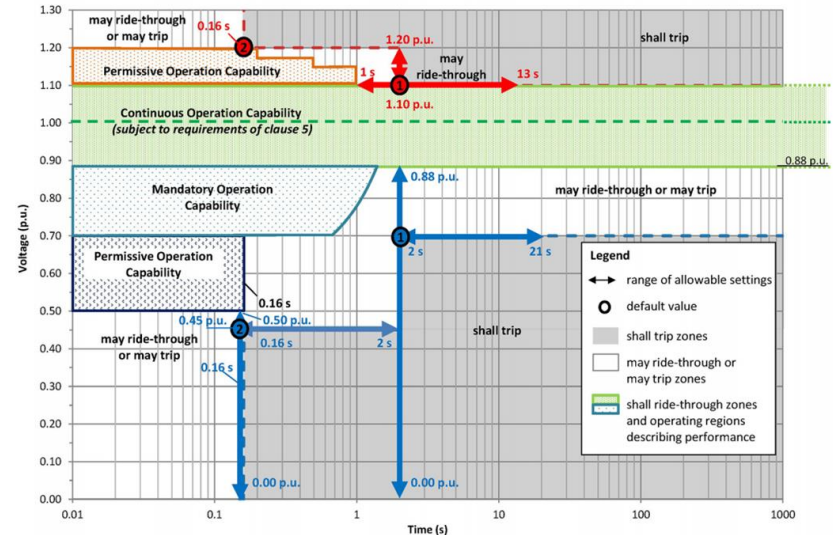
# Frequency ride-through requirements (All categories)

FREQUENCY RANGE (Hz)	OPERATING MODE	MIN. RESPONSE TIME (s)
$f > 62.0$		Not required
$61.2 < f \leq 61.8$	Mandatory Operation	299
$58.8 < f \leq 61.2$	Continuous Operation	Indefinite
$57.0 \leq f \leq 58.8$	Mandatory Operation	299
$f < 57.0$		Not required

# Additional Requirements

In addition to grid support during abnormal conditions, there are requirements for grid support within the normal operating range:

- Frequency support
- Voltage support
- Interoperability
- Islanding / partial grid operation





### Minimum reactive power injection and absorption capability

Category	Injection capability as % of nameplate apparent power (kVA) rating	Absorption capability as % of nameplate apparent power (kVA) rating
A (at DER rated voltage)	44	25
B (within ANSI C84.1 range A)	44	44

### Voltage and reactive/active power control function requirements for DER normal operating performance categories

DER Category	Category A	Category B
<b>Voltage regulation by reactive power control</b>		
Constant power factor mode	Mandatory	Mandatory
Voltage – reactive power mode (volt-var)	Mandatory	Mandatory
Active power – reactive power mode	Not required	Mandatory
Constant reactive power mode	Mandatory	Mandatory
<b>Voltage and active power control</b>		
Voltage – active power (volt-watt) mode	Not required	Mandatory

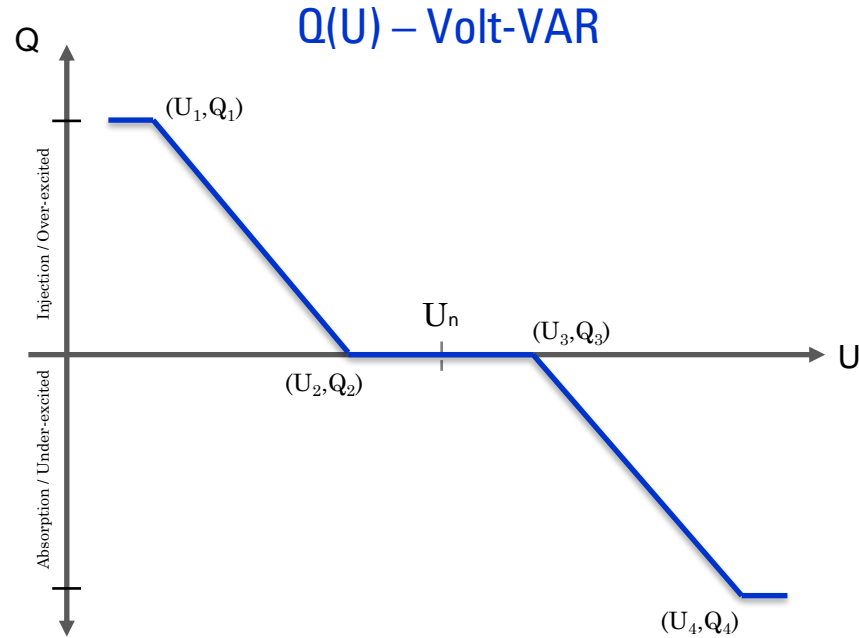
# Voltage Support ... Volt-VAR

Many different reactive power or power factor control functions are specified in grid codes.

Common control modes include:

- Fixed Q
- Fixed  $\cos \theta$
- $Q(P)$  – Watt-VAR /  $\cos \theta (P)$
- **$Q(U)$  – Volt-VAR**

Requirements may define control modes to be enabled/disabled manually by the plant operator, or in some cases remotely by the grid operator.



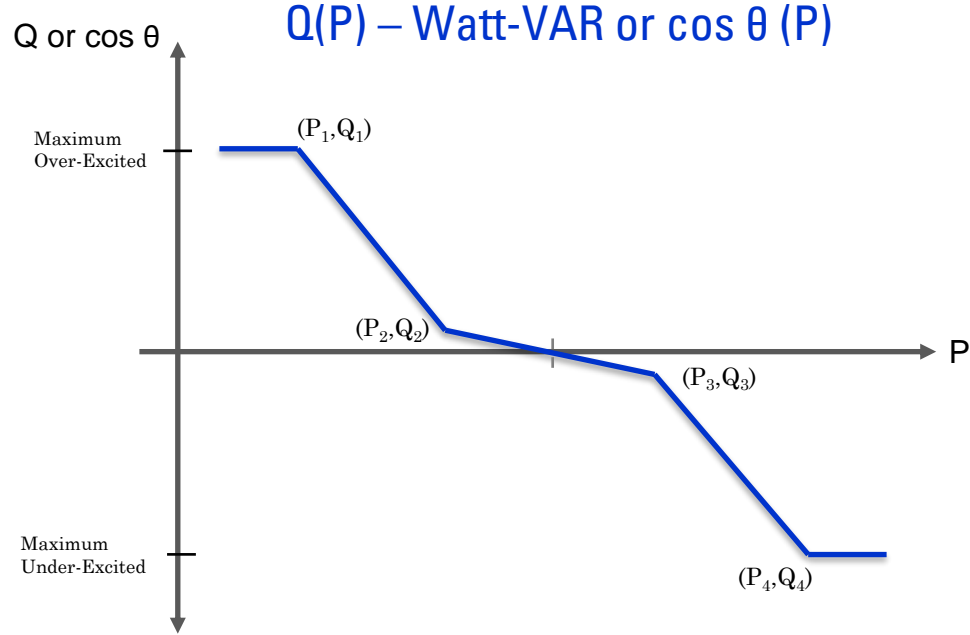
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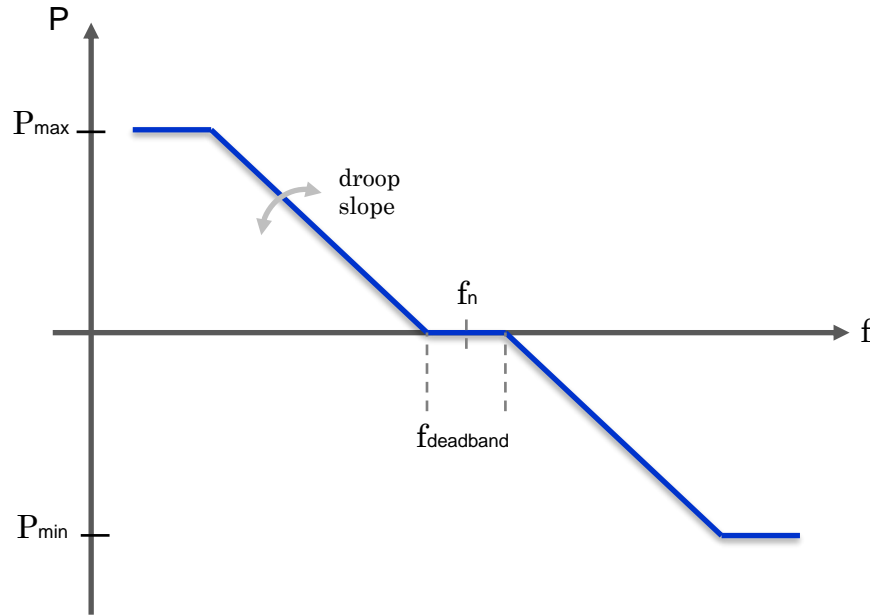
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# Frequency Support ... Frequency-Droop

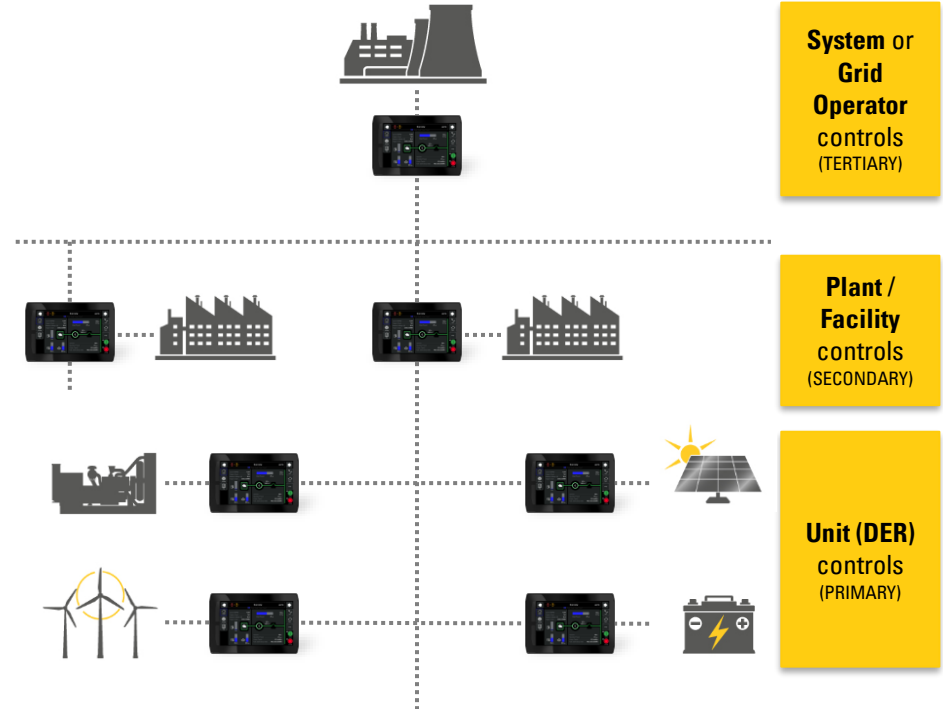
Capability to maintain active power at reduced frequency and to increase or decrease active power output at a defined rate when frequency exceeds a defined threshold.

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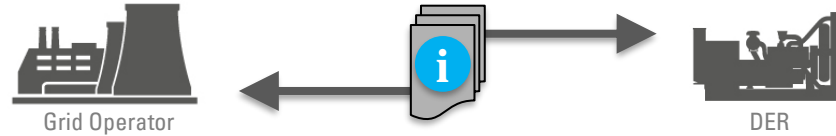
# Importance of Controls

- Controls are a key component of grid code compliance
- Unit (DER) controls perform synchronizing, grid support control functions, and protection
- Communication with other devices in the network such as plant level SCADA and grid operator (remote) control systems



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# Interoperability – Information Exchange



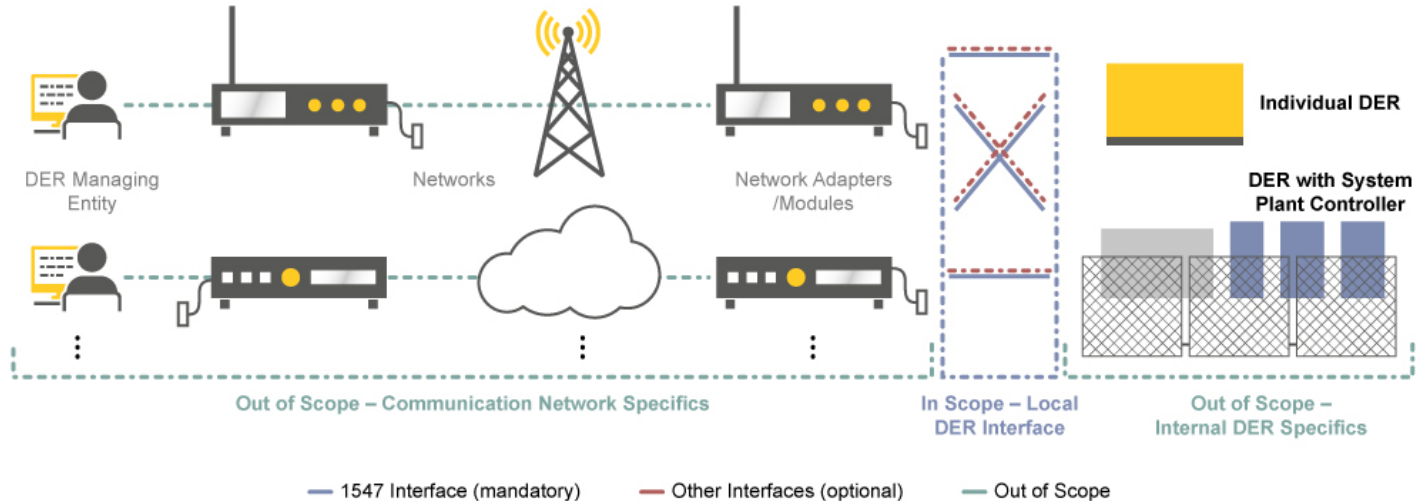
Type	Examples
Nameplate	Rated voltage, rated active power, rated reactive power
Configuration	Derated values from nameplate data due to site conditions
Monitoring	Connection status, voltage, power levels, alarms
Management	Control mode, trip settings, active power limits

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# Interoperability – Communication Protocol Requirements

*Control protocol in/out of scope matching*

Protocol	Transport	Physical layer
IEEE Std 2030.5 (SEP2)	TCP/IP	Ethernet
IEEE Std 1815 (DNP3)	TCP/IP	Ethernet
SunSpec Modbus	TCP/IP	Ethernet
	N/A	RS-485



# US – Islanding Detection Requirements

- IEEE Std 1547 requires generation to stop energizing the area EPS (electric power system) upon the formation of an island
- Power electronics-based generation have the capability of implementing autonomous islanding detection methods
- Rotating machine-based generation are not capable of autonomous islanding detection requiring external means
  - Direct Transfer Trip (DTT)
  - Power Line Carrier
  - Combination of protective relay functions



# Germany – Mandatory Partial Grid Operation

- VDE 4110 requires generation to remain connected and sustain the local area EPS upon separation from a larger area EPS
- German approach is not to disrupt electrical service locally and coordinate the reconnection of the local area EPS to the larger area EPS after the separation cause is resolved
- US approach is to remove local area EPS generation, reconnect the local area EPS to the larger area EPS eliminating the island, and then allow the automatic return of local generation into the reconnected local area EPS

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# Exemptions for Emergency and Standby DER

- DERs with automatic transfer schemes in which load is transferred between the DER and the EPS in a momentary make-before-break operation provided the duration of paralleling the sources is less than 100 ms
- DERs designated by authority having jurisdiction as emergency systems, or standby DERs that only operate in parallel to area EPS for testing purposes or during load transferring periods of less than 5 minutes are exempt from:
  - Voltage disturbance ride-through requirements
  - Frequency disturbance ride-through requirements
  - Interoperability, information exchange, and information models
  - Intentional islanding requirements (may separate from EPS without limitations)

# Expected Enforcement Dates in the U.S. for IEEE1547-2018

- Base standard IEEE 1547 published in 2018
- Compliance test standard IEEE 1547.1 published in 2020
- Certification standard UL1741 ed 3 published September 30, 2021
- Hawaii announced enforcement by 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2022 → 1 Oct 22
- California to adopt in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2022 → March 28, 2023
- Northeastern states likely to follow after California
- Other states are expected to lag in their adoption

# Questions

