

How to formulate a Test Specification

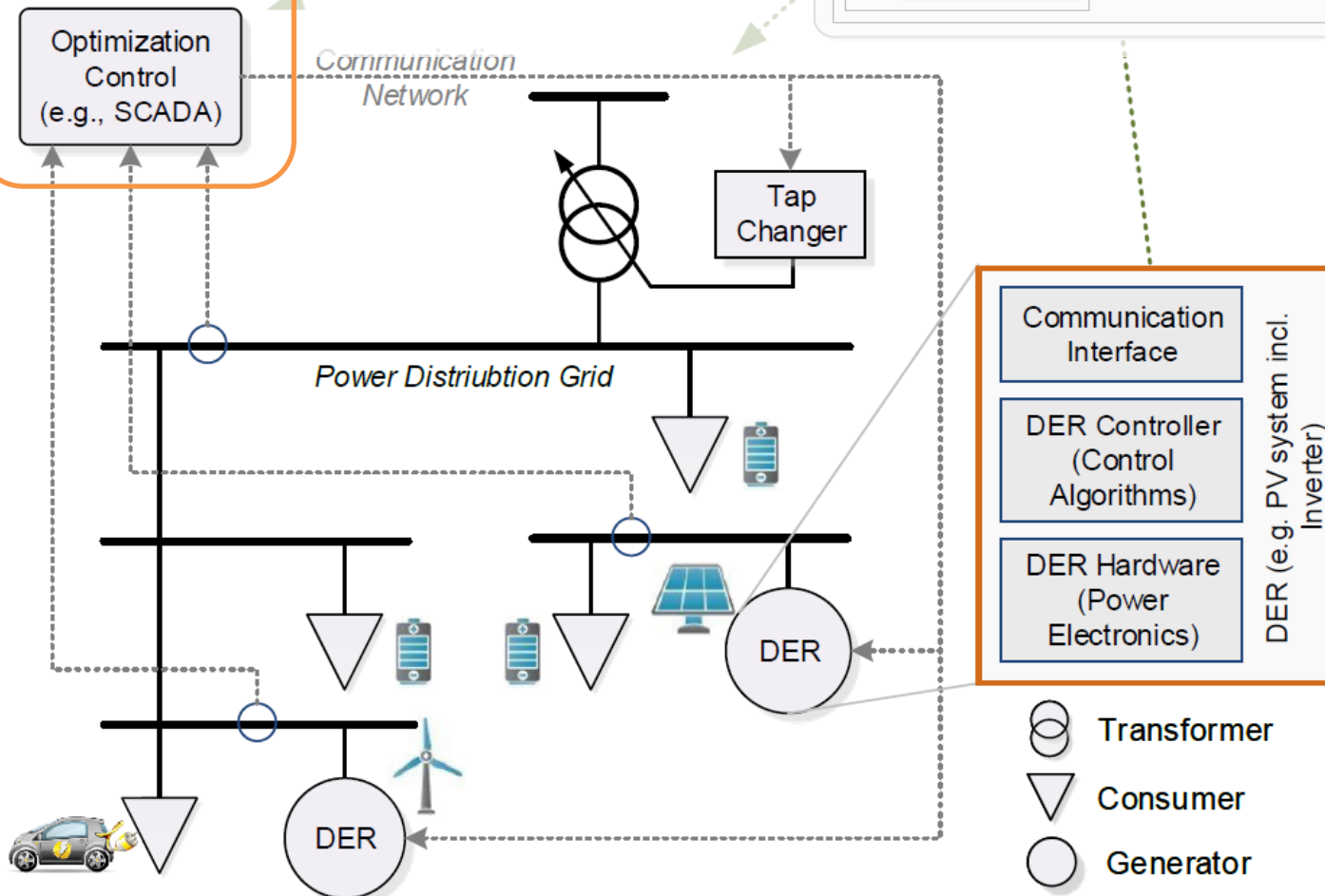
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Coordinated Voltage Control

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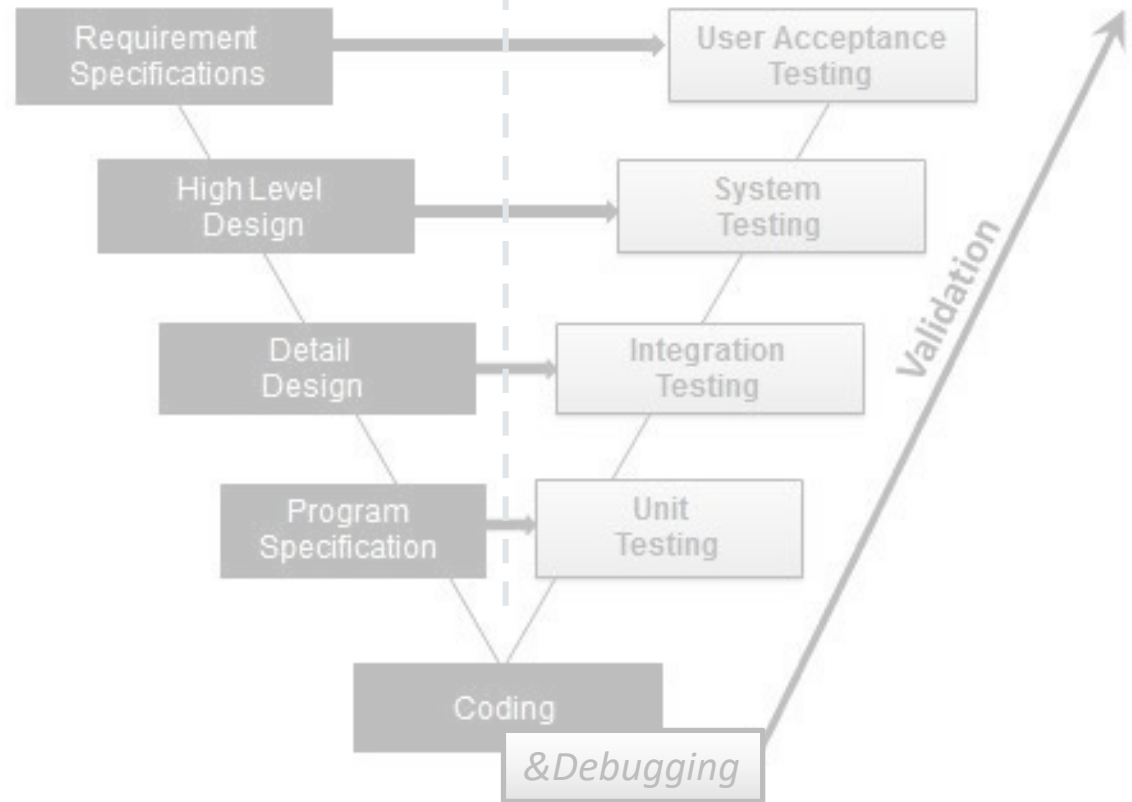
What should you be able to do?

"Learning objectives"

Apply the “scenario description method” to interpret a practical test case. i.e.

- Recognise & distinguish *use case* vs. *test case* from title alone; differentiate “functional” from “structural” descriptions/specifications.
- Formulate test objectives in terms of *validation*, *verification* or *characterisation* and formulate *test criteria*
- Identify the *FuT* and *FuI*, *SuT* and *OuI*, in a test specification.
- Distinguish the “System configuration diagrams” to model
 - Generic System Configuration (e.g. for Actors/systems for Use case)
 - Specific “Real-world” System configuration (Test System)
 - Experiment Configuration (Experiment Setup)

Specification | Testing



(WHY) (TEST) (SPECIFICATION)?

Definitions required for "holistic" test specification

- "well understood" – state of the art

Use cases

- (as top-down approach; w/ SGAM)
- Functions, Key Performance Indicators

System Configurations

- Power Systems: (OLDs, CIM-based formalizations, IEC 61850 SCL)
- UML. SysML. OCL. ... (in theory)

Testing

- ICT Interoperability testing: (compliance, conformance,...)
- Physical (validation, characterization, ?)

- Specifications require a) *overall process* & b) *clean definitions of concepts*:
 - What is **Holistic testing**? What is a holistic, multi-domain test case?
 - What is a *multi-domain system configuration* for holistic test specifications?

Overview

Specification & Use Cases

**WHAT IS THE SYSTEM?
WHAT SHOULD THE SYSTEM BE
ABLE TO DO?**

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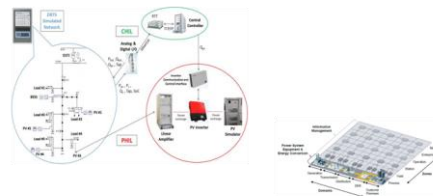
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**APPENDIX:
SC, USE CASE OR TEST CASE?**

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Specification & Use Cases

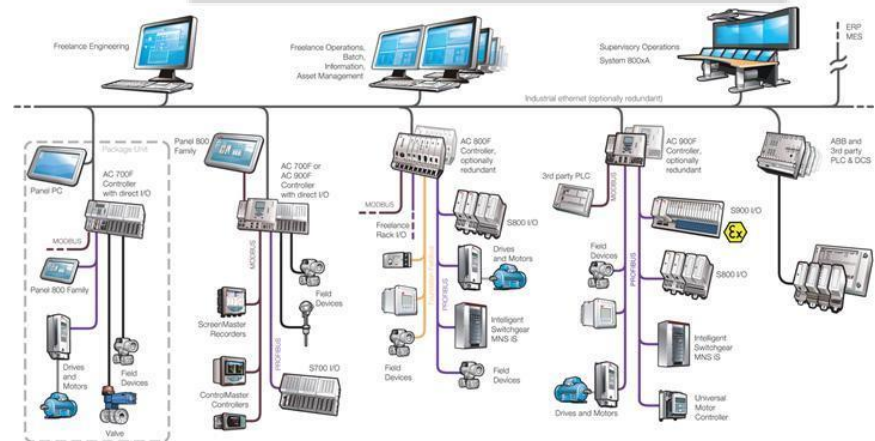
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Form & Function are intuitively related



*Form does not imply function or purpose
(at least it requires an expert's interpretation)*



Use Cases

Use Cases formulate:

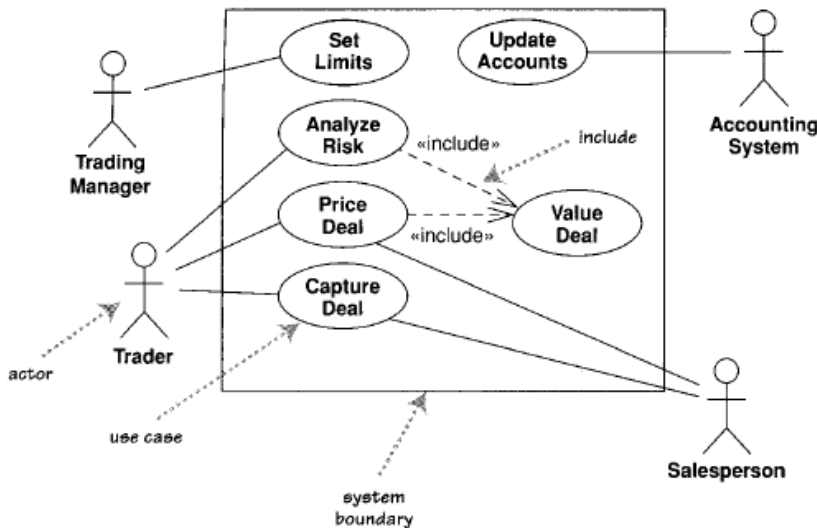
"what the 'system' is going to do (in relation to others)"

A Use Case specifies:

1. **Actors**, roles (context)
2. **System boundary**
3. System tasks/**functions** as use cases, interactions
4. **Goals** & success **criteria** (KPI)

← Use Case diagram

- Can be at any level of detail:
 - context and system boundary are arbitrary
e.g. *business* or *technical*



Use Case Diagram



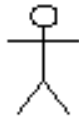
Use cases/functions

- Identifying/Defining system function & requirements
- E.g. purpose of the control function



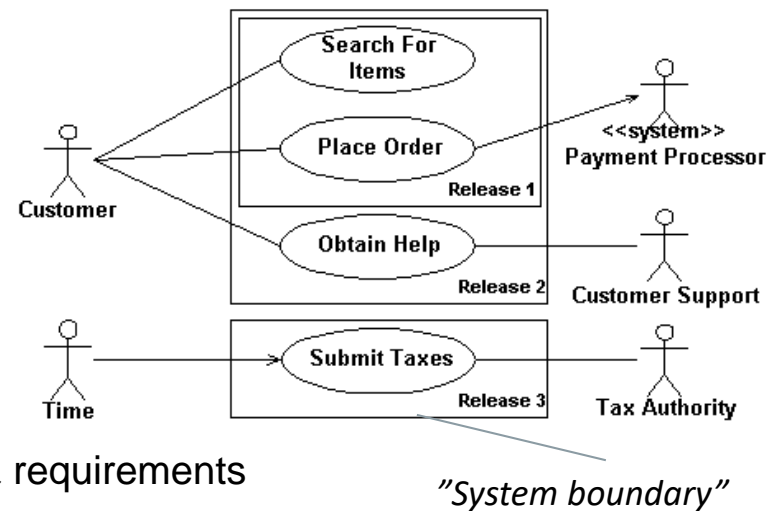
Systems

- Identified by 'system boundary' in use case diagram
- to be specified by one or several use cases (i.e. not 'Power System', but rather 'Control System')

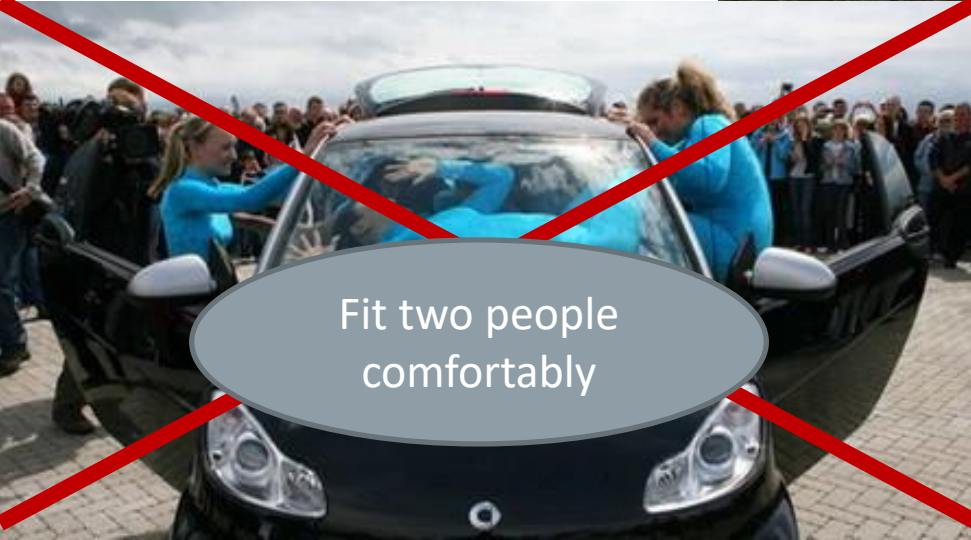


Actors

- A 'soft' concept: anything external **interacting** with the "system" of a use case
- E.g. Roles/people; other 'systems'; but also: devices, physical systems etc.
- *Actors* can be abstracted and organized systematically



Note: power systems, operators, devices, other controllers, all are 'Actors' in a use case



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Drive

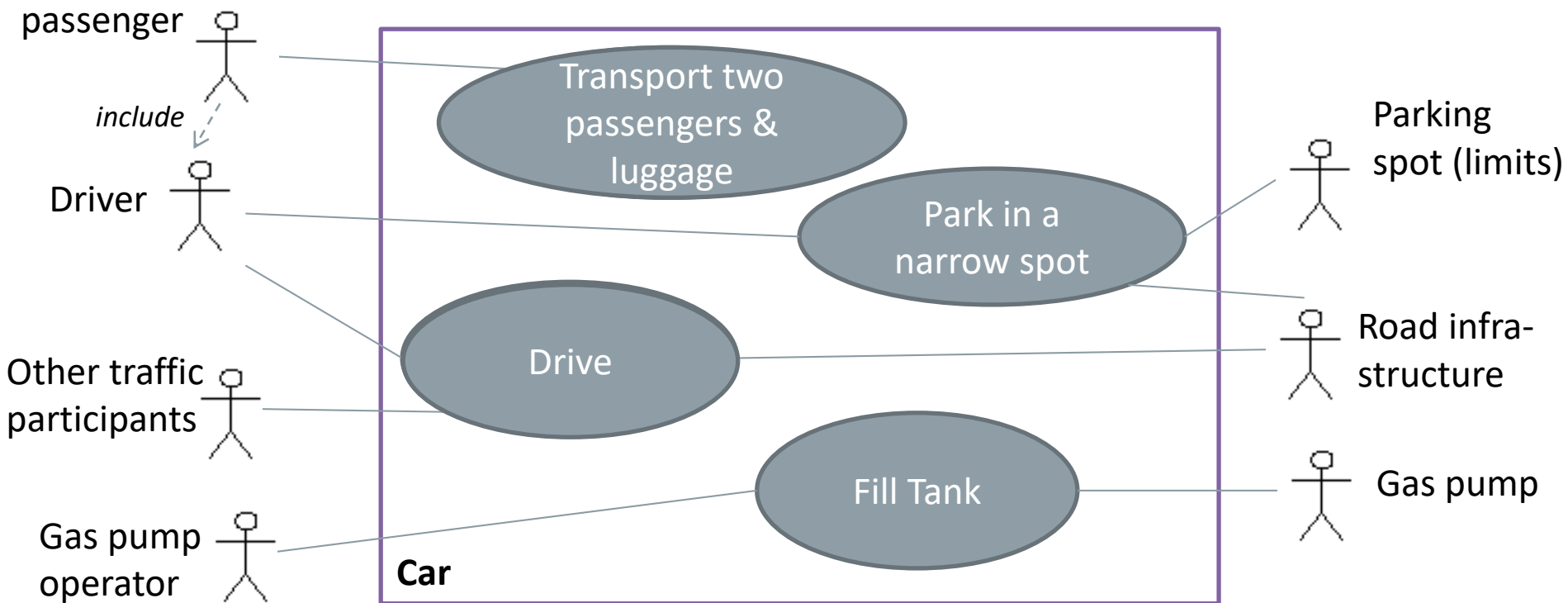
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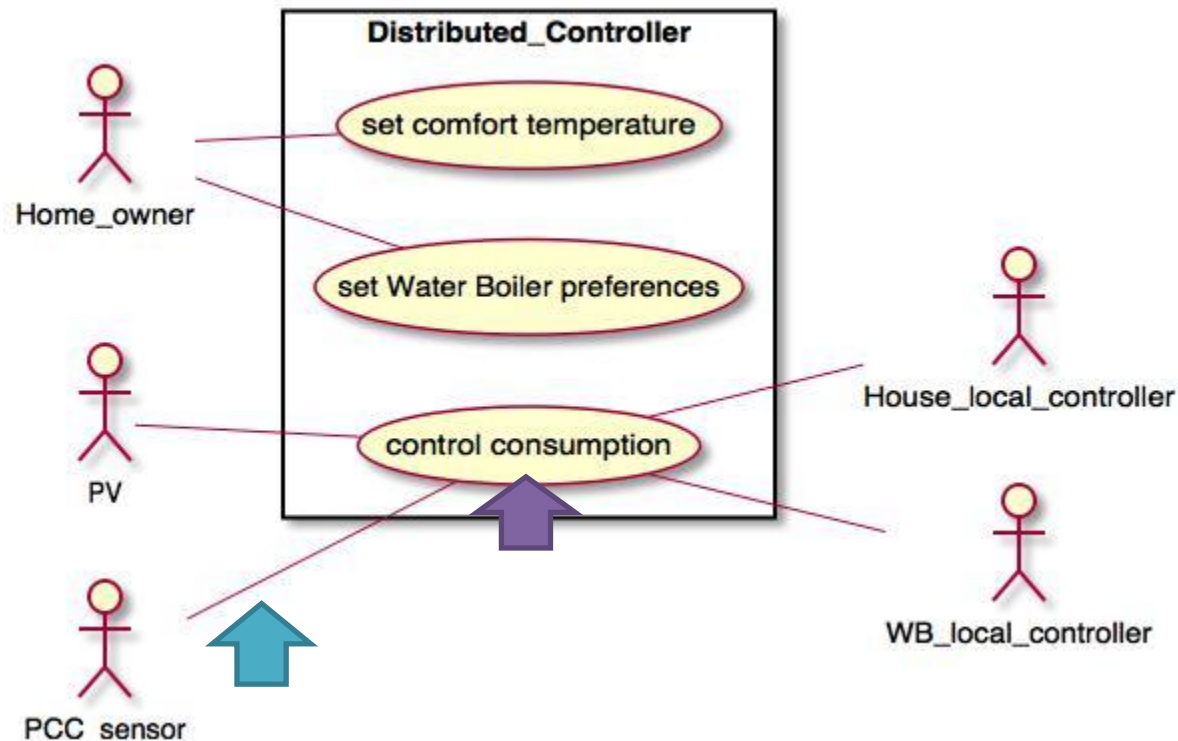
What is the System?

What does it do? (functions)

Who are the actors?

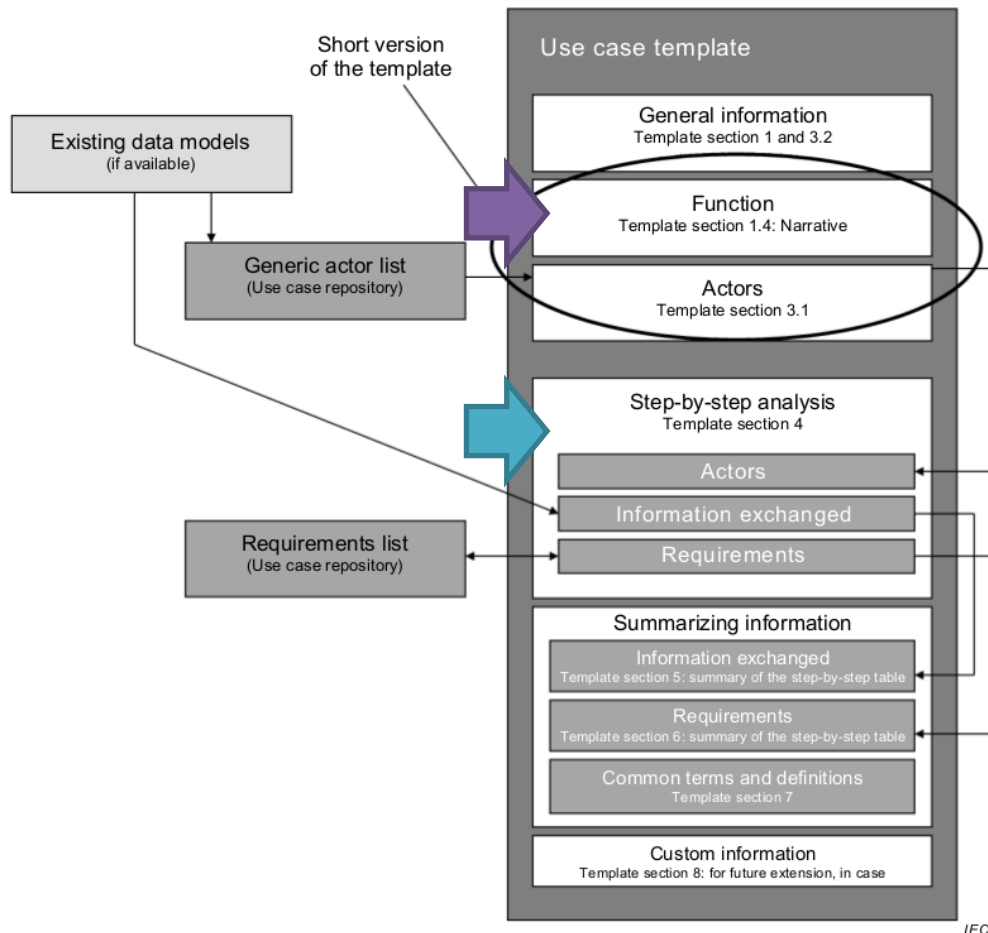


Use cases for Indoor Temperature Control



Use case description

IEC62559 standard template



Description of the use case

1.1 Name of use case

| Use case identification | | |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| ID | Area Domain(s)/ Zone(s) | Name of use case |
| ?? | Zones: - Domains: Electrical and DER | Optimal centralized coordinated voltage control |

1.2 Version management

| Version management | | | | |
|--------------------|------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Version No. | Date | Name of author(s) | Changes | Approval status |
| 1.0 | 06-06-2016 | Panos Kotsampopoulos | initial setup of the use case | Draft, Work in Progress |

1.3 Scope and objectives of use case

| Scope and objectives of use case | |
|---|---|
| Scope | Optimally control the voltages of a distribution network, while simultaneously minimizing power losses and tap change operations of the transformer's on-load tap changer (OLTC). This is accomplished with a central controller that receives real-time measurements from key nodes of the network, solves an optimization problem, and dispatches set-points to controllable devices located in the network, such as the OLTC, inverters of DER units and storage systems. |
| Objective(s) | O1: Minimize voltage deviations from the nominal value O2: Minimize power losses O3: Minimize tap change operations of the OLTC |
| Related Higher-level use case(s) | Voltage Control |
| Control Domain Reference | Distribution network |

1.4 Narrative of use case

| Narrative of use case | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Short description | A central controller receives real-time measurements from key nodes of the distribution grid via a communication network and solves an optimization problem with the aim to minimize voltage deviation from the nominal value, power losses, and tap change operations of the transformer's LTC. The outputs of the optimization are set-points that are transmitted via the communication network to flexible devices located in the distribution grid, such as the OLTC, inverters of DER units and storage systems. |
| Complete description | A central controller is installed at substation level and is initialized with all the necessary static data of the network that it will control: network topology, admittance of lines and transformer, nominal power of DER units and storage systems, operating limits of DER units, storage systems and OLTC. While it operates, it requests and receives real-time power measurements from the smart meters of loads and DER units, as well as the state of charge (SOC) of the storage systems and the current |

1.5 Key performance indicators (KPI)

| Key performance indicators | | | |
|----------------------------|------|-------------|--|
| ID | Name | Description | Reference to mentioned use case objectives |
| | | | |

1.6 Use case conditions

| Use case conditions | |
|----------------------|--|
| Assumptions | |
| Prerequisites | |

1.7 Further information to the use case for classification / mapping

| Classification Information | |
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THE TESTING MOTIVE

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Drive in City
(fast?)

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What could *possibly* go wrong?

Unpleasant emissions
Gasoline leak

Overloading
Crash

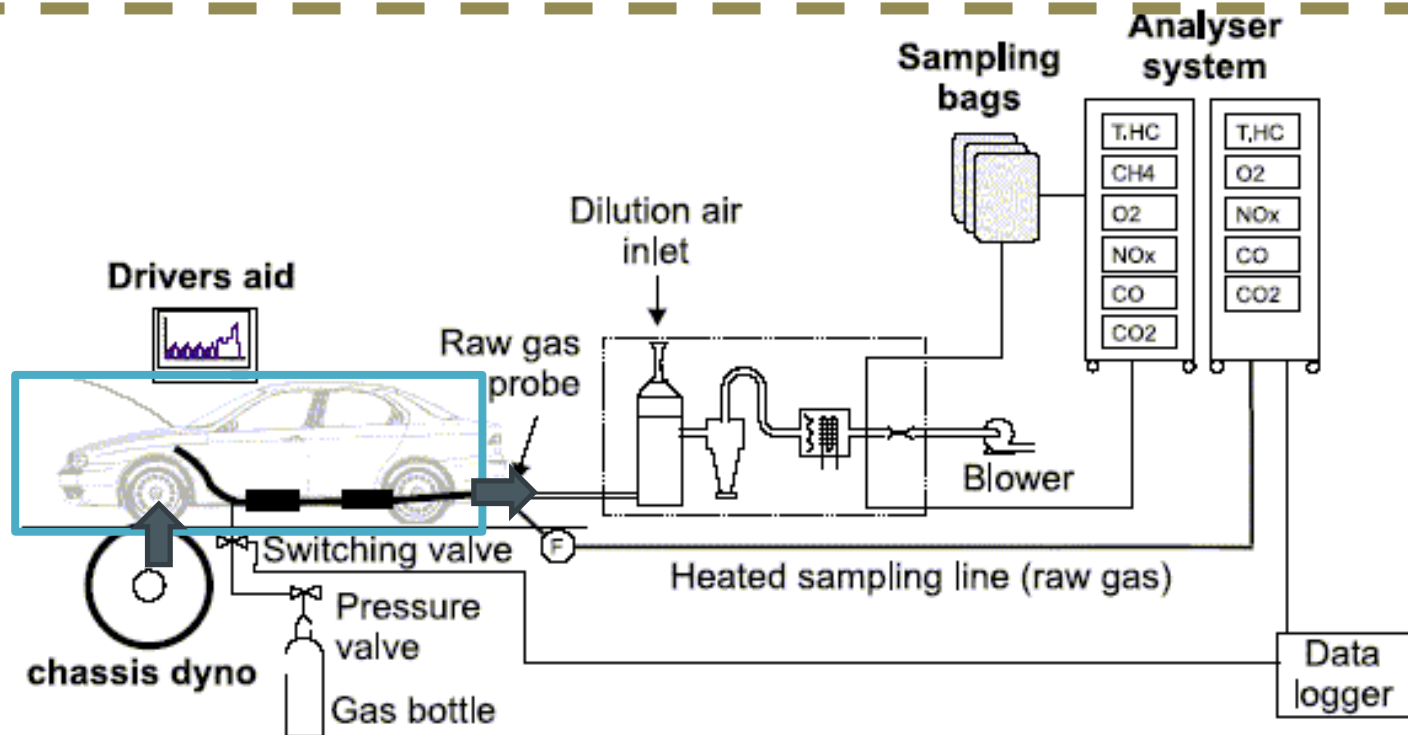
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*Test requirements
are translated to
different
test setups and
test designs.*



Test System / Experiment Setup



- **Object/Device under Investigation (Oul)**
- System under Test (here same as Oul: component test)
- **Experiment Setup**
- **Inputs/Outputs (Measurements) → Test criteria, Test Procedure**

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TEST SPECIFICATION ELEMENTS

Key Questions to be answered in **test description**:

WHY TO TEST?
WHAT TO TEST?
WHAT TO TEST *FOR*?
HOW TO TEST?

test case /
Test requirements



test specification
Test design, etc.

Key Questions to be answered for **test specification**:

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Typical situations for testing.

Basic test runs → engineering process

- ✓ Components/units execute
- ✓ Integrated system executes
- ✓ Quantify component performance

From Use case → Validate functions

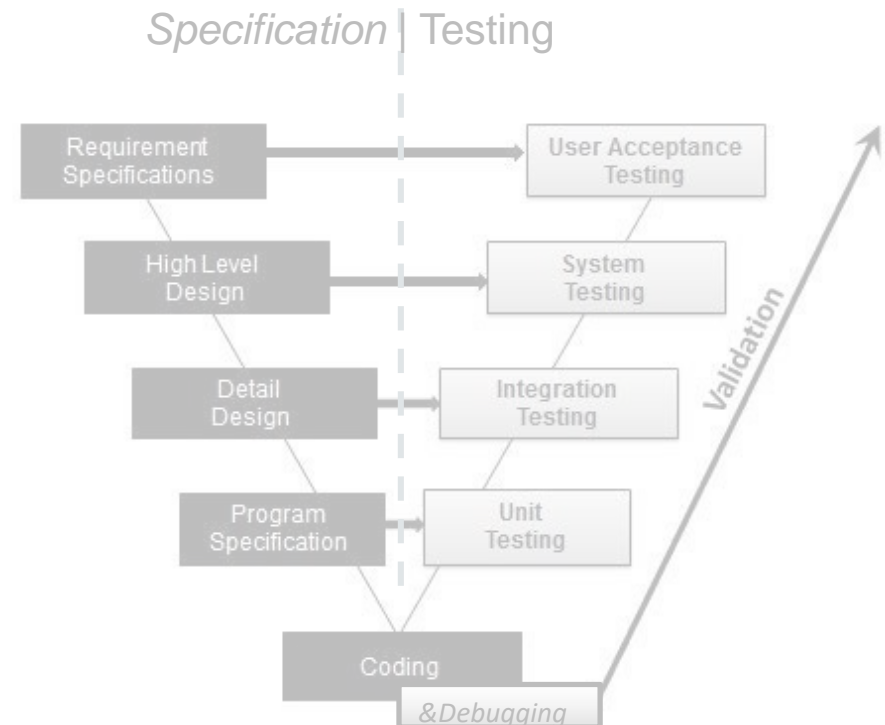
- ✓ System functions operate
- ✓ Meet performance criteria / KPI

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From Standards → Conformance / Compliance

Certification: What could go wrong?

- ✓ Unexpected inputs do not lead to catastrophic failure



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Test System & Domain

System under Test (SuT):

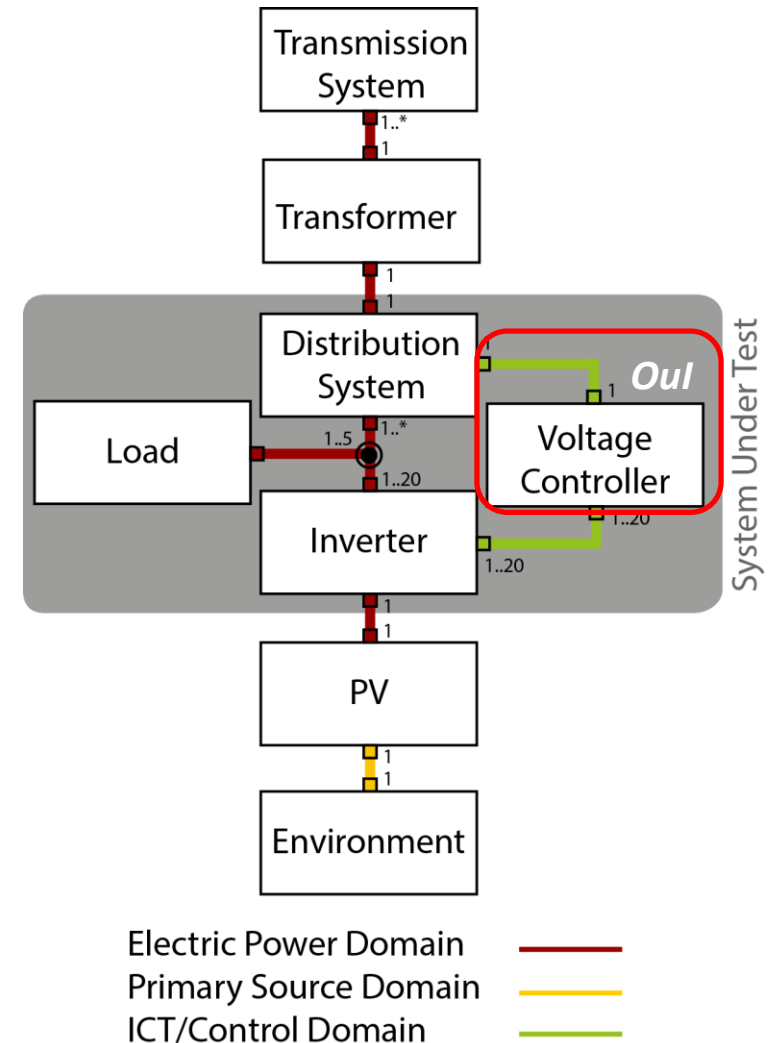
is a system configuration that includes all relevant properties, interactions and behaviors (closed loop I/O and electrical coupling), that are required for evaluating an Oul as specified by the test criteria.

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

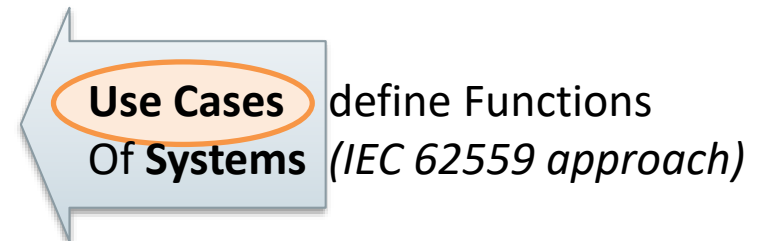
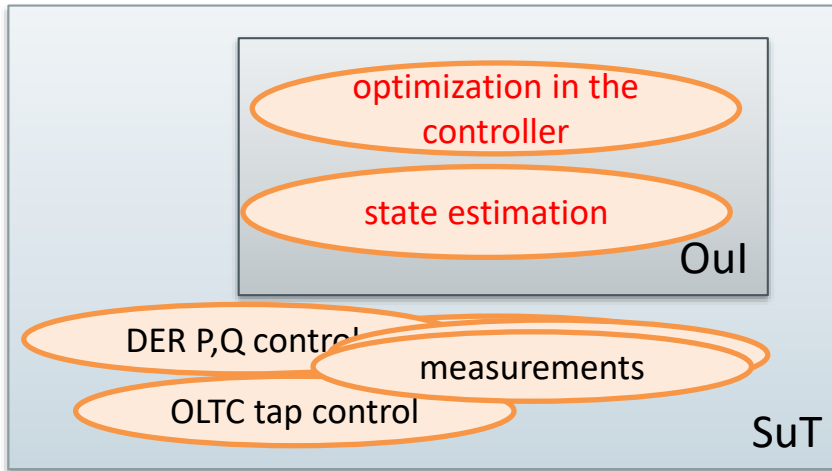
Remark: Oul is a subset of the SuT.

Domain under Investigation (Dul):

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 (Ful): the referenced specification of a function realized (operation-alized) by the object under investigation.

Remark: the Ful are a subset of the FuT.

Key Questions to be answered for **test specification**:

WHY TO TEST?

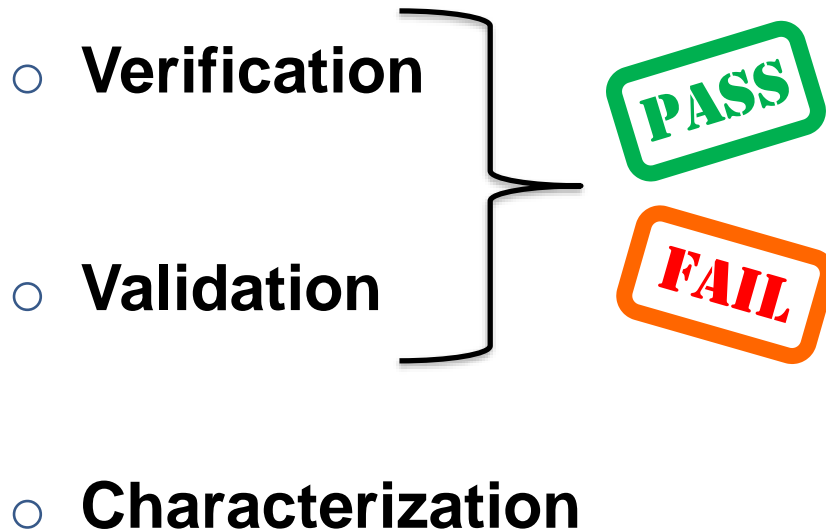
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HOW TO TEST?

Types of Test objectives:

Purpose of Investigation (PoI)



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*)

Definition of Pol types.

Characterization test: a measure is given without specific requirements for passing the test.

Examples: characterizing performance of a system; developing a simulation model.

Validation test: functional requirements and abstract measures are provided, but are subject to interpretation; qualitative test criteria.

Example: is a controller ready for deployment?

Verification test: Tests where requirements are formulated as quantitative measures and thresholds of acceptable values are quantified.

Example: Testing if a component conforms to a standard.

Designing Test Criteria

Detailing Sequence

- **Test objective → Pol → Test Crit.**
- **Test criteria:** How to break down the Pols?
 - *Target metrics* (criteria): list of metrics to quantify each Pol
 - *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%” ...

“Flash”-Exercise:

What is the SuT and Oul of your experiments?

What are the Pols?



■ *System under Test*

What ist the system under test (SuT)?

What is the Object under Investigation (Oul)?

What is the Domain under Investigation (Dul)?

What are the Function under Test (FuT) and Function under Investigation (Ful)?

■ *Test Criteria*

What are the items for Purpose of Investigation (Pol) in terms of validation, verification or characterization?

What are the Test Criteria and metrics to formalize and quantify the Pol?

What will the be the a satisfying test result? (e.g. characterization: precision, verification: test thresholds)

Key Questions to be answered for **test specification**:

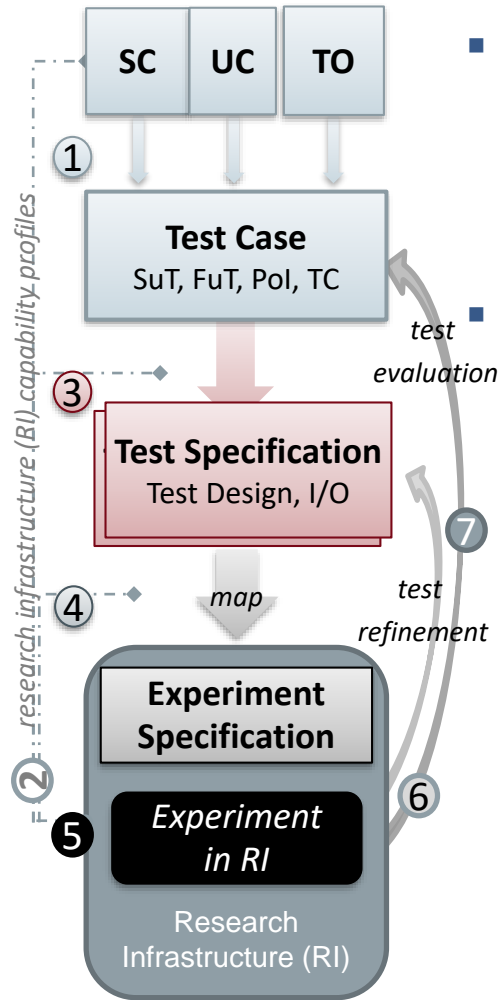
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Test Specification & Design



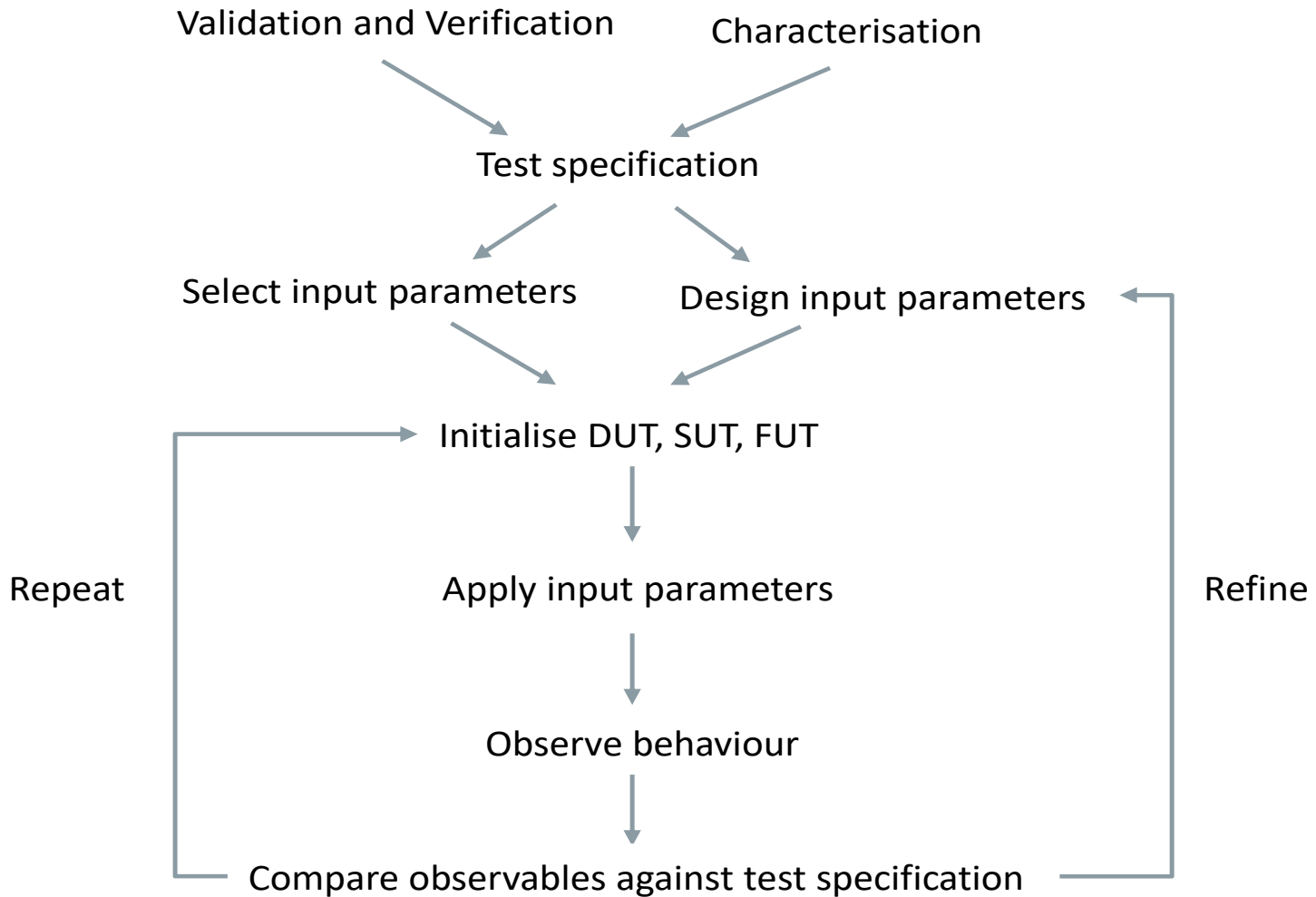
Given:

- ✓ Purpose of Investigation (Pol) & 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)

"Test design"





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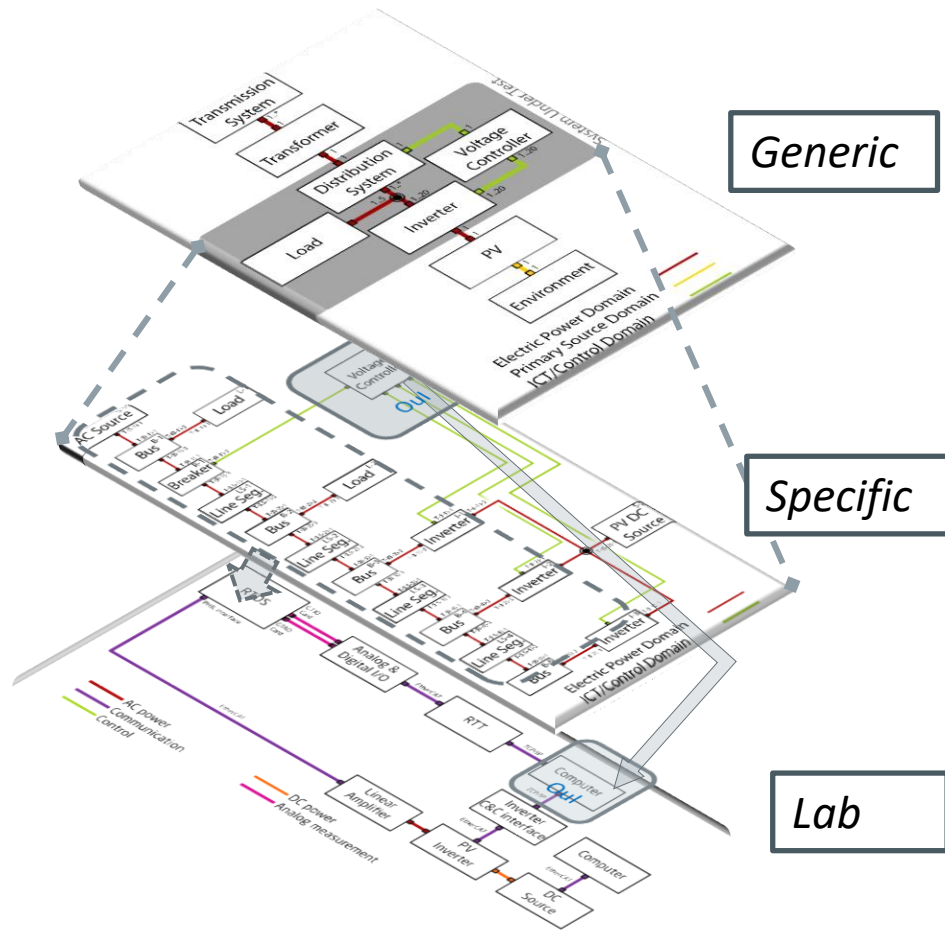
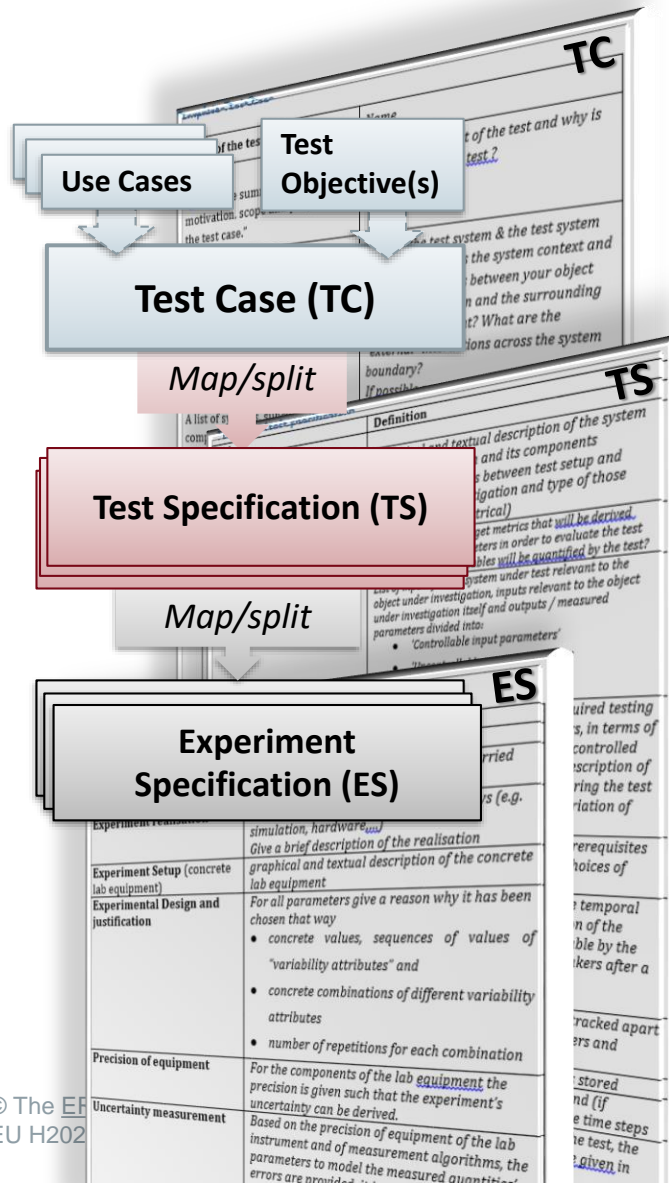
Test specifications
should **not be confused**
with *use case requirements*.

The basics

HOLISTIC TEST DESCRIPTION

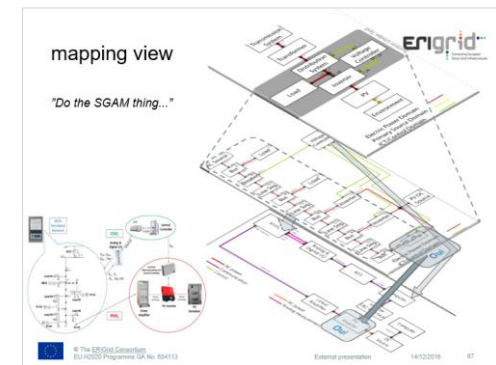
Holistic test *description*

THREE levels of specification



Test System vs. Experiment Setup

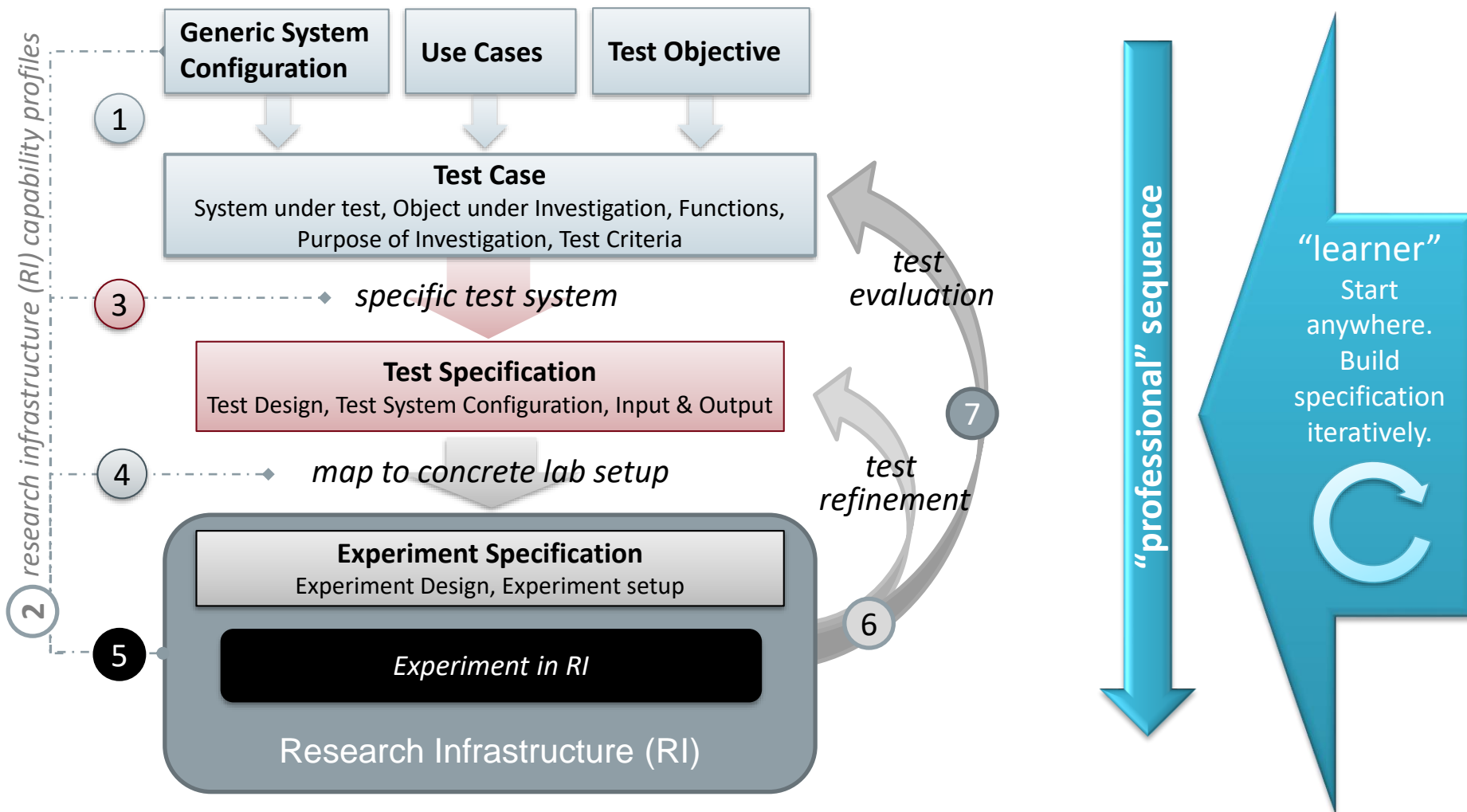
- Hardware Set up
- Software Set up
- In field Test
- MV test capability
- Hardware and software integration
- Real Time and HIL
- HW Grid and components simulator/emulator
- Real scale components
- Interoperability and communication
- Automated test
- Co-simulation or multi-domain simulation test



Test case, test specification, experiment specification

HOLISTIC TESTING 'STEPS'

Overall Specification & mapping procedure



“test description”

- Differentiate between:
Test Case; Test Specification; Experiment Specification
- A **Test case** provides a set of conditions under which a test can determine whether or how well a system, component or one of its aspects is working given its expected function.
- A **test specification** aims to clarify the object under investigation, test objective, and by what means a test is to be carried out (i.e. test system and test design): what is to be tested, why, and how.
- An **experiment specification** builds on a given test specification and the specifics of a given lab infrastructure and provides the additional information required to carry out a concrete test or experiment in the lab.

Test descriptions

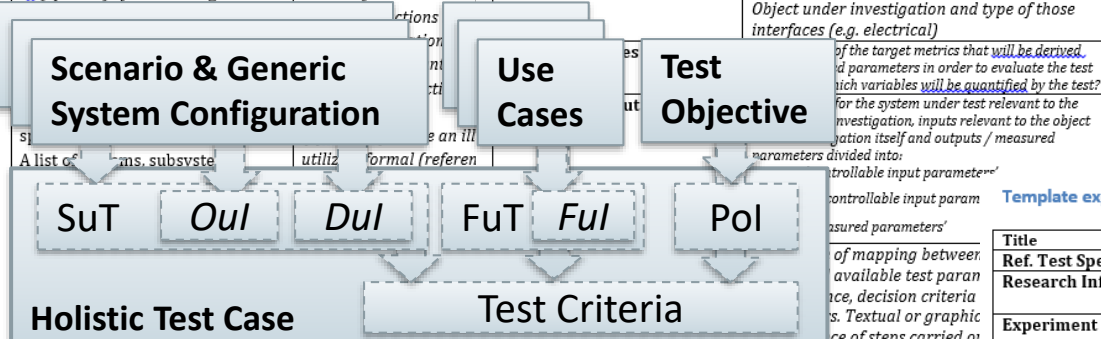
Template Test Case

| | |
|---|---|
| Name of the test case | Name |
| Narrative "a storyline summarizing motivation, scope and purpose of the test case." | What is the subject of the test and why is the purpose of the test? |
| System under Test (SuT): "a (specific) system configuration" | What is the test system boundary? What is the scope of the test? |

Template test specification

| Title | Definition |
|--|--|
| Ref. Holistic test case | |
| Test System Setup (also graphical) | Graphical and textual description of the system under investigation and its components including interfaces between test setup and Object under investigation and type of those interfaces (e.g. electrical) |
| Test Objective | of the target metrics that will be derived and parameters in order to evaluate the test which variables will be quantified by the test? for the system under test relevant to the investigation, inputs relevant to the objectation itself and outputs / measured |

More in
„Hand-out“



Template experiment specification

| Title | Definition |
|--|--|
| Ref. Test Spec. | |
| Research Infrastructure | Specify the RI where the experiment is carried out |
| Experiment realisation | The setup can be realised in different ways (e.g. simulation, hardware,...) Give a brief description of the realisation |
| Experiment Setup (concrete lab equipment) | graphical and textual description of the concrete lab equipment |

| | |
|---|---|
| Domain under Investigation (Dul): "Identifies the relevant domains or sub-domains of test parameters and connectivity." | Which interactions are in case? Which domains of be included/emulated in setup? In a multi-domain interactions need to be identified the domains that are relevant for this |
| Functions under Test (FuT) "the functions relevant to the operation of the system under test, as referenced by use cases" | Which use cases apply to which system functions operational Ful to be in functions required to be final test setup. |

| | |
|--|--|
| Initial system state | including parameter ranges an input parameter. Description of conditions that a |
| Evolution and test steps | input parameters (e.g. opening certain amount of seconds) Evolution of variability attributes |
| Other parameters | Information of data that should from the input and output parameter system state, test signals |
| Storage of data | In which format are the parameters |
| Temporal resolution | Discrete or continuous simulation (applicable) resolution of the data |
| Source of uncertainty | In order to evaluate the quality possible sources of uncertainty how they can be quantified. |
| Suspension criteria / Stopping criteria | Under which conditions are the valid or the test is interrupted |

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

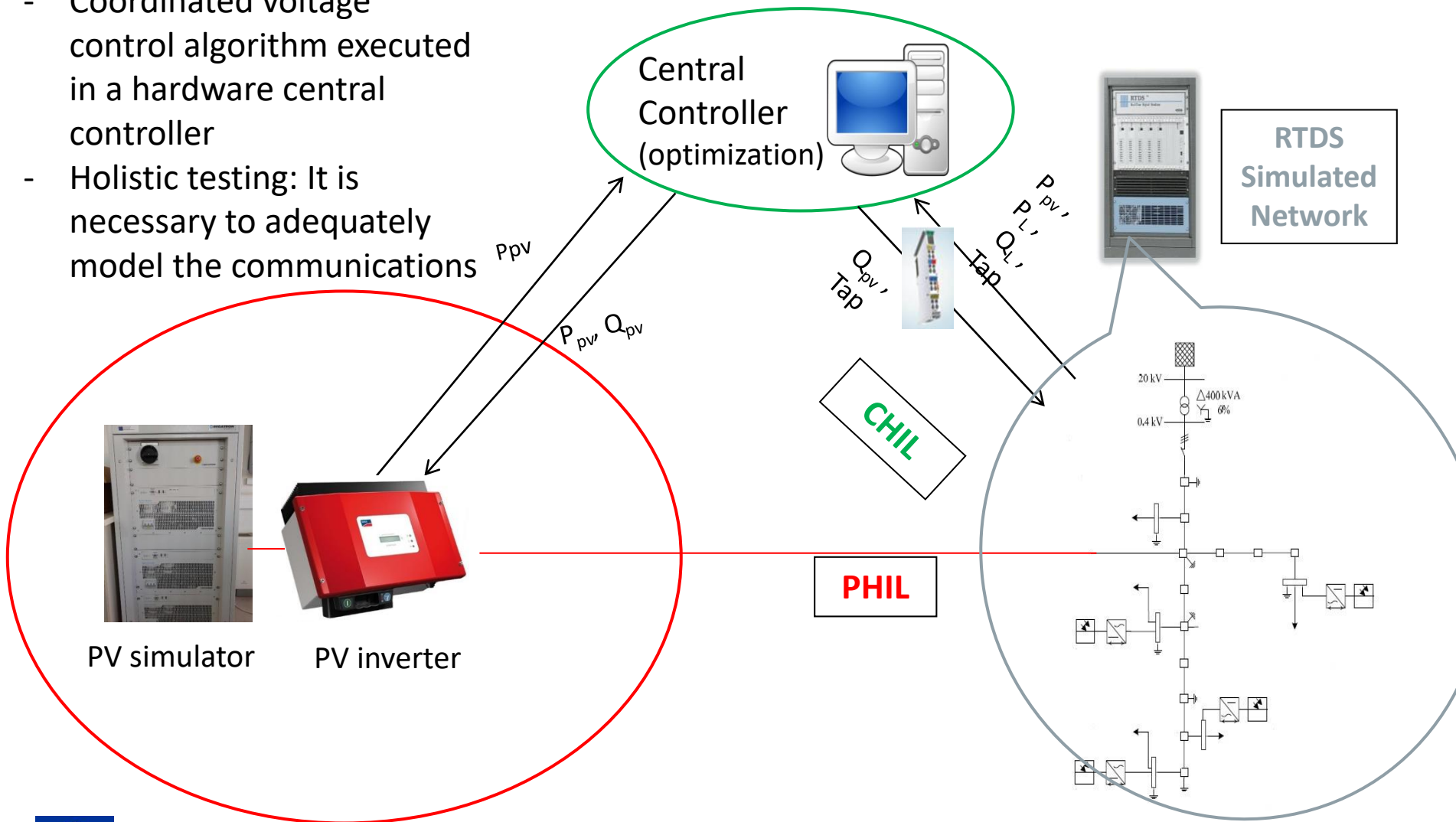
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| Parameters | Parameters give a reason why it has been at way ete values, sequences of values of bility attributes" and |
| Concrete combinations | concrete combinations of different variability attributes |
| Number of repetitions | number of repetitions for each combination |

Experiment Specification Experiment Design, Experiment setup

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| Parameters | parameters to model the measured quantities' errors are provided it is specified how experiment's uncertainty can actually be measured. |
|-------------------|---|

Holistic Testing: exemplary test setup

- Coordinated voltage control algorithm executed in a hardware central controller
- Holistic testing: It is necessary to adequately model the communications



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
 - Ouls: **DMS_controller**
 - Dul: **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/Pol:** *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 – Target criteria:

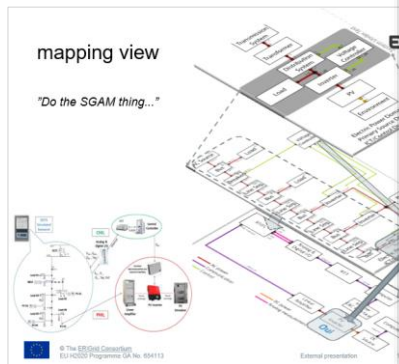
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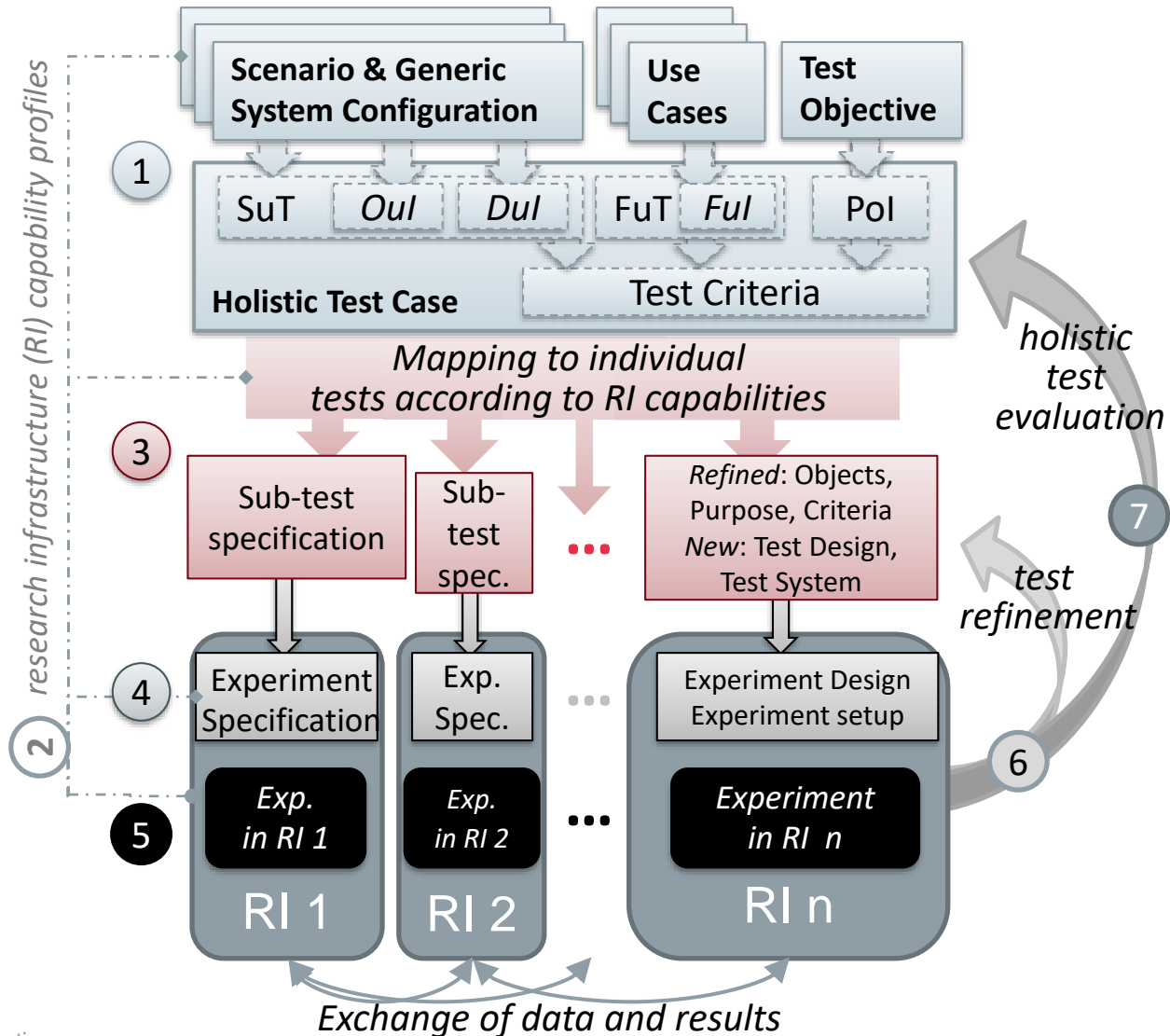


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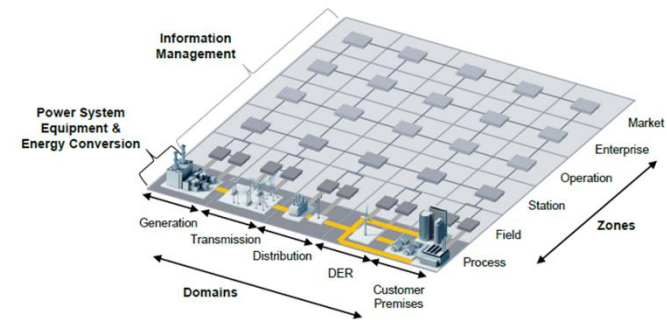
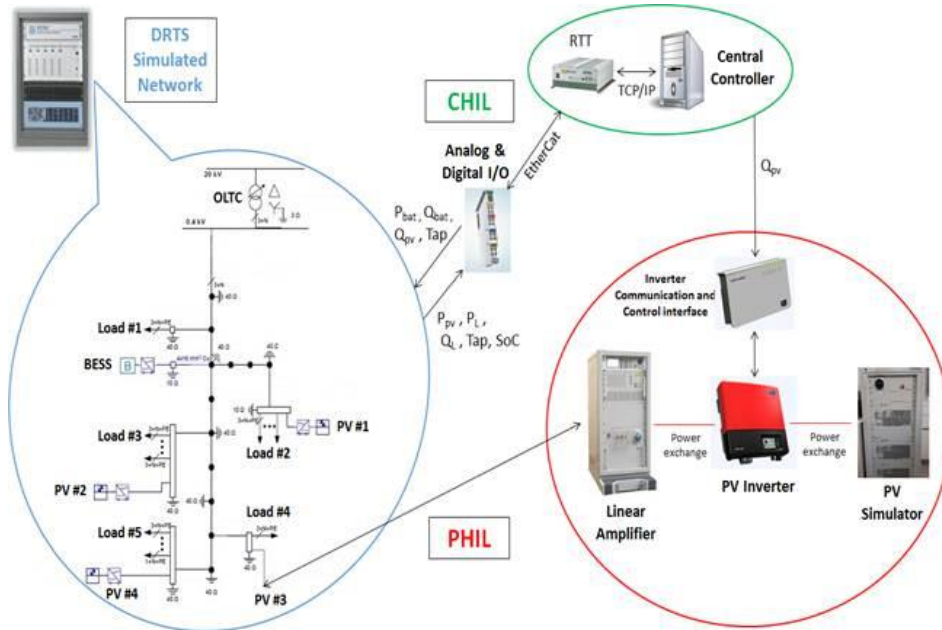
“Holistic procedure”

- one test case, several experiments



Types of System Configurations in the Test/Experiment specification workflow

| | Name/ Purpose | Context / Document | GSC/ (S)SC | SCType | Explanation |
|-------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|--------|---|
| 1 | Function- System Alignment | Use Case | GSC | UC-GSC | As SGAM domains & zones: reference designation for functions, independent of test case. Corresponds to D-JRA1.1 Generic System Configurations. |
| 3 | Test Case context model | Test Case | GSC | TC-GSC | Establishes type conventions for test case: relevant SC component types, domains, etc., and categorically identifies the SuT (and optional Oul's); specifies multiplicities; "class model". |
| 4 | Test System | Test Specification | (S)SC | TS-SC | A concrete instance of TC-GSC to address a specific Oul and test criteria; labelled terminals and specific connections; Oul and SuT identified as overlay annotation. |
| | Experiment Setup | Experiment Specification | (S)SC | E-SC | The configuration and interconnection of RI components, representing the SuT, and including Oul; also "Test Setup" |
| <hr/> | | | | | |
| 2 | RI Description | RI database entry | (S)SC | RI-SC | Lab configuration with components, including potential multiplicity and potential connectivity of lab components, but may have undefined connectivity. |
| | RI information model | RI profiling | GSC | RI-GSC | Specification of Lab profiling data structures, including component types and domain types. |



Drawing the 'multi-domain' diagrams

SYSTEM CONFIGURATIONS

Terminology:

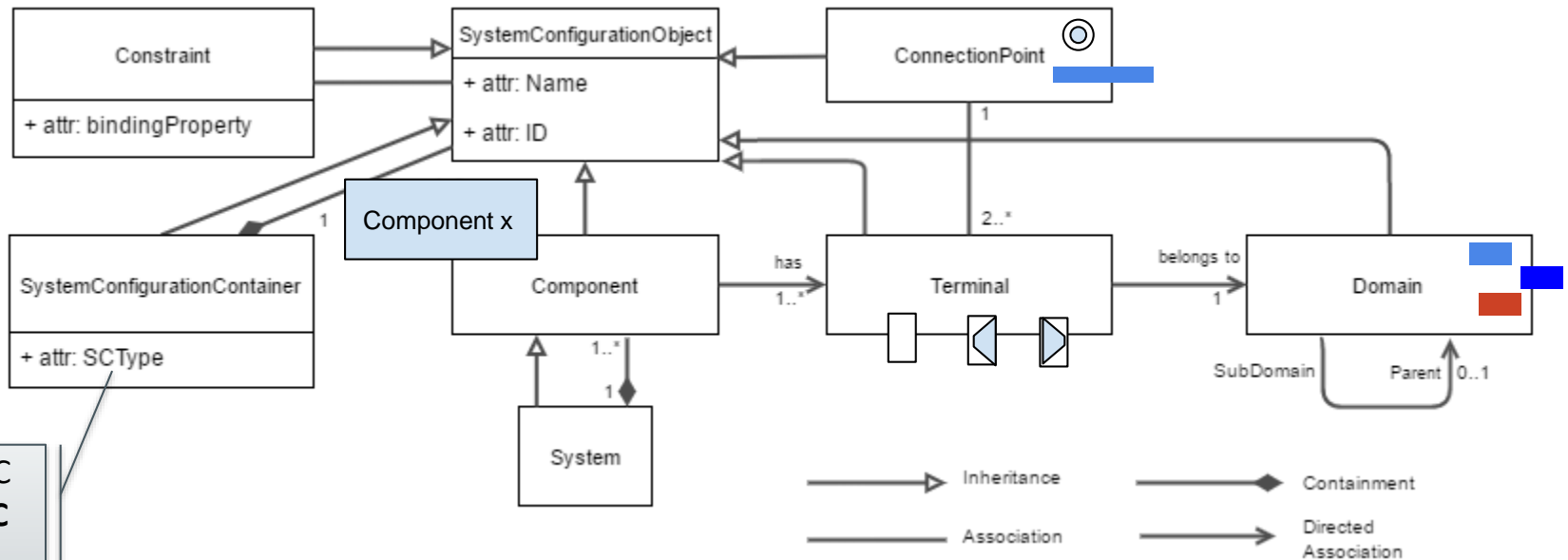
System Configuration & Use Case

- **Use case:** *Specification of a set of actions performed by a system, which yields an observable result that is, typically, of value for one or more actors or other stakeholders of the system.*
- **Component:** constituent part of a system which cannot be divided into smaller parts without losing its particular function for the purpose of investigation.
 - *Remark:* In a system configuration, components cannot further be divided; connections are established between components.
- **System** (generic): Set of interrelated elements considered in a defined context as a whole and separated from their environment.
 - *Remark:* In a system configuration, a system represents a grouping of components, which may be divided into sub-systems; interfaces between systems a system.
- **Domain:** An area of knowledge or activity in the context of smart grids characterized by a set of concepts and terminology understood by practitioners in that area.
 - *Remark:* In a system configuration, domains represent a categorization of the connections between systems; a domain can be divided into sub-domains; domains interface with other domains via components.
- **System(s) configuration:** an assembly of (sub-)systems, components, connections, domains, and attributes relevant to a particular context.

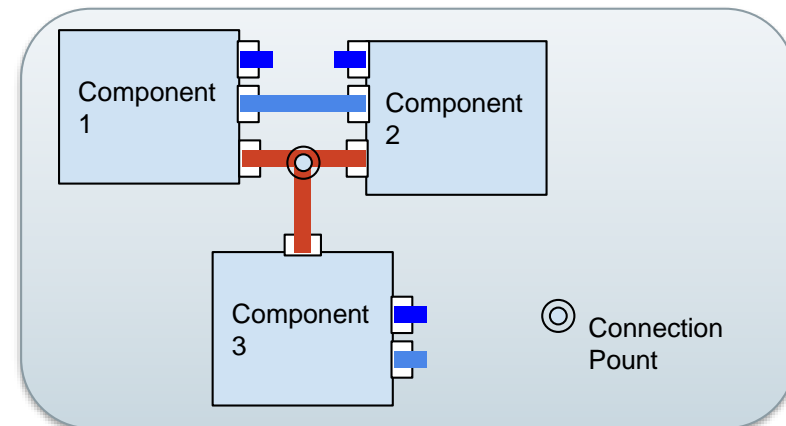
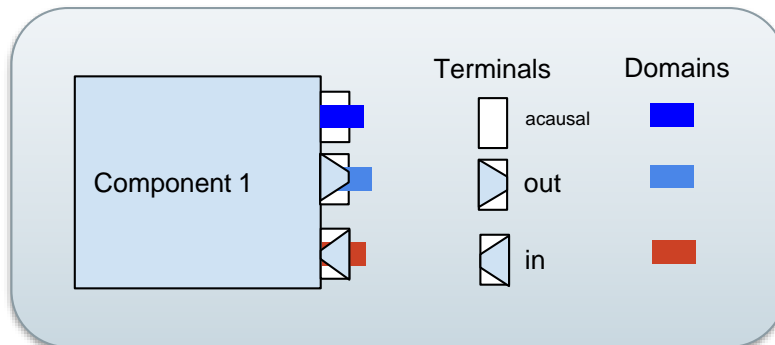
Specification of Functions →

Specification of System (context) →

System Configuration Concepts

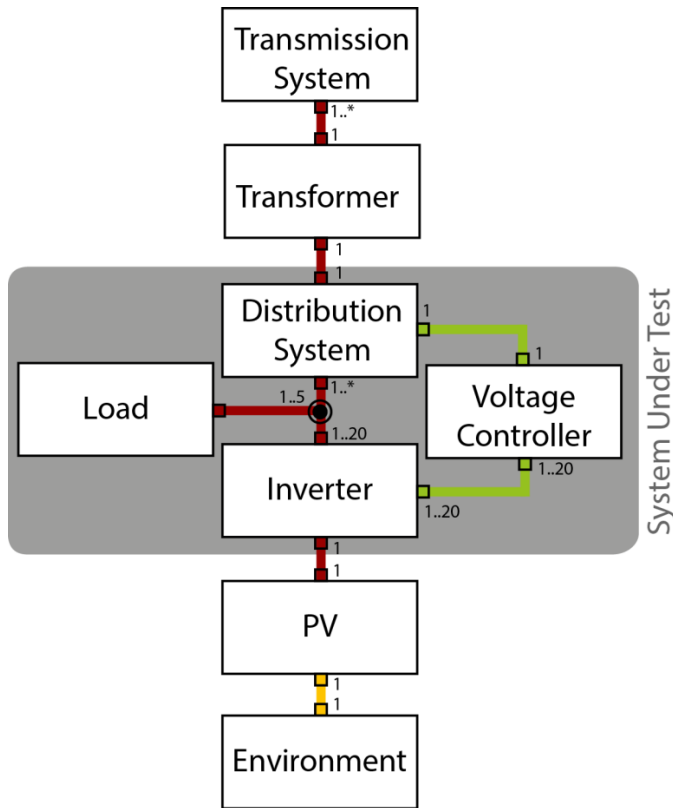


UC-GSC
TC-GSC
TS-SC
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L-GSC



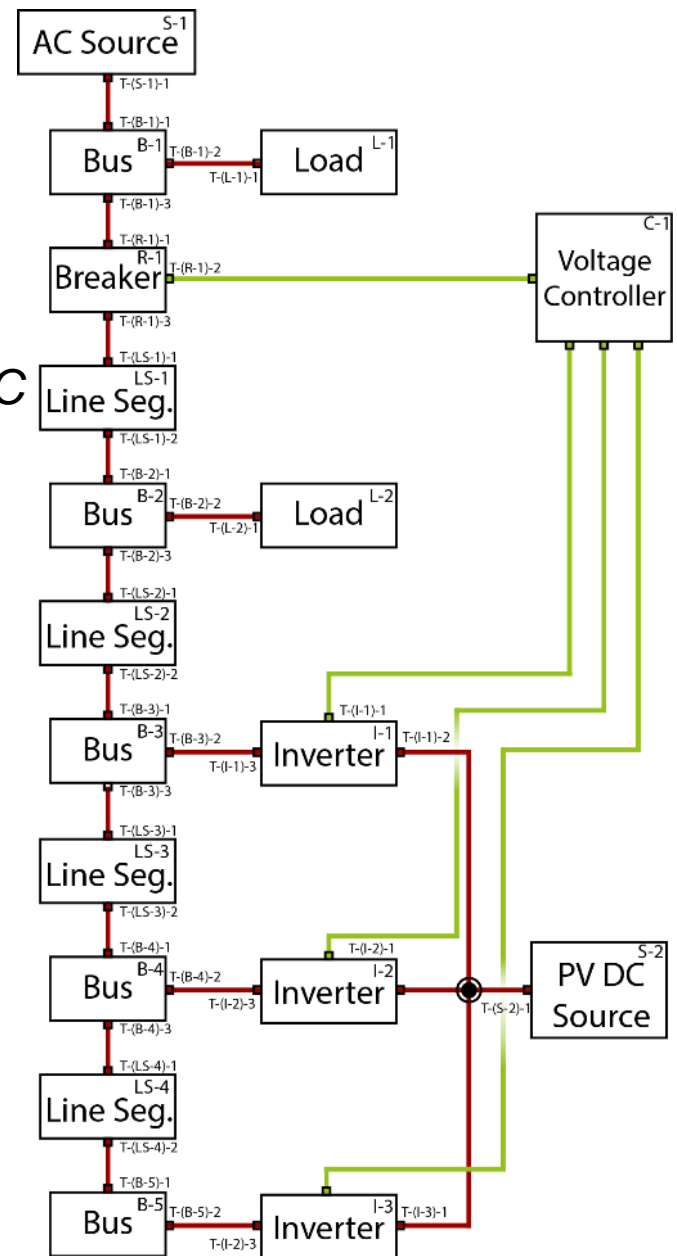
System configuration diagram: Generic SC vs. Specific SC

- Test case:
Generic SC (TC-GSC)



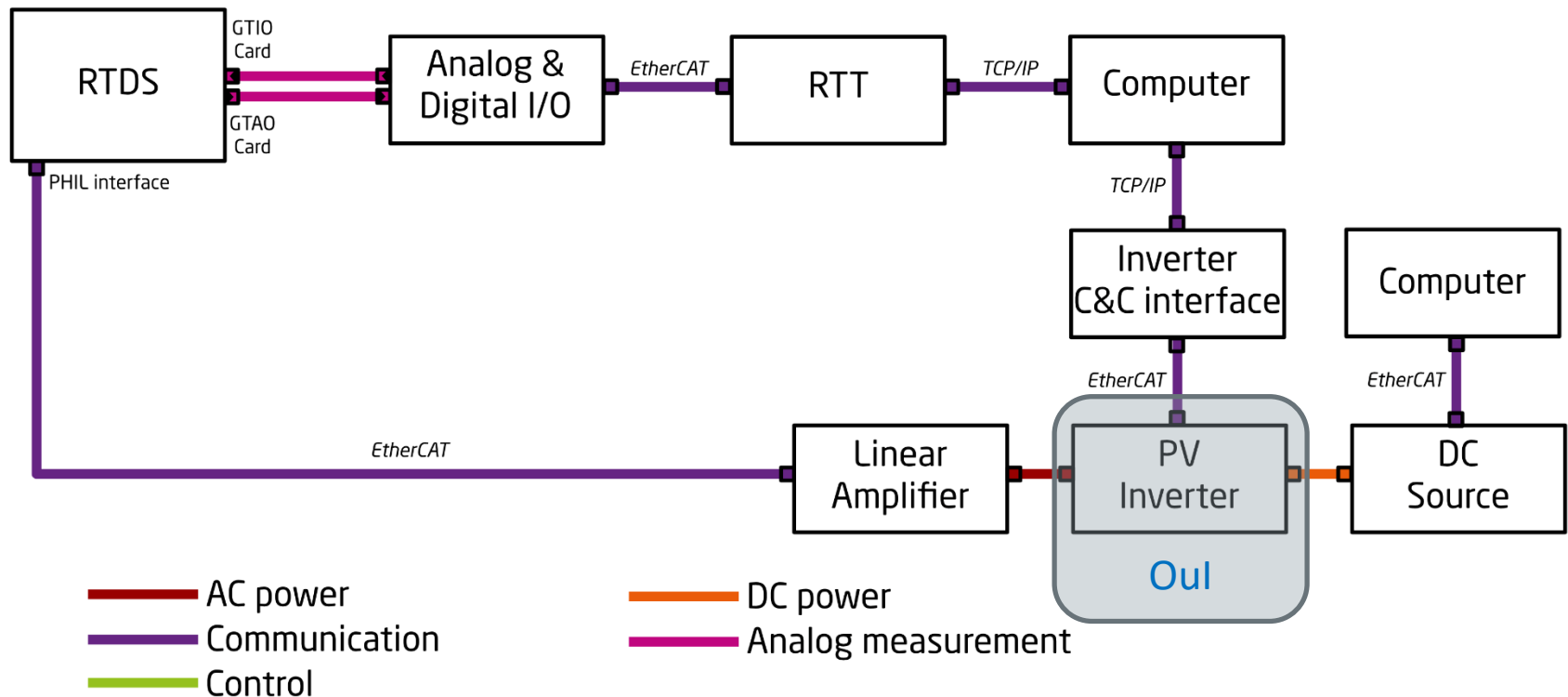
Electric Power Domain ———
Primary Source Domain ———
ICT/Control Domain ———

- Test
Specific SC (TS-SC)
"Test System"



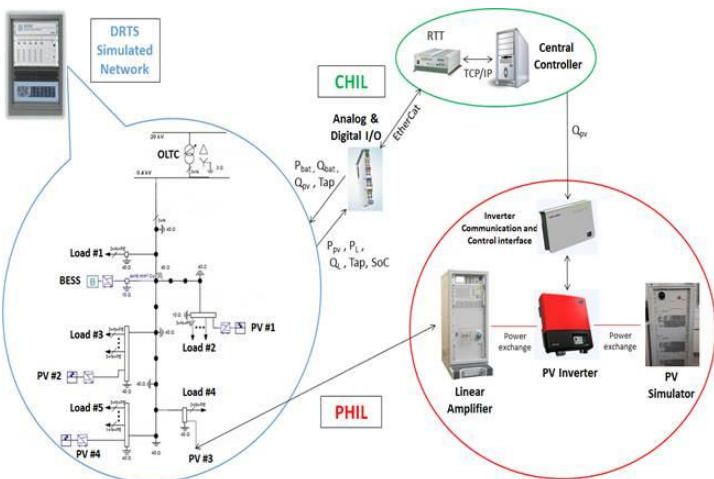
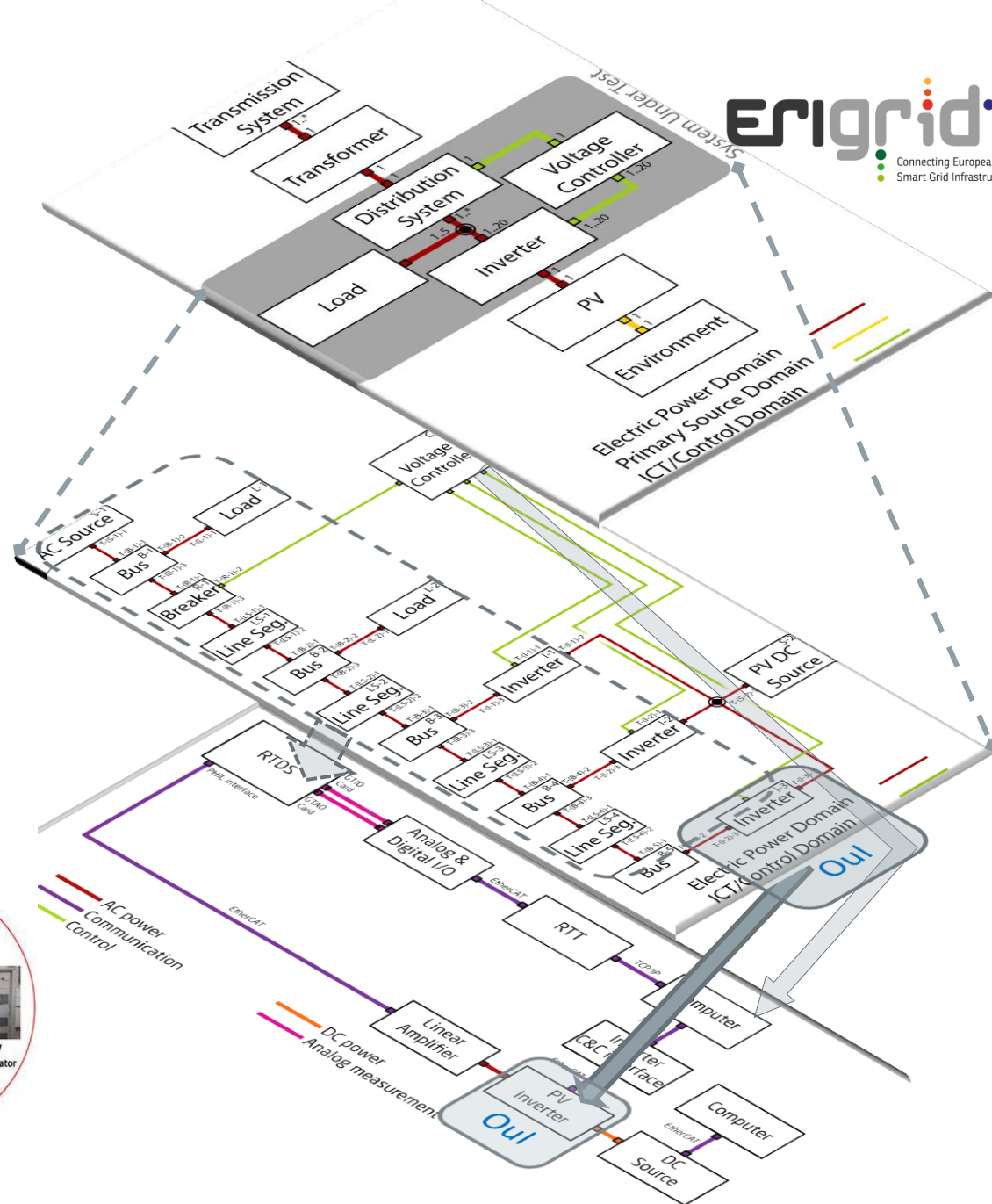
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System configuration diagram: Experiment-SC (E-SC)



mapping view

"Do the SGAM thing..."



Types of System Configurations in the Test/Experiment specification workflow

| | Name/ Purpose | Context / Document | GSC/ (S)SC | SCType | Explanation |
|-------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|--------|---|
| 1 | Function- System Alignment | Use Case | GSC | UC-GSC | As SGAM domains & zones: reference designation for functions, independent of test case. Corresponds to D-JRA1.1 Generic System Configurations. |
| 3 | Test Case context model | Test Case | GSC | TC-GSC | Establishes type conventions for test case: relevant SC component types, domains, etc., and categorically identifies the SuT (and optional Oul's); specifies multiplicities; "class model". |
| 4 | Test System | Test Specification | (S)SC | TS-SC | A concrete instance of TC-GSC to address a specific Oul and test criteria; labelled terminals and specific connections; Oul and SuT identified as overlay annotation. |
| | Experiment Setup | Experiment Specification | (S)SC | E-SC | The configuration and interconnection of RI components, representing the SuT, and including Oul; also "Test Setup" |
| <hr/> | | | | | |
| 2 | RI Description | RI database entry | (S)SC | RI-SC | Lab configuration with components, including potential multiplicity and potential connectivity of lab components, but may have undefined connectivity. |
| | RI information model | RI profiling | GSC | RI-GSC | Specification of Lab profiling data structures, including component types and domain types. |

Checklist for System Configuration

➤ Test Case Generic SC

- ☐ Domains defined, high-level interpretation (domains w/ icon in hierarchy)
- ☐ Similar to SGAM Plane + Identify SuT;
- ☐ Align SC names with UC Actors, Systems, Components

➤ Specific-SC (Test system)

- ☐ Only "SuT" of TC is detailed here; Identify Oul
- ☐ "Real world" test system - No lab component names
- ☐ *relevant* coupling domains specific; terminals & connections labelled
- ☐ Use "domain-specific diagrams" where applicable e.g. SLD, FunctionBlocks

➤ Lab-SC

- ☐ Only Lab component names, no test-system names
- ☐ Domains: directly based on L-SC specified domains (e.g. Available protocols)

What are you able to do?

As checklist

Apply the “scenario description method” to interpret a practical test case. i.e.

- ☐ Distinguish the “**System configuration diagrams**” to model
 - Generic System Configuration (for Use case and Test case purposes)
 - Specific “Real-world” System configuration
 - Experiment Configuration
 - Lab profile description
- ☐ Identify the *FuT* and *FuI*, *SuT* and *OuI*, in a **test specification**.
- ☐ Formulate test objectives in terms of *validation*, *verification* or *characterisation* and formulate *test criteria*
- ☐ Distinguish purpose and use of the templates for *test case*, *test specification*, and *experiment specification*.
- ☐ Recognise & distinguish *use case* vs. *test case* from title alone.

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APPENDIX: SC, USE CASE OR TEST CASE?

Definitions & Some examples

▪ Examples

Use Case – Real-time optimal coordinated voltage control in distribution networks

(system?) – Agent-based control system for controlling CO2 emissions in virtual power plants

Test Case – Fault ride-through compliance of offshore wind power plants connected through HVDC based on voltage sourced converter technology

Use Case

- **Use case:** *Specification of a set of actions performed by a system, which yields an observable result that is, typically, of value for one or more actors or other stakeholders of the system.*

- “*actions performed*” - action typically the first word

- “by a *system*” – refer to a system

System - Set of interrelated elements considered in a defined context as a whole and separated from their *environment*.

- Often also the objective or *value* and the respective *actor* is stated

Test Case

- A **Test case** provides a *set of conditions* under which a test can determine whether or how well a system, component or one of its aspects is working given its expected function.

- A test needs to evaluate conditions “*how well*”

- Of a system in its *operational context* (“working”)

Try it!

“Validation of aggregator performance in delivering secondary control ancillary service”

- ☐ Test Case
- ☐ Use Case
- ☐ System / Component

“Aggregator Service delivery”

- ☐ Test Case
- ☐ Use Case
- ☐ System / Component
- ☐ unclear

“Aggregator secondary control ancillary service with Distributed Resources for Distribution system operators”

- ☐ Test Case
- ☐ Use Case
- ☐ System / Component
- ☐ unclear

“Aggregator for Resources connected to the Distribution Network”

- ☐ Test Case
- ☐ Use Case
- ☐ System / Component

“Solution”

“**Validation of aggregator performance** in delivering secondary control ancillary service”

- **[x] Test Case**
 - keyword: “validation...” with corresponding use case “delivery of secondary control service”
- Not: ☐ Use Case ☐ System / Component

“Aggregator Service delivery”

- Not clear ☐ Test Case – *is it a test at all?*; ☐ Use Case – *what service?*; ☐ System / Component – *more than just a system (noun/object), as “service delivery” is an action .*
- **[x] unclear**

“**Aggregator secondary control ancillary service** with **Distributed Resources** for **Distribution system operators**”

- ☐ Test Case – *no evaluation objective mentioned.*
- **[x] Use Case** – all elements specified: **action** , **system** (performing the action), **stakeholder**
- ☐ System / Component; ☐ unclear

“Aggregator for Resources connected to the Distribution Network”

- ☐ Test Case – *no evaluation mentioned*
- ☐ Use Case - *no action specified*
- **[x] System / Component** – system with a purpose is identified

APPENDIX: EXAMPLE TEST CASE FORMULATIONS

Component Testing

Usually open loop test (predefined voltage, frequency etc setpoints are applied to the DuT)

TEST CASE:

- OuI: PV inverter
- SuT: Comprises only the OuI
- Test objectives: e.g. Verification of MPPT and anti-islanding capability, validation, characterization test,
- Test criteria: e.g. Inverter disconnection time below a certain value

Test setup:

- a) hardware testing of the OuI (e.g. figure below)
- b) pure simulation



PV simulator



Hardware
inverter under
test



AC grid
simulator

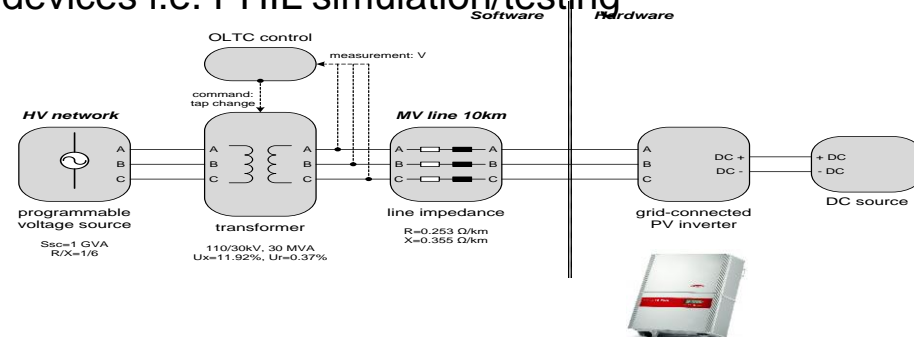
Power System Testing

TEST CASE:

- Narrative: Interactions between the hardware inverter (Q(U) droop control) and OLTC are examined. **Power system testing (not possible with component testing)**; 2 local controllers
- SuT: PV and OLTC, transformer, distribution line, upstream network impedance
 - Ouls: OLTC and PV inverter
- Ful: PV inverter's Q(U) control, OLTC controlling secondary voltage
- Dul: Electric power
- Test objectives / Pol: Characterization and validation of the SuT
- Test criteria: OLTC behavior according to reactive power levels and inverter's reaction to tap changes

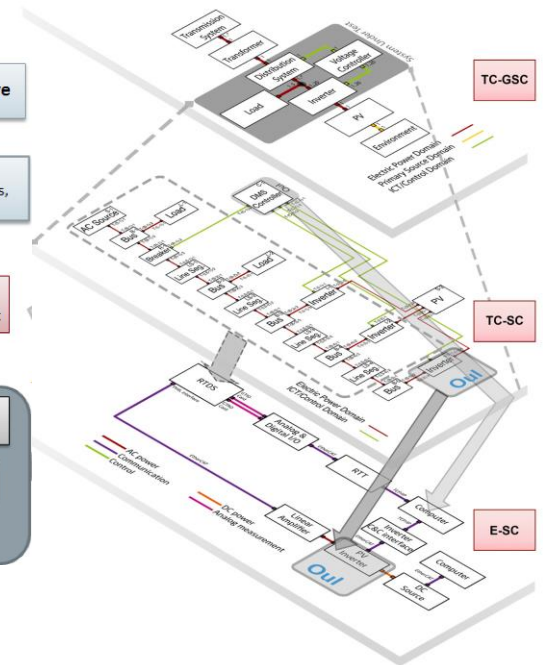
Test setup:

- Comprises virtual platforms and physical devices i.e. PHIL simulation/testing
- Pure simulation
- Full hardware testing (practically difficult)



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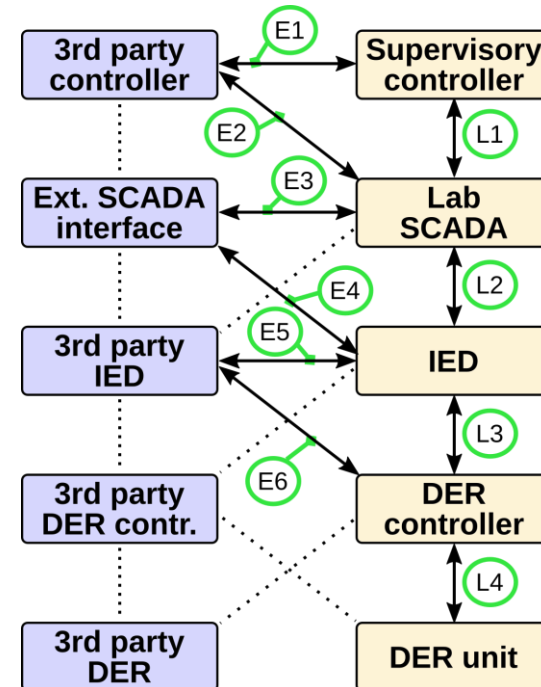
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- The diagram illustrates the Research Infrastructure (RI) capability profiles through a series of steps:
- Generic System Configuration**, **Use Cases**, and **Test Objective** lead to the **Test Case**.
 - The **Test Case** (System under test, Object under Investigation, Functions, Purpose of Investigation, Test Criteria) leads to the **Test Specification** (*specific test system*).
 - The **Test Specification** (Test Design, Test System Configuration, Input & Output) leads to the **Experiment Specification** (*map to concrete lab setup*).
 - The **Experiment Specification** (Experiment Design, Experiment setup) leads to the **Experiment in RI**.
 - The **Experiment in RI** is the final stage within the **Research Infrastructure (RI)**.
- The entire process is framed by the **Research Infrastructure (RI) capability profiles**, which are numbered 1 through 5.



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Reference model for Software Interfaces

- Conceptual model for ICT & Control deployment
- transferrable across Research Infrastructures
- Concept lead and deliverable by DTU: Oliver Gehrke



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