ERIgrid Holistic validation procedure and test specification

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Coordinated Voltage Control

Validate this!

Optimization Control (e.g., SCADA)

Power Distribution Grid

Transformer
Consumer
Generator

Communication Network

Communication Interface
DER Controller (Control Algorithms)
DER Hardware (Power Electronics)
DER (e.g., PV system incl. Inverter)

VoltageControl
TapChangerCtrl

Y LTC ATCC
MMXU_AV C DRCC_1
MMXU DG1 DRCC_2
MMXU DG2

DER1Ctrl
DRCC MMXU

DER2Ctrl
DRCC MMXU
The Vision

HOLISTIC SYSTEM VALIDATION
“Holistic” System Validation

I. System validation: *
   alignment of Specifications & Testing

II. Integrated hardware & software testing
    Validate “systems” not components.

III. Tests that **combine multiple domains**
     *e.g.* Power, Comm. and Automation

IV. Systematically design tests & integrate 
    results from various experiments for a holistic 
    assessment
     *i.e.* combine simulation, co-simulation, 
     HiL, PHiL, CHIL, different Labs, ...
"Holistic testing is the process and methodology for the evaluation of a concrete function, system or component (object under investigation) within its relevant operational context (system under test), corresponding to the purpose of investigation"
A generic experiment / validation

- Defines components of a system
- Includes: **Object of investigation**

- Defines functions of a system
- Requirements define **Test Criteria**

**Purpose of Investigation**
- Experimental design
- Test procedure

**Configuration**
- Input: controllable & uncontrollable *input parameters*
- Object of investigation: Experimental setup, Boundaries of experiment, Testing Tools, Data Exchange

**Test Case**
- Target: Test Criteria, Performance indicators / Test metrics

- Quality of experiment: error type; uncertainty; quantification of error

**Test/Experiment**
- Target
‘Design of Experiments’

- efficient test design due to sampling-oriented approach

- Target measures / metrics e.g. “average control error”
- design sampling space on a ‘need-to-know’ basis e.g. 3 levels of package loss rate, 20 levels of disturbance, …
Holistic Test vs. Component Test

**Component Test**
- e.g. Inverter MPPT test, anti-islanding
- No interactions with the system
- Usually open loop test (predefined voltage, frequency etc setpoints are applied to the DuT)

**Holistic/System Test**
- Combining several tests (testing process)
- Using simulations
- Testing a system rather than just component
The basics

HOLISTIC TEST DESCRIPTION
Holistic test description

THREE levels of specification

- Use Cases
- Test Objective(s)
- Test Case (TC)
- Map/split
- Test Specification (TS)
- Map/split
- Experiment Specification (ES)

Generic
Specific
Lab
Holistic testing procedure – different mapping steps

1. Mapping from SC, UC, TO to holistic test case
2. Mapping of holistic test case to (sub-) test specifications, i.e. specific (sub-) test system(s)
3. Mapping of (sub-)tests to RI and specify experiments
4. Exchange of data and results
5. Mapping between tests resp. experiments
6. Use Case(s) Holistic Test Case
7. Use Case(s) holistic test refinement
8. Use Case(s) holistic test evaluation
9. Use Case(s) test adjustments
10. Use Case(s) results to test adjustments
11. Use Case(s) mapping step
12. Use Case(s) process steps

Scenario & Generic System Configuration
Use Cases
Test Objective
Division into individual (sub-)tests
Sub-test specification
Sub-test spec. 2
Sub-test specification n

Experiment Specification
Exp. Spec.
Exp. in RI 1
Exp. in RI 2
Exp. in RI n

Research infrastructure (RI) capability profiles
Key Questions to be answered for test specification:

WHY TO TEST?
WHAT TO TEST?
WHAT TO TEST FOR?
HOW TO TEST?
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Test System & Domain

**System under Test (SuT):**
is a system configuration that includes all relevant properties, interactions and behaviors (closed loop I/O and electrical coupling), that are required for evaluating an OuI as specified by the test criteria.

**Object under Investigation (OuI):** the component(s) (1..n) that are subject to the test objective(s).

*Remark:* OuI is a subset of the SuT.

**Domain under Investigation (DuI):**
Identifies the domains of test parameters and connectivity relevant to the test objectives.
Test System **Functions**

**Functions under Test (FuT):** the functions relevant to the operation of the system under test, as referenced by use cases.

**Function(s) under Investigation (FuI):** the referenced specification of a function realized (operation-alized) by the object under investigation.

*Remark:* the FuI are a subset of the FuT.
Key Questions to be answered for test specification:

WHY TO TEST?
WHAT TO TEST?
WHAT TO TEST FOR?
HOW TO TEST?
Purpose of Investigation (PoI)

- Verification
- Validation
- Characterization

Test objectives/PoI: Characterization and validation of the DMS controller
1. Convergence of the optimization (validation)
2. Performance of the optimization under realistic conditions (characterization)
3. Accuracy of the state estimation (characterization)
Designing Test Criteria

**Detailing Sequence**

- **Test objective → PoI → Test Crit.**

- **Test criteria:** How to break down the PoIs?
  - *Target metrics* (criteria): list of metrics to quantify each PoI
  - *Variability attributes:* controllable or uncontrollable parameters to “disturb” SuT
  - *Quality attributes* (thresholds): test result level or quality of the TM required to pass or conclude the testing.

**Target metrics:**

1. 1.1 convergence (when/how often?), 1.2. How fast?, 1.3. solution quality
2. 2.1 Voltage deviation
   2.2 number of tap changes,
   2.3 network losses
3. Voltage, P, Q estimation errors

*Variability attributes:* Load patterns (realistic, annual variation; applies to criteria 1-3);

*Communication attributes* (packet loss, delays)

*Quality attributes (thresholds):*

  “1.2: convergence within 2 sec” *(validation)*
  “3.* estimation quality characterized with confidence 95%” ...
Key Questions to be answered for **test specification**:

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WHAT TO TEST **FOR**?
HOW TO TEST?
Test Specification & Design

**Given:**
- Purpose of Investigation (PoI) & Test Criteria
- System & Domain categories and relations

**To Specify:**
- Precise system (specific system configuration)
- Which variables to manipulate & which to measure
- How to quantify the test metrics (based on test data)
  - Sampling of the input spaces (design of experiments methodology)
  - Combination and interpretation of the outputs
- The test design / procedure.
- Mapping to actual lab setup (experiment setup)
Detailing test setup & Mapping to the Lab

Scoping & specification of test system.

Separate specification of lab implementation
Can I just say, that it's very nice to get these questions sorted out now, rather than when you're sitting down and have to implement something. You would then usually go "Oh shit, how does this work again?" – ERIGrid participant
Collaboration with ELECTRA

- **ELECTRA – Web-of-Cells (WoC) concept**
  - large set of Use Cases: distributed control
  - concurrent development & lab implementation

- **Challenge**: how to track & convince that ongoing experiments actually “validate” the ELECTRA WoC

- **Result** (intermediate):
  - Gap analysis based on Test Criteria & System configuration vs. ELECTRA goals
  - organization of test case clusters; collaborative design of test formulation
ERIGrid Transnational Access: Preparation & Documentation

- External Lab users apply description procedure
- E.g. DiNODR – distribution network oriented application of demand response – *currently ongoing in SYSLAB*
- “The preparation work helped us a lot. Except minor changes in the plan and configurations due to a number of device, communication and control unavailabilities, we are following our test and experiment specifications. The template is also useful for our user team to exchange ideas in an organized and effective way.“
  - Alparslan Zehir (DiNODR)
Conclusions & Future work

- A clear vision for “holistic validation”

First results:
- 3-level - Test Description template & guidelines
- Multi-Domain System Configuration description (CIM compatible)
- Several successful applications & encouraging feedback

Future work:
- Further exemplify, simplify & detail description method
- Develop & apply full holistic validation procedure
Thank you for your attention!

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Overall Specification & mapping procedure

1. Generic System Configuration
2. Use Cases
3. Test Objective

**Test Case**
System under test, Object under Investigation, Functions, Purpose of Investigation, Test Criteria

4. Test Specification
Test Design, Test System Configuration, Input & Output

5. Experiment Specification
Experiment Design, Experiment setup

6. Experiment in RI

7. Test evaluation

“professional” sequence

“learner”
Start anywhere. Build specification iteratively.

Map to specific test systems

Map to concrete lab setup

Research Infrastructure (RI)
IEC TR 61850-7-6
Guideline for definition of Basic Application Profiles (BAPs) using IEC 61850

- 3.1 Compliance
  Accordance of the whole implementation with specified requirements or standards. However, some requirements in the specified standards may not be implemented. [SOURCE: CEN-CENELEC-ETSI SG-CG Report on Interoperability CEN_9762_CLC_9624 – clause 12.1 Terms and definitions]

- 3.2 Conformance
  Accordance of the implementation of a product, process or service with all specified requirements or standards. Additional features to those in the requirements / standards may be included. [SOURCE: CEN-CENELEC-ETSI SG-CG Report on Interoperability CEN_9762_CLC_9624 – clause 12.1 Terms and definitions]

- 3.3 Conformance test
  Check of data flow on communication channels in accordance with the standard conditions concerning access organization, formats and bit sequences, time synchronization, timing, signal form & level and reaction to errors. The conformance test can be carried out and certified to the standard or to specifically described parts of the standard. The conformance test should be carried out by an ISO 9001 certified organisation or system integrator. [SOURCE: IEC 61850-4]
Holistic Test Case Example

TEST CASE:

- **Narrative**: For a DMS controller in development stage (simple implementation) the performance of the DMS algorithm and controller should be evaluated under realistic conditions. This test, could be seen as the last step before installing the DMS in the field.

- **SuT**: DMS, DER, OLTC, transformer, distribution lines, telecom network
  - ** OuIs**: DMS_controller
  - ** DuI**: Electric power and ICT

- **FuT**: DER P,Q control, measurements, OLTC tap control, comm. via ICT
  - ** Ful**: optimization in the controller, state estimation

- **Test objectives/ PoI**: Characterization and validation of the DMS controller
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- **Test criteria** – how to formulate these objectives?

  Target criteria - Variability attributes: - Quality attributes

Potential Test setups:
- Pure simulation (e.g. co-simulation)
- Combination of virtual & physical interfaces and simulated components. PHIL and CHIL
- Full hardware setup
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[ ] Test criteria –

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