



# Stabilized Cogeneration

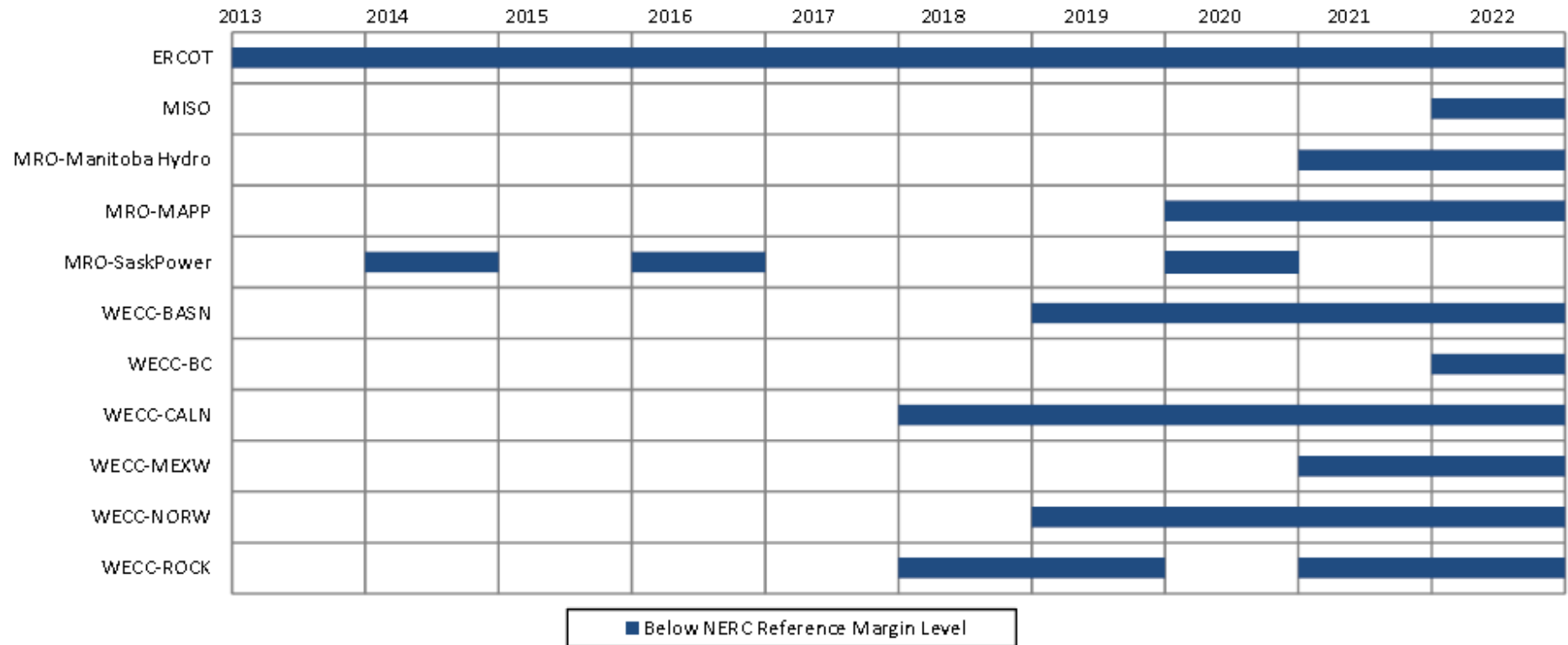
Bud Leavell – Piller USA Inc.

# WHY?



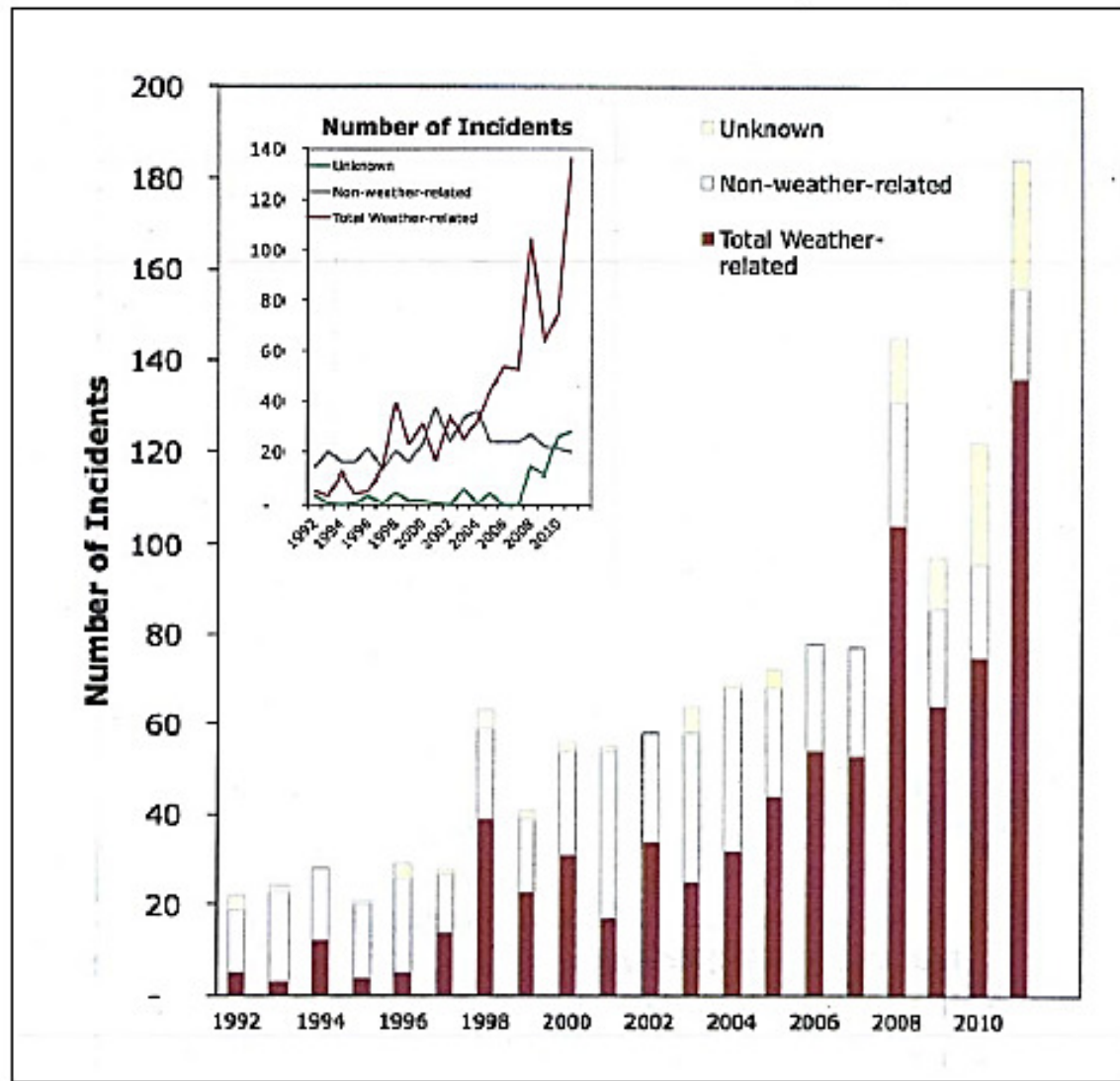
- Coming Grid Instability!
- Worst prognosis is Texas
- Nationally, it is coming as well

# NERC 2012 Long Term Reliability Assessment



# Growing Grid Instability

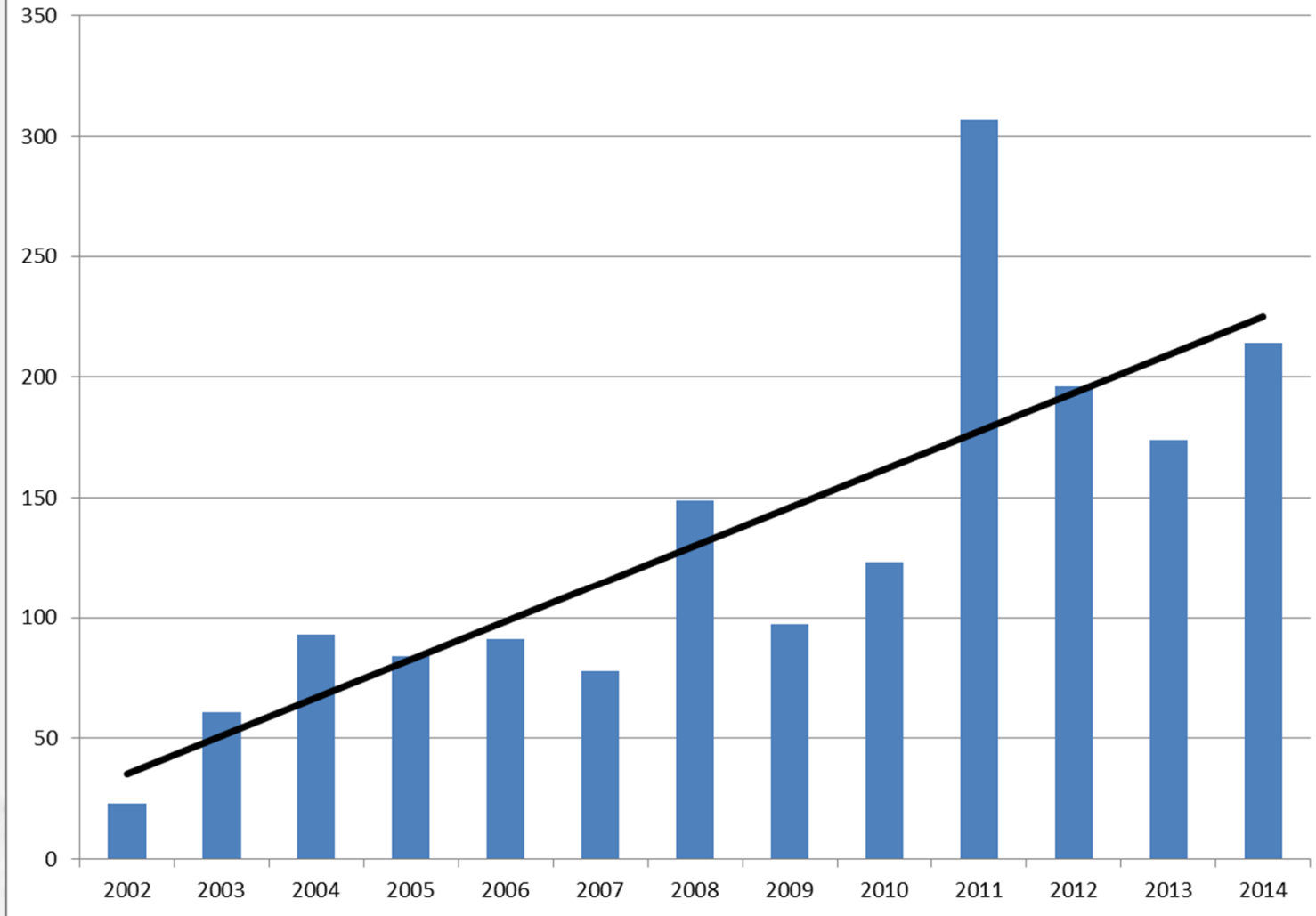
## Significant US Grid Weather-Related Grid Disturbances



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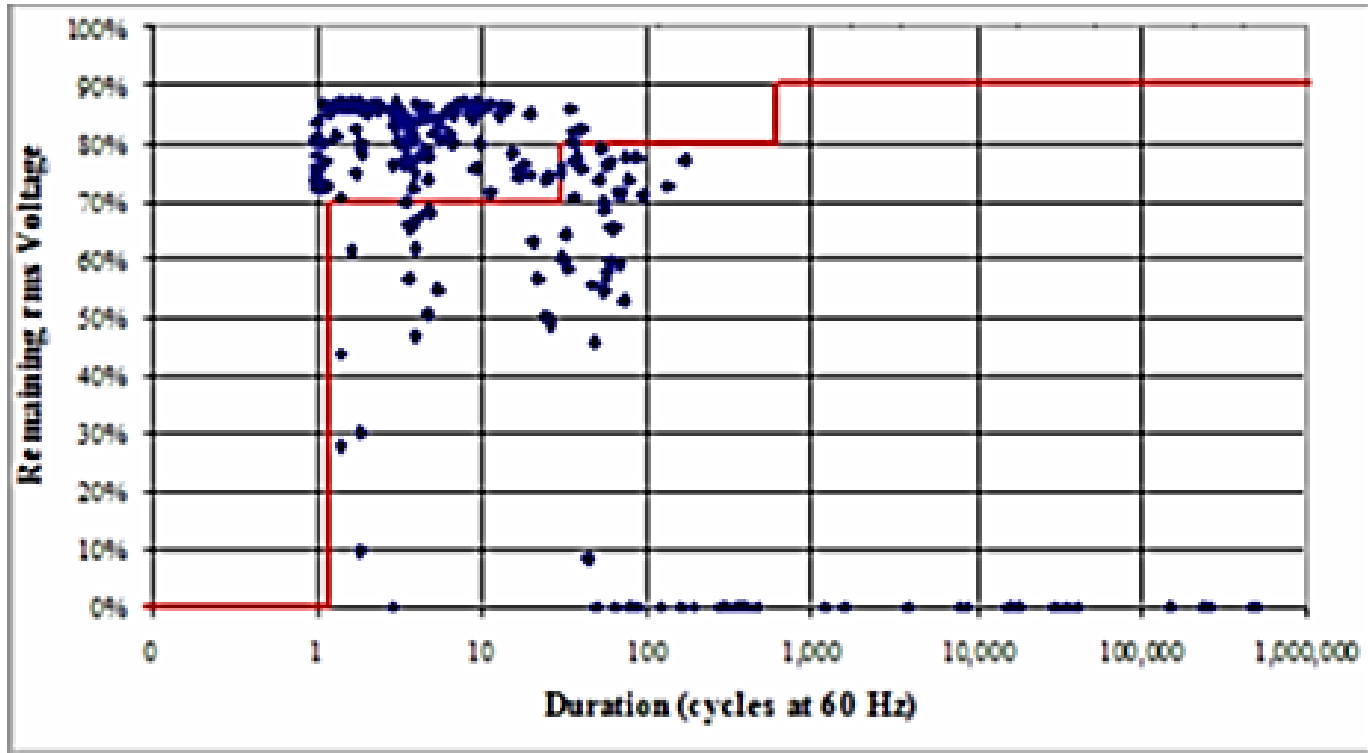


## Major Disturbances and Unusual Occurrences



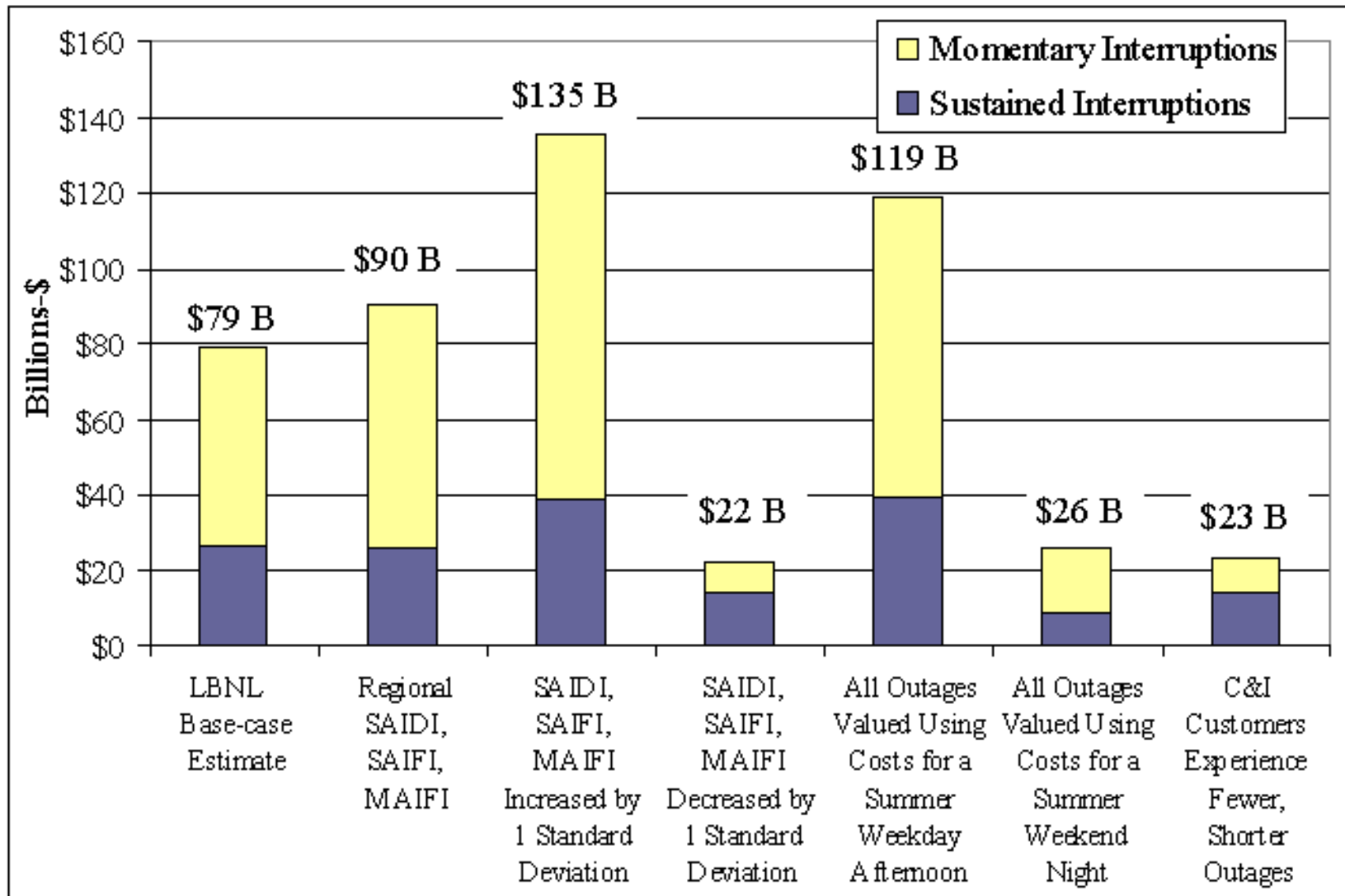


# Duration of Power Outages



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**Understanding the Cost of Power Interruptions to U.S. Electricity Consumers**

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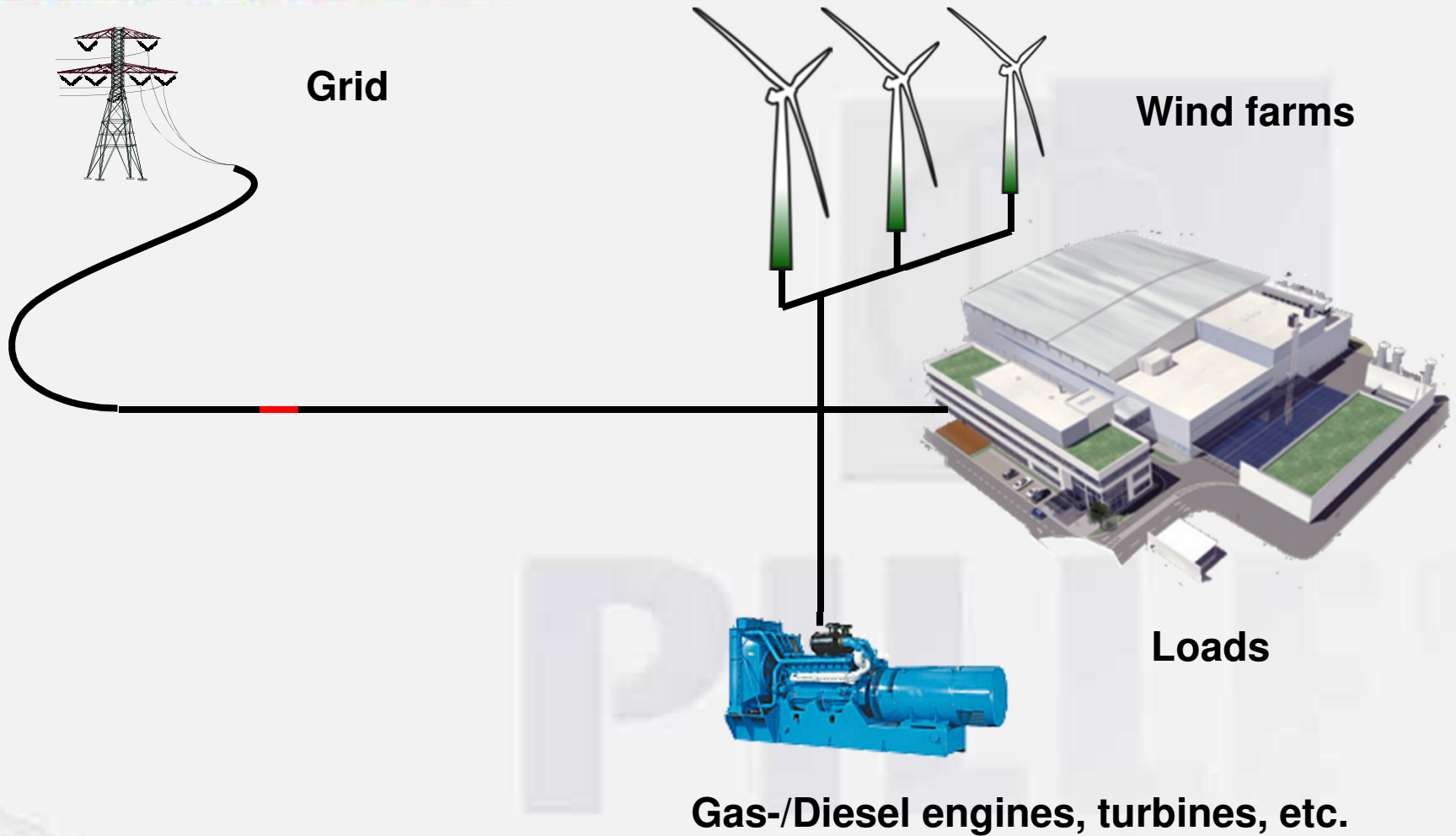
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**Costs tend to be driven by the frequency**  
 Understanding the Cost of Power Interruptions to U.S. Electricity Consumers

**rather than the duration of reliability events.**

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# One Possible Solution: Co-Generation





# Factors Driving the Expansion of Cogeneration



- Low Cost of Natural Gas
  - Week ending Apr 8, 2016 Henry Hub = \$1.96/MMBtu
- Promise of greater thermal efficiency
  - thermal efficiencies > 70% (HHV)
- Reduced Cost of power generation
- Environmental
  - EPA driving power generation toward natural gas
- Distributed Generation contributing to grid stability by exporting power to the grid

# Issues Related to Co-Generation

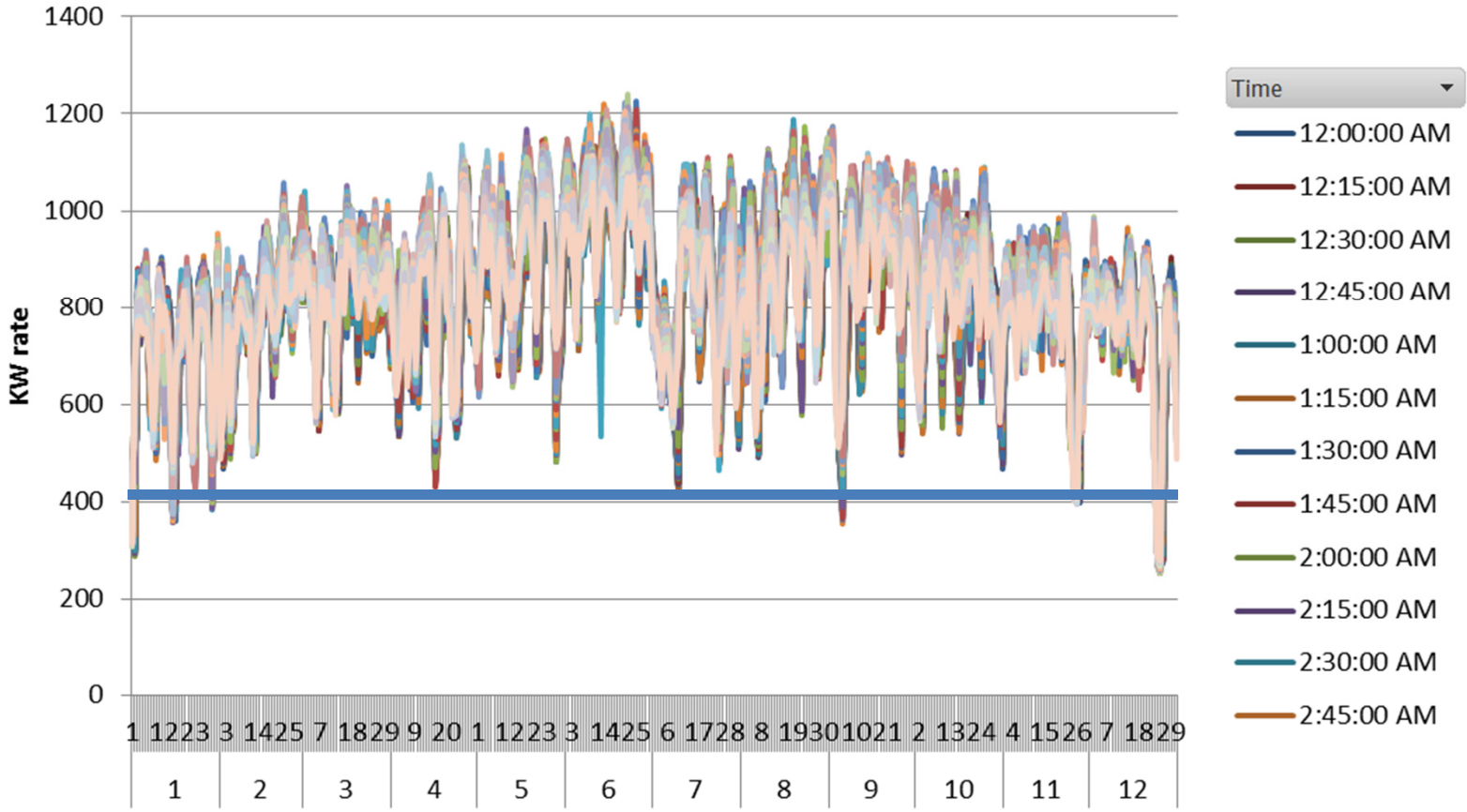


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Real Power (Rate)

### Real Power Rate



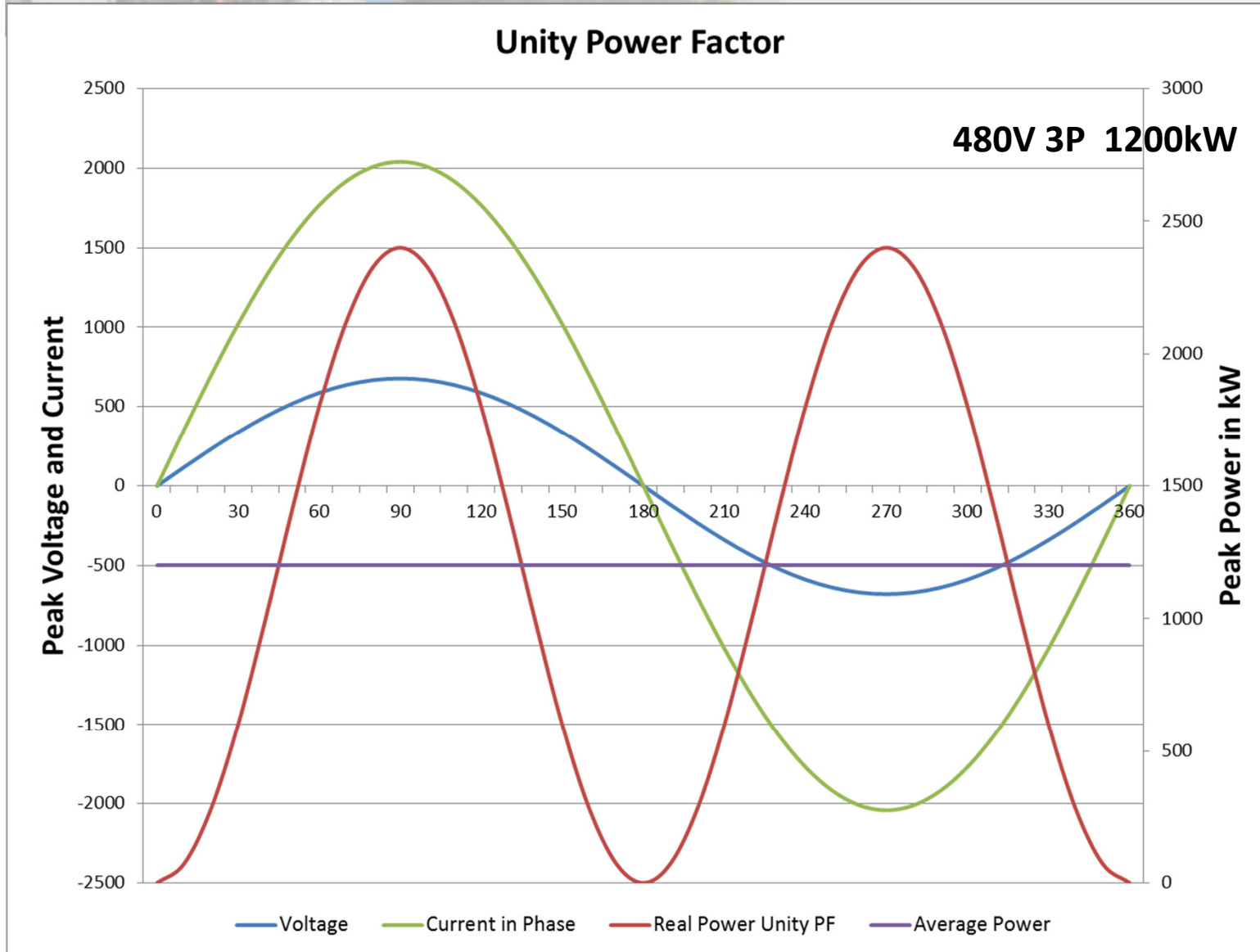
Month Day

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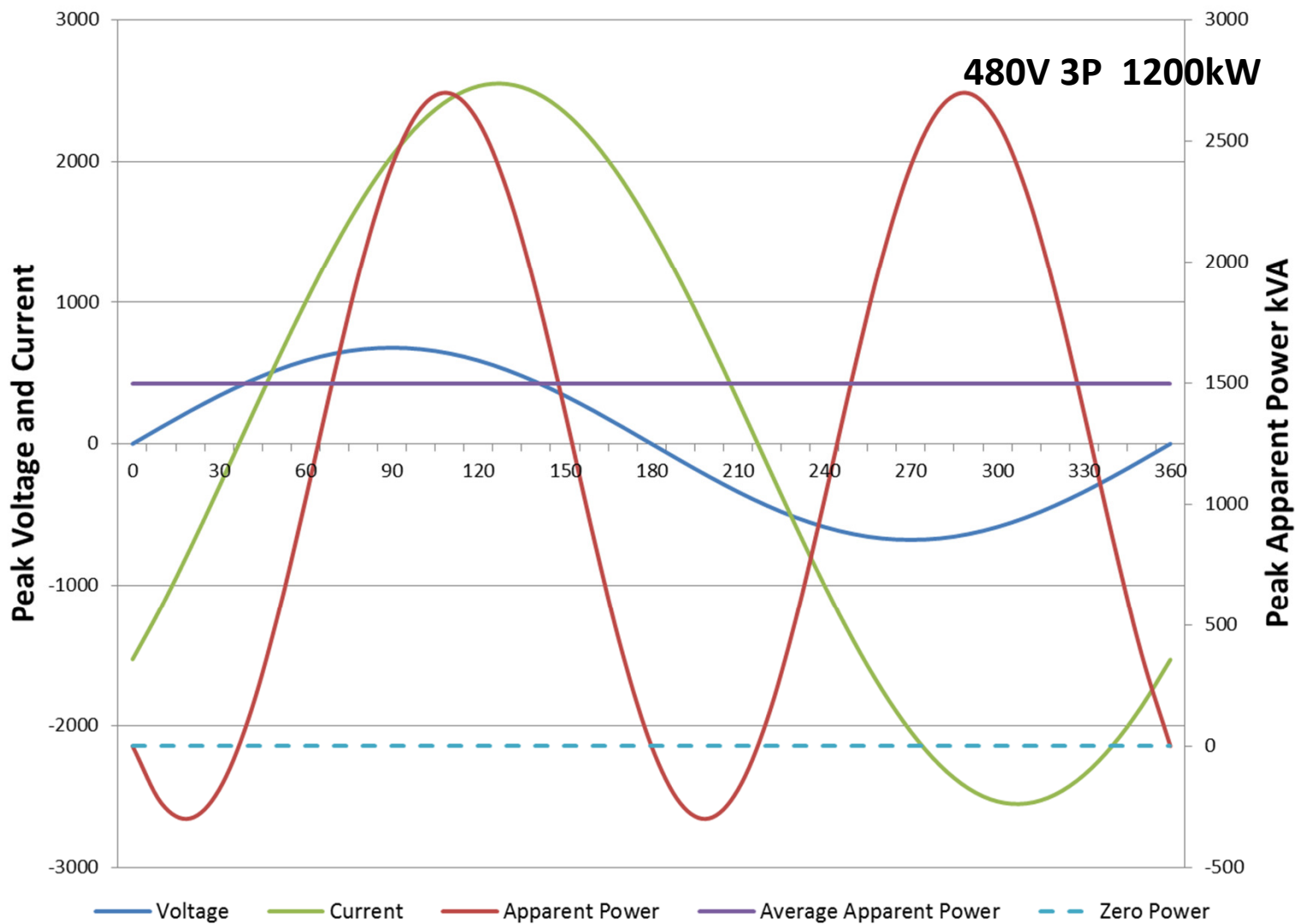
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$$P = EI\sqrt{3} \cos\theta$$



$$S = EI\sqrt{3}$$

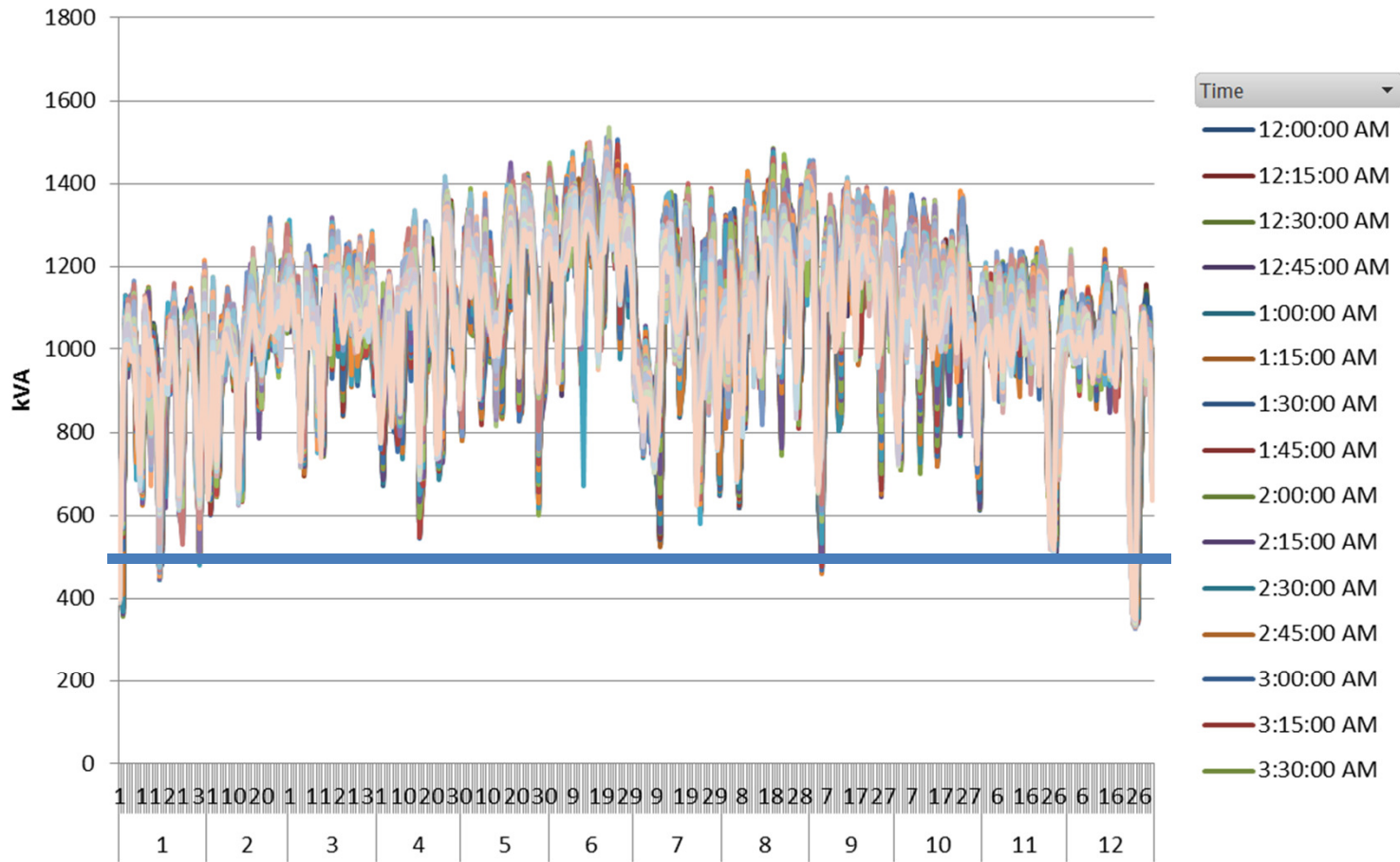
Actual Load with a Power Factor of 0.8





Average of kVA Rate

### Apparent Power Rate



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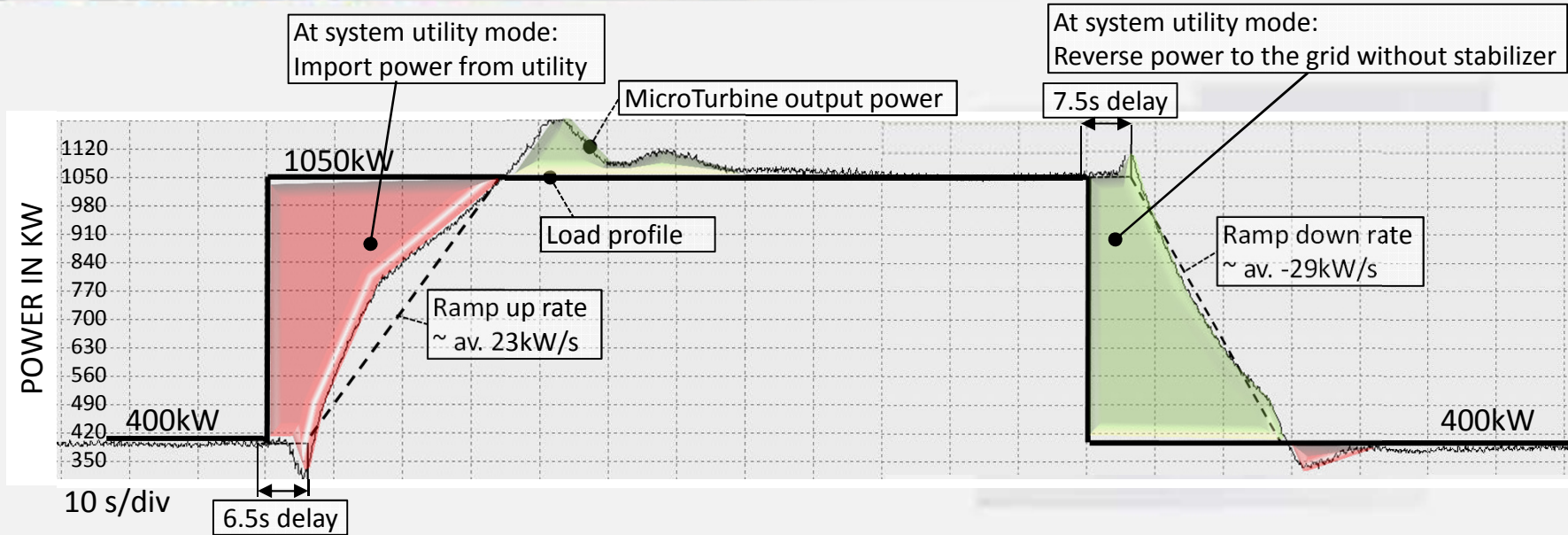
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# Block loading & unloading on MicroTurbine system

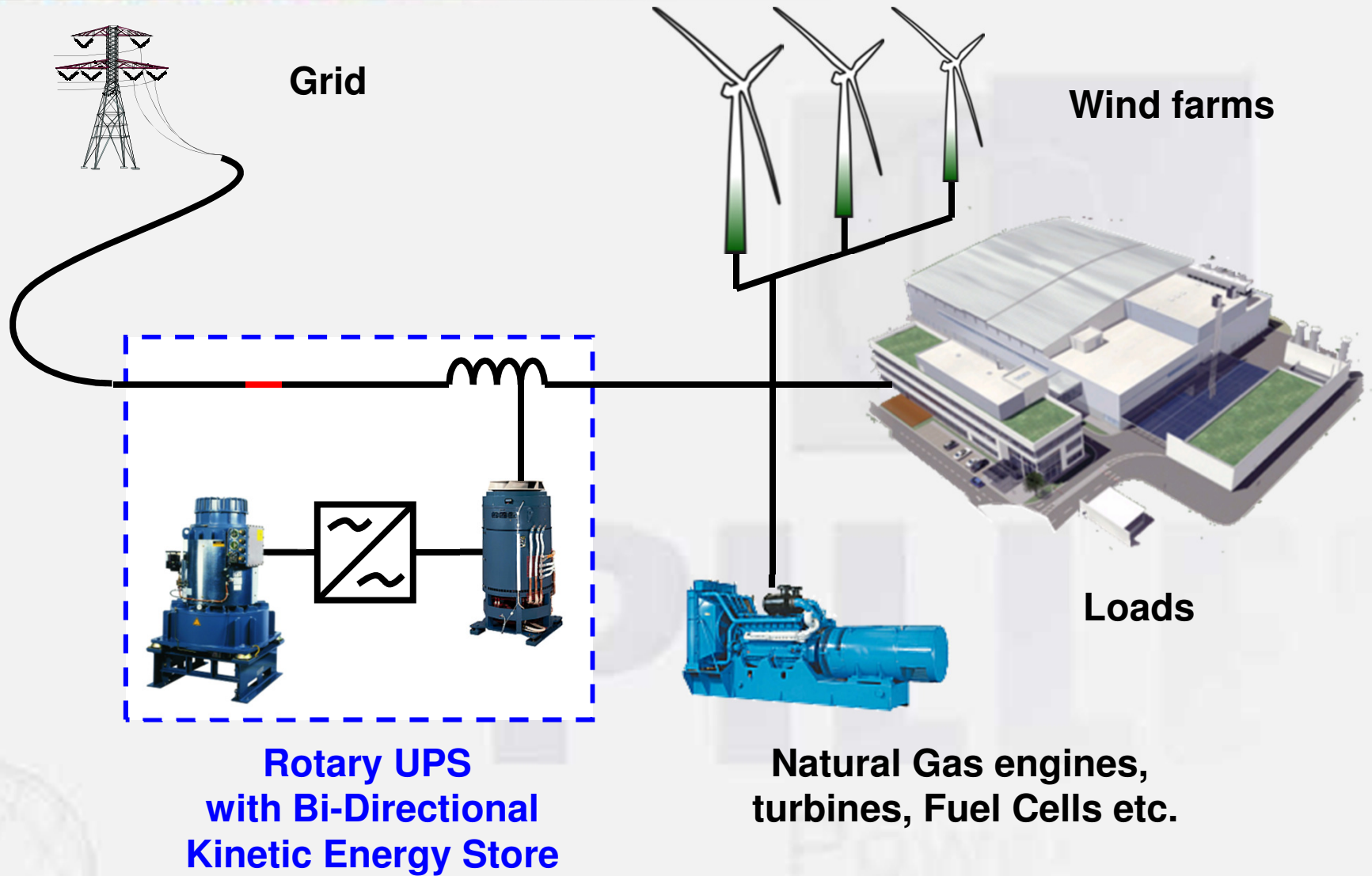


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  - Step loads cause voltage and frequency instability
  - Faults on either side can 'KILL' the plant.
- Inefficient sizing to compensate for dynamic response
- Power has to go somewhere!
  - Load banks required?
- No security from utility interruptions?
  - True with at least some co-gen solutions

# Stabilized: Co-Generation



**Rotary UPS  
with Bi-Directional  
Kinetic Energy Store**

**Natural Gas engines,  
turbines, Fuel Cells etc.**

# What is Rotary UPS?



- A rotating machine feeding the load – ROTARY
- A static inverter feeding the load – STATIC
- Battery – energy storage
- Flywheels – energy storage
- Induction Coupling – energy storage
- Any UPS can be with or without a back-up generator
- “In a Rotary UPS, during all modes of operation, **the load is fed directly from a synchronous generator or motor generator** .....Hence, the distinction between a Static and a Rotary does not lie in the use of batteries or flywheels as a short-term emergency power source; rather it is based on the method through which the output power is derived”

# Properties of Synchronous Machines



- Unlike inductive motors, the rotor turns at the synchronous speed. No SLIP
- An external mechanism must be provided to start the machine and bring it up to 95% of synchronous speed before excitation.
- As an Unloaded Synchronous Motor:
  - under-excitation = inductive (*absorbs VARs*)
  - over-excitation = capacitive (*source of VARs*)
- When driven mechanically with excitation becomes a generator.

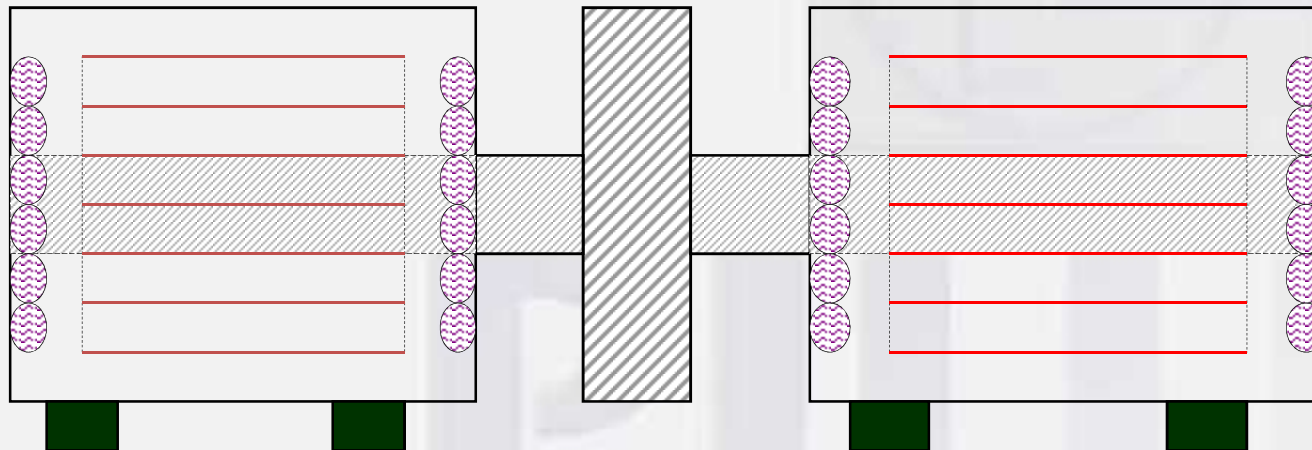
# Evolution of the Motor Generator



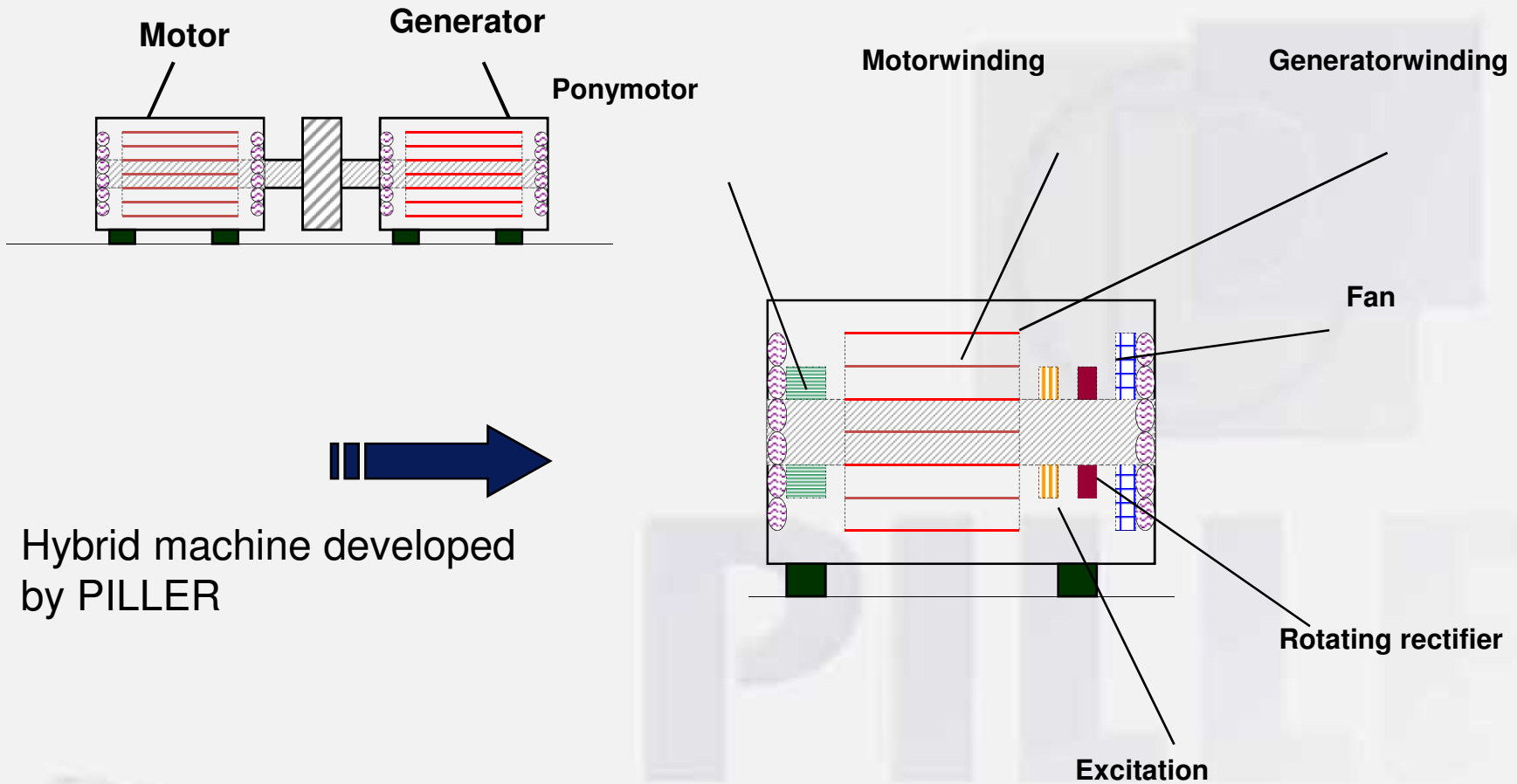
Motor  
Generator

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Generator  
Motor



# Piller UNIBLOCK Motor Generator

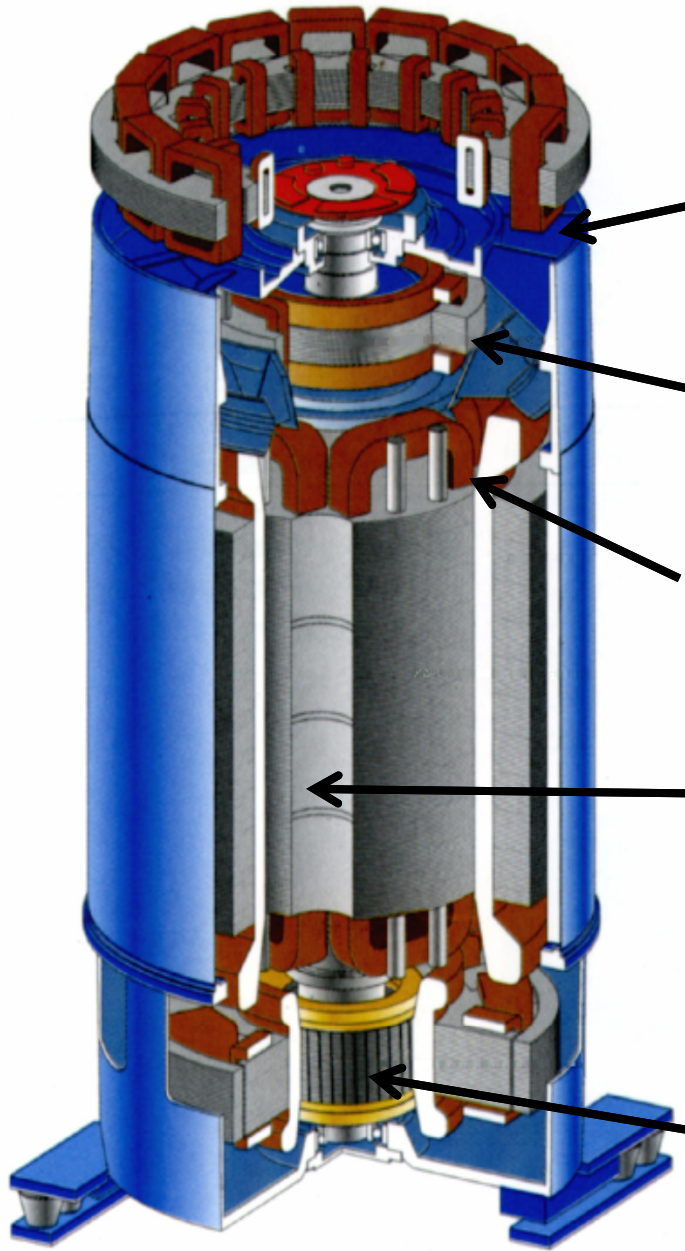


Hybrid machine developed  
by PILLER

**Unique and highly reliable system including motor and generator**

# UniBlock

System fan



Brushless excitation

Motor and generator windings  
in a common stator

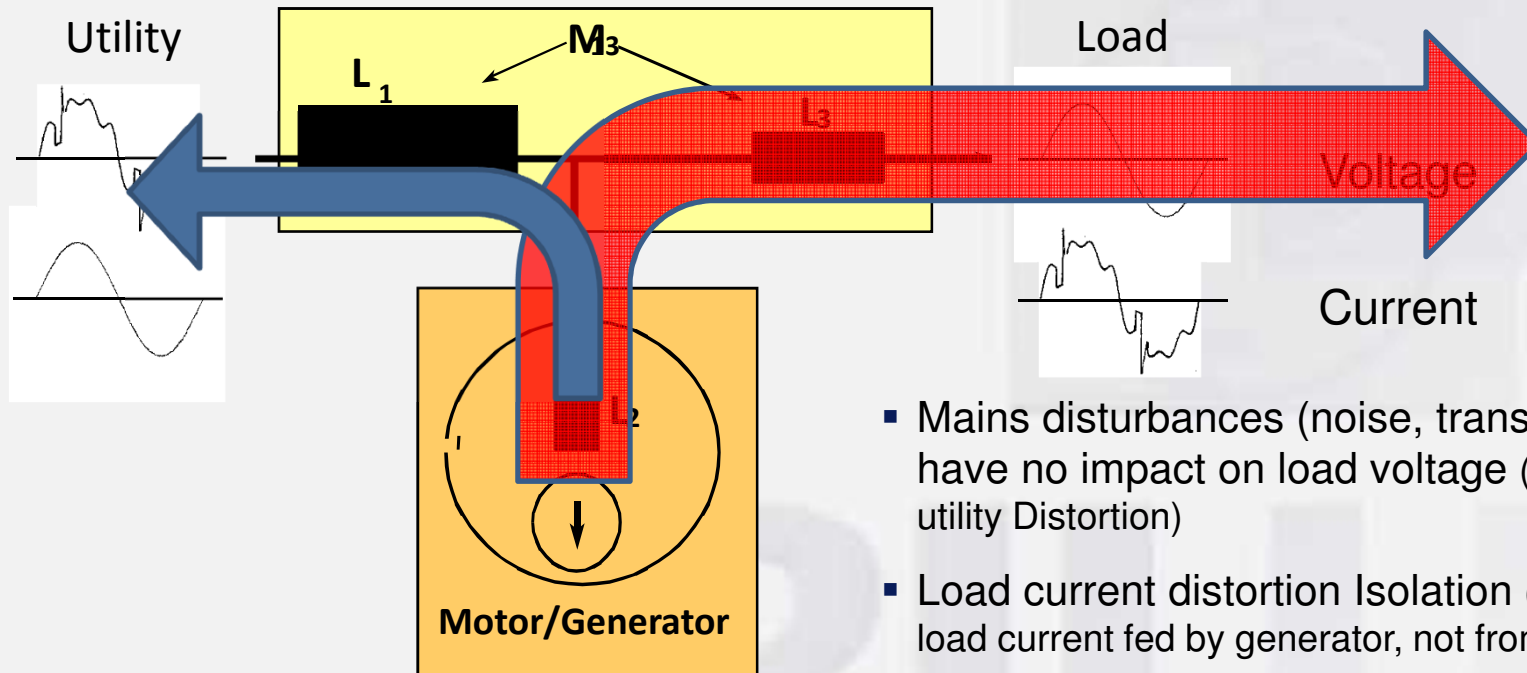
Common rotor  
with damper winding

Pony motor



# The UNIBLOCK-T: Coupling Choke

Provides Bi Directional Isolation



- Mains disturbances (noise, transients) have no impact on load voltage (Isolation on utility Distortion)
- Load current distortion Isolation (Harmonic load current fed by generator, not from mains)
- In event of a mains short, the choke limits utility fault contribution (Forward fault current up to 14X) No need to go into bypass.

# Newton's First Law of Motion



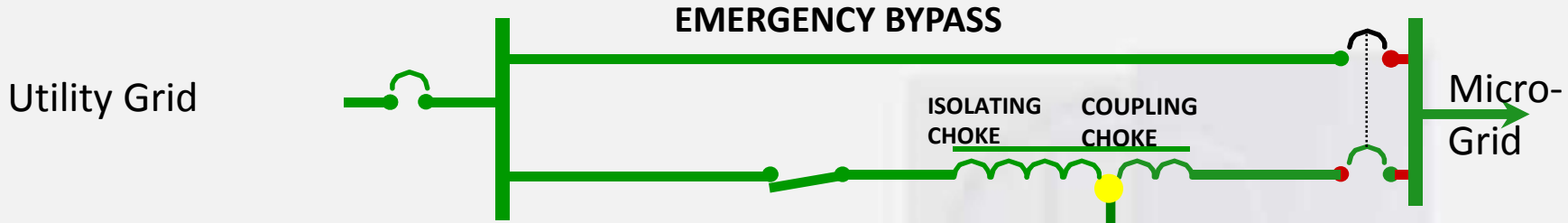
**Every object in a state of uniform motion tends to remain in that state of motion unless an external force is applied to it.**

# POWERBRIDGE Energy Store available in 16.5MJ, and 21MJ

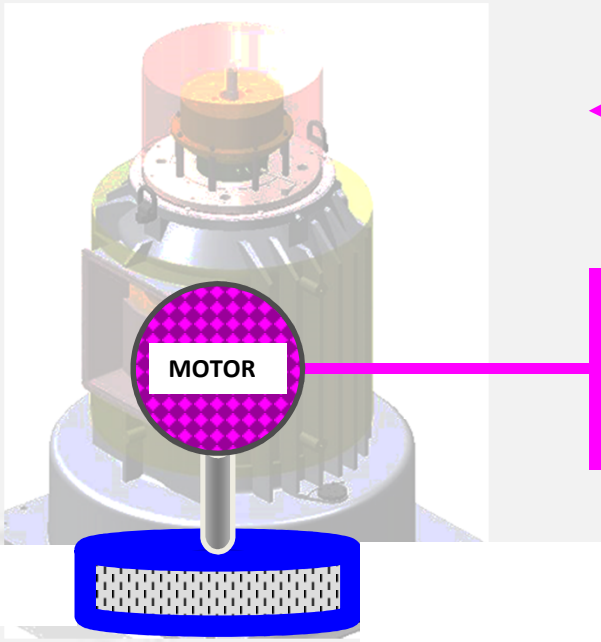


- 16.5 MJs Energy store. (~13s at 1336kW/1670kVA)
- Can be paralleled for use with larger UniBlocks
- **Electrically coupled bi-directional power flow provides stabilization action**
- Very fast re-charge
- Simple design - two load bearings
- Low loss Helium environment
- Very small footprint – high power density
- **Capable of absorbing just as much energy as it can deliver and at the same rate**

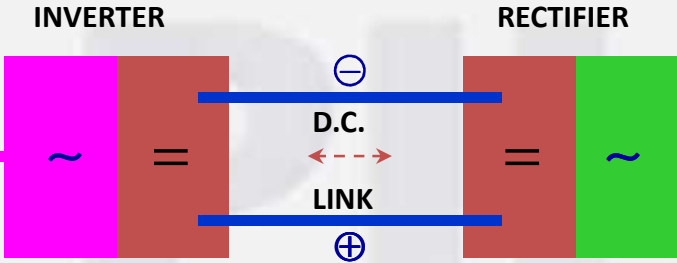




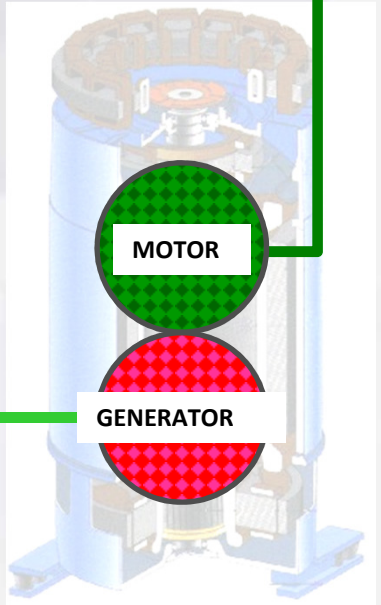
**PowerBridge FLYWHEEL**



Power Movement



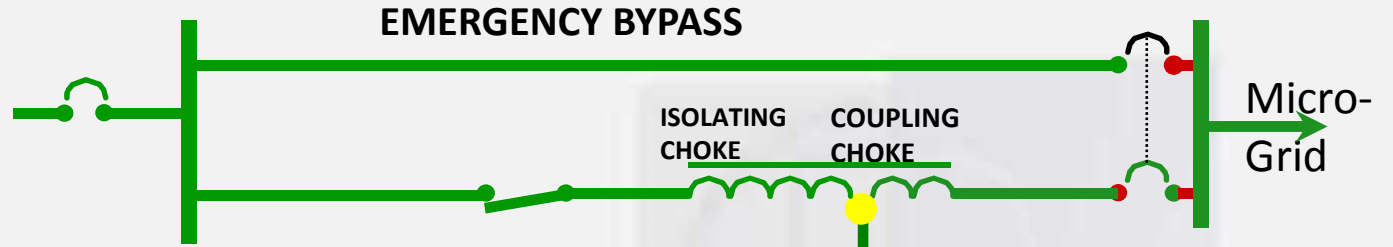
**Bidirectional Power Electronics**



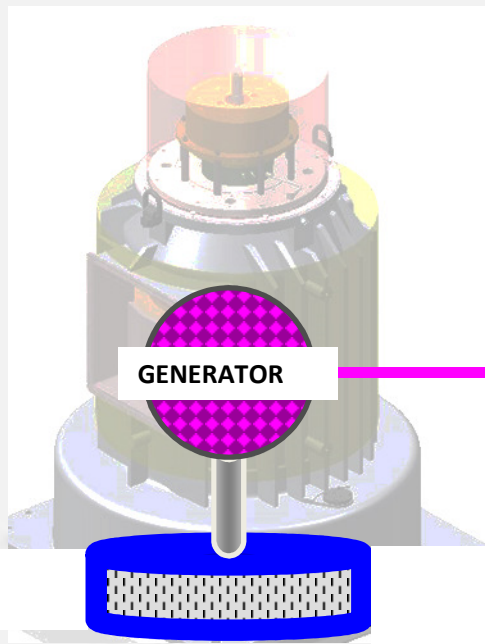
**UniBlock MOTOR-GENERATOR**



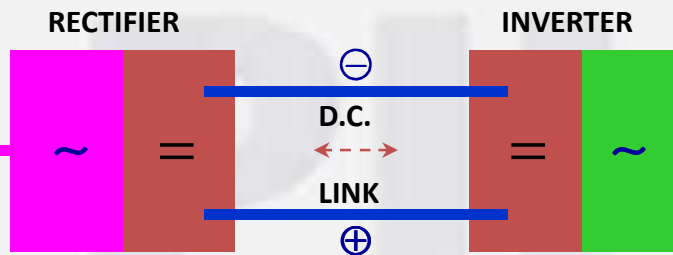
Utility Grid



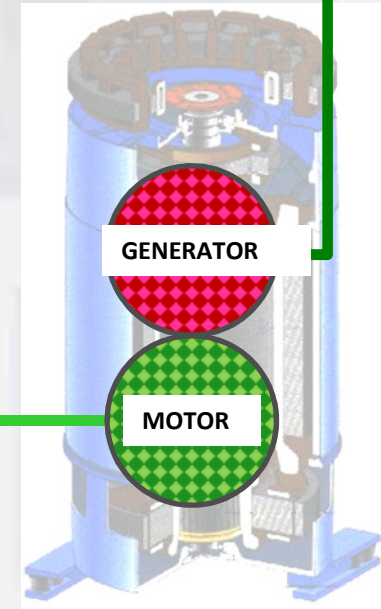
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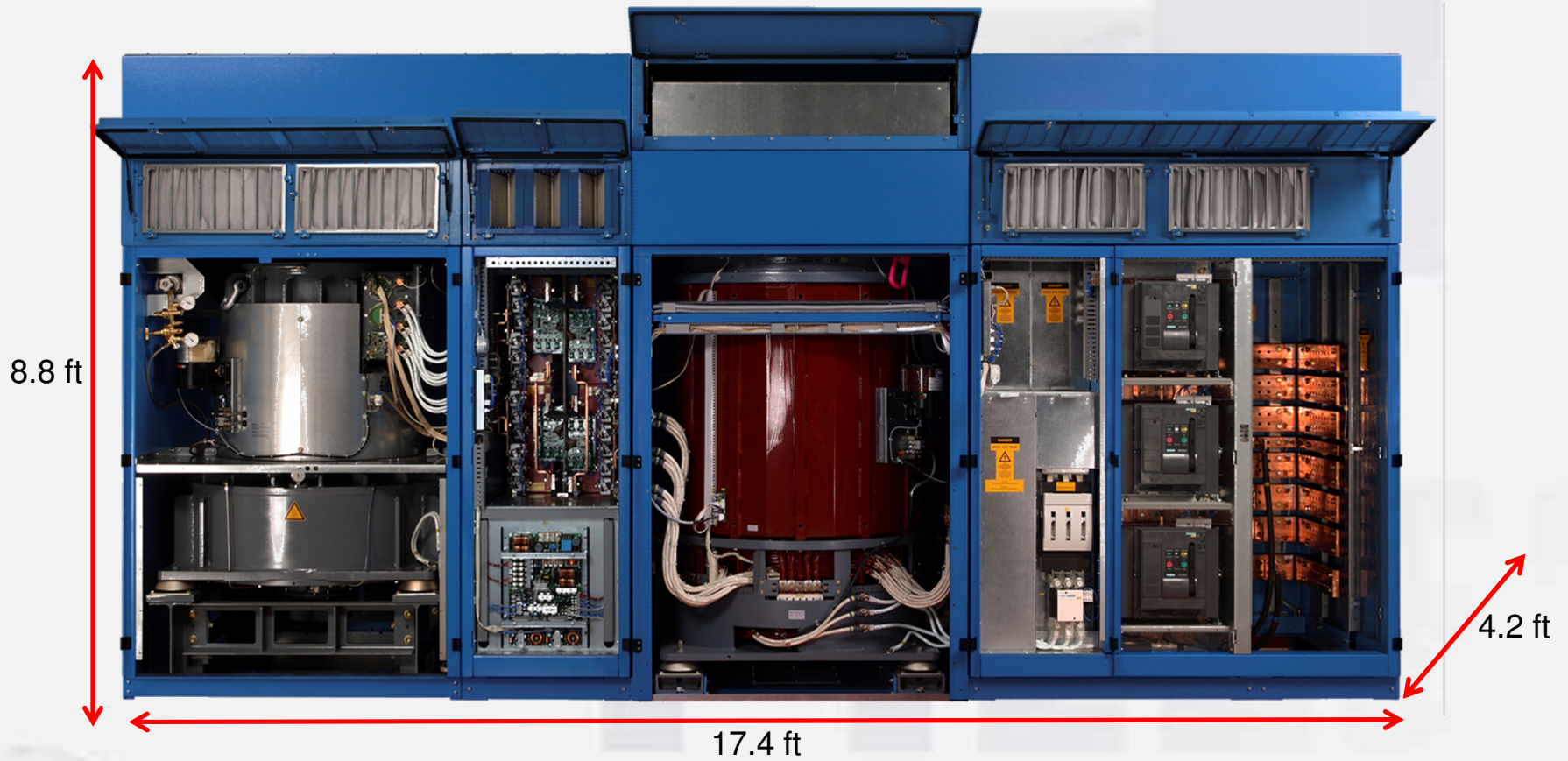


Bidirectional  
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MOTOR-GENERATOR

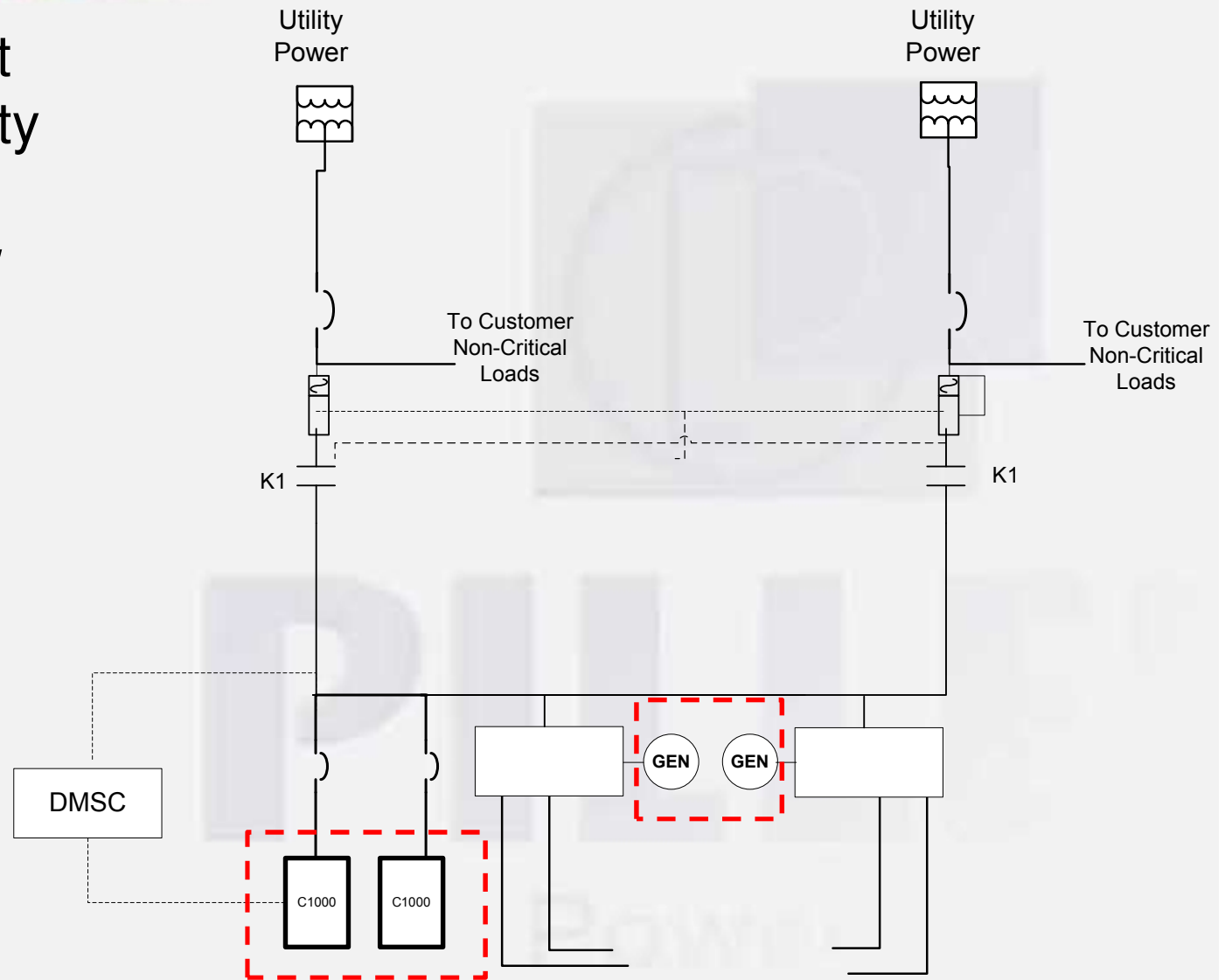
# The UNIBLOCK UBT With PowerBridge Kinetic Flywheel Energy Store



2000 kVA / 1800 KW UBT+

# Original concept of an Actual System

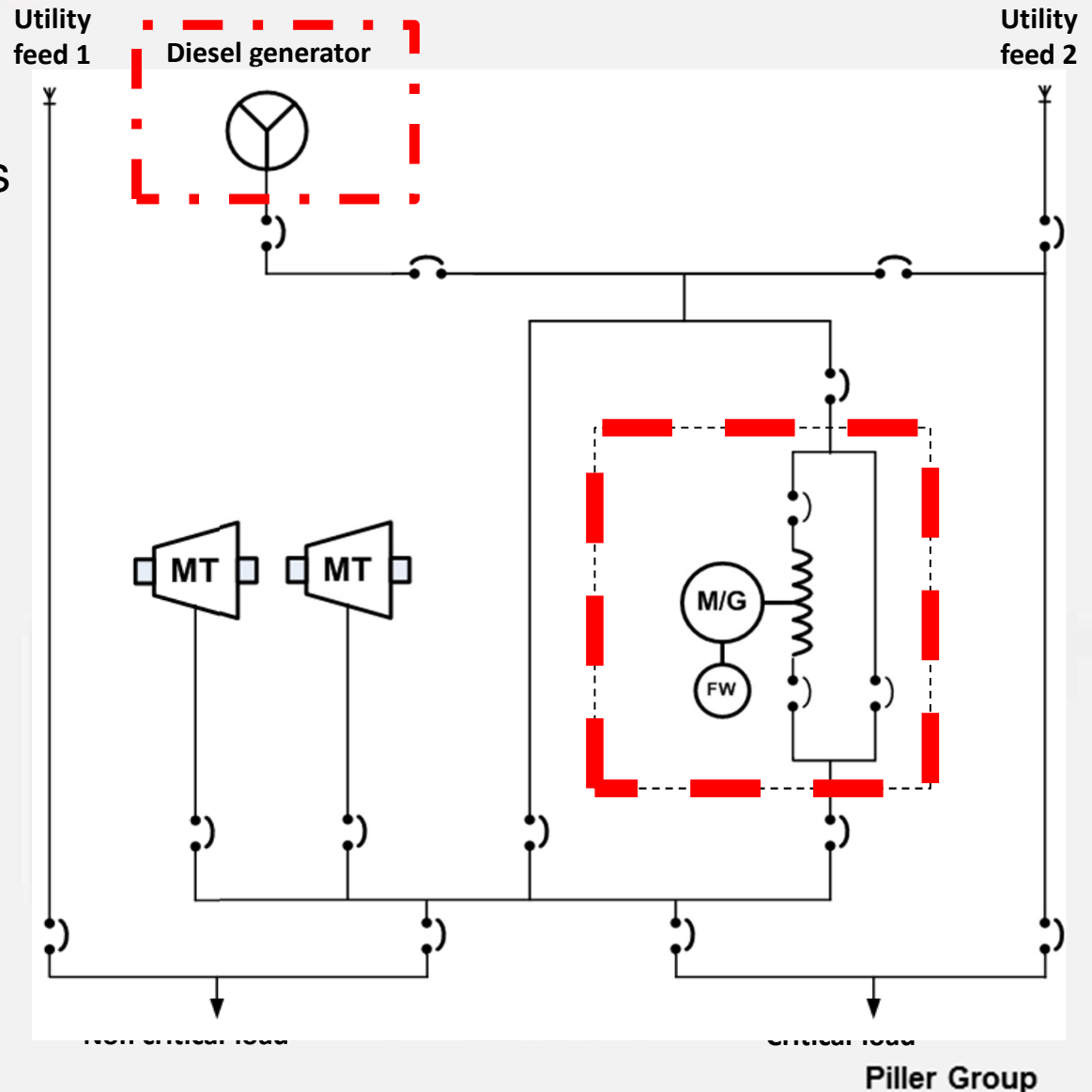
- (2) independent 480V/60Hz utility feeds
- Utilize (2) 1MW MicroTurbines
- Utilize diesel engines  
... but ...
- MicroTurbines require 6 to 8 seconds transition time



# Stabilizer concept



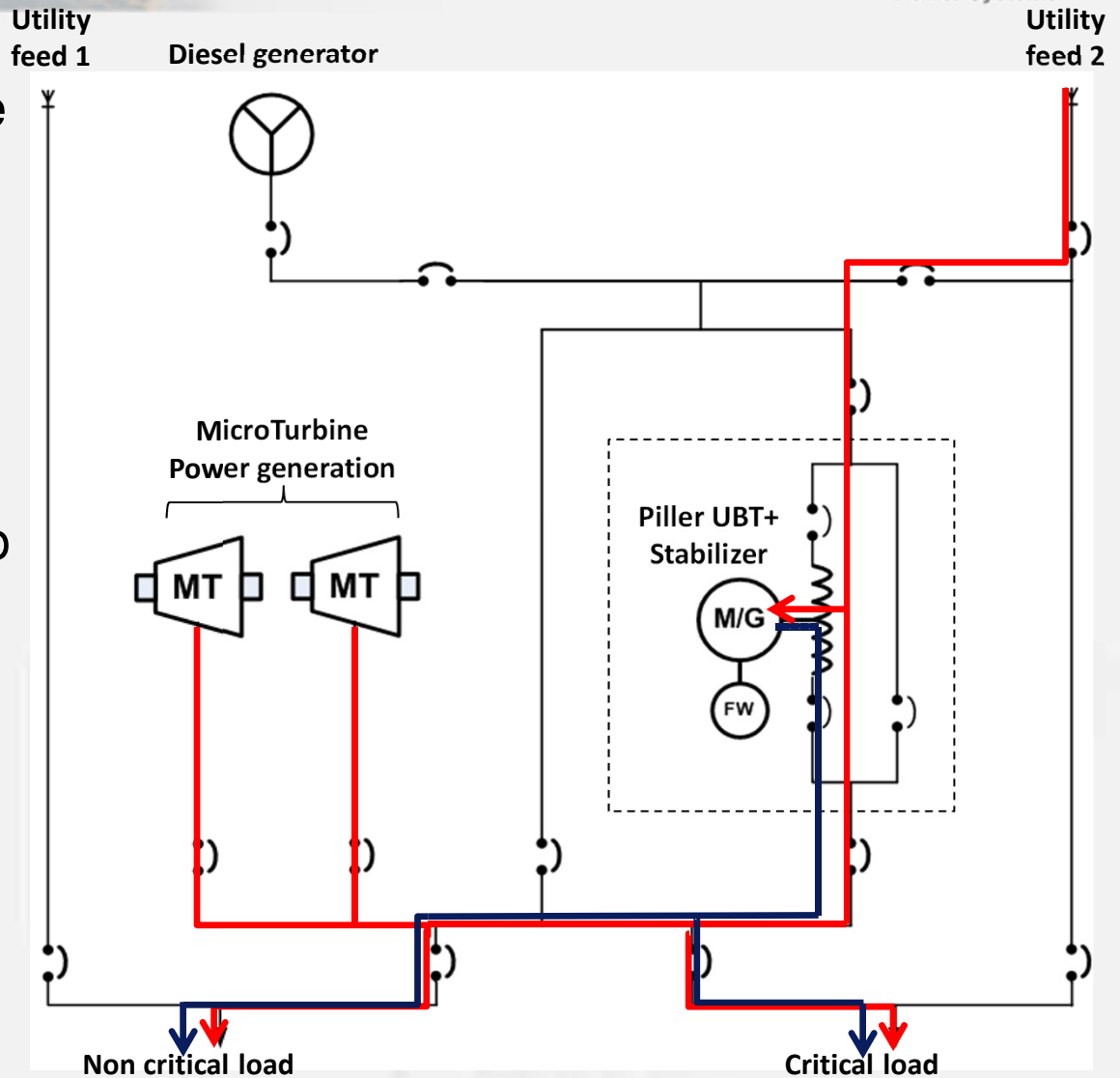
- (2) independent 480V/60Hz utility feeds
- (2) Capstone C1000 MicroTurbine systems, each 1.0MW
- (1) Piller UBT+1800 1.8MW stabilizer with 21MJ PowerBridge
- (1) 1.25MW diesel generator





# System utility mode

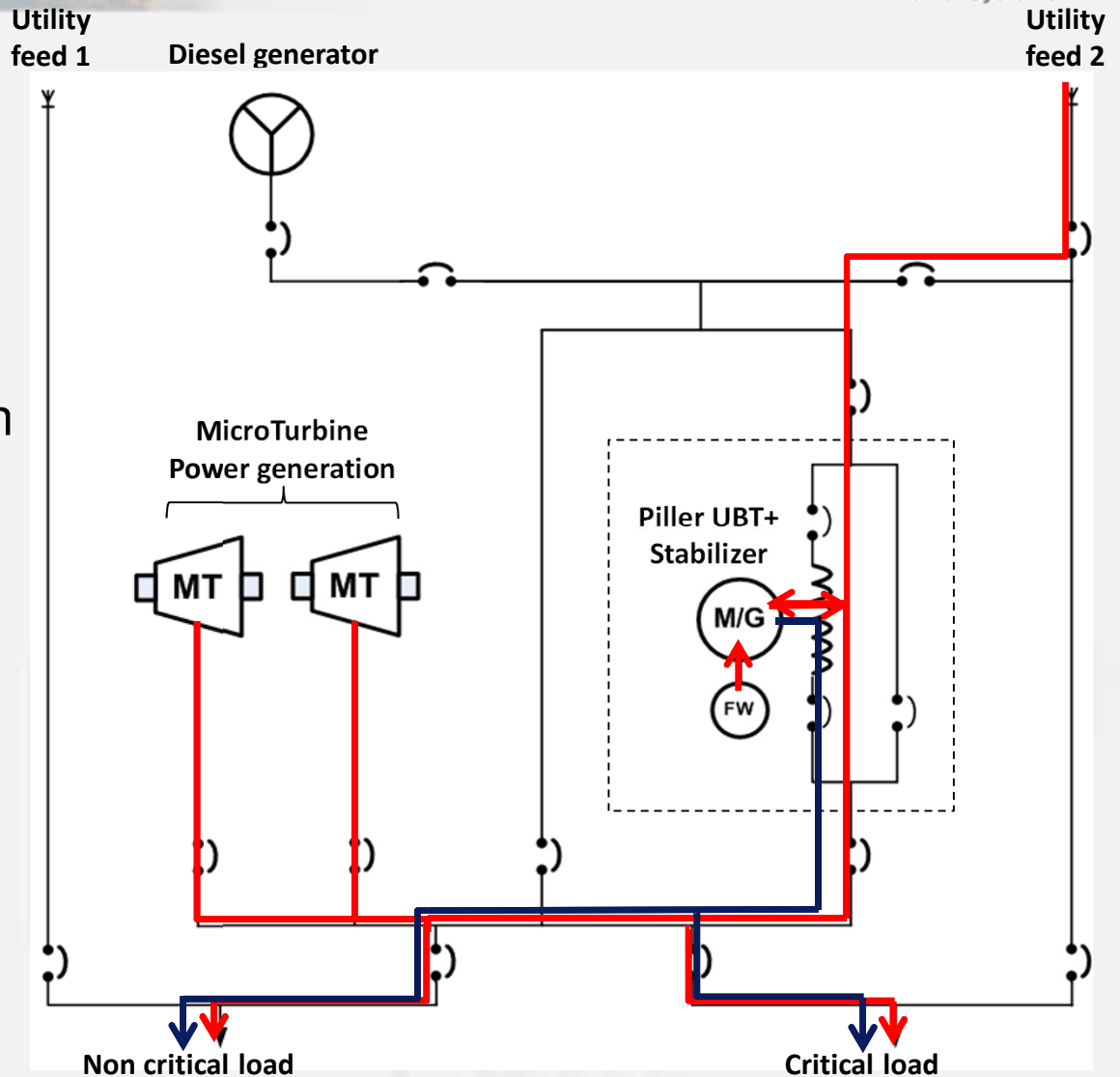
- MicroTurbines produce up to 1.9MW power
- Stabilizer provides reactive power
- Diesel generator is offline
- Stabilizer can supplement (import) up to 1.8MW of power
- System power ratings are
  - 1.9MW, PF0.85 with min. import
  - 3.7MW, PF0.95 with max. import



# Mains failure



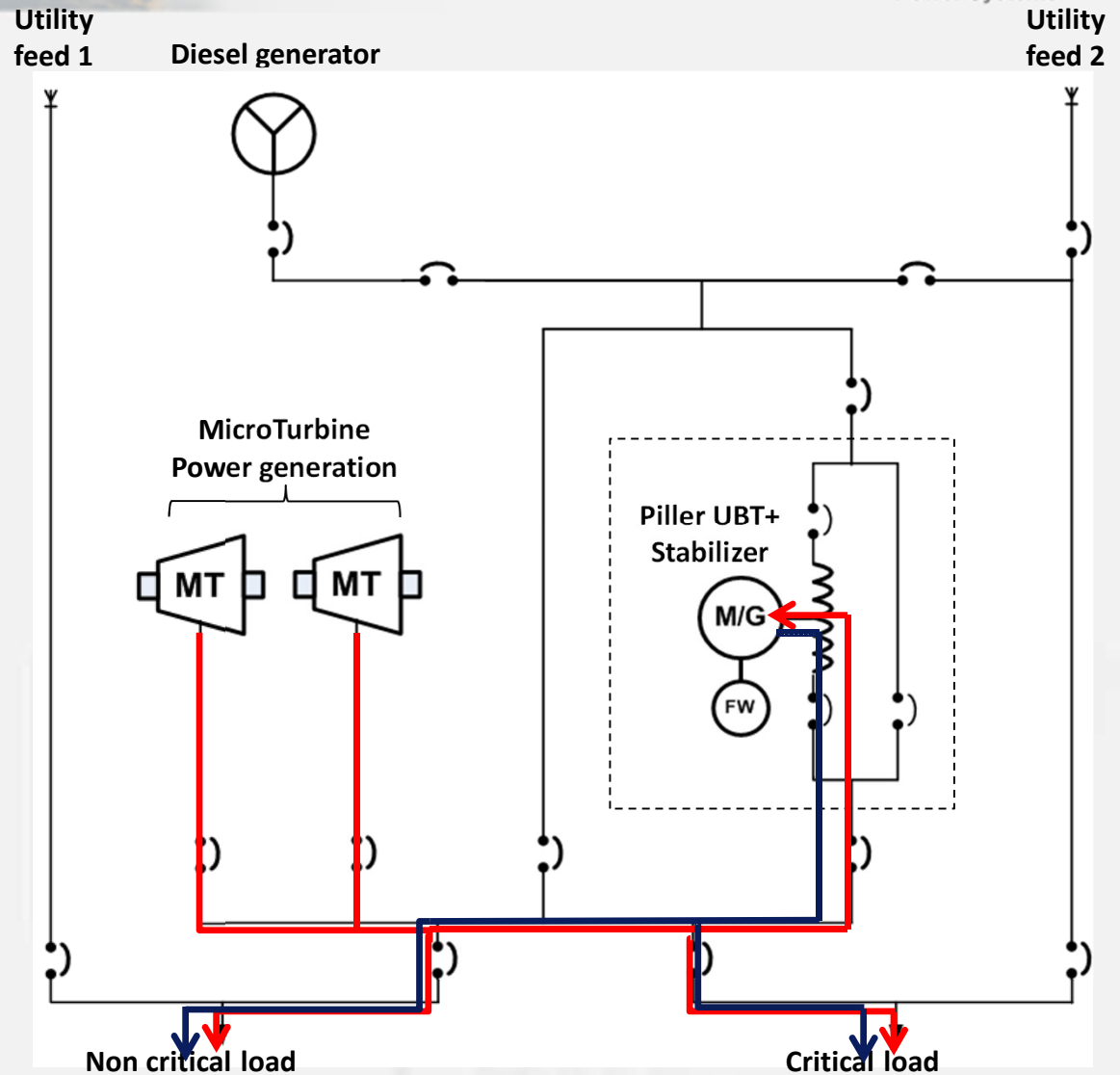
- Bus voltage and frequency established by UBT+ stabilizer
- MicroTurbines do not experience a change in grid voltage quality
- Change of operating mode from grid connected to island mode is not required
- No 6-8 seconds interruption



# System island mode



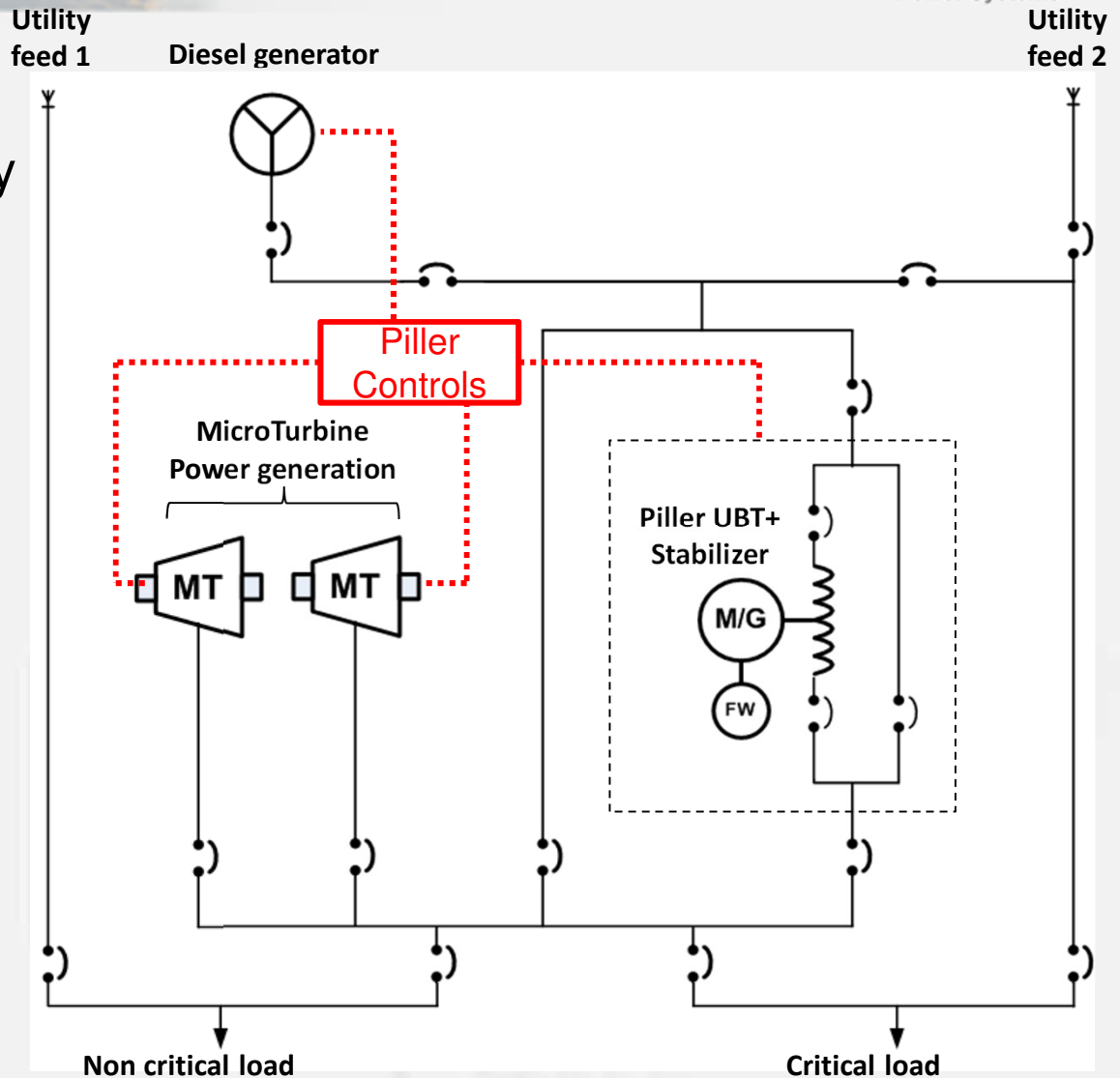
- MicroTurbines produce up to 1.9MW power
- Stabilizer provides reactive power and requires less than 100kW parasitic losses
- Diesel generator is offline
- No additional power from utility available
- System power rating is 1.8MW, PF0.85
- Diesel generator can be brought online to supply an additional 1.25MW
- Total load capacity of 3.05MW



# Stabilizer controls



- Power demand and changes determined by UBT+ stabilizer
- Regulator in Piller Controls
- Regulator adjusts MicroTurbine output power as needed
- Additional separate regulator for diesel generator



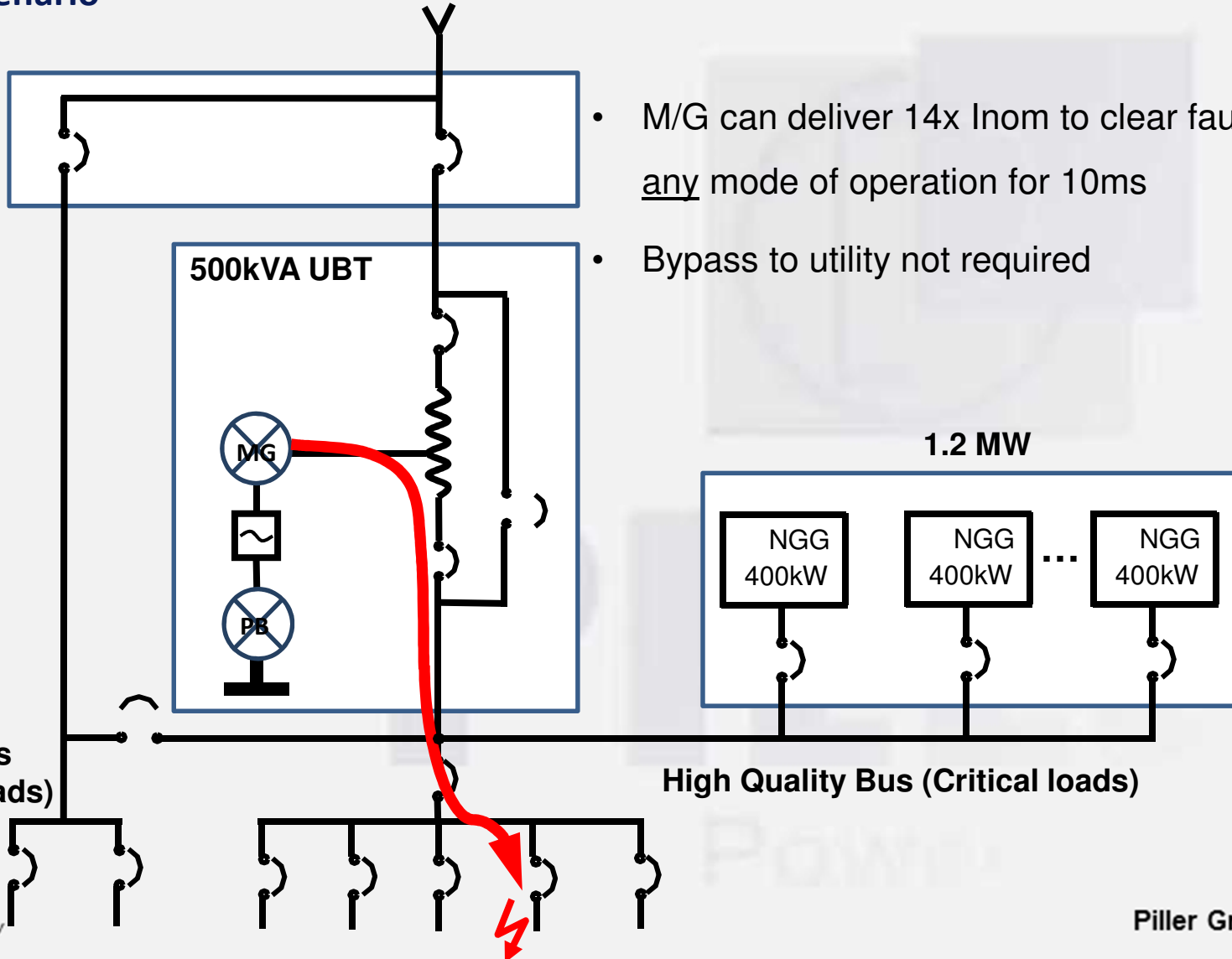
# Cogeneration Solutions

## Piller UBT with Natural Gas Generators



### Load Fault Scenario

Utility



- M/G can deliver 14x  $I_{nom}$  to clear fault in any mode of operation for 10ms
- Bypass to utility not required

Low Quality Bus  
(Non Critical loads)

High Quality Bus (Critical loads)

1.2 MW

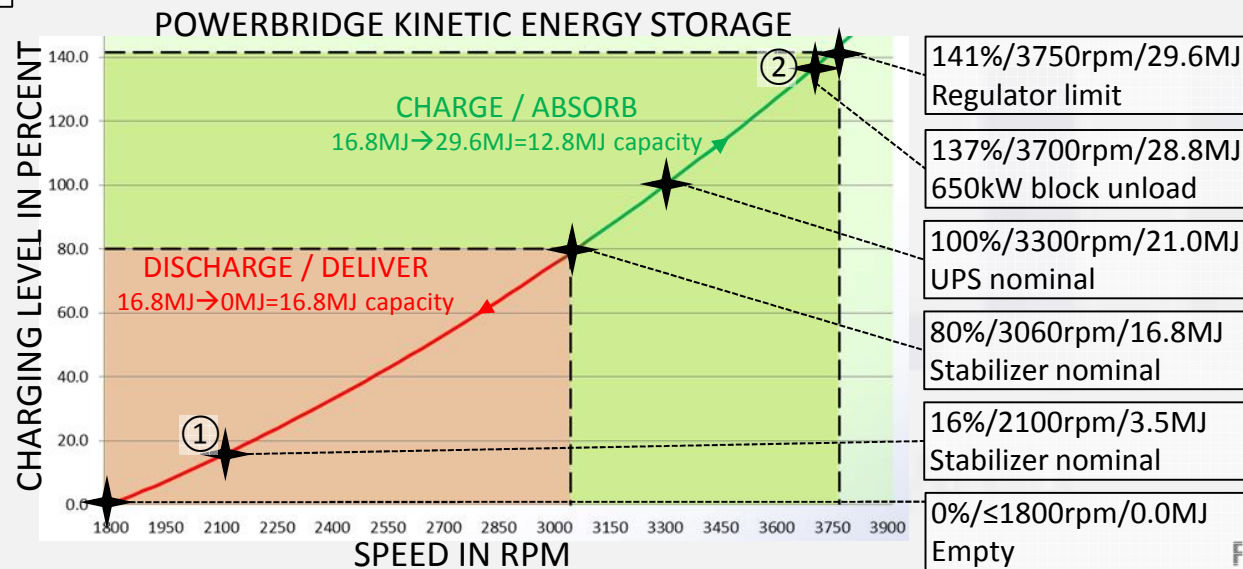
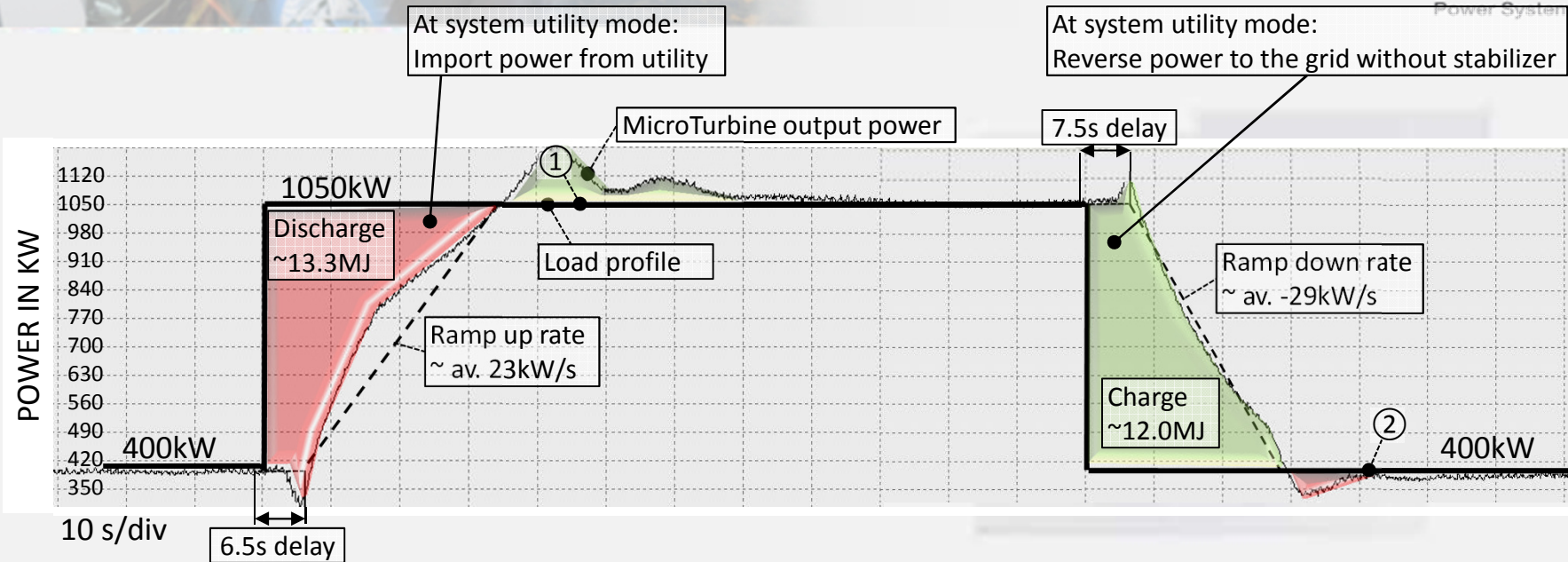
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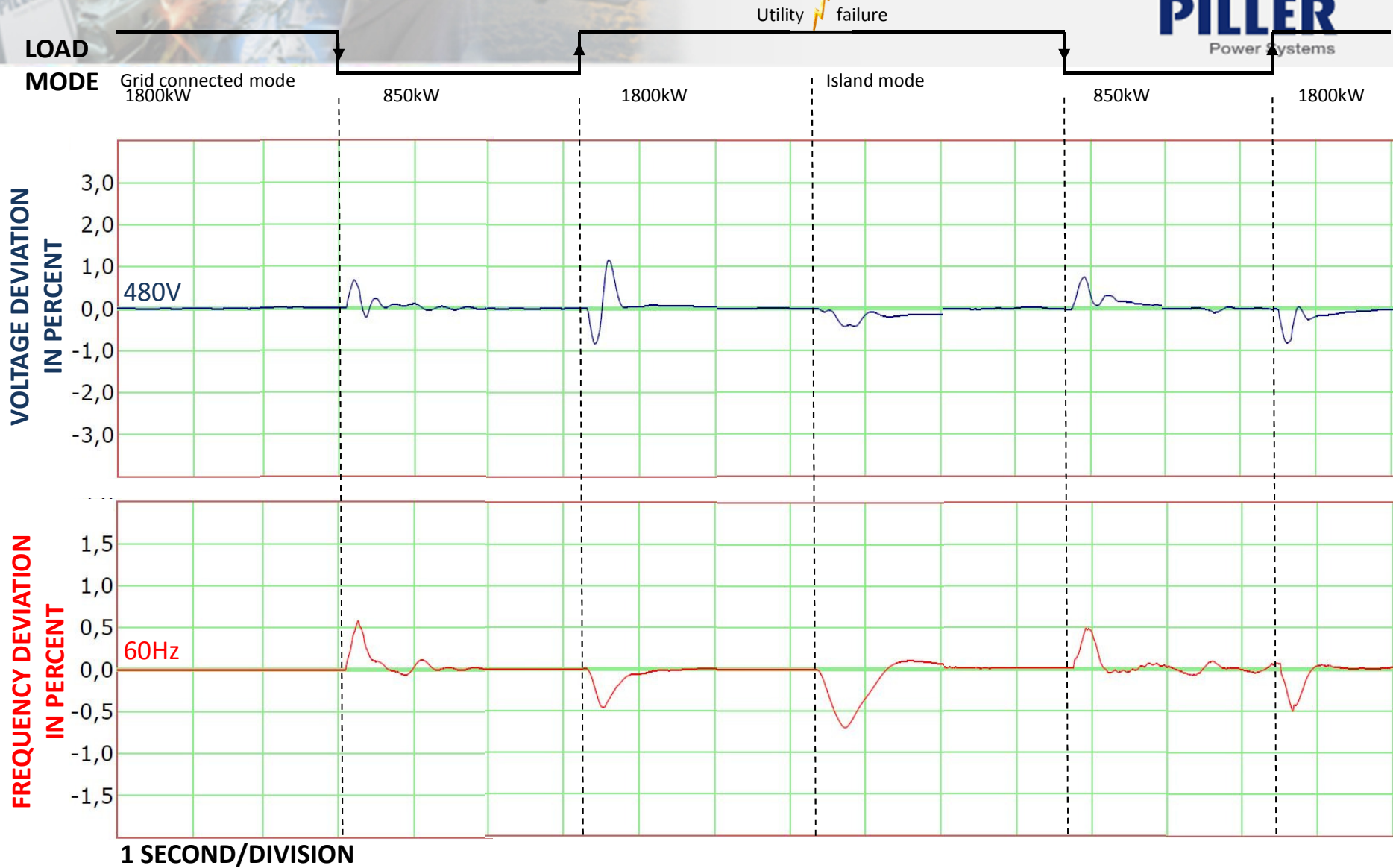
# How Big is the UPS?

- Depends on multiple factors
  - How big are the step loads ?
  - How much fault current must be supplied ?
  - How much energy to be imported / exported ?
  - Easily calculated

# Block loading & unloading on MicroTurbine system



# Stabilizer Output / MicroTurbine bus performance





# Conclusion



- Mission Critical can mean far more than just computer systems!
- Utilizing a properly sized Rotary UPS can fully complement the dynamic performance of Natural Gas fired Co-Generation Plants, expanding the range of applications where the economic advantages of CHP are apparent.
- Co-Generation with a Rotary UPS can save money both by insulating the mission from power quality issues and by taking advantage of the efficiencies of CHP, CCHP, Tri-Generation etc.
- Distributed Generation and Demand Reduction strategies are both expanded!