

# Open Source based Automation for Smart Grids

Experiences with DERri JaNDER in AIT Smart Grid Labs and Challenges  
and experiences using open source software for lab automation

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# Outline

- Motivation and Challenges
- Open Source Software for Laboratory Automation
- Experiences with DERri JaNDER
- Future Activities

# Motivation and Challenges

- Requirements for developing, testing & validating Smart Grid ICT-concepts
  - Hardware requirements
    - Flexibility
    - Scalability
    - Hardware independence
  - Software and application requirements
    - Configurability
    - Portability
    - Application distribution
  - Simulation requirements
    - Offline simulation
    - Real-time simulation
  - Open and standard-compliant implementation
    - Interoperability
    - Open communication interfaces
    - Free & open source approaches

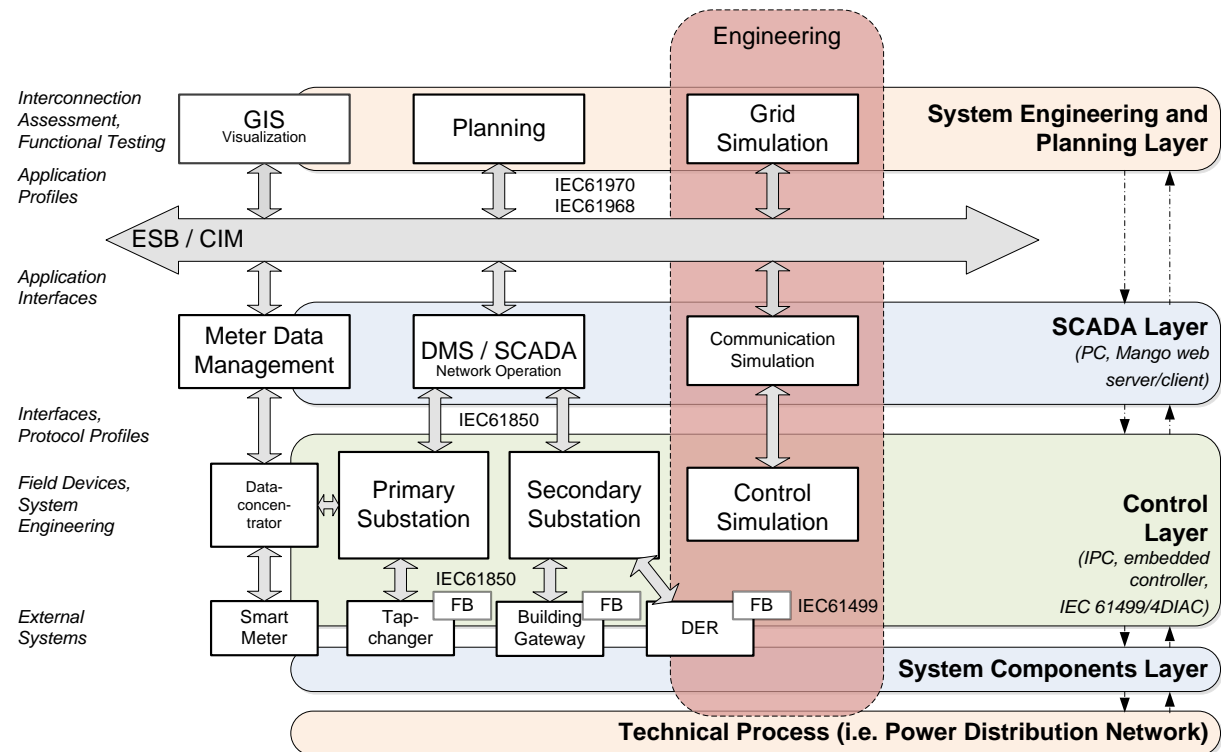
# Open Source Software for Laboratory Automation

- Research challenges

- Architecture
- Models
- Protocols
- Implementation

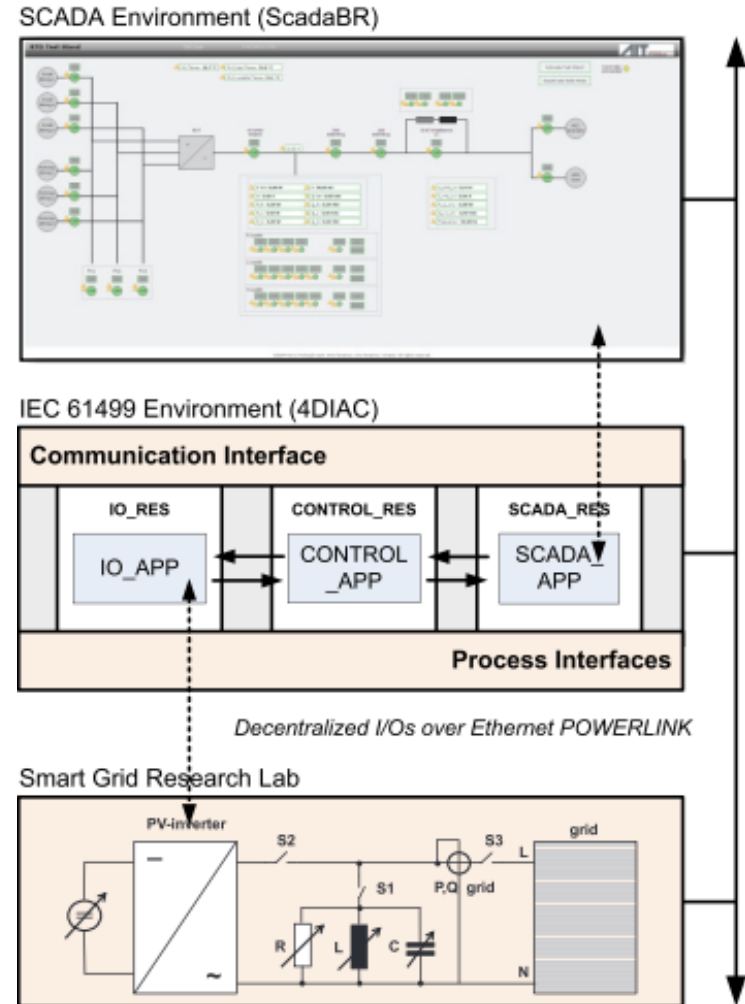
- Activities

- SCADA/ controller environment
- Use case based validation in the laboratory environment
- Standard-compliant approach (IEC, ISO, IEEE, etc.)



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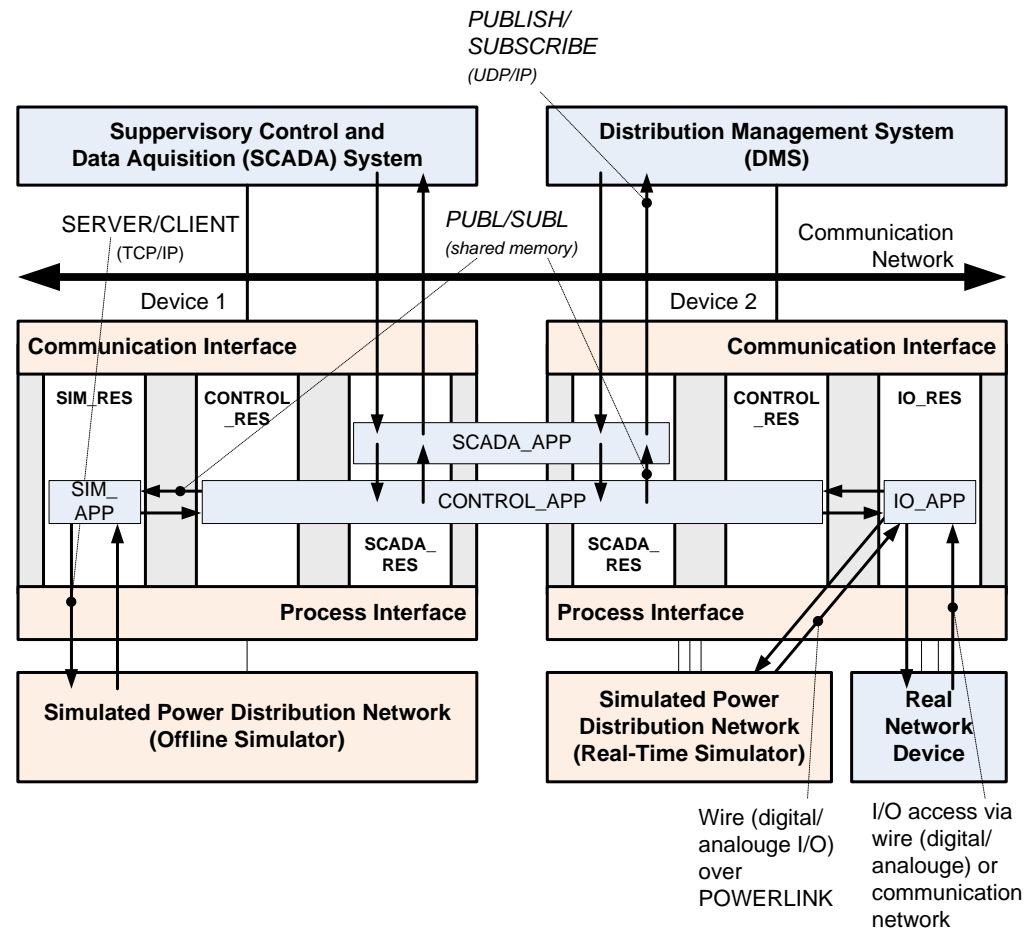
- Automation architecture
  - SCADA Layer
    - Superior control functions
    - Alterations straightforward
  - Control Layer
    - Basic control functionality
    - Software alterations possible, but not necessary
  - Hardware Layer
    - Proprietary hardware
    - No access to software



# Open Source Software for Laboratory Automation

- IEC 61850/IEC 61499 system architecture & generic communication interfaces

- Multiple systems
  - SCADA/DMS
  - Simulators
  - Controllers
- Independent applications
  - Control application
  - Communication application(s)



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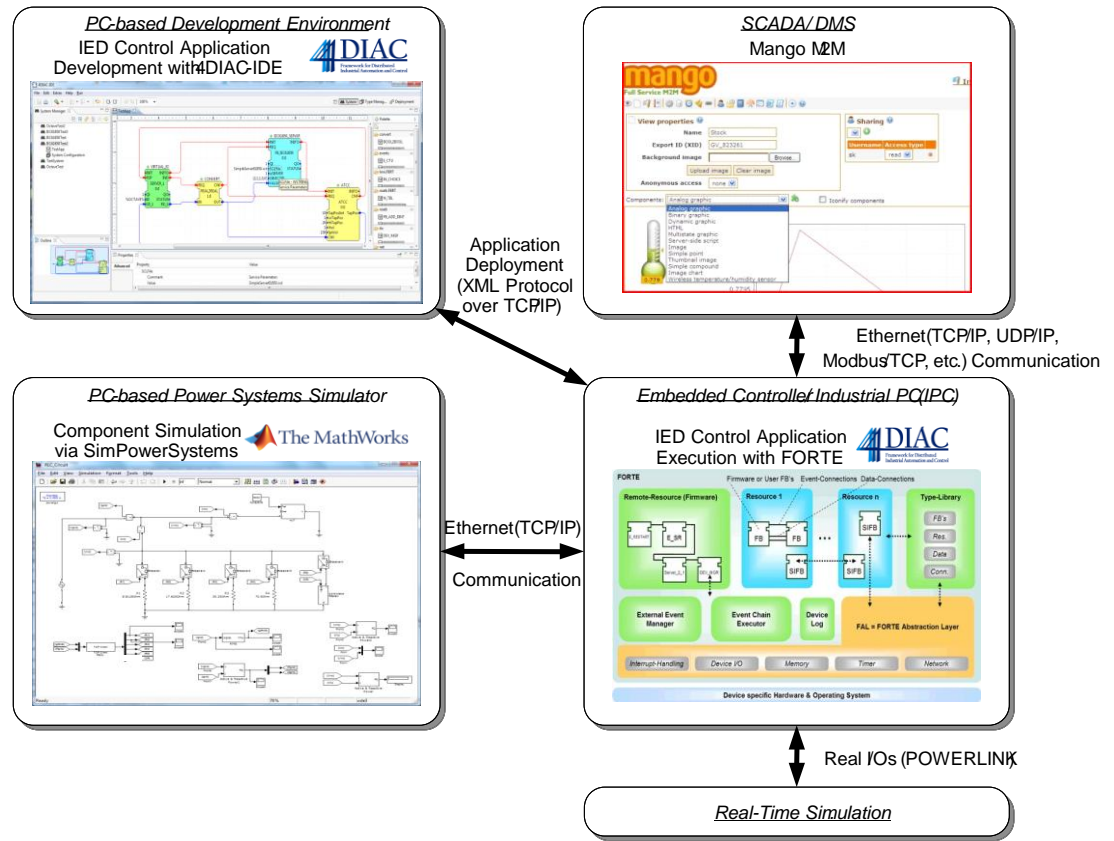
- Visualisation and Simulation Tools

- SCADA for visualisation and logging

- ScadaBR

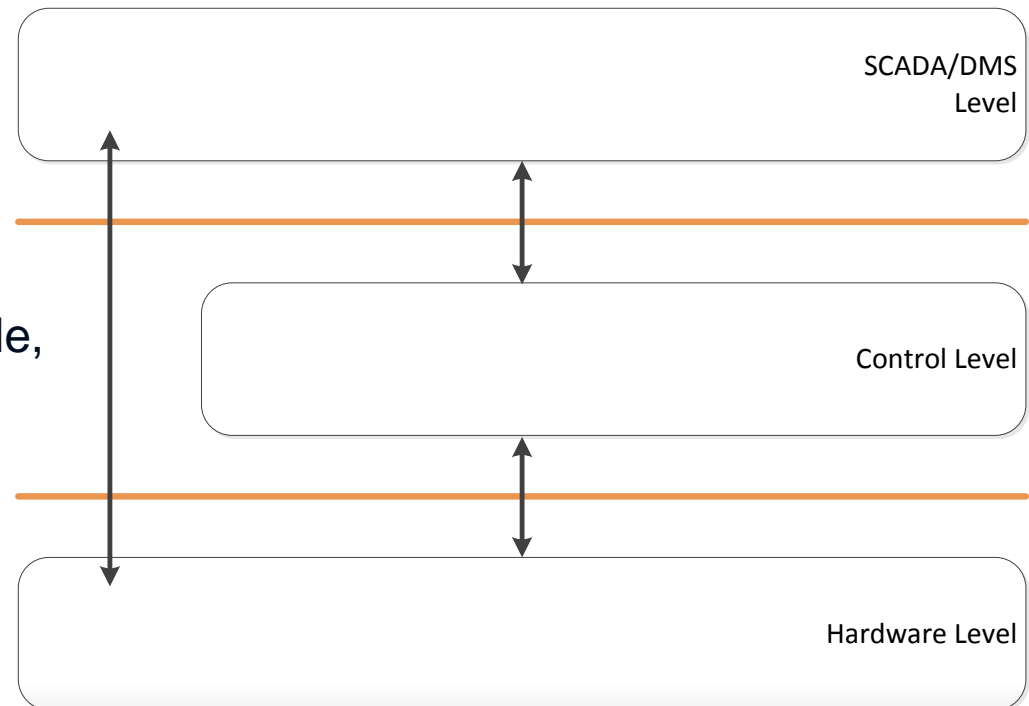
- Simulation tools for validation

- Matlab/Simulink
    - PSAT
    - DIgSILENT / PowerFactory
    - OpalRT (real-time)



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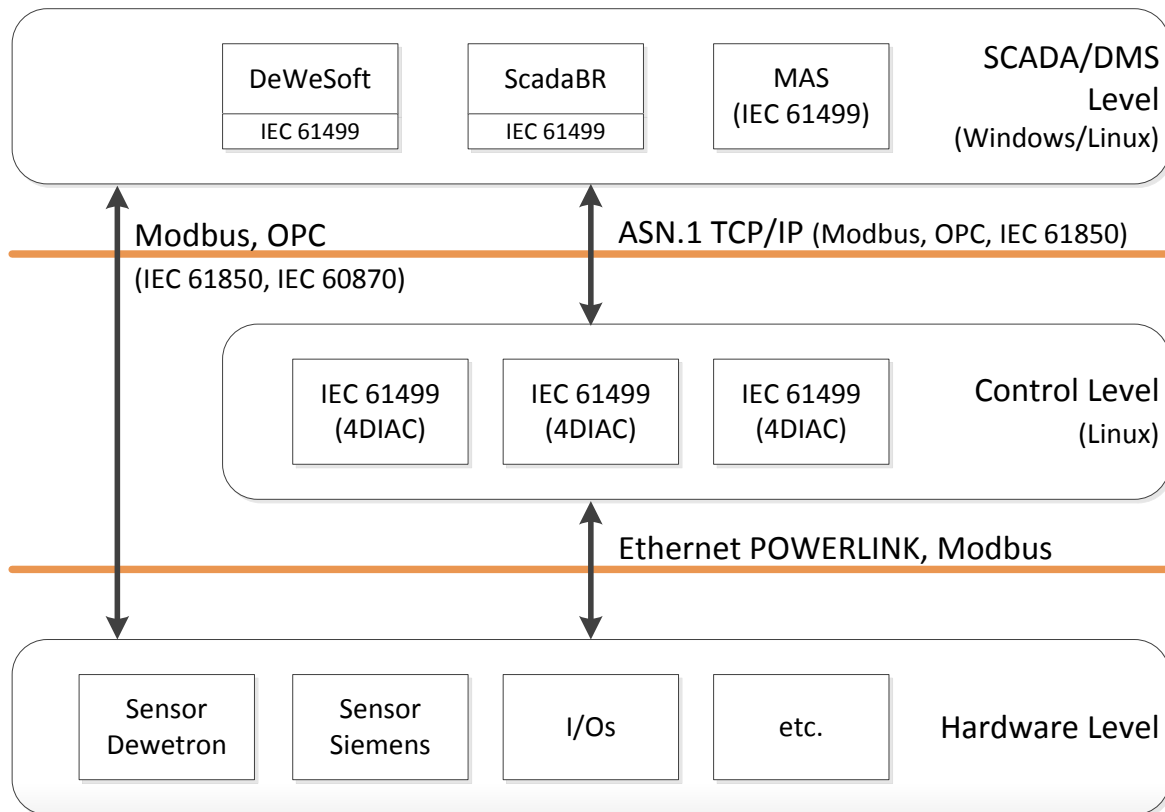
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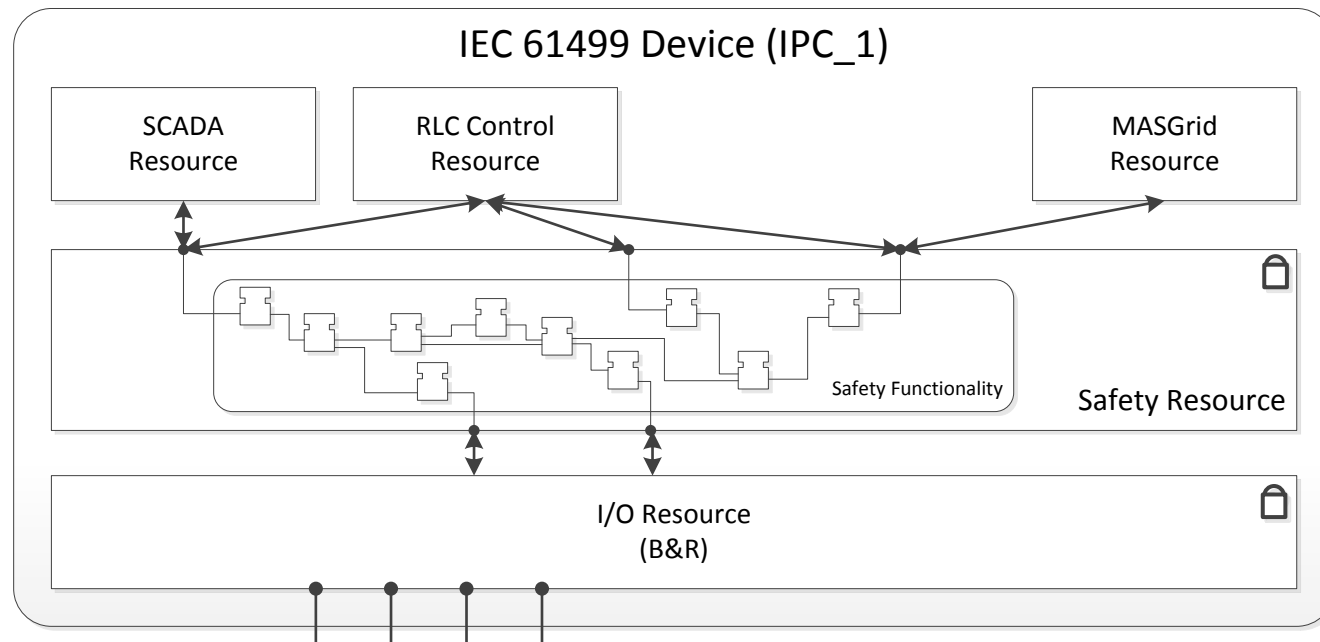
# Open Source Software for Laboratory Automation

- Layer components and communication
  - Fix components
    - Sensors, I/Os
  - Main control components
    - IEC 61499 applications
    - ScadaBR
  - Additional components
    - Multi-Agent System ...



# Open Source Software for Laboratory Automation

- Control Level Implementation using 4DIAC
  - IEC 61499 device for laboratory control
  - I/O and Safety Resources are locked in the device

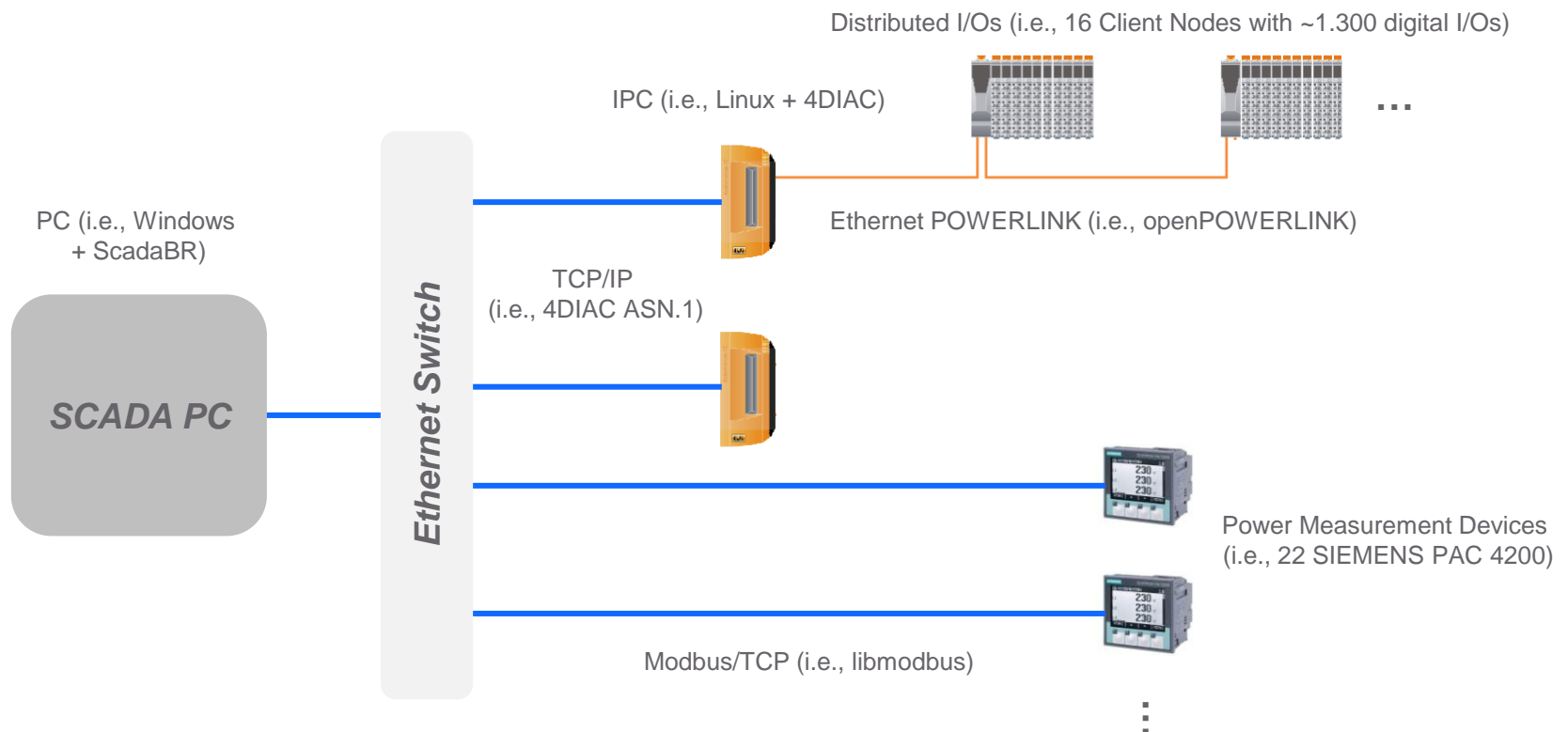


# Open Source Software for Laboratory Automation

- Implementation example: AIT SmartEST Laboratory
  - SCADA layer with ScadaBR (1PC running Windows)
    - Visualisation, user interaction, logging, monitoring
  - Control layer with 4DIAC (2 IPC running Linux)
    - ~ 1300 digital I/Os used for controlling the power switches and feedback signals (e.g., from emergency system, status of measurement devices)
    - ~ 700 measurement signals
  - Hardware layer
    - 16 modular I/O modules from B&R connected via openPOWERLINK to the control layer (4DIAC)
    - 22 power measurement devices from Siemens connected via libmodus to the control layer (4DIAC)

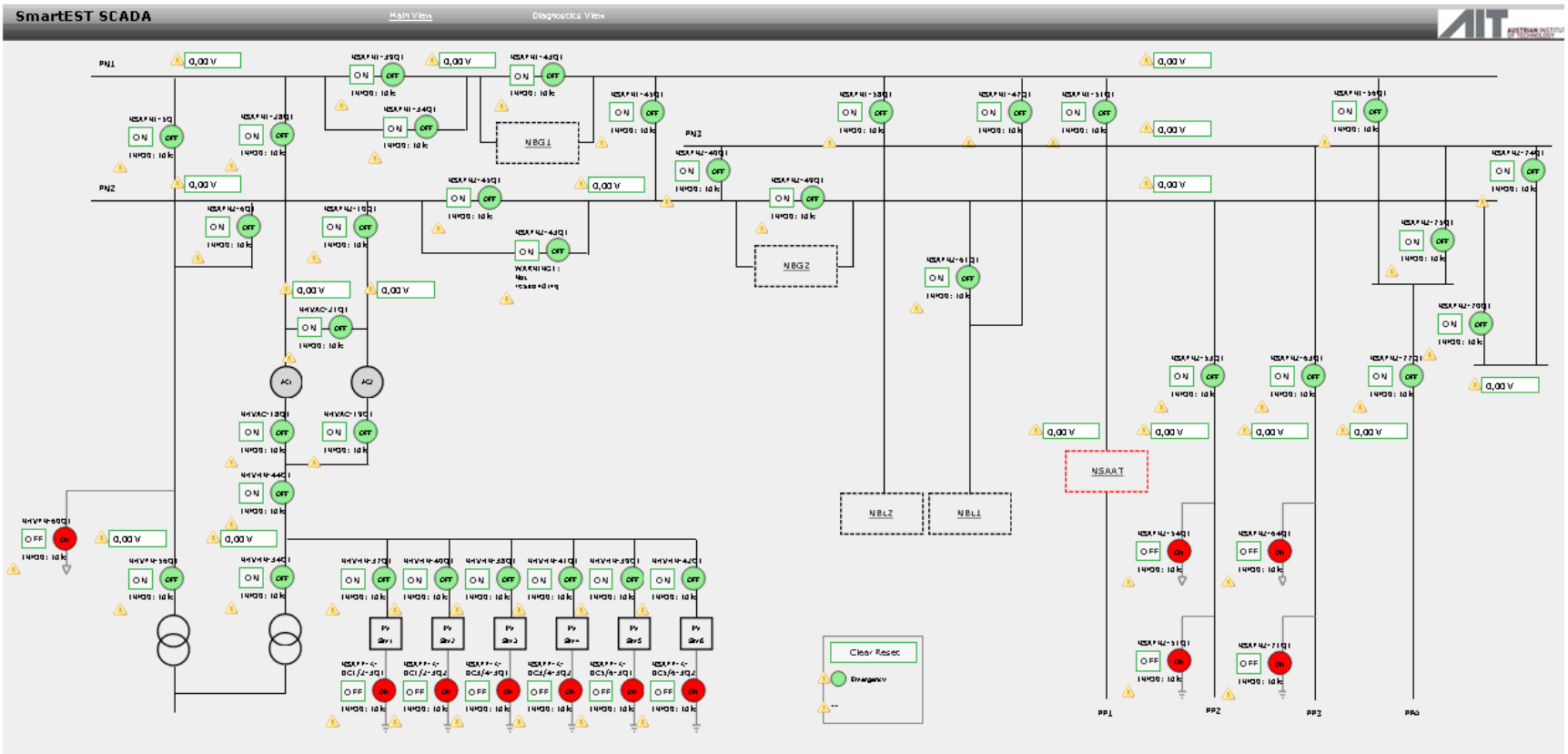
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- Implementation example: AIT SmartEST Laboratory
  - Hardware infrastructure



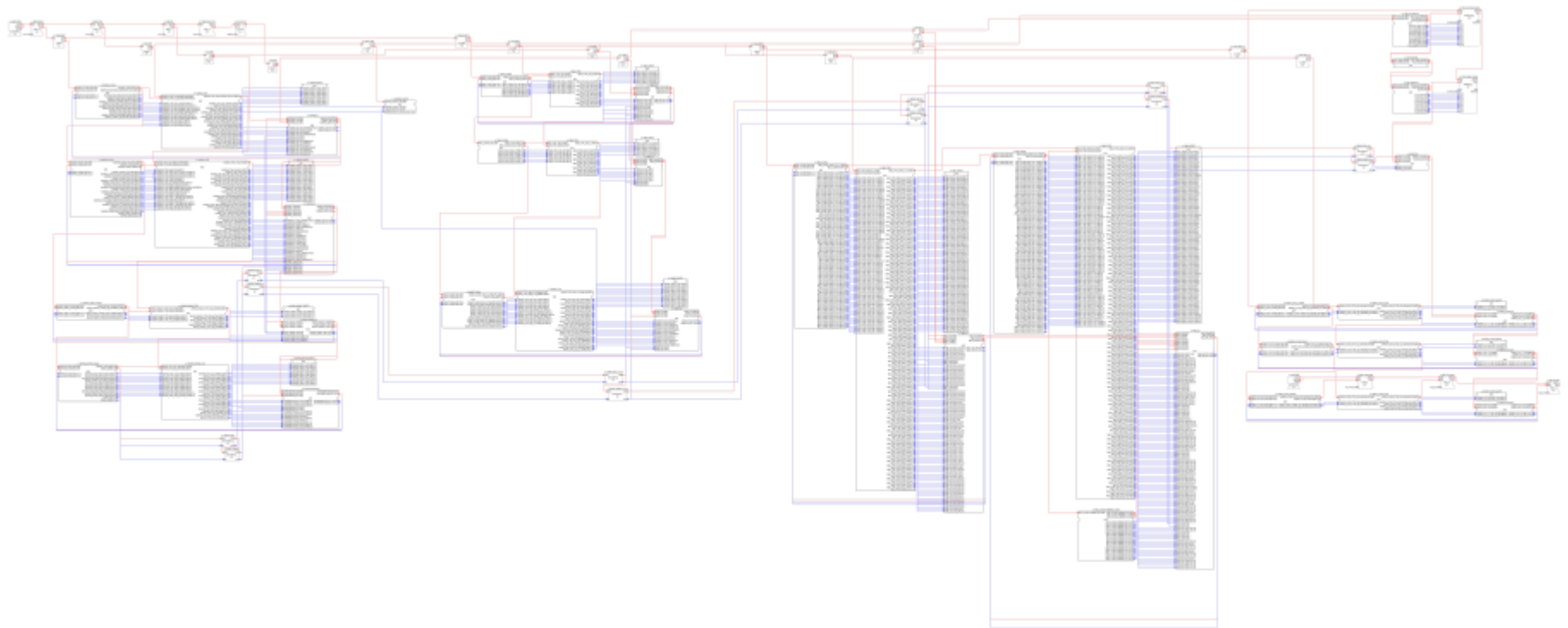
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- Implementation example: AIT SmartEST Laboratory
  - SCADA interface



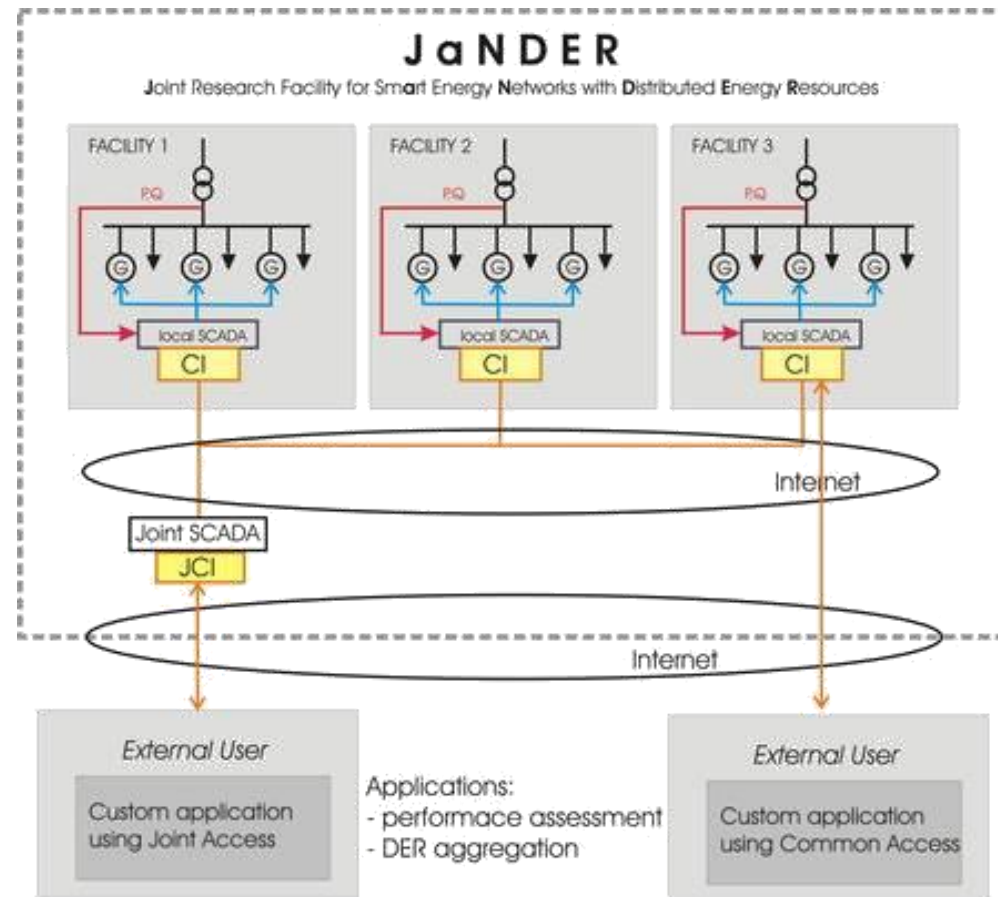
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- Implementation example: AIT SmartEST Laboratory
  - Control application



# Experiences with DERri JaNDER

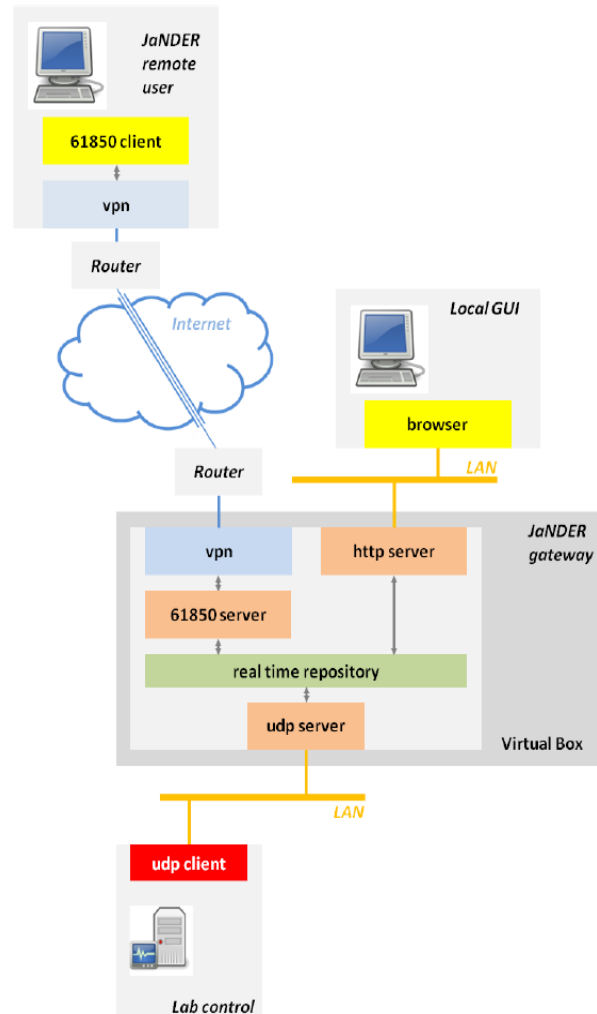
- Idea/concept



SCADA: Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition  
 CI: Common Interface  
 JCI: Joint Common Interfaces

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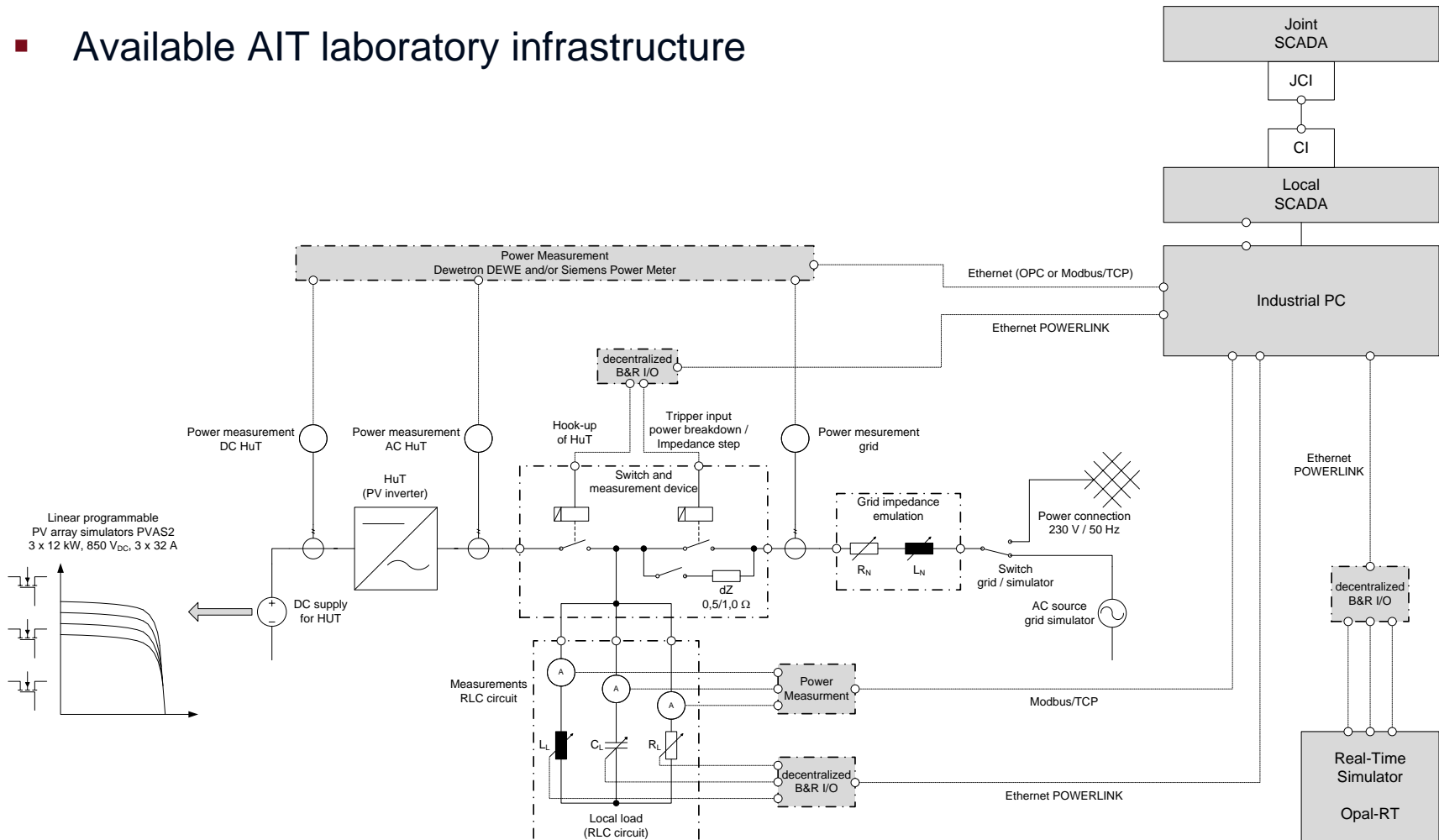
- Solution





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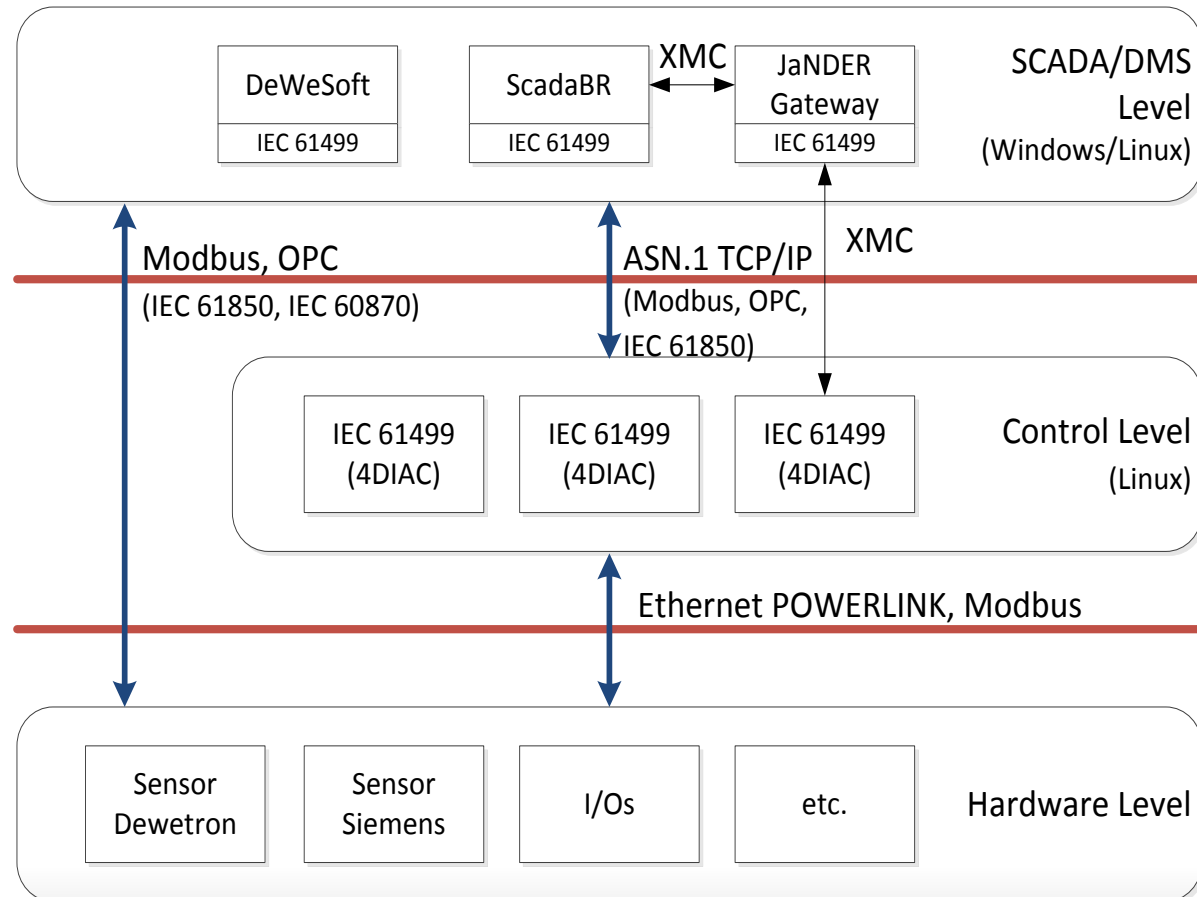
- Available AIT laboratory infrastructure



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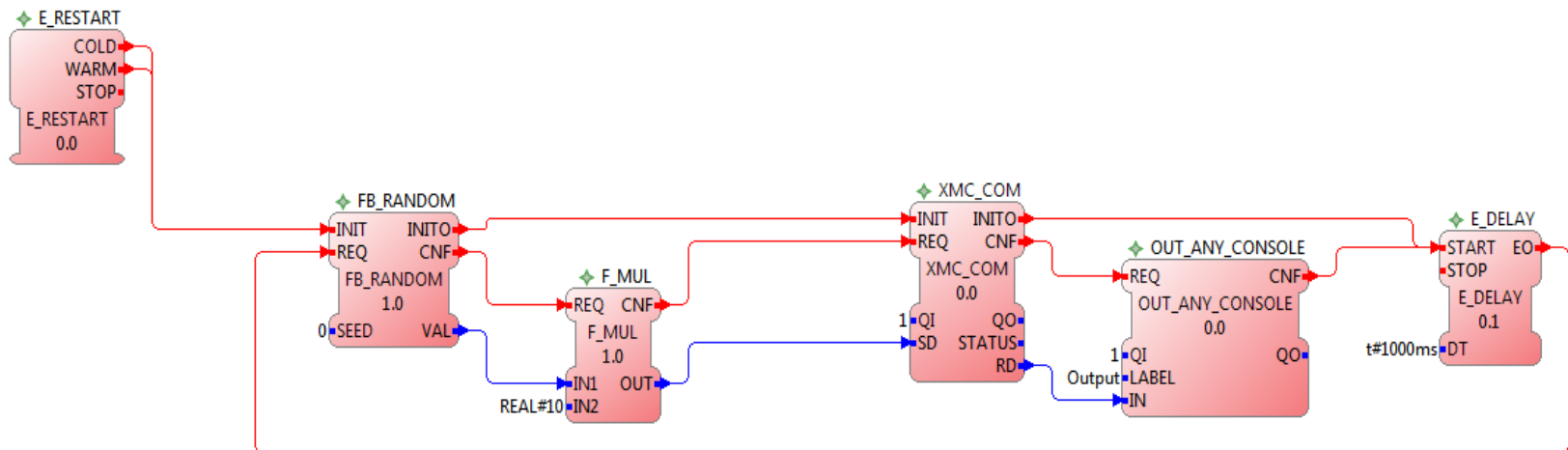
- Integration AIT laboratory infrastructure

- Automation structure



# Experiences with DERri JaNDER

- Integration AIT laboratory infrastructure
  - Connectio to JaNDER Gateway with IEC 61499 application

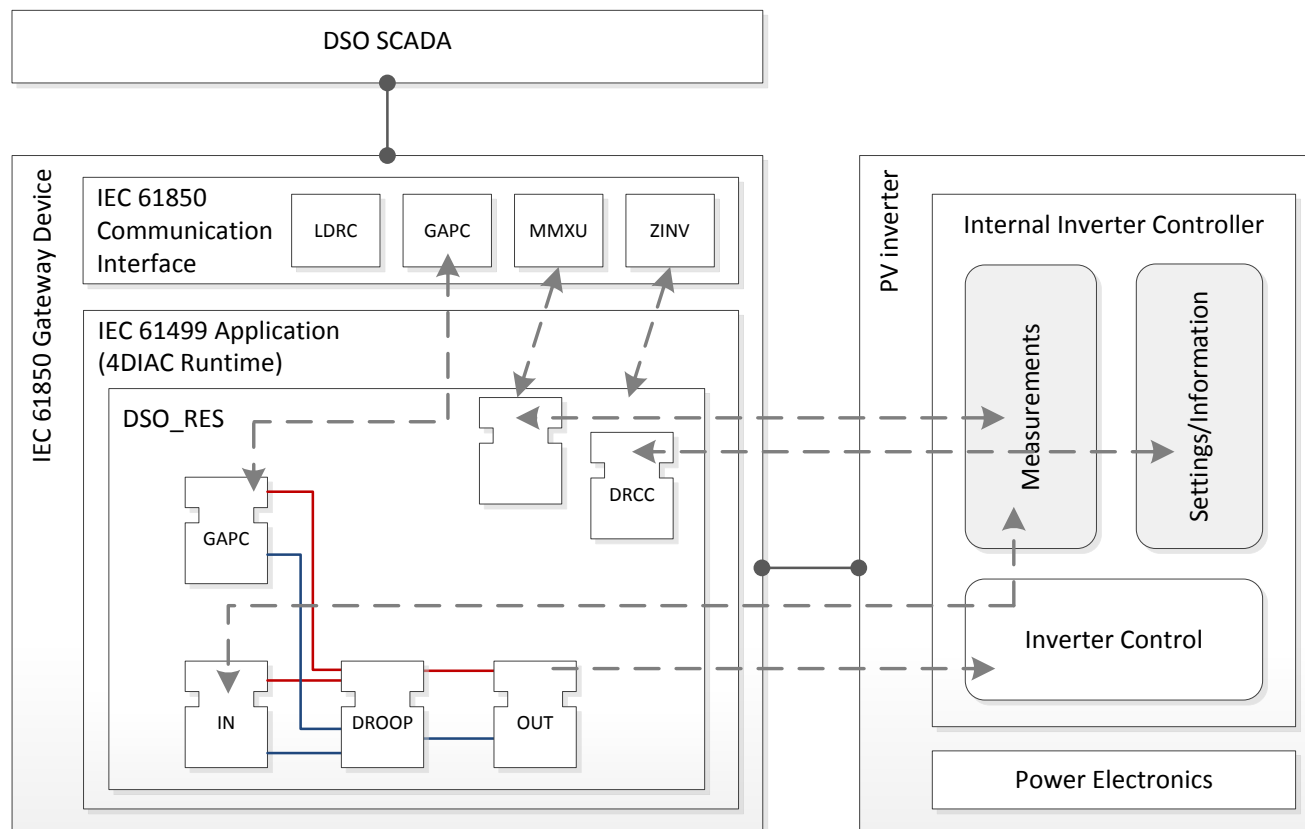


## Future Activities

- Development of an IEC 61499 function block library for Smart Grids applications
  - User documentation
  - Provision as 4DIAC open source module under the EPL
- Integration of IEC 61850 interoperability and communication approach with IEC 61499/4DIAC
  - Proper mapping of IEC 61850 elements to IEC 61499
  - Development of IEC 61499 Service Interface Function Blocks supporting IEC 61850

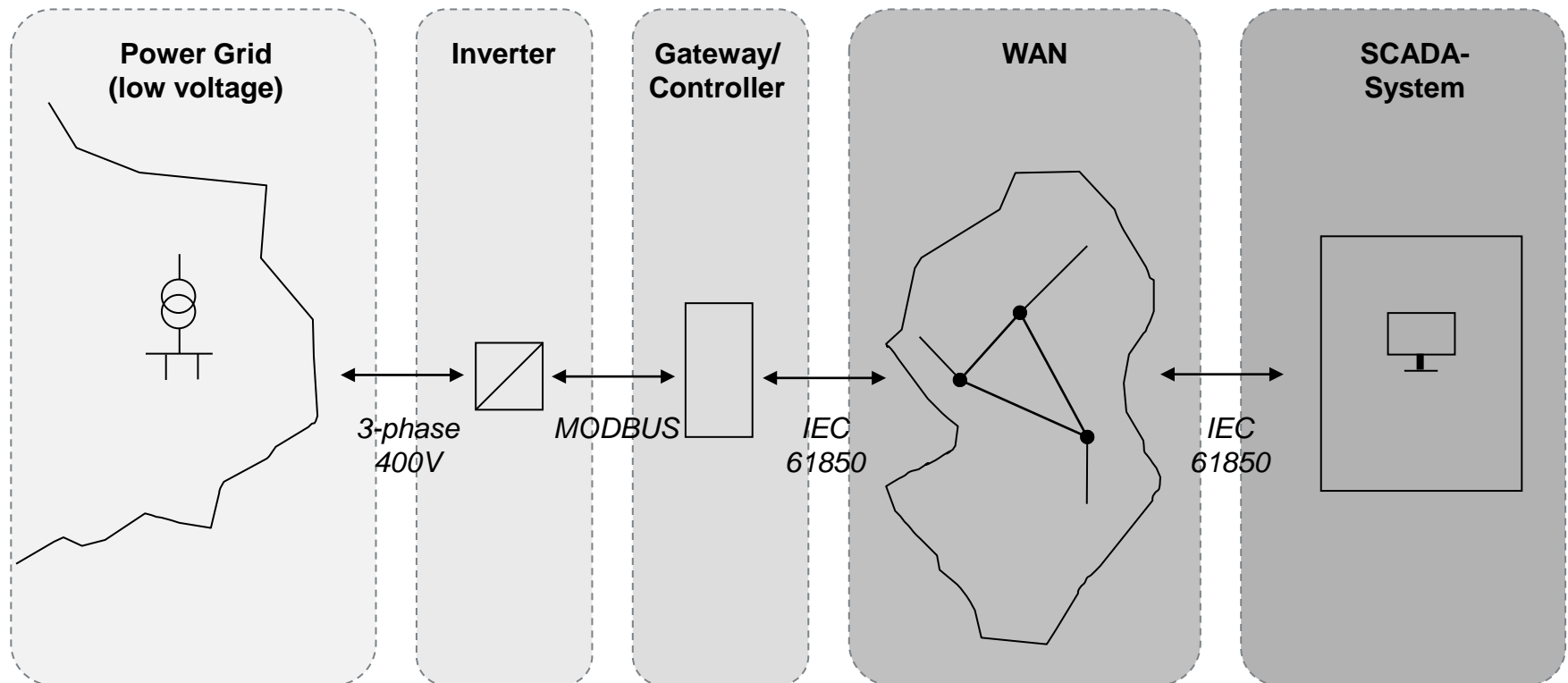
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- Development of an IEC 61499 Compliance Profile for Smart Grids and implementation of it in 4DIAC (incl. IEC 61850 and reconfiguration)



# Future Activities

- Development of a flexible validation infrastructure
  - Using co-simulation and hardware-in-the-loop concepts



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