

# “Synchrophasor” projects: **STRONgrid** and **SPANDEX**

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## Statnett pilot project

Acronym:  
**SPANDEX** Control Centre Platform

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- Data Exchange
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- Platform

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NTNU - Trondheim  
Norwegian University of Science and Technology

*Nordic R&D collaboration*

# Outline

- Short about STRONgrid (Nordic R&D collaboration)
- Short about the plan for SPANDEx (control centre platform)
- Pilot demonstrations → possible applications
- Thoughts about future plans and possibilities



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- Project objectives, drivers, ambitions and overview
- Nordic collaboration through common research platform
- Overview on application developments

# Smart Transmission Grids Operation and Control



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– And co-funded by Nordic TSOs and DSOs

- **Objectives:**

- Support the development of better **tools for operation and control** of power grids
- Create innovative **applications** that will enable more reliable operation and control of the Nordic power grid
- Identify **technology gaps** and limitations that need to be addressed in the future **as an input to roadmaps** for smart grid and integration of renewable energies.

# Project partners



Academia



Institute of Physical Energetics

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Industry



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# Motivation: More extremes!

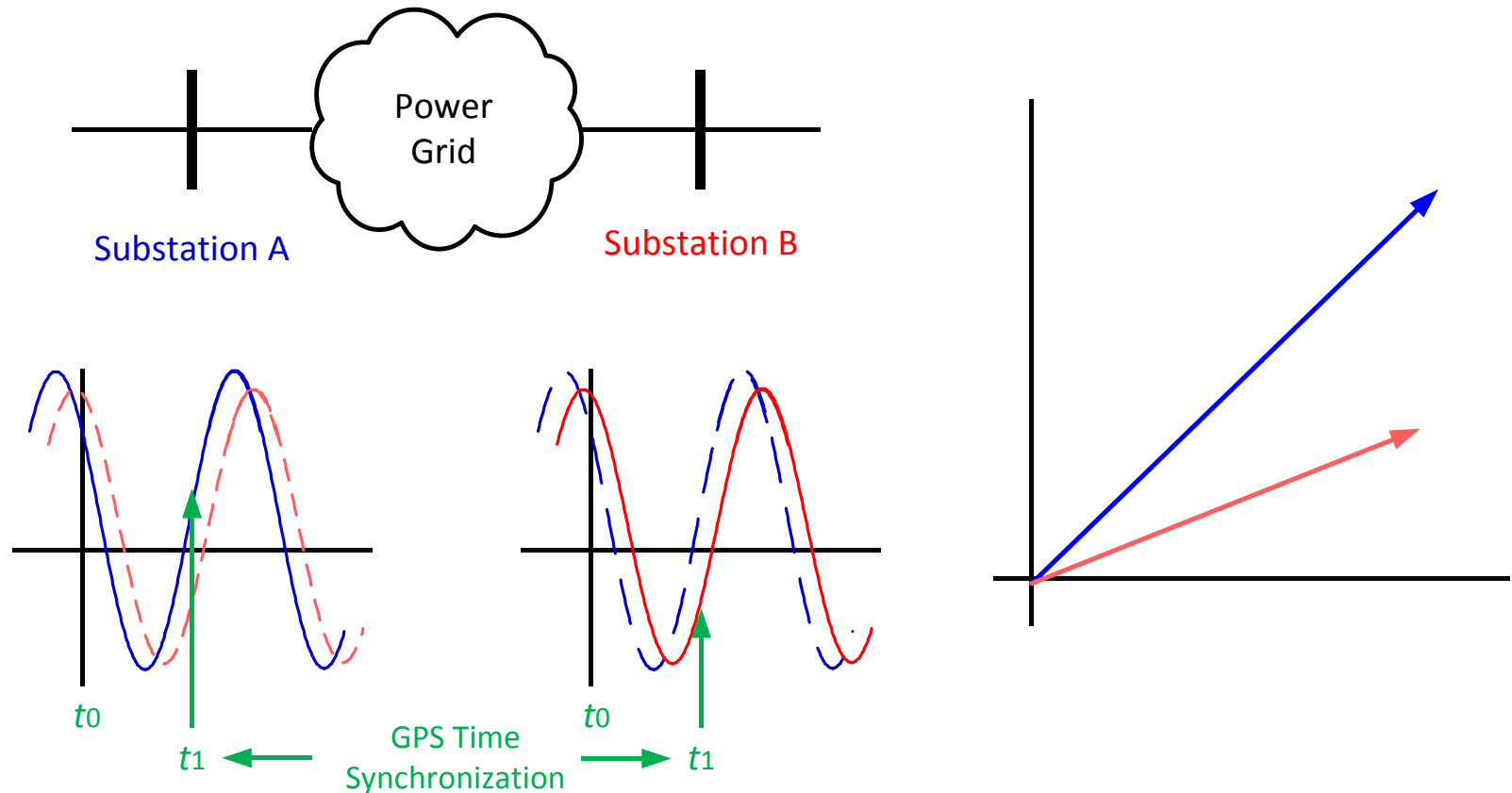
- Trends:
  - Faster and larger changes in operation
  - More variability and uncertainty
  - Less predictability → ***Less time to take decisions***
- Operators need new tools!
  - More real-time information, higher resolution and synchronised measurements
  - Need for more automatic control
- New technology is available
  - New possibilities..

# Project goals

- Create innovative *applications* that will enable operation and control of the Nordic power grid more reliably and with better information about security margins.
  - **Emphasis on PMU/WAMS as an enabler of Smart Grids**
- Develop a *research platform* comprised by power systems emulators (software and hardware labs), PMUs, PDCs and specialized software.
  - **Create a “Nordic University Cluster”**
- Develop a set of *software interfaces* allowing PMU-data application development, and implementation.



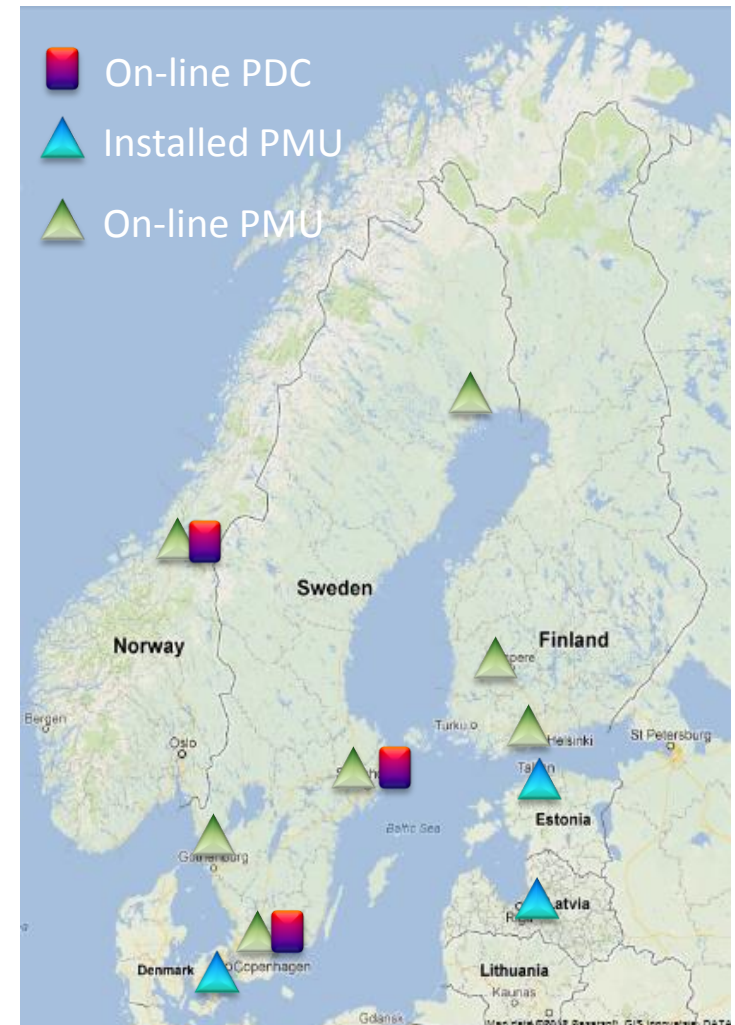
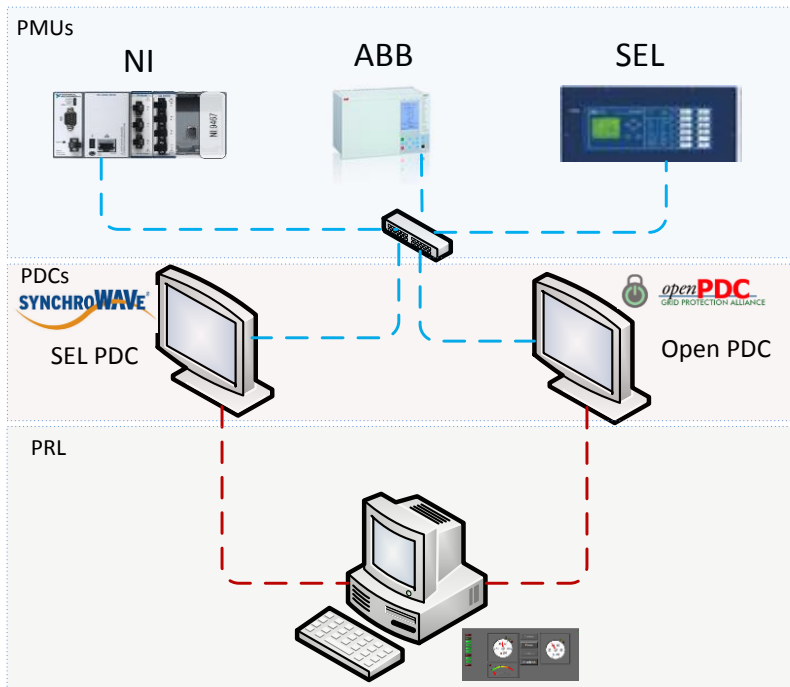
# Synchronized Phasor Measurements



By synchronizing the sampling processes for different signals – which may be hundred of miles apart, it is possible to put their phasors on the same phasor diagram.

# Research Platform: Low voltage PMU Network

- PMUs are connected at the LV networks in our laboratories



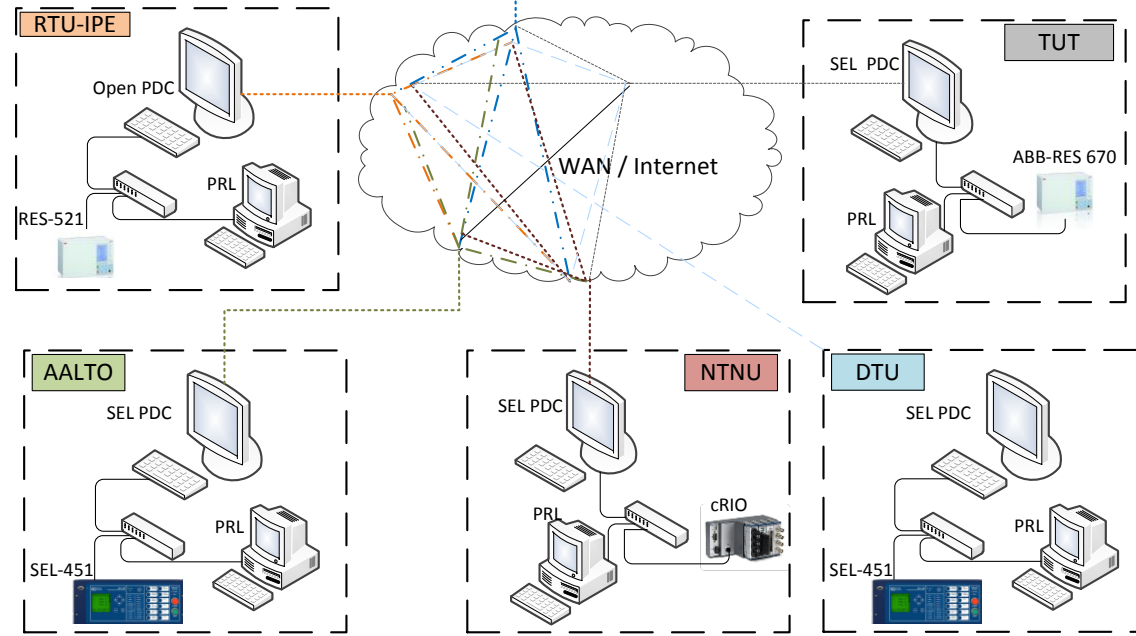
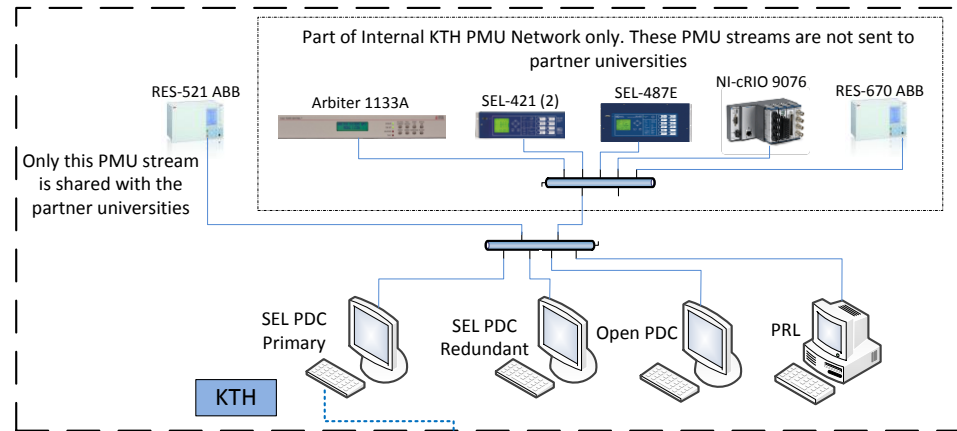
# Research platform:

## Distributed P2P Data Sharing for real-time PMU Data Exchange

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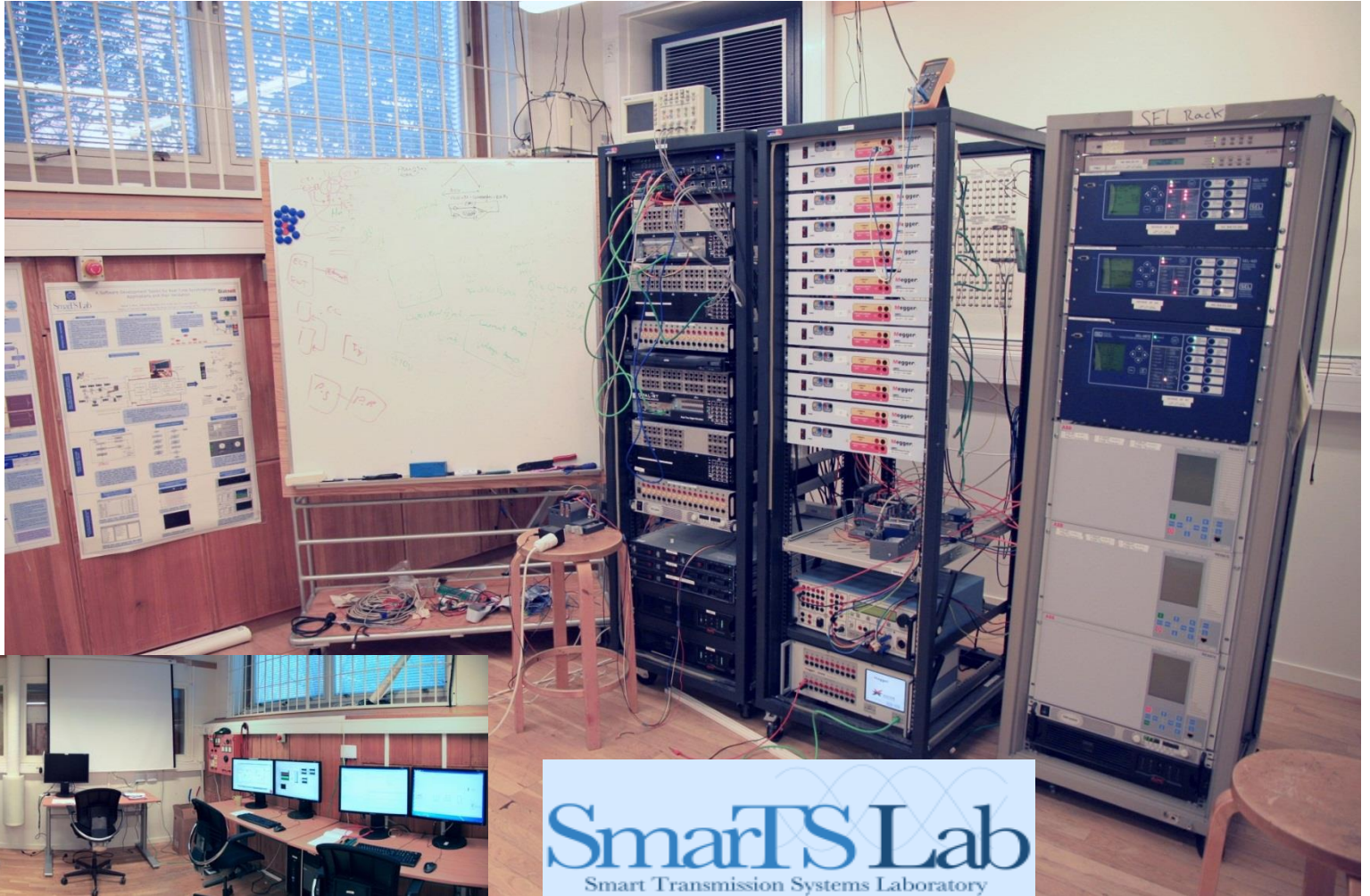
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- Each University (PMUs, PDC) exchanges an “Output Stream” with each other university.
- PDCs installed locally allow data archiving and real-time access for all partners.
- Avoids SuperPDC, thus eliminates a single point of failure



# Test-bench:

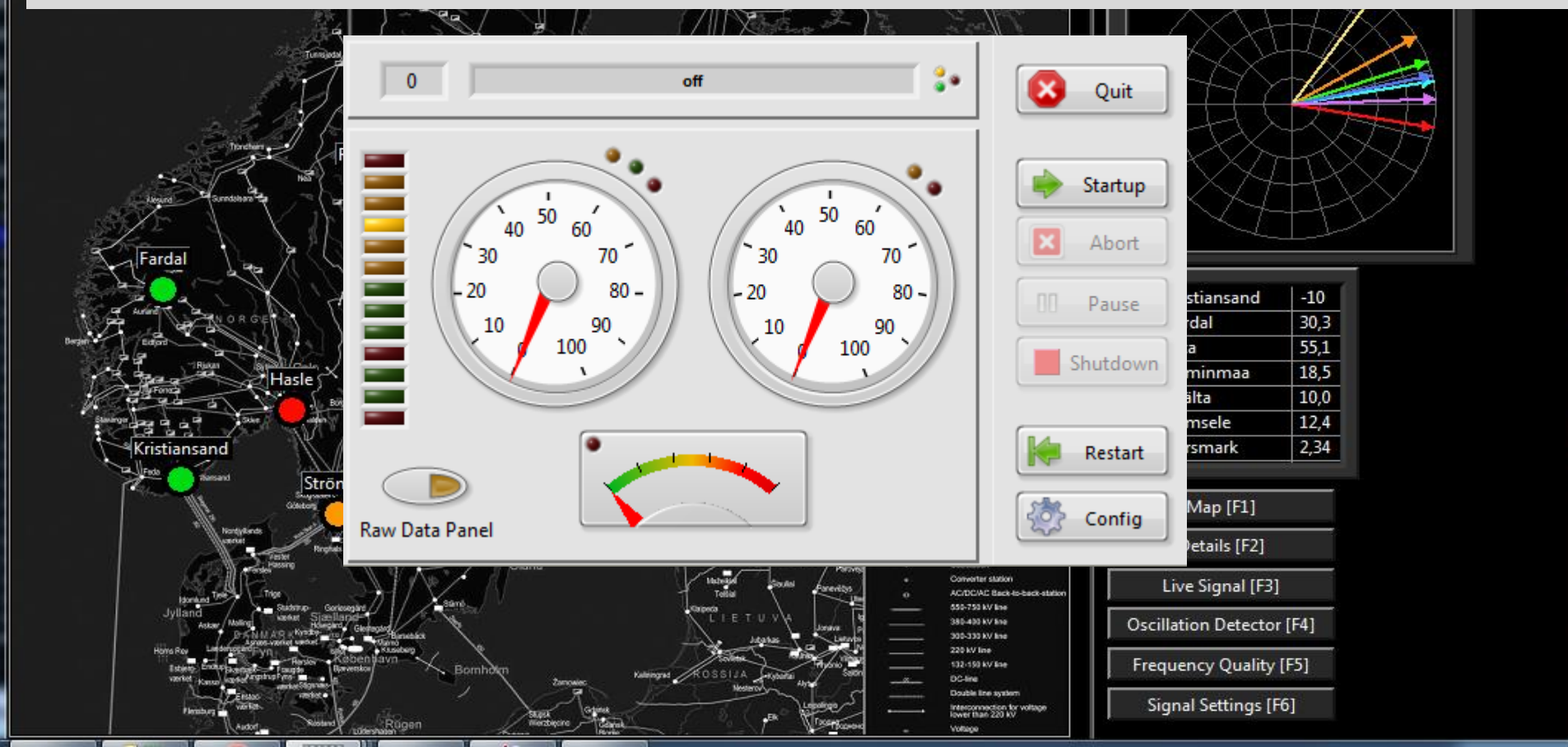
New WAMPAC software applications Development and Testing





# S<sup>3</sup>DK: Synchrophasor Software Dev Toolkit

- **Real-Time Data Mediator:** Low level implementation of the IEEE C37.118.2 Standard
- **PMU Recorder Light:** Graphic interface to the mediator developed in LabView and a Toolbox with LabView Functions for App prototyping



# Sample Application WAMS Visualization Tool - Mobile

- Portable Monitoring Applications





File Edit View Project Operate Tools Window Help

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### StronGrid Project

by Emilie Brunsgård Ek

- NTNU\_PMU/frequency
- KTHLAB/frequency
- LTH/frequency
- CTH/frequency
- Tampere/frequency
- LTU/frequency
- AaltoPMU/frequency

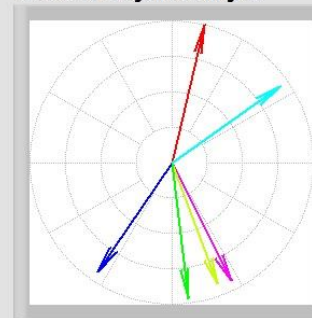
#### Frequency at NTNU



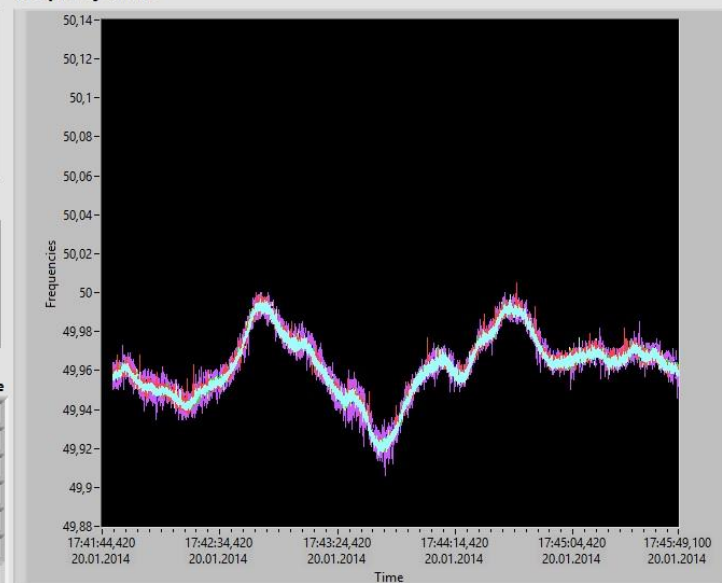
#### Phasor names array

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NTNU_PMU/Va	234,82	-41,64
KTHLAB/EMLAB	83,84	0
LTH/LAB6	139,36	-159,63
CTH/Vs	135,26	159,37
Tampere/V	230,53	-146,08
LTU/V	135,77	-139,97
	0	0

#### Normalised Voltage Phasor Diagram

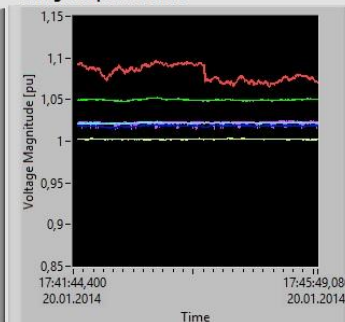


#### Frequency Chart

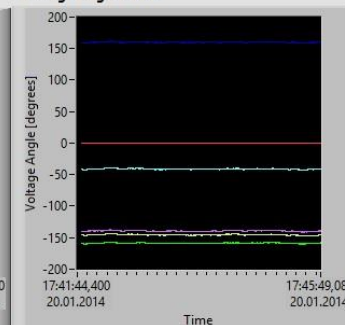


Open Control Panel STOP

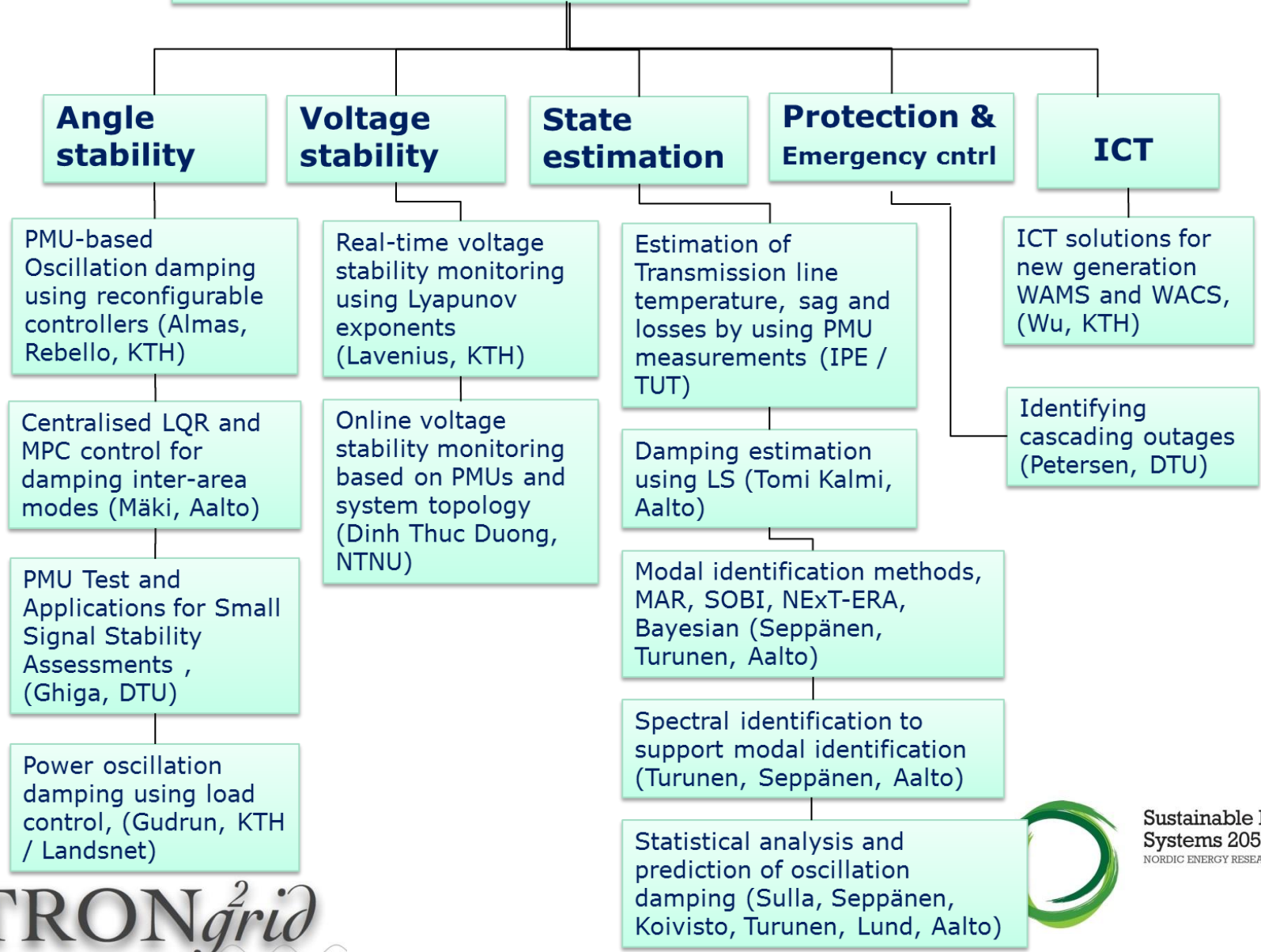
#### Voltage Amplitude Chart



#### Voltage Angle Chart



# STRONg<sup>2</sup>rid «apps»





# Concluding remarks

- A “Nordic University Cluster” has been established
- New competence have been gained at the Universities and at the TSOs through research, PhD education, courses and dissemination activities
- Increased awareness at the TSOs about the possibilities of utilizing PMU technology in operation and control.
  - **TSOs are starting deployment and pilot installations**
- STRONG motivation to continue the R&D collaboration at the Nordic/Baltic level



# SPANDEx

**Project overview**  
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# Background: Context

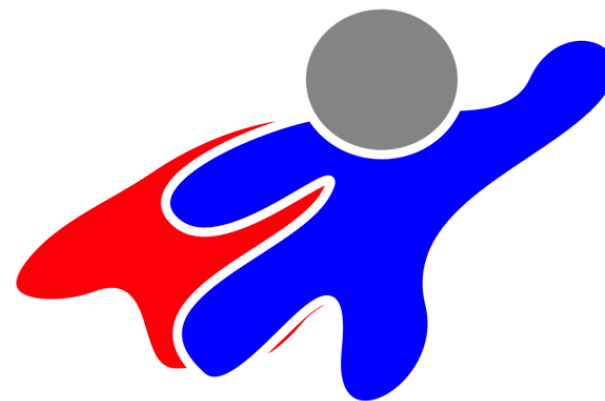


- Statnett has made considerable efforts with PMU since 2000's
  - Focus on collecting data
  - In-house display and data collection SW prototypes
  - Developed applications with universities
- Natural next step → **Pathway for utilization**: prove what is useful in operation?
  - Need for integration/interfacing with EMS / SCADA
  - Need for benefit assessment
- **SPANDEX** IPN project → pilot
  - Develop new applications and **interface with applications** existing in the EMS / SCADA systems
  - **Applications** for use both in Regional and National Control Centres
  - Gain **experience**, identifying **possibilities** and **value/benefits** of PMU/WAMS in operation
  - Focus on also **building knowledge** regarding ICT infrastructure, Big Data and Cyber Security

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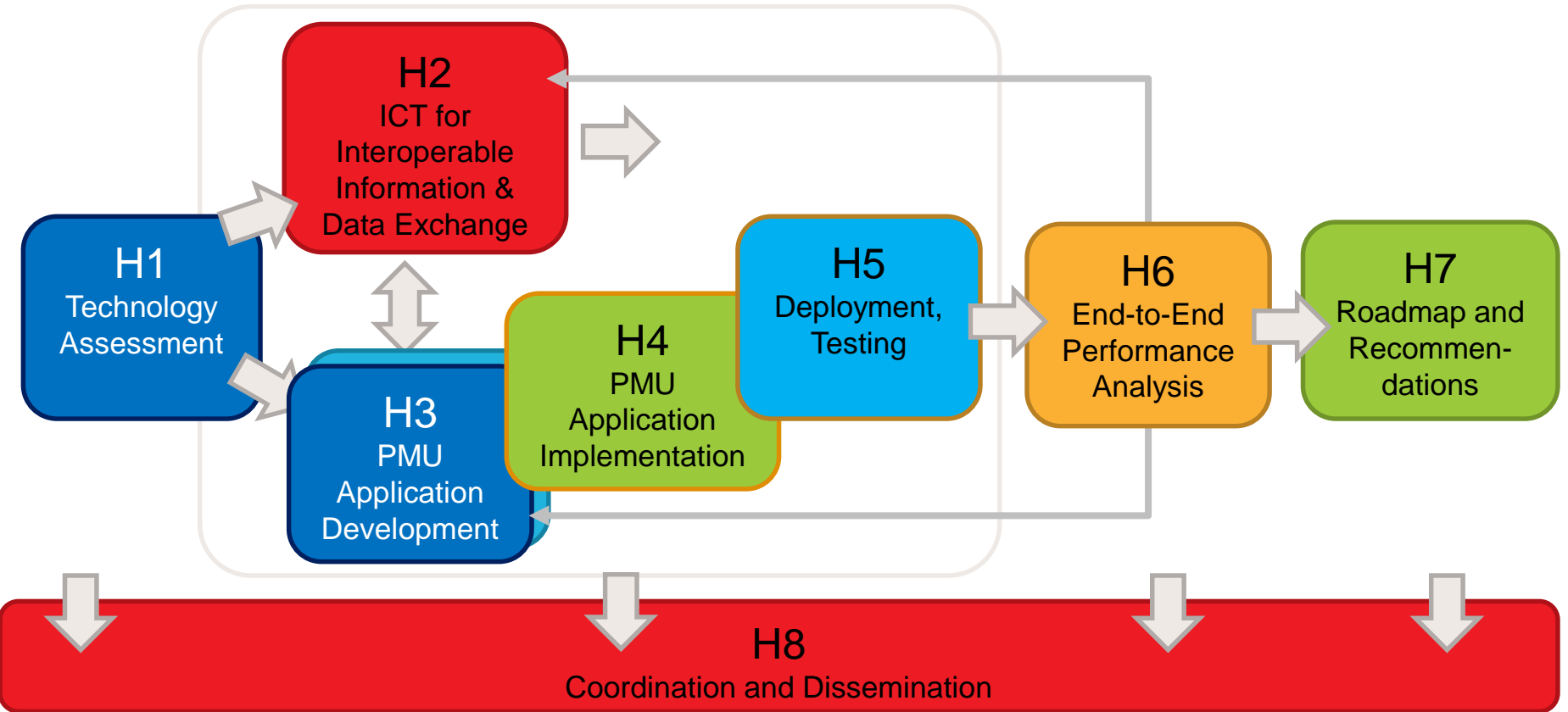
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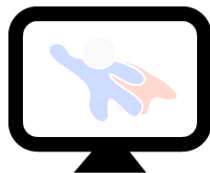


- **Development and adaptation** of new control room **applications** for power system monitoring based on synchronised phasor measurements
- **Implementation** and integration/**interfacing** of selected functions **in the control room environment**
- Gain knowledge on **ICT requirement and data management** issues related to massive use of Phasor measurements.
- To gain new experience and knowledge through **testing and performance analysis**.
- Development of a **road map for full integration** of the technology in the operating processes.

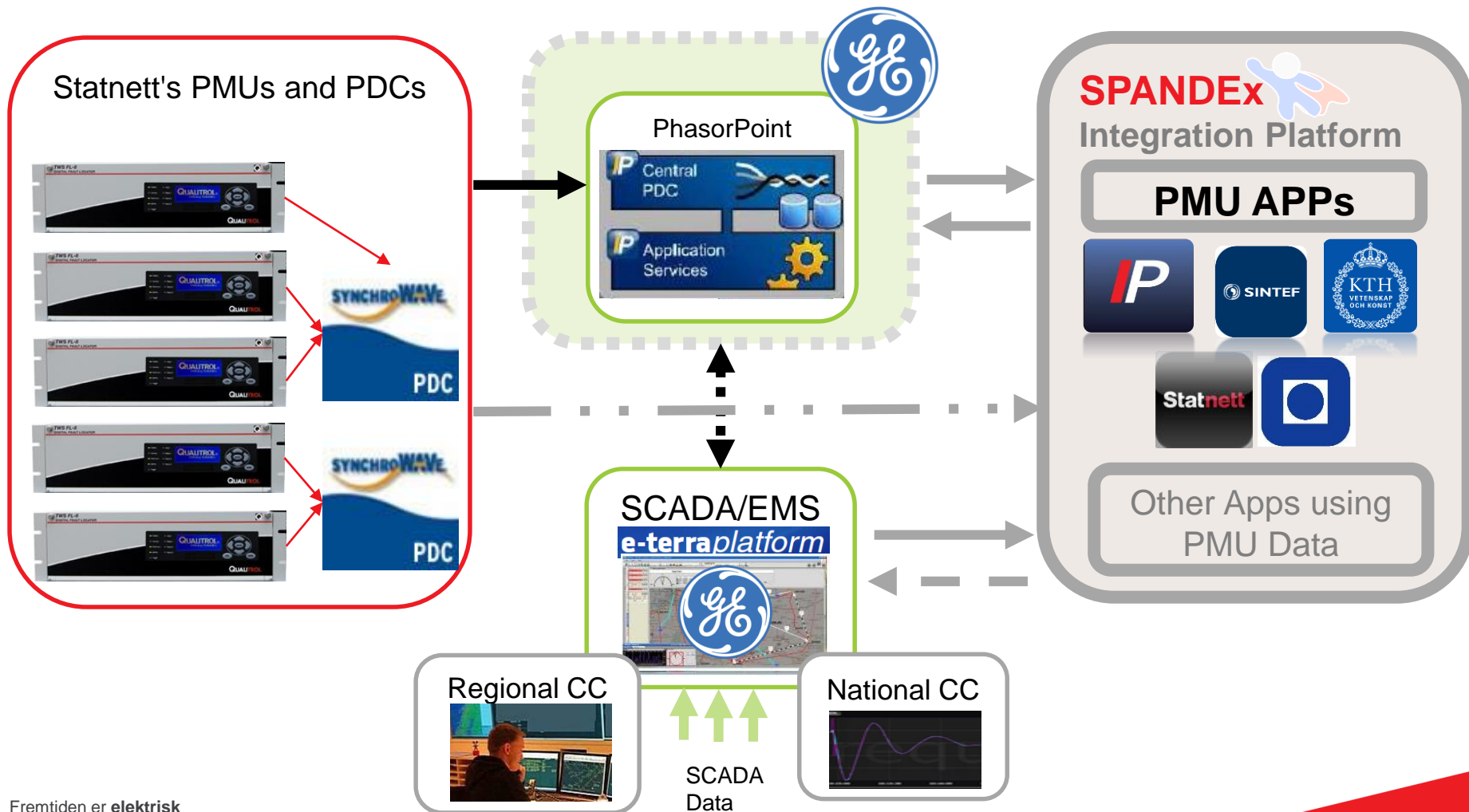
# Project Structure



# Recap:



**Project concept:** The proposed conceptual system architecture as a starting point for more detailed planning, development and implementation of software applications and data interfaces.



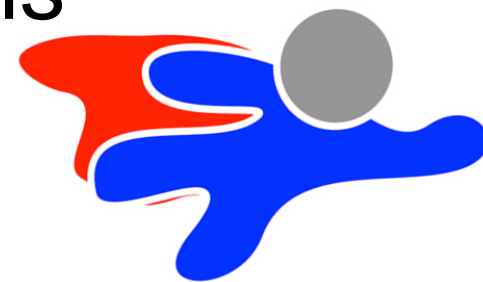
# Benefits of Synchrophasor Technology, by Application<sup>1</sup>

	Increased System Reliability	Increased Asset Utilization and Power System Efficiency	Increased Organizational Efficiency
<b>Real Time</b>			
Wide area visualization	✓		✓
Frequency stability monitoring and trending	✓		
Voltage monitoring and trending	✓		
Oscillation detection	✓		
Phase angle monitoring and trending	✓	✓	
Resource integration		✓	
Adaptive islanding and black-start capability	✓		
Event detection	✓		✓
Adaptive relaying	✓		
Power system stabilizer/oscillation damper	✓		
Automated protection	✓		
State estimation	✓		
<b>Off-Line</b>			
Post-event analysis	✓		✓
Model validation	✓	✓	✓

<sup>1</sup> Adapted from the Advancement of Synchrophasor Technology in Projects Funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, U.S. Department of Energy, Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability.

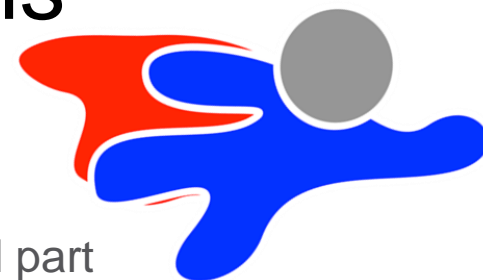


# SPANDEx – Possible Applications



- Voltage collapse indicator
  - *Areas of interest:*
    - Stavanger area
    - Hammerfest / Melkeøya
    - Lofoten/Vesterålen area
  - ..possibly combined with demand response / load shedding schemes in Northern Norway
- Power oscillation monitoring
  - *Areas of interest:*
    - Northern Norway – North Finland
    - Southern Norway – Interarea modes

# SPANDEx – Possible Applications



- Islanding detection and monitoring
  - *Area of interest:* Indre Sogn
  - Objective: Fast alert and stability monitoring in islanded part (frequency and voltage)
    - .. Possibly later combined with adaptive load shedding or other control actions, such as governor adjustments
- System protection schemes (SPS)
  - *Application of interest:* Existing and new SPS schemes, e.g. Generation Shedding Scheme for increased capacity on Hasle corridor
  - *Objective:* Improve situational awareness to improve operation of SPS – "take actions sooner and better but only when needed".
  - Minimize costs and avoid potential cascading failures.
- Monitoring Frequency bias and Inertia
  - *Area of interest:* Southern Norway
  - Selected power plants

# Future possibilities

- *Research and Development:* Continue (Nordic, European, ..) collaboration to develop applications
- *Demonstration:* More pilot projects to gain experiences in operation
- *How?*
  - Fully utilize our labs.
  - Maintain and improve the “Nordic Wide Area Platform”
  - Make software platforms and interfaces that enable easy implementation and testing