



# Challenges in Connecting Large Wind and Solar Farms






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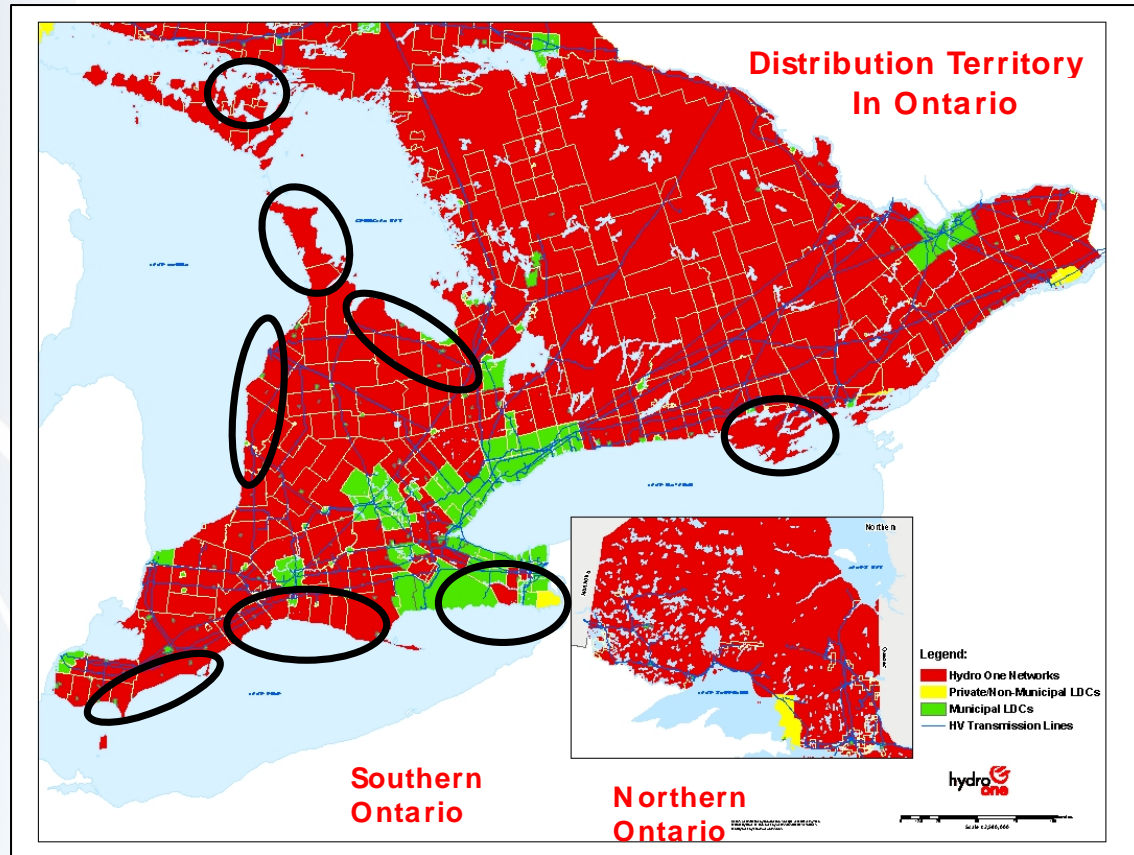
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# OPA Generation Contracts

Delivery by Date and Technology Type for OPA Managed Contracts

		Prior	2011 Planned	2012 Planned	2013 Planned	2014 Planned	Total
	Wind	1527.1	833.4	497.6	1089.4	300	4247.5
	Hydroelectric	28.2		14	507.3	54.85	604.35
	Biomass, Landfill and Industrial By-Product Gas	55.3	15	17.8			88.1
	Natural Gas	4153.9		673			4826.9
	Bruce Refurbishment			1500			1500
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5764.5</b>	<b>848.4</b>	<b>2702.4</b>	<b>1596.7</b>	<b>354.85</b>	<b>11,266.85</b>



### Good Wind Potential

- Southern Georgian Bay (Owen Sound, Collingwood)
- Bruce Peninsula North (tip of Lake Huron and Georgian Bay)
- Lake Huron shore (Goderich, Port Albert, Kingcardine, Douglas Point, Port Elgin)
- South shore on Lake Erie (Leamington, Port Stanley, Port Burwell, East of Nanticoke to Port Colborne)
- Prince Edward County - Southeastern area
- Manitoulin Island

# Map of Ontario(2008)

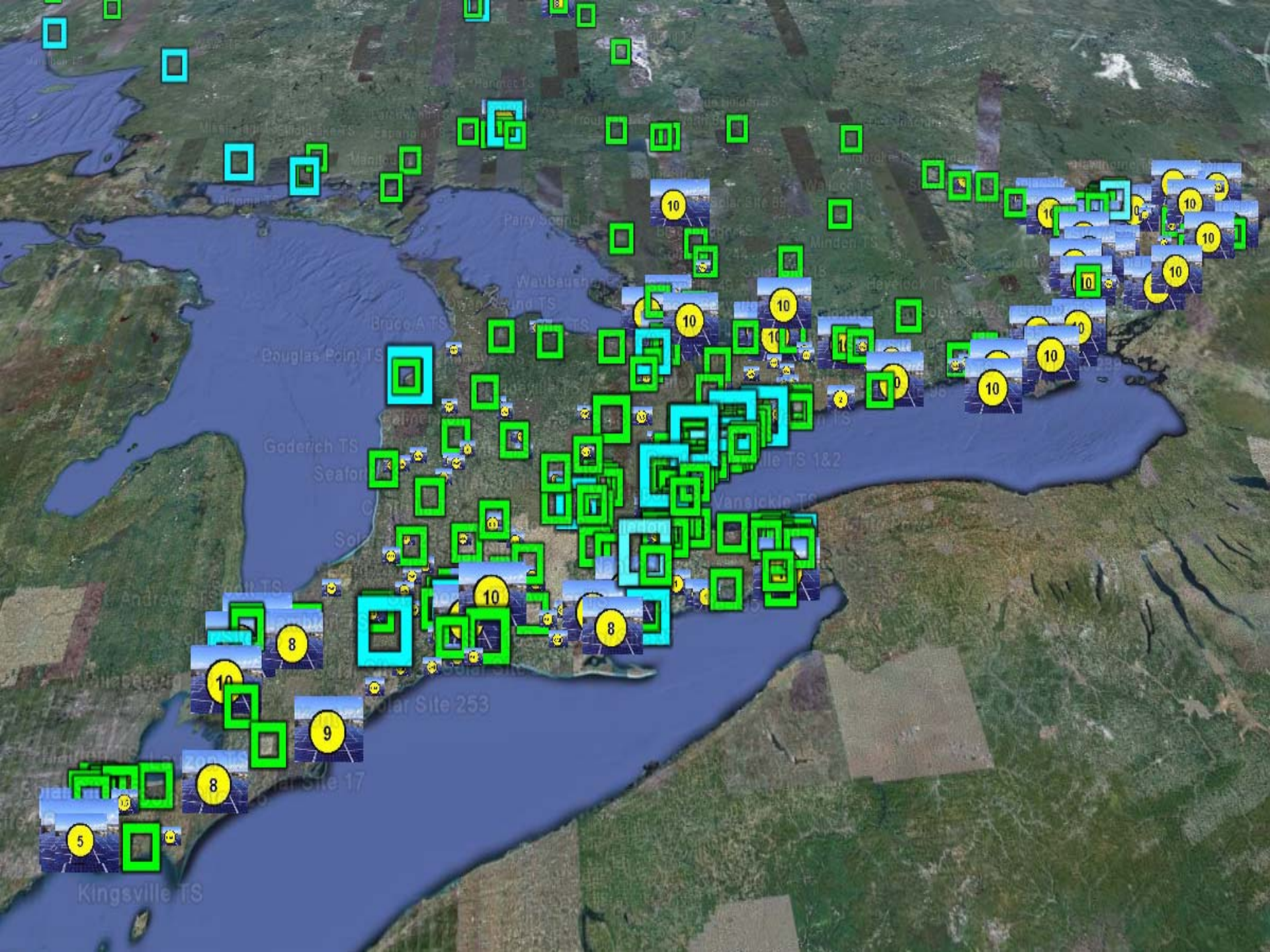


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## **Challenges in Incorporating Wind and Solar Farms**

- **Dynamic performance testing**
- **Model validation**
- **Low voltage ride-through requirement**
- **Frequency response analysis**
- **Steady state and dynamic model development of a solar farm**

# Dynamic Performance Tests in Wind Farms

## Objectives of the tests are:

- i. To demonstrate that the wind farm satisfies IESO and Hydro One performance requirements by carrying out the following tests:
  - Test #1: Reactive power capability
  - Test #2: Voltage set point control
  - Test #3: Voltage step change
- ii. To ensure that the wind farm complies with industry standards and guidelines for power quality by:
  - computing voltage and current total harmonic distortions (THD) from measured waveform data
  - computing voltage and current unbalances from measured waveform data.

# Measurement Techniques

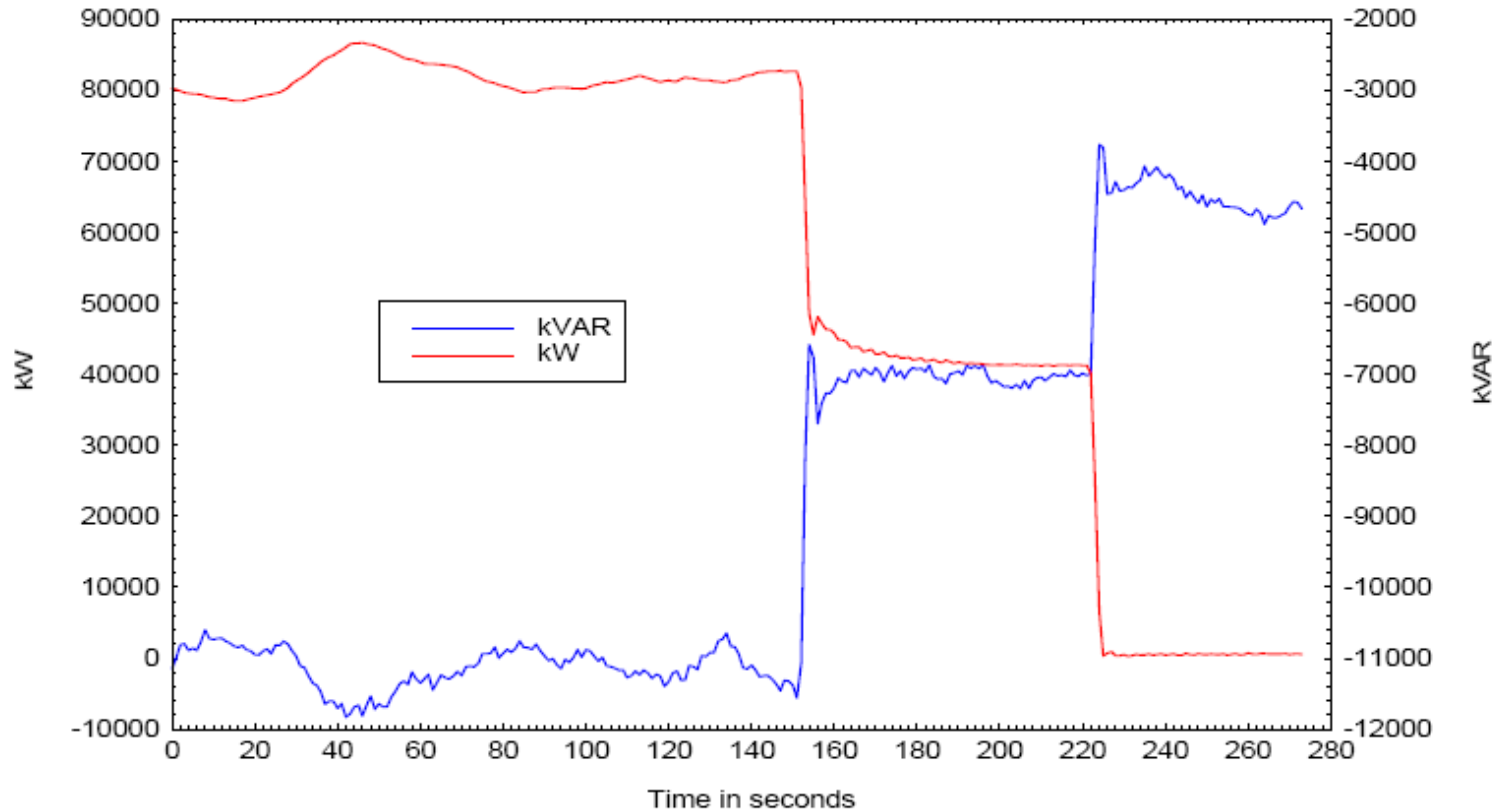


ION 7650 PQ meter connected to CVT or to PT and CT at 128 samples/cycle for 14 cycles measuring phase voltage and currents. The waveform captures could be triggered manually or automatically set to trigger at 135% of the nominal operating voltage.

# Port Alma Wind Farm Dynamic Performance Tests

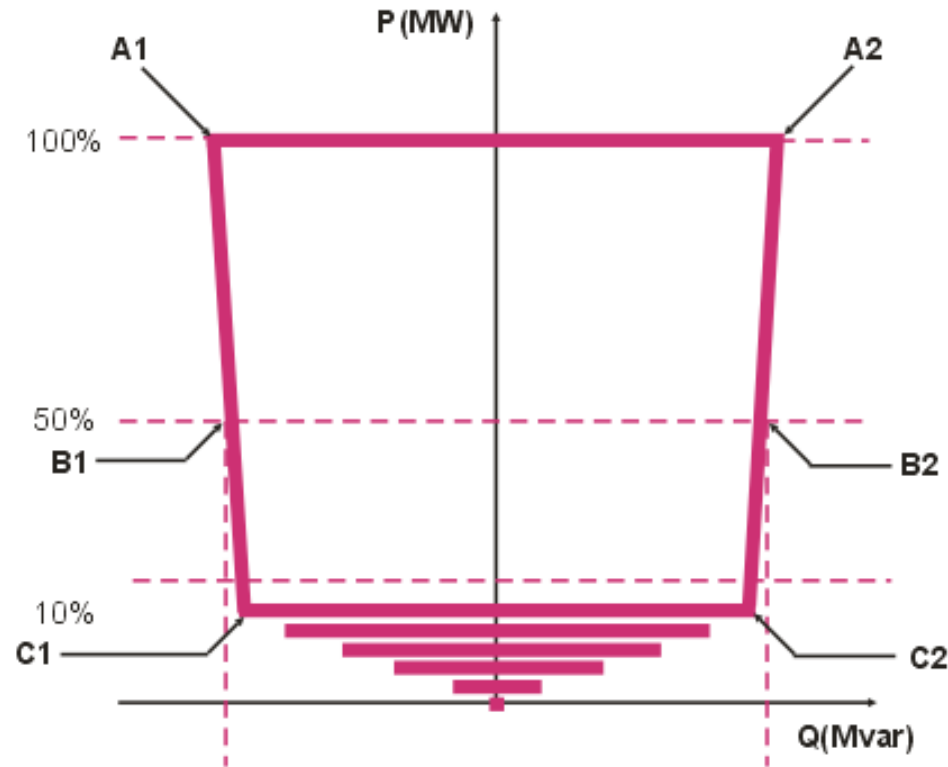
November 20, 2008 @ 9:55 AM (DST)

Port Alma Wind Farm  
80 to 40 to 0 MW Step  
November 20, 2008



**Results showing power curtailment lowering power output from 80 MW to 40 MW (50% of start MW level) to 0 MW (0% of start MW level)**

## Reactive Power Capability of Wind Farm

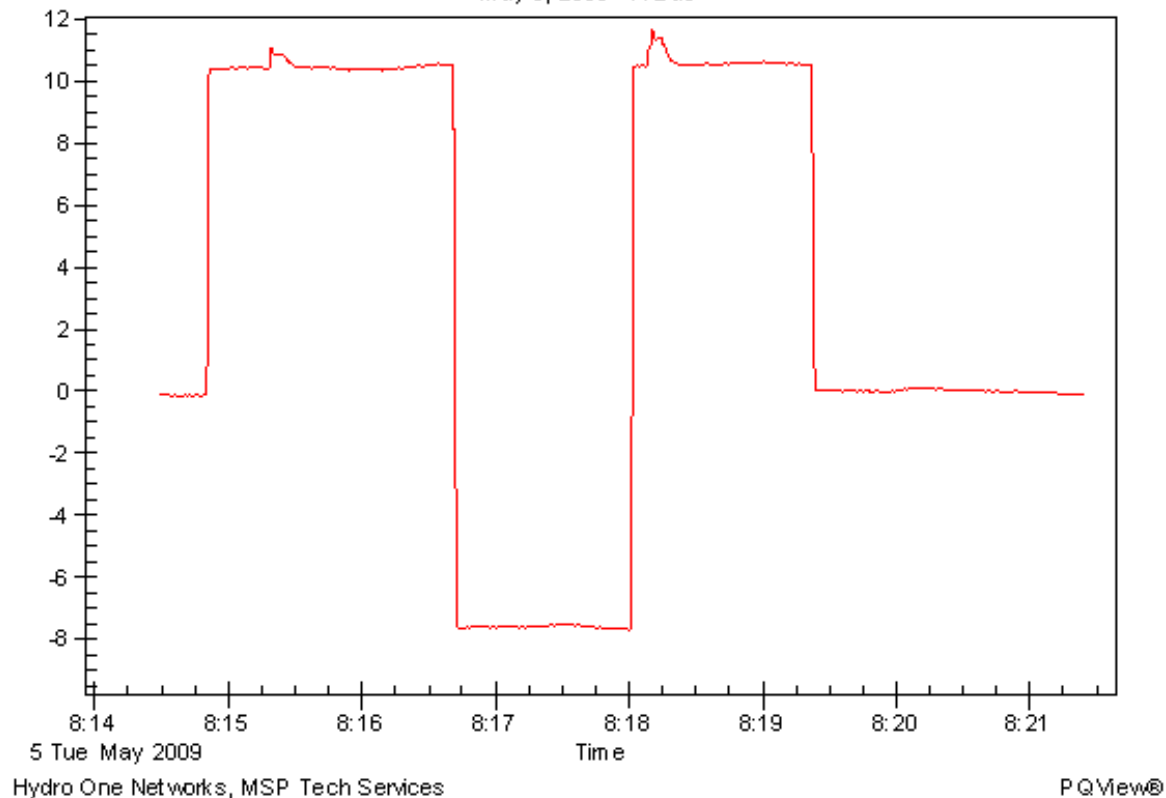


- i. A1 & A2: 100% MW generation at 0.9 lead to 0.9 lag power factor
- ii. B1 & B2: 50% MW generation at 0.8 lead to 0.8 lag power factor
- iii. C1 & C2: 10% MW generation; 0.3 lead to 0.3 lag power factor.

**For wind farm operation below 10% of its maximum rated output, it is expected to operate within the shaded triangle.**

# Underwood Wind Farm Dynamic Performance Tests

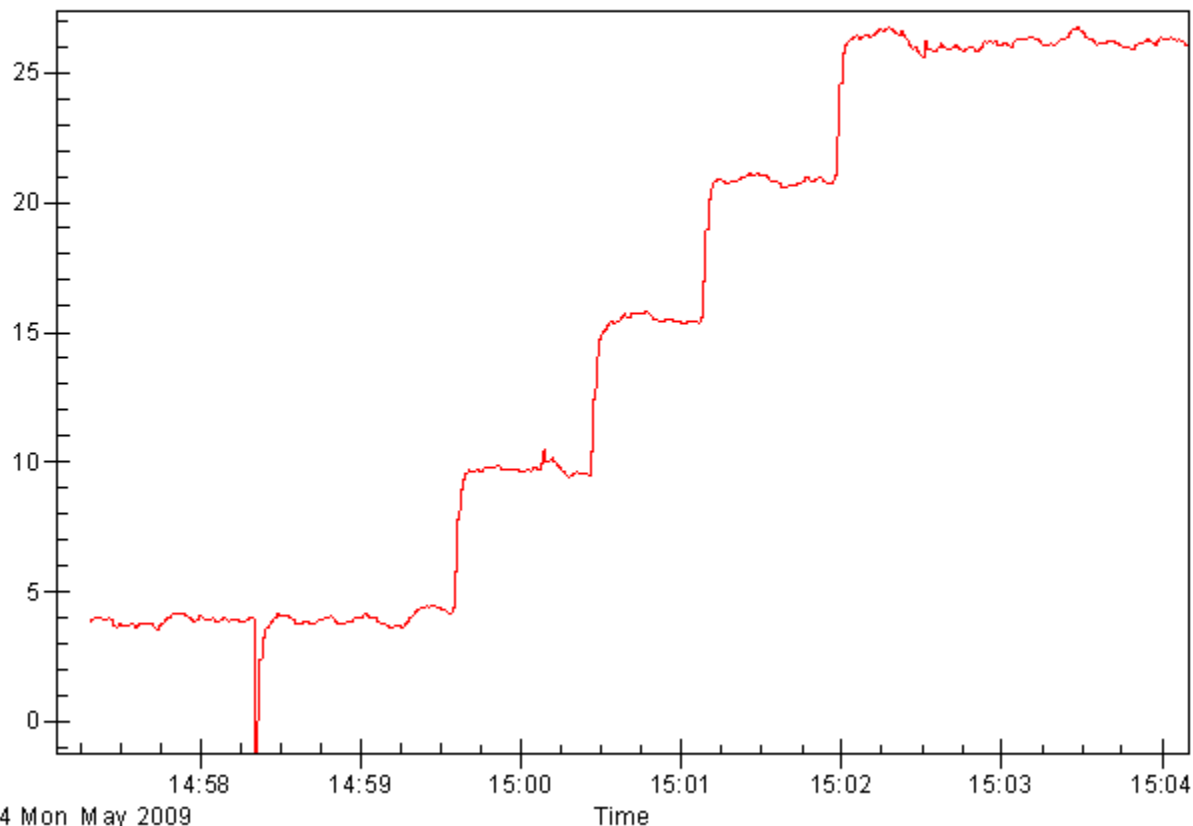
SL1 on, SC2 on, SC2 off, SL1 off  
Underwood CGS Performance Tests - Q Total  
May 5, 2009 - A Bus



**Results showing switching ON/OFF of 11 Mvar SL1 reactor and 13.8 Mvar SC1 capacitor bank at Enbridge Underwood CGS**

# Underwood Wind Farm Dynamic Performance Tests

Raising DVAR Setpoint  
Underwood CGS Performance Test- Q Total  
A Bus - May 4, 2009



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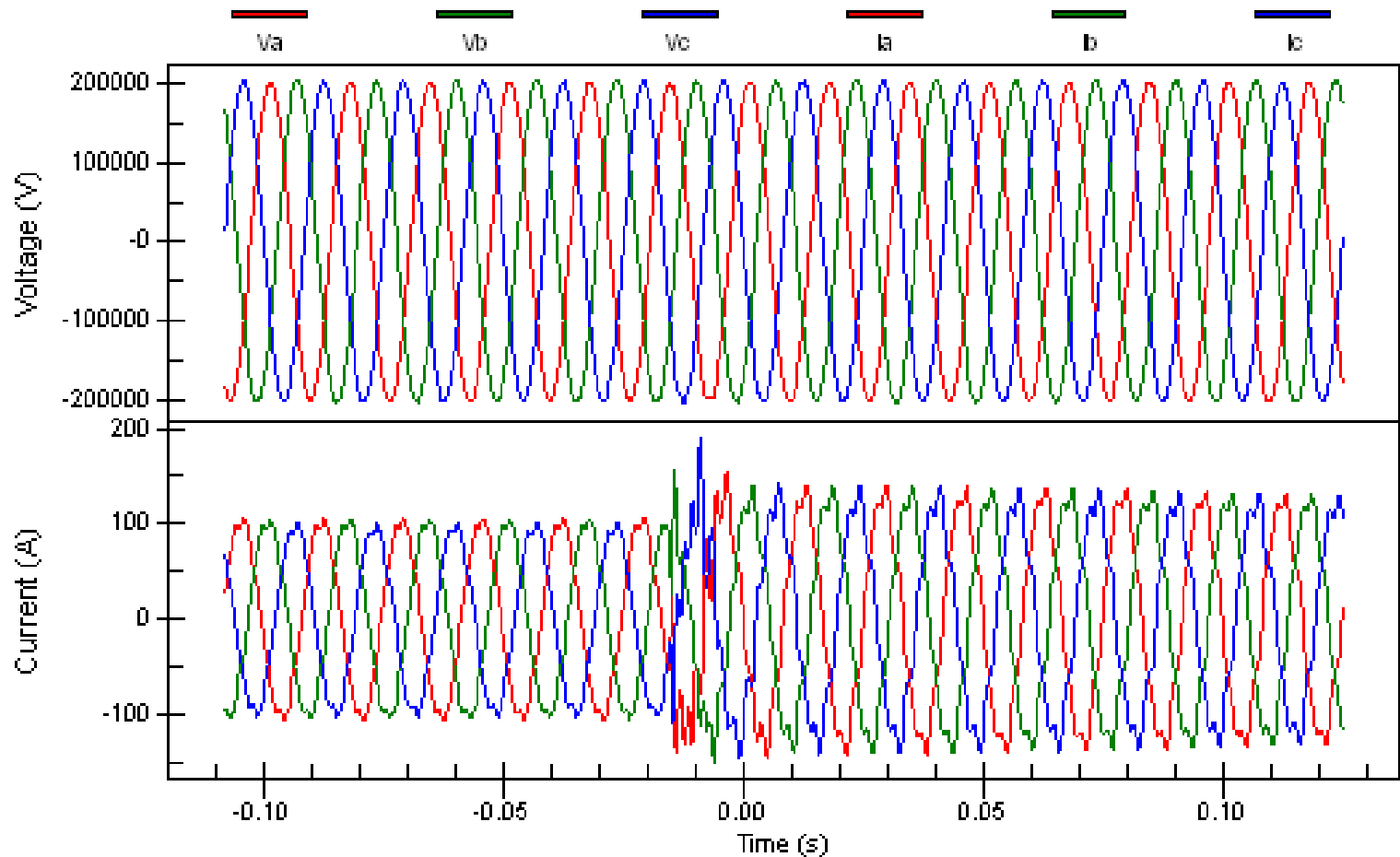
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**Results showing +5 Mvar set point changes at Underwood  
± 4x8 MVA D-Var**

# Transient Waveforms

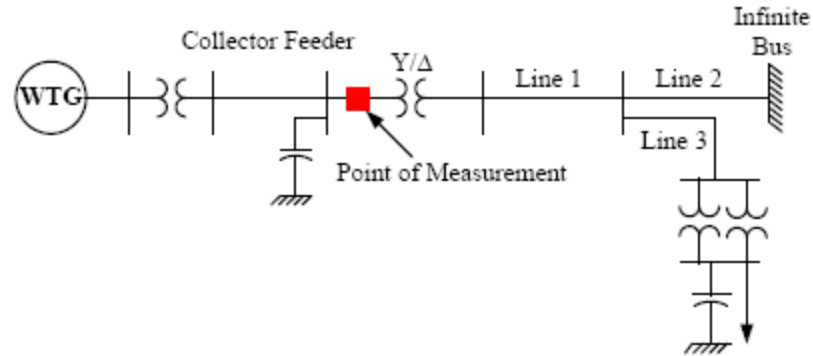
## T2 - Switching SC 21 in Service

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# Model Validation

## Simulation Studies Using Siemens-PTI PSS/E program



### PSS/E Raw Data File Format

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#### Generator Data

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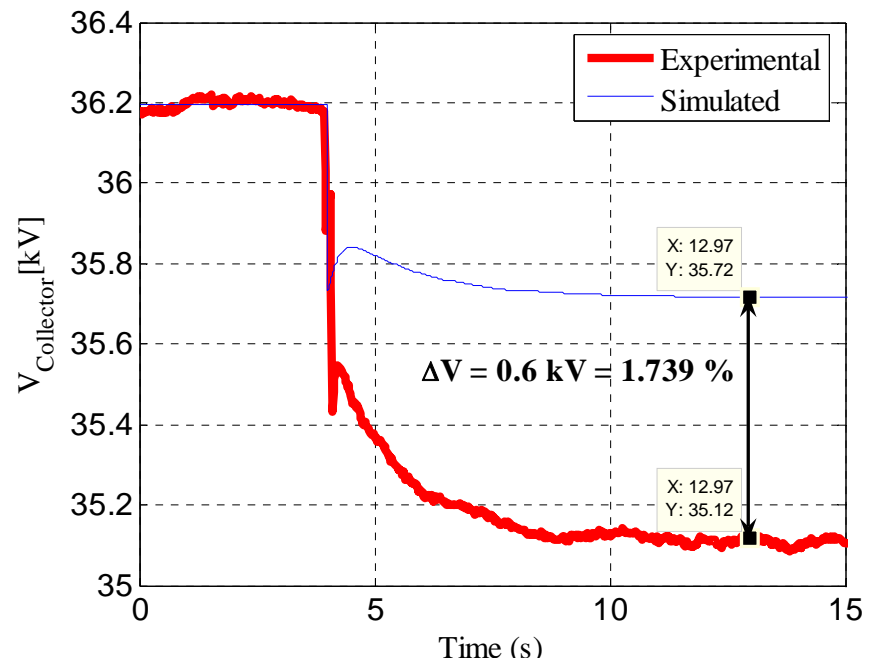
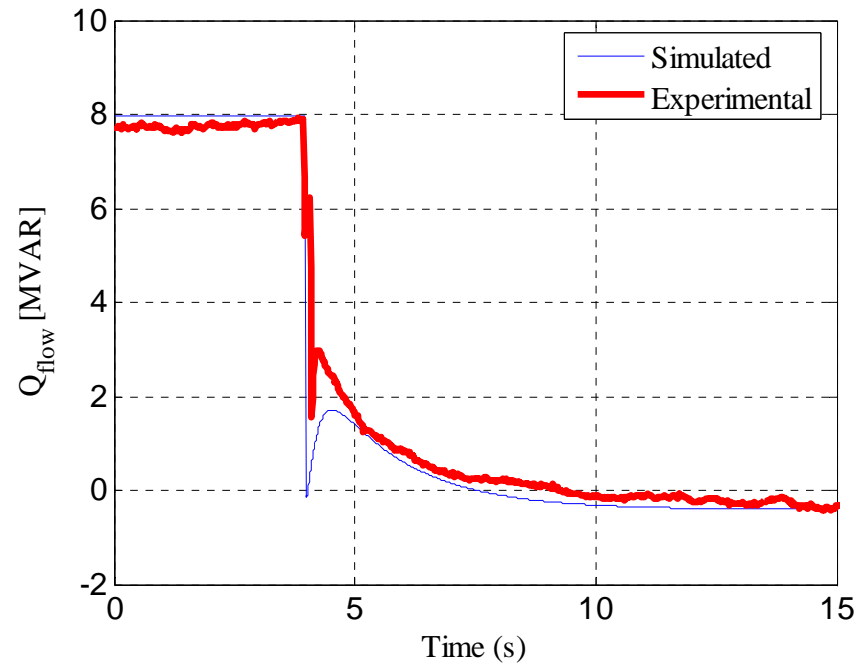
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#### Dynamic Data

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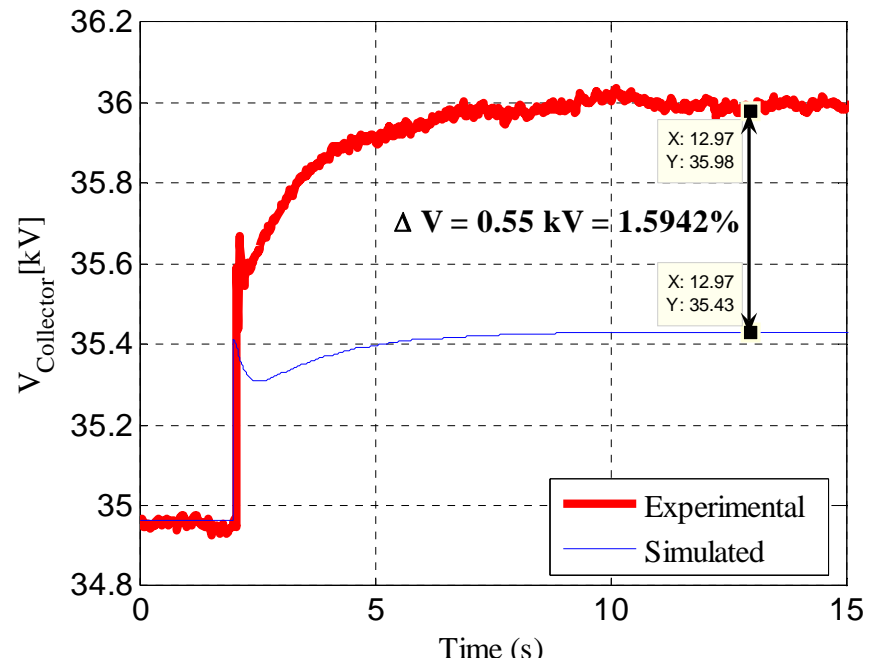
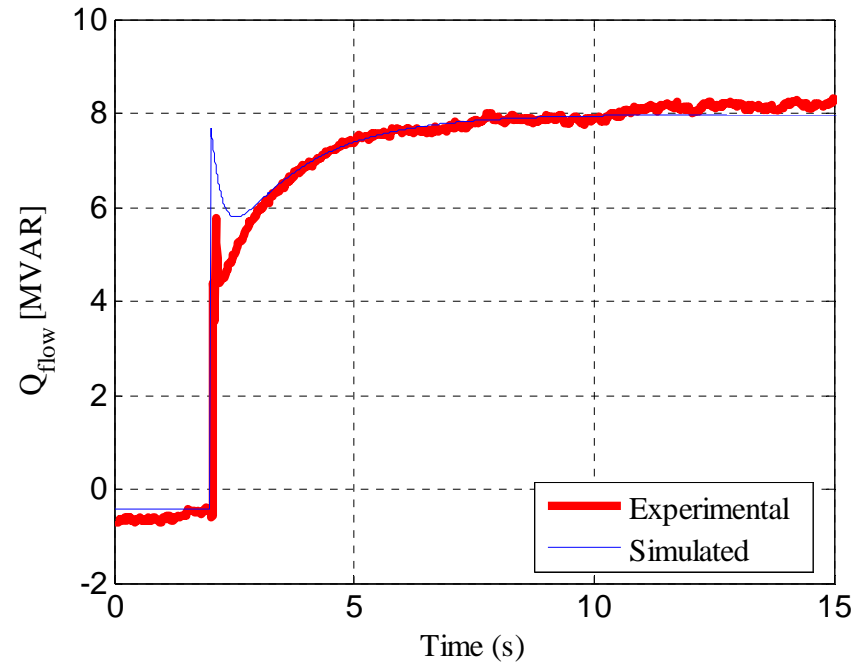
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Switching OFF Port Burwell  
8 Mvar capacitor bank

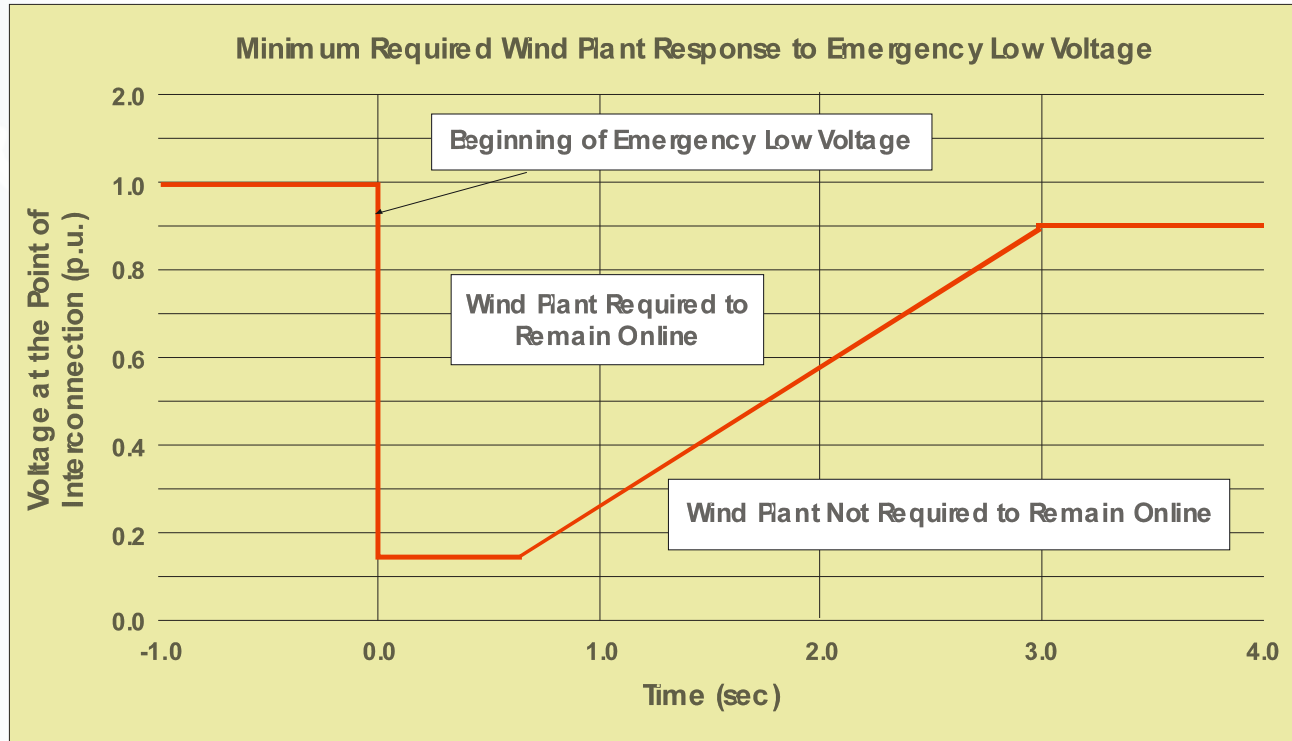


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Switching ON Port Burwell  
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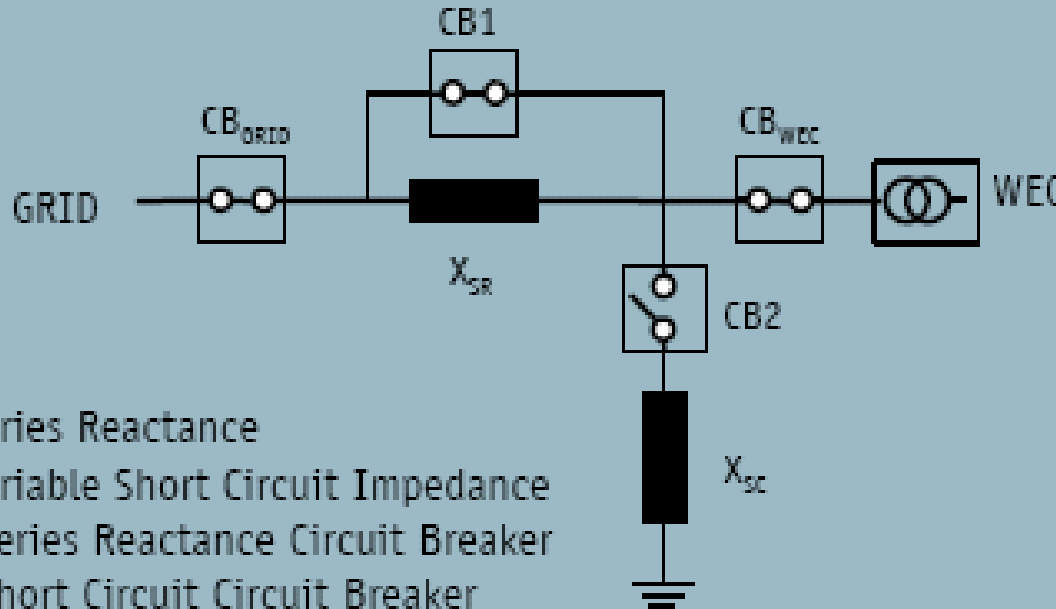
# Low Voltage Ride-Through (LVRT) Requirements



***FERC issued Order No. 661 on July 5, 2005 addressing low voltage ride-through capability for wind turbines - Wind turbines should stay connected for approximately 600 msec at voltages as low as 15% at the point of interconnection. This is to support transmission grid fault recovery.***

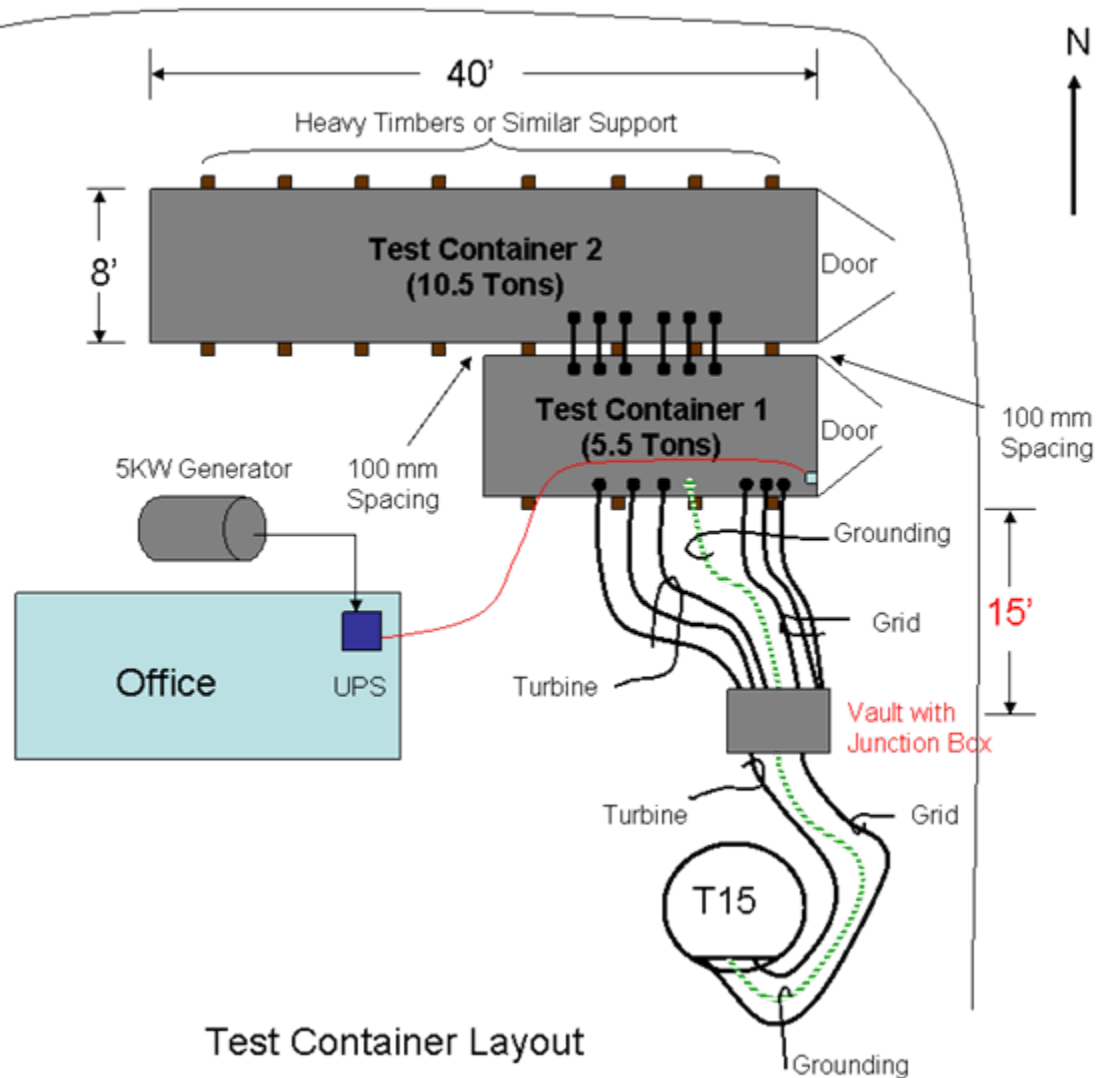
# Refining LVRT Test Methodology

Vestas procures LVRT test container designed by FGH GmbH. Unique equipment provides controllable voltage dips at turbine terminals without grid disconnect of wind turbine.



LVRT testing continues using the mobile FGH LVRT test container at Kingsbridge WGS.

# LVRT Test Container Setup at KWPP



Test Container Layout

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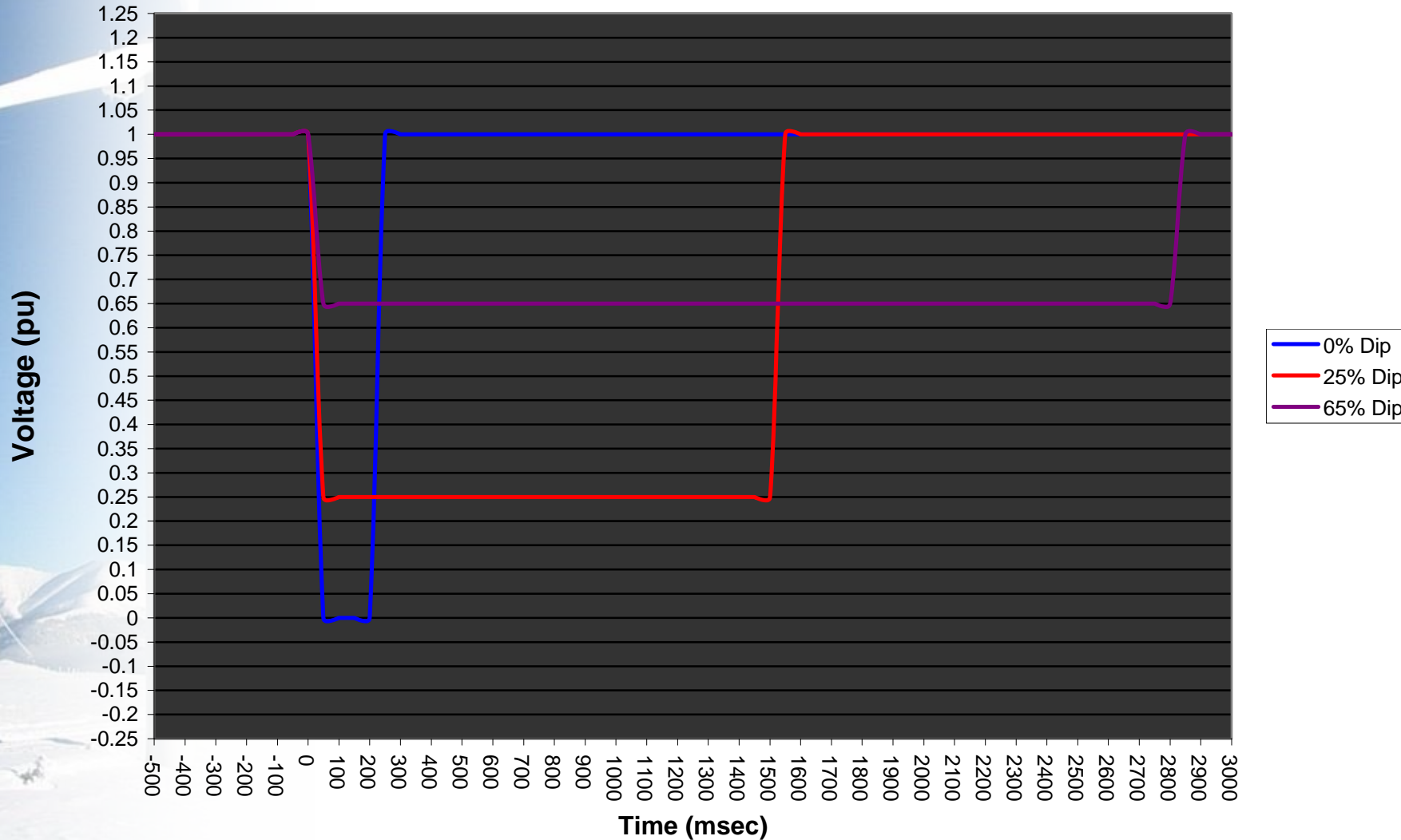


# LVRT Test Container Installation at KWPP



# Example LVRT Envelopes Tested at KWPP

LVRT Envelope



# Frequency Response Analysis

## Steady State THD Calculation

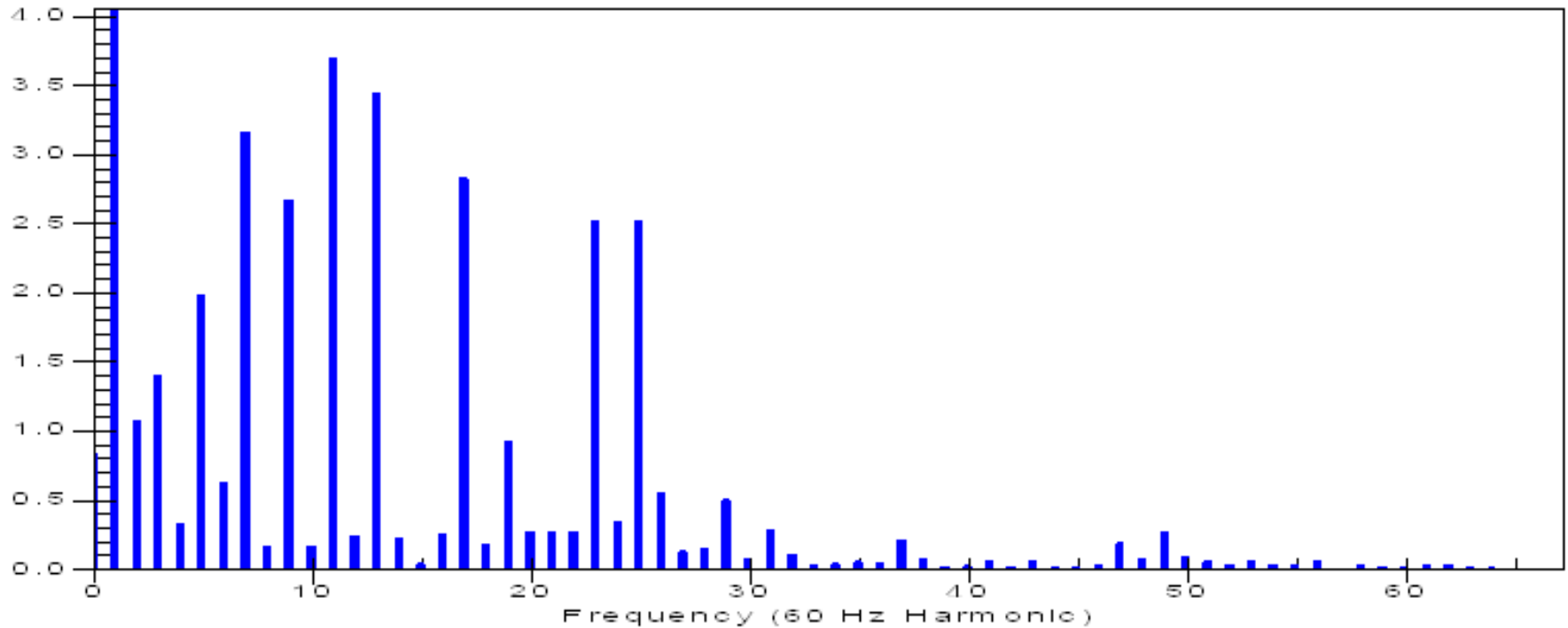
### Appendix B: Steady State THD Summary

THD (% of fundamental, 1 cycle FFT)								
	Location	November 16, 2009	Va	Vb	Vc	Ia	Ib	Ic
T1 @ 0 MW	Wolfe Is	9:38:41.420 AM	0.79	0.86	0.85	3.85	3.53	4.21
	Gardiner TS	9:38:43.539 AM	0.97	0.95	0.95	13.15	14.57	12.28
T2 @ 0 MW	Wolfe Is	9:33:40.578 AM	0.79	0.82	0.84	3.39	3.43	3.79
	Gardiner TS	9:33:42.258 AM	0.90	0.96	0.87	7.36	8.21	7.28
T1 @ 16 MW	Wolfe Is	9:35:13.562 AM	0.69	0.74	0.73	3.09	2.79	3.09
	Gardiner TS	9:35:14.604 AM	0.93	0.97	0.92	7.69	8.14	7.44
T2 @ 15 MW	Wolfe Is	9:47:51.107 AM	0.65	0.71	0.72	2.74	2.69	2.93
	Gardiner TS	9:48:18.387 AM	0.88	0.96	0.88	3.78	4.03	3.42

1 cycle FFT performed on captured waveform data.

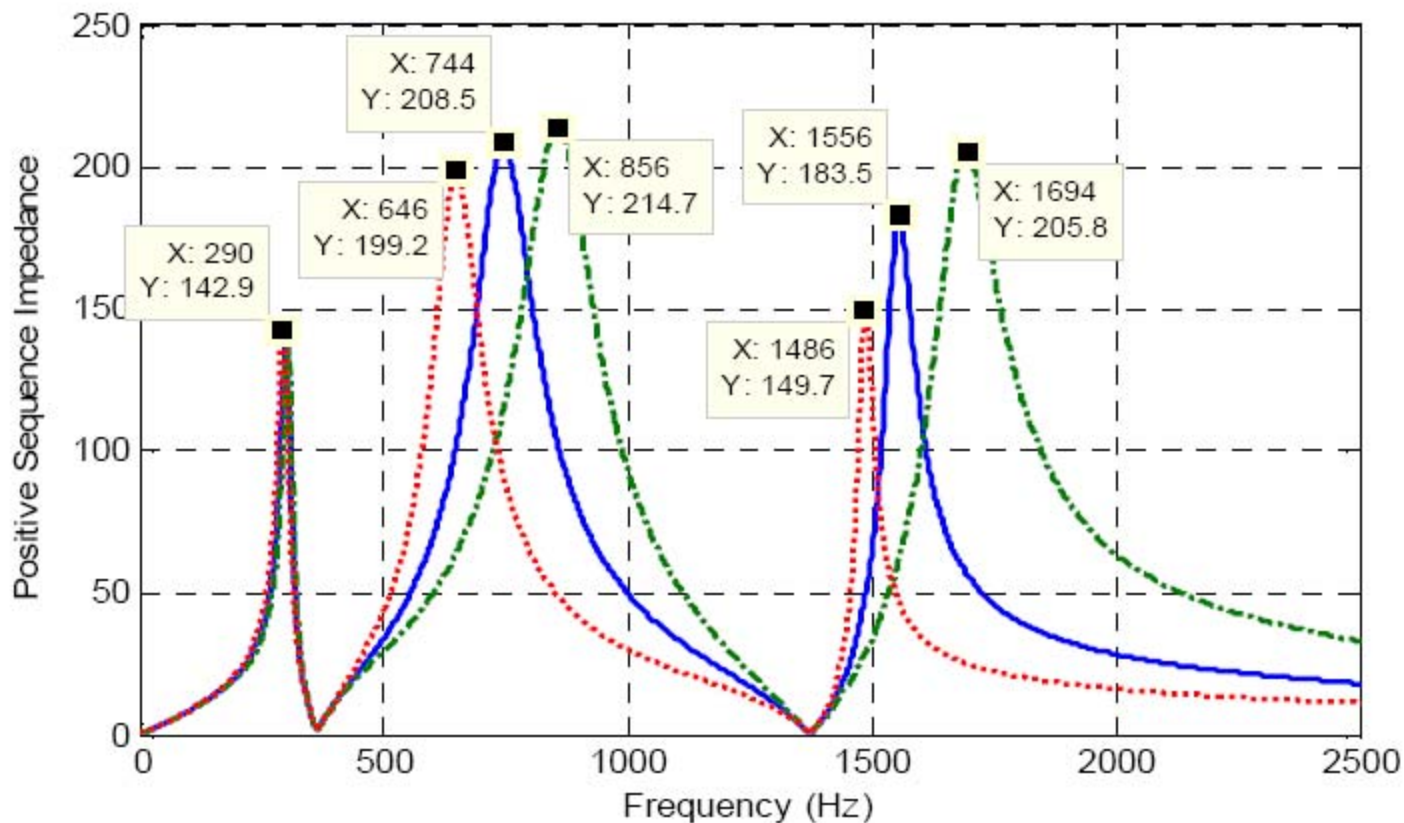
**IEEE 519 establishes harmonic limits on voltage as 5% for total harmonic distortion and 3% of the fundamental voltage for any single harmonic.**

# Harmonic Spectrum Analysis



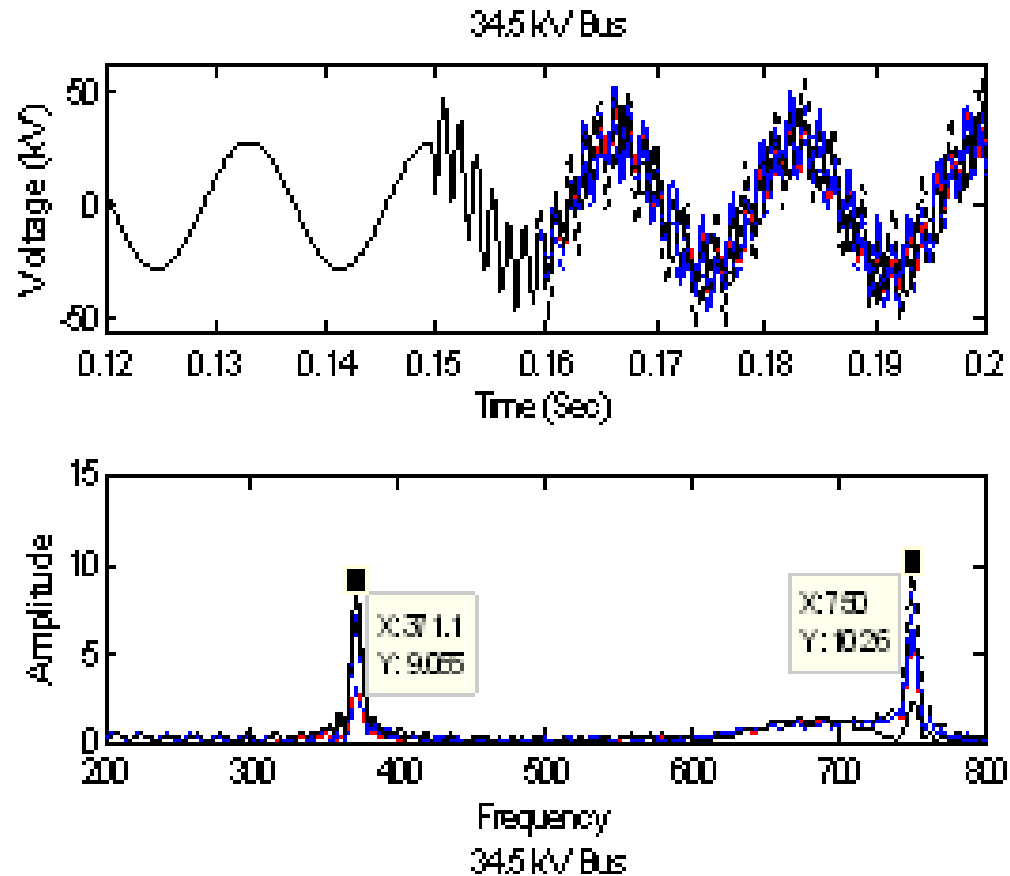
**Spectrum analysis plot of the measured waveform taken at St. Andrews M14 27.6 kV feeder on Dec 2, 2009**

## Network Resonance and Harmonics



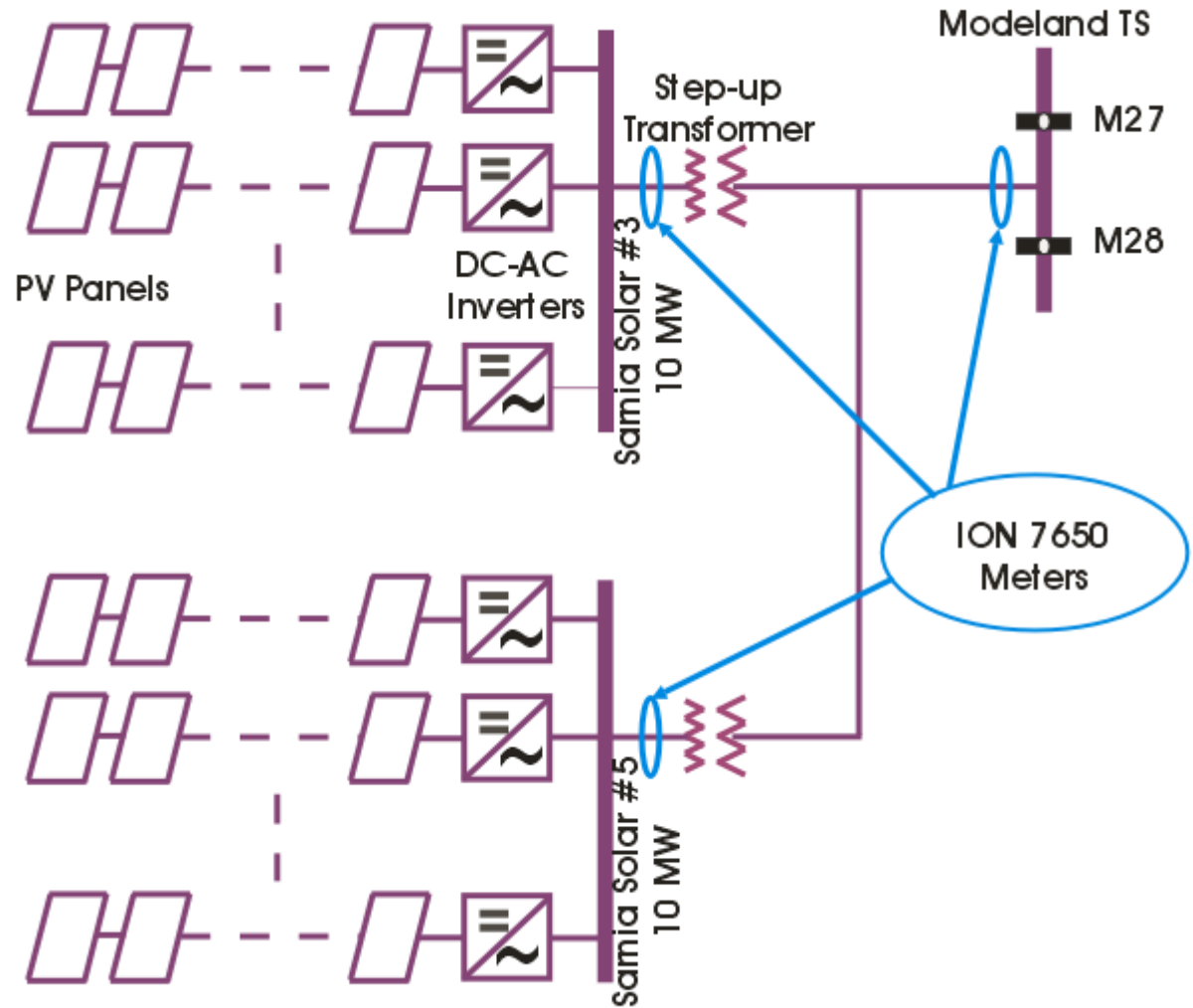
- i. **Harmonic resonances in the network can significantly amplify the impact of even small harmonic currents**
- ii. **Short-circuit levels tend to shift the resonance peaks making them particularly susceptible to tripping wind turbines on transient overvoltage.**

## Unsynchronized Switching of Ph-C of Chatham SC22 Capacitor Bank



- i. The first resonant frequency varies between 219-426 Hz (3rd to 7th harmonic)
- ii. Second resonant frequency varies between 749-757 Hz (12th -13th harmonic)
- iii. Mal-operation/ faulty SCU caused transient over voltage that resulted in tripping of wind turbines at Port Alma Wind Farm
- iv. Corrective measures consisted of Increasing the threshold voltage.

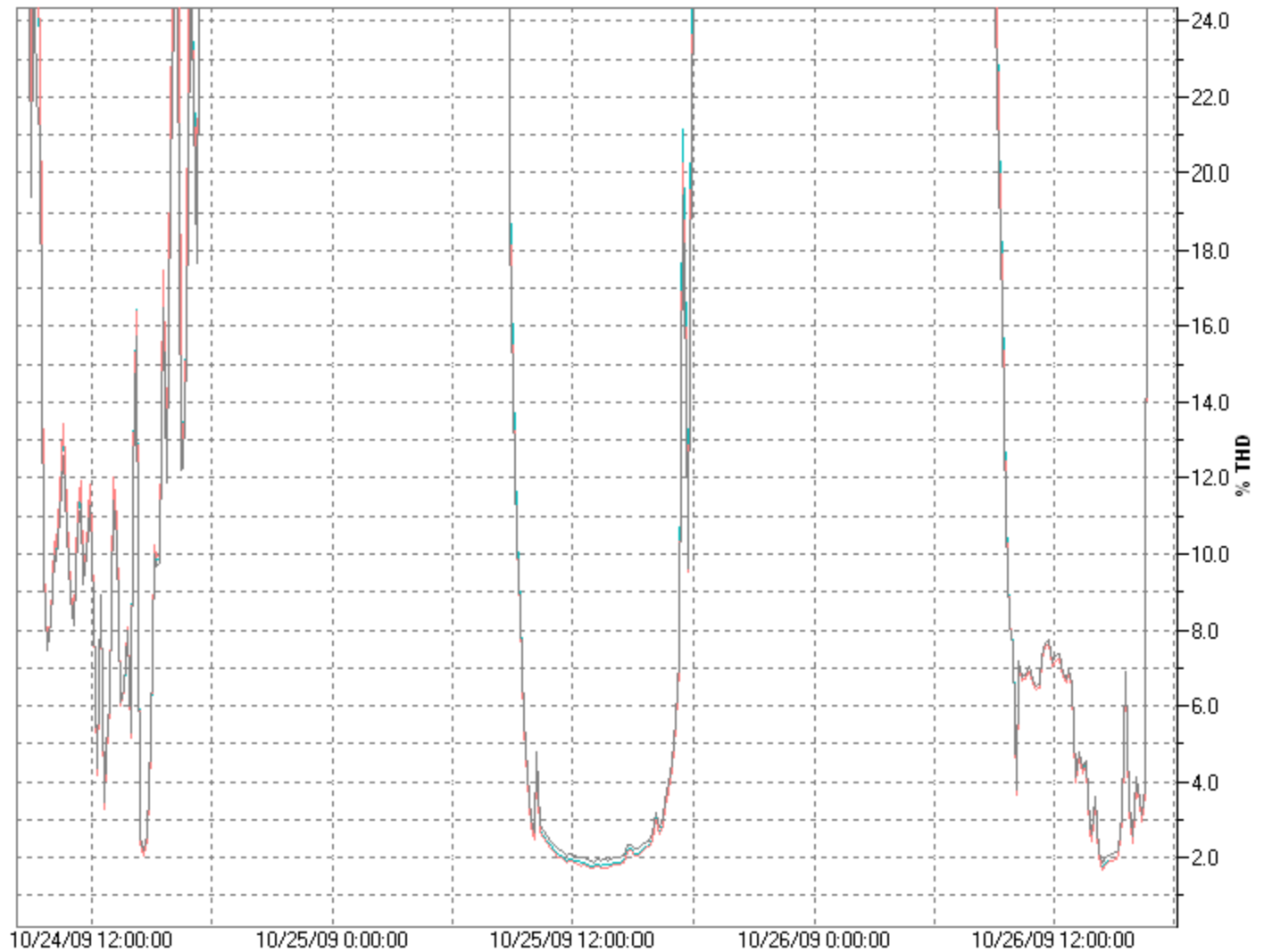
## Test Equipment Connection Points at Sarnia Solar #3 and #5



The ION 7650 meter could be configured to capture data under various solar activities

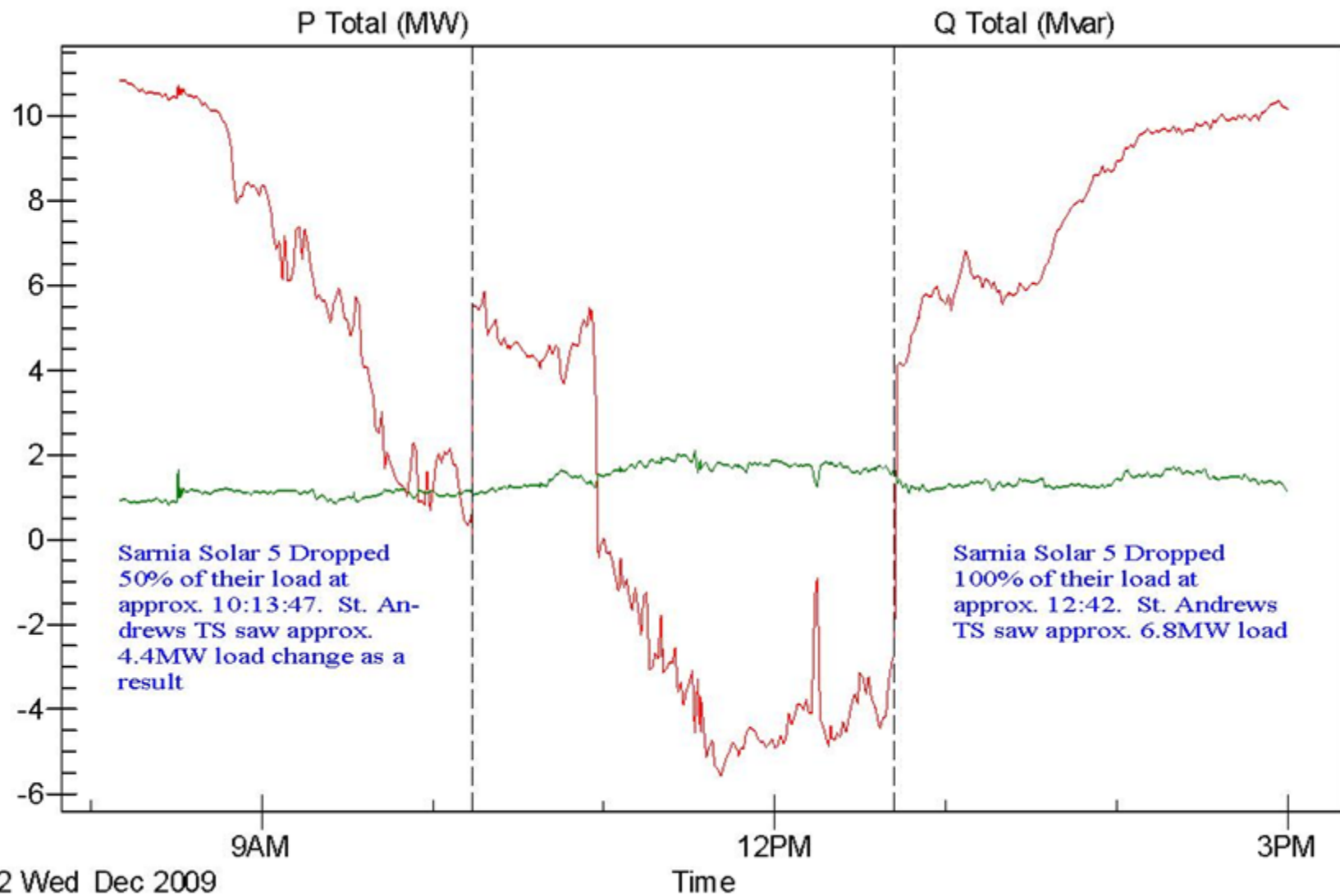


## Solar Intensity Measurement at a Solar PV Farm



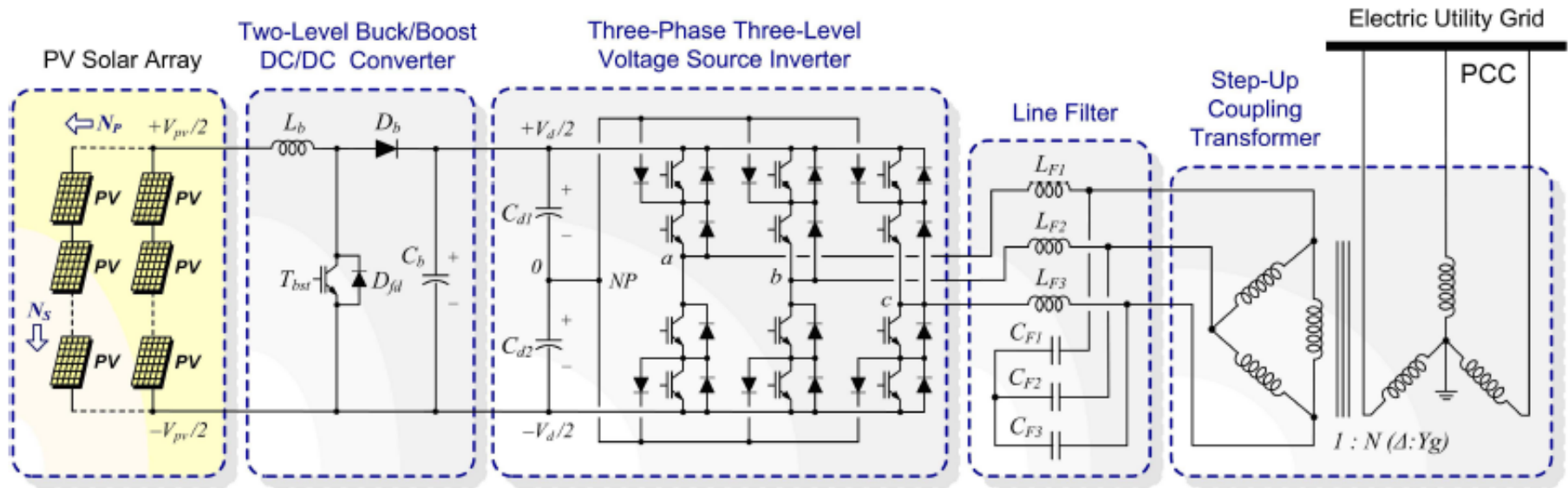
**Solar intensity at a Solar PV Farm can vary a lot depending on cloud coverage conditions**

# Monitoring Harmonics at St. Andrews M14 27.6 kV Feeder



Solar intensity as seen at St. Andrews TS from Dec. 1-3, 2009

# Proposed Steady-State Solar PV Model

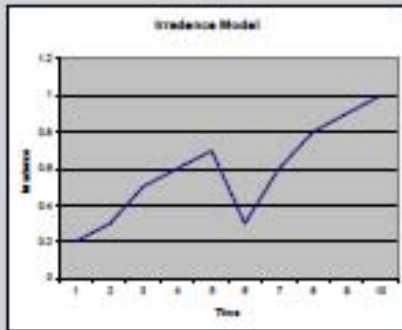


The proposed steady-state model consists of the PV array, voltage-source inverter with semiconductor devices having turn-off capabilities, coupling transformer and corresponding line filter. This model allows power to be injected at the Point of Common Coupling (PCC).



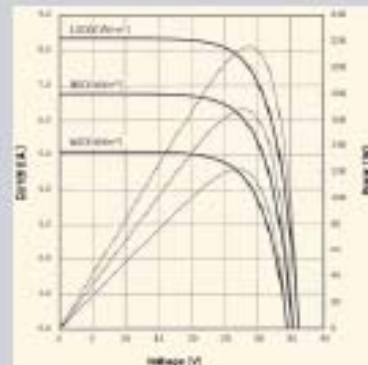
# Proposed Dynamic Solar PV Model

Irradiance Model



Irrad (I)

PV Panel Model

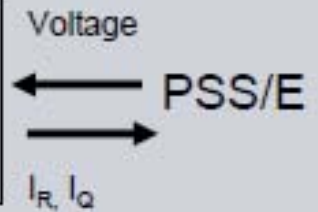


Pdc (I)

Converter Model



Rest of System



- Standard irradiance model allowing solar irradiance data point entry
- Standard PV panel I-V curves
- Full converter model with voltage control, Q=control and pf control

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## **Present and Future Renewable Projects**

- i. Validate the steady-state and dynamic models of a solar farm**
- ii. Impact of harmonics on dynamic Var (D-Var) equipment**
- iii. Impact of harmonics during power reversal flows**
- iv. Interaction between Siemens, Enercon, GE and Vestas wind turbine generators during starting/stopping sequences**