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Distributed PV and DER Interconnection Requirements

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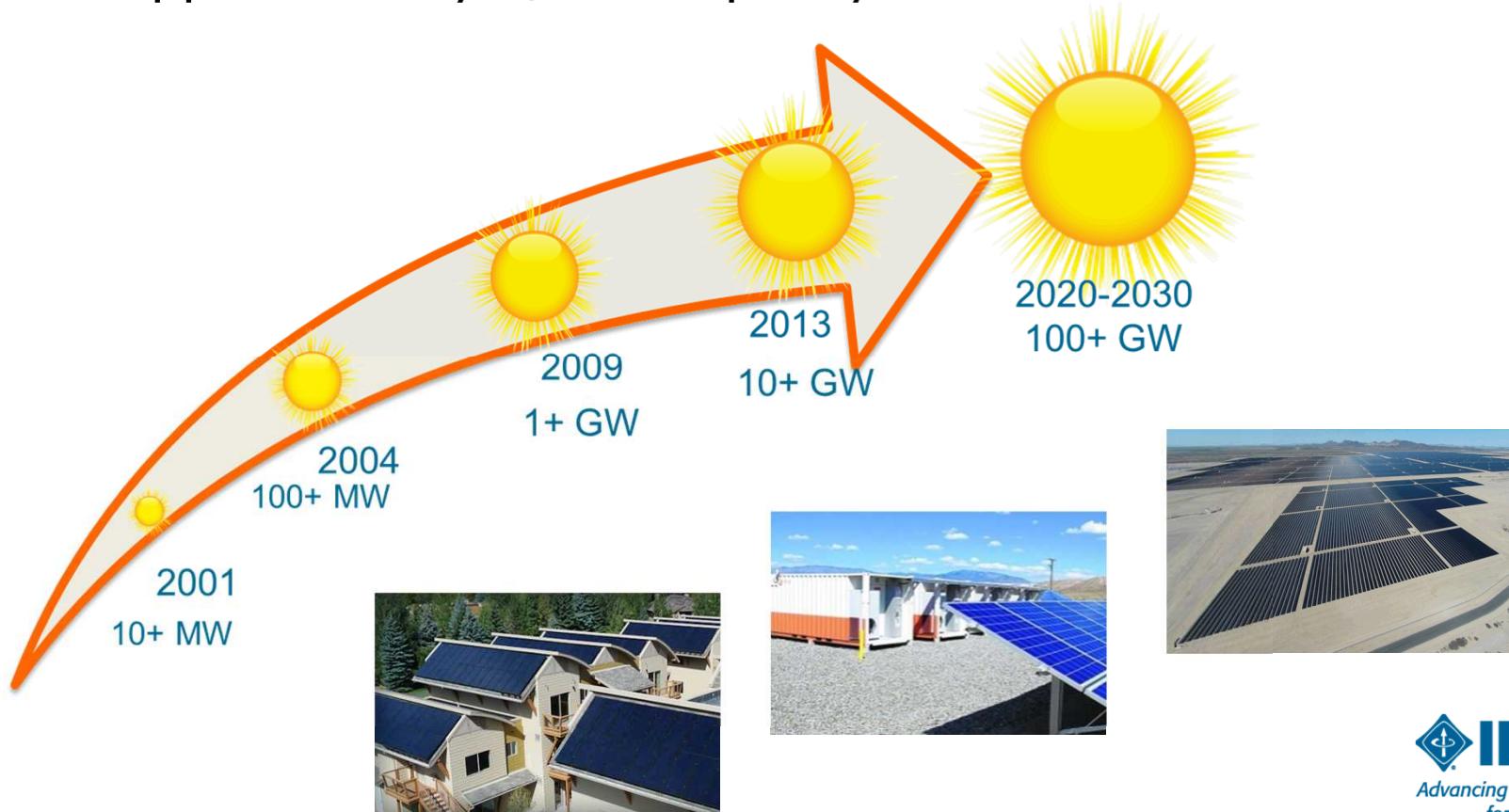
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Outline

- Motivation for updating standards for PV
- DER Standards Development with focus on P1547
 - Voltage and reactive power
 - Frequency and voltage tolerance
 - Other areas
- Concluding remarks
- Q&A

Racing toward large-scale PV deployment...

- Installed PV capacity in the U.S. is growing fast, and future potential is very high
 - Approximately 1/3 of capacity distribution-connected



Distributed PV and System Reliability

- ▶ High penetration of Distributed PV and other DER can affect grid reliability
- ▶ In the future, distributed PV and other DER will need to support grid reliability
- ▶ Clear, comprehensive and appropriate interconnection standards are in the best interest of all stakeholders
 - T&D interconnection standards revisions are underway
 - Focus on DER

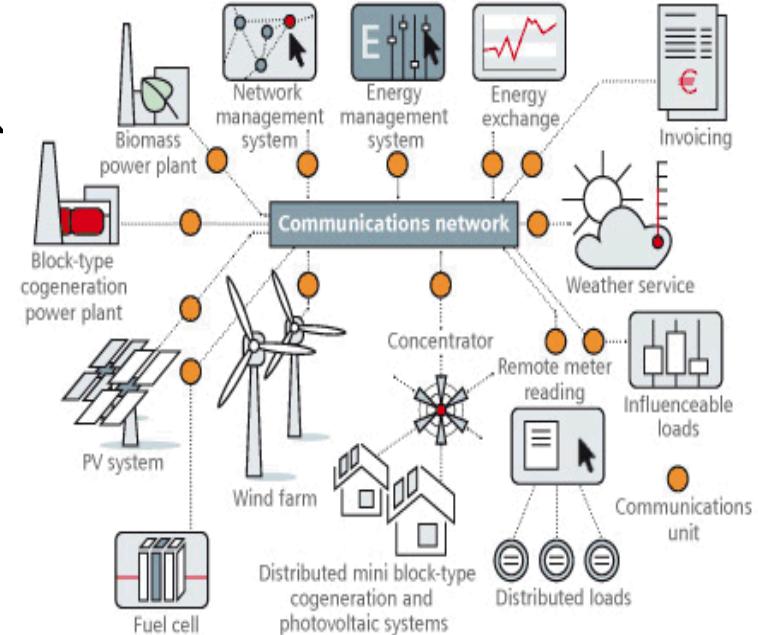
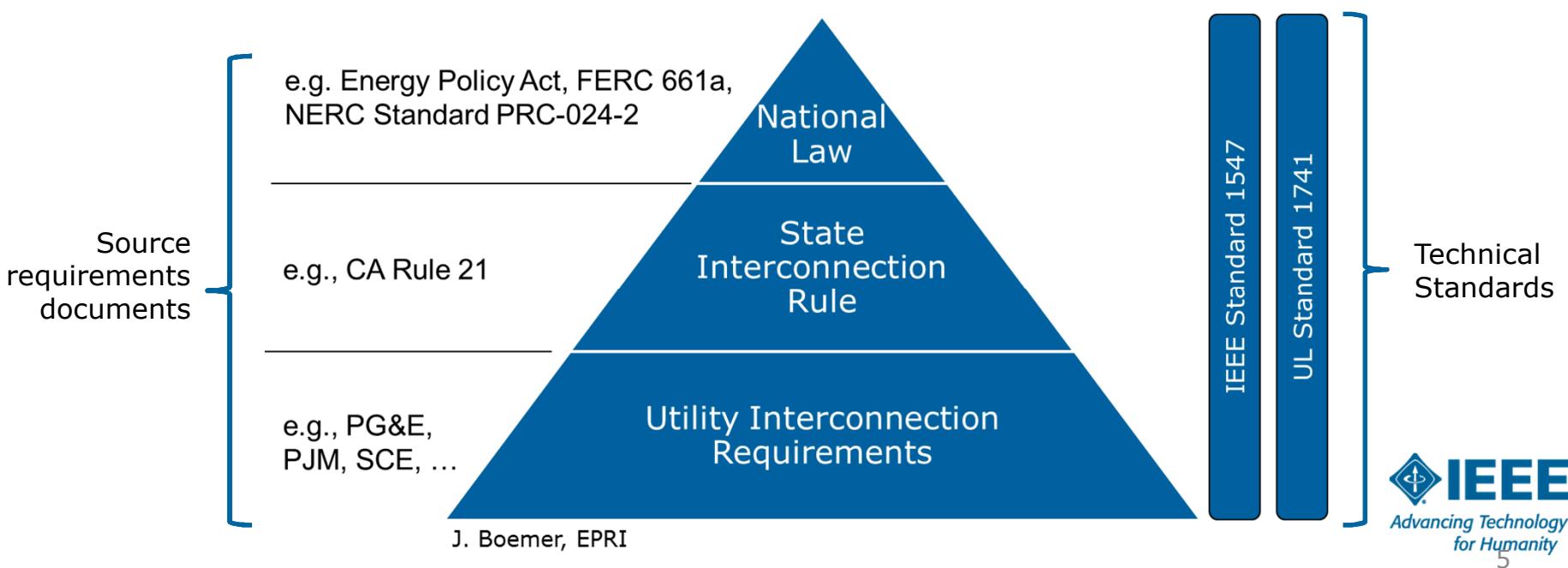


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Standards harmonization and coordination is a challenge

- Transmission and (or Vs.) distribution needs
- Different generation technologies
- Different jurisdictions
 - Interdependent Standards, Rules and Requirements



DER Standards Timeline

- IEEE 1547 (Ca. 2003)
 - Not designed for high penetration DER
 - No V/FRT, tight trip limits, voltage regulation not allowed
- CA Rule 21 and HI Rule 14H Updates (Ca. 2014)
 - Focused on inverters
- IEEE 1547a (Ca. 2014)
 - DR *may* respond to voltage & freq.; trip limits may be wider
 - Did not establish a minimum performance requirement
- P1547 and P1547.1 (ongoing, 2017?)
 - Response to CA and HI experience, BES concerns

CA Rule 21 DER (Inverter) Functions

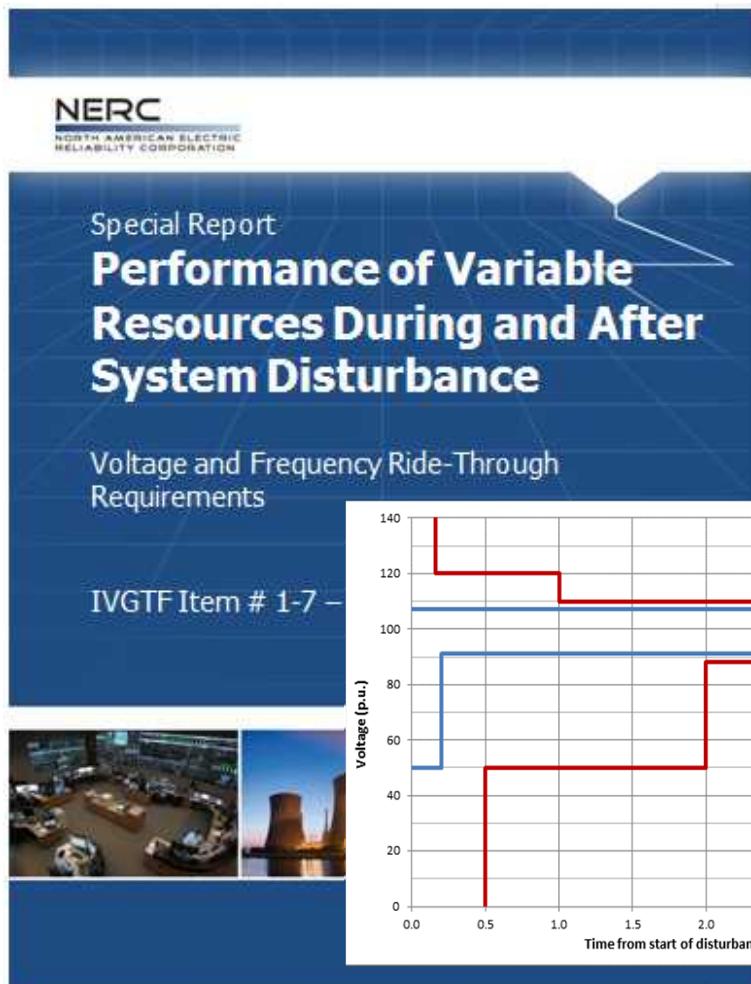
Appendix	Function or Communication Verification	Rule 21 Name	Central or Dist. Control
1	Anti-Islanding Protection (AI)	R21-1-AI	D
2	Low/High Voltage Ride-through (L/HVRT)	R21-1-L/HVRT	D
3	Low/High Frequency Ride-through (L/HFRT)	R21-1-L/HFRT	D
4	Volt-Var Mode with Watt-Priority	R21-1-VV11	D
5	Ramp Rates	R21-1-RR	D
6	Fixed Power Factor	R21-1-INV3	D
7	Soft Start	R21-1-SS	D
14	Monitor Alarms	R21-3-A	C
15	Monitor DER Status and Output	R21-3-DS93	C
16	Limit Maximum Real Power	R21-3-INV2	C/D
17	Connect/Disconnect	R21-3-INV1	C
18	Provide DER Information at Interconnection/Startup	R21-3-INFO	C
19	Initiate Periodic Tests of Software and Patches	R21-3-TEST	C
20	Schedule Output Limits at PCC	R21-3-WSchd	C
21	Schedule DER Functions	R21-3-Schd	C
22	Schedule Storage	R21-3-SSchd	C
23	Frequency-Watt Mode	R21-3-FW	D
24	Voltage-Watt Mode	R21-3-VW	D
25	Dynamic Current Support	R21-3-TV31	D
26	Limit Maximum Real Power	R21-3-Wlim	C
27	Set Real Power	R21-3-INV4	C
28	Smooth Frequency Deviations	R21-3-Ffix	D
29	Backup Power	R21-3-BP	C
30	Imitate Capacitor Bank Triggers	R21-3-CAP	C/D
31	Operate within an Islanded Microgrid	R21-3-I	C
32	Provide Low Cost Energy	R21-3-COST	C
33	Provide Low Emissions Energy	R21-3-LEE	C
34	Provide Renewable Energy	R21-3-RE	C
35	Execute Schedules	R21-3-ES	C
36	Issue Generation and Storage Schedules	R21-3-S	C
37	Provide Black Start Capabilities	R21-3-BS	C
38	Participate in Automatic Generation Control	R21-3-AGC	C
39	Provide Spinning or Operational Reserve	R21-3-R	C
40	Real Power Response to Demand Response Price Signals	R21-3-PS	C/D
41	Ancillary Service Response to Demand Response Signals	R21-3-INV5	C/D
42	Registration (Automated DER Discovery)	R21-3-REG	C

Phase 1
Autonomous Functions

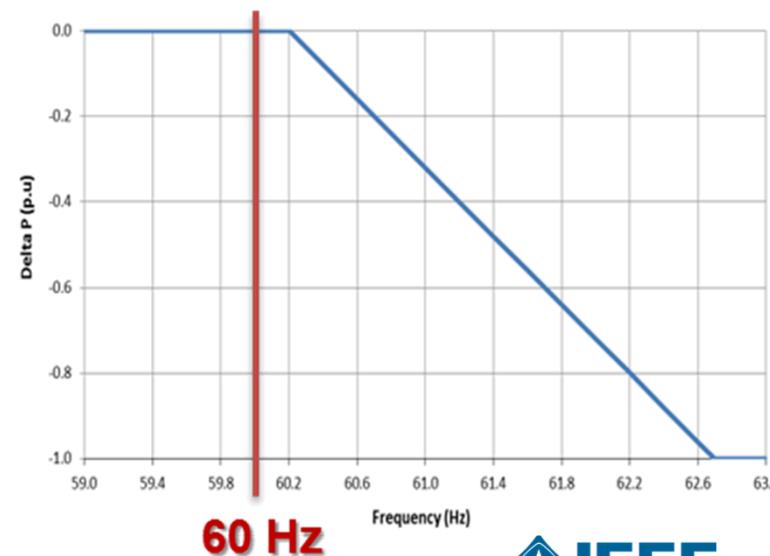
Phase 2:
Communication capability—add data model, cybersecurity, etc.

Phase 3:
Communications-enabled functions—status reporting, connect/disconnect, limit active power, etc.

NERC And BES Perspective



- NERC IVGTF 1.7 recommendations to DER interconnection standards
 - Require *V/FRT requirement*
 - Require *high-frequency droop*
 - Minimum *default* settings



IEEE 1547 Revision (201?)

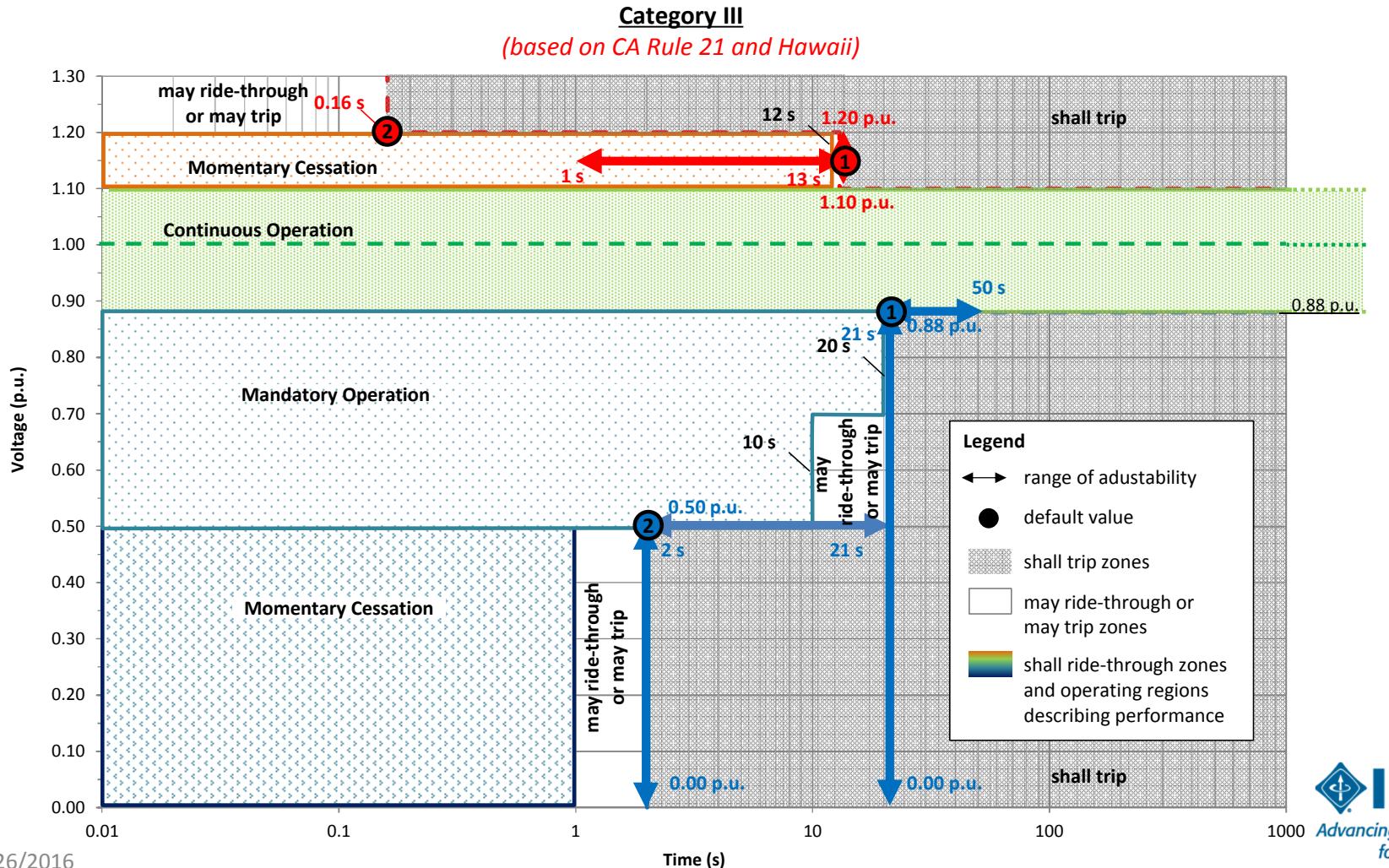
- Clause 4.2 – Response to abnormal conditions
 - Defines V/FRT requirement, frequency droop, and dynamic current injection for 3 performance categories
 - Remotely and/or field adjustable parameters
 - Emphasizes reclosing coordination
 - Defines exemptions for intentional islanding, equivalent load tripping, and testing of standby generators
- Performance Categories
 - **Cat I:** Addresses essential BES stability/reliability
 - **Cat II:** All BES reliability/stability needs
 - **Cat III:** For very high penetration scenarios (HI, CA R21)
 - Area EPS operator to specify applicable category

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- VRT Operating Modes
 - Continuous Operation
 - Mandatory Operation: RT and must inject power
 - Momentary Cessation: RT but must not inject power
 - Permissive Operation: RT, may or may not inject power
- “Cease to Energize” requirements still applies
 - Over and under voltage, Over and under frequency thresholds harmonized with V/FRT requirements
 - Tripping or Momentary Cessation count

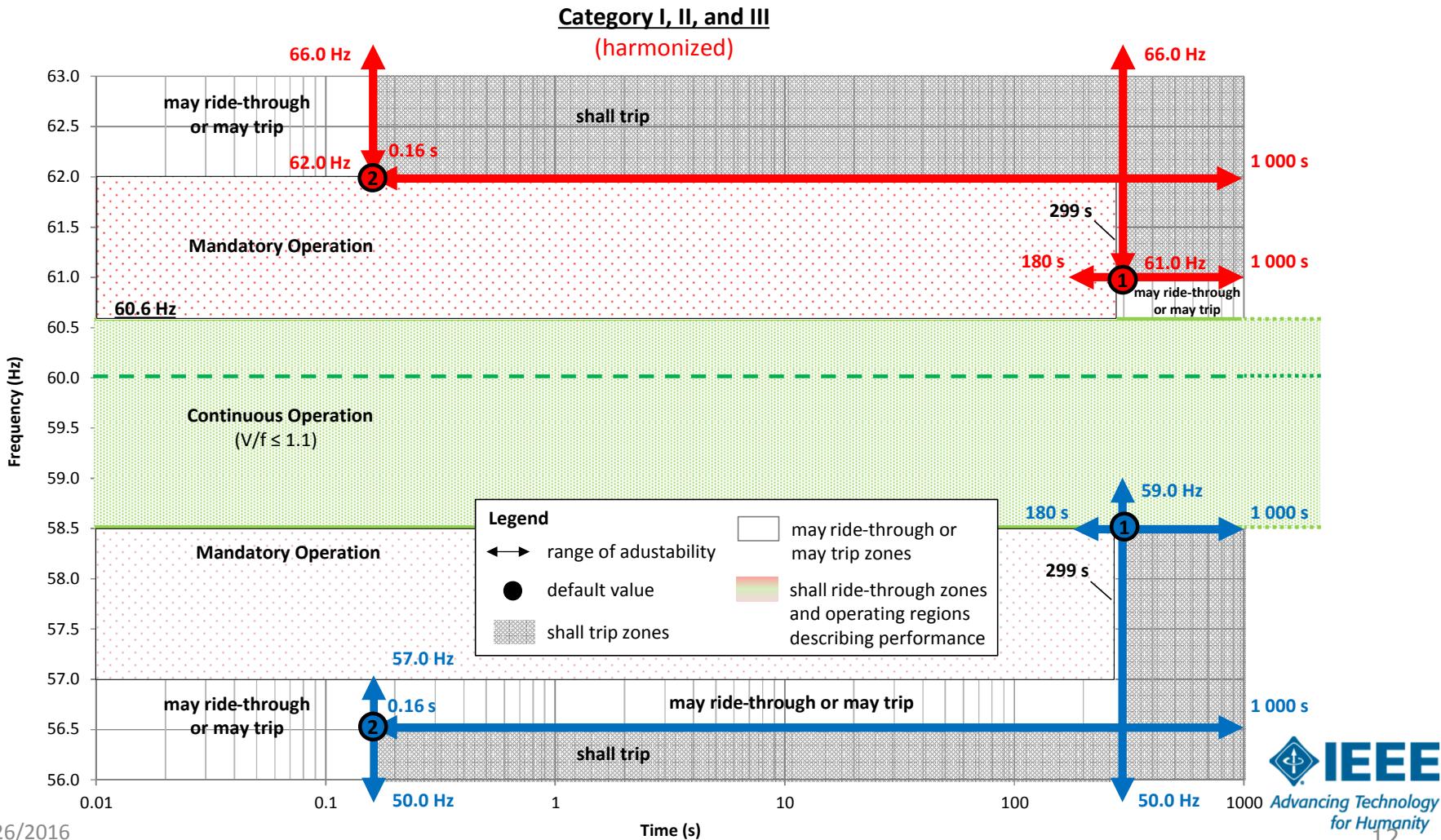
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Proposed VRT requirement for Cat III



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Proposed FRT requirement for all categories



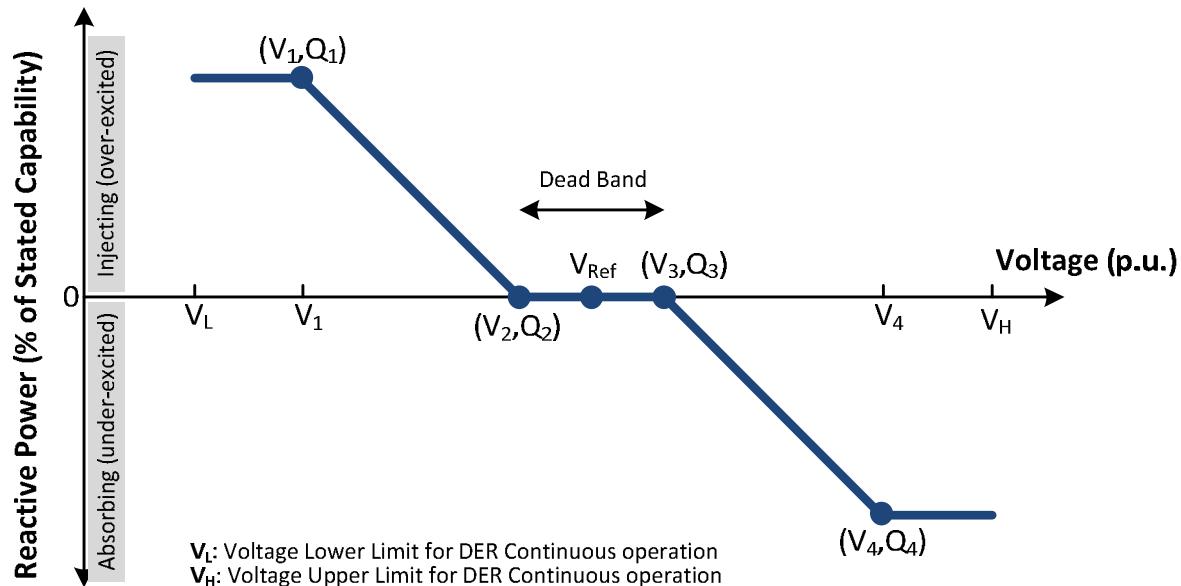
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- Clause 4.1 – Voltage and reactive power
 - Defines reactive power capability for 2 perf. categories
 - Voltage and reactive power control: PF (default), Volt-var, watt-var, Q, dynamic injection (Cat B.)
 - Other control modes permitted
 - Precedence of voltage and reactive power control modes
- Performance categories
 - **Cat A:** Minimum capability for local voltage regulation, should be attainable by all state-of-the-art DER
 - **Cat B:** Additional requirements to mitigate local voltage variations due to resource variability
 - Area EPS operator to specify applicable category

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DER Category	Injection Capability
A	0.90 PF injecting 0.97 PF absorbing
B	0.90 PF injecting 0.90 PF absorbing

Minimum Reactive Power Capability at Rated kVA



Volt-var control specification

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- Other changes expected before ballot...
- Clause 4.3 – Power quality: forming stage
 - Harmonic distortion, flicker (maximum voltage change)
 - TR-OV, T-OV and GF-OV
- Communications, interoperability: some progress
 - Trying to expand on existing requirements
- Simulation and modeling: storming stage
 - Specification of SC behavior? Dynamic models?
- Microgrids: early stage
- P1547.1 testing standard: just started!

Still more work to be done

- High stakes
 - Rapid PV and DER deployment, grid reliability
- Implementation takes a long time...
 - Consensus process to develop and approve
 - NRTL certification process
 - Adoption by State PUC/PRC
- It is a balancing act!
 - Harmonization with BES reliability standards
 - Different types of DER, different local needs, different PV deployment stages
- Stay tuned! Better yet, engage!

